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# Introduction

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## 1. What is FaNBI?

The FaNBI project (Family Names in Britain and Ireland), based at the Bristol Centre for Linguistics at the University of the West of England in Bristol, is a major research project funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council of Great Britain. The aim has been (and continues to be, for the research is ongoing) to research the origins of family names throughout Britain and Ireland, building on foundations laid by previous scholars but using new methods, new principles, and new resources. These previous scholars include in particular P. H. Reaney and R. M. Wilson, whose *Dictionary of English Surnames* was made available to the FaNBI project in digitized form by agreement with the publishers, Routledge and Oxford University Press. Other long-standing standard works regularly consulted included Black's *Surnames of Scotland*, MacLysaght's *Surnames of Ireland*, Woulfe's *Irish Names and Surnames*, *Welsh Surnames* by T. J. and Prys Morgan, and Kneen's *Personal Names of the Isle of Man*. The present work contains explanations of and evidence for the origins, history, and geographical distribution of over 46,000 family names that are found in Britain and Ireland, many of them never explained before.

### 1.1 Selection of entries

Family names in modern Britain and Ireland come from all over the world. Reaney, writing in the 1950s, felt able to ignore recent immigrant names and even most Jewish and Irish names in Britain. By contrast, one of FaNBI's policies has been to set impartial frequency thresholds for selection of entries. This dictionary

contains an entry for all—or almost all—family names that have more than 100 bearers in the 2011 UK census. The only exceptions are a few immigrant names that came in after 2000.

Of course, the focus of the dictionary is rightly and necessarily on long-established family names in Britain, some of which are very frequent and widely distributed, while others have only a few present-day bearers. Using data supplied by Professor Richard Webber of King's College, London, we were able to compare the frequency and distribution of each family name in 2011 with those in the 1881 census. A distinction was made between *established names*, which are well evidenced in the 1881 census, and *recent immigrant names*, which were not present in 1881 (or present only in very small numbers). Many recent immigrant names arrived after the Second World War and are now very frequent. They cannot be ignored.

In a few cases, for lack of sufficient diagnostic information, it has proved impossible to establish or even suggest an etymology for a name (established or recent). In such cases, if it passes the frequency criterion, the name is given a dictionary entry, a selection of evidence is presented, and the etymology is recorded as 'unexplained'. In other cases, an explanation is prefaced by 'perhaps' or 'possibly' when, after a careful weighing of the available evidence, it has proved impossible to reach a certain or even a probable conclusion. Thus, FaNBI's inclusion policy is impartial and multicultural. This has only been possible because, for explanations, we were able to draw on the contributions of the consultants listed on page v. Having said that, it must be reiterated that the focus of most entries is on the medieval origins and subsequent development of established names in Britain and Ireland. One of the many research aims has been to correct errors

in previous publications in the light of newly available evidence. FaNBI takes account of the relationship between family names and localities, in a way that was prefigured by H. B. Guppy's *Homes of Family Names in Great Britain*, published as long ago as 1890. Guppy took his data from Kelly's directories and of course did not have a computer; nevertheless, he was able to demonstrate the statistical tendency of family names to be associated with particular localities—a tendency that was, regrettably, sometimes overlooked by subsequent scholars.

Living in the days before there were computers, P. H. Reaney achieved an impressive collection of evidence for early bearers from documents in what was then the Public Record Office (now The National Archives). Using Reaney's collection as a foundation, researchers for FaNBI undertook analysis of large electronic data files, using techniques for the statistical analysis of 'big data' that were first developed in corpus-driven lexicography in the 1980s and 1990s. These large electronic data files included information extracted from sources such as parish registers and Nonconformist circuit records (published in the International Genealogical Index), tax records such as Carolyn Fenwick's painstakingly transcribed and digitized 14th-century Poll Tax Returns, and the Tudor Fiants in Ireland. A full list of the sources consulted is given on pages lxxv–cxvii.

## 1.2 Order of contents for entries

The information for each entry is presented in the following sequence: spelling of the name (main entry or variant); frequencies; main location(s) with which the name is most associated; one or more explanations; further information (if any); selected early bearers; references.

### 1.2.1 MAIN ENTRIES AND VARIANTS

Of the 46,000 or more entries, over half are variant spellings. Each entry in the dictionary is either a main entry or a variant cross-referenced to a main entry. For some names, for example **Caldicott**<sup>1</sup>, more than twenty different spellings are still current, not to mention obsolete and rare historical variants. FaNBI's policy is to choose one of these forms as the main point of explanation and to generate cross-reference entries to it from all the variants that are still current. In addition, many obsolete spellings can be found among the lists of early bearers. Generally, the spelling chosen as the main entry is the most frequent modern form, although in some cases preference has been given to an etymologically more transparent form, especially where this facilitates understanding of the variants and their development. In addition to receiving a cross-reference entry in the dictionary, each modern variant is listed at the main entry. Where there are several variants, they are arranged in groups; the order of variants (or groups of variants) is often suggestive of the processes that have affected development and differentiation of the

<sup>1</sup> In this introduction and in the glossary (on page lxiii), references to names that have entries in the dictionary are printed in boldface type. A few other names are mentioned to illustrate historical, philological, and other points, even though they do not have dictionary entries. These are printed in italics.

various spellings. Thus, the lists of variants can tell an etymological story (or several such stories).

### 1.2.2 FREQUENCIES

Every entry gives the frequency of that spelling of the name in the censuses of Great Britain in 1881 and 2011. For Ireland, equivalent frequency data is also given, insofar as it was available at the time of compilation.

### 1.2.3 MAIN LOCATIONS

The geographical distribution of a family name in the late 19th century provides an essential starting point for tracing its origin. If the name was current in 1881, the FaNBI entry gives its main location in Britain at that date, based on Archer's *British 19th Century Surname Atlas*, and (where relevant) in Ireland in 1847–64, based on the frequency of locations in Griffith's *Valuation*. The intention is not to give a full description of where the name occurred at those dates but only to indicate in which counties or regions the name was most common. For a list of counties and the abbreviations used for them in this dictionary, see page cxix. Regional terms include *East Anglia* (Norfolk, Suffolk, and sometimes Cambridgeshire and Essex as well), *London* (i.e. the London area, which includes those parts of Middlesex, Essex, Kent, and Surrey that later became Greater London), and *Glasgow* (the region embracing north Lanarkshire, north Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, and part of Dunbartonshire). The summary of locations is only a rough guide, especially so for the many names that have a complicated pattern of primary distribution.

### 1.2.4 EXPLANATIONS

Every explanation is introduced by an indication of the social group (by language, culture, or religious affiliation) within which the name apparently originated or mainly developed (e.g. Norman, English, Irish, Huguenot, Jewish, Muslim, etc.). This is followed by a categorization of the name by type (see section 3.3 below). The main exception is Irish Gaelic family names which, since they are almost always derived from personal names, are to be understood as relationship names without the need to say so. In the etymological part of the explanations every effort is made to give a clear sense of what the name may originally have meant, together with an etymological form in the language in which the name was coined. Where an etymological form is preceded by an asterisk (\*), it indicates that the form given is not on record but has been reconstructed from what is known about the language and its patterns of word and name formation. Such reconstructions are based on comparisons with existing and recorded historical forms, in accordance with the principle that language change normally follows regular patterns. Many family names have more than one origin. In FaNBI such names are explained in two or more numbered categories, each with its own explanation.

Certainty in explanations is not always possible. In some cases, FaNBI's explanations are to be seen as probable or reasonably possible, rather than certain. This is because the source data is highly volatile. Etymologies have to be based on the earliest known spellings of a name, but early name-forms are often formally



ambiguous and rarely occur in contexts that define their meaning. Linking early name spellings, for which a convincing etymology can be suggested, to modern family-name spellings is usually a matter of informed guesswork, based where possible on a coherent historical sequence of linguistic evidence and a plausible geographical relationship between early and later recorded names. Our current knowledge of family history and of the early vocabulary and other circumstances that lie behind modern family names has many gaps, some of which may be gradually filled by further research, although this is dependent on the discovery of records that can supply the missing information, and many crucial records have survived only in fragments or not at all.

#### 1.2.5 FURTHER INFORMATION

Occasionally a FaNBI entry includes some additional information, for example about the history of the name or about a particular family that bears it, or the reason for doubting an explanation that appeared in earlier dictionaries.

#### 1.2.6 EARLY BEARERS

Justification for each etymology and its relation to the modern family name-form is provided by a list of early bearers, with dates, sources, and geographical locations (when known), broadly in chronological sequence. For a list of sources and their abbreviations see page lxxv. Where the evidence of early bearers belongs equally plausibly with two or more explanations, all the selected early bearers are grouped together in a single category and small roman numerals are used for the different explanations. Conversely, if there is only a single explanation for the origin of a name that is widespread, it has sometimes seemed desirable to separate the early bearers according to geographical criteria, typically defined by the different countries or territories where the name is recorded (for example, Scotland, England, Ireland, Isle of Man) and sometimes by English regions (for example, SW England, E Anglia, W Midlands). Selection of early bearers in the medieval period is sometimes influenced by linguistic considerations, to support the etymological case, even if the geographical location is not relevant to the modern family name, but post-medieval bearers have been chosen whenever possible to reflect the modern history and geographical distribution of the name.

#### 1.2.7 REFERENCES

Some entries conclude with references to sources of information (published or unpublished) that are more specific than the general List of Sources on pages lxxv–cxvii. Such references typically provide information about only one name or about the association between a particular family name and a county or location.

### 1.3 Philology and genealogy

FaNBI, then, is an etymological dictionary of family names, bringing together explanations of origins with carefully selected evidence of early bearers and other historical and linguistic facts, setting all this in the context of the geographical and historical distribution of each family name. It is primarily a philological

work, not a genealogical index or a guide to family histories. However, since the history of every family name is embedded within the histories of the families that bore it, there is everything to be gained from combining philological and genealogical information in the search for a name's origin. Two central problems for the family-name historian are that families have moved about over time and that the pronunciation and spelling of their names have often been highly variable. An understanding of historical linguistic variation is essential for tracing the history of a family name back to its origins, for which a sequence of dated, appropriately located name-forms is vital. Similarly, information about family history, especially a family's movements within and beyond its original neighbourhood, can be crucial in establishing the true origin of many family names.

Unfortunately the histories of most families have yet to be researched in any depth, but a number of entries in FaNBI have benefited from information supplied by genealogists and by local and family-name historians, in particular members of the Guild of One-Name Studies and Dr George Redmonds, who kindly made his *Dictionary of Yorkshire Surnames* available to the editors of FaNBI prior to its publication in 2015. John and Sheila Rowlands' *Surnames of Wales* and Edgar Tooth's *Distinctive Surnames of North Staffordshire* (2000, 2002, 2004, and 2010) have also proved invaluable, as has the English Surnames Series, whose volumes have surveyed surname development in East Anglia, the West Riding of Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Lancashire, Sussex, Devon, Leicestershire, and Rutland. Other useful information about the geographical and linguistic history of individual names has been extracted not only from printed sources but also from unpublished sources. These include medieval and post-medieval Lay Subsidy Rolls, Court Rolls, editions of wills (all periods), and Hearth Tax Returns, and now also several online sources such as the University of Iowa's Calendar of Patent Rolls, the National Archives' Discovery website, and British History Online. Extensive use has been made of the vast *International Genealogical Index* (IGI), mostly in its pre-2012 online format, from which 193 million British and Irish entries were kindly made available in electronic form by FamilySearch International. From this a carefully vetted selection of early bearers was made, following cross-checking of samples against information from parish registers. Since 2012 the IGI has been split into two collections, of which the Community Indexed IGI, based on primary records, has supplied FaNBI with further data.

A central aim of the researchers has therefore been to create a reference work that will be of value to genealogists as well as to linguistic and social historians and members of the public in general. For many family names, genealogical studies, working backwards from the present day, run into the sand when they get back to the 17th or (at best) 16th century. Even the most fortunate genealogies struggle to establish factual information earlier than 1536, the date of the earliest parish registers. In addition to explaining linguistic and historical facts, in entry after entry FaNBI provides a link between the earliest available genealogical records for a name and a probable origin, which in most cases took place several centuries earlier.

## 2. What is a family name?

In modern English the terms *family name* and *surname* are used interchangeably. However, the two terms have quite different origins. The term *surname* originally denoted an additional name—that is, one used in addition to an individual’s given name, with no implication that it was hereditary. Across medieval Europe a surname was at first often no more than a *byname*, an ad-hoc sobriquet that was descriptively true of the individual to whom it was given. The same person might be known by several such bynames, the main function of which was to differentiate between two or more individuals who bore the same given name, by referring to their parentage, the place where they lived or came from, their occupation or status, or something notable about their appearance, behaviour, or activities. These various types of byname or surname and their subsequent development into hereditary family names are more fully discussed in section 3 below. The term *family name* is a more modern coinage. It draws attention to the fact that the origins of modern hereditary surnames lie as much in the history of the families that bore them as in the history of the languages in which they were coined and developed.

Throughout the English-speaking world, most of Europe, and much of the rest of the world, human beings are now usually known and identified by a pair of names: a personal name or given name, which is bestowed on the individual at birth, and a family name, which is normally inherited from the father (although in some cases nowadays the mother’s family name may be chosen). These two names together constitute the *binomial system* of naming. Of course, an individual may have more than one given name, while double- and even triple-barrelled family names are not unknown. However, the basic principle of the binomial naming system is not affected by the number of items in each category.

This system contrasts with the *patronymic system* and the *Arabic system*. In the patronymic system an individual is known by a given name plus a reference to the person’s father, and sometimes the father’s father and so on, generation by generation, an ancestor name-chain which may be shared vertically and laterally with others of the group, with a new name tacked on by each new generation. In early medieval times some version of the patronymic system was the norm throughout much of Europe, including Britain and Ireland, and it is still current in Iceland, where *Anna Magnúsdóttir* (‘Anna daughter of Magnus’) would be a literal description of her patronymic relationship, not an ancestral label. In Wales, the patronymic system survived into the 19th century, when it became more usual for a patronymic such as **Jones** or **Bevan** to become a fixed hereditary name. In Ireland, however, naming was already developing in the 10th century into a system in which inheritable family names were created by reducing ancestor name-chains to the name of one particular ancestor. In England and Scotland it gave way during the late medieval period to the system of binomial surnaming that is now normal in most of the Western world, in which patronymics such as **Williamson** constitute only one of several types of hereditary family name.

The Arabic (and Muslim) naming system is a complex one, in which a given name is followed by a sequence of additional names,

usually starting with a patronymic, followed by other names drawn from the person’s parentage, lineage, place of origin, or an attribute. Details are given in section 15 below. Traditionally there is no family name in the European sense, but some Muslim countries, for example Turkey and Egypt, now require one by law. In the English-speaking world Arabic or Muslim names are sometimes arbitrarily adapted to the binomial system, sometimes with bizarre effects, as when the Urdu feminine honorific *Begum* (approximately equivalent to English *Mrs*) is treated as if it were an inheritable family name.

### 2.1 Monogenetic and polygenetic family names

It is a fascinating question whether a family name derives from several eponymous ancestors or from a single one. The terms *polygenetic* and *monogenetic* are used to distinguish the two types, but this should not be taken to mean that all members of the same family are necessarily genetically related, which DNA research has shown to be incorrect. With regard to family-name history, therefore, *polygenetic names* are those with multiple family origins, and *monogenetic names* are those with single family origins, whether or not any or all of the modern bearers of the names are genetically descended from a particular eponymous ancestor.

It has long been thought that most British family names are polygenetic. It is obviously true of **Smith**, which is the most widespread and numerous British family name. There were over 400,000 bearers in the 1881 census, most of whom will have descended directly from one or other of the several thousand unrelated medieval heads-of-family surnamed *Smith* that are recorded right across late medieval Britain. The same is undoubtedly true of other family names whose modern bearers run into the many thousands and for which there are large numbers of medieval forebears on record. **Brown** (ranked fourth in frequency in the 1881 census) had nearly 200,000, **Wilson** and **Evans** (ranked seventh and eighth) had over 130,000 each, and **Hall** (ranked nineteenth) had nearly 80,000.

Surprisingly, however, there are comparatively few family names with such large numbers of bearers. In the online transcripts of the 1881 census data, there are over 250,000 different family names, including, in many cases, different spellings of what was once the same name. Yet very common family names form only a tiny percentage of the total number. In fact, fewer than 500 family names each had more than 10,000 bearers. Fewer than 1,000 family names had more than 5,000 bearers, and only around 20,000 had more than 100 bearers each. This means that more than 200,000 family names had fewer than 100 bearers, belonging to an even smaller number of families. At first sight, these are startling figures and, although some names with very small numbers of bearers are known to be ghost names produced by mistaken transcriptions, most family names recorded with at least ten bearers in 1881 are genuine. One of the reasons why low-frequency names predominate is that they are often variant pronunciations or spellings of other names, but even when the figures for all the variants are added together, the gross numbers of bearers usually remain quite low. In *Surnames, DNA, and Family History*,

Redmonds, King, and Hey observe that ‘paradoxically it was, and still is, very common to possess an uncommon surname’, and this itself points to the possibility that a substantial proportion of surviving family names in Britain derive not from the identical names of several progenitors but from the name of a single individual. If so, these names will be monogenetic.

The likelihood of a monogenetic origin for many family names is emphasized by the way in which so many of them in the 1881 census, as mapped by Steve Archer, can be seen clustering in the district, county, or region where the name is known to have originated. For example, **Meatyard** (with 210 bearers in 1881) clustered in and around Shaftesbury in Dorset in 1881, and **Meacher** (205 bearers) around Southampton in Hampshire. These were almost certainly variant pronunciations of the same name, which can be traced back through the centuries in the records of Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, and Berkshire to a Richard *Metiarewe* (apparently a compound of Middle English *meten* ‘to repay’ + *yarewe* ‘promptly’), who in 1327 was assessed for taxation in Stour Provost (Dorset). It is a remarkable coincidence that an Anne *Metyard* is recorded by IGI in Stour Provost as late as 1732. It is both the rarity and the locational uniqueness of the medieval name (Middle English *Metiarewe* has not been noted anywhere else than in Stour Provost) that gives one the confidence that this name goes back to a single individual.

However, in cases where the Middle English name was more common than that or where more than one Middle English etymon lies behind the modern name, the degree of frequency of the modern name combined with a marked geographical clustering is not always a safe guide to either a polygenetic or monogenetic origin. Even common polygenetic family names can cluster in a geographically specific pattern. This is especially true of the many Welsh family names that were derived from common Welsh and English personal names. The vast majority of families named **Jones** (the second most common British family name) occurred in Wales and the neighbouring English counties in 1881, even though it was also widespread in smaller numbers right across England and southern Scotland. Sometimes polygenetic names derive from a dialectally restricted word. **Tucker**, which comes from the south-western dialect term for a fuller of cloth, has well over 16,000 bearers in the 1881 census. Because of family migration, it was widespread in low numbers in most British counties in 1881 and appeared in high numbers in the London area. It was most heavily concentrated in its homeland of south-west England (especially Devon), where families with this name are descended from any of the many unrelated men called *To(u)kere* who are found in the medieval records of Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, and Hampshire.

On the other hand, the numerous Lancashire and West Riding family name **Butterworth** is almost certainly monogenetic, i.e. it has a single family origin. It had over 10,000 bearers in 1881, most of them in Rochdale parish, where the township of Butterworth is situated. It is also fairly common in adjacent parishes in east Lancashire and the West Riding. Whether all of these descended from the earliest known Lancashire bearer, Roger *de Butterword*, recorded in the 13th-century Whalley Abbey Coucher Book, cannot

be proved with absolute certainty. Probably, it will be possible to get a better idea of the number of present-day bearers of this name who are genealogically related as the volume of DNA evidence increases.

In the same township is a hamlet called Clegg. Although the family name **Clegg**, with over 10,000 bearers in 1881, has alternative origins that probably account for its presence in small numbers in Scotland and in southern England, over 8,000 of them were located in the same restricted area as *Butterworth*, centred on Rochdale. According to McKinley’s *Surnames of Lancashire* a Hugh de Clegg was recorded as a landowner there in the early 13th century, and it may be that most of the modern families with this name in Lancashire and the West Riding descend from this man, although genealogical evidence to prove this is lacking. Highly prolific monogenetic names such as *Butterworth* and *Clegg* are a particular feature of that area of north-west England. The reason for this is not known.

A major problem in identifying monogenetic names arises from the fact that many family names of different etymologies have come to be pronounced or spelled like each other, increasingly so between 1450 and the present day. Names in the 1881 census that have more than one distributional epicentre may sometimes be the same name originating in different families in separate places. However, most such cases are due to early migration, while others are names of different etymologies that, through accidents of linguistic change, have become indistinguishable from each other; these are known as homonyms. Even if the main form of a name remains distinctive, its variants can be homonymous with other names or their variants. When the distributions of homonymous names overlap, it can be challenging to disentangle the different threads (the early bearers) that link particular examples of the modern name to their correct family and etymological origin. For example, in the early-bearer data for the Staffordshire and Leicestershire name **Sherrard** and its many variants (*Sherrat(t)*, *Sherrit(t)*, *Shar(r)at(t)*, and so on) it is often impossible to distinguish between examples that are derived from the Middle English nickname *Shirard* (probably denoting someone with fair hair) and examples that are variant pronunciations of three other names: **Sherwood** (from Sherwood Forest or some other locality named in Old English as *scīr wudu* ‘bright wood’), **Skerritt** (a nickname from Middle English *skirwhit(e)* ‘skirret, water parsnip’), and **Scarratt** (a Staffordshire name of uncertain etymology), all of which coincide in one spelling or another with variant spellings of *Sherrard* in the same or nearby parishes. *Sherwood* itself may also sometimes be a hypercorrect pronunciation of *Sherrard*. Ambiguities like these can only be resolved, if at all, through more detailed documentary research at a local level, aided by further increases in the volume of DNA data from modern family-name bearers. The fact that *Sherrard* and its dozen or more spelling variants in the Staffordshire and Leicestershire area have low numbers of bearers in 1881, mostly below 100, is a warning that low frequency, combined with geographical clustering, is not always a sign of a single family origin. Indeed, the complexity of much family-name history and the limitations of current genealogical and etymological knowledge make it necessary that for the vast

majority of family names the role of FaNBI is simply to record a relevant sample of the available evidence and to set out the etymological options, rather than to attempt to provide individual family histories.

## 2.2 Family names and genetics

Since the turn of the millennium, a number of studies have been conducted which evaluate the usefulness of DNA evidence in the study of family-name origins and genealogy, notably Sykes and Irven (2000), Jobling (2001), Bowden and others (2008), and King and Jobling (2009). Redmonds, King, and Hey (2011: 156) observe that ‘just as a father passes on his surname to all his children, so he passes on his Y chromosome type to all his male children,’ and they then pass the same Y chromosome type to their male children, and so on. By comparing the Y-chromosomal DNA of different people with the same family name (including philologically proven variants of it), it is possible to show that a particular family name is monogenetic. But it should be clear that whilst the technique is potentially valuable in establishing kinship, or indeed in disproving it, its evidential value in other onomastic respects is diminished by the accidents of social convention and reproduction.

It is legally permissible for a person over 16 to change his or her family name in any way that the bearer chooses, provided only that no criminal purpose is intended. No doubt this has often been done without the fig leaf of the deed poll that may be obtained to give such changes legal force. Specific examples of family-name discontinuity may be mentioned, none of them in any way unique. It has always been possible for a man to adopt the family name of his wife instead of his own, often with status or fortune in mind. In the early 19th century, Davies Giddy, MP for Cornwall before the 1832 Reform Act, adopted his wife’s family name, **Gilbert**, in order to acquire land in Sussex, the inheritance of which had been made conditional on the perpetuation of the Gilbert family name. There are many historical examples of aristocrats without male bodily heirs settling their titles and fortunes on a younger relative on condition of the preservation of the accompanying family name; another case is that of William Russell being made heir of Ralph **Gorges** in 1331 on such a condition. This was a practice that became increasingly common among aristocratic and gentry families in the 14th century (Wells-Furby, 2015). One reason why ‘marrying beneath oneself’ was frowned on was that, in the case of a man, it was viewed as debasing the currency of a name shared with other family members. A father has not always passed on his family name to his illegitimate children—a woman may be unwilling to disclose the father’s name. In Coventry in the 1460s, Margaret **Glover** declined to reveal the name of her first baby’s father; later, she failed to identify her second child’s father on the grounds that ‘so many men had known her’ (Kettle, 1995: 27–8). Presumably the children were known as **Glover**. The topographer William Worcestre (1415–c.1480/85), also known as William Botoner, was the son of William Worcestre senior and Elizabeth Botoner, but he referred to himself as *W. Botoner dictus Worcetre [sic]*. There is no suggestion that William was illegitimate; his father is described as his [William junior’s] maternal grandmother’s son-in-law in 1402, so was evidently married to Elizabeth by then, thirteen years before

William junior’s birth. So the topographer chose to be called by his maternal family name, even if posterity has decided otherwise. The Romans had a relevant saying, based on the obstetrics of the day: *Mater certa, pater semper incertus*, ‘the mother can be known for certain, the father is always open to doubt’. The incidents of Gilbert, Gorges, Glover, and Botoner alias Worcester, widely separated in time, illustrate that family names cannot always be taken as reliable proxies for chromosomes.

While it is possible to be surer about paternity these days thanks to genetic advances, the potential for doubt about equating the family name with the Y chromosome is still there. However, successes must be acknowledged; one of the best-known works that shows the value of DNA evidence in family-name research is Sykes and Irven (2000), which found that the English family name **Sykes** is most probably monogenetic, even though previous work had predicted it to be polygenetic. Using similar techniques, Y-chromosome and family-name comparison could be used to prove or disprove a proposed connection between two family names of different form which are suspected of having a common linguistic origin, and therefore could complement the study of family-name etymologies.

## 2.3 Statistics of population and family names

Family names are much less stable than place-names. Over time, a family name may be borne by hundreds of thousands or even millions of individuals. These individuals move around, have offspring, change their names, and die. Named places do none of these things—at any rate, not on a significant scale. A family name may change its form many times in the course of its history. For these and other reasons, the student of family names would be well advised to at least be aware of the statistics of population and to be wary of ‘obvious’ assumptions and the natural human craving for grandeur and for certainty. Some questions that typically arise with regard to the study of family names include the following:

- What is the likelihood that a person living today is a descendant of someone with the same or a similar name who lived in the 11th or 14th century?
- How many family names are there in Britain?
- How many family names are there with only one bearer?
- What is the association between any one family name and a particular town, county, or other locality?
- If such a relationship between a family name and a locality can be shown to exist—for example, by using the 1881 census data in Archer’s *British Surname Atlas*—how stable is it, over time?
- Does such a relationship mean that the locality is necessarily the one where the family name originated?
- Are rare names likely to be genuine, or are they more likely to be transcription errors?
- How can we establish whether any particular family name is a variant of some other name?
- If I meet someone with the same family name as me, how likely is it that we are related, and how closely?
- Many family names found in medieval records are not found today. How plausible is it that they have simply died out?

The standard work on the changing population of England is Wrigley and Schofield (1989). This sets an important part of the context within which research into family names can be undertaken.

Computational analysis of the 1881 census shows some facts that may at first sight seem surprising. In the first place, that census contains over 400,000 family names—far more than anyone might have predicted. But then nearly 200,000 of these (i.e. almost half) occur only once. It remains to be established how many of these ‘singletons’ are due to transcription errors and other mistakes, and how many are genuine family names. A lot more of the infrequent names may be genuine than is commonly assumed. How many of these rare names recur in other census data? No one has yet undertaken such a study. More attention needs to be paid in future to the size and shape of the family-name population in Britain. A useful website for people interested in such matters is Surname Studies at <http://surnamestudies.org.uk/statistics/local.htm>.

Two other sources will help to set the context, especially if such a study is to be related to the study of DNA inheritance and genetics. The first explains the characteristic shape of a population, whether this be the population of a particular county or a whole country. The second makes predictions about the likely fate of a family name over time. These sources are Zipf (1932, 1949), and Sturges and Haggett (1987).

It is obvious that a few names such as **Smith**, **Brown**, and **Williams** are very common. It is perhaps less obvious that many names are very rare indeed, and many of these are long-established family names, not those of isolated recent immigrants. It is all too easy to dismiss rare traditional family names as errors or oddities, produced in some cases by errors of transcription or by deliberate alteration by their bearers. But in fact there are well-known statistical tendencies that govern both the distribution of family names within a population and their gradual decline. These tendencies will help us to understand the genuine rarity of certain traditional names and the phenomenon of surname death.

Zipf’s law explains the characteristic shape of a population. Zipf’s primary interest was in word frequency. He observed that, in any large, naturally occurring population of entities (e.g. words in a collection of texts), a very small number of items are very frequent, while at the other end of the scale there are a very large number of items that are very infrequent, in many cases with only one occurrence of each. Moreover, Zipf hypothesized that these phenomena are governed by a principle of collective human behaviour, which he called ‘the principle of least effort’. There are two aspects to this principle. On the one hand there is a tendency, governed by ‘forces of unification’ for the most frequent words or names to become more and more common. On the other hand there is a tendency governed by ‘forces of differentiation’ for rare items to become rare and for some of them to die out. Furthermore, Zipf predicted that, if these items (words or names in a naturally occurring population) are arranged in frequency order, there will be a harmonic progression such that an item at rank 2 will occur with a frequency of one half of the item at rank 1; an item at rank 3 will occur with a frequency of one third of the item at rank 1, and so on down the rank scale. At the bottom of the rank scale, the model predicts a large number of items with only one or two

occurrences. Do the facts concerning the distribution of family names in Britain conform to Zipf’s prediction?

Of course, ‘Zipf’s law’ is an abstract idealization. If one compares it with the reality of family names in the 1881 British census data, there is not a perfect harmonic progression, but something close to the predicted pattern can be observed. If we take the most frequent names in groups of five, we see that the top five have a combined frequency of 1,362,520. The next five have a frequency of 655,594 (48 per cent of the top five). The next five have a frequency of 487,334 (36 per cent of the top five). This progression is encouragingly close to Zipf’s prediction. At the level of individual names, the pattern is less striking among the top six, but a tendency answering to the spirit of the prediction can be seen:

- **Smith** has a frequency of 421,701 in Archer’s *British Surname Atlas*
- **Jones** has a frequency of 338,369 in Archer, about 80% of the frequency of **Smith**
- **Williams** has a frequency of 214,437, about 50% of the frequency of **Smith**
- **Brown** has a frequency of 196,909, about 45% of the frequency of **Smith**
- **Taylor** has a frequency of 191,104, about 45% of the frequency of **Smith**
- **Davies** has a frequency of 152,154, about 35% of the frequency of **Smith**.

The forces of diversification can be illustrated by names such as **Axbey**, **Wheybrew**, and **Yarbrough**, which have arisen as variants of **Ashby**, **Whybrow**, and **Yarborough**.

A similar theme was developed by Sturges and Haggett (1987). Using a mathematical model (rather than observed data), they showed that, while today’s stock of family names may be fairly stable, this was probably not the case in the past. Their model made a prediction that approximately 60 per cent of family names would have died out between 1350 and 1987 (assuming that twenty-three generations elapsed in that period). This is an astonishingly high figure; it remains to be empirically verified. However, at the very least, the model of Sturges and Haggett usefully reminds us that many family names do indeed die out over time.

The phenomenon of surname death also goes some way towards explaining some of the differences between the selection of entries in Reaney’s dictionary and those in the present work. Names that are recorded in Reaney but that can no longer be found include *Edicker*, *Edmay*, *Feverel*, *Morehen*, *Pleader*, *Portrait*, *Pritwell*, *Templecombe*, and *Trentmars*. By the same tendency, the names **Avner**, **Hudlin**, **Newcastle**, **Quatermass**, and **Whittred** were formerly more common but by 1881 they each had been reduced to single-figure populations.

Sturges and Haggett also hypothesized that even more family names would have been lost had there been a lower rate of population growth, but the growth in population, along with the earlier rate of extinction of family names, has meant that there are now more people and fewer surnames, so it is relatively rare for a surname to die out today. The rate of surname death seems to be in decline. A complication results from the fact that the figures for

some family names have been boosted in recent years by re-immigration, especially from English-speaking regions such as the West Indies.

Andrew Millard (<https://community.dur.ac.uk/a.r.millard/genealogy/EdwardIIIDescent.php>) investigated whether it is possible to estimate the number of present-day English descendants of King Edward III, who lived from 1312 to 1377. Millard concluded that there is an extremely high probability that every single present-day person with English ancestry descends (by one line or another) from Edward III. There are also many millions more such descendants living in Ireland, the USA, former British colonies, and elsewhere. One hundred million living descendants of this king is, according to Millard, a conservative estimate. There is, of course, nothing special about King Edward III as an ancestor, other than the fact that he is known to have married and had offspring, so he was not himself the end of his line. The same question could be asked about any other medieval ancestor, and would reach a similar conclusion. The simple fact is that, if we ask questions like ‘Who were our 14th-century ancestors?’, a simple statistical calculation, making standard assumptions about the number of male marrying offspring in each generation, drives us to the conclusion that, in a stable population after twenty or thirty generations, everyone is related to everyone else.

On the other hand, direct patrilineal ancestry through primogeniture, a focus of traditional genealogical studies, is extremely rare, almost to non-existence. Direct male lines die out sooner or later—in many cases after only a generation or two. It may indeed be the case that each one of us is descended, by some tangled path of heredity, from King Edward III (or for that matter from any other 14th-century grandee, or from William the Conqueror 300 years earlier), but the line of descent is almost never direct. It is further complicated by phenomena such as the birth of children outside marriage and the practice, formerly more common than now, of bringing up another’s child as one’s own—a fact that, quite often, came eventually to be forgotten. Even the Berkeley family—owners and inhabitants of Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire since the 12th century, who were meticulously documented in all their activities—have not achieved their continuity of possession through direct male primogenitary inheritance.

The basic point here is that the relationship between family names and genealogy is very far from straightforward. An alternative perspective—arguably a truer perspective—will start with a comparative survey of the population as a whole at selected points in time, taking account in particular of changes in both the frequency and the geographical distribution of each family name.

### 3. Origins and development of family names in England

The primary focus of FaNBI is on established family names in England, Scotland, Ireland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands. Approximately 14,000 main entries have an English or Norman French origin, about 2,000 are Scottish (from either Scots or Scottish Gaelic), about 2,000 are Irish, while just under 300 have a Welsh etymology and about 200 are classified as Cornish. In the

main sections that follow, the history and characteristics of each of these sources are discussed, followed by sections discussing the origins of family names from outside Britain and Ireland and other features of the work.

#### 3.1 The beginnings of family names in England

The language in which the oldest family names in England originated was not English but Norman French. After 1066, when William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, seized the monarchy in England, many of his retainers were granted lands and honours in England. These Norman barons and their followers were increasingly identified not only by a given name, but also by a surname (whether hereditary or not) taken from a nickname (for example **Gernon**, from Old French *gernon* ‘moustache’); from an occupation or high office of state (for example **Marshall**, from Old French *mareschal* ‘officer in charge of a noble household’); from an ancestor’s given name (for example **Bertram**, from the Old French personal name *Bertran(t)*); or most commonly from a place where the family held lands, either in northern France (for example **Percy**, from one of several places so named in Normandy) or in England (for example **Clare**, from the family’s estate at Clare in Suffolk). In the 12th century this practice of surnaming gradually spread, with modifications, throughout the upper levels of feudal tenantry, and also to merchants and traders in the larger towns. By the end of the 13th century, in most of England it had become normal practice in most rural communities at all social levels, though not so regularly in northern counties until the middle of the 14th century. These surnames were at first frequently no more than bynames, even among Normans. Only gradually did they come to be stable, being passed down from one generation to the next. Before describing the development of hereditary family names, it will be useful to say something about the language and culture of early English surnames and then to give a fuller account of the different types or categories that are mentioned in the dictionary entries.

#### 3.2 Linguistic and cultural origins of English names

Early English surnames are mostly derived from (Anglo-)Norman French and Middle English words and names (place-names and personal names). Some of the earliest hereditary names were coined in exclusively Anglo-Norman social contexts, reflecting the northern French language and culture of the new masters of England following the Norman Conquest. Old French words like *maloret* ‘unlucky’ or phrases like *bote torte* ‘twisted boot’, the sources of modern **Mallory** and **Bultitude**, never entered Middle English vocabulary, and some Norman personal names like *Anketin* may never have been used beyond the 12th-century Anglo-Norman families that adopted it as their surname (see **Antin**). However, large numbers of French personal names and words were adopted into English usage, so that by the time of the main period of English surname coinage (13th to 14th centuries) native English people were frequently naming each other with Old French personal names, as in **Richard** and **Isabel**, and with words of French origin, as in **Spicer**, **Chamberlain**, **Mantelle**, and **Hardy**.

At the same time, surnames were being created from the stock of native English personal names and words (for example, **Edgar**, **Baker**, **Marsh**, and **Long**). These included borrowings into late Old English from the Old Scandinavian languages used by Viking settlers in northern and eastern England, hence surnames such as **Tolley** (from the personal name *Tóli*), **Kirk** ('church'), and **Grave** ('steward').

It is useful to be aware that Norman French had two dialects. In northern Normandy the dialect was the conservative Old French of Picardy and is sometimes referred to as Normanno-Picard in dictionary entries. In southern Normandy it was that of the more 'advanced' Old French of the region around Paris, referred to as Parisian or Central French, in which for example initial /k/, when followed by /a/, was altered to /tʃ/, and initial /w/ was altered to /gw/, later simplified to /g/. The currency of both pronunciations in the Norman speech of post-Conquest England led to the development in English of word doublets like *cattle* and *chattel*, and *warden* and *guardian* (although with some semantic differentiation), and to the development of surname doublets like **Campion** and **Champion**, and **Willman** and **Gillman**.

Middle English had many dialects, some of whose differences survive in modern family names. Dialect vocabulary is reflected, for example, in **Lister** and **Kirk** in northern England but **Dyer** and **Church** in southern England, and **Tucker** in south-west England but **Fuller** in south-east England. Dialect pronunciation has produced **Fenn** in East Anglia and other parts of south-east England, but **Venn** in south-west England; **Hull** in the West Midlands but **Hill** in north and east England and **Hell** in south-east England and East Anglia; **R(h)odes** in the West Riding of Yorkshire and in most of Lancashire but **Royds** in south-east Lancashire.

### 3.3 The typology of English family names

English family names fall into one or more of several types. These are useful (but sometimes rough and ready) ways of grouping names that share a similar linguistic form or have a broadly similar semantic content. Not all names fit neatly into a single category; e.g. *atte Mill* 'at the mill' is locative in linguistic form but since in practice it is synonymous with 'mill worker' it is both locative and occupational in its meaning.

#### 3.3.1 LOCATIVE NAMES

##### 3.3.1.1 *Toponymic names*

Locative names are by far the most numerous type of family name, of which *toponymics* (family names based on place-names) are the largest subgroup. At the highest levels of medieval society they usually identified the principal estate held by the name bearer, whether in Normandy (up until 1204, when King John was forced to cede Normandy to France) or in England. For example, the **Glanville** family took its name from Glanville in Calvados, and the Norman family known as *de Tosny* (from its estate in Tosny in Eure) was alternatively known as *de Stafford*, from the county town of Staffordshire, where the family was a major landowner in the 12th century. This family, however, left no male heirs, and the modern families called **Stafford** are unlikely to be of Norman origin. Landowners often acquired additional properties through

marriage, through inheritance, as a reward for services to their overlords, or through purchase, with the result that their toponymic surnames became associated with entirely different places from where they originated. In the 13th and 14th centuries the powerful noble Lincolnshire family named **Tattersall** (from a place of this name in Lincolnshire) had manors and other properties in the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and probably also in Leicestershire, the West Riding, and Lancashire, since this name also appears in those counties in the late 14th-century Poll Tax Returns. In the 1881 Census it is mainly found in Lancashire and the West Riding, with only a tiny representation in Lincolnshire and other counties.

The geographical mobility of medieval families slightly lower down the social scale can similarly be explained by marriage, inheritance, patronal gift, and purchase, but also by commerce. Merchants who set up business in various towns were commonly known by a toponymic derived from one or more of the towns in England or in other countries in which they had property. Major foreign commercial centres such as Bruges in Flanders, Cologne in Germany, and Amiens in Picardy are probably sources of at least some of our modern families named **Bridges**, **Cullen**, and **Amias**. An early 14th-century mayor of Nottingham, a wealthy merchant and shipowner, was sometimes named as William *de Mekesburgh* (from the market town of Mexborough in the West Riding, about forty miles from Nottingham) and more often as William *de Amyas* (from Amiens in Picardy, the centre of the woad trade). His son John's will (executed before 1324) listed possessions including three-and-a-half barrels of woad (for dyeing cloth), two woad vats, five wool skins, and a large chest full of cloth. By 1327 William de Amyas had acquired the manor of Watnall Chaworth (six miles from Nottingham), where he could escape the town's cramped, crowded streets and the noxious chemicals and smells that went with the town's cloth-making and dyeing industries, not to mention tanning, animal slaughtering, and other noisome occupations. This is typical of the way in which toponymic family names spread from place to place, and it explains why so many of the names of major English towns, like Leicester, Winchester, and York, appear as family names in villages and in other towns, often far from where they originated.

Most toponymic family names, however, originated from the thousands of ordinary villages and hamlets from which men of free birth migrated to the nearest town to get a job in some trade or other. Others were derived from villages or hamlets where they were given or bought for themselves a new or additional home. Distances between the new homestead and the old were mostly within ten to twenty miles. Men of unfree birth (villeins or bondmen) rarely had a toponymic surname, for they were usually unable to change where they lived, unless moved to a different manor by their lord. It was only after the feudal system broke down, following outbreaks of the Black Death from 1349 onwards, that men of historically unfree families were generally able to migrate to find work. By this time, hereditary family names were the norm in much of the country, except in northern England, where toponymic family names were still being freshly coined as late as the 15th century, especially in large towns like York. It probably explains why this type of family name is more dominant in northern England than in any other part of the country.

Medieval toponymic surnames took a number of different linguistic forms, the commonest of which placed a preposition before the place-name. The primary language of record was Latin, so most of these surnames were written down as Latin *de* 'of' + a vernacular form of the place-name, often with a superscript suspension sign (printed as an apostrophe,) to stand for an unspecified Latin ending. Henrico *de Gayton*' (1220–1) is an example; see **Gayton**. This clerical convention went into decline in the second half of the 14th century, when the preposition was increasingly dropped. This may have been a spoken usage in Middle English long before it was reflected in written usage, but in Anglo-Norman French speech (which until the 15th century was the preferred language of the aristocracy and upper gentry) it is clear that a preposition was commonly used, because in some Anglo-Norman family names the preposition became fused with the place-name, as happened, for example, in the case of **Dando** (from Aunou-le-Faucon in Orne) and **Devereux** (from Évreux in Eure).

### 3.3.1.2 *Ethnic and regional names*

A smaller number of locative family names are based on a noun or adjective denoting a person from a particular country, region, or town. When they denote a man's country of origin, as in **Allmand** ('German'), **Brabazon** ('man from Brabant'), **English**, **French**, **Fleming**, **Irish**, **Pickard** ('man from Picardy'), **Scott**, and **Wallis** ('man from Wales'), they are called *ethnic names*, as are some of the equivalent toponymic forms **Allman**, **Brabin**, **Burgoyne**, **England**, **France**, **Flanders**, **Ireland**, and **Scotland**, although **Wales** sets a false trail, as this particular name is in most if not all cases from the place so named near Sheffield in Yorkshire. Others, such as **Angwin** ('man from Anjou'), **Burgoyne** (Old French *Burginon* 'man from Burgundy'), **Devenish** ('man from Devon'), **Surridge** (Anglo-Norman French *surreis* 'man from the south'), and **Western** ('man from the west'), may be termed *regional names*. However, the distinction between an ethnic name and a regional one is not always easy to make.

### 3.3.1.3 *Topographic names*

Unlike toponymic, ethnic, and regional surnames, *topographic surnames* in the medieval period were largely the preserve of those who belonged to the lower social orders, such as minor free tenants and unfree tenants such as villeins and cottars (cottagers who performed particular duties for their lord of the manor). The names are drawn, not from (often unintelligible) place-names, but from common vocabulary items referring to local features of the landscape and townscape at or near which the owner of the name lived, as in **Ash**, **Brook**, **Field**, **Green**, **Hall**, **Hill**, **Kirk**, **Marsh**, **Mill**, **Pound**, **Style**, **Townsend**, and **Wood**. Some of these names, for example **Hall**, **Mill**, and **Pound**, do double duty, being both locative and occupational names, denoting men who worked at the lord's hall, or at a mill, or at an animal pound where stray livestock were put.

The distinction between toponymic and topographic family names is a useful one in lowland England, where an agrarian economy predominated. Here most people lived in nucleated villages, whose settlement names were usually ancient and

therefore partly or wholly obscure in meaning to their late medieval inhabitants. Topographic names in such localities were meaningful locative phrases, being drawn from contemporary vocabulary items. There were, however, some settlement names that were identical to Middle English topographic terms, and here the distinction breaks down. **Wick** is a typical example: it has both a topographic origin in most regions of England (commonly denoting a dairy farm) and a toponymic origin, especially in south-west England, where there are numerous villages so called. This ambiguity is especially apparent in upland regions or areas of heathland, where the main economy was a pastoral one (breeding livestock), and the settlements were often of a dispersed kind, consisting of individual farmsteads, often named from a commonplace Middle English topographic term. This is why there are so many places in Devon called **Ford** and **Co(o)mbe**, for example, and why the derived family names **Ford** and **Coombe** are heavily concentrated in Devon and neighbouring counties. In such regions it is often impossible to draw a distinction between topographic and toponymic names.

Topographic family names originated in several different linguistic forms, which have consequences for the spellings of their modern descendants. The most usual formation was with a preposition and definite article, mostly Middle English *atte* 'at the', which also sometimes appears as *atter* and *atten* (respectively with female and masculine or neuter grammatical inflections) when the topographical term begins with a vowel. Typical examples are *atte Grene* 'at the green', *atten aldrett* 'at the alder grove', and *atter oke* 'at the oak tree'. Other prepositions include *by*, *in*, *over*, and *under*. In most cases the preposition and article were eventually dropped from the name, usually by the early 15th century, but sometimes the preposition survives in the modern name, fused to the topographic term, as in **Atwood**, **Bywater**, and **Underhill**. Sometimes, through misdivision of the Middle English elements, the final consonant of the preposition or the article remains before a following vowel, as in **Tash**, **Nash**, and **Rash** from *atte Ash*, *atten Ashe*, and *atter Ashe* 'at the ash tree'.

There are a number of topographic family names that allude to points of the compass. In the East Riding of Yorkshire **Suddaby** derives from a Middle English adverbial phrase *suth i(n) by* (Old Scandinavian *sudr í bý*) 'south in the village', for someone who lived at the south end of a settlement. **Westoby** ('west in the village'), and **Easterby** and **Oxtoby** (both 'east in the village') originated in the same way in the same county. Some examples of the family name **Beeston** probably derive from a Middle English topographic phrase *\*byesteton* (Old English *bī ēastan tūne*) '(land or settlement) to the east of the village'. The family names **Easton**, **Weston**, **Norton**, and **Sutton** partly derive from this type of expression, but without the preposition.

Mention must also be made of sign names. Middle English surnames like *atte Swan* and *atte Belle* were probably borne by innkeepers whose taverns bore a swan or a bell as the inn sign, and these are duly cited in the entries for **Swan** and **Bell**. There is as yet no evidence that any of these gave rise to a hereditary family name, but the possibility remains open.

Anglo-Norman French was a spoken language among the English gentry for much of the late medieval period, and like Latin



it was also a written language for professional clerks. In the written record of people's names it is common to find Anglo-Norman French prepositions and articles replacing English ones, as in *de la Grene* and *del Wode*. Partly or fully latinized equivalents, like *ad grenam* 'at the green', are also common, as are hybrid forms like *ad le Grene* and *super le Grene*. Generally speaking these clerical translations do not survive as family names, with the possible exception of a few names where the French grammatical elements appear to have become fused to the main part of the name. We seem to see this in names like **Delafield**, **Dellaway**, and **Delbridge**, but more research is needed to discover whether these are genuine topographic hybrids or whether they are quite different names that have been altered by folk etymology to look like *de l(a)* + an English topographic word. **Dallimore** (*Delamer*, *Delamere*), however, is undoubtedly toponymic, from one or more places in Normandy called La Mare.

A relatively small group of names take the form of a topographic noun with a suffix denoting 'person (who lives there)', either *-man*, *-er*, or *-ing*. Names in *-er* and *-man*, like **Hiller** and **Hillman** ('dweller on the hill'), are often interchangeable and mostly occur in south-east England, especially Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent. Names in *-ing* are particular to Devon, where names like **Brooking** ('dweller by the brook') and **Thorning** ('dweller by the thorn') were still mainly located in 1881.

### 3.3.2 RELATIONSHIP NAMES

This is the second largest category of English family names. A handful of them are formed from a single word for a particular relation, such as **Cousin** and **Eames** (Middle English *eme* 'uncle'), **Nephew** and **Neave** (both 'nephew'), **Mowe** and **Muff** (both from Middle English *mogh* 'son-in-law'). Occasionally these are qualified by a personal name (e.g. *Wilcokesosin* 'Wilcock's cousin') but these compounds rarely survive as hereditary names, except for a handful of names formed with *-mogh*, such as **Watmough** ('Walter's son-in-law'). The vast majority of relationship names contain the personal name or given name of a father, mother, or some other family member, or very occasionally a father's or master's surname. Family names derived from the father's given name (patronymics) are in the great majority, while those from the mother's name (metronymics) are common but less frequent, typically being derived from the given name of a woman who had been widowed and who outlived her husband for a substantial period of time—long enough to become an established figure in a neighbourhood.

During the period when surnames were being coined and becoming hereditary family names (roughly the 12th to the 15th centuries) profound changes were occurring in the English personal name stock. Until the beginning of the 13th century there were in fact two name stocks, one Anglo-Norman and the other English. In the decades just before 1200, the once extensive native English (Anglo-Saxon) stock was in such severe decline that by about 1230 it had almost completely disappeared as a source for naming children, being replaced by a much smaller name stock mostly drawn from the Anglo-Norman one. Where once an English boy might be christened *Cutbold* (Old English *Cūðbeald*)

or an English girl *Seburgh* (Old English *Sæburg*), they would now be more likely christened with a Norman name such as *Robert* or *Margaret*. As it happened, hereditary surnaming among ordinary English folk began to grow during the 13th century, just in time for the last one or two generations of adults bearing Anglo-Saxon personal names to be the fathers and mothers referred to in many of our modern English family names. Thus from *Cutbold* and *Seburgh* we get the family names **Cobbold** and **Seabury**. Of the very few Anglo-Saxon personal names that remained in continued use until the end of the medieval period, Old English *Ēadmund* and *Ēadgýð* are still well known as the given names *Edmund* and *Edith*. A slightly larger group were still in occasional use as given names throughout the 14th century, especially the female names *Aldith* and *Godith*, which are sources of the family names **Allday** and **Goodey**.

#### 3.3.2.1 Old English personal names

The Anglo-Saxon personal name stock was broadly of two types. Men and women of higher social status usually possessed a dithematic name (a name composed of two elements or 'themes'). Some of these compound names may originally have been coined as meaningful phrases, such as *Gōdwine* ('good friend', see **Goodwin**), but many others, like *Wulffrið* ('wolf + 'peace', see **Woolfrey**) are arbitrary compounds with no semantic connection. The other type was monothematic (i.e. composed of only one linguistic element). Some, like *Dodda* (see **Dodd**) and *Pymma* (see **Pym**), are of uncertain etymology, but others derive either from a known Old English word, such as *snel* 'swift, bold' (one source of **Snell**) or from a shortened form of a dithematic name, as is the case with *\*Pēoda* (see **Theed**), short for a name like *Pēodbeorht* (see **Thebridge**). Pet forms of Old English names sometimes have a hypocoristic *-k-* suffix, such as *-uc* (see section 3.3.2.4); for example, **Baddock** is from *Baduca*, a pet form of a name such as *Beaduric* (see **Betteridge**). Many more, like **Balding** and **Snelling**, have a (hypocoristic?) suffix *-ing*, while others are extended by Old English *-mann*, as in **Edman**. Women's names beginning in Old English *Ēad-*, *Eald-*, and *Gōd-* are often found in Middle English pet forms with the suffix *-us*, hence the family names **Edis**, **Aldous**, and **Goodes**.

#### 3.3.2.2 Old Scandinavian personal names

Scandinavian personal names were added to the Anglo-Saxon name stock by Viking settlers in the late 9th to the 11th centuries, mainly in northern and eastern England. They have similar patterns of linguistic formation to the Old English ones. Typical dithematic names are *Arnketil* (a male name composed of the elements *rn* 'eagle' + *ketill* 'kettle, cauldron', source of the family name **Arkell**) and *Gunnhildr* (a female name composed of the elements *\*gunthi-* + *hildr*, both of which mean 'battle', source of the family name **Gunnell**). There are numerous monothematic names such as **Gammell** (from *gamall* 'old') and **Orm** (from *ormr* 'snake'). Pet forms include *Tófi* and *Tóki* (probably short forms of *Þórfinnr* and *Þórketil*), which survive in the family names **Tovey** and **Tooke**. As the Viking settlers integrated with the English, their names were adapted to English phonetic and grammatical

practices. So, for example, **Thurstan** is from Old Scandinavian *Þórsteinn*, anglicized as Old English *Þurstān*. New hybrid names were also created, combining name elements from both languages, as in **Ketteridge**, which is from Anglo-Scandinavian \**Cytelric*. Norwegian Vikings who settled in Ireland picked up some Irish personal names, which they brought with them to north-west England. Among these was Old Irish *Colmán*, the main source of the modern family name **Coleman**.

### 3.3.2.3 Anglo-Norman French personal names

The Anglo-Norman name stock was more varied in origin than the Anglo-Saxon one, reflecting the history of Normandy and its neighbouring territories as well as Norman settlement in England, Scotland, and Ireland. Before its own Norman conquest, north-west France had been occupied by Celts, ruled by Romans (who introduced as the spoken language a form of Late Latin, known as *Romance*), and then conquered by German-speaking Franks (hence the name *France*). The Franks adopted Romance as their own language and called it French, but they kept much of their Continental Germanic personal name stock, and this was freely borrowed by the Norsemen (or Normans) who founded the dukedom of Normandy in the 10th century. By far the majority of the Normans who came to England bore Frankish personal names modified by French grammar and pronunciation, reflecting either the Picard dialect in the northern part of Normandy or the Parisian dialect in southern Normandy. As with all Germanic names, the majority of them were dithematic, some of them becoming particularly common in England, first among the Anglo-Normans and then generally among the population of England and Scotland as a whole. Of these, **Henry**, **Robert**, **Walter**, **William**, and the female name **Allis** (*Alice*) are still familiar to us as modern given names, as is *Maud*, whose variable pronunciation in Anglo-Norman French and Middle English produced the family names **Malt** and **Moult**. Many personal names of this type fell out of general use before the end of the 13th century but are preserved in family names such as **Everard** and **Savory**. Continental Germanic monothematic names were also common among the Normans, some of them simply short forms of dithematic names such as Normanno-Picard **Wass** and its Parisian dialect equivalent **Gaze**. Others were derived from Germanic vocabulary words, such as *Franco*, ‘the Frank’ or ‘the free’, one source of the modern family name **Frank**. These short forms sometimes have an Old French grammatical inflection, as in **Bacon**, from Old French *Bacun*, the oblique form of Continental Germanic *Bacco* (a personal name of uncertain etymology).

Another important source of Anglo-Norman French personal names was Christian literature and legend. Scriptural names included *Adam*, *Andrew*, *James*, *John*, *Mary*, *Matthew*, *Peter*, *Philip*, *Simon*, and *Thomas*. Some of these have Hebrew or Aramaic etymologies, others have Greek ones. Most of them were transmitted via Greek to the Latin Vulgate Bible, and it was from the Latin forms that Old French developed its own pronunciations. *Matthew*, for example, sometimes appears in Old French as *Mahieu*, which is the source of the English family name **Mayhew**, and the regular Old French forms of *Peter* (*Per* and *Peres*) have

given us **Pear** and **Pearce**. Surprisingly perhaps, *Mary* was not one of the most frequent given names in post-Conquest England; like *Anne*, the name of the mother of St Mary, it only became truly popular during the 15th and 16th centuries.

Considerably more popular than *Mary* were the names of several early Christian female saints, whose cults exercised a major influence on the French and Norman personal name stock. Examples include *Margaret*, *Catharine*, *Cecily*, and *Agnes*. From their Anglo-Norman French forms we get the family names **Marritt**, **Catlin**, **Sisley**, and **Annis**. The names of some male saints from Christian legend also became widely popular in France and elsewhere in Europe, including **Lawrence** and **Nicholas**. A number of male saints’ names, Biblical and non-Biblical, were used for women as well. Consequently it is difficult to distinguish the gender of the Middle English forms of **Dennis**, **John**, and **Julian** unless the scribe has latinized them, giving them gender-specific inflections (e.g. nominative *Dionysia*, *Johanna*, and *Juliana* for the female names).

Names of Greek, Latin, or Romance origin, but not associated with the name of a saint, include **Alexander**, the name of the Macedonian conqueror, Alexander the Great, whose exploits were made famous throughout medieval Europe in the Alexander romances. Another is Old French *Nihel*, *Niel*, from Latin *Nigellus*, a derivative of *niger* ‘black(-haired)’. It was much favoured among Normans at the time of the Conquest and thereafter, and is a principal source of the family name **Neal**. There is no evidence for the traditional view that Norman French *Niel* is from Old Scandinavian *Njáll*, a borrowing of the Irish name *Niall* (see **Neill**) by Vikings during their time in Ireland. However, in later centuries, as the pronunciation became homophonous, the two names became inextricably interwoven. Several personal names like *Nigellus* have been coined from general-vocabulary words and may have originated as nicknames. Old French has many such names, including *Durant* ‘enduring, steadfast’, hence **Durrand**, and *R(o)ussel*, a diminutive of *rous* ‘red(-haired)’, hence **Russell**.

Among those who helped William Duke of Normandy conquer England in and after 1066 were high-ranking Bretons. Their names are found mostly in eastern England, where William gave extensive lands to Breton military leaders, and they gave rise to family names such as **Harvey**, **Jeckell**, **Wiggin**, and **Wymark**. The only ones in general use today are *Alan* (see **Allen**) and *Brian* (see **Bryant**), although the popularity of *Brian* as a given name in modern Britain and Ireland is mainly due to the popularity of the native Irish name (of Celtic origin and probably cognate with the Breton one).

The Norman ruling classes, who were descended from Danish Vikings, did not entirely abandon their Old Scandinavian personal names, adapting at least some of them to Old French pronunciation and sometimes to Frankish and Romance name formations, including hypocoristic or pet forms. Thus Old Scandinavian *Ásketil* became *Anschetil* in Normandy, influenced by Continental Germanic \**Ans-* (‘god’). This was then altered to *Ansketin*, as though *-il* was a diminutive suffix and could be substituted by the Old French diminutive *-in*. The reduced forms *Anketin* and *Asketin* were subsequently brought by the Normans to England, where they were further reduced to **Antin** and **Askin**.

A number of Old Scandinavian dithematic names began with *Thór* (the name of the god of thunder). In Old French speech this was pronounced with initial /t/, so the Norman French form of *Bóraldr* appears in early English records as *Turolde*, alongside *Thorald* (the usual form among Danish Vikings in Anglo-Saxon England), hence the modern family names **Torode**, **Turrell**, and **Thorold**.

The Old English, Old Scandinavian, and Continental Germanic names formed distinctive name stocks, but as they are all Germanic in origin they naturally share a number of related or cognate names, especially of the dithematic type. Consequently it is not always possible to tell in which of these name stocks a particular Middle English name-form originated. **Osborne**, for example, could be from late Old English or Continental Germanic *Ōsbern*. The problem is exacerbated by simplifications in pronunciation, which led to the merging in early Middle English of what were once distinct Old English names. **Algar**, for example, may represent several Old English names as well as a Continental Germanic one. Occasionally there is further confusion with names of other name stocks. **Simon** and its common variant **Simmond** mostly represent the Biblical New Testament name *Simon*, but it is impossible to distinguish it from Middle English forms of Old Scandinavian *Sigmundr* and the cognate Continental Germanic *Sigmund*.

### 3.3.2.4 *Pet forms of Norman French and Middle English personal names*

From the late 13th century pet forms were commonplace among the lower social classes but rare among the gentry. They usually involved a reduction of the full name to its main stressed syllable, yielding family names such as **Cole**, **Duke**, **Judd**, **Law**, **Phipp**, **Sim**, and **Watt** (for *Nicholas*, *Marmaduke*, *Jordan*, *Lawrence*, *Philip*, *Simon*, and *Walter*). A peculiar feature of Middle English pet forms is the creation of rhyming short forms, such as **Dick**, **Hich**, and **Hick** for **Rick** and **Rich** (*Richard*); **Dobb** and **Hobb** for **Robb** (*Robert*); **Daw** and **Haw** for **Raw** (*Ralph*); **Dodge** and **Hodge** for **Rodge** (*Roger*). Similar in effect is the addition of a prosthetic consonant to a name beginning with a vowel, such as **Nell** (for *Ellis*) and **Bibb** and **Tibb** (for *Isabel*).

To these short forms were added a variety of diminutive suffixes with a hypocoristic function. Most of them were of Old French origin, including single diminutives like *-in* (sometimes reduced to *-y*), *-on*, *-un*, *-el*, *-et*, and *-ot*, and double diminutives like *-elet*, *-elot*, *-elin*, *-inet*, and *-inot*. Given that the Middle English personal-name stock itself was largely borrowed from the French one, it is likely that many of the pet forms coined in this way were introduced to Britain, ready-made, by the Normans. Common examples are **Addy** and **Adnitt** (from Middle English *Ady*, *Adinet*, and *Adinot*, pet forms of *Adam*), **Allott** (for *Alice*), **Collin** (for *Nicholas*), **Hewett** and **Hewlett** (for Old French *Hue*, i.e. *Hugh*), **Marion** and **Marriott** (for *Mary* and *Margery*), **Parlet** and **Perrin** (for *Per*, i.e. *Peter*), **Robin** (for *Robert*), and **Tomlin** (for *Thomas*).

The two most popular hypocoristic suffixes, *-kin* and *-cok*, were linguistically not French, however. Low German and Middle Dutch *-kin* was brought to England in the wake of the Norman Conquest by Flemish and Picard merchants and weavers, and it soon became the most popular hypocoristic suffix for common given names. Of

the innumerable examples in this dictionary, **Atkin** (*Adam*), **Larkin** (*Lawrence*), **Parkin** (*Peter*), **Simpkin** (*Simon*), and **Watkin** (*Walter*) are typical. The native English suffix *-cock* is a double diminutive formed with *-k-* + the hypocoristic suffix *-oc*. It has nothing to do with the word *cock* ‘male bird’ or the spurious word *cok*, which Reaney supposed to have existed in Middle English with the sense ‘boy’. It became almost as popular a suffix as *-kin* and is preserved in many family names such as **Adcock** (from *Adam*), **Simcock**, and **Wilcock**. These *-k* suffixes were often reduced to *-ke* in Middle English, from which we get family names such as **Wilke**, a reduced form of *Wilcock* or *Wilkin*. **Jack**, the commonest English pet form of *John*, is similarly formed but is not an English coinage; it was borrowed from the Flemings and Picards, in whose usage *Jakke* was a denasalized pronunciation of *Janke*, a reduced form of *Jankin*.

Finally, there are some rare Middle English hypocoristic suffixes such as *-cus*, which survives in **Edgoose** (from Middle English *Edecus*, a pet form of *Edith*), and *-man*, found in **Hickman** (for *Richard*), **Human** (for *Hugh*), and **Pateman** (for *Patrick*), and which may be Continental Germanic *-man*, brought to England by Flemings, or Old English *-mann*.

### 3.3.2.5 *Names ending in -s and -son*

Relationship names containing the given name of a father or mother occur in three different grammatical forms, sometimes with no suffix, sometimes with the suffix *-s*, and sometimes with the suffix *-son*. All three can be found more or less anywhere in late medieval England, but in different proportions in different parts of the country and at different social levels. The early history of these three types is somewhat obscured by clerical practice, which tended to render relationship names in a standard Latin formula, in which *filius* ‘son’ or *filia* ‘daughter’ was prefixed to the given name, itself often latinized. It was not until the late 14th century that this practice was fully abandoned, and because it was applied indiscriminately to names of all three grammatical types, it is not always clear which of the types to attribute these early latinized forms to.

Those with no suffix are the earliest type of relationship name to have become hereditary. It is therefore the usual source of family names derived from the Anglo-Saxon and Anglo-Norman names that had disappeared as given names by the end of the 13th century or shortly thereafter. Those of Old English derivation include **Edgar**, **Manning**, and **Woolsey**. Old Scandinavian and Anglo-Scandinavian names are responsible for **Dolphin**, **Gunn**, and **Tolley**. Continental Germanic names lie behind **Ledgard** and **Major**. None of these examples occur with *-son* or a genitival *-s*. In the later period (1250–1400) suffixless names also arose from popular given names, such as **Ibbott**, **Jack**, **Thomas**, and **Watkin**. Many are found in the Midlands and north England, but they are more common in south England (not to mention Wales, where such names are a modern formation).

Relationship names with genitival *-s* (usually elliptical for *-s + son*) became widespread in England from the late 13th century onwards, as ordinary folk began to acquire surnames, and to a considerable extent they supplanted the suffixless type. They were

especially common in south and south-west England and the West Midlands, where they still predominate, as can be seen in the modern distributions of names like **Hodges**, **Roberts**, and **Wilkins**. In the West Midland dialect of Middle English an alternative genitive singular *-en* was sometimes used, though it has rarely survived in modern surnames; **Timmin** (beside **Timms**) is possibly one of them.

Names with final *-son*, for example **Dixon**, **Jackson**, and **Williamson**, are massively concentrated in the north of England. Here we also find a small number of names based on a common occupational term or surname (such as **Clarkson**, **Cookson**, and **Smithson**). There are also a very few *-son* names based on a locative family name, for example **Clappison**, from the West Yorkshire name **Clapham** + *-son*. English family names in *-son* are usually quite late in formation (mid- to late 14th century and early 15th century) and were borne almost exclusively by the lower class of minor free tenants and unfree tenants.

The equivalent Anglo-Norman French *fil* or *fitz* ‘son’, prefixed to a personal name, has a different history. It is occasionally found in documents of the 12th century and later, and it may often have been used as a purely written convention by clerks for a name that did not actually have a prefix. In spoken usage it belonged exclusively, however, to the Anglo-Norman gentry and aristocracy, and there are a few surviving family names in which *Fitz* has become fused to the personal name, such as **FitzAlan** and **Fitzwilliam**.

### 3.3.3 OCCUPATIONAL NAMES

This is the third largest category and it reflects the huge growth in urban economic activity from the late 12th century onwards. It led to the rise of great cities and boroughs like London, Bristol, Chester, York, and Norwich, and to the development of hundreds of market towns serving the needs of rural communities. The wealthiest of the town burgesses traded in exports and imports of commodities like wool, cloth, spices, and wine. From these come family names such as **Draper**, **Marchant** (‘merchant’), **Mercer** (‘dealer in costly textiles like silk and velvet’), **Spicer**, and **Vinter** (‘wine merchant’). The cloth trade was particularly complex and extensive. Wool had to be carded (hence **Carder**), spun (hence **Spinner**), and the threads woven into cloth by men and women named **Webb**, **Webber**, **Webster**, or **Weaver**. The raw cloth had to be cleansed (**Fuller**, **Walker**, and **Tucker** represent this trade) and dyed (from which come the surnames **Dyer**, **Lister**, **Wader**, and **Wadman**, the last two denoting either a dealer in the blue dye called woad or a dyer who used woad).

Such specializing can similarly be found for all the main trades that provided clothing, headgear, footwear, housewares (earthen and metal pots, pans, buckets, ladles, cups, and bowls), food, drink, weaponry (bows, arrows, swords, knives, armour), horse gear (saddles, harnesses), buildings, and vehicles, to mention a few. Large numbers of surnames from these trades will be found in the dictionary, too many to cite here, but some of them can be illustrated by looking at the variety of linguistic forms that occur in the medieval records. The language of post-Conquest towns was mainly English but partly Anglo-Norman French. Some towns even had two boroughs, an English one and a French one, with

separate markets. Even when the boroughs merged, French remained an important language of commerce for the burgesses and for the lawyers and clerks who provided them with legal services. In this way many French words for goods and services, and for those who earned their living from them, entered English speech. **Marchant** is from Old French *merchaunt*, but its equivalent native English word survives in the name **Chapman**. One origin of **Seller** is Old French *sel(i)er* ‘saddler’, but it is not as common as the equivalent English **Sadler** ‘maker of saddles’. English **Arrowsmith**, **Flesher** (‘dealer in flesh’), **Glover**, **Smith**, **Hellier** (‘roofer’), and **Wright** (‘joiner’) are synonymous with French-derived **Fletcher**, **Butcher**, **Ganter**, **Feaver**, **Tyler**, and **Carpenter**. As can be seen even from this small selection, many of the French and native English occupational terms that lie behind modern surnames have not survived as Modern English words, even where the occupation itself has survived.

Occupational names usually take one of the following forms. Some are self-explanatory compounds, like **Cartwright** and **Ironmonger**. Others are compounds with *-man*, for example **Palfreyman** ‘man responsible for the palfreys or riding horses, a groom’ and **Cheeseman** ‘maker or seller of cheese’. Such formations are distinct from those formed with *-man* in the sense ‘servant’, as in **Priestman** (‘servant of the priest’) and **Fentiman** (‘servant of a man surnamed *Fenton*’).

By far the most common occupational names are those in which the suffixes *-(i)er* (of either English or French origin) or *-our* (Old French) have been added to a word denoting an object or an activity: **Chandler** (‘seller of candles’), **Fewster** (‘maker of saddle trees’), **Furber** (‘polisher of armour’), **Hatter**, **Salter** (‘salt-merchant’), **Skipper** (‘maker of skips or baskets’), **Soper** (‘soap maker’), **Sumner** (‘court official who issued summonses’), **Tanner**, **Taylor**, and **Turner** are a few of the hundreds of such names. A small number have a doublet in *-ster*, such as **Baxter**, **Brewster**, **Dexter**, and **Webster**. This Old English suffix originally denoted a female (baker, brewer, dyer, or weaver, in these instances) but by the time hereditary surnames were formed from these names the distinction of gender was no longer present.

Rural communities and households of the gentry generated some occupations that are recalled in modern surnames. Specialist crafts that every village or manor needed were notably those of the **Smith** and the **Miller**. Agricultural occupations included those of the **Hurd** (‘herdsman’), **Shepherd**, **Coward** (‘cowherd’), **Hoggard** (‘pig keeper’ or ‘one who looks after young sheep’), **Hayward** (‘man employed to look after the hedges and fences that kept livestock out (or in)’), and **Pinder** (‘man in charge of the village pound for stray animals’), as well as those from seasonal occupations, such as **Plowman** and **Thresher**. Some lords of the manor would require a **Parker** (to look after the deer park), a **Forrester**, a **Woodward**, a **Hunter**, and a **Fowler** (‘bird catcher’). The **Granger** was a farm bailiff (especially on monastic granges), while the **Reeve** was an unfree tenant who collected the lord’s rents and summoned offenders to the lord’s court. In a wealthy man’s house, in a village or town, might be a **Clark**, a **Spencer** (‘household steward’), a **Page**, and perhaps some minstrels or entertainers named **Crowther** (‘fiddler’), **Harper**, or **Piper**. In the kitchen might be a **Cook**, and serving the local churches might be a **Sexton** and a **Chaplin**.

Servants and apprentices sometimes had a defining surname such as **Sargent**, **Nave** (Middle English *knave*), and **Prentice** (short for Old French *apprentis*), or they bore an elliptical surname such as **Parsons** (short for Middle English *Personesseriaunt* ‘parson’s servant’).

### 3.3.4 STATUS NAMES

Status names are sometimes treated as a subgroup of occupational names, although strictly speaking they do not denote the means of earning a living but rather the social rank of a man, as in the case of **Bond** (‘unfree tenant’), **Freeman**, **Franklin** (both ‘free tenant’ or ‘of free but not noble birth’), and **Burgess** (‘freeman of a borough’). Surnames such as **Knight** and **Lord** may belong here, too, but it is uncertain how far they are to be understood literally and how far they may be interpreted as nicknames. At the highest levels of society were honorary offices like **Butler** and **Marshall**, but lower down the social scale *Marshall* was a name for a farrier.

### 3.3.5 NICKNAMES

Nicknames are in many cases the most challenging names to explain. There are innumerable varieties, formally and semantically, and because the contexts and situations that gave rise to them in individual cases were almost never recorded, there is more uncertainty about their original meanings than any other category of surname. Even the classification of a surname as ‘nickname’ is at times a shot in the dark, for want of another explanation. The category is also blurred at the edges, overlapping formally and semantically with other categories. The least that a dictionary such as FaNBI can do is to try and identify the word from which the name is most probably derived and not to offer hostages to fortune by over-interpretation of the possible semantic implications.

At the core of this set of names are nicknames alluding to physical attributes or personality traits. Some are from Old French, many originating in Norman families, such as **Bassett** (a diminutive form of *bas* ‘short in stature’), **Blunt** (‘fair-haired’), **Gernon** (‘moustache’), **Grant** (‘tall in stature’), and **Hussey** (‘booted’). The majority are Middle English coinages (of English, Scandinavian, or French etymology), such as **Armstrong**, **Beard**, **Bragg** (‘brisk, lively’), **Broad**, **Brown**, **Crisp** (‘curly-haired’), **Crookshank** (‘crooked leg’), **Curtis** (‘courtly, refined’), **Geake** (‘fool, simpleton’), **Glew** (‘wise, clever’), **Jolliffe** (‘cheerful, lively’), **Lemmon** (‘lover, sweetheart’), **Longbone**, **Proud**, **Redhead**, **Quant** (‘wise, skilful, cunning’), **Sharp**, **Small**, **Tait** (‘merry, lively’), **Thynne**, **Toogood**, **Wild**, **Wise**, and **Witty**. The exact sense of some names of this type can be elusive. **Legg** and **Foot** may allude to someone with a bad leg or foot but there are other possibilities, such as a reference to long or short legs or to large feet.

Complimentary and uncomplimentary names look straightforward enough, but it would be a mistake to take them only at face value. **Goodfellow** is literally ‘good fellow’ but the phrase was sometimes used in Middle English to denote a rascal. Nicknames then, as now, could be meant ironically, and disparaging ones are often given in good-natured jest, so it should not be assumed that the bearers of surnames like **Peabody**

(‘peacock body’), **Mockler** (Old French *mal clerc* ‘bad clerk’), **Mussard** (‘absent-minded, stupid’), or **Thewlis** (‘lacking in moral fibre, immoral’) always deserved the disapproval implied by their sobriquets. The very fact that such names became hereditary suggests that the families that bore them took little or no offence. This caveat applies equally to nicknames that may seem obscene to modern sensibilities, like **Ballock** (‘testicle’) and **Liquorish** (Middle English *likerous* ‘lecherous’). Names like **Shacklady** and **Tiplady** (‘knock lady’) are probably from phrases denoting the sexual act, as indeed may be **Waghorn**, **Wagstaff**, and **Shakespeare**, although definite evidence that *horn*, *staff*, and *spear* could denote ‘penis’ in Middle English has yet to be found. There may have been something disreputable about *Shakespeare*, nevertheless. A certain Hugh Shakespeare, before being admitted as a fellow of Merton College, Oxford, in 1487, was required to change his surname (to *Sawnder*) ‘because it is of ill repute’. A possible alternative explanation in this case is that the name may have been given to a professional soldier, referring perhaps to the brandishing of arms before battle. Most probably **Waghorn** was synonymous with **Hornblower** (a medieval term for the town watchman), while **Wagpole** and **Wagstaff** could have been names for a beadle or some other civic or manorial officer who shook his staff of office in token of his authority. Names with this linguistic construction (verb + noun) may often have had occupational connotations, as **Catchpole** (Old French *cache pol* ‘chase fowl’) certainly did, as it was used in Middle English as a mocking term for a debt collector. **Threadgold** was presumably given to an embroiderer. **Turnbull** may have been a name for a bull-herd or cattle drover, **Culpepper** for a spicer, and no doubt **Trussler** (Old French *trusse loue* ‘bind wolf’) was a name for a wolf hunter. **Makepeace** could have been given to a professional arbitrator, one who helped to settle disputes without going to the law, but it could just as well have been given in irony to a troublemaker.

Not all phrasal nicknames are formed with verb + noun. **Doolittle**, **Golightly**, **Sturtivant** (‘leap forward’), and **Waddilove** (‘wade or go deeply in love’) consist of a verb + adverb or prepositional phrase, and there are a number of names derived from expressions of speech like Old French *bel sire* ‘fair sir’, a term of address, and Old French *bel ch(i)ere*, which had various senses, including ‘good cheer’, perhaps also a greeting or farewell. Both are sources of **Belcher**. Blessings and oaths are preserved in **Debney** (Old French *dieu (le) benie* ‘God bless him’), **Godsave** (Middle English *(on) Godes half* ‘for God’s sake’), **Mothersill** (Middle English *(bi min) moderes soule* ‘by my mother’s soul’), and **Pardoe** (Old French *par dieu* ‘by God’).

From a semantic point of view most nicknames fall into one of three types, the literal, the metaphoric, and the metonymic. Most of the names discussed so far had a literal application, unless used ironically. Some that look superficially like surnames of occupation, office, or status are clearly not so and must be figures of speech. **Abbot**, **Bishop**, **Cardinal**, **Monk**, **Pope**, **Priest**, and **Prior** are all recorded as names of laypeople. **Nunn** is a man’s surname. Serfs are called **King**, **Lord**, **Sheriff**, and **Squire**. No evidence has been found to support the notion that men so named were

employed by or were tenants of an abbot or the king, and so forth. Perhaps these names were metaphoric, implying that their original bearers looked or behaved like an ecclesiastical or secular dignitary and were therefore haughty or hypocritical. Alternatively, the names may have been metonymic, acquired from playing these roles in a local pageant, game, or ritual. The Boy Bishop, the Abbot or Lord of Misrule, the King of the May, the King of the Bean, and the Lord of the Harvest were all central roles in medieval seasonal ceremonies.

Metaphorical use of words for animals, birds, and fish is abundant, but it is often difficult to be sure what characteristic of the creature is being alluded to. It is reasonable to infer that *Crane* denoted someone with long legs, and from Middle English and later vocabulary uses we know that simpletons were called by the bird name *Woodcock* and by the fish name *Chubb*, and that *Gudgeon* (denoting the fish) was also used as a word for a lazy person. Chaucer's description of the summoner in the *Canterbury Tales* as 'hot he was and lecherous as a sparrow' draws on a popular belief about sparrows that presumably lies behind at least some coinages of the surname *Sparrow*. However, *Fox* could imply either of the two characteristics traditionally associated with the animal: red hair and cunning. The magpie (Middle English *pie*) is a notorious scavenger and stealer, has a loud cackling voice and bright black-and-white plumage. Which of these gave rise to the surname *Pye* one can only guess. Other bird names, of unclear significance, include *Coe* ('jackdaw'), *Finch*, *Kite*, *Laverack* or *Lark*, *Nightingale*, *Partridge*, *Peacock*, *Speight* ('woodpecker'), *Starling*, *Wildgoose*, and *Wren*. Other fish names are *Pike* and *Trout*. Animal names include *Bull*, *Coney* ('rabbit'), and *Stott* ('bullock'), perhaps applied to men who were strongly built or headstrong. *Goate*, *Ramm*, and *Stagg* may sometimes have been given to supposedly lecherous men. *Hare*, *Hart*, and *Mouse* may have denoted a timorous person, or perhaps a fast runner.

Metonymic names are the most enigmatic. The relationship they bear to their eponymous bearers is not through a perceived resemblance (as with metaphoric names) but by a contextual connection—an idea, object, or event with which the person was associated, whether habitually or on a single occasion, as already suggested for names like *Bishop* and *King*. The surname *Bull* may have been one of these, if given to someone who looked after the bull(s) rather than someone who resembled one. Unfortunately the contexts that might have explained the origination of a nickname have almost never survived. Occasionally a variation in the name-form gives a clue, if not the entire answer. Ranulf *Flambard* (d. 1128), bishop of Durham, was also known as Ranulf *Passeflambard* 'pass the torch', an allusion apparently to Ranulf's role as a royal advocate, but what figurative sense 'passing the torch' might carry here is uncertain. In theory the nickname *Crown* might have been given to someone who wore or made crowns (garlands or chaplets) or to someone with a physically distinctive head. In one instance, however, it was borne by several members of a 13th-century Nottinghamshire family otherwise known as *Madythecroune* ('mad in the head'). One could not expect to have anticipated this explanation, or reliably offer it, without the evidence of the fuller form of the name, and it may yet not be the right explanation for any of the modern examples.

The explanations of many single-word surnames probably lie in similarly unstated or elided linguistic items (especially verb phrases), whose absence leaves us guessing as to the name's meaning. Many metonymic names derive from abstract nouns. It is quite possible that *Peace* was sometimes elliptical for *Makepeace*, but there is no way of knowing whether it named someone who practised the virtue or merely wished for it. Nor do we know whether *Barrett* (Old French *barat* 'strife') belonged to someone who caused trouble or tried to prevent it, or *Comfort* to someone who gave it or sought it.

This lack of clarity is especially common in the numerous nicknames that derive from nouns for products, such as food, clothing, tools, and containers. P. H. Reaney was convinced that all such names were occupational names, not nicknames; in his view they were metonyms for, and therefore synonymous with, the usual nouns for a maker or seller of such goods. *Cheese*, therefore, was metonymic for *Cheeser* 'cheese maker'. However, all the name tells us is that the man was associated with cheese; he may have made it or he may have liked it as a food, or both. The point comes into sharper focus with names like *Blade*, *Hood*, *Lace*, and *Mantell*, where there is a high probability that they were nicknames given to men who wore or used those items, whether or not in some cases they also made or sold them. All such names are categorized as nicknames in FaNBI entries.

### 3.4 The development of hereditary family names in England

The earliest hereditary family names in England are recorded in some Norman families in the late 11th century, for example *Bigot* and *Giffard*. By the middle of the 15th century almost every person had one. But family-name development was a slow process and a complex one, varying by social class and by region.

During the 12th and 13th centuries non-hereditary surnaming (or descriptive bynaming) spread down through the social classes, first to the lower gentry and town burgesses, then to well-off free tenants, and finally to small free tenants and the unfree peasantry. By the middle of the 14th century almost everyone who was not a pauper had a byname or 'surname' of some sort, however impermanent. The growth of hereditary surnaming took longer. By about 1250 most of the powerful land-owning families used a hereditary surname, mostly toponymics from their estates in England or their former estates in Normandy. This was true also of many of the lower gentry in the south, the Midlands, and East Anglia, and by 1300 they all had one, as did a significant proportion of free tenants. Practice in the towns and boroughs was more mixed, with hereditary and non-hereditary naming co-existing in the late 14th century in southern England and the Midlands and well into the 15th century in northern towns like York.

Indeed, the last region to have more or less universal hereditary naming was northern England, where it was the mid-15th century before it was the general practice. In York and in parts of Lancashire there were still a few people without one in the 16th century. In the Midlands and southern England probably the majority of all families except the poorest had at least one hereditary name by about 1350, though not necessarily a fixed one.

The picture is complicated by the fact that individuals or families could have alternative surnames or aliases, any, all, or none of which could be passed from a father to his sons. Mention was made earlier of the 14th-century Nottingham merchant William *de Mekesburgh*, who was also known as *de Amyas*. In around 1300 the Londoner Denis *de Grauntebrigge* ('of Cambridge') was also known as Denis *le Orfevere* ('the goldsmith'). Another London goldsmith of that time is recorded in one document as William *Everard called de York* and in another as William *de York called Everard*. This kind of flexible surnaming diminished only towards the end of the 14th century, and it could affect hereditary names as well as non-hereditary ones

The exact form that a man's surname took could also vary. A juror of Tuxford in Nottinghamshire, who served on a number of inquisitions just after 1350, is surnamed *Wilkynsone*, *Wilkesone*, and *Willson*. This kind of linguistic variation was particularly common in Yorkshire and Lancashire, where ad hoc, non-hereditary relationship bynames were current well into the 15th century. However, similar variability can also be found in hereditary names, even in south England as late as the 16th century. One Woking (Surrey) family is regularly called both *Waterer* and *Attwater* in manorial records of 1547 to 1550. The main reason for this instability is that many inherited surnames still meant what they said as late as the 15th century and beyond. Over many generations successive sons could inherit the same family property in a particular town, village, or locality after which they were named. They could pursue the father's occupation from which the family name derived, and if they bore a relationship surname, it was not uncommonly derived from a personal name that was still in use as a given name in the family. Relationship names derived from Anglo-Saxon and Norman personal names that were no longer in general use by about 1250 to 1300 are a different matter; surnames from these must already have become fixed by the end of the 13th century. Hereditary surnames from nicknames are another exception, thanks to the unpredictability of genetic inheritance.

The modern sense of a hereditary family name (that it does not denote any characteristic of its current owners, and may have no intelligible meaning at all) only became usual towards the end of the 15th century, when the coining of new surnames had become a rarity in most of England, new pronunciation of names was beginning to change them out of all recognition, and migration took families away from their roots.

### 3.5 The evolution of modern variants<sup>2</sup>

Many modern family names retain a recognizable connection with the source term (e.g. *Carter*, *Heath*, *Johnson*, *Norton*, *Redhead*), although in the case of nicknames the sense of the source word has sometimes altered, as it has in *Daft* (Middle English 'meek, humble') and *Pretty* (Middle English 'crafty, cunning'). Others, however, have changed in pronunciation or appearance in ways

<sup>2</sup> Parts of this section and the following one have been excerpted, with minor modifications, from Peter McClure (2014). The article also sets out some of the techniques that have been used in FaNBI in researching the origins of English surnames.

that disguise their original identity. Some are at first sight baffling (like *Budgen*, a locative name from Bodiam in Sussex); some look intelligible but make no sense (like *Ashplant*, a relationship name from the medieval personal name *Absolon*); others look like a well-known name but are derived from something quite different (like *Bridgett*, a locative name from *Bridgwood*, Staffs).

The processes that brought about such transformations generally began in the late 15th century or later. They are a direct consequence of hereditary naming coinciding with a long period of linguistic variability and change, which led not only to the differences that now exist between Middle English and Modern English but also to a host of variable, informal pronunciations, unregulated by any need to make contextually relevant lexical sense. These changing pronunciations were recorded by clerks and family members in many different, roughly phonetic spellings, some of which retained an intelligible relationship with the original name, while others did not. Names that had lost connection with their origin could be misheard and miswritten in the records, and were often assimilated to more familiar names or reshaped through hypercorrection and folk etymology to fit better known name-patterns or word-forms.

For many families it was not until the advent of universal literacy in the 20th century that one spelling rather than another became fixed for their name in their locality. The now universal practice of fixed surname spellings is a very recent phenomenon and can give the false impression that all surnames have long possessed historically stable identities as defined and differentiated by their current spellings. This impression is reinforced by the fact that literacy and fixed spellings have almost eliminated variation in surname pronunciation, except in the case of spelling pronunciations, where a name is known through its written rather than its local oral form and the spelling allows alternative pronunciations (as in the surname of the author, J. K. Rowling). Current spellings provide the head forms in modern surname dictionaries, but we cannot expect to make good sense of them if it is not recognized that they are frequently the arbitrary outcome of a long period of oral and orthographic variability, in which onomastic ambiguity and obscurity have proliferated.

Many surnames, therefore, require special attention to the sequence and range of their post-medieval spellings, linked over time, by place, and by family. Different names have often merged, sometimes as a result of general sound changes (as in *Wray* and *Ray*; *Grave*, *Greave*, and *Grieve*), and sometimes because final unstressed syllables were confused and mistaken for each other (as in *Bramwell* and *Bramhall*, *Woodiwiss* and *Woodhouse*). In some names the final syllable underwent a remarkable number of transformations, as did *Tattersall* (from the Lincolnshire place-name *Tattershall*), which, when it migrated northward and westward into Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire, evolved into *Tatterstall*, *Tattersdale*, *Tattershaw*, *Tatterson*, *Tatterton*, *Tattersley*, and *Tattersfield*.

#### 3.5.1 POST-MEDIEVAL EXCRESCENT -S

A very common feature in the evolution of family-name variants is the addition of a final excrescent -s to family names that originated without one. This is evident in names such as *Mills* and *Styles*,

which do not go back to an original Middle English plural form, but are late variants of **Mill** and **Style**. This excrescent *-s* is a common feature of topographic surnames but it is found to some degree in all types of surname. In relationship names the final *-s* frequently represents an original genitive, but Middle English names with genitive *-s* often alternated with forms without it (e.g. *Wilkins* and *Wilkin*), and perhaps it was analogy with this practice that led to names of other types being given an unhistorical *-s* in the modern period.

### 3.6 The geography of English family names

The ability to map modern family names using electronic databases is one of the most important advances in recent English family-name research, leading to vastly improved accuracy in explaining names and identifying name variants. It has confirmed beyond doubt that the majority of English family names have moved relatively short distances over the centuries, in some cases staying remarkably close to their places of origin. Every county still has its own distinctive set of family names, many going back to the medieval period. The reason for this lies in the complex but coherent social networks of local life that endured down the generations, ensuring family stability and influencing the range and frequency of migration. David Hey writes of ‘surname neighbourhoods’, within which the most distinctive local family names moved around over many generations; they were ‘usually no more than ten or twenty miles in radius and were bounded by the nearest market towns’ (Hey 2000: 107). These core families generally stayed in the area over many generations. If they moved further away it was usually by a succession of short-distance migrations over several generations within the same region. Movement southwards from Norfolk into Suffolk and south-east Essex can be seen, for example, in the history of **Fosdyke** (and its variants) and **Gooch** (and variants), while there are names like **Cramphorn** (and variants) that originated in east Hertfordshire, spread into west Essex, and then migrated eastwards as far as the Suffolk border, if not beyond. Hey (2000: 109–11) has shown how surnames of north Staffordshire in the Hearth Tax Returns of the 1660s and 1670s reveal a significant influx of families from Cheshire and Lancashire, more so than migration from neighbouring counties to the east and south of the county.

These patterns of movement, predominantly local in nature, seem to have been only marginally affected by the Industrial Revolution. This is not to deny that some English surnames migrated long distances. Yorkshire names such as **Wilberforce**, though still most common in that county, have been recorded in 16th-century Sussex, and the Devon name **Tapson** (a locative name from Topsham in Devon) is found in 18th-century London and Essex. London has exerted an exceptional pull on migrants from all over England and beyond from medieval times to the modern day (see, for example, Ekwall 1956).

## 4. Family names in Scotland

Scottish names are linked with those of adjacent ethnicities and cultures in complex ways. Some family names of English

etymology—and even Anglo-Norman, as in the case of **Sinclair**—are distinctively Scottish. There is also quite a lot of overlap between the family names of Scotland and the family names of England—**Wilson** and **Walker**, for example, are characteristic of both northern England and Scotland, while **Smith** is as common in Aberdeenshire as in Kent. In western Scotland, there is overlap between Scottish and Irish clan names. **Kennedy** is one of many names that are well established on both sides of the Irish Sea. Other names of Gaelic etymology have different conventional anglicized spellings in Scotland and Ireland, for example **Docherty** and **Doherty**. In the Highlands and Islands, there was language contact between Norse and Gaelic, with the result, inter alia, that there are Gaelic given names with Norse etymons and vice versa. An example is **Sorley** (Gaelic *Somhairle*), which is from the Old Norse personal name *Sumarliðr* ‘summer warrior’, which in turn was altered by folk etymology in English-language contexts into the family names **Summerlad** and **Summerland**. The clan name **McLeod** (Gaelic *Mac Leòid*) is based on a Norse byname, *Ljótr* ‘ugly’. Also, it is not widely known that a P-Celtic (Brittonic) language similar to Welsh was spoken in parts of west central Scotland until about the 14th century. The compiler of a dictionary of Scottish family names, therefore, must have competence in Gaelic, Old Scandinavian, and Welsh, as well as in Anglo-Norman French, Middle English, and, of course, Scots.

The standard work on Scottish surnames is by George Fraser Black (1866–1948). Published in 1946, this was the product of a 40-year-long survey of Scottish historical documents, from which names were assiduously collected by the author, a Scottish American in the service of the New York Public Library. This institution published Black’s dictionary when publication in Britain proved to be impossible due to the war and other difficulties. Black provides an often colourful assortment of historical citations. He tells us, for example, at the entry for the obsolete name *Blackbody* that there was ‘a prisoner named Blackbodie in Edinburgh Castle, 1687’, and at **Ratter** that ‘Master Malcolm Rotter, natural son of Sir Andrew Rotar, vicar of Halkirk, was legitimated in 1538.’ A great benefit is that he gives a wealth of detailed source information. Black is particularly informative about the origin of Scottish habitational surnames from baronies and other place-names. His primary aim was historical, not etymological; etymologies are not always given, and when they are, they sometimes contain errors.

Two much smaller works on Scottish surnames which should be mentioned are Dorward (1978), which contains substantial discursive entries, and the specialist study of Shetland surnames by Beattie (2002).

### 4.1 Family names in Scots-speaking Scotland

The development of hereditary surnames in Scotland was not uniform, with Scots-speaking areas and Gaelic-speaking areas adopting family names at different periods and rates. Hereditary surnames first occurred in Scots-speaking regions at a similar time to their initial use in England, ‘introduced into Scotland through the Normans’ (Black 1946: xiii), with wealthy landholders settling



in the country soon after the Norman Conquest, usually with names of toponymic origin. Following this, however, the ‘spread of surnames in Scotland seems to have been slow’ (McKinley 1990: 45). While most landholders seem to have ‘acquired surnames . . . by about 1300’ (McKinley 1990: 45), it seems that ‘the general spread of hereditary surnames was not complete in the Scots-speaking regions until at least the 16th century’ (McKinley 1990: 46). It is not clear what McKinley means by ‘the general spread of hereditary surnames’, but if we take it to mean the adoption of family names by the majority of the Scots-speaking population of Scotland, then the establishment of family names in the country occurred later than in England. A small number of non-hereditary names persisted in remote areas, even as late as the 19th century, as seen in this very late example noted by Black (1946: xxv): ‘Gideon Manson . . . died in Foula [Shetland] in March, 1930. His father’s name was James Manson (Magnus’s son) and his grandfather was called Magnus Robertson.’

The family names of Scots-speaking Scotland can be classified under any of the main types of name also identifiable in England (see section 3.3), suggesting that the same system of naming was in general use in both countries. Accordingly, we find relationship names and locative names aplenty, and occupational names, some of which do not coincide with and are not variants of traditional surnames found also in England (**Cadger, Doctor, Mutter** (2), **Phimister**). However, it is noteworthy that some occupational names, with their variants, overlap with what is found in the north of England but not the south (**Coulthard, Runciman, Stoddart**). As regards nicknames, Black (1946: xxix) notes that ‘contrary to the common view I have found few of our [Scottish] surnames to be derived from nicknames.’ That opinion needs some qualification in the light of, for example, **Cruickshank, Meikle, and Swankie**.

A notable fact is that some English surnames migrated to Scotland as early as the Middle Ages. A seminal moment for this migration was the normanization of the Scottish bureaucracy by King David I in the early 12th century. David had been brought up at the English court and married the English Countess of Huntingdon. When he unexpectedly succeeded to the throne of Scotland after the deaths of his three elder brothers, he took his retainers north with him and set about restructuring the administration of Scotland, opening the way for a long process of northward migration by ambitious Norman barons, knights, and fortune-seekers with English and Norman French family names. Some of these are recognizable as variants of English place-names (**Barclay, Laidlaw, Lindsay, Ramsay**), and some surnames of Norman French origin are shared with the English aristocracy and gentry (**Bruce, Mowbray, Napier, Wallace**). Of course, more generally, since Modern Scots and Modern English both descend from Middle English, it must be recognized that some surnames are found in both countries, differentiated only by the spelling conventions in force at various periods in both languages or by dialect details (**Broun/Brown, Millar/Miller, Stewart/Steward**) or not differentiated at all.

Many family names of Scots or English structure and appearance are late anglicizations of traditional Gaelic names of relationship in *mac* ‘son’ (see section 5.3), with *-son* appearing suffixed to given names of Gaelic origin (**Ferguson, Finlayson, Gilkison**).

## 5. Family names in Ireland and Gaelic-speaking Scotland<sup>3</sup>

### 5.1 The background of Gaelic

The Gaelic language has been spoken in Ireland, where it is now normally known as Irish, from at least the early centuries of the first millennium AD and probably longer. It remains a native language in Ireland, but its use in everyday life is now generally confined to areas along the western seaboard of the country, within districts collectively known as *Gaeltachtaí*. Despite this retrenchment, it remains an important language of educated culture and national symbolism over the whole island. Scottish Gaelic does not go back so far as a language of Scotland. It was brought by settlers from Ireland, starting in the west of the country in the 4th to 5th centuries AD, reinforced by Christian missions in the 6th century, spreading by the 12th century over most of modern Scotland except the far north-east and the far south-east, and progressively losing ground to Scots and English in modern times.

### 5.2 Gaelic in Ireland and Scotland

A shared tribe- or clan-based culture and a common literary language still united Gaelic Ireland and Scotland before the Plantations of the 17th century (the settlement of English and Scottish people in Ireland as a matter of government policy formed in Britain). Mutual comprehension of established surnames would not have been difficult in the earlier period. Many similarities can be discerned between the Gaelic names of Ireland and Scotland, and attempting to differentiate between the two often opens the risk of a false distinction. It is the anglicization of Gaelic names which is the key issue in this dictionary, in which all the head forms are given in their most familiar anglicized spellings. Both the phonology and the spelling conventions of both branches of the Gaelic language are very different from those of English, which is one of the underlying reasons why most surnames came to be greatly altered during more than three centuries of English rule in Ireland and during the four centuries since the Union of the Crowns of Scotland and England in 1603.

There is considerable variation in the anglicized surnames of both countries, due in part to local spelling norms (for example the voiceless velar fricative /x/ is spelt *ch* in Scots but *gh* in Irish English), and due also to anglicization at different dates. In the older language an ancestor name beginning with a consonant and following *Ó* or *Mac* normally had its initial consonant unchanged. However, in the 17th century a new grammatically-based process developed by which the initial consonant of proper names was changed in the possessive (‘genitive’) case. This process of *lenition* (an extended usage of a much earlier phenomenon) in most cases involves the replacement of a plosive consonant by a related fricative, and is indicated in Gaelic spelling by adding the letter *h* after the relevant consonant. The operation of this change could result in different anglicizations of the same surname; thus *Mac Domhnaill* might be anglicized **McDonnell** in Ireland or

<sup>3</sup> This section is based on contributions by Kay Muhr and Liam Ó hAisibéil.

**McDonald** in Scotland, while the later lenited form *Mac Dhomhnaill* was anglicized as **McConnell** or even **McGonnell** because the sound represented by *dh* was either not perceived or not recognized by those responsible for recording the name. Other surnames with similar variants are **McDonagh** and **McConaghy** (from *Mac D[h]onchadha*) and **McDowell** and **McCool** (from *Mac D[h]ubhghaill*).

The great range of spelling variation due to such grammatically triggered pronunciation variation can be illustrated by the cognate set **McConnachie**, **Maconochie**, **McConaghy**, **McConkey**, similar forms lacking *Mc-*, and **McDonough** and **Donahue** (with several other variants of each of the cited forms). A rarer source of variation is accent or dialect difference within the Gaelic continuum; it can be illustrated by Irish **McAteer** versus Scottish **McIntyre**, both representing *Mac an tSaoir* ‘son of the craftsman’; the latter also exhibits English/Scots diphthongization of the vowel in the final syllable.

Many distinctive family names of Gaelic origin are associated with particular regions, for example **McAughtrie** and **McCracken** with Galloway in the extreme south-west of Scotland, where an ill-recorded dialect of Gaelic was spoken between, very approximately, 1100 or earlier and 1700; and many are associated with particular Highland clans, each with its own traditional territory.

### 5.3 Gaelic genealogy and characteristic name-types

Genealogy was an important cultural element in Gaelic society, and individuals, as members of the same family, were generally identified and distinguished by their pedigree and their population group. Lengthy pedigrees were still being deployed in writing to identify individuals as late as the Fiants of the Elizabethan period. Individuals in rural Gaeldom may still be distinguished locally by their father’s or mother’s given name. Identification by patronymics (and extended genealogy) developed out of, and for long co-existed with, this system—*Kitty Pheadair Eoghain Ruaidh* ‘Red-haired Eoghan’s Peter’s Kitty’ appeared in a Donegal local newspaper as recently as 2015. Hereditary relationship names were formed in Ireland, but not in Scotland, in the late first millennium with *Ó* ‘grandson, descendant (of)’, and in both Ireland and Scotland from early in the second millennium with *Mac* ‘son (of)’ (*Ó Murchadha* 1999) (both types are loosely referred to as *patronymics* below). Whilst it can be difficult to date the transition from patronymic to inherited surname, the earliest true surname seems to have been *Ó Cléirigh* ‘grandson of Cléireach’, mentioned in AD 980 in the *Annals of Ulster*, and this genealogical type became the overwhelmingly dominant type of surname. It will be seen that Gaelic surnames were well established at a relatively early date as compared with England, Scotland, and Wales; Woulfe (1923: 15) claims that ‘Irish surnames came into use gradually from about the middle of the 10th to the end of the 13th century,’ and that that places them among the earliest surnames in Europe. Surnames which were originally formed in these ways can be exemplified by *Ó Conaill* ‘grandson or descendant of Conall’ and *Mac Cárthaigh* ‘son of Cárthach’, and these yield the modern anglicized forms

**O’Connell** and **McCarthy**, along with several variants.

Patronymics were overwhelmingly based on given names, but also, less frequently, formed on the basis of occupational terms, as in the case of Scottish *Mac a’ Ghobhainn*, Irish *Mac an Ghabhann* ‘son of the smith’, yielding **McGowan** and a range of other anglicized variants, the most frequent of which are recorded in this dictionary.

Names in pedigrees using *Ó* and *Mac* + the full extensive range of Gaelic given names were preceded by the emergence of structurally similar given names in *maol* ‘follower, servant, devotee (especially of a religious figure)’. These given names came to be included in surnames of patronymic origin, but only those using the *Ó* formula, for example *Ó Maoilbhréanainn* (modern **Mulrennan**) from St Brendan. During the initial phase of the surname period, *giolla* came to be used in a similar way to *maol*, and hence in surnames using the *Mac* formula, such as *Mac Giolla Mhártain* (modern **Gilmartin** or **Martin**) from St Martin (MacLysaght 1985: ix; information from Kay Muhr). Some such surnames appear to derive from occupations or statuses, such as *Mac Giolla Easpaig* ‘son of the servant of the bishop’, but it is more likely that *Giolla Easpaig* and the like were used as complex given names of the type just mentioned. The same applies in the case of apparent embedded nicknames such as that in *Mac Dubhghaill* ‘son of *Dubhghall*’, a close compound meaning ‘dark stranger’, but probably used as a given name rather than a description. These two surnames exist today, respectively as **Gillespie** (which is sometimes shortened to **Espie**, especially in America) and **McDowell** (elsewhere **McDougal**).

Perhaps as a result of the use of words for personal characteristics in given names, as in the case of *Dubhghall* ‘dark stranger’, some apparent Gaelic nickname-based surnames were formed, either from the loss of a patronymic prefix or the coining of a new name, seen for example in the modern surnames **Bane** or **Bain**, sometimes from *bán, bàn* ‘white(-haired)’, perhaps a reduction of a given name such as *Giolla Bán*, and **Ogg**, sometimes from Scottish Gaelic *óg* ‘(the) young(er)’, such names are quite rare.

This does not, however, appear to be the main reason for the later reduction in the number of names with patronymic prefixes in Ireland, which ‘were very widely dropped during the period of submergence of Catholic and Gaelic Ireland which began in the early 17th century’ (MacLysaght 1985: x), when English influence in Ireland greatly increased. The intention to submerge native culture was the result of deliberate policy; in 1465 the Irish parliament in Dublin passed an Act to compel every Irishman living in the Anglo-Norman counties of Dublin, Meath, Louth, and Kildare to ‘take to him an English surname of one towne, as Sutton, Chester, Trym, Skryne, Corke, Kinsale; or colour, as white, blacke, browne; or art or science, as smith or carpenter; or office, as cooke, butler’ (Woulfe 1923: xxxi, quoting Edward IV, *Statutes at Large, Ireland*, vol. I: 29). This seems to have had little effect a century later, but in the longer term the assault on, or attrition of, Irish naming norms was more effective. The wider context of this assault involved the 17th-century Plantation of non-speakers of Irish mentioned above, and the proscription of the language, whether because it was viewed as a hindrance to

‘civilization’ or as a symbol of rebellious or ‘Popish’ intentions. This occurred with different degrees of severity in Ireland and Scotland, but especially in Ireland, starting with the anti-Catholic Penal Laws of 1695: teaching Irish, teaching in it, or even speaking it were made a punishable offence, which had a baleful effect on the way surnames were recorded and transmitted.

During the process of modification of Irish names, Ó was more frequently dropped than *Mac*, the discrepancy perhaps being due to the fact that Scottish settlers during the Plantation period might also have surnames in *Mc-*, providing evidence that being called *Mc-* did not necessarily indicate a potential ‘Irish rebel’.

Anglicization might involve not only removal of such traditional genealogical indications, but also transliteration or rather ‘phonetic’ spelling based on English norms (*Sullivan* for Ó *Súilleabháin*), adopting an English surname with a roughly similar sound to the Gaelic (*Bartlett* for (*Mac*) *Pharthaláin*), and translation of the meaning or supposed meaning, e.g. Irish *Mac an Ghabhann*, Scottish *Mac a’ Ghobhainn* sometimes anglicized to *Smith*, and Irish Ó *Fuaruisce* anglicized to *Waters* on the basis of the (false) belief that the word *uisce* ‘water’ appears in it. The development of Irish surnames into their modern forms was often complex, moving through a number of stages illustrating different processes, and sometimes resulting in more than one name, as MacLysaght (1985: xii) shows in his discussion of *Abraham* as an Irish surname:

Of course that is Jewish elsewhere, but in Ireland it is the modern corrupt or distorted form of an ancient Gaelic surname, *Mac an Bhreitheamhan* (son of the judge). It was first anglicized *MacEbrehowne*, etc. which was shortened to *MacEbrehan* and *MacAbrehan*, later *MacAbraham* and so to *Abraham*. Other anglicized forms of this name are *Breheny* and *Judge*.

The patronymic prefixes *Mac* and Ó later re-emerged strongly in Irish surnames. MacLysaght (1985: x) suggests this began in the late 19th century as a result of a ‘revival of national consciousness’, comparable with that seen in Wales, as shown in the steady increase of people adopting the *O’* in the name *O’Sullivan* from 1866 to 1944. (The use of the apostrophe has no linguistic purpose, is relatively recent, and was heavily criticized, though still is generally adopted.) Similarly, Yurdan (1990: 3) notes that ‘during the renaissance of interest in things Irish during the period 1930–60, the ‘O’s and ‘Macs’ were reinstated to their former positions.’ Many Irish people, not necessarily native Irish speakers, now use authentic Irish-language spellings of their originally patronymic surnames, replacing anglicizations, for example Ó *Súilleabháin* (male bearers) and *Ní* (‘daughter [of]’) *Shúilleabháin* (female bearers) for *O’Sullivan* and *Mac Diarmada* (male) and *Nic Dhiarmada* (female) for *McDermott*.

Scottish Gaelic surnames in other categories are found, but these are of uncertain age and sometimes potentially misleading. We find, for example, *Moggach* as a nickname from *mùgach* ‘surly’, and the occupational surname *Clacher*, apparently from *clachaire* ‘stonemason’, which may well, however, be a reduced form of the patronymic *Mac a’ Chlachaire* ‘son of the stonemason’.

There are also toponymic surnames in Ireland, but these are not usually Irish in origin; they ‘have been adopted from [the names of]

estates held by the Anglo-Norman nobility in both Ireland and mainland Britain’ (Yurdan 1990: 2). This category is represented, for example, by *Clare* and *Pembroke* in England and Wales respectively; Nicholas *de Trym*, recorded in 1336 in Downpatrick (County Down), has a toponymic surname clearly derived from an Irish place (Trim, County Meath), but this surname and others like it, with rare exceptions such as *Dromgoole*, seem not to have survived in Ireland.

## 5.4 Literature on Gaelic names

Irish genealogies, written down both before and after the adoption of surnames, record the personal names of thousands of individuals. Some of the earliest manuscripts containing genealogical material were edited and indexed by Michael O’Brien (1962, with an introduction in 1976), who published further notes on the forms of personal names and their linguistic elements. A 17th-century collection, *The Great Book of Irish Genealogies*, has been edited in several volumes by Nollaig Ó Muraile (2003). Patrick Woulfe’s pioneering study of Irish surnames (Woulfe 1923) also attempted to give the meaning of the given names from which they are derived. Part I gives the Irish Gaelic form of English and anglicized names, e.g. Kevin – *Caoimhghín*; *Hickey* – Ó *hÍceadha* or Ó *hÍcidhe*. Part II gives etymological and historical explanations (in English) of Irish given names and surnames. Building on Woulfe’s efforts, the historian Edward MacLysaght (1887–1986), who among many other official duties served as Chief Herald for the Irish Office of Arms, published a series of books on Irish families, culminating in a succinct but authoritative dictionary of surnames (MacLysaght 1957, 1985), whose modest dimensions belie its coverage and importance. However, neither Woulfe’s nor MacLysaght’s dictionary includes examples of early bearers illustrating the development of Irish family names.

MacLysaght’s dictionary has entries for more than 4,000 family names, covering all the most important and frequent Irish surnames. These are of Gaelic, Norman, and sometimes English or Welsh etymology. de Bhulbh (1997) contains an updated name-list in both Irish and English, with locations, modern Irish spellings, and cross-reference to MacLysaght’s publications.

MacLysaght’s work in Irish etymology was later supplemented by two leading Irish scholars: Tomás de Bhaldraithe, responsible for the Irish entries in Hanks and Hodges (1988), and Kay Muhr, likewise in Hanks (2003a). Even when the etymological information is basically the same as in MacLysaght’s dictionary, these more recent works give explanations in less specialized language. The best currently available general book on Irish given names and their etymologies is Ó Corráin and Maguire (1981), although it covers only a small fraction of Irish given names.

Other works on Irish family names should be mentioned here: Bell (1988) is a very readable work, which explains the history of some Ulster families as well as the etymology of their names; and especially Mitchell (1992 on the surnames of Derry, and 2010 on those of north-west Ireland more widely).

## 6. Manx family names

In the 5th century the Isle of Man was settled by Gaelic-speaking people from Ireland, and although the island was subsequently ruled by Norwegian Vikings from the 9th century, by Scottish kings from the 13th century, and by English overlords from the 14th century, the core body of indigenous Manx surnames is fundamentally Gaelic and Irish in character (see section 5). This took the form of a patronymic system in which a grandfather's given name was prefixed with *Ó* or a father's given name with *Mac*. Most of the given names in surviving surnames are Gaelic (specifically in Manx, a dialect of Old Irish), but some are Old Scandinavian, arising from the intermarriage of Vikings (based in Dublin) with Irish and Manx, and some are Norman French, following the Norman invasion of Ireland in the 12th century. The Viking and Norman names were adapted to Manx dialect.

Some surnames of this type were already becoming hereditary by the end of the 10th century. By the 16th century most of those with *Ó* had lost the prefix and names with *Mac* were increasingly reduced to the final consonant of *Mac* + the given name, giving rise to a number of uniquely Manx surnames like **Kermode** (Manx *Mac Dhiarmada* 'son of Diarmaid') and **Quirk** (Manx *Mac Cuirc*, 'son of *Corc*'), where the personal names are Gaelic. Viking personal names are found in **Casement** (Manx *Mac Asmund* 'son of Asmund', from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásmundr*) and **Corkill** (Manx *Mac Thorcaill* 'son of *Thorkell*', from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Porketill*). Norman French personal names occur in **Clucas** (Manx *Mac Lugaish* 'son of Lucas', from the scriptural name *Luke*), and **Crebbin** (Manx *Mac Robyn* 'son of Robin', a pet form of Old French *Robert*). The Normanno-Manx surnames were sometimes translations into Manx of Norman surnames beginning in Old French *Fitz* 'son'. For example, **Cubbon** (Manx *Mac Giobuin* 'son of Gibbon', a pet form of Old French *Gilbert*) represents Norman French **Fitzgibbon**. In a small number of cases the name is based on an occupational term rather than a given name, as in **Teare** (Manx *Mac y Teyir* 'son of the craftsman'). In this instance, as in many others, *Mac* has been dropped altogether.

Some family names with a long history in Man are of a non-Gaelic formation, and descend from late medieval and post-medieval immigrants, especially from England. In 1405 John Stanley, a Lancashire magnate, was granted the Kingdom (or Lordship) of Man by Henry IV, and it was partly through the patronage of his descendants (the Earls of Derby) that the Isle of Man was further peopled by families from north-west England, mostly with English locative surnames. Examples include **Seddon**, which is first recorded on Man in 1580 and was still there in the 1881 Census, but most of the English locative surnames on the island in 1881 first appeared there in the late 18th and 19th centuries. There was at that time an even greater flow of Manxmen to north-west England. In Archer's mapping of 1881 Census surnames, Manx names like **Quirk** and **Quayle** have a secondary epicentre in and around Liverpool, and outliers in the coal, iron, and steel ports of Whitehaven (Cumberland) and Barrow-in-Furness (Lancashire).

## 7. Welsh family names

In 2011, Wales had a population of just over three million, 562,000 of whom declared themselves able to speak Welsh, the Brittonic Celtic language descended from that of the inhabitants of Britain in the pre-Roman Iron Age. Some 780 current family names have a modern distribution with a strong component in Wales. Most of them are relationship names that became fixed family names only in the 18th or 19th century, drawing for the most part on male given names that were current at that time in Wales. That stock of given names included some native Welsh names (like **Morgan** and **Rees**, an anglicized form of *Rhys*), but it was dominated by a large number of common names first introduced to Wales by the Normans and which later became hugely popular in both Wales and neighbouring England (**William**, **Richard**, **John**, **Thomas**, and so on). In addition, the 18th- and 19th-century name stock included many Old Testament names, reflecting the desire of Puritans and later Nonconformist Protestants to identify themselves as God's chosen people, the 'New Israel'. In south Wales and to a lesser extent in north Wales, this gave rise to surnames like **Enoch**, **Israel**, **Jeremiah**, **Mordecai**, **Samuel**, and **Zacharias**. Although they look Jewish (and sometimes are so in centres of Jewish immigration in Britain), in Wales they are Nonconformist family names, especially those of Baptists and Independents (Rowlands and Rowlands 1996: 167).

The pattern of development of hereditary surnames in Wales was thus very different from the English pattern discussed in section 3.4. Norman lords acquired land in Wales soon after the Conquest, but neither their use of surnames, nor that by subsequent English settlers, had much impact on local usage (McKinley 1990: 41). As late as 1500, hereditary family names were rare in Wales, with the Welsh patronymic system being by far the most common method of differentiating individuals. This involved attaching the given name of (normally) the father to a person's own given name. It used Welsh *mab* 'son' to create names of the form 'X *mab* Y'. The word *mab* was expressed, for grammatical reasons, in the lenited form *fab*, pronounced [vab], which was subsequently reduced to *ab* in names. *Ab* is the usual form before names with initial vowels, and *ap* before those with initial consonants, resulting in 'Madog *ab* Owain' but 'Madog *ap* Rhydderch', although a minority of recorded names do not conform to this phonological rule. This patronymic method was still current among Welsh speakers in the 18th and 19th centuries, when fixed family names were being adopted at all social levels, so alongside the English type of family name such as **Edwards** can be found wholly Welsh surnames like **Bevan**, from *ap Iefan* 'son of *Evan*', and **Prothero**, from *ap Rhydderch* 'son of *Rhydderch*'. Non-Welsh given names could be treated in the same way among Welsh speakers, and we find both *ap Humphrey* (giving modern **Pumfrey** and variants), and also, based on a form where /h/ was not pronounced, *ab Umphrey* (modern **Boumphrey** and variants).

The late development of fixed family names in Wales needs to be borne in mind when interpreting the recorded evidence for Welsh surnames. It is unlikely that medieval names using the formula with (*m*)*ab* were ever hereditary, because they were descriptive

names (bynames) directly identifying the father of the bearer. Not until the mid-16th century did ‘the change to settled surnames begin to filter through different levels of society’ (Rowlands and Rowlands 1996: 25), and it was a slow process that did not reach most ordinary families for another two centuries. The use of English expanded through Wales in the wake of its incorporation into the administrative structures of England by the Laws in Wales Acts of 1535 and 1542. A consequence of this was the widespread abandonment in official records of the Welsh patronymic formula and its replacement by an English type of surname (frequently not hereditary until the 19th century) based either on given names that were themselves of an English structure and based on English renderings of Welsh given names (such as **Maddock** and **Owen**) or on given names in use in England and Wales, whatever their origin (**William**, **Humphrey**, **Enoch**, etc.). The predominant formula was the use of the given name with a suffixed, originally but no longer patronymic, *-s*. **Jones** (from *John*) and **Williams** are typically (but not exclusively) Welsh, and are—or were—especially prevalent in counties near the English border, as well as in English border counties such as Herefordshire and Shropshire. The vast majority of such names are derived from male names, but female ones are evidenced by **Ankrett** from *Angharad* and **Wantling** from *Gwenllian*. Occasionally, family names are found based on given names in their Welsh forms, as with *Gruffydd* for **Griffith** and *Tomos* for **Thomas**. Pet forms of native Welsh given names occasionally appear in surnames; **Beddow** is apparently a pet form of *Mareddud*, anglicized as **Meredith**.

The English family naming system did not entirely supplant the native one; we find **Howells** (from Welsh *Hywel* + *-s*) co-existing with **Powell**, an anglicized form of the originally patronymic *ap Hywel*, but used as a true inherited surname in the English fashion. Sometimes the Welsh given name itself survives as a family name without suffixation, as with **Cadwallader**, **Craddock**, and **Llewellyn**.

The original patronymic system appears to have been retained in parallel in some more remote areas, with names in *ap* occurring as late as the 18th century ‘in upland Glamorgan parishes and in western Monmouthshire’ (Rowlands and Rowlands 1996: 25–6) and also in north and west Wales. Some people of Welsh heritage today bear true family names of the type ‘X *ap* Y’, but many, if not most, of these seem to have arisen as a modern patriotic expression of pride in ancestry and of the national historical awareness which also generated efforts to halt the decline of Welsh speaking (Rowlands and Rowlands 1996: 34).

Welsh family names other than relationship names are almost unknown. Locative family names can occasionally be found (examples are **Conway**, **Kenefick**, and **Laugharne**; others, found outside Wales, such as *Neath*, may be extinct). Nicknames are rare: **Landeg**, a lenited form of *glandeg* ‘handsome’ where not from a place-name *Llandeg*, and **Pingree** from *pengrych* ‘curly-headed’; however, **Vaughan**, from a lenited form of *bychan* ‘small’, is much more common, as is **Gough**, from a lenited form of *coch* ‘red(-haired)’. No convincing example of an occupational family name deriving from Welsh has been found. One might have expected names based on *gof* ‘smith’ or *bugail* ‘shepherd’, but since such concepts used in names would mainly have been recorded

within the English administrative system, the Welsh terms are absent from family names.

Analysis of the Welsh names in this dictionary has been greatly aided by the work of Morgan and Morgan (1985) and Rowlands and Rowlands (1996, second edition 2013). The latter is not only a very useful and reliable guide to the history of Welsh surnaming practices but contains a dictionary of characteristically Welsh surnames with interpretations supported by sound biographical and genealogical evidence and distributional maps.

## 8. Cornish family names

In the 2011 census the total population of the county of Cornwall was 532,300. Many of these people are comparatively recent incomers from elsewhere in Britain. The indigenous language of the county was Cornish, a Brittonic language closely related to Welsh and Breton. The Cornish language died out in the 18th century, but in the 20th century strenuous efforts with nationalist overtones began to be made to revive it, and in the 2011 census 557 people claimed Cornish as their main language. This dictionary contains approximately 200 main entries that are classified as Cornish, with a similar number of variant spellings. The category ‘Cornish’ here denotes family names that have an etymology in the Cornish language, together with a smaller number that are derived from place-names that are unique to Cornwall, whether of Cornish-language origin or not. These Cornish-language family names are found mainly in west Cornwall, for east Cornwall has been English-speaking since 1300 or earlier.

Most family names classified as Cornish do not appear in the documentary record till after 1500 or so. The great majority derive from place-names in Cornwall, most often the names of farms or hamlets. Many such place-names occur more than once, and it can be a difficult matter to allocate a family name to a place even where the etymology of the name is known and the places successfully identified. Even where a family name and a place can be linked, many place-names still defy reliable interpretation. Occasional names in other categories may be found: relational names (**Clemo**, **Edyvean**, **Varcoe**), occupational names (**Angove**, **Tyack**), and nicknames (**Angwyn**, **Annear**). The latter two categories are notably rare.

Such progress as has been made in identifying the origins of Cornish family names is due to G. Pawley White’s *Handbook of Cornish surnames* (second edition 1981) and to O. J. Padel’s painstaking work as a consultant for this dictionary and previously for Hanks and Hodges (1988). Padel’s work (1985) on Cornish place-names has also proved highly valuable, as have works on family names by Deacon and others (2004) and Fox and Padel (2000).

## 9. Family names in the Channel Islands

The Channel Islands consist of a group of islands and islets in the Gulf of Saint Malo. They are organized into two bailiwicks, or territories, which are named after the two largest islands, Jersey and Guernsey. They are not formally part of the United Kingdom,

but are governed by the British monarch under the title of the Duke of Normandy, a relic of the situation prior to 1204, when the islands did indeed form part of the Duchy of Normandy, the rest of which was absorbed by the kingdom of France in that year.

The native everyday language of the islands until the mid-20th century was the Norman dialect of French, referred to in this dictionary as *Channel Islands French*. English speakers began to immigrate in numbers in the later 19th century, and the dialect was progressively lost during the 20th century, the evacuation of children to England during the German occupation (1940–5) being a decisive factor. Very few native speakers now remain, the exact number being disputed but indisputably a very small number—a few hundred elderly people on each main island. The native family names of the islands are, however, all formations in Channel Islands French dialect, which never had a standard form. Some are more characteristic of one bailiwick than the other (**Falla** and **Ferbrache** are typical of Guernsey; **Huart** and **Queere** of Jersey), and some differ dialectally from island to island or even from parish to parish, e.g. **Le Mesurier** (typically in Guernsey) versus **Le Masurier** (typically in Jersey, especially the south-western parishes). The dialectal names are often recorded in a form influenced by standard French, which was the formal administrative language of the islands until relatively recently. Thus, **Le Masurier** represents a partially Frenchified form of what could be rendered *Lé Masuth(i)eux*.

## 10. Huguenot and Walloon family names in Britain and Ireland

Some 500 entries in this dictionary are classified as Huguenot. These are family names of French origin that were brought to England by Protestant refugees in the 16th and 17th centuries. In this section of the introduction, we first discuss the origin and meaning of the term *Huguenot*, then the circumstances that caused the Huguenots to flee to England and elsewhere. We go on to summarize the related phenomenon of emigration from Wallonia (what is now southern Belgium) in the Spanish Netherlands. In some places in England, Huguenots and Protestant Walloons shared the same churches for worship and evidently regarded themselves as part of the same community.

The word *Huguenot* is widely believed to be an altered form of the Swiss German term *Eidgenosse*, meaning ‘confederate’, literally ‘oath fellow’, i.e. a member of a group who had sworn an oath of fellowship. *Eidgenosse* is recorded in German-speaking Switzerland as early as the 14th century, when it was used to denote the leaders of the confederacy that was to become Switzerland (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eidgenossenschaft>). The term *Huguenot* is first recorded (in the form *ayguenot*) in the Registers of the Geneva City Council in 1526. It is sometimes asserted that the spelling beginning with *Hugue-* is a punning reference to Besançon *Hugues* (1487–1532), a citizen of Geneva who was a leader of the rebellion against the House of Savoy in 1525–6, an event that paved the way for Geneva to join the Swiss Confederation. However, like many other hypotheses about the etymology of the term, it is convoluted and not fully convincing: Hugues was scarcely a thoroughgoing Protestant, and in his later years he may even have plotted a

Catholic restoration to the Geneva bishopric. If his name is truly involved, it must be because of his anti-Savoy political activities, not his religious views, and the term must originally have amounted to ‘rebel’. In the course of the 16th century the term came to denote the followers of the radical French theologian Jean Calvin (1509–64), who was based in Geneva.

Calvin was one of several influential Protestant reformers who broke with Rome over theological and moral issues. In 1541 the city council in Geneva invited him to establish a ministry there. Calvinism spread rapidly, especially in southern and central France. It is estimated that by 1562 there were over two million Huguenots. In that year, the first of several massacres of Huguenots took place in the small town of Wassy in central France. This led to a period of communal violence and persecution of Protestants, which continued until 1598. Then, King Henry IV of France, seeking to unify his nation, granted major concessions to Protestants, bringing an end (for a time) to the worst of the strife. This was done in a royal proclamation known as the Edict of Nantes, which, among other things, granted freedom of conscience and civil rights to Protestants. However, hostilities between Catholics and Huguenots continued to simmer, both overtly and beneath the surface. Huguenots in La Rochelle even began to conduct their own foreign policy, in defiance of the king. The Protestants did not endear themselves to their fellow countrymen by their constant insistence on doctrinal righteousness and the evils of the Church of Rome, while innumerable provocations were committed by both sides. In 1661 300 Huguenot families were expelled from La Rochelle; many of them fled to England. Matters came to a head in 1685, when Louis XIV, the ‘Sun King’, revoked the Edict of Nantes. It now became illegal to hold a Protestant religious service anywhere in France and legal to hunt down and kill Protestants and their families if they persisted in a refusal to convert to Roman Catholicism. As a result, hundreds of thousands of French Huguenots fled from their homes, not only to England but also to Protestant realms all over Europe and, in some cases, thence to colonial North America. Other Huguenot families went to the newly independent Netherlands, which had finally shaken off Spanish rule, and from there some of them—Dutch-speaking families bearing French family names such as **Du Plessis** and **De Villiers**—went on to found dynasties in South Africa. Others made their way to Scandinavia or to Protestant principalities in Germany and the Palatinate. The British authorities encouraged Huguenot settlement in Ireland, partly (at least) with a view to offsetting Roman Catholic influence. According to a report published in 1688, three years after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, over 13,000 French refugees had already settled in London, many of them in Spitalfields and adjoining areas of the East End. Among them were skilled weavers from Lyons and Tours, and the area rapidly became a thriving centre of silk weaving. An overview of Huguenot settlements in Britain and Ireland can be found in chapter 2 of Robin Gwynn’s book *Huguenot Heritage*.

A related and slightly earlier source of French family names in England was the migration of Protestant refugees in the 16th and 17th centuries from the region known as Wallonia. In the 16th century, the territory that now comprises the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and some adjacent parts of France and

Germany was ruled by Catholic Spain as ‘a united and indivisible Habsburg dominion’. In 1579 the United Provinces in the northern part of the Spanish Netherlands declared independence, which led to an eighty-year war, culminating in the establishment of the Netherlands as a modern (largely Protestant) state.

Spanish rule was harsh and intolerant. There was no room for freedom of conscience. Nevertheless, Protestantism (at first Lutheran, but subsequently Calvinist) became increasingly widespread, especially among French-speaking inhabitants of Wallonia (the southern part of the region). In 1567 oppression by the Catholic (Spanish) authorities triggered the first wave of migration from Wallonia to England. The refugees built churches in several places, including London, Canterbury, Norwich, and Bristol. There were Walloons (designated as ‘strangers’) in Canterbury at least as early as 1581, and records of the Canterbury Walloon church show that by 1634 it had a congregation of some 900 members. When Huguenot refugees arrived in such places they were able to join an already existing Walloon church. (Walloon family names can rarely be distinguished from other French names; for this, genealogical research is needed.)

The Dutch settlers of New Netherland in North America (especially in the Hudson Valley) included many Huguenot families. The colonial authorities in British North America also encouraged settlement by Huguenots and other Protestant groups, while discouraging Roman Catholics.

Several Huguenot names in Britain and Ireland, for example *Laval* and *Morel*, are duplicates of French polygenetic family names that had already been brought to England from France by the Normans several centuries earlier. Some of these names had persisted in England but others died out between the 12th and 16th centuries and were reintroduced by the Huguenots and Walloons. Others, however, are quite distinct from Norman and other French family names. To a greater or lesser extent, many Huguenot family names in England, such as *Garrick* (from French *garrique* ‘grove of holm oaks’), have undergone a process of anglicization; others, such as *Gautier* (from a personal name, equivalent of English and German *Walter*), retain their original French spelling, while there are those like *Prevost* and *Prevo* that are found in both French and anglicized forms.

The main sources of information about early bearers of Huguenot and Walloon names in England are the records of Huguenot and Walloon churches. Two societies, the Huguenot Society in London and the National Huguenot Society in San Antonio, Texas, collect and disseminate information about Huguenot ancestors.

## 11. Jewish family names in Britain and Ireland<sup>4</sup>

According to the 2011 census, there were in that year 263,346 people in Britain who classified themselves as Jewish. FaNBI records and

<sup>4</sup> This section has benefited from discussions with David Jacobs, Mark Nicholls, and Daniel Morgan Thomas, and a contribution to the *Dictionary of American Family Names* (Hanks 2003a) by Alexander Beider.

explains over 1,000 Jewish family names. Clearly, many Jewish family names in Britain are polygenetic, that is, they originated in several different families independently. In this section of the introduction, we briefly summarize the history of Jews and Judaism in Britain, and then go on to discuss the typology of Jewish family names.

### 11.1 Ashkenazim and Sephardim

Historically, two main groups of English Jews must be recognized: Sephardim, whose ancestral roots lie in the Iberian Peninsula and countries around the Mediterranean from North Africa to Turkey, some of whom have appeared in England at several points from medieval times onwards; and Ashkenazim, most of whom came to Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries from central and eastern Europe.

The word *Sephardim* is from Hebrew *Sepharad*, the name of a country mentioned once in the Bible:

The exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the cities of the south [generally taken as a reference to the Negev desert in modern Israel, though other suggestions have been made]. (Obadiah 1:20)

For some reason, the land of Sepharad was identified in Jewish folklore with Spain.

*Ashkenaz* is the name of a descendant of Noah (Genesis 10:3), but the origin of the modern sense seems to be a reference to the Book of Jeremiah (51:27):

Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her [i.e. Babylon], call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as rough caterpillars.

Oriental Jews, coming mainly from Arabic-speaking countries such as Iraq (notably Baghdad) are sometimes classified separately as Mizrachi, from the Hebrew word *mizrach* ‘east’, although sometimes regarded as a subgroup of Sephardim. Examples of oriental Jewish family names in England are *Habib*, *Haddad*, *Hasson*, *Saatchi*, and *Sassoon*. A few names of Turkish origin were acquired by Jews in the Ottoman Empire: *Aslan* ‘lion’ (also found as a Jewish male given name), *Hanci* ‘innkeeper’, *Karakas* ‘having black eyebrows’, *Kucuk* ‘small’, though names in this category are more typical of Turkish communities, especially Turkish Cypriots.

### 11.2 Jewish languages in Europe

For at least three millennia Jews have written (and spoken for liturgical purposes) their ancient traditional Semitic language, Biblical Hebrew. Modern Hebrew is a 20th-century Israeli reconstruction of this language, adapted to modern conditions. In their diaspora over two millennia, Jews adopted the languages of the communities among whom they lived. Sephardim in Iberia adopted Castilian, Catalan, and Portuguese, creating from Castilian Spanish a recognizably distinct Jewish dialect called *Ladino* or *Judeo-Spanish*. After the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in the late 15th century, this dialect found a later home in the Ottoman Empire and, in modern times, present-day Israel. It has had no official status in any country in medieval or modern times.

Ashkenazim in Germany adopted Middle High German, from which eventually emerged an equally distinct Jewish dialect called *Yiddish*. Yiddish spread throughout those areas of eastern Europe where Jewish populations had migrated, and was locally influenced by the other languages of the region, for example Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Lithuanian, and Hungarian, resulting in a dialectologically rich and complex pattern (Katz 1988). It should be noted that there is little evidence in Britain and Ireland for the rendering of German Jewish names in a transliterated-Yiddish or phonetic fashion, such as can be seen in America in cases like *Vaynberg* for **Weinberg**. Such names are almost always recorded in the bureaucratic Standard German fashion.

### 11.3 History of Jews in England, Scotland, and Ireland

#### 11.3.1 FROM EXPULSION TO EMANCIPATION

Jewish families first came to England shortly after the Norman Conquest. However, in 1290 King Edward I expelled the Jews, and they were not officially allowed to reside in England until 1656. For this and other reasons, medieval Jewry is not strictly relevant to the history of Jewish names in Britain. Nevertheless, a brief historical summary may be of interest and shed some light on the later history of the Jewish community.

William the Conqueror brought Jewish financiers from Rouen to help him collect taxes and run the economy of feudal England. For about 200 years, Jews in England lived in relative peace and prosperity, despite some unusual constraints such as being regarded as the personal property of the king. Throughout this period, successive kings who ran short of money resorted (among other stratagems) to taxing Jews arbitrarily. There is evidence in this period of Jewish urban communities with their own rabbis, courts, and educational system. The chief rabbi, based in London, was designated as a ‘presbyter’ and in this office served not only as a spiritual guide within his own community but also from time to time as an adviser to the king.

Many English Jews in those days and subsequently were financiers on a large or small scale (i.e. moneylenders), for the simple reason that Christians were strictly forbidden by the Church to lend money for interest, which was regarded as sinful. This did not stop Christians borrowing money from Jews, however, nor did it stop them becoming resentful over being required to pay back with interest the money that they had borrowed. Resentment in turn led to racial intolerance and fantasies and rumours about Jews and Jewish practices. A classic example is the lurid and implausible horror story told in *The Canterbury Tales* by the prioress, a story that had been in circulation in various forms for over a hundred years by the time Chaucer got hold of it. Little High of Lincoln, a nine-year-old boy, was rumoured to have been murdered by Jews and his body thrown down a well. This was only one of many ‘blood libels’, lurid fictions blaming Jews for all sorts of gruesome (and fictitious) deeds. These ‘blood libels’ have always been hard to prove false, partly because negative evidence is always hard to find and partly because anti-Semites throughout the ages have always been willing to believe them regardless of the absence of any credible evidence.

Ignorance and persecution continued to rise, while successive kings imposed arbitrary and (often) financially crippling taxes on Jews. The intercommunal situation continued to deteriorate until, in 1275, King Edward I issued the ‘Statute of the Jewry’, banning the practice of usury altogether. In the words of Joseph Jacobs (1906: 166), former president of the Jewish Historical Society, ‘By depriving the Jews of a resort to usury, Edward was practically preventing them from earning a living at all’. Moneylending continued unabated *sub rosa* until, in a further piece of self-destructive legislation, Edward had the Jews expelled from England in 1290. It is estimated that between 4,000 and 16,000 Jews were expelled. They went to countries such as Poland, where the rights of Jews were protected by law, and to various cities of central Europe where Jewish communities were already established.

In the middle of the 17th century, a small delegation of Sephardic Jews, including Rabbi Menasseh ben Israel (1604–57), came to London from Amsterdam and, with the support of some Puritan parliamentarians and clergymen, petitioned Parliament for the repeal of Edward I’s expulsion order. The plea was successful and in 1656 Jews were once again officially allowed to reside in England, although in fact a small number of Jewish families were probably already living there unofficially under the guise of Spanish or Dutch nationality.

Among the first families to take advantage of the new situation in Britain were a number of Marranos (Jews from Portugal and Spain who had suffered from the attentions of the Inquisition and been forcibly converted to Christianity), who brought their family names with them. Sephardim, unlike the Ashkenazim of further north (central and eastern Europe), were already using hereditary family names, like non-Jews in the relevant countries.

Jews had been expelled from Spain in 1492, while others were forcibly converted to Christianity and allowed to stay; many of these families continued to observe Jewish rites secretly. Many fled from their homes in mainland Spain to North Africa, the Ottoman Empire, and elsewhere. Others went to Spanish and Portuguese offshore territories, including Madeira, in the hope of escaping the notice of the Inquisition. Many Jewish families went to Portugal, where they enjoyed a brief respite before being officially classed as slaves and having their wealth appropriated by the Catholic authorities. Despite this, many of these families stayed in Portugal, no doubt because they had nowhere else to go or no means of getting there. This explains why many Sephardic families in Britain bear Portuguese names such as **Carvalho**, **Da Costa**, **Da Silva**, and **Peixoto**. The Marranos were among the earliest members of the Jewish diaspora communities to adopt hereditary family names, often taking the name of the city or village from which they had come, for example **Belmonte**, **Fonseca**, and **Mendoza**. Others bore traditional Jewish patronymic family names, sometimes anglicized, for example **Isaacs** and **Israel**.

In 17th-century London the immigrant Marranos established a highly successful community of bankers and merchants, which continued to thrive into the 18th century and beyond, paving the way for the successful integration into 19th-century English society of Ashkenazic bankers and businessmen. The Bevis Marks Synagogue in the City of London, an important repository of Jewish historical records, was built in 1702. Sephardic Jews also



came to other cities in England in the 17th and 18th centuries, while it is at about this time, too, that the earliest reliable records are found of Jewish families in Scotland.

In Ireland, Jewish families are first recorded in 1496, when a group of Marrano exiles settled on the south coast. A descendant of one of them, William Annyas, was elected as mayor of Youghal in County Cork in 1555, and his son Francis succeeded him, being elected three times, in 1569, 1576, and 1581. Ireland's first synagogue was founded in 1660, near Dublin Castle. In 1746 a bill was introduced in the Irish House of Commons 'for naturalizing persons professing the Jewish religion in Ireland'.

Ashkenazic immigrants to Britain from central Europe started arriving in significant numbers somewhat later. Jewish families in central Europe experienced extremes of wealth and poverty, success and deprivation. Some of them came to England to pursue their business interests; many others came as impoverished refugees. Some exceptionally rich and gifted Jewish individuals came to England from central Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries. Among them was Nathan Mayer **Rothschild** (1777–1836), one of five sons of Meyer Amschel Rothschild (1744–1812), a Jewish banker and businessman in Frankfurt am Main. The five Rothschild sons established an international banking empire with centres in Frankfurt, Paris, London, Vienna, and Naples. Jews played an important part not only in the financial and business world but also in the political life of Britain from the 18th century, but they were discriminated against. Nathan's son Lionel was the first Jew elected to Parliament; he won an election in 1847. However, he was not able to attend Parliament as an elected member until 1858, when after much debate in the House of Lords and after winning two further elections for the same seat (the City of London), he was finally allowed to take his seat, substituting in his oath of office the phrase 'so help me Jehovah' for words that required MPs to swear an oath 'upon the true faith of a Christian'. A few years earlier, in 1835, David **Salomons** (1797–1873), the son of a rich Jewish businessman, had been elected as Sheriff of the City of London. Like Lionel de Rothschild, Salomons had to wage a battle against the specifically Christian wording of the oath of office, but in his case the wording was changed within a year and he was able to take up his post. Subsequently Salomons was elected as an alderman of the City of London and a similar battle over the oath of office ensued, which he likewise eventually won. In 1851 he stood for Parliament and was elected MP for Greenwich, but, like Rothschild, he was not able to take his seat until 1858. (In 1855, while his status as an MP was being disputed, he was elected Lord Mayor of London.)

Other influential British Jews of this period include the wealthy banker and philanthropist Sir Moses Haim **Montefiore** (1784–1885), who was of Italian origin. His nephew Joseph Sebag-Montefiore (1822–1903) established an important dynasty in England. At the top end of the social scale, then, the history of Judaism in Britain in the 19th century is one of a battle for emancipation, ultimately successful, resulting in integration of at least the rich and powerful Jewish families into the upper echelons of British society.

During the famine years in Ireland, between 1840 and 1852, rich British Jewish families such as the Rothschilds contributed with notable generosity to famine-relief schemes, while many rich landowners in the Protestant ascendancy failed to do so. Daniel

O'Connell commented in 1846: 'Ireland . . . is the only country that I know of unsullied by any one act of persecution of the Jews.'

### 11.3.2 JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

The Jewish population of Britain and Ireland was greatly increased during the 19th century by large numbers of Ashkenazic refugees from central and eastern Europe, many of them fleeing from anti-Semitic persecution. It is these immigrants and their descendants whose names constitute the majority of the Jewish surnames in this dictionary.

In 1787 the Austrian emperor Joseph II had issued a decree requiring Jews to adopt family names of German etymology, replacing (or rather, in addition to) the patronymic and metronymic system that was in use in Jewish communities prior to that date. Prussia did the same shortly afterwards. Other German states and principalities passed similar laws during the first half of the 19th century. A French law of 1808 required all subjects of the French empire west of the Rhine to register a surname. In the 19th century, family names were imposed on Jewish families in the Russian Empire and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

Jewish immigration from central and eastern Europe continued, increasing steadily until the First World War. By a cruel irony, the family names that had been imposed on an often reluctant Jewish populace in German-speaking states in the 19th century led to mob violence against Jewish shopkeepers in London and elsewhere, due to the ignorant suspicion that anyone with a German-sounding surname must be an enemy alien. Equally ironic is the fact that during the Second World War refugees from Nazi persecution in Germany who had managed to get to England were interned as 'enemy aliens'. Overcoming innumerable bureaucratic and other obstacles, many thousands of European Jews made it to a new life in the British Isles.

## 11.4 Typology of Jewish family names

### 11.4.1 JEWISH RELATIONSHIP NAMES

Many Jewish family names, both Ashkenazic and Sephardic, are derived from the given names of Biblical personages. The picture in countries such as England is slightly confused because such names were also adopted among certain groups of Gentiles, especially Puritans and other Low-Church Christians, who wanted to share the distinction of being God's chosen people. An example is the typically Welsh use of certain Old Testament names (see section 7). As a result, several clusters of personal names in Yiddish, English, and other European languages, not to mention Arabic and other oriental languages, are based on Biblical personal names such as *Abraham* and his successors *Isaac* and *Jacob* (the latter also being known as *Israel*).

Equally important as sources of Jewish family names are later Biblical figures such as Joseph, Moses, David, and Solomon. *Moses* was exceptionally common as a personal name, given the role of the historical Moses in the founding of the Jewish kingdom, with forms ranging from Yiddish *Moishe* to Arabic *Musa*. Ashkenazic families coming to Britain sometimes kept

**Moses**, but more often they adopted as an equivalent any of a variety of existing English family names beginning with *M*-, including **Morris** and **Montague**.

The Biblical stories of King David and his son Solomon captured the imagination of generations of Jews and Gentiles (including Muslims) in Britain, Europe, the Middle East, and further afield. In all of these regions, derivatives of *David* and *Solomon* are found as both given names and family names. In central and eastern Europe *David* is regarded as a characteristically Jewish given name, but in Britain it is equally non-Jewish, not least because of the influence of Welsh saints and Scottish kings who bore the name *David*. The well-established British Gentile family names **Davis** and **Davidson** are also found in Britain as Jewish names; they were sometimes adopted for eastern European equivalents such as *Davidoff*.

In the Jewish European communities of the 18th and 19th centuries, when surnames were made compulsory, many personal names came to be used as family names. These personal names were of both Hebrew and Yiddish origin. **Lieberman** and **Lipman** are typically Yiddish family names derived from a male personal name, widespread in the Yiddish communities of central Europe, with the meaning ‘dear man’; *Lieberman* has a masculine adjective inflection, *Lipman* does not. Other such names deriving from male given names or nicknames include **Grossman** ‘big man’ and *Gutfreund* ‘good friend’.

Judaism is in large part a matriarchal society, with the result that many Jewish family names have a metronymic origin. **Balcon** and **Balkin**, for example, are Ashkenazic family names from a pet form of the Yiddish word *beyle* ‘beautiful’, which was widely used in Jewish communities as a female given name. **Kalman** (2) and **Rivlin** belong here too.

Until the end of the 18th century, most Ashkenazic Jews did not have hereditary family names. In Hebrew documents, individuals were generally known by a given name and that of their father: *X ben Y* ‘X, son of Y’ or *X bat Y* ‘X, daughter of Y’. This pattern was not uniquely Ashkenazic: for more than 2,000 years, it was traditional for Jews of all origins. In German documents, the usual pattern was *X Y*, meaning ‘X, son of Y’; examples are **Simon Abraham** ‘Simon, the son of Abraham’, **Marcus Nathan**, and **Moses Israel**.

In Christian sources, Jews living in Poland were generally referred to either by their given name or by their given name plus a patronymic formed by adding the Polish suffix *-owicz* (germanized as *-owitz*) to the given name or status of the father (e.g. *Lewkowicz* ‘son of Lev or Levi’, *Rabinowitz* ‘son of the rabbi’).

#### 11.4.2 JEWISH LOCATIVE NAMES

From the Middle Ages to the Holocaust, despite frequent outbursts of ignorance and racial hatred, massacres, expulsions, and pogroms, Jewish communities were able to establish themselves throughout central Europe. Jewish communities in places like Heilbronn, Maribor, and Speyer gave rise to family names such as **Halpern**, **Morpurgo**, and **Spier/Shapiro**. Those found in Britain include also **Berlin** (which may have alternative origins), **Ginsberg**, and **Horowitz**. Jewish locative family names also included the suffixal type exemplified by **Bamberger**, **Hamburger**,

**Oppenheimer**, and **Posner**. Apparent members of this locative class, such as **Blumberg**, **Friedland**, and **Sternberg**, all of which exist as place-names in Germany, in some cases as the names of several different places, may sometimes really be ornamental names (see section 11.4.3). It is, however, invidious to single out particular Jewish settlements. Almost every major city in Europe had its Jewish quarter. Some, for example the Jewish quarter in Prague, were extremely prosperous and cultured. Other Jewish families came from less wealthy ghettos in German- and Polish-speaking cities or from *shtetlech* (singular *shtetl*), which were small provincial market towns with a predominantly Jewish population. People from the ghettos sometimes adopted as a family name the name of the city in which the ghetto was found, and a *shtetl* too would occasionally yield a family name (examples are **Rudin**, **Modlin**, and **Karlin**). However, for the most part locative family names of this type bypassed Britain and Ireland and went straight to the United States, where they are found in large numbers. Many of these Eastern Ashkenazic family names have been collected in Alexander Beider’s great *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire* and its companion volume, *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*.

Another important category of Jewish locative family names is typical of Frankfurt am Main and western German cities in general. This consists of family names derived from house signs: **Haas** ‘hare’, **Rothschild** ‘red shield’, **Schiff** ‘ship’, and **Strauss** ‘ostrich’. Not all of these are exclusively or even typically Jewish, however.

Jewish family names ending in *-ski* are normally locative, of eastern Slavic etymology, for the most part originally Polish. The *-ski* ending was added to a place-name to form a locative family name. Its function was very similar to that of the French preposition *de*. The oldest Polish *-ski* names typically denoted aristocratic status (rather like *de* + place-name in France and England), but the suffix came to be more widely used. When Jewish surnames in Poland became compulsory, many people adopted locative family names ending in *-ski*, such as **Gorski**, **Baranowski**, and **Jablonski**, and also created relationship names of similar structure, such as *Abramowski* and *Jakubowski*. However, in the UK *-ski* names are now more in evidence due to late 20th- and early 21st-century Polish immigration.

#### 11.4.3 ORNAMENTAL NAMES, HANDOUT NAMES, AND OTHER KINDS OF NICKNAME

A 19th-century Jewish joke tells of a husband coming home from the registry office and saying to his wife, ‘Well, my dear, we have a new surname—Schweiss.’ ‘Schweiss?’ she exclaims. ‘We don’t want a horrible name like *Schweiss*! Why didn’t you pay a little bribe to the registrar to get us a nice name?’ ‘Ha! A bribe!’ responds the husband. ‘You don’t know what it’s like up there. Why, the w alone cost me 500 florins.’ To get the joke, you have to know that in German *Schweiss* means ‘sweat’ but *Scheiss(e)* means ‘shit’.

Such is the persistent legend about the compulsory imposition of family names in 19th-century Europe. In reality, however, imposition of family names with offensive overtones seems to have been rare—or at any rate, rarely documented. No such names with offensive overtones have reached the Jewish communities of

Britain and Ireland. It is far more common to find offensive nicknames in the medieval Christian communities of central Europe. By contrast, the most numerous category of Ashkenazic family names of nickname origin embodies words taken from the German lexicon that were not necessarily related to the personal characteristics of their first bearers but were selected because they had either neutral or positive connotations. Such names may have been handed out arbitrarily by officials rather than chosen for any perceived appropriateness. Equally, they could have been selected by the bearers themselves as ornamental coinages and registered without objection. Among these are words denoting flora and fauna, metals and stones, natural phenomena, food and household utensils, words associated with the calendar (days of the week, months), and coins. Various terms have been used in onomastic studies to designate these names: *arbitrary*, *ornamental*, *handout*, and *artificial*. The first is a poor term, since even if no relationship exists between a name and the characteristics of its bearer, the name is unlikely to have been the result of a completely random decision; we may assume that some motivation normally prompted its adoption. The second term, *ornamental*, is better. Indeed, many names of this group are distinguished by words that have positive associations. However, it must be admitted that is not always the case. In some names, the meaning is at best neutral (see further below), and occasionally unflattering (*Ochsenkopf* ‘ox-head’ is on record, though not in Britain, but in any case there is no more reason to regard this as truly offensive than Gentile English names such as **Bulled** and **Sheepshanks**). Where the name is known with certainty or near certainty to have been bestowed by officialdom, *handout* is appropriate. *Artificial* usefully points to the occasional unstructured putting together of two words specifically to form a surname, perhaps just because of their separate positive associations (as in the case of *Goldwasser*, anglicized as **Goldwater**), though this appears rare; names that might belong here, such as **Feingold** ‘fine gold’ and *Gluckstein* ‘fortune stone’, can be readily understood as, or as if, true compounds. Examples of ornamental or handout names in this dictionary, sometimes anglicized, include names on a scale of desirability running from **Goldblatt** ‘gold leaf’ to the equivocal **Sackwild**, which apparently means either ‘game bird’ or ‘venison in a bag’.

Other Jewish examples that are normally ornamental or handout names denote features of the landscape, for example **Berg** ‘mountain’ and **Feld** ‘field’, or precious things, such as **Gold** and **Stein** ‘(precious) stone’, and compounds including these elements, such as **Goldstein** ‘gold stone’ and **Sternberg** ‘star hill’, some of which duplicate actual place-names or are formed in such a way as to suggest place-names. As Jewish names, these can only rarely denote people who actually lived by a mountain or field, because European Jewish people at the time of surname registration were typically urban.

As well as using landscape terms, Ashkenazic family names derived from nicknames typically fall into one of the following categories (with examples from German or Yiddish):

- terms denoting precious metals and gems, e.g. **Gold** ‘gold’, **Silber** ‘silver’; some of these nicknames may refer to the bearer’s occupation;
- adjectives denoting beauty, e.g. **Fein** ‘fine, excellent’, **Schön** ‘beautiful’;
- terms denoting personal characteristics, e.g. **Klein** ‘small’, **Reich** ‘rich’, **Ernst** ‘serious’;
- adjectives denoting colours, e.g. **Braun (Bron)** ‘brown’, **Roth** ‘red’, **Schwarz** ‘black’, **Weiss** ‘white’;
- terms for fruit and flowers, e.g. **Apfel** ‘apple’, **Blum** ‘flower’, **Mandel** ‘almond’; or the trees producing them, e.g. *Mandelbaum*;
- terms for food products, e.g. **Korn** ‘grain’, **Zucker** ‘sugar’, **Salz** ‘salt’;
- words relating to the heavens, e.g. *Himmel* ‘heaven, sky’, **Stern** ‘star’;
- words for minerals, e.g. *Eisen* ‘iron’, *Kupfer* ‘copper’.

Some Jewish descriptive names are formed in Polish, for example *Kania* ‘kite’, *Maślanka* ‘buttermilk’, and *Rogala* ‘roe deer’ or ‘croissant’. All these names may also be non-Jewish.

#### 11.4.4 JEWISH OCCUPATIONAL NAMES

Occupational names adopted by Jews in northern Europe are by and large indistinguishable from those used by German speakers, for example **Metzger** ‘butcher’, **Schneider** ‘tailor’, and **Schreiber** ‘scribe’.

#### 11.4.5 JEWISH RELIGIOUS STATUS NAMES

In Hebrew sources from all European countries we often find additional names that indicate either descent from the Jewish priestly caste (Kohanim) or Levite origin. Among the expressions that label the Kohanim (that is, the descendants of the Biblical Aaron, brother of Moses), most common are *ha-Kohen* and the acronym *KTz*, which is an abbreviation for *Kohen Tzedeq* ‘priest of righteousness’.

Levite origin (corresponding to descendants of the Biblical Levi, one of Jacob’s sons) is conveyed by such Hebrew expressions as *ha-Levi* (Levite) as well as the acronym *SGL*, the abbreviation of *SeGan Leviya* ‘associate of the Levitic order’. When Jews were obliged to adopt surnames, these origins were bases for the very common surnames **Kohn (Cohen)**, **Kahn**, **Kogan**, and **Kagan** (the two last forms are typically Russian, since that language has no /h/ and no symbol for it, and regularly replaces it with the letter *g*). Levite origin is often expressed by the names **Levi**, **Levy**, **Loewy**, **Lev**, and **Levine**; the latter two are typical of the Russian Empire. The abbreviations *KTz* and *SGL* gave rise to the common surnames **Katz** and **Segal** respectively. **Richter**, German for ‘judge’, is found in the sense ‘rabbinic judge’.

### 11.5 Jewish names in eastern Europe and beyond the sphere of German influence

In the areas that were annexed by the Russian Empire when independent Poland was dismembered between 1772 and 1795—roughly corresponding to modern Belarus, most of Ukraine, and Lithuania—the situation was different. In that region, also called the Pale of Settlement, the law requiring Jews to acquire family names was promulgated in 1804. During the four following

decades, all Jews received surnames, either chosen voluntarily or imposed by religious or secular authorities. The authorities of the Jewish community (Kahal) were responsible for implementing the surnaming process in Russia, so Russian Jews assumed family names within their own communities. Since there were no regulations concerning the selection of surnames, it seems quite possible that many surnames were chosen by those who bore them. There are many examples, however, in which this appears not to be the case. Instead there was an obvious methodology for constructing a series of surnames. For instance, in several districts of eastern Belarus about a third of the surnames were metonymics ending in the suffix *-in*. In northern Ukraine about half of all Jewish inhabitants had surnames that ended in *-man*. Most likely, these names were invented by the Kahal authorities, who used the same patterns in order to create many names during a short period.

The adoption of surnames within a Jewish community reflected linguistic differences. Numerous appellations were created in Yiddish, the language spoken by Jews within the Pale of Settlement. There were important regional peculiarities, but there was no single region in which standard Yiddish, the Yiddish of dictionaries and vocabularies, was spoken. The two principal dialects of Yiddish used by Jews in the Russian Empire were South-Eastern Yiddish (SEY, also called Ukrainian Yiddish) and North-Eastern Yiddish (NEY, also called Lithuanian Yiddish). Variation in pronunciation and spelling represented differences between the dialects. To /u/, /o/, and /ey/ of NEY corresponded /i/, /u/, and /oy/ in SEY, respectively. Thus, the surnames *Kuperman*, *Nodel*, and *Reytmán* could be found in NEY territory, while *Kiperman*, *Nudel*, and *Roytmán* were from the SEY region; these can be compared with the German *Kupfermann*, *Nadel*, and *Rotmann*. The territories in which these differences are found are difficult to specify precisely, especially since the Holocaust, but in reference to these vowel alternations the area where the NEY vowels were used corresponds roughly to Lithuania and Belarus, while the SEY vowels were found in Ukraine and Bessarabia (now Moldova). Few such typically eastern Yiddish forms appear in Britain, but they are frequent in America.

Hebrew was also used to create surnames, though not so frequently as German/Yiddish or Polish; compare, for instance, German *Schneider*, *Kravitz* from Polish *krawiec* (frequent in America), and the less familiar Hebrew-derived *Chait* or *Chiat*, all meaning ‘tailor’. As noted above, religious offices have given rise to such Hebrew names as *Cohen* (and its German- or Polish-mediated equivalent *Kaplan*), *Kantor*, and *Rabin* (2).

## 11.6 Jewish names in Italy

Jews from Italy are of varied ancestry. Those from the northern part of the country mainly descended from Ashkenazic Jews who migrated to that area in the 13th century. Several common Italian Jewish names, such as *Ottolenghi* ‘from the town of Ettlingen’, allude to this origin, as does the name *Tedesco* ‘German’. Many Sephardic Jews came to Italy during the 15th and 16th centuries, directly or indirectly, from Spain. Finally, a group of local Jews had their roots in the Italian Peninsula from time immemorial. They

may have come directly from Palestine during the earliest stages of the diaspora, and just stayed. The time eventually came when they, too, were obliged to take hereditary family names. Generally, they took locative surnames based on the names of the places where they lived. Accordingly, numerous names of Italian Jews are toponymic and not readily distinguishable from those of people of Italian ancestry: *Montefiore* (which we have already mentioned), *Ascoli*, and *Volterra*.

## 11.7 Israeli Jewish names

Almost all Jewish names in Britain and Ireland are of the traditional European types discussed so far. In Israel, however, some new patterns have emerged. Israeli Jews have not only standard Ashkenazic and Sephardic names but have also often created names in their country of origin during the 20th century. All these names are Hebrew, but few are in evidence through Jewish migration since the foundation of Israel. A few, such as *Baruch*, *David*, and *Ovadia* were given names already in use among the Ashkenazim or the Sephardim; others are truly novel, from a Western perspective. Several categories of new names are patronymic. The first category coincides with, or overlaps, that of traditional given names: *Yaakov*, *Yosef*. The second is constructed after the traditional patronymic pattern *Ben (son of) X*; examples are *Ben Abraham*, *Ben David*, *Ben Simon*. The third involves adding the Hebrew possessive suffix *-i* to a masculine given name: for example, *Aharoni*, *Shimoni*, *Yitz(c)haki*. Numerous other names are artificial, often obtained by taking words (common nouns, adjectives, place-names, personal names) from the Bible. *Sharon* is among the few examples occurring in significant numbers in Britain. These new names replaced previous names assigned in the diaspora. In some cases, the old European names were Hebraized, replaced either with a Hebrew name that sounded like the old name or with the direct Hebrew translation of the old name.

## 12. Family names of recent immigrants in Britain and Ireland

As already mentioned, in this dictionary we distinguish between established names, which are well evidenced in the 1881 census, and recent immigrant names, which were not present in 1881 or were present only in very small numbers. Most of the recent immigrant names in this dictionary have only had a significant frequency in Britain since 1945.

It might be said that all the inhabitants of Britain are descendants of immigrants with the exception of the relatively few whose ancestors were the aboriginal Brittonic-speaking peoples (Welsh, Cornish, and Pictish), who constitute only a comparatively small percentage of the present-day population. The ethnography of Ireland is a different matter; the majority of the population outside Ulster could probably trace descent from Gaelic-speaking people who were already in Ireland early in the first millennium; see section 5. Taking this long view, the first questions that remain for the student of family names—unanswerable ones in many cases—are: when did the relevant group of ancestors arrive in Britain,

and where did they come from? Were they Anglo-Saxons in the 5th and 6th centuries, coming in from what is now Denmark and north-west Germany, taking advantage of the collapse of the imperial Roman administration that had prevailed in Britain for some 400 years until the traditionally acknowledged date of AD 410? Or were they Scandinavians (including Vikings), who arrived in the 8th to 10th centuries? Or were they perhaps descendants of the Norman and Breton courtiers and followers of William the Conqueror, whose family names, such as **Blunt**, **Daubney**, **Neville**, and **Jeckell**, still carry a certain prestige among their bearers if they know them to be Norman (or of later Continental courtiers of kings from William II to Henry III, such as **Vallance**, **Spencer**, **Peto**)? Since 1066, through nearly ten centuries during which family names first became established and then underwent many vicissitudes, there has been a steady trickle, rising occasionally to a cascade, of immigrants from various other parts of the world, bringing their family names with them, or names that have been appropriated as inherited family names. There was a regular and steady exchange of population between Britain and the Low Countries (what are now the Netherlands and Belgium), ranging in social status from the many medieval families of Flemish weavers (**Clutterbuck**, **Dipper**, **Gorick**) and others, somewhat later, who were apparently water engineers (e.g. **Vamplew**), to the high-powered administrators who accompanied the Dutch stadtholder William of Orange, who in 1688 was invited to share the monarchy of England, as King William III, with his English wife Mary II. William brought with him from the Netherlands a small group of supporters and advisers bearing Dutch names such as **Bentinck** and **Keppel**, which, in the course of time, duly became established as English family names.

For hundreds of years, migration from one part of Europe to another was not particularly unusual, occurring sometimes for economic or cultural reasons, sometimes to escape persecution. Usually the numbers of migrants were quite small. In early modern times, some men of Iberian extraction who founded families in England are recorded in Tudor documents, including people of Portuguese ultimate origin, arriving via what became British India (see **Nunes** (2), **Lopes**). Others came to work in developing industries from countries where particular expertise existed, such as miners and metalworkers from Germany (e.g. **Carlson**, **Senogles**). Victorian England experienced some immigration from Scandinavia and much more from eastern Europe. It is only in the last few decades that it has become fashionable or politically expedient for governments to try, with more or less limited success, to impose controls on immigration. Earlier sections of this introduction have singled out as separate topics the history in Britain of French Huguenot and Jewish family names, representing major immigrant groups of different periods, the former from the late 16th century onwards, the latter mainly from the late 19th and again in the 20th century.

Since the end of the Second World War, immigration to Britain has increased substantially from all over the world, especially from countries that were formerly part of the British Empire and, more recently, from continental Europe. As a result, we now live in a multicultural, multi-ethnic society, as illustrated by figures from the 2011 census on the main languages of UK residents. For

example, approximately 546,000 people identified their main language as Polish; 322,000 as Cantonese or some other form of Chinese; 273,000 as Punjabi; 190,000 as Yoruba; 159,000 as Arabic; 147,000 as French; and 99,000 as Turkish. FaNBI has done its best to take account of such facts, while not forgetting that the primary function of this work is to explain the established names of Britain and Ireland.

### 13. Chinese family names in Britain<sup>5</sup>

Chinese immigration into the UK began in the early 1800s, and this originally very small population increased slowly but steadily until the mid-20th century: 1,200 persons of Chinese origin were counted in the census of 1921, mainly in port cities such as London and Liverpool, and 12,523 in 1951. This was the prelude to exponential growth in the latter part of the century, with numbers reaching 154,363 in 1981, the year in which UK legislation deprived citizens of the British overseas territory of Hong Kong of the automatic right of abode in the UK. The increase was driven firstly by emigration from the New Territories of Hong Kong and augmented latterly also by emigration of Chinese residents from the territories of the future Malaysia and Singapore, themselves formerly part of the British Empire.

Just over 300 family names in Britain today are borne by many individual people of Chinese origin (in the broadest sense). There are almost no surnames in common use in China today that did not give rise to a British family name, partly due to the small number of frequent family names in China itself and the large number of immigrants. Most of them are from southern China, particularly from the Cantonese- and Hakka-speaking regions (e.g. the present-day Guangdong province and especially Hong Kong, hence the importance of Cantonese forms), but some come from other regions, e.g. Putonghua- (Mandarin-)speaking northern and south-western China, and the Min-dialect-speaking regions of south-eastern China and Taiwan. Some family names arrived with immigrants from Malaysia and Singapore, and other regions of the Chinese diaspora.

#### 13.1 A brief history of Chinese surnames

It used to be claimed that the surname system was created by Fu Xi (a legendary emperor from before the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), according to early history books), but this claim is never substantiated. Now it is believed, on the basis of archaeological findings, that surnames existed before the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). For example, as revealed by the records from oracle bone scripts and bronze inscriptions, at least eight major surnames, known as the ‘Eight Great Surnames of Antiquity’, existed at that time.

Prior to the Warring States period (475–221 BC), hereditary family names were borne only by aristocratic families. Ordinary people did not have family names. There were two types of family names in use during these early periods, known as *xing* (姓), or ‘clan names’, and *shi* (氏), or ‘lineage names’. *Xing* were names of

<sup>5</sup> This section is based on a contribution by Horace Chen.

Table of Chinese dynasties

三皇時代 Period of the Three Sovereigns (unverified)	伏羲 Fu Xi	about 2852–2697 BC
	女媧 Nüwa	
	神農 Shen Nong	
五帝時代 Period of the Five Legendary Rulers (unverified)	黃帝 Huang Di (Yellow Emperor)	about 2697–2184 BC
	顓頊 Zhuan Xu	
	帝嚳 Di Ku (Emperor Ku)	
	堯 Yao (Emperor Yao)	
	舜 Shun (Emperor Shun)	
夏 Xia dynasty		2070–1600 BC
商 Shang dynasty		1600–1046 BC
西周 Western Zhou dynasty		1046–771 BC
東周 Eastern Zhou dynasty 770–256 BC	春秋 Spring and Autumn period	770–476 BC
	戰國 Warring States period	475–221 BC
秦 Qin dynasty		221–206 BC
漢 Han dynasty 206 BC–AD 220	西漢 Western Han	206 BC–AD 25
	東漢 Eastern Han	AD 25–220
三國 Three Kingdoms period		AD 220–80
晉 Jin dynasty AD 265–420	西晉 Western Jin	AD 265–317
	東晉 Eastern Jin	AD 317–420
南北朝 Southern and Northern dynasties AD 386 (or 420)–589	南朝 Southern dynasties	宋 Song AD 420–79
		齊 Qi AD 479–502
		梁 Liang AD 502–57
		陳 Chen AD 557–89
	北朝 Northern dynasties	北魏 Northern Wei AD 386–534
		東魏 Eastern Wei AD 534–50
		北齊 Northern Qi AD 550–77
		西魏 Western Wei AD 535–56
		北周 Northern Zhou AD 557–81
隋 Sui dynasty		AD 581–618
唐 Tang dynasty		AD 618–907
五代十國 Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms AD 907–79	五代 Five Dynasties	AD 907–60
	十國 Ten Kingdoms	AD 902–79
宋 Song dynasty AD 960–1279	北宋 Northern Song	AD 960–1127
	南宋 Southern Song	AD 1127–1279
遼 Liao dynasty (Qidan, or Khitan)		AD 907–1125
金 Jin dynasty (Nüzhenm or Jurchen)		AD 1115–1234
西夏 Xixia dynasty (Dangxiang, or Tangut)		AD 1038–1227
元 Yuan dynasty (Menggu, or Mongol)		AD 1206–1368
明 Ming dynasty		AD 1368–1644
清 Qing dynasty (Manzhou, or Manchu)		AD 1616–1911

noble clans and are believed to have originated from matriarchal societies in prehistoric times; perhaps they once represented maternal lineages. By contrast, shi emerged in the later patriarchal societies and were used to identify different branches of clans; bearing a shi gradually became a symbol of prestige. Up to the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), xing were used only to address females, while shi were used for males.

Later, shi became more predominant than xing. The number of shi rose significantly during the Western Zhou dynasty and the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). Most present-day Chinese surnames trace their origin back to these periods, when Chinese society was feudal. The king or emperor governed all the lands in the country, but at the same time he granted royal-family members and favoured officials various landholdings or fiefdoms, some of which later became different states in their own right. In many cases, the inhabitants of these fiefdoms adopted the names of their feudal territory as a symbol of their lineage, and this contributed to the remarkable increase of shi in these periods.

Constant wars between different states in ancient China eventually led to the demise of the noble clans. At the start of the Spring and Autumn period, there were about 170 states. Gradually, smaller states came to be annexed by more powerful states. By the end of the Warring States period, only seven major states remained. Eventually, the state of Qin, led by the emperor Qin Shi Huang (259–210 BC), annihilated the other six states and united the nation in 221 BC. After that, surnames were gradually acquired by all classes. The distinction between xing and shi became less clear, and the two terms were eventually fused into a compound word with the general meaning ‘family name’.

### 13.2 Typology of Chinese family names

When compared with the five commonly recognized types of European family names (relationship names, occupational names, status names, locative names, nicknames), Chinese surnames can be grouped into similar recognizable types, with some important differences:

- Relationship names: often from the given name, style name (a name bestowed upon a person on reaching adulthood, in addition to their given name, traditional in a number of East Asian countries), or posthumous title of a historical official or important person. In contrast to European relationship names (notably patronymics), which can commemorate an ancestor of any social level, Chinese relationship names seem to commemorate only important people, particularly members of royal families and higher officials.
- Occupational names: as in Europe, some Chinese family names originated from people’s occupations or official posts. For instance, the surname *Szeto* (司徒) was the title of an official post in charge of national security and military affairs. *Bu* (卜) ‘divination’ named astrologers or fortune tellers who performed divination.
- Status names: a small number of Chinese family names come from the original bearer’s status (as distinct from his occupation). The most notable example is *Wang* (王),

meaning ‘royal’, which was used in memory of the royal status of the bearer’s ancestors. Others derive from the rank or noble title of a bearer’s ancestors, such as *Hou* (‘marquis’).

- Locative names: Chinese family names of this type can be derived from buildings, rivers, or postal stations near the residence of the bearer’s ancestors, or from villages, towns, fiefs, or states. Most Chinese locative names derive from larger political units such as fiefs and estates. Some were adopted to commemorate the name of an ancient state—in some cases a state that had been invaded and destroyed by a more powerful state, so only the family name survives as a record of the state that once existed. Other locative names were from the name of a fief granted to an important official, whose descendants inherited the name of the fief as a family name. This was a rather common practice, particularly during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) and the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).
- Nicknames: there are no Chinese family names that can properly be classified as being derived from nicknames, but educated Chinese adults in ancient China had, in addition to their given name, what is commonly referred to as a style name (an additional name bestowed on an individual on reaching adulthood), which was a major source of Chinese family names.
- Family names were sometimes also created or acquired in ways other than those mentioned above. Some family names were adopted as a replacement of a previous name. There were many reasons for this. Sometimes a family name had to be changed because it happened to be part of the given name or the title of a new emperor; it was taboo in ancient China to bear a name that was identical to any part of the emperor’s name, so any family unfortunate enough to bear such a name had to adopt a new one. Other people would have a new family name bestowed on them by the emperor as a mark of favour, in recognition of services rendered, or in some cases as a punishment. As in many other cultures, some people changed their family name to escape from a feud or from persecution. Other family names emerged in variant forms through mispronunciation, mistranscription, or simplification.
- Newly adopted family names did not always fall into one of the above categories. Some people who had to change their name, for one reason or another, replaced their original (written) family name with another Chinese character that had the same or a similar pronunciation, logography, or meaning, in this way creating a new surname.

### 13.3 Chinese population movement

The Han Chinese, originally residing in north China, spread into southern China at different periods of Chinese history, as a result of wars, uprisings, coups, and, in particular, the continuous invasions of northern China by nomadic ethnic groups such as Huns, Mongols, Jurchens (also known as Manchus), Khitans, Tangutians, and the Xianbei ethnic groups. The southward migration of the Han Chinese had a major impact on the original

inhabitants of southern China, who in the course of time came to be assimilated by the Han. Some nomadic ethnic groups, attracted by the prosperity of Han culture, adopted cultural practices (including names) from the Han Chinese. These factors were among many that contributed to an increase in the number of people bearing Han Chinese family names.

In addition to migration within China, people from southern China also emigrated to other parts of the world. From the 17th century onwards, driven by famine, war, and other factors, many people from what is now Guangdong province, parts of Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, Hainan province, Fujian province, and Taiwan emigrated to other parts of South East Asia (e.g. to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines). Some of the descendants of these Chinese emigrants in South East Asia later migrated to other areas in the world, including Britain and Ireland. The number of Chinese emigrants to Europe and North America increased significantly in the 19th century, especially after the First Anglo-Chinese War, also known as the First Opium War, of 1839–42. In the 20th century, a large number of people came to Britain from Hong Kong, which was a British colony from 1898 to 1997. The majority of people in Britain bearing a Chinese family name come from Hong Kong.

### 13.4 Chinese dialects and their romanization

There are several ‘dialects’ of Chinese. Though scholars have divergent opinions on the classifications of those dialects, and though it might be preferable to describe some of them as distinct languages, it is traditionally asserted that there are seven major groups: Mandarin, Yue, Wu, Min, Hakka, Xiang, and Gan. Among these, three groups of dialects constitute the main sources of the family names of Chinese origin in the UK: Yue dialects (including standard Cantonese, primarily spoken in Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Macao, and neighbouring areas, and Taishanese, spoken in Taishan and its surrounding areas in southern Guangdong province); Mandarin (also known as Putonghua or Guoyu, the standard language in dominant use nationwide today); and Southern Min dialects (including Teochew, spoken in eastern Guangdong province, and Hokkien/Taiwanese, spoken mainly in Fujian province and Taiwan). In general, because of substantial differences in pronunciation, the various Chinese ‘dialects’ are mutually unintelligible. However, thanks to the unification of the Chinese writing system during the reign of the emperor Qin Shi Huang (259–210 BC), the Chinese have a uniform writing system, which makes communication between speakers of different dialects possible.

The Chinese writing system is logographic, not alphabetical; that is, the symbols generally represent word meanings directly, rather than the phonemes (distinctive units of pronunciation) of those words. Transliteration of characters representing family names into Roman alphabetic characters is a particular problem. There are two main transliteration systems: Wade-Giles and pinyin. Wade-Giles is now more or less obsolete, but was widely used up to the end of the 20th century. Pinyin is the modern standard. However, it should be noted that the pinyin systems used in mainland China and Taiwan are different in certain details. The

pinyin system used in Taiwan was originally based on the Wade-Giles system and revised several times in the 20th century. In contrast, the pinyin system in mainland China was promoted after the establishment of the People’s Republic of China in 1949, and kept in constant use and eventually accepted as the standard norm for the transliteration of Chinese characters. That is why the name of the former Chinese leader *Mao Tse-Tung* (based on Wade-Giles) is now conventionally written as *Mao Zedong*. However, this standard and official transliteration system is almost completely irrelevant to the romanization of family names. The application of different systems has resulted in numerous different forms of what are etymologically the same Chinese family names. Moreover, early Chinese emigrants came from different Chinese dialect regions, and these emigrants tried to transliterate their surnames based on their dialectal pronunciations. It should be noted that the same Chinese written character may be pronounced in remarkably different ways in different Chinese dialects, which has led to great complexities in the attempts to romanize Chinese names. For example, the surname 黃 (literally ‘yellow’) is pronounced as **Wong** in Cantonese, **Huang** in Mandarin, **Ng** in Teochew, and **Wee** or **Ooi** in Hokkien/Taiwanese. All have given rise to what in a UK context may be considered distinct family names. To further complicate the picture, some Chinese emigrants adopted non-standard romanized forms, for example by making use of the potential of some English (and distinctly non-Chinese) spelling rules in transliterating their family names. For example, some transliterated /u/ as *oo* rather than as *u*. That is why what is etymologically the same Chinese family name may take a range of different forms in this dictionary.

### 13.5 Multiple origins of Chinese family names in the form used in the West

Many Chinese family names in the West have multiple origins, for a range of different reasons. Firstly, within the same dialect, two or more distinct Chinese characters which are pronounced in ways that sound different to a Chinese speaker, for example because of differences in tone, may be written in English using the same Roman-alphabet spelling. Sometimes, Chinese characters also share the same pronunciation, leading to the use of the same romanized spelling. Secondly, distinct Chinese family names which share a similar pronunciation in different dialects, for example the surname 吳 in Cantonese and the surname 黃 in Teochew, may receive the same romanization; in this case, both are romanized as **Ng**. To complicate matters still further, the People’s Republic of China has adopted an official simplified system for writing Chinese characters, but Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other places still use the traditional symbols. In this work, we also use the traditional symbols.

### 13.6 Records of Chinese family names

The creation of the Chinese writing system can be traced back at least to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), and many Chinese surnames were documented in very early books which are the major reference works for scholars studying surname origins. The



earliest known historical book on the origins of Chinese surnames is *Shi Ben* (世本, 'The Generational Origins'), written in the Warring States period (475–221 BC). Other important historical books on the origins of Chinese family names include *Yuan He Xing Zuan* (元和姓纂), *Xing Shi Kao Lue* (姓氏考略), *Tong Zhi - Shi Zu Lue* (通志•氏族略), *Xing Yuan* (姓源), and *Xing Xi* (姓觴). However, some of the records of persons in these books may be legendary, and some scholars are sceptical about them, particularly those concerning figures prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), such as the legendary king Huang Di (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC), also known as the Yellow Emperor. While it is difficult to find any archaeological support for these records, FaNBI still makes use of them in order to present as complete a picture as possible, consistent with the available historical evidence, of the origins of Chinese surnames. Many Chinese family names in common use today were listed in a very well-known ancient book called *Bai Jia Xing* ('Hundreds of Chinese surnames'), written during the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127).

### 13.7 Previous work on Chinese family names

As mentioned above, there have been many historical works on the origins of Chinese family names, and a number of more recent publications concerning their origins have also emerged. Some of them offer only stories, legends, and anecdotes, and have no references. The most comprehensive publication in mainland China so far is the fruit of a major project, *Zhong Guo Xin Shi Da Ci Dian* (中國姓氏大辭典) (*The Comprehensive Dictionary of Surnames in China*) compiled by Yuan Yida (袁義達) and Qiu Jiaru (邱家儒). It assembles and explains 23,813 surnames recorded in Chinese historical sources, archaeological findings, and censuses, including not only Han Chinese surnames but also many from the fifty-five minority ethnic groups in China. Unlike in a conventional dictionary of Chinese family names, the authors provide the corresponding English spelling forms for each family name used by overseas Chinese, though they do not specify the dialectal origins of each English spelling form. The information about historical origins for each family name can be traced with precision to references listed at the end of the dictionary. Another recent comprehensive publication is *Zhong Hua Xing Shi Yuan Liu Da Ci Dian* (中華姓氏源流大辭典) (*China Surnames Origins Dictionary*), based on the 30-year research of Xu Tiesheng (徐鐵生), who documented 31,683 surnames (including those from minority ethnic groups) and their origins and detailed geographical distributions in modern China. Information on the origins of the Chinese family names in this dictionary can be found especially in *Zhong Guo Xin Shi Da Ci Dian*, and in *Zhong Guo Xing Shi Ci Dian* (中國姓氏辭典) (*Dictionary of Chinese Surnames*) compiled by Wang Zonghu (汪宗虎) and Chen Mingyuan (陳明遠). A number of other excellent works on the origin of Chinese surnames are listed in Sheau-yueh J. Chao's *In Search of Your Asian Roots: Genealogical Research on Chinese Surnames*.

It should be noted that many family names stated in this dictionary to be Korean or Vietnamese are ultimately of Chinese origin, and this is explained in individual entries wherever possible.

## 14. Family names from the Indian subcontinent<sup>6</sup>

By far the richest source of family-name diversity in Britain (and to some extent Ireland) since the Second World War has been the Indian subcontinent. This includes the present-day countries of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, but until 1947 all these countries were part of British India, within the British Empire. The rulers of the Empire in the 19th and early 20th century took the view, which may now seem somewhat naive, that any citizen of the Empire had a right to live anywhere in the world that was a territory of the Empire, including its original homeland in Britain. Following the achievement in 1947 of independence by India and Pakistan (the latter a Muslim single entity on independence, with West and East separated by the vast bulk of India), there were substantial movements of population in the subcontinent, accompanied by great communal violence, and the mainly Muslim state of Jammu and Kashmir was left partitioned and in 2016 still remains a matter of friction and dispute between India and Pakistan. Many Muslims abandoned their ancestral homes in order to make their way to the new state of Pakistan, while many Hindus travelled in the opposite direction. In these troubled circumstances, a substantial flow of migrants left the region altogether and made their way to start a new life in Britain, Australia, Canada, and other former Empire countries. Economic hardships as well as political upheavals encouraged a continuation of this process of migration in subsequent decades. Any account of the approximately 1,300 family names from the subcontinent in Britain in the 21st century must therefore make some attempt to reflect the great cultural and linguistic diversity of the Indian diaspora, in the broadest sense.

### 14.1 Linguistic preliminaries concerning family names in India

The greatest number of Indian family names are derived from Sanskrit, the ancient language that occupies a position in India similar to that of Latin in Europe; that is, they are either derived from modern forms of the ancient Indo-Aryan language of which Sanskrit is the literary variant, such as Hindi or Bengali, or from modern forms of the Sanskrit names themselves. Even in southern India where Dravidian languages are spoken, Sanskrit surnames are quite common. They are usually adopted with minimal alteration to suit the phonological patterns of the languages of the region, such as Telugu or Tamil. More extensive alteration is found only in a few cases, such as **Khat**ri (from a vernacular form of Sanskrit *kshatriya*). Many of the names in the Dravidian language area, such as **Naidoo**, are of Indo-Aryan origin, and only any inflectional endings which may appear as part of the name are likely to be Dravidian. Names of Dravidian origin (such as **Chetty**, **Menon**, **Pillai**, and **Reddy**) are quite few in number.

Perso-Arabic surnames, i.e. Arabic names that have been adapted from the usage of Persian (Farsi) speakers, are the norm among Indian Muslims, but even among Hindus and other non-

<sup>6</sup> This section is based on a contribution by Rocky Miranda.

Muslim Indians a good number are found: from Arabic, for example, we find **Dewan**, **Majmudar**, **Malik**, and **Shroff**; and from Farsi **Doshi**, **Sarkar**, and **Sood**. A few occupational family names, as noted below, have come from English. An example of an Indian family name that has been adapted from Portuguese is **Mistry**, from *mestre* ‘master, expert’.

## 14.2 The languages of the subcontinent

According to some authorities, several hundred languages are spoken in the subcontinent. They and their various dialects have differing degrees of mutual comprehensibility. For some purposes a language such as Bihari or Rajasthani may be regarded as a separate language in its own right, while for other purposes it may be classified as a dialect of Hindi. These languages and dialects, however one chooses to classify them, have contributed in different proportions to the stock of family names in Britain.

The Indian constitution recognizes just 23 ‘national’ languages, while the Ethnologue (<http://www.ethnologue.com/country/IN>) identifies no fewer than 447 living languages in India alone, 63 of them classified as ‘institutional’. Almost all the languages of India fall into one of two quite separate, unrelated language families. Indo-Aryan languages are spoken in the northern states, the main ones being Hindi, Urdu (in effect a Muslim form of Hindi), Bengali, Panjabi, Marathi, and Gujarati, while in the south of India Dravidian languages (notably Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Telugu) predominate. Despite these linguistic differences, many family names are widespread in both the southern and northern states of India, sharing a common origin, in many cases going back to Sanskrit (an Indo-European language), and in some cases embodying references to Hindu deities and ancient beliefs.

The northern states can be subdivided into the north-central region, where the principal states are Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh; the north-east, with the principal states of Assam, Bengal, and Orissa; the west, which includes Goa, Gujarat, and Maharashtra; and two states outside these groups—the single state known as Jammu and Kashmir, and the Panjab. The official language of the north-central states, and one of the two official languages of India as a whole, is Hindi. (The other is, de facto, English, with legal provision for it to be phased out eventually, though with little sign of this happening.) The official languages of the other states mentioned here are Assamese (Assam), Bengali (Bengal), Oriya (Orissa), Konkani (Goa), Gujarati (Gujarat), Marathi (Maharashtra), Kashmiri (Jammu and Kashmir), and Panjabi (Panjab), among which the most prolific providers of names in Britain are Bengali (especially the Sylheti dialect), Gujarati, and Panjabi (especially the Mirpuri dialect). Among other Indo-Aryan languages, Nepali occasionally appears in this work; it is also among the official languages of India because significant numbers of its speakers live there. The southern states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. The official languages in these states are Telugu (Andhra Pradesh), Kannada (Karnataka), Malayalam (Kerala), and Tamil (Tamil Nadu). Other Indian states have been omitted here because no family names included in this work are exclusively associated with them. Some names are confined to a single linguistic region, but others are found in more than one.

The language situation in Pakistan is of similar complexity. The official language is Urdu (which is also an official language of India, which—it should not be forgotten—is a pluralistic society with a sizeable Muslim population). Only about 8 per cent of the population of Pakistan actually use Urdu in everyday life. Urdu is closely related to Hindi (the two spoken languages are mutually comprehensible) but, unlike Hindi, it is written in Arabic script. Far more commonly spoken are regional languages such as Panjabi, Kashmiri, and Pashto.

In Sri Lanka the predominant language is Sinhalese, an Indo-Aryan language related to Hindi. Sri Lanka has a minority Tamil population, speaking a Dravidian language. Although there is (or rather, has been) bitter feuding in Sri Lanka between Tamils and Sinhalese, many of them share names of Sanskrit etymology, with few modern-language features distinguishing the names of the different populations.

## 14.3 Variation in names from the subcontinent

Many Indian names have variant forms. For the most part, they are spelling variants: **Bhandari/Bhanderi**, **Bhat/Bhatt**, **Chakrabarti/Chakraborty**, **Chowdhury** with many variants, **Das/Dass**, **Rooprai/Ruprai**, and so on. Some have what are, in an English context at least, phonetic variants as well: **Sachdev/Sachdeva**, **Sankar/Shankar**, **Seth/Sheth**. Some names have (partially) anglicized variants, such as **Bose** for **Basu** and **Ghose** for **Ghosh**. In some cases, anglicization affects only the spelling, as in **Sircar** for **Sarkar**. Some names have sanskritized variants, analogous to the earlier European practice of latinizing names (as with, for example, *Carolus Linnaeus* adapting the form of Swedish *Carl Linné*, or, by translation, *Agricola* for German *Bauer*): **Bandopadhyay** occurs for **Banerjee**, **Chattopadhyay** for **Chatterjee**, and **Dwivedi** for **Dube**. **Bajaj** and **Shroff**, names ultimately of Arabic origin, have variants **Bazaz** and **Saraf** that are closer to their Arabic pronunciation.

Cognate names with different spelling and pronunciation occurring in entirely different communities are generally not treated as variants, because the form itself is an indicator of cultural affiliation. For example, the names **Seth**, **Sethi**, and **Shetty**, which go back to the vernacular forms of the same Sanskrit source, *śresthī* ‘head of a mercantile or other guild’, are listed separately because they differ with respect both to spelling, pronunciation, and to the social groups in which they occur.

## 14.4 Language, culture, and religion in the subcontinent

Whilst distinctions of historical linguistic classification shed some light on the family names among immigrants from the subcontinent, a far more important factor is religious affiliation. The principal religions of the subcontinent that are represented among names of immigrants to Britain and Ireland are Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism (practised by Parsis), and Islam. Hindu and Muslim names far outnumber the contributions of the others to the name-stock. Hinduism is the majority religion in India and Nepal. It is also practised by significant minorities in Bangladesh, Bali (Indonesia), and, through the immigration of indentured labourers of Indian origin

under the British Empire, in Fiji, Guyana, and certain islands of the West Indies such as Trinidad, and by about half the population of Mauritius. Names and naming practices reflecting Hindu religious beliefs are cultivated throughout India, with adherents who are speakers of both Indo-Aryan and Dravidian languages. Jainism and Sikhism are more or less restricted to India and Pakistan. Parsis are Indian by definition, representing a community who left Persia because of persecution by Muslim rulers. Buddhism is practised in Sri Lanka and is, or has been, also a widespread religion in the Far East, especially in Mongolia, China, and most countries of South East Asia. With the exception of Hinduism, none of these religions have given rise to large numbers of distinctive family names in Britain. Things are very different with Islam. Islam is the state religion of both Pakistan and Bangladesh, but there are also many Muslims in India. It is, of course, also the dominant religion of much of the Middle East, North Africa, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Because the two major religions in particular are practised by speakers of a range of languages, and because their names and naming practices are determined by religious considerations rather than by linguistic ones, it makes more sense to identify and discuss family names of immigrants from the subcontinent in terms of religious affiliation rather than language.

#### 14.4.1 HINDUISM

##### 14.4.1.1 *Hindu castes and names*

In discussing Hindu names, we need to refer to social groups or communities called castes or *jatis*. These are usually endogamous groups (in which people marry only other members of their own group) that are associated with specific occupations. There are numerous such communities in modern India that are supposed to be affiliated with one of four broad social divisions called *varnas*, which have come down from ancient times: the Brahman or priestly class, the Kshatriya or warriors, the Vaishya or merchants, and the Shudra or cultivators and craftspeople. In the case of Brahman names, the *jati* is usually not identified in this work. In the case of non-Brahman names, however, only the *jati* is mentioned, because the *varna* affiliation of several of these *jatis* is disputed.

The many important non-Brahman communities mentioned in this work include the Ahirs, Baniyas, Kayasths, and Rajputs of northern India; the Aroras (see **Arora**), Jats, Khatri (see **Khatri**), and Soods (see **Sood**) of the Panjab; the Bhatias of the Panjab and Gujarat (see **Bhatia**); the Vanias of Gujarat; the Baidyas (see **Vaidya**) and the Baishyas of Bengal; the Bunts of Karnataka; the Nayars (see **Nayar**) of Kerala; and the Reddis (see **Reddy**) of Andhra Pradesh. The Rajputs are a prominent community of the Kshatriya *varna*. Several other communities (such as the Aroras, the Bhatias, the Khatri, the Soods, and several groups of Baniyas) also claim Kshatriya origin.

The Baniyas of northern India, the Vanias of Gujarat, the Aroras, Khatri, and Soods of the Panjab, and the Bhatias of Gujarat and the Panjab are mercantile communities. The Kayasths rose to prominence in medieval India as clerks and accountants and so are

often referred to as the writers' caste. The traditional occupations of the other communities are agriculture or miscellaneous trades. The Baniyas of northern India are really a cluster of several communities, of which the Agarwal Baniyas, Oswal Baniyas, and Porwal Baniyas are mentioned separately in connection with certain family names.

Not every Hindu surname can be linked with a special community. Some are common to several *jatis* or *varnas* (for example, **Naik** and **Prabhu**), and some names have no special association with any community (for example, **Kumar**). In a number of cases, information on the community associated with the name was not available.

##### 14.4.1.2 *Origins of Indian names within the northern tradition*

Full names from ancient India, as found in Sanskrit literature from the first millennium BC to the first millennium AD, typically consist of a single word, either a simple word or a compound word in which the final element often indicates the *varna*. Some common final elements in such names are *-dāsa* 'servant', *-datta* 'gift', *-deva* 'god', *-gupta* 'secret', *-śarmā* 'joy', *-sena* 'army, armament', *-siṅha* 'lion; eminent person', and *-varna* 'protection'. Sanskrit dictionaries indicate that *-deva* or *-śarmā* is the final element in the names of Brahmins, as *-varma* is for Kshatriyas, *-gupta* or *-datta* is for Vaishyas, and *-dāsa* is for Shudras. However, many ancient as well as modern Indian names can be found that contradict this classification. For instance, there are people whose name ends in *-datta* who are not Vaishyas, and there are those whose name ends in *-dāsa* who are not Shudras. These bound elements also have regularly evolved, in the languages descended from Sanskrit, as separate family names that are among the most common in modern India (see **Das**, **Datta**, **Deo**, **Gupta**, **Sharma**, **Sen**, **Singh** or its variant **Sinha**, and **Varma**).

Later on, many other names evolved similarly: for example, **Chand** from Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant, moon'; **Kumar** from Sanskrit *kumāra* 'son'; **Lal** from Hindi *lāl* 'darling', also 'red', from Sanskrit *lāla* 'cajoling'; **Prasad** from Sanskrit *prasāda* 'gift'; and **Raj** from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king'. Some of them occur as independent given names as well, but they all occur as the final elements of compound given names and sometimes as separate family names. Having had no family names previously, or having shed the previous family name for some reason, the bearers of these compound given names split those names to create new family names out of the separate elements. Most of the split family names of this second category are not associated with a specific caste or community.

The name of a clan or some similar subgroup of the community to which the bearer belongs is used as a family name quite frequently. Here are some examples:

Arora clan names: **Ahuja**, **Batra**, **Chawla**, **Dua**, **Gulati**, **Khurana**, **Narang**, and **Sachdev**.

Agarwal Bania clan names: **Bansal**, **Goel**, **Mittal**, and **Singhal**.

Jat tribal names: **Brar**, **Dhaliwal**, **Dhillon**, **Grewal**, **Johal**, **Khera**, and **Sidhu**.

Kayasth subgroup names: *Bhatnagar*, *Saxena*, and *Srivastava*.

Panjabi Khatri clan names: **Anand**, **Bahl**, **Chadha**, **Kapoor**, **Malhotra**, **Sehgal**, and **Vohra**.

Konkanasth Brahman clan name: **Deo**.

Maratha clan names: **Lad** and *Sawant*.

Rajput clan names: **Bhatti**, **Chauhan**, **Parmar**, **Rathod**, and **Solanki**.

Reddi clan name: *Bandi*.

Clan names in a subgroup of Saraswat Brahmans of the Panjab: **Bali**.

The name of the community itself is adopted by some as a family name. Examples are:

**Aggarwal**, **Arora**, **Bhatia**, **Iyer**, **Khatri**, **Reddy**, and **Sood**.

Some Indian family names come from names or nicknames of ancestors:

**Bhargava** ‘descendant of Bhrigu’; **Bhatti**, ancestor of a Rajput clan; **Lakhani** ‘descendant of *Lakh(man)*’.

In a few cases, the ancestors are mythical. Some of the family names have overt patronymic suffixes, such as *-jā* and *-ānī*. Some of these family names are from clan names, but these in turn go back to the name or nickname of the founder of the clan. Examples are **Anand** and **Bedi**, ancestors of Khatri clans.

Other Indian family names have evolved from ancestral place-names, especially in certain parts of India such as Maharashtra and Goa; for example:

**Aggarwal** ‘from Agar or Agroha’, **Ahluwalia** ‘from Ahlu’, **Irani** ‘from Iran’, **Lad** ‘from southern Gujarat’, and **Mathur** ‘from Mathura’.

Many names can be traced back to occupations or offices held by the ancestors of the name bearers; for example:

**Bajaj** ‘clothier’, **Dalal** ‘broker’, **Majmudar** ‘record-keeper’, **Pathak** ‘teacher’, **Shah** ‘merchant’, and **Vaidya** ‘physician’.

Among Parsis (see 14.4.5 below), one also finds occupational surnames from English.

Some people were awarded titles by native or foreign rulers, by the community, or by themselves. Some titles are simply honorific terms of address that have come down as surnames. Names meaning ‘king’, ‘chief’, ‘headman’, ‘lord’, ‘leader’, ‘eminent person’, ‘great one’, ‘honourable one’, and so on are particularly common; for instance:

**Bhatt** ‘lord’, **Chakraborty** ‘emperor’, **Chowdhury** ‘chief’, **Nair** ‘leader’, **Sarkar** ‘lord’, and **Shetty** ‘chief’.

It should also be noted that although some names such as **Patel** and **Reddy** ‘village headman’ go back to an actual office, they are commonly used as respectful terms of address even if the addressee is neither a village headman nor the descendant of one. Names meaning ‘scholar’, ‘expert’, ‘teacher’, and so on are also quite common: **Acharya** ‘preceptor’, **Bhattacharya** ‘learned preceptor’, **Jani** ‘learned one’, and **Upadhyay** ‘teacher’.

In many parts of India, men are respectfully addressed as ‘father’ or ‘brother’ and women as ‘mother’ or ‘sister’. These terms are then regularly attached to personal names, as in the case of Gujarati *bhai* ‘brother’, *ben* ‘sister’; Kannada *appa* ‘father’, *aṅṅa* ‘older brother’, *amma* ‘mother’, *akka* ‘older sister’; Marathi *dada* ‘older brother’, *bai* ‘older sister’; and *bābū* ‘father’ in several Indo-European languages of the Indic group. Occasionally, such attachments have evolved as separate family names. Thus, for example, Gujarati women who use no surname sometimes give *Ben* as their ‘last name’. This cannot be considered a true family name because it is not passed on from one generation to another. However, **Babu** and **Dada** have become inherited family names. Although the Tamil family names **Iyer** and *Iyengar* evolved from names of communities, they go back to a term of address, Dravidian *ayya* ‘father, lord’.

Some Hindu family names are epithets of Hindu gods: **Kumar**, an epithet of Kartikeya, son of the god Shiva; **Lal**, an epithet of the god Krishna; **Narayan**, of the god Vishnu; **Ram**, an incarnation of Vishnu; and **Basu**, an epithet of Shiva and also of several other gods. These usually go back to ancestral personal names, since epithets of deities are commonly used for personal names. Because many personal names from southern India have been taken as family names in Britain, family names that are epithets of deities are very common among immigrants from that region.

Some names denoting animals or plants seem to have totemic significance. Examples include *Apte* from *apṭa* ‘the plant *Bauhinia tomentosa*’ and *More* from *mor* ‘peacock’.

#### 14.4.1.3 *Origins of Indian names within the southern tradition*

In southern India, the last of a person’s names in the normal order of citation is usually not a family name but the personal name of the individual. The first name may be an ancestral personal name, an ancestral place name, or the father’s personal name. In some cases, the father’s personal name appears as the middle name. Many people have no middle name and use only the father’s personal name (patronymic) as the first name; that is, they have no inherited family name.

People originating from southern India who live abroad may reorder their names in line with local (e.g. British) tradition, writing the personal name first and the Indian ‘first name’, as just defined, last. Those who have come to use the father’s personal name as the last name use it as their children’s last name as well, thus converting it into a true surname. As a result, many personal names of southern India—such as **Krishna**, **Krishnan**, **Narayanan**, *Raghavan*, **Raja**, **Rajan**, **Srinivasan**, and the European **Joseph**, **Matthew**, and **Philip**—have become family names.

Some people with the southern Indian pattern of family-name placement have come to use an additional surname that is placed in the final position. In such cases, the surname placed initially is usually an ancestral personal name (as specified above) or an ancestral place name, whereas the surname placed finally is a title or a name that indicates community or clan. For example, Telugu-speaking people from Andhra Pradesh with common surnames like **Naidoo** and **Reddy**, or Konkani-speaking people

from Karnataka with surnames like *Kamath*, *Pai*, and *Shenoy* often have another surname, placed initially, that refers to their ancestral place.

#### 14.4.2 JAINISM

Jainism is one of the most ancient religions of India. Its origins are lost in Indian prehistory. The religion had its heyday in India in the 6th century BC, but it is still adhered to by at least six million people, mainly in northern India. It is estimated that there are about 25,000 Jains in modern Britain. Most of their family names, such as **Gupta** and **Parekh**, are identical to Hindu names (especially those of the Vania, Bania, and Lohana jatis), but a few are distinctively or predominantly Jain, for example **Sanghvi** and the so far unexplained name **Gala**.

#### 14.4.3 SIKHISM

Sikhs, in addition to their given name, use either a surname or a so-called *khalsa* name, or both; and if both, then in the order *khalsa* name + surname, e.g. *Samdip Singh Atwal*. The *khalsa* name is the name adopted on religious initiation, and traditionally this has always been **Singh** (the usual spelling in Britain; etymologically ‘lion’, with the transferred sense ‘hero’) for a man, and **Kaur** (etymologically ‘princess’) for a woman. Sikh women do not change their surname on marriage. Many British Sikhs have adopted the *khalsa* names (especially, of course, the male *Singh*) as inheritable surnames, though both are found also among Hindus (Kshatriyas). The traditional surname may be an inherited family name or a clan or caste name. Only about 200 Sikh family names in Britain are not also found in the Hindu community; these include **Atwal**, **Chahal**, and **Johal**, which are all Jat clan names. Sikh surnames are all either demonstrably formed in Panjabi, or, especially if clan names, have not received a satisfactory etymological explanation.

#### 14.4.4 BUDDHISM

Few family names represented in Britain can be shown to be exclusively Buddhist; these, however, include **Ratnayake** and **Seneviratne** (Sinhalese; from Sri Lanka) and **Ladak** (derived from the Tibetan regional name *Ladakh*; from Kashmir).

#### 14.4.5 PARSI

Distinctively Parsi surnames in Britain are few. Most of these are of Gujarati origin and shared with Hindus (**Mehta**, **Modi**, **Shroff**), and many of these also with Jains; some are shared but of unknown origin (**Bulsara**, **Gara**); but some which are truly exclusive to Parsis are formed in English (**Contractor**, **Engineer**). The majority of the Parsi names whose origin is known, in whatever language, are occupational or status names.

#### 14.4.6 ISLAM

There are approximately 2.7 million Muslims in Britain, of whom approximately 1.7 million have their ancestral roots in Pakistan or Bangladesh. Many of the former are from the Mirpur region of Pakistani Kashmir, where the dominant language is the Mirpuri

dialect of Panjabi, and most of the latter are from the Sylhet region, where the Sylheti dialect of Bengali predominates. Most Muslims have names formulated in the classical form of Arabic, though some dialectal forms can be found. Accordingly, many Pakistani and Bangladeshi family names are indistinguishable from other Muslim names adopted from the Arabic naming system. Some family names in Britain may be regarded as typically Bangladeshi, for example **Lalani**, **Miah**, and **Chaudhari**. Significantly, none of these derive from Arabic; all are from Urdu or Bengali. In this introduction, the Muslim naming system and its Arabic foundation are treated as a matter independent of the subcontinent (see section 15).

#### 14.4.7 IMPORTED SURNAMES IN INDIA

As outlined above, Indian family names are found among both Hindus and other religious groups: Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi, and Sikh. In many regions of India Jain, Parsi, and Sikh family names are often indistinguishable from Hindu family names. Many Christians, however, have European family names, especially in southern India. Christians whose ancestors were converted by the Portuguese have Portuguese family names, which are believed to have come from the godfathers of the initial converts. Anglo-Indian Christians usually have British family names. Some Jains have what appear to be English family names (e.g. **Engineer**), which were created as family names in India and are therefore culturally Indian rather than imports. Christians of southern India, like other people in the south, often use no family names but place their father’s personal names before their own personal names. Some use the father’s name as their last name, which in the English-speaking world may come to be used as an inheritable family name.

## 15. The Arabic and Muslim naming system

Classical Arabic is the language of the Qur’an, the sacred book of Islam, and many millions of Arabic speakers are Muslims by religion. But, in addition, sizeable minorities of people can be found in most Arabic-speaking countries who are not Muslims. Precise figures are impossible to obtain, but it is estimated that at least 35 per cent of the population of Lebanon, 10 per cent of Syrians, 8 per cent of Jordanians, 10 per cent of Egyptians, 8 per cent of Palestinians, and 3 per cent of Iraqis are—or rather, *were*—members of one or other of the Christian sects of the region, before the recent flights, expulsions, and massacres in Iraq and Syria in particular. Altogether, up to 2010, approximately 5 per cent of Arabic speakers were Christians, while a further 2 per cent represented an indigenous Jewish population (some of whom came as refugees to the English-speaking world, establishing an additional thread in the family-name inventories of Britain, America, and elsewhere). Among people who have emigrated from the Middle East, there are many Druze and Christian Arabs, particularly from the Levant (Syria and Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine). Christians have also come in large numbers from Iraq and Egypt. Jews from the Arab world have also uprooted themselves, or been uprooted, and settled abroad.

The other side of the coin is that Islam is a world religion. Therefore, in addition to being the faith of many Arabic speakers, it is also that of millions of people whose native language is not Arabic. All of this affects the choice and usage of names. Clearly, it would be an error to assume that everyone bearing an Arabic name must be a Muslim. Arabic names are borne also by Christians, Druze, and Jews, and by some people of other faiths such as Yazidis. Conversely, it would be equally erroneous to assume that a person whose name has clear Muslim connotations is necessarily an Arabic speaker. Muslims, even those who are not native Arabic speakers, regard it as a religious duty to learn classical Arabic so that they can understand the meaning of their daily prayers and read the Qur'an in the original. Furthermore, they generally choose names that have positive connotations in Islam, typically Arabic names based on attributes of Allah or on the names borne by the Prophet Muhammad, his family, his associates, and his successors. For this reason, a Muslim personal name is not always a good indicator of the national or ethnic origins of its bearer. For example, the name of a person called *Abdulaziz* ('*Abd al-'Azīz* 'servant of the Mighty') tells us that he is almost certainly of Muslim faith, but his name gives no clue as to whether he or his forebears come from an Arabic-speaking country, from the Indian subcontinent, or elsewhere. Pronunciation differences that may be heard in the spoken form of a name, and which may serve for regional or national identification, are not often reflected in its written forms.

The policy of FaNBI is that, if a name is used by Christian and other non-Muslim Arabic speakers, the label *Arabic* is used. On the other hand, if a name is used by non-Arabic speakers as well as Arabic speakers, the label *Muslim* is used. It must be admitted, however, that there are many cases where the evidence is inconclusive; in such cases, we have made a judgement based on the balance of probability. Given names (*asmā'*) such as *Fadi* 'redeemer', *Isa* 'Jesus', *Hanna* 'John', and *Boutros* 'Peter' are preferred by Christian Arabs, although even here there may be no clear-cut distinctions. For example, one might assume that *Musa* 'Moses' and *Ibrahim* 'Abraham' are Jewish names, but this would be wrong, for in fact these names are also popular among Muslims, Christians, and Druze. *Isa* is clearly a Christian name, but it is also used by Muslims, for Jesus is also regarded as a prophet in Islam. The complexity of these issues, which require much more detailed exposition, lie outside the scope of the present work; they can only be touched on here.

There are slightly different traditions of naming within Islam, mainly due to the division between the two main branches, Sunni and Shia. About 90 per cent of Muslims are Sunnis (from Arabic *Ahl as-Sunnah* 'people of the tradition', i.e. those with traditional understanding of Muhammad's teachings recorded outside the Qur'an). This branch, which defines itself as orthodox, dominates in the western Muslim lands, in particular the Arabian peninsula, Egypt, Turkey, and Algeria. The Shia (*Shī'ah*, originally *Shī'atu 'Alī* 'the partisans of Ali, the fourth "rightly guided" khalif') predominate in Iran and Azerbaijan and constitute substantial minorities in India, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere. Differences in selection of given names reflect the fact that the sectarian

division hinges on the accession of a khalif (Arabic *khalifah* 'successor [of Muhammad]') in the 7th century. Sunnis insisted on an elected khalif, while Shia insisted on a family member of the Prophet, namely his son-in-law Ali. Accordingly, for example, *Omar* and *Abu Bakr* are typically names of Sunnis, whilst *Ali* and *Hassan* are typically Shia. Other surnames may be characteristic of one or the other branch through historical accident; in Iraq, for example, where both branches are represented, *Pachachi* tends to be a Sunni name, whilst *Chalabi* tends to be Shia.

## 15.1 The Arabic language

Arabic is sixth on the list of most widely spoken native languages in the world; it is the principal language of eighteen countries, with a combined population of almost 200 million. Arabic became an official language of the United Nations and some of its organs and committees in stages between 1973 and 1982. Historically speaking, it is a Semitic language, related to Hebrew, Amharic, Berber, and certain other languages of North Africa and the Middle East. Arabic words are composed of two elements: the consonantal root and the vowel pattern. The root typically consists of three consonants, giving the underlying basic meaning of the word; the pattern consists of vowels inserted between and around the consonants, giving a specific lexical meaning and grammatical form to the word in particular contexts. Thus the root *s-l-m* has the underlying meaning 'peace'. With differing vowel patterns, *salām* means 'peace and security' or 'safety'; *salīm* means 'secure, perfect, faultless'; *aslām* means 'more, most perfect'; *islām* is 'submission (specifically, to the will of God)'; *muslim* denotes an adherent of Islam. These different patterns are often reflected in the variety of Arabic names that may be based on the same root.

## 15.2 The Arabic naming system

Naming conventions in the Arabic-speaking Muslim world are not as cut and dried as they are in the West. All Arab children receive a given name. Their second name comes from the first name of their father. The complexity begins with the third element of the name, which may span five or more elements, as described below, as in the case of the royal known in the West fully as *Abdulaziz ibn Abdul Rahman ibn Faisal ibn Turki ibn Abdullah ibn Muhammad Al-Saud* (locally more often '*Abd al-'Azīz ibn 'Abd ar-Rahman 'Āl Sa'ūd*'). For many Arabs, the given name of the paternal grandfather is taken as an individual's third name, and it often serves as the surname. As an example, if parents name a child *Jamīla*, and the father's first name is '*Ali*', and the paternal grandfather's first name is *Husayn*, then the full name which might appear on official documents is *Jamīla 'Ali Husayn*. Other Arabs, however, embrace the concept of an inherited family surname. In this system, the child might be named *Jamīla 'Ali al-Maṣrī*, where *al-Maṣrī* 'the Egyptian' is in effect a family name.

The entries for Muslim and Arabic names in this dictionary represent adaptations of different parts of standard Arabic names, as described below, insofar as a family name is a conventional and bureaucratic requirement. Any one or more of

the five standard elements of a traditional Arabic name may be pressed into service as a modern family name among immigrants from the Arabic-speaking world: the *kunya*, *ism*, *nasab*, *nisba*, and *laqab*. Those chosen in this way tend eventually to acquire hereditary status.

Standard Arabic personal names consist of up to five elements. A person might be known by any one of these elements or by combinations of them. The five elements (in the order in which they are used if they are combined) are as follows:

- **kunya:** the *kunya* is a kind of nickname, formed with *abū* ‘father of’ or *umm* ‘mother of’. So, for example, the Prophet Muhammad was known by the *kunya* *Abū Qasem* ‘father of Qasem’, and *Qasem* was indeed the name of his son. But a *kunya* could be and often was conventionalized: a childless person or a newborn child could be given a *kunya*. The Prophet’s wife Ayesha was known by the *kunya* *Umm ‘Abdullah* ‘mother of Abdullah’, although she was in fact childless. In Iran, a *kunya* is often metaphorical or aspirational rather than literal, as in the *kunya* *Abū-l Fad* ‘father of bounty’ (i.e. endowed with bounty). In the Indian subcontinent the *kunya* is used only informally and literally within the family circle, with reference to an actually extant child.
- **ism:** the *ism* is an individual’s personal name or given name. *Asmā*’ (the plural of *ism*) are taken freely from vocabulary words in Arabic, and may be nouns, verbs, or adjectives (including both base forms such as *Ḥamid* ‘praised or praiseworthy’ and comparative/superlative forms such as *Aḥmad* ‘more/most praised’). An *ism* may be used with or without the definite article *al-*. Abstract nouns are common (e.g. *Naṣr* ‘victory’, *Tawfiq* ‘success, prosperity’, *Iqbal* ‘good fortune’), while words denoting features of the natural world (e.g. *Suḥa* ‘star’) are also popular. *Asmā*’ deriving from inflected verbs include *Yazīd* ‘he increases’ and *Ya’ish* ‘he lives’. Among Muslims, an *ism* may be chosen with reference to a noted figure in Muslim history: *Muḥammad*, the name of the messenger of Allah to whom the Qur’an was revealed, remains the most popular choice among Muslim parents for a baby boy, while *Fatima*, the name of Muhammad’s favourite daughter, is a popular choice for girls. Important sources of Muslim *asmā*’ are the ninety-nine attributes of Allah (sometimes called ‘names’) mentioned in the Qur’an and the Hadith, the record of sayings attributed to Muhammad. According to Islamic belief, the relationship between humans and their creator is that of servants to their master. Many Muslims bear a name denoting a servant of one of the attributes of Allah, such as *‘Abd al-Qādir* ‘servant of the Capable’ or *‘Abd al-Karim* ‘servant of the Generous’. The Hadith says: “The best names in the sight of God are *‘Abdullah* “servant of God” and *‘Abd ar-Rahman* “servant of the Merciful”.”
- **nasab:** the *nasab* is a patronymic (e.g. *ibn Sa’ūd*, *ibn al-Khattāb*), expressing the relationship of a son (*ibn*) or daughter (*bint*) usually to his or her father, but sometimes to a more distant forebear. Thus, occasionally a *nasab* could be hereditary for some generations, especially in the case of descendants of a famous forebear. In some cases, a person’s

*nasab* is metronymic, especially if the mother was remarkable in some way. Generally, the reference of the *nasab* is to the father’s *ism*, but sometimes it may be to his *kunya* (e.g. *‘Ali ibn Abū Ṭālib*, literally ‘Ali the son of the father of Talib’), or to his *laqab* (see below) (e.g. *Muhammad ibn as-Siddiq* ‘Muhammad, son of [the man known as] the Righteous’, *Dima bint az-Zayyat* ‘Dima, daughter of the oil merchant’; the name *al-Khattab* above is derived from a nickname, ‘the sermon, the narration from a book’). The *nasab* could also be iterated (e.g. *Salamah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-Akwa* ‘Salamah son of ‘Amr, son of al-Akwa’) in the manner found in other cultures with a tradition of lengthy oral genealogies, such as the Irish (see section 5).

- **nisba:** the *nisba* is a locative name, generally from the name of the person’s birthplace, residence, or place where the family originated (e.g. *al-Hashimi*, *al-Qurayshi*).
- **laqab:** the *laqab* is a distinguishing nickname, which may refer to a physical characteristic (e.g. *al-Aswad* ‘the Black’, *al-Aṣamm* ‘the Deaf’). Names of animals and birds of prey are common (e.g. *al-Asad* and *al-Haydar*, both meaning ‘the Lion’, *al-Fand* ‘the Cheetah’, *al-Uqāb* ‘the Eagle’); such words can also be used as an *ism*. A *laqab* may also be an anecdotal nickname; according to Schimmel (1989), a Moroccan politician who habitually interrupted people with the phrase *jīj kelmat* ‘just a couple of words’ received this expression as his *laqab*. The *laqab* could also be an honorific or complimentary epithet (e.g. *al-Hajji* ‘the person who has performed the *hajj* (pilgrimage to Mecca)’; *an-Nasif* ‘the Just, the Fair-minded’; *as-Siddiq* ‘the Truthful’). Another kind of *laqab* is an occupational term (e.g. *al-Khayyat* ‘the Tailor’, *al-Haddad* ‘the Smith’, *al-Khayyām* ‘the Tentmaker’).

The elements of this naming system are used, with variations, throughout the Arabic-speaking world and in other Muslim countries. The different elements are used in different social contexts, and conventions vary from country to country. For example, in Arab countries, the *kunya* may be used among a wide circle of friends and may be the standard form of address for an individual by friends, whereas in the Indian subcontinent it is used informally only in family circles, and does not count as part of a family name. The *ism* is used only among family and intimates, and it is generally a breach of etiquette for an outsider to address a person by his or her *ism* alone. Famous people are known to history by more or less arbitrary combinations of the *ism* with the *kunya*, *nasab*, *nisba*, and/or *laqab*. Name elements including the phrases *ud-Dīn* ‘of the Faith’, *ad-Dawla* ‘of the State’, *al-Islām* ‘of Islam’, and *al-Mulk* ‘of the Kingdom’ are examples of a specific type of honorific, used almost exclusively by sultans, *qazis*, and others of high rank.

In some Muslim countries, legislation was passed in the 20th century to make family names a legal requirement. The best-known example is Turkey (see section 17), where family names were required by a law passed in 1934. In Egypt, a similar law was enacted as recently as 1970. Developments in Egypt are too recent to have had a major effect on family names among immigrant populations.

### 15.3 Arabic and its relations with other languages of the Muslim world

As mentioned above, Arabic is not the only language of the Muslim world, though it has had a profound influence on the naming practices of other Muslim communities. From its origin in the Arabian Peninsula in the 7th century AD, Islam proselytized and spread rapidly. To the west, it spread along the southern shores of the Mediterranean. In the countries of north-west Africa, Arabic found itself in competition with Berber and French. Arabic names are found in combination with French given names among people from Algeria and Morocco, as well as Lebanon and Syria, all former French colonies or protectorates.

Islam crossed the Sahara Desert and became the established religion of the Hausa people in northern Nigeria and of certain other peoples whose homelands cross modern political borders in West Africa, such as the Fulani and Wolof. It also spread down the coast of East Africa, especially in Somalia, having considerable influence culturally in coastal cities such as Zanzibar and Mombasa and linguistically on the development of (Ki)swahili.

To the east, Islam spread to Persia (Iran) in AD 642 (only ten years after the Prophet's death). From there it continued to spread rapidly northward through the Caucasus and across central Asia, and eastward to the Indian subcontinent. In the 16th century, the Mughal Empire was established in India, with Islam as its main religion. Some of the princely states of India had already adopted Islam as their main religion, while others remained Hindu. In 1947, India was partitioned and the new Islamic state of Pakistan was created. The main and official language of Pakistan is Urdu, an Indic language with a strong admixture of both Arabic and Persian vocabulary. Other languages of Pakistan include Pashto (also spoken in Afghanistan), Panjabi, Baluchi, and Sindhi. In 1972, the new state of Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) was formed. Here the language is Bengali. However, in both Pakistan and Bangladesh, and indeed elsewhere in the Indian subcontinent, Muslim personal names are characteristically Arabic in style, but with many Persian elements. Further east still, Islam is the main religion in Malaysia and Indonesia, and there are even Muslim communities in western China. But these have had no discernible distinctive effect (we find Malay or Indonesian **Bobat** and **Lambat**, neither of Arabic origin) on family names in Britain and Ireland.

From the 8th to the 13th centuries, much of Spain was a Muslim country, under the rule of Moors, who originally entered Europe from North Africa. This was a period noted for its cultural and scientific achievements and for its religious tolerance. Although the Moors were driven from Spain in the 13th to 15th centuries, Arabic left substantial traces on Spanish vocabulary (about 8 per cent is of Arabic origin, e.g. *alguacil* 'bailiff', *naranja* 'orange'), place-names (*Gibraltar*, *Jaén*), and surnames (*Almunia*, *Medina*).

In Europe, Albania and Bosnia are still home to substantial indigenous Muslim communities, a legacy of the days when the Ottoman Empire extended westward over Greece and much of the Balkans. The family name of the first president of independent Bosnia and Herzegovina, Alija *Izetbegović*, is a good example of the interculturalization of naming: it contains the Arabic personal

name derived from *izzat* 'honour, respect' in a turkicized form, the traditional Ottoman Turkish honorific *bey* (Old Turkic *beg*), and the Serbo-Croatian patronymic suffix *-(o)vić* 'son of'.

### 16. Iranian family names in Britain

There are estimated to be about 83,000 people of Iranian extraction in Britain, most of whom are members of families that arrived as refugees from the revolution of 1979. Iran (otherwise known as Persia) did not use inheritable surnames at all before 1919, when they were introduced by law, in the same westernizing spirit as developments in Turkey at about the same time (see section 17). The practice was extended during the reign of Reza Shah (1925–41). Under the influence of Islam, since the adoption of surnames, *Ahmadi*, which is Arabic in form and Muslim in import, has become the most frequent surname, and others of Arabic origin exist in persianized form, e.g. *Sadeghi* from **Siddiqi**.

Iranian surnames are often distinctive for, although Iran is a traditionally Muslim country, its language, Persian (widely known as Farsi), is an Indo-European language unrelated to Arabic. It is related to Sanskrit and the modern languages of Pakistan and northern India. It is written using Arabic script and has absorbed many Arabic words. Both historically and in modern times, Persian has been the most influential language in the Muslim world after Arabic. When Islam arrived in Persia within ten years of Muhammad's death in AD 632, it brought with it the Arabic naming system, and many names themselves were formed in Arabic. Since the Islamic conquest, some names in Iran have been borrowed from Arabic, although most are of Persian language origin. Many of the latter come from Ferdowsi's book *Shahnameh* ('The Epic of Kings'), dating from the 10th century and considered to be the masterpiece of Persian literature. Approximately 10 to 15 per cent of all Persian given names are taken from characters mentioned in *Shahnameh*, for example **Farhad**, **Javed**, and **Rustom**, which are now found as surnames in Britain (*Farhad* in its Turkish form **Farhat**), while some surnames are derived by suffixation from the names of such characters, e.g. *Bahrami*, *Yazdani*. These are now finding their way into surnames of patronymic origin.

In some cases specifically Persian forms of Arabic names adopted early in the history of Islam have subsequently spread, for example **Afzal** (Arabic form: *Afdal*) 'best' or 'learned', **Fazel** (Arabic form *Fazil*) 'favour' or 'grace', **Reza** (Arabic form *Riqā*) 'contentment, satisfaction', no doubt in part owing to the fame throughout the Muslim world of individuals bearing these names, such as the 12th-century grand vizier Afzal Shahanshah. These can also now find their way into the store of Iranian surnames of patronymic origin.

Just as in the traditional Arabic naming system (see section 15.2) any vocabulary word (in theory) could be adopted as a personal name (*ism*), so now Muslims throughout the world (but especially in Persia and India, and the modern countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh) were able to choose not only from Arabic but also from Persian words for their names. Names of Persian etymology were added to the standard inventory of Muslim names, for example **Akhtar** (from *akhtar* 'star, fortune, good luck'), **Azad**



(from *āzād* ‘freedom’), **Firdous** (from *firdaws* ‘paradise’), **Jahangir** (from *jahangir* ‘world conqueror’), **Javed** (from *jāved* ‘eternal’), **Khurshid** (from *khūrshīd* ‘sun’), **Nariman** (‘light’ + ‘faith’), **Parveen** (from *parvīn* ‘the Pleiades [star cluster]’), and **Shahzad** (from *shāhzāda* ‘prince’). **Bostan** is a female name from *bustān* ‘garden’. Surnames that appear to enshrine ordinary words of Persian will generally have been in previous use as given names. Names of Persian origin spread because of the religious and political sway and the cultural dominance of Persian dynasties beyond Persia. In their modern form, therefore, such names are not necessarily those of Iranians but may have been adopted by other Muslims, especially in Mughal India (see section 15.3). They may accordingly find their way into patronymics and thence into surnames of relationship. Specifically Farsi patronymics are formed using the suffix *-zadeh* ‘son of’, as in **Alizadeh**.

Family names that have origins other than in patronymics are relatively rare. They include tribal names (e.g. *Jamshidi*); locative names (adjectival forms of the name of their place of origin, e.g. **Bukhari**, **Irani**, **Taheri**, and **Tehrani**, whether this place was in Persia or elsewhere, e.g. one of the areas of central Asia speaking a related Indo-Iranian language such as Tajik); occupational or status names (e.g. *Arbab* ‘landlord’); and nicknames (e.g. *Rouhani* ‘spiritual’, *Taghvaei* ‘virtue’).

## 17. Turkish family names in Britain

It is estimated that approximately 500,000 people in modern Britain are of Turkish origin. Of these around 300,000 come from Cyprus. Almost all these families arrived in Britain during the 20th century, especially after 1945. Immigration from Cyprus was facilitated by the fact that Cyprus was part of the British Empire, in various administrative guises, from 1878 to 1960, and accelerated by the ethnic strife on that island between Greek and Turkish speakers during the second half of the 20th century. These Turkish immigrants had Turkish-language names. But until 1934 there were no Turkish family names as such (i.e. there were no hereditary family names used in addition to given names).

Turkey’s predecessor state, the Ottoman Empire, lasted for 623 years, from 1299 to 1922. From its foundation in central Anatolia, it expanded rapidly. In 1453 Sultan Mehmet II seized the Greek city of Constantinople (Byzantium) and established in its place the Islamic, Turkish city of Istanbul, which was to serve as the Ottoman capital for 470 years. By 1683 the Ottoman Empire extended over most of south-eastern Europe, including Greece and the Balkans, and stretched from Baghdad in the east to Algiers in the west. These facts had an important impact on personal names and naming practices in these regions. They explain, for example, why many present-day family names in Bosnia (e.g. *Begović*) and Albania (e.g. *Ahmeti*) have a Turkish etymology. The religion of the Ottoman Empire was Islam, but its official and administrative language was Turkish rather than Arabic. It should be noted in passing that by today’s standards there was remarkable tolerance of other religions, notably Judaism and Christianity, in the Ottoman Empire.

Given Turkey’s Islamic history, it is not surprising that the traditional naming system in Turkish is somewhat similar to the Arabic naming system (see section 15.2), though with fewer

complications. Turks have one or more given name (*isim*, a Turkish form of Arabic *ism*, or *ad*, a traditional Turkic word of pre-Islamic origin), and a family name (*soyadı*). Many Turkish given names are derived from Arabic and are associated with Islam. Others are much older, and many of these are shared with other Turkic languages such as Azerbaijani. Just as in European languages, many Turkish family names are derived from such given names, while others are taken from place-names or vocabulary words. Family names with a Turkic etymology can in many cases be associated with pre-Islamic legends and mythology.

The very recent origins of family names in modern Turkey mean that people seeking information about a Turkish family name in Britain must look back to the usage of Turkish and Arabic words and names in the Ottoman Empire. An individual was known primarily by his given name. This was often used in combination with an honorific or a descriptor with honorific overtones, such as the male title of respect *bey* ‘official’ (female *Begüm*, originally for a *bey*’s wife; e.g. *Mehmet bey*) or *uzun* ‘tall’ (e.g. *Uzun Hasan* ‘Hasan the tall’), or an adjectival or genitival modifier denoting his place of birth (e.g. *Ankaralı Kemal* ‘Kemal from Ankara’ or *Köşelerin* ‘of from the corners’), or an additional birth name without a patronymic suffix (e.g. *Ahmet Riza*), or a patronymic (e.g. *Hasanoğlu Yusuf* ‘Yusuf son of Hasan’). Such descriptive epithets form the basis of the family-name system introduced in 1934.

The law enacted by the reformer and first president of modern Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk (1881–1934), one of whose goals was to europeanize Turkey, stipulated that all Turkish citizens must adopt an inheritable family name. Atatürk’s own surname, which means ‘father of the Turks’, was bestowed on him that year by act of the Turkish parliament, while being forbidden to all other Turkish citizens. This law had at least two noticeable effects. In the first place, the range of sources from which family names could be taken was very wide, possibly even wider than the range of possibilities in Ottoman times, including not only traditional Turkish given names but also place-names, features of the landscape, and almost any word from the general vocabulary of the Turkish language, and including some assertive and assertively nationalistic creations. They include *Gül* ‘rose’ (see **Gul**), **Kaya** ‘stone’, *Akçura* ‘crescent’ (an Islamic symbol), *Erdoğan* ‘[one] who is born a brave man, a soldier or warrior’ (see **Erdoğan**), *Demirel* ‘iron hand’, *Öztürk* ‘genuine Turk’ (see **Ozturk**), and *Özil* ‘genuine land’. As a result, there are now a very large number of rather rare and recent family names in Turkey, many of them used only by one family. Current examples of the usual categories of family names are *Hikmet*, from the male given name of the same form, and *Kerimoğlu* with a patronymic suffix (relationship names), *Tüfekçi* ‘gunsmith’ (occupational name), *Karatay* (locative name from a town in Konya province), and *Küçük* ‘little’ (nickname). The last category was, as examples above indicate, widely exploited in the reforms of the 1930s. The second noticeable effect was that, although family names were acquired by all Turks, these surnames are rarely used outside official and legal contexts. The usual way of addressing or referring to a man continued and continues to be use of the honorific term *bey* after the given name, as for example *Mehmet bey*.

Turkish Cypriots, who were never formally subject to Atatürk's reforms, tend to bear the traditional type of family name of patronymic origin derived from Turkish or Arabic (Muslim) given names or the same but with the suffix *-oğlu*. Others have what are originally locative bynames, for example *Karpazlı*, denoting someone from the Karpasia peninsula in north-eastern Cyprus.

There is no authoritative dictionary of Turkish family names, and the best available information is contained in *Dictionary of American Family Names* (Hanks 2003a). Most are transparent, as would be expected in a situation where most surnames were created and adopted less than a century ago.

## 18. Greek family names in Britain<sup>7</sup>

Many names of Greek origin are found in Britain today, mostly as a result of the immigration of Greek-speaking Cypriots in the latter half of the 20th century, especially after the independence of Cyprus from the British Empire in 1960, and again after the invasion by Turkey in 1974. There was also immigration of Turkish Cypriots in the 1950s and 1960s following intercommunal violence, but overall Greek immigration was on a larger scale. There are some 80,000 people of Cypriot origin in the United Kingdom at present. It is hard to disentangle how many of these are of Greek descent, and how many of Turkish, Armenian, or Maronite background. In the 2001 census, there were about twice as many Cypriots all told as people originating from Greece.

Given the fairly large number of non-Cypriot Greeks in the United Kingdom, the entire background of Greek surnaming is presented here, despite the relatively limited range of types found in Cypriot names (largely old genitive formations in *-ou*, e.g. **Petrou, Theodoulou**); all the other linguistic types are represented to a certain degree as a result of the lesser flow of Greek speakers from the mainland of Greece and the islands, and it is desirable to set the Cypriot names in their historical and linguistic context.

In antiquity, free male Greeks were identified by a proper name, a patronymic, and sometimes by their tribe or native region. A free married woman was identified by the name of her husband rather than that of her father. For example, an Athenian man might be identified as Sokrates the son of Sophroniskos of the deme (district) of Alopeke, or an Athenian woman as Alkimache wife of Kallimakhos of Anagyrous. The Roman practice of taking cognomens and surnames (*nomina*) did not catch on among Greek speakers during classical times.

Hereditary family names as we understand them today became common in Byzantium in the 10th century AD, slightly earlier than in most other parts of Europe but contemporarily with such names in Ireland. Initially, surnames were predominantly derived from places of habitation, nicknames, or occupations. Thus, the imperial family of the Komnenoi took its name from the city of Komne in Asia Minor, and that of the Laskares from a Persian word for 'warrior', ultimately of Arabic origin. The surname of the Palaiologoi is derived from the words *palaios* 'old' and *-logos*

'collector', and it probably meant not 'antiquarian' but 'garbage collector', although the first Palaiologos we know of was already governor of Thessalonika. This Palaiologos (the father of Emperor Michael VIII, reigned 1259–82) had a triple surname typical of nobles of his time eager to establish their aristocratic credentials: Andronikos Dukas Komnenos Palaiologos. Commoners made do with single family names. Among Byzantine intellectuals, Michael Psellos's surname means 'stutterer', while Demetrios Kydones's surname means 'quince'.

### 18.1 Christianity and Greek naming

In the first millennium AD, the Greek language was intimately connected with the rise of Christianity. Greek is the original language of the New Testament, and the Greek forms of names such as *Peter, Paul, Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, and Mary* have had far-reaching influence on naming practices throughout Europe and elsewhere: thousands of European family names are derived from the Greek forms of these seven personal names.

In many Christian cultures, it was obligatory to select the name of a newborn child from a fairly small inventory of saints' names approved by the Church; these later became the foundation for a vast array of European patronymic surnames. Although some saints' names demonstrate continuity with the pagan past (e.g., *Isidore* 'gift of Isis', or *Theresa* 'hunting', originally associated with the goddess Artemis), most of them break with the past, some being Semitic in origin, some allusions to Christian history and legend (*Christopher*), or in some cases novel coinages (*Spyridon*). Differences among saints' cults account for the greater frequency in the Orthodox domain—Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Russia—of family names based on Greek *Demetrios, Theodoros, Konstantinos, Athanasios, Vasilios* (Basil), and so on, as well as Orthodox-specific cultic names such as *Stavros* from the Holy Cross, or *Panagiotis* from an epithet of the Virgin Mary meaning 'all-holy'. In Greece itself, accordingly, these religious names are the foundation for a large number of family names.

### 18.2 The rise of Greek patronymics

The major change in Greek family names since Byzantine times has been a massive infusion of patronymic surnames. Many of these originated as late as the 19th century. In fact, patronymic suffixes were widely added to family names of other origins, especially in the case of suffixes that were strongly associated with a particular region. It is often possible to tell from the patronymic suffix of a family name which region of Greece someone's male lineage is most likely to be from. There are two reasons for this. The first is that patronymic suffixes are usually diminutives, and these vary from dialect to dialect. The second is that patronymic suffixes were always subject to fashion and peer pressure, particularly after this was reinforced by the standardizing influence of universal education. For example, the archaic patronymic suffix *-idis* was adopted by Black Sea Greeks on resettling in Greece, ostensibly to replace the Turkish-sounding surnames some of them had; however, it was adopted even by Black Sea Greeks whose surnames did not end in a suffix derived from Turkish *-oğlu*, and

<sup>7</sup> This section is based on contributions to the *Dictionary of American Family Names* (Hanks 2003a) by Nick Nicholas.

often by those whose surnames had no Turkish component at all. Perhaps the most extreme example is that of Crete, where the patronymic suffix *-akis* is found in the surnames of up to 95 per cent of the population in some districts. Before the 19th century, this suffix was unknown in Crete, where typical surnames were Italian, nickname-based, or occupational, or used other patronymic suffixes. The ending *-akis* swept through Crete uniformly, forming *Linardakis* from *Linardos* ‘Leonard’, *Lykakis* from *Lykos* ‘wolf’, and *Mastorakis* from *Mastoras* ‘craftsman’. This pervasive change in naming practices was accelerated by the fact that education in the Greek language became widely available in the early 19th century. Family-name changes were often the prerogative of the child’s schoolmaster, rather than of the parents. Similar distinctive regional suffixes are *-idis/-adis* (Asia Minor), *-antis* (Black Sea), *-atos* (Cephalonia, Ithaca), *-eas*, *-akos* (Mani), *-elis* (Lesbos), *-oudis* (Macedonia, Thrace, Aegean Islands), *-ousis* (Chios), *-oglou* (Asia Minor), *-opoulos* (Peloponnese), and genitive or possessive forms (typically *-ou*, as in Cyprus). The last of these remains the form which is most prominent in Greek family names found in England.

### 18.3 Greek names from other languages

The various ethnicities that have contributed to the present-day population of Greece have had a considerable effect on the development of modern Greek family names. An extensive presence of Italian family names resulted from the long rule of parts of the Greek-speaking world by Venetians, from the 13th to the 17th or 18th century. The Venetian domain included Crete, much of the Aegean (the remainder being held by other Italian states), the Ionian Islands, and coastal cities in the Peloponnese. Common Greek family names of Italian origin include *Typaldos*, *Zevgolis*, *Vitalis*, *Dandolos*, and *Negrepontis*.

The Turkish contribution to Greek family names is extensive, especially in providing vocabulary words on which surnames were based. Ottoman Turkish, with its significant Arabic and Persian components, had a serious impact on the vocabulary of Greek in general, once Greek-speaking lands passed from the Byzantine Empire or the Italian maritime states to the Ottoman Empire; this transfer took place from the 14th to the 17th century and remained in effect until the 19th to early 20th centuries. In effect, the Ottoman Empire became the successor state to Byzantium, governing not only the bulk of the Greek-speaking world (including the western and northern coasts of Asia Minor), but also the rest of the Balkans. Greek family names from Turkish vocabulary words are often occupational, e.g. *Kavafis* ‘cobbler’, *Kazandzis/Kazantzakis* ‘cauldron-maker’, or nicknames, formed with the productive prefixes *Kara-* ‘black, dark, moody’, *Deli-* ‘crazy’, and *Hatzi-* ‘pilgrim’.

Other non-Greek contributions to Greek family names come from three populations who have a long history of cohabitation with ethnic Greeks. There is a slight presence of Slavic family names among Greeks, particularly in Greek Macedonia. The main contributions from ethnic minorities come from the Arvanites and the Vlachs. The Arvanites are descendants of Albanians who

settled in central Greece from the 14th century onwards. The Vlachs or Aromanians are a traditionally nomadic people living throughout the southern Balkans and speaking a language related to Romanian (see *Vlachos*). Both populations have been assimilated in language and ethnic consciousness to Greece, but in many cases they retain their non-Hellenic family names.

### 18.4 The formation of modern Greek family names

There has long been extensive pressure in Greece for people to hellenize their names (put them into a Greek form) in order to conform to the Greek ideal of nation-building; this pressure was strongly felt in particular by refugees from Asia Minor, who hellenized their family names even when they were not conspicuously Turkish-sounding, as mentioned above. Hellenization as a conscious strategy also means that the morphology of Greek family names—the components and the way they are combined—is almost always archaic, since that is the form recorded by Greek state institutions, which were long opposed to the use of the modern vernacular (Dhimotiki), advocating instead the use of Katharevousa, an artificial language modelled on classical Greek. For example, surnames based on *Giorgios* usually have forms such as *Georgiou*, although that is the archaic genitive, and the modern proper name has the genitive form *Giorgou*. The same holds for *Ioannou* versus *Gianni* (pronounced *Yanni*), and *Dimitriou* versus *Dimitri*.

Another distinctive feature of Greek family names, which contributes to their legendary length, is the fact that compounding is a highly productive process in this language. This can take several forms. In colloquial use, a man’s surname frequently was prefixed to his proper name in order to distinguish him from other bearers of the same name; for example, *Raptomanolis* ‘*Emmanuel* (Manolis) son of *Raptis* (tailor)’. This compound name could in turn give rise to a patronymic (*Raptomanolakis*). Alternatively, people might be distinguished by adding descriptive prefixes to their family names. The most frequent of these are the status indicators *papa-*, indicating a priest (priests being allowed to marry and have offspring in the Greek Orthodox Church), and *hatzi-*, indicating one who had made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A third common prefix is the Turkish pejorative *kara-* ‘black’, hence ‘moody’ or ‘dark’. (See the entries for *Papas*, *Hatzis*, and *Karas*.) Thus, although a ten-syllable surname such as *Papahatzidimitrakopoulos* is a humorous exaggeration, it is not all that far from what actually occurs, and it is easily analysed: ‘son of Father *Little Dimitris*, a pilgrim (understood from the dialect form *as*) from the Peloponnese’.

## 19. Family names from Africa

Since the Second World War, and especially since 1972, immigration from Africa of people whose names are not of European origin has increased massively, especially, but not exclusively, from countries of the former British Empire. The first very large wave was the result of the expulsion of the middle class of Indian, mainly Gujarati, origin from Uganda by the dictator Idi Amin Dada. Since then immigration has proceeded at varying rates

depending on political and economic circumstances, especially from Nigeria and Ghana. Immigrant Nigerians are mainly of Yoruba origin, and Ghanaians from any of several groupings of the Akan-speaking people (e.g. Fante and Twi). These are the two largest African groupings in Britain, though some southern African names also feature, formed in such languages as Chicheŵa (from Malawi) and Zulu (from South Africa), and of course Afrikaans, the South African offspring of Dutch. Prominent among the last of these are the surnames **du Plessis** and **de Villiers**, which are formally French, and are the family names of originally Huguenot families which found their way to what became Cape Colony around 1700.

It is worth bearing in mind that migration within the European Union often brings to Britain persons of African heritage whose ancestors were colonized by other European powers such as France and Portugal; accordingly, names formed in such languages as Fula and Mandinka (spoken across a large tract of West African countries) are found in Britain in increasingly large numbers, many strongly enough to feature in any future editions of this dictionary. Colonial boundaries were no respecters of indigenous ethnic or linguistic boundaries, and as a result some names common over much of West Africa and already strongly represented in Britain may appear in either French- or English-mediated spelling, for example **Cissé** versus **Ceesay**, **Sissay**. Such names may be categorized simply as ‘West African’ in this dictionary where no precise ethnic affiliation can be determined.

## 20. Family names from the West Indies

There are large and thriving West Indian communities in many cities in Britain. However, among those people of African extraction the vast majority of family names are of English origin (**Brathwaite**, **Collymore**, **Nurse**, **Walcott**) or Scottish (**Campbell**, **McLean**), being derived from the family names of colonial plantation owners and attached to slaves from their masters. The ‘washback’ of such names into the UK has markedly increased the frequency of certain names which were or had become rather uncommon in the UK (**Defoe**, **Sobers**). Occasional other immigrant family names are Portuguese (**Fernandes**) or French (**de Caires**), reminding us of wider European colonialism in the Caribbean. Recent research (‘Legacies of British Slave-ownership’, <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/>) has revealed and publicized the names of the many Britons who benefited financially from the abolition of slavery in 1833, which offers a useful way into discovering the names of earlier slave owners and the location of their plantations, and hence to discovering where slave ancestors of modern bearers of these family names lived, suffered, and died—and acquired their new, perhaps often unwelcome, surnames which they may initially have regarded as badges of ownership rather than as truly their own names. However, it is surely a hopeless task to try and do on any large, systematic scale what Alex Haley did in *Roots* (1976), namely recover the original (West) African names of the ancestors who were taken into slavery and transported across the Atlantic. A few such candidate family names are known, such as **Cuffy**, of Akan origin (*Kofi*), possibly adopted by the historically-minded

rather than inherited; this name is found in the West Indies but not yet in any numbers in the UK (although it also exists in the UK derived from different sources).

Some West Indian family names duplicate or partly duplicate those which have arrived in the UK from the Indian subcontinent (**Ali**, **Narine/Narayan**, **Ragoonath/Ragunathan**), while others suggest that Indian immigration into the UK was mainly from areas which differed linguistically from those supplying immigrants to the West Indies. Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago in particular have some interesting names originating as altered forms of names deriving from Indian languages (e.g. **Ramkissoon**, originating as a variant of **Ramakrishnan**).

## 21. Previous and current research in family names

Compared with other fields of onomastics, such as the study of place-names, family-name research has received relatively little scholarly attention in Britain. While a number of dictionaries have been compiled (see section 1), extensive works on the general history of family names, including their development, distribution, and specific regional characteristics, are comparatively few. This is not to say, however, that the subject is new. The first known account of the history of British family names appears in *Remaines of a Greater Worke, Concerning Britaine* (1605) by the schoolmaster, historian, and genealogist William Camden (1551–1623). This pioneering discussion was unfortunately brief, consisting of just one out of twenty-four chapters, alongside another on given names, but Camden made some telling observations, and it provided the foundations for future study. He tells us: ‘The French and we termed them *Surnames*, not because they are the name of the Sire, or the father, but because they are super-added to Christian names’, and he presents a typology of surnames, with plentiful examples. Most of Camden’s remarks are in discursive prose, but pages 98–103 of his first edition (1605) contain a list of about 240 English locative family names, many of them without explanation. Others are briefly glossed, e.g.:

GARTH, A yarde.  
GILL, a small water.  
GLIN, *Welsh*, a dale.

Camden did not attempt to compile a full-scale dictionary of family names, and even had he wished to do so, he did not have the resources necessary for such a task. Altogether, he discusses no more than 1,000 surnames, fewer than one twentieth of the total number in existence in his day. He is at his best on aristocratic family names of Norman origin, as befitted a man who later became a senior figure in English heraldry, occupying the post of Clarenceux King of Arms. Already in Tudor times the claim to be descended in the male line ‘from someone who came over with the Conqueror’ was believed (at least by the claimants) to confer social distinction, an opinion which can still be found in 2016. Camden says:

The most antient [surnames], and of best accompt, have been locally deduced from places in Normandy and the countries adjoining, being

either the patronomial possessions or native places of such as served the Conquerour, or came in after out of Normandy, as *Aulbeny*, or *Mortimer*, *Warren*, *Aubigny*, *Percy*, *Gournay*, *Devreux*, *Tankervil*, *Saint-Lo*, *Argenton*, *Marmion*, *Sint Maure*, *Bracy*, *Maigny*, *Nevill*, *Ferrers*, *Harrecourt*, *Baskerville*, *Mo[n]taigne*, *Tracy*, *Buefoe*, *Valoyns*, *Cayley*, *Lucy*, *Montfort*, *Bonville*, *Bovil*, *Auranch*, &c.

(Camden 1605: 95–6).

Camden was the first of many to point out the extensive influence of folk etymology on surnames. He mentions, for example:

*-vil*, which is corruptly turned by some into *Feld*, as in *Baskerfield*, *Somerfeld*, *Dangerfeld*, *Trublefeld*, . . . and in others into *Well*, as *Boswell* for *Bossevil*, . . . *Freshwell* for *Freschevil*.

(Camden 1605: 95–6).

In this respect we can recall Thomas Hardy's heroine Tess Durbeyfield, who was 'of the d'Urbervilles'.

## 21.1 Victorian family-name dictionaries

Between Camden and the Victorians, no names dictionaries were compiled. Such work as was published was carried out by genealogists investigating the pedigrees of peers, baronets, and landed gentry in works such as Debrett (1802 *et seq.*) and Burke (1826 *et seq.*). New editions of these works have been produced more or less annually ever since. Both publishers now offer a professional ancestry research service. Part of the work of 20th-century editors of these volumes consisted in expunging the myths and flights of fancy of earlier editions, which had led Oscar Wilde to dub one of them 'the finest thing the English have ever done in fiction'.

Probably the first to provide a comprehensive history of specifically English family names was Mark Antony Lower (1849), who outlined the chronology of hereditary surname adoption and organized names in a number of categories, though these were different from those which are generally used today. However, the most important of these Victorian histories was by Charles Wareing Bardsley (1843–98), vicar of Ulverston (Lancashire), who devoted almost all of his spare time from the mid-1860s until his death to the study of English family names. In 1875 he published a study of their origins, the index to which contains over 4,000 names; it is thus virtually a concise dictionary of family names in its own right. It went through five editions before it was superseded by his dictionary, published posthumously (Bardsley 1901). This contains over 11,000 main entries coupled with more than 800 variant spellings. Bardsley appears to have been the first to categorize names using a typology broadly similar to that used in current research (including this dictionary), classifying them under one of the following five types: 'baptismal or personal names', 'local surnames', 'official surnames', 'occupative surnames', or 'sobriquet surnames or nicknames'.

Bardsley's work was the first serious attempt to provide an inventory of modern English family names, their history, and origins, using a defensible methodology. He introduced historical principles to English family-names lexicography, linking modern names, as far as he could with the knowledge of historical linguistics at his disposal, to the names mentioned in old records. He cited early evidence for each name where it was available to

him, collecting names from documents such as Hundred Rolls and Poll Tax returns, as well as contemporary Post Office directories, a methodology which has become the norm and which is used in the present dictionary. His scholarship was on occasions defective, even by the standards of his own day, and for many names his conclusions have been superseded by subsequent research. He indulged in digressions that were not always relevant, and he overlooked some important connections; for example, he missed the Welsh origin of the Cecil family and therefore got the etymology of the name wrong. But he got many things right, and he adopted the honest strategy of recording common family names with a question mark in place of an explanation where the origin was unknown to him—for example, at **Womack**, a name for which a tentative explanation is offered for the first time in this dictionary—rather than pretending that such names do not exist. Despite its imperfections, it does not deserve the ungracious dismissal of it by Löfvenberg (1942), where it is lumped together with lesser 'more or less dilettante' works. Even now, over a century after it was published, it is still a primary source of reference, which can be consulted (with appropriate caution) in conjunction with the more recent dictionaries of Reaney (1958), Reaney and Wilson (1991), Hanks and Hodges (1988), and Hanks (2003a).

Bardsley is also sound on the possible linguistic effects of migration (1901: 3–4). Building on Camden's observations about folk etymology nearly 300 years previously, he says that one of the greatest difficulties in solving the origin of our family names comes under 'the law of imitation'. The parentage being forgotten, people naturally began to pronounce their names in a way that accorded with the local dialect of the area to which they had moved, especially if it seemed to convey a meaning. The institution of Parish Registers in 1538 by Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's Vicar General, required the parson of each parish to record baptisms, marriages, and burials, with the names of the individuals concerned. At first, some parsons (or their clerks) were more conscientious in doing this than others, but by 1558, the first year of the reign of Elizabeth I, most parishes conformed to the order. According to Bardsley, this led to 'the pitfall into which so many stumble. Hence in co. Somerset, Greedy for Gredhay, Rainbird for Reynebaud, Trott for Troyt, Bacchus for Bakehouse, Toogood or Doogood for Thurgod, Goodyear for Goodier, Gospell for Gosbell, Physick for Fishwick, Potiphar for Pettifer, Pitchfork (co. Linc[s].) for Pitchforth (i.e. Pickford), Roylance for Rylands, Gudgeon for Goodson (cf. the pronunciation Hodgson for Hodgson in the North), Twentyman for Twinterman, Sisterson for Sissotson (Cecilia), Rayment for Raymond, Garment for Garmond, Forty for the old "de la Fortheye" of co. Oxford (which still exists as Forty in the city), and a host of others.'

Bardsley's entry for **Hickford** shows the style of his work:

**Hickford**.—Local, 'of Hickford', some spot in co. Salop. Sir Robert Atkyns, in his *Ancient and Present State of Gloucestershire*, says (p. 109) that 'the Higfords were of an ancient family in co. Salop, originally styled Hugford.' About the reign of James I the surname was turned into Higford: this of course has now become Hickford.

The explanation, as in other entries, is supported by a brief mention of medieval evidence. Bardsley did not, of course, have the

benefit of the volumes of the English Place-Name Society or of the Ordnance Survey Gazetteer, both essential tools for the modern student of English habitational family names. If he had, he would have noted that there is a place called Higford in Stockton parish, Shropshire, and that his observations on the family name are supported by early references to the place, which are mostly spelled *Hug-*, pointing to derivation from an Old English personal name \**Hugga*. This confirmation by subsequent scholarship of Bardsley's endeavour to identify the origin of an obscure habitational family name, with the limited resources at his disposal, is by no means an isolated example.

## 21.2 Study of the geographical distribution of family names

A different approach to the study of family-name history was introduced by Guppy (1890). This work was the first to show that there is often an enduring statistical connection between a family name's present-day distribution and its place of origin. Such information must have been of great help to Victorian genealogists who were once uncertain of which parish or county records to consult when searching for a certain family's ancestors, while it could also aid those interested in surname history generally, particularly when searching for the previously unidentified origin of a locative name. Guppy's methodology is a model for an important strand of family-name study in an age in which computational analysis of large databases is possible. He took as a sample about 5,000 names of farmers listed in Kelly's directories, believing that farmers represented a particularly stable segment of the population, and he showed that many family names have a statistically significant association with particular counties. Thus, he found **Gulliver** with a frequency of 20 per 10,000 of population in Northamptonshire (but nowhere else), **Guppy** with 7 per 10,000 in Dorset, **Hanks** with 14 per 10,000 in Gloucestershire, and **Pascoe** with 40 per 10,000 in Cornwall. He also included some historical and genealogical data in the way that had become traditional from Camden to Bardsley, for example:

PASCOE is an old and distinguished Penzance name. Erasmus Pascoe of Trevassick, Phillack, was sheriff of the county in 1720 . . . . William Pascoe was mayor of Truro in 1758, and Thomas Pascoe was on the Commission of the Peace for the county in 1803. William Pascoe, of this county, contributed £25 to the National Defence Fund at the time of the expected invasion of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

Guppy's approach was an important precursor to the more recent geographical analysis of family-name distribution, for example using Archer's *British 19th Century Surname Atlas*, which has forced us in this dictionary to revise the most likely origins of some family names, as well as our understanding, foreshadowed by Bardsley's work, of how migration has affected surname distribution patterns.

## 21.3 Twentieth-century scholarship

Two of the better known, more recent introductions to family-name history are those by Reaney (1967) and McKinley (1990),

which offer a philologist's and a historian's perspective respectively. They remain invaluable works in the field, but as a result of their intention to provide a national survey of family-name history (and not of the history of the present-day stock of family names), they do not address the often regionally specific patterns of family-name development and distribution which McKinley himself identifies:

It is impossible to examine the surnames present in several counties, from different parts of England, without being struck by the very sizable differences which existed in the Middle Ages, and which in large measure persisted into later periods, between the different English regions.

### 21.3.1 THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH FAMILY-NAME STUDIES IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Ernest Weekley (1865–1954) was Professor of Modern Languages at Nottingham University and the compiler of a range of practical English dictionaries for the publisher Collins. He also wrote popular books on names, including one on family names (Weekley 1916). He planned a dictionary of surnames and is sometimes spoken of as if he had compiled one, but he did not. His short but readable survey was a popular reference source in the first half of the 20th century, but was superseded by the work of Reaney (1967). The Hallward Library at the University of Nottingham contains an edition of Bardsley (1901) annotated by Weekley, along with unpublished notes by him on family-name etymologies.

Ewen (1938) is also a historical guide to English family names, rather than a dictionary. Many of the names in it are discussed reliably and informatively. Like Bardsley (1875), it contains an extensive index of the names discussed in the text. Ewen consulted a selection of medieval records (charters, court records, tax returns, and other documents) to collect evidence, though not as systematically as subsequent scholars, including Reaney and the present editors, would have wished.

### 21.3.2 SWEDISH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY

From the 1930s to the 1950s, several doctoral theses on Old and Middle English surnames were published in Sweden, characterized by rigorous systematicity in the examination of medieval data. Two of the most important of these are Fransson (1935) and Löfvenberg (1942). Both authors were students of the most prominent Swedish scholar of Old and Middle English onomastics, Eilert Ekwall, who himself wrote studies of surnames and personal names in medieval London (1945, 1947). The scholarship of Fransson and Löfvenberg is impeccable, but their scope is limited by the constraints of their dissertation word-limit: their books each have entries for only just over 700 medieval surnames, and not all the names they studied have survived into the modern period. Fransson made some attempt to link the surnames that he found in medieval records to modern lexical items where possible and in some entries commented on the geographical distribution of the surname, but Löfvenberg did not. Both saw their task as excerpting and organizing the medieval material, and therefore as accounting for medieval surnames rather than explaining modern family names. Fransson's book contains an alphabetical index of names and the microstructure of each entry is dictionary-like. However, the

macrostructure is not that of a dictionary. The entries are arranged not in alphabetical order but in chapters dealing with particular sets of occupations, such as: 1. Dealers and traders; 7. Masonry and roofing workers; 9. Physicians and barbers. Fransson collected evidence from only ten English counties and ignored occupational surnames that did not fall into his nine categories, so, for example, there are no entries for terms of office such as *Reeve* and *Sheriff* (see *Sherriff*). Thuresson (1950) supplemented Fransson's work with a study of a further 850 occupational terms. Neither Fransson nor Thuresson approach the vexed question of so-called metonymic occupational names (e.g. *Cloke* for a cloak seller); see section 3.3.5. Löfvenberg (1942) was also of restricted scope, dealing with 'only local surnames consisting of an English or a French preposition followed by a noun (or place-name) preceded by the definite article [in Middle English documents]'. Like Fransson, he makes some attempt to connect the medieval evidence forward to modern family names, realizing the scope for improvement over previous work. He comments:

The value of an investigation of Middle English local surnames is manifold. Apart from giving a great deal of information about the life, conditions and customs of people in the Middle Ages, local surnames—like other surnames—are of great value for linguistic study. . . . In this thesis there are Middle English forms for such modern English surnames as Apps, Arlett, Barnett, Bay, Beer(e), Bear(e), Burchett, Bye, Denn(e), Fanne, Forty, Foss(e), Frith, Hale, Ham, Hazlitt, Heal(e) . . . [all of them misinterpreted by Bardsley in his dictionary].

Other important works on surnames by Swedish scholars are Sundby (1963) and Jönsjö (1979). Much like the work of the Swedish scholars already mentioned, Sundby's study is rooted in the medieval period and does little to show the reader how Middle English dialects have contributed to the modern forms of family names. He used the surnames of people recorded in a number of documents to investigate the Middle English dialect of Worcestershire, and in doing so he exemplified the value of surnames as evidence for linguistic variation in Middle English. By dividing his documentary materials into periods of fifty years, he was also able to show how the language changed over time. Jönsjö's study is another useful collection of medieval evidence, with etymological explanations of surnames derived from nicknames. The names are arranged in alphabetical order, but only their medieval forms are used, and so it can be difficult to connect these medieval names with their modern equivalents. Despite their restricted scope, all of these works are of importance to the field of family-name study and show how the systematic analysis of surname data can offer insights about the language more broadly.

### 21.3.3 P. H. REANEY

During and after the Second World War, a respected English place-name scholar introduced new standards of documentary and philological rigour to family-name studies by forging more defensible links between the early evidence and family names attested in modern times. While fire-watching in London during the Blitz, P. H. Reaney (1890–1968), schoolmaster and author of the English Place-Name Society (EPNS) volumes *The Place-Names of*

*Essex* (1935) and *The Place-Names of Cambridgeshire* (1943), systematically collected evidence for surnames from printed versions of medieval records and arranged them under what he assumed were their modern forms. This work contributed to his *Dictionary of British Surnames*, first published in 1958 (third edition, Reaney and Wilson 1991).

On his death, Reaney left his papers to the University of Sheffield. In 1976 and again in 1991 R. M. Wilson, Professor of English at Sheffield, published revised editions of Reaney's dictionary, including some 4,700 additional entries, mostly for family names derived from place-names which Reaney had been forced to omit from his original edition for reasons of space. In total, the third edition of the dictionary contains over 16,000 entries. Its focus is on citations of names from Subsidy Rolls, Pipe Rolls, Feet of Fines, Assize Rolls, and other national and local manuscript sources (including published editions). References to these are given in an extremely abbreviated form. Explanations are sometimes terse to the point of being incomprehensible, and the connections between medieval forms and modern family names are quite speculative. The entry for **Hanke, Hanks** shows both the strengths and the weaknesses of Reaney's approach:

**Hanke, Hanks:** *Anke* Hy 2 DC (L); *Hanke* 12th ib.; *Anke* de Ankinton' 1194 P (L); *Hank'* carpentarius 1280 Osenev (O); Roger *Hanke* 1275 RH (NF); Ralph *Hancks* 1642 PrGR. *Hank* is usually regarded as a Flemish pet-form of *John*. The early examples above are undoubtedly of Scandinavian origin, from ON *Anki*, a diminutive of some name in *Arn-*.

Like most entries in Reaney's great dictionary, this contains a selection of medieval and other early evidence—an astonishing achievement in the days before computers. However, it cannot be read without constant reference to the list of abbreviations in the front matter. Moreover, *Hanke* and *Hanks* are almost certainly unrelated names, formed in different parts of the country from different etymons, so the final sentence, though true, merely underlines the irrelevance of *Anke* and *Hanke* to the modern family name **Hanks**. Thirdly, as Guppy had already shown half a century earlier, *Hanks* is and always has been associated with Gloucestershire and the adjacent county of Wiltshire, a region where there was no Scandinavian settlement. The mention of *Hank' carpentarius* in Osenev (near Oxford) in 1280 is in the right general area at the right time: it could perhaps be relevant to the family name *Hanks*. The most likely etymology of this is not Scandinavian but from *Han*, a pet form of *Jehan* (*John*)—possibly brought to the south Midlands by Flemish weavers. The family name is formed according to a pattern found also in **Danks, Hinks, Wilks, Jenks**, and other south Midlands surnames. Ralph Hancks, in Preston (Lancashire) in 1642, is most plausibly explained as a migrant (or descendant of a migrant) from Gloucestershire, even though no biographical details have yet been found to confirm or disconfirm this supposition.

### 21.3.4 COTTLE AND TITFORD

The first edition (1967) of Basil Cottle's *Penguin Dictionary of Surnames* contains 8,000 entries, expanded in the second edition (1978) to 12,000. The coverage is, however, somewhat idiosyncratic:

many common names are missing. The entries are as academically reliable as could reasonably be expected given the resources available at the time, though many can now be shown to be wrong. They are brief and clear to the expert, but dense to the point of obscurity to the general user. With few exceptions, the explanations are preceded by one of four letters indicating the typology of the provenance: F (= first name), L (= local name), (O = occupational name), or N (= nickname). Etymons are generally implied, rather than stated; for example, *Isgar* is explained as ‘F “iron spear” OE’. The alert reader can easily discover that it is a relationship name deriving from a given name (F, ‘first name’), and that it is of Old English origin (OE), but the Old English words for ‘iron’ and ‘spear’ are not stated, and an unwary reader might conclude that the family name is of Old English origin, which it is not; it is the given name on which it is based that is of Old English origin, and that consists of the words for ‘iron’ and ‘spear’ with no necessary implication that the amalgamated concept ‘iron spear’ is intended. Explanations are not supported by citations from medieval documents, but the dictionary was a paperback for popular consumption, already running to over 440 pages in the second edition, so Cottle’s decision can be seen as defensible. On the positive side, geographical distribution is often noted, with occasional references to Guppy’s work.

John Titford’s *Penguin Dictionary of British Surnames* (2009), which is a revision of Cottle’s work, makes good use of modern distributional information to correct a number of errors, especially in the explanation of family names from place-names. He also draws on some of Redmonds’ discoveries (about **Ovenden** and the rarer name *Woffindale*, for example) and on family-history research by members of the Guild of One-Name Studies. As a family historian himself, Titford contributes a perceptive introductory essay to his dictionary on the nature of modern family-name development and its research implications. He omits family names that do not have significant frequency in modern times (about 2,000 are lost as compared with Cottle’s second edition), and the dictionary deals with only around 10,000 names, fewer than half of those in Reaney and Wilson and fewer than a quarter of those in the present volume. Some of his explanations repeat erroneous or inadequate explanations from Cottle and from Reaney and Wilson, including several, such as **Maud**, **Moxon**, and **Stringfellow**, that had already been corrected in Redmonds (1997). Like all previous family-name lexicographers, if Titford cannot explain the origin of a name, he simply omits it. This contrasts with the present work, where names whose origin cannot be explained, despite the best efforts of the whole team, are recorded with statements about their frequency and distribution and (usually) a selection of such evidence as there is and (sometimes) a summary of plausible hypotheses.

### 21.3.5 THE ENGLISH SURNAMES SERIES AND OTHER COUNTY AND REGIONAL FAMILY-NAME SURVEYS

The English Surnames Series (ESS), the fruit of a project begun in 1965 at the University of Leicester under McKinley’s editorship, set out to investigate the history of family names at the county level, in order to improve our understanding of regionally specific patterns

such as name-type distribution and hereditary family-name development. Unfortunately, only seven volumes were published (Redmonds 1973, McKinley 1975, 1977, 1981, 1988, Postles 1995, 1998), but the regional characteristics that were identified did much to show the value of localized name study and its contribution to local history research. Cecily Clark recognized the importance of this approach, noting that the works of the ESS

... never lose sight of the special nature of naming, as distinct from common vocabulary, and so proceed consistently in terms of social status, of domicile and landholding, of migration-patterns, of economic activity, or gender and familial relationships, of types of milieu, and of ramification of individual clans (Clark 1995: 384).

However, it is not necessarily the case that this county-based research is suitable for investigating regional family-name patterns. Postles (1995: 4), in his ESS volume for Devon, concedes that counties can never be regional societies, while Redmonds (2004: xiv), from his Yorkshire vantage point, comments that ‘many of the counties are made up of several distinct regions, and these can be linked to marked differences in their topography, history and language.’ Future family-name research could, then, benefit from focusing on socially, topographically, culturally, and linguistically distinct regions, perhaps investigating particularly localized patterns of development, much as Hey (2000: xi) has suggested:

The research that will forward our understanding of how surnames arose and spread will need to be focused on particular parts of the country, looking at how groups of names were formed at different times in particular local communities.

An example of such a beginning is Harry Parkin’s University of the West of England dissertation on Cotswold surnames (Parkin 2014).

### 21.3.6 HANKS AND HODGES

Hanks and Hodges (1988) is both an explanatory inventory of modern British and Irish surnames and a comparative survey of European family names. It contains explanations for several hundred English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, and Cornish family names not mentioned by Reaney and Wilson, together with a very large number of European cognates. Altogether, this dictionary explains nearly 70,000 family names, nested etymologically under 7,000 main entries. It met with a mixed reception in Britain, but was warmly welcomed in America, where most family names are of non-English origin. Scholars in the British Isles complained about the absence of medieval evidence supporting the explanations. Making good this deficiency was part of the motivation for undertaking the research on which FaNBI is based.

Encouraged by the favourable reception of this work in America, Hanks went on to compile a much larger *Dictionary of American Family Names* (Hanks 2003a), an even more ambitious but much better focused work, in three volumes, whose entry list is based on computational analysis of the names of over 88 million American telephone subscribers. There is an entry for every name borne by more than 100 telephone subscribers, as well as for many rarer names, such as *Stuyvesant*, insofar as the latter are of historical or etymological importance. There are over 70,000 entries altogether. The explanations are the work not of Hanks alone but of thirty of



the world's leading surname experts. The 'nesting' arrangement of Hanks and Hodges was abandoned. Instead, every family name (even spelling variants) receives an entry in its own right. There are genealogical notes on early American bearers for many entries, especially in cases where the form of a European name was substantially changed in 17th- and 18th-century America, a process discussed in Hanks (2003b). A sample entry is:

**Billington** (1345) English: habitational name from any of three places called Billington, in Lancashire, Staffordshire, and Bedfordshire. The first of these is first recorded in 1196 as *Billinduna* 'sword-shaped hill'; the second is in Domesday Book as *Belintone* 'settlement (Old English *tūn*) of Billa', the one in Bedfordshire is recorded in 1196 as *Billendon*, from an Old English personal name *Billa* + *dūn* 'hill'. The place in Lancashire is the most likely source of the surname.

**FOREBEARS** John Billington (1580–1630), from Spalding, Lincolnshire, was a passenger on the *Mayflower* in 1620 and an early settler in Plymouth Colony. Governor Bradford called him 'the profanest' of the settlers; eventually he was hanged for murder. His son Francis married and had children.

## 22. Multidisciplinary research

While the county-level approach of the ESS may not be entirely appropriate for localized family-name research, that is not to say that its findings are without value. The ESS's consideration of many historical factors, such as cultural, linguistic, and social history, emphasized and encouraged a multidisciplinary approach to family-name study, rather than the predominantly linguistic focus of past works, such as Reaney's (1967). More recent research has tended to adopt multidisciplinary techniques, investigating the etymology and forms of names alongside distributional, genetic, biographical, prosopographical, and other complementary historical factors, in order to achieve a greater level of understanding about their origins and development. The potential role of DNA evidence in onomastic research has been discussed above. Redmonds, King, and Hey (2011) have clearly shown the benefits of such a multidisciplinary approach, particularly in an analysis of prosopographical and distribution evidence, where they consider a wide range of historical sources to determine the origin of the previously enigmatic family name **Tordoff**. The 1881 distribution shows this family name was concentrated in the West Riding of Yorkshire, encouraging the researcher to search local records from around this area of England to find the origin of the name. However, the Dumfriesshire origin of the name led Redmonds, King, and Hey (2011: 99) to the conclusion that the family name *Tordoff* 'derives from a locality known as Tordoff Point on the Scottish side of the Solway Firth.' Without the prosopographical evidence, this origin may not have been so easily found or so confidently asserted.

Redmonds (1997) has also shown the advantages of considering a wide range of historical sources in determining a family name's etymology, particularly in his analysis of alias names. With a purely philological approach, a family name's origin can be identified through the comparison of similar name-forms. However, where a name has been altered by scribal influence to such an extent that its

form is no longer etymologically transparent, linguistic comparison is of little help, and a different approach is required. Redmonds' investigation of a large number of sources allowed him to discover and analyse cases where a person is recorded with two or more names connected by the Latin word *alias*, literally 'otherwise', which in some cases suggest an etymological connection between two family names which might not appear to be related judging by their form alone. One such example is the case of Simon *Woodhouse alias Wydis* from Thornton le Moor in 1611 (Redmonds 1997: 125; see the examples and discussion in the entries for **Woodhouse** and **Woodiwiss** in this dictionary).

The multidisciplinary approach has not just involved the application of wider historical knowledge and DNA evidence to family-name study but the use of family-name data in other historical studies. McClure (1979) used toponymic surname data to investigate rural and urban patterns of medieval migration, and the value of this methodology led to its use in further migration studies (see Penn 1983, Rosser 1989, Kowaleski 1995). Researchers in the fields of demography, population, and geographical information science have made use of family-name evidence (Schürer 2002, 2004, Longley and others 2005), while lexicographical research using family-name evidence has also been carried out (see, for example, Mawer 1930, McClure 2010a, 2010b, and the Swedish works, mainly by scholars at Lund University, such as Fransson (1935), Löfvenberg (1942), Thuresson (1950), and Jönsjö (1979), mentioned above, which provided antedatings, accepted into the *Oxford English Dictionary*, for a large number of words of English vocabulary).

Outside the ESS series, and published since its suspension, an excellent county (or rather sub-county) survey of family names is the three-volume work on names characteristic of North Staffordshire by Edgar Tooth (2000, 2002, 2004, 2010). Finally, a major new county dictionary is Redmonds (2015). This massive work provides a model for an approach that, if replicated in every district of Britain, would greatly advance our knowledge of family names and their history and contribute significantly to a reliable and comprehensive dictionary. The editors of FaNBI acknowledge with gratitude the fact that George Redmonds made a draft of his work available to the project before it was published, and many of the Yorkshire entries have been substantially improved as a result.

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# Glossary

**ablative** A grammatical term for the case form of nouns and adjectives in inflected languages, the main function of which is to indicate movement away from an object.

**accusative** A grammatical term for the case form of nouns and adjectives in inflected languages, the main function of which is to identify the direct object of a verb.

**affricate** A speech sound such as /pf/ or /tʃ/ (the latter being usually spelled *-ch-* or *-tch* in English), consisting of a plosive immediately followed by a fricative at the same position of articulation.

**Afro-Asiatic** Denoting or belonging to a family of languages spoken in North Africa, the Middle East, and the Horn of Africa, including Semitic languages (notably Arabic and Hebrew), Berber, Hausa, and Somali.

**agent derivative** A noun denoting a person or thing that performs an action related to a verb or other word from which it derives, for example *baker* for someone who bakes.

**Akan** The principal language of the Akan people of Ghana, dialects of which are *Akuapim* and *Asante* (together known as *Twi*), and *Fante*.

**altered form** A family name whose form has changed in a linguistically irregular fashion, often by folk etymology, such as *Ambridge* from *Ambrose*.

**alveolar** A speech sound such as English /t/ or /d/, made by pressing part of the tongue against the alveolar ridge (the firm ridge immediately behind the upper teeth).

**Amharic** The language of Ethiopia, a Semitic language related to Arabic and Hebrew. It has its own distinctive writing system.

**anglicize** To alter the form of a word or name so that it conforms more naturally to the rules of English spelling or pronunciation, such as **Bloom** for German and Jewish **Blum** (from German *Blume*, Yiddish *blum* ‘flower’), or **Delaney** for Irish Ó *Dubhshláine*.

**Anglo-Latin** The Medieval Latin language as used in England, which contained many latinizations of English words, for example *murderatio* ‘murder’.

**Anglo-Norman** (also called **Anglo-Norman French**) A variety of Norman French spoken and written in medieval England following the Norman Conquest in 1066. The people who settled in England after the Conquest and who spoke this language included not only Normans but also their followers from Brittany, Flanders, and Picardy. Between the 11th and the 14th century in England, it was the language of the aristocracy, the

administration, and the law courts. Many family names in England are of Anglo-Norman origin.

**Anglo-Scandinavian** A variety of the Scandinavian language (Old Norse) spoken in northern and eastern parts of England following Scandinavian settlement in and around the 9th and 10th centuries. It gave rise to some new English place-names (see the family name **Ireton**) and to some new Old Scandinavian personal names (see **Annand**), as well as to some hybrid personal names combining Scandinavian and English elements (see **Ketteridge**), and to anglicized forms of original Scandinavian personal names (see **Thurstan**).

**antonym** A word that has the opposite meaning to the one under consideration. For example, the family name **Smallbone** evidently originated as a nickname that was an antonym of **Longbone**.

**aphetic** Denoting or pertaining to the loss of an unstressed vowel at the beginning of a word or name, for example **Prentice** from *apprentice*.

**apotropaic name** A name given in the belief that it would ward off evil spirits or avert bad luck. The Ashkenazic Jewish male given name *Altman*, literally ‘old man’, is believed to have been bestowed on children as an apotropaic name, intended to ward off the Angel of Death and ensure that the bearer would live to be an old man.

**Arabic** A Semitic language spoken in the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, Iraq, and elsewhere, with many different dialects. Classical written Arabic is the language of the Muslim holy scripture, the Qur’an, and of the Hadith.

**Aramaic** A Semitic language closely related to Hebrew and Arabic. It was the language spoken by Jesus of Nazareth and is the language of the Jewish collection of rabbinic writings called the Talmud.

**Ashkenazic** Denoting the Jews of central and eastern Europe, who spoke Yiddish, a specifically Jewish language derived from German.

**aspiration** An audible exhalation of breath, as occurs in English in the pronunciation of initial accented /p/, /t/, and /k/.

**assimilation** A process resulting from the influence of one speech sound, word, or name on another, resulting in both sounds, words, or names becoming similar or identical. For example, Middle English *Pernel* (now **Parnell**) has become **Pennell** (through assimilation of /rn/ to /nn/, and Scottish **Pollock** has been altered in Ireland to **Pogue** through assimilation to the Irish word *póg* ‘kiss’.

- augmentative** With reference in particular to Italian names, denoting alteration of a basic name form through the addition of a suffix implying large size, for example **Nardone** as a variant of the personal name **Nardo**.
- Austronesian** A major group of languages in South East Asia and the Pacific islands, including the Malayo-Polynesian languages (Cambodian, Indonesian, Malay, and Vietnamese), and Taiwanese.
- bachelor** In the feudal system, a young knight who was too young or too poor to have his own following of vassals.
- back-formation** The creation of a word from an existing word by removing part of it on the false assumption that it is a derivative of the new formation; for example, creation of the verb *edit* from the Latin noun *editor*, which literally means ‘one who gives something out’, from *e(x)* ‘out’ + *datum* ‘given’. One source of the family name **Hew** is the Middle English word *hewe* ‘domestic, servant’, which is a back-formation from the Middle English plural form *hewen* ‘members of a household, domestics’.
- Bantu** A large sub-group of the Niger-Congo language family, spoken in central and southern Africa, including Ndebele, Shona, and Zulu.
- Basque** A language and people of the Spanish and French Pyrenees. The Basque language has no known relationship to any other language.
- Bengali** An Indo-Aryan language spoken by the people of Bangladesh and the Indian states of West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura.
- Berber** An Afro-Asiatic language spoken in North Africa.
- bilabial** A consonantal speech sound such as /b/ or /p/, involving closure of the lips to block the flow of air.
- binomial system** The system of names identifying individual people that is now used in most parts of the world, including Britain and Ireland. Each name in the binomial system consists of two parts: one or more forenames, given to an individual at or soon after birth, and a surname or family name, which in most traditions is normally inherited from the individual’s father.
- bowdlerize** To remove morphemes, words, phrases, or paragraphs from (a name, word, or text) on the grounds that they are considered obscene, in family names typically having the result that the historical formation of the name was obscured. In the Victorian era, many names ending in *-cock* were altered to *-cott* under the influence of bowdlerization.
- Breton** A Celtic language closely related to Cornish, which was taken to Brittany by migrants from south-west Britain in the 5th century; also the term for a native of Brittany.
- British** With reference to a historical language, an earlier stage of the Brittonic language, contemporary with the use of Latin in Roman Britain.
- Brittonic** (also **Brythonic**) The Celtic language (or group of languages) spoken by the ancient Britons in pre-Roman and Roman times, of which modern Welsh is the main present-day descendant.
- broad consonant** In Gaelic languages, a consonant that is velar or has become velarized.
- Bulgarian** The southern Slavic language spoken in Bulgaria.
- byname** Originally an alternative or subsidiary name; now usually a non-hereditary *surname*; also another name (such as a nickname) in transferred use as a personal name.
- Cambodian** An Austronesian language (also known as Khmer) spoken in Cambodia.
- Cantonese** A dialect of the Chinese language spoken in Hong Kong and southern China. The majority of British family names of Chinese origin are from the Cantonese dialect.
- Castilian** See *Spanish*.
- Catalan** The Romance language spoken in Catalonia and Andorra, where it has official status. It is closely related to Occitan, the vernacular language of southern France, as well as to Spanish.
- Celtic** A group of languages of major historical importance, constituting a branch of the Indo-European language family. There are two main groups of Celtic languages in the British Isles: Goidelic (also known as Q-Celtic), which consists of Irish, Scottish Gaelic, and Manx; and Brittonic (also known as P-Celtic), which consists of Welsh, Cornish, and Cumbric. With the exception of Welsh, Celtic languages are now rare or endangered, although Irish is a compulsory subject in schools in Ireland and valiant attempts are also being made to preserve Scottish Gaelic and revive Manx and Cornish. Irish in particular, among Celtic languages, has yielded a large number of family names. See also *Breton*.
- Central French** A variety of Old French that was current in central France and southern Normandy in medieval times, and from which the standard modern French language is derived.
- Chinese:** The language of China, the largest member of the Sino-Tibetan language family. Standard Chinese is the Mandarin dialect of northern China, but the majority of family names of Chinese origin in Britain come from the Cantonese dialect spoken in Hong Kong. Other important dialects include Hokkien (spoken in Fujian province) and Teochew (spoken in eastern Guangdong province), both of which have spread widely throughout East Asia due to emigration. Chinese is written in an ideographic writing system, in which symbols represent concepts rather than sounds.
- clan** A group of people, smaller than a nation, usually consisting of people who claim descent from a common ancestor.
- cognates** Two or more words or names that derive from the same source due to regular processes of historical change in different but related languages. For example, the Continental Germanic personal name *Baldric*, which lies behind the English family name **Baldry**, is a cognate of the Old English name *\*Bealdric*, which is the origin of the English family name **Baldrige**.
- Continental Germanic** A branch of the West Germanic language that was spoken on the continent of Europe in the first millennium AD. Old English constituted a different branch. A

- typical Continental Germanic personal name was *Rodbert*, which was adopted by speakers of Norman French and brought to England as **Robert**. Dialects of Continental Germanic are High German, Low German, and Dutch.
- Cornish** A Celtic language that was spoken in Cornwall until the 18th century and is now being revived by enthusiasts.
- Croatian** A southern Slavic language spoken in Croatia and Herzegovina. It is mutually comprehensible with Serbian, but (unlike Serbian) is written in the Roman alphabet.
- Cumbric** An early medieval Brittonic language that was spoken in parts of northern England and southern Scotland up to the 14th century.
- Czech** A Western Slavic language spoken in the Czech Republic. It is closely related to Slovak and more distantly related to Polish.
- dative** A grammatical term for the case form of nouns and adjectives in inflected languages, the main functions of which are, often following a preposition, to identify location and to express the indirect object of a verb.
- day-name** A personal name based on the word for one of the days of the week, typically found in the Akan language of Ghana, for example **Cudjoe** ‘Monday’.
- de-aspiration** Loss of breathiness in the articulation of an aspirated consonant (see *aspiration*); in FaNBI it is used also to refer to the loss of initial /h/, as in **Enderson** for **Henderson**.
- denasalization** Pronunciation of a word or name without the nasal quality normally found in the source name or word. See *nasal*.
- dental** A speech sound made when the tongue is in contact with the teeth, for example English *th*, which represents both /θ/ (unvoiced) and /ð/ (voiced).
- depalatalization** The process of a sound ceasing to be palatal by the movement of the tongue away from the hard palate, as when initial /ʃ/ in *Sharples* is depalatalized to /s/ in *Surplice*.
- Devanagari** The traditional syllabic script used for writing Sanskrit, Hindi, and other languages of northern India.
- devoicing** A process whereby a speech sound that is normally voiced becomes voiceless or less voiced, as in **Clendenning** for **Glendinning**.
- dialect** A version of a language that is peculiar to a particular geographical area or social group.
- diminutive suffix** A suffix that generally means ‘little’, with respect to size or importance. It is commonly added to personal names, to create a hypocoristic or pet form, as in the case of the English family name **Willett**, a pet form of **Will**.
- diphthong** A speech sound formed by the combination of two vowel sounds within a single syllable, as in the words *cow* and *time*.
- dissimilation** A process involving the influence of one speech sound on another, resulting in the sounds becoming different, as in **Dunbavin** for **Dunbabin**, or in the elimination of one of a pair of identical sounds, as in **Gilliand** for **Gilliland**.
- disyllabic** Consisting of two syllables.
- dithematic** Consisting of two etymological elements. For example, Old English *Ælfrēd* (**Alfred**) is a dithematic personal name composed of the elements *ælf* ‘elf’ + *rēd* ‘counsel’. *Wilhelm* (**William**) is a Continental Germanic dithematic personal name composed of the elements *will* ‘will’ + *helm* ‘helmet or protection’.
- Dravidian** A family of languages of southern India. Major Dravidian languages are Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada.
- Druze** An Arabic-speaking people of the Near East (especially Syria and Lebanon), who have their own distinctive and ancient religion, which is based partly on the Hebrew Bible and partly on ancient Greek philosophy, with an admixture of some unique beliefs and holy books.
- Dutch** A West Germanic language spoken in the Netherlands and Flanders. It is related to English and German.
- early bearer** In this dictionary, any of the individuals whose names are found in old records, who may be mentioned in an entry as evidence of the origin, development, or geographical distribution of a family name.
- Early Modern English** The English language from the late 15th century to about 1700.
- epicentre** The geographical point of origin of a family name, from which it gradually spreads outwards in many different directions.
- established name** A family name that is present in Britain at the present day and was also comparatively frequent here up to and including the 19th century. Compare *recent immigrant name*.
- ethnic name** A family name that denotes a person’s race or country of origin, for example **French**, **Walsh**.
- etymology** The origin and historical development of a word or name; also the study of word or name origins.
- etymon** A word, phrase, or morpheme from which a later word or a name is derived. In this dictionary, etymons are italicized.
- excrement** Denoting a non-etymological sound or letter that has been added arbitrarily to the end of a name, for example the excrement *-d* in **Hammond**, from the Old French personal name *Hamon*, and the excrement *-s* that was commonly added to established family names after the medieval period, as in names like **Rooms** and **Castles**. Compare *inorganic*, *intrusive*, *prosthetic*.
- explanation** As part of an entry in this dictionary, an account of the etymology and origin of a family name. There can be one or more explanations within a sense. Where a sense has more than one explanation, each explanation is numbered using Roman numerals.
- family name** A hereditary name, normally inherited by an individual from his or her father; also, in certain traditional British and Irish families, adopted by a woman from her husband on marriage.

- Faroese** The language of the Faroe Islands, a form of Old Scandinavian.
- feudal system** A hierarchical social structure, introduced to England by the Normans, in which land was held in exchange for service or labour, from the king down to the lowest peasant.
- Filipino** See *Tagalog*.
- Flemish** Denoting a person (a *Fleming*), a place, or a linguistic item that is characteristic of Flanders, a historical Dutch-speaking region in what is now divided among northern Belgium, the north-west corner of France, and the extreme south-western Netherlands.
- folk etymology** Alteration of the form of a word or name to make it conform to a word or words already in the language but which are not related to the name in question, such as **Surplice** and **Surplus** as variants of **Sharples**.
- forename** See *given name*.
- franklin** In medieval Britain, a free landowner who was not of noble birth.
- freeman** In medieval Britain, a man who was not a slave or a serf, nor a member of the gentry, and was not in the service of a lord.
- French** The official language of France, also one of the official languages of Belgium and Switzerland, and certain other countries that were formerly colonies of France. A member of the Romance group of Indo-European languages, French is also known as *langue d'oïl* in contradistinction to *langue d'oc*, the language native to southern France (see *Occitan* and compare *Old French*).
- Frenchified** Denoting or pertaining to a word or name whose form has been altered so that it appears to be French. For example, **Cantillon** is a Frenchified form of the Irish family name Ó **Caindealbháin**, the usual anglicized form of which is **Quinlan**.
- fricative** A speech sound such as /f/ or /v/, made by forcing air through a narrow opening between vocal organs.
- Frisian** A West Germanic language spoken in the northern Netherlands and adjacent parts of Germany. It is closely related to Old English.
- fronting** A process in the development of a language whereby a speech sound is articulated with the tongue further forward in the mouth.
- Fula** (also known as **Fulani**) A language of the Niger-Congo language family spoken in west and central Africa.
- further information** In this dictionary, information in an entry that is not an integral part of the explanation of its etymological origin.
- fused preposition** In family names, a preposition that is joined to the name that it precedes. For example, *de + Anvers* 'from Anvers' was fused and became *Danvers*.
- Gaelic** Either of the two closely related Celtic languages spoken in Ireland and western Scotland. For the Gaelic language of Ireland, the term *Irish* is now normally used, as distinct from Scottish Gaelic.
- gaelicize** To change the form of a word or name so that it conforms to the usual forms of Irish or Scottish Gaelic. Many Irish names reverted to their historical Gaelic forms during the 20th century. Both then and during the Middle Ages some non-Gaelic names were gaelicized, for example the Norman family name **Wolf** or **Woulfe** was gaelicized as *de Bhulbh*.
- Galician** The vernacular language of north-west Spain, closely related to both Spanish and Portuguese.
- genealogy** A line of descent traced from an ancestor; the study of lines of descent.
- generic** When referring to a place-name element, a non-specific or classifying word used in a name that is composed of two or more etymological elements. The generic is usually the final element in English place-names, for example *-ton* 'village, estate'.
- genitive** A grammatical term for the case form of nouns and adjectives in inflected languages, the main function of which is to indicate possession or association.
- Germanic** An ancient Indo-European language spoken in Roman times in north and central Europe; also used as a collective term for the family of languages derived from this, including German, Dutch, Frisian, English, and the Scandinavian languages. Historically, ancient Germanic bears much the same relationship to the modern languages as Latin does to modern Italian, Spanish, French, etc. However, very few records of ancient Germanic survive, so scholars from the 19th century onwards have devoted much attention and ingenuity to reconstructing its vocabulary and grammar, based on the principle that language change is normally regular.
- Ghanaian** Denoting or pertaining to the country of Ghana in West Africa; also used as a general term for the Afro-Asiatic languages spoken in Ghana, especially *Akan* and *Twi*.
- ghetto** A part of a town or city inhabited by a minority ethnic group, originally applied to the Jewish quarter of many central European cities.
- given name** In the binomial naming system that is now standard in Britain and the rest of Europe, a name given to a person at or soon after birth, in contrast to the *family name* or *surname*, which (traditionally) is usually inherited from the father.
- glide** A sound inserted to ease a phonetically difficult transition from one to another, for example the *-d-* in **Hendry** from **Henry**. Glides are sometimes referred to as *intrusive*.
- gloss** A translation or explanation of a word. In this dictionary, glosses are printed within single quotation marks.
- Goidelic** The group of Celtic languages that consists of Irish, Scottish Gaelic, and Manx. Compare *Brittonic*.
- grange** In medieval Britain, an outlying farm or group of buildings, usually belonging to a religious establishment or feudal lord, where agricultural produce was stored.
- Great Vowel Shift** A change in pronunciation of the long vowels of the English language, which took place, for the most part, between the 15th and 17th centuries, i.e. the late Middle and Early Modern English periods. The vowels were raised (see *raising*) or



- became *diphthongs*. Thus the word *name*, pronounced /na:mə/ in late Middle English, has become /neim/ in Modern English. Similarly *seaman* /sɛ:mən/ became /seimən/ and then /si:mən/; *field* /fe:ld/ has become /fi:ld/; *Simon* /si:mən/ has become /saimən/; *road* /rɔ:d/ has become /rəud/; *goose* /go:s/ has become /gu:s/; and *house* /hu:s/ has become /haus/.
- Greek** A branch of the Indo-European family of languages, formerly spoken widely in the countries around the Mediterranean, and especially in the places that are now Greece, Cyprus, southern Italy, Albania, parts of Asia Minor, and the southern Balkans. Greek is the language of the New Testament, from which many Christian given names have been taken and adapted to vernacular forms in other languages, including English.
- Gujarati** An Indo-Aryan language closely related to Hindi, spoken in the Indian state of Gujarat.
- Hadith** In Islam, a collection of reported sayings uttered by the Prophet Muhammad.
- handout name** A type of surname given to European Jews. Handout names were chosen by an administrative functionary and bestowed on a person who did not have a surname but was required to have one by law. Jewish names such as **Berlin**, **Engel**, **Feinberg**, and **Goldfuss** (anglicized as **Goldfoot**) are likely examples. A handout name may be identical to an *ornamental name*.
- Hausa** An Afro-Asiatic language of the Hausa people, spoken in northern Nigeria and southern Niger.
- Hebrew** An ancient Semitic language (closely related to Aramaic); the liturgical language of the Jewish people. As a spoken language it had already declined in use among the Jews by the time of the Roman Empire, but was revived in the 19th century. It is the principal etymological language of Old Testament personal names.
- High German** The standard literary language of Germany and Austria, also spoken in Switzerland and elsewhere. Compare *Low German*.
- Hindi** An Indo-Aryan language spoken throughout northern India, derived from Sanskrit; it is an official language of India and is normally written in Devanagari script. Hindi and Urdu are mutually comprehensible.
- Hispanic** The group of languages including Castilian Spanish, Catalan, and Galician, which are spoken in Spain, much of South and Central America, the Philippines, and many other parts of the world. The term generally excludes Portuguese, for geopolitical reasons (because Portuguese is the national language of Portugal and Brazil), but is sometimes used to include Basque, even though the Basque language is not related to Spanish. By the same token, local languages in Spanish-speaking regions, such as Tagalog (a language of the Philippines), are sometimes included within the scope of the term *Hispanic*.
- Hokkien** A dialect or group of dialects of Chinese spoken in south-east China, especially in Fujian province, from where it spread widely throughout South East Asia, especially to Malaysia and Singapore. See also *Teochew*.
- homonyms** Two or more words or names that share the same form but which have a different etymology, such as the family name **Penn**, which may be from British *\*penn* ‘head’ or Old English *penn* ‘enclosure, fold’, or from the Middle English female personal name *Penne*, probably a pet form of *Pernel* (Latin *Petronilla*).
- homophones** Two or more words or names that are pronounced identically but have different meanings and may also have different spellings, such as **Cawley** and **Corley**.
- house name** A type of locative name that refers to a distinctive sign attached to a house or inn before the days of house numbers and general literacy. House names such as **Rothschild** ‘red shield’ were characteristic of cities in central Europe such as Frankfurt am Main during the period of surname formation.
- Huguenot** A French Protestant of the 16th and 17th centuries. The Huguenots were persecuted by the Catholic authorities in France and many thousands of them fled as refugees to England, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, and the Protestant principalities and states in Germany.
- hundred** A historical English administrative unit, a subdivision of a county.
- Hungarian** The language of Hungary; one of the Uralic languages, which include Finnish and Estonian.
- hypercorrection** A change in the form of a word or name in conformity with some supposed norm, as for example when a northern English speaker pronounces *put* to rhyme with the southern pronunciation of *cut*, in the false belief that this is somehow more ‘correct’ than the usual pronunciation rhyming with *foot*.
- hypocoristic** Denoting an affectionate *pet form* of a name.
- Igbo** The language of the Igbo people of south-eastern Nigeria; a member of the Niger-Congo language family.
- immigrant name** See *recent immigrant name*.
- Indo-Aryan** A language family of the Indian subcontinent and Iran, a major branch of the Indo-European family, comprising in particular Sanskrit and Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, and other languages of northern India, as well as Persian (Farsi) and Sinhalese.
- Indo-European** A family of languages comprising almost all the languages of Europe (including English) and northern India, as well as certain other places. Exceptions (non-Indo-European languages) in Europe are Hungarian, Finnish, Estonian, Basque, and Turkish.
- Indonesian** The official language of Indonesia, closely related to Malay.
- inflection** Modification of the form of a word, typically the ending, to express a grammatical function.
- inn name** See *house name*.
- inorganic** Denoting a sound that does not belong to the original form of a word or name and which has been added later, often for ease of pronunciation or by analogy with other words or names. Inorganic sounds may be *prosthetic*, *intrusive*, or *excrement*.

**intervocalic** Of a consonant, occurring between two vowels.

**intrusive** Denoting a sound or syllable that has been inserted between other sounds or syllables, such as the *-t-* in **Alliston**, a variant of **Allison**.

**Irish (Gaelic)** The native Celtic language of Ireland.

**ism** (plural *asmā*) An Arabic personal name or given name such as *Ḥamid* ‘praised or praiseworthy’. *Asmā* taken from Arabic vocabulary words are often used with the definite article *al-*. *Muhammad*, the name of the Prophet, is the most popular *ism* in Islam, with many variant spellings in the Roman alphabet. According to the Hadith, Muhammad himself remarked, ‘The best names [*asmā*] in the sight of God are ‘*Abdullah* [“servant of Allah”] and ‘*Abd ar-Rahman* [“servant of the Merciful”].’

**Italian** The official language of Italy, a derivative of Latin. It has a wide variety of local dialects.

**Italic** In historical linguistics, a group of languages spoken in Italy, constituting a branch of the Indo-European family. The surviving Italic languages are Latin and Italian.

**Judesmo** (also known as **Ladino**) A Jewish form of Old Spanish, which died out in Spain but, following expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, survived in the Ottoman Empire until at least the 20th century. Traces of the language can still be heard in Istanbul, Thessalonica, and Israel.

**Kashmiri** The Indo-Aryan language spoken in Jammu and Kashmir.

**khalsa name** Among Sikhs, the name *Singh* ‘lion’ (for men) or *Kaur* ‘princess’ (for women), adopted during the *khalsa* ceremony, marking the end of adolescence and initiation into the Sikh community.

**Khmer** See *Cambodian*.

**knight** In medieval Europe, a male attendant or retainer, especially one who held land on condition that he served his feudal superior (typically, the king) as a mounted soldier.

**Korean** The official language of North and South Korea.

**kunya** A type of nickname used in some Arabic-speaking countries, formed with *abū* ‘father of’ or *umm* ‘mother of’. The Prophet Muhammad was known by his *kunya* *Abū Qasem* ‘father of Qasem’, and *Qasem* was indeed the name of his son. However, a *kunya* could be and often was conventionalized: a childless person or a newborn child could be given a *kunya*. The Prophet’s wife Ayesha was known by the *kunya* *Umm ‘Abdullah* ‘mother of Abdullah’, although she was in fact childless. In Iran, a *kunya* is often metaphorical or aspirational rather than literal, for example *Abū-l Fad* ‘father of bounty’ (i.e. endowed with bounty). In the Indian subcontinent, the *kunya* is used only informally and literally within the family circle, with reference to an actually extant child.

**labio-dental** A speech sound made when one lip (usually the lower lip) is in contact with the teeth, such as /f/ and /v/.

**Ladino** See *Judesmo*.

**langue d’oc** The vernacular language of southern France. See *Occitan* and compare *langue d’oil*: ‘oc’ and ‘oil’ are the southern and northern forms respectively of the word for ‘yes’.

**langue d’oil** The standard French language as spoken in north central France. Compare *langue d’oc*.

**laqab**: In Arabic, a type of distinguishing nickname, for example *al-Aswad* ‘the Black’, *al-Asad* ‘the Lion’, *al-Hajji* ‘the person who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca’.

**Latin** The language of ancient Rome, a member of the Indo-European language family. Through its use as the official written and spoken language of the Roman Empire, vernacular forms of Latin (generally known as *Vulgar Latin*) arose in different places, giving rise to the modern Romance languages (principally Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Romanian). The written form of *Late Latin* became the language of the western Christian Church from the 3rd century onwards, and was the language of St Jerome’s translation of the Vulgate Bible. Medieval Latin was widely used in western Europe as the language of ecclesiastical and secular administration from the 9th century onwards.

**latinize** To change the form of a word or name so that it conforms to the usual forms of words in the Latin language, as when English **Smith** and German **Schmidt** are translated as Latin **Faber** or the Middle English female personal name *Tibot* is recorded as *Tibota* in Medieval Latin documents.

**Latvian** The language of Latvia, a member of the Balto-Slavic branch of the Indo-European family, closely related to Lithuanian.

**lengthening** A phonetic development whereby pronunciation of a vowel changes so that it is perceived as longer in duration, as in the family name **Arthurton**, a variant spelling of **Atherton** that reflects a lengthening of /æ/ to /a:/ in the Norfolk dialect. (Compare northern and southern English pronunciations of *path*.)

**lenition** In Celtic languages, a change in the articulation of a consonant in certain grammatical contexts, often preserving the place of articulation but changing the manner (e.g. a stop being altered to the corresponding fricative in Irish and Welsh, or a voiceless consonant becoming voiced in Welsh). For example, the Irish family name **Mac Páidín** (**McPadden**) alternates with the lenited form **Mac Pháidín** (**McFadden**). The process of lenition has resulted in a complete change in the phonetic value of some consonants; indeed, Irish initial *F-* may be lost completely due to lenition after *Ó* or *Mac*, so that **Flynn** alternates with **Lynn**. In Welsh, the relationship between pairs of names such as **Baughan** and **Vaughan** is explained by the fricative type of lenition; the relationship between the Welsh family name **Dew** and the Welsh word *tew* ‘stout’ illustrates the voicing type of lenition. See *mutation*.

**Levant, the** A traditional name for a vaguely defined geographical area consisting of the countries bordering on the eastern Mediterranean, including Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, and sometimes also Turkey, Greece, and Egypt.

- liquid** With reference to a speech sound, a consonant produced by allowing the air stream to flow relatively freely around the obstruction formed by the tongue, for example the sounds represented by the letters *l* and *r*.
- Lithuanian** The language of Lithuania, a member of the Balto-Slavic branch of the Indo-European family, closely related to Latvian.
- locative name** A family name derived from a location, whether *toponymic* or *topographic*.
- long vowel** A vowel whose pronunciation is perceived as having a relatively long duration; for example, in standard British English pronunciation, the vowel in *food* is perceived as long, compared with the vowel in *good*. In actual fact, perception of vowel length is often due to stress as well as (or instead of) duration.
- lord** Someone of superior rank, a master, especially a feudal lord with ownership or possession of a manor.
- lowering** With reference to a speech sound, the process of pronouncing a vowel with the tongue further from the roof of the mouth than previously; for example, in late Middle English *e* is frequently lowered to *a* before *r*, giving rise to spellings like *Clark* for Middle English *clerk*.
- Low German** Any of the large group of non-standard German dialects spoken in northern Germany, closely related to Dutch. Compare *High German*.
- Macedonian** A southern Slavic language spoken in Macedonia. It is closely related to Bulgarian, with a substantial component borrowed from Serbian.
- Malay** An Austronesian language that is the official language of Malaysia and Brunei, also spoken in Singapore. It is closely related to Bahasa Indonesia, the language of Indonesia.
- Malayalam** A Dravidian language spoken mainly in the south-west Indian state of Kerala.
- Mandarin** The standard dialect of Chinese, the official language of both mainland China and Taiwan.
- manor** In medieval Britain, a territorial unit consisting of all lands belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a feudal lord.
- Manx** The Celtic language formerly spoken in the Isle of Man, closely related to Irish and Scottish Gaelic.
- Marathi** An Indo-Aryan language, closely related to Hindi, spoken by the people of the Indian state of Maharashtra.
- Marrano** In the 16th and 17th centuries, a Jew in Spain or Portugal who had been forcibly converted to Christianity but continued to practise Judaism in secret. The first Jewish families to come to Britain and Ireland in the 17th century, when Judaism was once again officially allowed, were Marranos.
- medial** Denoting or pertaining to a speech sound, a written letter, or a syllable within a word or name that is in a position other than initial or final.
- medieval** Of or pertaining to the Middle Ages.
- Medieval Latin** The form of the Latin language spoken and written during the medieval period from the 9th century onwards.
- metanalysis** The formation of a new word or name through the shifting of a word boundary. For example, *atten Ashe* ‘at the ash tree’ became *atte Nashe*, resulting in the family name **Nash**.
- metaphor** A figure of speech in which a word for an object, idea, or event is applied to a thing or person through a perceived resemblance, for example **Flint** as a nickname for someone who was as hard as flint.
- metathesis** A change in the normal sequence of speech sounds within a word or name, usually a reversal of a pair, for example **Brittles** for **Birtles**.
- metonymy** A figure of speech in which a word, phrase, or name denoting an object, idea, or event is transferred to another, either because the former is a property of the latter, or because the former is associated in some non-metaphorical way with the latter. Family-name examples include **Sword** for a swordsman or sword-maker, **Vigar** for someone who possessed vigour, and **Yule** for someone born at Yuletide.
- metronymic** Derived from or relating to the personal name of a mother.
- Middle Ages** A historical period generally taken as lasting from the 5th to the 15th centuries.
- Middle Dutch** The Dutch language from about 1100 to about 1500.
- Middle English** The English language from about 1150 to about 1450.
- Middle French** The French language from about 1300 to about 1600.
- Middle High German** The German language of southern and central Germany, from the 12th century to about 1500.
- Middle Irish** The Irish language from the 10th to the 12th century.
- Middle Low German** The cluster of German dialects spoken in northern Germany between the 12th century and about 1500. They were more closely related to Dutch than to Middle High German.
- Middle Welsh** The Welsh language from about 1150 to the late 14th century.
- Mizrahi** From Hebrew (literally ‘Eastern’), denoting or belonging to Jews from the Middle East, typically Baghdad.
- Mongolian** The official language of Mongolia, whose standard form is known as *Khalkha*.
- monogenetic** Denoting a family name that had a unique origin in a single place, being borne by just one family or person when it first came into use.
- monothematic** Denoting or pertaining to a personal name made up of a single element, either from a single, meaningful word, or a shortened form of a dithematic name. See, for example, **Dodd** and **Bright** (ii).
- morpheme** A morphological (structural) unit within a word that cannot be further divided into smaller units.
- morphology** The structure or form of words; also, the study of such structures.

**mutation** With reference to Celtic languages, sound change involving alternation of consonants in certain grammatical contexts at the beginning of words, names, or name elements. In Welsh and Cornish names it takes the form of ‘soft mutation’ or *lenition*. Thus /t/ mutated to /d/ in Welsh *Dew* from *tew* ‘stout’ and /k/ to /g/ in Cornish *Tregear*, from *tre* ‘farm’ (+ *an* ‘the’) + *ker* ‘fort’ (‘farm by the fort’).

**nasab** In Arabic, a patronymic formed with *ibn* ‘son of’ or *bint* ‘daughter of’, for example Faisal *ibn Sa‘ūd* ‘Faisal, son of Sa‘ūd’, *Muhammad ibn as-Siddīq* ‘Muhammad, son of the Righteous’, *Mish‘aal bint Fahd* ‘Misha‘al, daughter of Fahd’, *Dima bint az-Zayyat* ‘Dima, daughter of the oil merchant’. An individual (especially a man) may be known by more than one *nasab*, tracing his or her lineage over several generations.

**nasal** A speech sound made by expelling air through the nose. In English it describes the consonants /m/, /n/, and /ŋ/ (spelled *ng*). When a nasal sound ceases to be pronounced the process is referred to as *denasalization*, as in the loss of /n/ in Middle Dutch *Janke*, which gave rise to *Jakke* as a pet form of *John*.

**Ndebele** A Bantu language closely related to Zulu, spoken by the Matabele people of Zimbabwe.

**nickname** An additional name for a person (which may become a hereditary family name), derived from a behavioural or physical characteristic of the bearer or from an object, idea, or event with which the person was associated.

**Niger-Congo** The family of African languages that includes almost all sub-Saharan languages, including the Bantu languages and the more distantly related languages of West Africa.

**nisba** In Arabic, a locative surname, generally denoting a person’s birthplace or residence, or the place where the family originated (e.g. *al-Tikriti* ‘the person from Tikrit’).

**nominative** A grammatical term for the case form of nouns and adjectives in inflected languages, the main function of which is to identify the subject of a sentence.

**Norman** In medieval contexts, the northern variety of the Old French language spoken by the inhabitants of Normandy; also, a speaker of this language, one of the people of Scandinavian origin who settled in Normandy from about AD 912 and who conquered England in 1066. Compare *Anglo-Norman*.

**Normanno-Picard** Denoting or pertaining to the shared characteristics of the dialects of northern Normandy and Picardy.

**oblique** As a grammatical term, denoting any of the case forms of nouns and adjectives other than the nominative or vocative in languages such as Latin and Old English. In some dictionaries the French term *cas-régime* is used in contrast with *cas-sujet* (the subject case or nominative case).

**Occitan** A Romance language known in French as *langue d’oc*, spoken in southern France, including Provençal. Medieval Occitan was very different from the standard Old French language of northern and central France; it was more closely related to Catalan.

**occupational name** A type of family name denoting someone who worked in a particular trade or occupation.

**Old Danish** The Danish form of *Old Scandinavian*.

**Old English** The West Germanic language of the Anglo-Saxons, spoken in Britain from about the mid-5th century AD up to about 1150.

**Old French** The French language spoken in northern France from the middle of the 9th century to about 1300. Its principal dialects were *Central French* (also called Parisian French) and *Normanno-Picard*. Both dialects were spoken in different parts of Normandy. In Middle English borrowings from Old French, **Gillam** (French *Guillaume*) and **Chaplain** are Central French and **William** and **Caplin** are Normanno-Picard. For the language of medieval southern France, see *Occitan*.

**Old High German** The German language of southern and central Germany up to the 12th century.

**Old Icelandic** The form of Old Scandinavian spoken and written in medieval Iceland.

**Old Irish** The Celtic language spoken in Ireland up to the 9th century. Old Irish is the ancestor not only of Irish but also of Scottish Gaelic and Manx.

**Old Low German** The group of Germanic dialects spoken in northern Germany up to the 12th century. Old Low German was the source of modern Dutch as well as modern Low German.

**Old Norse** See *Old Scandinavian*.

**Old Picard** The dialect of Old French spoken in Picardy, a historical region of France lying south of Flanders, east of Normandy, and north of Paris.

**Old Scandinavian** The North Germanic language spoken and written in medieval Scandinavia, Iceland, and other parts of northern Europe, from which the modern Scandinavian languages are derived. It is also commonly known as *Old Norse*, of which West Norse comprises the medieval dialects of Old Icelandic, Old Norwegian, and Faroese, and East Norse the medieval dialects of Old Danish and Old Swedish.

**Old Swedish** The Swedish form of Old Scandinavian.

**Old Welsh** The Welsh language from about 800 to 1150.

**omen name** A name given or adopted in the hope that its meaning will be reflected in the bearer’s future. An example is the Jewish name **Reich**, from German *reich* ‘rich’, bestowed or adopted in the hope that the bearer will become wealthy.

**onomastics** The study of names, including family names, given names, business names, nicknames, and place-names.

**organic** Denoting a sound that belongs to the original or etymological form of a word or name. Compare *inorganic*.

**ornamental name** A family name chosen by its bearer in adult life or, in some cases, imposed by a legal authority, rather than evolving naturally. Ornamental names are typically Jewish; others are found in Swedish. Some ornamental names are drawn from vocabulary words, for example the Jewish name **Appel** from the German word *appel* or Yiddish *epl* ‘apple’. Others are

- composed of two unconnected elements arbitrarily combined, such as Swedish **Blomberg**, from *blom* 'flower' + *berg* 'mountain, hill'. Compare *handout name*.
- orthography** Correct or accepted spelling; the conventional spelling system of a language.
- pageant name** A name taken from a character in a medieval play or tableau.
- palatal** A speech sound made when the front of the tongue is against or approaches the hard palate.
- palatalization** The process of a sound becoming palatal by movement of the tongue towards the hard palate. Thus /s/ in **Silcock** is palatalized to /ʃ/ in **Shillcok**, and /k/ in **Black** is palatalized to /tʃ/ in **Blatch**.
- Panjabi** An Indo-European language spoken in the Panjab region of Pakistan (where it is the most common first language) and of India.
- Parisian French** See *Central French*.
- Parsi** An Indian form of *Persian*, a term denoting the people and their language. Parsis were Zoroastrians who had migrated to India (especially to Gujarat and Sindh) by the 10th century AD.
- patronymic** Derived from or relating to the father or the name of the father.
- Persian** An Indo-European language spoken in Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan; also known as *Farsi*.
- personal name** Another term for a *given name*, sometimes referred to as a *first name* or *Christian name* in British and Irish contexts.
- pet form** An affectionate or a familiar variant of a personal name, usually formed by reducing the full form of the name (as in **Robb** for **Robert**, **Bartle** for **Bartholomew**, **Bell** for **Isabel**), sometimes with altered pronunciation (as in **Magg** for **Margaret** and **Hodge** for **Roger**), and frequently with the addition of a diminutive or hypocoristic suffix (as in **Robin** and **Hodgkin**).
- philology** The study of the history and development of languages, including their syntax, lexis, morphology, and phonology.
- phoneme** A speech sound that is meaningfully distinct in a particular language, such as /p/ and /b/ in English, by which *pin* and *bin* are meaningfully distinguished.
- phonetics** The study of the sounds of speech.
- phonology** The study of the sounds of speech as they occur to make meaningful distinctions in a particular language.
- Pictish** A branch of the Brittonic language spoken by the Picts, a people who inhabited northern and eastern Scotland in the early Middle Ages. The Pictish language is known from place-name and other evidence to have existed, but no records of it survive.
- plosive** A speech sound made when airflow is stopped using the lips, teeth, or palate, and is then suddenly released. In most European languages plosives include the velar sounds /k/ and /g/, alveolar /t/ and /d/, and bilabial /p/ and /b/.
- pogrom** An organized massacre of a particular ethnic group, especially one conducted against Jews in the 19th and 20th centuries in Russia or Poland.
- Polish** The official language of Poland, a member of the western Slavic branch of Indo-European languages.
- polygenetic** Denoting a type of family name that has multiple family origins, borne by multiple unrelated people at the time of surname formation.
- Portuguese** The Romance language of Portugal and Brazil, closely related to Spanish.
- post-medieval** Denoting or pertaining to the period of time following the Middle Ages, i.e. from the mid-15th century onwards.
- prosopography** The study of a collective biography; a collection of studies on the lives of individual people, focusing on the relationships between people who were from a particular place or period.
- prosthetic** Denoting or pertaining to the addition of an inorganic speech sound or syllable to the beginning of a word or name, for example the *H-* in **Haddison**, a variant of **Addison**, is prosthetic, as is the *Y-* in **Yearley**, a variant of **Earley**.
- Proto-Welsh** The *Welsh* language from about 550 to 800.
- Provençal** The dialect of *Occitan* spoken in Provence, in south-eastern France.
- qazi** An Islamic judge.
- raising** Referring to a vowel, the process of pronouncing a vowel with the tongue closer to the roof of the mouth than previously, as in the raising of /e/ to /i/ when Middle English *englisch* becomes pronounced /ɪŋɡlɪʃ/, as in the modern pronunciation of *English*.
- recent immigrant name** In the context of this dictionary, a name that first arrived in Britain or greatly increased in frequency here since the Second World War.
- reduced form** A word or name from which a sound, syllable, letter, or sequence of letters has been lost, typically for ease of pronunciation; a shortened form.
- reeve** A medieval local official who was responsible for the administration of a manor or district.
- regional name** A type of family name denoting a person from a particular region or district, as distinct from a specific town or country.
- relationship name** A type of family name derived from a personal name (typically that of the father) or denoting any kind of relationship with another person, for example the family name **Eames**, which is from Middle English *eme* 'uncle'.
- Romanian** The language of Romania and Moldova, a Romance language derived from Latin.
- Romance** A group of Indo-European languages derived from Vulgar Latin, including French, Catalan, Occitan, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Romanian.
- rounding** When referring to a vowel, a sound produced when the lips assume a more rounded shape, as in West Midlands Middle English dialect *mon* for *man*.
- Russian** The eastern Slavic language that is the official language of Russia, also spoken in Belarus and Ukraine.

- Sanskrit** An ancient language of India belonging to the Indo-Aryan branch of the Indo-European family. The Hindu scriptures and classical Indian epic poems are written in this language. Sanskrit is closely related to the language from which the major modern languages of northern India (including Hindi, Bengali, Panjabi, and Gujarati) are derived.
- Scots** The traditional language of central Lowland Scotland, a close relative of English. There are many local dialects of Scots and there is no general agreement on a standard form.
- Scottish Gaelic** See *Gaelic*.
- semantic** Of or relating to meaning in language.
- Semitic** The name of a group of Afro-Asian languages that are found in North Africa, the Horn of Africa, and western Asia. Its best known members are *Arabic*, *Hebrew*, and *Aramaic*.
- sense** In this dictionary, a category based on the relationship between a family name and the lexical item or items from which it is derived. Each sense has at least one explanation, usually supported by a selection of early bearers. An entry in this dictionary may have more than one sense.
- Sephardic** Denoting the Jews of Spain and Portugal, who lived in the Iberian Peninsula from Roman times and before. In the Middle Ages they spoke *Judesmo*.
- Serbian** A southern Slavic language spoken in Serbia and parts of Bosnia, written in the Cyrillic alphabet. Spoken Serbian is mutually comprehensible with Croatian.
- serf** A feudal labourer or villein who, in return for tenure of land, was required to work on his lord's estate.
- Shia** The branch of Islam that believes that the Prophet Muhammad's rightful successor as khalif was his son-in-law and cousin Ali ibn Abu Talib; adherents are called *Shiite Muslims*.
- Shona** A Bantu language mostly spoken in Zimbabwe.
- short** When referring to a speech sound, characterizing a vowel sound with relatively short duration; for example, the vowel in *good* (short) compared with *food* (long).
- shortened form** A word or name from which a sound, syllable, letter, or combination of letters has been lost, often for ease of pronunciation; a type of *reduced form*.
- shortening** The process by which a vowel becomes short.
- shtetl** (plural *shtetlech*) Any of the many Jewish settlements in rural areas of eastern Europe, especially in the 18th and 19th centuries. Shtetlech were noted for their distinctive and robust Jewish culture, but in the 19th century they began to disappear due to pogroms, other forms of persecution, and poverty, all of which drove the inhabitants to migrate to ghettos in larger cities or to flee abroad, many of them to Britain and the USA. The last surviving shtetlech were eliminated by the Nazis (in some cases by the Soviets) during the Holocaust in the 1940s. The word *shtetl* is a diminutive of Yiddish *shtot* 'town' (German *Stadt*).
- sibilant** A fricative speech sound with a hissing effect, for example /s/, /z/, and /ʃ/.
- Sindhi** An Indo-Aryan language spoken by the people of the Sindh region of Pakistan.
- Sinhalese** An Indo-Aryan language spoken by the Sinhalese people in Sri Lanka.
- Sino-Tibetan** A major family of Asian languages including Chinese, Burmese, and Tibetan.
- Slavic (or Slavonic)** Denoting or belonging to a group of Indo-European languages with three sub-branches: *Eastern Slavic* (Russian, Belarusian, and Ukrainian); *Western Slavic* (Polish, Czech, Slovak, and Sorbian); and *Southern Slavic* (Slovenian, Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, and Bulgarian).
- slender consonant** In the Gaelic languages, a consonant that is palatal or has become palatalized. Compare *broad consonant*.
- Slovak** The Western Slavic language spoken in Slovakia. It is mutually comprehensible with Czech.
- Slovenian** The Southern Slavic language spoken in Slovenia.
- Sorbian** A Western Slavic language, now rare, spoken in eastern Germany in a rural area between Berlin, Dresden, and the Polish border. Sorbian is closely related to Polish and Czech. Many German family names are of Sorbian etymology.
- Spanish** The official language of Spain, also widely spoken in South and Central America, the Philippines, and elsewhere. It belongs to the Romance branch of the Indo-European family of languages, and is also known as *Castilian*. Compare *Catalan*.
- specific** When referring to a place-name element, a word used as part of a compound place-name to identify the particular place in question, often by qualifying the *generic* in some way.
- squire** In the feudal system, a young nobleman whose status was that of an attendant to a knight.
- status name** A type of family name derived from a term that denotes a person's social status, for example **Squire** and **Franklin**.
- style name** A name bestowed upon a person at adulthood, in addition to their given name. This type of name is characteristic of a number of East Asian countries, in particular China, and was traditionally given to a man on his 20th birthday as a mark of respect.
- Sunni** The branch of Islam that believes that the Prophet Muhammad's first rightful khalif was his father-in-law Abu Bakr. Compare *Shia*.
- surname** Another term for a *family name*; a name that is used in addition to a given name. A surname can be non-hereditary, also referred to as a *byname*, or hereditary, in which case it is also referred to as a *family name*.
- synonym** A word that has the same meaning as the one under consideration.
- Tagalog** An Austronesian language spoken in the Philippines, where it is the national language, whose standard form is also known as *Filipino*.
- Taiwanese** A native language of Taiwan, a member of the Austronesian language family; in modern times it has largely been superseded in Taiwan by Mandarin Chinese.
- Tamil** A Dravidian language spoken in south-east India and north-east Sri Lanka.

- Telugu** A Dravidian language spoken in central-east India (e.g. in Andhra Pradesh).
- Teochew** A dialect or group of dialects of Chinese spoken in south-east China, especially in eastern Guangdong province, from where it spread widely throughout South East Asia, especially to Malaysia and Singapore. See also *Hokkien*.
- Tibetan** A language of the Sino-Tibetan family spoken in Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, and adjacent regions of India, Pakistan, and China.
- topographic** Denoting or pertaining to the physical features of a geographical area.
- toponymic** Denoting or pertaining to the names of towns, villages, and other places.
- Turkic** A group of languages of north-east and west Asia, north-west China, and parts of eastern Europe.
- Turkish** The language of Turkey, the most commonly spoken Turkic language.
- Twi** A dialect of the *Akan* language of Ghana.
- Ukrainian** An eastern Slavic language, spoken in Ukraine. It is closely related to Russian.
- unrounding** Referring to pronunciation of a vowel, the production of a speech sound when the lips assume a less rounded shape.
- unvoiced** See *voiceless*.
- unvoicing** See *devoicing*.
- Urdu** An Indo-Aryan language spoken in Pakistan, where it is the official language, and by Muslims in India. It is normally written in Arabic script. Hindi and Urdu are mutually comprehensible.
- variant** A family name that has the same etymological origin as another family name, but that has a different form.
- vassal** A person who holds land on conditions of allegiance and homage to a superior.
- velar** A speech sound made when the back of the tongue is against the soft palate, such as /k/ and /g/.
- villein** A feudal customary tenant or serf who is tied to the land through owing services of labour to a lord or manor.
- vocalization** A consonant becoming more vowel-like, such as /l/ becoming /u/ in *Maud* for *Mald*.
- voiced** A sound produced while the vocal folds are vibrating.
- voiceless** A sound produced without vibration of the vocal folds.
- voicing** The process by which a voiceless sound becomes voiced.
- Vulgar Latin** Any of the vernacular forms of Latin in different localities from which the Romance languages developed, such as Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian.
- Vulgate** The standard medieval text of the Bible, translated into Latin from Greek and Hebrew in the late 4th century by St Jerome.
- Walloon** A person from Wallonia, the predominantly French-speaking region of southern Belgium. The term is often used to denote Protestants who emigrated from southern parts of the Spanish Netherlands in the 16th and 17th centuries to escape persecution by Roman Catholic authorities.
- wapentake** A historical English administrative unit; a subdivision of a county. This word is of Scandinavian origin, and only occurs in counties where levels of Scandinavian settlement had been relatively high.
- Welsh** The traditional language of Wales, the leading member of the Brittonic group of Celtic languages. In Roman times, the precursor of Welsh was spoken throughout Britain.
- Wendish** Another name for *Sorbian*.
- Yiddish** The Ashkenazic Jewish dialect of German, spoken in central Europe since the 9th century.
- Yoruba** A major language spoken in West Africa, especially Nigeria, belonging to the *Niger-Congo* group of languages.
- Zulu** The language of the Zulu people of South Africa, a member of the Bantu family of languages.





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# Counties, islands, and their abbreviations

*The county names used in this dictionary relate to the counties as they existed prior to the county reorganization of 1974.*

## Great Britain

Aberdeens	Aberdeenshire	Herefs	Herefordshire
Alderney		Herts	Hertfordshire
Anglesey		Hunts	Huntingdonshire
Angus		Inverness	Inverness-shire
Argyll		IoM	Isle of Man
Ayrs	Ayrshire	IoW	Isle of Wight
Banffs	Banffshire	Jersey	the Bailiwick of Jersey
Beds	Bedfordshire	Kent	
Berks	Berkshire	Kincardines	Kincardineshire
Berwicks	Berwickshire	Kinross	Kinross-shire
Brecknocks	Brecknockshire	Kirkcudbrights	Kirkcudbrightshire
Bucks	Buckinghamshire	Lanarks	Lanarkshire
Bute		Lancs	Lancashire
Caernarvons	Caernarvonshire	Leics	Leicestershire
Caithness		Lincs	Lincolnshire
Cambs	Cambridgeshire	Merioneths	Merionethshire
Cardigans	Cardiganshire	Middx	Middlesex
Carmarthens	Carmarthenshire	Midlothian	
Cheshire		Monmouths	Monmouthshire
Cornwall		Montgomerys	Montgomeryshire
Cumb	Cumberland	Morays	Morayshire
Denbighs	Denbighshire	Nairns	Nairnshire
Derbys	Derbyshire	Norfolk	
Devon		Northants	Northamptonshire
Dorset		Northumb	Northumberland
Dumfriess	Dumfriesshire	Notts	Nottinghamshire
Dunbartons	Dunbartonshire	NR Yorks	North Riding of Yorkshire
Durham		Orkney	
E Lothian	East Lothian	Oxon	Oxfordshire
ER Yorks	East Riding of Yorkshire	Peebles	Peebleshire
Essex		Pembrokes	Pembrokeshire
Fife		Perths	Perthshire
Flints	Flintshire	Radnors	Radnorshire
Glamorgan		Renfrews	Renfrewshire
Gloucs	Gloucestershire	Ross and Cromarty	
Guernsey	the Bailiwick of Guernsey	Roxburghs	Roxburghshire
Hants	Hampshire	Rutland	
		Selkirks	Selkirkshire

Shetland		Warwicks	Warwickshire
Shrops	Shropshire	Westm	Westmorland
Somerset		Wigtowns	Wigtownshire
Staffs	Staffordshire	Wilts	Wiltshire
Stirlings	Stirlingshire	W Lothian	West Lothian
Suffolk		Worcs	Worcestershire
Surrey		WR Yorks	West Riding of Yorkshire
Sussex			
Sutherland			

**Ireland (including Northern Ireland)**

Antrim	Down	Leitrim	Roscommon
Armagh	Dublin	Limerick	Sligo
Carlow	Fermanagh	Longford	Tipperary
Cavan	Galway	Louth	Tyrone
Clare	Kerry	Mayo	Waterford
Cork	Kildare	Meath	Westmeath
Derry	Kilkenny	Monaghan	Wexford
Donegal	Laois	Offaly	Wicklow

**Aaron**

Variants: **Aron, Arran, Aarons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. WR Yorks

1 English, Welsh: relationship name patronymic from the Old Testament personal name, Hebrew *Aharon*, latinized as *Aaron*, which is of uncertain, perhaps Egyptian, origin. It occurs as a Jewish personal name in 12th- and 13th-century England. However, the Jews were expelled from England in 1290 and were not officially allowed to return until 1656, so they cannot have been a source for this as a British surname. It comes from the occasional adoption of *Aaron* as a Christian personal name, especially in the 12th century among senior clergy, who venerated Aaron, brother of Moses, as the first high priest of the Israelites. It could also have been used by high-ranking laity. The Normans brought the personal name to England, where it appears occasionally in 12th-century records and then disappears until its revival after the Reformation. In South Wales, where fixed surnames developed later than in England, it was coined independently after the medieval period, reflecting the enthusiasm for Old Testament given names among Nonconformists.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aaron (probably a cleric), 1095–1112 in *Durham Liber Vitae*. surnames, England: Robert Aaron, 1185 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Aaron, 1259 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); John Aaron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); William Aaron, 1628 in *IGI* (Ashby Folville, Leics); John Aaron, 1633 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Aaron, 1642 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes Aaron, 1678 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Henry Arron, 1701, Henry Aaron, 1702 in *IGI* (Ketteringham, Norfolk); Abraham Aaron, 1713 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Richard Aaron, 1766 in *IGI* (Castleford, WR Yorks).

Wales: Robert Aaron, 1727 in *IGI* (Glasbury, Brecknocks); John Aaron, 1736 in *IGI* (Llangendeirne).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name patronymic from the Old Testament personal name. **Early bearers:** Uziel Aarons, 1804, Hannah Aaron, 1820 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births*; Barnet Aaron, clothier, in *Census 1851* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Julius Aarons, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (London); Emanuel Aaron, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Jacob Aarons, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Abraham Aaron, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Israel Aaron, general dealer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Blackburn, Lancs).

**Aarons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- Jewish, English: see **Aaron**.

**Aaronson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish: relationship name patronymic from **Aaron**. **Early bearers:** Lewis Aaronson, artist, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Nathan Aaronson, furniture dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Hyman Aaronson, hosier, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Lazarus Aaronson, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Abasi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Abbasi**.

**Abassi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Abbasi**.

**Abate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: nickname, occupational name, relationship name from Italian *abate* 'priest' (from Late Latin *abbas*, genitive *abbatis*), perhaps given to someone who behaved in a priest-like manner, or to a priest's servant, or to the illegitimate son of a priest.

**Early bearers:** Carlo Abate, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Pietro Abate, born in Turin, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Francesco Abate, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Luigi Abate, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Kent).

**Abb**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Abbe**.

**Abba**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Westm and Lancs; ER Yorks

English: variant of **Abbey**, reflecting a common post-medieval northern pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Abba, 1613 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Joseph Abba, 1654 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); William Abba alias Abbey, 1713 in *Cause Papers, York* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); John Abbah, 1759 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks); William Abbay or Abba, 1797 in *IGI* (Hambleton, WR Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 215.

**Abbas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3593, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Muslim: relationship name from the Arabic personal name 'Abbās, from an Arabic word meaning 'stern, austere'.

**Further information:** 'Abbās was the name of an uncle (died 652) of the Prophet Muhammad, the ancestor of the Abbasid dynasty (see **Abbasi**).

**Abbasi**

Variants: **Abasi, Abassi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1079, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim (Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia): relationship name from Arabic, meaning 'of the family of **Abbas**'.

**Abbatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm

English: see **Abbott**.

**Abbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Abbe**.

**Abbe**

Variants: **Abb, Abbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Abbe*, often a pet form of the female personal name **Aubrey** but sometimes perhaps a pet form of a male name beginning in *Ab-*. See **Abson**, and compare **Abnett, Aubrey, Abel, Abraham, Absalom**. (ii) some of the medieval bearers of this name may belong under **Abbey** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Abbe, 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Walter Abbe, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Abbe, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Abb, 1654 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); James Abb in *Census 1881* (Runton, Norfolk).

**Abberley**

Variants: **Abley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Abberley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Edboldelega* in 1086, *Abbodeley* in 1327, and *Abburley* in 1478. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Eadbald* + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Abbodeley, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Abbodeley, 1328 in *Registrum Thome de Charlton*; Christopher Aberley, 1582 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Johannes Aborley, 1589 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Margery Abberly, 1626 in *IGI* (Madresfield, Worcs); Elizabetham Abberly, 1662 in

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*IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); John Abley, 1762 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); Anna Maria Abley, 1833 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 23–4.

### Abberton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Appleton**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Apperton, 1614, Mary Ann Appleton, 1833 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); James Apperton, 1703, Sarah Appleton, 1705 in *IGI* (Newchurch Kenyon, Lancs).

### Abbess

Variants: **Abbiss**, **Abbis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds

English: probably a variant of **Abbs**, the spelling of which has been altered by folk etymology to coincide with the vocabulary word *abbess*. See also **Abbe**.

**Early bearers:** John Abbess, 1724, Dinah Abiss, 1736 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); John Booth Abiss, 1795 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

### Abbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Abbott**.

### Abbey

Variants: **Abby**, **Abbay**, **Abbie**, **Abba**, **Abbe**, **Labey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1707, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1096
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

1 English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked at an abbey, from Anglo-Norman French, Middle English *abbaye* ‘abbey, monastery, a community of monks under an abbot or a community of nuns under an abbess’ (Anglo-Norman French *abbaie*, Latin *abbatia*, compare **Abdy**). Some of the early bearers without a preposition may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Abbattia, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (London, Middlesex); William del Abbay, 1283 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Adam dil Abbeye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Abbay, 1608 in *IGI* (Askham Bryan, WR Yorks); Thomas Abbi, 1648 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Benjamin Abby, 1687 in *IGI* (Haversham, Bucks); Jonathan Abbey, 1768 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *abé*, *abbé* ‘priest’, preceded in the earliest forms by the French definite article *l(e)*; compare **Labey**. The late Middle English form of the surname was *Abby*, converging with *Abbey* (1). Compare Scottish **Abbie**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Abe, about 1150–66 in *Yorks Charters*; Geoffrey Labbe, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Ralph le Abbe, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Robert Labbe, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); William le Abbe, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Walter le Abbe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Roger Abby, 1364 in *London Pleas* (Essex); Ricd

Abbey, 1569 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Sara Abbey, 1583 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margrett Abbey, 1593 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs); Elen Abbey, 1596 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Margaret Abbey, 1602 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Abbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Abbey**.

**Early bearers:** Simon del Abbeye, merchant, 1370 in *Scotland Calendar*; Arthur Abbay, shipmaster of Crail, 1613 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik*, probably father of John Abay, skipper of Crail, 1635 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik*; William Abbie, in *Census 1881* (Fife).

### Abbinett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs

English: see **Abnett**.

### Abbis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Abbess**.

### Abbishaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Habbershaw**, see **Habergham**.

### Abbiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds; Staffs

English: see **Abbess**.

### Abbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk

English: see **Abbott**.

### Abbott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1406
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Angus; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English, Scottish: see **Abbott**.

2 Scottish: anglicization of Gaelic **McNab** ‘son of the abbot’.

### Abbots

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: see **Abbotts**.

### Abbot

Variants: **Abbot**, **Abbatt**, **Abbett**, **Abbitt**, **Labbett**, **Abbotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17411, Ireland 473
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13000

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread  
English: nickname from Middle English *abbod*, *abbot*, *abbat*, ‘abbot’, presumably given to a lay person who behaved like one. There is no evidence that men with this surname were servants of abbots, though it remains a theoretical possibility. Compare **Monk**, **Prior**.

**Early bearers:** England Walter Abbot, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walter Abat, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Peter le Abbot, 1237 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Ralph Abbod, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thoma Abbot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Matill’ le Abbot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Johis Abott, 1541 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Isabella Abbott, 1558 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Johan Abbott, 1560 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Edward Abott, 1567 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs). Scotland Alexander Abbot, about 1290 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Sir John Abbot, dean of Fife and Fotherif, 1306 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alexander Abbot, Leith 1548 in *Midlothian Charters*; Alexander Abbot, Dumfries, 1570 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

### Abbotts

Variants: **Abbots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Shrops

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English (*atte*, *of the*) *abbotes* ‘(at the, of the) abbot’s (house or quarters)’, a name for someone who lived or worked there, presumably a servant. For the type, compare **Maidens**, **Masters**, **Monks**, **Parsons**. The post-medieval bearers below may belong to sense (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Atte Abbotes, clerk imprisoned at Newark on Trent, 1330 in *History of Newark* (Notts); Alis of the Abbotes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne at Abbotes, 1379, Walterus atte Abbotes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Henry atte Abbotes, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Pickwell, Leics); Ane Abbotes, 1616 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Abatts, 1628 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); William Abbots, 1770 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

2 English: variant of **Abbott** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Abbs

Variants: **Abbess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Abbe** with genitival or excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Abbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Westgate, Norfolk); Jamys Abbys, Richard Abes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Dorothy Abbes, 1548 in *IGI* (Nayland, Suffolk); Thomas Abbes, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Abbes, 1568 in *IGI* (Horsey, Norfolk); John Abbess, 1724 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

### Abby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119



- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks; London
- English: see **Abbey**.

### Abdalla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Abdullah**.

### Abdallah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Abdullah**.

### Abdey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Abdy**.

### Abdi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2260, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Iran, Somalia): variant of **Abdo**.

### Abdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Abdy**.

### Abdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Abedin**.

### Abdo

Variants: **Abdi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: nickname from Arabic ‘*abduh*’ ‘his servant’, i.e. ‘Allah’s servant’. *Abduh* is one of the epithets of the Prophet Muhammad.

### Abdon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Surrey
- English: possibly a variant of **Ebden**.
- Further information:** There is a place called Abdon in Shrops, which gave rise to an early medieval byname (e.g. [. . . de] *Abeton*’, about 1200 in *Place-Names of Shrops*), but post-medieval bearers are not found in that county.
- Early bearers:** Alicia Abdon, 1577 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Henry Abden, 1587 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Catherine Abden, 1688 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Derbys); William Abdon, 1700 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).
- References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 1.

### Abdul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1503, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim: from an Arabic personal name based on ‘*abdul*’ ‘servant of the . . .’. In Arabic personal names, *Abdul* is normally the first element of a compound name, the second part of which frequently refers to one of the attributes of Allah mentioned in the Qur’an or the Hadith, for example ‘*Abdul-‘aziz*’ ‘servant of the Powerful’, ‘*Abdul-ḥakim*’ ‘servant of

the Wise’, ‘*Abdul-qādir*’ ‘servant of the Capable’. Traditionally, these attribute names are 99 in number, and are known as the ‘most beautiful names’ (*al-asmā’ al-ḥusnā*).

### Abdulla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Abdullah**.

### Abdullah

- Variants: **Abdulla**, **Abdalla**, **Abdallah**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2516, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Abdullah* (Arabic ‘*abd Allāh*’ ‘servant of God’).
  - Further information:** This was the name of the father of the Prophet Muhammad, who died before Muhammad was born.

### Abdullahi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: Arabic name meaning ‘of the family of **Abdullah**’.

### Abdy

- Variants: **Abdie**, **Abdey**, **Adby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts; Hants
  - English: locative name from Middle English *abbodie* ‘an estate belonging to an abbey’ (Anglo-Norman French *abbedi* ‘abbacy, property or jurisdiction of an abbot’, Latin *abbatia*, compare **Abbey**). The Yorks surname derives from Abdy in Brampton Bierlow (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Abbedi* in about 1260, *Abdye* in 1345. The 13th-century charter states that the land in *Abbedi* was held of the monks of Monk Bretton Priory.
  - Early bearers:** Robert son of William de Abbedi, about 1260 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); Robertus del Abdy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); Robert del Abdy, 1409 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 6 (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); Roger Abdy, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Francis Abdy, 1600 in *Sheffield Surnames* (WR Yorks); Richardi Abdy, 1672 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).
  - References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 33–4; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 107.

### A’Bear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Abear**.

### Abear

- Variants: **A’Bear**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks
  - English: (i) locative name from Middle English *atte bere* ‘at the woodland swine-pasture’ (Old English *bæ̆r*). Compare Walter de la Bere, 1263 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Beare Green in Capel, Surrey). (ii) locative name from Middle English *atte bere* ‘at the grove’ (Old English *bearu*). Compare **Beer** (1).

**Early bearers:** John atte Bere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Abere, 1517 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Probate*) (Kent); Paul Abear, 1605 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Francis Abear, 1737 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 267.

### Abed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Abid**.

### Abedin

- Variants: **Abdin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic ‘*‘abidin*’ ‘worshippers’, and often from the compound *zayn-ul-‘abidin*’ ‘ornament of the worshippers’.

### Abel

- Variants: **Abele**, **Abell**, **Able**, **Ables**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2761, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1891
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Aberdeens; Norfolk; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
  - English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Abel*, a latinized form of Hebrew *Hebel* (of uncertain etymology). It was taken from the Old Testament story of the shepherd Abel, younger son of Adam and Eve, who was murdered by his jealous brother Cain (Genesis 4: 2–16, 25). As a given name among Christians it was used in continental Europe from the sixth century. After the Norman Conquest it was introduced to England and Scotland, where it had a brief currency in the 12th and 13th centuries before being revived in England after the Reformation.
  - Early bearers:** given names: Abellus, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Abel de Etton’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).
  - surnames, England: William Abel, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Abel de Lokyngtona, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lockington, ER Yorks); Thomas Abelle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Haxby, NR Yorks); John Abel, son of Abel Aurifaber (goldsmith), 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Robert Abel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Johannes Abell’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birdbrook, Essex); Johannes Abel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Robertus Abel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Johannes Abel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Abel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); John. Abell, 1538 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Elizabeth Abell, 1539 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Alys Abele, 1562 in *IGI* (Tilton on the Hill, Leics); Walter Able, 1575 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Wilmi Abell, 1583 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Able, 1598 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Abel, 1607 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Abell, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Cicelie Abel, 1622 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Richard Abel, 1630 in *IGI* (Itteringham, Norfolk); John Abell, 1675 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Mary Abele, 1739 in *IGI* (Drax, WR Yorks).
  - surnames, Scotland: Nicholas Abel, master mariner, 1388 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Abell, burgess of Edinburgh, 1413 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh); Elspet Abel, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Marion Able, 1625 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Italian, Maltese: locative name most probably from Avella in Campania, Italy (*Abella* in Latin), though other origins are possible.

**Early bearers:** Guiseppe Abela, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Abele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Abel**.

2 German: relationship name perhaps from the Biblical personal name **Abel** or a pet form of the personal name *Albrecht* (see **Albert**).

**Early bearers:** Henry Abele, cabinet maker journeyman, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, London); Meta Abele, born in Hanover, in *Census 1881* (Hammersmith, London).

### Abeles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from *Abele*, a pet form of the Yiddish personal name *Abe* (a short form of **Abraham**) + Yiddish genitival *-s*.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Reaney's explanation that is a variant of the English surname **Abel**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Abeles, Austrian subject, and Oscar Abeles, naturalized British subject, both sons of Michael Abeles, meerscham manufacturer, born in Austria, naturalized British subject, in *Census 1901* (Stoke Newington, London).

**References:** *DAFN*.

### Abell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 831, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 923
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Leics

English: see **Abel**.

### Abelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glamorgan
- English: see **Ableson**.

### Abercrombie

**Variants:** **Abercromby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Leitrim

Scottish: locative name from Abercrombie alias Crombie in Torryburn (Fife), which is recorded as *Abercumbin*, *Abercumbi* in the 12th century, *Abercumbin*, *Abercromby* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from Pictish *\*aber* 'confluence, mouth' + a river-name *\*Cromb* (probably a Gaelic adaption of a Pictish term of similar meaning to Gaelic *crom*, Welsh *crwm* 'bent, bent one'), with the addition of a locative suffix *-in*, i.e. 'place at the mouth of the river *Cromb*'.

**Further information:** The family bearing this name were descended from royal cooks of the kings of Scots and were originally known as Cook of Abercrombie; their collateral branch were known as the Cooks of Balcaskie.

**Early bearers:** R. de Abercrombin, monk of Dunfermline Abbey, probably 1230s in *Dunfermline Register*; John Cook de Abircrumby and Richard Cook de Abercromby, 1260 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Hugh de Abercromby, 1284 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; William de Abercromby, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; William de Haberchrumbi, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Abercromby, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (all Fife); Alexander Abercrombie, 1603 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Issoble Abercromby, 1644 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Catrin Abercrommie, 1664 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); James Abercromby, 1685 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 1, pp. 545–8.

### Abercromby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Scottish: see **Abercrombie**.

### Aberdeen

**Variants:** **Aberdein**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland

Scottish: locative name from the city of Aberdeen (Aberdeens), which is recorded as *Aberdon* in about 1186, *Aberden* in about 1214. The place-name, referring to Old Aberdeen to the north of (New) Aberdeen, derives from Pictish *\*aber* 'confluence, mouth' + the river-name Don (named after the Celtic goddess *Devona*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Aberden, burgess of Dundee, 1209–25 in *Arbroath Register* (Dundee); Hugh and Ralph de Abyrden, Robert de Aberden, monks of Kinloss Abbey, 1229 in *Moray Register* (Morays); Andrew de Aberdene, 1243 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Aberdeens); Thomas de Abeirden, 1273 in *Paisley Register* (Glasgow); Michael de Abirden, 1290 in *Kelso Register* (Berwick); John of Aberdeen, merchant, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); John de Abirdene, 1399 in *Midlothian Charters* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Helen Aberdein, 1633 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens); Isobell Aberdeen, 1691 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 1; *Names of Towns and Cities*, pp. 35–6.

### Aberdein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland

Scottish: see **Aberdeen**.

### Abernathy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Stirling

Scottish: see **Abernethy**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than Scotland.

### Abernethy

**Variants:** **Abernathy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 258
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 691
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; NE Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Tyrone
- Scottish: locative name from Abernethy (Perths), which is recorded as *Aburnethige* in about 970. The place-name derives from Pictish *\*aber* 'confluence, mouth' + the river-name Nethy (Pictish *\*nectona* 'pure', used as the named of a water god). The reference is to the Nethy Burn's confluence with the River Tay.

**Further information:** Cadet branch of MacDuff earls of Fife.

**Early bearers:** Laurence son of Orm de Abirnethy, 1189–95 in *Arbroath Register* (Perths); Patrick de Abbirnithin, 1232–82 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany* 8 (Fife); Hugh de Abernyth, 1270 in *Coldstream Chartulary* (Berwicks); Alexander de Abirnethy, 1301–16 in *Coupar Angus Charters* (Angus); John of Abrenethy, 1399 in *Scotland Calendar*; Barbara Abernethie, 1632 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 2.

### Abershaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Habbershaw**, see **Habergham**.

### Abery

**Variants:** **Abrey**, **Abra**, **Aburrow**, **Aubrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts; also Kent
- 1 English: locative name from Avebury (Wilts), which is recorded as *Aveberia* in 1196, *Avenebyr* in 1268, *Abury* in 1386, *Aubury* in 1494, *Abery* in 1535, and *Awbery alias Avebury* in 1689. The place-name derives from Old English *burh* 'stronghold, fortified place', with an uncertain first element, possibly the Old English personal name *Afa* (genitive *Afan*).
- Early bearers:** John de Auebury, 1315 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Robert de Avebury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Avebury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Jam' de Avebury, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Avebury, Wilts); William de Avebury, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chittoe, Wilts); Peter de Avebury, 1333, Thomas de Havenebere, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Johanne Aburi, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); John Abery, 1563 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); William Abree, 1599 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Richard Abry, 1655 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 293–4.

2 English: variant of **Aubrey**. Some of the examples below may alternatively belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** John Aberye, 1563, John Aubry, 1594 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Marie Aberie, 1609, Titus Aabery, 1637, James Abree, 1674 in *IGI* (Norwich); George Abra, 1823 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Edmundus Abrye, 1607 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Margaretta Abree, 1608 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Thomas Abrey, 1872 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Thomas Abrye, 1591 in *IGI* (Milton Bryant, Beds); Ann Aberrie, 1612, Thomas Abrey, 1652 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Philip Aberie, 1612 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds).

3 English: variant of **Albury**. The 1579 example below may alternatively belong to (2).

**Further information:** Aldborough Hatch (along with Aberly House) in Ilford (Essex), which is on record as *Albrorhhatchcrosse* in 1456 and *Al(d)borough Hacche* in 1486–1546, must surely be associated with Johanne Albourgh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barking, Essex), but it seems more likely that the place-name derives from the surname than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Albourgh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barking, Essex); Stephen Alborgh, 1456 in *The Essex Review* 72 (Essex); Johanna Aubrey, 1579 in *IGI* (Theydon Garnon, Essex); Elizabeth Abree, 1598 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); John Abrie, 1615 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Nathaniel Alborie, 1624, Thomas Albery, 1637, Nathaniel Abury, 1686 in *IGI* (Good Easter, Essex); John Aberry, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Samuel Abery, 1767 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); James Abrey, in *Census 1881* (Essex, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 98.

### Abethell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Welsh: see **Bithell**.

### Abey

**Variants:** **Aby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Aby (Lincs), which is recorded as *Abi* in 1086, *Aby* in 1212. The place-name derives from Old Scandinavian *á* 'river, stream' + *bý* 'settlement, village'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardi de Aby, 1381, Iohannes Aby, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Aby, chaplain, 1499 in *Early Lincoln Wills* (Swineshead, Lincs); Richard Abej, 1509–47 in *TNA* (Wintringham, Lincs); Thomas Aby, 1518–1529 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Tattershall, Lincs); Katherin Aby, 1576, Richard Abej, 1672 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Georg Aby, 1578 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 1.

### Abid

**Variants:** **Abed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based either on Arabic *‘abd* 'servant', or the related word *‘abid* 'worshipper'. Compare **Abdo**.

### Abinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from Abinger (Surrey), which is recorded as *Abbingeworth* in 1225 and *Abbyngere* in 1558. The place-name probably means 'enclosure of the people of a man called Abba', from the Old English personal name *Abba* + the group-name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga-*) + *word* 'enclosure, curtilage'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Abingeworth', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Gilberto de Abbingworth, sheriff of Surrey, 1226 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Joldwynus de Abingewurth', 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); James de Abingeworth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Abinger, 1703 in *Parish Registers* (Lingfield, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 259; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 2.

### Abington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: locative name from Abington (Northants), Abington Pigotts (Cambs), or Great and Little Abington (Cambs), all of which are recorded as *Abintone* in 1086 and as *Abyngton* in the 13th century. The place-name in each case means 'farmstead associated with a man called Abba', from the Old English personal name *Abba* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Fulcho de Abinton, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Acelina de Abingeton, 1202–3, William de Abington, 1271–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); William de Abbinton, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas de Abigton, William de Abynton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walt. de Abington, 1314–15 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Marg. de Abyngtone, Margar' de Abyton, 1349 in *Cambridge Guild Records* (Cambs); Richardus Abyndon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Johane Abington, 1560 in *IGI* (Madingley, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 132; *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 51–2, 99.

### Abiodun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Abiòdún* (Yoruba *a-bí (s)òdún* '(child) born during a festival period').

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 38.

### Abiola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Abíolá* (Yoruba *a-bí olá* '(child) born into wealth or nobility').

### Able

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 557
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Norfolk

English: see **Abel**.

### Ables

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Aberdeens

English: variant of **Able** (see **Abel**) with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Able, 1781, Robert Ables, 1786 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Ables, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Abele, William Ables, in *Census 1881* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

### Ableson

**Variants:** **Abelson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Abel** + *son*. The intrusive *-t-* in *Ableston(e)* shows post-medieval confusion between names in *-son* and names in *-ston(e)*. Compare the locative name **Sibson**, from an earlier *Sibston*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Abelson, 1623 in *Bardsley*; Jeffrey Abelson, 1662 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Susan Ableston, about 1646 in *IGI* (Harrold, Beds); William Ablestone, 1693 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Ablett

**Variants:** **Ablott, Ablitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also Yorks and Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (mainly female) personal name *Abelot*, a double diminutive of the personal name **Abbe**, a pet form of **Aubrey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Abelota loue, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Abelot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Abelota Proo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sompting, Sussex).

surnames: William Abelot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Abelot, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Abelot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Swineshead, Lincs); William Ablot, 1335 in *York Freeman's Register*; Is' Abelot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whinburgh, Norfolk); Robertus Abelote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield Archbishop, Sussex); Ricd. Ablett, 1549 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); John Ablett, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Stukeley, Hunts); Robert Ablott, 1635 in *IGI* (Willingham, Cambs); Thomas Ablott, 1761 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); Thomas Ablett, 1763 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Henry Ablitt, 1773, William Ablitt, 1806 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk).

2 English: perhaps also a reduced form of **Ablewhite** (see **Applewhaite** and **Hepplethwaite**) or confused with it.

### Ablewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: usually a variant of **Hebblethwaite**.

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Applewhaite**.

### Abley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Radnors

English: see **Abberley**.

### Ablitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Ablett**.

### Ablott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Ablett**.

## Abner

### Abner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Guernsey

English: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Abner*, meaning in Hebrew ‘father of (or is) light’.

**Further information:** In the First and Second Books of Samuel, Abner is Saul’s uncle and the commander of his army, who is eventually cut down by Joab (II Samuel 3:12–39). As a surname, this is rare in Britain, probably of 17th-century origin. It is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Paul Abner, 1629 in *IGI* (Leicester).

### Abnett

Variants: **Abbinett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Staffs

English: relationship name from a diminutive, \**Abbenot*, of the Middle English personal name

**Abbe** (which is often a pet form of the female name **Aubrey** but sometimes perhaps a pet form of the rare male names **Abel**, **Abraham**, and **Absalom**).

**Early bearers:** Agneta Abnett, 1546 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Elena Abnet, 1550 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Elnor Abynott, 1600, Mary Abynet, 1617 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants); Thomas Abinot, 1623 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); Robert Abbinet, 1737, Mary Abonet, 1749 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Sara Abnett, 1776 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Mary Abnett, 1797 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

### Abney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Abney (Derbys), which is recorded as *Abbeneia* in 1200, *Abneye* in the 15th century. The place-name means ‘Abba’s island’, from the Old English personal name *Abba* (genitive *Abban*) + *ēg* ‘island’ (perhaps here in the sense ‘patch of good land’).

**Further information:** The surname is now much more common in the USA than in England.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Abbeneye, 1272–1307 in *Derbys Charters* (Derbys); Willelmus Abenay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robertus de Abbonay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Johannes de Abbonay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Thomas Abney, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); George Abney, 1535 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Alice Abney, 1561 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 25; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 2.

### Aboagye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Aborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Aburn**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Abra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: variant of **Abery**.

### Abrahall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Herefs
- English: locative name from Aberhall in Hentland (Herefs), which is recorded as *Aberhale* in 1334. The place-name may mean ‘Eadburh’s nook’, from the Old English female personal name *Eadburh* (genitive *Eadburge*) + *halh* ‘nook, corner’, though the first element is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Philippus de Alberhal’, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Herefs); [ . . . de] Abrahale, 1296 in *Herefs Place-Names* (Herefs); David de Abberhale, 1297 in *Close Rolls* (Llandinabo, Herefs); John Aburhale, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Richard Abrahale, 1415, Richard Aburhale, 1424, Thomas Abrahall, 1564, John Abrahill, 1598 in *Gloucs Archives* (Herefs); William Habrall, 1539, William Abrehale, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Canon Frome, Herefs); Thomas Abrall, 1547 in *Herefs Chantry Valuations* (Michaelchurch near Ross, Herefs); John Abrehale, 1557 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Herefs); Mabyll Abrahall, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Birch, Herefs); Sibilla Abrahale, 1603, Constantia Aberhale, 1605 in *IGI* (Tretire, Herefs); Dorothea Abrall, 1613, Ann Abrill, 1641 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Abrall, 1645 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Guy Abrahall, John Abrall, Wm Abrell, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs); Frederick Abrahall, 1831 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 99.

### Abraham

Variants: **Abram**, **Abrahams**, **Braham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5269, Ireland 355
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2868
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Glamorgan; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: relationship name from the Old Testament personal name *Abraham*. Middle English *Habraham*, *Abraam*, and *Abram* are French forms introduced after the Norman Conquest. For the etymology of this name, see (3).

**Further information:** *Abraham* occurs occasionally as a Christian name from the 5th century on the Continent, but not in England until Domesday Book (1086, the name of a priest). It was a rare personal name in pre-Reformation England, so it probably owes its occurrence as a surname in Cornwall and in the south and east midlands to single progenitors. Yorks examples of the surname, like those in Lancs, may alternatively belong under (2) below. Variation of the surname form by addition of excrement *-s* is post-medieval and occurs frequently in the midlands.

**Early bearers:** given names: Abraham de Strattuna, 1170–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Abraham le Tynnere of Cornewaille, 1357 in *Black Prince’s Register* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Abraham Tanner’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Hants); Abraham Fletcher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington with members, Oxon); Abraham de Bilburgh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Abraham filius Ade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

surnames: John Abraham, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert Abram, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Elkoc Habraham of Shipley, 1297, Henry Abraham, Abraam, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Abraham, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Philippe Abraham, 1570 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Abram, 1664, John Abrahams, 1691, John Abraham, 1709 in *IGI* (Harrold, Beds); Ann Abrahams, 1703–4 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); William Abrams, 1801 in *IGI* (Pertenhall, Beds); William Abraham, 1792, Henry Abram, 1844, Robert Abrams, 1862 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts).

2 English: see **Abram**.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Old Testament personal name *Abraham*, *Abram*, sometimes with genitival *-s*. The patriarch was called *Abram*, conventionally understood as ‘father of height’, until given his new name at age 99 by God, said to mean ‘a father of many nations’ (Genesis 17:5). See also **Abrahamson**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Asmisfurt Abraham, 1780 *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Barnet Abram, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Alexander Abrahams, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Simon Abraham, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Samuel Abrahams, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Julius Abrahams, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Abraham, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Salman Abrams, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx).

4 Irish: from **Mac an Bhreitheamhan** ‘son of the judge’, see **Breheny**, compare **McBroom**.

### Abrahams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3017, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2196
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English, Jewish: variant of **Abraham** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Abrahamson

Variants: **Abramson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Old Testament name **Abraham** + *son*. *Abrahamson* is the Yiddish form. Compare **Abraham**, **Abrahams**, **Abrams**.

**Further information:** This name is also found in S Wales, where it may be from *Abraham* as a Nonconformist given name.

**Early bearers:** Gottlieb Abrahamson, student, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Stepney, Middx); Jacob Abrahamson, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); David Abrahamson, rabbi, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Abrahamson, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (York); Golda Abrahamson, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Abramson, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Abrahart

Variants: **Abrehart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics; Middx, Herts, and Essex

Most likely an adaptation of German *Eberhar(d)t*, for which see **Ebert**, with the dominant form influenced by the Biblical *Abraham*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Aberhart, 1712, Richard Abreart, 1750, Richard Abrehart, 1782, Susanna Abrahart, 1785 in *IGI* (London); John Gerhard Eberhard, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Daniel Eberhard, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Queenhithe, London).

### Abram

**Variants:** Abraham, Adburgham, Abrams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1393, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1073
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: locative name from Abram (Lancs), which is recorded as *Adburgham* in the 12th century, *Abraham* in 1372, and *Abram* in 1461. The place-name means ‘Eadburh’s homestead’, from the Old English female personal name *Ēadburh* (genitive *Ēadburge*) + *hām* ‘homestead, village’. The initial *A*-has always been pronounced short, as in the word *abbey*.

**Early bearers:** John de Adburgham, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Abram, Lancs); John de Abburgham, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Matthew de Adburgham, 1322, Gilbert de Adburgham, 1405–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); John Abraham, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Abram, Lancs); John Abraham, 1576, George Abarram, 1645 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Robert Abram, 1751 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Betty Abraham, 1828 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 102.

2 English, Jewish: see **Abraham**.

### Abrams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1074, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English, Jewish: variant of **Abram** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Abrams, 1616 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Susanna Abrams, 1643 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Eliz. Abrams, 1682 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Mary Abrams, 1690 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Abrams, 1696 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

### Abramson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Abrahamson**.

### Abrehart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

See **Abrahart**.

### Abreu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: locative name from a place called Abreu in Minho province, Portugal.

**Further information:** In some cases this name was brought to Britain via Goa and other former Portuguese colonies.

### Abrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Abery**.

### Abrol

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): nickname, Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Absalom

**Variants:** Absolom, Absolon, Asplen, Asplin, Asplan, Aspland, Ashplant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes and S Wales; S England; Northumb

English: relationship name from the Old Testament Hebrew personal name *Abshalom* (Tiberian *ʾAbšālôm* ‘father of peace’; latinized as *Absalom*), with medieval vernacular forms *Absolon*, *Aspelon*, and *Aspelon* in Middle English and Old French.

**Further information:** This was occasionally used as a given name from the 9th century onwards on the continent, from where it was introduced to England after the Norman Conquest. During the 17th century, through the influence of the King James Bible, *Absalom* became the standard vernacular form of the given name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Absolon filius Apsolon, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Aspelon, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Aspelun, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harome, NR Yorks); Asplano Darnel, 1327, Aspolono Darnel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holywell cum Needingworth, Hunts).

surnames, England: Stephen Abselon, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); John Asplon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Absolon, Aspelon, 1281, 1297 in *London Letter Books B*; Johanne filio Asplom, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cawton in Gilling, NR Yorks); John and Robert Asplon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holywell cum Needingworth, Hunts); John Aspelond, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Johan Aspelyan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Netherton, Northumb); Johannes Aspelon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Nicholaus Absolon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cholsey, Berks); Agnes Absolon, 1542 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Richard Aspland, 1560, John Aspland, 1681 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Leonard Asplan, 1571 in *IGI* (Freckenham, Suffolk); Francis Aspland, 1573 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Anne Asplen, 1575 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Ann Asplin, 1592 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Joane Asplin, 1615 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Worcs); Henrie Asplin, 1621 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Henry Absolon, 1638 in *IGI* (Sandford on Thames, Oxon); John Absolom, 1648 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabetha Absalom, 1688 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); John Absalom, 1700 in *IGI* (Longcot, Berks); Robt. Absolon, 1640, Rebecca Absolom, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Humphrey Absolom, 1736 in *IGI* (Eaton Hastings, Berks); James Absalom, 1789 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Ann Absolum, 1795 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks).

surnames, Wales: John Absolom, 1725 in *IGI* (Henllys, Monmouths); Henry Absalom, 1739 in *IGI* (Mynyddislwyn, Monmouths).

### Abshir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Upsher**.

### Abshire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Upsher**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Absolom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes and S Wales; S England

English: see **Absalom**.

### Absolon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79

• **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Norfolk; Perthshire  
English: see **Absalom**.

### Abson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Abbe** + *-son*. *Abbe* was a pet form of the female personal name **Aubrey**, latinized as *Albreda*. Redmonds notes that in 1373 a lady called Aubrey Driffeld held land in Swinton (WR Yorks), where the surname *Abson* is first recorded in 1379, and from where it later ramified in southern WR Yorks.

**Further information:** Middle English **Abbe** may also have been a pet form of the relatively rare male names **Abel**, **Abraham**, and **Absalom**, but there is no evidence for them in the Swinton area. Derivation as a locative name from Abson (Gloucs) is unlikely in view of the medieval and modern distributions, which are centred in WR Yorks between Rotherham and Wakefield.

**Early bearers:** given names: Abbe wife of Henry Lotefyn, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre*.

surnames: Roger son of Abbe, 1297 in *Gringley Extent*, identical with Roger filio Albrede, 1272–1307 in *Gringley Rental* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Willelmus Abson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swinton, WR Yorks); Richard Abson, 1585 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); William Abson, 1595 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); George Abson, 1601 in *IGI* (Bolton on Dearne, WR Yorks); William Abson, 1717 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 115–16; Redmonds, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Abu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic word *abū* ‘father’. **Further information:** In Muslim names this word is used to form the ‘kunya’ (name meaning ‘father of’) in combination with the name of a man’s child, usually

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his first-born son. Thus, a man might be addressed as *Abū Hasān* ‘father of Hasan’ rather than by his own personal name. In traditional Muslim society, a man is generally known and addressed by his kunya, rather than by his *ism* (his personal name), use of which outside the family can seem unduly familiar.

### Abubakar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Abū-Bakr* ‘father of *Bakr*’, a personal name meaning ‘young camel’.

**Further information:** Abu Bakr was the name of the first of the ‘rightly guided’ khalifs (lived 573–634; ruled 632–634). He was the father-in-law, staunch supporter of Muhammad, and principal military leader during the early years of Islam. This is therefore a popular given name among Muslims.

The second *-a-* in *-bakar* often indicates an origin in a non-Arabic speaking part of the Muslim world, e.g. Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, former prime minister of Nigeria.

### Aburn

**Variants:** Aborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Middle English *atte borne*, *atte burne* ‘at the stream’ (Old English *burna*). Compare **Bourne** and **Burn**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Abourne, 1379 in *London Letter Books G* (London); Jamys A Bourne, 1467 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 9 (Kent); Thomas Aburne, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Eydon, Northants); Mgt Aborn, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Sutton, Cambs); John Aburne, 1572 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Ellen Abourn, 1587 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Robert Aborne, 1605, Margaret Abourne, 1616 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); William Abourne, 1619 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); Agneta Aborne, 1622 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Hugh Aborn, 1636 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds); Matt Aborn, 1741 in *IGI* (Lydney, Gloucs); Rachel Aborn, 1823 in *IGI* (Marston Bigot, Somerset).

### Aburrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Abery** (1), from a local pronunciation of Avebury (Wilts). Compare **Aubrey** (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Aburrow, 1717 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); William Aburrow, 1770 in *IGI* (North Hayling, Hants).

### Aby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Abey**.

### Acaster

**Variants:** Akister, Akester, Akaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Acaster Selby or Acaster Malbis (both WR Yorks), which are recorded as *Acastre* in 1086. The place-names mean ‘Roman fort on the river’, from Old Scandinavian *á* ‘river, stream’ (probably replacing Old English *ēa* ‘river’) + Old English *cæster* ‘Roman fortification’.

**Early bearers:** Ragenild de Acastr’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Acastre, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus de Acastr’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Nicholao de Acaster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER Yorks); Thomas Akester, 1593 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Phillip Acaster, 1599 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Seth Acaster, 1615 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Margaret Akester, 1774 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); James Akister, 1762 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 216–17, 218.

### Ace

**Variants:** Aze, Hayes, Hase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from Old French *Ace*, *Asse*, *Asce*, all forms of the Continental Germanic male personal name *Az(z)ō*, *Atso*, *Adso*, or possibly *Aza* (female). These were pet forms of Continental Germanic compound names formed with *Adal-* ‘noble’, such as *Adalbert* (later *Albert*) and *Adalheidis* (later *Alice*). The middle consonant could be voiced or unvoiced, and the voiced form may have become identified with *Aze*, *Hayes*, *Hase* from other origins. (ii) variant of **Hayes**.

**Further information:** The heavy modern concentration in Glamorgan reflects migration from Devon (see **Aze**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Azo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Adzo, 12th cent. in *Forssner* (Lincs); Asce Halvecniht, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants).

surnames, England: Benedict Ace, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Hants); John Ace, 1246–89 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Geoffrey Aze, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Ace, 1337, William Ace, 1523 in *Gloucester Archives*.

surnames, Wales: John Ace, 1614, William Ase, 1619 in *IGI* (Penard, Glamorgan); Cherity Ase, 1642 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Thomas Ace, 1671 in *IGI* (Llanrhidian, Glamorgan); John Ace, 1681 in *National Library of Wales* (Oxwich, Glamorgan).

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 70.

### Acey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Asy*, \**Acy*. This would be either from late Old English \**Æsi*, a reduced form of Old English *Æðelsige* (from *æðel* ‘noble’ + *sige* ‘victory’), via an intermediate form \**Æðesi*; or from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ási* (a derivative of *áss* ‘(heathen) god’), which is recorded as *Ase* in 12th-century Lincs.

**Early bearers:** given names: Asi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Brodsworth and Pickburn, WR Yorks).

surnames: Roger Acy, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Seaton and Wassand, ER Yorks); Bryan Acye, 1558, Anna Acey, 1588 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Andrew Aseye, 1594 in *IGI* (Berks); Richard Acye, 1605 in *Place-*

*Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks), p. 41; Richard Acy, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Gravesend, Kent); Will. Acy, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Skelton near Howden, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, pp. 103–16, §111, (3) and (4), and §133; *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 24; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 46–8.

### Acford

**Variants:** Ackford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Oakford (Devon), which is recorded as *Acford* in 1238, *Okeford* in 1249. The place-name derives from Old English *ác* ‘oak, oak-tree’ + *feld* ‘open land, field’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Acford, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Devon); Richard de Acforde, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Richard Okford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dawlish, Devon); Joan Ackforde, 1582 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Margaret Ackforde, 1608 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Joan Ackford, 1708 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 387.

### Achampong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: see **Acheampong**.

### Achard

**Variants:** Ackert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: see **Hatchard**.

### Acharya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: nickname, Hindu (Brahman), from the Sanskrit epithet *āchārya* ‘spiritual guide, learned man’.

### Acheampong

**Variants:** Achampong, Achempong, Akyeampong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 749, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: ethnic name from *Akyampon*, an Akan patrilineal clan name.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, 206–235, at 216.

### Achempong

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: see **Acheampong**.

### Acheson

**Variants:** Atcheson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 508
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Fermanagh

Scottish, English: relationship name; see **Aitchison**. This spelling of the name was formerly common in Scotland; it is now the usual spelling in Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

**Further information:** *Acheson* is the surname of an Ulster family established in Armagh in about 1611 by Sir Archibald Acheson of Haddington, Scotland. The family has held a baronetcy in Scotland since 1628 and holds the title of Earl of Gosford in the Irish Peerage (created 1806).

### Achilleos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the genitive case of the Greek personal name *Akhilleus*, latinized and anglicized as *Achilles*. This is probably of pre-Greek origin, though conventionally understood as Greek *ákhos* 'grief' + *laós* 'people'.

### Achurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Hunts

English: locative name from Achurch in Thorpe Achurch (Northants), which is recorded as *Asechirce* in 1086, *Achirche* in the 12th century, and *Aschyrche* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from Old English *cirice* 'church', probably with a personal name as the first element, either an unrecorded Old English \**Asa* or the well-recorded Old Scandinavian *Ási* (male) or *Ása* (female).

**Early bearers:** John de Achurch, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Titchmarsh, Northants); John Achirch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Elton, Hunts); J[ohn] de Achirch, 1341–2 in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Peterborough, Northants); John Achurche, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Weston Underwood, Bucks); Thomas Achurche, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rushden, Northants); Willm. Achurch, 1565 in *IGI* (Stanwick, Northants); Frances Achurch, 1604 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Mary Achurch, 1679 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Martha Achurch, 1798 in *IGI* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 219.

### Ackary

**Variants:** *Ackery, Acree*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Acharias*, *Achary*, a variant of the Biblical name *Zacharias*.

**Further information:** Roger son of Zacharias de Burdun (1217 in *Durham Priory Fees*) is also referred to there as Rogerus filius Acharisiae, Akariae, Acris, Akaris in about 1200.

**Early bearers:** given names: Acharias, Accarisius filius Copsi, 1155, 1100–35 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Achari, 1100–35 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts). surnames: Robert Akari, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); Phillipe Akerye, 1548 in *IGI* (London); Francys Acree, 1610 in *IGI* (Fulleyby, Lincs); John Akery, 1714 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Akery, 1733 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset).

### Ackenson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name see *Atkinson*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Ackenson, 1641 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).

### Acker

**Variants:** *Acre, Aker, Akker, Akers*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs

1 English: locative name from Castle Acre, South Acre, and West Acre (Norfolk), recorded as *Acra*, *Acre* in 1086 and *Accara* in 1121. The place-name derives from Old English *æcer* 'plot of arable land'. **Early bearers:** Roger de Acre, 1201 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Godefridum del Acr', 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Drugo del Acre, 1250–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); Andrew de Acre, 1289, Bartholomew de Acre, merchant, 1290 in *Norwich Deeds* (Norfolk); Richard Acre, mercer, 1301–2 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); John Acre, nephew of Andrew de Acre, 1322–3, William Acre of West Acre, 1348–50 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Johannes de Acre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Simon de Acr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton, Norfolk); John Acre, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk and Cambs); Joseph Acre, 1705 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 2.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *aker*, *acre* 'plot of arable land, acre' (Old English *æcer*). Compare *Akers* for the plural usage. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** William del Acr', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William de Acre, 1281 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Willelmo dil Acre, Willelmo de Lacre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Sampford, Essex); Johanne de Aker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, ER Yorks); [ . . . ] dil Acre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, Lancs); Willelmo de Acre', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston Lisle, Berks); Saierus Acre, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Nicholas Acker, 1565 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Margery Acker, 1583 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Elizabeth Acre, 1632 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Henry Aker, 1646 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Hinrey Aker, 1681 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Ellin Acker, 1696 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); William Acker, 1722 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *æcer*.

### Ackerley

**Variants:** *Acornley, Aconley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 815, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Acornley in Foulridge (Lancs), which is recorded as *Akerlandeleye* in 1259, *Acrondley* in 1608. The place-name derives from Middle English *aker-land* 'ploughed land, arable land' + *ley* 'glade, open ground'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Accranlee, 1541 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); John Acreley, 1574 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Roger Ackerley, 1575 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire); Ellen Acornley, 1600, Lawrence Ackronley, 1636, Thomas Ackornley, 1645 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Georgius Achornley, 1603 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Ackornley, 1605 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks); Anna Ackerley, 1608, Maria Akerley, 1631 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Margery Ackerley, 1632 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Richard Ackronley, 1653 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Lucy Ackornley, 1656 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Francis Acronldy, 1663 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Marsden, Lancs); Elizabeth Akerley, 1670, Mary Accornley, 1675 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 88.

### Ackerman

**Variants:** *Akerman, Acreman, Acraman*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *acremān* 'cultivator of the soil, ploughman' (Old English *æcermann*).

**Further information:** Typically, an ackerman was a bond tenant of a manor holding half a virgate of arable land, for which he paid by serving as a ploughman. **Early bearers:** William Acreman, 1100–35 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert le Akerman, 1233 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Anna Ackerman, 1568 in *IGI* (London); Henry Ackerman, 1615 in *IGI* (Stratton, Dorset); William Acerman, 1626 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Dorset); John Ackarman, 1678 in *IGI* (Allington, Dorset).

2 German: anglicization of German *Ackermann*

### Ackermann

**Variants:** *Ackerman*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

German: occupational name from Middle High German *ackerman* 'ploughman, peasant'. The German term did not have the same denotation of status in the feudal system as its English counterpart (see *Ackerman*).

**Early bearers:** Rudolph Ackermann, 1793 in *IGI* (London); Carl Ackermann, born in Stettin, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

### Ackers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Lancs

English: see *Akers*.

### Ackert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see *Achard*.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Ackery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey

English: see *Ackary*.

### Acket

**Variants:** *Acketts*

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see *Hackett*.

### Acketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of *Acket* (see *Hackett*), with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Ackford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see *Acford*.



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### Ackhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Akehurst**.

### Acklam

#### Variants: Ackland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from either **Acklam** (ER Yorks) or **West Acklam** (NR Yorks), both of which are recorded as *Aclun* in 1086, *Acclum* in the 12th century. The etymology of the place-names is uncertain. They possibly contain Old Scandinavian \**ak(k)ul*- ‘ankle’ (used in Norwegian place-names with the sense ‘slope’) in the dative plural form \**ak(k)lum*, i.e. ‘(place) at the slopes’. Alternatively, they may derive from an Old English \**āc-lēah* ‘oak wood, oak-tree clearing’ in the dative plural form \**āc-lēum*, i.e. ‘(place) at the oak-tree clearings’.

**Early bearers:** William de Acclum, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Johannem de Acclum, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Walto de Acclom, Rogero Acclm, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingerby, Lincs); Robert de Acclom, 1334 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Geoffrey Acclum, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Robertus de Acclom’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pickering, NR Yorks); Galfrido de Acclom’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robert Aclam, 1534 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Mary Aclam, 1568 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Robertus Aclam, 1589, Thomas Acklam, 1707 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Wil. Aclam, 1600 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); James Aclam, 1645, Philip Acklam, 1721 in *IGI* (York); Alice Acklam, 1665 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 147–8; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 162; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 2; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 2.

### Ackland

#### Variants: Acland, Agland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 972, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 985
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name from **Acland Barton** in Landkey (Devon), which is recorded as *Akelane* in 1299. The place-name means ‘Acca’s lane’, from the Old English personal name *Acca* + *lane* ‘lane’.

**Early bearers:** William de Ackelane, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Thomas de Ackelane, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Balwin de Akkelane, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Molton Hundred, Devon); Adam Akkelane, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Baldwin Aclane, 1492–3, John Ackelane, 1539–40, Anthony Acland, 1567–7 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Jn. Aclond, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Landkey, Devon); Grace Acklande, 1616 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Acland, 1662 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 342.

2 English: in the N Midlands perhaps a variant of **Acklam**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Akeland, 1675 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts).

### Ackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cumb, Lancs, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from **Aycliffe** (Durham), which is recorded as *Aicle alias Aicliffe* in 1632. The medieval record shows two distinct types: on the one hand there are forms such as *Acleia* in the 12th century, *Aykley* in 1555, which suggest that the place-name derives from Old English *āc* ‘oak, oak-tree’ + *lēah* ‘open woodland’, while on the other hand there are forms such as *Aclyff* in 1361, *Aykliffe* in 1581, which point rather to Old English *āc* + *clif* ‘cliff, bank’. It is uncertain whether two originally separate names (perhaps referring to Great Aycliffe and School Aycliffe respectively) have merged, or one type is a later development of the other. There may be a pre-Conquest reference to Aycliffe in the form *Aclea* in 782, and on balance it seems best to take this as the basis for the etymology and surmise that *-clif* arose as a hypercorrect variant, with *f* representing a dialect pronunciation of final *h*. However, matters are further complicated by the relatively early spelling *Heaclif* in 1109, in which the first element seems to be Old English *hēah* ‘high’.

**Early bearers:** forms with final *-y* [... de] **Acley**, about 1220 in *Durham Place-Names* (Durham); Luciana de **Acley**, 1296 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Aycliffe, Durham); Mary Acolay, 1691 in *IGI* (Bishop Wearmouth, Durham); Edmund Ackouley, 1724 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Ann Ackley, 1760 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Akely, 1762, George Aikley, 1764 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham). forms with final *-f* John de Aclyf, 1371, Andrew de Aclyf, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Acliff, 1789 in *IGI* (Northleach, Gloucs); Hannah Acliff, 1798 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 3; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 8; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 26; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 20; *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 28–9.

2 English: variant of **Arkley**.

### Acklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Hackling** with loss of initial *H*-. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ackling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

English: variant of **Hackling** with loss of initial *H*-.

### Ackred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ackroyd**.

### Ackrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon

English: see **Ackrill**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Ackerell, 1734 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

### Ackrill

#### Variants: Ackrell, Akrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks; Berks
- English: relationship name, variant of **Arkell** with *-r*-metathesized.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Acrill, 1568, Anne Acrell, 1583 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); John Ackrill, son of John and Mary Ackrill, 1682, Mary Arkill, daughter of John and Mary Arkill, 1689 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen Topholme, Lincs); Jane Arkill, 1739, Mary Acrill, 1750 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs).

### Ackroyd

#### Variants: Akroyd, Acroyd, Aykroyd, Akeroyd, Ecroyd, Akred, Ackred, Acrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2425, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2798
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from **Akroyd** in Wadsworth (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Aycrode* in the 13th century and *Aykeroide* in 1439. The place-name derives from northern Middle English *ake* ‘oak, oak-tree’ (Old English *āc*, Old Scandinavian *eik*) + *rode*, *royd* ‘clearing’ (Old English \**rodu*).

**Early bearers:** John de Aykroide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Jeffray Acrode, 1543, Richard Aykrod, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Agnes Aykerod, 1547 in *IGI* (Midgley by Halifax, WR Yorks); Hugo Aikroide, 1612, Henry Ackroyd, 1645, Henry Akeroyd, 1648, Christopher Acred, 1721 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Ecroyd, 1678 in *IGI* (Marsden, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 199; *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 202.

### Ackworth

#### Variants: Acworth, Hackworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Kent

English: locative name from **Ackworth** (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Aceurde* in 1086, *Akeworth* in 1201, and *Akworthe* in the 14th century. The place-name means ‘Acca’s enclosure’, from the Old English personal name *Acca* + *word* ‘enclosure, curtilage’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Akewrth’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Ackeworth, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Acworth’, Willelmus Acworth’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Adam de Ackeworth’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frickley, WR Yorks); William Acworth’, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Akworth, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Elizabeth Akworthe, 1562 in *IGI* (Rauceby, Lincs); Elizabeth Acworth, 1577 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Susan Acworth, 1589 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Richard Ackworth, 1596 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 93–4; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 2; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 2.

### Acland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182



- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Ackland**.

### Acock

Variants: **Acocks, Aycock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Gloucs
- English: variant of **Adeoock** with loss of *d*. Compare **Acott**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Akok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolley, WR Yorks); Catherine Acocke, 1561 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Kateryne Acocke, 1568 in *IGI* (Brumstead, Norfolk); Willm Acocke, 1571 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); James Acock, 1605 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Thomas Acocke, 1625 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Sarah Acoke, 1641 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).

### Acocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs; Shrops; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Acoock** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ann Acox, 1634 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Johannes Acoxe, 1651, Robart Acocks, 1653, Edward Acockes, 1659 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Gloucs); Wm Acocks, 1729 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

### Acomb

Variants: **Akam, Acum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from any of several places so named, such as Acomb (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Acum* in 1086, Acomb in Malton (NR Yorks), recorded as *Acum* in 1222, Acomb in Saint John Lee (Northumb), recorded as *Acum* in 1296, and Acomb in Bywell Saint Peter (also Northumb), recorded as *Akum* in 1268. These place-names all derive from Old English (*æt þǣm*) *ācum* 'at the oaks' (the dative plural form of *āc* 'oak-tree'), and in each case a final *-b* has been added in the later medieval or early modern period in imitation of names containing Old English *cumb* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Akum, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Akum, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Throckley, Northumb); Walter de Akum, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broomley, Northumb); Peter de Acom, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Acum, 1377, Johannes de Acom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); John de Akum, clerk, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Etton, ER Yorks); James Acom, 1595 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Raphe Acome, 1604 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Henry Acom, 1622 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York); An Acome, 1667 in *IGI* (Long Marston, ER Yorks); Philip Acomb, 1706 in *IGI* (Healough, WR Yorks); John Acombe, 1710 in *IGI* (Acomb, WR Yorks); Eliz Acome, 1775 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Jane Acum, 1787 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 228; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 44; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 1; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 2.

2 English: locative name in S England perhaps occasionally from Middle English *atte combe* 'at the valley' (Old English *æt þǣm cumb*). Compare **Coombe** (1).

**Early bearers:** Edmund a Combe, 1478–9 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Kent); Thomas a Combe, 1507 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Challock, Kent); John Combe or a'come, 1509 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Appledore, Kent); John A Combe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Frances Acomb, 1693 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Samuel Acomb, 1696 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey).

### Aconley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Ackerley**.  
**Early bearers:** Sarah Aconley, 1768, Jane Ackenley, 1775 in *IGI* (Lastingham, NR Yorks); Lawrence Aconley, 1817 in *IGI* (Kirkbymoorside, NR Yorks).

### Acord

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Ackroyd** with metathesis in the second syllable.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mercye Acord, 1614 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

### Acornley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ackerley**.

### Acors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Anglesey

English: see **Akers**.

### Acott

Variants: **Acutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Adeoock** with loss of *-d-* (compare **Acoock**) and bowdlerization of *-cock* to *-cott* (compare **Alcott**, **Bowcott**, **Hitchcott**, **Jeffcott**).

**Early bearers:** Mary Acot, 1778 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Frances Acott, 1796 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### A'Court

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Acourt**.

### Acourt

Variants: **A'Court**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Gloucs

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte courte* 'at the large house',

denoting someone who lived near or worked in a manor house or castle. Compare **Court** (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Curt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas atte Courte, 1349 in *Somerset Archives* (Batheaston, Somerset); Henry atte Corte, 1356–7 in *Gloucs Archives* (Newland, Gloucs); William atte Court, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Lynsted, Kent); John a Coort, 1495, George a Courte, 1498 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Waltham, Kent); Mathew at Curte, 1525 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Otham, Kent); Arnold a Corte, 1550 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Brabourne, Kent); Elizabeth Acorte, 1563 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Elizabeth Acorte, 1564 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Nycolas Acourte, 1564 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Johannam Acourt, 1564 in *IGI* (Kingsdon, Somerset); Joan Acourt, 1582 in *Assize Rolls* (Kemsing, Kent); Henry Acourte, 1602 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Luke Acourt, 1602 in *IGI* (Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); Margerie A'Court, 1623 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Thomas a Becket, South Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas A Courte, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Frome Selwood, Somerset).

### Acquah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian (Akan): from the Twi female day-name *Akiúá* 'Wednesday'.

### Acraman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: see **Ackerman**.

### Acree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Acker**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Acree

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Ackary**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Acreman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Ackerman**.

### Acres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly
- English: see **Akers**.

### Acroyd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Ackroyd**.

### Acton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2530, Ireland 278
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1730

## Acum

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway
- English, Irish: locative name from any of the numerous places so named in England, notably those in Shropshire. Acton in Lydbury, Acton Burnell and Acton Pigott, Boreatton in Baschurch, Shotatton in Ruyton of the Eleven Towns, Acton Reynald, Acton Round, and Acton Scott (all Shrops) are each recorded as *Acton* in medieval records. Examples in other counties include Acton Bridge, Acton by Nantwich, and Acton Grange (all Cheshire), Acton (Denbighs), Acton Turville (Gloucs), Acton Beauchamp (Herefs), Acton (Middx), Acton and Old Felton (Northumb), Acton Trussell (Staffs), and Acton (Suffolk). All of these place-names derive from Old English *āc* 'oak, oak-tree' + *tūn* 'settlement, estate'. **Further information:** The Worcs Actons had their seat at Wolverton Hall near Pershore from the 16th century onwards. They are descended from Sir Roger Acton, captain of Ludlow Castle, who was executed for treason in 1414. In Ireland the surname has been established in Connacht since the 17th century. The historian Lord Acton (1834–1902) came of a Roman Catholic Shrops family first recorded with William de Acton in the reign of Edward III (1327–77). A branch of the latter family in Italy was established there founded by the brothers Joseph Acton (1737–1830) and John Francis Acton (1736–1811), both of whom served the King of Naples. **Early bearers:** England Hugh de Acton', 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Warin de Aketon, 1202–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ingelard' de Acton', 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Wenlock, Shrops); Reginaldi de Acton', 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); John de Acton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Acton, 1421–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Acton, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Longnor, Shrops); Thomas Acton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Acton Scott, Shrops); Cristionn Acton, 1541 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Acton, 1566 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs). Ireland John Acton, soldier, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1207 (Dublin, Dublin); William Acton, 1736 in *IGI* (Birr, Offaly); William Ackton, 1703 in *IGI* (Limerick, Limerick). **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 1–6.

## Acum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Acomb**.

## Acutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Dorset; Aberdeens
- English: probably an altered form of **Acott**. **Early bearers:** England John Acutt, 1793 in *IGI* (Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset); Henry Acutt, 1837 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, staffs). Scotland George Acutt, 1828 in *IGI* (Fintray, Aberdeens).

## Acworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Ackworth**.

## Adair

### Variants: Dair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2135, Ireland 1355
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 918
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland and NW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim
- Scottish, N Irish: relationship name from the personal name *Adair*, also spelled *Edyear*, a form of **Edgar**. **Early bearers:** Scotland Christian Adair (Adare), widow, 1480–87 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kilhilt, formerly Kinhilt, Wigtowns); Sir Robert Adair, 1629 in *Retours, Scotland* (Kilhilt, formerly Kinhilt, Wigtowns).

## Adam

### Variants: Adem, Adams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7207, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: relationship name from the Old Testament (Hebrew) personal name *Adam*, conventionally interpreted as 'man, human', and associated with a root meaning 'red, fair'. It has been widely used as a Christian name in western Europe. See also **Adams**, **Adamson**, **McAdam**, **McCadden**, **Badham**. Pet forms of *Adam* survive in **Adcock**, **Addy**, **Adnett**, and **Atkin**. **Early bearers:** given names: Adam filius Huberti, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Adam Warenarius, 1146–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Adam, sub-prior of Melrose Abbey, later abbot of Coupar Angus, 1189 in *Heads of Houses in Scotland*, 43. surnames, England: Alianor Adam, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Will'o Adam, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnby in the Willows, Notts); Thomas Adam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); John Adam, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Stanwell, Middx); William Adam, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, City of London). surnames, Scotland: Andrew Adam, 1423–37 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Daud Adam, 1564 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Elizabeth Adem, 1668 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); James Adam, 1737 in *IGI* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines); Isabell Adams, 1750 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife).

## Adames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Adams**.

## Adamo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Adamo*, Italian form of **Adam**.

## Adamou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Adamos*, Greek form of **Adam**.

## Adams

### Variants: Addams, Adames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61349, Ireland 2957
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43752
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster
- English, Scottish: (i) variant of **Adam** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See also **Odams**. (ii) in Ireland and Gaelic-speaking parts of Scotland, *Adams* was often adopted for **McAdam**. **Early bearers:** England William Adames, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholaus Adames, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford manor, Shrops); John Adams, 1581 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Thomas Adams, 1593 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); John Adams, 1604 in *IGI* (Clayton, Lancs); John Adames, 1617 in *PROB 11* (East Allington, Devon); Thomas Adams, 1621 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Worcs); Stephen Addams, 1638 in *Town Book of Lewes* (Sussex). Scotland James Adams, 1687 in *IGI* (Aberdeen). Ireland Robert Adams, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §282 (Cnocke, Louth); Robert Addams, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §978 (Ballibrytten, King's county [Offaly]); Robert Adams, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2640 (Portlester, Meath); Edward Adame, controller of wine duty, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1574 (Galway).

## Adamson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9901, Ireland 608
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7912
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Westmeath
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old Testament (Hebrew) personal name **Adam** + Middle English *son*, meaning 'son of Adam'. **Early bearers:** Scotland John Adamstone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Colin Adamson, provost, 1349 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Aberdeen); Cuthbert Adamson, notary, 1587 in *Poltalloch Writs* (Lanarks). England Richard Adamessone, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* i (Norfolk); John Adamstone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus Adamessone', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johannes Adamessone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); John Adamson, 1577 in *PROB 11* (West Walton, Norfolk).

## Adamthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Westm, Lancs, and Durham
- English: locative name from Adamthwaite in Ravenstonedale (Westm), which is recorded as *Adamthwat* in 1585. The place-name derives from the Middle English personal name *Adam* + *thwait* 'clearing' (Old Scandinavian *þveit*). **Early bearers:** Roland Adamthwayte, 1461 in *Oxford University Register*; Margerett Adamthwat, 1573, Sybell Adamtwait, 1591 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Wm. Adamthwaite, 1589 in *IGI* (York); Marjory Adamwhit, 1675 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham). **References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, pp. 33–4; information from Sue Mastel (Guild of One-Name Studies).

**Adan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Adán*, equivalent of English **Adam**.

**Adatia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Muslim name, of unexplained origin.

**Adaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: variant of **Hathaway**, with loss of initial *H*.

**Aday**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Adey**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Adburgham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Abram**. This form appears to be a 20th-century reintroduction (as a surname) of the historic form of the place-name.

**Adby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks
- English: metathesized variant of **Abdy**.  
**Further information:** For this as a Berks name, compare William Abdy, 1583 in *IGI* (Shellingford).  
**Early bearers:** Maud Adby, 1589 in *IGI* (Shellingford, Berks); John Adby, 1732 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); James Adby, 1794 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks).

**Adcock**

- Variants: **Hadcock**, **Adcook**, **Acock**, **Acott**, **Eacock**, **Adcocks**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3334, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2932
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; also Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Adecoc*, a pet form of **Adam**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: *Adecok* Kay, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).  
 surnames: Richard Hadecoc, 1226 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert Adekok, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Atkoc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Adecoke, 1354 in *Birmingham Archives* (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks); Hugo Addecok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Stretton, Leics); Joanne Adcock, 1580 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent); Thomas Adcock, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Thomas Adcock, 1654 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs).

**Adcocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: variant of **Adcock** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Adcocks or Adcokes, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Biggleswade, Beds); Luke Adcocks, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint John Bedwardine, Worcs); William Adcocks, 1690 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

**Adcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Adcock**.

**Aldcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Aldcroft** with vocalization and loss of */l/*.

**Addai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: nickname from the Gã day-name *adai* ‘Monday’, or Akan (Twi or related dialect) *adae* ‘festival day, calendar point recurring every 43 days’.

**Addams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. London; Devon
- English: see **Adams**.

**Addelsee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Addlesee**.

**Addenbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs
- English: see **Addenbrooke**.

**Addenbrooke**

- Variants: **Addenbrook**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name from an unidentified or lost place called *Addenbrook*, apparently on or near the border of Staffs and Worcs. The place-name derives from Old English *brōc* ‘stream’, with an uncertain first element.  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Adenbrok, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Adynbrok, 1271–2 in *Assize Rolls* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard de Adnebrok, 1276 in *Lyttelton Charters* (Frankley, Worcs); Richard de Adenesbrok, 1285–6 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Kinver Forest, Staffs); William de Adenbrok, 1367 in *Lyttelton Charters* (Halesowen, Worcs); John de Adenbrok, 1371 in *Lyttelton Charters* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Joysie Adinbrooke, 1548 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis,

Staffs); Joan Adonbroke, 1550, Thomas Addenbroke, 1556, John Adenbrocke, 1583 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Johes Addenbrocke, 1574 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Leonard Addenbroke, 1579 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Jeremie Ardenbrooke, 1630 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Adderley**

- Variants: **Adderly**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 69
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 499
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: locative name from **Adderley** (Shrops), which is recorded as *Eldredelei* in 1086 and *Adredelegh* in 1272. The place-name derives from an Old English female personal name with *-brȳð* as its second theme (*Ealdbrȳð*, *Ælfbrȳð*, or *Æðelbrȳð*) + *lēah* ‘open woodland’.  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Adrideleye, about 1230 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs); Ade de Addradel’, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Adderley, Shrops); William Aderley, 1386, William Adderleye, 1390, William de Adderley, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); William Addurley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shawbury, Shrops); Agnes Adderley, 1564 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Elizabeth Adderley, 1579 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 7, 10; 5, p. 120.

**Adderly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Adderley**.

**Adderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Addison**.  
 2 English: see **Alderson**.  
 3 English: see **Etherson**.

**Adderton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Warwicks
- 1 English: chiefly a variant of **Atterton**.  
 2 English: occasionally a variant of **Atherton**.  
 3 English: occasionally a variant of **Etherton**.

**Addey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Addy**.

**Addicott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: probably a variant of **Addiscott**.  
**Early bearers:** John Addicott, 1616 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Richaard Addicott, 1649 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon); Henrye Addicott, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall).

**Addie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333

## Addinall

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow  
Scottish: relationship name from the Older Scots personal name *Addie*, a pet form of **Adam**.  
**Early bearers:** David Aidye, 1591, Salomon Aedie, 1607, burgesses, in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); William Aidy, 1644 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); James Adie, 1596 in *Scottish Arms* (Perth).

## Addinall

• **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 53  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: relationship name from a double diminutive of a pet form of the personal name *Adam*.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, suggests that the Yorks family was originally known as *Adinet*, a more common double diminutive of Adam, and that the change to *Adinell* occurred in the 16th and 17th centuries. He also notes confusion with the surname **Arundel**, citing William Arundel alias Addinal, 1744 (York).  
**Early bearers:** Rychard Adenell, 1605 in *IGI* (Warlberton, Sussex); Henry Addenell, 1620 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR York); John Addenelt, 1625 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR York); John Addinall, 1644 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks).

## Addington

• **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 213  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Northants, and Herts  
English: locative name from one or more of several places so called, such as Great and Little Addington (Northants), Addington (Bucks), Addington (Surrey), and perhaps Addington (Kent), all of which are recorded as *Edintone* and *Adinton* in medieval documents. The place-names mean 'farmstead associated with a man called Eadda or Æddi', from an Old English personal name *Eadda* or *Æddi* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Further information:** The family of Henry Addington, 1st Lord Sidmouth, prime minister of Great Britain in 1801–4, has traced its genealogy back to Potterspurty in Northants in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Adinton, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Hugh de Adinton, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Gilbert de Adinton, 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Johannis de Adington, 1301 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Northants); Johanna de Adyngtone, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shelton, Beds); Ricardo Adyngton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Roger Addington, 1558 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Elizab. Addington, 1576 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Mathylle Addington, 1600 in *IGI* (Newton Longville, Bucks); William Addington, 1600 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Luke Adyngton, 1655 in *IGI* (Melchbourne, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 177; *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 51–2; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 39–40; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 144.

## Addis

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1525, Ireland 172  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1022

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey; W Midlands; Wales  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
English: relationship name variant of the Middle English personal names **Addy** or **Ade**, both pet forms of **Adam**, with genitival *-s* and denoting 'Addy's or Ade's son, relative, or servant'.  
**Early bearers:** John Adies, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Addes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Isabell Adis, 1562 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Joan Addis, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Pauntley, Gloucs); John Addis, 1590 in *IGI* (Canon Frome, Herefs); William Addiss, 1695 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Thomas Adis, 1738 in *IGI* (Betwys y Crwyn, Shrops); John Addiss, 1772 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

## Addison

**Variants:** **Adderson**, **Haddison**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 6452, Ireland 46  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 4129  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal names **Ade** and **Addy**, pet forms of **Adam**, + *son*.

**Early bearers:** England John Addison, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo Addyson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Robert Addeeson, 1498 in *York Guild Register*; Margreat Adison, 1544 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robart Adison, 1585 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Richard Addison, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Michelmersh, Hants).

Scotland William Adison, rector, 1370 in *Paisley Register* (Luss, Dunbartons); Robert Adyson, vicar, 1415 in *Ayr Charters* (Colmonell, Ayr); Sir William Adesoun, vicar, 1436 in *Peebles Charters* (Linton, Peebles); Duncan Adeson, 1449 in *Glasgow Register* (Stirling); Andrew Edisoun, 1580 in *Midlothian Charters* (Spittelmylne); Laurence Adiesone, 1611 in *Dunfermline Register* (Pennielandis); William Adison, 1665 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Adison, 1691 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Addison, 1694 in *IGI* (Benholm, Kincardines).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Alderson**, via the intermediate forms *Auderson* and *Aderson*, the same change of vowel seen in **Dakin** for **Dawkin**. The name has been merged with *Addison* and *Addinson*.

## Addlesee

**Variants:** **Addelsee**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 65  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts  
English: variant of **Haddlesey** with loss of initial *H-*.

## Addlestone

**Variants:** **Edleston**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Athelstan*, itself from Old English *Æðelstān*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' + *stān* 'stone'. Compare **Alston**, **Aston**, **Edleston**.  
**Early bearers:** William Athelston, about 1198 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Geoffrey Athelstan, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Addlestone, 1654 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); James Addlestone,

1682 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); William Henry Addlestone, 1854 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).  
2 English: see **Edleston**.

## Addleton

**Variants:** **Haddleton**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 49  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Leics  
English: locative name possibly, like the surname **Adlington**, from one of the places called Adlington. Sarah Ann Addleton, birth recorded 1882 in Dudley (Staffs), appears to be the same as Annie Smith formerly Haddleton, born Cradley Heath (*Census 1901*), and Sarah Ann Smith, formerly Adlington, child's birth recorded 1904.  
**Early bearers:** Sarah Addleton, 1677 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); George Haddleton, 1737 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Thos Addleton, 1772, John Haddleton, 1785 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Elijah Addleton, 1802 in *IGI* (Cradley, Worcs).  
**References:** <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/ENG-BLACK-COUNTRY/2008-11/1225862168> (2008 posting).

## Addley

**Variants:** **Adley**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 43  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 86  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent  
English: (i) probably a variant of **Hadlow** with loss of initial *H-* and modification of the unstressed syllable. (ii) another, less likely, possibility is that it is a variant of **Hadley**.  
**Early bearers:** Rabage Adley, 1588 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Edward Adley, 1647, John Addlow, 1688 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Francis Adlow, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Fringsted, Kent); Thomas Adly, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Shoreham, Kent); Mary Ann Adlow, 1768 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

## Addo

• **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Ghanaian: probably for *Ado*, an Akan patrilineal clan name.  
**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, 206–235, at 216.

## Adds

• **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 39  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent  
English: see **Ades**.

## Addy

**Variants:** **Addey**, **Haddy**, **Hady**, **Addis**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 1752, Ireland 15  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1275  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan; Armagh  
1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Addy*, a pet form of **Adam**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Addy, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Addy de Beuerley, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Richard Addy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wykeham, NR Yorks); Ricardus Addy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); John Addy born 1567, father of Thomas Addy born 1606, in *IGI* (Wath, Yorks); John Addey, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Deptford, Kent); William Addy, 1693 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

2 Irish, Manx: relationship name from a reduced form of *Mac Ádaidh* 'son of *Ádadh*', Gaelic form of the personal name **Adam**.

References: *Kneen*.

### Addyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Adiman* or *Ademan*, which could be a pet form of *Adam* (see **Addy**) + the hypocoristic suffix *-man* but is more likely a variant of Middle English *Edeman*, *Ediman*; see **Edman**. **Early bearers:** given names: *Adiman*, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Wm. Addyman, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); Peter Addiman, 1678, Sarah Addiman, 1765 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Sayray Ademan, 1748, Elizabeth Addiman, 1754 in *IGI* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks).

References: *McClure, Jack I*, p. 112.

2 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **Adam** + *man*, probably signifying 'servant of a man named Adam'. The name has probably been absorbed by (1) or by **Adman**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Adamman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wansford, ER Yorks); Robertus Adamman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton (Grange) with Welham, ER Yorks); John Adamman, 1402 in *Yorks Wills* (Sutton in Holderness, ER Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ade

Variants: **Ades**, **Addis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ade*, a pet form of *Adam*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Ade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Richard Ade, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Iden, Sussex); Richard Ade, 1600 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Henry Adis, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Richard Ades, 1665 in *IGI* (Iford, Sussex).

### Adeane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Dean**, from Middle English *a(tte) dene* 'at the wooded valley'.

**Early bearers:** John Adene, 1484 in *Rochester Wills*; Richard Adeane, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas a Dene, 1516 in *Kent Wills*; Thomas Deane alias Adeane, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Adebanjo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adébanjò* (Yoruba *adé bá mi jò* 'the crown or royal lineage suits me').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 48.

### Adebayo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adébáyò* (Yoruba *adé bá ayò* 'the crown or royal lineage found joy [i.e. on arriving in the family]').

### Adebiyi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from a personal name *Adébíyí* (Yoruba *adé bí èyí* 'the crown or royal lineage gave birth to this (child)').

### Adebowale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adébòwálé* (Yoruba *adé bọ wá (sí) ilé* 'the crown has come home again').

### Adedeji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adédèjì* (Yoruba *adé ò èjì* 'the crown has become two', 'we have a second crown').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 81.

### Adegbite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adégbítẹ̀* (Yoruba *adé gba itẹ̀* 'the crown fills the throne').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 80.

### Adegoke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adégòkẹ̀* (Yoruba *adé gun òkẹ̀* 'the crown gained advancement').

### Adekoya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adékòyà* (from *adé kọ iyà* 'the crown is above insults' or 'the crown rejects or turns away oppression').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 80.

### Adekunle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adékúnlẹ̀* (from *adé kún ilẹ̀* 'the crown fills the house', 'crowns are many in the

house', with 'crown' understood as a metaphor for 'child').

References: Adeboye Babalola and Olugboye Alaba, *A Dictionary of Yoruba Personal Names*, Lagos: West African Book Publishers.

### Adeleke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adélékẹ̀* (Yoruba *adé l'ẹ̀kẹ̀* 'the crown gains the upper hand, triumphs').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 17.

### Adeleye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéléyẹ̀* (Yoruba *adé l'ẹ̀yẹ̀* 'the crown possesses honour').

### Adeline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French female personal name *Adaline*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Adal-* (from *adal* 'noble'), such as *Adelhaidis*, which became *Adalaide* and *Alice*. Compare **Edlin**.

**Further information:** The seal of Adelaide, wife of William Peverel (1107–13 in *Northants Charters*), bears the legend *Signvm adeline*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Adalina jocularatrix, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Willelmum filium Adeline, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Long Melford, Suffolk). surnames: William Adeline, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Susanna Adeline, 1589 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Michel Adeline, 1722 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Adem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Turkish: relationship name from the personal name *Adem*, from Arabic, of the same ultimate origin as **Adam**.

### Aden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Lancs and Cheshire

Scottish: locative name from Aden in Old Deer (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland Alexander Aden, 1660 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); James Aden, 1666 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); William Adan, 1673 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Andrew Aden, weaver, 1683 in *Old Aberdeen Records* 1, p. 240 (Aberdeens); Jean Adin, 1695 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens); John Adin, 1721 in *IGI* (Strichen, Aberdeens). England John Aden, 1697, Matthew Adin, 1703 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys).

References: S. Taylor (2008), 'The toponymic landscape of the Gaelic Notes in the *Book of Deer*', in K. Forsyth, ed., *Studies on the Book of Deer*, Dublin, pp. 275–308.

**Adeniji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéníjì* (Yoruba *adé ní ìjì* ‘the crown has much shade’, i.e. there is more than enough shade for the new child to find it congenial).

**Adeniran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéníran* (Yoruba *adé ní íran* ‘the crown has a pedigree’, i.e. runs in certain lineages but not others).

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 80.

**Adeniya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéniya* (Yoruba *adé ní iyí* ‘the crown has dignity’).

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 81.

**Adeosun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian: relationship name from the personal name *Adéòsun*, from Yoruba *adé Ọ̀ṣun* ‘the crown of (i.e. given to me by the goddess-river) Ọ̀ṣun’.

**Adeoye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéoyè*, from Yoruba *adé oyè* literally ‘the crown of chieftancy’, understood to mean ‘the crown (child) given to me to celebrate my acquired chieftancy title’.

**Ades**

Variants: **Adds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: variant of **Ade** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Johannes Ads, 1379 *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Thomas Ades, 1540 in *PROB 11* (Warton, Herefs).

**Adesanya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adésànyà*, from Yoruba *adé san iyà* ‘the crown avenges my suffering’.

**Adesina**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adésìnà* (Yoruba *adé sí ònà* ‘the crown opens the way’), often given to a child awaited for a long time and understood to mean ‘(the child) opens the mother’s womb for more children’.

**Adetunji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adétúnjì*, from Yoruba *adé tún jì* ‘the crown awakes again’, understood to mean that the namer’s family’s claim to the crown has revived.

**Adewale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéwálé* (Yoruba *adé wá ilé* ‘the crown has come home’).

**Adewole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from a personal name *Adéwólé* (Yoruba *adé wọ̀ ilé* ‘the crown has entered the house (family)’).

**Adey**

Variants: **Adye, Ady, Adie, Aday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1242, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 962
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Adam** (compare **Addy**, to which some of the bearers below may belong).

Early bearers: Thomas Ady, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardo Ady, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); William Adey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Adey, 1567 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Nicholas Adey, 1611 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs).

**Adeyemi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1180, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Adéyemí* (Yoruba *adé yẹ̀ mí* ‘the crown suits me’, traditionally understood to mean ‘(the child) arrives to suit me’).

**Adeyemo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Adéyemọ̀* (Yoruba *adé yẹ̀ ọ̀mọ̀* ‘the crown befits the (this) child’).

**Adgar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Essex

English: see **Edgar**.

**Adger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Lanarks; Durham; Essex

English: variant of **Edgar**.

**Adie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 710, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Staffs and Durham
- English: see **Adey**.

**Adigun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from a personal name *Àdìgún* (Yoruba *à dì gún*, literally ‘bound upright’, understood as meaning ‘well-planned and consequently successful’). The element *à* forms abstract nouns from verb phrases.

Further information: This name is an *oriki* or additional praise-name or circumstance-name, a type readily given as a personal name.

**Adjei**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained. Said to be a Kwa name bestowed on first-born sons.

**Adkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 749, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: see **Atkin**.

**Adkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2261, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1910

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England

English: see **Atkins**.

Early bearers: Thomas Adkins, 1624 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); James Adkins, 1624 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); Robt. Adkins, 1628 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Thomas Adkins, 1632 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Adkins, 1633 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Wm. Adkins, 1641 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

**Adkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Atkinson**.

**Adlam**

Variants: **Adlem, Odlum, Adlum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English male given name *Adelm*, via Norman French from the Continental Germanic name *Adalhelm*, *Adelelm*, composed of the elements *\*adal* ‘noble’ + *\*helm* ‘helmet, protection’.

Further information: The corresponding Old English name *Ædelhelm* became reduced to *Ædelm* in late Old English and is represented by Ailm, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, so it is unlikely to be the source of the surname *Adlam*. See *Feilitzen*, pp. 78–9, 184. Early bearers: given names: Adelelmus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent).

surnames: Walterus filius Adalam, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Robertus Adelelmus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Roger Adalem, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Adalam or Adlam, 1492 in *PROB 11* (Devizes,

Wilts); Edward Adlam, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts).

### Adlard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Allard**.

**Early bearers:** John and Robert Athelard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whaplode, Lincs); Simon Athelard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Athelarde, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Fosdyke, Lincs); Johanna Adlerd, 1562 in *IGI* (Stewton, Lincs); Rychard Adlard, 1601 in *IGI* (Haltham, Lincs); Ann Adlard, 1728 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs).

### Adlem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

Norman, English: see **Adlam**.

### Adler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Warwicks

1 English: probably a variant of **Adlard** (see **Allard**) with loss of final *-d*. Compare Anne Adler, 1606, Marye Adlard, 1609 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Adlar, 1542 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Adler, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Richard Adler, 1566 in *IGI* (Aston Flamville, Leics); William Adler, 1574 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); John Addeler, 1591 in *IGI* (Hatcliffe, Lincs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the German personal name *Adler*, which is based on the word *adler* 'eagle'.

**Further information:** Nathan Marcus Adler (born in Hanover, 1803) was British chief rabbi 1845–90, and was succeeded by his son Herman, 1890–1906.

**Early bearers:** Stolbarg Adler, 1754, Magnus Adler, 1780 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Isidore Adler, born in Lubeck, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Adler, tailor's cutter, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Herman Adler, minister of the Bayswater synagogue, born in Hanover, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Carl August Adler, 1872 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey).

### Adley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: see **Addley**.

### Adlington

Variants: **Hadlington, Allington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 483
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: (i) locative name from Adlington (Lancs), which is recorded as *Edeluinton* in the 12th century, *Adelventon* in 1202, and *Adlington* in 1288, or from Adlington (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Eduluintune* in 1086 and *Adelvinton, Adelinton* in

the 13th century. The place-names mean 'farmstead associated with a man called *Ēadwulf*', from the Old English personal name *Ēadwulf* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. (ii) see **Allington**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Athelington, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Adelington, 1287 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Thomas de Adelyngton, 1310, Thomas de Adlinton, 1324 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Hugh Adlington, 1563 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Izabell Addlington, 1575, Dorothy Adlington, 1582 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 128; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 181.

### Adlum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Adlam**.

### Adman

Variants: **Adnam, Hadman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham

English: see **Edman**. The name was also interchangeable with **Addyman**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Adman, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Addeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); William Adman, 1664 in *York Freeman's Register*; Sayray Ademan, 1748, Elizabeth Addiman, 1754 in *IGI* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks).

### Admans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Edmans**.

### Adnam

Variants: **Adnams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) metathesized form of **Adman**, frequently occurring with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Hadingham**, from the Bucks place-name Haddenham.

**Early bearers:** Jone Adnams, 1540 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Elizabetha Adnams, 1607, Henricus Adnam, 1622, Mary Adnums, 1696, in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Annis Adnams, 1625 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Oxon); Robert Adnam, 1736 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

### Adnams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of **Adnam** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Adnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim (Pakistan, UAE, Malaysia, Turkey): from the traditional Arabic personal name '*Adnān*', predating Islam.

### Adnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands
- Norman, English: see **Adniff**.

### Adney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Middx; Shrops

English: locative name from Adney in Edgmond (Shrops), which is recorded as *Eduney* in 1212, *Edeweny* in 1292, and *Addeney* in 1327. The place-name means 'Ēadwynn's island' from an Old English female personal name *Ēadwynn* (genitive *Ēadwynne*) + *ēg* 'island'.

**Early bearers:** England Benedictus de Adney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edgmond, Shrops); Johannes Adney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hodnet, Shrops); Richard Adney, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Andrew Adney, 1581 in *IGI* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops); Frauncis Adney, 1592 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops). Wales Elizabeth Adney, 1794 in *IGI* (Builth, Brecknocks).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 3 (as *Adney*).

### Adniff

Variants: **Adnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal names *Adenet* or *Adenot*, diminutives of **Adam**. Adam de Bidyk (1286 in *Reaney, Dictionary*) is also called Adinet (1276 in *Fine Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Adenet le Wyder, 1293 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Adinet del Forest, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

sumames: Richard Adynet, sub-bailiff of Lincoln, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Robert Adynet, 1366 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Leics); Willelmo Adenet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Robert Adinot, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Surrey); Roger Adnett, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Adnet, 1664 in *IGI* (Badby, Northants).

### Adrain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Irish: altered form of **Adrian**, common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Robert Adrain, 1775 in *IGI* (Carrickfergus, Antrim); Jane Adrain, 1778 in *IGI* (Arncastle, Antrim).

### Adrian

Variants: **Adrien, Adrain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Adrian* (Old French *Adrien*, from Latin *Adrianus, Hadrianus*, 'from Hadria', i.e. Atri, a town in Abruzzo, modern Italy).

**Further information:** *Hadrianus* was the name of one of the most effective of all Roman emperors (lived

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76–138; ruled 117–138). It was also the name taken by several popes, including Nicholas Brakespear, the only English pope (d. 1159), and was the name of several saints.

**Early bearers:** given names: Adrianus janitor, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Adrianu' Fortescu, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).  
**surnames:** Walter Adran', Adrian, about 1232 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Simon Adryane, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); John Adrian, 1567 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); John Adrian, 1580 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks).

## Adrien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English, Huguenot: see **Adrian**. This is the usual French spelling of the name.

**Early bearers:** English Ralph Adrien, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*; Joane Adrien, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph's, London).

Huguenot Marie Anne Adrien, 1701 in *IGI* (Le Temple (Huguenot Church), Soho, London); Jean Adrien, 1723 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street Huguenot Church, London).

## Adsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Adshead**.

## Adsetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Adshead** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Adsets, 1633 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); William Adsets, 1683 in *IGI* (Hook, WR Yorks).

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**Variants:** Adsett, Adsetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1366, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Adshead Green in Over Alderley (Cheshire). The medieval bearers cited below constitute the earliest evidence for the place-name. The second element is clearly Middle English *heved*, *hed* 'head, headland, hill' (Old English *hēafod*), but the first is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Addshed, 1337, [ . . . ] Adresheued, 1361 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); John Adsedd, 1453 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Bolington by Macclesfield, Cheshire); John de Adshed, 1472, Oliver Adshed, 1551 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Pott Shrigley, Cheshire); John Adshed, 1498 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Torkington, Cheshire); Margerie Adsheade, 1561 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Thomas Adshed, 1565, Margery Adsheade, 1570, Ellen Adshette, 1571, Edmund Adshedde, 1576 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Thomas Adshed, 1584, John Adset, 1607 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Jane Adshead, 1587 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Ellen Adsett, 1625 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); Margaret Adsheed, 1661 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 100.

## Adsley

**Variants:** Hadsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Adsley* or *Hadsley*. If so, the second element of the place-name would appear to be Middle English *ley* 'woodland clearing, glade' (Old English *lēah* 'open woodland').

**Early bearers:** Thomas Haddysley, 1488 in *Kent Wills* (Headcorn, Kent); Willyam Adsley, 1646 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Anthony Adsley, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Chatham, Kent); Anna Adsley, 1672 in *IGI* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent); John Hadsley, 1746 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

## Adu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name derived from a personal name *Adú* of nickname origin, from Yoruba *a dú*, literally 'that has a very dark complexion'.

## Advani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Pakistani (Sind): relationship name; Hindu, from *Adu* (presumably the personal name of an ancestor, which is unexplained) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix in several Indic languages denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

**Further information:** This name is found amongst people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated to India as well as to Britain.

## Adwick

**Variants:** Hadwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Adwick le Street or Adwick upon Dearne (both WR Yorks, about five miles apart), each of which is recorded as *Adeuic* in 1086, *Addewyk*, *Adewyk*, and *Athewyk* in the 13th century. The place-names probably both mean 'Adda's specialized farm', from the Old English personal name *Adda* + *wīc* 'specialized or outlying farm, dairy farm'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Adwic, 1166 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (Yorks); Gilbert de Athwik, 1340, Robert de Addewyke, 15th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); Robertus de Addewyk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Adwike, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marr, WR Yorks); Johannes Adwyce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Thoma de Adwyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Adwyke, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Ospringe, Kent); Gregory Adwick, 1574 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 68–9, 79–80.

## Adwin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Hadwin**.

## Ady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs and Worcs
- English: see **Adey**.

## Adye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

• **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts  
English: see **Adey**.

## Aers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Ayres**.

## Affleck

**Variants:** Afflick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 851, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland

Scottish: locative name from Affleck (Lanarks), Affleck (Angus), or Auchinleck (Ayers). The place-names contain Gaelic *achadh* 'field' in its anglicized form *Auchen-*, *Auchin-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard of Auchinlec, 1263 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Nicholas of Haghenlek, 1292 in *Scotland Calendar*; Patrick de Aghleke, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Patrick de Achenlek, 1303 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanark); John of Aghelek, 1306 in *History of the Lindsays* (Angus); Adam de Aghynlek, 1370 in *Kelso Register* (Lanarks); Thomas of Awqwhynleke, 1436 in *Origines Parochiales* (Peebles); Adam Auchinlek, 1451 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Athlyk, burgess, 1499 in *Cawdor Book* (Inverness); Alexander Affleck, 1515 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Robert Auchinlecke, 1644 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Affleck, 1720 in *IGI* (Fife); Wm. Afleck, 1793 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Elizabeth Affleck, 1806 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Scottish Place-Names*, p. 125.

## Afflick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirk

Scottish: see **Affleck**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Afford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts

English: locative name from Middle English *atte forde*, a *forde* 'at the ford' (Old English *ford* 'ford, river crossing'). Compare **Ford**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey atte Forde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes atte Ford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yarnton, Oxon); Thomas atte Ford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Frithelstock, Devon); Alano Atteforde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas a Forde, 1500, Thomas Ford, 1508 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Marden, Kent); Stephen at Ford, 1524 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Mersham, Kent); Edward a Forde, 1539, Herbert Forde, 1552–3 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Sellindge, Kent); Thomas Afford, 1561 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); John Afford, 1584 in *IGI* (Lewes,



Sussex); Elizabeth Afford, 1700 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Thomas Afford, 1705 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts).

### Afolabi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from a personal name *Afolábí* (Yoruba *a f'ólá bí* 'one who is born to honour, nobility').

References: *Oduyoye*, p. 84.

### Afonso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *A(l)fonso*, Visigothic *Adelfonsus*, composed of the elements *hathu* 'war' or *adal* 'noble' + *funs* 'ready'. Compare *Alfonso*.

Further information: This is probably one of the names of Portuguese origin that were brought to Britain by people from Goa and other former Portuguese colonies on the W coast of India.

### Afriyie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: circumstance name from Akan *Afriyie*, literally 'has appeared well', i.e. 'he has appeared at the right time, at a time of prosperity'.

References: Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, page 220.

### Afsar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian: see *Afshar*.

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Variants: *Afsar*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian: ethnic name from the name of a Turkic tribe scattered throughout Iran, whose name is derived from Persian *feshar* 'pressure'.

### Aftab

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *aftāb* 'sun, sunshine'.

### Afton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Affeton Barton in East Worlington or Afton in Berry Pomeroy (both Devon), which are both recorded as *Affeton* in the 13th century. The place-names mean 'Æffa's farmstead', from the Old English personal name *Æffa* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

Early bearers: Richard de Afton, 1267, Richard de Affton, 1270, Richard de Affeton, 1286 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Affatone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fremington, Devon); John de Affeton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Affeton in East Worlington, Devon); Thomas de

Afton, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Evesham, Worcs); Richard de Affeton, 1350, Thomas Affeton, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Joel de Affeton, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (West Worlington, Devon); Robert Afton, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Sparkford, Somerset); Beatrice Afton, 1562 in *IGI* (Chiselborough, Somerset); Anne Afton, 1682 in *IGI* (Mathon, Worcs).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 402, 505.

### Afzal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3436, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Persian, Muslim (Persian, India): from Arabic *afdal* or its Persian derivative *afzal* 'better', often used as an epithet for a learned man.

### Agace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see *Agass*.

### Agan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb
- Irish: from Ó hAodhagáin, see *Egan*.

### Agar

Variants: *Agard, Agars, Eager, Haggard, Haggar, Hagar, Hagger, Hager*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1650, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1153
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks; also Leics; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Kilkenny; Down

English: variant of *Algar, Augar*, or *Edgar*.

Early bearers: Johannes Aggare, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cranford, Middx); William Agar, 1518–29 in *Chancery Proceedings* (York); William Agar, 1521 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richardus Agar, 1579 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Alexander Agar, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Walter Agar of London, 1589–92 in *TNA* (London).

### Agard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Derbys and Notts

English: (i) variant of *Agar* with excrescent *-d*. (ii) alternatively a variant of *Haggard* with loss of initial *H*.

Early bearers: Arthur Agar, 1540 in *IGI* (Foston, Derbys); William Agard, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Foston, Derbys); George Agard, 1561 in *IGI* (Staffs); John Agard, 1596 in *IGI* (London).

### Agars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks

English: variant of *Agar* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Agarwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Hindu and Jain): see *Aggarwal*.

### Agarwala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Hindu and Jain): see *Aggarwal*.

### Agas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see *Agass*.

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Variants: *Aggas, Agas, Aggiss, Agus, Aggus, Aguss, Agace, Haggis, Haggas*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Agace*, vernacular form of the Greek female personal name *Agatha*, based on the adjective *agathós* 'good'. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

Early bearers: Robertus filius Agacie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Agace, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Agaz, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Robertus Agas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridgham, Norfolk); Emma Hagase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks); Thomas Agas, 1480 in *Ancient Deeds* 3 (Sussex); Isabella Agges, 1539 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Michael Agas, 1566 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Elizabeth Agas, 1577 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Maria Hagas, 1577 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); William Hagas, 1578 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Agges, 1583 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Margareta Haggis, 1600 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Thomas Haggis, 1602 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Thos. Haggis, 1618 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richard Haggis, 1623, Edward Haggis, 1627, in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Willm. Haggis, 1623 in *IGI* (Caldecote, Herts); Matthew Agess, Thomas Aggis, 1674 in *Heath Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: see *Haggis*.

### Agate

Variants: *Agates*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Middle English *atte gate*, *a gate* 'at the gate' (Old English *geat*, dative plural *gatum*). Compare *Gate* (2).

Early bearers: Gilbert atte Gate, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John a gate, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Gate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Gate, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Brading, IoW); Thomas Agat', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas atte Gate, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); Robertus atte Gate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); John atte Gate, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas a Gate, 1501, Thomas Gate, 1540 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Lydd, Kent); Parnell Gate, 1508–9, John a Gate, 1513 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Barham, Kent); Thomas Agate, 1576 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Francis Agate, 1580 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John Agate, 1613 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Agate, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Warnham, Sussex); Keziah Agate, 1716 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex).

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2 Indian (Maharashtra): nickname Hindu (Brahman), based on Marathi *agte* 'live coal'. It is pronounced *ag-tay*.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: variant of **Agate**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Agates, 1583 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Thoma Agates, 1587 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Jonne Agates, 1596 in *IGI* (Seasalter, Kent).

### Agathangelou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Agathangelos*, composed of the words *agathós* 'good' + *ángelos* 'messenger, angel'.

### Agboola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Agboolá* (Yoruba *agbo olá* 'noble (family) circle').

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 12.

### Age

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent

English: of uncertain origin. In some cases it seems to be of Scottish origin.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Edward Age, 1592 in *IGI* (Beaumont, Essex); Thomas Age, 1631 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Age, 1797 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb).

### Agee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Huguenot: (i) altered form of French *Desage*, a variant of *Desages*, locative name from Les Ages, the name of several places in various parts of France. (ii) altered form of the French personal name *Agé*, a variant of *Ager*, from Germanic *Adgari*, composed of the elements *adal* 'noble' + *gari* 'spear'.

**Further information:** This name is common in the USA, to which it was taken in 1690 by Mathieu Isaac Agee (c.1670–1761), a French Huguenot in the service of William of Orange.

**References:** <http://www.geni.com/projects/The-Agee-Family-in-America>.

### Agent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Kent, and Sussex

English: variant of **Argent** with loss of *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Agent, 1694, Joseph Agent, 1715 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Agent, 1760, William Agent, 1762 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); Jane

Argent, 1764, Elizabeth Agent, 1796 in *IGI* (Warlingham, Surrey).

### Ager

**Variants:** **Eager, Agers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1648, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Northants

English: (i) if pronounced with a hard *g*, then a variant of either **Algar** or **Adger** (see **Edgar**), with loss of /d/ in the consonant cluster. Compare **Agar** and **Eager**. (ii) if pronounced with a soft *g*, then a variant of **Alger** (i).

**Early bearers:** Jhon Agar, 1562 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Clement Ager, 1598 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Anne Agar, 1624, Nathaniel Ager, 1627 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Thos. Ager, 1628 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Nathaniel Ager, 1731 in *IGI* (Creething All Saints, Suffolk).

### Agers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Ager** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Susan Agers, 1590 in *IGI* (Stock Harward, Essex); John Agers, 1596 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Notts).

### Agg

**Variants:** **Egg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Agg(e)*, *Hagg(e)* (Old Scandinavian *Aggi*, of uncertain origin), although this is more usually found in N and E England in counties settled by Vikings; see **Hagg**. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry Hagge, Henry Agge, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Michael Hag', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stokenham, Devon); Vincent Hag, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Totnes, Devon); Julian' Hagge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Ursula Agg, 1578 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Anne Agge, 1588 in *IGI* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Margaret Agg, 1598 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Henry Agg, 1603 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Hagge, 1614 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); John Agg, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); John Agge, 1674 in *IGI* (Bagendon, Gloucs); Priscilla Agg, 1696 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); James Agg, 1699 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Dennis, Gloucs); Ann Agg, 1735 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Jaen Hagg, 1749, Thomas Agg, 1808 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Mary Hagg, 1790 in *IGI* (Inkpen, Berks).

2 English: locative name of uncertain origin. Middle English *hagg* (Old Scandinavian *hogg*) 'woodland set aside for cutting' seems unlikely in SW England, for the term is recorded only in northern counties (see **Hagg**). Old English *haga* 'hedge, enclosure' normally becomes Middle English *haw* not *hag*, and Old English *\*hagga* 'haw, fruit of the hawthorn' is unlikely to form a simplex place-name or locative

surname, though it might lie behind Hag Hill in Great Hinton (Wilts), recorded as *Hagg Hill*, 1625 in *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 142. The loss of initial *H-* in *Agg* for *Hagg* is commonplace in SW dialects.

**Early bearers:** Johanne atte Hag, Ricardo atte Hag, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts).

### Aggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: see **Agger**.

### Aggarwal

**Variants:** **Agarwal, Agrawal, Agarwala**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 961, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Hindu and Jain): locative name denoting a person from either Agroha (Haryana) or Agar (Madhya Pradesh), with the addition of the suffix *-wāl* 'belonging to' (equivalent to *-er* in English, as in Londoner).

### Aggas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Agass**.

### Agger

**Variants:** **Agard, Aggar, Hagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Norfolk

1 English: variant of **Algar**, as suggested by the alternative spellings *Auger* and *Agar*.

**Early bearers:** Staffs John Auger, 1645 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Owen Agar, 1828 in *IGI* (Cheddleton, Staffs); James Agger, 1847 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

Norfolk Willms Agar, 1608, Ann Agger, 1628, Thomas Augar, 1633 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Agger, 1621, John Augur, 1623 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk).

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Haggard**. **Early bearers:** Henricus Agard, 1583 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs).

3 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Hagger**.

### Agget

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Aggett**.

### Aggett

**Variants:** **Agget**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from a medieval pet form of the female personal names **Agnes** (see also **Annis**) or *Agace* (in modern times replaced by the original Greek form *Agatha*, from *agathós* 'good'; see **Agass**).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Agote, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Agot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wales, WR Yorks); Richard Agget, 1615 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Simon Aggett, 1633 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Edward Aggott, 1795 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

### Aggiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Agass**.

### Aggrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: nickname from Akan *aggrei*, perhaps related to Gã *ageyi* ‘firstborn’.

### Aggus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Agass**.

### Agha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Turkish: status name from Turkish *ağa* ‘leader, ruler’ (europeanized as *agha*), also used as a term for an Ottoman military rank.  
**Further information:** *Aga Khan* is the title of the leader of the Ismaili sect of Shiite Muslims.

### Agius

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Maltese: (i) nickname probably from a latinization of Greek *agios* (classical Greek *hagios*) ‘saintly, holy’, denoting a virtuous person. (ii) relationship name, nickname from the Arabic *‘adjūz* ‘old man’, used as a personal name.  
**Early bearers:** Melita Schiaffina Agius, 1874 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); George Agius, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Antonio Agius, born in Valletta, Malta, in *Census 1881* (Devon).  
**References:** *Cassar*.

### Agland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: (i) see **Ackland**. (ii) see **Hackland**.

### Agnes

- Variants:** **Agness**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. ER Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English female personal name *Agnes*, which is a derivative of Greek *agnos* ‘pure, chaste’. See also **Anne** (2), **Annis**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Agnes de Papewurda, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs).  
 surnames: Hugo Agneis, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Agnes, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Agnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Thomas Agnes, 1564 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Agnis alias Smith, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Great Sampford, Essex); Thos. Agness, 1778 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Agness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Agnes**.

### Agnew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3361, Ireland 1804
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1651
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; NW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Norman, Scottish, English: locative name from Agneaux (Manche), which is recorded as *Agnels* in about 1135, *Agneax* in about 1210. The place-name apparently derives from Latin *agnellus* ‘little lamb’, Old French *agneau*, *agnelle* ‘lamb’ (Anglo-Norman French *aignel*, *aignau*), possibly denoting a sheep farm. For a similar toponymic application of an animal name compare the place-names Vieilles (Eure), from Latin *vitula*, Old French *veittle*, *veile* ‘heifer’. Some post-medieval examples cited here are likely to belong under (2).  
**Further information:** A family called Agnew was granted the hereditary post of sheriff of Galloway by King David II.

**Early bearers:** England Mabel de Aignaus, Mabel de Agniws, 1208–9 in *Pleas*; Robert de Ayneaus, 1227 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Aygnel, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Aygneus, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas de Aigneux, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Andrew Agnew, 1701 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margt. Agnew, 1709 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Alexander Agneeu, 1709 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Agnew, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); James Agnew, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Thos Agnew, 1741 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Jn. Agneau, 1744 in *IGI* (Amphill, Beds).  
 Scotland Charls Agnew, 1652 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Agnew, 1655 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Marie Agnew, 1659 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Agneaw, 1753 in *IGI* (Eccles, Berwicks).  
**References:** *Noms de la Manche*, p. 65; *Noms de l’Eure*, p. 208.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *aignel*, *aignau* ‘lamb’ (Old French *agneau*, *agnelle*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Agnel, 1201–12 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Susanna Agniel, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Lawrence Agnel, 1254, John Agnel, 1284 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Nicholao Agnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Faulston, Wilts).  
 3 Irish: from Ó Gnámh, ‘descendant of *Gníomh*’, a byname meaning ‘activity’.

**Early bearers:** Thom mcDonell O’Gnyw, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Ferflaha Ogneiffe and Bernard oge Ogneife, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734 (Antrim).

### Agombar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: relationship name from *Agombart*, an elliptical derivative of *fiis à Gombert* ‘son of *Gombert*’, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gundberht*, composed of the elements *gund* ‘war’ + *beraht* ‘bright’.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Agombar, 1701, Jacques Agombar, 1731, Guillaume Agombard, 1740 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Isaac Agombar, 1754 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Samuel Aggembaw, 1802 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); George Agambar, born in Stepney, Middx, in *Census 1881* (Beckenham, Kent).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Agostini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Italian: relationship name based on the personal name *Agostino*, a pet form of *Agosto*, itself from Latin *Augustus*, from the adjective *augustus* ‘consecrated; majestic’, best known as the name of the first Roman emperor.

### Agrawal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Hindu and Jain): see **Aggarwal**.

### Aguiar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: locative name from any of several places in Portugal or Galicia so named, from Latin *aquilare* ‘haunt of eagles’ (a derivative of *aquila* ‘eagle’).  
 Compare **Aguilar**.  
**Further information:** This is probably one of the many names of Portuguese origin that were brought to Britain by people from Goa and other former Portuguese colonies on the W coast of India.  
**Early bearers:** Naziezo Joze Arenjo Miranda Aguiar, 1830 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Lawrence D’Aguiar, born in Calcutta, India, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

### Aguilar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Spanish and Portuguese: locative name from any of numerous places so named, such as Aguilar de Campóo in Palencia and Aguilar de la Frontera in Córdoba. The place-names mean ‘haunt of eagles’, from Latin *aquilare* (a derivative of *aquila* ‘eagle’).  
 Compare **Aguiar**.  
**Early bearers:** Jose Aguilar, born in Canary, in *Census 1881* (WR Yorks).

### Aguillon

- **GB frequency 1881:**
- Norman, French: nickname from Old French *aguillon* ‘goad’, perhaps in the sense ‘warrior’ (Latin *aculeius*). See *Tengvik*, p. 372.  
**Early bearers:** Adelar aculeus, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Geoffrey Ageilun, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents*; Roger Aguillon, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Aglyon, 1361 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Aglon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Agus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Agass**.

## Aguss

- GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Agass**.

## Agutter

Variants: **Gutter**

- Current frequencies: GB 172, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 144
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Beds
- English: locative name from Middle English *goter* ‘small channel or watercourse’ (Old French *goutiere*). *Agutter* preserves a reduced and fused form of the prepositional phrase *atte* ‘at the’, where *Gutter* does not.
- Early bearers: Thomas de la Gotere, 1275 in *Kristensson, French*; William atte Gotere, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Andrew de la gotere, 1327 in *Kristensson, French*; Adam atte Goter, 1339 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes atte Gotere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Henricus atte Goter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Margeria Attegutere, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Jonathan Agutter, 1713 in *IGI* (Wymington, Beds).

## Agyei

- Current frequencies: GB 363, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Ghanaian: relationship name from Gã *agyei* ‘firstborn’. It is also an Akan patrilineal clan name.

## Agyemang

- Current frequencies: GB 658, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Ghanaian: nickname from a general Akan male given name *Agyeman*, said to mean ‘saviour of the nation’. It is also a *mmrane* (traditional by-name, sometimes rendered into English as *accolade name*) of people surnamed **Prempeh**.

References: Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, 206–235, at 218 and 223.

## Ahad

- Current frequencies: GB 681, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh): from Arabic *ahad* ‘one’, as in the compound ‘*Abdul-ahad*’ ‘servant of the One [i.e. Allah]’.

## Ahamed

- Current frequencies: GB 321, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim, Indian: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Ahmad**.

## Ahearn

- Current frequencies: GB 274, Ireland 91
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork, Waterford, and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó hEachthighearna, see **Ahern**.

## Ahearne

- Current frequencies: GB 373, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Jersey; Warwicks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork and Waterford
- Irish: from Ó hEachthighearna, see **Ahern**.

## Ahern

Variants: **Aherne, Ahearn, Ahearne, Hearne**

- Current frequencies: GB 1404, Ireland 2718
- GB frequency 1881: 303
- Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Cork

Irish: from Ó hEachthighearna ‘descendant of *Eachthighearna*’, a personal name from *each* ‘horse’ + *tighearna* ‘lord’, i.e. ‘lord of horses’.

Early bearers: Ireland Thomas Y Agheren, horseman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1095 (Mogelly, Cork); Maurice macle mcDermodie oige I Ahirine, physician, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1078 (Comeraghe, Waterford); John mcMorish O’Haghierin, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2584 (Old Castleton, Cork); Conoghro keagh O Agheherin, husbandman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2779 (Waterford); Donogh O’Herney, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2746 (Parke, Cork); Henry Hearne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3973; Morish O’Hearne, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (Aughman). England William Ahern, 1760 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Ahearn, 1773 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Daniel Ahearne, 1839 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Aherne, 1842 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Aherne

Variants: **Hearne**

- Current frequencies: GB 919, Ireland 1480
  - GB frequency 1881: 62
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; also Limerick
- Irish: from Ó hEachthighearna, see **Ahern**.

## Ahier

Variants: **Ahir**

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 304
- Main GB location 1881: Jersey

French: from Continental Germanic *Agihar*, formed of \**ag-*, of uncertain origin, + \**hari-*, \**heri-* ‘army’.

Early bearers: John Ahier, in *Census 1841* (Channel Islands).

## Ahir

Variants: **Ahier**

- Current frequencies: GB 227, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: ethnic name from *Ahir*, the name of an ethnic group with strong ties to the Yadav community.

## Ahluwalia

- Current frequencies: GB 818, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Sikh): locative name denoting ‘person from Ahlu’, from the place-name *Ahlu* + *-wāliā*, a Panjabi adjectival suffix.

## Ahmad

Variants: **Ahamed, Ahmet**

- Current frequencies: GB 10030, Ireland 60
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Muslim: see **Ahmed**.

## Ahmadi

- Current frequencies: GB 883, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: Arabic name meaning ‘descended from or associated with someone called **Ahmad**’.

## Ahmed

Variants: **Ahmad, Ahmet**

- Current frequencies: GB 54477, Ireland 208
- GB frequency 1881: 6

Muslim (widespread throughout the Muslim world): from the Arabic personal name *Aḥmad* ‘the most praised’, an epithet of the prophet Muhammad, from the same Arabic root as the name *Muhammad*.

## Ahmet

- Current frequencies: GB 1312, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim, Turkish: the normal Turkish form of **Ahmed**.

## Ahn

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2

Korean: (안, **Ahn**; Chinese character 安, meaning ‘peace’) borne by descendants of Yee Wōn (李 瑗), who migrated from Tang China to the Shilla Kingdom in AD 807. Yi had three sons who helped the Shilla king Kyōngmun repel Japanese invaders. As a token of royal appreciation, these three sons were granted the surname An (安) and enfeoffed with land. Their descendants formed six distinct clans.

## Ahrens

- Current frequencies: GB 165, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

1 N German, Dutch: relationship name patronymic from the male given name *Arend*, which is derived from *arn* ‘eagle’. Compare **Arnold**.

Early bearers: Joanna Sabina *Ahrens*, 1765 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Meinolph *Ahrens*, 1781 in *IGI* (Kirkharle, Northumb); Claus *Ahrens*, 1813 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, London); Ann *Ahrens*, daughter of Henericks *Ahrens*, 1815 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Diederich *Ahrens*, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Nicolaus *Census 1881*, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Adolph *Ahrens*, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Chorlton cum Hardy, Lancs); Fritz *Ahrens*, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): assimilation of the Jewish patronymic *Aarons* to the North German and Dutch name.

Early bearers: Isidor Ahrens, in *Census 1861* (Yorks); Isodor Ahrens, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).

## Ahsan

- Current frequencies: GB 554, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim (Pakistan, Bangladesh): from a personal name based on Arabic *aḥsan*, superlative form of *ḥasan* ‘good’.

## Ahuja

- Current frequencies: GB 365, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian: relationship name from Hindu (Arora, Jat) and Sikh, denoting ‘descendant of *Ahu*’.

**Aicheson**

- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Scottish, English: see **Aitchison**.

**Aicken**

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 187
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down
- N Irish: see **Aitken**.

**Aickin**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Aitken**.

**Aidoo**

- Current frequencies: GB 303, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained; a Fante name.

**Aiello**

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Italian: locative name from any of several places in southern Italy called Aiello.

**Aiers**

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see **Ayres**.

**Aiken**

- Current frequencies: GB 858, Ireland 529
- GB frequency 1881: 480
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone, Antrim, and Derry
- Scottish, Irish: see **Aitken**.

**Aikenhead**

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Kincardines and Angus; Lanarks; Durham
- Scottish: see **Aitkenhead**.

**Aikens**

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; Cambs
- English: see **Atkins**.

**Aikin**

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Aitken**.

**Aikins**

- Current frequencies: GB 103, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Atkins**.

**Aikman**

- Current frequencies: GB 570, Ireland 2

- GB frequency 1881: 618
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: relationship name from an Older Scots personal name, *Akeman* (Old English \**Ācmann*, composed of elements meaning 'oak' + 'man'). This surname is thriving in Scotland, but the English equivalent, *Akeman*, has virtually died out.
- Early bearers:** Scotland Alisaundre Akeman, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); John Hekman, 1400 in *Scottish Arms* (Montrose); Robert Aikman, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Aikmane, 1617 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Aikman, 1670 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); James Aikman, 1716 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).
- England Heruey filius Akeman, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry filius Akemon, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Akemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Akeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Andryan Akeman, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Aikman, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Akeman, 1731 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Ailes**

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: S England; also Lancs
- English: see **Ayles**.

**Ailey**

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Essex
- English: see **Ayley**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Ailward**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks and Oxon
- English: see **Aylward**.

**Aimer**

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 60
- Main GB location 1881: Angus
- Scottish: see **Aymer**.

**Aimers**

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Angus
- Scottish: variant of **Aymer** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Amison**

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- English: altered form of **Amison**.

**Aina**

- Current frequencies: GB 378, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): nickname from the Yoruba *àmùtòrunwá* or circumstance name *Àiná*, traditionally given to a child born with the umbilical cord round the neck, though originally to a female only.
- References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 85–6.

**Aindow**

Variants: **Andow**

- Current frequencies: GB 387, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 176
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: relationship name probably from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Einúlfr*, via a form \**Eindulf*, composed of the elements *einn* 'one, single' + *úlfr* 'wolf', or perhaps meaning simply 'lone wolf'. **Further information:** The surname is closely associated with the Liverpool area, and the suggested personal name in its original form appears as the first element of the surname recorded in the 12th century as *de Aynulvisdale*, as *de Haynuldisdal* in 1246, and as *de Aynaltesdale*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs), representing the manor of Ainsdale in Formby. **Early bearers:** Ellen Andowe, 1613 in *IGI* (Mellingby Maghull, Lancs); Katherin Ayndowe, 1636, Ann Andoe, 1692 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Ainedoe, 1654 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Anne Endowe, 1656, Thomas Ayndoe, 1667, Ann Andow, 1796 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Richard Aindow, 1660, 1762, Thomas Andow, 1672, 1812 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Gilbert Aindow, 1663, Henery Ando, 1697, Catherine Endow, 1790, William Aindow, 1836 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 19.

**Ainge**

- Current frequencies: GB 633, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 408
- Main GB location 1881: Midlands; London
- English: reduced form of **Ainger**.

**Ainger**

Variants: **Anger, Angier, Auger, Ainge, Angers, Aungiers**

- Current frequencies: GB 462, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 343
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia: esp. Essex
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Aunger*, *Anger*, which is either from *An(s)ger*, a Norman French form of Old Scandinavian *Ásgeirr* (composed of the elements *áss* 'pagan' god' + *geirr* 'spear'), or a derivative of Old French *Ang(i)er*, from the cognate Continental Germanic personal name *Ansger*. Compare **Anker**, which is from an alternative form of *Ansger*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ansgarus, Ansger, Angarus, Angerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Angerus de Middleton, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Aunger the Pheliper, 1277 in *London Letter Books A* (London). surnames: Lefuine Anger, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Willelmus Angeri, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); John Aunger, John Anger, 1279–80 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Aunger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Gilbert Aunger, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Willelmus Aunger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Reedness, WR Yorks); Willelmus Aunger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creak, Norfolk); Johannes Anger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwicks); Nicholaus Aunger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lamarsh, Essex); Johannes Anger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales, Staffs); William Aunger, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Aunger, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); John Anger, 1540, Mary Aunger, 1577 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Elizabeth Anger, 1542, Alice Aunger, 1551 in

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*IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Wyllyam Anger, 1542 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Harry Aunger, 1570, Charles Angier, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); George Anger, 1570, George Ainger, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Georgij Ange, 1565, Androw Ainge, 1576, Frauncisca Ainger, 1633 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Steven Aunger, 1589, Mathew Angier, 1633 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); John Ainge, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Wyllm. Angier, 1616 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Thomas Angier, 1638 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); John Ainger, 1682 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Peter Ainger, 1688 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk). 2 Norman, English: occasionally perhaps a reduced form of **Aungiers**, but the early bearers may equally well belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Aungier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Ainger, 1541, John Anger, 1546, Joane Angier, 1620 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Thomas Anger, 1603 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks).

## Ainley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1127, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Ainleys in Elland (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Auundeleia*, *Aghenlay* in the 12th century, *Auuindeley* in 1349, and *Ayneley Grange* in 1497. The place-name derives from Old English *lēah* ‘open woodland’ with an uncertain first element, perhaps an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Qgundr* (earlier \**Aguvindr*) or \**Auðundr* (earlier \**Auðvindr*).

**Early bearers:** William de Avenley, 1297 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Johannes de Anley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Thomas Anelay, 1443 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Johana Aynley, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Richard Aynlay, 1548 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robertus Aynelaye, 1558 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Margareta Aneley, 1564, Maria Ainlay, 1596 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Johes. Anelay, 1599 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 43–4; *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 202.

## Ainsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Hanbury**.

## Ainscough

Variants: **Ainscow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1326, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 806
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) locative name apparently from a lost or unidentified place called *Ainscough* or similar, probably in Lancs. If so, the place-name would have Old Scandinavian *skógr* ‘wood’ as its second element. (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Askew** (compare **Ayscough**) with intrusive *-n-*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Aynscowe, 1559 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Margaret Aynscow, Robert Ainscow, John Aynscough, 1567 in *Wigan Archives* (Ince in Makerfield, Lancs); James Aynscough, 1600 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Henrici Ainscough, 1625 in *IGI*

(Preston, Lancs); An Ainscow, 1633 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Ainscough, 1716 in *IGI* (Blackrod, Lancs).

## Ainscow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ainscough**.

## Ainsley

Variants: **Aynsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 838
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: locative name from Annesley (Notts), which is recorded as *Aneslei* in 1086, *Anseleia* in about 1190, *Annesleg* in 1218, and *Ansley* in 1590. The place-name derives from Old English *lēah* ‘open woodland’ with an uncertain first element, perhaps an Old English personal name \**Ān* (genitive \**Ānes*) or \**Ann* (genitive \**Annes*). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2). Compare Scottish **Ainslie**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma de Anesley, clerk, about 1240, Rogero de Anyslegh, 1240–58, Sire Johan de Annesley, 1330, Hugoni de Annesley, 1383 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Ada de Anslay, 1241, Reginaldo de Annesleya, about 1220–65 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Notts); Ralph de Anesleye, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Hugh de Annesley, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Hugh Aynsley, esquire, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Aynsley, 1546 in *IGI* (Egglecliffe, Durham); Bryan Annesley, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Lee, Kent); Christopher Ainsley, 1651 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Adam Aynesley, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Ainesley, 1739 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 112; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 10; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 14; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 14. 2 English: locative name from Ansley (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Aneslea* in 1174, *Anesteleye* in 1235, *Anstlee* in 1332, and *Ansley* in 1426. The place-name derives from Old English *lēah* ‘open woodland’ with an uncertain first element, perhaps Old English *ānsetl* ‘hermitage, solitary building’.

**Early bearers:** William de Anesleye, 1247 in *Medieval Coventry* (Warwicks); Robert Anslé, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bilton, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 75–6; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *ānsetl*.

## Ainslie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 790
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland

English, Scottish: locative name brought to Scotland from Annesley (Notts) or, less probably, Ansley (Warwicks). See **Ainsley**.

**Further information:** The family first appears in Scotland attached to the church establishment of Glasgow during the episcopate of Walter of Saint Albans (1208–32). William of Ainslie was a steward and clerk of Bishop Walter. The first lay member of the family in Scotland was one Aymer of Ainslie, a knight, in the 1240s, and a John of Ainslie apparently held land at Crossford, Lanarks, in the 1290s; however, the family seem to have mainly been active in Roxburghs and Fife in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Scotland William de Ansee, canon, 1218–21 in *Paisley Register* (Glasgow); Thomas de Aneslei, 1221 in *Glasgow Register*; Sir Aymer de Aynesley, knight, 1249 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; John de Anesley, knight, c.1290 in *Family of Wemyss* (Fife); John son of John of Anesleye, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); Adam de Aynesleye, 1357 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); William de Aynesley, 1377 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dolfynston, Roxburghs); Meg Ainslie, 1599 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Johne Ainslie, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mathow Ainslie, 1643 in *IGI* (Ormiston, E Lothian); Daniel Ainslie, 1715 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirk).

## Ainson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham
- English: variant of **Hainson** with loss of initial *H-*.

## Ainsworth

Variants: **Aynsworth**, **Hainsworth**, **Answoth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6256, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5924
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Ainsworth (Lancs), which is recorded as *Haineswrthe* in about 1200 and *Aynsworth* in 1292. The place-name means ‘Ægen’s enclosure’, from an Old English personal name \**Ægen* (genitive \**Ægenes*) + *word* ‘enclosure, curtilage’.

**Early bearers:** John de Ainesworth, 1281, John de Aynesworth, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger de Hayneswrth, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Northumb); Will’o de Aynsworth’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lostock with Rumworth, Lancs); Elia de Aynsworth’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John de Aynsworth, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alice Aynsworth, 1564 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); George Ainsworth, 1569 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Henry Ainswoorth or Ainsworth, 1600 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomae Ainsworth, 1635 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 53.

2 English: In WR Yorks the name was a variant of or confused with **Hainsworth**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hainsworth, 1663, Mary Ainsworth, 1668 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Air

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Northumb
- Scottish: see **Ayr**.

## Aird

Variants: **Ard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1694, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1558
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Ross and Cromarty
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: (i) locative name from the medieval lordship of The Aird (Inverness). (ii) locative name from Aird Farm near Hurlford (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Christian de Lard, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dunbar); John son of Christian de le Ard, 1314–25 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Kilmorack,

Inverness); John son of Hugh de Ard, 1361 in *Moray Register* (Inverness); Nicol Ard, William Ard, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); Donald Ard, 1536 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Christian Aird, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Isobel Aird, 1685 in *IGI* (Loudoun, Ayr); William Aird of Neithersburntschellis, 1687 in *Retours, Scotland* (Ayr).

### Airdrie

Variants: **Ardrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish: locative name from Airdrie (Lanarks), which is recorded thus in 1584, or from any of the farms so named in Kirkcudbrights, Fife, and Nairn. The place-names mean 'high slope', from Gaelic *ard* + *ruigh*.

**Early bearers:** Mary Airdrie, 1791 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Airdrie, 1798 in *IGI* (Kirkmaiden by Drummore, Wigtowns); David Airdrie, 1797 in *IGI* (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns); David Airdrie, 1857 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 6; *Names of Towns and Cities*, pp. 37–8.

### Aires

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: see **Ayres**.

### Airey

Variants: **Ayrey, Airy, Ary, Arey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2579, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2249
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name from Aira Beck alias Airy Beck, which runs through the parishes of Matterdale and Watermillock and into Ullswater at Aira Point (Cumb). The river-name is recorded as *Ayrauhe beke* in about 1250, *riuulum de Ayra* in 1292, *Ayragh* in 1316, and *Arey* in 1582. It derives from Old Scandinavian *eyrr* 'gravel bank' + *á* 'river, stream'.

**Further information:** The surname appears in the place-names Airy's Bridge in Borrowdale (*Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 352) and Airy-gill Lane in Great Strickland (*Place-Names of Westm* ii, p. 150). From 1508 to 1774 the surname was usually spelt *Airy*, with variants *Ayraie*, *Ayree*, *Arye*, and *Aery*, and occasionally *Eyrye*, *Eyree*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hayra, 1301 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs and Westm); [... de] Ayraw, 1301 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Robert de Ayrawe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Threlkeld, Cumb); Anne Airey, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Christopher Airaie, 1603, Jane Araye, 1634 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); John Ary, 1617, Christopher Airy, 1647 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); James Airey, 1677 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Margaret Airey, 1677 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Christopher Aira, 1690 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 3, 254.

### Airley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland
- Scottish, English: see **Airlie**.

### Airlie

Variants: **Airley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Midlothian, and Angus

Scottish: locative name from Airlie (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Jannet Airlie, 1811 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr); Margaret Airley, 1815 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); Letitia Airlie, 1850 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Ann Airlie, 1852 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife).

### Airs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Ayres**.

### Airth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines

Scottish: locative name from Airth (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Erthe, 1221–6 in *Glasgow Register* (Lanarks); William de Arthe, 1240–87 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Stirlings); Bernard de Erth, 1253–5 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Fife); William of Erth, 1296–1300 in *Laing Charters*; Thomas de Arth, 1331 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Bessie Airth, 1609 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Beatrix Airth, 1616 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); George Airth, 1649 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife).

### Airton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ayrton**.

### Airy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Suffolk

English: see **Airey**.

### Aisbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Aisbitt**.

### Aisbitt

Variants: **Aisbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: variant of **Archibald**. Compare **Archbutt**.

**Early bearers:** Robarrt Arsbitt, 1619, Seath Arsbitt, 1662 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Arsbitt, 1680 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Robert Aisbit, 1689, Elizabeth Aisbet, 1707, Rebecca Aisbith, 1747 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); William Arsbitt, 1704 in *TNA* (South Shields, Durham); James Asbeth, 1727 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Mary Airesbitt, 1736 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); Thomas Esbutt, 1740 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Isabel Eazbit, 1751 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Sarah Aisbeth, 1755 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Esbitt, 1755 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Aisbith, 1768 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).

### Aish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Ash**.

### Aishford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Ashford**.

### Aislabe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Notts

English: from either of two places called Aislaby (Durham, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** surnames: Henry de Aslaby, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Aslakeby or Aislaby, 1572 in *Bardsley*.

### Aisthorpe

Variants: **Aistrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Aisthorpe (Lincs), which is recorded as *Estorp* in 1086, *Asthorp* in 1278, and *Aystorp* in 1426. The place-name derives from Old English *ēast* 'east' + Old Scandinavian or Old English *þorp* 'secondary settlement, outlying farmstead'.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Estorp, 1200 in *Place-Names of Lincs* (Lincs); Ricardo de Astorp, 1258–62 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Asthorp, 1311 in *Close Rolls* (North Kelsey, Lincs); Nicholaus de Asthorp, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Coningsby, Lincs); Thomas de Estthorp, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Steeping, Lincs); William Aystorp, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Astorp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Thome de Asthorp, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Aistrophe, 1598 in *IGI* (Ingham, Lincs); Johis Astrop, 1601, Johes Aistrop, 1603 in *IGI* (Hemswell, Lincs); Willm. Astropp, 1632 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Symon Asthorp, 1690, Simon Astrop, 1702 in *IGI* (Goltho with Bullington, Lincs); John Aisthorpe, 1737 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Anne Astrop, 1826 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 7, p. 2.

### Aiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Aiston, 1588 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Robert Haiston, 1636 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Gulielmus Aiston, 1683 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

### Aistrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Aisthorpe**.

## Aitcheson

### Aitcheson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: see **Aitchison**.

### Aitchison

Variants: **Acheson, Atcheson, Aitcheson, Aitcheson, Aicheson, Atchinson, Atchison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3409, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2099
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and Northumb
- Scottish, English: relationship name, Scottish and N English form of **Atkinson**, recorded in Scotland as *Atzinson*, 1475, *Achesoun*, 1497, *Atyesoun*, 1540, and *Aicheson*, 1590 (*Black*) and in Cumb as *Attchison*, 1596 (*Cumb and Westm Transactions* viii). The *z*, representing the Old English letter *ȝ*, was pronounced *y* and *Atyeson* became *Acheson* in the same way as the colloquial ‘got you’ became ‘gotcha’. **Early bearers:** John Aichinson, 1571 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Archibald Acheson, 1579 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Agneta Atcheson, 1584 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Marc Aichesone, 1590 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (E Lothian); Janet Aicheson, 1631 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); James Achisone, 1676 in *Retours, Scotland* (Dumfriess).

### Aitken

Variants: **Aitkin, Aiken, Aikin, Aicken, Aickin, Akin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10092, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7814
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: nickname; Scottish form of **Atkin**, a pet form of the personal name *Adam*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Atkyn de Barr, 1340 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr); Aitkane of Dunsleson, 1482 in Fraser, *The Lennox*.

surnames, Scotland: Andrew Atkin, 1469 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); William Ackin, 1476 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Robert Aykkyne, burgess, 1539 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); James Aitkine, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Darnchester, Berwicks).

surnames, England: Robert Aitkins, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Aitkenhead

Variants: **Aikenhead, Akenhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Aitkenhead in Lanarks.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Lakenheued, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Convallus de Akinhead, 1372 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Auchmar, Stirlings); William de Akynheued, bailie, 1376 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Rutherglen, Lanarks); William de Akinhede, notary, 1444 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Patrick Aikenhead, 1612, Margaret Aitkenhead, 1668 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Petri Akenhead, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint John Lee, Northumb); Robert Akinhead, 1738 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Aitkens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Wigtowns
- Scottish: see **Atkins**.

### Aitkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Lancs

English, Scottish: see **Aitken**.

### Aitkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Sutherland
- Scottish: see **Atkins**.

### Aiton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish: see **Ayton**.

### Aizlewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hazelwood**.

### Ajaib

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): from a male given name of the same form, used by Sikhs but not exclusively.

### Ajala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from *Àjàlá*, a Yoruba *oriki* or praise-name used as a personal or pet-name, understood as ‘(child) who shall fight and wear down his opponent’. The element *à* forms abstract nouns from verb phrases.

### Ajayi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1460, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Àjàyí*, a Yoruba *àmúṭòrunwá* or circumstance name, traditionally given to a child born with the face turned downwards.

### Ajaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Pakistan, India): probably from a personal name based on Arabic *ʾíjāz* ‘miracle’.
- References: *Ahmed*.

### Ajibade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Ajibádé* (Yoruba *a jí bá adé* ‘(one) who awakes to find a crown (in the family)’).

### Ajmal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Ajmal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India): from a personal name based on Arabic *ajmal* ‘fairest, most beautiful’.

### Ajose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the given name *Ajòsè*, from Yoruba *a-já-òsè* ‘(who) came forth on a day of worship’.

### Akam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Acomb**.

### Akande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): nickname from a Yoruba personal name *Àkàndé*, deriving from a male *oriki* or pet-name meaning ‘(who) arrives/arrived in his turn’. The element *à* forms abstract nouns from verb phrases.

### Akaster

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER York; Devon; Hants
- English: see **Acaster**.

### Akbar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2091, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Indonesia, Pakistan, India): from a personal name based on Arabic *akbar* ‘greatest’, superlative from *kabīr* ‘great’.
- Further information:** The Mughal emperor known in English as Akbar the Great (Jalāl ud-Dīn Akbar; 1542–1605) extended his rule from a base in Panjab to cover most of the Indian subcontinent by the time of his death. His rule was notable for religious tolerance and the integration of Hindus and Muslims in positions of power.

### Ake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Aike in Lockington (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Ach* in 1086, *Ake* in 1150–60, and *Ayk* in 1285. The place-name derives from Middle English *ake* ‘oak-tree’ (Old English *āc*, Old Scandinavian *eik*).
- Early bearers:** Willelmo de Ake, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lund, ER Yorks); Rogerum de Aike, 1305 in *Beverley Chapter Act Book* (Lockington, ER Yorks); Johannes de Ake, clerk, 1310 in *Beverley Chapter Act Book* (ER Yorks); William del Ake, 1364, John de Ake, 1384 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Gulielmi Ake, 1616 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks); Henerie Ake, 1653 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 160.



2 English: locative name from Middle English *ake* ‘oak-tree’ (Old English *āc*).

**Early bearers:** William de Ake, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Ake, 1721 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Ake, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas by Launceston, Cornwall); John Ake, 1739 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Aked

**Variants:** Akitt, Akid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Aikhead in Woodside Quarter (Cumb), which is recorded as *Aykehevid* in 1270, *Aykehede* in 1519, and *Ackett* in 1581. The place-name means ‘oak headland’, from Middle English *ake* ‘oak, oak-tree’ (Old English *āc*, Old Scandinavian *eik*) + *heved*, *hed* ‘head, headland, hill’ (Old English *hēafod*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aykeheved, 1280 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); William de Aykeheved, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Blindcrake, Cumb); Johannes del Akhed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes de Aykeheued, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); John Akid, 1562 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); William Akett, 1597 in *IGI* (Etton, ER Yorks); Ellin Aked, 1605 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Mary Akid, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Samuel Aked, constable of Lotherton cum Aberford, 1678 in *TNA* (WR Yorks); Susan Akid, 1689 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); John Ackid, 1710 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Esther Aikett, 1720 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Lettice Akehed, 1777 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 333.

### Akehurst

**Variants:** Akhurst, Ackhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 783
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent

1 English: locative name from Akehurst Farm in Hellingly (Sussex), which is recorded as *Akehurst* in 1591. The place-name derives from Old English *āc* ‘oak, oak-tree’ + *hyrst* ‘wooded hill’. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Akehurst, Henry de Okeherst, 1318 in *Court Rolls* (Sussex); John Akeherste, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Akehurst, 1557 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (High Halden, Kent); John Akehurst, 1587, Sara Akerst, 1608 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Thomas Akehurst, 1591 in *Assize Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); Edward Akeherst, 1634 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Dorothy Akhurst, 1644 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 439; *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 152, 193, 196.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Okehurst in Billingshurst (Sussex), which is recorded as *Okehurst* in 1578 (*West Sussex Record Office*), though there is no clear evidence for forms with initial A-. The place-name has the same etymology as Akehurst Farm in (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Okehurst, 1279 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Johanne de Okhurst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stopham and Barlavington, Sussex); John de Ochurst, 1306 in *West Sussex Record Office*

(Billingshurst, Sussex); Rico de Ochurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wisborough Green, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 150.

3 English: locative name in NE Kent perhaps also from Akhurst Farm in Sheldwich (Kent). The 16th-century bearer John’ of Akers, cited below, constitutes the earliest apparent evidence for the place-name. The etymology of Akhurst Farm is uncertain, and it is quite possible that it takes its name from a surname. If so, the bearers cited here may all belong to (1), or may represent a development of **Akers**.

**Early bearers:** John’ of Akers, 1522 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Faversham hundred, Kent); Thomas Ackers, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Faversham, Kent); William Acurst, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Milton Regis, Kent); Alexander Akehurst, 1670 in *IGI* (Norton, Kent); Mary Akhurst, 1763 in *IGI* (Badlesmere, Kent); James Akhurst, 1792 in *IGI* (Sheldwich, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 347.

### Aken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Akin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Akenhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish: see **Aitkenhead**.

### Aker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Acker**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Akerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- English: see **Ackerman**.

### Akeroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ackroyd**.

### Akers

**Variants:** Ackers, Acres, Acors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2022, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1448
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

**Akers:** (i) locative name from Middle English *akeres*, *acres* ‘plots of arable land’, the plural form of *aker*, *acre*. Compare **Acker** (2). (ii) variant of **Acker** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** In SE England there may have been some confusion with **Akehurst**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Acres, 1346 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Rogerus Acres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); Henricus dil Accres,

1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ricardus dil Acres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Derby, Lancs); John Acres, shearman, 1468–9, Robert Acres, worsted weaver, 1519–20 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Agnes Akers, 1535 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Henry Acres, 1545 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Akars, 1545 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Bethersden, Kent); Bartholomeus Akers, 1548 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Margaret Akers, 1561 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); Mary Akers, 1561 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Elizabeth Acers, 1562 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Richard Akers, 1596 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent).

### Akester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Acaster**.

### Akhtar

**Variants:** Akhter, Akthar, Akther, Aktar, Akter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22606, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India): from the Persian personal name *Akhtar* ‘star, good luck’.

**Further information:** In Arabic *Akhtar* is sometimes used in combination with other words to form a personal name, for example *Akhtar-ud-Din* ‘star of religion (i.e. Islam)’.

### Akhter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1860, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Akhtar**.

### Akhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Akehurst**.

### Akid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Aked**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Akin

**Variants:** Aken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Derbys and Lancs; Durham

English: variant of **Atkin** or **Aitken**.

### Akinola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Akinolá* (Yoruba *akin ni olá* ‘valour possesses dignity or honour’). *Akin* may be understood as personified, so: ‘hero, head of family’.

### Akins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

## Akintola

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Atkins**.

### Akintola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Akíntólá* (Yoruba *akin tó olá* ‘valour is sufficient for honour’).  
References: Oduyoye, p. 74.

### Akintoye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Akintóyè* (Yoruba *akin tó oyè* ‘valour is enough for an honour (a chiefly title)’).

### Akintunde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Akintúndé* (Yoruba *akin tún dé* ‘valour has returned’).

### Akinyemi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Akinyemí* (Yoruba *akin yè mí* ‘valour suits me’).

### Akister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English: see **Acaster**.

### Akitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; ER Yorks
- English: see **Aked**.

### Akker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Dutch, English: see **Acker**. This name is found from about 1800 exclusively in Radwinter (Essex). It appears to be the Dutch cognate of the name forming the base of *Acker*.

### Akram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3944, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Pakistan): from a personal name based on Arabic *akram* ‘most generous’, superlative form of *karim* ‘generous, bountiful’.

### Akred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Ackroyd**.

### Akriegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Aikrigg in Kendal (Westm), which is recorded as *Aykeridge* in 1568 and *Akerigg alias Aikrigg* in 1628. The place-name derives from Middle English *ake* ‘oak, oak-tree’ (Old English *ác*, Old Scandinavian *eik*) + *rigge* ‘ridge’ (Old English *hrycg*, Old Scandinavian *hryggr*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Aikrigg, 1558, Mabbell Aykrigge, 1559, Margrett Ackrig, 1594, Thomas Aykeridge, 1597 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elenor Acryg, 1560 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Lucia Acrige, 1578 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thomas Aickrigge, 1581 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Anne Aikrigne, 1611, Samuel Akrigg, 1742 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Sarah Stewardson alias Aykrigge, about 1722 in *Lancs Record Office* (Lancs and Westm).  
References: *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 119.

### Akrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Ackrill**.

### Akroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 558
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ackroyd**.

### Aktar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 918, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Akhtar**.

### Akter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Akhtar**.

### Akthar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 967, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Akhtar**.

### Akther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1121, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Akhtar**.

### Akyeampong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: see **Acheampong**.

### Alabaster

- Variants:** **Larbalestier**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Norfolk
- English: altered form (by folk etymology) of **Arblaster**.

### Alabi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): an *oriki* or pet-name from Yoruba *à là bí* ‘born speedily’, where *à* is an element forming abstract nouns from verb phrases.

### Alabone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Sussex
- English: see **Alban**.

### Alain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Allen**.

### Alais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Allis**.

### Alam

- Variants:** **Allam, Allum, Allom, Alom**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4011, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Muslim (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan): from a personal name based on Arabic ‘*alam*’ ‘emblem, banner’, hence an epithet for a distinguished man. ‘*Alam-al-Huda*’ (‘banner of guidance’) is an honorific title of the Prophet Muhammad.

### Alan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; SW Scotland
- English: see **Allan**.

### Aland

- Variants:** **Alland**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; London
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *atte lande* ‘dweller at the glade or pasture’ (Old French *laund*), if Gerard Attelaunde, 1281 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs), is relevant. (ii) otherwise, either a variant of **Allen** with excrescent *-d* or a variant of **Oldland**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Alent, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Thomas Alonde, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Anne Aland, 1577 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Stephen Aland, 1686 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from Alland in Minster in Thanet (Kent), which is recorded as *Aldelande* in 1226. The place-name derives from Middle English *ald* ‘old’ + *land* ‘land’ (Old English *eald*, *land*). Compare **Oldland**.

**Early bearers:** Danyl de Aldelonde, 1327, Hamon de Aldelonde, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringslow hundred, Kent); William Alland, 1493 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Margate, Kent); Stephen Alond, 1497, Robert Aland, 1504 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Minster in Thanet, Kent); Agnes Aland, 1538 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Queenborough, Kent).  
References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 596.

3 English: (i) locative name perhaps from a lost or unidentified place in Yorks, with a name containing Middle English *land* ‘land’. (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Elland**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Allandes, 1335 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Thomas Aland’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Aland’, 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Dorethe Aland, 1553 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Alland, 1575 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); John Alland, 1813 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Alao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 2 Nigerian: unexplained.  
1 Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name Alão, the Portuguese equivalent of **Alan**.

### Alavi

- Variants:** Alvi
- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian, Muslim (Pakistan): from Persian ‘*Alawi*’, adjective from the Arabic personal name ‘*Alī*’, see **Ali**.

### Alaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouth
- English: see **Allaway**.

### Alban

- Variants:** Albon, Allbon, Albin, Albone, Aubon, Allibon, Alliban, Allibone, Allebone, Alabone, Alibone, Allbone, Allebon, Elbourn, Allaban, Alliband, Hallibone, Hollebon, Allbones, Albans, Albones
- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SW Wales; Hunts; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alban*, *Al(i)bon*, Anglo-Norman French *Auban*, themselves from Latin *Albanus*, a suffixed derivative of *albus* ‘white’. *Alban* and *Albon* were interchangeable as Middle English personal names. See also **Albin**.

**Further information:** The medieval surname forms are comparable with the different pronunciations of the town name Saint Albans (Herts), recorded in English as (*Sancte*) *Albanes stow*, 1007 and *Seynt Albones*, 1421, and in Anglo-Norman French as *la ville de Seint Auban*, 1308–27 in *Place-Names of Herts*. According to legend, *Alban* was the name of the first British Christian martyr (3rd century). The town grew around the Anglo-Saxon abbey that housed Saint Alban’s shrine, the supposed place of his execution, next to the Romano-British town of Verulamium.

**Early bearers:** given names: Albanus filius Willelmi, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames: Walter Alban, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Adam Albon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh Alybon, 1297 in *King’s Bench Pleas* (Derbys); William Albon, Albone, 1376 in *London Letter Books G* (London); William Alybone, 1397 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Dorothy Alban, 1541, Ela Albon, 1546, John Abbon, 1672, John Abon, 1683, Philippa Aubon, 1784 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Albone, 1542 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Roger Alben, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Elizabeth Alban, 1608 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); James Alban, 1610 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); John Abon, 1614 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); John Alban, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Tho. Alban, 1666 in *IGI*

(Shepreth, Cambs); Henricus Allebone, 1677 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); John Alben, 1767, David Roberts Alban, 1793 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Albanese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian: ethnic name from Italian *albanese* ‘Albanian’.

**Further information:** Historically, there were several Albanian settlements in Italy, mainly in Abruzzo, Apulia, Campania, and Sicily.

### Albans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks; Norfolk

English: variant of **Alban** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Albanes, cissor, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Askwith, WR Yorks); Christyan Albon, 1541 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Ann Albon, 1542, Mary Albon, 1635 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anna Albone, 1566 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Peter Albones, 1596 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Abraham Albans, 1634 in *IGI* (Baumber, Lincs).

### Albany

- Variants:** Obeney
- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: variant of **Daubney** without the fused preposition *d(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Albon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Judithe Albany, 1563 in *IGI* (Allhallows, Bread Street, London); William Albenye, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Albonie, 1652 in *IGI* (Slitton with Silsoe, Beds); William Albony, 1692 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts).

### Alberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Derbys
- English: variant of either **Albury** or **Aubrey**.

### Albert

- Variants:** Aubert, Alberts
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 462
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Worcs and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Albert*, *Aubert*, from Continental Germanic *Adalbert*, composed of the elements *adal* ‘noble’ + *beraht* ‘bright’. The Old English cognate, *Æðelbeorht*, occurs in *Domesday Book* as *Ailbertus*, *Ailbriht*, and once as *Albricht*. The Ailbertus of 1066 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs) appears in *Domesday Book* as Albertus; thus *Albert* may in some cases be identical with **Albright**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Albertus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds).

surnames: Philippus filius Alberti, Auberti, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Alberd, Albert, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Isabella Aubert, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Alberd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Martinus Albert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thomas Albert, 1548 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Albert, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Joseph Albert, 1702, Frances Aubert, 1710 in *IGI* (Knowle, Warwicks); Sarah Albert, 1729 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Aubert, 1778 in *IGI* (Hampton Lovett, Worcs); James Albert, 1782 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

2 German, French: relationship name from continental equivalents of the personal name in (1).  
**Early bearers:** George Albert, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Manchester, Lancs); Charles Albert, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Newington, Surrey).

### Alberts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

English: variant of **Albert** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Alberts, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London); Richard Alberts, 1690 in *IGI* (London); Nancy Alberts, 1782 in *IGI* (Tardebigge, Warwicks).

### Albertson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London

English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name **Albert** + *-son*, but the distribution suggests continental origin involving cognate elements.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Wyllyam Albertson, 1596, Albert Albertson, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Allan Albertson, 1612 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Susanna Albertson, 1639 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Albery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of either **Albury** or **Aubrey**.

### Albeson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Albinson**.

### Albin

**Variants:** Aubin, Obin, Elbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset; London; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: (i) generally, this is a variant of **Alban**. (ii) relationship name; in some cases it is from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Albin*, Latin *Albinus*, but this has mostly been absorbed into *Alban*, *Albon*, see **Alban**. *Albin* had alternative Anglo-Norman French forms *Aubin* and *Obin*, which have survived as modern surnames.

## Albinson

**Further information:** It is sometimes mistakenly supposed that Middle English *Albin* could have been a nickname for a person of white hair or complexion, but this confuses the etymology of the personal name with that of the surname. Latin *Albinus*, an ancient Roman cognomen, was a diminutive of *albus* ‘white’, and may originally have been used of someone with fair skin or fair hair, but in its later use as an Old French personal name there is no evidence that it retained any such semantic content. Nor was there an Old French word \**albin*, \**aubin* ‘white’ from which an Anglo-Norman French or Middle English nickname could have been derived.

**Early bearers:** given names: Albinus, 1148–53 in Bury (Suffolk), 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Obin Kinel, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Roger Albin, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Gilbert Aubin, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Obin, James Aubyn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ales Albin, 1576 in *IGI* (London); Edward Albin, 1611 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Agnes Albyn, 1612, William Albone, 1730 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); William Allbin, 1624 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lincs); John Albyn, 1648 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lincs).

## Albinson

**Variants:** Albeson, Albiston, Olbison, Orbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: relationship name ‘son of Albin’.

**Early bearers:** John Albinson, 1609 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs); Sarah Orbison, 1662 in *IGI* (Witton, Cheshire); Alice Albinson, 1663 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Rodger Albinson, 1682, Mary Orbison, 1690 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire); Samll. Orbison, 1705 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Thomas Orbison, 1720, Bettey Olbeson, 1730, Martha Albeson, 1745 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Esther Olbison, 1730 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Joseph Albison, 1734, Samuel Albeson, 1738, Mary Olbison, 1755 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs); Adam Albison, 1739 in *IGI* (Goostrey, Cheshire); Sarah Orbeson, 1768 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

## Albiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs

English: (i) variant of **Albinson**, altered (with intrusive *t*) as if derived from a place-name. Compare **Alliston**. (ii) possibly a variant of **Osbaldeston**, from Osbaldeston (Lincs), which has a local pronunciation [ˈɔːbɪstn].

**Early bearers:** Issabell Orbiston, 1694 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde); Susanna Olbiston, 1697, Sarah Albiston, 1714 in *IGI* (Prestbury); Samuel Albiston, 1710 in *IGI* (Stockport); Joseph Albiston, 1712 in *IGI* (Congleton); Thos. Orbiston, 1721 in *IGI* (Wilmslow); Hannah Olbiston, 1841 in *IGI* (Manchester).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 70.

## Albon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Suffolk

English: see **Alban**.

## Albone

**Variants:** Albones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Alban**.

## Albones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Albone** (see **Alban**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Alborn

**Variants:** Alborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Aubourn (Lincs), which is recorded as *Aburne* in 1086, *Alburne* in 1160–76, and *Auburn* in 1212.

**Early bearers:** John Aubourn, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Margaret Auborne, 1562 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); Thomas Awborne, 1562, Willm Awburne, 1563 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Robert Alburne, 1578 in *IGI* (Salmonby, Lincs); George Aulborn, 1722 in *IGI* (Winceby, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 6.

## Alborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Alborn**.

## Alborough

**Variants:** Albrow, Aldborough, Albro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: locative name usually from Aldborough (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Humphrey de Aldeburgh’, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Rand, Lincs); John Alburgh’, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Crayford, Kent); Margaret Alborowe, 1562 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Edmond Alborowe, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Hedenham, Norfolk); Martha Alborow, 1577 in *IGI* (Stokesby, Norfolk); Thomas Alborow, 1577 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Robt Alborow, 1598 in *IGI* (Caistor Saint Edmund, Norfolk); Ann Albrow, 1654 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Anne Aldborough, 1656 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); Mary Albrow, 1689 in *IGI* (London); Joh. Albrow, 1723 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk).  
2 English: locative name occasionally from Aldborough (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ursula Aldborough, 1547 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); William Aldborough, 1734 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Albrecht

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name from the German personal name *Albrecht*, which has the same etymology as English **Albert**.

**Early bearers:** Frederick William Albrecht, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Martins in the Fields, Westminster, London).

## Albright

**Variants:** Allbright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and central England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Albriht*, Old English *Æðelbriht*, a metathesized form of *Æðelbeorht*. See also **Albert**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailbricd, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ailbriect, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams).

surnames: Alexander filius Ailbriht, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); William Albrich’, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Eusebius Ailbrit, Ailbric, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Herriesservant Albryght (‘servant of Harry Albryght’), 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Albright, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Albright, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Richard Albright, 1582 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); John Albright, 1590 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ann Albright, 1591 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs).

## Albrighton

**Variants:** Allbrighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Albrighton in Shropshire.

**Early bearers:** Frauncis Albrighton, 1572 in *IGI* (Houghton, Staffs); Edward Albrighton, 1591 in *IGI* (Stafford); James Albritton, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

## Albro

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Alborough**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Albrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Alborough**.

## Albury

**Variants:** Allbury, Albery, Alberry, Allberry, Allberrey, Alsbury, Abery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and Surrey

1 English: locative name from one or other of various places called Albury (Herts, Oxon, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** David de Aldebury, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Stephen de Aldebury, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Albury, 1683 in *Bardsley*.

2 English: see **Aubrey**.

## Albutt

**Variants:** Allbutt, Allbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Albot*, from Continental Germanic *Adalbodo*, composed of the elements *adal* ‘noble’ and *bodo* ‘messenger’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Albodo, 1114–20 in *Ramsey Cartulary*; Ailbodus, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

urnames: John Albot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Symon Albod, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Albutt, 1627 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); Henry Albutt, 1665 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); John Albutt, 1683 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks); Barnaby Albutt, 1728 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Hannah Albutt, 1753 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Alchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Allchin**.

### Alchorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English, Scottish: see **Alcorn**.

### Alchorne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English, Scottish: see **Alcorn**.

### Alcock

**Variants:** **Allcock**, **Alecock**, **Aucock**, **Awcock**, **Alcoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5242, Ireland 175
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4294
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also Scotland (Aberdeens and Kincardines)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Waterford

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alcok*, a pet form of any of the many medieval personal names beginning with *Al-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alekoc, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Alecoc, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Awcok de Leuer, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alkok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

urnames: Alexander Alecoc, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Alkok 1281 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); John Alekok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Aucock, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Alcoc, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Alcoc, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Edward Alcoc, 1501 in *Kent Wills* (West Farleigh); Thomas Alcock, Thomas Awcock, 1597–8 in *Buckhurst Terrier* (Sussex).

### Alcoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: probably a bowdlerized variant of **Alcock**. Compare the pronunciation *Coeburn* for *Cockburn* (see **Cobourne**) and *Coeshot* for **Cockshott**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Alco, 1775 in *IGI* (Moreton Jeffries, Herefs).

### Alcorn

**Variants:** **Allcorn**, **Alchorn**, **Alchorne**, **Allchorn**, **Allchorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 310
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Derry, and Tyrone

Scottish: see **Allchin**; see also **Oldcorn**. The name in this form was taken from Sussex to Scotland and established there in or before the mid-15th century. It was sometimes altered to *Auldcorn*. From Scotland it was taken to Ireland (Donegal) and thence to North America.

**Early bearers:** John Awldcorn, 1446, Adam Aldcorn, 1448 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Perths); Robert Aldcorne, 1476 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirlings); Walter Auldcorne, burgess, 1591 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Elgin); Margaret Aldcorne, 1611 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Robert Aldcorn, 1630, Gilbert Alcorne, 1648 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Alcott

**Variants:** **Allcott**, **Allcoat**, **Allcutt**, **Aucutt**, **Aucott**, **Hawkett**, **Aukett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Herefs; Hants and Sussex

English: locative name from any of a large number of places named in Old English as ‘the old cottage’ (Old English *eald + cot(e)*). Often, no doubt, adopted as a bowdlerized version of *Alcock*.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Allecote, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas de Aldecote, de Alecote, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Alcote, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Strood, Kent); Master Alcott, 1567 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Aldcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Northumb and Durham

English: variant of **Alderoft** with loss of *-d-*.

### Aldam

**Variants:** **Aldham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called Aldham (Essex, Suffolk). See also **Oldham**.

**Early bearers:** Oslac de Haldham, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Adam de Aldeham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Isaac Aldham, William Aldum, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Alday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Allday**.

### Aldbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Alborough**.

### Aldcorn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Oldcorn**.

### Alderoft

**Variants:** **Allcroft**, **Alcroft**, **Adcroft**, **Hadercroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from the lost place *Aldcroft* in Dunham Massey (Cheshire), last on record as a place-name in 1665.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Aldecroft, 1260, [ . . . ] Aldecrofte, 1467 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Alyce Aldcroft, 1568 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); John Aldcrofte, 1575, George Aldecroft, 1630 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Harry Audcroft, 1584 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Robte Auldcroft, 1592 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Auldcrofte, 1595 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Elizabeth Aldcrofte, 1597 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire); Ellice Audcrofte, 1608, Samuel Aldcrofte, 1610, Ellice Allcrofte, 1632 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thomas Adcroft, 1613 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Israel Aldcroft, 1618, Thomas Adcroft, 1623 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Margreta Aldcrofte, 1641 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire*, v. 2, p. 20; *Hey, Family Names*, p. 153.

### Alden

**Variants:** **Allden**, **Aldin**, **Auden**, **Audin**, **Olden**, **Yalden**, **Haldin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1379, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 764
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Middx, Gloucs, and Surrey

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aldwin*, *Aldin*, representing either Old English *Ealdwine* (from *eald* ‘old’, *ædel* ‘noble’, or *ælf* ‘elf’, + *wine* ‘friend’) with loss of *-w-* or Middle English *Alwin* with an intrusive *-d-*.

**Further information:** For the range of possible first elements, compare **Aldred**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alduin, Elduinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Aldwinus de Vivario, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

urnames: Ælfwine Aldine, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Walter filius Heldewin, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Osegod Aldwini, 1195, Osgotus Aldwinus, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Reginald Aldyne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Cristina Aldwyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rogero Aldwyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sompting, Sussex); William Aldwen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Petrus Aldewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsham Saint Faith with Newton Saint Faith, Norfolk); John Alden, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Alden, 1565 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); John Alden, 1567 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); John Alden, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); Willielmi Aldwin, 1579 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Thoms. Alden, 1579 in *IGI* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Roberte Aldwin, 1587 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

2 English: relationship name from the Anglo-Scandinavian personal name *Healfdene*, see **Haldane**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aldanus, Alden(e), 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

urnames: Gamel filius Alden, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Walterus filius Aldan, Aldein, Haldein, 1218–19 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Aldeyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Alden, 1551 in

## Alder

*IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Bartholmewe Alden, 1561 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Edward Alden, 1566 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts).

### Alder

Variants: **Allder, Older, Halder, Nalder, Alders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2814, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2128
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name for someone who lived by an alder or alders, Middle English *al(d)re, alder*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Alre, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); John atte Alre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard atten Alre, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Willm Alder, 1549 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Thomas Older, 1561 in *IGI* (Ferring, Sussex); Richerd Alder, 1616 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Alderdice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- Scottish, English: see **Allardyce**.

### Alderley

Variants: **Aldersley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 English: locative name from Alderley (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Aldredelie* in 1086, *Aldridelegh* in 1290.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Aldridley, 1274, [. . . de] Aldrudeleg', 1285, [. . . de] Aldireleg', 1288, [. . . de] Aldreleigh, 1313, [. . . de] Aldurleg, 1323 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); William Alderley, 1698 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); John Alderley, 1706 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Samuel Alderlay, 1714 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Thos Alderley, 1743 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire*, vol. 1, pp. 94–5, 99–100.

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Aldersley**, but the relationship may be the other way round.

### Alderman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1663, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1158
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Bucks and Northants, Hants and Surrey

English: status name from Middle English *alderman* (Old English *ealdormann*). Before the Conquest this term denoted a high official with authority over a district; by the 12th century it had come to denote a member of the governing body of a city or borough or the governor of a craft guild.

**Early bearers:** Adam le alderman, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John Alderman, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Rychard Alderman, 1562 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Thome Alderman, 1563 in *IGI* (Scopwick, Lincs); Nicholas Alderman, 1584 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Alderman, 1587 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Elizabeth Alderman, 1599 in *IGI* (Axbridge, Somerset).

### Alders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English: variant of **Alder**, with either plural *-s* or post-medieval *exrescent -s*.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Aldres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willm Alders, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Willia Alders, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Ruth Alders, 1608 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Roger Alders, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); John Alders, 1635 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs).

### Alderslade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, and Sussex
- English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in eastern Hants, with a name derived from Old English *alor* 'alder-tree' + *slæd* 'valley'.
- Early bearers:** Mary Alderslade, 1551 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Denis Alderslade, 1563 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Rychard Alderslad, 1573 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); John Alderslate, 1576 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Lawrence Alderslade, 1620 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Elisabeth Alderslade, 1634 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Anne Olderslade, 1734 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

### Aldersley

Variants: **Alderley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name possibly, in the form *Alderleys*, from a lost medieval settlement in Allerton near Bradford (WR Yorks) later recorded as *Aldersley* with a transitional form seen in 1545, and perhaps first found in the compound name *Aldeleysike* in 1292. It is not always distinguishable from **Alderley** in (2).

**Further information:** The connection with the place mentioned is uncertain. It may also be confounded with another **Alderley** associated with Almondbury (WR Yorks), recorded in the names of Robert de Aldonley, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Thomas de Aldeneley, Alan de Aldelay, 1307, Alice de Aldo(u)nlay, 1352 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Aldoleghs, 1354 in *Court Rolls* (Bradford, WR Yorks); William Alderleys, 1488 in *York Registry Wills* (Bradford, WR Yorks); John Aldersles, 1545 in *Thoresby Society* 11 (Allerton, WR Yorks); Alicia Alderslay, 1562, Edward Alderslaye, 1581 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Dyonisius Aldersley, 1577 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); [. . .] Alderley, 1584 in *WR Yorks Surnames* (WR Yorks); William Aldersley, 1586 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Maria Alderslay, 1603 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Aldersley, 1607 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Aldersley, 1638 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

**References:** *WR Yorks Surnames*, pp. 167–8, 173–5, 177, 180, 182, 225, 230; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 247.

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Alderley**, but the relationship may be the other way round.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Alderley, 1711, Elen Aldersley, 1723 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs).

## Alderson

Variants: **Autherson, Adderson, Addison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5382, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4153
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Aldus* (see **Aldous**) + *-son*.

*Alderson* has sometimes become *Auderson*, then *Autherson*, and occasionally *Aderson*, which may have become merged with **Addison**.

**Further information:** In early Modern English, the consonant /r/ was sometimes vocalized in unstressed syllables and absorbed into the preceding vowel. This led to the occasional use of *-er-* as an alternative spelling of *-u-* or *-e-* in unstressed syllables.

**Early bearers:** Willemo filio Aldus, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilton cum West Coatham, NR Yorks); Robertus Alduson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Franciscus Awderson, 1559, George Auderson, 1683 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Ralph Alderson, 1572 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Bartle Auderson, 1585 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Alice Awderson, 1595, Ann Autherson, 1737 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Awderson, 1601, Robert Alderson, 1642, Sarah Autherson, 1663 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Alderson, 1667, Thomas Aderson, 1829 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Elezebeth Autherson, 1676, John Autherson, 1720, 1819 in *IGI* (Warter, ER Yorks); Hester Alderson, 1694, Elis. Alderson, 1788 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); James Alderson, 1742 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks).

### Alderton

Variants: **Allerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1686, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1331
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Sussex; Durham and Northumb.

English: locative name from any of various places called Alderton (Suffolk, Essex, Northants, Gloucs, Wilts), Aldrington (Sussex), Allerton (Lancs, WR Yorks), or Ollerton (Cheshire, Notts). See also **Allerton, Ollerton**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Alreton', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Aldrinton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Alderton, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicho Alderton, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); George Alderton, 1577 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Mary Alderton, 1621 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Alderton, 1755 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk).

### Alderwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also WR Yorks

English: apparently from an unidentified place named with Old English *alor* 'alder' + Old English *wic* 'specialized or outlying farm'. However, no medieval bearers have been found to support this, and it is more likely that *Alderwick* is an altered form of another Wilts name, probably *Aldericke*. Compare John Aldericke, 1670, John Alderwick, 1679, John Aldric, 1712 in *IGI* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts), where the spelling *-wick* appears to be a hypercorrection, mistakenly assuming *-ick* to be a vulgar pronunciation of *-wick*. *Ald(e)ric(k)* (see **Aldrick**) is a variant of **Aldridge**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Alderwicke, 1616 in *IGI* (Holt, Wilts); George Alderwicke, 1669 in *IGI* (Great Chalfield, Wilts); John Alderwick, 1679 in *IGI* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Edw. Alderwick, 1744 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Mary Alderwick, 1754 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Alderwick, 1821 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); George Olderwick, 1832 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs).

### Aldgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; Devon

English: see **Algate**.

### Aldham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Aldam**.

### Aldhous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Worcs

English: see **Aldous**.

### Aldhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Aldous**, altered by folk etymology by association with the word *house*.

### Aldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Alden**.

### Aldington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Aldington (Worcs), which is recorded as *Aldintona* in 1086 and *Aldington* in 1227, and perhaps also from Aldington (Kent), which is recorded as *Ealdintune* in about 1090 and *Aldyngtone* in 1253–4. The place-names probably both mean ‘farmstead associated with a man called Ealda’, from the Old English personal name *Ealda* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Further information:** There may have been some confusion with **Allington** or **Adlington**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aldington, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Stephen de Audington, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willielmo de Aldinton, about 1280, Ricardo de Aldinton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bretforton, Worcs); Robert Aldintone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruxley hundred, Kent); Agnes Aldington, 1560 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Eliz Aldington, 1565 in *IGI* (Offenham, Worcs); William Aldington, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Margry Aldington, 1633 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); William Aldington, 1642 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 260; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 463.

### Aldis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 559
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Aldous**.

**Further information:** Black offers a Scottish origin for this (a toponymic from Auldhouse in Eastwood, Renfrews), but there is no evidence that the modern surname has any connection with Scotland.

### Aldiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Aldous**.

### Aldon

**Variants:** Aldons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also scattered in SE England

English: locative name from Aldon in Addington (Kent) or, less likely, from Aldon (Shrops) or Aldon (Somerset).

**Further information:** Aldon (Kent) is from the Old English personal name *Al(l)ia* + *dūn* ‘hill’, whereas Aldon (Shrops) is from Old English *ǣwylm* ‘spring, source’ + *dūn*.

**Early bearers:** Euota de Aldone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas de Aledon, 1321 in *London Letter Books F*; Thomas de Aldon, knight, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Aldons, 1641 in *IGI* (Earlham, Norfolk); Edmund Aldon, 1684 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

### Aldons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk, Essex, and Herts

English: see **Aldon**.

### Aldous

**Variants:** Aldis, Alldis, Aldiss, Aldus, Aldhous, Aldhouse, Audas, Audiss, Audus, Awdas, Oldis, Ollis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1807, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1211
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Aldus*, a pet form of any of several names beginning with *Ald-* (Old English *Eald-*) such as *Aldith* (see **Allday**) and *Aldred* or *Aldrith* (see **Awdry**). It was particularly common in Yorks, the NE Midlands, and E Anglia in the 13th century.

**Further information:** A genealogy has been traced to William Aldous (d. 1528) of Fressingfield, Suffolk. The name is first recorded in Fressingfield in 1327. It is also recorded as the name of the rector of Wreningham, Norfolk, in 1393.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aldus sister of Henry Paste, about 1180–90 in *Northern Danelaw Free Peasantry* (Blyth, Notts); Aldusa filia Cristine, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alduse wife of Ranulph, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gamston, Notts); Aldus, a woman of North Stainley, 1349 in *Charter Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames, E Anglia and Lincs: Willelmus filius Aldus, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Aldus, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Peter Aldous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Aldhous and William Aldowes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Audus, 1554 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Ann Aldis, 1561 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Thomas Aldous, 1573 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Anne Aldus, 1612 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Goody Aldis, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Aldhouse, 1675 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

surnames, N England: Radulfus filius Alduse, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto Aldus, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Carlton Husthwaite, NR Yorks); Jul’ Aldus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asselby, ER Yorks); Rogero Aldus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knedlington, ER Yorks); Johannes Aldus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heck, WR Yorks); Willelmo Aldus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robti. Audus, 1595 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Francis Aldhowse, 1647 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); David Awdas, 1659 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Henry Audus, 1690 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, V, 45.

### Aldread

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derby and Notts

English: see **Aldred**.

### Aldred

**Variants:** Alldred, Alldread, Alred, Allred, Allured, Alldread, Aldritt, Audritt, Eldred, Eldrid, Eildred, Eldrett, Alldritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3495, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2562
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also E Anglia

1 English relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Al(d)red* or *El(d)red*, an overlap or merger of three Old English names, *Ealdræd* (or *Aldræd*), *Æðelræd*, and *Ælfræd*. Old English *Ealdræd* and its variant *Aldræd* regularly appear in Middle English as either *Eldred* or *Aldred*, depending on dialect. These names originate in *eald* ‘old’, *æðel* ‘noble’, or *elf* ‘elf’, respectively, + *ræd* ‘counsel’. The pronunciation of Old English *Æðelræd* was often shortened, occurring in Middle English as *Ailred*, *Eilred*, *Alred*, and *Elred*. Subsequently a transitional consonant *-d-* was inserted between the *l* and the *r*, resulting in *A(i)ldred* and *E(i)ldred*. Middle English forms of Old English *Ælfræd* sometimes lost the medial *-f-*, becoming *Alred* or *Elred*, and then *Aldred*, *Eldred*. All three personal names were largely obsolete by the end of the 13th century. Initial *Ald-* has sometimes altered to *Aud-* (a 15th-century change), and final *-red* to *-ret(t)* or *-rit(t)*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ældred, Ældret, Aldret, Eldred, Eldret, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Aldret de Windegate, about 1145–65 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Northumb); Eldredus, 1161–77 in *Ramsay Abbey Court Rolls* (Herts); Alret, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Eilredus de Mannest’, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Alredus de Wicham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent).

surnames: Robert Alred, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Godardus filius Ailred’, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Roger Aldredus, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Golding Aldred, before 1224 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx);



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William Aldret, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Ailred, Martin Alred, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Aylred, 1283 in *Ipswich Tax Roll* (Suffolk); William Eyldred, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Henry Alred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Aldred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Maud Aildred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Aulderede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Edmundus Elred, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wereham, Norfolk); Johannes Alderyd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harleston, Suffolk); Robertus Aldreth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Givendale, WR Yorks); John Aldred, 1562 in *IGI* (Heveningham, Suffolk); Rychard Aldred, 1567 in *IGI* (Fowlmery, Cambs); Edmund Aldred, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Mary Aldred, 1585 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Alice Aldred, 1626 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*.

2 English: variant of **Awdry** (2).

## Aldredge

• **GB frequency 1881:** 51

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Aldridge**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Aldren

• **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 80

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: locative name from Middle English *aldren* 'at the alders' (Old English *alor* 'alder', dative plural *alrum*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas in the Aldren, Henry in the Alren, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Aldren, 1565 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Suzana Aldren, 1582 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Edward Oldrin, 1718 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); Elisabeth Aldran, 1719 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Susannah Oldring, 1721 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Thomas Aldren, 1772 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Oldring, 1777, John Oldrin, 1781, Hannah Aldrin, 1838 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Oldrin, 1786, Maria Aldren, 1797, John Oldren, 1798 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); John Aldren, 1788 in *IGI* (Burton in Kendal, Westm).

## Aldrich

• **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 478

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Aldridge**.

## Aldrick

• **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 55

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Aldridge**.

## Aldridge

Variants: **Aldrich**, **Alldridge**, **Aldrige**, **Aldrige**, **Aldredge**, **Allderidge**, **Arlidge**, **Eldridge**, **Oldridge**, **Holdridge**, **Woldridge**, **Aldrick**, **Alldrick**, **Alldritt**, **Audritt**, **Eldrett**, **Allwright**, **Allright**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 8529, Ireland 112

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5717

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London and Herts

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Kildare, and Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Alrich* or *Elrich* and *Aldrich* or *Eldrich*, representing any one of three Old English personal names, *Æðelric*, *Ælfric*, and *Ealdric*, formed respectively from *æðel* 'noble', *ælf* 'elf, sprite', and *eald* 'old, honoured' + *\*ric* 'ruler'. *Al(d)*- can develop to *Ol(d)*-, especially in Devon and Yorks. In Middle English, *-rich* was sometimes altered to *-riht* and *-rit*, leading to the modern forms **Allwright** and **Alldritt**. In post-medieval pronunciation *-rich* has commonly developed to *-ridge*. Less often the final syllable appears as *-ric(k)*. See also **Etheridge**, which is also from *Æðelric* but shows an early loss of *-l*.

**Further information:** The history of these Old English personal names and their derived surnames is complicated by a great deal of variation in their Old and Middle English forms, with confusion between the different names. The commonest Old English source name was *Æðelric*, which appears distinctively in Middle English as *Aylrich* and *Eylrich*, but also very frequently as *Alrich*, *Elrich*, *Aldrich*, and *Eldrich*. Similarly, while Old English *Ælfric* frequently appears distinctively as Middle English *Alfrich* and *Elfrich*, the *-f-* was often subsequently lost, giving rise to *Alrich* and *Elrich*, which in turn became *Aldrich* and *Eldrich* through the development of a transitional consonant *-d-* between *l* and *r*. The rare Old English name *Ealdric* (a West Saxon and Kentish form) will have given rise to both *Eldrich* and *Aldrich* in southern Middle English. Old English *\*Aldric*, the equivalent Anglian dialect form, is not on record but would have appeared as Middle English *Aldrich* in the midlands and north. The final consonant of Old English *-ric* had two pronunciations, /tʃ/ and /k/, reflected in the Middle English spellings *-rich* and *-ric(k)*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Adelric, Aelricus, Alricus, Alrich, Elric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ældricus (also Ailricus) de Burc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Elricus filius Leppe 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ailricus or Elricus Strut, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Aldrich (also Ailrich), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Ailrich Carpenter', 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk).

given names with *-f-*: Ælfric, Alfric, Aluric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Eluricus prepositus de Norwyco (reeve of Norwich), 1101–25 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Aluricus filius Turkilli, 1186–88 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Eluerich Pecke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk).

sumames, S and E Midlands: Roger Elrich, 1279 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Robert Aylrich (also Alrych), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Alriche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Amicia Alric, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Johannes Elrich', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Willm. Alderidge, 1576 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Henry Aldrige, 1587 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John Elridg, 1601 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); Robert Aldrig, 1617 in *IGI* (Harston, Cambs); Wm Eldridge, 1620 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Aldredge, 1644 in *IGI* (Berkhampstead, Herts); Sarah Eldricke, 1671 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Mary Eldridg, 1696, Rachel Elldrige, 1797 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

sumames, S and SW England: William Ailric, Ricardus Alurici, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William Alfric, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); William Alfrich, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Alfryg, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Somerset); William Eldrich, 1336 in *Ancient Deeds* (Surrey); Rogerus Alfrich', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fisherton de la Mere, Wilts); Rogerus Alfrich', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, Hants); Johannes Alryche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butts Ash, Hants); Robertus Alfrych', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harting, Sussex); Johannes Elrych, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); Elyanor Addressh, 1513 in *Kent Wills* (Ditton, Kent); John Aldridge, 1555 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Marie Allridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Alice Aldridge, John Eldridge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringwood, Hants); Edward Eldridge, 1586 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Thomas Aldridge, 1595 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Humfry Alldridge, 1599 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Mary Aldridge, 1624 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); William Allridge, 1624 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); John Aldridge, 1628 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Aldrick, 1637 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); Henry Eldridge, 1643 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Gabriel Aldridge, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Shefford, Berks); George Aldrick, 1772 in *IGI* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts).

sumames, E Anglia: Hugo Ælurici filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk), perhaps identical with Hugo filius Alrici, alias Hugo filius Ælfrici, 1134–40, Hugo filius Elurici, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Rob' filius Alrici de Doching, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk), identical with Rob' filius Alrici, 1165 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Conanus filius Elrichi or filius Eylrici, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Thomas Aldric, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Alfrech, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Adam Aylrich, Johannes Alrich, Seman Olrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Eluerich, 1327, Willelmus Aluerich, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Aldrich, Willemus Elderich, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Ailrich, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Alfrich', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Essex); Johannes Aldrych', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Earsham, Norfolk); Peter Oldryk, 1527 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Aldrich, 1568 in *IGI* (Rumburgh, Suffolk); James Aldridge, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

sumames, W Midlands: Henry Aldric, Geoffrey Aldrich, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Alryche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Warwick); Thomas Alldridg, 1629, George Aldridge, 1811 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Abraham Alldridge, 1629, Rob. Owlddrige, 1713 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick). sumames, N England: Ambrose Aldrige, 1599, Anne Oldridge, 1623, Thomas Oldridge, 1712, Ann Aldridge, 1824, in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Grace Aldridge, 1643, Jane Oldrige, 1696 in *IGI* (York); Richard Ouldrige, 1660 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); James Aldrich, 1660 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, pp. 18 and 32.  
2 English: locative name from Aldridge (Staffs), Aldridge Grove in Hampden (Bucks) (recorded in a byname as *Eldridge*, 1227 in *Place-Names of Bucks*), or from a similarly named unidentified place in or near Worcester (perhaps Tiltridge in Upton upon Severn). The 1623 form may alternatively belong under (1) above, and some of the W Midlands examples under (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** W Midlands Drogo de Alrewic, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholas de Alrewich, 1262, Nicholas de Alrewici, 1286 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Staffs); Hugo Elrugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Valentine Alldredge, 1607 in *IGI* (Little Comberton, Worcs);



John Aldriche, 1623 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); Joan Aldridge, 1646 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).  
References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 151; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 174.

### Aldrige

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 142
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Aldridge**.

### Aldritt

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Alldritt**.

### Aldsworth

Variants: **Allsworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Berks

English: a variant of **Aldworth**, probably influenced by the place-name Aldsworth in adjacent Gloucs (which seems not to have given rise to a surname), though it is possible that the *s* reflects a variant noted occasionally among the early forms of Aldworth (Berks), such as *Aldsworth* in 1281.

**Early bearers:** Jane Aldsworth, 1569 in *IGI* (London); Zachary Allworth, 1592 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Marie Aldworth, 1628, Bartholomew Alworth, 1674 in *IGI* (Drayton, Berks); John Alsworth, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Bridget Aldsworth, 1659 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); William Allsworth, 1717 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Thomas Aldworth, 1669, Thom Aldworth, 1727, Thoms. Allworth, 1736 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); Richard Aldsworth, 1754 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks); Mary Aldsworth, 1756 in *IGI* (Stanton Harcourt, Oxon).

References: *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 495.

### Aldus

Variants: **Alldus**, **Ollis**

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

English: see **Aldous**.

### Aldwinckle

Variants: **Aldwinkle**, **Allwinkle**

- Current frequencies: GB 277, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 147
- Main GB location 1881: Northants, Leics, and Rutland

English: locative name from Aldwinckle (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Audewinckle, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); John de Aldewynckle, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Aldwinckle, Northants); William Aldewynkyl, 1386 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Northants); William Aldewynckle, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Thrapston, Northants); William Aldewynckle, 1468 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Alwincle, 1560 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Anna Aldwinckle, 1577 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland); Frances Allwinkle, 1644 in *IGI* (Bringhurst, Leics).

### Aldwinkle

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Leics
- English: see **Aldwinckle**.

### Aldworth

Variants: **Aldsworth**, **Allsworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 487, Ireland 12
  - GB frequency 1881: 213
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork and Kerry
- English: locative name from Aldworth (Berks).  
**Early bearers:** John Aldeworthe, 1443 in *Hants Record Office* (Wantage, Berks); Thomas Aldworth, 1538 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Robert Aldworth, 1540 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); John Aldwoorth, 1543 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

References: *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 495.

### Ale

Variants: **Alle**

- Current frequencies: GB 185, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Herts; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ale*, a short form of names beginning with *Al-*, such as *Alice*, *Alison*, *Alan*, and *Alexander*. The 1204 name has the feminine Latin ending *-a* for Middle English *-e*. Compare **Alley**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ala de Bedingh', 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex).  
surnames: Nicholas filius Ale, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); John Ale, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jone Ale, 1554, Samewell Ale, 1678 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Jane Ale, 1605 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Hale** with loss of *H-*.

### Aleck

- GB frequency 1881: 2

English: see **Allick**.

### Alcock

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Alcock**.

### A'Lee

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: locative name variant of Middle English *atte Leye* '(dweller) at the clearing' (Old English *lēah* 'open woodland'). Compare **Attley**.

**Early bearers:** John Ale, 1521 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John a Laye, John a Lye, Thomas a Lee, Thomas Aley, William at Lee, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John a Lyghe, 1544 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Alefounder

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 48
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: occupational name for an inspector of ale, one appointed by the Court Leet to examine ale as it was poured out (Latin *fundere* 'to pour out').

**Early bearers:** Walter le Alefondere, 1275 in *Close Rolls*; John Alefondere, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Widow Alefounder, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Aleman

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Allman**.

### Alen

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 95
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Allen**.

### Alesbrook

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Leics and Derbys
- English: see **Allsebrook**.

### Alesbury

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Middx; Staffs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Aylesbury**.

### Alex

- Current frequencies: GB 292, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 8

Jewish (Ashkenazic): short form of **Alexander**.  
**Early bearers:** Isaiah Alex, dentist, 1827 in *Gloucs Hebrew Community*; Solomon Alex, dentist, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Finsbury, Middx); Ephraim Alex, dentist, in *Census 1861* (Blackfriars, London); Montague Alex, surgeon dentist, born in London, in *Census 1871* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Angel Alex, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Barnett Alex, cap maker, born in Manchester, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Alexander

Variants: **Alexandra**, **Alexandre**, **Elsender**

- Current frequencies: GB 24132, Ireland 1515
- GB frequency 1881: 15742
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. in Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Antrim; Tyrone

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alexander*, itself from Greek *Aléxandros*, a compound of the stem of the verb *aléxein* 'to ward off, defend', and the genitive stem *andr-* of the noun *anēr* 'man'.

**Further information:** *Alexander* was very popular as a given name in England and Scotland after the Norman Conquest, in part no doubt due to the immense popularity of medieval Alexander romances, which are found in Old French, Latin, and Middle English, as well as other European languages.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Alexander, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Alexsaunders, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haldenby, WR Yorks); Johannes Alisundr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham hundred, Norfolk); Willelmus Alexand', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold, Leics); Johanne Alisundre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Thomas Elsender, 1771 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

2 Scottish, Irish: in Scotland and Ireland, this is often the English name, but was also often adopted for the Gaelic equivalent, see **McAllister**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland Terence McDon moill myc Alexander, gent., 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §810 (the

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north parts); George Alexander 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4420; Doryne nyne Alexander, spinster, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699. Scotland William Alexander, 1435 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh); Robert Alexander, 1438 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Aberdeens).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the personal name or possibly a reduction of the Eastern Ashkenazic patronymic forms **Aleksandrovich**, **Alexandrowicz**. **Early bearers:** Raphael Alexander, 1774 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Abraham Alexander, 1776 in *Jews of SW England*; Alexander Alexander, optician, 1826 in *Gloucs Hebrew Community*; Israel Alexander, born in Newington, in *Census 1851* (Saint Luke, Middx); Hyman Alexander, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Alexander, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Benjamin Alexander, picture frame maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Alexander, trimming merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx).

### Alexandra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey; Durham; Lancs

English: variant of **Alexander**, apparently from the feminine form of the personal name.

### Alexandre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154

Huguenot: French form of **Alexander**. **Early bearers:** Guillaume Alexandre, 1722 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marie Alexandre, 1737 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marie Anne Alexandre, 1773 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Alexandrou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Alexandros*, see **Alexander**.

### Alexis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Alexis*, ultimately from Greek *aléxios* 'helping, defending'. In Britain the history of this surname is unclear: it was present among French immigrants in the 19th century, but is now also frequent among West Indians, possibly via formerly French possessions in the Caribbean.

**Early bearers:** Fanny Alexis, 1797, Sarah Alexis, 1803 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Nicola Alexis, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Alexis, in *Census 1871* (Lambeth, Surrey); Alice Alexis, *Census 1881* (London); Cheron Alexis, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey).

### Aley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: locative name perhaps from Aley Green in Caddington (Beds, earlier Herts), but that name may be, inversely, from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Mabilla Aley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); Sisley Aley, 1540 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Alee, 1592 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Caddington); John Aily, 1615 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Robertus Aley, 1640 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Frances Ailey, 1700 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Mary Aley, 1728 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Ayleve* (from an Old English personal name such as *Æðelgifu*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' + *gifu* 'gift'), with loss of the final consonant; compare **Ayliff**.

### Alfano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: locative name from Alfano in Salerno province, Campania.

### Alfille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English female given name *Alfild* (Old English *Ælfhild*, composed of the elements *ælf* 'elf, sprite' + *hild* 'battle').

**Early bearers:** given names, Channel Islands: Alfilda, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: John Alfild, 1309 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* 23; Thomas Alfild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edward Alfeild, 1619 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Alfield, 1761 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

### Alfatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Alflatt**.

### Alflatt

Variants: **Allflatt**, **Alflat**, **Elfleet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Alfled*, which represents two Old English names that have fallen together:

*Ælflæd*, from *ælf* 'elf, sprite' + *flæd* 'beauty', and *Æðelflæd*, from *æðel* 'noble' + *flæd*. The latter is also found as *Ædelflete* in *Domesday Book*, which is certainly the source of the medieval surname *Ailflet*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elfred, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Adam Ailflet, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Thomas Alfled, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Edmundus Elfled, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Robert Alflat or Alflett, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Frances Alflatt, 1832 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Louisa Alflatt, 1839 in *IGI* (Tottenham, Norfolk).

### Alfonso

Variants: **Alonso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish, Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Alfonso*, itself from (Latinized) Visigothic *Adelfonsus*, from elements meaning 'noble' + 'ready'. Compare Portuguese **Afonso**.

### Alford

Variants: **Allford**, **Halford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3368, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2533
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and W England: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare, Wicklow, and Dublin

1 English: locative name mainly from Alford in Somerset and (in the W Midlands) Aldford in Cheshire; occasionally from Alford in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** England Alan de Alforde 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert de Auford, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas de Aldeford, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thos Alford, 1561 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); John Awford, 1562 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); George Alford, 1562 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); William Alford, 1564 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Elizabeth Alford, 1570, William Awford, 1624 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Sibill Allford, 1590 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Henry Allford, 1608 in *IGI* (Coates, Gloucs); Henry Alforde, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Issilla Alford, 1659 in *IGI* (Wick Saint Lawrence, Somerset); John Alford, 1640, Samuell Awford, 1662, Robert Auford, 1684 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Tho. Alford, 1706 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire). Ireland Lancelot Alford, gent., 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §367.

2 English: variant of **Halford** (or vice versa).

Compare Francis Alford, 1694, James Halford, 1781 in *IGI* (Kenton, Devon); John Alford, 1715, Alfred Halford, 1897 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Elizabeth Alford, 1724, Ricd Halford, 1747 in *IGI* (Broadclyst, Devon); Joseph Alford, 1727, Jenny Halford, 1775 in *IGI* (Saint Endellion, Cornwall).

### Alfred

Variants: **Alfreds**, **Allured**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs, Durham, Middx, Surrey, Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alfred*, *Elfred*, itself from Old English *Ælfræd*, composed of the elements *ælf* 'elf, sprite' + *ræd* 'counsel'. Compare **Alfrey**, and also **Avery**, from an Anglo-Norman French version of the same name. The name has also contributed to **Aldred**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alured, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Elfredus pelliarius 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Alfredus Folkeredus, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Alfridus Cornwale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Aufrid Mauncer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk).

surnames: Alexander filius Alvredi, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Alured, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Alfred, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Beds); Richard Alfred, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Maldon, Essex); Henry Alfred, 1619 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Jonathan Alfred, 1674 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Mary Alfred, 1702 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); John Alfred, 1763 in *IGI*

(Birmingham, Warwicks); Robt Alfred, 1771 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon).

### Alfreds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

English: variant of **Alfred** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Alfrey

Variants: **Allfrey, Allfree, Alfry, Elvery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alfrith, Alfrey, Alfray*, derived from either the Old English male name *Æðelfrið*, the Old English female name *\*Æðelfrið*, or the Continental Germanic male name *Adalfrith*, both with the same etymology, composed of elements meaning 'noble' and 'peace'. *Aufrey* and latinized *Aufridus* show the influence of Anglo-Norman vocalization of /l/ before a consonant. (ii) relationship name from Middle English *Alfred*, Old English *Ælfræd*, which may also have developed to *Alfrey* on the analogy of names in *-frið*. Compare **Alfred, Avery**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elfridus, Egelfride, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Ricardus filius Aufridi, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Richard Aufrey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs), 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Northants); John Aufred, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Alfray, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbert Alfrey, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Alfreth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Adam Alfrid, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Alfred, Alfreth, Alfride, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edward Alfrey, 1577 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Willm Alfrey, 1582 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Anne Alfrey, 1593 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Katheryn Alfrey, 1616 in *IGI* (Wotton, Surrey); Willia Alfrey, 1640 in *IGI* (Little Woolstone, Bucks).

### Alfry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Surrey

English: see **Alfrey**.

### Algar

Variants: **Allgar, Alger, Agar, Agard, Ager, Agger, Augar, Auger, Augur, Elgar, Elger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 753
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Devon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Algar*, usually representing either Old English *Ælfgār* or *Æðelgār* (becoming *Ailgar, Eylgar*), composed of the elements *ælf* 'elf, sprite' and *æðel* 'noble', + *gār* 'spear', respectively, or perhaps occasionally the rare *Ealdgār*, with *eald* 'old'. *Agar* reflects the frequent loss of /l/ in Old English *Æðel*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alfgarus, Elgar, Ælgar, Algar, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ealgarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Algar, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ailgarus filius Lucie, 1151–3 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ailgarus, Agare, abbot of Faversham, 1193–9, 1200–4 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary*

(Kent); Algarus Dalling, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Eylgar de Berwe, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Elgarus, Ailgarus King, about 1232 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Kent).

urnames: William Algar, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Algar, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robti. Algar, 1544 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Mary Algar, 1546 in *IGI* (Spexhall, Suffolk); Annam Algar, 1562 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Joheus Algar, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Suson Algar, 1603 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alger*, Old Scandinavian *Alfgeirr, Alger. Auger*, if pronounced with a hard g, shows Anglo-Norman French vocalization of /l/ before a consonant, but with a soft g it belongs with **Alger**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alfgerus, Ælger, Algerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk); Ælfgar de Brademere, Alger, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Algerus faber, 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

urnames: Simon Alger, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Thomas Alger, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks).

### Algate

Variants: **Aldgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from a lost *Aldegat(e)* in Beverley or *Ald(e)gat(e)* in Hull (ER Yorks); or presumably from *Aldgate* in London, which is recorded as *Alegate* from 1108 onwards, with the intrusive *-d-* appearing in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Edricus de Alegat', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Maud de Alegate, 1252, Ralph de Alegate, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert de Algate, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Alicia Haldegate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Nicolas Algate, 1576 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Mathew Allgate, 1582 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marie Algat, 1667 in *IGI* (Plympton Saint Mary, Devon); Joseph Aldgate, 1780 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon).

**References:** *Ekwall, London Street-Names*, pp. 90–91; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*.

### Algeo

Variants: **Algie, Alger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim

Scottish: nickname; the early spellings *Awldioy, Aldjeo, Aldjo*, and *Aldgeo* suggest a term of affection from Scots *auld* 'old' + *joy, jo, joe* 'joy, sweetheart, darling, lover' (Old French *joi* Middle English *joi, jo*, which can also signify 'good fortune' and 'mirth, music, laughter, jesting'). Alternatively, if the *-d-* is intrusive, *Algeo* may be from a phrase 'all joy, all good fortune', used as a farewell. The *-ge-* in *Algeo* is another spelling of *j*, the additional *-e-* indicating that the *g* is soft.

**Further information:** The name has been traced back genealogically to Peter Algeo, a Burgess of Paisley in 1550, whose family is associated with the estate of Inchinnan near Paisley. A history of Renfrew, cited by Black, affirms that the family was 'of Italian

origin, the first of them having come from Rome in the suite of one of the abbots of Paisley.' However, this is mere speculation; the name is not Italian.

**Early bearers:** Scotland William Awldioy, 1518 in *Edinburgh Burgh Records* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Peter Algeo, Burgess, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Paisley, Renfrews); John Algeo, Burgess, 1603 in *Laing Charters* (Paisley), Peter Aldjeo, advocate, 1628 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley); Thomas Aldgeo, 1628 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley); Peter Algeo, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Williame Algeo, 1610, John Aldjo, 1626, John Algeo, 1733 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margrat Aljo, 1644 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); John Algeo, 1675, Janet Aljoe, 1725 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews); Alexander Algeo, 1718 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Katharine Aljo, 1728 in *IGI* (Falkland, Fife); David Aljoy, 1830 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews).

England Mathew Algeo, 1653 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Algeo, 1734 in *IGI* (Peover, Cheshire); Robert Algeo, 1829 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Algeo, 1875 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Alger

Variants: **Auger, Ager, Algie, Algar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 702, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 677

1 English: (i) relationship name; pronounced with a soft g (/dʒ/), this is from the Middle English personal name *Alger*, representing Old French *Alg(i)er, Aug(i)er*, Continental Germanic *Adalgari*, composed of the elements *\*adal* 'noble' + *\*gāri* 'spear'. The development to *Ager* is a late Middle English change from /au/ to /a:/ then /ei/. Compare **Dawkin** and **Dakin**. (ii) pronounced with a hard g (/g/), it is usually a variant of **Algar**, but it might also be a rare variant of Middle English *Alker* (see **Auker**), from Old English *Ealhhere* (*ealh* 'shrine, temple' + *here* 'army'), with an Anglo-Norman French pronunciation of /k/ as /g/, as evidenced in *Alcher*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon), alias *Algerus, Algherus*, 1086 in *Exeter Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Alger, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Auger, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmus filius Auger, 1346 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Awger, 1498 in *York Freeman's Register*.

2 English, Scottish: in Scotland *Alger* may alternatively be a variant of **Algeo**.

### Algie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: possibly an altered form of **Algeo**, a noted Paisley name, or of **Alger**, recorded in Paisley (Samuel *Alger*, 1786 in *IGI*) and in Glasgow (Robt. *Alger*, 1747, in *IGI*).

**Early bearers:** James Algie, 1685, William Algie, 1819 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Robert Algie, 1730 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Algie, 1745 in *IGI* (Inchinnan, Renfrews).

### Ali

Variants: **Alli, Aly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57253, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

## Alibhai

Arabic, Muslim (widespread throughout the Muslim world: (i) usually from the widespread Arabic personal name ‘*Alī*, which is from an Arabic word meaning ‘high, lofty’. (ii) it may sometimes be from the personal name ‘*Abd-al-‘Alī*, ‘servant of the All-High’, ‘the All-High’ being an attribute of Allah. **Further information:** ‘Alī ibn Abī Tālib (c. 600–661), the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, was the fourth and last of the ‘rightly guided’ khalifs (ruled 656–61) and the first imam of the Shiite Muslims. His assassination marked the beginning of the division between Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

### Alibhai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): from the Arabic personal name ‘*Alī* (see **Ali**) + Gujarati *bhai* ‘brother’.

### Alibone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Wales

English: see **Alban**.

### Aliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Ayliffe**.

### Alim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from an Arabic personal name ‘*alim* meaning ‘wise, scholar’, from the root ‘-l-m, ‘to know’. ‘*alim*, ‘All-knowing’, is also one of the attributes of Allah; hence the personal name Abdul-Alim, from Arabic ‘*abd-ul-‘alim*, ‘servant of the All-knowing’.

### Alin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Ayling**.

### Aling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Dorset

English: see **Ayling**.

### Alington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Allington**.

### Alis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Allis**.

### Alison

Variants: **Ellison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: see **Allison**.

### Alister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Scottish: see **Allister**.

**Further information:** Reaney’s derivation of this name from Alcester in Worcs is implausible.

### Alker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Altcar (Lancs).

**Further information:** see **Auker** for a possible alternative source of *Alker*, but there is no evidence that this gave rise to the Lancs name.

**Early bearers:** William de Altekar, 1341 in *London Letter Books F*; William Alker, 1630 in *Bardsley* (Burscough, Lancs).

### Alkin

Variants: **Allkins, Alkins, Aukin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in the Midlands and NR Yorks

English: relationship name from *Al* (a short form of a personal name such as *Allan* or *Alexander*) + the diminutive suffix *-kin*. Compare **Alcock**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alkin the Jonge, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: John Alkyn, 1307 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Herefs); Jacobi Aukin, 1710 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Alkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Kent

English: variant of **Alkin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### All

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

English: see **Alle**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Allaban

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Alban**.

### Allaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Allenby**.

### Allain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Allen**.

### Allaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Ellerker**.

### Allam

Variants: **Allams, Allom, Allum, Hallam, Hallum, Hallums**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon and Berks; also Lincs; also Lancs

1 English: (i) locative name possibly from Alham in Somerset or a de-aspirated variant of **Hallam**. (ii) relationship name; post-medieval examples may alternatively represent a variant of **Allen**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Alum, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Robert Alome, 1379 in *London Letter Books H*; Thomas Alom, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Alum, 1602 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); William Allem, 1611 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

2 Muslim: see **Alam**.

### Allamand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Allmand**.

### Allamby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: see **Allenby**.

### Allams

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Allam** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The Stotfold example, *Allums*, is probably a variant of a surname that otherwise appears as *Allam* in 17th-century Beds.

**Early bearers:** Garot Alloms, 1578 in *IGI* (London); Tone Allams, 1586 in *IGI* (Canterbury); Jo[h]n Allams, 1643 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Ursula Allums, 1686 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds).

### Allan

Variants: **Alan, Allanach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23849, Ireland 239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18651
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Longford, Cavan, and Meath

English: the usual Scottish spelling of **Allen**.

### Allanach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Scottish Highlands

Scottish Gaelic: from **Aileanach**, a collective patronymic form of the personal name represented by **Allan**.

**Early bearers:** surnames: Finla Allnoch, 1588 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Innernet, Aberdeens); William Allanache, 1617 in *Aberdeens Court Records*; Alexander Allanach, 1674 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); Alister Alnach, 1682 in *Invercauld Records* (Ledmacoy, Aberdeens).

**Allanby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Allenby**.

**Alland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London
- English: see **Alland**.

**Allander**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, W Lothian; W Midlands
- Scottish, English: see **Allender**.

**Allans**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: relationship name see **Allens**.

**Allanson**

Variants: **Allenson, Allinson, Allison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 745, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 587
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

Scottish: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Alain* or *Alan* (see **Allen**) + the patronymic ending *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England Henry Aleyson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Alaynson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Nicholas Aleynesson, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Camsb); John Alanson, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Thomas Alynson, 1401 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Derbys); Rytcherd Allenson, 1541 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Syraché Allanson, 1544 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Richard Alinson, 1552 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Richard Allanson, 1571 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Christopher Allanson, 1579 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Thomas Alinson, 1583 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks).

Scotland William Aleynsson, 1375 in *Scotland Calendar*; Robert Alanson, 1447 in *Scotland Calendar*; Catherine Alanesoun, 1459 in *Glasgow Register* (Edinburgh); Bartholomew Alansoun, 1489 in Fraser, *The Lennox* (Dumbarton).

**Allard**

Variants: **Allars, Allart, Allatt, Allett, Adlard, Adler, Aylard, Ellard, Ellerd, Ellert, Hallard, Hallett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1515, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London and Kent; also Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name, *Alard*, *Aylard*, *Adelard*, or *Elard*. This may sometimes be of native English origin, from Old English *Æðelheard*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' + *heard* 'hard, bold', which would normally have developed to *Aylard*, *Alard*, and *Elard*. Alternatively it may be of continental origin, from Continental Germanic *Adelard*, which developed in Old French to *A(a)lard*, and in Middle Dutch to *Adelaert* and *Alaert*. The continental names were used in post-Conquest England by

Normans and Flemings. *Alard* was sometimes confused with another Continental Germanic name, *Agilard*, Old French and Middle Dutch *Ailard*. *Alard* the Fleming, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls*, is also called *Ayllard*, 1193 in *Charter Rolls*, and *Adthelard*, 1189–99 (1279) in *Hundred Rolls*. *Alard* de Cotekyn of Zeeland, 1311 in *Patent Rolls*, was another Fleming. Middle English *Aylard*, *Elard*, and *Ellard* are usually from the English name, and *Adelard* from the continental name, but *Alard* and *Athelard* could be from either. Later development of *-ard* to *-ett* and *-att* in surnames means that these personal names may also lie behind some examples of **Aylett**, **Allatt**, and **Hallett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailardus, Ælard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon, Sussex); Adelardus Hornewitesinne, 1125 in *London Letter Books C*; Aeilardus, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Halardus de Weres, before 1150, in *Danelaw Documents*; Elard de Beisebi, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Aalardus de Middilton', 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Aelardus Iserman, merchant of Holland, 1230 in *Close Rolls*; Eilardus, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Athelard de Graveni, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Walterus filius Eilardi, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Roger Aillard, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Alard', 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Rogerus filius Alardi, Adelard', Athelardi, 1212, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Nicholas Adelard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Stephen Eyllard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Adelard, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Athelard, John Allerd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); William Athelard, John Adhelard, 1327, John Allard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Athelard', 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Johanna Allard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Athelard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); John Aylard, 1465 in *Kent Wills* (Kent).

**Allardice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland

Scottish: see **Allardyce**.

**Allardyce**

Variants: **Allardice, Alderdice, Allerdyce, Ardis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (Aberdeens)

Scottish: locative name from Allardice in Arbutnott (Kincardines).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Allyrdas, 1282–96 in *Aberdeen Register* (Glack, Aberdeens); Alisaundre de Allerdashe, Walter de Allerdas, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Kincardines); John de Allirdas, 1364 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas de Allirdas, 1370 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Lytilbarres, Kincardines); David de Allyrdas, 1413 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Crail, Fife); James Alirde, 1491 in *Glasgow Register* (Tarbolton, Ayr); Annas Allerdyce, 1638 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth); Helen Allardyce, 1642 in *IGI* (Arbutnott).

**Allars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: relationship name variant of **Allard** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Allart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Allard**.

**Allason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Cumb and Durham

Scottish, N English: relationship name in Scotland, a patronymic from the personal name *Allan*; compare **Allanson**. There has been some confusion with **Allison**: forms such as Duncan Alleson, 1587 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife), are ambiguous.

**Early bearers:** George Allason, 1588 in *IGI* (Cotherstone, NR Yorks); Henry Alason, 1592 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); Gawine Allason, 1593 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Katherinein Allassoun, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andro Allasoun, 1623 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspt. Allason, 1633 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thos. Allason Or Allison, 1714 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

**Allatson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Alletson**.

**Allatt**

Variants: **Hallett, Hallatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Allott**.

2 English: see **Allard**.

**Allaway**

Variants: **Alloway, Alleway, Alaway, Alway, Allway, Ellaway, Elloway, Hallaway, Halloway, Hallway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 993, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S Midlands

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alwi*, *Elwi*, representing either Old English *Ælfwig* or Old English *Æðelwīg* (which is also found as Middle English *Athelwy* and *Ailwy*). *Ælfwig* is from Old English *ælf* 'elf, sprite' + *wīg* 'battle', and *Æðelwīg* is from *æðel* 'noble' + *wīg*. See also **Alvey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailwi, Aluui, Æluui, Eluui 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ailwi Ketel, 1186–8 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk). surnames: Willelmus filius Alewi, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Godfrey Ailwi, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Rogerus filius Elwi, about 1200 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Suffolk); Roger Alewy, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus filius Ailwi, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry Alwi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Richard Alawy, Halewy, 1260, 1264 in *Eynsham Cartulary*; Willelmus Helwy, 1275 in *Hundred*

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*Rolls* (Norfolk); William Halawey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Peter Athelwy, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Stephanus Elewy, 1314 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Suffolk); John Allaway, 1613 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Henry Halloway, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name the Middle English personal name *Alwy* was probably sometimes confused with another Middle English personal name, *Aldwi*, Old English *Ealdwīg*. This survived for a time as the now extinct surname *Aldwy*, though this may alternatively have been a variant of *Alwy* in (1) with intrusive *-d-*.

Early bearers given names: Aldui, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset);

surnames: Geoffrey Aldwi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William Aldwy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Allaway, 1619 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Robert Allaway, 1633 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Hesther Allaway, 1643 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Obadia Allaway, 1649 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks).

### Allberrey

- GB frequency 1881: 7

English: variant of either **Albury** or **Aubrey**.

### Allberry

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 56
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: variant of either **Albury** or **Aubrey**.

### Allbon

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Alban**.

### Allbone

Variants: **Allbones**

- GB frequency 1881: 8

English: see **Alban**.

### Allbones

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 76
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: variant of **Allbone** (see **Alban**), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Alitia Albon, 1566 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); William Allbones, 1672 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs).

### Allbright

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 138
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Warwicks
- English: see **Albright**.

### Allbrighton

- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 47
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: see **Albrighton**.

### Allbrook

Variants: **Allbrooke**

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 67
- Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs

English: locative name from Arbrook Farm in Thames Ditton (Surrey), which is recorded as *alorbroc* in 1005, *Alrebok* in 1263, *Albroke* in 1548.

Early bearers: [. . . de] Alderbok, 1332 *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thome Albroke, 1544, Denyse Allbroke, 1546, John Allbrooke, 1587 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Anthonius Allbrooke, 1564 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Johan Allbrooke, 1568 in *IGI* (Effingham, Surrey); Katherine Allbrooke, 1579 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Henry Albroke, 1587 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Thomas Allbrooke, 1622 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 91.

### Allbrooke

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: see **Allbrook**.

### Allbury

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Beds

English: see **Albury**.

### Allbut

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: W Midlands

English: see **Albutt**.

### Allbutt

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 204
- Main GB location 1881: W Midlands

English: see **Albutt**.

### Allcard

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 78
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

English: locative name possibly a variant of the rare name *Alcar(r)*, from Altcar, Lancs.

Early bearers: William Allcard, 1748 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Derbys); William Allcard, 1753 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Derbys); Elizabeth Alcord, 1754 in *IGI* (Walsall Wood, Staffs); Mary Allcart, 1814 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Cheshire); George Allcarr, 1889 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

### Allchin

Variants: **Alchin**, **Allchorne**, **Allchorn**, **Alcorn**, **Allcorn**, **Orchin**

- Current frequencies: GB 394, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 407
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: locative name from a lost place called *Alchhorn* in Buxted (Sussex), recorded as *Alsihorne* in 1086, *Alchehorne* in 1412, *Alchin* in 1592. See also **Alcorn**.

Early bearers: John de Alcheshorn, Adam de Alchehorn, 1296, John Alchorn, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Alchon, 1420 in *London Letter Books I*; John Alchorn, 1471 in *Kent Wills* (Lydd, Kent); Henricus Alchin, 1542 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Jone Alchon, 1548 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); Alex. Aulchen, 1591, Isaac Allcorne, 1634 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Alchorne, 1632 in *Town*

*Book of Lewes* (Sussex); Phillip Allshorn, 1776 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 390.

### Allchorn

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Alcorn** and **Allchin**.

### Allchorne

- Current frequencies: GB 110, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Alcorn** and **Allchin**.

### Allchurch

Variants: **Hallchurch**

- Current frequencies: GB 313, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 265
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs

English: locative name from Alvechurch (Worcs), which is recorded as *Ælfīde cyrce* in the 11th century, *Alvechirche* in 1275, and *Allchurch* in the 16th century.

Further information: The variant with *H-* arose in Brierley Hill (Staffs) in about 1826 and for a while alternated with *Allchurch*.

Early bearers: Emma de Alvechurch, 1237 in *VCH* (Blackgrave manor, King's Norton, Worcs); Magistro Johanne de Alvechirche, Archdeacon of Suffolk, 1255–65 in *Blickling Manuscripts*; Rico de Alvechyrche, 1337 in facsimile of Worcester Cathedral Muniments at [www.hallchurch.com](http://www.hallchurch.com) (Worcs); Robert Aulchurch, 1539 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Ric. Allchurch, 1541, Thomas Aulchurch, 1599 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Alice Alchurche, 1561 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Margery Allchurch, 1575 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Richard Alchurche, 1707 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); Mary Alvechurch, 1738 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Samuel Hallchurch, 1836 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 332–3. For the family history, see [www.hallchurch.com](http://www.hallchurch.com).

### Allcoat

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Midlands

English: see **Alcott**.

### Allcock

- Current frequencies: GB 3318, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 3230
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England
- English: see **Allcock**.

### Allcorn

- Current frequencies: GB 349, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 288
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Alcorn** and **Allchin**.

### Allcott

- Current frequencies: GB 290, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 196
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Alcott**.

**Allcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Aldcroft** with loss of *-d-*.

**Allcutt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Alcott**.

**Allday**

Variants: **Alday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; also Norfolk, Lancs

1 English: relationship name in most cases probably from the Middle English female personal name *Ald(i)eth*, *Aldith*, itself from Old English *Ealdgyð*, composed of the elements *eald* 'old' + *gýth* 'battle'. The change in Middle English to *Aldy*, then *Alday*, is paralleled in other names ending in *-ith*; compare **Alfrey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ældiet, Ældit, Aldgid, Aldid, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Aldeth Fin, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Alditha de Pelham, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Aldyt Curteys, 1283 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Suffolk); Alditha Ricke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Nicholas Alday, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Aldaye, 1455 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 34; John and William Aldeth, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Aldy, 1534 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 37.

2 English: relationship name alternatively, perhaps, either from the rare Old English personal name \**Æðeldæg* or (via Norman French) from one of two Continental Germanic names, *Aildag* and *Adaldag*. The currency of any of these names in post-Conquest England is uncertain, apart from the one ambiguous example (below) in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aildeig, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk).

**Alden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; also W Midlands

English: see **Alden**.

**Alder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx, Bucks, Berks, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Alder**.

**Allderidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Aldridge**.

**Alldis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey; Cheshire

English: see **Aldous**.

**Alldread**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: see **Aldred**.

**Alldred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: see **Aldred**.

**Alldrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Alldritt**.

**Alldrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Aldridge**.

**Alldrige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Surrey

English: see **Aldridge**.

**Alldrit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Alldritt**.

**Alldritt**

Variants: **Aldritt**, **Audritt**, **Eldrett**, **Alldrett**, **Alldrit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: (i) variant of **Aldred**, which often occurs in Middle English as *Aldret* and *Eldret*. (ii) variant of **Aldridge**.

**Further information:** Although theoretically possible, there seems to be no evidence to support Reaney's explanation of the modern surname as locative, from Middle English *aldret* 'alder grove', for which see **Arlott** and **Naldrett**.

**Early bearers:** William Alldritt, 1703 in *IGI* (London); Joseph Alldritt, 1733 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs); Edmund Aldrit, 1780 in *IGI* (Hamstall Ridware, Staffs); Sarah Alldritt, 1785 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Alldus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Aldus**.

**Alle**

Variants: **All**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Alle*, which may be a variant of Middle English *Ale* and *Ally*; see **Ale**, **Alley**. (ii) alternatively post-medieval

examples may be a variant of **Hall**, **Halle**, with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Alle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Stratford with members, Warwicks); Thomas Alle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Thomas Alle, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Ane Alle, 1603 in *IGI* (Newton by Castle Acre, Norfolk); Elisabeth Alle, 1634 in *IGI* (Nursling, Hants); Stephen All, 1695 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks).

**Allebon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Alban**.

**Allebone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, Cambs

English: see **Alban**.

**Alle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex

English: see **Alley**.

**Alleeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

-: see **Allison**.

**Allely**

Variants: **Lilly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: possibly a reduced form of **Mac Ailghile**, which Woulfe described as 'a branch of the Maguires' in Fermanagh, also shortened as **Callaly** and **Lilly**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland Patrick McAlylly, footman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1726 (Moynaltie, Meath); George Allely, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghabog, Monaghan); James Callye, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

England William Allely, 1827 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Allely, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Allely, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Alleman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Allman**.

**Allembly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Allenby**.

**Allen**

Variants: **Allan**, **Alan**, **Alen**, **Allin**, **Allon**, **Alain**, **Allain**, **Alleyn**, **Alleyn**, **Allyn**, **Alling**, **Allam**, **Hallan**, **Hallen**, **Aland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82790, Ireland 6263

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55708
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster; also Cork

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Alain*, *Alein* (Old Breton *Alan*, of uncertain origin), the name of a Welsh and Breton saint, which was popular among the Bretons who came over from Normandy with William the Conqueror, particularly in Lincs. **Further information:** Walter fitz Alan (d. 1177), of Breton descent, first Scottish royal steward, and his son Alan (d. 1204), originators of the Stewart dynasty, were among the first to bear the name in Scotland. The popularity of this name in Scotland is mainly due to this family, with the given name giving rise to the patronymic and thus the surname Alan.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Alanus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Alanus, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Alain, 1183 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

urnames, England: Geoffrey Alein, 1234 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Roger Alain, about 1246 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Adam Aleyn, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Alayn, 1249–50 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Alayn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Malmesbury, Wilts); John Aleyn, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); Johanne Aleyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Richard Alen, 1544, Matthias Allyn, 1593 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Elizabeth Allenn, 1589 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds).

Ireland John Alen, 1535 in *Fiants Henry* §41; John Alen, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §445 (Alenscorte by the Newebridge, Kildare); Thomas Alen, Clerk of the Hanaper, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §223; Giles Allen, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §727 (Dublin); Cormac oge Allen of the Graunge, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §935; George Allyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3998.

given names, Scotland Alan son of Waltheof of Allerdale, 1139 in *History of North Durham* (Edrom, Berwicks); Alan son of Walter, royal steward, 1202–4 in *Paisley Register* (Paisley, Renfrews).

urnames, Scotland: John fiz Aleyn, burgess, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Montrose, Angus); Loughlan le fiz Aleyn, 1301 in *Scotland Calendar* (Argyll); Duncan Alowne, burgess, 1446 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Thomas Ailen, 1641 in *Melrose Records* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the rare Middle English personal name *Aline* (Old French *Adaline*, *Aaline*), a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Adal-*, especially *Adalheidis*, which became Old French *Adalaide* and *Alice*. Compare **Adeline**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Adhelina, 1138 in *Aelina de Rodlos*, 1160–5 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs); Aalina, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Alina, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Alina del Hele, 1248 in *Manorial Select Pleas* (Northants).

urnames: Richard Alyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

3 Scottish Gaelic: locative name common from 1139 in Scotland, where it may also derive from Gaelic *Ailéne*, *Ailín*, from *ail* 'rock'.

## Allenby

**Variants:** Allonby, Allanby, Allamby, Allemby, Allaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 754, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks
- English: locative name from Allonby (Cumb), recorded as *Alayneby* in 1262, *Alanby* in 1306, and *Allonby* in 1576.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Aleynby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Alomby, 1522 in *York Freeman's Register*; Gregory Allanbye, 1586 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs).

## Allenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Allington**.

## Allender

**Variants:** Allander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname possibly from a Middle English \**alendere* 'arriver, newcomer' (*alenden* 'to arrive'). Compare Willelmus Aland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks), and Johannes Alannda, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk), which may represent this name; also **Newcomen**.

**Early bearers:** John Allender, 1679 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Robert Alender, 1681 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Wm Allender, 1711 in *IGI* (Alvington, Gloucs); John Alinder, 1740 in *IGI* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Wm. Allender, 1752 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk).

## Allenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Allanson**.

## Allerdyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (Ayr, Angus)
- Scottish: see **Allardyce**.

## Allerston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Allerston (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** John de Aluerstan', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Allerstan, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Ullison, 1737 in *IGI* (Keyingham, ER Yorks); Mary Alertson, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Job Ulliston, 1800 in *IGI* (Welwick, ER Yorks).

## Allerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 685
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Suffolk: Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 English: locative name from any of a number of places called Allerton in WR Yorks (several), Lancs, and Somerset, or from Alderton (Suffolk), or from one of the places called Ollerton (Lancs, Cheshire, Notts), all of which have Middle English forms in *Al-*. **Early bearers:** Richard de Aluerston', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Allerton', 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardus de Allerton', 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Rothwell and Carlton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Allerton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Allerton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Agn' de Allerton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Allerton, 1416–17 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts, Yorks); Jane Allerton, 1564 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Margery Allerton, 1582 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Richarde Allerton, 1597 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Thomas Allerton, 1603 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Joseph Allerton, 1634 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); John Allerton, 1774 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs).

2 English: the Suffolk name is probably a variant of **Alderton**.

**Early bearers:** Chris. Alderton, 1684, Sarah Allerton, 1795 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); John Allerton, 1733, Ann Alderton, 1750 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Jacob and Mary Alderton, 1817, Allerton, 1819 in *Parish Registers* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk).

## Allery

**Variants:** Ellery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name possibly from an unidentified Devon place, inferred from the 1332 surname. The post-medieval name may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Alverchay or Alverehay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uffculme, Devon); Richard Allorhe, 1584, Joane Allerie, 1666, William Allery, 1670, Mary Alery, 1690, Elias Eallery, 1769 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Elizabeth Ellery, 1744 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

2 English: relationship name perhaps a variant of **Ellery**, see **Hillary**. There may have been a Middle English form *Alary* or *Allory*, encouraged perhaps by the common alternation between *Eyl-* and *Al-* in Middle English forms of names like **Aylmer** and **Aylett**.

**Early bearers:** Reginaldus Allorye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thos. Allory, 1572 in *IGI* (Hackney, London and Middx); Johnes Allery, 1586 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Joane Ellery, 1618 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Martin Ellery, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London, London and Middx).

## Alles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

English: see **Allis**.

## Alleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Alliston**.

## Alletson

**Variants:** Allatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name meaning 'son of **Allott**' or, in some cases perhaps, 'son of **Aylett**'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Allotesone, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Aletson, 1516 in *York Guild Register*.



**Allett**

- Current frequencies: GB 98, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 192
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- 1 English: see **Aylett**.  
2 English: see **Allard**.  
3 English: see **Allott**.

**Alleway**

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 77
  - Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Beds
- English: see **Allaway**.

**Alley**

Variants: **Ally**, **Allee**, **Alle**

- Current frequencies: GB 382, Ireland 38
  - GB frequency 1881: 391
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Wilts
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin: Laois
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ally*, which may be a pet form of *Alexander*, *Alan*, *Alice*, or *Alison*, or a survival of Old Danish *Alli*, Old Swedish *Alle*, found as *Alli* in *Domesday Book* in Beds, Bucks, Northants, and Staffs. **Early bearers:** Johannes filius Alli, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Ally, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Alleye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hugo son of Ally, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Richard Ally, 1352 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes Ally, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Ally, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fimber, ER Yorks); Johannes Ally, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Zakarie Alley, 1551 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Hewgh Alley, 1556 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Alley, 1568 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Marie Alley, 1585 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks).

**Alleyn**

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
- English: see **Allen**.

**Alleyne**

- Current frequencies: GB 1111, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 84
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Devon; Gloucs
- English: variant of **Allen**.  
**Further information:** This is an old-fashioned spelling preserved in some families. The surname in this spelling is also frequent in Barbados, and in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Allez**

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 104
  - Main GB location 1881: Guernsey
- Channel Islands: a Norman French variant of **Allis**. Compare **Allix**.

**Allflatt**

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Allfatt**.

**Allford**

- Current frequencies: GB 372, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 201
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Lancs
- English: see **Alford**.

**Allfree**

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Sussex; Derbys
- English: see **Alfrey**.

**Allfrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 162, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 156
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Alfrey**.

**Allgar**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Suffolk
- English: see **Algar**.

**Allgood**

Variants: **Augood**

- Current frequencies: GB 363, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 235
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Algot*. This may represent Old Danish, Old Swedish *Algot*, *Algut* (as is likely in the 1086 Notts example) but the name is not otherwise recorded in those parts of England settled by Danes and Swedes before the Conquest. Alternatively it represents Continental Germanic *Adalgot*, *Algot*, Middle Dutch *Aelgoet*, which may have been used by Flemings in post-Conquest England. This is from \**adal-* 'noble' + a development of the stem of the Germanic tribal name \**Gaut-*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Algod, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts); Algotus de Banneberi, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon). surnames: Iordanus filius Algoti, about 1174 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Philip Halgot, 1190 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralph Alegod, Halgot, Halegod, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thomas Algod, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; Joh. Algode of Mansfield, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); Ric. Allegot', 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Robert Algood, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Algood', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Richard Algode, 1479 in *Kent Wills* (Kent).

**Allgrove**

- Current frequencies: GB 66, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Middx
- English: unexplained, possibly a variant of **Waldegrave**.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Hallgrove, 1710, John Halgrove, 1779, Hanry Allgrave, 1780, Mary Allgrove, 1799 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Reb. Allgrove, 1830 in *IGI* (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey); John Algrove, 1833 in *IGI* (Pyrford, Surrey).

**Alli**

- Current frequencies: GB 650, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
- Muslim: see **Ali**.

**Alliban**

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; Norfolk
- English: see **Alban**.

**Alliband**

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see **Alban**.

**Allibon**

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see **Alban**.

**Allibone**

- Current frequencies: GB 316, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 286
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Northants
- English: see **Alban**.

**Allick**

Variants: **Aleck**

- Current frequencies: GB 87, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; NR Yorks; Northants
- English: of uncertain origin, perhaps a short form of **Alexander**.  
**Early bearers:** Catherine Alec, 1541 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Margaret Ellix, 1576 in *IGI* (Ecton, Northants).

**Allies**

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Herefs
- English: see **Allis**.

**Alliker**

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex and Middx
- English: see **Ellerker**.

**Allimant**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Allmand**.

**Allin**

- Current frequencies: GB 696, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 675
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: variant of **Allen**.

**Alling**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- 1 English: see **Halling**.  
2 English: it may also be a variant of **Allen**.  
**Further information:** This name is more common in the USA than Britain.

**Allingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey and Kent; also Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Fermanagh, and Leitrim

English: locative name seemingly from the minor place-name The Allingham in Merstham (Surrey), though no early forms have been noted.

**Early bearers:** Robert Alyngam, 1548, Silvester Allingham, 1581 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Joan Alyngham, 1549 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Jn Allingham, 1556, Mercy Alyngham, 1566 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Elsebeth Alingham, 1565 in *IGI* (Nutfield, Surrey); Johana Alingam, 1568 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Mgt Allingham, 1568 in *IGI* (Buckland, Surrey); Nicholas Allingham, 1568 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Christopher Allynggam, 1569 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); An Alyngham, 1570 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Joan Allingame, 1579 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); Alice Allingham, 1725 in *IGI* (Puddletown, Dorset).

**References:** *EPNS Journal*, vol. 3, p. 25.

**Allington**

**Variants:** Alington, Allenden, Adlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: (i) see **Adlington**. (ii) locative name from Allington (Lincs), which is recorded as *Adelingetone* in 1086, *Athelinton'* in 1202, and *Athelynton'* in 1351, Allington (Dorset), which is recorded as *Adelingtone* in 1086, *Alingetun* in 1206, and *Athelington* in 1227, or Allington by Devizes (Wilts), which is recorded as *Adelingtone* in 1086, *Alingeton* in 1196, and *Athelinetona* in 1242. The place-names probably mean 'farmstead of the princes', from Old English *ædeling* 'prince, nobleman' (genitive plural *ædelinga*) + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. (iii) locative name from Allington (Kent), which is recorded as *Elentun* in 1086 and *Alintona* in 1175, or East Allington (Devon), which is recorded as *Alintone* in 1086, *Alingeton* in 1219, and *Allyngthon'* in 1242. The place-names probably mean 'farmstead associated with a man called Ælla or Ælle', from the Old English personal name *Ælla*, *Ælle* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Further information:** Allington by Amesbury (Wilts) is recorded as *Aldintona* in 1178, *Aldyngton* in 1426, and *Aldington otherwise Allington* in 1769, and Allington in South Stoneham (Hants) is recorded as *Ellatune* in 1086, *Aldintone* in 1186, and *Aldyngton alias Alyngton* in 1445. The place-names probably mean 'farmstead associated with a man called Ealda', from the Old English personal name *Ealda* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. In both cases the appearance of forms without *-d-* is relatively late, and they seem unlikely to have contributed to the surname *Allington*. There is no evidence to suggest that they contributed to **Aldington** either, though the possibility should be allowed.

**Early bearers:** N England, Midlands, and E Anglia William de Alinton', 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Adligton, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Alyngton, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); William Alyngton, 1479 in *Paston Letters*; Richard Allington,

1571 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elisabeth Allington, 1588 in *IGI* (Healing, Lincs); Gyles Allington, 1602 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Mittigation Allington, 1677, Moses Allenton, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Allendon, 1783 in *IGI* (Great Massingham, Norfolk); Charlotte Allenden, 1814 in *IGI* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk).

S England Hawisia de Athelington, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Allington, Dorset); Peter de Alington, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); [ . . . ] de Alinton', 1254 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); [ . . . de ] Adlington, 1273, [ . . . de ] Athelington, 1294 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Lady Anicia de Alyntone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Larkfield hundred, Kent); William de Athelyngton', 1375, William Adlington', 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Richard Allington, 1584 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Marie Allington, 1636 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 2; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 468; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 311, 358; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 144; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 313; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 21; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 42; *Mills, Dictionary*, pp. 9–10.

**Allinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2124, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: see **Allanson**.

**Alliott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Aylett**.

**Allis**

**Variants:** Alliss, Alis, Allies, Alais, Allish, Hallis, Allix, Allez, Alles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Alis*, *Alice*, Old French *Adeliz*, *Ahelis*, *Aalis*, *Aliz*, a contracted form of Continental Germanic *Adalhaidis*, composed of elements *adal* 'noble' + *haidis* 'rank, worth'. *Alice* was one of the most popular names in both England and Scotland from the 13th century until the end of the medieval period. Pet forms survive in **Alcock**, **Alin**, and **Allott**. **Early bearers:** given names: Adeliz de Raimes 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Northants); Aliz Martel in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ahelis, Ahelissa, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk); Alicia filia Engrami, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Atheleisia, Alesia, Aeles (identical), 1219–20 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

sumames: Willelmus filius Alis, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Roger Alys, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Aliz, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Halys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Easter, Essex); Thomas Alys, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Mary Allis, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Much Hadham, Herts).

**Allish**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Allis**.

**Allison**

**Variants:** Alison, Alleeson, Hallison, Ellison, Alliston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12620, Ireland 361
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8481
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in SW Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Antrim, and Derry

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Alice*, *Alis*, *Aleis* (see **Allis**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Alissone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); John Aliceson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Aleissone, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Allison, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Allison, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Steeven Allison, 1560 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Ann Allison, 1565 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Joan Allison, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Alison*, a common pet form of *Alice*. Compare **Ellison**.

**Early bearers:** William Alisun, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Bucks); John Allison, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

3 Scottish: in some cases, a late variant of **Allanson**.

4 Scottish: see **Callison**.

**Alliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Allis**.

**Allister**

**Variants:** Alister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Antrim, and Monaghan

Scottish: variant of **McAllister**.

**Alliston**

**Variants:** Allistone, Alleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex

English: variant of **Allison**, altered (with intrusive *t*) as if derived from a place-name. Compare **Albiston**.

**Early bearers:** John Alliston, 1537 in *IGI* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Roberte Allestone, 1565, Catherine Allistone, 1575, Wilym Alleston, 1609 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Alliston, 1573 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Prudence Alliston, 1585 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

**Allistone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Alliston**.

**Allitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Aylett**.

**Allix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Huguenot: a French variant of **Allis**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Allix, born Alençon 1641, died London 1717, was minister of the Church of Charenton near Paris. On the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, he fled to England, became minister of the Temple of the French hospital in Spitalfields, and was later canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral (*Smiles*, p. 259).

**Allkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Herefs

English: variant of **Alkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Alkins, 1576 in *IGI* (Hundridge, Bucks); Richard Alkins, 1583 in *IGI* (Ketton, Rutland).

**Allman**

**Variants:** **Alman, Almon, Allmen, Alleman, Aleman, Almond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2321, Ireland 147
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- 1 English: ethnic name from Old French *aleman(d)* ‘German’. Compare **Allmand**, which enshrines the variant with final *-d*.

**Further information:** *Alemaun(d)* or *alemain* was the term generally used in Middle English to denote a speaker of German or Dutch; it survived as *Almain* until the 17th century, when it came to be replaced by *German*. At this period, too, the modern distinction between *Dutch* and *German* began to be made systematically. Compare **Dutch**.

**Early bearers:** John Aleman, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Northumb); Walter le Aleman, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Alemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Alman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); John Almayn, 1483 in *Kent Wills* (Kent).

2 English: locative name meaning ‘from Germany’, which was called *Almeyne* in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Alemayne, 1320 in *London Letter Books E*; Inglebright de Alman, 1332 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Allman, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jana Allman, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robart Allman, 1565 in *IGI* (High Toynton, Lincs); Mary Allman, 1576 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Allman, 1587 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cams).

3 English: relationship name the examples below suggest that this is from a personal name, perhaps the Old French word *aleman* ‘German’ used as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** Alemannus 1101–25, 1125 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Henricus filius Aleman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

4 English: variant of **Oldman**.

**Allmand**

**Variants:** **Almand, Almond, Allmond, Allamand, Allimant, Alment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Shrops and Denbigh

English: ethnic name from Old French *alemaund* ‘German’. See also **Allman**, with which it may sometimes have merged.

**Early bearers:** Terricus le Alemaund, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John le Alemaund, 1284 in *London Letter Books A*; Hanekin Almond and John de Almann, valets of the countess of Surrey, 1358 in *Bardsley*; Grace Allmand, 1629 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Allmand, 1639 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Will Allmand, 1679 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); William Allmand, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Annae Allmand, 1697 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs).

**Allmark**

**Variants:** **Almack, Awmack, Hallmark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: nickname from Middle English *halfmark* ‘half a mark’ (a unit of money).

**Early bearers:** Robert Alfmarck, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Adam Halfmark, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Emma Halmark, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Johannes Halfmark, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Awmack, 1722 in *Yorks Wills*.

**Allmen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Allman**.

**Allmond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Allmand**.

**Allnatt**

**Variants:** **Alner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Hants
- English: see **Allnutt**.

**Allner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Allnutt**.

**Allnutt**

**Variants:** **Allnatt, Allner, Elnaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alnot* (chiefly, if not solely, derived from the Old English name *Æðelnōð*, formed from *æðel-* ‘noble’ + *\*nōð* ‘daring, bold’). Compare **Woolner** for the various developments of the final syllable. The *Domesday Book* forms may represent *Æðelnōð*, or alternatively Old English *Ælfnōð* (formed from *ælf* ‘elf, sprite’ + *\*nōð*), *\*Ealdnōð* (formed from *eald* ‘old, eminent’ + *\*nōð*), or *\*Ealhnoð* (formed from *ealh* ‘shrine, temple’ + *\*nōð*). **Early bearers:** given names: *Ælnod*, *Alnoth*, *Alnot*, *Alnod*, *Elnoc*, *Elnod*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Alnodus* (*Ailnoð*) ingeniator, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx);

*Alnotus Papillun*, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); *Ailnothus Peni*, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey). surnames: William Aylnoth, Alnoth, 13th century in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Gilbert Elnod, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Eylnoth, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Aylnot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); Thomas Alnowe, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Aylnoth, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Coggeshall, Essex); Lawrence Allnett, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Thame, Oxon); Annis Allnut, 1607 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Zacharie Allnutt or Alnutt, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Ibstone, Bucks).

**Allom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Berks

1 English: see **Allam**.

2 Muslim: see **Alam**.

**Allon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; ER Yorks

English: variant of **Allan**, see **Allen**.

**Allonby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Allenby**.

**Allotey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Allott**

**Variants:** **Allatt, Allett, Allt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1529, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1076
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Alot* (Old French *Aalot*), a pet form of *Alice*, see **Allis**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Alote*, about 1191 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

surnames: Adam filius Alot, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Allot, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Alote, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Alot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hamilton, Leics); Johannes Alot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shelley, WR Yorks); Stephanus Alot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Nutius Allott, 1552 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Williamus Allott, 1563 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Peter Allot, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Francis Allet, 1577 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs); Thomas Allot, 1605 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); William Allett, 1602, John Allott, 1636 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics); Jeffery Allet, 1611 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cams); William Allott, 1614 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks); Thomas Allott, 1659 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

**Alloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- English: see **Allaway**.

**Allpass**

- GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Lancs
- English: see **Alpass**.

**Allport****Variants: Alport**

- Current frequencies: GB 1443, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 711
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: locative name for someone who lived at the old town or market, from Middle English *olde* ‘old’ + *port* ‘town, market’, or at a place so named such as Alport in Youlgreave (Derbys) or Church Stoke (Montgomerys).

**Early bearers:** John Alport, 1559 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Eliz. Alport, 1603 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Ann Allport, 1616 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Morris Allport, 1643 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

**Allpress**

- Current frequencies: GB 275, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 237
- Main GB location 1881: Hunts and Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *old(e)* ‘old’ + *prest* ‘priest’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ældeprest, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Aldeprest, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall). surnames: Thomas Alprest, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henrie Allpresse, 1612, Myles Alpress, 1619, John Allpress, 1647 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts).

**Allred****Variants: Allured**

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Aldred**.

**Allright**

- Current frequencies: GB 82, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 102
- Main GB location 1881: SE England

English: see **Allwright**.

**Alls**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Peebles

English: see **Halls**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

**Allsebrook****Variants: Allsbrook, Alesbrook, Aelsebrook, Allseybrook**

- Current frequencies: GB 261, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 107
- Main GB location 1881: Notts and Derbys

English: unexplained; apparently from an unlocated place called \**Old Seabrook* (compare Seabrook (Bucks)), or ‘Alsi’s brook’ (from a male personal name descended from Old English *Ælfsige*).

**Early bearers:** Joanna Aelsebrooke, 1564 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); James Aelsebrook, 1588 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Dorothea Aelsebrooke, 1589 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Edward Allsebroke, 1589 in *IGI* (Workson, Notts); John Awsibrooke, 1597 in *IGI*

(Church Broughton, Derbys); Elizabeth Allsebrooke, 1600 in *IGI* (South Wingfield, Derbys); Robt Alsbruck, 1600 in *IGI* (Beeston, Notts); Radulfus Alsibroke, 1601 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Joane Awlsebrooke, 1602 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Jervis Awsebrooke, 1604, Alice Allesbrook, 1625 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); An Aelsebrooke, 1608, Elizabeth Alsabrook, 1638 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Richard Alsebrook, 1608 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Awsibrooke, 1614 in *Lambeth Palace Library* (Walworth, Surrey); Robert Alesbrook, 1617 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); Joseph Aulsebrook, 1688 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); Anne Alizbrooke, 1714 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys).

**Allsep**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Allsopp**.

**Allseybrook**

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: see **Allsebrook**.

**Allsobrook**

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

English: see **Allsebrook**.

**Allsop**

- Current frequencies: GB 3504, Ireland 22
  - GB frequency 1881: 3067
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Derbys
- English: see **Allsopp**.

**Allsopp****Variants: Allsop, Alsop, Alsopp, Allsup, Allsep, Elsip**

- Current frequencies: GB 3668, Ireland 69
- GB frequency 1881: 1226
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Derbys and Staffs

English: locative name from Alsop en le Dale (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Gamel de Haleshoppe, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Ranulfo de Alleshope, Henrico de Alsoppe, 1242 in *Burton Chartulary* (Huntington, Staffs); Philip Alsoppe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John de Alsop, 1302 in *Patent Rolls*; Henrico de Alesop, 1316–17 in *Burton Chartulary* (Bentley, Staffs); Thomas Alsop, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Alice Alsoppe, 1597 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys).

**Allston**

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Alston**.

**Allsup**

- Current frequencies: GB 142, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Denbigh; Essex

English: see **Allsopp**.

**Allsworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 284, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 138

- Main GB location 1881: Kent; Oxon
- English: variant of **Aldworth**.

**Allt****Variants: Alt**

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Midlands; Cambs

English: possibly a reduced form of **Allott**.

**Early bearers:** Edwarde Alt, 1548 in *IGI* (Dalbury, Derbys); Isable Alte, 1560 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Thomas Allt, 1572 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Wm. Allt, 1594 in *IGI* (Castle Donington, Leics); Edmund Alt, 1627 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); Mary Allt, 1629 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**Allthorpe**

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Northants
- English: see **Allthorpe**.

**Alltoft**

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Alltoft**.

**Allton**

- Current frequencies: GB 288, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 101
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Derbys

1 English: see **Allton**.

2 English: see **Olton**.

**Alltree**

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 44
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops and Lancs

English: see **Alltree**.

**Allum**

- Current frequencies: GB 2213, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 1131
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. in S England

1 English: see **Allam**.

2 Muslim: see **Alam**.

**Allured**

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Norfolk, Northants, Lancs, Hunts

English: relationship name a variant either of **Allred** (see **Aldred**) with an intrusive vowel, or of **Alfred** in which the medial /f/ or /v/ has been vocalized instead of being lost, as it is in *Allred*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney’s explanation that it is a ‘curious’ survival of *Aluredus*, a Latinized form of Middle English *Alfred*, where the letter *u* represents the usual Latin spelling of /v/, the voiced form of /f/.

**Early bearers:** Reignall Alred, 1591, Richard Alered, 1646, James Allored, 1665, Catherine Allured, 1769, Elizabeth Allred, 1797 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Allured, 1791, James Fair Alred, 1805 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Allvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Durham
- English: see **Allvey**.

**Allward**

Variants: **Alward, Elward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alward, Elward*, a reduced form of several Old English male given names, such as *Ælfweard* (Middle English *Alfward*), *Ealdweard*, and (especially in Devon) *Ædelweard*, which survives as Middle English **Aylward**, *Alward*, and probably *Elward*. By the 12th century these names, from *ælf* 'elf, sprite' and *ædel* 'noble' + *weard* 'ward, guardian', were often confused. *Ailwardus* grossus and *Ælward* judex occur also as *Alfward* and *Ailward* respectively (about 1116 in *Ekwall, ELPN*). See also **Avard**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Aluardus, Alfwardus pistor 1182–6, 1200–11 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alwardus de Wottone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Aluardus Tanner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks). surnames: Willelmus filius Eluard, filius Ælfwardi, 1191, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Elward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert Allward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Ailward, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingskerswell, Devon); Robertus Alward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Devon); Johannes Aldeward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Good Easter, Essex); Henry Allward, 1590 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon).

**Allway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Allaway**.

**Allwinkle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E London
- English: see **Aldwinkle**.

**Allwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1559, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Notts; also Warwicks; London
- English: see **Elwood**.

**Allwork**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: locative name possibly from either of two places called Aldwark (Derbys, NR Yorks), or Aldwarke in Dalton near Rotherham (WR Yorks), although the distribution is mainly in Kent and Sussex.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Aldwerc', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas d(e) Aaldewark', Robertus de Haldwark' senior, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Edmund Alwoorke, 1583 in *IGI* (Folkington, Sussex); Robert Alworke, 1585 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); Robert Alworke, yeoman, 1604, Agnes

Alwoorke, 1605, William Alwark, 1608 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Elisabeth Alworke, 1607 in *IGI* (West Firl, Sussex); John Alwork, 1615 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Jas Allwork, 1785 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); William Allwork, 1803 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Allwright**

Variants: **Allright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, Surrey, and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ailrich, Al(d)rich*, common forms of Old English *Æðelric*. See **Aldridge**. The pronunciation of final *-rich* has been assimilated to the Middle English word *riht, richt, right* 'right', and sometimes re-interpreted from the late 17th century onwards as *-wright*. Compare **Aldritt**.

**Early bearers:** William Ailricht, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); William Ailriht, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Radulphus Alryght, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shaugh Prior, Devon); Agn' Alryght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eardisland, Herefs); Roger Alright, 1457 in *London Letter Books K*; Margaret Allryght, 1592, Tho. Allwright, 1676 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Grisill Allright, 1674 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Thomas Alwright, 1696 in *IGI* (Stepney, London and Middx); Elizabeth Alwright, 1697 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey); Elizabeth Aldwright, 1720 in *Bardsley* (London).

**Allly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Alley**.

**Allyn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Allen**.

**Almack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Allmark**.

**Alman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- 1 English: see **Allman**.
- 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Hebrew *alman* 'widower'.
- Early bearers:** Moses Alman, auctioneer, 1783, Lazarus Alman, accountant, 1850 in *Bristol Jews*; Jacob Moses Alman, commission agent., in *Census 1851* (Bristol); Elliot Alman, tailor, born in Russia, Rachel Alman, tailoress, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Alman, cap maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Alman, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Isadore Alman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx).

**Allmand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Allmand**.

**Almeida**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1169, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- Portuguese, Spanish: locative name from any of several places so called in Portugal or from Almeida in Zamora province, Spain. These are all named from Arabic *al-madina* 'the city'.
- Further information:** This family name is also well established in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Alment**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Allmand**.

**Almey**

Variants: **Almy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- Norman, English: relationship name perhaps from the Old French personal name \**Almay*, Latin *Almedius*, of uncertain origin. The Latin form of the name is recorded in France in the early 9th century, but its rarity there and its absence from post-Conquest English records make it an uncertain source of the English surname.
- Early bearers:** Willelmo Almay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); William Aullmy, 1622 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); Benjamin Almey, 1688, James Almey, 1809 in *IGI* (Broughton Astley, Leics); Robert Almy, 1686 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).
- References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne*, 2, p. 17.

**Almon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Allman**.

**Almond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4223, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3687
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Almund*, in which Old English *Æðelmund* (*æðel* 'noble' + *mund* 'protection') and *Ealhmund* (*ealh* 'shrine, temple' + *mund*) have coalesced.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ælmund, Almund, Æilmundus, Ailmundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Alward filius Elmund, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Eilmund Sperie, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Thomas Ailmun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Almond, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Awmond, 1562 in *York Freeman's Register*; Laurence Almond, 1564 in *Lancs Wills*; Robert and Thomas Almond, 1585 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Jana Almond, 1604 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Thomas Almond, 1670 in *IGI* (Toot Baldon, Oxon); Alexander Almond, 1671 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); Daudid Almond, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Almond, 1671 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Almond, 1724 in *IGI*

## Almy

(Sunderland, Durham); Jonathan Almond, 1724 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire).

2 English: ethnic name see **Allman**.

3 English: ethnic name see **Allmand**.

### Almy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Sussex
- English: see **Almey**.

### Alner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 English: occupational name meaning ‘one who checks measurements of cloth’, from Middle English *alner*, *alnard*, derivative of Old French *aune* ‘ell’ from a derivative of French *aune* ‘ell’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Alnard, 1317 in *London Letter Books D*; John Alnard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Alner, 1589 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Edward Alner, 1643 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); John Alner, 1672 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Alner, 1688 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Alner, 1720 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts).

2 English: see **Allnatt**.

### Alnwick

Variants: **Annick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Alnwick (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** John de Alnewyc’, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Adam de Alnewyk, 1345, Robert de Alnewyk, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John de Alnewyk’, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); William Alnewyk’, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Alnwick, 1690 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Alom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: variant of **Alam**.

### Alonso

Variants: **Alonzo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Alonso*, a variant of **Alfonso**.

### Alonzo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: see **Alonso**.

### Alp

Variants: **Alpe**, **Alps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London

English: nickname from Middle English *alp(e)* ‘bullfinch’.

**Early bearers:** Eadmund Alp, 1266–7 in *TNA* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Matilda Alpe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Edward Alpe, 1314–15 in *TNA* (Alesford,

Essex); Thomas le Alpe, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Willeson le Alp, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Alpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Robertus Alpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Joane Alpe, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); Edward Alpe, 1613 in *IGI* (Burgate, Suffolk).

**References:** Alpe One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/alpe/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/alpe/).

### Alpass

Variants: **Allpass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *all* ‘all’ + *peis*, *pes* ‘peace’, perhaps to be interpreted as ‘completely peaceable’ or ‘completely silent’.

**Early bearers:** Ada Alpes, before 1250 in *Gloucs Archives* (Alveston, Gloucs); Wm Alpes, about 1270 in *Gloucester Abbey Deeds* (Northleach, Gloucs); John Alpays, William Alpays, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northleach, Gloucs); Johannes Alpes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alveston, Gloucs); John Alpas, 1584 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Hannah Allpas, 1697, Sarah Alpas, 1720 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs); Judith Alpass, 1732 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Betty Alpus, 1739 in *IGI* (Cromhall, Gloucs).

### Alpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Alp**.

### Alphonse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

French: relationship name from the personal name *Alphonse*, a classicized spelling of Spanish **Alfonso**, widely adopted as a given name and surname in France and thence in the French West Indies.

### Alpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ailpein**, see **McAlpine**.

### Alpine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Ailpein** or Irish **Mac Ailpín**; see **McAlpine**.

### Alport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Allport**.

### Alps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Alp** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Issabell Alps, 1605 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Mathia Alps, 1610 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Jacob Alpes, 1663 in *IGI* (Acomb, Yorks); James Alpes, 1664 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

### Alred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Aldred**.

### Aldridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

English: see **Aldridge**.

### Alsburry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Derbys

English: variant of either **Albury** or **Aubrey** with intrusive *-s-*. Compare Anne *Albury*, 1691 in *IGI* (Cadbury, Somerset), and Jane *Alberry*, 1879 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Francis Alsburry, 1765 in *IGI* (Corston, Somerset); Sarah Alsburry, 1865 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Alsebrook

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys

English: see **Allsebrook**.

### Alsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from Alresford (Hants), which is recorded as *Alresford* in 1167, *Allesford* in 1408.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Alresford, 1316, John Allesford, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John de Alresford, John de Allesford, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Alresford’, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Alresford, Hants); Nova Alsford, 1555 in *IGI* (Priors Dean, Hants); Margaret Allesford, 1620 in *IGI* (London); Joseph Alsford, 1667 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Hannah Allsford, 1679 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Alsford, 1701 in *IGI* (Pagham, Sussex); Ann Allsford, 1723 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 21.

### Alsop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1490, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1333
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: see **Allsopp**.

### Alsopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in central England

English: see **Allsopp**.

### Alstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Halstead**.

**Alston**

Variants: **Aston, Alstone, Allston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1723, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1945
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S Scotland; Lancs; Essex and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alstan*, which in some cases at least is Old English *Ædelstān*, found in *Domesday Book* as *Alestan* (see **Addlestone**). The *Domesday Book* form *Alstan* may also be derived from Old English *Ælfstān* ‘elf’ + ‘stone’, \**Ealdstān* ‘old’ + ‘stone’ or *Ealhstān* ‘temple’ + ‘stone’, all of which may have contributed to these surnames: compare Thomas son of Aldeston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb), Richard Aldston, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts). See also **Elston**.

**Early bearers:** Ælfuine filius Ælstani, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hugo filius Alstani, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Henry Alston, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Alstan, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agn’ Alstone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon).

2 English, Scottish: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Alston (Lancs), which is recorded as *Alston* in 1226, Alston (Cumb), recorded as *Aldenestoun* in about 1208, Alstone in Bradley (Staffs), recorded as *Aluredeston* in 1195, Alston Sutton (Somerset), which is *Alnodestuna* in 1086, Alston in Holberton (Devon), Alstone (Gloucs), and Halston (Shrops). The surname in Scotland is most likely to derive from the place in Cumb.

**Early bearers:** England Richard de Aluredeston’, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William de Alsiston’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John de Alnethestan, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Roger de Alleston, Uthred de Halueston, Richard de Halfston, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Alston’, 1255–6, Roger de Alleston, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Richard de Alston’, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . de] Haldeston, 1279 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb).

Scotland James Auldston, 1667 in *Hamilton Testaments* (Ravenscraig, Lanarks); Dr Alstoun, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Eastend, Lanarks); James Alstowne, 1687, in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Alston, 1754 in *Brechin Testaments* (Montrose, Angus).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 145; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 171–3; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 84; *Ekwall, DEPN*.

**Alstone**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Alston**.

**Alt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics

1 English: in the E Midlands, a variant of **Allt**.  
2 German: from German *alt* ‘old’. In some cases perhaps Jewish, from Yiddish *alt*, although evidence of Jewish bearers in Britain is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Caroline Sophia Alt, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Jacob Alt, born in Frankfurt, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); Carl

Alt, hairdresser, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Max Alt, born in Prussia, in *Census 1901* (Richmond, Surrey); Werner Alt, born in Potsdam, Germany, in *Census 1911* (IoW).

**Altaf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *alṭaf*, superlative form of *latīf*, ‘kindly’.

**Altham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Altham (Lancs), recorded as *Elvetham* in about 1150, *Aluetham* in 1308.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Eluetham, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Symon de Aluetham, 1304 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John de Alvetham, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John Altham, 1372 in *Lancs Pleas* (Lancs); Elizabeth Altham, 1594 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).

**Althorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Althorpe**.

**Althorpe**

Variants: **Althorp, Allthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Althorpe (Lincs) or Althorp (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Gimpe de Aletorp’, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Wyllyam Althorpe, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Faxton, Northants); Anna Althorpe, 1629 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk).

**Altman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *Altman* or Yiddish *altman*, Middle High German *altman*, literally ‘old man’, used to denote the older of two bearers of the same personal name or (especially among Jews) as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** Cecilia Altman, 1754 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Catherine Altman, 1780 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Barnet Altman, cap maker, born in Breslau, in *Census 1871* (Spitalfields, Middx); Harris Altman, master glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Harry Altman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Great Grimsby, Lincs); Solomon L. Altman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Lewis Altman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Eleazar Altman, 1864 in *IGI* (Dublin).

**Altoft**

Variants: **Alltoft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Altofts (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Altoftes, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Walto de Altoft, Eudone de Altoft’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); John de Altoftes, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Reedness, WR Yorks); Johannes de Eltoft’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorner, WR Yorks); Edward Altoft, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Sarah Alltoft, 1722 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Lincs).

**Alton**

Variants: **Allton, Aulton, Auton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1225, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 810
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Derbys; NR Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick

1 English: locative name from Alton in Ashover or perhaps Alton in Idridgehay (both in Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Alton, 1325 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); [ . . . de] Alton(e), 1328 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashover, Derbys); [ . . . de] Alton(e), 1330 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Ashover, Derbys); Thomas Alton, 1508 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); James Alton, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Isabella Alton, 1598 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 191, 578.

2 English: locative name possibly from Auton Stile in Durham Saint Oswalds (Durham), which is recorded as *altone* in about 1200.

**Early bearers:** My. Alton, 1715 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks); Isabella Alton, 1775 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 2.

3 English: locative name from any of numerous other places in England named Alton or similar.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Altun, about 1141–54 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Alton’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholaus de Aulton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Christopher Alton, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Awdry Alton, 1583 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Gualteri Alton, 1598 in *IGI* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent); Wm. Alton, 1612 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

4 English: variant of **Oilton**.

**Altree**

Variants: **Alltree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks

English: (i) variant of **Hawtreay**. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Awdry** (2).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Altry, 1657 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Altree, 1662, John Alltree, 1701 in *IGI* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs); John Altree, 1700 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Thomas Alltree, 1700, Elisabeth Altry, 1737 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops).

**Altringham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb

English: locative name probably from Altrincham (Cheshire), but evidence is missing to link the medieval early bearer with the 18th-century name.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Altryncheham, 1326 in *Close Rolls* (Cheshire); William Altringham, 1774 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Altringham, 1786 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 7.

### Alty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Auty**. With the following early bearers compare Henry *Oatye*, 1633 in *IGI* (Rufford, Lancs) and see **Oatey**.

**Early bearers:** Henery Alty, 1696, Henery Altye, 1703, Richard Altie, 1713 in *IGI* (Rufford, Lancs).

### Aluko

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): nickname from Yoruba *àlùkò* 'woodcock'. It is locally said to be a name adopted by Ìjèṣà textile hawkers to deflect the curses of their debtors.

### Alvares

**Variants:** Alvarez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from a patronymic form of the personal name *Álvaro*, which is of Visigothic origin, perhaps from the Germanic roots \*ald 'old' or \*all 'all', + \*wara 'care; defence'.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Jacob Jesserun Alvares, merchant, 1677 in *Bevis Marks Records* (Houndsditch, London); Aaron Alvares, general dealer, Abraham Alvares, pen cutter, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Alvares, superintendent of the Spanish synagogue, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

**Other:** Antonio Alvares, engineer, born in Liverpool, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Alvarez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 923, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): (i) from a patronymic form of the personal name *Álvaro*, which is of Germanic (Visigothic) origin. (ii) in some cases this may be an altered spelling of the Portuguese cognate **Alvares**.

**Early bearers:** Spanish Antonio Alvarez, 1837 in *IGI* (Cumbernauld, Dunbartons); Ramon Alvarez, tobacconist, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Alvarez, commercial clerk, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Antonio Alvarez, butler, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx); Jose Alvarez, labourer, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

Jewish Aaron Alvarez, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint James Duke's Place, London); David Alvarez, artist, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Ysidoro Alvarez, outfitter, born in Spain, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); Abraham, Aaron, and Isaac Alvarez, rag merchants, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Moses Alvarez, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Asher Alvarez, tailor, in

*Census 1901* (Islington, Middx); Barnett Alvarez, merchant tailor, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Alves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1457, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name from Alves (Morays), pronounced /a:vz/.

**Early bearers:** William de Alveys, 1262 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Inverness); Patrick de Aluays, 1360, Malcolm de Alues, dean of Caithness, 1363 in *Moray Register*; Alexander Alves, burgess, 1406 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Jaimés Alves, 1654 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays).

2 Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Alves*, a Portuguese variant of **Alvares**.

**Early bearers:** Francis *Alves*, born in Portugal, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Alveston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name from any of four places called Alvaston (Cheshire, Derbys) or Alveston (Gloucs, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Alverstayn, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Nancy Alveston, 1783 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Alveston, 1800 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 231–2; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 12.

### Alvey

**Variants:** Allvey, Alvy, Alves, Alvis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: relationship name either from the Middle English male personal name *Alfwy*, itself from Old English *Ælfwīg*, composed of the elements *ælf* 'elf, sprite' + *wīg* 'battle'; or from the female name *Alvy*, itself from Old English *Ælfgiftu*, composed of *ælf* + *giftu* 'gift'; or from a reduced form of the male name *Alvin* (see **Elvin**). See also **Allaway** and **Elvey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Godric filius *Ælfuuii*, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alfwy, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Berks). surnames: Swein and William Alvi, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Alf, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Elphey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Adam Alfwy, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John and Agnes Aluy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Eluy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Alvy, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Arnold, Notts); Ane Alvey, 1606, Richard Alvey, 1713, William Alvey, 1820 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts); Issabell Alvey, 1564, Mary Alvey, 1708, Henry Alvey, 1811 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

### Alvi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan): variant of **Alavi**.

### Alvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Elvin**.

### Alvis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Alvey** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England James Alvis, 1661 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anne Alvis, 1675 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Peter Alvis, 1676 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Alvis, 1698 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); John Alvis, 1797 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs). Scotland Barbara Alvis, 1633 in *IGI* (Annan, Dumfriess); David Alvis, 1670 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife); Charles Alvis, 1677 in *IGI* (Edinburgh).

### Alvy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Alvey**.

### Alward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Shrops

English: see **Allward**.

### Alway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Allaway**.

### Alwen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Alwin**.

### Alwin

**Variants:** Alwyn, Alwen, Elwin, Elwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alwin*, *Elwin*, representing several Old English names: *Ealdwine*, *Æðelwine*, *Ealhwine*, and *Ælfwine*. These names are composed respectively of *eald* 'old', *æðel* 'noble', *ealh* 'temple' and *ælf* 'elf, sprite', + *wine* 'friend'. See also **Alden**, **Aylwin**, **Elvin**.

**Further information:** Old English *Æðelwine* (or *Ailwine*) and *Ælfwine* were confused with each other. *Ælfwin* Finche is probably identical with Ailwinus, Alwinus Finch (1168, 1173). Alfwinus filius Leofstani is probably identical with Ailwin son of Leofstan (*Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 12), and compare Robertus filius Ailwini, alias Ailfwini, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Æluuin*, *Aluuin(e)*, *Eluuin(e)*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Æluuin*, *Alfuuinus*, *Aluuinus*, *Eluuin*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Goduine* *Ælfuini* filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); *Elwine* *Ecses*, 1101–7, *Ælwine* presbiter, 1127–34 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register*



(Norfolk); Elfwinus de Bekeringe, 1165 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Alwinus Blundus, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Normannus filius Aldwini, identical with Normannus filius Alwini, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robertus filius Ailwini, Alwini, 1213–14 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); John Allewin, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Alwine, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey Elwyne, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Helewyn, Thomas Alwyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jhon Alwin, 1566 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Jone Alwin, 1603 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Thon Alwin, 1732 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent).  
References: *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, 2, p. 77.

### Alwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; Notts
- English: see **Elwood**.

### Alwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Alwin**.

### Aly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Ali**.

### Alyas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Ilyas**.

### Amable

Variants: **Anable, Annable, Hannibal, Honniball, Hunnable, Hunneyball, Hunneybell, Hunnibal, Hunnibell, Mable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English female personal name *Amabil, Amabel*, Latin *Amabilis*, from Latin *amabilis* 'lovable'. The Normans frequently made use of the Old French short form *Mabile* or *Mabel* (see further under **Mable**) and, by dissimilation of *m* to *n*, developed a new form, *Anabel*, which gave rise to surnames such as **Annable, Hannibal, Honeyball, and Hunnable**. See also **Bill** (1) and **Bilson**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Amabilis, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Amable de Creuequer 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Amabilia, predicta Mabilia, 1185 in *Rotuli de Dominabus* (Essex); Amabilis, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Amabilla (Amable), Mabilia (Amabilis), 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Anabel de Nostrefeld, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Annabel, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Anabilia, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Anabilla, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Anabella, about 1308 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Anabel, 1312, identical with Amabel, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Anabul, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks).  
surnames: Walterus Amabilis, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Anable, 1259 in *Alrewas Court Rolls* (Staffs); John Amable, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Amable, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John

Anable, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry son of Amabilla, 1256–7 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Leverton, Notts); Adam filius Anabile, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lound, Notts); Roger, George Anabull(e), 1499, 1539 in *Derbys Charters* (Derbys); William Anible, 1643 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Richd. Annibal, 1718 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); John Annabel, 1691 in *IGI* (Annesely, Notts); Benjamin Annable, 1791 in *IGI* (Belper, Derbys).

### Amadi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): from a personal name *Amadi* (Igbo *amadi* 'free-born'), originally the name of an Igbo traditional minor deity.

### Aman

Variants: **Amann, Amans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Flint

1 Norman, English: see **Amand**.  
2 Afghan and Indian (Muslim, Sikh): unexplained. It could be a variant of Arabic **Amin**.  
3 There seem to be other origins, too, whose provenance has not yet been identified.  
**Further information:** Forenames from *BMD* (in addition to English, Muslim, and Sikh ones) include Neminiglida (spouse Pigos), Nighat, Fathi, Rosmiah, Sehra, Lauro, Orhan, Houria, Gudny, Nadia, Zam Zam, Raof, Nkaru (spouse Ibgokwe), and Motane.

### Amand

Variants: **Ament, Amans, Aman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Amand, Amant*, Latin *amandus* 'suitable to be loved', the name of a 5th-century bishop of Bordeaux and of four saints. It was also used as a female given name.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Magister Amandus, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Amanda filia Johannis, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Amanus de Preston', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops).  
surnames: Richard Amand, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Amant, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrie Amand, 1637 in *IGI* (Wilburton, Cambs); James Amand, 1667 in *IGI* (South Ronaldsay, Orkney); Simon Ament, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Samuel Amand, 1713 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Joseph Amand, 1743 in *IGI* (Icklesham, Sussex); Sarah Amand, 1748 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

### Amankwah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from Akan (Twi or a related dialect) *aman* 'nations' + *kwa* 'free'.  
**Further information:** The *-h* after final *-a* in Ghanaian names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

### Amann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 German: see **Ammann**.  
2 See also **Aman**.

### Amans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- 1 English: variant of **Aman** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
2 Norman, English: see **Amand**.

### Amar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Anglesey
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, the name of a Jat clan.  
2 English: see **Aymer**. As an English name, this is extremely rare and may indeed have died out.  
**Early bearers:** John Amar, 1700 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Conrad Christopher Amar, 1786 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Kitty Amar, 1806 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Mary Ann Amar, 1817 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Charles Amar, 1839 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent); Albert Amar, 1878 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Amass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Ames**.

### Amato

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- Italian: from a medieval personal name, *Amato*, Latin *Amatus* 'beloved', i.e. by God.

### Amatt

Variants: **Amott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: relationship name from the medieval female personal name *Amot*, a derivative of a shortened form of *Amie* + the diminutive suffix *-ot*. Compare **Amiet, Ames, Amey**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Amotta Smalcharr', Amota le Corker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).  
surnames: Jud' Amot', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Thomas Amot, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Middleton, Derbys); Thomas Amote, 1388 in *Derbys Charters* (Middleton, Derbys); Jacobus Amot, 1567, Maria Amat, 1590, Johannes Amatt, 1592 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); James Amett, 1599 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys).

### Amber

Variants: **Ambers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London; WR Yorks

Norman, English: perhaps a reduced form of **Ambery**, which is a variant of **Amery**. For the intrusive *-b-* compare **Embury** and **Amberson**.  
**Further information:** The first record may be a variant of this name with an ornamental initial *H-*, but possibly not.  
**Early bearers:** Robertus Hamber, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Agnes Aumber, 1594 in *IGI*

## Amberley

(Thorne, WR Yorks); William Amber, 1596 in *IGI* (Kirton, Lincs); Ann Amber, 1613 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Amber, 1629, George Amber, 1722 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); James Amber, 1632, Elizabeth Ambers, 1665 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Rich. Amber, 1664, Nicholas Ambers, 1684 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); William Amber, 1752, Alfred Amber, 1838 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Amber, 1795 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Amberley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Amberley (Sussex), which is recorded as *Ambrelie* in 1086 and *Aumberly* in 1279, Amberley in Marden (Herefs), which is recorded as *Amburleige* in 1086 and *Ambrelegh* in 1316, or Amberley in Minchinhampton (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Amberley* and *Omerleia* in the 13th century. All three place-names probably derive from the Old English bird-name *amer* 'bunting' + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Ambree, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William de Amberleg', 1225 in *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 209 (Wilts); Robert de Amberlye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Amyrley, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Amberley, 1612 in *IGI* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); William Amberley, 1612 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Sarah Amberley, 1710 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 146–7; *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 143; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 95–6; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names at amer*; *EPNS Journal* 28, pp. 5–31.

### Ambers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Norman, English: variant of **Amber** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Ambers, 1562 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Umbers, 1739 in *IGI* (Lillington, Warwicks); Jane Ambers, 1748 in *IGI* (Ashow, Warwicks).

### Amberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Emmerson** with intrusive -b-. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Robert Amberson, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London).

### Amberly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Amery** and **Embery**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hambery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); Thomas Ambrey, 1597 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Ambrie, 1665 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Mary Ambree, 1674 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Katherine Ambury, 1677 in *IGI* (Keyworth, Notts); Mary Ambury, 1704 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Anna Ambrey, 1723 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Isaac Ambery, 1779 in *IGI*

(Stockport, Cheshire); Thomas Ambrey, 1779 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Ambler

**Variants:** **Ombler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2383, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2614
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *\*amayler*, *\*amelour* (Old French *esmalleur* 'enameller', with intrusive *b* to give *\*a(u)mbelour*. This seems likely to be the main source, but some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Further information:** William Ambler was mayor of Doncaster in 1717.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Amblur, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William le Amayler, 1303 in *London Court Rolls*; Nicholas le Aumbleour, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Simon le Amelour, 1344 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Ambeler, 1375 in *London Pleas*; Thoma Ambeler', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviour, York, Yorks); Willelmo Ambler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Willelmus Ameler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Alexander Ambler, 1474 in *York Freemen's Register*; Jhon Ambler, 1552 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Thoms. Ambler, 1562 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Alicia Ambler, 1564 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Leonard Ambler, 1584 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 English: nickname perhaps a derivative of Middle English *amblen* 'to amble'. The name might have been given to one with an ambling gait, possibly even a facetious nickname for a walker or fuller, as suggested by John Ambeler, walker, 1440 in *York Freemen's Register*. The verb is also recorded from the 14th century onward in the sense 'to ride an ambling horse', so *Ambler* might have denoted someone who rode such a horse, though because of its gentle pace it was generally preferred by women.

3 English: perhaps a reduced form of an unrecorded Middle English *\*amblerer* 'dealer in ambler or saddle horses'.

### Amblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Embling**.

### Ambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx, Beds, and Bucks

English: a post-medieval altered form of **Ambrose**.

**Early bearers:** James Ambridge, 1591 in *IGI* (Aspley Guise, Beds); William Ambridge, 1631 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Mary Ambrige, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Ambrose

**Variants:** **Ambrus**, **Ambridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3976, Ireland 325
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2610
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia, Middx, and Kent; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Ambrose*, French *Ambroise*, itself from Latin *Ambrosius*, and ultimately from Greek *ambrósios* 'divine, immortal'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ambrosius, 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

sumames, England: Henry Ambreis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Ambroys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Ambrose, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Elmsted, Kent); William Ambrose, 1559 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Ellen Ambrose, 1562 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Wyllm. Ambrus, 1579 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Ane Ambroos, 1607 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Mathew Ambrus, 1696 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Jane Ambrus, 1699 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

sumames, Scotland: William Ambrosii, burgess, 1488 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow); Alexander Ambrose, 1499 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Alexander Ambroise, minister, 1609 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Newbattle, Midlothian).

2 Irish: from **Mac Ambróis** 'son of Ambrose'; a West Munster name, which has also been anglicized as **McCambridge**.

**Early bearers:** Wm Ambrose, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498 (Annagh).

### Ambrus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Ambrose**.

### Ameen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: see **Amin**.

### Ament

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Norman, English: see **Amand**.

### Amer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Aymer**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Amer, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Marden, Wilts); John Amer, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Amery

**Variants:** **Amory**, **Ambery**, **Amber**, **Emery**, **Emary**, **Emberry**, **Embrey**, **Embery**, **Embury**, **Embrly**, **Emburey**, **Embrea**, **Emory**, **Emerick**, **Imrie**, **Imray**, **Imery**, **Imbrey**, **Imbery**, **Hemery**, **Hembrey**, **Hembury**, **Hembury**, **Hembry**, **Hembra**, **Hembrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

Norman, English: (i) relationship name usually from the Middle English personal name *Amery*, *Emery*, Old French *Amauri*, *Emaurri*, itself from Continental Germanic *Amalric*, composed of the elements *Amal*, a dynastic name among the Goths, + *ric* 'realm, power'. (ii) relationship name occasionally from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Aimery*, Continental Germanic *Haimeric*, from *haim* 'home'+ *ric* 'realm, power'.

**Early bearers:** given names for (i) Amalricus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Robertus filius Amalrici, Almarici, Aumarici, 1207–14 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Amauricus, Amaricus, Ailmarus, Almarus, Aumaricus, Almaricus de Sancto Amando, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Emeric Orcherd, 1241 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Emery de Roche Chaward, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Almoricus de Moston', Emory de Moston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moston, Shrops).  
 given names for (ii) Ymerus filius Reineri, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Haimeri, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Haimericus filius Gidhe, about 1190–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Eimericus uinitor 1191, in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Hemericus, Eymericus, Heimericus Buche, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Aymeri de Rupe Cawardi, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).  
 surnames: Roger Hemeri, before 1182 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Essex); Robert Amalri, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Aumauri, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Emeri, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Robert Heymeri, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cams); Simon Amarik, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Emeric, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*; Robert Amary, Amory, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roberto Hemory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belgrave, Leics); Maud Hemerye, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas Amery, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Aldenharn, Herts).

## Ames

**Variants:** Amess, Amiss, Amis, Amys, Amies, Amass, Amos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3003, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2025
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Amis* or from the feminine form, *Amice*. The Old French word *amis*, *Ami* is from Latin *amicus* 'friend', which was used in Late Latin as a term for a man of the lower classes, in particular a slave. There were also derivatives of this as personal names, in particular *Amicius* (m.) and *Amicia* (f.). Both were in use as personal names in England and may have contributed to the surname. See also **Amey**, **Amos**, **Amias**, **Amiet**, **Amison**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Amisius, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon) and 1213 (Surrey); Amisius de Hospitali, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Amicia, 1189 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex), 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: Robert Amis, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Joan Amice, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Amize, Amys, 1309–10 in *London Letter Books D*; Thomas Amys, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Gregory Amys or Amisse, 1525 in *Oxford University Register*; Thomas Amyes, 1565 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Marye Amyes, 1607 in *IGI* (Hooe, Sussex); Rachel Aimes, 1608 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Thoms Amyes, 1619, Willia Ames, 1653 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Gertrude Amyes, 1621, Giles Ames, 1623 in *IGI* (Shapwick, Somerset); William Ames, 1627, Mary Aimes, 1664 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Edward Amyes, 1644, Mary Ames, 1650 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cams); John Amas, 1669 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Marry Amas, 1677 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Amas, 1711 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent).

## Amesbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: locative name from Amesbury (Wilts), which is recorded as *Ambresberie* in 1086, *Aumbresberia* in 1231, and *Amysbury* in 1524. The place-name derives from Old English *burh* 'fortified place' (dative *byrig*) with an uncertain first element, probably either the Old English bird-name *amer* 'bunting' (genitive singular *amres*, \**ambres*) or an Old English personal name \**Ambri* (genitive \**Ambres*).

**Early bearers:** Aylmer de Ambresbury, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Amesbury, Wilts); Henry de Aumbresbury, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John de Ambresburi, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Figheldean, Wilts); Johannes Ambresbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Ambresbury, canon, 1382 in *Edington Cartulary* (Wilts); Robert Aumesbury, citizen and carpenter, 1438 in *London Wills* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Willimi Amesbury, 1585, Henry Amsbury, 1630 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); William Amesbury, 1652, Richardi Amsbury, 1715 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Mariam Amesberry, 1714 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts); Richard Amsbury, 1797 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 358–9; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 13; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names at amer*; *EPNS Journal* 28, pp. 5–31.

## Amess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk, Worcs, Durham, Perth, and Fife

Norman, English: see **Ames**.

## Amey

**Variants:** Lamey, Amy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 831
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Essex, Dorset, and Hants

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French (*l'*)*ami* '(the) friend'.

**Early bearers:** William Amy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Lamy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); William le Amy, 1282 in *London Letter Books A*; Annes Amey, 1556 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); William Amey, 1562 in *IGI* (Papworth Saint Agnes, Cams); Mathewe Amey, 1584 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Alic Amey, 1602 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); An Amey, 1605 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Amé*, from Latin *amatus* 'beloved'.

**Early bearers:** William Ame, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex).  
 3 Norman, English: relationship name it may also be a patronymic from the masculine personal name *Ami*, oblique case form of *Amis*. Compare **Ames**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus filius Ami, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).

4 English: relationship name from the female personal name *Amia*, Latin form of Old French *Amée*, the feminine of *Amé* (see (2) above).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Amia cameraria*, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Martinus filius Amye, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

## Amherst

**Variants:** Amhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Amhurst in Pembury (Kent), which is recorded as *Hemhurst* in 1250. The place probably derives its name from Old English *hemm* 'hem, border, boundary' + *hyrst* 'wooded hill'.  
**Early bearers:** Walt's de Emherst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Washingstone hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] de Hemherst, 1347, [ . . . ] Hammherst, 1348 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Thomas Amherst, 1489 in *Kent Place-Names* (Pembury, Kent); James Amhurst, 1604 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Katherine Amherst, 1614 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); John Amherst, 1620 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Thomas Amherst, 1629 in *IGI* (East Sutton, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 186.

## Amhurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Amherst**.

## Amias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Norman, English: locative name from the French city of Amiens (Somme), which is recorded as *Samarobriua Ambianorum* in classical sources. *Samarobriva* is a Celtic place-name meaning 'the bridge over the river Somme', while the affix *Ambianorum* means 'of the Ambiani'. *Ambiāni* is an ethnic name deriving from Celtic *ambi(o)*- 'around', probably meaning 'those on both sides (of the Somme)' or possibly 'the people of the world'. The affix has replaced the place-name which it once qualified, and it is the ablative form *Ambiānis* of this ethnic name which is the source of the current place-name Amiens. For the development of the surname in England, compare 'merchants of *Amias*', 1326 in *London Letter Books E* (London).

**Further information:** In the 16th century the surname became confused with **Ames**. Thomas Amyas (1521) of Wethersfield in Essex was, no doubt, of the same family as Robert Amys, Amyse, Amyce, Ameys (1462–78 in *The Essex Review* 61).

**Early bearers:** Richard Amias, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Willard de Amiens, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Amias, 1276 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Johanne Amyas, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upper Beeding, Sussex); Robert de Amyas, 1310 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); Johne de Amyas, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); John de Amyas, 1391, John Amyas, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Shitlington, WR Yorks); Tho. Amias, 1560 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Barbara Amias, 1563 in *IGI* (Leaveland, Kent); Bartholomew Amias, 1567 in *Robertsbridge Survey* (Sussex); Richard Amias, 1593 in *IGI* (Oldbury, Shrops); Johes Amias, 1688 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

**References:** *Continental Celtic Place-Names*, pp. 46, 194; *Noms de Lieux de la France*, p. 65.

## Amiel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

## Amies

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: relationship name from an Old French personal name, a pet form of *Ami* or *Amia* (see **Ames**, **Ame**y). Compare **Amiet**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Amiel de Honesdon, 1349 in *London Husting Wills*.

surnames: Alicia Amyel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joan Amyel (daughter of Amiel de Honesdon), 1349 in *London Husting Wills*; Marianne Amiel, 1697 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Peter Amiel, 1783 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Henry Court Amiel, 1792 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Margaret Grant Amiel, 1795 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); John Amiel, 1823 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk).

## Amies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk and Shrops

Norman, English: see **Ames**.

## Amiet

**Variants:** Amiot, Amyot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Amiot*, a derivative of *Ami(e)* + the diminutive suffix *-ot*. Compare **Ames**, **Ame**y.

**Early bearers:** given names: Amiot de Wudestoch', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks), is identical with Amisius filius Amisii de Wodestoke, 1250 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon), a clear case of the pet form of the masculine name Amis or Ami.

surnames: William Amiot, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Stephen Amyot, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Amiet, 1617 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Susannah Amiet, 1698 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Henry Amiet, 1761 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Amin

**Variants:** Ameen, Aman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6105, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name based on *amin* 'trustworthy, faithful, honest'. **Further information:** *Al-Amin* 'the trustworthy' is an honorific title of the Prophet Muhammad. The term is used in combination with other words to form compound names: for example, *Ruh-ul-Amin* 'faithful spirit' is an epithet of the Angel Gabriel mentioned in the Qur'an (26:193). Al-Amin (787–813) was the name of the sixth Abbasid khalif of Baghdad. *Amin* is also the normal Arabic word for 'secretary', and in India, the name came to be used as a term denoting a government official concerned with investigation of land claims and revenue claims, collection of revenue, and land surveying.

## Amini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: Arabic name meaning 'of the family of **Amin**'.

## Amiot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Amiet**.

## Amir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: (i) from a personal name based on Arabic *amir* 'prince, commander, master'. (ii) see **Aamir**. **Further information:** *Amir-ul-Mu'minin* 'commander of the faithful' was a title of Muslim khalifs and other rulers.

## Amiri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Iranian, Muslim: from an Arabic name meaning 'of the family of someone called **Amir**'.

## Amis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Ames**.

## Amison

**Variants:** Amson, Aimson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name meaning 'son of *Amice* or *Ami*'. See **Ames**, **Ame**y.

**Early bearers:** John Amyson, 1358 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Northants); John Amysson, 1384 in *Close Rolls*; Matthew Amson, 1568 in *Bardsley*.

## Amiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Ames**.

## Amjad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *amjad*, superlative form of *majid*, 'honourable', 'glorious'.

## Amlani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Aml-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + the adjectival suffix *-ani* denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

## Amlot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Amelot*, *Emelot*, a hypocoristic of *Ameline*. Compare **Embling**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Emelot Minne, 12th cent. in *Northants Charters*.

surnames: Ricardus filius Amelot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Robert Emelot, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Nicholas Amelot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Richard Amlot, 1862 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ann Amlot, 1864 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs);

Herbert Amlot, 1887 in *IGI* (Liscard, Cheshire); Jane Amlot, 1898 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

## Ammann

**Variants:** Amann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South German, Swiss German: status name, occupational name from German *Amtmann* 'official', dialect *Ammann* (Middle High German *ambet man*, literally 'retinue man, retainer'). In the later Middle Ages, this term came to denote various kinds of administrator, including a tax farmer.

## Ammon

**Variants:** Amond, Amon, Ammonds, Ammons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Agemund*, itself from Old Scandinavian *Qgmundr*, *Aghmund*, composed of the elements \**aʒa-* of uncertain meaning + *mund-* 'hand', 'bride-price'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Agemund, Aghemundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hagemundus, about 1150, Agmundus de Gutario, 12th cent., Amund de Cotes 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Alexander and Ralph Aghemond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margeria Awomond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Amond, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Helyne Ammon, 1563 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Ric. Ammon, 1574 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Ammon, 1580 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Bartle Ammon, 1593 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); William Ammon, 1608 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Amon and Charles Amons, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Insley*, p. 14.

## Ammonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks

English: variant of **Ammon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Ammons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Ammon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Amner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Anmer (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Anemere* in 1086 and *Anedemere* in 1291. The place-name derives from Old English *aened* 'duck' + *mere* 'pond, pool'. **Further information:** The surname *Amner*, without metathesis of *-nm-* to *-mn-*, survives in small numbers in Suffolk in 1881.

**Early bearers:** William de Anemere, 1195–6, William de Anamara, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William de Anemere, 1228–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Reginald de Anemere, citizen of London, 1287 in *TNA*

(London); Geoffrey de Anemere, 1288 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Anmer, Norfolk); William de Anemere, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Anemere, servant of the parson of Hardingham, 1332 in *TNA* (Norfolk); John de Anemere, 1371 in *Norfolk Record Office* (West Newton, Norfolk); Margarete Amner, 1571 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Edmund Amner, 1588 in *IGI* (Naughton, Suffolk); Doraty Amner, 1610, Robt. Amnor, 1788 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).

References: *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 10.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Aumonier**.

### Amoah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: apparently from Akan (Twi or a related dialect) *amoa* 'hole, pit, trench'.

Further information: The *h* after final *a* in Ghanaian names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

### Amoako

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Amon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Ammon**.

### Amond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Ammon**.

### Amoore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: see **Atmore**.

2 English: see **Amor**.

### Amor

Variants: **Amour, Amooore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1410, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *amo(u)r* 'love' (Latin *amor*). Some bearers may belong with (2).

Early bearers: Adam Amour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Matilda Amour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Agnes Amore, 1583 in *IGI* (Wilmington, Sussex); Thomas Amore, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Othery, Somerset); John Amor, 1592 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Joane Amor, 1634 in *IGI* (Compton near Newbury, Berks); Arthur Amor, 1713, John Amore, 1734 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).  
2 English: nickname from the Middle English bird-name \**amor* 'bunting' (Old English *amer*), known as a dialect term in Wilts.

### Amori

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Amore*, literally 'love', sometimes

bestowed on a foundling or 'love-child' born out of wedlock.

References: *De Felice*.

### Amory

Variants: **Amori**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Somerset and Devon; also Cambs

Norman, English: (i) see **Amery**. (ii) see **Damary**.

Early bearers: Thoms Amory, 1566 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Michael Amori, 1637 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); William Amory, 1622 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Sara Amory, 1655 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); John Amory, 1704 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Mary Amory, 1733 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb).

### Amos

Variants: **Amoss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6966, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4912
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name post-medieval variant of **Ames**, possibly arising through association with (ii). (ii) relationship name, a post-Reformation patronymic from the Old Testament Biblical name *Amos*, which was used as a personal name among Nonconformists and may have given rise to some late surnames. *Amos* is of unknown origin, but traditionally allocated the meaning 'carried by God'.

Early bearers: Agnes Amos, 1564 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Edward Amos, 1584 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Caleb Amos, 1684 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs).

### Amoss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Anglia; Middx; WR Yorks; Cheshire

English: see **Amos**.

### Amott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Amatt**.

### Amour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops

English: see **Amor**.

### Amphlet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: see **Amphlett**.

### Amphlett

Variants: **Amphlet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 803, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from a rare Middle English female personal name *Amfelot(e)*. Locative name: (ii) possibly from Ambleteuse (Pas-de-Calais), which is recorded as *Amfleat* in the 8th century, *Ambletouve* in 1121, *Ambletue* in 1208, and *Ampleteu* in 1305. If so, the surname must derive from the earlier form of the place-name (*Amfleat*), which has Germanic \**fleuta-* 'stream' as the generic element, rather than the later form (*Ambletouve*, *Ampleteu*, etc.) in which *Amfleat* qualifies Old High German *ouwa* 'island, river-meadow'. However, the lack of the preposition *de* 'of' in the 14th-century forms of the surname argues against a locative origin.

Further information: *Hanks and Hodges* (at *Fleet*) suggest that this is a locative name derived from the Middle English preposition *an* 'on' fused to the place-name *Fleet* (from Old English *fleot*, Middle English *flete* 'estuary, stream'), with reference to Holt Fleet in Ombersley (Worcs). This seems an unlikely origin. Some pre-Conquest locative bynames were indeed formed with the preposition 'on' (see *Tengvik*, pp. 121–3, for examples in documents ranging from the 10th to early 12th centuries), but there is very little 14th-century evidence for this formation apart from occasional use of the prepositional phrase 'on the', such as Robertus on the Grene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sibthorpe, Notts), and Rogerus on the Hil', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Prestwold, Leics). No secure instance has been found of the survival of 'on', fused or otherwise, in an English surname. The form *an* rather than *on* would, in any case, be surprising in the dialect of Worcs in the Middle English period. When the locative surname **Fleet** is recorded with prepositions in the 14th century, it is either *de* 'of' or *atte* 'at, at the' which are used, e.g. Thomas de Flete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs), and Nicholaus atte Flete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wokefield, Berks).

Early bearers: given names: Amfelota, wife of William Maunser, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Hadleigh, Suffolk). surnames: Agnes Anfleete, 1373 in *Hanks and Hodges* (Ombersley, Worcs); John Amflot, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Anne Amflett, 1560, Willm. Anflett, 1575, Margeret Anflitt, 1576, Arthure Amflett, 1592, Elizabeth Anphlett, 1783, Ann Amphlott, 1815 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Phillip Amflet, 1571 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Valentinus Amphlet, 1574 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Robert Amplett, 1584 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Elizabeth Amphlett, 1641 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Tho. Anflett, 1642 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); William Amphlett, 1719 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs).

References: *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 14; *Leningrad Manuscript of Bede*, p. 78; *Löfvenberg*, pp. xxx–xxxii.

### Ampleford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Ampleforth (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Ampreforde* in 1086, *Ampelford* in 1247. The place-name derives from Old English *ampre* 'dock, sorrel' + *ford* 'ford'.

Early bearers: Geoffrey de Ampelford, 1254 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Willelmo de Ampelford', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cold Kirby, NR Yorks); Ricardus de

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Ampelford, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (York); Adam de Ampleforth, 1349 in *TNA* (Cambs); Alicia de Ampilford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ribston, WR Yorks); Johannes Ampleforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); Roberto de Ampilford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Ampulford, 1392–4 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); John Ampulford, 1436 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Richard Ampleforde, 1558 in *TNA* (WR Yorks); Sara Ampleford, 1572 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Saint Olave, Hart Street, London); John Ampleford, 1618 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Mary Ampleford, 1654 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 56.

## Amponsah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: of uncertain etymology, but probably containing Twi *ampom* 'sceptre'. The *-h* after final *-a* in Ghanaian names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

## Amps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs

English: variant of **Hamps** with loss of initial *H*.  
Early bearers: Henry Amps, 1587 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Mary Amps, 1628 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

## Amsden

Variants: **Emsden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: locative name from Ambrosden (Oxon), which is recorded as *Ambresdone* in 1086, *Ambresden*' in 1194, and *Aumbresden* in 1304. The place-name derives from Old English *dūn* 'hill' with an uncertain first element, probably either the Old English bird-name *amer* 'bunting' (genitive singular *amres*, \**ambres*) or an Old English personal name \**Ambri* (genitive \**Ambres*).

Early bearers: [... de] Ambrosdon', 1185–9 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); William Aumbresdon, chaplain, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Richard de Ambresdene, 1373, Richard Aumbresdene, 1381 in *Wykeham's Register* (Surrey); Ralphe Amsden, 1547 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); John Amsden, 1562 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Elizabeth Amsden, 1582 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Thomas Amsdon, 1766 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).

References: *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 161; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names at amer*; *EPNS Journal* 28, pp. 5–31 (see p. 28, note 22, for the 1086 form).

## Amson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Amison**.

## Amy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Amey**.

## Amyot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Amiet**.

Further information: This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Amys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Ames**.

## Anable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Derbys

English: see **Amable**.

## Anand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1094, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian: from a male personal name derived from Sanskrit *ananda* 'joy'.

Further information: It is found as a surname in Panjab, and is also the name of a Khatri clan. In South India it is used only as a given name.

2 Scandinavian, English: see **Annand**.

## Anastasi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

S Italian: relationship name based on the personal name *Anastasio*, from Latin *Anastasius*, itself from Greek *anastasis* 'resurrection', with reference to the resurrection of Christ. See also **Anastasiou**.

## Anastasiou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Anastasios*, which is from an adjective based on Greek *anastasis* 'resurrection'. This was widely chosen as a personal name among the early Christians on account of its religious symbolism. Compare English **Anstis**.

## Ancell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs; Cornwall

English: see **Ansell**.

## Anchor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hunts and Cambs; Hants

Norman, English: see **Anker**.

## Anchor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of *Anchor* (see **Anker**), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Ancient

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: status name for a military standard bearer, from early modern English *ancient* 'standard, flag', an altered form of *ensign*.

Early bearers: Esabella Anchant or Anthant, 1597 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Ancient, 1613 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Amey Ansient, 1654 in *IGI* (Norwich); Georg Ancient, 1661 in *IGI* (Little Steeping, Lincs).

## Ancill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Staffs

English: see **Ansell**.

## Ancilff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: a form of **Antcliff** without the intrusive *-t-*.

## Ancilffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

English: a form of **Antcliff** without the intrusive *-t-*.

## Ancock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Hancock**.

## Ancrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Durham; also Somerset and Gloucs

Scottish: locative name from Ancrum, Roxburghs, earlier *Alncromb* 'bend in the river Ale', a name of Brittonic origin; compare Welsh *crwm* 'bent, curved'.

Early bearers: Richard of Alnecrum, 1226–7 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); John de Alnecrumb, 1252 in *Melrose Register* (Roxburghs); John de Allynecrom, burgess, c.1362 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh); William de Alyncrome, abbot, about 1411 in *Annals of Teviotdale* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elspeth Ancrum, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Crailing, Roxburghs).

References: *Scottish Place-Names*, pp. 221, 239–40.

## Anders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Andrews**.

Early bearers: John Anders, 1592 in *IGI* (London); Robert Anders, 1606 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Surrey).

## Andersen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Scotland

1 Scottish: variant spelling of **Anderson**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland Adam Andersen, 1650 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Andersen, 1651 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Midlothian).

England James Andersen, 1756 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ellen Andersen, 1821 in *IGI* (Overton, Hants).

2 Norwegian and Danish: see **Anderson**.

**Early bearers:** Jens Andersen, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Cornwall); Olaf Emil Andersen, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Durham).

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Variants: **Andersen**, **Andersson**, **Andreson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84341, Ireland 5640
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58703
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

Scottish, English: relationship name from **Andrew** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland Henry Androsoun, about 1443 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; John Andrewson, 1444 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Robert Andrewson, Androsoun, 1455, 1482 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Anderson, 1471 in *York Freeman's Register*.

England Henry Anderson, 1540 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Margaret Anderson, 1541 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Edward Anderson, 1542 in *IGI* (Thuxton, Norfolk); George Anderson, 1544 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Wylliam Anderson, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Cisly Anderson, 1545 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Bartholomei Anderson, 1554 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Annerston, 1739 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

## Andersson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland and NE England

Scottish, English: Swedish cognate of **Anderson**.

**Early bearers:** Anders Andersson, born in Gothenburg, Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Olaf Victor Andersson, born in Lysekilt, Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Durham).

## Anderton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3842, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3553
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks

English: locative name from any of three places named Anderton in Lancs, Cheshire, and Devon.

**Early bearers:** William de Anderton, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Margareta de Andirton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Robert of Anderton, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thurstan de Andyrton', Edmund de Anderton, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Konrad Anderton, 1526 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Alice Anderton, 1560 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Willmi Anderton, 1562 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); John Anderton, 1564 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Johannes Anderton, 1571 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Jhon Anderton, 1574 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 128; *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 95.

## Andison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders
- Scottish: relationship name from *Andy*, a pet form of **Andrew**, + the patronymic *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Andisone, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Fife); Jhone Andison, 1604 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); James Andison, 1619 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Isobell Andison, 1644 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Jane Andison, 1681 in *IGI* (Stobo, Peebles); Andrew Andison, 1693 in *IGI* (Yarrow, Selkirks).

## Andow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 Norman, English: in S England, especially Somerset and Devon, a variant of **Dando** without the prepositional *D-*.

**Early bearers:** Mary Endow, 1559 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Nicolaus Anddow, 1561 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Ando, 1715 in *IGI* (Axmouth, Devon); John Ando, 1784 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Solomon Andow, 1810 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

2 English: variant of the Lancs name **Aindow**.

**Early bearers:** John Andow, 1672 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Henry Andow, 1741 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Thos. Andow, 1789 in *IGI* (Southport, Lancs).

## Andrade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

Portuguese and Galician: locative name from any of the many places in Portugal and Galicia called Andrade.

**Further information:** This is one of the many Portuguese names that may have reached Britain via Goa and the other former Portuguese colonies in W India, as well as directly from Portugal.

**Early bearers:** August Andrade, 1571 in *IGI* (London); Manuel Andrade, 1763 in *IGI* (London).

## Andree

Variants: **Andree**, **Andrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex

1 Huguenot, French, German: relationship name from Old French *André* or German *Andree*, vernacular forms of the New Testament personal name *Andreas*; see **Andrew**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Andre, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx); Jacques Andre, 1702 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, London); Jean Andre, 1710 in *IGI* (Crispin Street French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, London); Pierre Andre, 1736 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); John Andree, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Anne Andre, 1754 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Andre*, *Andree* (Old French *André*), interchangeable with Middle English *Andreu*; see **Andrew**. This surname may have died out.

**Early bearers:** Josep Andree, 1229 in *Close Rolls*; Geoffrey Andre, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs);

Guide Andre, 1569 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); Harri Andre, 1572 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Jhon Andre, 1591 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Andre, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Cuttbard Andree, 1598 in *IGI* (Maltby le March, Lincs); Elizabeth Andree, 1598 in *IGI* (Rodmersham, Kent); Jane Andrey, 1668 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

## Andrea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Andrea*, Greek *Andreas* (see **Andrew**).

**Early bearers:** Mosso Nicoto Andrea, born in Savona, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Glamorgan); Amello Andrea, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

## Andreas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English, German: relationship name from the personal name *Andreas*; see **Andrew**. This is the learned (New Testament Greek) form of **Andrew**; it gave rise to surnames in English and German, alongside surnames derived from vernacular forms of the given name in most European languages.

**Early bearers:** surnames, English: Anna Andreas, 1573 in *IGI* (Narborough, Norfolk); Rom. Andreas, 1577 in *IGI* (Hedenham, Norfolk); Hamlyn Andreas, 1589 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon).

German Gertrude Andreas, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, London); John Andreas, born in Gusmer, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Acton, Middx); Adam Andreas, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (London).

## Andree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Andre**.

## Andreou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Andreas*; compare **Andrew**.

## Andres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Andrews**.

**Early bearers:** John Andres, 1326 in *London Pleas*; Alexander Andres, 1561 in *IGI* (Hackney, London); Dorathie Andriss, 1593 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London).

## Andreson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Anderson**.

## Address

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Sussex; Lincs
- English: see **Andrews**.

## Andrew

**Early bearers:** Alexander Address, 1561 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Address, 1639 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon); Elizabeth Address, 1747 in *IGI* (Morden, Dorset).

### Andrew

**Variants:** **Andrews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9839, Ireland 119
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Andreu*, *Andrew*, *Androu*, a post-Conquest borrowing of Old French *Andrieu*. The name is from the New Testament, where it appears as Greek *Andreas*, derived from *andreios* ‘manly’. It was latinized as *Andreas* (genitive *Andree*) and as *Andr(a)eus*, from which the French form *Andrieu* developed, and it became popular through the cult of Saint Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus, and patron saint of Scotland and of fishermen. See also **Andreas**, **Andrews**, **McAndrew**, **Tann**, **Tancock**, **Tandy**, **Dand**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Andreas, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, after 1242 in *Arbroath Register* (Elgin, Morays); Andreas filius Hugonis, 1147–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Andreas Adam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brede Leap, Derbys); Andreus Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Draycot Foliat, Wilts); Andrew Porter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scraptoft, Leics).

surnames, England: William Andreu, 1237 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Richard Andrew, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Alexandre Andrew, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes filius Andree, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cresswell, Northumb); Willelmus Andrew, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Thomas Andreu, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Suffolk); Melior Andrew, 1538 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Richard Andrew, 1540 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Robert Andrew, 1541 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Edwardus Andrew, 1543 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Thomas Andrew, 1543 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent).  
surnames, Scotland: William Andro, 1399 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Aberdeen); Alexander Andro, 1605 in *Retours, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Andrew, 1665 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Isob. Andrew, 1685 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Andrewartha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trewartha in Saint Agnes (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Andrewartha, 1632 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 5–7, 115, 317.

### Andrewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Andrews**.

### Andrews

**Variants:** **Andrewes**, **Andrus**, **Andress**, **Anders**, **Andres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40898, Ireland 1923
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28405

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down; Dublin

1 English: variant of **Andrew** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Moricius Andrewys, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Andrus, 1510 in *Norwich Wills*; Humfrey Andros, 1552 in *York Freeman's Register*; Anthony Androwes, 1543 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac Aindreis** or Irish **Mac Aindriú**, see **McAndrew**.

### Andrewy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Andre**.

### Andrus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Andrews**.

### Andy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks; Sussex

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal names **Andrew** or **Andreas**.

### Anfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Anfield (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Barnabie Anfield, 1573 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Alicia Andfeild, 1596 in *IGI* (Wensley, Yorks); Elizabeth Anfieldes, 1639 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Jane Anfield, 1722 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, Yorks); James Bickerton Annfield, 1753 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Anfield, 1787 in *IGI* (Cottingham, Yorks).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 14.

### Anforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Hanford**; see **Handford**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aneford<sup>d</sup>, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Aneford, 1278 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Anforth, 1781 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Saml. Anforth, 1808 in *IGI* (East Ardsley, WR Yorks); John Anforth, 1813 in *IGI* (Little Marsden, Lancs).

### Ang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 洪, see **Hong** (1). This pronunciation is found in eastern Guangdong, Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 翁, see **Yung** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 王 and 汪, possibly based on their Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Wong** (1) and (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 吳 and 伍, see **Wu** (1) and (2).

### Angear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from any of several places in western Cornwall named as *an ger* ‘the fort’.

**Further information:** Reaney’s derivation of this as a variant of **Anger** is incorrect.

**Early bearers:** Phillip Angear, 1670 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 5–7, 50–4, 243.

### Angel

**Variants:** **Angell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1931, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1267
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Mayo

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *angele* (from Latin *angelus*, Greek *angelos* ‘messenger, angel’).

**Further information:** This might also have been used as a personal name in England, as it was in Italy, but medieval English examples of it as a personal name have not been found.

**Early bearers:** Warinus Angelus, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Ralph Angel, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John Aungell<sup>l</sup>, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); William Angell, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Mary and Eanswythe, Folkstone, Kent); Sebastian Angel, 1605 in *IGI* (Leigh, Gloucs); Elcebethe Angill, 1603 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Samuel Angell, 1705, Thomas Angill, 1737, Samuel Angle, 1765 in *IGI* (Hilperton, Wilts); John Angel, 1740, William Angil, 1743, Robert Angill, 1747 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

### Angela

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: variant (feminine form) of **Angelo**.

### Angeli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name based on the personal name **Angelo**.

### Angell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2434, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Angel**.

### Angelo

**Variants:** **Angeli**, **Angela**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48



1 Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Angelo*, from *angelo* ‘angel’ (compare **Angel**).

**Early bearers:** Francesco S. Angelo, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

2 Italian: see **Dangelo**.

## Anger

**Variants:** **Aunger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts; London and Essex; Norfolk

1 English: see **Ainger** (1) for the name in London, Essex, and Norfolk, and (2) for the name in Berks and Wilts.

2 German: locative name from Middle High German *anger* ‘meadow, village green’. The 19th-century examples below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Frantz Arnold Friederich Anger, 1771, Wilhelmina Anger, 1778 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Anger, 1803 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Anger, 1872 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

## Angers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

Norman, English: see **Aungiers**.

## Angier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Ainger**.

## Angland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: see **England**. This spelling of the name is found mainly in Ireland. Woulfe explains it as being from Anglo-Norman French *de Englonde*, Latin *de Angli*, i.e. ‘from England’. It has been Gaelicized as **Aingleand** and **Aingleont**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland Thomas Englant, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4623 (Englanstone, Limerick); Patrick England, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Lestowell, Kerry); William oge England, labourer, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Ballivockoge, Limerick); Thomas Anglante and Ellen Anglant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6407 (Blarney, Cork); Oliver England, gent., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Englandston, Limerick); Maurice Angland, 1834 in *IGI* (Boherbue, Cork).

England Johann Angland, 1660 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Mary Angland, 1712 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, Yorks).

## Angle

**Variants:** **Angles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name for someone who lived in a ‘nook’, Middle English, Old French *angle*. Compare **Nangle**.

**Early bearers:** William del Angle, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard in the Angle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander Angle, 1565 in *IGI* (Stoke

Hammond, Bucks); John Angle, 1567 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Elizabeth Angle, 1574 in *IGI* (Melton Ross, Lincs); William Angle, 1604 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Alexander Angle, 1606 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Mary Angle, 1737, Susanna Angill, 1740 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *angle*.

## Angles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Durham; Lancs Scottish, English: see **English, Inglis**.

## Anglesea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales
- Welsh: see **Anglesey**.

## Angless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; WR Yorks
- English: see **English**.

## Angley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb; Hants; Middx

English: ethnic name anglicized form of French *Anglais* ‘English(man)’.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry Angley, 1679 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Angley, 1717 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Anglim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare
- Irish: see **Anglin**.

## Anglin

**Variants:** **Anglim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hAngluinn ‘descendant of Anglonn’, a personal name from *anglonn* ‘champion’.

**Early bearers:** John anglound fitz William, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2269; Fynyn mcDermody O Hanglin and Margaret ny Dermody O Hanglyn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4619 (Cork); Grany ny Anglyn 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465.

## Anglish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Angliss**.

## Angliss

**Variants:** **Anglish, Angless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- French, English: ethnic name from French *anglais* ‘Englishman’. Compare **English** and **Inglis**.
- Early bearers:** Nicolaus Angleis, about 1200 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); Bryant Anglis, 1680 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Joseph Angliss, 1767 in *IGI* (Tadley, Hants); William Angliss, 1767 in *IGI* (Heckfield, Hants); Jas Angliss, 1779 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Elizabeth Angliss, 1817 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); James Angliss, 1824 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts).

## Angold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk

English: variant of **Angood**, with a change of *-god* to *-gold*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Angold, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Angold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Thetford, Cambs); Stephyn Angold, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Angood

**Variants:** **Angold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *An(s)got*, a form of Old Scandinavian *Ásgautr*, *Asgot*, influenced by the Continental Germanic cognate *Ansgod*; both are derived from Germanic roots \**ans-* ‘(pagan) god’ + \**Gaut-* a tribal name, influenced in the latter case by *god*. The *-s-* is lost through simplification of the consonant cluster.

**Early bearers:** given names: Asgot, Ansgot, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Angothus clericus, about 1166 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

surnames: Matilda Angot, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Galfridus filius Angod’, Angot, 1208 in *Book of Fees*, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks), identical with Galfridus Angod, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Chataris Angood, 1543 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs).

## Angove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: occupational name from Cornish *an* ‘the’ + *gof* ‘smith’.

**Early bearers:** George Angove, 1591 in *Cornwall and Devon Wills*.

## Angrave

**Variants:** **Angrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: unexplained. It may be for Angrave Farm in Malmesbury (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Dionise Angraue, 1575 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Thomas Angrave, 1610 in *IGI* (Willoughby Waterless, Leics); Dennis Angrave, 1624 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Elizabeth Angraue, 1625 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Dionisius Angraue, 1710 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Mary Hangrave, 1796 in *IGI* (Thurmaston, Leics).

**Angrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Angrave**.

**Anguish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Scottish, English: relationship name from an English mishearing of the Scottish Gaelic personal name *Aonghus*, see **Angus**. See **McAninch**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Anguisshe, 1530, Erl of Anguyshe, 1563 in *Bardsley*; John Anguisshe, 1569 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Angus**

Variants: **McAngus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5082, Ireland 150
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4231
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name from the county and earldom of Angus in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Serlo de Anegus, 1229 in *Moray Register* (Kinloss, Morays); Duncan de Anegus, 1272 in *Douglas Book* (Angus); Eva de Anegos, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Edward de Anegous, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (Stirling); Michael of Angous, 1358 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); Andrew Anguis, 1573 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 14; *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 83.

2 Scottish Gaelic: from the personal name *Aonghus*. Compare **McGuinness**, **McInnes**, **McCance**.

**Angwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Cornish: nickname from the definite article *an* 'the' + *gwynn* 'white (pale, grey, or blond)'. **Early bearers:** Thomasyn Angwin, 1636 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall).

2 Norman, English: regional name 'the Angevin', i.e. the man from Anjou.

**Early bearers:** William Angeuin, 1150 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Reginald Langeuin, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Godfrey Aungewin, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Simon Aungevyn, 1411, Simon Angewyn, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Bernard Aungewyn, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Animashaun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from an *oriki* or pet-name *Animáshahun* used as a personal name (Yoruba *a ní má se ahun* 'having riches but not miserly').

**Anjum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 802, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Muslim: from a female personal name based on Arabic *anjum* 'stars', plural of *najm*, 'star'.

**Anker**

Variants: **Anchor**, **Ankier**, **Ankers**, **Anchors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Warwicks
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old Norman French personal name *Anker*, Old French *Anchier*. Its source is Continental Germanic *Anskari*, a variant of *Ansgari*, which gave rise to Old French *Ang(i)er* and the surname **Ainger**.

**Further information:** The personal name was favoured in the Frecheville family of Derbys and Notts; see *Redmonds, Christian Names*, pp. 66–7, 75.

**Early bearers:** given names: Anker de Fressenvill, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Ankerus de Freschenvill, 1268–9 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Bunny, Notts); Anker Fabian, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bunny, Notts); Anker Frecheville, Anker de Brimynghon, 1390 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*. surnames: Willelmus Anker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, Hants); Johannes Anker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Alice Anker, 1395 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Robert Anker, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Robert Anker, 1659 in *IGI* (Whittlesey, Cambs); John Anchors, 1678 in *IGI* (London).

**Ankers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1322, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 747
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: variant of **Anker** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Ankers, 1601 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire).

**Anketell**

Variants: **Anquetil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *An(s)ketill*, a Norman form of Old Scandinavian *Ásketil* influenced by Continental Germanic names in *Ans-*. The Scandinavian name is from *ás* 'pagan god' + *ketill* 'kettle, cauldron'. Compare **Antell**, **Askell**, **Axtell**, **Ashkettle**, and **Uncle**, all from other variants of the same personal name.

**Further information:** For this as a Wilts surname, compare Simon Anketyn, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts). *Anketyn* is an Anglo-Norman pet form of *Anketill*, and was freely interchangeable with it. See **Antin**, which is a contracted form of *Anketin*. Also compare Elyas filius Ankil, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset), where *Ankil* is a contracted form of *Anketill*. As a surname *Ankill* occurs twice in the 1881 census (Warwicks and WR Yorks) but is now extinct.

**Early bearers:** given names: Anketillus, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics), 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Geoffrey Anketil, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmo Anketil, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Thoma Anketill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Milford, Wilts).

**Ankier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Anker**.

**Ankin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Hankin**.  
2 English: see **Annakin**.

**Ankrah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained. The *-h* after final *-a* in Ghanaian names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

**Ankrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh female name *Angharad*, from *an* an intensive prefix + *carad* 'dear, beloved' (more usually found as *cariad*), recorded in Wales as early as 877.

**Early bearers:** given names: Angharad, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Angaret, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ankharet, 1322 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Cheshire). surnames: Gylbart Ancret, 1580 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs).

**Anley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; S Wales

1 English: locative name from Anley, a Domesday manor in Settle (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Anlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Anley, 1563 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Brigitt Anley, 1594 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Wilmi Anneley, 1596 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Anneley, 1605 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); Anne Anley, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Jn Annely, 1724 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 99; 6, p. 151; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *án*.

2 Huguenot: occasionally perhaps an anglicization of a French surname such as *Agnelet*.

**Early bearers:** Jean Anley, 1669 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Ann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English, Irish: see **Anne**.

**Annable**

Variants: **Annible**, **Hannibal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: (i) variant of **Amable**. (ii) locative name in some cases possibly also from Amble (Northumb), recorded as *Amble* from 1203 onwards but also as *Anebelle* in 1292 and *Anebill* in 1347: see *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Anebelle, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Annable, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ellin Annable, 1565 in *IGI* (Impington, Cambs); John Annable, 1590 in *IGI* (Ashby by Partney, Lincs); Edward Annable, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); John Annable,

1618 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert Annable, 1660 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 5; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 9; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 12; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 12; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *bile*.

### Annadale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
- Scottish: see **Annandale**.

### Annakin

**Variants:** Annikin, Ankin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name \**Annikin*, a plausible but unrecorded pet form of *Anis* (compare **Agnes**, **Annis**). (ii) relationship name perhaps a variant of **Hankin** with loss of initial *H-* and insertion of the link vowel *-i-* or *-a-*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation as a contracted form of the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Anketin* (see **Antin**).

**Early bearers:** Agnita Annikin, 1584 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Dorothy Annikin, 1598 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Elizabeth Annikin, 1608, William Annikin, 1791 in *IGI* (Coppgrove, WR Yorks); Sara Anakin, 1632 in *IGI* (Teversham, Cambs); William Anakin, 1664 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks).

### Annal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Angus; Caithness

1 English: perhaps a variant of the Welsh surname **Anwyl** (compare **Anwell**) or possibly of the obsolete English surname *Ennal* (see **Ennals**).

**Early bearers:** Mary Annell, 1581 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Annell, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tichborne and Cheriton, Hants); Robert Annell, 1610 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Thomas Annall, 1616 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Mary Annal, 1741 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); William Annall, 1763 in *IGI* (Well, NR Yorks); John Annall, 1774 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); John Annel, 1778 in *IGI* (Bishops Sutton, Hants).

2 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Annall, 1628, Andrew Annell, 1629, and William Annal, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

### Annan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks); also Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Annan (Dumfriess). Compare **Annandale**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland William de Anand, 1249 in *Annandale Family Book* (Ecclefechan, Dumfriess); John de Anand, 1256 in *Midlothian Charters* (Ancrum, Roxburghs); Adam de Anand, 1255–71 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); William de Anaund, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); Walter

Danande, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Bessie Annand, 1584 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Andrew Annand, 1609 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays). England George Annan, 1723 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 14; *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 83; *Names of Towns and Cities*, pp. 39–40.

### Annand

**Variants:** Anand, Hannant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scandinavian, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Scandinavian personal name *Anand*, *Anund*, of uncertain etymology.

**Early bearers:** given names: Anundus, Anunt dacus, Anand, Anant, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk); Anund, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

urnames: Godefridus filius Anandi, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Anant, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Annand, 1520 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Annand, 1581 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr. Anand, 1639 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Insley*, pp. 15–17.

### Annandale

**Variants:** Annadale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines and Angus

Scottish: locative name from the district of Annandale (Dumfriess). Compare **Annan**.

**Early bearers:** Elspet Anandell, 1657 in *Brechin Testaments* (Brechin, Angus); John Anandale, 1686 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); James Anendale, 1689 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus); David Annandale, 1687 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Annandale, 1694 in *IGI* (Foordoun, Kincardines).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 14, at *Annan*; *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 83.

### Annas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Norman, English: see **Annis**.

### Anne

**Variants:** Ann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from the village of Ann (Hants). Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** Sir William de Anne was constable of Tickhill Castle in Yorks in 1315.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Anne, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard de Anne, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); William Anne, 1451 in *PROB 11* (North Aston, Oxon); William Anne, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Aylesbury, Bucks); James Anne, 1629, Isaac Ann, 1749 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); John Anne, 1662 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 19; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 162.

2 English: relationship name possibly from the Middle English female personal name *Ann(e)*, which

is a pet form of *Agnes* (Middle English *Annes*), or the Biblical name *Ann*. Compare **Agnes** and **Annis**.

3 Indian (Andhra Pradesh): pronounced as two syllables, unexplained.

### Annear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: nickname from Cornish *an hir* 'the tall'.

**Early bearers:** Mary Annear, 1665, Henery Annear, 1667, and William Anear, 1693, all in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall).

### Annells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Annals**.

### Annesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim; Wicklow

English: see **Ansley**.

### Anness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Annis**.

### Annett

**Variants:** Annette, Annetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 477
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants and Surrey

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh  
English: relationship name from the female personal name *Annot*, a pet name composed of *Ann*, itself a short form of *Annes* (Agnes), + the diminutive suffixes *-ot*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Annote Resthanbe, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).

urnames: Thomas filius Anot, 1357 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Robert Anot, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Annot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Annette, 1548 in *IGI* (Fifield, Hants); Elizabeth Annette, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich); Agnes Annet, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Antony Annot, 1667 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Annett, 1692, William Annat, 1725 in *IGI* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); William Annet, 1704, Mark Annat, 1719 in *IGI* (Widdrington, Northumb).

### Annette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: variant of **Annett**, by false association with the female personal name *Annette*.

### Annetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 760, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408

## Annible

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Hants
- English: variant of **Annett** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Charls Annets, 1665 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); John Annetts, 1667, Moses Annets, 1674 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts).

## Annible

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Annable**.

## Annick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Alnwick**.

## Annikin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Annakin**.

## Anning

Variants: **Hanning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 509
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Anning*, from Old English *Anna* (a male name) + the hypocoristic suffix *-ing*. The surname *Anni* or *Any* appears in the Sussex and Dorset *Subsidy Rolls* (1327, 1332), which may testify to the continuing existence in Middle English times of the name suggested as the base-form, or a derivative of it.
- Further information:** Some early forms show prosthetic *H-*, and *Hanning* survives to the present day.
- Early bearers:** John Hannyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Twynning, Gloucs); John Annyng, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petworth, Sussex); Nicholas Hanning, 1548 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Thomas Hanninge, 1561 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Henry Anning, 1574 in *IGI* (Dalwood, Devon); Hary Anning, 1582, Robarte Annyng, 1596, James Anninge, 1597 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Devon); Nicholas Hanning, 1683 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

## Annis

Variants: **Anniss, Anness, Annas, Anns, Hannis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 836, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French female personal name *Anes*, a vernacular form of **Agnes**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Annes, 1170–6 in *Yorks Charters*; Agnes, Anneis (identical), 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Annas de Preston, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs).
- surnames: Adam Anice, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Anneys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ollyver Annis, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); George Annis, 1582 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Annis, 1592 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks); Elizee Annis, 1599 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Andrew Annis, 1600 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent).

## Annison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Durham
- 1 English: relationship name from the female personal name *Annis* (see **Agnes**) + *son*.
- Early bearers:** William Anyssone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Dorothea Annison, 1560 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Rowland Annison, 1605 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Mercie Annison, 1616 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks); John Annison, 1640 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Robt. Annison, 1650 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).
- 2 English: relationship name from the female personal name **Annett** + *son*.
- Early bearers:** Roger Annotson, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Thomas Annetson, 1547 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Anniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Annis**.

## Anns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and London
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ann* with post-medieval genitival or excrement -s. (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Annis**.
- Early bearers:** Elisabeth Annes, 1543 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); John Annes, 1570 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Peter Anns, 1580 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); Dorothy Anns, 1680 in *IGI* (Little Coxwell, Berks); John Anns, 1628 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

## Anquetil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: a modern Norman French spelling of the name giving rise to **Anketell**.

## Ansah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained. The *-h* after final *-a* in Ghanaian names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

## Ansar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic noun *anṣār* 'supporters', plural of *nāṣir* 'friend, supporter', and is a term traditionally used to denote the people of Medina who supported the Prophet Muhammad after the Hijra in AD 622.

## Ansari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1297, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Anṣārī* 'one who traces his lineage to one of the Anṣār'.

## Ansbro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 English: see **Hanbury**.
- 2 Irish: adopted for Ó hAinmhire, see **Hennebry**.

## Anscomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
- English: see **Hanscombe**.

## Anscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 635
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
- English: see **Hanscombe**.

## Ansdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Ainsdale in Formby (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Aynolvestdale, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Liverpool, Lancs); Willelmo de Aynaltesdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); William Aynesdale, 1559 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Ansdell, 1633 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Martha Ansdell, 1716 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).
- References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 125.

## Ansel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Sussex, Herts, and Cambs; Staffs
- English: see **Ansell**.
- Further information:** This is rare spelling in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Ansell

Variants: **Ansel, Ancell, Ancil, Ansil, Hancell, Hansell, Hansel, Encell, Ensell, Anselm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4901, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Kent, Sussex, and Hants; also Beds and Herts; also Warwicks and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Anselm* or *Ansel*, sometimes *Hansel* with prosthetic *H-*. It is a French form of Continental Germanic *Ans(e)helm*, composed of the elements \**ans-* '(pagan) god' and \**helm* 'helmet'. Compare Anselmo filio Anselmi with Roberto Aunsell' both recorded in the 1379 *Poll Tax* for Somercotes, Lincs.

**Early bearers:** given names: Anselmus, Ansellus de Ixew[or]th', 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk), 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Ansel, Anselmus Candau', 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Ancelmus de Montegni, 1166–89 in *Bec Abbey Documents*; Anselmus de Shelton', Aunsell' de Sheldon', Ansellus de Seldon', 1221–2 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ancell, Anselm de Gornay, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Aunsel le Furbur, 1296 in

*London Letter Books A*, Anselm forbisor, 1300 in *London Letter Books B*.  
 surnames: Petrus Anselmus, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Aunsel, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Ansel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Auncel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Ancel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk); Johannes Auncell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); William Hansell, 1495 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes Auncel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boxley, Kent); Waltero Aunsel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Johannes Aunsel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); Thomas Auncel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Willelmo Auncel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mowsley, Leics); Thomas Auncell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barby and Onley, Northants); Willelmus Auncell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Sussex); Alicia Ancell' and Gilbertus Ansell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Matill' Aunsel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Johannes Auncell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Anselm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Anselm* (Continental Germanic *Anshelm*, formed from \**ans-* '(pagan) god' + \**helm* 'protection, helmet'), which was introduced to England by the Normans and was also reintroduced in recent times through immigration from French-speaking countries. (ii) in some cases, this may be a reformation of **Ansell**, which has the same origin, to conform with the famous saint's name.

**Further information:** The personal name was taken to France and England by Saint Anselm (c.1033–1109), known as the Father of Scholasticism. He was born in Aosta, Italy, joined the Benedictine order at Bec in Normandy, France, and in 1093 became archbishop of Canterbury, England. The family name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Gregorij Anselm, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Anselme, 1563 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Naomi Anselm, 1586 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey). Note also Willelmo filio Anselmi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs).

### Ansil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Ansell**.

### Ansley

**Variants:** Hansley, Handsley, Annesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Annesley (Notts), which is recorded as *Aneslei* in 1086 and *Annesleia* in 1194, or from Ansley (Warwicks), which is *Anesteleye* in 1235, *Anstley* in 1327. Compare **Ainslie**.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald de Aneslega, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Henry de Anesley, 1290 in *King's Bench Cases* (London); John de Ansley, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Hodssock, Notts); Hugh Anseley, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunham, Notts); John Annesley, 1404 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Anseley, 1569, Maude Anstley, 1571 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Edmundi Anseley, 1580 in *IGI* (Barton on the Heath,

Warwicks); Anne Anceley, 1612 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks).

2 English: variant of **Anslow**.

### Anslow

**Variants:** Ansley, Hanslow, Enslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops  
 English: locative name from Anslow (Staffs), which is recorded as *Ansythlege* in 1012, *Aunsedeleye* in 1297, and *Anseley* in 1546.

**Early bearers:** Joan Anslow, 1564 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Rowland Anslow, 1582 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Ansloe, 1610 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Mary Anslow, 1622 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Timothy Anslow, 1642 in *IGI* (Penkrigde, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 87; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 15.

### Anson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1575, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1108
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Lancs; W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: relationship name variant of **Hanson** with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** John Anson, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Anson, 1461 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Anstead

**Variants:** Ansted, Hanstead, Hansted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Kent, and Bucks

English: locative name from Hanstead's House in Saint Albans (Herts), which is recorded as *Heanhamstede* in 793, *Henhamstude* in the 13th century, and *Hanamstedes* in 1505.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Hanhamsted, 1294, [... de] Hannampstud, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); [... de] Hanhamsted, 1342 in *Assize Rolls* (Herts); William de Hanamsted, 1343 in *Close Rolls* (London); Thomas de Hanampstede, 1369 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Thomas Hanhamsted, 1374 in *Aldgate Cartulary* (London); Ane Anstede, 1559 in *IGI* (London); John Ansted, 1577 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Thomas Ansted, 1582 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Nicholas Hansted, 1584 in *IGI* (Edmonton, Middx); Mary Ansteadd, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Ansted, 1647 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Joane Anstead, 1676 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey); Jane Anstead, 1676 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thomas Hanstead, 1697, Charles Anstid, 1729 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 97.

### Ansted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Anstead**.

### Anstee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Beds
- English: see **Anstey**.

### Anstey

**Variants:** Anstie, Anstee, Ansty, Hancey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1356, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 855
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Devon and Gloucs

English: locative name for one who lived by a path (Middle English *anesty*, Old English *anstig*) or any of several places named from the same word, such as Anstey (Devon, Dorset, Hants, Herts, Leics, Wilts) or Ansty (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Anesti, 1164 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Adam de Ansty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ansty, Wilts); Willelmus Hansty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dulverton, Somerset); Johanne Ansty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Beds); Willelmus Ansty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Johanne Ansty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoughton, Leics); Johannes atte Anesty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Willelmus Ansty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pailton, Warwicks); Johannes Ansty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Willm Anstie, 1559 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Michael Anstey, 1579 in *IGI* (Lullingstone, Kent); John Anstey, 1583 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Jane Anstie, 1601 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Thomas Anstie, 1629 in *IGI* (West Anstey, Devon); Edward Anstie, 1623 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Joseph Anstey, 1685 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

**References:** *Landscape of Place-Names*, pp. 66–7; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 335–6; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 183; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 170; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 261–2; *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 3; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 24; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 96; *Place-Names of Dorset 3*, p. 209; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 96; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 270; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 4*, p. 235; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 43.

### Anstice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Monmouth

English: see **Anstis**.

### Anstie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Dorset
- English: see **Anstey**.

### Anstis

**Variants:** Anstiss, Anstice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: relationship name from a French-mediated form of the female personal name *Anastasia*. The masculine form *Anastadius* also existed and may have given rise to a patronymic. Both personal names are from adjectival forms of Greek *anastasis* 'resurrection'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Anastasius de Schirbec, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Anastasia, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Anstice, 1602 in *Bardsley*.

surnames: Osegod and William Anastasie, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ralph Anstayse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Ansteys, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Barbara Anstis, 1583 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon).

### Anstiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Bucks
- English: see **Anstis**.

### Anstruther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, Fife
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Anstruther (Fife).
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Einstrother, 1214 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Airdrie, Fife); Henry de Ainestrother, 1215–25 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Balmerino, Fife); William de Heynstrother alias de Aynstrother, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Tynedale, Northumb); Henry de Anstrother, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); Christina, widow of Andrew of Aynstrother, 1336 in *Scone Charters*.
- References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 3, pp. 58–62.

### Ansty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in SW and central England
- English: see **Anstey**.

### Answorth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset and Glamorgan; Middx
- 1 English: variant of the Lancs name **Ainsworth**, as illustrated by Adami Answorth, 1573, Thomas Ainsworth, 1603 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs). The name probably migrated to the London area and to SW England. With the early bearers cited below compare Samuel Ainsworth, 1714 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Nathaniel Ainsworth, 1739 in *IGI* (Yatton, Somerset); Ann Ainsworth, 1792 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).
- Early bearers:** Alice Answorth, 1592, Dorothy Answorth, 1673 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Peter Answorth, 1616 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts); Charles Answorth, 1674 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Amos Answorth, 1677, Geo. Aynsworth, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edwd. Ainsworth, Elizabeth Aynsworth, Elizab. Answorth, 1732 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Catharin Answorth, 1753 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Charles Answorth, 1852 in *IGI* (Charlcombe, Somerset).
- 2 English: variant of the WR Yorks name **Hainsworth**, though some of the following early bearers could alternatively belong with (1).
- Early bearers:** Doriti Answorth, 1574 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Jane Ainsworth, 1673, Mary Answorth, 1676 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Benjamin Answorth, 1800 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

### Antcliff

**Variants:** **Antcliffe**, **Antliff**, **Ancliffe**, **Ancliff**, **Hancliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Arncliffe (WR Yorks), with loss of *-r-* and, at a later stage, an intrusive *-t-*, or (less probably) from Arnecliff in Egton or Ingleby Arncliffe (both NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Arnecliv<sup>?</sup>, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Arnecliff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks); Elizabeth Hancliffe, 1571, Ane Ancliff, 1576 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Katherine Ancliff, 1572 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); Mary Antliff, 1627 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Jane Antcliffe, 1661 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Hellen Anclif, 1705, Robt Antcliff, 1710 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 48, 113; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 129, 178; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Antcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys
- English: see **Antcliff**.

### Antell

- Variants:** **Antill**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset and Devon
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Antil*, a contracted form of *Anketil*, a common Norman variant of Old Scandinavian *Ásketil*. See **Anketell**.
- Early bearers:** SW England John Antill, 1571 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Marie Antyll, 1588 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); John Antill, 1598 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Anthill, 1627, John Antill, 1740, Angelina Antill, 1835 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); John Antell, 1742, Joseph Antell, 1836 in *IGI* (Cerne Abbas, Dorset); Thomas Antell, 1777 in *IGI* (Hinton Saint Mary, Dorset).
- 2 English: in the Midlands, a variant of **Antill**.

### Anthistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: variant of **Entwistle**.

### Anthoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S Wales (Carmarthens; Monmouths); also Dorset
- English: see **Anthony**.

### Anthonies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: relationship name variant of **Anthony** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Anthony Anthonis, 1569 *IGI* (London); Ann Anthoneys, 1630, Thomas Anthonies, 1706 in *IGI* (Astby, Worcs); Ananias Antoniss, 1745 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs).

### Anthony

**Variants:** **Antony**, **Anthoney**, **Antoney**, **Antoine**, **Anthonies**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6749, Ireland 273
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3460
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Kildare; Tyrone

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Antony*, French *Antoine*, from Latin *Antonius*, the name of a *gens* or noble family, of unknown, perhaps Etruscan, origin. Spellings with *-h-*, which first appear in English in the 16th century and in French (as *Anthoine*) at about the same time, are due to the false belief that the name derives from Greek *anthos* ‘flower’.

**Further information:** The popularity of the personal name throughout Christendom is largely due to the cult of the Egyptian hermit Saint Anthony (AD 251–356), who in his old age gathered a community of hermits around him in the Sinai Desert and for that reason is regarded by some as the founder of Christian monasticism. It was further increased by the fame of Saint Anthony of Padua (1195–1231), who long enjoyed a great popular cult and who is believed to help people find lost things.

**Early bearers:** given names: Antonius, 1100–35 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts), 1149 in *Northants Charters* (Northants), 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon). surnames: John and Richard Antoyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Antony, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Agnes Anthony, 1548 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Alexander Anthony, 1565 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Anthoney, 1581 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); John Anthony, 1634 in *DAFN* (Hampstead, Middx).

### Antill

- Variants:** **Antell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 384
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Leics; also Surrey and Gloucs
- 1 English: locative name from Ampthill (Beds), recorded as *Aunthille*, about 1230, *Anthill*, *Antyll*, 1528, 1530, 1675 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*.
- Early bearers:** Harry Anthill, 1569 in *IGI* (Westminster, London and Middx); Joan Ampthill, 1575, Thomas Ampthill, 1744 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); Jn Antill, 1575 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Antill, 1589 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); John Antill, 1632 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts); John Antill, 1641 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Ann Auntill, 1674 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Joseph Anthil, 1748 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Joseph Antill, 1763 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics).
- References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 67–8.
- 2 English: for the Gloucs name, see **Antell**.

### Antin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: relationship name from *Antin*, a contracted form of the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Anketin*, a pet form of *Anketill*, which was a common Norman version of Old Scandinavian *Ásketil*. See **Anketell**. *Hancctin* de Lud 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs) is also called *Asketillus*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hanchetin de paruo Stepinge 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Anketin, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

**surnames:** Roger Anketin, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Anketyn, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Mary Antin, 1627 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Notts); William Antin, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anthony Antin, 1756 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Antingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Antingham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Antingham, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger de Antingham, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Alderford, Norfolk); Johe Antyngham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brinkhill, Lincs); John Antingham, 1599 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 3.

### Antley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lancs; Warwicks
- 1 English: locative name from Antley (Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 90.

2 English: in some instances possibly a variant of **Antill**, assimilated to the common English surname ending *-ley*.

### Antliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: a form of **Antcliff** with loss of *-c-*.

### Antoine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; Surrey, Hants

French: relationship name from the personal name *Antoine*, French form of **Anthony**.

**Early bearers:** John Antoine, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Jacques Antoine, 1642 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey, Channel Islands); James Antoine, 1794 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Antoine, 1795 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Anton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Perth, and Aberdeens; Lancs and NR Yorks

Scottish, English: relationship name from the personal name *Anton*, a vernacular form of Latin *Antonius* (see **Anthony**).

**Early bearers:** Scotland Patrick Anton, 1656 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); George Anton, 1678 in *IGI* (Banff, Banff); William Anton, 1761 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Thomas Anton, 1826 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

England Johannes Anton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Willelmo Anton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); Ricardus Anton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denford, Northants); Robertus Anton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Johannes Anton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Foxearth, Essex); Anne Anton, 1555 in *IGI* (Stratfield

Saye, Hants); Benett Anton, 1575 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Thomas Anton, 1626 in *IGI* (Kedleston, Derbys); Richard Anton, 1701 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); James Anton, 1809 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

### Antonelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: relationship name based on the personal name *Antonello*, a diminutive of *Antonio* (see **Anthony**).

### Antoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Pembrokes; WR Yorks

English: see **Anthony**.

### Antoni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Italian: relationship name based on the personal name *Antonio* (see **Anthony**).

**Early bearers:** Antonio Antoni, 1774 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Gulielmus Antoni, 1803 in *IGI* (Bristol); Gamba Antoni, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (London); Bertoni Antoni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Carlisle, Cumb).

2 German, Dutch: relationship name humanist name from the genitive case of the Latin personal name *Antonius* (see **Anthony**).

**Early bearers:** Karl Antoni, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs).

3 Greek: relationship name shortened form of **Antonis**, **Antoniadis**, or **Antonidakis**, all from the personal name *Antonios*.

**Early bearers:** Demetre Antoni, born in Greece, in *Census 1891* (Monmouths).

### Antoniades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name patronymic from the personal name *Antōnios* (Greek form of Latin *Antonius*; see **Anthony**) + *-ades*, a variant of the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

**Early bearers:** Zanko Antoniades, 1851 in *BMD* (Wandsworth, London); Lenophan Antoniades, born in Asia Minor, in *Census 1891* (Moss Side, Lancs); Lambro Antoniades, 1917 in *BMD* (Salford, Lancs).

### Antoniazzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: relationship name from a pejorative form of the given name *Antonio* (see **Anthony**).

### Antonio

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65

Italian, Portuguese, Spanish: from the personal name *Antonio* (see **Anthony**).

**Further information:** As a Portuguese family name, this was probably brought to Britain, at least in part, via Goa and other former Portuguese colonies.

**Early bearers:** Portuguese, Indian Francis, son of Francisco Antonio, 1715 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Jeaquin [Joaquin] Antonio, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Luis Antonio, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

Italian Rolando Antonio, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Shadwell, Middx).

### Antoniou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1256, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Antōnis*, see **Anthony**.

### Antony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Glamorgan; Hants

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: see **Anthony**.

### Antram

Variants: **Antrum**, **Antrim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Lancs

Unexplained. Its occurrence in 16th-century Cornwall suggests a possible relationship with the now extinct surname *Antron*, attested in the following examples: (heir of) Antron, 1509, (heir of) Richard Antron, 1571 in *Cornish Lands* (Nancetrisack, in Sithney, Cornwall); James Antron, 1670 in *IGI* (Mabe, Cornwall); Johanis. Antrun, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall). However, *Antron* is also obscure.

**Further information:** Derivation from Antrim (N Ireland) is extremely unlikely. Irish place-names have not usually given rise to modern surnames. **Devlin** is perhaps occasionally from Dublin but if so, it is untypical.

**Early bearers:** Edward Antrum, 1565, William Antrome, 1616, Ann Antram, 1623 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Alson Antrum, 1566, John Antram, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Simon Antrum, 1626, Simon Antrum, 1637, Francis Antram, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); David Antrim, 1682, Mary Antrum, 1746 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Antram, 1687 in *IGI* (Esher, Surrey); Robert Antrim, 1695 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Samuel Antrim, 1719 in *IGI* (Marrow, Surrey); Carolina Antrim, 1720 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); John Antrum, 1750 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Thomas Antrim, 1803, Matilda Antrum, 1807 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Antrim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- See **Antram**.

### Antrobus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Antrobus in Higher Whitley, Cheshire.

## Antrum

**Early bearers:** Richard Antribussh, 1380–1 in *Salisbury Clerical Poll Taxes*; John Anterbus, 1574 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henerie Antrobus, 1600 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, pp. 127–8; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 15.

### Antrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks

See **Antram**.

### Antunes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: relationship name patronymic from the personal name *Antonio*, a vernacular form of *Antonius* (see **Anthony**).

**Early bearers:** Manoel Antunes, 1775 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Manuel Joseph Antunes, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Antwhistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and NR Yorks
- English: variant of **Entwistle**.

### Antwi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: nickname said to mean ‘independent’, ‘fearless’, presumably in Akan.

### Anwar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4049, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: (i) from a personal name based on Arabic *anwar* ‘brighter’, an elative adjective derived from *nur* ‘light’. (ii) with a long *a*, *Anwār* is the plural of *nūr* (see **Noor**) and means ‘rays (of light)’.

### Anwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Welsh: see **Anwyl**.

**Early bearers:** Lewes Anwill, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Llanfrothen, Merionethshire); Willm. Anwell, 1629 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Owen Anwell, 1701 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Catherine Anwell, 1722 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Anwell, 1737 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex).

### Anwyl

Variants: **Anwyl, Anwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales

Welsh: relationship name, nickname from a Welsh personal name based on Welsh *annwyl* ‘dear, beloved’. In N Wales it probably had the additional sense of ‘favourite child’.

**Further information:** Lewis ap Robert of Park, Llanfrothen, Merioneth, d. 1605, is said to have been the first of his family to adopt Anwyl as a hereditary surname; his son was Lewis Anwill, 1612 in *Oxford University Register*. See *Morris, Welsh Surnames* p. 118.

**Early bearers:** Jevan Annwyl, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*.  
**References:** *Morgan and Morgan, Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*.

### Anwyl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Flint
- Welsh: see **Anwyl**.

### Anyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Welsh: see **Ennion** and compare **Anyon**.

**Early bearers:** Willm Anyan, 1704 in *IGI* (Scawby, Lincs); Elizabeth Anyan, 1731 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs).

### Anyanwu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from Igbo *anyanwū* ‘sun’.

**References:** <http://www.igboguide.org/vocabulary.pdf>

### Anyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Welsh: see **Ennion**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Anyon, 1512 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Cheshire); Katherin Anyon, 1562 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Ellin Anyon, 1627 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Richard Anyon, 1599 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs).

### Ao

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 敖, see **Au** (1).

### Apicella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Southern Italian: nickname, occupational name from a diminutive of *apa* ‘bee’, possibly given to an industrious person or perhaps to a beekeeper.

### Apley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Appley**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has almost died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Aplin

Variants: **Applin, Apling, Appling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 821
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Abelin*, a pet form of **Abel**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Abelyn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John Applyn, 1547 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William Appling, 1622 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Marie Ablin, 1685 in *IGI* (Thorpe le Soken, Essex); John Apling, 1719 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk).

### Apling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: see **Aplin**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Apostolou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Apostolos* which means ‘apostle (of Christ)’.

### Appadoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, of Telugu origin, from *appa* ‘father’ and the singular suffix *-đu*. It is also found in the Caribbean.

### Appel

Variants: **Apple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: (i) ornamental name Jewish, from German *appel* or Yiddish *epl* ‘apple’.

(ii) relationship name from a pet form of the German personal name *Apprecht*, a variant of *Albrecht* (the standard German form of **Albert**) found especially in Thuringia and Franconia.

**Early bearers:** Randolf Appel, born in Silesia, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Hyman Appel, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Herman Apel, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Hastings, Sussex); Louis Apel, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Michael Apel, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Isaac Appel, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Adolf Appell, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Abraham Appel, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Heinrich Appel, born in Hessen, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Appelbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Appleby**.

### Appelbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Appleby**.

### Appelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; also Staffs

English: see **Appleby**.

### Apperley

Variants: **Apperly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 7



- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs
- 1 English: locative name from Apperley in Deerhurst (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Apperleg* in 1212 and *Appurleie* in 1304. The place-name derives from Old English *apuldor* ‘apple-tree’ + *lēah* ‘open woodland’.

**Further information:** There has probably been some confusion with **Appley**. William Appelle, son of John Appelle, 1651 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs), is perhaps related to William Apperly, son of John Apperly, 1688 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Apperlee, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas de Apperleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Apperleye, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); Robert de Apperleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Simon de Appurley, 1336, Simon Apperleygh, burgess of Bristol, 1337 in *Hospital of Saint Mark Bristol Cartulary* (Gloucs); Margaret de Appurleye, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Walter Appurlee, 1372 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johannes Appurleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Postlip in Winchcomb, Gloucs); John Appurleye, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Alice Appurleye, 1384–6 in *Assize Rolls* (Taynton, Gloucs); Adam Appurleye, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs and Worcs); Thomas Apperley, 1562 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); John Apperley, 1608 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); William Apperly, 1622 in *IGI* (Madresfield, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, pp. 78–9.

2 English: locative name possibly also from Apperley Bridge in Eccleshill (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Apperley* in 1279 and *Appeltrelaybrig* in 1330, or from Apperley Dene (Northumb), recorded as *Appeltreley* in 1261, but evidence for the surname in N England is wanting. The place-names derive from Old English *æppel-trēow* ‘apple-tree’ + *lēah* ‘open woodland’.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, 259; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 6.

### Apperly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Radnors

English: see **Apperley**.

### Appiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Ghanaian: unexplained. The *-h* after final *-a* in names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

### Apple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Middx; Warwicks
- Jewish: anglicized spelling of **Appel**.
- Early bearers:** Harris Apple, furrier, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Apple (re-spelling of Appel), tailor, naturalized British subject, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Colman Apple, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, London); Jacob Apple, street musician, born in New Bavaria, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks);

Abraham Apple, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End New Town, London).

### Applebe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Appleyby**.

### Applebee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Appleyby**.

### Applebey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Appleyby**.

### Appleyby

- Variants:** **Applebee, Applebey, Appelbee, Appelbe, Applebe, Appelby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 7471, Ireland 106
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4846
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Wicklow; Cork

English: locative name from Eppleby (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Aplebi* in 1086, Appley Magna (Leics, formerly partly in Derbys), recorded as *Æppelby* in about 1004, Appleyby (Lincs), recorded as *Aplebi* in 1086, or Appleyby (Westm), recorded as *Aplebi* in 1130. The place-names derive from Old English *æppel* ‘apple’ + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘farmstead, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** Vlf de Appelbi, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Hugh de Apelby, 1204 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Edmund de Appelby, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics and Derbys); Robert de Appelby, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Thomas Appelby, 1366 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Adam de Appilby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Robert Appleby, 1556 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Laurence Appleby, 1562 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); James Appleby, 1563 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); John Appleby, 1570 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 298; *Place-Names of Leics* 6, pp. 7–8; *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 622–3; *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, pp. 11–12; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 91; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 11.

### Appleford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- English: locative name from either of two places called Appleford (Berks, IoW).

**Further information:** Wilson (in *Reaney and Wilson*) suggests Appleford in Godshill (IoW) as an alternative source. This place-name, which is recorded as *Apeldoreforde* in 1291, *Appuldurforde* in 1471, and *Apleford* in 1559, derives from Old English *apuldor* ‘apple-tree’ + *ford* ‘ford, river crossing’. No evidence has been found to indicate that it gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** John de Appelford, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; William de Appelford, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de Appelford, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johanne Apulford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon);

Richard Appleford, 1562 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Wilts); Elizabeth Appleford, 1567 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Wilts); Barbara Appleford, 1581 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Richard Appleford, 1581 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Katherine Appleford, 1593 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 400–1; *Kökeritz, IoW*, pp. 140–1; *IoW Place-Names*, p. 22.

### Applegarth

**Variants:** **Applegath, Applegate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *appel-garth* ‘orchard, apple orchard’ (Old Scandinavian *apaldrgarðr*) or from one or more of the places in N England and Scotland called Applegarth, such as Applegarth in Marske by Richmond (NR Yorks), Applegarth Lane in Bainton (ER Yorks), Applegarth in Holme Abbey (Cumb), Applegarth in Middleton (Westm), and Applegarth (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** England William de Apelgart, about 1115 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert Applegarth, 1279 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard del Appelgarthe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Robert de Appilgarth, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanne Applegarth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Thomas Appulgarth, 1419–20 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Agnes Applegarth, 1538, Johan Applegarth, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Margret Aplegarthe, 1564 in *IGI* (Croxton, Lincs); Laurence Applegate, 1565, Marget Appyllgate, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robt. Apelgat, 1569 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); William Aplegate, 1578 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Cordell Applegarthe, 1579, Frances Appulgate, 1586 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); William Applegard, 1585 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts); Isabella Applegarth, 1635 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Applegath, 1662 in *IGI* (Goulceby, Lincs); Thomas Applegarth, 1670 in *IGI* (Well, NR Yorks).

Scotland William Apilgarth, about 1190 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Dunipace, Stirlings); Richard of Aplegarth, 1340 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 293; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 165; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 290; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 54.

### Applegate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 551
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Wilts and Somerset

English: variant of **Applegarth**.

### Applegath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Applegarth**.

### Appleton

**Variants:** **Abberton, Napleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6474, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4690

## Applewhaite

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, NR Yorks, and Durham; Kent  
English: locative name from any of the many places called Appleton (several in NR Yorks; also WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, Berks, Kent, and elsewhere), or Napleton in Kempsey (Worcs). These places were named in Old English as ‘the enclosure (*tūn*) where apple trees grow (i.e. an orchard)’.  
**Further information:** Apples were particularly important in the Middle Ages as a food for survival through the winter.

**Early bearers:** Hemeri de Lepeltone, about 1182 in *Worcester Red Book* (Worcs); Tomas de Appleton, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas ate Napeltone, ate Apiltone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey de Appelton, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Edlington, Lincs); Roger Appelton, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Nursted, Kent); Thomas Apilton, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (West Tofts, Norfolk); Roger Appulton, 1529 in *Kent Wills* (Dartford, Kent); Ellen Appleton, 1538 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Henrie Appelton, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Napleton, 1568 in *IGI* (Harty, Kent); John Appleton, 1579 in *IGI* (Cockfield, Durham); Willmi Appleton, 1602 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); John Napleton, 1732 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Thomas Appelton, 1738 in *IGI* (Shinfield, Berks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 219–20; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 106; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 96; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 46, 59–60, 174, 241–2; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 272; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 521, 585; *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 401–2; *Feet of Fines (Apelton)*, 1218–19 in Norfolk; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 180; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 146; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 11; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *æppel-tūn*; *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 24.

## Applewhaite

**Variants:** Applewhite, Ablewhite, Ablett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from a lost place called *Applethwaite* in Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Appeltheit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Epulweyte, 1481 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; Robert Apylweyte, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margaret Ablewhite, 1605 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); John Abelwhite, 1624 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); John Applewhite, 1635 in *IGI* (Southolt, Suffolk); John Applewhaite, 1640, George Applewhite, 1672 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Esther Applewhite, 1764 in *IGI* (Needham, Norfolk); Sarah Applewhait, 1678, Henry Ablewhite, 1797 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 194.

## Applewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: usually a variant of **Hebblethwaite**.  
2 English: occasionally a variant of **Applewhaite**.

## Appley

**Variants:** Apley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from one or more of numerous places so called, such as Apley in Hadley (Shrops), which is recorded as *Appeley* in the 14th century, Apley Park in Stockton (also Shrops), recorded as *Appeley* in 1448–9, Appley in Chicksands (Beds), recorded as *Appeleia* in about 1150, Appley in Stawley (Somerset), recorded as *Appelegh* in 1346, Apley (Lincs), recorded as *Apelei* in 1086, Appley Bridge in Wrightington (Lancs), recorded as *Appeleye* in the 13th century, Apleyhead in Elkesley (Notts), recorded as *Apelia* in 1161, Appley in Saint Helens (IoW), recorded as *Appeley* in 1219, and the lost *Appley* in Sandown (also IoW), recorded as *Appeleghe* in 1287–90. The place-names all derive from Old English *æppel* ‘apple’ + *lēah* ‘open woodland’. There has probably been some confusion with **Apperley**, perhaps from an early date, as seems to be the case with Nicholas de Apperlegh, 1256–7 in *Feet of Fines* (connected with land in Bedminster, Somerset), Nicholas de Appleye, 1268, Nicholas de Apperleg, Nicholas de Appeleg, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Epeleia, about 1173, [ . . . de] Appeleg, 1228 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Roger de Appelea, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); [ . . . de] Appele, 1276 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts* (Beds); Adam de Appelegh, Adam de Appele, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Kittisford, Somerset); Alexander Appelee, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Jhon Appley, 1546 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Aply, 1555 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Appley, 1590 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Sicill Appley, 1596 in *IGI* (Llanbadoc, Monmouths); John Appley, 1605 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Judith Appley, 1633 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); William Apply, 1653 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); George Apeley, 1692 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Henry Appley, 1708 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); John Appley, 1763 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Robt. Appley, 1768 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 16; 6, p. 56; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 169; *Somerset Archives*, feoffment DD-SF-1447; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 3; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 130; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 78; *IoW Place-Names*, p. 23; *Kökeritz, IoW*, pp. 196, 203.

## Appleyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2843, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2735
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth

English: locative name from Appleyard (WR Yorks) or from residence near an orchard.

**Early bearers:** Elias del Apelyerd, 1275, John del Apelyard, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johis Appleyard, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk); Roger Appleyard, 1563 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); John Appleyard, 1564 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Jhames Appleyard, 1570 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Katherin Appleyard, 1575 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 88, 341.

## Applin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Aplin**.

## Appling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Aplin**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Apps

**Variants:** Aps, Happs, Epps, Asp, Hesp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1717, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived by an aspen (*Populus tremula*), Middle English (*h*)*ap*se, (*h*)*aspe* (Old English *æpse*, *æspe*).

**Early bearers:** John de Apse, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert atte Hespse, 1296, Robert atte Apse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Atter Apse, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Joane Apse, 1561 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Peter Apps, 1575 in *IGI* (Hastingleigh, Kent); Joan Apse, 1588 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent).  
**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 193, 199; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 96; *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 168; *IoW Place-Names*, p. 23; *Place-Names of Warwick*, p. 259; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *æspe*; *Löfvenberg*, p. 3.

## April

**Variants:** Aprile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Italian, Dutch, German: nickname anglicization of Italian or Dutch **Aprile** or German **April**(I), derived from the name of the month.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Aprille, silversmith, born in foreign parts, in *Census 1841* (Ballingdon, Essex); Henry April, born in Charlestown, America, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Maria April, born in Paarl, South Africa, in *Census 1891* (Abercorn, W Lothian).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *April*, the name of the month. Compare **Averill**. There is no evidence for the use of *April* as a given name before the 19th century. It is unknown if the medieval surname survived into modern times.

**Early bearers:** Robert April, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harwood, in Hackness, NR Yorks).

## Aprile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **April**.

## Aps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Apps**.

## Apsee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Apsey**.

## Apsey

**Variants:** Apsee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244

• **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Dorset, Hants, Surrey, and Berks  
 English: unexplained, but perhaps a variant of **Apps**; compare Robert *Apps*, 1587 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Amos Apsey, 1603 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Joane Apsey, 1613 in *IGI* (West Coker, Somerset); Thomas Apsie, 1635 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

### Apsley

**Variants:** **Aspley, Espley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English, Irish: variant of **Aspley**. This metathesized form of the name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland William Apseley, sheriff of the county, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2758 (county Lymerick); Michael Apseley, clerk of the crown, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4605 (province of Munster).

2 English: see **Epsley**.

### Apted

**Variants:** **Hapted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Norman, English: locative name from Aptot in Bonneville-Aptot (Eure), which is recorded as *Apletot* in 1070–82. The place-name derives from Old Scandinavian *topt* ‘plot, curtilage, messuage’, with an uncertain first element.

**Early bearers:** Rogero de Apetot, 1256–8 in *Rufford Charters* (Notts); Willo Apetot, 1296, Walto Apetot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringmer, Sussex); Robert de Apetot, 1310 in *Notts Archives* (Derbys); Geoffrey de Apetot, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); John Aptot, 1605 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); Nicholas Aptote, 1621 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

**References:** *Noms de l'Eure*, p. 54; *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 22 (as *Appetot*).

### Apter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lancs; Devon

English: locative name from Aptor in Marlton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** . . . Uppetorre, 1254 in unpublished subsidy rolls, and . . . Apator, Apetor, 1443 in unpublished court rolls, *Place-Names of Devon*; James Apter, 1558 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Elizabeth Apter, 1568 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elizabeth Apter, 1601 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 516.

### Apthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: see **Apthorpe**.

### Apthorpe

**Variants:** **Apthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 134

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts  
 English: locative name from Apethorpe (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Abetrop, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants), 1197–8 in *Luffield Charters* (Northants); Juetta de Abethorp, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Robert de Apethorp, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Stamford, Lincs); Elizab. Apthorpe, 1573 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Jn. Apthorpe, 1608 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Edward Apthorpe, 1619 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs); Anne Apthorpe, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); Thoms. Apthorpe, 1630 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 198.

### Apton

**Variants:** **Epton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: locative name from Apton Hall in Canewdon (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William de Appelton alias de Appetone, 1268 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Essex); John de Appeton, 1279 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Faith Apton, 1620 in *IGI* (Amphthill, Beds); Rob. Apton, 1624 in *IGI* (Amphthill, Beds); Thomas Apton, 1632 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Apton, 1678 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Ann Apton, 1814 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Aquilina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian, Maltese: (i) nickname from a diminutive of *aquila* ‘eagle’ (rarely if ever used as a male personal name). (ii) relationship name from the female personal name *Aquilina*.

### Aquino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish, Portuguese, Italian: (i) relationship name from a personal name bestowed in honour of the Christian theologian Saint Thomas Aquinas (*Tommaso d'Aquino* in Italian). (ii) locative name; as an Italian family name, it may be from Aquino, the place where the theologian was born.

**Early bearers:** Juan Aquino, 1711 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Pedro De Aquino, 1814 in *IGI*/Jose Aquino, 1849 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham).

### Ara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Iranian, Muslim (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan): from the Persian female personal name *ārā*, from a word meaning ‘adorning’.

### Arabin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Harrowven**.

### Arain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Perhaps a local variant of **Aaron**.

2 Muslim: from the name of a tribe found mainly in Panjab and Sindh, modern Pakistan.

**Early bearers:** Moses Arain, 1860 in *IGI*, Hephzibah Arain, 1867 in *IGI* (Ibstock, Leics).

### Aram

**Variants:** **Arram, Arum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Arram in Leconfield (ER Yorks) or from Averham (Notts), recorded as *Aram* in 1280.

**Early bearers:** Henry Arowme, 1456 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Arwome, 1500 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Aram, 1649 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 181; R. Coates (2007), ‘The genealogy of *eagre* “tidal surge in the river Trent”’, *English Language and Linguistics* 11 (3), 507–23.

### Araujo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese and Galician: locative name from any of various places in Portugal and Galicia called Araújo.

**Early bearers:** Luis Gonzaga Araujo, 1822 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Jose Araujo, 1878 in *IGI* (Milton Bryant, Beds); Ynacio Araujo, 1883 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds).

### Arben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk  
 English: see **Arbon**.

### Arber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs  
 English: see **Harber**.

### Arberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
 English: see **Arbery**.

### Arbery

**Variants:** **Arbury, Arberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from one of many places named from Old English *eorð-burh* ‘earthwork’, such as *Arbury* (Cambs, Lancs, Northants, Warwicks), or *Arbury Banks* in Ashwell (Herts), or from a place describable using this term. Compare **Yarborough**, which has the same ultimate origin. The predominant modern south-western distribution suggests an additional source in a local place-name, perhaps Harrowbeer in Buckland Monachorum (Devon), but this is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Henry Erburgh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Marye Arborowe, 1605 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Henry Arbury, 1606 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Miles Arborough, 1632 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Wm Arbrey, 1684 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Arbery, 1747 in *IGI*

## Arbin

(Upton, Devon); Jane Arbery, 1768 in *IGI* (Abbots Ripton, Hunts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwick*, pp. 79–80, 289; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 148; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 98; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 153; *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 13, 37.

## Arbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Arbon**.

## Arblaster

**Variants:** Ballaster, LARBALASTIER, BALLESTER, ALABASTER

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *alblaster*, *arblaster*, Old French *arbalastier*, *arbelestier* 'soldier armed with a crossbow, an arbalest'.

**Further information:** Robertus Arbalistarius, Balistarius (1086 in *Domesday Book*) and his son Odo albalistarius (about 1140 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register*) held their land of the king by serjeanty of performing the duties of *arbalistarius*. Others of the same surname held their land by serving at Wallingford Castle with an arbalest, by guarding Exeter gaol, or by providing two arbalests. As London *arblasters* are stated to have had apprentices, the surname may also mean 'maker of cross-bows'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Arbalister, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Richard le Arbelaster, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Ralph Alebaster, about 1200 in *Hornchurch Priory Calendar* (Essex); Peter le Arblaster, 1278 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Frances Arblaster, 1663 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Edmund Arblaster, 1699 in *IGI* (Longdon, Staffs); Edmund Arblaster, 1845 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); George Arblaster, 1846 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Charles James Arblaster, 1852 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Arbon

**Variants:** Arben, Arbin, Arborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Arbern* (Old Scandinavian *Arnbiorn*, *Arnbiorn*), composed of the elements *arn-* the inflected stem of *orn* 'eagle' and *biorn* 'bear'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Erneber, Ernebernus, Gernebern, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Lincs, Derbys); Arbernus, 1190–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Roger Arborn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Arbon, 1329 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Northants); Sarah Arbon, 1768 in *IGI* (Rickinghall, Suffolk); Sarah Arbour, 1777 in *IGI* (Wickham Skeith, Suffolk).

## Arborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Arbon**.

## Arbour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Harber**.

## Arbuckle

**Variants:** Hornbuckle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 194
- **GB frequency 1881:** 637
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Arbuckle (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** John Arnbukle, 1499 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Irvine, Ayr); Elizabeth Arbuckle, 1624 in *Lanark Testaments* (Carluke, Lanarks); Margaret Arbuckle, 1630 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Arbuckle, 1677 in *IGI* (Blantyre, Lanarks); Jonet Arbuckle, 1678 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Black*; *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 84.

## Arbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Arbery**.

## Arbuthnot

**Variants:** Arbuthnott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish, N Irish: locative name from Arbuthnott (Kincardines).

**Early bearers:** Scotland Duncan Aberbuthenoth, 1206 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines); Alwin de Aberbutennauth, 1212–29 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Philip de Abirbuthnot, 1366 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Aberdeens); Robert Arbuthnot, 1451 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kincardines); Johne Arbuthnet, 1617 in *IGI* (Aberdeens); Robert Arbuthnott, 1620 in *IGI* (Catterline, Kincardines).

**References:** *Watson*, *Celtic Place-Names*, p. 446; *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 84.

## Arbuthnott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Scottish: see **Arbuthnot**.

## Arcari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Italian: (i) occupational name based on the occupational term *arcaro* 'bow maker'.

(ii) occupational name based on the homonym *arcaro* (Latin *arcarius*), denoting the treasurer of a city, guild, or other institution.

## Arch

**Variants:** Arches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwick, Staffs, Northants, Cambs

1 English: locative name from Middle English, Old French *arche* 'arch' (i.e. of a bridge). The name may sometimes refer to Arques in Normandy, so some of the following bearers probably belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Arche, 13th cent. in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Newington, Surrey); Thomas Arche, 1341 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Coventry, Warwick); John Arche, 1347 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); Johannes Harche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryhill, WR Yorks); Robert Arche, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Wrawby, Lincs); Richard Arche, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Gillingham, Kent); Agnes Arch, 1544 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Elyzabth Arch, 1556 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Amos Arch, 1582 in *IGI* (Marholm, Northants); Walter Arch, 1602 in *IGI* (Hampden in Arden, Warwick).

**References:** *Hey*, *Family Names*, p. 160.

2 Norman, English: reduced form of **Arch**.

## Archambault

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- See **Archibald**, but probably a reintroduced French name.

## Archard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Orchard**.

**Early bearers:** Annes Archard, 1545 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Gloucs); Thomas Archerd, 1551 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Helena Archarde, 1562 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Joanna Archard, 1568 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Margery Archard, 1569 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Nicholas Archord, 1596 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Warwick).

## Archbald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Archibald**.

## Archbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Archibald**.

## Archbold

**Variants:** Aspell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 954, Ireland 314
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare: Derry

English, Irish: see **Archibald**. The spelling *Archbold* is especially common in Ireland, where it was gaelicized from an early date as *Áirseabóid*. See also **Aspell**.

**Early bearers:** England Robert Archpoole, 1523 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Edward Archepoll, Archepole, 1591, 1595 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Nicholas Archepoll, Archebold, 1591, 1593 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs).

Ireland James Archbolde, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §472 (Glasmokrey, Dublin); Simon mcJames mcSimon moyle Archbold, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §65.

### Archbould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Archibald**.

### Archbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Derbys; Surrey

English: variant of **Archibald**. Compare **Aisbitt**.

### Archdale

Variants: **Archdall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English, Irish: origin unexplained.

**Further information:** The Archdale family in Ireland had moved to East Anglia from Staffs before being granted Castle Archdale in Fermanagh in 1612. Mervyn Archdall, 1723–1791, wrote *Monasticon hibernicum, or, A history of the abbeys, priories, and other religious houses in Ireland* (Dublin, 1786).

**Early bearers, England:** Katherina Archdale, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Hugh Archdale, 1571 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

Ireland John Archdale, 1612 in *Irish Patent Rolls* 233b (Fermanagh).

### Archdall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English, Irish: see **Archdale**.

### Archdeacon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: status name from Middle English *ercedeken* ‘chief deacon, chief attendant on a bishop’ (Old English *ercediacon*, Old French *arc(h)ediace*).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Ercedekene, le Ercedeiakene, le Archedekene, 1268–71 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ad. Ercedekene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thom. le Arsdekene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); Roger le Arcedekne, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Tomasin Archdeacon, 1604 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

### Archer

Variants: **Larcher, Harshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15876, Ireland 634
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12335
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin; Kilkenny

Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *archere*, Anglo-Norman French *archer*, Old French *archier* ‘bowman’.

**Early bearers:** England Edward Archier, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Larchier, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Hugh le Archer, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs);

William le Archer, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Bentley, Hants); Willelmus Archer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); John Archier, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke) Hammond, Bucks.

Ireland Walter Archer, recorder of Kilkenny, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §666 (Kilkenny); Peter fitz Walter Archer, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Walter and Peirs Archer gents, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6583 (Archerstoune).

### Arches

Variants: **Arch**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of various places in France called Arques (Eure, Pas-de-Calais, Seine-Maritime). The name was sometimes reduced to **Arch**.

**Further information:** After the Norman Conquest a family with this name, from Arques in Normandy, held various manors in WR Yorks (including Thorp Arch) and in Lincs; William de Arques was lord of Folkestone (Kent) in 1086. See *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 287–8; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 244–5.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Arches, about 1190 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Alan de Archis, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William de Arches, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Eynsford, Kent); John Arches, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Arches, 1607 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Hen. Arches, 1652 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Arches, 1730 in *IGI* (Newmarket, Suffolk).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 24; *Noms de l'Eure*, p. 160; *Noms de Lieux Celtiques*, p. 60.

2 English: variant of **Arch** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Archibald

Variants: **Archibold, Archambault, Archbold, Archbould, Archbald, Archbell, Archbutt, Aisbitt, Ashbolt, Ashpole, Aspell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3506, Ireland 253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2584
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry Norman, Scottish, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Archamboult*, from Continental Germanic *Ercanbald*, found in *Domesday Book* (1086) as *Erchenbaldus*, *Arcebnaldus*, and *Arcebaldus*. The Germanic name is from \**erkan-* ‘genuine’ + \**bald-* ‘brave, bold’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Archembold Wiverun, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls*.

sumames, England: Robert Archenbold, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William Erchebaud, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Herchebaud, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Archebald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Senycle Archebaud, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Edmondnd Archbole, 1587 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Seath Archbutt, 1616 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Andrew Archbit, 1713 in *IGI* (Hartburn, Northumb); Hannah Archbell, 1717 in *IGI* (Healaugh, WR Yorks).

sumames, Scotland: Robert Archebalde, 1390 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Roxburghs); John Archibald, 1545 in *Laing Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Johne Archibald, 1631 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); William Archbad,

1658 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Christan Archbit, 1747 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perth).  
surnames, Ireland: Alexander Archebold, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232 (Dublin); Nich. and Theobald Archebolde and Wm. Archbold, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6338 (Powerscorte, Dublin); Rich. Archbold, gent., 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Drom, Tipperary); Nich. Archbold mcSymon moyle, and Rich. Archbold mcGillpatrick, yeomen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Carrickmayne).

### Archibold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Archibald**.

### Archie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Archibald**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Arculus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Argles**; compare **Arkless** and **Hercules**.

**Early bearers:** Rich. Hercules, 1696 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Warwicks); Thomas Arkellas, 1700 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); John Hercules, 1709 in *IGI* (Morton Baggott, Warwicks); Tho. Arculus, 1742, Edward Draper Arculus, 1812 in *IGI* (Claverdon, Warwicks); William Harcules, 1817, Thomas Arculus, 1834 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Arcus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Harcus**.

### Ard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of Scottish **Aird**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found in England and the USA rather than in Scotland.

### Arden

Variants: **Ardin, Arding, Harden, Ardern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 905, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 717
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs; Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from any of various places called Arden (Warwicks, Cheshire, NR Yorks).

**Further information:** A family called *Arden* owned the estate of Longcroft near Yoxall (Staffs) from 1569 to the end of the 19th century. They claim descent from Ælfwine, sheriff of Warwicks in the mid-11th century, whose son, Thurkill de Warwick, was also known as Thurkill de Arden.

## Ardern

**Early bearers:** Turkill de Eardene, about 1080 in *Tengvik*; Adam de Arden, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ranulph de Ardene, 1318–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomae Arden, 1547 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Johes Arden, 1562 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Arthur Arden, 1564 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); Mary Arden, 1564 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Agnes Arden, 1565 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 11–12; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at \*ardwo-; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 202; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 12.

## Ardern

**Variants:** Arderne, Ardron, Hardern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 632
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name variant of **Arden**. Arden in Cheshire is recorded as *Arderne* in 1260, and Arden in Warwicks is recorded as *Arderne* in 1200.

**Early bearers:** William de Arderne, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walkeline de Arderne, 1254–6 in *Hundred Rolls* (Staffs); John de Arderne, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Staffs); Thomas de Arderne, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Ardern', 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William de Arderne, 1372–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Ardern', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

## Arderne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Ardern**.

## Ardiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

Irish: probably an altered anglicized form of *de Carduibh*, see **Cardiff**.

## Ardill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tipperary and Offaly

Irish: from Mac *Árdghail*, see **McArdle**.

## Ardin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Arden**.

## Arding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and London
- 1 English: see **Harding**.  
2 English: see **Arden**.

## Ardis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- Scottish: reduced form of **Allardyce**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland Andrew Ardes, 1598 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); John Ardess, messenger, 1603 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); George Ardese, 1640 in *Black* (Kilconquhar, Fife); George Ardes, 1664 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines).

England Robert Ardis, 1853 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
**References:** *Black*, at *Allardyce* and *Ardes*.

## Ardizzone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian (Sicilian): from a medieval personal name of Germanic origin, from *Ardizon*, the oblique stem of *Ardizo*, a pet form of any of several personal names formed with the element *ard-* 'hard, tough, bold'. Compare English **Hardy**.

## Ardley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Ardleigh (Essex), Ardeley (Herts), or Ardley (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** John de Ardeleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Ardeleigh, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 326; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 12; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 17.

## Ardren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ardron**.

## Ardrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: variant of Scottish **Airdrie**.

## Ardron

**Variants:** Ardren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: metathesized variant of **Ardern**.

**Early bearers:** William Ardron, 1543 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Katherine Ardron, 1550, Richard Ardren, 1633, Katherine Ardran, 1636 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Jana Ardron, 1576 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); John Ardron, 1592, John Ardren, 1610 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Ardren, 1592 in *IGI* (Stainby, Lincs); Roger Ardron, 1599 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Willm Ardran, 1611, Anne Ardren, 1614 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

## Arey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** York

English: see **Airey**.

## Arfan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: relationship name from an Arabic personal name based on *'arfān* 'gratitude'.

## Argall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Argal in Budock (Cornwall).

**Further information:** Thomas Argall (d. 1563), administrator, born in Lambeth (Surrey), John Argall (d. 1606), clergyman, born in London, and Sir Samuel Argall (d. 1626), colonial governor, baptized in East Peckham (Kent), were all of Cornish ancestry (*DNB*).

**Early bearers:** John Argall, 1493–1500 in *TNA* (Cornwall); Ermine Argall, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Lambeth, Surrey); John Argall, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Helston, Cornwall); Florence Orgall, 1552 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Thomas Argall, 1578 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Richard Argall, 1589 in *PROB 11* (East Sutton, Kent).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 11. Information from Ian H. A. Argall (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Argent

**Variants:** Largent, Agent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1803, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: nickname from Old French *argent* 'silver', probably denoting someone with silvery-white hair.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Argent, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robertus Argent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Edey Argent, 1589 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex).

## Argill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Leics
- English: see **Argyle**.

## Argles

**Variants:** Arkless, Arculus, Hercules, Orgles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *orguillous*, *erguleis*, Old French *orgoillos*, *orguilleus*, *ergoillose* 'proud, arrogant' (in manner or dress). Post-medieval *Arg(i)les* is regularly developed from Middle English *erguleys* and was probably interchangeable with *Orgles* from *orguillous*. Compare **Orgill** and **Argyle**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Erguleys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Also Orgles, 1575 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Isbell Argles, 1591 in *IGI* (Mareham on the Hill, Lincs); Godle Argles, 1598 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Alice Argiles, 1693 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Fanny Argles, 1738 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

## Argo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** David Ergo, 1612 in *Black* (Creichie, Aberdeens); Willeame Ergo, 1631 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens); Jannett Ergoe, 1650 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Isobell Argoe, 1703 in *IGI* (Edinburgh,

Midlothian); Jas. Eggo, 1787 in *IGI* (Glenmuick, Aberdeens).

**Argue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Fheargy**, see **McIlhargey**.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Argue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Francis Argue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St Mary's, Fermanagh).

**Argyle**

**Variants:** **Argill**, **Arkle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Leics

1 English: nickname from Middle English *\*erguil(e)*, a variant of Middle English *orguil(e)*, Old French *orguel* 'pride, arrogance', hence the variation of *Argill* and *Argile* with **Orgill**. For the change in the initial vowel see **Argles**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Argill, 1541 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Joane Argell, 1571 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Alice Hargill, 1582, Sarah Hargill, 1662, Stephen Argill, 1760 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Argill, 1604 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Janam Argile, 1632 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Richard Orgill, 1637, Thomas Argyle, 1668 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Mary Argill, 1655, Elizabeth Orgall, 1678, Henry Orgill, 1683, in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Ralphe Argill, 1666, Hanah Orgill, 1681 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Richard Argile, 1661 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Samuel Orgill, 1669, Henry Argyle, 1688 in *IGI* (Stapenhill, Derbys); Eliz. Arguile, 1738 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics).  
 2 English: alternatively, perhaps, a variant of **Arkell**, with voicing of *k* to *g*. Compare **Arkless**.  
**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support the idea that this is a locative surname from Argyll, the county of southwestern Scotland, though folk etymology to this effect may be partly responsible for the modern spelling of the surname.

**Argyrou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Argyros*, from a word meaning 'silver'.

**Arias**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from the personal name *Arias*, which was popular in medieval Spain and was also adopted as a Sephardic Jewish name. It is of uncertain, perhaps Germanic, origin. It was brought to London in the 17th century, and has been re-imported many times since.  
**Early bearers:** Diego Rodrigues Arias, 1651 in *Hyamson, Sephardim of England*; John Arias, 1678 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joab Arias, 1688 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Aaron Arias, 1709 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Francisco Arias, born in Spain, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Arias, born in Middx, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Anselm Arias, tailor, born in Spain, in *Census 1881*

(Liverpool, Lancs); Harmodio Arias, born in Panama, in *Census 1911* (Saint Giles, Middx).  
**References:** Hyamson, Albert M. (1951), *The Sephardim of England: a history of the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish community, 1492–1951*, Methuen.

**Aries**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London
- English: see **Aris**.

**Arif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2820, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on the Arabic adjective *'arif* 'learned'; alternatively from Arabic *'arif*, from the same root and of similar meaning.

**Aris**

**Variants:** **Ariss**, **Arris**, **Aries**, **Arras**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

1 Norman, English: locative name from Arras (France).  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Arasz, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Arras, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*; Joshua Aris, 1598 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Robert Aris, 1619 in *IGI* (Fletton, Hunts); Phillip Aris, 1621 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Aris, 1621 in *IGI* (Bolton, Cumb); Nicolas Aris, 1628 in *IGI* (Water Stratford, Bucks).  
**References:** *Noms de Lieux de la France*, p. 80; *Continental Celtic Place-Names*, p. 60.  
 2 English: locative name from Arras (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Erghes, 1347 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Aras, 1421 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 169–70, 230; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *\*áergi*.

**Ariss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: see **Aris**.

**Arjan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from Sanskrit *arjuna* 'white'.  
**Further information:** This is also the name of an Indian legendary hero from the epic Mahabharata.

**Arkcoll**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Arkell**.

**Arkell**

**Variants:** **Arkill**, **Arkle**, **Arkecoll**, **Ackrill**, **Argyle**, **Harkell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 635
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Arkill*, *Arketil*, itself

from Old Scandinavian *Arnketil*, *Arkil*, composed of the elements *arn-*, the inflected stem of *ørn* 'eagle', + *ketill* 'kettle, cauldron'. The 11th- and 12th-century forms in *Arch-* show the Anglo-Norman French convention of spelling /k/ as *-ch-*. *Arkill* is mostly recorded in the old Danelaw counties of eastern and northern England, and the surname has probably survived there in the Lincs name *Ackrill*, where the *r* has been metathesized. The prevalence of the surname *Arkell* in Gloucs is therefore unexpected, but a man called *Archetel* held land of the king in Herefordshire and Shropshire before 1066, and as the name was also used in Normandy there could have been Normans with this name in post-Conquest Gloucs. *Arkayl* (1327), the earliest surname form there, seems to show a rare reduction of *-ketil* to *-keil* instead of the more usual *-kel*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Arnketel, 1019 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Archetel, Archel, Archil, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire, Herefs, Leics, Shrops, Suffolk, Warwicks, Yorks); Archil de Corebr', 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb).  
 surnames: Robertus filius Arkell', 1218–19 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Richard Arkill, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Roger Arketyl, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Harkill, Arkel, 1316, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Arkayl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Twyning, Gloucs); John and Thomas Arkell of Twenyng, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Twyning, Gloucs); Joh'e Arkell, 1375 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Notts); Willelmo Harkul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); Johannes Arkel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twyning, Gloucs); John Arcle, 1455 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Arkell, 1624, John Arkell, 1738 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Arkwell, 1729 in *IGI* (Miserden, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name an alternative source for the post-medieval name in Gloucs is High Ercall or Child's Ercall (Shrops), pronounced *Arcall*, and recorded as *Arkelawe*, 1200, *Erkehale*, 1255–6, *Arkall'*, 1390, *Arcoll*, 1535, *Archaule*, about 1540, *Archall*, 1703 in *Place-Names of Shrops*. In spellings like *Archall* and *Archill* it is uncertain whether *-ch-* represents /tʃ/, as in the word *archer*, or /kh/, as implied in the place-name spelling *Erkehale* and the surname spelling *Arkhill*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may otherwise belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Arkelawe, Anora de Ercalewe, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); Simon de Ercalewe, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Daniell Archoll, 1608 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); Mary Archill, 1611, Thomas Arkill, 1627 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Elizabeth Archill, 1646 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Arcle, 1687, Mary Archill, 1697, Thomas Arkhill, 1706, John Arkill, 1760 in *IGI* (Northleach, Gloucs); Thomas Archol, 1751, Hannah Arkil, 1754 in *IGI* (Ampney Saint Mary, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 124–7.  
 3 English: see **Arkle**.

**Arkill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
- English: see **Arkell**.

**Arkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8



## Arkinstall

- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- Irish: from Ó hEarcáin, see **Harkin**.

### Arkinstall

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 271
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Artingstall**.

### Arklay

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus
- Scottish: see **Arkley**.

### Arkle

Variants: **Arkell**

- Current frequencies: GB 564, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 406
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb
- English: (i) see **Arkell**. (ii) see **Argyle**. (iii) see **Arkley**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Arcle, 1548, Isabell Hargill, 1606, Henry Argill, 1621 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Allezon Arkle, 1575, Edward Arkle, 1686 in *IGI* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Barbara Arkle, 1600 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Also Arkle, 1609, Robert Arkle, 1715 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Robert Arkle, 1624 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Wm. Ayrkle, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Hugh Arkle, 1644 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Argell, 1728, Ann Arkell, 1776 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); William Arkeld, 1735, William Arkle, 1812 in *IGI* (Bywell Saint Peter, Northumb); Peter Argyle, 1793 in *IGI* (Longbenton, Northumb).

### Arkless

- Current frequencies: GB 370, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 283
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham, Northumb
- English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Argles** with unvoicing of the /g/ to /k/. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Arkley**, either with post-medieval excrescent -s or with -les(s) substituted for -ley on the analogy of **Topliss** for **Topliff**, alias **Topley**. Also compare **Ackley**, with which **Arkley** was confused.

**Further information:** The name has nothing to do with the personal name *Hercules* (see **Hercules**).  
**Early bearers:** Issabel Arcles, 1594 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Edward Arkelas, 1687, Isabel Arcles, 1748, Edward Arkless, 1865 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Martin Arklass, 1750 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Arkley

Variants: **Arklay**, **Arkle**, **Arkless**, **Ackley**

- Current frequencies: GB 606, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 316
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham; also Angus

N English: of uncertain origin. In Northumb and Durham (for example in Earsdon, Bywell, Newcastle, Gateshead), *Arkley* coincides with **Arkle**. The two names may have been confused or perhaps one is an altered form of the other.  
**Further information:** theoretically it might be a locative name from Arclid (Cheshire), once recorded as

*Arkley*, 1690 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*, I, 265. The surname is not from Arkley (Herts), which is a parish of late 19th-century creation, the name being derived from a field name in High Barnet. If it is locative in origin, it is more likely to be from an unidentified place-name in NE England or E Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England Isabella Arkley, 1586 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Robart Arkley, 1603, William Arklay, 1737, Thomas Arkley, 1812 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Alice Arcklay, 1638 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Margret Arkley, 1664 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Akly, 1697, daughter of Gawen Akly, 1697, Robert Arkley, son of Gawin Arkley, 1702 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Thomas Arkley, 1713 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Jane Arkley, 1818 in *IGI* (Bywell Saint Peter, Northumb).

Scotland John Arklay, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Arclay, burgess, 1595 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Arclay, 1681 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Andrew Arklay, 1686 in *IGI* (Lundie and Fowlis, Angus); William Arkley, 1688 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isabel Arkkie, 1748 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Arksey

- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 75
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Arksey (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Archeseia 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walter de Arkesay, 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Adam de Arkesay, 1383 in *York Freeman's Register*; Catherina Arksey, 1563 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomae Arksey, 1566 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Arksey, 1877 in *IGI* (Great Heaton, Lancs); William Arksey, 1897 in *IGI* (Winton, WR Yorks); Ada Blanche Arksey, 1898 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 24; *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 12; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 17; *Landscape of Place-Names*, p. 43.

### Arkwright

Variants: **Hartwright**, **Hartrick**, **Hatrick**, **Hatrick**

- Current frequencies: GB 654, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 703
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Westm
- English: occupational name from Middle English *ark wright* 'maker of chests, boxes, etc.' (Old English *arc* 'chest' + *wyrhta* 'wright, joiner').  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de [sic] Arkewright, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de [sic] Arcwryt, 1216–72 in *Derby's Charters*; Thomas the Arkewrytte, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); George Arkewright, 1450 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Hartwright, 1494 in *York Guild Register*; George Arthwright, 1582 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Thomas Artwright, 1649, Alice Arthricke, 1670, Christopher Arkrick, 1673 in *Lancs Wills*.

### Arlet

- GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Arlett**.

### Arlett

Variants: **Arlet**, **Yarlett**, **Arlott**

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 187
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Middx
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *alrett*, *elrett*, 'alder grove', a derivative of Old English *alor* 'alder'. *Arlette* and *erlette* show metathesis of *r* and *l*, and *Aldratte* has a consonant glide -d- between *l* and *r*. See also **Naldrett**.  
**Early bearers:** Philip atte Arlette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Aldratte, 1327, John atte Alrette, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jane Arlett, 1582 in *IGI* (Sidlesham). Thomas Arlet, 1566 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); John Arlat, 1598 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).  
**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at \*alret; *Löfvenberg*, pp. 1–2.  
2 English: see **Arlott**.

### Arley

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- 1 English: locative name from any of three places called Arley (Cheshire, Lancs, Worcs), or Areley Kings (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** William de Arle, 1275, Thomas de Arley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Mary Arley, 1643 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 123–4; *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 29–30; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, pp. 101–2.  
2 English: locative name from Arley (Staffs), recorded as *Erlide* in 1221.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Erlyde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardo de Arleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Green with members, Staffs); Joseph Arley, 1781 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 45, 74.

### Arlidge

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 123
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Warwicks and Northants
- English: variant of **Aldridge**.  
**Early bearers:** Johanna Arledge, 1590 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); William Arlidge, 1620 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); Thomas Arledge, 1745, John Alldrige, 1757 in *IGI* (Kenilworth, Warwicks); William Arlidge, 1791, John Aldrige, 1819 in *IGI* (Crick, Northants).

### Arling

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs
- 1 English: see **Harling**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Harlin** (2) and **Urlwin**.

### Arlington

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex; Middx; Lancs
- English: locative name from any of three places called Arlington (Sussex, Gloucs, Devon), or possibly Harlington in WR Yorks.  
**Further information:** Two other places named Arlington, in Gloucs and Devon, are suggested as possible sources of the surname by Wilson (*Reaney and*



Wilson), but in each case the place-name has undergone relatively late metathesis of *Alr-* to *Arl-*, and no evidence has been found to connect either of them with any medieval surname forms. Arlington in Bibury (Gloucs) is recorded as *Ælfredincgtune* in 1004, *Alfrinton* in 1296, *Arlington* in the 14th century, and *Arlington* in 1584, while Arlington (Devon) is recorded as *Alferdintona* in 1086, *Alfrintone* in 1258–62, *Arlington* in 1284, and *Arlington* in 1550.

**Early bearers:** Aelic' de Erlynton, 1296, John de Erlington, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleton half hundred, Sussex); Thomas de Herlyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Richard Arlington, 1565 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henrie Arlington, 1621 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 408; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 27; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 56.

### Arliss

**Variants:** Losh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Newton Arlosh in Holme East Waver (Cumb), which is *Arlosk* in 1185, *Arlossh* in 1379. In Cumb a shortened form, with loss of the first syllable, developed as **Losh** and supplanted the full form: thus John Arlosh alias Losh, 1636 in *Carlisle Wills* (ed. Dench). However, the full form survived farther afield, being well recorded in the 16th century in Yorks and Lincs.

**Further information:** Reaney explains Arliss as a nickname from Old English *ēare* + *lēas* 'ear-less', citing Henry Earles, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs), but the evident development of *Arliss* from an earlier *Arlish*, in turn from *Arlush*, precludes such an explanation.

**Early bearers:** John de Arlosk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wigton, Cumb); William de Arlossche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newton Reigny, Cumb); Robert de Arlosshe, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Arthuret, Cumb); Elizabetha Arelush, 1550, Nicholaus Airlushe, Xpoferus Airlush, 1553, Thoms. Arlush, 1555 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richdus. Arlushe, 1566 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Isabell Arlish, 1577 in *IGI* (North Thorseby, Lincs); Laurence Arlishe, 1585 in *IGI* (North Cotes, Lincs); John Arlis, 1593 in *IGI* (Fotherby, Lincs); Willm Arlisse, 1594, Thomas Arlish, 1614, Frances Arlush, 1643 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Richard Arlushe, 1607 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Willim Arlishe, 1607 in *IGI* (Thoresway, Lincs); Alice Arlush, 1638 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 291.

### Arlott

**Variants:** Arlotte, Arlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

1 English: (i) nickname from Old French *herlot*, *harlot*, *arlot* 'rascal, scoundrel, vagrant', hence Middle English *harlot*, *harlet*, *herlot* 'vagabond, beggar, idle rogue'. It was used by Chaucer both as a term of derision ('ye false harlot') and also ironically for a good fellow ('he was a gentil harlot and a kynde'). In the 14th century it came to denote also an itinerant jester, buffoon, or juggler, also a male servant, attendant, or menial. The sense 'female prostitute' is not recorded before the 15th century, so Muriel Arlot and Matilda le Harlot probably bear

their husbands' surnames. (ii) relationship name possibly from the Old French personal name *Arlot*, a pet form of *Arlaud*, a French version of the Continental Germanic personal name *Arwald* (of which the second element is \**wald-* 'rule'). However, there is no certain evidence that this personal name was ever used in medieval England.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Arhlot, 12th cent., Ricardus Arlot, 1155–85 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Geoffrey Herlot, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph le Harlot, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Harlot, 1250 in *Book of Fees*; Adam Herlot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls*; John le Harlet, 1276, Muriel Arlot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Bernard Herlot, 1293 in *London Letter Books A*; Matilda le Harlot, 1292, Laurence Harlot, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Harlot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Iwerne Courtney, Dorset); Robert Harlott, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Goudhurst, Kent); Joan Arlot, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Bourne, Hants).  
2 English: see **Arlett**.

### Arlotte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middlesex; Gloucs
- English: see **Arlott**.

### Arlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English, Irish: see **Harlow**.

### Arma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Hants
- English: see **Harm**.

### Armah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Ghanaian: unexplained, of Akan origin. The *-h* after final *-a* in names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

### Arman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

Norman, English: see **Harman**.

### Armatage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Armitage**.

### Armatys

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Armitage**.

**Early bearers:** Lucy Anna Armatys, 1862 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Arme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; W Midlands
- English: see **Harm**.

### Armer

**Variants:** Armor, Larmour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs

English: see **Armour**.

### Armes

**Variants:** Arms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 453
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: possibly a variant of **Harm**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s* and loss of initial *H-*.

### Armett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Armitt**.

### Armfield

**Variants:** Arnfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Arnfield in Tintwistle (Cheshire; now Derbys), with assimilation of [n] to the following labial [f] (cf. *Armfield* for the place in 1717). This is an unusual case because the 14th-century place-name itself contains an earlier surname *Arneway*, recorded in Chester in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Armfield, 1623 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Arnfeld, 1656 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys); George Armfield, 1673 in *IGI* (Chelmsorton, Derbys); Hannah Arnfield, 1692 in *IGI* (Chelmsorton, Derbys); Ann Armfield, 1697 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Robt. Arnfield, 1705 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 321.

### Armiger

**Variants:** Arminger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Ironmonger**, Middle English *ernmonger* becoming *Armi(n)ger*.

**Early bearers:** John Arminger, 1633, Phillupp Armiger, 1643 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Arminger, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Armin

**Variants:** Ermen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

1 Norman, English: relationship name from *Ermin*, a pet form of any of several Norman names in *Ermen-*, *Ermin-*, which derive from Continental Germanic \**erman-* 'powerful', for example *Ermenald*, *Ermingaud*. Some of the early bearers below may belong at 2.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ermyn Donetoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: Hervicus Ermin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Ermyn, 1481 in *York Freemen's Register*; Jaine Armin, 1574 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks).  
2 English: locative name from Airmyn (WR Yorks).

## Arminger

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Ayrmyrn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Ayremyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richard Armin, 1708 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Johannis Armin, 1719 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Armin, 1737 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Judith Armin, 1770 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 13; 7, pp. 118–20; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 5.

### Arminger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- English: see **Armiger**.

### Arminson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Armson**.

### Armishaw

**Variants:** **Armshaw**, **Halmshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: (i) locative name, origin uncertain; perhaps from a lost place-name in Staffs, recorded as *Ametsawe*, 1275 in *Trentham Chartulary*. (ii) locative name, alternatively perhaps from a lost place in Cheshire; see **Ormesher**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Armishaw, 1616 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Armishew, 1653 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire); John Armshaw, 1697 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth* 1, pp. 40–1; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 85.

### Armison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Armson**.

### Armistead

**Variants:** **Armstead**, **Armitstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 558
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England and SW Scotland

English: locative name from Armistead, a farmstead in Giggleswick (WR Yorks), named with Middle English *ermite* 'hermit' + *stede* 'place', or from some other minor place similarly named.

**Early bearers:** Laurence del Armetsted, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Armistead, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 144.

### Armit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Armitt**.

### Armitage

**Variants:** **Armytage**, **Armatage**, **Armatys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7962, Ireland 201
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7620
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Offaly

English: locative name see **Hermitage**. The WR Yorks name is from a hermitage in South Crosland, close to Armitage Bridge (WR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the hermitage was built on land granted in a 13th-century charter to the Knights Templar, and that the first known bearer of the surname was Adam del Hermitage of Crosland (1340).

**Early bearers:** John de Armitage, 1423 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); William Armitage, 1543 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Johanis Armytage, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Johna Armitage, 1574 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hugh Armitage, 1580 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Armitstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Armistead**.

### Armitt

**Variants:** **Armit**, **Armett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Warwicks

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English (*hermite* 'hermit', Old French (*hermite*).

**Early bearers:** England William lermite, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William le Heremit, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Andrew Ermitte, 1255 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Hugh Hermyt, priest, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Ricardus Hermet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); William Hermyte, chaplain, 1384 in *Feet of Fines*; Thomas Harmyt, 1526 in *Rochester Wills*; John Harmet, 1549 in *York Guild Register*; Christopher Armet, 1575 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Robert Armett, 1591 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Jacobi Armit, 1592 in *IGI* (Swinstead, Lincs); John Armit, 1593 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jane Armet, 1600 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

Scotland John Armit, 1669 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Helin Armet, 1670, James Armit, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); John Armett, 1711 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife).

### Armon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; Hunts

English: see **Armond**.

**Further information:** This surname is found in Germany and the USA as a Huguenot name.

### Armond

**Variants:** **Armon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: relationship name possibly a respelling of French **Armand**, from the personal name *Arman(d)* or *Harman(d)*, which is of Continental Germanic origin, composed of the elements *hard-* 'bold, hardy' + *man* 'man', with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** John Armon, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Elizabeth Armond, 1577 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Gregorie Armond, 1603 in *IGI* (Stoke

By Nayland, Suffolk); Gabriel Armond, 1615 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Robert Armon, 1639 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk, Suffolk); Thomas Armon, 1671 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Mary Armond, 1805 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Richard Armon, 1811 in *IGI* (Chisleton, Wilts).

### Armor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales; Essex
- English: see **Armer**.

### Armour

**Variants:** **Armor**, **Larmour**, **Larmer**, **Larmor**, **Armer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2106, Ireland 289
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1846
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down
- Norman, Scottish, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *armurer*, Old French *armurier* 'armourer, maker of arms'.

**Early bearers:** England Gwydo le Armerer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Simon Larmourer, 1334 in *London Letter Books E*; Henrico Armorer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Laurencius Armerer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); William Armorer, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Gilston, Herts).

Scotland Simon le Armurer, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (Stirling, Stirlings); Symon Armour, bailie, 1329 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Symon Armourer, bailie, 1361 in *Scotland Calendar* (Forfar, Angus); Robert Armorer, bailie, 1490 in *Glasgow Register* (Lanark, Lanarks); John Ermar, burgess, 1506 in *Dunkeld Rentale* (Perth, Perth); Marion Earmour, 1661 in *Lanark Testaments* (Douglas, Lanarks).

### Arms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Armes**.

### Armsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London

English: possibly a variant of **Ormsby**, with unrounding of the initial vowel.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Armsby, 1611 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Joanna Armsby, 1674 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

### Armsden

**Variants:** **Armston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Armston in Polebrook (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Henrie Armston, 1559 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Anne Armstone, 1564 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); John Armestone or Armeston, 1617 in *PROB 11* (London); Sarah Armsden, 1677 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); John Armsdun, 1685 in *IGI* (Totternhoe, Beds); Edward Armsdon, 1754 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 209; *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 13.

**Armshaw**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: W Midlands; WR Yorks
- English: see **Armishaw**.

**Armson**

Variants: **Armison, Arminson, Harmison**

- Current frequencies: GB 422, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 270
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlands and Lancs
- English: relationship name from the male personal name **Armin** + *-son*.

Early bearers: Robert Armison, 1669 in *York Freeman's Register*; Mary Armson, 1749 in *Bardsley*.

**Armstead**

- Current frequencies: GB 384, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 470
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Armistead**.

**Armston**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: Leics
- English: see **Armsden**.

**Armstong**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Armstrong**.

**Armstrong**

Variants: **Armstong**

- Current frequencies: GB 36441, Ireland 5088
- GB frequency 1881: 22705
- Main GB location 1881: N England and S Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Fermanagh

1 Scottish, English: nickname from Middle English *arm* + *strang*, i.e. 'strong in the arm'.

Early bearers: Adam Arm(e)strang, 1250 in *Scotland Calendar* (Cumb); William Arm(e)strang, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Armestraunge, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Alexander Armystrang, 1398 in *Scotland Calendar* (Gretna, Dumfriess); Elizabeth Armstrong, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Robert Armstrong, 1576 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Jeane Armstrong, 1616 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

2 Irish: in Ulster, this name has also been adopted for Irish *Ó Labhradha Tréan* 'strong O'Lavery' (see **Lavery**) and *Mac Thréinfhir* 'son of the strong man' (see **Traynor**).

**Armsworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 82
- Main GB location 1881: Middlesex, Surrey, and Hants

English: see **Harmsworth**.

**Armytage**

- Current frequencies: GB 110, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 132
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Lancs, Derbys
- English: see **Armitage**.

**Arnald**

- GB frequency 1881: 7
- English: see **Arnold**.

**Arnall**

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 229
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: Cornwall and Devon; Warwicks; Lancs

English: see **Arnold**.

**Arnason**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Arnison**.

**Arnatt**

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 65
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon

1 English: see **Arnett**.

2 English: see **Arnold**.

**Arnaud**

Variants: **Arno**

- Current frequencies: GB 123, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: London

Huguenot: from the French personal name *Arnaud*, equivalent of **Arnold**. This is found as a Huguenot name in London from the 17th century onwards.

Early bearers: Anne Arnaud, 1676, 1696 in *IGI* (Huguenot Church, Threadneedle Street, London).

**Arndell**

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 2

English: see **Arundel**.

**Arndt**

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 7

German: from a personal name of Germanic origin, equivalent to English **Arnold**. This name is also found in Denmark and Sweden.

**Arneil**

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 130
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Ardneil, West Kilbride (Ayr).

Early bearers: Lillias Arneil, 1643 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Heillien Arneil, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Agnes Arneil, 1662 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Arneil, 1686 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonet Ardneil, 1687 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Arneil, 1715 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Ardneil, 1727 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews); Alexander Ardneil, 1728 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews); Agnes Arnel, 1781 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews).

**Arnell**

- Current frequencies: GB 787, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 376
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Sussex and Hants

English: see **Arnold**.

**Arness**

- GB frequency 1881: 6
- English: see **Harness**.
- Further information: This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Arnett**

Variants: **Arnott, Arnatt**

- Current frequencies: GB 817, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 555
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Arnet*, a Middle English form of Old English *Earngēat* (male), from *earn* 'eagle' + *Gēat* a tribal name, or of *Earngyð* (female), where the second element is *gyð* 'war'.

Early bearers: given names: Ernet, Ernet, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ærnyeth Hachchebuters, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Arnet le Mercer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: John, Lecia Arnet, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Camb); James Arnett, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Richardus Arnett, 1580 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Henry Arnett, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edw. Arnett, 1590 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Jana Arnett, 1597 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Thomas Arnitt, 1627 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Arnett, 1726, Jno. Arnitt, 1753 in *IGI* (Corley, Warwicks); Wm. Arnitt, 1759 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

2 English: there may also have been some confusion with variants of **Arnold**.

**Arney**

Variants: **Earney**

- Current frequencies: GB 265, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 258
- Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Somerset and Hants

English: (i) locative name of uncertain origin: possibly irregularly derived from Arne (Dorset). (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a variant of sense (2) of **Harness**, with loss of initial /h/ and hypercorrect removal of a supposedly excrescent final -s.

Early bearers: Willelmus Arnye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington, WR Yorks); John Arney, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Goldcliff, Monmouths); Georgius Arney, 1607 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Alse Arney, 1612 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Eliza: Arnee, 1718 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Arnfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 246
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys, Cheshire, Lancs
- English: variant of **Armfield**.

**Arnhold**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Arnold**.
- Early bearers: Eliz. Arnhold, 1685 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, Yorks); Sarah Arnhold, 1716 in *IGI* (Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey).

**Arnison**

Variants: **Arnason, Arnson**

- Current frequencies: GB 206, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 183

## Arno

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Durham
- English: relationship name from **Arnold** + *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** William Arnaldson, 1460 in *York Freeman's Register*; Matthew Arnison, 1680 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Arno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Huguenot: see **Arnaud**, **Arnold**. This is, at least to a large extent, a Huguenot name.  
**Early bearers:** Catherine Arno, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London); John Arnot, 1709 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Pierre Arno, 1732 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London); William Arnot, 1749 in *IGI* (Chester).

## Arnold

Variants: **Arnould**, **Arnald**, **Arnhold**, **Arnall**, **Arnull**, **Arnoll**, **Arnell**, **Arnott**, **Arnatt**, **Arno**, **Yarnold**, **Yarnell**, **Yarnall**, **Harnott**, **Harnett**, **Harnell**, **Hornett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22777, Ireland 692
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15744
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Leitrim; Dublin and Meath; Tyrone
- 1 Norman, English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Arnold*, Old French *Arnaut*, *Ernaut*, *Hernaut*, itself from Continental Germanic *Arnwald*, composed of the elements \**arn* 'eagle' + \**wald* 'power, rule'. **Arnaud** is the modern French form of this name, re-introduced to Britain in the 17th century as a Huguenot name.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Ernold 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Arnoldus, Hernaldus de Bolonia, 1212 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*.  
surnames: Rogerus filius Ernaldi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Puntius Arnaldi, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Arnold, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Arnoud, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henricus Ernold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); Willelmo Ernold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Robertus Harnald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Walterus Harnold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Surrey); John Arnald', 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Godelye Arnould, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); Johannis Yarnald, 1686 in *Parish Registers* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); John Arnel, 1691 in *IGI* (Edgeworth, Gloucs).  
2 English: locative name from either of two places called Arnold (in Notts and ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Ærnhale, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Arnhal', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Notts); Richard Arnall' of Arnall', 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Arnold, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 113; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 50.  
3 English: see also **Arnott**.

## Arnoll

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Arnold**.

## Arnot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 922
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish: see **Arnott**.

## Arnot

- Variants: **Arnot**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3357, Ireland 75
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2505
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in central Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Monaghan
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Arnot in Portmoak (Kinross).  
**Early bearers:** Michael de Arnoth, 1284 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Markinch, Fife); David Arnot, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); John de Arnot, 1417 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayrs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Scotland*, p. 88.  
2 Scottish, English: relationship name variant of **Arnold**.  
3 English: relationship name variant of **Arnett**.

## Arnould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Edinburgh
- English, Scottish: see **Arnold**.

## Arnsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics
- English: locative name from Arnesby (Leics).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Arnesby, 1571 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Robert Arnesby, 1578 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Richard Arnesby, 1620 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Thomas Arnesby, 1691 in *IGI* (Theddingworth, Leics).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 5, p. 4.

## Arnson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Arnison**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Arnoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, Northants
- English: see **Arnold**.

## Aron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Ayrs; also Middx
- English, Scottish: see **Aaron**.  
**Early bearers:** England Edward Aron, 1641 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minorities, London); Suzan Aron, 1644 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Aron, 1654 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Anne Aron, 1669 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Aron, 1669 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); James Aron, 1733 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

Scotland Alexr. Aron, 1599 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); James Aron, 1747 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Arondel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Arundel**.

## Arora

- Variants: **Aurora**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1626, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Hindu and Sikh, based on the name of a mercantile community of the Panjab, which is derived from the place-name *Aror* (now Rohri, in Sind, Pakistan).  
**Further information:** The Aroras are believed by some to be related to another prominent mercantile community of the Panjab, the Khattris.  
**References:**

## Arpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Harpin**.

## Arpino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: locative name from Arpino in Frosinone province, Lazio.

## Aram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Aram**.

## Arran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Pems
- 1 English: variant of **Arrand**.  
2 English: from the Middle English Biblical male personal name *Arran*, a variant of **Aaron**.

## Arrand

- Variants: **Arran**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *erraunt* 'arrant' (i.e. 'straying or notorious') or from the present participle *errende* of the verb *erren* 'to go astray'.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Arant, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Aram, 1540 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Elizabeth Arran, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Elizabeth Arram, 1590 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Janne Aaron, 1600 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Robert Aram, 1654 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Maria Arrand, 1665 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Johannes Arran, 1687 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Anne Arran, 1705 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Arrand, 1710 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Michael Aran, 1717 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Arrand, 1791, Richard Arron, 1794 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).  
2 English: (i) locative name possibly from one of two small places in ER Yorks called *Arram*, in Atwick and Leconfield. (ii) alternatively, perhaps,

from another Yorks place-name, of uncertain identity. An example is the late-recorded *Arant Haw* in Sedbergh.

### Arrandale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Arundel**.

### Arras

Variants: **Arres**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name most probably from Airhouse in Channelkirk (Berwicks), recorded as *Aras* in 1655 and as *Arreis* 1630.

**Early bearers:** John de Aroz, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Adam de Airwis, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Adam de la Arus, 1333 in *Scone Charters*; John Arres, 1525 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Arras, 1793 in *IGI* (Ancrum, Roxburghs).

2 English: see **Aris**.

### Arrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Irish: from Ó hEarghail, see **Harrell**.

2 English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Eryl*, a derivative of Old English *Eofofwulf*, composed of the elements *eofor* 'boar' + *wulf* 'wolf'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Euerolf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Eryll, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Kathrine Arroll, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); John Arrell, 1681 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Mary Arrell, 1727 in *IGI* (Up Marden, Sussex); Maria Arrell, 1818 in *IGI* (Little Glemham, Suffolk).

### Arres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders

Scottish: see **Arras**.

### Arridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. York

1 English: locative name from Middle English *atte rigge* 'dweller by the ridge'. Compare **Ridge**.

**Early bearers:** William a Rygge, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Arridge, 1677 in *IGI* (Hagbourne, Berks).

2 English: see **Harridge**.

3 English: see **Erridge**.

### Arrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó hArragáin, see **Harrigan**.

### Arrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Harrington**.

### Arris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Aris**.

### Arrol

Variants: **Arroll, Errol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland

Scottish: locative name primarily a Lennox name, this is more likely to be an anglicization of the Gaelic personal name *Fearghal* (and thus related to Irish **Farrell**) than to come from the place-name Errol in Perth.

**Early bearers:** John Arrell, 1556 in *Laing Charters*, Duncan Errole, minister, 1590 in *Scott, Fasti* (Luss, Dunbartons), Thomas Errole, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ardvorlich, Dunbartons); Thomas Arroll, 1614 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Arrochybeg, Stirlings); Christen Arrell, 1565 in *IGI* (Buchanan, Stirlings); Adam Arrell, 1635 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Elizabeth Arrol, 1691 in *IGI* (Glasgow).

### Arroll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: see **Arrol**.

### Arrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

English: (i) locative name from Arrow (Warwicks) or Arrowe (Cheshire). (ii) locative name perhaps sometimes from Harrow on the Hill (Middx), and therefore a variant of **Harrow**.

**Early bearers:** William de Arewe, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William Arwe, 1310 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Raff Arrow, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); Richeard Arrow, 1591 in *IGI* (Boldon, Durham); Joane Arrow, 1624 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 1–2, 195; *English River-Names*, pp. 16–17; *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 18–19; *Place-Names of Cheshire 4*, pp. 261–2; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at \**érgi*.

### Arrowsmith

Variants: **Harrowsmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3681, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2322
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Welsh Marches

English: occupational name for a maker of arrows, especially iron arrow heads, from Middle English *arwe* 'arrow' + *smith*.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Aruesmuth, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William le Arwesmyth, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Arsmith, 1558–1603 in *Bardsley*.

### Arrundale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Arundel**.

### Arscott

Variants: **Ascott, Haskett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 614
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Glamorgan

1 English: locative name from either of two places in Devon called Arscott. One is in the parish of Holsworthy, recorded as *Essecote* in 1238, *Arscott* in 1563. The other is in the parish of Ashwater, recorded as *Ayshcote* in 1330. The variation between *Arscott* and *Ascott* arose through loss of /r/ before /s/ and implies a common pronunciation /ɑ:skɒt/.

**Early bearers:** William de Hassecote, 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); John de Ayshcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holsworthy, Devon); Henry de Arscote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashwater, Devon); Robert Aysshecote, John Arscote, 1397, William Ayshcote, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Holsworthy, Devon); Richard and William Ascott, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bylston, Devon); Hercules Arscott, 1562 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Roseders Arscott, 1625 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall); Frances Arscott, 1628 in *IGI* (Stogumber, Somerset); Thomas Arscott, 1768 in *IGI* (Wellington, Somerset); Joseph Ascott, 1773, Mary Arscott, 1804, Mary Ascott, 1823 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 127, 147; *Hey, Family Names*, p. 150.

2 English: variant of **Addiscott** (1). The post-medieval surname is difficult to distinguish from (1) without locational or genealogical evidence, and some of the early bearers in (1) may belong here.

3 English: locative name from Arscott (Shrops), which might account for the rare family name recorded in the 1881 census in Shrops, but there is a lack of historical evidence to show continuity.

**Early bearers:** William de Ardescote, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops 2*, p. 29.

### Arshad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2562, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *arshad* 'most reasonable, most rightly guided', superlative form of **Rashid**.

### Arslan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: see **Aslan**.

### Arstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Artingstall**.

### Art

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: reduced form of **McCart** (**Mac Airt**).

**References:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Arter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Wales and S England; esp. Cardigan; Norfolk; Kent English, Welsh; see **Arthur**.

**Arterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk English; see **Arthurton**.

**Arthars**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks English; see **Arthurs**.

**Arther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland English; see **Arthur**.

**Artherton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk English; see **Arthurton**.

**Arthey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk English; see **Earthy**.

**Arthington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs English; locative name from Arthington (WR Yorks), recorded as *Ardinton(a)* in 1086 and *Ardington(e)* in the 12th to 14th centuries. The place is named in Old English as 'the estate associated with a man called \*Earda'.
- Early bearers:** Peter, Serlo de Ardington', 1175–94 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); William de Arthyngton, 1283 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert Arthington, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 193.

**Arthur**

**Variants:** **Arthurs**, **Arter**, **Arther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7753, Ireland 535
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6499
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Cornwall; Lanarks; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Ulster

1 English, Welsh, Cornish, Scottish: relationship name from the ancient Celtic male given name *Arthur*, whose origin is much disputed but which may be derived from the Latin given name *Artorius*, itself of uncertain origin. Compare Irish and Scottish **McCart**, **McCartan**, and **McCarter**.

**Further information:** The popularity of the given name has been largely due to the huge volume of medieval stories about the mythical British king.

**Early bearers:** given names: Artur(us), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex and Worcs); Erturus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Artur(us), 1147–51 in *Glasgow Register*; Ærturus, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames, Scotland: Thomas Harthawr, 1511 in *Panmure Register* (Angus); John Airtheor, 1678 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Duns, Berwicks); Isbell Arthur, 1563 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Robert Arthur, 1597 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Robert Arthure, 1622 in *IGI* (Glasgow); Elizabeth Arthour, 1619 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

surnames, England: Geoffrey Artur, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Henricus filius Arturi, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Normannus filius Arcturi, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Arcturi, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Henricus Artur, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Adam Arthur, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Artor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cornwall); William Artour, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Richard Arthur, 1538 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Aurthur, 1623 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Ane Aurther, 1732 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name reduced form of **McArthur**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland Thomas Arthur, recorder, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §666 (Limerick); Richard Arthur, precentor of Limerick cathedral, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4186.

**Arthurs**

**Variants:** **Arthars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1095, Ireland 322
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Fermanagh

English, Irish: variant of **Arthur** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Rich Arthurs, 1612 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); William Arthurs, 1640 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); Frances Arthurs, 1720, Mary Authers, 1720 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margret Authers, 1723 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon); Mary Arthars, 1741 in *IGI* (Gayton, Staffs).

**Arthurton**

**Variants:** **Artherton**, **Arterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of the E Anglian name **Atherton**, with lengthening of the initial vowel reflected in the spelling *Ar-*.

**Arthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name variant of **Earthy**.

**Artingstall**

**Variants:** **Arkininstall**, **Arstall**, **Astall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from a lost place in Timperley (Cheshire) recorded as *Alretunstall* in 1199–1216.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Artunstall, [ . . . ] Artonstall, [ . . . ] Ardonstall, 1354–85 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Timperley, Cheshire); John Arkininstall, 1571 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Elizabeth Artonstall, 1578 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Arkenstall, 1593 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Jeffry Artenstall, 1610 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Matilda Artenstall, 1615 in *IGI* (Ashton upn Mersey, Cheshire); John Artinstall, 1642 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire); Elizabeth Arstall alias Artonstall, 1662 in *Chester Marriage Licences* 5 (Bowdon, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 31.

**Artis**

**Variants:** **Artiss**, **Artus**, **Artist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from the region of Artois in N France.

**Early bearers:** William Artoys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Artes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Arteis, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joseph Artis, 1614, Joseph Artes, 1622 in *IGI* (Redisham, Suffolk); Robert Artis, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Abraham Artus, 1724 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *Noms de Lieux de la France*, p. 81.

**Artiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Worcs English; see **Artis**.

**Artist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk English; alteration, by folk etymology, of **Artis**.

**Artley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks English; variant of **Hartley** with loss of initial *H-*.

**Arton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs
- 2 Irish: from Mac Artáin, see **McCartan**.  
1 English; see **Ayrton**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Arton, 1562 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); William Arton, 1565 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**Artus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs English; see **Artis**.

**Arum**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English; see **Aram**.

**Arumugam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Tamil *āru* 'six' + *mugam* 'face' (Sanskrit *mukha*), i.e. 'having six faces', an epithet of the god Kartikeya, and synonymous with *Shanmuga* (see *Shanmuganathan*).

**Arundale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see *Arundel*.

**Arundel**

Variants: *Arundell*, *Arundale*, *Arrundale*, *Arrandale*, *Arndell*, *Arondel*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 592
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; E Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *arondel* 'little swallow'. The earliest bearer of the name, Roger Arundel, a Domesday tenant-in-chief, has left his name in Sampford Arundel (Somerset), which he held in 1086. His byname cannot derive from the Sussex place-name but must be from the Old French word. The Norman family of which he was a principal member held lands in Somerset, Yorks, and elsewhere. They later introduced a *de* into their name, falsely suggesting a place-name origin. In northern England, folk etymology further led to variant spellings in *-dale*. (ii) locative name from Arundel, Sussex (recorded as *Harundel* in *Domesday Book*, as *Arundell* in 1087, and as *Arndle* in 1788). The traditional local pronunciation is *Arndell*. The place-name is derived from Old English *hār hūne* 'horehound' + *dell* 'valley'; the river name Arun is a back-formation. The history of this problematic name is further complicated by the fact that the place-name Arundel early lost its initial *H*, while the nickname in (i) equally early acquired an inorganic initial *H*.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 209, notes confusion with the surname **Addinall**, citing William Arundel alias Addinal, 1744 (York). **Early bearers:** Rogerius Arundel, Harundel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Somerset); Robert Arundel, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Roger de Arundelle, 1148 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Osbert Arundel, Harundel, 1154 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Roger Arundel, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Arundel (de Arundel), 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Arundel, about 1198 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Roger Arundel (de Arundel), 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas (de) Arundel, 1225, Roger de Arundel, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Arundel, Robert de Arundell, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Arundell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Adam de Arundel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sambrook, Shrops); Walter Arundle, 1576 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Arrandell, Arrendale, 1631, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Sarah Arundle, 1785 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 136–7.

**Arundell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Yorks; Devon; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see *Arundel*.

**Arvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Scottish or English: probably a variant of *Irvine*. **Further information:** Although rare in Britain, this name is thriving in the USA.

**Ary**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see *Airey*.

**Arya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Hindu, based on Sanskrit *ārya* 'honorable man' or 'man of the Aryan race'. **Further information:** In the Panjab this is the name of a Jat clan.

**Aryee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Asad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name, *as'ad* 'happiest, luckiest', superlative of *sa'id* 'lucky, happy'. Compare *Said*.  
2 Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *asad* 'lion'.

**Asaf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian: from Persian *asaf* 'sad, sorrowful'.

**Asamoah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained. The *-h* after final *-a* in names like this is a characteristic anglicization.

**Asante**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 971, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: ethnic name denoting a member of the Asante people of Ghana, West Africa.

**Asare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 850, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from an Akan patrilineal clan name. **References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, 206–235, at 216.

**Asberry**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks
- English: (i) variant of *Astbury* with loss of *-t-*. (ii) see *Ashbury*. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but still found in the USA.

**Asbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants
- 1 English: variant of *Astbury* with loss of *-t-*.  
2 English: see *Ashbury*.

**Asbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs
- English: see *Ashbridge*.

**Asbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Derbys
- 1 English: see *Ashbury*.  
2 English: see *Astbury*.

**Asby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Essex
- English: see *Ashby*.

**Asch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 German: (i) relationship name from a Middle Low German personal name, *Asc*, originally from a word meaning 'spearman'. (ii) locative name from any of several places (in Bavaria, Württemberg) called *Asch*. **Early bearers:** Bertrand Asch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Robert Asch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); George Asch, carpenter and teacher of music, born in Berlitz, Prussia, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx). **References:** *Brechenmacher*.  
2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout name or ornamental adoption of the German name. **Early bearers:** Joseph Ash, clothier, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Salomon Asch, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (London).

**Ascham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see *Askham*.

**Ascher**

- Variants: *Asscher*, *Asher*, *Usher*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 German: (i) locative name from any of numerous places named Aschau or Ascha(ch), or topographic for a 'dweller by the ash tree', from an agent derivative of Middle High German *asch* 'ash tree'.

(ii) occupational name from *Äscher*, a term denoting an ash burner, someone who prepared ash from wood fires for use in glassworks and soapworks, from Middle High German *escher*, an agent derivative of Middle High German *asche*, *esche* 'ashes'. Compare the English surname **Ashburner**.

**Early bearers:** Henrick Ascher, sugar baker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hermann Ascher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**References:** *Brechenmacher*.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout name or ornamental adoption of the German family name. **Further information:** In Middle English, this was found as a surname, a variant of **Asser**. However, there are only six bearers in the 1881 Census, all of whom are of German or Jewish ancestry, so it seems likely that the name died out in England and then was reintroduced from the Continent.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Ascher, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Ascher, born in London, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Eli Ascher, dried fruit merchant, born in Turkey, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Ascombe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Ashcombe**.

### Ascot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ascott**.

### Ascott

**Variants:** **Ascot**, **Haskett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also London

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Ascott or Ascot, for example in Bucks, Berks, Oxon.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Askote, 1375 in *London Letter Books H*; Ann Ascot, 1587 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks); John Ascott, 1718 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks).

2 English: locative name variant of **Arscott**, a Devon name pronounced /'ɑ:skɒt/.

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 154, 335–6; *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 88–9; *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 87.

### Ascough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks
- English: see **Askew**.

### Ascroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Ashcroft**.

### Aseltine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Asghar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2251, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a distinguishing epithet from Arabic *asghar* 'younger, smaller', comparative of *saghir* 'young', 'small'.

### Ash

**Variants:** **Aish**, **Esh**, **Esse**, **Ashe**, **Hess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6132, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4918
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Devon; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: locative name from Middle English *ash(e)*, *asse* 'ash tree' (Old English *æsc*). The surname could be from one or more of the many places called Ash, or it may be topographic for someone who lived by an ash tree. See also **Dash**, **Nash**, **Rash**, **Tash**.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Eshe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Baldwinus de Esse, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Roger ate Assh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Duncton, Sussex); Willelmus Asche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hardwick, Lincs); Alicia atte Hesch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); Eva de Aysh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Dorset); Robertus del Asch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Willelmo Ash, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colwall, Herefs); Agn' atte Assch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleton, Leics); Johannes de Assch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); Giles de Esse, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Cloveley, Devon); Reynold Ayssh', 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Plumstead, Kent); Thomas Ash, 1559 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset).

### Ashall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Esholt in Guiseley (WR Yorks) or from a similarly named lost place in Lancs. **Early bearers:** William de Eshholt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warmley, WR Yorks); Thomas Eshall, 1566 in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 216; George Ashall, 1566 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); John Ashall, 1579 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); John Eshold, Eshald, Eshall, Ashall, 1681–5 in *Parish Registers* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Catherinae Ashal, 1702 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 144–5; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 169; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 216.

### Ashard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Hatchard**.

### Ashbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Ashby**.

### Ashberry

**Variants:** **Ashbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Astbury**. Redmonds notes that there is no evidence for the survival of the Middle English surname *Asshebury* or *Ashebury* in 15th-century Sheffield or nearby places, and since the post-medieval name there shares its spellings with variants of *Astbury*, this is the more likely source.

**Further information:** The location of the medieval WR Yorks surname is in the Dearne valley, close to Sheffield. Its origin is uncertain. The Devon, Berks, and Worcs places proposed for **Ashbury** are not obvious sources; nor is Wilson's suggestion of Ashberry Hill in Old Byland (NR Yorks), which was not the name of a settlement and is unlikely to have given rise to a surname.

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 197; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name alternatively, possibly from Middle English *Asshebury* or *Ashebury* as an (unrecorded) inversion of *Buryasshe*, a Middle English form of Borrowwash (Derbys). The examples may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Asseberi, 1312 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Hickleton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Asshebury, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Adwick upon Dearne and Swinton, WR Yorks); Robertus Ashebury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Ashburie, 1566, Elizabetha Asbury, 1607, Nath. Aspberry, 1716, Geo. Asbery, 1759, Nath. Aspberry, 1716 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Bartholomew Ashbery, 1778, Philip Ashberry, 1782 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Ashbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

1 English: see **Ashbury**.

2 English: see **Astbury**.

### Ashbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Ashby**.

### Ashbolt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hunts; London; Hants

English: variant of **Archibald**, via some intermediate step such as *Archbolt*, *Ashbole*, or *Ashbold*. However, the first of these is not recorded (though its existence can be presupposed by **Archbutt**), whilst the second and third are recorded only long after the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Alice Ashbolt, 1612 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds); William Ashbolt, 1624 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds); Richard Ashbold, 1640 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Rebecca Ashbult, 1715 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Jno. Ashbole, 1728 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Ashborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Ashbourne**.

### Ashbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, Lincs
- English: see **Ashbourne**.

### Ashbourne

Variants: **Ashburn, Ashbourn, Ashborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs; London

English: locative name from Ashbourne (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Andrew de Assburne, 1285–6 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Robert de Asshebourne, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; John de Asscheburn, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; Margeria de Esssheburn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviourgate, Yorks); John Asshebourne, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Henry Assheburn, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Assheburn', 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Assheburn', 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Edward Ashburne, 1539 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Anna Ashborne, 1541 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Edward Ashborne, 1579 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Cecelie Ashburne, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Susan Ashborne, 1600 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 341.

### Ashbridge

Variants: **Asbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Durham and Yorks

English: locative name from a much altered variant of the place-name Askrigg (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Askerigge, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Richmond, NR Yorks); Henry de Askerig, 1329 in *Papal Letters*, vol. 2 (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Anne Asbricke, 1549 in *IGI* (York); John Asbrigg, 1577 in *Cumbria Record Office (Carlisle)* (Bromfield, Cumb); Robtus Asbrigg, 1587 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Nicholas Asbrige, 1597 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Elisabethe Asbridge, 1608 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Ann Assbridge, 1685 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Cumb); Blan Askridge, 1699 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Joseph Askbridge, 1723 in *IGI* (Bolton); Thomas Askrigge, 1572 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ann Askrigg, 1603 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Thomas Asbrigge, 1627 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Mabel Askrigg, 1691 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite cum Lyth, Westm). **References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 261; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 22; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 23.

### Ashbrook

Variants: **Ashbrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from any of the places called *Ashbrook*, e.g. in Marston Mortaine (Beds) and in Ampney Saint Mary (Gloucs), or a minor place with

a similar name elsewhere, most likely one named from Ash Brook (Cheshire), which is on record since the 13th cent.

**Early bearers:** William de Assebroc, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex/Herts); Hugh de Aschbroc, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics/Warwicks); John de Asshebrok, 1353–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Gregory Ashbrook, 1601 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Johis. Ashbrook, 1609 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Mary Ashbrook, 1617 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elliz Ashbrook, 1669 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Ashbrook, 1699 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 14; 3, p. 156; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 79; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 268.

### Ashbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Lancs
- English: see **Ashbrook**.

### Ashburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England; esp. Cumb

English: see **Ashbourne**.

### Ashburner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cumb

English: occupational name denoting someone who burned wood in order to obtain lye or potash from the ashes, for use in a variety of manufacturing applications, including bleaching cloth, making glass, and making soap.

**Early bearers:** Robert, William le Askebrenner, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Askbrinner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Asborner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Ascheburner, 1532 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Ashbury

Variants: **Asbury, Ashbery, Asbery, Asberry, Asprey, Hasbury, Aspray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Notts; Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs

1 English: (i) locative name from Ashborough in Bromsgrove (Worcs) or Ashbury (Devon), often with the common confusion between *-bury* and *-ber(r)y* in the second element. (ii) locative name perhaps from Ashbury (Berks), but there is insufficient evidence to be sure that the 19th-century surname derives from the Berks place.

**Early bearers:** William de Asseberia, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Godfrey de Asseberge, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Alice de Ayshbury, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashbury, Devon); Lawrence Aysshbury, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Colyton, Devon); John Asbury, 1559, Thomas Asberye, 1566, Richard Aspry, 1613, Jo. Ashbury, 1657 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Humfry Asberry, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Baxterley, Warwicks); William Assbry, 1585 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Nicholas Asberrie, 1621 in *IGI* (Upton, Berks); John Ashberry,

1632 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); Ann Asbury, 1737 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Catherine Ashbury, 1807 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Henry Hughes Ashbury, 1810 in *IGI* (Greenham, Berks).

2 English: see **Astbury**.

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 337.

### Ashby

Variants: **Ashbey, Ashbee, Asby, Axbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6729, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4886
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England

English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name, or from possibly either of two places called Asby (Cumb, Westm).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Asseby, 1196–1200 in *Dryburgh Register* (Roxburghs); Robert de Aschebi, 1200 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Alexander de Assheby, 1309–10 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Richard Assheby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus de Esseby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Harlsey, NR Yorks); Thoma Haschby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baggrave, Leics); William Assheby, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Ashbee, 1633, Eashbee, 1637, Eshbee, 1639, in *Leics Transactions* xxxiii.

### Ashcombe

Variants: **Ascombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon and Gloucs

English: locative name from Ashcombe (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Asshcomb, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Ascombe, 1376 in *London Letter Books H*; Thomas Aishcombe, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 282, 486.

### Ashcroft

Variants: **Ascroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6302, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4002
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name from Agecroft in Pendlebury (Lancs), which is recorded as *Achecroft* in 1394, *Agecroft* in about 1540, *Edgecroft* in 1577.

**Early bearers:** Margar' de Ascroft, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Ascrofte, 1559, Ellen Asscrofte, 1570 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Gilbert Ascroft, 1580 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Humphrey Agecroft, 1602 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Katherine Agecroft, 1615 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Alice Ashcroft, 1637 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Richard Edgecroft, 1705 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Ann Etchcroft, 1858 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 42.

### Ashdon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

1 English: see **Ashton**.

2 English: see **Ashdown**.

### Ashdown

Variants: **Ashdowne, Ashdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2155, Ireland 11

## Ashdowne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1696
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: locative name from Ashdown Forest (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** John de Asshesdoune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Eschedune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Richard Ashdowne, 1540 in *IGI* (Robertsbridge, Sussex); Wm. Ashedowne, 1551 in *Kent Wills* (Leigh, Kent); Dorathie Ashdowne, 1563 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Margaret Asshdowne, 1566 in *IGI* (Westerham, Kent); Isaac Ashdowne, 1597 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Ashdown, 1740, James Ashden, 1799 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex).  
**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 146–7, 193, 202; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 2; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 20; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 20.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Ashdown in Lenham (Kent), which is *Esheden* in 1240, *Assheden* in 1346.  
**Early bearers:** Rob's de Asshedene, Alex' de Esden', 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Turstanus de Esdenne, 13th cent. in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Kent); Marye Asheden, 1586 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Ashdown, 1614 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent).  
**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 146–7, 193, 202; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 223–4.

## Ashdowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Ashdown**.

## Ashe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 802
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork; Dublin; Galway

Irish, English: variant (the usual spelling in Ireland) of **Ash**.

**Early bearers:** Laurence Ashe, yeoman, 1560–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §344 (Kildare); John Ashe, gent. (of the office of keeping the buildings and clock in the castle of Dublin), 1596–7 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6053.

## Ashelford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; Surrey; Devon

English: locative name from Ashelford in East Down (Devon), recorded as *Assele(s)worth* in the 13th century, with replacement of *-worth* by the more familiar *-ford*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Asscheleswurth, Asseneswurth, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Mary Ashelford, 1546 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); William Ashelforde, 1580 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Leonard Ashelford, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Uffculme, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 37

## Ashen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name from Ashen (Essex), Ashton near Roade (Northants), or any other place named in Middle English as (*atten*) *asshen* ' (at the) ash-trees'. Compare Sara *Nashen*, 1599 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset). A name of this type might lose the plural marker *-en* and become identical with **Ash**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Asshem', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Robert Ashen, 1562 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Edmund Ashen, 1578 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Edward Ashen, 1594 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Valentine Asshen, 1615 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Henry Ashen, 1745 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Ashen, 1777, Robert Ashon, 1787 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 406–7; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 96.

## Ashenden

**Variants:** **Ashington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Ashenden in Tenterden (Kent), which is recorded as *Esserinden* in 1278.

**Early bearers:** Jacobus de Asshrendenne, 1313–14 in *Kent Eyre* (Tenterden hundred, Kent); John de Asshendene, 1342 in *Assize Rolls* (London); [ . . . ] de Eseryndenn', 1347, [ . . . ] de Essherindenn', 1348 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Agnes Asshenden, 1538 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Joan Ashenden, 1544 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Ashenden, 1560 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Katherine Ashenden, 1574 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, p. 150; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 174.

## Ashenford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Ashford**.

## Ashenhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Ashurst**.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 179; 6, p. 207.

## Asher

**Variants:** **Esser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1738, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1250
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Lincs; Morays; also Hants and Wilts

1 English: (i) locative name 'dweller by the ash tree', from a derivative of Middle English *asche* 'ash tree' (Old English *æsc*). Locative names in *-er* from topographical terms are mostly found in S England and rarely or not at all further north. (ii) relationship name possibly from the Middle English personal name *Ascher*, a post-Conquest survival of the rare Old English personal name *Æschere*, composed of the elements *æsc* 'ash-tree, spear' + *here* 'army'. (iii) possibly a variant of **Asser** with palatalization of /s/. (iv) occasionally perhaps a late variant of **Usher**;

note Levi *Asher Or Usher*, 1890 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ascherus, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, England: Ricardus Ascher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Attingham, Oxon); Johanna Aser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Johannes Haschere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toppesfield, Essex); John Asher, 1549 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Thomas Asher, 1576 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Elyzabeth Asher, 1592 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants); Thomas Aisher, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Ralph Asher, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Aisher, 1744 in *IGI* (Eldersfield, Worcs).

surnames, Scotland: Jannet Asher, 1657 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Alexr. Asher, 1676 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Ann Assher, 1785 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Hebrew personal name *Asher* 'blessed'.

**Early bearers:** George Asher, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Ascher**.

## Ashfaq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ashfaq*, superlative form of *shafiq* 'compassionate', the origin of **Shafiq**.

## Ashfield

**Variants:** **Dashfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1217, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name from either of two places called Ashfield (Shrops, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Sparhauoc de Æssefelde, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert de Asshefeld, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); ather Robt. Ashfield, 1576 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Ricd.

Ashfield, 1596 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Ferdinando Ashfield, 1612 in *IGI* (Barcheston, Warwicks); John Ashfield, 1616 in *IGI* (Authorpe, Lincs).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 15; *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 138; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 12.

## Ashfold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: locative name from Ashfold in Slaugham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Asshefold, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Anne Ashfold, 1564 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 278.

## Ashford

**Variants:** **Ashforth, Ayshford, Aishford, Ashenford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4167, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2954
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Warwicks; Somerset and Devon; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from any of several places called Ashford (Devon, Derby, Shrops) or Ayshford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Asford', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholas Ashford, 1542 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Thos. Ashford, 1550 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Margaret Ashford, 1562 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Edward Ashford, 1584 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); John Ashford, 1585 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex).

### Ashforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ashford**.

### Ashhurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Ashurst**.

### Ashington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; London

English: (i) locative name from any of various places called *Ashington* (especially Lincs, Sussex), or *Ashingdon* (Essex). (ii) possibly a variant of **Ashenden** in Kent contexts; note Robt. *Ashinden*, 1730 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Asschindon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Alexand Ashington, 1599 in *IGI* (Newton on Trent, Lincs); Elizabeth Ashington, 1747 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); James Ashington, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York).

### Ashiq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *'āshiq* 'adorer', the Prophet Muhammad or his son-in-law 'Alī (Alī ibn Abī Ṭālib), the fourth 'Rightly Guided' caliph, being understood as the object of adoration.

### Ashken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Askin**.

### Ashkettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Asketill* (Old Scandinavian *Asketill*). Compare **Axtell**, **Askell**, and **Anketell**, all from other versions of the same personal name. *Ash-* is a post-medieval dialectal development. *Ashkettle* was once common in Suffolk, but is absent there in the 1881 census, apart from the now extinct variant *Ashkittle*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Asketillus de Kedham, 1101–25 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Aschetillus Bardel, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

sumames: Robert Asketill', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Alexander Asketell', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Asketil, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Briston, Norfolk); Thomas Hasketyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); William Askyttle, 1576 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Daniel Ashkittle, 1713 in *IGI* (Rumburgh, Suffolk); Sarah Ashkettle, 1785 in *IGI* (Woodbridge); Wm. Ashkettle, 1631 in *IGI* (Whitechapel in Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 48–60.

### Ashland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Ashling**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but thriving in the USA.

### Ashlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey

English: see **Ashley**.

### Ashleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant spelling of **Ashley**.

### Ashley

**Variants:** **Ashleigh**, **Ashlee**, **Ashly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7569, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4968
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from any of several places in different parts of England of this name, named in Old English with *æsc* 'ash tree' + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Esselega, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert de Ashley, 1281 in *Court Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus Esshlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Thomas Assheley, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Ashley, 1541 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); William Ashley, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margaret Ashley, 1551 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Ashley, 1553 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Wylm Ashley, 1554 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Annie Ashley, 1558 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Nycholes Ashley, 1560 in *IGI* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Robert Ashley, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Ashly, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Drew Ashlee, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Ales Ashley, 1576, Elizabeth Asley, 1580 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs).

### Ashlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs; London

English: see **Aslin**.

### Ashling

**Variants:** **Ashland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Lincs and Notts
- English: see **Aslin**.

### Ashlock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Haslock**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ashly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Beds; Staffs

English: see **Ashley**.

### Ashmall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks

English: see **Ashmole**.

### Ashman

**Variants:** **Asman**, **Ashment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3300, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1938
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Asman*, *Ashman* (Old English *Æscmann*), which perhaps originated as a byname from Old English *æscmann* 'shipman, sailor'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Assemanus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Asseman, Asman, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).  
 surnames: Robert Asheman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Asman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Essheman, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Assheman, 1328, William Assheman, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Essman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirpenbeck and Thoraby, ER Yorks); Johannes Asschewan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Susann Ashman, 1552 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Ashman, 1560 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); William Ashman, 1564 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Ashman, 1566 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Thomas Ashman, 1569 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Ashmead

**Variants:** **Ashmeade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Ashmead Green in Cam or Ashmeads Mill in Chalford (both Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Assemed, 1287 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); Nicholas Ashmead, 1565 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); John Ashmead, 1568 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); John Ashmead, 1582 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 127; 2, p. 216.

### Ashmeade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Ashmead**.

### Ashment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

## Ashmere

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Ashman** with excrescent *-t*. This final *-t*, along with a change in the unstressed vowel from *-a-* to *-e-*, seems to be a post-medieval development found in a good number of surnames where *-man* becomes *-ment*. Compare **Bridgement**, **Dayment**, **Hardiment**, **Maidment**, **Marchment**, **Moment**, **Overment**, and **Parfremment**.

**Early bearers:** Thompson Ashmond, 1658, John Ashment, 1725 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Edward Ashmant, 1745 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Ashmere

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Ashmore**.

### Ashmole

**Variants:** Ashmall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

1 English: an unexplained name associated with the Isle of Axholme (Lincs), which becomes equated or confused with one of its own variants in the Midlands in the 19th cent., as in Elias William Ashmole Ashmall, 1894 in *IGI* (Hartshill by Stoke on Trent, Staffs). In Staffs, perhaps influenced by the local surname **Ashmore**, from the place in Wednesfield.

**Further information:** McKinley in *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 112, 392, implies that the similar name *Asmall* is always a variant of **Aspinall**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Ashmall, 1552 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Thomas Ashmole, 1575 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Gulielmi Ashmall, 1588 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Alice Ashmole, 1613 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Humphrey Ashmale, 1679 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Henry Ashmole, 1686 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs).

2 English: see **Ashmore**.

### Ashmoor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Ashmore**.

### Ashmoore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ashmore**.

### Ashmore

**Variants:** Ashmoor, Ashmoore, Ashmere, Ashmole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3384, Ireland 225
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2231
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

English: locative name from one or more of the places called *Ashmore*, in Wednesfield (Staffs), Dorset, or Bucks, or a similar lost one. The place in Staffs is also found in the name of Johanne de Asshmerbroke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stafford, Staffs).

**Further information:** This English name is also common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Elias de Asmere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elias de Ashmer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Asschmere, 1349 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Ashmore, 1574 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Joane Ashmore, 1578 in *IGI*

(Aylesbury, Bucks); Charles Ashmoor, 1610 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Elizabeth Ashmere, 1744 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 93; *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 201; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 341.

### Ashplant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant (by folk etymology) of **Absalom**.

**Early bearers:** Will Ashplant, 1704 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon).

### Ashpole

**Variants:** Ashpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: London; Beds, Hunts; NR Yorks

English: much altered variant of **Archibald**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Ashpole, 1640 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Ashpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks, Beds, Northants; also NR Yorks

English: see **Ashpole**.

### Ashraf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4337, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from an Arabic personal name, *Ashraf*, meaning 'most honourable' or 'most distinguished', a superlative based on **Sharif**.

### Ashton

**Variants:** Ashdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17288, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14529
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from any of the many places of this name (Cheshire, Northants, Wilts, Somerset, Herefs, Sussex, and elsewhere). Most of them are named in Old English with *æsc* 'ash tree' + *tūn* 'settlement'. Others have been assimilated to this from different sources. The one in Northants is (*æt þæm*) *æscum* '(at the) ash trees'. The one in Devon is 'the settlement (*tūn*) of *Æschere*', while the one in Herts is 'the settlement of *Ælli*'. See also **Aston**.

**Early bearers:** England John de Essheton, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Ashtone, 1323, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Esseton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Thomas Assheton, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Anne Assheton, 1542 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Johanes Ashton, 1606, Margaret Ashton, 1789, Thomas Ashten, 1790, Thomas Ashden, 1791 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

Scotland Roger Aschtoun, 1585 in *Origines Parochiales* (Ross); Henrie Ashton, 1658 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Sebastian Ashton, burgess, 1688 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Linlithgow).

### Ashurst

**Variants:** Ashhurst, Ashenhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1633, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1060
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Ashurst in Upholland (Lancs). There are places called Ashurst in Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and elsewhere, and early bearers are found in those counties, but the distribution shows that the modern surname is in most or all cases from Ashurst Beacon and Ashurst Hall, near Wigan.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aschehyrst, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Asshurst, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Will' de Asshhurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Edmund Asshurst, 1525 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Harvey Asshorst, 1558, Edward Asshirst, 1572 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Jane Ashurst, 1666 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 105; *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 193, 203.

### Ashwell

**Variants:** Haxell, Hackshall, Axell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 893

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England  
English: locative name from any of several places called *Ashwell* (Essex, Herts, Rutland, Somerset, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Ernulf de Assewell, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Roger de Asshewell, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Asshewell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Richard Asshewell, 1391 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Alice Ashwell, 1551 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Dorothe Ashwell, 1560 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); William Ashwell, 1560 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Joanna Ashwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); John Ashwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Ashwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ashwyn*, itself from Old English *Æscwine*, composed of the elements *æsc* 'ash-tree, spear' + *wine* 'friend'.

**Further information:** *Æscwine* was the name of an early king of Wessex (674–6).

**Early bearers:** William Ashwyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willm. Ashwin, 1563 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); John. Ashwin, 1576 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Jane Ashwin, 1611 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Ashwin, 1621 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Ashwin, 1649 in *IGI* (Corringham, Lincs).

### Ashwood

**Variants:** Dashwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 661, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England (esp. Shrops, Staffs, and London); also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Scottish: locative name from any of various places named as 'the ash wood', for example Ashwood in Kinver Forest (Staffs), Ashwood Dale in Fairfield (Derbys), and Ashwood Farm in Ashton (Northants).

**Early bearers:** England Olyvero de Asshewode, Will'o Asshewode, 1332–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Ashewood, 1566 in *IGI* (Waters Upton, Shrops);

Hughe Ashwoode, 1568 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Nicholas Ashewood, 1588 in *IGI* (Somersham, Hunts); Anthony Ashwood, 1595 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); William Ashwood, 1665 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs).

Scotland Mary Ashwood, 1799 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Ashworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9072, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11940
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Wicklow
- English: locative name from Ashworth (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Esworde, about 1200 in *Lancs Place-Names*; Richard de Ascheworth, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Edmund de Assheworth, 1585 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Katherine Ashworth, 1586 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Annes Ashworth, 1606, Elizabeth Asworth, 1627 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Rossendale, Lancs); Elizabetha Ashworth, 1696, Mary Asworth, 1744 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 54.

### Asiedu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Asif

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1568, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Indian subcontinent: unexplained; possibly, whether directly or indirectly, from the Arabic root /ʔ-s-f/ with a meaning range including 'forgiving'.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Asim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic 'āsim, 'guardian, protector'.

### Ask

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Aske**.

### Askam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Askham**.

### Aske

#### Variants: Ask

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Staffs
- English: locative name from Aske (NR Yorks), or 'dweller by the ash-tree', Middle English *ask* (Old Scandinavian *askr*).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Ask, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Roger del Ask, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); John de Ask, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Lask, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Tho Aske, 1548 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks); Dorcas Aske, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Westcheap, London); Anna Aske, 1570 in *IGI*

(Ryther, WR Yorks); Beatrice Aske, 1570 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); David Aske, 1591 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 286.

### Askell

**Variants:** **Askill, Axcell, Axell, Eskell, Haskell, Haskel, Haxell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Askell*, Old Scandinavian *Áskell*, a shortened form of *Ásketill* (see **Ashkettle** and **Axtell**). The personal name was also popular among the Normans, sometimes in the form *Anskell* (with Continental Germanic *Ans-* substituted for *As-*), which largely explains why the name occurs in post-Conquest England in counties not settled by Vikings. Its appearance as a surname is often disguised by altered pronunciations. Metathesis of /sk/ to /ks/, spelled *-x-*, has given rise to **Axcell** and **Axtell**, while the addition of a prosthetic *H-* has produced **Haskell** and **Haxell**. The Normans frequently used the name in Frankish forms; see **Anketell, Askin, Haskin, Antin, Hastie, Astin,** and **Astill**. For the name in the Isle of Man see **Castell**.

**Further information:** Norman forms of the personal name were freely interchangeable. In the *Whitby Chartulary*, Aschetillus de Houkesgard (about 1155) is also called Aschetinus (about 1145), *Astillus* (about 1170), and Astinus (12th century). In *Danelaw Documents* (Leics), in the late 12th century, Anketinus persona de Prestwalda appears also as Asketinus filius Hugonis de Prestewalda and as Anketillus de Prestwalda. Compare also Aschetillus, Ancatillus, Anquetillus Malore (i), 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

**Early bearers:** given names: Aschil, Anschild, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
 surnames: Robertus filius Askel, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alanus filius Askil, 1186–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Norfolk); Thomas Askil, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); Margaret Askell, 1682, John Askell, 1683, Thomas Askell, 1763 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
 2 Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McAskill**, which is based on the same Scandinavian personal name as in (1).

### Askem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Askham**.

### Asker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Asker* (Old Scandinavian *Ásgeirr*, formed from the elements *áss* 'god' + *geirr* 'spear').  
**Early bearers:** Robertus Asker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Althorpe and Keadby, Lincs); Robert Asker, constable, 1594–5 in *Cheshire Record Office*; Edward Asker of Lincolns Inn co Middx, 1623–4 in *Notts Archives*; Mary Asker, 1730 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Asker, 1740 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Samuel

Asker, 1764 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Ascar, 1797 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk).

### Askew

**Variants:** **Ayscough, Ascough, Askey, Haskow, Haskew, Eskew, Ainscough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4834, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3269
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Durham

English: locative name probably from Aiskew (NR Yorks), or possibly from another minor place in northern England likewise named as 'oak wood' (Old Scandinavian *eikiskógr*), such as Aiskew in Marrick (NR Yorks) or the lost *Aykescof* in Preese (Lancs).

**Further information:** Sir Hugh Askew received the lands of the convent of Seaton during the dissolution of the monasteries in 1542.

**Early bearers:** Will's de Aykescof, 1366 in *Ormskirk Stipend* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Robert Ascowe, 1390 in *London Letter Books H* (London); John de Ayscogh, John Ayscogh, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); John Ayscow, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Ayscogh, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Richmond, NR Yorks); John Ayscogh, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); William Ayscough, justice, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); John Ayscough, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Simon Ascogh, 1488, Richard Askoo, 1533, William Ayscough, 1675 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Ascow, William Askew, 1488 in *York Guild Register* (York); James Askew, 1551 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 236, 294; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 252.

### Askey

**Variants:** **Askie, Haskey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 925, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 705
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also WR Yorks
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aski*, from Old Scandinavian *Aski*, derived from *aski* 'ash-tree'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Aschi Wara, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Asci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Aschi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks).  
 surnames: Amy Askie, 1618 in *Bardsley*; John Ashkey, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Elizab. Askey, 1689 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs).  
 2 English: it may also be a variant of **Askew**.

### Askham

**Variants:** **Ascham, Askem, Askam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 573
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of three places called Askham (WR Yorks, Notts, Westm).  
**Early bearers:** Conan de Ascham, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Ascum, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Askham, 1290 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas de Askam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Firbeck, WR Yorks); Sarah Askham, 1598 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Edmundi Askham, 1613 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Thomas Askham, 1620 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Mary Askham, 1690 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); John Askham, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, York).

## Askie

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 233–4; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 44; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 200.

### Askie

- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Middx and Surrey

1 Scottish: reduced form of **McAskie**.

2 English: see **Askey**.

### Askill

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: see **Askell**.

### Askin

Variants: **Ashken, Askins, Haskin, Haskins, Hasking, Haskings, Hoskins**

- Current frequencies: GB 322, Ireland 118
- GB frequency 1881: 248
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down and Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Askin*, a contracted form of the Norman personal name *Asketin*, a pet form of Old Scandinavian *Ásketil*. See **Ashkettle, Axtell, Askell**, and compare **Astin**.

Early bearers: given names: Asketinus filius Od, 1163 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: John Asketyn, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Haskyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edouardus Askin, 1565, Hugonis Asken, 1573 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Lincs); John Askin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English, Irish: variant of **Heskin**.

3 English: variant of **Haskayne**.

### Askins

Variants: **Haskins, Haskings**

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 54
- GB frequency 1881: 90
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Cumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin; Wexford

English: variant of **Askin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Askwith

- Current frequencies: GB 332, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 254
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks and Durham

English: see **Asquith**.

### Aslam

- Current frequencies: GB 5648, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *aslam* 'safer, better'.

2 English: variant of **Haslam** with loss of initial *H-*.

### Aslan

Variants: **Arslan**

- Current frequencies: GB 588, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 4

Turkish: from the personal name *Aslan*, based on a Turkish word meaning 'lion'.

Further information: This is also found as an Iranian and a Sephardic Jewish name.

Early bearers: John G. Aslan, merchant, Mediterranean, born in Greece, in *Census 1861* (Salford, Lancs).

### Aslen

- GB frequency 1881: 4

English: see **Aslin**.

### Aslet

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Aslett**.

### Aslett

Variants: **Aslet**

- Current frequencies: GB 640, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 445
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French male personal name *Ascelot*, from a pet form of Continental Germanic *Azo* + the double diminutive Old French suffix *-elot*. See **Ace**. There was also a feminine form, e.g. *Acelota*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex).

Early bearers: given names: Aslot del Mylnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Aslot West, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex). surnames: Rogerus filius Aselot, 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes filius Ascelot, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Hugh Asselote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Asselot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jana Aslet, 1564 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants).

### Aslin

Variants: **Astling, Ashling, Ashlin, Asling, Aslen, Eastling**

- Current frequencies: GB 153, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 186
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London; Herts; also Notts and WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Asselyn*, Old French *Acelin*, *Ascelin*, from Continental Germanic *Azilin*, a double diminutive of *Azo*. Compare **Aslet**. There was also a feminine form, *A(s)celine*.

Early bearers: given names: Ascelinus de Wudecroft, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Acelina de Stanfelde, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ascelina, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Assellina Rolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Ascelin Hadde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics). surnames: Walterus filius Acelini, Acelini, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Henricus Ascelinus, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Nicholaus Asceline, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard Asselyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Henry Asshelyn, 1374 in *London Letter Books G*; Willelmus Eselyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Hastings and Shelford, Warwicks); Thomas Aslen, 1560 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts).

### Asling

- Current frequencies: GB 153, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 110
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Aslin**.

### Asmal

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim: unexplained.

### Asman

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 105
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks;

English: see **Ashman**.

### Asp

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

English: variant of **Apps**.

### Aspden

Variants: **Astin**

- Current frequencies: GB 1027, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 1318
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, WR Yorks

English: locative name from **Aspden** (alias **Aspen**) in *Oswaltdtwistle* (Lancs), which is recorded as *Aspdene* in 1200–8. The surname was certainly confused with **Ashton** and **Austin**, and probably with **Aston** and **Astin** (common surnames in Lancs, e.g. in Burnley, where *Aspden* occurs). It seems to be the source of the Calderdale surname *Astin*.

Early bearers: Roger de Haspeden, 1246, Adam de Aspeden, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger de Aspeden, 1329 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); William Aspeden, 1520 in *Halifax Wills* (WR Yorks); Ralph Aspeden, alias Ascheden, alias Ashton, 1565–9 in *Parish Registers* (Warley in Halifax, WR Yorks); Peter Aspden, alias Asdene, 1570–4 in *Parish Registers* (Skircoat in Halifax, WR Yorks); Margaret Aspden, 1586, Jane Aspden, 1650, Benjamin Aspden, 1879 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Asden, 1615, John Asdin, 1845 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); John Austen, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); William Asden, 1640 in *Parish Registers* (Langfield in Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Joseph Aspden, 1710 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jonas Austin otherwise Asdin, 1768 in *WR Yorks Quarter Sessions* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 91; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 216.

### Aspel

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: IoM
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

English, Irish: see **Aspell**.

### Aspell

Variants: **Aspel**

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Leics
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford and Westmeath

1 English: locative name from **Aspull** (Lancs), which is recorded as *Aspul* in 1212, *Asphull* in 1332.

Early bearers: John de Haspull, John de Aspyll, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Hasphull, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Hespell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Thomas Aspull, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Richard Aspull, 1583, Anne Aspul, 1670 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Mary Asphull, 1705 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is usually the English name imported, but according to MacLysaght it is also an

east Leinster variant of **Archbold** (see **Archibald** and compare **Ashpole**).

**Early bearers:** James Aspolde, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §893 (Glasmoke, Dublin); Moile Asbold, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §984 (Ballynahyn); William Aspoll, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1158 (Killenparke, Wicklow); Nicholas moore Ashpoll, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6200 (Cornelscourte, Dublin).

### Aspen

**Variants:** **Aspin, Espin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name denoting someone living by an aspen tree, Middle English *aspe*.

### Aspery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham and NR Yorks; Lancs

English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-* and unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

### Aspey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: nickname from Middle English *aspie*, *espie* (Old French *espie*) 'stealthy watcher, scout, spy'.

**Early bearers:** Margeria Aspie, 1645 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Thomas Aspey, 1670 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Joseph Welch Aspy, 1697 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Aspey, 1729 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Mary Aspey, 1770 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Aspin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name see **Aspen**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Aspin, 1591 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); John Aspin, 1638, John Espin, 1643 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Mathew Espin, 1661 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Tho. Espinn, 1728 in *IGI* (Nettleham, Lincs).

### Aspinall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Aspinall**.

### Aspinall

**Variants:** **Aspinwall, Aspinal, Aspinell, Haspineall, Aspindale, Aspnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4546, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Aspinwall in Ormskirk (Lancs).

**Further information:** This name has a very large number of historic variants. Note that the similar but rare surname *Ashmenall* is a distinct locative name from Ashmanhaugh (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Aspenewell, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam of Aspenwelle, about 1275 in *Lancs Record Office*; Christopher Aspinall, 1540 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Asmoll, 1541 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Alice Asmall, 1558 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Aspinwall, 1563 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Assmall, 1572 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Miles Haspinall, 1578 in *Yorks Wills*; Marget Aspenall, 1580 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Thomas Aspenwall, 1595 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Edmond Aspenall, 1599 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Aspnall, 1615 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Henry Asmnull, 1638 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Hannah Aspinell, 1708 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Aspidale, 1744 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 111–14.

### Aspidale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs
- English: variant of **Aspinall**.

### Aspinell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Aspinall**.

### Aspinwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Aspinall**.

### Asplan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Monmouths
- English: see **Absalom**.

### Aspland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Absalom**.

### Asplen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Absalom**.

### Aspley

**Variants:** **Apsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Beds; Herts

1 English: locative name from Aspley in Brewwood or Aspley in Eccleshall (both Staffs), or from Aspley Heath in Tanworth in Arden or, perhaps, the lost *Aspley* in Wixford (both Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Aspelea, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter de Aspeleye, 1334, Thomas Aspeleye, 1373 in *Warwicks Record Office* (Warwick, Warwicks); Nicholas de Aspeley, 1407 in *Staffs Archives* (Stafford, Staffs); Sarah Aspley, 1559 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Elnor Aspley, 1575 in *IGI* (Castle

Church, Staffs); John Aspleye, 1582 in *IGI* (Brewwood, Staffs); Anna Aspley, 1582 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Susanna Aspley, 1585 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); John Aspley, 1594 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Jane Aspley, 1639 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks). **References:** *Place-Names of Staffs*, vol. 1, p. 36; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 94; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 292, 228.

2 English: locative name from Apsley End in Kings Langley (Herts).

**Early bearers:** John de Aspele, 1357 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Kings Langley, Herts); Thomas Apsley, 1595 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Henry Apsley, 1598 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 45.

3 English: locative name from Aspley Guise (Beds) or, possibly, from Apsley End in Shillington (also Beds).

**Early bearers:** Thoma Aspele, 1309, Willo de Aspele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bromham with Biddenham, Beds); Richero de Aspele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kempston, Beds); Jn Aspley, 1561 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Aspley, 1733 in *IGI* (Stevington, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 113, 174.

4 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from another of the many places called Apsley or Aspley (the metathesis operates in both directions), such as Apsley Farm in Thakeham (Sussex), Apsley in Ellesborough (Bucks), and Aspley Hall in Radford (Notts).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Asple, about 1175 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Simon de Apsele, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Stephen de Apsele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Apsele, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Ellesborough, Bucks); John Apsele, 1467 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Thakeham, Sussex); Ane Apslay, 1557 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 181; *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 149; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 150.

### Asplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Absalom**.

### Aspnall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Aspinall**.

### Aspray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Bucks and Middx

1 English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-* and unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

2 English: variant of **Ashbury** with unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

### Asprey

**Variants:** **Haspery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Surrey

1 English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-* and unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

## Asquith

**Further information:** The S Lincs examples of *Asprey* may be associated with the Northants families named *Asbery*.

2 English: variant of **Ashbury** with unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

### Asquith

**Variants:** Askwith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2178, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1752
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Askwith (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ulf de Askwith', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Askequid, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Askewith, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Askewyth, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Jennett Asquyth, 1561 in *IGI* (York).

**References** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 184–9.

### Assan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Asscher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Jewish: see **Ascher**.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Asscher, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Edward Asscher, born in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey).

### Asser

**Variants:** Asher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- English, Norman: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Asser*, *Atser* (Old Scandinavian *Qzurr*, *Azur*, probably from Common Scandinavian \**AntswaruR* 'answerer'), also in use among Normans in Normandy, which may explain its occurrence in post-Conquest England outside the former Danelaw counties.

**Early bearers:** given names: Atsere, 1059–62, Azor presbiter, about 1090–1100, Acerum, 1198 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Norfolk).

surnames: Outi filius Azer, Ulf filius Azor, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Northants); Alvredus filius Asceur', 1200 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Norfolk); John Asser, Richard Aseyr, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Asser, 1331 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John Asser, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Simon Assere, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Henry Aser, 1555 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 36–7; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 89–92.

### Assi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Assinder

**Variants:** Assiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Portuguese: occupational name perhaps an anglicized form of Portuguese *azeiteiro* 'olive-oil producer or vendor'. This is not inconsistent with its earliest appearance in the London area (though it subsequently flourishes in Kent). The form *Assinder* has epenthesis of *-n-* in a medial unstressed syllable, as in *nightingale* and *messenger*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Asseter, 1626 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); William Assiter, 1638 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Elizabeth Assitor, 1634 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs); Francis Awsiter, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edmond Osseter, 1709 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sarah Ossender, 1714 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); John Osseter, 1720 in *IGI* (Rowington, Warwicks); Tho. Assiter, 1730 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Sarah Assinder, 1779 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Assiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey

English: see **Assinder**.

### Asson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Aston** with loss of *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Asson, 1554, Ann Aston, 1672 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Henry Asson, 1620, Thomas Aston, 1692 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Astall

**Variants:** Astle, Astil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name variant of **Astle**, which the modern distribution suggests is most probably from Astle (Cheshire), or a variant of the Cheshire surname **Artingstall** (compare **Arstall**).

2 English: locative name from Asthall (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Astalle, de Estalle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Elizabeth Astell, 1629 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Dianah Astell, 1645, Edward Astell, 1752, Maria Astell, 1832 in *IGI* (Claydon, Oxon).

3 English: see **Astill**.

### Astbury

**Variants:** Ashbury, Ashbery, Ashberry, Asbury, Hasbury, Asbery, Asberry, Aspery, Asprey, Aspray, Hasprey, Haspray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2094, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Astbury (Cheshire), also recorded as *Ashebury* in 1510, *Asbury* in 1544, and *Asbery* in 1585; see *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 286.

As a surname it also appears with final *-berry*, which with unvoicing of *-b-* becomes *Asprey*, etc., and with prosthetic initial *H-* becomes *Hasprey*. Some examples of the name may belong under **Ashberry** or **Ashbury**.

**Early bearers:** William de Estebury, about 1280 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Church Lawton, Cheshire); William de Astbury, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Ranulph de Astebury, about 1313 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Rode Heath, Cheshire); Henry de Astebury,

1343 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Ilam, Staffs); John de Astebury, 1348 in *Staffs Archives* (Buglawton, Cheshire); Marie Astburie, 1565, William Asburie, 1567 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Hugh Asbery, 1572 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Johne Aspray, 1591 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Anthonie Asprey, 1608 in *IGI* (Uffington, Lincs); Joyes Asburie, 1628, Joseph Asprey, 1759 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Ashberrie, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Ashley, Cheshire); Thomas Hasbery, 1683 in *IGI* (Ancaster, Lincs); Sarah Asbry, 1705 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); William Astbury, 1714 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); John Hasbury, 1725 in *IGI* (Longdon, Staffs); Joseph Astbury, 1726, Jos. Asberry, 1756, Sarah Aspray, 1792 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); Mary Astbury, 1751, George Ashbury, 1787, John Asbury, 1824, Martha Aspery, 1849 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Martha Asprey, 1764 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Ann Hasprey, 1783, Elizabeth Aspry, 1816, Emma Astbury, 1820 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire).

### Astell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: variant of **Astle** or **Astill**.

### Asten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Aston**.

2 English: see **Astin**.

### Aster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks

English: see **Easter** (2).

### Astil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

1 English: see **Astill**.

2 English: see **Astall**.

### Astill

**Variants:** Astil, Astell, Astle, Astall, Hasdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 912, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; also Warwicks

1 English: locative name variant of **Astle**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Astill, 1647 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Astill*, a contraction of Norman French *Ansketil* (Old Scandinavian *Ásketil*, with Continental Germanic *Ans-* substituted for *As-*). See **Askell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Astillus, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: William Astil, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert Astel, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Hugo Astyl pro Asketyl, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); Richard Astill, 1539 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Agnes Astill, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Andrew Astill, 1569 in



*IGI* (Lockington, Leics); John Astill, 1578 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); Thomas Astill, 1584 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks).

### Astin

Variants: **Astins, Asten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 869
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

1 English: see **Aspden**, and compare **Aston** and **Austin**, all four surnames having become inextricably confused with one another.

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 216.

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Astin*, a contracted form of *Asketin*, a pet form of Old Norman French *Ansketill*, ultimately from Old Scandinavian *Ásketill*. See **Anketell** and compare **Askin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hastinus caretarius, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Robertus filius Astin, 1219, Hugh Astyn, 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Astin, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Hastin, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Astine, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Roger Astyn, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Astyn, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Elizabeth Astin, 1594 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

### Astington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Surrey

English: from a place described by Old English phrase *ēast in tūne* 'east in the village', or from a place named with this expression, for example minor places in Gloucs, Worcs, Dorset, and Devon.

Compare **Norrington, Sinton, Easterby**.

**Further information:** The present name is of northern origin and distribution.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Estinton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Acton, Northumb); Waltero de Estyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibson, Leics); Isaiah Astington, 1741 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Sarah Astington, 1754 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); James Astington, 1766 in *IGI* (Coppenhall, Cheshire).

### Astins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Staffs

English: variant of **Astin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Astle

Variants: **Astill, Astall, Astell, Astles, Hasdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1356, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 974
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, Staffs

1 English: locative name in most cases, from Astle in Chelford (Cheshire), or occasionally from residence on an 'east hill' (Middle English *ast + hill* or *hull*), i.e. a hill to the east of a settlement. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under any of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Astell, about 1225 in *Lichfield Muniments* (Staffs); [... de] Ast(e)hull, about 1300, [... de] Astell(e), 1357 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*

(Cheshire); Richard de Asthul (Astell), 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Astle, 1541 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Margt. Astell, 1558, John Astle, 1564 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Margaret Astle, 1565 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Astle, 1578 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Geffraye Astle, 1589 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Astwell (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Edward Astell, 1561, Roger Astill, 1564 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Jasper Astwell 1566, in *IGI* (Rearsby, Leics).

3 English: locative name from Asthall (Oxon); see **Astall** (2).

4 English: see **Astill**.

5 English: relationship name possibly also from the Middle English personal name \**Astwulf* (Old English \**Ēastwulf*, composed of the elements *ēast* 'east' + *wulf* 'wolf').

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Astolf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics); Matilda Astolf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey).

### Astles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Staffs and Lancs

English: variant of **Astle** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Astley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2421, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Warwick; N Wales

English: locative name from any of several places in England called Astley (Lancs, Shrops, Warwicks, Worcs, WR Yorks), named in Old English with *ēast* 'east' + *lēah* 'woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Astele, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); James de Astlye, 1300 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Asteley, 1377 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Ales Astley, 1557 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); John Astley, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Gwen Astley, 1563 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Johis. Astley, 1563 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Peter Astley, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Astling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Lincs; also Bucks

English: see **Aslin**.

### Astman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Eastman**.

### Aston

Variants: **Astin, Asten, Asson, Ashton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7117, Ireland 193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4922
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster and Leinster: esp. Armagh; Westmeath

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ad(e)stan*, which is usually from Old English *Æðelstān* (see **Alston**). Robertus filius Adestani and Walterus filius Alstan, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk), both mentioned in the same document relating to the same parish, were probably both sons of *Æðelstan*. It may, however, be from the much rarer Old English name *Ēadstān* (from *ēad* 'prosperity' + *stān* 'stone'). The forms found in Domesday Book, *Æstanus* and *Estan*, may represent either of the Old English names.

**Early bearers:** given names: Asthone de Sancto Luca, about 1140 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Astanus de Hune, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adelstanus, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).

surnames: Tomas filius Adestan, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo filius Athelstan, Adelstan', 1218, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Lewin Adstan, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Herbertus filius Edelstani, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Thomas Astan, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Aston, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Anne Aston, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johannis Aston, 1546 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Roger Aston, 1546 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Thomas Aston, 1550 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent).

2 English: locative name from any of the numerous places in England named Aston, probably chiefly the one in Warwicks. See also **Ashton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aston', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Roger de Aston, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); William de Aston', 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Nicholas Aston', 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Robert Aston, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugh de Aston', 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs).

3 English: locative name from Middle English *atte stone* '(dweller) by the stone'. Compare such names as **Amoorer, Agate, Avann**.

**Early bearers:** William Stone, 1494, William Astone, 1500 in *Cinque Ports Books*; Thomas A Stone, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas A Stone, John a stone, 1569 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Astor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name variant of **Easter** (2).

### Astridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Ostridge**, which may be related to Old French *ostricier* 'keeper of goshawks' (from *ostur* '(gos) hawk'). The goshawk word has cognates in other Romance languages with *a-*, e.g. Spanish *azor*. **Further information:** The early spellings tell against derivation from minor places called *Eastridge* in Sussex and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** William Actrich, about 1257, William Attrich, Walter Haystrich, Walter Attrich, 1276, Geoffrey Astrich, 1280, Walter Aztrich, 1299, William Astrich, William Aztrich, 1300, Adam Astrych', 1330 in *New Forest Documents* (New Forest, Hants); Richard Atrich, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Ellingham, Hants); Johis Astridge, 1690 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

**Astwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Derbys
- English: see **Eastwood**.

**Aswat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *aswad*, 'black, dark'.

**Further information:** The *-t* ending suggests origin in non-Arabic-speaking Muslim areas.

**Atack**

Variants: **Attack**, **Attock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Eatough**. This name was brought into the West Riding from Lancs, the earliest example being Atought, recorded in Crofton, 1545 in Redmonds (1997).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation of this surname from Middle English *atte ak* or *atte ok* 'dweller by the oak'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Aitocke, 1571 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Ann Attock, 1600 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); George Atocke, 1643, Rowland Atack, 1655 in *IGI* (Crofton, WR Yorks); John Attock, 1658 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); John Attock, 1711, Judith Atack, 1742 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*.

**Atcha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: of uncertain origin, perhaps Aramaic. **Further information:** This name is found in India, particularly in the Surat district.

**Atcheson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 193
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lanarks and Renfrews; Northumb; Cambs.
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish, English: see **Acheson**, **Aitchison**.

**Atchinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Lincs

English: see **Aitchison**.

**Atchison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and central Scotland, Northumb, and Durham

Scottish, English: see **Aitchison**.

**Atchley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

English: locative name from Atchley in Shrops.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Atcliffe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name variant of **Cliff**, Middle English *atte cliffe* with fused preposition.

**Early bearers:** William Attclyff, 1470 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); George Atclyff, 1496 in *London Letter Books L*.

**Atfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Attfield**.

**Atha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Athey**.

**Athanasiou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the Greek male personal name *Athanasios*, from the adjective meaning 'immortal'.

**Athay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Athey**.

**Ather**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps from the place-name *Arthuret* (Cumb).

**Further information:** There are traces of a similar but earlier name in Lincs: Katherine Arthera 1564, Margerit Arthra, 1566 in *IGI* (Langton by Spilsby); Thomas Artherrowe, 1573 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs); Robart Arthrey, 1575 in *IGI* (Halton Holegate); Anne Arthrey, 1585 in *IGI* (Willoughby). Whether this is the origin of the Durham surname is not clear.

**Early bearers:** Jane Arthura, 1672, Maria Athurah, 1677 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Anne Ather, 1675 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Mary Ather, 1681, Ann Athray, 1745 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Sarah Athar, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Ralph Athurah, 1718 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Matt. Ather, 1738, Henry Athera, 1758 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Mary Athera, 1746 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Arthra, 1755 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

**Atherden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: variant of **Etherton**.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from Middle English *at ther dene* 'dweller in the valley' (Old

English *æt þære dene*) is etymologically justified by William ater Dene, Peter in ther Dene, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), but post-medieval *Atherden* is not found before the 18th century and seems to belong to the *Etherton* cluster, along with *Etherden* and *Atherton*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Atherden, 1736 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henry Etherton, 1780, Emily Jane Atherden, 1865 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex).

**Atherfold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Durham

English: locative name from Middle English *at ther folde* 'dweller or worker) at the fold (in the sense, pen for farm animals)'.

**Early bearers:** John atte Fold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Atherfold, 1711 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Thomas Atherfold, 1756 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex).

**Atherley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N central England: esp. Notts, Derbys, and Staffs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *at the(r) lee* 'dweller) at the woodland clearing' (Old English *æt þære læge*). Compare **Attley**.

**Early bearers:** Alfeg' and Richard ater Legh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); John Atherlee, 1419 in *London Letter Books I*; Agnet Atherley, 1577 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Jane Atherley, 1580 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Leics); An Atherly, 1630 in *IGI* (Alvaston, Derbys); Elizabeth Atherly, 1650 in *IGI* (Penn, Staffs); Mary Atherlye, 1666 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

2 English: variant of **Hatherley** with loss of initial *H*-. Some of the post-medieval bearers listed in (1) may alternatively belong here.

**Athersmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *at the(r) smythie*, denoting someone who lived (and presumably worked) at a smithy (Old English *smipþe*). (ii) locative name possibly also from Middle English *at ther smethe* 'dweller at the smooth, level place' (Old English *smēðe*).

**Early bearers:** John atter Smythe, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* p. 386; Henry Athersmith, 1644 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); John Athersmith, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Athersmith, 1724 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); John Athersmith, 1816 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thomas Athersmith, 1820 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

**Atherstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Atherstone (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Atherston', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne de Atherston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Richarde Atherstone, 1609 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Richarde Atherstone,

1611 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Ann Atherstone, 1731 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Alice Atherstone, 1742 in *IGI* (Farcet, Hunts); William Atherstone, 1767 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Athersuch

**Variants:** *Athersych*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs
- English: locative name from Hathersage (Derbys), recorded in the 14th century as *Athersegge*, *Athersygg*. **Further information:** Reaney and Wilson incorrectly associate the name with the Sheffield area. **Early bearers:** Rainold Athersech, 1584 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); John. Athersych, 1588 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Thoms Athersitche, 1607 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Willm. Athersich, 1610 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Gilbert Athersuch, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Francis Hathersich, 1690 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Mary Athersuch, 1739 in *IGI* (Allensmore, Herefs); William Athersych, 1783, William Athersuch, 1808 in *IGI* (Foleshill, Warwicks).

### Athersych

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see *Athersuch*.

### Atherton

**Variants:** *Adderton*, *Atterton*, *Arthurton*, *Etherton*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8133, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5370
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 English: locative name from Atherton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Aderton* in 1212, *Atherton* in 1322. **Early bearers:** Henry de Athertone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William de Atherton, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Humphrey Addertone alias Athurton, 1470 in *Combermere Book* (Cheshire); William Aderton, 1567, Jaine Adtherton, 1632 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Edmund Atherton, 1609 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 102.

- 2 English: locative name from Hatherton (Staffs). **Early bearers:** Margaret Hatherton, 1592, Thomas Atherton, 1714, Charles John Atherton, 1823 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Joseph Hatherton, 1676, William Atherton, 1698 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).
- 3 English: locative name in E Anglia it is perhaps from Middle English *at ther doune* '(dweller) on the hill' (Old English *æt þære dūne*). Through confusion of *-don* and *-ton*, *Attherdoune* was altered to *Atherton*, *Adderton*, *Atterton*, and with lengthening of the initial vowel (and influenced by folk etymology), to *Arthurton*, *Artherton*, and *Arterton*, now the main forms of the name in Norfolk. **Early bearers:** William Atherdonne (for Atherdoune), Ruben Atherton, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nathaniel Atterton, 1579 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Atherton, 1580 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Thomas Atherton, 1619 in *IGI* (Wood Rising, Norfolk); Isabell Atterton, 1621, Rob. Atherton, 1683, Sarah Arthurton, 1694, William Arterton, 1719 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Widow Atherton, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).
- 4 English: see *Etherton*.
- 5 English: see *Atterton*.

### Athey

**Variants:** *Athy*, *Atty*, *Atha*, *Athay*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *atte hey* '(dweller) at the enclosure' (Old English *(ge)hæg*). **Early bearers:** Simon ate Heghe, about 1270 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Lecia Ateheye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Christina Atteheg, 1290 in *London Met Archives* (Middx); Geoffrey Atteheg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard atte Heg', 1411 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Bentley, Suffolk); Catherine Athee, 1551, Ales Athey, 1582 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thoma Athaye, 1565 in *IGI* (Hareby, Lincs); Margaret Athye, 1586 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Joseph Athay, 1629 in *Parish Registers* (Herts); William Athay, 1638 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Henry Athay, 1668 in Boyd's Misc. Transcription (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Atthey, 1744 in *IGI* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); James Atthey, 1780 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

### Athill

**Variants:** *Atthill*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *atte hill* '(dweller) at the hill' (Old English *hyll*). **Early bearers:** Richard Athill, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Ralph atte Helle, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thoma Attehulle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Thomas At Hill, 1524 in *Kent Wills* (Kent).

### Athol

**Variants:** *Atholl*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Scottish: locative name from the province and earldom of *Atholl* in Perthshire. **Further information:** Adam de Athetle rendered homage at Perth in 1291. **Early bearers:** Macbeth de Atholia, prisoner, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Donald de Athol, messenger, 1311 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick, Berwicks); Gilbert Atholl, 1592 in *Aberdeen Council Register*; Thomas Athoill, burgess, 1606 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (both Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Grizell Atholl, 1685 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); John Athol, 1797 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

2 English: locative name possibly also from Middle English *atte hole* '(dweller) in the hollow', Old English *holh*. **Early bearers:** Robert atte Hole, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Athol, 1841 in *IGI* (Hulme, Lancs).

### Atholl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish, English: see *Athol*.

### Athorn

**Variants:** *Athorne*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *atte horne* '(dweller) at the spit of land', Old English *horn*.

**Early bearers:** William atte Horne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrie Athorn, 1602 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); William Athorn, 1671 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Elizabeth Athorn, 1722 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Athorn, 1767 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Athorn, 1768 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *atte thorne* '(dweller) at the thorn bush' (Old English *þorn*).

**Early bearers:** Emma Attethorn', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*.

### Athorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see *Athorn*.

### Athowe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see *Attoe*.

### Athwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see *Atwal*.

### Athy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Suffolk
- English: see *Athey*.

### Atick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see *Atwick*.

### Atkar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Atkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: locative name from Middle English *atte key* '(dweller or worker) at the quay'. Compare *Kay*. **Early bearers:** William atte Keye, 1370 in *London Pleas*; Richerd Atkey, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); William Atkey, 1724 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, IoW).

### Atkin

**Variants:** *Adkin*, *Etkin*, *Eakin*, *Aitken*, *Akin*, *Atkins*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5262, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3989
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. N Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Cork
- English: relationship name from a pet form of *Adam*, composed of *Ade* + the suffix *-kin*.

## Atkins

**Early bearers:** given names: Adekin filius Turst', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Adkyn Cheperd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rutland).

**surnames:** John Adekyn, 1296 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Willelmus Addekyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Amicia Atkyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); William Atkyn, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Jane Atkin, 1579 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Ruthe Atken, 1596, George Atkin, 1626 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent).

## Atkins

**Variants:** Attkins, Adkins, Hadkins, Akins, Aikens, Aikins, Aitkens, Aitkins, Atkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15791, Ireland 240
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11134
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Atkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Atkyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Adekynes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Adekynes, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Addekyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Willelmus Adkyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Walter Atkyns, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Johnn Atkins, 1542 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Bridget Atkins, 1544 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Abell Atkins, 1547 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Harry Atkins, 1554 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Edward Atkins, 1556 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Atkins, 1561 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Henrie Atkins, 1571 in *IGI* (Bubbenhall, Warwicks).

## Atkinson

**Variants:** Adkinson, Ackenson, Atkison, Aitchison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37305, Ireland 1066
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29121
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Armagh

N English; Scottish: relationship name patronymic from the personal names *Atkin* or *Adkin*, pet forms of *Adam*.

**Early bearers:** England Robert Adkynsone, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Acton, Northumb); William Adkynson, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Johanne Adkynesone, Thoma Adkynneson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); John Adkynsone, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Atkynson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Robert Atkynson', 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Atkinson, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Westm); William Atkynson', 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Mgy Attkinson, 1543 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Catheran Attkinson, 1563 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Wyllam Ackenson, 1598 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ralph Akinson, 1673 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Marmaduke Akinson, 1741 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb). Scotland John Atkynsoun, 1387 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (North Berwick, E Lothian); William Atkinson, 1408 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Atkynson, 1436 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); John Atzinson, vicar, 1475 in *Kelso Register* (Morton, Dumfries); Patrick Atzensone, 1479 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Glasgow, Lanarks); George Aczinson, 1490 in *Lanark Records* (Lanarks); William Ackynson, juror, 1501 in *Antiquaries of Scotland*; Edward Aitkenson, 1785 in *IGI* (Edinburgh,

Midlothian); Janet Aitkenson, 1792 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

## Atkison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

N English: variant of **Atkinson** with loss of *-n-*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Grace Atkison, 1607 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); John Atkison, 1652 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb).

## Atkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Atkins**. Compare *Hodgkiss* as a variant of *Hodgkins*. It appears to have been sometimes confused with *Etkiss*, a reduced form of **Edkins** or a development of of *Edcus* (see **Edgoose**). **Early bearers:** John Atkys, 1559 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Etkes, 1572 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Anne Etkis, 1583 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Wm Atkis, 1600 in *IGI* (Longnor, Shrops); Willm. Atkes, 1566, Wilyam Etkis, 1613, John Etkes, 1647, William Atkis, 1655 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Wm Atkis, 1600, Rich. Atkiss, 1692 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Sara Atkiss, 1718 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs).

## Atlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Herefs
- English: see **Attley**.

## Atlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs
- English: see **Attley**.

## Atley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks; also Surrey
- English: see **Attley**.

## Atmeare

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Attmere**.

## Atmer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Attmere**.

## Atmore

**Variants:** Amoore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *atte more* '(dweller) at the moor, marsh, or fen' (Old English *æt þām mōre*). Compare **Moore**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan Attemore, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*; Thomas atte More, Simon atte Moure, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte More, 1371, Henry at More, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Walter

atte More, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John at More, 1381 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Wimbotsham, Norfolk); William A moore, 1479 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; Joan Amore, 1561 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); Ales Amooore, 1572 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Willm Attmore, 1604 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Sara Atmore, 1654 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mathusalem Attmore, 1723 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

## Aton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Atton**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Atrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; also Cornwall; Derbys

English: see **Atrill**.

## Atta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic 'atā 'gift' or its compound 'atā-ullāh 'gift of Allah'.

## Attack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Attack**.

## Attale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Hale** with fused preposition and definite article.

**Early bearers:** Robert Attehal', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William atte Hale, 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex).

## Attard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Maltese: relationship name a variant of the medieval Italian personal name *Attardo*, which has been claimed to be of Germanic origin.

**Further information:** Compare Laura Attardo, born in Valetta, Malta, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Attard, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Carucalo Attard, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

## Attaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) variant of **Ottaway** with unrounding of the initial vowel. Compare Repentance Ottaway, 1622, Henry Attaway, 1629 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); John Attaway, 1710, Mary Ottaway, 1732 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Elizabeth Ottaway, 1744, James Attaway, 1840 in *IGI*

(Chobham, Surrey). (ii) some examples may alternatively be variants of **Way** (Middle English *atte Way*) with fused preposition. This phrase also gave rise to minor place-names, e.g. Atway (Devon) and Way (in Thorverton, Devon), recorded in 1306 as *Atteweve*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Attaway, 1617 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Mgerly Attaway, 1620 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); James Attaway, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Joseph Attaway, 1647 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Attaway, 1658 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 573, 468.

### Attawell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Attwell**.

### Attebery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Atterbury**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Attenborough

**Variants:** **Attenborrow**, **Attenburrow**, **Attenbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 619
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: locative name from Attenborough (Notts), recorded as *Adingburg*, *Adinburcha* in the 12th century, *Addenbroug* in 1305. See also **Edinborough**.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Adinburks, 1255 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Willelmi de Addinbur, 1302 in *Feudal Aids* (Broxtow wapentake, Notts); Joh' de Addingburgh', probably identical with Joh' le Baker de Addingburgh', 1352 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Elizabeth Adenborow, 1580 in *IGI* (Oxton, Notts); Frances Attenborrow, 1587 in *IGI* (Clifton, Notts); Alice Attenborow, 1598 in *IGI* (Allestree, Derbys); Willmus Adenborowe, 1601, Ann Attenborow, 1603, Georgius Adenborough, 1629 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); James Attinborrow, 1618, Jervais Attenbury, 1758 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 142–3.

### Attenborrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Attenborough**.

### Attenbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Attenborough**.

### Attenburrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Attenborough**.

### Atter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *atter* 'poison, venom; gall, bitterness' (Old English *ātor*).

**Early bearers:** Edguinus atre, 1111, Edwin Atter, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); John Attar, 1606 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Thomas Atter, 1614 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs).

### Atterbury

**Variants:** **Attebery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Derbys

1 English: locative name from Atterbury in Milton Keynes (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Atterbury, 1560 in *IGI* (Chicheley, Bucks); Lewis Atterbury, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Houghton, Northants); Phillip Atterburie, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Amphillis Atterbury, 1594 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Robert Atterbery, 1600 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); William Atterbury, 1683 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys).

2 English: locative name denoting someone who lived or worked '(at the) manor house', Middle English *atte(r) buri* (Old English *æt þære byrig*). Compare **Berry**.

**Early bearers:** John Ateburi, 1279 in *Oxford University Register*; Hugh ate Bery, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William ate Bery, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginaldus Atebour', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Good Easter, Essex); John Atterbury, 1610 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); John Atterbury, 1610 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); William Atterbury, 1636 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); William Atterbury, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Richard Atterbury, 1648 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex).

### Atteridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: see **Attridge**.

2 English: see **Etheridge**.

### Atterton

**Variants:** **Adderton**, **Atherton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Atterton in Witherley (Leics), which is recorded as *Aterton* in 1205.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Atterton, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Edwinstowe, Notts); John de Atterton, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Measham, Derbys); Robert Atturton', 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Atterton, 1476–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Jorge Adderton, 1567, Joys Atterton, 1573 in *IGI* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Robart Attorton, 1579 in *IGI* (Braunstone, Leics); Marmaduke Atterton, 1585 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Jane Aderton, 1720 in *IGI* (Radford Semele, Warwicks).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 5.

2 English: possibly an occasional variant of **Atton** (2), from Middle English *atte toun* '(dweller) at the settlement'.

3 English: see **Etherton**.

4 English: see **Atherton**.

### Atterwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Attwell**.

### Attew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name see **Attoe**.

### Attewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 472

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Berks

English: see **Attwell**.

### Attewill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Attwell**.

### Attfield

**Variants:** **Atfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *atte feld* '(dweller) by the area of open, treeless land' (Old English *feld*).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Attefeld, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Elizabeth Attfield, 1705 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); John Attfield, 1705 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Elizebeth Attfield, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Attfield, 1728 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Caroline Attfield, 1775 in *IGI* (Barkham, Berks).

### Atthill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Dorset

English: see **Athill**.

### Atthow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Atthowe**.

### Atthowe

**Variants:** **Atthow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Attoe**.

### Attia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *'at'iyāh* 'gift, present'.

### Attick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Atwick**.

### Attkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o

## Attle

- GB frequency 1881: 119
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Middx
- English: see **Atkins**.

### Attlee

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 72
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Suffolk; Durham
- English: see **Attley**.

### Attlee

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Attley**.

### Attley

- Variants: **Attlee, Atlee, Attle, Atley, Atlay**
- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 79
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Northants; Durham

English: locative name from Middle English *at the(r) lee* '(dweller) at the woodland clearing' (Old English *æt þære læge*). Compare **Atherley**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Atte lee, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Attele, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); William atte Leye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Attlee, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Ric. at Leghe, 1567 in *Robertsbridge Survey* (Sussex).

### Attmere

- Variants: **Atmer, Atmeare**
- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *atte mere* '(dweller) at the pond, lake, or pool' (Old English *æt þām mere*). (ii) locative name from Middle English *atte meare* '(dweller) at the boundary' (Old English *æt þām (ge)mære*).

**Early bearers:** Cecil' Atmer', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); John Atmer, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund Attmear, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Atto

- GB frequency 1881: 16
- Main GB location 1881: Berks; also Norfolk

1 English: see **Attoe**.

2 English: see **Hatto**.

3 English: see **Eatough**.

### Attock

- GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Attack**.

### Attoe

Variants: **Atthowe, Athowe, Atto, Attew, Hatto**

- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *atte howe*, *atte hoʒe*, denoting either someone who lived by a mound (Old Scandinavian *haugr*) or someone who lived by a spur or promontory (Old English *hōh*, dative *hōge*). Compare **Howe**.

**Early bearers:** William atte Howe, 1367 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Wicklewood, Norfolk); Thomas

Athow, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Frances Atto, William Attoe, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis Attew, 1777 in *IGI* (Trunch, Norfolk); Robert Attow, 1782 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Mary Attu, 1839 in *IGI* (Shingham, Norfolk).

### Attom

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: locative name from Middle English *atte hamme* '(dweller) by the water meadow or enclosure' (Old English *hamm*, which has numerous related senses). Compare **Ham**.
- Early bearers:** Walterus atte Hamme, 1327 in *MED*.

### Atton

Variants: **Hatton, Atterton, Aton**

- Current frequencies: GB 275, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 128
  - Main GB location 1881: Rutland and Leics; also WR Yorks
- 1 English: variant of **Hatton**, with loss of initial *H-*. **Early bearers:** Gilberto de Atton, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Alan de Atton, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys/Staffs); Robert Atton, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); William Atton, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); William de Atton, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh de Atton', 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Annis Atton, 1548, Alce Attun, 1555 in *IGI* (Beeby, Leics); Magdalen Atton, 1561 in *IGI* (Seaton, Rutland); Margery Atton, 1617, Sarah Attun, 1632 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland); An Attone, 1664 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *atte toun* '(dweller) at the settlement' (Old English *æt þām tūn(e)*). Compare **Town**.

**Early bearers:** William atte Toune, imprisoned at Stafford, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Henr' ate Toune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William atte Townen', 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Stone, Bucks).

### Attree

- Current frequencies: GB 508, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 333
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

1 English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a stream, Middle English *atter ea* (Old English *ēa*). (ii) locative name for someone who lived on low-lying land (Old English *ēg*). Compare **Rea**. (iii) locative name for someone who lived by a prominent tree, Middle English *tre* 'tree' (Old English *trēo*), John A'Tree, 1558 in *Sussex Wills*. See **Tree**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Attere, 1272 in *Place-Names of Cambs* 15; Walter at Reghe, 1287 in *Place-Names of Surrey* 330; Thomas Atry, 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Matthew atte Ry, 1389 in *Place-Names of Essex* 387; Richard Atre, 1545 in *Sussex Wills*.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *atter hegh* '(dweller) by the enclosure' (Old English *(ge)hæg*).

**Early bearers:** Simon ater Hegh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Attree, 1562 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); James Attree, 1704 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); John Attree, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Sarah Attree, 1757 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey); John Attree, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

3 English: see **Hawtreay**.

### Attreed

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex; Lancs
- English: locative name from Middle English *atte read* '(dweller) at a clearing in a wood'. See **Read**.
- Early bearers:** Robert atte Reed, about 1295 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); William at Rede, 1567 in *Robertsbridge Survey* (Sussex).

### Attrell

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx, Surrey, Sussex, Hants, and IoW
- English: see **Attrill**.

### Attride

Variants: **Attrye**

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: locative name from the Middle English phrase *atte ride, rede, rude* 'at the clearing'. See **Ride**.
- Early bearers:** Julian atte Rede, John ater Rede, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard ate Rude, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William ate Ryde, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas atte Red, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Ruyde, 1436, Henry at Ryde, 1524 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Ewhurst).

### Attridge

Variants: **Atteridge**

- Current frequencies: GB 765, Ireland 60
  - GB frequency 1881: 440
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork
- 2 English, Irish: variant of **Etheridge**.
- Early bearers:** England Thoms. Attridge, 1571, John Attridge, 1576 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex). Ireland Brien Eterrup, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5452 (Mayo); William Atteridge, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lissacaha, Cork); Sarah Attridge, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lowertown, Cork).

1 English: locative name from Middle English *atte rygge* '(dweller) at the ridge' (Old English *æt þām hrycge*). See *Löfvenberg*, p. 173. Compare **Ridge**.

**Further information:** The name was taken in the 16th century to Ireland, where it is common in county Cork.

**Early bearers:** Edith atte Rigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Rygge, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* 567; Ellin Atrige, 1588 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Thomas Atridge, 1608 in *IGI* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); Sarah Atteridge, 1630 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Attrill

Variants: **Atrill, Attrell, Hatherall**

- Current frequencies: GB 791, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 541
- Main GB location 1881: IoW

1 English: locative name from Middle English *atter hille* '(dweller) by the hill'.

**Early bearers:** Walter atter Hille, 1330, John at Ryll, 1524 in *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 477, 562.

2 English: from Middle English *atter hilde, atter helde* '(dweller) on the slope' (Middle English, Old English *hild, held*).

**Early bearers:** Joh. ater Helde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pashley and Hoathly, Sussex); Rad. ater Hylde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Poynings, Sussex); James Attrill, 1686 in *IGI* (Shorwell, IoW); William Attrill, 1775 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); George Attrill, 1780 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Richard Attrill, 1802 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Attrill, 1807 in *IGI* (West Firie, Sussex).

**3 English:** it may also be a variant of **Hatherall** (1); compare Jane Hatrell, 1568 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants). That and following bearers may otherwise belong under (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Attrill, 1629 in *IGI* (Thorley, IoW); Mary Attrell, 1769 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW).

### Attriede

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Attride**.

### Attwater

**Variants:** **Atwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Devon; also Durham

English: locative name from Middle English *at (the) water* '(dweller) beside the water' (Old English *wæter*), usually a reference to a pond, stream, or river. Compare **Bywater** and **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** William Atewater, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Ricardus Hetewater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pagham, Sussex); Simon Attwater, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks and Worcs); William Atwater, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Agnes Attwater, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Baltonsborough, Somerset).

### Attwell

**Variants:** **Atwell**, **Attwill**, **Atwill**, **Atterwill**, **Attewell**, **Attawell**, **Attewill**, **Attwooll**, **Attwool**, **Hatwell**, **Towell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 656
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales

English: locative name from Middle English *at the(r) welle*, later *atte welle*, '(dweller) by the spring or well' (Old English *at þære wielle*). Compare **Well**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Attewell, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John ater Welle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Wille, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* 450; Radulphus Atthewell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keyham, Leics); Johannes Attewell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Amicia and Cecilia Attewell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bisbrooke, Rutland); Joane Attwell, 1553 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Willihelmus Attewell, 1577, Katherine Attiwell, 1596 in *IGI* (Threekingham, Lincs); Abraham Attwell, 1587 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Johanna Attwell, 1590 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Richard Attwell, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Johane Attwell, 1607 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); William Attwooll, 1734 in *IGI* (Portland, Dorset); Mary Atterwell, 1750 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Attwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Attwell**.

### Attwood

**Variants:** **Atwood**, **Awood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4467, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2914
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midland and Gloucs; London; Hants

English: locative name from Middle English *atte wode* '(dweller) by the wood' (Old English *æt þāem wuda*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Attewode, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Atwode, 1457 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

### Attwool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Hants and Dorset

English: see **Attwell**.

### Attwooll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Attwell**.

### Atty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Lancs

1 English: see **Attey**.

2 English: see **Atthey**.

### Atwal

**Variants:** **Athwal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Atwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Attwater**.

### Atwell

**Variants:** **Towle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 630
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset, Gloucs, and Glamorgan; Hants and Dorset; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Fermanagh

English: see **Attwell**.

### Atwick

**Variants:** **Attick**, **Atick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Middle English *atte wyk*, denoting a dweller or worker at a dairy farm (Old English *wic* 'specialized or outlying farm'), but the ER Yorks place-name *Atwick* is an alternative possibility.

**Early bearers:** Walter ate Wyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Atwick, 1613 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Henrici Atwick, 1665 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Daniell Atwick, 1676 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Nathaniell Atwick, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Atwick, 1695 in *IGI* (West Itchenor, Sussex).

### Atwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Attwell**.

### Atwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx and Surrey; Worcs and Staffs

English: see **Attwood**.

### Atyeo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *atte yo* '(dweller) by the river' (Old English *ēa*); see **Yeo**.

**Early bearers:** Roger atte Yo, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* 263; Mary Atyeo, 1667 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Charles Atyeo, 1813 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset).

### Au

**Variants:** **Ao**, **Aw**, **Ow**, **Ang**, **Ngo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 敖 (**Ao** in Mandarin pinyin, **Ngo** in Cantonese romanization), meaning both 'rambling' and 'deposed king without posthumous titles' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Tai **Ao** (太敖), teacher of the legendary king Zhuan Xu (traditional dates: 2514–2437 BC). (ii) it is said that the surname is also borne by descendants of deposed kings of the former state of Chu, with no posthumous titles, during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**2** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 歐 (**Ou** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'to sing someone's praise' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name Dong **Ou** (東甌), a fief (in present-day Wenzhou in Zhejiang province) which was granted to Yao in 192 BC. It is said that Yao was a descendant of Wujiang (reigned 355–333 BC), king of the state of Yue (located mainly in present-day Zhejiang and Jiangxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the place-name **Ou Yu** (歐餘), name of a fief (located in present-day Zhejiang province) that was granted to Ti, the second son of Wujiang (reigned 355–333 BC), king of the state of Yue (located mainly in present-day Zhejiang and Jiangxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 區 (**Ou** in Mandarin pinyin), originally denoting an ancient vessel for measurement in ancient Chinese: from the personal name of **Ou Zhizi** (歐冶子), an expert sword-maker who lived during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). Some of his

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descendants inherited *Ou* (歐) as their surname, simplifying the Chinese character 歐 to 區.

### Aubert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Montgomerys; Lancs

1 Huguenot, French: see **Albert** (2).

**Early bearers:** Marie Aubert, 1614, Aubert Auher, 1691, Pierre Auher, 1692 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jacques Aubert, 1699 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Claude Aubert, 1728 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Daniel Abraham Aubert, 1739 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Marnier Clement Eli Jean De Basire Aubert, 1877 in *IGI* (Kirkdale, Lancs).

2 English: see **Albert** (1).

### Aubertin

**Variants:** Auberton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and Surrey; Glamorgan

Huguenot: from Metz (Lorraine). On the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 the original emigrant fled to Switzerland; his great-grandson came to England about 1767. But the name was already in England by then. It is formed with the diminutive suffix *-in* from *Aubert*, the vernacular form of *Albert*. **Early bearers:** Henriette Aubertin, 1715 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jean Aubertin, 1736 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Auberton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Huguenot: see **Aubertin**.

### Aubery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Italian: see **Aubrey**.

### Aubin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs
- English: see **Albin**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Aubin, 1610 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Rebecca Aubin, 1797 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Aubon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Alban**.

### Auborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Auburn**.

### Aubrey

**Variants:** Aubery, Aubry, Aubury, Awbery, Awbrey, Abery, Abrey, Abra, Aburrow, O Bray, Alberty, Alberty, Allberry, Allberrey, Albury, Alsbury, Horberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1476, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 836
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S Wales and S and central England

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Albry*, *Aubry*, *Aubery*, a borrowing of Old French *Alberi*, *Aubri*, from Continental Germanic *Alberic*, composed of the elements \**alb-* 'elf' + \**ric* 'power, realm'. Post-medieval examples of the surname may alternatively belong under (2) or (3) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Albricus de Capella, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Aubri Bunt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: John Aubri, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Aubri, 1308 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Adam Albry, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Aubry, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Aubery, Awberry, Aubry, 1460 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk); John Awbery, 1547 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Tymothie Awberie, 1615 in *IGI* (Norwich); Prudentia Awbrey, 1558 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); James Awberry, 1734 in *IGI* (Knapwell, Cambs); William Awberry, 1564 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Mary Aubery, 1610 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Jane Aubury, 1619 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Elizabeth Aubery, 1733 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); William Aubry, in *Census 1881* (Cambs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Albrey*, *Aubrey*, Old French *Albree*, *Aubree*, *Auberee* (Continental Germanic *Albrad* from \**alb-* 'elf' + an undetermined second element). Some of the late Middle English and Modern English examples may belong under (1) or (3). From about 1400, pronunciation of Middle English *-ey* began to converge with that of *-y*, with resulting confusion of *Aubrey* (1) and (2) and some interchange of spellings. See also **Abson** and **Ablett**, which incorporate pet forms of the name, and **Abery**. Some of the post-medieval examples may alternatively belong under (3) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Albreda, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts), 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Aubreda, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Albreda, Albre de Jarpenvill', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Albreda daughter of Robert, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lockton, NR Yorks); Albreda Adas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Albray, Aubray, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

surnames: Osbertus filius Alberade, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ricardus filius Albrei, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Johannes filius Aubre, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Albre, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Aubrey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Albray, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Edlington, WR Yorks); William Aubray, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Aubray, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Edward Awbrey, 1551, John Awbrey, 1623 in *IGI* (Brecknock, Brecknocks); William Aubrey, in *Census 1881* (Glamorgan).

3 English: variant of **Abery** (1), from a local pronunciation of Avebury (Wilts). Compare

### Aburrow.

**Early bearers:** Alis Awbrey, 1564 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Ann Awbry, 1759 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Charles Aubrey, 1843 in *IGI* (Brightwalton, Berks); John Awbrey, 1573 in *IGI* (Easton Percy, Wilts); Mary Awbrey, 1598 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); James Awberry in *Census 1881* (Hants); Thomas Aubrey, in *Census 1881* (Wilts).

4 English: occasionally a variant of **Horbury**; compare John Parker of Aubrey (i.e. Horbury) near Wakefield, 1804 in *Parish Registers* (Collingham, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Awbray, 1561, John Aubury, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 216.

### Aubry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Aubrey**.

### Auburn

**Variants:** Auburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants and Beds

English: locative name from Auburn (Lincs) or Auburn (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry of Auburn, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus Hawburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); William de Auburne, 1388 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henry Auburn', 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Williamus Auburn, 1564 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Mary Auburn, 1665 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Peter Aubone, John Auborne, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Susanna Auburn, 1687 in *IGI* (Great Ponton, Lincs); Thomas Auburn, 1747 in *IGI* (Upper Stondon, Beds); George Awburn, 1758, John Auburn, 1785 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb).

### Aubury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Aubrey** (3).

### Auchterlonie

**Variants:** Lonie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Auchterlownie (Angus), now Wester Lownie by Dunnichen. See also **Lonie**.

**Early bearers:** Wauter de Ogtherloveny, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); William of Ochterlowny, 1388 in *Bamff Charters* (Bamff, Perths); Alexander de Uchtirlowny, 1410 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perth); Thomas Auchterlonie, 1653 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Margaret Auchterlownie, 1664 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Robert Auchterlonie, 1675 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife).

### Auckland

**Variants:** Aukland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 422
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Auckland (Durham). **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Aukelaunde, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert de Aukland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William de Aukland, 1351 in *York Freeman's Register*; Nicholas Aukland, 1546 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Alani Aukland, 1552 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John Aukland, 1565 in *IGI* (Saxton



in Elmet, WR Yorks); Catherin Auckland, 1585 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Auckland, 1623 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks).

### Aucock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Alcock**.

### Aucott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands
- English: see **Alcott**.

### Aucutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Gloucs
- English: see **Alcott**.

### Audas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Aldous**.

### Auden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs and Shrops; also Lancs and Derbys
- English: see **Alden**.

### Audin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Alden**.

### Audiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Aldous**.

### Audley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: locative name from Audley (Staffs).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Aldeðalega, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); James de Audeley, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh Daudelegh, 1333 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Audeley, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas de Audeley, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Edmund Audele, clerk, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Thomas Audley, 1557 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Maria Audley, 1636 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); James Audly, 1670, John Auly, 1727 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).

### Audrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks
- English: see **Awdry**.

### Audritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English: see **Aldred**.  
 2 English: see **Alldritt**.  
 3 English: see **Aldridge**.

### Audry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Awdry**.

### Audsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 330
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from an unidentified place, presumably in WR Yorks.  
**Further information:** Derivation from Aldersley in Bradford is linguistically possible but in the Middle ages this minor place-name is attested only in the field name *Aldeleysike* in 1292, and there is no evidence that it gave rise to a surname. Identification with East and West Ardsley (WR Yorks), though close to Dewsbury, where the surname has most of its early history, is phonological improbable.  
**Early bearers:** John de Audesley, 1373 in *Yorks Title Deeds* (Sandal, WR Yorks); John Audesley, 1494 in *Yorks Deeds* (Ossett, WR Yorks); John Awdisley, 1545 in *Thoresby Society* 11 (Ossett, WR Yorks); Thomas Audsley, 1621 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Audsley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Elin Audsley, 1666 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 217.

### Audus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Aldous**.

### Augar

- Variants: **Agar**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Algar**.

### Auger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 542
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- 1 English: pronounced with a soft *g* or /dʒ/, this is a variant of **Alger** (i).  
 2 English: pronounced with a hard *g*, it is a variant of **Algar** or **Alger** (ii). Compare **Agar**, **Agger**, **Haggard**.

### Aughey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: see **Haughey**.

### Aughney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow
- Irish: from **Mac Fhachtna**, see **Haughey**.

### Aughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from any of at least three places called Aughton (Lancs, ER Yorks, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Autun', de Aucton', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William de Aghton, 1354 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robti Aughton, 1567 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Richard Aughton, 1603 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Elzabethe Aughton, 1610 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs); Astain Aughton, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint John Micklegate, York); Elizabeth Aughton, 1677 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Augood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Allgood**.

### Augur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Oxon
- English: see **Algar**.

### August

- Variants: **Augustus**, **Auguste**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants, E Anglia, London
- English: (i) nickname perhaps from the month-name. Month-names do occur in English surnames, see for example *Jennery*, *Feaviour*, *Averill*, but almost always in a French form, though the anglicized **January** is an exception. (ii) from the Latin personal name *Augustus*, which may also be found as a surname. (iii) possibly a variant of *Aukus* or a similar name; compare Johannes Aukus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherrington, Warwicks).  
**Early bearers:** Samuell August, 1568 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); John August, 1630 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis August, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London).

### Auguste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- French: French form of **August**.  
**Further information:** No hard evidence has been found for Huguenot origin. The few early records are from ports.  
**Early bearers:** William Auguste, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Augustin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- French: see **Augustine**.

### Augustine

- Variants: **Augustin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Relationship name from the personal name *Augustin* (Latin *Augustinus*), a derivative of the Latin word

## Augustus

*augustus* 'consecrated; majestic'; compare **Augustus**. Although the given name, usually in its Latin form, was quite common in the medieval period, mainly because of the veneration of Saint Augustine of Hippo and perhaps also of Canterbury, the vernacular form **Austin** was even more frequent in England. Since the 1950s the frequency of this surname in Britain has increased due to immigration.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Augustin, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roberto Augstyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Johanne Augustyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorton, Leics); William Augustine, 1630 in *IGI* (Linwood, Lincs).

### Augustus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; IoW

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Latin personal name *Augustus*, from *augustus* 'consecrated; majestic', or as a 'classicalized' variant of **August**; this is found even in the medieval period alongside its French-derived form **Austin**, and was a source of post-medieval family names.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Augustus, son of Augustini Edward, 1621 in *IGI* (Montgomerys); Ernestus Augustus, 1674 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Marcus Augustus, 1705 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Augustus, 1739 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Aujla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1025, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Auker

Variants: **Alger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alker*, *Auker*, from either Old English *Ealþhere* with Anglo-Norman French vocalization of /l/ before the consonant, or from Old French *Alcher*, *Aucher*, *Auqu(i)er* Continental Germanic *Alchari*, both deriving from elements meaning 'temple' and 'army'. The 12th-century spelling *-ch-* is an Anglo-Norman French representation of /k/.

**Further information:** The rare surname *Alcher* (2 bearers in the 1881 census) is perhaps a another version of the French name but with *-ch-* representing the Central French pronunciation /tʃ/ as in *chair*.

Compare Auchere filius Henrici, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Aucher, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** given names: Alcherus Venator, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Ailwin Alher, Alcher, 1180, about 1216 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Willelmus filius Alcheri, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Alker, 1212, Robertus filius Aucheri, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

### Aukett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Alcott**.

### Aukin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Alkin**.

### Aukland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, E Midlands
- English: see **Auckland**.

### Aulak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Aulakh**.

### Aulakh

Variants: **Aulak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Auld

Variants: **Awde**, **Ault**, **Aulds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1886, Ireland 245
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1781
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish: nickname Scottish form of **Old**, from Older Scots *ald*.

**Early bearers:** John Alde, 1284 in *Scotland Calendar* (Carrick, Ayr); John Alde, burgess, 1292 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth, Perth); Bartholomew Alde, burgess, 1477 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); John Auld, 1488 in *Acts of Council, Scotland* (Carmunnock, Lanarks); Williame Auld, 1608 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Aulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland

Scottish: variant of **Auld** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Ault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 687
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- Scottish: N English variant of Scottish **Auld**.

### Aulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

- 1 English: see **Alton**.
- 2 English: see **Olton**.

### Aumonier

Variants: **Amner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *aumoner*, *aumonier* 'almoner'.

**Further information:** An almoner was a high official in the household of a bishop, prince, or other person of rank, or in a monastery, whose responsibility was to oversee distribution of alms to the poor.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Augmoner, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Michael le Aumouner, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Aumener, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Aumoner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milcombe, Oxon); Daniel Aumonier, 1701 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Marie Aumonier, 1717 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Mary Aumonier, 1811 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Collingwood Aumonier, 1832 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

### Aung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization form of the Chinese surname 洪, see **Hong** (1).
- 2 Burmese: unexplained.

### Aunger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Durham

1 English: see **Ainger**.

2 German: the Durham name might alternatively be a variant of **Anger** (2).

### Aungiers

Variants: **Angers**, **Ainger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 Norman, English: locative name from Angers in Maine-et-Loire, France. The post-medieval examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Angiers, de Angers, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Aungers, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Welbury, NR Yorks); William Angers, 1768 in *IGI* (Appleton Wiske, NR Yorks); James Aungiers, 1829 in *IGI* (Middleton Tyas, NR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Anger**, **Angier**, **Ainger** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. With the Cambs examples below compare William Anger, 1805 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs), and Richard Anger, 1815 in *IGI* (Graveley, Cambs). However, it is formally possible that the following early bearers belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Steuen Angers, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); John Angers, 1733 in *IGI* (Graveley, Cambs); John Aungiers, 1792 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

### Aurora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Arora**.

### Aust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: locative name from Aust (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Anthony Aust, 1544 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); John Aust, 1575 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Robert Aust, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Corsham, Wilts).

### Austen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1915, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- English: see **Austin**.

### Austerberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; also Staffs

English: an altered form of *Austerby*, see **Oxtoby**. **Early bearers:** Robert Owsterbury, 1637, identical with Robert Austerby, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Frickley, WR Yorks); John Austerbury, John Osterbury, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Anne Austerberry, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Anne Owsterbury, 1730 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Ann Austerberry, 1792 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; David Austerberry, *The Austerberry Saga*, 2007, Oswestry, Shrops.

### Austerfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Austerfield (WR Yorks), so named from Old English *eowestre* 'sheepfold' + *feld* 'open land'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Austerfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Mary Osterfelde, 1578 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Margarette Osterfeild, 1590 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Isabell Austerfeild, 1604, Thomas Osterfeld, 1611 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Johes Osterfield, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Elland, WR Yorks); David Austerfield, 1804 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Austick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Austwick**.

### Austin

**Variants:** **Auston**, **Austen**, **Austing**, **Austins**, **Owston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22384, Ireland 834
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14490
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Westmeath

1 English: relationship name from the extremely common Middle English and Old French personal name *Austin*, a vernacular form of **Augustin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Austinus de Bernardeston, 1224 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Austinus de Beston', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ostin atte Putte, 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames: Henry Austin, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Avice Augstyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Gilbertus Austyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Johanne Austyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Thomas Austyn', 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Thomas Austen, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Adisham, Kent); Margaret Austine, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent). George Ausden, 1882 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts);

2 English: variant of **Aspden**.

### Austing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Austin**.

### Austins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: variant of **Austin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edith Austines, 1275 *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Avice Augstyn, Avice Austynes, 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thos. Austins, 1641 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Anna Austins, 1652 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); Richard Austins, 1664 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); John Austins, 1675 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Rich Austins, 1676 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs).

### Auston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland

1 English, Scottish: see **Austin**.

2 English: see **Owston**.

### Austwick

**Variants:** **Austick**, **Ostick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Austwick (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Rose de Austwic, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Roger de Oustewyk, 1341, in John Austewyk, 1425 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Autery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Autrey**.

### Autherson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: variant of **Alderson**.

### Autie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Auty**.

**Early bearers:** George Autie, 1858 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs).

### Auton

**Variants:** **Olton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham; Devon

1 English: locative name from Aveton Giffard (Devon), which was formerly pronounced /'ɔ:tən/ and is recorded as *Awton Gifford* in 1546.

**Early bearers:** George Auton, 1573 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 265.

2 English: see **Alton**.

3 English: see **Olton**.

### Autrey

**Variants:** **Autery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in France named Autrey or Autry.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 Norman, English: from the Old French personal name *Audry*, from Germanic *Aldric* 'ancient power'. There are also places for example in Allier, Ardennes, and Loiret bearing this name; it could be a topographic name from any of them.

### Autry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks
- English: see **Hawtrey** and compare **Dawtrey**.

### Auty

**Variants:** **Alty**, **Awty**, **Autie**, **Otty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1004
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Auty*, *Outi*, *Oti* (Old Scandinavian *Auti*), of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Auti, Alti, Outi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Cheshire, Derbys, Gloucs, Hants, Leics, Lincs, Norfolk, Shrops, Staffs, Suffolk, Sussex, Warwicks); Outi de Lincol', 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Auty le Paumer, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Outy de Sutton', 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Notts). surnames: Walterus filius Aulti, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Auti, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Andream filium Auti, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Aute, 1379, Robertus Aute, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Henrico Alty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Johannes Anty (for Auty), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Simon Auty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Awty, 1524 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Suffolk); Thos. Awtye, 1560 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); John Autye, 1574 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); John Awtie, 1544, Edwarde Awtye, 1610 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Awtie, 1629 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Autey, 1718 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joseph Auty, 1724 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs). **References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 43–4; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 86–8; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Avann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atte vann(e)* 'at the fen' (see **Vann**).

**Early bearers:** Henry atte Vanne, 1341 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Sussex); John Avanne, 1527 in *Sussex Wills*.

### Avant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: see **Avent**.

## Avard

### Avard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Averd* or *Award*, reduced forms of Middle English *Alfward*, from Old English *Ælfweard*. For a more regular development of the name see **Allward**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Auuardus merta, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Awart, identical with Aluuart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Averd the fisher, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Margeret Averd, 1579, Agnes Avarde, 1581 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Averd, 1609, Thomas Avord, 1615 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); John Avard, 1628 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Mary Avard, 1668 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

### Avary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Avery**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Aveley

**Variants:** **Avely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs

English: locative name from Aveley (Essex) or Avely Hall (Suffolk).

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Wilson's suggestion (*Reaney and Wilson*) of a locative origin either from Aveley (Essex), which is recorded as *Aluithalea* in 1086, *Alviueleia* in 1157, *Alvyleye* in 1272–1307, and *Alveley*, *Aveley* in 1535, or from Avely Hall in Assington (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Aluenelega* in 1086, *Alwyneleye* in 1298, *Alvyngeley alias Alweley* in 1518–29, and *Alveley alias Alvingley* in 1569.

**Early bearers:** William de Auele, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Martha Aveley, 1788 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Mary Aveley, 1823 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Frederick Aveley, 1859 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 120–1; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 19; *TNA*, C 1/475/13, C 3/29/1.

### Aveline

**Variants:** **Aveling, Evelyn, Eveling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Bucks

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Avelin(e)*, either a double diminutive pet form of Continental Germanic *Ava* or of Old French and Middle English *Avicē*; see **Avis**. In the post-medieval forms of the surname final *-in* sometimes developed to *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Auelina, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs). surnames: Henry Avelin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Reginald Auelyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Avelyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bilsington, Kent); Willelmus Avelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runtton, Norfolk); Johannes Avelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Robertus and Henricus Avelyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scoulton, Norfolk);

Willelmus Avelyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denver, Norfolk); Johannes Havelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Aveling, 1562 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Allis Aveline, 1562 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

### Aveling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Kent

English: see **Aveline**.

### Avely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Aveley**.

### Aven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Avon**.

### Avenall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Avenell**.

### Avenel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Avenell**.

### Avenell

**Variants:** **Avenel, Avenall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Avenel*, a double diminutive of Continental Germanic *Avo*.

**Further information:** There was an important Norman family of this name in Scotland in the Middle Ages, but it had disappeared there by the modern period. For the family in Anglo-Norman England (from Les Biards, Manche, and with English estates in Devon, Northants and Notts) see *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 156–8. The surname was later confused with **Averill**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Avenel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops), 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Auenellus, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Auenellus, 1196 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon). surnames, England: Robert, Paganus Auenel, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Oxon), 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Oliver Avenel, valet, 1305–6 in *Scotland Calendar* (Tynedale, Northumb); Matilda Avenel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Ann Avenell, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Elizabeth Avenell, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Elyn Avenell, 1565 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Joan Avenell, 1584 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Joan Avenell, 1586 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex). surnames, Scotland: Robert Avenell, 1138–47 in *Kelso Register* (Edinburgh); Vincent Avenel, 1204–5 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Winthank, Fife).

### Avent

**Variants:** **Avant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *avenant* 'fitting; handsome, comely', an adjective that was also used as a personal name. Compare **Davenant** and **Havenhand**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Avenant de Twipp', 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon).

surnames: Osbert, Ralph Auenant, 1156–80 in Bury (Suffolk), 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Richard Avenant, 1357 in *Patent Rolls*; George Avent, 1601 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon); Alexander Avenant, 1613 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs); John Avenant, 1651 in *Devon Wills* (Stokeinteignhead).

### Averies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Averis**.

### Averill

**Variants:** **Avril, Everall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: nickname from the name of the month (April), Middle English *averil*, Old French *avrill*, Latin *aprilis*, perhaps (according to Reaney) with reference to freshness of temperament, or youth, or possibly to the changeable weather of the month. Compare **Feaviour**. The native English name was reinforced by French Huguenot use of the same surname; see (2) and compare **April**.

**Further information:** The name was sometimes confused with **Avenell** by dissimilation of /r/ to /n/ before /l/. Compare Johannes Averel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks) with Mary Avenall, 1629 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); and Mary Avenall, 1638, Richard Averall, 1774 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Averel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Averil, 1322 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Aueril, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Aueryll', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Thoma Averill', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alrewas, Orgreave, Fradley and Edingale, Staffs); Anne Averell, 1540 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Jerman Averil, 1570 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Elizabeth Avril, 1725 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

2 Huguenot: nickname the French equivalent of (1). **Early bearers:** Paul Avril, 1745 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

3 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Haverhill (Suffolk) with loss of initial *H-*, but the post-medieval bearers cited below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Galfrido, Ricardo de Haverhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Bardfield, Essex); Walter Averell in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Tho Averhill, 1673 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

**References:** *Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 56; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 288.

### Averis

**Variants:** **Averiss, Averies**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Avery** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Averyes, 1568 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Elizabeth Averis, 1582 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Hughe Averies, 1588 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds).

### Averiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Averis**.

### Averley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps from Aversley Wood in Sawtrey (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** John de Averle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); George Averley, 1623 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Lawrance Averley, 1641 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Elizabeth Averley, 1685 in *IGI* (Bredhurst, Kent); Johannis Averley, 1704 in *IGI* (Kings Ripton, Hunts); Eleanor Joyce Averley, 1815 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 196–7.

### Avery

**Variants:** **Avory, Avary, Every, Havery, Averis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6318, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4996
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Anglo-Norman French personal name *Averey*, a medieval French form of **Alfred**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alvrei venator, 1294 in *Charter Rolls* (Yorks).

urnames: Rogerus filius Alvredi, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); Hugo filius Auveray, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Willelmus filius Averay, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Auverey, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); William Auure, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Averay, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Cust Alvere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Edmund Avered, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Averey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Rogerus Averye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Richard Avore, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); John Avery, 1558 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Harry Avory, 1562 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); John Avary, 1602 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); John Avery, 1675, John Alvery, 1683 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); William Alvery, 1716 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks); George Alvery, 1767 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Aves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

1 Norman, English: relationship name variant of **Avis**.

**Early bearers:** Alis Aves, 1546 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Aves, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Aves, 1575 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

2 Norman, English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Old French female personal name *Ave*, Continental Germanic *Ava*, with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. Compare **Aveline**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Aue, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Aves, 1588 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Agnes Aves, 1596 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Roger Aves, 1604 in *IGI* (Habberley, Shrops); John Aves, 1620 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent).

### Aveson

**Variants:** **Aveston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia

English: see **Avison**.

### Aveston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

1 English: probably, in most cases, a variant of **Aveson** with intrusive *t*.

2 English, Welsh: locative name perhaps occasionally from either of two places called Alveston (Gloucs, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** England William de Alueston, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Aveston, 1631 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

Wales Letitia Aveston, 1788, Louisa Avestone, 1835 in *IGI* (Dale, Pembrokes).

### Avey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; Sussex

English: probably from Old Scandinavian *afi*, literally 'grandfather', used as a male personal name (*Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*).

**Early bearers:** John Avy of Knesworth [Kneesworth, Cambs], 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Auye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Wilyam Avye, 1575 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); John Avy, 1601 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Thomas Avey, 1641 in *IGI* (Rushbrooke, Suffolk); Rich Ave, 1685 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Marke Avie, 1704 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Avey, 1707 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Tho. Eavey, 1779 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

### Aveyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 593, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: perhaps a variant of **Halfyard**, with *Half*-becoming *Hauve*-, then *Have*- and *Ave*-. Compare Tho. son of John *Halfyard*, 1748 in *IGI* (Chapel Allerton in Leeds, WR Yorks) and Robt. *Halfyard*, 1790 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert Yanyn alias Hayvyerd, Robert Janinge aliter Hawyerd, Robert Ganinge aliter Haworthe, 1540–3 in *Parish Registers* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Haveyard, 1578 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); John Aveyeard, 1585, Jane Haveyeard, 1668 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Edvardi Aveyeard, 1698, David Aveyeard, 1802 in *IGI* (West Ardsley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 217.

### Avill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: (i) locative name perhaps from Abbeville in Picardy, France. (ii) locative name, alternatively, perhaps from the lordship of Avill in Dunster (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Avile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); John Avile, 1453 in *Devon Record Office* (Exeter); Thomas Aville, 1810 in *IGI* (Wickersley, WR Yorks).

### Avins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Avine* (which is probably a pet form of **Avis**) + excrement or genitival -s.

**Early bearers:** given names: Avina, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Avin' de Eytton', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops).

urnames: Elizabeth Avins, 1650 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Isabel Avins, 1672 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwicks).

### Avis

**Variants:** **Aviss, Aves, Havis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1686, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1436
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England (esp. Sussex); E Anglia

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English female personal name *Avice*, which may be from Continental Germanic *Aveza*, but is more likely from Latin *Avitia*, apparently a derivative of *avitus* 'ancestral, very old'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Auizia, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Auicia, about 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Auicia, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Auicia, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts).

urnames: Walter Auices, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Thomas Avyce, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Ricardus filius Avice, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Avis, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Avies, 1738, Robert Avis, 1742, Sarah Avies, 1745 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); John Avis, 1780, John Avies, 1782 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk).

### Avison

**Variants:** **Aveson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Avice* (see **Avis**), or perhaps occasionally from the Middle English personal name *Ave* (see **Aves**), + -son.

**Early bearers:** Robert Avison, 1558 in *London Met Archives* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Ralph Avyson, 1674 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 40.

### Aviss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Avis**.

### Avner

**Variants:** **Lawner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

## Avon

English: occupational name from Middle English, Old French *avenier*, *avener* ‘oat merchant’. Used also of the chief officer of a stable, who had charge of the provender for the horses.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain (unless it survives in **Lawner**), but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Avener, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Alexander le Avener, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Johanne Launer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds).

## Avon

**Variants:** Aven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset and Wilts

1 English: locative name from Avon (Wilts) or Little or Middle Avon (Gloucs), both named from the river on which they stand.

**Early bearers:** John Aven, 1583 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts); Joseph Avon, 1593 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 1, 87; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 229; *Place-Names of Gloucs*.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Avine*, a possible source in the midlands (see **Avins**).

## Avory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; London
- English: see **Avery**.

## Avrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: nickname see **Averill**.

## Aw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 胡, see **Wu** (6).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 歐 and 區, see **Au** (2) and (3).

## Awad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: (i) occupational name from Arabic ‘*awwād*’ ‘lute player’ or ‘lute maker’. (ii) possibly also from a personal name based on Arabic ‘*awwād*’ ‘one who compensates or indemnifies’.

## Awal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: probably from an Arabic personal name *awwal*, meaning ‘first’, or the compound ‘*abd-ul-awwal*, ‘servant of the First (an epithet of Allah)’. **Further information:** Awal is also the ancient name of Bahrein, an island and city (now a state) in the Persian Gulf. However, this does not seem to have any connection with the personal name.

## Awan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1676, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name of uncertain origin, perhaps based on *āwān* ‘times, seasons’.

## Awbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: locative see **Aubrey**.

## Awbrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Aubrey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Awcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Alcock**.

## Awdas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Aldous**.

## Awde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Durham

English: N English variant of **Old** or **Auld**.

## Awdry

**Variants:** Audry, Audrey, Aldred, Eldred, Eldrett, Altree, Alltree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 Norman, English: locative name from Audrieu (Calvados), recorded as *Aldreium* in 1108 (*Dauzat and Rostaing*). The first known bearer of this name in England, William *de Aldrie*, was executed for treason in 1095, and there appears to be no other medieval evidence for the surname in Wilts, where William’s lands were. Nevertheless the post-medieval evidence for *Awdry* in Wilts and for *Audrey* in adjacent counties has been tentatively assigned to this etymology, partly because the same surname (and perhaps the same family as William) occurs continuously elsewhere (in Durham from the 12th to the 14th centuries), and partly because a Robert Audrey is recorded in Oxon in 1279. Alternatively, the Wilts, Berks, Oxon, and Gloucs surnames derive from the relationship name identified in (2). *Odry* is an occasional post-medieval variant, which as *Oderly* survived sporadically in England until the 1881 census but has now become extinct.

**Early bearers:** N England Rogerus Audrei, 12th cent., Rogerius de Audereia, 1170–1200, Walterus de Audre, 1215–45, Walterius Daudri, 13th cent., Thomas Daudi, 1370–1400 in *Durham Liber Vitae*. S England Willelmus de Aldrie, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Robert Audrey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Oxon); Eydryeth Audrye, 1560, Agnis Awdrye, 1596, Godwin Audry, 1623, Jeremiah Awdry, 1823 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Eme Audry, 1582 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Abraham Awdry, 1591 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joseph Awdrye, 1596 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Audry, 1637 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); John Odry, 1661 in *IGI* (Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); Unitie Awdrey, 1694 in *IGI* (Market Lavington, Wilts); John Audrey, 1765 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Audrey, 1854 in *IGI* (Ashampstead, Berks).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 35.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Aldrith*, which sometimes became *Audrey* by a 15th-century pronunciation change of /ald/ to /aud/. It derives from one of three Old English female personal names, *Æðelþrȳð*, *Ælfþrȳð*, and *Ealhþrȳð*. The first element in these is *æðel* ‘noble’, *ælf* ‘elf, sprite’, or *ealh* ‘shrine, temple’, and the second element is *þrȳð* ‘strength, force’. The most popular was *Æðelþrȳð*, commonly latinized as *Etheldreda* and appearing in various Middle English forms such as *Aldrith(e)*, *Aldrith*, *Aldreth*, *Etheldred*, and *Eldrid(e)*. It was borne by Saint Etheldred (later known also as Saint Audrey), queen of Northumbria, daughter of Anna, king of East Anglia. She was the founder and first abbess of the monastery at Ely in about 672, and her continuing cult after the Norman Conquest was probably responsible for the survival of the personal name well into the 14th century, especially in E Anglia. Common Middle English forms like *Aldreth* and *Eldrid* probably contributed to **Aldred**, whose main location is E Anglia, **Eldred**, which is common in E England, and possibly **Eldrett**. It may be the source of *Audrey* and *Awdry* in SW England, see (1). **Early bearers:** given names: Aldreda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Adeldreda, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk), identical with Aildreda, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Aldreda, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Etheldreda wife of Hugo de Rokelund, 1290 in *Norwich Deeds*; Etheldreda, 1304 in *Ancient Deeds* (Essex); Eldrede Freman, 1310 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Norfolk); Etheldr’ Goldwyn, 1381 in *Suffolk Poll Tax*. surnames, E Anglia: Johannes Aldrith, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Jhon Audry, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Awdrye, 1560 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Anne Awdry, 1563 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs); Thomas Audrye, 1574 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Andrew Awdry, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

3 Huguenot: relationship name French **Auduroy** ‘(son) of (someone surnamed) *Duroy* or *Durey*’, which itself signified ‘(son) of (someone nicknamed) the king’ (Old French *le roi* or *le rei*). *Auduroy*, perhaps through its variant *Audurey*, may have become shortened to *Audry* and confused with a different surname, French **Audri**, from the Old French male personal name *Audri*, Continental Germanic *Aldric*. **Early bearers:** Ester Auduroy, daughter of Jean and Ester Auduroy, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Renee Audry, daughter of Jean and Marie Audry, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street); Pierre Audry, son of Michel and Marie Audry, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Jean French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx).

## Awmack

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Allmark**.

**Awood**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name for someone who lived by a wood. See **Attwood**.

**Early bearers:** William A Wode, 1485 in *London Letter Books L*; Robert a Wode, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Awty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; ER Yorks

English: see **Auty** and compare **Otty**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Awty, 1823 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); George Awty, 1870 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Axbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name from *Aksby*, a metathesized form of *Askby*, from any of the various places called **Ashby**. For example, Castle Ashby in Northants is recorded as *Axeby* in 1235 (*Place-Names of Northants*, p. 142).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 142.

**Axcell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Axtell**.

2 Norman, English: see **Askell**(1).

**Axe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ax* 'axe', perhaps from a tool or weapon of choice, or 'axle'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Axe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Johan Axe, 1563 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); John Axe, 1574 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Frances Axe, 1588 in *IGI* (Clayton with Frickley, WR Yorks); Robt Ax, 1646 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

2 English: locative name perhaps sometimes from the river Axe (Devon), though surnames from rivers are quite rare.

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 2; *English River-Names*, pp. 152–5; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 28.

**Axel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Axell**.

**Axell**

**Variants:** **Axel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Essex

1 English: see **Axtell**.

2 English: see **Askell**.

**Axford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 732
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts; also Surrey

English: locative name from either of two places called Axford (Wilts, Hants).

**Further information:** Axford in Nutley (Hants), which is recorded as *Ashore* in 1272, *Axore* in 1280 (and throughout the medieval period), *Axor* in 1708, and *Axford* in 1757, is an unlikely source of the surname. The second element of the place-name is Old English *ōra* 'slope', remodelled to *ford* as late as the 18th century, and the first element may be the same as in the Wilts place-name.

**Early bearers:** Ad Axforthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Johnis Axford, 1547 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Agnes Axford, 1587 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 288; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 26; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 133.

**Axon**

**Variants:** **Axson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 745
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Acke* + *son*. This personal name was a pet form of **Adam** rather than a survival of Old English *Acca*, which had probably gone out of use by the mid-13th century, i.e. before surnames in *-son* became hereditary in N England. *Acke* is a short form of pet names of **Adam** such as *Adkin* (see **Atkin**) and **Adcock** with assimilation of the *-d-*. Compare **Nack**, **Akin**, and **Acock**. There may have been occasional confusion with **Haskayne**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Akeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks); Thomas Acson, 1561 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Johanna Acson, 1607, Ellenora Axon, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); James Axon, 1620, Francis Axon, 1747 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

2 English: relationship name alternatively from the Middle English female personal name *Agace* (Agatha) + *son*. See **Agass**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Agetson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Simon Agasson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Simon Aggeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmo Agasson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Robt. Axon, 1560 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Susan Axon, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Katherina Axon, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Axon, 1603 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Axon, 1603 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Axson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Axon**.

**Axtell**

**Variants:** **Axcell**, **Haxell**, **Haskell**, **Axten**, **Axell**, **Ashkettle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands: esp. Bucks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Asketill*, Old Scandinavian *Ásketil*. Through loss of the unstressed medial vowel it developed to \**Askitill*, and by metathesis of /sk/ to /ks/ it became *Ax(s)til*, *Axtell*, *Axcell*, etc. The

personal name was first introduced to England by Viking settlers in E Anglia, the N Midlands, and N England, but it was also much used by the Normans, which explains its occurrence as a surname in S England. See also **Ashkettle**, and compare **Askell** and **Anketell**, which are from different versions of the same personal name.

**Early bearers:** S England Willelmo Axtil, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Corscombe, Dorset); Benedicto Axtil, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradford Abbas, Dorset); William Axtil, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Churchstanton, Devon); Willm. Axtell, 1588 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Sarah Axtell, 1599 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Axtell, 1683, John Axtell, 1686 in *Bardsley* (Canterbury, Kent); Daniel Axtell, 1776 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

2 English: nickname for a salt merchant, from Middle English *Hakkesalt*, composed of *hakken* 'to hack, chop (something) into pieces' + *salt* 'salt'. Compare **Salter**. The medieval nickname is well evidenced but the 1314 and 1323 Great Berkhamstead surname forms are slightly irregular. *Hecke-* for *Hacke-* is unexpected, while the preposition *de* implies a locative name but none has been identified, so the preposition may be a scribal error. Whatever the etymology of this surname, it is the source of the Great Berkhamstead farm name Haxters End, recorded as *Haksaltsend*, 1565 in *Place-Names of Herts*. William and Roger are therefore potential ancestors of the post-medieval Great Berkhamstead family and perhaps of other families in Herts and neighbouring Bucks with surnames spelled *Axal*, *Axcell*, *Axell*, *Axhall*, *Axoll*, *Haxall*, and *Axtell*. The loss of initial *H-* and final *-t* would not be unusual developments, nor is the insertion of medial *-t-* to give *Axtell*, now the main version. However, it is impossible to distinguish these post-medieval names from identical ones with different etymologies, and some or all the of the S Midlands names may in fact derive from (1) above. See also **Haxell**.

**Further information:** *Reaney and Wilson* assigns the medieval Berkhamstead forms to **Hackshall** or **Hackshaw**, but the 1881 distribution of the surnames tells against this.

**Early bearers:** S Midlands Gervasius Hakesalt, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls*; Walter Hakesalt, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Hakesalt of Winchester, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Roger Hakesalt, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Heckesalt, 1314, Roger de [sic] Hakkesalt, 1323 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Great Berkhamsted); Edward Hacsalt, 1387 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Axtell, 1539, Isaak Axtell, 1614 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); John Axtell, 1614, William Axell, 1716 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted); Elizabeth Axoll, 1566 in *IGI* (North Mimms); Ralfe Axcell, 1571 in *IGI* (Digswell); Dorothe Axal, 1575, William Axtell, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Albans); Sara Axtell, 1582, Sarah Axtell, 1686 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead); Joseph Axhall, 1754, Frances Haxall, 1794 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

**Axten**

**Variants:** **Axton**, **Axtens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

1 English: *Axten* and *Axton* may be variants of **Axtell**, particularly in Bucks.

## Axtens

**Early bearers:** Agnes Axton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Axton, 1546 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Laurence Axton, Axon, 1561 in *Bardsley*; Hellen Axtone, 1573 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Robert Axten, 1663 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); John Axtin, 1675 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); John Axten, 1713 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Moses Axten, 1800 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks).

2 English: locative name; alternatively *Axton* might be a metathesized form of a place-name such as Ashton in Bainton (Northants), which is *Axton* in 1253 (*Place-Names of Northants* 229).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 229.

## Axtens

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Axten** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Axton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Gloucs

English: see **Axten**.

## Axworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Axworthy in Thrushelton (Devon), recorded as *Arkeswrthi* in 1238.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Arkesworthi, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William de Arkesworthy, 1359 in *Pedigrees from Plea Rolls* (Devon); Harry Axworthy, 1542, Marten Axworthie, 1546 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); George Axworthie, 1574, Blanch Axworthy, 1581 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 210–11.

## Ay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 艾, see **Ngai** (2).

## Ayaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish, Muslim (Pakistan, India): (i) locative name most probably from *Āyāz*, a village in Khuzestan, Iran. (ii) It could alternatively be a derivative of the Turkish adjective *ayaz* ‘frosty; cold; bare or bald’.  
**Further information:** Malik Ayaz was a Turkish slave of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni in the early 11th century. His legendary devotion to his master eventually resulted in his rising to be ruler of Lahore in Panjab, and his name has corresponding popularity.

## Aycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Acock**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Aydin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the given name *Aydm*, from either a word meaning ‘enlightened’ or from the name of a province of Turkey.

## Aydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Aydon in Corbridge (Northumb), which is recorded as *Ayden* in 1225 and *Haydon* in 1346. The place-name probably derives from Old English *hæg* ‘hay’ or *ēg* ‘island’ + *denu* ‘valley’.

**Early bearers:** Heugh Ayden, 1586, William Aydon, 1604 in *IGI* (Great Edstone, NR Yorks); Mabell Aydon, 1588, Michael Ayden, 1682 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Jacob Aydon, 1594 in *IGI* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb); Beniaman Ayden, 1712 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 9, 106.

## Ayeni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Ayeni*, from Yoruba *a ye ni* ‘who suits one’, i.e. ‘(child) who will be an asset to us’.

## Ayer

**Variants:** Ayres, Haire, Layer, Ayr, Hayer, Eyer, Eyre, Hoyer, Heyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Scotland (Selkirk), Durham, Northants

Scottish, English: see **Ayre**.

## Ayers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1853, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1782
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Wexford

English: see **Ayres**.

## Ayerst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from Aydhurst in Staplehurst (Kent), which is recorded as *Hetheh'st* in 1275, *Heythhurst* in 1278, *Haytherst* in 1473, and *Haydherst* in 1504. The place-name derives from Old English *hyrst* ‘wooded hill’, with an uncertain first element.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Ederst', 1232 in *Kentish Place-Names* (Kent); Rob's de Hetherst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wye hundred, Kent); Wymark de Etherst, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyborne hundred, Kent); Edmund de Hetheherst, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marden hundred, Kent); John Ayherst, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Teynham, Kent); John Eytherst, 1447 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Probate*) (Smarden, Kent); Richard Ayherst, 1477, Thomas Aydeherste, 1491 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Probate*) (Sutton Valence, Kent); Robert Ayherst, 1485 in *Kent Wills* (Sutton Valence, Kent); John

Ayherst, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Farningham, Kent); John Eyerst, 1528, Isabel Eyarst, 1534–5 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Probate*) (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Thomas Ayerst, 1529 in *Kent Wills* (West Malling, Kent); Jone Ayerst, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Thomas Ayherst, 1567, Thomas Eyherst, 1569 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Ayerst, 1583 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Ayherst, 1612 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Prudence Eyerst, 1618, Elizabeth Eyherst, 1635 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 130–1; additional place-name forms from the English Place-Names Society's collection for the Survey of Kent.

## Aykroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ackroyd**.

## Ayland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: see **Hayland**.

2 English: see **Ayling**.

## Aylard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Allard**.

## Aylen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Hants, Surrey

English: see **Ayling**.

## Ayler

**Variants:** Aylor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from Old French *aillier*, *-iere* ‘garlic seller’.

**Further information:** This surname appears to have died out in Britain, but *Ayler* and *Aylor* are still found in the USA. These US forms may, however, be derivatives of the unrelated German names *Ehler* or *Öhler*.

**Early bearers:** Luke le Ayler, le Ayeler peverer (i.e. ‘pepperer’), 1287, 1304 in *London Letter Books B*; John Aylor, 1570, Edythe Ailer, 1571 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Robert Ayler, 1708 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); William Ayler, 1791 in *IGI* (Witley, Surrey); James Ayler, 1836 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

## Ayles

**Variants:** Ailes, Hayles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 495
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and IoW

1 English: variant of **Hayles** with loss of *H-*. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Christian Ayles, 1562, Elinor Ayles, 1682, Richard Ayles, 1817 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Agnis Ayles, 1602 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Ann Ayles, 1763 in *IGI* (Portland, Dorset).



2 English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Ayl(h)ise*, \**Ayl(h)ese* (Old English \**Æðelhyse*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' + *hyse* 'youth, warrior') with the common development of *Æðel-* to *Ayl-*. Compare Old English *Brūnhyse*, *Godhyse*, *Lēofhyse*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Aylis, 1302 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Ricardus Ayles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Johannes Eyles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Christian Ayles, 1562 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Joane Ayles, 1564 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Kath. Ayles, 1567 in *IGI* (Eastergate, Sussex); Annes Ayles, 1568 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Elizabeth Ayles, 1581 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 297.

3 English: (i) relationship name; variant of the now extinct surname *Ayle*, from Middle English, Old French *aie(u)l* 'uncle', with post-medieval excrescent -s. (ii) nickname variant of another now extinct surname *Ayle*, from Middle English *eile*, Old English *egle* 'loathsome, troublesome', with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** surnames without -s: Richard le Eyle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph Ayl, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Waltero Ayl, Johanne Eyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Richardus Ayle, 1568 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); John Ayle, 1660 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

## Aylesbury

**Variants:** *Alesbury*, *Elsbury*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts, Somerset, and Dorset; also Durham

English: locative name from Aylesbury (Bucks) or possibly Aylesbeare (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Aylesberia, 1188 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John de Aylesbury dictus le Tauerer de Oxonis, 1307 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxon); Willelmus de Aylesbiry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); John Aylesbury, 1423 in *PROB II* (Medelton Keynes, Bucks); Bennet Alesbury, 1589 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Richard Elsbury, 1663 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Richard Alesbury, 1675 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); William Elsberry, 1795 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); George Aylesbury, 1829 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 145.

## Aylett

**Variants:** *Aylott*, *Allatt*, *Allitt*, *Allett*, *Alliott*, *Ellyatt*, *Eylott*, *Ilott*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aillet*, *Aliett*, or *Eliet*, the main source of which is the common Old English female name *Æðelgȳð*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' + *gȳð* 'war', but the much rarer Old English male name *Æðelgēat*, with the tribal name *Gēat*, may also have contributed. See also **Eliot**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailletus, 1180–1207 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Ailleth, Ailed (female), 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Æliot Grim, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ailhiet (female), 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Ailith, Ailleth filia Godwini, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Alettus Prepositus, 1212 in *Curia*

*Regis Rolls* (Northants); Alyott de Symondston, 1311 in *Lacy Accounts* (Lancs).

surnames: Galfridus filius Ailghieti, before 1176 *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Simon filius Alet, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Gilebertus filius Aillith, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Simon filius Aileda, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Boydin Ailet, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); Walter Aliot, Aylet, Thomas Ailot, John Ayllyth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Alyet, 1286 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Agn' Eylot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalfleet, Hants); Brigett Aylett, 1549 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Joane Allett, 1579 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Aylott, 1587 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Anne Eyllott, 1664 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); John Aylott, 1670 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); William Aylett, 1692, Jane Aylott, 1703 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

## Ayley

**Variants:** *Ailey*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, Herts, and London

English: variant of **Haley** with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Ayley, 1567 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); John Ayley, 1629 in *IGI* (Harlow, Essex); Tho. Ailey, 1668 in *IGI* (London).

## Aylieff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: see **Ayliffe**.

## Ayliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Kent

English: see **Ayliffe**.

## Ayliffe

**Variants:** *Ayliff*, *Aliffe*, *Ayloff*, *Elliff*, *Elliffe*, *Aylieff*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from one of three Middle English personal names of Scandinavian origin, *Ailef*, *Ailif*, and *Ailof*. Old Danish, Old Swedish *Elif* (Old Scandinavian *Eilifr*, apparently composed of the elements *ei* 'ever', *lifðr* 'alive, lively') and *Elaf* (Old Scandinavian *Eileifr*, with \**leifr* 'remainder') gave rise to *Ayliff(e)*, *Aliffe*, and *Eliff*.

Old Danish, Old Swedish *Elaf* gave rise to *Ayloff*, but the names were probably confused with each other.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eilaf, Ailof, Elaf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ailef de Palestun, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb).

surnames: Willelmus filius Eilaf, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robertus filius Egelof, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Egelaf, 12th cent. in *Douglas Book* (Suffolk); Ricardus filius Ailof, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Nicholas Eiluf, Ailof, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Julian' Aylif, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmo Elof, 1289 in *Carisbrooke Cartulary* (Arreton, IoW); Geoffrey Ayllef, John Aylofh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Eyllefe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Semington, Wilts); John Aillofe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winterslow, Wilts); Walterus Eylof', 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Wilts); George Ayliffe, 1621 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Walter Ayliffe, 1630 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Ayliffe, 1632 in *IGI* (Foxley, Wilts); Francis Ayliffe, 1639 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Henry Ayliffe, 1639 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English female personal name, *Aileve*, Old English *Æðelgifu*, which appears in *Domesday Book* as *Æileua*, *Eileua*, *Aileua*, and *Eleua*. For -*iff* from -*gifu*, compare **Brightiff**, here, perhaps, influenced also by *Ailiff*.

Ayloff can only be included here by assuming influence from the Scandinavian name. Compare Richard *Ayllyau*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Eilieua de Kerletona, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

surnames: Segarus Aileves, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Edwardus filius Eileve, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus filius Aelive, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Aylgive, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edalina Ayleve, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).

## Aylin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Herts, Hants, Sussex

English: see **Ayling**.

## Ayling

**Variants:** *Aylin*, *Aylen*, *Aling*, *Alin*, *Ayland*, *Hayling*, *Hayland*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2796, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2163
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Ayling*, from Old English *Æðeling* (*æðeling* 'prince').

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailligg' alias Eiling buttarius, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Reginald Aylyng, 1296, Reginald Aylling, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wickham, Sussex); Richard Aelyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heyshott, Sussex); William Aylyg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lodsworth, Sussex); John Aylyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chidham, Sussex); Richarde Aylyng, 1552 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Annys Aylyng, 1565 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Edmond Aylyng, 1575 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); William Aylyng, 1764 in *IGI* (Heyshott, Sussex).

## Aylmer

**Variants:** *Aylmore*, *Elmore*, *Ellmore*, *Elmer*, *Ellmer*, *Elmar*, *Elmers*, *Helmere*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; London; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Meath

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ailmer*, from Old English *Æðelmær*, composed of the elements *æðel* 'noble' and *mære* 'famous'. See also **Aymer**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ailmar, Æilmar, Eilmerus, Aimar, Almer, Elmar, Elmer, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hælmerus, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ailmerus le Bercher, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts),

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quidam Ailmerus villanus in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames, England: Godwinus filius Elmari, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry Ailmer, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Roger Ailmar, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanne Eylmer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Thoma Hailmer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Rose Aylmer, 1559 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Richard Ailmore, 1659 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex).

surnames, Ireland: Gerald Aylmer, Chief Justice, 1543 in *Fiants Henry* §66 (Dullardeston, Meath); James and Gerald Aylmer, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §302 (Dullardeston, Meath); Edward Aylmer 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6267 (Kilbrue, Meath).

### Aylmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Aylmer**.

### Ayloff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Ayliffe**.

### Aylor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Ayler**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Aylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 491
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Aylett**.

### Aylward

**Variants:** Ailward, Elward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1141, Ireland 529
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ailward*, from Old English *Æðelweard*, composed of the elements *æðel* ‘noble’ and *weard* ‘ward, protector’. *Domesday Book* has *Ægelward* and *Ailuard*. See also **Allward**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since at least the 16th century. **Early bearers:** given names: Godric filius Æilwardi, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Egelwardus, 1126–7, Ailwardus presbiter, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames, England: Robert Ailward, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robertus Ailwardi, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Gloucs); Nicholas Eylward, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Aylward, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Hayleward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Richard Aylward, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Gyles Aylward, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Ickleton, Cambs).

surnames, Ireland: Peter Aylward, sheriff of the county, 1562–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §502 (Waterford); Richard Aylward, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484 (Aylwardstown).

### Aylwen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Aylwin**.

### Aylwin

**Variants:** Aylwen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aylwin* (Old English *Æðelwine*). See also **Alwin**, **Elvin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Adelwinus, Ailwinus, Aluuin(e), Eluuinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ailwinus Neht, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Eilwinus de la Berne, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).

surnames: Hubert egelwin, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Walter Athelwin, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Simon Aylwyn, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Alice Eylwyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Helin Aylwin, 1543 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Richard Aylwin, 1550 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Elizabeth Aylwin, 1552 in *IGI* (Duncton, Sussex); Robert Patrick Aylwin, 1762 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); Mary Wright Aylwin, 1770 in *IGI* (Carey Street New Court Ind Nc, London).

### Aymer

**Variants:** Amar, Amer, Aimer, Aimers, Hamer, Haymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Kincardines

1 Scottish, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aimar*, found in *Domesday Book* as one of the forms of the Old English name *Æðelmær* (see **Aylmer**). (ii) the Middle English personal name could also be via Old French from a Continental Germanic personal name, either *Agimar* or (*H*)*adamar*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eymer Thurberd, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Aymer de Valence, 1298 in *Gascon Calendar*.

surnames, England: Philip Aimer, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Aymere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Haseley, Oxon); Cuthbert Amers, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Crooked Lane, City of London); Jeames Aimers, 1622 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); John Aymer, 1643 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts). surnames, Scotland: Thomas Haymer, 1643 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs); James Aymer, 1663 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs).

2 English: see **Hamer**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Haymer, 1629 in *IGI* (Bury, Lincs); Thos. Aymer, 1753 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lincs).

### Aynes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants
- English: variant of **Haynes** with loss of initial *H*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry Aynes, 1563 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); William Aynes, 1626 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Thomas Aynes, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Aynes, 1758 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts).

### Aynsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Ainsley**.

### Aynsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ainsworth**.

### Ayodele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Ayòdélé* (Yoruba *ayò dé ilé* ‘joy has reached the house’).

### Ayoala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Ayòṣàlā* (Yoruba *ayò ṣàlā* ‘joy for (our) nobility’).

**References:** Oduyoye, p. 79.

### Ayoub

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabiic, Muslim: see **Ayub**.

### Ayr

**Variants:** Air

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW and central Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name from the royal burgh of Ayr in SW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Are, clerk, 1287 in *Stevenson, Documents* (Ayr); Albinus de Are, 1315–21 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Richard Air, 1432 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Jonet Aire, 1606 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Jean Aire, 1636 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus). **References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 26; *Names of Towns and Cities*, p. 43.

2 Scottish: it could also be a variant of **Ayer** or **Ayre**.

### Ayre

**Variants:** Ayr, Ayer, Eyre, Eyer, Ayres, Ayers, Airts, Aires, Aiers, Aers, Ayris, Eyres, Eyers, Eayres, Eayrs, Hayer, Haire, Hare, Hair, Heyer, Layer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2708, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1643
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham, NR Yorks, ER Yorks; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin; Galway

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from Middle English *eir*, *eyr* ‘heir’ (Anglo-Norman French *heyr*, Latin *heres*). See also **Layer**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Eir, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Heres, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Richard le Heyer, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry Ayer, le Eyer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs, Oxon); Adam le Hayre, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert le Heir, 1281 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Air, 1281, and John Ayr, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Hoyre, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Radulphus Heyer, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Henricus le Eyr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Thomas Hayer, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Eliza. Hayer, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Roger Hayer, 1580 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Elizabetha Hayer, 1611 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Willm. Hayer, 1614 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Francis Eyre alias Eare alias Aier, 1724 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Cornwall).

2 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alcher* (Old English *Ealhhere*; see **Alger**). Compare Aston Eyre (Shrops), which was held in 1212 by Robert, grandson of *Aer*. (ii) see also **Hair**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Aier, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*; Robertus filius Aer, Aier, 1180, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops), the latter being identical with Robert Aier, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Wilimi. Ayre, 1540 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Nicolaus Ayre, 1543 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Alyce Ayre, 1546 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Joan Ayre, 1549 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Jamys Ayre, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London).

### Ayres

**Variants:** Aiers, Aires, Airts, Aers, Ayers, Ayris, Ayriess, Eyres, Eyers, Eayrs, Eayres, Hayers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7199, Ireland 213
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4026
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S central England; Devon

English: variant of **Ayre** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Eires, 1598 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Arthur Ayers, 1659 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon); Frances Ayres, 1697, Edward Ayress, 1730 in *IGI* (Grendon Underwood, Bucks).

### Ayrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Airey**.

### Ayris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; London
- English: see **Ayres**.

### Ayriess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Oxon
- English: see **Ayres**.

### Ayrton

**Variants:** Airton, Arton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Airton in Kirkby Malham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Arnaldus and Johannes de Ayreton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Ayreton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Nicholaus de Ayrton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alwoodley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Ayreton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); William Ayreton, 1460 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert

Airton, 1560 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Roger Ayrton, 1571 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); John Ayrton, 1598 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Johis. Airton, 1615, Thomas Ayrton, 1665 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Anna Airton, 1621 in *IGI* (Colne, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 128.

### Ayscough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Askew**.

### Ayshford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Scotland (Midlothian)

English, Scottish: see **Ashford**.

### Ayson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Haysom**.

### Ayto

**Variants:** Hayto, Hatto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Eatough**.

**Early bearers:** Gyllard Hato, 1560 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Ellen Heyto, 1564 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); Clacy Haytow, 1599 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Richard Hayto, 1601 in *IGI* (Nunnington, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Hato, 1601 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); John Hatto, 1612, Marie Haytoe, 1614 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); John Haythoe, 1650 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Ann Hattow, 1716 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Susanna Heytow, 1725 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall); Anthony Hayto, 1783, William Ayto, 1808 in *IGI* (Normanton, Lincs); William Hato, 1812, Mary Hayto, 1813 in *IGI* (Holme Pierrepont, Notts); George Ayto, 1843 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); William Hayto, 1867 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys).

### Ayton

**Variants:** Aiton, Aytoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1153, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 932
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Norfolk; Durham; Midlothian
- 1 English: locative name from Ayton (NR Yorks). See also **Eyton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Atune, about 1174 in *Yorks Charters*; John de Aiton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Ayton', 1300 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willm. Ayton, 1559 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Mary Ayton, 1576 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Clayham Ayton, 1583 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Elizabeth Ayton, 1598 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Steven Ayton, 1600 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 100–1, 165–6. 2 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Ayton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Helias de Eitun, 1166–82 in *History of North Durham* (Coldingham, Berwicks); William de Eytone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); John de Aytoun, 1300 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Lamberton, Berwicks); Grissall Ayton, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Aytoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife
- Scottish: see **Ayton** (2).

### Ayub

**Variants:** Ayoub

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1919, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim and Christian Arab: from *Ayyūb*, the Arabic form (familiar to Muslims from the Qur'an, Sura 4) of the Biblical Hebrew personal name *Īyōb* 'Job'.

**Further information:** The popularity of the personal name among Muslims is partly due to the fame of Salāh ad-Dīn Yūsuf ibn Ayyūb (c.1138–1193; known in Europe as Saladin), founder of the Ayyubid dynasty in Egypt. He was a Kurdish Muslim, born in Tikrit, who became Sultan of Egypt and Syria (reigned 1174–1193). In Palestine he fought against and defeated the Crusaders, but was nevertheless noted by them for his chivalry as well as his military genius.

### Azad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Muslim (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan): from a personal name based on Persian *āzād* 'freedom'.

### Azam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2415, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *a'zam* 'greatest'.

### Aze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) most probably a variant of **Hayes**, which is common both as a surname and as a minor place-name in Devon, where the original sense, 'enclosure' (Old English *gehæg*, Middle English *hay*), had probably developed to 'farm' or 'holding' (*Place-Names of Devon*, p. 129) by the Middle English period. (ii) possibly also a variant of **Ace**.

**Early bearers:** John Aze, 1632, Francis Aze, 1705 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Mary Aze, 1671 in *North Devon Record Office* (Barnstaple, Devon); Judeth Aze, 1693 in *IGI* (Landkey, Devon); William Aze, Aze, 1693, 1696 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

### Azeem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Azim**.

### Azhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Azim

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Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *azhar*, 'brightly shining' or 'famous'.

### Azim

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Variants: **Azeem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ʿazīm*, 'mighty', 'magnificent'. *al-ʿazīm*, 'the magnificent' is one of the traditional ninety-nine names of Allah.

### Aziz

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 5461, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (widespread throughout the Muslim world): relationship name from the Arabic personal name

*ʿazīz*, meaning both 'mighty' and 'dear one'; or its frequent compound *ʿabd-ul-ʿazīz*, 'servant of the Almighty (an attribute of Allah)'.  
**Further information:** Al-ʿAzīz (955–996) was the fifth Fatimid khalif of Egypt (975–996), noted among other things for his religious tolerance.

### Azizi

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ʿazizi* meaning 'of the family of **Aziz**'.

### Azram

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained.

### Azzopardi

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

southern Italian, Maltese: ethnic name, occupational name from the medieval Greek word *atsoupas* 'Mauritanian, Moor, Black person' (plural *atsoupadēs*), which also came to mean 'mercenary soldier'. The medieval Greek word probably derives ultimately from Old Persian *takhma spada* 'army', modern Persian *sipah*. The modern form seems to have been influenced by Italian (*gatto*)*pardo* 'serval' (a species of wild cat), which features on the arms of the Sicilian princely di Lampedusa family.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the belief that the name is of Sephardic Jewish origin or that it means 'Sephardic'.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Azzopardi, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**Ba**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- 1 African: unexplained. Compare **Bah**.
- 2 Arabic: from a shortened form of *Abā*, accusative case of *abu* ‘father’.
- 3 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 巴: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Fu Xi, a legendary king who lived prior to the Xia dynasty (i. e. before 2070 BC). (ii) from *Ba* (巴), the name of an ancient state (located in Sichuan province and the city of Chongqing), which was annihilated during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).
- 4 Vietnamese: unexplained.

**Baah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: see **Bah**.

**Baalham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Balaam**.

**Babalola**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): relationship name from the personal name *Babalólá* (Yoruba *baba l’ólá* ‘the father is honour’, understood as ‘is the source of honour’, i. e. for the child).

**Babar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora), based on the name of an Arora clan.

**Babatunde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Babátúndé* (Yoruba *baba tún dé* ‘father has returned’), applied to a child born after the death of his father or grandfather.

**Babb**

Variants: **Babbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1139, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 811
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall; also Staffs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Babb(e)*, usually no doubt a pet form of the female name *Barbara* (see **Barbary**) but possibly in some cases a survival of the Old English personal name *Babba*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** Middle English pet forms of *Barbara* probably include **Babb** and **Babbitt**, as well as *Babel* and *Babelot*, as evidenced by Margery Babel and Nicholas Babelot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams).

**Early bearers:** Alwinus Babbe, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard Babbe, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Babbe, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); Joh’s Babbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Edmundus Babbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Teigngrace, Devon); Ricardo Babbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corfe, Somerset); Agnis Babb, 1576 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Gyles Bab, 1611 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Benjamin Bab, 1622 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts); James Babb, 1749 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); George Babb, 1752 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Patience Babb, 1781 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *babe* ‘infant, young child’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Babb(e), 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Wilts); Walter le Babb(e), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Babe, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Babbage**

Variants: **Babbidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 471
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname perhaps for someone given to mockery or fooling people, or alternatively for someone who stammered or spoke indistinctly. The source looks like an unrecorded Anglo-Norman French *\*baubich*, *\*babich*, *\*bobich*, Middle English *\*ba(u)bi(s)ch*, *\*bobi(s)ch*, with two possible senses. It could be related to Middle English *babishen* ‘to mock, scoff at’, from the same root as Old French *baubir*, *bober* ‘to mock, deride, make a joke (of)’, and Anglo-Norman French *baubeur* ‘false, insincere person’. Compare Middle English *bobben* ‘to deride, make a fool of’. Alternatively the surname might be related to Anglo-Norman French *balbuisir* (Latin *balbutire*) ‘to stammer, speak indistinctly’, with the same root as Old French *bauber*, Anglo-Norman French *barer* ‘to stammer’, and Anglo-Norman French *baube* ‘stammering’ (Latin *balbus*) and *baubeur* ‘stammerer’.

**Further information:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 374, associates Henry Bobich’ (1332) with the place called Babbages in Winkleigh. The post-medieval unrounding of *o* to *a* is a common feature of Devon dialect. The 16th-century *-aw-* spelling seems to reflect an alternative Middle English form *\*Baubi(s)ch*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bobich’, Sarra Bobych’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winkleigh, Devon); Johannes Bebisich’ [for Bobisch’], 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chawleigh, Devon); Johan Bawbych, 1546, Edmond Babbage, 1579, in *IGI* (Devon); Adam Babage, 1570 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Thomsan Babbidge, 1579 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Bennett Bobbidge, 1610 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon); Samuell Bawbidge, 1618 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon); George Babedge, 1628 in

*PROB 11* (Cullompton, Devon); Rogeri Babbage, 1637 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Elizabeth Babidge, 1727 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Michael Babbidge, 1751 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); John Babbidge, 1832 in *IGI* (Northwood, IoW).

**Babbidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Shrops

English: see **Babbage**.

**Babbington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Wexford

1 English: see **Babington**.

2 English: see **Bebbington**.

**Babbitt**

Variants: **Babot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal names *Babet* and *Babot*, pet forms of **Barbara**. Compare also **Babb** (1).

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Babeth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Richard Babot, 1619, Richard Babutt, 1779, Joseph Babut, 1787 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); Clement Babbett, 1655 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Jn. Babbett of Plymouth, cordwainer, 1684 in *Cornwall Record Office*; Richd. Babbit, 1775 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

**Babbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Surrey; also Staffs and Derbys

English: variant of **Babb**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Cristina Babbes, 1377, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Babbs, 1593 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Wm. Babbs, 1607 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); John Babbs, 1658 in *IGI* (Lambourne, Essex).

**Babcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

English: apparently a post-medieval form of **Badcock**. There is no reason why a Middle English *\*Babbecock*, a pet form of *Babb* (Barbara), should not have existed, but evidence has yet to be found.

**Early bearers:** Edward Badcock, 1559, Mary Babcock, 1613 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Badcock, 1596, Mary Babcock, 1713 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall);

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Wm. Babcock, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elias Babcock, 1772 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Baber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1280, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 614
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: nickname from a Middle English borrowed form of an Anglo-Norman agent noun *\*baubeour* ‘stammerer’, from *baubeier* ‘to stammer’.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Babur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterston, Dorset); Alicia Baber, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Berks); Elisabeth Baber, 1589 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Baber, 1631 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Agnes Baber, 1632 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks).

## Babey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- 1 English: (i) relationship name perhaps from a Middle English pet form of the female personal name *Barbara*. Compare **Babb** (1), of which *Baby* (1332) may either be a variant + the hypocoristic suffix *-y* or a Devon dialect form of final *-e*. Compare Thomas Babbe senior, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon). (ii) nickname from Middle English *babbe*, *babi* ‘young child, infant’. Compare **Babb** (2).
- Early bearers:** Walter Baby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Henricus Baby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dalditch, Devon); Henricus Baby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Elizabeth Babey, 1664 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Babey, 1739 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edmund Babey, 1786 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants).
- 2 Norman: locative name perhaps from *Baby* (Seine et Marne) but there is no evidence that this gave rise to an Anglo-Norman surname.

## Babington

- Variants:** **Babbington, Bavington, Bebbington, Bevington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 85
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lincs; Warwicks; Cheshire; also Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English, also Scottish: (i) locative name from Babington (Somerset) or possibly Bavington (Northumb), which is recorded as *Babington* until the early 18th century; see *Watts, Dictionary*. The alteration to *Bavington* and *Bevington* shows a common development of *-b-* to *-v-* in place-names and surnames. (ii) locative name from Bebbington (Cheshire), see **Bebington**. (iii) locative name from Bevington (Warwicks), see **Bevington**.
- Further information:** The derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Babbington in Kimberley (Notts) is implausible, since it is a minor place-name derived from the surname.
- Early bearers:** Eva de Babington, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo de Babington, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Evertton, Notts); Henricus de Babbyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); John Babyngton, knight, 1484–5 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Margaret Babington, 1556 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Beatrisse Bavington, 1561 in *IGI* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Anne Bevington, 1660 in *IGI* (Welton le Wold, Lincs); Easter Bavington, 1667 in

*IGI* (Raithby cum Maltby, Lincs); James Babington, 1711 in *IGI* (Benniworth, Lincs).

## Babot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- English: see **Babbitt**.

## Babson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: perhaps a dissimilated form of **Brabson**; see **Brabazon**.
- Early bearers:** Adam Babson, Brabson, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Babson, 1645 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Babson, 1662 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

## Babu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): nickname, Hindu (Lohana), from Prakrit *bappā* ‘father’.

## Baccas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Backhouse**.
- Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Bacchus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Backhouse**.

## Baccus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- English: see **Backhouse**.

## Bach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 324
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- English: see **Bache**.

## Bache

- Variants:** **Bach, Batch, Bash, Baish**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 981, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 616
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Shrops, and Worcs
- English: locative name from Middle English *bach*, *bech(e)* ‘stream’ (Old English *bæce*). Compare **Bage** (2).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Basche, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Reiner de Bache, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph de la Bache, 1252 in *Rydeware Chartulary* (Staffs); William atte Bache, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Bache, 1539 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Elena Bache, 1544 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Thomas Bache, 1546 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Bache, 1548 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bache, 1548 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

## Bachelor

- Variants:** **Batchelar, Batchelder, Batcheldor, Batchellor, Batchelour, Batchlor, Batcheler**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Batchelor**.

## Bacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Renfrews
- English: see **Batcher**.

## Bachu

- Variants:** **Bhachu**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu, Sikh, and Muslim, probably from Sanskrit *bačča* ‘child’.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Backhouse**.

## Back

- Variants:** **Bake, Batt, Bax**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1748, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent and Sussex; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bakke* (Old English *Bacca*). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).
- Early bearers:** given names: *Bacce* (dative), about 1189–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar*. surnames: Godwine Bace, about 1055 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Richard Bac, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Richard Backe, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Walterus Backe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Culmstock, Devon); Johanne Bak, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Galfridus Backe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Rogerus Bakke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Johannes Backe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); Ricardus Bak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); Henrico Backe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); Johannes Bak, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Back, 1564 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Ricardi Back, 1579 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Ricd. Backe, 1581 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Anthony Back, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); Mychayell Back, 1601 in *IGI* (Seaford, Sussex); Hugo Back, 1602 in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk); Edward Back, 1612 in *IGI* (Brabourne, Kent); Hannah Back, 1655 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon).
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *bakke* ‘bat’, possibly for a blind person.
- Early bearers:** Godwin the clerk, called Bak, 12th cent. in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Henry le Bak, 1297 in *King’s Bench Pleas*.
- 3 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *bak* ‘ridge’ (Old English *bæc*), either with reference to a topographical feature, as in the 1327 example, or to a person’s back, for someone with a bent back perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Joan atte Back, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

### Backer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Baker**.

### Backes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Bax**.

### Backhouse

**Variants:** Bakehouse, Bacchus, Backus, Bachus, Baccus, Bacus, Baccas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2946, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Derry
- English: locative name, occupational name for someone who worked at a bakery, from Middle English *bak(e)hous* ‘bake-house, bakery’.
- Early bearers:** Walter de Bakhous, 1306, Thomas Bachous, 1334 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Richard del Bakhous, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholaus del Bakhouce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmus Bakhows, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); Charles Baccus, 1544 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Yorks); Gyles Bachus, 1629 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Edward Bacchus, 1725 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* 41 (Beds).

### Backhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Baghurst**.

### Backler

**Variants:** Backner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- Norman, English: occupational name, status name from Norman French *bacaler* ‘a young knight, a novice in arms’. The [k] is a characteristically Norman form where Central French has [tʃ]; see **Batchelor**.
- Early bearers:** John de [sic] Bakalur, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas le Bakelere, 1320 in *Close Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes Bakeler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stogursey, Somerset); Thomas Bakeler, clerk, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Edmund Bacler, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Backler, 1560 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Miles Backler, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Perry Backler, 1772 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Richard Backler, 1792 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Backman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: occupational name from Middle English *\*bak-man* ‘maker or seller of pastries, tarts, or pies’ (Old English *gebæc* ‘baked goods, bakemeats’ +

*mann* ‘man’). Compare Walter *le Bakmonger*, 1314 in *Thuresson* (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Walter Bakman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Camsb); Johanne Bakeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Waltham Holy Cross, Essex); William Bakman, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John Bacman, 1593 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); William Backman, 1622 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Alfred Backman, 1833 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 197.

### Backner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*baconer*, *\*baconour* ‘curer of bacon, bacon-seller’.
- Early bearers:** Walterus Baconur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Elizabeth Backner, 1722 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Matthew Backner, 1738 in *IGI* (Nottingham).
- 2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Backler**.
- Early bearers:** Samuel Backner, 1803, Louisa Sidney Backler, 1840 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

### Backs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Bax**.
- Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Backshall

**Variants:** Backshell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- 1 English: locative name either from Paxhill (Park) or from Buxshalls, both in Lindfield (Sussex).
- Further information:** The derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Backshells in Billingshurst (Sussex) is mistaken; this farmstead was called after the surname of its late 16th-century owner, John Backshell of Sele in Sussex (or possibly Seale in Surrey; compare **Boxall**), who married Dorothy West of Billingshurst in 1591 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 150–1).
- Early bearers:** Ph’o de Bacselve, 1296, Johe Bakeshelve, 1327, Joh’e and Ric’o de Bacselve, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Henry Backshyll, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Backshell, 1591 in *Chichester Marriage Licences* (Sussex); Th. Backshell, 1613 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); John Backshall, 1643 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Thomas Bagshall, 1705, Thomas Backshall, 1716 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex).
- References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, pp. v and 340–2; *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 119.
- 2 English: variant of **Boxall** with unrounding of the vowel.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Backshall, 1620, James Backshall, 1765 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

### Backshell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Backshall**.

### Backus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 25

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Backhouse**.

### Backwell

**Variants:** Bagwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs
- English: locative name from Backwell (Somerset).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Bacwell, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johan Backwell, 1596 in *IGI* (Congresbury, Somerset); John Backwell, 1664 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Backwell, 1678 in *IGI* (Lydney, Gloucs).

### Bacon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8979, Ireland 239
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7492
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. N Midlands and E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Derry
- Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Bacun*, derived from the oblique stem of Continental Germanic *Bacco*, which may be from a word ancestral to German *Backe* in either of the senses ‘back, rump’ or ‘cheek’, though the latter is mainly S German. The Latin nominative form of this occurs as *Bacus* in about 1113 in the *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs). (ii) nickname possibly from Old French, Middle English *bacon*, *bacun* ‘side of bacon’, perhaps a nickname for a curer or seller of bacon or for someone having a supposed similarity to the meat.
- Early bearers:** William Bacun, about 1150 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Richard Bacun, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Nicholas Bachun, 1226 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Geoffrey Bacon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Juliana Bakon’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Manton, Rutland); Willelmus Bacon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); Adam Bacoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runtton, Norfolk); Robertus Bacun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Ricardus Bacon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Andrew Bacon, 1544 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Edw Bacon, 1551 in *IGI* (Spexhall, Suffolk); Judith Bacon, 1563 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Isabella Bacon, 1564 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

### Bacus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Backhouse**.
- Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Badal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Sikh, possibly derived from Hindi or Panjabi *badal* ‘cloud’, from Sanskrit *vārdala* ‘water’. It is found in the Jat community.

### Badams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Welsh: see **Baddams**.

## Badat

### Badat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Indian: unexplained.

### Badbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: locative name from Badbury in Chisledon (Wilts), Badbury Rings in Shapwick (Dorset), or Badbury Hill in Great Coxwell (Berks).  
**Early bearers:** Herbert de Badebiri, 1212, Herbert de Baddebir', 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); [. . . de] Baddebir', 1244 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Mary Badbury, 1684 in *IGI* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); William Badbury, 1718 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 281; *Place-Names of Dorset 2*, pp. 177–8; *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 362.

### Badby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: locative name from Badby (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** William de Baddebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Nicholas de Baddeby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); William Badby, 1388–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Badby, 1425 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Mary Badby, 1563 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); George Badby, 1814 in *IGI* (Croughton, Northants).

### Badcock

- Variants:** **Batcock, Battcock, Babcock, Badcoe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 912, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1691
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon and Cornwall; Cambs
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Badecok*, a pet form of **Bade** + the diminutive suffix *-cok*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Batecok*, a pet form of **Bate**. Through voicing of the *-t-* this name may have been much confused with *Badecock* in (i).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Batekok de Grendon, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Batecok, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Badecoc Korneys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).  
surnames: Edrich' Bathecoc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Batcok, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William Badecok, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Dorset); William Badecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Rogerus Badcok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); John Badecok, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Johis Badcock, 1560 in *IGI* (Marytavy, Devon); John Badkock, 1596 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); William Batcock, 1639 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Mark Badcoe, 1891 in *Census 1891* (Glamorgan).

### Badcoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: comparatively recent variant of **Badcock**.

### Badd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Bade**.

### Baddaley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Baddeley**.

### Baddam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- Welsh: see **Badham**.

### Baddams

- Variants:** **Badams**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Welsh: variant of **Badham** with excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** John Baddams, 1627 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); Richard Baddams, 1652 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Joseph Badhams, 1724 in *IGI* (Wroxall, Warwicks).

### Baddeley

- Variants:** **Baddiley, Baddaley, Badeley, Baddley, Badley, Beadley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1556, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 663
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire
- English: locative name from Baddeley (Staffs) or Baddiley (Cheshire).  
**Further information:** This name has always had a strong association with Staffs, and to a lesser extent Cheshire. Origin from a differently spelled Suffolk or Hants place-name is less plausible.  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Badele, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Baddyleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Alicea Baddeley, 1541 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Margreta Baddeley, 1611 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Edward Baddeley, 1626 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Ann Baddely, 1632 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Wm Baddeley, 1714, William Badderly, 1748 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Badder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- 1 English: possibly a variant, with an unrounded first vowel, of **Boder**, of which a form with a short vowel seems to exist.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Badder, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Dodington, Gloucs); Thomas Badder, 1618 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Badder, 1639 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts).  
2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Great and Little Baddow (Essex), locally once pronounced /baedə/, though this is not strongly supported by the modern distribution.  
**Early bearers:** Edmundo de Badewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Baddow, Essex); Joane Badder, 1632 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Badder, 1636 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Margery Badder, 1639 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 233.

### Baddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Baddock**.

### Baddiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Baddeley**.

### Baddley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Baddeley**.

### Baddock

- Variants:** **Badock, Baddick**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Baddok*, which is from Old English *Baduca*, a suffixed derivative of a name beginning with *beadu* 'battle'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Badok, 1323 in *Patent Rolls*; William Baddock, 1534 in *York Freemen's Register* (York); Richard Badock, 1615 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Maria Baddock, 1664 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Thomas Baddock, 1723 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Baddick, 1794 in *IGI* (Wootton Courtney, Somerset).

### Bade

- Variants:** **Badd, Baid**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- 1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bade* or *Badde*, either a survival of Old English *Bada* (of uncertain origin, but perhaps related to *beadu* 'battle') or possibly a variant of the personal name **Bate**. Compare **Badcock**.  
**Further information:** Compare the unrecorded Old English \**Badding*, a derivative of *Bada*, apparently attested in Robert Badding, 1197–1221 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Middx), and William Bading, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Bada, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Derbys); Badde, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls*.  
surnames: Bicticus Bade, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William Badde, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Badde, Bade, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Rob'tus Bad, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greenwich, Kent); Joh'es Bade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aylesford, Kent); Richard Bade, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Simon Bade, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnstaple, Devon); Stephanus Badde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Snoring, Norfolk); Willelmus Bade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Willelmus Badd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Johannes Badde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Ricardus Bade, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockerston, Leics); Willelmus Badde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Wytheford, Shrops); Willm. Bade, 1544 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Badde, 1551 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Elizabeth Bade, 1608 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Ann Bade or Bode, 1614 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Thomas Badde, 1632, Tho Badd, 1639 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); William Badd, 1652 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); David Baid, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint



Leonards, Fife); Mary Bade, 1715 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); James Bades, 1775 in *IGI* (Askrigg, NR Yorks).

2 German: (i) relationship name from a short form of a Continental Germanic personal name composed with *badu* 'strife, battle'. (ii) occupational name from Middle Low German *bade* 'messenger'.

**Early bearers:** William Bade, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Augusta Bade, born in Bremen, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Woodford Saint Mary, Essex); Ernest Bade, born in Hamburg, Germany, *Census 1881* (Horton in Bradford, WR Yorks); Wilhelm Bade, born in Germany, *Census 1901* (London); Ernst Bade, born in Germany, *Census 1911* (London); Karl Bade, born in Germany, *Census 1911* (London).

### Badeley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Hants
- English: see **Baddeley**.

### Baden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Wilts
- 1 English: (i) locative name from a place called *Bayden* in Sussex, which is referred to in 17th-century documents but unlocated. It is possibly to be identified with Baiden, a manor in Mayfield. (ii) locative name from Baydon (Wilts).

**Further information:** The surname of the Baden-Powell family is from their use as a surname of the given name + surname of an ancestor, whose given name originated in the surname discussed here.

**Early bearers:** England: John Badyn, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Thomas Bayden, 1454, John Baydon, 1537, Richard Bayden, 1642 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Agnes Baydon, 1605 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Anthony Bayden, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Thomas Baden, 1659 in *Wilts and Swindon Archives* (Wilts); Lewis Baddon, 1678, Lewis Baden, 1704, Anne Badden, 1718 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

Scotland: Christen Baden, 1658 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays); John Baddon, 1662, John Badden, 1667, Cristian Baden, 1706 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Danish: relationship name patronymic from the German personal name *Bade*, for which compare the **Bade** of English origin. As an occasional Jewish name it is probably a handout or ornamental adoption.

**Early bearers:** Heinrich Herman Christian Baden, 1746 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Chas. and Maria Baden, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Geo. Baden, born in Hanover, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Christopher Baden, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); Hermann Henry Baden, 1865 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris and Ada Baden, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Badenoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from province of Badenoch in Inverness.

**Early bearers:** Patrick of Badynach, 1435 in *Edinburgh Guildry*; possibly same as Patrick Baidyenach, 1460 in *Arbroath Register* (Aberdeen); Matheus Baydenagh, notary public, 1473 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Aberdeen diocese); John Banzenacht, burgess, 1541 in *Aberdeen Register* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Hary Badenoch, 1693 in *IGI* (Rothiemay, Banffs).

### Bader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name denoting an attendant in or owner of a public bath house, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *bat* 'bath' (Old High German *bad*), German *Bad*. In former times, such attendants undertook a variety of functions, including blood-letting, tooth-pulling, and hair-cutting.

**Early bearers:** Hermann Bader, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Frederick Bader, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Louis Bader, born in Cracow, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Ada Bader, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Yorks); Ludwig Bader, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Christian Bader, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Marks Bader, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Middx); Bach Bader, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Barnett Bader, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Badesha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan, whose name probably derives from Persian *badshah* 'king'.

### Badge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 English: see **Bage**.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Budge**, especially in SW England.

### Badger

**Variants:** **Bagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2121, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1723
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: locative name from Badger (Shrops), which is recorded as *Beghesoure* in 1086, *Bagesore* in the 14th century, and *Bagsore alias Badger* in 1694.

**Early bearers:** [... de] *Baggesour*, 1203–4, [... de] *Bagesoure*, 1212 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); William de *Beggeshour*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); John de *Bagisore*, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas *Bagger*, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coreley, Shrops); Thomas *Badger*, 1540 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 29.

2 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bagger* 'bag-maker, maker of small sacks'. Compare **Bagg**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *badger* 'hawker, huckster', though this word

is not recorded in *MED* before 1467–8 and it is of doubtful origin.

**Early bearers:** Ælfegus se *baggere*, Raulfo *bagger*, 12th cent. in *Angevin Canterbury* (Canterbury, Kent); Ivo le *Bagger*, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Matilda la *Baggar*, 1275 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Richard le *Bagger*, 1297, Adam *Badger*, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Emma le *Baggere*, 1307 in *Fransson* (Staffs); Richard *Bagare*, 1332 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Ralph *Baghere*, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Ricardus *Badger*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, West Yorks); Galfrido *Bagger*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snodhill, Herefs); Johanne *Baggere*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Wroughton, Wilts); Joan *Badger*, 1541 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Alice *Badger*, 1558 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Edward *Bagger*, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard *Badger*, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Breamore, Hants); Thomas *Bagger*, 1663 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon).

**References:** *Fransson*, pp. 94–5.

### Badgery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Worcs

English: locative name from Badgeworthy in Brendon (Devon), pronounced /bædzəri/.

**Early bearers:** William *Baggeworthy*, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Samuel *Badgery*, 1766 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 59.

### Badgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Brecknocks

Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Badgley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Betchley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Badham

**Variants:** **Baddam**, **Badhan**, **Baddams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh patronymic **ap Adam** 'son of Adam', treated in spelling as if it were from a place-name ending in *-ham*. The modern form of *Adam* in Welsh is *Addaf*. **Early bearers:** Elizabetha *Baddam*, 1546 in *IGI* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Thomas *Baddam*, 1565 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); Etkin *Badam*, 1581 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs); Seath *Ap Adda*, 1631 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Philip *Baddam*, 1678 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); George *Badham*, 1696 in *IGI* (Peterchurch, Herefs); John *Badhan*, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Botolphs's without Aldersgate, London); John *Abadham*, 1741 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Tho. *Badhan*, 1749 in *IGI* (Withington, Herefs); John

## Badhan

Badhan, 1800 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Henry Badam, 1814 in *IGI* (Saint Issels, Herefs).

### Badhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

2 Welsh: an occasional variant of **Badham**.

### Badiani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Badi-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + the suffix *-ani* denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Badkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys and Staffs

English: (i) variant of **Bodkin**. (ii) in some cases, it may alternatively be a variant of **Batkin** with voicing of /t/ to /d/. Compare John Badekyn, 1312, John Batekyn, 1327 in *Kent Place-Names* p. 492.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Badekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Margeria Badkin, 1614 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); An Badkin, 1616 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Badkin, 1710 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Rich. Badkin, 1726 in *IGI* (Rosliston, Derbys); Ann Badkin, 1771 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Badland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name probably from Badland in Kinnerton (Radnors).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Badelonde, 1343 in *National Library of Wales* (Radnor Court Rolls); William Badlond', 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); William Baydelond', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Richard Badlond, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Annes Badland, 1553 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Stephen Badlande, 1589 in *Shrops Archives* (Bircher, Herefs).

**References:** Charles, B. C. (1938) *Non-Celtic place-names of Wales* London: University of London, p. 174.

### Badley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs

English: see **Baddeley**.

### Badman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 425
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *badde* 'bad' in one of its various applications (e. g. 'wicked', 'worthless', 'unfortunate') + *mann* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Simon Bademan, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Bademan, 1375 in *London Pleas*; Johannes Badman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby,

Warwicks); Edmund Badman, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Yatton, Somerset); John Badman, 1589 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset).

### Badnall

**Variants:** **Badnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Baden Hall in Eccleshall (Staffs). There may well have been some confusion with **Bagnall**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Badenhale, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Staffs); William de Badenhale, 1299, Nicholas de Bedenhale, 1300 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Margreat Badnall, 1563, Henery Badnal, 1690 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); Anna Badnall, 1586, Elizabeth Badnol, 1657 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Elizabetha Badnol, 1605 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); Johannes Badnall, 1661 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Anne Badnell, 1681 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 97.

### Badnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Badnall**.

### Badock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Baddock**.

### Badrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Betteridge**.

### Badrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Betteridge**.

### Badwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Baer

**Variants:** **Behr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German: (i) nickname (**Bär**), from Middle High German *ber* 'bear', denoting someone thought to resemble the animal in some way, or perhaps one who kept a performing bear. (ii) locative name for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a bear. (iii) relationship name, possibly a shortened form of some Continental Germanic personal name containing the element meaning 'bear'.

**Early bearers:** Louis Baer, professor of music, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (West Derby, Lancs);

August Baer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Johann Baer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, London); Conrad Baer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (London); Friedrich Baer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Otto Baer, born in Germany, *Census 1901* (Hampstead, Middx); Franz Ludwig Baer, metals merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish male personal name *Ber*, based on the Yiddish word *ber* 'bear'.

**Early bearers:** Moses Baer, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Aaron de Baer, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Solomon de Baer, in *Census 1861* (Middx).

3 Dutch: nickname from Middle Dutch *baer* 'naked, bare'. *Debrabandere* suggests it may have denoted someone who wore ragged clothes.

### Baffin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: variant of **Boffin**, itself a variant of **Boughen**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

### Bagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus

1 Scottish: possibly a variant of **Beggan**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Arthur Bagan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Felix Bagan, jute worker, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Dundee, Angus); Owen Bagan, french polisher, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Bagan, born in Glasgow, in *Census 1901* (Inverkip, Renfrews); Maggie Bagan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Barnard Bagan, boot and shoe maker, born in Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Bagan, labourer, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Dover, Kent); William Bagan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

2 Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of several minor places in Poland named with Polish *bagno* 'marsh'.

### Bagby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from Bagby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bagby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Bagby, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Bagby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Bagby, 1616 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); John Bagby, 1692 in *IGI* (Kirkby Fleetham, NR Yorks); John Bagbee, 1825 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

### Bage

**Variants:** **Badge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks

1 English: nickname possibly from Middle English *bagge*, Anglo-Norman French *bage* 'badge, cognizance, emblem', perhaps for someone who wore one as a sign of affiliation to a family or guild.

Early forms may alternatively be for **Bagg** and some of the following bearers from SW England and the W Midlands may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Bage, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Robertus Bag', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Hugo Bag', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Alyce Badge, 1569 in *IGI* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Rychard Badge, 1581 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Lancelot Badge, 1611 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Badge, 1638 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); John Bage, 1663 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Eliner Badg, 1743 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Basil Bage, 1745 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jubwch Baige, 1771 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ralph Bage, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Arthur Bage, in *Census 1881* (Horton in Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from The Bage in Dorstone, The Bage Farm in Madley, or Bage in Kington (all Herefs), with names derived from Old English *bæce* 'stream'; compare **Bache**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Bache, about 1220 in *Herefs Place-Names* (Herefs); William Bage, 1609 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 74, 140.

### Bagehot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

### Bagenal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bagnall**.

### Bagg

**Variants:** **Bagge**, **Baggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 523
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Dorset and Somerset

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *bagge* 'bag, pack, bundle'. The surname was common in Middle English and in some cases it may denote a bag maker. It might also have been used for a beggar: compare 'Hit is beggares rihte uorte beren bagge on bac and burgeises for to beren purses' (about 1230 in *OED*). Compare **Badger** (2). (ii) relationship name; although no examples of its independent use have been noted, this may be a patronymic from the nominative case of the Continental Germanic personal name *Bago* (*Baco*), for which see **Back**. Compare **Baglin**, **Baggett**.

**Early bearers:** William Bagge, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas Bagge, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Bagge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); Roberto Bagges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); James Bagge or Bagg, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Buckland, Devon); Elizabeth Bagge, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Radulphi Bagge, 1596 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Thomas Bagg, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Dorset); William Bagg, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Winsham, Somerset).

### Bagga

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Baggaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1354, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 580
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: see **Baguley**.

### Baggallay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts
- English: see **Baguley**.

### Baggalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: see **Baguley**.

### Baggarley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Baguley**.

### Bagge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: see **Bagg**.

### Bagger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Badger**.

### Baggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

### Baggley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs
- English: see **Bagley**.

### Baggot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

### Baggott

**Variants:** **Baggot**, **Bagott**, **Bagot**, **Baggett**, **Badgett**, **Bagehot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1584, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Bagot*, a diminutive of

Continental Germanic *Bago*, perhaps from \**bag-* 'fighting'. Compare **Bagg** and **Back**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bagot, about 1125 in *Staffs Chartulary*.

sumames: Herueius filius Bagot, 1130–2 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Staffs); Hereveus Bagod, about 1159 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Ingeram Bagot 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hereficus Bachot, 1195 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Simon Baghot, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Walter Bagot, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Bagotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Street Ashton, Warwicks); Johanne Bagot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton with Preese, Lincs); Robertus Bagot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coven, Staffs); Jane Bagott, 1556 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Willm. Baggott, 1562 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Thomas Baggott, 1604 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); John Bagot, 1612 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lincs); Anne Baggott, 1657 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); John Bacot, 1695, Jenet Bagot, 1706 in *IGI* (Lytham, Lincs).

### Baggridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: locative name from Baggridge in Wellow (Somerset) or a lost place called *Baggeridge* in Woodlands (Dorset).

**Further information:** There is also a place called Baggeridge in Sedgley (Staffs), but this does not seem to have produced a local surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Bagerigge, 1201, William de Baggerugge, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); [ . . . de] Bageregge, [ . . . de] Bagherug', 1250, [ . . . de] Bagerig, 1274 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Walter de Baggerigg, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); John Baggridge, 1597 in *IGI* (Forscote, Somerset); George Baggeridge, 1759 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Martha Bageridge, 1779 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Francis Bagridge, 1790 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN; Place-Names of Dorset 2*, pp. 284–5; *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 97–8.

### Baggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 692
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Dorset, and Somerset

English: variant of **Bagg** with genitival or excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** George Bagges, 1561 in *IGI* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); Joannes Bagges, 1580 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Richard Baggs, 1594 in *IGI* (Greatford, Lincs); Thomas Baggs, 1617 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Elinnor Baggs, 1694 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

### Bagguley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Notts
- English: see **Baguley**.

### Bagha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Baghurst**

Variants: **Backhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: locative name from Baughurst (Hants), which is recorded as *Baggeherst* in 1175 but has been influenced by the minor name *Haughurst* (*Hauekehrst* in 1256) in the same parish, giving rise to strains of the surname with *-au-* or *-o-*, on the one hand, and *-a-* on the other.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Baghurst, 1363–4 in *TNA* (Sheffield, Burghfield, Berks); John de Boghurst, chaplain, 1374 in *Lancs Record Office*; Walter Boghurst, 1376–7 in *TNA* (Meopham, Kent); John Bogherst, 1571 in *IGI* (Cuxton, Kent); Henry Boggast, 1576 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); Jone Boghurst, 1579 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); John Baghurst, 1623 in *IGI* (Brimpton, Berks); Richard Bagust, 1660 in *IGI* (Ufton Nervet, Berks); Thome Baghurst, 1668, Henry Bogust, 1688, John Boggust, 1701 in *IGI* (Clanfield, Hants); John Backhurst, 1688 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); Rebacka Baughurst, 1721 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Anne Jane Baughurst, 1757 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Richard Baghurst, 1781 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Martha Baghurst, 1796 in *IGI* (Baughurst, Hants).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 30.

**Bagilhole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Beaglehole**.

**Baglee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb

English: see **Bagley**.

**Bagley**

Variants: **Baggley, Baglee, Baglow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3024, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2212
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Warwicks, and Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Kildare

1 English: see **Baguley**.

2 English: locative name from one or more of the places named Bagley, such as Bagley Farm in Tickhill and Bagley in Farsley (both WR Yorks), Bagley in Hordley (Shrops), Bagley in Wellington and Bagley in Wedmore (both Somerset), and Bagley in Axminster (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Baggylecth, 1271–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); [... de] Bakelegh', 1281, [... de] Bakeleye, 1287 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Thomas de Baggeleghe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walther de Baglay, about 1345 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Ralph de Baggeley, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Baglay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farsley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Bagley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stancill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Baglay, Johannes de Bagly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Bagley, 1581 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Bagley, 1603 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Richard Backley, 1668, Arthur Bagley, 1724 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Jesper Backley, 1689 in *IGI*

(Dartmouth, Devon); John Baglah, 1752 in *IGI* (Barton in Fabis, Notts).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 53; 3, p. 230; *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 71; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 635.

**Baglin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Baguelin*, *Baglin*, a diminutive of Continental Germanic *Bago* (*Baco*). Compare

**Bagg, Bacon.**

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Bagelin de Morgan, 1230, Edmund Bagelan, late warrener of the duke of Brittany, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; William Bagelin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Dorcas Baglin, 1662 in *IGI* (Coaley, Gloucs); Richard Baglan, 1667, Joseph Baglin, 1678 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs); Richard Baglin, 1684 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Rachell Baglin, 1691, Elizebeth Bagling, 1693 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Baglole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Beaglehole**.

**Baglow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Bagley**.

**Bagnal**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bagnall**.

**Bagnall**

Variants: **Bagnal, Bagnell, Bagenal, Bagnold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3524, Ireland 428
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2571
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Offaly

English: locative name either from Bagnall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Badegehall*, *Baginhal*, *Baginholt* in the 13th century, or from Bagnall in Alrewas (also Staffs), which is recorded as *Bagenhale*, *Bagganhal* in the 13th century. There may well have been some confusion with **Badnall**.

**Further information:** In the 16th century the name was taken to Ireland, where it became well established.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Bagenhale, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Bagenholt, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Bagnall, Staffs); Roger de Baggenhull, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Nicho' de Bagynholt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fenton, Staffs); Thoma de Bagynholt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Endon, Staffs); Henr' de Bagynholt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grindon, Staffs); John Bagenelle, 1379 in *London Letter Books H*; Willelmo Bagnall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Raphe Bagnall, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ralph Bagnall, Bagnold, Bagenall alias Bagnald, 1561 in *Patent Rolls*; Eliz. Bagnall, 1563 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Sarah

Bagnall, 1808 in *IGI* (Bucknall cum Bagnall, Staffs); Ann Bagnall, 1846 in *IGI* (Alrewas, Staffs).

Ireland: N. Bagnoll, chief commissioner of Ulster (Louth excepted), 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth*; Henry Bagnoll, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3021.

References: *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 98.

**Bagnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Meath, and Dublin,

English: see **Bagnall**.

**Bagnold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bagnall**.

**Bagot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

**Bagott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

Norman, English: see **Baggott**.

**Bagri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bagrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, also Banffs
- Scottish: see **Beagrie**.

**Bagshaw**

Variants: **Bagshawe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2703, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Bagshaw in Chapel en le Frith (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Baggeshagh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William de Baggashaugh, 1339 in *Derbys Charters*; Willelmus de Bagshaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); William de Bagshagh, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); William Bagshaugh, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Margerie Bagshaw, 1559 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Bagsha, 1565, Thomas Bagshae, 1572 in *Petre Documents*; Alicia Bagshaw, 1565 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Henrie Bagshawe, 1575 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 60.

**Bagshawe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks English: see **Bagshaw**.

### Bagster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon; Leics English: see **Baxter**.

### Baguley

**Variants:** **Bagguley, Baggaley, Baggallay, Baggalley, Baggarley, Bagley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1100, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 837
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cheshire and Lancs English: locative name from Baguley (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Peter de Bagegele, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Hugo de Bageley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reddish, Lancs); James Baguley, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (All Saints, York); John Baguley, 1527 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); William Baguley, 1548 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Willialmus Bagegeley, 1560 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Margareta Baggulay, 1577 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Mary Bagula, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Robert Baguly, 1618 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Isaake Bagaley, 1629 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Notts); Thomas Baggerly, 1644 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Elizabeth Baglow, 1675 in *IGI* (South Collingham, Notts); Richard Baggala, 1693 in *IGI* (Snelland, Lincs); Thomas Baggalowe, 1697 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Robt. Baggerlow, 1715 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Joseph Baggalow, 1716 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Elizth Baggella, 1722 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs); John Baggurly, 1741 in *IGI* (Barton in Fabis, Notts).

### Bagwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary English: variant of **Backwell** with voicing of /k/ to /g/ between a vowel and a voiced consonant. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey Bagwell, 1374–5 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Johane Baggwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Bagwell, 1560 in *IGI* (South Perrott, Dorset); Wilmott Bagwill, 1571 in *IGI* (West Buckland, Somerset); Elizabeth Bagwell, 1584 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Bagwell, Nicholas Baggwell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Bagworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics English: locative name from Bagworth (Leics). **Early bearers:** William de Baggeworth, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Alicia de Bagworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bagworth, Leics); Walterus de Bagworth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baunstone, Leics); John de Bagworth, king's serjeant at arms, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Bagworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Robrte Bagworth, 1589 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Nycholas Bagworth, 1608 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Leics).

### Bah

**Variants:** **Baah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Ghanaian or other West African: (i) possibly from Akan *ba* 'child' or *baa* 'branch'. (ii) possibly from Mandinka *baa* 'big, great'. **Further information:** Names from languages in this region which end in a vowel are often anglicized by the addition of a final *-h*. Compare for instance **Mensah**.

### Bahadur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (northern states): Hindu (Kayasth) name in the Mathur subgroup.

### Bahar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Turkey, Iran, Pakistan) and Jewish (Sephardic): (i) from a personal name based on Persian *bahar* 'spring'. (ii) possibly also from a personal name based on Arabic *bāhīr* 'splendid, brilliant'. **References:** *Ahmed*

### Bahia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bahl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community, which is probably a derivative of Sanskrit *bahala* 'strong'.

### Bahra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 白 and 柏, see **Pak** (1) and (2).  
2 Korean: (i) (배, **Pae**; Chinese character: 裴) said to be borne by descendants of Chi T'a (祗沓), one of the legendary six elders who established Pak Hyökköse as the Shilla kingdom's first king. In AD 56, in recognition of his support, the Shilla king Yuri Isagūm (AD 24–57) bestowed upon Chi T'a the surname 裴 (*Bai*). However, nothing more is known about his descendants. (ii) The person normally cited as the founding ancestor of Bai families in Korea was originally named Paek Ok (白玉). The Koryō king T'ae Cho (太祖) Wan Kōn (王建) renamed him Bai Hyūn-kyōng (裒玄慶) in honour of his meritorious service in the founding of the Koryō Kingdom in AD 918.

### Baid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Bade**.

### Baidoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Baig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2121, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Muslim: nickname, Muslim (common in Pakistan), from the Turkish word *bey* 'bey', originally a title denoting a local administrator in the Ottoman Empire, but subsequently widely used as a title of respect; also from an Albanian or other form of the same Turkish word, perhaps taken from an archaic spelling *beg* representing *beğ*.  
2 Scottish: variant of **Begg** (1). **Early bearers:** Scotland: Grissell Baig, 1652 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); John Baig, 1683 in *IGI* (Dron, Perth); Robert Baig, 1767 in *IGI* (Crichton, Midlothian); David Baig, in *Census 1841* (Perth); Alexander Baig, in *Census 1861* (Midlothian); Molder Baig, in *Census 1901* (Lanarks). England: Joseph Baig, in *Census 1841* (Shrops); Edward Baig, in *Census 1841* (Kent); Edward T. Baig, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Baigent

- Variants:** **Begent, Bidgen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 408
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants
- Norman, English, French, Flemish: (i) possibly, like **Bowgen** and **Budgen**, a variant of **Beauchamp**. Old French *Beau-* often appears as *Be-* and *Bay-* in English surnames. The *-ch-* has been voiced and an excrescent *-t* has been added. (ii) nickname, perhaps the French name **Beaujean**, Flemish **Beaujan(t)**, **Bejean**, from Old French *bel Jehan* 'handsome John', + excrescent *-t*. It could have been introduced to England in the 15th or 16th century by Flemish migrants. **Early bearers:** Alis Bagiant, 1568 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Samll Baigent, 1577 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Thomas Badgent, 1595, Anne Begent, 1633, Susan Bedgeant, 1666 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Begent, 1667 in *IGI* (Staines, Middx); Aaron Baigent, 1703 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John Baigent, 1709 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants). **References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire; Debrabandere*.

### Baigrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Beagrie**.

### Baiker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Baker**.

### Baikie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414

## Bail

• **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Caithness  
Scottish: locative name probably from Beaquoy in Birsay (Orkney), according to Clouston, who says '[t]here was certainly a family of Beaquoy of Beaquoy, and the odal lands of the Baikies, afterwards of Tankerness, certainly lay in the near neighbourhood.' Black suggests, however, that it may originally be from the old manor of Baikie in Angus (*Beaqui*, in 1565), and transferred to Orkney. Marwick records the Orkney place-name as *Beaqui* in 1492, *Beaquoy* in 1500.  
**Early bearers:** John Baikie, 1643 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Rot. Baiely, 1668 in *IGI* (South Ronaldsay, Orkney); Thomas Backie, 1697 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Geo Baiely, 1708 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness).  
**References:** *Clouston, Surnames of Orkney*, p. 33; *Black*, pp. 41–2; *Birsay Place-Names*, p. 84.

## Bail

• **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 8  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 178  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Bucks; Leics  
1 English: see **Bale**.  
2 Indian (Karnataka): locative name, Hindu (Brahman), probably from Tulu *bail* 'low-lying land' (Dravidian *vayal* 'plain, field').

## Baildon

**Variants:** **Bayldon, Beldan, Beldon**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 106  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: locative name from Baildon (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Beyldon, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Bayldon, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Baildon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Baildon, 1550 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Robart Baildon, 1625 in *IGI* (Baildon, WR Yorks); Janie Baildon, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

## Baile

• **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 5  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 57  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Carmarthens  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Down  
English: see **Bale**.

## Baileff

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb  
English: see **Bayliff**.  
**Early bearers:** Aaron Baileff, 1763 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Baileff, 1766 in *IGI* (Ousby, Cumb).

## Bailer

• **GB frequency 1881:** 26  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
English: see **Baylor**.

## Bailes

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1026, Ireland 12  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 558  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham  
English: see **Bales**.

## Bailess

• **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 40  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Leics  
English: see **Bayliss**.

## Bailey

**Variants:** **Baillie, Baily, Baylie, Bayley, Baylay, Bayly, Baly, Baley, Bally**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 67670, Ireland 1499  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 44697  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Down and Antrim  
1 English: occupational name from Middle English *bailli* 'manager, administrator' (Old French *bailli(s)*, *baillif* and thus identical in origin with **Bayliff**). This has become the most common form of the surname, having fallen together with other origins (see 2 and 3 below), but as a vocabulary word it has dropped out of use. Compare Scottish **Baillie**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger le bayly, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John Baly, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Bailie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas le Baly, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Bailly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weare Giffard, Devon); Thomas Bailly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Oakley, Essex); Thomas Baili, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bushby, Leics); Thomas Bailli, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodford, Northants); Rogero Bailly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allensmore, Herefs); Johanne Balie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm); Johannes Baillie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); Thoma Baili, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Blank, Gloucs); Simone le Bailly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Barr, Staffs); William Bailye, 1559 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Petronel Bailey, 1561 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Marcy Bailey, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); William Bailey, 1563 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); George Baylee, 1563 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Bailey, 1569 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Bailey, 1588 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Ann Bailly, 1620 in *IGI* (Shenington, Oxon); William Bailley, 1627 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex).  
2 English: locative name from Bailey in Little Mitton (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Elias de Bailee, 1204 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Ralph de Baylegh, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Jordan de Bailegh, 1257 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Johannes de Baylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Bayley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribby with Wrea, Lancs); Willelmus Baylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Bailey, 1526 in *York Registry Wills* (Great Mitton, WR Yorks); Ralph Bailey, 1602 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs); Martha Baylay, 1614 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Lancs Place-Names*, p. 141.  
3 English: locative name, occupational name, occasionally from Middle English (Old French) *bailli* 'the wall surrounding a castle or fortified city' or 'the court within such a wall'. Dyonisyia *en la baillie* owned houses and shops in the Old Bailey, London, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). Compare **Bale**.  
**Early bearers:** John ate Baylie, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent).

## Bailhache

• **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 52  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey  
Norman, French: (i) nickname apparently from Old French and Norman French (including Channel Islands) *baille hache* 'give axe', perhaps used as an occupational nickname for a woodman or an executioner. Compare **Balhatchet**. But continental French records almost invariably include the preposition *de*, suggesting a place-name origin. (ii) also later continental French, witness the 1701 'Draft of an Act for naturalizing . . . John Bailehache . . .' (possibly the Southampton merchant of that name).  
**Further information:** Payne's *Armorial of Jersey*, p. 34, says that it is on record in Jersey since the *Extente de Jersey* of 1331. 'The Norman stem is traced from Raoul de Bailehache, living near Caen in 1305, where the name is and has been variously spelt, *Ballehache, de Bellehache, de Bailhache, de Baillhache, de Balliehache*, and *de Bailehache*.'  
**Early bearers:** given names: Baylehache marescallus, 1154 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Suffolk).  
surnames: John Bailehache, 1418 in *Deputy Keeper's Report*, p. 41; John Bailehache of that Isle of Jersey, marchand, 1615 in *Privy Council* 34, p. 96; Nicholas Bailehache, 1666 in *Ordres du Conseil*.

## Baillie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 115  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 415  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland; also N England; esp. Cumb  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
Scottish: see **Baillie**.

## Bailliff

• **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 99  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb  
English: see **Bayliff**.

## Bailiss

• **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 59  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, Worcs, and Gloucs  
English: see **Bayliss**.

## Baillargeon

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
French: diminutive of **Baillarger**, a nickname for a cereal farmer, from *baillarge* 'species of barley with double-row heads'.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in North America, where some branches of the family have adopted the names Roe or Rowe as an English equivalent.

## Baillie

**Variants:** **Baillie, Ballie**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 5068, Ireland 88  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 3081  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin  
1 Scottish: from Older Scots *baillie*, see **Bayley**. In Scotland, a baillie was the chief magistrate or administrative officer of a barony or part of a county.

**Early bearers:** Robert Baillie, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Baillie, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Baillie, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Baillie, 1652 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**2** Scottish: locative name from Older Scots *bailli* 'outer court of a castle'; see **Bailey** (3) and **Bale**.

**Early bearers:** William de Bailli, 1311–12 in *Scotland Calendar*, 1315 in *Morton Register, Scotland*.

### Bailor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Baylor**.

### Bails

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Bales**.

### Bailward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: occupational name perhaps for the guardian of a court or bailey, from Middle English *bail(e)* (see **Bale**) + *ward* 'guardian'. However, given the absence of any medieval evidence, the surname may rather be a variant of **Ballard** with hypercorrect *-w-*.
- Early bearers:** George Balward, 1611 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ralph Balward, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent); Julia Susannah Bailward, 1794 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Benjamin Bailward, 1799 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Baily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1886
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

English: see **Bailey**.

### Baimbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Derbys and Leics

English: see **Bainbridge**.

### Bain

**Variants:** Baine, Bayne, Bane, Baines, Bawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8200, Ireland 141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7408
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Caithness; Lanarks, Midlothian, Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

**1** Scottish Gaelic, Manx: nickname from Scottish Gaelic *bàn*, Irish *bán* 'white', i. e. fair-haired. As a Manx name (spelled *Bane*) this may be a reduced form of Manx *Macguilley Vane*, equivalent to Irish *Mac Giolla Bháin* 'son of the fair youth'. Compare Irish **Kilbane**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Malise Bane, 1320 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Killearn, Dunbartons); Thomas Ban, 1324 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth, Perths); John Bane, burgess, 1423 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Bayn, 1467 in *Cupar-Angus*

*Rental Book* (Keithick, Perths); Duncan Bayne, burgess, 1542 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Besse Bain, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Bane, 1638 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Grizel Bane, 1701 in *IGI* (Crieff, Perths).

Ireland: Morghe Bane O'Horan, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1038 (Baligoghan, Carlow); Walter Bane Fitz Richard, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1038 (Carlow); Thomas Bane, fisherman, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford).

**2** Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac B(h)eathain**, see **McBain**.

**3** English: (i) nickname from Middle English *beyn*, *bayn*, Old Scandinavian *beinn* 'straight, direct', also meaning 'ready to serve, hospitable'. (ii) nickname from northern Middle English *bān*, *bain* 'bone, leg' (Old English *bān*, Old Scandinavian *bein*), denoting someone with a gammy leg, perhaps. Compare **Legg**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Beine, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Bayne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Bayn, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Bayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Carolann Bain, 1592 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Edward Bain, 1640 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sarah Bain, 1660 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Job Bain, 1674 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bain, 1682 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks).

**4** English: variant of **Bane** (1).

### Bainbridge

**Variants:** Bainbrigge, Baimbridge, Benbridge, Bembridge, Bambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6846, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; esp. Durham
- English: locative name from Bainbridge (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Matilda de Baynbrigg', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); Rogerus de Baynbryg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Baynbrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nun Monkton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Baynbrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Henricus de Baynbrig, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Morker' Baynbrigg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markington, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Benbridge, 1560, Elyzabeth Bainbridge, 1622, Robert Baimbridge, 1632, Henry Bembridge, 1639 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); James Bainbridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Willm Baimbridge, 1603 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); John Bainbridge, 1613 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks).

### Bainbrigge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- English: see **Bainbridge**.

### Baine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Scottish: see **Bain**.

### Baines

**Variants:** Bains, Baynes, Banes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8982, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5673
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**1** Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from places in France called Bains, in either Ille-et-Vilaine or Maine-et-Loire.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support derivation from a plural form of Middle English *bain* 'bath', nor from northern Middle English *banes*, *baines* 'bones', plural of *ban*.

**Early bearers:** England: Serlo Baynes, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Banes, 1246, Roger Bayns, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Bayns, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Baines, 1333 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas de Baines, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas Baynes, 1446 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

Scotland: Alexander Banys, 1541 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Thomas Banis, 1583, and Archibald Beanes, 1633 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Andrew Baines, 1676 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at **Bains**.

**2** English, Scottish: nickname variant of **Bain** or **Bane** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Bains

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4422, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 738
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; also Notts and Lincs

**1** Norman, English, Scottish: see **Baines**.

**2** Indian (Panjab): Sikh name based on that of a Jat tribe.

### Bainton

**Variants:** Baynton, Bayntun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also ER Yorks and Lincs

**1** English: locative name from Baynton in Edington (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Beinton, 1203 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); John Beynton, 1453 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Prudence Bainton, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 92, 141.

**2** English: locative name from Bainton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Turstan de Baynton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Bayntona, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverly, ER Yorks); Roberto de Baynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes de Baynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johanne de Baynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Baynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Janeta Bainton, 1552 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 165.

**3** English: locative name perhaps also from Bainton (Northants) or Bainton in Stoke Lyne (Oxon), both of which are recorded as *Badin(g)ton* in the 12th and 13th centuries.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Badint', about 1200, [... de] Badington', 1240–1 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); William de Baynton', 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Jhes Baynton, labourer, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Doyle, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 229; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 237.

## Baird

### Baird

#### Variants: **Beaird**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8236, Ireland 1203
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Scottish: common pronunciation of **Bard** in Scotland.

### Bairnsfather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also Durham

Scottish: Scottish equivalent of **Barnfather**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bairnsfather, 1621 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); John Bairnsfather, 1667 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Majorie Bairnsfather, 1678 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

### Bairstow

#### Variants: **Barstow, Bastow, Baistow, Beastall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1054
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Bairstow* in Southowram (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bayrestowe, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Thomas de Barstowe, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; Radulfus de Baystow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Roberti Bairstow, 1548, Edward Bayrstell, 1568, Wm. Barstow, 1593, John Baistow, 1785 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Samuele Bairstow, 1624 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 90.

### Baisbrown

#### Variants: **Bisbrown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: locative name from Baysbrown in Langdale (Westm).

**Early bearers:** William Basbroun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Irtton with Santon, Cumb); Christopher Baysbrown, 1494 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Laurence Besbrowne, 1595, Hugh Bisbrowne, 1667 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); Matthew Baisbrown, 1736 in *IGI* (Windermere, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, pp. 203–4.

### Baisden

#### Variants: **Basden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Essex

English: locative name from Basden Wood in Hawkhurst (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Badisdenne, 1253 in *Ancient Deeds* 4 (Kent); [ . . . ] de Badewdsden', 1254, [ . . . ] de Badesden', 1270, [ . . . ] de Battedenn', 1346 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Alic' de Batisdenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selbritten hundred, Kent); John Basden, 1470 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Richard Basden', 1497, William Basden', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); Ann Basden 1561 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Bastden, 1571 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Agnes Baseden, 1607 in

*Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); William Baseden, 1614 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Elizabeth Baysden, 1630 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Beckey Basden, 1793 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 336.

### Baish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Bache**.

### Baisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Midlothian

English, Scottish: variant of English **Baseley** or Scottish **Paisley**.

**References:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Baiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Bass**.

### Baister

#### Variants: **Baster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and ER Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English \**baster* 'saddler' (Old French *bastier*).

**Early bearers:** Baldwynus le bastere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Petro le Bastere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chebsey, Staffs); Robert Baster, 1332 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Robert Baster', 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Ricardus le Baster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salford, Lancs); Alice Baister, 1568 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Julian Baister, 1571 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thos. Baster, 1572 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Rogerus Baster, 1581 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Baister, 1666 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 124.

### Baistow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bairstow** and compare **Bastow** and **Beastall**.

### Baitson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Bateson**.

### Baitup

#### Variants: **Bateup, Beartup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: unexplained. Possibly a nickname from Middle English *bai* 'reddish brown' + *top(pe)* 'hair on the head; tuft of hair' (Old English *topp(a)*), or possibly a nickname from either Middle English

*baiten* 'to feed (an animal)' or the falconry term *baten* 'to beat the wings impatiently and flutter away from the fist or perch' (OED) + *up* 'up'. The alias *Baitam*, recorded in 1610, is equally unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Sara Baytop, 1602, Sara Baitop alias Baitam, 1610 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Egerton, Kent); Sarah Bateupp, 1619 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Edward Batup, 1664 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Elizabeth Bateupp, 1669 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Thomas Baytop, 1674 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sarah Baytop, 1726 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); Thomas Beartup, 1727 in *IGI* (Chalvington, Sussex); Sarah Bateup, 1742 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Richard Baytop, 1762 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); William Bateup, William Bartup, 1766 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Richd Beartop, 1767 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Thomas Baitup, 1779 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Ann Baytop, 1792 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Wm. Beatup, 1804 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

### Bajaj

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab and Rajasthan): Hindu (Arora, Bania, Khatri), Jain, and Sikh name, from Panjabi *bājāj* 'clothier, dealer in clothes' (from Arabic *bazzāz*).

**Further information:** The Aroras, Khatri, and also the Banias all have clans called Bajaj.

### Bajwa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Bak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 Dutch: nickname from the Middle Dutch *bak* 'ferry-boat, trough' or the like.

**Further information:** There are other *Baks* in earlier censuses, especially in the E Midlands, whose background cannot be determined.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Bak, *Census 1871*, born in Amsterdam.

2 Polish, Czech, Slovak: relationship name from the medieval Slavic personal name *Bak*.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak** (1).

### Bakare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian: from *Bákàrè*, an adaptation among Yoruba-speaking Muslims of the Arabic male given name *Bakrī*, an adjectival form of *bakr* 'young camel', indicating descent from an individual of this name or its compound *Abū Bakr* (compare **Abubakar**).

### Bake

#### Variants: **Bakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks



1 English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name \**Baioc*, a diminutive of the personal name **Bay**. Redmonds notes Arthur Bake, Baick, or Bayock, 1621–32 in *Parish Registers* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks). Some bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warkworth, Northants); Adam Bake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Welbury, NR Yorks); Johannes Bayok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Bayok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Ralph Bayok, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Christopher Baiok, Baok, 1523–9 in *Knareborough Wills* (Knareborough, WR Yorks); Elysabeth Bake, 1567 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Bake, 1571 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Robert Bake, 1577 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Mary Bake, 1588 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Robert Baikie, 1698 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: variant of **Back**.

### Bakehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: see **Backhouse**.

### Baker

**Variants:** **Backer, Baiker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87468, Ireland 1574
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65134
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London and SE
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Dublin

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *bakere* 'baker' (Old English *bæcere*).

Compare **Baxter**.

**Early bearers:** William le Bakere, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Bakere, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Walter le Backere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Johannes Bakere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Simon Baker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Baker, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Henry Baker, 1538 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Helena Baker, 1541 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name probably adopted for cognates in other European languages, such as German **Bäcker, Becker**; Dutch **Bakker, De Becker, De Ba(e)cker**, etc., or for Jewish **Be(c)ker(man)**.

**Early bearers:** Israel Baker, machinist for tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lewes Baker, Hyman Baker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Barnett Baker, born in Poland (Russian subject), in *Census 1901* (Salford, Lancs); Isaac Baker, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lazarus Sebag Baker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Bakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Bake** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Bakes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland Saint Mary, Somerset); Johanne Bakes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Callow, Herefs); George Bakes, 1543 in *IGI* (London); Nicholas Bakes, 1574 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Backes, 1579 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Wllm. Bakes, 1610 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Bakes, 1620 in *IGI* (York).

### Bakewell

**Variants:** **Balkwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 844
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs, Leics, Derbys, Warwicks, and Notts

English: locative name from Bakewell (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Bakewell, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); John de Bauquell, 1347, Robert de Bawkwell, canon of Rochester, 1386 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Bakewell, 1373, Roger Baukwell, 1392, Nicholas de Baukwell, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Nich. de Baukwell, 1375–6, Rich. de Bawkwell, 1434 in *Notts Archives*; Thoma Bakewell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); Agn' Bakewell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Agnes Bawkwell, 1552 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Agnes Bakwell, 1557 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Robert Bawkwell, 1563 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Alice Bakewell, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); John Bakewell, 1574 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Joane Bakewell, 1584, Willia. Bakwell, 1586 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Tho. Barkell, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York).

### Bakker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Dutch: occupational name from *bakker* 'baker'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bakker, 1614 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Jacob Bakker, 1665 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Gerdhowder Bakker, 1843 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); John Bakker, 1777 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Maria Bakker, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey) (Bowdon, Cheshire); Gustaf Bakker, born in the Netherlands in *Census 1881* (Bowdon, Cheshire); Derk Bakker, born in Ameland, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (East Stonehouse, Devon).

### Bakrania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

### Baksh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Iranian, also found in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh): relationship name from a Persian personal name *Bakshsh*, based on the Persian word *bakshsh*, here meaning 'gift, fortune'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Bakshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Persian *bakshshī* 'paymaster', originally the title of an official who distributed wages in the Muslim armies.

### Bal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 890, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 French: relationship name from a short form of one of a number of personal names of Continental Germanic origin formed with \**bald* 'bold, brave' as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Francois Bal, wine merchant born in France, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Clothilde Bal, born in France, in *Census 1901* (London); Alphonse Bal, born in France, in *Census 1901* (London); Gabrielle Bal, born in France, in *Census 1911* (NR Yorks).

2 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe, from Sanskrit *bala* 'strength'.

3 Polish: relationship name from a reduced form of the personal name *Baltazar*, the Polish form of *Balthasar*, the traditional name of one of the Three Wise Men of Christian tradition, related to that of the Old Testament royal name *Belshazzar*, from Akkadian *Bēl-šarra-ušur* '[may the god] Bel/Baal protect the king'.

### Bala

**Variants:** **Balu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Iranian, Indian (Gujarat and Mumbai): probably from Persian *bālā* 'high, exalted'.

2 Indian (southern): Hindu, based on Sanskrit *bāla* 'child'.

**Further information:** In India this is a given name, but it has come to be used as a family name among people from South India.

### Balaam

**Variants:** **Ballaam, Ballam, Balham, Baalham, Ballan, Ballin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Baylham (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Beleham* in 1086, *Beilham* in 1191, and *Beylham* in 1228. The form of the surname has been assimilated by folk etymology to the Biblical personal name *Balaam* (Numbers 23–4).

**Early bearers:** Edmundus Belom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kenninghall, Norfolk); Martha Balam, 1582 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); John Beylham, 1500 in *PROB 11* (Stratford, Suffolk); John Balam, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Balaam, 1603 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Robt. Baylam, 1606 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Thomas Balham, 1651 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Ann Balham, 1678 in *IGI* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Tamarin Balham, 1683 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); William Baleham, 1708 in *IGI* (Bramerton, Norfolk); Peter Balaam, 1731 in *IGI* (Hessett, Suffolk); John Baalham, 1759 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Catharine Bealum, 1787 in *IGI* (Redgrave with Botesdale, Suffolk); Samuel Baylham, 1792 in *IGI* (Old Newton, Suffolk); John Bailham, 1795 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Eliza Baalam, 1830, Sophia Baylham, 1834 in *Parish Registers* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Ballon in Le Mans (Sarthe). The surname is variously recorded as *Baalun, Baalan, Balun*, and *Balon*, and perhaps also as *Balum* and *Bal(h)am* through false association with Middle English names ending in *-um* and *-ham*.

## Balaban

This name also appears to have been re-pronounced in the 18th century like the Biblical personal name *Balaam*.

**Further information:** The family of de Ballon had lands and interests in S Wales, Cornwall, Gloucs, Oxon, and Surrey (Bermondsey Abbey).

**Early bearers:** Hamelinus de Baalon, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Balum, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Rosa Balam, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Balham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Shorwell (West Court), Hants); Johannes Balam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwell, Hants); John Ballan, 1566 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Ballam, 1575 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Ales Ballan, 1589, Mary Ballen, 1716 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Ballan, 1647, Robert Balland, 1667 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Thomas Ballam, 1654 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); William Balaam, 1734 in *IGI* (Whippingham, IoW); Sarah Balaam, 1741 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).  
**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*, p. 12; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 302–3.

## Balaban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Ukrainian, Belorussian, Romanian, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname from an eastern Slavonic word meaning 'hawk', used either for someone thought to resemble a hawk in some way or for a falconer. In Ukrainian and Belorussian *balaban* also means 'chatterer'.

**Early bearers:** Rachel Balaban, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Isaac Balaban, 1903 in *Jews' Hospital* (Manchester, Lancs); Samuel Balaban, cotton goods merchant, Rebecca Balaban, born in Brody, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs)

2 Turkish: nickname for a big man, from Turkish *balaban* 'tame bear'.

**Early bearers:** Marcar Balaban, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Balachandran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *bālacandra* 'crescent moon' (from *bāla* 'child' + *candra* 'moon').

## Balakrishnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *bālakṛṣṇa* 'child Krishna' (from *bāla* 'child' + *kṛṣṇa* 'Krishna', name of an incarnation of the god Vishnu, meaning 'black') + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is a given name in South India, but it has come to be used as a family name among emigrants.

## Balance

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs; Cumb; Denbighs
- English: see **Ballance**.

## Balabramaniam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *bāla* 'child' + *subramaniam*, an epithet of the god Kārtikeya. See also **Subramanian**.

## Balch

**Variants:** **Baulch, Belch, Boalch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Middle English *\*balche* or *\*belche*, presumed descendants of Old English *bælce* 'belch, belching; stomach; pride, arrogance'. (ii) nickname possibly from Middle English *\*balche*, a noun or adjective derived from Old English *bælcan* 'to shout', for a man who habitually shouted.

**Further information:** Reaney suggests that the word in (i) may have had the same meaning as Old English *balca* 'balk, beam, bank, ridge' and was used to denote someone who lived by a bank or ridge; or in the case of *le Balch*, *le Belch* was possibly used in the sense 'beam', metaphorically for a stout or heavily built man. There is no warrant for these speculations.

**Early bearers:** England: William Belch, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); William le Belch, 1295 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Robert Balch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Balche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chute, Wilts); Roberto Balch', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornford, Dorset); Richard le Balch, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Belch, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Tring, Herts); Simon Belch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Walter Belch, 1563 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Gulielmi Balch, 1572 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); William Belch, 1581 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Henricus Balch, 1587 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Henrici Balch, 1602 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); John Belch, 1615 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); John Baulch, 1707, John Balch, 1730, John Bolch, 1738 in *IGI* (Brewham, Somerset); Joseph Boalch, 1782 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

Scotland: Jonett Belch, 1658 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth).

## Balchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 994, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

Norman, English: variant of **Beauchamp**.

**Early bearers:** Arnold Balchin, 1573 in *IGI* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Henry Balchyn, 1577 and Hendrye Balchin, 1615 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey); Lawrence Balchen, 1606 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); Mariah Balcheen, 1753 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Hendrye Balchin, Bridger Balchen, 1813 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex).

## Balcock

**Variants:** **Baucutt, Bawcutt, Bowcott, Bowcutt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Balcock*, a pet form of **Bald** (usually for *Baldwin*) + the hypocoristic suffix *-cock*. There may have been some confusion with **Bulcock** and **Boocock**.

**Early bearers:** William Balcok, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Geoffrey Balcok, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Balkok, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts);

Henry Balcok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Balkok', Ibbot Bolkok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Willelmo Balkok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Juliana Balkoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Robertus Balcok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goose Haddlesey, WR Yorks); Richard Balcock, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Alice Bawcoke, 1581 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Ann Baldcock, 1622 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Balcock, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); John Balcock, 1686 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks); Mary Bowcott, 1704, Philip Boulcott, 1718 in *IGI* (Ullingswick, Herefs); Richard Bowcott, 1791, Richard Bowlcott, 1793 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs).

## Balcom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

English: see **Balcombe**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Balcomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Balcombe**.

## Balcombe

**Variants:** **Balcomb, Balcom, Bawcombe, Balkham, Bauckham, Balcon, Balkan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from Balcombe in Sussex.

**Further information:** There is a similarly named place in Frittenden (Kent) but there is no medieval evidence that it produced a surname. Derivation from Balkholme (ER Yorks), illustrated by Johannes Balkholm', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks), is also theoretically possible but there is no evidence that it has survived as a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** John de Balecomb, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmundus Balcumbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balcombe, Sussex); Ricardus Balcombe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardingly, Sussex); Thomas Balcombe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Balcombe, 1559 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); John Baucam, 1570 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Thoma Balcombe, 1586 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Thomas Baulcombe, 1589 in *IGI* (Glynde, Sussex); Margaret Balkam, 1589 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); William Bawcom, 1591 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 48 (Kent); William Baucomb, 1598 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Baucom, 1607 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Baulcomb, 1615 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Ann Bauckham, 1666 in *Poll Tax* (Teston, Kent); Ann Balkham, 1698 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

## Balcon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably a variant of **Balkin** (2).

**Further information:** According to family legend, the Polish Jewish grandfather of the British film

producer Sir Michael Balcon took *Balkon* as his surname because his house was the only one in the community with a balcony (Polish or Yiddish *balkon*).

**Early bearers:** Hyman Balcon, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Balcon, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Joseph Balcon, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (IoW); Lewis Balcon, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Louis Balcon, tailor cutter, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Edgbaston, Warwicks).

2 English: variant of **Balcombe**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Balcon, 1731 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Cornelius Balcon, 1795 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Balcon, gas fitter, born in Middx, in *Census 1881* (London).

## Bald

**Variants:** Bauld, Bold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. E Lothian and Lanarks

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Bald(e)*, *Baud(e)*, occasionally *Bold*, a short form of the common Continental Germanic personal names *Baldwin* or *Baldric*, or possibly a survival of Old English \**Beald* (compare **Balding**); the relevant element in each of these is *b(e)ald* 'brave'. *Bald*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, may be Old English or Continental Germanic (Norman). As a hereditary surname it seems to have died out in England but survives in Scotland. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names, England: *Bald*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); *Balde*, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (London), 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); *Bald* filius *Bald*, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); *Boold*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs). surnames, Scotland: *Henricus Baldus*, 1219 in *Scone Charters* (Perth, Perths); *Henricus Baud* 1329–71 in *Scone Charters* (Perth, Perths); *Rycharde Bauld*, burghess, 1540 in *Irvine Muniments* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); *James Bald*, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (tenant of Kelso Abbey, Roxburghs); *James Bauld*, 1666 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register* (Edinburgh); *John Bald*, 1620, *Sibylla Bald*, 1679 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); *William Bald*, 1664 in *IGI* (Torryburn, Fife); *Jean Bald*, 1776 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); *Andrew Bald*, 1797, *Hannah Oliver Bauld*, 1865 in *IGI* (Spott, E Lothian); *James Bald*, 1798 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks). surnames, England: *John Balde*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); *Gilbertus Balde*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blagdon, Somerset); *Enme Balde*, 1566 in *IGI* (Moulton near Spalding, Lincs); *Ales Bald*, 1574 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); *Paciene Bawld*, 1577 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); *Thomas Baulde*, 1581 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); *John Balte*, 1584 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); *Henry Balde*, 1588 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); *Mary Baulde*, 1590 in *IGI* (London); *Mary Bald*, 1670 in *IGI* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); *William Bauld*, 1701 in *IGI* (Alston, Cumb).

2 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *ballede* 'ball-shaped' (perhaps 'corpulent') but more commonly 'hairless, bald', and as such translated as Latin *calvus*. Compare **Ballard**.

**Early bearers:** England: *Simon le Bald*, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); *Hugo Calvus*, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); *William le Ballede*, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); *Reginald le Ballede*, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ware, Herts); *Walter le Baud*, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Hadham, Herts); *Agnetta le Ballede*, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Turvey, Beds); *William Balled*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ramsey, Hunts); *Madoc le Balled*, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Cheshire), whose seal was inscribed *S madoci cal[vi]*; *Richardus Bald*, 1573 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); *John Bald*, 1610 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). Scotland: *William calvus*, 1214–49 in *Glasgow Register* (Linton, Peebles) and *Joannes Calvus*, 1280 in *Paisley Register* (Sanquhar, Dumfriess); *David Bald*, 1617 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); *Elspet Bald*, 1631 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); *Margaret Bald*, 1644 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife).

## Baldacchino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Baldacchino*, a diminutive of *Baldaccio*, variant of *Baldo*, itself a pet form of any of various personal names formed with the Germanic element *bald* 'bold, brave', such as *Baldovino*, *Garibaldo*, and *Tebaldo*.

**Further information:** It is most unlikely to be for Italian *baldacchino* 'canopy'.

**References:** *De Felice*.

## Baldam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Durham

English: unexplained. Possibly a variant of **Baldon**, perhaps influenced by Old French *bele dame* 'beautiful lady' (compare **Beldam**).

**Early bearers:** *Jhon Baldome*, 1599 in *IGI* (Hatton, Lincs); *Katherina Baldame*, 1607 in *IGI* (Hatton, Lincs); *John Baldam*, 1608 in *IGI* (Panton, Lincs); *Vincent Baildham*, 1695, *Vincent Baldham*, 1696 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); *John Baldam*, 1860 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

## Balder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Balder* (Old English *Bealdhere*, formed from *beald* 'bold, brave' + *here* 'army').

**Early bearers:** given names: *Balder* Martell', 1160–2 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Dorset). surnames: *John Balder*, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); *Thomas Balder*, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Richard Balder*, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); *Jonne Balder*, 1592 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); *Margarett Balter*, 1599, *Mary Balder*, 1609 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

## Balderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants
- English: variant of **Balderston**.

## Balderston

**Variants:** Balderstone, Bolderston, Boulderstone, Balderson, Bolderson, Boldison, Baldwinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lancs, and WR Yorks; Kent; also central Scotland

1 English: locative name from Balderston (Lancs) or Balderstone in Castleton (also Lancs).

**Early bearers:** *William de Balderston*, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); *William de Baldreston*, 1292 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); *Adam de Baldreston*, 1323 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Rochdale, Lancs); *Simon de Balderston*, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); *Ricardus de Baldirston*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); *Robertus de Baldreston*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); *Richard de Balderston*, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); *Jo. Balderstone*, 1569 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); *Richus Balderston*, 1577 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); *Elizabethhe Balderstone*, 1579 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); *Ambrose Bolderstone*, 1584, *Sibbell Bolderson*, 1602 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); *Johne Balderston*, 1599 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 55, 69.

2 English, Scottish: locative name from Balderston in W Lothian.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: *William de Baudrestone*, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (W Lothian); *George Balderstone*, burghess, 1599 in *Laing Charters* (Linlithow, W Lothian); *James Balderston*, 1616 in *IGI* (Linlithow, W Lothian).

## Balderstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Balderston**.

## Baldery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; SE England
- English: see **Baldry**.

## Baldey

**Variants:** Baldy, Boldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Baldith* (Old English \**Bealdgyð*, formed with *beald* 'bold, brave' + *gyð* 'combat, war') or from the Middle English female personal name *Baldive* (Old English \**Bealdgifu*, formed from *beald* + *gifu* 'gift'). (ii) relationship name in Suffolk, possibly from a Middle English survival of the Old Scandinavian male personal name *Baldi*, from an ancestor of Old Scandinavian *ballr*, having a sense like Old English *beald* 'bold, brave'.

**Early bearers:** given names (female): *Baldith uxor*, about 1170 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); *Baldehyua*, *Baldehyuam filiam Willelmi*, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); *Baldethiva*, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks).

surnames: *William Baldith*, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); *Simon Baldy*, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); *John Baldy*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); *Johanne*

## Baldick

Baudethe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); John Baldy, 1620 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); William Boldy, 1630 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Benjamin Boldy, 1772 in *IGI* (Kirk Smeaton, WR Yorks).

### Baldick

- **Current frequencies 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- English: see **Baldock**.

### Baldie

Variants: **Baldy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: nickname, relationship name from the personal name *Baldie*, a pet form of **Archibald** or **Baldwin**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Baldy, 1540 in *Genealogical Collections by Macfarlane* (Ceres, Fife); John Baldie, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Jean Baldy, 1709 in *IGI* (Kinross, Kinross).

### Balding

Variants: **Boulding, Bouldin, Bolding, Boldin, Belding, Beldin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk and Lincs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Balding*, itself from Old English *\*Bealding*, a derivative of *Beald* (compare **Bald**), not recorded before the Conquest. (ii) relationship name, sometimes a late development of Baldwin, as for example in the case of Anthony Baldin and Bartholomew Balding, recorded side by side with *Baldwin* in 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk). Alexander Baldyne, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts) may be an earlier example.

**Early bearers:** Joscus filius Balding, 1189–99, Gilebertus filius Balding, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William Bolding, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Joan Bolding, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Baldyng, John Baldyng, 1327, Robert Beldyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Baldyng, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Algarkirk, Lincs); John Boldyng, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Joane Bawldin, 1553 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Mathew Balding, 1596 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk); Francis Belding, 1680 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk).

### Baldock

Variants: **Baldick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2904, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2059
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Middx, and Herts; Lincs

English: locative name from Baldock (Herts), a town founded in the 12th century by the Knights Templar and given the name of Baghdad in its Old French form.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Baldoca, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Thomas Baldac, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alice de Baldok, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hertford, Herts); Robert de Baudok, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stevenage, Herts); Johanne Baldoke, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanbridge, Beds); Johanne Balduk,

1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colmworth, Beds); Robert Baldec, 1331 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Willo de Baldoko, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Willelmus Baldok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Baldocke, 1460 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Cycele Baldock, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Michael Baldock, 1568 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Mary Baldock, 1575 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Richard Boldock, Marie Baldock, 1671 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Baldick, 1713 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs).

### Baldon

Variants: **Boldon, Baldam, Bolden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Durham
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Marsh Baldon or Toot Baldon (Oxon). (ii) locative name occasionally from Baldon (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Baldon* in the 16th century, or from Ballidon (Derbys).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Bolden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bisley, Gloucs); Johannes Baldon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Benson, Oxon); Thomas Baldone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shillingford, Oxon); Roberto Balden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nethercote, Leics); Antone Baldon, 1547 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Balden, 1568, Josseph Baldon, 1581 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Agnes Baulden, 1590 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Mereall Baldon, 1598 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); John Baldon, 1604 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); William Baulden, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Paul Ballidon, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Derby, Derbys); Isack Baldon, 1697 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); William Baldon, 1726 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 162–4; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 158; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 343.

2 English: see **Boldon**.

### Baldree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Baldry**.

### Baldrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Middx, and Herts

English: see **Baldry**.

### Baldrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: see **Baldry**.

### Baldrige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Baldry**.

## Baldry

Variants: **Baldrey, Baldery, Baudrey, Baudry, Baldree, Boldry, Boldra, Boldero, Bowdery, Bowdrey, Bowdry, Baldrick, Baldrige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1767, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1397

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Baldri(c)* and *Baldrich*. The first is usually from Continental Germanic *Baldric*, which was common in the French forms *Baldr* and *Baudri*. The second represents the cognate Old English name *\*Bealdric*, formed from *beald* 'bold, brave' + *\*ric* 'ruler', which is attested in Middle English forms such as *Belrich, Balrich, Baltriht, and Baldrich*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Baldric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Baldricus, 1127–54 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Baldri de Grendal 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Baldric, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Baudricus de Lawdecote, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Baldericus de Sutton, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Baldricum Raunce, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

• **Further information:** surnames: William Baldri, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Aluredus Baltriht, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Belrich, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Alexander Baudri, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Balrich, 1238 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Walter Baldrich, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Baldrick, Henry Baudrik, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Baldrick, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johannes Baldrich, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrars, Northants); Roger Balderyk, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Dyones Baldry, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Martin Balryge, 1576 in *York Registry Wills* (Rievaulx, NR Yorks); Francis Baldry, Boldery, James Baldery, Stephen Bolderowe, Martin Boldroe, Widow Boldery, Boldry, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Tho. Baldrige, 1675 in *IGI* (Kilburn, NR Yorks); John Bauldry, 1705 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Francis Boldra, 1784 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Baldwin

Variants: **Baldwyn, Balwin, Bawden, Bodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17802, Ireland 327
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12691
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the personal name *Baldwin*, a popular Flemish (i. e. Dutch) name formed from Continental Germanic *\*bald-* 'brave' + a word cognate with Old English *wine* 'friend'; the name is recorded in England both before and after the Norman Conquest.

**Further information:** The Flemish-English family name was established in Ireland before 1500. In Donegal it was adopted for Ó Maolagáin (see **Milligan**), due to folk association of the Irish word *maol* 'bald' with English *bald*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Baldewinus, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Baldwin de Cumba, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Baldwin le Pestour, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Baldewino de Wansted, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Baldewynus Busshop, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Corston, Wilts); Baldeuen' Bruere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury borough, Wilts).

surnames, England: Randulfus filius Balduini 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Stephen Baldewin, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Baudewin, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardo Bawdewyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huncote, Leics); Willelmus Baudwyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Radulfus Baldewene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lackford, Suffolk); Radulphus Baldwin, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Baldwin, 1540 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Roberte Baldwin, 1553 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Anthony Bawdwine, 1593 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Sampson Boldwin, 1627, Sampson Baldwin, 1635 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Hammond Baldewen, 1758, Hammond Baldwin, 1760 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs). surnames, Ireland: David Baldon, husbandman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2347 (Porlonezboe, Kilkenny); Nicholas Baldon, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2746 (Kilcone).

### Baldwinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: altered form of **Balderston**, via *Balderson*. **Further information:** Derivation from the personal name *Baldwin* (see **Baldwin**) + *-son* seems obvious and is formally possible (compare the continental equivalent, e. g. Broun Bawedewynson, born in Leiden (Holland) and living in Beccles (Suffolk), 1436 in *Patent Rolls*), but local evidence points to the origin suggested above in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Baldwinson, 1730 in *IGI* (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Baldwinson, 1748 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks).

### Baldwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Baldwin**.

### Baldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Baldehy**.  
2 Scottish: see **Baldie**.

### Bale

**Variants:** Bail, Baile, Bayle, Bailey, Bales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2740, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Leics

English: locative name from Middle English *bail(e)* 'wall of the outer court of a castle', which came to be used to denote the court itself (after 1200 in *MED*). The surname is probably synonymous with *Bailward*, denoting the keeper of a such a court or bailey. Compare **Bailey**. The 1190 London example refers to the Old Bailey. *Redmonds* suggests that Eudo del Bayle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Richmond, NR Yorks), was named after the bail at Richmond. **Early bearers:** Richard del Baille, about 1190 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Eudo del Bayle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Bayl, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Thomas Bale, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agache Bayle, 1571 in *IGI* (West Itchenor, Sussex); Digory Bayle, 1616 in *IGI* (North Petherwin,

Devon); Richard Bayle, 1768 in *IGI* (Wombridge, Shrops).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Balentine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Ballantyne**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bales

**Variants:** Bayles, Bailes, Bails

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1115
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk and Suffolk

English: (i) variant of **Bale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Bayliss**. (iii) locative name from Bayles in Alston (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] del Bales, 1292, [ . . . ] Balles, 1301 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Agnes Bales, 1564 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Thoms. Bales, 1566 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); Anthony Bales, 1591 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Zacarias Bailes, 1629 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 173.

### Baley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Bailey**.

### Balfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 659
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath; Roscommon

Irish, Norman: from *balbh* 'stammering', which is probably the Norman French surname **Baube**, Latin *balbus* 'stammering'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Balf, 1285 in *CDI* §149 (Dublin); Oliver Balf, gent., 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §342 (Molreagon); Robert Balf, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §261 (Gallemoreston, Meath); Gerald Balf, soldier, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3460; Edward Balf, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6621 (Grinaston).

### Balfour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2441, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2070
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Fife and Angus; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; N Leinster

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Balfour in Fife.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Balfur, 1263 in *East Fife Documents*; John de Balfure, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar*; William de Balfure, 1331–5 in *Laing Charters*; Michael de Balfoure, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Isbell Balfour, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Balkham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs
- 1 English, Norman: locative name perhaps from Balham in Streatham (Surrey). This suits the location of the following early bearers. However, Balham appears in the 13th and 14th centuries spelled *Belg-*, *Balg-*, and *Ballweham*, but not *Balaam* or *Balham*. These latter spellings suggest that the bearers may have been descendants of the Norman family of *de Ba(a)llon*, who were benefactors of Bermondsey Priory (Surrey); see **Balaam** (2). **Early bearers:** Walterus Balaam, 1258–9, Walterus Balam, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Guildford, Surrey); Johannes Balham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); John Balham, 1388–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Margarete Balham, 1498 in *PROB 11* (London). **References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 33–4.
- 2 English: see **Balaam** (1).

### Balhatchet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Cornwall and SW Devon; also Worcs

Cornish: nickname from Medieval French *baillie hachet* 'give axe', perhaps for a woodman, or, some have claimed, an executioner. Compare **Bailhache**, with the Middle English *hache* 'axe, hatchet' instead of the diminutive *hachet*.

**Early bearers:** Jone Balhatchet, 1545 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall); Richardi Balhatchett, 1573 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); John or Mathew Ballhatchett, 1708 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Grace Balehatchet, 1718 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall); Jno Balhatchett, 1779 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall).

### Bali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Brahman), based on the name of a clan in the Mohyal subgroup of Saraswat Brahmans. It is probably derived from an ancestral personal name.

### Balis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Baylis**.

### Balk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Bauk**.

### Balkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Balcombe**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry Balkan, born in Elsford, Kent, in *Census 1881* (Skelton in Guisbrough, NR Yorks).

### Balkham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

## Balkin

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex  
English: variant of **Balcombe**.

## Balkin

Variants: **Balcon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 Norman, English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Baldekin*, \**Baudekin*, an Anglo-Norman borrowing of Middle Dutch *Baudequin*, a Flemish pet form of the personal name **Baldwin**. Compare **Bodkin**. However, a clear link between Middle English *Baudekin* (attested in Northumb), and post-medieval *Balkin* (found in the W Midlands) has not been established, and the modern name may have a different source, a variant of **Balcombe** perhaps, by migration.

**Early bearers:** John Baudekyn, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Chillingham, Northumb); Johan Baudkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glanton, Northumb); Johannes Balkin, 1572 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Raph Balkin, 1602 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire); Thomas Balkin, 1796 in *IGI* (Hartshorne, Derbys).

**References:** *Debrabandere*, at *Baudequin*.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Beyle*, meaning 'beautiful' (related to French *belle*). Compare **Balcon**.

**Early bearers:** Ada Balkan, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Prestwich, Lancs); Lazarus Balkin, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Balkin, macintosh maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Hyman Balkan, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Samel Balkin, clicker, boot trade, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Goodman and Sarah Balkin, born in Vilna, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Balkin, colliery labourer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Neath, Glamorgan).

## Balkwill

Variants: **Barkell**, **Barkwill**, **Barkwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: apparently a variant of **Bakewell**, from the place-name Bakewell (Derbys), which appears as *Baukwell*, *Bawkwell*, and the like throughout the Middle Ages. The distribution suggests a south-western origin, with regional *-will* for more general *-well* 'stream', but no suitable place has been found; it may be irregular for one of the places called *Blackwell* or *Blakewell* in Devon, but on the face of it the first element is either Old English *balca* 'ridge, bank' or *bealluc* 'testicle'. There is a Balkwell Farm in North Shields (Northumb) which can hardly be relevant.

**Early bearers:** Danielis Bawkwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Georgius Balkwell, 1615 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Cordwell Balckwell, 1627 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Willielmi Balkwill, 1622 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Richard Balkwell, 1650 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Grace Barkwell, 1663 in *IGI* (Highampton, Devon); James Barkwill, 1679 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon); Arthur Bawkwell, 1691 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Mergeary Balkwill, 1715 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon); Anne Barkell, 1753 in *IGI*

(Gwinear, Cornwall); Thomas Barkal, 1759 in *IGI* (Sithney, Cornwall); Honour Barkel, 1762 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); John Barkle or Barkell, 1781, Francis Barkle or Bartle, 1799 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

## Ball

Variants: **Balle**, **Balls**, **Le Ball**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35134, Ireland 674
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24483
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Staffs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *bal*, *ball(e)* 'ball, sphere, globe, round body' (Old French *balle* or Old English \**beall(a)*). (ii) nickname possibly from a Middle English adjective \**ball* in the sense 'bald', from *ball* 'a white streak, a bald place', *balle* being the weak form. (iii) relationship name from *Balle*, an Old Scandinavian personal name found in place-names in England, which may have survived as Middle English *Balla*, found in 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Hants). The Scandinavian name may be for *ballr* 'dangerous' in an older sense of 'brave'.

**Early bearers:** Godwin Balle, 1137 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Norman Balle, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); G. le Bal, 1249 in *Selborne Charters* (Sussex); Robro le Bal, 1296, Matill' le Bal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steyning, Sussex); Robert le Bal, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); Thoma Bal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Henrico Balle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Osgathorpe, Leics); Alano Ball', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Margaret Ball, 1540 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); John Ball, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Ketheryn Baul, 1565 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Robert Bal, 1615 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *bal*, *ball(e)* 'knoll, rounded hill'. This is the same word as 'ball, sphere, globe, round body' in (1), applied topographically.

**Early bearers:** Alfwyn' attebal, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Henricus atte Balle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas atte Ball', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Northants); Richard atte Balle, 1386 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Katherine Ball, 1539 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Lawrence Ball, 1539 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); John Ball, 1540 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Steven Ball, 1540 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 5–6; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 422; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at \**ball*.

## Ballaam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Balaam**.

## Ballagh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Scottish: nickname, perhaps from Gaelic *ballach* 'speckled, marked'.
- Early bearers:** John Ballagh, 1856 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Ballagh, 1857 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews).

## Ballam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Balaam**.

## Ballan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- English: see **Balaam**.

## Ballance

Variants: **Ballans**, **Balance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin
- English: nickname from Middle English *balauance* 'balance, set of scales' (Old French *balance*), perhaps given to a balance maker or someone who used a balance for weighing goods.
- Further information:** Compare Thomas le Balauncer, 1283 in *London Letter Books A* (London), and John le Balauncer, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*, from Anglo-Norman French *balancer* 'one who weighs with a balance'. See *Thuresson*, p. 155.

**Early bearers:** Roger Balance, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks); Roger Balaunce, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas Balaunce, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks); William Balaunce of Warwick, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Howell Ballance, 1586, Richard Ballans, 1587 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Christopher Ballance, 1588 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Tho. Ballance, 1591 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Robert Ballance, 1599 in *IGI* (Carleton juxta Snaith, WR Yorks); Robt Ballans, 1608 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Augustine Ballance, 1655 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).  
**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 54.

## Ballans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Ballance**.

## Ballantine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 830, Ireland 235
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 916
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Ayr; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Scottish: see **Ballantyne**.

## Ballantyne

Variants: **Ballantine**, **Ballentine**, **Ballentyne**, **Ballintyne**, **Balentine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3716, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Roxburghs and Selkirks, also Lanarks and Midlothian; and N England: esp. Northumb
- Scottish: locative name probably from the lands of Bellenden, now Bellendean, on Ale Water west of Robertson (Roxburghs). John Ballantyne, archdeacon of Moray 1533–8, was also recorded as John Ballentyne or Bellenden. It has been suggested that

the place-name is from Gaelic *baile an deadhain* 'the dean's farm', which leaves open the possibility of more than one geographical origin; the surname is persistently associated with Falkirk and Edinburgh as well as Roxburghs. The origin of the variation between *-d-* and *-t-*, if genuine, is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Bellentyne, abbot of Holyrood, 1484–1500 in *Scots Peerage 1*; Johne Bellendene, 1575, Hendrie Belenden, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Bellenden, 1596, Agnes Bellendyne, 1615, Robert Ballanden, 1637 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Robert Ballendene, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Agnes Balladene, 1611 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Johne Ballantine, 1632, Williame Ballandene, 1649 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); Margaret Balantine, 1653, William Ballintine, 1682 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); John Ballantein, 1694, James Bellantyn, 1699 in *IGI* (Yarrow, Selkirks).

England: Alexander Ballantyne, 1586 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Ballantine, 1588 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

**References:** *Black*.

### Ballard

**Variants:** **Bollard**, **Bailward**, **Baller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6097, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4451
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs and Warwick, and SE: esp. Berks, Hants, Sussex, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Antrim; Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *ballard* 'bald-headed man'.

**Further information:** Where Wyclif's Bible translation has 'Stye up, ballard!', Coverdale translates, 'Come vp here thou balde heade'.

**Early bearers:** Peter Ballard, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Adam Ballard, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); Johannes Ballard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fawler, Oxon); Adam Ballard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rougham, Norfolk); Waltero Ballard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Garston, Berks); Ricardus Ballard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Joane Ballard, 1543 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Robert Ballard, 1546 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Peter Ballard, 1642, Peter Ballard, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Wilbraham, Cams).

### Ballaster

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Arblaster**.

### Balle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; ER Yorks
- English: see **Ball**.

### Ballenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Ballinger**.

### Ballentine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Antrim and Armagh

Scottish: see **Ballantyne**.

### Ballentyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Angus
- Scottish: see **Ballantyne**.

### Baller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Surrey
- 1 English: (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *bal*, *ball(e)* 'ball, sphere', perhaps denoting a ball maker. See **Ball** (1), and compare Johanna Balmaker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton and North Newington, Oxon). (ii) locative name for someone who lived at a knoll, from a derivative of Middle English *bal*, *ball(e)* 'knoll, rounded hill'. Compare **Ball** (2), and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Baller, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Ballar, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cams); Roberto Baller', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lillington, Dorset); Henry le Baller', Walter le Ballere, 1333 in *Fransson* (Somerset); John Ballare, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Henry Baller, 1600 in *IGI* (Downham, Cams); Robert Baller, 1606 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Richard Baller, 1666 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); William Baller, 1792 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Baller, 1796 in *IGI* (Clapham, Surrey).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 194.

2 English: variant of **Ballard** with loss of final *-d*.

### Ballester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Arblaster**.

### Ballet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Norman, English: see **Ballett**.

### Ballett

**Variants:** **Ballet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Balet*, a diminutive of Continental Germanic *Ballo*, of uncertain origin, perhaps a nickname from \**bal(l)*- 'ball'.

**Early bearers:** Cristina Balet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Balet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Balet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Osmington, Dorset); John Ballett, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bal*, *ball(e)* 'ball, sphere' + *heved*, *hed* 'head', presumably for a round-headed person.

**Early bearers:** Robert Balheved, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Balleheved, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Radulpho Balleheved, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Thomas Balhefd, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Robert Balhed', 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

### Balley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Devon
- English: see **Bally**.

### Ballie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Baillie**.

### Ballin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 German, Danish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from a place so named near Neubrandenburg, Germany.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Ballin, 1784 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Isaac Ballin, furrier, in *Census 1841* (Bristol, Gloucs); Magnus Ballin, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Wilhelm Ballin, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Joel Ballin, historical engraver, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Siegfried Ballin, leather dresser, born in Denmark, in *Census 1891* (Hereford, Herefs); John Ballin, engraver and painter, born in Denmark, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Bernhard Ballin, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Carl Ballin, stone merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Adolf Ballin, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx); Gerson Joel Ballin, in *Census 1911* (Brynmaur, Brecknocks).

2 Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Ballin*, which originated as a pet form of Continental Germanic *Ballo*, for which compare **Ballett**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Louise Ballin, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Fermin Ballin, 1727 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Firmin Ballin, born in France, in *Census 1871* (London); Adrienne Ballin, born in France, in *Census 1871* (London); Auguste Ballin, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

3 English, Norman: variant of **Balaam**.

### Ballingall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Ballingall near Milnathort (Kinross).

**Early bearers:** John Ballingall or Bangall, 1478 in *Scottish Armorial Seals*; Andrew Ballingaw, 1551 in *Protocol Book Gaw*; William Ballingall, 1558 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Henrie Ballingall, 1593 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Issobel Ballingal, 1629 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife).

**References:** *Black*.

### Ballinger

**Variants:** **Ballenger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1702, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 946
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and W Midlands



## Ballington

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare  
English: (i) occupational name, nickname from Middle English *balinger* ‘a small swift warship’, also used of a sailor on such a vessel (Anglo-Norman French *balinger*, *balenger*). (ii) variant of **Berringer** (compare **Bellinger**).  
**Early bearers:** William Balinge, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Henry Balinge, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Balynger, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); William Ballenger, 1539, Richard Ballinger, 1603 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Elizabeth Ballenger, 1562, Agnis Ballinger, 1565 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); William Balinge, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); William Ballanger, 1790 in *IGI* (Leckhampton, Gloucs).

### Ballington

• **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 101  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Staffs and Warwicks  
English: see **Bollington**.

### Ballintyne

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 107  
• **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland  
Scottish: see **Ballantyne**.

### Ballman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 34  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: see **Balman**.

### Balloch

Variants: **Bulloch**, **Ballock**, **Bullick**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 9  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 203  
• **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Stirlings  
1 Scottish: locative name from Balloch (Dunbartons).  
**Early bearers:** Donald Balloch, 1476 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Robert Balloch, 1598 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh); Robert Balloche, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Balloche, 1624 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings); Agnes Ballock, 1666, William Balloche, 1676 in *Stirling Testaments* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); William Belloch, 1676 in *Stirling Testaments* (Alloa, Clackmannans); John Balluch, 1761, Sophia Balloch Cameron, 1881 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Ballock, 1787 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).  
**References:** *Black*.  
2 Scottish, English: see **Bullick**.

### Ballock

• **GB frequency 1881:** 37  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings  
1 Scottish: see **Balloch**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ballok* ‘testicle’ (Old English *bealluc*).  
**Further information:** The Old English word is also found as a byname. Compare Robert Blakehalloc (for *-balloc*, ‘black testicle’), 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Gildynballokes (‘golden testicles’), 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). The latter is English for the name of Humfrid Aurei Testiculi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, which in the original French

is *Orescuilz* (as in the place-name Sandford *Orcas*, Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** England: Lewin Balloc, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Malger balloc, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Simon Ballok, 1227 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); John Balloc, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ludgershall, Bucks); William Ballok, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Ballock, 1591 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Henry Ballock, 1776 in *IGI* (Lyng, Norfolk).  
3 Scottish: locative name sometimes perhaps from Gaelic *bealach* ‘mountain pass’ or from one of the minor places in Scotland called *Ballach*, from this word.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Ballach, 1670 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banffs); Alexr. Bollach, 1763 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Anne Ballach, 1798 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Isabella Ballack, 1864 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

### Ballon

• **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Ballon*, *Ballun*, derived from the oblique stem of Continental Germanic *Ballo*, for which compare **Ballett**. Some of the early bearers given here may belong to (2).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Baloun, Balun, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics).  
surnames: John Ballon, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Walter Ballun, 1296, Ballom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Baloun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Braybrooke, Northants); William Balon, 1541 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Ballon, 1656 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); Edward Balon, 1725 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).  
2 English: nickname from Old French *balon* ‘little ball’ or ‘package’, perhaps for a little man of rotund form or for a packer.  
**Early bearers:** John le Balun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herefs); Thomas le Balon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Ballon, 1673 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); John Ballon, 1705 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Edward Ballon, 1733 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Francis Ballon, 1752 in *IGI* (Ashcombe, Devon).

### Balls

• **Current frequencies:** GB 977, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 3741  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex  
English: variant of **Ball** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Niehle Balls, 1553 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Balles, 1554 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Thomas Balls, 1568 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Rafe Balls, 1570 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks).

### Bally

Variants: **Balley**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 132  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also WR Yorks and Lancs  
1 English: perhaps a variant of **Bailey**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Wilson’s derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Balli*, originally a nickname from Old Scandinavian *ballr* ‘dangerous’.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Balli, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Margaret Bally, 1314 in *London Letter Books D*; Thomas Bally, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Oxon); Thomas Bally, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Perrott, Dorset); Christiana Balley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fletchampstead, Warwicks); Rogerus de Baley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langthwaite, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bally, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); William Bally, 1562 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Siphra Bally, 1593 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Samuel Bally, 1628 in *IGI* (Lillington, Dorset); Grace Bally, 1647 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Mary Bally, 1648, Jemima Balley, 1709 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Martha Bally, 1717 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
2 English: locative name from Bale (Norfolk), which was originally Old English \**Baða-lēah*, recorded as *Bathele* in 1086 and as *Bale* (indicating a two-syllable pronunciation) in 1208.  
**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Bathele, 1177, [. . . de] Badel’, 1255 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Norfolk); Ralph de Balley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Balleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Pet Bally, 1539 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Robert Bally, 1600 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 111.

### Balm

• **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 116  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: see **Balme**.

### Balmain

Variants: **Balman**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 182  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Perth and Fife  
Scottish: locative name from the lands of Balmain in Fettercairn (Kincardines).  
**Early bearers:** Patrik Balmen, 1553 in *Plays in Scotland* (Perth); John Balmayne, 1599 in *Fordell Memorials*; Margaret Balmayne, 1607, Jonet Balmain, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elisabeth Balmain, 1667 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife); Malcolm Balmean, 1680 in *Oliphants in Scotland* (Perth); Willjam Balman, 1686 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perths).  
**References:** *Black*.

### Balman

Variants: **Ballman**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 117  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset  
1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Baldeman* (Old English \**Bealdmann*, formed from *beald* ‘bold, brave’ + *mann* ‘man’). (ii) nickname from Middle English *bald*, *bold* ‘bold, brave’ (Old English *beald*) + *man* ‘man’. (iii) nickname from Middle English *ballede* ‘ball-shaped’ (perhaps ‘corpulent’) but more commonly ‘hairless, bald’ + *man* ‘man’.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Baldeman filius Fabri, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).  
surnames: Nicolaus filius Baldeman, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Adam Baleman, 1332 in



*Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Baldeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Willelmus Baldeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamsley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Baldman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Poyntz, Dorset); Johannes Boldeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Richard Balman, 1415 in *London Letter Books I* (London); Johane Balman, 1632 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); John Balman, 1674 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Richard Ballman, 1763 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon).

References: *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 51.

2 Scottish: see **Balmain**.

### Balmbra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: variant of **Bambrough**.

### Balme

Variants: **Balm, Balne, Baum, Bawn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Balne (WR Yorks).  
Further information: There is no early evidence suggesting possible derivation from Middle English *balme, baume* ‘balm, balsam’, though this word has probably influenced the name.

**Early bearers:** Math’s de Baune, 1167, Robert de Balne, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alicia de Balne, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); William de Balme of Elsham, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Balne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Henricus de Balne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Johanne Balne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Thomas de Balme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Johannes Balm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Wylm. Baume, 1551 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Marmaduke Baume, 1640 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Anne Balm, 1688 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joseph Baume, 1743 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Benjeman Baume, 1772 in *IGI* (Saddington, Leics).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, pp. 14–15.

### Balment

Variants: **Balmont, Bament**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: locative name from Bailleulmont (Pas-de-Calais).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Balmound, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadclyst, Devon); Vincent Balymond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aylesbeare, Devon); Robert Baillmund, Nicholas Baillmund, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Stephano Balmond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh, Somerset); Chrystian Balmonte, 1546, Alyce Balmont, 1547, Beaten Balmante, 1568, Roger Balmant, 1608 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); John Balment, 1707 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon).

### Balmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1922, Ireland 342
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1133
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb, and Scottish Lowlands: esp. Roxburghs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E. Ulster

English: occupational name apparently from a Middle English *\*balmer, \*baumer* ‘seller of balsam or ointment’, a derivative of Middle English *balme, baume* ‘balm, balsam; any aromatic or soothing ointment’ (Old French *basme, balme, baume*).  
**Early bearers:** England: Richard le Baumere, 1305 in *London Court Rolls* (London); John Balmer, 1583 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Thomae Balmer, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Francis Balmer, 1656 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Balmer, 1695, Thomas Balmar, 1703 in *IGI* (Barton, NR Yorks).  
Scotland: Lillias Balmer, 1658 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); Adam Balmer, 1675 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

### Balmforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 945, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bamford**.

### Balmont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Balment**.

### Balne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants
- English: see **Balme**.

### Balneaves

Variants: **Neave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Kincardines, Angus

Scottish: locative name from Balneaves in Kinnell (Angus).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Jeane Balnevis, 1637 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Henry Balneave, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); William Balnevis, 1668, Thomas Balnave, 1672 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Charles Balneave, 1684 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perths); John Balneaves, 1680 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perths).  
Forms without Bal-: Androw Neave, 1653, Issobell Neve, 1680 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); George Neve, 1680 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); Charles Neaves, 1806 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Balogh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Hungarian: nickname for a left-handed or clumsy person, from *balog* ‘left-handed’, from *bal* ‘left’.

### Balogun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1545, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from Yoruba *balógun*, title of a leading warrior, second in command to a king, etymologically *baba ní ogun*, literally ‘father in or at war’.

### Balsam

Variants: **Balsham, Balsom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Norfolk

1 English: variant of **Balson**.  
2 English: locative name from Balsham (Cams).  
**Early bearers:** Pinna de Belesham, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Margaret de Balsham, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Roberto Balsham, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sandy, Beds); William Balsham, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo de Balesham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thaxted, Essex); Thomas de Balsham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hilton, Hunts); Richard Balsham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Willelmus Balsham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chigwell, Essex); Willelmus Balsome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willingale Spain, Essex); Alan Balsam, 1523 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41 (Kent); William Balsam, 1594 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); John Balsham, 1600 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Jhon Balsam, 1602 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Jane Balsham, 1726 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cams).

### Balsdon

Variants: **Balston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Great Bouldson in Newent (Gloucs), Balstone in Buckland Monachorum or Bulstone in Branscombe (both Devon).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Bullesdon, 1221 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); William de Bolesdon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newent, Gloucs); John de Bolesdon, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thomas Bullesdon’, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Richard Balsdoun, 1622 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); James Balsdon, 1777 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs 3*, p. 174; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 226, 621.

2 English: locative name in Northumb and Durham; the surname may be from Bowsden in Lowick (Northumb), which is recorded as *Bollisdon* in 1250.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bolesdon, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Northumb); Richard de Bollisdon’, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bowsden, Northumb); Rand de Bollesdon, 1377 *Poll Tax* (Bowsden, Northumb); Willelmus de Bollesdon, 1377 *Poll Tax* (North Middleton, Northumb); James Balsdon, 1880 in *IGI* (Ashington and Newbiggin, Northumb); Elizabeth Balsdon, 1881, James Bolsdon, 1896 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

References: *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 28.

### Balsham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Balsam**.

### Balshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 618
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from one or more of three lost places called *Balshaw*, in Spotland, Ainsworth, and Ditton (all Lancs).

## Balsillie

**Early bearers:** Robert de Balsagh, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); [ . . . ] de Balghschae, 1296 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); John de Balschagh, 1311, Adam de Balshagh, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Johannes de Balshagh', Adam de Balshagh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdley, Lancs); Robert Balshagh, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Balshay, 1512, William Baldshawe, 1522 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Margaret Balshaw, 1578 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 7.

## Balsillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife

Scottish: locative name from Balsillie near Leslie (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Andrew Balsillie, 1536 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; David Bawsilly, 1591 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session*; John Bassillie, 1596 in *Retours, Scotland* (Perth); James Balsillie, 1652 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife).  
**References:** *Black*.

## Balsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset

English: see **Balsam**.

## Balson

**Variants:** **Balsam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: variant of **Balston** with loss of *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Balson, 1582 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); Amy Balson, 1584 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); John Balsom, 1698, James Balsam, 1735 in *IGI* (Whitestone, Devon); Mary Balsam, 1722, William Bolsom, 1792 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Anne Balston, 1741, Jenny Balson, 1768 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

## Balster

**Variants:** **Bolster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Kent

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *balester*, *balister* 'crossbowman' (Old French *balestre*). Compare **Arblaster**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *balester*, *balister* 'crossbow, arbalest'.  
**Early bearers:** William le Balister, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Tomas Balster, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Tooting, Surrey); Isaack Balster, 1673 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Jacob Balster, 1694 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Anne Balster, 1728 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

## Balston

**Variants:** **Balstone**, **Balson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

1 English: see **Balsdon**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Balston* (probably from an unattested Old English \**Beadstān*, formed from *beald* 'bold, brave' + *stān* 'stone').

**Early bearers:** Robert Balston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Balston, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Balston, 1597 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Johis Balston, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Edmund Balston, 1655 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Morgan Balston, 1737 in *IGI* (Winterborne Saint Martin, Dorset); Sarah Balston, 1749 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

## Balstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Balston**.

## Balu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

2 Indian (southern states): Hindu, variant of **Bala** or **Balan**, often a truncation of names like **Balachandran**, **Balakrishnan**, **Balasubramaniam**, etc.

**Further information:** *Balu* is a personal name in southern India, where personal names are written after the family name, and, probably as a result of this practice, it has become established as a family name among South Indians who have moved north or abroad.

## Baluch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Muslim (Iran, Pakistan): ethnic name for someone from Baluchistan.

2 Polish: from the personal name *Baluch*, a reduced form of *Baltazar*.

## Balwin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent

English: see **Baldwin**.

## Baly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bailey**.

## Bamber

**Variants:** **Baumber**, **Bomber**, **Bambridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3358, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name perhaps from Bamber Bridge in Walton le Dale (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Bamber, 1592 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 68–9.

2 English: locative name from Baumber (Lincs). Some of the bearers given here may belong to (3).  
**Early bearers:** England: Malger de Bænburc, Malger de Bamburc', 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Baumburgh', 1359, John Baumburgh', 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johanne de Baumburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Willelmus Bambour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barby and Onley, Northants); John Bamburgh, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Bamburgh, 1428 in

*Patent Rolls* (Isle of Sheppey, Kent); William Bamber, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Bamber, 1566 in *IGI* (Hemingby, Lincs); Henry Baumber, 1589 in *IGI* (Gautby, Lincs); John Baumbrough, 1615 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs).

3 English: see **Bambrough**.

## Bamberger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: locative name denoting someone from Bamberg in Bavaria.

**Early bearers:** German: Henrich Bamberger, in *Census 1841* (Durham); Dietrich Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Henry Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx); Henry Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Dietrich Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Armand Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).  
Jewish: Simeon and Malche Bamberger, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Abraham Bamberger, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Zacharias Bamberger, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (London); Levi Bamberger, born in Groningen, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Elias Bamberger, born in Frankfurt [am] Main, Germany, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Bamborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Bambrough**.

## Bambrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 223
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny

Scottish, Irish: locative name from Ballinbreich in Flisk (Fife), which is recorded as *Balnibrech* in 1390, *Bambryich* in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Henry Banbrik, alias Gwy, 1581–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3825; Hugh Bamberick of Graunge, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6775; Thomas Bambricke, yeoman, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6775 (Grandgemanagh); Henry Bambricke, yeoman, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6775 (Grandgemanagh).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 4, pp. 384–7.

## Bambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 620
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: (i) locative name from a Middle English \**bem-brigge* 'tree-bridge', i. e. one formed by a felled tree or made of wooden beams, or from a place called this such as Beambridge in Worleston (Cheshire), which is recorded as *le Bembrugg* in 1302–6, and Beam Bridge and Dagenham Beam Bridge, both in Dagenham (Essex), the latter being recorded in the 13th century as *pontem voc. Dagenham Beem*. Compare **Beam**, **Trowbridge**, and the place-names *Thelbridge* (Devon), *Elbridge* (Shrops). (ii) in NE England, a variant of **Bainbridge**.

(iii) locative name in Ireland, possibly from Banbridge, Co Down.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Bambrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Elizabeth Bambridge, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Symondi Banbridge, 1603 in *IGI* (Fullbeck, Lincs); John Bambridge, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); George Bambridge, 1630, Anthony Bambrigg, 1633, Charles Banbridge, 1669 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Ann Bambridge, 1648 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Bembridge, 1665 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 153; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 92–3; *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 68–9.

### Bambrough

**Variants:** Bamborough, Balmbra, Bamber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Bamburgh (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Bamburg, 1277 in *Patent Rolls* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Alexander de Baumburgh, 1344, in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Laurence de Bamburg, 1386 in *Patent Rolls*; Johis Bambrough, 1625 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Rob. Bambrough, 1666, Ralph Balmbra, 1846 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Johannes Bamburgh, 1668 in *IGI* (Whittingham, Northumb); Isabell Balmbrough, 1686 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Willm. Balmboro, 1714, William Balmbro, 1744 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb); William Bambrow, 1750 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); John Bambrugh, 1755 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Thomas Bambro, 1760 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb).  
 Scotland: Bessy Baumber, 1718 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

### Banbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: see **Banbury**.

### Bament

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Balment**.

### Bamfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Banfield**.

### Bamford

**Variants:** Bamforth, Balmforth, Banford, Benford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5418, Ireland 152
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4484
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Derbys and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Bamford (Lancs) and Bamford (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** William de Bamford, 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Bamford, 1312 in *Whalley*

*Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John de Baunford, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Baunford, 1369 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam Bamforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hiendley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Baunford, 1381 *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Henricus de Bamfort, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Nicholaus de Baumford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Christopher Bamfurth, 1539 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Henrici Balmforth, 1564 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Bamford, 1572 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomae Baumforth, 1590 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Josephus Balmford, 1682 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys).

### Bamforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1330
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bamford**.

### Bampfylde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

Norman, English: see **Banfield**.

### Bampton

**Variants:** Banton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Bucks, and Oxon

English: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Bampton (Oxon, Devon, Westm), Kirkbampton (Cumb), and Bempton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Bampton', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); [... de] Bantun, 1210, [... de] Bampton, 1227 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Gilbert de Bamton, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Katerina de Bampton, 1296, Katerina de Banton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salehurst, Sussex); Thomas de Bampton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John de Bampton', 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ralph de Bampton', 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Robertus de Bampton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Bampton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bampton, Oxon); Johannes Bantone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Johannes Bamptoune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warnborough, Oxon); Gervase Bampton', 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas de Bampton', chaplain, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Jone Bampton, 1539 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Robert Bampton, 1539 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Bampton, 1575 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Marie Banton, 1591, John Bamton, 1604 in *IGI* (Little Birch, Herefs); Johanne Banton, 1596 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Edwardi Bampton, 1604 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Alis Banton, 1607 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); William Banton, 1613 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Elizabeth Banton, 1621 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); John Bampton, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); James Bampton, 1644 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Elizabeth Bampton, 1677 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); Margaret Bamton, 1795 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 304; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 530–1; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 189; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 142–3; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 106–7.

### Bamrah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Jat) and Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan. It is also found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Bamsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Beamsworthy in Beaworthy (Devon), which is recorded as *Baldemundeswurthe* in 1249, *Bealmesworthy* in 1418.

**Early bearers:** Alice de [B]almandesworth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beaworthy, Devon); George Bamsy, 1730, John Bamsay, 1762 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); William Bamsey, 1733, Mary Bamzey, 1760 in *IGI* (Thorverton, Devon); John Bamsay, 1762 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 129.

### Banahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; also Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Beannacháin, see **Bannigan**.

### Banaras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): probably from the city of Banaras.

**Further information:** Banaras is a holy city of the Hindus, a sacred place of Shiva, located on the River Ganges.

### Banberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Banbury**.

### Banbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Staffs; Devon

English: see **Banbury**.

### Banbury

**Variants:** Banbery, Banberry, Bamburg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 713
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Middx; also Leics

1 English: locative name from Banbury in Broadwoodwidge (Devon), which is recorded as *Barnebur* in 1238, *Bornebury* in 1372, and *West Bonbury* in 1758.

**Further information:** There appears to have been some confusion with **Bunbury**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bornebury, 1371, Edward Burnebury, 1416, Edward Burnebury, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Agnes Burnbury, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Jasper Banbury, 1640 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Burnbury, 1641 in *IGI*

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(Bradworthy, Devon); Elizabeth Banbury, 1642, Clemance Banbery, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Maby, Cornwall); Robert Banbury, 1644, Joane Burnbury, 1671 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Elizabeth Bambury, 1651, John Bambery, 1689 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Johan Banberry, 1661 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Grace Burnbury, 1679, Mary Bonbury, 1688 in *IGI* (Merton, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 179

2 English: locative name from Banbury (Oxon).  
Early bearers: Algot de Banneberi, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de Bannebury, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; John de Bannebury, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johannes Banberye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolston, Warwicks); Willelmus Banborwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ewelme, Oxon); William Banbury, 1562, Maria Bambury, 1688 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Richard Banbery, 1563 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Henry Banberry, 1587, Thomas Banbury, 1618 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); John Banbury, 1638 in *IGI* (Theddingworth, Leics); William Bambury, 1730 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); Richd Bambery, 1774 in *IGI* (Asthall, Oxon).

## Bance

- Current frequencies: GB 540, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 330
- Main GB location 1881: Berks, Hants, Surrey, and Kent

1 Norman, English: locative name apparently from Baons-le-Comte (Seine-Maritime). In the case of the early bearer William le Bans, 1334, cited below, either *le* is an error for *de* or a different explanation is required.

Early bearers: Radulf de Bans, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); John Bance, Thomas Banȝ, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); [ . . . ] Banse, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); William le Bans, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toltingtrough hundred, Kent); John Bance, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Bance, 1542, Catherina Bants, 1615 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Alexander Bance, 1568 in *IGI* (West Farleigh, Kent).

References: *Tengvik*, p. 70.

2 English: variant of **Bant** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

3 English: see **Bunce**.

## Bancroft

- Current frequencies: GB 3261, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 2900
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs; also Cheshire and Derbys

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Bancroft in Hamstall Ridware and a lost *Bancroft* in Wolstanton (both Staffs), a lost *Bancroft* in Harewood (WR Yorks), Bancroft in Etwall and a lost *Bancroft* in Rowsley (both Derbys), Bancroft Field in Soham (Cambs), and a lost *Bancroft* in Mere (Cheshire).

Early bearers: Stephen de bancroft, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*; John atte Bencrofte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger de Bancroft, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Roberti de Bancroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morleston and Litchurch, Derbys); Thomas Bancrofte, 1481–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Bancroft, 1542 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Henrici Bancroft, 1561, Ric. Bankcroft, 1582 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Mary Bancroft, 1570 in *IGI*

(Chellaston, Derbys); Wm. Bancroft, 1584 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

References: *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 100; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 183; *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 164, 559; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 201; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 54.

## Band

Variants: **Bant**, **Bond**

- Current frequencies: GB 740, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 682
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in English Midlands and central Scotland: esp. Fife

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *band*, *bond* 'cord, string, ribbon, band, strap, stripe, fetter, hoop, etc.', presumably for one who wore, used, or made such things. See also the synonymous **Bend** and compare **Bandy**. (ii) variant of **Bond**.

Early bearers: John Bande of Aylesham, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardo Bande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Walterus Bande, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckford, Gloucs); Robt. Bande, 1573 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Scotland: Janet Band, 1629, Jean Bond, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

## Banda

- Current frequencies: GB 583, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 0

African: probably from Chichewa *banda*, a word denoting a type of big ant, used as a totemic name and subsequently as a surname in various SE African countries (e. g. Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia).

## Bandali

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Pakistani: locative name from any of several places called *Bandali* or *Bhandali*, in Pakistan.

## Banden

- GB frequency 1881: 11

English: locative name from Bandonhill in Beddington (Surrey).

Early bearers: Richard de Bandon, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de Bandon, 1246–7, Richard de Bandon, 1285–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Bandonhill in Beddington, Surrey); Adam de Bandon, 1315–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Beddington, Surrey); Richard Bandon, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Bandone, 1353 in *London Letter Books G* (London); William Bandon, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Ely, Cambs); Will Banden, 1683 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Arthur Banden, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Banden, 1717 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 40–1.

## Bandey

- Current frequencies: GB 139, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Northants and Beds

English: see **Bandy**.

## Bandy

Variants: **Bandey**, **Bendy**, **Bundy**

- Current frequencies: GB 462, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 303
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks and Beds

English: (i) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*bandi*, *\*bondi*, *\*bendi*, derivatives of Middle English and Old English *band*, *bond*, *bend* 'band, ribbon, stripe' + Middle English *-i*, reinforced by Old French *bendé* 'striped', with reference perhaps to clothing ornamented with ribbons or stripes, or to the diagonal band of a heraldic device. Compare **Band**. (ii) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English word *\*bandy*, *\*bendy* 'curved stick', used for someone with bent or crooked legs. Compare **Gambrill**. The word *bandy* is first recorded about 1630 in *OED* in the context of a hockey-like game called bandy-ball played with bent sticks, so the surname evidence (if this is the same word) is considerably earlier.

Early bearers: Radulpho Bandy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Bandy, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Malvern, Worcs); Thomas Bendy, 1572 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Mary Bendy, 1587, Ann Bandy, 1736 in *IGI* (Hardmead, Bucks); Annie Bandie, 1599 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); Richard Bandee, 1635 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); James Bendy, 1652 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Rob Bandey, 1699 in *IGI* (Wootton by Bedford, Beds); Betty Bendey, 1793, Thomas Bandy, 1832 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Bane

Variants: **Bain**, **Baines**

- Current frequencies: GB 462, Ireland 215
- GB frequency 1881: 365
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Gloucs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ban* 'slayer, murderer' (Old English *bana*).

Early bearers: Hereward Ban, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Anne Bane, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs, Oxon); Willelmus Bane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Anne Bane, 1588 in *IGI* (Norwich); Edward Bane, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London).

2 Irish, Scottish, English: variant of **Bain**.

## Banerjee

Variants: **Banerji**

- Current frequencies: GB 873, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Brahman), from *Ban-*, a reduced form of the village name *Bandoghat*, + *-jee*, from *jhā*, a greatly reduced form of Sanskrit *upādhyāya* 'teacher', hence 'teacher from Bandoghat'.

Further information: In Bengali names formed with *-jee*, the initial element is believed to indicate a village granted by Ballal Sen, a legendary ancient king of Bengal.

## Banerji

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian: see **Banerjee**.

## Banes

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 272
- Main GB location 1881: London; Beds; Staffs

English, Scottish: see **Baines**.

## Baney

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: possibly a nickname from a Middle English adjective with the suffix *-i* derived from what has become dialectal *bane* 'lithe, nimble; clever' (from Scandinavian *beinn* 'straight'). The base-word is found in E Anglia and NW England. Compare Scots and formerly W English *steepy* for *steep*.
- Further information:** Reaney's derivation from an unrecorded (northern) Middle English *\*bani* 'bony' is untenable, given the distribution of the surname.
- Early bearers:** John Bani, William Bani, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Anne Banie, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Baney, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Bany, 1725 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk).

### Banfater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Barnfather**.
- Early bearers:** John Barnfather, 1630, John Banfather, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Banfield

- Variants:** Banville, Banfill, Bamfield, Bampfyld
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2018, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset; Sussex, Kent, and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Norman, English, Irish: (i) locative name from Banville (Calvados). There has been some confusion between this surname and **Bonfield**. (ii) locative name from one or more of the numerous places in England with similar names, such as Bampfyld House in Poltimore (Devon) and Banville Farm in Wheathampstead (Herts). There may have been some confusion with **Benfield**.
- Further information:** In the 19th century members of an Irish family established themselves as nobility (*Freiherren von Banfield*) in Austria.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Bamfeld, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Wells, Somerset); Richard de Bamfeld, 1272, Richard de Baunfeld, 1294 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts); [ . . . ] Benefeld, 1306, [ . . . ] Baumfeld, 1317, [ . . . ] Banfeld, 1346 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Baunfeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Huxham, Devon); Matheus de Bamfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Thomas Bamfeld, 1462, Matthew Bampfeld, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Agnes Banfield or Banfill, 1567 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Elinor Bandfield, 1589 in *IGI* (Portisham, Dorset); Dorothy Banfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); John Bampfyld, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Nicholas Bampfield, 1649 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Copplestone Banfield, 1732 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 444; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 56.

### Banfill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Banfield**.

### Banford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 37

- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Bamford**.

### Banga

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (northern states): Hindu (Kayasth), based on the name of a subgroup of the Kayasth community.

### Bangar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Bangay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: locative name see **Bungay**.

### Banger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: relationship name, contracted variant of **Berringer**, pronounced /beɪndʒəl/. A man named Berenger was undertenant in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) of Sutton (Wilts), which was known as Sutton *Berengers* in 1377 and Sutton *Benger* in 1488.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Bangar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Margareta Banggere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Matheus Bangor', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Marye Banger, 1591 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Elizabeth Benger, 1592 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts); Dorotheie Banger, 1595 in *IGI* (North Petheron, Somerset); Anne Benger, 1706 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); John Bainger, 1787 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Bangham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and W Midlands; also Devon
- English: unexplained. Possibly an alteration of the name of Bangor-on-Dee (Flints).
- Further information:** The rarer name *Bankham* appears to be distinct from this.
- Early bearers:** Willu. Bangham, 1568 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Issabell Bangham, 1584 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Katherin Bangham, 1628 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Peter Bangham, 1668 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); Benjamin Bangum, 1731 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops).

### Bangs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts
- English: perhaps a variant of **Banks**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Banges, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bangs, 1586 in *IGI* (Panfield, Essex); Edward Bangs, 1591 in *IGI* (Braintree, Essex); Wilm. Banges, 1595 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk).

### Bangura

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Sierra Leone: unexplained. The name of a ruling house tracing its lineage to Kandedh Bangura, the first chief of Kamaranka.

### Banham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2017, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1520
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: locative name from Banham in Norfolk.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Banham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas de Banham, 1337 in *London Letter Books E*; Robert Banham, before 1466 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk).

### Banister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs; Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Norman, English: see **Bannister**.

### Banjo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Nigerian: an abbreviated form of one of several Yoruba sentential names with *-bánjo* (from *bá mi jo* 'suits me') as the final element, such as *Adébánjo* 'the crown, or royal lineage, suits me' (see **Adebanjo**), *Oyèbánjo* 'a title or titles suit me'.

### Bank

#### Variants: Banks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name either from Middle English *banke* (Old Scandinavian *banke*) 'bank, hillside' or from one or more of the many places so called. The term is particularly common in the minor place-names of WR Yorks. Compare **Binks** and **Bench**.
- Further information:** Newton Bank in Flasby (WR Yorks) gave rise to the local surname *Bank* which appears as an affix in the nearby place-name Bank Newton.
- Early bearers:** Walter del Banck', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Matthew Banke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas del Bank, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Bank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Hugo del Bank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas del Banke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Towton, WR Yorks); Nicholaus del Bancke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); Roberto del Bank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Musgrave, Westm); Willelmus de Bank, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Mathew Bank., 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Wlm. Bank, 1552 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Bank, 1563 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Brigett Bank, 1571 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomasina Bank, 1573 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 50, 55; 8, pp. 7–8.
- 2 Irish: in Ireland, this was also adopted for **Ó Bruacháin** (see **Brohan**).

## Banker

### Banker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *banker*, *banc(o)ur*, *bankquer*, *bankert* ‘covering of tapestry or other fabric for a bench, couch, or chair; ornamental hanging’, possibly for someone who made or sold such things. (ii) occupational name possibly from Middle English *benker*, seemingly ‘maker of benches’ but recorded only in names. (iii) nickname, perhaps a variant of **Bunker** (except in examples with the definite article).

**Early bearers:** Albrice le Baunker, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Thomas Bankar, 1358 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Northants); Richard Bankere, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodcroft in Luton, Beds); William Banker, 1571 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Banker, 1719, Bankart, 1769 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Bankes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Banks**.

### Bankhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from one of the minor places in Scotland named as ‘top of the bank’; the most likely one is on the border between Kilmarnock and Dreghorn in Ayr.

**Early bearers:** Sir William Bankhede, 1527 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; John Bankhead or Bankheid, 1559 in *Scottish Armorial Seals* (Bushe, Ayr); Helen Bankheid, 1600 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh); Hew Bankheid, 1634 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Perth); Mary Bankhead, 1676 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Hugh Bankhead, 1764 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Portnessock, Wigtowns).

**References:** *Black*.

### Bankier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Bankier by Banknock (Stirlings), known mainly from defunct Bankier Distillery.

**Early bearers:** John Bankier, 1662 in *Argyll Sasines* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); James Bankier, 1670 in *Hamilton Testaments* (Cadder parish, Lanarks).

**References:** *Black*.

### Bankole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Bánkòlé* (Yoruba *bá mi kó lé* ‘build a house with me’).

**References:** Oduyoye, p. 45.

### Banks

Variants: **Bankes**, **Bangs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20730, Ireland 489
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15236

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs, Yorks, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Leitrim, and Longford; Limerick

1 English: variant of **Bank** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Bankes, 1542 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Robt. Banks, 1542 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johne Banks, 1543 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Henrici Bancks, 1563 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs).

2 English: locative name, a reduced form of Middle English *bank-house* ‘house on the bank’.

**Early bearers:** Johannes del Bankhouce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); William Bankhou, 1482 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Robert Bancus, 1513 in *York Guild Register* (York).

3 Irish: in Ireland, this is often the English name imported, but it was also adopted for **Ó Bruacháin** (see **Brohan**).

**Early bearers:** John Banks, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2169 (Dublin).

### Bann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 343
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Norman, English: (i) relationship name, probably from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Banne* (Old English \**Banna*, of uncertain meaning). Compare **Banning**. (ii) nickname perhaps from Old French *bane*, *banne* ‘hamper, pannier; tip-cart’.

**Early bearers:** Brucstanus Banne, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ricardo Banne, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); Richard Banne, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); William bann, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Helena Ban, 1566, William Bann, 1576 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Edward Bann, 1614 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Robert Bann, 1630 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Kathrine Bann, 1655 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 150; *Feilitzten*, *Winton*, p. 207.

### Bannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: from **Ó Banáin**, see **Bannon**.

### Bannard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: (i) possibly a variant of **Banner** with excrescent *-d*. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Baynard**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Bannard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Hellen Bannard, 1587 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Richard Bannard, 1717 in *IGI* (Cobham, Kent); Elizabeth Bannard, 1777 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Bannard, 1814 in *IGI* (Brackley, Northants).

### Bannatyne

Variants: **Bannerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; esp. Bute
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Scottish: locative name from a place called *Bennachtain*, according to Black, whose site and etymology are uncertain. The second element appears to be a Gaelic genitive case form of the Pictish personal name *Nechtan*.

**Further information:** This has been incorrectly claimed to be a variant of **Ballantyne**. It has also been claimed that the original form, *Bannatyne*, was that of a sept associated with Clan Campbell and Clan Stuart of Bute. There has been some confusion of the two names over part of their distributions in later centuries, as witnessed by the John Bannatyne who is also called Ballentyne and Bellenden in the 1660s (*Black*) and the brothers mentioned in *Patronymica Britannica*, p. 17, who indifferently called themselves Bannatyne and Ballantyne.

**Early bearers:** William de Benathyne, 1242–50 in *Midlothian Charters*; Nicolas de Benothyne, 1278–94 in *Midlothian Charters* . . . Banaghtyn, 1304 in *Black*; Johannes de Banauthyn, dominus de Currok, about 1354 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Sir Richard of Bannochnite of the Corhouse, about 1460, sometimes signing himself Bannachty, in *Black*; Richard Banauchtyn de Corhouse, 1467 in *Newbattle Register* (Corehouse, Lanarks); Agnes Bannatyne, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Johnne Bannatyn, 1612 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Jonat Bannatyn, 1668 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Donald Bannatyn, 1691 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); David Bannatyne, 1671 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Bannatine, 1672 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); Finual Bannatyn, 1744 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); Mary Bannatine, 1794 in *IGI* (Kilmory, Bute).

**References:** Learney, Sir Thomas Innes (1908) *The Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands*.

### Bannell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Norfolk; Middx

1 English: see **Barnwell**.

2 English: see **Banwell**.

### Banner

Variants: **Bannard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2417, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1635
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; esp. Worcs

English: nickname from Middle English *baner* ‘banner’ (Old French *banere*, *baniere*), possibly for one who made banners or who carried a banner in processions.

**Early bearers:** Willm’s Baner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ham hundred, Kent); Willelmus Banner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael, Worcs); Catherine Banner, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Banner, 1545 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Nicholis Baner, 1580 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Edward Bannor, 1671 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Bannerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1174, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Highland Scotland; esp. Aberdeen, Sutherland, and Caithness

Scottish: occupational name from Older Scots *banner-man* 'standard-bearer, ensign'.

**Early bearers:** Dovinaldus Banerman, king's physician, 1368 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Clinterty, Aberdeens); Alexander Banerman, 1391 in *Arbroath Register* (Aberdeen); John Banarman, burgess, 1467 in *Dunfermline Register* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Alexander Bannerman, sheriff-depute, 1498 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Aberdeen).

### Bannerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Bannatyne**, although De Bhulbh says the distribution of this spelling, in Ballinasloe and Galway, is very different from that of Bannatyne, which is found in Belfast and Down, brought from Arran and Bute. However, respelling of names from Britain is quite common in Ireland.

### Bannester

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Bannister**.

### Bannigan

Variants: **Banahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from Ó **Beannacháin** 'descendant of *Beannachán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *beannach* 'peaked, pointed, having horns', maybe in the sense 'little stag'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donogh O Bannaghan, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3229 (Tyrerell, Sligo); Gilleduff O Benachain, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4686 (Cluinamahin, Sligo); Cormuck, Dowalltagh, and Hugh O Benochan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5434 (Clonemahin, Sligo); Gille-gromaie O Benahan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5498 (Kyncrevyn, Sligo).

### Banning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 430
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Berks
- English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Banning*, which might be a pet form of Old English \**Banna* (see **Bann**).

**Early bearers:** Thoma Banyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Manton, Wilts); Thoma Bannyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Banning, 1562 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts).

### Bannister

Variants: **Banister**, **Bannester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7753, Ireland 109
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Antrim
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *banaste*, *banastre* 'covering for a cart or wagon; basket', i. e. a large wicker container. In the 12th century a Norman family of this name had estates in Orne (Normandy) and in England. Ricardus

Banastre appears in charters relating to the earls of Chester in about 1120–9. In the mid-12th century Turstan or Turstin Banastre was father-in-law to Richard fitz Roger of Woodplumpton, Lancs, which may explain the later appearance of the surname in Lancs. With what sense the Norman surname was acquired is unknown. It can hardly have been occupational, contrary to Reaney's view that it denoted a basket maker. It is possible that many or even all of the later bearers of the surname were descended from this knightly family. Willelmus Banastre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sulhamstead Bannister, Berks) was probably a descendant of William Banastre, who held one of the manors at Sulhamstead in 1198. However, several men with this surname in the Poll Tax Returns are described as servants or agricultural labourers, while Ricardus Banastr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs) was a butcher. It is conceivable that these men took their name from Middle English *banastre*, a borrowing of the French word, and that it referred to a basket or hamper they used in their work. Alternatively they may have belonged to branches of the knightly family that had fallen in the social scale.

**Early bearers:** Turstan Banastre, 1149–53 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Lincs); Richard Banastre, 1186 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Banastre, 1258 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Banastre, 1296 in *Patent Rolls* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Roberto Banastr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Roberto Banastr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Congerstone, Leics); Adam Banaster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brierley, WR Yorks); Richard Banester, 1459 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Staffs); John Banyster, 1554 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Jacobi Bannister, 1542 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Henrici Banester, 1560, Henric. Bannister, 1590 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henrie Bannister, 1604 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 161–2.

### Bannon

Variants: **Bannan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1287, Ireland 1290
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary

Irish, Manx: from Ó **Banáin** 'descendant of *Banáin*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *bán* 'white, fair, pale'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mael-Patraic Ó Banan, bishop of Connor and Dalaraide, 1174 in *AU*; Ó Banain, bishop of Oirghialla (Clogher), 1319 in *AU*; Thaddeus O'Bannan, yeoman, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6274 (Blackwood, Kildare).

**References:** *Kneen*.

### Bano

Variants: **Banu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim (India, Pakistan): status name from Persian *bānū* 'princess, lady, Mrs'. This is a respectful form of address or reference meaning 'lady', normally used with a Muslim woman's personal name.

### Bansal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1668, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (northern states): nickname, Hindu (Bania), Jain, and Sikh, apparently related to Sanskrit *vamśa* 'lineage', also meaning 'bamboo'.

**Further information:** The Agarwal Banias have a clan called Bansal (see **Agarwal**), as have the Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Bant

Variants: **Bance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Cornwall

English: (i) see **Bunt**. (ii) see **Band**.

**Early bearers:** Gulielmi Bant, 1574 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Degorii Bant, 1623 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); William Bant, 1713 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Banter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: unexplained, possibly a variant of **Bunter**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Banter, 1579 in *IGI* (Newcastle, Northumb); Sarah Banter, 1732 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Richard Banter, 1817 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey).

### Banthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Bonthorpe in Willoughby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert Benthorp [for Bonthorp], 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Holland, Lincs); Samuel Banthorp, 1799 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Maria Banthorpe, 1817 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 16.

### Bantick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Bantock**.

### Bantín

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- English: see **Banting**.

### Banting

Variants: **Bantín**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of the obsolete adjective *bunting* in the sense 'chubby, tubby' or in the E Anglian dialectal sense 'slovenly', or an application of the bird-name. Compare **Bunting**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Banting of Redehale, 1269 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)*; Agnes Bantying', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Margareta Bontyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Thomas Bantinge, 1548 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Agnis Banting, 1601 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Mary

## Bantock

Banting, 1678 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Jno. Bantin, 1723 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Martha Anne Bonting, 1812 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants).

### Bantock

Variants: **Bantick**, **Bundock**, **Bundick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Bondok', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Lawrence, Essex); Richard Bondock, 1567 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Robert Bantock, 1581 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); John Bantocke, 1600 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Mary Bandoock, 1616 in *IGI* (North Willingham, Lincs); Nathl. Bantock, 1638 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Anne Bantick, 1683 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Thomas Bantuck, 1712 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Sarah Bandoock, 1807 in *IGI* (Layton Breton, Essex).

### Bantoft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Lancs
- English: see **Bantoft**.

### Banton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Derbys
- English: see **Bampton**.

### Banu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Bano**.

### Banville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Banfield**. This is the original French form of the place-name, and it is now the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland.

### Banwait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Banwell

Variants: **Bannell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 430
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English: locative name from Banwell (Somerset). **Early bearers:** John de Banwell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Banewell, 1335 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Johanne Bannewalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); Williami Banwell, 1557 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Robert Banwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Badgworth, Somerset); Alee Banwell, 1804, James Bannell, 1835 in *IGI* (Kingston Seymour, Somerset).
- 2 English: locative name from Banwell Farm in North Mundham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Benewell, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbertus Banewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runcton, Sussex); Johanne Banewelle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Margrate Banwell, 1584 in *IGI* (Selsey, Sussex); William Banwell, 1587 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 73.

### Banyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 909, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, and Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Baynard**.

### Bao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 包 鮑 and 保, see **Pau** (2–4)

### Baptie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Roxburghs, Selkirks, and Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name apparently from Badby (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Baddeby, tunc constabularius de Berewic, about 1270 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts*; John de Baddeby and Nicol de Baddeby of the county of Berewyk, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Badbee, 1536 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Elspeth Baptie, 1610 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Agnes Bapty, 1677 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian); Alexander Babtie, 1742 in *IGI* (Yarrow, Selkirks); James Bapti, 1773 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs).

### Baptist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Huguenot, French: see **Baptiste**.

### Baptista

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Baptista* 'Baptist', after Saint John the Baptist (see **Baptiste**). This form is found in Portugal, Spain (Castile), and some other countries. Compare **Baptiste**, **Batista**, and **Battista**.
- Early bearers:** John Baptista, 1649 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Isobell Baptista, 1684 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Joseph Baptista, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Jose Baptista, in *Census 1911* (Hants).

### Baptiste

Variants: **Baptist**, **Batiste**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1315, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; also Hants, Berks, and Surrey
- Huguenot, French: relationship name from a medieval French and English personal name, derived from the distinguishing epithet of Saint John the Baptist, who baptized people, including Jesus

Christ, in the river Jordan (Mark 1:9). The name derives from Latin *baptista* (Greek *baptistês*).

Compare **Baptista**, **Batista**, and **Battista**.

**Further information:** Many but not all bearers of this name in England are of Huguenot descent.

**Early bearers:** England: Lewes Baptist, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); James Baptist, 1595 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Baptiste, 1672 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Pierre Baptiste, 1702 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Maurice Batiste, artist, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Reading, Berks); Daniel Batiste, carpenter, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1881* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs); Andrew Baptiste, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Baptist, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Joseph Baptiste, in *Census 1881* (Deptford, Kent). Channel Islands: Nicholas Batiste, in *Census 1881* (Saint Anne, Alderney); Thomas Batiste, in *Census 1881* (Saint Mary de Castro, Guernsey).

### Bapu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Muslim): probably derived from Hindi/Urdu *babu* 'father'.

### Bara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Scottish: locative name from Bara, the name of an ancient manor and parish in E Lothian, recorded as *Barewe* and *Berewe* in the early 13th century (*Saint Andrews Charters*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Barue, about 1200 in *Newbattle Register* (Bearford, E Lothian); Gilbert de Berewe, 1206–22 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Bara, E Lothian); William Bara, 1678 in *IGI* (Stenton, E Lothian); Janet Bara, 1719 *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

2 Huguenot, French: nickname denoting a sly or deceitful person, from Old French and Occitan *barat* 'ruse, guile'.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Bara, 1610 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Pierre Bara, 1626 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Marie Bara, 1634 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Guillaume Bara, 1683 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

3 Polish, Czech: relationship name from a reduced vernacular form of the Latin personal name *Bartolomaeus* (Polish *Bartłomiej*, Czech *Bartoloměj*; see **Bartholomew**), or possibly from a pet form of the personal name *Barbara*.

4 Spanish: locative name from Bara in Huesca province or from Bará in Tarragona.

**Early bearers:** Enrique and Madalena Larrissa Bara, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan); Cyprian Bara, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan).

5 Muslim: unexplained.

### Barakat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (widespread, especially in Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh): from a personal name based on Arabic *barakāt* 'blessings, good fortune, prosperity', often found in combinations such as *Barakat-ullah* 'blessings of Allah'.



**Baram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Barham**.

**Baran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 670, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): ornamental name, nickname from Slavic and Yiddish *baran* 'ram'.  
**Early bearers:** Rachel Baran, 1850 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Moses Baran in *Census 1891* (Lancs).
- 2 Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, Czech, Slovak: nickname from *baran* 'ram', denoting either a forceful, lusty man or else a shepherd.  
**Early bearers:** Joe Baran, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).
- 3 English: variant of **Barran**.

**Baranowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Polish and Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name from any of many places named with Polish *baran* 'ram'. In Polish-speaking regions this was also adopted as an ornamental name among Jews.  
**Early bearers:** Karol Francis Baranowski, 1854 in *BMD* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Stanislaw Baranowski, 1867 in *BMD* (Holborn, Middx).

**Barbara**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Italian, Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from the female personal name *Barbara*, which was borne by a popular saint, whose life is the subject of legend rather than historical fact. Compare English **Barbery**.

**Early bearers:** England: Giovanni Barbara, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Caroline Barbara, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Sussex); Domenico Barbara, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Lancs).  
 Malta: Carmelo Barbara, Jose Barbara, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Carlo Barbara, Michael Barbara, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Salvatore Barbara, Ricardo Barbara, Vincent Barbara, born in Malta, in *Census 1911* (Royal Navy).

**Barbary****Variants:** **Barbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Barbary*, *Barbery*, Old Norman French forms of Latin *Barbara* (from the feminine form of *barbarus* 'barbarian, foreigner'), which was introduced after the Norman Conquest along with the cult of Saint Barbara. *Barbary* remained a common spoken form of the personal name in post-medieval England. See also **Barbara**, **Babb**, and **Babot**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Barbary, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Barbary, 1564 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomastes Barbury, 1603 in *IGI*

(Faversham, Kent); John Barbery, 1615 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Barbery Barbery, 1633 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Barbery, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Thomason Barbery, 1687, George Barbery, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Mewan, Cornwall); Petter Barbury, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall).

**Barbato**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian: nickname from *barbato* 'bearded', from *barba* 'beard' (Latin *barba*).  
**Early bearers:** Mary Barbato, 1790 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Antonio Barbato, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Barbe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the female personal name **Barbara**. Compare **Barbet** and **Barbot**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *barbe* 'beard; barb' (Old French *barbe*). Compare **Beard**. Note the definite article in the case of Nicholas la Barbe, 1345, cited below.  
**Early bearers:** Bernardus Barb, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Willaim Barbe, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Hugh Barbe, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Offley, Herts); John Barbe, Nicholas Barbe, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas la Barbe, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Laurencio Barbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baydon, Wilts); Humfridi Barbe, 1577 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Thomas Barbe, 1585 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); George Barbe, 1596 in *IGI* (Churchdown, Gloucs); Richard Barb, 1611 in *IGI* (Luddenham, Kent); Daniell Barb, 1630 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset).

**Barber****Variants:** **Barbour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20808, Ireland 422
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17862
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Norfolk and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Antrim; Tyrone
- English: occupational name from Middle English *barb(o)ur* 'barber' (Old French *barbier*). The barber was formerly a regular practitioner in surgery and dentistry. Compare **Barbour**.  
**Early bearers:** Alan le Barbur, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John le Barbur, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas le Barber, 1281 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Richard le Barber, 1298 in *London Court Rolls* (London); Seykin le Barbier, Robert le Barbier, 1299 in *London Letter Books C* (London); Nicholas le Barber de Gadesden, 1328 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls* (Kent); Thomas le Barbor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Robertus Barbowre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe next Norwich with Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Robert Barber, 1539 in *IGI* (West Halton, Lincs); Anne Barbor, 1549 in *IGI* (Stockton on Teme, Worcs); John Barbour, 1558 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Barbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Barbery**.

**Barbet****Variants:** **Barbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- 1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Barbet*, a diminutive of **Barbe**, from **Barbara**. Compare also **Barbot**. (ii) nickname occasionally, perhaps, from a diminutive of Old French *barbe* 'beard'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Barbetta, 1190, Barbeta, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).  
 surnames: William Barbette, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Robert Barbet, 1562 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Barbet, 1585 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Wm Barbet, 1593 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Edward Barbett, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Barbet, 1682 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts).
- 2 Huguenot: of the same origin(s) as (1).  
**Early bearers:** Jaques Barbet, 1604 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Jean Barbet, 1724 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Barbett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Barbet**.

**Barbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Barby**.

**Barbier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Huguenot: occupational name from Old French *barbier* 'barber-surgeon' (see **Barber**).  
**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Claude Barbier, 1673, Pierre Barbier, 1714, Isaac Barbier, 1720 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Prosper Louis Barbier, 1869 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).  
 Channel Islands: Nicolas Barbier, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Robert Barbier, 1671, Philippe Barbier, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).

**Barbieri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Italian: occupational name based on *barbiere* 'barber-surgeon', from Late Latin *barbarius*, a derivative of *barba* 'beard'. Compare **Barber**.  
**Early bearers:** Pietro Barbieri, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Jemocente Barbieri, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Knockholt, Kent); Luigi Barbieri, born in Italy in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Guilo Barbieri, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London).

**Barbon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

## Barbosa

- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Barbon (Westm).  
**Early bearers:** Tomas de Berebrunna, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); [... de] Berebunn', 1197, [... de] Bereburne, 1279, [... de] Berghburn, 1292 in *Place-Names of Westm*(Westm); Gilbert de Berburn, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Gilbertus de Berburn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Henery Barben, 1669 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, pp. 23–4.
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *bare* 'bare' + *bon* 'bone' (Old English *bær* + Old Scandinavian *beinn* or Old English *bān*), presumably for a thin man.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Barebayn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Barbon 1494–5 in *Parish Registers* (Ledbury, Herefs); Wyllyam Barebone, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Ledbury, Herefs); Agnes Barban, 1593 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Praise-God Barebone, 16th cent. in *Smiles*, p. 361.
- 3 Huguenot: nickname from French *barbon* 'old man' (literally 'bearded man').  
**Early bearers:** Abraham Barben, 1634 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Claude Baraban, 1697 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street, Westminster, Middx); William Barbon, 1786 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Barbosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Portuguese: locative name from *barba*, a type of plant, + the suffix *-osa*, denoting a place rich in this plant.

## Barbot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Barbot*, a diminutive of *Barbe*, from *Barbara*. Compare *Barbet*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Barbota (f), 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).  
surnames: Henry Barbot, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Barbot, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Barbot, William Barbot, John Barbot, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts) Betrix Barbot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johannes Barbot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robert Barbot, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants).
- 2 Huguenot: of the same origin as (1).  
**Early bearers:** Jean Charles Barbot, 1690 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx); Charles Abraham Barbot, 1694 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx).

## Barbour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2326, Ireland 368
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1644
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Lowlands: esp. Renfrews, Ayr, and Kircudbrights
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: mainly Scottish spelling of *Barber*, from Anglo-Norman French *barbour*, Old French *barbeor*.

**Early bearers:** William Barbitonsor, 1317 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Montrose, Angus); Philip Barbour, 1383 in *Aberdeen Friars* (Aberdeen); John Gray alias Barbour of Edinburgh, 1463 in *Scotland Calendar*; Clappertoun Barbour, 1556 in *Kelso Register*.

## Barbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: locative name from Birdbrook (Essex), which is recorded as *Bridbroc* in the 13th century, *Brybroke* in 1381, *Burbrooke* or *Bridbroke* in 1594, and was pronounced in modern times as /bʌbrʊk/.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Bridebroke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birdbrook, Essex); Henrico de Briddebroke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex); Johannes Bridbrook, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas de Berbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); John Bridbroke, clerk, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Alice Barbrook, 1696 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Thos Bearbrook 1757 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Sarah Barbrook, 1796 in *IGI* (Flempton with Hengrave, Suffolk); George Burbrook, 1814 in *IGI* (Hundon, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 411–12.

## Barby

- Variants:** *Barbey*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics
- English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Barby*, a diminutive of *Barbe*, from *Barbara*.  
**Early bearers:** Anna Barby, 1560 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Elezabeth Barby, 1611 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); Thomas Barby, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Barby Barby, Nicholas Barbey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Samuel Barbey, 1648 in *IGI* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics).

## Barcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see *Bircham*.

## Barchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Sussex and Surrey
- English: see *Burchett*.

## Barclay

- Variants:** *Barkley, Barcleay, Bartley, Berkley, Berkeley, Burkley, Birkley, Brickley*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 8528, Ireland 276
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Aberdeens, and Banffs; also Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Scottish: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Berkley (Somerset), Berkeley (Gloucs), Birtley in Witley and Birtley in Bramley (both Surrey), Barklye in Heathfield (Sussex), Bartley in Eling and Bartley Heath in Odiham (both Hants), and Bartley Green in

Northfield (Worcs). In several cases the /k/ has become a /t/.

**Further information:** The Scottish Barclays were Norman barons originally from southwest England. It was long assumed that they were from the family that held Berkeley Castle in Gloucs, but G. W. S. Barrow (1973, *The Kingdom of the Scots*) adduced evidence that they are more probably from Berkley in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger de Berchelai, de Bercleia, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs and Somerset); Thomam de Berclay, 1226 in *Patent Rolls* (Acton, Gloucs); Berkwald de Berkle, 1244, Sewyn' de Berkel', about 1257 in *New Forest Documents* (Bartley in Eling, Hants); Henry de Barclay, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Helewys' de Berkele, 1327, Robert de Berkelegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne de Berkeleey, Petro de Berklye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witley, Surrey); Willelmo de Berkelegh', Roberton de Burklegh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bramley, Surrey); Matylde Berclay, Matilda de Berkley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Thomas Berkeley, 1533 in *IGI* (Berkeley Castle, Gloucs); George Barclay, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Barkclay, 1561 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Charles Berkeley, 1599 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Thomas Berkley, 1790 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Francis Henry Fitzharding Berkeley, 1794 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).  
Scotland: Walter de Berchelai or Berkelai, Chamberlain of Scotland, 1165 in *Aberdeen Register*; Humfridus de Berkeley, about 1178–98 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Walter de Berkelay and Robert de Berkelay, about 1175 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Gelis Barclay, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Mariore Barclay, 1575 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wattie Barclay, 1579 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Lowrence Barclay, 1581 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).  
Ireland: Lord Barckelly, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §464 (Moyletyston, Kildare); John Barckley, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; Francis Barkely, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4633 (Connaght); Francis Barkley, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6154.  
**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 215, 226; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 467; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 195; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 28; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 348.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see *Barclay*.

## Barco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English, Irish: see *Barcoe*.

## Barcock

- Variants:** *Bearcock, Barcott*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks
- English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of *Bercott*, with post-medieval substitution of *-cock* for *-cot*. Compare Henry Bircott, 1653 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks), but *Barcock* seems to be a 19th-century arrival in Bucks and there may be no connection between the names.

**Early bearers:** Robert Barkock, 1541 in *IGI* (Little Bromley, Essex); Willimi Barcocke, 1576 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Anthony Barcock, 1582 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Barcock, 1585–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johanna Barcock, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); William Barcock, 1609, William Barcoke, 1613, Elizabeth Barecock, 1786 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Mary Barkock, 1699 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds); Thomas Bearcock, 1738, John Barecock, 1752 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); William Barcock, 1829 in *IGI* (Astwood, Bucks); Martha Barcott, 1842 in *IGI* (Great Houghton, Northants); Kate Barcock, 1878 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

### Barcoe

**Variants:** Barco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: unexplained; evidently from an unidentified place-name, possibly in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Bargho, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk); Suzan Barco, 1612, Frauncys Barkoe, 1615, Dorothy Barcoe, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Catterine Barkoe, 1655 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Edwd. Barkow, 1741 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs); Thomas Barcoe, 1836 in *IGI* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall).

2 Irish: unexplained.

### Barcott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Barcock**.

### Barcroft

**Variants:** Bearcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Barcroft in Cliviger (Lancs), Barcroft in Bingley, Bar Croft Bottom in Almondbury, Barcroft in Haworth, and a lost *Barcroft* in Pudsey (all WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Bercroft, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); [...] de Bercroft, 1296 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); [...] de] Bercroft, 1328 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Barcroft, 1377, Johannes de Bercroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Agn' de Barcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnhill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Bercroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Alicia de Bercroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilpshire with Dinckley, Lancs); Mary Barcroft, 1574 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Joes Barcroft, 1580 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Elizabetha Bearcroft, 1645 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 84; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 259; 3, pp. 238, 261; 4, p. 165.

### Bard

**Variants:** Barde, Baird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs; E Lothian

1 Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bard(e)*, Continental Germanic *Bardo*, from \**bard-* '(battle)axe', borne as

a surname by a prominent Norman family with lands in west Normandy and in various English and Scottish counties, including Essex, Herts, NR Yorks, Northumberland, and Lanarks. In Scotland the original family were Norman landowners in Strathaven parish (Lanarks). They were descended from the Baards, lords of Loftus in the North Riding of Yorkshire, descendants of the mid-12th-century Richard Baart. The preposition in some of the medieval examples is an anomalous addition to convey high social status. (ii) some post-medieval examples may be variants of **Beard**.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph Bard, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugh Bard', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Barde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Bard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hartington, Northumb); Katerina Bard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Henricus Barde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); James Bard, 1539 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Thomas Bard, 1564 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); Willm Bard, 1564 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Barnard Bard, 1571 in *IGI* (East Hirstead, Sussex); Reynald Bard, 1576 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts).

Scotland: Richard de Baard, 1229 in *Kelso Register* (Strathaven, Lanarks); Richard Bard, 1240 in *Kelso Register* (Little Kype, Lanarks); Johan, Nicol Bard, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls* (Lanarks); Robert de Barde, 1369 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*.

**References:** *Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era; Domesday Descendants*, pp. 158–9.

2 Scottish Gaelic: occupational name, status name from Gaelic *bàrd* 'poet, minstrel'. Some of the following bearers may otherwise belong with (1); the two names have probably been confused.

**Further information:** Fergus de Bard (with the 'de' a possible mistake for 'le') and Duncan Barde may have been descended from the late twelfth-century owner of Dunsyre, Lanarks, Fergus Macbard (*Kelso Register*), with his Gaelic patronymic possibly denoting a family of professional poets. Note also Donald Bard, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Fergus de Bard, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls* (Lanarks); Duncan Barde, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls* (Stirlings); Simon le Bard, 1364 in *Rotuli Scotiae*; Johannes Bard or le Barde, 1389, 1398 in *Moray Register* (Morays); John Bard, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Langmure, Ayr); Maeg Bard, 1565, Margaret Baird, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jonet Baird, 1594, Jonet Bard, 1596 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

### Barde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English, Scottish: see **Bard**.

### Bardell

**Variants:** Bardill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Herts, Beds, and Essex

Norman, English: (i) relationship name; see **Bardolph**. (ii) locative name; see **Bardwell**. **Early bearers:** Aschetill Bardel, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; William Bardell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William de Bardill, clerk, 1335 in *Patent Rolls*; Oliver Bardall, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Bardell, 1569 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs);

Anne Bardell, 1645 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); John Bardell, 1667, Elizabeth Bardle, 1775 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Thomas Bardill, 1790 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys).

### Barden

**Variants:** Bardin, Bardon, Berden, Bearden, Beardon, Bardens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2034, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny; Westmeath

1 English: locative name from Barden Park in Tonbridge (Kent), Bardown in Ticehurst (Sussex), which is recorded as *Berdowne* in 1410, or Berden (Essex).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Barden', 1278, [...] de Bardenne, 1295 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Robert de Berdon, 1296, William de Bardene, 1327, John Barden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Berdene, 1323 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Henry Barden, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Lingfield, Surrey); Simon de Barden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dullingham, Cambs); Johannes Berden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Roding, Essex); John Barden, 1561 in *IGI* (Ardingley, Sussex); Joan Barden, 1566 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Edward Bearden, 1571 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Agnes Berden, 1590 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 180–1; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 451.

2 English: locative name from Barden near Skipton (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Berdene* in about 1140, or Barden near Leyburn (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Abraham de Barden', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Berden, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus Berden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Johanne de Berden', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Maria de Berden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spotland, Lancs); Cuthbti Barden, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Johanis. Barden, 1590 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

3 English: see **Bardon**.

4 Irish: from Ó **Bairdín** 'descendant of the bard'.

**Early bearers:** James O'Bardan, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §186 (Tomneclare, Wexford); James Bardane, husbandman, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2041; Schan O'Bardan, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2913 (Tisinye, Longford).

### Bardens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Barden** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Humphry Bardens, 1718 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Thomas Bardens, 1811 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Barder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; London; Monmouths

English: occupational name from Middle English \**barder*, \**bardour* 'maker of horse armour' or

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possibly ‘pack-maker’, an agent noun derivative of Old French *barde* ‘horse armour (made of sheets of steel); pack-saddle’, Anglo-Norman *barde* ‘pack’ (compare the Old French verb *barde* ‘to equip a horse with armour’).

**Further information:** The early bearer Nicholas le Barder cited by Wilson (*Reaney and Wilson*) is an erroneous form for Nicholas le Barber, 1328 in *Canterbury Freeman’s Rolls* (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Bardur, 1202–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Roger Bardor, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Nocton, Lincs); Anne Barder, 1680 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Thomas Barder, 1696 in *IGI* (Pembury, Kent); Valentine Barder, 1780 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

## Bardgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Middle English (Old French) *barget* ‘a small barge or boat’ is formally possible but there is no evidence yet that this gave rise to a medieval surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bargett, 1547 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Edward Bardgett, 1722, Willm Bargett, 1732 in *IGI* (Lazonby, Cumb); Elizabeth Bargett, 1735 in *IGI* (Bolton, Westm); Edward Bargett, 1837, Jonathan Bardgett, 1841 in *IGI* (Barton, Westm).

## Bardill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Bardell**.

## Bardin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Meath, and Louth
- 1 Huguenot: from French, a pet form of the Germanic personal name *Bardo*. Compare **Bardon**.  
**Early bearers:** Charles Bardin, 1674 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Renne Bardin, 1715 in *IGI* (West Street Church, London); Pierre Bardin, 1749 in *IGI* (Hungerford Market or Castle Street Church, London).  
2 Irish: from Ó Bairdín, see **Barden**.

## Bardney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Bardney (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Mathei de Bardenay, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Bardney, Lincs); Ralph de Bardeney, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard de Bardeney, 1306 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John Bardney, 1562 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Margareta Bardney, 1594 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs).

## Bardo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Bardoe**.

## Bardoe

**Variants:** **Bardo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: variant of **Pardoe**.

**Early bearers:** Lucesse Bardo, 1701 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Bardoe, 1757 in *IGI* (Palgrave, Suffolk); James Bardoe, 1791 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks).

## Bardolph

**Variants:** **Bardell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bardolf* (Continental Germanic *Bartholf*; from \**bard-* ‘(battle)axe’ + \**wulf-* ‘wolf’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Bardolfus de Fotipoi, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts).  
surnames: Hugo Bardulfus, Hugo Bardol, 1142–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas Bardolf, 1184 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Isabel Bardulf, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wotton at Stone, Herts); Hugh Bardolf, Thomas Bardolf, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Stoke Bardolph, Notts); Hugone Bardolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); William Bardoul, 1418 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* 41; John Bardolph, 1685 in *IGI* (Northaw, Herts).

## Bardon

**Variants:** **Barden, Beardon, Bearden, Berden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 196
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Wexford
- 1 English: locative name from Bardon (Leics).  
**Early bearers:** William Bardon, 1573 in *IGI* (Ketton cum Tixover, Rutland); Anna Bardon, 1580 in *IGI* (Leire, Leics); Tho. Bardon, 1595 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Sarah Beardon, 1808 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).  
2 English: see **Barden**.  
3 Irish: from Ó Bairdín, see **Barden**.  
4 Huguenot: from French, a pet form of the Germanic personal name *Bardo*; compare **Bardin**.  
**Early bearers:** Jeanne Bardon, 1691 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple, Westminster, Middx); Marie Bardon, 1703 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Pierre Bardon, 1702 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

## Bardsley

**Variants:** **Beardsley, Beardslee, Barsley, Barzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1927, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Bardsley in Ashton under Lyne (Lancs), which is recorded as *Bardesley* in 1422, or Bardley in Stottesdon (Shrops), which is recorded as *Berdesleia* in 1194.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bardesleg’, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Ricardus de Berdirsley, Johannes de Berdusley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Thomas Berdesley, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); [ . . . ] de Berdesley, 1422 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); Peter Bardeslay, 1453 in *York*

*Freemen’s Register* (Yorks); Anna Berdsley alias Sadler, 1547 in *PROB 11*; George Beardsley, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Catherina Beardsley, 1572 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Joane Beardsley, 1574 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Jane Bardsley, 1583, Jon Barsley, 1589 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Richard Bardsley, 1614 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Olliver Beardsley, 1635 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ephraim Bardsley, 1716 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 29; *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 25.

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Barnsley**, at least when the source is Barnsley (Gloucs) since the early records of the place-name show a good deal of variation between *Barnes-*, *Barndes-*, and *Bardes-* spellings.

**Early bearers:** William de Berdeslega, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); [ . . . de] Bardesle, 1221 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); William Bardsly, 1573 in *IGI* (Loxton, Somerset); Thomas Barsly, 1671 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts).

## Bardwell

**Variants:** **Beardwell, Bardell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Bardwell (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Tedricus de Berdewelle, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Berdewelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); William Bardewell’, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Simon Bardwell, 1538 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); John Beardwell, 1584 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

## Bardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bardy*, a pet form of **Bardolph**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bardy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); John Bardy, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Yoxford, Suffolk); William Bardy, 1585, John Bardye, 1588 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); George Bardey, 1777 in *IGI* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks).

## Bare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Middx; also Westm

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bar* ‘bare’ in one of its range of senses applicable to persons, e.g. ‘bald, hairless’, ‘poor’, ‘sterile’.

**Early bearers:** John Bare, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Bare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Bare, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Ricardus Bar’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Docking, Norfolk); Johannes Bare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horringer, Suffolk); Henry Bare, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Bare, 1622 in *IGI* (Crundale, Kent).

2 English: from one of the locations or named places mentioned under **Barr**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Bare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Rycharde Bare, 1562 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); Margret Bare, 1578 in *IGI*

(Cartmel, Lincs); John Bare, 1580 in *IGI* (Croxtton, Lincs); Mercey Bare, 1582 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex).

### Barefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks Norman, English: see **Barfield**.

### Barefoot

Variants: **Barfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon

English: nickname from Middle English *bare-fot* 'with bare feet, barefooted' (Old English *bær + fōt*), used to signify friars, pilgrims, and those doing penance. Compare Simon Barleg, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Herts), and Emeloth Baresanke, 1221 in *Cotton Claudius D xiii A* (Norfolk), both 'bare-legged'.

**Early bearers:** Robert barefot, about 1160 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Northants); Reginald Berfot, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); John Barfot, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Barefot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Margaret Barfoot, 1541 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Alice Barefoot, 1576 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Henry Barfoot, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Agnis Barfoot, 1619 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Francis Bearfoot, 1716, Aaron Barefoot, 1729 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); John Barfoot, 1746, William Barfett, 1761 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

### Bareford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Barford**.

### Bareham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Barham**.

### Barella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: relationship name from a suffixed derivative of the Continental Germanic personal name *Baro*, from *\*baro* 'man'. Compare **Barone**.

**Early bearers:** Domnick Barella, *Census 1841* (Northumb); Pietro Barella, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Appollonia Barella, 1863 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Peter Barella, looking glass maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Secondo Barella, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Pauls Barella, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Barette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 Norman, French: (i) relationship name from the French female personal name *Barette*, a derivative of the Continental Germanic personal name *Baro* (from *\*baro* 'man'). (ii) locative name, diminutive of *barre* 'bar, rail', used as a topographical name for a

railed-in place. (iii) variant of French **Barratte**, identical in origin with English *Barrett*, see (2). **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jaque Barette, 1659 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury, Kent). Channel Islands: Edouard Barette, 1645 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey); Joseph Barette, in *Census 1881* (Saint John, Jersey); Jane Barette, in *Census 1881* (Saint Ouens, Jersey); Joseph Barette, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Jersey); Marie Barette, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Jersey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

2 English: variant of **Barrett**.

**Early bearers:** John Barritte, 1569, Jone Barette, 1572 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Dorrytye Barette, 1581 in *IGI* (North Ormsby, Lincs).

### Barff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Bargh**.

### Barfield

Variants: **Barefield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Rutland

1 Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, from Berville-la-Champagne in Eure, as perhaps in the case of the first two examples, or from any of the six Bervilles in Normandy, three in Eure, two in Seine-Maritime, or one in Calvados. In E Anglia, the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong to (3).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Bereuile, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Robert de Bereuill', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Barfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Dorothie Barfield, 1595 in *IGI* (Wilsford, Lincs); Edmund Barfield, 1626 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Samuel Barfield, 1635 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); Prudence Barfield, 1640 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Elizabeth Barfield, 1663 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); John Barfield, 1735 in *IGI* (Glaston, Rutland).

2 English: in Kent, see **Burvill**.

3 English: locative name perhaps also from Bardfield Saling and Great and Little Bardfield (Essex), recorded as *Byrdefelda* in 1086, *Berdefeld* in the 12th century, *Bordefeud* in 1235, *Bardefeld* in 1253, *Bradevill* in 1283, *Berdevyle* in 1430. The place-name may derive from Old English *\*byrde* 'bank, edge, border' + *feld* 'open land'. The post-medieval bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (1), with intrusive *-d-* perhaps influenced by the Essex place-name.

**Early bearers:** Walterum de Berdefeld, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Simon de Berdefeld, 1312 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Galfrido de Berdefelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); Adam Berdefelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fobbing, Essex); Stephano Bardevyle, Stephano Bardeville, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Theydon Garnon, Essex); Ralph de Bardefield, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Berdefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Baddow, Essex); Dorothy Bardfield, 1598 in Boyd's Marriage Index (High Roding, Essex); John Bardfield, 1778, Rebecca Barfield, 1813 in *IGI* (Wetheringsett, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 504–6; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *\*byrde*.

### Barfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1210, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 905
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: see **Barefoot**.

### Barford

Variants: **Bareford, Berford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 649
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Beds and Northants

English: locative name from any of the places named Barford, in Beds, Northants, Warwicks, Norfolk, Oxon, Surrey, Wilts, or Barforth in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bereford, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William de Berford, 1325 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes de Berford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Watton, Norfolk); Johannes Berford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Nicholous de Berford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); John Berford, 1419 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Bargain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname from Middle English *bargaine* 'business arrangement or agreement', probably for a merchant or trader.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bargayn, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Bargayne, 1365 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmus Bargayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wrangbrook, WR Yorks); Philip Bargaine, Walter Bargin, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Bargary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac Bearthagra** or **Mac Biorthagra**, see **Berkery**.

### Bargate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Surrey

English: locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived '(by the) town gate', or who was the keeper of the Bargate.

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Bargate, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Joseph Bargate, 1794 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Bargate, 1816 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Betsy Bargate, 1829 in *IGI* (Westerdale, NR Yorks); Thomas Bargate, 1848 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Annie Gertrude Bargate, 1874 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

### Barge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: nickname for a bargeman or seaman, from Middle English *barge*. Compare Johannes Bargeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Further information:** Old French *barge* originally denoted a small sea-going vessel with sails.

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Barg', 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Peter del Barge, mariner, 1359 in *York*

## Bargent

*Freemen's Register*; Gyeelles Barge, 1589 in *IGI* (Sidmouth, Devon).

### Bargent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Bucks, and Berks
- English: unexplained; the lack of medieval bearers and the southern distribution suggest that it might be an irregular late variant of **Baigent**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bargent, 1595 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants); Henry Bargent, Bargant, 1629 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William Bargent, in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); James Bargent, 1764 in *IGI* (Old Basing, Hants); Hannah Bargent, 1819 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Hannah Barjent, 1827 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Bargery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Guernsey
- Norman, English: locative name from Old French *bercherie* 'sheepfold' (also found as *bergerie*), whose Norman French counterpart *berkerie* may sometimes be responsible for the Irish name **Berkery**.

**Early bearers:** Myghell Bargery, 1550 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jasper Bargery, 1699 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Francis Bargery, 1771 in *IGI* (Misterton, Somerset).

### Bargewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Bawdeswell (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Radulphus Baldeswelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Thomas Bardswell, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rose Bargewell, 1742 in *IGI* (Larling, Norfolk); Benjamin Bargewell or Bardswell, 1828 in *IGI* (Ingham, Norfolk).

### Bargh

**Variants:** Barugh, Barff, Bark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Barugh (in Darton, WR Yorks), Barff Hill (ER Yorks), or Barugh (pronounced *barf*, NR Yorks), or for someone who lived '(by the) hill' Middle English *bergh* (Old English *beorh*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bargh, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John de Bergh, 1365 in *York Freemen's Register*; Willelmus Bargh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifford, WR Yorks); Anna Barughe, 1592 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Henery Barugh, 1689 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks).

### Barham

**Variants:** Bareham, Bearham, Baram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2632, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1812
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffok and Norfolk; Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from any of several places called Barham in Cambs, Hunts, Suffolk, Kent, Sussex, and Devon.

**Early bearers:** John de Barham, 1238–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Eichard de Berham, 1274 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Helewys de Berham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Barham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Suffolk); Richard Berham, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Berham, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Baram, 1597 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

### Bari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from an Arabic personal name based on *bāri* 'originator'. **Further information:** *Al-Bāri* 'the Creator' is an attribute of Allah. The personal name '*Abd-al-Bāri*' means 'servant of the Creator'.

2 Italian: locative name from the Adriatic port of Bari, chief city of Apulia.

### Baring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name derivative of the Continental Germanic personal name *Baro*, from *\*baro* 'man'.

**Further information:** John (né Johann) Baring, an Exeter wool trader, was born in Bremen, Germany. His sons John and Francis founded Barings Bank in London in 1762. There were however Barings in England before Johann's immigration; compare Anthony Bearing, 1632 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Verner Baring, 1700 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Baring, 1758 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Alexander Baring, 1773 in *IGI* (London); William A. Baring, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Bark

**Variants:** Barke, Barks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Derbys, and Notts

English: perhaps a variant of **Bargh**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, notes Cuthbert Bargh or Barke, 1637–9 in *Parish Registers* (Garforth, WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Jordan le Barc, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk), and Ralph le Berk', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts) appear to be the earliest evidence for the name, but they may really be for **Barker**, an apostrophe representing the suffix having been lost.

**Early bearers:** William Barke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Bark, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Rich. Bark, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rich Bark, 1660 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Widdow Bark, 1663 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); William Bark, 1674 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); John Bark, 1689 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

### Barkas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Barkhouse**.

### Barkaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Barkway**.

### Barke

**Variants:** Barks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

English: see **Bark**.

### Barkell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Balkwill**.

**Further information:** This name has sometimes been confused with **Bartle**. It is quite rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Barker

**Variants:** Berker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46069, Ireland 530
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38824
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered; esp. Ulster

1 English: occupational name usually from Middle English *barkere* 'tanner'.

**Early bearers:** Jordan le Barkere, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John le Barker, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Barker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rocester, Staffs); Johannes Barker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Simone Barker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elstow, Beds); Willelmo le Barker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wavertree, Lancs); Johanne Barkar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Agn' Barker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Thomas Barcar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Alice Barker, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wylm Barker, 1539 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); John Barker, 1540 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); William Barker, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Agnes Barker, 1541 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs).

2 English: occupational name occasionally from Middle English *berker*, *bercher* (Old French *berchier*, *bercher*, *berkier*, *berker*) 'shepherd'. Old French also had the form *barcher*, and later, when Middle English *-er-* had become *-ar-*, *barker* 'shepherd' would be indistinguishable in form from *barker* 'tanner' (1).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Berker, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Aluredus le berkier, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John le Bercher, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants).

### Barkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Barkhouse**.

### Barkess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Barkhouse**.

**Barkett**

- GB frequency 1881: 47
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Barcock** or **Bercott**.

**Barkham**

- Current frequencies: GB 326, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 200
- Main GB location 1881: SE coast: esp. Suffolk

English: locative name from Barkham in Suffolk, recorded as *Berk(e)ham* in 1220–1517.

**Early bearers:** John de Berkham, Isaac de Berkham, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Berkham, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*; John Barkham, 1494 in *PROB 11* (London); John Berkham, 1609 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Barkham, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Bocking, Essex).

**Barkhouse**

Variants: **Barkes**, **Barkess**, **Barkas**, **Barkus**

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at a ‘barkhouse’, i.e. a tannery.

**Further information:** From ancient times, throughout the Middle Ages, and up to the present day, leather has been processed with tree bark to make it softer, more durable, and waterproof.

**Early bearers:** Alfred del Barkhus, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas del Barkhous, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Richard del Barkhous, Walter del Barkhous, 1338 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas del Berkhouse, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Ollerton, Notts); Christofer Barkhowse, 1586 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Francis Barkus, 1626 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Andrew Barcas, 1705 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Thomas Barkass, 1738 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Barkley**

- Current frequencies: GB 708, Ireland 273
- GB frequency 1881: 388
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops, also Flintshire
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

English: see **Barley**.

**Barks**

- Current frequencies: GB 558, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 413
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs, Notts, and Derbys

English: variant of **Bark** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabethe Barks, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Barks, 1674 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

**Barksby**

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

English: locative name from Barkby (Leics). The medial -s- is found in a record of 1242, perhaps by association with Barkestone in the same county.

**Early bearers:** . . . Barkebi, 1227 in Gild Rolls, *Place-Names of Leics*; Henry de Barkeby, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Newbold, Leics); Thomas de Barkeby, William de Barkeby, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Barkby,

1707 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts); William Barksby, 1789 in *IGI* (Stanley, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 21.

**Barkshire**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks
- English: see **Berkshire**.

**Barkus**

- Current frequencies: GB 82, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 85
- Main GB location 1881: Berks and Wilts; also Durham

English: see **Barkhouse**.

**Barkway**

Variants: **Barkaway**

- Current frequencies: GB 194, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 182
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Barkway (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Berqueie, 1141–51 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); John de Berkwey, 1281 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Willelmo Berkquey, Willelmo Berkwey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witham, Essex); Richard Barkaway, Barkway, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Barkway, 1732 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); James Barkaway (signed Barkerway), 1776 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

**Barkwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 49
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall; also Durham

English: see **Balkwill**.

**Barkwill**

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; Surrey

English: see **Balkwill**.

**Barkwith**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Barkworth**.

**Barkworth**

Variants: **Barkwith**

- Current frequencies: GB 291, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 164
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Barkwith in Lincs, recorded as *Barcuurde* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Barcword, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Roger de Barkworth, 1339 in *London Pleas*; John Barkword, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Barkwith, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Barlas**

- Current frequencies: GB 175, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 109
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland: esp. Perth

Norman, Scottish: see **Borlase**.

**Barlee**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Barley**.

**Barlet**

- GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Barlett**.

**Barlett**

Variants: **Barlet**

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: Northants and Oxon
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Berlet*, a doubly suffixed diminutive in *-el-et* of a Continental Germanic male given name in *Ber-*, from *\*ber-* ‘bear’, for example *\*Berhard*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Berlet’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Berlet, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); John Barlet, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Adam Berilot, 1327 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Francis Barlett, 1576 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Sibell Barlett, 1596 in *IGI* (Turville, Bucks); Jane Barlett, 1635 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); William Barlett, 1636 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Barlett, 1651 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex).

**Barley**

Variants: **Barlee**, **Barlow**

- Current frequencies: GB 2080, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 1623
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and ER Yorks

1 English: (i) locative name from any of the places called Barley in WR Yorks, Lancs, and Herts. (ii) see **Barlow**, with which *Barley* was frequently confused, especially in Lancs and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Leofric de Berle about 975 in *Tengvik* (Herts); Henry de Berel’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Barlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Barlay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Margaret Barley, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); Thome Barley, 1562 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Richard Barley, 1563 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Lawrence Barley, 1563 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Margareta Barley, 1578 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Eliz. Barley, 1579 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *barli*, *barlich* ‘barley’, perhaps given to a dealer in barley (compare **Barleyman**) or to a maker or seller of barley bread or cakes. Compare Josce Barlibred, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Barliwastel, 1210 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Jordan Barlie, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Barlich, Reur’ Barliche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon, Cambs); Johannes Barlee, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thoma Barley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freeby, Leics); John Barley, 1571 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

**Barleycorn**

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey



## Barleyman

English: nickname from Middle English *barli-corn* 'barley, barleycorn'. The word was used to denote both the plant and the grain. Compare **Grandage**. **Early bearers:** William Barlicorn, 1233 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); Godfrey Barlicorn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Gilbert Barlicorn, 1327 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs); John Barlycorn, 1332 in *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names* (Poslingford, Suffolk); Ricardus Barlycorn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); John Barlicorn', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Richard Barlycorn, 1705 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Barlicorn, 1802 in *IGI* (Streatham, Surrey). **References:** *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names*, p. 12; *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 51.

## Barleyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name for a dealer in barley, Middle English *barli* + *man*. Compare **Ryman**. **Early bearers:** Peter Barlyman, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); Robert Barleyman, 1574 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); George Barliman, 1680 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Mary Ann Barleyman, 1810 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex).

## Barling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Barling Green Farm in East Sutton (Kent), Barling in Essex, Birling Farm in Eastdean (Sussex), recorded as *Barlyng* in 1363, or Barlings in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Baddewin de Barling', 1240–1 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); William de Berling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Radulphus Barlyngg', in *Poll Tax* (Cold Norton, Essex); John Barling, 1461 in *Kent Place-Names* p. 214.

## Barlow

**Variants:** Barlowe, Barley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18499, Ireland 307
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Roscommon; Wexford

English: (i) locative name from any of the places named Barlow, especially that in Lincs, but also those in WR Yorks and Derbys. (ii) see **Barley**. *Barlow* was sometimes pronounced *Barley* and vice versa. Redmonds notes Humphrey Barley, Humphrey Barlowe, 1636–41 in *Parish Registers* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Barlowe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Berlowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks); Margery Barley or Barlowe, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Derbys); William Barlee or Barlowe, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Essex); Nicholas Barlow, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lincs); John Barlow, 1558 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Anthony Barlow, 1569 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Jo Barlow, 1575 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Francis Barlow, 1582 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Barlowe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Barlow**.

## Barltrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: a late variant of **Barthorpe** (compare **Bartrop**) with inorganic *-l-*.

## Barman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Bearman**.

## Barmby

**Variants:** Barnby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Barmby Moor or Barmby on the Marsh (both ER Yorks), or Barnby in Lythe (NR Yorks), which may also have contributed to **Barnaby**.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Barnebia, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Barnneby, 1282 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Barneby, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Barnby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harton with Claxton, NR Yorks); Thoma de Barnby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asselby, ER Yorks); Robertus de Barnebe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Agnes Barmby, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Barmby, 1656 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Thomas Barmby, 1673 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks).

## Barmore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name perhaps from a place named *Barmore* or *Barmoor*, numerous examples of which are found in Derbys, NR Yorks, and Northumb, and also in Angus, Wigtowns, and Lanarks. This northern place-name type may account for some early bearers like Mathew Barmore, 1617 in Penrith. The modern distribution however suggests possible derivation from Barnmoor Green, Claverdon (Warwicks), recorded from 1411, or from the lost *Barre-Moor* in Colton (Staffs), recorded from 1492. **Further information:** Although rare in Britain, this name is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Barmore, 1617 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); George Barmore, 1756 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs); John Barmoor, 1758 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Joseph Barmore, 1775 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Barmore, 1817 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

## Barn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Barne** and compare **Berne**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Barn, 1714 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr); Patrick Barn, 1736 in *IGI* (Kilmalcolm, Renfrews); Grissal Barn, 1745 in *IGI* (Yetholm, Roxburghs); Agnes Barn, 1754 in *IGI* (Breachin, Angus); Helen

Barn, 1800 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Magdlen Barn, 1813 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife).

## Barnaby

**Variants:** Barneby, Barnby, Parnaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 834, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; Norfolk; Kent

1 English: (i) locative name in NR Yorks and ER Yorks from Barnaby in Guisborough (NR Yorks) or from the places mentioned at **Barmby**. (ii) locative name in N Lincs from Barnetby le Wold or Barnoldby le Beck (both in N Lincs). (iii) locative name in Norfolk and Suffolk probably from Barnby (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Richard de Bernaldeby, 1160 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); [ . . . de] Bernetby, 1180–90, [ . . . de] Berneteby, 1191, [ . . . de] Bernalby, 1240 in *Place-Names of Lincs* (Lincs); Thomas de Berneby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Full Sutton, ER Yorks); Johannes de Barnaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John de Bernaby, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Bonby, Lincs); Williamus Barnbie, 1549 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Robert Barneby, 1554 in *IGI* (Redisham, Suffolk); Agnes Barnaby, 1556 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Agnes Barnabye, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robertus Barnebye, 1606 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Georgii Barnebie, 1610 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Geo Barnaby, 1616 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Johannes Barnaby, 1669 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 150; *Place-Names of Lincs 2*, pp. 8–10; 4, pp. 54–5.

2 English: relationship name from the personal name *Barnaby*, the vernacular English form of the Biblical name *Barnabas* which also had some currency: Bernabas Pegon', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds). This name is apparently from Aramaic *bar na ya* 'son of the prophet', but the Greek text of Acts 4:36 explains the name as *hyios paraklēseōs* 'son of consolation' or 'encouragement'. Some of the following examples may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Roger Barnabe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Barnabe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lyndhurst, Hants); Roger Barnaby, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Juliana Barnabe, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Barnaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); John Barnebe, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Anne Barnebye, 1563 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Gyllian Barnaby, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Barnaby, 1565 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Edward Barnaby, 1602 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Phillip Barnaby, 1607 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Oliver Barnbie, 1611 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Rebecca Barnaby, 1618 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Richard Barnabye, 1653 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

3 English: variant of **Parnaby** by assimilation to the much more familiar personal name, place-name, or locative surname.

## Barnacal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Barnacle**.

## Barnacle

**Variants:** Barnacal, Barnicle, Barnikel, Burnikell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Mayo
- 1 English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *bernacle*, *barnakyll*, a diminutive of Middle English *bernak*, Old French *bernac* ‘powerful bit or twitch’, used to restrain a restive horse or ass, also as an instrument of torture. The nickname might have been applied to an expert in taming horses, a torturer, or possibly a man with a savage, unrestrained temper who was considered in need of such restraint. (ii) nickname perhaps from the barnacle goose, Middle English *bernacle*, a species of wild goose (compare **Wildgoose**).

**Further information:** It is unlikely to be a locative name from Barnacle (Warwicks), which is *Bernhangre* in *Domesday Book*, as this place-name did not reach its modern form before 1547.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bernikel, 1344 in *Close Rolls* (Kent); Richard Barnakyll, 1514 in *Oxford University Register*; John Barnacle, 1545 in *Bardsley*; Thos. Barnacle, 1574 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Christopher. Burnicle, 1625 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks).

2 Irish: adopted for **Ó Cadhain**, by translation of *cadhan* ‘barnacle goose’. Compare **Coyne** 2.

**Further information:** This probably originated as an 18th- or 19th-century translation of the Irish name. **Early bearers:** surnames, Ireland: Michael Barnacle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagh, Mayo); Patrick Barnacle, 1869 in *IGI* (Mayo, Ireland).

## Barnard

**Variants:** **Bernard**, **Barnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9617, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7382
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bernard* (Old French *Bernart*, from Continental Germanic *Bernhard*, from \**ber-* ‘bear, \**bern-* ‘warrior’ + \**hard-* ‘hard, strong’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Bernardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts); Bernardus, 1101–16 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Ricardus filius Bernardi, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo Bernard’, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Bernhard, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Barnard, 1446 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Barnatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Barnett**.

## Barnaville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Barnwell**.

## Barnbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Bournbrook in King’s Norton (Worcs); note Edward Wigston of

Barnebrooke in King’s Norton, 1507 in *Birmingham Archives*. The early Devon distribution is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** . . . Byrnebroc, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Christian Barnbrook, 1593 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Nicholas Barnbrook, 1598 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); John Barnbrooke, 1663 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Richard Barnbrook, 1706 in *IGI* (Deritend and Bordesley, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 351.

## Barnby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Barmby** or **Barnaby**.

## Barnden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: locative name from Bannings in Telscombe (Sussex), recorded as *Berendune* in the 15th century, *Barrendens* in 1573–7, *Barndens* in 1696, (Lower) *Barndeane* in 1879.

**Further information:** Barnden Farm, near Smarden (Kent), is probably named from the surname rather than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Matild’ de Berndune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Denton, Sussex), South Heighton, and East Blatchington; Johanne de Berndoune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iford, Sussex); Johanne Berndone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex); Regino de Berndon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rodmell, Sussex); Willmo Berndon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingston, Sussex) near Lewes; Willyam Barnden, 1538 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Isabell Barnden, 1540 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); Margaret Barnden, 1554, Annis Barndon, 1555 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Agnes Barnden, 1561 in *IGI* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Edward Bernden, 1578 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Mathew Barnden, 1614 in *IGI* (Worthing, Sussex); Thomas Barndon, 1628 in *IGI* (Streat, Sussex); Nicholas Barnden, 1639 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent).

**References:** Coates, R. (2010) *A Place-Name History of the Parishes of Rottingdean and Ovingdean in Sussex (including Woodingdean and Saltdean)* Nottingham: (2010), pp. 21–3.

## Barne

**Variants:** **Barn**, **Barnes**, **Berne**, **Byrne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bern*, *Barn*. In the Midlands and East Anglia this is based on the Scandinavian personal name *Biörn*, anglicized as *Beorn*; in the south-west it is from Old English *Beorn*; both names are from a word meaning ‘warrior’. Some of the following surname bearers may alternatively belong with other senses below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bearn, 1071, Barn, 1072 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* (Devon); Beornus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Bern, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset).

surnames: Tomas filius Bern’, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Pirne Beorn, about 1050 in *Yorks Charters*; William Bern, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Bern, 1202 in

*Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Barne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Kilvington, NR Yorks); James Barne, 1540 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Maude Barne, 1540 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); Robarte Barne, 1540 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); William Barne, 1540 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Elisabeth Barne, 1541 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

2 English: status name from Middle English *barn* (Old Scandinavian *barn*) ‘child’. This term is found in *Domesday Book* as a byname for men of the upper classes; it might also have had the meaning ‘young man of a prominent family’, like Middle English *child* (see **Child**).

**Early bearers:** Siuuard Barn, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); Gamell’ Barn, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam le Barn, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William le Barne, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardus le Barne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name, nickname for residence near or employment at a barn, Middle English *bern* (Old English *bere-ærn*). See also **Barnes**. Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Eilwinus de la Berne, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Richard atte Berne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Attebern, 1286 in *Close Rolls* (Locksash in Up Arden, Sussex); Peter del Barne, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Edward atte Berne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paignton, Devon); John atte Berne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dawlish, Devon); Willelmus ate Berne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Petrus atte Bern’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liss Abbas, Hants); Radulphus atte Berne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Gilberto atte Bern’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pitton, Wilts); Henry Berne, 1541 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Helaria Berne, 1543 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Alice Berne, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Christiana Barne, 1561 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Issabell Berne, 1563 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Christen Barn, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

4 Irish: see **Barron**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Barne, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1558 (Balmadore, Kildare).

## Barneby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Lincs and Norfolk
- English: see **Barnaby**.

## Barnecut

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Barnicoat**.

## Barnecutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Barnicoat**.

## Barnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds

1 English: variant of **Barnwell**.

## Barner

2 Scottish: variant of **Barnhill**.

### Barner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

1 English: (i) locative name in southern England, from Middle English *\*berner* ‘dweller by the barn’. Compare **Barne** (3), and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer** elsewhere and in later names, possibly a variant of **Berner**.

**Early bearers:** John Barner, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Barnare, 1543 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Rychard Barnare, 1573 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); James Barner, 1761 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Barner, 1780 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

2 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bairner, 1664 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Nicholas Barner, 1656 in *IGI* (Torryburn, Fife); Thomas Barner, 1703 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife).

### Barnes

**Variants:** **Barns**, **Berns**, **Burns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47843, Ireland 1351
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35749
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 English: locative name from Barnes in Surrey or from residence near or employment at a cluster of barns.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Bernes, 1199–1216 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Surrey); Peter del Bernes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John Bernes, 1356, de Bernes, Biernes, 1364, Bernys, 1369 in *London Letter Books G* (London); William Bernes, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Joan Barnes, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge*; Nicholas Barnes, 1540 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Henry Barns, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

2 English: variant of **Barne** with post-medieval *excrement -s*.

3 Irish: in Ireland in many cases this is no doubt the English name, but in others it is adopted for Irish **Ó Bearáin**, see **Barron**.

**Early bearers:** John Barneyse, gent., 1570–1 in *Fiantis Elizabeth* §1697; John Barnise, gent., 1578 in *Fiantis Elizabeth* §3453 (Deisert).

### Barnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1414
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Angus
- English: see **Barnett**.

### Barnetson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish: relationship name perhaps from the Old French personal name *Bernart* (see **Barnard**) + *son*. **Further information:** Black takes the first component to be a Scottish form of the Scandinavian personal name *Bernsten*. It is not clear how such a form might have developed.

**Early bearers:** Bernie Barnatstone, 1653, William Barnetstone, 1665 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Anna Barnatstone, 1654 in *Old Lore Miscellany* (Freswick, Caithness); Wm. Bernardson, 1655, Margaret Barnadstone, 1671 in *IGI* (Holm and Papay, Orkney);

Magnus Barnetstone, 1657, Christiane Bernardstone, 1660 in *IGI* (South Ronaldshay, Orkney); Marjorie Barnardstone, 1659 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); William Barnatson, 1662 in *Caithness Testaments* (Kirk, Caithness); Barbara Bernardson, 1759 in *IGI* (Bower, Caithness).

### Barnett

**Variants:** **Barnet**, **Barnatt**, **Barnitt**, **Barnette**, **Bernett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20857, Ireland 418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry; Waterford

1 English: locative name from any of the places in Herts, Middx, and elsewhere named in Old English as *bærnet* ‘(land) cleared by burning’.

**Early bearers:** Brictnod de la Bernet, about 1200 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); William atte Bernette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jordan atte Bernette, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; John Barnet, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Barnett, 1539 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); Thomas Barnett, 1565 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); Jo. Barnett, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Raffe Bernet, 1590, Raphe Barnett, 1600 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks).

2 Norman: variant of **Barnard**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records Henry Barnard alias Barnet of Haxby (WR Yorks) in 1608.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): this surname has been adopted by Ashkenazic Jews in the English-speaking world, perhaps as an anglicized form of some vaguely similar Jewish name such as **Baruch**.

**Early bearers:** Alfred Barnett, 1814 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Hereford, Herefs); Abraham Barnett, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Barnard Barnett, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Numark Barnett, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Stroud, Gloucs); Israel Lewis Barnet, in *Census 1901* (London); Davis Barnet, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Simon Barnet, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Barnette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Barnett**.

**Further information:** This spelling, which shows French influence, is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Barnewall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English, Irish: see **Barnwell**.

### Barney

**Variants:** **Barnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1161, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk and Suffolk; Oxon; also Caithness

1 English: locative name from Barney in Norfolk. Some bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Berneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedham, Norfolk); Johannes de Berneye, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Stobbard, Norfolk); Alicia Barny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Joane Barney, 1543 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Roger Barney, 1543 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Marget Barney, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Pomary, London); Wylliam Barney, 1557 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); Robt. Barnie, 1594 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk); Georpei Barney, 1603 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Anne Barnie, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Sothorn, Suffolk).

2 Scottish: relationship name possibly from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Bjarni* (from *björn* ‘bear’).

**Early bearers:** Katherine Bernie or Barnie, 1558 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Coupar Grange, Perths); Donald Barnie, 1777 in British Army Service Records (Latheron, Caithness).

**References:** *Black*.

### Barnfather

**Variants:** **Banfater**, **Bairnsfater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Northumb

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *barn*, *be(a)rn* ‘child, offspring’ + *fader* ‘father’ (Old English *bearn* + *fæder*). Compare Old Scandinavian *barnfadir* ‘a child’s alleged father’.

**Early bearers:** William Barnefader, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Barnefader, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Barnefadir, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); Henry Barnefathir, 1392 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); William Barnesader (for Barnefader), 1476 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Adam Barnisfader, 1502 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Robert Barnfather, 1598 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); John Barnfather, 1607 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Barnfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Barnfield Farm in Luppitt (Devon) or Barnfield Shaw in Mayfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Bernefeld, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert de Bernefeld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Barnefeild, Barnefiled, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Barnham

**Variants:** **Barnum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from either of the places named *Barnham*, in Suffolk and Sussex, or from *Barnham Broom* in Norfolk. Each of these place-names is from the Old English male personal name *Beorn* or *Beorna*, + *hām* ‘large farming estate’.

**Further information:** In the modern period, before about 1700 the name is found most often in SE England, and after that date more often in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bernham, about 1191 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalender* (Suffolk); Robert de Bernham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Bernham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Ashling, Sussex); Ricardus de Bernham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middle

Harling, Norfolk); Thomas Barnam, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Barnham, 1542 in *IGI* (Tangmere, Sussex); Martin Barnham or Barneham, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Barnham, 1630 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis Barnum, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Barnhill

Variants: **Barnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Barnhill in Blantyre (Lanarks), or Barnhill in Inchinnan (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Rebecca Barnhill, 1650 in *Maxwells of Pollok*; Jonet Barnehill, 1696 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Barnhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *bernhous* 'house attached to a granary' or toponymic from one or more of the places so named, for example Barn House in Brightling and Barnhouse Farm in Shipley (both Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William Bernehus, 1147–61 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Reginaldus Bernehus, 1242–3 in *Book of Fees* (Ashmansworthy in Woolfardisworthy near Bideford, Devon); William de Bernehus, 1278–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John Bernhous, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashford, Devon); Henry Bernhous, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sparkwell in Staverton, Devon); Roger Bernhous, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashmansworthy in Woolfardisworthy near Bideford, Devon); John Bernehus of Sparkwelle, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Barnehowes, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Dartmoor, Devon); John Barnehowse, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 191, 473.

### Barnicle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Warwick

English: see **Barnacle**.

### Barnicoat

Variants: **Barnicott**, **Barnicot**, **Barnecutt**, **Barnecut**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Barnacott in Stoke Rivers, Westleigh (Devon), or from some other minor place similarly named.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bernecot', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter de Bernycot', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Mary Barnicoat, 1704 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Margaret Barnicoat, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Levan, Cornwall); John Barnicoat, 1821 in *IGI* (Rotherhithe, Surrey); Nancy Barnicoat, 1826 in *IGI* (Saint Giles without Cripplegate, London); Philip Barnicoat, 1869 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Barnicot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Glamorgan
- English: see **Barnicoat**.

### Barnicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset; Kent

English: see **Barnicoat**.

### Barnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish, English: see **Barney**.

### Barnikel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs

English: see **Barnacle**.

### Barningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also Lincs and Norfolk

English: locative name from any of the places called Barningham in NR Yorks, Suffolk, or Norfolk (with the affixes Little, Winter, Town, or Norwood).

**Early bearers:** Leomer de Berningeham, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Walter de Berningham, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Peter de Berningham, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Bernyngham, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Bernyngham, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Barnyngham, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts).

### Barnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *barnage* 'qualities or attributes of a baron', a contraction of Old French *baronage*. See also **Burnage**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph barnage, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Barnage, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Reginald Barnage, 1311 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 112 (Dorset); Willelmus Bernysh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamminster, Dorset); Elizabetha Barnish, 1681 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Wm. Barnish, 1702 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Barnitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Worcs

English: see **Barnett**.

### Barns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1920
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs; London; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Donegal

English, Irish: see **Barnes**.

### Barnsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Barsby (Leics), recorded as *Barnesbi* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** William de Barnesby, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus Barnysby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Satchville, Leics); Thoma de Barnesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Croxton, Leics); Anne Barnsby, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willm Barnsby, 1678 in *IGI* (Staines, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* III, p. 101.

### Barnsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from either of two places named *Barnsdale*, in Rutland, recorded as

*Bernardeshull(e)* in 1202, or WR Yorks, recorded as *Barnysdale*, in about 1420.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Bernardeshill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, Rutland); William Barnsdale, 1583 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Francis Barnsdale, 1654 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Alice Barnsdall, 1776 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

### Barnshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Goostrey cum Barnshaw (Cheshire), recorded as *Gosre et Berneshalgh'* in 1430.

**Early bearers:** Jane Barnshaw, 1567 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Robert Barneshaw, 1603 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* II, p. 226

### Barnsley

Variants: **Bardsley**, **Barsley**, **Barzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1175
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Barnsley (WR Yorks), Barnsley (Gloucs), and Barnsleyhall in Bromsgrove (Worcs), which is recorded as *Barnsley* in 1255, *Barnley* in about 1300, and *Barnsley* in 1564.

Compare **Bardsley** (2).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Barndeale(ye), 1259 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); John de Barnusley, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Thomas de Barnesleye, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); William de Brandeleie, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Alice de Berneslegh, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Thomas Berneslay, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Barnesley, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Helynor Barnsley, 1544 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Katerina Barnsley, 1546 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Barnsley, 1608 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 24–5; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 338.

### Barnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Barnham**.

## Barnwall

### Barnwall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: see **Barnwell**.

### Barnwell

**Variants:** **Barnwall**, **Barnaville**, **Barnell**, **Bannell**, **Barnewall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 815, Ireland 141
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 583
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- English: locative name from Barnwell (Northants) or Barnwell in Cambridge (Cambs).
- Further information:** Sir Michael de Berneval or de Barneval took part in Strongbow's expedition to Ireland in 1172. He first held land in Berehaven, Cork, before the main landing in Leinster. The English name was gaelicized as **de Bearnabhal**.
- Early bearers:** England: Eustace de Bernewell', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs or Hunts); Thomas de Bernewell', 1270 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Johannes de Bernewell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes Bernewell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Waterville with Achurch, Northants); Willelmo Bernewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eversholt, Beds); Hugone Barnwel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Thomas Barnewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Warwicks); John Bernewell, Barnewell, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Barnell or Burnell, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Witham, Essex); Thomas Barnewell, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Cransley, Northants); Robert Barnewell, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Stamford Baron, Northants); Richard Barnell, 1608 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Henry Barnell, 1609 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); John Barnwell, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Wilstead, Beds); Georg Barnill, 1663 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Ann Bannell, 1691 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); Ann Bannell, 1792 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

Ireland: Christopher Barnewall, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §267 (Gracediewe, Dublin); Patrick Barnewell, sheriff of Dublin, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260; Thomas Barnewell, knight, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260 (Dublin); Patrick Barnewall, Lord of Trymletston, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260.

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 178–9; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 39.

### Baron

**Variants:** **Barron**, **Barren**, **Barone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3537, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3086
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Cornwall, Devon.
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Limerick
- 1 English: nickname, status name from Middle English *barun*, *baroun* 'baron, a nobleman ranking below an earl and above a knight' (Old French *barun*, *baron*), perhaps used as a nickname for a haughty man but it had additional senses in Middle English, some of which may have been intended literally, including 'alderman' (especially of London) and 'master of a household, husband'. For the Scottish and Irish name see **Barron**.
- Early bearers:** N England: Elizabeth Barron, 1592 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); George Baron, 1605, Thomas Baron, 1761 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Thomas Barron, 1616, Stephen Barran, 1718 in *IGI*

(Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Phillip Baron, 1648, Robert Baron, 1723 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); Martha Barron, 1666, Elizabeth Barron, 1741 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Barron, 1688, George Barron, 1703, Henry Barron, 1845 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Barron, 1709 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

S England: Lefuine Barun, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Geoffrey le Barun, 1236 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Gervase le Cordewaner alias Baronn, alderman of Aldgate, 1250–6 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); John Baron, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger le Baron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); John Baron, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Barton, Devon); William Baroun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alphington, Devon); Thomas Baron, 1565 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Willus Baron, 1583, William Barron, 1704 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Jn. Barron, 1735 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

2 English: see **Barone**.

### Barone

**Variants:** **Baron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Italian: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Baro*, or to a lesser extent the title *barone* 'baron', both derivatives of an unattested word \**bara-* '(free) man'.
- Early bearers:** Adrian Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1881*; Battista Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1891*; Francesco Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).
- 2 English, Scottish: archaic variant of **Baron**.
- Early bearers:** England: Robtus Barone, 1542 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Elizabetha Barone, 1575 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); Thomas Barone, 1617 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).
- Scotland: John Barone, 1717 in *IGI* (Dalgety, Fife).

### Barot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 English: possibly a variant of **Barrett**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Barot, 1565 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Elizabeth Barot, 1631 in *IGI* (London); Robart Barot, 1759 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Barot, in *Census 1851* (Yorks).
- 2 French: locative name from *barot*, a diminutive of *bare* 'pole, gate, barrier; house enclosed by a paling fence'.
- Early bearers:** Louis Barot, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

### Barr

**Variants:** **Barre**, **Barrs**, **Delabarre**, **Bare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10901, Ireland 2154
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- 1 Scottish: locative name from either of two places named Barr, in Ayr, Renfrews, or any of various other places in south-west Scotland named with Gaelic *barr* 'height, hill' or a Brittonic cognate of this.
- Early bearers:** Atkyn de Barr, baillie, 1340 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); Patrick Bar, 1551 in *Protocol*

*Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Barr, 1686 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley, Renfrews).

2 English, Welsh: locative name from Great Barr in Staffs. This is from British Celtic \**barro-* 'top, summit' and refers to Barr Beacon; there is evidence that this was known as *la Bare* in the 13th century. Some bearers may belong with 5.

**Early bearers:** Edricius de la Barre, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William de Barre, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Barr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Thomas Barr, 1542 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); German Barr, 1543 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robert Barr, 1568 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs); Daniell Barr, 1570 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); John Barr, 1570 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts).

3 Norman, English: locative name from Barre-en-Ouche in Eure, or perhaps from Barre-de-Semilly in Manche.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Barra, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset).

4 English: locative name for someone who lived by a gateway, from Old French, Middle English *barre* 'barrier, gateway'. Compare the place-name *Temple Bar* in London and elsewhere, and *Above Bar* in Southampton (Hants). See also **Barrer**.

**Further information:** In Fenland, *bar* could denote an obstruction (for example, a weir) in a stream.

**Early bearers:** Anger de la Barra, about 1216–17 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Peter de Bar, 13th cent. in *Lewes Cartulary* (Norfolk); John ate Barre, 1283 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); John de la Bare, attorney, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; John atte Barre, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks).

5 Irish: from **Ó Bairr**, a variant of **Ó Báire**. Compare **Barry** (2, ii).

**Early bearers:** Shane O'Bare, gent., 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §52 (Carlow); John Barre, justice of the peace, 1561, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §381 (Carlow); John O'Barre, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §542 (Catherlagh); Dermot Barre, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3069 (Inge, Cork); Tho. fitz John Barre, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Cloneane).

6 English: nickname from Middle English (Old French) *barre* 'bar, stake', applied as a nickname for a tall, thin man or alternatively for a maker of iron bars; compare Robert Barremakere, 1347 in *London Letter Books F*. The following early bearers may, however, belong to **Barry**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Barre, 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Alexander Barre, 12th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks).

### Barrable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Barriball**.

### Barrack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Essex
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Barra, formerly Barroch, in Bourtie (Aberdeens).
- Further information:** The English name is unexplained, unless it is a late survival of the name of the wood called *Barrock* which gives its name to Berkshire.

The county name was still being written *Barrokshyre* in the 13th century and the wood still mentioned by name (*nemus de Barroc*) in 1199. However, the dominant spelling of these names had *-e-* not *-a-*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johnne Barrok, 1508 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Auchmaliddie, Aberdeens); John Barrak, 1630 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Ardo, Aberdeens); Alexr. Barrack, 1646 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); James Barrak, 1693 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); John Barrack, 1767 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

England: William Barrok, king's sergeant at arms, 1393 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Barough', 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (High Halden, Kent); George Barrouke, 1604 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Dorethay Barreck, 1635 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Richard Barrack, 1730 in *IGI* (Hatcliffe, Lincs); Thomas Barrock, 1760 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk).

**References:** *Black*.

### Barraclough

**Variants:** Barrowclough, Barrowcliffe, Barrowcliff, Berrecloth, Berrycloth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3446, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2964
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place in Southowram (Halifax, WR Yorks). Redmonds notes that there is a deserted medieval site by Barrowclough Lane in Southowram. The pronunciation is *Barracluff* or (in London) *Barraclow* or *Barraclue*.

**Early bearers:** Peter del Baricloughe, 1315, de Barneclough (for Barueclough), 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John de Baroclogh, 1416 in *Yorks Deeds* (Southowram, WR Yorks); Robert Bereclough, 1493 in *York Guild Register*; Wi. Barroclough, 1539, John Barraclough, 1591 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Barryclught, 1561, Thomas Baraclough, 1588, Anne Beraclough, 1606, Francis Baroclogh, 1612, Francis Barrowclough, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Barraclue, 1627 in *Bardsley* (Yorks); Edward Barracliff, 1765 in *Bardsley* (Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Barradell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Notts

English: locative name, unexplained; apparently from a place-name *\*Barrow Dale*, which might be associated with Barrow on Soar (Leics), right in the heart of this name's local distribution, but no such place is recorded.

**Early bearers:** Ann Baradale, 1584 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Joseph Barradell, 1667, Robert Barrowdale, 1669 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Laurence Barradail, 1681 in *IGI* (Boothby Graffoe, Lincs); Henry Baradal, 1690, John Barradell, 1793 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Ino Barradale, 1758 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); Charles Barrowdale, 1792 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

### Barragry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from Mac Bearthagra or Mac Biorthagra, see **Berkery**.

### Barran

**Variants:** Baran, Barren, Barrand, Barrance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a nickname from Middle English *bar(r)ain*, *bar(r)en*, *baran* 'barren' (Old French *barain*, *baraigne*). As a hereditary surname the sense 'destitute, poor, worthless' seems more likely than 'sterile, childless'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Baren, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wardington and Coton, Oxon); Elsabethe Barren, 1558, Robert Barran, 1561, Johne. Baran, 1586 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Barren, 1564 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Martin Barren, 1629 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Christopher Baran, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); Mary Baran, 1649 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); Michael Barran, 1678 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Barrance

**Variants:** Barrans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambridge and Herts

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Barran** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Burrance, 1581 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Thomas Barranes, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Greatham, Rutland); William Barrence, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Edmund Barrance, 1653 in *IGI* (Great Wilbraham, Cambs); John Barrans, 1693, Samuëll Barens, 1707 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Barance, 1714 in *IGI* (Eriswell, Suffolk); Mary Barrans, 1751 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Benjamin Barrans, 1765 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs).

### Barrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained, but probably a variant of **Barran** with exrescent final *-d* found for example in Yorks dialects.

**Early bearers:** Barthus. Barrand, 1553 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Richarde Barrande, 1566 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); Alice Barrand, 1587 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Henricus Barrand, 1697 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Barrand, 1755 in *IGI* (Haydor, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 7*, p. 91.

### Barrans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Barrance**.

### Barras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 582
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: see **Barrass**.

2 Portuguese and Spanish: variant of **Barros**.

### Barrass

**Variants:** Barras, Barris, Barrus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2076, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 738
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: variant of **Barrows**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records William Barowes, 1547, John Barras, 1638 in *Knaresborough Wills* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Janeta Barras, 1577 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Rici Barras, 1583 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs); Niobert Barras, 1589 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Richard Barras, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); John Barrass, 1702 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Joseph Barrass, 1713 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Thomas Barhouse, 1736 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Barass, 1788 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 French, English: (i) nickname perhaps for a large or tall person, from Old French *barrace* 'large bar, bulky obstacle'. (ii) locative name possibly from the same word as in (i) in the technical sense 'the outwork of a fortress'.

**Early bearers:** William Barras, merchant of London, 1273 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Adam Barras, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs).

3 Portuguese and Spanish: re-spelling of **Barros**.

### Barrat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Barrett**.

### Barratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7470, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6028
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: see **Barrett**.

### Barre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

French, English: see **Barr**.

### Barrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London

English: see **Barrell**.

### Barrell

**Variants:** Barrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1403, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *barel* 'barrel, cask', Old French *baril*, presumably used for a cooper or possibly to denote someone with a rotund figure or who drank excessively.

**Early bearers:** Turstin Baril, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Baril, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William Barel, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimsby, Lincs); Johannes Barel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); John Barrell, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Barrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Belcham Walter, Essex); Martyn Barrel, 1586 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ann Barrill, 1738 in *IGI*

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(Lavenham, Suffolk); Anne Barrall, 1767 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk); John Barrel, 1775, Catherine Barrall, 1807 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: post-medieval variant of **Barwell**.

**Early bearers:** John and Susan Barrell, 1688, Barwell, 1691 in *Bardsley*.

3 Huguenot: see **Beharrell**.

## Barren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Westm; also Banffs

English: perhaps a variant of **Barran** or **Baron**.

## Barrer

**Variants:** **Barrere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name for someone who lived by a town or castle gate, from an agent derivative of Middle English *barre* ‘barrier, gateway’; compare **Barr**. Gilbert le Barrier, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex) is probably identical with Gilbert Barre, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent), while in the Sussex *Subsidy Rolls* Walter atte Barre and Walter le Barrer’ appear in the assessments for Madehurst in 1296 and 1327 respectively.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert (le) Barrer, 1221–2 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon, Dorset), 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Sussex); William Barrer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); Ricardus Barrere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); John Barrer, 1648 in *IGI* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Mary Barrer, 1687 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Benjamin Barrer, 1721 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Henry Barrer, 1728 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); James Barrer, 1745 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 154, 158.

## Barrere

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Barrer**.

## Barret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Galway

English: see **Barrett**.

## Barreto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Portuguese: nickname from *barreto* ‘cap’.

**Further information:** This name is also found in Goa and elsewhere in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Henrique Barreto, born in Portugal, in *Census 1871* (London); Estevo Barretto, born in India, in *Census 1901* (Essex).

2 Spanish: locative name, nickname possibly from an unidentified place named from Spanish *barreta*, *barreto*, apparently from *bara* ‘(crow)bar’, or else applied as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** Ignacio H. De Barreto, in *Census 1871* (London); Antonio H. De Barreto, in *Census 1871* (London); Fernando H. De Barreto, in *Census 1871* (London); Jose J. H. De Barreto, in *Census 1871* (London).

## Barrett

**Variants:** **Barratt, Barrat, Barritt, Barrott, Barret, Barette, Berrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30800, Ireland 6279
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19852
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Mayo

Norman, English, Irish: nickname probably for a quarrelsome person, from Old French *barat*, Middle English *bar(r)at*, *bar(r)et(te)* ‘trouble, distress’, later ‘deception, fraud; contention, strife’. Through Norman settlement it also became common in Ireland, where it was gaelicized as **Baróid** (Munster) and **Baréid** (Connacht).

**Further information:** Evidence is lacking for a derivation from the Continental Germanic personal name *Beroald*, Old French *Beraud*, which has been suggested. The Old Scandinavian personal name *Bárðr* is found in the spellings *Bared* and *Baret* in Yorks and Lincs in *Domesday Book*, but there is no proof of its continued use.

**Early bearers:** England: Matthew Baret, about 1150–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Barate, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Jordan Barat, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Seman Barette, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Barrette (Barat), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Adam Baret, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackaton, Devon); Walterus Baret, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eltham, Kent); Simon Baret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heacham, Norfolk); Johannes Baret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Johannes Baret, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twynning, Gloucs); Johannes Barrett’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); John Barrat, 1541 in *IGI* (Chappel, Essex); Alice Barret, 1542 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Isabell Barrit, 1542 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Johis. Barret, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Anne Barrett, 1548 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Thomas Barret, 1551 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); John Barrett, 1553 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); James Barratt, 1598 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Margaret Barratt, 1602 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Henry Barrot, 1608 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jacobi Barrott, 1619 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); Thomasine Baret, 1631 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Edmund Barret, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §915 (Richardston, Carlow); Beany Barret, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2510 (Limerick); Rob Barrett, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4731 (Kyllalo); Richard McJames Barott, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781 (Cork).

## Barretto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from *barretto* ‘cap’, presumably a nickname. Compare Spanish **Barreto**.

**Early bearers:** Serefius Barretto, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Notts).

## Barriball

**Variants:** **Barrable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall  
English: locative name probably from a not certainly identified place near Launceston, Cornwall. A possibility is Barbaryball in Stowford, Devon, seven miles east of Launceston, but the recorded spellings of that are not conclusive, and its origin is itself uncertain.

**Early bearers:** John Berball, 1463 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Launceston, Cornwall); Thomas Bareball, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (North Hill, Cornwall); William Baryball, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewannick, Cornwall); Andreas Bariball, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); Edwarde Berriball, 1626 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Dorothey Barraball, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Johan Barriball, 1669 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Henry Barabble, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall); Jno. Barrabell, 1699 in *IGI* (Saint Ceer, Cornwall); John Bearibale, 1756 in *IGI* (Liskeard, Cornwall); William Barrable, 1792 in *IGI* (Devonport, Devon); Elizabeth Barrible, 1833 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

## Barrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and Beds; Essex

English: see **Berwick**.

## Barrie

**Variants:** **Barry, Berrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3166, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from Barry in Angus.

**Early bearers:** William de Barry, 1360 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Gowrie below the Isla, Perth); Thomas Barry, 1391 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Barry, 1408 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John de Barry, 1430 in *Brechin Register* (Montrose, Angus); Katern Barrie, 1577 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

2 Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Barry**.

## Barriere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Barrier**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain, but is thriving in the USA, where it is also recorded in the translated form *Gates*.

## Barrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Beirgin, see **Bergin**.

## Barringer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, and Hunts

English: see **Berringer**.

## Barrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1825, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 967
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Kildare; also Clare

1 Norman, English: locative name generally from any of the various places called Barrington, in Somerset, Gloucs, Cambs; the first example, however, is Norman; it is probably from Barentin in Seine-Maritime.

**Early bearers:** Fulk de Barenton, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey de Barrington, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset, Somerset); Nicholas de Baryngton, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Baryngton, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Hadham, Herts); Thomas Barington, 1576, Priscylla Barrington, 1580 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Barrington, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is often the English name, but it was also adopted for Irish Ó Bearáin; see **Barron**. **Early bearers:** John Barington, captain, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §647; John Barrington, gent. and landowner, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2113.

### Barris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Barrass**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Barritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 781
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants; Essex

English: see **Barrett**.

### Barron

**Variants:** Barrons, Barne, Barnes, Birrane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7007, Ireland 1463
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 Scottish: (i) nickname, status name from Scots *baron*, which in the Highlands denoted a small proprietary landholder. In Angus it alluded specifically to a tenant of one of the small baronies attached to the Abbey of Coupar Angus, as in the case of Robert Barrone, tenant of Glenlylay (Glenisla), 1508 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*. The surname was taken by Scottish migrants to Ulster. Compare **Baron**. (ii) relationship name, reduced form of **McBarron**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Baroun, 1428 in *Arbroath Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Barroun, 1555 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Barrowne, 1658, in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Barron, 1688, in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Margaret Barron, 1755 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Banffs); John Baron, 1795 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Barron, 1862 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

2 Irish: from **Mac an Bharáin**, see **McBarron**. **Early bearers:** John Barron fitz Richard, horseman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1032 (Cosinestowne, Wexford); Thomas Barron fitz Edmund, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1934; Milo Barron, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2032 (Bournechurch); Richard Baron alias fitz Gerald, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3431 (Kilkenny).

3 Irish, Manx: relationship name from Ó Bearáin ‘descendant of *Bearán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *bior* ‘stake, spit, spear’.

**Early bearers:** Deirmot O Barran, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Phelim crome O Barran, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

4 English: see **Baron**. However, the frequency of this form in Northumb and Durham is due in part to immigration by Scots bearing the surname explained in (1).

### Barrons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Midlothian

English, Scottish: variant of **Barron**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Barros

**Variants:** Barras, Barrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Portuguese, Spanish: locative name from any of numerous places in the Iberian peninsula named with *barro* ‘clay, loam’.

**Early bearers:** Diego De Barros, born in Brazil, in *Census 1871* (London); Jose Elrique Barros, born in Brazil, in *Census 1891* (Denbighs); Braz Monteirs De Barros, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Northumb).

### Barrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Barrett**.

### Barrow

**Variants:** Berrow, Barrows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7596, Ireland 197
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Westm; Devon; Hants and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so named, such as Barrow (Cheshire, Northumb, Rutland, Shrops, Suffolk), Barrow in Furness (Cumb), North and South Barrow and Barrow Gurney (both Somerset), Barrow on Humber (Lincs), Barrow upon Soar (Leics), and Barrow upon Trent (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Barewe, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alured atte Berewe, John de la Berewe, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); William del Berwe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Adam a la Barewe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John atte Barwe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Reginaldus Barwe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Poltimore, Devon); Ricardo Barow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Dalby, Leics); Laurencius de Barwe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk); Elias dil Barowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lancs); Margareta Barow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); Thomas de Baruwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); William Abarowe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Juliana Barrow, 1539 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); John Barow, 1544 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Rychard A Barow, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edmund Barrow, 1545 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Willm. Barrow, 1559 in *IGI*

(Lockington, Leics); John Barrow, 1564 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Barrow, 1572 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Margratt Barrow, 1574 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

### Barrowcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Barraclough**.

### Barrowcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics
- English: see **Barraclough**.

### Barrowclough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 530
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Barraclough**.

### Barrowman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Burman**.

**Further information:** Black doubtfully explains *Barrowman*, also found as *Barraman*, as ‘one who helps to carry a handbarrow’, but, apart from his first example which is found as *Baroumane* and *Borrowman* in two different MSS, his earliest evidence is in 1570, whilst the first example in *OED* is about 1675.

### Barrows

**Variants:** Barrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Notts, Leics, and Warwicks; Kent

English: variant of **Barrow** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Barrows, 1544 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Barrows, 1561 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Stephi. Barrows, 1580 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Barrs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 467
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Barr** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Richard Barrs, 1570, Ruth Bars, 1628 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Joyce Barrs, 1592 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Richard Barrs, 1754, Mary Barss, 1783, Joseph Bars, 1784 in *IGI* (Dunchurch, Warwicks);

### Barrus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: probably a variant of **Barrass**.

### Barry

**Variants:** Barrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11553, Ireland 9141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5377



## Barsby

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

1 Norman, English, Welsh, Irish: locative name perhaps from a French hamlet named with Old French *barri* 'rampart', later applied to a settlement below the rampart of a town; see (5). However, although there are plenty of hamlets so named in southern France, it has not been possible to identify one in or near Normandy, and this origin of the Norman surname is therefore uncertain. The Norman family itself believed that their surname alluded to Barry Island off the Glamorgan coast, opposite the town of Barry. It seems an insignificant place for the naming of such a powerful family, but that is the story told by Gerald de Barry (alias Giraldus Cambrensis) in his *Itinerarium Cambriae* (1191). Born at Manorbier Castle (Pembrokes) in about 1146, he was a grandson of William de Barri and Nest, daughter of the Welsh prince Rhys ap Tewdwr, and a great-grandson of Odo, lord of Manorbier, to whom Barry, along with much other land in S Wales, had been granted by William the Conqueror. In Ireland the surname mostly goes back to another member of this family, Philip de Barry, who took part in the invasion of Ireland in 1169.

**Further information:** Gerald de Barry states that Barry Island took its name from a Saint Baroc, whose remains were buried there, but it is clearly named from the adjacent town, which is thought to derive its name from the river (Old Welsh \**barren* 'hill brook?') that flows into Barry harbour. See *DPN Wales*.

**Early bearers:** England and Wales: Willelmus de Barri, 1131 in *Pipe Rolls* (Pembrokes); Nest de Barri, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Barri, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Barry, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Nicolas Barry, 1561 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Beniamyn Barry, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Robart Barry, 1567 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Barrey, 1573 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); William Barry, 1575 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Mary Barry, 1702, Mary Bary, 1706 in *IGI* (Shelton, Beds).

Ireland: James Barry, viscount of Barrymore, 1561, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §351; Thomas Barrie, lord Barrie Oge, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §666 (Munster); James Barry, knight, viscount of Buttivaunt and Lord Barrymore, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2253 (Munster).

**References:** Giraldus Cambrensis, *The Itinerary through Wales and The Description of Wales*, ed. Ernest Rhys, Everyman's Library (London, 1908), p. 60; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 305.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *barriet*, *barret*, *barré* 'striped' (Old Norman French \**barri*, Latin *barratus*), probably in reference to striped clothing or to a piece of striped cloth worn around the helmet for identification in battle. The term *barry* came to be used in heraldry for a field horizontally divided by strips of alternating colour. The seal of Galfridus Barry, lord of Teversal (Notts), on a charter dated 1244, was 'barry of eight or ten with a file of ten labels' (*Thoroton, Notts*). Another family named *Barry* were lords of Tollerton (Notts), though it is unclear if they were related to the Teversal family. In modern Notts, *Barry* may have been confused with *Berry*.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus Barret, 1130, Radulfus Barre (of Teversal) 1204, Galfridus Barret, 1176–7, identical with Galfridus Barre, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robertus Barry, lord of Tollerton, 1242–3 in *Book of Fees* (Notts); Ric[ard]us Barry of Tollerton, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Barre, lord of Teversal, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Notts); John Barry of Teversal, 1450 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); Ed[mund]o Barry of Tollerton, 1450 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); Lettuse Barrie, 1639, William Barry, 1695, Joseph Barry, 1748 in *IGI* (Calverton, Notts); William Barry, 1821 in *IGI* (Ruddington, Notts).

3 Irish, Manx: in Ireland, when this is not the Norman name in (1), it may be an anglicized form of Ó Báire 'descendant of Báire', a short form of either of two Gaelic personal names, *Bairrfhionn* or *Fionnbharr*, both meaning 'fair-topped'. This may also be the source of the Manx name *Barry*, whose family's main seat was Ballavarry in Kirk Andreas (*Kneen*).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James McShane Movyle Barry, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247 (Dongorony, Cork); John Moyle McDavid McRobert Barry, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247 (Castellehan, Cork); Conogher M'loghlen I Barrie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5562.

10M: [...] Barry, 1643, [...] Barrey, 1663 in (*Kneen*).

4 Scottish: locative name see **Barrie**.

5 Huguenot, French: locative name; French **Barry**, from a French place so named; see (1) and compare **Dubarry**. Huguenots brought this name to England and Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Barry, 1693 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Barsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Midlands: esp. Leics and Rutland

English: locative name from Barsby in Leics, recorded as *Barnesbi* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** William de Barnesby, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Thomas, son of Henry de Barnesby, pardoned for the death of John Power of Barnesby, killed at Barnesby, 1354 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Barnesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Satchville, Leics); John Barnesby, 1604 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Alice Barsby, 1634 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

### Barsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

English: see **Barzey**.

### Barsham

**Variants:** **Basham**, **Bassham**, **Bassam**, **Bassom**, **Bassan**, **Basson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from North, East, or West Barsham (Norfolk), or from Barsham (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Barsham, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Martin Barsham, Bassham, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus de Barsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes de Barsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Radulphus Barsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton,

Sussex); Simon Basham 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Wyllm. Bassam, 1552, Robt. Barsham, 1554 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Basham, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Basson, 1594 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Edmund Bassham, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Twyford, Norfolk); Raphael Bassan, 1604 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Phill. Basham, 1698, Joseph Barsham, 1701, Robert Bashan, 1710 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Barsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Bardsley** or **Barnsley**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Barsley, 1563 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs); George Barsley, 1682 in *IGI* (Boothby Graffoe, Lincs).

### Barson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics and Notts; Oxon and Berks

English: relationship name from the personal name *Bert*, a short form of *Bertelmeu* (see **Bartholomew**) + the patronymic marker *-son*. Compare **Bart**. There may also have been some confusion with **Burson**, or the latter could perhaps be a variant of this name.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Bertson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Barson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk); Etlyng Barson, 1562 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Richard Barson, 1573 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); John Barson, 1607 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Nicholas Barson, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Elizabeth Barson, 1633 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

### Barston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Barston in Warwicks.

**Early bearers:** Margareta de Barston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, WR Yorks); Isabella Barston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knipton, Leics); John de Barston', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Harlaxton, Lincs); Thomas Barston', 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Denton, Lincs); An Barston, 1553 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Richard Barston, 1566 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxford); Benjamin Barston, 1604 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxford); Richard Barston, 1693 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Barston, 1719 in *IGI* (Castle Donnington, Leics); Lawrence Barstone, 1756 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Francis Barstone, 1760 in *IGI* (Walgrave on Sowe, Warwicks).

### Barstow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bairstow**.

### Bart

**Variants:** **Barth**, **Barthe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Norfolk



English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bart*, a pet form of *Bartelmew* (see **Bartholomew**).

**Early bearers:** Award Bart, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Walterus Bart', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Stoke, Oxon); Henrico Barth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Thoma Barthe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lodhuish, Somerset); William Barte, 1420 in *London Letter Books* I.

### Bartell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bartle**.

### Bartels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Bartle** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Eleanor Bartles, 1635 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); Edward Bartles, 1676 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); William Bartles, 1717 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Thomas Bartels, 1729 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Richard Bartels, 1755 in *IGI* (Dodderhill, Worcs).

### Barten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Barton** or **Bertin**.

### Barter

**Variants:** **Bartter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1853, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, Wilts, Devon, and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *baratour* 'brawler, wrangler; cheat, deceiver' (Old French *barateor*, *barateur*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Bartur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Bartour, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Stephanus Barter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeke, Hants); Elena Bartour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); John Bartyr alias Bartour, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset).

### Barth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Bart**.

### Barthe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Bart**.

### Bartholemew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent, Middx, and Surrey, also Hants and Berks

English: see **Bartholomew**.

### Bartholomew

**Variants:** **Bartholemew**, **Berthelemy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3271, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2411
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Kent, Sussex, and London; also Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bertilmew*, *Bertelmy*, a post-Conquest borrowing of the Old French form of the Biblical personal name *Bartholomew* (Hebrew 'son of Talmai', a name meaning 'abounding in furrows').

The surname has been re-spelled and pronounced after the modern Biblical form of the personal name. For its common pet forms see **Bartle** and **Bartlett**. **Early bearers:** given names: Bartholomeus canonicus, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts).

surames, England: Robert Bartelmeu, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Bertelmeu, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fishersgate, Sussex); Walter Berthelmeu, 1334 in *London Letter Books* E; William Bartholomew, 1544, Thomas Bartilmew, 1566 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex); Robert Bartholomew, 1555 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Margareta Bartlemew, 1560 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Fulk Bartholomew, 1565 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); John Bartholmew, 1569 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); John Bartholmew, 1594 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Willm. Bartlmewe, 1607 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Thomas Bartholomew, 1626 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Gorge Bartholomew, 1637 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

surames, Ireland: Henry Bartholomew, 1592–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5778 (Kildare).

### Barthorp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; Notts and Lincs

English: see **Barthorpe**.

### Barthorpe

**Variants:** **Barthorp**, **Bartrop**, **Bartropp**, **Bartrip**, **Bartrup**, **Bartup**, **Barltrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs and Derbys

English: locative name from Barthorpe Bottoms in Acklam (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Barchetorp, 1166 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); William de Baretorp, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Barkentorp', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Berthrop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Baltrip, 1341 in *London Letter Books* F; William Baltrip, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Barthorp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barthorpe, ER Yorks); Bartholomew Balthroppe, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Denham, Suffolk); Jonathan Barthorpe, 1673 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); John Bartrop, 1676, John Barthorp, 1682, George Barthorp, 1696 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Georg Bartrap, 1683 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Hester Bartrap, 1687 in *Bardsley*; Christopher Barthrop, 1706 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Barthorp, 1714 in *IGI* (Great Driffield, ER Yorks); Robt. Barthorpe, 1723 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Thomas Bartrop, 1804, Daniel Barltrop, 1822 in *IGI* (Takeley, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 148.

### Barthram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE coast: esp. NR Yorks Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

### Bartie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Barty**.

### Bartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Barton** or **Bertin**.

### Bartindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Bartindale, a depopulated place in Hunmanby (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Bartendale, 1424 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richardus Bartendale, 1624 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks).

### Bartlam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: of uncertain origin, perhaps from a reduced form of *Bartlemew* or *Bartlemy*, see **Bartholomew**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bartlam, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Chipping Farringdon, Berks); Ellnor Bartlam, 1583 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Henricus Bartlam, 1633 in *IGI* (Aston Cantlow, Warwicks); Thos. Bartlum, 1636, Thos. Bartlam, 1640, Thos. Bartlem, 1650 in *IGI* (Longnor, Shrops); Willimi Barklam, 1639 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs); Thom. Barklam, 1642 in *IGI* (Woolstaston, Shrops); Ellis Bartlam, 1656 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Mary Barklam, 1728 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Richard Bartlem, 1739, George Bartlum, 1741 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Mary Bartlom, 1741 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); William Bafford Barklam, 1772 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs); John Barklamb, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Bartle

**Variants:** **Bartell**, **Bartels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2042, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1750
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Bartel*, a pet form of *Bartelmew*, *Bertelmew* (see **Bartholomew**, and compare **Bartlett**); sometimes also the equivalent name in other Romance languages. Bartholomew Chastiloun and Sarah his wife had a son known as John Bartyll, 1384 in *London Husting Wills*.

**Further information:** It is possible that the southern forms may originate in a locative name from the late-recorded Burtle (Somerset), but there is no hard evidence.

## Bartleet

**Early bearers:** given names: John Bartill, son and heir of Bartill de Castellones, a Lombard, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; Bartill Laurenson, 1625 in *Black*.

surnames: Philippe Bartle, 1583 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Joyes Bartell, 1599 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Bartle, 1637 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); William Bartole, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Alexander Bartel, 1634 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Jane Bartle, 1630, John Bertle, 1636 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Higher, Lower Bartle in Saint Michael on Wyre parish (Lancs). There may have been some confusion with **Birtle**.

**Early bearers:** William de Bartel, 1339, William de Bartaill, 1341 in *Patent Rolls*; John of Bartale, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Barthall, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); George Bartle, 1601 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Ralph Bartell, 1611 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); William Bartle, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Bartleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: see **Bartlett**.

## Bartlet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- English: see **Bartlett**.

## Bartlett

**Variants:** **Bartlet**, **Bartleet**, **Barttelot**, **Partlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16650, Ireland 255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Devon

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Bertelot*, *Bartelot*, pet forms of **Bartholomew** with the Old French double diminutive suffix *-elot*. Compare **Bartle**.

**Early bearers:** Godricus Bertelot, about 1157 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Walter Bertelot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Bertelot, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Thomas Bartelot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Bartilot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Teffont Evias, Wilts); Henrico Bartelot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Bartlot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Alexander Bertlot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton, Dorset); Edward Bartellett, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Earnley, Sussex); Alyce Bartelot, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin Vintry, City of London); Robert Bartolet, 1502 in *PROB 11* (London); Edward Bartelott, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Johis Bartlett, 1541 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Alexander Bartlett, 1582 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); John Bartlet, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Finchampstead, Berks); Nicholas Bartlet, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Dunster, Somerset).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

## Bartley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2946, Ireland 580
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1439

• **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Flints and Denbighs; Sussex, Hants, and Surrey

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bartle*, a pet form of **Bartholomew**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Bartley, 1571 in *Oxford University Register* (Somerset); Stephen Bartly or Bartley, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Great Cheverell, Wilts); Andrew Bartley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 English: variant of **Barclay**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Barkeley or Bartley, 1592 in *Oxford University Register* (Gloucs).

3 Irish: in Ireland, this is sometimes the English name, but it was also adopted for **Mac Pharthaláin**, for which see **McFarlane**.

## Bartolo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian, Maltese: relationship name from a short form of *Bartolomeo*, Italian form of **Bartholomew**.

**Early bearers:** Henrietta Bartolo, 1835 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Lorenzo Bartolo, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Giovanni Bartolo, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Carmelo Bartolo, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Giuseppe Bartolo, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

## Barton

**Variants:** **Barten**, **Bartin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21595, Ireland 606
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16031
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: Lancs; also IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone; Kerry

English: locative name from one or other of the many places named Barton.

**Further information:** The name is also found in Ireland, where it has been gaelicized as **de Bartún**.

**Early bearers:** Ælfric æt Bertune, 1015 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Paganus de Barton, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; John de Barton', 1300 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John atte Berton', 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas de Barton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Barton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Henry Barton, 1435 in *PROB 11* (Saint John Walbrook, City of London); Water Barton, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Barten, 1586, Thomas Bartyn, 1609 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); Richard Barton, 1605 in *PROB 11* (East Peckham, Kent).

## Bartram

**Variants:** **Barthram**, **Bartrum**, **Bartrum**, **Batram**, **Batram**, **Battrum**, **Batterham**, **Bertram**, **Bertrand**, **Buttrum**, **Bartron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3020, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1396
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Norfolk; also Notts; Beds

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bertran(t)* (Continental Germanic *Bertram*, formed from *\*berht* 'bright' +

*\*hrabn* 'raven'). Forms of second element ending in *-t* or *-d* may alternatively be from *\*rand-* 'shield-rim'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bertrannus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Bertram, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), identical with Bertrannus before 1183 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: William Bertram, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Henry Bertran, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Regin' fil' Bertram, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Bartram, 1278 in *London Letter Books A*; John Bartrem, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Mariota Berteram, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nycolas Bartrum, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Batram, George Bartrom, Bateram, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Bartrip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Barthorpe**.

## Bartron

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Bartram**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bartrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Essex
- English: see **Barthorpe**.

## Bartropp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Barthorpe**.

## Bartrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

## Bartrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Barthorpe**.

## Barttelot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: see **Bartlett**.

## Bartter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Barter**.

## Bartrum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

**Bartup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Barthorpe**.

**Barty**

Variants: **Bartie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Bartholomew**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Barty, 1552 in *Dundee Municipal History* (Dundee, Angus); John Bairty, burgess, 1587 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catherine Bairtie, 1637 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Patrick Barty, 1701 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perth).

**Barua**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Assam): nickname, Hindu, derived from a title.

**Baruch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish: from the Hebrew personal name *Baruch*, based on a word meaning 'blessed, fortunate'.

**Further information:** Baruch was the name of a disciple of Jeremiah, the supposed author of one of the books of the Apocrypha.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Baruch, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Isaac Baruch, born in Spitalfields, Middx, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Alex Baruch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Louis Baruch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Julius Baruch, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hants); Samuel Baruch, cabinetmaker, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Lena Baruch, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex).

**Barugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Bargh**.

**Barwell**

Variants: **Barrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1174, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 928
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics, Northants, Warwicks and Rutland; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Barwell (Leics). See also **Barrell**.

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Barewelle, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Willelmo de Barewelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Willelmus Barewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryton, Warwicks); Henricus de Barwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braunstone, Leics); John Berwell', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Wootton Underwood, Bucks); Richard Barwell', 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon).

**Barwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2294, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1241
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks; Norfolk; Kent

English: see **Berwick**.

**Barwise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm
- English: locative name from Barwise in Westm.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Beriwis, 1246 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Cumb); Richard de Berewys, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Henry de Barweis, 1291 in *Close Rolls* (Westm); Anthony Barwis, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Edward Barwise, 1590 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); John Barwis, 1602 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

**Barwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Burwood**.

**Barzey**

Variants: **Barsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs; Pembrokes

1 Welsh, English: locative name from Bardsea (Lancs) or Bardsey (Caernarvons), with assimilation of /d/ before the sibilant as in **Barsley** for **Bardsley**. The examples below may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** N England: Charolus Barsey, 1581 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Tho. Bardsey, 1651 in *IGI* (Urswick in Furness, Lancs).

SW England: Robert Berdesey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wick, Gloucs); Ann Bardsey, 1612, John Barsye, 1619 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Elizabeth Barzey, 1748 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

2 English: reduced form of **Bardsley** (1) or its variant **Beardsley**. Compare George Beardsley, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs) and Daniel Bardsley, 1788 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs) with the 1581 and 1788 examples below.

**Early bearers:** James Barsey, 1581 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Owen Barsy, 1618 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ellin Barsey, 1689 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Elizabeth Barsy, 1741 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); William Bardsey, 1788 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

3 English: locative name; the examples from SW England cited under (1) may alternatively belong with **Bardsley** (2).

4 English: locative name; possibly from Barsey Farm (Shudy Camps, Cambs), recorded as *terram Willelmi de Berardeshy*, 1307–27 in *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 106, or from Barsey Walk Farm (near Horncastle, Lincs), though early forms of this place-name are unavailable. Mumby and Hogsthorpe, where the 1591 and 1621 examples are located, are not far from Horncastle.

**Early bearers:** William de Berardeshy, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Jhon Bardzey, 1591 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Christopher Barsey, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Brookesby, Leics); Diana Bardsey, 1617 in *IGI*

(Southill, Beds); Alice Bardzey, 1621 in *IGI* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs).

**Basch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

1 German: (also *Bäsch*), from a South German short form of the personal *Sebastian*.

**Early bearers:** Otto Basch, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Gustavus Basch, in *Census 1861* (Devon); Johann Basch, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Lancs); Gustavres H. Basch, born in Liverpool, Lancs, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Edward Basch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 Jewish: see **Bash**.

**Bascom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Bascombe**.

**Bascomb**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Wilts; also Lincs

English: see **Bascombe**.

**Bascombe**

Variants: **Bascom**, **Bascomb**, **Buscombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: locative name from either of two places called Boscombe in Hants and Wilts, the latter recorded as *Buscombe* in 1086 and *Bascombe* in about 1180.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Boscombe, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Isabella Boscombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Robert Buscomb, 1548 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Baskam, 1600 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Wm Buscome, 1619, James Boscomb, 1627 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Bathsheba Bascome, 1691 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Caleb Buscome, 1709 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); George Bascomb, 1761 in *IGI* (Affpuddle, Dorset); Francis Bascome, 1773 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, Hants); John Bascombe, 1792 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Richard Buscombe, 1805 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Peregrine Boscombe, 1838 in *IGI* (Laycock, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 361.

**Bascott**

Variants: **Baskett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from Bascote in Warwicks.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bascote, 1206–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Basilia de Besecot', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam de Baskote, 1373 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxford); Johanna Bascote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ingarsby, Leics); Robt Bascott, 1765 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks); Joseph Bascott, 1800 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); Thomas Bascott, 1827 in *IGI* (Marton, Warwicks).

## Baden

### Baden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Bucks English: see **Baisden**.

### Base

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork English: see **Bass**.

### Baseley

**Variants:** **Bazeley, Bazely, Bazley, Basley, Beesley, Baisley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Basile* or *Basily*, used for men and women alike. It is a post-Conquest borrowing of Old French *Basil(e)*, from Latin *Basilius* (male, derived from Greek *basileios* ‘kingly’) and its feminine form *Basilia*. *Basilius* was the name of several saints, including Saint Basil the Great (329–79), the brother of Saint Gregory. For a pet form of the name see **Bass**. Compare **Basil**.

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Basill’, 1170–1200 in *Durham Liber Vitae*. given names (female): Basilia, 1134 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk), 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Basill’ Vidua, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). surnames: Willelmus filius Basilie, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Basille, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Ricardus filius Basili, John Basily, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walter Basely, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Basely, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cottered, Herts); Peter Basele, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Godfrey Basely, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckden, Hunts); Willelmus Baselye, 1377, Johanne Bassely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Corton, Wilts); Radulpho Basely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allensmore, Herefs); Johanne Basill’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Robertus Basle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); Reginaldus Basilie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Simon Basely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby with members, Northants); Johannes Basely, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinderclay, Suffolk); Johannes Baseley, 1563 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Hester Basley, 1566 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Thomas Basley, 1578 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); William Baseley, 1599 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Richard Bazely, 1623 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Richard Bazeley, 1753 in *IGI* (Welton, Northants).

### Basey

**Variants:** **Bassey, Bassy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from a Middle English pet form of the Middle English personal name *Basil(y)*, used for men and women alike. See **Baseley** and **Basil**, and compare **Bass**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Basi, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barlow, WR Yorks); Robertus Bassy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johanna Basie, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Bromham, Wilts); Johannes Basey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); Austine Basey, 1592, Robt. Bassy, 1635, Thoms. Bassey, 1636 in *IGI* (Cringleford, Norfolk); Richard Basey, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Isaac Basey, 1646 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Bassey, 1653 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Francis Bassey, 1764 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); William Bassey, 1795 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Basford

**Variants:** **Bassford, Bashford, Bashforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 899
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics and Northants; also Derbys and Cheshire

English: (i) locative name from Basford, Notts. (ii) possibly also from Besford, Worcs; note Alexander de Besford, 1256 in Patent Rolls (Worcs), also recorded as Alexander *de Basford* of Worcester, in the same year.

**Early bearers:** B Robert de Baseford, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Thurgarton, Notts); John Basheford, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Basford, 1539 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Edmond Bashford, 1695 in *Bardsley*.

### Bash

**Variants:** **Basch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Bache**.

2 Jewish: acronymic surname from the Hebrew patronymic phrase *Ben Shelomo, Ben Shemuel, Ben Shimon*, or *Ben Shimshon*. See also **Brock**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Basch, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Plymouth, Devon); Samuel Bash, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Levenshulme, Lancs); Harris and Moses Bash, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isadore Bash, diamond mounter, born in Poplar, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Basham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 846, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 739
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex

English: see **Barsham**.

### Bashar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Arabic, Muslim: (i) relationship name from a male given name derived from Arabic *bašar* ‘man, mankind’. (ii) from a male given name derived from Arabic *baššār* meaning ‘bringer of good news’. **References:** *Ahmed*.

### Basharat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *bashārah*, meaning ‘good news’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Basher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Bosher**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Basher, 1581 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Joan Basher, 1615 in *IGI* (Graffham, Sussex); Richd Basshar, 1688 in *IGI* (Ruan Major, Cornwall); William Bashar, 1786 in *IGI* (Ruan Minor, Cornwall). 2 Muslim: see **Bashir**.

### Bashford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1600, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 996
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent; also Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Monaghan English: see **Basford**.

### Bashforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Basford**.

### Bashir

**Variants:** **Basher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5195, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *bashir* ‘bringer of good news’, an epithet of Muhammad.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Basi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Sikh): see **Bassi**.

### Basil

**Variants:** **Bassil, Bassill, Bazell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Basil*, itself from Old French *Basil(e)*, Latin *Basilius*. Compare **Baseley**.

**Early bearers:** Aldred Bassill, 1589 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Willimi Bazell, 1625 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Johannes Bassill, 1625 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Mary Bazell, 1641 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Thomas Bazill, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Basil, 1706 in *IGI* (Kensworth, Herts); George Bassil, 1734 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); John Basil, 1735, John Bassell, 1738 in *IGI* (Essendon, Herts).

### Basing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: locative name from Basing in Hants.

**Early bearers:** Cola de Basinga, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); John de Basing’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard de Basing, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Basingstoke, Hants); Henry de Basyng’, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Gulielmi Basing, 1617 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); William Basing, 1708 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Basing* or *Besing*, perhaps an Old English pet form of Old

Scandinavian *Bassi* or *Bessi* (a recognized pet-form, via *bersi*, of *björn* 'bear'), or perhaps Old English *Bassa*. Apart from the 1202 example, the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Besing, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Basing de Blaikemare, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Robert filius Basing, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Basyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Ricardus Basyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Willmus Basing, 1589 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Sarah Basing, 1703 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Mary Basing, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 49–51.

## Bask

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *baisk*, *bask* 'bitter, acrid; ungrateful, or irritating to the senses' (Old Scandinavian *beiskr*).

**Early bearers:** Henry Baske, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Baske, 1357 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Baske, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chebsey, Staffs); Margery Bask., 1578 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); John Bask, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Bask, 1753 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Joseph Bask, 1763 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Bask, 1785 in *IGI* (Hackthorn, Lincs).

## Baskaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: from a Tamil male given name.

## Baskerfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

## Baskerville

**Variants:** **Baskerfield**, **Baskeyfield**, **Basterfield**, **Basketfield**, **Baskwell**, **Basquil**, **Pasterfield**, **Pesterfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 704
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Herefs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Norman, English: locative name from Boscherville in Eure.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Bascheruilla, 1127 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Gloucs); Rogerus Baskerville, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harcourt, Shrops); Robert Baskerville, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); James Baskerfield, Baskervyle, 1530 in *Star Chamber Staffs Suits* (Staffs); John Baskerville, 1634 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Thomas Baskerville, 1647 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs); Johes Baskerfield, 1682 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

## Basket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Suffolk; Dorset

English: see **Baskett**.

## Basketfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

## Baskett

**Variants:** **Basket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Dorset, Somerset, Hants, and Berks; Warwicks

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *basket*, perhaps for a basket maker (compare **Basketter**) or for someone who carried a basket or pannier as part of his work, for example for carrying stones to a lime-kiln (*Salzman, Building*), or carrying goods for sale. Compare Middle English *basket bred* 'bread sold in the market to poor folk' (1441 in *MED*). (ii) relationship name possibly from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Basket*, which could have been a pet form of *Base* (see **Bass**) + the Picard and Flemish double diminutive hypocoristic suffix *-ket*. For a comparable pet form of *Base* see **Baskin**.

**Early bearers:** William Basket, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Henry Basket, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Thoma Basket, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Crawford (lost) in Spettisbury, Dorset); Roberto Basqet (Basket), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Writtle, Essex); Robertus Basket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bale, Norfolk); Radulphus Baskette, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Nicholaus Basket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Willelmus Basket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Bartholomew Basket, 1564 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Cecely Basket, 1593 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Jane Baskett, 1617 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Sara Basket, 1693 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Elizabeth Basket, 1717 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from a house or shop name, denoting someone who lived or worked 'at the (sign of the) basket', presumably a basket maker. The post-medieval London name may otherwise belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Margeria atte Bascat, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Thomas Kent atte Basket, beside Billyngesgate, 1424 in *London English*, p. 184; Jonathan Baskett, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London).

3 English: see **Bascott**.

## Basketter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name for a basket maker, from Middle English *basket* + the agent suffix *-er*. Compare William Basketwricte, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs), and Thomas Basketmaker, 1551 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs). The great majority of early bearers are from the willow-growing fen country. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Basketter, 1607 in *IGI* (Dunston, Lincs); John Baskiter, 1734 in *IGI* (Butterwick near Boston, Lincs); William Basketer, 1780 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

## Baskeyfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

## Baskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; also Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Baskin*, a borrowing of Flemish or Picard *Basequin*, a pet form of *Base* (Continental Germanic *Baso*, perhaps meaning 'purple') + the diminutive suffix *-kin*. It could also have been used as a pet form of Old French *Basile*. See **Bass**, **Baseley**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Baskyn, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Baskyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Jenne Basken, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Baskin, 1607 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Samwell Baskin, 1622 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent).

**References:** *Michaëlsson, Noms de Personne*, pp. 86–8. 2 Irish: from Ó Baiscinn, from a personal name *Bascaoin* meaning 'fair of hand'. The Irish surname arose from a historical population group called *Corca Bhaiscinn* 'seed of *Bascaoin*' in west Clare, and is independent of the Norman name.

## Baskwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

## Basley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Baseley**.

## Basnett

**Variants:** **Bassnett**, **Bosonnet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *bacinet* (Norman French *bassinet*), 'a hemispherical helmet, without a visor, worn under the fighting helmet; also (later), a pointed helmet with a visor' (*MED*), denoting someone who wore or made headgear of this kind.

**Further information:** The name was prominent in Dublin in the 16th century, but is now more common in Liverpool.

**Early bearers:** England: Xpoferus Bassnet, 1550 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Ann Basnet, 1592 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs); Daniell Bassnett, 1647 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

Ireland: William Bassnett, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §582 (Stalorgan, Dublin); William Basnett, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §999; Thomas Basnett, yeoman, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6775 (Ballemore).

## Bason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys; Northants
- English: reduced form of **Bateson**.

## Basquil

**Early bearers:** Katherine Bason, 1561 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Bason, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Charles Bason, 1626 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Martha Bason, 1667 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Ann Bason, 1813 in *IGI* (Towcester, Northants).

### Basquil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Norman, Irish: variant of **Baskerville**, found mainly in Ireland.

### Basra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Basran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, the name of a Jat clan.

### Bass

**Variants:** Base, Baiss, Bayes, Bays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4285, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands and SE England: esp. Essex; Beds, Hunts, and Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford
- 1 English: nickname for a short person or for one of low birth or behaviour, from Middle English *bas(e)*, *bass* 'low, of small height' or 'low-born, base' (Old French *bas*). Compare **Bassett**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas Base, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robt. Base, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Barbara Basse, 1574, Jane Bass, 1628 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); George Baze, 1759, John Bays, 1780 in *IGI* (Muston, ER Yorks); Joshuae Bayze, 1669 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

SW England and W Midlands: Aelizia Bass', 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Daudi le Bas, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Walter Basse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kineton, Warwicks); John Basse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nutwell, Devon); Ricardus Baysse, 1379, Ricardus Bays, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johannes Base, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton, Warwicks); Alexandre Bays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Joanna Basse, 1538 in *IGI* (South Littleton, Worcs); Richard Baysse, 1547, Agnes Base, 1558, Samuel Bayse, 1589 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Margaret Bayes, 1562 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Philip Basse, 1573, Daniell Bass, 1643, Joseph Base, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Margret Bayes, 1574 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Maria Bass, 1610 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Willus. Bace, 1638 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Rich Baiss, 1723 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

S and E Midlands: Geoffrey Base, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Basse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hamerton, Hunts); Roger Baise, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grafham, Hunts); Willelmus Base, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keyham, Leics); Thomas Basse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Matheo Basse, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Dean, Beds); Jacobus Basse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Basse, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Skidbrooke, Lincs); Johannes Beyze, 1540 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Richard Bayes, 1545 in *IGI* (Eyeworth, Beds); Margaret Basse, 1545 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Thome Basse, 1564 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Basse, 1567 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Elizabeth Bass, 1572 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Thomas Basse, 1604 in *IGI* (Great Dalby, Leics); Morton Bass, 1630 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Edmund Bays, 1717 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants). E Anglia and SE England: Willelmus Basse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mattishall, Norfolk); Johannes Bayse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wendling, Norfolk); Willelmus Basse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Joanna Basse, 1539 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Cambs); Johanis. Basse, 1542 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Cicely Bayes, 1560 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Nicholas Base, 1565 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Joone Bayes, 1567 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Clement Bayse, 1577 in *IGI* (Feering, Essex); William Bayes, 1582 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Jn Bays, 1643 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bas(s)e*. This could be an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Baso* (perhaps meaning 'purple') or more commonly a pet form of Middle English and Old French *Basile* or *Basily*, used of men and women alike. See **Baseley**, **Baskin**, and **Baskett**, and compare Willelmus Baseson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hexthorpe and Balby, WR Yorks), and Johannes Baseson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryton, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Basse Berc', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornton Watlass, NR Yorks).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *baers*, *bas* 'freshwater perch, bass or any of various related or similar fish, such as the sea bass'. Compare *Bace*, *fysche*, about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. **Early bearers:** Osbert Bars, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard le Bars, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Arnold Bass, 1566 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Bridgeta Bass, 1573 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); George Bass, 1581 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Elizabeth Bass, 1588 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks).

### Bassam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Barsham**.

### Bassan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Barsham**.

### Basset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Bassett**.

### Bassett

**Variants:** Basset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6281, Ireland 240
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4641
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent; and Middx; also Carmarthen

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Wexford  
Norman, English: nickname from Old French *basset* 'of low stature', a diminutive of *bas* 'low, dwarf'. **Further information:** According to Ordericus Vitalis, Ralph Basset was raised by Henry II from an ignoble stock and from the very dust, 'de ignobili stirpe ac de pulvere'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Basset, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts, Beds); Ralph Basset, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Milo Basseth, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Philip le Basset, 1260 in *London Letter Books B*; Robert Basset, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Johannes Basset, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Thomas Basset, 1416, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Jhon Bassitt, 1569 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Bassatt, 1605, Joan Bassett, 1608 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

### Bassey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Basey**.

### Bassford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Basford**.

### Bassham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Barsham**.

### Bassi

**Variants:** Basi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1432, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Italian: (i) nickname from the nickname *basso* 'low, thickset'. (ii) relationship name from *bassus* 'low', as exemplified in *Bassus*, a family name of the Roman Republican period.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Bassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Eccleston in Prescot, Lancs); Antonio Bassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Walthamstow, Essex); Francesco Bassi, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Angelo Bassi, ice cream seller, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Guisepe Bassi, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Bassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Ernesto Bassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London) Pietro Bassi, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (London).

2 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bassick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Bastick**.

### Bassil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Basil**.

**Bassill**

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Beds
- English: see **Basil**.

**Bassindale**

- Current frequencies: GB 200, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 95
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Baxendale**.

**Bassinder**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Baxendale**.

**Bassingthwaite**

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: locative name from Bassenthwaite in Cumb.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bastenthwayt, 1342 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Bastynthwayt, 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; John Basynthwayt, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Bassynghwytt, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Susan Bassingthwaighte, 1745 in IGI (Bale, Norfolk).

**Bassnett**

- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 118
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; Warwicks

Norman, English: see **Basnett**.

**Bassom**

- Current frequencies: GB 124, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Essex
- English: see **Barsham**.

**Basson**

- Current frequencies: GB 549, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 373
  - Main GB location 1881: Oxon
- English: see **Barsham**.

**Bassy**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Basey**.

**Bastable**

- Current frequencies: GB 1007, Ireland 27
- GB frequency 1881: 582
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: locative name from Barnstaple in Devon or Barstable Hall in Essex.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bardestapel, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph Barstaple, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henrico Barstaple, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Agnis Bastable, 1594 in IGI (North Petherton, Somerset).

**Bastard**

- GB frequency 1881: 421
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall
- Norman, English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *bastard* ‘child born out of wedlock’.
- Further information:** *Bastard* is the name of a Devon family recorded at Kitley near Yealmpton since the late 17th century. The sharp decline in numbers of bearers of this surname since the 19th century is no doubt due at least in part to people changing their name because of the negative connotations of the vocabulary word. However, illegitimacy was not always regarded as a stigma; the Conqueror himself is described as ‘William the Bastard’ in state documents.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bastard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); William le Bastard, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Bastard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Bastard’, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Aveton Gifford, Devon); Robert Bastard’, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Modbury, Devon).

**Basten**

- Current frequencies: GB 249, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 193
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Bastian**.

**Baster**

- Current frequencies: GB 87, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 154
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: see **Baister**.

**Basterfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 298, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 165
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

**Bastian**

**Variants:** **Bastien**, **Bastin**, **Basten**

- Current frequencies: GB 259, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 165
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bastian*, a pet form of **Sebastian**, from Latin *Sebastianus* ‘man of Sebastia’, a city in Pontus.

**Early bearers:** Bastianus before 1200 *Dublin Documents*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs).

Colin Bastin, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; John Bastian, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Bastion, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farthingstone, Northants); Willia. Bastian, 1572 in IGI (Knodishall, Suffolk); Luce Bastin, 1574 in IGI (Farnham, Surrey); Jane Bastian, 1581 in IGI (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Jessie Bastian, 1581 in IGI (Norwich, Norfolk); James Bastian, 1586, Elnor Bastyan, 1602 in IGI (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Ann Bastian, 1590 in IGI (Stepney, Middx); Robert Bastin, 1606 in IGI (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Bastion, 1697, Grace Bastian, 1698 in IGI (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

**Bastick**

**Variants:** **Bassick**, **Bostwick**, **Bostick**

- Current frequencies: GB 180, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 113
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Offaly

1 English: locative name from Bastwick in Norfolk. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Bastwyke, 1335 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Bastwyk, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Stephen Bastwyk’, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Edworth, Beds); Johis Basticke, 1562 in IGI (Ingatstone, Essex); John Bassick, 1589 in IGI (Braceborough, Lincs); John Basticke, 1611 in IGI (Bildeston, Suffolk).

2 English: for the W Midlands name see **Bastock**.

**Bastien**

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Bastian**.

**Bastiman**

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: of uncertain origin.

**Further information:** One possible origin might be an unrecorded Middle English \**Bastonman*, a compound of Old French, Middle English *baston* ‘cudgel, mace, staff of office, (walking) stick’ + *man*, hence perhaps ‘beadle’ or ‘man armed with a stick’ (the sense of Old French *bastonier*). Another is to suppose an unrecorded pet form of the rare Middle English (Old French) personal name *Bastian* (short for *Sebastian*) + the Flemish hypocoristic suffix *-man* (see **Bastian** and compare **Potman**). However, without medieval evidence for the name, any explanation is highly conjectural.

**Early bearers:** John Bastyman, fisherman, 1528 in *York Registry Wills* (Hilderthorpe, ER Yorks); Robert Bastyman or Bastiman, and Nicholas Bastiman, 1568–9 in *Yorks Deeds* (Sewerby, ER Yorks); Isabel Bastyman, widow, 1577 in *York Registry Wills* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Annas Bastiman, 1602 in IGI (Filey, ER Yorks); Bartle Basteman, 1628 in IGI (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Robt. Bastiman, 1669 in IGI (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Sarah Basterman, 1793 in IGI (Barmston, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire; Debrabandere*.

**Bastin**

- Current frequencies: GB 860, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 787
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Bastian**.

**Basting**

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: probably a variant of **Bastin**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bastock**

**Variants:** **Bastick**

- Current frequencies: GB 312, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 202
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: possibly a variant of **Bostock**; note Esther Bastock or Bostock, 1895 in IGI (Bordesley, Warwicks).

## Baston

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Bastoke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Johannes Bastoc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); John Bustok, 1394 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Rowlandi Bastocke, 1586 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Thomas Bastock, 1733 in *IGI* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks).

### Baston

**Variants:** **Bastone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 638
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Northumb
- Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *bastun* 'stick', perhaps used to denote someone who walked with the aid of a stick. (ii) locative name, see **Bayston**.

**Early bearers:** Ernardus Bastun, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Bastun, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Nicholas Baston, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Baston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Robertus Bastoun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Robert Bayston', clerk, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Lowick, Northants); Idie Baston, 1636 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); James Baston, 1797 in *IGI* (Harbottle, Northumb).

### Bastone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Baston**.

### Bastow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1002, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 989
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Bairstow** with loss of *-r-* in the consonant cluster. Compare **Beastall**.
- Early bearers:** Georg Bastow, 1617, Robert Barstow, 1630 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Jeremiah Bastow, 1671 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Basu

**Variants:** **Bose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: nickname Hindu (Kayasth), from Bengali *boṣu*, from Sanskrit *vasu*, which has many meanings including 'wealth, gem, radiance'. It is an epithet of Shiva and of several other gods.
- 2 Indian: see **Bose**.

### Bat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Devon
- 1 English: see **Batt**.
- 2 English: see **Bate**.

### Batch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Bache**.

### Batchelar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batchelder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batcheldor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batcheler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batcheller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Batchelor**.
- Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Batchellor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batchelor

- Variants:** **Bachelor**, **Batchlor**, **Batchellor**, **Batchelour**, **Batcheler**, **Batcheller**, **Batchelar**, **Batcheldor**, **Batchelder**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 7281, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5040
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. SE England: esp. Herts; Surrey, Sussex, and Hants; also Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Norman, English: occupational name, status name from Middle English, Old French *bachelor* 'a young knight, a novice in arms'. The [tʃ] is a characteristically Central French form where Norman French has [k]; see **Backler**.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Bachelere, about 1165 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Stephen le bachilier, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter le Bachelor, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Batcheller, Widow Batchelder, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

Scotland: William Bachelor, burgess, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Haddington, E Lothian); Adam Bachiler, 1476 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; William Batchler, 1598 in *Brechin Testaments* (Stradightly Mains, Angus); Andrew Batchlar, 1652 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Moncreiff, Perth); John Batchelor, 1662 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus).

### Batchelour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batcher

**Variants:** **Bacher**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S England
- English: locative name for someone who lived by a stream, from a derivative of Middle English *bach*, *bech(e)* 'stream'. Compare **Bache**, and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.
- Early bearers:** Philip Bacher, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William le Bachiere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Harre Bacher, 1540 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Elles Batchter, 1578 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); Elizabeth Bacher, 1605 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Steeven Batchter, 1650 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Giles Batchter, 1665 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Marta Bacher, 1789 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Batchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Gloucs; Essex
- English: see **Batsford**.

### Batchlor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; Angus; also Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Bachelor**.

### Batcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Badcock**.

### Bate

**Variants:** **Bates**, **Bat**, **Batt**, **Batte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5844, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5067
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NW Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English, Norman: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bate*. It could represent an unrecorded Old English name \**Bata* (compare **Battock**), or a side-form of *Batte*, a short form of Anglo-Norman French names beginning in *Bart-*, such as *Bartelmew* (Bartholomew) or *Bartram* (Bertram). See **Batt** and compare the pet form **Bateman**, which also occurs as *Batman* and *Battman*. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** The Old English personal name is possibly evidenced in the place-name *Batcombe* in Dorset (see *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 186). It may be identical with the byname of a Winchester monk, Ælfricus qui Bata cognominabatur, about 1051 in *Tengvik*. Tengvik derives it from Old English *batt* 'cudgel' (see **Batt**), and suggests it may have been used as a nickname for someone of a stout appearance.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bate, 1275, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames, N England and W Midlands: Rogerus filius Bate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Roger Bate, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henricus Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Agn' Bate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton and Walton, Staffs); Ricardus Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Henricus Bate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Alys Bate, 1545 in *IGI*



(Loxley, Warwicks); Margerie Bate, 1545 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Anthony Bate, 1547 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Alice Bate, 1560 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Lawrence Bate, 1581 in *IGI* (Cropton, Worcs); Elizabetha Bate, 1562, James Bate, 1818 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); George Bate, 1563 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

urnames, S and E Midlands, E Anglia: Simone Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); Walterus Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); Petrus Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannes Bate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Rogerus Bate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thwaite, Suffolk); John Bat, 1394, John Bate, 1396 in *London Letter Books H*; Johanna Bate, 1539 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Anne Bate, 1540 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); John Bate, 1559 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Annis Bate, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London).

urnames, SW England: Thomas Bate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willesley, Gloucs); Walter Bate, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolston, Devon); Johannes Bate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willesley, Gloucs); John Bate, 1554 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Fraunces Bate, 1578 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Bate, 1606 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon).

2 English: locative name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English antecedent of Modern English dialect *bate* 'river island or land liable to flooding'. Wawne (in the 1297 example below) is in marshy land by the River Hull.

**Further information:** Reaney doubtfully suggests that the locative name denoted someone who lived by a 'fat pasture'. This would be an unrecorded sense of Old Scandinavian *bati* 'profit, gain'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Bate, 1270 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Northumb); William of Ye Bate, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wawne, ER Yorks); Walter atte Batte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes de Bat', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broomley, Northumb); Thomas del Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes de Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley Royal, WR Yorks); Mark Bate, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Alice Bate, 1544 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

## Bately

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Beatley**.

## Bateman

**Variants:** **Battman, Batman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10839, Ireland 283
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7704
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bateman*, *Bat(te)man*, (in the W Midlands) *Batemon*, a pet form of *Bate* or *Batte* with the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. See **Bate** and **Batt**, and for the suffix compare **Hickman**, **Human**, **Potman**, and **Pateman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bathemanus de Staunford', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland); Bateman le Keu, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Batman d'Appleton, 1313 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Bateman Lemeryng', 1323 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts).

urnames: Alexander Bateman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Bateman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nich' fil' Bateman, 1315 in *Mansfield Court Roll* (Notts); Petrus Bateman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Winestead, ER Yorks); Johannes Bateman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Thomas Bateman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Corringham, Lincs); Willelmus Bateman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Penn, Staffs); Thomas Bateman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Willelmus Bateman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askwith, WR Yorks); Johannes Batman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Johannes Bateman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Simon Bateman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Totham, Essex); Ricardus Batmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glazebrook, Lancs); Willelmus Bateman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Perciuallus Bateman, 1542 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Jelyan Bateman, 1545, Roose Battman, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Joan Bateman, 1546 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Baytman, 1553 in *York Freeman's Register*; Elizabeth Bateman, 1556 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); John Bateman, 1558 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Roger Bateman, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Richard Batman, 1560 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Richard Bateman, 1562 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Joane Bateman, 1565 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Richard Batman, 1570 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Thoms Bateman, 1572 in *IGI* (Rendcombe, Gloucs); George Bateman, 1587, George Battman, 1591 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); Richard Bateman, 1597 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, pp. 108–9.

## Bater

**Variants:** **Beater, Better**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *beter*, *betour* 'beater, flogger, boxer' (Old French *bateor* 'one who beats', Old English *bēatere* 'beater, boxer'), either for a fighter (compare **Champion**) or, more probably, for someone who grinds spices or beats cloth or metal, such as a coppersmith, or for a dealer in *baterie*, i. e. beaten copper or brassware (*London Court Rolls*). It may also be a short form of the common occupational names *Coperbeter*, *Flaxbeter*, *Goldbeter*, *Ledbeter*, *Wodebeter*, *Wolbeter*.

**Further information:** Stephen le Coperbeter, 1286, was identical with Stephen le Batur (1292 in *London Letter Books A*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Batere, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Edmund le batur, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Jordan le Bettere, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le batur, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John le Betere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus Batur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Robertus Batur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Caversham, Oxon); Joane Bater, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Alce Bater, 1567 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Simon Bater, 1592 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex); Willia Bater, 1614 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); William Bater, 1619 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

## Bates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27695, Ireland 1005
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18720

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and NW Midlands Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** W Ulster; Wexford
- English: variant of **Bate** with genitival, plural, or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is also common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bates, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Jenet Bates, 1540 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Johanna Bates, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elynor Bates, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Cassander Bates, 1559 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Alice Bates, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); John Bates, 1563 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Richard Bates, 1579 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Thomas Baits, 1597 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Bates, 1613 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

## Bateson

**Variants:** **Baitson, Batson, Battson, Beatson, Bason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2099, Ireland 187
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1874
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Derry, and Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names **Bate** or **Batt** + *-son*. See also **Beatson**.

**Early bearers:** John Batessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Bateson, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Battson, 1467 in *York Guild Register*; Ric. Bateson, 1562 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Rafe Batson, 1562 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Egidius Bateson, 1568 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); William Baitson, 1612 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Baitson, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).

## Bateup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Baitup**.

## Batey

**Variants:** **Baty, Batie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2049, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Bate**. Compare **Beaty**, a variant of **Beattie**.

**Early bearers:** William Baty, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo Baty, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Batey, 1639 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Gulielmi Batey, 1647 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Edmund Batey, 1669 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Steepen Batey, 1672 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Batey, 1685 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb).

## Bath

**Variants:** **Bathe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2356, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2242

## Batha

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Cornwall; Somerset, Wilts, and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: locative name from Bath (Somerset), Bathe Barton in North Tawton (Devon), or possibly other minor places so called.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Bathe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . de] Ba, 1281, [ . . . de] Bathe, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Alexander Bathe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Bathe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sheepwash, Devon); Reginald de Bathe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burlescombe, Devon); John Bathe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Budleigh, Devon); Johannes de Bathe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmo Bathe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Thomas Bathe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Johannes Bathe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Henricus atte Bathe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmarsh, Sutton and Hampton, Shrops); Johannes Bathe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield Bottom, Berks); Willelmus Bathe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tugby, Leics); Robert A Bathe, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Nicholaus Bath, 1548, Thomas Bathe, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Elizabetha Bathe, 1548 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Agnes Bath, 1565 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Christiana Bathe, 1576, Christiana Bath, 1601 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Richard Bath, 1635 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 370.  
2 Indian (Sikh): from the name of a Jat clan.

## Batha

**Variants:** **Bathe, Bather, Batho, Badder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Denbighs; also Shrops

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh patronymic *ap Atha* 'son of *Atha*'. The Welsh personal name *Atha*, a spelling variant of *Adda* 'Adam', was also common in Shrops and Chirkland in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Atha ap Atha, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Atha Gogh, 1332 in *Chirkland Extent*. surnames, Wales: Jevan ap Atha, ap Adda, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; John Bathowe, 1537 in *Morris, Welsh Surnames* (Haverfordwest); Jevan ap John ap Gryffyd Batto, 1538 in *Chirkland Extent*. surnames, England: Atha ap Atha, William ap Atha, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Humfrey Bathowe, John Batowe, 1538 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* (Shrops) 3, p. viii; Richard Bathoe, 1567 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Bathaw, 1574 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); William Batha, 1610, Adam Batho, 1613, Elizabeth Bather, 1683 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire).

## Batham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name probably from the place referred to in the name of the Roman road *Bathamgate* in Derbys. The place-name is lost, but it is from \**Badum*, the dative plural of OE *bad* 'bath', and must denote the Roman baths at Buxton, where the road leads. The first and second bearers may really belong with **Beetham**, or with a lost place referred to in the name of Henricus atte Bathe, 1381

in *Poll Tax* (Chelmarsh, Sutton and Hampton, Shrops), respectively.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bathum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedness, WR Yorks); William Bethom, 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Anna Batham, 1582 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); John Batham, 1601 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Christopher Bathum, 1701 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Bathom, 1749 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

## Bathe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 English: see **Bath**.  
2 Welsh: see **Batha**.

## Bather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Denbighs
- Welsh: see **Batha**.

## Bathgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1037, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Bathgate in W Lothian.  
**Early bearers:** Master Adam de Baggat, sheriff of Roxburgh, 1220–43 in *Melrose Register* (Elliston, Roxburghs); Thomas de Bathket, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Bathgate, 1646 in *IGI* (Corstorphine, Midlothian).

## Bathia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Bathie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name possibly from the lands of *Bathie* (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Bathe, 1526 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Brechin, Angus); John Bathie, 1695 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Dunkeld, Perths); Tho. Bathy, 1698 in *IGI* (Murroes, Angus); James Bathie, 1700, John Bathy, 1705 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

## Bathley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Bathley in Notts.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bathele, about 1220–7 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; William of Bathele, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne Bathele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rearsby, Leics); Thomas Bathely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants).

## Batho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire

Welsh: local variant of Welsh **Batha**.

## Bathurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Shrops and Herefs

English: locative name from Bathurst in Warbleton (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Batherst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Geoffrey de Bathurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Katherine Batherst, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Roberte Bathurst, 1559 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Ashemet Bathurst, 1571 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Lancelot Bathurst, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Robart Bathurst, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Thomas Bathurst, 1626 in *IGI* (Theddingworth, Leics).

## Batie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Batey**.

## Batista

**Variants:** **Bautista**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Portuguese, Spanish, Catalan: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Batista*, derived from the distinguishing epithet of Saint John the Baptist. Compare **Baptiste**, **Baptista**, and **Battista**.  
**Early bearers:** Frances Batisto, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Batista, 1808 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Baroni Battista, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London); Bennetto Batista, born in Novara, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Giovanni Batista, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Vincenze Batista, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Vincentii Battista, 1883 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Batiste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Alderney
- Huguenot, French: see **Baptiste**.

## Batkin

**Variants:** **Badkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Batkin*, from the personal name **Bate** + the diminutive suffix *-kin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Batekyn clericus, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex). surnames: Thomas Batekyn, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugh Batkyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ann Batkin, 1573 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Johannes Batkin, 1590 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Willm. Batkin, 1603 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Elizabeth Batkin, 1625 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Gilbert Batkin, 1646 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

## Batley

**Variants:** **Battley, Beatley, Betley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1326, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1289
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Batley (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Oto de Battelay, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Bateley, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Margery Batley, 1565 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Willi Battley, 1576 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Nicholai Batley, 1583 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Batley, 1590 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Edmund. Battley, 1635 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Nicolaus Beatley, 1637 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Sara Battley, 1637, Fanny Betley, 1861 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).  
2 English: see **Beatley**.

### Batman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bateman**.

### Baton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Derbys; also Roxburghs; Jersey
- 1 English, Scottish: see **Batten**.  
2 Huguenot: from French **Bâton**, compare **Boston**. **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Judith Baton, 1672 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Isaac Baton, 1677 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jacques Baton, 1678 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Batool

Variants: **Batul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim, Subcontinental: from a personal name based on Arabic *batūl* 'virgin, chaste', an epithet of Maryam, mother of the Prophet 'Isa (Jesus), also of Fatima, daughter of Muhammad.

### Batra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian; Hindu (Arora) and Sikh name of unknown etymology. It is the name of a clan in the Arora community.

### Batram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

### Batrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Betteridge**.

### Batsford

Variants: **Batchford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs

English: locative name from Batsford (Gloucs) or Battsiford (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Batesford, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Everard de Bateford', de Batesford', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Ricardo Bacheford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Berks); John de Batesford, 1300 in *Eynsham Cartulary*; Johis. Batsforde, 1597 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Robert Batsford, 1598 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Johis Batsford, 1689 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Sarah Batchford, 1761 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); John Batchford, 1781 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

### Batson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds; Norfolk; Somerset

English: see **Bateson**.

### Batstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: locative name from Batson in Salcombe (Devon), which is *Badestana* in Domesday Book (1086).  
**Further information:** The place is not in Malborough as indicated in the index to *Patent Rolls*, Edward III, vol. 4, p. 226.  
**Early bearers:** William de Badeston, 1238 in *Patent Rolls* (with reference to Wimborne deanery, Dorset); Agnes Badstone, 1566 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Badston, 1567 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Humphrye Batstone, 1600 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

### Batt

Variants: **Bat**, **Batte**, **Bate**, **Batts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2298, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2012
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; Hants; London and Kent; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bat(te)*, probably a pet form of Middle English *Bartelmew* (*Bartholomew*) or perhaps the rarer *Bartram* (*Bertram*). Compare **Bett** and **Bate**, with which *Bat(te)* may often have been interchangeable; and compare the pet form **Bateman**, also found as *Batman* and *Battman*.

2 English: (i) nickname probably in many cases a variant of **Back** 'bat' (the winged animal). The alteration of Middle English *bakke* to *bat* is not on record before 1580 in *OED* but the frequency with which *le Bat* occurs in medieval documents suggests that this is a likely source of the name. (ii) nickname alternatively from Middle English *bat(te)* (Old English *batt*) 'cudgel, club, bat', perhaps for someone of stout appearance or for one who wielded a bat. Compare **Bate** (1) and *Ælfricus* qui Bata cognominabatur, about 1051 in *Tengvik*. Examples below without the definite article may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** William, Robert, and Peter Bat, 1170–87 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN* (London); Herbert Bat, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Reginald le Bat, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Bat, 1296, John Bat, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex); John Bat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Petrus le Bat', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Wilts); Johanne le Bat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stitchcombe, Wilts); Johannes le Bate, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thoma Batte, Thomas Bate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Willelmo Bat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton on the Hill, Leics); Johanne Bat', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fivehead, Somerset); Alexander Batt., 1542 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Stiven Batt, 1542 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Jhon Batt, 1544 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Batt, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Batt, 1563 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Batt, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); George Bat, 1565 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Richard Batt, 1568 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); John Bate or Batt, 1570 in *Oxford University Register*.

3 English: see **Bate**.

### Battams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, and Northants

English: probably a variant of **Bottoms** with unrounding of the first vowel; see **Bothams**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Battams, 1678 in *IGI* (Thornborough, Bucks); Richard Battams, 1714 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds).

### Battcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Badcock**.

### Batte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; ER Yorks

1 English: see **Batt**.  
2 English: see **Bate**.

### Battell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Battle**.

### Batten

Variants: **Baton**, **Batton**, **Battin**, **Batting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3505, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2752
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Baten* or *Batun*, diminutive of *Bat* (see **Bate**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Batin Bythemore, Bathon Mayster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). surnames: Walter Batun, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Batin, 1261 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Baton, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Batten, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Batton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heath Barton, Devon); William Batten, 1539, Mawris Batten, 1540 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Johis. Batten, 1544 in *IGI* (Lanulph, Cornwall);

## Battensby

Johane Batten, 1558 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Robert Batten, 1578 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon).

### Battensby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Battersby**.

### Batter

Variants: **Batters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: occupational name from *batour*, a borrowing from medieval French *bateor* ‘(cloth-) beater, fuller’ or a beater of other materials. Compare Alan. le Orbatour ‘goldbeater’, 1314 in *Fransson* (Worcs), and for the sense, also **Leadbetter**.

**Further information:** Peter in York in 1314 was evidently a girdler (*zonarius*); girdlers also made small metal objects. The word *batour* does not denote a beater of game, which is a usage new in the 19th cent.

**Early bearers:** Rog. le batur, 1230 in *Fransson* (Hants); Pet. le batour, *zonarius*, 1314 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Robert le Batour, fforester, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (referring to Notts); Johanne Batter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); Elizabeth Batters, 1559 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Clemence Batter, 1570 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Mary Batter, 1576 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); Abraha. Batter, 1585 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Batter, 1587, and Reinold Batters, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Edward Batter, 1610 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); Barnard Batter, 1764 in *IGI* (Powderham, Devon).

### Batterbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Batterby**.

### Batterby

Variants: **Batterbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: probably a variant of **Battersby**.

**Early bearers:** Robarte Batterby, 1584 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Thomas Batterbee, 1592 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Ellin Batterby, 1625 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Batterby, 1633 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Thomas Batterby, 1743 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Derbys); John Battarbee, 1790 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Zechariah Batterbee, 1797 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Batterham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

### Batters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Batter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Battersby

Variants: **Battensby**, **Batterby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2126, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: locative name probably from Battersby, the former name of Dunning in Slaidburn (WR Yorks), rather than Battersby in Ingleby Greenhow (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Bathresby, about 1170–89 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); [ . . . de] Bathersby, 1316 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Ricardus de Bathersby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, WR Yorks); Roger de Batersby, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Badersby, 1428, Edmund Battersby, 1501 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Anne Battersby, 1669 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Richard Batisbye, 1691 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Edmund Battersbee, 1697 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Battersby, 1701 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 204; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 167; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Battershell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Battershill**.

### Battershill

Variants: **Battershell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Battishill in Bridestow (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Johane Battishill, 1541, Wilmot Battishill, 1612, Eliz Battishell, 1675 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Richard Battershill, 1680, Jane Battershill, 1769 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Battershell, 1708 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Joseph Battershell, 1708 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); John Battershell, 1774, Sophia Battershall, 1791 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 177.

### Batterson

Variants: **Batteson**, **Battison**, **Battisson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Bucks, and Cambs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Baten* (see **Batten**) or **Batty** + the patronymic marker *-son*, later confused with *Patterson*.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Batenson, 1561 in *Bardsley* (Durham); Abraham Battison, 1699 in *York Freeman's Register*; George Battison alias Pattison, son of John Pattison, 1758 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Batterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name, possibly a variant of **Betterton**, from Betterton in Lockinge (Berks), recorded as *Baterton* in 1220 and *Baterton* in 1329. **Early bearers:** Jhon Batterton, 1569 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); John Batterton, 1663 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Elizabeth Batterton, 1683 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks); Josephus Batterton, 1724 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 487.

### Batteson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Beds
- English: see **Batterson**.

### Batley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Warwicks
- English: see **Batty**.

### Battie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Batty**.

### Battin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Batten**.

### Batting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Devon
- English: variant of **Batten**.

### Battiscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: locative name from Bettiscombe in Dorset. **Early bearers:** John Battiscombe, 1440 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Dorset).

### Battison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Batterson**.

### Battisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Batterson**.

### Battista

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: relationship name from the medieval personal name (*Giovanni*) *Battista*, from the distinguishing epithet of Saint John the Baptist. Compare **Baptiste**, **Baptista**, and **Batista**.

**Battle**

Variants: **Battell**, **Battyll**, **Bettles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1180, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 889
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *de la bataille* ‘(man) of the battle-array; warrior’.
- Early bearers:** England: Hubert Bataile, about 1140 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Essex); William de la Bataille, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Simon le Batel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Battle, 1580 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); John Battle, 1596 in *IGI* (Climping, Sussex); Margret Battel, 1617 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); James Battle, 1772 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants).

Scotland: John de Labatil, about 1245 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Perth, Perths); Richard Battle, 1856 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Concatha**, ‘son of *Cú Chatha*’ a personal name meaning ‘hound of battle’ (where *con* is genitive of *cú* ‘hound’ + *cath* ‘battle’).

**Early bearers:** Marrianus and Fergallus McConchaa, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* 4786 (Knockdowe, Leitrim); Mulrony and Farriell McEncahe, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5796 (Cowlany, Sligo); Sarah Battell, 1703 in *IGI* (Dublin); Patrick Battle, 1819 in *IGI* (Sligo).

**Battley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- 1 English: see **Beatley**.
- 2 English: see **Batley**.

**Battman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants; WR Yorks
- English: see **Bateman**.

**Battock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Battok*, Old English \**Bat(t)oc*, which would be a pet form of *Bata* (see **Bate**, **Batt**). Old English \**Battoc* appears to be the first element of the name of Battisborough (in Holbeton, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Turchil Batoc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); Thomas Battok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Battok, 1362 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Suffolk); Thomas Battocke, 1539 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); George Battocke, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Batton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent; Gloucs
- English: see **Batten**.

**Batram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

**Battrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Betteridge**.

**Batrum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

**Batts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: variant of **Batt** with genitival, plural, or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. Compare **Bates**.
- Early bearers:** Matilda Battes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Batts, 1541 in *IGI*; Abraham Batts, 1541 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Margaret Batts, 1628 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

**Battson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Bateson**.

**Batty**

Variants: **Battye**, **Battey**, **Battie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5124, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4554
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Tyrone
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Batty*, a pet form of the personal name **Batt**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Batti, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Batty, William Batti, 1308, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Stephanus Baty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Routh, ER Yorks); Jhoes Batty, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Jacobus Batty, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Willim Batty, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Acon, London); Jams Batty, 1560 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jacobi Batty, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).

**Battye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1077
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Batty**.

**Battyll**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Battle**.

**Batul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Batool**.

**Baty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 725
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Cumb, and Durham
- English: see **Batey**.

**Bau**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Chinese: see **Pau**.

**Bauchop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Clackmannans
- Scottish: of uncertain derivation; perhaps a variant of **Wauchope**.
- Early bearers:** Patrick Bauhok, 1589 in *Scottish Antiquary* (Stirling, Stirlings); Thomas Bawchok, 1591 in *Scottish Antiquary*; Robert Bauchop, 1604 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Bachop or Bahoche, treasurer, 1622, 1646 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings).
- References: *Black*.

**Bauckham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Balcombe**, a Sussex and Kent surname. The Lincs Bauckhams appear to be descended from Robert Bauckham of Lincs, shipwright, born in Gravesend (Kent) about 1833 (*Census 1881*).

**Baucutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Balcock**.

**Baud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- Norman, English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *baud* ‘gay, sprightly’.
- Early bearers:** Simon le Baud, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Reginald le Baud, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Johannes Baude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Alice Baud, 1607 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cams); Joseph Baud, 1654 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Joseph Baud, 1665 in *IGI* (Edwardstone, Suffolk); Robert Baud, 1696 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Mary Baud, 1730 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Baudains**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: relationship name variant of **Baudin**, a pet form of the personal name *Baud*, from Continental Germanic *Baldo*, derived from \**bald* ‘brave’.
- References: *Morlet, Noms de Personne*.

## Baudrey

### Baudrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Baldry**.

### Baudry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Jersey
- English: see **Baldry**.

### Bauer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): status name, nickname from German *Bauer* 'farmer', Middle High German (*ge*)*būr*, Middle Low German *būr*, denoting the inhabitant of a *būr*, a small dwelling or building. This word later fell together with Middle High German *būwære*, an agent noun from Old High German *būan* 'to cultivate', eventually also (at first in Low German dialects) 'to build'. The German surname thus can mean 'farmer' or 'builder'. It also came to mean 'neighbour, fellow citizen', and was used as a term of address, especially in country districts.

**Further information:** This surname is also found elsewhere in central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** German: Leopold and Adolphus Bauer, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Frederich Aug. Bauer, pianist, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Rudolph Bauer, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Johannes Bauer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Christian Bauer, born in Coblenz, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Wanstead, Essex); Karl Bauer, born in Grunsburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Maria Baur, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Gunda Bauer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Lancs).

Jewish: Gottlieb Maurice and Cecilia Yelda Bauer, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Lazarus and Rachel Bauer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Louis and Leah Bauer, born in Russia, *Census 1911* (London).

### Baugh

**Variants:** **Vaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1935, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1066
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, and Welsh Marches: esp. Shrops and Herefs; also Wilts

Welsh: nickname probably from *bach* 'little'.

**Early bearers:** Madog Bach, Jevan Bach, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Madog Lloit Bach, 1391–3 in *Chirkland Extent*; Geoffrey Bagh', 1450 in *Shrewsbury Guild Rolls*; Rychard Bawgh, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edwardus Baugh, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Chelmarsh, Shrops).

### Baughan

**Variants:** **Baughen**, **Baughn**, **Baun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

Welsh: nickname from the Welsh adjective *bychan* 'little', a diminutive of *bach*, originally in general use to distinguish father and son bearing the same name in genealogies. This word usually appears in anglicized surnames in the lenited form **Vaughan**. **Further information:** A Welsh family of this name was established from an early date in Great Rollright (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Griffith ap Res Boughan, 1352 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Thomas Bawghen, 1552 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Thomas Boughan, 1557 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Henrie Baughan, 1616 in *IGI* (Great Rollright, Oxon); Joseph Beughon, 1721 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Lucas Baughan, 1759, Lucy Baugham, 1762 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Baughen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

Welsh: see **Baughan**.

### Baughn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Oxon

Welsh: see **Baughan**.

### Baulch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Balch**.

### Bauld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: see **Bald**.

### Baulk

**Variants:** **Balk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Herts; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *balke* 'ridge or bank created by ploughing' (Old English *balca*), or from a place named with this word, for example Balk near Thirsk (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Balk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Dorset); Wm. Baulke, 1578 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Phillip Balke, 1579 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Matthew Balk, 1643 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Barnard Balk, 1699 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Lilly Balk, 1726 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Thomas Baulk, 1729 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Margt Balk, 1729 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anne Baulk, 1710 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks).

### Baum

**Variants:** **Baume**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: variant of **Balme**.

2 German: locative name, nickname from Middle High German, Old High German *boum* 'tree'.

**Early bearers:** Gadfried [*sic*] Baum, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1851* (London); Johann Philip Baum, upholsterer, born in Frankfurt, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Adolphus Baum, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Augustus Baum, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Widnes, Lancs); Heinrich Baum, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Fritz Balm, born in Baden Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Baum* 'tree', or a short form of any of the many ornamental surnames containing this word as the final element, for example *Feigenbaum* 'fig tree' and *Mandelbaum* 'almond tree'.

**Early bearers:** David Baum, tobacconist, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Portsmouth, Hants); Myer Baum, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Esther, Isaac, and Miriam Baum, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Aaron Baum, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Southwalk, Surrey); Barnet and Hannah Baum, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Harris Baum, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Bauman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Notts

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: Jewish or anglicized variant of **Baumann**.

### Baumann

**Variants:** **Bauman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): status name, nickname from German *Baumann* 'peasant', also used as a term of address in the sense 'neighbour, fellow citizen'.

**Early bearers:** German: Hermann Baumann, ship broker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Hartlepool, Durham); Carl Ernest Gotlip Baumann, 1878 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henrich Baumann, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Rudolph Baumann, ship broker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Fritz Baumann, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Charles Baumann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London); Gottfried Baumann, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Cheshire).

Dutch: Henri Baumann, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (London).

Jewish: Aaron Bauman, cap maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Algate, London); Aaron Bauman, clothes salesman, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Ida N. Baumann, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Clapham, Surrey); Samuel Bauman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Nathan and Deborah Baumann, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Isaac Bauman, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Baumber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bamber**.

**Baume**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 German, Jewish: see **Baum**.

2 French: locative name from a pre-Latin term *balma* 'cave' or (in E France) 'mound, hillock'.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Baume, 1648 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Charl Cesar Baume, 1676 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Baume, 1771 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Baum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Welsh: probably a reduced form of Welsh **Baughan**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Bausor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Derbys
- English: perhaps an altered form of **Bowser** (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** William Bausor, 1752 in *IGI* (Linby, Notts).

**Bautista**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: see **Batista**.

**Bavastock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Baverstock**.

**Baver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: perhaps a variant of **Beaver**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Baver, 1594 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks); Matthew Baver, 1605 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Baver, 1653 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Thomas Baver, 1761 in *IGI* (Scrooby, Notts).

**Baverstock**

**Variants:** **Bavastock**, **Beverstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1096, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 690
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, Dorset, and Wilts

English: locative name from Baverstock in Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Baberstoake, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Baberstoake, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); John Baverstock, 1614 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Lucie Beverstock, 1614 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Ricd. Bavistock, 1748 in *IGI* (Bedhampton, Hants); Sarah Beaverstock, 1770 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Bavenstock, 1791 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

**Bavin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained, apparently a nickname from Middle English *bavein* 'bundle of brushwood'.

**Early bearers:** Alce Bavin, 1541 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Thomae Bavin, 1576 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs).

**Bavington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: (i) see **Babington**. (ii) see **Bevington**.

**Early bearers:** William Babington, 1629 in *IGI* (Pavenham, Beds); Thomas Bavington, 1746 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); Thomas Bavington, 1747 in *IGI* (Ravenstone, Bucks).

**Bavis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman: probably a variant of **Beavis**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Bavister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: *Titford* suggests that this is a late variant of **Vavasour**. It would be a dissimilated form of *Vavister* and *Vavester*, variants of *Vavasour* that are evidenced in Lincs, also in Cambs, whence the name spread into Beds. Compare Willa Vavister, 1579 in *IGI* (Scopwick, Lincs); Thomas Vavister, 1615 in *IGI* (Cranwell, Lincs); Mary Vavester, 1708, Joseph Vavisor, 1738 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Wllm. Bavester, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirkby Green, Lincs); Johan. Bevester, 1620 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Bavister, 1634 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland); John Bavester, 1636 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Bavister, 1654 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Mary Bavistor, 1716 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); William Babister, 1702, Richd. Bavister, 1716 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks).

**Bawa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab) Sikh, from the title *Bawa*, borne by male descendants of the first three Sikh gurus. The name is found among the Khatris and the Jats.

**Bawcombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Middx

English: see **Balcombe**.

**Bawcutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Balcock**.

**Bawden**

**Variants:** **Boden**, **Boaden**, **Bowden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1301, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Baldwin**. Some of the surname bearers given here may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Boden or Bawden Maylle, 1591–5 in *Bardsley*; Bawden Richards, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

surnames: William Bawden, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Philippe Bawden, 1553 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Walter Bawdon, 1555 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Bawdon, 1555 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Christian Bawden, 1557 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Joannes Bawden, 1572 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Bawdon, 1597 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); Richard Bawden, 1621, Mary Bauden, 1625 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall).  
2 English: see **Bowden**.

**Bawdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Bowden**.

**Bawn**

**Variants:** **Baun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down; Westmeath

1 Norman, English: locative name perhaps from a variant pronunciation of Anglo-Norman French (*de Bohun* (from Bohon, Manche), see **Boon** (1)). The de Bohun family's principal possessions were in Gloucs and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Baune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Hants); William Baune, 1591 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Susanna Bawn, 1597 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks); Susan Bawn, 1616 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Sarah Bawn, 1720 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: variant of **Balme**.

**Early bearers:** Nicolai Bawne, 1545 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Agnes Bawn, 1575 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); John Baun, 1609 in *IGI* (Hugglescote, Leics); Thomas Baune, 1710 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 Irish: see **Bain**.

**Bawtree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex

English: see **Bawtry**.

**Bawtry**

**Variants:** **Bawtree**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bawtry in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Peter Bautre, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas de Bautre, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johannes de Bautre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsworth),

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WR Yorks); Reginald Bawtre, merchant, 1429 in *York Registry Wills*; John Bawthrie, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Bax

Variants: **Backs, Backes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Back**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Daniell Backes, 1583 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Richard Bax, 1540, Parnel Backes, 1594 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Francis Bakes, 1640 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Baxandall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Baxendale**.

### Baxby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from Baxby in Hushwaite (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Alicia de Baxby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); John Baxby, 1410–11 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Baxby, 1432 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Baxendale

Variants: **Baxandall, Bassindale, Bassinder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1624, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1526
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Baxenden in Lancs, recorded as *Bacstanden* in 1324, with *-dale* later substituted for *-den*.
- Early bearers:** Richard Baxenden, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Katherine Backstendeyle, 1595 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Bacstondyne, 1602 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Sarah Bassindale, 1676 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lancs); Edward Bassindale, 1702 in *IGI* (Messingham, Lancs); Elisabetha Basingdale, 1722 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lancs); Joseph Baxendell, 1734, William Bascendale, 1810 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Wm. Bassendale, 1734, Wm. Basendale, 1744 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lancs); Richard Boxendale, 1748 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Daniel Bassinder, 1753 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lancs); John Bassandale, 1774 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); John Basendale, 1790 in *IGI* (Coppull, Lancs).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Baxter

Variants: **Bagster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24004, Ireland 1458
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17756
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- English: occupational name from Middle English *baxter* ‘baker’ (Old English *bæcstre* ‘baker’, earlier ‘female baker’, the feminine equivalent of *bæcere*; see **Baker**).

**Early bearers:** England: Lueger se Bacestere before 1093 *Tengvik* (Devon); Hanne Bakestre, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Will’o le Bacstere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William le Baxtere, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Ricardo Bakster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Denys, Walmgate, York); Patricius Bakister, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Baxster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Baxter, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Robert Baxter, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Henrie Baxter, 1550 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Dorothy Baxter, 1558 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Robertu Baxter, 1563 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks). Scotland: Geffrei le Baxtere, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); William Baxtare, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Baxter, 1398 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Baxter, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks). **References:** *Black*.

### Bay

Variants: **Baye, Bays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; otherwise scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bai* ‘reddish brown’, of hair or complexion.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert le Bay, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Agnes le Bay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Anes Bay, 1561 in *IGI* (Canwick, Lincs); Thomas Bay, 1567 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); John Bay, 1581 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); John Bay, 1604 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); John Bay, 1607 in *IGI* (Englishcombe, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bay* (either from the Old English male name *Bæga* or the female *Bæge*, both from *bæg* ‘ring’). Compare **Bake** (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert filius Bay, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks).

3 English: locative name from Middle English *bei* ‘ring, bend’ (Old English *bæg*), used topographically for features such as river-bends.

**Early bearers:** John ate Bey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Attebege, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Bay, 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馬, see **Ma** (1).

### Bayard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Norfolk; Middx and Surrey

Norman, English: (i) nickname from *Bayard* (Old French *baiart*, *baiard* ‘bay-coloured’), the name of the bright bay magic horse given by Charlemagne to Renaud in a 12th-century *chanson de geste*. It was subsequently used as a mock-heroic name for any horse, particularly for a blindly reckless or foolish one. Applied as a human nickname it probably denoted someone with a proud, haughty, or reckless disposition, rather than someone with reddish brown hair (as is often supposed from the original sense of *baiart*). Compare Chaucer’s ‘proud Bayard’ and ‘Bayard the blynde’; ‘þay blustered as blynde as bayard’ (about 1325 in *OED*); ‘But as Bayard the blinde sted [steed] . . . He goth there no man will

him bidde’ (1393 in *OED*). (ii) nickname perhaps occasionally from Old French *bayard*, *baiart* ‘hand barrow used for heavy loads’, used possibly to denote a mason’s labourer. Compare Old French, Anglo-Norman French *baiardeur*; *bayardours* is found in 1359 in (*Salzman, Building*, p. 439) and *baiard* ‘hand barrow’ in 1278 in (p. 243). In the Vale Royal accounts of 1278 the *bayarders* or *bairdores* are described as ‘men carrying with barrows large stones to be carved into the workshop and out’ (*Salzman, Building*, p. 353). This is a less likely origin than (i). **Early bearers:** Ralph baird (baiart), 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Herts); Godfrey Baiart, Baiard, 1161–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Simon Bai(h)ard, 1203, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Willelmus Bayard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Ricardo Bayarde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Norton, Leics); Agnes Bayard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); Johanne Baiard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baydon, Wilts); Ricardus Bayard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); Henricus Bayard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Wilm. Bayarde, 1551 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Ric. Bayard, 1583 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Henrye Bayard, 1588 in *IGI* (Ingoldsbys, Lincs); John Bayard, 1620 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Alice Bayard, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Luke Bayard, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Robert Bayard, 1752 in *IGI* (Kingstone, Staffs).

### Baybutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained. Perhaps from the French surname *Babault*, itself of uncertain origin, and evidence for a French connection is lacking. The name is very local to Ormskirk and district. **Early bearers:** Richard Babot, 1619 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Wm. Babet, 1759 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Joseph Babert, 1735 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); James Baybut, 1751 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Joseph Baybutt, 1770 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Richard Babutt, 1779 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); William Baybold, 1792 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs).

### Baycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Oxon
- English: see **Beacock**.

### Baye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Bay**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bayer

Variants: **Beyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: (i) occupational name for a maker of baize cloth, from an agent derivative of Old French *baies*, Middle English *bayes* (from the adjective *bai* ‘reddish-brown, bay’), probably so called because of



its original colour. Originally a coarse woollen material with a long nap, it was said to have been introduced into Britain by immigrants from France and the Netherlands in the 16th century, but the word certainly appears much earlier in English. (ii) locative name for a 'dweller by the bend', from an agent derivative of Old English *bēag* 'bend'.

**Early bearers:** John Beyer, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwick); William le Beier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Bayer, 1351 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Bayer, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Jeremy Bayer, 1627 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Daniel Bayer, 1649 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk); John Bayer, 1657 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Bayer, 1672 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from German *Beier* 'Bavarian', denoting a person from Bavaria.

**Early bearers:** Charles Bayer, stay manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Frederick Bayer, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Southwark, Surrey); Israel Bayer, carman, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); August Bayer, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Jacob Bayer, grocer and provisions dealer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Christian Bayer, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Shoreditch, Middx); Reinhold Beyer, professor of music, born in Zwebendorf, Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Bayes

**Variants:** Bays, Base

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1159, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 827
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Norfolk

English: see **Bass**.

## Bayfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Bayfield in Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Baifeld', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon de Bayfeld, 1390–1 in *Norwich Let Jurisdiction*; Alan Bayfeld, 1461 in *Paston Letters*.

## Bayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: locative name from Bayford (Herts).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Begeford, 12th cent. in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts); Stephen Beyford, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; William Bayford, 1392 in *Feet of Fines*; John Beyford' of Aldebery, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Agnis Bayford, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Grace Bayford, 1573 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Symon Bayford, 1604 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); John Baiford, 1635 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 214.

## Baylay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Bailey**.

## Bayldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Baildon**.

## Bayle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bale**.

## Bayler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Baylor**.

## Bayles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 592
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; Suffolk

English: see **Bales**.

## Bayless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Bayliss**.

## Bayley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4174, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Down

English: see **Bailey**.

## Baylie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bailey**.

## Bayliff

**Variants:** Bayliffe, Bailiff, Baileff, Bayliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also Cumb and Lancs

English: from Middle English *bailli*, *baillif* 'manager, administrator' (Old French *bailli(s)*, *baillif*). The term could denote the king's officer in a county, hundred, town, castle, or forest, or an elected town officer, a magistrate, an officer of a court, serving warrants and enforcing judgments. In Middle English, a bailiff often denoted the agent of a lord in managing a manor, collecting rents, etc., but in the early modern period the term gradually became specialized as denoting an officer of justice under a sheriff, who executes writs and processes, distrains, and arrests. Compare **Bailey**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Baillif, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Gilbert le Balif, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Bayllif, Baylly, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Balis, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Casterton, Rutland); Robertus Baillif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Hants); Henrico le Balif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn, Lancs); Waltero Bayleffe, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Broad Town, Wilts); Edward Bayliff, 1543, Johis. Bayliff, 1602, Edw. Bayliff, 1607 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Leo. Bailiff, 1602, Egidy Bailiff, 1604 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Bailiffe, 1662 in *IGI* (Whitkirk, WR Yorks).

## Bayliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Wilts

English: see **Bayliff**.

## Baylis

**Variants:** Balis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2304, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Oxon

English: see **Bayliss**.

## Bayliss

**Variants:** Baylis, Bailiss, Bailless, Bayless, Bailes, Bales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7941, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3775
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick, Worcs, and Staffs

English: variant of **Bayliff** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** In some cases it may be a survival of the Old French nominative form *baillis*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bailiss, 1547, Samuel Baylles, 1635 in *York Freeman's Register*; Anne Bailis, 1579 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); William Bayless, 1702 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); John Baileys, 1711 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Elizabeth Baileys, 1727 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Elizebeth Bailis, 1677 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Thomas Bailiss, 1694 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwick); Benj Bailless, 1735 in *IGI* (Black Bourton, Oxon); George Bailless, 1746 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); John Bayless, 1768 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

## Baylor

**Variants:** Bailor, Bailier, Bayler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: occupational name from the legal term *bailor* (Anglo-Norman French *baillur*, *baileor*) 'one who delivers goods'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bailor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); John Bayler, 1581 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Edmund Bailor, 1634 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Thomas Bailier, 1639 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, Hants); James Baylor, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick).

**References:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bayly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: see **Bailey**.

## Bayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

## Baynard

Norman, English: variant of **Beaumont**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Bayman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Headcorn, Kent); Daniell Bayman, 1589 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Robert Bayman, 1591 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Robert Bayman, 1604 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Elyzabeth Bayman, 1612 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Frannces Bayman, 1618 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Mary Bayman, 1688 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mary Bayman, 1754 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

## Baynard

**Variants:** Banyard, Bunyard, Bannard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bainard*, via Norman French from Continental Germanic *Beinhard*, of uncertain origin, perhaps from \**bein-* 'leg, bone' or a supposed element \**bagin-* 'dispute' + \**hard-* 'hard, brave'.

**Early bearers:** Rotbert' homo bainardi, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Suffolk); Ralph baignart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Ralph bainard, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Norfolk); Ralph Baignard, Bangiard, Baniardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Robert Bainard, 1182 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); John Baynard, Beynard, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Baniard, 1207, Bainard, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William Banyard, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Philip Baynarde, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Philippus Baynard, 1538 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Willm. Banyard, 1560 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Anne Baynard, 1560 in *IGI* (Cuxton, Kent); Christoferus Banyard, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Bunyard, 1612 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs); Ann Bunyard, 1612 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Arthur Bunyard, 1668, James Banyard, 1779 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).  
**References:** *Morlet*.

## Bayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1017, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Fife; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry
- Irish, Scottish: see **Bain**.

## Baynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1247, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London, Essex, also Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Norman, English, Scottish, Irish: see **Baines**.

## Baynham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 562
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Herefs
- Welsh: see **Beynon**.

## Baynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Worcs; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Bainton**.

## Bayntun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, Hants, and Wilts

English: see **Bainton**.

## Bayram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: variant of **Byrom**. Redmonds notes that John Barum is otherwise called Bayram, 1625–6 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Johis. Baram, 1627 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Mary Byrom, 1669, James Bayrom, 1703 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Hannah Byrom, 1721, Wm. Bayram, 1731 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

## Bays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. ER Yorks; Norfolk, Cambs, and Northants

1 English: see **Bass**.

2 English: variant of **Bay** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

## Bayston

**Variants:** Baston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- 1 English: locative name from Baston in Lincs.  
**Early bearers:** Turstan de Baston', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Baston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Willelmus de Baston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Thomas Baston, 1561 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Thomas Baston, 1605 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Bayston, 1610 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Katteren Bayston, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Joseph Baston, 1731 in *IGI* (Hollym cum Withernsea, ER Yorks).  
2 English: locative name from Bayston in Shrops.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de ] Beestan', 1208–9 in *Place-Names of Shrops*; Alice de Bayston, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); [ . . . ] Beiston, 1344–5 in *Place-Names of Shrops*; William Beyston, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Bayston, Shrops); Ambrose Bastone, 1573 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).  
3 English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Baystan*, Old English *Bēagstān*, from *bēag* 'ring' + *stān* 'stone'.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Baystan', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great and Little Habton, NR Yorks); William Baystan, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Anne Baston, 1668 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

## Bayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
- English: locative name from Bayton (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bayton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Roberto Bayton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton, Herefs); Johannes Bayton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windley Pool in Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Johannis Bayton, 1564 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); Ann Bayton, 1573 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Edward

Baiton, 1586 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Lewis Bayton, 1600 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Walter Bayton, 1625 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Worcs).

## Baz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *bāz* 'falcon'.

**Further information:** It is borne by, among others, Lebanese Christians and seems also to have been used as a personal name among Sephardic Jews.

## Bazeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Baseley**.

## Bazell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Hants
- English: see **Basil**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bazell, 1832 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset).

## Bazely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Devon; Kent
- English: see **Baseley** and compare **Basil**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Basly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Nicholas Basley, 1539, Robert Baseley, 1584 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); James Bazely, 1647 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Beniamyn Bazely, 1655 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elizabeth Bazely, 1726 in *IGI* (Welford, Northants).

## Bazley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Northants
- English: see **Baseley** and compare **Bazely**.

## Beabey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts
- English: see **Beeby**.

## Beacall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire

English: perhaps a variant of **Beagle**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Beacall, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); George Beacall, 1682 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); George Beacall, 1693 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); George Beacall, 1726 in *Shrops Archives* (Shrops); John Beagle, 1733, John Beacall, 1810 in *IGI* (Clebury Mortimer, Shrops).

## Beach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3120, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2848
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks; London
- English: see **Beech**.

**Beacham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1162, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 834
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Monmouths

Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**.

**Beauchamp**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**.

**Beachem**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**.

**Beacher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also ER Yorks and WR Yorks

1 English: see **Beecher**.

2 English: in N England probably a variant of

**Beardsall**

**Early bearers:** Thomas Beacher, 1721 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Richard Beacher, 1745 in *IGI* (Tankersley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Beachill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** George Beachall, 1710, Beachell, 1720 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Jas. Beachill, 1750 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); William Beachell, 1778 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Henry Beachill, 1798 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); Ann Beechill, 1827 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire).

**Beachley**

**Variants:** **Beechley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name apparently from Beckley (Sussex), which is no doubt also one of the sources of the surname **Beckley**. The development to [tʃ] rather than [k] is seen in some of the early forms of the place-name.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willmo de Bechely, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warnham, Sussex); Willmo de Bechelye, 1296, Walto de Bechele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ifield, Sussex); Pho de Bechelye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (New Shoreham, Sussex); Robert Bechele, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Bechele, the elder, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Bolney, Sussex); [ . . . ] Beechele, [ . . . ] Bechele, 1432 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); John Becheley, 1528 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Nynion Bechely, 1581 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Johanns Beachly, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ann Beechley, 1780, Ruth Becheley, 1802 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Peter Bechely, 1790 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); William Beachley, 1819 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Richard Beachley, 1855 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 526–7.

**Beachy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon

English: see **Beechey**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Beacock**

**Variants:** **Baycock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Becok*, a compound of *Be* (a pet form of *Beton* or *Beatrice*) + the diminutive suffix *-coc*.

Compare John Becokson, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henricus filius Becok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Stephen Becoc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Alanus Bekok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Ric Becocke, 1566 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); Susanna Beacock, 1600 in *IGI* (Claxby by Normanby, Lincs).

**Beacom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 183
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**.

**Beacon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Tipperary

English: locative name from one or more of the many places described by, or with names deriving from, Middle English *beken* 'beacon, sign, signal' (Old English *bēacun*), such as Beacon in Luppitt (Devon), Beacon End in Stanway (Essex), and Beacon Hill in Bishopstone (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Bois, Essex); Ricardus Bekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); William Bekyn', chaplain, 1436, William Beken', clerk, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Roger Beacon, 1562 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Beken, 1577 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richard Beaken, 1596 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Willm Beacon, 1606 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Willm. Beacon, 1607 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Benj. Beken, 1753 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 643; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 400; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 365.

**Beacroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Beecroft**.

**Beade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Beed**.

**Beadel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Beadle**.

**Beadell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Essex
- English: see **Beadle**.

**Beadham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Beetham**.

2 English: see **Beedham**.

**Beadle**

**Variants:** **Beadel, Beedle, Beedell, Beadell, Bedle, Bedel, Bedell, Beddall, Biddle, Biddell, Buddle, Beedles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3031, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Kent, Surrey, Essex, and Herts; Durham

1 English: occupational name for a beadle, a medieval court official, from Middle English *bedel*, chiefly a borrowing from Old French. The related Old English word *bydel* also contributed to the surname, appearing as Middle English *bidel* in N and E England (hence the name *Biddle*, etc.) *budel* in S England and the W Midlands (hence *Buddle*, etc.), and *bedel* in SE England, especially Kent (another source, therefore, of *Beadle* and *Beedle*).

**Early bearers:** Brun Bydel, 11th cent. in *Codex Diplomaticus* 1353 (Somerset); Britctmarus Bedel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Erneis bedel, Luinus budel, and Richard budel, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ailsie le Bedell', 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Robert le Budel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Galfridus Bedel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsdown, Kent); Richard Bedle, 1541 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Richard Byddell, 1559 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Jhone Beddle, 1564 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richard Biddell, 1569 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); Judeth Biddall, 1593 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Christopherus Beddell, 1601 in *IGI* (Aspenden, Herts); John Biddle, 1655 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Beadle, John Beddall, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Thomas Biddel, 1667, William Biddle, 1673 in *IGI* (Church Hulme, Cheshire).

2 English: locative name from Bedale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Bedale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Isabella de Bedale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York).

3 English: locative name alternatively from one of the many minor places called Bedwell, (e. g. in Essendon and Stevenage, Herts) or Bidwell (e. g. in Titchmarsh, Northants).

**Further information:** For Bedwell and Bidwell see *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *byden*. Loss of *w* after a consonant is a common dialect development.

**Beadles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Shropshire

English: see **Beedles**.

## Beadley

### Beadley

- GB frequency 1881: 115
- Main GB location 1881: Notts; Shrops; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Baddeley**.

### Beadling

- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham
- English: variant of **Bednall** (from Beadnell, Northumb) with metathesis of *-n-* and *-l-*.
- Early bearers:** Michael Beadlin, 1658 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Dorothy Beadland, 1710 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); John Beadling, 1713, Robert Beadlin, 1723, Tho. Beedlin, 1747 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Andrew Beedlin, 1727, Hannah Beadland, 1822 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); William Beadland, 1733 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); William Beadland, 1745 in *IGI* (Belford, Northumb); James Beadlan, 1785 in *IGI* (Helmsley, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.*

### Beadman

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 146
  - Main GB location 1881: Leics
- English: occupational name for someone who prayed for the soul of a benefactor, Middle English *bedeman* ‘man of prayer’.
- Early bearers:** William Bedman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Bedeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarsh, ER Yorks); William Bedemon, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johane Beadman, 1559, William Bedman, 1632 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); An Beadman, 1710, Joseph Bedman, 1719 in *IGI* (Twycross, Leics).

### Beadnell

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 124
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb

English: see **Bednall**.

### Beadon

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 158
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Beeden**.

### Beadsmore

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 121
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Beardmore**.

### Beadsworth

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Leics and Lincs; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Badsworth (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** John de Baddesworth, 1334–7 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Baddesworth, 1420 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Beadsworth, 1685 in *IGI*

(Leeds, WR Yorks); Anthony Beadsworth, 1708 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland).

### Beagan

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 54
  - GB frequency 1881: 57
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Westm, and Durham
- Irish: from Ó Beachain (see **Behan**) or Ó Beagáin see (**Beggan**).

### Beagle

- Variants:** **Beacall, Beagles**
- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London; Cambs
- English: locative name possibly from Beal in Kellington (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Begale* in 1086, *Beghale* in the 13th century, and *Beal alias Beghall* in 1584.
- Early bearers:** John de Beghal, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus de Beghall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robertus de Beghall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cridling Stubbs, WR Yorks); Johannes de Beghall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillam, WR Yorks); Johannes Beghalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); Robert Beghall of Cridlyng, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Forman Beagle, 1613 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Xpopher Beagle, 1637 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Benjamin Beagle, 1782 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 55.

### Beaglehole

- Variants:** **Bagilhole, Baglole**
- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- English: locative name, on the face of it possibly topographical, from or related to dialectal *bog(g)le-hole* ‘hobgoblin’s lair’, but this is a word of N England and Scotland.
- Early bearers:** Roger Bagelhole, 1447 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Hartland, Devon); Henry Bagelhole, 1560, Thomas Baggilhole, 1631, Jane Bagalhole, 1667 in *Parish Registers* (Hartland, Devon); John Baggelhole, 1573 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Charles Bagelhole, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Bugelhole, 1777 in *IGI* (Marazion, Cornwall); Elizabeth Bugelhoal, 1807 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

### Beagles

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Norfolk
- English: variant of **Beagle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Wm. Beagles, 1705 in *IGI* (Holme, Hunts); Robert Beagles, 1718 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Charles Beagles, 1771 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs).

### Beagley

- Current frequencies: GB 596, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 497
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- Irish: from Ó Beaglaioich, see **Begley**.

### Beagrie

- Variants:** **Baigrie, Bagrie, Begrie**
- Current frequencies: GB 227, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Scottish: from Bagrae in Alvah parish, Banffs; possibly also from Balgray in Angus.
- Early bearers:** John Balgray, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Balgrie, 1634 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Luffness, E Lothian); William Baigrie, 1680 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); John Beagrie, 1697 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Bagrie, 1728 in *IGI* (Gartly, Aberdeens); John Beagrie, 1736 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens).

### Beahan

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 53
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Leinster: esp. Offaly
- Irish: from Ó Beachain or Ó Beathain, see **Behan**.

### Beaird

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Scottish: see **Baird**.

### Beak

- Variants:** **Beake, Beeke, Beck, Beeks**
- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 382
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *bek, bekke* ‘beak, bill of a bird’ (Old French *bec*), probably for someone with a very prominent nose.
- Early bearers:** Stephen le Beek, 1321 in *MED* (Kent); Henr. le Beek, 1328 in *MED*; Alice le Beeke, 1333 in *MED* (Staffs); Thomas Beeke, 1561 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Percefall Beake, 1587 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); John Beake, 1655 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Beak, 1679 in *IGI* (Stanton Saint Quintin, Wilts); Benjamin Beek, 1682 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

### Beake

- Current frequencies: GB 196, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 204
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts
- English: see **Beak**.

### Beal

- Variants:** **Beale, Beall, Beel, Beales**
- Current frequencies: GB 3286, Ireland 16
  - GB frequency 1881: 2758
  - Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. WR Yorks and ER Yorks; S England: esp. Kent and Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Beal (Northumb, earlier *Behill*) or Beal (in Kellington, WR Yorks). In the E Midlands, it may also be from Beald Farm in Cambs, recorded as *Bele super Dedhil*, about 1195 in *Place-Names of Cambs*, or, especially in Lincs, perhaps from a word or name for a farm derived from Scandinavian *bōli* ‘farm’.
- Early bearers:** Richard and William de Bele, 1222 in *Medieval Ely* (Cambs); Simon de Beel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Beall, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*

(Yorks); Thomas de Behil, 1382 in *Bardsley* (Northumb); John Bele, 1517 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Northumb); Richard Beele, 1540 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Richus Beal, 1592 in *IGI* (Sutton, Sussex); Alice Beal, 1597 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs).

2 English: see **Beale**.

### Bealby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name see **Bielby** and compare **Bilby**.

### Beale

Variants: **Beal**, **Beales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5560, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3779
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Laois

1 English: relationship name either from Middle English *bel(e)* ‘fair, beautiful’ used as a woman’s name, or from a pet form of an Old French or Middle English female personal name ending in *-bel*, especially *Isabel* (see also **Bell**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Bele, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Bella, Bele Coty, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Alexander filius Bele, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert fil’ Bele of Mansfield, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); John Beale, 1542 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Alverey Beale, 1551 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); John Beale, 1552 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Katheren Beale, 1552 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Willm Beale, 1552 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bel(e)* ‘fair, beautiful’ (Old French *bele*). The forms without article may belong to (1) above or to **Beal**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Beale, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Robertus le Bel, 1207 in *Fine Rolls*; John Beale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph le Bele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Beal, 1589 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); Ellinoure Beale, 1617 in *IGI* (Long Burton, Dorset).

3 English: see **Beal**.

### Beales

Variants: **Beals**, **Beels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2149, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk and Essex

English: relationship name, variant of **Beale** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Suzan Beales, 1618 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Bealey

Variants: **Beeley**, **Bealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lancs; also Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Belleigh (in Dartington, Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Ballelegh’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dartington, Devon); Jacobe Bealigh, 1578 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Mary Bealy, 1627 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Mark Bealy, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Mary Beally, 1662 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); Thomas Beeley, 1771 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon).

2 English: see **Beeley**.

### Bealing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Belling** or **Billing**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Bealinge, 1595, John Bealing, 1627 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); John Bealing, 1639 in *IGI* (Winterborne Kingston, Dorset); Raph Beeleinge or Beelinge, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent); Betty Beling, 1729 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts).

### Beall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; SE England; NE England; Fife

English: see **Beal**.

### Beals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also Yorks

English: see **Beales**.

### Bealy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Devon

1 English: see **Beeley**.

2 English: see **Bealey**.

### Beam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Middle English *bem* ‘tree; beam, post, piece of timber’ (Old English *bēam*), used topographically, perhaps most often in the sense ‘footbridge’, as in Beam Bridge in Dagenham (Essex). Compare **Bambridge**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de la Beme, 1199–1216, Osbert de la Beme, about 1260–2 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Havering, Essex); Osborn Atterbeame, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Henry atte Beme, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Johanna Beame, 1551 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Thomas Beam, 1598 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent); Francis Beam, 1606 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); Andrew Beam, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Ben Beam, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London); Hugh Beam, 1704 in *IGI* (Holt, Wilts).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *bēam*; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 92–3.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bem* ‘beam; tree; beam of a loom; beam of light’ (Old English *bēam*), the same word as in (1), perhaps used to denote a stocky person or possibly a weaver.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Bem, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

### Beaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs

1 Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

2 English: see **Beeman**.

### Beamand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Beament

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Herts

Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Beamer

Variants: **Beemer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: occupational name from Middle English *bemere* ‘trumpeter’ (Old English *bēmere*, *biemere*).

**Early bearers:** Normannus Bemere, 1160–5 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN* (London); William Bemer, 1595 in *IGI* (Stodmarsh, Kent); Alicia Beemer, 1602 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Ellinnor Beamer, 1635 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Ann Beamer, 1804 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *ELPN*, pp. 55, 200.

### Beames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Beamish**.

### Beamish

Variants: **Beamiss**, **Beames**, **Beams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 854, Ireland 157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: (i) locative name from Beaumais-sur-Dive in Calvados or any of various other places in France named with Latin *Bellus Mansus* ‘fair dwelling’. See *Anglo-Norman Families*. (ii) locative name, in some cases from Beamish in Durham, recorded as *Bellus Mansus* in 1251 and *Bewmys* in 1288.

**Early bearers:** William Baumis, de Beaumis, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Richard de Beames, de Belmes, 1191–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Robert de Beaumeis, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Henry de Beaumes, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Limber, Lincs); Thomas Beaumois, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Anne Beamys, 1568 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Samuel Beamish, 1603 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Anna Beamis, 1627, Ann Beamiss, 1789 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

### Beamiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

Norman, English: see **Beamish**.

## Beamond

### Beamond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Beamont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Beams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; Glamorgan; also Northumb

Norman, English: see **Beamish**.

### Bean

**Variants:** **Been, Beane, Beene, Beans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4674, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3811
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E and N England: esp. WR Yorks; Kent; also Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *bene* ‘pleasant, genial, kindly’. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). (ii) nickname from Middle English *bene* ‘bean’. The word was commonly used to denote something of little worth, as in the phrase ‘Al nas wurth a bene’ (*MED*, about 1325). It may have been used to nickname someone who habitually used the term or who was thought to merit it. Alternatively it may have been a name for a grower or seller of beans. Compare **Pease**. (iii) locative name; it may also be from a location. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Adam del Bene of Harrogate (1351) as evidence to suggest that in the Harrogate area, where the Yorks name later proliferated, it may have been derived from a place where beans grew.

**Further information:** The broad bean, *Vicia faba*, was a staple food in Europe in the Middle Ages. The green bean, *Phaseolus vulgaris*, came from South America and was not introduced to Europe until the late 16th century. Compare the now extinct surnames *Beaner* and *Beancod*: John le Bener, 1282 in *London Letter Books A*; Adam Benecod, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii*. **Early bearers:** Gerard Bene, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ailwardus Bene, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Juliana Bean, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aislaby, NR Yorks); Jone Bean, 1556 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Abraham Bean, 1574 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Gabrielis Bean, 1592 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Richard Bean, 1603 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon); Geoffrey Bean, 1605 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); Robert Bean, 1622 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); Bryan Bean, 1708 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Benn**. Compare **Benney**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Biene, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Ricardus filius Bene, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

3 Irish, Scottish: in Scotland and Ireland this is a reduced form of **Mac B(h)eathain**, see **McBain**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Bean, 1609 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); John Bean, 1659 in *IGI* (Foveran, Aberdeens).

4 Irish: in Ireland, also a reduced form of **Ó**

**Beachain**, see **Behan**.

### Beane

**Variants:** **Beans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Bean**.

### Beaney

**Variants:** **Beeney, Beeny, Beney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1147, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Northumb and Durham

1 English: see **Benney**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Benye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Dorothy Beney, 1602 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Mary Beeny, 1604 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Beeny, 1628, Mary Beeny, 1684 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Dorothy Beeny, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Burwash, Sussex); Elenor Beany, 1681 in *IGI* (Warehorne, Kent); John Beaney, 1740 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); James Beaney, 1769 in *IGI* (Hooe, Sussex).

2 Scottish: see **Bennie**.

### Beanland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 614
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name for someone who lived by land on which beans grew, from Middle English *ben(e)* (Old English *bēan*) + *land*. The principal source appears to have been a locality near Keighley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Benelandes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Grace Beanland, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Grace Beneland, 1613 in *Parish Registers* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Christopher Beanland, 1620 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Beanland, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Edward Beanland, 1746 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Beans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Bean** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Willm. Beanes, 1573 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Henry Beans, 1618 in *IGI* (Meldreth, Cambs); Dorothy Beans, 1621 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Charles Beans, 1689 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops).

Scotland: David Beanes, 1591 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Mareon Beans, 1629 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Jannat Beans, 1666 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Bear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Beer**.

### Beara

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Beer**.

### Bearcock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Barcock**.

### Bearcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; NR Yorks

English: see **Barcroft**.

### Beard

**Variants:** **Bard, Beards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9699, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7747
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Midlands: esp. Derbys and Cheshire; Essex, Kent, and Sussex; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: nickname from Middle English *berd* (Old English *beard*), frequently translated by French *barbe* (see **Barbe**), and often in a Latin or French prepositional form, ‘(the man) with the beard’.

**Early bearers:** England: Ælfsige mid þam berde, about 1100 in *Pelletter*, p. 113 (Devon); Hugo AlaBarbe, Barbatus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Baldeuinus cum barba, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Alsi berd, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Alwine bierd, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Alfwin’ berd, 1155 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Robert a la barbe, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Ouelabarbe, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William od la Barbe, 1311 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Roger Beerde, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Tempsford, Beds); Richard Berde, 1464 in *PROB 11* (London); Pnell. Beard, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Bearde, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Reigate, Surrey). Ireland: Richard Beard, archdeacon of Cashel, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §686; William Bearde or Berde, knight, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1348 (Ballincorbille, alias Ballicorbett).

2 English: locative name from a place called *Beard* (Derbys) now represented by Beard Hall and Beardwood Farms in New Mills parish.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Berd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes de Berde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricardus de Berd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Richard de Berde, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Beard in New Mills, Derbys); Jacobi Beard, 1568 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Wm. Beard, 1602 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 151.

### Beardall

**Variants:** **Bearder, Beardow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: locative name from Beardhough in New Mills (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Berdehalwe, 1285 in *Forest Pleas* (Derbys); Johanna de Berdhalgh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Bakewell, Derbys); Eln Beardall, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Norton, Derbys); Ellin Beardow, 1627, Samuel Berdoe, 1709 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Henry Bearder, 1667 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Matthew Beardoe, 1701, Alice Bearder, 1719 in *IGI* (Papplewick, Notts); George Beardaw, 1731 in *IGI* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 151; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bearden

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: variant of **Barden** or **Bardon**.

### Bearder

- Current frequencies: GB 263, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 182
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Beardall**.

### Beardmore

Variants: **Beardsmore**, **Beadsmore**

- Current frequencies: GB 1950, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 1364
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from a lost place called *Beardmoors* in Farley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Berdesmor* in 1290 and *Berdemore* in 1296.

Early bearers: Richard de Berdemore, 1295, Richard de Berdemor, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Berdemor, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Ellen Berdmore, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Leigh, Staffs); Ellen Beard-more, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Malpas, Cheshire); Samuel Berdmore, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Church Lawton, Cheshire); Edmond Beardsmore, 1679 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); Jhn Beadmre, 1798 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs).

References: *Tooth* vol. 1, pp. 136–7; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 108.

### Beardon

- Current frequencies: GB 174, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 102
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Derbys
- English: variant of **Bardon** or **Barden**.

### Beardow

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 87
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Beardall**.

### Beards

- Current frequencies: GB 508, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 337
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: variant of **Beard** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Beardsall

Variants: **Beardsell**, **Beardshaw**, **Beardshall**, **Beacher**, **Burdsall**, **Birdsell**

- Current frequencies: GB 369, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 277
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Buersill (in Rochdale, Lancs), recorded as *Berdeshull* (1292), *Burdsell* (1543). The name has probably been confused with **Birdsall**.

Further information: Breadsall in Derbys is another possible source, with metathesis of the *-r-*, but there is no certain evidence of this.

Early bearers: [ . . . de] Birdeshille, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Robertus de Byrdushul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton, Lancs); Thomas Beardsell, 1560 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Alison Burdsall, 1546 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Nycholas Beardshawe, 1569 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Richi. Beardsall, 1574 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Alice Beardshaw, 1584 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Robi. Beardshay, 1589 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Edward Burdsall, 1608 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ann Beardsall, 1627 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Anne Beardshaw, 1660 in *IGI* (Tuxford, Notts); Fran. Beardsall, 1703 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Lancs Place-Names*, p. 55.

### Beardsell

- Current frequencies: GB 275, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 301
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Beardsall**.

### Beardshall

- Current frequencies: GB 215, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 114
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Beardsall**.

### Beardshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 338, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 247
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Beardsall**.

### Beardslee

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Bardsley**.
- Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is common in the USA.

### Beardsley

- Current frequencies: GB 1709, Ireland 23
  - GB frequency 1881: 954
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Bardsley**.

### Beardsmore

- Current frequencies: GB 1014, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 412
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Warwicks, and Leics
- English: see **Beardmore**.

### Beardsworth

Variants: **Beardworth**, **Beardwood**

- Current frequencies: GB 538, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 544
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Beardwood, NW of Blackburn (Lancs), recorded as *Berdewrthe* (1258), *Berdeswurth(grave)*, and *Burdeswurthe* (1305), and *Berdwood*, 1609 in *Lancs Place-Names*.

Early bearers: Simon de Berdewrthe, 1258 in *Lancs Inquests*; Jane Beardsworth, 1600 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); William Beardsworth, 1608 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Willmi Beardsworth, 1613 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); James Beardwood, 1688 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

### Beardwell

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 195
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Bardwell**.

### Beardwood

- Current frequencies: GB 237, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 242
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin
- English: see **Beardsworth**.

### Beardworth

- GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Beardsworth**.

### Beare

- Current frequencies: GB 809, Ireland 102
  - GB frequency 1881: 545
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon; Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Beer**.

### Bearfield

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; ER Yorks

English: locative name possibly from Great or Little Bardfield or Bardfield Saling in Essex.

Early bearers: Johannes Berdefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Bardfeld or Bardfield, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex); Mary Berfield, 1690 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); William Bearfield, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Clifton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); George Bearfield, 1772 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex).

### Bearham

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England
- English: see **Barham**.

### Bearhop

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Berwicks
- Scottish: see **Bearup**.

### Bearhope

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Bearup**.

### Bearman

Variants: **Berman**, **Barman**

- Current frequencies: GB 851, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 591
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: (i) occupational name for a porter or bearer, Middle English *ber(e)man*, *bar(e)man* (Old English

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*bāermann*). (ii) relationship name without the article, *Berman* may also be from a personal name. Walterus filius Bereman, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent) may have been the son of a porter, but his father may have borne the name \**Beornmann* (from Old English *beorn* 'warrior' + *mann* 'man'), unrecorded in Old English, but of a type common in the 11th and 12th centuries; or perhaps from the rare Old English personal name *Beornmund* (from *beorn* + *mund* 'protection'). Compare Adam Beremund, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William Beremund, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Alsi Berman, 1137 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Gilbert Berman, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Ralph Bareman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Simon le Berman, 1281 in *Thuesson* (Lincs); Geoffrey le Barman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Bearman, 1560 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Isaac Bearman, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Anne Bearman, 1579 in *IGI* (Ranby, Lincs); Roger Bearman, 1583 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thoms Bearman, 1585 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon).

## Bearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained; possibly a regional survival of the older pronunciation of *barn*, in which case compare **Barne**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Berne, 1525 in *PROB 11* (London); Joane Bearne, 1565 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Eellena Bearne, 1580 in *IGI* (Kings Walden, Herts).

## Bearpark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Bearpark (Durham).

**Further information:** For the first 140 years of its record it appears only in Wensley.

**Early bearers:** Dorothea Bearpark, 1542 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Bearper, 1734 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks).

## Bearryman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Berryman**.

## Bears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs

English: see **Beers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Beart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Bert**.

## Beartup

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Baitup**.

## Bearup

**Variants:** **Bearhop**, **Bearhope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

Scottish, English: locative name from *Bearhope*, a lost place in the Scottish borders, composed of the elements *bere* 'barley' or *bare* 'bare' and *hop* 'remote valley'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bearhop, 1715 in *IGI* (Hownam, Roxburghs); George Bearhope, 1723 in *IGI* (Bedrule, Roxburghs); Robert Bearup, 1741 in *IGI* (Birdhope Craig, Northumb).

**References:** *Non-Celtic Border Place-Names; Germanic Toponymicon*.

## Beary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Béara, see **Berry** (5).

## Beasant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Dorset

English: see **Bessant**.

## Beasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5498, Ireland 147
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks; Berks and Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: see **Beesley**.

## Beason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Beeston**.

## Beast

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Hunts

English: see **Best**.  
**Early bearers:** Gelbarte Beaste, 1563 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Valentyne Beaste, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); John Beaste, 1578 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Elizabeth Beaste, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Grace Beaste, 1617 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

## Beastall

**Variants:** **Bestall**, **Bestow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: variant of **Bairstow**. The loss of *-r-* in the consonant cluster (compare **Gaston** for **Garston**) is already apparent in Radulfus de Baystow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys, where the name is still found in the 17th century). The substitution of *-stall* for *-stow* is paralleled in *Bearstall* for *Bairstow*, noted by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bestall, 1579, Rowland Bestow, 1612, John Beastall, 1648 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Thomas Bestall, 1716 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

## Beaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Beeston**.

## Beat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

English, Scottish: see **Beet**.

## Beater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset

English: see **Bater**.

## Beath

**Variants:** **Beth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name from Beath in Fife.

**Early bearers:** Edmund de Beeth, 1231 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); Donald Bait, 1508 in *Dunkeld Rentale*; Janet Baith, 1652 in *IGI* (Auchtermuchty, Fife); David Beath, 1662 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Thomas Beth, 1694 in *IGI* (Arngask, Perth).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha**, see **McBeth**.

## Beatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Beetham**.

## Beatie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

Scottish: see **Beattie**.

## Beatley

**Variants:** **Betley**, **Bately**, **Batley**, **Battley**, **Betteley**, **Bettany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Wilts

1 English: locative name from Beetley in Norfolk, which is recorded as *Betellea* in 1086.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Betteley, monk, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephen and Robert de Betle (Norfolk), 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Betelee, mariner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmus de Betelee, thaxter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, Norfolk); Margery Betele, 1411 in *PROB 11* (Lenn, Norfolk); Johannes Betteley, 1566 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Henry Betley, 1577 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Bateley, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk); Thomas Bately, 1620 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk);



Ann Batly, 1628 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Zelocheell Bately, 1598, Stephen Beatley, 1696 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Bately, 1692 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Mary Betley, 1709 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk); Esther Beateley, 1762 in *IGI* (Mattishall Burgh, Norfolk); Ann Beetly, 1777 in *IGI* (Wimbotsham, Norfolk); Thomas Beatly, 1799, Thomas Batley, 1820 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Betteley**, though this name is not otherwise found in Hants.

**Early bearers:** Peter Beatly, 1673 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Thomas Bately, 1716 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

3 English: variant pronunciation of **Batley**.

## Beaton

**Variants:** Bethune, Beton, Betton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3919, Ireland 38

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3429

• **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland: esp.

Inverness; also Aberdeens and Angus; Somerset

1 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Béthune (Pas-de-Calais). The original pronunciation of the surname is represented in spellings like *Betun*, *Betton*, and *Betoun*.

**Further information:** Baldwin de Betton or de Betun was the son of Robert de Bethune (alias Robert le Roux), who was seigneur and advocate of Béthune (Pas-de-Calais). Robert is on record from about 1145 to 1191 and appears in the English Pipe Rolls between 1162 and 1165. He may be identical with the Robert de Betunia who witnessed a Scottish charter about 1165–90. The Hebridean family of McBeth, hereditary physicians, adopted the surname *Beaton* in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Baldwinus de Betton, de Betun, 1195–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William de Bettoyne, de Betton, 1282–8 in *London Letter Books A*; John Beaton, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Joyce Beaton, 1562 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Richard Beaton, 1581 in *IGI* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); John Bethune, 1744 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

E Scotland: Robert de Betunia, 1165–90 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; John de Betun, before 1211 in *Arbroath Register* (Dunkeld, Perth); Andrew de Byetoine, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Forfar, Angus); William Bettoun of Wosthall, 1526 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Margaret Bethune, 1633 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Bethune, 1635 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Robert Beaton, 1636 in *IGI* (Markinch, Fife); Christian Bethune, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Alexr. Beaton, 1675 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); Thomas Beaton, 1684 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus).

NW Scotland: Allister McMaister alias Betoun, 1585 in *Inverness Records*; Issobel Beaton, 1664 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Fergus Beaton, 1706 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Niel Bethune, 1712 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 324; John Bannerman, *The Beatons: a Medical Kindred in the Classical Gaelic Tradition* (Edinburgh, 1998).

2 English: see **Beaton**.

3 English: see **Betton**.

## Beatrice

• **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Beatris*, *Bietriz*. This is the name of a 4th-century saint, originally *Viatrix* ‘(female) wayfarer’, altered to resemble *beatus* ‘blessed’.

**Early bearers:** Richard filius Beatricie, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Beatriz, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); John Baytrise, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Susannah Beatrice, 1663 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops).

## Beatson

**Variants:** Beetson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1114, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 556

• **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Fife; also WR Yorks

1 Scottish: see **Bateson**.

**Early bearers:** John Batisoun or Batysoun, 1458 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; William Beatisoun, 1627 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Robert Beatson, 1675 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Willam Beatson, 1680 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Christin Beetson, 1737 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife).

2 English: variant of **Betson** or **Bateson**. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Rychard Beatson, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Beetson, 1565 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Narborough, Norfolk); Margaret Beetson, 1592 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Alice Beetson, 1609 in Borthwick Institute (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Beatson, 1630 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Ann Beetson, 1827 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Joseph Beetson, 1850 in *IGI* (Finedon, Northants).

## Beattie

**Variants:** Beatty, Beaty, Beatie, Beedie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10885, Ireland 2752

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6384

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Dumfriess and Roxburghs; Aberdeens, Kincardines, and Angus

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim  
1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Irish **Mac** (an) **Bhiadhthaigh**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac a’ Bhiadhthaigh** ‘son of the victualler’; compare **McVittie**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Betaghe, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2677 (Rathhalron, Meath); Pardon to Nicholas Betaghe, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2286 (Walterston, Meath).

2 Scottish: relationship name from *Beatie*, an alternative spelling of *Baty*, a pet form of

**Bartholomew**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Baty, Flessor, about 1340 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr).  
surnames: David filius Bety, provost, 1342 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Linthgow, W Lothian); John Betty, burgess, 1473 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Baty, burgess, 1513 in *Brechin Register* (Montrose, Angus); John Bety, 1558 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Montrose, Angus); Hew Batie, Johnne Batie, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Robert Bettie, burgess, 1635 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Montrose, Angus); Jean Beattie, 1682, Margaret Beedie, 1767 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines).

## Beatty

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 902

• **GB frequency 1881:** 440

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

Scottish: see **Beattie**.

## Beaty

• **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 9

• **GB frequency 1881:** 684

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Westmeath; Mayo

Scottish: see **Beattie**.

## Beauchamp

**Variants:** Beachamp, Beacham, Beachem, Beacom, Beecham, Balchin, Budgen, Budgeon, Baigent, Bowgen

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1356, Ireland 12

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1004

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Wilts, and Hants

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford  
Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in France named Beauchamp (Anglo-Norman French *belcamp*, *belchamp*, Latin *bello campo* ‘beautiful field’); the Domesday Book family came from Beauchamps (Manche). The name developed to *Bauchon* and **Balchin**, and possibly to **Budgen** and **Baigent**, though the last two may have other origins.

**Further information:** This name was occasionally adopted for the Scottish Gaelic name **Campbell**, by translation into French of the folk etymology *de campo bello* ‘from the fair field’.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Belcamp, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); William de Bellow Campo, 1161 in *Templars Records* (London); Robert de Beauchamp, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Bello Campo, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halberton, Devon); John Bechaumpe, 1376 in *London Letter Books H*; Willelmo Bauchon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); John Beacham, 1561 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Richard Beacham, 1571 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robart Beecham, 1591 in *IGI* (Castle Carlton, Lincs); Mary Beacham, 1598 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants); Thomas Beecham, 1616 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Oliver Beacham, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Richard Beacham, 1682 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Thomas Beacham, 1756, Ann Beachim, 1760 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

## Beauclerk

• **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 42

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Hants  
English: nickname, evidently a 17th-century coinage from French *beau* ‘fine, handsome’ + *clerc* ‘clerk’.

**Further information:** This is the family name of the Dukes of Saint Albans, who are descended from Charles Beauclerk (1670–1726), illegitimate son of King Charles II and Nell Gwyn.

**Early bearers:** Charles and Topham Beauclerk, 1739 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Beauclerk, 1759 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Robert Beauclerk, 1794 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs);

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Charles George Beauclerk, 1804 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex).

### Beauford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Beaufort**.

### Beaufort

Variants: **Beauford**, **Bufford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English, Huguenot: locative name from one or other of the numerous places in France called Beaufort, notably in Nord, Somme, and Pas-de-Calais. **Further information:** This surname was borne in the 14th century by the illegitimate children of John of Gaunt and his mistress Catherine Swinford. Their name was derived from their father's castle, Beaufort, in Champagne. Henry Beaufort (c.1377–1447) became a cardinal and papal legate; his brother Thomas (died 1427) became Duke of Exeter; a third brother, John (died 1407), became Earl of Somerset. The latter's granddaughter, Margaret Beaufort (1443–1509) married Edmund Tudor, half-brother of Henry VI, and was the mother of Henry VII. The English admiral Sir Francis Beaufort (1774–1857), who devised the Beaufort scale (used for measuring wind velocity), was a descendant of a French Huguenot refugee, Daniel de Beaufort, who became pastor of a church in Spitalfields, London.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bewefort, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Gylbert Bowfort, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Andrew Beaufort, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Mary Arden Beaufort, 1731 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Mathew Beaufort, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ann Mary Beaufort, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Beaufoy

Variants: **Boffey**, **Boffy**, **Boffee**, **Buffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

Norman, English: locative name in the case of the *Domesday Book* tenants from Beaufour (Calvados), which is recorded as *Belfou*, *Beaufou* in 1100 and as *Bellefai* in about 1160 (*Tengvik*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bellafago, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Ralph de Belfago, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William de Belfou, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); William Belfou, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Nicholas de Bealfo, 1114–16 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Thomas de Beaufow, 1185 in *Rotuli de Dominabus* (Rutland); Robert de Biaufey, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Emma de Beaufey, 1212, Emma de Beaufo, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Notts); Thomas Buffy, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Bouffaye, 1544 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Joan Beaufoy, 1672 in *IGI* (Meriden, Warwick); John Boffey, 1702 in *IGI* (Broxbourne, Herts); John Boffey, 1756 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire).

### Beaulah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Bewley**.

### Beaulieu

Variants: **Buley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Bewley**.

2 English: see **Buley**.

### Beauman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

2 English: see **Bowman**.

### Beaumont

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Beaumont

Variants: **Beaument**, **Beauman**, **Beamond**, **Beamand**, **Beamont**, **Beament**, **Beaman**, **Beeman**, **Bayman**, **Bemand**, **Bemment**, **Bement**, **Belmont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10255, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8806
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

1 Norman, English: (i) locative name from any of the five places in Normandy named Beaumont (Old French 'beautiful hill or mound'). The *Domesday Book* family came from Beaumont-le-Roger (Eure). (ii) locative name; the Suffolk name may alternatively derive from Beaumont cum Moze (Essex), a Norman re-naming of a place formerly known as *Fulepet* 'foul hollow', in imitation of one of the places mentioned in (i). It is recorded as *Bealmont* (1175–80) and *Beumund* (1328) in *Place-Names of Essex*.

**Further information:** Most English bearers of the surname are probably descended from Henry de Beaumont (died 1340), who came to England from France as a soldier, serving Edward I, II, and III of England. He acquired the earldom of Buchan in Scotland by marriage.

**Early bearers:** Rogerius de Belmont, de Bellomonte, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Gloucs); Ralph de Belmont, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); John Bemund, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Godfrey de Beumund, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Beumound, Beumon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Bomund, 1300 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Beaumont, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Laurence Beaumont, 1369 in *London Letter Books G*; Johannes Bemond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Watlington with members, Oxon); Roberto Bemound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chawston with Colesden, Beds); Ricardus Bemond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Ricardus Beaumont, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilmorton, Warwick); Johanne Bemond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Thomas Beauman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Willelmus Bemont, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorsington, Gloucs); John Beaumont, 1544 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Jn Beamon, 1554 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Isack Beaumont, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Robt Beaumont, 1563 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Wedow Beaument, Mrs Beaumonte, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund Beaumont, 1607 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Robtus Beamon, 1608 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Mrs

Bemant, Peter Beaman, Widow Bomant, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Beaumont, 1773, Elias Beaumont, 1777 in *IGI* (Nayland, Suffolk); Mary Bammant, 1774 in *IGI* (Kenninghall, Norfolk).  
2 Norman, English: locative name the Lancs and WR Yorks name is from Beaumont (Lancs), named in imitation of one of the Norman places mentioned in (1). It is recorded as *Belli Montis* (1190), *Belmunt* (1212), (*de*) *Beaumont* in the 13th century, and *Beamond* (about 1320) in *Lancs Place-Names*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Beaumont, 13th cent. in *Church of Lancaster*; John de Beaumont, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lepton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Bemond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johanne de Beaumont, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Robt. Beaumont, 1539 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Beaumont, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Jacobus Beaumont, 1598 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Alyce Beaumont, 1585, Marie Beaumont, 1628 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Roberte Beaumonde, 1586 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); James Beaumont, 1704 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Beausang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

French, Irish: nickname from Old French *beau sang* 'good blood'.

**Further information:** It is unclear whether this family were Huguenots, but *De Bhulbh* indicates a French family of this name, from Cork (also *Woulfe*, *Irish Names and Surnames*, p. 288, formerly called in Irish 'French').

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hannah Beausang, 1865 in *IGI* (Killeagh, Cork); Thomas Beausang, 1866 in *IGI* (Middleton, Cork).

### Beausire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: probably a fancy 19th-century re-fashioning of **Bewsher** (see **Belcher** and compare **Belshaw**, **Beushaw**), rather than a direct survival of Old French and Middle English *beau sire*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Beausire, 1832 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Beaument

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: see **Beautyman**.

### Beautyman

Variants: **Beaument**, **Butement**, **Bootyman**, **Bootman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Northumb

Norman, English: locative name from Le Boutimont (Pas-de-Calais), or Boutement (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** John de Botemont, 1172 in *Anglo-Norman Families*; Hugh de Buttemund, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Nicholas Botemund, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Botyman, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Booteman, 1609 in *Parish*

*Registers* (Suffolk); Phillis Bootiman, 1641 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Thomas Beautyman, 1707 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Peter Butement, 1716 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Isabel Beautement, 1761 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Beautyman, 1792 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Beavan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1169
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Wales and W Midlands: esp. Herefs

Welsh: see **Bevan**.

### Beaven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

Welsh: see **Bevan**.

### Beaver

**Variants:** **Beever, Beevor, Bever, Bevir, Biever, Baver, Beevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1413, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Northants; also Gloucs; NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Belvoir in Leics, pronounced *beever* (/bi:və/). Some bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Belueeir, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Beauveir, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Bever, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); William de Beuver, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Maria Beaver, 1581 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Willm Beaver, 1583 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Richard Beaver, 1589 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); George Beaver, 1604, Anthony Beavor, 1628 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Robt Beaver, 1613 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bever*, *bevve* 'beaver'.

**Early bearers:** Godwyn Beure, 1084 in (about 1300) *Ekwall, ELPN*; Adam Bever, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas le Bevere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Beavers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Suffolk and Norfolk

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Beevers**.

### Beaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Beavill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Norman, English: see **Beville**.

### Beavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Bevin**.

### Beavis

**Variants:** **Beaves, Beevis, Bevis, Beviss, Beves, Bovis, Bavis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1731, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Dorset, and Devon; also E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- 1 Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin from Beauvais (Oise).

**Early bearers:** Goisbert de Beluaco, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Thomas Beueys, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Philip de Beauveys, 1321 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Lancs); Robert de Beueys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes Beavis, 1559 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Dorothe Beavis, 1564 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs); Joane Beavis, 1580 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Anne Beavis, 1853 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bel, biau, beau* 'fine' + Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son'. *Bel* was often used as a term of affection, hence 'dear son'.

**Further information:** Some records, such as Hugo Beauuiz cited below, suggest that the name may sometimes have been understood as *bel + vis* 'handsome face', but that does not appear to have been the origin.

**Early bearers:** Odo Belfiz, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Beaufiz, Biaufiz, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugo Beaufiz, Beauuiz, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Beaufitz, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Black Torrington, Devon); Chris Beavis, 1641 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Richard Beavis, 1661 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Henricj Beavis, 1675 in *IGI* (Stanton, Gloucs).

### Beavon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

Welsh: see **Bevan**.

### Beavors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Beevers**.

### Beazer

**Variants:** **Bezer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

Norman, English: probably a variant of **Belcher**, in which the diphthong in Middle English \**Beucher* or *Beusire* has been simplified to produce *Be(a)ser*. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Beser, 1542 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Richard Beazer, 1577 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Edward Beaser, 1602 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); John Beasur, 1626 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Thomas Beazer, 1640 in *IGI* (Little Sodbury, Gloucs); Hannah Beezer, 1740 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Susannah Beazor, 1755 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); James

Beezard, 1802, Sarah Beazard, 1835 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Beazleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Beesley**.

### Beazley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 598
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- English: see **Beesley**.

### Bebb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1050, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 581
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Shrops
- English: see **Bibb**.

### Bebbington

**Variants:** **Bebington, Bevington, Babbington, Babington, Bavington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2061, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs

1 English: locative name from Bebington (Cheshire). The alteration to *Bavington* and *Bevington* shows a common development of *-b-* to *-v-* in place-names and surnames.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bebyngton, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Peter Bebynton, 1492 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* iv, p. 24; William Babington, 1588, Roger Bavington, 1625 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Vrye Babington, 1600 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ellen Bebbington, 1610, John Bevington, 1748 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Bebington, 1789 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Joseph Bebbington, 1794, Jos. Bibbington, 1797 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Bebbington, 1814, Elizabeth Bibbington, 1814 in *IGI* (Weaverham, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Babington**.

### Bebby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bibby**.

### Bebee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Middx

English: see **Beeby**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bebington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Bebbington**.

### Bec

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman: see **Beck** (2).

**Becalick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Lancs
- English: see **Beckerleg**.

**Becele**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Beckles**.

**Bech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Beech**.

**Becher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, and Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Beecher**.

**Beck**

Variants: **Becke, Bec, Becks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9561, Ireland 572
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6942
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; also London; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 N English: locative name for someone who lived by a brook, Middle English *bekke* (Old Scandinavian *bekkr*), common in Norfolk, the N Midlands, N England, and Scotland.
- Early bearers:** Polin filius Hugonis ad le Becke de Stok', mid-13th cent. in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (East Stoke, Notts); Robert Attebek, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Rog. atte Beck, 1302 in *Feudal Aids* (Norfolk); Alicia Beck, 1546 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Jane Beck, 1548 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); John Beck, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Myles Beck, 1553 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Robert Beck, 1561 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs).

2 Norman: locative name from any of the numerous places in northern France named *Bec*, of the same Scandinavian origin as (1). The *Domesday Book* under-tenants probably came from Bec-Hellouin in Eure.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bec, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Geoffrey de Bech in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Ralph de Bec, 1093–6, about 1130–60 in *Canterbury Domesday Monachorum* (Kent); Walter de Bec, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Norfolk); Henry Bec, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Becco, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam del Bec, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Delebec, Ralph del Bek (his son), 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Essex); dominus Henricus de Beck, 1253–66 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Wiverton, Notts); Richard Beck, 1562 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Robert Beck, 1565 in *IGI* (Hints, Staffs); Thomas Beck, 1592 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Mary Beck, 1595 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Becke* (Old English *\*Becca* or *Beocca*), of uncertain origin. Compare **Bexon**. **Early bearers:** Æluuin Becce filius, Brun Becce filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*

(Suffolk); Osbert Becche, about 1140, Terricus Becce, about 1166 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Robert Becke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus filius Beck', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Bartholomew Beck, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts).

4 English: see **Beak**.

**Becke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- English: see **Beck**.

**Beckell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Bickell**.

**Beckenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Berks
- English: see **Beckingham**.

**Becker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1332, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 379
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; also Lancs; Devon; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, alternative spelling of German *Bäcker* 'baker'. **Early bearers:** Hermann J. Becker, naturalized British subject, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx); Karl August Becker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Chas Otto Gustave Becker, born in Westphalia, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Colchester, Essex); Solomon Becker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Harris and Esther Becker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Israel Becker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Diedrich Becker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).

2 English: of uncertain origin. Derivation from an unrecorded Middle English *\*bekker* 'maker or user of mattocks' (a derivative of Middle English *bek(ke)* 'mattock, pick') is theoretically possible but medieval evidence for the surname is difficult to identify with certainty. Some of the following bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Becker, 1570 in *IGI* (Gresham, Norfolk); William Becker, 1590 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Thomas Beker, 1616 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Oliver Becker, 1633 in *IGI* (Renhold, Beds); Elmer Becker, 1617 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall) Mary Becker, 1662 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sarah Becker, 1732 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs).

**Beckerleg**

Variants: **Beckerlegge, Becalick, Beckerley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Byckelake, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Black Torrington, Devon); Thomas, John, William Byckelake, John Bycklake, John Beckelake, 1524 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Beaworthy, Devon); Tomas Becalegge, 1615, William Becalegge, 1619, Mary Beccalegge, 1626 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Oliver Beckerledge, 1617, Thomsin Becerledge, 1635, Jane Bekelegg, 1636 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Margaret Bicklegg, 1630 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Wm. Beckerley, 1718 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

**Beckerlegge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Cheshire
- English: see **Beckerleg**.

**Beckerley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Beckerleg**.

**Becket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- Norman, English: see **Beckett**.

**Beckett**

Variants: **Beckitt, Becket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9982, Ireland 551
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5949
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Norman, English, Irish: nickname from Old French, Middle English *beket* 'small beak' (a diminutive of Old French *bec* 'beak or mouth'), perhaps with reference to someone with a small beak-like mouth (compare **Beak**), though the Middle English word appears to have had a wide range of 'pointed object' applications including 'a corbel', 'a kind of arrow', 'a kind of bird', and 'a kind of fish'.

**Early bearers:** William Bechet, Beckett, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Beket, 1176 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks); Thoma Beket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Duffield, ER Yorks); Robertus Beket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Johanna Beket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Hugo Beket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Alicia Beket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Plungar, Leics); Johannes Beket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Donnington, Gloucs); Agatha Beket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Hants); Willia. Beckett, 1539 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Robertus Beckett, 1540 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Roger Beckett, 1541 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Beckett, 1546 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Jhon. Beckett, 1553 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Beckett in Shrivenham (Berks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Becote, 1179–80, [ . . . de] Beccote, 1284 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); John de Beckcote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Beckcote, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Ricardo Becot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worthington, Leics). **References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 376.

**Beckey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey
- English: (i) locative name of uncertain origin: possibly from a lost or unidentified place in Somerset. (ii) possibly from Becca in Aberford (WR Yorks), which has Old English *haga* ‘enclosure’ as the final element etymologically, which normally gives *-haw*, but Becca is recorded with *-hay* in the 13th and 16th centuries.

**Early bearers:** John Becky, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Mary Beckey, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Beckey, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); Rebecca Becky, 1710 in *IGI* (Little Torrington, Devon); John Beckey, 1834 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire).

### Beckford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1710, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Beckford (Gloucs). **Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica. It was taken there in the 17th century by the Beckford family. Colonel Peter Beckford (1643–1710) served as acting governor of Jamaica in 1702. **Early bearers:** Nicholas de Beckeford, 1216–72 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robert de Befcord, 1245–50 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Thomas Beckford, 1603 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Mathew Beckford, 1606 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anna Beckford, 1607 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Elizab. Beckford, 1610 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Richard Beckford, 1612 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

### Beckham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from East, West Beckham (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Johannes de Becham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fring, Norfolk); Robertus Bekham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pudding Norton, Norfolk); Jn. Beckham, 1554 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Peter Beckam, 1586 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richardus Beckham, 1608 in *IGI* (Corpusty, Norfolk); Ben Backham, 1722, Sus Backham, 1746 in *IGI* (Thurilton, Norfolk); John Beckham, 1768, James Backham, 1769 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Beckingham

Variants: **Beckenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Berks

English: locative name from Beckingham (Lincs or Notts). Stephen Bekinghame from the E Midlands settled at Beckingham Hall in Tolleshunt Major (Essex) before 1543. One of the Tolleshunt manors was sometimes known as *Tolleshunt Beckingham*, and the parish occasionally just as *Beckingham*, in post-medieval centuries.

**Further information:** Despite what the distribution at the 1881 census might imply, there is no recorded connection with Beckenham (Kent) before John Beckenham, 1789 in *IGI* (Beckenham, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Bekyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Bekyngam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fotheringhay, Northants); Johannes Bekenham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Idbury, Oxon); Andrewe Beckinggam, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Whippingham, IoW); Palludia Beckingham, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Tolleshunt Beckingham, Essex); William Beckenham, 1661 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Hugh Beckenham, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 306–9.

### Beckinsale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: unexplained, possibly from a lost place-name ending in Old English *halh* ‘nook, corner’, *hall* ‘hall’, *salh* ‘sallow tree’, or *sol* ‘muddy pond’.

**Early bearers:** Kateryn Beckensole, 1570 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Beckensale, 1594 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Wiliam Beckinsale, 1602 in *IGI* (Leigh, Gloucs); Richard Beckensale, 1605 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Thomas Beckingsale, 1655, John Beckinsale, 1662 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); John Beckensoll, 1697 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

### Beckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; Fife

Norman, English: see **Beckett**.

### Beckles

Variants: **Becle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Beccles in Suffolk. **Early bearers:** Tankard de Beccles, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard de Bekles, 1278 in *London Letter Books B*; John Bekyllis, 1487 in *Yorks Wills*; Lancelot Beckle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Beckley

Variants: **Beckly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1173, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and Herts

1 English: locative name from Beckley (Oxon), and perhaps also from Beckley (Sussex). Compare **Beachley**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Becele, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Rico de Becele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beckley, Sussex); Johannes Bekely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Ricardo Beckeleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford hundred, Herefs); Thomas Beckley, 1551 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); George Beckley, 1590 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Richard Beckley, 1636 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Richard Beckley, 1690 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 165; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 526–7.

2 English: see **Bickley**.

### Beckly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Beckley**.

### Beckman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: nickname from northern Middle English *bekke* ‘stream’ (Old Scandinavian *bekkr*) + *mann* ‘man’, probably denoting someone who lived or worked beside a stream.

**Early bearers:** Alice wife of John Bekeman, fishmonger, 1397 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); John Bekeman alias John atte Lane, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Blunham, Beds); Hester Beckman, 1590 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); John Beckman, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Little Burstead, Essex).

2 German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name denoting a baker, from older South German *beck*, West Yiddish *bek* + *man(n)*. (ii) locative name in northern Germany; it may denote someone who lived by a stream, from Low German *Beke* ‘stream’ + *Mann*.

**Early bearers:** German: Adolf Beckman, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); John Beckman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Jno Gustav Beckman, born in North Shields, in *Census 1881* (North Shields, Northumb); Wilhelmina Beckman, domestic servant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Gustav Beckman, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Carl Gustav, baker, born in Rhineland, German, in *Census 1911* (Willesden, Middx). Jewish: Abraham Beckman, born in Krakow, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Beckman, hawker, born in Russia, Esther Beckman, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Beckman, woollen merchant, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Becks

Variants: **Bex**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Notts

English: variant of **Beck** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Beckson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx
- English: see **Bexon**.

### Beckton

Variants: **Becton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

English, Scottish: locative name from Beckton in Dumfriess. SW Scotland, or nearby Bectonhall. **Further information:** Not from Beckton in East Ham (Essex), which is named after the 19th-century gas and coal magnate S. A. Beck.

**Early bearers:** Richard Beckton, 1681 in *IGI* (Hayton, Cumb); John Bectoune, 1685 in *Privy Council of*

## Beckwith

*Scotland Register* (Tinwald, Dumfriess); Thomas Beckton, 1692 in *IGI* (Renwick, Cumb); George Becton, 1699 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); Edward Beckton, 1728 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

### Beckwith

Variants: **Beckworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2314, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Beckwith in Pannal (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Bekwith', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall (in Ripley parish, adjacent to Pannal), WR Yorks); Adam de Bekwith', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Robertus de Bekwyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Minskip, WR Yorks); Johannes Bekwyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Idle, WR Yorks); Richard Bekwyth, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam Bekwith, 1423 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John de Bekwith' 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Toulston in Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); John Beckworth, 1600 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 116–7.

### Beckworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics; Middx
- English: variant of **Beckwith**.

### Becraft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Beecroft**.

### Becroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Beecroft**.

### Becton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Norfolk; Middx
- English: see **Beckton**.

### Bedale

Variants: **Bedall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Bedale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Leticia de Bedale, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; John de Bedale, 1351 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Bedale, 1412 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs).

### Bedall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bedale**.

### Bedborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Middx

English: locative name from Bedborough in Bishop's Cannings (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Leonard Bedbero, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Margery Bedborowe, 1598 in *IGI* (Teddington, Gloucs); Willme Bedborowe, 1601 in *IGI* (Oxenton, Gloucs); George Bedberry or Bedberrie, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Georgius Bedborow, 1693, Arthuri Bedborough, 1724 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); Daniel Bedborough, 1727 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Thomas Bedborough, 1732 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks).

### Bedd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name for a dweller '(at the) garden plot', Middle English *bed*, *bedd(e)*, Old English *bedd*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Bedde, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks); Thomas of the Bedde', 1312 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger de la Bedde, 1327 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Middx); Thos. Bedd, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Bedd, 1827 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex).

### Beddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Beadle**.

### Beddard

Variants: **Bedder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: see **Bedward**.

### Bedden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: variant of **Beeden**.

### Bedder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Bedworth**.

### Beddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Beedie**.

### Bedding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and Northants

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** It is not certain that the form of 1265 belongs here.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bedyn, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Beddinge, 1620, William Bedding, 1622 in *IGI* (Elstow, Beds); Ralph Bedding, 1676 in *IGI* (Quainton, Bucks).

### Beddingfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Beddingfield**.

### Beddingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: see **Beddingham**.

### Beddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Beddington (Surrey), which is recorded as *Bedington* in 1229 and *Bidintona* in 1239. The place-name means 'farmstead associated with a man called Bēada', from the Old English personal name *Bēada* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Further information:** The geographical link may be connected with Alicia de Betyndon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); the Surrey place-name appears as *Betyndon* in 1301 (*Inquisitiones post Mortem*).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Beddington, 1613 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); John Bedington, 1639 in *IGI* (Turvey, Beds); Anthony Beddington, 1690 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Edward Biddington, 1732, Ann Bedington, 1792 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Margaret Beddington, 1746 in *IGI* (Preston Bagot, Warwicks); James Bettington, 1747 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Martha Bedington, 1770 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 40.

### Beddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh: see **Beddows**.

### Beddoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 529
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Pembrokes and Glamorgan; also Shrops
- Welsh: see **Beddow**.

### Beddoes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 799, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: see **Beddows**.

### Beddow

Variants: **Beddoe**, **Beddows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1216, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 819
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Bedo*, apparently a pet form of *Mareddud*, see **Meredith**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bedo Brwynllys, 1460 in *Dictionary of Welsh Biography* (Bronllys, Brecknocks); Bedo ap Richard, 1493 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2/xi.

urnames: Howell ap Bedowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lydham, Shrops); Johannes Bedowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cardeston, Shrops); Walter Beddoe, 1564 in *IGI*

(Ludlow, Shrops); John Beddoe, 1641 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 3/iv; John Beddow, 1673 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 161–2.

### Beddowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Shrops

Welsh: see **Beddows**.

### Beddows

Variants: **Beddoes**, **Beddowes**, **Beddis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Shrops

Welsh: variant of **Beddow** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bedes, 1563 in *IGI* (Staunton on Arrow, Herefs); Margaret Beddoes, 1571 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Johan'es Beddies, 1585 in *IGI* (London); Willam Biddis, 1653 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Richard Beddes, 1649, Joan Beddis, 1684 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Georgii Beddows, 1662 in *IGI* (Wistanstow, Shrops); Edward Beddoes, 1729 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Marth[a] Biddiss, 1729 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Enfield, Middx); Eleanor Beddows, 1741 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); John Beddass, 1773 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Eleanor Biddiss, 1812 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Bedeau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Huguenot, French: occupational name from French *bedeau* 'beadle', a term for a serjeant of justice; compare **Beadle**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Bedeau, 1731 in *IGI* (Threadneedle St).

French: Ann Bedeau, in *Census 1851* (Northants);

Maria Bedeau, born in Paris, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Bedel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Beadle**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bedell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Beadle**.

### Bedells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Beadles**.

### Bedford

Variants: **Bedforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9256, Ireland 165
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7035
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Dublin  
English: locative name from Bedford (Beds, Lancs) or Bedford in Thornhill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Osgar de Bedeford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Robert de Bedeford, about 1180 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Lincs); John de Bedford, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Bedford, 1465 in *Paston Letters*.

### Bedforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Bedford**.

### Bedgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset; also Middx

English: see **Bigood**.

### Bedi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan; it is derived from Sanskrit *vedi* 'one who knows the Vedas'.

**Further information:** Guru Nanak (1469–1539), the founder of the Sikh religion, was a member of the Bedi clan.

### Bedingfield

Variants: **Beddingfield**, **Benefer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Bedingfield (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Walkelin de Bedigfelde, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam de Bedingefeld, 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Bedingfield, Suffolk); Roger de Bedyngfeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Edmund Bedingfeld, 1553 in *PROB 11* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Richard Bedingfeilde, 1558 in *IGI* (Dickeburgh, Norfolk); Phil. Bedingfelde, 1594 in *IGI* (Southolt, Suffolk); John Bedingfeild, 1673, Robert Bedinfield, 1712 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Bedingham

Variants: **Beddingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Beddingham (Sussex) or Bedingham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bedingham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Bedyngemham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Bedyngemham, 1461 in *Place-Names of Cambs* p. 241.

### Bedle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Beadle**.

### Bedlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Bedlington (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Bedlyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Christopher Bedlington, 1574 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

### Bedloe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Bedlow**.

### Bedlow

Variants: **Bedloe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Bledlow (Bucks). The surname shows dissimilatory loss of the first -l-.

**Early bearers:** William Bledelauwe, 1253 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; John de Bledelawe, John de Bledelowe, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William Bledelowe, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas de Bledelawe, 1361–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Bledlowe, citizen and alderman of London, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Bledlowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton, WR Yorks); Patrick Bedlowe, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Sybell Bledlowe, 1578 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); Nycolas Bedlow, 1579 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Benedict Bedloe, 1596 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Bledlowe, 1605 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Bledloe, 1610 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Moyses Bedlow, 1622 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Sara Bedlow, 1661 in *IGI* (Wethersfield, Essex); Samuel Bedloe, 1721 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset).

### Bednall

Variants: **Bednell**, **Beadnell**, **Beadling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Staffs, and Warwick

English: locative name from Bednall (Staffs) or Beadnell (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bedenhale, 1194 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Thomas de Bedenhal', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Adam de Bedenhale, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Margaret Bednall, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mathew Bednall, 1660 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willm Bednall, 1684 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Marya Bednall, 1691 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Ann Bednall, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Sarah Bednal, 1731 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Bednell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Bednall**.

### Bedser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from an unidentified (perhaps lost) place called *Bedesore* or *Badesore*, apparently near Bexhill (Sussex).

## Bedson

**Early bearers:** Alic' de Bedesore, 1296, Johe Badesore, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bexhill hundred, Sussex); John Badesore, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); William Bedser, 1723 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); Mary Bedser, 1745 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Betty Bedsor, 1757 in *IGI* (Ashtead, Surrey); Thomas Bedser, 1786 in *IGI* (Esher, Surrey).

### Bedson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 354
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: variant of **Betson**.

### Bedsworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: locative name variant of **Bettesworth**. Compare Elnor Betsworth, 1592 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey) with Thomas Bedsworth, 1651 in *Parish Registers* (Guildford, Surrey), and John Bedsworth, 1694, Ann Bettesworth, 1701 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bedsworth, 1687 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Thomas Bedsworth, 1706 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

### Bedward

**Variants:** **Beddard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Welsh Marches

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh patronymic *ap Edward* 'son of **Edward**'. Compare **Bowen**.

**Early bearers:** Dafydd ap Edward ap Hoell, 1498 in *Chirkland Extent*; Davye Bedward, 1588 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); John Bedhard, 1643 in *York Freemen's Register*.

### Bedwell

**Variants:** **Bidwell**, **Bidewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1191, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, Kent, and Surrey; Beds

English: locative name from Bedwell (Essex, Herts), Bedlar's Green (Essex), Bidwell (Beds, Northants, Devon, Somerset), or Biddles Farm (Bucks), all of which were named as 'the spring or stream in a shallow valley' (Old English *\*bydewelle*). See *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 222. Later forms have been confused with **Beadel**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Bedewell', 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); Johannis Bedwell, 1555 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Margaret Bedwell, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Peter Bedwell, 1583 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Katherine Bedwell, 1585 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Morrice Bedwell, 1593 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Bedwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Great and Little Bedwyn (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bedewynde, 1309 in *London Letter Books D* (London); John de Bedewynd', 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (IoW); William Bedewynde, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Watlington, Oxon); Richard Bedewynd, 1392 in *The Church in London* (London); Henry Bedwyn, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thos. Bedwin, 1751 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); George Bedwin, 1791 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon).

### Bedworth

**Variants:** **Bedder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

1 English: locative name from Bedworth (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Bedworth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scalford, Leics); Jane Bedworth, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); Steven Bedworth, 1605 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Willyam Bedder, 1612 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Thos. Bedder, 1746 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks).

2: see **Budworth**.

### Bee

**Variants:** **Bees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2093, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1687
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Leics

1 English: nickname from Middle English *be(e)* 'bee', used most probably for a busy, industrious person.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Be, 1195 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Be, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William le Beo, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Bee, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Willms. Bee, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Bee, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Margaret Bee, 1549 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Rogeri Bee, 1550 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馬, see **Ma** (1).

### Beebe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys

English: see **Beeby**.

### Beebee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Beeby**.

### Beeby

**Variants:** **Beabey**, **Beebee**, **Beebe**, **Beebe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 985
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Hunts; also Cumb

1 English: locative name from Beeby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** John de Beby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Roger de Bebie of Toneworth, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Tanworth, Warwicks); Johanne de Beby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeby, Leics); Richard Bebie, 1596 in *York Freemen's Register*; Christopher Beebe, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Halstead, Leics); John Beebee, 1630 in *IGI*

(Plumtree, Notts); Robert Beeby, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Edmund Beabey, 1811 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Hants).

2 English: see **Bibby**, which may be the source of the name in Cumb.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Beebie, 1634 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Beebye, 1638 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Elinor Beebey, 1643 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb);

### Beech

**Variants:** **Beach**, **Bech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7193, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: locative name from Middle English *beche* 'beech-tree' (Old English *bēce*) or Middle English *beche* 'stream' (Old English *bæce*).

**Further information:** *Beche* may be from Old English *bēce* 'beech' or *bæce* 'stream', and without further evidence it is impossible to distinguish these in Middle English. In Worcs and Staffs, where *bæce* normally survives as *bach(e)*, *Beche* is probably a variant of this. Robert de Beche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams), came from either Landbeach or Waterbeach, both earlier *Beche* 'stream, valley'. Elias ater Beche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), probably lived at Beech Farm (*Battle Abbey Customals*).

**Early bearers:** John de la Beche, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); Idonea de Beche, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jacob' atte Beche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de la Beche, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Lawrence Beech, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Richard Beech, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); John Beech, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Nicolas Beech, 1576 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Franciscus Beech, 1581 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

### Beecham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 801
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**.

### Beecher

**Variants:** **Beacher**, **Becher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 204
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Middle English *\*becher*, denoting one who lived by a beech-tree, from an agent derivative of Middle English *beche* 'beech-tree' (Old English *bēce*). Compare **Beecham**, and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** John Becher, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Walter Bechere, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Johannes Bechere, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); William Beecher, 1567 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Alce Beecher, 1627 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 194.

2 English: this English name is also common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Grant to Phane Beecher, gent., 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5266 (Cork).



## Beechey

Variants: **Beechy, Beachy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 385
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and Berks
- English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) beech enclosure', Middle English *beche* + *hay* (Old English *bēce* + *(ge)hæg*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Bechey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Bechhey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alphamstone and Bures, Essex); John Beechy, 1620 in *IGI* (Cumnor, Berks); Mary Beachey, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

## Beeching

- **Current frequencies:** GB 704, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: perhaps from a form related to the first element of Bedgebury in Goudhurst (Kent), recorded as *Bechebyri* around 1270, which might or might not be a personal name.

**Early bearers:** John Bechyng' the younger, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Warmington, Northants); William Bechyng, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Bechyng', 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Richard Bechyng, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Hawkhurst, Kent); John Bechyng, 1471 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Benenden, Kent); Elizabeth Beching, 1585, Godley Beeching, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent).

## Beechley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Beachley**.

## Beechman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: locative name for a 'dweller by the beech-tree', Middle English *beche* 'beech-tree' (Old English *bēce*) + *man*. Compare **Beecher**.
- Early bearers:** Willelmo Becheman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Banstead, Surrey); Johanne Becheman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bandonhill in Beddington, Surrey); John Becheman, butcher, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandhurst, Kent); John Becheman, 1367 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Staplehurst, Kent); Sarah Beechman, 1742 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent).
- References:** *Fransson*, p. 203.

## Beechy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; Worcs
- English: see **Beechey**.

## Beecroft

Variants: **Beacroft, Bycroft, Becroft, Becraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1430, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Beecroft Hall in Horton in Ribblesdale (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Bigcrofte* in 1534.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Bygcrofft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Robertus Bygcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Cassander Bicroft, 1582 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs);

Edward Bycroft, 1671 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts); Aaron Beecroft, 1726 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 221; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Beed

Variants: **Beade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal *Bede* (Old English *Bēda*, possibly derived from the stem of the verb *bēodan* 'to command'). The name of the Venerable Bede remained in use, though rare, until the 13th century, long enough to become a surname.

**Early bearers:** Alanus filius Bede de Swainton', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Raymond Bede, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Robert Beda, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robt Bead, 1559 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Daniell Bede, 1601, Anne Beade, 1602 in *IGI* (Ewell, Kent); John Beade, 1602 in *IGI* (Ashcombe, Devon); Thomas Beed, 1657 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); James Beed, 1760 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lincs).

## Beedell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Beadle**.

## Beeden

Variants: **Beedon, Beadon, Bedden, Beedham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; Surrey and Hants

English: (i) locative name from Beedon (Berks), Beadon (in Hennock, Devon), or Baydon (Wilts). (ii) locative name for someone who lived by the hill, from Middle English *bi doun* (Old English, Middle English *dūn* 'hill').

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bedon, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Bidun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Robertus Bedon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Robertus Bedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Addington, Northants); Willelmus Bedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alveston with members, Warwick); Johanne Bedoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Edmundo Bedone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Berks); Clement Bedon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Johannes Bidon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Robertus Bedoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); Mary Beadon, 1560 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Robte Beedon, 1603 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Thomas Bedden, 1607 in *IGI* (Buckingham, Bucks); Willm Beddon, 1609 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Christian Bedden, 1616 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Thomas Bedden, 1636 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks); Nicholas Beaden, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Jone Beeden, 1654 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Beeden, 1683 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Ann Beeden, 1736 in *IGI* (Leasingham, Lincs).

## Beedham

Variants: **Beadham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- 1 English: (i) possibly from Bytham (Lincs), with Middle English lengthening and lowering of the main vowel to give modern *Beedham*. (ii) Later forms of the name may have been confused with or represent **Beeden**.

**Early bearers:** Cecilie de Bytham de Lenton, 1353 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Lenton, Notts); Johannes Bytham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Johanne Bytham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Clawson, Leics); Alice Bedham, 1567 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Elizabeth Byddam, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willm Beedham, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Beedham, 1627 in *IGI* (Kneesall, Notts); Mary Beedom, 1661 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); James Beedham, 1681 in *IGI* (Stubton with Fenton, Lincs).

2 English: see **Beetham**.

**Early bearers:** Robt. Beedam, 1620 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); William Beedum, 1765 in *IGI* (Gate Helmsley, NR Yorks).

## Beedie

Variants: **Beedy, Beddie, Biddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Kincardines, and Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Beattie** with intervocalic voicing of /t/ to /d/. See also **Biddy**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholl Beddy, 1580 in *Brechin Testaments*; David Bedie, 1616 in *Saint Andrews Testaments*; Gilbert Beedie, 1674 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Biddie, 1683 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Katharine Beadie, 1701 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); William Bydie, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Fergus, Aberdeens); Margrat Biddie, 1719, William Beedie, 1737 in *IGI* (Grange, Banff); William Bidey, 1759 in *IGI* (Durriss, Kincardines); Anne Beedie, 1760 in *IGI* (Garvock, Kincardines).

## Beedle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Beadle**.

## Beedles

Variants: **Beadles, Bedells, Biddles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English: variant of **Beadle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Jane Bedells, 1566 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Beadles, 1600 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds); Richard Beedles, 1608 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Thomas Beedles, 1625 in *IGI* (Water Stratford, Bucks).

## Beedon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Beeden**.

## Beedy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Beedie**.

## Beeforth

### Beeforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Beeford (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Roberto de Beford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus de Befforth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Foxholes, ER Yorks); Jeneta Beeforth, 1603 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks).

### Beegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Beachain or Ó Beathain, see **Behan**.

### Beehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Beachain or Ó Beathain, see **Behan**.

### Beharry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Beharry**.

### Beeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- English: see **Beak**.

### Beeken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Unexplained; perhaps Dutch, abbreviated from some such place-name as *Beek en Donk* in North Brabant. May be confused with **Beacon** or even **Bacon**, if not simply a local spelling of **Beacon**.  
**Further information:** Strongly associated with Crowland (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** William Beeken, 1732 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Mary Beaken, 1752 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Beeks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: possibly a variant of **Beak** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Willm Beakes, 1578 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Maria Beeks, 1579 in *IGI* (Offord Cluny, Hunts); John Beaks, 1666 in *IGI* (Ashton upon Mersey, Cheshire); Dorotheae Beaks, 1667 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Margaret Beeks, 1776 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs).

### Beel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lincs
- English: see **Beal**.

### Beelby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; ER Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see **Bielby**.

### Beeley

**Variants:** **Bealey, Bealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 626
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys
- 1 English: locative name from Beeley (Derbys); occasionally perhaps from Beeleigh (Essex) or Beoley (Worcs), though evidence for this is hard to find.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Beghley, 1316 in *Derbys Charters*; Geoffrey de Beley, 1357 in *Derbys Charters*; Roger Bealie, 1561 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Margret Beeley, 1564 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Johis Beeley, 1588 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Henry Bealey, 1606 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Jane Beeley, 1610 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Bealey, 1629 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Radulphi Bealy, 1645 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Anne Beelie, 1652, Elizabeth Beely, 1654 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys).
- 2 English: see **Bealey**.

### Beels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Beales**.

### Beeman

**Variants:** **Beaman, Beman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English \**bee-man* 'bee-keeper' (Old English *bēo* + *mann*).  
**Early bearers:** R. Beman, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William le Bemon, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Bemon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts); Thomas Beaman, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margeret Beman, 1577 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Edward Beeman, 1616 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); Francis Beamon, 1634, Edw. Beeman, 1645 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Henry Beeman, 1656 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).
- 2 Norman, English: variant of **Beaumont**.

### Beemer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Beamer**.

### Been

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Bean**.

### Beene

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Suffolk; WR Yorks
- English: see **Bean**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Beeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Beaney**.

### Beenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks; also Herefs
- English: see **Benham**.

### Beeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Beaney**.

### Beer

**Variants:** **Beere, Beare, Bere, Bear, Beara, Beers, De la Bere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5018, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4778
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, and Dorset; Kent

1 English: (i) locative name from any of the 18 places in Devon called Beare or Beara or the 17 called Beer, Beera, or Beere (all named with Old English *bearu* 'grove'). The normal dative of this (*bearwe*) would become *barrow*, but in Devon and the neighbouring counties of Somerset and Dorset it had a dative *beara*, which became Middle English *bere*. In some cases the surname may be topographic in origin, *atte beare* 'at the grove'. (ii) locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *bere* 'woodland swine-pasture' (Old English *bær*). Compare **Abear**.  
**Early bearers:** Ordric de Bera, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de la Bera, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Nicholas Attebere, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry del Beer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Anys Beer, 1565 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Richard Beer, 1566 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Margaryt Beer, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Joannis Beer, 1629 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Margery Beer, 1631 in *IGI* (Warleggan, Cornwall).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ber(e)* 'bear' (recorded in medieval documents as Latin *ursus*, Old French *urs*).

**Early bearers:** Tedric' Vrs', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Theodoricus le Bere, 1166 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralph Bere, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas le Urs, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert le Beer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas le Beore, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Pedmore, Worcester).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): translation of German **Bier** or possibly an anglicization of a like-sounding name in some other European language.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Beer, married in 1712 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Barnett Beer, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Israel Beer, egg merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Solomon Beer, rag dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911*.

### Beere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 313
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Warwicks and Oxon; IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster; Dublin
- 1 English: see **Beer**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Béara, see **Berry**.

**Beerling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Birling (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Byrling, 1278 in *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 71; John Byrlinge, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langport hundred, Kent); Stevyn Birling or Byrling, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Bredgar, Kent); Agnes Byrlynge, 1577 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richus. Beerling, 1605 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Tho. Beerling, 1686 in *IGI* (Wickhambreux, Kent); Elizabeth Beerlin, 1789 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

**Beers**

**Variants:** Bears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 117
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Warwick, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin

English: variant **Beer** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Beery**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon
- Irish: from Ó Béara, see **Berry**.

**Bees**

**Variants:** Beese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 471
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Monmouths

English: variant of **Bee** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Rich. Beze, 1542 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); John Bees, 1549 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Tabitha Bees, 1576 in *IGI* (London); Richard Bees, 1592, in *IGI* (Griffleton, Wilts); George Beese, 1729, Thos. Bees, 1744, Ann Bease, 1775 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs);

**Beesby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Bisby**.

**Beese**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Bees**.

**Beesley**

**Variants:** Beasley, Bezley, Beazleigh, Beezley, Beisley, Besley, Bezley, Bisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3313, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2391
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick; also WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name variant of **Bisley**. The Gloucs place-name is recorded as *Beasley* (1555), *Beesley* (1618), and *Biesley* (1621) in *Place-Names of Gloucs*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Besely, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Bampton, Oxon); Watte Besley, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Saint Nicholas Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Beesley, 1567, Valentyn Besley, 1630 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen,

Warwicks); Richard Beasley, 1585 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Joanna Beesley, 1593 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Henry Beezlie, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Jhon Beisley, 1643 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwick); Richard Beesly, 1643 in *IGI* (Mickleton, Gloucs); John Bezley, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Bezley, 1670 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks); Joanna Besley, 1703 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Nathaniel Beisly, 1719 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); John Bessley, 1727 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); James Beezley, 1736 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Wm Besly, 1744 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Beazley, 1744 in *IGI* (Stalbridge, Dorset); Judith Beaseley, 1749 in *IGI* (Farmborough, Somerset); Anne Beslee, 1763 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); John Beazeley, 1763 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick);

2 English: locative name from Beesley (Lancs). See also **Bisley** (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Besleg, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William de Besleg, 1392 in *Patent Rolls*; William Beesley, 1564 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Elizabeth Besley, 1576 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Francis Besley, 1615 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Beesly, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); Anna Beesley, 1725 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Maria Beezley, 1693 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Frances Beisly, 1698, William Beisley, 1711 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs).

3 English: occasionally, perhaps, a variant of **Baseley**, especially in the S and E Midlands. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Edward Beesley, 1568 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Jo. Beasley, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Beezley, 1633 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Jane Beasley, 1636 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); William Beasley, 1644 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Mary Beazley, 1665 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); William Beezley, 1689 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts).

**Beeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1740, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, and Lincs; Bucks

English: see **Beeston**.

**Beesting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Beeston**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Beesting, 1751 in *IGI* (Workshop, Notts); John Beasting, 1754 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

**Beeston**

**Variants:** Beaston, Beston, Beeson, Beason, Besson, Beesting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1822, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Shrops, Staffs, Derbys, and Notts

1 English: locative name from Beeston (Notts, pronounced *Beeson*), Beeston (Cheshire), Beeston Regis, Beeston Saint Andrew, Beeston Saint Lawrence, Beeston with Bittering (all Norfolk), or Beeston in Sandy (Beds).

**Early bearers:** William de Beston(e), 1153–66 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William de Bolls(e), 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Henricus Beeston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes de Beston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Fransham, Norfolk); Marg' de Beeston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); George Beeston, 1567 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Doratheia Beeston, 1574 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Margeria Beeston, 1577 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Arthure Beeston, 1579 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Thomas Beeston, 1586 in *IGI* (Bletsoe, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 107–8.

2 English: locative name from Beeston (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Bieston', 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Herbert de Beston', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Bestayn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Radulphus de Beston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Beeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rigton, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name for someone who lived '(to the) east of the hamlet', Old English *bi ēastan tūne*, as in the case of Ralph de Bestune, who came from The Beesons in Sutton (Cambs), recorded as *Estounesende* in 1302 and *Beestoun* in 1348, '(the place) to the east of the hamlet', in contrast to *Westounesende* de Sutton (*Place-Names of Cambs* p. 239).

**Early bearers:** William Besteton, Ralph Biesteton, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Hants); Ralph Byeston, 1256 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Ralph de Bestune, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

**Beet**

**Variants:** Beat, Beets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Notts, and Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bete*, a pet form of *Betris* (Beatrice). Compare **Bett** and **Beatrice**.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Bete, 1298 in *Derbys Charters*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Bete, rector, 1419 in *Patent Rolls*, 1444 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirk Smeaton, WR Yorks); Francys Beet, 1562 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Jo. Beat, 1634 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

Scotland: Janot Beatt, 1643 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Johne Beat, 1654 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Beatt, 1654 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Cargill, Perth); Janet Beet, 1677 in *IGI* (Dunino, Fife).

**Beetham**

**Variants:** Beatham, Betham, Beadham, Beedham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Beetham (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bethum, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Abilla de Bethum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes de Bethum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, WR Yorks); Robertus de Bethum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); John de Bethum, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (York); John de Bethum, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Osmotherley, NR Yorks); Thomas Betham, 1539, Thome Beatham, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Mary Beatham, 1666 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

## Beetle

### Beetle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bettle**.

### Beetlestone

Variants: **Biddlestone, Biddleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Warwicks

English: locative name from Biddlestone in Llangarron (Herefs), influenced by folk etymological association with the word *beetle*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Biddlestone, 1636 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ane Beetlestone, 1670, John Biddlestone, 1741 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Emanuel Biddleston, 1673 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Thomas Beetleson, 1675 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); Wm Beetleston, 1689 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

### Beeton

Variants: **Beaton, Beton, Betton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 927
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Beton*, a diminutive of *Bete*, a pet form of *Beatrice* (see **Beet**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Beton de Wath, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Bete or Betune (Beatryse), about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*.

surnames: John Betoun, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard Beton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Jo. Beton, 1565 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Beeton, 1565 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Armigill Beton, 1617 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Samuel Beeton, 1727 in *IGI* (Wickhambrook, Suffolk).  
2 English: see **Betton**.

### Beets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk; Lancs

English: variant of **Beet** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: John Beets or Betts, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Richard Beats, 1624 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Martha Beets, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Beets, 1644 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

Scotland: Margaret Beats, 1653 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Jeane Beats, 1663 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); George Beets, 1749 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

### Beatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Lancs

English: see **Beatson**.

### Beever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 495
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Beaver**.

### BeEVERS

Variants: **Beavers, Beavors, Beevors, Bevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1415, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 756
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Beaver** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Beevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Beevor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Notts

English: see **Beaver**.

### Beevors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Beavers**.

### Beezley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

English: see **Beesley**.

### Beg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Turkish, Bosnian: status name from Turkish *beg* 'bey', a title of respect and also a very high rank in the Ottoman military.

2 Slovenian: nickname from *beg* 'escape, getaway', probably denoting a refugee.

### Begadon

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Irish: explained by Woulfe as an anglicized form (in Carlow) of Ó *Beagacháin*, 'descendant of *Beagachán*', a personal name based on *beag* 'small'. Names with the ending *-achán* were often anglicized as either *-agan* or *-ahan* (see **Hourigan, Hanrahan**), although the presence of *d* rather than *g* is unusual. **Early bearers:** Donogh O Beggahan, and Donyll O Begkehan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447 (Klinkarill, Carlow).

### Begam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim: see **Begum**.

### Began

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Ó *Beagáin*, see **Beggan**.

### Begbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Begbie (formerly Baikbie) in Haddington (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** John Baikbie, William Baikbie, 1566 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Drem, E Lothian); Michael Begbie, 1612 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Margaret Begbie, 1628 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian).

### Begent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Baigent**.

### Begg

Variants: **Beggs, Small, Baig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2095, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1815
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Caithness and Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 Scottish Gaelic and Irish: nickname from *beag* 'small'. In Ireland, this name has also been anglicized as **Small**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Malcolm beg, about 1208–14 in *Glasgow Register* (Campsie, Stirlings); Malise Beg, burgess, 1300 in *Laing Charters* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Beg, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cardross, Dunbartons); Bessie Begg, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christane Begg, 1638 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

Ireland: Richard Bege, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §148 (Freyseliston, Meath); Matthew Begg, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §249 (Boranston); Rory Begge, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1068 (Kilkenny); Thomas Og Beg, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Kerry).

2 English: nickname from Old French *bègue* 'stammerer'.

**Early bearers:** Edwin le bege, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Henry Begg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Begg, 1503 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Beggan

Variants: **Began, Biggane, Bagan, Biggins, Beagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ulster and Meath
- Irish: from Ó *Beagáin* 'descendant of *Beagán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *beag* 'small'. The name has been anglicized as **Little, Lyttle**, and **Littleton**.

**Early bearers:** Morghe O'Bekane, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §615; John Beaghan, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §643 (Norraghe, Kildare); John O'Bekayn, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1388 (Ballymowloyrd); George Beacon, butcher, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3420 (Dublin); Donogh O'Beggan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Balliregane); Ownie Becan or Becan, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6769 (Kildare); John Biggan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanloo, Derry).

### Beggar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: nickname from Middle English *begger(e)*, *beggar(e)* 'beggar' Old French *begart*, *begar(d)*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Beggere, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll*; Adam le Beggare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Beggere, 1314 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Sarah Beggar, 1791 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Beggar, 1795 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Beggar, 1805 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); James Beggar, 1816 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Beggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 993
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: variant of **Begg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Beglan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire
- Irish: see **Beglin**.

### Begley

**Variants:** Bigley, Beagley, Bigelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1731, Ireland 1564
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Pembroke
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Derry; Kerry

Irish: from Ó **Beaglaioich** ‘descendant of *Beaglaoch*’, a personal name meaning ‘little hero’.

**Early bearers:** Donogh mcEy O’Beggelly, gallowglass, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2109 (Cork); Conoghor O’Beggilly, gallowglass, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3032 (Cork); Hugh Mac Neall O’Biggely, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4726; Conoghor mc Shane Beggly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558; Eae mcShane I Begly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558 (Carrig Roghan).

### Beglin

**Variants:** Beglan, Biglan, Biglen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

Irish: from Ó **Beigleighbinn**, ‘descendant of *Beigleighbinn*’, a personal name meaning ‘little scholar’ or ‘of small learning’. This was the name of a medical family. The English surname **Biglan** has sometimes been adopted as an anglicization.

**Early bearers:** Tho. O Begleyn, weaver, and Teig O Bigleyn, cottier, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Gartlanstowne and Dirrenegarragh, Connacht); Hugh O Biglen, and Donogh O Begline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Lisnanonagh and Cloonbronee, Longford).

### Begom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Begum**.

### Begrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Beagrie**.

### Begum

**Variants:** Begom, Begam, Begun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51234, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a female honorific, equivalent to ‘lady’ or ‘Mrs’.

### Begun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Begum**.

### Beh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 German: possibly one of many variants of Boehm.
  - 2 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 馬, see **Ma** (1).
  - 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 白, see **Pak** (1).
  - 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak** (1).

### Behan

**Variants:** Beahan, Beehan, Behen, Behun, Beagan, Beegan, Bean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1122, Ireland 2380
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread in S Ireland: esp. Kildare

Irish: (i) from Ó **Beachain** ‘descendant of *Beachán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *beach* ‘bee’.

(ii) alternatively, perhaps, from Ó **Beathain** ‘descendant of *Beathán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *beatha* ‘life’. Compare **Bean**, **McBeth**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O’Beagayn, butcher, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §177 (Limerick); John Beaghan, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §643 (Norraghe, Kildare); David (Fitz Donoghe) O’Beaghane, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1045 (Waterford); Thomas Beaghan, husbandman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1364 (Clonekyynn).

### Beharrell

**Variants:** Barrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cambs

Huguenot: nickname apparently from a variant of French *bihoreau* ‘(black-crowned) night heron’ (from earlier *buhoreau*). The name was sometimes assimilated to *Barrel(l)*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes Francis Beharell, Francis Barrel in the 1811 parish register of Drypool (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Charles Beharel, 1590 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Nathanel Beharrell, 1717 in *IGI* (Wawne, ER Yorks); Elisha Beharrell, 1745 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Beharrell, 1801 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at *Bihoreau*.

### Beharry

**Variants:** Beeharry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: from Hindi *bihārī*, a common final element in Hindu personal names in India, from Sanskrit *vihārī* ‘one who roams about for pleasure’ or ‘beautiful’.

**Further information:** The name is found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Behen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Irish: from Ó **Beachain** or Ó **Beathain**, see **Behan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Behenna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name possibly from a lost Cornish place, such as that now called *Bessy Benath* (recorded as *Bosanneth alias Bosawna* in 1612), on the border of Veryan and Ruan Laniorne parishes.
- Early bearers:** John Behennow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Michael Carhayes, Cornwall); Edward Behanno, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Veryan, Cornwall); Seblie Behennow, 1627 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Richard Behenna, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Elizabeth Behennah, 1723 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall).

**References:** Information from O. J. Padel.

### Behr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

German and Dutch: from a variant of the personal name *Bähr* (see **Baer**).

**Early bearers:** Isaac Behr, 1791 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Joseph Behr, 1812 in *IGI* (Plumbland, Cumb); Conrad Theodore Behr, 1874 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Behrens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Dutch, North German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Behrend*, a variant of *Bernhard* (see **Barnard**). **Further information:** Documentary evidence suggests that the earlier form *Be(h)rendes* was generally replaced by *Behrens* during the 17th century. Among Jews it may have been adopted as an ornamental name or been a handout name.

**Early bearers:** German: George Behrens, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Johannes Behrens, 1800 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fredrich Behrens, 1807 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Johann Diederick Behrens, 1861 in *IGI* (Bristol); Gotlieb Behrens, sugar baker, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

Jewish: Sarah Behrens, 1838 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Barnet, son of Joseph Behrens, jeweller, born in ‘foreign parts’, in *Census 1841* (Finsbury, Middx); Solomon Behrens, merchant born in ‘foreign parts’, in *Census 1841* (Chorlton, Lancs); Isaac Behrens, pawnbroker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Behun

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó **Beachain** or Ó **Beathain**, see **Behan**. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is almost extinct in Britain but is quite common in the USA.

## Beighton

### Beighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Beighton in Derbys (*Bectune*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Becton, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Beyghton of Notyngham, 1347, Robert de Beghton, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Stephanus de Beghton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castleford, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Begton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Robert Beghton, 1491 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); John Beighton, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); William Beghton, 1619 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); George Beighton, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Crich, Derbys).

### Beilby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Bielby**.

### Beirne

**Variants:** O'Beirne, O'Beirn, O'Beirne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 1401
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs, Cheshire, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Beirn 'descendant of *Beirn*', which is probably either an Irish form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Björn* or a variant of the earlier Irish personal name *Bran*, as in **O'Byrne**. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Aedh Ua Birn, 1273 in *AU*; Gilla-Crist Ua Birn, 1274 in *AU*; Muircertach Ua Birn, son of Imhur Ua Birn, 1300 in *AU*; Hugh O'Byrn, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §537; John glas O'Berne, galloglass, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §603; Gerald O'Birne, gent., 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §579 (Newre); Tege oge O'Byrne, chief, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §848 (Dublin); Cayer carraghe O'Byrn, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1036 (Corranroo, Dublin); Brian O'Berne, horseboy, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1741 (Meylerston, Kildare); Donogh boy O Beirn, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468 (Porterin, Roscommon).

### Beisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey
- English: see **Beesley**.

### Beith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Beith (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Archibald Beith, Thomas Beith, 1497–1501 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Nithsdale, Dumfries); William Beith, 1585–87 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Auchorties, Morays); Archibald Beith, 1669 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Arran, Bute); Archibald Beeth, 1762 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr). **References:** *Black*.

### Bekir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the given name *Bekir*, corresponding to and derived from Arabic *Baqir*, from *baqir* 'beloved', or a nickname from the same source.

### Bekker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Dutch: occupational name denoting a baker, Middle Dutch *backere*. Compare German **Becker**.

**Early bearers:** Conrad Bekker, 1853 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Fredericka Bekker, in *Census 1871* (Midlothian); John Bekker, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Rudolf Bekker, in *Census 1901* (Kent).

### Bel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Bell**.

### Belassie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Belsey**.

### Belben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Belbin**.

### Belbin

**Variants:** Belben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Wilts and Hants

English: possibly a nickname from the plant-name *Convolvulus arvensis* 'bindweed', which is notoriously hard to get rid of. It is known by a host of regional names, the first element being *bear-*, *bell-*, *bed-*, and the second *-bine*, *-bind*, *-wind*, and so on. The combination *bellbind* is known from Somerset and E Anglia, and others from this list in S England. **Early bearers:** Edward Belbine, 1564 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Margorie Belbin, 1573 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Umphery Belbin, 1597 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); James Belben, 1665 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Robt. Bellben, 1754 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

**References:** G. Grigson (1958), *The Englishman's Flora*, London, pp. 308–9.

### Belby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Kent
- English: see **Bielby**.

### Belch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Herts; Lanarks
- English: see **Balch**.

### Belcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Belsham**.

### Belchamber

**Variants:** Bellchamber, Bellchambers, Belchambers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name, occupational name presumably for the keeper of a bellchamber, the room where bells were hung in a bell tower or in a belfry, from Middle English (Old English) *belle* 'bell' + Middle English (Old French) *chambre* 'room'. However, the compound is not recorded in *OED* before 1848. A keeper of a bellchamber may also have been the bell ringer.

**Further information:** Reaney points out that the 1369 example was earlier *atte Belchambre*, and that there is no evidence to support Bardsley's view that *Belchamber* was a variant of *Bellencombe*. The family of William Belencumbre (1235 in *Assize Rolls*) originated in Bellencombe (Seine-Maritime, Normandy) and settled in Essex. It has long been extinct, their name surviving in Belcumber Hall in Finchingfield. According to McKinley, the surname Bellchamber is first recorded in Sussex in the late 13th century. Richard Belechambr or Belechombre was tenant of a virgate in Slindon before 1285, and Walter Belechambre possessed land in Kirdford before 1334.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Belchambre, 1369 in *London Letter Books G*; Robertus Belchambr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Sussex); William Belchamber, 1543 in *IGI* (Worthing, Sussex); Jone Bellchamber, 1566 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Wm Belchamber, 1603 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); George Belchamber, 1608 in *IGI* (Norton, Kent); Willa Bellchamber, 1622 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Thomas Bellchamber, 1638 in *IGI* (Cliddesden, Hants); John Bellchamber, 1657 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx). **References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 186.

### Belchambers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Bellchambers**.

### Belchem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey
- English: see **Belsham**.

### Belcher

**Variants:** Belsher, Belshaw, Bellshaw, Beushaw, Bewshea, Bewsey, Bewsher, Busher, Boshier, Bowsher, Beausire, Beazer, Bowser, Boucher, Bouchier, Bowcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5020, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3586

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands, Berks, Oxon, and Gloucs; London; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cork
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bel ch(i)ere* or *beu ch(i)ere*, which had various senses, including ‘fair face or looks’, ‘fine manners’, ‘good company’, ‘good cheer, food and drink, hospitality’. Compare **Goacher**. In N England the ending of the name was sometimes reinterpreted as *-shaw* and *-shea* as though it were a locative surname. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** W England: Richard Belecher, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Alexander Belsier, Belshyre, 1542 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William Belcher, 1548 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks); Walterus Belcher, 1552 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Belcher, 1565 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Robert Belsher, 1566 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Henry Bowschere, 1575 in *Oxford University Register*; William Belsheer, 1587 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Richarde Belshyre, 1596, Richard Bousher, 1691 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Bowsher, 1603, Francis Bowshire, 1641 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Robert Belsire, 1617, William Belshire, 1710 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs); Mary Belsheare, 1641 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); John Bowsier, 1686 in *IGI* (East Challow, Berks). E England: Alexander Belcher, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margaret Bewcher, 1530 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* (Suffolk); Katherine Belcher, 1640 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Henry Belsher, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); James Bellshaw, 1667 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

N England: Thomas Belcher, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Beauchir, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scotton, WR Yorks); Johannes Belschagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); William Bewshawe, 1539 in *York Freeman's Register*; Mabel Bowsher, 1573, Thomas Bewsher, 1608 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Brandie Bewshaw, 1613 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Marey Belshaw, 1636 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Rachael Beusher, 1787 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Henry Mitchenson Bewshea, 1859 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); George Boushear, 1890 in *IGI* (Atherton, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bel, beu + sire* ‘fair sir’, a term of address (compare **Goodsir, Sweetser**). From at least the 15th century this name was probably confused with (1) above, owing to the pronunciation of Middle English *beu sire* and *bel sire* as ‘bewcher’ and ‘belsher’. In the York Plays Herod sarcastically addresses a messenger, ‘Bewcher! wele ye be’, and, when Annas orders a boy who has been bound to be brought in, the soldier mockingly announces, ‘London, here is the belschere brought that ye bad bring’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Beusire, 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); John Belsire, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Ricardus Beuser, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crigglestone, WR Yorks); Walter Beusire, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornaby, NR Yorks); Gregory Bousyre, 1314–16 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Andrew Beausire, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Combe Raleigh, Devon).

### Belcourt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Old French *bel(le)* ‘beautiful’ + *co(u)rt* ‘court, residence’, presumably

for someone who lived at or near a place so named. It does not appear to occur independently in the UK before the modern period.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Dorina Belcourt, born in the USA, 1891 in *Census 1891* (London).

### Beld

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname from Middle English *beld* ‘brave, courageous’ (Old English *beald*). Compare **Bold** (2). **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Belde, 1317–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Belde, 1378 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Henrie Beld, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Peter Beld, 1828 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Beld, 1832 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Shrops).

### Beldam

**Variants:** Beldom, Beldan, Beldham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *beledame* ‘fine lady’, perhaps used as a derogatory term.

**Further information:** Middle English *beldam* ‘grandmother’ is not recorded before about 1440 and the sense ‘aged woman, hag’ not until the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey Beledame, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Beledame, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Beldame, 1375 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Elsebeth Beldam, 1540 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Samuel Beldam, 1648 in *IGI* (Foxton, Cambs); Francisci Beldam, 1652 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 53.

### Beldan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 Norman, English: see **Beldam**.

2 English: see **Baldon**.

3 English: see **Beldon**.

### Belden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Beldon**.

### Beldham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: variant of **Beldam** with intrusive *h*.

### Beldin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Balding**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Belding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Balding**.

### Beldom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Beldam**.

### Beldon

**Variants:** Belden, Beldan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: locative name from Beldon Hill in Manningham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Beldon, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Anne Beldon, 1559 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Robert Beldon, 1570 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Edward Beldon, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Emery Beldon, 1582 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Johis Beldon, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

2 English: see **Baldon**. Redmonds notes Israel Bayldon or Beldon, 1662–5 in *Parish Registers* (Mirfield, WR Yorks), and Joseph Beldon or Beldom, 1670–2 in *Hearth Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Belenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Berringer**.

### Belfield

**Variants:** Bellfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1084, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 759
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Belfield (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Belfeld, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Belfeld, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas Belefeld, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus de Belfelt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterworth, Lancs); Richard Belfeld or Belfelde, 1493 in *PROB 11*; Toby Belfield, 1566 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Charles Belfeilde, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Nicolaus Belfield, 1617 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Belfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

Scottish: variant of **Belford**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Belfit, 1676, Johani. Belfitt, 1684 in *IGI* (Whittington, Derbys); Anne Bellfit, 1728 in *IGI* (Bishop Norton, Lincs); Hannah Belfitt, 1783, Humphry Belfit, 1787 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

### Belford

**Variants:** Belfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife; Kirkcudbrights
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh, Leitrim, and Longford

## Belfrage

Scottish: locative name from Belford (Roxburghs). **Further information:** There are also two English places of this name (in Northumb and NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** James de Beleford, about 1200 in *Kelso Register* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas de Belfford, 1390 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Belford, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Belford, 1612 in *IGI* (Dalbury, Derbys); John Belfford, 1657 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Margaret Belford, 1703 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### Belfrage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland

Scottish: variant of **Beveridge**.

### Belger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish, Norman, English: see **Bolger**.

### Belgian

**Variants:** **Belgion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English, Scottish: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *bele jambe* 'fine leg'.

**Early bearers:** William Belegambe, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Nicholas Belejaumbe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Belgeam, 1492 in *Cawdor Book* (Nairns).

### Belgion

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Norman, English: see **Belgian**.

### Belgrave

**Variants:** **Belgrove**, **Bellgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

English: locative name from Belgrave (Leics). **Early bearers:** Reginald de Belegraue, 1154–89 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Leics); Henry de Belgrave, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Belgrau, 1365–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Ales Belgrave, 1545 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Richard Belgrave, 1551 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Willm. Belgrave, 1562 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Hastyns Belgrave, 1565 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics); John Belgrave, 1567 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks).

### Belgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Belgrave**.

### Belham

**Variants:** **Bellham**, **Bellam**, **Belhomme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bel* 'beautiful, handsome' + *homme* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Belhume, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Reginald Belhome, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Sussex); William Belhom, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Joana Belham, 1601 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Edward Belham, 1627 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Hellen Belham, 1640 in *IGI* (Welton le Marsh, Lincs); Richard Belham, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Hannah Belham, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Belhomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, French: see **Belham**.

### Belk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Belph (in Whitwell, Derbys), whose Middle English form *Belgh*, pronounced /belʒ/, developed in the 16th century to *Belth* and *Belph* (pronounced with final [f]). The surname preserves an alternative Middle English pronunciation with final [k] for [ʒ].

**Further information:** Reaney's explanations of *Belk* from Old English *baelc* 'belch; stomach; pride' (see **Balch**) or 'beam, bank, ridge' are not borne out by the evidence.

**Early bearers:** Nigellus de Belk', 1273 in *Darley Abbey Cartulary* (Bolsover, Derbys); Johannes Belgh', 1379, Willelmus de Belgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Richard Belck, 1638 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); Roberti Belgh, 1641, Anne Belth, 1645, Anne Belck, 1672 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); Sara Belk, 1651 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Belk, 1677 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); William Belk, 1685 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 327; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bell

**Variants:** **Lebbell**, **Belle**, **Bel**, **Bells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76944, Ireland 6215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55974
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb, Cumb, and Durham, and Scottish Lowlands: esp. Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bell*, possibly a pet form of *Isabel*, which, in the form *Isabela*, is originally the Spanish equivalent of **Elizabeth** but was fairly frequent in medieval England.

**Further information:** *Belli*, genitive case form of *Bellus*, is a Latin form of Old French *Bel* 'beautiful', otherwise unknown as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** Ailuardus filius Belli, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Ricardus filius Bell, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Osbertus filius Belle, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Bell, 1536 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Richard Bell, 1538 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Richi. Bell, 1538 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Johanna Bell, 1541 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); John Bell, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *belle* 'bell' (Old English *belle*), probably for a bellringer or bellman (see **Bellman**, **Bellringer**).

**Early bearers:** Seaman Belle, 1181–7 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Serlo Belle, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).  
3 English: nickname from Middle English *bel* 'fair, fine, good' (Old French *bel* 'beautiful, fair'). See also **Beal**.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo bel, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robertus bellus in *Winton Domesday*; Robert le bel, 1186–1200 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

Scotland: David Bell, canon, 1263 in *Inchaffray Register* (Dunkeld, Perth); Adam Belle, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Thomas dictus Bell, canon, about 1340 in *Scone Charters* (Dunkeld, Perth); Janet Bell, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Bell, 1612 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

4 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) church or town bell or bellhouse', or for someone who lived '(at the sign of) the bell'.

**Early bearers:** Roger del Bel, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert de la Belle, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*; John atte Belle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

### Bellaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Bellerby**.

### Bellaers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: a fancy variant of **Bellars**, suggesting French *belle(s) aire(s)* 'lovely demeanour'.

**Early bearers:** James Bellaers, 1756, Abel Walford Bellaers, 1788 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Bellam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Belham**.

### Bellamy

**Variants:** **Billany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5750, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; Lincs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bel ami* 'fair friend'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Belami, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Ralph Belamy, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardus Belamy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yeoford, Devon); Johannes Belamy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Rogerus Belamy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Raskelf, NR Yorks); Johannes Belamy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Willelmus Belamy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Ricardo Belamy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Painswick, Gloucs); Simon Bellamy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Johanne Belamy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Walterus Belamy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Risby, Suffolk); Anne Bellamy, 1563 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Alce Bellemy, 1564 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Faith Bellamy, 1566 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Gilbert Bellamy, 1569 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Allisona Bellamy, 1570 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); James Bellamy, 1573



in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Barnham Belamy, 1615 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); Joane Bellamy, 1645, John Bellamey, 1650, William Ballamy, 1661 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); George Bellamy, 1661, George Ballamy, 1668 in *IGI* (Laneham, Notts).

**Bellanger**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
- English: see **Berringer**.

**Bellard**

Variants: **Bellett**

- Current frequencies: GB 128, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks; also Lancs
- English: unexplained. It looks like a derivative of Old French and Middle English *belle* + the suffix *-ard*, but the sense of *belle* is uncertain. It might be the female personal name *Belle*, the adjective *belle* 'fine, beautiful', or the noun *belle* 'bell' (see **Bell**), in which case it might be synonymous with *beller* 'bell-ringer or bell-maker' (see **Beller**).

**Early bearers:** Roger Bellard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Bellard, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); William Bellard, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cusworth, WR Yorks); William Bellard, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staxton, ER Yorks); William Bellard, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Symon Bellard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); Rogerus Bellard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ammor' Bellard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syston, Leics); Hugo Bellard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas Bellard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Bellard, 1575 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); John Bellard, 1639 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk); Mary Bellard, 1675 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Mary Bellard, 1720 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Mary Bellart, 1725 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Bellars**

Variants: **Bellers**, **Bellairs**

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: Northants

1 Norman: nickname apparently from Old French *béliier* 'ram'. It was the name of family that held lands in Burton Lazars and Eye Kettleby (Leics) of Roger de Mowbray in about 1150. In Northants the name attracts an excrescent *-s* already by 1377.

**Early bearers:** Hamo Beler, about 1166 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hamond Beler, 1271–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Henricus Belers, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Albany, Northants); John Bellars, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Reginald Bellars, 1548 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Jhon Bellers, 1578 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); James Bellars, 1625 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); William Bellars, 1728 in *IGI* (Edith Weston, Rutland); Ann Bellers, 1801 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Sarah Bellars, 1819 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 170.

2 English: variant of **Beller** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. However, the 1688 bearer may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Mary Bellers, 1688 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Aldwyn, Gloucs).

**Bellas**

- Current frequencies: GB 365, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 287
- Main GB location 1881: Westm

1 English: see **Bellhouse**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bellas, 1631 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm).

2 English: possibly a reduced form of **Bellasis**, see **Belsey**.

**Bellasis**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire; Cumb

English: see **Belsey**.

**Bellchamber**

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 169
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Kent, Hants, and Sussex

English: see **Belchamber**.

**Bellchambers**

Variants: **Belchambers**

- Current frequencies: GB 241, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: variant of **Belchamber** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Alyce Belchambers, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Theodorus Belchambers, 1638 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Anne Belchambers, 1682 in *IGI* (Kingsdown near Milsted, Kent).

**Belle**

- Current frequencies: GB 385, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Bell**.

**Bellenger**

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 92
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon

English: see **Berringer**.

**Bellenie**

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4

English, Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: Steven Bellenie, 1607 in *IGI* (Roos, Yorks); John Bellenie, 1742 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

Scotland: David Bellenie, 1675 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); William Bellenie, 1753, 1756 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Beller**

Variants: **Bellars**

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: occupational name for a bell founder or bell ringer, from Middle English *beller*, an agent derivative of Old English *belle* 'bell'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Beller, 1281 in *Thurson* (Lincs); Henry Beller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb);

Henr. Beller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John le Bellere, 1338 in *London Pleas*; Susanna Beller, 1546 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); George Beller, 1745 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Priscilla Beller, 1759 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); William Beller, 1774 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Elisath. Beller, 1798 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Bellerby**

Variants: **Bellaby**

- Current frequencies: GB 745, Ireland 9
- GB frequency 1881: 504
- Main GB location 1881: York, ER Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham

English: locative name from Bellerby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Belreby, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Bellerby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Bellerby, 1421 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert Bellerby, 1551 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Bellerby, 1580 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Marmaduck Bellerby, 1588 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); Jane Bellerby, 1628, Richard Bellarby, 1671 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Helen Bellaby, 1669 in *IGI* (Nuthall, Notts).

**Bellers**

Variants: **Bellairs**

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Herefs

English: see **Bellars**.

**Bellet**

- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Essex.

English: see **Bellett**.

**Bellett**

Variants: **Bellot**, **Bellott**, **Bellotte**, **Bellet**

- Current frequencies: GB 142, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Dorset; Middx;

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal names *Belet*, *Belot*, diminutives of *Bel* (see **Bell**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Belet, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

surnames: William Belet, Belot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Herueus belet, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Belot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Luke Bellet, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratton with Grimstone, Dorset); Thomas Bellet, 1676 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon).

2 English: possibly a late variant of **Bellard**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Bellet, 1570 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).

**Bellew**

Variants: **Bellewes**

- Current frequencies: GB 502, Ireland 430
- GB frequency 1881: 166
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Somerset
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

Norman, English, Scottish, Irish: locative name from Bellou (Orne). Later examples may be from Belleau in Lincs.

**Further information:** This Norman name is common in County Louth, Ireland, where it has been established since the 13th century.

## Bellewes

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Bellew, de Bella Aqua in 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire* iv p. 95; John de Bellewe, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Belewe, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Temperance Bellew, 1584, Richard Bellew, 1613 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Richard Bellew, 1620 in *IGI* (Oxcombe, Lincs); Abigaill Bellew, 1622 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); James Bellew, 1653 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

Scotland: Gilbert de Beleawe, late 12th cent. in *Kelso Register*.

Ireland: Richard Bellewe, sheriff of Louth, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3064; Richard Bellewe, town clerk, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4185 (Belleuiston, Cavan); John Bellowe, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §763 (Louth).

## Bellewes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Variant of **Bellew** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Bellfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Derbys

English: see **Belfield**.

## Bellgrove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** N London

English: see **Belgrave**.

## Bellham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Belham**.

## Bellhouse

Variants: **Bellas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cheshire

English: locative name from Middle English *bel-hous* 'detached bell-house or belfry' (Old English *bell-hūs*) or from a place so called, such as Bell House in Mytholmroyd and Bellhouses in Sheffield (both WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ernard Belhus, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard de Bellus, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Bellehus, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Walter atte Belhous, 1266 in *London Letter Books* C; Thomas de Bellehus, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bellehou's, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Richard Bellus, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward Bellas, 1641 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Bellas, 1653 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 214; 3, p. 159.

## Belli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

Italian: relationship name based on the nickname and personal name **Bello** 'handsome'.

**Early bearers:** Mark Belli, 1603 in *IGI* (Durham); Dorothea Belli, 1604, Perciualus Belli, 1614 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Grace Belli, 1766 in *IGI*

(Westminster, Middx); Giovanni Conte Belli, 1837 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Stefano Belli, 1867 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Luigi Belli, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Enrico Belli, born in Rome, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Giuseppe Belli, born in Naples, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

## Bellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs, Cheshire, and Denbighs; London

English: see **Belling**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Belling

Variants: **Bellin**, **Bealing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Belling*, *Beling*, of uncertain origin (perhaps Old English \**Bædling*, an original nickname from *bædling* 'effeminate man').

**Early bearers:** given names: Bellinc, Bedling, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); beling' fab[er], 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

surnames: Gileb' fil' beling', 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Hamo Bellyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hastingleigh, Kent); Johannes Bellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Radulphus Bellyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); Richard Bellyng of Gravesende, boatman, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Gravesend, Kent); Ellin Bellin, 1560 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire); John Belin, 1565 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Randolphe Bellin, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Holborn, City of London); Thomas Belling, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); John Belling, 1738 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, pp. 99, 193.

## Bellinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; also W Midlands; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: see **Berringer**.

## Bellingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1438, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Shrops, and Worcs;
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: locative name from either of two places called Bellingham (in Kent and Northumb), or perhaps from Bellingham Farm in Highworth (Wilts).

**Further information:** An Irish family of this name trace their descent from William de Bellingham, who was sheriff of Tynedale, Northumb, in 1279. They were established in Ireland by Robert Bellingham, who settled in County Longford in 1611. They gave their name to Castlebellingham in County Louth.

**Early bearers:** William de Bellingham, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Belyngham, 1327 in *London Letter Books* E; Harry Belyngham, 1401 in *Paston Letters*; Rogeri Bellingham, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Grace Bellingham, 1564 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Fran'S. Bellingham, 1718, Fran'S. Bellingham, 1723 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Sarah Bellingham, 1735, Saml. Bellingham, 1761 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops).

## Bellington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: variant of **Billington**.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Bellington Farm in Chaddesley Corbett (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Belynton', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Charles Bellington, 1773 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 235–6.

## Bellini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Italian: based on the nickname *Bellino*, a diminutive of **Bello**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Ferdinand Napoleon Linari Bellini, 1860 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Pio Bellini, 1857 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Antonio Bellini, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London); Louis Bellini, born in Genoa, Italy, in *Census 1881* (East Molesey, Surrey).

## Bellion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Origin uncertain. Possibly the French surname **Belion**, **Bellion**, explained by Morlet as a derivative of **Belier**, which is a nickname from *bélier* 'ram'.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Belliyone, 1584 in *IGI* (Wendy, Cambs); Thomas Bellion, 1620 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Jeremiah Bellion, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Bellion, 1677, Richard Bellian, 1724 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs); Henry Bellion, 1734 in *IGI* (Halton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire, at Belier*.

## Bellis

Variants: **Belliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2168, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1701
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales: esp. Flintshire and Denbighs; also Cheshire

1 Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh patronymic *ap Elisedd* 'son of *Elised*' (see **Ellis**).

**Early bearers:** John ap Elys, 1513 in *Chirkland Extent*; John Bellis, 1747 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire).

2 English: possibly a nickname from *bellies*, the regular form of *bellows* until the 16th century. The forms *bellis*, *bellice* were still found in regional dialects till fairly recently. See **Bellows**.

**Early bearers:** Ursula Bellies, 1610 in *Bardsley*.

## Belliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- Welsh, English: see **Bellis**.

**Bellmaine**

Variants: **Bellman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, French, English: nickname from Old French *belle* + *mains* 'beautiful hands'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Belesmains, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John Belemeins, 1237 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Herts); George Neidler Bellmaine, 1869 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Jane Bellmaine, 1869 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

**Bellman**

Variants: **Belman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Cumb

1 English, Scottish: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bel(le)man*, a term known to have been used in York and Scotland, and probably elsewhere, for a town crier. (ii) occupational name, status name; the medieval form *Beleman* may denote 'servant of *Bele*' (see **Beale**). (iii) nickname; in the Denham Parish Register (Suffolk) the surname appears as *Beleman*, *Belleman*, *Belliman* (1585–1606), *Billeman* (1776), *Billyman* (1784) and in that of Rushbrook as *Billeman* and *Billerman* (1760, 1791). The persistent medial vowel suggests that this is for Middle English *beli-man* 'bellows blower', from Middle English *beli* 'bellows'. Compare **Bellow**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Belman, 1300 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Katerina Beleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Lawrence Bellman, 1562 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Robart Bellman, 1582 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Matthew Bellman, 1602 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Richard Bellman, 1618 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Bellman, 1624 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset). Scotland: Gilbert Belman, 1398 in *Aberdeen Register* (Footdee, Aberdeens).

2 Norman, English: perhaps also a variant of **Bellmaine**.

**Bellmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Belmore**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bello**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1267, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 English: variant of **Bellow**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Bello, 1604 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Sarah Bello, 1771 *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Alfred G. Bello, 1880 *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

2 Italian, Spanish: (i) nickname from *bello* 'fair, handsome'. (ii) relationship name from the same word used as given name in medieval Italian.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Rucardo Bello, 1819 *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

3 Nigerian: from the Fulani name *Bello*, of unclear origin, well known as that of a leading administrator of the Fulani empire in Hausaland in the early 19th cent.

**Belloc**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Norman, English, French: locative name from a southern dialectal form of the common French place-name *Beaulieu* 'fine place', or from the same source but due to later French immigration. The medieval name is anglicized as **Bewley**, and some of the early bearers below may be ancestors of persons so named.

**Early bearers:** Peuerel de Belloc', 1137 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Bidan de Beauluc merchant of Burdeux, 1305, Bydan de Beaulok of Gascony, 1305 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Pierre Belloc, 1708 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Hilarie [*sic*] Joseph Peter Belloc, born in France, in *Census 1911*.

2 English: relationship name possibly sometimes from a medieval personal name *Beloc*, of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Gospatric filius Beloc, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*.

**Bellot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman: see **Bellett**.

**Bellott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman: see **Bellett**.

**Bellotte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman: see **Bellett**.

**Bellotti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

Italian: relationship name, nickname based on a diminutive of the nickname or personal name **Bello**.

**Early bearers:** Julius Bellotti, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Hulme, Lancs); Antony Bellotti, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Bellow**

Variants: **Beloe**, **Bello**, **Below**, **Bellows**, **Billows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *beli*, *belu*, *below* 'bellows' (used only as a singular until 1400), probably for a bellows maker or blower. Compare William Belymuð ('bellows-mouth'), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). There may have been some confusion with **Bellew**.

**Early bearers:** William Beli, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph Belewe, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Below, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Byllow, Below, Bellow, 1464–79 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Bellows**

Variants: **Billows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: plural variant of **Bellow**.

**Bellringer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Cornwall
- English: occupational name for a bellringer, Middle English *bel(le)ringer*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Belringer, 1216–72 in *Thureson* (Surrey); Walterus Bellryngar, 1439 in *MED*.

**Bells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lancs; Staffs
- English: variant of **Bell** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Belsham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Belsham**.

**Bellshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: see **Belcher**.

**Belsson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** N London

English: see **Belson**.

**Bellwood**

Variants: **Belwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 865, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Belwood in Belton in Axholme (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Wibald de Belwoda, 1138–54 in *Mowbray Charters*; Henry de Bellewode, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Belward, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Bellwood, 1547 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richdus. Bellwood, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Bellwood, 1578 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Isb. Bellwood, 1623 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 13.

**Belman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

English: see **Bellman**.

**Belmont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

**Belmore**

Variants: **Bellmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

## Beloe

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *bel(le)* 'fair, fine' + *amour* 'love' (Old French *bel* + *amo(u)r*). Compare **Finnemore** locative name perhaps from any of several places called *Belmore* or *Bellmoor*, such as Belmore Farm in Ratlinghope (Shrops) or the name underlying Belmoredean in West Grinstead (Sussex).
- Early bearers:** Roger Belamour, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Witham, Essex); Nicholas Bellemore, 1584 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Alexander Belmore, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richard Bellemore, 1808 in *IGI* (Bloxwich, Staffs).

## Beloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Bellow**.

## Below

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Bellow**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Belsey

- Variants:** **Belassie, Bellasis, Bellas**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places called *Belasis* or similar, such as *Bellasis* (Northumb), *Bellasisize* (ER Yorks), *Belasis* in Billingham and *Bellasis* in Durham (both Durham), *Belsize Park* in Hampstead (Middx), *Belsize Farm* in Castor (Northants), *Belsize Farm* in Watford (Herts), and *Belsars Field* in Willingham (Cambs).
- Further information:** *Wilson (Reaney and Wilson)* also mentions examples of *Belasez* as a Jewish personal name in 12th-century England, namely *Belesez* Judea, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); *Jacobus Belasez*, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex). However, this has not contributed to the modern surname.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] *Belasyse*, 1212 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); *Gregory de Bellasis*, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); *Robert de Beleassise*, 1305 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); *John Belacyse*, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loningborough hundred, Kent); *Peter Belassise*, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); *Beatrice de Belasyse*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); *Johannes Belesise*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bellasis, Northumb); *Willelmus de Belasise*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gowdall, WR Yorks); *Johannes Belasise*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); *Nicholas Belsey*, 1576 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); *Tone Bellse*, 1580 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); *Agnis Bellsey*, 1619 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); *Thomas Belsy*, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent).
- References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 16; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 245; *Durham Place-Names*, p. 7; *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 112; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 232; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 107; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 174.
- 2 English: locative name perhaps also from *Belsay* in Bolam (Northumb), which is recorded as *Bilesho* in 1162, *Beleshowe* in 1255, and *Belsey* in 1663. The post-

medieval bearers given here may alternatively belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** *Robert de Belsowe*, 1284, *Thomas de Belsou*, 1304, *Thomas de Belshowe*, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); *Adam de Belsow*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bitchfield, Northumb); *John de Belsoue*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Dissington, Northumb); *Rychard Belsey*, 1611 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); *Elizabeth Belsa*, 1660, *John Belsey*, 1680 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 17.

## Belsham

- Variants:** **Bellsham, Belcham, Belchem**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 433
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. Essex
- English: locative name from *Belchamp Otton*, *Saint Paul's*, and *Walter* (Essex).
- Further information:** The place-name was originally from Old English \**bylce* 'beam' + *hām* 'homestead' but became confused with Old French *belchamp*, *beauchamp* 'beautiful field'.
- Early bearers:** *Johannes Belchham*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boxted, Essex); *Willelmus Belchaump*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harling, Norfolk); *John Belchamp*, bachelor of law, 1442 in *Patent Rolls*; *John Belcham* otherwise called *John Haster*, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Deptford, Kent); *Frances Belsham*, 1642 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); *Bennitt Bellsham*, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); *Elizabeth Belchem*, 1787 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).
- References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 408–9.

## Belshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1191, Ireland 237
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 571
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Belcher**.

## Belsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs
- English: see **Belcher**.

## Belsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Belson**.

## Belson

- Variants:** **Bellson, Belsom**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Norfolk
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Belsant* (Old French *Belisant*, *Belisent*, from Continental Germanic \**bili-* 'decent, amiable' + \**swinth-* 'strong').
- Early bearers:** given names: *Belsante*, 1185, *Belsant*, 1190 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

surnames: *William Belsent*, 1327, *William Belesent*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); *Willelmus Belsaunt*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); *Robt. Belson*, 1539 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); *Richardus Belson*, 1556 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); *John Belson*, 1572 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); *William Belson*, 1600 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); *Edvardus Belson*, 1604 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

2 English: relationship name from the personal name *Bele* (see **Beal**) or *Bell* (from *Isabel*) + the patronymic/metronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** *Thomas Beleson*, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); *John Belessone*, 1339, *John Bellesson*', 1341 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); *Willelmus Belson*', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton on the Forest, NR Yorks); *Adam Belson*', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); *Johannes Belsun*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

## Belsten

- Variants:** **Belston, Belstone**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: locative name from *Belstone* (Devon).
- Early bearers:** *Baldewinum de Belestan*, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . de] *Belestan*, 1231 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); *William de Belston*, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); *John Belston*, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); *Edvard Belston*, 1671 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); *John Belstone*, 1701 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); *James Bellstone*, 1771 in *IGI* (Alderbury, Wilts); *William Belsten*, 1807 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); *George Belsten*, 1834 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 131.

## Belston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx
- English: see **Belsten**.

## Belstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants
- English: see **Belsten**.

## Belt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: nickname from Middle English *belt* 'belt, girdle' (Old English *belt*), perhaps for someone who wore a distinctive belt or who made belts.
- Early bearers:** *Arnold Belte*, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); *Robert Belt*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); *Willelmus Belt*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonzoyland, Somerset); *Johannes Belte*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); *Ellene Belt*, 1576 in *IGI* (York, Yorks); *Elizabeth Belt*, 1607 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Belton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2124, Ireland 306
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Rutland

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Offaly and Galway
- 1 English: (i) locative name from any of several places called Belton (Lincs, Leics, Rutland, Suffolk). (ii) locative name, sometimes a variant of **Bilton**, from Bilton (Warwicks), recorded as *Beltone*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, *Beelton*, 1386 in *Place-Names of Warwicks*.
- Early bearers:** Turgis de Beltona, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Belton', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Belton, 1398–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Willms. Belton, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joon Belton, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Willm Belton, 1562 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Robert Belton, 1565 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); Peeter Belton, 1566 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).
- 2 Irish: in Ireland, the Norman name **Weldon** was Gaelicized as *de Bhéalatún* and later re-anglicized as *Belton*.

### Belwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Bellwood**.

### Beman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; also Oxon
- English: see **Beeman**.

### Bemand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Bembridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Lincs
- English: variant of **Bainbridge**.
- Further information:** Bembridge (IoW), which is recorded as *Bynnebrygg* in 1316, is unlikely to have given rise to the present surname.

### Bement

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bemister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: locative name from Beaminster (Dorset), reflecting the local pronunciation.

### Bemment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Beaumont**.

### Bemrose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts
- English: unexplained, but apparently from Middle English *bem* 'tree' + *rose* 'rose'.
- Early bearers:** Steven Bemrose, 1577 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Elizabeth Bemrose, 1589 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Joannes Bembros, 1609 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); John Bimrose, 1649 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Elisabeth Bimrose, 1663 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs).

### Benallick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Bennelick**.

### Benbough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Benbow**.

### Benbow

- Variants:** **Benbough**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1458, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys, Shrops, and Staffs
- English: nickname for an archer, 'bend bow', from Middle English *benden* 'to bend' + *boue*, *bewe* 'to bow'.
- Early bearers:** William Bendebowe, 1349 in *London Letter Books F*; John Benbowe, 1545 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).

### Benbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- English: see **Bainbridge**.

### Benbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: locative name apparently from a lost or unidentified place-name, perhaps Binbrook (Lincs), or a place describable in Old English as *binnan brōce* 'within (a loop of) the brook', as in Cambridge.
- Further information:** Some records suggest possible confusion with **Bembridge**, for instance Recherd Benbryge, 1550, Samuell Benbrigg, 1657 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).
- Early bearers:** Robertus Benbrooke, 1571 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Thomas Benbrycke, 1581 in *IGI* (Hemingford Abbots, Hunts); Josephe Benbrooke, 1612 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edmund Benbrook, 1631 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Joseph Benbrook, 1680 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Bence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bence*, from Continental Germanic *Benzo*, of uncertain origin.
- Further information:** A diminutive *Benzelinus* occurs in *Domesday Book* (Oxon, Wilts) and gave rise to a surname in Suffolk side by side with *Bence* (Seman *Bencelyn*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk)), whilst the feminine *Bencelina* is found in Kent (1207 *Curia Regis Rolls*).
- Early bearers:** Osmund Benz, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Derbys); Ernisius filius Bence, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ærnulfus filius Benze, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); William Bence, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Bence, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Samuel Bence, 1563 in *IGI* (Frocester, Gloucs); Joane Bence, 1570 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Martin Bence, 1594 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Squire Bence, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Bence, 1619 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent).

### Bench

- Variants:** **Binch**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- English: locative name from Middle English *bench(e)*, *banch*, *binch(e)* 'bench, bank, terrace' (Old English *benc*), signifying one who lived at or near a terrace or (river) bank. Compare **Bank** and **Binks**.
- Further information:** Compare Roger le Bencher, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).
- Early bearers:** Robert Benche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas atte Bench, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardo Benche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Galby, Leics); Thomas Binch, 1665 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts); Jas Bench, 1721 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks).

### Bend

- Variants:** **Bent**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: nickname from Middle English *bend* 'band, fetter, chain; ribbon, sash, stripe', for someone who made, wore, or used such things. See also the synonymous **Band** and compare **Bendy**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Bende, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Paulerspury, Northants); Hugone Bend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Somerset); Johannis Bend, 1561 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Willm Bend, 1585 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Guliel Bend, 1594 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs).

### Bendall

- Variants:** **Bendel**, **Bendle**, **Bendell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1415, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1082
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; Cambs and Suffolk
- 1 English: locative name from Binhall in Frethern and Saul (Gloucs).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Benhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Johannes Bendell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanham Abbots, Gloucs); Edeth Bendall, 1571 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Jane Bendell, 1584 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); John Bendall, 1585 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); William Benall, 1603 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Ellinor Bendell, 1630 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset);

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George Bendale, 1657 in *IGI* (Heytesbury, Wilts); John Bendal, 1665 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs); Thomas Bendel, 1670 in *IGI* (Bulford, Wilts); John Bendale, 1682 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); Elisabeth Bendhall, 1750 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Mary Bendall, 1751 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 180.

2 English: locative name perhaps from Benhall (Suffolk). The intrusive *-d-* in *Bendall* might be plausible in post-medieval forms, but the 1318 spelling with *-del* would be an unusually early development for this place-name (Middle English *Benehale* 'nook where beans grow'), and may belong with another name.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bendel, 1318 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Bendall, 1554 in *IGI* (Arrington, Cambs); Margery Bendall, 1561, Edward Bendell, 1639, John Bendal, 1683 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Benall, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Robert Bendal, 1597 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Abraham Benall, 1671 in *IGI* (Little Saxham, Suffolk).

3 English: see **Bentall**.

## Bendel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London

English: see **Bendall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: see **Bendall**.

2 English: see **Bentall**.

## Bendelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: reduced form of *Bendeloves*, a variant of **Bindloss**.

**Early bearers:** William Bendlowes, 1758 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); John Bendeloves, 1786, Wm. Bendelow, 1804 in *IGI* (Well, NR Yorks); Richard Benlow, 1796, Richard Bendlow, 1807, Edmund Bendelow, 1812 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Mary Bendeloes, 1809 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

## Benden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: see **Bendon**.

## Bender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: occupational name for an archer or bow maker, from Middle English *bender*, an agent derivative of *benden* 'to bend' (Old English *bendan*). Compare **Benbow**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Bendare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton, Sussex); Johanne Bendour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robert Bendour, 1392 in *Hastings Court Rolls*

(Sussex); Johan Bender, 1564 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Joane Bender, 1570 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robt. Bender, 1598 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

2 German: occupational name for a cooper, a short form of **Fassbender**, a variant of *Fassbinder* 'barrel binder'.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Bender, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, London); Willhelm Bender, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, London); Gustav Adolph Bender, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, London); Frederick Bender, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Saint Martin in the Fields, London).

## Bending

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 333
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: probably a variant of **Bindon**. Compare **Bendon**.

## Bendle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Glamorgan; also Cumb

1 English: see **Bendall**.

2 English: see **Bentall**.

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**Variants:** **Benden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs, Somerset, and Glamorgan

1 English: locative name from Benenden (Kent) or from a lost place called *Begginden* in the adjacent parish of Cranbrook (also Kent), which is recorded as *Beaghynden* in 1462, *Beanden* in 1465–6, and *Begynden*, *Bygynden* in 1500. Both places gave rise to surnames which, during the 15th century if not earlier, become confused. Note Jacobus Benynden alias Begkynden, 1470, cited below.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Beningdenn', 1240, [ . . . ] de Bynindenne, 1242–3, [ . . . ] de Beningden', 1254 in *Kentish Place-Names* (Kent); Master Henry de Benenden, 1291 in *Patent Rolls*; Will'i de Benyndenne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calehill hundred, Kent); Jacobus Beaghynden, 1462, Jacobus Benynden alias Begkynden, 1470, John Beagynden, 1473, Adam Begynden, 1480, Adam Benden, 1493, Thomas Benden, 1558 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Thomas Beggynden, 1463 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Chislet, Kent); Henry Beangden, 1505–6, James Benden, scythesmith, 1552 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Bendon, 1523 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Milton, Kent); Joan Benden, 1546 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Alice Benden, 1559 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Benden, 1572 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 348; *Cranbrook Wills*, passim.

2 English: locative name from Building End in Chrishall (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William de Benden, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne de Benden', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chrishall, Essex); Alice Bendon, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); Richard Bendon, 1573 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Margaret Bendon,

1620 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Henry Bendon, 1631 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Richd. Bendon, 1715 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 120.

3 English: locative name from Bandons in Anstey (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bendene, 1255, Dion de Bendene, 1294 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts). **References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 170.

4 English: the surname in the south-western counties is probably a variant of **Bindon**.

## Bendy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Warwicks; London

English: variant of **Bandy**.

## Benedetti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name based on the personal name *Benedetto* ('blessed').

**Early bearers:** Pietro Bennedite, sculptor moulder, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Amelia Martha Giovanna Anunziade Eugenie Benedetti, 1865 in *IGI* (Staveley, Derbys); Giacinto Benedetti, hall porter, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Giuseppe Benedetti, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Giacomo Benedetti, traveller in furs, born in Leghorn, Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Arturo Ugo Benedetti, born in Camberwell, Surrey, in *Census 1911* (Farnham, Surrey).

## Benedick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Benedict**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Benedict

**Variants:** **Benedik**, **Benedick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Benedict* (from Latin *benedictus* 'blessed'), reintroduced to England through Norman influence as a latinization of the Norman name that gives rise to **Bennett**. (ii) nickname from Latin *benedicite* 'bless (you)', perhaps given to an habitual user of the expression. **Early bearers:** given names: Benedictus Baldewyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk).

surnames: Geoffrey Benedicite, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Benedicite, 1322 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Benedich', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunston, Sussex); Ellis Benedick, 1587 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); William Benedicke, 1614 in *PROB 11* (London); Christopher Benedict, 1630 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire).

**References:** *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 191.

## Benefer

**Variants:** **Benifer**, **Bennifer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Bedingfield**.

**Early bearers:** John Benyngfelde or Benyngfeld, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary, Norfolk); Stephen Bennifer, 1768 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Bedingfield alias Bennifer, currier, 1769–70, father of John Bennefer alias Bedingfield, baker, 1805–6 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Collins Bennifer, 1783 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Benifer, 1825 in *IGI* (Grimston, Norfolk).

### Benefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Benfield**.

### Benest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Guernsey
- French, Channel Islands: (i) nickname, relationship name; regional or scribal variant of Old French *beneit*, *benoit*, 'blessed', a word and name derived from Latin *benedictus*. Compare **Bennett**, **Benedict**. (ii) locative name perhaps sometimes from Benest (Charente-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Benest, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Amelia Benest, 1828 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Benet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English: see **Bennett**.

### Benett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bennett**.

### Beney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Beaney**.

### Benfeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

English: see **Benfield**.

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**Variants:** **Binfield**, **Benefield**, **Benfell**, **Benfold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 865
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Oxon and Gloucs; Dorset

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places in England called Benfield or Binfield, such as Binfield (Berks), Binfield Heath in Shiplake (Oxon), Benville Manor in Corscombe (Dorset), Benfield Farm in Hangleton (Sussex), and

a lost *Benefeld* in Twineham (Sussex). There may have been some confusion with **Banfield**.

**Early bearers:** Goduin de Benefelle, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); [ . . . de] Benetfeld, 1176, [ . . . de] Benefeld, 1185, [ . . . de] Bentfeld', 1241 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); Robert de Benefeld, about 1160–9 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Reginald de Benefeld', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); [ . . . de] Benefeld, about 1250 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); [ . . . de] Benefeld', 1288 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Jul' de Benefelde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Portslade, Sussex); Godfrey de Bunefeld, 1302 in *Close Rolls* (Berks); Roberto Benefelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rampisham, Dorset); Emma de Benefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hangleton, Sussex); John de Benefeld, 1340 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Corscombe, Dorset); Giles de Benyfeld', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johannes Benefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Waltero Benefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yattendon, Berks); Thomas Benefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bincombe, Dorset); John Benefeld, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Benefeld', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks); Clement Benfield, 1605 in *IGI* (Turville, Bucks); Thoms Benfield, 1622 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 76; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 81; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 289; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 279, 289.

### Benfold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham

English: perhaps an altered form of **Benfield**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bemfold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Lewis Benfold, 1738 in *IGI* (East Molesey, Surrey); John Benfold, 1787 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Charles Benfold, 1807 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks).

### Benford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics, Northants, and Warwicks; Sussex; also Berks

English: of uncertain origin. If Robertus Bemeford, cited below, really belongs here, this would appear to be a variant of **Bamford**. Compare **Banford**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Bemeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); John Benford, 1567 in *IGI* (Crophthorne, Worcs); Edmond Benford, 1579 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Nicolaus Benford, 1610 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

### Benge

**Variants:** **Binge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: unexplained. Comparison with Iuo *Bengelot*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rolvenden hundred, Kent), Thomas Bengekyn, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringslow hundred, Kent), and Willelmus Bengekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent), would seem to point to an underlying Middle English personal name \**Benge* (of which *Bengelot* and *Bengekyn* would be regular pet forms), though no such name has been noted.

**Early bearers:** Rob's Bynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornilo hundred, Kent); Alicia Bynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton hundred, Kent); Simon Benge, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boughton hundred, Kent); William Benge, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Eastling, Kent); Ricardus Benge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); [ . . . ] Benge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); William Benge, clerk, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Repton, Derbys); Richard Benge, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Roger Benge, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Bonnington and Aldington, Kent); Joan Benge, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Agnes Benge, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Dorothy Binge, 1561 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Richard Binge, 1569 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Willm Binge, 1573, Katheryne Benge, 1573 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Franncis Binge, 1578 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); John Binge, 1682 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

### Benger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: variant of **Berringer**; compare the variant **Banger**.

### Bengough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Glamorgan
- Welsh: nickname from Welsh *pencoch*, soft-mutated form *bengoch*, 'red-headed'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Benghok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Margareta Bengough, 1624 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Walter Bengough, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

### Benham

**Variants:** **Beenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2200, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Middx, and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Beenham (Berks), and perhaps also from Marsh Benham in Speen and adjacent Hoe Benham in Welford (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Benham, 1173–86 in *Reading Abbey Cartularies* (Berks); Eudo de Benham, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); [ . . . de] Benham, about 1195 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Beenham, Berks); William de Benham, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Berks); Gilbert de Benham, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Thomas Benham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Willelmo Benham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Garston, Berks); Waltero Benham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Robert Benham, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Beneham, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Haselbury, Wilts); Margareta Benham, 1562 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Robart Beenham, 1584 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Ralf Benham, 1593 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Maria Benham, 1611 in *IGI* (Brampton Abbotts, Herefs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 150, 267.

2 English: from Benhams in Horsham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Benham, 1296, Willo Benham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horsham, Sussex); Thom' de Benham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rusper, Sussex); Willelmo Benham, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

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(Horsham, Sussex); Johanna Benham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Benham, 1539 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Mary Benham, 1683 in *IGI* (Chidham, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 225.

## Benians

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

Welsh: variant of **Beynon** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Benions, 1666 in *IGI* (Diddlebury, Shrops); Thomas Beniams, 1814 in *IGI* (Bitterley, Shrops).

## Benifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Benefer**.

## Benington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bennington**.

## Benion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

Welsh: see **Beynon**.

## Benison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks; Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Roscommon
- English: see **Bennison**.

## Beniston

Variants: **Benniston**, **Benston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: variant of **Bennison** with an intrusive *-t-*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that Francis *Bennystone*, 1574 in *York Registry Wills* (Loftus, NR Yorks) appears in the parish next to Liverton, where *Benson* and *Benneson* have a long history. **Early bearers:** Jonathan Bennison, 1750, Jonathan Benniston, 1769 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); Betty Benniston, 1770, Ann Bennison, 1774 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Joseph Bennison, 1750, Peter Benniston, 1787 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

## Benjafield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: locative name from Benjafield Farm in Gillingham (Dorset), earlier *Bengerville*. **Early bearers:** John Bengorvyll, 1342 in *Patent Rolls*; John Bengewyle, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Gillingham, Dorset); Thomas Bengefeild alias Coles, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Cucklington, Somerset); Ambrose Benjafield, 1685 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Benjafield, 1755 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).  
References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 19.

## Benjaman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

See **Benjamin**.

## Benjamin

Variants: **Benjaman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4242, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1569
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cardigans, Glamorgan

English, Welsh, Jewish: relationship name from the personal name *Benjamin*, Hebrew *Binyamin* ‘son of the south’, interpreted in Genesis as ‘son of the right hand’. This was a comparatively rare given name in the Middle Ages, but was frequently adopted as a surname among Nonconformists in Wales and elsewhere from the 17th century onwards. It is also commonly found as a Jewish surname, among both Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews.

**Early bearers:** surnames, England: Roger Benjamin, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Austyn Beniamyn, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); David Benjamin, 1633 in *IGI* (Llanpumpsaint, Carmarthens); Benjamin Benjamin, 1641 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Isaac Benjamin, 1829 in *IGI* (Llanadarnfawr, Cardigans). surnames, Jewish: Nathan Benjamin, 1789 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Isaac Benjamin, traveller, born in ‘foreign parts’, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Ellen Benjamin, 1849 in *IGI* (The Great Synagogue, London); David Benjamin, in *Census 1851* (Bristol, Gloucs); Hyman Benjamin, born in Aldgate, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, Middx); Israel Benjamin, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jacob Benjamin, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac Benjamin, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (West Derby, Lancs); Hyman Benjamin, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

## Benley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx; Lancs
- English: locative name see **Binley**.

## Benn

Variants: **Bean**, **Bennis**, **Benns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2667, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1706
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, WR Yorks, Westm, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick; Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ben(ne)*. This is usually a pet form of *Benet* (Benedict). See **Bennett** and compare

## Benson.

**Further information:** *Benne* is found as a native English name in Domesday Book (e. g. Leuunus *Benne* (Suffolk)), but this is probably unrelated to the later surname. Tengvik explains it as either a nickname meaning ‘the plump, lumpish one’ or as an Old English personal name, *Bynna* or *Beonna*, for the post-Conquest use of which there is no clear evidence. However, see **Binney**  
**Early bearers:** given names: Benne de Ecclesille, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: John son of Benne, 1306 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Siuard Benne, about 1190 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas Ben, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Benne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Thomas Benne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Johannes Benne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Watton, Norfolk); Willelmus Benne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carleton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Benne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Hugo Benne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinderclay, Suffolk); Thomas Bennes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johis Benn, 1540, Thomas Benn, 1666, 1771, James Benn, 1837 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); John Benn, 1565 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Willm. Benn, 1581 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Benn, 1653 in *IGI* (Wimbotsham, Norfolk); William Benn, 1674 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Myles Benn, 1719 in *IGI* (Preston Patrick, Westm).

## Bennallack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Bennellick**.

## Bennallick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Cornish: see **Bennellick**.

## Benedik

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Benedict**.

## Bennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon; also Essex
- English: see **Benwell**.

## Bennellick

Variants: **Bennallack**, **Bennallick**, **Benallick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: locative name from Benallack in Probus (Cornwall), and possibly also from Benallack in Saint Enoder (also Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Reynold Benathelek, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Probus, Cornwall); Roger Banallak, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Constantine, Cornwall); Ellen Benallacke, 1614 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Mary Benallack, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Benellick, 1721 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); Henry Bennallack, 1733, Elizabeth Benalack, 1786 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Henry Benalick, 1751 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Richard Benallack, 1773, John Benellick, 1805 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 245.

## Benner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Benner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Mardon, Sussex); John Benner, 1540 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Peirce Benner, 1596 in *IGI*



(Whitechapel, Middx); Katherine and William Benner, 1664 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs).

### Bennet

Variants: **Benet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders; central and E Scotland; also E Wales

English: see **Bennett**.

### Bennets

- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Bennetts**.

### Bennett

Variants: **Bennet**, **Bennette**, **Benett**, **Bennitt**, **McBennett**, **Benet**, **Bennetts**, **Binet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74410, Ireland 3440
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48812
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Beneit*, *Beneoit*, Latin *Benedictus* 'blessed', which was fairly common from the 12th to the 14th centuries and was also occasionally used for women as well. The surname has also been established in Ireland since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Beneit Kernet, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Beneit Kepeherm, 1193, *Benedictus Kepeherm*, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

surnames, England: Robertus filius Benite, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Beneyt 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Benet, 1208 in *Charter Rolls* (Durham); Robert Benyt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); James Benet, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Lanhadron, Cornwall); Ric Bennett, 1538 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Robt Bennitt, 1538 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk); Harre Bennit, 1562 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs).

surnames, Scotland: John Benet, 1402 in *Scotland Calendar*; Richard Bennat, chaplain, 1459 in *Arbroath Register*; John Bennett, 1563 in *Inchaffray Register* (Williamston, Perth); Kaet Bennet, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Bennet, bailie, 1588 in *Panmure Register* (Culross, Fife).

### Bennette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Bennett**.

### Bennetto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the Middle English male given name *Ben(n)et* (from Latin *benedictus* 'blessed', via Old French) + Cornish pet-form or patronymic ending *-ow*, as in **Clemow**.

**Further information:** Evidence for the given name *Benet* in Cornwall at the right time is provided by Benet Helland, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Probus, Cornwall),

and Benet Lucke 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John, Thomas Benetto, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Paul, Cornwall); John Benettow, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paul, Cornwall); John Richard Benatta 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Benat Benettaw, 1567 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); John Bonetto, 1641, John Benetto, 1642, John Bennetto, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Stephen Bennetta, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Mary Bennetto, 1698, Thomas Bennetta, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

### Bennetts

Variants: **Bennets**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Bennett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Benetes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Bennet Bennetts, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Will. Bennetts, 1691 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); George Bennetts, 1702 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

### Bennewith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Benneworth**.

### Benneworth

Variants: **Benneworth**, **Bennewith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Benniworth (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Benyngworda, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Margaret de Benigwrða, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Sibilia Benigworyd, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Muriella de Benyngworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barkwith, Lincs); Ellen Benniworth, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); Rycherd Benneworth, 1577 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); William Benneworth, 1584 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); James Bennyworth, 1588 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Sarah Benneworth, 1722 in *IGI* (Lindsey, Suffolk); Mary Benneworth, 1769 in *IGI* (Warlingham, Surrey); James Benneworth, 1803 in *IGI* (Harwich, Essex).

### Benney

Variants: **Benny**, **Beaney**, **Binney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *\*Ben(n)y*, a diminutive form of *Ben(n)*, a pet form of *Benet* (Benedict), + the hypocoristic suffix *-y*. See **Benn**.

**Early bearers:** Williem Beny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Alson Benny, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); John Benney, 1576 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Paskett Beny, 1588, Richard Benney, 1631 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Mathew Benney, 1625 in *IGI* (Lanivet, Cornwall).

### Benneyworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Benneworth**.

### Bennie

Variants: **Benzie**, **Beaney**, **Benny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1052, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 799
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Stirlings and Glasgow

Scottish: locative name from Bennie in Almond (Perth).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Benne or Bennef about 1201–7 in *Arbroath Register*; James Beny or Bynne, 1321 in *Aberdeen Register* (Cruden, Aberdeens); Robert Bennie, 1568, Janet Beaney, 1730 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Benny, 1588 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Bennie, 1600, Katherine Beny, 1608 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Williame Bennie, 1619 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Beney, 1663 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus); Hew Bennie, 1668 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Bennifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Benefer**.

### Benning

Variants: **Bennings**, **Binning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English (Old English) personal name *\*Benning*, a pet form of Old English *Beonna*, of unknown origin but perhaps derived from *beorn* 'warrior'.

**Early bearers:** William Bennyng, 1328 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Bennyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Slindon, Sussex); Johannes Bennyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Calcutt, Wilts); Ricardus Bennyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Standen, Hants); Johanna Bennyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Alexander Bennyng, 1463 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Benning, 1565 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Elizabeth Benning, 1606 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Joan Benning, 1620 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks).  
**References:** *Redin*, p. 61.

### Benninger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Berringer**.

### Benningfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: locative name from Benefield (Northants).  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Beningfeld, sub-dean of Lincoln, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Warin de Benyngfeld, parson, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Creeton, Lincs); Johannes de Benyngfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belmesthorpe, Rutland); John Benyngfelde or

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Benynghfeld, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary, Norfolk); John Benynghfeilde, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Benningfield, 1607 in *IGI* (Westcliffe, Kent); Alice Benningfield, 1628 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent); Richard Benningfield, 1738 in *IGI* (Reydon, Suffolk).

### Bennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1881: 6

English: variant of **Benning** with post-medieval *exrescent-s*.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Bennings, 1715 in *IGI* (Twyford and Stenson, Derbys).

### Bennington

**Variants:** Benington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 439
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lincs, and Norfolk
- English: locative name from Bennington (Lincs, Herts). **Early bearers:** Almar de Benintone, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Alan de Benington, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Benyngton, 1406–7 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

### Bennion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops; also Flintshire and Denbighs

Welsh: see **Beynon**.

### Bennis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 149
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare
- English, Irish: variant of **Benns**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bennis, 1588 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants).

### Bennison

**Variants:** Benison, Benson, Beniston, Benniston, Benston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1496, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 833
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh; Leitrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bene(i)t* + *-son*. See **Bennett** and compare **Benson**.

**Early bearers:** John Benetesson, 1396 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Benyson, 1517 in *York Guild Register*; Isabell Bennison, 1558, James Benison, 1599 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Johanis Benison, 1594 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Richard Bennison, 1599 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); John Bennison, 1640 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Robert Bennison, 1664 in *IGI* (Heysham, Lancs); William Bennison, 1698 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire).

### Benniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics
- English: see **Beniston**.

### Bennitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: see **Bennett**.

### Benns

**Variants:** Bennis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: variant of **Benn** with genitival or post-medieval *exrescent -s*.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Benns, 1622 in *IGI* (Tannington, Suffolk); Marie Benns, 1686 in *IGI* (Barnham Broom, Norfolk).

### Benny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Stirlings
- 1 English: see **Benney**.  
2 Scottish: see **Bennie**.

### Benoit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Channel Islands

Huguenot: relationship name from the personal name *Benoît*, a French form of the personal name **Benedict**.

**Early bearers:** Jan Benoyt, 1632 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Benoit, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jacque Benoit, 1701 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Benskin

**Variants:** Binskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

Relationship name possibly from a Dutch diminutive of the personal name *Benedikt*, analogous to German *Benz*, + the diminutive suffix *-kin*, for which see **Jenkin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Beynsskyn, 1473 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; John Bensskyn, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Bensskyn or Benchekyn, 1508 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Jamys Bynskyn, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmund benchkyn, 1548, bensskyn, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent).

### Bensley

**Variants:** Bensly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: possibly an altered form of *Bendelows*, a variant of **Bindloss**. The same development occurs in **Binsley**.

**Further information:** For the development of *Bindlow(s)* to *Bensley* see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, at Bendelow, Bensley. Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson* derives the name from Middle English *benes* + *lei(e)* (Old English *bēan* + *lēah*) 'clearing where beans are grown'. This is formally possible but in the absence of any Middle English evidence for the

compound in minor or lost place-names, it is best left in doubt.

**Early bearers:** John Byndeloue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Christopher Byndelase, Bendelose, Byndeslowe, 1461 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 641 (Great Bardfield, Essex); John Benssley, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); David Bensley, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Symont Bensley, 1573 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Wm. Bensley, 1600 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Bensly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Bensley**.

### Benson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12813, Ireland 995
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8039
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp Yorks, Lancs, Westm, and Cumb; also Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Armagh
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ben(ne)*, a pet form of *Benet* (see **Benn**), + *-son*; or a reduced form of **Bennison**, which has the same origin.

**Early bearers:** John Benneson, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Alan Benson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Benneson, 1393 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johes. Benson, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Benson, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Anne Benson, 1557 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Charles Benson, 1558, James Benison, 1599 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: locative name from Benson (also known as Bensington) in Oxon. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Peter de Bensinton, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de Benson, 1269 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Benson, 1587 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Guye Benson, 1622 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Benstead

**Variants:** Bensted, Binstead, Binsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1043, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 772
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London
- English: locative name from any of several places named from Old English *bēan* 'bean' + *stede* 'place', such as Banstead (Surrey), Binsted (Hants, Sussex), and Benstead (Hants).

**Further information:** Banstead (Surrey), Binstead (IoW), and Binsted (Hants, Sussex) are all recorded as *Benstede*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. Banstead Manor in Cheveley (Cambs) takes its name from the surname; see *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 125. Note William Bensted, esquire, son and heir of John Bensted, knight, in a quit-claim including the manor of Tudenham called *Benstedys*, otherwise *Banstedys* (Tuddenham, Suffolk) and the manor of Cheueley called *Benstedys*, otherwise called *Banstedes* (Cheveley, Cambs), 1484 in *Feet of Fines*. **Early bearers:** John de Bentestede, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John de Bensted, 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Benstede, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Matilda Banstede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey);

Edward Benstede, 1402–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Edward de Bensted, chivaler, 1417 in *Patent Rolls*; Edwarde Bensted, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Hertfordingbury, Herts); Richard Binsted, 1584 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); William Bensteade, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Tostock, Suffolk); Edward Binsteede, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Burley, Hants).

### Bensted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Benstead**.

### Benston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Derbys
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the name underlying Benstonhall in Eday (Orkney).
  - 2 English: variant of **Beniston**.
  - 3 See **Bennison**.

### Bensusan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- Jewish: metronymic ('son of *Susan(na)*') from the Hebrew female personal name *Shoshana*, from *shoshan* 'lily' (also 'rose' in modern Hebrew). **Early bearers:** Joshua Bensusan, 1773 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Abraham Levy Bensusan, merchant, in *Census 1851* (Lambeth, Surrey); Samuel L. Bensusan, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Benjamin Bensusan, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Jacob Samuel Levi Bensusan, 1846 in *IGI* (London); Nathan Nissim Bensusan, 1848 in *IGI* (Houndsditch, London); Miriam Bensusan, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1861* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Moss Bensusan, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Bent

**Variants:** **Bint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2917, Ireland 157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Leics and Warwicks; Beds and Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name from any of numerous farms and other minor places named with Middle English *bent* 'coarse grass' (Old English *beonet* 'bent grass, coarse grass'), with reference to a tract of land growing with it.

**Early bearers:** Henry del Bent, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leigh, Staffs); Adam del Bent, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus de Bente, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Trussell with members, Staffs); Willelmus de Bent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Thomas Bent, 1552 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Humfrey Bent, 1572 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bent* 'bent, curved' (of the back or legs) or 'striped, ribboned' (of clothing). Formally and semantically it would be difficult to distinguish from **Bend**, of which it may also be a phonetic variant. Compare Thomas Bent, 1584, Sarah Bent, 1677 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs). Any of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1), which is probably the main source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Bent, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Bent, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Ricardus Bent', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatthill, Somerset); Amicia Bent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Gabriell Bent, 1558 in *IGI* (Misterton, Leics); John. Bent, 1561 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); William Bent, 1616 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Thomas Bent, 1620 in *IGI* (Podington, Beds).

### Bentall

**Variants:** **Benthall, Bendall, Bendell, Bendle, Bente**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name, status name from either of two places called Benthall in Shrops.

**Further information:** A family called Benthall have been living at Benthall near Broseley, Shrops, from the 12th century to the present. Anfrid de Benthall signed a charter in 1120; his descendant Philip de Benedhal claimed land there in 1255. Benthall Hall was rebuilt in 1535, but passed out of the hands of the family in the first half of the 18th century with the extinction of the direct male line. John Benthall (died about 1590), a member of another branch of the family, married the daughter of a clothier from Halstead, Essex, and established a branch of the family in that county. A descendant, Frank Bentall (1843–1923), began his working life in his father's shop in Maldon, but in 1867 moved to Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and opened a draper's shop there, which later turned into a large department store. Another branch of the same family migrated from Essex to Devon. In 1843 they changed the spelling of their name back to Benthall, and in 1934 Mrs Clementina Benthall repurchased the ancestral estate in Shrops.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Benetala, 1120 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Robert de Benethal', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Philip de Benedhal, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Philip de Benthale, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Lawrence Bentall, 1590 in *IGI* (Benthall, Shrops); George Benthall, 1640 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 37–8.

### Benthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Bentall**.

### Bentham

**Variants:** **Benton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2248, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1367
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: locative name mainly from Bentham (WR Yorks), but the surname in SW England is from Bentham (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Benetham, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Beneteham, 1268 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Bentam, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Ricardus de Benthham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Thomas Bantam,

1560 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Bentham, Benton, Bentom, 1681–5 in *WR Yorks Surnames* (Yorks).

### Bentick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Cambs); Sussex; Yorks

Dutch: see **Bentinck**.

### Bentincik

**Variants:** **Bentick, Benting, Bentine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants; Durham
- Dutch: relationship name from the Dutch personal name *Bent* (a contracted form of *Benedict*, compare **Bennett**), with the patronymic suffix *-ing*. **Further information:** The surname was brought to England from the Netherlands by William Bentinck (1649–1709), an adviser to William of Orange. The record of 1731 indicates a common later pronunciation.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bentinck, 1703 in *IGI* (London); Frances Bentink, 1706 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); Elizabeth Ariana Bentick, 1731 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Hanks and Hodges*.

### Bentine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Dutch: see **Bentinck**.

### Benting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Shrops
- Dutch: see **Bentinck**.

### Bentle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: the Yorks name may be a local pronunciation of **Bentley**, a surname prominent in Halifax. Edward Bentle, 1565, 1567 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks) is perhaps the same man as Edwarde Bentley, 1568, Edward Bentley, 1587 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); all are named as fathers of the children baptized.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

2 English: see **Bentall**.

### Bentley

**Variants:** **Bintley, Bently, Bentele**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15439, Ireland 224
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12645
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Clare

English: locative name mostly from Bentley (Staffs) and Bentley, near Shelf (WR Yorks), though there are many other places so named in other counties (Essex, Hants, Warwick, Worcs) and which may have given rise to surviving surnames, especially in the N and W Midlands.

**Early bearers:** William de Benetlega, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); William de Benteley, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines*

## Bentliff

(Warwicks); Roberto de Benteley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas de Bentelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shelf, WR Yorks); Johannes Benteleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); Willelmo de Benteleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); John Benteley, 1388–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thome Bentley, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Bentley, 1547 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Isabella Bentley, 1554 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Bentliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: variant of **Bilecliff**.

### Bently

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 770
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs; Essex
- English: see **Bentley**.

### Benton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4304, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3093
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs 1
- English: locative name from Benton Green in Berkswell (Warwicks), and perhaps also from one or more of the numerous places similarly named, such as Bentons in Bildeston (Suffolk) and Little Benton and Longbenton (Northumb).
- Early bearers:** William de Benton, 1234 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Simon de Beneton, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Benton, 1372, John Beynton, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Johannes Bentone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bobbingworth, Essex); Johannes Beneton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lea, Oxon); Thomas de Benton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thoma Benton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hendred, Berks); Richard Benton, 1450 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Margaret Benton, 1544 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Lewes Benton, 1575 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Margaret Benton, 1581 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Abeegall Benton, 1616 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).
- 2 English: in WR Yorks (and perhaps in Staffs, too) a variant of **Bentham**.
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Benvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Benvie (Angus).
- Early bearers:** Ysaac de Banevin, 1205 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 5, p. 210 (Arbuthnott, Aberdeens); Adam de Banevy or Baneuille, 1204–14 in *Arbroath Register* 1, pp. 63, 72 (Angus); Andrew Benvie, 1598 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Pitmiddle in Kinnaird, Perth); William Benvie, 1620 in *IGI* (Inchture, Perth).
- References:** *Black*, p. 69.

### Benwell

- Variants: **Bennell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name from Banwell Farm in North Mundham (Sussex), Benhall (Suffolk), or Benwell (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Benhala, about 1165 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Nicholas de Benewelle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Benhale, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robt Benwell, 1563 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Margarete Benwell, 1565 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Agnes Benwell, 1568 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Susa. Benwell, 1580 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Henoeh Benwell, 1581 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Benyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Shrops, and Montgomerys
- Welsh: see **Beynon**.

### Benzie

Variants: **Benzi**s

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 453
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: Scottish variant of **Bennie**. The letter *-z-* in the spelling of this name represents the Middle English letter *ȝ*, pronounced as *-y-* or as a palatalization of the preceding *-n-*.

**Early bearers:** James Banyeaucht, 1536 in *Inverurie and Garioch* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Johnne Baynze, 1576 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Robert Benzie, 1703 in *Aberdeen Epitaphs*.

### Benzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
- Scottish: variant of **Benzie** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Berard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Berart* (Continental Germanic *Berard*, from \**ber-* 'bear' + \**hard-* 'strong'); compare **Barnard**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Berardus, about 1125 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Berardus, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).
- surnames: Reginaldus filius Berard, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William, Ralph Berard, 1208–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William Berard, 1431, Nicholas Berard of Knettishall, 1483 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)*; John Berard, 1688 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Lowis Peter Berard, 1688 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Paul Eugene Kennedy Aleridge Berard, 1852 in *IGI* (Rugby, Warwicks).

### Beraud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, Huguenot, French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Beraut* (Continental Germanic *Berwald*, from \**ber-* 'bear' + \**wald-* 'power').
- Early bearers:** Stephen filius Beroldi, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Berald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Peter

Beraud or Berand, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Shoreditch, Middx); Marie Anne Beraud, 1691 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jean Beraud, 1709 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Berch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs and Cheshire; Somerset
- English: see **Birch**.

### Bercot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Bercott**.

### Bercott

Variants: **Bercot**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from one or more of the various places called Burcot or similar, such as Burcot in Bromsgrove (Worcs), Burcott in Wing and Burcott in Bierton (both Bucks), Burcott in Wells (Somerset), Burcote in Wrockwardine and Burcot in Worfield (both Shrops), The Burcott in Holmer (Herefs), and Bericote in Ashow (Warwicks). The surname is now virtually extinct unless it survives as **Barcock**, but since the names have historically different distributions it is difficult to assess the plausibility of any connection.

**Further information:** Burcot in Clifton Hampden (Oxon) is a less plausible source, as the place-name appears consistently throughout the medieval record with a medial *-d-*, in spellings such as *Bridecot* and *Brudecot*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Burcote, 1183, [ . . . de] Borecote, 1241 in *Place-Names of Bucks* (Bucks); Adam de Burcote, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); [ . . . de] Burecote, 1261–2, [ . . . de] Burcote, 1271–2, [ . . . de] Burgh'cote, 1291–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Ricardus Bercot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Johannes de Bercote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Nicholaus Burcote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Cressett, Shrops); John Barcote, 1563 in *Warwicks Record Office* (Alcester, Warwicks); Jone Burcot, 1565 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Henry Bircot, 1653 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Christopher Burcutt, 1664 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Anne Burcott, 1726 in *IGI* (Corley, Warwicks); John Burcatt, 1792 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 87, 147; *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 338–7; *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 149–50; *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 75; 6, pp. 73–4; *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 105; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 155.

### Berden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: variant of **Bardon** or **Barden**.

### Bere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Beer**.

### Beresford

- Variants: **Berresford**, **Berrisford**, **Berisford**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5445, Ireland 214

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Waterford

English: locative name from Beresford Dale in Alstonefield (Staffs).

**Further information:** The first recorded bearer of the surname is John de Beveresford, who held the manor of Beresford, Staffs, from about 1220 to 1241. All present-day Beresfords are apparently descended from Thomas Beresford, who fought at Agincourt in 1415 and who fathered sixteen sons and five daughters. The Irish branch of the family includes the Marquesses of Waterford.

**Early bearers:** William de Beresford, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam de Beresford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Beresford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); John Beresford, 1447 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 30 (Derbys); Helenae Berisford, 1538, *Geo. Beresford*, 1543 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Johannes Beresford, 1600 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Ann Berresford, 1606 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Berford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

- 1 English: see **Barford**.
- 2 English: see **Burford**.

### Berg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 940, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Berg* ‘mountain, hill’, or a short form of any of the many ornamental surnames containing this word as the final element, for example *Schönberg* and *Goldberg*.

**Early bearers:** Moses Berg, traveller, born in Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Cambridge, Cambs); Isidore Berg, born in Poland, and his wife Lea, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Abraham and Rachel Berg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob and Leah Berg, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Abraham Berg, sugar boiler, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

2 German and Dutch: locative name for someone who lived on a hill, Middle High German *berc*. This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** German: Bernhardt Berg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Walthamstow, Essex); Edward Berg, born in Offenbach, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

Dutch: John van den Berg, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx).

3 Scandinavian: locative name denoting someone who lived at a farmstead named with Old Scandinavian *bjarg* ‘mountain, hill’. In Sweden this is commonly found as an element of ornamental names.

**Early bearers:** Olof Berg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Anna H. L. Berg, born in Karlstad, Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Richmond, Surrey); George Berg, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Cowpen, Northumb); Ole Kristofer Berg, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Bergan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Beirgin, see **Bergin**.

### Berger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1020, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 French, Huguenot: occupational name from Old French *bergier* ‘shepherd’ (Late Latin *berbicarius*, from *berbex* ‘ram’).

**Early bearers:** Jean François Berger, 1770 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Marc Louis Benedict Berger, 1839 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Aimable Berger, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Grouville, Jersey); Melaine Berger, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Vautine Berger, born in Marseilles, France, in *Census 1881* (Paignton, Devon).

Huguenot: François Berger, 1614 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Louis Berger, 1692 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple, Westminster, Middx); Jean Berger, 1698 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

2 German, Dutch, Swedish: locative name denoting someone who lived in the mountains or hills (see **Berg**). It is found as a surname throughout central and eastern Europe, either as a surname of German origin or as a German translation of a name with similar meaning, for example Slovenian *Gričar*, *Hribar*, *Gorjan*, or *Gorjanc*.

**Early bearers:** Franz Berger, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Camberwell, Surrey); Gustav Berger, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Frederike Berger, born in Anhalt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Altrincham, Cheshire); Gustav Berger, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Friederike Berger, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Buckow, Cheshire).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name, locative name, usually ornamental but occasionally locative, from German *Berger* ‘mountain dweller’.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Charles Berger, born in Trieste, Italy, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jacob Berger, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Leo Berger, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Louis N. Berger, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Selig Berger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bishop Auckland, Durham); Barnet Berger, tailor’s machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Samuel Berger, cabinet maker, born in Grodna, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

4 Norwegian: locative name from any of various farms so named with the plural of *berg* ‘mountain’.

### Bergh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) hill’, Middle English *bergh* (Old English *beorg*).

**Early bearers:** Rogert de le Bergh, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Marie Bergh, 1620 in *IGI* (Ardingley, Sussex); Charles Bergh, 1762 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Bergh, 1819 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks).

### Bergin

Variants: **Bergan**, **Berrigan**, **Barrigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1314, Ireland 2087
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Beirgin or Ó Meirgin, earlier Ó hAimheirgin ‘descendant of *Aimheirgin*’, an ancient personal name perhaps derived from *amhra* ‘wonderful’ + *gin* ‘birth’. The surname has also been anglicized as **Berrigan**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick O’Bergine, husbandman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Fartenegeraghe, Kilkenny); Rory O’Bergin, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2042 (Kilmokar); Donogh O’Birgyn, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2225; Gilpatrick O’Bergine, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6768; Donogh O’Bergine, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6768; Melaghline Bergine, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6768.

### Bergman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

1 German: see **Bergmann**.

2 Dutch, Swedish: locative name denoting a upland dweller, from *berg* ‘hill, mountain’ + *man*.

**Early bearers:** Sweden: Herman Bergman, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); F. G. Bergman, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); William Bergman, born in Finland, in *Census 1881* (Preston, Lancs).

### Bergmann

Variants: **Bergman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

German: locative name, occupational name, in most cases denoting a mountain dweller (compare **Berg**), but sometimes a miner.

**Early bearers:** Edward Charles Gotthelf Bergmann, 1853 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Beringer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Berringer**.

### Berington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Berrington**.

### Berisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys

English: see **Beresford**.

### Berisha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Albanian: unexplained.

### Berkeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English, Irish: see **Barelay**.

## Berker

### Berker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Barker**.

### Berkery

Variants: **Bargary, Barragry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Irish: from **Mac Bearthagra** or **Mac Biorthagra**, literally ‘son of sharp pleading’, the name of an Ulster family, Gaelic lawyers to the O’Neills.
- Early bearers:** Peter M’Birragra, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4694 (Balleinlissin); Peaddurus M’Birreakry, gent., 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Ballmeabellynagh).

### Berkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Birks**.

### Berkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Birkin**.

### Berkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Herefs
- English: see **Barclay**.

### Berks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Birks**.

### Berkshire

Variants: **Barkshire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: locative name denoting someone from the county of Berks.
- Early bearers:** William Berksir, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); William de Barkescire, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Barksher, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Berley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Burley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

2 English: see **Birley**.

### Berlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Berlin, generally the capital city, but in some cases from a village of the same name in the Hamburg area. As a Jewish name it may have been acquired as a handout name in some instances.

**Further information:** The German capital takes its name from a West Slavic word meaning ‘river rake’, a scaffold of beams built over a river to prevent logs from jamming; the river in question is the Spree. Folk etymology, however, has put a bear into the arms of the city, as if the name were derived from *Bär*lin, a diminutive of *Bär* ‘bear’.

**Early bearers:** German: Gabriel Berlin, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Edward Berlin, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Leyton, Essex); Jennette Berlyn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); William F. A. Berlin, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Essex); Albrecht Berlin, forwarding clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): patronymic (‘son of Ber’) from a pet form of the Yiddish personal name *Ber* (‘bear’). Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Marcus Berlin, tailor and draper, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Emmanuel Berlin, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Nathan Berlin, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Barnet Berlin, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Hyman Berlin, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Solomon Berlin, in *Census 1891* (London); Abraham Berlin, tailor’s presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Harry Birlin, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Berman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Yiddish male personal name *Berman*, composed of words meaning ‘bear’ + ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** Aaron Burman, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhythe, London); Joseph Berman, clock and watch maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Shoreditch, Middx); Barnard Berman, baker, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Benjamin and Zelta Berman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Goodman Berman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jacob Berman, draper, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Caistor, Lincs); Isidor Berman, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Morkel Berman, tailor’s presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isidor Berman, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (London); Max Berman, outfitter, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Solomon Berman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Derby, Derbys).

2 German: (i) occupational name from *Bermann*, a term denoting a swineherd, from Middle High German *bēr* ‘boar’ + *man* ‘man’. (ii) occupational name denoting someone who exhibited a bear, a popular source of entertainment in the Middle Ages. (iii) relationship name from a short form of any of the various medieval North German personal names derived from Germanic compound

names formed with *ber(n)* ‘bear’ as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Edward Berman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Carl F. Berman, born in Bremen, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); Caroline Berman, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).

3 English: see **Bearman**.

### Bermingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 1343
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Dublin
- English, Irish: see **Birmingham**. This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland.

### Bermudez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name from **Bermúdez**, a patronymic from the Visigothic personal name *Bermudo*, itself from Continental Germanic \**ber-* ‘bear’ + \**mōd-* ‘courage’.

### Bernard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3421, Ireland 124
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Offaly
- Norman, English, Scottish: see **Barnard**.

### Bernardi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Italian: relationship name based on the personal name **Bernardo**.

**Early bearers:** Nora Bernardi, 1578 in *IGI* (Landewednack, Cornwall); Prudentia Bernardi, 1639 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Bernardi, 1663 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Cristofolo Bernardi, 1774 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Ann Bernardi, 1813 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Luigi Bernardi, 1800 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Bernardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Scarborough, ER Yorks); Giovanni Bernardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Bernardo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian, Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Bernardo* (see **Barnard**).

**Early bearers:** Spanish: Aurilla Bernardo, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (London).

Italian: Luize Bernardo and Dominico Bernardo, in *Census 1841* (Devon); Pangoni Bernardo, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camden, Middx); Alfred Bernardo, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Bernasconi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

Italian: locative name denoting someone from Bernasca (Como province).

**Early bearers:** Francis Bernasconi, 1789 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Innocente Bernasconi, 1834 in *IGI* (London); Benedetto Bernasconi, 1848 in *IGI* (Aldgate, Middx); Giuseppe Bernasconi, 1871 in *IGI*

(Westminster, Middx); Antonio Bernasconi, born in Milan, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Hinckley, Leics).

### Bernays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

French: locative name perhaps from Old French *Bearnais* 'a man from Béarn' (a province of SW France) or perhaps from Old French *Berneis* 'a man from Bern' (Switzerland). Compare **Barnes**.

**Early bearers:** Adolphus Bernays, professor of language, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Westminster, Middx); Leopold John Bernays, student scholar, in *Census 1841* (Saint John's College, Oxford, Oxon); Maurice Bernays, poor brother of Charterhouse, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Holborn, Middx); Joseph Bernays, civil engineer, born in Mayence, Germany, in *Census 1871* (Bloomsbury, Middx).

### Berne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Angus

- 1 English, Scottish: see **Barne**.
- 2 English, Scottish: alternative spelling of **Burn**.

### Berner

Variants: **Barner**, **Burner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Surrey

1 Norman English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Berner*, of Norman origin (Old French *Bernier*, from Continental Germanic *Berner*, from *\*ber(n)-* 'bear' + *\*hari-* 'army'). Some of the examples below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Bernerus, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: Tetbaldus filius Bernerii, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); William Berner, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Richard son of Roger Berner, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Berner of Bowes, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Bowes, NR Yorks); Willelmus Berner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sturmer, Essex); William Berner, 1643 in *IGI* (Thurnham, Kent).

2 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *berner* 'keeper of the hounds' (Old French *bern(i)er*, *brenier*). Compare **Brenner**. (ii) occupational name possibly from Middle English *berner*, a derivative of Old English *beornan* 'to burn', denoting a limeburner or charcoal burner. Compare **Ashburner**; see also **Brenner** and **Burner**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le berner, le Bernier, 1190–91 in *Reaney, Dictionary* (Lincs); Walter Berner, Nicholas le Berner, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph le Berner, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Watlington, Norfolk); Robert le Berner, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Elizabeth Berner, 1597 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Berner, 1740 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Ann Berner, 1742 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Elizabeth Berner, 1789 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Berners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: locative name from Bernières (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Berneres, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Middx, Essex); Goda de Berners, 1185 in *Templars Records* (London); Gulihelmi Berners, 1597 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Richardus Berners, 1639 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Michael Berners, 1652 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elisabeth Berners, 1689 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Margeritta Maria Berners, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Bernett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants; Kent

- 1 English: see **Barnett**.
- 2 English: see **Burnett**.

### Berney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 200
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Burney**.

### Bernhardt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Bernhard* (see **Barnard**). (ii) as a Jewish name, this is an adoption of the German name, probably for any of several Jewish personal names beginning with *B-*.

**Early bearers:** German: Franz Anton Bernhardt, 1849 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Johann Friedrick Bernhardt, 1860 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Charles F. Bernhardt, upholsterer, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Chorlton, Lancs); August Bernhardt, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chester, Cheshire); Otto Bernhardt, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Moss Side, Lancs); William Bernhardt, born in Berlin, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chester, Cheshire); Karl Gystav Bernhardt, German teacher, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Weymouth, Dorset); Georg Bernhardt, bookkeeper, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Carl Bernhardt, baker, born in Leipzig, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hans Bernhardt, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

Jewish: Theodore Bernhardt, jeweller, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Sunderland, Durham); Mordechai Bernhardt, in *Census 1881* (Limehouse, Middx); Harris Bernhardt, machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, Yorks); Sarah Bernhardt, cap finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Miriam Bernhardt, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Jacob, Joseph, and Achgadye Bernhardt, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Berni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Bernardo**.

**Early bearers:** Luigi Berni, *Census 1851* (Lancs); Octave Berni, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (London); Antonio Berni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London); Luiczi Berni, born in Piacenza, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Pimlico, Middx); Francisco Berni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Glamorgan).

### Berns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

- 1 Irish: from Ó Broin, see **Burns** (3).
- 2 English: see **Barnes**.
- 3 English, Scottish, Irish: alternative spelling of **Burns**.

### Bernstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) ornamental name from the German word *Bernstein* 'amber'. It may also have been used to denote a craftsman who worked in or a dealer in amber. (ii) locative name; as a German name, it is from a place called Bernstein, of which there is one example in Bavaria and another in what used to be East Prussia (now Pelczyce in north-western Poland). Both places probably get their German names from the notion of 'burnt stone', for example in brick making, rather than from the usual modern meaning, 'amber'. The family name may also be from *Bärenstein*, a common field and place name, especially in Bavaria and Austria.

**Further information:** The etymology of the German vocabulary word *Bernstein* (from Middle Low German *bernen* 'to burn' + *stēn* 'stone') indicates that it was believed to be created by burning, although it is in fact fossilized pine resin.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Solomon Bernstein, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Levi Bernstein, in *Census 1861* (Staffs); Bernard Bernstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Durham); Barnett Bernstein, 1872 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isaac Bernstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abraham Bernstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Youdel Bernstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Stranton, Durham); Simon Bernstien, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Mendel Bernstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Durham); Barnet Bernstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Aaron Bernstein, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

German: Carl John Henry Bernstein, 1850 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Phillip Bernstein, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Adolph Bernstein, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); William Bernstein, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Hans Bernstein, coal merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Berrecloth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Barraclough**.

## Berreen

### Berreen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Birín, from a personal name meaning ‘small spike’.
- Early bearers:** Neile O’Birrin, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972 (Kildare); Morris O’Birrin, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521 (Newcastle); Neall O’Byrrin, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4358.

### Berresford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 564
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- English: see **Beresford**.

### Berrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: variant of **Barrett**. Compare Johannes Baret, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Chelworth, Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Richard Berrett, 1594 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Amy Berrett, 1697 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

### Berrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Berry**.

### Berrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Berwick**.

### Berridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1878, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1540
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Leics, Northants, and Rutland
- English: variant of **Beveridge**.
- Further information:** *Reaney and Wilson* suggests that it may derive from a Middle English form of the Old English male personal name *Beornric*, but the assimilation of *-rn-* to *-rr-* is unlikely. Nor is there any evidence to suggest that the name derives from Berridge Farm in Woodchurch (Kent), which appears to be a post-medieval name, perhaps from the surname, which does not seem to occur in the county before the 17th century: compare True Berridge, 1606 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

### Berrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- 1 Scottish: from Middle English or Older Scots (*atte*) *beri* ‘(at the) manor house’, see **Berry**.
- Early bearers:** George Berrie, 1613 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness); George Berrie, 1690 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).
- 2 Scottish: see **Barrie**.

### Berriff

- Variants:** **Brightiff**, **Brighty**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Old English female personal name *Beorhtgifu* (*beorht* ‘fair’ + *gifu* ‘gift’), which was still in use in the 13th century. See **Brighty**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Bricteva, Britheue, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Birghiva, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts).
- surnames: Godric Brihteue filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Angerus filius Brihtue, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Brightyeue, 1326, Thomas Brytheue, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Edmund Brightyeve or Britiff, 1467, John Brightif, 1559 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk); John Beriffe, 1496 in *Brightlingsea History* (Essex); Richard Brythwe, 1479 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii, 1508 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Thomas Bereve, 1522 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii (Suffolk).

### Berrigan

- Variants:** **Barrigan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Beirgin, see **Bergin**.

### Berrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 370
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, also Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- English, Irish: variant of **Burrell** (1).
- Further information:** This English name was established in Ireland in the 12th century.

### Berriman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 949, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 703
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Berryman**.

### Berringer

- Variants:** **Beringer**, **Bellinger**, **Bellenger**, **Belenger**, **Bellanger**, **Benninger**, **Barringer**, **Ballinger**, **Ballenger**, **Benger**, **Banger**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Berenger* (Old French *Berengier*, from Continental Germanic *Beringar*, composed of *\*ber(n)-* ‘bear’ + *\*gair-* ‘spear’). The variety of forms is due to the common Anglo-Norman interchange (and loss) of liquids in names containing *-l-*, *-n-*, and *-r-*. Thus, *Berenger* became *Belenger* or *Benenger*, and in the latter case the second *n* was lost, giving *Beneger*, later shortened to *Benger*.
- Further information:** The given name was fairly common in England in the 12th and 13th centuries, having been borne by one of the paladins in the widely popular Charlemagne romances.

**Early bearers:** given names: Berengerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Bengerus, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Belingar’, 1207 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Berenger faber, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Robertus filius Berengarii, about 1150 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Lincs); Hugo Berengeri 1189–99 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walter Beneger, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Reginald Beringer, about 1260 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Cambs); John Berenger alias Beniger, 1271 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Belinger, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Belynger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); John Bellinger, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Agnis Ballinger, 1565 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Henry Barringer, 1608, Mary Barrenger, 1625 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); William Beringer, 1696 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Phillip Berringer, 1711 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Berrington

- Variants:** **Berington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 822, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 497
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Berrington Green in Tenbury (Worcs) or Berrington (Shrops).
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Beriton’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John de Byrpton’, chaplain, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Robert Byrpton’, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); William Byrpton’, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Beryton’, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Berrington, 1539 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Willm. Berrington, 1550 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Joes. Berrington, 1561 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Thome Berrington, 1577 in *IGI* (Hathern, Leics); Roberte Berrington, 1578 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Thomae Berrington, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops).
- References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 83–4.

### Berrisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 910
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Beresford**.

### Berrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Herefs and Worcs; also Glamorgan and Monmouths
- 1 English: see **Barrow**.
- 2 English: see **Burrow**.

### Berry

- Variants:** **Berrie**, **Berrey**, **Beary**, **Beery**, **Beere**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 30560, Ireland 1312
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23590
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- 1 English: locative name from any of several villages and farms in Devon named Berry or Bury, including Berry Pomeroy and Berrynarbor. Some of the bearers may belong with other senses.



**Early bearers:** John Berye, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingsbridge, Devon); John Berye, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Totnes, Devon); John Biry, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilfracombe, Devon); John Bury, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Colaton, Devon); Winyfryd Bery, 1539 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); John Berrye, 1575 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Berry, 1591 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Middle English (*atte*) *beri* ‘(at the) manor house’, denoting someone who lived and worked at such a place, from Middle English *beri*, *biri*, *huri*, from the Old English dative case, *byrig*, of Old English *burh* ‘fort, fortified manor house’. See also **Atterbury**. Some of the bearers may belong with other senses.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de la Beri, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Walter del Bury, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Christofor Berry, 1539, Matheus Bery, 1542 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Andrew Berry, 1540 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Margret Berry, 1541 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Ellen Berrey, 1543 in *IGI* (Haddon, Hunts).

3 English: see **Bury**.

4 English: see **Burrow**.

5 Irish, Manx: (i) from Ó Béara ‘descendant of Béara’, a personal name of unexplained origin. (ii) in some cases, perhaps an anglicization of Irish and Manx Ó Beargha; compare **Barry**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James O’Berry, cottier, 1586 in *Fiantis Elizabeth* §4924 (Possixton).

### Berrycloth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Barraclough**.

### Berryman

**Variants:** Berriman, Bearyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1536, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1658
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Somerset; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *bury*, *biry*, *bery* ‘town, borough, castle, manor house’ (Old English *burh*) + *man*, denoting a resident, officer, or servant at one of these.

**Early bearers:** Edricus Buriman, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Alexander Beriman, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John Byrman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartland Hundred, Devon); Ricardus Beryman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Robertus Buryman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cloatley, Wilts); Willelmo Beryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eversholt, Beds); Johannes Beryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stibbard, Norfolk); Johannes Buryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johannes Burymon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Johannes Buryman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bromwich, Hants); John Byrryman, 1542 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Dorithe Beryman, 1559 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Steuyn. Berriman, 1584 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Tho Berriman, 1589 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Tobias Beryman, 1596 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Elizabeth Beryman, 1597 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Anne Berrymman, 1606 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Wm. Berriman, 1607 in *IGI* (Zennor, Cornwall); Danniell Berriman, 1615 in *IGI*

(Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); George Berryman, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Bersey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Burse**.

### Berson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: see **Burson**.

### Bert

**Variants:** Beart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: London; Staffs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Berte* (Old French *Berte*, from Continental Germanic *Berhta*, *Berta*, from \**berht-* ‘bright’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Berta, 1101–21 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk), 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

sumames: Robertus vir Berte, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard, John Berte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Berte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Alce Beart, 1545 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Katherine Bert, 1561 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Thos. Beart, 1584 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Bertenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Birkinshaw**. The Lancs place-name Birtenshaw is a probable origin for this name but it cannot easily be distinguished from variants of the etymologically identical Birkenshaw (WR Yorks).

### Berthelemy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Bartholomew**.

### Bertie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: relationship name from a Scottish pet form of one or more personal names, such as *Albert* and *Bertram*.

**Early bearers:** Frances Bertie, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Jonat Bertie, 1622 in *IGI* (Brechtin, Angus); Agnes Bertie, 1668 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); George Bertie, 1776 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

### Bertin

**Variants:** Bartin, Barten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Bertin*

(Continental Germanic *Bertin*), a diminutive of names formed with *berht-* ‘bright, famous’.

*Michaëlsson, Noms de Personne* notes its use as a pet form of *Bertrand*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bertinus, 1112 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Bertinus, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Bertinus Ruffyn, 1322 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Bartyn de Rankesley, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks).

sumames: Peter Bertin, 1204 in *Charter Rolls*; John Bertyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Bartyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longborough, Gloucs); Edward Bartin, 1586 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Rico Bartin, 1594 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elyzabeth Bertin, 1611 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Eleksander Bartin, 1763 in *IGI* (Downhead, Somerset).

**References:** *Michaëlsson, Noms de Personne*.

2 Huguenot: relationship name of the same origin, via French, as (1).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Bertin, 1634 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

### Berton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; Lancs
- English: see **Burton**.

### Bertorelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

Italian: relationship name from a diminutive of the medieval Italian personal name *Berto*, a pet form of any of several Continental Germanic personal names formed with *bert* (from *berht* ‘bright, famous’).

**Further information:** The bearers of this surname in the 1881 census all lived in Little Saffron Hill, London.

According to www.zigguratonline.com, the area between Hatton Garden and Clerkenwell Road was known as Little Italy in the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Bertorelli, *Census 1851* (Middx); Francesco Bertorelli, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (London); Domenico, Luigi, and Giuseppe Bertorelli, all born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camden, Middx).

### Bertram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1563, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1431
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Midlothian, Lanarks and E Lothian; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Meath
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

### Bertrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot, French: of the same origin as **Bartram**. **Early bearers:** Jean Bertrand, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Robert Bertrand, 1721 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Bertwistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Birtwistle**.

## Berwick

### Berwick

Variants: **Berrick, Barwick, Barrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1444, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

English: locative name from Berwick (Northumb, Dorset, and elsewhere), Berrick (Oxon), Barwick (Norfolk, WR Yorks), or Barricks in High Easter (Essex), or topographic for someone who lived ‘(at the) outlying grange’, Middle English *ber(e)wik* ‘outlying grange or farm, demesne farm’ (Old English *berewic* ‘barley farm’).

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Berewyke, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Edward Barwyk, 1463 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Barycke, 1547 in *The East Anglian* (NS) ii.

### Berwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bero(u)in* (from Continental Germanic \**ber(n)* ‘bear’ + \**wini* ‘friend’).

**Further information:** Note also Matthew Berewynson, 1428 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**Early bearers:** Goscelinus Beruinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); John Berwyn, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Henry Berwin, 1666 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks).

### Berzins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Latvian: locative name from *Bērziņš*, from a collective noun based on *bērzs* ‘birch’, denoting someone living among birch trees.

### Besant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Dorset, and Hants
- English: see **Bessant**.

### Beschizza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Italian: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Beschizza, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camden, Middx); Sereno Beschizza, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camden, Middx); Luigi Beschizza, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Bescoby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

English: locative name from Bescaby (Leics).  
**Early bearers:** William Bescaby, 1621 in *IGI* (Cold Overton, Leics); George Bescoby, 1650 in *IGI* (Balderton, Notts); John Bescaby, 1726 in *IGI* (Aubourn, Lincs); Brown Bescoby, 1769 in *IGI* (Barlings cum Langworth, Lincs).

### Besford

Variants: **Bessford, Bestford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Norfolk

English: locative name from Besford (Worcs) or Besford in Shawbury (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Besford, 1376, John Besford, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Johannes Besford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Roger Besforde, 1577 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Jane Besforde, 1595 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Thomas Besford, 1610 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Agnes Besford, 1619 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); John Bestford, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Sarah Bestford, 1678 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); John Besford, 1717 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); John Bestford, 1737 in *IGI* (Edgmond, Shrops); Thomas Bestford, 1799 in *IGI* (Birtley, Northumb).

### Besley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Beesley**.

### Bess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained. Possibly a variant of **Biss**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Besse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belton, Leics); Ricardus Besse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Willelmus Besse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Robert Besse, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall and Devon); John Bess, 1594 in *IGI* (Wanstraw, Somerset); Jone Bess, 1606 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon).

### Bessant

Variants: **Bezzant, Bezant, Beszant, Bessent, Beasant, Besant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1075, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW, Dorset, and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *besant*, *besand*, a gold coin first minted at Byzantium (Old French *besan*, plural *besanz*, Latin *byzantius*), probably used to denote a moneyer, as in the case of Lefwin Besant (1168 *Pipe Rolls*).

**Further information:** *Bizantia* is first recorded in *Revised Medieval Latin Word List* in 1187. Compare *unam bisanciam*, about 1179 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital*.

**Early bearers:** Lefwin besant, 1147–68 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Robert Besant, 1186–92 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London), 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Richard Bessant, 1580 in *IGI* (Winterborne Kingston, Dorset); Richard Bessant, 1621 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Thomas Bessant, 1623 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Katheren Bessant, 1632 in *IGI* (Christian Malford, Wilts); William Bessant, 1659 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Sarah Besent, 1711 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

### Bessell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Bessell**.

### Bessell

Variants: **Bessel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Besel(le)*, of uncertain, perhaps Continental Germanic, origin.

**Further information:** Note Besells Fettyplace of Besselsleigh, Berks, esq, 1608 in *TNA* (Exchequer documents).

**Early bearers:** given names: Besellus de Hibaldestowe, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: William Besell, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Matthew Beselle, 1327 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 249 (Dorset); Thomas Bessell, reeve, 1448 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Launceston, Cornwall); Winken Bessell, 1572 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Bessell, 1622 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); William Bessell, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York); Peter Bessell, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Bessell, 1691 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Bessemer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Middx
- English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**besmer* ‘besom maker’, a derivative of Middle English *besm(e)*, *besom(e)* (Old English *besma*) ‘besom’, a broom consisting of a bundle of twigs, also used for flogging.

**Further information:** Sir Henry Bessemer, born in 1813 in Charlton (Herts), was the inventor of a process, named after him, for making cheap steel. His family claimed to be of Huguenot stock, but this is not confirmed by 17th-century records.

**Early bearers:** Ingulf besmere, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); John le Besmere, 1263, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); William Besemere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Silvesteria Bismer, 1567 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); George Besmer, 1610 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Alice Besmer, 1644 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Francisci Josephi Bessemer, 1773 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Bessent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Bessant**.

### Bessey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Bussey**.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Besy, 1593 in *IGI* (Queenborough, Kent); Jacobus Besye, 1590 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Thomas Bessey, 1661 in *IGI* (Brumstead, Norfolk); Mariam Besye, 1667 in *IGI* (Shouldham, Norfolk); Mary Bessey, 1716 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk).

### Bessford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Besford**.

**Bessick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Beswick**.

**Besson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs; Derbys
- 2 English: apparently a variant of **Beeston**.  
**Early bearers:** Tomas Besson, 1576 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); Georg Besson, 1608 in *IGI* (Thrussington, Leics); Elizabeth Besson, 1615 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).  
 1 Huguenot: nickname from Occitan *besson* ‘twin’ (a derivative of Latin *bis* ‘twice’).  
**Early bearers:** Jacque Besson, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Jean French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx); Marthe Besson, 1701 in *IGI* (Tabernacle Milk Alley French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

**Best****Variants: Beste, Beast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10786, Ireland 908
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8048
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England, W Midlands, and S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *best(e)* (Old English *best*) ‘best, finest (person)’ or from Middle English *best(e)* (Old French *beste*) ‘beast, animal’ (especially those used for food or work).  
 With the second meaning compare **Bester** ‘herdsman’, but the rarity of *Best* as a modern surname (representing the usual phonetic development of *beste* ‘animal’) suggests that ‘(the) best (person)’ may have been the more common meaning. Either of these senses is implied by the definite article in the medieval forms, but some forms without the article could alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William Best, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Wilkin le Best, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John le Beste, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johanne le Beste, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Bredy, Dorset); Walter le Beste, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Paxton, Hunts); William Best, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Richard Beste, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chudleigh, Devon); Henry le Beste, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bretforton, Worcs); Thomas le Beste, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadway, Worcs); Johannes Best, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Knapwell, Cambs); Willelmus Best, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trippett, ER Yorks); Willelmus Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Johannes Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Draycot Foliat, Wilts); Johannes Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorner, WR Yorks); Henricus le Best, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Thomas Best, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Thome Best, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Barkwith, Lincs); Elyzabeth Best, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johes. Best, 1540, Henry Beste, 1553 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Hugh Best, 1542 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Jone Best, 1551 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Elzebeth Best, 1552 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Cuthbert Best, 1574 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts); Philip Best, 1578 in *IGI* (Stratton with Grimstone, Dorset); John Best,

1582 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Radulphus Best, 1612 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).  
 2 English: from a Middle English adverbial expression of *the Best*, but the meaning is unknown.  
**Early bearers:** Isabella of the Best, Johannes, Willelmus of the Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); Willelmus del Best, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Johes. Best, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Peter Best, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Alice Best, 1543 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

**Bestall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Beastall**.

**Beste**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Best**.

**Bester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- English: occupational name from Middle English *\*bestere*, apparently a derivative of Middle English *beste* ‘beast’, so it probably denoted a herdsman.  
**Early bearers:** J. le Bestere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); R. Bestare, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Bester, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Beatrix Bestar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); John Bester, 1567 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); Robt Bester, 1655 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); John Bester, 1673 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); William Bester, 1784 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts).

**Bestford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Besford**.

**Bestman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: occupational name from Middle English *beste* ‘beast, domesticated animal’ + *man* ‘man’, denoting a herdsman. Compare **Bester**.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald called ‘the Bestemon’, Burgess of Gloucester, 1311, Robert Bestemon, 1328 in *Gloucester Records* (Gloucs); Johanne Besteman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burnham on Crouch, Essex); Richard Bestman, 1615 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Cornellis Bestman, 1680 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Richd. Bestman, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Bestman, 1751 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
**References:** A. D. Mills (1963), ‘Some Middle English occupational terms’, *Notes and Queries* 208, pp. 249–57, at p. 250.

**Beston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Beeston**.

**Bestow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs
- English: see **Beastall**.

**Bestwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1016, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Staffs
- English: variant of **Beswick** or **Bessick** with an intrusive *-t*.  
**Early bearers:** Carolus Bestwick, 1574 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Mary Bestwick, 1587 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Rogeri Bestwick, 1604 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Dorothy Bestwick, 1687 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Mary Bestwick, 1701 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**Beswetherick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name seemingly originating as a variant of a surname *Bos-*, *Beswarthack*, from the place-name *Bosvathick* in Constantine (Cornwall). The surname is found in the Falmouth area in the mid-17th century and in mid-Cornwall (especially Luxulyan and Lostwithiel) in the 18th century. *Beswetherick* is a late and irregular variant of *Beswarthack*, perhaps partly under the influence of the unrelated surname **Petherick**.  
**Early bearers:** Peter Bosvothek, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Constantine, Cornwall); William Boswethake, c.1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Wendron, Cornwall); Martyn Boswathack, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Helston, Cornwall); Marten Boswarthack, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Saint Gluvas including Penryn, Cornwall); Mary Beswarthack, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Penryn, Cornwall); Henry Beswarthick, 1673 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Thomas Beswarick, 1768 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Thomas Boswarthick, 1773, Boswarrick, 1774 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall), probably the same person; William Beswetherick, 1802 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Luxulyan); Ann Beswethrick, 1835 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall).  
**References:** Information provided by O. J. Padel.

**Beswick****Variants: Bestwick, Bessick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3336, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2925
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; NR Yorks
- English: locative name from either of the places called *Beswick* in Lancs or ER Yorks.  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Besewik, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Johannes de Beswyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trippett, ER Yorks); Thomas Besewyk, 1379 in *The Church in London*; John Beswyk, 1411 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomae Beswick, 1582 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); John Beswick, 1584 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Thomas Beswick, 1623 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Adam Besswick, 1696, Ephram Bessick, 1701 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**Beszant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset
- English: see **Bessant**.

**Betchley**

Variants: **Badgley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey
- English: locative name from Beckley (Sussex), which is recorded as *Becheleya* in 1253.
- Early bearers:** William de Bechely, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joh'em Bechele, 1432 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Beckley, Sussex); John Becheley, Belchley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Isabel Betchley, 1629 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); John Betchly, 1693 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Elizabeth Betchley, 1775, Jas Batchley, 1803 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).
- References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 526.

**Beth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Middx
- 1 Scottish: see **Beath**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha**, see **McBeth**.

**Betham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Beetham**.

**Bethany**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: variant of **Bettany**, influenced by false association with the Biblical place-name Bethany.

**Bethel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 484
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also SE Wales and W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Clare, and Galway; Down
- Welsh: see **Bithell**.

**Bethell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1984, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also SE Wales and W Midlands; London
- Welsh: see **Bithell**.

**Bethune**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 461
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; NW Scotland
- Scottish: see **Beaton**.

**Bethwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Beathwaite Green (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Birthwayte, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Beathwaite, 1771 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); William Bethwait, 1793 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).

**Betley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Staffs
- 1 English: see **Betteley**.  
2 English: see **Batley**.  
3 English: see **Beatley**.

**Betney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Bettany**.

**Beton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: see **Beeton**.  
2 Scottish: see **Beaton**.

**Betson**

Variants: **Beatson, Bedson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England, the Midlands, and E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford
- English: relationship name 'son of *Bet(te)*', a Middle English pet form of the female personal name *Beatrice* (see **Bett**). Richard son of John son of Beatrice is also called Richard Johnson Betson, 1349 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard Bettessone, 1329 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Hunts); William Bettessone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Betson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Betson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welham, Leics); Johannes Betisson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Ricardus Betson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sitlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus Beteson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Johannes Beteson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Swarby, Lincs); Johannes Bettesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knettishall, Suffolk); Johana Betson, 1540 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); John Betson, 1552, Samuel Bedson, 1650 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Henrye Betson, 1553 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Johnes Betson, 1556, Edwardus Bettson, 1618, Edwardus Bedson, 1633 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Johes Betson, 1559 in *IGI* (Birdingbury, Warwicks); Flanders Bedson, 1562, Agnes Betson, 1568 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Richard Betson, 1562 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Rychard Beatson, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Betson, 1585 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Beatson, 1691 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Betsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Bettesworth**.

**Bett**

Variants: **Bette, Betts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 718
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bett(e)*. When female it was usually a pet form of *Beatrice* but possibly also *Elizabeth*. When male it was a pet form of *Bertram* or *Bertelmew* (Bartholomew): compare Bettinus Beaumont and Bette his brother, 1289 in *London Letter Books A*; *Bette the bocher* in *Piers Plowman* (late 14th century) was also, presumably, a man. In the case of Robert Bet son of Bartholomew Bette, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*, the surname may be due to a family partiality for the personal name *Bertelmew*. Emma Bettis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon) was probably the wife or widow of a man named *Bette*. Compare **Bate, Batt, and Beet**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Betta Caperun, 1247 in *Leicester Freeman Register*.  
surnames: Reginald filius Bette, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Terri Bette, 1154–89 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Richard Bette, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); John Bett, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Thomas Bett, 1540 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Alys Bett, 1545 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Mrs. Chrysham Bett, 1545 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henrici Bett, 1547 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**Bettaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bettany**.

**Bettany**

Variants: **Bettaney, Bettoney, Betteny, Betney, Bettney, Bethany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Betteley** (in the W Midlands) and **Beatley** (in E England) with /n/ substituted for /l/. *Tooth* notes that in the parish registers for Seighford (Staffs) Joseph Betteteley (1762) is buried as Joseph Bettany (1806). Compare Margret Bettony, 1596, Thomas Betley, 1612 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Johanes Betteny, 1675, Anna Betteley, 1709, Daniel Bettany, 1796 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Stephen Beatley, 1696, Charles Bettany, 1715 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). **Further information:** The change in pronunciation may have been influenced by false association with the plant name *betony*, or, in the case of the W Midlands name, there may have been a reduction of Middle English *Betunlegh* (1289 in *Staffs Place-Names*, at Betley) to \**Betony*. Wilson's derivation of the Suffolk, Cambs, and Essex name from *betony* (Middle English *betonike*, Old English *betonice*) is not supported by any medieval evidence, and is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** William Betany, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ales Betney, 1566, Chrstr. Bettney, 1571 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); John Bettany, 1586 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Gilbert Beteny, 1598 in *The Essex Review* 62 (Essex); Thomas Bettany, 1627 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Roger Bettoney, 1666 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Charles Betteny, 1669

in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Hellina Bettney, 1685 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); Thomas Betteny, 1706 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Margrett Bettaney, 1713 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Francis Bettaney, 1721 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Susan Beteny, 1734 in *Parish Registers* (Rampton, Cambs); James Bethany, 1757 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); John Bettoney, 1790 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics).

References: *Tooth* 1, p. 31.

### Bette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Bett**.

### Betteley

Variants: **Betley, Beatley, Bettany, Bettley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: locative name from Betley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Beteleie, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Adam de Betteley, monk, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Dieulacres, Staffs); Philip de Betle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Betteley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Betteleye, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); William Betley, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willimus Betteley, 1565, Robti. Betteley, 1588 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Frannces Beateley, 1577, William Bettely, 1719 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Thomas Betley, 1612 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Betteley, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Anna Betteley, 1709 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Mary Betley, 1710 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Guilielmus Beatly, 1713 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Catharine Beetley, 1767 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

2 English: see **Beatley**.

3 English: locative name from Betley in Henfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William and Richard de Bettelye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henfield, Sussex); Adam and Johannes Bettele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henfield, Sussex); Christopher Betteley, 1686 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); James Beatly, 1746, Elizabeth Bately, 1777 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Betteley, 1843 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Bettell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Bettle**.

### Bettenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Bettinson**.

### Betteny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

English: see **Bettany**.

### Better

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Bater**.

### Betteridge

Variants: **Bettridge, Battrick, Battrick, Badrick, Badrock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2456, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1344

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; also Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Betrich* (Old English *Beaduric*, formed from *beadu* 'fight, battle' + *\*ric* 'rule').

**Further information:** The personal name contributed to the place-names *Battersea* (Surrey) and *Bethersden* (Kent), but is very rare in independent use.

**Early bearers:** Robert Baderich', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Betrich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Betryche, 1296, John Betrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Betrych, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Warwicks); Henricus Betrich', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Johannes Baderek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Willelmus Betrych', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); William Badrock, 1566 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Bettridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Radulphi Battrick, 1587 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Oliver Betteridge, 1605 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Markes Betteridge, 1612 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants); Anne Badrick, 1620 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks); Edeth Battrick, 1671 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Elizabeth Badrock, 1811 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire).

### Betterton

Variants: **Batterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 142

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Betterton (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Ylbert de Betretun', 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Ilbert de Betelintun, de Betertun', 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Robert Betterton, 1541 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Margaret Betterton, 1544 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas Betterton, 1553 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Elnor Betterton, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Arther Betterton, 1576 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops).

### Bettes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 18

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon and Cornwall; WR Yorks

English: see **Bettis**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bettesworth

Variants: **Bettsworth, Betsworth, Bedsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Betchworth (Surrey), recorded as *Becheswrth* (1210–12), *Bettisworth* (1448).

**Early bearers:** Edward de Becheswerth, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hunston, Sussex); Thomas Bettisworth, William Bettysworth, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Betsworth, 1539 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Elizabeth Bettesworth, 1590 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Elnor Betsworth, 1592 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Antony Bettesworth, 1595 in *IGI* (Trotton, Sussex); Petri Betsworth, 1605 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Hants).

### Bettinson

Variants: **Bettenson, Bettison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 238

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lincs and Norfolk

English: relationship name from the female personal name *Beton* (see **Beeton**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Adam le fit Betun, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Betonessone, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Betissone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Bettinson, 1597 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs); Thomas Bettinson, 1601 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); Willyam Bettinson, 1627 in *IGI* (Colan, Cornwall); Richard Beetenson, 1716, Richard Bettenson, 1724 in *IGI* (Forton, Staffs); Thomae Bettinson, 1722 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Elizabeth Bettinson, 1725 in *IGI* (Risley, Derbys).

### Bettis

Variants: **Bettes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 134

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: (i) see **Betts**. (ii) locative name perhaps for someone who lived '(by the) hollows', from Old English *bytt* 'butt, cask, flagon, womb', used topographically like Old English *byden* 'butt' (compare **Bedwell**) and *trog* 'trough'.

**Early bearers:** John del Bettis, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Olyver Bettis, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Hugh Bettis, 1638 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Richard Bettis, 1696 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Jonathan Bettis, 1706 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); James Bettis, 1727 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex).

### Bettison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 362

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Notts and Derbys

English: see **Bettinson**.

### Bettle

Variants: **Bettell, Bittle, Beetle, Bittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *betel* 'mallet' (Anglian Old English *bētel*, West Saxon *bītel*, *bȳtel*), perhaps for someone with a heavy, strong physique, or for a maker or user of a beetle, a mallet or club for driving in wedges, ramming down paving stones, etc. (ii) in some cases, perhaps, a nickname from Middle English *bītel* 'sharp'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Betyl', 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks); John Betel, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Bettell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Betill, 1502, John Betyll, 1544 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Beetle, 1669 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Thos. Bittle, 1729 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Samuel Beetle, 1775 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs).

### Bettles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 324

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds

## Bettley

English: variant of **Battle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Battles, 1590 in *IGI* (Rodney, Essex); Thomas Bettles, 1632 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Anne Bettles, 1637 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); John Battles, 1653 in *IGI* (Dedham, Norfolk); John Bettles, 1654 in *IGI* (Melchbourne, Beds).

### Bettley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- English: see **Betteley**.

### Bettney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Bettany**.

### Betton

**Variants:** **Beaton**, **Beeton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: locative name from Betton in Shrops.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes de Betton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boreton with parcels, Shrops); John Betton, 1589, Edward Beaton, 1757 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).  
2 English: see **Beeton**.  
3 English: see **Beaton**.

### Bettoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Bettany**.

### Bettridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 439
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, Hants, and Berks
- English: see **Betteridge**.

### Betts

**Variants:** **Bettis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9384, Ireland 124
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny
- English: relationship name, variant of **Bett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** John Bettys, 1539, Elizabeth Bettis, 1545 in *IGI* (Worthing, Suffolk); Simon Bettys, 1561 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk).

### Bettsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Bettesworth**.

### Betty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Bett(e)* (see **Bett**).

**Early bearers:** William Bety, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Otford, Kent); John Bety, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Willm. Betty, 1549 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Betty, 1567 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Anne Betty, 1571 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Phillip Bettey, 1655, Phillip Betty, 1675 in *IGI* (Berryarbor, Devon).

### Beushaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: see **Belcher**.

### Bevan

**Variants:** **Beven**, **Beaven**, **Beavan**, **Beavon**, **Biven**, **Bevans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11812, Ireland 199
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S Wales and W Midlands: esp. Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster; Dublin
- Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of Welsh *ap Iefan*, 'son of Evan', with fused patronymic marker (*a*)*p*, normally voiced before a vowel. Compare **Evans**.  
**Early bearers:** Edenevet ap Ieuan, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John ap Ewan Goth, chaplain, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Llanynys, Flints); John Bevyn, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Church Stretton, Shrops); Edward Bevans, 1591 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Thomas Beven or Bevan, 1605 in *PROB 11* (London); George Bevan or Beavan, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); Edward Bevon, 1663 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops).

### Bevans

**Variants:** **Bevens**, **Bivens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 450
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Welsh: variant of **Bevan** with excrescent *-s*.

### Bevel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Beville**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Beven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE England; Lancs
- Welsh: see **Bevan**.

### Bevens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham; Warwicks
- Welsh: see **Bevans**.

## Bever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Beaver**.

## Beverage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; Northumb
- Scottish: see **Beveridge**.

## Beveridge

**Variants:** **Berridge**, **Belfrage**, **Beverage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3659, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3100
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Kinross and Fife; also N England: esp. Northumb and Durham

Scottish: nickname from Middle English *beuerage*, *beuerich*, Old French *beverage* 'drink, liquor', in particular 'a drink that seals a bargain', also denoting the bargain itself. The consonant *-v-* was often lost between vowels in Middle and early Modern English, hence spellings such as **Berridge**. The custom of sealing a bargain with a drink was widespread in medieval society. In Whitby in 1199, one purchaser of land paid by custom 4 pence for possession and another penny to the burgesses as *beuerage* (*Charter Rolls* i, 14). The surname may have denoted someone to whom such a payment was customarily made. In his poem *Piers Plowman* (composed before 1376) William Langland depicts dodgy deals in alehouses, when 'Bargeyns and beuerages bi-gonne to aryse'. Modern *Beveridge* is chiefly found in Scotland, where Black says it is pronounced 'Berridge' or 'Berritch'. The main English form is **Berridge**. **Belfrage** is a common variant in Fife and Kinross, with intrusive *l*, as in Scottish *Chalmers for Chambers*.

**Early bearers:** England: Wido Beverage, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William Beverage, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Beverече, about 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walter Berich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Bauerich, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Beueerge, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Devon); Robert Beuerich, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Hug. Beuerych, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kineton, Warwicks); John Berage, 1427, Richard Beryge, 1482 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Berridge, 1590 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants); Elnathan Beridge, 1594, Gooditha Beridge, 1606, Fardynando Beredg, 1608 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Richard Berridge, 1601 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Henerie Berridge, 1623, Henry Beridge, 1782 in *IGI* (Tur Langton, Leics); Eleanor Beveridge, 1716 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); George Beveredge, 1734 in *IGI* (East Boldon, Durham).

Scotland: Walter Beverage, 1302 in *Scotland Calendar* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Alexander Bauerage, 1531 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; John Berrage, 1675 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Wester Tillyochie, Kinross); Andrew Belfrage, 1681 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Belverage, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); Henry Belfradge, 1684 in *Retours, Scotland*

(Netherbaith); John Berrige, 1711 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Freeland, Perth); Alexander Bavirige, monk, mid-16th cent. in *Antiquaries of Scotland* (Culross, Fife); John Beverich, 1724 in *Lauder Testaments* (Coldingham, E Lothian).

### Beverley

Variants: **Beverly, Peverley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 898
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: locative name from Beverley (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Albert de Buerli, 1145–52 in *Yorks Charters*; John de Beverlay, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Beverlee, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Beverlay, 1401 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

### Beverly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also scattered in England

Scottish, English: see **Beverley**.

### Bevers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Essex; Oxon

English: see **Bevers**.

### Beverstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; Kent

English: see **Baverstock**.

### Beverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: variant of **Bevington**.

### Beves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; IoW

Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Bevil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Beville**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bevill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Oxon; Devon; Cumb

Norman, English: see **Beville**.

### Beville

Variants: **Beavill, Bevill, Bevil, Bevel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey  
Norman, English: locative name from either of two places named Beuville in Calvados.

**Early bearers:** Robert (de) Beyville, de Beville, about 1225 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Willelmus Bevil, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bunny, Notts); John Bevyle, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Bondleigh, Devon); Peter Bevyll, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Penzance, Cornwall); Johis. Bevill, 1583, Tho. Bevell, 1666 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Dorothea Bevell, 1614, Bartle Bevill, 1668 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Joanna Beavill, 1633 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Bevill, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Grays Inn, Middx); Charles Bevel, 1814 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

### Bevin

Variants: **Beavin, Bevins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bei vin, boi vin* 'drink wine'. Compare **Drinkwater**. There has been some confusion with the Welsh surname **Bevan**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Beivin, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Bevin, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Nicholas Boyvin, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Bevin, 1585 in *IGI* (Lymgne, Kent); Jone Bevin, 1591 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); William Bevin, 1604 in *IGI* (Bermundsey, Surrey); Thomas Beven or Bevan, 1605 in *PROB 11* (London); John Bevin, 1611 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Judith Bevin, 1625 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Bevington

Variants: **Babington, Bavington, Beverton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks and Lancs

English: locative name from either of two places called Bevington (Warwicks, Gloucs). It may sometimes have been altered in spelling by association with **Bebbington** or **Babington**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Beuington', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Bevington, 1558 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Beventon, 1586 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Anne Beverton, 1590, Ann Bevington, 1659 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Eliz. Bevington, 1594, Wm. Beavington, 1601 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Matthew Babington, 1596 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Bevington, 1703 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Gloucs); Simon Beverton, 1716 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Saml. Beverton, 1817 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Bevins

Variants: **Bivins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Norman, English: variant of **Bevin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. There has been some confusion with the Welsh surname **Bevans**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Bevins, 1585 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, London); Jacob Bevins, 1663 in *IGI* (Stepney,

London); Mathaeus Bevins, 1665, in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); William Bivins, 1670, David Bevins, 1699 in *IGI* (Long Compton, Warwicks); David Beavins, 1732 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

### Bevir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Beaver**.

### Bevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1348, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1033
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW
- Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Beviss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Bew

Variants: **Bugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon

English: nickname from Middle English *be(a)u, bewe* 'beautiful, fair' (Old French *beu, bel*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Beu, le Bel, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John le Beu (Bew), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Bew, 1586 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Robert Bew, 1589 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Thomas Bew, 1595 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Mary Bew, 1602 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Francis Beau, 1603, Frances Bew, 1608 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs).

### Bewers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Bures**

### Bewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Bews**.

### Bewick

Variants: **Bewicke, Buick, Bowick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1288, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 838
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative name from either of two places called Bewick (Northumb, ER Yorks), the former being recorded as *Bowick*, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Bewic', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henrie Bewick, 1581 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Robert Bewick, 1598 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Bewick, 1600 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); George Buick, 1679 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb); Elizabeth Bewick, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Robert Bewick, 1705 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs).

## Bewicke

Scotland: John Buik, 1749 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Janet Buik, 1758 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Angus); Barbra Buick, 1798 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus).

### Bewicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also IoM

English: see **Bewick**.

### Bewlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Bewley**.

### Bewley

Variants: **Bewlay, Beulah, Beaulieu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Bewley Castle (Westm), Bewley (Durham), or Beaulieu (Hants), all three place-names being derivatives of Old French *beau lieu* 'fine place', a term often applied to monasteries. Compare **Belloe**.

**Early bearers:** William de Beulu, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Philip de Beuleu, 1329 in *Hylle Cartulary*; Thomas Bewley, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Bews

Variants: **Bewes, Bues, Buse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

1 Norman: locative name from Bayeux (Calvados). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** England: John de Baiocis, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); William Baiues, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Henry de Beause, de Beuse, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Robertus Bewys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edlington, WR Yorks); Ricardus Beways, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tong, WR Yorks); Robertus Bewas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Helene Bewes, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Daniel Bues, 1724 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants).

2 English: variant of **Beavis** with vocalization of the *-v-*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records Robert Hodgeson alias *Bews* or *Bevis*, 1584–8 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds).

**Early bearers:** John Bews, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); John Bewes, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Buse, 1631 in *IGI* (Abbotsham, Devon); Elizabeth Bews, 1709 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Lewes Bues, 1719 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon).

3 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Adam Bewis, 1640 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Rendall, Orkney); John Bews, 1654 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Barbra Bews, 1672 in *IGI* (Shapinsay, Orkney).

4 English: unexplained, unless an occasional error for (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Bewes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swynnerton, Staffs); Milo Bews, 1574 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Richard Bews, 1629 in *IGI* (Wigginton, Herts); John Bews, 1650 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Elizabeth Bews, 1673 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs).

### Bewsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Dorset and Somerset

English: perhaps a variant of **Belcher**. Compare **Bewshea** for a similar development.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support derivation from the place-name Bewsey in Burtonwood (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert Beusy, 1570 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Nicholas Bewsy, 1621 in *IGI* (Powderham, Devon); Mary Bewsey, 1623 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); Alexander Bewsey, 1624 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 96.

### Bewshea

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Belcher**.

### Bewsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Belcher**.

### Bex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Northants

1 English: locative name from Bax in Tonge (Kent), which is recorded as *Byx* in 1341, *Bex* in 1782.

**Early bearers:** Henr' de Bix, Rob'tus de Byx, 1327, Adam de Byx, Robert Byx, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teynham hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] de Bixs, 1332 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Joan Bickes, 1550–1 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Wilma Bex, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Anne Bex, 1590 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elizabeth Bix, 1594 in *IGI* (East Sutton, Kent); Henry Bix, 1600 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Joanne Bix, 1609 in *IGI* (Bapchild, Kent); Jane Bex, 1610 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 269.

2 English: see **Becks**.

### Bexley

Variants: **Bixley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London
- English: locative name from Bexley (Kent) or Bexhill (Sussex), both of which had Middle English forms such as *Bexle* and *Bixle*.

**Further information:** There is a medieval field name *Bixle* in Bix (Oxon) but this is an unlikely source of the 1206 Oxon surname, which may alternatively be a metathesized form of *Biskele*, the Suffolk surname in **Bixley** (1).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Bixle, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Bixle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beckley, Sussex); Roger de Bexle, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruxley hundred, Kent); John de Bexle, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Washingstone hundred, Kent); Joan Bexley, 1538 in *IGI* (Teston, Kent); Hugh Bexley, 1558 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Robart Bexley, 1587 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Abigail Bexley, 1656 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Joseph Bixley, 1701 in *IGI* (Milland, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 489–90; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 68.

### Bexon

Variants: **Beckson, Bexton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Becke* (see **Beck** (3)) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Bekeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Firbeck, WR Yorks); Agnes Bexon, 1560 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Margrete Beckson, 1604 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Ann Beckson, 1639 in *IGI* (Plumtree, Notts); William Bexon, 1669, Susannah Bexon, 1678 in *IGI* (East Leake, Notts); Anne Beckson, 1757, John Bekson, 1761, Thos. Bexton, 1767 in *IGI* (Cotgrave, Notts); Mary Bexon, 1761 in *IGI* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Joseph Bexon, 1775, Thomas Beckson, 1786, William Bexton, 1819 in *IGI* (Long Eaton, Derbys).

### Bexton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: variant of **Bexon** with intrusive *-t-*.

### Beyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English, German: see **Bayer**.

### Beynon

Variants: **Baynham, Bennion, Benion, Benyon, Benians, Binnion, Binion, Binions, Binyon, Bynon, Bynum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2728, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2135
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Pembrokes, Carmarthens, and Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from *ap Einion*, *ap Eynon* 'son of *Einion*'. Compare **Ennion**. Despite its appearance, *Baynham* is not local in origin.

**Early bearers:** Cadugan ap Eynon, 1285 in *Charter Rolls* (Radnor); Iorworth ap Egnon, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); David Abeinon, 1313 in *Parliamentary Writs*; John Baynham, 1455 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Worcs); John Beynon, 1507 in *Oxford University Register*; Yeedif Baynam, 1567 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Bynam, 1594 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Daniel Benion, 1610 in *York Freeman's Register*; George Benyon, 1621 in *Bardsley*; Edward Baynon, 1626 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs).

### Bezant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Bessant**.



**Bezer**

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 96
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts; Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Beazer**.

**Bezley**

- GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and London; Cornwall
- English: see **Beesley**.

**Bezzant**

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 65
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Somerset
- English: see **Bessant**.

**Bezzina**

- Current frequencies: GB 134, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Maltese: relationship name of probably Italian origin, and debatable etymology.  
**Further information:** According to Cassar, despite a wide range of suggestions, ‘a legitimate interpretation is still elusive’.  
**Early bearers:** Lorenzo Bezzina, born in Malta, and Giacomo Bezzina, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).  
**References:** *Cassar*, p. 36.

**Bhachu**

- Current frequencies: GB 646, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Bachu**.

**Bhagat**

- Current frequencies: GB 325, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: Hindu and Jain, from Hindi *bhāgət* ‘devotee, votary’, from Sanskrit *bhakta*, a derivative of the verb root *bhāj-* ‘to serve or adore’.  
**Further information:** As a Hindu name it is found in several communities, including the Banias in various states and the Marathas in Maharashtra.

**Bhaiyat**

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian, Muslim: see **Bhayat**.

**Bhakar**

- Current frequencies: GB 261, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bhakta**

- Current frequencies: GB 221, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat and Karnataka): Hindu (Bhatia, Brahman), from Sanskrit *bhakta* ‘devotee’.  
**Further information:** It is found in the Bhatia community in Gujarat and among Saraswat Brahmans of Goa, who have also migrated to coastal Karnataka.

**Bhalla**

- Current frequencies: GB 658, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community; it is derived from Sanskrit *bhalla*, which means (among other things) ‘auspicious’, ‘missile’, and ‘bear’.

**Bhalsod**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

**Bham**

- Current frequencies: GB 290, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim, Indian: unexplained name, not exclusive to a particular religion, found in India, particularly in Rander, Gujarat, where there is a local tradition of descent from Iraqi Arabs.  
**Further information:** Information from Maryam Bham.

**Bhambra**

- Current frequencies: GB 654, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Bhamra**.

**Bhamra**

- Variants:** **Bhambra**
- Current frequencies: GB 943, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh name found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

**Bhana**

- Current frequencies: GB 269, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim, Indian: (i) relationship name possibly from Panjabi *bhana* ‘divine will’, used as a given name. (ii) locative name possibly from a village in Faridkot district, Panjab, India.

**Bhandal**

- Current frequencies: GB 537, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bhandari**

- Variants:** **Bhanderi**
- Current frequencies: GB 684, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: derivative of Sanskrit *bhāndā(gā)rika* ‘treasurer, keeper of a storehouse’, from *bhāndā(gā)ra* ‘treasury, storehouse’.  
**Further information:** The name is found in many different Hindu communities; there is a Bhandari clan among the Panjabi Khatri.

**Bhanderi**

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Bhandari**.

**Bhangal**

- Current frequencies: GB 158, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: Sikh, see **Bhangu**.

**Bhangu**

- Variants:** **Bhngal**
- Current frequencies: GB 158, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bhanji**

- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), Jain, and Muslim, unexplained.

**Bhanot**

- Current frequencies: GB 252, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

**Bharadia**

- Current frequencies: GB 264, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

**Bharadwa**

- Current frequencies: GB 128, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

**Bharaj**

- Current frequencies: GB 227, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Bharj**.

**Bhardwaj**

- Current frequencies: GB 761, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *bhāradvāja* ‘descendant of *bharadvāja*’, meaning ‘one who has strength or vigour’ (from *bharat* ‘bearing’ + *vāja* ‘vigour’).  
**Further information:** According to legend, *Bharadvāja* was the name of one of the great Indian sages.

**Bhargava**

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *bhārgava* ‘(descendant) of *Bhrigu*’.  
**Further information:** *Bhrigu* is the name of one of the great sages of Hindu legend.

**Bharj**

- Variants:** **Bharaj**
- Current frequencies: GB 347, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bharmal**

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat), Muslim: apparently, or folk-etymologically, from *Bihari Mal*, as in the case of the historical figure Raja Bharmal or Bihari Mal, ruler of Amber (Jaipur), Rajasthan, India (1548–74).

**Bharucha**

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0

## Bhasin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Iranian (Muslim): locative name from Bharuch in Gujarat, known during the British Raj as *Broach*.

### Bhasin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community, generally believed to be derived from Sanskrit *bhāsin* ‘sun’.

### Bhat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (southern states): see **Bhatt**.

### Bhatia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat, Bhatia): Hindu and Sikh, based on the name of the Bhatia mercantile community. Members of this clan claim relationship with the Bhatti Rajputs. See also **Bhatt** and **Bhatti**.

### Bhatoa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bhatt

- Variants: **Bhat**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1947, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *bhatta* ‘lord, learned one’, from *bhartr-* ‘lord, husband’, a derivative of *bhar-* ‘to bear, support’.

### Bhattacharjee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: honorific variant of **Bhattacharya**.

### Bhattacharya

- Variants: **Bhattacharyya**, **Bhattacharjee**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal and Assam): Brahman, from Sanskrit *bhattācārya*, from *bhatta* ‘learned one’ + *ācārya* ‘teacher, preceptor’.
- Further information:** Originally, this was a title bestowed upon a learned man or a celebrated teacher.

### Bhattacharyya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Bhattacharya**.

### Bhatti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4276, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab and Rajasthan): Hindu (Rajput) and Sikh, based on the eponymous ancestor of the Bhatti

tribe. Etymologically, the name is related to Sanskrit *bhatta* ‘lord’ (compare **Bhatt**).

**Further information:** This tribe is by far the largest and most widely distributed of the Rajput tribes of the Panjab. There is an area in the Panjab called Bhattiana, which was once ruled by the Bhattis. Bhatti occurs as a personal name in Sanskrit literature; it was the name of a well-known Sanskrit poet of the 6th century.

### Bhavsar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat and Maharashtra): Hindu and Jain, unexplained.
- Further information:** The Bhavsars claim to be of Kshatriya descent. Their traditional occupations were dyeing and calico printing.

### Bhayani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

### Bhayat

- Variants: **Bhaiyat**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Muslim: surname found in Gujarat, India, and Sindh, Pakistan, among the Sunni communities known as the Vohra or Bohra. The idea that the clan migrated to India from Iran or Afghanistan may be supported by the possibility that the name derives from a Turkic clan name *Bayat* found throughout central Asia.

### Bhikha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Bhimani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Bhima* (the name of a legendary hero in the Mahābhārata epic) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).
- Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Bhimji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, from *Bhīma* (see **Bhimani**), probably an ancestral name + *-ji*, a respectful term of address.

### Bhogaita

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

### Bhogal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1837, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bhojani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from a clan name formed with *bhoja* ‘enjoying’ (a reduction of an ancestor name containing this element) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation (i. e. ‘descendant of’).

### Bhola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu name meaning ‘innocent’.

### Bhopal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Indian: Hindu surname from the city of this name in Madhya Pradesh, found in India; also among people from Sind, Pakistan.

### Bhudia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), said to be derived from *Bhuvadīa*, Bhuvad being a place-name.

### Bhula

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, unexplained.

### Bhullar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bhundia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Bhurji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained; it is found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Bhutta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: etymology unexplained. According to the *Encyclopaedia of the World Muslims*, ‘the Bhutta is a community of Rajasthan that claims to have derived its name from Bhutan’.
- References: Nagendra Kr Singh and Abdul Mabud Khan (eds) *Encyclopaedia of the World Muslims* (Global Vision, 2001), vol. 1, p. 246.

### Bhuva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

**Bi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8268, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 畢 (**But** or **Pat** in Cantonese romanization), originally meaning 'a hand-net used in hunting' or 'to complete' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Bi* (畢), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shaanxi province), which was granted to Bi Gong Gao (畢公高), the 15th son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Chu Lian (出連) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 米, see **Mai** (1). This pronunciation is found in E Guangdong province, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 費 (also pronounced as *Fei* in Mandarin pinyin). See **Fey** (2).

4 Ghanaian: Asante name, unexplained. Perhaps from a personal name based on Twi *bi* 'another'.

**Biagioni**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from an augmentative form of the personal name *Biagio*, from Latin *Blasius*, in common use after the saint of that name.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Biagioni, in *Census 1851* (Lanarks); Giuseppe and Enrico Biagioni, in *Census 1901* (Lanarks).

England: Peter and John Biagioni, both born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Bian**

**Variants:** **Bien**, **Bin**, **Peng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 卞 (**Pien** in Mandarin romanization, **Pin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'rules' or 'hasty' in ancient Chinese: from *Bian* (卞), name of a fief (located in Shandong province) in the state of Cao dating back to the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 邊 (**Pien** in Mandarin romanization, **Pin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'margin, edge' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the personal name Zi Bian (子邊), style name of a prince of the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from *Bian* (邊), name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**Bianchi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134

Italian: relationship name from Italian *bianchi*, plural or genitive singular of the nickname **Bianco** 'white'.

**Early bearers:** Benedetto Bianchi, 1770 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Franciscus Bianchi, 1801 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Gaetano Bianchi, 1814 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Giovanni Bianchi, in *Census 1841* (Suffolk); Isidore Bianchi in *Census 1871* (Somerset); Lorenzo Bianchi, in *Census 1881* (Sunderland,

Durham); Benedetto Bianchi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Tonbridge, Kent); Antonio Bianchi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Cheshire).

**Bianco**

**Variants:** **Bianchi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

Italian, Jewish (Sephardic): nickname, relationship name from Italian *bianco* 'white', originally a nickname for a man with white or fair hair or a pale complexion, or perhaps for someone who habitually wore white. This also became established as a personal name in Italian.

**Early bearers:** Italian: Francisco Bianco, in *Census 1851* (Devon); Giovanni Bianco, in *Census 1851* (Norfolk); Lorenzo Bianco, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Domenico Bianco, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Antonio Bianco, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Durham); Domenico Bianco, cabinet manufacturer, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hampstead, Middx); Francesco Bianco, art dealer, born in Torino [Turin], in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Luca Bianco, confection, born in Cervaro, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Hartepool, Durham).

Jewish: Moses J. Bianco, born in Syria, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Adolphe Bianco, merchant shipper, born in Syria, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Simha Bianco, restaurant keeper, born in Syria (sons Solomon, Isaac, and Moses), in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Biard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Huguenot: locative name, variant of the French surname **Bigard**, formed with the prefix *bi-* (Germanic *bei*) + *gard* 'enclosure'.  
**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Biard, 1725, Daniel Biard, 1736 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Marie Biard, 1731 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, French Huguenot Church of the Artillery, Middx); Jaques Biard, 1749, Jacques Biard, 1765 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

2 English: see **Byard**.

**Bias**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Byass**.

**Bibb**

**Variants:** **Bebb**, **Bibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Bibbe* or *Bebbe*, a pet form of **Isabel**.

**Early bearers:** William Bibbe, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Marget Bibb, 1566 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Bebbe, 1570 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Anthonie Bibb, 1586 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Francis Bibb, 1617 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Henry Bibbs, 1642 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs);

Thomas Bibbs, 1681 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Bibb, 1686 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); William Bebb, 1761 in *IGI* (Llanfair Caereinion, Montgomerys).

**Bibbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Bibby**.

**Bibbings**

**Variants:** **Bibbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name probably from a diminutive of the Middle English female personal name **Bibb**, a pet form of **Isabel**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bibbins, 1621 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); William Bibbins, 1700 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); George Bibbings, 1707 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon); Thomas Bibbins, 1755 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks).

**Bibbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: see **Bibbings**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Bibb** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bibby**

**Variants:** **Bibbey**, **Bibey**, **Bybee**, **Biby**, **Bebby**, **Beeby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4495, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Westm; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bibby*, *Bebby*, a diminutive of *Bibb* or *Bebbe* (see **Bibb**). Some examples of *Beby* below may alternatively belong with **Beeby**.

**Further information:** McKinley, *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 318, notes that the surname *Bibby* occurs in Manchester and Salford in the 14th century, and that in the 1540s Hamlet Bebbe of Salford is identical with Hamlet Bibby or Bibbe.

**Early bearers:** given names: Biby de Knolle, 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: William Bibbi, 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Dobbe son of Bibby, 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Bybby, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Peter Bibbie, 1566 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Jone Beby, 1574 in *IGI* (Upton Saint Leonard, Gloucs); Roger Bibie, 1578 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Roberts Biby, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Sarah Bibby, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Mountshaw, London); William Bibbey, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without

## Bibey

Aldgate, London); Thomas Bibbey, 1592 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); Henry Bibby, 1595 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Roberti Bibbie, 1599 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Robert Bibbie, 1599 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); John Beby, 1599 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Johannis Bibie, 1605 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Henry Biby, 1618 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Anthony Bybee, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Walter Bibby, 1635 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Henry Biby, 1639 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds); Roger Beby, 1730 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Bibey, 1812 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs).

## Bibey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Bibby**.

## Bibi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16354, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Pakistani, Indian (Muslim): from a term of address or reference for a Muslim woman, normally used with a woman's personal name, although a woman without a true surname might use it as her last name. Compare **Begum**.

## Bible

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Bibel*, a diminutive of **Bibb**. **Early bearers:** given names: Bible, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).  
surnames: Godwin Bibel 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Bibel, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johana Bible, 1551 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Wm Bible, 1598 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susan Bible, 1616 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Arthur Bible, 1676 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Bible, 1761 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Biby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Bibby**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Bice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** John Buys, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); William Buys, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Truro, Cornwall); William Bice, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Homfry Buyse, 1601 in *IGI* (Abbotsham, Devon); Nicholas Bise, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

## Bichard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands

French: nickname from Old French *bichard* 'fawn'. As the word was also used to denote a measure of grain, a nickname for a grain dealer is possible.  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Bicheno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Beechernole, 1630 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); John Bechinoe, 1662 in *IGI* (Daventry, Northants); Katherine Beechinoe, 1663 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Elizabeth Bicheno, 1779 in *IGI* (Over, Cambs).

## Bick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 520
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs
- English: nickname probably for a bee keeper, from Middle English *bike* 'nest of wasps, wild bees'. Compare **Bicker**.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Bike, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William le Bike, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); James le Byke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Byk, 1359 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Wm. Bick, 1591 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Ales Bick, 1595 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); John Bick, 1598 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Milburge Bick, 1606 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Susan Bick, 1641 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Bickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Bickell**.

## Bickell

- Variants:** **Bickel**, **Beckell**, **Bickle**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Bickell Cross in Swimbridge (Devon), which apparently belonged to the tithing of the adjacent parish of Bishops Tawton. The place-name is recorded as *Bekehyll* in 1541 and as *Bickle* (the name of a farmstead) on the 1809 OS map.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bykehull', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Edmond Bykehill, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Okehampton, Devon); Roger Beckel, 1573 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); John Bickle, 1578 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon), 1597 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); George Bickle, 1600 in *IGI* (Boyton, Cornwall); Thome Bickell, 1641 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); John Beakle, 1730 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 351.

## Bicker

- Variants:** **Bickers**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent; also Ayr
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *biker*, *beker* (Old English *bicere*, \**bicere*, *bēcere*) 'one

who keeps beehives, a beekeeper'. Some of the following post-medieval examples may belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Robert le Biker, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Reginald le Bikere, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Jordan the Bekere, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Johannes Biker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Beker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Willelmus Beker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Roberto le Byker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Willelmus Byker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Johannes Byker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Walterus Byker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Thomas Biker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Ricci Bicker, 1552 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); William Bicker, 1590 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); James Biker, 1615 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); William Bicker, 1631 in *IGI* (Bishop Wilton, ER Yorks); Fransis Bicker, 1654 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bicker, 1660 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).  
2 English: locative name from Bicker (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Bicre, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Roger de Bikere, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Byker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston, Notts); Johannes Byker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs).

## Bickerdike

- Variants:** **Bickerdyke**, **Biggadike**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 538
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name perhaps from Middle English *bi ker dik* 'by the marsh ditch' or *biker dik* 'beekeeper's ditch' or 'dispute ditch'. The site of the named place is unknown.  
**Early bearers:** Henricus Bikerdyk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arkendale, WR Yorks); William Byckerdyke, 1517 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Robert Bickerdike, 1647 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Bickerdike, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

## Bickerdyke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bickerdike**.

## Bickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: variant of **Bicker** with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Bickers, 1583, in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); John Bickers, 1588 in *IGI* (Cambridge); Alice Bickers, 1638 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk).

## Bickerstaff

- Variants:** **Bickerstaffe**, **Bickersteth**, **Biggerstaff**, **Vickerstaff**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 266
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 626
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- English: locative name from Bickerstaffe (Lancs), recorded as *Bickerstath* in 1226.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Birkestad, de Bikerstath, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Bekerstaff, 1397 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robert Byggerstafe, Beckerstaffe, 1539, 1557 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* xxxiv.

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 114–6.

### Bickerstaffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bickerstaff**.

### Bickersteth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: see **Bickerstaff**.

### Bickerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1530, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops; also Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Bickerton (Cheshire, Herefs, Northumb, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bikerton, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Bykerton, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Bykerton, 1504–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

### Bicket

**Variants:** Bickett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Norman: locative name from Bequet, Bechet, or Le Becquet (Oise).

**Early bearers:** James Bichat, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (East Teviotdale, Roxburghs); Peter Bichet, burgess, 1648 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Bickitt, 1692 in *Roxburghs Heirs* (Bowden, Roxburghs); Hugh Bicket, 1716 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr).

**References:** *Black*.

### Bickett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman: see **Bicket**.

### Bickford

**Variants:** Bigford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Beckford Farm in Membury (Devon; recorded as *Bykeford* in 1408), Bickford Town in Plympton Saint Mary (Devon), or Bickford (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ellyn Bickford, 1538 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Richard Bigford, 1635 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Bickford, Richard Bickford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Bigford, 1797 in *IGI* (Ranton, Staffs).

### Bickham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: locative name from Bickham in Timberscombe (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John Bickham, 1598 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); William Bickham, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); William Bickham, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Old Cleeve, Somerset).

### Bickle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Bickell**.

### Bickley

**Variants:** Beckley, Bixley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1401, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1237
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Devon

English: locative name from one or more of the various places so called, such as Bickley (Cheshire), Bickley in Knighton on Teme (Worcs), Bickleigh near Exeter and Bickleigh near Plymouth (both Devon), Bickley (Kent), and Bickley in Eberston (NR Yorks). The surname may sometimes have been confused with **Bixley** and **Beckley**.

**Early bearers:** William de Bikeleia, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset/Somerset); Willelmus de Bikeleg, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Huward de Bikeleg, 1227–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); [ . . . de] Biggelegh, 1238 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William de Bickele, 1310 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Johannes Bikelegh, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Pyne, Devon); Robertus de Bicley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); [ . . . ] Bekelay, 1386 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); David de Bykkeley, David Bikeley, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); John Beklay, 1446 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Bickley, 1559 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Johes. Bickley, 1579 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Bickley, 1596 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 6; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 53; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 224, 554; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 96.

### Bickman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: occupational name for a bee-keeper, Middle English *bike* 'nest of wasps, wild bees' + *man*.

**Early bearers:** William Bykeman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Jn Bickman, 1613 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Edward Bickman, 1638 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); John Bickman, 1698 in *IGI* (All Hallows Staining, London); Amos Bickman, 1706 in *IGI* (Ratcliff, Middx); Robert Bickman, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Bickmore

**Variants:** Bigmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from an unidentified (perhaps lost) place called *Bickmore* or *Bilkemore*, apparently in or near Beds.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Bykkemoer, 1309, Roberto de Bilkemor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gravenhurst, Beds); Roberto Bilkemor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pulloxhill, Beds); Robert de Bilkemore, Joan de Bilkemor, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Robert de Bilkemor, sheriff of Cornwall, 1329 in *Cornwall Record Office*; Robert son of John Bilkemor, chivaler, 1346, Robert son of John de Bylkemore, chivaler, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Bigmore, 1582 in *IGI* (Little Wilbraham, Cambs); Elizabetha Bickmar, 1584 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); William Bigmore, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); John Bickmore, 1628 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Richard Bickmer, 1640 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex); Thomas Bigmore, 1748 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Charles Beckmore, 1824 in *IGI* (Witham, Essex).

### Bicknell

**Variants:** Bignell, Bignall, Bignal, Bignold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2242, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1139
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, Sussex, and Hants; Somerset and Devon; Warwicks;

English: locative name from Bickenhall (Somerset), Bickenhill (Warwicks), or Bignell (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bikenhulle, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Bigenhull, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Bikenhull, Walter Bykenhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Bignolle, John Bygnold, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Anthonye Bicknall, 1580 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Nicholas Bicknell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Biddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Surrey
- English: see **Beadle**.

### Bidder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon; Gloucs

English: nickname perhaps to be taken in the sense 'beggar' illustrated by *Bidders and Beggars* in Langland's *Piers Plowman* (1362), but recorded only late.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bidder, 1609 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon); Jenkin Bidder, 1656 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon).

### Biddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name toponymic from Biddick (Durham) or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) ditch', Middle English *bi* + *dich(e)*, *dik(e)* (Old English *bi* + *dic*).

**Early bearers:** Adinet de Bidyk, 1276 in *Fine Rolls*; William de Bydik, 1305 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; John Bidyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Katheren Biddick, 1605 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Charles Biddick, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Sam Biddick, 1749 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon); Mary Cathrin Biddick, 1778 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Liddia Biddick, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

## Biddie

### Biddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Beedie**.

### Biddiscombe

Variants: **Biddlecombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts; Kent
- English: locative name from Bittescombe in Upton (Somerset). An alternative or additional source may be Biddlecombe (*Byttelcomb*, 1330) in Chudleigh (Devon), but the distribution suits Bittescombe better. **Early bearers:** Galopin de Bitelescumbe, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Biddelcome, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Biddellcombe or Biddelcomb, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Hampreston, Hants); John Biddlecombe, 1623 in *IGI* (Sutton Mandeville, Wilts); William Biddlecomb, 1673 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Thomas Bittlecombe, 1738 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbott, Dorset); John Biddilcombe, 1766 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); William Biddiscombe, 1802 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts).

### Biddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2990, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, Staffs, and Leics
- English: see **Beadle**.

### Biddlecombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 515
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW, Wilts, Somerset, and Dorset
- English: see **Biddiscombe**.

### Biddles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Beedles**.

### Biddleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Beetlestone**.

### Biddlestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- 1 English: see **Beetlestone**.  
2 English: locative name from Biddlestone in Alwinton (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Mary Biddleston, 1621 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Biddulph

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Biddulph**.

### Biddulph

Variants: **Biddolph**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 672
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- English: locative name from Biddulph (Staffs).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bidulf, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Bydoulf, 1285 in *Feudal Aids* (Staffs); John de Bydulfe, 1332–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Tho. Biddulph, 1563 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Francissi Biddulph, 1564 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Simon Biddulph, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Joanna Biddulph, 1664 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); George Biddulph, 1667 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Biddy

Variants: **Bidey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: unexplained unless it is a variant of Scottish **Beedie**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** John Biddy, 1761 in *IGI* (Wrightington, Lancs); Mary Biddy, 1769 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); William Bydey, 1769 in *IGI* (Stoke Saint Milborough, Shrops); James Biddy, 1779 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); John Bidey, 1784 in *IGI* (Clee Saint Margaret, Shrops); John Biddy, 1783 in *IGI* (Durrington, Sussex); William Biddy, 1786 in *IGI* (Deopham, Norfolk).

### Bide

Variants: **Byde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: locative name from one or more of the various minor places so named, such as Bydemill Farm in Hannington, Byde Farm in Potterne, and Byde Mill in Poulshot and Seend (all Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** John de Byde of Sende, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Seend, Wilts); [ . . . ] Byde, 1346, Rose de Byde, 1391 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); John Byde, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); William Byde, clerk, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); William Byde, 1543 in *PROB 11* (London); Margerit Byde, 1553 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); John Bide, 1604 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Thom. Byde, 1637 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 4–5, 25, 131, 244.

### Biden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: locative name from any of several places named from Old English *byden* ‘vessel for liquids’, such as Bidden (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Biden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); William Byden, vicar, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Langtoft, Lincs); Hugh Byden of Euesham, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Evesham, Worcs); Hughe Biden, 1584 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants);

Richard Byden, 1596 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); John Biden, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Preshute, Wilts).

### Bidewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Bedwell**.

### Bidey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Biddy**.

### Bidgen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Baigent**.

### Bidgood

Variants: **Bedgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *bidden*, *bid(en)* + *God* ‘pray God’.  
**Early bearers:** David Bydgood, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Bidgood, 1590 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon); William Bedgood, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Holcombe Rogus, Devon); John Bidgood, Richard Bidgood, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Bedgood, 1678 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Nicholas Bedgood, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Nicholas Bedggood, 1723 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs).

### Bidlake

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
- English: locative name from Bidlake in Bridestow (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** John Bidlake or Bithelake, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Devon).

### Bidmead

Variants: **Bitmead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 264
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, and Gloucs
- English: nickname probably from Middle English *bidden mede* ‘to ask for alms’.  
**Early bearers:** Ann Bidmeade, 1622 in *IGI* (Elkstone, Gloucs); John Bidmead, 1662 in *IGI* (Bisley, Gloucs); Thomas Bidmate, 1723, Hester Bidmead, 1769 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Mary Bedmead, 1769 in *IGI* (Avening, Gloucs).

### Bidwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1257, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 735
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Suffolk, and Norfolk
- English: see **Bedwell**.

### Bielby

- Variants: **Beilby, Bealby, Beelby, Belby, Bilby, Bilbie, Bilbe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 915, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 469

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, NR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Bielby (near Pocklington, ER Yorks), Belby (in Howden, ER Yorks), or Bilby (in Barnby Moor, Notts, recorded as *Beilby* in 1526). Pronunciation developments in the late medieval and early modern periods led to an extensive overlap of forms and spellings across all three names, with some resulting confusion.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Billebi, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; [... de] Bileby, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts), about 1250 in *Blyth Cartulary* (Notts); Ric' de Bilby, 1389, Ric' de Belby, 1392 in *Edwinstowe, Thoresby and Carburton Court Rolls* (Notts); John de Beleby, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanne de Beleby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviour, Saint Saviourgate, York); Johanne Bilby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Ricardo Beleby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhouse, Leics); Robertus de Bilby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Thomas Bilby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Roberto de Beleby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York); Willelmus de Beleby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fridaythorpe, ER Yorks); Sicillia Beilby, 1464 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Belby or Beilbye, 1522–4 in *Yorks Deeds* (Moor Monkton, WR Yorks); George Bylby, 1541 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Margaret Beilbye, 1549, Richardus Beelby, 1578, Mary Beilby, 1739 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Simon Belby, 1631 in *IGI* (Rillington cum Scampston, ER Yorks); Roberti Bealby, 1642 in *IGI* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); Jon. Bealby, 1717 in *IGI* (Misterton, Notts); Thomas Bielby, 1777 in *IGI* (Seamer, NR Yorks); John Belby, 1778 in *IGI* (Cotgrave, Notts); William Beelby, 1796 in *IGI* (North Collingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 67; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name occasionally perhaps from Beelsby (Lincs). The place-name occasionally appears in the 13th century as *Belebi* and *Beleby*, and so could be a source of *Bealby* in Lincs; compare Anne *Bealby*, 1627 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs), though this name may alternatively belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Walter de Beleby, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Dorothea Bielby, 1579 in *IGI* (Collingham, WR Yorks); John Bielby, 1672 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Robert Bielby, 1692 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Robert Bielby, 1695 in *IGI* (Skelton by York, NR Yorks); Eliza. Bielby, 1703 in *IGI* (Eakring, Notts).

## Bien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 卞 and 邊, see **Bian** (1) and (2).

## Bier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

1 English: see **Byer**.

2 German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *bier* 'beer', used to denote a brewer, a tavern keeper, or possibly a heavy drinker. In Continental Europe, this is also a Jewish name, from German *Bier*, Yiddish *bir*, probably acquired as a handout name, but in the UK this is usually found as **Beer**. (ii) relationship name from the short form of a personal name formed with Old High German *bero* 'bear'.

**Early bearers:** Rudolph Bier, born in Berlin, in *Census 1851* (Lambeth, Surrey); Maurice Bier, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Finsbury, Middx); Karl Bier, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); Ludwig Bier, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Marylebone, Middx); Anton Bier, domestic servant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hailsham, Sussex).

## Biers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: see **Byers**.

## Bierton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name from Bierton (Bucks).

**Further information:** Some early examples of this name are indistinguishable from those for the name Burton and so have been omitted. See *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 146.

**Early bearers:** John Bierton, 1764 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Joseph Bierton, 1788 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks).

## Biever

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Beaver**.

## Biffen

**Variants:** **Biffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name possibly for someone who lived by a fen (Middle English *bi* + *fen*) but the earliest forms are too late to be confident about this explanation. See **Fenn**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Biffen, 1636 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Edwardi Biffin, 1636 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); George Biffen, 1704 in *IGI* (Fiddington, Somerset).

## Biffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Hants

English: see **Biffen**.

## Bifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Byfield**.

## Bigby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

English: locative name from Bigby (Lincs), recorded as *Bekebi*, 1212 in *Book of Fees*. It may also have survived as **Bixby**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bekebi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Bekeby, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Beatrix Bigby, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Plompton, Spofforth, Yorks); Marie Bigbie, 1647 in *IGI* (Wakefield, Yorks); Watson Bigby, 1678 in *IGI*

(Barrowby, Lincs); George Bigbie, 1751 in *IGI* (York); John Bigby, 1773 in *IGI* (Whitby, Yorks).

## Bigden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England

English: locative name perhaps from Bicton (Devon), or Bighton (Hants), which is recorded as *Byketon* in the 13th century, or Bickton in Fordingbridge (also Hants).

**Early bearers:** Alice Bigden, 1560 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); Mighell Bicton, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Bickton, 1626 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Margaret Bigden, 1627 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); John Bickton, 1706 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); George Bigden, 1807 in *IGI* (Poole, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 582; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 33.

## Bigelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

Irish: see **Begley**.

## Bigford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Bickford**. This variant of the name probably derives from Bickford (Staffs), recorded as *Bigeford*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and *Bigesford* in 1307: see *Place-Names of Staffs*, pp. 103–4.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bigg

**Variants:** **Bigge**, **Biggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 887
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; Suffolk, Essex, and Kent

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bigge* 'large, strong, stout'.

**Early bearers:** Ægelric Bigga, about 1036 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Walter Bigge, 1177 *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Bigge, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John Bygge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Willelmo Bygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell and Leesthorpe, Leics); Willelmo Bige, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleton, Leics); Henricus Bygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset); Willelmo Bygg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Camel, Somerset); Willelmo Bygg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Willyam Bygge, 1542 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Edward Bigge, 1558 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Agnes Bigge, 1560 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Raphe Bigg, 1561 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Thomas Bigg, 1570 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Marie Bigge, 1572 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Alice Byge, 1577 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Jhon Bigge, 1578 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English \**big* 'building', a derivative of Middle English *biggen* (Old Scandinavian *byggja*) 'to build'. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.

**Early bearers:** Laurentia atte Bigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ambrose Bigg, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint

## Biggadike

Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Rebecca Bigg, 1562 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Agnes Bigg, 1567 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

### Biggadike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Bickerdike** with voicing of /k/ to /g/.

**Early bearers:** Barnerd Biggerdicke, 1584 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Edward Biggerdike, 1613 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Biggadike, 1738 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Richd. Biggadike, 1773 in *IGI* (Stickford, Lincs).

### Biggam

**Variants:** Bigham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish: locative name from either Bigholm in Beith parish (Ayr) or Bigholms in Langholm parish (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** John de Bigholme, 1426, Thomas of Bigholme, 1456 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Biggum, 1587 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Inverkeithling, Fife); Robert Bigham, 1718 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Bigham, 1738 in *IGI* (Leswalt, Wigtown).

**References:** *Black*.

### Biggane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** SW Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó Beagáin, see **Beggan**.

### Biggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lowland Scotland: esp. Roxburghs and Selkirks; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Biggar (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Baldwin de Bigre, sheriff, after 1170 in *Paisley Register* (Lanark, Lanarks); Sir Nicholas de Bygir, 1269 in *Kelso Register* (Lanarks); Walter de Bigare, 1433 in *Brechin Register* (Errol, Perth); Thomas Biggar, 1621 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Kingham, Fife); Walter Biggar, 1710 in *IGI* (Ettrick, Selkirks).

### Biggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Biggart near Lugton (Ayr) or possibly from Biggarts near Beattock (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** Adam Bighart, 1612 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Archibald Biggert, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Gabriel Biggart, 1716 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr).

### Bigge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

English: see **Bigg**.

### Bigger

**Variants:** Biggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

English: occupational name for a buyer, Middle English *bigger(e)*, an agent derivative of *biggen* ‘to buy’.

**Early bearers:** John le Biggere, 1307 in *Thuresson* (Herts); Richard Bygor, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robearrt Bigger, 1576 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); Brigitta Bigger, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); John Bigger, 1706 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Ann Bigger, 1733 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Jon. Bigger, 1733 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Isabel Bigger, 1755 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Bigger, 1760 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Biggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Durham

English: variant of **Bigger** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Biggerstaff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Oxon

English: see **Bickerstaff**.

### Biggin

**Variants:** Biggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 740
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; also Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of the many places with names deriving from Middle English *bigging* ‘building’, such as Biggin near Kirk Ireton, Biggin Farm in Tibshelf, and Biggin in Hartington (all Derbys), Biggin in Church Fenton and Biggin in Kirkby Malzeard (both WR Yorks), Biggins Farm in Ordsall (Notts), and Biggen Cottage in Fordham (Cams).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Bygging, 1257 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); [ . . . ] del Byggines, 1306 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Ricardus del Byggyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newburgh, NR Yorks); Robertus de Biging, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warwicks); Johannes Bigyng’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scawsby, WR Yorks); Robertus de Byggyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Bygyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Willelmus atte Bigynge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); Thomas del Biggyng, 1391 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); William atte Byggyngge, 1397 in *Place-Names of Cambs* (Cambs); Willm. Biggin, 1548 in *IGI* (York); Phil. Biggin, 1611 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Isaac Biggin, 1625, Isaac Biggen, 1628 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names at bigging*; *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 314, 368, 531; *Place-*

*Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 63; 5, p. 209; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 90; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 191.

### Biggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1101, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 719
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: variant of **Biggin** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Biggins, 1547 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Rose Emma Biggins, 1667 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Biggins, 1717, Thomas Biggans, 1720 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Beagáin, see **Beggan**.

### Biggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7452, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5541
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and S England: esp. Bucks; Leics; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork

English: variant of **Bigg**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William de Bigges, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Byges, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fratton, Hants); Robert Bygges, 1542 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Johannes Biggs, 1550 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Jone Biggs, 1559 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Edward Biggs, 1568 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Jachobo Biggs, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Alice Biggs, 1597 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); William Biggs, 1599 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Thos Biggs, 1604 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); William Bygs, 1687 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts).

### Bigham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; also Monmouths

Scottish: see **Biggam**.

### Biglan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Irish: see **Beglin**.

### Bigland

**Variants:** Biglin, Biglen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: locative name from Biglands (Cumb) or Bigland (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William Bigland, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Robert Bigland, 1716 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

### Biglen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: see **Bigland**.

2 Irish: see **Beglin**.

### Bigley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286



- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; also Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Donegal; Laois

Irish: from Ó Beaglaioich, see **Begley**.

### Biglin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Bigland**.

### Bigmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Bickmore**.

### Bignal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Gloucs; Sussex
- English: see **Bicknell**.

### Bignall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks and Herts; Notts

English: see **Bicknell**.

### Bignell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2273, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1203
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex, Hants, and IoW; Gloucs; also S Midlands

English: see **Bicknell**.

### Bignold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Norfolk

English: see **Bicknell**.

### Bigot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

Norman, English: see **Bygott**.

### Bigrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Bygrave**.

### Bigsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Bixby**.

### Bigwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: variant of **Bygott**, remodelled as if a locative name from a place called \**Bigwood*.

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 475–6.

### Bilal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (widespread throughout the Muslim world): from a personal name based on Arabic *bilāl*, of varying meanings, perhaps here 'beneficent'.

**Further information:** This was the name of one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad. He was a slave of Abyssinian origin who became the first muezzin (caller to prayer) in Islam.

### Bilbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Bilby** or **Bielby**.

### Bilbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys
- English: see **Bielby** and compare **Bilby** and **Bealby**.

### Bilbo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bilboe**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bilboe

Variants: **Bilbow**, **Bilbo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: of uncertain origin; apparently from Early Modern English *bilbo*, a type of fine sword, itself from *Bilbo(a)*, the former English rendering of *Bilbao* in the Basque Country.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Bilbowe, 1586, John Bilbow, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Margaret Bilbo, 1643 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); George Bilbo, 1687 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Jn. Bilboe, 1718 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Peter Bilboe, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Herbert Bilboe, 1888 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

### Bilborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bilbrough**.

### Bilbow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bilboe**.

### Bilbrough

Variants: **Bilborough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bilbrough (WR Yorks) or Bilborough (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Serlo de Billeburg', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Bilburgh', 1308 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henricus de Bilborugh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Strelley, Notts); Abr[... ] Bylburkgh', 1377, Abraham de Bilburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Robertus Bilburgh', 1377, Roberto Bylburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brackenholme, ER Yorks); Johannes Bylburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Wharfe, WR Yorks); Margeria de Bilburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Copmanthorpe, WR Yorks); Mathei Bilbrough, 1596 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edw. Bilborrow, 1580 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Matthew Bilbrouge, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

### Bilby

Variants: **Bilbe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks; Norfolk and Suffolk; Notts and WR Yorks; Somerset

English: (i) locative name see **Bielby** reduced form of **Bilsby**. Compare Agnes Bilsby, 1589, with James Bilby, 1628 in *IGI* (both in Gedney, Lincs), and Richard Bilsby, 1622, with Elizabeth Bilby, 1634 in *IGI* (both in Beeston, Norfolk). However, it is equally possible that *Bilsby* is an altered form of *Bilby* (see **Bielby**), with an intrusive *s*.

**Early bearers:** Willmus. Bilby, 1562, Richard Bilby, 1715 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); William Bilbey, 1582 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Edward Bylbie, weaver, 1610 in *Assize Rolls* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Johanes Bilbee, 1610 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks); Willmis Bilby, 1612 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mgt Bilbe, 1617 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rowlandi Bilby, 1668 in *IGI* (Kelham, Notts); Gilbertus Bilby, 1676 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk); Thomas Bilby, 1678 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Hannah Bilby, 1733 in *IGI* (Barrow Gurney, Somerset); Thomas Bilbe, 1738 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Joseph Bilbe, 1798 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Bilcliff

Variants: **Bilcliffe**, **Bilcliff**, **Bilcliffe**, **Bilclough**, **Biltcliff**, **Biltcliffe**, **Bintcliffe**, **Binkley**, **Bintliff**, **Bentliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Surrey

English: locative name from Belle Clive in Langsett (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** The place-name Bilcliffe (WR Yorks) proposed by Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson* does not exist.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Billeclif, 1297, Thomas de Billeclyf, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardus de Bilclif, 1377, Johannes de Bilclyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Thomas Bentlycliff, 1455, John Bilclif, 1617 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizabeth Bilclif, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Biltcliffe, 1604 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Binkley, 1613 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); George Binkley, 1715 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Joseph Bentliff, 1716 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); James and Hannah Bilcliffe, Bincliffe, Bintley, 1788–93 in *WR Yorks Surnames* (WR Yorks); John Bilclough, 1842 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

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References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 331; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bilcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Surrey; Durham

English: see **Bilcliff**.

### Bilclough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Bilcliff**.

### Biles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: see **Bills**.

### Bilham

Variants: **Billam, Billham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Bilham (WR Yorks). The name appears to have migrated to East Anglia by the early 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Bilham, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Bilham, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardus de Bilham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Thomas de Bilham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton West, WR Yorks); Radulphus de Bilham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Johannes Billam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shadwell, WR Yorks); Robertus Billam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunslet, WR Yorks); Francis Billam, 1568 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Williams Billam, 1571 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Jhon Billam, 1577 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); William Bilham, 1627 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); William Bilham, 1654 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Mary Billham, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Bilmorira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): locative name, Hindu, Muslim, and Parsi, from Bilimor, in Gujarat.

### Bilk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: see **Bilke**.

### Bilke

Variants: **Bilk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bilke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickerell, Dorset); George Bilke, 1627 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset); Sarah Bilk, 1756 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); John Bilk, 1800 in *IGI* (Wootton, IoW).

### Bilkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Bilke**, which is mainly SW but not Cornish, preserving the final syllable of a Middle English inflected form.

**Further information:** The dialect words *bilcock* 'water rail, moorhen' and *bilkie* 'gristle' are N English and Scottish, and cannot be responsible for this name. However, for the former, compare John Bilducke, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Great Abington, Cambs).

**Early bearers:** William Bylkey, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lesnewth, Cornwall); John Bylky, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Endellion, Cornwall); Thomas Bylkye, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Endellion, Cornwall); Johan Bilky, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Jane Belky, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Stephen Bilkey, 1686 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Thomas Belkey, 1741 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampond, Cornwall).

### Bilkhu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bill

Variants: **Bills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1059
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bille* or \**Bile*, either a pet form of the female names *Amabil* and *Sybil* or a survival of Old English *Bil* or Old Scandinavian *Bildr*. It is attested in Willelmus filius Bille, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marton in Cleveland, NR Yorks). See also **Amable** and **Sibley**, and compare **Billson**. (ii) nickname from Middle English (Old English) *bile* 'bill, beak (of a bird)', perhaps used contemptuously of a person's nose or mouth. (iii) nickname alternatively from Middle English (Old English) *bil(l)* 'bill(hook), pruning hook, halberd', given perhaps to a user or maker of billhooks, etc. Compare **Billor** and Thomas *Bilhouk*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2). **Further information:** *Bill* does not occur as a pet form of *William* in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Bile, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Walter Bile, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Gloucs); Griffin and William Bil, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Bil, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Sewinus Bille, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Radulphus Bylle de Lyndeby, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Linby, Notts); Thomas Byle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Halliford, Middx); Johannes Bile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alton Pancras, Dorset); Alicia Byl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Hugo Byle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Seagrave, Northants); Thomas Byle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxhill, Warwicks); Johanne Byl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Johannes Byll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Petro Byl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); James Bill, 1557 in *IGI* (Gnossall, Staffs); John Bill, 1565 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Henry Bile, 1615 in *IGI* (Salisbury,

Wilts); Sarah Bill, 1648 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); John Bill, 1677 in *IGI* (Newbold, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived on or by a promontory or headland (Middle English *bile*, *bille* 'beak'), as in Bilheath in Brewood, Staffs (*the Byll*, 1567 in *Place-Names of Staffs*, 1). The examples without *atte* may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Byle, 1275, Walter atte Bille, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Mergerie Bill, 1542 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

### Billam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; also Durham

English: see **Bilham**.

### Billaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Billany**.

### Billany

Variants: **Billaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: see **Bilney**.

2 English: alternatively perhaps a variant of

**Bellamy**.

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Billard

Variants: **Bellard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Notts and Lincs

1 English: relationship name, probably in most cases a variant of **Billeyald**. Compare **Billyard**.

**Early bearers:** Audrey Billard, 1613 in *IGI* (Sweepstone, Leics); John Billard, 1655 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John Billard, 1692 in *IGI* (Pensax, Worcs); Henry Billard, 1808 in *IGI* (Workop, Notts).

2 Norman, English, French: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Billard*, representing either Old French *Bilard* (Continental Germanic *Bilhard*) or Old English *Bilheard*, both ultimately from Common Germanic \**bil* 'sword' + \**hard* 'brave, tough'. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Laurencius Billard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Alualdus Billard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Lewes Billerd, 1540 in *IGI* (Pountney, London); Margaret Billarde, 1581 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Faith Billard, 1591 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Billard, 1612 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

3 French, Huguenot: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bilard*, identical with the Norman name in (2), or from a short form of Old French *Robillard*, a pet form of *Robert*.

**Further information:** In the 16th century French iron workers settled in the Sussex and Kent weald and Walloon Protestants migrated to Kent and London. From the late 17th century Huguenot refugees also settled in Kent, London, and elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** John Byllard, iron worker, 1541 in Denization Roll, NA C67/72; Anne Biellart, 1631 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean Bilard, 1726 in *IGI* (Swanfields French Huguenot Church, Stepney, Middx); Jules Louis Billard, 1837 in *IGI* (Westminster, London).

**References:** Brian G. Awty, 'Provisional identifications of iron-workers among French immigrants listed in the Denization rolls of 1541 and 1544', *Wealden Iron Research Group Bulletin*, 16 (1979), pp. 2–11.

### Billcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Billcliff**.

### Billcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Billcliff**.

### Billen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: variant of **Billing**.

**Early bearers:** Tamazon Billen, 1624 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sicilie Billen, 1643 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Grace Billen, 1731 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Thomas Billen, 1801 in *IGI* (Cerne Abbas, Dorset).

### Biller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *biller(e)* 'maker of bills' denoting someone who made bills (halberds in a military context or billhooks and pruning hooks in an agricultural context). Compare **Bill** (2).

**Early bearers:** John Billere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry le Billere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Petrus Billere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Tho Biller, 1570 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

### Billes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Bills**.

### Billet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Billet**.

### Billeter

Variants: **Billiter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name from Old English *belle + gēotere* 'bell-founder'.

**Further information:** The corresponding French term survives as **Senter**, which Stahlschmidt confuses with *ceinturier* 'girdler'. Salzman, however, notes a 13th-century Worcester family referred to both as

*Ceynturer* and *Belleyeter*. 'The demand for bells could hardly have been large enough to enable a craftsman to specialize entirely in that branch; a bell maker would always have been primarily a founder, and according as the main portion of his trade lay in casting buckles and other fittings for belts, or pots, or bells, he would be known as a girdler, a potter, or a bell-founder.' Most of the known London bell-founders used the designation 'potter'. Ekwall notes that Ædmund Seintier, 1168, is called a moneyer. Most moneyers were goldsmiths, but occasionally other metalworkers had a die in the mint, and in some cases a bell-founder may have acted as a moneyer. Several bells were cast for Westminster Abbey by Edward FitzOdo, the famous goldsmith of Henry III. William Founder cast both bells and cannon. His trade stamp, bearing his name and a representation of two birds and a conventionalized tree, appears on a number of bells and hints at his real surname—clearly *Woodward*. In two successive entries in 1385 he is called William *the founder* and William Wodeward and in 1417 cannon were supplied by William Wodeward, *founder*. At Exeter, about 1285, Bishop Peter de Quivil assured the proper care of the bells of the cathedral by granting a small property in Paignton to Robert le Bellyeter as a retaining fee, Robert and his heirs being bound to make or repair, when necessary, the bells, organ and clock of the cathedral, the chapter paying all expenses, including the food and drink of the workmen, and these obligations were duly fulfilled for at least three generations. In 1454 a Norwich bell-founder was called Richard Brasier. See *Salzman, Industries*, pp. 145–54.

**Early bearers:** William le Belyotar', 1247 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert le Bellegeter, 1283 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alexander le Belleyeter, 1377 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Cheshire); John Bellitour, 1534 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters*.

### Billet

Variants: **Billet**, **Bylett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 640
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Somerset

English: relationship name from unrecorded Middle English personal names *\*Bilot* and *\*Bilet*, which would be predictable pet forms of the female names *Amabil* and *Sybil*. Compare **Bill** (1) and **Bilson**.

**Early bearers:** John Bilet, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas Bilet', 1361 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Anthony Bilet', 1568 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Richard Bylett, 1634 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Bilet, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Benjamin Bilet', 1665 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Mary Bilet', 1730, Richd Billitt, 1733 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Thomas Bilet', 1753 in *IGI* (Moreton, Dorset).

### Billey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs; Middx

English: see **Billy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Billham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; ER Yorks
- English: see **Billham**.

### Billimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Bullamore**.

### Billing

Variants: **Billen**, **Billings**, **Bealing**, **Boyling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1662, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1610
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Cornwall; also Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Billing*, derived from Old English *bil* 'sword'. *Billing* is rarely recorded in Old English and not noted in independent use after the Conquest.

**Early bearers:** Osebertus Billing, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Bilyng, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas Billinge, 1282 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Bilyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Braunton, Devon); Agn' Bilyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh, Somerset); Willelmus Bilyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milcombe, Oxon); Thome. Billinge, 1544 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Nycholas Billing, 1556 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); John Billing, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); John Billing, 1568, Thomas Billin, 1595 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); John Billing, 1616 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Andrew Billing, 1694 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Great and Little Billing (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Billing', 1206–20 in *Luffield Charters* (Northants); Alexander Billing, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greens Norton, Northants); Johannes Bilyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants); Johes Bylyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Helmdon, Northants); John Billing, 1599 in *IGI* (Weedon Beck, Northants); John Billen, 1686 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants).

### Billinge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Derbys, and Staffs; also Lancs

English: locative name from Billinge (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Mary de Billinge , 1272–1307 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); Rogero de Bilyngne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Lancs); Roger Billinge, 1571 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Billinge, 1588 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Isabell Billinge, 1599 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Francis Billinge, 1625 in *IGI* (Cubley, Derbys).

### Billinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Hants
- Norman, English: see **Pullinger**.

## Billingham

### Billingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3128, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1770
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Northants; also Worcs and Warwicks

English: locative name from Billingham (Durham), or Billingham in Udimore (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Billingham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William de Bilyngton, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Billingham, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Billingshurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name from Billingshurst (Sussex). The form without -s- developed early.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Byllynghurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); John Billingshurst, 1562 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Marye Byllinghurst, 1577 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); George Billingshurst, 1671 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex).

### Billings

Variants: **Billins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1860, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Leics; also Sussex

English: variant of **Billing** with post-medieval excrescent -s-.

**Early bearers:** Willo Byllyngs, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oundle, Northants); Mathew Billins, 1605 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Billings, 1646 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Billings, 1650 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Marie Billings, 1665 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs).

### Billingslea

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Billingsley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### Billingsley

Variants: **Billingsly**, **Billingslea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 801, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: locative name from Billingsley (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William Billingsley, 1541 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Richard Billingsley, 1563 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Billingsly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

English: see **Billingsley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### Billington

Variants: **Bellington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4829, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3050
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Beds

English: locative name from Billington (Lancs), Billington in Bradley (Staffs), and Billington (Beds). **Early bearers:** Robert de Billington, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam de Bilyngton, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Johannes de Bilyllyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easington, WR Yorks); Johanne de Bilyllyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Thomas Bilyllyngton, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Margeret Billington, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Frances Billington, 1576 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Richard Billington, 1582 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Robert Billington, 1599 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); Margrett Billington, 1600, Edward Billinton, 1668 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Thomas Bellington, 1644 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Elin Billington, 1651 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Bellington, 1693 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Francis Bellington, 1726 in *IGI* (Church Minshall, Cheshire).

### Billins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Billings**.

### Billiter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Billiter**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Billot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: relationship name from a pet form, *Robillot*, of the personal name **Robert**, with the first syllable lost.

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Billows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and IoW

1 English: see **Bellow**.

2 English: see **Bellows**.

### Bills

Variants: **Biles**, **Byles**, **Billes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 793
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Kent

English: variant of **Bill**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s-.

**Further information:** The lengthened vowel in *Biles* and *Byles* may have arisen from the open syllable of the Middle English form *Bile*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Billes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arreton, Hants); Thomas Bill, 1576, Richard Bills, 1612 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Maude Biles, 1589 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); William Biles, 1602 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Bills, 1629 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Richard Byles, 1739 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon); John Bills, 1793 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

### Bilson

Variants: **Bilson**, **Bilston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 455
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: locative name, in most cases probably a variant of **Bilsdon** (from the Leics place-name *Billesdon*), which is known to have given rise to a medieval surname. Alternative sources include Bilstone (Leics) and either of two places in Staffs, Bilson (recorded as *Bilston* in 1437 and *Bilson* in 1589) and Bilston (recorded as *Billestune* in 1086 and *Byllson* in 1621).

**Early bearers:** William Billson, 1627 in *IGI* (Thorpe Langton, Leics); Richard Billson, 1714, George Billston, 1741 in *IGI* (Narborough, Leics).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names; Staffs Place-Names*.

2 English: relationship name 'son of *Bille*', from the Middle English personal name *Bille* + *-son*; see **Bill**. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Bille, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Beton Bilson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley with Slowley, Warwicks); Cisia Bilson, 1573 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); John Bilson, 1676 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks).

### Billups

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name either from Billhope in Castleton (Roxburghs) or from an altered form of Bollihope (in Frosterley, Durham) with post-medieval excrescent -s-. Compare Jane Billop, 1593 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); William Billopp, 1560 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); William Billoppe, 1640 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Edward Billops, 1614 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Richard Billops, 1676, Thomas Billups, 1719, Rich Billaps, 1780 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

### Billy

Variants: **Billey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

English: locative name from any of several places called Billy, such as Billy Row in Brancepeth (Durham), recorded as *Billey* in 1334, or Billy Farm (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John de Billy and Adam Jonesmongher de Billy, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Eglington, Northumb); Johannes Billy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); John Billye, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Woolavington, Somerset); Brigett Billy, 1607 in *IGI* (Ashill, Norfolk); John Billey, 1640 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs);

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 22.

### Billyard

Variants: **Bilyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs

1 Norman, English: variant of **Billyeald**. Compare **Billard**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Billiard, also Billiald, 1619 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Joyes Billiard (bapt. 1607 in Saint Peter, Sheffield), daughter of Robert Billiard, probably identical with Robert Billiald, 1599 in *IGI* (married in Saint Peter, Sheffield, WR Yorks); Sarah Bilyard, 1792 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs), Ann Bilyeld of Cannock, 1802 in *IGI*; Robard Billiard, 1792 in *IGI* (West Markham, Notts); William Bilyard, 1796 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); Mary J. Bilyard, 1873 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts).

**2** English: relationship name possibly from the Old French female personal name *Biliard* (Continental Germanic *Bilgardis*, from \**bili* 'sword' + \**gard* 'protection, guard'). The name has not yet been found in medieval English records, however, and the following examples are more likely to belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John Bilyarde, 1588 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Billiard, 1642 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Billyeald

**Variants:** Billard, Bilyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; also Kent.

Norman, English: relationship name from an Old French form of the Continental Germanic female personal name *Bilihildis* (from \**bil-* 'sword' + \**hild-* 'battle'). In Old French and Anglo-Norman French it developed to *Bileheld*, *Billeheud*, *Bil(h)ald*, *Biliald*, *Bil(h)old*, and *Biliold*. For similar changes of vowel in the final element, compare *Isild*, *-eld*, *-ald*, *-old* under **Izzard**.

**Further information:** This surname, also found as *Billard* and *Bilyard*, appears to have its medieval origins in a single family with property in East Markham (Notts). It is still to be found in the same county but it has also migrated to neighbouring counties and as far south as London and Kent.

**Early bearers:** given names: Billeheud de Campes, 1227 in *Close Rolls*.

surnames: Henr' Bilhold, 1327, Henr' Bilyald, 1332, Thom' Biliold, 1327, Bilyald, 1332, Joh' Beliald de Estmarkham, 1450 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Markham, Notts); Robert Belyald of Est Markham, 1480 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; Robert Billiald, 1599 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Belialde, 1601 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Billiald, 1619 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Henricus Billiald, 1626 in *IGI* (West Markham, Notts); William Billiald, 1644 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); William Bilyeld, 1747 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Robert Bilyeld, 1755 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); James Bilyield, 1795, William Bilyeald, 1798 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Billiald, 1798 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Robert Billiald, 1814 in *IGI* (Nassington, Northants); Samuel Bilyeald, 1870 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Bilney

**Variants:** Billany, Billaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent

English: locative name from East or West Bilney (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bilneie, 1202–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwick); Geoffrey de Bylyne, 1273 in *Hundred*

*Rolls*; Cristiana de Bilneye, 1288–9 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Roger de Bilney, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Belneye, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Reginald de Bilneye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Isabella de Bilneye, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Henry Bilney, 1657 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Bilney, 1658 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Charles Bilney, 1708 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Robert Bilney, 1816 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Charles Bilney, 1857 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Bilsbarrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bilsborough**.

### Bilsborough

**Variants:** Bilsborrow, Bilsbrough, Bilsbury, Bilsbarrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Bilsborrow (Lancs). The name may sometimes have been confused with **Bilbrough**.

**Early bearers:** Hug' de Billesburgh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bilsborrow, Lancs); Charles Bilsboroghe, 1576 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Catherina Bilsborow, 1624 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); William Bilsborough, 1642 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Roger Billsborough, 1772, Roger Bilsbarrow, 1786 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs).

### Bilsborrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bilsborough**.

### Bilsbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Bilsborough**.

### Bilsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bilsborough**.

### Bilsby

**Variants:** Bilby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs; Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from Bilsby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bilesbi, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Henry de Bilesbi, 1154–89 *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Ralph de Bilesbi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Bilsby, 1642, Richard Bilsby, 1750 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); William Bilsby, 1760 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Bilsby, 1818 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Susanna Bilsby, 1830 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 14.

### Bilsdon

**Variants:** Bilston, Billson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: locative name usually from Billesdon (Leics) but sometimes perhaps from Bilstone (Leics). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with **Bilston** (2).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Bilsdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Illston on the Hill, Leics); Johanne de Byllesdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Stretton, Leics); Alicia de Byllesdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); William Billesdon, 1415–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwick); Nichol Billesdon, 1426 in *Paston Letters*; Robert Billesdon, 1473–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Margreta Bilston, 1595 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Bilston, 1640 in *IGI* (Cadeby, Leics); John Billesdon, 1694 in *IGI* (Great Easton, Leics); Mary Bilsdon, 1759 in *IGI* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwick); John Bilsdon, 1823 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Bilsland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Dunbarton and Stirlings

Scottish: locative name probably from Bellsland in Kilmaurs or Bellsland in Riccarton (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** John Bellisland, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Drumquassill near Drymen, Stirlings); Janet Bilsland, 1673 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh); James Bilsland, 1737 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### Bilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; also Berks; London

English: see **Billson**

**Early bearers:** Edward Bilson, 1583 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Richard Bilson, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwick); George Bilson, 1608 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Bilson, 1608, John Billson, 1676 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Leonard Bilson, 1616 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Bilston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

**1** English: see **Bilsdon** and **Billson** (1).

**2** English: alternatively a variant of **Billson** (2) with an intrusive *-t-*.

**3** English: locative name in SW England perhaps from Bilsdon in Holcombe Burnell (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Augustine de Billesden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holcombe Burnell, Devon); John Bilston, 1557 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Thomas Bilstone, 1570 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset).

### Biltcliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bilcliff**.

**Biltcliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bilcliff**.

**Bilton**

Variants: **Belton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1827, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; also London

English: locative name from any of several places called Bilton (ER Yorks, WR Yorks, Northumb, Warwicks). The Warwicks place-name is also recorded as *Beltone*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, *Beilton*, 1386 in *Place-Names of Warwicks* (see **Belton**), and the two surnames may sometimes have been confused. **Early bearers:** Robert de Bileton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Bilton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Bilton, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Johannes Bylton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); John Bilton, 1440 in *York Registry Wills* (Hull, ER Yorks); Alicia Bylton, 1574, Jacob Bilton, 1770 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); George Bilton, 1591, Edward Bilton, 1799, Frances Belton, 1858 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Bilton, 1620 in *IGI* (Saxton, WR Yorks); John Biltin, 1638, John Bilton, 1700 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Emott Belton, Alice Bilton, 1640 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Mary Bilton, 1732, Robert Bilton, 1814 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); John Billton, 1733, Joseph Belton, 1778 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Bilton, 1784 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); John Bilton, 1790 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Bilverstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: a late and unexplained name. **Early bearers:** William Belverstone, 1822 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Martha Bilverstone, 1827 in *IGI* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Anna Biloerstone, 1887 in *IGI* (South Pickenham, Norfolk). **References:** *Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 28; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 42; *TNA, PROB 11/172/305* and *C 11/2336/4*.

**Bilyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Billyard**.

**Bimpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bimson**.

**Bimson**

Variants: **Bimpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bimme* + *son*, possibly a pet-form of an Old English name like *Beornmund*.

**Early bearers:** William Bimmesone 'of Morhouse', 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Ellin Bimson, 1582 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Roger Bimson, 1626, Nicholas Bimpson, 1694 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); James Bimbson, 1750 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Nicholas Bimpston, 1850 in *IGI* (Euxton, Lancs).

**Bin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 卞 and 邊, see **Bian** (1) and (2).

**Binch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Bench**.

**Binchy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: of unknown origin. According to MacLysaght it is a 17th-century importation of an English name but, if this is right, the English etymology has not been identified.

**Binder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Essex

English: occupational name from Middle English *binder* 'binder' (Old English *bindere*), probably for a bookbinder. Compare William le Bokbynder', 1323 in *Fransson* (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Hugh le binder, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Byndere, 1278 in *London Letter Books B*; John Binder, 1573 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Laurance Binder, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); John Binder, 1581 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Thomas Binder, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Oliver Binder, 1609 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

**Binding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps, in Somerset, a variant of **Bindon**. Compare Barbara Bindon or Byndon, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Taunton Saint Mary Magdalene, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Richard Binding, 1625 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Mary Binding, 1704 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

**Bindless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bindloss**.

**Bindley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Warwicks

English: see **Binley**.

**Early bearers:** Johes Bindley, 1577 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Anna Bindley, 1688 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

**Bindloss**

Variants: **Bindless, Binless, Bendelow, Bensley, Binsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs

English: nickname, occupational name perhaps for a wolf hunter, from Middle English *binden* 'bind' + Middle English (Old French) *loues* 'wolves'. Plurals are most unusual in phrasal nicknames. The more regular singular form occurs in the name of John Byndeloue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), for which see **Bensley**, and is synonymous with **Truslove** (see **Trussler**). The preposition in the 1302–3 example could alternatively point to a lost place-name but it is more likely to be a scribal error. The earliest examples are from the NR Yorks and WR Yorks border (Ripon, Sharow, and Langthorpe are almost neighbouring settlements), and the surname persisted in NR Yorks until the late 17th century, but its subsequent history belongs mainly to NW England, where it first appears in the previous century.

**Early bearers:** John Byndelows, 1221 in *Ripon Memorials* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Rob. Byndelowys, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Alan and John Byndlouies (printed as Byndlomes), 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langthorpe in Kirby Hill, NR Yorks); Robert Byndlosse, 1303 in *Yorks Survey* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Joh. de Byndelays, 1302–3 in *Register of Archbishop Corbridge*; Johannes, Robertus Byndlowys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharow, WR Yorks); Willi. Binlowes, 1588 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Robart Byndlos, 1593, Peter Byndlosse, 1596 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Francis Byndlosse, 1623 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Peter Bindloss, 1664, Christopher Bindless, 1696 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); George Binless, 1738 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); George Binless, 1781 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

**Bindon**

Variants: **Bendon, Bending, Binding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare

English, Irish: locative name from Bindon in Axmouth (Devon) or Bindon in Wool (Dorset). **Further information:** A member of the family settled in Ireland, and the name became fairly common in County Clare.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bendone, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Bindon in Axmouth, Devon); [ . . . de] Benedon, 1311 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Robert Bendyn, 1316 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Somerset); [ . . . de] Bynydon, 1333 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Robert Bindon, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Elizabeth Bindon, 1571 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Bindon, 1614, Ann Bending, 1802, Robert Bendon, 1829 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margaret Bendon, 1620, Mary Bindon, 1736, Susannah Binden, 1770 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Richard Bending, 1636 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Susan Bending, 1637 in *IGI* (Meare,

Somerset); Henry Bindon, 1744, John Bending, 1762 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 636; *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 189–90.

### Bindra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Byne**.

### Bines

Variants: **Binnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Byne** or **Binn** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Peter Bines, 1598, Peter Bynes, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Edward Bynns, 1599, William Bynnes, 1605, William Bines, 1675 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); John Bines, 1622 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex).

### Binet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 English: possibly a variant of **Bennett**; compare Thomas Binnet, 1588 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Binet, 1600 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); James Binet, 1723 in *IGI* (Algarkirk, Lincs). 2 Channel Islands: from the French surname *Binet*, of unexplained origin but associated in the Middle Ages with the provinces of Maine and Touraine.

**Early bearers:** Philippe Binet, 1825 in *IGI* (Saint Mary, Jersey).

### Biney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Binney**.

### Binfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Berks

English: see **Benfield**.

### Binford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Binneford in Crediton (Devon) or Binneford in Sandford (Devon).

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Binneford, 1249, [... de] Bynneford, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Bynford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William Binford, 1607 in *IGI* (Willand, Devon); John Binford, 1632 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); John Bynford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 407, 411.

### Bing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Byng**.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 甯, see **Ping** (3).

### Binge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: see **Benge**.

### Bingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6635, Ireland 858
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks; also Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Louth; Mayo

English: locative name from Bingham (Notts).

**Further information:** The Bingham family of Melcombe Bingham in Dorset is traced back to Robert de Bingham from Notts, recorded in 1273, whose descendants included the Earls of Lucan. The 3rd Lord Lucan, George Bingham (1800–88), was commander of the cavalry at Balaclava. A branch of the family was established in Ireland, where they gave their name to Binghamstown in County Mayo. Sir Richard Bingham (c.1528–99) was Marshal of Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Bingham, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts, Derbys); William de Bingham, 1257 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Byngham, 1433 in *Assize Rolls* (London).

Ireland: George Byngham, knight, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4732.

### Bingle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elynor Bingle, 1585 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); Bryan Bingle, 1591 in *IGI* (Micheldean, Gloucs); William Bingle, 1628 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Bingle, 1712 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

### Bingley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 815
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bingley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Aliz de Bingeleia, 1185 in *Templars Records*; William de Byngeleye, 1339 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Richard Bingley, 1541 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

### Binham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Devon
- English: locative name from Binham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Binham, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); James Binham, 1604 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Binham, 1609 in *IGI*

(Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Mary Binham, 1626 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Binham, 1705 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Joseph Binham, 1744 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Binion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: see **Beynon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Binions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: variant of Welsh **Beynon** with post-medieval excrement -s. Compare **Benians**.

**Early bearers:** John Benyon, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5807.

### Bink

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk; London

English: reduced form of **Binks**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Binkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Bileliff**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Binks

Variants: **Bink**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2331, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1767
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also Essex and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name from Middle English *benk*, *bink* (Old Scandinavian \**benkr* or a scandinavianized form of Old English *benc*) 'ledge, terrace, bank', more commonly found in the plural than the singular form in Middle English. Compare **Bank** and **Bench**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Benkys, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishop Thornton, WR Yorks); Alan del Bynck, Thomas del Bynkys, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thringarth, NR Yorks); Simon at the benk, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Janeta Bynkes, 1548 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Edward Bynkes, 1560 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Edmond Bynkes, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johes Bynkes, 1569 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); John Binks, 1578 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); John Bynckes alias Banckes or Bynkes, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Hanslope, Bucks); Roger Bynkes, 1599 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Rowlandi Binks, 1600 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Michael Binks, 1605, James Binckes, 1617 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); James Binke, 1640 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Samuel Binks, 1677 in *IGI* (Bobbingworth, Essex); Mary Binks, 1711 in *IGI* (Haverhill, Suffolk); Jane Bink, 1720 in *IGI* (Auckland

## Binless

Saint Helen, Durham); William Bink, 1761 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Binless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm
- English: see **Bindloss**.

### Binley

Variants: **Benley, Binsley, Bindley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Binley (Warwicks), Beanley in Eglingham (Northumb), Beenleigh in Diptford (Devon), or Benley Cross in Chulmleigh (Devon).

**Further information:** Reaney treated Binley and Benley separately but the early place-name spellings and examples are too similar to allow this.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Benleia, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Adard de Beneleg, 1221 in *Select Pleas* (Worcs); Ralph de Bineleg, 1224–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Isabella de Bynnelegh, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 325; Henry Benle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Bynleye, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); William de Benley, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Hebburn, Northumb); Matilda de Benlay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scale Lane and Beverley Gate, ER Yorks); John Benley, 1417 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Benlegh' the elder, and John Benlegh' the younger, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Down, Devon); William Benley, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan, City of London); William Binley, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); Johis. Binley, 1641 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks).

**References:** see *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 293.

### Binmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Binnamore in South Brent (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Grace Benmore, 1608, Elyzabeth Binmore, 1635 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Lawrence Binmore, 1614 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); John Benmore, 1794 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

### Binn

Variants: **Byne, Bines**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Lancs

1 English: locative name, occupational name perhaps from Middle English (Old English) *bin(ne)* 'stall, manger', for someone who lived at a place so named or who worked as a herdsman. Compare **Binnas**, probably a plural form of this name. Names below lacking the preposition may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus del Byne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Rogerus Byn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); John Binn, 1731 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Binne*, Old English *Bynna*, of uncertain origin. Compare **Binney**.

**Early bearers:** Missa Binne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Is. Binn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uckington, Gloucs); Robert Byn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Richard Byn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toddingworth, Sussex); Johannes Byn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bilsington, Kent); Johannes Byne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Norfolk); Agn' Byne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hartley Dummer, Berks); Willm Binn, 1607 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); John Binn, 1629 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

### Binner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) occupational name perhaps for a maker of bins, for corn, meal, bread, etc., from a hypothetical Middle English \**binner*, a derivative of Middle English *bin* 'bin' + *-er*. (ii) locative name the only Middle English examples so far recorded (all from Sussex) may alternatively derive from a topographical sense of **Binn** or **Byne** + *-er*, for someone who lived at a place so called.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Bynere, 1296, Thomas le Byner, 1327, John and Thomas Byner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sompting, Sussex); Johis. Binner, 1598 in *IGI* (Sellack, Herefs); Anne Bynner, 1629 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Cadwalader Byner, 1636 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Robti. Binner, 1700 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Elizabeth Binner, 1710 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 186–7.

### Binnersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Binsley**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Binnersley, 1778 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops).

### Binnes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Essex

1 English: see **Binns**.

2 English: see **Bines**.

### Binney

Variants: **Binny, Binnie, Biney, Binning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; WR Yorks and Derbys

1 English: see **Benney**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Binny, 1628 in *IGI* (Whitestone, Devon); Mary Binny, 1662 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); John Binney, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Bin(n)y* (Old English *Bynni*, of uncertain origin), also sometimes appearing as Middle English *Bynne*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that *Binney* was a family name in Ulley (WR Yorks) from the early 1400s.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Bini, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Bynny, William Bynny, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morthen, in Rotherham, WR Yorks); Willelmus Bynny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Bynne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulley,

WR Yorks); Thomas Bynne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Bynny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Robert Bynny, 1471 in *York Registry Wills* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Aden Binny, 1583 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Bynnye, 1595 in *Feet of Fines* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Willia Bynnye, 1606 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Catherine Binney, 1655 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

3 Scottish: locative name from Binney in Uphall (W Lothian). The older form **Binning** also survives.

**Early bearers:** William de Binin, 1243 in *Melrose Chronicle* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Friar John Benyng, 1388 in *Scotland Calendar* (Torphichen, W Lothian); Symon de Bynninge or de Benyn, bailie of Aberdeen, 1396–8 in *Aberdeen Register*; John Binnie, 1574 in *Retours, Scotland* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Margaret Binny, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

4 English: locative name occasionally from a place named after Old English *binnan ea* 'within (surrounded by) the stream', such as Binney Fm in Hoo All Hallows or Binny Cottages in Tonge (Kent), though the Cambs and Norfolk examples must refer to different locations. It is not certain if any of these produced hereditary surnames.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Binay, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph de Bynne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Alicia Binye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Hugo Bynny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Nathaniel Binney, 1614 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Binney, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Binney, 1669 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Benjamin Binney, 1670 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

### Binnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1658, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1248
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Stirlings; also Midlothian

Scottish: see **Binney**.

### Binning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Fife; W Lothian

1 English: see **Benning**.

**Early bearers:** Gorge Benning, 1778 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); Gulielmus Binning, 1692, Jonas Benning, 1871 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

2 Scottish: older variant of **Binney**.

**Early bearers:** William Benning, 1568 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johnne Binning, 1596 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johnne Binning, 1616 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Agnes Binning, 1638 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife).

### Binnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Binnington in Willerby (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Benington', 1194 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); William de Binnington, brother of Jervaulx Abbey, 1286 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Christofer Bynningeton, 1570 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Anna Binnington, 1624 in *IGI*



(Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); John Binnington, 1720 in *IGI* (Great Driffeld, ER Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 117–8.

### Binnion

- Current frequencies: GB 163, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 66
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Warwicks
- Welsh: see **Beynon**.

### Binns

Variants: **Binnes**, **Bins**

- Current frequencies: GB 4490, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 4948
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: locative name from a locality in the Morley Wapentake of WR Yorks, perhaps Binns in South Oworm or more likely High Binns in Oxenhope, which is close to Haworth, where the earliest evidence of the surname occurs. *Place-Names of WR Yorks* notes a Leonard Binns of Binns Farm in Oxenhope in 1763. The place-name is probably a plural form of Middle English *binn* ‘stall, manger’, see **Binn**.

Early bearers: Johannes de Bynnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Richard Byns, 1545 in *Thoresby Society* 11 (Haworth, WR Yorks); John Binns, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Robert Binns, 1666 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 90, 103, 264.

### Binny

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus; Cornwall
- English: see **Binney**.

### Bins

- GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; SE England
- English: see **Binns**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Binskin

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Benskin**.

### Binsley

Variants: **Binnersley**

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: W Midlands; ER Yorks and NR Yorks

English: (i) variant of **Bindloss** with metathesis of *-s-* and substitution of *-ley* for *-low*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records John *Binlus* alias *Binsley*, 1655 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Bedale, NR Yorks), and William *Benlowes*, *Binslow*, or *Billoes*, 1628–49 in *Parish Registers* (Pickhill, NR Yorks). *Tooth* (3, p. 37) notes the currency of *Bindloes* and *Bindloss* in modern Staffs, where *Binnesley* also occurs. Compare **Bensley**. (ii) the Staffs name may alternatively be a variant of **Binley** with an intrusive *-s-*.

Early bearers: Georgii Binsley, 1599 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Rob. Binslow, 1641 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Thomas Binnesley, 1838 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

### Binstead

- Current frequencies: GB 386, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 283
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Benstead**.

### Binsted

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 100
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Hants, and Kent
- English: see **Benstead**.

### Bint

- Current frequencies: GB 490, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 277
- Main GB location 1881: Berks, Oxon, and Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Bent**.

Early bearers: Alicia Bynt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Thome Bint, 1577 in *IGI* (Fladbury, Worcs); Johannis Bint, 1583 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks).

### Bintcliffe

- Current frequencies: GB 134, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 83
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Bilcliff**.

### Bintley

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Bentley**.

Early bearers: Ja Bintley, 1673 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Bintley, 1780 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Bintley, 1791 in *IGI* (Checkley, Staffs).

### Bintliff

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: variant of **Bilcliff**.

### Binyon

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 143
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- Welsh: see **Beynon**.

### Biram

Variants: **Bayram**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Byrom**.

### Birbeck

- Current frequencies: GB 608, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 466
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham, Cumb, Lancs, and Westm
- English: see **Birkbeck**.

### Birch

Variants: **Byrch**, **Burch**, **Berch**, **Britch**

- Current frequencies: GB 16506, Ireland 276
- GB frequency 1881: 12182
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Staffs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny; Monaghan; Down

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) birch(es)’, from Middle English *byrche* (Old English *birce*, *byrce*), or for someone who came from a place named with this word, such as Birch (Essex) or Birch (in Manchester, Lancs), where a family of this name held land. See also **Birks**.

Early bearers: Walter de la Birche, about 1182 in *Worcester Red Book* (Worcs); Richard de Birches, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ralph atte Birche, Richard del Birche, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Birch, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William de la Burch, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Burch, 1309 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Suffolk); William in le Byrchez, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardo del Birches, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Johannes in the Birches, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pillaton, Staffs); Willimi Birch, 1539 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Anne Birch, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); William Birch, 1556 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); John Birch, 1557 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); Ryc. Birch, 1562 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

References: *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 185, 191.

### Birchall

Variants: **Birchell**, **Burchall**, **Burchell**, **Burchill**

- Current frequencies: GB 4503, Ireland 119
- GB frequency 1881: 2938
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Birchill (Derbys) or Birchills (Staffs).

Early bearers: Richard de Byrchulle, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus de Byrchall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tyldesley, Lancs); Marg’ de Byrchel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); John Birchall, 1548 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Rauffe Birchell, 1613 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Richard Burchill, 1663 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Mary Birchall, 1669 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Joshua Birchill, 1697 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

### Bircham

Variants: **Burcham**, **Barcham**

- Current frequencies: GB 440, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 288
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from Great Bircham, Bircham Newton, or Bircham Tofts (Norfolk).

Early bearers: Radulfi de Brecham, 1204, William Bricham, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John de Bercham, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Fakenham, Norfolk); John de Brecham, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (South Creake, Norfolk); Stephen Brycham, 1421–2, John Bircham, 1678–9 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thome Burcham, 1597 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Robert Bircham, 1657 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); Benjamin Burcham, 1791 in *IGI* (Carleton Rode, Norfolk).

### Birchard

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7

## Birchell

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Burchett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Birchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Birchall**.

## Birchenall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Birchenough**.

## Birchenough

**Variants:** **Birchenall, Birchnall, Burchnall, Birtchnell, Bursnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Birchenough near Stockport (Cheshire).

**Further information:** The forms in *-hough* generally remained close to the area of origin, whilst the names of the diaspora in E England tend to have *-(h)all*.

**Early bearers:** . . . del Byrchenhalgh, 1354 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*, p. 156; Roger Burchinall, 1571 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Alize Birchenhaugh, 1575 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Anne Berchenhough, Birchenhough, 1619, Thos. Berchinough, 1624 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Luke Burchenall, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Hughe Birchenhough, 1637 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Joseph Birchinough, 1662 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); James Birchenough, 1700 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); John Burchnall, 1706 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Francis Bursnell, 1706, Elizabeth Burchnall, 1746 in *IGI* (Stretton, Rutland); Mary Bursnell, 1741 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Francis Burchnell, 1750 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); John Birchinough, 1752 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Birchnough, 1754, Esther Birchenall, 1760 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); John Burchenough, 1782 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Fanny Birchenuff, 1797 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Birtchnell, 1797 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland).

## Bircher

**Variants:** **Burcher, Bourchier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from Bircher (Herefs) or Birchover (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Byrchover, Richard de Birchowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William de Birchovere, 1331 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Jeremy Birtcher, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

## Birchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Burchett**.

## Birchfield

**Variants:** **Burchfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs

English: locative name either toponymic from Birchfield (Staffs), Birchfields (Lancs), or any of various minor places called *Birchfield*, or topographic from Middle English *birche*, *byrch(e)* ‘birch’ + *fe(i)ld* ‘open country’.

**Further information:** No medieval evidence for the name has been found.

**Early bearers:** Nicklys Borchfield, 1608 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Thomas Birtchfold, 1639 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); Robert Birchfeild, 1664 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey); John Burchfield, 1773 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); William Birchfields, 1841 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Birchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Gloucs; also Kent

English: from Birchley Farm in Bockleton (Worcs) or Birchleys in Pebmarsh (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William de Byrchleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Bircheleye, 1361 *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Byrcheleg, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willm. Birchley, 1563 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Elizabeth Birchley, 1574 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Petri Birchley, 1587 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Abraham Birchley, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Birchley, 1613 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

## Birchmore

**Variants:** **Burchmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: locative name from Birchmore (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Birchemor, Elias de Birchemor, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Exhall, Warwicks); Henrico de Birchemor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); William Birchmore, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Richard Birchmore, 1566 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Thomas Birchmore, 1593 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); John Birchmore, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Saint Albans, Herts).

## Birchnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lancs

English: see **Birchenough**.

## Birchwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Kent

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) birchwood’, Middle English *birch(e)*, *birk(e)* + *wode* (Old English *birce* + *wudu*).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Birchwude, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Eustace de Birchwde, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Saier atte Birchwode, 1342 in *Place-Names of Essex* p. 223; Helena Birchwood, 1585 in *IGI*

(Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Gartrett Birchwood, 1594 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Richard Birchwood, 1611 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Maria Birchwood, 1632 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Birchwood, 1636 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex).

## Bircumshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

## Bird

**Variants:** **Byrd, Byrde, Birds, Bride, Burt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28490, Ireland 544
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22379
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Meath

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *brid*, *bird(de)* ‘bird’. (ii) occupational name, possibly a shortened form of *Birdclever* ‘bird catcher’, borne, for example, by Robert Birdclever, 1427 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks) and William Burdclever, 1495 in *York Freeman’s Register*. Compare **Fowler**.

**Early bearers:** Ernald Brid, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Brid, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Ralph le Brid(d), 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert le Brid(d), 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Bird, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Margaret Birde, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Bird, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Bride alias Birde, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for any of a number of Irish names erroneously thought to contain the element *éan* ‘bird’, in particular *Ó hÉinigh* (see **Heagney**), *Ó hÉanna* (see **Heaney**), *Ó hÉanacháin* (see **Heneghan**), and *Mac an Déaghanaigh* (see **McEneaney**).

**Early bearers:** Philip Birde, merchant, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2502 (Dublin).

## Birdi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Birds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Bird** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Birdsall

**Variants:** **Burdsall, Birdsall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Birdsall (ER Yorks) or Breadsall (Derbys). The name has probably been confused with **Beardsall**.

**Early bearers:** William de Bridesdale, 1167 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Robert de Bridesal, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Byrdsall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Thomas Birdsall, 1446 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Anthonii Birdsall, 1576 in *IGI*

(Hackness, NR Yorks); Jayn Birdsall, 1618 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Henry Birdsell, 1687 in *IGI* (Cayton, NR Yorks); Thomas Birdsell, 1692 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks).

### Birdsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Birdsall**.  
2 English: see **Beardsall**.

### Birdsey

Variants: **Birdseye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bardsey, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); George Burdsey, 1580 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); Dorothy Birdsey, 1583 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); John Birdsey, 1588 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Thomas Burdsey, 1591 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Robert Birdsey, 1614, Elenor Burdsy, 1713 in *IGI* (Maidis Moreton, Bucks); Mary Birdseye, 1620, Priscilla Birdsey, 1624 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Danielis Birdsey, 1624, Danielis Burdsey, 1627 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks).

### Birdseye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Essex
- English: see **Birdsey**.

### Birdwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) wood frequented by birds', Middle English *bird*, *brid* + *wode* (Old English *bridda* + *wudu*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bridewode, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Burdwood, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Biring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Indian: see **Birring**.

### Birk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Burke**.

### Birkbeck

Variants: **Birbeck**, **Burbeck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 423
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from Birkbeck Fells in Orton (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Birkbek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); George Birkebek, 1464 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Birtbek, 1471 in *York*

*Freemen's Register*; Henrie Birkbeck, 1557, Margaret Birbeck, 1588 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Barbary Birbeck, 1590 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Richard Burbeck, 1608 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Robt. Birkbeck, 1621 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Birkbeck, 1625 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Willm Birkbeck, 1648 in *IGI* (Romalldkirk, NR Yorks); Eliz Burbeck, 1680 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Mary Birbeck, 1774, John Burbeck, 1783, James Berbeck, 1808 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb); Jane Burbeck, 1788 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland); George Berbeck, 1804, George Birbeck, 1808, George Burbeck, 1814 in *IGI* (Egglestone, Durham).

### Birkby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of various places called Birkby (NR Yorks, WR Yorks, Lancs, Cumb).

**Early bearers:** William de Bretteby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Birtby, 1462 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Birtbye, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Birkenhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Birkenhead (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Birchenhead, 1559 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Tho. Birkenhead, 1560 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Georg Birkinhead, 1631 in *IGI* (Hargrave, Cheshire); Thomas Burchinhead, 1657 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Thomas Birkenhead, 1760 in *IGI* (Coppull, Lancs); Thomas Burkenhead, 1808 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Birkenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Birkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Birks**.

### Birket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm; also Northumb; Lincs

English: see **Birkett**.

### Birkett

Variants: **Birket**, **Birkitt**, **Birkhead**, **Brickett**,

**Burkitt**, **Burkett**, **Borkett**, **Borkwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4278, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb, Westm, and Lancs; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) birch-covered headland', northern Middle English *birke* + *he(ve)d*, *haved* (Old English *birce*, influenced by Scandinavian *birki* + Old English

*hēafod* or Old Scandinavian *hofuð*). There are many minor places in N England named from this compound. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the main source of the surname in NW England and WR Yorks may have been Birkhead, near Kendal (Westm), citing Richard Birkhede of Halifax, who, when he died in 1543, had interests in Wakefield and Kendal.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Birkeheved, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farndale, NR Yorks); John de Birkhaved, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kildale, NR Yorks); Robert de Birkheued de Kendale, 1327, John Birkehede, 1442 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willmi Birkett, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); William Birkett, 1558, Jane Birkhead, 1581, Jane Brickett, 1619 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Hugh Birkett, 1564, Rychard Birkhead, 1566 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Simonis Birkhead, 1565 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Agnes Birkhead, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Berkett, 1593 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Elizebeth Birkett, 1594 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Henrice Birkett, 1602 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks).

### Birkhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Birkett**.

### Birkhill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Burkill**.

### Birkin

Variants: **Berkin**, **Burkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 586
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Staffs, and Leics

English: locative name from Birkin (WR Yorks). The name had presumably migrated to S England by the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Yorks and N Midlands: John de Birekin, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Byrkyn, before 1228 *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Willelmus, Johannes de Byrkyn, Thomas de Birkin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Birkin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, WR Yorks); Thomas de Birkin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beal, WR Yorks); Oliverus de Byrkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birkin, WR Yorks); Henricus de Birkin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campshall, WR Yorks); Robertus de Byrkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hirst Courtney, WR Yorks); Johannes de Birkin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littlethorpe, WR Yorks); Richard Birkin, 1581 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); John Birkin, 1609 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Richarde Berkin, 1620 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); James Berkin, 1651, Isaaci Birkin, 1701, Luke Birken, 1762 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Anna Birkin, 1664 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Richard Burkin, 1706 in *IGI* (Barlston, Staffs). S England: Thomas Burkin, 1588 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Burkin, 1595, Andrew Berkin, 1672 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Richard Birkin, 1632 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Thomas Birkin, 1665 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); John Burkin, 1671 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Richard Berkin, 1677, Robert Burkin, 1705 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

**Birkinshaw**

Variants: **Burkinshaw, Birkenshaw, Burkenshaw, Bircumshaw, Bertenshaw, Burtenshaw, Burtonshaw, Burtinshaw, Burkimsher, Buttenshaw, Buttonshaw, Buttanshaw, Brigginshaw, Briginshaw, Briggenshaw, Bringshaw, Brockenshaw, Brokenshaw, Brokenshire, Bruckshaw**

- Current frequencies: GB 873, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 560
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Derbys and Notts

English: (i) locative name from Birkenshaw (WR Yorks). (ii) locative name from Birtenshaw alias Birkenshaw (Lancs).

Early bearers: William del Birkenschawe, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Birchynshawe, 1408 in *London Letter Books I*; Richard Brekyنشawe, 1500 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 314; Leonard Byrkenshay, Byrtyنشaw, Byrkynshay, 1542–58 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, Yorks); Richard Burtenshaw, 1637 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; Thomas Birkenshire, 1739 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Birkitt**

- Current frequencies: GB 218, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Birkett**.

**Birkley**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 108
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

English: see **Barclay**.

**Birkmyre**

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 9
- GB frequency 1881: 46
- Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Birkmyre (Dumfriess).

Early bearers: Michael of Byrkmyr, 1432 in *Laing Charters* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Byrkmyr, 1485 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Birkmyre, 1612 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

References: *Black*.

**Birks**

Variants: **Birkes, Berks, Berkes, Burks, Burkes, Brick, Breck, Bricks**

- Current frequencies: GB 2945, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1981
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Birks (in Cumberworth, WR Yorks) or from a minor place of this name in another county, named from Middle English *birkes*, *berkes* ‘the birches’. In Staffs the name may have been interchangeable with **Birch**.

Early bearers: Richard del Birkes, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Agnetis Birks, 1544, Thomas Burks, 1568 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Johanna Berkes, 1556 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Radi Birks, 1582 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Thomas Birkes, 1575 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Robart Birkes, 1577 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks);

Richardi Birkes, 1578 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Tho. Birks, 1593 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); Lorence Birks, 1594 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); John Burkes, 1614 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Robt. Birks, 1635 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Elizabetha Berks, 1661 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Birleson**

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; WR Yorks

English: see **Burletson**.

**Birley**

Variants: **Byrley, Berley, Burley**

- Current frequencies: GB 592, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 455
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: locative name from Birley (in Ecclesfield, WR Yorks), East or North Bierley (WR Yorks), or Birley (Derbys). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that in post-medieval records the WR Yorks surname was frequently spelled *Burley*.

Early bearers: Simon de Byrley, 1169 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert de Birl before 1260 *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); John de Birl, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henricus de Byrlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Aug' de Byrlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); John Byrley, 1407 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**Birlison**

- GB frequency 1881: 3

English: see **Burletson**.

**Birmingham**

Variants: **Bermingham, Burningham, Burmingham**

- Current frequencies: GB 1026, Ireland 242
- GB frequency 1881: 741
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Clare, Tipperary, and Offaly

English: locative name from Birmingham (Warwicks).

Further information: This surname was brought to Ireland from England by Robert de Bermingham in 1170 and established by his son Piers, conqueror of Connacht, from whom another branch of the family derive the surname **Corish**.

Early bearers: England: Peter de Bremingeham, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Gilbert de Bermingeham, 1271–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John de Burmyngham, 1333 in *King's Bench Cases* (Warwicks); John Bermyncham, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; An Bermingham, 1613 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Gerrald Birmingham, 1723 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs).

Ireland: William Bremingham, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth §37* (Killyane, Meath); William Bremyngham, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth §260*; Patrick Bremicham, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth §374*; Shane McCorishe alias Bremigham, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth §715*.

**Birn**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26

- Main GB location 1881: E Lothian
- Scottish: see **Birne**.

**Birney**

- Current frequencies: GB 310, Ireland 182
- GB frequency 1881: 103
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone and Fermanagh; Antrim

- 1 Irish, Scottish: from **Mac Biorna**, see **Burney**.
- 2 Scottish: variant of **Birnie**.

**Birnie**

Variants: **Birney**

- Current frequencies: GB 1644, Ireland 47
- GB frequency 1881: 1221
- Main GB location 1881: W Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Birnie (Morays), earlier recorded as *Brenath*.

Early bearers: William de Byrneth, canon, 1463 in *Dunfermline Register* (Morays); Nicholas Birne, 1514 in *Laing Charters*; William Byrny, burgess, 1558 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Birnie, 1604 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

References: *Black; Watson, Celtic Place-Names*

**Birns**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Dumfriess

Scottish: variant of **Birne** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Scotland: William Birns, 1738 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

England: Thomas Birns, 1809 in *IGI* (Powick, Worcs); Jno. Birns, 1810 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**Biron**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Middx; Staffs

English: see **Byrom**.

**Birrane**

- Current frequencies: GB 123, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick

Irish: from Ó Bioráin ‘descendant of *Biorán*’, a diminutive of *bior* ‘stake, spit, spear’. A variant of Ó Bearáin, see **Barron**.

Early bearers: Neall O'Byrrin, horsekeeper, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth §4358*; Dermot O Byrran, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth §6565* (Ballenchellie); Morogho O Birrane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth §6566* (Ballyealy); Dermot O Birrain, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth §6583* (Bansagh).

**Birrel**

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 157
- Main GB location 1881: Fife; Lanarks

Scottish, English: see **Birrell**.

**Birrell**

Variants: **Birrel**

- Current frequencies: GB 1815, Ireland 30
- GB frequency 1881: 1459

- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- Scottish, English: mainly Scottish variant of **Burrell** (1).

### Birring

Variants: **Biring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on a Jat clan name.

### Birse

Variants: **Birss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Aberdeens, and Kincardines

Scottish: locative name from Birse (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Duncan de Byrss, burgess, 1462 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Birse, 1597 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Birse (Briss or Birce), 1688 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Birss, 1762 in *Brechin Testaments* (Montrose, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

### Birss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardineshire

Scottish: see **Birse**.

### Birstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Burstall**.

### Birt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1442, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: see **Burt**.

### Birtchnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Hunts

English: see **Birchenough**.

### Birtle

Variants: **Birtles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: locative name from Birtle (Lancs). The name may sometimes have been confused with **Bartle**.

**Early bearers:** Ane Burtle, 1623 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Joseph Birtle, 1698 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); William Birtil, 1715 in *IGI* (Yafforth, NR Yorks); Richd. Birtle, 1724 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); John Birtill, 1786 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Birtill, 1849 in *IGI* (Holme, Westm).

### Birtles

Variants: **Brittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1409, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Westm

English: (i) locative name from Birtles (Cheshire). (ii) post-medieval variant of **Birtle** with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Byrchlis, 1240–57 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Henry Birteles, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Albrighton, Shrops); [ . . . ] Birthelees, 1418 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Robert Byrtylles, 1537 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Byrtels, 1569 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Edwardi Birtles, 1614, Eduard Bertles, 1620 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Birtles, 1624 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Randle Bertles, 1640, John Burtles, 1644 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire). **References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 72.

### Birtley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from any of several places called Birtley, such as Birtley in Chester le Street (Durham) and Birtley in Ticklerton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Birtel, late 12th century in *Durham Liber Vitae*; John de Birteleye, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); George Birtley, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Birtley, 1682 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Samuel Birtly, 1667 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Margaret Birtly, 1704 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops).

### Birtwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Birtwistle**.

### Birtwhistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Birtwistle**.

### Birtwisle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Birtwistle**.

### Birtwistle

Variants: **Birtwhistle**, **Birtwisle**, **Bertwistle**, **Burtwistle**, **Birtwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1354, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost place called *Birtwisle* in Padiham (Lancs), or from Bristwistle in Thornhill (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Brerethwysel* in 1243, or from a lost *Brerethwysel* in Wath on Dearne (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Briddestwysill, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Briddestwysle, 1329 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); John Brittwissill, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Birtwisill, 1460 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); James Birtwistle, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Wylliamus

Burtwisle, 1583 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Gulielmus Birtwisle, 1615 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Burtwisle, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); George Birtwisle, Jonas Birtwell, 1627 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Anne Birtwisle, 1634, George Birtwell, 1720 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Martha Burtwell, 1647, Mary Burtwistle, 1697 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Bertwhistle, 1731 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Pendle, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 80; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 120; 2, p. 211; *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 133–4.

### Bisacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Gloucs and Warwicks

English: see **Bisseker**.

### Bisbrown

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Baisbrown**.

### Bisby

Variants: **Beesby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Beesby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Beseby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); John Besbie, 1543 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Simeon Bisby, 1610 in *IGI* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Michael Bisby, 1627, John Bisbie, 1664 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Roberti Beesby, 1629 in *IGI* (Willoughby with Sloothby, Lincs); Sarah Bisby, 1718, Martha Bisbey, 1730 in *IGI* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Richard Bizby, 1738 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks).

### Biscoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: locative name possibly from Burscough (Lancs), or from some unidentified place named with Old Scandinavian *birki-skógr* 'birch-wood', for which compare the anglicized name of Thomas Birkyschaghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** William Bircowce, 1441 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Biscowce, 1463 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Bisco, 1564, Edward Biscoe, 1569 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Thomas Bisco or Bysco, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Little Missenden, Bucks).

### Biscomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Biscombe**.

### Biscombe

Variants: **Biscomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also WR Yorks

## Bisgood

English: locative name from Biscoombe in Churchstanton (Somerset) or from a lost or unidentified place with a similar name.

**Further information:** *Reaney and Wilson* gave the source as ‘Biscoombe near Hemyock (Cornwall)’, but Hemyock is in Devon and Biscoombe is in nearby Churchstanton parish (formerly in Devon but now in Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John Byscom, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Breock, Cornwall); Richardi Biscom, 1619 in *IGI* (Nursling, Hants); Richardi Biscoombe, 1622 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall); Robt. Biscoomb, 1694 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks).

### Bisgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: see **Peasgood**.

### Bisgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name apparently from an unidentified place in or near Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Alice Besgrove, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Long Sutton, Somerset); George Besgrove, 1684 in *IGI* (Westwood, Wilts); John Bisgrove, 1732 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Henry Besgro, 1758 in *IGI* (Ashcott, Somerset).

### Bish

**Variants:** **Bysh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Notts

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) thicket’, from Old English *\*(ge)byscye*, surviving in Bish Wood (Sussex) and Bysshe Court (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** John de Labisse, 12th cent. in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); John Bische, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Ralph ate Byshe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Byche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ebury and Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Bysse or Bosshe, 1522 in *PROB 11* (Uckfield, Sussex); John Bish, 1626, William Bishe, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Worth, Sussex).

### Bishell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bushell**.

### Bishenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Great Bishopsden in Benenden (Kent), which is recorded as *Byshoppynden* in 1476. There may have been some confusion with **Brissenden**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Bissepinden’, 1240 in *Kentish Place-Names* (Kent); Joh’es de Bisshoppinden’, 1327, Peter de Bisshoppinden’, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barclay hundred, Kent); William Bysshopynden’, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Egerton and Pluckley, Kent); John Bysshopynden, 1499, Robert Bisshoppenden,

1523, Joan Bisshoppynden, 1531 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Tenterden, Kent); William Bisshoppynden, 1513 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Loar Bissenden, 1584 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Susan Bissenden, 1611 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Margery Bishenden, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Bishenden, 1662, Edward Bishendon, 1665, Mary Bissenden, 1667 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); James Bishonden, 1820 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 155; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 347; *Cranbrook Wills*, pp. 25–6.

### Bishop

**Variants:** **Bishopp, Bisshopp, Bisp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27144, Ireland 466
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20778
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Down
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *bissop*, *biscop* ‘bishop’, for someone with the appearance, bearing, or manners of a bishop, sometimes perhaps for a young lad who had been elected boy bishop for the traditional Saint Nicholas’s Day festivities.

**Early bearers:** Algar se Bisceop, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Thurstan le Byssop, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas le Byssop, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Rich. Bishop, 1539 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Henry Bishop, 1542 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Richard Bishop, 1548 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Hugo Bishop, 1562 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Alicia Bishop, 1565 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Sara Biship, 1682, William Bishop, 1686 in *IGI* (Redisham, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name from the rare Middle English (Old English) personal name *Biscop* ‘bishop’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Biscop, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); Bissop, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Bissop atte Combe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). surnames: Lefwinus Bissop, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts).

3 Irish: adopted for **Mac Giolla Easpaig**, see **Gillespie**.

### Bishopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Bishop**.

### Bishton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from any of various places called Bishton (Shrops, Staffs, Gloucs, Monmouths), Bishopstone (Herefs, Bucks, Wilts), or Bishopton (Warwicks, WR Yorks, Durham).

**Early bearers:** William de Bissopeston’, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Worcs); Frarin de Bissopeston’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Matilda de Bissopeston’, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Judath Bishton, 1662 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs); Anne Bishton, 1663 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs); Wm. Bishton, 1704 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Ruth Bishton, 1720 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Bishton, 1756 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks).

### Bisiker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Bisseker**.

### Bisla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bisland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Glasgow
- Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jean Bissland, 1760 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Thomas Bissland, 1761 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Elizabeth Bisslan, 1827 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Dunbartons).

### Bisley

**Variants:** **Bizley, Beesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Berks, and Gloucs

1 English: locative name from any of the places called Bisley (Gloucs, Surrey), Bisseley (a lost place in Coventry parish, Warwicks), and perhaps an identified place in Norfolk, Suffolk, or Essex. See also **Beesley** (1).

**Early bearers:** Leofric de Biselai, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); William de Bysleg’, 1252–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Byseleye, 1372 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Alicia Byseleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Siddington, Gloucs); Johes Bisley, 1576 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Thomas Bisley, 1577 in *IGI* (Lea Marston, Warwicks); Hester Bisley, 1617 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Judith Bisley, 1643 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Honour Bisley, 1726 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); George Bizley, 1741 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Wilts).

2 English: see **Beesley** (2).

**Early bearers:** Alice Bisley, 1569, Robt. Beesley, 1671 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Henry Bisley, 1681, Michll Beesley, 1722 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Bismillah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic phrase *b-ismi-llāh* ‘in the name of God’, an invocation widely used before any undertaking, also representing the fuller *b-ismi-llāhi r-rahmāni r-rahīmi* ‘in the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful’, recited several times a day as part of Muslim prayers.

### Bisp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Bishop**, if evidence such as John Bisp, 1680 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs), points to an intermediate form and is not an error.

**Early bearers:** John Bisp, 1625, Thomas Bisp, 1704 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

**Bispham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from either of two places in Lancs, namely Bispham near Blackpool (*Bischopham*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*) or Bispham in Croston.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bispeham, 1347, de Bispham, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants, Lancs); Willelmo de Bispham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); William Byspham, bailiff, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); William Byspame, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Switthland, Leics); Isabell Bispam, 1545 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Edward Bispame, 1599 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Henry Bispam, 1601 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

**Biss**

Variants: **Bess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *bis* 'brownish or dark grey' (Old French *bis*), denoting someone with a dark complexion or who wore dark clothing. Compare **Bisset**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Bys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); William Bys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Byse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tormoham, Devon); Godefridus le Bys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Scudamore, Wilts); Willelmus Bisse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Blunsdon, Wilts); Waltero Byse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Roger Biss, 1607 in *IGI* (Westbury sub Mendip, Somerset); William Biss, 1631 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

**Bisseker**

Variants: **Bisiker**, **Bisacre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Bessacarr (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Beseacra, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Bysacle, 1382 in *York Freeman's Register*; Anne Bissiker, 1667 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwick); William Bisiker, 1769 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Maria Bissacre, 1798 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

**Bissell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 882
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwick

English: see **Bushell**.

**Bisset**

Variants: **Bissett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1836, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2313
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens, Angus, and Fife

Norman, Scottish: nickname from Old French *biset* 'dark', a diminutive of *bis* (see **Biss**).

**Further information:** The surname was brought to Scotland from Notts in about 1175 by Henricus Byset,

an Englishman who became a retainer of King William the Lion.

**Early bearers:** England: Manasser Biset, 1155–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* Bury (Suffolk); Ernulf Biset, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Amey Bissett, 1564 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); William Bisset, 1614 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Patience Bissitt, 1790 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Margaret Bisatt, 1829, Emma Bisset, 1846 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Henricus Byset, before 1198 in *Melrose Register*; Walter Biset, 1226 in *Glasgow Register*; Walter Byset, 1249 in *Dunfermline Register* (Musselburgh, Midlothian); William Byseth, 1292 in *Newbattle Register* (Mertoun, Berwick); Thoas. Bisset, 1573 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jonett Bisset, 1574, Mawns Bissett, 1587 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Bisset, 1592 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Abacuk Bisset, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrik Bisset, 1600 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Cristiane Bissatt, 1625 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); John Bissitt, 1677 in *IGI* (Caputh, Perths).

**Bissett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1729, Ireland 274
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens, Lanarks, and Dumfries; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Norman, Scottish: see **Bisset**.

**Bissey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: nickname from Middle English *bisi* 'busy; fully occupied; rushing about' (Old English *bysig*). **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Byssye, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Andrew Bissie, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**Bisshopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Bishop**.

**Bissill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts
- English: see **Bushell**.

**Bissmire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bismare*, *bismere* (Old English *bismar*, *bismor*) 'an object of ridicule or contempt, a wretch'. The 1812 example could belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William Bysmere, 1407 in *London Letter Books I*, Bysmare, 1412 in *London Letter Books I*; George Francis Bismire, 1812 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Bessemer**.

**Bisson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 545
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Jersey

Norman, French, Channel Islands: locative name from a regional form of French *buisson* 'bush', or from a place named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Colin du Buisson, 1331 in *Extente de Jersey*; sire Helier Bisson, 1550 in *Jersey Chantry Certificate*; Guille Bisson, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Brelade, Jersey); Moise Bisson, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

**References:** <http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Bisson>.

**Biswas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *viśvāsa* 'trust'.

**Biswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: (i) locative name possibly from a lost or unidentified place named with Old English *\*bēos* 'coarse grass' + *wella* 'spring, stream'. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Boswell**.

**Early bearers:** John Biswell, 1594 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); James Biswell, 1697, Sarah Biswell, 1700 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey).

**Bithel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints and Denbighs; Lancs

Welsh: see **Bithell**.

**Bithell**

Variants: **Bethell**, **Bethel**, **Abethell**, **Bythell**, **Bithel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Flints, and Denbighs

Welsh: relationship name from *ab Ithell*, *ab Ethel* 'son of Ithel' (see **Ithell**, **Ethell**), with fused patronymic marker (*a*)*p*, normally voiced before a vowel. Early examples are truly patronymic, not hereditary.

**Early bearers:** Amicia and Walter Bethel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Lewlyn ap Ithel, 1325 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Radnors); Richard ap Thomas ap Jethell, 1578–9 in *Ancient Deeds* (Flints); Griffith ap Ethel, 1537 in *Early Chancery Proceedings* (Denbighs); Nicolas Bithell, 1568 in *IGI* (Pencoche, Herefs); John Bethell, 1571 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Richard Bethell, 1582 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Morris Bethell, 1610 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Bithell, 1620 in *IGI* (Holt, Denbighs); Bartholomew Bithell, 1633 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Bethall, 1724 in *IGI* (Mansell Lacy, Herefs); Sarah Bethal, 1734 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); John Bithell, 1781 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints).

**Bitmead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of **Bidmead**.

## Bittle

### Bittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Pembrokes; Gloucs; Glasgow

English: see **Bettle**.

### Bittles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: variant of **Bettle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Beetles, 1594 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); William Bettles, 1742 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds); Anne Bittles, 1808 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Bittleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham

English: see **Bittlestone**.

### Bittlestone

**Variants:** **Bittleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Biddlesden (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bitletsden, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Thomas Bittlestone, 1632 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Joseph Bittlestone, 1679 in *IGI* (Haydon, Northumb); Elizabeth Bittlestone, 1764 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Henry Bittlestone, 1780 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Adam Bittlestone, 1794 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

### Bitton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk

1 English: locative name perhaps from Middle English *bittem*, a phonological variant of *botme* 'bottom'; compare **Bottom**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bytyme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wyllm Bytton, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Johanna Bitton, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk); Alice Bytten, 1602 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Ambroses Byttine, 1608 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Danielle Bittaine, 1631 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Rebecca Bittin, 1682 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Bitton (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Baldewin de Bitton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Robert de Byttone, 1371 in *London Letter Books G*; Mary Bitton, 1700 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset); Isaac Bitton, 1737 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Biven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Gloucs and Somerset

Welsh: see **Bevan**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bivens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

Welsh: see **Bevans**.

### Bivins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks

English: see **Bevins**.

### Bixby

**Variants:** **Bigsby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: locative name perhaps from Bittesby (Leics), recorded as *Bettesby*, 1383, *Bittesby*, 1507 in *Place-Names of Leics*. The village was depopulated in 1494 to make way for sheep pastures. The pronunciation of the surname as *Bekysby* (1459), *Bixby* (1539) may have arisen when the name migrated away from Leics. Alternatively, *Bixby* might be an altered form of **Bigby** or **Bixley**, a Suffolk name.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bekysby, 1459 in *Sudbury Wills* (Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk); Nicholas Bixby, 1539, William Bixby, 1652, Hannah Bixby, 1740 in *IGI* (Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk); Susan Bigsbye, 1583 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Alicia Bixbie, 1601 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); George Bixby, 1627 in *IGI* (Little Waldingfield, Suffolk); Richard Bigsby, 1639 in *IGI* (Fordham, Cambs); John Bigsby, 1670, Hannah Bigsby, 1760 in *IGI* (Coggeshall, Essex); Elizabeth Bixby, 1691 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk).

**References:** Keith Briggs, personal communication; *Place-Names of Leics* 5, p. 25.

### Bixley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Kent, Essex and Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Bixley (Norfolk), recorded as *Biskele*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

Sometimes the name may have been confused with **Bickley**. See also **Bixby**.

**Further information:** The Suffolk and Essex name originated in a single family from Bixley in Norfolk. For their association with this place, rather than Bixley (Heath) in Suffolk, see *Blythburgh Cartulary*, p. 11.

**Early bearers:** William de Biskeley, 1203–4 in *Feet of Fines* (East or West Ham, Essex); Segerus de Biskele, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey de Biskeley, 1229–30 in *Feet of Fines* (Theburton, Suffolk); Geoffrey de Biskele, 1234–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Maplestead, Essex); John de Byskelee, 1294–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Clementia de Byskele, 1315–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Gisleham, Suffolk); William Byxlee, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heveningham, Suffolk); Annes Byxley, 1568 in *IGI* (Dunwich, Suffolk); James Bixley, 1718 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk);

Hannah Bixly, 1734 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk); Arthur Bixley, 1853 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex).

**References:** Keith Briggs, personal communication.

2 English: see **Bexley**.

3 English: the Kent name could otherwise be an altered form of **Bickley** (from Bickley, Kent), with intrusive *-s-* through contamination with **Bexley**.

### Bizley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Bisley**.

### Bizzell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, London, Berks, and Oxon

English: variant of **Bissell**; see **Bushell**.

### Blaber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname probably for a gossip, from Middle English *blabber* 'a teller of secrets', or possibly for someone who mumbled or talked nonsense, from Middle English *blaberer* (shortened to *blaber*) 'one who speaks incoherently or foolishly'. **Further information:** McKinley suggests that the Sussex name somehow became confused with **Blaker** in the 16th century, but the names are quite separate in origin. It is not unusual for families to be known by more than one surname at that time, as may be the case here.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Blaber, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Blaber, 1233 in *Charter Rolls*; Will' Blabir, 1304, Ric' Blaber, 1316, Nich' Blaber, 1321 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Willelmus Blaber, 1310 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Blabour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Johannes Blabour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); John Blaber, 1576 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Susan Blaber, 1625 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

Scotland: David Blaber, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspett Blaber, 1616 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Isabel Blaber, 1747 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex* p. 259–60.

### Blabey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: see **Blaby**.

### Blaby

**Variants:** **Blabey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, and Northants

English: locative name from Blaby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Blaby, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de blaby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Hugone de Blaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); John Blaby, 1508–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Alce Blaby, 1564 in *IGI* (Castor,



Northants); Edwd Blaby, 1722, Mary Bleby, 1734 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs).

### Blacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English: see **Blatcher**.
- 2 French: locative name for someone who lived by an oak grove, originating in the south-eastern French dialect word *blache* 'oak plantation' (said to be of Gaulish origin), originally a plantation of young trees of any kind.

**Early bearers:** Albert Napoleon Blacher, born in Paris, in *Census 1911* (Clerkenwell, London).

- 3 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): occupational name for a tinsmith, a Yiddishized form of Polish *blacharz* or Ukrainian *blyakhar*.

**Early bearers:** Yetta Blacher, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Moses Blacher, diamond polisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Blachford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Blatchford**.

### Black

Variants: **Blacke**, **Blake**, **Blagg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27399, Ireland 4202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19285
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

1 English: nickname from Middle English *blac* (Old English *blæc*) 'black', i. e. dark complexioned. See also **Blatch**.

**Further information:** Wlfricus Niger (about 1080, in *Tengvik*) is said to have received this nickname because he once went unrecognized among his foes after blackening his face with charcoal.

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Blac, Niger, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts, Devon); Godebertus le blac, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Carmarthen); Thomas Blac, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Edericke le Blacke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Black, 1560 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Rychard Black, 1560 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); John Black, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Black, 1562 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Anna Black, 1564 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs).

Scotland: Adam the Black, 1303 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanark); Thomas Blak, 1376 in *Morton Register*, *Scotland* (Rahill); James Blak and William Blake, 1498 in *Lanark Records* (Lanark, Lanarks); Janet Blak, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Pitir Black, 1608 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

2 Scottish: in Gaelic-speaking areas this was adopted as a translation of the epithet *dubh* 'dark, black-(haired)', or of various other names based on Gaelic *dubh* 'black', see **Duff**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donald Black, 1671 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll); Alexander Black, 1704 in *IGI* (Cromdale, Inverness); Neill Black, 1708 in *IGI* (Jura, Argyll).

3 Jewish: probably adopted as a translation of a like-meaning or for a like-sounding name in some other European language.

**Early bearers:** Israel Black, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Barnett Black, commercial traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Poplar, Middx); Hyman Black, draughtsman born in London, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Isaac Black, cabinetmaker, 1893 in *Directory of UK Jews* (Bootle, Lancs); Isaac Black, tailor, 1895 in *Preston Jewish Community* (Preston, Lancs); Israel Isaac Black, printing canvasser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911*.

### Blackaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: unexplained; it appears to be from Middle English *blak* 'black' + *abbeie* 'abbey', perhaps in allusion to a Dominican friary, for which compare the Black Abbey in Kilkenny, Ireland, founded by the Earl of Pembroke in 1225.

**Early bearers:** Henry Blackabie, 1561, Thomas Blackabye, 1562, Agnes Blackabey, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Agneta Blackaby, 1604 in *IGI* (Longstow, Cambs); John Blackerby, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Wilton, Norfolk); Pernell Blackabe, 1674, Daniell Blackabee, 1677 in *IGI* (Hatley Saint George, Cambs); Daniel Blackaby, 1694 in *IGI* (Hinxworth, Herts); William Blackeby, 1709 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts).

### Blackadder

Variants: **Blacketer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Berwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Blackadder (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Adam of Blacathathir, 1477 in *Scotland Calendar*; Charles Blakater, 1486 in *Scotland Calendar*; Robert Blacader, first archbishop of Glasgow, 1492 in *Glasgow Register*; Adam Blackadder, 1701 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helen Blackadder, 1789 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

### Blackah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Blakey**

### Blackall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon

English: see **Blackhall**.

### Blackaller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Blackler**.

### Blackamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Blackmore**.

### Blackband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lincs
- English: probably a variant of **Blackburn**; compare **Blackbond**.

**Early bearers:** Martha Blackband, 1708 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Adam Blackband, 1719, Thomas Blackburn, 1748, Ellen Blackband, 1750 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Joseph Blackband, 1768, Samuel Blackburn, 1769 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Blackbird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *blak* 'black' + *berd* 'beard' (Old English *blæc* + *beard*). Compare William Brouneberd, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Willelmus Whytberd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Willelmus Redberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Brunstanus Blachebiert, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William Blacberd, 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Blakeberd, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Blakebird, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardo Blakeberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilmark, Wilts); Kathern Blackbeard, 1572 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); John Blackbird, 1622 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Martha Blackbird, 1645 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Henry Blackbird, 1669 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Richardus Blackbird, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Blackbeard, 1688 in Chancery document, *TNA* (Slingsby, NR Yorks); Math Blackbird, 1706 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Blackborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs
- English: see **Blackburn**.

### Blackboro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Blackborow**.

### Blackborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Blackborow**.  
2 English: see **Blakeborough**.

### Blackborow

Variants: **Blackboro**, **Blackborough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Essex, Middx, and Kent; Warwicks

English: locative name from any of several places named from Old English *blæc* 'black' or *blāc* 'pale' + *burh* 'stronghold' or *berg* 'hill, mound' (there is often confusion between these elements), such as

## Blackbourn

Blackborough (Devon, Norfolk), or perhaps Blackberry in Westerleigh (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Blakeberg', 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Simon de Blakeberwe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas, Henry de Blakebergh, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Ixworth, Suffolk); William Blakebery, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); Henry Blacbery, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Blackeborrowe or Blackborow, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Edington, Wilts); Thomas Blackborowe, 1589 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Thomas Blackborough, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Wimborne Saint Giles, Dorset); Nathaniell Blackbrough, 1608 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Johem. Blackberry, 1614 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Tho Blackburrow, 1677 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); John Thomas Blackboro, 1844 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts).

### Blackbourn

Variants: **Blackbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Blackburn**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blackborne, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Louth, Lincs); Robert Blackburne or Blackborne, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Newport in Lincoln, Lincs).

### Blackbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs

English: see **Blackbourn**.

### Blackbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Blakeborough**.

### Blackburn

Variants: **Blackburne**, **Blackbourn**, **Blackborn**, **Blagburn**, **Blakeborough**, **Blakeburn**, **Blackband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13162, Ireland 324
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11255
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; also Tipperary and Limerick

English: locative name from Blackburn (Lancs), with reference to the township, the parish, the hundred, or to Blackburnshire in the Duchy of Lancs. The name was sometimes altered to or confused with **Blakeborough**, and may also appear as *Blackbarn* and *Blackband*.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry de Blakeburn', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); William de Blakeburn, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo de Blakeburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Willelmo de Blackburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Johannes de Blakburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Matilda de Blakbourne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Blakburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks); John Blakeburn', 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johes. Blakeburne, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Kateren Blakeburne, 1561 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Alicie Blagborne, 1583 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Robert Blagburn, 1584 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Thomas Blackburn, 1628 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs); Tho.

Blackbarn, 1717 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Robert Blackburn, 1774, Ann Blackbond, 1780 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

Ireland: Thomas de Blakbourn, 1354 in *Patent Rolls*.  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Blackburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone; Antrim; Meath

English: see **Blackburn**.

### Blackden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: see **Blagden**.

### Blacke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: see **Black**.

### Blackell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) black hill', Middle English *blak* + *hil(le)*, *hul(le)*.  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert ate Blakehulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert de Blakhill, 1347 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Blakell, 1456 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Blacker

Variants: **Blaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1288, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Wexford; Kerry

1 English: locative name from Blacker, a minor place-name in Crigglestone in Sandal (WR Yorks), recorded as *Blackerre* in 1306.

**Further information:** There are two other minor place-names called Blacker in WR Yorks, one in Worsbrough (recorded as *Blakeker* in 1199), and the other in Northowram (lost, recorded as *Blacker* in 1307), but there is no evidence that either of these gave rise to surnames.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Blacker, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Robert Blakker, 1458 in *York Registry Wills* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Agnes Blaccar, 1548, Katheren Blacker, 1563 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Blacker, 1567 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Issabella Blacker, 1617 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *blakere*, *blakkere*, the meaning of which is disputed. Fransson explained it as a derivative of Middle English *blaken* 'to blacken' (from Old English *blæc* 'black'). The nature of the occupation is unclear, but it may have involved making black ink or dyeing cloth black. Reaney, however, noting that the same Wilts man in 1313 was called *le Blakkere* and *le Blecchere*, argued that *Blakkere* meant 'bleacher' (see **Bletcher**) and that the source is an unrecorded

Middle English \**blaken*, a hypothetical side form of *blechen*, from Old English *blæcan* 'to whiten'. Reaney may be right but the evidence remains ambiguous, since *Blecchere* could alternatively represent a SW dialect pronunciation of *blachere* 'one who makes things black' or 'one who makes ink'. See **Blatcher** and compare **Blaxter**. For a comparable formal and semantic ambiguity see **Blake**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le blaker', 1291 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Essex); Roger le Blackere, 1312, le Blakkere, le Blecchere, 1313 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Wilts); William Blaker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter le Blacker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walterus Blakere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Agnes Blaker, 1553 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Thomas Blacker, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Compton Bishop, Somerset).  
**References:** *Fransson* pp. 108–9; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 259–60; information from Rod Blaker (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Blacketer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Blackadder**.

### Blackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1641, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks; also Westm

1 English: nickname from Middle English *blak* 'black' (Old English *blæc*) or 'fair' (Old English *blāc*) + *hed*, *heved* 'head'. See also **Black**. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blakeheuede, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Blakhed, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Blackett, 1540 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Jhoannes Blackett, 1550, Richarde Blacket, 1563 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Elizabeth Blackett, 1560 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Elizabeth Blackett, 1563 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Henricus Blackett, 1564 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Margaret Blacet, 1603 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *blak* 'black' + *hod* 'hood'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Blachod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Blakhod, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk).

3 English: nickname from a diminutive of **Black**, with the French suffix *-et*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Blachet, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); Robert Blachet, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); William Blaket, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); William Blaket, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

### Blackey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: see **Blakey**.

### Blackford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1452, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1074
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Wilts and Berks; Devon; Worcs

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Blackford Farm in Herstmonceux (Sussex), Blackford Farm in Castle Eaton (Wilts), Blackford (Somerset), and Blackford House in Tanworth in Arden (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Blakeford', 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Blakeford, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Rogo de Blakeforde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Richard atte Blakeforde, 1314 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); John de Blakeford, 1321 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Sidwill Blackford, 1556 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Edward Blackford, 1583 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Henrie Blackford, 1622 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 482; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 24; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 295.

### Blackhall

**Variants:** Blackall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 533
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also Morays and Berwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Longford
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Blackhall, in the regality of Garioch (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** William Blackha, 1407 in *Inverness Antiquarian Notes* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty); William Blackhall, 1499 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; William Blakhall, coroner and forester, 1547 in *Retours, Scotland* (Garioch, Aberdeens); Mariorie Blackhall, 1642 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).
- 2 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) dark nook', Middle English *hale*, with the common confusion with *hall*.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Blakehall, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph de Blackhale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Rogeri Blackhall, 1539 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Doritie Blackhall, 1616 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Blackhall, 1621 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Ralph Blackhall, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras Soper Lane, London); John Blackhall, 1650 in *IGI* (Mapledurham, Oxon).

### Blackham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1049, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 718
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Blakenham (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Benedictus de Blakeham, 1135–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Benedict de Blakeham, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Cutbarti Blackham, 1558 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Gregory Blackham, 1600 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Margaret Blackham, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Samuall Blackham, 1689 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jonah Blackham, 1717 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

### Blackhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 524
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- English: locative name, toponymic from any of various minor places named Blackhurst (Cheshire, Shrops, Kent) or Blackhurst Farm (Cheshire), or

topographic for someone who lived '(by the) black wooded hill', Middle English *hirst(e)*, *hurst(e)* (Old English *hyrst*).

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Blakhurst, de Blakehurst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Father Rondulph Blackhurst, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Roger Blackhurst, 1557 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); William Blackhurst, 1583 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Thomas Blackhurst, 1588 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Blackie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1176, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Lowlands: esp. Midlothian, E Lothian, and Berwicks
- 1 Scottish: nickname diminutive of **Black**. **Early bearers:** John Blakye, 1506 in *Dunkeld Rentale* (Clunie, Perth); William Blakie or Blakyie, 1547, 1566 in *Midlothian Charters* (Leith, Midlothian); David Blakie, burgess, 1590 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Lanark, Lanarks); Helene Blackie, 1646 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian).
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *blak* 'black' + *eye* 'eye' (Old English *blæc* + *ēage*). Compare **Brunyee**, **Greeney** (1), and **Whitty** (2). **Early bearers:** Henricus Blackeye, felon, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Blakheye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Reginaldus Blakheye, 1327, Johannes Blakeye, 1332 in *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names* (Norfolk); Joane Blackie, 1580 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Rich Blackie, 1623 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Lionell Blackie, 1633 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); Willm Blackie, 1638 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Blackie, 1674 in *IGI* (Alvingham, Lincs).
- References:** *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names*, p. 13.

### Blackiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Blackstone**.

### Blacklaw

**Variants:** Blackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from any of several Scottish places named Blacklaw (in Banffs, Angus, and Perth) or Blacklaws in W Lothian, or possibly Blakelaw in Linton parish, Roxburghs. See also **Blacklaws**. **Early bearers:** Catherine Blaklaw, 1573 in *Scottish Armorial Seals*; Thomas Blaklaw, 1626 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elspeth Blaklaw, 1636 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helein Blaklaw, 1655 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Janet Blacklaw, 1733 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Blacklaws

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** E coast of Scotland: esp. Kincardines

Scottish: locative name from Blacklaws (Fife), Blacklaws (W Lothian), or from a lost place so named (perhaps in Kincardines).

**Early bearers:** William Blacklawis, vicar, 1497 in *Aberdeen Register* (Durriss, Kincardines); Robert Blacklaws, 1689 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); Elizabeth Blacklaws, 1700 in *IGI* (Marykirk, Kincardines); Alexander Blacklaws, 1717 in *IGI* (Farnell, Angus).

### Blackledge

**Variants:** Blackledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 894, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) dark stream', Middle English *blak* + *lech(e)* (Old English *læcc* 'a stream flowing through boggy land'). **Early bearers:** John del Blakelache, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Robertus Blakelache, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Richard Blacklach, 1473 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 30; Tho. Blackledge, 1559 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Evan Blakledge, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Jennet Blakeledge, 1727 in *IGI* (Rivington, Lancs).

### Blacklee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northants; Lancs
- English: see **Blakeley**.

### Blackler

**Variants:** Blackaller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 563
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Blackler (Devon), where the surname occurs as *Blakalre* in 1333 (*Place-Names of Devon* p. 521). **Early bearers:** John Blakaller, 1431 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Devon); John Blackaller alias Blacklawe, 1693, Agnes Blacklar, 1715 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

### Blackley

**Variants:** Blaikley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 811
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Antrim; Fermanagh
- 1 Scottish: possibly a variant of **Blacklaw** with substitution of *-ley* for *-law*. The following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2), if Black is right that the name in Scotland derives from English migrants. **Early bearers:** Margaret Blaikley, 1669 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mungo Blaikley, 1687 in *Lanark Testaments*; Ninian Blackley, 1690 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Mary Blackley, 1701 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnas Blackly, 1702 in *IGI* (Livingston, W Lothian); Charles Blackley, 1715 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess); John Blackley, 1786 in *IGI* (Comrie, Perth); Hugh Blackley, 1820 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings).
- 2 English: see **Blakeley**.

### Blacklidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0

## Blacklock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Blackledge**.

### Blacklock

**Variants:** **Blakelock, Blaiklock, Blaylock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1418, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1269
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *blāk + lok(e)* (Old English *blæc + locc*), probably for someone with black hair even though *blāk* might mean either 'black, dark' or 'pale' (see **Black**; compare **Whitelock**).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Blaklok, 1269 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Peter Blacloke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Blakelok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Blakeloke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Robert Blaykelok, 1431 in *York Freemen's Register*; John Blacklock, 1567 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Richard Blacklock, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Layer de le Haye, Essex); John Blackelocke, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Westbury, Somerset); Jane Blayklock, 1672 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb); Robert Blaylock or Blacklock, 1721 in *IGI* (Lanercost, Cumb).

### Blackman

**Variants:** **Blakeman, Blackmon, Blackmun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4960, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3632
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Middx, Hants, and Wilts

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Blakman* (Old English *Blæcmann* 'black' + 'man'), which remained fairly common until the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Blacheman filius Ædwardi, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Blakemannus son of Wudeman, 1191x1213 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*. surnames: Jordanus filius Blakeman, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Blakeman, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Stephen Blacheman, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Blacman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Blakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorley, Hants); William Blakman, 1477 in *PROB 11* (London); Roberte Blackman or Blakeman, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); James Blackmon, 1690 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Mary Blakeman, 1805, Thomas Bleakman, 1809 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Blackmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Blackmer**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blackmer

**Variants:** **Blackmar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Blakmer* (Old English *Blæcmeār*, from *blæc* 'black' + *mære* 'famous').

**Early bearers:** given names: Blachemer, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops).

2 English: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Blackmore End in Kimpton (Herts), Blakemere (Herefs), and Blackmoor (Hants), which is recorded as *Blachemere* in 1168.

**Early bearers:** William de Blakemere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Kateryna de Blakemere, 1296 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts); Thomas de Blakemere, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyborne hundred, Kent); John Blackmere, 1704 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Edmond Blackmer, 1766 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Elizabeth Blackmer, 1812 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Anne Blackmer, 1825 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Harriett Blackmer, 1829 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 16.

3 English: variant of **Blackmore**.

### Blackmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Worcs

English: see **Blackman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blackmoor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks; Middx; Somerset and Devon

English: see **Blackmore**.

### Blackmore

**Variants:** **Blackmore, Blackmoor, Blackmer, Blackamoor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5993, Ireland 194
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

1 English: locative name from any of numerous places called Blackmore, Blakemore or Blackmoor, such as Blackmoor Vale (Dorset), Blackmore in Cannington (Somerset), and Blakemoor in Shelton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Baldewin de Blakomor, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Philippum de Blakemor, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Nicholas de Blakemore, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Oliver de Blakemor, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Galfridus Blakemour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Blakemore, 1547 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Henry Blackmore, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Blackmore, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Saint Chadd Shrewsbury, Shrops); Walter Blackmore or Blakemore, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Vintry, City of London); Maria Blakmore, 1600 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); David Blackmoore, 1601 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Humphridi Blakemoor, 1663 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Mary Blackmur, 1668, Mary Blackmore, 1683 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Jonathan Blackmore, 1795, Jonathan Blackmur, 1795 in *IGI* (Needham, Norfolk).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *blak*, *blakke* 'black' + *Mor* 'Moor', signifying someone with a dark complexion (see *OED* at *blackamoor*). Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** William Blakomere, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William le Blacomere, 1375 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Johanne Blakomere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Blakomere, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Partney, Lincs); John Blackamore, 1556 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Agnes Blackamoore or Blackamore, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Shipton Moynes, Gloucs).

### Blackmun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Blackman**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Blacknall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Blacknell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blacknell

**Variants:** **Blacknall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Kent; Notts

English: locative name apparently from Blakenhall in Caldwell (Derbys), Blakenall (Staffs) or some lost or unidentified place similarly named.

**Further information:** Note also Blacknell's Spring in Sacombe (Herts).

**Early bearers:** John Blacknall, 1555 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Blacknell, 1588 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Edmond Blacknal, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Samuel Blacknall, 1688 in *IGI* (Lambley, Notts).

### Blackney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Kent; Lanarks; Cornwall

English: see **Blakeney**.

### Blackoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Blacow**.

### Blacksell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Blaxall**.

### Blackshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1711, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: locative name from a lost place called *Blackshaw Gap* in Rainow (Cheshire) or, possibly, from Blackshaw (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Blakeshae, 1285, [... de] Blacshawe, 1296 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*

(Cheshire); Jacobus Blackshaw, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Radolphus Blackshawe, 1576 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); John Blackshaw, 1580 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Rauffe Blackshawe, 1590 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Blackshawe, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Thorpe le Soken, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 142; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 197.

### Blackshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Blackshire, 1764 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Henry Blackshire, 1794 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

### Blacksmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from Middle English *blaksmith* 'blacksmith', denoting one who worked in iron.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Blakesmyth, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Woburn, Beds); Ad' Blakesmyht, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chute with Conholt and Shaw, Wilts); Franncis Blacksmith, 1569 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Thos. Blacksmith, 1656 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Matthew Blacksmith, 1773 in *IGI* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Peter Lucas Blacksmith, 1810 in *IGI* (Heaton Norris, Lancs); Benjamin Bacon Blacksmith, 1850 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk).

### Blackson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the nickname or surname **Black** + *-son*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Blakson, parson, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Catfield, Norfolk); George Blackson, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Swavesey, Cambs); Richard Blackson, 1603 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); George Blakeson, 1697 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Tho'S Blackson, 1790 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).

### Blackstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Dumfriess and Argyll); also NW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down; Galway

1 Scottish: locative name believed by Black to be from a lost or unidentified minor place in Scotland. **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Blackstock, 1517 in *Midlothian Charters*; John Blakstok, 1549 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marione Blackstock, 1629 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Blakstok, 1641, Robert Blackstock, 1738 in *Dumfriess Testaments* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

Elizabeth Blackstock, 1696 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); John Blackstock, 1701 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights); Thomas Blackstock, 1721 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks); John Blackstock, 1724 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

England: Adam Blakstok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rockcliffe, Cumb).

Ireland: John Blackstock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Castlerahan, Cavan); James Blackstock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh).

**References:** *Black*.

2 English: locative name, perhaps also occasionally from a place so called in England, such as Blackstock Farm in Hellingly (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Willmo de la Blakestok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walto de Blakestokk', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); John Blackstock, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Niniand Blackstock, 1606 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); John Blackstock, 1661 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Mary Blackstock, 1711 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Blackstock, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 443.

### Blackston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks

English: see **Blackstone**.

### Blackstone

**Variants:** Blackston, Blakeston, Blakiston, Blackiston, Blaxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name from Blackstone in Woodmancote (Sussex), recorded as *Blaxton* in 1373.

**Early bearers:** William de Blakstan, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Sara Blaxton, 1580 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Isaac Blackstone, 1599 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Georgij Blackston, 1637 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from Blaxton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Blakeston, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas Blaxton, 1582 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Margaret Blackstone, 1596 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jacobus Blakiston, 1621, Thomae Blakeston, 1641 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Christopher Blakestone, 1737 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: locative name from Blakeston (Hall) in Norton (Durham).

**Early bearers:** William Blaxton, 1577, Robert Blakiston, 1582 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Margeria Blaxton, 1592 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Eleanor Blakeston, 1604 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Ralph Blakestone, 1608 in *IGI* (Sedgfield, Durham); Francisci Blackston, 1627, Anne Blakeston, 1679 in *IGI* (Barton, NR Yorks); John Blackston, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Blackston, 1637 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

4 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) black stone', Middle English *blak* + *ston(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Philip Atteblakeston', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); George Blackstone, 1576 in *IGI*

(Sixhills, Lincs); George Blackstone, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Zacharia Blackstone, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

5 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name \**Blakston* (Old English *Blæcstān*, from *blæc* 'black' + *stān* 'stone'). The following surname bearers may alternatively belong under (4).

**Early bearers:** given names: Blackstan, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex).

surnames: William Blacston', Blakeston', Blackstan, 1235–42 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Willelmus Blacston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex).

### Blacktin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Blagden**.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* states that *Blackden* alias *Blackdin* was established in Sheffield in the early 17th century, and records *Blacktin* as a variant in the 1720s. *Reaney, Dictionary* relates that in the 20th century one branch of a Sheffield (Greystones) family called *Blackden* adopted this form, another branch adopting the form *Blagden*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Blacktin, 1775 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Blacktop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *blac* 'black' + *top* 'top, tuft of hair, head'.

**Further information:** Compare the names of William Silketoppe, 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs), Richard Silvertop, 1388 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham), Hugh Whittoppe, 1323 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lancs), and Ralph Wultop, 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Cumb), in which 'silk', 'silver', 'white', and 'wool' similarly combine with *top*.

**Early bearers:** William Blacktop, 1597 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Nicholas Blacktop, 1637 in *IGI* (Great Eversden, Cambs).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, pp. 161, 189, 194.

2 English: locative name from Blacktoft (ER Yorks). There was a well-recorded medieval surname of this origin, but it is uncertain whether this has become *Blacktop* or has died out.

**Early bearers:** William de Blaktoft, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Richard de Blaktoft, 1324 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Henricus de Blaktoft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Emma de Blaktoft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cotness, ER Yorks); Radulpho de Blaktoft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Jacobo de Blaktoft, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ann Blacktop, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Joshua Blacktop, 1767 in *IGI* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Sarah Blacktop, 1792 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts); Sarah Blacktop, 1836 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

### Blackwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Blackwell**.

**Blackwell**

Variants: **Blackwall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8039, Ireland 241
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5427
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Derbys, Warwicks, and Gloucs, and Wales: esp. Flintshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Munster; Louth
- English: locative name, toponymic from any of various places named Blackwell, such as those in Derbys, Worcs, Somerset, Devon, Sussex, Durham, and Cumb, or topographic for someone who lived by the ‘dark well or stream’, Middle English *blak* + *wel(le)*.

**Early bearers:** Leofric æt Blacewellan, 1012 in *Tengvik* (Worcs); Mauricius de Blacwella, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Benedictus de Blakewelle, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Robert atte Blakewell, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Emott Blackwell, 1538 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Thomas Blackwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Elizabeth Blackwell, 1540 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Joan Blackwell, 1540 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Blackwell, 1550 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edmund Blakewell, 1600 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs).

**Blackwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Blakwin*, from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Blæcwine*, derived from *blæc* ‘black’ + *wine* ‘friend’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Blacchewynus monachus, about 1125 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Blakewinus de Thornham, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Henry Blacwin’, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Blakwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Alicia Blakwyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); Henry Blackwin, 1622 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); John Blackwin, 1658 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Sam. Blackwin, 1679 in *IGI* (Shearsby, Leics); Thomas Blackwin, 1685 in *IGI* (Newmarket, Suffolk); Ann Blackwin, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Blackwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3274, Ireland 121
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1738
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Renfrews and Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish: locative name from any of various places called Blackwood (in Lanarks, Ayr, Dumfriess, and elsewhere; also ER and WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Blakwode, 1384 in *Scotland Calendar*; Andrew Blackwud, bailie, 1532 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth, Perth); Cuthbert Blakwod, 1549 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marjory Blackwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andro Blackwood, 1615 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonat Blackwood, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andro Blackwood, 1641 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Dawid Blackwood, 1643 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).  
England: William de Blacwode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Judith Blackwood, 1562 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Johne. Blackwood, 1573 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**Blacoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Blacow**.

**Blacow**

Variants: **Blacoe, Blackoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Blacko in Whalley (Lancs), which is recorded as *Blacho* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** John Blakow, 1542 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); John Blacoll, 1562 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); George Blackoe, 1674 in *IGI* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Allis Blacow, 1681 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 67.

**Blade**

Variants: **Blades**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *blade* ‘blade’ (Old English *blæd*), possibly used of someone who habitually wore a knife or sword or who plied the craft of a bladesmith; compare Johannes Bladsmyth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs).  
However, the word is recorded in *OED* from the 16th century onwards (and could be earlier) in the slang sense ‘a gallant, a free-and-easy fellow, a good fellow’. *OED* adds, ‘The original sense is difficult to seize.’ (ii) relationship name; the medieval WR Yorks name could alternatively be from either of two unrecorded Middle English personal names of Scandinavian origin. Old Scandinavian \**Bleyði* may have originated as a nickname from the Scandinavian word for ‘cowardice’. Compare the related Old Icelandic name *Blauði*, literally ‘the timid (one)’, from a Scandinavian cognate of Middle English *bleth*, Old English *bleap* ‘timid(ity)’. Old Scandinavian \**Blað* has been proposed as the first element of the place-name Blaston (Leics), and would derive from the Scandinavian cognate of Old English *blæd* ‘blade (of a sword or knife)’. (iii) variant of **Blades** with loss of final -s.

**Further information:** The family name of Jacke Blade of Hipperholme may be commemorated in the first element of the minor place-name Blaithroyd in the neighbouring settlement of Southowram, recorded as *Bladeroides* (‘Blade clearings’), along with *Bladehey* (‘Blade enclosure’) and *Bladehous* (‘Blade house’), 1409 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, 3, 90–1.

**Early bearers:** Jacke Blade, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Willus Blade, 1556, John Blade, 1659, Henry Blade, 1793, William Blades, 1797, Elizabeth Blade, 1825 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sibell Blade, 1579 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Blaid, 1648 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Thomas Blade, 1738 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 58; *Place-Names of Leics*, IV, 13.

**Bladen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 837, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Bladon**.

**Blader**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; London
- English: (i) occupational name for a cormonger, Middle English \**blader*, Old French *blad(i)er*. (ii) an alternative sense ‘blade maker’, Middle English *blad(e)* ‘blade’ (Old English *blæd*) + *-er*, is also possible in some instances; compare Nicholas Bladsmith, 1357 in *York Freeman’s Register*.  
**Early bearers:** Andrew le Blader, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Roberte Blader, 1644 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); George Blader, 1653 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Ann Blader, 1765 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs); John Blader, 1767 in *IGI* (Great Smeaton, NR Yorks); John Blader, 1791 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**Blades**

Variants: **Blaydes, Blade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2369, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1692
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also NR Yorks and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name alluding to a topographical feature recorded in the parish of Reeth in Swaledale (NR Yorks), the name of which is derived from Middle English *blade*, Old English *blæd* ‘blade, leaf’ in some transferred sense. The reference might be to blade-shaped pieces of ground, ledges, or terraces, as suggested in *Ekwall, DEP*N for the second element of the place-name Chesterblade (Somerset). However, *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in the 13th century Blades in Swaledale was a vaccary, more likely it denoted (an area of) ‘grassland’, as suggested in *Place-Names of Lincs*, III, 137 and 140, to explain the lost minor place-name Gibbon’s Blades in Tealby, recorded as *the Blades*, 1630, and *Close of pasture called the Blades*, 1706. The medieval and post-medieval surname sometimes occurs in the singular form.

**Early bearers:** William de Blades, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Reeth, NR Yorks); Roger del Blad, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks); Robert Blades, 1460 in *York Freeman’s Register*; James Blaydes, 1506 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Edy Blades, 1608 in *IGI* (York); Margaret Blades, 1647 in *IGI* (Crackpot, Grinton, NR Yorks); Adam Blaydes, 1671 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Joseph Blades, 1677 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Richard Blades, 1728 in *IGI* (Sedburgh, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Blades, 1769 in *IGI* (Richmond, NR Yorks); Joshua Blades, 1828 in *IGI* (Dent, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Kristensson, Topographical*, p. 21; Lay *Subsidy Roll* 1332 for NR Yorks, TNA, MS E179/211/7a, m. 6.

2 English: variant of **Blade** with post-medieval excrescent -s. Hipperholme (WR Yorks), the earliest known location of the medieval Yorks surname *Blade*, is not far from Leeds, where *Bla(i)des* is recorded in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** John Blades, 1609, Susanna Blades, 1701 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name of uncertain origin. The Lincs name may belong here or with (1) or (2) above.  
**Further information:** The 1230 Pipe Roll example could be a copyist’s error for *Bladiston*, a possible 13th-century form for Blaston (Leics); see *Place-Names of*

*Leics*, 4, 13. It would then be irrelevant to the history of *Blades*.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Bladis, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Hugh de Bladis, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willmus Blade, 1540 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); John Blaydes, 1571 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Georg Blades, 1586, Mary Blades, 1759 in *IGI* (Mavis Enderby, Lincs); Henrie Blades, 1603, Elizabeth Blades, 1766, William Blades, 1816 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Edward Blades, 1676, Catherine Blades, 1775 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Bladon

**Variants:** **Bladen, Blaydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from Bladon (Oxon), Bladon in Newton Solney (Derbys), or Blaydon in Ryton (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Bladene, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Bladon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kidlington, Oxon); Johan Bladon, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); William Bladen, 1570 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys); Henry Blayden, 1592 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Blaydon, 1621 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Bladon, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Somersall, Derbys).

### Blagbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Blakeborough**.

### Blagburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Blackburn**.

### Blagden

**Variants:** **Blagdon, Blackden, Blacktin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks; Kent; Wilts

English: locative name from Blackden (Cheshire), Blagdon (Northumb), Blakedon Hollow (Great Longstone, Derbys), Blagden Farm in Hempstead (Essex), or any of the various places named Blagdon in Somerset, Cornwall, and Devon, where there are five examples.

**Further information:** The places in Cheshire, Northumb, and Derbys are named 'dark valley' (Old English *blæc + denu*); those in Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, and Essex are 'black hill' (Old English *blæc + dūn*). In some instances the surname may have arisen as topographic names with the same meanings.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Blakeden', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Blakedowne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Walter de Blakedon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Galfridus Blakeden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sourton, Devon); Robertus de Blakden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blagdon, Northumb); Galfridus Blakedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud in Godshill, IoW); Agnes de Blackedene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Johannes Blakedene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stebbing, Essex); Richard Blagden, 1570 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); John Blagden, 1598 in *IGI* (Bermondsey,

Surrey); Anne Blagden, 1599 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Blagden, 1600 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); Crispin Blagden, 1608 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Margaret Bligdon, 1759 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

### Blagdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Derbys and Notts; Durham

English: see **Blagden**.

### Blagg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cheshire

English: variant of **Black** with voicing of the final consonant.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blagge, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robert Blage, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Blages, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Blagrove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx; Berks
- English: see **Blagrove**.

### Blagrove

**Variants:** **Blagrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks

1 English: locative name from Blagrove in Lambourn (Berks), which is recorded as *Blacgraue* in 1194, *Blagrove* in 1309–10, and *Blakgrove* in 1374. The place-name means 'black grove', from Old English *blæc* 'black' + *grāf* 'grove'.

**Early bearers:** Alice de Blagrava, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Isbell Blackgrove, 1547 in *IGI* (Peasmore, Berks); Arthur Blaggrove, 1559 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Amie Blagrove, 1570 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Rich. Blagrove, 1603 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks). **References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 2, p. 334.

2 English: locative name sometimes from any of the other minor places named with Old English *blæc* 'black' + *grāf* 'grove' or *grāfe* 'grove, thicket', such as Blagrove Farm (*grāf*) in Wroughton (Wilts), Blackgreaves Farm (*grāfe*) in Lea Marston (Warwicks), and Blackgrave Farm (*grāfe*) in King's Norton (Worcester).

**Early bearers:** William Blackgroves, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Johannis Blagrove, 1547 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Henry Blackgrove, 1619, John Blagrove, 1622 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Elizabeth Blagrove, 1626 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 85; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 279; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 351.

### Blaikie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Berwicks
- Scottish: diminutive of **Blake**; see **Black**.

**Early bearers:** William Blakie, 1567 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johnne Blaikie, 1598 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Patrick Blaikie, 1660 in *Melrose Records* (Calfhill, Roxburghs).

### Blaikley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Middx
- English: see **Blackley**.

### Blaiklock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Middx
- English: see **Blacklock**.

### Blain

**Variants:** **Blane, Blaine, Blayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1351, Ireland 196
- **GB frequency 1881:** 982
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Donegal

1 Scottish: reduced form of **McBlain**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Blane, provost, 1561 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Wigtown, Wigtowns); John Blain, 1674 in *Laing Charters* (Whithorn, Wigtowns); Agnes Blain, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bleyne* 'inflamed swelling on the surface of the body'.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Blayn, Bleyn, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Bleyne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Blayne, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

3 English: locative name from Blean (Kent). **Early bearers:** Hamo del Blein, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Edward Blain, 1615 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); John Blain, 1652 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Thomas Blain, 1684 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Tho Blain, 1689 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Blaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English, Scottish: see **Blain**.

### Blainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland, NW England, and Welsh Marches
- Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Blaney**.

### Blair

**Variants:** **Blairs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11255, Ireland 1948
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7725
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Renfrews and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from any of the numerous places in Scotland called Blair, named with Gaelic *blár* (genitive *bláir*) 'plain, field; battlefield'.

**Further information:** There were families of this name in the Middle Ages taking their names from places called Blair in Dysart parish Fife, Dalry parish Ayr, and Blairgowrie in Perth.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Blare, 1202–6 in *Arbroath Register* (Blairgowrie, Perth); Brice de Blair, Alexander del Blair, 1255 in *Irvine Muniments* (Blair, Ayr); Sir William de Blar, steward of Fife, 1236 in



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*Dunfermline Register*; Andrew Blair, 1556 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Nanes Blair, 1588 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife).

### Blairs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Scottish: variant of **Blair** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Blaise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Bute

Scottish: see **Blaize**.

### Blaise

Variants: **Blaise, Blaze, Blease**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *blase*, *blese*, *bleis* ‘torch, firebrand’, perhaps also used for a torch maker or bearer. Compare **Flambard**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Blase, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert le Bleys, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Blase, 1403 in *Yorks Wills*; Reherd Blase, 1561 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Blease, 1563 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Blaze, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Bleeze, 1650 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Isaac Blaize, 1788 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

2 English: see **Bloyce**.

### Blake

Variants: **Blakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21697, Ireland 1727
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14336
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *blake* (Old English *blaca*, from the definite (weak) form of *blæc* ‘black’), i. e. dark complexioned. See **Black**. *Black-* and *Blake-* frequently interchange in surnames. (ii) nickname from northern Middle English *blak(e)* (Old English *blāc*) ‘pale, wan’, but it was often confused with Old English *blaca* ‘black’, so that even in central and southern England the meaning of *Blake* is doubtful. (iii) the English name was taken to Ireland at an early date and established there in particular by Richard Caddell, nicknamed *le blac*, sheriff of Connacht in the early 14th century. It has been gaelicized as **de Bláca**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter le Blake, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Adam Blake, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Blake, 1539 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Radulphus Blake, 1539 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Thomas Blake, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wylliam Blake, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Willm Blake, 1542 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey).

Scotland: Atkyn Blake, about 1340 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); John Blaik, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfending, Dumfriess); William Bleak, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Castlehill, Dumfriess); Sussanna Blake, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

Ireland: Walter Blake, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §148; James Blake, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1852 (Athboye,

Meath); John Blake, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5129 (Galway).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó **Bláthmhaic** ‘descendant of *Bláthmhaic*’, a personal name from *bláth* ‘flower, blossom’ or ‘fame, prosperity’ + *mac* ‘son’.

### Blakeborough

Variants: **Blakebrough, Blackbrough, Blackborough, Blagbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: (i) locative name perhaps from a lost place in Salterforth (WR Yorks) referred to as *Blakebroc* in a charter of 1147–54, with *-b(o)rough* substituted for *-brok*. (ii) alternatively an altered form of **Blackburn**, with *-brok* or *-b(o)rough* substituted for *-burn*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records William Blackburne alias Blakebrooke, 1600 in *York Registry Wills* (Waddington, WR Yorks), and Walter Blakebrooke, Blagbrooke or Blageburn, 1600–16 in *West Yorks Deeds* (Bradford, WR Yorks). Compare also Johes. Blakeburne, 1541, Jonathan Blackborough, 1789 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks). *Blackbrook* is now extinct.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Blakbrowk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carleton, WR Yorks); Johes Blakebrough, 1591 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Issabella Blakebrooke, 1638 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Willm. Blakebrough, 1641, Gratia Blakebrooke, 1680, John Blagborough, 1824 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Arthuri Blackbrook, 1662 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); William Blakebrough, 1722 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Sara Blagbrough, 1739 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Roger Blakeborough, 1771 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Blagbro, 1820 in *IGI* (Ovenden, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, 6, p. 37.

### Blakebrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Blakeborough**.

### Blakeburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: probably a variant of **Blackburn**.

### Blakeley

Variants: **Blackley, Blacklee, Blakely, Blakley, Blaikley, Bleackley, Bleakley, Blakey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1766, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1240
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Armagh

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Blackley, north of Manchester (Lancs), or possibly in some instances from Blackley, in Elland (WR Yorks). The earliest spelling of the Lancs place-name is *Blakeley* (1282, 1322), apparently a compound of Old English *blæc* + *leah* ‘black clearing’ but the surname forms suggest either that there was an unrecorded place in Bury or Prestwich called *Blakelaw* ‘black hill’ (Old English *hlāw*) or that Blackley was also known as *Blakelaw*. Confusion between *-law* and *-ley* is not

uncommon. The surname was confused with (and may also be a source of) **Blakey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henricus Blacklegh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Alexander de Blaklaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tottington, in Bury, Lancs); Ricardus Blacolaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pilkington, in Prestwich with Oldham, Lancs); Willelmus de Blacolau, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prestwich, Lancs); John Blaklay, 1543 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Alys Blakeley, 1560 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Nicholas Blackley, 1566 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Margret Blakelawe, 1597 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Johes. Blakeley, 1604, Elizabetha Blackley, 1614, Thomas Bleakley, 1756 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); William Blakeley, 1632, John Blackley, 1666 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); William Blakeley, 1696, Robert Blakelah, 1715 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 37; *Redmonds, Dictionary of York Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Blakeley Hall in Witton le Wear (Durham), which is recorded as *Blaklaw* in 1377–81.

**Early bearers:** England: Radulphus Blackley, 1321 in *Newbattle Register* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Robertus Blaklaw, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lemington, Northumb); Adæ Blaklaw, 1377–81 in *Bishop Hatfield’s Survey* (Durham); Eleanor Blackley, 1715 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Eliz. Blakeley, 1717 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Grace Blackley, 1718 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 13.

3 English: locative name in the W Midlands probably from Blakeley (Staffs), although any of several places in Staffs called Blakelow could be an alternative origin, with substitution of *-ley* for *-low*. **Early bearers:** William de la Blekelegh, 1301 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Staffs); Robert atte Blakeley, 1337 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanna Blackley, 1593, Richard Blakeley, 1649 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Richard Blackley, 1679 in *IGI* (Lilleshall, Shrops); William Blackley, 1735, William Blakeley, 1737 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Frederick Rogers Blackley, 1853 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); John Blakeley, 1897 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 127.

### Blakelock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: see **Blacklock**.

### Blakely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 281
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Fermanagh

English: see **Blakeley**.

### Blakeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1206, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 880
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Blackman**.

### Blakemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2842, Ireland 14



- **GB frequency 1881:** 1277
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Blackmore**.

### Blakeney

Variants: **Blackney, Bleakney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from Blakeney in Awre (Gloucs), Blakeney (Norfolk), or Blackney Farm in Stoke Abbott (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Blakenia, 1201 in *Pleas* (Gloucs); Ricardus Alani de Blakeney, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Blakeney, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Awre, Gloucs); Peter de Blakeneye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John de Blakeneye, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Coddington, Herefs); John Blakeneye, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Thomas Blakney, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnham Broom and Drayton, Norfolk); Thomas Blackney, 1552 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Blakney, 1559 in *PROB 11* (London); Edmund Blakeney, 1574 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops).

### Blaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 522
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: occupational name see **Blacker**.

### Blakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herts; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Blake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Blakeslee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Blakesley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### Blakesley

Variants: **Blaxley, Blaksley, Blakeslee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Leics; Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from Blakesley (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Blakesle, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Blacolvesle, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Penn, Staffs); John de Blacolvesle, 1333, de Blacolvisley, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Thomas Blakesle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); Lawrence Blakesley, clerk, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); John Blakesley, 1542 in *PROB 11* (London); William Blakisley or Blakesley, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Rainham, Essex); Thoe. Blakesley, 1571 in *IGI* (Lubenhams, Leics); Robert Blakesly, 1633 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Blakeston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Blackstone**.

### Blakeway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Shrops

English: locative name from either Blakeway in Stoke upon Tern (Shrops) or Blakeway in Harley (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Blakewey, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de Blakewey, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (City of London); William Blakewey, chaplain, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Siwaldston in Eyton, Shrops); Roger Blakeway, 1559 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Roger Blakeway, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Blakey

Variants: **Blackey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2924, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2395
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb; also Lincs

English: (i) locative name from Blackay (Lancs). (ii) alternatively a reduced form of **Blakeley**, with reference either to to Blackley (Lancs) or to Blakeley (in Witton le Wear, Durham). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes Christopher Blakay son of John Blaklay, 1543 in *York Freeman's Register*; Gabriel Blakey or Blakeley, 1602–16 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); and John Blakey, John Blakley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Flockton, WR Yorks). (iii) locative name, alternatively from Blakey (Moor and Topping) in Allerston (NR Yorks), recorded as *Blakehou* 'black mound' in 1233.

**Early bearers:** Galfrido, Johanne, Thoma de Blakay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); Geoffrey de Blakey, 1388 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Richard Blakey, 1442 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Sarah Blakey, 1553 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Johis. Blackey, 1560, Ruth Blackey, 1654, Izabell Blackey, 1565 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Blakey, 1592 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Robert Blakey, 1592 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Robert Blakey, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Ann Blakey, 1601, Maria Blackey, 1670 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Blakiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Durham
- English: see **Blackstone**.

### Blakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Fermanagh

English: see **Blakeley**.

### Blaksley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys
- English: see **Blakesley**.

### Blamey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained, but possibly a Breton-mediated form of **Bellamy**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Blamy, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Ronold Blamy, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Agnes Blamie, 1626 in *IGI* (Cornwall); James Blamey, 1774 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

**References:** Information from O. J. Padel.

### Blamire

Variants: **Blaymire, Blamires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb

English: locative name from an unidentified place in Cumb or Westm named with Middle English *blaa* (Old Scandinavian *blár* 'blue, livid, dark') + *mire* (Old Scandinavian *mýrr* 'moor').

**Early bearers:** William de Blamyre, 1250 in *Scotland Calendar* (Cumb); John Blamier, 1564 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Edward Blamyre, 1566 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Robert Blaymire, 1606 in *IGI* (Newbiggin, Westm); Mary Blamire, 1628 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jo. Blaymire, 1643 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks).

### Blamires

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Blamire** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Luke Blamires, 1621 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); George Blamires, 1661 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Frances Blaymires, 1721 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ann Blaymires, 1791 in *IGI* (Cleckheaton, WR Yorks).

### Blampney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, French: see **Blampied**.

### Blamphin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Plampin**.

### Blampied

Variants: **Blampy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, French: nickname from Old French *blanc* 'white' + *pie* 'foot'.

**Further information:** This name was probably reintroduced to mainland Britain from Jersey, because (apart from the 1198 example) the earliest mainland examples are from the 17th century. **Early bearers:** Richard Blancpie, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Collas Blampied, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Brelade, Jersey); Thomas Blampie, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Martha Blampie, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Peter, Jersey); Thomas Blampye, 1661 in *IGI* (Broad Clyst, Devon); Joseph Blampy, 1724 in *IGI* (Devon); Jean Blampied, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey).

## Blan

### Blan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Blann**.

### Blanc

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

1 English: see **Blank**.

2 English: see **Blong**.

### Blance

**Variants:** **Blanch, Blanche**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

Scottish: Shetland name of uncertain derivation, possibly from the genitive form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Bljan*. Local tradition, however, has it that the name, supposedly originally **Blanch**, was brought to the islands by shipwrecked French sailors.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blanx, 1575 in *Old Lore Miscellany* (Shetland); Mathew Blans, 1624 in *Shetland Testaments* (Funzie, Shetland); Thomas Blance, 1633 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

**References:** *Black*.

### Blanch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Waterford

1 Norman, English: see **Blanche**.

2 Scottish: see **Blance**.

### Blanchard

**Variants:** **Blanshard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3692, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2452
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; Wilts and Hants; also IoW; Jersey

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Blancart, Blanchart* (Continental Germanic *Blankard*, from \**blank-* 'white, shining' + \**hard-* 'hard' brave'). (ii) nickname from Old French *blanchart* 'whitish', probably for someone with white hair. Rotbertus blancard, Rotbertus quippe blancard, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Suffolk) is probably identical with Robertus Blancardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk), who is probably identical with Robertus Blundus, Albus, Flavius.

**Early bearers:** given names: Blanchard de Morba, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon).

surnames: Richard Blanchard', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Blanchart, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Blauncharde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks); Williemi Blauncharde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Adam Blauncharde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Duffield, ER Yorks); Nicholao Blanchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Dionisius Blauncharde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Ranulphus Blauncharde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Johanne Blauncharde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puckington, Somerset); Simon Blanchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Henfield, Sussex); Willelmo Blanchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbourne, Snap and Upham, Wilts); Ricardus Blanchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Elicia Blanchard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, WR Yorks); Elena Blauncharde', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton with hamlets, WR Yorks); Symond Blanchard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); Cristina Blanchard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Morville, Shrops); Johannes Blauncharde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Thomas Blanshard, 1547 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Robert Blanchard, 1549 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Thomas Blansherde, 1552 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizabeth Blanchard, 1558 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Henry Blanshard, 1559 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Willm. Blanchard, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Robert Blanchard, 1565 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Doretha Blanshard, 1569 in *IGI* (Sixhills, Lincs); Anlonius Blanchard, 1571, Emme Blanshard, 1568 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Blanchard, 1578 in *IGI* (Dorrington, Lincs); Robte. Blanchard, 1597, Robert Blanshard, 1610 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Robert Blanchard, 1600 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); Willm. Blanchard, 1602 in *IGI* (York, Yorks); Jo: Blanchard, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Brading, IoW).

### Blanche

**Variants:** **Blanch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex; also Guernsey; Shetland

1 Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *blanche* 'fair, white', used as a female personal name in France, where it was fairly common.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Blanche, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Matilda Blaunche, 1270 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas Blanch, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Matilda Blansche, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Blanche, 1558 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); Elizabetha Blanche, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Blanche, 1561 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Elizabeth Blanche, 1578 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Walteri Blanche, 1578 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

2 Scottish: see **Blance**.

3 English: see **Blong**.

### Blanchet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Blanchett**.

### Blanchett

**Variants:** **Blanchet, Branchett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent; Wilts

1 English: nickname for a maker or seller of a white or undyed woollen cloth, Middle English *blankett* (Old French *blankete*). Compare *ix ulnis de blanchet* 'nine yards of blanchet', 1182 in *Pipe Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Blanket, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Blanket, 1365 in *London Letter Books G*; Thomae Blanchett, 1569 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Hunts); Chareles Blanchett, 1588 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Katharine Blanchett, 1646 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire);

William Blanchett, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Hannah Blanchett, 1697 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

2 English: nickname from Old French *blanc* 'white' + Middle English *hed* 'head' (Old English *hēafod*).

**Early bearers:** Jocelin Blancheved, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs).

### Blanchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 179
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Norman, Irish: locative name from Blancheville (Haute Marne), most frequent in Ireland.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Gibbon Blanchvile, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §874 (Burnchurch, Kilkenny); Meawe Fitz Edmond Blansfeld, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §924; Gerald Blanchvile, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1831 (Blanchvileston, Kilkenny).
- England: George Blanchfield, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Richard Blanchfield, 1607 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds).

### Blanchflower

**Variants:** **Branchflower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Old French *blanche* 'white, fair' + *flour* 'flower'. Though complimentary for a woman, applied to a man, it was probably derogatory, denoting someone of effeminate appearance.

**Early bearers:** Cecilia Blauncheflur, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Herefs); John Blanchflur', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Jeffrey Branchflower, 1654 in (Suffolk).

### Blanck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

German: see **Blank**.

**Early bearers:** Frank W. Blanck, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881*.

### Blanco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 Spanish: nickname for a man with fair hair or a pale complexion, from Spanish *blanco* 'white'.

2 English: see **Blencowe**.

**Early bearers:** William Blanco, 1792 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

### Bland

**Variants:** **Blann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7506, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6105
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, Durham, and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Kerry

English: locative name from Bland (in Sedburgh, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Bland', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Blande, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Alicia de Bland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Patricio de Bland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Adam de

Bland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Thomas de Bland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); Thoma de Bland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); John Bland, 1447 in *York Freeman's Register*; Julyan Bland, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Giles Bland, 1568 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Emmot Bland, 1569 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Johes Bland, 1569 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robt. Bland, 1572 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Anna Bland, 1592 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

### Blanden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Blunden**.

### Blandford

Variants: **Blanford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1137, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 970
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Middx, Dorset, Wilts, Gloucs, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: locative name from Blandford (Dorset), usually occurring as *Blanford* in medieval records. **Early bearers:** William de Blanford, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Corfe, Dorset); William de Blanford, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Forde, Devon); Johannes Blanford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Blandford or Blandford, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Devizes, Wilts); Robert Blandford, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Thomas Blanford or Blandford, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Henley, Wilts); John Blandford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, pp. 87–8.

### Blandon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Blunden**.

### Blandy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Middx, and Surrey
- English: see **Blundy**.

### Blane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 568
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- Scottish: see **Blain**.

### Blaney

Variants: **Blayne, Blainey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1284, Ireland 691
- **GB frequency 1881:** 591
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Lancs and Cumb; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Welsh, Irish: locative name from Welsh *blaenau*, plural of *blaen* 'point, tip, end', i. e. 'upland or remote region; headwaters'. The name was taken to

Ireland from Wales in the early 17th century and is also widespread in England and Scotland.

**Further information:** Edward Blayne went to Ireland with the Earl of Essex in 1598; he was knighted in 1603 and elevated to the peerage of Ireland as Lord Blayne, Baron of Monaghan. The Welsh line died out in 1795 with Arthur Blayne of Gregynog, Montgomerys, but the Irish line has survived and prospered.

**Early bearers:** Ieuan Blaenau of Llwyn Melyn, recorded as Evan Blayne, 1406 in Welshpool Burgess Roll (Montgomerys); Roberte Blaney, 1608 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Richard Blayne, 1619 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Mary Blaney, 1831, Edward Bleaney, 1831 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

### Blanford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Blandford**.

### Blank

Variants: **Blanks, Blanck, Blanc**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname for someone with fair hair or a pale complexion, from Middle English *blauk* 'white, fair' (Old French *blanc*).

**Early bearers:** Nigellus Blanke, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); John Blaunk, 1293 in *London Letter Books C*; Edward Blank, 1575 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Henry Blank, 1591 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); William Blank, 1627 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elizabeth Blank, 1645 in *IGI* (Horne, Surrey); John Blank, 1663 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks).

### Blankley

Variants: **Blanksby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; also Lancs; Lanarks

English: locative name from Blankney (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Blankeneia, 1202, Iohannes de Blaunkenay, 1374–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes de Blaunkeney, 1377 in *Lincoln Clerical Poll Taxes* (Stainfield, Lincs); Agneta Blankley, 1555 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Blankney, 1600 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Elizabeth Blanklye, 1605 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); John Blanklie, 1609 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Thomas Blankley, 1609 in *IGI* (Langar, Notts); Jane Blankney, 1631 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Elizabeth Blankley, 1650 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Blankly, 1664, Priscilla Blankny, 1702 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Blanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs

English: variant of **Blank** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Blanksby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: apparently a variant of **Blankley**, via a form *Blanksley* with intrusive -s-.

**Early bearers:** John Blanksbye, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Franssys Blanksby, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Gulielmi Blanksby, 1615, Johes. Blanksbie, 1652 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); John Blanksbey, 1708, John Blankley, 1781, George Blanksley, 1783 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mary Blanksby, 1710 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys); Lydia Blanksley, 1769 in *IGI* (Epperstone, Notts).

### Blann

Variants: **Blan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: perhaps a contracted variant of **Blanden**, see **Blunden**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blan, 1622 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Blann, 1665 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Blan, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); William Blann, 1747 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Blannin

Variants: **Blanning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: unexplained; perhaps a nickname from Middle English *blanning* 'flattery'.

**Early bearers:** Rich. Blanning, 1696 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Martha Blannin, 1718 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Farmer Blannen, 1755 in *IGI* (Chelwood, Somerset); Rachel Blannon, 1771 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

### Blanning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: see **Blannin**.

### Blanshard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Blanchard**.

### Blant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Notts

English: altered pronunciation of **Blunt**. Compare John Blant, 1610, William Blunt, 1626 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics), and Robert Blount, 1624, Elianor Blunt, 1699, Ann Blant, 1779 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs). **Further information:** On the available evidence this Midlands surname seems not to be a variant of **Blant**, though this possibility cannot be altogether discounted.

### Blasdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Bleasdale**.

## Blaskett

### Blaskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northumb
- English: unexplained, perhaps a variant of **Plaskett**.  
**Early bearers:** Lorraine Blaskat, 1576 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Nicholas Blaskett, 1646 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Sarah Blaskett, 1757 in *IGI* (Ruckinge, Kent).

### Blatch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: palatalized variant of **Black**.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey (le) Blache, 1164–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roll' Blecch', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Blatche, 1307–27 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Blatch, 1587 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); John Blatch, 1595 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Rich Blatch, 1631 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Mary Blatch, 1641 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); James Blatch, 1656 in *IGI* (Broughton, Hants).

### Blatcher

- Variants: **Blacher**, **Bletcher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: occupational name from Middle English *blaccher*, perhaps 'one who makes things black' or 'one who makes black pigment (for dyeing) or ink', a derivative either of Middle English *blacchen* 'to blacken' or of Middle English *blacche* 'black pigment, ink'. Compare **Blaker**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert le Blacchere, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Blacher, 1569, David Blatcher, 1570, Thomas Blacher, 1672, William Blatcher, 1796 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

### Blatchford

- Variants: **Blachford**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 711
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Blatchford in Sourton (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** John Blachford, Blatchford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Blatchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; WR Yorks and Lancs; Devon
- English: locative name, probably a variant of **Bletchley**, though the distribution is very different.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Blatchley, 1652 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Blatherwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 378
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Blatherwycke (Northants), which is recorded as *Blarewic* in 1086, *Blatherwyk* in the 12th century.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Blarewic, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ranulf de Bladrewyc, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Joh'e de Blathirwyk', 1308 in *Nottingham*

*Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Osbert de Blatherwyk, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Bladerwyke, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Robert Blatherwyke, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); Henry Blatherwyk', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Turvey, Beds); Robertus Bladerwyk de Edwalton, 1431–2 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Marye Blatherwicke, 1587 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); John Bladderwick, 1664 in *IGI* (Edwalton, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 156.

### Blaxall

- Variants: **Blaxill**, **Blacksell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name from Blaxhall (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Blakesale, 1308 in *London Letter Books C*; Roger de Blaxhale, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thoma Blaxhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Doritha Blaxall, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Blaksell, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Samuel Blaxell, 1697 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); Francis Blacksell, 1738 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Hannah Blaxill, 1761 in *IGI* (Walpole, Suffolk).

### Blaxill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds; Suffolk
- English: see **Blaxall**.

### Blaxland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Blaxland Farm, on the edge of West Blean Wood, near Canterbury (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Blaxland, 1555 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent).  
**References:** *Redmonds, King, and Hey*.

### Blaxley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Blakesley**.

### Blaxter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *ble(c)kester(e)*, *blexter(e)*, the feminine form of \**blekker* 'one who makes things black'. Compare **Blacker**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *bleikester(e)*, the feminine form of \**bleiker* 'one who bleaches or whitens' (from Old Scandinavian *bleikja* 'to whiten, bleach'). Compare **Bletcher**. (iii) occupational name from Middle English *blakester(e)*, the feminine form of *blaker*, either 'one who makes things black' or its opposite, 'one who bleaches'. See **Blacker**. (iv) occupational name from Middle English *blaccheste(r)*, perhaps 'one who makes things black' or 'one who makes ink', the feminine form of *blacchere*. See **Blatcher**.  
**Further information:** These forms were originally feminine, but came to be applied to both men and

women in the medieval period. The principal sources of the modern Norfolk name seem to be (i) and (ii), perhaps influenced by the linguistic forms of (iii) and (iv).

**Early bearers:** William de [sic] Blakestere, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard le Blakestare, John Blakestre, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Joh. le Blekestere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Alex. le Blexstere, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugo le Bleykster', 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John le Blekestere, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Felic' la Blaccheste', 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Ric. Blaykster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); John le Blacheste, 1334 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Rogerus Blekster', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edgefield, Norfolk); Anthony Blaxster, 1552, John Blaxter, 1577 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

### Blaxton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Northumb
- English: see **Blackstone**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but is current in the USA.

### Blay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 825, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 522
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, Bucks, and Middx

1 Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *blou* 'blond'. (ii) locative name with *de*, from a place-name, perhaps by metanalysis from Blois, Loir-et-Cher; compare **Boyce**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bloy, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Helen Bloy, 1559 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Thomas Blay, 1586 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Elizabeth Blaye, 1601 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); John Blay, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); Martha Blay, 1791, Martha Bleay, 1794 in *IGI* (Headington, Oxon).

2 English: perhaps a nickname from Middle English *blæð* 'bare, destitute, wretched'.

### Blaydes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Blades**.

### Blaydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Monmouths; Middx; Staffs
- English: see **Bladon**.

### Blaylock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 522
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: possibly a variant of **Blacklock**.  
**Further information:** Blaylock Riggs (Cumb) may be named from the family of John Blacklock recorded in 1580.  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 111.

### Blaymire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Blamire**.

### Blayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Scottish: see **Blain**.

### Blayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 108
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Donegal and Tyrone
- Welsh, Irish: see **Blaney**.

### Blaza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Blazey**.

**Early bearers:** Annes Blaser, 1628 *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Jacobus Blasier, 1691 *IGI* (Winfarthing, Norfolk); Mary Blaza, 1720 *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Blaza, 1770 in *IGI* (Bergh Apton, Norfolk).

### Blaze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Blaize**.

### Blazeby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Bleasby**.

### Blazey

- Variants:** **Blaza**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained; possibly a late import of a French place-name such as Blacy (Marne) or Blessy (Pas-de-Calais).

**Early bearers:** Wm. Blazey, 1669 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Blasey, 1713, Paul Blazey, 1760 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); William Blazy, 1769 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk); Anne Blasy Pymmer, 1787 in *IGI* (Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk).

### Blazier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; Norfolk; Hants
- English: see **Blazer**.

### Bleach

**Variants:** **Bleak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- English: nickname from Middle English *bleche*, *bleich* ‘pale, pallid’ (Old English *blāc*, *blāc*; Scandinavian *bleik*), usually for someone of a fair

complexion. There is sometimes confusion with Middle English *blāk*, *blakke* ‘black, dark’ (Old English *blāc*); compare **Black**.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Blech’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Blech, 1475 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Bleche, 1540 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Nicholas Bleake, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Ware, Herts); George Bleach, 1675 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); William Bleach, 1746 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex).

### Bleacher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: occupational name see **Bletcher**.

### Bleackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Blakeley**.

### Bleak

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Midlothian
- English: see **Bleach**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bleakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 241
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 630
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Cavan and Fermanagh
- English: see **Blakeley**.

### Bleakney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Blakeney**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Blear

**Variants:** **Blears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *blere* ‘bleary-eyed’.

**Early bearers:** Ælfstanes ðys Blerian, 901 in *Cartularium Saxonum* no. 591 (Wilts); Richard Blere, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Walter le Bler, 1316 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Blere, 1450–2 in *Pleas* (Kent).

### Blears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Blear** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Bleasby

**Variants:** **Blazeby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Bleasby (Lincs, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Bleseby, about 1155 in *Gilbertine Charters*. Elizabeth Blazey, 1764 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Alicia Blasebye, 1550 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); John Bleasby, John Blasby, 1562 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Blazey, 1615 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

### Bleasdale

**Variants:** **Blasdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 918
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Bleasdale (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Bleasdale, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); William Bleasdale, 1603 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Henry Bleasdaile, 1612 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs); Mary Blazdell, 1725 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lincs); Fanny Blazdale, 1776 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts); William Bleasdale, 1795 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lincs).

### Blease

- **Current frequencies:** GB 710, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 602
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs
- English: probably a variant of **Blaize**.

### Bleazard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Bleazard**.

### Blecher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Bletcher**.

### Blee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal
- Cornish, Irish: see **Bligh**.

### Blench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *blench* ‘trick, stratagem’ (Old English \**blenc*).

**Early bearers:** Rogert Blenc, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Thomas Blench, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Blench, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Willyam Blench, 1587 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Ralphe Blench, Ame Blinch, 1634 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Brigget Blinch, 1636, Richard Blench, 1642 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Richard Blench, 1685 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Thomas Blench, 1705 in *IGI* (North Runcton, Norfolk).

### Blencowe

**Variants:** **Blenko**, **Blincow**, **Blincoe**, **Blincko**, **Blinco**, **Blanco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Northants
- English: locative name from Blencow (Cumb).

## Blenkarn

**Early bearers:** Adam de Blencow, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Blincowe, 1568 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); Henry Blencowe, 1592 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); William Blinco, 1611 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Thomas Blincoe, 1623 in *Essex Record Office*; Foulke Blinco, 1627 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Stephen Blincko, 1635 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Thomas Blencow, 1697 in *IGI* (Mollington, Oxon); William Blenco, 1710, Elizth. Blencowe, 1738 in *IGI* (Wilton, Northants); Thomas Blencoe, 1753 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Hannah Blinko, 1761 in *IGI* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); Frank Alexander Blenko, 1876 in *IGI* (Castleford, WR Yorks).

### Blenkarn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Blenkharn**.

### Blenkarne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Blenkharn**.

### Blenkharn

**Variants:** **Blenkarn**, **Blenkarne**, **Blenkhorn**, **Blinkhorn**, **Blenkiron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: locative name from Blencarn (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** William Blenkarn, 1429 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Blynkarne, 1547 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); William Blinkhorne, 1664 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Blenkhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Westm
- English: see **Blenkharn**.

### Blenkin

**Variants:** **Blenkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: locative name, shortened form of **Blenkinsop**. Both forms of the surname appear in Tynemouth and Haltwhistle (Northumb), Bromfield (Cumb), and Wensley (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** There is no basis for Reaney's derivation from an unknown personal name. The rarer name *Blenkinson* is an altered form of *Blenkinsop*.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Blenkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Blenkin** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Blenkins, 1740, Jane Blenkin, 1820 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); George Blenkins, 1752 in *IGI* (Bywell Saint Peter, Northumb).

### Blenkinship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm
- English: see **Blenkinsop**.

### Blenkinsop

**Variants:** **Blenkinsopp**, **Blenkinship**, **Blenkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 845
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Cumb, Northumb, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Blenkinsopp (Northumb).

**Further information:** The surname was sometimes shortened to *Blenkin* and *Blenkins*. John Blenkynton, 1553 in *York Freeman's Register*, probably bears another altered form of the name, with -son substituted for -sop, in imitation of *Jenkinson* perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Symon de Blanchainesop, de Blencaneshop, de Blenkinsope, 13th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Amisia de Blencasop, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helen Stonegate, York); Gawinne Blenkynsop, 1489 in *PROB 11*; Valentyne Blinnkine, 1573 in *IGI* (London); John Blenckinsop, 1585, Thomas Blenkeysope, 1585, Matthew Blenkinship, 1658 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Blencan, 1590, Hannah Blenkin, 1763 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Jesball Blanckhan, 1617 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Mary Blenkinshipe, 1621 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Blenkishop, 1656 in *IGI* (York); Peter Blenkingsope, 1660, John Blenkin, 1808 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Blenkinshope, 1667, Joseph Blenkin, 1681, Hannah Blenkin, 1817 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Cumb); William Blenkinship, 1673, Thomas Blinkan, 1750 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Robert Blankeship, 1710 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Mary Blenkinsop, 1798, Thomas Blenkin, 1838 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Blenkinsopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Northumb

English: see **Blenkinsop**.

### Blenkiron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Blenkharn**.

### Blenko

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Blencowe**.

### Blenman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Blandman, 1560 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Peter Blenman, 1630 in *IGI* (Tiverton,

Devon); Mary Blenman, 1695 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset); Shusanna Blandman, 1703 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Blenman, 1787 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Blennerhasset

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: see **Blennerhasset**.

### Blennerhasset

**Variants:** **Blennerhasset**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: locative name from Blennerhasset (Cumb). **Further information:** This name is now more common in Ireland than in England. It was borne in Fermanagh from the early 17th century onwards by a family said to be from Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** England: Alan de Blenerhayset, mayor of Carlisle in 1382; John Blenerhasset, Raff Blaundrehasset, 1473 in *Paston Letters*; Henry Blanerhasset, 1495 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Blenayrhasset, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). Ireland: Sir Edward Blenerhasset, 1610 in *Irish Patent Rolls* (Ederny, Fermanagh); John, Robert, and Thomas Blenerhasset, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 643 (Kerry).

**References:** J. Cunningham, *Castle Caldwell and its families*, Enniskillen 1980.

### Blessed

**Variants:** **Blest**, **Blezard**, **Blissett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *iblescede* 'blessed, happy, fortunate'.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Iblessed, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Beds); Henry Yblessed, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Taynton, Gloucs); John le Blessed, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John le Blest, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Blesset, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Elizabetha Blesset, 1567, Thomas Blessed, 1655 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Rodger Blessett, 1645 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); William Blessed, 1761 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Robert Blessitt, 1868 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

### Blessing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

English: nickname from Middle English *blissinge* 'blessing, joy' (Old English *blētsung*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blissing', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Blissyng, 1466 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Blyssyng, 1558 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Blessing, 1593 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk).

### Blessington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: locative name from Pleasington in Blackburn (Lancs), pronounced /'plezɪŋtən/, and altered to *Blessington* possibly under the influence of Blessington, Wicklow.

**Further information:** The name of Blessington, Wicklow, founded in 1669, is based on an English mistranslation of the Irish name *Baile Coimín* 'town of Coimín', where the surname *Ó Coimín* (English *Comyn*) was mistaken for the Irish word *comaoin* 'favour, obligation, blessing'.

**Early bearers:** . . . de Plesigtuna, 1196 in *Yorks Charters*; Johannes de Plesyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askham Bryan, WR Yorks); Charlls Pleassington, 1565 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Thomas Plesyngton, 1580 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ann Pleasington, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Johanis. Pleasington, 1601 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Sara Blessington, 1709 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Blest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: see **Blessed**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Blest, 1556 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Blest, 1564 in *IGI* (Blymhill, Staffs); Gulielmi Blest, 1613 in *IGI* (Wroxeter, Shrops).

### Bletcher

**Variants:** Bleacher, Blecher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *blechere* 'one who bleaches or whitens', a derivative of Middle English *blechen* 'to bleach, whiten' (Old English *blæcan*). (ii) occupational name; in S and SW dialects of Middle English, *blechere* may alternatively have been a variant of *blachere*; see **Blatcher**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Blechere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Henry Blecher, 1566, Alice Bletcher, 1572 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuell Blecher, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Thomas Bletcher, 1624 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs); Jno. Blecher, 1633 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Elizabetha Bletcher, 1706 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Mary Bletcher, 1743, William Blecher, 1821 in *IGI* (Tickhill, WR Yorks).

### Bletchley

**Variants:** Blatchley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Bletchley (Shrops, Bucks) or Bletchingley in Staplehurst (Kent), recorded as *Blecchelegh* in 1334.

**Early bearers:** Michael de Blechelai, 1181–2 in *Newington Longeville Charters*; Robert de Blecheleg', 1254 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Ralph de Blechelegh, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Bletchley, 1597 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); James Bletchley, 1656 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Richard Bletchley, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Bletchley, 1767 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Blethyn

**Variants:** Blythin, Blythen, Blevin, Plevin, Pleavin, Pleadan, Blevins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes, Carmarthens, and Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from the Middle Welsh personal name *Blethyn* (Old Welsh *Bledgint*, from *bleid* 'wolf' + apparently the mutated form of *cint* 'first'). The variants in *P-* are from *ap Blethyn* in which /bp/ was assimilated to /p/.

**Further information:** The variant *Blythyn* is generally pronounced /'blaiðin/.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bleþgent, 1063 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* Devon; Bledienus filius Keneweret', 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Madoc son of Bledena, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh son of Bleuin in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Blethin ap Maddoc, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Blethin ap Gryffyd, 1295 Bonds for Keeping Peace in *Morgan and Morgan*; Llewellyn ap Bledyn, 1313 in *Parliamentary Writs*; Dauid ap Plethyn, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*.

**surnames:** Robert Blevyn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Blethyn, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh Plethen, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John ap Plethyn, 1542 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Llandegveth, Monmouths); Lewys Blethen, 1542 in *PROB 11* (Caerleon, Monmouths); Hugonis Plevin, 1637 in *IGI* (Hargrave, Cheshire); William Plevin, 1685 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Margaret Blethyn, 1707 in *IGI* (Caerwent, Monmouths); Thomas Pleavin, 1721 in *IGI* (Church Minshall, Cheshire); Mary Blythen, 1820 in *IGI* (Isycoed, Denbighs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, giving many earlier but undated surname references.

### Bleu

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs

English: see **Blew**.

### Blevin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

### Blevins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Welsh: anglicized form of Welsh **Blethyn** with excrement *-s*.

### Blew

**Variants:** Bleu, Blue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and N Wales

English: nickname from Middle English *blew(e)*, a variant form of *bleu* 'blue' (Old French *bleu*; compare Old English *blāw*).

**Early bearers:** Henricus Blew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helens, Hants); John Blewe, clerk, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Johannis Blewe, 1545 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Ricus Blew, 1576 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Francis Blue, 1597 in *IGI* (Ullingswick, Herefs); John Bleu, 1786 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Blewer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Bloor**.

### Blewett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 797
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Blewitt**.

### Blewitt

**Variants:** Blewett, Bluett, Bluit, Blouet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1291, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bleuet*, *blouet* 'bluish', a diminutive of *bleu* 'blue'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Bloiet, Blouet, Bloet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants and Somerset); Walter Blohet in *Templars Records* (Somerset); William le Blut in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert Bluet, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey le Bleu, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John. Bluett, 1544 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Ric. Bluett, 1583 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Francis Bluit, 1596 in *IGI* (Newton by Cambridge, Cambs); Joane Blewitt, 1634 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); John Blewitt, 1658 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Joan Blewit, 1682 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs).

### Bleazard

**Variants:** Bleazard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: perhaps a variant of **Blessed**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Blessard, 1598 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Robart Blessard, 1661 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Robert Bleazard, 1708 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs); Isaac Bleazard, 1737 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Bleasard, 1746 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Grace Bleazzard, 1765 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); William Blezzard, 1791 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs).

### Blick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: nickname perhaps connected with Old English *blician* 'to shine, gleam, glitter'.

**Early bearers:** Aluin Blic, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); John le Blyk, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John le Blyke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Blyk, 1333 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Isabell Mrs Blick, 1576 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Richard Blick, 1588 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); John Blick, 1632 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Rachel Blick, 1666 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Guilielmi Blick, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Bligh

### Bligh

Variants: **Blighe**, **Bly**, **Blye**, **Blight**, **Blee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Norfolk; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Meath 1 Norman, English: variant of **Blyth**, with Anglo-Norman loss of *th*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Blie, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Degorie Bligh, 1558 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Jonathan Bligh, 1610 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); John Bligh, 1615 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ann Bligh, 1619 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Katherine Bligh., 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Thomas Blygh, 1723 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Cornish: nickname from Cornish *blyth* ‘wolf’.  
**Further information:** Four members of the Cornish Bligh family were mayors of Bodmin between 1505 and 1588. The English naval officer William Bligh (1754–1817), captain of HMS *Bounty* in the South Pacific in 1789 when the crew mutinied and set him adrift in a small boat, was a member of this family, born in Plymouth, where they had settled in 1681.

3 Irish, Manx: from Gaelic **Ó Blighe** ‘descendant of *Blighe*’, a personal name which is probably a gaelicized form of Old Scandinavian *Bligr* (from *bligja* ‘to gaze’).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hugh O’Blye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5616 (Roscommon, Keagher); Cahill O’Blie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499.

**References:** *Kneen*.

### Blighe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: see **Bligh**.

### Blight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- 1 English: see **Bligh**. It fits a pattern of known historic *Blighs* in the Tamar valley.  
2 English: see **Blyth**.

### Blighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Notts
- English: see **Blyton**.

### Blincko

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Blencowe**.

### Blinco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Blencowe**.

### Blincoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Bucks
- English: see **Blencowe**.

### Blincow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Blencowe**.

### Blind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan
- English: nickname from Middle English *blind* ‘blind; blind man’ (Old English *blind*, Latin *caecus*).  
Compare **Born**.  
**Early bearers:** Edricus Cecus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Angnes Blinde, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Ralph le Blinde, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Dennis Blind, 1633 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizabeth Blind, 1634 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Marie Blind, 1644 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); John Blind, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); James Blind, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Blindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds
- English: see **Blundell**. The same individual appears as both *Blindel* and *Blundel* in 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs). Compare Alured Blindel (Blundel), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs).  
**Early bearers:** John Blindell, 1610 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts).

### Blinkhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Blenkharn**.

### Blinman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *blindman* ‘blind man’.  
**Early bearers:** Henricus Blyndemon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwick, Warwicks); Georgii Blindman, 1566 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Edwardi Blinman, 1619 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Blinman, 1623 in *IGI* (Croscombe, Somerset); Jeremi Blynman, 1679 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Sarah Blindman, 1712 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 69.

### Blinston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name perhaps from an altered form of Plemstall (Cheshire), recorded as *Blimstone* in 1670.  
**Early bearers:** Anna Blinston, 1558, William Plinston, 1829 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Tho. Blinston, 1561, William Blynston, 1604, Anne Blimstone, 1763 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Blimstone, 1594 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Blinstone, 1575 in *IGI*

(Manchester, Lancs); John Blindstone, 1738 in *IGI* (Halton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 135.

### Bliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2263, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1736
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Bucks, and Beds; also Oxon and Warwicks
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *blisse* ‘gladness, joy’. It may soetimes have been used as a personal name; see **Blissett**.  
**Early bearers:** William Blisse, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Blysse, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Izabell Bliss, 1587 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); William Bliss, 1588 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Walter Bliss, 1595 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Susan Bliss, 1602 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ann Bliss, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
2 Norman, English: locative name from Blay (Normandy).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Blez, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Blissett

Variants: **Blizzard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 871, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 440
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; Northants
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Blisset* or *Blissot*, apparently a pet form of Middle English *bliss* ‘joy’ used as a personal name. See **Bliss**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Blissot atte Pole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).  
surnames: Johannes Blyssset, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Willelmo Blyssot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Johanne Blyset, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Richardi Blisset, 1572 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Robert Blissett, 1592 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); Nathaniell Blessett, 1596 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Abigaill Blissett, 1606, Will. Blissut, 1662 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Jno Blissitt, 1765 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs).  
2 English: see **Blessed**.

### Blizard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Gloucs; Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Blizzard**.

### Blizzard

Variants: **Blizard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Wilts; Suffolk
- English: probably a variant of **Blissett**, from a Middle English personal name, *Blisset* or *Blissot*. The name may have been altered by folk etymology under the influence of the vocabulary word *blizzard*.  
**Early bearers:** Adae Blizard, 1541 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); Joannis Blissarde, 1584, John Blizzard, 1640 in *IGI* (Barton on the Heath, Warwicks); Thomas Blizard, 1589 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Thomas Blissard, 1592 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon);



Rogeri Blizard, 1628, Margaret Blizzard, 1674, John Blissord, 1723 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Richard Blissord, 1643, Paul Blissard, 1647 in *IGI* (Sevenhampton, Gloucs); Mary Blizzard, 1699 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Blizzard, 1773 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

## Bloch

Variants: **Block**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, regional name for someone in eastern Europe originating from Italy, from Polish *włoch*, meaning 'Italian' (originally 'foreigner', the corresponding word in other E Europe languages often meaning 'Romanian'; compare **Vlach**).

**Early bearers:** Israel Bloch, jeweller, born in Moising, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Norfolk); Nathan Bloch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Regina Bloch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Aston, Warwicks); Abraham Bloch, boot maker, born in Shoreditch, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Barnard Bloch, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Schwerl Bloch, rabbi, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Durham); Jacob Bloch, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Nathan Bloch, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

## Block

Variants: **Blogg, Blocke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 986, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *blok*, *bloke* (Old English *blāc*) 'pale, wan, pallid', with shortening of the vowel to *Block*. Compare **Blake**. (ii) nickname, alternatively a derivative of Middle English *blok(ke)*, *bloke* 'block (of wood)', perhaps for someone who made or used wooden blocks. Compare **Blocker**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bloc, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Benedictus Blok de Bungey capellanus, 1325 in *Norwich City Records* (Norfolk); Benedict Blok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Block, shoemaker, 1519–20 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Blok, worsted-weaver, 1529–30 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Tho. Block, 1552, Ane Bloke, 1556, William Block, 1763 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Susan Block, 1586, Daniel Block, 1735 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Susan Bloke, 1591 in *IGI* (Kington, Wilts); Thomas Bloke, 1596, Thomas Blocke, 1644, Elizabeth Block, 1820 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Bloak, 1770 in *IGI* (Landford, Wilts); Malachi Block, 1779 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).  
2 See **Bloch**.

## Blocke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Block**.

## Blocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: occupational name from Middle English *blokker*, either 'one who blocks, esp. in shoemaking

and bookbinding' (*OED* 1609) or possibly 'maker of blocks'.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Blocker, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Deodatus le Blokkere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Will. Bloker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Jho. Blocker, 1779 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Hannah Blocker, 1835 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Thuresson*.

## Blockley

Variants: **Blockly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 603
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Blockley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Blockeleg', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); John Blokley, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; John Blokle, 1364, de Blockeley, 1368 in *London Letter Books G*; Thomas Blockley, 1563 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); Elizabeth Blockley, 1589 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics).

## Blockly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Blockley**.

## Blockstage

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Blockside**.

## Blockside

Variants: **Bloxidge, Bloxside, Bloxwich, Blockstage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Bloxwich (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Clement de Bloxwych, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Jos. Blockside, 1695 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Blockside, 1785 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops); Joseph Blockside, 1792 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

## Blofeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Blofield**.

## Blofield

Variants: **Blofeld, Blowfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Blofield (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Edward de Blafeld', 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Geoffrey de Blofeld, 1287–8 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); John Blofeld, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

## Blogg

Variants: **Bloggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Block** with voicing of the final consonant.

**Early bearers:** Adam Blogge, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Katheren Blogg, 1545 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Roberti Blogge, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk); William Blogge, 1616 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ursula Blog, 1627 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Eliz. Blogg, 1628, Mary Blogue, 1653, Tho Blog, 1682, Thomas Block, 1701 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Bloggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: variant of **Blogg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Bloggs, 1654 in *Kent History Centre*; Marey Bloggs, 1680 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Bloggs, 1739 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx).

## Bloice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Bloyee**.

## Blois

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Norman, English: see **Bloyee**.

## Bloise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Bloyee**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Blom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Blum**.

2 Dutch: nickname from Dutch *bloem* 'flower', denoting a grower or seller of flowers.

**Early bearers:** Cornelis Johannis Blom, 1868 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Cornelius Blom, born in Rotterdam, in *Census 1881* (Hulme, Lancs); Henry Blom, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

3 Scandinavian: ornamental name from *blom* 'flower'.

**Early bearers:** Alpea Blom, born in Angelstad, Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Elswick, Northumb).

4 English: perhaps also a variant of English **Blom**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Blom, 1779 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

## Blomberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Swedish and Danish: ornamental name from *blom* 'flower' + *berg* 'mountain, hill'. See also **Blumberg**.

**Early bearers:** Lawrence Blomberg, shipwright, born in Sweden, in *Census 1871* (Poplar, Middx); Henricke Blomberg, general labourer, born in Stockholm, Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Swansea, Glamorgan);

## Blomefield

Erlch Blomberg, engine driver, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Ivar Blomberg, seaman, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Durham); Per Ivan Blomberg, collier's labourer, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Blumberg**.

## Blomefield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- Norman: see **Bloomfield**.

## Blomeley

Variants: **Blomley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alice Blomeley, 1543 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Robert Blomeley, 1548 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Lawrence Blomeley, 1564 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Walter Blomley, 1583 in *IGI* (Welford on Avon, Gloucs); George Blomley, 1587 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Joseph Blomley, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Silver Street, London); James Blomley, 1705 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); George Blomley, 1710 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

## Blomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Bloomer**.

## Blomfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 713
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

Norman: see **Bloomfield**.

## Blomley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Blomeley**.

## Blondel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

1 Norman, English: see **Blundell**.

**Early bearers:** John Blondel, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

2 Huguenot: nickname, relationship name; French *Blondel*, with the same etymology as English **Blundell**.

**Early bearers:** Jaque Blondel, 1643 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jean Blondel, 1650 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Blondell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Blundell**.

## Blonden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

English: see **Blunden**.

## Blondin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Surrey, and Sussex; Warwicks

French: nickname from an Old French diminutive of *Blond*, a nickname for someone with fair hair.

**Early bearers:** Françoise Blondin, 1682 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Abraham Blondin, 1696 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

## Blong

Variants: **Blanc, Blanche**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained; possibly an anglicized variant of **Blanc**, which may have (additionally) arisen in Ireland.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Rychard Blange, 1572 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); John Blang, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary A. Blong, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jane Blong, in *Census 1851* (Derbys); John Blong, in *Census 1881* (Lancs), born in Ireland.

## Blood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1473, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English, Irish: (i) nickname for a blood-letter, based on the Middle English verb *bloden* 'to let blood'. The usual Middle English terms for this occupation were *bloodletter* or *blooder*, as in Uluric Blodleter, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Walter Blodleter, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); and Adam Blodyr, 1441 in *York Guild Register*. (ii) possibly also a nickname from Middle English *blode* 'blood', used as an oath (short for *God's blood*) but also as a term of address for a blood relative, as in: 'Now beth nought wroth, my blode, my nece' (Chaucer). It could also mean 'child, near relative' and 'someone as dear to one as one's own offspring'.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, the Irish family of this name came to Ireland (Clare) in the 16th century from Derbys, where they were originally *ap Llwyd*, but the Welsh origin is dubious because *ap* 'son (of)' does not generally appear before an adjectival form such as *llwyd* 'grey' (*Lloyd*). **Early bearers:** William Blod, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Blod, 1328 in *London Letter Books E*; Johanne Blod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledbury foreign, Herefs); William Blood, 1563, William Blud, 1624 in *IGI* (Dalbury, Derbys); Richard Bludd or Bloud, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

## Bloodworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Bloodworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bloodworth

Variants: **Bloodsworth, Bludworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Northants and Lincs

English: locative name possibly from Blidworth (Notts), though there are problems with this interpretation, and a lost place-name in Yorks or the E Midlands may be involved.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bladeworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Bramwith, WR Yorks); Thome Bladworth, 1584 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Edward Bludworth, 1588 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); George Christopher Bloodworth, 1589 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Willm Blidworth, 1601 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Katherne Bloudworth, 1621 in *IGI* (Allestree, Derbys); William Blodworth, 1667 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Richd. Bloodworth, 1691 in *IGI* (Doddington, Lincs); Mary Bladworth, 1710 in *IGI* (Clayworth, Notts); Abraham Bloodwort, 1712 in *IGI* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Hester Blodworth, 1717 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs).

## Bloom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2031, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1007
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *blome* 'lump of metal (esp. iron)' (Old English *blōma*), signifying an iron-worker. Compare **Bloomer**.

**Early bearers:** Anselm Blome, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Blome, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Johannes Bloume, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kepwick, NR Yorks); John Bloome, 1543 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willmi Bloom, 1566 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Susan Bloom, 1662, Mary Blume, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Blum**.

## Bloomberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name, anglicized spelling of **Blumberg**.

## Bloomer

Variants: **Blomer, Blumer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1304, Ireland 389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 896
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: occupational name for an iron-worker, a maker of iron blooms, from an agent noun based on Old English *blōma* 'iron ingot'.

**Early bearers:** William Blomere, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Robert le Blomere, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willmi Bloomer, 1568 in *IGI* (Elland, NR Yorks); Richard Bloomer, 1584 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Gyles Bloomer, 1592 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Henry Bloomer, 1597 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Bloomer, 1634 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

2 Irish: Unexplained. MacLysaght says that it is a synonym of **Gormley**.

**Bloomfield**

Variants: **Blomefield, Blomfield, Blumfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5628, Ireland 161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3781
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Fermanagh

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Blonville-sur-Mer (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** William de Blunuill, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Blumuill, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Blumfeilde, 1582 in *The East Anglian* (NS) i (Norfolk).

**Bloor**

Variants: **Bloore, Blore, Bluer, Blewer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3313, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1652
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Blore (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Blor, about 1165 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Ralph de Blore, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Rondus. Blore, 1546 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Robert Bloor, 1570 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Mary Bluer, 1672 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Blewer, 1701 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); Tho. Bluer, 1713 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs).

**Bloore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Bloor**.

**Blore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Notts

English: see **Bloor**.

**Bloss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Boyce**.

**Blossom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *blosme*, *blossom* ‘blossom’ (Old English *blōstm(a)*, *blōsma*) used in the 15th century for someone lovely and full of promise.

**Early bearers:** Walter Blosme, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Peter Blostme, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Mary Blossom, 1551 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); William Blossom, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); John Blossom, 1560 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); William Blossom, 1681 in *IGI* (Welwick, ER Yorks); John Blossom, 1702 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Blott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Blot, 1581 in *IGI* (Old Warden, Beds); Alice Blott, 1697 in *IGI* (Lilford cum Wigsthorpe, Northants); Benjamin Blott, 1767 in *IGI* (Barton in the Clay, Beds).

**Blouet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Blewitt**.

**Blount**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1895, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1017
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys

English: see **Blunt**.

**Blow**

Variants: **Blowe, Blows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *blaa*, *blou*, *blowe* ‘pale, livid’ (Old Scandinavian *blá*).

**Early bearers:** Randulf Bla, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Blowe, 1271 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Blau, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Edward Blow, 1566 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Henry Blow, 1570 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Annis Blow, 1574 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Frannces Blow, 1602 in *IGI* (Graveley, Herts); John Blow, 1613 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**Blowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Blow**.

**Blower**

Variants: **Blowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2663, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1766
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks, and Leics

English: (i) occupational from Middle English *blouer* ‘blower’ (Old English *blāwere*), i. e. someone who blew a bellows (e. g. for a forge or a church organ) or a horn (typically, to call workmen to work or as a huntsman). Compare **Hornblower**. (ii) nickname from the same word, for a loud or boastful person.

**Early bearers:** William le Blowerre, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Blouer, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Lucia Blower, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Reginald le Blawere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). Compare Gilbert Blouhorn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Blower, 1559 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Elinor Blower, 1561 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Robert Blower, 1562 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); James Blower, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); Edward Blower, 1566 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs).

**Blowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1426, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 762
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Norfolk

English: variant of **Blower** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Blowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts
- English: see **Blows**.

**Blowfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, and Bucks

English: see **Blofield**.

**Blowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: occupational name perhaps for someone who blew a bellows, e. g. at a forge. Compare **Blower**.

**Early bearers:** William Blowman, 1634 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Joseph Blowman, 1748 in *IGI* (Middleton by Pickering, NR Yorks); John Blowman, 1749, Jonathan Blooman, 1756 in *IGI* (Pickering, NR Yorks); Martin Blowman, 1775, Benjamin Blooman, 1784 in *IGI* (Kirkbymoorside, NR Yorks).

**Blows**

Variants: **Blowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

1 Norman, English: see **Boyce**.

2 English: variant of **Blow** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Bloxam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; also Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Bloxham**.

**Bloxham**

Variants: **Bloxsome, Bloxam, Bloxsom, Bloxom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1312, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 965
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Bloxham (Oxon) or possibly Bloxholm (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bloxeham, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Blokesham, Alexander de Bloxam, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas de Bloxham, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Oxon); Agn’ de Bloxham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton, Warwicks); Thomas Bloxham, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Banbury, Oxon); Robtus. Bloxam, 1567 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Martin Bloxsom, 1612 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); John Bloxom, 1622 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

**Bloxidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Surrey

English: see **Blockside**.

## Bloxom

### Bloxom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Bloxham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bloxside

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Blockside**.

### Bloxsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Bloxham**.

### Bloxsome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Bloxham**.

### Bloxwich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Blockside**.

### Bloy

**Variants:** **Boye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Lincs

English: apparently derived from **Boyce** by backformation as early as the Middle English period, removing the final *-s* as if it were an inflectional suffix. Compare Christian Bloys, 1550 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk), with the 1584 record, and Willm Bloyes, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall), with the 1614 record.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Boye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Alicia Bloy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Johannis Boye, 1556 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Helen Bloy, 1559, Margaret Boye, 1561 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Thomas Bloy, 1584 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Ursula Bloy, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

### Boyce

**Variants:** **Bloice, Blois, Bloys, Blows, Blowes, Bloise, Bloss, Blaize**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: locative name from Blois in Loiret-Cher. Compare also **Bloy**.

**Early bearers:** Tedbalde de Blais, 1116, Stephen de Blais, 1135 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* E; Robert de Bleys, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); John Bloss, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Boyce or Blowes, 1497 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk); Peter Bloss, 1548 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Mary Bloss, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Boyce, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Boye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Norfolk

English: see **Boy**.

### Bloys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk and Essex
- Norman, English: see **Boyce**.

### Bluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Shrops

English: unexplained. The name may be related to that of Johannes Blouk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (uncertain location, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Johis Bluck, 1565 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Thomas Bluck, 1614 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); John Blucke, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Holborn, City of London); John Bluke, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Little Somerford, Wilts).

### Bludworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Bloodworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blue

**Variants:** **Blues**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll, Lanarks, and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Scottish: anglicization of Gaelic **MacGhilleghuirm** ‘son of the blue lad’.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Blue, 1702 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll); Dugald Blew, 1709 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll); Angus Blue, 1747 in *IGI* (Kilmartin, Argyll); Hector Blew, 1756 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).
- References:** *Black*.
- 2 English: variant of **Blew**.

### Bluer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Glasgow; Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Bloor**.

### Blues

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines; Durham

Scottish: variant of **Blue** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Katharine Blews, 1675 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Geo. Blews, 1678 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines); David Blues, 1752 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); John Blues, 1773 in *IGI* (Kiconquhar, Fife).

England: Joseph Blews, 1691 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Henry Blews, 1693, Henry Blues, 1721 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Susanna Blues, 1773 in *IGI* (Bloxwich, Staffs).

### Bluett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English, Irish: see **Blewitt**.

**Further information:** It has been suggested that as an Irish name this may be a variant of Welsh **Blood** (*ap Lhwyd* ‘son of Lloyd’), but it is more likely to be the Norman name.

**Early bearers:** Melcher Bluett, 1566–7 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1005.

### Bluff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: (i) unexplained; possibly from the adjective *bluff*, which appears in English in the 17th cent. and may be of Dutch origin. (ii) possibly in some cases it represents **Plough** in a regional pronunciation /plʊf/, influenced by the adjective *bluff*.

**Further information:** Theoretically it might be a variant of **Plow** or **Plough** in a regional pronunciation /plʊf/, /plʌf/, or of **Brough**, with *r/l* interchange, either of which may have been influenced by the adjective *bluff*, but supportive evidence is lacking. The name is unlikely to have any etymological connection with *bluff*, which is probably a post-medieval loan word into English from Dutch.

**Early bearers:** John Bluff, 1739 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Arnald Bluff, 1744 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Benjamin Bluff, 1757 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

### Bluitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Kent

Norman, English: see **Blewitt**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blum

**Variants:** **Bloom, Blom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle High German *bluom* ‘flower’, probably denoting a flower gardener. (ii) ornamental name from German *Blume*, Yiddish *blum* ‘flower’.

**Early bearers:** German: Ludwig Blum, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, Kent); Johannis Blum, schoolmaster, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Alston, Lincs); Gerry Blum, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Reinhard Blum, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Adolphine Blum, nursery governess, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Adolf Blum, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex); Fritz Blum, tutor, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Lewes, Sussex); Peter Blum, baker, born in Baden, Germany, *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx).

Jewish: Solomon Bloom, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Nathan Blom, 1853, Moses Bloom, 1857 in *Great and Hambro*

*Synagogue Births* (London); Asar Blum, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Coleman Blum, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Sydney Blum, cigar merchant, born in Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Strand, Middx); Morris Blum, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Sollie Blum, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Blumberg

Variants: **Bloomberg, Blomberg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental compound of Yiddish *blum* 'flower' + German *Berg* 'mountain, hill'.

**Early bearers:** Annette Blomberg, seamstress, born in Russia, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Henry Blumberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (North Meols, Lancs); Abram Blomberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Moses Blumberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Lazarus Blumberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Rachael Bloomberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Epping Forest, Essex); Fanny Bloomberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Harris Bloomberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Solomon Blomberg, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hyman Bloomberg, traveller (furniture), born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Goodman Blumberg, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

## Blumer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Bloomer**.

## Blumfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Bloomfield**.

## Blumsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: variant of **Blunsom**.

## Blumson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: variant of **Blunsom**.

## Blundal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs
- English: see **Blundell**.

## Blundell

- Variants: **Blundal, Blondel, Blondell, Blindell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4669, Ireland 67

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3481
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northants, Warwicks, and Worcs; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *blondel*, a diminutive of *blond* 'blond, fair', used for someone with fair hair or a fair complexion and also as a personal name. Compare **Blunt**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Blundel, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants), about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts).

urnames: Walterus filius Blundelli, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Blundel, about 1140 in *Staffs Chartulary*; John Blondel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johanne Blondel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Blondel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus Blundell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Henley on Thames, Oxon); Alano Blundel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Johanne Blundell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarlsbrick with Hurlston, Lancs); Galfridus Blundell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsford, Norfolk); Henricus Blondel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Johannes Blondel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bromwich, Hants); Thomas Blundell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halsall, Lancs); Willelmus Blondel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); Willelmo Blondell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stogumber and Preston, Somerset); Johannes Blundel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); Nicholas Blundell, 1539 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Jhon Blundell, 1541 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Agnes Blondell, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Margareta Blundell, 1549 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Roger Blundell, 1549 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Willm. Blondell, 1565 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Richard Blondell, 1589 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jane Blondel, 1590 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Margaret Blundell, 1596 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); John Blundell, 1627 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Elizabeth Blundal, 1663 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Joseph Blundell, 1666 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Ricardus Blundall, 1681 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Henry Blondell, 1681 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Blundell, 1696, John Blundle, 1699 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); John Blundell, 1747 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Mary Blundal, 1758 in *IGI* (Great Alne, Warwicks).

## Blunden

Variants: **Blundon, Blonden, Blanden, Blandon, Blann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1503, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 998
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: nickname probably for a flatterer, from an unrecorded Middle English (Old French) \**blaundin*, \**blondin*, a diminutive of Old French *bland* 'complimentary, flattering', and related to Old French *blaundir*, Middle English *blaunden* 'to flatter' and Old French *blaundeor*, Middle English *blander*, *blonder* 'flatterer'. For the variation in vowel compare the synonymous **Blunder**. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Blundell**; compare **Blondin**.

**Early bearers:** William Blaundyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Simon Blaundyn, 1332 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Walberton and Barnham, Sussex); William Blonden, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Blanden, 1558 in *IGI* (Heveningham, Suffolk); Wyllyam Blanden, 1563 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Blundon, 1567 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); Nicolas Blonden, 1568 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Lucie Blundon, 1570 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Robert Blunden, 1573 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Blonden, 1617 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Mary Blandon, 1687 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Jn. Blandin, 1692, John Blanden, 1696 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Blandon, 1699 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); J'N Blanding, 1732 in *IGI* (Long Melford, Suffolk).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Blandin.

## Blunder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Hants, and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *blander*, *blonder* (Old French *blaundeor*) 'flatterer'. Compare **Blunden**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Blandur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Atherington and Yapton, Sussex); Willelmo Blaundour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bersted, Sussex); Edward Blunder, 1606 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); William Blunder, 1606 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); William Blunder, 1617 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Samuell Blunder, 1619 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Christopher Blander, 1730 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); David Blunder, 1790 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); George Blunder, 1790 in *IGI* (Selham, Sussex); Benjamin Blunder, 1794 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Blundon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London, Hants, and Sussex

English: see **Blunden**.

## Blundred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Brandreth** with dissimilation of *r-r* to *l-r*.

## Blundstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- English: see **Blunstone**.

## Blundy

Variants: **Blandy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; also Berks and Hants

Norman: locative name possibly from Blandy, Seine-et-Marne, if Peter de Blaundys, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (relating to Surrey), is relevant.

**Early bearers:** John Blandy, 1542 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Agnes Blandy, 1574 in *IGI* (Pangbourne, Berks); Guielmus Blandy, 1601 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Thomas Blandy, 1611 in *IGI* (Facombe, Hants); Amy Blundy, 1651 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs); Mary Blundy, 1663 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); John

## Blunn

Blundy, 1683 in *IGI* (Peasmore, Berks); John Blundy, 1689 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts).

### Blunn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks and Staffs; WR Yorks

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Blunt**. **Early bearers:** George Blun, 1613 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Willmus. Blunn, 1622 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); John Blunn, 1731 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

### Blunsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Blunsdon**.

### Blunsdon

Variants: **Blunsden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: locative name from Blunsdon (Wilts), which is recorded as *Bluntesdone* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Brian de Bluntesdon', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Henry de Bluntesdon, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Bluntesdon Saint Andrews, Wilts); Robert de Bluntesdon, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Donhead Saint Mary, Wilts); John Bluntysdon, vicar, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Pewsey, Wilts); Jonathan Blunsden, 1677 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Mary Blunsden, 1718 in *IGI* (Westport, Wilts); Betty Blunsden, 1723 in *IGI* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Martha Blunsdon, 1758 in *IGI* (Ardington, Berks); Thos. Blunsdon, 1766 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Oxon).

### Blunsom

Variants: **Blunsom**, **Blunson**, **Blumsom**, **Blumson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Bluntisham (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** John de Bluntisham, 1229 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert de Bluntisham, 1327, Robert Bluntisham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Godmanchester, Hunts); John Bluntsham, 1406, Thomas Blumsome, 1661, John Blonsham, 1734 in *Bardsley*; Thomas Blunsom, 1711 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts).

### Blunson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English: variant of **Blunsom** or **Blunstone**.

### Blunstone

Variants: **Blundstone**, **Blunson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, Lincs

English: locative name from Blundeston (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Blundeston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Blunstone, 1588 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Nicholas Bluneston, 1593 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).

### Blunsum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Blunsom**.

### Blunt

Variants: **Blount**, **Le Blond**, **Blant**, **Blunn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2400, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2392
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: nickname from Old French *blund*, *blond* (Latin *blondus*) 'blond, fair, yellow-haired', used also of complexion (1481 *OED*).

**Further information:** Compare **Blondel** and Joce Blonthefed, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs) 'fair head'. In *Domesday Book*, Robert Blundus is also called Albus, flauus and blancard.

**Early bearers:** Rodbertus Blon, Blondus, Blundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Robert se Blund, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Ralph le Blund, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); John le blunt, about 1194 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Hamelin Blund, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Blount, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Blunt, 1538 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Johannis Blunt, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); George Blunt, 1540 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Creature Blunt, 1541 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Blunt, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Edmundi Blond, 1599 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Blurton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Blurton (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Blorton, 1337 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Blorton, 1345, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks, Staffs); William Blurton, 1543 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willyam Blorton, 1614 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Walteri Blurton, 1623 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); John Bloreton, 1711 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

### Bly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Bligh**.

### Blyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: see **Blyth**.

### Blye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Norfolk

English: see **Bligh**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Blyth

Variants: **Blythe**, **Blyde**, **Blight**, **Bligh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4698
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also N England and S Scotland: esp. Fife

1 Scottish: locative name from Blythe in Lauderdale, Berwicks, and possibly also from Blyth in Peebles.

**Early bearers:** William de Blythe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Adam de Blyth, 1302 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); James Blyth, burgess, 1485 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Dundee, Angus); Cuthbert Blyth, burgess, 1563 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: locative name from Blyth (Northumb, Notts) or Blythe (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** William de Bliða, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls*; Willelmus Blyth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Johannes de Blythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wishaw, Warwicks); Alicia de Blyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Willelmus de Blythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thoma de Blythe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Nicholas Blyth, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Blyth, 1541 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Peter Blythe, 1542, Grace Blithe, 1544 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Blyth, 1554 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); John Blyth, 1562 in *IGI* (Englefield, Berks); Katheren Blyth, 1563 in *IGI* (Lower Hardres, Kent).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *blithe* 'joyful, happy' (Old English *blīde* 'gentle, merry') or from an unrecorded personal name, Old English \**Bliða*, derived from this. The adjective is found as both *bliht* and *bligh* in the 13th century (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Blide, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Blithe de Ryseford, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Willelmus filius Blie, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Blithe, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); John Blythe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Blythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk).

### Blythe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3416, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2266
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and E England: esp. WR Yorks; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Down

English: see **Blyth**.

### Blythen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs, Flints, and Cheshire

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

### Blythin

Variants: **Blything**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

### Blything

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lincs

English: variant of **Blythin**.

**Blythman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *blith* 'happy' + *man*. (ii) locative name possibly 'man from Blyth (Northumb)'. See **Blyth**. Compare **Penkethman**. (iii) occupational name, status name from the surname **Blyth** + Middle English *man*, for a servant of a man with the surname *Blyth*. Compare **Fentiman**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Blitheman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flotterton, Northumb); Elizabeth Blythman, 1563 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Margaret Blitheman, 1588 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); John Blithman, 1588 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Blythman, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Blyton**

Variants: **Blighton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Blyton (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Jacobus de Bliton', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Blyton, 1280–90 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; John Blyton, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Blyton, 1561 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); George Blyton, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Richarde Blyton, 1575 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Francis Blyton, 1633 in *IGI* (Eakring, Notts); Charles Blyton, 1701 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Bo**

Variants: **Poh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 薄 (**Po** in Mandarin romanization, **Pok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'thin' in Chinese: (i) from *Bo* (薄), the name of an ancient state (located in the borderline between Henan and Shandong province). (ii) from the place-name *Bo* (薄), the name of a fief (located in the borderline between Henan and Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) said to be borne by descendants of *Bo Yi* (薄疑), a famous person in the state of Wei during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iv) said to be borne by descendants of the *Bo Gu* (薄姑) family, nobles during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (v) adopted as a surname by the *Bo Xi* (薄奚) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (vi) traced back to the Qiang minority ethnic groups in ancient NW China.

2 Danish and Swedish: patronymic from the personal name *Bo* 'farmer' (see **Boe**).

3 Vietnamese: unexplained.

**Boa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Ross and Cromarty; Bute; Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Bow**.

**Early bearers:** James Boa, 1659 in *IGI* (Newton); Bessie Boa, 1678 in *IGI* (Glencorse, Midlothian); Helen Boa, 1686 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Patrick Boa, 1708 in *IGI* (Minto, Roxburghs).

**Boad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Bode**.

**Boaden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Bawden**.

**Boag**

Variants: **Boak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 904, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 867
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; central Scotland: esp. Renfrews and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Irish: from Ó **Buadhaigh**, see **Bogue**.

2 Scottish: locative name from the Scottish dialect word *boak* 'ridge (as a boundary)', or possibly from *Boak* in Kirkcolm (Wigtowns).

**Early bearers:** Andrew Boog, 1550 in *Laing Charters*; David Book, 1610 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Baok, 1622 in *Laing Charters* (Stirling, Stirlings); Marioum Boig, 1631 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Boagey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- Scottish, English: an English spelling of **Bogie**.
- Early bearers:** Widow Boge, 1673 in *Hearth Tax* (Loftus, NR Yorks); John Boagey, 1761 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**Boak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and NR Yorks; Fife; Midlothian
- Scottish; N English: see **Boag**.

**Boakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: unexplained. If related to the now very rare *Bolk* or *Bolke*, it may include Middle English *bolc* 'belch', with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Frannces Bokes, 1599 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Richard Boakes, 1633 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Charles Bokes, 1660 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); Thomas Boakes, 1680 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent).

**Boakye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: a Twi surname of unknown origin, often associated with the *mmrane* (traditional by-name) *Yiadom*.

**Boal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 363
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Baoighill**, see **Boyle**.
- 2 Norman, English: possibly a variant of **Bowell**.

**Boalch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Balch**.

**Boaler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Bowler**.

**Boam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

Norman, English: (i) possibly a variant of **Boon**. (ii) possibly from an unidentified place named something like *Bougham*.

**Early bearers:** John Bowham, 1562 in *IGI* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); Henrici Boham, 1614 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Rogeri Boame, 1627 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Alicia Boam, 1629 in *IGI*, Hugh Boam, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Bakewell, Derbys); Rogeri Boam, 1646 in *IGI* (Taddington, Derbys); Mary Bowam, 1790 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).

**Boan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

1 Scottish, English: see **Boon**.

2 Scottish, English: see **Bone**.

**Boar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Derbys
- English: see **Bore**.

**Board**

Variants: **Boord**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and S Wales: esp. Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: nickname from Middle English *bord(e)* 'board, plank, table', for a carpenter or sawyer, a maker of boards and planks, or perhaps for a tall, thin person. See also **Border**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Borde, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Borde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Paschaw Board, 1543 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Agnes Board, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anna Bord, 1578 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Johis. Board, 1604 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Robt. Board, 1608 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Rychard Board, 1614 in *IGI* (West Chiltington, Sussex).

## Boarder

### Boarder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts
- English: see **Border**.

### Boardley

Variants: **Bordley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Suffolk
- English: locative name from Bordley in Burnshall (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Johannes de Bordlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingerthorpe, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Bordlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bordelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wigglesworth, WR Yorks); William Bordley, 1630 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs); Elizabeth Boardley, 1647 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Wm. Boardley, 1721 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Boardley, 1749 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Boardman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5844, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4802
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *bord(e)* 'board, plank, table' + *man*, for a carpenter, sawyer, or a maker of boards and planks. Compare **Board**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus le Bordmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); Johannes le Bordmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prestwich, Lancs); Robt. Bordman, 1564 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ralph Boardman, 1568 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); James Boardman, 1571 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

### Boarer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Boorer**.

### Boarman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northumb
- English: see **Bowerman**.

### Boas

Variants: **Boase, Boaz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish, English: (i) relationship name from the Hebrew personal name *Boaz*, of uncertain origin. In the Book of Ruth in the Bible this is the name of Ruth's rich kinsman, who later became her husband. In Britain, this is found as both a Jewish and a gentile (Nonconformist) family name. (ii) perhaps occasionally a variant of **Bowes**.

**Early bearers:** Isacke Boase, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Richard Boas, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Camborne, Cornwall); George Boas, 1613 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Edward Boaz, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); William Boas, 1652 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); William Boase, 1666 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall);

Francisca Boas, 1688 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Jenkin Boas, 1689 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Thomas Boas, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Arthur Boas, 1698 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Ann Boas, 1720 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Boaz, 1736 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); James Boas, 1748 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

**Jewish:** Moses Boas, 1849, Samson Boas, 1850 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Samuel Boas, general dealer, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Florence Boaz, 1874 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Herman Boas, fruit importer, 1877 in *Jews of Ireland* (Belfast, N Ireland); Moses Boas, cattle salesman, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Simeon Boas, cattle agent., born in Rotterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Eli Boas, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Abraham Boas, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Boase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Boas**.

### Boast

Variants: **Bost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1023, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 601
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *bost* 'bragging, vainglory'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bost, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walterus dictus Bost, about 1300 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford); Ralph Boste, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Boost, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Boast, 1584 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Agnes Boast, 1599 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Willim Boast, 1605 in *IGI* (Abbots Ripton, Hunts); John Boast, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Boast, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Boat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: variant of **Boot**.

### Boateng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2125, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Boater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- English: occupational name for a boatman, Middle English *boter*.
- Early bearers:** Ricardus Botere, 1168 in *MED*; John Botere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Botere, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John le Botere, 1301 in *London Letter Books C*; John Boater, 1704 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Joseph Boater, 1722 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Jonathan Boater, 1793 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); James Boater, 1798 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton,

Devon); Edward Boater, 1817 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Boath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Boath (Angus).

**Early bearers:** James Both, 1664 in *IGI* (Cortachy, Angus); Will. Boath, 1706 in *IGI* (Aberlemno, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

### Boatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middlesex
- English: occupational name for a boatman, from Middle English Middle English *bo(o)t*, *bote* + *man* (Old English *bāt* + *mann*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bootman, 1225 in *Dunwich Account* (Suffolk); Thomas Botman, 1378 in *Thurresson* (Somerset); John Boatman, 1580 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Boatman, 1623 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Christ. Boatman, 1638 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Aloysia Boatman, 1670 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Katherine Boatman, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Boatright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Botwright**.

### Boatswain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: occupational name, relationship name from Late Old English *bātswegen* (from Old Scandinavian *bātsveinn*) 'boatman', also used also as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Batsuen, before 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops).

surnames: Walterus filius Batsuein, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Wicing Batswegen, 1050–71 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Peter Botsweyn, 1327, le Botsweyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Mary Boatswain, 1736, Thos. Boatswain, 1737 in *IGI* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); Henry Boatswain, 1800 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Henry Boatswain, 1824 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Ann Boatswain, 1833 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Boatwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also London
- English: see **Botwright**.

### Boaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Cheshire; Worcs and Staffs
- Jewish, English: see **Boas**.



**Bobat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Malay or Indonesian): perhaps from Malay *bobot* ‘weight, integrity’.

**Bobb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Bubb**.

**Bobbe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bubb**.

**Bobbett**

Variants: **Bobbitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs and Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Bobbet*, a diminutive of *Bobbe* (see **Bubb**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Bobat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Bobbete, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willim Bobbett, 1575 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Dorotheie Bobbett, 1604 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Ellyne Bobbett, 1613 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); John Bobbett, 1634 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Mary Bobbett, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Bobbin**

Variants: **Bobbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Banffs
- English, Scottish: unexplained.

**Further information:** a locative name from Bobbing (Kent) is formally possible but there is no medieval evidence to bear this out, and apart from the variant **Bobin** the surname’s modern distribution gives no support.

**Early bearers:** Thomae Bobbinge, 1622 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Mary Bobing, 1786 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Susanna Bobin, 1770 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); James Bobin, 1827 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**Bobbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Bobbin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Deborah Bubbins, 1701 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Richd. Bobbins, 1770 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Bubbings, 1770 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Ann Bobbins, 1824, Ann Bubbins, 1824 in *IGI* (Castle Acre, Norfolk).

**Bobbitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Somerset

English: see **Bobbett**.

**Bobby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Suffolk; Kent

English: unexplained; possibly a nickname related to Middle English *boban*, *bobant* ‘pride, boasting’.

Some of the bearers below may belong with

**Boothby.**

**Early bearers:** Henrye Bobye, 1564 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); William Boby, 1579, George Bobby, 1607 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Hannah Bobby, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bobbey, 1732 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk).

**Boby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Boothby**.

**Book**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Essex
- English: see **Buck**.

**Bockett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: see **Bucket**.

**Bocking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks and Derbys; Essex and London; Norfolk
- English: locative name from Bocking (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Æðelric æt Boccinge, about 997 in *Tengvik*; Reginald de Bokings, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roberto de Bockyngg’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bocking, Essex); William de Bockyng, 1337 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); John Bokkyng, 1450 in *Paston Letters*; Brice Bocking, 1585 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Elias Bocking, 1645 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Lydia Bocking, 1661 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

**Bocock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Boocock**.

**Bodden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights; also Lancs

Scottish: variant of **Bowden**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Boddane, 1552 in *Laing Charters* (Kirkcudbrights); John Bodane, 1686 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Kirkcudbrights); John and Williame Boddane, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Buittle, Dumfriess).

**References:** *Black*.

**Boddey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire; Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Boddy**.

**Boddice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Bodas, 1611 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Maria Bodise, 1711 in *IGI* (Stapenhill, Derbys); Thomas Boddice, 1751 in *IGI* (Monkland, Herefs); Joseph Boddis, 1768 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); Joseph Boddice, 1844 in *IGI* (Blackfordby, Leics).

**Boddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: Scottish variant of **Boddy** or **Body**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Bod of Roxburghs, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Andrew Body, 1494 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Patrick Bodie, 1593 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen).

**Boddington**

Variants: **Bodington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Warwicks, and Oxon

English: locative name from Boddington (Northants), recorded as *Botendone* in *Domesday Book* (1086), or Boddington (Gloucs), *Botingtune* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Botendune, about 1160–7 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Robert de Botenden’, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Adam de Bodington, 1291 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholas Boddington, 1556 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Thomas Boddington, 1561 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Joane Boddington, 1586 in *IGI* (Bermundsey, Surrey); Ann Boddington, 1589 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks); Wm Boddington, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London).

**Boddison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Botte* (see **Bott**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Botesone, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Robertus Bottesson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); John Bodyson, 1548, Rachell Boddison, filia Allen Bodyson, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Roberti Bodison, 1643 in *IGI* (Hathersage, Derbys); Willia. Boddison, 1653 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); John Boddison, 1666 in *TNA* (Middx); Thomas Boddison, 1694 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Barnett Boddison, 1721 in *IGI* (Himley, Staffs); Francis Bottison, 1739 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys).

**Boddy**

Variants: **Body, Bodie, Bodey, Boddey, Boddie, Buddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2314, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1655
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bodi* ‘body, trunk, chest’ (Old English *bodig*), for someone with a large physique. See **Body** for possible additional early bearers.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh Body, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Body, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Body, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henricus Body, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caldecott, Rutland); Walterus Body, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Robertus Body, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Johannes Body, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wooton Wawen, Warwicks); William Body, 1561 in *IGI* (London); Maria Boddy, 1609 in *IGI* (Itteringham, Norfolk); Authur Body, 1612 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks); James Boddy, 1656 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Boddy, 1766 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham). Scotland: Thomas Bodie, 1605 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: of uncertain origin; perhaps identical with the English name in (1).

**Body**

Variants: **Boad, Body**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bode* ‘herald, messenger’ (Old English *boda*). In the S coast counties it may also have developed to **Body**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bode* (Old English *Boda*), from the word in (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Boda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Bode, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts). surnames: Hugo filius Bode, 12th cent. *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Walter Bode, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Robert Bode, 1221 in *Cotton Claudius D xiii A* (Norfolk); Gregory le Bode, William le Bode, and Walter Bode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); Johannes Bode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Johanna Bode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crompton, Lancs); Agnes Bode, 1583 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Alice Bode, 1586 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Ellen Bode, 1602 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Rychard Boad, 1608 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Willm Boad, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Boad, 1621 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Boad, 1721 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Thomas Bode, 1787 in *IGI* (Knowle, Warwicks).

References: *Redin, Studies; Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 17–18, 261.

**Bodecott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bodicoat**.

**Bodell**

Variants: **Bodill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Warwicks and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: probably a variant of **Bodle**, itself a variant of **Buddle**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bodell, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Edwarde Bodell, 1566, Lyddia Bodill, 1619 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Catherine Bowdell, 1616 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Samuel Bodell, 1686, Samuel Bodel, 1713 in *IGI* (Belton, Leics).

**Bodemeaid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bodimeade**.

**Boden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3736, Ireland 167
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth
- 1 Irish: from Ó Buadáin, see **Bowden** (4).  
2 English: see **Bawden**.

**Bodenham**

Variants: **Bodham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Shrops, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Bodenham (Herefs), recorded as *Bodeham*, *Domesday Book*, or *Bodham* (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Bodeham, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William de Bodeham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Margaret de Bodham, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John Bodenham, 1578 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Bodenham, 1582 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Anna Bodenham, 1597 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts); William Bodenham, 1626 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts); Thomas Bodenham, 1635 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire).

**Boder**

Variants: **Badder**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name from Old English *bodere* ‘announcer, messenger’. In *Book of Fees* (Essex) Ralph le Bodere, 1212 is called le Criur, 1227. Compare **Crier**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew le Bodere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Bartholomew Bodyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Rich. Bodder, 1635 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Hugh Boder, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London).

**Bodey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs; Devon
- English: see **Boddy**.

**Bodfish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Oxon, Northants, and Leics

English: nickname from Middle English *butte* + *fish*, probably a generic term for flatfish (sole, fluke, plaice, turbot, etc.) rather than a particular species. The surname perhaps denotes a seller of flatfish. Compare *butt-woman* ‘fishwife’, 1620 in *OED*.

**Further information:** Middle English *butte* is cognate with Swedish *butta* ‘turbot’, Dutch *bot* ‘flounder’. Compare the glosses *But, fysche, Pecten* (in *Promptorium Parvulorum*), and *Butte fysshre, plye* (in *Palsgrave*).

**Early bearers:** Joane Botfishe, John Botefyshe, Alice Bootefishe, 1523–41 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41 (Kent); Margaret Bodfish, 1581 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Marie Botfishe, 1593 in *IGI* (Braunstone, Leics); John Bodfish, 1686 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Elizabeth Bodfish, 1779 in *IGI* (Naseby, Northants).

**Bodger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, and Northants

English: occupational name from Middle English *bocchere* ‘bodger, someone who mends or patches (metal) things’, with irregular voicing of the intervocalic consonant. Compare Adam Bochecollok ‘mend tub’, 1326 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Margerie Bodger, 1587 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); William Bodger, 1599 in *IGI* (Papworth Saint Agnes, Cambs); Henrici Bodgerd, 1604 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Cambs); Richardi Bodger, 1652 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Cambs).

**Bodham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bodenham**.

**Bodiam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Bodiam (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Henry de Bodyhame, 1285 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Waltero de Bodyham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henhurst hundred, Sussex); Rado de Bodeham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Joh’ de Bodiam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dill hundred, Sussex); Ricardo Bodyham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Peter Bodyham, 1480, William Bodyam, 1523–4, Thomas Bodyan, 1533 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Marden, Kent); John Bodyam, 1513 in *PROB 11* (London); Friswith Bodiam, 1577 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Aramillus Bodian, 1587, Anthony Bodiam, 1626 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Armell Bodyam or Bodiam, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Marden, Kent); Alice Bodyham, 1636 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Thomas Bodiam, 1787, Fanny Bodian, 1812 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent).

**Bodicoat**

Variants: **Bodecott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Bodicote (Oxon), which is recorded as *Bodicote* in 1086 and *Boidecot* in 1220. The place-name derives from the Old English

personal name *Boda* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *cot* ‘cottage, shelter’.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bodicot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanne Bodecot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yattendon, Berks); Johannes Bodicot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Swell, Gloucs); Marie Bodicote, 1606 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics); Ric. Bodicoat, 1649 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Will. Bodycoat, 1688 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Ann Bodicoat, 1734 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics); George Bodycott, 1778 in *IGI* (Stoke Golding, Leics).

### Bodie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Boddy**.

### Bodill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Bodell**.

### Bodilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Bodilly (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Bodilly, 1654 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Thomas Bodilly, 1656 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Bodily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Baddeley**.

**Early bearers:** William Bodily, 1632 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); John Bodily, 1640 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Sarah Bodily, 1748, Richd. Bodaly, 1816 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants); Mary Bodaly, 1761 in *IGI* (Bugbrooke, Northants).

### Bodimead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bodimeade**.

### Bodimeade

**Variants:** **Bodimead**, **Bodemeaid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: locative name perhaps from an unidentified, and presumably lost, place-name *\*Botym(e)ade* or *\*Bodym(e)ade*, apparently in or near west Beds. However, it is noteworthy that no preposition has been noted among the early bearers, whereas other clearly locative surnames in the 1309 and 1332 *Subsidy Rolls* generally appear with *de* ‘from’.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Bodymade, Ricardo Botymade, 1309, Nigello Botemedede, Roberto Botemedede, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Margeria Botimade, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cranfield, Beds); Rogero Bodmede, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lidlington, Beds); Willo Botemund, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Eastcotts, Beds); Rich Bodymed, 1563 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); John Bodimeade, 1659 in *Herts Archives*; John Bodimeade, 1666 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Edmund Bodimead, 1673 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); William Bodymaid, 1699 in *London Met Archives* (Harrow Weald, Middx); Mary Bodymaid, 1778 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Hannah Bodimeade, 1793 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/bodimeade](http://one-name.org/name_profile/bodimeade)

### Bodin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Derbys; Kent

English: see **Boyden**.

### Bodington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Boddington**.

### Bodkin

**Variants:** **Badkin**, **Botkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Bodekin*, an Anglo-Norman borrowing of Middle Dutch *Bodekin*, a pet form of the personal name **Baldwin**. In Ireland, it became the name of one of the Tribes of Galway.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bodekin, 1274 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Robert Bodekyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Peter Bodekyn, 1331 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Bodeken, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Abraham Bodkin, 1549 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Frauncys Bodkin, 1601 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs); Thomas Botkin, 1691 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Rebecca Bodkin, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Bodkin, 1771 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); William Bodkin, 1776 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Bodle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Buddle**.

### Bodley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Bucks, and Northants; Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Bodley (Surrey) or Bodley in Parracombe (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Hamelin de Bodlei, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Roger de Bodele, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Emma Bodely, 1457–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey).

### Bodman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Gloucs and Somerset

English: occupational name for a messenger or servant of a messenger, a compound of Middle English *bode* ‘messenger’ + *man* ‘man, servant’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Bodeman, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*; Thomas Bodeman, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Bodman, 1540 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Thomas Bodman, 1565 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Edmundi Bodman, 1566 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Mary Bodman, 1568 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Bodman, 1576 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Bodnar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Polish: occupational name, Czech and Slovak (**Bodnár**), Polish (**Bodnarz**), or Ukrainian, denoting a cooper, from Slavic *bodnja* ‘tub’. This occupational term was also borrowed into Hungarian, where it likewise became a surname.

### Bodsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Northants, Herts, and Bucks

English: a late variant of **Bosworth**, with the *r* of the earlier form *Boresworth* represented by *d*.

### Body

**Variants:** **Boddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 901, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1021
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall; also SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

English: (i) see **Boddy**. (ii) variant of **Bode** with final *-e* becoming *-y*, a not infrequent feature of names in S England from Cornwall to Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Sibilla Body, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Henry Body, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Richard Body, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Wymark Body, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Anton’ Body, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lambert, Devon); Henricus Body, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cattcott, Somerset); Johannes Body, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warminghurst, Sussex); John Body de Penrynburgh, 1460 in *Cornish Lands* (Penryn town in Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Body, 1460 in *Cornish Lands* (Carnewas in Saint Eval, Cornwall); Thomas Body, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Columb and Trenhilllocks, Cornwall); John Boddy, 1558 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Tork Bodie, 1595 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Elyzabeth Bodie, 1600, Elizabeth Boody, 1640, Frannces Boddie, 1627, Roger Buddy, 1698, Richard Boddy, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); George Body, 1610 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); William Boddy, 1730 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 17–18, 261.

### Bodycombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire
- English: from Buddacombe in Alverdiscott (Devon).

## Bodycote

**Early bearers:** Johannes Budecumb<sup>3</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puriton manor, Somerset); William Budicombe, 1749 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); James Packer Buddicomb, 1769 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Bodicom, 1818 in *IGI* (Cadoxton juxta Neath, Glamorgan); John Bodycomb, 1818 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Bodicomb, 1820 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan); Hannah Bodycombe, 1840 in *IGI* (Pyle and Kenfig, Glamorgan).

### Bodycote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Bodicote (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Alice Boddicote, 1547 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Henry Bodicote, 1584 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Jo. Bodycott, 1585 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks).

### Boe

**Variants:** **Bogue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 Scottish: nickname from a much reduced Scots form of **Bullock**, perhaps influenced by Gaelic *bò* 'cow'.

**Further information:** Black notes that in the 16th and 17th centuries 'part of Bonnington near Peebles was held by the Bullos of Bonnington-Bullo. In the public records the name appears as Bo, Boe, Bowie or Bullo'.

**Early bearers:** George Boe, 1655 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Agnes Boe, 1677 in *Lanark Testaments* (Symington, Lanarks); Thomas Boe, 1690 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); James Boe, 1745 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Moffat, Dumfriess).

2 English: see **Bow**.

3 Irish: possibly from Ó **Buadhaigh** 'descendant of the victorious one'; see **Bowe** and **Bowie**, **Bogue**.

**Early bearers:** Rowrie Boh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887 (Cowslaughten, Roscommon).

### Boehm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German and Dutch: see **Bohm**.

### Boff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Bough**.

### Boffee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Beaufoy**.

### Boffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Norman, English: see **Beaufoy**.

### Boffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Warwicks and Northants

English: unexplained, probably a variant of **Boughen**.

### Boffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: see **Beaufoy**.

### Bogan

**Variants:** **Boggan**, **Bogen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó **Bogáin** 'descendant of *Bogán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *bog* 'soft, tender'.

**Early bearers:** William O'Boghan, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1969 (Roscrea); Teige Og O'boughan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Coynlagh).

### Bogen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: from Ó **Bogáin**, see **Bogan**.

### Bogg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and NR Yorks

1 English: perhaps, as Redmonds suggests, a reduced form of **Boggis** with loss of final *-s*. Compare John Bogays, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skelton, NR Yorks) and Richard Bogas, 1366 in *York Freemen's Register*. The change may have been influenced by early Modern English *bog* 'blustering, proud, saucy', which may be a reduction of Middle English *bogeys*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bogge, 1504 in *York Freemen's Register*; Katheryne Bogg, 1565 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Clement, Lincs); Thomas Bogg, 1588 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Alicia Bogg, 1592 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) bog', Middle English *bog*.

**Early bearers:** John atte Bogge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Giles Bog, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Tho. Bogg, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Francis Bogg, 1604 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs).

### Boggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Ó **Bogáin**, see **Bogan**.

### Boggess

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Boggis**.

### Boggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks
- English: nickname from the northern dialect word *boggard*, *boggart* 'ghost; goblin'.
- Early bearers:** John Boget, 1502 in *PROB 11*; John Boggit, 1729, Elizabeth Bogget, 1758, John Boggett, 1773 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Elin Boggett, 1773 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske, NR Yorks).

### Boggis

**Variants:** **Boggess**, **Boggs**, **Bogg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *bogeys* 'inclined to bluster or brag; puffed up; bold'.

Compare 'bogeysliche as a boy', before 1375 (*MED*).

**Early bearers:** Elyas Bogeys, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Bogays, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skelton, NR Yorks); William Bogace, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Bogeys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Bogays, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Boggess, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Bogas, 1366 in *York Freemen's Register*; Willimi Boggis, 1562 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Nightingale Boggis, 1727, Rebecca Boggiss, 1732 in *IGI* (Woodham Walter, Essex).

### Boggon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: locative name probably from the place now called *Bogangreen* in Coldingham (Berwicks).
- Early bearers:** Margaret Bogan, 1676 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Henry Boggan, 1685 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); William Boggin, 1743 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Robert Bogan, 1751 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Michael Boggon, 1751 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

### Boggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 133
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: London; Lancs; Ayr; S Wales; IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English, N Irish: see **Boggis**.

### Bogie

**Variants:** **Boagey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Bogie (earlier Bolgyne) in Abbotshall (Fife).

**Early bearers:** John Bolgy, 1327 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Edinburgh); William Bolgy, 1455 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth); Robert Boggie, 1690 in *Retours, Scotland*.

### Bogle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 212
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Scottish, English: nickname for a person of frightening appearance, Middle English and Older Scots *bogill* 'hobgoblin, bogey'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Boghyll, 1487 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Bogyll or Bogill, 1510 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Monkland, Lanarks); John Bogil, 1575 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Bogell, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks). England: Jacob Bogle, 1684 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Bogle, 1692 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Bogle, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Elizabeth Bogle, 1742 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 Scottish: from the place now called Boglea (formerly Bowgyhill) in Monklands parish, Lanarks.

**Early bearers:** Isobell Bogley, 1621 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Bogley, 1653 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marion Bogley, 1661 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Bogley, 1664 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Bogue

**Variants:** Boag, Bowe, Bowes, Bowie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland: esp. Angus; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone

1 Irish: from Ó *Buadhaigh* 'descendant of *Buadhach*', a personal name meaning 'victorious'. The final fricative has been delented in Bogue, the southern (Cork) anglicization of the surname. The Irish name was also anglicized as *Bowe(s)*, **Bowie**, and **Boyce**.

**Early bearers:** Philip O'Bowe, ploughman, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §163 (Tipperary); Thady O'Boey, clerk, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §924 (diocese of Limerick); Philip Boye, kern, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1105; Tirrelagh O'Boye, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §967 (of the country of Orghryer, commonly called O'Hanlan's country in the north part of Ireland); Towill O Boy, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497 (Connacht); Twowlle O Bwoy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Tryllye); Donogh O Bowige, shoemaker, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514; Deirmod and Donell O Bowige, husbandmen, and Wm. O Bowige, weaver, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Kaherowe, Cork).

2 Scottish: locative name from Bogue in the parish of Minnigaff (Kirkcudbrights). The name is now common in Ulster.

**References:** *Maclysaght*, *Black*.

3 Scottish: see **Boe**.

### Bohan

**Variants:** Bohane, Boohan, Bohem, Bowen, Boughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 742
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Ó *Buadhacháin*, from a personal name which is a diminutive of the adjective *buadhach* 'victorious'. Occasionally Bohannan, a version of the Scottish **Buchanan**, was used to anglicize it.

**Early bearers:** Manus O'Bohen, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5442 (Drumkerry, Leitrim); Donnogha O Boghan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5551 (Elie Occarroll, King's County [Offaly]); John Bohene or Boheme, 1596 in

*Fiants Elizabeth* §5999 (Balliadams, Queen's County [Laois]).

### Bohanan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: see **Bohannon**.

### Bohane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó *Buadhacháin*, see **Bohan**.

### Bohanna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: unexplained. Possibly a variant of Ó *Buadhachanáin*, see **Bohannon**.

### Bohannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Irish: from Ó *Buadhachanáin*, see **Bohannon**.

### Bohannon

**Variants:** Bohannan, Bohanan, Buchanan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Irish: from Ó *Buadhachanáin*, from a personal name that is a double diminutive of *buadhach* 'victorious'. Compare **Bogue**. The Irish surname is also anglicized **Bohan**.

**Early bearers:** John Bohannon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); Margaret Bohannon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killasnet, Leitrim).

### Bohen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó *Buadhacháin*, see **Bohan**.

### Bohill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó *Baoighill*, see **Boyle**.

### Bohm

**Variants:** Boehm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German and Dutch: ethnic name from German *Böhm* 'Bohemian', a native or inhabitant of Bohemia (the western part of what is now the Czech Republic). This is also found as a Swedish name. **Early bearers:** Matthew Boehm, 1713 in *IGI* (City of London); Samuell Bohm, 1719 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Frances Bohm, 1790 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon); Christian Frederick Bohm,

1792 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Peter Bohm, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Godalming, Surrey); Carl Bohm, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Clewer, Berks); Rudolph Boehm, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Withington, Lancs); August Bohm, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool).

### Bohn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Berks

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Bohn, 1713 in *IGI* (Neatishead, Norfolk); John Bohn, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Sarah Bohn, 1729 in *IGI* (Neatishead, Norfolk); Sarah Bohn, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); Matty Bohn, 1792 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Valentine Bohn, 1792 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); Valentine Bohn, 1793 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Charles Bohn, 1794 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

2 German: nickname from Middle High German *bōne* 'bean'.

**Early bearers:** William Bohn, 1749 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Jacob Bohn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Maria Bohn, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Hove, Sussex).

### Boice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish, English: see **Boyce**.

### Boileau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Norfolk; Caernarvons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Huguenot: nickname from French *boi(re) l'eau* 'drink water'. Compare **Drinkwater**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Daniel Boileau, 1711 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Pierre Boileau, 1720 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Laurant Boileau, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Theophilus Boileau, 1772 in *IGI* (Saint James Duke's Place, London).

### Boiling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Sussex; also Middx

English: see **Boyling**.

### Bointon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; Lincs

English: see **Boynton**.

### Boise

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Scottish, English: see **Boyce**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is common in the USA but rare in Britain.

2 English: see **Boyes**.

**Bokhari**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim and Jewish: see **Bukhari**.

**Bola**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Bolam**

Variants: **Bollom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1326, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 811
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative name from Bolam (Durham) or Bolham (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Boolum, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Richard de Boleham, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robertus de Bolom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trewitt, Northumb); John Bollom, 1420 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Mary Bolam, 1662, Robert Bollom, 1689 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Bollam, 1706, William Bolam, 1713 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

**Bolan**

Variants: **Bollan, Boland, Bowlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Beóllán ‘descendant of *Beóllán*’, an Old Irish personal name of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conoghor O’Bolane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5555 (Karegine Ne Veigh); Dermod O’Bolaine, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6500 (Balleowen).

England: Patricii Bolan, 1802 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Patrick Bolan, 1871 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Terrance Bollan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1891* (Saint Helens, Lancs).

2 English: see **Boland**.

**Boland**

Variants: **Bolland, Bollands, Bowland, Bowlan, Bolan, Bollan, Bollon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2598, Ireland 2888
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary and Clare

1 English: locative name from the district of Bowland (Forest) in WR Yorks and Lancs.

**Further information:** Robert of Bowland was a member of the garrison of Stirling Castle in Scotland in 1339–40 (*Scotland Calendar*), and was presumably a Yorkshireman or a Lancastrian.

**Early bearers:** N England: Richard de Bouwelande, 1278 in *Sallay Cartulary* (Sawley, WR Yorks); John de Boughland, tailor, 1350 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William de Bowland, 1370 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johannes de Bouland, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Thoma de Boulond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rishton, Lancs); Willelmus de Dowland (error for de Bowland), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); William de Bowland, 1380 in *Yorks Wills*;

John Bowland, 1555 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Jone Bolland, 1563 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Rycharde Bolland, 1569 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Robti. Bolland, 1575 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); John Boland, 1589 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Thomas Bowland, 1607 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Ann Bollon, 1624 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Jane Bolla, 1630, James Bolla, 1752 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jacobus Bowland, 1636 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Gawen Bowland, 1725 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); James Bolla, 1698, Rebekah Boland, 1733 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Ann Bowlan, 1761 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); Hugh Bowland, 1764 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Midlands: Johis Bowland, 1561 in *IGI* (Halton Holegate, Lincs); Anys Boland, 1565, John Bolland, 1575 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Elizabetha Bolland, 1605 in *IGI* (Empingham, Rutland); Ann Bowlan, 1660 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Marmaduke Bolan, 1673 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. 2 Irish: see **Bolan**.

**Bolar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bowler**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Bolas**

Variants: **Bolus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: locative name from Bolas Magna (Shrops), which is recorded as *Belewas* in 1198, *Bolas* in 1520, and *Bowlas* in 1711, or Little Bolas in Hodnet (Shrops), which is recorded as *Parva Boulewas* in 1342. The place-names appear to have Old English \**wæsse* ‘wet place, marsh’ as the final element; the origin of the initial element is uncertain, but is perhaps from a diminutive of Old English *boga* ‘bow, arch, bend’. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Boulwas, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Orleton, Worcs); John de Bolewas, de Boulewas, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Jno. Bolas, 1567 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Daniell Bowlas, 1617, John Bolas, 1695 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Francis Bolus, 1690 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

2 English: nickname perhaps for a butcher, from Old Scandinavian *bol-ox* ‘poleaxe’. Compare John *Handax*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Euerard *Brodax* (‘broad axe’), 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Bulax, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Bolax, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Bolasse, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*, Bulasse, 1418 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**Bold**

Variants: **Bould, Bowld, Bowd, Boud, Bolt, Bolts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *bold* ‘dwelling-house’, especially in the sense ‘castle or

manor house’, or from one of the places named with this word, for example Bold (Lancs), The Bold in Aston Botterell (Shrops), Booden Farm in Haughton, Booth in Blithfield, and Bull Bridge in Penkridge (all Staffs). The surname was sometimes changed to or confused with *Bolt* or *Boult*. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2), (3), or (4), as may Geoffrey Bold (1332) and William Bold (1332) alias *Bolt* (1323).

**Early bearers:** medieval: Heremer de la Bolde, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Geoffrey de Bold, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Herbert de la Boude, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de la bolde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newton, Staffs); Robert atte bolde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Penkridge, Staffs); Geoffrey Bold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fulford, Staffs); William Bold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salt, Staffs), identical with William Bolt, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

post-medieval, W Midlands: Gulielmus Bold, 1564, Martha Bolt, 1746 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Bold, 1570, John Bolt, 1593, Samuel Bould, 1695 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); John Bold, 1580, Sampson Bould, 1659, John Bold, 1757, Elizabeth Bould, 1816 in *IGI* (Marston, Staffs); Susanna Bould, 1589, Thomas Bould, 1655, 1866 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); George Bould, 1628 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); William Bold, 1684, Michael Bold, 1771, Harriet Bolt, 1823 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); John Bould, 1693 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

post-medieval, N England: Richard Bold, 1541, Thomas Bold, 1597 in *IGI* (Farnworth, Lancs); Gilbert Bold, 1578, William Bold, 1774, Peter Bold, 1803 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); William Boulde, 1607, Daniel Bold, 1670 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Thomas Bould, 1652, Philip Bould, 1839 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Dorothee Bold, 1663 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 107; *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 135, 158.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bold*, Old English *b(e)ald* ‘bold, brave, noble’, which in Middle English developed the additional sense ‘arrogant, impudent, shameless’. Surnames from this source are indistinguishable from (1), (3) and (4), unless preceded by the Anglo-Norman French definite article *le*.

**Further information:** Old English *beald* ‘bold’ also developed to Middle English *beld*, giving rise to post-medieval surnames such as *Beald*, *Beld*, *Beeld*, *Bield*, but these have mostly not survived.

**Early bearers:** medieval: Richard Bolde, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Bolde, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Henry le Bolde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Bolde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Bolde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kenton, Devon); William Boulde, 1428, Robert Bowde, 1563 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York). post-medieval, SW England: Robert Bould, 1566 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Thomas Bold, 1595 in *IGI* (East Newlyn, Cornwall); Christian Bold, 1690 in *IGI* (South Brent, Devon); Andrew Bold, 1753 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon).

3 English: variant of **Bolt**.

4 English: possibly a variant of **Bald** (1).

**References:** *Tooth*, I, 156.

**Bolden**

Variants: **Boulden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: variant of **Boldon** or **Baldon**.  
**Early bearers:** Hugo Bolden, 1551 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Willm Bolden, 1561 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk); Henry Boldon, 1673 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Ann Bolden, 1770 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex).

### Bolder

Variants: **Bowder**, **Boulder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: nickname from Middle English *bulder* 'boulder, cobblestone'.  
**Early bearers:** Albric Buldur, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Bate Bolder, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Buldur, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thom Bolder, 1640 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon); Stephen Widower Bolder, 1657 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Mary Bolder, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Bartholomew Bolder, 1694 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Thos Bolder, 1755 in *IGI* (Rodborough, Gloucs).

### Boldero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; Suffolk
- English: see **Baldry**.

### Bolderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- English: see **Balderston**.

### Bolderston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Balderston**.

### Boldin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Balding**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bolding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Balding**.

### Boldison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Balderston**.

### Boldon

Variants: **Bolden**, **Baldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Essex
- 1 English: locative name from Boldon (Durham).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Boldun, 1143–52 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Robert de Boldon, 1242 in

*Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Bolden, 1722 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); William Boldon, 1785, John Jackson Baldon, 1811, Elizabeth Balden, 1812 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).  
 2 English: see **Baldon**.

### Boldra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Durham; Norfolk
- English: see **Baldry**.

### Boldron

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Bowron**.

### Boldry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Baldry**.

### Bolds

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: variant of **Bold** with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Rachel Boulds, 1646, Mary Bowlds, 1685 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Joyce Bolds, 1670 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Nicholas Bolds, 1685 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Agnes Bolds, 1798, Wm Boolds, 1801 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon).

### Boldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Baldy**.

### Bole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; also Wigtowns; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Longford
- English: see **Bull**.

### Bolen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews; NR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Boler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts
- English: see **Bowler**.

### Boles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 209
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Sligo
- 1 Norman, Scottish, Irish: see **Boyles**.  
 2 English: see **Bools**.

### Bolesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: locative name apparently from Bolesworth in Broxton (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** Johanne Bollesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleton, Leics); Thomas Bolesworth, 1570, Susan Bolsworth, 1614 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); William Bolesworth, 1683 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics).

### Boley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Essex
- 1 English: see **Bowley**.  
 2 English: see **Bulley**.

### Boleyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Midlothian; also Durham
- Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

### Bolgar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish, Norman, English: see **Bolger**.

### Bolger

Variants: **Bolgar**, **Boulger**, **Bulger**, **Belger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1651, Ireland 2545
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wexford and Kilkenny

1 Irish: from Ó **Bolguidhir** 'descendant of *Bolgodhar*', byname from *bolg* 'belly' + *odhar* 'sallow'.

**Early bearers:** Morogh Bolger, yeoman, 1583–4 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4297 (Castledogh, Kilkenny); Humfrey Bolgyr, alias Owly O'Bolgire, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4419; Gyllenenowe mc Shane O'Bolger, surgeon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517; Simon O'Bolger, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6541 (Polmonty, Carlow); Walter O'Bolgir, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6541.

2 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *boulgier* 'purse maker', an agent derivative of Old French *boulge* 'leather bag', Middle English *bulge*.

**Early bearers:** John Bulgere, 1300 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Thomas Bolger, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Patrick Bolger, 1708 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); John Bolger, 1754 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); James Bolger, 1769 in *IGI* (Loddon, Norfolk); Richard Bolger, 1808 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Boling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Bowling**.

## Bolingbroke

### Bolingbroke

Variants: **Bollingbroke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Sussex, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name from Bolingbroke (Lincs).

**Further information:** The first Lancastrian king of England, Henry IV (1367–1413), son of John of Gaunt and grandson of Edward III, was born at Bolingbroke Castle, Lincs., for which he was surnamed Bolingbroke. He came to the throne in 1399 after deposing Richard II.

**Early bearers:** William de Bulingbroc, 1170–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Bolingbrok, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); John Bullyngbroke, 1476 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Bolyngbroke, 1503 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

### Bolitho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from either of two places named Bolitho (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Zacharias Bolitho, 1585 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Alexander Bolitho, 1609 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Jane Bolitho, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall).

### Boliver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh, English: relationship name from an anglicized form of Welsh *ap Oliver* 'son of Oliver'. See **Oliver**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Boliver or Oliver, 1666 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Richard Boliver, 1681 in *IGI* (Hopesay, Shrops); Thomas Boliver, 1730, Edward Bolver, 1765 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops).

### Boll

Variants: **Bolle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bolle* (Old English *Bolla*, from *bolla* 'bowl, pot' or Old Scandinavian *Bolli*) (*Tengvik*, p. 294).

**Further information:** Black, p. 95, says that the surname **Boyle** was 'until recently ... pronounced in common speech as "Bole"' in Ayr and Wigtowns; this may therefore be an alternative source of *Boll* in SW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bolla, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

England: Walter Bolle, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Walter Bolle, 1254 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Helion Boll, 1576 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Elizabeth Bolle, 1581 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); George Boll, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bothaw, London); Janne Boll, 1594 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Thomas Boll, 1595 in *IGI* (Cubley, Derbys).

Scotland: Jehone Boll of Ballachkewin, 1572 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Margaret Boll, 1614 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); William Boll, 1635 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

### Bollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham and NR Yorks

- 1 English: see **Boland**.
- 2 Irish: see **Bolan**.

### Bolland

Variants: **Bollands, Bowland, Bowlan, Bolan, Bullin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Lincs; also Wilts; Warwicks; London

- 1 English: see **Boland**.
- 2 English: (i) locative name from Bulland or Bolland, in the parish of Parkham (Devon), the original sense of which was probably 'bull's land'. (ii) some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively take their name either from (1) above or from Bolland in the parish of Northlew (Devon), though the place-name is not recorded before 1581 (as *Boueland* 'curved land').

**Early bearers:** William de Bollelond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parkham, Devon); Elizabeth Bowland, 1560 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Bolan, 1580 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); John Bowland, 1623 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Bulland, 1655 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); William Fitzmorice Boland, 1765 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Joseph Boland, 1737 in *IGI* (Claverdon, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 105, 155.

- 3 English: locative name from an unidentified place (perhaps in Essex), with the same etymology as Bulland in Devon (see 2 above). Some of the following later bearers may alternatively belong under (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Bolland, 1237, John de Bollilonde, 1272–1307 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Wigeyn de Bollaunde, 1291 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Adam Boweland, 1415–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Bolland, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Bowland, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Henry Bowland, 1564 in *IGI* (Mittham, Surrey); Dudley Boland, 1616 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Ralph Bolan, 1788 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Bollands

Variants: **Bollans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland

English: variant of **Boland, Bolland** with post-medieval exescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Anne Bollands, 1596 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Lawrins Bollands, 1600 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Judith Bollands, 1663, Thomas Bollans, 1703 in *IGI* (Carlby, Lincs); Mary Bollands, 1737 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Thomas Bollans, 1739 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Kings Court, York); William Bollans, 1767, Robert Bollands, 1799 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Rutland); Elisabeth Bollans, 1769 in *IGI* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); John Bollands, 1808 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Leics).

### Bollans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Rutland
- English: see **Bollands**.

### Bollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 272
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster; Tipperary

English: probably a variant of **Ballard**.

**Further information:** This surname was taken to Ireland early in the 18th century. MacLysaght says that it is of Dutch origin.

**Early bearers:** John Bollard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Bollard, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johanne Bollarde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Peter Bollard, 1579 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Henry Bollard, 1657 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); John Bollard, 1689 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

### Bolle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

- 1 English: see **Boll**.
- 2 German: (i) locative name, nickname in N Germany from Middle Low German *bolle* 'knoll, rounded hill'. (ii) nickname in S Germany for a short fat man, from the word in (i).

**Early bearers:** Carl Bolle, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Ardwick, Lancs); Octavie Bolle, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Chorley in Macclesfield, Cheshire).

- 3 Dutch: nickname from Middle Dutch *bolle* 'ball; bread bun', denoting either a baker or a ball player.

**Early bearers:** Levy Bolle, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (London).

- 4 Norwegian: locative name from a farm in northern Norway, named with *bolle* 'rounded hill'.

**Early bearers:** Oscar Bolle, born in Drontheim, Norway, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx).

### Bollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 338
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Wilts
- English: see **Bolling** (2).

### Bolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Bulley**.

### Bollin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset; Lancs
- English: see **Bolling**.

### Bolling

Variants: **Bollin, Bollen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; Surrey; Lancs; Notts

- 1 English: see **Bowling**.



2 English: nickname perhaps for a fat person, from Middle English *bolling* ‘something swollen’, a derivative of Middle English *bollen* ‘to swell, bulge, puff up’. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Further information:** There is no evidence in *MED* for the assertion in *Reaney and Wilson* that Middle English *bolling* meant ‘pollard’ or ‘excessive drinking’.

**Early bearers:** William bolling, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); Robert Bolling, 1264 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Bolling, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); John Bollyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littlehampton, Sussex); Thomas Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Findon, Sussex); Johanne Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Jn Bolling, 1569 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); Martha Bolling, 1580 in *IGI* (Haddon, Hunts); Alexander Bollen, 1631, Jeane Bolling, 1663 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Sara Bollen, 1634, Vmphrye Bollin, 1655, Robert Bolin, 1726 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts).

### Bollingbroke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Bolingbroke**.

### Bollinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- Norman, English: see **Pullinger**.

### Bollington

**Variants:** Ballington, Bullington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire; WR Yorks; Staffs

English: locative name from Bollington (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Margaret Bollington, 1569 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Constantia Ballington, 1585 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Robeart Bollington, 1617 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Thomas Bollington, 1641 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Hannah Ballinton, 1711 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Staffs).

### Bollom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Bolam**.

### Bollon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Boland**.

### Bolmer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Bulmer**.

### Bolshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: locative name from Bolshaw in Stockport Etchells (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Roger Bolshawe, 1589 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Williemi Bolshawe, 1626 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Margt. Bolshaw, 1654 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Joshuah Bolsha, 1754 in *IGI* (Middlewich, Cheshire).

### Bolsover

**Variants:** Boulsover, Bowser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Bolsover (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Adam de Bolesouer, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas de Bolisouere, about 1250 in *Glappwell Charters* (Derbys); Rogerus de Bollesore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanne Bolsore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); John de Bollesore, 1384 in *York Freeman's Register*; Dorotheia Bolsover, 1564, Elizabeth Boulsover, 1608 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); William Bolsover, 1598 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Frans. Bowsover, 1688 in *IGI* (Balby with Hexthorpe, WR Yorks); George Bolsover, 1696 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Priscilla Bowlzer, 1849 in *IGI* (South Wingfield, Derbys).

### Bolster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 184
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bolster* ‘bowl maker’. (ii) variant of **Balster**. **Further information:** This English name was taken to Ireland (Cork) early in the 18th century. **Early bearers:** Sampson Bolster, 1622 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset); John Bolster, 1674 in *IGI* (Folke, Dorset); Robert Bolster, 1711 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); James Bolster, 1748 in *IGI* (Over Compton, Dorset).

### Bolstridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: see **Bulstrode**.

### Bolter

**Variants:** Boulter, Bult, Bold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2407, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Shetland

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English, Old English *bolt*, ‘a bolt, bar’, also ‘a bundle’. One of the most common senses of this word was ‘the blunt-headed bolt of a crossbow’, so it could have been given to an archer or to a maker of iron bars or bolts. Compare John Boltsmith, 1346 in *Fransson* and the surname *Bolter*, although any connection of this last name with bolts is debatable; see **Boulter**. (ii) locative name, variant of **Bold** ‘dwelling-house’. This probably accounts for the strong presence of *Bolt* in post-medieval Lancs, Warwicks, and Devon. In Devon, *Bold* is well evidenced in the 1332 subsidy roll but *Bolt* not at all. Alternatively some or all of the Devon *Bolts* may be migrants from Dorset, where *Bolt*, but not *Bold*, is recorded in the medieval subsidy rolls. (iii) nickname; *Bolt* was also used metaphorically for a short, thickset, or tubby person

and for someone who was physically *upright as a bolt*, i. e. ‘as straight as an arrow’. Compare the medieval surname *Boltupright* (e. g. Walter Boltuprith, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry Boltupryht, 1377 in *Ancient Deeds*, vol 2, p. 422). The surname may sometimes have developed to *Bold*, *Bould*.

**Further information:** A Middle English nickname from the sense ‘bundle’ may have been reinforced by Viking usage. Compare the Shetland dialect word *bolt* ‘fat, lumpy figure’. An Old Scandinavian nickname *Boltr*, presumably with the same sense, is attested in the NR Yorks place-name Boltby.

**Early bearers:** medieval: Godinc Bolt, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Walter Bolt, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Roger Bolt, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Willelmo Bolt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moreton, Dorset); Ricardo Bolt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milborne Saint Andrew, Dorset). post-medieval, SW England: Lawrance Bolt, 1589 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall); Rychard Boulter, 1591, George Bolt, 1685, in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Elisabeth Bolt, 1593, Roger Bolte, 1623, Henry Bolt, 1701, 1835 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Boolt, 1774 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

post-medieval, W Midlands: Elizabetha Bolt, 1584, Jane Bolt, 1833 in *IGI* (Tanworth, Warwicks); Alexander Bolt, 1589 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Bolt, 1691, 1761 in *IGI* (Hattton, Warwicks); John Bolt, 1699 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

post-medieval, N England: William Boulter, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Bolte, 1583 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Marke Boulter, 1595 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Richard Bolt, 1625 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Geo. Bolt, 1736, George Bowlter, Louisa Boulter, 1884 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham). post-medieval, E Anglia: Marye Bowlter, 1599, Roger Boulter, 1738, Mary Boulter, 1816 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). **References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks; Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, at *Boltr*.

### Bolten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Suffolk
- English: see **Bolton**.

### Bolter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, also Gloucs, Berks, and Oxon; Herts
- English: see **Boulter**.

### Bolton

**Variants:** Boulton, Bolten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15838, Ireland 756
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12855
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks; Middx, Surrey, and Kent; Berks and Oxon; and Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Dublin

English: locative name from Bolton (Lancs), Bolton-le-Sands (Lancs), or any of the many other places so named (for example in Northumb, Westm, Yorks, E Lothian) or from Boulton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Boulton, before 1191 in *Yorks Charters*; Thomas de Bolton, 1262–3 in *Feet of Fines*

## Boltwood

(Warwicks); Robert Bolton, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Bolton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton on Swale, NR Yorks); Rogerus de Bolton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Johanne de Bolton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johanne de Boulton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton le Dale, Lancs); John Bolton, 1448 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Bolton, 1539 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); George Bolton, 1541 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Janet Boulton, 1545 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Henry Bolton, 1548 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); James Bolton, 1549 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Johannes Bolton, 1551 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); John Bulton alias Bolton, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent); John Bolten, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Jeffrey Bolton, 1570 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Willimi. Boulton, 1572 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Olyur Bolton, 1573 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Bulton, 1577, Thomas Bolton, 1578 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Richard Bolton or Boulton, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Stowe, Staffs); Adam Bolton, 1655 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

## Boltwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Boulwood**.

## Bolas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Bolas**.

## Bolwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: unexplained, apparently from a lost place-name identical with that of Bulwell (Notts).

**Further information:** A similar, also now lost, place-name, *Bolenham*, is recorded in Steeple Ashton in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Wylliam Bolwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 137.

## Boman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Bowman**.

## Bomber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Notts
- English: see **Bamber**.

## Bomford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Burnford**.

## Bompas

**Variants:** **Bumpus**, **Bumpass**, **Bumpas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bon pas* 'good pace'. Compare **Lightfoot**, **Golightly**.

**Early bearers:** William Bonpas, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Bumpas, 1544 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Cicily Bompas, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Anne Bompase, 1616, James Bumpus, 1670 in *Bardsley*; Johannes Bumpus, 1625 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

## Bomphrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Welsh: see **Boumphrey**.

## Bon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London; Midlothian
- English, Scottish: variant of **Bone**; see **Bonn** for early bearers.

## Bona

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Glamorgan
- 1 Italian: from the female personal name *Bona*, feminine form of the Late Latin name *Bonus* 'good'.  
2 Hungarian, Polish: Hungarian (**Bóna**) and Polish, from a pet form of the personal name *Bonifác* (Hungarian), *Bonifacy* (Polish) (see **Boniface**).

## Bonafont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bonifant**.

## Bonallo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Scottish: see **Bonello**.

## Bonamy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Bonnamy**.

## Bonar

**Variants:** **Boner**, **Bonnar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 192
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Angus; also Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry
- 1 Scottish: see **Bonner**.

2 Irish: in Donegal, this Scottish surname was adopted for Irish **Ó Cnáimhsighe** 'descendant of *Cnáimhseach*' (a byname meaning 'midwife'), by association with the Irish word *cnámh* 'bone'. See **Kneafsey**.

## Bonas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Bowness**.

## Bonass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Bowness**.

## Bonaventure

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French, English: nickname from the French phrase *bon aventure* 'good fortune'. It was used as a given name in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bonaventure Cowle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

surnames: Emma Boneaventure, about 1215 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*; John Bonaventure, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); John Bonaunter, 1406–7 in *Hylle Cartulary*.

## Bond

**Variants:** **Bonde**, **Bound**, **Bound**, **Band**, **Bundy**, **Bonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20792, Ireland 624
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15714
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs; Devon; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Derry
- 1 English: status name from Middle English *bond(e)*, *bounde*, occasionally *bande* 'bondman, customary tenant, serf' (from Old Scandinavian *bóndi*). Compare **Newbon**. This is the usual source of the modern surname but some of the following examples with no definite article may belong with (2).

**Further information:** This English surname has been established in Ireland since the early 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Norman le Bonde, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Bonde, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Robert Bunde, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Henry le Bounde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Herts); Joh'e le Bonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Keyworth, Notts); William Bonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishop's Tawton, Devon); Johannes le Bonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Willm Bond, 1538 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Joan Bond, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Nicholas Bond, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thomas Bond, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Jo. Bond, 1559 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Bonde* (from Old Scandinavian *Bóndi*, *Bóndi*, *Bundi*, *Bonde*, from the word in (1), borrowed as late Old English *Bonda*). Although the name is distributed fairly widely in England in 1086, it often refers to a small number of high-ranking men. Only in medieval Norfolk and Suffolk does it seem to have been at all frequent amongst ordinary folk. The 1554 bearer below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Bundi, Bondi, Bunde, Bonde, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Berks, Bucks, Gloucs, all referring to the same man, and Cambs, Dorset, Essex, Hants, Kent, Norfolk, Northants, Oxon, Somerset, Suffolk, Warwicks, Wilts, Yorks); Bonde mercer, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Bonde Brit, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Albertus filius Bund', 1199, filius Bonde, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Micael filius Bunde, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Henricus filius Bonde, 1210

in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Tatterset, Norfolk); Johannes Bond, 1554 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 98–107.  
3 English: see **Band**, but *Band* may also be a variant of the name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Roberti Band, 1541, Johnes Bond, 1566 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Johna Bande, 1544, Thomas Bond, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Bond, 1547, Hugh Bande, 1557 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Bonde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Bond**.

### Bondfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset Norman, English: see **Bonfield**.

### Bondi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Italian: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Bondi*, an omen name from *buon di* 'good day'. (ii) relationship name based on a reduced form of the personal name *Abbondio*, from the Latin personal name *Abundius*, from *abundus* 'abundant'. (iii) relationship name Italian (Tuscany), based on a pet form of any of various personal names beginning with *Bond-*, for example *Bondelmonte*.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Bondi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Oreste Bondi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Sussex).

2 Hungarian: relationship name from the Hungarian male personal name *Bond*.

### Bondman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: occupational name, status name probably denoting 'servant of *Bond*' (see **Bond** (2)), rather than 'bondman'.

**Early bearers:** Philip Bonddeman, 1290–1300 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Thomas Bondman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Hester Bondman, 1719 in *IGI* (North Petherwin, Devon); Hannah Bondman, 1805 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Bondman, 1810 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); James Bondman, 1824 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Mary Bondman, 1850 in *IGI* (Elworth, Cheshire).

### Bonds

**Variants:** **Bounds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cornwall

English: variant of **Bond** with post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Barbara Bonds, 1579 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thos. Bonds, 1579 in *IGI* (Acrise, Kent); Abigail Bounds, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Bondy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Bundy**.

### Bone

**Variants:** **Bonn, Bonne, Bon, Boan, Bown, Boon, Boone, Bunn, Bones, Bunce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6656, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Norfolk; Cornwall; Durham, Northumb, and S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bon(e)*, *boun*, Old French *bon* 'good'. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Edward le Bon, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Rocelin le Bun, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Walter le Bone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton and East Dean, in Singleton, Sussex); Thomas Bon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ludbrook, Devon); Adam Boun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gumley, Leics); Thomas Bonne, 1379 in *London Letter Books H*; Simon Bone, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William Bone, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Robert Bowne, 1539 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Margerie Bone, 1541 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); George Bone, 1549 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Bone, 1553 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Bone, 1561 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Robert Bone, 1571 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Nicholas Bone, 1588 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Elizabeth Bown, 1605 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Richard Boan, 1607 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Margaret Bone, 1642 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Boan, 1662 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb).

Scotland: Grissell Bone, 1616 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); William Bone, 1643 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Robert Bone, 1647 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Bessie Bone, 1651 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Beatrich Bone, 1659 in *IGI* (Carnock, Fife); James Bone, 1669 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); John Boan, 1699 in *IGI* (Luss, Dumbartons); Alison Boan, 1722 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); Helen Boan, 1851 in *IGI* (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns).

2 English: nickname possibly from Middle English *bone* 'bone, leg', used of someone with a bad leg or long legs. Compare **Longbone**, **Smallbone**, and **Legg**.

3 English: see **Boon**.

### Boneham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks Norman, English: see **Bonham**.

### Bonehill

**Variants:** **Bonell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name apparently from Bonehill in Tamworth (Staffs), recorded as *Bolenhull* in the 13th century, although some examples may be from Bonehills in Mickleover (Derbys) or perhaps Bonehill in Widdecombe in the Moor (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Bolnhill of Whytyngton, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Whittington, Shrops); John de Bolonhull, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John de Bollenhull of Tamworth, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Tamworth, Staffs); Deonisia Bollenehill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington, Oxon); Walterus Bonehull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Somerset); Johannes

Bonehull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas de Bonnul', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Richard Bonell', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Thomas Bonell, 1554 in *PROB 11* (East Brent, Somerset); Thomas Bonell, 1560 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); William Bonell, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Sheldon, Warwicks); William Bonehill, 1680 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN; Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 484.

### Bonell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs English: see **Bonehill**.

### Bonella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Perth
- Scottish: see **Bonello**.

### Bonello

**Variants:** **Bonella, Bonallo, Bonnalie, Bonnella**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Clackmannans

Scottish: locative name from Bonaly (Midlothian) or a lost Banaley (Fife). These were probably named with Middle Scots *bonalai*, *bonnaillie*, from French *bon* 'good' + *aller* 'to go, going', 'good speed, farewell!' as in 'to drink one's bonallie' (about 1470 in *OED*), and thus a Scottish equivalent of the English *Drinkale*.

**Early bearers:** William Bonaylay, about 1570 in *Dunfermline Register* (Beath, Fife); Robert Bonalay, 1637 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Balcormo, Fife); John Bonallie, 1641 *Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book* (Weymss, Fife); David Bonallo, 1818 in *Scott, Fasti* (Ardoch, Perth).

### Boner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish, English, Welsh, Irish: see **Bonar**.

### Bones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 877, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 872
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; Antrim

1 English: see **Bunce**.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation of the surname from Middle English *bones* 'bones' (interpreted as a nickname for an emaciated person) is erroneous. It relies on a single example, Alicia Bones, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), where the final *-s* is genitival and means that Alice was the wife or widow of a man surnamed *Bone*. Such women's names did not generally become hereditary.

**Early bearers:** John Bones, 1566 in *IGI* (Swarby, Lincs); Cycely Bones, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Christopher Bones, 1576 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); Robt

## Boness

Bones, 1585 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Asle Bones, 1602 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall).  
2 Irish: in Ireland, a translation of Irish Ó Cnáimhsighe, by association with the Irish word *cnámh* 'bone'. See **Kneafsey**.

## Boness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Bowness**.

## Boney

Variants: **Boni**, **Bonney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Surrey
- 1 English: locative name from Bunny (Notts), recorded as *Bonei*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Boney, chaplain, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Lenton, Notts); Johannes de Boney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hathern, Leics); Ricardus de Boney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mansfield, Notts); John Boney, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); James Boney, 1549 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Thomas Boney, 1633 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); John Boney, 1700 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).  
2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *boni* 'bony, big-boned'.  
**Early bearers:** Rogerum Bony, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Stamford, Lincs); Johannes Bony, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lelant, Cornwall); Roberto Bonye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Berks); Henry Bony, 1467 in *PROB 11*; John, Stephen Bony, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Robert Bonye, 1561 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds); Thomas Bony, 1566 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex).

## Bonfield

Variants: **Bondfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 485
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds; Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary
- Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, from any of three places in Normandy called Bonneville, two near Rouen. There may have been some confusion with **Banfield**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Bondaulla, 1131 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Robert de Boneville, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Bonfield, 1560 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); William Bonfield, 1596 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Luke Bonfield, 1603 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Ephraim Bonfield, 1674 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset).

## Bong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Swedish: originally a soldier's name, from *bång* 'noise'  
2 Belgian: unexplained.  
3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 王 and 黃, see **Wong** (1) and (3).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 濶, see **Wan** (3).  
5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蒙, see **Meng** (2).

## Bonger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bonjour**.

## Bongers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: anglicized variant of French **Bonjour** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Bonham

Variants: **Bonhomme**, **Bonome**, **Boneham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 762
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Bucks, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Carlow
- 1 Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *bon homme* 'good man'. Compare **Godman**. (ii) relationship name from a continental or Middle English personal name derived from Old French *bon homme* 'good man'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Bonhom Luscus, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Bonhom fullo, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames: Randulfus bonus homo, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Nigel Bonhume, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Anketin Bonhomme, 1274 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); William Bonum (Bonhom), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Bonham, 1540 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Elizabeth Bonham, 1541 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Margery Bonham, 1541 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); William Bonham, 1544 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Elizabeth Bonham, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Wishford, Wilts); John Boonham, 1722 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Joseph Boneham, 1786, John Bonham, 1787 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks).  
2 English: in some instances a local name, perhaps from Bonham in Stourton (Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** William de Bonham, 1225, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

## Bonhomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Bonham**.

## Boni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- 1 Italian: relationship name from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Bono*, from *buono* 'good'.  
**Early bearers:** Michell Boni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Manchester); Arestide Boni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London).  
2 English: a variant of **Boney** (2) that may have died out in recent times.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Boni, 1711 in *IGI* (Hail Weston, Hunts); Sarah Boni, 1788 in *IGI* (Wellington, Somerset).

## Boniface

Variants: **Boniface**, **Bonifas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1514, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1069

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Boniface* (from Latin *Bonifatius*, a compound of *bonum* 'good' + *fatum* 'fate, destiny'). Confusion with *Bonifacius* ('well-doer') was due to the identical pronunciation in Late Latin of *-ti-* and *-ci-*. *Bonifatius* is frequent in Latin inscriptions, while *Bonifacius* is late and found only twice. In Latin the name was given chiefly to ecclesiastics, rarely to men of the lower orders, and *Boniface* was never very popular in England. In the IoW, its use was possibly encouraged by a cult of Saint Boniface at Bonchurch. (ii) perhaps sometimes a nickname from Anglo-Norman French *bon enfas* 'good child', with *enfas* as occasional nominative case for *enfant*, understood by clerks as if the saint's name. Compare **Goodchild** and **Goodban**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Bonifacius uinitor, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Bonifacius, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Master Boniface de Saluciis, archdeacon of Buckingham, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*.  
surnames: Tomas Boniface, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alis Boneface, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Rogerus Boneface, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, IoW); John Boniface, 1544 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); John Boniface, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Walberton, Sussex).

## Bonifant

Variants: **Bonafont**, **Bullivant**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Devon
- English: nickname from a Middle English borrowing of Old French *bon enfant* 'good child'; compare **Goodchild** and **Maliphant**.  
**Early bearers:** William Bonenfant, Bonenfand, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Henry Bonefant, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Bon Effaunt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petworth, Sussex); John'e, Will'o Bonefaunt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worksop, Notts); John Bonefaunt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hemyock, Devon); Johanne Bonefaunt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Adam Bonyfaunt, Bonfont, 1395 in *Edwinstowe, Thoresby and Carburton Court Rolls* (Notts); Roger Bonyfaunt, 1472 in *London Letter Books L*; William Bonyvant, 1540 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Richard Bonifant, 1560 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Wyllyam Bonifant, 1561 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Susan Bonevent, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Ann Bonifant, 1611 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Bonifas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Boniface**.

## Bonjour

Variants: **Bonger**, **Bongers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- French: nickname from Old French *bon jour* 'good day!', presumably applied to someone who used the expression incessantly or inappropriately, or perhaps ironically for a curmudgeon. Compare **Goofday**.  
**Early bearers:** Osbert Bonior, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Roger Boniur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Suffolk); Alice Bonjour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Frederick Bonjour, 1833 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Julia Bonjour, 1856 in *IGI* (Prestonkirk, E Lothian).

### Bonn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Sussex

English, Scottish: see **Bone**. Compare Margerie Bone, 1541, Joane Bonne, 1564 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants). *Bonn* and *Bonne* in these and in some other examples below may, however, be mistranscriptions of *Boun(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Bonne, 1541, Bassheba Bonn, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rycherd Bonn, 1561 in *IGI* (Baumber, Lincs); Robt. Bonne, 1561 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Walter Bonn, 1567 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Abraham Bon, 1582, Robert Bonn, 1595 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Rafe Bonne, 1649 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Ann Bonn, 1651 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Bonn, 1667 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

### Bonnalie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Scottish: see **Bonello**.

### Bonnamy

Variants: **Bonamy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Old French *bon ami* 'good friend'.

**Early bearers:** William bon ami, about 1162 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Bonami, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Bonnamy, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Elizabeth Bonnamy, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Samuel Bonnamy, 1737 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Bonnamy, 1794 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Bonnamy, 1794 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Bonnan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Bonning**.

### Bonnar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: see **Bonar**.

### Bonnard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks; Lancs; Warwicks

1 English: variant of **Bonner** with an excrescent *-d*. **Early bearers:** Xpoferi. Bonard, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Matthew Bonnard, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Howden, ER Yorks); George Bonnard, 1713 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. 2 Norman: nickname from Old French *bon* 'good' with the intensive suffix *-ard*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bonard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joan Bonard, 1623, Roger Bonnard, 1637 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Bonne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans

Scottish, English: variant of **Bone**; see **Bonn** for early bearers.

### Bonnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens; also Guernsey

1 English: variant of **Bunnell**.

2 French, Huguenot: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bonnell* (Latin *Bonnellus*, a derivative of *bonus* 'good').

**Early bearers:** England: Anne Bonnel, 1682, Suzanne Bonnel, 1685, Charles Bonnel, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Channel Islands: Anthony J Bonnel, scholar, born in Saint Peter Port, Guernsey, in *Census 1851* (Channel Islands); Alphonse Bonnell, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Mary Bonnell, in *Census 1881* (Saint Martin, Guernsey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Bonnella

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Perth

Scottish: see **Bonello**.

### Bonner

Variants: **Bonnor**, **Bonar**, **Bonnard**, **Bunner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5599, Ireland 1137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2542
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: nickname from Middle English *boner(e)*, *bonour*, 'gentle, courteous' (Old French *bonnaire*, shortened from *debonnaire*; compare **Debonnaire**). This name is also common in Ireland where it was adopted for Ó Cnáimhsighe, see **Kneafsey**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Boneyre, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walter Boneyre, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Boner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alexander Bonour, 1413, William Bonner, 1528 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Bonner, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Dalabell Bonner, 1544 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Wm Bonner, 1561 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Mary Bonar, 1563 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Prudenc Bonner, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Boner, 1566, William Bonner, 1587 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Isabell Boner, 1589, James Bouner, 1596 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe, Lincs); John Bonner, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Roberti Bonar, 1611 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); William Bonner, 1617 in *IGI* (Coniston, Lancs); Rich. Bonner, 1669, Richard Bouner, 1671 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics);

Thomas Bonner, 1706, Rebecca Bowner, 1723 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics).

Scotland: Thomas Boner, 1281 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Roger Bonere, 1342 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); William Bonare, Bonere, Bonour, 1451–3 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Saint Andrews, Fife); James Boner, 1585 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Agnes Bonner, 1634 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Bonner, 1639 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Helene Bonner, 1665 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Wm. Bonner, 1711 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Welsh: relationship name from *ap Ynyr* 'son of Ynyr', a personal name derived from Latin *Honorius*, with fused patronymic marker (*a*)*p*, normally voiced before a vowel.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ener Vichan, Ener ap Iorwerth, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*.

surnames: Griffith Byner, Benner, reign of James VI/I in Star Chamber Proceedings (*Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 198, 205); Eliza Bonner, 1696 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); Elizabeth Bonner, 1821 in *IGI* (Llangollen, Denbighs); John Bonner, 1822 in *IGI* (Holywell, Flints); Hugh Bonner, 1824 in *IGI* (Eglwys Newydd, Cardigans); Richard Bonner, 1829 in *IGI* (Pwllheli, Caernarvons).

### Bonnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: locally adopted translation for Ó Cnáimhsighe (by association with the Irish word *cnámh* 'bone'); see English **Kneafsey**; also **Bonner**.

### Bonnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs

1 English: see **Bonnett**.

2 Huguenot: relationship name, nickname from the latinized medieval personal name *Bonettus*, a diminutive of Latin *bonus* 'good', or from Old French *bonet* 'cap, bonnet' as a continental parallel to **Bonnett**.

**Early bearers:** Etienne Bonnet, 1740 in *IGI* (La Patente Church, Spitalfields); Estienne Bonnet, 1743 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs French Huguenot Church, Westminster).

### Bonnett

Variants: **Bonnet**, **Bunnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 990, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *bonet* 'cap, bonnet' (Old French *bonet*), perhaps used for one who made, sold, or wore bonnets.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Bonet, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Bonet, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); John Bonet, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Bernard Bonet, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Johannes Bonet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Bonett', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tockwith, WR Yorks); Edmund Bonet of Lenn, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Bonet the elder, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); Johan Bunnett, 1545 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Willm Bunnett, 1589 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Hugh Bonett or Bonnett, 1619 in *PROB 11* (London).

## Bonney

### Bonney

Variants: **Bonny**, **Bonnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1510, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English, Scottish: nickname from northern dialect *bonnie* 'fine, beautiful' (still in common use in northern England and Scotland) for a handsome person, especially a large or well-built one.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Bonny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lytham, Lancs); Robert Bonny, 1436 in *York Registry Wills* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Peter Bonney, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Evington, Leics); John Bonie, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Bonnie, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Peter Bonny, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Savoy, Strand, Middx); James Bonnie, 1602 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

Scotland: John Bonnie, 1674 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth); John Bonnie, 1726 in *IGI* (Kilrenny, Fife); Robert Bonnie, 1812 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Will Bonnie, 1822, born in Sterling, Clackmannans, in Chelsea Pensioners; Henry Bonny, herd boy, born in Nigg, in *Census 1851* (Resolis, Ross and Cromarty); Agnes Bonnie, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Saint Johns, Lanarks); John Bonney, in *Census 1861* (Denny, Stirlings); Alexander Bonnie, born in England, in *Census 1871* (Carstairs, Lanarks).

2 English: see **Boney**.

### Bonnici

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese and Italian (Sicily): from the personal name *Bennici*, which is said to be from an Arabic personal name *Abū 'n-nagā*.

**Early bearers:** John Bonnici, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Amabile Bonnici, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Antonio Bonnici, born in Susa Barbary, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Lorenzo Bonnici, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Franciso Bonnici, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Caracausi*

### Bonnick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: see **Bonwick**.

### Bonnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish, English: see **Bonney**.

### Bonnieman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

Scottish: see **Bonnyman**.

### Boniface

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Boniface**.

### Bonning

Variants: **Bunning**, **Bonnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps an adaptation of the now rare surname *Bonnan*, from Middle English *bon* 'bone' + Middle English *hand* 'hand', or with Old French *bon* 'good' as the first element, for which compare **Goodhand**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Bonhand, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Richard Bunning, 1575 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Stephene Bonning, 1598 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Thomas Bunning, 1665, John Bonning, 1668 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Thomas Boning, 1668 in *IGI* (Barrington, Somerset); Mary Boning, 1675 in *IGI* (East Walton, Norfolk); William Bonning, 1732 in *IGI* (Chapel Allerton, Somerset).

### Bonnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; Essex; also Roxburghs and W Lothian

1 English: locative name from Sutton Bonington (Notts).

**Early bearers:** John de Bonnington, 1353 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes de Bonyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braunstone, Leics); John Bonyngton', 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Gulielmi Bonington, 1558 in *IGI* (Etwell, Derbys); Ales Bonnington, 1609 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Bonnington, 1616 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys).

2 English: locative name from Bonnington (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Boninton, 1222–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Edo Bonynton', 1377, Edus Bonyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Bonyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Ashling, Sussex); William Bonyngton', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Dennis Bonington, 1593 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Mary Bonnington, 1631 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex).

3 Scottish: locative name from Bonnytoun (W Lothian), Bonnington (in Edinburgh, Midlothian) or Bonnington, formerly *Bondington* (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Bonynton, 1442 in *Analecta Scotica* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); David Boninton, 1444 in *Antiquaries of Scotland* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Henry Bonington, 1714, Christian Bonnington, 1728 in *IGI* (Bowden, Roxburghs); Helen Brunton Bonnington, 1864 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Bonniwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: see **Bonwell**.

### Bonnor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Cardigans; Lanarks; Lancs; Middx

Welsh, Scottish, English: see **Bonner**.

### Bonny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 518
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx, Kent, and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- English: see **Bonney**.

### Bonnyman

Variants: **Bonnieman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens

Scottish: nickname from Scots *bonny*, 'beautiful, pretty, fair' + *man*.

**Further information:** Compare to **Blythman**. Black's suggestion that this is a locative surname from Balnamoon in Menmuir (Angus) is unconvincing.

**Early bearers:** Duncan Bonyman, 1514 in *Black* (Dunkeld, Perth); George Bonyman, 1590 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Barbara Bonniman, 1648 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays); John Balnamoon, 1679 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspet Bonniman, 1685 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Jannet Bonnieman, 1711 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Jannet Bonnimon, 1793 in *IGI* (Keith, Banffs).

### Bono

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Italian, Maltese: see **Debono**.

### Bonome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: see **Bonham**.

### Bonsall

Variants: **Bonsell**, **Bonser**, **Bonson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 555
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Bonsall (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Bontisal, 1216–72 in *Derbys Charters*; Alicia de Bondsale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Johis. Bonsall, 1574 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); George Bonsall, 1613 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Robert Bonsall, 1744, Robert Bansall, 1752 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys); Ann Bonsell, 1764 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Jane Bonsell, 1796 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Bonsell, 1808 in *IGI* (Sutton Cheney, Leics).

### Bonsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Bonsall**.

### Bonser

Variants: **Bonsor**, **Bonsier**, **Bonshor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 784
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

1 English: see **Bonsall**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Alice Bonser, 1601 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); William Bonsor, 1624, John Bonsor, 1688 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Thomae Bonser, 1691 in *IGI* (Barrow on Trent, Derbys); Henry Bonser, 1716 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ellin Bonsor, 1730 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Mary Bonshor, 1757 in *IGI* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Sarah Bonsor, 1783 in *IGI* (Grendon, Warwicks).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French and Middle English *bon sire* 'good sir'.

**Early bearers:** Roger bonsire, 1246 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Robert Bonsir, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Bonser, 1583 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent).

### Bonsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Bonsey, 1567 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey); Edmond Bonsey, 1593 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Nickolas Bonsey, 1603 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Alicia Boncey, 1635 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Ann Bonsey, 1762, Ann Boncey, 1771 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey).

### Bonsfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Durham, and Westm; London

English: locative name perhaps from an altered form of a surname derived from Bonscale in Westm, with substitution of *-field* for *-scale* or *-skill*. Compare Tho. Bonskill, 1711, Thos. Bonskell, 1746, Philip Bonsfield, 1749 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**Early bearers:** Mary Bonsfeild, 1682 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm); Richard Bonsfield, 1713 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robt Bonsfield, 1747 in *IGI* (Kirkby Stephen, Westm).

### Bonshor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Bonser**.

### Bonsier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bonser**.

### Bonson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Westm

English: perhaps a variant of **Bonsall**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Bonson, 1573 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Margaret Bonson, 1579 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Hewgh Bonson, 1585 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bonsor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Leics, Notts, and Northants; Roxburghs

English: see **Bonser**.

### Bonsu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: from Akan (Asante or a related dialect) *bonsu* 'whale'.

### Bonthron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Bon throne**.

### Bon throne

**Variants:** **Bonthron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johnne Bunthorne, 1616 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Cristian Bunthorn, 1638 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William Bunthorne, 1640 in *Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book* (Dysart, Fife); George Buntrone, 1644 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Bontrone, 1657 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife); Anna Buntron, 1674 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Alexr. Bontrun, 1733 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Fife); Anne Bontrain, 1751 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

### Bontoft

**Variants:** **Bantoft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from a lost place called *Bontoft* in Hogsthorpe (Lincs), which is recorded as *Bountoft* in 1294, *Bontoft* in 1345.

**Further information:** *Bontoft* and *Bantoft* may share a linguistic source, but *Bantoft* is distinctly E Anglian; if it is not a form of *Bontoft*, its source has not been identified.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Bantoft, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo de Bountoft, 1332, Willelmo de Bonntoft, 1342 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); Isaac Bantoff, 1635–6 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Susan Bantoft, 1652 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Samuell Bantoft of Stebbing, 1660 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Essex); John Bontoft, 1671 in *IGI* (Halton Holegate, Lincs); John Bontoft, 1713 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); John Buntoft, 1753, Jesse Bontoft, 1768 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs). **References:** *Lincs Archives, Medieval Lindsey Marsh*, pp. 5, 98–9.

### Bonvalet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: nickname from Old French *bon* + *va(s)let* 'good servant'.

**Early bearers:** William Bonuaslet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Nigel Bonvalet, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Wiliam Bonvadlet, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Bounvallet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

### Bonwell

**Variants:** **Bonniwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Bunwell (Norfolk), or from a lost or unidentified place of similar name, perhaps in WR Yorks; compare *Bonwellfelde*, 1548 in South Milford (WR Yorks). (ii) locative name possibly from an anglicized form of any of the numerous places in France called *Bonneville*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bonewill, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (Knarborough, WR Yorks); Ralph de Bonevill, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Ixworth, Suffolk); John Bonewell, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Willelmus Bonwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Rogerus Bonwill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Thomas Boniwell, 1552 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Wylliam Bonwell, 1568 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Edward Bonwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); James Bonnewell, 1675 in *IGI* (Aylesford, Kent); William Bonewell, 1710 in *IGI* (Halton, Northumb); Elizabeth Bonniwell, 1746, Ann Bonneywell, 1866 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 59.

### Bonwick

**Variants:** **Bonnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Beds
- 1 English: locative name from Bonwicks Place in Ifield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Waltero Bonwyk, 1296, Joh' de Bonwyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horsham, Sussex); Willo de Bonwyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Johanne Bonwik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nuthurst, Sussex); George Bonwick, 1570, Antony Bonnick, 1578 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Liddia Bonnick, 1605 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 208–9.

2 English: locative name from High and Low Bonwick (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Bonnewyk', 1363 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Bonwick, 1656 in *IGI* (Scorborough, ER Yorks).

### Boo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surnames 武 and 𠄎, see **Wu** (3) and (4).

2 English or Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: Rogerus Boo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Cuthbert Boo, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Maltby, Lincs).

Scotland: James Boo, 1664 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); James Boo, 1706 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Boobier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Boobyer**.

### Boobyer

**Variants:** **Boobier, Bubear, Bubeer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Jersey

English: locative name from Bowbeer in Spreyton (Devon), which is recorded as *Bobear* in 1518–29.

**Early bearers:** Antonius Bobir, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Jone Bobeer, 1594 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); William Boobeere, 1602 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Eedith Boobyar, 1624, Elizabeth Boobear, 1759 in *IGI* (North Petherton,

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Somerset); Abraham Bobier, 1630 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Gracia Bowbeer, 1649 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); Richard Boobee, 1749 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon); Francis Boobyer, 1765 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* p. 446.

## Boocock

Variants: **Bocock**, **Bowcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1036, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1056
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Buleock**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in the parish registers of Bolton by Bowland (WR Yorks) the same family name is spelled *Bulcock*, *Bowcocke*, and *Boocock* (1608–30), and that Edward Bowcock of Howgill (WR Yorks) is also called Bulcock in a will dated 1677. Compare also Alice Bowcock, 1641, Chr. Bulcock, 1646 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Thomas Boocock, 1575 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Lawrenc Bocock, 1575 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); George Boocock, 1600, Anne Bocock, 1665 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); William Bo(o)cocke, 1627, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Bowcock, 1627, Richerd Boocock, 1629 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); William Bowcock, 1723 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

## Boodhoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Mauritius, Caribbean: from Sanskrit *buddha* ‘enlightened’.

Further information: This name is found among people of Indian origin in Mauritius and in the Caribbean.

## Boodle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Buddle**.

## Boohan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Buadhacháin, see **Bohan**.

## Book

Variants: **Booke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; N England; also Somerset

1 Scottish, English: nickname possibly a variant spelling of **Buck**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: George Book, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Henri Book, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); John Booke, 1583 in *IGI* (Brockworth, Gloucs); Anne Book, 1713 in in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset).

Scotland: Airchbold Book, 1589 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Agnes Booke, 1614 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian); Cirstiane Book, 1624 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); James Book, 1739 in *IGI* (East Calder, Midlothian).

2 German, Jewish: probably anglicized spelling of German and Jewish (Ashkenazic) **Buch** or **Buck**.

**Early bearers:** Fanny Book, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Abraham Book, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Lewis Book, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Mark Book, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Camberwell, Surrey); Isaac Book, traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Durham); Simon Book, coat presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Bookbinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name for a bookbinder, Middle English *bokebynder*.

**Early bearers:** Uxor Walteri le Bokbyndere, 1251 in *MED*; William ligator librorum, 1273 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Robert le Bokbyndare, 1292 in *Westminster Abbey Documents*; Dyonyssia la Bokebynder in *MED*; Richard Bokbynder, 1381 in *The Church in London*.

## Booke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; WR Yorks
- See **Book**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Booker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4754, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3569
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, Surrey, and Berks; Hants and IoW; Derbys and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: (i) occupational name, variant of **Booker**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *bokere*, \**bouker* ‘learned man, scholar; scribe’ (Old English *bōcere*) though most instances of the Middle English surname *Bocer*, *Boker*, and *Bouker* probably belong with modern *Bowker* and appear as early bearers for (i).

**Early bearers:** Hugonis le Bokere, 1327 in *Carisbrooke Cartulary* (IoW); Isabell Booker, 1539, Gregorie Boker, 1594 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Jone Booker, 1548 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); John Booker, 1559 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Booker, 1563 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

## Bookham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from Great, Little Bookham (Surrey), or possibly in some instances from Bookham (Dorset).

## Bookle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Buachalla, see **Buckley**.

## Bookless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lowland Scotland: esp. Berwicks, and N England: esp. Northumb and Cumb,

Scottish: variant of **Buglass**.

## Bool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Bull**.

## Boole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys
- English: see **Bull**.

## Booley

Variants: **Booly**, **Bouley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints, Cheshire, and Lancs; Lincs

English: locative name from Booley in Stanton upon Hine Heath (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Boeyley, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); [... de] Boleye, [... de] Buleye, 1327 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Rogerus de Boley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Booley, Shrops); Alicia de Boley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); John Boolye, 1636 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Ales Booley, 1644 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Ellin Bouley, 1757 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys).  
References: *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 214.

## Bools

Variants: **Boles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Bull** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Boles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Acre and Newton, Norfolk); Joane Boles, 1540 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Alicia Boles, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Robt Bools, 1607 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Elizabeth Booles, 1619 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs).

## Booly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Booley**.

## Boom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Dutch, German: (i) nickname, occupational name from Middle Dutch *boom*, Middle Low German *bōm* ‘tree’, used for a tall person or a woodsman. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a particularly conspicuous tree, from the German word in (i).

**Early bearers:** William Boom, 1705 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Cornelus Boom, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Buckle Boom, 1733 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Betty Boom, 1764 in *IGI* (Matlock, Derbys).

## Boomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim



1 Dutch: occupational name from an agent derivative of (*sluit*)boom, 'sluice gate', hence a name for a man who operated such a gate on a waterway.

2 North German: occupational name, variant of **Bäumer**, which in Westphalia was a term for a border or customs official, from an agent derivative of Middle Low German *bōm* 'barrier'.

3 Irish: this surname has a high frequency in Northern Ireland, where it was said to be brought by 18th-century Huguenot refugees from France with their minister Dubordieu (OS Memoirs viii 39).

**Early bearers:** Renny Boomer, 1837 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* viii 91, 96 (Derryaghy, Antrim).

### Boon

**Variants:** Boone, Boan, Bone, Bown, Bawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3796, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2768
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs: E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Norman, English: locative name from Bohon (Manche). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The de Bohun family's principal possessions were in Gloucs and Wilts. See *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 331–3. Bohun's Hall (Essex) is recorded as *Boneshall*, 1540, *Bowneshall*, 1604 (*Place-Names of Essex* p. 305) and is now pronounced *Boon's Hall*.

**Early bearers:** Hunfridus de Bohun, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Wnfridus de Bowhun, 1120–23 in *Stenton, Feudalism*; William de Boun, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Matildis de Bohun, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John de Bown, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Matilda de Boun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Johannes Bohun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rumboldswyke, Sussex); Reginald Boon', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Barbara Boone, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johis Boone, 1548 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Roberti Bowne, 1565 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Boone, 1568 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Christian Boone, 1573 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Edward Boone, 1594 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Thomas Boon, 1597 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon); Henry Boone, 1630 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Mary Boon, 1637 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Mary Boone, 1698, Richd. Boon, 1701 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Wm. Boon, 1734 in *IGI* (Gretton, Northants).

2 English: see **Bone**.

### Boone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon; Middx and Surrey

1 English: see **Boon**.

2 English: see **Bone**.

### Boor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Northants, Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk

English: see **Bore**.

### Boord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Board**.

### Boore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Shrops, Radnorshire, and Herefs

English: see **Bore**.

### Boorer

**Variants:** Boarer, Borrer, Bowrah, Bowra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Sussex

English: status name from Middle English *bourer* 'cottage'; compare **Bower**, **Bowerman**, and **Bowring**.

**Further information:** The name of Thomas atte Boure, MP for Horsham in 1320, also took the form of Bourer or Borer, whence the family of William Borrer, High Sheriff of Sussex (*Shrops Archaeological Transactions* viii, p. 274).

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Burer, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Burrer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William le Bourere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Bourere, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John Bowrer, 1498 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Surrey); William Bowrar, 1535 in *Sussex Wills*; John Bowra, 1683 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 53; Thomas Borer, 1697 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Sussex).

### Boorman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1617, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Bowerman**.

### Boosey

**Variants:** Busey, Bussey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Kent and Middx

1 English: locative name from Middle English *bosy* 'ox-stall, cow-stall' (Old English *bōsig*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Bosy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Roger Bosy, 1376 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Eliz Boosey, 1670 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Thomae Boosey, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Priscilla Boosey, 1677 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jhon Boosey, 1715 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Edward Boosey, 1733 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London).

2 Norman: perhaps also a variant spelling of **Bussey**.

### Boosie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Scottish: see **Bousie**.

### Boost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Suffolk

English: perhaps a variant of **Buss** with excrescent *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Boost, 1647 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Harriot Boost, in *Census 1841* (Suffolk).

### Boot

**Variants:** Boote, Boots, Boat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1664, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Leics; also Staffs and Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *bote* 'boot', probably for a maker or seller of boots. Compare **Shoe**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Bote, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Bote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Boot, 1345 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Kent); Ann Boot, 1575 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Boot, 1603 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Thomas Boot, 1638 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics); Thomas Boot, 1641 in *IGI* (Barton in Fabis, Notts); Frances Boat, 1664 in *IGI* (Slawston, Leics).

### Boota

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 9

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim (Pakistan): from the Panjabi given name *Būṭa*, from *būṭa* 'plant'.

### Boote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Staffs, Shrops, and Denbighs

English: see **Boot**.

### Bootes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Boots**.

### Booth

**Variants:** Boothe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34418, Ireland 790
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also N Midlands; also Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

English: nickname from Middle English *bothe* (Old Danish *bōth*) 'cow house, herdsman's hut', used to denote a cowman or herdsman, identical with **Boothman**. In Lancs there were minor places called Booth in Tottington and in Colton but the more common source there and in WR Yorks was probably the cattle farms or vaccaries on the Pennines.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Bothe, 1274, del Both', 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John de la Bouthe, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William atte Bothe, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Norfolk); Johanna de Bothe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Robertus de Both', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Magota del Both', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Henricus del Bothe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Trussell with Bednall, Staffs); Johannes de Bothes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); Johanes Booth, 1539 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Rich. Booth, 1540 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Alice Booth, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Joanna Booth, 1543 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Robert Booth, 1544 in *IGI*

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(Oxborough, Norfolk); Tho. Both, 1593, Tho. Booth, 1595 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

References: *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 192; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bootham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bootham in York.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Bouthom, 1287–8 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Bootham, 1640 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); William Bootham, 1696 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Bootham, 1762 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joseph Bootham, 1786 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Thas. Bootham, 1794 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).

### Boothby

Variants: **Boby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 840
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; Cheshire

English: locative name from any of the three places named Boothby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Boebi, 1190, de Bothebi, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Boothby, 1581 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Margaret Boothby, 1585 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); An Boothby, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Oliver Boothby, 1590 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Richard Boothby, 1632 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Boothe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry

English: see **Booth**.

### Boothman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bothe* ‘cow house, herdsman’s hut’ + *man*, denoting someone who looked after cattle. Compare **Booth**.

(ii) occupational name, status name alternatively ‘servant of a man surnamed **Booth**’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Bothman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Nicholas the Bouthman, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Nicolai Boothman, 1568 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Nicholas Boothman, 1574 in *IGI* (Padigham, Lancs).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Boothroyd

Variants: **Brotherhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1277, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1547
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Boothroyd, in Ossett (WR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* argues that the other place called Boothroyd, in nearby Rastrick, was probably named after the family that owned property there.

**Early bearers:** Adam, John del Botherode, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); John de Boudrode, 1349 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Ricardus Butrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Elias Butroide, 1474 in *York Registry Wills* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Jacobus Butrode, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henricus Butroyd, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Nicholai Bothroide, 1599, Johis Bothroyd, 1635, Editha Boothroyd, 1662, Johannis Boothroyde, 1664 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Richard Buthroid, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward Buthroide, 1676 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Sara Bothroyd, 1716 in *IGI* (Rastrick, WR Yorks).

### Bootland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Buteland in Birtley (Durham), which is recorded as *Buteland* in 1255. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Bōta* + *land* ‘land’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bootlande, 1594 in *IGI* (Osballdwick, NR Yorks); Robert Bootland, 1650 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Willm Boutland, 1652, Elizabeth Bootland, 1667 in *IGI* (Long Marston, ER Yorks); John Buteland, 1690 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Bootle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: locative name from either of two places called Bootle (Lancs, Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Michaelis de Botyll’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Henricus de Botull’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkdale, Lancs); William Bootle, 1590 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); James Bootle, 1607 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Bootman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Beautyman**.

### Booton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs

English: see **Button**.

### Boots

Variants: **Bootes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Oxon

English: variant of **Boot** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bootes, 1563 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Bootes, 1578 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Robart Boots, 1590, Elizabeth Bootes, 1600 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex).

### Booty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: apparently a nickname, an adjectival derivative of Middle English *bot(e)* ‘advantage, help, profit, wellbeing’. In Late Middle English *boti* is actually on record once with the sense ‘profiteer(ing)’.

**Further information:** It sometimes may appear rationalized to *Beauty*; compare Jane Beauty, 1730 in *IGI* (Thrandedon, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Bouty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Johanne Boty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Semington, Wilts); Robert Booty, 1565 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); George Booty, 1570 in *IGI* (West Stow, Suffolk).

### Bootyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Devon

Norman, English: see **Beautyman**.

### Booy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Oxon

English: probably a variant of **Boy**, strongly associated with Luckington, about 10 miles from Chippenham, at first; compare John *Boy*, 1616 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John Booy, 1590 in *IGI* (Luckington, Wilts); William Booy, 1662 in *IGI* (Luckington, Wilts); Samel Booy, 1672 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM).

### Boozer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Bowser** (1) and compare Wilts early bearers under **Belcher**, whose names are spelled *Bowsher*, *Beasur*, and *Bowsier*.

**Early bearers:** John Boozer, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Booser, 1738 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Thomas Boozer, 1737 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); William Booser, 1798 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); William Boozer, 1813 in *IGI* (East Farleigh, Kent).

### Boparai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Bor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Bore**.

### Boram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

English: see **Boreham**.

### Boran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Bodhráin ‘descendant of the deaf one’, from *bodhar* ‘deaf’.

**Early bearers:** Garret Borne, gent., 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4596 (Baleyhorsey, Wexford).

### Boraston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Boraston (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Boraston, 1553 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Juliana Boraston, 1570 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Isable Burraston, 1604 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Thomas Burraston, 1651 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops).

### Borden

**Variants:** Bordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Borden (Kent) or from Bordon (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Alice de Borden, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Richard Bordon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Borden, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Galfridus Borden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellsworth, Hants); Eilis Borden, 1564 in *IGI* (Iwade, Kent); Wylliam Borden, 1577 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex).

### Border

**Variants:** Boarder, Borders, Bordier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Devon

English: (i) occupational name, nickname from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *bourdour*, *border* ‘jester, joker, buffoon’. (ii) status name from Middle English *border(e)* ‘bordar, cottager’ (Old French *bordier*, Latin *bordarius*), a feudal tenant of the lowest rank. (iii) occupational name perhaps, as Reaney suggests, from an unrecorded Middle English *\*border* ‘maker of boards or tables’.

Compare Robert Bordmakere, 1356 in *London Letter Books* G; William le Bordhewere, 1327 in *Fransson*; Richard Bordwreghte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Waltero bordario, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls*; Thomas le Border, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thom. Leborder, 1219 in *Feudal Aids* (Somerset); Robert le Bordere, 1296, William le Border, 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sislye Border, 1551 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Roger Border, 1576 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); John Border, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Wm. Border, 1587 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); William Border, 1589 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

### Borders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts; Surrey

English: variant of **Border** with post-medieval excremental -s.

### Bordier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Border**.

### Bordley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Boardley**.

### Bordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: (i) see **Borden**. (ii) see **Burden**.

### Bore

**Variants:** Boor, Boar, Bor, Boore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *bo(o)r*, *bo(o)re* ‘boar’ (Old English *bār*).

**Early bearers:** Æilmar Bar, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Godwin bar, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Walter Bor, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert le Bor, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Bucks); John le Boor, 1312 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Devon); William Bore, 1547 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Ann Bore, 1560 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Katherina Bore, 1562 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Edmundi Bore, 1575, Philippus Boare, 1598 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Edmnde Bore, 1576 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).

### Boreham

**Variants:** Borham, Borum, Boram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1682, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: locative name from Boreham (Essex), Boreham Wood in Elstree (Herts), Boreham Street in Wartling (Sussex), or Boreham in Warminster (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Maurice de Borham, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Adam de Borham, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Boram, 1429 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Daniel Borham, Henry Borum, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Borel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Burrell**.

### Boreland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 189
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews; also IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Borland**.

### Borell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Burrell**.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Boreman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Surrey
- English: see **Bowerman**.

### Borer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Kent

1 English: occupational name for someone who bores or drills, from Middle English *borer*, *borier(e)* an agent derivative of *boren* ‘to bore’ (Old English *borian*). Compare Adam Cok borer, 1366 in *Fransson* (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Boriere, 1318 in *London Letter Books* B; Hugo le Borer, 1332 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Ales Borer, 1575 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Elyzabeth Borer, 1600 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Frances Borer, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Joane Borer, 1623 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Borer, 1702 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent).

2 English: see **Bowra**.

### Borg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1502, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Scandinavian and North German: locative name from various farms and other minor places named *Borg*, from Old Scandinavian or Low German *borg* ‘fortification, stronghold’. In some cases the name is topographical, often referring to a hill that resembles a fortification, rather than an actual fortification.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew *Borg*, factory worker, born in Iceland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Halsing *Borg*, seaman, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (North Shields, Northumb); Carl *Borg*, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Carl Jno. *Borg*, dock labourer, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Durham); Karl *Borg*, street musician, in *Census 1911* (Stockport, Cheshire).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname for a moneylender, from Yiddish *borg* ‘credit’.

**Early bearers:** Myer *Borg*, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Essex); Philip *Borg*, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Kings Norton, Worcs).

3 Maltese: from Maltese *borg*, pronounced /burdʒ/, ‘fortress, castle’, itself from the Arabic word of similar form and meaning. This surname might be confused with **Burge**.

**Early bearers:** Carmel *Borg*, 2nd Captain Fore Top, born in Valletta, Malta, in *Census 1861* (Crew List).

### Borger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Dutch, German: usually a Dutch or German immigrant name; see **Burger**.

**Early bearers:** Katherine *Borger*, 1565 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Roger *Borger*, 1712 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Jn. *Borger*, 1735 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Lucy *Borger*, 1746 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Sussex); Bernard *Borger*, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Christiana *Borger*, born in

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Rostock, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); August Borger, sawyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Govan, Lanarks); Leopold Borger, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Lancs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Yiddish *borger* 'borrower' or 'lender'.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Borger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Simon Borger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

3 Norwegian, Swedish: locative name denoting someone from a place called *Borg* or for someone living by a fortification (*borg*).

### Borges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Burgess**.

**Early bearers:** Willim. Borges, 1597 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); John Borges, 1655 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Tho Borges, 1704 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Borges, 1736 in *IGI* (Winsley, Wilts).

2 Catalan: locative name from a place in Catalonia called Borges (Borjas in Spanish).

**Early bearers:** Joaquina Adelaide Borges, 1863 in *IGI* (London); Victoriano Augusto Borges, 1863 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Borgonon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: ethnic name **Borgo(g)non**, from Old French *Bourguignon* 'the Burgundian'. Compare **Burgoyne**.

**Further information:** According to the Borgonon family website, Theophile Anne Michel Borgognon, probably arrived in England from France in the 1840s, marrying Anne Victorine Pelletier in London in 1857. Their son Alfred Emile Victor Anatole Borgonon (1854–1926) married Caroline Elizabeth Manning (1854–1924). They had 5 children and are buried in Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington (London).

**References:** www.borgognon.net/.

### Borham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and London

English: see **Boreham**.

### Borkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: (i) see **Birkett**, in N England. (ii) see **Burkitt**.

### Borkowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: locative name denoting someone from a place called Borki, Borkowice, or Borek (all named with Polish *bór* 'pine forest'), or from Borków (derived from the personal name *Borek* + the possessive suffix *-ow*).

**Early bearers:** Stanislaw Borkowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx); Matthias Borkowski, Valeria Borkowski, in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx); Jan Borkowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1911*

(Stepney, Middx); Hendryk Borkowski, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx).

### Borkwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Birkett**.

### Borlace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Borlase**.

### Borland

**Variants:** Boreland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1788, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal

1 Scottish: locative name from any of several places in Scotland called Borland or Boreland (Dumfriess, Galloway, Fife, Perth).

**Early bearers:** James Bordland, 1513 in *Protocol Book Ros* (Ayr); Allan Bordlandes 1609 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Borlands, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Black*.

2 English: see **Burland**.

### Borlase

**Variants:** Borlace, Burlace, Burles, Barlas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Old French *bordelais* 'man from Bordeaux'.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh le Burdeleis, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey de Burdeleys, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); William Burdeleys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Burlas, Burlace, Burlase, Burlaas or Borlas of Burlas Burges, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Cornwall); Amie Barlas, 1744 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

Scotland: Robert Barlass, 1752 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth); John Borlase, 1762 in *IGI* (Collessie, Fife); James Barlass, 1773 in *IGI* (Crieff, Perth).

### Borley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Borley (Essex), or Boreley in Ombersley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Almar de Barlea, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Roger de Borle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrie Borley, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rychard Borley, 1568 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Nycolas Borley, 1584 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Wm. Borley, 1586 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Daudid Borley, 1615 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Borman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bowerman**.

## Born

**Variants:** Borne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

1 English: see **Bourne**.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *borgne* 'one-eyed, squint-eyed'.

**Early bearers:** William le Borne, 1164 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter le Borne, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Simon Monoculus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Letyce Born, 1569 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Marye Born, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Bartholmew Born, 1600 in *IGI* (North Elkington, Lincs); Richard Born., 1606 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Jerard Born, 1625 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Borne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx
- English: see **Born**.

### Borner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Bourner**.

### Boroughs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; Gloucs
- English: see **Burrows**.

### Borowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): (i) locative name for someone from a place named with *Bor*, a short form of the personal names *Borzystaw* or *Bolebor* (composed of Slavic *borzy*, *bor* 'to fight' + *staw* 'glory' or *bole* 'greater' + the possessive suffix *-ow*). (ii) locative name denoting someone from a place named with *bór* 'pine forest'.

**Early bearers:** Bruno Bronislas Felix Borowski, 1869 in *BMD* (Burton in Kendal, Westm), identical with Bruno Borowski, school proprietor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Augusta Maria Borowski, 1888 in *BMD* (Steyping, Sussex); Rupert Borowski, musician, born in Blackpool, Lancs, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Conrad Borowski, 1913 in *BMD* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Borradaile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Borrowdale**.

### Borrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Burrell**.

**Borrelli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Southern Italian: locative name from *Borrello*, which is either a topographic name from *borro* 'gully; hole; grave' or from either of two places in Sicily called Borrello.

**Borrer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Boorer**.

**Borrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 950, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Burrett**.  
2 English: see **Burrard**.

**Borrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: (i) nickname possibly from *borrach* (1) 'thick-lipped'. (ii) locative name alternatively, perhaps from Scottish Gaelic *borrach* (2) 'mountain grass, bank'.  
**Early bearers:** William Borrie, 1626 in *Retours, Scotland*; William Borrie, 1656 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Little Dunkeld, Perth); Jo. Borry, 1693 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth).

**Borrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Burrell**.

**Borrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: unexplained, but apparently a variant of **Burrington**.  
**Early bearers:** Charles Borrington, 1722 in *IGI* (Caynham, Shrops); John Borrington, 1747 in *IGI* (Woodhouse, Leics); Joseph Borrington, 1823 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**Borris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews
- English, Irish, Scottish: Ulster variant of the English surname **Burris**, itself a variant of **Burrows**.

**Borritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- 1 English: see **Burrett**.  
2 English: see **Burrard**.

**Borrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks and Durham; Lancs
- English: see **Burrow**.

**Borrowdale**

- Variants:** **Borradaile**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: locative name from Borrowdale (Cumb, Westm).  
**Early bearers:** John Borrowdale, 1433, Borrowdall, 1483 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Borrowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Dumfriess
- Scottish: see **Burman** (2).

**Borrows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 431
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Burrows**.

**Borsberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of **Bosbury**.

**Borshell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: locative name from Boarzell in Ticehurst (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Borselle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Borshell, 1677 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Margaret Borshell in *Census 1881* (Walton, Cumb); Abraham Borshell, 1864 in *IGI* (Bewcastle, Cumb).

**Borthwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2765, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1681
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Midlothian, and Lanarks; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from the old barony of Borthwick, formerly Loquhariot (Midlothian) and possibly also from Borthwick (Roxburghs).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Borthwic, 1368 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Middleton in Borthwick, Midlothian); George de Borthwike, archdeacon, 1423 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Patrick Borthwik, burgess, 1400 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Janet Borthwick, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
England: William Borthwick, 1684 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Lillias Borthwick, 1728 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**Borton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, and Oxon
- English: see **Burton**.

**Borum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Boreham**.

**Borwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Westm
- English: locative name from either of two places called *Borwick* (on Mainland, Orkney, and in Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** George Borwick, 1568 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Jenet Borwick, 1769 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

**Bosanko**

- Variants:** **Bosanquet**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Bosanketh in Saint Buryan (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Bosanquoth, 1461 tithe account in *King's College Cambridge*; William Bosankoe, 1602, Joan Bosanco, 1605 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Elizabeth Bosancoe, 1721 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); Charles Bosanko, 1754 in *IGI* (Saint Endellion, Cornwall).  
**References:** Information from O. J. Padel.

**Bosanquet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Somerset, and Gloucs

1 Huguenot: nickname probably from Occitan *bouzanguet* 'dwarf'.  
**Further information:** John and David Bosanquet of Lunel in Languedoc came to England as Huguenot refugees in 1685.  
**Early bearers:** Daud Bosanquet, 1699 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).  
2 Cornish: see **Bosanko**.

**Bosbury**

- Variants:** **Borsberry**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants
- English: locative name from Bosbury (Herefs).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Bosberie, 1578 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Robert Bosbury, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Compton, Warwicks); William Bosbery, 1665 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks); William Bosberrye, 1681 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Borsbery, 1794 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey).

**Bosch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- German, Dutch: locative name from Middle High German *bosch(e)*, Middle Dutch *bussch*, meaning 'wood' rather than 'bush'; also found in place names, such as 's Hertogenbosch (Bois-le-Duc).  
**Early bearers:** Leoi Bosch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middlesex); Albert Bosch, born in Saxe Weimar, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middlesex);

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Catharina Bosch, born in Holstein, Germany in *Census 1881* (Worleston, Cheshire).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Buscot (Berks).

**Further information:** *Buscot* is a late development of the original parish-name whose medieval form was e.g. *Burewardescote*. The older, longer, form of the surname, recorded as *Burfordescote*, 1377 in *Place-Names of Berks*, or any development like *\*Burscott*, seems to be extinct.

**Early bearers:** John Boscott, 1720 in *IGI* (Sutton under Brailes, Warwick); Richard Boscott, 1825 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); William Buskett, 1829 in *IGI* (Great Alne, Warwick).

### Bose

**Variants:** **Basu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Bowes**; cf. Rodulphus Bowes, 1549 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Paule Bose, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underdale, ER Yorks); Margaret Bowes, 1586, Ralfe Boes, 1588 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Charles Bose, 1637 in *IGI* (York); Edward Bose, 1699 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Bose, 1747 in *IGI* (Sennen, Cornwall).

2 Dutch, German: nickname from the Low German surname *Bose* or the Dutch surname *Boos*, from words meaning 'bad, wicked'.

**Further information:** Some early bearers have clearly Low German or Dutch given names.

**Early bearers:** Herrman Christopher Bose, 1858 in *IGI* (Hoxton, Middx); Hinrich Johann Wilhelm Bose, 1870 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Adalbert W Boese, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London).

3 Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: anglicized form of **Basu**.

### Boseley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Bosley**.

### Bosence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** Locative name: from Bosence in Saint Erth (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Sampson Bosence, 1667 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Boshell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Bushell**.

### Bosher

**Variants:** **Boshier, Busher, Basher, Bozier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*bossher*, *\*bussher*, Old French *boschier*, *buschier* 'woodmonger'. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Boschier, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Henry Boscher, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert le Buscher, 1276 in *London Letter Books A* (London); David le Bossher, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*; Avisia Boscher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); Elizabethae Busher, 1570 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Busher, 1584 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nicholas Boshier, 1583 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); John Boshier, 1697 in *IGI* (Uffington, Berks); Sarah Busher, 1786 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks).

2 English: see **Belcher**.

### Boshier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Monmouths
- English: see **Bosher**.

### Boskin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Buskin**.

### Boslem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and W Lothian
- English, Scottish: variant of **Burslem**.

**Early bearers:** Jesse Boslem, 1781 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Bosley

**Variants:** **Bossley, Boseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Somerset, Herefs, and Gloucs; also Staffs

1 English: locative name from Boseley in Westbury on Severn (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** John Bosseley, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); Katheren Bosley, 1568 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Robarte Bosley, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Witcombe, Gloucs); Willm. Boseley, 1610 in *IGI* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); Margaret Boseley, 1619, Hugh Bosley, 1620 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); John Bosely, 1654 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Berks); Margret Bozely, 1669 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Richard Bossley, 1699 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 202.

2 English: locative name from Bosley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John de Boseley, 1336 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardo de Boseley, 1379, Ricardus Bosley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton, Lancs); Willimus Boseley, 1590 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Margret Bosley, 1599 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire); Johannis Bosley, 1620 in *IGI* (Hartington, Derbys); William Bossley, 1708 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys).

### Bosman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: occupational name, status name most likely from the surname **Bowes** + Middle English

*man*, for a servant of a man with the surname *Bowes*.

Compare **Fentiman**, also from Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Ellyen Bowsman, 1596 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); John Boasman, 1672, John Bosman, 1678, Margrett Boseman, 1711, John Boazman, 1741 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); George Boseman, 1646 in *IGI* (Elton, Durham); Robert Bosman, 1742 in *IGI* (Cloughton, NR Yorks); Jane Ann Bozman, 1856 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham).

2 Dutch, Flemish: occupational name from Dutch *bos* 'wood' + *man* 'man', for a forester (see **Bosch**).

**Early bearers:** M. Bosman, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (London); John Bosman, born in Antwerp, Belgium, in *Census 1881* (London); Morris Bosman, born in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Bosomworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name unexplained. Apparently from an unidentified (perhaps lost) place, perhaps in NR Yorks.

**Further information:** For the place-name, compare Bustum in Aldborough (W Yorks), recorded as *Bussam* in 1639.

**Early bearers:** Ambrosius Bosomworth, 1588, Gulielmi Bosomeworth, 1620, Gulielmi Bosinworth, 1630 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Anne Bosomworth, 1654 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); William Bosomworth or Boosumworth, 1686 in *TNA* (PROB 5; London); Thomas Bosomwood, 1716 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 80.

### Bosonnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, Irish: Irish name of Norman French origin, see **Basnett**.

### Boss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also N Midlands

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Bos*, from Continental Germanic *Boso*, possibly related to *\*bōsi-* 'bad, evil'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bosse filius Edrici, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Hugo Bosse, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Bosse, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Radulfus filius Bosse, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Bosse, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Boss, 1583 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Henrici Boss, 1592 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Boss, 1603 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Thomas Bos, 1619 in *IGI* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Nicolaus Boss, 1603 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk); Eve Boss, 1625 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redin, Studies*, p. 86.

2 English: nickname for someone with a hunchback, from Middle English, Old French *boce*, *bos* 'protuberance, swelling'.

### Bossey

**Variants:** **Bossy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *boçu* 'hunchbacked'.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Bocu, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Robert le Bocu, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert le Bossu, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); Wm. Bossey, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Bossey, 1747 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Elizabeth Bossey, 1751 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Bossey, 1752 in *IGI* (West Tanfield, NR Yorks); Sarah Bossey, 1756 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire).

### Bossley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Bosley**.

### Bossom

**Variants:** Bosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: locative name from Bosham (Sussex). **Early bearers:** John Bossom, 1566 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); John Bossom, 1636 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex).

2 English: late development of **Boatswain**.

**Early bearers:** John Botswayne, Armand Bosome, John Bottswaine, 1639, 1644 in *The East Anglian* (OS) iii, pp. 53, 118 (all in Beccles).

### Bosson

**Variants:** Bossons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

1 English: relationship name from the French personal name *Bos* + *-son*, or possibly with the suffix *-on*. See **Boss**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bosson, 1299 in *Cheshire Record Office*-note William Bosson in the same document; Johannes Boson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Walterus filius Boson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); John Boson, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Bedfords); Richard Bosson, 1576 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); William Boson, 1608 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Philippi Bosson, 1675, Peter Bossen, 1687 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Bossom**.

**Early bearers:** James Bosson, 1753, John Bossom, 1770 in *IGI* (Church Lawton, Cheshire).

### Bossons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

English: variant of **Bosson** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** James Bossons, 1816 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

### Bossy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Bossey**.

### Bost

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- English: see **Boast**.

### Bostan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Turkish, Romanian, and Iranian: via Persian *bustan* from Aramaic *bustān* 'garden'.

**Further information:** This word is also used as a Muslim female given name.

### Bostel

**Variants:** Bostle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London

English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *borgsteall* 'place of refuge', later 'pathway up a steep hill', as for example Bostal Road in Poynings (Sussex), Boarstall (Bucks), Borstal, Bostall Wood, Borstal Hall, Borstalhill Farm (Kent), and Boshill (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Martin de Borstall, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert atte Borstalle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ann Bostel, 1747 in *IGI* (Little Driffield, ER Yorks); Daniel Bostel, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); John Bostel, 1853 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Bostick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 English: see **Bostwick**.

2 English: see **Bastick**.

### Bostle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bostel**.

### Bostock

**Variants:** Bostwick, Bastock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3968, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2808
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Derbys, Notts, and Staffs

English: locative name from Bostock in Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** William de Bostok, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Bostock, 1540 in *IGI* (Persnore, Worcs); Jone Bostock, 1554 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Bostocke, 1559 in *Patent Rolls*; Marie Bostock, 1592 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Wi. Bostock, 1599 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Bostock, 1623 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Johis Bostock, 1630 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Edward Bostock, 1671 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs).

### Boston

**Variants:** Boyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1662, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1264
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and W Midlands; London; also Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

English: locative name from Boston (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Boston, 1290 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Boston, 1384–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Boston, 1412 in *York Freeman's Register*; Catherine Boston, 1543 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Margaret Boston, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Boston, 1552 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); John Boston, 1577 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Alyce Boston, 1578 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Ric. Boston, 1581 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Boston, 1585 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Thomas Boston, 1587 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Boston, 1612 in *IGI* (Colmworth, Beds); John Boston, 1694, Wlm Bostin, 1708 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); Mary Boston, 1748, Ann Bosten, 1779 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds).

Scotland: Kathrine Boston, 1765 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks).

### Bostridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Bulstrode**.

**References:** see <http://www.mdlp.co.uk/>

### Bostwick

**Variants:** Bostick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: in NW England perhaps a variant of **Bostock**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Bostick, 1707, Anna Bostwick, 1710, Joseph Bostock, 1790 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Bostwick, 1714 in *IGI* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Emmy Bostick, 1693, Timothy Bostock, 1802 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: in SE England a variant of **Bastick** with rounding of the vowel.

**Early bearers:** Johans. Bostwick, 1564, Steven Bastick, 1611 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Bostwick, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Abraham Bastick, 1664, James Bostick, 1756 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Richard Bostwick, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Boswall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Midlothian

Norman, Scottish: see **Boswell**.

### Boswell

**Variants:** Boswall, Buswell, Bussell, Biswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5079, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2792
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, Staffs, and Cheshire; also Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Westmeath

Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Beuzeville-la-Giffard (Seine-Maritime), recorded as *Beseuilla*, 1199 in *Dauzat and Rostaing*, and as *Boesevilla*, *Bosavilla*, 12th cent. in *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Boesavilla, about 1130 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Michael de Bosevill, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Hugo de Beseuilla, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William Bosevill, 1362 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Alicia Bosevill,

## Bosworth

1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus Bossewill', 1377, Dionis' Bossell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Johanne Bosvyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarshe, ER Yorks); Johanne Besevyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chitterne tithing, Wilts); Thomas Bosseville, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardley, WR Yorks); Thomas Bossewill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Johanna Bossell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Robertus Boswell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Johannes Boswill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Boseville, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Agn' Bosvyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Agn' Boswell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Christiana Bosevyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); John Boswell, 1539 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Alixand. Boswell, 1543 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Henric Boswell, 1558 in *IGI* (Kings Walden, Herts); Rudulphus Boswell, 1558 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Antone Boswell, 1575, Rebecca Buswell, 1628 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); John Boswell, 1559 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Johis Bosswell, 1581, William Busswell, 1772 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwickshire).  
Scotland: Robert de Bosevill, 1173–78 in *Arbroath Register* (Inverkeilor, Angus); Pain de Bosewill, 1190–95 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburgh); William de Bosevill, burgess, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburgh); William de Boswill, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Effie Boswell, 1561, Janet Bosswell, 1576 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elene Boswell, 1616 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

## Bosworth

Variants: **Bodsworth**, **Bozward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2145, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, Warwickshire, Derbys, and Notts

English: locative name from Bosworth (Leics), recorded as *Baresworde* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Baresworth', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William de Boresworth', 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Alexander de Bosworth', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Boseworth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwickshire); Willelmo Boresworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Florens Bosworth, 1570 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Anthony Bodsworth, 1762 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); William Bodsworth, 1794 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds).

## Botcherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: (i) locative name from Botcherby (Cumb). (ii) alternatively, since the post-medieval distribution of the surname is concentrated in Durham, it could be an altered form of *Butterby*, a now obsolete surname from Butterby (Durham).

*Butterby* (also spelled *Botterbie*, *Botterbe*), and *Botcherby* sometimes appears in the same settlements in the *IGI* and the *Census 1881*.

**Early bearers:** George Botcherbey, 1579, Nicholas Botcheby, 1611 in *IGI* (Cockfield, Durham); Johannes Botcherby, 1615 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Richard Botchaby, 1682 in *IGI* (Stockton, Durham); William Botchbey, 1711 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Robert Botcherby, 1872 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Botfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: locative name from Botvyle (recorded as *Botefeld* in 1195) in All Stretton (Shrops).

**Further information:** Like the place-name, it appears later in a French, or frenchified, form: Wm. Boteville, 1725 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Boteville, 1766 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops). Alternatively, the change may represent a local voicing of [f] to [v] word-medially.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Botfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Preen with parcels, Shrops); Peeter Botfield, 1553 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); William Botfield, 1581 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Bottfeild, 1633, Thomas Bottfield, 1688 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 220.

## Botha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 783, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Dutch and Afrikaans: relationship name patronymic from the Germanic personal name *Baldhard*, from \**bald* 'bold' + \**hard* 'hardy, strong'.

**Early bearers:** Jo. Botha, 1571 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Margarit Botha, 1644 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Joseph Botha, 1831 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Frances Botha, in *Census 1881* (Llansilin, Shrops).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

## Botham

Variants: **Bottom**, **Bottom**, **Bothams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1254, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 782
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; ER Yorks

English: locative name for someone who lived in a dell, hollow, or valley floor, from Middle English *bot(h)me*.

**Early bearers:** Dowe de Bothemes, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard del Bothom, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry Botham, 1543 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Nicholas Botham, 1567 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Agnes Botham, 1572 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Grace Botham, 1575 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Mary Botham, 1584 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Bothamley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cambs, and Northants

English: see **Bottomley**.

## Bothams

Variants: **Bottoms**, **Battams**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: variant of **Botham** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bothams, 1663, Francis Bottoms, 1684 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Roberti Bothams, 1669, Richdi. Bottoms, 1713 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

## Bothell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwickshire

English: see **Bottle**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Bothwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 251
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan, Down, and Armagh

Scottish: locative name from Bothwell in Lanarks.

This name is now also common in Northern Ireland.

**Early bearers:** William de Bothvile, about 1190–1220 in *Midlothian Charters*; Roger de Bodevill, 1259 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Hope-Kailzie, Peebles); Richard de Botheuile, 1342 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Aberdeen); Richard Bothwell, abbot, 1449 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); George Bothwell, 1654 in *IGI* (Dyce, Aberdeens).

## Botkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Bodkin**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Botler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Boteler**.

## Botley

Variants: **Bottley**, **Botteley**, **Botly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Shrops and Worcs; Bucks

English: locative name from Botley (Hants, Berks, Warwickshire, Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Botele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Botteleghe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Botlee, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Wm. Botley, 1562 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Wm. Botley, 1568 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Willm Botley, 1570 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Robert Botley, 1606 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Richard Botley, 1620 in *IGI* (Oxted, Surrey).

## Botly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts

English: see **Botley**.

## Botsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Berks

English: locative name from Bottesford (Leics, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John Botesforth, 1465 in *Paston Letters*.

## Bott

Variants: **Botts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2665, Ireland 9



- **GB frequency 1881:** 2350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Staffs, and Warwick; also Alderney
- English: (i) nickname from Old French *bot* 'toad'. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Botte* (a survival of Old English *Botta*). Compare **Botting** and **Boddison**.

**Further information:** *Tengvik*, pp. 295–6, takes the *Domesday Book* name to represent an Old English \**butt* 'butt, stump', but it is best interpreted in line with the other forms. The word *bot(s)* for a type of parasite does not appear in English till the 16th century and cannot be responsible for the surname. **Early bearers:** given names: Botte Buny, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks). surnames: Aldred, Ealdraed Bot, Alrebot [*sic*], 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Walter Botte, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Bot, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); William Botte, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Botte, 1225 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Walter le Botte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Alicia Botte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Laurencius Bot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harford, Devon); Willelmo Botte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); Ricardus Botte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Thomas Bott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Johannes Bot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Roberto Bot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Johannes Botte, 1438 in *Tutbury Cartulary* (Osmaston by Ashbourne, Derbys); William Bott, 1558 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Dennis Bott, 1565 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); John Bott, 1568 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Ann Bott, 1578 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Willimi Bott, 1579 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Frances Bot, 1584 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs).

### Botteley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- English: see **Botley**.

### Bottell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx
- English: see **Bottle**.

### Botten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Button**.

### Botterell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Norman, English: see **Botterill**.

### Botterill

- Variants: **Bottrill**, **Botterell**, **Bottrell**, **Butterill**, **Buttress**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks; Northants and Leics

1 Norman, English: locative name from Les Bottereaux (Eure, Normandy), a place-name which apparently meant 'the toads'. The surname is found in both a singular form *Boterel* and a plural form *Boterels*, *Botereaus*, which has developed to *Buttress*. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** The singular form could theoretically be a personal nickname from Old French *boterel* 'toad' but the genealogical evidence suggests that the true source of both singular and plural forms is the place-name. William Boterel of Boscastle (Cornwall) obtained Longden (Shrops) through marriage to Alice Corbet, aunt of Rainald earl of Cornwall, in the early 1100s. Their son William married Isabella de Say, lady of Clun (Shrops). Boscastle is called *Boterelescastel* in 1302. Aston Botterell (Shrops) was held in 1203 by William Boterell.

**Early bearers:** William boterel, de Boterell', 1130, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Boscastle, Cornwall); Emma des Boterell', des Boteraus, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon, Somerset), 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon, Somerset); William des Boterels, des Botereals, 1197–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Albreda Boterell', de Botereus, de Boterell', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops), de Botereaus, 1226, de Boterels, 1242 in *Book of Fees*; William de Botereus, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset, Devon, Somerset); Thomas Botterell, 1581, William Butterell, 1584 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Raphe Botterill, 1587 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); Thomas Buttris, 1639 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); William Butterill, 1644 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 182; *Ekwall, DEPN*, at Boscastle, Aston.

2 Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French \**boterel*, a diminutive form of Old French \**boter* 'an officer who looks after the (wine) butts'. Both terms are derivatives of Old French *butte*, *bote* 'wine-butt, cask'.

**Further information:** Peter Boterel was the older brother of Hamo Boterel. They were the sons of Geoffrey Boterel, a Breton tenant of the earl of Richmond. Reginald Boterel was Peter's son. According to Reaney, Peter Boterel, 1127–47, was also known as Peter Boter, 1107–33 in *Bec Abbey Documents*, and was one of the *Butery* family, tenants of Ogbourne (Wilts). They presumably held a hereditary office of keeper of the buttery (Old French *boterie* 'wine store') and as such could be named in various ways. Other members of the family included Geoffrey Boter (1107–33), William Boterel (1122–47), James Butery, and William Buteri (about 1248). See **Buttery**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Boterel, 1127–47 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Hamo Boterel, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Rannulf Boterel, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald Botterell, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 180–1.

### Botting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old English) personal name \**Botting*, a pet form of Old English *Botta*' (see **Bot**).

The name has an unusually long history in Nuthurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John Bottyng, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Botting, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Johanne Bottyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Willelmo Bottyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Henry Botting, 1567, Nickles Botting, 1708, George Botting, 1863 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 314.

### Bottle

Variants: **Bottell**, **Buttle**, **Boutle**, **Bothell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Botild* (Old Scandinavian *Bóthildr*, *Bothild*, from *bót* 'remedy' + *hildr* 'battle, war'). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Godwinus filius Botild, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Johannes filius Botill', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Botild', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Botyld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Bottle, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Cuthbert Bottyll, 1565 in *Oxford University Register*; Elizabeth Bottle, 1619 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent); Thomas Buttle, 1632 in *IGI* (Thornton by Pocklington, ER Yorks); Esther Buttle, 1709 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Anna Buttle, 1747, Anne Buttel, 1773 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Bothel (Cumb, Northumb) or a topographic name for someone who lived '(at the) hall or manor house', Middle English *bot(e)l* (Old English \**bōþl*). The Sussex form without the definite article (repeated in other Sussex subsidy rolls) may have a different origin but no alternative etymology can be suggested.

**Early bearers:** Germano le Bothel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Jevington, Sussex); Robert atte Bothele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John of Botill, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); James Buttle, 1558 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs).

3 English: see **Bowtell**.

### Bottley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Botley**.

### Botto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glamorgan

Italian: relationship name of Italian origin, ultimately from a Continental Germanic personal name *Boddo* or *Bot(t)o*, of uncertain meaning. **Early bearers:** John Baptist Botto, 1826 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Bernardo Botto, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Sebastiano Botto, in *Census 1851* (Somerset); Bartholomew Botto, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Michael Botto, born in Genoa, Italy, and his son, Joseph Botto, born in Anglesey, in *Census 1881* (Durham).

### Bottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 1

## Bottom

- GB frequency 1881: 794
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Derbys
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kildare
- English: see **Botham**.

### Bottom

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Botham**.

### Bottomer

Variants: **Bottomore**

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: unexplained; probably connected with **Buttimer**, also of uncertain origin. Perhaps to be compared with *Botoner*, the family name of the late medieval author William Worcestre, from Middle English *botoner* ‘button-maker’, and compared as regards pronunciation with **Latimer** for *Latiner*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Bowtmer, 1664 in *IGI* (Brotton, NR Yorks); Anthony Bothamer, 1700 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Thomas Bottomore, 1701 in *IGI* (Clifton Campville, Staffs); Thomas Bottomer, 1775 in *IGI* (Aston on Trent, Derbys); Thomas Bottomore, 1804 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Bottomley

Variants: **Bothamley**, **Bottomly**

- Current frequencies: GB 4264, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 4986
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

English: locative name from Bottomley in Barkisland, near Halifax (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hanne de Bothemley, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Bodhomlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Gilberti Bottomley, 1580 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks).

### Bottomly

- GB frequency 1881: 274
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Bottomley**.

### Bottomore

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Bottomer**.

### Bottoms

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 412
  - Main GB location 1881: Beds
- English: see **Bothams**.

### Botton

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 181
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Middx; also Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Button**.

### Bottrell

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 140

- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Botterill**.

### Bottrill

- Current frequencies: GB 585, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 356
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlands: esp. Leics
- Norman, English: see **Botterill**.

### Botts

- GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: variant of **Bott** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Botwood

- Current frequencies: GB 162, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 115
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops; also Radnorshire and Cardigans

English: locative name from Leebotwood (Shrops). See Richard de Lye Bottewode, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*. Compare **Botfield**.

**Early bearers:** Maria Botwood, 1572, Richardus Bottwood, 1580 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Joan Bottwood, 1589 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Sarah Botwood, 1667 in *IGI* (Cardington, Shrops).

### Botwright

Variants: **Boatwright**, **Boatright**

- Current frequencies: GB 412, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 326
  - Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; also London
- English: occupational name from Middle English *botwrythe*, *botwright* ‘boat-wright, boat builder’ (Old English *bāt* ‘boat’ + *wyrhta* ‘wright’).  
**Early bearers:** John Botwright, 1469 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Botewrighte, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Boatwright, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willm. Boatright, 1737 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk).

### Bouch

Variants: **Buche**, **Budge**, **Badge**

- Current frequencies: GB 360, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 354
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb
- English: nickname from Old French *bouche* ‘mouth’. In Middle English this also became *bouge* and later *budge*, especially in the sense ‘an allowance of victuals granted by a king or nobleman to his household or attendants on a military expedition’ (about 1440 *MED*). This sense may be older and may account for some of the alternatives.  
**Early bearers:** Ralph Buche, 1160–70 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Fegga Buche, Bucca, Bugga, 1165–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugo Buche, 1199, Bucca, 13th cent. *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Alexander Buche, Bugge, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Michael od la Buche, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; Geoffrey Bouche, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Bouge, Walter Bugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Bougge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Anus Bouch, 1596 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Alice Bouch, 1605 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Katherine Bouch, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Nicholas Bouch, 1620 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); Edeth Bouch, 1653 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Bouchard

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 120
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Jersey
- 1 English: sometimes a variant of **Butcher**.  
2 French: from the surname **Bouchard**, **Bouchart**, which derives from Continental Germanic *Burghard*, with dissimilative loss of the first *-r-*; compare **Burkitt**.

### Boucher

- Current frequencies: GB 2262, Ireland 163
  - GB frequency 1881: 1577
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs, Gloucs, and Herefs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; Tipperary
- 1 English: see **Butcher**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Bourchier**.  
3 English: perhaps in some cases a variant of **Belcher**.

### Bouchier

- Current frequencies: GB 174, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 104
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- 1 English: variant of **Butcher**.  
2 English: alternatively a variant of **Belcher**.  
3 Norman, English: possibly a variant of **Bourchier** (2).

### Bouckley

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Worcs
- English: see **Buckley** (1).

### Boud

- Current frequencies: GB 239, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Surrey; Cambs
- English: see **Bold**.

### Bouffler

- Current frequencies: GB 48, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and London; Wilts
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *beau flour* ‘fair flower’.  
**Early bearers:** James Beauflour, 1313 in *Close Rolls* (Beds), 1322 in *Parliamentary Writs* (London); Ann Bouffler, 1747 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); William Bouffler, 1777 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Eleanor Bouffler, 1803 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); James Bouffler, 1816 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Frances Mary Burk Bouffler, 1870 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Bough

Variants: **Boff**, **Leboff**, **Buff**, **Bove**

- Current frequencies: GB 458, Ireland 29
- GB frequency 1881: 488
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Worcs; also Warwicks and Herefs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan

1 Norman, English: nickname (pronounced *Boff*) from Old French *boeuf* 'bull, ox', used for a powerfully built man, also perhaps for a herdsman. **Early bearers:** Robert le Buef, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Beof, le Boef, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Is' Buffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bampton, Oxon); William Boeff, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon).  
2 English: (pronounced *Bow*) see **Bow**.

### Boughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- 1 English: see **Boughen**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Buadhacháin, see **Bohan**.

### Boughen

Variants: **Boughan, Boffin, Baffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained. Some early instances in W England may represent **Vaughan**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Boughan, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*, referring to Shropshire; Johannes Boughan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Jacobi Boughen, 1566 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Tibole Boughen, 1578 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Cattren Bougham, 1597 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Hugh Booffinge, 1615 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); An Bofin, 1636 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); William Boughen, 1624 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); Thomas Boffin, 1675 in *IGI* in (Melksham, Wilts); Rose Boughen, 1740 in *IGI* (Necton, Norfolk); Susanna Boughin, 1741 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Boffin, 1744 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Hugh Boughen, 1748, Hugh Bougen, 1759 in *IGI* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk).

### Boughey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 659
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Cheshire
- English: unexplained.

**Further information:** This name appears to be independent of the main source of **Buffey**, though sometimes confused with it.

**Early bearers:** Ursula Boughey, 1561 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Robertus Boughey, 1605 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Maria Boughie, 1661 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); John Boughey, 1674 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Samuel Bouffey, 1778 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Boughey or Buffey, 1833 in *IGI* (Church Eaton, Staffs).

### Boughtflower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Boutflour**.

### Boughton

Variants: **Bugden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1427, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Gloucs; Northants; Norfolk; Kent

English: locative name from Boughton (Hunts, Lincs, Norfolk, Notts, Northants), Great Boughton (Cheshire), or Boughton Aluph, Malherbe,

Monchelsea, under Blean (Kent), all of which have Middle English forms such as *Buketon* or *Bocton*. Some of the early forms below alternatively belong to **Buckton** or **Bugden**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Bocton, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Walter de Buketon', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Walter Bugheton, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William de Bucton', 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henry de Boketon', 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Peter de Bukton, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Thomas Boughton, 1440–41 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Jone Boughton, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Boughton, 1568 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Thomas Boughton, 1577 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Willia Boughton, 1592 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Warwicks); John Boughton, 1594 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs).

### Boughtwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Boulwood**.

### Bougourd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: relationship name probably from a French name derived from the Continental Germanic personal name *Burghold*, from \**burg-* 'surety, stronghold' + \**wald-* 'power', possibly later reinterpreted as \**hold-* 'beloved'. In the Guernsey name the original /ur/ (spelt *our*) and /u/ (spelt *u*) have been transposed.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bougourd, christened 23 August 1752 in surnamedb. com (Vale, Guernsey).  
**References:** <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Bougourd> (fact of baptism in 1752 noted; the etymology given there is incorrect).

### Boulby

Variants: **Bowlby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bulby (Lincs) or Boulby (NR Yorks), both of which are recorded as *Bol(l)ebi* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Boleby of Bilyngburgh, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Billingborough, Lincs); John son of Beatrice de Boleby, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Bulby, Lincs); Elias de Boleby, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Roger de Boleby of Staunford', 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Stamford, Lincs); Thome Boulbye, 1586 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Andrew Bowlby, 1597 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Edward Boulby, 1673 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ellinor Boulby, 1733 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

### Bould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 728
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also WR Yorks

English: see **Bold**.

### Boulden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cornwall
- English: see **Bolden**.

### Boulder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; London
- English: see **Bolder**.

### Boulderstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Balderston**.

### Bouldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Balding**.

### Boulding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Balding**.

### Boule

Variants: **Bowl, Bowle, Bowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Norman, French, Huguenot: nickname from Old French *boule* 'ball' (Latin *bullā*), a nickname for a short rotund man; possibly also denoting a bowls player.

**Early bearers:** England: John le Boul, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Boule, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Rychard Boule, 1569 in *IGI* (Upton Saint Leonard, Gloucs); Edmundus Boul, 1618 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Bowl, 1711, Richard Boul, 1712 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent).  
Huguenot: Isaac Boule, 1692 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury); Jean Pierre Boule, 1694 in *IGI* (Patente, Soho, and Le Temple French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

### Bouler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bowler**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Bouley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Booley**.

### Boulger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Carlow
- Irish, Norman, English: see **Bolger**.

## Boullen

### Boullen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 Huguenot: (i) locative name, probably a variant of French **Boulogne**, from one of the places so called in N France (Pas-de-Calais, Nord). Compare English **Bullen**. (ii) nickname, alternatively a variant of French **Bouillon**, from Old French *bollon* ‘clasp, bolt’, perhaps for someone who made such things.
- Early bearers:** Pierre Boullen, 1786 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jaques Boullen, 1799 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).
- 2 English: possibly a late variant spelling of **Bullen**.
- Early bearers:** Peter Boullen, 1853 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Boullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Bullen** and compare **Bullin**.

### Boulsover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Bolsover**.

### Boulstridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Bulstrode**.

### Boult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx and Surrey; Lancs
- English: see **Bolt**.

### Boultee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: locative name from Boltby (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Odo de Boltebia, 1142–5 in *Yorks Charters*; Nicholas de Bolteby, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robert de Boltebi, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Tho. Boultee, 1637 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Frances Boultee, 1736 in *IGI* (Merevale, Warwicks); Mary Boultee, 1740 in *IGI* (Castle Donington, Leics); Luce Boultee, 1766 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Boultee, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Boltby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Boltby (NR Yorks). The name may have been confused with **Boulby**.
- Early bearers:** John de Bolteby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Low Silton, NR Yorks); Thomas de Bolteby, 1371 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Janet Boultee, 1568, John Boltby, 1602 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Boltby, 1655 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); William Boltby, 1661, Edward Boultee, 1673 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Elizabeth Boultee, 1677 in *IGI*

(Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Boltby, 1728 in *IGI* (Lastingham, NR Yorks).

### Boulter

- Variants:** **Bolter**, **Bulter**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1918, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1504
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Norfolk; Middx and Surrey; Wilts
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bul(e)ter*, *bol(e)ter*, *boulter* ‘flour sifter’, Old French *buleteor*. (ii) occupational name perhaps also from a Middle English word \**bolter(e)* ‘maker of bars, bolts, or arrows’. The existence of this word as a derivative of *bolt* is unattested, but compare John Boltsmith, 1346 in *Fransson*.

**Early bearers:** S England: Agamundus le Boltere, 1180–90 in *Cartulary of Saint John, Oxford*; Roger le Buleter, 1246, le Bolter, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger le Boletere, 1261 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Geoffrey le Bolter, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Joh. le Boltere, 1296, Joh. le Bultar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Galfr. le Bultere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Joh. Boltor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Boltere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rawridge, Devon); Roger Bolter, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Worlington, Devon); Alice Bolter, 1542 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Cristoferi Bolter, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Elizabeth Bowlter, 1589 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs); Raffe Boulter, 1591, William Bolttar, 1724 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); John Boulter, 1601 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); Thomas Bolter, 1612 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); William Bolter, 1621 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Samuel Bulter, 1654 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Eliz. Bowlter, 1665 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Boulter, 1653 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); William Boulter, 1657 in *IGI* (Little Cheverell, Wilts); Miriam Boulter, 1683, William Bolter, 1836 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); William Bolter, 1770, Samuel Balter, 1772 in *IGI* (Holt, Wilts). E Anglia: Ric. le Boltere alias le Bultere, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Joh. le Boltere, 1299 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Essex); Eliz. Bowlter, 1590, Samuel Boulter, 1640 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Grisill Bowlter, 1616 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Bulter, 1735 in *IGI* (Gazeley, Suffolk). Midlands: John le Boleter, 1308 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); Rob's le Bulter, 1311 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Jhon Boulter, 1560, Dorothy Billings Bolter, 1781 in *IGI* (Blaby, Leics); Riccus Boulter, 1568 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Jhon Boulter, 1581 in *IGI* (Brailles, Warwicks); William Boulter, 1628, 1804 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics); Thomas Boulter, 1658, Mary Bolter, 1823 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Boulter, 1688, 1805 in *IGI* (Welland, Worcs); Richard Bulter, 1723 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

### Boulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7520, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5385
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Bolton**.

### Boulwood

- Variants:** **Boltwood**, **Boutwood**, **Boughtwood**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English ‘bolt, bundle of cloth’ (Old English *bolt*), often apparently a fabric suitable for sifting flour + Middle English *hod* ‘hood’ (Old English *hōd*), presumably denoting the wearer of a hood made from bolt-cloth.

**Further information:** The Essex family gave its name to Boulwood’s Farm in Stisted; see *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 461.

**Early bearers:** Adam Bolthod, 1265–72 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Robert Bolthoud’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John Bolthood, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Boumphrey

- Variants:** **Bomphrey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- Welsh: relationship name generally and incorrectly said to be from the patronymic *ab Humphrey* ‘son of **Humphrey**’, with fused patronymic marker (*ap*), which is normally voiced before a vowel and voiceless before a consonant; so strictly this name is for ‘son of Umphrey’, i.e. the name rendered in Welsh as *Wmffre*, *Wmffra*. See also **Pumfrey**.
- Early bearers:** Roger Bomfrey, 1633 in *Bardsley*; John Bumfrey, 1745 in *IGI* (Erpingham, Norfolk); Mattathias Boumphrey, 1765 in *IGI* (West Kirby, Cheshire).

### Bound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 537
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants; Middx; also Radnors and Montgomerys; Glamorgan
- English: see **Bond**.

### Boundford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors and W Midlands
- English: variant of **Burnford**.

### Bounds

- Variants:** **Bownds**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 441
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Radnors; Northants
- English: see **Bonds**.

### Boundy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 511
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Bundy**.

### Bour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex
- English: see **Bower**.

### Bourchier

- Variants:** **Boucher**, **Bouchier**, **Bourcier**, **Bowser**, **Borger**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex, Surrey, and Hants; Herts

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Burcher** (see **Bircher**). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2). The name has sometimes been altered to or confused with **Bouchier** and **Boucher**.

**Early bearers:** Johan Bouchier, 1599 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Bouchier, 1640 in *IGI* (East Barnet, Herts); Evereton Bouchier, 1688 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); William Bouchier, 1701 in *IGI* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Thomas Bouchier, 1778 in *IGI* (Dulwich, Surrey); Charles Bouchier, 1791 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

2 Norman, English: locative name of uncertain origin but it is presumably from a French place-name, perhaps Boursières in Haute-Saône. The name was early confused with other surnames and may survive in *Bouchier*, *Bowcher*, *Bowser*, and **Boozer**. The surname gave rise to a number of minor place-names in Essex: Bouchier's alias Bouchier's Hall in Aldham, Bouchier's Hall in Messing; Bouchier's Grange in Great Coggeshall, Bouchiers Chapel in Tollesbury, Boarstye Fm and Bowser's Hall in Rivenhall (Essex), and Boose's Green in Colne Engayne.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bursor, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Colne Engayne, Essex); John de Busser 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Messing, Essex); John de Bouchier, 1311 in *History of Essex* (Aldham); John de Bousser, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Coggeshall, Essex); Johanne de Bousser or Boussier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Messing, also Little Laver, also Ashdon, also Halstead, also Rettendon, also Langford, also Tollesbury, Essex); Johanne le Bousser or de Boussier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Chesterford, Essex); Robert Bousser, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rivenhall); John Burghcher, 1349 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Colne Engayne, Essex); Roger Bouser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Lucretia Bouchier, 1617 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Anthony Bouchier, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Thomas Bouchier, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Martin cum Gregory, York).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 296, 305, 359, 366, 367, 380, 391, 397, 503.

### Bourcier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English, French: see **Bouchier**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bourdillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Kent and Sussex

Huguenot: locative name from a diminutive form of Old French *borde* 'isolated country house', or, more rarely, 'man from Bordeaux'.

**Further information:** James Bourdillon, descendant of a Huguenot who left France in 1685, was minister of the Artillery Church in Spitalfields.

**Early bearers:** Gedeon Seguret Bourdillon, 1741 in *IGI* (Artillery Church, Spitalfields); Brownlow Bourdillon, 1778 in *IGI* (Artillery Church, Spitalfields).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Borde, Bourdillon.

### Bourdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Jersey  
1 Huguenot, French: French (Huguenot) nickname from Old French *bourdon*, a word with several meanings, from any or each of which the surname could have arisen: 'pilgrim's staff', denoting a pilgrim; 'bumblebee', denoting someone thought to resemble the insect in some way; and 'bagpipes', denoting a piper or pipe-maker. For an alternative French derivation, compare **Burden**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Magdeline Bourdon, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Bourdon, 1706 in *IGI* (La Patente Church, Spitalfields, London); Daniel Bourdon, 1718 in *IGI* (Artillery Church, Spitalfields, London); Jean Bourdon, 1737 in *IGI* (Wheeler Saint French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, London).  
Channel Islands: Nicholas F. C. Bourdon, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Rosalie Bourdon, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter, Jersey).  
2 English: see **Burden**.

### Bourgaize

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: variant of **Bourgeois**.

**Further information:** the apparently feminine form is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jean Bourgaize, 1617 in *Confessions of Witches under Torture* (Guernsey).

**References:** *Confessions of Witches under Torture: translation of material in the Official Record of the Royal Court of Guernsey (1617)*, published by E. and G. Goldsmid (Edinburgh, 1886).

### Bourgein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

### Bourgeois

Variants: **Bourgaize**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Huguenot: nickname, status name from French *bourgeois* 'inhabitant of a *bourg*, a town free from certain feudal obligations', or theoretically 'person from a place called *Bourg*'. The spelling *bourgeois* can be a French dialect variant, or an English spelling of the alien name. *Bourgaize* and *Bourgaize* are Guernsey Norman French forms.

**Early bearers:** Remy Bourgeois, 1594 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Symon Bourgeois, 1637 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Marie Bourgeois, 1702 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Bourgoin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

### Bourhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Scots 'bour', an elder-tree + 'hill', possibly from Bourtriehill, a lost place in Midlothian.

**Early bearers:** Laurence Bourhil, sheriff, 1456 in *Ancient Scottish Seals* (Lanark, Lanarks); Andrew Bourhil, 1481 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Barion Burehill in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** Norman Dixon, 'The Place-Names of Midlothian'. University of Edinburgh PhD thesis, 1947.

### Bourke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2126, Ireland 3569
- **GB frequency 1881:** 727
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork, Tipperary, Galway, and Mayo

Irish: see **Burke**.

### Bourland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Burland**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 647
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lincs and Leics

English: see **Bourne**.

### Bourne

Variants: **Bourn**, **Born**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9393, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5789
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from southern Middle English *bourne* (Old English *burna*), for someone who lived by a stream. Compare **Burn** and **Aburn**.

The first reference below is to Bishopbourne (Kent), Old English *burna* 'stream', the second is to Bourn (Cambs). In S and central England *bourne* came to be used to denote a stream which flows only in winter (or intermittently). In surnames the reference is often to an old stream called *burna*, surviving as the name of a farm. Otherwise, for someone from a place called *Bourn* or *Bourne*, e.g. in Cambs, Lincs.

**Early bearers:** England: Godric æt Burnan, 1044 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Almarus de Brunna, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Basilia de la Burne, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Atteburn, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Atteburne, 1261 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard atte Bourne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert del Burn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Bourne, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Robert Bourne, 1540 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Thomas Bourne, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Arthure Bourne, 1547 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Nicholas Bourne, 1549 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Henrie Bourne, 1617, Eliz Boorn, 1638, Christopher Boorne, 1641 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent).

**Bourner**

Variants: **Burner, Borner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived by a stream (Middle English *bourne*, *bourne*). The *-er* for locative surnames is characteristic of SE England, esp. Sussex. See also **Bourne**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bournere, 1318 in *London Letter Books E*; Stephano Bournere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Johannes Bornere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Alice Burner, 1574 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); John Burner, 1595 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Edward Burner, 1630, Mary Bourner, 1649 in *IGI* (Catsfield, Sussex).

**Bourns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Surrey

English: see **Bournes**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bourton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Warwicks and Oxon

English: see **Burton**.

**Bousfield**

Variants: **Busfield, Busfeild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 584
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also Durham

English: locative name from Bousfield in Orton (Westm), which is recorded as *Bowesfell* in 1279 and *Boghesfell* in 1310. The place-name derives from Old English *boga* or Old Scandinavian *bogi* 'bow, arch' in the sense 'curving hill side', with a Middle English genitive singular ending *-es*, + Old Scandinavian *fjall*, *fell* 'hill, mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Henrico de Bowesfell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Henry Bowsfell or Bowsfeld, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Saint Faith, City of London); James Bowsefell, 1567, James Busfeld, Christopher Bowsfeild, 1615 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alder Busfeild, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Mary Bowsfield, 1706 in *IGI* (Barton, Westm); John Bousefield, 1735 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm).

**Bousie**

Variants: **Bowsie, Boosie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Balhousie (Fife), recorded as *Bowsie* in the 17th century and still so pronounced.

**Early bearers:** John Bousie, 1566 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); John Bowsie 1584 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Bowsye, notary public, 1567 in *Laing Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife).

**Bouskell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Leics

English: see **Bowskill**.

**Bouskill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Westm, and Lancs

English: see **Bowskill**.

**Boustead**

Variants: **Bousted, Bowstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumberland

English: locative name from Boustead Hill (Cumberland), recorded as *Burstedhill* in 1295.

Compare **Bowstead**.

**Early bearers:** James Boustead, 1677, Bowstead, 1691 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb); John Bousted, 1724 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**Bousted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cumb

English: see **Boustead**.

**Boustred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Bulstrode**.

**Early bearers:** William Boustred, 1599 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds).

**Boutall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: see **Bowtell**.

**Butcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Herefs

English: see **Butcher**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bochere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Canon, Devon); Robert Butcher, 1714 in *IGI* (Broadclyst, Devon).

**Boutell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, and Suffolk; also Herts

English: see **Bowtell** and compare **Boutle**.

**Boutflour**

Variants: **Boughtflower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: nickname from Middle English *bulte* 'to sift' + *flour* 'flour', perhaps applied to a miller (compare **Bolter**), although *bouten flour* was also used

metaphorically in Middle English for 'ravish a maiden' (*MED*).

**Further information:** A variant *Buntflowre*, from *Bultflowre* or the like by dissimilation of {l} . . . [l] to [n] . . . [l] and later pronounced *Bunfler*, *Bunfeler*, was sometimes understood in E England as *Bonfellow*.

**Early bearers:** John Bulteflour, 1303 in *Durham Palace Register* (Durham); John Bultflour, 1430 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Helen Bonfela, 1438 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); John Bownflower, 1505 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41; John, Thomas Boutflower, 1511 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41; William Buntflowre, 1511 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41; Robert Bonfellow, Bunfellow, 1521 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Ralph Bultflower, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willia. Bonfellow, 1586 in *IGI* (Knodishall, Suffolk); Jane Boughtflower, 1726 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Henry Boutflour, 1809 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Boutle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Surrey and Middx

1 English: see **Bowtell**.

**Early bearers:** Symond Bowtle, 1575 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Maria Bowtle, 1585 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Ann Boutle, 1607 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs); George Boutle, 1623 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Edward Boutle, 1648 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Boutle, Boutell, 1678 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Samuel Boutle, 1679 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Hannah Bowtle, 1752 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

2 English: see **Bottle**.

**Early bearers:** Richarde Boutle, 1664 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs).

**Bouttell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Bowtell** and compare **Boutle**.

**Bouttle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Bowtell** and compare **Boutle**.

**Boutwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Boulwood**.

**Bouverie**

Variants: **Buffery, Buffrey, Bowery, Bowry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Middx

Norman, English: locative name for someone who lived '(at the place) where oxen are reared' (Old French *bouverie*), a term well used in Middle English minor place-names but apparently not becoming a word of the language.

**Further information:** The name in its etymological form may be reintroduced alongside the English

development **Buffery**, seen in Ricardus Buffry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs). **Early bearers**: Laurence Boveries, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Bowrey, 1554, Alicia Bowery, 1573 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); William Bouverie, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).

### Bovaird

- **Current frequencies**: GB 71, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881**: 5
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks

Huguenot: relationship name from the French surname **Bouvard**, from a Germanic personal name perhaps based on \**bobo-* or \**bovo-* 'boy' + \**hard-* 'hardy, strong'. The current form is a Scots spelling. **Early bearers**: England: Jean Bouvard, 1706 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Charles Bouvard, 1710 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Abraham Jacob Bouvar and Jaques Bouvar, 1710 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Susanne Bouvar, 1725 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Scotland**: Mary Bovaird, 1859 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); Elisabeth Bovaird, 1866 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons).

### Bove

- **Current frequencies**: GB 146, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1

1 English: unexplained; perhaps an occasional variant of **Buff**, for **Bough**.

**Early bearers**: Rupert Bove, 1586 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex); Petteer, Ishmaell Bove, 1711 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Martha Bove, 1796 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

2 Italian: nickname Italian and Catalan (**Bové**), from Italian *bove*, Catalan **bové** 'ox' (from Latin *bos*, genitive *bovis*), perhaps used for a ploughman or herdsman or for someone thought to resemble an ox. **Early bearers**: Giuseppe Bove, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Wilts); Angele Bove, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Wilts); Jose Bove, in *Census 1891* (Warwicks).

### Bovell

- **Current frequencies**: GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 20
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon; Lanarks

Norman, English: see **Bovill**.

**Further information**: The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados, as well as Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana.

### Bover

**Variants**: **Bovier**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 33
- **Main GB location 1881**: Essex

English: occupational name from Middle English *bovier* 'peasant' (Old French *bovier*, *buvier*, *bover*, 'oxherd'). This could also appear as *bover* and be indistinguishable from the forms for **Bower** and perhaps also **Bowyer**.

**Early bearers**: Daniel le buuier, 1191, le bouier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Bovier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Anne Bover, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Joane Bover, 1587 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); Mary Bovier, 1611 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex).

### Bovey

- **Current frequencies**: GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 352
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon

1 English: locative name from Bovey Tracey or North Bovey (Devon).

**Early bearers**: William Bovey, 1579 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Peter Bovy, 1626 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Richard Bovie, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 English: relationship name perhaps occasionally from the Middle English personal name \**Bove* (from the Old Scandinavian *Bófi*, *Bovi*, *Bove*, a nickname from *bófi* 'knave, rogue'), or from the Scandinavian name directly.

**Early bearers**: Walter Boue, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); William Bouy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thos Bovey, 1607 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Foulke Bovey, 1616 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); James Bovey, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Maximilian Bovey, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Bovier

- **GB frequency 1881**: 15
- **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex

English: see **Bover**.

### Bovill

**Variants**: **Bovell**, **Boville**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 412, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881**: 200
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx and Surrey; Lancs, Yorks, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Antrim

Norman, English: locative name probably from Bouville (Seine-Maritime). Early forms of two places named Beuville in Calvados make these less certain identifications (*Tengvik*); compare **Beville**. Four places in Essex preserve this surname: two named Bovill's Hall, and Bovill Uplands Farm and Bovill Marsh, the latter occurring as *Bowelles* (1509–47), so that the surname may also have become *Bowell*; see **Bowles**.

**Early bearers**: William de Buuilla, de Boeuilla, de Beeuilla, de Boeuilla, Humphrey de Buiville, Sahala de Bouuilla, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William de Bouilla, de Buiuilla, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William de Bowile, 1179 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Essex); John de Bouilla, 1182 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger de Boville, 1279 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (York); Richard Bovell, 1434 in *York Registry Wills* (Sutton on Derwent, ER Yorks); Thomas Bovill, 1619 in *IGI* (York, Yorks); Thomas Bovill, 1629 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks).

### Boville

- **Current frequencies**: GB 35, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 47
  - **Main GB location 1881**: NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Bovill**.

### Bovingdon

**Variants**: **Bovington**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881**: 173
- **Main GB location 1881**: Bucks; also Middx and Herts

English: locative name from Bovingdon Green (Bucks) or Bovingdon (Herts).

### Bovington

- **Current frequencies**: GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 196
- **Main GB location 1881**: Bucks; Middx

1 English: see **Bovington**.

2 English: locative name from Bovington Hall in Bocking (Essex), Bovington (Dorset), or Boynton (ER Yorks), recorded as *Bovintone* in *Domesday Book*. **Early bearers**: Walter de Boventon', 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, de Bovinton, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Elizabeth Bovington, 1545 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Phillipp Bovington, 1561 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Gregorii Bovington, 1589 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs); Phillyp Bovington, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Richard Bovington, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Bovis

- **Current frequencies**: GB 180, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 96
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex and Kent
- Norman: see **Beavis**.

### Bow

**Variants**: **Bowe**, **Bough**, **Boe**, **Boa**, **Bowes**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 626, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881**: 691
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks, Stirlings, and W Lothian; Dorset and Devon; also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Waterford

1 Scottish, English: locative name from any of various minor places named with Old English *boga* 'bow, arch, vault', i.e. an arched bridge. There are places so called in Midlothian, E London (Middx), and Devon.

**Early bearers**: Scotland: Helene Bow, 1565 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); John Bow, 1585 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Marion Bow, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings). England: Henry atte Bowe, 1298, atte Bogh, 1304 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 513 (Devon); Richard atte Bowe, 1306 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Nicholas atte Bogue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Bow, 1570 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Elizabetha Bow, 1576 in *IGI* (Dymchurch, Kent); John Bow, 1588 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Tho Bow, 1682, John Boow, 1701 in *IGI* (Bassenthwaite, Cumb).

**References**: *Germanic Toponymicon*.

- 2 English: variant of **Bowes** with loss of final *-s*.
- 3 English, Irish: see **Bowes**.

### Bowan

- **Current frequencies**: GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881**: 105
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs

Irish: see **Bowen** (2).

**Early bearers**: Johanne Bowan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monnington, Herefs); Thomas Bowan, 1569 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Richard Bowan, 1609 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Bowan, 1759 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Bowan, 1810 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Bowater

- **Current frequencies**: GB 1011, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881**: 438

## Bowbrick

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Bywater**.

**Early bearers:** Wyllyam Bowater, 1559 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); William Bowater, 1641 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Bowater, 1656, William Bowator, 1783 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

## Bowbrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name for someone who lived 'above the brook', Middle English *bove* + *bruke*, *brouk(e)* (Old English *būfan* + *brōce*).

**Early bearers:** Wigor Buuebroc, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John Abovebrok, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Bowebroke, 1453 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey).

## Bowcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: see **Butcher**.

2 English: see **Belcher**.

## Bowcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Boocock**.

## Bowcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: altered form of **Balcock**.

## Bowcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: altered form of **Balcock**.

## Bowd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: variant of **Bold**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Bowd, 1551 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Robert Bowd, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Everden, Cambs); Alice Bode, 1662 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Parmby Bowd, 1753 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs).

## Bowden

**Variants:** Bowdon, Boden, Bodden, Bowden, Bowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11018, Ireland 459
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Cheshire and Derbys; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from Bowdin or any of 17 places named Bowden in Devon, all meaning 'curved hill', or from Bowdon (Cheshire), earlier *Bugge-*, *Bogedone*, or Great Bowden (Leics). Bowden Edge (Derbys) has the same origin as the Devon place-names.

**Early bearers:** John de Boghedon, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* p. 205; John Bowden, 1541, Thomas Booden, 1640 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Walter Bowden, 1548 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Henry Bowden, 1552 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Elizabeth Bouden, 1620 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *buve dun* 'above the hill' (Old English *būfan dūne*, as in the place-name Bowden, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bovedon', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanna Bowden, 1560 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Tho Bowden, 1752, Tho Booden, 1779 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon).

3 Scottish: locative name from Bowden (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bouliden, 1200–40 in *Kelso Register*; Issobell Bowden, 1604, Ralph Bouden, 1607 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elizabeth Bowden, 1774 in *IGI* (Kilspindie, Perth); John Bowden, 1776 in *IGI* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights).

4 Irish: relationship name from Ó Buadáin 'descendant of *Buadán*', a personal name of uncertain etymology.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Bowden, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4830.

5 English: see **Bawden**.

## Bowder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bolder**.

## Bowdery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Baldry**.

## Bowdidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; Sussex and Middx

English: see **Bowditch**.

## Bowditch

**Variants:** Bowdidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1041, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: locative name from Bowditch in Chardstock (Devon, formerly in Dorset), which is recorded as *Bouedych* in 1317. The place-name probably derives from Middle English *bove the diche* 'above the ditch'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bouedich, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Chardstock, Dorset); Agnete Bouedych', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chardstock, Dorset); Johannes Bowdich, 1596, Elizabetha Bowdidge, 1623 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Joseph Bowditch, 1638 in *IGI* (Axmouth, Devon); John Bowditch, 1687 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); John Bowditch, 1720 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 654; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 273–4.

## Bowdler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 600
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: nickname of uncertain origin; possibly an agent derivative of the dialect word *buddle* 'to wash ore' and hence an occupational nickname for a miner of metal.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Boudler, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); William Bowdeler, 1493, and Andrew Bowdler, 1644 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2; Katheryn Bowdler, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Julian Bowdler, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Bowdler, 1561 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Maria Bowdler, 1563 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); William Bowdler, 1572 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

## Bowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Durham; Devon

English: see **Bowden**.

## Bowdrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Baldry**.

## Bowdry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Oxon; Herts

English: see **Baldry**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Bowe

**Variants:** Bowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1448, Ireland 727
- **GB frequency 1881:** 675
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny

1 English: see **Bow**.

2 Irish: from Ó Buadhaigh, see **Bogue**.

**Early bearers:** John O'Bow, gent., 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2035 (Browneston); Edmund O'Bowe, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6198 (Kilkenny).

## Bowell

**Variants:** Boal, Bowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 596
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx; E Anglia
- Norman, English: locative name from Bouelles (Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** In 1086 Shellow Bowells (Essex) was held by Lambert de Buella, who probably came from this place. See also **Bovill**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Boelles, 1216–72 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Ralph de Bueles, 1249 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter de Bowell, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); John de Boweles, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johannes Bowel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Richard Bowell, 1477 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret Pattens, City of London); John Bowles, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Wallington, Herts); Thomas Bowles, 1553 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Martha Bowell, 1561 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Elizabeth Bowels, 1608 in *IGI* (Wallington, Herts); Ann Bowells, 1614 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); Joseph Harvey Bowell, 1816, John Bowall, 1820 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).



**Bowen**

Variants: **Bowan, Bowens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16151, Ireland 580
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12351
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W Midlands: esp. Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh patronymic *ap Owain* ‘son of *Owain*’ (see under **Owen**), with fused patronymic marker (*a*)*p*, which is normally voiced before a vowel.

**Early bearers:** England: Madocus ap Oweyn, 1292 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Shrops); John Bowen, 1305 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Riseus Abowen alias apowen, 1558 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Gloucs); Thomas Bowen, 1613, Francis Bowin, 1636 in *IGI* (Morville, Shrops).

Ireland: Rob. Bowen, gent., provost marshal, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5929 (Leynster); Rob. Bowen, esq., provost marshal, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6100 (Leinster); Rob. Bowen, esq., and John, Tho., and Edw. Bowen, gents., 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6775 (Ballyadams, Queen’s County [Laois]).

2 Irish: from Ó Buadhacháin, see **Bohan**.

3 Irish: used to ‘translate’ Ó Cnáimhín ‘descendant of Cnáimhín’, a personal name meaning ‘little bone’ or ‘little body’, see **Nevin**.

**Bowens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Welsh, Irish, English: variant of **Bowen** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Bowens, 1546 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Ann Bowins, 1729 in *IGI* (Croft, Lincs); William Bowens, 1750 in *IGI* (Firsby, Lincs).

**Bower**

Variants: **Bour, Bowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6139, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; WR Yorks, Derbys

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 English: status name, occupational name, locative name from Middle English *bour, bor(e), bur(e)* (Old English *būr*) ‘cottage, chamber, bower’, hence either ‘cottage’ or ‘chamber-servant’, or denoting someone who lived at one of the minor places named from the word in Somerset, Sussex, Peebles, and elsewhere. Compare **Boorer, Bowerman, Bowring**.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Labur’, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Mayfflin Attebur’, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry del Boure, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Gilbert atte Boure, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Lorence atte Bure, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Richard Bower, 1530 in *IGI* (Carburton, Notts); Robert Bower, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Elizabeth Bower, 1540 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Willimi Bower, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Annes Bower, 1545 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs).

2 English: variant of **Bowyer**.

**Early bearers:** Teodricus Bouer, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Peter le Bouer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Bour bowyer, 1325 in *Patent Rolls*;

Robert le Bowyer, 1327, le Bower’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

**Bowerbank**

Variants: **Burbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

English: locative name from Burbank House in Dacre (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de ] Burghbangk, 1292 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Symon Burbank, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Cuthberte Bowerbanke, 1541 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Adam Burbanke, 1564 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Martin Burbancke, 1598 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Bourbanck, 1610 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Bernard Bowerbanke, 1643 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Lenard Burbank, 1700 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 186.

**Bowring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Surrey; Lincs and Notts; Staffs
- English: see **Bowring**.

**Bowerman**

Variants: **Burman, Boorman, Borman, Boreman, Boarman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1006, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 885
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Somerset and Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *bureman*, either ‘chamberer, personal servant’ or ‘cottage’; sometimes identical in meaning with *atte Boure* (see **Bower**).

**Further information:** Compare Alice Bourwyman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Marion Bourswein, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds i* (Sussex); Alice Bourgrom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). See also **Borrowman**.

**Early bearers:** William Bureman, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Boreman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Bourman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Burman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Rychard Bowerman, 1546, Agnes Bourman, 1577 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Pascall Bowerman, 1569 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Bowerman, 1598 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); James Bowerman, 1605 in *IGI* (Bradford, Somerset).

**Bowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8884, Ireland 350
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs; Suffolk, Cambs, and Norfolk; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Down

English: variant of **Bower** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Peter ate Boures, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Elinor Bowers, 1547 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Thomas Bowers, 1549 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Nicholas Bowers, 1554 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Bowers, 1558 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Agnes Bowers, 1565 in *IGI* (Somerset, Suffolk).

**Bowery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: probably a variant of **Bouverie**.

**Bowes**

Variants: **Bows, Bose, Bow, Boas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4501, Ireland 405
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2746
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Cumb

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary; Fermanagh and Monaghan

1 English: locative name from Bowes (NR Yorks) or topographic name for someone who lived ‘(at the) arches or bridge’, Middle English *bowes* (plural) (Old English *boga*).

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Bowes, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John de Boughes, 1341 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Bowys, 1423–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Susanna Bowes, 1553 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thome Boose, 1548, Alicia Bowes, 1572 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Ellise Boose, 1561, John Bose, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); William Bowes, 1582, Anne Booz, 1600 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Richard Bowes, 1636, Willm Bowse, 1640 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

2 English: post-medieval variant of **Bow** with excrement -s.

3 Irish: from Ó Buadhaigh, see **Bogue**.

**Bowett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Cambs

English: apparently from Middle English *boue* ‘bow, curve’ + *yat* ‘gate’, applied as a place-name, but the place has not been identified.

**Early bearers:** Joh. Bowyate, 1437–8 in *Winchester Compotus* (Hants); Margaret Bowet, 1587 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Richard Bowett, 1590 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Bowett, 1620 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); John Bouet, 1627 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); William Bowett, 1785 in *IGI* (Adlington, Cheshire).

**Bowey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Irish: see **Bowie**.

**Bowgen**

Variants: **Budgen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

1 Norman, English: perhaps a variant of

**Beauchamp**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bowgon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Thomas Bowgeon, 1454 in *Norwich Freeman*; John Bowgyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Eliz Bowgen, 1592 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Jane Bowgen, 1616 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

2 English: nickname; alternatively it could derive, as Reaney suggests, from a Middle English borrowing

## Bowhay

of Old French *bon Johan* 'good John', perhaps with the implication 'the good servant'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bonjohan, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Bowgen, 1755 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Bowgen, 1807 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Richard Bowgen, 1820 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Bowhay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Bowhay Farm in Exminster (Devon), which is recorded as *Bogweye* in 1370, or Bowhayes Farm in Culmstock (Devon). The place-names derive from Middle English *boue*, *bogh* 'bow, arch, bend' + *wei* 'road, way' (Old English *boga*, *weg*).

**Early bearers:** John de Boghewey, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Bowhey, 1541 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Johna Bowhay, 1548 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Ames Bowhay, 1586 in *IGI* (Stokenham, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 497, 613.

### Bowhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

Scottish: locative name from one of several small places so named, e.g. those in Selkirks or in Auchterderran (Fife).

**Early bearers:** James Bowhill, 1667 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); John Bowhill, 1709 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian); Andrew Bowhill, 1759 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); John Bowhill, 1773 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Bowick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- English, Scottish: see **Bewick**.

### Bowie

**Variants:** Bowey, Boy, Boye, Buoy, Bui, Buie, Buy, Buye, Gilboy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2694, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2567
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

1 Scottish Gaelic: (i) nickname from Gaelic *buidhe* 'yellow', i.e. 'yellow-haired', pronounced as two syllables. The equivalent term in Ireland is *bui*, often anglicized as *boy*. It may also be a shortened form of **Gilboy**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Boye alias Bow alias Boee, 1481 in *Scotland Calendar*; David Bui, 1654 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife); Donald Buy, 1671 in *Culloden Papers* (Inverness); James Bui, 1684 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Gilbert Bui, 1705 in *IGI* (Largiebreac, Jura, Argyll).

2 Irish: from Ó **Buadhaigh**, see **Bogue**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Towill O Boy, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497 (Connacht); Donell buoy mcShane bowy, and Donell mcShiamies bowy, yeoman, and Mortagh and Conoghor mcOwen bowy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Seantullaghe and Kilecrydane, Cork).

### Bowker

**Variants:** Bucker, Booker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2620, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2904
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancashire, Cheshire, Staffs, and WR Yorks

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bouker(e)*, *boker(e)*, *buker(e)* 'bleacher of cloth'. In Sussex and elsewhere the name may also have become **Booker**. (ii) occupational name, sometimes perhaps a variant of **Butcher**, with Norman French *-k-* for *-ch-*.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Bukere, 1229 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William le Buker, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William le Bocer, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Boker, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Bocer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elias le Boukere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas le Bouker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo le Bouker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Gilbertus Boukere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Leonard Bowker, 1549 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Wyllm. Boker, 1551, Wm. Bowker, 1558, Edwarde Booker, 1584 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Willm. Bowker, 1589 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Thomas Bowker, 1590 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Ric. Bouker, 1594 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Em Bowker, 1598 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Bowkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 902, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Gloucs

English: see **Buckett**.

### Bowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon
- Norman, French, Huguenot: see **Boule**.

### Bowlan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; Angus
- English: see **Bolland**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### Bowland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs

1 English: locative name, see **Boland**.

2 English: see **Bolland**.

### Bowlby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Boulby**.

### Bowld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Bold**.

### Bowle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Notts; Middx
- Norman, French, Huguenot: see **Boule**.

### Bowler

**Variants:** Boler, Boaler, Boulter, Bolar, Buller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5516, Ireland 319
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, and Notts; Bucks, Beds, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Cork

1 English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English *\*bolter* 'worker at a *bole* or lead-mining site' (Middle English *bole* 'bowl'), here denoting the round cavity on top of a high hill, where lead was smelted (*Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 673). The earliest known example, Ralph le Bolere, 1300 in *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 92, is associated with Bole Hill (Eyam, Derbys). Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Philip Boler, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; Radulfus Boler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Johannes Boler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Nicholaus Boler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Willimi Boler, 1559, Anna Boller, 1606, Thomas Bolar, 1608 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Agnys Bowler, 1616 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Peter Boler, 1629 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Samuel Bowler, 1699 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts); Thomas Boaler, 1726 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); William Boaler, 1729 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bollere*, *\*bolter*, *\*bolour*, *\*bulour* 'maker or seller of bowls, dishes, or cups', a derivative of Old English *bolla* and Old French *bole*, *bule* 'bowl'. (ii) nickname occasionally perhaps from Middle English *bollere* 'tippler, drunkard', i.e. one who is always in his cups. Some of the early bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Bulur, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Bolur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hove, Sussex); Thom le Bolur 1296, Richard le Bulur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yapton, Sussex); Johanne Bolour, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langthorpe in Kirkby Hill, NR Yorks); Petro Bollour, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston, NR Yorks); John le Bouller, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Johanne, Radulpho le Bolour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (White Colne, Essex); Osberto le Bolour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanningfield, Essex); John Bolour, 1327, John le Bulur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); Robert le Bollere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh Bollour, 1354 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes Bolour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Radulphus Bolour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Benedictus Boller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thwaite, Norfolk); Marg' Boler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Wretham, Norfolk); Nicholaus Bolour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby with members, Northants); Ricardus Bolour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Johanne Bolere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts); Johanna Bullur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Henricus Bolour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Maria Bowler, 1539, Bridgetta Boller, 1545 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); John

Bowler, 1555 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Wyllyam Boler, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Joan Bowler, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); Anne Boulter, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Wyllyam Bowler, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Boulter, 1596 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Elizabeth Bowler, 1611 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Thomas Boaler, 1636 in *IGI* (Wendling, Norfolk); John Boler, 1636 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Bolar, 1772 in *IGI* (Treeton, WR Yorks).

## Bowles

Variants: **Bowls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6175, Ireland 266
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4837
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary; Fermanagh

1 Norman, English: see **Bowell**.

2 Norman, French, Huguenot: variant of **Boule** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Bowle, 1633, John Boules, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret at Cliffe, Kent); Gulielmi Boule, 1718, Elizabeth Bowles, 1775 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

## Bowley

Variants: **Boley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2312, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1640
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; Sussex
- English: locative name from any of several places called Bowley such as Bowley in Cadbury (Devon), Bowley (lost) in Hailsham (Sussex), or Bowley in Blakemere (Herefs).

**Further information:** Bowley Wood in Alfreton (Derbys) and Bow Leys Farm in Normanton on Soar (Notts) may have been named from the surname.

**Early bearers:** John Bogeleggh, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Philip Bogeleggh, parson, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Farway, Devon); Johannes Bogeleggh, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Teffont Magna, Wilts); Henry Bowley, 1472 in *PROB 11* (Groombridge, Kent); William Boweley, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Benington, Herts); Rychard Bowley, 1549 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Anthony Bowleaye, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary at Hill, City of London); George Bowley, 1632 in *IGI* (Hathern, Leics); John Bowly, 1632 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); William Bowly, 1637 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Joseph Bowley, 1692 in *IGI* (Gotham, Notts).

## Bowlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Middx
- English: see **Bowling**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Bowling

Variants: **Bolling, Boling, Bowlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1159, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Bowling in Bradford (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Bolling Hall in Bradford was the manorial home of the family. Robert Bolling settled

in Jamestown in 1660 and founded the American family of this name.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bolling, about 1246 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Johannes de Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowling, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Guisseley, WR Yorks); Adam de Bollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morley, WR Yorks); Thomas Bollyng, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); Rauffe Bolling, 1590 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Bowling, 1601 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Bowlinge, 1662 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Ann Bowlin, 1737 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Bowls

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England; SW Midlands; also Lanarks

Norman, English, French: see **Bowles**.

## Bowmaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: occupational name from Middle English *bow(e)maker*.

**Early bearers:** John le Boumaker, 1281 in *Fransson*; Hugo le Bowemakiere, 1279 in *Fransson*; James Bowmaker, 1597 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Magdalane Bowmaker, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Bowmaker, 1609 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Maria Bowmaker, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Bowmaker, 1724 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

## Bowman

Variants: **Boman, Beauman, Bowmen, Boyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10549, Ireland 500
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7796
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Northumb; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Derry

English: occupational name for an archer, a hunter or soldier armed with a bow, Middle English *bou*, *bow(e)* + *man* (Old English *boga* + *mann*).

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Bogheman, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Westm); Thomas Bouman, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Nicholas the Bowemon, the Bouman, 1286–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William Boughman, 1319 in *MED*; Johes Bowman, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Johes. Bowman, 1542 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Robt. Bowman, 1546 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Anthony Bowman, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); John Bowman, 1550 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

Scotland: Gregory Bovman, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Aberdeen); Gyb Bowman, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Alexander Bowman, 1579 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Christian Bowman, 1587 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

## Bowmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics
- English: see **Bulmer**.

## Bowmen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Bowman**.

## Bowmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Bulmer**.

## Bown

Variants: **Bowne, Bowns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2933, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Derbys and Leics

English: (i) see **Boon**. (ii) see **Bone**.

**Early bearers:** Rolande Bowne, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Joane Bowne, 1561 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Edward Bown, 1577 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Maria Bown, 1636 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Richard Bown, 1680 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

## Bownas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Westm

English: see **Bowness**.

## Bownass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Bowness**.

## Bownds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops
- English: see **Bounds**.

## Bowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Bown**.

## Bownes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, also Notts
- English: see **Bowness**.

## Bowness

Variants: **Bownes, Boness, Bownass, Bownas, Bonass, Bonas, Bowns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 572
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm
- English: locative name from Bowness (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Beatricia de Bownays, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Anthony Bownas, 1562 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Edward Bownes, 1571 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Joan Bowness, 1588 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); William Bownus, 1592 in *York Freeman's Register*; Matthew Bownas, 1633 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Bowness, 1758 in *York Freeman's*

## Bowns

*Register*; William Boanas, 1780, Thomas Bonas, 1793 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

### Bowns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Leics, and Derbys; also Wilts

English: (i) variant of **Bown** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) occasionally, in NW England, a possible variant of **Bowness**.

**Early bearers:** John Bowns, 1561 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Agnes Bowns, 1577 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Rychardyne Bowns, 1580 in *IGI* (Stowting, Kent); Henry Bowns, 1678 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Gunner, Wilts).

**References:** information from David Bownes.

### Bowra

**Variants:** **Borer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Boorer**.

**Further information:** This is a specifically Kentish and Sussex form of the name. Thomas Bowra, surgeon, of Sevenoaks, who was born at East Grinstead, Sussex, abandoned the earlier forms of his name, *Boorer* or *Bowrer*, after migrating to Kent during the Commonwealth. The relatives he left behind in Sussex continued to use various older forms, *Boorer*, *Boreer*, *Boorer*, *Borar*, *Borra* (*Archaeologia Cantiana* 58, p. 77).

### Bowrah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Boorer**.

### Bowran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb, Westm, and ER Yorks

English: see **Bowron**.

### Bowring

**Variants:** **Bowering**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 964
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Surrey; Lincs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Gloucs

English: status name, occupational name from Middle English *\*bowering* (Old English *\*būring*), a derivative of Old English *būr* 'bower, cottage, hall', probably denoting a cottager or perhaps one who worked at a hall; compare **Bower**, **Boorer**, and **Bowerman**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bouryng, 1302 in *Derbys Charters* (Derbys); Walter Bowryng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Boring, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Crediton, Devon); Johannes Buring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denby Dale, WR Yorks); Ricardus Bowryng', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Richard Bouryng', 1383, Robert Boweryng', 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robt. Bowring, 1568 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk); Dorothy Bowring, 1582 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Aynita Bowring, 1582 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); John

Bowring, 1583, John Bowren, 1619 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Thomas Bowrin, 1579 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Bowring, 1587 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Gregory Bowering, 1595 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Rebecca Bowern, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Johes. Bowring, 1616 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); John Bowering, 1636 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); William Bowern, 1675 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Bowern, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Daniel Bowren, 1728 in *IGI* (Panton, Lincs); Richard Bowern, 1733, Richard Bowren, 1759 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); Willm. Bowring, 1752 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lincs); Wm. Bowring, 1771 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Bowron

**Variants:** **Bowran**, **Boldron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Boldron (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bolroun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); John Bowran, 1626 in *IGI* (Cockfield, Durham); John Boldron, 1673 in *Hearth Tax* (Rokeby, NR Yorks); Jane Bowron, 1684 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); John Bowran, 1695 in *IGI* (Barton, NR Yorks); George Bowren, 1753 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Bowry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Bouverie**.

### Bows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Bowes**.

### Bowser

**Variants:** **Boozer**, **Bausor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Yorks, and Lincs; London

1 English: variant of **Belcher**, either from Old French *beu cher* 'good company', or from Old French *beu sire* 'fair sir'. Compare Walter Beusire, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornaby on Tees, Cleveland, NR Yorks), with Thomae Bowchier, 1612, Anna Bowser, 1644 in *IGI* (Marske by the Sea, Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willm. Bowser, 1551 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Robart Bowser, 1561 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Voluntinus Bowser, 1565, Anthony Bowser, 1695 in *IGI* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Thomas Bowser, 1600 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Bowser, 1609 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham).

2 English: variant of **Bolsover**, reflecting local pronunciation of the Derbys place-name as /bauzə/, i.e. rhyming with *trouser*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholai Bowser, 1615 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Elizabeth Bowser, 1648 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Bowser,

1735 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Richard Bowser, 1742 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 214.

3 Norman, English: see **Bourchier**.

### Bowsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

English: see **Belcher** and compare **Busher** and **Bosher**.

### Bowsie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Bousie**.

### Bowskill

**Variants:** **Bouskill**, **Bouskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from any of three places in Cumberland: Bowscale in Ulpha, Borrowscale in Matterdale, or Borrowscale in Torpenhow.

**Early bearers:** Giles Bowskille, 1560 in *Patent Rolls*; John Borkenscale, 1583, William Borrenscale, 1602, John Burascale, 1649, George Buskill, 1653 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Bowstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Cumb and Lincs

English: variant of **Boustead**.

### Bowtell

**Variants:** **Bowtle**, **Bowtle**, **Bouttle**, **Bouttell**, **Boutle**, **Boutell**, **Boutall**, **Buttle**, **Bottle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs

English, Huguenot: nickname perhaps for a flour sifter, from Anglo-Norman *boletel*, *buletel* 'sieve, bolting-cloth' (Old French *buletel*, earlier *buretlet*) 'sieve'. In Middle English *buletel* was used to denote a kind of cloth specially prepared for sifting, and the name may have been given to a maker of this cloth or be a reduced form of **Boulter**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Buletell', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Bultel, 1280 in *London Letter Books A*; John Bultell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Buttle, 1567 in *IGI* (Wrappingham, Norfolk); John Buttell, Boultell, Bowtyle, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elisabeth Bottle, 1617 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk);

### Bowtle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Bowtell** and compare **Boutle**.

### Bowton

**Variants:** **Bufton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name for someone who lived 'above the settlement', Middle English *bove* + *toun* (Old English (*on*) *būfan tūne*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Buveton', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Roger Abovetoun, John Aboventoun, about 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomae Bufton, 1539 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); John Bowton, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Katherayne Bowton, 1561 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Joane Bowton, 1563 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Katharen Bowton, 1567 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Blancha Bowton, 1569 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); John Buffeton, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Burwey, Shrops).

## Bowyer

**Variants:** Bower, Boyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4514, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Shrops
- English: occupational name for a maker or seller of bows or an archer, Middle English *bowyere*, an agent derivative of Old English *boga* 'bow'. See also **Bower**.
- Early bearers:** Ailwardus le Bogiere, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William le Boghier, le Bowiere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); William Boyer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Henry le Bowyere, 1296 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Bowyer, 1543 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Agnes Bowyer, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Bowyer, 1546 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Joane Bowyer, 1559 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Margarta Bowyer, 1559 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Stephen Bowyer, 1695, Stephen Bowyer, 1711 in *IGI* (Remenham, Berks).

## Box

**Variants:** Bux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3354, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2417
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford
- 1 English: locative name toponymic from either of two places called Box (Gloucs, Wilts), or from Box Hall (Herts), or topographic from residence near a box tree, as in the case of Thomas atteboxe, 1263 in *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 270.
- Early bearers:** William Box, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Alan de Boxe, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Ebrard de La Boxe, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Ales Box, 1547 in *IGI* (Persshore, Worcs); Anne Box, 1548 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Robert Box, 1567 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Richard Box, 1577 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Box, 1587 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs).
- 2 English: locative name from Middle English 'box tree, boxwood' (Old English *box*), used in Middle English with reference to the yellowish colour of the wood to describe, for example, the colour of teeth, and associated with jaundice.
- Early bearers:** Adam Box, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Box, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb).

## Boxall

**Variants:** Boxshall, Boxhall, Boxell, Backshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3161, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Hants, and Kent

English: locative name either from Bugsell Farm in Salehurst (Sussex), recorded as *Bokeselle*, about 1260, or from a lost *Boxholte* in Kirdford (Sussex), or perhaps from Buxhalls in Lindfield (Sussex), though this may be a late form of another place-name in Lindfield with a different etymology. See **Backshall**, with which *Boxall* has become confused.

**Early bearers:** Johanne and Barth'o de Bokeselle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salehurst, Sussex); Agnete and Ric'o de Bokeselle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Ricardus Bokesolle and Willelmus Bokesulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield (Bardolf), Sussex); John Boxole, Vmfrid Boxholt, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joane Boxall, 1562, Frances Boxhall, 1632 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Joane Boxold, 1563 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Robert Boxall, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Bramshott, Hants); Also Boxall, 1592 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); John Boxsoul, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Thursley, Surrey); John Boxould or Boxoulde, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Henary Boxall, 1634 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Christian Boxell, 1650 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 119.

## Boxell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Boxall**.

## Boxer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- English: locative name apparently from Boxford (Berks), which is recorded as *Boxoran* in 960 in *Charters of Abingdon* 2, pp. 351–3, and derived from Old English *box* 'box tree' + *ōra* 'bank, edge'.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Boxhore, 1241 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); Alice de Boxore, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanne Boxore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); Thome Boxar, 1545 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Raphe Boxer, 1567 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Salmon Boxer, 1598 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent).
- References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 233.

## Boxhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Boxall**.

## Boxley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: locative name from Boxley (Kent).
- Early bearers:** John de Boxelee, 1325 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Thomas Boxly, 1561 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 191 (Dorset).

## Boxshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Boxall**.

## Boy

**Variants:** Boye, Buoy, Booy, Boyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 23

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; ER Yorks; Lanarks

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Boie*, which may be from Continental Germanic *Boio* or an Old English \**Boia*. The latter is common as a first element in English place-names, and is difficult to tell apart from the ordinary word *boy*, to which it may be related. (ii) nickname from Middle English *boy* 'young man', 'servant', also 'knave, rogue, wretch'. Compare **Ladd** and **Littleboy**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Boie, 1221–6 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Somerset).

surnames: Aluunus Boi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Surrey); Godui Boie filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Boie, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Radulfi Boie, 1176–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Stephanus filius Boie, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ivo le Boye, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John le Boye, 1369 in *West Yorks Archives* (Leeds); Johanna Boye, 1541, Isabell Boy, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margaret Boye, 1561, Fraunces Boy, 1578 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Boy, 1564 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Margerie Boye, 1574 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Boye, 1629 in *IGI* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs); John Boye, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Boy, 1711 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ann Buoy, 1753 in *IGI* (Tytherington, Gloucs); Wm. Boy, 1753 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent).

2 Scottish, Irish: see **Bowie**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: George Boy, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jonatt Boy., 1584 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margrat Boy, 1611 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margrat Boye, 1615 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Elizabeth Boy, 1695, George Buoy, 1705 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Agnes Boy, 1758 in *IGI* (Crawford, Lanarks); Margaret Buoy, 1764 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

## Boyack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from a lost place somewhere in Angus.

**Early bearers:** Christian Bawak, 1583 in *Saint Andrews Testaments* (Kellie, Fife); Thomas Boyack, 1614 in *Saint Andrews Testaments* (Murroes, Angus); Walter Bowack, 1643 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); John Boyack, burgess, 1690 in *Epitaphs of North-East Scotland* (Brechin, Angus).

## Boyall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Hunts, Leics, and Northants

English: see **Boyle**.

## Boyatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Boyt**.

## Boyce

**Variants:** Boyes, Boys, Boyse, Boice, Boise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7206, Ireland 1542

## Boycott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4415
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal

Norman, English, Irish: (i) locative name from any of many places in N France named from Old French *bois* 'wood, grove' (Latinized as *boscus*), such as Bois-Arnault (Eure) and Bus-Saint-Rémy (Marne). Early examples with the definite article represent either the full form of the place-name as *Le Bois* (compare forms with *del* and *du*) or a substitution of *le* for *de*, not uncommon in Anglo-Norman surnames. The name was taken by the Normans from England to Ireland, where it was also adopted to anglicize Irish Ó **Buadhaigh**; see **Bogue**. (ii) variant pronunciation of **Bush**, influenced by the Old French word in (i) or else translated by it. Compare John Bussh alias Boys in *Aldgate Cartulary* (London).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Bosco, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Nicholas del Bois, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander le Bois, 1211 in *Feet of Fines* (New Town, Newbury, Berks); Alan de Boys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Harting, Sussex); Roger du Boys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Boys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingswear, Devon); Henry le Bois, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selsey, Sussex); John de Boys, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Guy de Boys, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts, Beds); John Boyse, 1396 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Boys, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Willm Boyce, 1547 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Anna Boyce, 1615, Thomas Bois, 1617 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

Scotland: Thomas de Boys, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Midlothian); Humphrey de Boyes, knight, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); James de Boyis, 1446 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Alison Boyce, 1684 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian).

Ireland: Redmund Boyse, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §195; Peter Boix, gent., 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §704 (Calgagh); Peter Boyx, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §753; Thomas Boyes, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §843 (Ballymalghe, Kildare); James (alias Wayes) Boice, yeoman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4096 (Newton).

**References:** *Domesday People*, p. 471; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 339–40; *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at Bois and compare Bosc.

## Boycott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name chiefly from Boycott (Shrops) but occasionally from Boycott Farm (in Stowe, Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Boycote, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William de Boycote, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John, Adam de Boycote, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Rychard Boycock, 1576 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); John Boycott, 1639 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Wm. Boycott, 1765 in *IGI* (Uppington, Shrops); Elizabeth Boycott, 1791 in *IGI* (Fenny Stratford, Bucks).

## Boyd

**Variants:** **Boyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15288, Ireland 5001
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Derry

1 Scottish Gaelic: (i) locative name from *Bòid* (genitive case of *Bòd*, Gaelic name of the island of Bute) or *Bòideach*, denoting a person from Bute. (ii) relationship name; alternatively, the name may denote descendants of a Gilla filius Boed, who appears in reference to Glasgow Cathedral in the early 12th century (*Glasgow Register*), perhaps from the Gaelic personal name *Boite*, of uncertain origin. **Further information:** The family of *Boyd* first appears in Irvine in the Cunninghame region of Ayrshire in the 13th century. The geographical proximity of Irvine to the island of Bute makes this explanation possible, but the toponymic surname examples given by Black (using 'de') do not necessarily point to members of the family, meaning that sense 2, a nickname from Gaelic *buidhe* 'yellow-haired', is also possible.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Boyd, 1255 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Robert dicti Boid, 1260–1309 in *NRS* (Gogo, Ayr); Robert Boyde, 1283–1306 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany* (Renfrew); Robert Boyt, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Ayr); Robertus Boyd, 1309 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Will. Boyde, 1438 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); George Boid, burgess, 1500 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Irvine, Ayr); Elspeth Boyd, 1574. Andro Boyd, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Boyd, 1579 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); James Boyd, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Elizabeth Boyd, 1590 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Hector Boyd, 1600 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian). Ireland: Archibald Boyde, Scotsman, 1618 in *Irish Patent Rolls* p. 339a (Carntulin, Antrim); Thomas Boyde, Scotchman, 1618 in *Irish Patent Rolls* p. 326a (Crownestown, Down). England: John Boyde, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: nickname from the epithet *buidhe* 'yellow(-haired)'. Compare **Bowie**.

3 Manx: from **Mac Gille Buidhe** 'son of the yellow-haired lad'. Compare **McKelvey**.

**Early bearers:** IOM: McOboy, 1511, McBooy, 1511, Boid, 1617 in *Moore*.

## Boydall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks and Worcs

English: see **Boydell**.

## Boyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: see **Boyd**.

## Boydell

**Variants:** **Boydall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from an unidentified place of this name, probably in or near Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Boidel, about 1200 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; William de Boydell, 1250 in *Patent Rolls*, referring to Cheshire and N Wales; William Boydell, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); William Boydell, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs), 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Laurence Boydell, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Edward Boydell, 1569 in *IGI* (Winwick,

Lincs); Elizabeth Boydel, 1702 in *IGI* (Tottenham, Lincs); Charles Boidal, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lincs); Wm. Boydle, 1790 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire).

## Boyden

**Variants:** **Bodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, Suffolk, and Cambs; also Staffs

Norman, English: relationship name from an Old French personal name \**Bodin* (Continental Germanic *Baudin*), of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bodin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Staffs); Bodin prior de Parco, prior Boydin de Parco, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Bodinus or Boydinus, 1156–80 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); boydin massecre, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames: Turstan Bodin, 12th century *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Bodin, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Mainard Boidin, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); John Boydon, 1401 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Boydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name probably from Boyden End in Wickhambrook (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Johis. Boydon, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Georgii Boyden, 1542 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Lucye Boydon, 1566 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Jermam Boyden, 1566 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs); Johannis Boydon, 1590 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edmund Boiden, 1585 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk); Joseph Boidon, 1744 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

## Boye

**Variants:** **Boyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; ER Yorks; Ayr

1 English: see **Boy**.

2 Irish, Scottish: see **Bowie**.

## Boyer

**Variants:** **Boyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1211, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 940
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs and Cheshire; London

English: see **Bowyer**.

## Boyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Monaghan
- English: variant of **Boyer** with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Johan Boyers, 1574 in *IGI* (London); John Boyers, 1621 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Rich. Boyers, 1630 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Launde, Lincs).

**Boyes**

Variants: **Boys, Boyse, Boise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3960, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

1 English: variant of **Boy** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** James Boyes, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Christopher Boyes, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Henry Boyes, 1644, Ann Bois, 1652 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English, Scottish: variant spelling of **Boyce**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Boyes, 1544 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Margaret Boyes, 1557 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

Scotland: Margratt Boyes, 1623 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Boyes, 1739 in *IGI* (Dryfesdale, Dumfriess).

**Boyfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Rutland

French: locative name from Boisville-la-St-Père (Eure-et-Loire).

**Early bearers:** John Boyuyle, esquire, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Gregorie Boyfield, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richard Boyfield, 1619 in *IGI* (High Toynton, Lincs); Anne Boyfield, 1633 in *IGI* (Loddington, Leics); Susanna Boyfield, 1639 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**Boyington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Boynton**.

**Boylan**

Variants: **Boyland, Boylen, Boylin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1959, Ireland 2253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Cavan, and Meath

1 Irish: from Ó Baoigheallán ‘descendant of Baoi[th]gheallán’, diminutive of the personal name Baoi[th]gheal, which appears to mean ‘foolish pledger’. Compare **Boyle**.

**Early bearers:** Richard O’Boylan, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Shane Duffe O’Boilane, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Richard Boylan, yeoman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6271 (Naas, Kildare); Teige O’Boillan, merchant, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §915 (Nass, Kildare); Tirlagh O’Boylan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4888 (Yllistire).

2 English: see **Boyland**.

**Boyland**

Variants: **Boylan, Boylen, Boylin, Boiling, Boyling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name from Boyland in the parish of Dunsford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Boylond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Melhuish Barton, Devon); John Boilonde, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Ricardus Boylond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dunsford, Devon); Robert de Booylond, 14th cent. in *Hylle Cartulary* (Somerset); Robert Boylond’, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Boylande, 1616 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Hannah Boylan, 1675 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Ann Boylen, 1766 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); James Boyland, 1775 in *IGI* (Stockland, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Boyland (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Boilond, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Katerina Boylond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Wretham, Norfolk); Stephen Boyland, 1690 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Stephen Boylan, 1704 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

3 Irish: from Ó Baoigheallán, see **Boylan**.

**Boyle**

Variants: **Boyall, Boal, Bohill, Boyles, O’Boyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17499, Ireland 8028
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7739
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó Baoighill ‘descendant of Baoigheall’, a personal name probably based on *baoth* ‘rash’ + *geall* ‘pledge’.

**Early bearers:** Caincormac Ua Baighill, bishop of Armagh, 1099 in *AU*; Eochaidh O’Baighill (killed by the Uí-Fiachrach), 1193 in *AU*; Ferghal Ua Baighill, 1209 in *AU*; Cornelius O’Boyle, chaplain, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1215; Derby O’Boyll, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1300 (Moriston, Tipperary).

2 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Biéville, near Caen, Normandy, formerly *Boiavilla*.

**Further information:** The Boyle earls of Glasgow, lords of Kelburne (Ayr) are descended from Adam son of Gilbert son of Richer de Boiville. In 12th-century England, men named *de Boiville* held land in Millom and Saint Bees, Cumb, and were associated with grants of land in Gloucs.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Simon de Boyuille, 1219–52 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Edderlick, Aberdeens); Eustace de Boyuill, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Robert Boyle, 1656 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); John Boyle, 1686 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).  
England: John Boyle, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); William Boyle, 1378 in *The Church in London*; Robert Boyll, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**References:** *Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era; Domesday Descendants*, pp. 333–4.

**Boylen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks; also Glasgow

1 Irish: from Ó Baoigheallán, see **Boylan**.

2 English: see **Boyland**.

3 English: see **Boyling**.

**Boyles**

Variants: **Boles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; Somerset and Devon

Norman, Scottish, Irish: variant of **Boyle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Boyles, 1655 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Boiles, 1682 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Elis. Boils, 1733 in *IGI* (Auchterhouse, Angus).

England: E Phillip Boyles, 1587 in *IGI* (Swanscombe, Kent); Philip Boyles, 1615, Willia Boiles, 1649 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**Boylett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Berks, and Middx

French: unexplained; perhaps identical with the French surname **Bouillet**, of unclear origin.

**Early bearers:** John Boilet, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (referring to Hull, ER Yorks); John Boillet, 1330 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Boyliet, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*; Jn Boylett, 1549, Geo Boylet, 1646, Wm Boilet, 1778 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); John Boylett, 1596, Elizabeth Boylate, 1828 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Mary Boilett, 1666 in *IGI* (Frensham, Surrey); Ann Boylat, 1699, Thomas Bollat, 1715, Thomas Boylate, 1718 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks); Richard Boylett, 1707 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants); Johannes Boylett, 1712 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Boylin**

Variants: **Boyling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: perhaps a variant of **Boylard**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Boylin, 1708 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Sarah Boylin, 1762 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); John Boylin, 1789, Henry Boyling, 1792 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops).

**Boyling**

Variants: **Boiling, Boylen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; Shrops

1 English: (i) variant of **Boylin**; see **Boylard**. (ii) alternatively an altered form of **Billing**: compare Elizabeth Boyling, 1655 with Nycholas Billing, 1556, both recorded in *IGI* in the parish of Yarcombe (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Wm Boyling, 1699 in *IGI* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); John Boyling, 1672 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

2 English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*boiling*, a derivative of Middle English *boie* ‘(young) servant, boy, underling’, ‘fellow’, ‘rascal’ + the suffix *-ling*. Compare **Boy**.  
**Early bearers:** Philip Boiling, 1296, Philip Boyling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glynde, Sussex); Andrew Boylyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringmer, Sussex); Mary Boyling, 1738 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Samuel Boylen, 1795 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

**Boylston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: locative name from Boylston in Cumnock, Ayr.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.



## Boyman

### Boyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: variant of **Bowman**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Boyman, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Boyman, 1357 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Abraham Boyman, 1579 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Mathew Boyman, 1593 in *IGI* (Buckland by Dover, Kent); Margaret Boyman, 1670 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); John Boyman, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Boyman, 1814 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Boyne

**Variants:** **Boyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 278
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 471
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Banffs, and Morays; Midlothian and Lanarks; London; WR Yorks and Lancs; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; Carlow
- 1 Irish: perhaps from **Mac Baoithin** or **Ó Baoithín** ‘son (or descendant) of *Baoithin*’, a byname from *baoth* ‘foolish’. A variant anglicization was **Mac Boyheen**.

**Early bearers:** Gillernow McBoyhyn, 1590 in *Fians Elizabeth* §5439 (Ballenegleraghe, Roscommon); Peter Boyne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killallon, Meath); Matthew Boyan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

2 Scottish: locative name from Boyne near Portsoy (Banffs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Boyn, 1577 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Shetland); Alexander Boyne, burgess, 1591 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Elgin, Morays); James Boyn, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Elgin, Morays); Jane Boyne, 1700 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Black*.

3 Unexplained, but apparently of English or Norman origin; perhaps ultimately of the same origin as 4.

**Early bearers:** John son of Henry Boyn of Estgrenewych, 1353 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Boyne, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall).

4 Huguenot: from the French surname variously spelt *Bohin*, *Boin*, or *Bouin*, from the Germanic personal name *Bodin*.

**Early bearers:** Perine Boin, 1613 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Boynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Devon

English: see **Boyns**.

### Boyns

**Variants:** **Boynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Irish, Scottish: variant of **Boyne** with excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** Joseph Boynes, 1650 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Mary Boyns, 1702 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Philip Boyns, 1721 in *IGI* (Illogan,

Cornwall); Richard Boyens, 1732 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Rebecca Boynes, 1733 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall).

### Boynton

**Variants:** **Bointon**, **Boyington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 861, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Boynton (ER Yorks), recorded as *Bovintone*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. **Early bearers:** Walter de Bouyngton, 1210–26 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Sir Ingram de Boyvnton, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Acklam in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Thomas Bointon, 1408 in *York Freeman's Register*; Nathaniell Boynton, 1566 in *IGI* (Winttingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Bointon, 1580 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Jane Boyington, 1738 in *IGI* (Hornby near Bedale, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Boyington Court in Swingfield (Kent), recorded as *Bointon* in 1207, but it is uncertain that this surname has survived.

**Early bearers:** Ernulf de Boynton, 1243 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jane Boynton, 1562 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Agnes Boynton, 1574 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs); Isabella Boynton, 1584 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Richard Boynton, 1631 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts).

3 English: from Boyton (Wilts), recorded as *Boynton* in 1366, but it is uncertain that this surname has survived.

**Early bearers:** William Bointon, 1365 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts).

### Boys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Middx
- 1 English: see **Boyce**.
- 2 English: see **Boyes**.

### Boyse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- 1 English: see **Boyce**.
- 2 English: see **Boyes**.

### Boyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Cheshire; ER Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Boie* + *-son*. See **Boy** and compare Stephanus filius Boie, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants). (ii) locative name, perhaps a variant of **Boston**, via *Boyston*, though the diphthongization of the vowel is unexpected. Compare Danyell Boyston, 1631, Eliza. Boston, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Boyson, 1758, Peter Boston, 1824 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Andrew Boston, 1766, Thomas Boyson, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Boyston, 1785, Joseph Boston, 1802 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Boyson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westbury with parcels, Shrops); George Boyson, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London);

Katrin Boyson, 1687 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Robert Boyson, 1708 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Boyson, 1728 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Mary Boyens, 1728 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk); Mary Boyson, 1758 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Edward Boyston, 1769 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops).

### Boyt

**Variants:** **Boyatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: locative name from Boyatt (Hants). **Early bearers:** Francis. Boyt, 1604 in *IGI* (West Farleigh, Kent); Michael Boyte, 1626 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Jon Boyatt, 1700 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Nicholas Boit, 1713 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Mary Boyt, 1716 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, IoW); Mary Boyt, 1733 in *IGI* (Langton Herring, Dorset); Edward Boyett, 1757 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex).

### Boyten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Boyton**.

### Boyter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: nickname from French *boiter* ‘to limp’.

**Early bearers:** David Boytour, 1518 in *Fife Court Book* (Balmerino, Fife); Alexander Boyture, burgess, 1553 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus); James Boyter, 1627 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Neithercliff, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

### Boyton

**Variants:** **Boyten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from one or more of the various places called Boyton, such as Boyton End in Thaxted, Boyton Hall in Roxwell, Boyton Hall in Finchingfield (all Essex), Boyton (Suffolk), Boyton Court in East Sutton (Kent), and Boyton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Boitona, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert de Boyton, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph de Boytone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas de Boyton, 1328 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); Alexandre Boyton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Boyton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsey, Essex); Radulphus Boyton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hempstead, Essex); Johanne Boyton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whelpley, Wilts); Johannes Boyton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Jhon Boyton, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henrici Boyton, 1568 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Georgii Boyton, 1606 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Stevin Boyton, 1623 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 265, 426, 498, 511–12; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 232.



**Bozier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Berks

English: probably a variant of **Bosher**.

**Early bearers:** Agneta Bosyer, 1542, Joannes Bozier, 1607 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Henrie Bosier, 1586, John Bozier, 1590 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Boziar, 1644, John Bozyer, 1717 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); John Bozier, 1681 in *IGI* (East Challow, Berks).

**Bozward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: probably a late variant of **Bosworth**. A family of that name is recorded in 1662 in *Feet of Fines* (Powick, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Margerie Bosward, 1616 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Thomas Bosward, 1639 in *IGI* (Old Dalby, Leics); Alice Bozward, 1747 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Justus Bozward, 1782 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks).

**Braban**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Brabin** and compare **Braybon**.

**Braband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Brabin**.

**Further information:** This form is now rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Brabant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: see **Brabin**.

**Brabazon**

**Variants:** **Brabson**, **Babson**, **Brobson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; NW Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Meath; Mayo

English, Irish: ethnic name for a native of the Duchy of Brabant (now in northern Belgium), Old French *Brabançon*, Anglo-Norman French *Brabançon*, Middle English *Brab(a)son* 'Brabanter'. Compare the synonymous surnames **Brabin**, **Brabiner**, and **Bremner**. For the vowel change in *Brobson* compare **Brobin**.

**Further information:** Medieval Brabant was widely known for two exports, its brutal mercenary soldiers and its linen cloth. In the 13th century parts of France were devastated by marauding gangs of armed Brabanters, and *brabançon* came to be used generically to denote a mercenary, hired assassin, or robber. *Reaney, Dictionary* and all subsequent surname dictionaries mistakenly derive the English surname from this sense. The true source of the

surname is the presence in many English (and Irish) towns of Brabant cloth merchants.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Brabazon, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §543; William Brabazon, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1149 (Meath).

England: Thomas le Brabacum, about 1200 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas Brabazon, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Brabazon, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger le Brabançon, 1301 in *London Letter Books C*; Adam Brabson, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey Brabysson, Brabbesson, 1472 in *Norwich Wills*; Richard Bropson, 1531 in *Kent Wills*; Seyburge Brabson, 1547 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); William Brabazon, 1608, Elizabeth Brabson, 1619 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Brabson, 1612 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Faith Brabson, 1621, Mary Brabson, 1806 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); George Brabson, 1640, Georg Brobson, 1668 in *IGI* (Addington, Kent); Henry Brabson, 1670, Thomas Brobson, 1690 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Barnabas Brabazon, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London).

**Brabban**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Brabin**.

**Brabben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Northumb

English: see **Brabin**.

**Brabbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Lancs

English: see **Brabin**.

**Brabbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys

English: variant of **Brabin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Brabins, 1668 in *IGI* (Bradley, Derbys); Nicolas Brabins, 1699 in *IGI* (Brailsford, Derbys); Thomas Brabbins, 1808 in *IGI* (Boylestone, Derbys); Edith Brabbins, 1879 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

**Brabbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: relationship name apparently a variant of the extinct surname *Brabb*, with post-medieval excrement -s. Compare Margareta Brabbe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swaffham, Norfolk), and Thomas Brabe, 1585 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk). *Brabb* may have been a pet form of *Barbara* (compare **Babbs**).

**Early bearers:** James Brabbs, 1640 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); Tabitha Brabbs, 1711 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).

**Brabren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- English: see **Brabin**.

**Brabham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London; Durham
- English: variant of **Brabin**, altered by folk etymology to resemble an English locative name.

**Brabin**

**Variants:** **Brabyn**, **Brabbin**, **Braben**, **Brabben**, **Braban**, **Brabban**, **Braband**, **Brabant**, **Brabham**, **Brabon**, **Brobin**, **Braybon**, **Brabbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: ethnic name for a native of Brabant in the Low Countries (Old French *Brabant*, Middle English *Braban*, *Brabayn*, used to denote both the region and an inhabitant of it). See also the synonymous

**Brabazon** and **Brabiner**.

**Further information:** In medieval England, Brabans were typically linen weavers and cloth merchants. The final syllable of *Braban*, when weakly stressed, was often altered to -*ben*-, -*bin*-, or -*bon*-, and also to -*bam*-, giving rise to the pseudo-locative form *Brabham*. The additional -*t* or -*d* in post-medieval *Brabant*, *Braband*, etc. is probably excrement, rather than a relic of the Old French form. The main vowel *a* was sometimes rounded to *o* (especially in Gloucs and Lancs), hence *Brobin*, etc.

**Early bearers:** E Midlands and E Anglia: Richard Braban, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Heliseus de Brabayn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Braban, 1560, Mary Braban, 1683, Lydia Brabbon, 1744 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Joshua Braben, 1575, Maria Brabant, 1590, Lettis Brebent, 1698, Elizabeth Brabone, 1708, Mary Brabben, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Danyell Brabbin, 1584 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cams).

London and Middx: Raban de Braban, 1281, John le Braban, 1283 in *London Letter Books A*; Margaret Braban, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Margery Brabond, 1590 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Johane Brabant, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Brigett Braband, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Brabin, 1711 in *IGI* (Blackfriars, Middx); George Frederick Braybon, 1851 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx). NW England: Mathere le Brabayn, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Brabin, 1567 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Henry Braben, 1608 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Hugh Braben, 1616 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Jas. Brabbin, 1773 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

Yorks and NE England: Richard Brabyn, 1549 in *York Freeman's Register*; Andrew Brabon, 1595, Jane Braben, 1705, Jane Brabant, 1748 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); George Brabban, 1599, George Brabbant, 1620 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Isabel Braband, 1607, Isabella Brabbam, 1849 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); John Brabont, 1657, Elizabeth Braban, 1770 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anna Brabbin, 1691 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks).

SW England: Robt Brabant, John Braban, 1563, Elizabeth Braband, 1608, Joseph Brabam, 1664 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Brabham, 1564

## Brabiner

in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Emanuell Braben, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall). S England: John Brabon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Brabon, 1559, Edward Braban, 1724, Mercy Brabant, 1728, Sarah Braban, 1811 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

## Brabiner

Variants: **Brabner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: ethnic name from Middle English *Brabaner* 'a native of Brabant'. These men came to England and Scotland as weavers and cloth merchants. Compare the synonymous **Brabazon** and **Brabin**. **Bremner** is a Scots version of the same name.

**Early bearers:** Peter Brabaner, Brabaynner, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); John Brabiner, 1594 in *IGI* (New Malton, Yorks); Mathew Brabiner, 1603 in *IGI* (Scarborough, Yorks); Robert Brabynner, 1612 in *IGI* (York); Nicholas Brabiner, 1758, Joseph Brabiner, 1825 in *IGI* (Upper Helmsley, Yorks).

## Brabner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Brabiner**. For the Scottish name compare **Bremner**.

**Early bearers:** England: Lettice Brabner, 1785, Samuel Alfred Brabner, 1884 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). Scotland: George Brabaner, 1597, Richart Brabaner, 1649, Anne Brabiner, 1710, Hugh Brabner, 1834 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Brabon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham
- English: see **Brabin**.

## Brabrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Braybrook**.

## Brabson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Brabazon**.

**Further information:** This form is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Brabury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs

English: possibly a variant of **Bradbury**.

**Further information:** In SW England, this may be from Bradbury in Chittlehampton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Brabery, 1729 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Hannah Brabury, 1734 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); James Brabury, 1753 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison Chapel, London).

## Braby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: locative name from Brébeuf in Calvados, Normandy, with which it can be identified because of the *maner de Brabyff al. Brabys*, 1559 in *Feet of Fines* (Artington, Surrey).

**Further information:** The Norman family name is spelt *Brayboef, Braibuef, Braybof*, 1232–4 in *Close Rolls, Braibof*, 1235 in *Assize Rolls, Braybeuf*, 1328 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*, according to *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 185.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey of Braboeuf, 1232 in *VCH* (Surrey); Thoma Braybef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowde, Wilts); Willelmo Braybefe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sparsholt, Berks); John Braby the elder, 1395/6 in *TNA* (Cambs); Richard Braby, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); George Braby, 1562 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); John Brabee, 1589 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); George Brabeey, 1705 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex).

## Brabyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Brabin**.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Brabyn, 1622, John Brabyn, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall).

## Brace

Variants: **Brass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2830, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Herefs; Monmouths, Glamorgan, and Pembrokes

English: (i) nickname from Middle English 'arm' (Old French *brace, brase*), perhaps used for someone with a peculiarity of the arm, or possibly for an armourer, a loriner or harness maker, or a hunter or hunt servant, from one or other of the various senses of the word: 'piece of armour covering the arm', 'part of a horse's harness', 'pair of hounds'. (ii) nickname sometimes, perhaps, from Breton *braz* 'big'. (iii) locative name from Meole Brace (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William bras, 1127 in *Cartae Antiquae*; John Braz, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Nicholas Brace, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Brasse, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*.

## Bracebridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Bracebridge (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Bracebrig', 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics/Warwicks); Johannes de Bracebryg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gateforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Bracebrigg, 1410 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Edmond Bracebridge, 1575 in *IGI* (Lincs).

## Bracegirdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 758
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *brec* 'breeches' (Old French *braie(s)*) + Old English *gyrdel*, for a maker of belts to keep up breeches.

Compare William Brigerdler, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*.

**Early bearers:** John Brachgyrdyll or Brecchegirdle, 1544 in *Oxford University Register*; Roger Brachegirdle or Brasgirdell, 1556 in *Oxford University Register*; John Bretchgirdle, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Timothy Brasegirdell, 1620 in *Bardsley*; William Bracegirdle, 1626 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Roger Bracegirdle, 1649 in *Chester Diocese Wills*.

## Bracewell

Variants: **Brazewell, Braswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 831, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bracewell (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Gilbert de Braycewell, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus de Braycewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burn, WR Yorks); Agn' Braswell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Xpferi Braswell, 1578 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Anne Bracewell, 1582 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); John Braiswell, 1590 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Christopher Bracewell, 1617 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks); Ellena Bracewell, 1690 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Betty Brazewell, 1755 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

## Bracey

Variants: **Bracy, Brassey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1389, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 767
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Herts; Norfolk
- Norman, English: locative name from Brécy (Aisne, Ardennes).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Braci, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Bracy, 1275 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Bracy, 1369 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johanne Bracy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Thomas Bracye or Bracy, 1564 in *PROB 11* (London); George Brasie, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Brach

Variants: **Brech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Dunbartons; Kent

1 English: see **Breach**.

2 German: locative name from Middle High German *brache* 'fallow land, pasture land', originally 'newly ploughed land'. Among Jews this was probably a handout name.

**Further information:** In Continental Europe this name is also borne by Jews, but in Britain evidence of Jewish bearers is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Jenny Brach, jacket maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Anna Brach, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Franz Joseph Brach, restaurant superintendent, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Elfrida Brach, domestic servant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Barnes, Surrey); Walter Brach, bank clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey).

## Bracher

Variants: **Bratcher, Brecher, Breacher, Britcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 425
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Dorset

English: locative name from an agent derivative of Middle English *brech* 'land broken up for cultivation' (Old English *bræc*), denoting a dweller by newly cultivated land; compare **Breach**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Brechere, 1245 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William le Brechere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johanne Brechere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Edward Bracher, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Chilmark, Wilts).

### Brack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Berwicks

1 English: nickname of uncertain origin. It may be from a Middle English singular noun, *brack* (found only as a surname), a possible variant of *brache* (a word of Old French origin, normally found only in the plural), denoting one of a pair or pack of hounds that hunt by scent. The plural noun is recorded as *brackes* in 1490.

**Early bearers:** Relicta le Brak, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Brak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Galfridus Bracke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wending, Norfolk); Thomas Brakke, 1484, Braxez, 1496, Brax, 1532 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Brack, 1585 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); James Brack, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

2 Irish: (i) from Ó Bric, see **Brick**. (ii) from the adjectival epithet *breac* 'speckled'.

**Early bearers:** Connor Bracke, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576; Morish mc Dermot Bracke, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576; Dermot og Bracke, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576.

3 Irish: see **Breakey**.

### Bracken

Variants: **Brackin, Brahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1348, Ireland 1586
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks

1 Irish: from Ó Breacáin 'descendant of *Breacán*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *breac* 'speckled, spotted', borne by a 6th-century saint of Ballyconnel, Cavan. It is possible that the surname **Breakey** is a familiar form of this, while Brahan was originally a separate surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brackan, clerk, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1566 (Dublin); Donogh O'Bracane, kern, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1767 (Ballentulchane); Donogh O'Brakane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2650; Thomas O'Brachane, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3851; Morgh O'Breckan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Paace).

2 Irish: from Ó Bragáin, see **Bragan**.

3 English: locative name from Middle English *braken* (Old Scandinavian *brakni*), for someone who lived '(in the) bracken', or came from a place so named, such as Bracken in Kilnwick (ER Yorks) or Bracken Fold in Whinfell (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Stephen del Bracyn, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Braken, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Bracken, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Neswick, ER Yorks); Anne Bracken, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Willi. Bracken, 1600 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Isbell Bracken, 1605 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm*, p. 142.

### Brackenberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Brackenbury**.

### Brackenboro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Brackenbury**.

### Brackenborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Brackenbury**.

### Brackenbury

Variants: **Brackenborough, Brackenboro, Brackenberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 651
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Brackenborough (Lincs), or occasionally from Brackenbury Farm in Harefield (Middx).

**Early bearers:** England: Ranulph de Brachingberge, about 1163 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Jordan de Brakenberge, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Brakenborgh, 1388 in *Place-Names of Middx* p. 35; Jacobus Brakenbury, 1478 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Brakenbury, 1629 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Brackenborough, 1647 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs).

Ireland: Ninyan Brackenbery, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §299.

### Brackenridge

Variants: **Breckenridge, Breckinridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayrs and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Middle English *braken* 'bracken, fern' + *rigge* 'ridge'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(by the) bracken-covered ridge', or toponymic from *Brackenrigg*, now Brackenridge (Lanarks), or possibly from any of the various minor places so named in Cumb and NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Bracanrig, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Brakanryg, 1454 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Renfrews); Robart Brakenrig, 1504 in *Maxwells of Pollok*; William Braikinrig, 1629 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; John Breckinrig, 1634 in *Laing Charters* (Lanarks); Mary Brackenridge, 1689 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayrs); Janet Breakenridge, 1768 in *IGI* (West Kilbride, Ayrs).

### Brackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Essex and Suffolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *brachet*, a diminutive of *brach* 'hound which hunts by scent' (see **Brack**).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Brachet, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Brachet, *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Braket, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Brackey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

Irish: see **Breakey**.

### Brackie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Dumfriess
- Irish, Scottish: see **Breakey**.

### Brackin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, English: see **Bracken**.

### Brackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name from *Brackley* (Northants), or in some instances topographic for someone who lived '(at the) clearing in the bracken', Middle English *braken* + *legh, leye* (Old English *bracu* + *lēah*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Brackele, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Brackeley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Brackley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Bracknall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Bracknell**.

### Bracknell

Variants: **Bracknall, Brecknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Bracknell in Warfield (Berks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brackenhale, 1185 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); Johannes Braknale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Roger Brecknell, 1543 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Wyllyam Bracknall, 1567 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Brecknell, 1693 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Sarah Bracknell, 1742 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Joseph Bracknall, 1781 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 116.

### Brackner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *braconier* (an agent derivative of Old French *bracon* 'hound'), for a keeper of hounds.

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**Early bearers:** Walter le Brakener, 1309 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Essex); Peter le Braconer, 1336 in *Patent Rolls*; William Brackner, 1795 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Middx).

### Brackpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from Brapool Barn in Patcham (E Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Adam and Robert de Brakepole, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Brackpole, 1600, Brackpoole, 1602, James Brackpoll, 1625, Jeames Brackpool, 1697 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Edward Brack Pool, 1779 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey).

### Brackstone

Variants: **Braxton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: locative name apparently from Broxton in Chilbolton (Hants), though medieval evidence is wanting.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Brackston, 1569, Symone Brackstone, 1602 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Humf. Brackstone, 1571 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Julien Brexton, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Mary Bourne, Hants); William Brexton, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitchurch, Hants); Cornelius Braxton, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Portsmouth, Hants); Simon Bruxton, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Titchfield hundred, Hants); Steven Brexton, 1591 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); John Braxton, 1597 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Helen Brackston, 1607 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Nicholas Braxtone, 1611 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); William Brackston, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Reading, Berks); William Braxton, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory, City of London); Mary Braxstone, 1727 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 174.

### Bracy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Gloucs and Oxon

Norman, English: see **Bracey**.

### Brad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; Staffs

English: origin uncertain. Perhaps a variant of **Bratt**.

**Early bearers:** Cassander Brad, 1562 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Steven Brad, 1565 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Thomas Brad, 1615 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Maria Brad, 1716 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

### Bradbeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: locative name from an unidentified place named from Old English *brād* 'broad' (or in SW England 'great') + *bearu* 'grove'.

**Further information:** There seems to be no justification for regarding it as a variant of **Bradbury**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bradbeare, 1588 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Robert Bradbeere, 1629 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Robert Broadbeare, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); Elias Bradbeer, 1681, Hanah Bradbear, 1685 in *IGI* (Willand, Devon); Anne Broadbear, 1717 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

### Bradberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bradbury**.

### Bradbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Bradbury**.

### Bradborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bradburn**.

### Bradbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bradburn**.

### Bradbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Bradburn**.

### Bradbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, and Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *brad*, *brod* 'broad' + *brok* 'brook, stream' (Old English *brād* + *brōc*). The surname may be either topographic, for someone who lived or worked '(by the) broad brook', or perhaps toponymic from a place so named, such as Braybrooke (Northumb).

**Further information:** Birdbrook (Essex) occurs as *Bradebrock* in 1248 and *Bradebroke* in 1485 (*Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 411–12), so it could be a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Bradebrok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thoma Bradebrook, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Garford, Berks); John Bradbrok, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Clewer, Berks); Humfry Bradbroke, 1616 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Sam. Bradbrook, 1706 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Bradburn

Variants: **Bradburne**, **Bradbourne**, **Bradbourn**, **Bradborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1564, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English: locative name principally from Bradbourne (Derbys), but perhaps occasionally also from Brabourne (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bradeburne, before 1260 in *Derbys Record Office* (Brassington, Derbys); John de Bradeburn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Roger de Bradeburn, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Bradbourne, 1295 in *TNA* (Notts and Derbys); Richard Bradbourne of Cestre, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Robertus de Bradeburne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Ricardo Bradburne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); Humfrey Bradburne, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Bradborne, Derbys); Katheryn Bradburne, 1588 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Elizabeth Bradborne, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Lea, Derbys).

**References:** For further information and early bearers, see the Bradburn One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/bradburn](http://one-name.org/name_profile/bradburn)

### Bradburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Bradburn**.

### Bradbury

Variants: **Bradberry**, **Bradbery**, **Bravery**, **Brabury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10753, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8637
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also N Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Westmeath

English: locative name mostly from Bredbury (Cheshire), occasionally perhaps from Bradbury (Durham).

**Early bearers:** William de Bradbury, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard de Bradbury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Ricardus de Bradbur', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Robert Bradbury, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Jhon Bradbury, 1562 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs); William Bradburie, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Anna Bradbury, 1617 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Roger Bradbury, 1624 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Edmund Bradbury, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Glossop, Derbys); Katharine Bradbury, 1649 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ann Bradbury, 1722 in *IGI* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks).

### Bradby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks; also Hants; Oxon

English: locative name from Bretby (formerly Bradby) in Repton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** George Bradby, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Henrie Bradbye, 1611 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Thomas Bradby, 1677 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks).

### Bradd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *brad* 'broad' (Old English *brād*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Bradde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Stephen Bradde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Bradde, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Bradd, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomae Bradde, 1601 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); George Bradd, 1779 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex).

### Bradden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Braddon**.

### Bradder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English: see **Brader**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Bradder, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Braddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Braddock**. This variant may be from Braddock (Cornwall), which has the same etymology as the places mentioned under *Braddock*.
- Early bearers:** William Braddick, 1650, Agnes Braddick, 1668 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).

### Braddish

**Variants:** **Bradish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Limerick

English: possibly a variant of **Brandish** with loss of *-n-*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bradishe, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); John Bradishe, 1587 in *TNA* (Shrops); John Bradishe, 1628 in *National Burial Index* (Holy Trinity, Gisleham, Suffolk); Henry Bradish, 1630 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); Will Braddish, 1677 in *IGI* (Little Torrington, Devon); Henry Braddice, 1683, Thomas Braddis, 1727 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Braddich, 1773 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon).

### Braddle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Bradwell**.

### Braddock

**Variants:** **Braddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 854
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Derbys, and Lancs

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places called Broad Oak, such as Broadoak in Leigh and Broadoak in Kingsley (both Staffs), a lost *Broodok* in Macclesfield hundred (Cheshire), and Broad Oak in Parr (Lancs). There may have been some confusion with **Briddock**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Brodhok, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Thomas del Brodok, 1282 in *Assize Rolls*

(Staffs); [ . . . de] le Brodhok, 1290, [ . . . de] Brodoke, 1304 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Macclesfield hundred, Cheshire); Thomas Broddock, 1341 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Essex); John de Brodock, 1427 in *Staffs Place-Names* (Staffs); Frauncis Braddock, 1570 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops); Nicolaii Braddock, 1571 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Thomas Braddock, 1596, Jas. Bradock, 1598 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Thomas Braddock, 1650 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 142, 150; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 52; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 109.

### Braddon

**Variants:** **Bradden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- 1 English: locative name from Braddon in Ashwater or, possibly, Braddon in Buckland Brewer (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Braddon, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Agnes Braddon', 1397, John Braddon', 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Grace Bradden, 1601 in *IGI* (Sutcombe, Devon); Thomas Braddon, 1604 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); John Braddon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Wm Braddon, 1664 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Jesper Bradon, 1673, Elizabeth Braddon, 1676 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 90, 128.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Bradden (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Bradden', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Northants); Elizabeth Braddon, 1698 in *IGI* (Ewell, Surrey); Henry Braddon, 1706 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Margaret Braddon, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Braddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Glasgow
- 1 English: see **Broady**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Braddy, 1559 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Gylbard Braddy, 1609 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Braddy, 1633 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); John Braddy, 1754 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

2 Irish: from Mac Brádaigh or Ó Brádaigh, see **Brady**.

### Brade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Broad**.

### Braden

**Variants:** **Braiden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Tyrone
- 1 Irish: from Ó Bradáin 'descendant of *Bradán*', a personal name meaning 'salmon' and sometimes translated as **Salmon** or **Fisher**.
- Early bearers:** Shane O'Bradán, tailor, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Cos Roscommon and Leitrim);

William O'Bradán, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4889; John O'Bradán, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6658 (Tesyihy, Longford).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 54.

2 English: locative name from Braydon Forest (Wilts), often recorded as *Braden(e)* in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Braden, canon, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Braden', chaplain, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); John Braden, 1606 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Bradon, 1804, Henrietta Braden, 1809 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 11.

### Brader

**Variants:** **Bradder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *brayden* 'to braid, plait' (Old English *breȝdan*), for a braid maker. Compare William le Laceybreyder' ('cord maker', from Middle English *lace* 'cord'), 1329 in *Fransson* (Norfolk), and Neet Breydare *Promptorium Parvulorum*.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Bredere, 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); John le Brayder, 1324 in *Fransson* (Lancs); William Brader, 1382 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Brader, 1562 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs).

### Bradey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from Mac Brádaigh or Ó Brádaigh, see **Brady**.

### Bradfield

**Variants:** **Broadfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 950
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from any of numerous places named Bradfield, particularly those in Berks and Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bradefeld, 1182–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William de Bradefeld, 1256–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Bradfeld, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

### Bradford

**Variants:** **Braidford**, **Bradforth**, **Brafford**, **Braford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8011, Ireland 337
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5790
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from any of the numerous places called Bradford, especially those in Cheshire, Devon, Dorset, Lancs, Northumb, Somerset, Wilts, and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Alexander, Brun de Bradeford', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Bradforth, 1358 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmo Bradeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bedborough, Wilts); Adam de Bradford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradford, WR Yorks); Johanna de Bradeforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wigton, WR Yorks); John Bradford, 1540

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in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Bryan Bradford, 1541 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Bradford, 1561 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Bradford, 1583 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Bradford, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Nicholas Bradford, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Preston and Sutton Pointz, Dorset); Elizabeth Bradford, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomae Broadford, 1594, Alicia Bradford, 1617 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Edmund Bradford, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ann Bradford, 1770, Ann Broadford, 1770 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs).

### Bradforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Bradford**.

### Bradgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Broadgate**.

### Bradham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; London; Beds
- English: (i) probably a variant of **Bradnam**; both the Norfolk and Bucks examples of the place-name Bradenham have some medieval spellings that lack the medial *-n-*. (ii) locative name from Broadham in Chilham (Kent).
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Bradeham, 1253 in *Patent Rolls* (Rowde, Wilts); James de Brodham, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Stanninghall, Norfolk); Anthony Brodham, 1564 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); Conrad Broadham, 1632 in *IGI* (Warlberton, Sussex); Robert Bradham, 1749 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Bradie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Dunbartons; Angus
- Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Brady**.

### Bradigan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Bradagáin, see **Brodigan**.
- Further information:** The surname in this spelling has almost died out in Ireland but continues to thrive in North America.

### Brading

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: locative name from Brading (IoW), which is recorded as *Berardinz* in 1086.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Brerding, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Brading, IoW); Thomas Brerding, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shide, IoW); Thomas Brerdyng, 1411 in *Quarr Charters* (IoW); Thomas Brading, 1612 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

### Bradish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Laois and Kilkenny
- English: see **Braddish**.

### Bradlaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk
- English: variant of **Bradley**.
- Early bearers:** Godfrey Bradlaugh alias Jacob, William Jacobo alias Brodleye, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Bradlaugh, 1825 in *IGI* (Brandeston, Suffolk).

### Bradley

- Variants:** **Bradly, Bratley, Broadley, Broadly, Brodley, Braidley, Bradlaugh, Brawley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 38295, Ireland 6213
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23928
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and N Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. N Ulster
- 1 English: locative name from any of numerous places called *Bradley* (Berks, Cheshire, Durham, Derbys, Gloucs, Leics, Lincs, Suffolk, Staffs, Wilts, WR Yorks, and elsewhere).
- Early bearers:** William de Bradelai, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ada de Bradlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribecheater, Lancs); Rogero de Bradeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); Robertus Bradlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Bradlay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Adam de Bradeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essington, Staffs); Rychardus Bradley, 1540 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Rici Bradley, 1543 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Jamys Bradley, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ricus. Bradeley, 1556 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Robt. Bradley, 1560 in *IGI* (Spexhall, Suffolk); Agnes Bradley, 1567 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Elizabeth Bradley, 1570 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Jena Bradley, 1589 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); John Bradley, 1604 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Robt. Bradley, 1612, William Breadley, 1614 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Richard Bradely, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).
- 2 Scottish: locative name from Braidlie (Roxburghs).

- Early bearers:** John de Bradely, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar*; William de Bradeleye, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); Alice Bradley, 1768 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Bradley, 1804 in *IGI* (Galashiels, Selkirks).
- 3 Irish: in Ireland, it was also adopted for Ó Brólcháin, ‘descendant of Brolacháin’, a diminutive of the personal name *Brólach*; compare **Brolly** and **Brawley**.
- Early bearers:** William Bradley, gent., 1605 in *Irish Patent Rolls* 83b (Devonische, Fermanagh, and Dublin); Thomas Brillaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertegny, Donegal); Manus Bradley, 1836 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xviii 46 (Maghera, Derry).

### Bradly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Bradley**.

### Bradman

- Variants:** **Braidman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *brad* ‘broad’ + *man* ‘man’.
- Early bearers:** William Bradman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); James Bradman, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Ambrose Brademan, 1533 in *PROB 11*; Mychaell Bradman, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thos Broadman, William Braidman, 1812 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Bradmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Breadmore**.

### Bradnam

- Variants:** **Bradnum, Bradham**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs
- English: locative name from Bradenham (Norfolk) or Bradenham (Bucks).
- Early bearers:** Suift de Bradenham, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Bradenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); Francis Bradnam, 1612, Bradnum, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (West Stow, Suffolk).

### Bradner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: locative name from Bradnor Green in Kington (Herefs).
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Elizabetha Bradner, 1573 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Simon Bradner, 1728 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jane Bradner, 1820 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Bradney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Bradney (Somerset) or Bradness Wood (Sussex).
- Early bearers:** William de Bradeny, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon de Bradneghe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Simon de Bradeny, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgewater, Somerset); John Bradney, 1568 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); John Bradney, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Netherton, Staffs); Elizabeth Bradney, 1759, Richard Breadney, 1771 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Susannah Bradney, 1781, Elizabeth Breadney, 1793 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops).

### Bradnick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Bradnock**.

### Bradnock

Variants: **Bradnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Bradnock's Marsh in Berkswell (Warwicks), recorded as *Brad(e)noc*, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** [...] Bradenhoc, 1262 in *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 57 (Warwicks); Edward Bradnocke, 1588 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Thomas Bradnock, 1603 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); Elizabeth Bradnick, 1620 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Susanna Bradnock, 1784, Judith Bradnack, 1810 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs).

### Bradnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Bradnam**.

### Bradridge

Variants: **Brotheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *brad-*, *brod-* 'broad' + *rig(ge)* 'ridge' (Old English *brād*, *hrycg*), for someone who lived at a place called 'the broad ridge'. Compare **Broderick** and **Brotheridge**.

**Further information:** In the post-medieval material, *Bradridge* is interchangeable with *Broadridge*, *Broadrich*, *Brodridge*, *Brodrich*, *Brotheridge*, and *Bretheridge*, but most of these variant forms have died out or moved out of the county. The Devon name might be associated with Bradridge House in Diptford, Devon, though this may be a late place-name from the owner's surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Braderigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Budleigh, Devon); John de Braderigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chawleigh, Devon); Willm Brodridge, 1614, John Bradridge, 1731, Mary Ann Bradridge, 1831 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Amye Braderidge, 1638, Eustis Brodridge, 1634, Eustes Bradderidge, 1642 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Brotheridg, 1701, George Bretheridge, 1708, John Brotheridge, 1753 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Mary Broadridge, 1708, George Brotheridge, 1712 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 301.

### Bradshaw

Variants: **Brayshaw**, **Bratchie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16130, Ireland 1012
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Midlands; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary; Down

English: locative name from any of at least three places called Bradshaw (in Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Bradesaghe, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Simon de Bradesaghe, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Roger Bradschawe, 1418 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); George Bradshaw, 1550 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Wyllyam Bradsha, 1554 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* xxiv; Alice Bradshaw, 1557 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Robert Bradshaw, 1629 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Robert Bradshay, 1646 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Thomas Bradshaw, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 99 (Clownish, Fermanagh); Obediah Bradshaw, shopkeeper, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 372 (Dublin); Daniel Bradshaw, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killesher, Fermanagh); Hercules Bradshaw Esq., 1837 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xii 103 (Hillsborough, Down).

### Bradstock

Variants: **Brastock**, **Broadstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs

English: locative name from Bradenstoke (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Bradestoke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johes Brodstocke, 1543 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); William Brodstocke, 1593 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Edward Broadstocke, 1715 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Bradstreet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Oxon

English: locative name from Middle English *brad* + *strat*, *stred* (Old English *brād* + *stræt*), denoting someone who lived '(in the) broad street'.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Bradestret, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Bradstreet, 1546 in *PROB 11*; Willm. Bradstreet, 1604 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Bradstreete, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Capel, Suffolk).

### Bradway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Middle English *brad* 'broad' + *wei(e)* 'way, road' (Old English *brād* + *weg*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(by the) broad road', or toponymic, from Bradway (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Filbert Bradewei, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Jordan de Bradewey, 1235–50 in *Hylle Cartulary*; John Bradeweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Margery Bradway, 1570 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Agnes Bradway, 1576 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Anne Bradway, 1596 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Hester Bradway, 1621 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Thomas Bradway, 1633 in *IGI* (Houghton, Hunts).

### Bradwell

Variants: **Bradde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 853, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from any of several places named Bradwell (Derbys, Staffs, Essex). Compare the synonymous **Broadwell** and **Broddle**, **Brodell**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bradewelle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thome de Bradewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Robertus Bradewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charwelton, Northants); John Bradwell, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Braddell, 1622 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Ann Bradwell, 1657 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Autumn Braddle, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Brady

Variants: **Bradie**, **Bradey**, **Braddy**, **Bready**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13447, Ireland 11205
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5288
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan

Irish: from **Mac Brádaigh** or **Ó Brádaigh** 'son (or descendant) of *Brádach*', a personal name meaning 'proud, spirited'. In this case *Ó Brádaigh* is merely a variant of *Mac Brádaigh*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donnchadh Mag Bradaigh, chief of Cuil-Brighdin, 1348 in *AU*; Domnall Mag Bradaigh, chief of Tellach-Cerbaill and sage, 1378 in *AU*; Toirdealbhach ruadh mac Cormaic mic Donnchaidh Mheg Bradaigh, Mag Bhradaigh, 1480 in *AU*; Walter mc Laghlin Bradaigh boy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4028 (Galway); Walter Brady, jailer, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4574 (Cavan); Luke Brady, son of the bishop of Meath, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Meath); Ferrall Bradagh, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4924 (Longford); Patrick McBradye, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Aghotyduffe); Brian mc Cormack McBrady, landholder, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5849 (Crosskeaghe, Kildare); Cormock Braddy, servant, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6125. Scotland: Richard Brady, 1430 in *Highland Papers* (Dundee, Angus); Mongo Bradie, goldsmith, 1576 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspeth Braidie, 1682 in *Lauder Testaments* (Peelwalls, Berwicks); Adam Brady, 1690 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian).

### Brafford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Bradford**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but is current in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William of Braforde, 1246 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Benjamin Brafford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Brafield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Brayfield**.

### Braford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs

English: see **Bradford**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Bragan

Variants: **Bracken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

## Braganza

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
Irish: from Ó **Bragáin** (*Ua Bracáin*), a surname recorded from the 12th century (three bishops, 1267–1312) but now almost extinct in Ireland. The personal name appears to be Old Irish *Breccán* or *Braccán*, ‘little speckled one’.

**Early bearers:** Cinaeth mac Airt hUi Bracan, lanbiathach, 1179 in *AU* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Maigister Sdiamna O Bragain, airdeapuc Caisil, 1302 in *AU* (Munster); Beinidhecht O Bragan, espuc Luighne, 1312 in *AU* (Achonry); Fearshey O Bragane, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468 (Porterin, Roscommon); Shane O Bragan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6406 (Booly boye, Wicklow).

### Braganza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese, Indian: locative name from the city of Bragança in Portugal.

**Further information:** *Braganza* is the name of the royal house whose members occupied the throne of Portugal from 1640 to 1910. Before that, they exercised enormous power in the Iberian peninsula as Dukes of Braganza from 1442 onwards. As a result of Portuguese colonization of the western coast of India, *Braganza* became established as a surname in India, from where it was brought to England in the 20th century.

**Early bearers:** Don Miguel de Braganza, born in Lisbon, Portugal, in *Census 1851* (Middx).

### Bragg

**Variants:** **Bragge, Braggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2739, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: nickname from Middle English *brag(ge)* ‘brisk, lively’.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bragge, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Brag, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Brag, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardi Bragg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Bragg, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Bulmer, Essex); Hugh Brag or Bragg, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon).

### Bragge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs; Dorset; WR Yorks

English: see **Bragg**.

### Bragger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, Worcs, and Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *bragger(e)* ‘arrogant or boastful person, braggart’.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Braggere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Richarde Bragger, 1573 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Geoffrey Bragger, 1579 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Jefry Brager, 1654 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops).

**References:** *OED*, *MED*.

### Braggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Bucks, and Oxon

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Braggins, 1666 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); William Braggins, 1757 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Thomas Braggins, 1815 in *IGI* (Whittlebury, Northants).

### Braggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey

English: variant of **Bragg** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** George Braggs, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Braham

**Variants:** **Brahame, Brayham, Braim, Braime, Brame, Bream**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Braham, in Spofforth (WR Yorks), Braham Hall or Bream’s Farm (Essex), or Brantham (Suffolk), recorded as *Braham* in 1198.

**Early bearers:** Eustace de Braham, 1189–99 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Johannes de Brame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); William Brame, 1541 in *IGI* (Redisham, Suffolk); Peter Brame, 1582, John Braime, 1593 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robt Brame, 1582 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Anne Braime, 1634 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); William Braham, 1701 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); James Braham, 1706 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex* pp. 333, 257; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **Mac an Bhreitheamhan** ‘son of the judge’. Compare **Brain, McBrayne, McBroom, Abraham**.

3 Jewish: reduced form of **Abraham**.

**Early bearers:** Esther Braham, hatmaker, 1825 in *Preston Jewish Community* (Preston, Lancs); John Braham, optician, 1835 in *Bristol Jews* (Bristol, Gloucs); Abraham Braham, artist, in *Census 1841* (Southwark, Surrey); Sampson Braham, tailor, born in Poland, Harris Braham, tailor’s salesman, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Isaac Braham, general dealer, born in Odessa, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Brahame

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Braham**.

### Braham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Glamorgan
- 1 Irish, English: see **Bracken**.
- 2 Irish: see **Brohan**.

### Brahmbhatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): nickname; Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *brahma* ‘pertaining to Brahman (the

ultimate reality in Hinduism) or to the Brahmins’ + *bhatta* ‘lord, learned one’.

### Braich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): nickname; Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Braid

**Variants:** **Braide, Bread, Broyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1080, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1098
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Kinross, and Angus; also IoM

1 Scottish: locative name from Braid Hills near Edinburgh. In Fife and Perth, this is now *Bread*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Brade, sheriff, early 13th cent. in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonet Braid, 1595 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Helen Braid, 1638 in *Brechin Testaments* (Dundee, Angus).

2 English: nickname apparently for a braid maker, from a noun derivative of Middle English *braiden* in the sense ‘to plait or braid’; compare **Brader**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Braid, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Breyd, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Radulphus Brayd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingworth, Norfolk); Mathewe Braid, 1587 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs).

3 English: see **Broad**.

### Braide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; IoM
- English: see **Braid**.

### Braiden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 Irish: from Ó Bradáin, see **Braden** (1).

2 English: see **Braden** (2).

### Braidford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Berwicks
- English: see **Bradford**.

### Braidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bradley**.

### Braidman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Kent
- English: see **Bradman**.

### Braidwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Braidwood (Lanarks) or Braidwood (Midlothian).



**Early bearers:** John de Bradwood, 1280 in *Scotland Calendar* (Bavelaw, Midlothian); John Braidwod or Braidwoth, 1498 in *Glasgow Register* (Uddingston, Lanarks); James Braidwood, surgeon and burgess, 1649 in *Retours, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Brailey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx
- English: see **Brayley**.

### Brailsford

**Variants:** Brelsford, Brellisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1667, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1054
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts
- English: locative name from Brailsford (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Brailesford, 12th cent. in *Derbys Charters*; Johannis de Braylesford, 1379R in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Radulphi Brailsford, 1600 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Jeffray Brelsforth, 1624 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Humfry Brailsforth, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Staveley, Derbys); Thomae Brailesford, 1695 in *IGI* (Upper Langwith, Derbys); James Bralsford, 1697, James Brailsford, 1698 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Duckmanton, Derbys).

### Brain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Braham**.

### Braine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Braham**.

### Brain

**Variants:** Braine, Brayne, Brane, Brean, Braines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4592, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also W Midlands; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English: nickname probably from Middle English *brain* ‘furious, mad’.  
**Early bearers:** Ketell’ Brain, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Brayn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Braine, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Rogerus Brayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Andrew, Worcs); Richard Braine, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Littledean, Gloucs); William Brain, 1580 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
 2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: occupational name reduced from Irish *Mac an Bhreitheamhan*, Scottish Gaelic *Mac a’ Bhreitheamhan* ‘son of the judge’. Compare **McBroom**, **McBrayne**, **Braham**; **Breheeny**, **Abraham**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Brayne, 1462 in *Laing Charters* (Baldovie, Angus); David Brane, master of arts, 1477 in *Cawdor Book*; Roger Brain, 1601 in *Brechin Testaments* (Glenbervie, Kincardines).  
 Ireland: Owen McBraine, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5028 (Ballincarnie, Wexford); Wm. mcWothney McBreine, yeoman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5085 (Tipperary); Rory and Toole McBreine, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5665 (tates of Legey and Mullagh martin, Monaghan).

### Brainch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Branch**.

### Braine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks, Gloucs, and Somerset; WR Yorks
- English: see **Brain**.

### Braines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: variant of **Brain**, with post-medieval excrement -s.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Braines, 1613 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); John Brains, 1641 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Joseph Brains, 1784 in *IGI* (Weston Favell, Northants).

### Brainwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *brainwod* ‘frenzied, mad’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Braynwod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Braynwode, 1345 in *Place-Names of Essex* p. 235; Johannes Braynwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Baddow, Essex); John Braynwode, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Tho. Brainwood, 1564 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Joseph Brainwood, 1694 in *IGI* (Ratcliff, Middx).

### Braisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: locative name from Braceby (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Braceby, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Wyllyam Braysbe, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anthonye Bracebye, 1577 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Wyllia Braseby, 1586 in *IGI* (Langtoft, Lincs); Robert Brasebie, 1628 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Thomas Braisby, 1668 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Sarah Braisby, 1681, Robert Braseby, 1684 in *IGI* (Alvaston, Derbys); John Brazeby, 1734 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics).

### Braisher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- 1 English: see **Brazier**.  
 2 Norman, English: see **Brasseur**.

### Braisted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Brasted**.

### Braithwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Braithwaite**.

### Braithwait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Braithwaite**.

### Braithwaite

**Variants:** Braithewaite, Brathwaite, Breathwaite, Braithwait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5054, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: locative name from any of several places so named in Cumb and Yorks.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald de Braidewad, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Braythwayt, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Peter Braytwayt, 1364 in *Assize Rolls*; Rogerus de Braythwayt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); James Braithwaite, 1571 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Cuthbert Braythwaite, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Hurst, Kent); John Braithwait, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Lancaster, Lancs); Henrye Braithwaite, 1650 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); William Braithwait, 1715, Elizabeth Braithwaith, 1718 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Mary Braithwaite, 1760, John Braithwaith, 1833 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Braithwell

- Variants:** Brewell
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Brewell**.

### Braizer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; W Midlands; Lincs
- English: see **Brazier**.

### Brake

- Variants:** Brakes
- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 724
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: locative name from Middle English *brake* ‘thicket, patch of brushwood’, for someone who lived ‘(by a) copse or thicket’.  
**Early bearers:** Alan de la Brake, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Brake, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Brake, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Brakes, 1596 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Wm Breakes, 1603 in *IGI* (Pannal, Yorks); Richard Brake, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Yetminster, Dorset).

### Brakefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Middle English *brake* ‘thicket, patch of brushwood’ or *braken* ‘bracken, fern’ (corresponding to the northern *bracken*) + *feld* ‘flat open country’, for someone who lived ‘(by the) bracken-covered open land’.  
**Early bearers:** David de Brakefeld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Brackfield, 1616 in *IGI* (Cranbrook,

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Kent); William Brakefield, 1769 in *IGI* (Darenth, Kent).

### Braker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Surrey

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** George Braker, 1570 in *IGI* (Addington, Surrey); Agatha Braker, 1573 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Bracker, 1617 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); Elianor Braker, 1667 in *Parish Registers* (Whitegate, Cheshire); Robt Braker, 1742 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); William Breaker, 1779, James Braker, 1800 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Mary Braker, 1796, John Breaker, 1803 in *IGI* (Lower Pennington, Hants).

### Brakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

1 English: probably a variant of **Brake**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brakes, 1570 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); George Brakes, 1598 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Peter, Lincs); Richardus Brakes, 1628 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hants); Eliz. Brakes, 1743 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

2 English: see **Breaks**.

### Brakewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

1 Norman, English: see **Brickell**.

2 English: variant of **Breakell** or **Brickwell**.

### Breakspear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Breakspear**.

### Braley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Brayley**.

### Bramah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Bramhall**.

### Bramald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bramhall**.

### Bramall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 797
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brambell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Hants
- English: see **Bramble**.

### Bramble

**Variants:** **Brambell**, **Brambles**, **Brimble**, **Brumble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and IoW; also Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *brembel*, *bremble* 'bramble, briar', for a prickly person. (ii) locative name perhaps from Bramber in Sussex, recorded as *Bremble* in 1234, *Brembel* in 1301 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 222–3). (iii) locative name perhaps from a minor locality named from Middle English *brembel* 'bramble, briar', such as Bramble, in Ashton (Devon), recorded as a surname *Brumel* in 1244 and as *Bremele* in 1301 (*Place-Names of Devon*, p. 487).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brembel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ninfield, Sussex); Clement Brembel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Senlac, in Battle, Sussex); Wyllam Brambell, 1579 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Robert Brambell, 1590, John Bramble, 1662 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Bramble, 1596 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); John Bramble, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Poole, Dorset); Henry Bremble, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Martyn Bramble, 1646 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Robert Bramble, 1648 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Joane Brumbele, 1670 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, IoW); Jane Bramble, 1671, Sarah Brumbele, 1770 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Lazarus Bramble, 1699 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Thomas Brammell, 1764 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); John Brumbele, 1769 in *IGI* (Launcells, Cornwall); Robert Bramill, 1784 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

2 English: locative name variant of **Bramhall** (common in Sheffield as **Bramall**, occasionally as **Bramwell**) with an intrusive *-b-*. Compare Roberti *Bramhall*, 1599, Johanis *Bramall*, 1603, Johes *Bramble*, 1641 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Rebekka Bramwel, 1784, Samuel Bramball, 1838 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name in E Anglia probably a variant of **Brumell**.

**Early bearers:** John Bramble, 1635, John Brumbele, 1637, John Brambill, 1655 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Sam Brambell, 1662 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Brambles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: variant of **Bramble** (1) and (2) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Brambles, 1661 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks); Jana Brambles, 1694 in *IGI* (Sherburn near Scarborough, ER Yorks); Lazarus Brambles, 1703 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Joseph Brambles, 1773 in *IGI* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Dorothy Brambles, 1799 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

### Brambley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Leics and Notts
- English: see **Bramley**.

### Brame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 702, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Braham**.

### Brameld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bramhall**.

### Bramfit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- English: see **Brumfitt**.

### Bramfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- English: see **Brumfitt**.

### Bramfoot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Brumfitt**.

### Bramford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Suffolk
- English: see **Branford**.

### Bramhall

**Variants:** **Bramall**, **Brammall**, **Bramald**, **Brameld**, **Brammeld**, **Brammah**, **Bramah**, **Brammer**, **Bramhill**, **Bramble**, **Bramwell**, **Broomhall**, **Brumell**, **Brummell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 948
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Bramhall (Cheshire), named from Old English *brōm* + *halh* 'secluded place overgrown with broom'. In the post-medieval period *-hall* often changed to *-hill*, sometimes developed an excrescent *-d* or *-t*, and was frequently reduced to *-all*, *-ell*, *-ill*, *-ah*, or *-er*, with or without an intrusive *-b-*, or was altered to *-well*.

**Further information:** In Sheffield, Bramall Lane is probably named from the family, which is first recorded in the Sheffield area in 1543. *Bramah*, *Bramall* and *Brammer* are common variants there. **Early bearers:** Robert de Bramhal', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); [... de] Brumhale, 1260, [... de] Bromhall, 1303, [... de] Bromhalgh, 1337, [... de] Bramhal, 14th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Willelmo de Bramhall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingarsby, Leics); Robertus de Bromhal', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Thomas Bramall, 1543, Brammall, 1566 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Elyzabethe Bramall, 1568, George Brammell, 1597, Tho'S Bramhald, 1787 in *IGI*

(Bradfield, WR Yorks); Myles Bramhall, 1587, John Bramell, 1625, Elizabeth Brameld, 1771 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Brameld, 1587, Elizabeth Bramhald, 1805 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Christopher Bramhall, 1591 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); George Bramhull, 1588 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Roberti Bramhall, 1599, Joseph Brammer, 1755 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Hugonis Bramal, 1620, Rowlandi Bramhald, 1716, Joseph Brameld, 1816 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Thomas Bramhill, 1629 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Wm. Brammar, 1638, Ellena Brammah, 1663 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Rouland Bramah, 1661, Tho. Bramma, 1664 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joannis Bramhall, 1665 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Robert Brammer, 1678, William Bramer, 1712 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Bramhill, 1695, Tho Brammel, 1722, George Brammill, 1767 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Jonathan Brammer, 1719 in *IGI* (Swynnerton, Staffs).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 258; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 258; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bramham

Variants: **Brammam**, **Bramman**

- Current frequencies: GB 604, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 537
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bramham (WR Yorks).  
Early bearers: William de Bramham, 1273 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Johannes de Bramham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); John Bramham, 1551 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Michael Brammam, 1621 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Bramam, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Bramman, 1642, John Braman, 1718 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Michael Bramman, 1673 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).  
References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bramhill

- Current frequencies: GB 208, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 151
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: variant of **Bramhall**.

### Bramley

Variants: **Brambley**

- Current frequencies: GB 3868, Ireland 33
- GB frequency 1881: 2724
- Main GB location 1881: Notts, Leics, Derbys, and Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places named Bramley (Derbys, WR Yorks, Hants, Surrey).  
Early bearers: Nicholas de Bramle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Goda de Bremblegh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Bramlay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Richard Bramley, 1527 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Johan Bramley, 1550 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Edwardus Bramley, 1555 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Richard Bramley, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Christ Church, City of London); Jacobus Bramley, 1588 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Thome Bramley, 1589 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Joseph Bramley, 1641 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Brammah

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 62
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brammall

- Current frequencies: GB 237, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 219
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brammam

- GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Bramham**.

### Bramman

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 55
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts and Yorks
- English: see **Bramham**.

### Brammeld

- Current frequencies: GB 106, Ireland 34
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brammer

- Current frequencies: GB 1512, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 715
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brampton

Variants: **Branton**, **Brompton**, **Bronton**, **Brumpton**, **Brunton**

- Current frequencies: GB 408, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 425
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; Warwick and Northants

English: locative name from one or more of the many places called *Brampton* (Northants, Hunts, Herefs, Derbys, Lincs, WR Yorks, Norfolk, Suffolk, Westm, Cumb). There is a distinct early bias towards the E Midlands, E Anglia and Yorks.

Early bearers: Hermer de Branton', 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Michael de Brampton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Brampton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus de Brampton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Thomas de Bramton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); Amucia Brampton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Brampton, 1476 in *Paston Letters*; Francis Brampton, 1562 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk); Alice Brampton, 1566 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Agnes Bramton, 1584 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey).

### Bramson

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

English: see **Branston**.

### Bramston

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: SE England

English: see **Branston**.

### Bramwell

Variants: **Branwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 2168, Ireland 13
- GB frequency 1881: 1682
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Derbys, and WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Bramhall** with hypercorrect substitution of *-well* in the common variants

*Bram(m)all* and *Bram(m)eld*.

Early bearers: Tho. Bramwell, 1593 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Bramwell, 1624, Jenet Bramell, 1637, Elizabeth Bramwell, 1653 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Hugonis Bramwell, 1633 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Alice Bramwell, 1639 in *IGI* (Clayton with Frickley, WR Yorks); Anne Bramwell, 1650 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); George Bramhall, 1660, Margrett Bramwell, 1685 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Bramwell (Somerset), but the evidence is late and the following bearers may belong with other senses.

Early bearers: John Bramwell, 1781 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Thomas Bramwell, 1808 in *IGI* (East Harptree, Somerset).

3 English: locative name, in E Anglia a variant of **Brumell**. Compare Ingelbright Bromell, 1568, John Bramwell, 1594 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

4 English: perhaps a variant of **Bramble**.

### Bran

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 188
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- Norman, English: see **Bran**.

### Branagan

- Current frequencies: GB 302, Ireland 306
- GB frequency 1881: 198
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Down and Louth

Irish: from Ó Branagáin, see **Branigan**.

### Branagh

- Variants: **Brunnock**, **Brannock**, **Brannick**, **Brennick**
- Current frequencies: GB 139, Ireland 103
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish, English: ethnic name from an anglicized form of Irish **Breathnach** (*Breithneach* in Ulster) 'Briton', denoting a Welsh-speaking immigrant to Ireland from the 12th century onwards. See **Breathnach** and compare **Walsh**.

Early bearers: Nicholas mcOliver Brenaghe alias Walshe, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §246 (Keppahoyne, county Kilkenny); Philip Brennagh, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §139 (Ballynoan, Kilkenny); David Brennagh, cottier, 1560–61 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §337 (Cultomer); Philip Roe Brenagh, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §437 (Kilkenny); William alias Walshe fitz John Brenaghe, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §782 (Kilghirell); James (fitz Walter) Brannaghe, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911; Oliver Brannagh, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2527 (Brianestowne, Wexford); John Brehnagh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4107 (Ballyknoyke); Edmund Boy Breinagh, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; Gerrott Brethnagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569.

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### Branaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Branagáin, see **Brannigan**.

### Branam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Irish: see **Branham**.
- Further information:** this form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Branan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks and Lancs; Glamorgan; Durham
- Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Brannan**.

### Branch

- Variants: **Brainch**, **Branche**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2137, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1529
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; also SW England
- English: nickname from Middle English *braunch* 'branch' (Old French *branche*, *braunche*). Compare **Twigg**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Branche, 1169–87 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Branche, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Braunche, 1331 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); John Branch, 1539 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Charles Brainch, 1608 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Branche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- English: see **Branch**.

### Branchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Blanchett**.

### Branchflower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Blanchflower**.

### Brand

- Variants: **Brant**, **Braund**, **Brawn**, **Brands**, **Braun**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5629, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4395
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Middx and Essex; also E Scotland: esp. Angus
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Brand* (Old Scandinavian *Brandr*, *Brand*, from *brandr* 'firebrand, sword-blade'), found also in Normandy.
- Early bearers:** given names: Brand, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (London).
- urnames, England: William Brant, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Ralph Brand, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Rob' fil' Brond', 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Jacobus filius Brand, 1206 in *Assize Rolls*

(Lincs); Hamo Brand, Brant, Braund, 1203–4 in *Pipe Rolls*, *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London), 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Brand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Waltero Brand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardus Brande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingham, WR Yorks); Matill' Brand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan, Lancs); Johannes Brand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Howell, Lincs); Margaret Brand, 1540 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Willimus Brande, 1540, Alicia Brand, 1542 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Agnis Brawne, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Geo. Brawn, 1650 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds).  
urnames, Scotland: Giliane Brand, 1323 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Thomas Brand, burgess, 1512 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonet Brand, 1632 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Barbara Brand, 1634 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Branden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Brandon**.

### Brander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays, Aberdeens, and Banffs

Scottish: occupational name from Scots dialect *brander* 'gridiron' and probably with the sense of 'one who brands'. Black suggested that it may denote 'the man who branded the (fish) barrels' (as exported from Aberdeen) or perhaps a 'gridiron smith'.

**Early bearers:** Elspet Brander, 1613 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Alexander Brander, 1624 in *IGI* (Blackfriars, London); James Brander, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Urquhart, Morays).

### Brandham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Herts and Beds
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Rowland Brandham, 1614 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Humphrey Brandam, 1618 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Richard Brandum, 1628 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); William Brandham, 1711 in *IGI* (Mentmore, Bucks); John Brandam, 1715 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Elizth. Brandum, 1737 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); John Brandham, 1740 in *IGI* (Routh, ER Yorks).

### Brandie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: nickname from Scots dialect *brandie* 'brindled', perhaps referring to a distinctive marking.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Brandey, 1612 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London); Alexander Brandie, 1670 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); James Brandie, 1712 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

### Brandish

- Variants: **Braddish**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *\*braundis*, *\*braundish* 'an act of brandishing, a flourish or wave (especially of a weapon)'. The noun, which derives from the verb *braundis*, *braundish* 'to brandish, flourish, wave about', is not noted before 1601 in *OED*. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Brundish**.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Braundise, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Loughton, Bucks); Editha Braundysch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Johanne Braundys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastbury, Berks); John Brandishe, 1539 in *TNA* (Southwell, Notts); Frizwell Brandish, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); William Brandishe, 1622 in *National Burial Index* (Beccles, Suffolk); John Brandish, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Thoms Brandis, 1635 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); John Brandish, 1745, Brandiss, 1749 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

### Brandom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, and Herts
- English: see **Brandon**.

### Brandon

- Variants: **Brandom**, **Branden**, **Brendon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2823, Ireland 188
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1441
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Bucks, Beds, and Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Kerry
- 1 English: locative name from any of the places named Brandon (Warwicks, Norfolk, Suffolk, Durham), or Brundon (Essex). This surname was known in Ireland early enough to have a gaelicized form *de Breandún* (Woulfe).

**Early bearers:** Beatrix Branden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Simond de Brandene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (location unknown); Thomas Branden, 1497 in *PROB 11*; Alecia Brandon, 1543 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Brandan, 1579 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Rychard Branden, 1613 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Thomas Branden, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Chipping Wycombe, Bucks); Thomas Brandon, 1671 in *IGI* (Aston Clinton, Bucks).

2 Irish: from **Mac Breandáin** 'son of *Breandán*', a rare Kerry surname from the Latinized form of the name of the local saint, Brendan (*Brendanus* from *Bréanainn*).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James Brandon, 1543 in *Fiants Henry §357*; John mcDaniell McBrandon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth §6498* (Kerry); John Brandon, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth §6664* (Kildare).  
3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): adopted perhaps as an anglicized form of some like-sounding Jewish name.  
**Early bearers:** David de Oliveira Brandon, 1699 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Abraham Brandon, shoemaker, in *Census 1851* (Bishopsgate, London); Samuel Brandon, 1867 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); John Brandon, hospital warden, 1874 in *Jewish Directory 1874* (London); Aaron Brandon, cigar sorter, born in London, in *Census 1891* (Aldgate, London); Myers Brandon, cigar maker, born in London, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Brandon, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Brandreth**

Variants: **Brandrith, Brandrett, Brandriff, Brandrick, Brundret, Brundrett, Brundred, Brundrit, Brundritt, Blundred, Burndred**

- Current frequencies: GB 449, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 295
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, and Notts

1 English: locative name from one or other of several minor place-names deriving from a topographical application of Middle English *brand-reth* 'trivet, an iron tripod for supporting cooking-pots above a fire' (Old English *brand-rād, brand-rēd*, influenced by Old Scand *brand-reið*), such as The Brundrit in Baguley and *Le Brynderith* in Hampton Heat (both Cheshire), Brandert in Condover (Shrops), and *Brondrid* in Sherborne (Gloucs).

Early bearers: William Brondret, 1282 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Thomas Brandreth, 1558 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Brundreth, 1567 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Johes Brundred, 1581 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Richd. Brandreth, 1607 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Jhon Brandereth, 1609 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Richard Brandright or Brandred, 1637 in *PROB 11*; John Brandreth, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Weeford, Staffs); Richard Brandreth, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Derby, Derbys); Samuell Brandered, 1675, Grace Branderitt, 1722 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Betty Brundrid, 1747 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Sarah Blundret, 1758 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thos. Blunderith, Mary Blundreth, 1765 in *IGI* (Astley, Lancs); James Blundrid, 1777 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Samuel Blundreth, 1788 in *IGI* (Talke, Staffs); Henry Blundrett, 1802 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Esther Blundereth, 1822 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Blandreth, 1875 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

References: *Vocabulary of English Place-Names at brand-rād*; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 13; 4, p. 35; *Place-Names of Shrops* 2, p. 111; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 205.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Brandred in Acrise (Kent).

Early bearers: [ . . . ] de Brandrede, 1203 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Henr' de Brandrede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Elham, Kent); John de Branderede, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loningborough hundred, Kent); Johannes Brandrede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swingfield, Kent); John Brandred, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Jon. Brandred, 1626 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 430.

**Brandrett**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Brandreth**.

**Brandrick**

- Current frequencies: GB 499, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 183
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: variant of **Brandreth**.

**Brandriff**

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: see **Brandreth**.

**Brandrith**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- English: see **Brandreth**.

**Brands**

Variants: **Brauns**

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Brand** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

Early bearers: John Brands, 1577 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Walter Brands, 1702 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banff).

**Brandt**

- Current frequencies: GB 421, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; Lancs; Durham; Devon

German: locative name from Middle High German *brant* (from *brennen* 'to burn'), denoting someone who lived in an area that had been cleared by fire.

Early bearers: Jacob Brandt, 1679 in *IGI* (London); Emanuel Heinrich Brandt, 1814 in *IGI* (Hornsey, London); Friderica Sophia Brandt, 1843 in *IGI* (Michaelstow, Cornwall); Carl Julius Wilhelm Brandt, 1856 in *IGI* (Durham).

**Brandwood**

- Current frequencies: GB 548, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 381
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Brandwood in Spotland (Lancs) or, less often, Brandwood in Myddle (Shrops) or Brandwood End (Worcs).

Early bearers: William de Brendewod, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Winter Brandwod, 1520, Thomas Brandwoode, 1525, Laurance Brandwode, 1625 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Thomas Brandwood, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, City of London); John Branwood, 1747, Matthew Brandwood, 1784 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Branwood, 1789, William Brandwood, 1796 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**Brane**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Wales: esp. London

English: see **Brain**.

**Branfield**

Variants: **Bransfield, Bramble, Branwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 98
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Gloucs

1 English: locative name from Bramfield (Herts, Suffolk) with dissimilation of *-m-* to *-n-*.

Early bearers: Edward Brandfeyld, 1568, Edward Brandfeild, 1576, Elizabeth Branfield, 1642 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); John Branfield, 1593, John Brantfield, 1655 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, perhaps an altered form of **Bramwell**, with post-medieval substitution of *-field* for *-well*.

Further information: For the interchange of *-field* and *-well* see *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 205.

Early bearers: John Branfield, 1622 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Joseph Brandfield, 1629 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); William Branfeild, 1663 in *IGI* (Broadwas, Worcs); William Branfield, 1783 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset).

**Branford**

Variants: **Bramford, Bransford**

- Current frequencies: GB 387, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 263
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk; W Midlands; Kent; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Bramford (Suffolk), recorded as *Branfort* in *Domesday Book*, or perhaps from Bramford in Dudley (Staffs) or Bransford (Worcs).

Early bearers: Osbert de Braneforda, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Hubert de Branford, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Herbert de Bramford', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Branford, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); John Branford, 1547, Charles Bramford, 1574 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Bransford, 1615 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Branford, 1647, Susanna Brandford, 1665 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Mary Branford, 1698, Thomas Brandford, 1715 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); James Branford, 1724, Susanna Brandford, 1737 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

**Brangan**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin
- Irish: from Ó Branagáin, see **Brannigan**.

**Brangwin**

Variants: **Brangwyn**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 46
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts; Middx

Welsh: locative name from Bryngwyn near Abergavenny (Monmouths), found as *Brengwein* in 1254, *Brangweyne* alias *Bryngweine* in 1313.

Further information: It does not appear, as is sometimes claimed, to be from the Welsh female personal name *Branwen*, *Brangwain*, from *bran* 'raven' and *((g)wen* 'fair', though there are examples of this as a given name, probably deriving from its use in literature; Branwen, daughter of Llyr, is one of the legendary heroines of Wales, and in the Tristan legend Brangwain the Fair was the handmaid and companion of Queen Isolde.

Early bearers: given names: Brangwayna, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

surnames: Adam Brangwyne, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); however, John Brangweyn, 1292 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Abergavenny), pp. 55–6; Robert Brangwayn, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Willelmus Brangwayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Brangwyn, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Chard, Somerset); Robert Brangwine alias Brangwell or Brangwyn, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Chilmark, Wilts).

## Brangwyn

### Brangwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Welsh: see **Brangwin**.

### Branham

Variants: **Brannam**, **Branam**, **Branum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Branann**.

### Braniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 437
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Branduibh ‘descendant of *Brandubh*’, a personal name from *bran* ‘raven’ + *dubh* ‘black’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Philip Branigh, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6433 (the Newton, Wexford); Tho. Braneghe, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6727 (Ballyclemuck, Wexford); James Braniff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Witter, Down).

### Branigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 309
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Monaghan, and Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Branagáin, see **Brannigan**.

### Brankin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 105
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: Henrye Brankyne, 1572 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Gracia Bronkyn, 1589 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Jacob Brankin, 1613 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

Ireland: John Branking, 1769 in *IGI* (Aghalee, Antrim); Thomas Brankin, in *IGI* (Crumlin, Antrim).

Scotland: Patrick Brankin, 1856 in *IGI* (Glasgow); Patrick Brankin, 1863 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

### Branley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Galway

Irish: from Ó Branghaile, see **Brannelly**.

### Brann

Variants: **Bran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Armagh

Norman, English: relationship name from a Brittonic Celtic personal name *Bran*, from *bran* ‘raven’. The name was imported to England from Brittany following the Norman Conquest. It is also

found in Scotland and Ireland but even there it may be Norman rather than Gaelic.

**Early bearers:** England: Philip Bran, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Bran, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicolas Bran, 1562 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Daniel Bran, 1631 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); James Bran, 1736 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).  
Scotland: William Bran, 1629 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Carnwath, Lanarks).

### Brannagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Branagáin, see **Brannigan**.

### Brannam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs and WR Yorks
- Irish: see **Branham**.

### Branann

Variants: **Brannon**, **Brannen**, **Branon**, **Branan**, **Brannin**, **Branham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2969, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2024
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Meath; Sligo

Irish: alternative form of **Brennan**.

### Brannelly

Variants: **Branley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Branghaile, from a personal name based on *bran* ‘raven’ + *gal* ‘valour’.  
**Early bearers:** Diermot O’Branyll, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5606 (Toneley).

### Brannen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs

Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Branann**.

### Branney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: John Branie, 1580 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs); Arthur Branie, 1637 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Mary Braney, 1813 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

Scotland: John Braynie, 1687 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); William Brany, 1715 in *IGI* (Turriff, Aberdeens); James Branney, 1817 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Edward Braney, 1860 in *IGI* (Portpatrick, Wigtowns); Thomas Branney, 1862 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

IoM: Patrick Branney, 1812 in *IGI* (Braddan); Wm Branney, 1833 in *IGI* (Malew); John Branney, 1871 in *IGI* (Douglas).

### Brannick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Kilkenny
- Irish, English: from *Breathnach* ‘Briton’, see **Branagh**.

### Brannigan

Variants: **Branigan**, **Branagan**, **Brannagan**, **Branaghan**, **Branan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1557, Ireland 1282
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Armagh

Irish: from Ó Branagáin ‘descendant of *Branagán*’, a personal name from a double diminutive of *bran* ‘raven’. Compare **Brennan**, **Byrne**.

**Early bearers:** Donaghe O’Brannagan, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; Mortagh Moyle O’Branagan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714.

### Brannin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Branann**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### Brannock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Irish, English: from *Breathnach* ‘Briton’, see **Branagh**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 833
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Branann**.

### Branon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Durham
- Irish: from Mac Branáin, see **Branann**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bransby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Bransby (Lincs) or Bransby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Brandesby, potter, 1283 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); Walter de Brandesby, 1296 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); William Braunceby, 1369 in *London Letter Books G*; Willelmus de Brandesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); William Brandesby, 1410 in *York Guild Register*; Frauncis Bransby, 1590 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Johan Bransby, 1592 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs).

**Branscomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks
- English: see **Branscombe**.

**Branscombe**

Variants: **Branscomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Branscombe parish (Devon) near Colyton, and probably not Branscombe in Dawlish, which may earlier be *Brumston*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Brankyscumb, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Brankyscomb', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Devon); William Branscom, 1555 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Peter Branscombe, 1572 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); John Branscomb, 1587 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 494, 620.

**Bransfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford

English, Scottish: (i) locative name, variant of **Branfield** with an intrusive *-s-*. (ii) locative name perhaps from Bransfield, Darvel (Ayr), unless that place is named from the surname. Compare James Branfeild, 1640 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** John Bransfield, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Ann Bransfield, 1788 in *IGI* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Thomae Brandsfield, 1833 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

**Bransford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Branford**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bransgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name, see **Bromsgrove**.

**Bransom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Hunts, and Bucks
- English: see **Branston**.

**Branson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1273, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1072
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Leics

English: see **Branston**.

**Branston**

Variants: **Branson**, **Bramson**, **Bransom**, **Bramston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics
- English: locative name from Branston (Leics, Lincs, Staffs) or Braunston (Leics, Northants), or, occasionally, from Brandeston (Suffolk), Brandiston (Norfolk). See also **Brimson**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Branteston', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Haim de Branzton', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Helte de Brandeston', 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard de Braunteston', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Braunston, William Branston, Adam Branson, Roger Bramston, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Branstone, 1591 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); William Branston, 1621, John Braunston, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs); Henry Branstone, 1718, Henry Branston, 1723 in *IGI* (Woodhouse, Leics).

**Brant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2143, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Lincs; Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Brand**.

**Branthwaite**

Variants: **Branwhite**, **Brumfitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Branthwaite (Cumb). **Early bearers:** Alan de Braunthwait, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Simon Branthwite, 1523 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Thomas Brownthwait, 1539 in *Thoresby Society* (Austhorpe, WR Yorks); William Bramfett alias Branthwayte, 1582 in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isabell Branthwait, 1608 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Bramfett, 1622 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Anthony Branthwait, 1626 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); Anna Branfoot, 1672, Margaretta Bramfoot, 1686 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Richard Brunthwait, 1673 in *WR Yorks Surnames* (WR Yorks); Hesthter Bramfet, 1689, Abrahamas Bramfit, 1721 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Tho. Brunthwait, 1705, Thomas Bromfit, 1734 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Tho. Brumfit, 1724 in *IGI* (Weston, WR Yorks); Mary Branwhite, 1730 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Esther Brownfoot, 1751 in *IGI* (Hunslet, WR Yorks); Benjamin Brownfoot, 1751 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Wm. Bramthwaite, 1806 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Brantingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Brantingham (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brentingeham', 1167, Henrico de Breting'ham, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto Brantyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walkington, ER Yorks); Johannes Brantyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Johannes Brantyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Brantingham, 1561 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Katherine Brantingham, 1569 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Elena Brantingam, 1582 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Agnes Brantingam, 1586 in *IGI*

(Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Nathaniell Brantingame, 1611 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 221.

**Brantom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Sussex
- English: see **Branton**.

**Branton**

Variants: **Braunton**, **Brantom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 529
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Devon

1 English: locative name from Branton (WR Yorks) or Braunton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Branton', 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Johannes Branton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Ric Branton, 1539 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Joanis Branton, 1553 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Rachell Braunton, 1627 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall).

2 English: variant of **Brampton**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Branum**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Branham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Branwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Bramwell**. The name may have been confused with **Bramble**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Branwel, 1611 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Robert Branell, 1646 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); William Branwell, 1686 in *IGI* (Perranarworthal, Cornwall); James Branwell, 1667 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Branfield**, with post-medieval substitution of *-well* for *-field*. Compare **Bramwell**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Branwell, 1567 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk).

**Branwhite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Branthwaite**.

**Branyan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- Scottish, English: possibly derived from the Scottish surname Branzean or Branzane (see *Black*).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Amelia Branyan, 1801 in *Parish Registers* (Althorpe, Lincs); Elisabeth Branyon, 1816 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr).

**Brar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 815, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Indian (Panjab): nickname, Sikh, based on the name of a tribe in the Jat community.
- 2 English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** George Brar, born in Devon, in *Census 1841* (Devon); Peter Brar, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Yorks); James Brar, born in Scotland, in *Census 1891* (London); Stephen Brar, born in Norfolk, in *Census 1841* (Norfolk).

**Brash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 528
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Scottish: nickname probably from northern English dialect *brasche* ‘rash, impetuous’ (associated with *brasche* ‘assault, attack’, a word of imitative origin), used for an impetuous person.
- Early bearers:** John Brash, stabler, 1622 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adam Brashe, 1664 in *Hamilton Testaments* (Campsie, Stirlings); Walter Brash, 1719 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Hugh Brash, 1764 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian).

**Brashaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- English: see **Brayshaw**.

**Brasher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Berks
- 1 English: see **Brazier**.
- 2 Norman, English: see **Brasseur**.

**Brasier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey; also Beds; Shrops
- English: see **Brazier**.

**Brasington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Gloucs and Wilts; Staffs
- English: see **Brassington**.

**Brass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 565
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Durham
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Birse (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** William Bres, 1425 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); Robert Bras, 1548 in *Midlothian Charters* (Leith, Midlothian); Alexr. Brass, 1665 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).
- 2 English: see **Brace**.

**Brassett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Bucks
- English: nickname from Middle English *bras* ‘brass’ (Old English *bræs*, used as a type of hardness, insensibility) + *hed*, *heved* ‘head’ (Old English *hēafod*). Compare *brassehead* *bul*, 1613 in *OED*. Compare Roger Brasenhed, 1434 in *Norwich Freeman*. **Early bearers:** Richard Brassehevede, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Christofer Brassett, 1588 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Richard Brassett, 1627 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); James Brasset, 1645 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks).

**Brasseur**

- Variants:** **Brasher, Braisher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *braceour*, *brasseour* ‘brewer’.
- Early bearers:** Azo le Brascur, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard le Brazur, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph Bracur’, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); German le Brassur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Brasseur, 1577 in *PROB 11* (City of London).

**Brassey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Flints; York
- Norman, English: see **Bracey**.

**Brassil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare
- Irish: from Ó Breasail, see **Brazil**.

**Brassington**

- Variants:** **Brasington, Brazington, Bressington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1680, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Brassington (Derbys). **Early bearers:** William de Brassyngton, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Robert de Brassyntone, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Isabella de Brasynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Edward Brasynton’, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Richard Brassington, 1564 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Roger Brasyngton, 1577 in *IGI* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); John Brassington, 1604 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Brazington, 1680 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts); Samuel Brazington, 1791 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Brasted**

- Variants:** **Braisted**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Sussex
- English: locative name from Great and Little Braxted (Essex), which is recorded as *Braksted* in 1303, *Braysted* in 1304.

**Further information:** An alternative possible source is Brasted in Kent, but there is no medieval evidence of a surname derived from this place.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bracstede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Panfield, Essex); Johannes Bracstede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tollesbury, Essex); Willm Brasted, 1565 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Mary Brastead, 1730 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Brasted, 1779 in *IGI* (Borley, Essex); Robert Braisted, 1820 in *IGI* (Brightlingsea, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 283–4.

**Brastock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Bradstock**.

**Braswell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Bracewell**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bratby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: locative name from Bretby (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Willelmus de Bretteby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bierley, WR Yorks); David Bretby, 1741 in *IGI* (Blore, Staffs); Robert Bratby, 1742 in *IGI* (Long Eaton, Derbys).

**Bratchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Richard Bratchel, 1818 in *IGI* (Etchilhampton, Wilts); John Bratchell, 1835 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

**Bratcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Bracher**.

**Bratchie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bradshaw**.

**Bratherton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Bretherton**.

**Brathwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Braithwaite**.
- Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados, and in Trinidad and Tobago.



**Bratley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Bradley**.

**Bratt****Variants:** Brad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1145, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1038
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *brat* 'cloak of coarse cloth' (Old English *bratt*), possibly denoting a maker or habitual wearer of such garments. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Brett**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bratt, 1541 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); George Bratt, 1562, Nicholas Brat, 1570 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); John Bratt, 1574 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ellin Bratt, 1579 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Thomas Brat, 1692 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks).

**Brattan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Dunbartons
- Scottish: see **Bratton**.

**Bratten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs; Kent; also Lanarks
- English: see **Bratton**.

**Brattin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish: see **Bratton**.

**Brattle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: locative name from Brattle, near Ashford (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John Bratell', 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); Jhon Brattle, 1572 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Richard Brattell, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

**Bratton****Variants:** Brattan, Bratten, Brattin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Kent; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: locative name from any of numerous places called Bratton, such as those in Shrops, Somerset, Devon, Wilts.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Bratton', 1195, de Braton', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas de Braton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Wyllm Brattan, 1561 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Andrw Braton, 1565 in *IGI* (Immingham, Lincs); Willm. Bratten, 1585 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); John Bratton, 1600

in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Francis Brattin, 1609 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs).

Scotland: Walter Bratoun, 1558 in *Laing Charters* (Glenbervie, Kincardines); Andro Brattoun, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Kirkbean, Dumfriess); William Bratton, 1744 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

**Brauders**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Bruadair (see **Brouder**), with excrescent English -s.

**Braughton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Broughton**.

**Braun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- 1 German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *brün* 'brown', referring to the colour of complexion, hair, eyes, or clothing. (ii) relationship name from the personal name *Bruno*, borne, for example, by the dukes of Saxony from the 10th century and by Saint Bruno (1030–1101), founder of the Carthusian order, who was born in Cologne.

**Early bearers:** Conrad Braun, warehouseman, born in Hessen, Germany, in *Census 1851* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Herman Braun, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Carl Braun, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Anton Braun, musician (professor), born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Franz Braun, cabinetmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Heinrich Braun, footman, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Amesbury, Wilts); Hermann Braun, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Romford, Essex).

3 English: perhaps occasionally, like *Brawn*, a variant of **Brand**.

**Early bearers:** Margret Braun, 1621 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); William Braun, 1695 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *braun* 'brown', acquired either as a nickname or handout surname.

**Early bearers:** Isidor Braun, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Mindel Braun, born in Kimberley Cape (diamond fields), in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Rachel Braun, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Isaac and Rebeka Braun, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Braun, tailor, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Braund**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 621
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, also Cornwall
- English: see **Brand**.

**Brauns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- See **Brands**.

**Braunton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Branton**.

**Bravender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: ethnic name for someone from Brabant (Flanders); compare **Brabin**, **Brabazon**.
- Early bearers:** Jane Bravender, 1657 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Bravender, 1742 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland); Thomas Bravinder, 1773 in *IGI* (Market Overton, Rutland); Francis Bravender, 1809 in *IGI* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks).

**Bravery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- English: possibly a variant of **Bradbury** via the variant *Brabury*, though the first, and isolated, record is older than that of *Brabury*.
- Early bearers:** Robert Bravery, 1641 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Bravery, 1746 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Henry Bravery, 1767 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); Daniel Bravery, 1786 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent).

**Bravington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, or perhaps an unexpected and unparalleled development of *Braughing* (Herts).

**Early bearers:** William Bravington, 1684 in *IGI* (E Horndon, Essex); Mary Braventon, 1761 in *IGI* (Abington, Berks); John Bravington, 1772 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); William George Breavington, 1822 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

**Bravo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from *bravo* 'fierce, violent, or courageous' (from Latin *barbarus* 'barbarian, ruffian').

**Brawley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Tyrone; Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Brólaigh, see **Brolly**.

2 English: see **Bradley**.

**Brawn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 851, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- English: see **Brand**.

**Braxton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94

## Bray

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks
- English: see **Brackstone**.

## Bray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12099, Ireland 458
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9993
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cornwall and Devon; WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Meath; Limerick and Tipperary
- 1 English: locative name from High Bray (Devon) or Bray (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Alnod de Braio, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Devon); Richard de Brai, 1135 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralph de Bray, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Daniel de Bray, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Willelmus Breye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kintbury-Amesbury, Berks); Johannes Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Henricus Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset); Willelmo Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Alicia Breye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade, Wilts); Adam Breye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Henwick, Berks); Johanne Bray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Gloucs); Agn' Breye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Willelmus Breye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Priestweston, Shrops); Ales Brey, 1540, William Bray, 1562 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); John Bray, 1541 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Reignold Braye, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Elinor Bray, 1561 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name perhaps from northern Middle English *bra* 'steep (river) bank', 'brow of a hill'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Braie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Thomas Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Bray, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Bray, 1555 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *bro*.

3 Norman, English: locative name from one of several places in Normandy or Picardy called Bray (Eure, Calvados, Aisne, Somme). Keats-Rohan records Luvel *de Brai*, king's tenant in Waterperry (Bucks), 1131 in *Pipe Roll 31Hen1*. It is unknown if the name survived into the modern period. The following bearers may have a different origin or some of the bearers in (5) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Bonaverter Braye, 1579 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 343–4.

4 English: see **Braye**.

5 English: unexplained. The definite article in the following medieval examples implies a Middle English noun or adjective but a suitable word is not on record. Possibly it is a clerk's substitution for the preposition *de*, a not uncommon practice, in which case see (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Bray, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Hugh le Brey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William le Brey, about 1304 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); John le Bray, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henry le Bray, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Ricardo Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwell, Leics); Johannes Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Thomas Bray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Walterus Bray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helions Bumpstead hamlet, Essex);

Richard Braye, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mathew Bray, 1539 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Rebecca Bray, 1551 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Richardus Bray, 1596 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Bray, 1627 in *IGI* (Sharnford, Leics); Joshua Bray, 1637 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs).

6 Irish: relationship name from Ó Breaghda, denoting a descendant of a native of Bregia, a territory in Meath. **Early bearers:** Edmund Bray, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §166 (Clonmel, Tipperary); Edmund Bray, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3281 (Clonmel, Tipperary); Daniel (McTeig) Bray, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495.

## Braybon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Brabin** and compare **Braban**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Braybon, 1725, Arthur Braybon, 1847 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

## Braybrook

**Variants:** **Braybrooke**, **Brabrook**, **Braybrooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and E Midlands

English: locative name from Braybrooke (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Braibroc, 1199–1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Henry de Brabroc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William de Braibroc, 1315 in *London Letter Books E*; William Braybrok, 1432–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rici. Braybrook, 1644 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

## Braybrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Northants and Beds

English: see **Braybrook**.

## Braybrooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Braybrook** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Braye

**Variants:** **Bray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from a Middle English female personal name *Braye*. Its origin is unknown but it might derive from Breton *bregh* 'fine, brave'. **Early bearers:** given names: Braya, daughter of William a Istone (of Ecclesden?) of West Angmering, 1316, in *Ancient Deeds* (Sussex).

sumames: Peter Braya of Ist (East?) Angmerynge, 1324 in *Ancient Deeds* (Sussex); Johannes Bray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); William Braye, 1540 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Richard Bray, 1559 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

## Brayer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *brai* 'pestle' (Old French *breie*, *broie*), for someone who made, sold, or used pestles. **Early bearers:** William Braier', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Godfrey le Brayer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter le Broyer, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Broyer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Brayer, 1658 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Brayfield

**Variants:** **Brafield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Surrey

English: locative name from Brafield on the Green (Northants) or Cold Brayfield (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Leofric de Bragefeld, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Walkelin de Braifeld', 1206 in *Charter Rolls*; Thomas Brayfield or Brayfyld, 1473 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Simon Brayfield, 1493 in *PROB 11* (All Saints, Northants); William Brayfield, 1637 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

## Brayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Brayford in Lincoln (Lincs) or Brayford in High Bray (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Brayford, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Brayford, 1578 in *IGI* (Tewksbury, Gloucs); Phillip Breyford, 1627, Elias Brayford, 1630 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Willm Brayford, 1633 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Saml. Brayford, 1766 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

## Brayham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Braham**.

## Brayley

**Variants:** **Brailey**, **Braley**, **Brealey**, **Brealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan

English: locative name from Brayley Barton in East Buckland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Brailega, 1166 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Walter de Braly, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Brailegh, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Broadwood Widger, Devon); Richard de Braylegh, dean, in *Exeter Cathedral Fabric Accounts* (Exeter, Devon); Johane Brailey, 1603 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Catren Braily or Braylye alias Widlake, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Daniell Brealey, 1627 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Anne Brayley, 1629, Edward Breley, 1719 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); William Brayley alias Widlake, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Georgeham, Devon); William Faulkner Brealy, 1772 in *IGI* (Hartshorne, Derbys); Edward Bralee, 1805 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 34; *Exeter Cathedral Fabric Accounts* 2, p. 259.

## Brayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 305
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops
- English: see **Brain**.

### Brayshaw

Variants: **Brashaw, Brayshay**

- Current frequencies: GB 1166, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 1089
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: variant of **Bradshaw**, reflecting the local Yorkshire pronunciation.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Brawshawe, 1571, Henry Brashay, Brayshawe, Brayshay, 1602–17 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Brayshay

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 63
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs; also Westm

English: see **Brayshaw**.

### Brayson

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham; also Bute

English: relationship name from the personal name **Braye** + *son*.

Early bearers: George Brayson, 1679, Brayson, 1681 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); John Brayson, 1724 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); James Breyson, 1762 in *IGI* (Embleton, Northumb); William Brayson, 1796, William Brason, 1796 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Brayton

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb

English: locative name from Brayton (Cumb, WR Yorks).

Early bearers: Elias de Braiton', 1205–14 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Martin de Brayton', 1308 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Nicholas de Brayton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brayton, WR Yorks); Willms Brayton, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Brazel

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 25
- GB frequency 1881: 103
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan and Carmarthens
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Waterford

Irish: from Ó Breasail, see **Brazil**.

### Brazil

- Current frequencies: GB 219, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Oxon, Bucks, and Middx; Glamorgan

1 Irish: from Ó Breasail, see **Brazil**.

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Brasswell in Wychwood (Oxon), or some similar as yet unidentified source.

### Brazendale

- Current frequencies: GB 269, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 213
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place.

Early bearers: Martha Brazendale, 1769 in *IGI* (Daresbury, Cheshire); James Brazendale, 1792 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Brazewell

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Bracewell**.

### Braziel

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Irish: from Ó Breasail, see **Brazil**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is more numerous in the USA.

### Brazier

Variants: **Brasier, Brasher, Braisher, Braizer**

- Current frequencies: GB 4351, Ireland 99
- GB frequency 1881: 2723
- Main GB location 1881: W Midlands and SE England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *brasier*, an agent derivative of Old English *brasian* 'to braze, make of brass', for a worker in copper, bronze, or brass.

Further information: Compare Thomas le Brasgetere ('brass founder'), 1333 in *Fransson* (Somerset).

Early bearers: William Brasier', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Nigellus Brasier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus Brasyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); John Brazier, 1554 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); John Brazier, 1582 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Anne Brazier, 1726, Sarah Brashier, 1743, Samuel Brasher, 1752 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Hannah Brazier, 1752, Elizabeth Brazer, 1770 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).

### Brazil

Variants: **Brazel, Brazell, Brazzell, Braziel, Brassil, Brizell**

- Current frequencies: GB 1023, Ireland 627
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Waterford and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Breasail 'descendant of *Breasail*', a byname meaning 'strife'.

Early bearers: Ellena Brassil, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §552 (Waterford); William Brasill, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Brian O'Brassell, kern, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719; John O Brasill, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Cooldeef); Donell O'Breasill, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.

### Brazington

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English: see **Brassington**.

### Brazzell

- GB frequency 1881: 1

Irish: from Ó Breasail, see **Brazil**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is common in the USA.

### Breach

Variants: **Brech, Brach**

- Current frequencies: GB 704, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 595
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *breche* 'land broken up for cultivation' (Old English *brēc*). The surname may be for someone who lived near a piece of newly cultivated land, or from a place so named, such as Breach in Maulden and Brache in Luton (Beds).

Early bearers: Peter de la Breche, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Peter de la Brach, 1248–52 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Surrey); Philip atte Breche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rose atte Brache, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Robertus atte Breche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Thomas Breache, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Middlesex).

### Breacher

- Current frequencies: GB 48, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Beds

English: see **Bracher**.

### Bread

- GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Braid**.

### Breading

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Essex; Cheshire
- 1 English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Robert Breading, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Breading, 1675 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thom. Breading, 1692 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Breading, 1776 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 Irish: variant of **Bredin**.

### Breadmore

Variants: **Bradmore, Broadmore**

- Current frequencies: GB 173, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 140
- Main GB location 1881: Berks, Surrey, Hants, and Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'broad, wide' (Old English *brād*) + *mere* 'mere, lake, pool' (Old English *mere*) or *mor* 'moor, wasteland, marsh' (Old English *mōr*). The name may be topographic, for one who lived by a large lake or moor, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Bradmore (Notts), a lost *Bradmore* in Honington (Warwicks), Bradmore in Penn (Staffs), or Broadmoor in Wotton (Surrey).

Early bearers: Aluredus de Brademor, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Ælfgar de Brademere, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ellis de Brademer, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Bunny, Notts); John de Bradmer, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Wolferton),

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Norfolk); John Brademor, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Willelmo de Bradmor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); John de Bradmere, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Upper Broughton, Notts); John Brademore, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Adam Brademor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Nicholas Bradmoor, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; John Bradmor, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Gravesend, Kent); Nicholas Bradmore, 1417 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, City of London); John Brodmore, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Landulph, Cornwall); Thomas Brodmore, 1555 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); William Brodmore, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Brodmore, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Nempnett, Somerset); Francis Brodmore, 1764 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Richard Brodmore, 1747 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

References: *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 281; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 143; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 281.

## Breadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Breedon**.

## Bready

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Fife; Cumb; WR Yorks and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish, Scottish: from Mac Brádaigh or Ó Brádaigh, see **Brady**.

## Breakell

Variants: **Brakewell, Breakwell, Breckell, Brickel, Brickell, Brickhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 262
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Brickell**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *breken* ‘to break’ + *all* ‘all, everything’. Some of the post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (1).

**Further information:** Compare the equally destructive Matilda Brecauldoun, 1380 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham), i. e. ‘break all down’.

**Early bearers:** Adam Brekeale, 1380 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lancs); Robertus Brekeale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Meols, Lancs); Christopher Brickell, 1597, Marie Brickhill, 1624 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Agnes Breckell, 1599 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Thome Brickhill, 1712 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Mary Brickhill, 1724 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Henry Breckwell, 1731 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Breakwell, 1791 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Bridgett Brackell, 1818, Robert Breakell, 1823 in *IGI* (Freckleton, Lancs); Thomas Brakewell, 1827 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb);

References: *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 63.

## Breakey

Variants: **Brackey, Brackie, Brack, Breck, Brockie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: unexplained, possibly a lengthened form of

**Brack, Breck, Brick**.

**Further information:** This name is fairly frequent in Ireland, notably in Monaghan and adjacent areas, where it has been recorded since the 17th century. **Early bearers:** Isiah Breakey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan); James Breakey 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Thomas Breakey, 1867 in *IGI* (Monaghan, Monaghan).

## Breaks

Variants: **Brakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Westm

English: locative name from Breaks Hall in Ormside (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo del Brekys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Musgrave, Westm); Anne Breakes, 1603 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Isabell Brakes, 1608 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Issabell Breakes, 1616 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Maythew Breaks, 1618 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); William Breaks, 1670 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Richard Breaks, 1677 in *IGI* (Great Musgrave, Westm).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Breakspear

Variants: **Brakspear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks

English: nickname from Middle English *breken* ‘to break’ + *sper* ‘spear’, probably used for a successful contender in tournament or battle. Compare Stephen Bruselaunce, 1308 in *Ramsay Abbey Court Rolls* (Suffolk); Martin Briselaunce, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Richard Brekeswerd (‘break sword’), 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

**Further information:** Nicholas Breakspear (*about* 1100–1159), the only Englishman to become pope (as Adrian IV, 1154–59), was born in Langley, near Saint Albans, and spent much of his early life in monasteries in France. His father is said to have been a poor peasant who later became a monk.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Brekespere, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey Brekespere, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Brekaspere, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Willelmus Brekespere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Wm. Breakspeare, 1668 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); William Breakspear, 1703, William Breakspeare, 1742 in *IGI* (Oddington, Gloucs); James Brakspear, 1781 in *IGI* (Churchill, Oxon).

## Breakwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Brickell**.
- 2 English: variant of **Breakell**.

## Brealey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys; Devon

English: see **Brayley**.

## Brealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Brayley**.

## Bream

Variants: **Breame, Breem, Brimm, Brim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Northants and Leics; WR Yorks; Surrey

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *brem(e)*, *brim(me)* ‘vigorous, fierce’, earlier ‘famous, noble’. (ii) relationship name from a Middle English form of the Old English personal name *Brēme*, of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Breme, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).

surnames: Hugo Brem, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Symon Brim, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Agatha Breme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Brymme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); George Breame, 1571 in *PROB 11* (London); Jno. Bream, 1656 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Braham**.

## Breame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Bream**.

## Brean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: locative name from Brean (Somerset), recorded as *Brien* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Brean, 1668 in *IGI* (Wrington, Somerset).

2 Irish: see **Breen**.

3 English: see **Brain**.

## Breare

Variants: **Breare, Briar, Brier, Bryar, Bryer, Breer, Brears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English (*atte*) *bre(i)r* ‘(at the) prickly or thorny plant’, for someone who lived by such plants, such as brier (the dog rose) or bramble. Compare **Briers**. (ii) nickname from the word in (i), perhaps alluding to a sharp-tongued person. This seems to be implied by the Middle English surname *Le Brer*, but this could be short for *atte brer* ‘at the brier’, with scribal substitution of French *le* for English *the*.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Brer, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard le Brer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John atte Brere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Collingham, Notts); William Brere, 1346 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Thomas Brer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Menston, WR Yorks); Johis. Breare, 1560 in *IGI* (Lubham, Leics); Richardi Brear, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York).

2 English: reduced form of **Brearey**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Jonathon and Sarah

Breary or Breare, 1691–1704 in *Parish Registers* (Silsden, Kildwick, WR Yorks), and Miles Brearah or Brear, 1757–62 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Breare

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 74
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Brear**.

### Brearey

Variants: **Breary**, **Brear**

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 91
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Breary (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Brerehaga, 13th cent. in *Kirkstall Coucher Book*; William Brerehay, 1443 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Richard Brerey, 1534 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Brearily

- Current frequencies: GB 1856, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 1870
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Brierley**.

### Brearily

- GB frequency 1881: 149
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Brierley**.

### Brears

Variants: **Briers**

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 201
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

1 English: probably a variant of **Brear** with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Henrye Breares, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name, possibly sometimes an original plural form of Middle English *brer* 'brier, bramble', a variant of **Briers**.

### Brearton

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; WR Yorks

English: see **Brereton**.

### Breary

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 119
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Surrey; also Beds

English: see **Brearey**.

### Breathnach

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Breathnach** 'Briton', i. e. a Welsh-speaking immigrant to Ireland. This is the usual Irish-language spelling of the name; compare the anglicized form **Branagh** and the English-language version **Walsh**.

### Breathwaite

- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Worcs

English: see **Braithwaite**.

### Brebner

- Current frequencies: GB 369, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 375
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Bremner**.

### Brech

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

1 English: see **Breach**.

2 German: see **Brach**.

### Brecher

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 English: see **Bracher**.

2 German: occupational name, nickname from an agent derivative of German *brechen* 'to break', perhaps denoting someone who broke and hackled hemp or flax, or possibly a lawbreaker.

**Early bearers:** Wilhelmina Brecher, governess, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Stourbridge, Worcs); Joseph Brecher, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Brechin

- Current frequencies: GB 379, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 268
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks, W Lothian, and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from the cathedral city of Brechin (Angus).

**Further information:** Many of the individuals to bear the surname 'of Brechin' were members of the cathedral establishment there and did not necessarily hold the name hereditarily. The 'Brechin' surname was also held in the 13th century by the descendants of Henry of Brechin, illegitimate son of Earl David of Huntingdon, younger brother of Kings Malcolm and William of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Ysaac de Brechyn, bishop's clerk, 1191–8 in *Arbroath Register*; Henry de Brechin, 1227 in *Arbroath Register* (Dundee, Angus); William de Breyhyn, 1234 in *Inchaffray Register*; Hugh de Breychin, 1245–7 in *Kelso Register*; Cuthbert de Brechine, cathedral dean, 1410 in *Brechin Register*; John Brechine, 1471 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin); John Brechyne, burgess, 1529 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen).

### Breck

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Midlothian

1 Scottish Gaelic, English: nickname from Gaelic *breac* 'speckled'. Compare Irish **Brick**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Brek, 1185 in *Kelso Register* (Mow, Roxburghs); Gilbert Brek, 1506 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Gilbert Breck, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Breck, 1677 in *IGI* (Roithemay, Banffs).

2 Irish: see **Breakey**.

3 English: metathesized variant of *Berk*, see **Birks** and compare **Berks** and **Brick**.

**Early bearers:** Thom. Breck, 1583 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Breck, 1604 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Mary Breck, 1816 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Breckell

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

1 Norman, English: see **Brickell**.

2 English: variant of **Breakell** or **Brickwell**.

### Brecken

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

English: see **Breckon**.

### Breckenridge

- Current frequencies: GB 372, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 299
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Lanarks

Scottish: see **Brackenridge**.

### Breckinridge

- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights, Lanarks, and Ayr; Lancs; Staffs

Scottish: see **Brackenridge**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brecknell

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 134
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks, Worcs, and Oxon

English: see **Bracknell**.

### Breckon

Variants: **Brecken**

- Current frequencies: GB 537, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 270
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks

English: locative name possibly from Breckon Howe in Goathland (NR Yorks), or, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, from Bracken in Kilnwick (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Bartle Breckan, 1583 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Breckin, 1614, John Brecken, 1617, Jane Breckon, 1618 in *IGI* (York); Raph Breckon, 1629 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); James Breckon, 1648 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Margaret Breckon, 1681 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Francis Brecken, 1773 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks).

### Bredbury

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 126
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Bredbury (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bredbury, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Worsley, Lancs); Robertus Bredbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Elizabeth Bredbury, 1584 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Henry Bredbury, 1607 in *PROB 11* (London); Charls Bredbery, 1694 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire).

## Breddy

### Breddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Broady**.

### Brede

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Breed**.

### Breden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Breedon**.

### Bredin

#### Variants: Breeding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 184
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Surrey; also Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Fermanagh; Derry

Irish: from Mac Giolla Bhríde, name of a family related to Mac Giolla Bhríghde ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Brigit’, where *Bridin* is a diminutive of the saint’s name. See **McBride**.

**Further information:** In the 17th century *McBriddan* was the name of a church family in north Down.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bredin or Evans, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michaels, Herts); William Bredin, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Carham, Northumb); George Breadin, 1733 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Bredon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Breedon**.

### Bree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Northants; Cornwall; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 Cornish, Breton: locative name from Cornish *\*bre* or Breton *bre* ‘hill’ (Brittonic *\*brigā*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by a hill, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Brea in Illogan (Cornwall). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Bree, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); James Bree, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Richard Bree, 1607 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Bree, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Cottingham, Northants).

2 Irish: from Ó Breaghaigh ‘descendant of *Breagha*’, a byname meaning ‘hill dweller’, from *bri* ‘hill, height’, genitive *breagh*.

### Breece

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Denbighs
- English: see **Breeze**.

### Breed

#### Variants: Brede, Breeds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) broad place’, typically a cultivated strip of land in an area of common land, from Middle English *brede* (Old English *brædu* ‘breadth’), or from Brede (Sussex), named from the same word with the sense ‘broad valley’.

**Early bearers:** Brian de Brede, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John de Brede, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elena atte Brede, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Marjery Brede, 1352 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Roger Brede 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Whitstable, Kent); Agnes Breed, 1587, Thomas Bread, 1692 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Adam Breed, 1798 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds).

### Breedon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Leics; Surrey; IoM

English: see **Breedon**.

### Breedon

#### Variants: Breeden, Breadon, Bredon, Breden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Breedon on the Hill (Leics) or Bredon (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Ysolt de Bredon’, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Richard de Bredon, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Robert de Bredone, 1345 in *London Letter Books F*; Roberto de Bredon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worthington, Leics); Andrew Bredon, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Southeast, Sussex); Willim. Breedon, 1625 in *IGI* (Shelton, Notts); Thomas Breedon, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Chesham, Bucks).

### Breeds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name probably a post-medieval variant of **Breed** with excrement -s, although a plural form denoting ‘dweller by the broad strips of land’ is also suggested by the 1296 example, if it is reliable.

**Early bearers:** William de Bredes (beside John de Brede), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Breydes, 1586, Elizab. Bread, 1588, Joan Breads, 1595, Rich. Breeds, 1788 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Nicholas Breade, 1598, Thomas Breeds, 1625 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Bream

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Monmouths

English: see **Bream**.

### Breen

#### Variants: Bruen, Brean, Breene, McBreen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4088, Ireland 5086

- **GB frequency 1881:** 843
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Kerry

1 Irish: from Ó Braoin ‘descendant of *Braon*’, a byname meaning ‘moisture, drop’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William (alias William Boy) Brene, kern, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2679 (Surdewalleston); Donogh mc Dermot Meriagh I Brean, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.

England: Rogerus Brene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Richard Breene, 1593 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Garret Breene, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Edward Breen, 1663 in *IGI* (Rustington, Sussex).

2 Irish: see **McBreen**.

### Breene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Ayr

Irish: see **Breen**.

### Breer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: see **Brier**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

2 English: see **Brear**.

### Breerton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Brereton**.

### Brees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Montgomerys and Merioneth

English: see **Breeze**.

### Breese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 801
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; also Norfolk

English: see **Breeze**.

### Breeze

#### Variants: Breese, Breece, Brees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3060, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1842
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; also Norfolk; Montgomerys; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: nickname from Middle English *brese* ‘gadfly’ (Old English *brēosa*), perhaps given to an irritating person.

**Further information:** The name migrated from Shrops into Montgomerys. Some dictionaries derive it from Welsh *ab Rhys*, but this is phonetically improbable, as *ab* would develop to *ap* before the voiceless *r* of *Rhys*, hence **Preece**.

**Early bearers:** England: Rob’ Brese, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Roger Brese, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Brese, 1275 in *Wakefield Court*

*Rolls* (WR Yorks); Rog's Brese, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Woodborough, Notts); Robertus Brese, 1402–3 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Thomas Breese, 1576 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Mathusula Breese, 1590 in *IGI* (Hackford with Reepham, Norfolk); Jhon Breecce, 1600 in *IGI* (Rempstone, Notts); Edward Brease, 1608, Richard Brees, 1774 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Breecce, 1621 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Jn. Breese, 1628, James Breeze, 1747 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edmund Breese, 1654 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); Samuel Brees, 1697, Samuel Breeze, 1823 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ann Breese, 1749, Joseph Breeze, 1824 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); John Breecce, 1757, Elizabeth Breeze, 1808 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Mary Breese, 1773, Edward Breeze, 1833 in *IGI* (Saint Peter, Liverpool, Lancs); Sarah Breaze, 1777 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

Wales: Andreas Brees, 1671, William Brees, 1846 in *IGI* (Llanbrynmair, Montgomerys); Rowland Breeze, 1821 in *IGI* (Machynlleth, Montgomerys).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 186; *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 80.

### Breffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Brevitt**.

### Breffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English: see **Brevitt**.

### Bregazzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

Italian: unexplained, found in Stazzona, Como province, Lombardy, Italy, in the 18th century (also as *Bragazzi*).

**Further information:** In the UK the name is now found chiefly in the Isle of Man, but originally also occurred in Ashbourne (Derbys). The first immigrants are found about 1830.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Bregazzi, 1810 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Derby, Derbys); Louisa Bregazzi, 1835 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Dom Bregazzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1841* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Carlo Bregazzi, carver and gilder, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Hanley, Staffs); Joseph Bregazzi, hawker, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Carlo Bregazzi born in Como, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Giuseppina Bregazzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Conchan, IoM).

References: <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/famhist/families/bregazzi.htm>

### Brehaut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; also Jersey and Alderney

French: locative name, possibly from one of two villages named *Bréhant* in Brittany: *Bréhant-Moncontour* (Côtes-d'Armor) or *Bréhan-Loudéac* (Morbihan); but there are difficulties with the spelling. *Berhet* (Côtes-d'Armor) may be a likelier

candidate, with local reinterpretation of the final syllable as *haut* 'high'.

**Further information:** Local tradition says that this name came from Brittany, and that the traditional pronunciation is 'Berhaut'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Brehault, 1331 in *Extente de Jersey* (Torteval, Guernsey); Christine Brehaut, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Guernsey); Pierre Brehaut, 1685 in *IGI* (Torteval, Guernsey).

References: M. de Garis (1963 for 1962), 'A Brehaut family some 400 years ago', *La Société Guernesaise Transactions* 17:3, pp. 319–30.

### Brehyeny

Variants: **Brehony, Brehon, McBrayne, Browne, Abraham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Sligo
- Irish: reduced from **Mac an Bhreitheamhnaigh** 'son of the judge (*brehon*)', a surname form anglicized in Scotland as **McBrayne**. In Ireland **Abraham** and **Browne** were adopted as anglicizations, and it was also 'translated' as **Judge**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McEbrehowne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5448 (Ballaghowly, Mayo); Dermot McEvrehon, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5597 (Lisnegeele, Sligo); Connoghor roe McEvrehooona, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Arde[ne]gl[asse], Sligo); Tege O Carvull mcCahell McBrehon, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848 (Rosse, Sligo); Malachias McBrehuna, clerk, archdeacon, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6350 (Kilmacogh, Galway); Donell Abrehaine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Lysnanonagh, Longford).

### Brehon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac an Bhreitheamhnaigh**, see **Brehyeny**.

### Brehyony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Galway
- Irish: from **Mac an Bhreitheamhnaigh**, see **Brehyeny**.

### Breingan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans and Kinross

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Breingan, 1718 in *IGI* (Alva, Stirlings); James Breignan, 1781 in *IGI* (Tillicoultry, Clackmannans); Peter Breingan, 1808 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

### Brellisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs
- English: see **Brailsford**.

### Brelsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Brailsford**.

### Breman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks; Surrey

English: nickname from a derivative of Middle English *breme* 'grim, fierce, cruel'; compare *bremeness* 'fierceness' (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Breman, serjaunt, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Adam Breman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Givendale, WR Yorks); Johannes Breman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Beckham, Norfolk); Katherine Breman, 1542 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Breman, 1633 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); John Breman, 1715 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks).

### Bremer

Variants: **Bremmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Angus 1
- Scottish: see **Bremner**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Bremer, 1547 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Henry Bremer, 1607 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); Robert Bremer, 1690 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Bremer, 1718 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens); Alexander Alicia Bremer, 1724 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banff).

2 German: locative name denoting someone from Bremen in NW Germany, or possibly from one of several similarly named places elsewhere in Germany.

**Early bearers:** Gerhard Bremer, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Middx); William H. Bremer, born in Ellerbeck, Holstein, in *Census 1881* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Joachim F. Bremer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Dietrich Bremer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); William Bremer, born in Denmark, in *Census 1891* (Durham).

### Bremmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

1 Scottish: see **Bremner**.

2 German: see **Bremer**.

### Bremner

Variants: **Brimner, Brymner, Brymer, Bremmer, Bremer, Brebner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3327, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2561
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Caithness and Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Scottish: ethnic name from Middle English *Brabaner*, Older Scots *Brebner*, denoting a native of Brabant (later altered to *Brembner* and *Bremner*). Compare English **Brabiner** and the synonymous **Brabazon** and **Brabin**. Weavers from Brabant settled early at Aberdeen and on the east coast of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Walter Brabounare, 1418–26 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Agnus Brebner, 1489 in *Laing Charters* (Elgin, Morayshire); Finlay Brembner, 1649 in *Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records*; James Brimner, 1630 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; James Bremner, 1647 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays).

## Brenan

### Brenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Branáin or Mac Branáin, see **Brennan**.  
**Early bearers:** Benjamin Brenan, 1722, in *IGI* (Dublin); Jonathan Brenan, 1776 in *IGI* (Macroom, Cork).

### Brench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Leonarde Brench, 1582 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Lerings Brench, 1592 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); William Brench, 1827 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks).

### Brenchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 643
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Brenchley (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Adam Brenchesle, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Hugo de Brenchesle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston, Kent); Augustyne Brenchley, 1581 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); Edward Brenchly, 1623 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Richard Brenckley, 1637 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); Thomas Brencheley, 1756 in *IGI* (Tonge, Kent); William Brenchley, 1780 in *IGI* (Stalisfield, Kent).

### Brend

- Variants:** Brind, Brinded
- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *brend*, *brent*, *brind* ‘burnt’ (forms of the past participle of Old English *beornan* ‘to burn’), perhaps used for a criminal who had been branded. Compare Henry Brendcheke, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb), Cutte Brendhers, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs). Compare **Brennan** and **Brunt**. Some of the following early bearers may belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert Brende, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Brend, John Brent, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugo le Brent, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey le Brende, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Brend, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London).  
2 English: locative name, see **Brent**.

### Brendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Brandon**.

### Brenkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Brenkley in Ponteland (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Brenklay, 1688 in *IGI* (Hawes, NR Yorks); William Brenkley, 1710 in *IGI* (Askrigg, NR Yorks).

### Brennan

- Variants:** Brannan, Brenan, Brennen, Brennon, O'Brennan, Brennand
- **Current frequencies:** GB 15682, Ireland 16081
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny and Laois
- Irish: (i) from Ó Branáin or Mac Branáin ‘descendant (or son) of Branán’, a personal name meaning ‘little raven’. Compare **Brannan**. There were several families of this name in the southern part of Ireland. (ii) It may also be from Ó Braonáin ‘descendant of Braonán’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *braon* ‘a drop’.  
**Early bearers:** Branán mac Gilla-Crist Mic Brana[i]n, king of Corcu-Achlann, 1159 in *AU*; Echmarcach Mac Brana[i]n, chief of Corcu-Achlann, 1225 in *AU*; Conn Mac Branain, chief of Corcu-Achlann, 1295 in *AU*; Cormac Mac Brana[i]n, chief of Corcu-Achlann, 1401 in *AU* (Roscommon); Cormac dubh Mac Branain, 1416 in *AU*; Savine riaugh mcWilliam O'Brenane, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §442; Diermod mc Shane duff O'Brenan, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Kilneboleskehanny); Farre O'Brenan mcMoriertagh, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2028 (Coulevan in Idough, Kilkenny); Edmund duffe mc Teige I Brenan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2940 (Coanfile, Kilkenny); Fearborg mc Shane carragh Brenan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4944 (Trenegrewe); Thady mc Edmund boy McBrenan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4994 (Slewebane); Neil fitz Geoffrey O Brenane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4994 (Kilkenny); Dultaghe mcBrian McBranon, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887; Teige duff McBranan, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887; Donnell mcWilliam McBrenan, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887 (Skrevoe, Roscommon).

### Brennard

- Variants:** Burnand
- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 453
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: nickname from the Middle English phrase *brenne hand* ‘burn hand’, denoting the official who carried out this medieval legal punishment. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Reginald Brennehand', 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walter Brenhand, 1229 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); William Brennard, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Joan Byrnand, 1475, Anna Burnand, 1512 in *York Guild Register*; William Brenand alias Birnande, 1551 in *Knaresborough Wills* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Alice Brenand, 1604, Thomas Brenhands, 1609 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Richard Brennard, 1631, Thomas Brennard, 1795 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Robti Brennard, 1637, Jas Brinnand, 1735 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Bernard, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); William Brennard, 1669, Ellen Brennard, 1775, John Brennard, 1827 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Thomas Brennard, 1755, William Brinnand, 1772 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *brend hand* ‘burnt hand’, given to someone whose hand had been burnt as a legal punishment.

- Early bearers:** Matilda Brendhand, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs).  
3 English: locative name perhaps from Brennard (Fell, House) in Bowland Forest (WR Yorks). Some of the bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
4 Irish: variant of **Brennan** with excrescent *-d*.

### Brennen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Branáin or Mac Branáin, see **Brennan**.

### Brenner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- 1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *brenier* ‘keeper of the hounds’. Some examples may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Jordan le Brenner, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John le Brenner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John le Brynner, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Richd. Brenner, 1705 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs).  
2 English: occupational name from Middle English *brenner(e)* (from an Old Scandinavian agent noun \**brennari* deriving from *brenna* ‘to burn’), denoting a burner of lime, bricks, or charcoal. Compare **Berner**.

### Brennick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish, English: perhaps from an anglicized form of Irish *Breathnach* ‘Briton’, see **Branagh**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brennon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: from Ó Branáin or Mac Branáin, see **Brennan**.

### Brenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Glamorgan
- Norman, English: see **Brimson**.

### Brent

- Variants:** Brend, Brint
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1190, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 578
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: locative name chiefly from East Brent (Somerset) or South Brent (Devon), named from a piece of land cleared by burning, from Middle English *brend* ‘burned’. Compare Brind (ER Yorks) and Symon del Brent, 1318 in *York Freeman's Register*. See also **Brunt**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Brente, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Brende, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holcombe Regis, Devon); Elizabetha Brente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); Robertus Brent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Willelmi Brent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); Agnes Brent, 1564



in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Gabryall Brend, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Brint, 1573 in *IGI* (Luxborough, Somerset); William Brent, 1575 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Mary Brend, 1579 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Hellen Brind, 1585 in *IGI* (Wanborough, Wilts); John Brind, 1592 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Brent, 1659 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Devon); Henry Brind, 1640 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); George Brint, 1708, George Brent, 1719 in *IGI* (Staverton, Gloucs).

### Brentnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 546
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: locative name probably from a lost place in Macclesfield hundred (Cheshire) recorded as *Brendknol* in 1351; see *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 52. **Early bearers:** Thomas de Brendknell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Richard Brentnall, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); George Brentnall, 1655 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Thomae Brentnell, 1714 in *IGI* (Etwell, Derbys); Gulielmus Brentnal, 1719 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Benjamin Brentnel, 1795 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Brenton

**Variants:** Bryenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 610
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English: locative name from Brenton in Exminster (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Brenton, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Exeter, Devon); Adam de Breyngton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exminster, Devon); John Breynton, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinners Muster Roll* (Illogan, Cornwall); Mathew Brenton, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Mariano Brenton, 1626 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall).

### Brereton

**Variants:** Brearton, Breerton, Brewerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2057, Ireland 443
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Tipperary, and Kildare

English: locative name usually from Brereton (Cheshire, Staffs), but sometimes from Brearton (WR Yorks) or Brierton (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Breretona, 1176 in *Yorks Charters*; Alexander de Breretone, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William de Brereton, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thoma Brereton, 1565 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Ric. Brereton, 1572, Thomas Brewerton, 1665, Tho. Bruerton, 1680 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Robart Brewerton, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Andrewe Brearton, 1611 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); William Brearton, 1612 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Thomas Brewerton, 1633 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); John Brereton, 1640 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); William Brewerton, 1659, John Brereton, 1688, Mariam Bruerton, 1728 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Catherine Breerton, 1788 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Breerton, 1806 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Breslin

**Variants:** Brislane, Brislen, Brislin, Brisland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1490, Ireland 1868
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Fermanagh

Irish: from Ó Breisleáin 'descendant of *Breisleán*', a diminutive of *Breasal*, a personal name of unknown origin. Compare **Brazil**. This is the name of a widespread ecclesiastical family in the north-west of Ireland, formerly chieftains in Donegal. Bell notes that Breslin was sometimes replaced by **Bryce** or **Bryson** in Donegal.

**Early bearers:** Raghnaill Ua Breislein, 1182, in *AU*; Donn Ua Breislen, 1214, in *AU*; Gilla-Crist Ua Breslen, 1251, Chief of Fanat, in *AU*; Domnall Ua Breislen, 1440, brehon and future ollam, in *AU* (Fir-Manach); Patrick Brisclane, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1160 (Kildare); James O'Brisleayn, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Doeiry Uulan [Derryvullan], Fermanagh); Bren O'Bristlan, yeoman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Wexford); Nich O'Bresklane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Temple Becanne); Donagh O'Breslan, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Arnglasse, Sligo).

### Bresnahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin, see **Brosnan**.

### Bresnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin, see **Brosnan**.

### Bresnihan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin, see **Brosnan**.

### Bressington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Brassington**.

### Brett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: see **Brett**.

### Bretherick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Broderick**.

### Bretherton

**Variants:** Bratherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 768
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Bretherton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bretherton', 1203 in *Select Pleas* (Staffs); Warin de Bretherton, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II*; Alicia de Brethirton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan borough, Lancs); John of Bretherton, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Bretherton, 1543 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

### Breton

**Variants:** Le Breton, Bretton, Britton, Briton, Brutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; London

Norman, English: ethnic name for a Breton, from Old French *Breton*, the oblique case form of Old French *Bret*; compare **Brittain**. For the variation between *Breton*, *Briton*, and *Bruton*, compare **Brett**. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey (le) Bretun, le Briton, 1164–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex, Yorks); Lowis le Briton, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Ralph Bretun, 1166 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William le Bruton', 1248 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); John le Bruton', 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Williem Breton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exeter, Devon); John Breton, 1465 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Breton, 1522 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Brett

**Variants:** Bret, Britt, Britts, Bratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8800, Ireland 1090
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5677
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: (i) ethnic name, usually from Old French *Bret*, nominative of *Breton* 'Breton'. (ii) ethnic name from Middle English *Brit*, *Bret*, *Brut* (Old English *Brit*, *Bret*, *Bryt*) 'a Briton', applied to the Strathclyde Britons up till the 13th century.

**Further information:** This was applied after the Conquest in names of Breton followers of William I. *Brito* is an administrative Latin rendering of French (*Le*) *Bret*.

**Early bearers:** England: Edward Brit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Tihellus Brito, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Walter Bret, 1164 in *Staffs Cartulary*; Alan le Bret, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William le Brit, 1230, le Brut, 1256 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Matthew le Brut, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Henry Brit, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph le Brut, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Brett', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Friskney, Lincs); John Brett, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Woolchurch, City of London); Warham Brett, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Leeds, Kent).

Ireland: James Britt, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Geram Brett, gent., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2437 (great and little Ardes, Down); Rich. Brett, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3906 (Tullocke, Meath); Rich. reoghe Britt, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743 (Lyshmorthery, Limerick).

### Brettel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs
- English: see **Brettell**.

## Brettell

### Brettell

Variants: **Brettle**, **Brettel**, **Brittle**, **Bridle**, **Brittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

1 Breton, English: (i) relationship name from the Old Breton male personal name *Brithael*. It was adopted into English usage before the Conquest, becoming Middle English *Bretel*, *Britel*, and *Brutel*. Compare Godwine Brytæl, 1035 in *Tengvik* (Dorset). (ii) relationship name, alternatively in some instances from the Middle English personal name *\*Bretel* or *\*Bertel*, an unrecorded survival of Old English *Beorhtel*. **Early bearers:** given names: Bretel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset); Bretellus de Amber', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants). surnames: Reginald Bretel, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); John Brutel, 1235 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Britel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Margerett Brettell, 1539 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Tho. Britell, 1564 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robart Britale, 1564 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Alce Brittle, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Trysull, Staffs); John Brittel, 1596 in Boyd's Misc. Transcription (Worcs); Alis Brittles, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, Knutsford, Cheshire); John Britle, 1612 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Thomas Brittell, 1626 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); Anthony Brettell, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Areley, Staffs); George Britle, 1654 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Margaret Brettel, 1695, Francis Brittel, 1698 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs); Thomas Brittill, 1713 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts); Robert Brittel, 1746, Hannah Brettall, 1755 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jno. Britle, 1786 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset). 2 English: alternative pronunciation of **Bridle** or perhaps **Britwell**. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited under (1) may belong here.

### Brettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Brettell**.

### Bretton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Guernsey; WR Yorks

1 Norman, English: see **Breton**.

2 English: locative name from Bretton (Derbys, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Bretton', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus de Bretton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, WR Yorks); Isabella Bretton, 1539, Laurence Bretten, 1553 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); John Bretton, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Bretton, 1562 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Symon Bretton, 1563 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Ellen Bretton, 1564 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Elizabeth Bretten, 1582, John Bretton, 1585 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Brettoner

Variants: **Britner**, **Britnor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: ethnic name, nickname from Middle English *Bretoner*, *Brutiner* 'a Breton' also used for a minstrel or juggler.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bretener', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Francisci Bretner, 1626 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Bretoner, 1775 in *IGI* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); John Brettoner, 1781, Elizabeth Brittoner, 1785 in *IGI* (High Hoyland, WR Yorks).

### Brevetor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *brevet* (a diminutive of Old French, Middle English *bref* 'official or authoritative message in writing'), used for a breveter, someone who carries official (especially papal) messages. See also **Brevitt**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Brevetur, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Adam le Breuetor', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter le Brefeter, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Joan Breftour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Harry Breviter, 1581 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Brevator, 1791 in *IGI* (Kimberley, Norfolk); John Brevitor, 1813 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

### Brevitt

Variants: **Breffitt**, **Breffit**, **Breffett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *brevet*, a diminutive of Old French, Middle English *bref* 'official or authoritative message in writing, especially a papal indulgence', used to denote a bearer of these. Compare **Brevetor**.

**Early bearers:** John Breuet, 1357 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Thomas Brevet, 1574 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Bryan Breffit, 1581 in *IGI* (Croxtton, Cambs); Thomas Brevett, 1722 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); James Brevit, 1735 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); James Breffet, 1774 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Brew

Variants: **Broe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 751
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Brughá 'descendant of the farmer'. **Early bearers:** Connor O'Broo, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §875; Teige O Broe, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447 (Carlow); William O'Broo, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6534 (Carlow).

2 Manx: occupational name from *MacVriw* 'son of the judge', referring to the office now known as the Deemster.

**Early bearers:** McBrow, 1408, McBrewere, 1417, Brew, 1616 in *Moore*.

### Breward

Variants: **Brewitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: occupational name, a metathesized form of Middle English *bere-ward* 'bear-keeper', for one who kept or trained performing bears.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Berward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Simone Berwerd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckminster, Leics); Willelmus Bereward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Beatrice Berward, 1562 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); William Breward, 1636 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Richard Brewitt, 1663 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Tho. Breward, 1680 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics); Thomas Breward, 1834 in *IGI* (Sibley, Leics).

This might theoretically be confused with

### Burward.

**References:** *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 59.

2 English, Cornish: locative name from Saint Breward (Cornwall).

**Further information:** It is not clear that sense (2) has survived.

**Early bearers:** Johis Breward, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall).

### Brewell

Variants: **Brewill**, **Bruell**, **Braithwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks

English: locative name from **Braithwell** (WR Yorks), recorded as *Brewell* in 1607 (*Feet of Fines*), reflecting a local pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Braythewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Adam de Braythewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hickleton, WR Yorks); John Braythewelle, 1401 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Brawell, 1556 in *York Registry Wills* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Laurenc Bruell, 1561, Margaret Brewell, 1568, Maria Braywell, 1589, George Brewell, 1653 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joan Brewell, 1583 in *IGI* (Harworth, Notts); Alyce Bruell, 1635 in *IGI* (Clayworth, Notts); Margareta Brewel, 1641, John Brewel, 1672, Dorothy Bruell, 1676, Ruth Brewell, 1718 in *IGI* (Great Longstone, Derbys); James Brewill, 1790 in *IGI* (Newark, Notts); Emmanuel Brewell, 1831 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 132; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Redmonds, King, and Hey*, p. 14.

### Brewer

Variants: **Brower**, **Brewers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9272, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7814
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Tipperary

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *brewere* 'brewer'. Compare **Brewster**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Briwerra, 1192 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Hants); William Bruwere (Briwere), 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); John Browere, 1201–12 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Henry le Brewere, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Brewer, 1540 in *IGI* (West Farleigh, Kent); John Brewer, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Isabell Brewer, 1552 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Joan Brewer, 1552 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Elizab. Brewer, 1556 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Brewer, 1561, Mare Bruer, 1565 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Bruyère in Calvados, from Old French *bruière* 'heath', or possibly from residence at an English heath, re-named by Normans with the Old French word. Temple Bruer in Lincs is *la Bruere* in 1154–89, and Bruera in Cheshire is recorded as *Heeth* in the 12th century, becoming translated to *Bruera* about 1190. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Brueria, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Nicholas de la Bruiere, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas de la Bruera, 1221 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs).

### Brewers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Brewer** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Mettkin Brewers, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Brewerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Breerton**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Brewill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Brewell**.

### Brewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1639, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1077
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England: esp. Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: see **Bruin** and compare **Brewen**.

2 Irish (Sligo): a rare anglicized form of Ó Braoin, see **Bruen**.

**Early bearers:** Michael Brewin, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyogan, Sligo); James Brewin, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilfree, Sligo); Catherine Brewin, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Tully, Sligo).

### Brewington

**Variants:** Bruington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Brewington*, perhaps in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Clement Brewington, 1630 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Richard Brewinton, 1680 in *IGI* (Carlton cum Willingham, Cambs); John Brewington, 1682 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); John Bruington, 1735 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).

### Brewis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 869
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- 1 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *breuhous* 'brewery, tavern' (literally 'brew house'), used for a brewer or some other person who lived or worked at such a place. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh del Breuhous, 1302, Richard del Bruhus, 1401 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert del Brewhus, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Brewis, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Brewhous, 1630 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Andrew Brewes, 1640 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Nicholas Brewiss, 1731 in *IGI* (Embleton, Northumb).

Scotland: Robert Brewhous, 1547 in *Protocol Book Gaw* (Perths); Archibald Brewhous, 1578 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jhone Brewhouse, 1582 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); James Brewes, 1596 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perths); William Brewis, 1678 in *IGI* (Chirnside, Berwicks); Mary Brews, 1722 in *IGI* (Dron, Perths).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Briouze (Orne).

**Further information:** From the time of Domesday the family of Briouze were lords of the rape of Bramber in Sussex, and their surname survives in Manningford Bruce (Wilts) and Wickhambreux (Kent). Its later forms are inextricably confused with those of **Bruce**.

**Early bearers:** William de Briouze, before 1080 in *Documents in France*; William de Braiose, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex, Surrey, Hants, Berks, Wilts); William de Breosa, 1154 in *Templars Records* (Sussex), de Braiuse, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex), de Braosa, de Breusa, de Breuse, de Breiuse, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs, Surrey), de Brews', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Sussex); Reginald de Brause, de Brawose, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex), de Brause, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Devon), de Breus', de Breius, de Breuis, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex), de Breaus', 1226 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Maria de Brewes, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Brous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Brewitt

**Variants:** Browett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Notts
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *brouet*, *br(e)uet* 'broth, stew' (Anglo-Norman French *bruet*, Old French *broet*), perhaps for a maker or seller of broth. Compare **Pottinger**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bruet, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); John Brouet, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Brewett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henrye Browitt, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Tickhill, WR Yorks); Elz. Browett, 1630 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Leics); Richard Brewitt, 1663 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts).

2 English: variant of **Breward**.

### Brewster

**Variants:** Bruster, Broster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4466, Ireland 141
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2888
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and N England: esp. Essex and London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Derry
- English: occupational name from Middle English *brewestere*, *browestere* '(female) brewer'. Compare **Brewer**. Three-quarters of the examples are names of men. Compare **Baxter**.

**Further information:** The Mayflower Pilgrim William Brewster (1567–1644) was the son of the bailiff of the manor of Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, home of one of

the earliest Puritan congregations. He was a prominent leader in Plymouth Colony from the 1620s until his death.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Breuestere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Emma le Breustere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Geoffrey Brouster, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Browster, Margaret Brewster, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Bruster, 1383 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Brewester, 1465 in *PROB 11* (Saint Paul's Cathedral, City of London); Robert Brewster, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Norfolk); William Brewster, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Brandon, Suffolk).

Scotland: Thomas le Breuester, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Paisley, Renfrews); Johannes dictus Brouster, 1382 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Aberdeen); Robert Brouster, 1487 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Broster, 1513 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus).

### Brian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1501, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1395
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs; Monmouths and Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford
- 1 English: see **Bryant**.
- 2 Irish: reduced anglicized form of Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

### Briance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, Irish: see **Bryans**.

### Briand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: see **Bryant**. This is the French form of the name, found in the Channel Islands (esp. Jersey).

### Brians

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Bryans**.

### Briant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 810
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Hants, Berks, and Wilts
- English: see **Bryant**.

### Briar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Hants
- English: see **Brear**.

### Briars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lancs; Herts
- English: see **Briers**, and compare **Brears**.

## Brice

### Brice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3015, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2436
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; London and Kent; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down Norman, English: see **Bryce**.

### Brich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Lancs
- English: see
- Britch**
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### Brick

Variants: **Bricks**, **Brack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 198
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Radnor, Shrops, and Montgomerys; Middx and Surrey; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- 1 Welsh: relationship name from *ap y Brych* 'son of a man called *y Brych* ('the freckled one')'.  
**Early bearers:** Ieuan ap y Brych, 1215–1350 in *Morgan and Morgan*; John ap David Vrych, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Shrops); Richard Brick, 1599 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 57.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived at a place growing with birch trees, from a metathesized form of Middle English *birke*, or who came from a place so named, such as Birch (Essex), which is recorded as *Brike* (1182). It is sometimes interchangeable with **Britch**. Compare **Birch** and **Birks**.

**Early bearers:** Hereward Bric, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); John Brik, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Brick, 1583 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lancs); Willia Brick, 1635 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Robert Brick, 1677 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

3 Irish: from Ó **Bric** 'descendant of *Breac*', a personal name from the adjective meaning 'freckled'. Compare **Brack**, probably derived from *breac* as an epithet.

**Further information:** MacLysaght derives this anglicized name from Ó **Bruic**, a personal name based on *broc* 'badger', but *Breac* (as in Woulfe) seems more likely. However *Badger* was sometimes adopted as a translation.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Darby Brick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloghane, Kerry); Edmund Brick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloghane, Kerry); Thomas Brick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballinvoher, Kerry); Darby Brick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Minard, Kerry).

### Brickdale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- English: locative name, metathesized variant of
- Birkdale*
- , name of a place near Southport in Lancs.
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- Early bearers:**
- Mi. Birkdall, 1567 in
- IGI*
- (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); James Birkdall, 1612 in
- IGI*
- (Whitkirk, WR Yorks); William Birkdale, 1644 in
- IGI*
- (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Edward Brickdale, 1656 in
- IGI*
- (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Brickdale, 1710 in
- IGI*
- (Bristol, Gloucs); Mercy Brickdale, 1764 in
- IGI*
- (Bedminster, Somerset).

**References:** John *Brickdale* was sheriff of Chester in 1513.

### Brickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: see
- Brickell**
- .
- 
- 2 English: variant of
- Breakell**
- or
- Brickwell**
- .

### Brickell

Variants: **Brickel**, **Brickhill**, **Breckell**, **Breakell**, **Breakwell**, **Brakewell**, **Brickwell**, **Brickles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 470
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from one or other of the places called Bricqueville in Normandy, such as Bricqueville-la-Blouette and Bricqueville-sur-Mer (both Manche), and Bricqueville (Calvados).  
**Early bearers:** William de Brikeuill', 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Willelmus Brikell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elsham, Lancs); John Brickle, 1603 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lancs); Sarah Brickle, 1732, Edward Brickel, 1741, Thomas Brickell, 1776 in *IGI* (Shaftesbury, Dorset).  
2 English: variant of **Breakell** or **Brickwell**.

### Bricker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx; Derbys
- English: locative name apparently from Brickworth in Whiteparish (Wilts), recorded as
- Bricore*
- and
- Brikore*
- in 1268.
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- Early bearers:**
- Reginald Brecore, 1418 in
- Patent Rolls*
- (Dorset and Somerset); Christian Bricker, 1564 in
- Parish Registers*
- (Corsham, Wilts); Ralfe Bricker, 1569 in
- IGI*
- (Corsham, Wilts).
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- References:**
- Place-Names of Wilts*
- , p. 389.

### Brickett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Worcs
- English: metathesized form of
- Birkett**
- , a northern surname that migrated south.
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- Early bearers:**
- Richard Brickett, 1547 in
- IGI*
- (Holy Trinity the Less, London); Christopher Brickett, 1556 in
- IGI*
- (Bermondsey, Surrey); Elyzabeth Brickett, 1566 in
- IGI*
- (Great Burstead, Essex); John Brickett, 1568 in
- IGI*
- (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Brickhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 Norman, English: see
- Brickell**
- .
- 
- 2 English: variant of
- Breakell**
- or
- Brickwell**
- .

### Bricklebank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see
- Brocklebank**
- .

### Brickles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lancs
- English: variant of
- Brickell**
- with post-medieval excrescent
- s*
- .
- 
- Early bearers:**
- Hamond Brickles, 1593 in
- IGI*
- (Baumber, Lancs); Richard Brickels, 1617 in
- IGI*
- (West Ashby, Lancs); Richard Brickells, 1632, Richard Brickles, 1634 in
- IGI*
- (Rippingale, Lancs); Thomas Brickls, 1701 in
- IGI*
- (Surfleet, Lancs).

### Brickley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 134
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English, Irish: metathesized variant of
- Barelay**
- .
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- Early bearers:**
- Richardi Brickley, 1576 in
- IGI*
- (Romford, Essex); Grace Brickley, 1587 in
- IGI*
- (Stickney, Lancs); Wm Brickly, 1671 in
- IGI*
- (Mortlake, Surrey).

### Brickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Midlothian
- English: of uncertain origin. The second element is clearly Middle English
- man(n)*
- 'man' but it is unclear if the first element is related to the names
- Brich**
- ,
- Brick**
- , or
- Bryce**
- or to some other origin.
- 
- Early bearers:**
- Richardus Brickman, 1577 in
- IGI*
- (Burgh next Aylsham, Norfolk); William Brickman, 1587 in
- IGI*
- (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Frederick William Brickmann, 1860 in
- IGI*
- (Leith, Midlothian).

### Bricknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 540
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Galway
- English: see
- Brignall**
- .

### Bricks

Variants: **Brix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) variant of
- Brick**
- with late Middle English or post-medieval excrescent
- s*
- . (ii) metathesized variant of
- Birks**
- . (iii) possibly a variant of
- Briggs**
- but evidence for this is needed.
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- Early bearers:**
- Richard Brykys, 1456 in
- Feet of Fines*
- (Essex); William Bricks, 1594 in
- IGI*
- (Hornchurch, Essex); Joane Bricks, 1602 in
- IGI*
- (Milton Regis, Kent); Edwars Bricks, 1679 in
- IGI*
- (Darlington, Durham); William Bricks, 1814 in
- IGI*
- (Dent, WR Yorks); Samuel Bricks, 1828 in
- IGI*
- (Wigan, Lancs).

### Brickstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; London
- English: see
- Brigstock**
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### Brickwell

- Variants: **Brickell**, **Brickel**, **Brickhill**, **Breckell**, **Breakell**, **Breakwell**, **Brakewell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129

• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and Middx  
1 English: locative name from Bow Brickhill, Great Brickhill, and Little Brickhill (Bucks).

**Further information:** The form *Brickwell* is due to the reinterpretation of *-le*, the reduced form of *hill*, as *well*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Brikhull, 1300, Geoffrey de Brikhill, 1302 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Em Brickhill, 1598, Richard Brickwell, 1683 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabetha Brickhill, 1606, Anna Brickwell, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); John Brickwell, 1654 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); John Brickwell, 1656 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thomas Brickhill, 1708 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 30–32.

2 Norman, English: see **Brickell**.

### Brickwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; also Devon

English: see **Brookwood**.

**Early bearers:** Mathewe Brickwood, 1593 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics); Bartholomew Brickwood, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); William Brickwood, 1707 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

### Bridal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs; Suffolk

1 English: see **Bridle**.

**Early bearers:** John Bridle, 1619 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); John Bridall, 1642 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Thomas Bridle, 1686 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Ann Bridal, 1799 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Britwell**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Britwell, 1629 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Mary Bridle, 1799 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Bridden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: see **Briddon**.

### Briddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish Gaelic: see **Briddock**.

### Briddle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Middx; Lancs; Devon

English: see **Bridle**.

### Briddock

**Variants:** **Briddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the female personal name *Brideoc*, a diminutive of *Brighid*.

Compare **McBride**. There may have been some confusion with **Braddock**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gylmihhel fil. Bridoc, about 1200 in *Glasgow Register* (Kingledoors, Peebles). surnames: Johanna Brydok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatley and Long Sandall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Brydok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Johannes Brydok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Richard Briddock, 1609, Mary Bridoake, 1670 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Johannes Briddock, 1612, Helena Briddicke, 1637 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Martin Briddock, 1675 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Briddick, 1789 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

### Briddon

**Variants:** **Bridden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: probably a variant of **Briden**.

**Early bearers:** Johis Bridden, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Christophori Briddon, 1576 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); George Bridden, 1767, John Briddon, 1770, Briddin, 1786, Briddan, 1827 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

### Bride

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Brighde**, see

**McBride**.

2 English: see **Bird**.

### Bridel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dorset

English: see **Bridle**.

### Bridell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Dorset

English: see **Bridle**.

### Briden

**Variants:** **Briddon**, **Bryden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Beds; also WR Yorks

English: (i) possibly an altered form of **Bridle** (2).

Compare the interchange of *-dale*, *-don*, and *-ton* in surnames noted by *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 205. (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Bryden**. (iii) alternatively, a variant of **Britten**, perhaps. Compare Thomas Briten, 1750, with Elizabeth Bridon, 1745 in *IGI* (both recorded in Flamstead, Herts), but they are not certainly of the same family so they may have different names.

**Further information:** Wilson's derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from a rare Old French word *bridon* 'bridle' seems unlikely.

**Early bearers:** William Bridon, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Swettenham, Cheshire); Stephen de Bridon of Beverley, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); William Bridon, 1577, Elizabeth Bridon, 1745, Martha Briden,

1789, William Briden, 1804 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Agnes Bridon, 1594, Mordecai Bridon, 1648, Daniel Bridon, 1767, Susan Briden, 1832 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Edward Briden, 1653, Elizabeth Briden, 1749, George Briden, 1824 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Johes Briddon, 1681, John Brydon, 1793 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Bridewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Bridle**.

**Further information:** There is no connection with Bridewell as a name for a prison. The original London Bridewell was a 'lodging' built for King Henry VIII near Saint Bride's Well. In 1553 his son, King Edward VI, gave the palace over to the City of London as a hospital, a home for homeless children and a place for the punishment of 'disorderly women'. The modern meaning arose when the hospital was converted into a house of correction.

**Early bearers:** John Bridell, 1798, Reuben Bridewell, 1829 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); Jacob Bridewell, 1707 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Mary Bridal, 1744 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); Thomas Bridewell, 1813 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Maria Bridewell, 1813 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts); John Bridewell, 1816 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Bridge

**Variants:** **Delbridge**, **Burge**, **Bridges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6593, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6044
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; also Middx and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *brigge* 'bridge' (Old English *brycg*), denoting either someone who lived near a bridge or a bridge keeper. Compare **Brigg** and **Bridgeman**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert atte Brigge, 1272 in *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 143; Nicholas de la Brugge, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William ater Bregg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Attebrigge, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John atte Brige, 1325–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard atte Brigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger dil Brigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus ate Brig', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Thomas Bridge, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Earls Colne, Essex); Richard Bridge, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, City of London).

### Bridgeford

**Variants:** **Bridgford**, **Britchford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines, Aberdeens; also Sutherland; Cambs and Northants

1 Scottish: locative name probably from a lost or unidentified place in Kincardines or Aberdeens, where the surname is most frequent.

**Early bearers:** Isobel Brigfuird, 1637 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Stonehaven, Kincardines); John Bridgeford, 1725 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines); George Bridgeford, 1727 in *IGI* (Kincardine O'Neil, Aberdeens).

2 English, Scottish: locative name from East or West Bridgford (Notts) or Bridgford (Staffs). Derivation

## Bridgeham

from Bridgeford (Northumb) is a theoretical possibility, but no evidence has been found that it gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Ad' de Bregeford, 1303 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Galfr'o de Bruggeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Willelmus Brigeford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kilvington, Notts); Johanne de Briggeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lockington, Leics); Robertus Brygeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Ricardo Brigeford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); John de Bryggeford, escheator for Notts, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Humfrey Bridgforde, 1631 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Nicholas Bridgeford, 1682, Elizab Bridgforth, 1716 in *IGI* (Ilam, Staffs); George Bridgford, 1692 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Bridgeford, 1814 in *IGI* (March, Cambs); John Bridgeford, 1818 in *IGI* (Ringstead, Northants).

### Bridgeham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Brigham**.

### Bridgehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: locative name probably an alteration of **Brighouse**.
- Early bearers:** William Bridgehouse, 1604 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Robert Bridgehouse, 1640 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

### Bridgeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Bridglad**.

### Bridgeman

**Variants:** **Bridgman**, **Brigman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2037, Ireland 281
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1096
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Devon; Wilts; Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *brigge*, *brugge* 'bridge' (Old English *brycg*) + *man*, denoting either a dweller by or a keeper of a bridge. Compare **Bridger**, **Ponter**, and **Fordman**.

**Further information:** William Breggeman is identical with William atte Bregge, 1332–3 in *Essex Record Office*.

**Early bearers:** John Brygeman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Bregman, 1310 in *Place-Names of Essex* p. 217; John Bruggemon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Brigeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Willelmo Briggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Henry Bridgeman, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Thomas Bridgeman, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon).

### Bridgen

**Variants:** **Bruggen**, **Bridgens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Hants
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *brygge*, *brugge* 'bridge' + *end(e)* 'end', for someone who lived '(at the) bridge end'.
- Early bearers:** Aylward Attarebrughend', 1239 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John At Brugeende, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Attebriggende, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard atte Bruggende of Kingston, 1377 in *London Pleas*; Willelmo at Bryghende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothley, Leics); John Bridgen, 1607 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Thomas Bridgin, 1640 in *Muster Rolls* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).
- 2 English: locative name for a 'man from Bruges'; compare **Bridges** (2).
- Early bearers:** Alexander Brugeyn, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Bridgen, 1626 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Mary Bridgen, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); Thos Bridgen, 1647 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Thomas Bridgen, 1676 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs).

### Bridgens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs
- English: variant of **Bridgen**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Christopher Bridgens, 1622 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Ann Bridgens, 1624 in *IGI* (Birmingham).

### Bridger

**Variants:** **Brugger**, **Bridgers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2652, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name, occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *brigge*, *brugge* 'bridge' (Old English *brycg*), denoting either someone who lived near a bridge or the keeper of a bridge. John le Bruggere, also called John de Ponte (1294), lived at Bridge End in Ockham (Surrey); see *Place-Names of Northants* xlvi. Compare **Bridgeman** and **Forder**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Briggere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Bregger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Brugger, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robertus Briggere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Prescote, Oxon); William Bridger, 1565 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Bridger, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Worminghurst, Sussex).

### Bridgers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; IoW; WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Bridger** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Jane Bridgers, 1655 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); James Bridgers, 1704 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

### Bridges

**Variants:** **Brydges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7294, Ireland 105
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4742

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; E Anglia; also Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Laois; Roscommon
- 1 English: variant of **Bridge** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Richard Bridges, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Jone Bridges, 1547 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Frances Bridges, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Bridges, 1556 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Harrie Bridges, 1558 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Bridges, 1573 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Ruben Bridges, 1671, Samuell Briges, 1689 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk).
- 2 French, English: locative name from Bruges in present-day Belgium.
- Early bearers:** William de Bruges, de Brieges, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

### Bridgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Notts
- English: local pronunciation of the Staffs surname **Bridgwood**. Compare Margret Bridgwood, 1573, Jacobi Bridgett, 1702 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Wm. Bridgett, 1695, Benj. Bridgewood, 1728 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).
- Further information:** There is no evidence that the rare Middle English female personal name *Briget* (modern *Bridget*) gave rise to a surname.
- Early bearers:** Elizabetha Bridget, 1618, Johis Bridgett, 1664 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Georgii Bridget, 1645 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); William Bridgett, 1727 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Sarah Bridgett, 1753 in *IGI* (Colwick, Notts).
- References:** *Tooth*, pp. 48–9.

### Bridgewater

**Variants:** **Bridgwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1271, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 695
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Worcs

English: locative name from Bridgwater (Somerset).

**Further information:** The water which the bridge at Bridgwater crosses is the River Parrett, and the place-name actually derives from *Brigewaltier*, i. e. 'Walter's bridge', named after Walter de Douai, who held the estate (then referred to as *Brugie*) in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Briggewauter, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Johannes Brugwater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Bryggewater, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Roger Bridgwater, 1547 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Johannis Bridgewater, 1572, Thomas Bridgwaters, 1575 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Margery Bridgwaters, 1630 in *IGI* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops); Richard Bridgwater, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bride, City of London); Job Bridwater, 1733 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

### Bridgewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Bridgwood**.

**Bridgford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Bridgeford**.

**Bridgham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Brigham**.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Bridgland****Variants:** Bridgeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in south-west Kent.

**Early bearers:** Robto Bregelonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Henrici de Bregelonde, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Horsmonden, Kent); Jocius de Bregelonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton hundred, Kent), Henry Bregelonde, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brenchley hundred, Kent); Robert Bregglond, 1480 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Breggeland, 1483 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Staplehurst, Kent); Alice Bredgeland, 1559 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Willms Bridgeland, 1570 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); Martine Bredgland, 1605, Sarah Bridgland, 1607 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Joni Bridgland, 1635, Elizabeth Brigland, 1708 in *IGI* (Ewell, Surrey); Mary Bridgland, 1717, Mary Brigland, 1721, John Bridgeland, 1724 in *IGI* (Frittenden, Kent).

**Bridgman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1026
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon; Gloucs
- English: see **Bridgeman**.

**Bridgstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Brigstock**.

**Bridgewater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs and Staffs

English: see **Bridgewater**.

**Bridgwood****Variants:** Bridgewood, Bridgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: locative name from a lost place in or near Biddulph (Staffs) called Bridgewood (*Bruggewode*, 1327, *Brygewode*, 1447).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Bruggewode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Bridgwood, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Stone, Staffs); Richard Bridgewood, 1579 in

*IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); John Bridgewood, 1580 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Margaret Bridgewoodde, 1602 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 148.

2 English: locative name from Bridgewood, in Telford (Shrops) but it is not known if this name has survived.

**Early bearers:** Roger Bridgwod, 1606 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

**Bridie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Perth, and Fife
- Scottish: see **Brydie**.

**Bridle****Variants:** Briddle, Bridal, Bridel, Bridell, Briden, Bridewell, Bridwell, Brettell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1614, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset; also Channel Islands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 English: locative name from Bridwell in Uffculme (Devon) or Bridewell in Westbury (Wilts). The loss of *-w-* is common in post-medieval pronunciation of names in *-well*. It was occasionally retained or restored in the modern surname forms *Bridewell* and *Bridwell*.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from Middle English *bridel* 'bridle' is not relevant to the modern name.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bridewill', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); Eustace de Bridewille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halberton, Devon); Mary Brydle, 1620, Betty Bridle, 1713 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, Hants); John Brydell, 1625, William Bridle, 1714 in *IGI* (Holnest, Dorset); Heugh Bridle, 1660 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Johan Bridell, 1663, George Bridel, 1722 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); William Bridall, 1710 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts); Ann Briddle, 1792 in *IGI* (Bedhampton, Hants); John Bridell, 1798, Reuben Bridewell, 1829 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); Robert Bridell, 1798 in *IGI* (Whippingham, IoW); Isabella Bridle, 1871 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 537.

2 English: (i) locative name perhaps from Bride Hall in Sandridge (Herts), which is recorded as *Brydelle*, 1294 and (as a surname) 1307 in *Place-Names of Herts*.

(ii) alternatively a variant of **Britwell** with intervocalic voicing of *-t-* to *-d-* and reduction of *-well* to *-le*, *-ell*, or *-all* as in (i).

**Early bearers:** Gulielmus Bridle, 1622 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Mary Bridall, 1688 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Jn Brydall, 1737 in *IGI* (Ampthill, Beds).

3 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of *Brittall* (see **Brettell**) with intervocalic voicing of *-t-* to *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Briddall, 1625 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**Bridson****Variants:** Brydson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: nickname, partial English translation either of Gaelic \**Mac Giolla Bhrighde*, Manx \**Mac Guilley Vreeshey* 'son of Bridget's servant or devotee' or

Gaelic *maol Bhrighde*, Manx *Mylevreeshey* 'tonsured servant or devotee of (Saint) Bridget'. Compare Irish and Scottish **McBride**, **Kilbride**. *Bridson* is generally pronounced /'bráidsən/ (as in English *bride*) but in Manx it is /'brɪdʒən/ (with the first syllable as in English *bridge*).

**Further information:** Ballabridson (Malew, IoM) is the name of a farm owned by a family bearing this name.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Giolla Brighde, 1146, McGilbrid, 1511 in *Moore*; Brideson, 1540–1 in *Kneen*; William Brydson, Seneschal Castell de Pele, 1580 in *Kneen*; Brydsonn(e), 1611, Brideson, 1628, 1738, Bridson, 1627, 1667, Brydson, 1603 in *Kneen*.

Scotland: Margaret Brideson, 1725 in *IGI* (Kelton, Kirkcudbrights); Mungo Bridson, 1772, Hugh Bridson, 1775 in *IGI* (Buittle, Kirkcudbrights).

**References:** *Kneen*; *Broderick*, *Manx Place-Names*, at Ballabridson.

**Bridwell****Variants:** Britwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Bridle** and compare **Bridewell**.

**Brien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3590, Ireland 964
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glamorgan; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Tipperary

1 Irish: reduced form of Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

**Early bearers:** Thady (mc Gylleduff) Briene, gent., 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1341 (Limerick); Conoghor (mac Donill) Brien, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077.

2 English: variant of **Bryant**.

**Brient**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- English: see **Bryant**.

**Brier****Variants:** Breer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 497
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Brear**.

**Briercliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Briercliffe (Lancs), which is recorded as *Brercliffe* in the 12th century, *Brercliffe* in 1311. The place-name derives from Old English *brēr* 'briar' + *clif* 'cliff, bank'.

**Early bearers:** Michael de Brereclive, 1258 in *Lancs Inquests* (Blackburn hundred, Lancs); Rob'to de Brereclif, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Briercliffe, Lancs); Thom' de Brereclif, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marsden, Lancs); Peter Briercliffe, 1560 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Saint Martin, Coney Street, York); Isabella Brerecliff, 1602 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); James Brerecliff, 1667 in Boyd's Misc. Transcription (Yorks) Thomas Brerecliffe, 1699 in *IGI* (Saint Mary

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le Bow, London); Eliz Briercliff, 1711 in Borthwick Institute (Birkin with Haddesley, WR Yorks); John Brerecliffe, 1752 in Borthwick Institute (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 85.

## Brierley

Variants: **Brearley**, **Brearily**, **Brierly**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 4996, Ireland 69

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5319

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Brierley in Felkirk (WR Yorks) or, less often, Brierley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ivetta de Brerelay, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Brerley, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Hugh de Brerelay, 1349 in *Yorks Deeds* (Brierley, WR Yorks); Thomas de Brerlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quyke, WR Yorks); Hugh Brerlay, 1460 in *York Registry Wills* (Felkirk, WR Yorks); John Brearley, 1563 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); George Brearily, 1591 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); John Brierley, 1592 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Brierly, 1634 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwickshire); Jacobi Briarley, 1671, Jacobi Brierley, 1681 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Brierly

• **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 628

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; Warwickshire

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tipperary

English: see **Brierley**.

## Briers

Variants: **Bryers**, **Bryars**, **Briars**, **Brears**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1130, Ireland 71

• **GB frequency 1881:** 545

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: see **Brears**.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a patch of thorn-bearing plants, from the plural form of Middle English *bri(i)r* ‘brier, bramble, etc.’. See also **Brear**, **Brears**.

**Early bearers:** John in le Breres, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert and William in le Breres de Halum, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Halam); Roger Briers or Bryers, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Briffa

• **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Giuseppe Briffa, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy).

References: Cassar.

## Briffett

• **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 57

• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: see **Brevitt**.

## Brigdale

• **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bridgdall, 1626, John Brigdale, 1641 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Anne Brigdall, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Brigdall, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Brigdell, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

## Brigden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 842, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 543

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

English: locative name from Brigden in Ashburnham (Sussex), recorded as *Brykendenne* in 1279, Brigdene in Glynde (Sussex), or Brickendon (Herts), recorded as *Brygyndon* in 1346.

**Early bearers:** Potier de Brikendon’, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); John de Brikedene, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glynde, Sussex); Willelmus Brykeden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); William Brigden, 1549 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); William Brigdon, 1758, Solomon Brigden, 1759 in *IGI* (Plaxtol, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 353, 478.

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• **GB frequency 1881:** 14

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

## Brigg

Variants: **Briggs**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 472

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *brig(g)* (Old Scandinavian *bryggja*), the northern and Scottish word for *bridge*, for someone who lived by a bridge or who came from one of the places named from the word, such as Brigg (Lincs) and Hebden Bridge (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert del Brig, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Alexander del Brigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert atte Brig, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Christopherus Brigg, 1563 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); John Brigg, 1626 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

## Briggenshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 44

• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

## Brigginshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 57

• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

## Briggs

Variants: **Bricks**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 18165, Ireland 544

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16212

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: variant of **Brigg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Briggs, 1541 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); George Brigges, 1546 in *PROB 11*

(London); Jane Briggs, 1558, Thomas Brigs, 1593 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Richard Briggs, 1573 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Elizabeth Briggs, 1573 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

## Brigham

Variants: **Bridgham**, **Bridgeham**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 632

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Northumb; also Norfolk

English: locative name from Brigham near Driffield (ER Yorks), Bridgham (Norfolk), or Brigham (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Briggeham, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Brigham, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Brigham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Firby, ER Yorks); Thomas Brygham, 1409 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Edward Brigham, 1539 in *PROB 11* (Cottenham, Cambs); Thomas Brigham, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Caversham, Oxon); Eliz Bridgham, 1738 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Brighouse

• **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 235

• **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs

English: locative name from Brighouse (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Briggehuses, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas de Brighouse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Walter Bryghowse, 1548, Robert Brighouse, 1569 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Martini Brighouse, 1563 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Edward Brighowse, 1571 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Johes Brighous, 1663 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

## Bright

Variants: **Burt**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 7598, Ireland 236

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5989

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Essex; Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *bri(g)ht* ‘bright, beautiful, fair’ (Old English *beorht*). (ii) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Briht*, *Beorht*, probably a reduced form of a two-element name with Old English *beorht*, *briht* ‘bright’ as the first (or less likely second) element.

**Early bearers:** John Briht, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William le Brythe, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Herveus Brite, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Bright, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Waltero Bright, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Bright, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Walden, Essex); John Bright, 1539 in *IGI* (Childeritch, Essex); Thomas Brighte, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Saint John Street, Middx); Ralfe Bright, 1591 in *PROB 11* (London).

## Brighten

• **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 100

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Brighton**.



**Brightiff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the female personal name *Brihtgifu*, metathesized form of *Beorhtgifu*; see **Berriff**.

**Brightley**

Variants: **Brightly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from Brightley in Okehampton or Brightley Barton in Chittlehampton (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Brihtleg', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Bryghtlee, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Torrington, Devon); John Bryghtlegh', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Aveton Gifford, Devon); Beatrice Brightley, 1592 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Francis Brightly, 1619 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk); John Brightley, 1705 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Robert Brightly, 1790 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

**Brightly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; E Anglia

English: see **Brightley**.

**Brightman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 860, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; Lincs

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brihtmann*, *Beorhtmann* (from *beorht*, *briht* 'bright' + *mann* 'man').

**Early bearers:** given names: Brihtmanus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).  
surnames: Simon Brihtman, 1292 in *Herts Archives*; Robert Brightman (Brithman), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Galfridus Bryghteman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stebbing, Essex); William Brightman, 1402 in *Herts Archives*; William Brightman, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Brightmore**

Variants: **Brimmer**, **Burkmar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Leics

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Beorhtmǣr*, *Brihtmǣr*, from *beorht*, *briht* 'bright' + *mǣre* 'famous'. This is common in *Domesday Book* and throughout the 12th century. *Britmer* became *Brimmer* and *Brykemare* became, through metathesis, *Burkmar*, *Byrkmar*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Brihtmarus, Britmar, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Brichmerus filius Hunne, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Ædmer Brihtmari filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Lemmer Brihtmer, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Brictmer, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Britmar, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); William Brightmer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Brykemare, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Brighton**

Variants: **Brighten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1435, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1047
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England, Midlands and E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also London; Devon

English: (i) locative name from Brighton (ER Yorks), recorded as *Bristun* in *Domesday Book*, *Bryhton* 1298–1567, *Brighton*, 1636 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 239. (ii) nickname, especially in E Anglia, from Middle English *bright* + *eien* 'bright eyes'.

**Further information:** The surname can have no connexion with the Sussex Brighton, which was earlier *Bright(h)elmeston*. This occurs as *Brighton* in deeds of the reign of Charles II but did not come into common use until the early 19th century (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 291).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Brighton, 1328 in *York Freeman's Register*; Adam de Brighton, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Nicholas de Brighton, 1342 in *Close Rolls* (Notts); Johannes de Brighton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Willerby, ER Yorks); Galfridus Bryghtyene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thuxton, Norfolk); Rich. Brighten, 1652 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Daniel Brighton, 1683; Joseph Brighting, 1721 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk).

**Brightwell**

Variants: **Britwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 745, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Brightwell Baldwin (Oxon), Brightwell (Berks), Brightwell (Suffolk), or Brightwells Farm in Watford (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Brictewell', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Brichtewell', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Brichtewell, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon); Petrus Brightwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkham Abbey, ER Yorks); William Brightwell, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); James Brightwell, 1541 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Wm. Brightwell, 1553 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Lettise Britwell, 1612 in *IGI* (Sulhamstead Abbots, Berks); Robert Britwell, 1629 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Thos. Brightwell, 1792 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Britwell in Burnham (Bucks), or Britwell Prior or Britwell Salome (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Brittwelle, Simone de Brittwelle, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds 4* (Bucks); Elizabeth Britwell, 1642 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); William Britwell, 1679 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Thomas Britwell, 1727 in *IGI* (Crowell, Oxon); Frederick Britwell, 1814 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 217.

**Brighty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: (i) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Beorhtwīg*, *Brihtwīg* (from *beorht*, *briht* 'bright' + *wīg* 'battle'). (ii) variant of **Brightiff**; see **Berriff** and note the 1479 form *Brythwe*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Brictui, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Brichwi, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Berdwi faber, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).

surnames: Osbertus filius Britwi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Essex); Alexander Brictwi, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes Britwy, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Thomas Brightwy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Bryghty, clerk, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Thomas Brighty, 1608 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk); John Brightey, 1640 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Briginshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

**Brigman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Bridgeman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Brignall**

Variants: **Brignell**, **Brignull**, **Bricknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, and Surrey; ER Yorks

English: locative name from Brignall (NR Yorks) and possibly from an unidentified place with a similar name in E Anglia, unless the surname migrated very early from Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Brigenhall, 1313 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); John de Brigenhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmo Brignall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Sampson Girdlergate, Yorks); William Brigenhall, 1400; Robert Brignall, 1409 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Andrewe Brignall, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); William Bricknell, 1567; Robert Brignell, 1579 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Robert Bricknell, 1611 in *IGI* (Thornborough, Bucks); Mary Bricknell, 1690 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Johannes Brignal, 1697 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Robert Bricknell, 1721; Robert Brignell, 1725; Mary Bricknell, 1747 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); James Brignall, 1735 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); John James Brignull, 1825 in *IGI* (Camberwell, Surrey).

**Brignell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex
- English: see **Brignall**.

**Brignull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Brignall**.

**Brigstock**

Variants: **Brigstocke**, **Bridgstock**, **Brickstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141

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• **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Hunts  
English: locative name from Brigstock (Northants), which is recorded as *Bricstoc* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Walter Brigestok, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Brigstoke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edith Weston, Rutland); William Brigstock, 1584 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Edward Brigstocke, 1604 in *IGI* (Morcott, Rutland); John Brickstock, 1608, Mary Brigstock, 1659, John Bridgstock, 1678, Richard Brigstok, 1690 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Elizabeth Brigstock, 1815, Thomas Bridgstock, 1819, Mary Bridgestock, 1821, Mary Brickstock, 1825 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 158.

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• **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 48  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthen; IoW  
English: see **Brigstock**.

## Briley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 175  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London; N England: esp. Lancs; Notts; Warwicks

1 Irish: from Ó Brólaigh, see **Brolly**.

**Early bearers:** William Briley, 1605 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Henry Briley, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Samuel Briley, 1778 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name perhaps sometimes from Brill in Bridstow (Herefs), a local variant of the name that usually develops as **Bromley**; see *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 45.

## Brill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 16  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 382  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks  
English: locative name from Brill (Bucks), recorded as *Brehilla* in 1230.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Brehille, 1190 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Richard Brylle, 1411 in *Petre Documents*; Richard Brehill, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Giles Bryllys, 1527 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Chrystopher Bryll, 1574 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Francis Brill, 1672 in *IGI* (Aston Clinton, Bucks); William Brill, 1799 in *IGI* (Arborfield, Berks).

## Brilly

• **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
Irish: from Ó Brólaigh, see **Brolly**.

## Brim

• **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 30  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Beds  
English: see **Bream**.

## Brimacombe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 202  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall  
English: see **Brimblecombe**.

## Brimage

• **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 19  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 33  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs; Middx  
English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Bromwich**.  
**Further information:** This name is comparatively rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Francis Brimige, 1773 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); John Brimage, 1777 in *IGI* (East Teignmouth, Devon); Sarah Brimmage, 1823 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); John Thomas Charles Brimage, 1860 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Brimble

**Variants:** **Brimmell**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 508  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset  
English: variant of **Bramble**; compare **Brimblecombe**.  
**Early bearers:** Georg Brimble, 1611 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richarde Brimmell, 1622 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); William Brimble, 1637 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

## Brimblecombe

**Variants:** **Brimacombe**, **Brimmacombe**, **Brimicombe**, **Brimmicombe**, **Brinicombe**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 185  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: locative name from Brimblecombe in Molland (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brumelcome, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Walter de Bremelcomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Molland, Devon); William Brimelcombe or Brymelcombe, 1565 in *PROB 11* (West Kingston, Wilts); Richarde Brimelcombe, 1640 in *IGI* (Whitestone, Devon); Joseph Brimblecombe, 1741 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 343

## Brimelow

• **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 240  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
English: see **Bromilow**.

## Brimmer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 80  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Angus  
English: see **Brymer**.  
**Early bearers:** Peter Brimar, 1686, William Brimer, 1687, in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Brimure, 1718, Jane Brymer, 1728 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

## Brimfield

• **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 105  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths; Oxon  
English: locative name from Brimfield (Herefs), recorded as *Brumefelde*, *Bromefeld*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. It is difficult to distinguish early examples from those for **Broomfield**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brimfield, 1793 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

## Brimicombe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 61  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: see **Brimblecombe**.

## Brimley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 14  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 229  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Beds  
English: (i) locative name from any of several places named Brimley in Devon or from Brimley Combe (Dorset). (ii) variant of **Bromley**. *Vocabulary of English Place-Names* notes that spellings with *Brim-* can occur among those for place-names with Old English \**brēme*, *brōm* 'broom' as the first element.  
**Early bearers:** John de Bremellegh le Nither, John de Bremlegh le Ouere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton hundred, Devon); John Bremley, 1553 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Nicholas Brimly, 1595 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Richard Brymley, 1612, Lawrence Brimley, 1623 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Benjamin Brimley, 1679 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Samuel Brimly, 1719, Elizabeth Brimley, 1723 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds).

## Brimm

• **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants  
English: see **Bream**.

## Brimmacombe

• **GB frequency 1881:** 48  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: see **Brimblecombe**.

## Brimmell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 74  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cornwall  
English: see **Brimble**.

## Brimmer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey  
English: see **Brightmore**.

## Brimmicombe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 23  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: see **Brimblecombe**.

## Brimner

• **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 35  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus  
Scottish: see **Bremner**.

## Brimms

• **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 198  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish: locative name from Brims near Thurso (Caithness).

**Early bearers:** John Breyme, 1655 in *Caithness Testaments* (Thurso, Caithness); Janet Brymes, 1664 in *Caithness Testaments* (Thurso, Caithness); Elspet Brims, 1677 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Donald Brims, 1745 in *IGI* (Reay, Caithness).

### Brimson

**Variants:** Brinson, Brenson, Brinsdon, Brinsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Middx

Norman, English: locative name from Briençon (Normandy). The surname may also have contributed to *Bramson*, *Branson*, *Branston*.

**Further information:** The family has left its name in Brimstone Hill in Little Wakering (Essex), *Breaunsons*, 1419, in *Bremsons*, *Bramsons*, 1549, in *Brendston* 1553. New Hall in Purleigh was formerly called from them; *Brymshams*, 1527, in *Bremstones*, 1537, in *Brempons*, 1554 in (*Place-Names of Essex* 204, 223).

**Early bearers:** John de Brinzun, 1240, Joan de Bryaunesoun, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Bartholomew Brinsun, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John Brinsdon, 1622 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

### Brin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Welsh, English: see **Brinn**.

### Brincat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Maltese: relationship name from a reduced form of the Italian personal name *Brincato*, from *Pancrazio* (Latin *Pancratius*, ultimately from Greek *pankratios* 'all-powerful', an epithet of Christ especially in the Eastern Church).

**Early bearers:** Alex Brincott, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Well Saint Destitute Sailors' Asylum, Middx).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Brind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts
- English: see **Brend**.

### Brinded

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: from Bintree (Norfolk), with voicing of *-t-*, excrescent *-d-*, and the shifting or *-r-* from the second syllable to the first.

**Early bearers:** Edus de Byntre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); William Brinded, 1739, in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk).

### Brindell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Brindle**.

### Brindle

**Variants:** Brindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2185, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Brindle (Lancs), recorded as *Burnhull* in 1246.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Burnhull, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Agnes Brindle, 1589 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Abraham Bryndle, 1608 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Thomas Brindle, 1641, Mary Brindell, 1667 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Brindley

**Variants:** Brinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3866, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2284
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: locative name from Brindley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Brynley, 1540 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Willm Brindley, 1573 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Rauffe Brindleye, 1603 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Brinly, 1645 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Colburne Brindley, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Brine

**Variants:** Bryne, Brines, Brynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 910
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Dorset; London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: relationship name from an early Middle English personal name *Brine* (Old English *Bryni*), a pet form of names in *Brūn-* from *brūn* 'brown'. **Further information:** Derivations from either Middle English *brine* 'burning' or from Welsh *bryn* 'hill', as suggested by Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson*, are unlikely.

**Early bearers:** England: Matilda Brine, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Bryne, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Bryne, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**References:** *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 171.

2 Welsh: (i) possibly from **Bryan** or **O'Brien** as a result of Irish immigration into SW Wales. (ii) locative name from the Pembrokes lordship of Dyffryn Breuan.

**Early bearers:** John Bryne of Herbrandston, 1603, Richard Bryne of Cosheton, 1615 in *Access to Archives* (Pembrokes).

### Brines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland

English: perhaps a post-medieval variant of **Brine**, but there appears to be no distributional or genealogical evidence to associate the names.

### Briney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Briney, 1771 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); John Briney, 1823 in *IGI* (Delph, WR Yorks); Charles Briney, 1845 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks)

### Bringhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

English, Scottish: locative name from Bringhurst (Leics).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Bringhirst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barkestone, Leics); Rich. Bringhurst, 1626 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); William Bringhurst, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Bringloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Brinklow**.

### Brinicombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Brimblecombe**.

### Brining

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Bryning**.

### Brink

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Dutch, Scandinavian: locative name from Middle Low German *brinc* 'edge, slope, grazing land', especially a raised meadow in low-lying marshland for someone who lived by a pasture or green. In both Danish and Swedish *brink* is a borrowing of Dutch *brinck* 'waterside slope'; in Danish it means 'where the water runs deep'.

**Early bearers:** Adreadn van Brenck, 1697 in *IGI* (London); Bernhard Brinck, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Lars Brink, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Mayfair, Middx); Otto Brink, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Brinkhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Brinkhurst Furze (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ad' Brinkeherst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wisborough, Sussex) Green; John Brynckherst, 1568 in *IGI* (Wilmington, Sussex); John Brinkhurst, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London); Agnes Brinckerst, 1639 in *IGI* (Arlington, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 131.

### Brinkler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

## Brinkley

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Brinklow**.

### Brinkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- English: locative name from Brinkley (Cambs).
- Early bearers:** Oliver de Brinckle, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; John de Brinkele, 1303 in *London Court Rolls*; James Brynkle, 1562 in *IGI* (Wood Enderby, Lincs); Thome Brinckley, 1603 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

### Brinklow

Variants: **Brinkler**, **Bringloe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Bucks
- English: locative name from Brinklow (Warwicks).
- Early bearers:** William de Brinkelawa, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Brynckelowe, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Galfrido de Bryncklowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Henry Brincklowe or Bryncklowe, 1546 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Brinkler, 1639 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Thomas Brinckloe, 1686 in *IGI* (Corley, Warwicks); John Brinckloe, 1689 in *IGI* (Astwood, Bucks); Bridgett Bringloe, 1739 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

### Brinkman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Dutch, Danish, German: locative name from **Brinkmann**, for someone who lived by a meadow in low-lying marshland (see **Brink**).
- Early bearers:** John Brinkman, 1631 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); George Brinkman, 1800 in *IGI* (London).
- References: *Brechenmacher*.

### Brinkworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 634
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset
- English: locative name from Brinkworth (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Brinkewrthe, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); William de Brynckeworth, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Brinkworth, 1606 in *IGI* (Edgeworth, Gloucs); Thomas Brinkworth, 1613 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Philip Brinckworth, 1669 in *IGI* (Laycock, Wilts); Samuel Brinkworth, 1782 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs).

### Brinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Brindley**.

### Brinn

- Variants: **Brin**, **Brynn**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 Welsh: locative name from any of the many places named from Welsh *bryn* 'hill' (Brittonic \**brunnjo*), such as Bryn (Glamorgan), Bryn (Shrops), or Brynn (Lancs). Some examples with *-y-* may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** David Bryn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sezincote, Gloucs); John Bryn', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Harlington, Beds); William Brin, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Ringwood, Hants); Willelmus Brynn, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Haverfordwest, Pembrokes); Mortimus Bryn, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Llanfair Caereinion, Montgomerys); James Brinn, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Westbury, Wilts); Josephus Brin, 1670 in *Parish Registers* (Llanwnnog, Montgomerys); John Brin, 1685 in *Parish Registers* (Steynton, Pembrokes).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *brine* 'burning' (Old English *bryne*), probably with the sense of 'place cleared by burning'. Although rare in place-names it is formally indistinguishable from the *-y-* forms of (1). The name might be topographic, for someone who lived at a burnt place, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Burn (WR Yorks), recorded as *Byrne* in about 1030.

References: *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*.

### Brinsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Brimson**.

### Brinsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset
- Monmouths
- Norman, English: see **Brimson**.

### Brinsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Lincs and Northants; Dorset
- English: locative name from Brinsley (Notts).
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Brunnesley, 1198, Roger de Brinseleye, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Notts); Ricardus de Brinesley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trowell, Notts); Willelmus de Brunnesley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cannock, Staffs); James Brinsley, 1578 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Brinsley, 1599 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Richard Brinsley, 1601 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Michael Brinsley, 1640 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

### Brinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; Middx; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Brimson**.

### Brint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Brent**.

### Brinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons; Suffolk and Essex

1 Scottish: locative name perhaps from a lost or unidentified place, although possibly brought to Scotland from one or more of the English Brintons under (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Bryntoun, 1558 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lanark, Lanarks); David Brentoun, 1568 in *Laing Charters* (Lanark, Lanarks); David Brentoun, 1610 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Anna Brinton, 1699 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian).

References: *Black*.

2 English: locative name from Great Brington (Essex), recorded as *Brintone* in *Domesday Book*, Brinton (Norfolk), Brimpton (Berks), recorded as *Brintone* in *Domesday Book*, Brineton (Staffs), or Brimington (Derbys), recorded as *Brinneton* in 1239.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Brinton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Adam de Brinton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Anker de Brimynghon, 1387 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; John Brinton, 1565 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Humfrey Brinton, 1577 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Brinton, 1580 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Mary Brinton, 1592 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Joseph Brinton, 1593 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire).

### Briody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 388
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from Ó Bruaideadha 'descendant of *Bruaided*', an Old Irish personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McPatrick O'Briode, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4892 (Dongonin, Cavan); James Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumlumman, Cavan); James Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mallycoran, Cavan); Patrick Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crosserlough, Cavan); Henry Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymachugh, Cavan); James Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath); Patrick Briody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Delvin, Westmeath).

### Brion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Guernsey
- English, Irish: variant of **Bryant** or **O'Brien**.
- Early bearers:** England: Goodeth Brion, 1566 in *IGI* (Claybrook, Leics); Ralph Brion, 1576 in *IGI* (Barlow, Derbys); George Brion, 1715 in *IGI* (Nottingham); Richard Brion, 1743 in *IGI* (Moulsoe, Bucks). Ireland: Bridged Brion, 1866 in *IGI* (Cork); John Brion, 1864 in *IGI* (Douglas, Cork).

### Brisbane

Variants: **Brisbourne**, **Brisbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Stirlings, Lanarks, and Renfrews

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from a hybrid compound of Old French *brise* 'break' + Old English *bān* 'bone', meaning 'break bone'. (ii) locative name from Brisbane in Largs (Ayr), a place which likely

took its name from the above Old French compound, perhaps due to the bone-breaking quality of the land itself.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Brisbane, 1298 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alan Brisbane, about 1334 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Muckcroft, Dumbartons); Alexander Brysban, 1358 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; James Birsbane, 1498 in *Laing Charters* (Caithness); Andrew Brisbane, 1643 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings).

England: Ralph Briseban, 1275 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Middx); John Brusebon, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Roger Brisborne, 1597 in *IGI*; William Brisborne, 1649 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Peter Brisbourn, 1694 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops).

### Brisbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1881: 0

English: see **Brisbane**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Brisbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: variant of **Brisbane**.

### Brisby

**Variants:** Brusby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Middx

English: locative name from a lost place called *Brisby*, apparently in Castle Sowerby (Cumb). The place-name has Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘village, settlement’ as the second element, with an uncertain first element.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Breskeby, 1285 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); John de Bresceby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Askerton, Cumb); John de Bresseby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sebergham, Cumb); William de Bresseby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dalston, Cumb); William de Brisby alias Bresseby, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Sowerby, Cumb); Elizabeth Brisbie, 1566 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Richard Brisbye, 1605, Grace Brisby, 1610 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Thomas Brisbye, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); William Brusbie or Brusby of Overthorp, 1615 in *TNA* (Northants); John Brisby, 1625 in *TNA* (Carlisle, Cumb); Roberti Brisbye, 1625 in *IGI* (Willoughby with Sloothby, Lincs); Elz. Brusby, 1640 in Boyd’s Misc. Transcription (York); Thomas Brisbie, 1664 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Edward Brisby, 1725 in *IGI* (Hawny, NR Yorks); Anne Brussby, 1751 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 248.

### Briscall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Briscall, 1595 in *IGI* (Alconbury cum Weston, Hunts); Thomas Briscoll, 1611 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Richardus Briscall, 1636, Peter Briscoll, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (Little Budworth, Cheshire).

### Brisco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

English: see **Briscoe**.

### Briscoe

**Variants:** Brisco, Briskey, Brisker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2726, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1925
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Kilkenny

English: locative name from Briscoe in Saint John Beckermert (Cumb), Briscoe in Hutton Mulgrave (NR Yorks), Briscoe in Romalldkirk (NR York), Brisco Rigg in Stainburn (WR Yorks), or Brisco in Saint Cuthbert Without (Cumb). Despite the similarity of the modern forms these place-names have several different origins.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Briscaw, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Briscowe, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Tunstall in Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Margery Briscow, 1579 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Richus Brisco, 1581 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); John Brisco, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Aldenham, Herts); Reginolde Briscoe or Briskoe, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre, City of London); William Briscoe, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Richd Brisker, 1690 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Briscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Devon

English: (i) in N England it is usually from a variant form of **Broxup** (via *Broscep*, *Broscomb*), as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. (ii) locative name; in SW England it is more likely to be from a metathetized form of Burscombe in Sidbury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Parnel Briscom, 1587 in *IGI* (Houghton on the Hill, Lincs); Ambrose Brescombe, 1618 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Catherine Briscoombe, 1661 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Robert Briscam, 1783 in *IGI* (Howden, Yorks); William Briskham, 1799 in *IGI* (Eastrington, ER Yorks).

### Brisker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Briscoe**.

### Briskey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Briscoe**.

### Brisland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: of uncertain origin; probably a variant of **Brislane**; see **Breslin**.

**Early bearers:** John Brisland, 1688 in *IGI* (Moccas, Herefs); John Brisland, 1712 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Brislane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary; Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Breisleáin, see **Breslin**.

### Brislen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Breisleáin, see **Breslin**.

### Brisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Brisley (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Brysele, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Lea, Lincs); Henry de Briselee, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Chesham, Bucks); Edward Briseley, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Axe, City of London); William Brizly, 1672 in *IGI* (Stalisfield, Kent); Edward Brisely, 1720 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent).

### Breslin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Breisleáin, see **Breslin**.

### Brison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Gloucs; Hants
- Scottish: see **Bryson**.

### Brissenden

**Variants:** Brizendine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Brissenden in Tenterden (Kent). There may have been some confusion with **Bishenden**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Bresindenn’, 13th cent. in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Kent); Alice de Bresinden, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William de Briesydenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chart hundred, Kent); William Bryssendenne, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Smarden, Kent); John Briesynden, 1470 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (High Halden, Kent); John Bresinden, 1480 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Cecily Briesynden, 1481, James Brisynden, 1504 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Smarden, Kent); Stephen Bresinden, 1484, Laurence Brysinden, 1501–2 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Bethersden, Kent); Symon Brissenden, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joyce Brissenden, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Nicholas Brissenden, 1649 in *Kentish Administrations* (Frittenden, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 356.

### Brissett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Huguenot, French: relationship name from the French surname *Brissette*, a pet form of *Brès* (see **Bryce**).

## Brister

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Mathieu Brisset, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street); Luc Brisset, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street).

Channel Islands: Marin Brisset, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Frederick Brisset, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey). England: Henry Brisset, 1574 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Elizabeth Brisset, 1639 in *IGI* (Honiton on Otter, Devon); Othias Brizet, 1613 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Denis Brissett, 1671 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Brister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Norfolk

English: see **Bristow**.

### Bristo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Cumb
- English: see **Bristow**.

### Bristoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Sussex; also WR Yorks

1 English: see **Bristow**.

2 English: see **Burstall**

### Bristol

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; N Midlands

1 English: see **Bristow**.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Burstall**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes John Bristall of Bristall, 1466 in *York Registry Wills* (Burstall, ER Yorks).

### Bristoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Bristow**.

### Briston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Rutland

English: locative name from Briston (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Birston, 1192, [. . . de] Byrston, 1250 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Norfolk); William de Birstone, dyer, 1301–2 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); Thomas de Birstone, 1329 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Norfolk); Edmund de Birstone, vicar of Quarles, 1349 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Mary Briston, 1590, in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Thomas Briston 1697 in *IGI* (Barton Bendish, Norfolk); Joseph Briston, 1741 in *IGI* (Gooderstone, Norfolk). **References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 119.

### Bristow

Variants: **Bristowe**, **Bristo**, **Bristoe**, **Brister**, **Bristol**, **Bristoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6171, Ireland 72

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4045
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. SE England; also Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: (i) locative name from Bristol (Gloucs), recorded as *Bristou*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, from Old English *Brycgstow* 'bridge (assembly-)place'. (ii) locative name from Burstow (Surrey), *Brystowe* from 1486, or Bristow Farm in Frimley (Surrey), recorded as *Brister* in 1765.

**Further information:** *Bristow* was the usual spoken form until at least the 17th century, but from the 12th century clerks had frequently spelled the name *Bristol(lia)*, using an inverted Anglo-Norman French spelling of *-ol-* for *-ou-*. The written form *Bristol* gradually replaced *Bristow* as the usual pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Lia de Bristou, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Peter de Bristo, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes de Bristow, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackfriargate, ER Yorks); Johannes Bristow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stour Provost, Dorset); Edmond Bristow, 1538 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Agnys Bristow, 1539 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); John Bristowe, 1543 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Robarte Bristow, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Horley, Surrey); Ann Brestow, 1668 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Robert Brister, 1585 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Susan Bristoe, 1597 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); William Bristall, 1667 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Beniamine Bristall, 1668 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Bristol, 1676 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Edw Bristow or Brestow, 1682 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Richard Bristoll, 1691 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Hannah Bristol, 1714 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Francis Bristol, 1723 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Henry Bristow or Blister, 1846 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 83–4; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 286, 127.

### Bristowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Surrey; Lincs

English: see **Bristow**.

### Britain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs and WR Yorks; Staffs

Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Britch

Variants: **Brich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name a metathesized variant of **Birch**. In Essex the name is from a place called Birch, which is recorded as *Briche* (1194–5). It is sometimes interchangeable with **Brick**.

**Early bearers:** Walter del Brich, clerk, 1317 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas, Robert, Hamo de Brich, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Birch, Essex); John atte Brich, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Weybridge, Surrey); Robert del Brich, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Willm. Brich, 1569, Margeria Britch, 1716 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lincs); Joanne Briche, 1570 in *IGI* (Little

Steeping, Lincs); Thomas Britch, 1650 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Margrett Britch, 1695 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lincs); John Brich, 1741 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *briche* 'frail, humble' (Old English *bryce*) or *briche* 'useful, helpful' (Old English *brȳce*). Any of the following examples may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Emery Brich, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (The Exchequer, London); Johanne Brych', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinhead, Wilts); Thomas Briche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Josias Britch, 1737 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Britch, 1813 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Mary Ann Britch, 1842 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Britcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent

English: see **Bracher**.

### Britchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx

English: variant of **Bridgeford**.

**Early bearers:** William de Bricheford, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Grantham, Lincs); John Brychford, yeoman of the avenary, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Purbeck, Dorset); Robert Brydchford', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Barlestone, Leics); William Breacheford, 1566 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wilyam Britchford, 1660 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

### Britcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Bretclyffe, 1605 in *IGI* (London); Lawrance Bretcliffe, 1639 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lincs); Lawrence Britclif, 1719 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lincs); John Britcliff, 1760, Thomas Britcliffe, 1761 in *IGI* (Altham, Lincs).

### Britland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: locative name from Britland in Tintwistle (Cheshire) or Britland in Holme (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Bretland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steeon, WR Yorks); Robte Bretland, 1574 in *IGI* (Motttram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Martin Britland, 1580, Brettland, 1588, Radolphi Britlande, 1617 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Bretland, 1633, John Brittland, 1638, Richard Brettland, 1643 in *IGI* (Motttram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Mathew Britland, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Britnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Henrie Britnell, 1560 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks); Richardi Brittnall, 1592 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Robt. Brittnell, 1606 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts).

### Britner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Brettoner**.

### Britnor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Brettoner**.

### Brito

**Variants:** Britto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese: locative name from any of various places called *Brito*, for example in Guimaraes, Portugal, and possibly reinforced by recent immigration of Mangalorean Roman Catholics from India, where the surname is also known.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Britto, in *Census 1841* (Lancs); John Brito, in *Census 1851* (Ayr); George Brito, born in Cape Verde Islands, in *Census 1861* (Kent); Samuel Brito, born in Suffolk, in *Census 1871* (London); Manuel Brito, seaman, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Briton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Norman, English: see **Breton**.

### Britt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 532
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex; also W Midlands and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

English: see **Brett**.

### Brittain

**Variants:** Britain, Brittan, Britten, Brittin, Brittainey, Brittian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3124, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Warwicks; Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Norman, English: locative name, ethnic name from Anglo-Norman French *Bretagne*, *Bretaign(e)* 'Brittany'. Some of the modern forms are from the Middle English *Brytane*, *Brittan* 'Breton'; compare **Breton**.

**Early bearers:** John de Bretaign, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Bretagne, 1291 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Brytannia, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John de Breтайne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Elias de Britton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Willelmus Britain, 1381 in

*Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); John Britteyn or Brittein, 1548, Bryteyn, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Guilden Morden, Cams); Robert Brittain or Brittainayne, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Waresley, Hunts); Thomas Briten, 1736, Mary Brittain, 1754 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts); Mary Britian, 1748, Jane Brittain, 1797 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts).

### Brittan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 545
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England and N Midlands; London
- Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Britten

**Variants:** Briden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1684, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Brittian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs; Lancs

Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Brittin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Midlands and NW Midlands

Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Brittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Brettell**.

### Brittlebank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Derbys

English: see **Brocklebank**.

### Brittles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) variant of **Birtles** with metathesis of *-ir-* to *-ri-*. (ii) variant of **Brettell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Brittles, 1773 in *IGI* (Great Sankey, Lancs); Mary Brittles, 1778 in *IGI* (Chelford, Cheshire); Charlotte Brittles, 1796 in *IGI* (Congleton, Cheshire).

### Brittainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

Norman, English: see **Brittain**.

### Britto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: ethnic name from Medieval Latin *Brito* 'a Briton or Breton', translating Norman French (*Le*) *Bret* (compare **Brett**), although the often-cited model case of *Faber* translating English *Smith* and so giving rise to a surname is unproven (see **Faber**).

**Further information:** Note Wigan Brito, i.e. 'the Breton', with a Breton given name, 1249 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Thrextton, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert Brytoe, 1601 in *IGI*

(Leckhampton, Gloucs); James Brytoe, 1656 in *IGI* (Swinford, Worcs); William Joseph Britow, 1813 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey); William Britto, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Jeremiah Britto, 1879 in *IGI* (Liverpool); Wallace Britto, in *Census 1841* (Suffolk).

2 Portuguese: see **Brito**.

### Britton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9093, Ireland 490
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon; Essex and Middx; Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Galway; Fermanagh and Tyrone

Norman, English: see **Breton**.

### Britts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of *Britt* (see **Brett**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Brettes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Standen, Hants); John Britts, 1761 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Britwell

**Variants:** Bridle, Bridal, Brettell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: see **Brightwell** (2).

2 Norman, English: locative name from one of the several places called Bretteville in Normandy (Manche, Seine-Maritime, and Calvados). The name, if it survived into the modern era, may have been merged or confused with *Britwell* in (1) or with *Bridwell* (see **Bridle**).

**Further information:** The Norman family owned estates in Beds and Devon. See *Domesday Descendants*, p. 348.

**Early bearers:** Guy de Brytevilla, 1141–72 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Somerset); John Briteuill', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Compton and Egg Buckland, Devon); Thoma Bretvill', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waltham on the Wold, Leics); Johannes Bretwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Crosland, WR Yorks).

3 English: see **Bridwell**.

### Brix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bricks**.

### Brixey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

## Brizell

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, Wilts, and Somerset

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Beorhtsige*, *Brihtsige* (from *beorht*, *briht* 'bright' + *sige* 'victory') also found as *Birhsie* in Devon (*Cartularium Saxonicum* no. 1248).

**Early bearers:** Alsi filius Brixi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Godric filius Brichsii, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alanus filius Brixi, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Stephen Brixy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Brixy, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Brixi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Louise Brixy, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Southwark, Surrey); Peter Brixie, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Saint Thomas Salisbury, Wilts).

## Brizell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Brazil**.

**Early bearers:** Phyllyppe Bryssll, 1560 in *IGI* (London); John Brisell, 1661 in *IGI* (Omersley, Worcs); Lyas Brissel, 1777 in *IGI* (Newton Heath, Lancs); Samuel Brisell, 1852 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

## Brizendine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Brissenden**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Broach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Middx; Cheshire; Devon

English: a alternative spelling of **Broatch**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Broach, 1615 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Broach, 1719 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Ann Broach, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Aaron Broach, 1738 in *IGI* (Cherhill, Wilts).

## Broad

**Variants:** **Braide**, **Braid**, **Brade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4627, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3793
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent, Middx, and Surrey; Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *brod(e)* 'wide, broad' (Old English *brād*). In the north and Scotland, the Old English *ā* remained in Middle English, later spelled *ai*, giving modern *Brade*, *Braid*. **Early bearers:** John le Brade, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert le Brode, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry le Brode, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Buckingham, Bucks); Robertus Brode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arlington, Devon); Thomas Brode, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Rusper, Sussex); John Broad, 1566 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Phillipp Broad, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Garsdon, Wilts); Richard Broade, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Lanteglos by Fowey, Cornwall).

## Broadaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Broadway**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Broadbelt

**Variants:** **Broadbent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'wide, broad' + *belt* 'belt, girdle', used for a stout man, i. e. someone who wore a 'broad belt'. Compare William Brodgidel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts).

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the name could sometimes be abbreviated, noting that Joseph Broadbelt signed his name as Joseph Belt in a Quarter Sessions document of 1741.

**Early bearers:** John Bradbelt, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Natland, Westm); Adam Brodebelt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Xpoffer. Brodbelt, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Ric Brodebelt, 1606 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Richard Broadbelt, 1616 in *IGI* (Conistone, WR Yorks); Richard Broadbelt, 1682 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Broadbent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6105, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6419
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Broadbent near Oldham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry Brodebent alias Brodebente of Thorpe, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Wath, NR Yorks); Robert Brodebent, 1513 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johan. Broadbent, 1557 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Margaret Brodbente or Brodbent, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Longford, Derbys); William Bradbent, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Gravesend, Kent); Edward Bradbent, 1645 in *PROB 11* (City of London).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. 2 English: occasionally a variant of **Broadbelt** (or vice versa).

**Early bearers:** Samuel Broadbelt or Broadbent, 1750 in *IGI* (Armlley, WR Yorks).

## Broadberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, no doubt of relatively modern foundation, as Middle English *brad* (Old English *brād*) has developed into Modern English *broad*. Compare **Bradbury**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Broadberie, 1599 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Jane Broadberry, 1616 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Robert Broadbery, 1632 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Jarvis Broadberry, 1687 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks); Jno. Broadberry, 1782 in *IGI* (Norwell and Carlton on Trent, Notts).

## Broadbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Broadbridge in Bosham (W Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ærnald de Bradebrige, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William de Bradebrugge, 1296, John de Bradebrugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Annis Bradbridge, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Bradbridge, 1576 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Andrew Broadbridge, 1711 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Broader

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

1 English: see **Brother**.

2 Irish: from Ó Bruadair, see **Brouder**.

## Broaders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó Bruadair (see **Brouder**), with excrescent English -s.

## Broadfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: see **Bradfield**.

## Broadfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns, Kircudbrights, and Lanarks

1 Scottish: locative name, according to Black an anglicized spelling of *Bradfute*, from a lost place in either Ayr or Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** Robert Braidfut, 1491 in *Glasgow Register* (Dunning, Perth); William Bredfut, 1593 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Falkland, Fife); James Braidfoot, 1611 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margarat Broadfoot, 1702 in *IGI* (Sorbie, Wigtowns).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'wide, broad' + *fof* 'foot' (Old English *brād* + *fōt*).

**Early bearers:** Turgis Bradfot, 1157 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Roger Brodfot, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Rogerus Bradefote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Brodfot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litchborough, Northants); Thomas Broadfoot, 1616 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Tho Broadfoot, 1691 in *IGI* (Newnham, Gloucs); William Broadfoot, 1736 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Broadfoot, 1740 in *IGI* (Aikton, Cumb); William Broadfoot, 1759 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks).

## Broadgate

**Variants:** **Bradgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs

English: locative name from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'wide, broad' + *gat(e)*, *geat* 'gateway, city gate'. The name may be topographic, for one who lived '(by the) broad gate' or perhaps worked there (compare **Porter**), or toponymic from a place so named, such as Bradgate (Leics).



**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bradgate, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); John de Bradegate, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert de Bradgate, chaplain, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (East Parley in Christchurch, Hants); Nicholas atte Brodegate, 1344 in *London Letter Books F*; Rogero Bradgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worthington, Leics); Thomas Brodgate, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Broadgate or Broadgat, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Little Peatling, Leics).

### Broadhead

**Variants:** Brodhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2598, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2198
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *brod* 'wide, broad' (Old English *brād*) + Middle English *heved*, *hed* 'head, headland' (Old English *hēafod*), for someone who lived at a place known as 'the broad headland'. The WR Yorks name derives from a locality now known as Broadhead Edge in Austonley, 'a steep bank overlooking the river Holme, west of Homfirth' (*Sheffield Surnames*, p. 17). The Lancs name is from a locality in Hurlston near Scarisbrick.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bradeheved, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Bradehed, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Alan and Adam del Brodeheued, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scarisbrick with Hurlston, Lancs); Thomas del Brodhede, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Austonley, WR Yorks); John Brodehed, 1422 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Wooldale, WR Yorks); Thomas Brodhed, 1545 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Margaret Broadhead, 1571 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Susanna Broadhead, 1644 in *IGI* (York); Anne Broadhead, 1656 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs). **References:** *Sheffield Surnames*; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 215.

2 English: nickname from northern Middle English *brad* + *hed*, *heved* 'broad head' (Old English *brād* + *hēafod*). This may also have contributed to the WR Yorks surname; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bradheuid, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Brodheved, 1281 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert Brodhevid, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sharlston, WR Yorks), also known as Robert Gretheved, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; Thomas Broadhead, 1574 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Margaret Broadhead, 1587 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); William Broadhead, 1602 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Ellyn Broadhead, 1625 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); John Broadhead, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Broadhouse

**Variants:** Broadis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *brad*, *brod* 'broad, extensive' + *h(o)us*, for someone who lived or worked '(at the) large house'. **Early bearers:** Richard de Bradhus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Christopher Broadis, 1671 in *IGI* (Blockley, Worcs); Abraham Brodhouse, 1689 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Paul Broadhouse, 1725 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Robert Broadis, 1811 in *IGI*

(Brize Norton, Oxon); Elizabeth Broddess, 1818 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Broadhurst

**Variants:** Brodhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4204, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3010
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'wide, broad' + *hirst(e)*, *hurst* 'wood, grove'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(by the) broad wood', or toponymic for someone from a place so named, such as Broadhurst (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Roger de Brodhurst, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Bradhirst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Nicholaus de Brodhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); John Brodhurst, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Thomas Broadhurst, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Cleeton, Shrops).

### Broadie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Lanarks

1 Scottish: see **Brodie**.

2 English: see **Broady**.

### Broadis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Broadhouse**.

### Broadley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2474, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2025
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Bradley** in which the main vowel has remained long and developed to Standard English /ɔ/.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Brodelegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Rici Broadley, 1584 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Broadly, 1652 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

### Broadly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Bradley** and compare **Broadley**.

### Broadmead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: locative name from Middle English *brod*, *brad* 'wide, broad' + *me(a)de* 'meadow'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(by the) broad meadow', or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Broadmead in Bristol (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Roger atte Brodmed, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johanna Brademed, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); Gilbert Brodmeade, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Crediton, Devon); William Broadmead, 1605 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Richard Bradmead, Thomas Brodmeade, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Broadmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Breadmore**.

### Broadribb

**Variants:** Brodrribb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Gloucs and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *brad*, *brod* + *rib*(*be*) 'broad rib'.

**Early bearers:** Peter Brodrribbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Brawdrib, 1533 in *Rochester Wills*; James Brodrribb, 1638 in *IGI* (Milton Clevedon, Somerset); William Broadribb, 1658, Anne Broadrib, 1694 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Broadrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Broderick**.

### Broadstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: see **Bradstock**.

### Broadwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from any of several place called Broadwater (Sussex, Suffolk, Herts and elsewhere).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Brodewater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsh Benham, Berks); John Broadwater, 1547 in *Parish Registers* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Rodolphi Broadwater, 1601 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); William Broadwater, 1644 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); John Broadwater, 1666 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Broadway

**Variants:** Broadaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 607
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and W Midlands: esp. Middx; Warwicks and Oxon

English: locative name from Middle English *brōd* 'broad' + *wei* 'road' (Old English *brād* + *weg*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by a broad road, or more often toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Broadway (Worcs, Somerset). Compare **Bradway**.

**Further information:** There is also a place called Broadwey in Dorset, 'the broad manor on the River Wey', but it is unlikely to be the source of the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Hugh del Brodweye, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John de Bradeweje, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Philippus Bradewey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hidcote Bartrim, Gloucs); Richarde Broadwaie alias Broadway, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Morville, Shrops);

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Bartholomew Broadway, 1677 in *IGI* (Rowington, Warwicks); Thomas Broadaway, 1706 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks).

### Broadwell

Variants: **Broddle**, **Brodell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; ER Yorks

English: locative name presumably from one or other of several places named Broadwell, though the post-medieval distribution is mostly well away from SW England, where such place-names occur (Warwicks, Oxon, Gloucs). Compare the synonymous **Bradwell** and **Braddie**. Philip de Bradwell, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coleby, in Kesteven, Lincs) hints at a place so named in Lincs but it has not been identified.

**Early bearers:** Robart Brodwell, 1566 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Michael Broadwell, 1619 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); George Brodwell, 1632, John Broadwell, 1674 in *IGI* (Saddington, Leics); Thomas Broddill, 1687 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Henry Broadwell, 1743 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); John Broadall, 1762 in *IGI* (Shearsby, Leics); Elizabeth Broddel, 1780 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Elizabeth Brodell, 1780 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); Thos Broddle, 1792 in *IGI* (Gayton le Marsh, Lincs); John Broadell, 1801 in *IGI* (Leire, Leics).

### Broadwith

Variants: **Broadwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. NR Yorks; Roxburghs

English: locative name from Braywith, in Knayton (NR Yorks) or Braworth, in Hutton Rudby (NR Yorks), both deriving from Middle English *Braythwath* 'broad ford'. The later form of the name may have been confused with or influenced by **Broadwood**.

**Early bearers:** Ffham Bradwith, 1594 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); John Broadwith, 1712 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Broadwith, 1733 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Marmaduke Brodwith, 1770 in *IGI* (Cundall, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 175, 206.

### Broadwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Durham; Midlothian

English: locative name from Middle English *brad + wode* (Old English *brād + wudu*), from one or more of the various places named as 'the broad wood', such as Broadwood in Stanhope (Durham), Broadwood Farm in Carhampton (Somerset), Broadwood Kelly and Broadwoodwidge (both Devon). The name in NE England and SE Scotland may have been confused with **Broadwith**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Brodwode, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Clementis Bradwood, 1581 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Henry Bradwood, 1671 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Alice Broadwood, 1674 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb); John Broadwood, 1687 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Bazill Broadwood, 1693 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 18; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 136, 179.

### Broady

Variants: **Bredy**, **Broadie**, **Braddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *brōd* 'broad' + *ie* 'island' (Old English *ēg*) or *hegh* 'enclosure' (Old English *(ge)hæg*).

**Further information:** The notion that this is a nickname for someone with broad eyes is unlikely; examples that appear to support this explanation are more likely to be early examples of folk etymology.

**Early bearers:** Roger Bradeie, Bradege, Brodege, 1170, 1184, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Geoffrey Bradege, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Walter Bradeye, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Simon Brodheghe, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert Brody, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); William Brodeie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Agatha de Brodheghe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edwardus Broadey, 1615 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Johannis Broady, 1668 in *IGI* (Alvaston, Derbys); Beniamin Broady, 1671, Mottershead Brodey, 1685 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Thomas Broady, 1687 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Broady, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Broatch

Variants: **Broach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Cumb

1 Scottish: locative name from Broats in Kirkpatrick-Fleming (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** James Broatch, 1628 in *Dumfriess Testaments* (Dumfriess); Mary Broach, 1712 in *Torphichen Records* (Torphichen, W Lothian); John Broatch, 1774 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick-Fleming, Dumfriess).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bro(u)che* 'pointed weapon or instrument; clasp, brooch, pin', perhaps for one who made or sold such items.

Compare Ralph Brocher, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Brocher, Roger le Brochere, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*. Compare William Bruchemaker, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax* and William ploghbrocher, 1281 in *Fransson* (Lincs), probably a maker of ploughshares.

### Brobbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Brobin**.

### Brobin

Variants: **Brobyn**, **Brobbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs

English: variant of **Brabin** (Middle English *Braban* 'native of Brabant'), as illustrated in the alternative forms of the Gloucs and Lancs family names given below. Also compare **Brobson** for **Brabazon**.

**Further information:** The suggestion in some dictionaries that *Brobin*, *Brobyn*, and *Brobbin* are variants of Welsh **Probyn** is not supported by the surname evidence and is phonetically improbable,

since Welsh *ab* regularly becomes *ap* before *R*-, hence *Probyn*.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Samuel Braben, 1589, Mary Broben, 1663, Mary Daw Brobem, 1766, Ester Braben, 1778, Joana Broban, 1780, Martha Brobyn, 1819, Henry Brobden, 1841 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

NW England: Anne Brobine, 1617, William Brabin, 1629, Joseph Brobin, 1753, Geo. Brabbin, 1787, Jane Brobbin, 1870 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); John Brobin, 1628, Thomas Brobin, 1712, William Brabin, 1781, Peter Broben, 1783 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Brobson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

English: see **Brabazon**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Brobson, 1571 in *IGI* (Tur Langton, Leics); Alyce Brabson, 1611, William Brobson, 1701, Wm. Brobson, 1812 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Elezabeath Brobson, 1678 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics).

### Brobyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Brobin**.

### Broca

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Brocas**.

### Brocas

Variants: **Broca**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London

1 Scottish, English: see **Brookhouse**.

**Early bearers:** John Brocas, 1337–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Arnold Brokas, 1399–1400 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Brockas, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 French: locative name from Brocas in Les Landes, SW France.

**Early bearers:** Abisha Brocas, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Further information:** This may be a Huguenot name.

### Brock

Variants: **Brocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4623, Ireland 181
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3472
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Devon; Norfolk; also central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Connacht and N Leinster

1 English: nickname from Middle English *brok(ke)* 'badger' (Old English *brocc*). From about 1400 *brock* is often used with the epithet *stinking* and in the 16th century meant 'a stinking or dirty fellow' (*Ekwall*, *ELPN*).

**Further information:** Reaney's alternative suggestion that it may sometimes be a nickname from Old French *broque*, *brocke* 'young stag', is theoretically possible but there is no evidence for the word in Middle English except in a diminutive form (see

**Brockett**). There is no evidence to suggest a Scottish derivation from the place called Brock in E Lothian; Scottish early bearers are more likely to be the Middle English nickname above.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph Broc, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Joel le Broc, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Richard Brock, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edward Brock, 1555 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Thomas Brock, 1556 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Robert Brock, 1558 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Laurence Brock, 1561 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Margaret Brock, 1567 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk).

Scotland: Henry Brok, 1328 in *Papal Letters* (Dunkeld, Perth); Alexander Broik, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ardmannoch, Kirkcudbright); Christian Brock, 1625 in *Saint Andrews Kirk Session* (Edzell, Angus).

2 English: variant of **Brook**.

### Brockbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1061
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and Cumb
- English: see **Brooksbank** and compare **Brocklebank**.

### Brockelbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Brocklebank**.

### Brockenshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Brocket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Brockett**.

### Brockett

Variants: **Brocket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Cambs

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *brocart*, *brocquart* (from Old French *broque*, *brocke*), from which was formed Middle English *broket*, *brocket* ‘a stag in its second year with its first horns’ (about 1410 *MED*).

**Early bearers:** Osbert Brochard, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Henry Broket, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Broket, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Brocard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Walterus Brokat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Robert Brockett, 1533 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Brockett, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Impington, Cambs).

2 Scottish: locative name from Brocket (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Jhon Brokat, 1524 in *Carnwath Court Book* (Carnwath, Lanarks); George Brocket, 1540–42 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Agnes Brokat, 1617 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Henry Brocket, 1726 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian).

### Brockhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: see **Brookhouse**.

### Brockhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name from Brockhurst (Hants, Sussex, Warwicks).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Brocherst’, 1201 in *Pleas*; Robert, William de Brokhurst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Brokhurst, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Brockhurst, 1563 in *PROB 11* (London); John Brockhurst, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Oxon).

### Brockie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian; also Aberdeens
- 1 Scottish: locative name from one or more places in Scotland called Brockie, perhaps Brockie Law (Roxburghs) or Brockieside (Stirlings).
- Early bearers:** Gilbert Broky, 1411 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Robert Broky, 1429 in *Glasgow Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Archibald Broky, 1581 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; William Brockie, 1662 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Ann Brockie, 1777 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks); Robert Brockie, 1790 in *IGI* (Bowden, Roxburghs).
- 2 English: see **Breakey**.

### Brockington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; IoW; Warwicks
- English: locative name from Brockington in Gussage All Saints (Dorset), recorded as *Brochemtune* in *Domesday Book*.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brochamton, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Brokenton, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Brokhampton’, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Richi Brockington, 1626 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Joseph Brockinton, 1665 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs); James Brockington, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Horton, Dorset).
- References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 280.

### Brockis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Brookhouse**.

### Brocklebank

- Variants: **Brockelbank**, **Bricklebank**, **Brittlebank**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 961, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 730
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, and Lancs; ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: locative name from Brocklebank in Westward (Cumb). The name had presumably migrated to Suffolk and Essex by the 16th century. In

N England it may have been confused with

*Brockbank*, see **Brooksbank**.

**Early bearers:** William Brokelbank, 1443 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 30, p. 58 (Corney, Cumb); William Brokilbanke, 1515 in *York Registry Wills* (Anlaby, ER Yorks); Nicholas Brikilbank, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Brokylbanke, 1532, Nicholas Brykelbank, 1546 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Brokilbanke, 1540 in *York Registry Wills* (Swanland, ER Yorks); Leonard brokelbank, 1571 in *Yorks Title Deeds* (Yorks); Hugo Brittlebank, 1607 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); James Brocklebank, 1630 in *IGI* (Torver, Lancs); Ralph Brocklebanke, 1645 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); James Brokelbanke, 1674 in *Cumbria Record Office (Kendal)*; Willm. Brickelbank, 1779 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 331.

### Brocklehurst

Variants: **Brockliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2530, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: locative name from Brocklehurst (Lancs).

**Further information:** There is no convincing evidence that *Brockless* continues the Old Scandinavian *bróklauks* ‘breechless, without breeches’, also used as a personal name in the first element of *Brocklesby* (Lincs), though it persisted for long enough in Lincs to give rise to an early surname: *Broctlos*, *Brocles*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Roger Broclaus 1189–99 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Brockolhurst, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Brokelhurst, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Cropredy, Oxon); Jone Brocklehurst, 1603 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Edward Broclehurst, 1674 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire); Miriam Brockelhurst, 1735 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Joseph Brochlehurst, 1759 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); John Brocklest, 1759, John Brocklass, 1761 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); James Brocklos, 1780 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Hannah Brockliss, 1783 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); Samuel Brockless, 1787 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

### Brocklesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Brocklesby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Broklesby, 1338 in *Balliol Deeds*; William de Brokelsby, 1351 in *Yorks Wills*; William de Broclesby, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johanne de Broklesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Robert Brokilsbie or Brokilsby, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Glentworth, Lincs); John Brocklesby, 1567 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Jo. Brocklesby, 1568 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Edward Brocklesbie, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Heckington, Lincs).

### Brockley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Brockley (Kent, Suffolk, Somerset) or Brookley (Kent).

## Brockliss

**Early bearers:** Raulf de Brocleg', 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Jordan de Brocleg', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William de Brokele, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Johannes Brokkelegh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hilperton, Wilts); Petrus Brockley, 1574 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); John Brockly, 1710 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire).

### Brockliss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Northants
- English: see **Brocklehurst**.

### Brockman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Brookman**.

### Brocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: variant of **Brook**, with post-medieval excremental *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Agnes Brockes, 1559 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); William Brocks, 1612, John Brockes, 1643 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Tho Brocks, 1666 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks).

### Brocksom

**Variants:** **Brockson**, **Broxson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Staffs
- 1 English: for the Lincs name see **Broxholme**.  
2 English: for the Staffs name see **Broxton**.

### Brockson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Brocksom**.

### Brocksope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Broxup**.

### Brockton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; London
- English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places with names derived from Old English *brōc* + *tūn* 'brook settlement', such as Brocton in Baswich, Brockton in Eccleshall, and Brockton Grange in Sheriffhales (all Staffs), Brockton in Longford, Brockton in Shipton, Brockton in Sutton Maddock, and Bratton in Wrockwardine (all Shrops), and Brotton (NR Yorks), as well as many examples of Broughton. Compare **Broughton**, **Brotton**.
- Early bearers:** Nesta de Broketon, 1254–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William of Brockton, 1297 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Brocton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Richard Brockton, 1575 in *IGI* (Childs Ercall, Shrops); Elline Brockton, 1581 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Jane

Brockton, 1600 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Rich. Brockton, 1693 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 151–2; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 55, 59–60; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 142.

### Brockus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Brookhouse**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but survives in the USA.

### Brockway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 714, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset
- English: locative name from Middle English *brok* 'stream' + *wei* 'road, way', for someone who lived '(by the) road near the brook'. The name may refer to a lost or as yet unidentified place.
- Early bearers:** Walter de Brokweye, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Brockway, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Donhead Saint Mary, Wilts); John Brockway, 1663 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Brockwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Herts; Suffolk

English: locative name from Brockwell in Wootton Courtenay (Somerset).

**Further information:** There may have been other places so called; note for instance 'a well called Brocwell, in Middelton by Lynn' (Norfolk), 1293 in *Patent Rolls*. Brockwell Park in Lambeth (Surrey) may be one more such possibility, but its age and origin are not known. There is a reference to 'Brockwell in Brodeclust [Broadclyst]', 1599 in *Devon Record Office*, which is normally *Brockhill*; this suggests that some instances of the surname could be from this place-name.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Brocwell, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Brokewell, 1542 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Anthonie Brockwell, 1569 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); George Brockwell, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Culmstock, Devon).

### Brodde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Broadwell**.

### Brodell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Broadwell**.
- Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but survives in the USA.

### Broder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- 1 English: see **Brother**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Broder (Staffs, Suffolk), Brodor (Staffs), Brodre (Devon), 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: William Broder, 1790 in *IGI* (Eastrington, ER Yorks).

2 Irish: from Ó Bruadair, see **Brouder**.

### Broderick

**Variants:** **Brodrick**, **Broadrick**, **Bretherick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2133, Ireland 2093
- **GB frequency 1881:** 989
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Galway

1 English: (i) locative name perhaps from Middle English *brad* (Old English *brād*) 'broad' + northern Middle English *rigg* (Old English *hrycg*) 'ridge of land'. The 1301 reference suggests that the source would be an unidentified locality near Reeth in upper Swaledale (NR Yorks). (ii) nickname from Middle English *brad* + *rigg*, denoting someone with a broad back. Compare the synonymous Lincs nickname *Brathebak*', 1327 (first element in a Scandinavian form), *Bradbak*', 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 62.

**Further information:** The *-a-* in *Bradrigg* was often pronounced long, as indicated in *Braydrigge* (1656). Through the influence of Standard English *broad* it came to be altered to *Broadrigg*, *Brodrigg* and *Broderick*. In WR Yorks it appears as *Bredrick* and *Bretherick* (with a shortened form of the *-ay-* vowel), side by side with *Broderick* and *Brotherick*. For similar names see **Bradridge** and **Brotheridge**.

**Early bearers:** William Bradrigg, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Reeth, Swaledale, NR Yorks); Thomas Bradryge, 1470 in *York Freeman's Register*; Simon Bradrigge, 1539 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Oxnop, Swaledale, NR Yorks); Tho. Bretherick, 1617, Anthony Bredericke, 1634, Bethel Brodericke, 1664 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mgt. Brodrigg, 1639, Mgrt. Bradrike, 1642, Geo Bradrick, 1694, Wm. Brodrick, 1763 in *IGI* (Muker, Swaledale, NR Yorks); John Broadrig, 1655, Christopher Bradrig, 1660, Ann Broderick, 1793 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Edward Brederike, 1656 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs); Sara Bretherick, 1669, Grace Brotherick, 1709 in *IGI* (Armley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Brodrick, 1756 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 221; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Bruadair (see **Brouder**). Irish migrants brought the name to Bristol in the late 18th century. By the 19th century it had become an additional source of *Broderick* in Lancs and was the only source of the name in S Wales.

**Further information:** Some dictionaries suppose that *Broderick* is a Welsh patronymic, *ab* + *Rhydderch* (anglicized as *Roderick*). There is no biographical evidence for this (it is an Irish family name in Wales) and, as *Morgan and Morgan* point out, it is phonetically improbable since *ab* before the voiceless Welsh *R-* regularly becomes *ap* (see **Prothero**). *Morgan and Morgan* wonder if there might be parallels for this irregular sound change in *Brobbin*, if for **Probyn**, and in *Brothero(e)*, if for **Prothero**, but these are English names of quite different origins; see **Brobin**, **Brothwood**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Chas. Broderick, 1791 in *IGI* (Middleton, Cork); Patrick Broderick, 1827 in *IGI* (Cork); John Broderick, 1818 in *IGI* (Galway). England: Richardus Broadrick, 1781 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Bridget Broderick, born in Ireland, in

*Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Broderick, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thos Broderick, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Chelsea, Middx); Thomas Broderick, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs).

Wales: William Broderick, 1826 in *IGI* (Holywell, Flints); John Broderick, born in Cork, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Michael Broderick, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Llantrisant, Glamorgan).

References: *MaLlysaght; Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 10–11 and 185; *Cottle*.

### Brodhead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Broadhead**.

### Brodhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Denbighs, Flints, and NW Midlands; Notts
- English: see **Broadhurst**.

### Brodie

Variants: **Brody, Broadie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4880, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3990
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from the thanage and barony of Brodie (Morays; Gaelic *Brothach*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Brothy, 1376–7 in *Family of Innes* (Inverness); John Brothy, 1514 in *Protocol Book Ros* (Ayr); Adam Broddie, 1675 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Robert Brodie, 1710 in *IGI* (Lochwinnoch, Renfrews).

### Brodigan

Variants: **Bradigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Meath
- Irish: from Ó Bradagáin ‘descendant of *Bradagán*’, a byname possibly derived from *bradach* ‘spirited’.
- Early bearers:** Edmund mc Donill O’Bradagan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4032 (Belnafada); Dermot O’Bradagan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Ballynny); Neill O’Bradagan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Cartrongryaghe, Roscommon); Cormock carragh O’Bradegan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Cortnecreaghe, Roscommon); Shane O’Bradagan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Hudaghnenyyla, Roscommon).

### Brodley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English, Scottish: mainly Scottish variant of **Bradley**. Compare **Broadley**.

### Brodribb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Broadribb**.

### Brodrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 376
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Kilkenny
- English: see **Broderick**.

### Brody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 122
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- 1 Scottish: see **Brodie**.
- 2 Jewish (Ashkenazi): locative name adopted for **Brotsky** or **Brodzki**, denoting someone from Brody in Ukraine or any of the many places in Poland named with Polish *brod* ‘ford’.
- Early bearers:** Hymann Brody, shoe manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Brody, dealer in jewellery, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Poplar, Middx); Theodor Brody, born in Russia, and Aaron, his son, born in Poland, furriers, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Brody, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Harris Brody, milk dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Isaac Brody, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Broe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 173
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow, Kildare and Dublin
- Irish: from Ó Brughá, see **Brew**.

### Brogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3107, Ireland 1552
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1009
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Brógáin ‘descendant of *Brógán*’, a personal name of unknown origin though it has been suggested as being a diminutive of *bróg* ‘shoe’.
- Early bearers:** Donagh O’Broghan, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4659; Neale O’Broghan and Cahell oge O Brogan, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

### Brogden

Variants: **Brogdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1010, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 989
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Brogden (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Dionisius Brokden, 1470 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Brogden, 1597 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Jane Brogden, 1598, John Brogdon, 1607 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Samuel Brogddin, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richardi Brogden, 1708 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Elizabeth Brogdon, 1729 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); John Broggin, 1753 in *IGI* (Tatham Fell, Lancs).

### Brogdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Brogden**.

### Brohan

Variants: **Broughan, Brahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Bruacháin ‘descendant of *Bruachán*’, a byname apparently meaning ‘large-bellied’. This name has also been anglicized as **Banks** and **Bank**, as if from Irish *bruach* ‘a bank’.

**Early bearers:** Terence mcTege Ebroghan, gent., 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §579 (Ballenekyll, Wicklow); Chonghor O’Broghan, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §346 (Rathangan, Kildare).

### Broke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Brook**.

**Further information:** Bearers of the name in this spelling are descended from Sir Richard Broke (died 1529) of Broke Hall in Suffolk. He was chief baron of the Exchequer to Henry VIII in 1526.

### Brokenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Brokenshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Broker

Variants: **Brooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *brokour*, *broker* ‘commercial agent, broker’ (from Anglo-Norman French *brocour* ‘agent, purveyor’).
- Early bearers:** Constantine le Brokour, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Jamys Broker, 1542 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Roger Broker, 1617 in *IGI* (Huntingdon); Ephraim Broker, 1811 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

### Brolly

Variants: **Brawley, Brilly, Briley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 594
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Irish: from Ó Brólaigh ‘descendant of *Brolach*’, a personal name apparently based on *brollach* ‘breast’. This surname was often anglicized as **Bradley**.

**Early bearers:** William Brolly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry); Marcus Brolly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); John Brolly,

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1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanloo, Derry); William Brawley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); William Brawley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

### Bromage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Bromwich**.

### Broman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Hants and Surrey; Leics
- English: see **Brooman**.

### Brombley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Bromley**.

### Bromby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Brumby**.

### Brome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Renfrews
- English, Scottish: see **Broom**.

### Bromehead

Variants: **Bromet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Broomhead**.

### Bromell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English: locative name perhaps from Broom Hill (Farm) in Broad Clyst (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Isabella de Bromhull 1330, Is' de Bromhele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broad Clyst, Devon); SR. Nicholas de Bromhill, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Torrington, Devon); William Bromell, 1593 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Brommell, 1720 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 575–6.  
2 English: locative name; in former times a variant of **Brumell** but it may now be extinct.

### Bromet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Broomhead**.

### Bromfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 702

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants and Surrey; Lancs and W Midlands
- English: see **Broomfield**.

### Bromhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Derby, and Staffs; Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Broomhall**.

### Bromham

Variants: **Brumham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Wilts
- English: locative name from Bromham (Wilts, Beds), Broomham in King's Nympton (Devon), or Bromholm (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Alsi de Bruneham, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Robert de Bromeholme, 1274 in *York Freeman's Register*; Simon de Bromhamme, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Bromham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Wilts); John Bromham, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Madehurst, Sussex); Thomas Brumham, 1598 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ann Broomham, 1667, John Bromham, 1712 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Bromham, 1729, Stephen Broomham, 1745 in *IGI* (Cherhill, Wilts).

### Bromhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Rutland; Middx
- English: see **Broomhead**.

### Bromige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- English: see **Bromwich**.

### Bromiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Bromiley, near Bolton (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John Bromiley, 1612 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Bromiley, 1640 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Roger Bromily, 1664 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

### Bromilow

Variants: **Brimelow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Bromlow (Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Bromlowe, 1381, Isabella de Bromelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winsbury, Shrops); Roger de Bromlow, chaplain, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Bromlow, Shrops); Nic. Bromelowe, 1570, George Bromeloe, 1572, Andrewe Bromiloe, 1574 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Robert Bromelow, 1616, Will Bromilow, 1702, Richard Brimelow, 1765, James Bromilow, 1766, Peter Brimlow, 1828 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Bromlow, 1640 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops).

## Bromley

Variants: **Bromly**, **Brombley**, **Brumbley**, **Brumley**, **Brimley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5588, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Midlands; SE England

English: locative name from any of numerous places named or named with Bromley, such as in Staffs, Shrops, Kent, Essex, and Herts.

**Early bearers:** Hubert de Brumle, 1194 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Edward de Bromleghe, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; Thomas de Bromley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinstock, Shrops); Elizabeth Bromley, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thome Brombley, 1555 in *IGI* (Croyden, Surrey); Thomas Bromley, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Bromley, 1590, Thomas Bromely, 1606 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Henry Bromley, 1625, Ann Bromely, 1645 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

### Bromly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex, Kent, and Middx
- English: see **Bromley**.

### Brommage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Bromwich**.

### Brompton

Variants: **Brumpton**, **Brunton**, **Bronton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- 1 English: locative name from Brompton (ER Yorks, NR Yorks, Middx, Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Brunton', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Bromptone, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Willelmus de Brompton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ingerthorpe, WR Yorks); John Brompton, 1502 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Brompton, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs).  
2 English: variant of **Brampton**.  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Bromsgrove

Variants: **Bransgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs
- English: locative name from Bromsgrove (Worcs), recorded as *Bremesgrave* in *Domesday Book*.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Bremmesgrave, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Swithin, Worcs); John Bromesgrove or Bromsgrove, 1431 in *PROB 11* (Guildford, Surrey); Thomas Bromsgrove, 1574, Bromsgrove, 1580 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Anthony Bramsgrau, 1605, Bramsgrave, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Richard Bromsgroue, 1629, Richard Bramsgroue, 1636 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John Bransgrove, 1695, Henry Bransgrove, 1697, Bromsgrove, 1727 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs);

Richard Broomsgrove, 1739 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Joseph Bransgrove, 1798 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Henry Bromesgrove, 1825 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset).

### Bromwell

Variants: **Broomhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Lancs; Staffs and Shrops

English: locative name from Broomwell (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Humfrey Bromwell, 1578 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Josias Bromwell, 1628 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds); Ann Bromwell, 1711 in *IGI* (Hinstock, Shrops).

### Bromwich

Variants: **Bromage, Brommage, Bromige, Brumage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 655
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks
- English: locative name from West Bromwich (Staffs) or Castle and Little Bromwich (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bromwiz, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Bromwic, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmo de Brommewych', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Thomas Bromewiche or Bromewich, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Handsworth, Staffs); Francis Bromich, 1605 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Gyles Brommage, 1658 in *IGI* (Whittington, Gloucs); John Bromidge, 1677 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Lancelot Bromwich, 1709 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edmund Bromwich, 1771, Thomas Brummidge, 1775, Joseph Brummage, 1778 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Mary Brumage, 1774, Joseph Bromidge, 1785 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); William Brummidge, 1778 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Brommige, 1791 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Bron

Variants: **Brown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Yiddish *bron*, German *braun* 'brown'.
- Early bearers:** Abram Bron, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Jacob and Yascha Bron, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Bronsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Kent
- English: see **Brunsdon**.

**Further information:** Bronsdon's Copse in Great Bedwyn (Wilts) probably derives its name from the family of Richard Brunsdon, recorded there in 1690: see *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 333-4.

**Early bearers:** John Bronsdone, 1657 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Bronsdon, 1686 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); John Bronsdon, 1770 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Samuel Bronsdan, 1790, Bronsdon, 1803 in *IGI* (Shalbourne, Wilts).

### Bronson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London
- English: see **Brownson**.

### Bronte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Down

1 English, Irish: variant of **Brunt**.

2 Irish: an altered form of **Brunty**, see **Prunty**.

**Further information:** The change in spelling to *Brontë* in the 19th-century literary family was made by the father, Patrick Brunty, for reasons unknown. It may have been an affectation, in imitation of the Duke of Brontë, a title conferred on Admiral Lord Nelson in 1799 by Ferdinand, King of Sicily. Nelson generally signed himself *Nelson and Brontë*.

**Early bearers:** Emily Jane Bronte, 1818 in *IGI* (Thornton by Bradford, WR Yorks).

### Bronton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Brompton**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Brook

Variants: **Brooke, Broke, Brock, Bruck, Brooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9206, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11534
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; SE England; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Middle English *brok* (Old English *brōc*), for someone who lived near a stream or by water-meadows or low, marshy ground, or from any of various places named with this word, such as Brook (Kent, Rutland) or Brooke (Norfolk). Compare also the river name Brock (Lancs). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that the WR Yorks name is chiefly from a brook that divided Fartown from Huddersfield.

**Early bearers:** Eustace delbroc, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Rand' de Broc, 1157 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William de la Broke, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Emma de Brokes, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Osbert Attebroc, 1226-7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Peter Attebroke, 1262 in (Essex); Laurence del Brock, 1267 in *Placitorum abbreviatio* (Somerset); William aboventhebroc, 1276 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Nigel de Brocke, 1285 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Robert de la Brockes, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); John Attebroke, 1291 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William atte Brouk, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alma ate Brock', Imeyna du Brock', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William in le Broke, Ithebroke, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Adam Bythebroke, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Sarra Bithebrok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William atte Bruck, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Benedict atte Broke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Bythebroke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Nicholaus Bythebrok', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Waterfall, Staffs); Johannes Bythebroke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Philippus de la Brook', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mucklewick, Shrops); Geoffrey Brook, 1408 in *PROB 11* (London); John Brooke, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Melford, Suffolk); Richard

Brook, 1543 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Christofer Brook, 1591 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

### Brookbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Surrey

English: see **Brooksbank**.

### Brookbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; Northumb

English: variant of **Brooksbank**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Brookbanks, 1617 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Joseph Brooksbanks, 1685 in *IGI* (Morley, WR Yorks); Harraul Brookbanks, 1735 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thos. Brockbanks, 1777 in *IGI* (Pennington in Furness, Lancs).

### Brooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5364, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847-64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh
- English: see **Brook**.

### Brookens

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: see **Brookings**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brooker

Variants: **Brucker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5237, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Berks

English: (i) see **Broker**. The *MED* notes that the -o- could be long. (ii) locative name sometimes perhaps denoting a 'dweller by the brook', from an agent derivative of Middle English *brok*. William le Broker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), was probably a descendant of Anger atte Broke, 1296 *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). Compare **Brook**.

**Early bearers:** William Brokere, John le Broker, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Brouker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Brooker, 1556 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Annis Brooker, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Francis Brooker, 1560, Francis Brooker, 1625, Francis Brocker, 1625 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elynor Brooker, 1561 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Thomas Brooker, 1563 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants).

### Brookes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15871, Ireland 100
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7004
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Derry; Dublin
- English: see **Brooks**.

**Brookfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1126, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 860
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Shrops

English: locative name from Middle English *brook* ‘stream, brook’ + *feld* ‘open country’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived ‘(by the) open land near the brook’, or toponymic, from any of various minor places so named, such as Brookfield House in Nether Peover (Cheshire), recorded as *le Brocfeld* in the late 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Brokefeld’, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Oxon); Adam del Brokefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Brokefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); William Brookfeeld, 1678 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); George Brookfeld, 1601 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); John Brookfield, 1663 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Joseph Brockfield, 1748, Joseph Brookfield, 1781 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops).

**Brookhouse**

**Variants:** Brockhouse, Brockis, Brocas, Brockus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Staffs, and Leics

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *brook* ‘stream, brook’ + *hous* ‘house’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived or worked ‘(at the) house by the brook’, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Brookhouse in Laughton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Brokhouses, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo de Brokehou’s, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); John Brokhous, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); William Brokkus, 1562 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Thomae Brookhouse, 1616 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Robert Brookhouse, 1630 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**Brooking**

**Variants:** Bruckin, Brookings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 726
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *broking* ‘dweller by a brook’.

**Early bearers:** John Brokyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); William Brokyng, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elisabeth Broken, 1587, Richard Brocken, 1592, Anna Brookin, 1607, Margaret Brooking, 1663 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Christopher Brooking, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Brocken, 1634 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Thomas Bruckin, 1723 in *IGI* (Wick, Worcs).

**Brookings**

**Variants:** Brookins, Brookens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: variant of **Brooking** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Eliza. Brookings, 1678 in *IGI* (Mabe, Cornwall); William Brookins, 1776 in *IGI* (Tilbrook, Hunts).

**Brookins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lanarks

English: see **Brookings**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Brookland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Devon

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Bruckland in Axmouth and Brookland in Chulmleigh (both Devon), Brookland (Kent), Brookland in Forest Row and Brooklands in Dallington (both Sussex), and Brooklands in Weybridge (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Broklondon, 1257 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Osbro de Broklonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Will’s de Brokelonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westerham hundred, Kent); Johne Broklond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Rico atte Broclonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northiam, Sussex); Richard Broclonde, Geoffrey Broklonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton hundred, Devon); Thomas de Broklond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axminster hundred, Devon); Alexander Brokelonde, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Henry de Brokelond’, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Brokelond, 1524 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Alice Brookland, 1611 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Thomas Brookland, 1650 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); John Brookland, 1674 in *IGI* (Lustleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 378, 636; *Löfvenberg*, pp. 24–5; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 330, 474; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 98.

**Brookman**

**Variants:** Brockman, Bruckman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 739
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset; London

English: locative name from Middle English *brokman* ‘dweller by the brook’. Compare

**Brooker.**

**Early bearers:** Stephen Brokman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Brookman, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Brookman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Brockman, 1564 in *IGI* (Brenzett, Kent); Wyllm Brookman, 1573 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); Margery Brookman, 1616 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

**Brooks**

**Variants:** Brookes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38353, Ireland 874
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28976
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Roscommon; Clare

English: usually a variant of **Brook** with excrescent *-s*. The optional addition of *-s*, with no grammatical function, is usually post-medieval, but some examples of the same person’s name occurring with

and without *-(e)s* have been noted as early as the 14th century in S Lancs. The *-es* in such cases probably has neither a plural nor a genitival function, and the name means ‘dweller at the brook’, not ‘dweller at the brooks’. A plural sense cannot be ruled out elsewhere (as in the medieval Worcs example below), but a non-grammatical *-(e)s* must also be considered a strong possibility.

**Further information:** see *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 208–10, for further 14th-century Lancs examples of persons whose locative names sometimes occur with and sometimes without final *-es*.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Brok, 1324, identical with Robert del Brokes, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; William del Brokes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Bethebrokes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Brooks, 1545 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Brooks, 1560 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Richard Brooks, 1562 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Susannah Brooks, 1570 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**Brooksbank**

**Variants:** Brookbank, Brockbank, Brookbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1114, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 979
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *brook(e)* ‘stream, brook’ + *bank(e)* ‘ridge, slope, bank’, for someone who lived by the bank of a brook. The name may be toponymic rather than topographic, and *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the source may be a lost place in the vicinity of Warley (WR Yorks). It may also have been confused with **Brocklebank**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brokesbank’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); John Brookebancke or Broockbanck, 1591 in *PROB 11* (London); Johes. Brooksbank, 1601 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Henry Brookebancke, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bride, City of London); Richerdi Brookesbank, 1623 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks); John Brockbank, 1700 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**Brooksby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Northants; also London; Lancs

English: locative name from Brooksby (Leics). **Early bearers:** Gerardus de Brokesbi, baker, 1208 in *Leicester Borough Records* (Leicester, Leics); William de Brokesby, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Johannes de Brokesby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Toton, Notts); Bartholomew Brokesby, squire, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Henri Brooksby, 1599 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Robert Brokesby or Brookesbye, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Shoby, Leics).

**Brookshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs; also Sussex; Devon

English: from Middle English *brook(e)* ‘stream, brook’ + *shau(e)* ‘(small) wood’. The name is probably topographic, for someone who lived in such a



location, but may be toponymic from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John Brokeshawe, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Coton, Cambs); John Brookeshawe, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); George Brookshaw, 1588, Henrye Brookshawe, 1601, Raphe Brookeshawe, 1601 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Edmundi Brockshawe, 1615 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Benjm Brockshaw, 1775 in *IGI* (Mossley, Lancs).

### Brookwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- English: locative name from Brookwell in Godalming (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Brokwelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmo Brokwel', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Thomas Brokwel, 1511 in *PROB 11* (Lutton, Hunts); Thoas. Brookwell, 1547 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Willmott Brookwell, 1648 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 228.

### Brookwood

**Variants:** Brickwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Brookwood in Woking (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Dyota Brokewode, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Henry Brokwode, 1370–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Richard Brookwood, 1632 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Richard Brockwood, 1688 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); William Brookwood, 1761 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

### Broom

**Variants:** Broome, Broomes, Brome, Brum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3741, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3665
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from any of various places called Broom (Beds, Durham, Warwicks, Worcs), Broome (Norfolk, Shrops, Worcs), or Brome (Suffolk), all named with Old English *brōm* 'broom', or a topographic name from residence near a place where broom grew.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Brome, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Alexander Brom', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Eustace de la Brome, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard atte Brome, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Richard del Brom, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus del Brome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Thomas Broom or Brom, 1477 in *PROB 11* (London); Nicholas Brome, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Upottery, Devon); Joanne Brome or Broome, 1607 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Thomas Broome, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Yarcombe, Devon).

### Broomall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Broomhall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brooman

**Variants:** Broman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brūnmann* (from *brūn* 'brown' + *mann* 'man').

**Early bearers:** given names: Bruman(nus), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent, Bucks); Brummanus, 1140–53 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk). surnames: Gilebertus filius Brunman, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Brihtmar Bruman, 1199, Brunman, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph Broneman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Bromman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alexander Brounman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Broman, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Brunman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby le Soken, Essex); Henry Brooman, 1572 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Rychard Brooman, 1587 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Thomas Broman, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Borden, Kent); Anne Brownman, 1656 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); William Brooman, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Chiddingly, Sussex).

### Broome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3545, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1488
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Broom**.

### Broomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Jersey

English: locative name from Bramber Farm or Bremere Rife in North Mundham (Sussex), recorded as *Brumore* in 1166, or from Broomer Farm in Birdham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Brommor, John Brommor, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Bromere, 1327, Bromor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Brommor', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paghams, Sussex); William Broomer, 1598 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Broomer, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 73, 80.

### Broomes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Broom** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Broomes, 1565 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Robert Broomes, 1604 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Edward Broomes, 1718 in *IGI* (East Barkwith, Lincs).

### Broomfield

**Variants:** Bromfield, Brownfield, Brumfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2449, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2008
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; also Armagh

English: locative name from Middle English *brom*, *brume* 'broom' + *feld* 'flat open country'. The name may be topographic, from residence near broom-covered open land, or toponymic from Broomfield (Kent, Essex, Somerset), Bromfield (Shrops, Cumb). Broomfield (Essex) was recorded as *Brounfeld*, 1349 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*.

**Early bearers:** England: Hamo de Bromfeld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William atte Bromfeld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Bromfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Bromfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Mardon, Sussex); Beniamyn Bromfield, 1568 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Johnn Broomefeld, 1585 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Nicholas Broomefeild or Broomefeild, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Crowland, Lincs).

Scotland: Issobell Broomfield, 1684 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Broomfield, 1709 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks).

### Broomhall

**Variants:** Broomall, Bromhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: (i) locative name from Broomhall (Cheshire), Broomhall Grange in Tyrley and Broom Hall Farm in Brewood (both Staffs), Broomhall Farms in Kempsey (Worcs), or Broomhall in Sunningdale (Berks, formerly in Windlesham in Surrey). The place-name is from Old English *brōm* + *halh* 'secluded place overgrown with broom'. (ii) locative name, variant of the similar Cheshire name **Bramhall**, which also has early forms in -o-. (iii) locative name, variant of **Brumell**, which has an identical etymology to that in (i) and (ii) but has a different distribution. Compare Thomas *Brumell*, 1603, John *Broomhall*, 1679 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham). (iv) locative name, perhaps an occasional variant of **Bromwell**, with which the name in (i) may have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Bromhale, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Rudulphi Bromell, 1601 in *IGI* (Dilthorne, Staffs); Katherina Broomhall, 1608 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Richardi Broomhall, 1621 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Wm Broomhall, 1639 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Mary Broomhall, 1682 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 114; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 154; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 145; *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 87; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 154.

### Broomhead

**Variants:** Bromhead, Bromehead, Brumhead, Brummitt, Brumitt, Bromet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1334
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Broomhead in Bradfield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bromeheuede, 1290 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Willelmus Bromhed', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Bromehead, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Robtus Brommet, 1562 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); John Broomhead, 1569 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Brummet, 1619, Adam Brummit, 1620 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs); Robert Brummet, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); Roberti Brummitt, 1683 in *IGI* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks).

**Brophy**

Variants: **Broy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1828, Ireland 2062
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó Bróithe ‘descendant of Bróth’, a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Thady O’Broghe, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931 (Dublin); William O’Brohy, husbandman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1065 (Burgess, Kilkenny); William Brohy, 1578–79 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3525 (Buries, Tipperary).

**Brosnahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin, see **Brosnan**.

**Brosnan**

Variants: **Brosnahan, Bresnan, Bresnahan, Bresnihan, Brosnihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 808, Ireland 2075
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin ‘descendant of Brosnachán’, a personal name derived from *Brosna*, name of a town and river in Kerry.

**Early bearers:** Dermot (Roe McConnor I) Brosneghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569; Morish O’Brosneghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569.

**Brosnihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Brosnacháin, see **Brosnan**.

**Broster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

1 English: see **Brewster**.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *broudester* ‘female embroiderer’.

**Early bearers:** Gelisius Browdester, 1377 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Nicholas Browdester, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Robert Broster, 1563 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Kathryn Broster, 1570 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Jacobi Broster, 1598 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Raphe Broster, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Marie Broster, 1610 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Brotchie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish: locative name, unexplained. Perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place in Caithness or Orkney.

**Early bearers:** William Brotchie, 1728 in *Caithness in the 18th Century* (Thurso, Caithness); Donald Brotchie, 1734 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); John Brotchy, 1748 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian); Margaret Broachy, 1776 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); John Broachie, 1776 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); George Brotchie, 1814 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney).

**Brother**

Variants: **Broder, Broader, Brothers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; Gloucs
- 1 English: (i) relationship name, status name from Middle English *brother, broder* ‘brother’ (Old English *brōðor*), denoting either a kinsman, as in modern English, or a member of a brotherhood such as a guild. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Brother* (Old Scandinavian *Bróðir, Brothir*, cognate with (i)).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Brother, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Brother, 1272 in *Ancient Deeds* (Middx); Nicholas le Bruthre, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Adam (le) Brother, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Brother, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Sandall, WR Yorks); Thomas Brothers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants); Roger Brother otherwise called Golding, 1532 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Suffolk); George Brothers, 1524 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Arthur Brother, 1563 in *IGI* (Little Ilford, Essex).

2 Irish: from Ó Bruadair, see **Brouder**.

**Brotherhead**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: earlier form of **Brotherhood**.

**Early bearers:** John Brotherehed, 1545 in *Thoresby Society* 9, p. 135 (Rawdon, WR Yorks); John Broderhead, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkstall, Leeds, WR Yorks); Xtopher Brotherhead, 1695 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Boothroyd**, perhaps through confusion of the two names. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites John *Botheroyd, Botherherd, or Brotherhead*, 1731–68 in *Parish Registers* (Kexbrough, WR Yorks).

**Brotherhood**

Variants: **Brotherhead, Brotherwood, Brothwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: nickname from Middle English *brother(h)ede, brotherhod* ‘brotherhood’, denoting a member of a guild or some other fraternity.

**Early bearers:** Isabell Brotherhead, 1559 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); William Brotherwood, 1560, William Brotherhood, 1727 in *IGI* (Gotham, Notts); Thomas Brothwood, 1589 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); William Brotherwood, 1678, Samuel Brotherhood, 1733 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Elizth Brothred, 1592, Anthonius Brotherhood, 1613, Thomas Brotherhood, 1778, 1813 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Brothered, 1626 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Brotherhood, 1671, Thomas Brotherhood, 1830 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts); John Brothwood, 1674, Thomas Brotherhood, 1743, Joseph Brothwood, 1760 in *IGI* (Lilleshall, Shrops); Bett. Brotherhood, 1756, Mary Brotherwood, 1775 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); William Brotherhood alias Brotherhood, 1793, Elizabeth Brothwood, 1829 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); Henry Brotherhood, 1776, William Brotherhood, 1778, Edward Brotherhood, 1859 in *IGI* (Tudeley and Capel, Kent).

**Brotheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Worcs

1 English: locative name from Brotheridge in Cranham (Gloucs).

**Further information:** Brotheridge Green in Upton on Severn (Worcs) is not likely to be the source, since it is a late place-name, probably derived from the surname of a tenant farmer. Compare **Broderick**. The surname is also found in 19th-century Shrops and Monmouths. There is no evidence to support the suggestion in *Morgan and Morgan* that it could be a variant of Welsh **Prothero**; this, as the Morgans point out, would involve an unlikely phonetic development.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Braderugg’, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Braderugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cranham, Gloucs); Ricard Braderugge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cranham, Gloucs); Robart Brotheridge, 1648 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); John Brotheridge, 1730 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Joseph Brotheridg, 1777, James Brotheridge, 1837 in *IGI* (Upton on Severn, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs*, I, p. 158.

2 English: see **Bradridge**.

**Brothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 69
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 551
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Cork
- English: variant of **Brother** with excrescent post-medieval -s.

**Brotherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; NE England; E Lothian

English: relationship name from Middle English *brother, broder* ‘brother’ + *son*, or from the surname **Brother** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Brotherson, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Jhon Brotherson, 1563 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); George Brotherson, 1688 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Adam Brotherson, 1776 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

**Brotherston**

Variants: **Brotherstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. E Lothian

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Brotherstone (E Lothian), earlier *Brothirstanys*, or from Brotherstones near Saint Boswells (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Huwe de Britherstanes of the county of Berewyke, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Brotherstanis, 1493 in *Laing Charters*; John Bridyrstanis, 1511 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Stobo, Peebles); Thomas Brotherston, 1604, Brotherstone, 1607 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Johne Brotherstane, 1625 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); John Brotherstoune, 1659 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); William Brotherstone, 1680 in *IGI* (Edinburgh,

Midlothian); James Brotherston, 1694 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).  
References: *Black*.

### Brotherstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs, Selkirks, and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Brotherston**.

### Brotherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2098, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Staffs and Worcs

1 English: locative name from Brotherton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Leofnað in Broðortun, about 1050 in *Yorks Charters*; Walterus de Brotherton, 1377, Ricardus de Brotherton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brotherton, WR Yorks); Thoma Brotherton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); John Brotherton, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Georgie Brotherton, 1567 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Idia Brotherton, 1606 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs); Thomas Brotherton, 1654 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs).

2 English: locative name occasionally from the now lost Brotherton in Hacheston (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Martin de Brodthreton, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Charls Brotherton, 1669 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Brotherwood

Variants: **Brothwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: most probably a re-etymologized form of **Brotherhood**, pronounced *Brotherood*. Though it looks like a locative name, no relevant place-name has been identified.

### Brothwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts

English: perhaps a variant of **Broadwell**.

**Early bearers:** Humphrey Brothwell, 1609, Mary Brothell, 1613, Richard Brothwel, 1684, Prudence Brothel, 1790 in *IGI* (Somerby by Grantham, Lincs); Margaret Brothwell, 1620 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts); William Brothwell, 1704 in *IGI* (West Markham, Notts); Thomas Brothel, 1728 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); James Brothwill, 1806 in *IGI* (Rauceby, Lincs).

### Brothwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: variant of **Brotherwood**; see **Brotherhood**. **Further information:** *Brotheroe*, 1726 (Wrockwardine, Shrops), is not Welsh **Prothero**, as tentatively suggested in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 185, but a variant of *Brotherwood*. For the phonetic difficulties involved in a Welsh derivation see **Broderick**.

### Brotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: locative name from Brotton (NR Yorks), recorded as *Broctune*, *Brotune* in *Domesday Book*. Compare **Brockton**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Broton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Henry Brotton, 1684 in *IGI* (Brotton, NR Yorks); George Brotton, 1702 in *IGI* (Loftus, NR Yorks).

### Brouard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French, English: nickname from Old French *breu*, *brou* 'gruel, broth' + the perjorative suffix *-ard*, for a poor man or miser.

**Early bearers:** John Brouard, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Peter Brouard, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Falmouth, Cornwall); John Brouard, 1837 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Brouder

Variants: **Broder**, **Broader**, **Brother**, **Bruder**, **Broaders**, **Brauders**, **Magruder**, **McGruther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork
- Irish: from Ó Bruadair, name of an ancient Donegal sept. Derivation from Irish *bruadar* 'dream, reverie' has been suggested, probably wrongly. It is more likely to be from an Irish form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Bróðir*. Compare **McGruther**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James O'Brother, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1049 (Clonmore, Kilkenny); Murtagh and William O'Brother, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2497; Connor O'Brouder, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690 (Kilcornain, Mayo); Melaghin (McThomas) O'Brauder, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Kerustelley, Galway); Richard Braudir, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Cloynenasoylagh, Galway); Edmund Brother, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6122; Owen O'Browdire, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4874 (Morogg).

### Brough

Variants: **Bruff**, **Brugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5056, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3659
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and N Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Perth; Orkney
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Kildare

1 English, Scottish: locative name from any of several places called Brough (Derbys, Notts, Westm, ER Yorks, NR Yorks), all the sites of ancient camps (Old English *burh* 'stronghold'), usually Roman, and pronounced *bruff* or *broof*. The Scottish surname is probably from Yorks.

**Early bearers:** England: Daniel de Burg, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Brugghe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardus de Brough, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Nicolas Brough, 1543 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robt. Brough, 1548 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Johis Brough, 1569 in *IGI* (Cchesterfield, Derbys); Humfry Brough, 1619 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Miles Brough, 1623 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm);

Catherine Brough, 1625 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Edmund Bruff, 1627 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Brugh, 1635 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs). Scotland: John Brugh, 1598 in *Dumblane Testaments* (South Kinkell, Perth); Andro Brugh, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Bruff, 1658 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Malcolm Brough, 1705 in *Black* (Glenfender, Perth).

2 Scottish (Orkney): locative name from Brough in Harray (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Burgh, 1530 in *Orkney Records* (Harray, Orkney); William Bruche, 1601 in *Orkney Records* (Harray, Orkney); Magnus Brough, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney); Christian Brough, 1738 in *IGI* (Rousay and Egilshay, Orkney).

### Broughall

Variants: **Bruffell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from Broughall in Whitchurch (Shrops), recorded as *Borhalle* and *Burg(h)all(e)* in the 15th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Borhall, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Burghale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); John de Burghale, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Robertus Broughall, 1569 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Thomas Broughall, 1602 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Samuel Broughall, 1637 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops).

References: *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 271.

### Brougham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from Brougham (Westm), recorded as *Broham* in 1176.

**Early bearers:** Simon, Richard de Broham (Yorks), 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Robert de Brouham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Grace Brougham, 1543 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); William Brougham, 1620 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs); Ths Brougham, 1714 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Broughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Clare
- Irish: see **Brohan**.

### Broughton

Variants: **Braughton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6846, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5580
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Midlands: esp. Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; Limerick
- English: locative name from one or more of the many places of this name, for example in Lincs, WR Yorks, Northants, Leics, Bucks, or Oxon. Compare **Brockton**.

**Early bearers:** Gerald de Broctun, 1189 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Richard de Broghtone, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Broughton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*

## Broun

(Sussex); Johannes de Broghton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton, Lincs); Johanne de Broghton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johanne de Broghton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton with Preese, Lancs); Johannes de Broghton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Broghton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Thoma Broghton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Mandeville, Bucks); Joana Broughton, 1542 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); William Broughton, 1542 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Annes Broughton, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Alice Broughton, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Raph Broughton or Broughton, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Shocklach, Cheshire); Ellen Broughton, 1663, Robert Braughton, 1654, Robert Browton, 1666; Elizabeth Broughton, 1679, Susanna Broughton, 1683 in *IGI* (Sheringham, Norfolk); Margaret Broughton, 1714, Sarah Brouton, 1761, Rowland Browton, 1761 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

## Broun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Durham and Yorks

Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Brown**.

## Broune

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk
- English: see **Brown**.

## Brouwer

Variants: **Brower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Dutch: occupational name from Middle Dutch *brouwer* 'brewer'.

**Early bearers:** Mattys Brouwer, 1698 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jacques Brouwer, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, London); Jacobea Brouwer, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in *Census 1891* (Camberwell, Surrey).

## Brow

Variants: **Browse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. WR Yorks, Cumb and Durham

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English *broue* 'eyebrow; forehead' (Old English *brū*), perhaps for someone with bushy or otherwise noteworthy eyebrows but more often for someone who lived '(at the) brow' of a hill, from a transferred use of the same word.

**Early bearers:** England: Remund de la Browe, 1297–8 in *London Letter Books B*; Philippus de Brow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halesowen, Shrops); Radulpho Browe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stafford, Staffs); Johne Brow, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Browe, 1582, John Brow, 1609 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Edward Brow, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Senior, York).

Scotland: John Brow, 1362 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); Edward Brow, 1546 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); John Brow, 1653 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Chapelton, Aberdeens).

References: *Black*.

## Browell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from any of the many places called (Le) Breuil, Breux, Briot, Brueil, or Bruille in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** Osbern de Broilg, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Letia de Brouilla, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Bruille, Brulle, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); William Brule, Brulle, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes de Broule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Child's Ercall, Shrops); John Browell, 1550 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Edward Browell, 1600 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Browell, 1604 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Agnes Browell, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Margett Browell, 1679 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name; the distribution of the post-medieval name bears no relationship to that of the Norman surname and may have a different origin. It could be a variant of **Brewell**, though that name has its origin in WR Yorks, near Rotherham.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Browle, 1589, Richard Broweles, 1596 in *IGI* (Escomb, Durham); James Browell, 1618, Thomas Browell, 1727 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Bruell, 1651 in *IGI* (Boldon, Durham); Joshua Browel, 1713 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Jarrard Bruell, 1726 in *IGI* (Morpeeth, Northumb); George Brawell, 1830 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Brower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, Dutch: variant of **Brewer** or anglicization of Dutch **Brouwer**.

## Browes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Browse**.

## Browett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: see **Brewitt**.

## Browing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Gloucs and Somerset; Staffs

English: unexplained. Perhaps related to **Bruin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Browyn, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Tusmore, Oxon); John Browyn, 1474 in *PROB 11* (Hardington, Somerset); John Browing, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Wm. Browinge, 1575 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Mathew Browing, 1605 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent).

## Brown

Variants: **Browne**, **Broune**, **Brun**, **Brown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257782, Ireland 10577

- **GB frequency 1881:** 195410
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down; Cork; Tyrone

1 English, Scottish: nickname for a person with brown hair or brown complexion, from Middle English *brun* (Old English *brūn*) or Old French *brun* 'brown' (originally from Continental Germanic).

**Early bearers:** surnames: Richard Brun, le Brun le mercer 1111–38, about 1140 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; William le Brun, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Brun, 1182–1205 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Hugh Bron, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Agnes Brown, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Browne, 1318 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Agnes Brown, 1539 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Edmon Brown, 1539 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); John Brown, 1539 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Brown, 1539 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Nicholas Brown, 1539 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); John Brown, 1636, Robert Brown, 1678 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Brun*, *Broun* (Old English *Brūn*, 'brown' as in (1), or possibly Old Scandinavian *Brūnn* or *Brūni*). In medieval Notts the surname was interchangeable with **Brownson**. Some of the examples in (1) above may belong here.

**Early bearers:** given names: Brun, Brunus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Brun, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Brunus filius Elye, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Wollaton, Notts).

surnames: Conan filius Brun, 1209 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Brun of Gedelyng, 1275–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gedling, Notts); John son of Broun, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Stoke Bardolph, Notts), identical with John Broun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gedling and Stoke Bardolph, Notts); Hugon' fil' Brun, identical with Hug' Brun, 1297 in *Gringley Extent* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Sampson Broun, identical with Sampson' fil' Broun, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Linby, Notts).

3 Irish, Scottish: relationship name adopted for Ó **Duinn** (see **Dunne**) or for any of the many Irish and Scottish Gaelic names containing the element *donn* 'brown-haired' (also meaning 'chieftain'), for example **Donohue**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Browne, gent., 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §334 (Malrakan, Wexford); William Brune, landowner, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1242 (The Knock, Meath); William Browne, sheriff of Wexford, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3594 (Mallrangann, Wexford); Ullick fitz Thomas Browne, gent., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2472 (Limerick); Hulluck Brown, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1075 (Anye, Limerick).

4 Irish: phonetic anglicization of **Mac an**

**Bhreitheamhnaigh**; see **Breheny**.

5 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of German **Braun** or Yiddish *bron*, see **Bron**.

**Early bearers:** Fanny Brown, 1819 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Whitechapel, Middx); Anton Brown, in *Census 1841* (Marylebone, Middx); Solomon Brown, born in Poznan, in *Census 1851* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Hans B Brown, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Brighton, Sussex); Fritz Brown, general labourer, born in Germany, *Census 1901* (Dover, Kent); Wilhelm Brown, baker, born in Germany *Census 1911* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Brownbill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *broun* 'brown' (but with a sense of 'shining, bright' when applied to steel, etc. ) + *bill* 'cutting, slashing tool or weapon', although this compound is not recorded in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Brounyll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan borough, Lancs); Adam Brownbyll, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Brownbyll, 1577, Brownbill, 1582 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willm. Brownbill, 1605 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); James Brownbil, 1735 in *IGI* (Kirkby, Lancs); George Brownbell, 1748 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs).

**Brownbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham

English: locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps an altered form of *Brambridge* (Hants) or from a lost or unidentified place similarly named from Middle English *brom* 'broom' + *brigge* 'bridge'.

**Early bearers:** Alice de Brombrigg, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Henricus de Brombriche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); John Brownbrigge, 1559 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Richard Brownbrige, 1662 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); John Brownbrigg, 1691 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Joseph Brownbridge, 1717 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Robert Brownbridge, 1734 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks).

**Browne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12898, Ireland 8563
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5465
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Norfolk; London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Mayo; Antrim

1 English: see **Brown**.

2 Irish: phonetic anglicization of **Mac an Bhreitheamhnaigh** 'son of the judge'; see **Breheeny**.

**Brownell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Yorks; also Jersey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- English: see **Brownhill**.

**Brownnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: anglicized form of French **Brunet**.

**Browney**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Brunyee**.

**Brownfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. Kent; Staffs

English: see **Broomfield**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Brounfeld, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; Henry Brounfeld, 1384 in *London Letter Books H*; Richard Brownfield, 1618 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); William Brunfield, 1665, Brownfield, 1700 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); Abraham Brunfield, 1706 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

**Brownhall**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Brownhill**.

**Brownhill**

**Variants:** **Brownell**, **Brownhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1181, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1037
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Middle English *brun(e)*, *broun(e)* + *hil* 'hill' or *hale* 'nook, corner' (Old English *brūn* + *hyll* or *halh*), for someone who lived '(by the) brown hill or corner of land'. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the WR Yorks name is probably from Brown Hill in Cartworth (Holme, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** England: Alan de Brunhale, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John del Brounhill, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holme, WR Yorks); William de Bronehill, 1329 in *Yorks Deeds I*; Adam Bronhulle, 1441, Nicholas Brownell, 1566 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Robti Brownhill, 1568 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richarde Brownhill, 1605 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Mary Brownall, 1742, Natla Brownell, 1744, Catherine Brownhill, 1762 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Scotland: Adam Brownhill, 1367 in *The Scotch-Irish* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Ade de Bronhill, 1368 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Brounhill, 1442 in *Panmure Register* (Angus); Andrew Brounhill, 1512 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Brownie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

English: see **Brunyee**.

**Browning**

**Variants:** **Brownings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6363, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6021
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Limerick

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Brouning* (Old English *Brūning*, a derivative of *Brūn*, see **Brown**), which was not uncommon after the Conquest and remained in use until the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bruning' de Cestretona, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Brunyng Dypres, 1296, and Brounyng, Otelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Robertus filius Bruning, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugo Bruning', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Bruning', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Brouning, 1291 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Rogerus Brounyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Postling, Kent); Richard

Brounyng, 1522 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Browning, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**Brownings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Browning**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Brownjohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *broun* 'brown' + the personal name *John*, hence 'Brown John'. Compare Brun Edrith (i.e. Edrich), 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops), Adam *Brounadam*, 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John Browneion, 1349 in *Essex Record Office*; Robert Brownejohn, 1573 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wilts); John Brownjohn, 1596 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); James Brownjon, 1695 in *IGI* (Moneydie, Perth).

**Brownlea**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb
- Scottish: see **Brownlee**.

**Brownlee**

**Variants:** **Brownlie**, **Brownlea**, **Brownley**, **Brunlees**, **Brownlees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1453, Ireland 426
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1034
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; esp. Antrim and Armagh; Fermanagh

Scottish: locative name from either of two places called Brownlee (Lanarks, Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Brounlie, 1624 in *Lanark Testaments* (Carluke, Lanarks); Jannet Brounlie, 1703 in *IGI* (Galston, Ayr); James Brownlee, 1775 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Janet Brownlie, 1825 in *IGI* (Riccarton, Ayr).

England: Margaret Brownleea, 1705 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Northumb); Mary Brownlee, 1727 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); Mary Brownley, 1765, Elizabeth Brownlee, 1785 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Brownlie, 1859 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Lillie Brownley, 1869 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

**Brownlees**

**Variants:** **Brunlees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: post-medieval variant of **Brownlee**, with excrescent *-s*. In Northumb the name has been confused with **Brownless**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Wedow Brounlees, tenant of Newbattle Abbey, 1563 in *Newbattle Register* (Midlothian); Issobell Brounleis, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Janet Brownlee or Brownlees, 1653 in *Lauder Testaments* (Berwicks); Helen Brownlees, 1739 in *IGI* (Nenthorn, Berwicks); George Burnlees, 1750,

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Catherine Brownlees, 1776, Elisabeth Brownlees, 1846 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); Agnes Brownlees, 1776 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Brownlees, 1784 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elizabeth Brownlees, 1778, Betty Burnlees, 1790 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); England: Phillis Brownlees, 1834 in *IGI* (Cornhill, Northumb).

### Brownless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: nickname for someone who wore braided silken laces (for tying clothing, shoes, or armour) or a braided silken belt or buckle, Middle English *broun* 'brown, dark, shining' + *las, les* 'lace, cord, belt, clasp, buckle', especially one made of interwoven strands of silk, threads of gold, etc. Compare **Lace**. The surname originated in Romalldkirk parish (NR Yorks), where it had a continuous history into the 19th century. A branch of the family spread north into Durham and Northumb, where the name became confused with Scottish **Brownlees**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Brounlace, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crossthaite in Romalldkirk, NR Yorks); Cuthbert Brownles, 1485, John Brownelesse, 1636 in *York Freeman's Register*; Barbary Brownles, 1581, Elizabeth Brownles, 1684, Ralph Brownless, 1747 in *IGI* (Romalldkirk, NR Yorks); Jane Brownless, 1646 in *IGI* (Whorlton, Durham); George Brownless, 1783 in *IGI* (Shotley, Northumb).

### Brownley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts; Durham

1 English: locative name from Brownley Green in Beausale (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Brunele, about 1298 in *Place-Names of Warwicks*; Robert de Brownlegh, 1310 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Margaret Browneley, 1598 in *IGI* (Gonalston, Notts); Margret Brownley, 1604 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Thomas Browneley, 1608 in *IGI* (Newark, Notts); Georgius Brownley, 1676 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Ann Brownley, 1736 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Mordecai Brownley, 1790 in *IGI* (Lambley, Notts); William Brownley, 1834 in *IGI* (Handsworth, Staffs); Mary Henderson Brownlee, 1878 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 Scottish: see **Brownlee**.

### Brownlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1772, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Brownlee**.

### Brownlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 923, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 901
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from any of several places called Brownlow (two in Lancs, one in Cheshire), Brownlow Fold (Lancs), or Brownlow Heath (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Thoma de Brounlawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rossendale Chase, Lancs); Ralph Brownlowe, 1563 in *IGI* (Stanndish, Lancs); George Brownlow, 1614 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Richard Brownlowe, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Inner Temple, City of London); John Brownlow, 1653 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Brownnutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *broun*, *brun(e)* 'brown' + *note* 'nut', for someone who was 'brown as a nut'. Compare **Nutbrown**, and John Beribroun ('brown as a berry'), 1505–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Alexander, Robert Brunenote, 1279–94 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William Bronnote of Claketon, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Clacton, Essex); Augustus Henry Brownnutt, 1803 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Brownridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; also Renfrews

English: see **Brownrigg**.

### Brownrigg

Variants: **Brownridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin

English: locative name from Brownrigg (Cumb). **Early bearers:** William de Brounrig, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Brounrig, 1510 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Brownrig or Brounrig, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Brownrigg, 1565 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Tobias Brownridge, 1665 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham); Margaret Brounrig, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrights); John Brounrigg, 1686 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

### Brownsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Norfolk

1 English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English personal name *Brun*, *Broun* + the gentival inflection *-es-* + *hil(le)*, *hul(le)* 'hill', such as Brownshill in Blechingley (Surrey). Some examples may belong under (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Bruneshull, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Thomas Brownsall, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Blunham, Beds); Gabriell Brunsell, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Ralphe Brunsell, 1611 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Tho. Brownsell, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Brownsill, 1719 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Brownsil, 1730 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Wm Brownsel, 1750 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from *Brun*, *Broun* + *-es-* + *wel(le)* 'stream, water source'.

**Early bearers:** John de Brouneswell, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willm. Brownsell, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

3 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from a side form of Burnsall (WR Yorks); compare *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Brunsall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); Mary Brownsell, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edmond Brownsell, 1630 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); William Brownsell, 1668 in *IGI* (Shenley, Herts); James Brownsell, 1702 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Brownsmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lancs and Cheshire; Northumb

English: occupational name from Middle English *broun*, *brune* + *smyth* 'brown smith' (Old English *brūn* + *smið*), for a worker in copper and brass.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Brounesmyth, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Adam Brounsmyth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); William Brounsmyth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Brounsmyth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Knight Thorpe, Leics); Nicholas Brownsmith or Brownesmyth, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Bilston, Staffs); John Brownsmith, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Bildestone, Suffolk).

References: *Fransson*, p. 136.

### Brownson

Variants: **Brunson**, **Bronson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys; Devon

English: relationship name usually from the Middle English personal name *Brun* (Old English *Brūna* or Old Scandinavian *Brúni*) + *-son* 'Brown's son'. See **Brown**. There may also be occasional survivals of an Old English compound personal name \**Brūnsunu* 'brown son', attested in the *Domesday Book* spelling below, and presumably given to a child with brown hair or complexion. Whether it was also used as an adult nickname is uncertain but compare Ad. Brounchild, 1316 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** given names: Brunestone, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent).

surnames: Alric Brunestone, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Alstan Brune sune, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Brounstone, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Arnulph Brounstone, 1318 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Brunnisson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh Brouneson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Joh. Brounson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Will'o filio Joh'is Broun, 1327, identical with Will'o Brounson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gedling and Stoke Bardolph, Notts); Roberti Brounsonne, 1353, Galfridus Brownstone, 1371–93 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Hoveringham, Notts); Harman Brownson, 1561 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Tomasin Bronson, 1562 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); John Brownson, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); John Brownson, 1600 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Elizabeth Brownson, 1642 in *IGI* (Parwich, Derbys).

**Brownsort**

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- English: see **Brownsword**.

**Brownswood**

- GB frequency 1881: 80
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys, Staffs, and Leics
- English: see **Brownsword**.

**Brownsword**

Variants: **Brownsort**, **Brownswood**

- Current frequencies: GB 497, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 211
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: locative name, probably a late form of *Brownsworth* from Brownswoods in Congleton (Cheshire). Compare Thomas *Brownsworth*, 1593 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 297.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Brownsword, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Alicea Brownsworde, 1594 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); William Brounesword, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Joyce Brownsward, 1673 in *The Essex Review* 54 (Essex); Thomas Brownsard, 1711 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).

**Browse**

Variants: **Browes**

- Current frequencies: GB 259, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 210
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: variant of **Brow** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Browse, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Sawtry Judith, Hunts); Edwardus Browse, 1579 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Johanne Browes, 1581 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Bennet Browes, 1617 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Joseph Browse, 1693, Joseph Brouse, 1718, Eliz. Brows, 1728 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Anne Brows, 1732, Ellis Browse, 1766 in *IGI* (Braiseworth, Suffolk); Sarah Browes, 1748, James Brouse, 1756 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

**Broxham**

- Current frequencies: GB 88, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 45
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Broxholme**.

**Broxholm**

- GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs; London
- English: see **Broxholme**.

**Broxholme**

Variants: **Broxholm**, **Broxham**, **Brocksom**

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

1 English: locative name from Broxholme (Lincs). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brocsholm, about 1210 in *Place-Names of Lincs* (Lincs); Mathwe Broxholme, 1562 in *IGI* (Usselby, Lincs); Xpofer Broxholm, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirkby cum Osgodby, Lincs); Alce Broxham, 1674 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Carolus Broxholm, 1683 in *IGI* (York); Thos. Brocksom, 1794 in *IGI* (Utterby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 7, p. 14.

2 English: hypercorrect form of the Staffs name **Broxson** (see **Broxton**), through false association with locative names in *-holme*.

**Early bearers:** William Broxholme, 1614 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

**Broxon**

- GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Broxton**.

**Broxson**

Variants: **Broxholme**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Brocksom**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Broxton**

Variants: **Brocksom**, **Broxon**, **Broxholme**

- Current frequencies: GB 391, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 176
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops and Montgomerys

1 English: locative name from Broxton (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Brexyn* in 1285, *Broxton* in 1284–7, and *Broxun* in 1325.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Brexin, 1260, [ . . . de] Broxun, 1259, [ . . . de] Bruxon, 1312 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Willelmus de Brocsun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Willelmus de Broksene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Shrops); Oliver Broxton, 1542 in *IGI* (Leigh, Worcs); Eliz. Broxon, 1562, Maria Broxton, 1681 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Johannis Broxen, 1566 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Broxon, 1589 in *IGI* (Upton Magna, Shrops); John Brockson, 1593 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Broxton, 1607, Ricus Broxon, 1694 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Elynor Broxson, 1610 in *IGI* (Conover, Shrops); Thomas Broxton, 1688 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 12–14.

2 English: locative name from Brownston (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Brockestuna* in 1086. Bearers of the name in London and the S Midlands may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Broxton', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Broxson, clerk, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Willm. Broxson, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Anthony Brockson, 1611 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); William Broxton, 1777 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Broxup**

Variants: **Brocksope**, **Briscombe**

- Current frequencies: GB 181, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 146
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place in Lancs and perhaps named from Middle English *brok(e)* 'badger' + *hop(e)* 'enclosed land'; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Broksope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hulton, Lancs); Thomas Broxup, 1578 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Edmond Broxop, 1580 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Richard Brokesop, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Nichus Brocksopp, 1602 in *IGI*

(Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Brocksopp, 1704 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Gulielmi Broxhop, 1672 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Brocksop, 1657 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

**Broy**

- GB frequency 1881: 3

Irish: from Ó Bróithe, see **Brophy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Broyd**

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 228
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: origin uncertain; perhaps a variant of **Braid** (2).

**Early bearers:** Loney Broyd, 1665 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Broyd, 1714 in *Parish Registers* (Wethersfield, Essex); Edward Broid, 1716 in *IGI* (Great Warley, Essex); Joseph Broyd, 1792 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Bruce**

- Current frequencies: GB 18084, Ireland 431
- GB frequency 1881: 13929
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; Caithness; Shetland; also N England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry  
Scottish: locative name probably from Brix (Manche), although no early forms of the place-name have been found. See also **Brewis**, with which later forms of the name have become inextricably confused.

**Further information:** The son of the Domesday baron, a friend of David I of Scotland, was granted by him the Lordship of Annandale in 1124, and his second son Robert became the founder of the Scottish house of Bruce.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Bruis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Robert de Bruis, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert de Brus, about 1110 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks), 1152 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); John de Briwes, de Brues, 1225, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Brewys, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Brus and Richard de Brus, 1274–5 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Mother Margrett Bruce, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Catherine Bruce, 1559 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Robertus Bruce, 1564 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs).

Scotland: Robert de Brus, 1175–78 in *Glasgow Register*; Cristiana de Brus, countess of Dunbar, 1240–48 in *Yester House Writs* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Edwardus de Bruys, brother of King Robert I, 1309 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Andro Bruse, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jhone Bruce, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); James Bruis, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Mariore Bruce, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Bruck**

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: London

1 English: see **Brook**.

2 German: locative name, nickname; German *Bruck* (also *Brück*), from Middle High German *bruck(e)* 'bridge', for someone who lived near a bridge, or for



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a bridge keeper or toll collector on a bridge. *Bruck* remained the Bavarian and Austrian form, reflected in place names such as Innsbruck, whereas in central and northern Germany *Brück(e)* was the regular and ultimately standard form. Switzerland has both forms. Compare **Bruckman**.

### Brucker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- English: see **Brooker**.

### Bruckin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Brooking**.

### Bruckman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 German: from *Bruckmann*, from Middle High German *bruck(e)* 'bridge' (see **Bruck**) + *mann* 'man'.  
2 English: variant of **Brookman**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bruckshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Brudenell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- Norman, English: ethnic name from Old Norman French *Brettonnel*, a diminutive of *Bret* 'Breton'.  
**Further information:** This is the family name of the earls of Cardigan. The family was associated with Aynhoe in Northants in the 14th century, if not before.  
**Early bearers:** William Bredenel, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); William Bredenell, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Edmund Brudenell, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Edmund Brudenell 'the elder and Edmund Brudenell' of Chalfhant' S'ci Petri the younger, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Drew Brudenoll or Brudenell, 1490 in *PROB 11* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Robert Brudenell or Brudenel, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Dene, Northants); Robart Brudenell, 1570, Robart Brudnell, 1572 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Anne Brudnell, 1672, John Brutnal, 1748 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics); Thomas Brudenell, 1692, Libbeus Brudenall, 1710 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); John Brutnall, 1771, Ann Brutnell, 1776 in *IGI* (Waltham on the Wolds, Leics).

### Bruder

**Variants:** **Burder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary
- 1 Irish: from Ó Bruadair, see **Brouder**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Bruder, 1866 in *IGI* (Killeagh, Cork); Jno. Bruder, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881*

(Hulme, Lancs); James Bruder, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs).  
2 German, Swiss German: relationship name from a byname *Bruder* meaning 'brother', occasionally used for a younger brother of someone important, or for a guild member.  
**Further information:** In Continental Europe this is also found as a Jewish name, probably acquired as an ornamental or handout name, from German *Bruder* or Yiddish *bruder* 'brother', but no evidence of Jewish bearers in the UK has been found.  
**Early bearers:** Carl Bruder, clerk and interpreter, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (West Ham, Essex); John Bruder, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); Carl Bruder, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Fritz Bruder, colour printer's agent, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Roman Bruder, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Friederike Emilie Bruder, charwoman, born in Saxony, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Louis Bruder, watchmaker, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex); Otto Bruder, photographic artist, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Watford, Herts).

### Bruell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Brewell**.

### Bruen

**Variants:** **Brewin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 272
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon; Carlow
- Irish: from Ó Braoin, see **Breen**.

### Brueton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks
- English: see **Bruton**.

### Bruff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Norfolk
- English: see **Brough**.

### Bruffell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: apparently from an alternative pronunciation of **Broughall**.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Broughell, 1633 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Joseph Broughel, 1709 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Thomas Broughel, 1738, James Bruffell, 1751 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Bruffall, 1775 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Robert Brufall, 1789 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); John Bruffil, 1815, Samuel Bruffell, 1816 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Bruford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: probably a metathesized variant of **Burford** (perhaps influenced by the River Brue in Somerset), although a reference to Andrew Bruford or Benford, 1521 in *PROB 11*, raises the possibility of an association with **Benford**.  
**Early bearers:** William Bruford, 1658 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); William Bruford, 1662 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Bruggen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Bridgen**.

### Brugger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Bridger**.

### Brugh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Brough**.

### Bruin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Kent
- English: nickname of uncertain origin. It may, as Reaney suggested, reflect an English pronunciation of French *brun* 'brown'. Compare **Browing**.  
**Early bearers:** William Bruin, 1209 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Patrick le Bruin, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William Bruyn, 1330 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Waltero Bruyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Kennett, Wilts); Maurice Bruyn, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Bruington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Brewington**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bruley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English, Huguenot: locative name, nickname from Old French *brusle* 'burnt', past participle of *brusler* 'to burn'. The name may be locative, signifying someone living in a place cleared for use by burning, or a nickname, perhaps for someone with a disfigurement caused by burning.  
**Further information:** It seems likely that an earlier Norman name of this origin has been largely or wholly superseded by the later Huguenot one.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Bruly, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Kinwarton, Warwicks); William Bruly, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Loddington, Northants); William Bruly, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Newington, Oxon); Willia. Bruly, 1619 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Samuel Brulez, 1690 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French



Huguenot Church, London); David Bruly, 1701 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); James Bruley, 1808 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Brum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Broom**.

### Brumage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Bromwich**.

### Brumble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: (i) see **Bramble**. (ii) see **Brumell**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brumbley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Warwick; Middx
- English: see **Bromley**.

### Brumby

**Variants:** Bromby, Brunby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 541
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Brumby in Frodingham (Lincs).
- Early bearers:** Walter de Brunby, 12th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters*; Geoffrey Bronby, 1319, Gerard de Bronby, 1351, John de Brunby, 1371 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Thomas de Brunby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barkthorp, ER Yorks); William de Brunby, 1402 in *PROB 11* (Holy Cross Temple Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Brumby, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Willyam Brumby, 1590, Thomas Bromby, 1636 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Thomas Broomby, 1632, Jane Bromby, 1658 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Tristram Brumbey, 1718 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); Jacck Brumby, 1731, Isaac Broomby, 1763 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts).

### Brumell

**Variants:** Bromell, Broomhall, Brumhill, Brummel, Brumble, Bramble, Bramwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Norfolk; SE England

English: locative name from one or other of many minor places named with Old English *brōm* + *halh* 'secluded place overgrown with broom'. Compare **Bramhall** and **Broomhall**, which have the same etymology and share many spellings. Sometimes *-hill* has been substituted for *-hall*, but it is also possible that minor places named with *-hill* are an alternative source.

**Early bearers:** Godwin de Bromhal', 1182–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Richard Bromhale, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jane Bromell, 1560 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Ingelbright Bromell, 1568 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Jane Bromell, 1584 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); James Bromell, 1592 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Jennet Bromell, 1594, Thomas Brumell, 1603 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Nathaniell Brumhill, 1624 in *IGI* (Appledore, Kent); John Brumell, 1653 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); Philis Brumell, 1668 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Brumhill, 1723 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Samuel Brummell, 1779 in *IGI* (Little Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Brumfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Hants
- English: see **Broomfield**.

### Brumfit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Brumfitt**.

### Brumfitt

**Variants:** Brumfit, Bramfitt, Bramfit, Bramfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Branthwaite** with the common Yorkshire development of *-thwait* to *-fit*. Compare **Moorfoot**.

**Further information:** An alternative possibility is that the surname derives from the place-name Brunthwaite in Silsden (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Bronthweyt* in 1389, *Brumfitt* in 1666. However, Redmonds notes that there is no evidence to support such an origin.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 19–20; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 149.

### Brumham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Bromham**.

### Brumhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Broomhead**.

### Brumhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Brumell**.

### Brumitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Broomhead**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Brumley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Bromley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brummel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Brumell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Brummell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Cambs; Cornwall; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: see **Bramhall**.

### Brummer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; also Glamorgan

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brūnmār* (from *brūn* 'brown' + *māre* 'famous').

**Early bearers:** given names: Brunarus, priest, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Westleton, Suffolk); Brumerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Thorpe, Suffolk); Brumarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wadgate, Suffolk).

**surnames:** Ulmerus Brumari filius, about 1090 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert Brommer, 1510 in *Butley Priory Chronicle* (Suffolk); Robert Brummer, 1700 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Brummitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Broomhead**.

### Brumpton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Brompton**.

### Brumwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb; also London

English: locative name from Middle English *brom*, *brume* 'brook' + *wel(le)* 'spring, stream', for someone who lived by a stream near which broom grew. The only established present-day place-name resembling this is *Broomwell* (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** William Bromwell', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Beckenham, Kent); William Bromwell, 1537 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Brumwell, 1541 in *IGI* (Egglecliffe, Durham); Roberte Bromwell, 1590 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Tobias Brumwell, 1617 in *IGI*

## Brun

(Riseley, Beds); Nicholas Bromwell, 1623, Anne Broomwell, 1679, John Brumwell, 1694, Ralph Bromwel, 1726 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

### Brun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow

1 English, Scottish: see **Brown**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Brun', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Riccall, ER Yorks); John Brune, 1476 in *PROB 11* (Willingham, Cambs); Thomas Brune, 1595 in *PROB 11* (London).

Scotland: Robert Brun, 1630 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Katherene Brune, 1642 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Alexr Brun, 1684 in *IGI* (Crail, Fife).  
2 Huguenot, French: nickname from Old French *brun* 'brown'. Compare **Bruin**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Brun, 1706 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Antoine Brun, 1720 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple, Westminster, Middx); Jean Brun, 1767 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Garden and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

### Brunby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Brumby**.

### Brundell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Brundle**.

### Brundish

Variants: **Brandish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from Brundish (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Burnedich* in 1177, *Burnedis* in 1204.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Burendis, about 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Robertum de Burnedis, 1209, John de Brundish, chaplain, 1332–3, William de Brundish, 1352–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Godfrey de Burnedyz, 1247–8, Edmund de Burnedissh, 1313–14, Edmund de Brundyssh, 1360–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Brundish, Suffolk); John de Burndish, 1304 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); John de Burnedissh, 1318 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Brundich, 1325–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Johanne de Brundish', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moreton, Essex); Robert Brundische, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Burnedi[ssh]', 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Brundysh, 1414–15 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); John Brundische, William Brundisshe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Tho Brundische, 1586 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Thomas Brundish, 1605 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk).

**References:** *Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 34; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 69.

### Brundle

Variants: **Brundell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Brundall (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Cecilia de Brundal', 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William, Peter Brundel, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Willelmo Brundel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); John de Brundall, 1400 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); John Brundale, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); George Brundall, 1660 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Robert Brundell, 1663 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); Nicholas Brundel, 1695 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); Benjamin Brundle, 1725 in *IGI* (Billingford near Diss, Norfolk).

### Brundred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Brandreth**.

### Brundret

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Brandreth**.

### Brundrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Brandreth**.

### Brundrit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Brandreth**.

### Brundritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Brandreth**.

### Brunell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Burnell**.

### Brunet

Variants: **Brownett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Jersey

Norman, Huguenot: relationship name, nickname from *Brunet*, *Brunot*, diminutives of the Old French name and nickname **Brun**, from *brun* 'brown'.  
**Further information:** A Huguenot family named *Brunet*, from La Rochelle, fled to England after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (*Smiles*, p. 370).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Brunote, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Richard Brounnhote, Brounote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johana Brunett, 1594 in *IGI* (Miningsby, Lincs); Robert Brunet, John Brownet, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Lewis Brunet, 1676 in *IGI* (Fish Street, London).

### Brunger

Variants: **Brunker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brūngār* (from *brūn* 'brown' + *gār* 'spear'). In some instances this name may be from the Continental Germanic cognate *Brunger*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Brungar Puca, moneyer, 1023–36 in EMC (London); Brunger, about 1085 in *Lepine and Orme*, p. 260 (Woodbury, Devon); Brungarus, burgess, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Colchester, Essex); Brungarus, 1111–38 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 22 (London); Brunger atte Yate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames: Thomas Brunger, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Brunger, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Brunger, 1311 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 22 (London); Simon Brungor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Brunger', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Robert Brunger, 1561 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); William Brunker, 1572 in *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 127; John Brungar, 1608 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent).  
**References:** EMC: 'Early Medieval Corpus of Coin Finds', at <http://www-cm.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/emc/>

### Brunham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: locative name from Burnham (Lincs, Norfolk), both with early forms *Brunham*. See **Burnham**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey (de) Brunham 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Elizabeth Brunham, 1787 in *IGI* (Preston, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Brunham, 1801 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Marianne Brunham, 1841 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks).

### Brunker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Brecknock; Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth

Probably a variant of **Brunger**, but it may also be of Dutch origin.

### Brunlees

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Brownlees**.

### Brunner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Middle High German *brun(ne)* 'spring', German *Brunner*, denoting someone who lived beside a spring or well, or from a place named with this word.  
**Early bearers:** German: James Brunner, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Radcliffe on Trent, Notts); Wm Brunner, born in Pressburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Clifton, Gloucs); Fritz Brunner, born in Switzerland, and Gottfried Brunner, born in Winterthur, Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Hornsey, Middx); Englebert Brunner, watchmaker and jeweller, born in Baden, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hill, ER Yorks); Heinrich Brunner, commercial clerk, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Otto Brunner, insurance agent., born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Chorlton, Lancs); Hans Brunner, bank clerk, born

in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Conrad Brunner, waiter, born in Munich, Bavaria, in *Census 1911* (Windsor, Berks); Abram Brunner, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

2 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Brunner, 1584 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); France Brunner, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Brunner, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Richard Bruner, 1692 in *IGI* (Maer, Staffs); John Brunner, 1777 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Brunning

**Variants:** Bryning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 872, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brūning*, with shortening of the vowel. Compare **Browning**.

**Early bearers:** William Brunning, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Brunnyng, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Ricardus Brunnyng', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chigwell, Essex); John Brunning, 1618 in *IGI* (Aldington, Kent); Johis Brunning, 1621 in *IGI* (Bramerton, Norfolk); Susan Bruning, 1625, Joseph Brunning, 1632 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk).

## Brunnock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

Irish, English: from *Breathnach*, see **Branagh**.

## Bruno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Middx
- Italian, Portuguese: (i) relationship name ultimately from the Germanic personal name *Bruno* popularized in the cult of Saint Bruno (from *brūn* 'brown'). (ii) nickname from *bruno* 'brown', referring to hair, complexion, or clothing. (iii) locative name from any of several places named *Bruno*, for example in Asti province.

**Early bearers:** Cesar Bruno, 1809 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Manrigio Bruno, 1861 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Stephen Bruno, born in Italy, in *Census 1871*, *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Joseph Bruno, born in Salerno, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Monmouths); Pietro Bruno, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Cumb); Votale Bruno, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Warwicks).

## Bruns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Glasgow
- German, Dutch: (i) relationship name from a patronymic from the personal name *Brun*, *Bruin* 'brown'. (ii) relationship name altered spelling of German *Bruhns*, a patronymic from *Bruhn*, a variant of the personal name *Brun(o)* (see **Bruno**).
- Early bearers:** Anna Margareta Bruns, 1729 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andrew Ditherich Bruhns, 1787 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Michel Bruns, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Diedrich Bruns, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Wilhelm Bruns,

born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Ehrman Bruns, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Brunsdan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Wilts, and Oxon
- English: see **Brunsdon**.

## Brunsdon

**Variants:** Brunsdan, Bronsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 330
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Berks, and Oxon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English continuation of the Old English personal name *Brūnstān* (from *brūn* 'brown' + *stān* 'stone').
- Early bearers:** given names: Brunstanus Blachebiert, about 1057 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Brunstan, about 1090 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*, p. 36 (Livermere, Suffolk).
- surnames: Ralph Brunston, 13th cent. in *Ramsay Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Roger Brunstan, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus Brunstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sloley with Stone Riston, Norfolk); Augustine Brounesdon', 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Jo Brunsdon, 1554 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Anthony Brunsdan, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Joan Brunston, 1589, Jane Brunsdon, 1589 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Symon Brunsdan, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Berwick Bassett, Wilts); Peter Brownsdon, 1725 in *IGI* (Tavistock, Devon).

## Brunskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in Westm; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- Early bearers:** Miles Brunschall, 1582, Cuthberte Brunskill, 1608 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Edw. Brunskill, 1654 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks); Edward Brunskel, 1720 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Wm. Brunskil, 1724 in *IGI* (Great Musgrave, Westm).

## Brunson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Brownson**.

## Brunswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- German, English: locative name from the English name of the city of Braunschweig in Germany.
- Further information:** This name is associated (especially in the 18th century) with the royal House of Hanover, who brought it to England. It is now more common in the USA than in Britain.
- Early bearers:** Mary Brunswick, 1682 in *IGI* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Thomas Brunswick, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Anne's Soho, Westminster, Middx).

## Brunt

**Variants:** Bronte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3094, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1992
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and Wales: esp. Staffs and Derbys; Beds; Somerset; Montgomerys and Radnors
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Brund (Staffs) or from some other place named from a burnt clearing. In place-names *Brund-* and *Brunt-* are to some extent interchangeable with **Brent**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2). See also **Brent**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Brund, 1285, William Brond, 1316 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Orston, Notts); Hugh Bronde of Bradmore, 1418, John Brond of Bradmore, 1476 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Olyvere Brunt, 1563 in *IGI* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Thomas Brunte, 1575, Maria Brunt, 1603 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Wm. Brunt, 1590 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); John Brunte, 1597 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Susana Brunt, 1614 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Brunt, 1632, Francisci Bronte, 1607 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Willelmus Brount, 1600 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); James Brunte, 1616 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Brunt, 1623 in *IGI* (Bunny, Notts); Ellin Brount, 1627 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Jamima Bronte, 1809 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 157; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *brend*; *Tooth* 3, pp. 191–2.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *\*brund*, *\*brunt*, *\*brond*, metathesized forms of *burned*, *burnt* 'burnt', perhaps with reference to branding as a punishment for a crime. Compare **Brent**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Brond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Telham, Sussex); Henry le Bronde, villein of Thomas Paynel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Brunt, 1576 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Thomas Bronde, 1718 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex).

3 Irish: see **Prunty**.

## Brunton

**Variants:** Bruton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2699, Ireland 163
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and N England: esp. Midlothian and Lanarks; Fife; also WR Yorks; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Derry
- English, Scottish: (i) locative name from Brunton (Fife, Northumb). (ii) variant of **Brompton**.
- Further information:** This name is also common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Bruntoun, 1660 in *Melrose Records* (Calfhill, Roxburghs); Grissall Brunton, 1669 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian).

England: Robert de Brunton, about 1160–74 in *Yorks Charters*; Edmund de Brunton, 1234 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Marke Brunton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

## Brunty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: see **Prunty**.

**Brunwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Brūnwine*, a late and rare Old English name from *brūn* 'brown' + *wine* 'friend'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Brunwine, moneyer, 1023–36 in EMC (Stamford, Lincs); Brunuinus, burgess, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Colchester, Essex); Brunnuius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hemingstone, Suffolk). surnames: Laurence Brunwyn, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Richard Brunwyn, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Brounwyne, Geoffrey Bronwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Brunwyn, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Henery Brunwin, 1625 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Brunwin, 1768 in *IGI* (Tolleshunt Knights, Essex). **References:** EMC: 'Early Medieval Corpus of Coin Finds', at <http://www-cm.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/emc/>

**Brunyee**

**Variants:** Browney, Brownie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *brun*, *broun* 'brown' + *eye* 'eye' (Old English *brūn* + *ēage*).

Compare **Blackie** (2), **Greeney** (1), and **Whitty** (2). **Early bearers:** Richard Brunye, about 1250, Richard Browneye, about 1290 in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Northants); Henry Brouneye, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; John, William Brouneye, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Brounie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Roger Brownie, 1335 in *Peterborough Cartulary*; Roger Brouneye, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Southill, Beds); Petrus Brunye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Johannes Brouneye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); William Brouney, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Peter Brownie, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith Saint Lawrence, WR Yorks); Isaac Brunnee, 1698 in *IGI* (Riccall, ER Yorks); Jonathan Bronyee, 1721, Peter Brunyee, 1726 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Abraham Brunye, 1730 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Benjamin Brunyee, 1732 in *IGI* (Riccall, ER Yorks); Catherine Browney, 1787 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); William Browney, 1791 in *IGI* (Buckland Newton, Dorset); John Brunnye, 1795 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Benjamin Brunnee, 1799, Benjamin Brunney, 1807 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

**Brusby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Brisby**.

**Brush**

**Variants:** Brushe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs; Surrey and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Down

English: nickname for a brush maker, from Middle English *brush* 'brush' (Old French *brosse* 'brushwood').

**Early bearers:** Alice Brusch, 1327, John Brosche, Robert Brusshe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anthony Brush, 1551 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Ric Brushe, 1571 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Jone Brush, 1610 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Richard Brush, 1665 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Brushe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Brush**.

**Brushett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Middle English *brushet* 'thicket, scrub' (Anglo-Norman French *brusset*, Old French *brocete*), for someone who lived by a thicket. **Early bearers:** Thomas Brychett, 1523 in *PROB 11* (Rye, Sussex); Michael Brusett, 1540 in *PROB 11*; James Brochet, 1601 in *IGI* (London); John Brushett, 1615 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); George Brushet, 1715 in *IGI* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset).

**Brushwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: locative name, nickname of uncertain origin. Apparently from the vocabulary word *brushwood*, either in the sense 'cut twigs or branches' or, more probably, in the locative sense of 'thicket' (compare **Brushett**). Alternatively, it is possible that it is a reinterpretation of some other name that has not been correctly identified.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bruswod, 1571 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Felix Bruswood, 1572 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Brushwood, 1603, Brushwoode, 1607 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Christofer Brusewood, 1607 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs); Daud Brushwood, 1613 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Richard Bruswoode, 1641 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

**Bruster**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Rutland and Northants; Cumb

English: see **Brewster**.

**Bruton**

**Variants:** Brueton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1591, Ireland 471
- **GB frequency 1881:** 988
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Meath, and Westmeath

1 English: locative name from Bruton (Somerset) or Bruton in Whitchurch (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** William de Briweton, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Margerie Breuton, 1377–81 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Johes Bruton, 1560 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); George Bruton, 1564 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); John Brueton, 1667 in *IGI* (Dyrham and Hinton, Gloucs); Ann Brueton, 1757 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 307.

2 Scottish, Irish: also common in Ireland, where it may be a variant of **Brunton**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bruton, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1386 (Aghollar); Arthur Brewton, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1419 (Meath).

**Brutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset and Devon

Norman, English: see **Breton**.

**Bruty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bruty, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Bruty, 1704 in *Parish Registers* (Birdbrook, Essex); George Bruty, 1753, William Brutey, 1754 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Bryan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12938, Ireland 716
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7416
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork, Tipperary, Kilkenny, and Wexford

1 English: see **Bryant**.

2 Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

**Bryans**

**Variants:** Brians, Briance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; Cheshire; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Monaghan

English, Irish: variant of **O'Brien** or **Bryant** with excrescent -s.

**Bryant**

**Variants:** Briant, Brient, Briand, Bryan, Brian, Brien, Bryon, Brion, Bryans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16860, Ireland 101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12592
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; Gloucs and Somerset; also Glamorgan

Norman, Breton, English: relationship name from the Celtic personal name *Brian* (from \**brigo-* 'high' + the suffix \*-*ant-*) with excrescent -*t*. Breton bearers of this name were among the Normans who invaded England in 1066. They went on to settle in Ireland in the 12th century, where the name mingled with the native Irish form *Briain* (see **O'Brien**). The latter had also been borrowed, as *Brján*, by the Vikings, who introduced it independently into north-western England before the Norman Conquest.

**Early bearers:** given names: Briendus de Scal, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition*; Brien, 1088 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Brien, 1114–19 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Brient, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Brianus filius Radulfi, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Brianus filius Alani, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Radulfus filius Brien, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Ralph Brien, 1160 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ralph Brian', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Bennet Briant, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Bryar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Brear**.

### Bryars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Briers**.

### Bryce

Variants: **Brice, Brys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4180, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2995
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim; Mayo

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Brice*, probably Celtic (Gaulish) in origin but not firmly explained, which was latinized as *Bricius*. It became popular in France through the cult of the 5th-century Saint Brice, successor of Saint Martin as Bishop of Tours, and was introduced to England and Scotland by the Normans. See also **Bryson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bricius de Kyrkebi, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Bricius judex, 1189–95 in *Arbroath Register* (Abernethy, Perth); Brice, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames, England: William Brice, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Brice, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Adam Brice, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Lyne, Oxon); Johanne Bryce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Edward Bryce, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Bryce, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Hockering, Norfolk); Issabell Bryce, 1557 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); Robert Brice, 1573, Robert Brise, 1604, Robert Bryce, 1610 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Robert Brice, 1584, Robert Brise, 1590 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent).

surnames, Scotland: Richard Brice, burgess, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Stirling); John Bris, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Thomas Bryce, 1586 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Mytchell Bryce, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Adam Bryce, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

### Bryceland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- Scottish: unexplained; apparently from a place-name based on the given name or surname **Brice**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Briceland, 1794 in *IGI* (Kilchenzie and Killean, Argyll); Ann Bryceland, 1857 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Patrick Briceland, 1858 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

### Bryceson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Bryson**.

**Early bearers:** John Bryceson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Bryson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Bryde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Cheshire and Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Brighde**, see **McBride**.

### Bryden

Variants: **Brydon, Brydone, Briden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1411, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1253
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Lancs

1 Scottish: locative name of uncertain origin; apparently from a lost place-name, presumably somewhere in Scotland.

**Further information:** The speculation that this name may be an anglicized form of Gaelic \**Ó Bruidín* is not borne out by evidence of early bearers. According to Kneen, *Ó Bruidín* gives Manx *Brideen*, which may subsequently have become *Cregeen* and perhaps *Bridson*.

Reaney's speculation that it may be an occupational nickname for a bridle-maker, from Old French *bridon* 'bridle', is likewise unsupported by any relevant evidence.

**Early bearers:** Philippe de Briden of Roxburghshire, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Bridin, 1527 in *Maxwells of Pollok* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Bridynne, 1548 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Brydane, 1590 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Selkirk, Selkirks); Alexander Bryden, 1677 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

2 English: see **Briden**.

### Brydges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs

English: see **Bridges**.

### Brydie

Variants: **Bridie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

Scottish: relationship name from the female personal name *Bridie*, a pet form of Scots *Bride*, which represents the Gaelic goddess-name *Brigid*, of uncertain origin.

**Further information:** *Brid(i)e* may also be used as a pet form of *Bridget*, an anglicized version of the spelling *Brigid*, or perhaps of *Brigitta*, the latinized version of the name of Saint *Birgit* of Sweden, whose cult was widespread in the Middle Ages and whose name originates in the Gaelic name above.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Brydie, 1635 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Newburgh, Fife); William Brydie, 1674 in *Hunter, Dunkeld* (Dungarhill, Perth); Helen Briddie, 1703 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Anne Briddy, 1743 in *IGI* (Blairgowrie, Perth).

### Brydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1197, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 940
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England
- Scottish: see **Bryden**.

### Brydone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian

Scottish: see **Bryden**.

### Brydson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: variant of **Bridson**.

### Brynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Brenton**.

**Early bearers:** John Breynton, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Moccas, Herefs); Edward Breynton, 1600 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robertus Brianton, 1656 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Thomas Bryanton, 1759 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Lucy Bryenton, 1793, Benjamin Bryanten, 1824 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); William Bryenton, 1858 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Bryer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset; Lancs; Hants

English: see **Brear**.

### Bryers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Briers**.

### Brymer

Variants: **Brimer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: probably a variant of **Bremner** via **Brimmer**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Brymer, 1600 in *IGI* (Sisland, Norfolk); Elspet Brymer, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Alexander Brymer, 1686 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); Richard Brimer, 1687 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Brymner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: see **Bremner**.

### Bryn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths

## Bryne

Welsh, English: locative name from Welsh *bryn* 'hill', or from one of many places so called in Wales, or in Cheshire or Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Davy Bryn, 1600 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); James Bryn, 1779 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Bryne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 473
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Lanarks and W Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English: see **Brine**.

### Brynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Brine**.

### Bryning

Variants: **Brining**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Brunning**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Brynnyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chigwell, Essex); Richard Bryning, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Netheravon, Wilts); John Bryninge, 1620 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Thomas Bryning, 1705 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs).

### Brynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Brinn**.

### Bryon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Staffs; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- 1 English: see **Bryant**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

### Brys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bryce**.

### Bryson

Variants: **Bryceson**, **Brison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3625, Ireland 447
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Northumb; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

1 Scottish: relationship name 'son of *Brice*' (see **Bryce**).

**Early bearers:** Duncan Bryson, 1413 in *Scotland Calendar*; David Brisoun, 1482 in *The Lennox* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Brisone, 1552 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Margaret Bryson, 1594 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

2 Irish: a reduced form of Ó Briosaín, a version of Ó Muirghéasaín (see **Morrissey**), altered by association with the Scottish surname *Bryson*, especially in Derry. *Bryson* was also used for **Breslin** in Donegal.

### Bubb

Variants: **Bobb**, **Bobbe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 843, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Herefs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Bubbe*, \**Bobbe* (Old English *Bubba*). Compare **Bobbett**.

**Further information:** The qualifier in the place-name Melbury Bubb (Dorset) derives from the family name of William Bubbe, 1212, and Ralph Bobbe, 1299 in *Place-Names of Dorset*.

**Early bearers:** Brictrmarus Bubba, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Henry Bubba, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Bobbe, William Bubbe, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Reginald Bobbe, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Bobbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Shurdington, Gloucs); Roger Bubbe, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas Bubbe, 1348 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Matilda Bubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edington, Somerset); Willelmus Bobbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stourton, Wilts); Rogero Bubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Thomas Bobbe, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Alice Bubb, 1574 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Bubb, 1598 in *IGI* (Matson, Gloucs).

**References:** *Redin, Studies*, p. 87; *Tengvik*, p. 296; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 210–11.

### Bubear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Boobyer**.

### Bubeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Boobyer**.

### Buch

Variants: **Book**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

German: (i) unexplained. (ii) from the German surname *Buch*, from *Buche* 'beech-tree'.

**Early bearers:** Benet Buch, 1582 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Osmond Butch, 1604 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Buch, 1682 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Joseph Butch, 1782 in *IGI* (Downham, Norfolk); Samuel Buch, 1799 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Frederick *Buch*, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

### Bucham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Buchan**.

**Early bearers:** Archibald Bucham, 1657 in *IGI* (Culross, Fife); John Bucham, 1779 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

### Buchan

Variants: **Bucham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6106, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3847
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Scottish: locative name from the province of Buchan (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Buchan, 1207–8 in *Arbroath Register* (Aberdeen); William de Buchan, 1281 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); William de Buchane, 1436 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Andrew Buchan of Auchmacoy, Aberdeens, 1446 in *Aberdeen Register*; Alexander Buchan, 1628 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Duncan Buchan, 1701 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

### Buchanan

Variants: **Buchannan**, **Buchannon**, **Buchanon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10338, Ireland 1201
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7717
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Dunbartons, Stirlings, Renfrews, and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Donegal

1 Scottish: locative name from Buchanan (Stirlings). **Further information:** The traditional lands of clan Buchanan are on the eastern shores of Loch Lomond and in the Lennox.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Buchanan, about 1270 in *Lennox Cartulary*; Walter de Buchanan, 1373 in *Lennox Cartulary*; George Buchanan, a great Latin scholar, 1506–82 in *Black*; Adame Buchannan, 1618 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Thomas Buchannon, 1753 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

**References:** *Adam*.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Buadhachanáin, see **Bohannon**.

### Buchannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: see **Buchanan**.

### Buchannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- Scottish: see **Buchanan**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Buchanon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Buchanan**.

### Buchard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Butcher**.

### Buche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Merioneths
- English: see **Bouch**.

**Bucher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Butcher**.

**Buck**

Variants: **Bucke, Bock, Bucks, Bux, Book**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7620, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6346
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cork and Limerick

1 English: nickname from Middle English *buc(ke)* ‘male goat’ (Old English *bucca*) or ‘male deer’ (Old English *bucc*). The surname may be a reduced form of longer occupational names: Roger le Bucmanger’ (‘dealer in bucks or venison’), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter Bucswayn (perhaps ‘goatherd’), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Godwig se Bucca, about 1055 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Herbert Bucke, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Buc, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter le Buk, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Buk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Buk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Buk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwincle, Northants); Johanne Buk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Johannes Buk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Robertus Buk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lackford, Suffolk); Robrti Buck, 1567 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Thomas Buck, 1568 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Nics. Buck, 1599 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) beech tree’, Old English *bōc*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo (del) Buc, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Peter atte Buk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Buckberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: of uncertain origin; possibly an elaboration of the name of (Long) Buckby (Northants), for which see **Buckby**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Buckbery, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Billingborough, Lincs); Edward Buckberie, 1572 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Bartholomew Buckbery, 1620 in *IGI* (Billingborough, Lincs); William Buckberry, 1669 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); William Buckbury, 1774 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

**Buckby**

Variants: **Bugbee, Bugby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Rutland

English: locative name from Long Buckby (Northants). Compare **Buckberry**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Buckeby, 1585 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); William Buckbye, 1631 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Edmund Buckby, 1723 in *IGI* (Thornby, Northants); Joseph Buckby, 1777 in *IGI*

(Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Richard Buckby, 1807 in *IGI* (Preston, Rutland).

**Bucke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: see **Buck**.

**Buckel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Buckle**.

**Buckell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and IoW

English: see **Buckle**.

**Buckels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts; Suffolk

English: variant of **Buckle**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Buckenham**

Variants: **Bucknam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 376
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk
- English: locative name from Buckenham (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Bokenham, 1245–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Bokenham, 1338 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Johannes de Bokenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Raynham, Norfolk); Robt. Buckenham, 1541 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Willm. Buckenham, 1558, Elizabeth Bucknam, 1566 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Phillipp Bokenham, 1649, Andrew Buckenham, 1655 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

**Bucker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts; Cornwall

English: see **Bowker**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Bucker, 1581 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Johanis Bucker, 1709 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); William Bucker, 1713 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Jams Bucker, 1726 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

**Buckerfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Buckerfield, 1595 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Margerie Buckerfield, 1609 in *IGI* (Water Stratford, Bucks).

**Buckeridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Wilts, and Surrey

English: locative name possibly from Buckridge in Rock (Worcs), or from a similarly-named place elsewhere deriving from Old English *bucc* ‘buck’ + *hrycg* ‘ridge’.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Buckeridge, 1573 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks); John Buckeridge, 1618 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks).

**Buckett**

Variants: **Bowkett, Bockett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 576
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; Oxon
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *boquet* ‘kid, young goat’, perhaps a nickname for a worker or dealer in buckskin or leather goods, or possibly implying ‘lecherous’. Compare **Cheverall** (2), and compare the French surname **Bouquet**. **Further information:** An alternative diminutive *Buckerell* (compare French **Bouquerel**) is also found in medieval London: Gaufridus bucherellus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Andrew Bukerel, 1174 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William Bukerel, 1276 in *London Letter Books A* (London).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Bukat, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); Godfrey Bucket, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Boket, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Stephano Buket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); William Boket, bailiff, 1463, John Bucket, bailiff, 1504 in *Quarr Charters* (Newport, IoW); Thomas Buckett, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); John Buckett, 1561 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Buckett, 1564 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); John Bucket, 1654, Richard Buckett, 1655 in *IGI* (Brighstone, IoW).

**Buckfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: variant of **Buckle**, also recorded as *Buckwell*, with substitution of -field for -well.

Compare William Buckfield, 1772, Thomas Buckwell, 1780, William Buckle, 1786 in *IGI* (Sutton, Surrey). **Early bearers:** Jeffry Buckfyeld, 1599, Richard Buckfeild, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Giles, Cripplegate, London).

**Buckham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs, Selkirks, and Berwicks; Northumb and Durham

Scottish: locative name from Buckholm, formerly Buckham, in Melrose parish, Roxburghs.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bukom, 1566 in *Kelso Register* (Redden, Roxburghs); Euphame Buckam, 1629 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobel Buckholme, 1652 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Buckham, 1772 in *Roxburghs Heirs* (Westlees, Roxburghs).

**Buckhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Middx

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Buckhurst in

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Cudham, Buckhurst in Hever, Buckhurst Farm in Cranbrook, Buckhurst in Frittenden (all Kent), Buckhurst in Withyham, Buckhurst Manor in Wadhurst, and Buckhurst Wood in Salehurst (all Sussex).

**Further information:** The place-name Buckhurst Hill in Chigwell (Essex) does not seem to have given rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Buchurst, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); [ . . . ] de Bochurst, 1226, [ . . . ] de Bokehirst, 1278, [ . . . ] ate Bokhurst, 1347 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); John de Bochurst, 1291 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); John de Bocherst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loxfield hundred, Sussex); Willo de Bochurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Battle, Sussex); Ric'us de Bocherst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stone by Dartford, Kent); Cecilia de Bouchurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brede, Sussex); Adam de Bocherst, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cranbrook hundred, Sussex); James Buckhurst, 1562 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Johanna Buckhurst, 1590 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Edwin Buckhurst, 1880 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 24, 83–4, 319, 325; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 370, 387, 460; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 53–4.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 5031, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3812
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Beds, and Bucks; Devon and Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- English: locative name from Buckingham (Bucks).  
**Early bearers:** Gerard de Bukynham, 1183 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William de Bokingham, 1272 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John de Bukyngham, 1384–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Roger de Bokyngham, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Buckingham, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Oare, Somerset).

## Buckland

**Variants:** Bucklin, Bucklands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4442, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, Surrey, and Bucks; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Buckland which, apart from a single example in Lincs, are found only in southern England.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Boclanda, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William de Bocland, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas de Boukeland, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Richard Buklund, 1427–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Regnal Bucklen, 1643 in *IGI* (Ufton Nervet, Berks); William Bucklen, 1704 in *IGI* (Bemerton, Wilts).

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of **Buckland** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Buckle

**Variants:** Buckles, Buckel, Buckell, Buckwell, Buckfield, Buckels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4372, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3212

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; E Anglia; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *bokel* 'buckle', given to someone who wore a distinctive buckle or who was a buckle maker. Compare **Buckler**.

**Early bearers:** John Bokele, 1296, William Bokele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashurst in West Grinstead, Sussex); Wymark Bokel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Bukle, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Buckell, 1540 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); George Buckle, 1553 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Henryr Buckle, 1560 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Buckles, 1596 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Edward Buckles, 1753 in *IGI* (Henley, Suffolk).

2 English: (i) locative name from Buckwell (in Ashburnham, Sussex), recorded in Middle English as *Bokholt*, which was later reduced to *Buckle* and then by hypercorrection re-formed as *Buckwell*, perhaps under the influence of the Kent place-name Buckwell. The Sussex family name from this source may have been confused with that in (i). It is possible, for example, that Simon *Bokel*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex) was an ancestor of John *Buckhold*, 1607, and Nathaniel *Buckoll*, 1719 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex). (ii) locative name, reduced form of Buckwell in Kent. Compare Richard *de Bocwell*, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John atte Bokholte, 1296, Martin, Ralph, Stephen de Bukholte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburnham, Sussex); William atte Bocholte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); Geoffrey atte Bokholte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ripe, Sussex); Richard Buckle, 1546 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); James Buckell, 1551, Anne Buckol, 1588, Jonas Buckle, 1623 in *IGI* (Preston, Sussex); Thomas Buckhold, 1569 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Jana Buckell, 1581 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Willm Buckell, 1582, John Buckle, 1595 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Nicholas Buckle, 1607 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); John Buckwell, 1636 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Robert Buckwell, 1660 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Stephen Buckold, 1718 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex).

## Bucklee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Buckle**.

## Buckler

**Variants:** Bugler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 956
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Devon, Dorset, and IoW

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *bokeler*, Old French *bouclier* 'buckle maker'. Compare John Bokelsmyth(e), 1384 in *London Letter Books* H. (ii) perhaps in some instances a nickname for a fencer, Middle English *bokeler*-player. Compare Nicholas Bokelereplayere, 1379, Ralph Bokelereplaye, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), and Adam Boklerplaye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Peter-the-Little, York, Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Anshetil buclar', 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Peter le Bucler, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William Bokeler, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Bokeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nailstone,

Leics); Johannes Bokeler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); John Buckler, 1569 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Buckeler, 1581 in *IGI* (Thornford, Dorset); Thomasin Buckler, 1597 in *IGI* (Sharnford, Leics); Dorathe Buckler, 1611 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); Thomas Buckler, 1712, William Bucklar, 1713 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

## Buckles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Buckle**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Buckley

**Variants:** Bouckley, Buckly, Bucklee, Bookle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22036, Ireland 8275
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from any of several minor places, for example Buckley (Lancs, WR Yorks), Buckley Green (Warwicks), Buckleigh in Abbotsham (Devon), or Buckley Heath (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Buckeleg', 1235–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William de Bockeleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Buckley, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Edmund Buckley, 1542 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Rich. Buckeley, 1549 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Roger Buckley, 1551 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Franciscus Buckley, 1574 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Daniel Buckley, 1603 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); James Buckley, 1675 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Bouckley, 1690, Ambrose Bowkley, 1717, Henry Buckley, 1732 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Joseph Buckley, 1732 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

2 English: locative name in Somerset perhaps alternatively a variant of the now extinct *Bugley*, from Bugley in Dorset or Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bouggeleghe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Buckley, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Stevine Bugley, 1592 in *IGI* (Barton, Somerset); James Buglye, 1607 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Eliz. Buckley, 1729 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Buachalla 'descendant of Buachaill', a byname meaning 'cowherd' or 'servant'.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Bulkley (alias Buckley), 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §146 (Castle of Muligh); Robert Buckley, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311 (Dublin); Donell O'Bohylie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Teige leagh O'Boghylie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Conoghor reogh O'Buoghely, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495; John O'Bwoeghele, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; John O'Boghelly, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cahirabby); Morrice O'Buoghelie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571; Donell mcShane O'Bowghyly, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Dromtarruffe).

## Bucklin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Buckland**.



**Bucklow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; also Beds

English: locative name from Bucklow Hill (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Margeria Buckow, 1573 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomas Bucklow, 1633 in *IGI* (East Stoke, Notts); Manywell Bucklow, 1785 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); John Bucklow, 1798 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts).

**Buckly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Leics and Rutland

English: see **Buckley**.

**Buckman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bukke*, *buk(e)* 'goat' + *man* (Old English *bucca* + *mann*), probably for one who kept or sold goats. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Roger Bukkeman, 1278 in *Ewen, History* (Cumb); Willelmus Bukman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Richard Buckman, 1581 in (Mersham, Kent); John Buckman, 1611 in *PROB 11* (London).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bok*, *buk(e)* 'book' + *man* (Old English *bōc* + *mann*), probably denoting a scholar or student, possibly also a copyist or a bookbinder. Compare William le Bokmakere, 1293 in *Fransson* (Yorks). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Alan Bokeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Bocman, 1294 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Suffolk); Willelmo Bokeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); John Bookman, 1574 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Edmund Buckman, 1587 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Buckmaster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Bucks and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford

English: locative name from Buckminster (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Bucemenistre, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Agnes Buckmaster, 1546 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Ade Buckmynster, 1562 in *IGI* (Semperingham, Lincs); John Buckmuster, 1623 in *Bardsley*; William Buckmaster, 1629 in *Bardsley*.

**Bucknall**

**Variants:** **Bucknell**, **Bucknill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1333, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs; Lincs and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: locative name from Bucknall (Staffs, Lincs), Bucknell (Shrops, Oxon), or Bucknowl (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bukenhal', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholas de Buckenhalle, 1347–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Willelmus Buckenall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brede Leap, Derbys); Edward Bucknall, 1549, Margery Bucknell, 1552 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Sybyll or Sible Bucknall, 1560, Richard Bucknill, 1573 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); George Bucknole, 1579, William Bucknall, 1605 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Robte Bucknall, 1615, Christopher Bucknal, 1624 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); William Bucknole, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Bucknam**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Buckenham**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Bucknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Bucknall**.

**Buckner**

**Variants:** **Bucknor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, and Bucks; Aberdeens

English, Scottish: of uncertain origin; perhaps an occupational name derived from Middle English *bouken* 'to soak (something) in a lye solution for the purpose of cleaning and bleaching'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Buckner, 1564 in *IGI* (Cumnor, Berks); John Buckner, 1675 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); William Bucknor, 1722 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); John Buckner, 1777 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Benjamin Buckner, 1804 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**Bucknill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Bucknall**.

**Bucknor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Renfrews

Scottish: see **Buckner**.

**Buckridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Buckridge (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Anna Buckridge, 1613 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Thomas Bukrage, 1616 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Ralph Buckridge, 1696 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Buckridge, 1728 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

**Buckroyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived '(at the) clearing frequented by deer' or at a place so named (Old English *bucca* 'buck, male deer' + \**rodu* 'clearing'). (ii) *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing John Butteroids, Bucroyd, or Bukroyds, 1681–91, and Robert *Butroyd* or *Buckroyds*, 1717–19 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds, WR Yorks), suggests that *Buckroyd* is a late variant of **Boothroyd**, but the 1379 form seems to support the etymology proposed above.

**Early bearers:** Dionisia Bokerode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); James Buckroyd, 1744 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Bucks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Buck** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Bucks, 1577 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabeth Bucks, 1711 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Richard Buckes, 1771 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: see **Bux**.

**Bucksey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Buxey**.

**Buckston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Buxton**.

**Buckthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs

English: locative name apparently from Bugthorpe (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugone Bugthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hotham, ER Yorks); Thomas Bucktharp, 1734 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Thomas Buckthorp, 1776, Thomas Buckthorpe, 1782 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden and Nettleden, Herts).

**Bucktin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Buckton**.

**Buckton**

**Variants:** **Bucktin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Buckton in ER Yorks (rather than Herefs or Northumb) or possibly from Buckden in WR Yorks (rather than Hunts).

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that a 16th-century family in Marsk (Swaledale, NR Yorks) was known as both Buckton and Buckden. For possible medieval forms see **Boughton**. Compare **Bugden**.

## Bucktrout

**Early bearers:** John de Bucketon, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); Walter de Bukton, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); William Buckton, 1566 in *York Registry Wills* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Cuthbert Buckeden or Bucdon, Peter Buckeden or Buckton, 1559–73 in *Swaledale Wills* (Marske, NR Yorks); John Buckton or Bucktin, 1597 in *Swaledale Wills* (Gunnorside, NR Yorks); Elizabetha Buckton, 1601 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Johannes Buckton, 1629, Mary Bucton, 1716 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Mary Buckton, 1695 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Joseph Buckton, 1726 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Bucktrout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Guernsey English: nickname from Middle English *bukke* ‘male of the fallow deer’ + a word *trout*, perhaps related to Old French *trout* (a cry used to urge on hunting dogs) or to the verb *troat*, *trout* ‘(of the fallow buck) to bellow at rutting-time’. Compare the definition in Cotgrave’s *Dictionary of French and English Tongues* (1611): ‘Réer, Rere, to bellow as a Stag, to trout as a Buck.’ However, this is the earliest known use of the verb and there is no evidence for its use as a noun. *Bardsley* explains it as a compound of Middle English *bukke* ‘male (of the fallow deer)’ + *trout* ‘trout’, denoting the male of the fish, but this seems a strange coinage and is unconvincing.

**Early bearers:** John Bucketrout, 1301 in *Yorks Deeds* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); John Bucketrout, 1304 in *Pudsay Deeds* (Masham, NR Yorks); Joh. Bucrut, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Joh. Buktrout, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Buktrout, 1359 in *Yorks Deeds* (Austby, WR Yorks); Johannes Buktrout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Robertus Buktrout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nesfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Buktrout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, WR Yorks); Thomas Buktrout, 1446 in *Yorks Deeds* (Follifoot, WR Yorks); Alice Bucktrout, 1596 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Jhon. Bucrut, 1600 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Georgee Bucrut, 1615 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Christopher Bucktrote, 1621 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Bucktrowth, 1653 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); William Bucktrout, 1694 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); James Bugtrout, 1705 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Jas. Bucktroat, 1794 in *IGI* (Harwith cum Winsley, WR Yorks).

### Buckwell

**Variants:** Buckle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent

1 English: see **Buckle** (2).

2 English: locative name perhaps from an unidentified place in or near Worcs.

**Early bearers:** William de Bocwell, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Isabell Buckle, 1566 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Buckwell, 1616 in *IGI* (Culmington, Shrops); John Buckwell, 1625 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset).

### Budd

**Variants:** Budde, Budds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4566, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3782

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Surrey; Devon

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: (i) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Budda*, probably from a form ancestral to the word in (ii). This name is not recorded in independent use after the Conquest, but may nevertheless have continued to be used. See also **Budding**. (ii) nickname for a fat, corpulent individual, from Middle English *budde* ‘bud, swelling’. The name of Brihtmerus Budde (about 1025) is explained as *pro densitate sic cognominatus* ‘so called because of his thickness’.

**Early bearers:** Brihtmerus Budde, about 1025 in *Tengviki* (Cambs); Leofwinus Budda, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralph Budde, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Mary Budd, 1539 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Steuhen Budd, 1544 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Maria Budd, 1553 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Francisca Budd, 1557 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); John Budd, 1558 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Clares Bud, 1560, Daniel Budd, 1569 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants).

### Budde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Budd**.

### Buddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Buddle**.

### Budden

**Variants:** Buddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1366, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and IoW

English: relationship name from the personal name *Budden*, a diminutive of Old English *Budda* (see **Budd**).

**Early bearers:** William Budun, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents*; Agnes Budden, 1571 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Budden, 1580, Elizabeth Buden, 1665 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); William Budden, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Philip Buddens, 1664 in *Place-Names of Dorset* i, p. 278; Edw. Buddin, 1701 in *IGI* (Pitchcombe, Gloucs); John Budden, 1765 in *IGI* (Loders, Dorset); Charles Buddon, 1827 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants).

### Buddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: see **Budden**.

### Budding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Budding*, a pet form of Old English *Budda* (see **Budd**).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Budding, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Julian’ Buddyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Sussex); George Budding, 1566 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Edward Budding, 1568 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Christopher Budding, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); John Budding, 1697 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Hendrik Budding, 1698 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Buddle

**Variants:** Buddell, Bodell, Bodle, Boodle, Buddles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cornwall; also Northumb and Durham

1 English: locative name in S and SW England from Buddle Oak in Halse (Somerset), Buddle in Fordingbridge (Hants), Buddle in Niton (IoW), or Budleigh in Moretonhampstead (Devon), all named from Middle English *bothel*, Old English *boðl* ‘dwelling, house’, probably denoting a homestead of some considerable size. See also **Bold**. The surname has migrated west into Cornwall and east to Sussex and Kent.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Bothele, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John atte Bothele, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Roger atte Bothela, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lustleigh, Devon); John Bothel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidbury, Devon); Thomas Buddle, 1562 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Buddle, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edmond Budel, 1588 in *IGI* (Bickleigh, Devon); Willm. Buddle, 1604 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); John Buddell, 1614 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Budell, 1656 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); Geo Buddle, 1664 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Peter Buddell, 1686 in *IGI* (Ladock, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 484.

2 English: locative name from Budle in Bamburgh (Northumb), which also derives from Old English *boðl* (see above). The final -s is an optional post-medieval addition to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Robert Budles, 1606 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Isabell Budell, 1627 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); William Budell, 1684 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb); John Buddles, 1743, Jane Buddle, 1828 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); William Budel, 1758, Thomas Buddles, 1806 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); Mary Buddle, 1769, Robert Buddle, 1846 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); George Buddell, 1774 in *IGI* (Bothal, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 33.

3 English: in the west midlands, a variant of **Beadle**.

### Buddles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: variant of **Buddle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Buddles, 1611 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Buddles, 1701 in *IGI* (Longhorsley, Northumb); John Buddels, 1720 in *IGI* (Alwinton, Northumb).

### Budds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Laois, and Tipperary

English: variant of **Budd** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Buddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Boddy**.

**Early bearers:** An Buddy, 1597 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thos Buddy, 1765 in *IGI* (Stoke, Kent); James Buddy, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Budge

**Variants:** **Badge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Orkney; Cornwall and Devon

1 English: see **Bouch**.

2 English: see **Bugg**.

### Budgen

**Variants:** **Budgeon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 624
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

1 Norman, English: see **Beauchamp**. See also

**Baigent**, which has a similar distribution and may be another version of the same name. The following bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Budgen, 1566 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); John Budgen, 1582 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Budgeon, 1643 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Andrew Bidgeon, 1667 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Ann Budgen, 1684 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey).

2 Norman, English: see **Bowgen** (2).

### Budgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon

Norman, English: see **Budgen**.

### Budgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *bouget* 'leather bag, wallet'.

**Early bearers:** John Boget, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (referring to Notts); John Boget, 1357 in *Patent Rolls*; Edovardi Budget, 1602 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); William Budgett, 1630 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Phillip Bodgett, 1689 in *IGI* (Pixley, Herefs); Joseph Budgett, 1695, Budget 1702, in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); James Bodget, 1703 in *IGI* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Joanna Budgett, 1782 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Budleigh

**Variants:** **Budley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Budleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Budele, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Richard de Buddlegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Alnotha Budleigh, 1551 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marmaduke Budleigh, 1628 in *IGI* (Boyton, Cornwall).

### Budley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Budleigh**.

### Budworth

**Variants:** **Bedworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Staffs, and Derbys

English: locative name from Great and Little Budworth (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Hanna Budworth, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Budworth, 1636 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); John Budworth, 1707 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); William Budworth, 1716 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); James Budworth, 1803 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Bues

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants; Devon

English: see **Bews**.

### Buesnel

**Variants:** **Busnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: of uncertain derivation, perhaps a nickname from Old French *buisnard*, Old Occitan *busnard* 'imbecile'.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Clement Buesnel, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour); Jean Buesnel, 1790 in *IGI* (Grouville); Richard Buesnel in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier); Clement Buesnel in *Census 1881* (Grouville).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Buff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs

Norman, English: see **Bough**.

### Buffard

**Variants:** **Bufford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *buffard* 'dullard, stupid person'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Buffard, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Reginald Buffard, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Johanne Buffard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Walter Buffard, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); William Bufford, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Saint Antholin, London); Elizabeth Buffard, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary's Monmouth, Monmouths); Thomas Buffard, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ann Buffard, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Guestling, Sussex).

### Buffery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Bouverie**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Buffry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs); John Buffrey, 1591 in *IGI* (Clent, Worcs); David Buffry, 1688 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); Martha Bouffery, 1707 in *IGI* (Swinford, Worcs); Thomas Buffery, 1743 in *IGI* (Kinswinford, Staffs); Daniel Buffory, 1774 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Buffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Warwicks

Norman, English: see **Beaufoy**.

### Buffham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Norfolk, Essex

English: of uncertain origin. In Herefs, it may be for **Vaughan**; compare Anne Baugham, 1697 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Edgmond, Shrops). However, the presence and development of the name in E England cannot be easily explained.

**Early bearers:** Hugone Bougham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Madley, Herefs); Johanna Bougham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton, Herefs); Cattren Bougham, 1597 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Robert Buffum, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Augustine Buffham, 1688 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Robert Buffam, 1718 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 60.

### Buffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs; London

1 English: relationship name of Flemish origin, from a pet form of the Germanic personal name *Bufo*.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Buffin, 1555 in *IGI* (London); Annys Buffen, 1611 in *IGI* (Easton Royal, Wilts); Philip Buffen, 1716 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); William Buffin, 1773 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); James Buffon, 1807 in *IGI* (Dormington, Herefs).

2 French, English: alternatively, perhaps, a nickname for a rough or uncouth man, from a diminutive of Old French *bufe*, *bufe* 'blow, slap in the face'.

### Bufford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

Norman, English: see **Buffard** and **Beaufort**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Buffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Buffery**; see **Bouverie**.

### Bufton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1362, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 653

## Bugbee

- **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors and Brecknocks; Herefs and Shrops
- English: see **Bowton**.

## Bugbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Buckby**.

## Bugby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, and Rutland
- English: see **Buckby**.

## Bugden

Variants: **Buckton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, and Middx; Dorset, Hants, and Wilts

English: (i) locative name from either of two places called Buckden (Hunts, WR Yorks). Compare **Buckton**. (ii) variant of **Boughton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Buggeden', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Claricia de Buggeden', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willmus Bugden, 1552 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); Richarde Bugden, 1579 in *IGI* (Gresham, Norfolk); Alice Bugden, 1586 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); John Bugden, 1637 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Martha Bugden, 1657 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 252–3.

## Bugeja

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Maltese: (i) locative name from the city and port of Bejaia in Algeria. (ii) occupational name It may also be a Maltese form of Sicilian *Bug(g)lea*, from Greek *boukaios* 'cowherd, herdsman'. (iii) nickname from Maltese *Buggia*, from Italian (Salentine and Sicilian dialects) *bbuggia* 'poacher's bag', used to denote a maker of such articles or metonymically for a poacher.

**Early bearers:** Francesco Bugeja, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Joseph Bugeja, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

## Bugg

Variants: **Bugge, Buggs, Budge, Badge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Lincs; Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *bugg(e)*, 'hobgoblin, bogy, scarecrow'. See also **Bouch**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Bugge, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Osbert le Bugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Bugg, 1555 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Kinboro Bugg, 1578 in *IGI* (Ufford, Suffolk); Tho. Bugg, 1582 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Richarde Bugg, 1600 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs); Anthonij Bugg, 1613 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lincs).

## Bugge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *bogue* 'small leather bag, wallet, skin bottle' (Old French *bouge*, also *boulge, buche*).
- 2 English: variant of **Bugg**.
- 3 English: variant of **Buggy** (2).

## Buggey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Buggy**.

## Buggin

Variants: **Buggins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
- English: (i) locative name, perhaps an altered pronunciation of **Burgin** or **Burgoyne**, though neither name is well recorded in Gloucs. (ii) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*buggin*, *\*boggin*, a diminutive of *bugge* 'hobgoblin, bogy, scarecrow', and on record in post-medieval N England and Scotland. Compare the synonymous *boggart*, which was also common in post-medieval N England but had a wider distribution, possibly as far south as Devon. See *English Dialect Dictionary*.

**Early bearers:** W Midlands: Ric. Boggen, 1357 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Bridget Bugen, 1587 in *IGI* (Tanworth, Warwicks); Phillip Buggin, 1657 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Johannes Buggin, 1688, Thomas Bugging, 1712 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Sarah Buggin, 1769 in *IGI* (Wilnecote, Warwicks).

S England: Elizabeth Buggin, 1604 in *IGI* (Ashton Underhill, Gloucs); Mary Buggin, 1628, James Buggins, 1822 in *IGI* (Mickleton, Gloucs); Richard Buggin, 1635 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); Elizabeth Buguoine, 1655 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); John Bugging, 1704, William Buggin, 1735 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); John Bugins, 1809 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

## Buggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: variant of **Buggin** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Buggynges, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William Buggyns, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Margett Buggyns, 1572 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Johan Buggyns, 1602 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Buggins, 1716, 1801 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Martha Buggins, 1776 in *IGI* (Wilnecote, Warwicks); Thomas Buggins, 1798 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

## Buggle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

Irish: unexplained; perhaps for Ó Buachalla, but primarily, or maybe always, an adaptation of an English name, perhaps **Bugle** or **Buckley**. **Early bearers:** Michael Buggle, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Reeves, Kildare); John Buggle, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clonaghlin, Kildare); William Buggle, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Blackhill, Kildare).

## Buggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk
- English: variant of **Bugg**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Buggy

Variants: **Buggey, Bugge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois

1 Irish: from Ó Bogaigh, from a byname meaning 'soft'.

2 English: possibly a nickname for a maker of bugge, lambskin with the wool dressed outwards (Middle English *bugee, bug(g)e, buggye*).

**Early bearers:** William Buggi, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Thomas Buggy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Bogi, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Buggy, 1645 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Buggy, 1689 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); John Buggy, 1848 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); John Buggy, 1856 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Joannis Buggy, 1869 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

## Bugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: relationship name of uncertain origin, perhaps a variant of **Bew**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Bugh, 1681 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

## Buglass

Variants: **Bookless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Berwicks and W Lothian

Scottish: locative name from the old lands of Booklawes, near Melrose (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Buclesð, about 1220 in *Kelso Register*; John Bewclase, 1423 in *Athole and Home Manuscripts* (Dunglass, E Lothian); John Bukles, 1535 in *Laing Charters* (Torphichen, W Lothian); Katherine Bukles, 1589 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*. Agnes Buckles, 1675 in *Torphichen Records* (Livingston, W Lothian); Helen Bookless, 1676 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Jean Buglass, 1685 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

England: John Buglas, 1675, Anne Buglass, 1723 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

**References:** *Black*.

## Bugle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English (Anglo-Norman French) *bugle* ‘(wild) ox’, also ‘drinking horn’, ‘hunting horn’, but the first sense seems more appropriate as a nickname. Compare **Bugler**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Bugel, 1199 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Thomas le Bugle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tipnoak Half Hundred, Sussex); Edward le Bugle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iwerne Minster, Dorset); Joh’ le Bugle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingston, in Corfe Castle, Dorset); John Bewgle, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Tho. Bugle, 1569 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Allan Bugle, 1853 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent).

### Bugler

**Variants:** Buckler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *\*bugler* ‘one who blows an ox horn’, an unrecorded derivative of Middle English (Old French) *bugle* ‘wild ox’, also ‘ox horn’ used as a drinking vessel or for blowing in battle or in a hunt. Compare **Bugle**, which also appears early in Dorset. (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Buckler** with voicing of /k/ to /g/. *MED* records that *Pluscularii* ‘buckle-makers’ is rendered in English as *bogelers* in a 15th-century Latin-English glossary. *Bugler* and *Buckler* appear in the same Dorset parishes, and are presumably variants of the same family name, but *Buckler* could equally well be a variant of *Bugler* in (i) with unvoicing of /g/.

**Further information:** This strongly west Dorset name, with a long history in Ryme Intrinseca, may today be pronounced /bju:glə(r)/. Wilson erroneously regarded it as a derivative of the place-name *Bugley* (Dorset or Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Bugler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset); Walter Bugler, 1603, Andrew Buglar, 1668, James Buckler, 1741, Louisa Buglear, 1813 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); William Bugler, 1763 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Thomas Buckler, 1785, Thomas Buggler, 1798 in *IGI* (Fordington, Dorset); William Bugler, 1782, Charles Buckler, 1840, Ellis Bugler or Buckler, 1845 in *IGI* (Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is probably a metathesized variant of **Bulger**; see **Bolger**.

### Buhagiar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: from the Arabic personal name *Abu-hajar*, a compound of *abu* ‘father, possessor’ + *hajar* ‘stones’.

**Early bearers:** Leopoldo Buhagiar, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Federico Buhagiar, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Frasn Buhagiar, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy); Giovanni Buhagiar, born in Corfu, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Vincent Buhagiar, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Emanuel Buhagiar, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Bui

**Variants:** Pei

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname **貝** (**Bei** or **Pei** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘cowrie’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Bei Qiu* (貝丘), originally a fief (located in Hebei province) in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) simplified form of *Bei* (郚), the name of an ancient state (located in Shandong province).

2 Vietnamese: **Bui**, representing the Chinese surname 裴, see **Pei**.

### Buick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 186
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 307
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perthshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish: see **Bewick**.

### Buie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Morays
- Scottish: see **Bowie**.

### Buist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 590
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Angus, and Perthshire
- Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Laurence, Andro Boyst, 1521 in *Fife Court Book* (Cupar, Fife); Cristine Bust, 1584 in *Midlothian Charters*; James Buist, 1606 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Boost, 1697 in *IGI* (Friertoun, Perthshire).

### Bukhari

**Variants:** Bokhari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 916, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim and Jewish: from Uzbek, Tajik, Persian, and Arabic *Bukhāri* ‘from Bukhara’.

**Further information:** The city of Bukhara, now in Uzbekistan, was long famous as a city controlling the Silk Road, a major trade route across central Asia from China to the Mediterranean. The Persian scholar Muhammed Ismail al-Bukhari (AD 810–870) compiled the famous Hadith (collection of Islamic sayings) known as *Sahih al-Bukhari*, *Sahih* here meaning ‘reliable’. Bukhara had a sizeable Jewish community until the late 20th century.

### Bulbeck

**Variants:** Bulbick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

Norman, English: locative name from Bolbec (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Bolebec, Hugo Bolebec, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Ralph de Bolebec, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alyce Bulbecke, 1550 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Henry Bulbicke, 1602 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Nicholas Bulbicke, 1660 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); William Bullback, 1738 in *IGI* (London).

### Bulbick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Bulbeck**.

### Bulcock

**Variants:** Bulcock, Boocock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *bule*, *bole* ‘bull’ + the diminutive suffix *-cock*. There may have been some confusion with **Balecock**.

**Early bearers:** Edwin Bulecoc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Bulecock, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hutton Mulgrave, NR Yorks); Symonis Bulcock, 1606 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Johannis Bulcock, 1695 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

### Buley

**Variants:** Beaulieu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Norman, English: see **Beaulieu**.

2 English: in some instances possibly a variant of **Bulley**.

### Bulfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly; Dublin

English, Irish: probably a variant of the now extinct English surname **Bulfinch**, a nickname from the bird.

### Bulford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks; Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Bulford (Wilts), or less probably a lost *Bulford* in Strensall (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert of Buleford 1226–7, James de Bulford, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Martine Bulford, 1587 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); William Bulford, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; John Bulford, 1678 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Henry Bulford, 1678 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon).

### Bulger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Dublin
- Irish, Norman, English: see **Bolger**.

### Bulgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Berks; Kent

English: nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *bule*, *bulle*, *bol(e)* ‘bull’. Compare **Bulcock**. **Early bearers:** Walter Bulekin, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Johanna Bulgin, 1564, Joannis Bulgin, 1565, Thomae Bulgen, 1664 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Mary Bulgin, 1709 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Bulgin, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); James Bulgin, 1768 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

## Bulk

### Bulk

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname for a plump person, from Middle English *bulk* 'bulging part of the body'.

**Early bearers:** William le Bolc, 1213–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Robert Bulk, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II*; Henry Bulke, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Bulkeley

**Variants:** Bulkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Anglesey, Caernarvons

English: locative name from Bulkeley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bulkelegh, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard de Bulkele, 1339 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Thomas Bulkeley, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Houmfrey Bulkeley, 1586 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire).

### Bulkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Bulkeley**.

### Bull

**Variants:** Bulle, Bool, Boole, Bole, Bools

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15834, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12462
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; esp. Wilts; IoW; Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork; Antrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *bole*, *bule* 'bull'.

**Early bearers:** Wulfwin Bule, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Gaufridum Bule, about 1194 in *Carisbrooke Cartulary* (IoW); Hulle le Bule, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William le Bole, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); William Bull, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Ralph le Bulle, 1288 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Northants); Robert le Bool, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes the Bule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Thomas Bulle, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Eyeworth, Beds); Robert Boole, Bull, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alexander Bull, 1541 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

2 English: locative name, possibly for someone who lived at a building distinguished by the sign of a bull. **Early bearers:** Simon atte Bole, 1377 in *London Letter Books* H; Thomas Bull, 1538 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Johannis Bull, 1540 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Margret Bull, 1540 in *IGI* (Trottiscliffe, Kent); Hellen Bull, 1542 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk).

### Bullamore

**Variants:** Bullimore, Billimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Norfolk and Cambs; Perths

English: (i) locative name from Bullamoor in Northallerton (NR Yorks). (ii) perhaps a variant of **Bulmer**.

**Early bearers:** Isabel Bullimore, 1565 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Alyce Bullymer, 1598 in *IGI* (South Stoke,

Lincs); Thomas Bullimar, 1622 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Thomas Billimer, 1633 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); John Bullemore, 1677 in *IGI* (Trunch, Norfolk); Robert Bulamore, 1715 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants); William Billimer, 1716 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Sarah Billimore, 1757 in *IGI* (Ufton Nervet, Berks); Francis Bullimoor, 1781 in *IGI* (Tickhill, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 210.

### Bullan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

### Bullar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Buller**.

### Bullard

**Variants:** Bullar, Buller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Herts; Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *buleward*, *boleward* 'bull keeper' or the rarer Middle English *buleherd* 'bull herd'. In the examples cited below, *Bulard* and *Bollard* are probably reduced forms of *Bule-*, *Boleward*. *Buliard* and *Bolhard* have an intrusive vowel or consonant. The more common name for this occupation is **Bulman**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Buliard, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Fulco Bulard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey Bolhard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Bolherd, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Blleward [sic], 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Bollard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harwich, Essex); John Bulward, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margret Bullard, 1556 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Nicholas Bullard, 1568 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Joane Bullard, 1569 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Richard Bullard, 1589 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts).

2 English: alternatively, variant of **Buller** + excrescent *-d*. The variation is illustrated in Marke Buller, Bullard, 1653, 1672 in *York Freeman's Register*; Anne Bullard, 1658, Tho. Buller, 1667 in *IGI* (Worksp, Notts); and John Bullard, 1599, Mathew Buller, 1690 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall). *Buller* is found elsewhere in Cornwall from the early 16th century. However, it is equally possible that *Buller* is sometimes a variant of *Bullard*; see (1).

### Bullas

**Variants:** Bullass, Bullus, Bullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Worcs and Staffs

English: locative name, occupational name denoting someone living by or employed at a cattle shed, Middle English *bule*, *bulle*, *bole* + *h(o)us* 'bull house'. The Sheffield (WR Yorks) name is from Bullhouse near Penistone.

**Early bearers:** John de la Bulehuse, 1224 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Henry de Bolus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Derbys); William Bolehouse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Bulluse, John Bolouse, 1478 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); William Bullos, Thomas Bullus, 1502, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Robert Bullis, 1645 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Robert Bullas, 1673 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Sarah Bullus, 1767, Jos. Bullous, 1787 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, p. 15; *Sheffield Surnames*.

### Bullass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk
- English: see **Bullas**.

### Bulcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Bulcock**.

### Bulle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Bull**.

### Bulled

**Variants:** Bulleid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Bullhead in Idlesleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Bolehead, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Idlesleigh, Devon); Johes Bulled, 1598 in *IGI* (Mariansleigh, Devon); Samuell Bulled, 1672, Pascow Bulleid, 1706 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); John Bullied, 1800 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: nickname for an impetuous, headstrong person, Middle English *bule*, *bulle*, *bol(e)* 'bull' + *hefed*, *hed* 'head' (Old English *bula* + *hēafod*). It is unknown if this became a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Robert Buleheued, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Bolehead, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Bulled, 1752 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Charlotta Bulled, 1769 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jane Bulled, 1811 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); James Christan Bulled, 1829 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Bulleid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Bulled**.

### Bullen

**Variants:** Bullent, Bullan, Bullin, Bullon, Boullen, Boullin, Boleyn, Bolen, Bullion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3997, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; E Anglia; Middx and Surrey

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: locative name from Boulogne, the seaport in N France, which was commonly pronounced *Bullen* or *Bullin* in medieval Britain.

**Early bearers:** Helias de Bolonia, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Bulein, 1204

in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Boloygne, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas de Bolenne, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Boleyn, Robert Bolen, Thomas Bollyng, Rychard Bullyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabetha Boleyn, 1539 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Johannes Bullen, 1545, Richard Bullon, 1585 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Robert Fyfn. Boleyn, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Bullen, 1549 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); John Bullen, 1562 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); George Bullen, 1572 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Robert Bullen, 1578 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Sampson Bullen, 1579 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); An Bullen, 1579 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thome Bullen, 1584 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Marye Bullin, 1586 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Richard Bullin, 1602 in *IGI* (Runhall, Norfolk); Marie Bullin, 1603 in *IGI* (Farningham, Kent); Thomas Bullen, 1635 in *IGI* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Henry Bullin, 1702 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); John Bullent, 1785 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Bullant, 1786 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Bullent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

### Buller

Variants: **Bullers, Bullar, Bullard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 976
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; Somerset; Cornwall

1 Norman, English: variant of **Bowler**; see there for medieval bearers. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The surname is unlikely to have been derived from Middle English *buller(e)* 'maker or publisher of bulls or papal edicts'. It is recorded only in the phrase *fals buller* 'publisher of false bulls'. Old French *boleor, bouleur*, from which the word was borrowed, more generally meant 'deceiver, trickster', so possibly it also had this sense in Middle English but there is no evidence for it.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Buller, 1560 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Tho Buller, 1561 in *IGI* (Asgarby by Sleaford, Lincs); Ric Bullar, 1552, An Buller, 1563 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); John Buller, 1571 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Margret Buller, 1576 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Eliz. Buller, 1592 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); Arthur Buller, 1607 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); John Buller, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); William Buller, 1669 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Richard Bullar, 1719 in *IGI* (Long Compton, Warwicks); Thomas Bullar, 1759 in *IGI* (Lytham, Lancs).

2 English: see **Bullard**.

### Bullers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Buller**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Bullers, 1741 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Bullers, 1741 in *IGI* (Lullington, Derbys); Honor Bullers, 1797 in *IGI* (Newton Regis,

Warwicks); Joseph Bullers, 1801 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts).

### Bullerwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Scottish: from Bullerwell in Hobkirk (Roxburghs). **Early bearers:** George Bullirwell, 1489 in *Black* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jonet Bullerwell, 1648 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Bullerwell, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Bullerwell, 1686 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

### Bullett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: (i) probably a nickname for a rotund person, from a diminutive of Old French *boule* 'round', found in the French surnames *Boule, Boule, Boulot, Boulet, Boullot, and Boulet*, which Dauzat explains as 'un individu gros, arrondi'. The noun *bullet* is from French *boulet*, a diminutive of *boule* 'ball'. Compare **Bowl** and **Round**. (ii) occasionally this may be a late development of **Bulled** 'bull head'.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Bulet, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey), le Bolete, 1290 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Bullet, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thome Bowlet, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Elizabeth Bullet, 1564 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Christofer Bullit, 1567 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); John Bowlet, 1573 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Lucie Bowlett, 1602 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Bollett, 1652 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); John Bowlet, 1674 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Catherine Bullet, 1682 in *IGI* (Barham, Suffolk); Thomas Bullett, 1710 in *IGI* (Petton, Devon); Ann Bullett, 1753 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk).

### Bulley

Variants: **Bully, Buley, Boley, Bolley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 702
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, from Bouillé (Manche, Maine-et-Loire, Mayenne) or Bully-en-Brai (Seine-Maritime). Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3)

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Buili, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); Roger de Busli, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); John de Bulli, de Builli, 1208 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks and Lincs); Johan de Bouley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Beanley, Northumb); Johannes de Bullay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Salmon, WR Yorks); William Bollegh', 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Bulley, 1552 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Johannes Boolye, 1628 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); An Bouley, 1631 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Eliza. Booly, 1645 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elisabeth Booley, 1754 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Richard Bouley, 1783 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 77.

2 English: locative name from one or more of several places with similar names in England, such as Bulleigh Barton in Ipplepen (Devon) and Bulley (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Bulega, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Roger (de) Bullege, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Wyot de Bulleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Maurice Boleye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Bolleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Boley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Boley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk).

3 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place or places named 'bull enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Mainfenin de Buleheia, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Nicholas de Buleheye, 1218 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

### Bulleyment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: probably a late variant of **Bullivant**.

**Early bearers:** George Bulleyment, 1813 in *IGI* (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Ambrose Bulleyment, 1868 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs).

### Bullick

Variants: **Balloch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham; Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish: probably a variant of **Bulloch, Balloch** or **Bullock**.

**References:** *Black*.

2 English: locative name from Bulwick (Northants) or Bolwick Hall in Aylsham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Bolewyc, 1153–68 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Norfolk); Henricum de Bolewic, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William de Bolewyk, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oundle, Northants); Gilbertus Bolewyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stone, Kent); John Bulwyke, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Bolewike, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley Bond, Leics); Richard Bullick, 1615 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Bullick, 1726 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Ann Bullwick, 1760 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 161; *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 50.

### Bullimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 631
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Lincs and Rutland; Norfolk

English: see **Bullamore**.

### Bullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent

Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

### Bulling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Herefs; Essex and Middx

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bulling*, a pet form of Old English \**Bulla*, \**Bula* (perhaps from Old

## Bullinger

English *bula* 'bull'). Some of the post-medieval examples may alternatively belong under **Bullen**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Bulling, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs, Hunts); Robert Bullyng, 1327, in Richard Bullyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Tristramus Bulling, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Johannam Bulling, 1588 in *IGI* (Hellesdon, Norfolk); John Bulling, 1674 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Bulling, 1729 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts).

### Bullinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England Norman, English: see **Pullinger**.

### Bullingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: locative name from Bullingham (Herefs).  
**Early bearers:** Edward Bullingham, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robard Bullingham, 1600 in *IGI* (Naunton Beauchamp, Worcs); John Bullingham, 1724 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Bullington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: (i) locative name from Bullington (Lincs). (ii) variant of **Bollington**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** William de Bolyngton of Grymesby, John de Bolyngton, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Walterus de Bolyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Johannes de Bolyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Otterburn, WR Yorks); Roberto Bolintoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worthington, Leics); George Bullington, 1574 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Elizabetha Bullington, 1615 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Derbys); Richard John Bullington, 1829 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire); Hannah Bullington, 1848 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs).

### Bullion

- Variants:** **Bullions**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; also Suffolk and Essex
- 1 Scottish: locative name from any of various minor places of this name, perhaps from an unrecorded Scottish Gaelic cognate of Irish *bullán*, a term denoting a round spring or a hollow in a rock containing rainwater.  
**Early bearers:** Janet Bullion, 1740 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Sarah Bullion, 1823 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews).  
2 English: see **Bullen**.

### Bullions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perths
- Scottish: variant of **Bullion** with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Bullions, 1729 in *IGI* (Moneydie, Perths).

### Bullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Bullas**.

### Bullivant

- Variants:** **Bulleyment**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 770
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Bonifant**. In Notts, *Bonenfant* was a hereditary surname in Worksop and Edwinstowe from the 14th century and had developed to *Bullivant* by the 16th century. At the end of the 17th century both forms of the name were still current in the same family: Thomas Bonifant, 1670, Tho. Bullivant, 1703 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts).  
**Early bearers:** Henry Bolyvaunt, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ailles Bullyvant, 1554 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Robt. Bulivant, 1575 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Robert Bullivant, 1579 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Agnes Bullivant, 1614 in *IGI* (Binbrook, Lincs); Nicholas Bullivant, 1615 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Francis Bullivant, 1627, Edward Bulliphant, 1644 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Elizabetha Bullivant, 1700 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Bullman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Bulman**.

### Bulloch

- Variants:** **Bullick**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 599
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons, Stirlings, Lanarks, and Peebles
- Scottish: (i) locative name, variant of **Balloch**. (ii) nickname, variant of **Bullock**.  
**Early bearers:** William Buloch, about 1200 in *Melrose Register*; Walter Bulloc, 1292 in *Scotland Calendar* (Ballencrieff, E Lothian); William Bullok, Bullo, baile of Peebles, 1444, 1448 in *Peebles Charters*; Johne Bullo, 1644 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); John Bulloch, 1657 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Bulloch, 1669 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margarat Bulloch, 1706 in *IGI* (Fintry, Stirlings).  
**References:** *Black*.

### Bullock

- Variants:** **Bullocke**, **Bulluck**, **Bulloch**, **Bullick**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 10521, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9707
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Worcs, Herefs, and Gloucs; also Norfolk and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Down
- English: nickname from Middle English *bulluc*, *bullok* 'bullock, bull calf' (Old English *bulluc*).  
**Further information:** Compare Richard le Bollocherde, 1281 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon), and Roger Bullokman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Walter Bulluc, about 1170 in *Moulton's Catalogue* (Hants); William Bulloc, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Bulloke, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Ricardus Bullok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thrupton, Herefs); Nicholaus Bullok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runton, Norfolk); Alanus Bullok', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Conover, Shrops); Thomas Bullock, 1540 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Margaret Bullock, 1568 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Elizabeth Bullock, 1569 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs); Annes Bollock, 1586, Margareta Bullock, 1635 in *IGI* (Blaisdon, Gloucs); Danuell Bulock, 1690, Daniell Bullock, 1692 in *IGI* (Langley Burrell, Wilts).

### Bullocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Gloucs
- English: see **Bullock**.

### Bullon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Bullen**.

### Bullough

- Variants:** **Bullows**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 919
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Bullough in Bolton-le-Moors (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John Bulloughe, 1570 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Roberti Bullough, 1640 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Adam Bollough, 1762 in *IGI* (Westhoughton, Lancs).

### Bullows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Bullough**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Bulluck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Bullock**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Bullus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Bullas**.

### Bully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx
- English: see **Bulley**.

### Bulman

- Variants:** **Bullman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1328, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1090



- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

English: occupational name for a bull keeper or bull herd, from Middle English *bul(l)e*, *bole* 'bull' + *man* (Old English *bula* + *mann*). Compare **Turnbull**.

**Further information:** in Ireland, this has been a common name in Cork since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ailward Buleman, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Boleman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Bulman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Colletta Bulman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Will. Bulman, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Joh. Bulman, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Joh. Bulman, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Bulman, 1549 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Edward Bulman, 1555 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London); Martinus Bullman, 1560 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Willm. Bullman, 1562 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Lawrence Bulman, 1561 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Bulman, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Edward Bulman, 1570 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Isabell Bulman, 1580 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Elizabeth Bullman, 1582 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Joane Bulman, 1592 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); John Bulman, 1596 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Em. Bullman, 1610 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Bullman, 1641 in *IGI* (Grindon by Stockton on Tees, Durham); Gorg Bullman, 1662 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb).

## Bulmer

**Variants:** Bowmer, Bowmar, Bolmer, Bullamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2911, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2368
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

English: locative name usually from Bulmer (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Bolemere* in 1086, or from Boulmer (Northumb), or perhaps occasionally from Bulmer (Essex), which is recorded as *Bulenemera* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Anketin de Bulemer, 1128 in *David I Charters*; Robert de Bulemer, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Bulmere, 1325, de Bolmere, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Bulmer, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh Bulmer, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Bulmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scrayingham, ER Yorks); Gulihelmi Bulmer, 1543 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Thomas Bulmer, 1553 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); William Bulmer, 1570 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Annes Bulmer, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Bartlemew Bulmer, 1574 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks).

## Bulpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: occupational name for a worker at a bull pen, Middle English *bul(l)e*, *bole* + *pin(ne)* 'pen, enclosure'. Compare Robert at Bulryng, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** John de Bulepenne, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Joan Bulpin, 1606 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Alexander Bulpin, 1693 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Bulpin, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); James Bulpin, 1722 in

*IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Alexander Bulpin, 1726 in *IGI* (Ashtead, Surrey).

## Bulpit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Berks
- English: see **Bulpitt**.

## Bulpitt

**Variants:** Bulpit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Surrey
- English: locative name possibly from the lost place referred to by the name *Pulpit Wood* in Kimble (Bucks), or from an unidentified place whose name has a similar origin (Old English \**bula* 'bull' + *pytt* 'pit').

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Bulphet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); William Bulpit, 1569, Robert Bulpitt, 1605, John Bulpet, 1673 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); John Bulpitt, 1587 in *IGI* (Facombe, Hants); Katheren Bulpitt, 1594 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants).

## Bulsara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat and Mumbai city): Hindu and Parsi, unexplained.

## Bulstrode

**Variants:** Bostridge, Bolstridge, Boulstridge,

**Bousted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Berks

English: locative name from Bulstrode (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bulestrod', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Ralph de Bulestrod', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Bulstrode, 1407 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Mawde Bulstrode, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); Marget Boulesdtridg, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Adderbury, Oxon); Thomas Bolstridge, 1689, Francis Boulstridge, 1701 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); James Bostridge, 1765 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian); Maria Bostridge, 1819 in *IGI* (Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warwicks).

## Bult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx and Surrey

1 English: see **Bolt**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bult, 1555 in *IGI* (Berkhampstead, Herts); Jhon Bult, 1574 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Anne Bult, 1588, Elinore Bulte, 1609 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Philip Bult or Bolt, 1751 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 Dutch: nickname from Middle Dutch *bult(e)* 'hump', denoting a hunchback.

**Early bearers:** Jaques Bulte, 1621, Pierre Bulte, 1629 in *IGI* (Strangers or Walloon church, Canterbury).

## Bulteel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English, Huguenot: nickname from Old French *buletel* 'flour sieve', perhaps given to someone who made or used one. Compare **Bowtell**.

**Further information:** James Bulteel of Tournai came to London in 1634, and a family of this name became prominent at Plymouth.

**Early bearers:** Marie Bulteel, 1613 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Azarel Bulteel, 1728 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon).

## Bulter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and W Midlands
- English: see **Boulter**.

## Bultitude

**Variants:** Butter, Butters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 Norman: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *bote torte* 'twisted boot' (*bote* 'boot' + *torte* 'twisted (fem. )'). It sometimes appears with *de* as if an aristocratic locative surname, but this is a later addition. The intrusive *l* in the modern name seems to be a 17th-century alteration. Botetourt County, Virginia, USA, named from the English noble title, is repeatedly mis-written as *Boltetourt*. This and the change of *-tourt* to *-tout* and *-tude* may have been influenced by mistaken association with *Buletout* in (2). The two names have become thoroughly confused in early-modern times. There has also been occasional substitution of *-toft* or *-taft* for *-tute* and *-tude*.

**Further information:** Normans surnamed *Butetorte* are associated with the counts of Eu and the lords of Moulins-la-Marche in early 12th-century Normandy. John de Botetourte, 1st Lord Botetourte, was governor of Framlingham Castle, Suffolk, in 1304. The baronial title of *Botetourt* passed through the Berkeley family of Gloucs, and it is possible that *Bultitude* and its extinct variants descend from a junior line remaining in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Pincun Botetorte, about 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ansfrid Botetorte, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Guy (de) Botetourt, 1274–5 in *VCH* (Cantley, Norfolk); John de Buteturte, 1308 in *TNA*; Johanne Botetourte, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cardington, Beds); Thomas Botetourte, parson of Tivetshall (Norfolk), 1312 in *TNA*; John Botetourte, 1319 in *Suffolk Record Office* (*Ipswich*); [various] Botetourte, Butetourt, Buttetourt, 1327–8 in *Close Rolls*; Matilda de Botitourte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Belchamp Walter and Gestingthorpe, Essex); John Bottourt, Buttetourt, 1366–71 in *Birmingham Archives*; John Bottetourt, 1494 in *Birmingham Archives* (historical reference to an earlier John); Richard Bultetout of Moulton, 1650 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Bultetout, 1651 in *IGI* (Hemblington, Norfolk); Abrahamus Bultetout, 1714 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Joseph Bultitude, 1735, John Bultitout, 1738 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); James Bultetaft, 1738, John Bultotaft, 1741, John Bultotoft, 1744 in *IGI* (Shouldham, Norfolk); Abraham Bultitude, 1813 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); John Boltitude, 1821 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Bumby

References: Craig, F. N. (1988), 'The parentage of John Botetourt, died 1324', *The American Genealogist* 63, pp. 145–53; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 183.

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *bule* (Old English \**bula*) 'bull' + Middle English *toute* 'buttocks, rump', though the *-i-* in some early forms is puzzling. From the 17th century at least, *Buletout* seems to have been confused in E Anglia and Essex with *Botetorte*, so some of the following post-medieval bearers may belong under (i) and vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Reginaldus Bulitute, 1202, Reginaldo Buletut, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Hugh Bulitot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shoreham borough, Sussex); John Bolytowte, carpenter, of Melton Parva, 1557 in *Norfolk Record Office*; John Bulletout, 1609 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Johis Bulletout, 1614, Margaret Bullitaft, 1656 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Margaret Bulletout, 1620 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); John Bulletout, 1698 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Sarah Bulletaft, 1725 in *IGI* (Reepham with Kerdiston, Norfolk); Susan Bulletout, 1734 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); Bridget Bulletout, 1746 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Bullitof, 1709, Richard Bulletaft, 1783, William Bullitude, 1785, George Frederick Bulletoft, 1826 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Bumby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks; also Essex

English: locative name from Bomby in Bampton (Westm), recorded as *Bondby* (1292). It seems that a family of this name was already resident in the Craven district of WR Yorks by the late 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Buneby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Boneby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Issabell Bombye, 1567, George Bombie, 1620 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Agnes Bumbie, 1573 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Georg Boumbee, 1640 in *IGI* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks); Robt. Bumby, 1719 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Anne Bomby, 1721 in *IGI* (Bampton, Westm); Thomas Bombay, 1746 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Bomby, 1795 in *IGI* (Kirkdale, NR Yorks).

## Bumford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 264
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Radnors; W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Shrops
- English: variant of **Burnford**.

## Bumpas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Bompas**.

## Bumpass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- Norman, English: see **Bompas**.

## Bumpstead

**Variants:** Bumstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex and Sussex

English: locative name from Helion Bumpstead or Steeple Bumpstead (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Bamstead, 1565 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Robt. Bumsted, 1570 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Bumstead, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Ketheren Bumstead, 1590 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Benjamin Bumpsted, 1633 in *IGI* (Whatfield, Suffolk); Stephen Bomstead, 1799 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

## Bumpus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Essex, and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Bompas**.

## Bumstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 379
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Sussex
- English: see **Bumpstead**.

## Bun

- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk; Warwicks
- English: see **Bunn**.

## Bunbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, and Surrey; Lincs; Jersey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow; Tipperary
- English: locative name from Bunbury (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** Patrick de Bunnebury, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); [ . . . ] Bunbury, 1283, [ . . . ] Bumburye, 1318 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Elizabeth de Bunbery, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Harry Bunbury, 1565 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Willimi Bunbury, 1634 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 305.

## Bunby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; Bucks

English: locative name from Bonby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Rychard Bunbye, 1570 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Ricardus Bunnebie, 1580 in *IGI* (York); John Bunby, 1627 in *IGI* (Beckingham, Lincs); Tho. Bunby, 1719 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); William Bunby, 1732 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks).

## Bunce

**Variants:** Bunts, Bones, Bance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3579, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2211
- **Main GB location 1881:** central S England: esp. Middx, Berks, and Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Clare

English: (i) variant of **Bone** (or **Bunn**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Bunt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Bance**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Buns, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Wycombe, Bucks); John Bunce, 1542 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Rob Bunce, 1558 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); Wyllm. Bunce, 1574 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); John Bunce, 1595, Joane Bunts, 1616 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Marie Bunts, 1613 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Elizabeth Bunts, 1632 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); John Bunts, 1690 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

## Bunch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 678, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Staffs and Warwicks; Angus

English, Scottish: nickname perhaps a nickname from Middle English *bunche* 'protuberance, hump on the back'. Compare **Bunney**

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Bunch, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Bunche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardus Bunche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Galby, Leics); William Bunch, 1573 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Georgi Bunch, 1585 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Marij Bunch, 1587 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Anna Bunch, 1595 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).  
Scotland: Alexander Bunshe, 1444 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth); John Bunche, about 1450 in *Scone Charters* (Perth); Andro Bunch, burgess, 1508 in *Dunkeld Rentale* (Perth); David Bunch, 1684 in *IGI* (Airlie, Angus).

## Bunclark

**Variants:** Bunclarke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: nickname denoting '(the) good clerk', Old French *bon + cleric*.

**Early bearers:** William Bonclerk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Temperance Bunclark, 1612 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Willia Bunclark, 1642 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); William Bunclark, 1830 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Wm Bunclark, 1833 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Richard Bunclark, 1863 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs).

## Bunclarke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Bunclark**.

## Buncombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name for someone who lived at Buncombe, in Broomfield (Somerset), whose name means '(in the) reed valley', from Middle English *b(o)une* 'reed' + *co(u)mb* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bounecombe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomasin Buncombe, 1610, Edward Bunkcombe, 1651 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Theophilus Bunkum, 1720 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall).

**Bunday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Bundy**.

**Bundey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Bundy**.

**Bundick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Bantock**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Bundle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *bondel*, *bundel* 'bundle, pack'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bundell, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Avys Bundele, 1594 in *IGI* (Northwood, Hants); Edward Bundell, 1602 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Richard Bundoll, 1642 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset); Thomas Bundle, 1721 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey).

**Bundock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Bantock**.

**Bundy**

**Variants:** **Bunday**, **Bundey**, **Bondy**, **Boundy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1716, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 930
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; Middx
- English: (i) variant of **Bond** (1), from Middle English *bonde*, *bounde* 'customary tenant' where the final *-e* has developed in local speech to *-y*. This development has been noted in some southern counties of England, for example, Sussex. Compare also Cornish **Oatey**. (ii) occasionally (in Norfolk, for example) possibly a variant of **Bond** (2), in which Old Scandinavian final *-i* has survived. (iii) variant of **Bandy**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Bondy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henbury, Gloucs); Robert Bundy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland, Gloucs); Johannes Bundy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Swindon, Wilts); Johannes Bondy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badby, Northants); Alanus Bundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Humfrey Bundy, 1560 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); William Bundy, 1579 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); Stephen Bundy, 1591 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Anne Bundy, 1634 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants).  
**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 17–18.

**Bunford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; also Glamorgan and Monmouths

English: variant of **Burnford**.

**Bungard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: locative name from Old French *bon* 'good' + *gard* 'garden'.

**Early bearers:** Estera Bungarde, 1612 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Isack Bowngard, 1614 in *IGI* (West Chilmington, Sussex); John Bungard, 1714 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Isaac Bongard, 1753 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Bungay**

**Variants:** **Bungey**, **Bangay**, **Bunge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts, and Dorset

English: locative name from Bungay in Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Joscuis de Bungeia, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam de Bungeye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Bungey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edus de Bungay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adwick le Street, WR Yorks); Adam Bungeye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); Johanne Bongey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleford Abbots, Essex); Thomas Bungee, 1562 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Roger Bongay, 1567 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Tho. Bungay, 1580 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Mary Bunge, 1603 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); James Bunggy, 1649 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Joyce Bangay, 1656 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Joseph Bungey, 1771 in *IGI* (Shapwick, Dorset); Virtue Bungay, 1755 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); William Bungay, 1778 in *IGI* (Barford Saint Martin, Wilts).

**Bunge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Bungay**.

**Bungey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, and Wilts
- English: see **Bungay**.

**Bunker**

**Variants:** **Banker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 969
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Bucks; Devon; also Nairns

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *bon quer* 'good heart'.

**Further information:** Bunker's Hill in Charlestown, Mass., first mentioned as *Bunker Hill*, was land assigned to George Bunker of Charlestown (1634), who came originally from Odell near Bedford.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Bonquer, 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); William, John Bonquer, 1257–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent), 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Petrus Bonker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Awering Bunker, 1560 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Edward Bunker, 1565 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Wylliam Bunker, 1587 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Joane Bunker, 1595 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); William Bunker, 1719, John Bonker, 1726 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon).

**Bunkle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Bunkle in Berwicks.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Bonekil, about 1160 in *Kelso Register*; Ranulf de Bonekil, 1212 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Bonequill, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Alisaundre de Bonkhille, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adam de Bonkle, 1423 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Bonkill, 1514 in *Origines Parochiales* (Perth); Gavin Bunckle, 1643 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helenn Bunkell, 1654 in *IGI* (Queensferry, W Lothian).

England: John Bonckle, 1600, Jane Bonckle, 1639 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Lydia Bunckle, 1731 in *IGI* (Wood Dalling, Norfolk); Henry Bunkall, 1760 in *IGI* (West Acre, Norfolk); John Bunkell, 1763, John Bunkhall, 1772 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Bunckle, 1823 in *IGI* (East Winch, Norfolk).

**References:** *Black*.

**Bunn**

**Variants:** **Bun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3957, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2903
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

Norman, English: see **Bone**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Bunn, 1544 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Johannis Bun., 1561 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Robertus Bunn, 1575 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Matthew Bunn, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Hester Bun, 1581 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Edward Bun, 1611 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); John Bunn, 1639 in *IGI* (Bishampton, Worcs).

**Bunnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, and Hunts
- English: see **Burnage**.

**Bunnell**

**Variants:** **Bonnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

1 Norman, English: nickname possibly from French *Bunel*, a reduced form of **Busonal**, a derivative of *buson* 'buzard' used as a nickname for someone considered simple, silly.

**Early bearers:** John Bunel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Bunell, 1574, Margreat Bonnell, 1578, Jo Bunnell, 1600 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); William Bonnell, 1583, Mycalyell Bunnell, 1597 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Francis Bunnell, 1664 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, 206.

2 English: locative name from Bunwell (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bunewell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Tho Bunnell, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Bunnell, 1608, Edmon Bunell, 1613

## Bunner

in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Benjamin Bunnell, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Bunner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Shrops Welsh: see **Bonner**.

### Bunnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk English: see **Bonnett**.

### Bunney

Variants: **Bunny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 894, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Leics and Warwicks; Notts and WR Yorks

1 English: nickname perhaps from Old French *bugne, beugne* 'swelling'. Compare 'Bony or grete knobbe ... *gibbus*' (about 1440 in *OED*); 'bownche or bunnye, *gibba*' (1552 in *OED*). Compare **Bunch**. **Early bearers:** Botte Buny, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Bunny, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Bunnye, 1564 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Thomae Bunnye, 1571 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Richard Bunny, 1581 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); John Bunnye, 1584 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Bunny (Notts). **Early bearers:** Adam de Boneya, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Radcliffe and Kingston on Soar, Notts); William de Bonay, 1331 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Bonney, 1594 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Francisci Bunney, 1614 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Bunning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Oxon English: see **Bonning**.

### Bunny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Notts and Leics; Berks and Hants English: see **Bunney**.

### Bunston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs English: locative name from Bunson (Devon), recorded as *Boneston* in 1378 and *Bonston* in 1503 **Early bearers:** Zachary Bunston, 1596 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Hugh Bunston, 1620 in *IGI* (Musbury, Devon); Thomas Bunston, 1652 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 37).

### Bunt

Variants: **Bunte, Bunce, Bant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 528

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Shetland English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**bunt* 'something swollen', related to Modern English *bunt* 'swelling, bag-like end of a net or sail', also 'puffball' (*Lycoperdon bovista*), and to Middle English *bunting* 'small bird, corn bunting'. The name could have been given to a plump person. (ii) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bunt(e)*, Old English \**Bunt(a)*, perhaps derived from the word in (i). It is attested in the place-names Bonsall (Derbys) (*Bunteshale*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*), Bountisborough Hundred (Hants), and Benton (Devon) (*Bontintona*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*). **Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *bonte, bunte* 'sieve' is formally possible but less likely, especially in view of early examples with the definite article. **Early bearers:** Aluric Bonte, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Galfridus Bunt, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Benedict Bunta, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Richard le Bunt, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Aubri Bunt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Roger le Bunte, about 1285 in *Sussex Custumals (Canterbury)* (Sussex); Maurice le Bunt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleton, Sussex); Laurence le Bont, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wadhurst and Mayfield, Sussex); Expofer Bunt, 1564 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); John Bunt, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall).

### Buntain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews Scottish: see **Bunting**.

### Bunte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey English: see **Bunt**.

### Bunten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews; Essex Scottish, English: see **Bunting**.

### Bunter

Variants: **Banter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; IoW; Jersey English: occupational name from Middle English *bonter, bunter* 'sifter, user of sieves', a derivative of Middle English *bunte* 'sieve'. Compare Adam Bunteflour ('sieve flour'), 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent). **Early bearers:** Philippus Buntere, 1302 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 6 (Kent); John Buntere, chaplain, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Bonter, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Leonard Bunter, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset).

### Buntin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow Scottish: see **Bunting**.

## Bunting

Variants: **Bunten, Buntin, Buntain, Bunton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4525, Ireland 417
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Norfolk; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *bunting* 'corn bunting', perhaps used of a short, plump person. Compare **Bunt** and Scots *buntin* 'short and thick', Welsh *bontin* 'rump', *bontingol* 'large-buttocked'. **Early bearers:** England: Wluric Bunting, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Bunting, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Henry Buntyng, 1332 in *London Pleas*; Christofer Bunting, 1510 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Bunting, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Bunting, 1560 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Margaret Bunting, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Radolphus Bunting, 1576 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham). Scotland: Thomas Buntyng, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Robert and William Bontyne, 1489 in *The Lennox* (Dumbarton); John Bunteyne, 1580 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Bunteine, 1614 in *Stirling Testaments* (Stirling).

### Bunton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk; Durham and Northumb

1 Norman, English: variant of **Bunting**.

**Early bearers:** George Bunton, 1598, John Bunten, 1603, Mary Bunting, 1611 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); George Bunting, 1660, John Bunton, 1662 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Buncton (Sussex) but the post-medieval examples may alternatively belong with (1), or else the two names may have been confused. Compare William Bunten, 1718, William Bunting, 1724 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex). The name may also have been confused with **Banton**; compare Mary Banton, 1567 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex) with the 1558 example below.

**Early bearers:** William Bungeton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albourne, Sussex); John Bunton, 1558 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Ann Bunten, 1642 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

### Bunts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; NR Yorks

English: see **Bunce**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Bunyan

Variants: **Bunyon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1820, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 777
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Beds, Herts, Middx, and Bucks; also Roxburghs and Selkirks

English: nickname denoting someone disfigured by a knob or lump, from Old French *bugnon*, a diminutive of *bugne* 'blister' (see **Bunney**). The term

also denoted a kind of fruit fritter or raised pattie and may have been used for a maker of these.

**Further information:** The author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan, was baptized in 1628 as 'sonne of Thomas Bonnioun', who was himself baptized as Bunyon in 1603.

**Early bearers:** Henry Buniun, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Roger and John Buignon, sons of John Buignon, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Simon Boynon, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Joan Bunyan, 1574 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Robert Bunyan, 1574 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Ann Bunyan, 1680 in *IGI* (Wyddial, Herts); Arthur Bunyan, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Henry Bunyan, 1691 in *IGI* (Broughton, Bucks).

### Bunyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Baynard**.

### Bunyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- English: see **Bunyan**.

### Buoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Boy**.

### Burall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

1 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Burgweald* (from *burg* 'fortress' + *w(e)ald* 'power'), first recorded in the 11th century. **Further information:** It might become confused with **Burrell**. The form of 1653 is not certain to represent this name, but could be a West Midland dialect form of **Burwell**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Burewoldi, 1184 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Gilebertus filius Buroldi, 1198 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Hugh Burewald, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Lambert Borewald, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Alte Burall, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Burwall, 1653 in *IGI* (Stoke Bliss, Herefs); Elizabeth Burall, 1702 in *IGI* (Kelstern, Lincs); William Burall, 1710 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Tho Burall, 1727 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); Hary Burall, 1835 in *IGI* (Sheerness, Kent).

2 English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked '(at the) bower hall', Middle English *bour*, *bur(e)* 'bower' + *hal(le)* 'hall' (Old English *būr* + *heall*).

**Early bearers:** William de la Burhalle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

### Burbage

**Variants:** **Burbidge**, **Burbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Dorset, Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

English: locative name from Burbage (Leics, Derbys, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Burebeche, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); William de Burbache, 1200 in *Close Rolls* (Hants); Nicholas de Burbache, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exhall, near Coventry, Warwicks); John Burbache, Burbage, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Robertus Bourbach', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tytherington, Wilts); Nicholao Burbage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrussington, Leics); Nicholaus Burbage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Willelmo Burbage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Thomae Burbidge, 1541 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Anthony Burbage, 1545 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Willelmus Burbage, 1559 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); John Burbidge, 1573 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Willm Burbage, 1593, John Burbidg, 1712 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Helene Burbadge, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Burbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts
- English: see **Bowerbank**.

### Burbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland
- English: see **Birkbeck**.

### Burberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Burbury**.

### Burbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Burbury**.

### Burbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Burby**.

### Burbidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1812, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1012
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset; Northants, Leics, Rutland, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- English: see **Burbage**.

### Burbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 943, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1010
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Hunts and Northants
- English: (i) locative name from Boroughbridge (NR Yorks). (ii) in S England it may alternatively be a variant of **Burbage**, altered by folk etymology. **Early bearers:** Robert de Burghbrig, 1341 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Johannes de Burbrygg', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Burbrig, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York, Yorks); Joh. Burbridge, 1576 in

*IGI* (Mereworth, Kent); Henri Burbridge, 1637 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

### Burbury

**Variants:** **Burberry**, **Burbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks; also Surrey

English: locative name from Birdingbury (Warwicks), recorded as *Burdebery* in 1373 and *Byrburye* in 1524, and locally pronounced like the surname.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Burdebury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Edwardi Burbury, 1601 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Jonathan Burberry, 1640 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willia Burbury, 1685 in *IGI* (Ardingley, Sussex); John Burberry, 1690 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Sarah Burberow, 1692 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Geo. Burborough, 1743 in *IGI* (Adderbury, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 126.

### Burby

**Variants:** **Burbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks

English: unexplained. It might be an altered form of another name, such as **Barby**, **Burbage**, or **Burbury**, but no evidence has been found to support any of these possibilities.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Burby, 1573 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Rychard Burby, 1636 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Frances Burby, 1639 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Thomas Burby, 1682 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Elisabeth Burby, 1736 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Joseph Burby, 1802 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

### Burch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3062, Ireland 150
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Herts; Kent; Devon

English: see **Birch**.

### Burchall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Birchall**.

### Burcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Bircham**.

### Burchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: probably a variant of **Burchett**.

## Burchatt

### Burchatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: probably a variant of **Burchett**.

### Burchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2247, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, Middx, and Kent; Wilts, Berks, and Oxon; Gloucs and Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Leitrim; Kildare

English: see **Birchall**.

### Burcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Worcs; Sussex

English: see **Bircher**.

### Burchett

Variants: **Birchett**, **Burchette**, **Barchard**, **Birchard**, **Burchard**, **Burchatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 775, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 597
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey
- English: locative name from Middle English *birchet* 'birch grove' (Old English \**bircet*, \**byrcet*), a common element in minor names in Sussex and found also in Kent, Surrey, and Essex.

**Early bearers:** Ralph atte Birchett, about 1280 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); William atte Burchett, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Byrchet, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agnes Burchett, 1562 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); John Burchett, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Tho Burchett, 1610 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Hendery Burchett, 1615 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 139.

### Burchette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Burchett**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Burchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Birchfield**.

### Burchill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Birchall**.

### Burchmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, and Middx
- English: see **Birchmore**.

### Burchnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Lincs, Notts, and Rutland

English: see **Birchenough**.

### Burekitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Burkitt**.

### Burcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset

English: locative name from any of various places in SW England named Burcombe, notably the one in Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Ellinora Bircum, 1583 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Richard Burckham, 1595 in *IGI* (Laycock, Wilts); Richard Barcome, 1609 in *IGI* (Laycock, Wilts); Daniel Burcombe, 1698 in *IGI* (Old Sodbury, Gloucs).

### Burd

Variants: **Burt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys

English: nickname from Middle English *burde* 'young lady, maiden', probably used in a derogatory sense.

**Early bearers:** William Burde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex), 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Burd, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Burd, 1556 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Thomas Burd, 1558 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Robert Burd, 1564 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Agnes Burd, 1573 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm).

### Burdall

Variants: **Burdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Burdale (ER Yorks), recorded as *Breddale* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Arkell de Breddal, 1219, Nicholas de Breddal, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Bourdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ricardus de Birdal, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burythorpe, ER Yorks); Johannes de Bryddal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thixendale, ER Yorks); Vynsent Burdall, 1590 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs); George Burdell, 1580 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Paul Burdell, 1718 in *IGI* (Skirbeck, Lincs).

### Burdass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Burdis**.

### Burdekin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and York

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**burdekin*, a diminutive of *burde* 'young lady, maiden' (see **Burd**), but the absence of medieval forms in *-kin* and the change of *-kin* to *-can* would be unexpected.

**Early bearers:** Henry Burdican, 1304, Richard Burdican of Stoke Bardolph, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Stoke Bardolph, Notts); Johannes Burdikan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Anna Burdikin, 1627, Johis Burdekin, 1632 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); John Burdycane, 1597, John Burdekin, 1636 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks).

### Burdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Burdall**.

### Burden

Variants: **Burdon**, **Bourdon**, **Bordon**, **Burdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4807, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3821
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset, IoW, Wilts, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down

1 Norman, English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Continental Germanic personal name *Burdo*, for which compare **Burdett**. *Burdonus* and other derivatives of the Gaulish personal name *Burdo* ('mule') are found in France, but it is rare there and the similar French surname may derive instead from Old French *bourdon* in the sense 'pilgrim's staff' (compare the Huguenot sense of **Bourdon**). The personal name, whether of Germanic or Gaulish origin, does occur in medieval England, but rarely. Suffixally distinct early variants *Burdin* and *Burdon* are both found in early sources; the former is rare but the latter very common. The two may well have been confused, but both survive as surnames, though not necessarily in distinct family traditions. Some bearers may belong under (2) or (3). The names in this cluster may also, in S England, have been confused with **Borden**.

**Early bearers:** England: Arnulf Burdin, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ralph Burdun, 1128–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Ilger Burdun, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hamo filius Burdun, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Norfolk); Bruni Burdin, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Burdoune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Winkburn, Notts); Johannes Bourdon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Izabella Burdon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Henry Burdon, 1411 in *PROB 11* (Cranborne, Dorset); Tomzen Burden, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Lewes Burdon, 1548 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Ann Bourdon, 1564 in *IGI* (Walsingham, Norfolk); Thomas Burdon, 1568 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henry Burdyn, 1570 in *IGI* (Coldred, Kent); Thomas Burdon, 1573 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Elline Burdine, 1591 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Besse Bourdon, 1603 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Alice Burden, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Cranborne, Dorset); James Burdin, 1615 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Hugh Bourdon, 1616 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Thomas Burdin, 1650 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Bourdon, 1706 in *IGI* (Churchill, Somerset).

Scotland: Johne Burdoun, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isabel Burdin, 1742 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).

2 English: locative name from Great Burdon (Durham), or possibly from Burden Head in Weardley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Zacharias de Burdun, 1217 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William Bordon, 1609 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *bourethein* 'bower servant; chamberlain' (Old English *būrðegn*).

**Early bearers:** Ælfsige Burðen, 968 in *Cartularium Saxonium* no. 1212 (Kent); Hugelyn Bourþeyn, Hugelinus cubicularius, 1052–65 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Nicholas Burþein, Burdon, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts).

### Burder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Pembrokes

Irish: see **Bruder**.

### Burdess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Burdis**.

### Burdet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Norman, English: see **Burdett**.

### Burdett

Variants: **Burditt**, **Burdet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3064, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Norman, English: relationship name perhaps from an Old French personal name \**Burdet*, a pet form of an unrecorded Continental Germanic \**Burdo* or from the Gaulish name and word *burdo* 'mule' in **Burden**. *Burdel* (1086) appears to be the same name with a different hypocoristic suffix but this form seems not to have survived as a surname.

**Further information:** For the Norman family see *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 191–2.

**Early bearers:** Robert Burdet, Burdel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics); Hugo Burdet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics); Ralph Burdet, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Thoma Burdet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne Burdet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huncote, Leics); John Burdett, 1567 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Bassell Burdet, 1558, Baselij Burditt, 1561 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Johann Burdett, 1592 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Frannces Burdet, 1597 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics).

### Burdfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 Norman, English: locative name apparently from an unidentified place in France, perhaps Bordeville

in Rouillac (Charente). The post-medieval bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Robro de Bordeuyle, 1296, Johe Bourdeuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancing, Sussex); Willo Bordeuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Walto Bordeuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steyning, Sussex); Richard de Bordeuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Werrington, Devon); John Bordeuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashreigney, Devon); William Bordevill, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Burdevyle, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); John de Bourdevill, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Stephanus Bourdevill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Grinstead, Sussex); John Burdevyle, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Henfield, Sussex); Abraham Birdfeild, 1610 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); John Burdfield, 1694 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); William Burdfield, 1707 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); William Birdfield, 1711 in *IGI* (Itchingfield, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from Boardfield in Otterden (Kent), which is recorded as *Burdfeld* in 1226, *Bourdefeld* in 1311, *Burdevyle* in 1386–1486. The place-name contains Old English *feld* 'open land', with an uncertain first element.

**Early bearers:** Alicia de Bourdefelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyborne hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] Burdefelde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nettlestead, Kent); Richard Burdefeld', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunton, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 228; *TNA*.

### Burdge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Burge**.

### Burdick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Burdock**.

### Burdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Burden**.

2 French: (i) nickname, possibly a derivative of Occitan *burdir* 'to sport or amuse oneself'. (ii) nickname, variant of the French surname **Bourdin**, from Medieval Latin *burdinus* 'mule, hinny'. (iii) perhaps also a variant of **Bourdon**.

**Early bearers:** Louis Burdin, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Burdis

Variants: **Burdus**, **Burdess**, **Burdass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Bordeaux in France.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Burdeus, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Christopher Burdus, 1519 in *York Guild Register*; George Burdus, 1585, Edward Burdes, 1594, Annam Burdess, 1683 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Burdas, 1662 in *York Freeman's Register*; Elizabeth Burdess, 1672 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); William Burdis, 1681, Willm Burdes, 1736 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb).

### Burditt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics
- Norman, English: see **Burdett**.

### Burdock

Variants: **Burdick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cambs; Surrey
- English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**burre-dokke* 'burdock', the name of a prickly plant with burrs and dock-like leaves (usually *Arctium lappa*), common on waste ground. It may have been given to someone of a prickly temperament or perhaps to someone with a hoarse voice. Compare Langland's allusion to 'þe borre [or burre] in hus prote' in *Piers Plowman* (C. XX: 306).
- Early bearers:** Waltero Burdok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staunton Harold, Leics); Henry Burdock, 1609 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); John Burdocke, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Bradwell, Oxon); William Burdock, 1639 in *IGI* (Eastington and Alkerton, Gloucs); Nicholas Burdock, 1687 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Burdick, 1730 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex).

### Burdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1371, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 980
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and ER Yorks; also Devon, Dorset, and IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Cork
- English: see **Burden**.

### Burdsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Birdsall**.  
2 English: see **Beardsall**.

### Burdus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Northumb, and Durham
- English: see **Burdis**.

### Burell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Co, Durham; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Burrell**.  
**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Bures

Variants: **Bewers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: locative name from Mount Bures (Essex) and adjacent Bures Saint Mary (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Baldewin' de Bures, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); James de Bures, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Silvestro de Boures, Silvestro de Bures, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mount Bures, Essex); Benedicto de Bures, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halstead, Essex);

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Andrew de Bures, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex, Herts, and Cambs); Benedictus Bourse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashen, Essex); William Bures, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (unlocated); John Bures, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon and Berks); William Bures, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex and Suffolk); Henry Bures, 1591 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Roger Bewers, 1614 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); John Bures, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Mary Bewers, 1672 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Susanna Buers, 1787 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); James Bures, 1803 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

### Burfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Burfield in Bosham (Sussex) or Burghfield (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Beregefeld, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Peter de Burefeud, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John de Burghefeld, 1341 in *Goring Charters* (Oxon); Alicia Burfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); John Burfeld', 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Rainham, Kent); Thomas Burfield, 1601 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Joseph Berfield, 1787 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

### Burfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

English: see **Burfoot**.

### Burfoot

**Variants:** **Burfitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks; Kent and Sussex

English: variant of **Burford**.

**Further information:** Stephen Burford of Cowden (Kent) signed his name *Burfoot* in 1673. (*History of Cowden* p. 83).

### Burford

**Variants:** **Burfoot**, **Berford**, **Bruford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2625, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and W Midlands, esp. Worcs; also Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from any of three places called Burford (in Devon, Oxon, and Shrops) or Burford Bridge (in Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Clement de Bureford, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); John de Burreford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Burford, 1541 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Annes Burford, 1543 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Margaret Burford, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Alyce Burford, 1563 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Richard Burford, 1566 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).

### Burgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

### Burge

**Variants:** **Burdge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2848, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Gloucs, and Dorset; also Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: variant of **Bridge**. William atte Brugge lived at Burge End (Herts), 1302 in *Place-Names of Herts* p. 21. This metathesis of *r* in Old English *brycg* 'bridge' has also been noted in Bucks, Cambridge, Northants, Notts, Oxford, Somerset, Wilts and Warwicks. See *Place-Names of Northants* p. xxxii.
- Early bearers:** Robert de la Burge, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Roger Burge, 1479 in *Ancient Deeds 6* (Essex).

### Burgen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex; Cheshire and Yorks

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

### Burger

**Variants:** **Burgher**, **Burker**, **Borger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Jersey
- 1 English: status name from Middle English *burger* 'inhabitant of a borough; citizen'.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Burger, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Robert Burger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Burger, 1562 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Mary Burger, 1566 in *IGI* (Chiselborough, Somerset); John Burger, 1570 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Elizabeth Burger, 1588 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Conrad Burger, 1614 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); John Burger, 1653, John Bugar, 1657 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

2 Scottish: see **Burgher**.

3 German, Dutch: status name denoting a freeman of a borough, especially one who was a member of its governing council, a derivative of Middle High German *burc*, Middle Dutch *burgh* 'fortified town'.

### Burges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; Morays and Banffs; also Somerset and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Scottish, English: see **Burgess**.

### Burgess

**Variants:** **Burges**, **Burgis**, **Borges**, **Burgiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27558, Ireland 629
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20390
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Cheshire and Lancs; Sussex and Kent; Herts and Beds; Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. S Ulster

English: status name from Middle English *burge(i)s*, *burgis*, *borgeis* 'inhabitant of a borough' (strictly one possessing full municipal rights), 'freeman of a borough'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey burgeis, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ralph le Burgeis, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Sussex); Philip Burgis, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Philip Burges, Burgeis, 1220, 1234 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Burgess, 1549 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Bridget Burgess, 1555 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); John Burgess, 1569 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); John Burgess, 1579 in *IGI* (Clay Coton, Northants); Richarde Burgess, 1582 in *IGI* (Newton by Cambridge, Cambs); Robt. Burghes, 1663, Elizabeth Burgess, 1683 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent); Hannah Burgess, 1697, Willm. Burges, 1709, William Berges, 1710 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Sampson Burges, 1698, Sampson Burgess, 1725, Sampn. Bergess, 1733 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Hannah Burgess, 1763, Hannah Burgass, 1771 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire); Robt. Burgess, 1719, Robert Burghess, 1722 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire); Samuel Burgass, 1775 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

### Burgett

**Variants:** **Burgot**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London
- English: locative name, toponymic from Burgate (Surrey, Hants, Suffolk) or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) castle or city gate', Old English *burggeat* (Burgett), Middle English *burgate* (Burgot).
- Early bearers:** Absalon de Burgate, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Ralph atte Burgate, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert de Burhtzete, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Ingram atte Burghzete, 1333 in *Fransson* (Somerset); William Burgett, 1655 in *IGI* (Horne, Surrey); William Burgett, 1687 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Mary Burgett, 1692 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Elizabeth Burgett, 1724 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Solomon Burgett, 1809 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).

### Burgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: locative name from one of the many places named Burgh.

**Early bearers:** England: Ailricus de Burg, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Ralph de Burc, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Amicia de Burgh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Burgh, 1539 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Waimondi Burgh, 1549 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Robert Burgh, 1561 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Ralph Burgh, 1575 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

Scotland: William Burgh, 1498 in *Bamff Charters*; Patrik Burgh, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire).

### Burgham

**Variants:** **Burgum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
- English: probably a variant of **Burgoyne** or **Burgin**.
- Early bearers:** William Burgum, 1684 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); John Burgham, 1706 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Burgam, 1720, Thomas Burgum, 1728 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Tho Burgum, 1721 in *IGI* (Longhope, Gloucs); Thomas Burgum, 1733 in *IGI* (Flaxley, Gloucs); William Burgham, 1758 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Burgham, 1782 in *IGI* (English Bicknor,



Gloucs); William Burgum, 1785 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs).

### Burghard

Variants: **Burkart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx

German: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Burkhard*, composed of the elements *burg* 'fort, castle' + *hard* 'hardy, brave, strong'.

Compare **Burkitt** (1) and **Bouchard**, which ultimately share the same linguistic origin, although as family names they are unconnected.

**Early bearers:** Claus Burghard, labourer, born in Hanover, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Burkhardt, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Shoreditch, Middx); Frederic Burghard, waiter, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Antonia Burghard, born in Tetel, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); Magdeline Burkart, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Henry Burkert, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Henry Buarghard [*sic*], gas worker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex); Magdalena Burghard, housemaid, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Kensington, Middx); Francis William George Burghardt, born in Berlin, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Burgher

Variants: **Burger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: (i) locative name from Bugar in Evie-Rendall (Orkney). (ii) variant of **Burger**.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica.

**Early bearers:** Orkney: Barbara Burgar, 1736 in *IGI* (Westray and Papa Westray, Orkney); Andrew Burger, 1747 in *IGI* (Westray); Barbara Burgher, 1795 in *IGI* (Kirkwall); Thomas Burgher, 1863 in *IGI* (Westray).

### Burgin

Variants: **Buggin**, **Burham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2082, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1173
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts; Herts

French, English: (i) ethnic name from Old French *Bourguignon*, *Bourgoin* 'the Burgundian'. (ii) alternatively, from the synonymous **Burgoyne**. The two names were doubtless interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Robert Burguignon, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls*; John (le) Burguinun, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); John le Burguinn, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); John le Burgenun, 1259 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; John Burgoynoun, 1330 in *Trentham Chartulary* (Staffs); John Borgoynnoun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); James Burgin, 1540 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); George Burgin, 1558 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Cicelie Burgin, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); Elizabeth Burgin, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Robert Burgin, 1592 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Wm Burgin, 1635 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Annae Burgin, 1638 in *IGI* (Mackworth, Derbys); Edward Burgins or Burgin, 1646 in *PROB 11*

(Northampton, Northants); Joseph Burgin, 1661 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Burgin, 1667 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Burgis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; also Norfolk

English: see **Burgess**.

### Burgiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Burgess**.

### Burgoin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

### Burgoine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**

### Burgon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb; WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne** and compare **Burgin**.

### Burgot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Burgett**.

### Burgoyne

Variants: **Burgoine**, **Burgoin**, **Bourgein**, **Bourgoin**, **Burgwin**, **Burgon**, **Burgan**, **Burgen**, **Burgin**, **Burham**, **Buggin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1893, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1281
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Norman, English: ethnic name from *Bourgogne* 'Burgundy'. Records exist in which forms of this name and some derivatives were used to refer to the same person, e. g. John le Burgoyne, 1301, le Borgiloun, 1310 in *London Letter Books B*, de Burgoyne, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Ralph le Burginon, 1314, Burgillon, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), le Burgoynon, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs). Nicholas Burgoin was the son of John Burgoin and both are also called Burgwine, while the seal of Felicia, wife of Nicholas Burgelun, bears the legend S felicia burgunung, 1212–23 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary*. Compare also **Borgonon**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Burgoin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Simon Burgunie, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); Adam de Burgoigne, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Willelmus Burgoyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barton under Needwood with members, Staffs); Ad' Burgayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knook, Wilts); Jurdanus Burgan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ferry Fryston, WR Yorks);

Willelmus de Burgon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Hugo Burgoyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Ann Burgoyne, 1609 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Jone Burgain, 1614 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); Agnes Burgayn, 1569 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Esabell Burgon, 1559 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Alicia Burgon, 1576 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Marie Burgoyne, 1644 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon).

### Burgum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs

English: see **Burgham**.

### Burgwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Shrops; also Flints

Norman, English: see **Burgoyne**.

**Early bearers:** John Burgwin, 1634 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Anne Burgwin, 1734 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs).

### Burham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London

English: locative name from Burham (Kent).

**Further information:** This name is comparatively rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Burham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Henricus Burgham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Burham, 1589 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Anthony Burham, 1632 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Robert Berham, 1679 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Alexander Burham, 1749 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent).

### Burk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1076
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Monmouths; Dunbartons and Stirlings
- English, Irish: see **Burke**.

### Burkart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

German: see **Burghard**.

### Burke

Variants: **Burk**, **Bourke**, **Birk**, **De Burca**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22403, Ireland 15405
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8770
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; also Channel Islands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway and Tipperary

English, Irish: locative name from Burgh (Suffolk). *Burk* represents an Anglo-Norman pronunciation of Old English *burh* (see **Burgh**).

**Further information:** *Burke* is a very common Irish name, gaelicized as *de Búrca*. It derives from the Anglo-Norman family of *de Burgh* (Latin *de Burgo*); William de Burgo from Suffolk went to Ireland in 1171 with Henry II and was later appointed Earl of Ulster.

## Burkenshaw

**Early bearers:** England: Ailricus de Burc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); John de Burc, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardo Burke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Alice Burke, 1539 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Margaret Burke, 1543 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Elizabeth Burke, 1545 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margery Burke, 1562 in *IGI* (Chislet, Somerset); Henrius Burke, 1563 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Jho Burck, 1587 in *IGI* (Quarrington, Lincs); James Borke, 1637 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Ellen Bourke, 1638 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Matthew Burke, 1742, Matthew Bourk, 1751 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

Ireland: William Riaghe Burke, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §606 (Boyeston); Theobald Bourke, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §950; *Fiants Elizabeth* §950 (Kilmanehin); Ulig (Fitz William) Bourke, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1050 (Limerick, Ballynagard); Ulic (Carragh McEdmund) Burk, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1652 (Gorteneckan); John De Burgo, alias Bourk (the younger), 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1070 (Tipperary).

### Burkenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs;
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Burker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Burger**.

### Burkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Birks**.

### Burket

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Lincs, and WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Burkitt**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Burkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 604
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx; Cambs and Essex; WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Burkitt**.

### Burkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Berkey, 1588 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Robert Burky, 1592 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Hugh Burkey, 1764 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints); Samuel Burkey, 1772 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Burkhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Burkill**.

### Burkill

**Variants:** **Burkhill, Birkhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and York
- English: locative name from one or more places named with Old English *beorc* 'birch' + *hyll* 'hill'; surviving examples exist in Northumb, Stirlings, Lanarks, and other Scottish counties, but the source is likely to be a lost place in a county of N England.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Birkyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spotland, Lancs); Jenett Byrkhill, 1575 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); Miles Birkill, 1585 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); James Byrkell, 1603 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Lincs); Rebecca Birkhill, 1610 in *IGI* (Whitton, Lincs); Thomas Borkell, 1684 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Joseph Burkil, 1695, Joseph Burkel, 1758, Joseph Burkhill, 1811 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

### Burkimsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Burkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Birkin**.

### Burkinshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Burkitt

**Variants:** **Burkett, Burket, Burckitt, Borkett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: (i) relationship name, especially in E Anglia and SE England probably from Middle English *Burghard*, sometimes spelled *Burchard*, representing Old English *Burgheard* (from *burg* 'fortress' + *h(e)ard* 'hard'), with the Old English fricative /x/ later altered to the plosive /k/. The survival of the Old English name seems guaranteed by the brothers Lemmerus (i. e. Old English *Lēofmār*) et frater eius Burchardus, 1114–19 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Bury Saint Edmunds). (ii) possibly also from Middle English \**Burcard*, *Burchard* (Norman \**Burcard*, Old French \**Burchard*), which was imported by the Normans and derives from Continental Germanic *Burghard*, cognate with the Old English name. In France this gives rise to the surname **Bouchard, Bouchart**, but evidence for its use in Norman England is difficult to pin down and modern surnames in *Burch-* often have a different origin altogether.

**Further information:** Because of the frequent loss of the second *-r-* by dissimilation or the replacement of *-ard*, viewed as a suffix, by *-ett*, the name may be confused with **Birkett** in the N England heartland of the latter. The first *-r-* is also sometimes lost by dissimilation in variants such as the one in Robert Bocard', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk), and it may therefore also be confused with **Buckett**. In E Anglia, we find quite late coexistence of forms deriving from *-ard* and *-ett*, as in Roger Burkett, 1588, Samuel Burker, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). Some of the listed later forms, especially in N Lincs, may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Burchardus, Burkart, Burchart, and Bucardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gaufridus nepos Bocardi, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Burekardus de Burewelle, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Buchardus, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Durham); Burchardus, Burcardus, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset).

surnames: Reginaldus filius Burchardi, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Bocard', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph Bochar'd', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Burchart, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Suffolk); Walter Buchard, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Warin Burchard, Robert Burghard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Burghard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford, Norfolk); Johannes Burghard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ickburgh with Colveston, Norfolk); Alicia Burghard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henricus Burghard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kessingland, Suffolk); Richard Burkett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Burket, 1587 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Roger Burkett, 1588, Samuel Burker, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Nicolas Burkitt, 1627 in *IGI* (Little Carlton, Lincs); Richard Burkit, 1638 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Tobias Burkitt, 1643 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Gratia Burker, 1678 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby, Lincs).

2 English: in more northerly counties of England, more likely a spelling variant of **Birkett**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Burkitt, 1700 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Joseph Burkitt, 1738 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks).

### Burkley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs
- English: see **Barelay**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Burkmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Brightmore**.

### Burks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 370
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Birks**.

### Burl

**Variants:** **Burle, Burles, Burls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants English: occupational name from Middle English *burle*, *borle* ‘cup bearer, butler’ (Old English *byr(e)le*). **Early bearers:** John Byrle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Burle, 1552 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edmund Burl, 1596 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Henry Burl, 1604 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Thomas Burle, 1647 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants).

### Burlace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall Norman, English: see **Borlase**.

### Burland

**Variants:** Borland, Bourland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow

English: locative name from either Middle English *burland* ‘peasant land’ (Old English *gebūrland*) or Middle English *burgh + lond* ‘land belonging to a town or borough’ (Old English *burh + land*). The surname could be for someone who lived near or worked on such land, or for someone from one of the several places so named, such as Burland (Cheshire), Burland in Eastrington (ER Yorks), or Bowerland (Devon, Surrey, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Burilonde, 1268 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); William atte Borland, 1303, atte Burland, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Somerset); Thomas de Burland, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Prittlewell, Essex); Nicholaus Burlond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Shrops); Richard Burland or Burlande, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Martock, Somerset); Richard Burland, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Burle

**Variants:** Burles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Burl**.

### Burleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Norfolk; Cornwall; Lanarks and Ayr; Aberdeens

English: see **Burley**.

### Burler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Guernsey; Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lincs; Warwicks; Surrey and Kent

English: occupational name for a burler, someone who dressed cloth by removing knots and extraneous particles, from an agent derivative of Middle English *burle* ‘to burl’, from Middle English *burle*, Old French *bourle* ‘flock of wool’. See also **Burrel**.

**Early bearers:** James Burler, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richardus Burler, 1698 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Mary Burler, 1706 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Joseph Burler, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour,

York); Cesar Burler, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Edward Robert Burler, 1845 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Burles

**Variants:** Burls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Kent

1 English: variant of **Burle** with post-medieval excrement -s.  
2 Norman, English: see **Borlase**.

### Burleson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Burletson**.

### Burleton

**Variants:** Burlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Burlton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Hughe Burleton, 1559 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Ann Burlton, 1569 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Roger Burleton, 1601 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Richard Burleton, 1660 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Robert Burleton, 1662 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts).

### Burletson

**Variants:** Burleson, Birleson, Birlison, Burlinson, Burliston, Burlinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks

English: locative name, perhaps a metathesized form of Brusselton (Durham) or possibly an altered form of Burniston (in Pickering Lythe, NR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records a Gyles Byrlason of Pickering (NR Yorks) in 1498.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Birlseton, 1550 in *York Registry Wills* (Elvington, ER Yorks); Thomas Birleson, 1606 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Omphray Birlseton, 1608 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Humphrey Burletson or Birlseton, 1608–11 in *Feet of Fines* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Wilfred Burleson, 1611, Bartholomew Burlinson, 1659 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Edward Birlison, 1618 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Burletson, 1626 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); George Burlison, 1635 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); George Burlieson, Jane Burletson, 1685 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Nicolas Berlinson, 1720 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Thomas Birlinson, 1727 in *IGI* (Bothal with Hebburn, Northumb); John Burlingson, 1728 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); James Burliston, 1758 in *IGI* (Netherwitton, Northumb); Ellis Burleighson, 1790 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Burley

**Variants:** Burleigh, Berley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3618, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2786
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Cork; Fermanagh

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Burley (WR Yorks, Rutland, Hants, Shrops), Burleigh in South Huish (Devon), or Burley Hill (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Wihenoc de Burli, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); John de Burgeley, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John of Burlay, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes de Berlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, WR Yorks); Eliz. Burley, 1542 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); James Burly, 1630, Charles Burley, 1635 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Henry Burleigh, John Burley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 English: see **Birley**.

### Burlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Burling**.

### Burling

**Variants:** Burlong, Burlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Birling in Kent, or possibly a place in Northumb of the same name.

**Early bearers:** Widow Burling, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Burlingame

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Burlingham**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Burlingham

**Variants:** Burlingame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also Worcs

English: locative name from Burlingham (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Henrie Burlingham, 1550 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Robert Burlingame, 1609 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Symond Birlingham, 1667 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); John Burlingham, 1743 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs).

### Burlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name probably from Bridlington (ER Yorks), recorded as *Bredlingtona* (1081–96), *Berlintona* (1147–54), *Byrlington* (1541), and *Burlington* (1651). The surname had apparently migrated to Norfolk and Essex by the late 16th century, perhaps via the east coastal sea trade.

**Early bearers:** Martin de Breddelington, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Bridelington, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas de Brydelyngton, 1368 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Willm. Burlington, 1584 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Henry Burlington, 1592 in *York Registry Wills* (Bilton, ER Yorks); Anna Burlington, 1612 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Hanah Burlington, 1728 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Burlington, 1735

## Burlinson

in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Isaack Burlington, 1741 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Burlinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Burletson**.

### Burlison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- English: see **Burletson**.

### Burliston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Burletson**.

### Burlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Bullock**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Burlock, 1594 in *IGI* (Hitcham, Bucks); Thomas Burlock, 1663 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); James Berlock, 1814 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

### Burlong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Essex
- English: see **Burling**.

### Burles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Burles**.

### Burlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Gloucs, and Somerset
- English: see **Burleton**.

### Burman

Variants: **Barrowman**, **Borrowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1978, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Suffolk and Middx; also Warwicks

1 English: see **Bowerman**.

2 English, Scottish: status name from Middle English *borughman*, *burman* (Old English *burhmann*) 'townsman, citizen, burgess', or, in some Yorks boroughs, 'burgage tenant'.

**Early bearers:** England: John Burgman de Eboraco, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Burman (Burghman), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert le Borekman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Burgman, 1281, Burkman, about 1284 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Geoffrey Borughman, 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Thomas Burghman, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Clement Burman, 1538 in *IGI*

(Norwich, Norfolk); John Burman, 1549 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Henrici Burman, 1555 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Richard Burman, 1559 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Clemt Burman, 1561 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon).

Scotland: William Borovman, 1437 in *Brechin Register* (Montrose, Angus); Alexander Burowman, 1468 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Lokky Barrowman, 1570 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Janet Burman, 1642 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire).

### Burmingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Hants
- English: see **Birmingham**.

### Burn

Variants: **Burne**, **Burns**, **Berne**, **Byrn**, **Byrne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4424, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4024
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan

English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *burne* or *bourne* 'stream' (Old English *burna*, Old Scandinavian *brunnr*), for someone who lived by a stream. *Burn* is a word especially of NE England, corresponding to *brook* elsewhere, though the two were distinct in meaning in Old English. Compare **Bourne** and **Aburn**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes ate Bourn', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walthamstow, Essex); Willelmus del Burne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmus Burne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Agn' atte Burne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Elizabeth Burn, 1552 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

Scotland: Adam de Burne, about 1280 in *Paisley Register* (Ayr, Ayrshire); Bessie Burn, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Berne, 1565, John Bern, 1570 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire); George Berne, 1754 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

### Burnaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, Sussex, and Hants; Notts and Leics; Perthshire

English: see **Burnby**.

### Burnage

Variants: **Bunnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name perhaps from Brownage in Odell (Beds) rather than from Burnage in Manchester (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Burnidge, 1560 in *IGI* (Willian, Herts); Edward Burnage, 1615 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Henry Barnidge, 1626 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); Thomas Burnage, 1789 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds).

### Burnam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Burnham**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Burnand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Sussex
- English: see **Brennand**.

### Burnap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Burnhope**.

### Burnard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Bucks and Oxon; also Guernsey

Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from *Burnhard*, ultimately from Continental Germanic \**brun-* 'brown' + \**hard-* 'hardy, brave' (with the same metathesis as in *Burnel* and *Burnet*), used as a nickname for someone with dark brown hair or a swarthy complexion, or occasionally, like *Burnel*, as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Burnardus, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Rogerus burnardus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Odo Burnard, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Richard Burnhard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Burnard, 1541 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); William Burnard, 1561 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Eleanor Burnard, 1565 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Willm. Burnard, 1572 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Burnard, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Burnby

Variants: **Burnaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Burnby (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Brunnebi, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Burneby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); John Burneby, 1417 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

### Burdred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Brandreth**, and therefore from Middle English *brandreth* 'grate, trivet, framework', altered by association with *burn*.

**Early bearers:** James Burndirt, 1755 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs); John Burdret, 1757 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Ann Burnderd, 1773 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

### Burne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. NW England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Kildare, Meath, and Westmeath

English: see **Burn**.

**Burnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Burnell**.

**Burnell**

**Variants:** **Burnel, Brunell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2429, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1777
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Devon; WR Yorks; also Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare
- English: nickname, relationship name denoting someone with a brownish complexion, from Middle English *burnel*, a metathesized form of Old French *brunel*, a diminutive of Old French *brun* 'brown'; used also as a personal name.
- Early bearers:** given names: Burnellus de Aumeivill, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).  
 surnames: Robertus burnellus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Burnel, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Burnel, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Johannes Burnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moorlinch, Somerset); Willm. Burnell, 1539 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Mariorie Burnell, 1542 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Francis Burnell, 1546 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Richard Burnell, 1558 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Thoms. Burnell, 1561 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Rowlande Burnell, 1595, Mary Burnall, 1656 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Thomas Burnall, 1678, John Burnell, 1681 in *IGI* (Culmington, Shrops).

**Burner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: (i) see **Bourner**. (ii) see **Berner**.

**Burnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 530
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Anglesey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Burns**.

**Burness**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 565
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines, Angus, Bute, and Banffs
- Scottish: locative name see **Burns**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Burnesse, 1675 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines).  
 10M: Catharine Burness, 1770 in *IGI* (Douglas, 10M).  
 England: Charity Burness, 1737 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Burness, 1760 in *IGI* (Cotherstone, NR Yorks); William Burness, 1785 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Isabella Burness, 1796 in *IGI* (Worlington, Suffolk).

**Burnet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1088
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland
- Scottish: see **Burnett**.

**Burnett**

**Variants:** **Burnet, Burnitt, Bernett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12435, Ireland 334
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Kincardines; Durham, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lincs; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim
- Norman, Scottish, Irish: nickname from Old French *burnete*, *brunette*, a diminutive of *brun* 'brown', 'dark brown', used like *Burnell* for someone with a dark complexion, or possibly in some instances for a maker or seller of *burnete*, a high-quality wool cloth, originally dark brown in colour. Compare 'pro . . . caligis de burneta; caligas de burneto', 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* i, pp. 64, 66, glossed by the editor as 'hose of burnet or coloured cloth'.
- Early bearers:** England: Robert Burnet, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Bornet, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Cristina Burnete, 1365 in *London Pleas*; William Burnett, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Margaret Burnett, 1541 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Willm. Burnett, 1564 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Katerina Burnett, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Anne Burnett, 1626, Mary Bernet, 1689 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); Henry Burnette, 1714 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).  
 Scotland: Walter Burnett, 1165–95 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Letcassy, Perth); Ralph Burnet, 1244 in *NRS* (Lundie, Angus); Mariore Burnett, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Caterin Burnet, 1629 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

**Burney**

**Variants:** **Burnie, Berney, Birney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, from Bernay (Eure) or Berney (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Bernai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs, Worcs, Suffolk); Henry de Berney, 1268 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk); Walter Berneye, 1362 in *London Letter Books G*; Roger Burney, 1451 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk); Thomas Burney, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).  
 2 Irish, Scottish: from Mac Biorna, see **McBurney**.

**Burnford**

**Variants:** **Bunford, Bumford, Bomford, Boundford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: locative name from a lost place called *Burnford* in Bromsgrove (Worcs), which is recorded as *Burneford* in 1240, *Burnford* in 1427.  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Burneford', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Waltero de Burneford, about 1240–50 in *Saint Wulstan Worcester* (Worcs); John de Burnford, William de Burneford, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Burneford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramshaw and Canterton, Hants); Jhoane Burnford, 1590, Sarah Bunford, 1804 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Robort Bumford, 1617 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Richard Boumford, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Aberhafesp, Montgomerys); Thomas Bunford, 1663 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); William Bomford, 1665 in *IGI*

(White Ladies Aston, Worcs); Elizabetha Burnford, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Johannis Bumford, 1674 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); William Bunford, 1683 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Mary Burnford, 1689 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Ed Boundford, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Llanwnnog, Montgomerys); Samuel Bumford, 1732 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Emilia Burnford, 1737 in *IGI* (Ross on Wye, Herefs); John Boundford, 1776 in *Shrops Archives* (Llanymerenig, Montgomerys); Andrew Bumford, Andrew Boundford, 1825 in *National Library of Wales* (Trefeglwys, Montgomerys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 339.

**Burnham**

**Variants:** **Burnam, Brunham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2944, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1823
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Northants; Derbys; ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Kilkenny
- English: locative name from Burnham (Bucks, Lincs, Norfolk, Essex, Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey, Roger de Burnham, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk), 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas Burnham, 1446 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

**Burnhill**

**Variants:** **Burnill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Brindle (Lancs), recorded as *Burnhull* in 1206. The name probably usually fell in with **Burnell**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Burnul, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Peter de Burnil, de Burnhill, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Burnehill, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Burnhill, 1569 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Thomae Burnhill, 1575 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Robertus Burnhill, 1606 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); George Burnhill, 1682 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); John Burnhill, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Burnhope**

**Variants:** **Burnop, Burnup, Burnip, Burnap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Burnhope (Durham).  
**Early bearers:** Alice Burnoppe, 1580 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Edward Burnappe, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Ralph Burnhope, 1746 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); William Burnep, 1777 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Wm Burnup, 1784 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Burnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish: see **Burney, McBurney**.

**Burnikell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

## Burnill

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Barnacle**.

## Burnill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Burnhill**.

## Burningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants
- English: variant of **Birmingham**.
- Early bearers:** John Burmingeham, 1541, Katherine Burningham, 1542 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Tho Burmingham, 1573 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Burningham, 1588 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Thomas Burningham, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk); Humphery Burningham, 1656 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants); Humphry Burningham, 1681 in *IGI* (Terwick, Sussex); Henry Burningham, 1702 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Richd Burningham, 1786 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

## Burnip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Burnhope**.

## Burnison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Burniston**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Burniston

- Variants: **Burnison**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim
  - English: locative name from Burniston (NR Yorks).
  - Early bearers:** . . . Brinneston, 1259 in *Assize Rolls*; Roger Burniston, 1592 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR, Yorks); Mark Burniston, 1653 in *IGI* (West Tanfield, NR, Yorks); George Burnistan, 1735 in *IGI* (Kirby Malzeard, Yorks); Christopher Burnistone, 1749 in *IGI* (Kirby Overblow, WR, Yorks).
  - References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 107.

## Burnitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Burnett**.

## Burnley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 619
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Burnley (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Robt Burneley, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Burnley, 1587 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Ann Burnley, 1632 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR

Yorks); William Burnlee, 1782 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham).

## Burnop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Durham
- English: see **Burnhope**.

## Burns

- Variants: **Berns**, **Burnes**, **Burness**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 34455, Ireland 6742
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20002
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also N England: esp. Lancs and Durham; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. E Ulster

1 Scottish: locative name from various places called formerly *Burnis*, *Burnes*, or *Burnhouse*, especially those in Kincardines, Renfrews, Dunbartons, and possibly Argyll. Some of the following bearers could alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The forefathers of the poet Robert Burns migrated from Argyll to Forfar, where for a while they were called Campbells of Burnhouse, and later *Burness* or *Burns* (MacBain, *Inverness Names*). The stress in *Burness* was on the first syllable. Thus, as the name was pronounced in Ayr as if written *Burns*, Robert and his brother agreed in April 1786 to adopt the spelling *Burns* (*Black*).

**Early bearers:** David Burnis, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); Gilbert Burnes, 1605 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Helein Burns, 1628 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Hendrie Burnhou, 1642 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines); Elspeth Burns, 1654 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Robert Burns, 1668 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Elizabeth Burns, 1697 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons).

2 English, Scottish: (i) variant of **Burn** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some of the following Scottish bearers may alternatively belong with (1). (ii) variant spelling of *Berns*; see **Barnes**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Burns, 1629 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Burns, 1659 in *IGI* (Balmerino, Fife); Agnes Burns, 1686 in *IGI* (Bolton, E Lothian).

England: Habraham Burns, 1567 in *IGI* (Sutton near Deal, Kent); Johanna Burnes, 1571 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); John Burnes, 1573 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Joan Burnes, 1574, Joice Burns, 1597 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard Burns, 1578 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); John Burns, 1582 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Steven Burns, 1585 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Thomas Burns, 1586 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Rychard Burnes, 1599 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Burns, 1684, Thomas Berns, 1767 in *IGI* (Shevioc, Cornwall); Thos. Burns, 1717 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Joseph Burns, 1742 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

3 Irish: anglicized form of **Byrne** with a excrescent *-s*.

## Burnside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1716, Ireland 344
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1050
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. E Lothian and Lanarks; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry

Scottish: locative name from any of over ten places in Scotland called Burnside, esp. the ones in Lanarks and W Lothian.

**Early bearers:** John Burnesyid, 1511 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Janet Burnsyde, 1669 in *Stirling Testaments* (Larbert, Stirlings).

**References:** *Black*.

## Burnup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Burnhope**.

## Burr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3343, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, Essex, Herts, and Beds; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: nickname from Middle English *burre* 'bur' (a seed-case or flower-head with clinging prickles), used by Shakespeare to denote someone who sticks like a bur, a person difficult to 'shake off', a sense which may well be older.
- Early bearers:** England: Hugo Burre, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Samson Burre, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); John Burre, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Erith, Kent); Johannes Burr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); William Burre, 1488 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goudhurst, Kent); William Burr, 1550 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Burr, 1556 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Margery Burr, 1560 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); William Burr, 1562 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Edward Burr, 1565 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs).
- Scotland: Andrea Bur, 1342 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Walter Bur or Burre, 1329–71 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Fife); Robert Bure, 1433 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow); Robert Burr or Bur, 1440–42 in *Glasgow Register* (Peebles, Peebles); William Bur, 1487 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Burra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Burrow**.

## Burrage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Norfolk and Suffolk; Herts and Beds
- English: see **Burridge**.

## Burrard

- Variants: **Borrett**, **Borritt**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
  - English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Burgheard* (see **Burkitt**). This may also have become *Borrett*, *Burrett*, etc.
  - Early bearers:** Robert Borard', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Simon Borhard, 1235, Borart, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Leics); Nicholas Burhard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Burrard, 1646 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Burrard, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le

Bow, London); Mary Burrard, 1726 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); William Burrard, 1743 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); John Burrard, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Burrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Burrell**.

### Burrell

**Variants:** Burrel, Burell, Burrill, Birrell, Berrill, Borrell, Borel, Borell, Borrill, Burrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5306, Ireland 171
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3894
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English, Old French *burel*, *borel* (also *birel*) ‘reddish brown’, referring perhaps to complexion or hair colour. This was occasionally used by Normans as a personal name, perhaps a nickname substituted for the given name. The word also denoted a coarse woollen cloth of this colour, so the surname may sometimes refer to dress, or it may be a nickname for a maker of the cloth, a *burreller*: compare Alfred le Burreller, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*; John Burrelman, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*. **Further information:** Middle English *burel* also developed the meaning ‘belonging to the laity’ (about 1390 *MED*), and ‘unlearned, rude’ (1513 *OED*). This latter sense is perhaps too late to have given rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Burellus de Rathesnese, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames, Midlands and S England: Roger Burel, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes filius Borelli, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland); William Birril, 1253 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Simon Borel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thom. Borel, 1310 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Eliz Burrell, 1581, John Burrell, 1752 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); William Burrell, 1584, Elizabeth Berrill, 1647, William Berrell, 1747 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks); Abraham Burrell, 1589 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); William Borell, 1690 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey). surnames, N England: William Burel, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Reginaldus Burel, 1202, Walterus Burel, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johanne Borel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Heslerton, ER Yorks); Thomas Borel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beeford, ER Yorks); Johannes Byrill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowling, WR Yorks); Johis Burrell, 1563, Thomas Burrell, 1634 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Robert Burrell, 1583, John Borrill, 1818 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Tabitha Burrell, 1579, Christopherus Burrill, 1604, Elisabetha Burhill, 1711 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); William Burrell, 1582 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Agnes Burell, 1610 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, NR Yorks); John Burrell, 1618 in *IGI* (Melsonby, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Burrell, 1673, Thomas Borrill, 1690 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); William Birrell, 1789 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robert Burrel, 1798 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks).

surnames, Scotland: Henry burel, about 1180 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William Burel, about 1250 in *History of North Durham* (Cnoc, Renfrews); John Burelle, 1357 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburgh,

Roxburghs); Henry Burell, 1477 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andrew Birrell or Burrell, 1540 in *Dysart Records* (Kirkaldy, Fife); Thomas Burreale, 1544 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Birrel, 1623 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); James Birrell, 1773 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Burwell (Lincs); see **Burwell**. Some of the examples under (1), such as the Boston early bearers, may represent this name. The two names have probably become confused.

### Burrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Burrell** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Burrells, 1714 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

### Burrien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name probably a variant of the now extinct *Burrant*, from Boarhunt (Hants), whose pronunciation is indicated by this spelling.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Burrante, 1566 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); George Burrien, 1595 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Thomas Burrien, 1623, Thomas Burrin, 1633, Elizabeth Buren, 1687 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); James Burrin, 1763, John Burrien, 1765 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Christopher Burring, 1766, William Burrin, 1773, William Burrien, 1799 in *IGI* (Cowley, Oxon); William Burring, 1799, Elizabeth Burrien, 1803 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Burress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Burrows**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Burrett

**Variants:** Borrett, Borritt, Burrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Surrey and Middx

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Burret* (Old English *Burgræd*, formed from *burg* ‘fortress, protection’ + *ræd* ‘advice, wisdom’).

**Further information:** It is not certain that *Burrett*, from the Thames valley, belongs with the other variants, which are mainly in E England.

**Early bearers:** Aurther Borrett, 1556 in *IGI* (Tannington, Suffolk); Jhon Burrill, 1575 in *IGI* (Withcall, Lincs); Robat Burrett, 1585 in *IGI* (Ranby, Lincs); Francys Burrett, 1592 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Burrett, 1617 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); John Borrit, 1708 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Mathew Borritt, 1723 in *IGI* (Stainfield, Lincs); Mary Borritt, 1732 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk).

2 English: possibly a nickname for someone with thick and dishevelled hair, from Old French *b(o)ure* ‘coarse woollen cloth’ + Middle English *heved* ‘head’.

### Burrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants; Notts
- English: see **Burry**.

### Burridge

**Variants:** Burrage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2690, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Dorset; Beds; Guernsey and Jersey

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Burgric* (from *burg* ‘fortress’ + *rice* ‘rule’, ‘powerful’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Burcheric, Burchricus, Burricus, Buric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Burrich de Bradefeld, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk). surnames: William Burrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Borrill, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Burrich, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); Thom. Burrage, 1565 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); John Burrage, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Burrydge, 1587 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Selvester Burrill, 1579 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Wyllyam Burrage, 1579 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Burrill, 1580 in *IGI* (Bobbing, Kent); John Burrill, 1591 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon).

### Burrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 334
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Burrell**.

### Burrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of the places called Burrington (Devon, Somerset, Herefs). **Early bearers:** John Burrington, 1582 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Jane Burrington, 1676, in *IGI* (Pipe and Lyde, Herefs); Thomas Burrington, 1708 in *IGI* (Combe Saint Nicholas, Somerset).

### Burris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Burrows**.

### Burriess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Middx
- English: variant spelling of **Burris**, see **Burrows**.

### Burritt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Sussex; Berks
- English: relationship name, see **Burrett**.

## Burros

### Burros

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

English: see **Burrows**.

Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Burrough

- Current frequencies: GB 506, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 646
  - Main GB location 1881: SW England: esp. Devon
- English: see **Burrow**.

### Burroughes

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 69
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Burrows**.

### Burroughs

- Current frequencies: GB 1470, Ireland 60
  - GB frequency 1881: 958
  - Main GB location 1881: London; E Anglia; Gloucs; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Carlow
- English: see **Burrows**.

### Burrous

- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: see **Burrows**.

Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Burrow

Variants: **Burrough**, **Borrow**, **Berrow**, **Burra**, **Berry**, **Burrows**

- Current frequencies: GB 2074, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 2036
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Devon
- English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a castle or manor house, or in a town, especially a chartered town or borough (Middle English *burgh*, Old English *burh*, *burg* ‘fortified place, borough, manor’), or who came from a place so named because it was a fortified town or near an ancient fort, such as Burrow (Leics, Lancs), Burrough Green (Cambs), Brough (numerous counties), and Peterborough (Northants). See also **Brough**, **Bury**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived on a hill or near a mound (Middle English *burgh*, Old English *beorg*), or who came from a place so named, such as Burrow (Devon, Somerset). Compare **Barrow**, **Berrow**, **Berry**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Boroghe, Thomas Burewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Borowe, 1527 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Esabell Borrow, 1539, M’Garet Burrow, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Roger Borough, 1560 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Richarde Burrough, 1564 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Issabell Burrow, 1568, Wyllm. Burow, 1575 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Margerett Borrow, 1578 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); William Burrow, 1618, James Burra, 1684 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm).

### Burrowes

- Current frequencies: GB 414, Ireland 90
- GB frequency 1881: 217

- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan
- English: see **Burrows**.

### Burrows

Variants: **Burrowes**, **Burroughs**, **Burroughes**, **Borrows**, **Boroughs**, **Burris**, **Burriss**, **Burress**, **Burrs**, **Burrous**, **Burros**, **Borris**

- Current frequencies: GB 17998, Ireland 620
  - GB frequency 1881: 12884
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; Tyrone
- 1 English: usually a post-medieval variant of **Burrow** + excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Burrows, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Bridget Burroughs, 1555 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); John Burrowes or Burroes, 1604, Richard Burrus, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Saint Nicholas Bristol, Gloucs); Rogeri Burrou, 1614, Sara Borroughs, 1636 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Borrowes or Burrowes, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Hathorn, Leics); Elizabeth Burows, 1645, Ralph Burrows, 1662 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Ricard Burras, 1652, John Borrass, 1741 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Burris, 1663 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, occupational name occasionally for someone who lived or worked at a house with a chamber for conducting manorial business (Middle English *bour*, Old English *būr* ‘bower, chamber’, + *hous* ‘house’). Compare *Bourhouse*, 1461–83 in *The East Anglian*, I, a manor of Waltham Abbey. Most instances of this surname have been found in Sheffield.

**Early bearers:** John de Burhus, 1440, Margaret Burrou, 1564, William Burrosse, 1572, William Burrowes, 1585, in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Emanuel Burroughs, 1671, Eliz. Borrows, 1780, Robert Burhouse, 1813, Martha Burrows, 1815 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Burhouse, 1814 in *IGI* (Honley, WR Yorks).

### Burruis

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Burrows**.

### Burru

Variants: **Burrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 350, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 342
- Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Wilts and Hants; Angus

1 English: nickname from Middle English *burry* ‘rough, shaggy’.

**Early bearers:** Gamel Burri, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Beatrix Burry, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); James Burry, 1547 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Jone Burry, 1565, Elizabeth Burrey, 1649 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Susan Burry, 1603 in *IGI* (Stert, Wilts).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) borough enclosure’, Middle English *bur(g)h* + *hei(e)*, *hai(e)* (Old English *burg* + (*ge*)*hæg*). **Early bearers:** Hugh de Burhey, 1260 in *Alrewas Court Rolls* (Staffs); William Burry, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

### Bursell

Variants: **Bursill**

- Current frequencies: GB 101, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks, Notts, and Lincs

1 English: (i) locative name from Burshill in Brandesburton (ER Yorks), recorded as *Bristhil* in the 12th century. (ii) see **Burstall**. The modern ER Yorks and N Midlands names more likely derive from this.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Bristhull, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ann Bursell, 1714 in *IGI* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Boarshill in Bigbury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Borishille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingsbridge, Devon); John Bursell, 1615 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Alexander Bursell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Burse

Variants: **Bersey**

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 79
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

1 Norman, English: locative name from Burcy (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Serlo de Burci, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Serlo Borci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Hugo de Burci, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Rannulf Bursi, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Hugh Bursey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Burcy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tarrant Gunville, Dorset); Richard Bersy, 1584 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Henrici Bursey, 1586 in *IGI* (Tarrant Hinton, Dorset); John Bursey, 1587 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); John Bersye, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Ralph Bursey, 1612 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Zacharias Berzey, 1693 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Anne Berzy, 1705 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall).

2 English: locative name from Bursea (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Byrsay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ricardus Byrsay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Cliffe, ER Yorks); Nathaniell Bursey, 1623 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks).

### Bursill

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Bursell**.

### Burslem

Variants: **Boslem**

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 226
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs; also Kent

English: locative name from Burslem (Staffs), recorded as *Burwardeslime* in 1252 and *Burseleym* in 1485.

**Early bearers:** Thos. Burslem son and heir apparent of John Burslem of Burslem Stafford, 1583 in *Staffs Archives*; Margareta Burslem, 1594 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Johnis Burslem, 1599 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); James Burslem, 1632 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Elizab. Burslam, 1707 in *IGI*



(Biddulph, Staffs); Benjamin Burslem, 1767 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Ann Burslem, 1793 in *IGI* (Swynnerton, Staffs); Hannah Burslam, 1808 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Burnsnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland

English: see **Birchenough** and compare the variant **Burnsnall**.

### Burson

Variants: **Berson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; Shrops

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Barson**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Bursonne, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Joan Rich Burson, 1646 in *IGI* (Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); Henry Burson, 1672 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); John Burson, 1766 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Burstall

Variants: **Birstall**, **Bursell**, **Bristol**, **Bristoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Birstal (WR Yorks), Birstall (Leics), Burstall (ER Yorks, Suffolk, Staffs), or Boarstall (Bucks, recorded as *Burcstala* in 1161). **Early bearers:** Peter de Burstall', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Burstall', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Richard de Birkestalle, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardo de Burstal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurcaston, Leics); Roberto de Burstalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurcaston, Leics); Johannes Birstall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardsley, WR Yorks); Jacobus de Burstall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gateforth, WR Yorks); Ricardus Brystyll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Johanne de Bristall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); John de Brystall, 1392 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Burstall, 1592 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Burstall, 1597 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Henry Burstall, 1602 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Sylvester Burstall, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robt Burstall, 1607 in *IGI* (Owston, Leics).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Burston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 594
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Worcs

1 English: locative name from Burston (Staffs, Bucks, Norfolk). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Burgeston, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Stephen de Briddesthorn', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William de Burstone, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus de Burston', 1381 in *Poll Tax*; Tho. Burston, 1556 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Elizabeth Burston, 1571 in *IGI* (Wrampingham, Norfolk); John Burston, 1637 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Sarah Burston, 1723 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Burstan*, \**Burston* (Old English \**Burgstān*, from *burg* 'fortress' + *stān* 'stone').

**Early bearers:** given names: Burstanus, 1171–2 in *Douglas Book* (Norfolk).

surnames: Godric filius Burstan, 12th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

### Burstow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from Burstow (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Burstowe, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John de Burgstowe, 1249 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Sussex); Richard de Burstowe, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Willm. Burstow, 1541 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Millecent Burstow, 1544 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); John Burstow, 1551 in *IGI* (Mertham, Surrey); Rich. Burstow, 1564 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Richard Burstow, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Burt

Variants: **Birt**, **Burtt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9251, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7069
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Dorset and IoW, and central Scotland: esp. Fife

English: variant forms of **Bird**, **Bright**, or **Burd**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Burt, Thomas Burd, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); William Burt, monk, 1239, William Burht, monk, 1249 in *Quarr Charters* (IoW); Roger Burt, about 1285 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary*; James Birt, 1505–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rebecca Burt, 1601, Marie Byrt, 1605 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts).

### Burtenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1007, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 692
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Birkinshaw**. Compare

### Bertenshaw.

**Further information:** The connection with WR Yorks is shown and discussed in *Surnames of Sussex*. Post-medieval local variants in Sussex include *Beconsawe*, *Buttenshaw*, *Buttinger* and *Burtinshall*, illustrating the hazards faced by local clerks in dealing with names from elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** Richard Brekynshawe, 1500 in *Place-Names of Sussex* 3, p. 314 (Barcombe, Sussex); Ann Burtenshaw, 1572 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Richard Burtenshaw, 1611 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 113–14.

### Burtinshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Burtoft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Burtoft (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Burtoft, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh de Burtoft', 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Joan Burtofte, 1580 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robert Burtofte, 1617 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); William Burtoft, 1743 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Butterfield Bortoft, 1855 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks).

### Burton

Variants: **Bourton**, **Borton**, **Berton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35555, Ireland 726
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25408
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs, WR Yorks and Notts; London; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Carlow and Wicklow

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Burton or Bourton.

**Early bearers:** Ioluard in Burhtun, about 1150 in *Yorks Charters*; Gerard de Burton, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks, Leics); William de Borton', 1275–6 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; William Burton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Borton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas atte Berton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northbourne, Kent); Johannes de Burton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Papplewick, Notts); Gilbert Burton, 1414 in *PROB 11* (Grays Inn, City of London); Guiliels Berton, 1543 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Nicholas Borton or Burton, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Cranfield, Beds); Gilles Burton, 1642, Gilse Burten, 1646 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Dionice Bourton or Burton, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Tadmerton, Oxon); Elizabeth Burton, 1686, Johannes Burtin, 1692 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs).

### Burtonshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Burtonwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Burtonwood (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Burtonwoode, 1592 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Henrie Burtenwood, 1647 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire); Susanna Burtonwood, 1777 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Burtt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; York; Dorset and Wilts;

English: see **Burt**.

### Burtwistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Lincs

English: see **Birtwistle**.

### Burvill

Variants: **Burville**, **Barfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0

## Burville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Burville in Tilmanstone (Kent), which is recorded as *Barefeld* in 1248, *Barfeild* in 1479. The place-name derives from Old English *bær* 'bare' + *feld* 'open land'.
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Barefeld, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Tilmanstone, Kent); [ . . . ] de Barfeld', 1313 in *Kent Place-Names* (Eastry hundred, Kent); Emmota Barefeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Barefeld, 1446 in *East Kent Records* (Eastry, Kent); Peter Barfeld, 1484 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Eastry, Kent); William Barvyll, 1564, Richard Burveld, 1565, Edmund Barfelde, 1576, James Burvelde, 1591 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Barfield, 1566 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); Alles Burvill, 1589 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); James Burvyll, 1609 in *Assize Rolls* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); James Burvill, 1615 in *East Kent Records* (Tilmanstone, Kent); Nicholas Burvill, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Northbourne, Kent); George Burvell, 1674 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Will Burvill, 1725 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Tho Burville, 1809 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent).
- References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 584; P. Burville, *An East Kent Family: the Burvilles*, summarized in P. Burville (2011), 'Burville One-Name Study', *Journal of One-Name Studies*, October-December 2011, pp. 18–20.

## Burville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Burvill**.

## Burward

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Burgward* (from *burg* 'fortress' + *w(e)ard* 'guard, protector'). In theory it might be confused with **Breward** in early-modern times.
- Early bearers:** given names: Burewardus, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk).
- urnames: Ralph Borgward, 1299 in *London Letter Books* E; Robert Boreward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Radulphus Burward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellingborough, Northants); William Burghward, Austen Burward, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Radulphi Burward, 1560 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); Mary Burward, 1579 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk).

## Burwash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name from Burwash (Sussex), recorded as *Burgersa* in the 12th century.
- Early bearers:** William de Burwash, 1291 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Kent); Bartholomew de Burghersh, 1355 in *Kent Place-Names* p. 31; Richard Burwish, William Burwash, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

## Burwell

- Variants:** **Burrell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: locative name in most cases from Burwell (Lincs), but in some cases possibly from Burwell (Cambs). The name has a similar distribution to **Burrell**, which may often represent a pronunciation of *Burwell*, particularly in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Burewelle, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Gilbert de Borewell, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Wisbech, Cambs); William Burwell', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Prudence Burwell, 1569, Procter Burwell, 1734 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Jana Burwell, 1584 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Borwell, 1598 in *IGI* (Langton by Horncastle, Lincs); Thomas Burwell, 1712, George Burwell, 1813 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Susanna Burwell, 1738, William Burwell, 1826 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs).

## Burwood

- Variants:** **Barwood**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 598, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Guernsey
- English: locative name from Burghwood Farm in Ormesby Saint Michael or Burwood Hall in Mileham (both Norfolk).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Burghwode of Aylsham, parson of Alderford, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus de Burwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hempstead near Holt, Norfolk); Elena de Burwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); William de Burghwode, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk and Suffolk); William de Burghwode alias Burwode, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Neatishead, Norfolk); John Barwood, 1573, Ambrose Burwood, 1583 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Alice Burwood, 1605, Henry Barwood, 1634 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk).
- References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, p. 15.

## Bury

- Variants:** **Berry**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1575, Ireland 83
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Cork
- English: locative name from Bury in Lancs or any of several similarly named places, in Cambs, Sussex, and elsewhere. Compare **Burrow**.
- Early bearers:** Adam de Biry, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam Biry, 1257 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Roger Bury, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Hubert Bery, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John de Bury, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Peter Bury, 1544 in *IGI* (Haddon, Hunts); Richard Bury, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Rich. Bury, 1557 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Eme Bury, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Robt. Bury, 1559 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex).

## Busbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Busby**.
- Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Busbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Busbridge (Surrey).
- Early bearers:** Agnes Busbridge, 1561 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich); Rob Bisbrige, 1563 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Thomas Busbridg, 1618 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Edward Besbridge, 1648 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Richard Buzbridge, 1717 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

## Busby

- Variants:** **Busbey**, **Bussyb**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4083, Ireland 131
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3074
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, Northants, and Bucks; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Dublin
- 1 English: variant of **Bushby**.
  - 2 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Busby in Carmunnock (Renfrews).
- Early bearers:** David de Busby, 1330 in *Papal Letters* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andro Busby, 1488 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); James Busbie, 1648 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Buscall

- Variants:** **Buskell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: occupational name from Old English *butsecarl* 'boatman, mariner'. The *butsecarls* stand in the same relation to the *scip-fyrd* that the housecarls occupy to the *land-fyrd*, i.e. they are the king's standing force as opposed to the national levies.
- Early bearers:** Sigar Buzecarl, 1111–38 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Nicholas Buscecarle, 1205–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Buscarl, 1326 in *Petre Documents*; Nathan Buskell, 1626 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

## Busch

- Variants:** **Bush**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 German: locative name, topographic for someone who lived by a thicket or wood, Middle High German *busch* 'bush', or toponymic from a place named with this word.
- Early bearers:** Cornelius Busch, 1766 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Gustav Heinrich Busch, 1843 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Woldemar Wilhelm Julius Busch, 1845 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Peter Busch, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fredericka Busch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Lorenz Busch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hoxton, Middx).- 2 English: possibly in some instances a variant spelling of **Bush**.

## Buscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Bascombe**.

## Buse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Glamorgan; Northants
- English: see **Bews**.

### Busey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks; Somerset

English: probably a variant spelling of **Bussey** or **Boosey**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Busfeld

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; Somerset

English: see **Bousfield**.

### Busfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 551
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Bousfield**.

### Bush

**Variants:** **Bushe, Boyce, Buss, Busch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8719, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7363
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Essex; Norfolk; Wilts and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Longford

1 English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) bush’, from Middle English *busk, busche, boish* (Old English *\*busc*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Busce, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry del Busk, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger atte Buske, del Bushe, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iii; Richard Bussh, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Philippo Bussh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Willelmo Bussh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bersted, Sussex); Ricardus Bussch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Busche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherington, Gloucs); Thomas Busche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Thomas Busshe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meretown with members, Staffs); Roland atte Bushe, 1384 in *London Pleas*; Anne Bush, 1576 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Richard Bush, 1582 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Maria Bush, 1588 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Susana Bush, 1626 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).

2 German: sometimes perhaps an anglicized spelling of German **Busch**.

### Bushaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Will Bushaway, 1721 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Saint Nicholas, Ipswich, Suffolk); James Bushaway, 1726 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Bushaway, 1732–3 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Saint Stephen, Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert Bushaway, 1852 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Bushby

**Variants:** **Busby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1349, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1085
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Beds; N England
- English: locative name from Bushby (Leics) or Busby (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Amptill (Beds) and Steyning (Sussex) since the early 16th century. In both cases, this appears to be the result of migration from northern England.

**Early bearers:** Eustace de Buskeby, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Busseby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Twyford, Leics); Ricardo de Busseby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johannes de Bussby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Ricardus de Busby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Adam de Buskeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks); Johannes Busby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); Andrew Busby, Busbe, Busby or Bussheby, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Staffs); William Bushbye, 1550 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Bushbie, 1564 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Johannis Bushby, 1565 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Rychard Bushby, 1569 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Alexander Bushby, 1577 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Elisabeth Bushby, 1632 in *IGI* (East Wittering, Sussex); John Bushby, 1702 in *IGI* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks).

### Bushe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Dublin; Cork

Irish: see **Bush**.

### Bushel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Monmouths; Kent

English: see **Bushell**.

### Bushell

**Variants:** **Bushel, Bushill, Bussell, Bissell, Bissill, Bishell, Boshell, Bizzell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4574, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2892
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Berks, Hants, and IoW; Norfolk; Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *buyscel, busshel, bysshell* ‘bushel’, Old French *boissell, buissiel*, perhaps used for someone who measured out corn, etc., in bushels, or for a maker of bushel vessels. Compare Stephen Busselman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Busselar, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Boseler, 1305 in *Fransson* (Lincs). (The last two are from Old French *boisselier* ‘maker of vessels (baskets) holding a bushel’.)

**Early bearers:** Roger Buissel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Alan Buscel, about 1140 in *Yorks Charters*; Richard Bussell, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Richard Buschel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Bushell, 1550 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Jone Bushell, 1560 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Bushell, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Edward Bushell, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Bushell, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Bridgett Bissell, 1615, George Bissel, 1696 in *IGI*

(Yardley, Worcs); Henry Bushell, 1655, John Bushall, 1675 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Bushen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Glamorgan

English: locative name, probably from Bushton in West Buckland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** . . . Bysshton, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Samuel Bushton, 1558 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); John Bushen, 1590 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); William Bushton, 1612 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Ambrose Bushen, 1672 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); William Bushton, 1708 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Roger Bushen, 1735 in *IGI* (Luxborough, Somerset); Bartholomew Bushon, 1745 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Elizabeth Bushin, 1814 in *IGI* (Minehead, Somerset).

### Busher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: variant of **Belcher**. Compare **Bowsher, Belsher, and Boshier**. The following bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Busher, 1566, Lancelote Bewsher, 1669 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Christopher Busher, 1580 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Lanclott Busher, 1634 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

2 English: see **Bosher**.

3 Norman, Irish: Hibernicized form of **Butcher**. It was the name of an Anglo-Norman family in Wexford.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Nicholas Busher, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1749 (Ballycomyke, Kilkenny); John Bussher, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §836 (Castletown, Cork); Martin Bussher, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny).

### Bushey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Bushey (Herts), which is recorded as *Bissei* in 1086, *Bisheye* in 1230, *Byssheheye* in 1235, *Bussheye* in 1330.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Bisshye, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bushey, Herts); John de Bisshye, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John de Byssheye, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Bushey, Herts); William de Byssheye, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Mears Ashby, Northants); Robert Busshey, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Henry Busshey, 1414 in *London Wills* (Saint Clement Danes, London); George Bushie, 1565, Sarah Bushy, 1634 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 64.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *busshie* ‘bushy, shrub-like, overgrown’, probably in the sense ‘having long, thick hair’ (well recorded in 17th-century usage). It is, however, possible that all the bearers cited here belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** John Busshey, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Haugham, Lincs); Willelmus Buschy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Agnes Bushie, 1568 in *IGI*

## Bushill

(Sibsey, Lincs); Elizabeth Busshey, gentlewoman, 1574 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs); Margaret Bushey, 1578 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs).

### Bushill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Bushell**.

### Bushnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Bushnell**.

### Bushnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Bushnell**.

### Bushnell

**Variants:** **Bushnall**, **Bushnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1371, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 724
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; also Hants and Wilts; Angus

English: locative name from Bushnells Green in Bucklebury (Berks), which is recorded as *Bushnell*, *Busshendhill* in 1565.

**Early bearers:** William Bushnell, 1541 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); John Bushnell, 1548 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Also Bushnell, 1579 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Edith Bushnell, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Stratfield Mortimer, Berks); Maria Bushnell, 1616 in *IGI* (East and West Hagbourne, Berks); Richard Bushnell, 1648 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); William Bushnell, 1652 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Anthonie Bushnaile, 1664 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks); Alice Bushnell, 1672 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Anne Bushnell, 1690 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Thomas Bushnell, 1712 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); Thomas Bushnell, 1741 in *IGI* (Sulhampstead Abbots, Berks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 156.

### Bushrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Bushrod, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Taunton, Somerset); John Bushrod, 1646 in *Parish Registers* (London); George Bushrod, 1658 in *Parish Registers* (Warmwell, Dorset); Thomas Bushrod, 1690 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Richard Bushrod, 1799 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Bushrod, 1818 in *IGI* (Coombe Keynes, Dorset).

### Busk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Old Scandinavian *buskr* 'bush', perhaps for someone who lived by a conspicuous one; see also **Bush**. The Scandinavian word also appears as a place-name *Busk* (Cumb, Lancs, NR Yorks), which is likely to be responsible for some of the surnames.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Busk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Willelmus Busk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); Hamundus Busk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornage with Brinton, Norfolk); Galfridus Buske, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Katheryn Buske, 1567 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Daniel Busk, 1707 in *IGI* (Deritend and Bordesley, Warwicks); Wadsworth Busk, 1729 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Busk, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

2 Dutch: from *busch*, a Dutch word of similar meaning and ultimate origin to the Scandinavian one.

**Early bearers:** Francis van Busk, born in Holter in Flanders, dwelling at London, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Buskell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk
- English: see **Buscall**.

### Buskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from northern Middle English *busk* 'bush' + *hey* 'enclosure' (Old English \**busc-* + (*ge*)*hææg*).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Remig' de Buskeheye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Buskey, 1666 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Francis Buskey, 1749 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); George Buskey, 1804 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Martha Buskey, 1855 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Buskin

**Variants:** **Boskin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Buskin in Devon or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) bushes', from the dative plural of Old English \**busc*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas atte Busken, atte Bosken, 1329–30 in *Pipe Rolls* (*Place-Names of Devon* p. 140); John Buskyn of Chippenham, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Alyce Busken, 1581, Samawell Buskyn, 1573 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Henry Buskin, 1610 in *IGI* (Stevington, Beds).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bukke-skin*, skin of a buck, used particularly of buckskin breeches, used to denote a maker of breeches or for a worker in buckskin or leather; this would inevitably come to be pronounced *Buskin*. Richard de Gravele called Bokslyn was an apprentice of Walter Polyt fuyster ('saddletree maker'; see **Fewster**), 1311 in *London Letter Books D*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Buckesky, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Buskyn, 1281 in *Close Rolls*; Katharine Bukesky, 1295 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Norfolk); Peter Buskyn, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Billingford, Norfolk); Petrus Buxskyn, 1316 in *Feudal Aids*; Annis Buskin, 1592 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Elizabeth Buskin, 1594 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Thomas

Buskin, 1622 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Edwardi Buskin, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Elizabeth Buskin, 1654 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Busnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- French, English: see **Buesnel**.

### Buss

**Variants:** **Busse**, **Busst**, **Boost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1234, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 959
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: (i) variant of **Bush**. Compare Willelmus de Busse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks). (ii) perhaps from Middle English *bus(se)* 'vessel, container, cask', used for a user or maker of these, or for someone with a large body. Compare **Bushell**, **Barrell**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Busse, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Busse, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Johanna Busse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Annas Busse, 1574 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); John Buss, 1585 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Busse, 1584 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Agnes Busse, 1600 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

### Bussyby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Busby**.

### Busse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Buss**.

### Bussell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 661
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, and Somerset; also Gloucs; Glamorgan; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: see **Bushell**.

2 Norman, English: see **Boswell**.

### Bussey

**Variants:** **Bussy**, **Bussie**, **Busey**, **Boosey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1354, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1015
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 Norman, English: locative name from Bouce (Orne), Boucey (Manche), or Bucy-le-Long (Aisne).

**Further information:** The *Domesday Book* undertenant came from Bouce (Orne).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Buci, de Boci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); Robert Buscy, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William Bussy, 1310 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xx (Essex); Daniell Bussey, 1648 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Mary Bussey, 1707 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Thomas Bussey, 1814 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

2 English: see **Boosey**.

**Bussie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Bussey**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Busson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Anglo-Norman *bosoigne* 'need, poverty, destitution'. (ii) locative name from Anglo-Norman *busson* 'bush' (compare Modern French *buisson*).

**Early bearers:** John Buzun, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Bussun, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Derbys); Johannes Bouson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Boson, Bozon, 1536 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); James Busson, 1801 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

**Busst**

**Variants:** **Bust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: perhaps to be taken, with the equally obscure **Bust** and **Boost**, as a variant of **Buss** with excrescent *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Bust, 1547 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Annye Buste, 1587 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Jhon Bust, 1607 in *IGI* (Bucknall, Lincs); Edward Busst, 1745 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); James Busst, 1778 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); John Busst, 1785 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Bussy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Norman: see **Bussey**.

**Bust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts

English: see **Busst**.

**Bustard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Fermanagh

English: nickname from Middle English *bustarde* 'bustard' (a large, heavily built bird, the males of which engage in spectacular courtship displays), Old French *bistarde*, *bustarde*. There has been some confusion with **Busteed**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Buistard, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; Robert Boistard, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Bustarde, 1343 in *Whitby Chartulary*; Ane Widow Bustard, 1567 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent); Alis Bustard, 1574 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Anthony Bustard, 1592 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Elizabeth Bustard, 1610 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Grace Bustard, 1627 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds).

Ireland: Charles Bustard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonamongan, Tyrone); John Bustard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Devenish, Fermanagh); Adam Bustard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donegal, Donegal).

**Busteed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: unexplained, 'presumably from England' de Bhulbh p. 148. According to MacLysaght, the surname is found almost exclusively in County Cork, having been recorded there since the first half of the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Richard Busteed, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 194 (Ballinvre, Cork); Giles Bustead, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 203 (Mountlong, Cork); Giles Bursted, poll money commissioner, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 623 (Cork).

England: Richard Busteed, 1595 in *IGI* (Sevenhampton, Gloucs); Paris Busteed, 1653 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); John Busteed, 1777 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

**Bustin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Oxon, and Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *busteyn*, *bustian* (Old French *bustane*), a kind of fine cotton cloth, which apparently also occurs in Middle English in the form *busting*. If all the forms here belong together, then there seems to have been a tradition of using the *-ing* form in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Michaelis Bustyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, Norfolk); Mathew Bustaine, 1568, Phil Bustaine, 1631, Mary Busten, 1659 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Thomas Bustyn, 1575, Robert Bustyne, 1578 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Willm Busten, 1593 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Alce Bustyn, 1602 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Gorge Bustin, 1629 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jo. Busting, 1645 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Charles Bustin, 1656, Hanah Busting, 1716 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Mary Bustin, 1755 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon); Charles Bustin, 1796 in *IGI* (Lillington, Warwicks); Thomas Bustin, 1831 in *IGI* (Great Billing, Northants).

**Buston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from High Buston in Warkworth (Northumb), or from some other place with a similar name, for example Buston in Hunton (Kent) or Buston in Kings Sutton (Northants), though there are uncertainties about the age of the Northants place-name.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Botleston, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Warkworth, Northumb); William de Botlesdon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (High Buston, Northumb); Makky de Botlison, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Low Buston, Northumb); Adam de Botillison, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morpeth, Northumb); Henricus Buston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ducklington, Oxon); Johannes Buston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witham, Essex); Alice Buston, 1560 in *IGI*

(Kingston Lisle, Berks); William Buston, 1591 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Thomas Buston, 1661 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham); William Buston, 1728 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham).

**Busuttil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: relationship name, nickname, modern form of the medieval Maltese surname *Busittin*, which is from Arabic *Abu-sittin* 'master or owner of 60 (men)', possibly denoting the leader of a local militia. **Early bearers:** James Busuttil, born in Middx, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Guiseppe Busuttil, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy); Guiseppe Luigi Busuttil, 1886 in *IGI* (Frogmore, Herts); Luigi Busuttil, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Herts).

**References:** *Cassar*.

**Buswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 871
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Warwicks, Leics, and Oxon

Norman, English: see **Boswell**.

**Buszard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Buzzard**.

**Butchard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife; also Kent

English: see **Butcher**.

**Butchart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Butcher**.

**Butcher**

**Variants:** **Butchers, Bucher, Boucher, Bouchier, Boutcher, Bowcher, Bowker, Busher, Bouchard, Buchard, Butchard, Butchart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15013, Ireland 275
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England: Suffolk, Essex, and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Dublin
- English: occupational name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *bocher*, *bouch(i)er*, *bowcher* (Old French *bochier*, *bouchier*) 'butcher'. **Further information:** Occasionally, medieval instances of *Bocher* may represent **Bodger**, at least in E England. **Early bearers:** Ailwardus le Bochere, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Richard le Bucher, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Bochier, Alan le Boucher, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Bocher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aldington, Kent); Johannes Boucher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerton, Oxon); Willelmo Boucher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Johannes Bouchere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corscombe, Dorset); Johannes Boucher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashey liberty, Hants); Gregorius Bocher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe,

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Norfolk); Willelmus Boucher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Roberto Boucher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Grafton and West Grafton, Wilts); Willelmus Bocher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainborough, WR Yorks); Robertus Bocher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Galby, Leics); Radulphus Boucher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Edmund Butcher, 1543 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); William Butcher, 1543 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Hughe Butcher, 1546 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Butcher, 1553 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); James Butcher, 1554 in *IGI* (Carlton, Beds).

### Butchers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** S coast: esp. Kent, Sussex, IoW, and Devon

English: variant of **Butcher**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Bute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Butt**.

### Butement

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: see **Beautyman**.

### Butland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 331
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Butland (Devon), recorded as Buttelond in 1238 and Bottelonde in 1311 (*Place-Names of Devon*, p. 281)
- Early bearers:** Robert Butland, 1580 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Ric Butland, 1606 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Grace Butland, 1756 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Henry Butland, 1815 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset).

### Butler

**Variants:** **Buttler**, **Le Boutillier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45968, Ireland 7632
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29068
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny and Tipperary

Norman, English, Irish: status name for an officer of high rank nominally connected with the supply and importation of wine, Anglo-Norman French *butuiller*, Old French *bouteillier* ‘servant in charge of the wine-cellar’, usually the head servant.

**Further information:** As well as being widespread in England, this is also the surname of an important Irish family, descended from Theobald FitzWalter, who was appointed Chief Butler of Ireland by King Henry II in 1177. It is Gaelicized as *de Buitléir*.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo Buteiller, 1055 in *Documents in France*; Alexander le butiller, 1174–84 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Hunts); Baldwin le Buteilier, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William le Boteller, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry le Butler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Brigg le Botiller’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Buteler, Walterus

Butelier, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckhorn Weston, Dorset); Johannes Butler, 1538 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); James Butler, 1539 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Richard Butler, 1539 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks).

Ireland: Robert Butler, 1560–61 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §293 (Tipperary); Richard Butler, Viscount of Mountgarret, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §542; Theobald Butteler, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §887 (Darilokan, Tipperary).

### Butlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 999, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *buter* ‘to strike or buffet’ + *vilain* ‘peasant, bondman, rascal’. Compare **Buttifant**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Butevilain, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus Buteuillanus archidiaconus, 1147–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Ernīs Buteuilein, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Juliana Butteveleyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Butteuyleyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Cressingham, Norfolk); William Butteveleyn, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Symon Butlin, 1621 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); Sarah Butlin, 1722, Wm Buttling, 1734, Mary Buttlin, 1755 in *IGI* (Keyham, Leics).

### Butner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *botonier* ‘button maker’.

**Early bearers:** Henry, Geoffrey le Botoner, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London), 1282 in *London Letter Books A*.

### Butson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Butson (modern Butson’s Farm in Kentisbeare, Devon), recorded as *Botuston*, about 1200, *Botyston*, 1339, *Butson*, 1610.

**Early bearers:** Alice Butson, 1556 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Nicholas Buttson, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall); Amelia Butson, 1756 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 564–5.

### Butt

**Variants:** **Butts**, **Bute**, **Butte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10912, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3842
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Hants; Gloucs and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *\*but(te)*, Old English *\*butta* ‘(something or someone) short and stumpy’, also used as a personal name up until about 1200. The Hants surname (Middle English *le But*) possibly refers to the man called *But*, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants), who may also be commemorated in Buttsash (‘Butt’s ash tree’) in Fawley (Hants). The place-name is first recorded in 1212 as *Bottesesse*; see *Hampshire Place-Names*, which notes that a William le But was resident in Fawley in 1327. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: *But* (a moneyer) 1087–1100 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); *But*, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: Godlambus filius *But*, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary*; Robertus filius *But*’ (the moneyer), 1137 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Hubert *But*, about 1150 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Leuricus *Butte*, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Robert le *But*, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William le *But*, 1214 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; William le *But*, Richard le *But*, about 1257 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); William le *But*, 1327 in *Hampshire Place-Names* (Fawley, Hants); Walterus *But*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Thomas *Bute*, 1551 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Martha *Bute*, 1563 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Agnes *Butt*, 1565, John *But*, 1573, Mary *Butt*, 1657 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Christopher *Butt*, 1568, Joseph *Bute*, 1780, Mary *Butt*, 1804 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants); Robert *Butt*, 1592, Judith *Butt*, 1715 in *IGI* (Leigh, Gloucs); Tho. *Butt*, 1590, Joan *Butt*, 1657 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Francis *Bute*, 1778 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**References:** *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at *\*butta*.

2 English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a tree stump. This sense is not recorded in English before 1601 but is probably much earlier; see (1). (ii) locative name for someone who lived near a mound, from Middle English *but(te)*.

**Early bearers:** William de *Butte*, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

### Buttanshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

### Buttar

**Variants:** **Buttars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Butter**.

### Buttars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: variant of **Buttar**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Butte

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Butt**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Butten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Button**.

### Buttenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Birkinshaw**.

**Butter**

Variants: **Buttar**, **Butters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Norfolk and Lincs; London, Kent, and Sussex; Devon Perths, Angus, and Fife;
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: (i) locative name, occupational name for someone who was in charge of provisions, the keeper of a buttery or wine store (Old French \**boter*). Compare Stephanus del Butere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts). See also **Botterell**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *but(t)er*, a reduced form of Middle English *buterer* 'maker or seller of butter'.

**Further information:** Compare John Butercharl, about 1192 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex), Thomas Butterman, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), Henry Botreman, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk), Margaret le Buttermongere, 1306 in *London Court Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Turchetillus Butere, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Butere, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William le Buter, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John le Buttare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William le Buttere, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds v* (Warwicks); William le Buterar', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Henry le Butter', Richard le Buttar', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selsey, Sussex); Geoffrey Butter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Buttere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Elinore Butter, 1541 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Rafe Butter, 1543 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Jacobus Butter, 1543 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Jonne Butter, 1551 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Butter, 1561 in *IGI* (Baumber, Lincs); Thomas Butter, 1597 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Butter, 1717 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *buter(e)* 'butter'. Some of the early bearers in (1) may belong here.

3 Norman, English: nickname, possibly a variant of **Butitude** through a late Middle English reduction of Anglo-Norman French *Botetorte* 'twisted boot' to *Butter*. See also **Butters**.

**Early bearers:** John Butter, 1560 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Henry Butter, 1589 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Butter, 1706 in *IGI* (Shouldham, Norfolk).

4 English: nickname occasionally perhaps from Middle English *botor*, Old French *butor* 'bittern', noted for its boom in the breeding season and sometimes called 'bull of the bog'. The 1332 form may alternatively belong with **Boater**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Butor, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry le Butor, 13th cent. in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); John Botour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Towsington, Devon).

5 Scottish: possibly identical with (1, i) above, which may be the first element of the village name *Buttergask*, in the parish of Ardoch (Perths); see **Buttercase**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Butir, 1331 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; William Butyr and Patrick Butirr, 1360 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Gowrie, Perths); James Buttir, 1511 in *Dunkeld Rentale*; Alexander Buttar, 1692 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Perths); Archbald Butter, 1704 in *IGI* (Bencochy, Perths); John Buttar, 1715 in *IGI*

(Lundie, Angus); Thomas Buttar, 1723 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus).

**Buttercase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Buttergask (Ardoch, Perths). Compare **Butter** (5). **Early bearers:** Reginald de Buthyrgasse, 1261 in *Panmure Register* (Perths); Johan de Botirgask, king's tenant, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Adam de Buthirgask, 1304, granted a charter of the lands in Buttergask to the abbot and abbey of Scone, 1304 in *Scone Charters*; Andrew de Bothirgask, knight, witnessed a charter of David II, 1344 in *Arbroath Register*; Margaret de Buttirgask of Buttergask, resigned her lands there, 1507 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perths); Cathrine Buttercase, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

**Butterfield**

Variants: **Butterfill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4156, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3941
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Herts and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Offaly; Down

English: locative name from Butterfield (WR Yorks), or from other minor places with the same name.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Buteresfeld', 1199 in *Pleas* (Bucks); Philip de Butterfeld', 1231 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Adam de Butterfeld', 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Boterfeld, 1423 in *London Letter Books* Kent.

**Butterfill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Butterfield**.

**Butterick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Butterwick**.

**Butterill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

Norman, English: variant of **Botterill**.

**Butteris**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Buttress**.

**Butteriss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

Norman, English: see **Buttress**.

**Butterley**

Variants: **Butterly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Butterley (Derbys); possibly in some instances from Butterley (Herefs) or Butterleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Eduuin de Buterleio, 1084 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Roger de Buterle, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Stephen de Butterleye, 1329 in *Worcester Cartulary*; John Butterlegh, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); William Butterley, 1574 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Butterley, 1579 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Mary Butterley, 1610 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Charles Butterley, 1682 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Richard Butterley, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

**Butterly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Louth, and Meath

English: see **Butterley**.

**Butters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1926, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs; also Staffs; Fife

Norman, English: variant of **Butter** (3), with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. In the Norfolk surname the additional *-s* may have been influenced by the genitive case form of the name of the relevant manor. Sir Baldwin Botours, referred to in 1445 as Butturt, i.e. Botetourt, was apparently lord of that family's manor, Butters Hall, recorded as the *Manor of Botours or Butters Hall*, also *Botetourts*, in Court Rolls of Thompson, Norfolk (1449), *Norfolk Record Office*.

**Early bearers:** William Butters, 1653 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Elizabeth Butters, 1663 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Butters, 1700 in *IGI* (Belchford, Lincs); James Butters, 1776 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife).

**References:** Crabbe, George (1882), *Some materials for a history of the parish of Thompson* (Norwich: Goose), pp. 62–70.

**Butterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Denbighs and Flints

English: locative name from Butterton (Staffs, Westm).

**Early bearers:** Rondulph Butterton, 1569 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Lewis Butterton, 1586 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Mary Butterton, 1730 in *IGI* (Overton, Flints); John Buttertone, 1822 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Wm Butterton, 1827 in *IGI* (Wrexham, Denbighs).

**Butterwick**

Variants: **Butterick**, **Buttrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218

## Butterwood

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks; Hunts
- English: locative name from Butterwick (NR Yorks, ER Yorks, Lincs, Durham, Westm).
- Early bearers:** Gusa de Buttirwic, about 1155 in *Gilbertine Charters*; William de Boterwyk, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Hugh de Buterwyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Boterwyk, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Xpofer Butterwick, 1593 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Thomas Butterwick, 1632 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Mary Butterwick, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Georgij Butterwick, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Butterwick, 1666 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

## Butterwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Butterworth**.

## Butterworth

**Variants:** **Butterwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8387, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10748
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Butterworth (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Butterword, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Alexander de Boterworth, 1389 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Thomas Butterworth, 1456 in *York Freeman's Register*; Joha Butterworth, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Alexander Butterworth, 1554 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Gulielmus Butterworth, 1618 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire).
- References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 411–13.

## Buttery

**Variants:** **Buttrej**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1591, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Notts; Lincs, and Yorks
- English: (i) nickname for the keeper of a buttery, from Old French *boterie*, originally 'place for storing liquor', but early used to denote a larder, a room where provisions were stored (1384 *MED*). See also **Botterell**. (ii) locative name from Buttery (Shrops), recorded as *Buthereia*, about 1175, *Butterie* in 1655, and *Buttery* in 1700 (*Place-Names of Shrops* I, p. 68). **Early bearers:** William Buteri, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Reginald Boteri, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); William de Buteri, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); John de la Boterye, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Jane Buttery, 1544 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Hew Buttery, 1550 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Mary Buttery, 1561 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Robert Buttery, 1566 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Margareta Buttery, 1567 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

## Buttifant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *buter* 'to strike, buffet' + (*en*)*fant* 'child'. Compare Robert Butevilain 'beat the rascal', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); see **Butlin**.

**Further information:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire* doubtfully explains the comparable French surname **Butavand** as an altered form of **Buttevent**, denoting someone who lived in a place exposed to the wind, from *buter*, Occitan *buta* 'to strike, buffet' + *vent* 'wind'. The English forms of the name, though late, point unequivocally to *enfant* as the second element. **Early bearers:** Ellys Buttyfaunt, 1554 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); John Buttefant, 1584 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Ellice Buttifant, 1601 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); John Buttevant, 1602, Andrew Buttyvant, 1612, John Butterfant, 1744, Matthew Buttevant, 1764, Maria Buttifunt, 1797 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Buttephant, 1689 in *IGI* (Middx); Henry Buttefont, 1702 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Ann Buttiphens, 1720 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk)

## Buttigieg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: relationship name, occupational name from Sicilian Arabic *Abu-l-dajāj(i)*, from a personal name or an occupational term for a poultterer, composed of Arabic *abu* 'father, master, owner' + *dajāj* 'fowl'. **Early bearers:** Charles Butjack, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Giovanni Buttigieg, born in Valletta, Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

## Buttimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: Irish name of English origin; etymology uncertain, but compare **Bottomer**. **Early bearers:** Morris (McRobert) Bottymer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6514 (Ferín McKeanebowy).

## Buttle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1218, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 778
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Norfolk; Essex; also Somerset and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- 1 English: see **Bottle**.  
2 English: see **Bowtell**.

## Buttler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 905
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Bucks, Oxon, and Warwicks; also Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Butler**.

## Buttolph

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Botolph* or *Botolf* (Old English *bōt* 'advantage' + *wulf* 'wolf'). **Further information:** Saint Botolph (d. 680) is said to have introduced the Benedictine rule into England and brought Christianity to East Anglia. Boston in Lincolnshire was named in Old English as *Bōtwulfes stān* 'Botolph's stone'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Botolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mundesley, Norfolk); Johannes Botolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Neatishead, Norfolk); Jermyon Buttolphe, 1576 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Elisabeth Buttolph, 1600 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); John Buttolfe, 1643 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Buttolphe, 1655 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Stephen Buttolph, 1701 in *IGI* (Wrampingham, Norfolk); Hannah Buttolph, 1701 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs).

## Button

**Variants:** **Butten, Botten, Botton, Booton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4379, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3526
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; also Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *botoun* 'button, ornamental stud' (Old French *bo(u)ton*), probably signifying one who made or sold buttons; compare **Butner**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Boton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Boton, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Stephen Botun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Botoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Richard Boton of Coventre, fishmonger, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Button, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Alton Priors, Wilts); Ricardus Botten, 1544 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Hen. Butten, 1572 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Thos Booton, 1591 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Gorge Button, 1597, Thomas Bouton, 1597 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Edward Button, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Francis Botton, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Sufanna Bottin, 1662, Susan Botten, 1668 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Jn. Button, 1665 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas Booton, 1732, Thos. Booton, 1737 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); James Button, 1747, David Buton, 1781 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).  
2 English: locative name from Booton (Norfolk), recorded as *Botuna*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and as *Boton, Boiton*, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls*. **Early bearers:** Walterum de Boiton, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William de Boton of Goldington, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Goldington, Beds); Thomas de Boton, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Buttonshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Birkinshaw**.

## Buttress

**Variants:** **Buttriss, Butteriss, Butteris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 408
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Rutland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- Norman, English: from *Boterels*, *Botereaus*, a plural form of *Boterel*. See **Botterill**.

## Buttrej

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Buttery**.



### Buttrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Butterwick**.

### Buttriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Midlands Norman, English: see **Buttress**.

### Buttrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Bartram**.

### Butts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; W Midlands

1 English: variant of **Butt**, with post-medieval excrement -s.  
 2 English: locative name from Middle English *buttes*, either a reference to the short ridges of ploughed land at the edge of a common arable field, or a plural form of *butt* 'tree stump' or 'mound, hillock, archery butt'. See **Butt** (2).  
**Early bearers:** Margery Buttes, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry atte Buttys, 1380 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); William Butts, 1566 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Robert Butts, 1569 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Gyles Butts, 1571 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Jared Butts, 1583 in *IGI* (Ludford, Lincs); John Butts, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Butwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Oxon

English: (i) perhaps a rationalization of **Buttle** or **Bowtell**; compare Dianas Buttle, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Stanton Saint John, Oxon) with the Oxon form of 1740. (ii) locative name perhaps from Botwell (Middx).  
**Early bearers:** Joane Butwell, 1620 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Richard Butwell, 1642 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Butwell, 1740 in *IGI* (Steeple Barton, Oxon).

### Bux

#### Variants: Bucks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: (i) possibly a spelling variant of *Bucks*, itself a variant of **Buck**. (ii) possibly a variant of **Box**.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Bux, 1698 in *IGI* (Stourmouth, Kent).

### Buxey

#### Variants: Bucksey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Buxey, 1598 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Hants), Alice Bucksey, 1626 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Humphrey Bucksy, 1683 in *IGI* (Hurst, Hants); Thomas Bucksay, 1709 in *IGI* (Swallowfield, Berks); John Bucksey, 1809 in *IGI* (Otterbourne, Hants); Rachel Buxsy, 1810 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norris, Berks); Rachel Buxcey, 1820 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

### Buxton

#### Variants: Buckston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6822, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4496
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, Leics, and Staffs; Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Buxton in Derbys (*Bucstanes* in 1230) or Norfolk (*Bukestuna* in 1086, *Buxstone* in 1254).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Bucstanes, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Stephano Bukston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Crux Pavement, York, Yorks); Johannes de Buxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Willelmus de Buxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Henricus de Bucstones, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Agnes Buxton, 1546 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Edwardi Buxton, 1565 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Margaret Buxton, 1565 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk); John Buxton, 1566 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Jhon Buxton, 1575 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Barbary Buxton, 1580 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anthonye Buckston, 1617 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Thomas Buckstone, 1622 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Edward Buxton, 1636 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bucston*, representing either an unrecorded Old English \**Bucstān* or alternatively an unrecorded Old English \**Burgstān*, with early loss of *r*. However, any of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1), including the 1379 Norfolk example *Buxstan*, which may be a scribal error for *Buxton*.  
**Early bearers:** Ailricus Bucstan, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Bucstan, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Buckeston, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Bocston (Bokston), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Bucstone, 1377 in *London Letter Books H.*; Walterus Buxstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodrising, Norfolk); Hugone Bukston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts); Ricardo Bucston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Robert Buckston, 1572 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Margareta Buckston, 1578 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Robert Buxton, 1608 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Buxton, 1641 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Henry Buxton, 1776 in *IGI* (Stapleton, Gloucs).

### Buy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Oxon and Wiltshire

1 Scottish: see **Bowie**.

2 English: see **Bye**.

### Buye

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 Scottish: see **Bowie**.

2 English: see **Bye**.

### Buyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Byers**.

### Buza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from (Higher or Lower) Bussow in Towednack (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Luke de Bosow, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Cornwall); John Bosowe 1524, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); George Buza, 1673 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Luke Buza, 1767 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall); Edward Buza, 1819 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

**References:** Information from O. J. Padel.

### Buzzacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Buzzacott in Combe Martin (Devon), recorded as *Bursecot* in 1399 and *Bussacott* in 1667.

**Early bearers:** John Bussacot, 1551, Ann Bussacott, 1666 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); John Buszacot, 1674 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); Alexander Burscott, 1762 in *IGI* (Kingsteignton, Devon); William Burzacott, 1792 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Sarah Buzzecott, 1794 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Buzzegut, 1799 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); James Buzzicot, 1801 in *IGI* (East Molesey, Surrey); Alexander Buzzacott, 1817 in *IGI* (Lee, Kent); William Bussicott, 1818 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).  
 2 Huguenot: nickname, possibly in some cases an anglicized form of French **Boursicot**, from a diminutive of French *bourse* 'purse'.

**Further information:** Mlle Anne Boursequot, fiancée of Jacques Fontaine, a Huguenot refugee from Bordeaux, landed at Appledore on 11 December 1685. Their marriage is recorded in the Barnstaple parish register as that of James Fontaine and Mrs Ann Bursicott. It is not clear that the 18th-century bearers mentioned have instances of this name.

**Early bearers:** John Chapman Bousquet, 1759 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Bousquet, 1795 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks).

### Buzzard

#### Variants: Buszard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *busard* 'buzzard' (Old French *busart*, *bosard*). The buzzard was considered an inferior kind of hawk, useless for falconry, and the nickname could thus also denote a second-rate person.

**Early bearers:** Robert Boszart, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William Bozard, 1258 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Wilts); Peter Busard, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Bussard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge

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Deverill, Wilts); Galfridus Bosard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wordwell, Suffolk); Anne Bussard, 1594, John Buzzard, 1674 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics).

### By

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Bye**.

### Byam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Byham**.

### Byard

Variants: **Byart**, **Biart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 423
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Herefs and Gloucs

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) enclosure', Middle English *bi yerd*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Byerd, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agneta Byard, 1570, Gualtheri Biard, 1620 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys); Francis Byard, 1613 in *IGI* (Kedleston, Derbys); John Byart, 1699 *IGI* (London, London); Thomas Byard, 1722 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Gloucs).

### Byars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Byers**.

### Byart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Byard**.

### Byas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; Orkney
- Scottish: see **Byass**.

### Byass

Variants: **Byas**, **Bias**, **Byus**, **Byers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: locative name perhaps, as Redmonds suggests, a spelling of *Byers*, a reduced form of *Birse*, from *Burse* (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Birsay, 1323 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Byresaye, 1466, John Byeres, 1563, William Byers, 1578 in *York Registry Wills* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks); Christopher Biers, 1598 in *York Registry Wills* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Henry Byas, 1673 in *Hearth Tax* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); John Byas, 1699 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizabeth Bias, 1676, Thomas Byass, 1758 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Bayus*, a pet form of Old English female names beginning in

*Bēag-* or *Bēah-* 'ring', such as *Bēagswið* and *Bēahhild*, + the hypocoristic suffix *-us*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bayus, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cargo Fleet, NR Yorks).

3 English: locative name perhaps from Middle English *bye hus* 'house on a corner' (Old English *byge* 'curve, bend, corner' + *hūs*).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Byus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John de Bayhus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John Byass, 1714 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Eliz. Byass, 1715 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Byass, 1720 in *IGI* (Nafferton, ER Yorks); John Byass, 1732 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Byass, 1738 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

4 Scottish: locative name variant of **Byres**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Bias, 1732 and Hugh Byass, 1748 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); Alexr. Byass, 1734, Thomas Bias, 1782 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); Bridget Byass, 1867 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Edgar Spry Byass, 1867 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Byatt

Variants: **Bygate**, **Byott**, **Byatte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1158, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Essex and Suffolk; also Herts and Hunts

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) gate', Middle English *yat*, *gate* (Old English *geat*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Byate, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ralph Bytheyate, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Joseph Byatt, 1608 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edward Byatt, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Byatt, 1631 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Thomas Byatt, 1701 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Mary Byett, 1703 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Anne Byatt, 1706 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Byett, 1786 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs).

### Byatte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Byatt**.

### Bybee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Bibby**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Bycroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Beecroft**.

### Byde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: see **Bide**.

### Byden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Norman, English: locative name from Bidon or La Ville-Bidon (Ille-et-Villaine, Brittany).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Bydun, about 1143–7 in *May Records*; Trihon de Bidon, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William Bidun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Rogerus Bydon', 1377, Johannes Bydoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); Johannes Bydon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tillingham, Essex); Johannes Bydon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Willelmo Bydon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridzor, Wilts); Ricardus Bydon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Robertus Byden, 1543 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Joanna Bidden, 1596, Willm. Beedon, 1644 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Sarah Byden, 1744 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Richard Bydon, 1745 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Elizabeth Bidden, 1786 in *IGI* (Bloxwich, Staffs).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 325–6.

2 English: locative name denoting someone who lived on or near a down or hill, Middle English *bi 'by' + down 'hill'*. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.

3 English: locative name, perhaps a variant of the old surname *Byding*, from Beeding (Sussex), recorded as *Byding* (1330, 1362) in *Place-Names of Sussex*.

**Early bearers:** John Bydyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wiggenholt, Sussex); William Byding, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nutbourne and Nyetimber, Sussex); Symond Beeding, 1576 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Beeding, 1613, John Byding, 1730 in *IGI* (Rumboldswyke, Sussex); Susannah Byden, 1776 in *IGI* (West Stoke, Sussex); George Byding, 1777 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); John Beeding, 1780 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

4 English: locative name from Bidden, near Upton Grey (Hants). This name may have been confused with (3) above.

**Early bearers:** Ales Byden, 1614 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); Thomas Bidden, 1704 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Aaron Bydon, 1799 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Bye

Variants: **Buye**, **Buy**, **By**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1977, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1500
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England

1 English: locative name for someone who lived '(at the) bend', Middle English *bye* 'bend' (from Old English *byge*, a derivative of *būgan* 'to bow').

**Early bearers:** Hugh de la Bye, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alicia de By, 1250–70 in *Midlothian Charters* (Berwick); William in the By, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Bye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); William Bye, 1540 in *IGI* (Worthing, Sussex); Alis Bye, 1566 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Robart Bye, 1567 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Jhon Bye, 1569 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Raynold Bye, 1570 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name occasionally from a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Thomas and Henricus filius Bye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams).

### Byer

Variants: **Bier**, **Byre**, **Byers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Angus

English: nickname for someone who worked at a cow house, Middle English *bire*, *bier*, *bere* (Old English *býre*).

**Early bearers:** Elias de la Byare, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus del Byre, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); John Buyles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Arthur Byer, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Byer, 1707 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Thos. Byer, 1721 in *IGI* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks).

### Byerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Hants

1 English: locative name from Bierley in Whitwell (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Byrle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Watchingwell, IoW); Margaret Bierly, 1707 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Ann or Urry Byerley, 1791 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

2 English: see **Birley**.

### Byers

**Variants:** Byars, Byres, Buyers, Biers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2474, Ireland 275
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1545
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Durham; Scottish Borders: esp. Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Byers Green (Durham) or the old barony of Byers in E Lothian.

**Early bearers:** England: Elizabeth Byers, 1581 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Henry Byers, 1618 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); George Byers, 1627 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robt. Byers, 1642 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham);

Scotland: John de Byres, 1309 in *Concilia Magnae Britanniae* (Newbottle, Durham); Thome de Byris, 1392 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Byres, 1639 in *Scottish Arms* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Byers, 1642 in *IGI* (Linthgow, W Lothian).

2 English: variant of **Byer**, with either an original plural or a post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Byers, 1772 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

3 English: see **Byass**.

### Byfield

**Variants:** Bifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 974, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Wilts; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Byfield (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Bifeld', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Walter de Byfeld, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodford Halse, Northants); Robert de Byfeld', 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thoma de Bifeld, 1341, Thoma Byfeld, 1349 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (West Haddon, Northants); Adam Byfelde, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Reginaldus Byfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus Byfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington, Oxon); Johanne Byfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willelmus Byfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Walterus Byfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Galfrido Byfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); Richardi Byfield, 1639

in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); Thomas Byfield, 1667 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks).

### Byfleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

English: locative name from Byfleet (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Byflete, 1276 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Simone de Byflete, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ockham and Wisley, Surrey); Thomas Byflet, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Alicia Biflete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Robert Byflete, citizen and draper of London, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Henry Biflett, 1652 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Ellen Byflet, 1653 in *IGI* (Berwick, Sussex); William Byfleet, 1765 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex).

### Byford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1635, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: locative name, toponymic from Byford (Herefs), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) ford', from Middle English *bi*, *by* + *ford* (Old English *bi*, *ford*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Biford, 1222–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Byford, 1371 in *London Pleas*, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Byforde, 1562 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Byford, 1570 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); William Byford, 1622 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Gloucs); Hinry Byford, 1647 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Byford, 1732 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk).

### Bygate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham

English: see **Byatt**.

### Bygott

**Variants:** Bigot, Bigwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *bigot*, perhaps meaning 'beggar'. In Wace's *Roman de Rou*, an Anglo-Norman poem of the 12th century, the French nobles insult the Normans by calling them *bigoz et draschiers* ('eaters of scraps and leavings'). In later French (15th cent.) *bigot* came to mean 'sanctimonious person, hypocrite', perhaps through association of the term with the begging friars, who had a reputation for not practising the virtues they preached. At the time of the Conquest, *Bigot* was already used both as a personal name and hereditary nickname in Normandy by the family that came from Loges (Calvados). Roger Bigot, lord of Loges, was sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk during the reign of the Conqueror.

**Further information:** According to Matthew Paris, an English chronicler of the mid-13th century, the Bigot or Bigod family took their name from the English oath 'by God' habitually sworn by Rollo (Old Scandinavian *Hrólfr*), the Viking founder of the the Duchy of Normandy in the early 10th century. This is linguistically and historically implausible and need

not be taken seriously, though it is repeated as though true in *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes* and *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Bigot de Loges, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).  
surnames: Roger Bigot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Roger cognomentus Bigot, 1076–9 in *Stenton, Feudalism*; Thomas filius Bigot, before 1187 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William le Bigot, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Bartholomew le Bigod, Bigot, 1235 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Richard Bygot, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Hugh le Bigod, about 1270 in *Somerset Archives* (Somerset); Alice Bigod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Bygood, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Bygod, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Robertus Bygot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Bigode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beauchamp Roding, Essex); Rogerus Bigot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Robertus Bigot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Johannes Bygod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Thomas Bygood, 1392 in *The Church in London* (London); William Bigwode, 1481 in *London Met Archives* (Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex); John Bigwoode, 1513 in *Herts Archives* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Bygod, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Elizabetha Bigwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).  
**References:** *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 248; *Domesday People*, pp. 168, 396; Matthew Paris, *Chronica Majora* 1, ed. Henry Richards Luard (London, 1883), p. 450.

### Bygrave

**Variants:** Bygraves, Bigrave, Bygrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; Norfolk

English: locative name from Bygrave (Herts) or denoting someone who lived '(by the) grove', Middle English *by*, *bi* + *grove*, *grave*, *graf*. See also **Greaves**.  
**Early bearers:** William Bygrave, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Elizabeth Bygrave, 1572 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Robt. Bygrave, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Wymondley, Herts); Agnes Bygrave, 1581 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); William Bygrave, 1581 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs).

### Bygraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; Surrey

English: variant of **Bygrave**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Bygrove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Bygrave**.

### Byham

**Variants:** Byam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Byham Hall in Great Maplestead (Essex).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation (*Reaney, Dictionary*) from the place-name Bytham (Lincs).

## Byland

**Early bearers:** Elezabeth Byham, 1656 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Hannah Byam, 1656, Thomas Byham, 1658 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); Francis Byham, 1663 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); James Byham, 1711 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Joh. Biham, 1747 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 445.

## Byland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

1 English: locative name from Old Byland (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** William de Beghlande, 1253, John de Bylonde, 1361 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Byland, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Norton le Clay, NR Yorks); Johannes de Biland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); True Byland, 1595 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Byland, 1640, Anthony Beland, 1646 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Elizabeth Biland, 1739 in *IGI* (York); James Byland, 1788 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from a similarly named place in the south-west, such as Byland in Ashburton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Johan Biland, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Robert Bilande, 1614, Robert Bylande, 1619 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 464.

## Byles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Norfolk; also Oxon and Hants

English: see **Bills**.

## Bylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Billett**.

## Byne

**Variants:** Bine, Bines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

1 English: locative name from a lost settlement known as *Byne*, perhaps denoting a place where woodbine or honeysuckle grew, from Middle English *bind* 'clinging plant'. There was one in West Grinstead (Sussex), whose name survives in Bines Farm and Bines Gate in West Grinstead and Bines Green in neighbouring Ashurst. Some of the following post-medieval early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Jacobus de Bynne, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Jacobus Byne, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Sussex); Jacobus de Byne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Washington, Sussex); Also Byne, 1560 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Thomas Byne, 1564 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Laurence Byne, 1604 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Bine, 1618 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 183, 185.

2 English: variant of **Binn** in either sense.

**Early bearers:** John Bine, 1624, Mary Byne, 1627 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Henry Byne, 1694 in *IGI* (Clawton, Devon).

## Byng

**Variants:** Bing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Hants

1 English: locative name from Byng (Suffolk) or topographic name for someone who lived in a hollow (metaphorical use of Middle English *bing*; see (2)); compare *Bynge* 'theca, cumera', about 1444 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. Some bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** The Byng family of Wrotham in Kent produced two English admirals. George Byng (1666–1733), who captured Gibraltar in 1704 and destroyed the Spanish fleet, was made Viscount Torrington in 1721. His son, John Byng, failed to lift the French siege of Minorca in 1756 and in consequence was executed for neglect of duty, amid a storm of controversy.

**Early bearers:** Robert Bing, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Byng, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roger Byng, 1384 in *London Letter Books F.*; Gregorbye Byng, 1563 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Bing, 1566 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Anthony Binge or Byng, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Pawlett, Somerset); John Byng, 1741 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *bing* 'coffer, bin' (Old Scandinavian *bingr* 'bed, bolster, heap, stook of corn').

**References:** *MED* at *bing*, *English Dialect Dictionary*, at *bing*.

## Bynoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Benowe, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Davidstow, Cornwall); John Bynoe, 1746 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); James Bindow, 1800 in *IGI* (Penzance, Cornwall).

**References:** Information from O. J. Padel.

## Bynon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Beynon**.

## Bynum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Welsh: variant of Welsh **Beynon**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Byott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Byatt**.

## Byram

**Variants:** Bayram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cheshire
- English: see **Byrom**.

## Byran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cheshire; Notts; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford; Cork

English: see **Byrom**.

## Byrch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Birch**.

## Byrd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 90
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English, Irish: see **Bird**.

## Byrde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English, Irish: see **Bird**.

## Byre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Byer**.

## Byres

**Variants:** Byass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan  
Scottish: see **Byers**.

## Byrn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

1 Scottish: alternative spelling of **Burn**.  
2 Irish, Scottish: see **Byrne**.

## Byrne

**Variants:** O'Byrne, Byrn, Burns, Byrns, Byrnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23986, Ireland 35013
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. E Leinster

1 Irish: (i) from Ó Broin 'descendant of *Bran*', a personal name meaning 'raven'. (ii) in some cases, possibly from Ó Birn 'descendant of *Biorn*', Irish form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Björn*. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund Byrne, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §172 (Rathesallaghe); Iver O'Byrne, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1290 (Downyne); Cormuck (corraghe) O'Birne, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1290 (Clainhye); Edmund Byrne, gent., murdered, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1799.

England: John Byrne, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: alternative spelling of **Berne**, see **Barne** and **Burn**.

**Early bearers:** Ryc. Byrne, 1570 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Byrne, 1619 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); John Byrne, 1642 in *IGI* (Osboldwick, NR Yorks); Phillip Byrne, 1657 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Dorothea Byrne, 1730 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

### Byrnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 859
- **GB frequency 1881:** 532
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Limerick and Tipperary

Irish: variant of **Byrne** with English excrescent -s.

### Byrns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: variant of **Byrne** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Byrns, born in New Ross, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Byrom

**Variants:** Biram, Byram, Byron, Biron, Byran, Bayram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1221, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 813
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Byram (WR Yorks), recorded as *Birum*, about 1170 and *Byrun* in 1268.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Birum, de Byrun, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard de Birune, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John de Byron, 1294–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Byrom, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Nicholaus Byron, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elvington, ER Yorks); Elena de Byrom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Byram, WR Yorks); Adam de Byrom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton, Lancs); Willelmo de Byroun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Richard Byron, Simon de Byrom, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Byron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1864, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1094
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and N central England: esp. Lancs, Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick

English: see **Byrom**.

### Bysh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Bish**.

### Bysouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Essex
- English: locative name for someone who lived 'to the south'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Bisuthe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Maurice Bi Suthe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Besowth, 1554 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Besowthe, 1555 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); William Besouth, 1606 in *IGI*

(Stanford Rivers, Essex); Thomas Besouth, 1710 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks).

### Bythell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Welsh: see **Bithell**.

### Bytheway

**Variants:** Byway, Bythway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, and Staffs

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) road'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Bithewaye, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Gervase Bethewy, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts), also called de la Rode; Richardi Bytheway, 1558 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Richardi Bytheway, 1562 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Willi. Bytheway, 1603 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Bytheway, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Tho Bytheway, 1689 in *IGI* (Bengeworth, Worcs).

### Bythway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: see **Bytheway**.

### Byus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Byass**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Bywater

**Variants:** Bywaters, Bowater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1734, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1492
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and N Midlands: esp. Staffs; also London

1 English: locative name for a dweller by a lake, pond, or watercourse (Middle English *bi the water*), synonymous with **Attwater**.

**Further information:** The WR Yorks surname refers to a former lake in Kippax, at the confluence of the Aire and Calder. It is attested in the surnames of Thomas juxta aquam, 1256 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Leeds and Kippax, WR Yorks), Adam juxta aquam, 1328 in *Thoresby Society*, 2, p. 87 (Preston, in Kippax), and Richard Bywatter, 1524 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, 2, p. 294 (Preston, in Kippax); and in the place-name Allerton Bywater in Kippax, recorded as *Allerton juxta aquam* in 1258 and *Allerton by ye water* in 1430 (*Place-Names of WR Yorks*, 4, p. 89).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Bithewater, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Elyas Biþewatere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Beþewatyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Bywatyr, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Bywater, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Michael Bywater, 1544 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); John Bythewater, 1623 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Bywater, 1761 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish: pseudo-translation (due to confusion with *sruith* 'stream') of Ó *Sruitháin* 'descendant of

*Sruithán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *sruith* 'sage, elder'. Bywater is found as the English form of this Gaelic name in County Cork, while in Mayo it has been anglicized as **Ryan**.

### Bywaters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Beds

English: variant of **Bywater**, with post-medieval excrescent -s. There is no evidence to indicate an original plural. Middle English *\*bi the waters* 'by the streams or waters'.

### Byway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: see **Bytheway**.

### Bywell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb

English: locative name, toponymic from Bywell (Northumb), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) stream', Middle English *bi*, by 'by, next' + *wel(le)* 'spring, stream' (Old English *bi + wiella*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Bywell, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Roger Bithewelle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Bywell, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Grace Bywell, 1616 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Adam Bywell, 1623 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Bywill, 1751 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Marmaduke Bywell, 1782 in *IGI* (Warden, Northumb).

### Bywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Wilts

English: locative name denoting someone who lived by a wood.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bythewode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); Willelmo Bythewode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calne, Wilts); Johanne Bywode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); William Bywood, 1606 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Dorithie Bywood, 1623 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Bywood, 1824 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Edward Bywood, 1850 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Harriet Bywood, 1858 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey).

### Byworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name possibly from Byworth (Sussex) or Beaworth (Hants), but widely enough scattered to make an origin in the Middle English phrase *bi worth* 'by the smallholding' more likely.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Beworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denford, Northants); John Byworth, 1560 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Anne Byworth, 1571 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Jn. Byworth, 1601 in *IGI* (Wilstead, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 116; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 31.

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## Caballero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: occupational name, status name from *caballero* 'knight, horseman' (from Late Latin *caballarius* 'mounted soldier').

**Early bearers:** Antonio Caballero, 1820 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Cabbage

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *caboche*, *cabage* (Anglo-Norman French *caboche*) denoting the head of a cabbage, also a species of fish, the English bullhead. Either sense might have given rise to the name.

**Further information:** The name has died out in Britain but is thriving in the United States.

**Early bearers:** Richard Caboche, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Cabbage, 1304–5 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); William Cabbage, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

2 **English:** see **Cubbage**.

## Cabble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Cable**.

## Cabe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**Irish, English:** relationship name from *Mac Cába*, see **McCabe**.

**Further information:** If there is a separate source in England it is unascertained. Robertus de Cabbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litcham, Norfolk), is unlikely to be relevant.

**Early bearers:** England: Edward Cabe, 1534 in *PROB 11* (Newbold Revell, Warwicks); Steven Cabe, 1589 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); Aice [*sic*] Cabe, 1602 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

## Cabel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Aberdeens
- English, Scottish:** see **Cable**.

## Cabell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** see **Cable**.

## Cabey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**Manx:** relationship name from *Caba*, an ancient Gaelic personal name of unknown etymology, which is also the source of the Irish surname *Mac Cába*, see **McCabe**.

**Early bearers:** William Cabey in *Census 1881* (IoM).

## Cable

**Variants:** **Cabble, Cabell, Cabel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2358, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1496
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Essex; also Somerset

**English:** (i) relationship name probably from the personal name *Kabell*, which may be a survival of Old English *Ceadbeald*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *cable* 'rope', used perhaps for a ropemaker. (iii) nickname from Middle English *cabel* 'horse', perhaps denoting a horseman.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cabel, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); William Cappel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robertus Cabel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Neatishead, Norfolk); John Cable, 1408 in *PROB 11* (Fromebraunch, Somerset); Richard Cabell, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edward Cable or Cabell, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Stocklinch Ottersey, Somerset).

## Caborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** locative name from Cabourn in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Caburn, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John de Caburn, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Christofer Caborne, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Trusthorpe, Lincs); Willm. Caborne, 1574 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe, Lincs); Edward Caborne, 1586 in *IGI* (Wispington, Lincs).

## Cabot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

**Channel Islands:** nickname from Old French *cabot*, a diminutive of *cap* 'head', a word that was also used to denote a species of small fish with a disproportionately large head. The surname has been strongly associated with the island of Jersey from an early date.

**Further information:** The explorer John Cabot (about 1450–98) is sometimes said to have been of Italian origin. However, while he certainly had an association with Venice, under the name Giovanni Caboto, he was probably not of Italian origin.

**Early bearers:** Marg' Cabot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longford, Shrops); John Cabot, 1490 in *DNB* (Bristol); John Cabot, 1624 in *IGI* (Jersey, Channel Islands); Christian Cabot, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

## Cabral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Portuguese:** locative name from any of several places in Portugal named with Late Latin *capralis* 'place of goats'.

## Cabrelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Italian:** nickname from *caprello*, *cabrello*, a diminutive of *capra* 'female goat'.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Cabrelli, born in Genoa, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

## Cabrera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

**Spanish, Catalan:** locative name from any of several places named with Late Latin *capraria* 'place of goats'.

## Cachia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Maltese:** nickname from an altered spelling of the Italian word *caccia* 'hunting'.

**Early bearers:** Salies Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Losario Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Albert Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

## Cackett

**Variants:** **Cockett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Cacket's Farm in Chelsfield (Kent), which is recorded as *Caldecote* in 1198. Compare **Caldicott**.

**Early bearers:** Simone<sup>e</sup> de Cakote, 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Chelsfield, Kent); Th'e de Cacote, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruxley Hundred, Kent); Rog. Cacote, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Eynsford, Kent); Grissell Cakett, 1573 in *IGI* (Halstead, Kent); Arthur Cackett, 1579 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Mary Cakot, 1590 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Richard Cacott, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Sundridge, Kent); Thomas Kackett, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Fawkham, Kent); Elizabeth Cackett, 1790 in *IGI* (Hockley, Essex).

## Cadagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Northants

**Welsh, Irish:** see **Cadogan**.

## Cadbury

**Variants:** **Cadby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** locative name from any of two places called Cadbury (Devon, Somerset).

**Further information:** *Cadbury* is the name of a great family of Quaker chocolate makers and philanthropists, founded by John Cadbury (1801–89), a son of Richard Tapper Cadbury (1768–1860), a linen draper who went to Birmingham from Devon in 1794. **Early bearers:** Walter de Cadbury, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London); Thomas Cabbury, William Cadbury, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); William Cadberye, 1595 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); James Cadbery, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Benjamin Head Cadbury, 1798 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick).

### Cadby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; Surrey and Middx

1 **English:** locative name from any of several places named Cadeby (in Leics, Lincs, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Martin de Kaddeby, Walter de Cadebi, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Gilbert de Cathebi, 1218 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Ricardus de Cadby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skriven, WR Yorks); Jhon Cadby, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Cadbye, 1604 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Ambros Cadby, 1686 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); John Cadby, 1783 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick).

2 **English:** the Warwick name may alternatively be a shortening of **Cadbury**.

3 **English:** see **Cudby**.

### Cadd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Northants, Warwick, and Oxon

**English:** see **Cade**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cadde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Margeria Cadd, 1570 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall); Thomas Cadde, 1586 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Thomas Cadd, 1751 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks).

### Caddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway
- Scottish, Irish:** (i) see **Caldwell**. (ii) see **Caudell**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Caddell, 1604 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andrew Caddell, 1622 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Cadell, 1635 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Caddell, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

England: James Cadell, 1565 in *IGI* (Willian, Herts); Anthony Caddell, 1610 in *IGI* (Preston near Faversham, Kent); Elizabeth Caddell, 1633 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Mary Caddell, 1791 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

Ireland: Robert Cadell, 1579 in Fiant Elizabeth §3533 (Milton, Dublin); George Caddell, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6049 (Caddellstown, Meath); John (alias Blake) Cadell, 1586 in Fiant Elizabeth §4928 (Galway).

### Cadden

**Variants:** **Caden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 347
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Stirlings; Warwick
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

**Irish:** from Ó Cadáin or Mac Cadáin, see **McCadden**.

**Further information:** The name may have entered Scotland from Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O Cadane, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5603 (Mullachiradan).

### Caddey

**Variants:** **Caddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English:** see **Caddy**.

### Caddick

**Variants:** **Caddock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1890, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1036
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs

1 **English:** nickname perhaps from Middle English *caduc* ‘infirm, decrepit, frail’ (Old French *caduc*), used by Trevisa of ‘men that haue the fallyng eyull’, i.e. epileptics. In Lancs and Shrops, *Cadwick* is a hypercorrect spelling, perhaps through association with the surname **Chadwick**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Caddock, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); William Caddouc’, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); James Cadicke, 1567, Robert Caddock, 1683 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anna Cadicke, 1602, Humfridus Caddock, 1628 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Jhon Cadwyck, 1610, Omfray Cadycke, 1621, Gulielmus Cadicke, 1686, William Cadwick, 1796 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Sarah Caddick, 1662, Isaac Caddick, 1762, James Caddick, 1823 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Humphrey Caddick, 1688 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Cadock, 1698 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Edward Caddock, 1751, Edward Cadwick, 1774, Hannah Kaddick, 1788, Valentine Caddick, 1836 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops). Wales: Robert Caddock, 1815 in *IGI* (Ruthin, Denbighs).

**References:** Tooth, I, 160–1.

2 **Welsh:** relationship name from the personal name *Cadog*, a pet form of *Cadfael* and the name of a famous saint.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cadock Deere, 1603–25 in Morgan and Morgan (Glamorgan). surnames: John Caddock, 1730 in *IGI* (Llandough by Penarth, Glamorgan).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*.

### Caddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Midlothian; Aberdeens

**Scottish:** see **Caddy**.

### Caddington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Kent
- English:** locative name from Caddington (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Leofwine de Cadentune, about 1060 in Tengvik (Oxon); Roger de Cadintone, 1206–8 in Clerkenwell Cartulary; Nicholas de Caddington, 1327 in

Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Walter Caddington, 1570 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds); James Caddington, 1820 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts).

### Caddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish:** of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Geddes**.
- Early bearers:** John Caddis, 1828 in *IGI* (Ayr).

### Caddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- Scottish, English:** see **Caldwell**.

### Caddock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Caddick**.

### Caddow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 **Scottish:** nickname from Older Scots, Middle English *cad(d)aw*, *cad(d)owe* ‘jackdaw’.

**Early bearers:** John Caddo, Richard Caddo, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Robert Caddow, 1629 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Marion Caddow, 1750 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

2 **Scottish:** variant of **Cadzow**.

3 **Irish:** reduced form of **McAdoo** (**Mac Conduibh**). **Early bearers:** Ireland: Robert Cadew, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Derryloran, Tyrone).

### Caddy

**Variants:** **Cady**, **Cadey**, **Caddie**, **Caddey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1365, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 853
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Dorset

**English:** relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Caddy*, a pet form of Old English *Cada* (see **Cade**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Cadi, 1185 in Templars Records (Yorks); Roger Cadye, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Henry Cadey, Cady, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Isabella Caddy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Quorndon, Leics); John Cadye, 1542 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Abraham Cadie, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); Agneta Cadye, 1605 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Nicholas Caddy, 1641 in Somerset Petition.

### Cade

**Variants:** **Cadd**, **Cude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Hunts; Lincs and ER Yorks

1 **English:** relationship name possibly from a Middle English form of the Old English personal name *Cada*, itself probably of British Celtic origin. **Early bearers:** Wigan filius Cade, about 1155 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Thomas filius Kade, 1219 in Assize

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Rolls (Yorks); William Cade, 1543 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Griffith Cade, 1544 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Rafe Cade, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Richard Cade, 1560 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs); Alisia Cade, 1562 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys).

**2 English:** nickname perhaps from Middle English *cade* 'young animal left by its mother and brought up by hand as a domestic pet', 'pet lamb'. In S England, *cad* is found in dialects, meaning 'youngest and smallest of a family of any kind, esp. pigs' (English Dialect Dictionary). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Further information:** Tengvik derives *Cada* from a Germanic root meaning 'something lumpy or protruding', hence 'a stout lumpish person'. Alternatively Reaney suggests that *Cade* represents Middle English *cade* 'cask, barrel' (of Romance origin), a nickname either for someone barrel-shaped or for a maker of barrels. William Cade was a Flemish financier from Saint Omer, who, with his son Eustace, held lands in Kent and Lincs. **Early bearers:** William and Eustace Cade, about 1140 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (iv), 1186 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); William le Cade, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nicholao Cade, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Jone Cade, 1563 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Walter Cade, 1621 in PROB 11 (Reigate, Surrey).

## Cadel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks

**1 English:** see **Caudell**.  
**2 English:** see **Caldwell**.

## Caden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish:** see **Cadden**.

## Cadenhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines

**Scottish:** locative name from a house or farm at the head of Cadden Water in Stow (Scottish Borders). **Early bearers:** William de Caldenhed, monk, 1467 in Newbattle Register (Newbattle, Midlothian); William Caudenhed, 1482 in Newbattle Register (Edinburgh); Archibald Cadenheid, 1601 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen); John Cadenhead, 1692, Elspit Cadenhead, 1714 in *IGI* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines).

## Cadey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English:** see **Caddy**

## Cadge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English:** see **Kedge** and compare **Catch**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cagge, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert Cadge, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Albanus Cadge, 1552 in *IGI* (Glensford, Suffolk); Rachell Cadge, 1552 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Thomas Cadge, 1562 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs).

## Cadger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

**Scottish:** occupational name from Middle English and Older Scots \**cagger* 'a carrier' later 'a pedlar or hawker'.

**Further information:** In early modern usage a cadger was an itinerant dealer who travelled with a horse and cart (or formerly with a packhorse), collecting butter, eggs, poultry, etc., from remote country farms, for disposal in the town, and at the same time supplying the rural districts with small wares from the shops.

**Early bearers:** Michael Cagger, 1493 in Dunfermline Burgh Records (Dunfermline, Fife); John Kaidger, 1612 in Aberdeens Court Records; David Cadger, 1653 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Adam Cadger, 1686 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Cadigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh, Irish:** see **Cadogan**.

## Cadle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Bucks

**1 English:** see **Caldwell**.  
**2 English:** see **Caudell**.

## Cadman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3310, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2441
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lancs and WR Yorks

**English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *cade* 'barrell used for herring or other fish' + *man*, perhaps denoting a 'maker of casks'. (ii) occupational name, status name for a 'servant of (a man named) **Cade**'. (iii) relationship name possibly from an unrecorded Middle English form of Old English *Cedmon*, although there is no evidence for the name after the Norman Conquest.

**Early bearers:** Robert Cademan, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Geoffrey Cademon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Hugo Cademan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Midgehall, Wilts); Roger Cadman, 1593 in PROB 11 (Sponeley, Shrops).

## Cadmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Herefs

**English:** (i) locative name from Cadmore End (Bucks). (ii) relationship name, locative name in W England possibly from Welsh *Cadfor* (spelled earlier *Catmor*), or an English variant of an early form of the distinct Welsh name *Cadifor*, for which compare Madauc ap Kedivor, 1292 in Morgan and Morgan,

p. 62; Katerina Cadifor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Grafton, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Cutbert Cadmor, 1574 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Agnes Cadmer, 1621 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Robert Cadmore, 1686 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Cadmore, 1695 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts); Richard Cadmore, 1745 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Hill, Herefs); Jos. Cadmore, 1749 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); John Cadmore, 1816 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 62.

## Cadney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Norfolk

**English:** locative name from Cadney (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cadeney, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Robert de Cadenay, 1374 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Johannes Cadnay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Broomfleet, ER Yorks); William Cadney, 1565 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs); George Cadny, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

## Cadogan

**Variants:** **Cadwgan, Cadigan, Cadagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 Welsh, Irish:** relationship name from a traditional Welsh personal name, *Cadwgan*, probably from *cad* 'battle' + *gwan*, a suffixed (possibly diminutive) derivative of *gwg* 'frown, scowl, wrath'. See also **Wogan**. The name *Cadwgan* was stressed originally on the second syllable, and was possibly confused in Ireland with **Duggan**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Caducan, 1161 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Cadegan de Middleton, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops).

surnames, Ireland: John Cadowgan, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4095 (Carrickfergus, Antrim).  
surnames, England, Wales: Jevan ap Cadugon, 1287 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Richard Cadigan, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Warwicks); Willelmus Kadygan, 1377 in Poll Tax (Broxtow, Notts); Henry Cadogan, 1591 in PROB 11 (Llanvair, Monmouths).

**2 Irish:** from Ó Ceadagáin 'descendant of *Ceadagán*'. This name would be stressed on the first syllable of the personal name.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donogh O Kadigan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6467 (Mannen, Cork); Teige O Kiadigaine and Connor O Kadegane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6511 (Beare, Kerry); Donogh O Keadigan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571 (Madriet, Cork?).

## Cadwalader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys
- Welsh:** see **Cadwallader**.

## Cadwaladr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales
- Welsh:** see **Cadwallader**.



**Cadwallader**

Variants: **Cadwaladr**, **Cadwalader**, **Cadwalleder**, **Cadwallender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1280, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Cadwaladr*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cadewafladre Meraduc, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); Cadewalader ab Meurich, 1292 in Morgan and Morgan (N Pembrokes).

surnames: Richard ap Kydwallatur, 1538 in Morgan and Morgan (Montgomerys); Thomas Cadwallader, 1565 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Moris Cadwalader, 1585 in PROB 11 (Montgomery, Montgomerys); William Cadwalider or Cadwalide, 1601 in PROB 11 (Llandrinio, Montgomerys); Jane Cadwallader, 1614 in Morgan and Morgan (Shipton, Shrops); Charles Cadwaleder, 1641 in Shrops Archaeological Transactions 3, iv; Robt. Cadwallader, 1643 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 63–4.

**Cadwalleder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Welsh, English: see **Cadwallader**.

**Cadwallender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Shrops
- Welsh, English: see **Cadwallader**.

**Cadwell**

Variants: **Kadwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 85
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Wicklow
- 1 **English:** locative name variant of **Caldwell**, especially in Lancs.

2 **English:** locative name: in Devon and Cornwall, more likely to be from one of two Devon places, either Cadewell (House) in Cockington (*Caddewell*, 1238 in Place-Names of Devon) or Caddywell in Great Torrington (*Cadewilpark*, 1310 in Place-Names of Devon).

**Early bearers:** Johane Kedwill, 1546 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Katherine Cadwill, 1582 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Peter Cadwell, 1598, John Cadwill, 1701 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Cristofarus Cadwell, 1626 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); William Cadwell, 1744, Sarah Cadwell, 1858 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); John Cadwell, 1755, Charles Cadwell, 1831 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); John Cadwell, 1813 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

3 **English:** locative name from Cadwell (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cadewelle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Adam Cadewell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ducklington, Oxon); Anne Cadwell, 1720 in *IGI* (Alkerton, Oxon).

**Cadwgan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Cadogan**.

**Cady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Caddy**.

**Cadzow**

Variants: **Caddow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from Cadzow, an ancient royal seat in Lanarks, now part of the burgh of Hamilton.

**Further information:** As with most Scottish place-names containing the letter z, Cadzow was once spelled with the now defunct letter 'yogh' (ȝ). This pronunciation is reflected in the earlier forms of this surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Cadihou, about 1260 in Glasgow Register (Glasgow); William de Cadyow, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Adam de Cadiou, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); William de Cadeau, 1436 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen); Bessie Kaidzow, 1652 in Lanark Testaments (Carnwath, Lanarks); Helen Cadzow, 1768, Alexander Cadzow, 1775 in *IGI* (Lanarks).

**Caesar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Middx, Hants, and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork

**Italian, English:** relationship name from the given name *Cesar*, rare in Middle English but found occasionally both as a given name and as a surname; see **Cayzer**.

**Further information:** The chief family of the name with modern descendants is that of the judge Sir Julius Caesar (1558–1636), who was of Italian extraction. His grandfather, Pietro Marie Adelmare, married Paola, daughter of Giovanni Pietro Caesarini, and one of his sons, Cesare Adelmare, emigrated to England in about 1550 and became physician to Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. He died in 1569 and his children adopted *Caesar* as their family name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cesar clericus, 1185 in Templars Records (Yorks).

surnames: Henry Sesare, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); Ricardus Caizer, 1379 in Poll Tax (location unidentified); Edmund Caesar, 1633 in PROB 11 (Dunton, Bucks); Robert Caesar, 1637 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** DNB

**Caff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: nickname, see **Chaffe**.

**Caffell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

**English:** nickname possibly from the English dialect verb *caffle* 'entangle, cheat', also borrowed as Welsh *cafflaf*, *cafflo* in a similar sense.

**Early bearers:** Johas Cavull, 1542 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); William Caffell, 1592 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Caffall, 1620 in *IGI* (Princes Risborough, Bucks); John Caffold, 1626 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Thomas Caffall, 1656 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Georgius Caffull, 1707 in *IGI* (Worcs); George Cafful, 1801 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

**Cafferkey**

Variants: **Cafferky**, **Cafferty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Irish:** reduced anglicized form, preserving the original consonants, of **Mac Eachmharcaigh**, see **McCafferty**.

**Cafferky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Irish:** from **Mac Eachmharcaigh**, see **Cafferkey**.

**Cafferty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 146
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Sligo
- Irish:** from **Mac Eachmharcaigh**, see **Cafferkey**, **McCafferty**.

**Caffery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Cavan

**Irish:** reduced and altered form of **McCaffrey** (**Mac Gafraidh**).

**Caffey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish:** see **McHaffie**.

**Caffie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McHaffie**.

**Caffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Denbighs and Montgomerys

English: see **Caffyn**.

**Caffray**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts
- Irish:** reduced and altered form of **McCaffrey** (**Mac Gafraidh**).

**Caffrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1270, Ireland 1562
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357

## Caffyn

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan
- Irish:** reduced form of **McCaffrey** (**Mac Gafraidh**).  
**Early bearers:** Peirse Cafry, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6573.

## Caffyn

**Variants:** **Caffin**, **Chaffin**, **Chafen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- Norman, English:** nickname from a diminutive of Old French *chauf*, Norman and Anglo-Norman *cauf*, ‘bald’.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Chaufin, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Notts); Richard Caffyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Chafyn, 1505 in Oxford University Register.

## Cage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- 1 English:** locative name, occupational name from Middle English (Old French) *cage* ‘cage’, denoting someone who lived by or was the keeper of a cage, in the sense ‘lock-up, prison for petty offenders’. Some of the following bearers without a preposition may alternatively belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Jacobus dil Cage, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John atte Cage, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Stephanus Cage, 1379 in Poll Tax (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk); Johanne Cage, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Johannes Cage, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whepstead, Suffolk); Ioannis Cage, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Jhon Cage, 1559 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Cage, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Antonij Cage, 1576 in *IGI* (Longstowe, Cambs); John Cage, 1586 in *IGI* (Crophthorne, Worcs).  
**2 English:** see **Keech**.

## Cager

**Variants:** **Caiger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English and Old French *cagier* ‘maker or seller of cages’. (ii) locative name, occupational name equivalent to *atte Cage* (see **Cage**).  
**Early bearers:** William Cager, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Geoffrey Cager, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Cristiana Cager, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hazon, Northumb); John Caiger, 1549 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Margrett Cager, 1560 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Jone Cager, 1570 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Cagney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick
- Irish:** from Ó Caingnigh ‘descendant of *Caingneach*’, a personal name meaning ‘pleader’ or a nickname for a contentious person.

**Early bearers:** Deirmod O Kaugney, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6511 (Beare, Cork).

## Cahalan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 256
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary
- Irish:** from Ó Cathaláin, see **Cahalane**.

## Cahalane

**Variants:** **Cahalan**, **Cahillane**, **Cahalin**, **Callan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- Irish:** from Ó Cathaláin ‘descendant of *Cathalán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Cathal*; see **Cahill**.  
**Early bearers:** Donnsluibhe Mac Cathalain 1123 in AU; Donell oge O’Cahalan, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4022 (Roscommon); William O Cahelan, carpenter, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6512 (King’s county [Offaly]); Shane O Caghalane, sheareman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6514 (Fynaghe); Conoghur O Cohallan and Donogh O Cahallan, husbandmen, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6514 (Fynaghe).

## Cahalin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- Irish:** from Ó Cathaláin, see **Cahalane**.

## Caheny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** see **Canny**.

## Cahill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4722, Ireland 6045
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary, Kilkenny, and Cork
- Irish:** from **Mac Cathail** or **Ó Cathail** ‘son (or descendant) of *Cathal*’, a personal name meaning ‘powerful in battle’. Compare **McCall**.  
**Early bearers:** Gerod beg McCahill, 1572 in Fiants Elizabeth §2146; Shane reogh McCahill, landowner, 1594 in Fiants Elizabeth §5849 (Kildare); Philip O Cahell, weaver, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6566; Ceawe O Kife McCahill, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6566.

## Cahillane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish:** from Ó Cathaláin, see **Cahalane**.

## Cahir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish:** from Ó Cathaoir, from the personal name *Cathaoir*, possibly meaning ‘battle lord’.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen O Kear, horseboy, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2188 (Kilduffe, King’s county

[Offaly]); Donell O Cahir, yeoman, 1603 in Fiants Elizabeth §6765 (Loghnegewnie, ?Clare).

## Cahoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 359
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish:** Irish spelling of Scottish **Colquhoun**.

## Cai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

## Caie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines and Aberdeens

**Scottish:** see **Kay**.

## Caig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish:** reduced form of **McCaig** (Gaelic **Mac Thaoig**).

## Caiger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Middx
- English:** see **Cager**.

## Cailes

**Variants:** **Cales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; also Lancs

**1 English:** variant of **Cale** or **Kale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Ann Cayles, 1653 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); John Cailes, 1673 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Mary Cayles, 1673 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); John Cayles, 1712 in *IGI* (Holborn, London); Richard Cales, 1716 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Elizabeth Cales, 1762 in *IGI* (Enborne, Berks); Elizabeth Kailes, 1785 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).  
**2 English:** a plural form of Middle English *caule*, \**cale* ‘sheepfold’, see **Call** (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert del Cayles, 1373 in Lancs Record Office; John Cailes, 1780 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Wm. Cailes, 1799 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Stephen Cailes, 1811 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); John Cailes, 1818 in *IGI* (Barton, NR Yorks); Francis Cailes, 1819 in *IGI* (Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset).

## Cain

**Variants:** **Caine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7678, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6008
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare

**1 Manx:** relationship name from Gaelic *Mac Catháin* ‘son of Cathan’, see **Kane**. The personal name literally meant ‘warrior’, a derivative of Manx *cah* ‘battle’ (Irish *cath*). Several farms called Ballacain in the Isle of Man (in Ballaugh, Braddan, Jurby, Onchan, and Patrick) take their name from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Mac Kane, 1408, Mac Canne, Mac Cayne, 1430, Mac Cane, 1498, 1511, Cayne, 1600, 1611, 1627, Cane, 1630, Kane, 1764, Mac Keane, 1814, Mac Cane, 1830 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names, at Ballacain.

**2 Norman, English:** locative name from Caen (Calvados). Compare **Camm**, **Cham**, **Cane**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Chain, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Godfrey Kein, 1198–1200 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Thomas Kayne, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Richard de Kain, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Raphe Cain, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Abigail Cain, 1596 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joh’Is Cain, 1607 in *IGI* (Buckingham, Bucks); John Cain, 1611 in *IGI* (Wiston, Sussex); Wm Cain, 1613 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

### Caine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2702, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1253
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Manx:** see **Cain**.

### Caines

**Variants:** Cains, Kaines, Keynes, Keens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Gloucs

**Norman, English:** locative name from Cahaignes in Eure or Cahagnes in Calvados. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong rather to **Keens** (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Cahaignes, de Cahanges, 1086 in Domesday Book (Cambs, Bucks, Northants, Sussex); William de Caynes, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants); Adam Kaynes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Margaret Keynes, 1548 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); John Cayns, 1573 in PROB 11 (Saint Bartholomew the Less, City of London); Frances Caines, 1593 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Edward Caynes, 1604 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); George Keens, 1617 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent); Johannes Keenes, 1628 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); William Keynes, 1631 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); Andru Caines, 1657 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Thomas Cains, 1683 in *IGI* (Great Chalfield, Wilts).

### Cainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

**Norman, English:** see **Caney**.

### Cains

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

**Norman, English:** see **Caines**.

### Caira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Italian:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Vincent Caira, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Antonino Caira, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Southwark, Surrey); Fortunato Caira, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Antonio Caira, born in London, in Census 1901 (Fulham, Middx); Filippi Caira, piano organ maker, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).

### Caird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines; also Kirkcudbrights

**Scottish:** occupational name from Gaelic *ceard* ‘craftsman, tinker’.

**Early bearers:** Gilfolan Kerd, 1275 in Scotland Calendar; Adam Kerde, 1382 in Aberdeen Register (Fyvie, Aberdeens); John Caird, 1613 in Privy Council of Scotland Register; Issobell Caird, 1645 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines).

### Cairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

**1 Irish, Scottish:** apparently an altered form of **Kieran**.

**2 English:** perhaps sometimes, especially in England, a late variant of **Cairns** with loss of final -s; compare the pairing William Carns, 1777, Thomas Carne, 1798 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William Cairn, 1671 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); James Cairn, 1802 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

### Cairncross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines; Midlothian and Roxburghs

**Scottish:** locative name from Cairncross (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Duncan de Caryncros, before 1325 in Panmure Register; Henry of Carnecors, 1388 in Bamff Charters; John de Carincors, 1438 in Arbroath Register (Forfar, Angus); Nichol Carncorse, 1518 in Edinburgh Burgh Records (Edinburgh); William Cairncrosse, 1647 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

### Cairnduff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish:** locative name from Carnduff in Avondale (Lanarks), or some other place similarly named as ‘the black cairn’.

**Early bearers:** Allexander Carndufe, 1668 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayr); James Carnduffe, 1674 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Carnduf, 1709 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); James Cairnduff, 1722 in *IGI* (Galston, Ayr); Thomas Carnduff, 1762 in *IGI* (Loudoun, Ayr).

### Cairnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish:** see **Cairns**.

### Cairney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1834, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**1 Irish:** see **Kearney**.

**2 Scottish:** see **Cairnie**.

### Cairnie

**Variants:** Cairney, Carnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

**1 Scottish:** from Cairnie in Aberdeens, Cairnie in Arbroath (Angus), or Cairnies in Stirlings.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Cairnie, 1579 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andro Cairnie, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Cairnie, 1719 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**2 Irish:** alternatively, perhaps, in some cases a Scottish spelling of Irish **Kearney**.

### Cairns

**Variants:** Cairnes, Carnes, Carns, Carins, Cairn, Kearns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12006, Ireland 1551
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6447
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England; esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Tyrone

**1 Scottish:** locative name from the lands of Cairns in Mid Calder (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** William de Carnys, 1363 in Great Seal of Scotland (Whitburn, W Lothian); David de Carnys, 1365, William de Carnys, 1372 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Edinburgh); Thomas de Karnys, 1395 in Saint Andrews Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Alexander de Carnys, 1401 in Swintons of that Ilk (Cranshaws, Berwick); Richard Cairnes, 1615, Alexander Cairns, 1753 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Jonet Kearns, 1654, Hendret Cairns, 1698, Thomas Cairns, 1815 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

**2 Irish:** in the north of Ireland, there may have been confusion between the Scottish surname and Irish *Ó Ciaráin*, anglicized as **Kieran**, **Kearon**, and **Kearns**. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas Kearns, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone); Robert Kearns, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghaderg, Down); James Cairnes, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Urney, Tyrone); William Cairns, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Cumber Upper, Derry).

### Caisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

**English:** locative name probably from Kearsley in Stamfordham (Northumb), recorded as *Careslawe*, 1454 in Inquisitions post Mortem, and therefore probably a variant of **Kearsley**.

**Further information:** It is sometimes confused with **Caseley** in later records.

## Caister

**Early bearers:** Anthony Caisley, 1590 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Caysley, 1764 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

### Caister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

**English:** locative name see **Caster**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Caister, 1566 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Edward Cayster, 1656 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Caithness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Orkney

1 **Scottish:** locative name from Caithness in NE Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Robert of Catenese, 1362 in Rotuli Scotiae (Sutherland); Mary Caithness, 1779 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Barbara Caithness, 1831 in *IGI* (Stronsay, Orkney).

2 **Scottish:** locative name from Kettins in Angus.

**Early bearers:** Malcolm de Ketenes, 1178–85 in Arbroath Register (Mondynes, Kincardines); Robert de Kethenis, 1345 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); Simon de Ketnes(s) or Ketenes, 1376–86 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen); John Catnes, 1454 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); James Cathnes, 1650 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); John Caithness, 1669 in Brechin Testaments (Montrose, Angus); Mary Caithness, 1719 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** Black.

### Cake

**Variants:** **Cakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** nickname from Middle English *kake*, *cake* ‘cake, loaf’, a comparatively small, flattish loaf, originally round or oval, that was usually baked hard on both sides by being turned in the process. Compare **Cakebread**.

**Early bearers:** Alured Cake, 1210 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Gilbert Kake, 13th cent. in Northants Charters (Northants); Willelmo Cake, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Allington, Dorset); Thome Cake, 1548 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); William Cake, 1580 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset).

### Cakebread

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Herts

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cakebrede*, bread made in flattened cakes, or of the finer and more dainty quality of cake. Compare **Cake**.

**Early bearers:** Ædwinus Cacabred, 1109–31 in Miller, Ely (Cambs); Richard Cakebred, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Maur’ Cakebred, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); Stephanus Cakebred, 1381 in Poll Tax (Braintree, Essex); William Cakebrede, 1523 in PROB 11 (Saint John Zachary, City of London); John Cakebread, 1548 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex).

**References:** Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names, pp. 18–19.

### Cakes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

**English:** variant of **Cake**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Calaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Middx

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Calahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Calam

**Variants:** **Callam**, **Kallam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 **English:** of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Kelham** but there is no evidence for that name in ER Yorks.

**Early bearers:** England: Johnes. Calam, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Anne Kalame, 1566 in *IGI* (York); John Calam, 1588 in *IGI* (Foston by Malton, NR Yorks); John Callam, 1588 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Gulielmus Calam, 1596 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); Elizabeth Calam, 1603 in *IGI* (York); Athur Callam, 1605, Athur Kallam, 1608, Richard Calam, 1615, Isabell Kalam, 1638 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Isaac Calam, 1773 in *IGI* (Scrayingham, ER Yorks).

2 **Scottish:** see **Callum**.

**Early bearers:** Alexr. Calam, 1683 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Hugh Calam, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

### Calcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Calcraft

**Variants:** **Chalcroft**, **Chalcraft**, **Choldcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 **English:** locative name from Middle English *cald*, *cold*, *cheald* ‘cold’ + *croft*, denoting someone who lived ‘(at the) cold croft’.

**Early bearers:** William Caldcroft, 1441 in York Freeman’s Register; Simon Calcroft or Calcrofte, 1538 in PROB 11; Francis Calcraft, 1611 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Robert Calcroft, 1626 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

2 **English:** see **Chalcraft**.

### Calcut

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Calcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Caldbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

**English:** locative name see **Colbeck**.

### Caldecott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Caldecourt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Caldeira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Portuguese:** nickname from *caldeira* ‘kettle’, used to denote a tinker or a maker of large cooking vessels.

### Calden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** see **Caldon**.

### Calder

**Variants:** **Caulder**, **Colder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5082, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Aberdeens; Caithness

1 **Scottish:** locative name from Calder (Midlothian), Calder (Caithness), or Cawdor (Nairns).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Hugh de Caledouere, 1189–95 in Dunfermline Register (Dunfermline, Fife); John de Kaledouer, 1220–22 in Arbroath Register (Aberdeen); Richard de Kaleder, 1282 in Cambuskenneth Register (Stirling); Donald of Calder, 1419 in Cawdor Book (Dunmaglass, Inverness); Farchard de Caldor, 1461 in Aberdeen Register; Issobell Calder, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexr. Calder, 1690 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Barbara Caulder, 1702 in *IGI* (Spott, E Lothian).

England: Katherine Calder, 1595 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Tho. Calder, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Thomas Calder, 1623 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Alexander Calder, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jo. Calder, 1704 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

2 **English:** locative name perhaps occasionally from Calder (Cumb).

**Further information:** The modern surname, even in England, seems to be of Scottish origin, rather than from the Cumb place-name.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Calder, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thomas de Calder, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb).

### Calderbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** (i) locative name unexplained; the distribution suggests an association with Calderbrook and Caldermoor in Rochdale (Lancs), but no place of this name is known in Lancs. Calderbank (Lanarks) appears irrelevant because the name is not found in Scotland. (ii) alternatively, an alteration of **Caldbeck**; see **Colbeck**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Calderbancke, 1583 *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Thomas Calderbancke, 1605 *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); James Calderbank, 1727 *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs); William Calderbanks, 1761 in *IGI* (Wrightington, Lancs).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 92.

### Calderhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Fife

**Scottish:** locative name from Calderhead (Lanarks), 'a *quoad sacra* parish in the parishes of Shotts and Camusnethan' (Black).

**Further information:** A 'quoad sacra' parish was a parish in Scotland used for ecclesiastical purposes only.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Calderhead, 1640 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh); James Calderhead, 1646 in *IGI* (Lanarks); James Calderheid, 1647 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); John Calderhead, 1650 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Calderhead, 1685 in *IGI* (Carstairs, Lanarks).

### Calderon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Spanish:** locative name from a place named with *caldera* 'basin, hollow, crater'.

**Early bearers:** D. Ricardo Calderon, born in Peru, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Philip H. Calderon, born in France, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Pedro Calderon, born in Peru, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Abelardo Calderon, in Census 1871 (Middx); Pedro Calderon, born in Lima, Peru, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Alvarez Calderon, born in Surrey, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Guillerino R. Calderon, born in Colombia, in Census 1901 (Paddington, Middx); Luis Calderon, born in Madrid, Spain, in Census 1911 (Southampton, Hants); Luis Calderon, born in Peru, in Census 1911 (Canterbury, Kent); Jacques Joseph Calderon, born in Belgrade, Serbia, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs); Ventura Garcia Calderon, born in Paris, France, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).

### Calderwood

**Variants:** Catherwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1209, Ireland 262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1065
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Scottish:** locative name from Calderwood (Lanarks). **Early bearers:** Isabele de Calrewode, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); John de Calderwode, 1456 in Panmure Register; James Calderwood, 1485 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Archibald Calderwood, 1509 in Glasgow Register (Cadder, Lanarks).

### Caldicot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Caldicott

**Variants:** Caldecott, Caldecourt, Caldico, Callicott, Calcutt, Calcut, Calcott, Calcott, Calcutt, Colcicott, Collecott, Colocott, Colcutt, Colkett, Colcott, Colcutt, Caulcutt, Caulkett, Cawcutt, Corkett, Goldicott, Collacott, Corcut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 827, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 593
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks

**English:** locative name from any of the many places called Caldecote (Beds, Cambs, Herts, Hunts, Norfolk, Northants, Warwicks), Caldecott (Berks, Cheshire, Northants, Rutland, Suffolk), Calcot (Berks, Sussex), Calcote (Wilts), Calcutt (Beds, Warwicks), Caulcott (Oxon), Coldcoats (Lancs, Northumb), or Coldcotes (WR Yorks). All derive from Old and Middle English *cald + cot* 'cold cottage', a name for a remote place. Alternation between *Cald-* and *Cold-* in the historic forms of the place-names accounts for many of the surnames beginning in *Col-*. See also **Cackett**, **Chaldecott**, **Corkett**.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Caldecot', 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Geoffrey de Caudecot', 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Edmund de Caldicote, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); Richard de Coldecote, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Caldecote, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ricardus de Caldecote, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dry Stoke, Rutland); Johannes Kaldecote, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ford manor, Shrops); John Caldecote or Calcott, 1509 in PROB 11 (London); John Calicot, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Caldecote or Caldecot, 1575 in PROB 11 (Hereford, Herefs).

### Caldon

**Variants:** Calden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Ayr; also Glamorgan

**Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Coltan**, see **McCalden**.

### Caldow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Kirkcudbrights

**Scottish:** locative name from Caldow near Corsock, Dalkbeattie (Kirkcudbrights).

**Early bearers:** William Caldow, 1532 in Protocol Book Simon (Mossplatt, Lanarks); James Caldow, 1643 in Lanark Testaments (Biggar, Lanarks); Robert Caldow, 1679 in The Scotch-Irish (Balmaghie, Kirkcudbrights). **References:** Black.

### Caldwell

**Variants:** Calwell, Cadwell, Chadwell, Shadwell, Caddell, Cadel, Cadle, Caddle, Cardwell, Cardall, Cardell, Cardle, Cauldwell, Caudwell, Caudell, Cawdell, Caudle, Coldwell, Couldwell, Cordwell, Goldwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6341, Ireland 1464
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4653

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, and Derry

**Scottish, English:** locative name from any of numerous places in Scotland and England named with Old English *ceald* 'cold' + *well(a)* 'spring, stream', notably Caldwell (Renfrews, Scotland) and Caldwell (NR Yorks); possibly also Caldwell (Warwicks, Yorks), Caldwell (Worcs), Cauldwell (Beds, Derbys, Notts), Caudle Green (Gloucs), Caudle Ditch and Cawdle Fen (Cambs), recorded as *Cadewell* in 1417 and *Cadle* in 1591, Chadwell (Essex, Herts, Leics, Wilts), Chardwell (Essex) and Chardle Ditch (Cambs), recorded as *Kadewelle* and *Cadwel* in 13th and 14th centuries.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Caldewella, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); Willelmus de Caldewell', 1377 in Poll Tax (Saltwick, Northumb); Ricardus de Coldewell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Ricardus Cauldwell', 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Cawdewelle, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Caldwell, 1582 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin Ludgate, City of London).

Scotland, Channel Islands: William de Caldwell, 1342 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Robert Cauldwell, 1405 in Scotland Calendar; Watte Cawdwells, 1495 in Dunfermline Register (Dunfermline, Fife); Martyne Caldwell, 1526 in Privy Seal of Scotland Register; John Caldwell, 1594 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Joanet Caldwell, 1646 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr).

### Cale

**Variants:** Cailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 604
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also London

**English:** (i) see **Call**. (ii) see **Kale**.

**Early bearers:** David Cale and Walter Cale, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmus Cale, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Somerford, Wilts); Johanne Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thurmaston, Leics); Johannes Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashill, Norfolk); Ricardus Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bozeat, Northants); Thomas Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Willelmus Cayle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Johanna Caylle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dinnington, WR Yorks); Ricardus Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Robert Kayll, 1463 in Cornish Lands (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Jarram Cale, 1539 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs); Joyce Cale, 1540 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); Helena Cale, 1565 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Frauncise Cale, 1574 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs).

### Caleb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Monmouths

**English, Welsh:** relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Caleb*, which is derived from a Hebrew word meaning 'dog'. It was the name of one of the only two men who set out with Moses from Egypt to live long enough to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 26:65).

**Further information:** The given name was popular among the Puritans in the 17th century and was taken by them to America, where the family name, though rare in Britain, is thriving.

## Calender

**Early bearers:** Samuell Caleb, 1665 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Caleb, 1788 in *IGI* (Bossall, NR Yorks); John Caleb, 1825 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Calender

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 **English:** see **Callender**.

2 **Scottish:** see **Callander**.

### Caes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NE England
- English:** see **Cailes**.

### Caley

**Variants:** Kayley, Kaley, Cayley, Calley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1488, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1160
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also ER Yorks; E Anglia; London

1 **Manx:** relationship name pronounced /'kɛli/, a reduced form of Gaelic \**Mac Caollaidhe* 'son of *Caollaidhe*'. The personal name is from Gaelic *caol* 'slender'. Ballacaley (Kirk Christ Lezayre, IoM) is 'Caley's farm'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Caley 1511, Cally 1605, Caley 1642, Calee, 1658, Caley, 1810 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from Cailly in Seine-Maritime.

**Early bearers:** William Cailgi, de Cailgi, de Calgi, 1086 in Domesday Book (Berks), de Caillei, de Callei, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition; William de Kailli, de Caly, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Adam de Caly, de Kally, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Warwicks); Willelmus Caley, 1377 in Poll Tax (Langham, Rutland); John Caley, 1551 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); Guilielmi Caley, 1644 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks).

3 **English:** see **Cayley**.

4 **English:** see **Calow**.

### Calf

**Variants:** Calfe, Callf, Kelf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** nickname from Middle English *calf* 'calf' (Old English *cealf*, *calf*). Compare **Duncalf** and **Metcalfe**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Calf, 1163 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Ailwin Calf, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); Alexander le Calf, 1381 in Poll Tax (Huyton, Lancs); Katherine Calfe or Calf, 1409 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Nicholas Calf, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall).

### Calfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

**English:** see **Calf**.

### Calhoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

**Scottish:** see **Colquhoun**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### Calkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

1 **Irish:** from Mac Uilcín, see **Culkin**.

2 **English:** see **Colkin**.

### Call

**Variants:** Caul, Cale, Kale, Kail, Kayll, Cailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Kent; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 **English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *calle*, *cale* (Old English *cawl*) 'container, basket, net', commonly used of a kind of hair net, close-fitting cap, or headdress worn by women to cover tied-up hair. The name could have been given to a maker of women's caps or perhaps of baskets or nets; compare **Caller**. Some of the following bearers may otherwise belong under (2). (ii) nickname alternatively perhaps from Middle English *cale* (also \**callee?*), a side form of *calwe* 'bald (man)' (Old English *calu*). Compare the early bearers under **Cale** and see **Callow**.

**Further information:** *Calle* would not be a regular Middle English development of *calwe*, though *malle* is recorded for *malwe* ('mallow') in MED (before 1425). There may have been phonetic contamination from the variation between *calle* and *cale* in the words cited in (1, i) and (2) and between Middle English *caul* and *kale* 'cabbage'.

**Early bearers:** Swanus Calle, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John Calle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Calle, 1327, Roger Calle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Aldingbourne, Sussex); John Calle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hacombe with Coombe, Devon); Willelmus Calle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Radulphus Calle, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Barsham, Norfolk); Johannes Calle, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Hayling, Hants); Walterus Calle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Barrow, Suffolk); James Call, 1543 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Tho. Call, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Wylliam Call, 1550 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Katheryn Call, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edward Call, 1580 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Roger Call, 1600 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Call, 1691 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

**References:** Vocabulary of English Place-Names, at *cāl*, *calu*.

2 **English:** locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at a sheepfold, from Middle English *caule*, \**calle*, \**cale* 'sheepfold'. Compare Robert del Cayles, 1373 in Lancs Record Office, where *-ay-* is a northern Middle English spelling of the /a:/ in *Cale*.

**Early bearers:** Walter atte Calle, 1307 in London Letter Books C; Johanne atte Cale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warnham, Sussex); Agnes Call, 1545 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts).

3 **Irish:** from Mac Cathail, see **McCall**.

### Callaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** unexplained; possibly an irregular variant of **Colby**.

**Early bearers:** Elisab. Calaby, 1725 in *IGI* (Barton Turf, Norfolk); Ezekiel Callaby, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Callaby, 1762 in *IGI* (Elmham, Norfolk).

### Callachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

**Irish:** relationship name from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Calladine

**Variants:** Cannadine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

**English:** locative name from Caludon House in Wyken (Warwicks), with an unexplained change in the final syllable.

**Early bearers:** Reginaldi de Caludon, 1263 in Leicester Freeman Register (Leics); Thoma de Calewedon, 1279–80 in Warwicks Hundred Rolls (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Walter de Caludon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Packwood, Warwicks); Johannes Caludon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Richard Calladine, 1596 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Elizabeth Calladine, 1656 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); Thomas Calladine, 1714 in *IGI* (Melbourne, Derbys); Francisci Calendine, 1720 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); John Callodine, 1777 in *IGI* (Rempstone, Notts); Robert Callardine, 1827 in *IGI* (Sibley, Leics).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 192.

### Callagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Callaghan

**Variants:** Calaghan, Callahan, Calahan, Callighan, Calligan, Colohan, Kelleghan, O'Callaghan, Gallaghan, Callagan, Callahan, Colahan, Callachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10315, Ireland 3671
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin 'descendant of *Ceallachán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Ceallach*, probably meaning 'bright-headed', from *cen* 'head' + *lach* 'light'. This name was borne by a 10th-century king of Munster, from whom many a present-day bearers of the surname claim descent. **Early bearers:** Archu Ua Ceilechain, king of Ui-Bresail, 1037 in AU; Niall Ua Ceilechain, king of Ui-Bresail, 1044 in AU; Matadhan Ua Ceilechain, vice abbot of Armagh, 1047 in AU; Owen mcMorihirte Calleghan, kern, 1577 in Fiantis Elizabeth §3150 (Currbegg, Cork); Cnochor mcTeig O'Kallaghan, 1573 in Fiantis Elizabeth §2251; Donell mcTeig mcDonogh O Kallaghan, yeoman, 1573 in Fiantis Elizabeth §2248; Callachan mcDermodye Callacan, 1574 in Fiantis Elizabeth §2464 (Comoraghe, Cork); Laghlin roe mcTeig O'Kallaghain, 1585 in Fiantis Elizabeth §4635;

Connor O'Kellyne, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4876 (Tullomer); Dermot mcTheige Callahane, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6302; Katherine Kellen, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6133; Donell I Kelichun, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6555.

### Callagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Cork
- Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

### Callaham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Irish: variant of **Callaghan**, influenced by the common element of English locative names *-ham*. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Callahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- Irish: from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Callaly

- Variants:** **Calley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: reduced form of **Mac Ailghile** 'son of *Ailgheal*', a personal name possibly meaning 'stone-white'. Compare **Allely**, where *mac* has been lost completely. **Early bearers:** Matthew Callaly, 1860 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb); Thomas Calley, 1880 in *IGI* (Farington, Lancs); Thos. P. Callaly, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Callam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
- 1 **Scottish:** see **Callan**.
  - 2 **Scottish:** see **Callum**.
  - 3 **English:** see **Calam**.

### Callan

- Variants:** **Callen**, **Calland**, **Callam**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2016, Ireland 1498
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 958
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan
- 1 **Irish:** shortened from Ó **Cathaláin**, see **Cahalane**. **Early bearers:** Ireland: David mcTeige I Calane, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5688 (Kaharougarry); Fynine O Calaine, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6511 (Kilmury); Donogh O Callan, gent., 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6554 (Fernie, Monaghan).
  - 2 **Scottish, Irish:** relationship name shortened from **Mac Cailein** 'son of *Cailean*', or **Mac Ailein**, see **McCallion** and **Collin**.

**Early bearers:** Callogh McAlin, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4567 (Barnecullin); Moyler McAline, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5519 (Kilbreede).

3 **English:** see **Callen** (2).

### Callanan

- Variants:** **Calnan**, **Callinan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 1074
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Cork
- Irish: from Ó **Callanáin** 'descendant of *Callanáin*', a personal name of uncertain origin. **Early bearers:** Ellen and Margaret Ny Callan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6515 (Knockinenescaght); Mahown mcDavy O Calenye, gent., 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6515 (Limerick).

### Calland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 473
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Manx: see **Callan**.

### Callander

- Variants:** **Callendar**, **Callender**, **Calender**, **Gellender**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and SE Scotland; also Angus
- Scottish:** locative name from Callendar by Falkirk (Stirlings) or Callander (Perths). **Early bearers:** Alwyn de Calyntyr, about 1248 in Lennox Cartulary; John de Calentyr, knight, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Stirlings); John de Callenter, burgess, about 1366 in Cambuskenneth Register (Stirlings); Thomas Callendar, 1610 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); George Kallender, 1631 in Glasgow Burgesses (Glasgow); Agnes Callendar, 1696 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

### Callard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 552
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 **English:** locative name possibly from Callard in Burrington (Devon), though Place-Names of Devon does not record this place till 1616 in Feet of Fines. Titford (p. 125) refers to a family Callard of Callard in 1498, which confirms the connection and the suitable antiquity of the place. **Early bearers:** Robt Callard, 1567 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Thomas Callard, 1587 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); James Callard, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall). **References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 362.
  - 2 **English:** perhaps a variant of **Collard** with unrounding of /o/.
  - 3 **Huguenot:** nickname from French **Calard**, a derivative of Old French *cale*, denoting a kind of close-fitting cap worn by women (see **Cale**). **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Elizabeth Calard, 1705 *IGI* (Savoye De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Anne Caillard, 1731 in *IGI* (Savoye De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Charles Callard, 1740 *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Callary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Arraith, see **McAlary**.

### Callaway

- Variants:** **Calloway**, **Kellaway**, **Kelleway**, **Kelway**, **Calway**, **Cayley**, **Kelloway**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1340, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 813
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon
- Norman, English:** locative name from Caillouet in Eure. **Further information:** The surname is preserved in the Wilts place-name Kellaways, originally a manor of Tytherton in Chippenham, recorded as *Tuderyngton Kaylewey*, 1289 in Place-Names of Wilts. It was held by William de Caillewey and Elias de Kaillewey in the early 13th century. **Early bearers:** Philip de Chailewai, 1165 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Thomas de Kaillewey, 1242 in Book of Fees (Wilts); William Calleweye, 1242 in Book of Fees (Devon); John Cailleway, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Halberton, Devon); Roberto Caleway, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Halstock, Dorset); William Kaylleway, esquire of Rockbourne, 1485 in New Forest Documents; John Kellaway, 1608 in New Forest Documents (Burley). **References:** Ekwall, DEPN.

### Callcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; also London; Northumb
- English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Callcut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Callear

- Variants:** **Callier**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- 1 **English:** probably a variant of **Collier** 'charcoal burner'. **Early bearers:** Benjamin Callier, 1820 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Samuel Callear, born in Wellington, Shrops, in Census 1841 (Bilston, Staffs); Robert Callear, John Callier, in Census 1841 (Tipton, Staffs); William Callear, in Census 1841 (Wolverhampton, Staffs). **References:** Tooth, p. 274.
  - 2 **English:** in some cases, perhaps, a variant of **Caller**, from a Middle English side-form \**callier* with substitution of the suffix *-ier* for *-er*. However, the Middle English evidence for it is slight, and it may not have given rise to a hereditary name. **Early bearers:** Walter Calyer, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Richard Callear, 1743 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Richard Callear, 1802 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); John Callear, 1877 in *IGI* (Bishop Auckland, Durham); Samuel Callear, 1881 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Samuel Callear, 1883 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

## Callegari

### Callegari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**Italian:** occupational name from an agent derivative of *callega* 'shoe' (Latin *caliga* 'military boot'), for a maker of footwear and leggings.

**Further information:** Census records suggest there may have been some confusion with Calaghar.

**Early bearers:** Andrew S. Callegari, born in Clerkenwell, in Census 1861 (Islington, Middx); Andrew Callegari, born in Florence, Italy, in Census 1871 (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Calleja

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Spanish:** locative name from *calleja* 'alleyway', a diminutive of *calle* 'street'.

### Callely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** see **Callaly**.

### Callen

**Variants:** **Callan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; Lancs; Pembroke; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan

1 **Irish:** see **Callan**.

2 **English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Callone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Grittleton, Wilts); John Callan of London, brewer, 1394 in Patent Rolls (London); John Callen, 1566 in Parish Registers (Whitstable, Kent); James Callen, 1593 in PROB 11; John Callen, 1722 in Parish Registers (Beaulieu, Hants); Sarah Callon 1736, John Callen, 1839 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Robert Callen, 1737, Charles Callen, 1828 in *IGI* (Lyndhurst, Hants).

### Callendar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 **English:** see **Callender**.

2 **Scottish:** see **Callander**.

### Callender

**Variants:** **Callendar**, **Calender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1264, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 608
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 **English:** occupational name Middle English *calendre*, *c(h)alaundrer*, *kelendrer* (Old French *calendrier*, *calendreur*), denoting someone who calenders cloth, i.e. passes it through rollers for smoothing.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew le Calendrer, 1311 in London Letter Books B; Paganel and Walter le Kalendrer, 1311 in London Letter Books B; Ferdinando Callender, 1590 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Callender, 1636 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx);

Suzanna Callender, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); John Callender, 1692 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); Francis Callender, 1696 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 **Scottish:** see **Callander**.

### Caller

**Variants:** **Callear**, **Callier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Somerset

1 **English:** in Kent and Somerset chiefly a variant pronunciation of **Callow** (2) or (3). Compare Thomas Caller, 1744, Josiah Callow, 1748 in *IGI* (Durstun, Somerset); Josephi Caller, 1717, William Callow, 1772 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Henry Callow, 1710, Joan Caller, 1712 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Ann Callow, 1774, Ann Caller, 1760 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); and Susanna Caller, 1754, Mary Callow, 1775 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Mattilda Caller, 1671 in *IGI* (West Cranmore, Somerset); Mary Caller, 1782 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent).

2 **English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *caller* 'maker of cauls' (baskets, nets, women's close-fitting caps or headdresses for covering tied-up hair), a derivative of Middle English *cal* (Old English *cawl*) 'basket, net'. See **Call**, and compare **Keller**. (ii) locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at a sheep pen or pigsty (Middle English *cal*), synonymous with *atte Calle*; see **Call**. This type of name, consisting of a topographical term + *-er*, was particularly common in Sussex, Surrey, Hants, and Kent.

**Early bearers:** Walterus le Kallere, 1242 in Close Rolls of Henry III; Henry le Callere, 1281 in London Letter Books B; Thomas Caller', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Will. Callere, 1327, Walt. le Caller, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Ewhurst, Sussex); Willelmus Caller', 1377, Willelmus Kaller', 1379 in Poll Tax (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Kaler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus Kaller, 1381 in Poll Tax (Artington, Surrey); Frances Caller, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** Fransson.

### Callery

**Variants:** **Callary**, **Gallery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 233
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Roscommon

**Irish:** from **Mac Giolla Arraith**, see **McAlary**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick McCallerie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4706 (Moyemlagh, Sligo); Mellaghan McCalery, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Clonymahin); Owen McCalerie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4570 (Coloin); William glasse McCalerie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4686 (Knockmuillien, Sligo).

### Calley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London; Wilts; Lancs; Perth

1 **Norman, English:** see **Caley**.

2 **English:** variant of the Lancs name **Cayley**.

3 **Manx:** cognate of Scottish Gaelic **Macaulay**, Irish **McAuley**. See also **Cawley** and **Callow**.

### Callf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Calf**.

### Callicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Callier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Callear**.

### Calligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Callighan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

### Callin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Aileáin*, *Mac Ailín*, Manx *Mac Aley* 'son of *Ailín*' ('the noble one'). Compare **Callan**.

**Further information:** According to Kneen, the main seat of the family was Ballacallin in Kirk Patrick, while another branch held Ballacallin in Kirk Marown.

**Early bearers:** Mac Callan, 1422, Mac Aley, 1511, Mac Callin, 1584, Callyne, 1601, Callin, 1623 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Callinan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 451
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Cork

**Irish:** from Ó Callanáin, see **Callanan**.

**Early bearers:** Tocher Thomas Calman, horseboy, 1572 in Fiants Elizabeth §2057 (Bannanowgh); Gillygeir mcCormuck I Callynane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6566.

### Callingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** locative name apparently from North or South Collingham (WR Yorks) or Collingham (Notts), though in modern times overwhelmingly a name of SE England. The surname may therefore occasionally derive from *Collingham Field* and *Cross* in Dallington and Brightling (Sussex), recorded in 1615 (East Sussex Record Office), unless this place takes its name from the surname.



**Early bearers:** Thomas de Colyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robert Colyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brightling, Sussex); Beatrix Collingham, 1552 in *IGI* (Friston, Sussex); Robert Callingham, 1560 in *IGI* (Notts); William Callingham, 1602 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Robte Collingham, 1628 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Gorge Calingham, 1639 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey).

### Callis

**Variants:** Cayless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Oxon and Northants

**Norman, English, Irish:** locative name from the French port of Calais.

**Early bearers:** William de Caleio, 1086 in Ely Inquisition; Richard de Caliz, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Helewisia Caleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johanne Caleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Johanne Caleys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louth, Lincs); Johannes Caleys, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Raynham, Norfolk); Thomas Caleys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newbold Comyn, Warwick); Editha Caleys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Johanna Caleis, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southrop, Gloucs); Adam de Calys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Scarisbrick, Lincs); Thomas Caleys, 1439 in PROB 11 (Glemsford, Suffolk); Agnes Callis, 1557 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Henry Callis, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Jone Callis, 1568 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Andrew Callis, 1580 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); William Callis, 1608 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Jonathan Callis, 1642 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Callis, 1725 in *IGI* (Whiston, Northants).

### Callison

**Variants:** Allison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lanarks

**Scottish Gaelic:** relationship name reduced form of McAlison, a Gaelic patronymic based on the personal name *Alison* (see **Allison**).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Callison, 1676 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robert Callison, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lincs); Robt. Callison, 1797 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Hance Callison, 1861 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks).

### Callister

**Variants:** Collister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 604
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Manx:** relationship name a reduced form of Manx *Mac Alister* 'son of Alexander'. See under **McAllister**. Kneen gives the pronunciation as /kələstəθər/, and remarks that the main seat of the family was Ballacollister (Kirk Lonan parish).

**Early bearers:** Mac Alisandre, 1418, Mac Alexander, 1429, Callister, 1606 in Kneen; Jony Callister, 1611 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); William Callister, 1643 in *IGI* (Ballaugh, IoM).

### Callon

**Variants:** McAllen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic:** see **McCallon**.

### Callow

**Variants:** Caloe, Caller, Calley, Cawley, Cayley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2255, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1856
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also London and Kent; Lincs; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

**1 Manx:** relationship name reduced form of Manx *Mac Allow* 'son of Allow', an anglicized spelling of Gaelic *Mac Amhlaobh*. The personal name is a borrowing of Old Scandinavian *Óláfr*. Kneen states that this form of the name is peculiar to the west of IoM. Compare **Cowley**; see also Irish **McAuley**, Scottish **Macaulay**.

**Further information:** As a Manx name it is pronounced /'ka:lə/ (as if spelled in English as *carler*) or /'kalə/, somewhat like English *callow*.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Aloe, 1500, Mac Calo, Mac Calowe, 1511, Caloe, McAloe, 1583, Mac Callow, 1584, Callow, 1586, Caloe, 1603, Calow 1611, Callow, 1667, 1810 in Kneen.

**England:** Daniel Callow, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lincs).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *calwe*, *calewe* (Old English *calu*, weak accusative and dative case form *calewan*) 'bald (man)'. Some of the post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** Willelmum le Calewe de Couele, before 1230 in Osenev Cartulary (Cowley, Oxon); Philip Calewe, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); [ . . . ] le Calewe, 1275 in Place-Names of Worcs (Callows Farm in Elmley Lovett, Worcs); Simon Calu, John le Calue, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Gilbertus Calwe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Stephen Calow, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Alicia Callowe, 1548, Robert Callow, 1660 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); John Callowe, 1567, Betty Callow, 1737, Fanny Callow, 1820 in *IGI* (North Pertherton, Somerset); Richard Calowe, 1575, John Calloe, 1726 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Johes Callow, 1627, Zakaria Callow, 1775 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Constance Callowe, 1685, Henry Callow, 1774 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Anne Callow, 1774, Sarah Callow, 1827 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Thomas Callowe, 1594 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex); Harbert Callowe, 1662, Sarah Callow, 1796 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex).

**3 English:** locative name from any of the places called Callow (Derbys, Herefs, Somerset), but the post-medieval locative name is impossible to distinguish from the nickname in (2).

**Further information:** The Derbys place-name is locally pronounced like the word *caller* and is also recorded as *Cawley*, 1577 in Place-Names of Derbys, p. 354.

Compare **Calley**. The derived surname has sometimes been confused with another Derbys name **Calow**, and pronounced 'cayloe'.

**4 English:** see **Calow**.

### Calloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and W Midlands: esp. Staffs; IoW

**Norman, English:** see **Callaway**.

### Callum

**Variants:** Callam, Calam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland; also WR Yorks; also Durham
- Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Caluim**, see **McCallum**.

### Callus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Maltese:** nickname reduced form of Italian **Calluso**, corresponding to standard Italian *calloso*, literally 'having a hard skin', figuratively 'callous, unfeeling'.

**References:** Cassar.

### Calman

**Variants:** Calmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Angus

**1 English, Scottish:** relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kalman* (Old Irish *Colmán*). Some early bearers may belong with sense (2). **Further information:** see Feilitzen, p. 216.

**Early bearers:** William Caleman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); John Calman, 1382 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Girsell Calman, 1740 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Banff); John Calman, 1745 in *IGI* (Elie, Fife).

**2 Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Colmáin**, see **McCalman**.

### Calmon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Calman**.

### Calnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 230
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Irish:** from Ó Callanáin, see **Callanan**.

### Caloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lincs

**1 English:** see **Calow**.

**2 Manx:** see **Callow**.

### Calow

**Variants:** Caloe, Callow, Cawley, Caley, Cayley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics

**English:** locative name from Calow in Derbys, usually pronounced /keilou/ 'kay-lo', but the name may sometimes have been confused with *Callow*, another Derbys place-name; see **Callow**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Caloe, 1639, William Calow, 1786, Lavander Calow, 1854 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).

### Calpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** York
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

**Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** reduced form of **McAlpine**.

## Calthorp

### Calthorp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Calthorpe**.

### Calthorpe

Variants: **Calthorp**, **Calthrop**, **Colthorpe**, **Coathup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Lincs

English: locative name from Calthorpe (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** William de Caletorp, 1134–40 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); William de Calthorp, 1259 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Colthorp, 1411 in York Freeman's Register (York); Christopher Calthorpp, 1503 in *IGI* (Cockthorpe, Norfolk); Philip Calthorp, 1518 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Fraunces Calthrop, Fraunces Calthorp, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Cathorp, 1541 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Robart Calthrope, 1550 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Anna Coltrop, 1619 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); William Coultup, 1693, John Coultrop, 1694 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); George Coatup, 1725 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Thomas Coultrip, 1766 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Coathup, yeoman, 1770 in Cheshire Record Office (Chester, Cheshire); Thos. Coultup, 1774 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire); John Coltrip, 1790, James Coltrup, 1793 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Charles Thornton Coathupe, 1830 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Calthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Calthorpe**.

### Calton

Variants: **Caulton**, **Kalton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; also Suffolk; Kent

1 **English:** locative name from Cauldon or Calton (both Staffs), Calton Lees in Edensor (Derbys), or Calton (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames suggests that the Staffs and Derbys places are the most likely sources for the surname in the Sheffield area (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ada de Calton, about 1192 in Place-Names of Derbys (Derbys); William de Caltone, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Derbys); Ralph de Calton, 1336 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Ricardo de Callton', 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Thomas de Calton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Church Eaton, Staffs); Johannes de Calton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Carlisle, Cumb); Rogerus de Calton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Calton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Calton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Baslow, Derbys); John Calton', 1431 in Feet of Fines (NR Yorks); Thomas Calton, citizen and goldsmith of London, 1541 in Feet of Fines (Derbys); Elizabeth Calton, 1560 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); James Calton, 1564 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Andrew Caulton, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Halingbury, Essex); James Caulton, 1584 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ales Caulton, 1598 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); John Callton, 1669 in *IGI*

(Newmarket, Suffolk); Richard Cauldon, 1716 in *IGI* (Dalbury, Derbys).

**References:** Staffs Place-Names, pp. 170, 181; Place-Names of Derbys, p. 91; Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 130.

2 **Scottish Gaelic:** see **McCalden**.

### Calum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### Calvard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Calvert**.

### Calvey

Variants: **Calverley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Calvey (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** David Calvey, 1565 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Richard Calvey, 1619 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Peter Calvey, 1745 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Calver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1967, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, and Middx

English: (i) locative name from Calver (Derbys). (ii) nickname possibly from Middle English *calver* 'flecky-fleshed (of salmon)', perhaps for someone with white flecks in their hair or blotchy skin.

**Further information:** Since early-modern times indistinguishable in pronunciation from **Carver** in E England.

**Early bearers:** David de Caluonore, de Caluouere, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); John aKarffer, 1560 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Katheryn Calver, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Caroli Calver, 1576 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jonathan and Mary Carver, Calver, 1702, 1705 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk); Eliz. Calvor, 1748 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Calverd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Calvert**.

### Calverley

Variants: **Calverly**, **Coverley**, **Caverly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 632
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 **English:** locative name from Calverley (WR Yorks), or possibly in some instances from

Calverleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Godric de Calodeleia, 1084 in Tengvik (Devon); Iordan de Caluerlai, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Johanna de Caluerley, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Walter Calverley, 1466 in Yorks Wills; Johna. Calverley, 1558 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Wylmott Calverley, 1574 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon).

2 **English:** see **Calvey**.

### Calverly

Variants: **Coverley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Calverley**.

### Calvert

Variants: **Calvard**, **Calverd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7194, Ireland 520
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6104
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: occupational name from Middle English *calf-hirde* 'calf herd' (Old English (Anglian) *calf* + *hierde*). Compare John Calueknave, 1284 in Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls (Hunts) and William Caluerknave, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Warin le Calfhirde, 1269 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); William Calvehird', 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Calverde of York, 1309 in London Letter Books D (London); John Calfhyrde, 1332 in Thuresson (Lincs); Robert Calfhird, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Thomas Calfhird', 1358 in Feet of Fines (Spalding, Lincs); Johannes Calvehyrd', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hawkswick, WR Yorks); Editha Calvert, 1547 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Nicholas Calvert, 1577 in PROB 11 (Taunton, Somerset); Willm. Calverd, 1585 in *IGI* (Spridlington, Lincs); James Calvart, 1596, William Calvert, 1620 in York Freeman's Register (York); Eleanor Calvard, 1779 in *IGI* (Wressell, ER Yorks).

**References:** Thuresson, p. 61.

### Calvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Irish:** probably from **Mac Giolla Bhuidhe**, see **McKelvey**. However, Woulfe regards it as an anglicized form of **Mac an Chalbhaigh**, from *calbhach* 'big-headed'.

**Early bearers:** Ferigh McDonell McKallway, galloglas, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4579.

### Calvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 159
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *cauf* 'bald' + suffix *-in*, for a bald-headed man.

**Further information:** Some later bearers, for example Catherine Cauvin, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx), may be Huguenot immigrants whose name has the same origin.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Cauvin, about 1220 in Shakespeare Centre; Johannes Calfyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham Ferrers, Northants); William Calvin, 1604 in PROB 11 (Pidley, Hunts); William Calvin, 1617 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Ann Calvyn, 1619 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); James Calvin, 1706 in *IGI* (Strensham, Worcs); Margaret Calvin, 1732 in *IGI* (Lazonby, Cumb).

Scotland: James Calvine, 1706, Calvin, 1709 in *IGI* (Carluke, Lanarks).

IoM: [ . . . ] Calvin, 1650 in Kneen; Arthur Calvin, 1718, Ann Calven, 1730 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

### Calvo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**Italian, Portuguese:** nickname from *calvo* 'bald'. **Early bearers:** Thomas Calvo, 1809 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Isabella Calvo, 1822 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Juan Escudero Calvo, 1830, in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent).

### Calway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- Norman, English:** see **Callaway**.

### Calwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English:** see **Caldwell**.

### Cam

**Variants:** **Camm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs; WR Yorks

1 **Norman, English:** see **Camm**.

2 **Scottish Gaelic:** nickname from Gaelic *cam* 'crooked, deformed; one-eyed, cross-eyed'.

**Early bearers:** Hector Cam, 1541 in Privy Seal of Scotland Register (Skye, Inverness).

### Camacho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Portuguese:** from a common but unexplained surname in Portugal. It appears to have originated in Andalusia, Spain.

**Early bearers:** John Antonio Camacho, 1807 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Camara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Portuguese, Spanish:** nickname from *Cámara*, denoting a courtier or servant who had access to the private living quarters of a king or noble, from *cámara* '(main) room' (from Latin *camera*). Compare English **Chamberlain**.

**Early bearers:** John Camara, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Camb

**Variants:** **Combs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *camb*, *comb* 'comb', probably denoting a comb maker or someone who combed wool. Compare **Camber**, **Comer**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Cambre, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newton, WR Yorks); Wm. Camb, 1582 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); Joseph Camb, 1667 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Joseph Camb, 1725 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs).

### Cambage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English:** see **Cammish**.

### Cambden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English:** see **Camden**.

### Cambell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 823
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Scottish Gaelic:** see **Campbell**.

### Camber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Comer**.

### Cambers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts
- English:** variant of *Camber* (see **Comer**), with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Camble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Devon
- Scottish Gaelic:** see **Campbell**.

### Camblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- English, Scottish:** locative name from Camelon (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Camelon, 1812 in *IGI* (Kirkcolm, Wigtowns); William Camlon, 1819 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

### Cambrey

**Variants:** **Cambre**, **Kembry**, **Kembery**, **Kemmery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

**Norman, English:** locative name toponymic from any of the three places in Calvados and one in Nord called Cambrai.

**Early bearers:** Godefridus de Cambrai, 1086 in Domesday Book (Leics); Simon Camberay, Cambrey, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Cambrey, 1588 in PROB 11 (Great Rissington, Gloucs).

### Cambrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Norman, English:** see **Cambray**.

### Cambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 914
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs; London; Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cork

1 **English:** locative name either from the village of Cambridge (Gloucs) or from the university city in E Anglia. It was not until late in the 14th century that the form *Cambridge* became common for the latter, so earlier examples of this form are almost certainly from the place in Gloucs. Cambridge (Cambs) was earlier *Grantabrycge*, *Cantebricge*, and the like.

**Early bearers:** Picot de Grantebrige, 1086 in Domesday Book (Cambs); Richard de Cambrige, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Alan de Cambricge, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); William de Cantebricge, 1338 in London Letter Books F; Stephen de Caumbricge, 1348 in Flower, Public Works (Cambs), John Caumbricge, 1376 in London Letter Books H; Johannes de Cambrege, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walden Stubbs, WR Yorks); Thome Cambrydige, 1571 in PROB 11 (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Richard Cambridge, 1639 in PROB 11 (Langley Burrell, Wilts).

2 **Irish:** from **Mac Ambróis**, see **McCambridge**.

### Camburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Camborne (Cornwall). **Early bearers:** Johane Camborne, 1578 in *IGI* (Dyrham and Hinton, Gloucs); Herne Camborne, 1600 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Thomas Camborne, 1603 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent); Ann Camborne, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall); James Camburn, 1745 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent).

### Camden

**Variants:** **Cambden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Worcs

**English:** locative name from Broad Campden or Chipping Campden (Gloucs).

**Further information:** *Camden Town* in London is not the source. It is a late name deriving from the title of Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden, of Camden Place, Chislehurst (Kent), which takes its name from William Camden, the Elizabethan antiquary, whose surname is from Campden (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Ebrard de Campeden', 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Walter de Campeden, 1220 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); John de Campeden, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Johannes Campeden', 1381 in Poll Tax (Longborough, Gloucs); John Camden, 1600 in PROB 11 (Radford Semele, Warwicks); Richard Cambden, 1643 in PROB 11 (Saint Margaret Pattens, City of London).

### Came

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137

## Camel

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English:** see **Camm**.

### Camel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Lanarks
- English:** see **Cammell**.

### Camell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts; Gloucs
- English:** see **Cammell**.

### Cameron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25486, Ireland 900
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23209
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 **Scottish Gaelic:** nickname in the Highlands, usually from Gaelic *camshròn* ‘wry nose, bent nose, hook nose’.

**Further information:** Clan Cameron has been associated with lands in Lochaber since the 15th century if not earlier, and with Lochiel since 1528. The earliest recorded chief is Donal Cam Shron Dhu ‘Black Donald Wry Nose’, in 1411.

**Early bearers:** Allaster Dow McAllane McEwin of Camroun, 1576 in Privy Council of Scotland Register; Allan Camroun of Lochyell, 1612 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Inverness).

**References:** Adam.

2 **Scottish:** locative name in the Lowlands, usually from Cameron (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Kamerun, 1214–49 in New Spalding Miscellany (Perths); Hugh Cambrun, 1219 in Panmure Register (Angus); John Cambron, 1250 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeens); Sir John de Cambroun, 1305 in Scotland Calendar (Perths); Meg Cambrawno, 1402 in Aberdeen Council Register (Monymusk, Aberdeens); John de Cameron, 1421, in Wyntoun Chronicle (Fife); William Cameroun, 1448 in Scotland Calendar; John Camerown, 1453 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book (Perths); John Camron, 1498 in Lanark Records (Lanarks); Robert Camproun, 1546 in Protocol Book Rollok (Perths); Johnne Cameron, 1627 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Camfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Middx; also Herts

**English:** see **Canfield**.

### Camidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

1 **Norman, English:** see **Gammage**.

2 **Norman, English:** see **Gamage**.

3 **English:** see **Cammish**.

### Camilleri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 954, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian (Sicilian):** occupational name for a camel driver, from Medieval Latin *camelarius*, medieval Greek *kamelarios*.

**Early bearers:** Seraphino Camilleri, 1913 in *IGI* (Durham).

### Camis

**Variants:** **Cammish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

1 **Norman, English:** locative name of uncertain origin. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** Reaney suggests that the source might be Campeaux (Calvados). There is another Campeaux in Oise, as well as Champeaux (Manche, Seine-et-Marne), all of which derive from an earlier *Campels* ‘the little fields’. It is difficult to see how *Cameis* and *Camois* would naturally develop from *Campels*.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Cameis, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Matillis de Camois, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Ascelyna de Cameys, 1296, Ralph Kamays, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Camois Court in Barcombe, Sussex); John de Camoys, 1330 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Margareta Camoys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Trotton, Sussex); Jo. Caymos, 1574 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Christian Camys, 1587, Elisabetha Camish, 1635, Robert Camis, 1751 in *IGI* (Hinton Ampner, Hants); Thomasin Cammas, 1604, John Cameis, 1708, 1784 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Mary Camiss, 1758 in *IGI* (North Marden, Sussex).

2 **English:** nickname from Middle English *camus*, *camois* ‘pug-nosed’ (Old French *camus*). Compare **Camus**.

**Further information:** A derivation from Old Norman French *camise*, *kemise*, Old French *chemise* ‘undergarment, shirt, surplice, or herald’s robe’, as suggested by Reaney, is linguistically possible but lacks onomastic evidence.

### Camley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks
- Irish:** see **McAuley**.

### Camlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Irish:** origin unknown, but possibly from the parish of Camlin on the shore of Lough Neagh in Antrim.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James Camblin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Down); John Camlin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyroney, Down); John Camlon, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilkeel, Down).

### Camm

**Variants:** **Cam**, **Came**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 960
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs; Gloucs

1 **English:** locative name from Cam in Horton in Ribblesdale (WR Yorks). There are alternative sources for the name in Yorks and some of the following bearers may belong with (3) or (4).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cambe, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); John Camb, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Willelmus Cambe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hellfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Camme, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eyam, Derbys); John Cam, 1589, Thomas Camm, 1655 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Anne Camm, 1655 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jonathan Camm, 1681, Johnathon Cam, 1699 in *IGI* (Over Kellet, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 **English:** locative name from Cam (Gloucs).

Examples without the preposition may alternatively belong with (4).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Camme, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); William de Camme, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Cam, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lyonsshall, Herefs); Alys Cam, 1541, William Came, 1544, Thomas Camm, 1546 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); John Jr. Came, 1544 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); Katheryne Came, 1563 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Margaret Cam, 1588 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Thomas Cam, 1605 in *IGI* (Coaley, Gloucs).

3 **Norman, English:** locative name from Caen in Calvados, recorded as *Cadum* in 1040 and as *Cadomum* in 1080. See also **Cain** and **Cane**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (4).

**Further information:** Winterborne Came (Dorset) belonged to the Abbey of Caen in 1086.

**Early bearers:** William de Cada, de Cadam, de Cadomo, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); William de Cadumo, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Ralph de Caham, de Cadomo, about 1162 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Fabian de Cam’, 1184 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Walter de Cam, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks), identical with Walter de Cadam’, 1205 in Pipe Roll, Chancellor’s Copy; William Cam, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Adam de Came, 1379 in Poll Tax (Beighton, Norfolk); Mawdley Cam, 1586 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); Mawrice Came, 1605, Willm Cam, 1610 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs).

4 **English:** nickname from an unrecorded Middle English *\*cam* (perhaps from Welsh *cam*) ‘crooked, bent’, also ‘perverse’. Compare Middle English *cammed* ‘pug-nosed, curved’, probably a derivative of *cam*. **Early bearers** without the definite article may alternatively belong with other senses. Compare **Games**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Camme, 1258–80 in Thurgarton Cartulary (Thurgarton, Notts); Adam le Camm, Walter le Camm, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Flinton, in Humbleton, ER Yorks); Richard le Kam, 1282 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Alicia relicta Godfr’ Camme, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Thurgarton, Notts); Doretye Camm, 1561 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Richard Cam, 1611 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts).

5 **Scottish Gaelic:** see **Cam**.

### Cammack

**Variants:** **Cammock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** (i) locative name from Cammock in Settle (WR Yorks). (ii) nickname alternatively perhaps from Middle English *cammok* ‘thorny shrub’ (Old English *cammoc*).

**Early bearers:** Roberto Cammoke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Avebury, Wilts); Robert Chamoke alias Cammock, 1547 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Cammok, 1557 in Lincluden; Robert Camock or Camocke, 1631 in PROB 11 (New Sleaford, Lincs); William Cammock, 1637 in PROB 11 (Boston, Lincs).

### Cammell

**Variants:** Camel, Camell, Campell, Campbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**1 Norman, English:** nickname from Norman French *came(i)l* 'camel' (Latin *camelus*, classical Greek *kamēlos*). In the 1332 example this is clearly a nickname, possibly denoting a clumsy or ill-tempered person, as in 'Achilles? A drayman, a porter, a very camel' (Shakespeare: *Troilus and Cressida* I ii 249). The other forms could alternatively belong at (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Walter Camel, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Ivo Camel, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); John le Camule, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Camel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westwick, Norfolk); Steven Cammell, 1587 in *IGI* (Ingoldmells, Lincs); John Camel, 1610 in *IGI* (Irby in the Marsh, Lincs); Robert Cammell, 1621 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk).

**2 English:** locative name from Queen Camel or West Camel (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Camel, 12th cent. in Hatton's Book of Seals (Somerset); Richard de Cammel, 1319 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Johannes Cammel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Ellen Cammell, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Cammell, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Cammell, 1597 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Cammell, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York).

**3 English:** nickname; there has also been some confusion with **Campbell**, sometimes pronounced as *Camel*.

**Early bearers:** John Camell, 1667, also recorded as John Cambell, 1697 in York Freeman's Register, was a son of Michael Camell and father of Michael Cambell; Daniel Camell, 1691, is also recorded as Daniel Campbell, 1719 in York Freeman's Register.

### Cammidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**1 Norman, English:** see **Gammage**.

**2 Norman, English:** see **Gamage**.

**3 English:** see **Cammish**.

### Cammish

**Variants:** Cammiss, Cammidge, Camidge, Cabbage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**1 English:** locative name from Cambois

(Northumb), recorded as *Cambus*, about 1150, *Kamhus*, *Camhous*, 1236, *Cammus*, 1335, *Cambois*, 1363, *Cammosse*, 1551 in Place-Names of Northumb and Durham.

**Further information:** According to Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy, p. 222, at Cabbage, the medieval lordship of Cambois had links with Yorks; see also Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames. There is no

evidence to support Reaney's explanation of the name as a variant of **Gamage**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Camhus, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); William Cambus, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax (Kirkby Wharfe, WR Yorks); Robert Cambysshe, 1455, William Camage, 1583, William Cammas, 1620, George Camisse, 1632 in York Freeman's Register (York); George Cammage, 1568 in York Registry Wills (Cawood, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Camys, 1587, Georg Camas, 1613, Mary Cammadge, 1632, Samuel Cammidge, 1720 in *IGI* (York); Jno. Camage, 1604, Hugh Cammish, 1617, Joseph Cammish, 1744, Elisabeth Camidge, 1771 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Richard Camas, 1607, Richard Camish, 1684 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Camadge, 1634 in York Registry Wills (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Kaimus, 1676 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**2 English:** see **Camis**.

### Cammiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English:** see **Cammish**.

### Cammock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Tyrone
- English:** see **Cammack**.

### Cammon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Ámoinn**, see **McCammon**.

### Camp

**Variants:** Campe, Scamp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2193, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Essex, and Surrey; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

**English:** from Middle English *kempe* 'warrior'; see **Kemp**. The spelling *Camp* may be due to the influence of Old English *camp* 'battle' and *campian* 'to fight', or of Old French *campion* 'warrior, champion'.

**Early bearers:** Alricus campe (cemp), 1086 in Cambs Inquisition; Robert Campe, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Tomas le Campe, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); John Campe (Kempe), 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Ellen Campe, 1543 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Willia Campe, 1547 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk); John Campe, 1558 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); James Campe, 1560 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); John Campe, 1563 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); John Campe, 1590 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); George Camp, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Camp, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Sarah Camp, 1597 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Camp, 1601 in *IGI* (Rushford, Norfolk).

### Campain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English:** see **Campen**.

### Campany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- Norman, English:** locative name variant of **Champney**, from Old French *Champneis*, a regional name denoting someone from Champagne. **Early bearers:** Alan de Chaumpeneys of Sut'ton', 1326 in Feet of Fines (Sutterton, Lincs); Edmundus Campeneys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boreton, Shrops); William Chaumpeneys, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Frant, Sussex); Richard Campany, 1615 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Thomas Campenny, 1763 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent).

### Campbel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Ayr; also Perth

**Scottish Gaelic:** see **Campbell**.

### Campbell

**Variants:** Camble, Campell, Cambell, Campbel, McCamphill, McCampbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76576, Ireland 14101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50516
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

**1 Scottish Gaelic:** nickname from Gaelic *caimbeul* 'wry or crooked mouth'. The surname is also found as Camille (1451), Cammell (1473), Camble (1513). As a result of folk etymology, the surname was often represented in Latin documents as *de campo bello* 'of the fair field', which led to the name sometimes being 'translated' into Anglo-Norman French as **Beauchamp**. Medieval references to the spelling of this name with a 'p' are unreliable, as they come from 16th-century copies of those sources. Nevertheless, this has become established as the conventional spelling.

**Further information:** Clan Campbell is a prolific and historically influential Highland Scottish clan with many branches, claiming descent from Gille Easpaig (Gillespie) *Caim beul* Ó Duibhne, who lived in the early 13th century. The ancestral seat is at Inveraray on Loch Fyne, a sea loch running parallel to the freshwater Loch Awe, from which one of their titles, Campbell of Lochow, is derived. The clan was for centuries notorious for its bad relations with neighbouring clans. Heads of the clan were successively elevated to the peerage as Earls (1457), Marquesses (1641), and Dukes (1701) of Argyll. The chief of the clan, the Duke of Argyll, is known in Gaelic as MacCailein Mòr, a reference to Cailean Mòr (Colin the Great) of Lochow, who was killed in fighting with Alexander, Lord of Lorne, in 1296. **Early bearers:** Gillespie Cambel, 1263 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Menstrie, Clackmannans); Donald Cambel, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Dunbartons); Duncan le Cambell, 1447 in Scottish History Society Miscellany; Anabell Campbell, 1555 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Wm. Cambell, 1570 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Margaret Cambel, 1639 in *IGI* (Edinburgh),

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Midlothian); Kathrin Campbell, 1653 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll).

References: Adam.

2 English: variant of **Cammell**, under the influence of the Scottish name.

## Campe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Camp**.

## Campell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: see **Campbell**, **Cammell**.

Early bearers: Thomas Campell, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

## Campen

Variants: **Campin**, **Camping**, **Campain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman: (i) locative name from one of the several places named *Campagne* in Pas-de-Calais or that in Oise. (ii) locative name, Norman form of *Champagne*, the name of the province in E France. (iii) possibly sometimes from Campen in Flanders.

Early bearers: Gilbertus de Campania, Gilberti de Champanie, Graues de la Campaine, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Hogone [*sic*] de Campen, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Leics); William Campaignes, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Roberto de Campania, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Alce Campen, 1601 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Mathew Campen, 1607 in *IGI* (Yarnscombe, Devon); George Campen, 1640 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

## Campey

Variants: **Campy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: nickname of uncertain origin. The Yorks distribution suggests a relation with the Yorks and N England dialect verb *camp* 'gossip', of uncertain age. However, *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that it may be an abbreviated form of the name *Campinot* (itself a diminutive of **Champion**), citing the 1671 example of Thomas Campinett alias Campie (Stillingfleet, WR Yorks) among other evidence.

Early bearers: Udie Campie, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Elizabeth Campey, 1579 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Robert Campie, 1633 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Thomas Campy, 1729 in *IGI* (Church Fenton, ER Yorks); James Campey, 1767 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks).

## Campfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name variant of **Canfield**.

## Campin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Oxon
- Norman, English: see **Campen**.

## Camping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs
- Norman, English: variant of **Campen**.

## Campion

Variants: **Camplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2689, Ireland 964
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2055
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks; N Midlands; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Champion**. This is the usual form of the name in Ireland.

Further information: The post-medieval name could occasionally be a variant of **Campain** (2) but more evidence is needed to support this possible explanation.

Early bearers: England: Herbert Campion, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Roger le Campion, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Johanne Campyon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics); Thoma Campyon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louth, Lincs); Thoma Kampiun, 1379 in Poll Tax (Seagrave, Leics); Elias Campion, 1593 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs); Thomas Campion, 1593 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Willmi. Campion, 1611 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); John or Thomas Campion, 1638 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Andrew Campion, 1659 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon). Ireland: William Campion, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6299.

## Campkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Cambs; Kent

English: unexplained; the second element is the diminutive suffix *-kin*.

Early bearers: John Campkin, 1563 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); Thomas Campkin, 1571 in *IGI* (Herts); Alice Campkin, 1586 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); Wm Camkine, 1613, Thomas Campkin, 1620 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds); John Camkin, 1640 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts).

## Camplejohn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: nickname; altered form of *Campion*, a variant of **Camplin**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that this Norfolk family name migrated by the east coast sea trade to York. There, an excrescent */s/* was sometimes inserted before the */i/* (i.e. *\*Camplesion*), giving rise to pronunciations spelled *Campleshon*, *Camplechon*, and *Camplegeon*. From York the name spread into nearby villages in ER Yorks, where it came to be spelled as though it ended in the given name *John*.

Further information: Wilson's explanation, 'fighting John', is unconvincing.

Early bearers: E Anglia: Thomas Campilion', 1379 in Poll Tax (Buckenham with Hassingham, Norfolk); Ricardus Caumplion, 1379 in Poll Tax (Griston, Norfolk); Johannes Caumplion, 1379 in Poll Tax (Yaxham, Norfolk); Robertus Caumplion, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Simon Caumplion', 1379, Marg' Camplyoun, 1381 in Poll Tax (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Thomas Caumplion', 1379 in Poll Tax (Caston, Norfolk); Robert Caumplion, 1454 in Paston Letters (Norfolk); Robert Camplion alias Wright, 1592 in Norfolk Record Office (Old Newton, Suffolk).

N England: Thomas Camplechon, 1589, Campleion, 1611 in York Freemen's Register; Richerd Camplyon, 1604, John Camplyne, 1610 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Eliz. Campleshon, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); Edward Campleshon, 1630 in York Freemen's Register; John Campline, 1628, John Camplyon, 1646 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Thomas Camplegeon, 1655, Thomas Camplishon, 1665 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Robert Camplishon, 1680, Robert Camplejohn, 1805 in *IGI* (Thornton by Pocklington, ER Yorks); Henery Camplishon, 1698 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); John Camplejohn, 1708, Jane Camplijohn, 1771 in *IGI* (Riccall, ER Yorks).

References: Redmonds, King, and Hey, pp. 141–3; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Campleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: according to Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, an altered form of **Cappleman**, perhaps influenced by **Camplin** and its variant **Camplejohn**. Compare John Campline, 1628, Richard Cappleman, 1721 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Robert Cappleman, William Campleman, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Newbegin ward, Hull).

Early bearers: Roger Campleman, 1599 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); Elisabeth Campelman, 1654 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Mary Campleman, 1655 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); John Campleman, 1680 in Yorks Wills.

## Camplin

Variants: **Champlin**, **Campling**, **Camplejohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Westm; also Middx

Norman: (i) locative name from Anglo-Norman French *\*Campelin*, *\*Champelin*, occasionally *\*C(h)ample(i)n* and *\*C(h)ampel(i)on*, perhaps denoting a man from one of the places in Normandy and Picardy named with Latin *campelli* 'little fields', such as Campeaux (Calvados, Oise) or (Les) Champeaux (Manche, Orne). In Yorks, *Camplin* was confused with **Campion**; see Redmonds, King, and Hey, pp. 142–3. (ii) locative name; alternatively the 1379 examples *Chaumplen* (Leics) and *Campleyn* (Norfolk) could derive from one of the numerous hamlets in France called *Champlain*, or else Champlan (Seine-et-Oise, near Paris).

Further information: Reaney derives the name from Middle English *cam(e)lin* (Old French *chamelin*) 'cameline', a cloth supposedly made of camel hair

but actually a fabric of wool mixed with silk, angora, or other fibres. This does not explain the unexpected and persistent medial *-p-*, nor the variation with *-ion* in *Ca(u)mplion* (see **CampeJohn**). Reaney's only example without *-p-*, Stephen Camelyn, 1230 in Close Rolls, may be a locative name from Camelin-et-le-Fresne, in Aisne (Picardy). Devon examples of Champelloun (in Down Thomas) and Champlin (in Berry Pomeroy) may be compared with the family called de Campellis, de Champeux, and de Champell, who held fees of the honour of Berry (Pomeroy) and gave their name to Champson in Molland (Devon), recorded as *Mollaund Chaampeus* and *Champell(l)eston* in 1281. Also compare Robert de Campellis, 1242–3 in Book of Fees (West Stoodleigh, Devon), and William Champeaux, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Stoodleigh, Devon).

The 1379 Leics bearers may have been ancestors of William Chamblin, 1617 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics). *Chamblin* and *Chamblain* are now rare or extinct and may have been absorbed by

**Chamberlain**; compare John Chamberlain, 1782 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics). *Chamb(l)ain* may alternatively be a reduced form of *Chamberlain*.

**Early bearers:** E Midlands and E Anglia: William Campelin', 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Johanne, Willelmo Chaumplen, 1379 in Poll Tax (Castle Donington, Leics); Simon Campleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Feltwell, Norfolk); Edmundus Camplyn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Strumpshaw with Braydeston, Norfolk); Luce Chamblyn, 1539 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); Robertus Campling, 1570, Richardus Camplin, 1592 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Ric Campline, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Steeping, Lincs); Richi. Camplyn, 1599 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Willm. Chamblaine, 1607 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); William Campling, 1623 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Geoffrey Champlin, 1632 in *IGI* (Plumstead, Norfolk); Daniel Camplin, John Camplinge, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); Matthew Campling, 1676 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

N England: Roland Camplin, 1605, John Campling, 1640 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); John Campline, 1628 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Cuthbert Champlin, 1648 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); James Camplen, 1664 in York Freeman's Register (Yorks); Robert Campline, 1663, Rebeccah Campling, 1693 in *IGI* (Brotton, NR Yorks); Thomasin Champlin, 1682 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Jane Champlin, 1742 in *IGI* (Boynnton, ER Yorks).

SW England: John Champelloun, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Down Thomas, Devon); John Camplin, 1565 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Elizabetha Champlin, 1576 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Edithe Campline, 1591 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Daniell Champlin, 1609 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); William Campling, 1638 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Thome Campling, 1647 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** Domesday Descendants, p. 377; Place-Names of Devon, p. 343.

### Campling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**Norman, English:** see **Camplin**.

### Campos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Portuguese:** locative name from *campos* 'fields', often denoting a country dweller.

### Camps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also London; Cornwall

**English:** locative name from Castle Camps or Shudy Camps (Cambs), or from Camps in Nazeing (Essex). **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Campes, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Richard de Caumpes, 1294 in London Letter Books B; Margery, Cecily, Matthew, Geoffrey, and Margery de Campis, 1343 in Patent Rolls (Saint Nicholas in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Campys, 1433 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Robert Camps, 1614 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs).

### Campton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lanarks
- English:** locative name from Campton (Beds). **Early bearers:** Edward Campton, 1573 in *IGI*; Dence Champton, 1588 in *IGI*; Maximillian Campton, 1638 *IGI* (Rutland).

### Campy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** see **Campey**.

### Camsell

**Variants:** Kempshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Campsall (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kamishalla, about 1225 in Place-Names of WR Yorks (WR Yorks); Thomas de Campsale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stancill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Campsale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Womersley, WR Yorks); Johanna de Campsall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rossington, WR Yorks); Johanne de Camsall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hive, ER Yorks); Ricardus Camsall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Ricardus Camsall', 1381 in Poll Tax (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); John Campsall, 1563 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks); John Camsell, 1577 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Thomes Kampsall, 1590 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Philip Campsall, 1599 in *IGI* (Maltby near Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Camsall, 1602 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); John Campsall, 1629 in *IGI* (Harworth, Notts); John Campsell, 1643 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Kampsall, 1690, Will Campsal, 1724 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); William Campsall, 1785 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs).

### Camson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English:** see **Compsion**.

### Camus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Guernsey

**French:** nickname from Old French *camus* 'pug-nosed'. Compare **Camis** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ann Camus, born in Quebec, Canada, in Census 1881 (Kensington, Middx); Yves Marie Camus, born in Côtes du Nord, France, in Census 1881 (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Jules Camus, born in France, in Census 1891 (Hull, ER Yorks); Charles Camus, born in France, in Census 1901 (Edmonton, Middx); Ernest Camus, born in France, in Census 1901 (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Camwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

**Norman, English:** locative name from Canville-les-Deux-Eglises in Seine-Maritime. See Anglo-Norman Families. Compare **Canwell**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Camuilla, 1148 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Richard de Canuilla, about 1155 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); Thomas Camuille, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas de Caunuill', 1330 in Feet of Fines (Braunton, Leics); Simon Caunuyle, 1400 in Feet of Fines (Alderton, Northants); Thomas Camvill, 1628 in PROB 11 (Luton, Beds); Samuel Camwell, 1713 in York Freeman's Register (Yorks).

### Can

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 **Scottish, English:** probably a reduced form of **McCann**.

**Early bearers:** Thos Can, 1805 in *IGI* (Mallow, Cork); Patrick Can, 1829 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Daniel Can, 1874 in *IGI* (Derry, Derry).

2 **English:** see **Cann**.

3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Chan** (1).

### Canaan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Midlothian

**Irish:** see **Cannon** (2).

**Further information:** Reaney's citations of Chanaan de Bronteston', 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs), and William Canaan, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Staffs), are irrelevant to the Canaan family in Staffs, which is almost certainly of Irish origin.

### Canale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Italian:** locative name from any of the numerous places in Italy called Canale, named with Latin *canalis* 'channel, conduit'.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Canale, 1663 in *IGI* (Kent); Antonia Canale, 1837 in *IGI* (Kent); Giuseppe Canale, 1881 in Census 1881 (Surrey).

### Canard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English:** see **Cannard**.

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**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Canavan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1658, Ireland 1694
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; Wexford

**Irish:** reduced anglicized form of Ó Ceandubháin ‘descendant of *Ceandubhán*’, from a phrase meaning ‘little black-headed one’.

**Early bearers:** Conla O’Kennavain, gent., 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth \$4472 (Toborkegh, Galway); Rich. O’Cannovane, husbandman, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth \$5798 (Cryvagh, Mayo); Bernard Canavan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Arboe, Tyrone); James Canavan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killasser, Mayo).

### Canby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- English:** locative name perhaps from Caenby (Lincs), although Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, suggests that it may be a reduced form of a name from Cross Canonby (Cumb) or Carnaby (ER Yorks). On the latter, see **Carnaby** and note John Canaby or Carnaby, 1603 in PROB 11.
- Early bearers:** Richard Canbye, 1622 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); John Canby, 1647 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Candel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Candeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English:** see **Candlin**.

### Candish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lancs
- English:** see **Cavendish**.

### Candland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs
- English:** see **Candlin**.

### Candle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- 1 English:** nickname from Middle English *candel(le)* ‘candle’ (Old English *candel*, Latin *candela*, or Old French *c(h)andeile*), perhaps for a maker or seller of candles.
- Early bearers:** Ailuin Candela, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Adam Chandaille, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Samson Candaille, 1197, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Ralph Candel, 1349 in Patent Rolls (Bridgewater, Somerset); Ralphe Candle, 1571 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn,

Cambs); Thomas Candle, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richardi Candle, 1679 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

- 2 English:** locative name from Caundel (Dorset).
- Early bearers:** Ralph de Candel, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Angn’ Candel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dorset); Johan Candell or Candle, 1584 in PROB 11 (Shaston, Dorset).
- 3 English:** see **Condell**.

### Candler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 576
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- Norman, English:** see **Chandler**.

### Candlin

**Variants:** **Candeland, Candland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Candelin*, an unexplained variant of *Gandelin*, *Gandelayn*, Middle English forms of *Wandelin*, a Norman French diminutive of a continental Germanic name beginning with *Wandel-*, the name of a divinity.
- Further information:** Gandeleyn or Gandelayn is a companion of Robin Hood in a medieval ballad cycle (*Gentleman’s Magazine* 161 (1837), p. 25).
- Early bearers:** Hugh filius Kandelan, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); Robert Candelane, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Robert Candelayn, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Thomas Candland, 1575 in Shrops Archaeological Transactions 2/i; Mary Candlin, 1658 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Ellenor Candlin, 1721 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Alice Candling, 1728 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); David Candeland, 1748 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).
- References:** Bardsley, under *Candlin*; Forschner, p. 246.

### Candlish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 670, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Kirkcudbrights; also Lancs and Durham
- Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of **McCandlish** (Mac Cuindlis); see **McCandless**.

### Candy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1065
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English:** (i) nickname of uncertain origin; perhaps from Middle English *candi* ‘crystallized cane sugar’ (via French from Persian *qand* ‘sugar’), recorded from 1274 (MED); used perhaps for a sugar merchant. (ii) nickname alternatively, perhaps from the Early Modern English name for Crete, *Candie*, *Candy*, (via French from Venetian *Candia*), with a reference to its sweet wine.
- Early bearers:** John Candye, 1551 in *IGI* (London); Geoffrey Candye, 1562 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Adrian Candie, 1625 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Humphry Candey, 1642 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Candy, 1646 in PROB 11 (Reading, Berks);

Charles Candy, 1698 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); George Candy, 1711 in *IGI* (Piddletrenthide, Dorset).

### Cane

**Variants:** **Kane, Cam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1911, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2016
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Devon; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**1 Norman, English:** locative name from Caen in Calvados. See also **Cain** and **Camm**.

**Further information:** Kirby Cane (Norfolk) was held in 1205 by Walter de Cadamo and in 1242 by Maria de Cham (Ekwall, DEPN).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Cane, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Ricardus de Cane, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Philip Cane, 1417 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Richard Cane, 1538 in PROB 11 (South Kilworth, Leics); Water Cane, 1545 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Felix Cane, 1619 in PROB 11 (Poole, Dorset).

**2 English:** relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Cana*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cana, Cane, Cano, 1086 in Domesday Book (Surrey, Sussex); Cane, 1160–70 in Douglas Book (Norfolk).

**surnames:** Willelmus filius Cane, about 1213 in Book of Fees (Berks); Leofwine Kana, 11th cent. in Tengvik; Leouuinus Chane, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Herueus Cane, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Hugo Kane, 1210 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Thomas Cane, 1538 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Ellen Cane, 1542 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); Elizabetha Cane, 1545 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Henry Cane, 1545 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs).

**3 English:** nickname from Middle English *cane* ‘cane, reed’, no doubt denoting a man as tall and slender as a reed.

**Early bearers:** William le Cane, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

**4 Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** from Ó Catháin or Mac Catháin, see **Kane**.

**References:** Redin, Studies, pp. 87–8.

### Caney

**Variants:** **Cainey, Kaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk; London; Warwick

**Norman, English:** locative name from one of the places in Normandy called *Cagny* (Calvados, Somme). Some early northern bearers may be instances of **Canny**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Caney, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Thomas Canye, 1570 in *IGI* (Burgate, Suffolk); John Cany, 1587, Henry Caney, 1601 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Isabell Cany, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Robt Caney, 1608 in *IGI* (Thornton Steward, NR Yorks); Rebeckah Caney, 1732 in *IGI* (Stanhoe with Barwick, Norfolk); Jonathan Kaney, 1783 in *IGI* (Thornham, Norfolk).

### Canfield

**Variants:** **Camfield, Campfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344



- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Herts and Middx

**English:** (i) locative name from Great or Little Canfield (Essex). (ii) locative name probably, in some instances, from Canville-les-Deux-Églises in Seine-Maritime; see **Camwell**. Camfield Place in Essendon (Herts) is associated with William Canvile, 1294 in Subsidy Rolls (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Canefeld, 1310 in London Letter Books D; William de Canefeld, 1321 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Joan Camfield, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); John Camfield, 1570 in PROB 11, Sara Camfeild, 1603 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); John Canfield, 1621 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); Robert Campfeild, 1623, Henry Camfield, 1665, Susan Campfeild, 1673, John Canfield, 1688 in *IGI* (Horne, Surrey); William Campfeild, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Canham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1868, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambs

**English:** locative name from Cavenham (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Henry de Cauenham, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk), Franciscus Canam, 1559 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Agnes Canham, 1581 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk).

### Caniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Conduibh**; see **Cunniffe**. **Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Cank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

**English:** locative name variant of **Cannock**.

### Cann

**Variants:** Can

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3409, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2742
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *canne* 'can, vessel', perhaps denoting a maker of vessels for holding liquids. Compare **Canner**.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Canne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Can, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Robertus Canne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Banham, Norfolk); William Can, 1552 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); George Can, 1692 in *IGI* (Meldreth, Cambs); Andrew Can, 1732 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Northumb); Sarah Can, 1813 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

**2 English:** locative name possibly from Cann (Dorset). Some of the examples below may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Canne, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John Can, 1580 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Olyvery Can, 1592 in *IGI* (Spreyton, Devon); Degory Can, 1685 in *IGI* (Tintagel, Cornwall).

**3 Irish:** reduced form of **McCann**.

### Cannadine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks  
**English:** apparently a variant of **Calladine** with assimilation of /l/ to /n/ before a following /n/.

**Early bearers:** Isabell Canadine, 1577 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); William Cannadyne, 1590 in *IGI* (London); Hester Canadine, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Samuel Canadin, 1705 *IGI* (Shrops); Eliza Canadine, 1720 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops).

### Cannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** see **Cannon** (2).

### Cannard

**Variants:** Canard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; Hants and Sussex

**English:** nickname probably from Middle English *cauenard*, *cainard*, *keynard* 'sluggard, slob', a term of abuse used by Chaucer's Wife of Bath of her old husband (*Canterbury Tales*, D, 235). It is very likely a borrowing of an unrecorded Old French word. Compare Modern French *caignard* 'lazy', first noted in the 16th century.

**Further information:** No relationship to **Kennard** is discernible, though *Canard* in S and SW England, if not the result of migration from the S Midlands, might be a variant of it.

**Early bearers:** John Kauenard, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Keyston, Hunts); Ricardus Cavenard, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Rychard Canard, 1545 in *IGI* (London); John Cawnard, 1569 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Jone Canard, 1578 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); Ludwig Cannard, 1611 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Olive Canard, 1668 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Canard, 1747 in *IGI* (Axbridge, Somerset); George Canard, 1836 in *IGI* (Northwick, Gloucs).

### Cannell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Norfolk
- Manx, English:** see **Cannell**.

### Cannell

**Variants:** Cannel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1490, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs; Norfolk

**1 Manx:** relationship name reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Dhomhnaill* 'son of Dohnnall'. It is equivalent to Scottish **McDonald** and Irish **McConnell**.

*Domhnaill* was sometimes anglicized as *Daniel* in Ireland and IoM. The Manx place-name Ballacannell (one in Arbory, another in Lonan) is 'Cannell's farm', from the family name.

**Early bearers:** Mac Danell, 1515, Mac Cannell 1603, Cannell, 1611, Kannell, 1703, McDaniel, 1762, McCannell, 1779 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**2 English:** (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English 'cinnamon', Old French *canele*, denoting a spicer. (ii) locative name alternatively, perhaps from Middle English *can(n)el*, Old French *canel*, *chanel*, denoting someone who lived by a water channel or a city drain.

**Early bearers:** Simon and John Canel, 1314 in London Letter Books D, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Rob. Canel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Alcester, Warwicks); Richard Cannell, 1428 in Feudal Aids (Warwicks); Henry Cannill, 1659 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Joseph Cannel, 1679, Joseph Cannell, 1832 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**3 English:** see **Canwell**.

### Canner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Hants

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *canner* (an agent derivative of Old English *canne* 'bucket, pot, can'), for a maker or seller of containers for liquids.

**Early bearers:** John le Kannere, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Hants); William le Cannere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John Canner, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Frontridge in Burwash, Sussex); Willelmus Canner, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Willm. Canner, 1538 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Wm. Canner, 1538 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Elizabetha Canner, 1562 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Edward Canner, 1583 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Mathew Canner, 1619 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 250.

### Canney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

**Irish:** see **Canny**.

### Canniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

**Irish:** from **Mac Conduibh**, see **Cunniffe**.

### Canning

**Variants:** Rabbitte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4256, Ireland 1695
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Warwicks; Lancs; also Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal

**1 Irish:** from **Mac Coinín** 'son of *Coinín*', a personal name probably derived from a diminutive of *cano* 'hound, wolf' (though sometimes misinterpreted as 'rabbit').

**Further information:** In Ireland, the surname **Rabbitte** is occasionally adopted (through translation) for this name.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig McKenyn, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4728 (Knockelaghe, Roscommon); Connor McConyn, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4874 (Terman McConyn); Bryan McConyne, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4965 (Knoghe); Deirmod and Geoffrey

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McKenye, husbandmen, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6551 (Capneray); Geoffrey roe McKenyn, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6551 (Derreneshyre); Sawe ny Kenyn, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6551 (Moydreht); Edm. McConyn, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6563.

- 2 **Irish:** from Ó Canann or Ó Canáin, see **Cannon** (2).
- 3 **English:** see **Cannings**.

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**Variants:** Canning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1009, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants

**English:** locative name from Cannings (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Lucas de Cannings, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); Philip de Caning, 1280 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Thomas Canynges, 1450 in Assize Rolls (London); Alexander Cannings, 1641 in PROB 11 (Pewsey, Wilts); John Canning, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Cannock

**Variants:** Cank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** locative name from Cannock (Staffs), recorded as *Cannock als Canck*, 1493 in Inquisitiones post Mortem.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Kanoc, 1199 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Gilbert Cannok, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Mabella Cannocke, 1542 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); John Cancke, 1565 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Staffs); Richard Cannock, 1599 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Thomas Canke, 1635 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Lansolet Cannock, 1693 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Robertus Caink, 1696 in *IGI* (Llanymynech, Shrops).

**References:** Staffs Place-Names, p. 172.

## Cannon

**Variants:** Canon, Cannan, Canaan, Cannons, Canning, Conning, Channon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9300, Ireland 1470
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5371
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *can(o)un*, *chanon* ‘clergyman living under canon rule or serving in a church or cathedral’ (Norman and Picard Old French *can(o)un*, Parisian Old French *chanoine*). The sense of the 1177 example may be literal and occupational, but the widespread hereditary surname must derive from laymen who were given the name because of a perceived resemblance to a canon’s behaviour or looks. **Early bearers:** England: Reginald Canun, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Will. Kanon, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Rog. le Canon, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Robert Chanon, John Canon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Lincs); Rob. Canon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Canon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Ric. le Canoun, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nicholas le Chanone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Ricardo Canon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Clatford, Wilts); Thom. Canon, sherman, 1399 in York Freemen’s Register

(Yorks); Robert Canon, 1501 in PROB 11 (East Hanningfield, Essex); John Cannon, 1553 in PROB 11 (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Cannon, 1616 in PROB 11 (London).

2 **Irish, Manx:** relationship name from Ó Canann or Ó Canáin ‘descendant of *Cano* or *Canán*’, and occasionally, or in the Isle of Man, from *Mac Canann* ‘son of *Cano* or *Canán*’, which in Ireland was anglicized **McCann** or **McConnon**. See also **Connon**. The personal name is from Gaelic *cano* ‘wolf cub’, of which *Canán* is a diminutive. In Ulster Cannon may also be shortened from Ó Canannáin ‘descendant of *Canannán*’, a double diminutive of the personal name. This was a chieftain family in Donegal.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ruaidhri Ua Canannain, 1035 in AU; Flaithbertach Ua Canannain, king of Cinel-Conaill, 1045 in AU; Aedh Ua Canannain, 1103 in AU; Cormac O’Canyne, 1553 in Fiants Edward §1210; Donald O’Canine, ploughman, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §947 (Cloecest, Offaly); Maladge O’Canan, horseman, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §2877 (Borettiston, Tipperary); Shane and William grany O’Cannen, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4780 (Coolowe, Connacht); Shean McCannayn, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6108 (Carton, Longford); John O’Kannen, husbandman, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6461 (Castlematrasse, Munster); James O Canyn, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6512 (Krivagh, Offaly or Westmeath).

lOM: Mac Cannan, 1497, Mac Cannon, 1511, Cannon, 1627, 1676 in Kneen.

Scotland: Fergus Acannane, 1562 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrights); David Cannane, 1624 in Retours, Scotland (Kirkcudbrights).

## Cannons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

**English:** variant of **Cannon**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Canons, 1401 in York Freemen’s Register; Thomas Cannons, 1668 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

## Canny

**Variants:** Canney, Caheny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 426
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Donegal

1 **Irish:** from Mac Annaidh, see **McCanny**.

2 **Irish:** from Ó Caithniadh ‘son of *Caithnia*’, a personal name meaning ‘battle champion’, anglicized as *Caheny* or *Canny*.

**Early bearers:** Thady O’Cany, kern, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1446 (Disharde, Westmeath); William O’Canie, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1447 (Robinstowne, Westmeath).

3 **Scottish, N English:** nickname from the dialect adjective of approval *canny* ‘shrewd, prudent’, ‘pretty, healthy’, or ‘nice’.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Canny, 1559 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Wm. Canny or Canney, 1578 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Margaret Cannye, 1598 in *IGI*

(Prestonpans, E Lothian); William Canny, 1601 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

**References:** English Dialect Dictionary.

## Cano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Of uncertain origin. In at least some cases it is an altered form of Irish *Mac Cana*, see **McCann**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Canno, 1586 in *IGI* (Cornwall); John Cano, 1578 in *IGI* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Cano, 1597 *IGI* (Lincs); John Canhough, 1764 in *IGI* (Devon); Dennis Cannau, 1707 in *IGI* (Ireland); Catherine Cano, b. 1829 in Ireland, in Census 1881 (York); Edward Cano, b. 1852 in Ireland, in *IGI* (York).

2 **Huguenot:** In some instances it may be an altered form of the French Huguenot name *Cannau*, which is of unexplained etymology.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques Cannau, 1646 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

3 **Spanish:** (i) nickname from *cano* ‘white-haired, venerable’. (ii) locative name from Caño in Asturias, Spain.

**Early bearers:** Juan Cano, 1766 in *IGI* (Northumb); Andres Cano, 1775 in *IGI* (Northumb); Emilio Cano, b. 1870 in Spain, in Census 1881 (Middx).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English, Irish, Scottish:** see **Cannon**.

## Cansdale

**Variants:** Cansell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** locative name from Cansdale Farm in Hunmanby (ER Yorks), on record since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Edward Cansdale, 1575 in *IGI* (Reigate, Surrey); Herbert Cansdell, 1691 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); James Cansdel, 1757 in *IGI* (Tolleshunt Knights, Essex); Thomas Cansdel, 1770 in *IGI* (Boxford, Suffolk); Catharine Cansdel, 1791 in *IGI* (Boxford, Suffolk).

**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 110.

## Cansell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

**English:** probably a variant of **Cansdale**.

**Early bearers:** John Cansel, 1720 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Abraham Cansell, 1732 in *IGI* (London); Ann Canzell, 1742 in *IGI* (Tolleshunt Knights, Essex).

## Cansfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

**English:** locative name from Cantsfield in Tunstall (Lancs), pronounced /ˈkɑnsfi:ld/.

**Further information:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 183.

**Early bearers:** Sir John de Cancefeld, 12th cent. in Access to Archives (Bradfer-Lawrence documents); John Cancefeld, lord of Aldyngham, 1282 in Lancs Record Office; Ane Cansfild, 1539 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Robert Cansfeld, 1547 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Cansfeild, 1572 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Cansfeilde, 1584 *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, NR Yorks); Thomas Cansfild, 1600 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Robert Cancefeilde, 1632 in *IGI* (Warton nr Lancaster, Lancs); Ricd. Barnabas Cansfield, 1790 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks).

### Cansick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; London

**English:** locative name from Canswick (Moor) in Thornton Watlass (NR Yorks), referred to in N Yorks Record Office, 1754, as an alias for Thornton Watlass Moor. The modern spelling represents the regular local pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Cansicke, 1665 in *IGI* (Hipswell, NR Yorks); Robert Cansick, 1665 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); Philip Cansick, 1694 in *IGI* (Hipswell, NR Yorks); Jon. Cansick, 1702 in *IGI* (Marrick, NR Yorks); William Kansick, 1822 in *IGI* (Richmond, NR Yorks); William Canswick, 1747 in *IGI* (Ainderby Steeple, NR Yorks).

### Cant

**Variants:** Caunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2053, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1857
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Sussex, and Lincs; Angus and Fife

**French, English, Scottish:** (i) nickname from Middle English *cant*, *caunt* 'bold, brave, fierce'. (ii) alternatively from Old French *cant*, *caunt* 'song'; see **Chant** and compare **Canter**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Cante, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Caunt, 1357 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Robertus Cant, 1379 in Poll Tax (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); William Cant, 1560 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Alisa Cant, 1589 in *IGI* (West Deeping, Lincs); John Cant, 1603 in PROB 11 (Limehouse, Middx); Margaret Cant, 1612 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); John Cant, 1627 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex).

Scotland: William Cant, 1376 in Morton Register, Scotland (Aberdour, Fife); Alexander Cant, provost, 1430 in Brechin Register (Montrose, Angus); Patrick Kant, 1426 in Scotland Calendar; Richard Cante, 1485 in Arbroath Register; Nicol Cant, 1563 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); George Cant, 1603 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspit Cant, 1626 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### Cantell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Jersey
- English:** variant of **Cantle**.

### Cantello

**Variants:** Cantelo, Cantellow, Cantlow, Cantle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

**Norman, English:** locative name from one of the many places in Normandy or Picardy named with Old French *C(h)antelou(p)* 'song (of the) wolf'. The Anglo-Norman family was probably from Canteleu in Seine-Maritime, recorded in the Latin form *de Cantu Lupi* in 1236–44.

**Early bearers:** Waterus de Cantelupo, about 1135 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Roger de Cantelo, 1185 in Templars Records (Somerset); William de Cantelowe, 1320 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Roberto Cantelow, 1379 in Poll Tax (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Ricardus de Cantelope, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wyle Cop, Shrops); William Cantlowe, 1448 in London Letter Books Kent; William Cantelowe, 1464 in PROB 11 (London); Francis Canteloe, 1627 in PROB 11 (Nutshulling, Hants); James Cantello, 1756 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts).

**References:** Anglo-Norman Families p. 24; Domesday Descendants, pp. 383–4; Dauzat and Rostaing.

### Cantellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English:** see **Cantello**.

### Cantelo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- Norman, English:** see **Cantello**.

### Canter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English:** see **Cantor**.

### Canterbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

**English:** locative name from Canterbury (Kent). See also **Seantlebury**.

**Early bearers:** Stephano Canterbury, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Katerina de Canterbury, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Matilda de Canterbury, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Caunterbury, 1381 in Poll Tax (Heybridge, Essex); Sarra Caunterbur', 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Johannis Caunterbury, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bristol, Gloucs); Roberte Canterbury, 1560 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbott, Dorset); Johane Canterbury, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbott, Dorset); Israell Canterburye, 1570 *IGI* (London); Richard Canterburye, 1610, John Cantlebury, 1634 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); John Kanterbury, 1717 in *IGI* (Membury, Dorset).

### Cantes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Kentish**.

### Cantillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick
- Irish:** Frenchified spelling of Ó Caindealbháin, see **Quinlan**.

### Cantlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish:** see **Cantley**.

### Cantle

**Variants:** Cantell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Herefs

**Norman, English:** apparently a reduced form of **Cantello**, the family name of a medieval lord of one of the manors of Weston on Avon (Gloucs). The names were at any rate interchangeable in the 17th and 18th centuries: Anne Cantle, 1674, William Cantelo, 1681 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants); Walter Cantle, 1690, Jane Cantel, 1747, Patience Cantilo, 1770 in *IGI* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Philip Cantell, 1318 in Gloucs Archives; William Chauntel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Morton, Gloucs); Reynold Cantel, 1371 in Patent Rolls; John Cantel of Hegham Ferers (Northants), 1380–1 in Feet of Fines; Thomas Cantell, 1419 in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich); Robert Cantell, 1534 in PROB 11 (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robert Cantell, 1560 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); John Cantle, 1605 in *IGI* (Hanham Abbots, Gloucs); James Cantell, 1731 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Cantell, 1741 in *IGI* (Chelwood, Somerset); Love Cantle, 1747 in *IGI* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); William Cantell, 1775 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Isaac Cantel, 1796 in *IGI* (Eynsham, Oxon).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 1, pp. 260–1.

### Cantley

**Variants:** Cantlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 Scottish, English:** locative name from either of two places called *Cantley*, in Norfolk and WR Yorks. **Early bearers:** England: Wimer de Cantele, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Peter Cantley, 1581 in York Freeman's Register; Jane Cantlay, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York); Thomas Cantlay, 1620 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

Scotland: William Cantuli, burgess, 1452 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); Andrew Cantly, burgess, 1508 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); Margaret Cantlay, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); Alexander Cantlay, 1699 in *IGI* (Logie Buchan, Aberdeens); George Cantley, 1673 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Cantley, 1684 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**2 English:** see **Chandley**.

### Cantlin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- Norman, English:** see **Cantlon**.

### Cantlon

**Variants:** Cantlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0

## Cantlow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Norman, English:** locative name from any of various places in Normandy and Picardy named Canteloup or Canteleu. Compare **Cantello**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Cantlin, 1753 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks); Patrick Cantlin, 1820 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

Ireland: John Cantlon, mason, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6504 (Carrigogonill, Limerick).

## Cantlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Hants
- Norman, English:** see **Cantello**.

## Canton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Westmeath
- 1 Welsh, English:** (i) locative name in Wales and perhaps W England, from Canton (Glamorgan). (ii) locative name elsewhere in England, unexplained; possibly sometimes from Quainton (Bucks). **Further information:** If Johannes Canethon<sup>7</sup>, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashton, Dorset), is a bearer of this name, it may sometimes be from French *caneton* 'duckling', though this is not found till later in mainland French.

**Early bearers:** William de Canton, 1334–66 in TNA (Leics); Thomas Cantone, 1381 in Poll Tax (Finchingfield, Essex); dom William Canton, precentor of collegiate church of St. John of Beverley, 1422–3 in ER Yorks Archives; Edmond Cantyn, 1566 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Alyce Canton, 1599 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Canton, 1645 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Surrey); Richard Canton, 1652 in *IGI* (Haycastle, Pembrokes); Thomas Canton, 1717 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); James Canten, 1747 in *IGI* (Leigh, Gloucs); David Canton, 1769 in *IGI* (Cosheston, Pembrokes).

**2 Huguenot:** (i) locative name from Cantin, Nord, France. (ii) relationship name variant of **Quentin**. **Early bearers:** Françoise Cantin, 1690 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); André Cantin, 1720 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot church, London); Claud Frederic Canton, 1877 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**3 Norman, Irish:** see **Condon**.

## Cantor

**Variants:** Caunter, Canter, Chanter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**1 Norman, English:** occupational name from Old French *c(h)anteor*, Anglo-Norman French *c(h)auanter* 'singer, chorister, one who leads the singing', also (in Old French) 'poet, minstrel'. **Further information:** The earliest examples noted are from Latin *cantor* (the ancestor of the French word) and refer to precentors in cathedrals or monasteries: Augustinus cantor, precentor 1153–68, 1186–1210 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk). The modern surname *Cantor* is a spelling of Old French *caunteor*, and as a hereditary name will have originally denoted a secular singing role.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Canter, 1230 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Hugh le Chantur, 1235 in Book of Fees (Leics); Walter le Chauntur, 1285 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Willelmus Chanter, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hayes, Devon); Petrus Canter, 1379 in Poll Tax; Richardi Caunter, 1539 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Martin Chanter, 1555, Wm Chantor, 1706 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Cantor, 1573 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); William Canter, 1599 in PROB 11 (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); Henry Canter, 1620 in PROB 11 (Alverstoke, Hants); Wm. Cantor, 1621 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops).

**2 Jewish, German, Czech, Slovak, Croatian, Hungarian:** anglicized spelling of **Kantor**.

## Cantrell

**Variants:** Cantrill, Chantrell, Chantrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also WR Yorks; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**1 Norman, English:** (i) nickname, occupational name from Old French *\*caterelle, chanterelle*, a diminutive of *c(h)anteor* 'singer'. Compare **Cantor**. It was used as an alternative name for Chantecler the cock in medieval French versions of the folk story of Reynard the Fox (*Le Roman de Renart*). (ii) the forms in initial *C-* may sometimes be variants of **Quantrill**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Canterellus (Chanterel), 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); Philip Canterel, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Robert Chanterel, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); John Cantrel, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Willelmo Cantrel, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Croxton, Leics); Willelmus Chanterel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Beeding, Sussex); Alice Cantrell, 1546 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Thomas Cantrell, 1548 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Godfrey Cantrell, 1557 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Richard Cantrell, 1560 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Paul Chantrell, 1563 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Roberti Cantrill, 1583 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Henry Cantrill, 1608 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Thomas Cantrell, 1609 in PROB 11 (Kinlet, Shrops); Dorithye Chantrell, 1611 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); John Cantrell, 1614 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); John Cantrell, 1616 in PROB 11 (Kings Newton, Derbys); James Cantrel, 1618 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Willm. Cantrill, 1623 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Nicholas Cantrill, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); William Chantrell, 1676 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bartholomew Cantrill, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Godfrey Cantrill, 1681 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks); Bartholomew Cantrell, 1734 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Richard Cantrell, 1786 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Cantrill, 1787 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire, at Chanterau.

**2 English:** locative name occasionally perhaps from Cantrell in Ugborough (Devon), though this is unlikely to be the source of the name in the W and N Midlands, and the post-medieval Devon examples may actually belong with (1), especially in view of the variant form *Chantrell*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Canterhulle, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon; Lucia Cantrell, 1550, Phi Canterill, 1612, Edward Cantrell, 1682 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); George Chantrell, 1601 in *IGI* (West Down,

Devon); John Chantrell, 1641, Elizabeth Chantrell, 1732 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 284.

## Cantrill

**Variants:** Cantrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- Norman, English:** see **Cantrell**.

## Cantwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 854
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

**Norman, Irish, English:** perhaps a variant of **Canwell** with intrusive *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** England: Isabella Cantwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Mathew Cantwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); John Cantwell, 1561 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Cantwell, 1566 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Barnabie Cantwell, 1573 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Anne Cantwell, 1604 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

Ireland: Thomas Cantwell, servant of James Butler of Tulle, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §140 (Neweston); James Cantwell Burgess or merchant, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §327 (Kilkenny); William Cantwell, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §742 (Dublin); John Cantwell, sherriff of Kilkenny, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1261; John Cantwell, archbishop of Cashel, 1578 (ref. xx Ed. IV) in Fiants Elizabeth §3281; Charles Cantwell, 1670, Christian Cantwell, 1679 in *IGI* (Dublin).

## Canty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 476
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Limerick

**Irish:** from Ó an Cháintighe, Ó Cáinte 'descendant of the satirist'.

**Early bearers:** Dermot O Conty, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4876 (Martagh); Donell mcShane on Conty, labourer, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6514 (Cork); Farfassie, Teig, and Whony on Canty, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6516 (Curribordy); William reogh O Encantie, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6701 (Tymolage, Cork).

## Canvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, also Bucks; Somerset

**Welsh, English:** (i) relationship name from the ancestor of the Welsh male given name *Cynfyn* (compare Ann Cynvin, 1722 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths)). Morgan and Morgan report the name in this spelling also from Herefs, Cheshire, Radnors, and Cumb. (ii) possibly to be associated with the unexplained eastern England name of Nichs. Convyn, 1568 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex) and Alice Convine, 1817 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs).

**Further information:** Local searches reported online take the name in Marksbury (Somerset) back to 1610.

**Early bearers:** surnames, England: Mary Canvin, 1639, Thomas Canvin, 1663, George Canvin, 1672 in *IGI*

(Marksbury, Somerset); Richard Canvin, 1800 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks).

surnames, Wales: Thoma Kenwyn, 1530s in Morgan and Morgan (Crickhowell, Brecknocks); Ann Cynvin, 1722 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); John Cynvin, in Census 1861 (Brecon, Brecknocks).

given names, Wales: Kenwyn Vaghan, 1292 in Subsidy Rolls.

References: Morgan and Morgan, p. 79.

## Canwell

Variants: **Cantwell, Cannell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

**Norman, English:** locative name either from Canwell (Staffs) or perhaps from Canville-les-Deux-Eglises, Seine-Maritime. Compare **Camwell**.

**Further information:** The Norman de Camvilla family held land in Bucks, Leics, Lincs, Northants, Oxon, Surrey, and Warwicks in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** William Canwell, 1568 in *IGI* (Ketton cum Tixover, Rutland); John Canewell, 1610 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Ann Canwell, 1615 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Wm. Canwell, 1618 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); William Canwell, 1713 in *IGI* (Orton Waterville, Hunts).

References: Domesday Descendants, pp. 378–80.

## Cao

Variants: **Cho, Chu, Chou, Chow, Chaw, Tso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 曹 (Tsao in Mandarin romanization, **Cho** or **Tso** or **Chou** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘generation’ or ‘government department’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name of Cao An (曹安), the founder of the state of Zhu (located in Zouxian in Shandong province). After the state was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), *Cao* (曹) was adopted as a surname. (ii) from *Cao* (曹), the name of a state (located in Dingtao in Shandong province) granted to Zhenduo, the thirteenth son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). After the state was annexed by the state of Song, *Cao* (曹) was adopted as a surname. (iii) from one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’, also known as ‘nine surnames of Zhaowu’, because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China. During the Sui and Tang dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *Cao* (曹) in Chinese. Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong of the Tang Dynasty. At this time, descendants of people from the state of *Cao* (曹) acquired the surname *Cao* (曹).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 操, meaning ‘conduct, behaviour’ in ancient Chinese. The origin of the surname is unexplained.

**3 Portuguese:** nickname from *cao* ‘white-haired, venerable’. Compare **Cano**.

**Early bearers:** Angelo Cao, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Cheshire); Henry Dee Cao, born in London, in Census 1881 (Middx).

## Cap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Capp**.

## Capaldi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Italian:** nickname of uncertain origin, perhaps meaning ‘headstrong, obstinate’, from a derivative of *capo* head.

**Early bearers:** Vincenzo and Antonio Capaldi, born in Cassino, Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Antonio Capaldi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Luigi Capaldi, 1887 *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Cape

Variants: **Cope, Capes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 761
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb; also Middx; Somerset

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cope* ‘hooded cloak; long cloak or mantle’, denoting a cloak maker or wearer. *Cope* is the normal development; *Cape*, the early form, was retained in the north.

**Early bearers:** Ailward Cape, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Walter Cape, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); Walter Cope, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (London); Maud Cope, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Cape, 1546 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Cape, 1553 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Margarit Cape, 1561 in *IGI* (Dorrington, Lincs); Johanis Cape, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Rychard Cape, 1567 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

## Capel

Variants: **Capell, Cappell, Cappel, Caple, Capelle, Caples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 866
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and London; Somerset

**1 English:** (i) locative name from Capel or Capel Le Ferne (Kent), Capel Saint Andrew or Saint Mary (Suffolk), Capel (Surrey), or How or King’s Caple (Herefs). (ii) locative name from Middle English *capele* ‘chapel’, denoting someone who lived near or served in a chapel.

**Early bearers:** Jacob de Capel, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Ralph, Philip Capel, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants), 1285 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Robert atte Capele, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Rogerus Capel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fifehead Magdalen, Dorset); John Caple, 1505 in PROB 11 (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Capell, 1516 in PROB 11 (City of London); John Cappell, 1664 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *capel*, *caple*, *capul(le)* ‘stallion, gelding; warhorse, carthorse, riding horse’, denoting someone thought to resemble a horse in some way or possibly someone whose occupation involved horses.

Compare **Cappleman**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Caballus, 1230 in Archaeologia Cantiana 6; Mary Capel, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Margaret Capel, 1613 in *IGI* (Milton

Regis, Kent); John Capel, 1618 in *IGI* (Newton Pophelford, Devon); Richard Capel, 1624 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Elizabetha Capel, 1631 in *IGI* (Great Wolford, Warwicks).

## Capelen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs

English: see **Chaplin**.

## Capelin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Chaplin**.

## Capeling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex

English: see **Chaplin**.

## Capell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Leics

English: see **Capel**.

## Capelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Capel**.

## Capen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Capon**.

## Capener

Variants: **Capner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Warwicks

**English:** locative name from Capenor in Nutfield (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Ædward Capenore, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); John de Kapenor, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Richard Capenore, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Ricardus Capenor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Thomas Capner, 1549 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); John Capener, 1624 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Tho. Capner, 1661, Joseph Capener, 1712 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks).

## Capern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Capron**.

## Capers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *cape* (see **Cape**), for a cape maker, with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Caperton

**Early bearers:** William Caper, 1200–50 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Suffolk); Thomas Caper, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Caper, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ratby, Leics); Thos. Capers, 1757 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Capers, 1763 in *IGI* (Moreton Morrell, Warwicks).

### Caperton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** locative name from Capton in Dittisham (Devon), recorded as *Capieton* in 1278 (Assize Rolls).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Capyatone, 1330 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); John Capiteyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Exeter, Devon); John Caperton, 1799 in *IGI* (Amport, Hants); Henry Caperton, 1825 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs).

**References:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Capes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; also Norfolk

**English:** variant of **Cape**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Capes, 1559 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Capewell

**Variants:** Capwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1606, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 822
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

**English:** (i) locative name unexplained. It could perhaps be a hypercorrect form of **Capel**, from a place-name derived from Anglo-Norman French *capelle* 'chapel'. (ii) nickname possibly in some cases a rationalization of Middle English *capel* 'horse'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Capewel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Devizes, Wilts); Agnes Capwell, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Capewell, 1627 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Richard Capwell, 1644 in *IGI* (London); David Capewell, 1657 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); David Capewill, 1683 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

### Caplan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Caple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs
- English:** see **Capel**.

### Caplehorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Scaplehorn**.

### Caplen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Caples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**English:** variant of **Capel**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Caples, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Caples, 1754 in *IGI* (Kempsey, Worcs); William Capells, 1819 in *IGI* (Barby, Northants).

### Caplice

**Variants:** Cupples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**Irish:** apparently a variant of an unidentified English surname. It is found mainly in Tipperary and northern Cork (MacLysaght).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Tade or Timothy Caplice, 1864 in *IGI* (Michelstown, Cork); James Caplice, 1866 in *IGI* (Clogheen, Tipperary).

### Caplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Jersey and Alderney

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Capman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *cap(pe)* 'headdress, hat' + *man(n)*, for a hat maker. Compare **Capper**.

**Early bearers:** William Kapman, 13th cent. in Northants Charters; Robert Capman, 1320 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); William le Capman, 1331 in Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls (Surrey); Johannes Capman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Adderbury, Oxon); Johem Capman, 1566 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Richard Capman, 1633 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire).

**2 English:** see **Chapman**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Capman or Chapman, 1686 in *IGI* (Rainham, Kent); Joannes Capman or Chapman, 1829 in *IGI* (Saint Wilfrid RC, York).

### Capner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Staffs; Lancs

**English:** see **Capener**.

### Capocci

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Italian:** nickname Southern Italian, from a derivative of *capo* 'head'.

**Early bearers:** Phillippo Capocci, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Maria Capocci, 1887 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Capon

**Variants:** Cappon, Capen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1508, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1137

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent, Surrey, and London; also Beds

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *capo(u)n*, *capen* 'caupon, castrated cockerel', perhaps applied as a unflattering epithet, or for someone who reared or sold capons; or directly from the continental French source of this word if the name arrived with mercenaries introduced from Hainault by the Bigod family.

**Further information:** If the form John de Capun, 1285 in Herts Archives (manorial records), does not contain an error for *le*, the name may be from the place called *Capon* in Flanders.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Capun, 1165 in Pipe Rolls; Galfrido Capon, 1199–1211 in Stoke by Clare Cartulary (Suffolk); Simon Capun, 1227 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Cuthbertus Capoun, 1285 in Fine Rolls (Upleatham, NR Yorks); Wibertus Capon, 1285 in Subsidy Rolls (Catton, NR Yorks); Richard Capoun of Barton, 1314 in Patent Rolls (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Ricardus Capon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Edus Capoun, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Philippo Capon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dilwyn, Herefs); Johannes Capon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ecton, Northants); Willelmus Capon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Simond Capon', 1381 in Poll Tax (West Ham, Essex); Willelmus Capon', 1381 in Poll Tax (Holbeach, Lincs); Thomas Capoun, 1382 in London Letter Books H; Thomas Capon, 1538 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Alce Capon, 1544 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk); Edward Capen, 1561 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); John Capon, 1578 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Joan Capen, 1621 in *IGI* (Winscombe, Somerset); William Cappon, 1748 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds).

**References:** see Capon One-Name Study at [http://www.one-name.org/name\\_profile/capon/](http://www.one-name.org/name_profile/capon/).

**2 Huguenot:** nickname from French *capon*, a Norman and Picard equivalent of standard French *chapon*, and Spanish *capón* 'caupon', as in (1).

**Early bearers:** Abraham Capon, 1625; Jacques Cappon, 1635 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Cappon, 1787 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); Auguste Capon, born in France, in Census 1861 (Jersey); L. Cappon, born in France, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx); Henry Capon, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Lewisham, Kent).

### Caporn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Surrey

**English:** see **Capron**.

### Capp

**Variants:** Cap, Capps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 505
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Suffolk

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cap(pe)* 'headdress, hat', perhaps for someone who habitually wore a cap or who made or sold hats (compare **Capper**, **Capman**).

**Early bearers:** William Cappa, 1111–38 in Ekwall, ELPN; Alward Cappe, 1178 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Henricus Cappe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Witton, Norfolk); Giles Capp, 1584 in PROB 11 (Little Massingham, Norfolk); Hughe Capp, 1643 in PROB 11 (Wolverton, Bucks).

**Cappel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: see **Capel**.

**Cappell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- English: see **Capel**.

**Capper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: occupational name from Middle English *capper(e)*, *capier*, ‘cap maker’, an agent derivative of Old English *cæppe* ‘cap’. Compare **Capman**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Capyare, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Symon le Cappere, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William Capier, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Roberto Capper, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Crux Pavement, Yorks); Richarde Capper, 1578 in PROB 11 (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**Cappleman**

Variants: **Campleman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *capel*, *caple*, *capul(le)* ‘horse’ + *man*, a name for one who looks after horses (compare **Palfreyman**). (ii) occupational name from Old Norman French *capel(l)e* ‘chapel’ (see **Capel**) + Middle English *man*, denoting someone who lived near or was employed at a chapel. Compare **Templeman**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Capelman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Dorothy Cappleman, 1670 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Richard Cappleman, 1721 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

**Cappon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Suffolk
- Huguenot, English, Scottish: see **Capon**.

**Capps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 609
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Lincs and Northants

English: variant of **Capp**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Roger Caps, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johis. Capps, 1587 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Joseph Capps, 1593 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Alice Capps, 1595 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Jhon Capps, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Capps, 1604 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

**Capron**

Variants: **Caporn**, **Capern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Surrey

**Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *capron*, *chaperon* ‘hood or cap of a kind worn by nobles’. *Caperun* may be a name of office for a robe master, but it is also likely to have been used for a maker of hoods: compare William Caperoner, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset). The modern meaning of the word *chaperone* is not found before the 18th century.

**Further information:** Roger Chaperon was the royal chamberlain of Henry II in the 12th century. His duties included those of Master of the Robes.

**Early bearers:** Caperun, 1130–32 in Ekwall, ELPN, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants), 1185 in Templars Records (Lincs); Robert Caperun, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Roger Caperun, Chaperon, camerarius Henrici regis 1154–64, 1173–83, in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); William Capron, 13th century in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Johannes Caperon’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Honiton, Devon); John Capurne, 1503 in Norwich Wills (Cambs); Richard Capron, 1569 in PROB 11 (Tiverton, Devon).

**Capsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; London

English: unexplained; possibly a byform of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kopsi*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Capsi, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Osbert Capssei, 1236 in Fine Rolls (Worcs); William Capsi, 1320 in Patent Rolls (Droitwich, Worcs); William Caspy, 1394 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); John Capsey, 1721 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**Capstack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Copestake**.

**Capstick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1173, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 880
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Copestake**.

**Capwell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Capewell**.

**Carabine**

Variants: **Corban**, **Corbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Irish:** from Ó Corbáin ‘son of *Corbán*’ a personal name based on *carb* ‘chariot’. The surname **Corbett** has generally been adopted as an anglicized equivalent of this name, once prevalent in Munster and the mid-West of Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Corban, kern, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1304 (Dromcanan, Waterford); Donogh mcWilliam ICorban, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2516; Thaddeus or Teig Corban mcRory, and Othny

Carbane mcJohn, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3865 (Kilmolee, Waterford); Wony mcDiermody ICorban, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6183 (Kerry); Honora Carabine, 1842 in *IGI* (Mayo).  
 England, Scotland: Matthew Carabine, 1650 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Carabine, 1854 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Martin Carabine, 1863 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Caradine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Carwardine**.

**Caraher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from Mac Fhearchair, see **Carragher**.

**Carass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Carus**.

**Caraway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Carraway**.

**Carbary**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks

Scottish, Irish: see **Carberry**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

**Carberry**

Variants: **Carbery**, **Carbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 865
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Wexford; Armagh

1 **Irish, Manx:** relationship name from Ó Cairbre and Mac Cairbre ‘descendant of *Cairbre*’ and ‘son of *Cairbre*’, a personal name meaning ‘charioteer’.

**Further information:** The parish of Kirk Arbory, IoM, was originally dedicated to Saint Cairbre of Coleraine (Kneen).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Roger McCarbry, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1866; Donogh McCarbry, gent., 1581 in Fiants Elizabeth §3794 (Clanau, Longford); Richard OCarborie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4624 (Carricke, Westmeath); Enos McCarbrie, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5721 (Ballegolane, Monaghan).  
 IoM: Kerberry, 1584 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names, at Ballacarbery.

2 **Scottish:** locative name from the lands of Carberry in parish Inveresk, Midlothian.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Crebarrin flius Gilleberti de Crebarrin, about 1230 in Dunfermline Register (Carberry, Midlothian); Alexander Crabbari, 1312 in Scotland Calendar (Lothian); William Carbery, 1406 in Papal Petitions (Aberdeen).

## Carbert

### Carbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Carbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Scottish, Irish: see **Carberry**.

### Carbett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks; Hants; ER Yorks
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Carbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- 1 **Cornish:** a hypercorrect backformation from Cornish *carr-bons* 'causeway' (Henrye Carbons, 1591 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall)), or from a place so named, Carbis in Lelant (Cornwall), and therefore a variant of **Carbis**.

**Further information:** Intermediate forms are found in the names of Richard Carbus, 1595 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Abel Carbos, 1709 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); William Carbines, 1735 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Richard Carbins, 1780 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Carbin, 1707 in *IGI* (Stody, Norfolk); Anne Carbin, 1714 in *IGI* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs); Elizabeth Carbin, 1721 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall).

2 **English:** variant of **Corbin**, with dialect unrounding of [o] to [a].

### Carbine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. N England

**French, English:** nickname denoting someone who used a carbine, a type of short rifle or musket used by cavalry.

**Early bearers:** William Carbine, 1790 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Gabril Carbine, 1793 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Thomas Carbine, 1832 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Carbine, 1833 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Honour Carbine, 1853 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ellen Elizabeth Carbine, 1857 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew Moor Lane, London); Elizabeth Carbine, 1873 in *IGI* (West Chinnock, Somerset).

### Carbis

**Variants:** **Carbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from Carbis, a farmstead in Lelant (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Symon Carbus, 1567, in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Richard Carbis, 1572, in *IGI* (Saint

Minver, Cornwall); Jefferye Carbys, 1604 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall).

**References:** Mills, Dictionary.

### Carbonell

**Variants:** **Carnall, Carnell, Cardinal, Shrapnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

**Norman, English, Huguenot:** nickname, relationship name from a diminutive of Anglo-Norman French *carbon* 'charcoal', probably denoting someone with a swarthy complexion or black hair, and also used as a personal name. Compare **Charbonneau**. The name was also reintroduced by Huguenot refugees in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Carbunel(lus), 1086 in Domesday Book (Herefs).

surnames: Durandus Carbonellus, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Robertus Charbonellus, about 1145 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); William Carbonel, 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Robertus Carbonel, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); John Carboneel, 1620 in PROB 11 (Sandwich, Kent); John Carbonell, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London).

Huguenot: Guillaume Carbonnel, 1665 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Carbott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Garbutt**.

### Carbould

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Garbutt**.

### Carbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Garbutt**.

### Carby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

**English:** locative name from Careby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Careby, clerk, 1394 in Feet of Fines (Grantham, Lincs); John Careby, 1413 in Feet of Fines (Morton, Lincs); Francis Carbee, 1577, in *IGI* (Tickencote, Rutland); Richard Karbie, 1599 in *IGI* (Gloucs); Thomas Carbie, 1615 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs).

### Carcary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines

**Scottish:** locative name from Carcary, W of Montrose (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Isobell Carchrie, 1691 in *IGI* (Arbutnot, Kincardines); George Carchary, 1738 in *IGI* (Marykirk, Kincardines); George Carcharie, 1750, Robert Carcary, 1798, James Carcary, 1821 in *IGI* (Saint Cyrus, Kincardines); Angus Carcary, 1848 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus).

## Card

**Variants:** **Carde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2138, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1749
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down

**English:** (i) nickname, occupational name perhaps from Middle English *carde* 'card', an implement for teasing wool for spinning (from Medieval Latin *cardus*), and therefore short for **Carder** or for a maker of wool carders; compare Richard Cardemakere, 1346 in Norwich Freemen. (ii) nickname from Middle English *carde* 'playing card' (Old French *carte*), also 'a kind of fabric' (Medieval Latin *carda*), which could have been given to a card player or a maker and seller of the fabric.

**Early bearers:** Arnald Carde, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Laurence Carde, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Martino Carde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sparsholt, Berks); Ales Card, 1569 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Peter Card or Carde, 1589 in *IGI* (Ufford, Suffolk); Edward Card, 1632 in PROB 11 (Hertford, Herts).

### Cardale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Devon; Sussex; Surrey

English: see **Cardall**.

### Cardall

**Variants:** **Cardale, Cardell, Cardle, Cardwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Lancs

1 **English:** locative name perhaps a variant of **Caldwell** via **Cardwell** (1). Some of the Staffs and Warwicks examples may derive from (2).

**Early bearers:** Edwin Cardell, 1539 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Cardell, 1540 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Thomas Cardall, 1590 in *IGI* (Penkriddle, Staffs); Ellis Cardell, 1600 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Francis Cardall, 1618 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Thomas Cardell, 1656 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs); Joseph Cardale, 1713 in *IGI* (Bulkington, Warwicks); Thos. Cardall, 1746, Mary Cardale, 1764 Joseph Cardall, 1804 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Thomas Cardall, 1746 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Joseph Cardale, 1785, John Cardell, 1799, John Cardall, 1815 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Cardall, 1850 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 **English:** alternatively **Cardall** in Staffs, Warwicks, and Gloucs may be a variant of the now extinct *Kyrdall* (-*ell*, -*oll*) and *Kerdall* (-*oll*), later spelled *Curdle*. Compare the spelling variation in the Gloucs examples, and compare Thomas Cardall, 1746, with William Curdall, 1808 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs), and John Cardall, 1815, with William Curdle, 1847 in *IGI* (Saint Philip's, Birmingham). The etymology of this name is unknown, but the variation in spelling points to an original Middle English word or name beginning in *Kird-* or *Kerd-*, the latter giving rise to *Card-* (as in *Clerk* and *Clark*). Formally it could be a variant of the Somerset name **Criddle**, with metathesis of -*r-*, but there is insufficient evidence to test the hypothesis.



**Early bearers:** Christoferus Kyrddall, 1547, Daniel Kerdoll, 1553, Grandolus Kyrddoll, 1597, Foulk Kerdall, 1613 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Thomas Kyrddall, 1574, Franc. Kyrddall, 1581 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Jone Kirdol, 1576, Prissila Kyrddal, 1607 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Francys Kerdall, 1578 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Cathrin Cardell, 1623 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Phillip Cirdall, 1696, Richard Kirdall, 1751 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Richard Cardale, 1728 in *IGI* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Sarah Cardol, 1758, Thomas Kerdal, 1759, William Cardel, 1785 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Peter Kerdall, 1770 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Curdall, 1808 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); William Curdle, 1847 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**3 English:** (i) locative name in Devon and Cornwall, perhaps from Cardwell in Milton Abbot (Devon). With loss of *-w-*, Middle English *Kerdewell* would have developed to *Kerdell* and *Cardell*, the former pronunciation giving rise to a pronunciation rhyming with the word *curdle*, probably during the 17th century. (ii) the name is nevertheless difficult to disentangle from possible variants of other names, such as those in (1) and (2) above, which may have migrated to SW England from the W Midlands or further north. There is also potential for confusion between names that sound only partly alike.

According to the *IGI*, in 18th- and 19th-century Stoke Damerel, Devon, *Cardell* co-existed with *Cadwell*, *Colwell*, and *Caudle*, and in 18th-century Camborne, Cornwall, it coincided with *Cadwell* and *Cordwell*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kerdewell, 1238 in Place-Names of Devon, p. 215; [ . . . de] Kerdauuyll, 1275 in Place-Names of Devon, p. 215; John Cardell, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Peiran Cardall, 1641 in Protestation Returns (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Sarah Cardell, 1688 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Samuel Cardall, 1710, Jane Elizabeth Kerdle, 1854 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Mary Cardwell, 1715 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Ann Curdell, 1738 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Cardwell, 1791 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Cardell, 1798 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

### Carde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English:** see *Card*.

### Cardell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- 1 Cornish:** see *Cardall*.
- 2 Irish:** from *Mac Árdghail*, see *McArdle*.

### Carden

**Variants:** *Carding*, *Cardon*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1340, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Hants; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Mayo

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *cardoun* ‘thistle’ (a diminutive from Latin *carduus*), perhaps for someone involved in the carding of wool, originally carried out with thistle and teasel heads, or for a prickly and unapproachable person, or for someone who lived by land overgrown with thistles. **Early bearers:** William Cardon, 1086 in Domesday Book (Essex); William Cardun, 1086 in Ely Inquisition (Essex); Richard Cardun, 1121–48 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Ricardus Cardone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Cliffe, Kent); Johanne Cardon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgewick, Sussex); Thomas Cardoun, 1381 in Poll Tax (Thorney, Suffolk); Mathewe Carden, 1569 in PROB 11 (London); John Carden, 1611 in PROB 11 (Rye, Sussex).

**2 English:** from Carden (Cheshire); see

### Carwardine

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Carden, 1574 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Jane Carden, 1574 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Carden, 1610 in *IGI* (Coddington, Cheshire).

### Carder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 527
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs; Devon
- English:** occupational name from Middle English *carder*, *cardour* (modelled on Old French *cardeur*) denoting someone who carded or teased wool preparatory to spinning.

**Early bearers:** John le carder de Ayremynne, 1332 in York Freeman's Register; Thomas Cardour, 1363 in Black Prince's Register; Wilmot Carder, 1559 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Henry Carder, 1612 in PROB 11 (Great Abington, Cambs).

### Cardew

**Variants:** *Carthew*, *Cardy*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

**1 Cornish:** locative name from either of two places in Cornwall called Cardew, in the parishes of Trevalga and Warbstow.

**Early bearers:** John Cardue, 1525 in Cornwall Subsidies (Mevagissey, Cornwall); [ . . . ] Cardewe, 1525 in Cornwall Subsidies (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall); Jenyt Cardue, 1543 in Cornwall Subsidies (Saint Maby, Cornwall); John Cardue, 1544 in Cornwall Subsidies (Liskeard, Cornwall); Richard Cardewe, 1548, William Cardew, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Henry Carthu, Robert Carthewe, 1549 in Cornish Lands (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Cardew, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Maby, Cornwall); Richard Cardy, 1581 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Edward Cardy, 1590, Edward Cardie, 1601 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrars, Devon); Zacharie Cardew, 1615 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon).

**References:** Cornish Place-Name Elements, p. 250.

**2 English:** locative name from Cardew in Dalston (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Carthu, 1246, [ . . . de] Karthew, 1259 in Place-Names of Cumb (Cumb); John de Carthew, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Richard Cardew, 1376 in York Freeman's Register (York); John Cardey, 1566, Alfred Cardew, 1782 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** Place-Names of Cumb, pp. 131–2.

### Cardiff

**Variants:** *Ardiff*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wexford

**Welsh:** locative name from Cardiff (Glamorgan), in its earlier Welsh form *Cair dif* (= *Caer Dyf* ‘fort on the Taff’; modern Welsh *Caerdydd*).

**Further information:** the name was brought to Ireland by the Normans in the early 13th century, where it was Gaelicized as *de Carduibh*.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Cardif, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); Hugh de Cardif, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Northants); John Cardif, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Hants); John de Kerdif of Bristol, king's merchant, 1317 in Patent Rolls; John Kerdyf or Cardiff, 1420 in PROB 11 (Romsey, Hants); Thomas Cardyff, 1516 in PROB 11 (Saint John Isle of Thanet, Kent); Thomas Cardiffe or Cardiff, 1638 in PROB 11 (Ewyas Harold, Herefs); Edmund Cardiff, 1684 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs).

**Ireland:** William de Caerdiff, 1225 in CDI §1258

(Limerick); John de Kerdyf, 1285 in CDI §149 (Dublin); John de Cardiff, 1291 in CDI §966 (Roscrea, Tipperary); Walter Kerdiff, 1535 in Fiant Henry §45; Agnes Kerdiff, 1552 in Fiant Edward §1050; Walter Kerdyf, gent., 1553 in Fiant Mary §2; Richard Cardife, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §132; John Kerdyf, gent., 1561 in Fiant Elizabeth §302 (Aleston); Nicholas Cardiff, serjeant at laws, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6548.

### Cardinal

**Variants:** *Cardnell*, *Carnall*, *Carnell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *cardinal* ‘cardinal’, perhaps denoting a haughty, proud man. **Early bearers:** Ingelrannus Cardinal, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Geoffrey Cardinell, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); John Gardinal, 1325 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Geoffrey Cardinal, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Will Cardinal, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Cardnell, 1726, Thomas Cardinal, 1732 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Cardinal, 1727 in *IGI* (Great Oakley, Essex); Christopher Cardinal, 1832 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**2 English:** possibly an altered form of *Carbonell*.

**Further information:** Reaney notes that Cardinal's Farm in Foxearth (Essex) is recorded as *Carbonels* in 1381, *Cardynals* in 1577, and *Carnals* in 1777.

**References:** Place-Names of Essex, p. 429.

### Carding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Derbys; Warwicks

**English:** hypercorrected form of *Cardin*, itself a variant of *Carden*.

### Cardis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Scottish:** see *Carruthers*.

## Cardle

### Cardle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, and Renfrews; also Lancs

1 **Scottish; English:** see **Caldwell** and **Cardall** (1).

**Early bearers:** Willm Cardle, 1580 in *IGI* (Newington Bagpath, Gloucs); Thomas Cardle, 1647 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); John Cardle, 1784 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall); Susanna Cardle, 1816 in *IGI* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights); Robert Cardle, 1854 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 **Scottish:** explained by Black as a reduced form of **McArdle**, but in the absence of any supporting evidence it could as well be a variant of **Caldwell**, from the lands so called in Renfrews.

### Cardnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English:** see **Cardinal**.

### Cardno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish:** locative name from Cardno (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Alexr. Cardno, 1679 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Cirstane Cardno, 1687 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens); John Cardno, 1720 in *IGI* (Strichen, Aberdeens).

### Cardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Carden**.

### Cardona

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Catalan:** locative name from Cardona in Barcelona province. **Early bearers:** Jose Cardona, 1875 in *IGI* (Mepperhsall, Beds); Jose Cardona, born in Derria, Spain, in Census 1881 (Shrops).

### Cardoso

- Variants:** **Cardozo**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Portuguese, Spanish:** locative name from any of numerous places called Cardoso, denoting a place with an abundance of cardoons (plants similar to artichokes). **Early bearers:** Aaron Cardozo, 1729 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Mary Cardoso, 1741 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Moses Henry Cardozo, 1701 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Cardoza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- Portuguese, Jewish:** locative name from any of various places in Portugal called Cardoso.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Joice Cardoza, 1812 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); John Isaac Cardoza, 1827 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Isaac Cardoza, shoe maker, born in Spitalfields, in Census 1851 (Aldgate, London); Jacob Cardoza, born in Mile End, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Mordecia Cardoza, slipper maker, born in Holland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Cardoza, ship's joiner, born in Stratford, Essex, in Census 1891 (West Ham, Essex); Samuel Cardoza, tobacco stripper, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1901 (Spitalfields, Middx); August Pereira Cardoza, born in Portugal, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx).

### Cardozo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Spanish:** see **Cardoso**.

### Cardus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Scottish:** see **Carruthers**. The existence of Mary *Caradus*, 1706 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm), and John *Cardus*, 1717 in *IGI* (Grasmere, Westm), supports the connection.

### Cardwell

- Variants:** **Cardell**, **Cordwell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2146, Ireland 514
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1435
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Middx; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- 1 **English, Scottish:** in N England, W Midlands, and SW Scotland it is a variant of **Caldwell**.  
2 **English:** in SW England it is probably from Cardwell in Milton Abbot; see **Cardall**.

### Cardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1221, Ireland 99
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 458
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Hants; also Jersey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English, Cornish:** see **Cardew**. **Early bearers:** William Cardy, 1571 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); Tho. Cardey, 1614 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); John Cardy, 1755 in *IGI* (Bures Saint Mary, Suffolk); Mary Cardy, 1781 in *IGI* (Alresford, Essex).

### Care

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 663
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent; also Northants
- English:** see **Kear**.

### Carefoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Kerfoot**.

### Careford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Kerfoot**.

### Carefull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- Manx:** relationship name anglicized form of Manx *Caralagh*, from Gaelic \**Mac Cearbhallach* (from a personal name possibly based on Gaelic *cearbh* 'stag'). According to Kneen, the palatalization of the medial *-o-* in names such as *Carrolly* 'led to the idea that the correct form was *Kiarailagh* (or *Carailagh*, derived from an English loan word *care*), and this was later translated *Careful*.' **Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Caroly, 1511, Carroley, 1603, Carrolough, 1607, Carrolly, 1611, Caralagh, 1623, Coroley, 1815, Careful, 1785, Carefull, 1830 in Kneen; Pat Careful, in Census 1841 (Conchan, IoM). **England:** Eliz. Carefull, 1749, Joseph Careful, 1825 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Frances Careful, 1876 in *IGI* (Congleton, Cheshire).

### Careless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 726
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English:** see **Carless**.

### Caren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- Manx:** see **Karran**.

### Caress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts
- English:** see **Carus**.

### Careswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Carew

- Variants:** **Carey**, **Caro**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 534
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Waterford
- 1 **Welsh:** locative name from Carew (Pembrokes), site of a major castle, named in Welsh as *caer rhiw* 'castle (on a) slope'. **Further information:** The traditional pronunciation of the surname and of the place in Pembrokes is identical to that of **Carey**. The surname was taken to Ireland soon after the Norman invasion of England and was gaelicized as *de Carrún*. In the 16th century a family called Carew from Devon played an important part in establishing the Tudor administration in Ireland. **Early bearers:** England: Alice Careu, about 1147–57 in Mowbray Charters; William de Carreu, 1347–49 in

Feet of Fines (Surrey); William Carewe otherwise Cooke, 1653 in The East Anglian (NS) ii.  
Wales: Philip Carrew of Walwyn's Castle (Pemb), 1618 in Saint Davids Probate Records ; George Carew of Carew, in Hearth Tax (Pemb).

Ireland: Robert de Carreu, 1235 in CDI §2266; Robert de Carru, 1290 in CDI §622 (Waterford); Reymund de Carew, 1299 in CDI §551 (Tyrenbroys); Thomas Carew, 1307 in CDI §617 (Carlow); Peter Carewe, knight, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1302 (Odrone alias Hidrone); John Carewe, gent., 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2466 (Garrybowe, Cork); George Carew, esquire, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4250 (Laghlyn, Carlow); Rich. mcEdm. Carron alias Carewe, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5418; Joan Carew, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6465.

**2 Cornish:** locative name from *kerrow* (plural of *ker* 'fort'), the name of seven places in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** Peter Carew, 1552 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Richard Carew, 1587 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

## Carey

Variants: **Cary, Karey, Kary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11293, Ireland 5607
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5622
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; SE England; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster

**1 English:** locative name from Carey Barton (Devon), or from Castle Cary, Lytes Cary, Cary Fitzpaine, or Babcary (all in Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Kari, 1205 in Pleas (Somerset); Richard de Kary, 1242 in Book of Fees (Devon); Robert Karye, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Cary, 1375 in Assize Rolls (London); Robertus Cary, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Monkton, Somerset); Richard Carey, 1586 in PROB 11 (Buckingham, Bucks); John Carie or Carey, 1642 in PROB 11 (Evercreech, Somerset).

**2 Welsh:** variant of **Carew**.

**3 Irish:** from Ó *Ciardha*, 'descendant of *Ciardha*', a personal name meaning 'the black one', see **Kerry**. **Early bearers:** Robert Kerrys, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1460; John Kerry, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3419; Margery ny Kerrye, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6407; Wm. O'Kirry, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6551.

**4 Irish:** from **Mac Fhiachra**, see **Feary**.

## Carfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Derbys
- English:** see **Kerfoot**.

## Carfrae

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Berwicks
- Scottish:** locative name from Carfrae in Garvald-Bara (E Lothian) or Carfrae in Channelkirk (Berwicks).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Carfrae, Ninian Carfrae, 1635 in Retours, Scotland; Cristian Carfrae, 1637 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Thomas Carfrae, 1666 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian).

**References:** Black.

## Cargill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2040, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Kincardines, and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

**Scottish:** locative name from Cargill (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Paul de Kergile, 1182–1203 in Coupar Angus Charters; Walter de Kergyl, 1260 in Saint Andrews Charters (Drumcarro, Fife); Bernard de Kergylle, 1374 in Great Seal of Scotland (Cushnie, Aberdeens); Patrick Cargil, 1498 in Arbroath Register; Mausey Cargill, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

## Cargo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb.

**Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Gille Cairge**, see **McHarg**.

## Carhart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from Carhart (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Carhartte, 1572 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Nicolas Carhartte, 1578 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Edward Kerhart, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall).

## Carine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** see **Karran**.

## Carins

Variants: **Carnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**Scottish, English:** (i) possibly a variant of **Cairns**. Compare **Carnes**, which may sometimes alternate with **Carins**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Carron** with excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Cairns, 1784 in *IGI* (Temple, Midlothian); Margaret Cairins, 1797 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); John Carrins, 1855 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Alice Carins, 1709, George Carins, 1805 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Geo. Carens, 1725 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Wm. Carrens, 1744 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Cairns, 1757, Margaret Carens, 1790 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Thomas Cairns, 1759, Isabel Carens, 1820 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Cairns, 1789 in *IGI* (Doddington, Northumb).

## Caris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

**English:** see **Carus**.

## Cariss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** see **Carus**.

## Carkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**English:** locative name perhaps from Carkin in Forcett (NR Yorks), recorded as *Kerkan*, 1157, *Kirkan*, 1396, *Carken*, 1540, *Carlyn*, 1556 in Place-Names of NR Yorks.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Christofer Carkin, 1563 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Eliz Carkin, 1700 in *IGI* (Hutton Bushel, NR Yorks); Mary Carkin, 1732 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thomas Carcan, 1744 in *IGI* (Gresley, Derbys); Ann Kirkan, 1781 in *IGI* (Heanor, Derbys); Elizabeth Carkins, 1836 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

## Carl

Variants: **Carle, Karl, Karle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs

**1 English, Scottish:** status name, nickname from Middle English *carl* 'free peasant', later 'bondman', also 'bloke, knave, rascal' (from Old Scandinavian *karl* 'man'). This is the usual source of the surname in England and Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Karl, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); William Carl, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Carle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Baydon, Wilts); Thomas Carl, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Peter Carl, 1568 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); Joseph Carl, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London).

**2 English:** relationship name occasionally perhaps from the comparatively rare Middle English personal name *Carl*, which is of Scandinavian and Continental Germanic origin, where it was originally a nickname from the same word as in (1).

**Further information:** In continental Europe, German *Carl* (*Karl*) and its cognates in other languages were and are extremely popular given names, partly due to their use as royal and imperial names, notably as that of the Frankish emperor Charlemagne (about 742–814; Latin name *Carolus Magnus*). It is the source of the common western Slavic word for 'king', *král*, and, via French, of the English personal name *Charles*.

**Early bearers:** England: Godric filius Carle, Carli, Godric Carlesone, 1086 in Domesday Book (Kent); Edmundus filius Carle, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); John Carl, 1672 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Carl, 1688 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Carl, 1727 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

Scotland: Isabel Carl, 1619 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Wm. Carl, 1688 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens).

## Carlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Northumb, and Durham; Glasgow

**Irish:** from Ó Cairealláin, see **Carolan**.

## Carland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

## Carlaw

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- Irish:** form of *Carlan*, itself a variant of **Carolan**, altered by association with *land*: compare **McParland** for Irish **Mac Parthaláin**.

### Carlaw

**Variants:** **Carlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, W Lothian, and Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from an unidentified place apparently in or near Torphichen, W Lothian.  
**Early bearers:** John Carlaw, 1670 in *IGI* (Torphichen, W Lothian); James Carlaw, 1690 in Black (Torphichen, W Lothian); Thomas Baird Carlaw, 1804 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

### Carle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- English, Scottish:** see **Carl**.

### Carless

**Variants:** **Careless, Carlos, Carloss, Curless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1101, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 795
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English:** nickname from Middle English *car(e)les*, either in the sense ‘secure, free from care’ or, more likely, ‘unconcerned, careless’. Compare **Corless**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Carles, 1141 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Reginald Carles, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Alan Kareles, Margaret Kareles, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Johannes Carles, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hopton Sollers, Herefs); Willelmo Carles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs); Willelmo Careles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Finendon, Northants); Nicholas Carles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Willelmo Careles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Gunnora Careles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Carles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Brocton, Staffs); Thomas Careless, 1579 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs); John Careless, 1593 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Margerie Carless, 1616 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Francis Carlis, 1606, Isaac Carless, 1619, Isaaci Careless, 1637, Benjmin Carloss, 1770 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Franciscus Carless, 1637 in *IGI* (Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucs); Francis Carless, 1648 in *IGI* (Willenhall, Staffs); Samuel Carloss, 1761 in *IGI* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops).

### Carleton

**Variants:** **Carlton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 314
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England: esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Fermanagh; Meath and Dublin
- 1 **English:** see **Carlton**.  
2 **Irish:** adopted in N Ireland as an Anglicization of Ó Cairealláin, see **Carolan**.

### Carley

**Variants:** **Carly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 373

- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- 1 **Irish:** from **Mac Fhearghaile**, see **McCarley**.  
2 **English:** see **Carlow**.  
3 **English:** locative name from Carley in Lifton (Devon).

**Further information:** The name is rare in Devon in the 1881 census.  
**Early bearers:** Drogo de Carleg’, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); [ . . . de] Carleye, 1287 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Nicholas de Karlegh’, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lifton, Devon); Hugh Carly, 1554 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Samuel Careley, 1733 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Joseph Carley, 1801 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).  
**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 189.

### Carlier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Huguenot:** occupational name from a contracted form of Northern French *carelier* ‘cartwright’, corresponding to Old French *charrelier*, an agent derivative of *charrel* ‘cart’, a diminutive of *char* (Late Latin *carrum*).  
**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Carlier, 1627 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Cretiene Carlier, 1633 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jacques Carlier, 1635 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Philippe Carlier, 1759 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); William Carlier, 1696 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Thomas Carlier, 1721 in *IGI* (Cambridge).

### Carlise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 134
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Antrim
- English:** see **Carlisle**.

### Carlill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English:** see **Carlisle**.

### Carlin

**Variants:** **Carline, Carland, Carlan, Caroline**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3354, Ireland 1214
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Notts and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 **Irish:** from Ó Cearbhalláin, see **Carolan**.  
2 **English:** see **Carling**.  
3 **Huguenot:** nickname from French *carlin*, denoting a coin of Italian origin; the surname is typically Corsican.  
**Early bearers:** Pierre Carlin, 1641 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Carline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Derbys and Lancs
- 1 **English:** see **Carling**.  
2 **Irish:** see **Carlin**.  
3 **Cornish:** see **Carlyon**.

### Carling

**Variants:** **Carlin, Carline, Caroline**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 742
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Durham, and NR Yorks
- Scandinavian:** nickname probably from Middle English *\*carling* ‘old woman’ (Old Scandinavian *kerling*).  
**Early bearers:** Alicia Carlyng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johanne Carling, 1538 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Elizabeth Carline, 1580 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Robert Carlin, 1632 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Willm. Carline, 1637 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Francis Carlin, 1641 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mergery Carlin, 1672 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Anna Carling, 1673 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Mary Carlin, 1715 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Notts); Edward Carling, 1735 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Alexander Caroline, 1774 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Ann Caroline, 1800 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Carlisle

**Variants:** **Carlyle, Carlill, Carlile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2262, Ireland 713
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1574
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish, English:** locative name from Carlisle (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Carleol, king’s clerk, about 1205 in Gisborough Cartulary (Dumfriess); Thomas de Karlisle, 1310–11 in London Letter Books; Adam Carlelle, Carlille, 1363, 1370 in London Letter Books; Willelmo Carlyll’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Riccall (Saint Cuthbert), ER Yorks); Christopher Carlylse otherwise called Morrey, 1511 in PROB 11; William Carlisle, 1584 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Anthony Carlile, 1642 in PROB 11 (Gateshead, Durham).

### Carlo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex
- Italian:** relationship name from the personal name *Carlo*, Italian form of **Charles**.  
**Early bearers:** Thea Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Kensington, Middx); Joseph Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Swansea, Glamorgan); Silvano Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

### Carlon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- Irish:** from Ó Cearbhalláin, see **Carolan**.

### Carlos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
  - 1 **English:** see **Carless**.
  - 2 **Spanish, Portuguese:** relationship name from the personal name *Carlos*, Spanish equivalent of **Charles**.
- Early bearers:** Don Carlos, 1770 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Carlos, 1813 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Carloss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English:** see **Carless**.

### Carlow

**Variants:** Carley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 **English:** locative name from a minor place-name in WR Yorks, Carlow Ridge in Menwith, Carlhow Ridge in Thornthwaite, or a similarly named lost place that was probably near Pontefract.
- Further information:** Evidently this family name was brought south in the 15th century.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus de Carlow, Johanna de Karlawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Richard Carlowe, 1487 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Dover); William Carlowe, 1501 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Hythe); Thomas Carloughe, 1549 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Edward Carlowe, 1574 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Joanne Carley, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Alice Carley, 1587 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); John Carley, 1587 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); William Carely, 1694 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).
- References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 5, pp. 135, 137.
- 2 **Scottish:** see **Carlaw**.

### Carlson

**Variants:** Carlsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lanarks

**Danish, Norwegian, North German, and Dutch:** relationship name from the Germanic personal name **Carl** + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Ann Carlsen, 1700 in *IGI* (Catcott, Somerset); William Carlsen, 1706 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Bernt Frederick Carlsen, 1873 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Ole Michael Carlsen, 1878 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Herman Carlsen, born in Sweden, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); John Alfred Carlsen, born in Sweden, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Ida Carlsen, born in Odense, Denmark, in Census 1881 (resident in Bath, Somerset).

### Carlson

**Variants:** Karlson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- German, Scandinavian:** (i) relationship name from the personal name *Carl* + *sohn* 'son', possibly to be associated first with immigration of German miners into Cumb in the 16th century (ii) in some instances

from a respelling of **Carlson** or various cognates including Swedish **Karlsson**, or Danish **Karlson**. Later records show the name in original Scandinavian spellings.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Carlson, 1556 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Paull Carlson, 1621 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Franciseus [*sic*] Carlson, 1639 in *IGI* (Little Snoring, Norfolk); Hans Carlson, 1763 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Timothy Carlsen, 1772 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Joan. Carlson, 1804 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henning Theodor Carlsen, 1891 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Carlsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

**Swedish:** relationship name from the personal name **Carl** + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Charles Carlsson, 1823 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Augustus Carlsson, born in Sweden, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Charles Carlsson, born in Holden, Gloucs, in Census 1881 (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Carl Carlsson, born in Sweden, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Teador Carlsson, born in Stockholm, Sweden, in Census 1881 (Bloomsbury, Middx).

### Carlton

**Variants:** Carleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2502, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1536
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England: esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 **English:** locative name from any of many places called Carlton (Beds, Cambs, Durham, Lincs, Leics, Notts, Northants, Suffolk, ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks) or Carleton (Cumb, Lancs, Norfolk, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Elsi de Carleton, 1031 in Durham Priory Fees; Osmund de Carleton', 1163 in Curia Regis Rolls; Hugh de Carleton, 1240–1 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Thomas de Carleton, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Johannes de Carlton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Marefield, Leics); William Carleton, 1418 in PROB 11 (Blofield, Norfolk); Johis. Carlton, 1559 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 **Irish:** see **Carleton**.

### Carly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- English:** see **Carley**.

### Carlyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1034, Ireland 69
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 815
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish, English:** see **Carlisle**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Karleolo, 1194–98 in Annandale Family Book (Dumfriess); William de Karlilo, knight, about 1304 in Siege of Caerlaverock (Rainpatrick, Dumfriess); Beatrice de Carleal, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Dumfriess); George Carlyle, 1671 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Carlyon

**Variants:** Carline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 381
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish:** locative name from any of three places in Cornwall called Carlyon in Saint Minver and Kea parishes.
- Early bearers:** John Carlion, 1607 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Walter Carlyon, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Blazey, Cornwall); Alexander Carline, 1644 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Mary Carlyon, 1676 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Thomas Carlion, 1737 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

### Carman

**Variants:** Carmen, Carmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1425, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 996
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Surrey and Kent; Cheshire
- 1 **English:** relationship name from Old Scandinavian *karmann*, a variant of *karlmann* (nominative case *karlmadr*) 'male, man, adult male', used as a personal name.
- Early bearers:** Simon nepos Kareman, 1196 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants); Hamo filius Karlman, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Robert Kareman, 1184 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Henry Carman, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); Robert Carleman, Karleman, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Robertus Carman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); John Carman, 1508 in PROB 11 (Worstead, Norfolk); Thomas Carman, 1641 in PROB 11 (Wapping, Middx).
- 2 **English:** see **Charman**.

### Carmen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Durham
- English:** see **Carman**.

### Carmichael

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5697, Ireland 489
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish:** locative name from Carmichael (Lanarks).
- Early bearers:** William de Creimechel, about 1225 in Holyrood Register (East Linton, E Lothian); William de Carmichael, about 1350 in Origines Parochiales; William de Carmychale, 1410 in Saint Andrews Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Jonet Carmichael, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Carmody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 1135
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare
- Irish:** from Ó Cearmada 'descendant of *Cearmaid*', a personal name of uncertain origin.
- Early bearers:** Downe O'Karmody, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6183 (Clare); Donell O'Carmodie, husbandman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6487; Reirie O'Carmodie, fisher, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6504 (Ballyno, Clare); Donogh mcConnor I Carmodie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6504 (Moyhell, Clare);

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Dermott O’Carmode, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6615 (Tullekewly, Clare); Teige O’Carmodie mcConnor, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6504 (Drommore, Clare).

### Carmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

**English, Scottish:** see **Carman**.

### Carn

**Variants:** **Karn, Karne, Carnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London; Cornwall
- 1 **Cornish:** see **Carne**.  
2 **Irish, Manx:** see **McCarron** and **Karran**.

### Carnaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Lincs; Caithness

**English:** locative name from Carnaby (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Heruey de Kernetebey, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Roger de Carneby, 1370 in York Freemen’s Register; Johannes de Carnaby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Askham Richard, WR Yorks); John Carnaby, 1448 in Yorks Wills; Johane Carnabie or Carnabye, 1612 in PROB 11 (Ipswich, Suffolk); Nicholas Carnabye, 1615 in PROB 11 (London).

### Carnahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

**Irish:** from Ó Cearnacháin, see **Kernaghan**.

### Carnall

**Variants:** **Garnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 883, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

1 **English:** see **Carnell**.  
2 **English:** see **Cardinal**.  
3 **English:** see **Carbonell**.

### Carnduff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish:** locative name from Carnduff (Lanarks).  
**Early bearers:** John Cornduf, Carnduff, 1524, 1526 in Great Seal of Scotland; Andro Carnduff, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); James Carnduff, 1715 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks).

### Carne

**Variants:** **Karne, Karn, Carnes, Carn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 982, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 834
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also London

**Cornish:** locative name from Old Cornish *carne* ‘rock pile, tor’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by a tor, cairn, or heap of stones,

or toponymic, for someone from any of the Cornish places called Carn(e), e.g. in Veryan parish.

**Early bearers:** Henry Caran, 1451–64 in Cornish Lands (Angarrack in Phillack, Cornwall); John Carn, 1451–64, Vivian Carun’, 1480, Vevianus Carne, 1499 in Cornish Lands (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Walter Kern, 1480 in Cornish Lands (Truro Vean); Thomas Kerne, son of Pascoe Kerne, 1571 in Cornish Lands (Treliver in Saint Wenn, Cornwall); Thomas Carns, 1595 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Robert Carn, 1608, Thomas Carne, 1741, Sarah Grace Carne, 1834 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Carne, 1638, Henry Carne, 1737, Aaron Carne, 1844 in *IGI* (Saint Colomb Major, Cornwall); John Caron, 1642, Valentine Karne, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Elizabeth Karn, 1691 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Frances Carn, 1793, Julia Carn, 1873 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

### Carnegie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1146, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 983
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cork

**Scottish:** locative name from Carnegie (Angus).  
**Further information:** The Carnegie family were descended from John of Balinhard, who seems to have acquired the estate of Carnegie in the mid-14th century. The Carnegies were earls of Southesk from 1633 to 1716.

**Early bearers:** Duthac de Carnegy, 1383 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen); John Carnegy de eodem, 1450 in Brechin Register; David Carnegy, 1594 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Alexander Carnegie, 1632 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** Black; Earl of Southesk Manuscripts.

### Carnell

**Variants:** **Carnall, Garnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1437, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 904
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Notts; also Norfolk and Suffolk

1 **English:** probably in most cases a variant of **Cornall** or **Cornell** with unrounding of the vowel.  
**Early bearers:** Thoma Carnell, 1565 in *IGI* (Evedon, Lincs); Wm. Carnall, 1571 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); John Carnall, 1580 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Barbara Carnell, 1581 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Carnell, 1614 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts); John Carnell, 1614 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Anthony Carnell, 1615 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Richard Carnall, 1625 in *IGI* (Knossington, Leics); Wm. Carnall, 1656 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Sarah Carnell, 1708 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk).  
2 **Norman, English:** occupational name perhaps from Anglo-Norman *de la carnele* ‘of the battlement or embrasure’ (Old French *kernel, crenel*), for an archer or crossbowman who manned the battlements.

**Early bearers:** William de la Kernel, de la Karnaille, 1244, about 1250 in Ramsey Cartulary (Cams); Hugo de la Karnell, 1247 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Thomas Carnell, 1559 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Ant. Carnell, 1568 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Henrye Carnell, 1584 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Franncis Carnell, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Carnell, 1602 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

3 **English:** occasionally perhaps a reduced form of **Cardinal** or **Carbonell**.

### Carnelley

**Variants:** **Carnley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

**English:** locative name apparently from either of two places called Carnelloe, in Saint Ives and Zennor (Cornwall). However, this seems an unlikely origin for the WR Yorks name.

**Early bearers:** Richard Carnelley, 1643 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Margaret Carnelley, 1649, Benjamin Carnaley, 1746 in *IGI* (Wath Upon Dearne, WR Yorks).

### Carnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

1 **Scottish, English:** (i) mostly a variant of **Cairns**. Compare **Carins**, which occurs in some of the same parishes as **Carnes** in Northumb and Durham. (ii) possibly sometimes a form of **Carins**.

**Early bearers:** England: Mary Carne, 1554, John Carns, 1816 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Alice Carns, 1590, George Carnes, 1711 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); George Carnes, 1612, Mathew Karnes, 1655, Robert Carnes, 1784 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Carnes, 1676, John Carns, 1762, Mary Carnes, 1812 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Carnes, 1680, Mary Carns, 1784, Jane Carn, 1805, Joshua Carns, 1816 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Robert Carnes, 1682 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Mary Carns, 1745 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Carns, 1777, Thomas Carne, 1798 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
Scotland: Elizabeth Karnis, 1579 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Marion Carnes, 1610, George Carns, 1695, Elizabeth Carns, 1754, Jean Karns, 1810 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Kathrein Karnes, 1628 in *IGI* (Fife); Jonet Carnes, 1639 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Jonet Karnes, 1654 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian).

2 **Cornish, English:** in S England a variant of **Carn** with excrescent -s.

### Carnevale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Italian:** nickname from *carnevale* ‘festival’, perhaps given to someone born during one of the carnivals which customarily preceded a period of fasting such as Lent, or for an exuberant reveller.

**Early bearers:** Andrea Carnevale, 1784 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Carnevale, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (York).

### Carney

**Variants:** **Karney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5028, Ireland 1451
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2692
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon; Tipperary and Cork

1 **Irish:** from Ó Catharnaigh or Ó Ceithearnaigh, see **Kearney**.

2 **Irish:** reduced form of **McCarney** (Mac Cearnaigh).

**Carnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Aberdeens and Kincardines

1 **Scottish:** locative name variant of **Cairnie** or perhaps from Cairns in Midlothian or Glencarnie in Inverness.

**Early bearers:** William de Carnys, 1364 and Donald his son in Great Seal of Scotland (Whitburn, West Lothian).

2 **Scottish:** alternatively, perhaps, in some cases a Scottish spelling of Irish **Kearney**.

**Carnley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English:** see **Carnelley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Carnochan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights, Ayr, and Wigtowns

**Scottish Gaelic:** relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Cearnachan*; compare the Irish form, **Kernaghan**.

**Early bearers:** John Acarnechan, 1541 in Privy Seal of Scotland Register; John Carnochan, 1691 in *IGI* (Dalmillington, Ayr); Hugh Carnachan, 1710 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Ayr).

**Carns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Scottish:** see **Cairns**.

**Carnwath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**Scottish:** locative name from Carnwath (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Richard Carnewath, 1522 in Aboyne Records (Edinburgh); Thomas Carnewatht, 1544 in Scone Charters (Scone, Perth); Charles Carnwath, 1664 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian).

**Carnwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cambs
- English:** see **Cornwell**.

**Early bearers:** John Carnwell, 1689, John Cornwell, 1718 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thos Carnwell, 1805, Thos Cornwell, 1838 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs).

**Caro**

**Variants:** **Carro, Carrow, Caroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs

1 **English:** (i) locative name from either of two places called *Carrow* (in Norfolk and Notts) or from Carraw

(Northumb). (ii) locative name from Kerrow, a minor place-name in five W Cornish parishes, as suggested by the existence in the same parish of John Carowe, 1569 in Cornwall Muster, and William Kerrow, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Agnes, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Carov, 1159 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Alice de Carrow, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Umfrey Carow, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Joanna Carrow, 1543 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); William Carrow, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Agnes Carro, 1563 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); John Caroe, 1588 in PROB 11 (Saint Stephen Gloucester, Gloucs); Florella Carro, 1597 in *IGI*, Nicolas Carro, 1605 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Samuel Carro, 1673 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Margery Carrow, 1685 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Caro, 1700 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); Wm. Carrah, 1703 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb); James Carro, 1777 in *IGI* (Sampford Arundel, Somerset); Thomas Caro, 1825 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

2 **English:** in Cornwall, probably also a variant of **Carew**. Compare Connor Carrowe, 1525, and Edmond Carew, 1543, both in Subsidy Rolls (Golant, Cornwall).

3 **Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic):** nickname from Spanish, Portuguese, and/or Italian *caro* 'dear'.

**Further information:** The Sephardic Jewish name was adopted in North Africa as a translation of Arabic *ḥabīb* 'beloved' (see **Habib**) and was established among the Ashkenazim in Poland before being brought to Britain.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Simon Caro, reader in synagogue, born in Poznan, in Census 1851 (Norwich, Norfolk); Myer Caro, born in Clechchovia [Kleczew in Poland], in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Benjamin Caro, furrier, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Esther Caro, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Barnett Caro, traveller, born in Birmingham, in Census 1891 (Kings Norton, Worcs); Hyman Caro, boot finisher, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lipman Caro, glazier, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Other:** Faustino Caro, apprentice electrical engineer, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs).

**Caroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Caro**.

**Carol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

**Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

**Carolan**

**Variants:** O'Carolan, **Carlton, Carlin, Kerlin,**

**Caroline, Carolin, Carland, Carlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1344, Ireland 2415
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan
- 1 **Irish:** from Ó Cearbhalláin 'descendant of *Cearbhallán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Cearbhall* (see **Carroll**).

**Early bearers:** Fogartach Ua Cerballain, bishop of Clogher, 1185, in AU; Patr. O Kerrolan, footman, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3374 (Robartston, Meath); Hugh mcCahill O Carolan and Gillesy mcThomas O Carrolan, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4715 (the Nobber, Meath); Breen mcDwynn O Keruolan 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6554 (the Nobber, Meath); Hugh mcPadyn O Kerwellan and Owin duff mcShane O Kervellan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6563 (the Ferney, Monaghan); Edward Carolan, 1773 in *IGI* (Navan, Meath).

2 **Irish:** from Ó Cairealláin 'descendant of *Caireallán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Caireall*. In the 12th and 13th centuries this family were chieftains of Clondermot in Derry. **Carleton** was later adopted as an English equivalent.

**Early bearers:** Maelruanaigh Ua Cairellain, Lord of Clann-Diarmata, 1090, in AU; Concobur hUa Cairellain, chief of Clann-Diarmata, 1177, in AU; Patrick Kerolan fitz Hue Kerolan and Philip O Kerolan, 1582 (Kilmaynam wood).

**Carolin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish:** from Ó Cearbhalláin, see **Carolan**.

**Caroline**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; also Northumb

1 **English:** see **Carling**.

2 **Irish:** from Ó Cearbhalláin, see **Carolan**.

**Caroll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

**Caron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Scottish; Irish, French (Huguenot):** see **Carron**.

**Carothers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

**Carp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** nickname from Middle English *carpe* 'carp' (Old French *carpe*).
- Early bearers:** William Carpe, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Eva Carpe, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon);

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Ricardus Carp', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stanwick, Northants); John Carpe, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Carp, 1718 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); William Carp, 1804 in *IGI* (Pawlett, Somerset).

### Carpanini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Italian:** locative name from a derivative of southern Italian **Carpani**, from Sicilian dialect *carpano* 'white hornbeam'.

**Early bearers:** Angelo Carpanini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Giovanni Carpanini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

**References:** Caracausi.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 13672, Ireland 629
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin
- English:** occupational name from Middle English *carpent(i)er* 'carpenter'; see also **Charpentier**.
- Early bearers:** Godwin carpenter', 1121–48 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Ralph carpenter', 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Robert le carpenter, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Walterus le Carpenter, 1381 in Poll Tax (Child's Ercall, Shrops); William Carpenter, 1499 in PROB 11 (Hyde Winchester, Hants); Thomas Carpentar, 1541 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Edward Carpenter, 1592 in PROB 11 (London).

### Carr

**Variants:** **Kerr**, **Coar**, **Kilcar**, **McIlhare**, **Carre**, **Carry**, **Corr**, **Keary**, **McAlary**, **McKerr**, **McCorry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32174, Ireland 3375
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21479
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down; also Galway

**1 Irish:** from Ó Carra 'descendant of *Carra*', a personal name from the adjective *corr* 'pointed', explained as meaning 'spear'. Compare **Corr**, which is usually from the variant Ó Corra and occasionally from **Mac Corra**. As an Ulster surname, *Carr* was often confused with Scottish *Kerr*.

**Early bearers:** Muircertach Ua Cairre, steward of Cenel-Oenghusa and royalheir of Ailech, 1095 in AU; Gilla-Muire and Donatus Ua Cairre, 1261 in AU (Ulster); Donogh O Carre, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Coolvony, Sligo); Bryan O'Carr, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6145 (Ulster); Owyne McBrien O'Carr, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6629 (Ulster).

**2 Irish:** from **Mac Giolla Chathair**, a Donegal name meaning 'son of *Giolla Cathair*' or 'the servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint *Cathair*'. Cathar was a priest and bishop, otherwise unknown. Other surviving versions of the surname are **McIlhare** and **Kilear**.

**Early bearers:** Mullmorie Macgillachair, Tirlagh McGillacahir, and Eneas Macgillacahir, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal).

**3 Irish:** in Galway, from **Mac Giolla Chéire**, see **Keary**.

**4 Scottish, N English:** see **Kerr**.

### Carradice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Westm
- Scottish, English:** see **Carruthers**.

### Carradine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English:** variant of **Carwardine**.

### Carradus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English:** see **Carruthers**.

### Carragher

**Variants:** **Caraher**, **Carraher**, **Carrahar**, **McKercher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 523
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan

**Irish:** from **Mac Fhearchair** 'son of *Fearchair*', a personal name from *feair* 'man' + *car* 'dear, beloved'. See **McCarragher** and compare Scottish **McKerracher**.

### Carrahar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Irish:** from **Mac Fhearchair**, see **Carragher**.

### Carraher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish:** from **Mac Fhearchair**, see **Carragher**.

### Carrall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

**Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or **Mac Cearbhaill**, see **Carroll**.

### Carran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx:** see **Karran**.

### Carras

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English:** see **Carus**.

### Carrasco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Spanish:** locative name Spanish, from Carrasco in Salamanca province, Casas Carrasco in Jaen, or any of various other places named with *carrasco* 'holm oak'.

### Carratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see **Carrott**.

### Carraway

**Variants:** **Caraway**, **Carroway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Warwicks; Lanarks
- English:** nickname from Middle English *carewei* 'caraway', probably denoting a spicer.
- Early bearers:** William Careaway, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Stephen Caraway, about 1405 in Fitzalan Surveys; Robert Carraway, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Carre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Sark

**1 French, Channel Islands, Huguenot:** nickname from *carré* 'square', probably denoting a squat, thickset person.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Pierre Carre, 1672 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Jean Carre, 1764 in *IGI* (Castel, Guernsey); Jean Carre, 1791 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); John Carre, 1851 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey).

**Huguenot:** Marie Carre, 1703 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Margeritt Carre, 1705 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean Carre, 1730 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); John Carre, 1572 in PROB 11 (Arras, France).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *carre* 'cart, waggon, chariot, sled' (Anglo-Norman French, Old French *char* 'cart'), used to denote a carrier or a cartwright.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Carre, 1377 in Poll Tax (Holford Corseley, Somerset); John Carre, 1539 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Jone Carre, 1540 in *IGI* (Surrey); Edwarde Carre, 1605 in PROB 11 (Worspring, Somerset).

**3 English:** sometimes a variant of **Carr**, in Scandinavian-influenced counties.

**Early bearers:** Dorothee Carre, 1543 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Robert Carre or Carr, 1624 in PROB 11 (Wymondham, Norfolk); Frederick Thomas Carre, 1880 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs).

### Carreck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** apparently an English local variant of **Carrick**.

### Carrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

**Channel Islands:** (i) locative name perhaps from Carelles (Mayenne), recorded as *Quarrel* in 1312 in Dauzat and Rostaing. (ii) nickname see **Quarrell**.

**Early bearers:** Philippe Carrel, 1560, Jean Carrel, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Brelade, Jersey); Pierre Carrel, 1703, Jeanne Carrel, 1805 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire, at Carrel.



**Carrell**

Variants: **Carroll, Caryl, Caryll, Carrol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Durham; Hants; also Lanarks

1 **English, Scottish:** (i) see **Quarrell**. In Devon and Hants the name survived as *Carol* and *Car(r)oll*. In Yorks and Durham from the late 18th century onwards the name became indistinguishable from **Carroll** and its variants, borne by Irish migrants. (ii) locative name perhaps also a Norman French name from Carelles (Mayenne), recorded as *Quarrel*, 1312, in Dauzat and Rostaing. Compare **Carrel**. No medieval bearers have been found in England to confirm this origin.

**Early bearers:** England: Stephen Caryl, 1332 in Assize Rolls (Devon); William Carell', 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax (WR Yorks); Ellinore Caryll, 1571, Dorothy Carell, 1745 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Carell, 1575 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Sebell Carrell, 1585, James Carrol, 1736, Hannah Carrell, 1818 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jacobus Carill, 1593 in *IGI* (York); Jacob Carell, 1594, Barnabas Carol, 1734 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Alleson Carell, 1598 in *IGI* (Hamsterley by Bishop Auckland, Durham); Wm Carrell, 1605 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Richard Carole, 1631 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Annie Carrill, 1632 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Caryll, 1650 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Thomas Carell, 1652 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks).

2 **Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

**Carrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Lincs and Northants

**English:** see **Carrott**.

**Carrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Renfrews; Angus; Lancs

**Irish:** see **Carry**.

**Carriage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** see **Kerridge**.

**Carrick**

Variants: **Carreck, Corrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2468, Ireland 433
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb, Durham, and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway and Clare; Armagh

1 **Scottish:** locative name from the province of Carrick (Ayr).

**Further information:** The earliest bearers of the Carrick surname were descendants of the 12th-century lords of Galloway who became earls of Carrick in the early 13th century. The earldom passed by marriage to the Bruce family later in the 13th century and then to the

crown with the succession of Robert Bruce, earl of Carrick, to the throne in 1306. Illegitimate descendants of the earliest earls, themselves noblemen, continued to use the Carrick surname.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan de Carric, 1225 in Glasgow Register (Glasgow, Lanarks); Rolland de Karryk, 1260 in Acts of Parliaments of Scotland (Girvan, Ayr); Gilbert de Carryk, 1308–9 in Great Seal of Scotland; John de Carrick, 1372 in Irvine Muniments (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jannet Carrick, 1610 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jonet Carrick, 1666 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

England: John Carroc, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John Cayrek, 1462, Thomas Carrokk, 1536, William Carrak, 1599 in York Freeman's Register.

2 **Irish:** possibly reduced from **Mac Con Charraige**, see **McCarrick**.

**Carrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 107
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 507
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Glasgow
- Scottish:** Scottish spelling of **Carry**, which is a reduced form of Irish **McCarry**. See also **McHarrie**.

**Carrier**

Variants: **Carrier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Kent; Wilts

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *carier*, *cariar*, *carior* 'carrier, carter, porter' (Old French *carier*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de [*sic*] Carier, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Roger le Cariour, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Willelmo le Cariour', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuerdale, Lancs); Richard Carrier, 1572 in PROB 11 (Yaxley, Hunts); Nicholas Carrier or Carryer, 1608 in PROB 11 (London).

**Carrig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

**Irish:** (i) reduced form of **McCarrick**. (ii) anglicized form of Gaelic **de Carraig**, a locative name from *carraig* 'rock', an element frequently found in Irish and Scottish place-names.

**Carrigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1221, Ireland 232
- **GB frequency 1881:** 580
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Leitrim and Cavan

**Irish:** from Ó Carragáin, see **Corrigan**.

**Carrigy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** see **McCarrick**.

**Carrington**

Variants: **Garrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5193, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3051
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Lancs; Middx and Essex

1 **English:** locative name from Carrington (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Karington, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); John de Carrington, 1294 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Richard Carington, 1523 in Coroners' Rolls (Notts); John Carrington, 1633 in PROB 11 (Buxton, Derbys).

2 **Scottish:** locative name from Carrington (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Wautier de Keringtone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; William Keringtoun, 1506 in Midlothian Charters; John Carrington, 1701 in *IGI* (Bolton, E Lothian).

**Carris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Carus**.

**Carriss**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants
- English:** see **Carus**.

**Carrithers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Carritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Norfolk

**English:** see **Carrott**.

**Carro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey

1 **English:** see **Caro**.

2 **Italian, Spanish:** nickname from *carro* 'wagon, cart', denoting a carter or cartwright.

**Early bearers:** Charles Carro, born in Piedmont, Italy, in Census 1851; G. Carro, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

**Carrodus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

**Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

**Carrol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow; Durham; Angus

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Cork

1 **Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

2 **English, Scottish:** see **Carrell**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan Carrol, 1663 in Dunblane Testaments (Dunblane, Perth).

**Carroll**

Variants: **Carol, Carrol, Caroll, Carrall, Carrell, Carville, Carvell, Carwell, McCarroll, O'Carroll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19146, Ireland 12616
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5971
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England, S Scotland and Wales: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary

**1 Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill 'descendant (or son) of Cearbhall', a personal name of uncertain origin, perhaps based on *cearbh* 'hacking' and hence originally a byname for a brutal but effective warrior. Woulfe keeps the Mac and O surnames separate, listing 'several distinct families' called Ó Cearbhaill. He describes *Mac Cearbhaill* as 'a celebrated family of musicians in Ulster'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Maelsuthain Ua Cerbhaill, king of Eoghanacht of Loch-Lein, 1010 in AU; Amhergin Ua Cerbhaill, king of Eli, 1033 in AU; Gallbrat Ua Cerbaill, royal heir of Tara, 1058 in AU; Maelruananaigh Mac Cerbaill, 1328 in AU; Donnsléibhe Mac Cerbaill, 1357 in AU; William owre O'Carroll alias O'Carwell, captain of his nation, 1560 in Fiants Elizabeth §274 (Ely O'Carwell); William O'Carrowill, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1617 (Kilkenny); Johanna Carvill alias Carrwill alias Bourke, alias Johanna O Kearoll, wife of John Bourke baron of Letrym, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4479.

**References:** John Gleeson (1915), *History of the Ely O'Carroll Territory or Ancient Ormond*. [Grenham] **2 English, Scottish:** see **Carrell**.

**Carron**

Variants: **Caron, Carins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Donegal

**1 Scottish:** locative name from Carron in Larbert (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Carrone, 1627, Margaret Carrin, 1661, John Carron, 1777 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); David Carron, 1643 in Stirling Testaments (Alloa, Clackmannans); William Carroun, 1644 in Retours, Scotland (Alloa, Clackmannans); John Carrine, 1671, Edward Carrone, 1673 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); John Carrone, burgess, 1645 in Brechin Testaments (Dundee, Angus); Hellen Carren, 1723 in *IGI* (Stirling).

England: Thomas Carron, 1640, Steuen Carrone, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne); Ann Carron, 1755, Frances Carron, 1843 in *IGI* (Liverpool).

**2 Huguenot:** occupational name from French **Caron**, a Norman-Picard form of Old French *charron* 'carter' or 'cartwright'. From the 16th century onwards, a significant number of Huguenots with this name settled in S England.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation from a hypothetical Old French word \**carun* 'carter, cartwright', nor that the modern name derives from the Anglo-Norman surname de Carun, from Cairon (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Israel Caron, 1596 in *IGI* (Walloonor Strangers church, Canterbury); Asa Caron, 1603 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street London).

**3 Irish:** reduced form of **McCarron**.

**4 Manx:** see **Karran**.

**Carrothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

**Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

**Carrott**

Variants: **Carratt, Carrett, Carritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *karrete* 'carrot', presumably denoting a grower or seller of carrots.

**Early bearers:** Ailw' Karet, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Thomas Carratt, 1610 in *IGI* (Roughton, Lincs); Thomas Carrett, 1615, Carrot, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Georgij Carrott, 1622 in *IGI* (North Cotes, Lincs); John Carrat, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Carritt, 1663 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Robert Carritt, Widow Carrett, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); Henry Carrote, 1721 in *IGI* (Edlington, Lincs).

**Carrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Caro**.

**Carroway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Carraway**.

**Carruth**

Variants: **Caruth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

**Scottish:** locative name from Carruth (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** William Carruth, 1641 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Carruth, 1656 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); James Carruth, 1679 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Jean Carruth, 1686 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Dalry, Ayr).

**Carruthers**

Variants: **Carrothers, Carothers, Caruthers, Carrithers, Crothers, Cruthers, Cruddas, Cruddace, Croudace, Carradice, Carradus, Carrodus, Cardus, Cardis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5765, Ireland 222
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Dumfriess, Kirkcudbrights, and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Scottish:** locative name from the lands called Carruthers in Middlebie (Dumfriess), traditionally pronounced *Cridders*, earlier *Crudders*, though the second /r/ was lost by dissimilation in most English variants outside Cumb.

**Further information:** The name could evidently also be pronounced with stress on the first syllable, which probably accounts for forms like *Carrodus*, *Carradus*, and *Carradice*, and certainly for the later development *Cardus*, *Cardis*, whose bearers are presented separately.

**Early bearers:** Forms with -rud-: John de Carutherys, about 1320 in Great Seal of Scotland; Ricardus de Carruthires, 1377 in Poll Tax (Carlisle, Cumb); William of Carruderys, 1460 in Glasgow Saint Mary Liber; Nicholas Carruddas, 1556 in Parish Registers (Penrith, Cumb); John Caradus, 1607 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Sara Carruthers, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Corrodas, 1625 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Jon Carruthers, 1638 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Eleanor Carradus, 1646 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Laurens Carradice, 1658 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); William Carrithers, 1698 in *IGI* (Bewcastle, Cumb); Mary Caradus, 1706 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Croudace, 1739 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Thomas Carradus, 1741 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Carothers, 1743 in *IGI* (Crosby on Eden, Cumb); John Cruddace, 1746 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Ann Crudass, 1771 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Hannah Crudders, 1777 in *IGI* (Arlecdon, Cumb); Bertha Cruddas, 1888 in Bardsley.

Forms with -rd-: Ane Cardis, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Anne Cardis, 1616 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Mary Cardus, 1619 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Cardus, 1704 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); James Cardis, 1799 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham). **References:** Redmonds, King, and Hey, pp. 117–19.

**Carry**

Variants: **Carrey, Carrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 221
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Offaly
- 1 Irish:** (i) from Ó Carraigh, a variant of Ó Corraigh (see **Corry**). (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Carr**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot McDonoghe O'Cary alias McDonoghowe, gent., lord and captain of Dowally, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §368 (Keantoirke, Cork); Peter Cary, soldier, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3260; Donogh O Karry, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4302 (Saint Michael's, Longford); Ferrall O Karie, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4873 (Cullanye, Sligo); Brien O Carrie, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6629 (Ulster).

**2 Irish:** reduced anglicized form of **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McCarry**.

**Carrier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs
- English:** see **Carrier**.

**Carse**

Variants: **Carss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish, English:** locative name, local name from *carse* (a fertile stretch of land beside a river), as in Carse of Falkirk, Carse of Forth, Carse of Gowrie, etc. There are also places called *Carse* in Kirkcudbrights and Argyll.

**Early bearers:** Baldric de Cars, about 1225 in Scone Charters (Perth); Alexander Cars, 1478 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book (Keithick, Perth); James Cars,

1561 in Coldingham Priory (Coldingham, Berwicks); Alesoun Carse, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Carse, 1623 in *IGI* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb); Gabrill Carss, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb).

### Carsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

**English:** see **Kersey**.

### Carslake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Kerslake**.

### Carslaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Dunbartons, and Lanarks

**English:** see **Kearsley**.

### Carsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

**English:** see **Kearsley**.

### Carson

**Variants:** **Garson, Corsan, Corson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6511, Ireland 2866
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Kirkcudbrights, Ayr, and Renfrews; N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; esp. Antrim and Down

**1 Scottish, N Irish:** (i) locative name of uncertain origin, apparently from an unidentified place called Acarson or Carsan. This Galloway family name was taken to Northern Ireland in the early 17th century. WR Yorks and Lancs bearers of the name may alternatively belong under (2). (ii) possibly a hybrid name composed of Irish *cearr* 'left-handed' + English *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Sir Robert de Acarson or de Carsan, about 1276 in Holm Cultram Records; Robert de Carsan, parson of Kircandres, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Dumfriess); Morice and Gilbert Acrassane, 1367 in Morton Register, Scotland (Dumfriess); Thomas a Carsan, 1373 in Morton Register, Scotland (Linlithgow, Dumfriess); Patrick Cosen, 1453 in Edgar, Dumfries (Dumfriess); Jonet Corson, 1620 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Corson, 1658 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Wm. Carsoun, 1664 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Corson, 1688 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); James Corson, 1692 in *IGI* (Dalry, Kirkcudbrights); James Carson, 1693 in *IGI* (Tongland, Kirkcudbrights); John Corson, 1717 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Janet Garson, 1738, Merion Carson, 1746 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

**Ireland:** Adam Carson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Thomas Carson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumsnat, Monaghan); James Carson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killesher, Fermanagh); William Carson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers

Ireland (Derryloran, Derry); Samuel Carson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballyphilip, Down).  
England: Isabell Carson, 1563 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Francis Carson, 1604 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Edward Carson, 1613 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

**2 English:** variant of **Corston**. Compare **Carston**.

**Early bearers:** John Carson, 1567 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk).

### Carss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

**English:** see **Carse**.

### Carstairs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

**Scottish:** locative name from Carstairs (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Castrotharis, about 1259 in Acts of Parliaments of Scotland (Lanarks); Petrus de Castellstaris, 1351 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); Alexander deCastiltaris, 1486 in Maxwells of Pollok (Pollok, Lanarks); Isobel Carstairs, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

### Carston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Norfolk
- English:** see **Corston** and compare **Carson**.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Carston, 1576 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); William Carston, 1659 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Michael Carston, 1691 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Carswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1363, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; also Argyll, Kirkcudbrights, and Bute
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish:** see **Cresswell**.

### Cart

**Variants:** **Carte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cart*, *kert* 'cart' (Old English *cræt*, Old Scandinavian *kartr*), perhaps given to a man 'with the cart' and synonymous with **Carter**.

**Further information:** Derivation from Old Scandinavian *\*kartr* 'untilled land of some kind' or Old Scandinavian *karta* 'short horn' are theoretical possibilities in Danelaw counties, but there is no clear evidence for either.

**Early bearers:** William Cart, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Thomas Carte, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fleet, Dorset); John Cart, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Margeria Cart, 1560 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Frances Cart, 1571 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Radulph Carte, 1573 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Thomas Cart, 1663 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Cartan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish:** from **Mac Artáin**, see **McCartan**.

### Carte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants; ER Yorks

**English:** see **Cart**.

### Carten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**Irish:** see **McCartan**.

### Carter

**Variants:** **Carters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68434, Ireland 1508
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49670
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois; Galway

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *carter(e)* 'carter' (Anglo-Norman French *car(e)tier*, Old French *charetier*, Medieval Latin *caretarius*, *caretator*).

**Early bearers:** Med. Latin: Fulco caretarius, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Rannulfus caretator, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Hunts).

Anglo-Norman French: Rannulf caretier, le caretier, 1192–3 in Pipe Rolls (Hunts); Odo le careter, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants).

Old French: Henry le Chareter, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Henry le Chareter, le careter, 1225 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William le Chareter, John le Chareter, le Charter, Walter le Charettier, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs).

Middle English: Hugh Karter, 1225 in Lewes Chartulary (Norfolk); Robert le Carter, 1240 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Robert le Carter, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmus le Carter, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Robert Carter, 1411 in PROB 11 (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Carter, 1502 in PROB 11 (London); Richard Carter, 1600 in PROB 11 (Louth, Lincs).

**2 Irish:** reduced anglicized form of **Mac Artair**, see **McArthur**.

### Carteret

**Variants:** **De Carteret**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London

**Channel Islands:** locative name from Carteret in the Manche *département* of Normandy, France, whose name may be a derivative of Old French *cartier* 'quarter' in one or other of its senses, though this is uncertain.

**Further information:** Hellier de Carteret was the first seigneur of Sark, 1563, from a family long established at Saint Ouen, Jersey; see **Dauzat**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Carteret, 1580 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); John Cartrett, 1596 in Muster Rolls (Surrey); Jacques Carteret, 1593 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Elizabeth de Carteret, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).

### Carters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

## Carthew

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Derbys; Lancs
- English:** relationship name variant of **Carter** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Carters, 1587 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Leonard Carters, 1727 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

### Carthew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Pembrokes; Guernsey

**Cornish, English:** see **Cardew**.

### Carthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 727, Ireland 817
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**Irish:** from Mac Cárthaigh, see **McCarthy**.

### Cartie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Angus; Midlothian

**Scottish:** see **Carty**.

### Cartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth

**Irish:** shortened from Mac Artáin, see **McCartan**.

### Cartland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks; Warwicks

**English:** locative name from Cartland in Alwington (Devon), recorded as *Karkelonde* in 1330.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Carkelande, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Thomas Cartland, 1751 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks).

### Cartledge

**Variants:** **Cartlidge, Catledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2177, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Debys, WR Yorks, and Notts

**English:** locative name from Cartledge in Holmesfield (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cartelache, 1290 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Richard de Cartlege, 1435 in Derbys Charters; Thomas Cartlidge, 1641 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue.

### Cartlidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2002, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 860
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire; Leics and Derbys

**English:** see **Cartledge**.

### Cartmall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Cartmell**.

### Cartman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English:** occupational name from Middle English \**cartman*, a term for a carter but not recorded in the medieval period outside names. Compare **Carter**.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus le Cartman, 1269 in Close Rolls; George Cartman, 1558 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Elizab. Cartman, 1691 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); William Cartman, 1693 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Anne Cartman, 1708 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Cartmel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

**English:** see **Cartmell**.

### Cartmell

**Variants:** **Cartmel, Cartmill, Cartmall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

**English:** locative name from Cartmel (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Vckeman de Kertmel, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Lancs); William de Kertmel, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); William Cartmell, 1438 in York Freeman's Register; Peter Cartmayle, 1504 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Cartmalle, 1559 in PROB 11 (Fillingham, Lincs); John Cartmell, 1567 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

### Cartmill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**English, Scottish:** see **Cartmell**.

### Cartner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

**English:** unexplained. It may represent German *Gärtner* 'gardener, cultivator', in a central or southern German dialect form, but conclusive evidence of immigration at an appropriate time is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Cartner, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Hugh Cartner, 1609 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Jane Cartner, 1671 in *IGI* (Rockcliffe, Cumb); William Cartner, 1674, in *IGI* (Beaumont, Cumb).

### Cartney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Cumb and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Louth and Meath

**Irish:** from Mac Artaine, see **McCartney**.

### Carton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 787
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Derry; Dublin

**1 Irish:** shortened from Mac Artáin, see **McCartan**.

**2 English:** locative name perhaps from Corton in Suffolk (*Karetun*, 1086 in Domesday Book, denoting 'Kari's village or estate'), but the earliest examples of the surname appear in Lincs. A family from Corton could have migrated to Holbeach (Lincs) by the 13th-century, retaining the former pronunciation of the place-name. Alternatively *Carton* could have named a lost place in Lincs, or else it was an alternative name for Careby (Lincs), north of Stamford, but there is no record of this. It is not certain that this surname has survived to the present time.

**Early bearers:** Fulk, Richard, and William de Carton, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Holbeach, Lincs); Katerina de Karton', Alexander Carton', Radulphus Carton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Holbeach, Lincs); Agnes Carton, 1560 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Elizabeth Carton, 1593 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Richard Carton, 1601 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); William Carton, 1604 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Margaret Carton, 1612 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); John Carten, 1628 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds).

### Cartridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Worcs and Warwicks

**English:** probably a late variant of **Cartwright**.

**Early bearers:** John Carkerege, 1522 in Canterbury Wills (Probate); Laurence Karcharege, 1540 in Canterbury Wills (Probate); Thomas Cartrige, Cartridge, 1583 in Muster Rolls (Surrey).

### Cartright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Cartwright**.

### Cartwright

**Variants:** **Cartright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16782, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lancs and Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *cart(e)* 'cart' + *wright(e)* 'craftsman' (Old English *cræt* or Old Scandinavian *kartr* + Old English *wyrhta*), for a cartwright, a maker of carts.

**Early bearers:** John le Cartwereste, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard the Cartwrytte, 1290 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); William le Cartewryght, 13th cent. in Gisborough Cartulary (Yorks); Willelmus Cartwruytte, 1377 in Poll Tax (Moseley, Staffs); Johannes le Cartwright, 1381 in Poll Tax (Prestwich, Lancs); Edmond Cartwright, 1554 in PROB 11 (Offington, Sussex); John Cartwright, 1588 in PROB 11 (Rowley, Staffs).

### Carty

**Variants:** **Cartie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2278, Ireland 1772
- **GB frequency 1881:** 700
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Wexford; Roscommon

**Irish:** from Ó Cárthaigh ‘descendant of *Cárthach*’, an adjectival personal name meaning ‘loving’. This was a poet family in Connacht. The same personal name is the source of **McCarthy**, which later was sometimes shortened to **Carthy**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot McDonell Cartie, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5405 (Cork); Pheenon mcDermott Cartie, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5688 (Lisnikaine, Cork); Donell mcDonogh O Cartie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6499 (Munster); Cormock and Fynine mcDonogh Cartie, gents., 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6505 (Keanturke, Cork); Joan ny Cartie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6515 (Castledonevan).

### Caruana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Maltese, Gibraltarian, and Sicilian:** occupational name from *caruana* ‘castor oil plant’, probably from the medicinal uses of this plant.

**Early bearers:** Salvatore Caruana, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Saverio Caruana, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

### Carus

**Variants:** Caris, Cariss, Carris, Carriss, Carras, Carass, Caress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Middle English *ker(re)* + *hous*, denoting someone who lived ‘(at the) marsh house’; compare **Carr**, and ‘road from Balby to *Carhouse*’, 1638 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Karhouses, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Thomas de Carrehous’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); James Carous, 1555 in York Freeman’s Register; William Caras, 1619 in York Freeman’s Register; Robert Carus, 1709 in York Freeman’s Register.

### Caruso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Italian:** nickname from *caruso* ‘close-cropped’, denoting a bald or boyish man. In the Girgenti area of Sicily it was also used to denote a worker in the sulphur pits, where short hair was a requirement.

**Early bearers:** Maria Caruesew, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Francis Caruso, 1761 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Anna Bellamira Caruso, 1781 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Guiseppe Caruso, born in Turin, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

### Caruth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cheshire and Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Scottish:** see **Carruth**.

### Caruthers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

**Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

### Carvalho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1286, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic):** locative name from any of numerous places in Portugal named with *carvalho* ‘oak tree’.

**Further information:** This name is also borne by families from western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists from the 16th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** Deborah Ann Carvalho, 1764 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Abraham, son of David Carvalho, diamond cutter, 1768 in Parish Registers (Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, Middx); Batsheba Carvalho, 1768 in *IGI* (London); David Nunes Carvalho, 1784 in *IGI* (London); Benveneta Isabella Carvalho, 1839 in BMD (West London); Raphael Nunes Carvalho, West India merchant, born in Jamaica, in Census 1851 (Islington, Middx); Alberto Carvalho, born in Brazil, in Census 1871 (Edmonton, Middx); Abraham Carvalho, synagogue gravedigger, born in the Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Carvalho, born in Holland, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Louisa Carvalho, born in Jamaica, in Census 1901 (Willesden, Middx); Rafe Nunes Carvalho, stockbroker, born in Highgate, Middx, in Census 1911 (Amersham, Bucks).

### Carvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; Cumb
- English:** see **Carvell**.

### Carvell

**Variants:** Carvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1202, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Warwick; also Herts

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *carvel*, *kervel* ‘a small ship’, used to denote a sailor.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Carvayl, 1318 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Thomas Carvell, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**2 Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

### Carver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3788, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2685
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Surrey; Notts; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *kerver*, an agent derivative of *kerven* ‘to cut, carve’ (Old English *ceorfan*), denoting a wood-carver or sculptor.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Kerver(e), 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs), 1277 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); William Keruer, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Carver, 1601 in PROB 11 (Harleston, Norfolk); William Carver, 1633 in PROB 11 (London).

**2 Norman, English:** occupational name from Old French *charuier*, *caruier* ‘ploughman’.

**Early bearers:** Peter le caruier, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Gerard le Carver, 1209 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

### Carveth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from one of the places called *Carveth* in Mabe and Cuby (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Richaw Carveith, 1538 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Peter Carvaythe, 1555 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Henricus Carveth, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); Acteon Carveth, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

### Carvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks

**English:** relationship name unexplained. Apparently from Middle English *carvi* ‘caraway’ (compare **Carraway**), but the late appearance and distribution may suggest Continental origin.

**Early bearers:** John Carvey, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Martha Eudacia Carvey, 1789 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Edmund Carvey, 1833 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks).

### Carvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 242
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Northants and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, Monaghan

**Irish, English:** locative name, see **Carville**.

### Carville

**Variants:** Carvill, Garfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 432
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 Norman, Irish:** locative name from either of two places in Normandy called Carville (Calvados, Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Carvilla, 1166 in Domesday Descendants (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Carvyll of Estmerfeld, 1362 in Patent Rolls (East Mirfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Caruyle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Simon Carvile, 1441 in Feet of Fines (Tamerton Foliot, Devon); Humphrey Caruyle of Wygenhall, 1499 in Feet of Fines (Wiggenhall, Norfolk); Joane Carville, 1704 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs).

**2 Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

**Further information:** In Ireland this name became inextricably confused with the Norman name in (1).

### Carwardine

**Variants:** Carden, Caradine, Carradine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs; Kent
- English:** from Carden (Cheshire), which is recorded in the mid-13th century as *Kawrdin* and in the 14th century as *Cawardyn*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Carwardyn, 1302 in Cheshire Chamberlains’ Accounts (Cheshire); Robertus de Carwardyne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Webton, Herefs); John Carwardine, 1552 in *IGI* (Stoke Edith, Herefs);

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Thomas Carwardine, 1560 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); James Carwarden or Carwardine, 1639 in PROB 11 (Hereford, Herefs).

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- Irish:** from Ó Cearbhaill or Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll** and compare **Carville**.

### Cary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 728
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Westmeath

**English, Irish:** see **Carey**.

### Caryl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Devon

**English:** see **Carrell**.

### Caryll

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Carrell**.

### Casady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons
- Irish:** from Ó Caiside, see **Cassidy**.
- Further information:** This spelling is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Casali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian:** locative name from a place in Sicily named Casali.
- Early bearers:** Catherine Casali, 1778 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rosalinda Casali, 1780 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Picre Casali, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

### Casbolt

**Variants:** **Casburn**, **Casebourne**, **Casbon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *casbalde* ‘bald head’, apparently a term of reproach: ‘Go home, casbalde with þi clowte’ (about 1440 *York Plays*).

**Further information:** This surname became highly variable in its second syllable, despite being strongly localized to E Cambs. The variants with *-n-* seem to have arisen in the SE of the Isle of Ely. There is no evidence that the modern name is ever from the place-name surviving in *Casebourne* Wood in Hythe (Kent), exemplified by John de Caseburn, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Casebolt, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Margaret Caseborn, 1567 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Philip Casbolt, 1571 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs); George Casebolt, 1575 in *IGI* (Thriplow,

Cambs); William Casbolde, 1578 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Richard Casborne, 1581 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); John Caseborn, 1584 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); George Casbolte, 1597 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs); Johenus Caseburne, 1604 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Thomas Casbould, 1629, William Casbold, 1643 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Robert Casbone, 1665 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Grace Casborn, 1669, Robert Casborn, 1706 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); William Casebourne, 1727 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Willm Casebow, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Casbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Northants

**English:** see **Casbolt**.

### Casburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Norfolk, and Hunts; also WR Yorks

**English:** see **Casbolt**.

### Cascarino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** unexplained; possibly a derivative of *casco* ‘helmet’.

**Early bearers:** Antonia Cascareno, in Census 1891 (Worcs); Antonio Cascarino, in Census 1901 (Islington, Middx).

### Case

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3543, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2952
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; widespread in S England; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *cass*, *case* ‘box, chest, casket, case’, used to denote a maker of such articles; compare Clais Case-maker, 1367 in Thuresson. The spelling *Cas* may sometimes belong with **Cass**.

**Early bearers:** William, Richard Case, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk), 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Ricardo Cas, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mildenhall, Wilts); Johanne Cas, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lytham, Lancs); Johannes Case, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Isabell Case, 1560 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire).

**2 English:** see **Cass**.

**3 English:** see **Cash**.

### Casebourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** see **Casbolt**.

### Caselaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Kearsley**.

### Caseley

**Variants:** **Casely**, **Casley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset and Gloucs

**1 English:** locative name from Casely in Lustleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Caseley, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); John Casleighe, 1575, Wilmi Caslie, 1577, Thomas Casligh, 1618, Jane Casley, 1691 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Thomas Caseley, 1579, Avice Casleigh, 1585, Hugh Caselie, 1614, Grace Caselye, 1617, Nicholas Casely, 1625 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Steven Caseleigh, 1611 in *IGI* (Lustleigh, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon 2, p. 481.

**2 English:** see **Kearsley**.

### Caselton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Castleton**.

### Casely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Guernsey

**English:** see **Caseley**.

### Casement

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 212
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Manx:** relationship name from **Mac Asmund** ‘son of Asmund’, from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásmundr*. Compare **Osmond**.

**Further information:** Ballacaselement (Bride, IoM) means ‘Caselement’s farm’. A branch of the family moved to Ireland (Ballymena, Antrim) in the late 17th or early 18th century. (Sir) Roger Casement, executed by the British for treason in 1916 after the Easter Rising, was born in Dublin, the son of Capt. Roger Casement (1819–77) and the grandson of Hugh Casement of Ballymena, a Belfast shipping merchant.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Casmond(e), 1430, Mac Casmund, 1417, 1496, 1511, Casymound, Casmyn, 1540, Casmond, 1580, 1611, Casement, 1611, Costmint, 1624, Casmet, 1659, Caismeene, 1660, Caisment, 1679, Caismeitt, 1683, Caistment, 1692 in Kneen; Elizabeth Caisment, 1685, Robert Casement, 1727, William Casemt [*sic*], 1794 in *IGI* (Maughold). Ireland: William Casement, 1789, Hugh Casement, 1793 in *IGI* (Ballymena).

England: Robert Casement, 1781, John Casement, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Casemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks

**English:** see **Cashmore**.

### Casewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys
- English, Scottish:** see **Cresswell**.

**Casey**

Variants: O'Casey, Kasey, Keasey

- Current frequencies: GB 10423, Ireland 9055
- GB frequency 1881: 4410
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Munster

Irish: from Ó Cathasaigh or Mac Cathasaigh 'descendant (or son) of *Cathasach*', a byname meaning 'vigilant' or 'noisy'.

Further information: derivation from Kersey Marsh in South Benfleet (Essex), as proposed by Reaney and Wilson, is unlikely.

Early bearers: Ireland: Nicol Mac Cathusaigh, bishop of Oirgiall, 1353 in AU; Concobur h-Ua Cathusaigh, erenagh of Ferainn Muinntiri Cathusaigh, 1411 in AU (Daim Inis, Fermanagh); Nioclas, mac Nioclais h-Ui Cathusaigh, 1489 in AU (Daim Innsi, Fermanagh); Mortaugh O Casie, and Thady O Cassy, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2514; Teige Casie, son of O Casie, kern, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6397 (Anally, Westmeath); John and Morris Casie, weavers, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6494 (Dingle, Kerry); Connor McCarrigie alias Connor mcThomas O Cahessy, and Thomas mcTeig O Cahessie, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6504 (Cloenany); Katheline Cahessy, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6566 (Rawlistowne); Donell and Bren McCasie, gentlemen, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh).

England: Elizabeth Casey, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Margaret Casey, 1590 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Casey, 1635 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Leann Casey, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Cuthbert, Yorks); John Casey, 1780 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

**Cash**

Variants: Case

- Current frequencies: GB 2624, Ireland 505
  - GB frequency 1881: 1985
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary; Wexford
- 1 English: (i) variant of **Cass** with palatalization of /s/ to /ʃ/. (ii) nickname alternatively perhaps from Middle English *cashe* 'box, chest to keep wares in' (Old French *casse*), but this is a much less likely origin than (i).

Early bearers: Mariota Chash, 1277 in Cotton Claudius C xi; Robertus Cassh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Attlebridge, Norfolk); Roger Cashe, 1560 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Cash, 1586 in *IGI* (Marston, Staffs); Ales Cash, 1603 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Thos. Cash, 1611 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); John Cash, 1617 in *IGI* (Rougham, Norfolk); Marie Cash, 1642 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

2 Irish: in Ireland, *Cash* and **Cass** may derive from the epithet *cas*, 'curly-haired', or be a variant of **Casey**. However it is more likely to be the English surname.

Early bearers: Ireland: Ralph Case, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1617 (Kilkenny); Tho. Casse, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2424 (Kilkenny); Laurence Cashe, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §2960 (Fyshe-street, Dublin).

**Cashel**

Variants: Castles

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 22

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- 1 Irish: see **Cashell**.  
2 Norman, English, Irish: see **Cassell**.

**Cashell**

Variants: Cashel, Castles

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- 1 Norman, Irish: see **Cassell**.  
2 Irish: in Clare it is also a reduced anglicization of Irish Ó Maolchaisil 'descendant of the chief of Cashel'.  
Early bearers: William mcTeig O Mulchasshell, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6558 (Arehatrick, Munster); John oge O Mulcashell, 1603 in Fiant Elizabeth §6762 (Ballintemple, Munster).

**Cashen**

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 82
  - GB frequency 1881: 96
  - Main GB location 1881: IoM; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny and Tipperary; also Laois
- Irish, Manx: see **Cashin**.

**Cashin**

Variants: Cashen, Cassin, Casson, Cashman, Cashion, McCashin, Cashion, Cussane

- Current frequencies: GB 467, Ireland 464
- GB frequency 1881: 161
- Main GB location 1881: IoM
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary, Laois, and Waterford

Irish, Manx: relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Caisín** or, in the south of Ireland, **Ó Caisín** 'son (or descendant) of *Caisín*', a personal name that is a diminutive of *cas* 'curly' or possibly *cas* 'pleasant'. Compare **McCashin**.

Further information: Balacashen (Onchan, IoM) is named as 'Cashen's farm'.

Early bearers: Ireland: John O Coshene, kern, 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth §1865 (Jordanston); Shane mcSean McCosin in Fiant Elizabeth §2146 (Queen's county [Laois]); Rory O Cassyne, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3095 (Gortvoleyre, Kilkenny); Tho. boy McCashin and Ilan Cashine, surgeons, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4739 (Queen's county [Laois]); Teig McKassan, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5460 (Cork); Gilpatrick mcShane McCassen, chirurgeon, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6551 (Derryn, Queen's county [Laois]).  
IoM: Mac Cashen, 1511, Caashen, 1603, Cashen, 1641, Cashin, 1765, Casshin, 1779, 1801 in Kneen.  
References: Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**Cashion**

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs
- Irish: from **Mac Caisín** or **Ó Caisín**, see **Cashin**.

**Cashley**

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Caisile, see **Casserly**.

**Cashman**

- Current frequencies: GB 914, Ireland 962
  - GB frequency 1881: 271
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs; Monmouths
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Caisín, see **Cashin**.

**Cashmore**

Variants: Casemore

- Current frequencies: GB 1688, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 941
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs

English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Henrie Casmore, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); William Casemore, 1588 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); John Kasmore, 1593 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Elisab. Casemore, 1626 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks).

**Cashon**

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 31
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Irish: from **Mac Caisín** or **Ó Caisín**, see **Cashin**.

**Casker**

- GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan and Monmouths
- Irish: shortened from **Mac Oscair**, see **McCusker**.

**Caskey**

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 234
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Orkney; Bute; also Cheshire; also Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry
- Irish: reduced form of **Mac Ascaidh**, see **McCaskie**.  
Further information: This is the usual anglicized form of the name in Ireland.

**Caskie**

- Current frequencies: GB 249, Ireland 12
  - GB frequency 1881: 135
  - Main GB location 1881: Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ascaidh**, see **McCaskie**.

**Caslake**

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Kerslake**.

**Caslan**

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Irish: see **Caslin**.

**Casley**

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 260
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth and Monaghan
- 1 English: see **Caseley**.  
2 Irish: see **Caslin**.  
3 English: see **Kearsley**.

**Caslin**

Variants: **Caslon, Caslan, Casley, Casserly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

**Irish:** from Ó Caiséaláin ‘descendant of *Caisealán*’, diminutive of *Caisile*, late variants of the personal names *Caiside* and its diminutive *Caisidín*. Compare **Casserly** and **Cassidy**. Ó Caisile has also been anglicized as **Cashley**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edm. O Cashedin, 1603 in Fiants Elizabeth §6161 (Tireconnell, Ulster); Denis Caslan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghanunshin, Donegal); Henry Casland, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Termonamongan, Tyrone); Patrick Caslin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clooncraff, Roscommon).

**Casling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; WR Yorks

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Cecily Casling, 1576 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); John Caslyn, 1576 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Surrey); Thomas Caslyn, 1580 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Robert Casling, 1585 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

**Caslon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Irish:** see **Caslin**.

**Cason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

**English:** locative name from Cawston (Norfolk), the form reflecting a local pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Cason, 1608 in PROB 11 (City of London); Wolfren Cawson, Ro. Caston, Cason, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); Stephen Corson, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); Elizabeth Casen, 1788, Cawston, 1793 in Parish Registers (Little Saxham, Suffolk).

**Caspar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Casper**.

**Casper**

Variants: **Caspar, Gasper, Gaspar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** relationship name from the personal name *Casper*.

**Further information:** This name, usually in England in the form *Caspar*, was ascribed by popular tradition in Europe to one of the three Magi (astrologers), who according to the Bible (in which they are not named) brought gifts to the newborn Christ. Their supposed remains were taken to Cologne from Constantinople in the 12th century, where they were the subject of a popular cult. According to tradition, the names of the other Magi were *Balthasar* and *Melchior*. There is so much textual uncertainty in the various sources of the Christmas story that no firm

conclusion about their origin can be reached, though they are commonly said to be Persian, Arabian, and in the case of *Caspar*, Indian.

**Early bearers:** Richard Casper, 1581 in *IGI* (Norwich); Marye Casper, 1584 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Giles Casper, 1658 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

**Cass**

Variants: **Cash, Cast, Case**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2569, Ireland 168
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb; IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Laois

**1 English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Casse*, a pet form of Cassandra. Compare **Casson** and note Andreas Cassaundre, 1379 in Poll Tax (Frettenham, Norfolk); Edmundus Cassaundr’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shepreth, Cambs).

**Further information:** Cassandra was the name of the prophetess in stories of the Trojan War, a favourite subject of romances in post-Conquest England. Its origin is unknown, despite several attempts by respectable scholars to explain it.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cassandra, 1182–1211 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Cambs), 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks), 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Casse Rumpe, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Cassaunder Danyll, 1379 in Poll Tax (Toulston, WR Yorks). surnames: John Casse, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William Casse, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Johannes Casse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawdon, WR Yorks); Simon Casse, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fotheringhay, Northants); John Cass, 1561 in *IGI* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); Elizabeth Cass, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); Ales Cass, 1588 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Percivell Cass, 1608 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**2 Irish:** from Ó Cais ‘descendant of the curly-haired one’.

**Further information:** In the 1597 example, the final *-e* may be syllabic. See **Casey**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane O Case, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6190; Darby Cash, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Gallen, Offaly); James Case, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmainemore, Mayo).

**Cassady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

**Irish:** from Ó Caiside, see **Cassidy**.

**Cassar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**1 Maltese:** (i) occupational name from Arabic *qaṣṣār* ‘fuller’. (ii) locative name from Arabic *qaṣr* ‘fortress’. (iii) occupational name for a box-maker, from a derivative of Italian *cassa* ‘box’.

**Early bearers:** Lawrence Cassar, born in Malta, in Census 1871 (Royal Navy); Giacinte Cassar, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Andrew Cassar, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

**References:** Cassar, pp. 72–3.

**2 Huguenot:** relationship name possibly an English spelling of French *Cassart*.

**Early bearers:** Francoise Cassart, 1738 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**3 English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Casour, 1493 in PROB 11 (Thorrington, Essex); James Cassar, 1653 in *IGI* (Channelkirk, Berwicks).

**Cassedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

**Irish:** from Ó Caiside, see **Cassidy**.

**Cassel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Jersey
- English, Channel Islands:** see **Cassell**.

**Casselden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Castleton**.

**Cassell**

Variants: **Cassel, Kassell, Cassells, Cashell, Cashel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Hants and IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Leitrim, Westmeath, and Longford

**1 Norman, English, Irish:** locative name from Cassel in the Nord department, Flanders, France.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry de Cassel, 1168 in Pipe Rolls (London); Gerard de Cassell’, 1218 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); William Casel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Richard Cassell, 1604 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Cassell, 1604 in PROB 11 (Yeovilton, Somerset).

Ireland: Richard Cashell, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1723 (Ardee, Louth); Jennet and Thomassen Casshell, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4717 (Dondalk, Louth).

**2 Irish:** from Ó Caisile, which is probably in origin a variant of Ó Caiside, see **Cassidy**; anglicized forms are *Cashell, Cassells*, and *Castles*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Connogher O’Casshell, messenger to Maguire, and Sawe ny Casshell, his sister, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5847 (Fermanagh); Neale O’Cashuly, 1603 in Fiants Elizabeth §6761 (Donegal).

**3 English:** sometimes a variant of **Castle**.

**Early bearers:** John Cassell, alias Castle, victualler, 1778 in London Met Archives.

**Cassells**

Variants: **Cassels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 417
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**Scottish:** variant of **Cassell**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.



**Cassels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 542
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Ayrs, Dunbartons, and Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Kildare
- Scottish: see **Cassells**.

**Casserley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Mac Casarlaigh, see **Casserly**.

**Casserly**

Variants: **Casserley**, **Cashley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 584
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; also Galway, Longford, and Westmeath
- 1 **Irish:** from Mac Casarlaigh ‘son of *Casarlach*, a personal name which may be based on *casair* ‘thorn’. In the anglicized form there has been confusion with Ó Caiside, a variant of Ó Caiside, see **Casley** and **Cassidy**.

**Early bearers:** Flann Mac Casurlaigh, fear dana (poet), 1497 in AU; Brian McCasserley, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5449 (Galway); Gillpatrick McCasserly, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6657 (Culvyn, Cavan); Cassarlagh McCassarle, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6699 (Fernought, Longford); Connor McCassarlie, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6699; Katherine Cassarlie, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6699.

2 **Irish:** see **Caslin**.

**Cassey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx; also Lanarks

**English, Scottish, Norman:** (i) locative name, origin uncertain. If the first Norfolk bearer is relevant, apparently from an unidentified place-name.

Otherwise perhaps from Quessy (Aisne), recorded as *Caziacum* in 962. (ii) in Scotland, a variant of **Cassie**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Caswey, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Barsham, Norfolk); John Cassy, Esq., 1484 in Gloucs Archives; Thomas Cassey, 1571 in *IGI* (Deopham, Norfolk); Thomas Cassey, 1597 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minorities, London); John Cassy, 1702 in *IGI* (Bodney, Norfolk); John Cassey, 1746 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).

Scotland: George Cassey, 1699 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

**References:** Dauzat and Rostaing.

**Cassiday**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Kirkcudbrights

Irish: from Ó Caiside, see **Cassidy**.

**Cassidy**

Variants: **Cassady**, **Casady**, **Cassedy**, **Cassiday**, **Cassity**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10181, Ireland 5534
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3653

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** W Ulster: esp. Fermanagh; also Meath

**Irish:** from Ó Caiside ‘descendant of *Caiside*’, a byname from *cas* ‘curly(-headed)’.

**Early bearers:** Neile and Morish O Cassydie, stookeepers, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4388 (Kings county [Offaly]); Cornelius O Cassedie, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5602 (Balleccassedie); Penece O Cassadie, chirurgion, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6734 (Monaghan); Charles Alexander Cassidy, 1692 in *IGI* (Dublin); Alles Cassidy, 1697 in *IGI* (Dublin); James Cassity, 1728 in *IGI* (Devenish, Fermanagh).

**Cassie**

Variants: **Cassey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 488
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Orkney
- Scottish:** relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Casse* (see **Cass**).

**Early bearers:** Meryonne Cassie, 1619 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Cassie, 1643 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens).

**References:** Black.

**Cassim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Muslim, Arabic:** see **Qasim**.

**Early bearers:** George Cassim, 1807 in *IGI* (Luddesdown, Kent); Saik Cassim, 1839 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fred Cassim, in Census 1881 (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**Cassin**

Variants: **Casson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 249
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois

**Irish, Manx:** relationship name from Ó Caisín, see **Cashin**. Compare **Cassidy**.

**Early bearers:** l0M: Casen, 1633, Causone, 1689, Casson, 1773, 1830, Cassin, 1674, 1687, 1764, 1783, Kassin, 1744, Chasson, 1806, Cason, 1805, Cassen, 1824 in Kneen. England: Ada Elizabeth Cassin, 1838 in *IGI* (Kirkdale, Lancs); John Cassin, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Everton, Lancs).

**Cassingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Kensham Green in Benenden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** William de Casinghamme, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Thomas Cassingham, 1698 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Casingham, 1754 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

**Cassity**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks

**Irish:** variant of **Cassidy**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Cassley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

**English:** see **Kearsley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is common in Ireland.

**Casson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2151, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1780
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Leitrim

1 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Casse* (probably a pet form of *Cassandra*; see **Cass**) + *son*, hence ‘son of *Casse*’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Casseson, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cams); Willelmus Casson, 1377 in Poll Tax (Middleton, WR Yorks); John Cassone, 1570 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Cassone, 1576 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Casson, 1588 in PROB 11 (London); Edward Casson, 1594 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); James Casson, 1610 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name \**Cat* (a pet form of *Catelin*; see **Catt** (2), **Catlin**) + *son* ‘son of \**Cat*’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Cattessone, 1115 in Winton Domesday (Hants); John Catessone, 1366 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Radulphus Cateson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southam, Warwicks); Robert Cattisson or Catisson, 1502 in PROB 11.

3 **Irish, Manx:** see **Cassin**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Casson, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Kirkdale, Lancs); Daniel Casson, born in Queen’s county [Laois], Ireland, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Henry Casson, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Whitehaven, Cumb).

**Casswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Cresswell**.

**Cast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey

**English:** relationship name of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Cass**. If Willelmus Caas, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dorking, Surrey), is relevant, the present form would be due to a post-medieval excrescent *-t* (compare **Clift**), perhaps influenced by Middle English *cast* with a wide range of applications, e.g. ‘belt’, ‘throw’, ‘allowance of hay’.

**Early bearers:** John Caste, 1538 in *IGI* (Godshill, Hants); Johan Cast, 1567 in *IGI* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); Beniamen Kaste, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Alyce Caste, 1577 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Agnis Cast, 1622 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Roberta Cast, 1672 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**Castelein**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Castellain**.

## Castell

### Castell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
  - 1 **English, Scottish:** see **Castle**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Ricardus de Castello, about 1142 in Newbattle Register (Newbattle, Midlothian); Robert Castello, burgess of Aberdeen, 1408 in New Spalding Miscellany; Isbell Castell, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeens); Miore Castell, 1589, Jean Castell, 1665, Elspeth Castle, 1775, William Castel, 1831 in *IGI* (Aberdeens).
- 2 **Manx:** relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Asgail*, 'son of *Ásketil*', an Old Scandinavian personal name. The Manx surname is cognate with Scottish Gaelic **McAskill**.
- Early bearers:** Mac Hascall, 1257, Mac Askel, 1311, Makaskill, 1312, Mac Caskell, 1511, Caistil, 1699, Caistile, 1701, Caistle, 1702, Caiskell, 1703, Caiskel, 1723, Caistell, 1725, Kaistell, 1726, Castil, 1733, Castell, 1750, Castyl, 1757, Castle, 1789, Cassall, 1815, Caystill, Kaystil, Kaystyl, 1830 in Kneen; George Castell, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

### Castellain

- Variants:** **Chatelain, Castling, Castelein, Castellan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 **English:** occupational name from Middle English *castelain* 'governor or constable of a castle, also the warden of a prison' (Old French *castelain*, *chastelain*).
- Early bearers:** Hugh le Chastelein, 1235 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Osbert Casteleyn, about 1240 in Archaeologia Cantiana viii; Walter Castellun, 1255 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Warin Castellain, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls; Rogero Casteleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Humberstone, Leics); John Castelyn or Caslyn, 1621 in PROB 11 (London); Charles Castellain, 1840 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- 2 **Norman, English:** locative name from Castellion in Eure.
- Early bearers:** William de castellon, 1086 in Domesday Book (Bucks); Hugo de Castellium, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks); Robert de Chastellun, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (London); Febroine Victorine Castellain, 1776 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Castellan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English:** see **Castellain**.

### Castello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- 1 **Irish:** from **Mac Oisdealbhaigh**, see **Costello**.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Castello, waste picker, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Castello, born in Ireland, in Census 1861 (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thos. Castello, ironworks labourer, born in Ireland, Census 1871 (Birkenhead, Cheshire); John Castello, farm servant, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Utttoxeter, Staffs).
- 2 **English:** see **Castlehow**.
- 3 **Italian:** locative name, nickname from *castello* 'castle, fortified building' (from Late Latin

*castellum*), used to denote someone who lived by a castle or in any of numerous places named with this word. Alternatively, it may denote a servant who lived and worked at a castle.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Castello, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Vergilio Castello, in Census 1881 (Wortley, WR Yorks); Paolo Castello, copper labourer, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex).

### Castells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Irish:** see **Castles**.

### Caster

- Variants:** **Castor, Caister, Kester**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx
- English:** locative name from Caistor (Lincs), Caister (Norfolk), or Castor (Northants).
- Early bearers:** Osgod on Castre 972 Tengvik; Odbert de Castra, 1134–40 in Saint Benet of Holme Register; Adam de Castre, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Rogero de Castre, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louth, Lincs); Simon de Caster', 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Caister, 1446 in York Freeman's Register; George Castre, 1536 in PROB 11 (Field Dalling, Norfolk); John Caster, 1540 in PROB 11 (Abbott Topholme, Norfolk); Robert Caister, 1574 in PROB 11 (Wisbech, Cambs); George Caster, 1602 in *IGI* (Maxeys, Northants).

### Casterton

- Variants:** **Kesterton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Rutland
- English:** locative name from Great and Little Casterton (Rutland).
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Casterton', 1202, [ . . . de] Cestretun', 1225 in Place-Names of Rutland (Rutland); Richard de Casterton', 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Richard de Casterton, 1306 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Edward de Casterton, 1524 in Tudor Rutland (Caldecott, Rutland); Joyse Kesterton, 1204 in *IGI* (Thurmaston, Leics); Richard Kesterton, 1640 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Wm. Casterton, 1649 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); Mary Kesterton, 1717, William Casterton, 1853 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).
- References:** Place-Names of Rutland, pp. 130–1, 134.

### Castiglione

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Italian:** locative name from any of numerous places in Italy named with this word (from Medieval Latin *castellio*, *-ionis* 'fortification').
- Early bearers:** James Louis Castiglione, 1806 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Mary Ann Castiglione, 1829 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); James Laurence Castiglione, 1848 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Luigi G. Castiglione, born in Clerkenwell, in Census 1881 (Middx).

### Castillo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

**Spanish:** locative name from any of the numerous places in Spain named with *castillo* 'castle, fortified building' (Latin *castellum*).

### Castle

- Variants:** **Castell, Castles, Cassell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 6717, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5901
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Kent and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Wicklow
- English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *castel*, denoting someone who lived by a castle, was employed at one, or had an obligation to provide services or rent to a castle.
- Further information:** Henry de Castell (1260 Assize Rolls (Cambs)) owed rent to Cambridge Castle.
- Early bearers:** Richard Castel, 1148–54 in Bec Abbey Documents (Sussex); Robert Castel, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); John del Castel, 1307 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); William ate Castele, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Florencia atte Castel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Freshwater, Hants); Thoma othe Castell', 1381 in Poll Tax (Burton Lazars, Leics); John Castell', 1425 in Feet of Fines (Herts); William Castell, 1516 in PROB 11 (Southwark, Surrey); Henrye Castle, 1558 in PROB 11 (Egmore, Norfolk).

### Castleden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Castleton**.

### Castledine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Lincs
- English:** probably a variant of **Castleton**. There is a group of 17th–18th-century records of similar names with a range of endings, suggesting reinterpretation of the final unstressed syllable of a name which was unfamiliar in the place where it was written down: *Castleden*, *-dene*, *-don*, *-down*, *-ton*, *-town*, *-tyne*, and so on.
- Early bearers:** William Castelyne, 1602 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thomas Castledine, 1607 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Castledine, 1664 in *IGI* (Bingham, Notts); Mary Castledyne, 1657 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

### Castleford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English:** locative name from Castleford (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Nicholas de Castelford, 1292 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John de Castylford, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register; Thomas Castleford, 1375 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Ricardus de Castilforth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Jacobus Castleford, 1547 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); John Castleford, 1628 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

### Castlehow

- Variants:** **Castlo, Castello, Castley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, and Durham

**English:** locative name from any of the six places called Castlehowe in Westm, usually recorded very late, the earliest being Castle Howe in Kendal (1577) and Castlehowe Scar in Crosby Ravensworth (1629). The form *de Castello*, not infrequent in medieval sources, is probably a latinization of **Castle**, but may have contributed to these names.

**Early bearers:** John Castley, 1565 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Elizabeth Castley, 1587 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lancelote Castlehow, 1630 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Castlehow, 1639 in *IGI* (Patterdale, Westm); John Castlehow, 1667, Elizabeth Castley, 1683 in Parish Registers (Bampton, Westm); Thos. Castlo, 1775 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Westm 1, pp. 122, 199, 206; 2, pp. 45, 52, 158.

### Castleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Beds

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *castel(le)* ‘castle’ + *man*, probably for someone employed at a castle. Compare **Templeman**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Castelman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Robertus Castelman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Northney, Hants); John Castleman, 1548 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Thomas Castelman, 1572 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Thomas Castleman, 1584 in PROB 11 (Hinton Saint Mary, Dorset).

### Castles

**Variants:** **Castells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Meath
- 1 **English:** variant of **Castle**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Rebecca Castles, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Castles, 1679 in *IGI* (Edlingham, Northumb).

2 **Irish:** in Ireland, this may be the English name, but it may also be an anglicization of Ó Caisil; see **Cashell**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Castles, 1834 in *IGI* (Ardmore, Seagoe, Armagh); Verner Castles, 1838 in *IGI* (Armagh, Ireland); William Castles, 1821 in *IGI* (Derryadd, Armagh); Thomas Castles, 1849 in *IGI* (Magheralin, Down).

### Castleton

**Variants:** **Caselton**, **Castleden**, **Casselden**, **Castledine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk and Norfolk; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** locative name from Castleton (Derbys), Castleton in Rochdale (Lancs), Castleton in Sherborne (Dorset), or Castleton (Roxburghs).

**Further information:** Castledon in Wickford (Essex) and Castleton in Danby (NR Yorks) seem to be late names and therefore not likely sources, and there is no evidence for derivation from Castleton in

Hundleton (Pembrokes) or Castleton in Saint Athan (Glamorgan).

**Early bearers:** Gervase de Castelton, 1330, Thomas de Castelton, vicar of Wirksworth church, 1375 in Feet of Fines (Derbys); Thomas Castelton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Simon Castelton, canon of Welbeck Abbey, 1401 in Patent Rolls (Notts); Nicholas Castleton, 1553 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Castelden, 1560 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Castellton, 1565 in *IGI* (Haydor, Lincs); Geffery Castleden, 1572, John Casselden, 1577 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Castleton, 1594 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Christopher Castleton, 1595 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Richard Castleton, 1608 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

### Castley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

**English:** see **Castlehow**.

### Castling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** variant of **Castellain**.

### Castlo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Castlehow**.

### Caston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 **English:** locative name from Caston (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Caston, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John de Caston, 1350 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Willelmus Caston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mattishall, Norfolk); William Caston or Castone, 1504 in PROB 11 (Lavenham, Suffolk); Edmund Caston, 1636 in PROB 11 (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from Anglo-Norman French *casteyn* ‘chestnut tree’.

**Early bearers:** Amabli Casteyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cams); Andrew Caston, 1554 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Agnes Caston, 1563 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Rachell Caston, 1563 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Walter Caston, 1576 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Aston Caston, 1592 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs).

### Castor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** see **Caster**.

### Castree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Shrops and Monmouths

**English:** locative name from Catstree in Worfield (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Richard Castreye, 1579 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); John Catstrey, 1600 in Shrops Archives

(Burcote); Jane Catestreye, 1612 in Parish Registers (Calverley, Shrops); William Castrree, 1673 in *IGI* (Brimfield, Herefs); George Castry, 1692 in *IGI* (Humber, Herefs); James Castree, born in Census 1841 (Monmouths).

### Castro

**Variants:** **De Castro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1146, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Portuguese, Galician, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic):** locative name from any of the many places in Portugal, Galicia, and Italy named with *castro* ‘castle, fortress’.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Samuel de Castro, 1725 in Bevis Marks Records (London).

**Other:** Fernando Castro, 1796 in *IGI* (London); Mercedes Castro, born in New Granada, in Census 1851 (Kensington, Middx); Antinio [*sic*] Castro, wine merchant, born in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Henriqe Castro, born in Brazil, in Census 1881 (Isleworth, Middx); Joacquim Castro, born in Portugal, in Census 1891 (Stretford, Lancs); Jose Castro, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Lancs); Arnolfo Castro, divinity student, born in Mexico, in Census 1911 (Hastings, Sussex); Placido Castro, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Caswall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Surrey

**English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Caswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2672, Ireland 76
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1452
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Armagh
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Caswill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Catalano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** regional name denoting someone from Catalonia in Spain.

### Cataldo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Southern Italian:** relationship name from the personal name *Cataldo*.

### Catanach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish Gaelic:** see **Cattanach**.

## Catch

### Catch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**English:** (i) see **Kedge** and compare **Cadge**. (ii) see **Keech**.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *cache* 'the act of catching' (from Anglo-Norman French *cachier* 'to chase') is also formally possible but a much less likely source of a surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cathe, 1547 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Roberti Catch, 1585 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Joan Catch, 1599 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Richard Catch, 1616 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Richard Catch, 1621 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Richard Catch, 1715 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Catcher

**Variants:** **Ketcher**, **Kitcher**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *cacchere* 'huntsman' or 'driver of animals'. (ii) occupational name probably also used in the same sense as the diminutive *cacherel* 'bailiff of a hundred', which was common both as a name of office and as a surname. For example, the Norfolk Hundred Rolls (1275) have Alexander le Cacherel, Hugh le Chacherel, Adam Kacherel, and Richard Wyche, *cacherel*. The *cacherels* had an unpleasant reputation for extortion and oppression.

**Early bearers:** Richard Kaccher, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Jordan Cachere, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Alan le Cacher, 1327 in Thuresson; Margeria Catchere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); William Catchar, 1577 in PROB 11 (London); John Catcher, 1602 in PROB 11 (London).

### Catcheside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

**English:** locative name from Catcherside in Kirkwhelpington (Northumb), which is recorded as *Calcherside* in 1270, *Calchersyde* in 1401, and *Cachersyde* in 1595. The place-name contains Middle English *side* 'side, hillside' (Old English *side*), possibly with Middle English *\*cald-chere* 'cold cheer' as the qualifying element.

**Early bearers:** Peter Cachesyde, 1352 in IoW Record Office (IoW); Thome Cachesid, 1439–40 in Durham Abbey Account Rolls (Durham); Richard Catcheside, 1574 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Boldon, Durham); Robert Catchersyde, 1578 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Cuthbert Catchesid, 1579, Margaret Catchesyd, 1582 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Elizabeth Catchesid, 1585, Robert Catcheside, 1689, Moses Catchside, 1761 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Catcheside, 1586 in Parish Registers (Saint Paul, Jarrow, Durham); James Catchesyde, 1592 in Parish Registers (Richmond, NR Yorks); Thomas Catcheside, 1615 in Parish Registers (All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Catchaside, 1669, Francis Cachaside, 1677 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); John Catchesyde, 1670 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); Edward Catchside, 1694 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Tho. Catcherside, 1711 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Deborah Catcherside, 1732 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); Edward Catchaside,

1741 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); William Cacheside, 1790 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 41.

### Catchlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

**Norman, English:** nickname, occupational name for a wolf hunter, from Old French *cache* 'chase, hunt' + Anglo-Norman French *lou, luve, love* 'wolf'. Compare **Manlove**, **Trussler**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Cachelu, 1189 in Osney Cartulary (Oxon); William Cacheluve, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Will. Cachelove, 1341 in Durham Palace Register; Rob. Catchlove, 1618, Edmund Catchlove, 1787 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Wm. Catchlove, 1766 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

### Catchpole

**Variants:** **Catchpool**, **Catchpoole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2363, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1927
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *caccepol*, *cachpol*, denoting a collector of poultry in default of money; a tax gatherer (before 1050); later, a petty officer of justice, a sheriff's officer or sergeant, especially a warrant officer who made arrests for debt (from Old French (central) *chacepol*, Old French *cachepol* literally 'chase fowl').

**Further information:** Compare **Catchlove**. Similar medieval surnames, which have not survived, include Geoffrey Cacemoine ('chase monk'), 1198 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Robert Kachevache ('chase cow'), 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Suffolk); Walter Chacefreins, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Devon) and Emma Cachefrensh, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex) ('seize the reins') Robert Chacecapel ('chase nag'), 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Peter Cachefis ('catch fish'), 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Chacchehors ('chase horse'), 1304 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue; Walter Cachemayd ('chase maid'), 1392 in London Pleas; William Caccheroo ('chase roe'), 1315–16 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Robert Kachevache ('chase cow'), 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Suffolk); William Cachepeni ('chase penny'), 1278 in Ancient Deeds v (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Aluricus Chacepol, 1086 in Domesday Book (Middx); Robert le Chachepol 1154–89 Ancient Deeds i (Middx); Hugo le Cachepol, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Griff Cachepol, 1381 in Poll Tax (Winnington, Shrops); Thomas Catchpoole or Cachepoole, 1554 in PROB 11 (Smarden, Kent); Robt. Catchpole, 1562 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk).

### Catchpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey

**English:** see **Catchpole**.

### Catchpoole

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Norfolk
- English:** see **Catchpole**.

### Catell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English:** see **Cattell**.

### Cater

**Variants:** **Cator**, **Kater**, **Chaytor**, **Chater**, **Chaters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1965, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Norfolk and Cambs

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *catourkatour*, *kater*, aphetic forms of *acatour*, *acater* 'buyer' (Anglo-Norman French *acatour*, early Old French *acateor*, central Old French *achatour*), for a buyer of provisions, especially for a large household. **Early bearers:** William le Chatur, identical with William Emptor, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); Robert le Achatur, 1229 in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs); Amicia Lakature, Elias le Katur, 1271 in Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls (Cambs); William le Catour, le Chatur, le Katour, 1310 in Balliol Deeds (Oxford); John Chayter, 1667 in York Freeman's Register.

**2 English:** locative name from Cator in Widdecombe in the Moor (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Laua de Cadatrea, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Joha Cater, 1547 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richard Cator, 1570 in *IGI* (Widdecombe in the Moor, Devon); Andreas Cater, 1577 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

### Caterer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; Oxon

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *catourer*, *katerer* 'buyer or keeper of provisions' (MED), an agent derivative of *catour* (see **Cater**).

**Early bearers:** William Katerer, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Charles Caterer, 1617 in *IGI* (London); Joseph Catorer, 1757 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon).

### Cates

**Variants:** **Kates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

**English:** nickname, relationship name from the Middle English reflex of the Old Scandinavian male given name *Káti*, *Kati*, *Kate* (from *kátr* 'merry'), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s; compare **Kate**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Cates, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Mgareta. Kates, 1596 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Cates, 1569 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Joane Kates, 1669 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey).

### Catesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** locative name from Catesby (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Catebi, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Richard de Catesby, 1316 in Assize Rolls (Northants); Johannes Catesby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); William Catesby, 1446 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Catesby, 1486 in PROB 11 (Oldthorp, Northants).

**Catford**

Variants: **Cutford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Gloucs, and Somerset

**English:** locative name from East or West Catford (Somerset), Catford (Kent), or Catforth (Lancs). The Somerset places seem to be the predominant source of the modern surname.

**Further information:** William Catysford of Samford Peverill (1524) is associated with Catfords Farm in nearby Halberton (Devon) in Place-Names of Devon, p. 550; Stoate's transcription of the 1524 subsidy roll prints the surname as Catyford.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Cateford, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); John Catford of Heymede, 1352 in Patent Rolls; John of Catford, 1401 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Joane Catford, 1563 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Robert Catford, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 3, p. 247.

**Cathcart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 337
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews; also Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Fermanagh

**Scottish:** locative name from Cathcart (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Cathekert, about 1200 in The Lennox (Neilston, Renfrews); William de Kathkerte, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Ayr); Adam Cathcart, 1622 in Retours, Scotland (Ayr).

**Cather**

Variants: **Cathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from Catter or Cather (Dunbartons).

**Early bearers:** John Cather, 1670 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Cather, 1708 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr).

**Catherall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

**English, Welsh:** see **Catterall**.

**Catherine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English, Scottish:** relationship name from the female personal name, Latin *Katerina*, Greek *Katerina*, *Aikaterinē*.

**Further information:** The given name was extremely popular in the Middle Ages due to Saint Katherine of Alexandria, a legendary Christian figure of doubtful historicity, who was supposedly martyred under the Emperor Maxentius in 307. In the 1308 form, the *-th-* in *Katherin* is a conventional medieval spelling of the sound /t/, but the modern spelling and pronunciation of the name with *-th-* is a 16th-century learned introduction by clerics and other

educated people, who believed that it derived from Greek καθαρός 'pure'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Katerina filia Johannis, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Cateina, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hunts).

sumames: Robert Katerine, 1286 in Forest Pleas (Cams); Thomas Katherin, 1308 in Assize Rolls (Norfolk); Willelmus filius Caterine, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wetwang, ER Yorks); William Ketyryn, 1398 in Yorks Wills; Johannis Catherine, 1639 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk).

**Cathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** variant of Scottish **Cather**, with excrement -s.

**Catherwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

**Scottish:** see **Calderwood**.

**Cathey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Northumb

**Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of **McCathie**.

**Cathie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian, Midlothian, and Lanarks

**Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of **McCathie**.

**Cathrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs

**English, Welsh:** see **Catterall**.

**Cathro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

**Scottish:** locative name apparently from lands so called in Angus.

**Early bearers:** William Cathraw, 1509 in Dunkeld Rentale (Perth); Jacobus Catrow, 1533 in Inchcolm Charters; William Cathrow, 1562 in Scottish Antiquary (Perth); Isobell Cathro, 1566, in *IGI* (Perth).

**References:** Black.

**Catledge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English:** see **Cartledge**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Catlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** relationship name from the medieval female personal name *Cat(e)let*, a pet form of **Catlin**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Catelote, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kent); Henry Catlett, 1601 in PROB 11 (West Farleigh, Kent).

**Catley**

Variants: **Cattley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 892, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 642
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Yorks and Lincs; London

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Catley, in Herefs and Lincs, or from Catlees, a tenement in Froyle (Hants).

**Early bearers:** William de Chateleia, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); John de Catteley, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William de Cattele, 1339 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Sarra Catteleye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Henry Catley, 1576 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); Williamus Cattley, 1579 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Jhon Catley, 1632 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

**Catlin**

Variants: **Cattlin**, **Catling**, **Gatling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1130, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Cateline*, the French form of *Caterine* (see **Catherine**), introduced into England in the 12th century, when it became popular, usually in the form *Catelin(e)*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Katelina de Walcote, 13th cent. in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); Katerina, Katelina de Sauston, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts).

sumames: Gervase Caterin 1154–89 Hatton's Book of Seals (Surrey); Robert Caterin, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Beds); William Catelin, Katelin, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Willelmus Cattelyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hoyland Swaine, WR Yorks); Robert Catyln, 1441 in Sheffield Manorial Records; Robert Catlyn, 1550 in PROB 11 (Raunds, Northants); Richard Catlyng, 1653 in The East Anglian (OS) 4 (Cams).

**Catling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1162, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 708
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia and Lincs
- English:** see **Catlin**.

**Catlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from either of two minor places in Lancs called Catlow.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Catlawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Oswaldtwistle, Lancs); Thomas de Catlow, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eyam, Derbys); Wilyms Catlawe, 1545 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Christopher Catlowe, 1589 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

**Catmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Cutmore**.

## Catmull

### Catmull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English:** see **Cattermole**.

### Catmur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Cutmore**.

### Catnach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish Gaelic:** see **Cattanach**.

### Catney

**Variants:** **Cotney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 160
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

**1 English:** (i) locative name unexplained. Evidently from a lost place-name, most probably in ER Yorks, and perhaps in the region of the near neighbours Catwick and Catfoss. (ii) locative name; the traditional local name of the village of Catherine-de-Barnes in Warwicks is *Catney*, but this is unlikely to be the source of the surname.

**Further information:** This name is now more frequent in Ireland than in England.

**Early bearers:** Magota Catnay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Anston, WR Yorks); Elena de Catnay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Barlby, ER Yorks); Roberto de Catnay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Barlby, ER Yorks); Catherine Catney, 1736, William Catney, 1737 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**2 Irish:** perhaps an altered form of **Courtney**.

### Cato

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 393
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Oxon
- Scottish, English:** see **Catto**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Elspet Cato, 1627 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Gilbert Cato, 1705 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**England:** Christopher Cato, 1635 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Henry Cato, 1651 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

### Catoo

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Scottish:** see **Catto**.

**Further information:** This variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Caton

**Variants:** **Catton, Cayton, Kayton, Keaton, Keeton, Keyton, Ketton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1864, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**1 English:** locative name from Caton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Caton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Hale, Lancs); John Caton, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Robert Caton, 1582 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Alice Cayton, 1596, Edmond Kayton, 1826 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Richard

Keaton, 1673 in *IGI* (Much Hoole, Lancs); Elizabeth Kayton, 1697 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Cayton, 1706, Jas. Keeton, 1711, Jhn. Keyton, 1743 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs).

**2 English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Catun*, a diminutive of *Cat*, a pet form of *Cateline* (i.e. Catherine, see **Catlin**). Compare **Katin**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Caton, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Peter Catoun, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Caton, 1448 in PROB 11 (Saint Catherine by the Tower of London).

**3 English:** see **Keaton**.

**4 English:** see **Cayton**.

### Cator

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English:** see **Cater**.

### Catt

**Variants:** **Katte, Chatt, Catts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1206, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *c(h)at* 'cat' (Old English *catt*, Norman and Picard Old French *cat*, Parisian Old French *chat*). This is certain in medieval examples that have the definite article (Anglo-Norman French *le*), but examples below without the article could belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Lufmancat, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Robert le Cat, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Geoffrey Chat, 1190–1200 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Suffolk); Margaret Kat, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Adam le Chat, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); William le Cat, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Rotherfield, Sussex); John le Cat, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Wadworth and Mayfield, Sussex); John Catt, 1538 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk); Nycolas Catt, 1539 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Steven Catt, 1566 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elizabeth Kat, 1605, Thomas Catt, 1609 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Edward Katte, 1780 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Mary-Harriett Katte, 1802 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex).

**2 English:** relationship name occasionally perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Cat*, a pet form of *Catelin* (Catherine). See **Catlin**, and compare **Katin**.

**3 English:** relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Cat(te)* or \**Chat(te)*, a survival of Old *C(e)atta*, which is well evidenced in place-names.

### Cattanach

**Variants:** **Catanach, Cattenach, Catnach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland: esp. Inverness and Aberdeens

**Scottish Gaelic:** from **Catanach** 'belonging to (Clan) Chattan', which claims descent from *Gilla Chatain* 'servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Catan*', a personal name meaning 'little cat'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kethirnathe (Kathirnach or Cattanach), 1407 in Origines Parochiales; Arthur Catanache, 1623 in Orkney-Shetland Sasines

(Shetland); James Cattanach, 1673 in Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records (Contane).

### Cattel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** see **Cattell**.

### Cattell

**Variants:** **Cattle, Cattel, Catell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1605, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, and Oxon

**English:** relationship name from a diminutive of \**Cat*, \**Kat*, a pet form of the personal name *Catelin*. Compare **Caton**, **Katin**, and French *Catelet*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cattle Bagge, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs).

sumames: Hervey Catel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Geoffrey Catel, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Johannes Catel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton, Hants); Henrye Cattell, 1578 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); John Cattle, 1653, Cattell, 1683, Cattall, 1707 in York Freeman's Register.

### Catten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; Middx

**English:** see **Catton**.

### Cattenach

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic:** see **Cattanach**.

### Catterall

**Variants:** **Catherall, Catterill, Catterell, Cattrell, Cattrall, Cattroll, Cathrall, Gatrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2233, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1893
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Catterall (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John de Caterhale, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Thomas Caterell', 1381 in Poll Tax (Wormhill, Derbys); Lawrence Cattrall, 1462 in Calverley Charters (Yorks); Richard Catterall, 1500 in York Freeman's Register; George Catterall, 1553 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); George Catterell, 1596 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks).

### Catterell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Catterall**.

### Catterick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, ER Yorks, and York

**English:** locative name from Catterick (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Cateric, 1185 in Templars Records (Yorks); Willelmus Catryk', 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); Thomas Catryk, 1400 in York Freeman's Register; William Catryk, 1452–3 in

Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Richard Catrik, 1466 in *PROB* 11; Francis Catterick, 1683 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

### Catterill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Catterall**.

### Cattermole

Variants: **Cattermoul**, **Cattermull**, **Catmull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1291, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 792
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name, apparently an anglicization of a name of Flemish origin, possibly from Old French *quatre moles* 'four mills'; compare the place-name Quatre-Moulins (Hainault, Belgium) (Debrabandere).

Early bearers: William Cakymoll, 1478 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Cakymoll, Catermoll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Guy Cackamoule, 1668, Elizabeth Cackamole, 1743, Sarah Cattermole, 1749, Susan Catermoul, 1780, Benjamin Catmull, 1786 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Thomas Cattermoul, 1748 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman* (Norfolk).

### Cattermoul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Cattermole**.

### Cattermull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Cattermole**.

### Catterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 260
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Durham and Yorks
- Irish, Scottish: relationship name adopted as an anglicization of Gaelic **Mac Uaitéir** 'son of Walter'. Compare **McWatters**.

Early bearers: Ireland: James Catterson, 1764 in *IGI* (Donegal); Robert Catterson, 1776 in *IGI* (Donegal). Scotland: John Catterson, 1839 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Thomas Catterson, 1857 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); William Catterson, 1858 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

England: Alicia Katerson, 1539 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); Joannes Catterson, 1572 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); Henry Catterson, 1589 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs); Henry Catterson, 1594 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs); Francis Katterson, 1609 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

### Cattigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: reduced anglicized form of *Mac Aitigin* 'son of Atkin', from the personal name **Atkin**.

Early bearers: Thomas Cattigan, 1834 in *IGI* (Achill, Mayo); Owen Cattigan, 1865 in *IGI* (Achill, Mayo); Patrick Cattigan, 1866 in *IGI* (Achill, Mayo).

References: *MacLysaght*.

### Cattini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Italian: nickname probably from Latin *cattinus* 'of a cat', denoting someone with yellowish green eyes. Early bearers: J. Cattini, born in Italy, in *Census* 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); L. Cattini, born in Italy, in *Census* 1881 (Middx).

References: *Caracausi*.

### Cattle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 744
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset and Dorset; Yorks
- English: see **Cattell**.

### Cattley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Catley**.

### Cattlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Catlin**.

### Catto

Variants: **Cato**, **Catoo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: a development of *Cattoch*, a name of unknown origin.

Early bearers: Henrie Cattow, 1597 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); George Catto, 1629 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Williame Catto, 1636 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens); Alexr. Cattow, 1641 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens).

### Catton

Variants: **Catten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 969
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: (i) locative name from any of several places named Catton in Derbys, ER Yorks, NR Yorks, Northumb, and Norfolk. (ii) from Caton (Lancs); see **Caton**.

Early bearers: Ylger de Catton', 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Cattone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Adam de Catton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Crux Pavement, Yorks); John of Catton, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Catton or Cotton, 1436 in *PROB* 11 (Landwade, Cambs); John Catton, 1539 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Wyllm. Catton, 1574 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Catten, 1566 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk).

### Cattrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops
- English: see **Catterall**.

### Cattrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Catterall**.

### Cattroll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Catterall**.

### Catts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Alderney; Middx and Essex

English: variant of **Catt**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s

Further information: This form is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Cauchi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Maltese, S Italian: (i) nickname apparently a variant of Italian **Calchi**, from the plural of *calco* 'tracing, rubbing', perhaps denoting an engraver. (ii) locative name possibly from the Greek island of *Chalki*, *Halki* (Italian name *Calchi*) in the Aegean near Rhodes.

Early bearers: Michael Cauchi, born in Malta, in *Census* 1881 (Surrey); Baptist Cauchi, born in Malta, in *Census* 1881 (Royal Navy).

References: *Cassar*.

### Caudell

Variants: **Cawdell**, **Caudle**, **Cadle**, **Cadel**, **Caddell**, **Caudill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *caudel*, *caudel*, *caudell(e)* 'hot fortified drink, esp. one containing spiced wine or ale', also a thin gruel (Anglo-Norman French *caudel*, Medieval Latin *caudellum*).

Further information: Reaney and Wilson speculate that this is perhaps a derogatory nickname given to a man who could not hold his drink and so should stick to this invalid beverage, or, conversely, for a toper who scorned anything but a man's drink.

Early bearers: Godfrey Cadel, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John Cadel 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Caudel, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Caudel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Kaldel, 1277 in *London Letter Books B*; William Cawdall, 1593 in *PROB* 11 (Gayton, Staffs); William Cawdell, 1625 in *PROB* 11 (Saint Vedast, City of London); Thomas Caudell, 1602 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); John Caudell, 1737 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks).

2 English: see **Caldwell**.

Early bearers: Johannes Caudewell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Elizabeth Caudell, 1585 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Caudell, 1611 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Simon Caudell, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); William Caudell, 1627 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

**Caudill**

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Caudell**.  
 Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Caudle**

- Current frequencies: GB 253, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 208
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

1 English: see **Caldwell**.  
 2 English: see **Caudell**.

**Caudrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 66, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; Bucks and Surrey

Norman, English: see **Cawdrey**.

**Caudwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 551, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 298
- Main GB location 1881: Notts and Derbys

English: see **Caldwell**.

**Caulfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 207
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

Scottish, Irish: see **Caulfield**.

**Caughy**

- Current frequencies: GB 258, Ireland 336
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish: from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McCaughy**.

**Caul**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 65
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford; Down; Donegal

English: see **Call**.

**Caulcutt**

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Beds and Northants

English: see **Caldicott**.

**Caulder**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

English: variant of the Scottish name **Calder**. This typically Scottish spelling of the name is found mainly in south-east England.  
 Early bearers: Mary Caulder, 1694 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent).

**Caldwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 286, Ireland 25
- GB frequency 1881: 211
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Lancs

English: see **Caldwell**.

**Cauley**

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 63
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: scattered
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; also Sligo and Mayo

Irish: reduced form of **McCauley**.

**Caulfield**

Variants: **Caufield**, **Cawfield**, **Coffield**

- Current frequencies: GB 2362, Ireland 1710
- GB frequency 1881: 517
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Glasgow; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo and Galway

Scottish, Irish: locative name from **Caulfield** near Langholm (Dumfriess).

Further information: This name is also common in Ireland. Sir Toby Caulfield (born 1565 in Milton, Oxon) was granted most of the church lands of Ulster about 1610. The townland of Castlecaulfield (Tyrone) was renamed after the castle he built there between 1611 and 1619. Some families with this surname in Ireland descend directly from him, while others adopted Caulfield as an anglicization of at least four Irish surnames: **Mac Cathmhaoil** (**McCawell**), an important family in E Tyrone (who also adopted **Campbell**, but see **Cowell**), **Mac Eoghain** or **Mac Eoin** (see **McKeown**), **Ó Gamhna** (see **Gaffney**), and **Ó Gamhnáin** (see **Goonan**).  
 Early bearers: Scotland: John Cawfield, 1763 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); Wade Cawfield, 1786 in *IGI* (Canonbie, Dumfriess).  
 England: Toby Caulfield, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Milton, Oxon); Alexander Caufelde or Caufeilde, 1581 in PROB 11 (Cound, Shrops); Sarah Cawfield, born in Ireland, 1788 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
 Ireland: Charles Caulfield, 1654 in *IGI* (Charlemount, Armagh); Toby Caulfield, 1664 in *IGI* (Besborough, Kilkenny); Hugh Caulfield, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clonmacnoise, Offaly); Alice Caulfield, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilkeel, Down); Darby Caulfield, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); Michael Caulfield, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmovee, Mayo).  
 10M: Caulfield, 1728 in Kneen; William Caulfield, 1741 in *IGI* (Malew).

**Caughy**

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Berks

English: see **Caldicott**.

**Caulkett**

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: see **Colkin**.  
 2 Irish: from **Mac Uilcín**, see **Culkin**.

**Caulkin**

- Current frequencies: GB 468, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 253
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Notts

English: see **Calton**.

**Caulton**

- Current frequencies: GB 620, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 440

**Caunce**

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 106
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Devon

English: see **Cawsey**.

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Norman, English: Anglo-Norman French dialect variant of **Chance**.

Early bearers: Rob Cauns, 1366 in Lancs and Cheshire Miscellanies (Westhead and Lathom, Lancs); Roger Caunce of Brampton, 1440 in Patent Rolls (Brampton, Derbys); Robert Cance, 1443 in Feet of Fines (NR Yorks); William Caunce, 1449 in Feet of Fines (Derbys and Notts); Alice Conce, 1543, Marie Canse, 1603 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Thomas Canse, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Jaine Caunce, 1607 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).  
 References: Information from David Caunce (Guild of One-Name Studies).

**Caunt**

- Current frequencies: GB 804, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 705
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

French, English: see **Cant**.

**Caunter**

- Current frequencies: GB 375, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 305
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; also Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Cantor**.

**Cause**

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 72
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

Norman, English: see **Cawse**.

**Causer**

- Current frequencies: GB 1311, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 446
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; also Warwicks

English: (i) occupational name probably a variant of **Chaucer**, from Old French *cauc(i)er*, *chaucier* 'maker of hose, shoemaker', although *cauc(i)er*, the Norman and Picard form of the name, has not yet been noted in English medieval records. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Cosier**. Compare Robert Cosier, 1636, Thomas Causer, 1640, William Cawser, 1643 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Anthony Causier, 1667, Anthony Cosier, 1714 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs). However, this may only be the result of confusion between two similar sounding names.  
 Early bearers: Thomas Cawser, 1578 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Anne Causier, 1646 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Hugh Causer, 1664 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Stephen Causer, 1665 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Robert Causer, 1669, James Causier, 1740 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Warwicks); Rich. Causer, 1674 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); Wm. Causer, 1679 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Richard Causer, 1680 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); John Causar, 1721 in *IGI* (Moreton Say, Shrops).

**Causeway**

- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: S England

English: see **Cosway**.

**Causey**

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 106
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Devon

English: see **Cawsey**.



**Causier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

**English:** variant of **Cosier**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Causier, 1640 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Anne Causier, 1646 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Hugh Causier, 1664 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Anthony Causier, 1667 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Mary Causar, 1736 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Chivrel Causher, 1827 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Causley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name of uncertain origin, possibly from Corsley (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Thomas and William Causley, 1681 in *IGI* (Broadhempston, Devon); Humphery Causley, 1718 in *IGI* (Ideford, Devon); Thomas Causley, 1722 in *IGI* (Broadhempston, Devon).

**Causon**

**Variants:** **Cawson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** see **Cawston** (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry Causon, 1702 in *IGI* (Cranham, Gloucs); Theodore Cawson, 1707 in *IGI* (Churchdown, Gloucs).

**Causton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. E Anglia

**English:** see **Cawston**.

**Cauthorn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawthorne**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cautley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Suffolk

**English:** locative name from Cautley in Sedbergh (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jaine Cautley, 1584, Johes. Cautley, 1592, Peeter Cautley, 1603 in *IGI* (York); Peter Cawtley, 1649 in York Freeman's Register.

**Cavaciuti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Cavaciutti, born about 1871 in Italy, in Census 1901 (Clerkenwell, London).

**Cavalier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Huguenot:** occupational name from a southern variant of French *chevalier* 'knight, horseman'. **Further information:** John Cavalier, died 1740, the Cevennes leader, was afterwards a brigadier-general in the British army and lieutenant-governor of Jersey (Smiles pp. 234, 372).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Cavallier, Charles Cavalier, 1677, Abraham Cavallier, 1678 in *IGI* (French Protestant Church of London).

**Other:** Robert Cavelere, 1550 in *IGI* (London); Zacheriah Cavelier, 1739 in York Freeman's Register.

**Cavaliere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** occupational name from *cavaliere* 'knight, horseman'.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Cavaliere in Census 1841 (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Cavaliere, born in Italy, Giogeppe [*sic*] Cavaliere, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Birmingham); Edward T. Cavaliere in Census 1901 (Camberwell, London); Luviggi [*sic*] Cavaliere, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Poplar, Middx).

**Cavalli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Italian:** nickname from *cavalli*, genitive or plural form of  *cavallo*  'horse', used to denote either someone who looked after horses or possibly someone thought to resemble a horse.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cavalli in Census 1851 (London); John Cavalli, born in Zante, Greece, in Census 1861 (Islington); Giuffre Cavalli, born in Florence, Italy, in Census 1871 (Clerkenwell, London); Luigi Cavalli, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Finsbury, London); Andrew F. Cavalli, born in London, in Census 1871 (London).

**Cavan**

**Variants:** **Keevan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Wigtowns, Kirkcudbrights, and Dunbartons; Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Irish:** (i) from Ó Caomháin 'descendant of *Caomhán* (*Kevin*)', a diminutive of the personal name *Caomh*; compare **O'Keefe**. (ii) it may also be a shortened form of **Caomhánach**; see **Kavanagh**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur O'Kewyn, 1568 in Fiants Elizabeth §1213; Robert O'Kewane, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1617; John roo O'Kewan, horseboy, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2209; Farriell O'Keavane, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798; Cormuck O'Kevane, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5818 (Killorane).

**Cavana**

**Variants:** **Cavener**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** from **Mac an Mhanaigh**, see **McCavana**. The stress is on *-van-*, but there has been some confusion with **Kavanagh**, which is stressed on the first syllable.

**Cavanagh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4564, Ireland 801
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2255

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tipperary
- Irish:** from **Mac Caomhánach**, see **Kavanagh**.

**Cavanah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**1 Irish:** with stress on *-van-*, this is from **Mac an Mhanaigh**, see **McCavana**.

**2 Irish:** with stress on the first syllable, it is from **Mac Caomhánach**, see **Kavanagh**.

**Cavanaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also NR Yorks

**Irish:** from **Mac Caomhánach**, see **Kavanagh**.

**Cavanna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**1 Irish:** from **Mac an Mhanaigh**, see **McCavana** and compare **Cavana**.

**2 Italian:** locative name denoting someone who lived in a rough or temporary dwelling, from *capanna* 'hut, shelter'.

**Early bearers:** Bernardo Cavanna, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Luigi Cavanna, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Stepney, Middx); Angelo Cavanna, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Croydon, Surrey).

**Cavannah**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** from **Mac an Mhanaigh**, see **McCavana**.

**Cave**

**Variants:** **Kave**, **Keeve**, **Caves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5514, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Midlands, WR Yorks, and Lincs; Middx; IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Cork

**1 English:** locative name from Cave (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Caua, 1185 in Templars Records (Yorks); Hugh Cave, William de Cave, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); William Kave, about 1275 in Shakespeare Birthplace Trust (Stivichall, Warwicks); John de Kave, 1316 in TNA (Wormleighton, Warwicks); Willelmus del Cave, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marr, WR Yorks); John Cave, 1499 in PROB 11 (London); Clement Cave, 1535 in PROB 11 (Stanford, Northants); Elisabeth Kave, 1638 in Parish Registers (Saint Bride, London); Thomas Cave, 1672 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Wm Kave, 1694 in Borthwick Institute (Kirby Wharfe, WR Yorks); James Kave, 1770 in Parish Registers (Hulton by Roby, Lancs).

**2 Norman, English:** see **Chaffe**.

**Caveen**

**Variants:** **Cavin**, **Caven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs and Cumb

## Cavell

**Manx:** relationship name, a reduced form of Gaelic \**Mac Dhaimhín*, son of *Daimhín*. The personal name is a diminutive of Gaelic *damh* 'bard, poet'.  
**Early bearers:** IoM: Caven, Mac Caven, 1511, Cavyn, 1611, Cabene, 1627, Caveen, 1649, 1703 in Kneen; Tho Caveene, 1656, John Caveen, 1700 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Kaveen, 1736, Cavin, 1757, 1760, Gaveen, 1773 in Kneen.

**England:** Joseph Caveen, 1791 in *IGI* (Crosscanonby, Cumb); Daniel Caveen, 1842 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

### Cavell

**Variants:** Cavill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx

**Norman, English:** nickname from a diminutive of Old French *chauf*, *cauf* 'bald'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Caluel, Chauuel, 1190, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Enger' Cauuel', 1199–1277 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Wilts); Adam Cavel, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Cavel, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Humfrey Cavell, 1559 in PROB 11 (Acton, Middx); Hellen Cavill or Cavyll, 1604, Hughe Cavell, 1605 in PROB 11 (Felsted, Essex).

### Caven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**Scottish:** see Caveen.

### Cavender

**Variants:** Cavinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Northumb; London

1 **English:** nickname perhaps from an Anglo-Norman French equivalent of French *chavender* 'chub' (the fish), but the absence of medieval forms makes this doubtful

**Early bearers:** Dority Cavender, 1615 in *IGI* (Dormston, Worcs); Thomas Cavinder, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Elizabeth. Chavener, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Cavinder, 1816 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 **Irish:** possibly an anglicized form of **Kavanagh** or **Cavana** among Irish immigrants to Britain.

### Cavendish

**Variants:** Candish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; IoM; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Dublin

1 **English:** locative name from Cavendish (Suffolk), a place-name of Old English origin denoting the *edisc* or enclosed pasture belonging to a man called *Cāfa* or \**Cāfna*. Locally the place-name and surname have been pronounced *Candish* since the 15th century.

**Further information:** Cavendish is the family name of the Dukes of Devonshire. They are descended from Sir John Cavendish, who served as Chief Justice of the King's Bench (1372–81). Under the Tudors and Stuarts, a succession of shrewd and powerful heads

of the family achieved political prominence and became extremely wealthy. William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Devonshire, was a strong supporter of the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and of William of Orange (William III) against James II. In 1694 he was created Duke of Devonshire. The Latin family motto, *Cavendo tutus*, 'safe through taking care', is a pun on the surname.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Cauendis, 1201 in Pleas (Suffolk); Richard de Cavendish, 1344 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Caundyssh, 1416 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Mary Cavendish, 1538, Crystian Candish, 1547 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Candiche, 1590, Nathaniel Cavendish, 1718 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Cavendish, 1612 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Margaret Cavendish, 1613 in *IGI* (Little Easton, Essex); Sophia Cavendish, 1630 in *IGI* (Hague Hall, Haigh, Lancs); Jona Candich, 1634, James Kavendish, 1641 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richard Cavendish, 1765, Mary Candish, 1824, James Kandich, 1860 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Georgiana Cavendish, 1783 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Suffolk).

**References:** Watts (2004), at Cavendish; Forster (1981), at Cavendish.

2 **Manx:** relationship name, anglicization of Manx *Corjeag*, a reduced form of *Mac Quartag* 'son of *Svarteygr*' (from Old Scandinavian, meaning 'black-eyed'). Folk etymology interpreted *Corjeag* incorrectly as Manx *curjeig* 'alms-dish' and equally incorrectly supposed that the surname *Cavendish* was a synonym meaning 'giving-dish'. Manxmen's familiarity with Lancs examples of the English surname in (1) presumably led to the substitution, but some of the later Lancs examples may represent the altered Manx name.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Quartag, 1511, Gudyacke, 1580, Quidiacke, 1587, Corjeage, 1611, Corteige, 1616, Corjeag, 1626, Quiejage, 1645, Cordeige, 1652, Quidage, 1654, Corjage, 1658, Cordeage, 1678, Corjeage, 1703, Corjague, 1736, Corjaig, 1783, Corjegge, 1796, Curjeig, 1815, Cavendish, 1821 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen.

### Cavener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** anglicized spelling of Irish **Cavana** or **Kavanagh**. See also **Cavender**.

**Early bearers:** James Cavener, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Martin Cavener, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Heworth, Durham).

### Caveney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Staffs, and Cheshire

**Irish:** from **Mac Géibheannaigh**, see **Keaveney**.

### Caveny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

**Irish:** from **Mac Géibheannaigh**, see **Keaveney**.

### Caverly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Calverley**.

### Cavers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

**Scottish:** locative name from Cavers (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** William de Caueris, 1402 in Edinburgh Register (Edinburgh); Thomas Caveris, 1444, 1472 in Scottish Antiquary (Linlithgow, W Lothian); William Cavers, 1503 in Great Seal of Scotland; Walter Cavers, 1631 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs).

**References:** Black.

### Caves

**Variants:** Keeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**English:** variant of **Cave**, with post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Caves, 1689 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Bengamen Caves, 1705 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

### Cavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

1 **English:** nickname possibly an extended adjectival form of Middle English *caive* (Anglo-Norman *caïve*) 'epileptic' (literally 'prone to falling').

2 **Irish:** reduced and altered form of **Mac Dháibhidh**, see **McDevitt**.

### Cavil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Cavill**.

### Cavill

**Variants:** Cavil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1180, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 948
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; WR Yorks

1 **Norman, English:** see **Cavell**.

2 **English:** locative name from Cavil (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Tomas de Kauill', de Cauill', 1190, 1194 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Chrestian Cavill, 1575 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Gabriel Cavill, 1663, in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); John Cavill, 1745 in *IGI* (Handsworth, Yorks).

3 **English, Huguenot:** see **Covill**.

### Cavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns

**Scottish:** see **Caveen**.

### Cavinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cumb

**English:** see **Cavender**.

**Caw**

Variants: **Cawse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks

1 **Scottish:** reduced form of **McCaw**.

**Early bearers:** James Caw, 1656 in *IGI* (Tillicoultry, Clackmannans); John Caw, 1659 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Alexander Caw, 1679 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Caw, 1703 in *IGI* (Crieff, Perth); Christian Caw, 1741 in Edinburgh Guildry (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from the Pays de Caux in Normandy. Compare **Causey**.

**Early bearers:** Gerold de Calz, about 1102 in Domesday Descendants; Robert de Chauz, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Notts), de Calz, de Cauz, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Caw, 1381 in Poll Tax (Quarley, Hants); Robert Caw, 1624 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Caw, 1637 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Caw, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Caw, 1767 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Caw, 1774 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Cawcutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

**English:** see **Caldieott**.

**Cawdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

1 **English:** see **Caudell**.

2 **English:** see **Caldwell**.

**Cawdreay**

Variants: **Cawthray, Cawthrow, Cawthra, Cawtheray, Caudrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

**Norman, English:** locative name from Anglo-Norman French *coudraie* 'hazel thicket'. The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived by a hazel copse, or toponymic for someone from one of many places in northern France named with this word, such as (Le) Coudray (Calvados, Eure-et-Loire, etc.), Coudroy (Loiret), Coudrois (Allier), Les Coudrois (Yonne). There may have been some confusion with **Corderey**. See also **Cowdrey**.

**Further information:** The forms with *-th-* are of Yorks origin.

**Early bearers:** William de Caudrey, 1278 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Robert Caudray, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; John Cawdreay, 1585 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Thomas Cawdreay, 1597 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Robert Cawdreay, Francis Catheray, William Cowtherey, Cawthrey, Gauthrey, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); William Cawthrey of Pershore in Worcs, 1601 in Herefs Record Office; William, Mary Cawdry, 1703, William, Anne Cordery, 1797 in Parish Registers (Bisham, Berks).

**Cawdron**

Variants: **Coldron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *caud(e)ron* 'cauldron', possibly denoting a maker of cauldrons.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Caldron, 1289 in York Freeman's Register; George Cawdron, 1578 in *IGI* (Ingoldsbys, Lincs); John Cauldron, 1650 in *IGI* (Haceby, Lincs); Francis Calldren, 1692 in *IGI* (Apley, Lincs); William Coldron, 1732 in *IGI* (Brant Broughton, Lincs).

**Cawfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Scottish, Irish:** see **Caulfield**.

**Cawker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon

**English:** see **Chalker**.

**Cawkwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cawkwell (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** George Cawkwell, 1560, in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Nicholaus Cawckwell, 1588 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Richard Cawkwell, 1595 in *IGI* (Eppworth, Lincs).

**Cawley**

Variants: **Calley, Cayley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3417, Ireland 1387
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1580
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Surrey; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

1 **English:** probably in many cases a variant of **Cowley**, via the pronunciations *coaly* and *colley*.

2 **English:** see **Callow**. The parish name *Callow* (Derbys) is recorded as *Cawley*, 1577 in Place-Names of Derbys, p. 354.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cauly, 1330 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); William de Cawlay, 1397 in York Freeman's Register; Rauphe Cawleye, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

3 **Irish:** reduced form of **McAuley**.

4 **Manx:** see **Cowley**.

**Cawood**

Variants: **Caywood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 835, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 709
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cawood (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Cawude, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Roger de Cawod, 1303 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Johannes de Kawod, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wetwang, ER Yorks); Robert Cawode, 1430–1 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Henry Cawood, 1577 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks).

**Caws**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

**Norman, English:** see **Cawse**.

**Cawse**

Variants: **Caws, Cause**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 **Norman, English:** locative name from the Pays de Caux (Normandy); see **Caw**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Caus, 1292, Thomas Cawse, 1516 in Place-Names of Derbys (Causehouse Farm in Brampton, Derbys); Johannes de Caws, 1381 in Poll Tax (Leebotwood, Shrops); Johannes Cawse, 1562 in *IGI* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Nich. Cause, 1562 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Anna Cawse, 1567, Frances Cause, 1589 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Peter Cawse, 1588 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Ann Cawse, 1608 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Cawse, 1611 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 221.

2 **Norman, English:** nickname perhaps from Old French *caucee* 'stocking', used to denote someone whose hosiery was particularly noteworthy for some reason, or perhaps for a maker or seller of such items. Compare **Causar** and **Chausse**. However, the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Cause, about 1212 in Registrum Antiquissimum (Lincs); Adam Cauce, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs).

**Cawsey**

Variants: **Causey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 **Norman, English:** locative name denoting someone from the Pays de Caux (Normandy).

Compare **Caw** and **Cause**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Cauceis, le Calceis, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer, 1166–73 in Anglo-Norman Families (Lincs); William le Cauceis, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Notts); Robert Causeys, Causay, 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nycolas Cawsey, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Cawsey, 1618 in PROB 11 (Chittlehampton, Devon).

2 **English:** locative name from Middle English *cauce* 'causeway', denoting someone who lived '(by the) causeway'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Calceto, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Henry atte Cauce, 1356 in Statutes of Labourers (Somerset); Anne Cawsey, 1567 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Francis Cawsey, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Wyatt Cawsey, 1579 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Margaret Cawsey, 1580 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Umphrey Cawsey, 1620 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk).

3 **English:** possibly also a variant of **Chasey**.

**Cawson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 **English:** variant of **Colston** (2), via *Caulston*, a form of *Co(u)lston* with partial unrounding of the diphthong. *Caulston* has died out but is attested in Frances Caulston, 1709 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb), and Wm. Caulston, 1747 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm). For the *-ou/-au-* variation compare Gabriel Coulston, 1684, Ann Cowlston, 1798, Molly Caulston, 1802 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster,

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Lancs). Just as *Co(u)lston* often developed to **Coulson**, **Colson**, and *Cowson*, so *Caulston* became *Ca(u)lson* and *Cawson*. Compare John Cowson, 1713, Hanah Coulson, 1769 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb), and John Caulson, 1770, Henry Calson, 1793 in *IGI* (Haslingden, Lancs). The name in WR Yorks may be the result of migration from SE Lancs or it may have arisen from a separate development of *Colston* there. **Further information:** The Lancs name is unlikely on phonetic grounds to be a variant of **Casson**, as McKinley suggests in *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 332. **Early bearers:** Christopher Cawson, 1581, Ellen Cawson, 1771 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Elizabeth Colson, 1582, John Cowson, 1593, Thomas Cawson, 1747 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Christopher Cawson, 1596, Edward Cowson, 1602, George Cawson, 1789 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Margret Causon, 1608, Benjamin Cawson, 1795 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Jenett Cawson, 1646 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Nicholas Cowson, 1656 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Mary Coulston, 1679, Daniel Cawson, 1714, Margaret Cowson, 1719 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Robt Cowson, 1718, Margt Cawson, 1742, Mgt Coulson, 1773 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**2 English:** see **Cawston**.

**Early bearers:** John Causon, 1548 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Cawson, 1553 in *IGI* (Shimpling, Suffolk); Edward Cawson, 1573 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

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**Variants:** **Causton**, **Causon**, **Cawson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex

**1 English:** locative name from Cawston (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Heroldus de Caustuna, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William de Causton', about 1125 in *Douglas Book* (Norfolk); Robertus de Causton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creak, Norfolk); Tho. Cawston, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Richard Cawston, 1560 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Thomas Cawston, 1569 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

**2 English:** locative name from Cawston in Dunchurch (Warwicks), recorded as Causton (1143), Causon al. Causton (1603–25). It is uncertain if the following early bearers belong here or with (1), but the migration distance is considerably shorter from the Warwickshire place.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Causton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lilford with Wigsthorpe, Northants); Nicholao Causton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Cawston, 1616 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs). **References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 128.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** unexplained.

**Further information:** *Cawet* is an Anglo-Norman architectural term for a recess, but that seems unlikely to produce a surname.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Cawet, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); John Cawet, 1534, John Cawett, 1551 in *Feet of Fines* (Farnham, Surrey); Julian Cawte, 1541, Robert Cawett, 1567, Nicholaus Cawet, 1674 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Stephen Cawet, 1542 in *PROB*

11 (Reading, Berks); John Cawte, 1546 in *IGI* (Upham, Hants); Thomas Cawte, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greywell, Hants); Raufe Cawte, 1595 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants); Nicholas Caute, 1608 *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Barbara Cawet, 1620 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

## Cawtheray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cawdrey**.

## Cawthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham; also Notts and Leics; Cambs and Norfolk

**English:** see **Cawthorne**.

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**Variants:** **Cawthorn**, **Cawthron**, **Cauthorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1475, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 822
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham; Notts and Lincs

**English:** locative name from Cawthorn (NR Yorks), recorded as *Calthorn* in 1175, or Cawthorne (WR Yorks), recorded as *Calthorn* about 1125.

**Early bearers:** William de Calthorn, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), 1357 in *Calverley Charters*; Robertus de Cauthorne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Henry Cawthorne, 1573 in *PROB* 11 (Oundle, Northants).

## Cawthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** locative name from Cawthorpe (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Cautorp', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Cawthrop, 1547 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Johes Cawthrope, 1559 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Thomas Cawthrop, 1587 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Thomas Cawthorpe, 1596, in *IGI* (North Cockerington, Lincs); Francis Cauthorpe, 1698 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs); John Cawthorp, 1724 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs).

## Cawthra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawdrey**.

## Cawthray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawdrey**.

## Cawthron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawthorne**.

## Cawthrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawdrey**.

## Caxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name apparently from Caxton (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Caxton', 1202 in *Pleas* (Essex); William de Caxtone, 1301 in *London Court Rolls*; Thomas Caxton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Caxton, 1438 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Caxton, 1770 in *IGI* (Toynton Saint Peter, Lincs).

## Cay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Durham
- Scottish:** see **Kay**.

## Cayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Middx

**English:** locative name from Cayford Farm in Pinmore (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cayford, 1579 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs); John Cayford, 1608 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Elizabeth Cayfoord, 1611 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Phillipp Cafford or Cafforde, 1638 in *PROB* 11 (Godshill, IoW).

## Caygill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks

**English:** unexplained. The early forms in E England suggest the possibility of Continental origin: compare for instance German *Kegel*, Dutch *kegel* 'skittle, cone', 'bastard', also found as a surname.

**Further information:** The Yorks forms indicate it was reinterpreted as if a locative surname, but no place called *Caygill* has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Semanus Kegel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); William Kegell, 1444 in *West Devon Record Office* (Sampford Spiney); William Kegell, 1475, Richard Kegell, 1519 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Stow Bardolph); Robert Cagill, 1546 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Nicholas Kegill, 1581 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk); Elizabeth Cagell, 1633 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Alice Kaygill, 1675, Matthew Cagill, 1694 in *IGI* (Askrigg, NR Yorks); Anthony Caygill, 1694 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Tabitha Cagle, 1802 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk).

## Cayless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

**English:** probably a variant of **Callis**, with lengthening of the vowel. Compare Job Callis, 1812 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics), and Harriet Callis, 1846 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics), with the bearers cited below. **Early bearers:** Robert Cayless, 1816 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); George Cayless, 1850 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics).

**Cayley**

Variants: **Caley, Kayley, Calley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. SE England; also NR Yorks

1 **English:** locative name from Cayley in Winwick (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Cayeley, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Elizabeth Cayley, 1593 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Henrie Cayley, 1604 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Elinor Cayley, 1623 in *IGI* (Stanford on Teme, Worcs); Maudlin Cayley, 1642 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Richard Cayley, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York).

2 **Manx:** possibly a variant of **Caley**.

3 **English:** possibly also a variant of **Cawley, Calow, Callow, or Callaway**.

**Caylor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**Scottish:** see **Keillor**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA, where it may alternatively be a respelling of German *Koehler*.

**Cayton**

Variants: **Caton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Yorks

1 **English:** locative name for the Lancs name, see **Caton**.

2 **English:** locative name from Cayton (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Robert de Keyton', 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Robert de Cayton, 1289 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Johanne de Cayton', 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Johannes de Caton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Scarcroft, WR Yorks); Wllm. Cayton, 1571 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks).

**Caywood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cawood**.

**Cayzer**

Variants: **Kayser, Keyzor, Keysor, Keyser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London

**English:** nickname from Middle English *caisere* 'emperor', ultimately from Latin *Caesar*. See **Kaiser**. **Early bearers:** Henry le Caisere, 1172 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); William le Keiser, 1195 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Ricardus Caysere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westmeston, Sussex); Johanne Cayser, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Robert Keyser, 1565 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Kaiser, 1612, Henry Cayzer, 1702 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall); Willim Caysar, 1642 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

**Cazenove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Huguenot:** locative name from Occitan *case nove* 'new house'.

**Further information:** This was the name of a famous Huguenot banking family, with a base in Geneva. Some members of the family de Cazenove de Pradines fled to England on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (Smiles, pp. 372–3).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Cazaneufue, 1698 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Francoise Madelaine Cazenove, 1740 in *IGI* (Savoye de Spring Gardens and des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); James Cazenove, 1784 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).

**Cecil**

Variants: **Saycell, Saysell, Cissell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Herefs; Middx

**Welsh:** relationship name from the Old Welsh given name *Seisyllt*, sometimes wrongly said to derive from the Latin given name *Caecilius*. The most frequent modern spelling is a Renaissance attempt to connect the surname with the classical name *Caecilius* in the English pronunciation of its time. The Welsh name is more probably from *Sextilius*.

**Further information:** William Cecil, Lord Burghley (1520–98), ancestor of the earls and marquesses of Salisbury, was the grandson of David Cecil, an impoverished member of the Monmouths gentry, who supported Henry Tudor (King Henry VII) and followed the latter to London in 1485.

**Early bearers:** Saissil, 1086 in Domesday Book (Herefs); Seisild ap Adam, David ap Seisil, 1292 in Morgan and Morgan; Seisil, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); William Seisil, Seysel, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs), 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johanne Seyssell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Wyboston, Beds); William Cecil, 1598 in PROB 11 (Alteryinis, Herefs).

**Ceeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**English:** see **Sealey**.

**Ceely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

**English:** see **Sealey**.

**Ceesay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**W African:** unexplained; a Mandinko name which appears in a variety of local spellings, this and *Sissay* being anglicized, and *Cissé* and *Cissay* (for example) being filtered through French.

**Further information:** It is not clear whether the 1729 name is that of an African, or whether it is a variant of some English name.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ceesay, 1729 in *IGI* (Arborfield, Berks).

**Ceiley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Sealey**.

**Celik**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Turkish:** nickname from *çelik* 'steel'.

**Cella**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Italian:** locative name from any of numerous minor places called Cella or Celle (from *cella* 'cell'), because they were once the locations of hermits' cells.

**Early bearers:** Domenico Cella, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Middx); Luiji [*sic*] Cella, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lincs); Francisco Cella, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lincs); Giuliano Cella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Gloucs); Giovanni Cella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Gloucs).

**Cellier**

Variants: **Sellier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Huguenot, French:** occupational name from Old French *cellier*, Modern French *sellier* 'saddler'.

**Early bearers:** Esaie Cellier, 1691, Isaac Sellier, 1692 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Janne Cellier, 1709 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple, London); Adolphe Cellier, born in Paris, France, in Census 1881 (Middx); Louis Cellier, born in France, in Census 1881 (Lancs).

**Cely**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English:** see **Sealey**.

**Cemal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Turkish:** relationship name from the Turkish form of the Arabic personal name **Jamal**; the letter *c* in Turkish represents the sound /dʒ/.

**Ceney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

**Norman, English:** nickname perhaps from Old French *sené* 'wise', which gave rise to the Norman and Picard French surname *Sené(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Seny, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashcott, Somerset); Thomas Seney, 1550 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Wyllms. Senye, 1577 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Cateren Ceney, 1591 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); William Seny, 1609 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Sara Seney, 1609 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); Abrahami Seney, 1619 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Edmond Ceney, 1637 in *IGI* (London); John Ceney, 1784 in *IGI* (Alverstoake, Hants); William Ceney, 1869 in *IGI* (Honiley, Warwicks).

**Center**

Variants: **Senter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 **English, Scottish:** nickname from Middle English, Old French *ceinture, seinture* 'girdle', denoting

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someone who made or sold girdles, or perhaps who wore a distinctive girdle. Compare **Century**, **Saint**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Agnes la Ceintere, John le Ceinture, Henry le Ceynter, le Seynter, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Center, 1646 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Leonard Center, 1753 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
Scotland: John Centre, 1789 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banffs).  
2 **English:** see **Senter**.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Santry**.

### Cerrone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Italian:** locative name, augmentative form of **Cerro**, from *cerro* 'turkey oak, cerris' (*Quercus cerris*).  
**Early bearers:** Angelo Cerrone, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Lincoln, Lincs); Vincenzo Cerrone, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Yorks).

### Cervi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** (i) nickname from *cervo* 'stag' (Latin *cervus*), given with reference to the presumed lustiness of the creature, or conversely to the horns, supposed to be a sign of a cuckold. (ii) relationship name from the personal name *Acerbo*, with loss of the first syllable.  
**Early bearers:** Leandro Cervi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Greenford, Middx); Orazio Cervi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Lorenzo Cervi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lancs).

### Cessford

**Variants:** **Sessford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Berwicks, Midlothian

**Scottish, English:** locative name from Cessford in Eckford (Roxburghs).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam Cessfurde, 1558 in Annals of Hawick (Roxburghs); Margaret Cessford, 1648 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Thomas Sesfoord, 1671 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Thomas Cessfuird, 1672, Abigael Cesford, 1688 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Sessford, 1737 in *IGI* (Maxton, Roxburghs).  
England: Robert Sesforth, 1662 in *IGI* (Bolam, Northumb); Joseph Cessford, 1796 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Mary Cessford, 1818 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); Frances Cesford, 1861 in *IGI* (Widdrington, Northumb).

### Cetin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish:** relationship name from the male personal name *Çetin*, from *çetin* 'hard, tough'.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 查 (**Zha** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) from the place-name *Zha* (查), the name of a fief (located in Anhui

province) granted to an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Zha* (榘 or 楂), also written as *Zha* (查), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to a son of the king Qi Qing Gong (died in 589 BC) in the state of Qi.

2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

3 **Korean:** (차; Ch'a; Chinese character 車, meaning 'cart' or 'wagon') borne by descendants of Ch'a Hyōjōn (車; 孝全), the son of a Koryō high minister named Yu Ch'a-dal, who lived in the 10th century AD. He served the incoming Koryō rulers with exceptional valour and loyalty, so the Koryō monarch bestowed upon his first son the surname Ch'a (車) and enfeoffed him with Yōnan County in Hwanghae South Province.

### Chace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English:** see **Chase**.

### Chacksfield

**Variants:** **Checksfild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from the lost place Chekeswell in Brenchley (Kent), recorded as *Chekesel*, *Chekeshull*, 1262 in Inquisitiones post Mortem.

**Further information:** Some of the early spellings for this place in Kent Place-Names, p.189, may be from surnames.  
**Early bearers:** John Chexsel, 1535, in Shakespeare Centre; Solomon Chexell, 1594, William Chexsell, 1595 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Marie Chexsild, 1610 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Henry Checksfield, 1634 in *IGI* (Sutton at Hone, Kent); Solomon Checksell or Chexill, 1644 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Hannah Checksill, 1687 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Anne Chaxfield, 1687 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Solomon Checkfield, 1738 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Chakesfield, 1769, Solomon Chacksfield, 1779 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

### Chad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Chadd**.

### Chada

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 55
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjabi):** see **Chadha**.

### Chadband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs

**English:** variant of **Chadburn** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Goodband**, **Osband**, **Rathband**, and **Tichband**.

### Chadbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English:** see **Chadburn**.

### Chadbone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English:** see **Chadburn**.

### Chadborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Staffs
- English:** see **Chadburn**.

### Chadbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys
- English:** see **Chadburn**.

### Chadburn

**Variants:** **Chatburn**, **Chadbourne**, **Chadborn**, **Chadbone**, **Chadon**, **Chadband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also WR Yorks and Lancs

**English:** locative name from Chatburn (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Chatteburn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Clotherholme with Bishopton, WR Yorks); Adam Chattburn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Nun Monkton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Chattburn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Long Preston, WR Yorks); William Chatburn, 1449 in York Freeman's Register (York); John Chadbourne, 1660, John Chatband, 1788, Chadband, 1802 in Bardsley; Samuell Chatburn, 1669 in *IGI* (Radcliffe on Trent, Notts); John Chadburn, 1701 in *IGI* (Longdon, Staffs); Elizabeth Chadburn, 1729 in *IGI* (Misterton, Notts).

### Chadd

**Variants:** **Chad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks; London

**English:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *Ceadd(a)*, which, though the evidence is slight, seems to have remained long in use.

**Further information:** Saint Chad was a 7th-century archbishop of York and briefly of Lichfield.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cedda de Alrewws, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Staffs); Chad Maryon, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

surnames: Hugo Chadde, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Ralph Chad, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Henry Chadde, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Henry Ced, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Joan Chedde, William Shedde, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Chad, 1596 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Geroge Chad, 1611 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent).

**References:** TNA E 326/3219 and DL 25/2281.

### Chadda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab):** see **Chadha**.

**Chadderton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 727
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Chatterton**.

**Chaddock**

Variants: **Chattock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs; also Dorset

1 **English:** locative name from Chaddock Hall in Tyldesley (Lancs). There has probably been some confusion with another Lancashire name, **Chadwick**. Tooth, 1, p. 160, notes that Gilbert Chaddock, recorded in the parish register of 1663 for Audley (Staffs), appears as Gilbert Chadwick of Audley in the Hearth Tax of 1666.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Chaydok, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Richard de Chaydok, 1314 in Patent Rolls (Lancs); Adam de Chaidok, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Tyldesley, Lancs); Rob'to de Chaydok, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Westhoughton, Lancs); Will'o de Chaidok, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Worsley, Lancs); Johannes de Chaydok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Westhoughton, Lancs); Willelmus de Chaydok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Pemberton and Woolston, Lancs); John Chaidock, 1577 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Richard Chadocke, 1615 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Katheren Chaddock, 1619 in *IGI* (Witton, Cheshire); Williamus Chaddocke, 1619, Sarah Chaddock, 1724, William Chaddock, 1837 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Margret Chaydock, 1746 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 101.

2 **English:** in S England, probably a variant of **Shattock**.

**Chadfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

**English:** probably a variant of **Chatfield**; note Anthony Chatfield, 1722 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys). **Early bearers:** Robert Chadfield, 1729 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Antoney Chadfield, 1756 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

**Chadha**

Variants: **Chatha**, **Chada**, **Chadda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (Panjab):** nickname, Sikh and Hindu, name of a Jat clan.

**Chadney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herefs and Worcs

**English:** locative name from Chadnor (Herefs), recorded as *Chabenore* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Chabbenore, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); John Chadnor, 1548 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Thomas Chadnor, 1669, James Chadner, 1777, Thos. Chadney, 1801 in *IGI* (Hampton Bishop, Herefs).

**Chadwell**

Variants: **Shadwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Caldwell**.

**Chadwick**

Variants: **Shadwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13353, Ireland 254
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13087
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 **English:** locative name from Chadwick Green in Spotland (Lancs), recorded as *Chaddewyk* in about 1180. There has probably been some confusion with another Lancashire name, **Chaddock**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Chadewyke, 1328 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Elena Chadwyk', 1379 in Poll Tax (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Chadwyck, 1381 in Poll Tax (Spotland, Lancs); Pers Chadick, 1553 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); John Chadwikke alias Chaddocke, 1554 in Coroners' Rolls (Notts); Thomas Chadeck, 1704 in York Freeman's Register.

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 59.

2 **English:** locative name perhaps occasionally from Chadwick End in Balsall (Warwicks), which was recorded as *Chedelesuwich* in the 12th century and as *Chaddyche* in 1547, or from Chadwick in Hartlebury (Worcs), recorded as *Cheddewic* in 1182. Less probable is derivation from Chadwich Farm in Bromsgrove (Worcs), recorded as *Chadeleswich* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Chaddeswich, 1185 in Templars Records (Warwicks); Richard de Chadeleswic', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); [ . . . de] Chedewyke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Samuel Chadwick, 1746 in *IGI* (Worcester).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, pp. 52–3; Place-Names of Worcs, pp. 243, 339–40.

**Chae**

Variants: **Che**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Korean:** (채); Chinese character 諸, meaning 'all') ancestors of this family were originally named Chaegal (諸葛). According to the Chaegal clan genealogy, the founding ancestor was a twentieth-generation descendant of a Chinese government official, Chae Kal-lyang (諸葛亮), a character who plays an important role in the epic tale of the Three Kingdoms. This descendant migrated to the Shilla Kingdom some time in the early 9th century. He and his descendants lived in the southern tip of the Korean peninsula for four centuries. It is said that during the reign of the Koryŏ king Kojong (1213–59) two brothers split the Chaegal surname: the younger brother, Yŏng (瑩), took the surname Kal (葛) and the elder brother, Hong (泓), took the surname Chae (諸). There are now two Chae clans.

**Chafe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Chaffe**.

Further information: This spelling is more common in the USA than in Britain.

**Chafen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Caffyn**.

**Chafer**

Variants: **Chaffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

1 **English:** locative name, occupational name from Old French *chauffour* 'limekiln, worker at a limekiln'. A native English equivalent is *limbrenner*, as in William le Limbrenner 'the lime burner', 1305 in Fransson (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John del Chaufeur, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Chafer, 1558 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Thomas Chafer, 1610 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); John Chafur, 1730 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

2 **English:** possibly also a variant of **Chaffer**.

**Chaff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Chaffe**.

**Chaffe**

Variants: **Chaff**, **Chafe**, **Chave**, **Caff**, **Cave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: nickname from Parisian Old French *chauf*, Norman and Picard Old French *cauf* (Latin *calvus*) 'bald'. The different dialect forms may alternate in early records. There is no evidence that this French word entered Middle English.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Chauf, le Cauf, Calvus, 1214, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cornwall); William Caff, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); William le Cave, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Avis Cave, 1562 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); John Caffé, 1567 in PROB 11 (Keymer, Sussex); Robert Chaffe, 1580 in PROB 11 (Saint Petrock Exeter, Devon); Thomas Chafe, 1610 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Frances Chave, 1611 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); John Cave, 1650, Sarah Caff, 1714 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Chaffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *chaffer(e)*, *chaffare* 'traffic, trade; merchandise, wares' (Old English \**cēapfaru*), presumably denoting a dealer or merchant. Compare *chafferer* 'dealer' (MED).

**Early bearers:** John Chaffar, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); John Chaffar, 1359 in York Freeman's Register (Yorks); Adam Chaffre, 1379 in Poll Tax (Scalby, ER Yorks); Richard Chaffer, 1530 in PROB 11 (Calais, France); Thomas Chaffer, 1559 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Richd. Chaffor, 1720 in *IGI* (Over Kellet, Lincs).

2 **Norman, English:** perhaps also a variant of **Chafer**.

**Chaffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- Norman, English:** nickname from a pet form of *chaffinch* known from some dialects.
- Early bearers:** John Chaffey, 1582, Chafie, 1628, Robert Chaffie, 1633 in PROB 11 (Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset); William Chafye or Chaffy, 1630 in PROB 11 (Walton in Gordano, Somerset); John Chafie, 1638 in PROB 11 (Iwerne Minster, Dorset); John Chaffey, 1711 in *IGI* (Halstock, Dorset).
- References:** W. B. Lockwood, *Oxford Book of British Bird-Names* (Oxford University Press, 1984), p. 40.

**Chaffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; also Middx
- English:** see **Caffyn**.

**Chaggar**

**Variants:** **Chagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Sikh):** unexplained.

**Chagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Sikh):** see **Chaggar**.

**Chahal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1568, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab):** nickname, Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Chai**

**Variants:** **Chay, Chia, Chi, Chak, Tsai, Zhai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 **Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 柴 (more usually Tsai in Cantonese romanization): from the personal name *Chai* (柴), a word meaning 'firewood' in Chinese, the given name of Gao Chai (高柴), a student of Confucius (Spring and Autumn period). His grandson Ju (举) and Ju's descendants inherited his given name, 柴, as their surname.
- 2 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 齊 (**Qi** or **Chi** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'neat' or 'identical' in Chinese: (i) from *Qi* (齊), the name of a state (originally located mainly in Shandong province) that was granted to Jiang Zi Ya (also known as Jiang Tai Gong; 11th century BC), during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from the first element of the personal name Qi Zi (齊子), the style name of an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) traced back to the Qi (齊) family from the Di ethnic group in Wudu (located in present-day Gansu province) in ancient China.
- 3 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 翟 (**Zhai** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chak** in Cantonese), originally denoting 'pheasants'; also used to refer to certain minority ethnic groups in N China. The surname can be traced back to the place-name *Zhai*

(翟, pronounced *Di* in ancient Chinese): (i) an ancient state located in Shanxi province. After it was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) a fief (located in Henan province), granted to the second son of Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC).

4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 蔡 and 宰, see **Choi** (1) and (2).

**Chainey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks
- Norman, English:** see **Cheney**.

**Chaisty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish:** variant of **Cheasty**. The name was brought to Lancs in this form from Waterford in the 19th century.
- Early bearers:** Walter and James Chaisty, 1865 and 1866 in *IGI* (Waterford, Ireland); Catherine Chaisty, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Hulme, Lancs); Richard, Martin, Michael, and Ellen Chaisty, in Census 1881 (Hulme, Lancs).

**Chak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 翟, see **Chai** (3).
- 2 see **Chi**.

**Chakrabarti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chakraborty**.

**Chakraborty**

- Variants:** **Chakrabarti**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi:** nickname, Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *cakravarti*, literally 'wheels rolling', metaphorically a ruler whose chariot wheels roll everywhere without obstruction.

**Chalcrafft**

- Variants:** **Chalcroft, Calcraft, Shawcroft**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Sussex
- 1 **English:** locative name from Chalcroft in South Stoneham (Hants) or topographic from Middle English *c(h)alf, chalve* 'calf' + *croft*, denoting someone who lived '(by the) calf croft'.
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Chalvecroft, 1272 in Assize Rolls (Hants); John de Chalcroft, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert de Calvecroft, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Chalvecroft, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stedham, Sussex); Lucas Chalcrofte, 1501 in PROB 11; Roger Chawcrofte, 1542 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Elioner Shawcrofte, 1610 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Thomas Chalcrofte or Chalcrofte, 1638 in PROB 11 (Bredgar, Kent).
- 2 **English:** see **Calcraft**.

**Chalcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- 1 **English:** see **Chalcrafft**.
- 2 **English:** see **Calcraft**.

**Chaldecott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English:** locative name; the medieval examples refer to either Chalcot in Dilton or to Chaldicott's Farm in Semley (both Wilts), unless the latter place represents a transferred name derived from the former; see *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 147, 210. Modern examples may also derive from Chollacott (Devon), which has the same etymology from Old English *ceald* + *cot* 'cold cottage'.
- Early bearers:** William de Cheldecot, 1225 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); Walter de Chaldecote, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Johannes Chaldecote, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kimmeridge, Dorset); William Chaldecott, 1584 in PROB 11 (Stickland, Dorset); John Chaldecott, 1610 in PROB 11 (Shaston, Dorset).

**Chalfont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks
- English:** locative name from Chalfont (Bucks).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Chalfhunte, 1284 in London Letter Books A; Henry Chalfhunte, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); Elizabeth Chalfount or Chalfont, 1575 in PROB 11 (Chipping Wycombe, Bucks); William Chalfont, 1629 in PROB 11 (Lewknor, Oxon); Christopher Chalfehunt, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

**Chalice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English:** see **Challis**.

**Chalk**

- Variants:** **Chalke, Chaulk, Chawke**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2608, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1967
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English:** locative name from Bower Chalke or Broad Chalke (Wilts), or Chalk (Kent), or occasionally from residence on or near a chalk down, from Old English *cealc* 'chalk', here 'chalky soil', or Old English *\*cealce* 'chalk down' (see Löfvenberg).
- Early bearers:** Walter de Chelka, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Ralph de Chalke, 1268 in Archaeologia Cantiana 5; William atte Chalke, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Chalk', 1379 in Poll Tax (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Margery Chaulke, 1599 in PROB 11 (Barford Saint Martin, Wilts).

**Chalke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English:** see **Chalk**.



**Chalker**

Variants: **Cawker, Kalker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

**English:** locative name, nickname from an agent derivative of Old English (*ge*)*cealcian* ‘to whiten’, denoting a whitewasher, or, in areas adjacent to chalk uplands, a dweller on the chalk.

**Early bearers:** Robert Calchier, 1195–1215 in Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters (London); Thomas le Chalker, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Nicholas le Calkere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Gilbertus Chalkere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Caversham, Oxon); Stephan Chalker, 1571 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); James Chalker, 1610 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

**Chalklen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Chalklin**.

**Chalkley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1498, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 903
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Middx

**English:** locative name from Chalkley Farm in Hawkesbury (Gloucs), or from an unidentified place apparently in or near Herts.

**Further information:** Chalkleys Wood in Saint Pauls Walden (Herts) seems to take its name from the surname rather than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Chaukeley, 1248, Henry de Schalkeleye, David de Chalkel’, 1261, John de Chalkeleye, 1287 in Feet of Fines (Gloucs); Thomas de Chalkeleye, 1298 in Patent Rolls (pardon for robberies in Gloucs); Thomas de Chalkele, 1302 in Patent Rolls (killed in London); William de Chalkeleye, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Edward Chalkley, 1560, Agnes Chaulkley, 1565, Henry Chalklay, 1626 in PROB 11 (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Henry Chalkley, 1565 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Johannis Chalkley, 1568 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Humfrey Chalkly, 1617 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); John Chokeley, 1655 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 3, pp. 29–30; Place-Names of Herts, p. 117.

**Chalklin**

Variants: **Chalklen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Chauklyn, 1610, Steven Chaulklyn, 1625, John Chalklin, 1638 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Andrew Chaukelin, 1658 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Chalklin, 1664 in Hearth Tax (Hadlow, Kent); Widdow Chakelin, Widd’ Chawkelin, 1664 in Hearth Tax (Sevenoaks, Kent); Margt Chalklin, 1667, Mary Chalkling, 1725 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Henry Chawking, Henry Chawklyn, constable of Washlington hundred, 1688 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Mercy Chalklyn, 1720, Henry Chalkland, 1730 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent).

**Challacombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from Challacombe or Challacombe Common (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Cholacum, 1551 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); John Chalacomb, 1566 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Richard Cholacombe, 1575 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Adam Chollacombe, 1578 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

**Challand**

Variants: **Challands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**Norman, English:** variant of **Challen**, with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Challand, 1562 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs); John Challand, 1610 in *IGI* (Staunton, Notts).

**Challands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**Norman, English:** variant of **Challand** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Challands, 1595 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs); George Challands, 1795 in *IGI* (Syerston, Notts).

**Challans**

Variants: **Challens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Rutland

**Norman, English:** variant of **Challen** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Challen**

Variants: **Challans, Challand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 **Norman, English:** locative name from Chalon-sur-Saône or Châlons-sur-Marne in France.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Chalun, de Chaluns, 1194–5 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Godfrey Challon, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Thomas Chalon’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robert Chalons, 1428 in Feudal Aids (Wilts); Nicholas Challons, 1603 in PROB 11 (Modbury, Devon).

2 **English:** nickname possibly from Middle English *chalon* ‘blanket’; see **Challinor**.

**Challender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire
- English:** see **Challinor**.

**Challener**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Warwicks
- English:** see **Challinor**.

**Challenger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Somerset; Monmouths

**English:** nickname from Middle English *challenger*, *challangeour*, an agent derivative of Middle English *challengen* ‘to challenge’ (from Old French *chalonger*), possibly anecdotal in origin or otherwise used to denote a quarrelsome or litigious person.

**Early bearers:** Philip le Chalengur, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Challenger, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Rich Challenger, 1640 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); John Challanger, 1712 in *IGI* (Eaton under Heywood, Shrops); Willm. Challengor, 1826 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

**Challenor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs; also Denbighs

**English:** see **Challinor**.

**Challens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks; Suffolk
- Norman, English:** see **Challans**.

**Challes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Norman, English:** see **Challis**.

**Challice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Cambs; London

**Norman, English:** see **Challis**.

**Challiner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

**English:** see **Challinor**.

**Challinor**

Variants: **Challoner, Chaloner, Challenor, Challener, Challenger, Challiner, Channer, Chawner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2097, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1054
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

**English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *chaloun* ‘blanket’, for a maker of or dealer in blankets or coverlets, and named after the original place of manufacture, Châlons-sur-Marne.

**Further information:** ‘Chalons of Guildford’ were bought for the king’s use at Winchester Fair in 1252 (Salzman, Industries).

**Early bearers:** John le Chaloner, 1213 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Ralph le Chaluner, 1224 in Feet of Fines

## Challis

(Suffolk); Johannes Challenor, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Chalander, 1485 in Rochester Wills; Johan Challiner, 1560 in PROB 11 (Saint Giles without Cripplegate, City of London); Thomas Challoner or Chaliner, 1579 in PROB 11 (Saint John, City of London); Thomas Chauner, 1583 in Ancient Deeds 6 (Staffs).

### Challis

Variants: **Challiss**, **Challice**, **Chalice**, **Challes**, **Shallis**, **Shallice**, **Shellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2937, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1891
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex and Middx; also Cambs; Berks

**Norman, English:** locative name from Eschalles in Pas-de-Calais (see Tengvik, p. 87).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Scalers, de Scalariai, 1086 in Domesday Book; Henry de Shalers, 1153–85 in Templars Records (Herts); Geoffrey de Chaliers, 1203 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Thomas de Chalers, 1340 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Chales, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Hugh Challis, 1598 in PROB 11 (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Challys, 1617 in PROB 11 (West Wickham, Cambs); William Challice, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

### Challiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks

**Norman, English:** see **Challis**.

### Challoner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1020, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 733
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NW Midlands; also Northumb

**English:** see **Challinor**.

**Further information:** Also relatively common in Ireland.

### Chalmers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7940, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7062
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 **Scottish:** occupational name from Older Scots *chalmer* ‘chamberlain’; compare **Chambers**. The *mb* was assimilated to *mm*; the *l* was purely graphic, indicating that the preceding *a* was long.

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Chaumbre, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); Alexander Chaumir, 1475 in Edinburgh Guildry (Aberdeen); Robert Chamer, 1472 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book (Angus); John Chalmyr, 1555 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow, Lanarks).  
2 **English:** occupational name, possibly a localized variant of **Challinor**, with dissimilation of *ln* to *lm* in *Chalmer*.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Chalmere, 1255 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Ralph le Chalmer, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Geo. Chalmers, 1693 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb); John Chalmers, 1694 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Steven Chalmers, 1695 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Ellen Chalmers, 1701 in *IGI* (Weaverham, Cheshire); James Chalmers, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

### Chaloner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 491
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Lancs
- English:** see **Challinor**.

### Chalton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English:** see **Chorlton**.

### Cham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 **Cambodian:** from the name of a people living in Cambodia, originally members of the Champa kingdom, which lay in an area of what is now Vietnam. Following persecution by the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s, many Cham fled from Cambodia, finding asylum in Britain and elsewhere.  
2 **Norman, English:** locative name historically in England this is (or was) a variant of **Cain**, denoting someone from Caen (Calvados). However, in this sense it now seems to be extinct as a surname.  
**Early bearers:** Semar Chamme, 1181 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Werreis de Cham, 1204, de Cam, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Katherine Cham, 1573 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Mary Cham, 1580 in *IGI* (Coaley, Gloucs); Ric. Cham, 1585 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thomas Cham, 1593 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Margaret Cham, 1621 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks).  
3 **Chinese:** Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 詹, see **Chan** (2).  
4 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 湛, see **Chan** (4).

### Chamber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; WR Yorks; Staffs

**English:** see **Chambers**.

### Chamberlain

Variants: **Chamberlayne**, **Chamberlaine**, **Chamberlin**, **Chamberlen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12157, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7875
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Leics and Warwicks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** occupational name, nickname from Middle English, Old French *chamberlain*, *-len*, *-lanc*, *-lenc* ‘one who attends a person of high rank in his private chamber’, hence ‘an officer in charge of running the affairs of a high-ranking person’. The surname is so widespread in late medieval England that it must sometimes have been used of people of more ordinary status, perhaps as a nickname for an officious or self-important person or for someone who played the role of chamberlain in a folk play, tableau, or ceremony. Compare **Chancellor** for a possible similar usage.

**Early bearers:** Henry le canberlain 1154–89 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Geoffrey le Chaumberleng, 1194 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); Robert canberlenc, 1195 in Feet of Fines; Thomas Chamberleng’ seruiens Regis,

1196 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Martin le Chamberleyn, 1232 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Thomas le Chaumberleyn, 1293 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); John le Chamberleyn, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Welwyn, Herts); William le Chamberleyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Heyshott, Sussex); Johannes Chaumberlayn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Maidenwell, Lincs); Johannes Chamberleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kettering, Northants); Hugo Chamberleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Middlezoy, Somerset); Johannes Chaumburlyne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kimberworth, WR Yorks); Henricus Chamberleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cryfield, Warwicks); Willelmo Chamberlein, 1379 in Poll Tax (Henset and Puthall, Wilts); Thomas Chaumberlayne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Etton, ER Yorks); Hugo Chamborleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Johannes Chaumburleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Billesdon, Leics); Robertus Chaumburlyayn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Denver, Norfolk); Johanne Chaumberleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kings Bromley, Staffs); William Chamberlain, 1540 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Roger Chamberlain, 1581 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks); Richard Chamberlain, 1593 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); William Chamberlain, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Thomas Chamberlain, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Chamberlain, 1626 in *IGI* (Dorsington, Gloucs); Ellis Chamberlain, 1628 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Elisabeth Chamberlain, 1633 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs).

### Chamberlaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Laois
- English:** see **Chamberlain**.

### Chamberlayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Berks
- English:** see **Chamberlain**.

### Chamberlen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English:** see **Chamberlain**.

### Chamberlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 987
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Leics and Rutland

**English:** see **Chamberlain**.

### Chambers

Variants: **Chamber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25378, Ireland 2652
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16745
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 **English, Scottish:** (i) locative name, occupational name from Middle English *chaumbre* ‘room (in a house); reception room in a palace or official building’ (Old French *chambre*). It is identical in implied function with the *Chamberlain*, which

denoted an official: to pay *in cameram* was to pay into the exchequer, of which the *camerarius* or chamberer (compare Roberto Chamberer', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cricklade borough, Wilts)) was in charge. The surname also applied to those employed there (compare Nicholas atte Chambre dictus Clerk, 1351 in Assize Rolls (Essex)). (ii) from the same word, later used to denote a chamber attendant (servant in private quarters), male or female.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Chambres, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Derbys); Stephen de la Chambre, 1240 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William de la Chaumbre, 1329 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas de Chambr', 1379 in Poll Tax (Skipton, WR Yorks); Johanne othe Chaumbr', 1379 in Poll Tax (Peckleton, Leics); Johanne Chamber, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johannes Chambre, 1381 in Poll Tax (Gosfield, Essex); Margaret Chambers, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Westcheap, London).

**2 Norman, English:** locative name from Les Chambres, Manche, France.

### Chambley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- English:** see **Cholmondeley**.

### Chamley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Westm

**English:** see **Cholmondeley**.

### Chamness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Norman, English:** see **Champness**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Champ

**Variants:** **Champe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 623
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

**1 Norman, English:** locative name from Old French *champ* 'meadow'. The name may be topographic, denoting a dweller '(by the) meadow', or toponymic from Champs in Harting (Sussex). Sometimes, perhaps, the source may have been one or other of the numerous French places of this name, such as Champ (Isère, Maine-et-Loire), Champs (Seine-et-Marne). **Early bearers:** Martin de Champz, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William del Chaumpe, 1341 in York Freeman's Register; Willelmus Champ', 1381 in Poll Tax (Bradfield, Berks); John Champ, 1396–7 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); James Champ, 1561 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Champe, 1646 in PROB 11 (Chidcock, Dorset).

**2 French:** see **Deschamps**.

### Champain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Norman, English:** locative name from the French province of Champagne. Compare the synonymous

**Champion and Champness**, which were interchangeable with each other as a family name. **Early bearers:** Peter de Champaigne, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Stephanus Champayn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwick, Warwicks); Henricus Champayne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus Champeyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuckfield, Sussex); Johannes Champayne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Willm. Champain, 1610 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Champain, 1716 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Sarah Champain, 1718 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks).

### Champaneri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** unexplained.

### Champe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English:** see **Champ**.

### Champernowne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English:** locative name from Cambernon in Manche. **Early bearers:** Jordan de Campo Arnulfi, 1172 in Red Book of the Exchequer; Pichard de Cambernof, 1189–99 in Documents in France; Geoffrey de Chaumbernum, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); William Champernoun, 1464 in PROB 11 (Modbury, Devon); Gawine Champernowne or Champnowne, 1592 in PROB 11 (Dartington, Devon).

### Champion

**Variants:** **Campion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4045, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; Cornwall; Somerset; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Waterford
- 1 English:** occupational name from Middle English, Old French *campion*, *champion*, *champion* 'athlete' such as a wrestler or boxer; also 'warrior hired to do battle in single combat on behalf of others'. The first sense is probably the more usual source of the surname.

**Further information:** In the ordeal by battle, in criminal cases, the accuser and the accused took the field themselves, but in disputes about the ownership of land the actual parties to the suit were normally represented by 'champions', in theory their free tenants but in practice hired men, professional champions, who were very well paid. In 1294 the Dean and Chapter of Southwell incurred a huge prospective liability in hiring a champion to fight a duel to settle a lawsuit about the advowson of a church. A *pugil* or champion was a regular member of the household of more than one medieval bishop: Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop of Hereford (1275–82), paid his champion, Thomas de Bruges, a salary of half a mark a year.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Champiun, 1154–69 in Northants Charters; William le Champiun, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); John le Champion, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Box and Stockbridge hundred, Sussex); Philip Champion, 1327, Philip Campion, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Berwick, Sussex); Robertus Champyon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldingbourne, Sussex);

Robertus Campyon, 1381 in Poll Tax (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johannes Campyon, 1381 in Poll Tax (Radbrook with Quinton, Gloucs); Adam Campyon, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shere, Surrey); Christopher Champion, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Christopher Champion, 1539, Elizabeth Campion, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Arnold Champion, 1540 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Marye Champion, 1555 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Champion, 1562 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Humfrey Champion, 1566 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Raph Champion, 1584 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

**2 Norman, English:** locative name either from Old French *Champoigne*, *Champagne*, the name of the French province, or from the derived ethnic term *champaignon* 'person from Champagne'. Either of these could develop to *Champion* in Middle English. The names were synonymous with **Champain** and **Champness** and were freely interchangeable with them. Some of the bearers in (1) may belong here. **Further information:** Champion Wood in Kent owes its name to a family variously called de Chaumpayne or Champeyneys (1278) and de Campayne (1332). **Early bearers:** Henry Champaignon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Paignton, Devon); Alicia de Champyon', 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Champion, 1539 in *IGI* (Staverton, Gloucs). **References:** Kest Place-Names, p. 287.

### Champken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; also Worcs
- English:** see **Champkin**.

### Champkin

**Variants:** **Champken, Champkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**English:** apparently a late variant of **Campkin**, formed on the model of the relationship between **Campion** and **Champion**.

**Early bearers:** George Chamkin, 1695 in *IGI* (Aston, Herts); Robert Champkin, 1714, Luke Chamkin, 1787 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); John Chamkins, 1742 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Martin Champkin, 1793 in *IGI* (Stanford, Kent); Richd. Chamkin, 1758, William Champken, 1810 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); William Champken, 1822 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); Sarah Champkins, 1844 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds).

### Champkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**English:** variant of **Champkin** with excrescent *-s*.

### Champlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also Cornwall

**Norman, English:** see **Camplin**.

### Champman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

## Champness

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** variant of **Chapman**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Champman, 1553 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Michael Champman, 1600 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Ric. Champman, 1602 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); John Champman, 1608 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Eliz. Champman, 1739 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Champness

**Variants:** Champniss, Champneys, Champney, Chamness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Herts, Essex, and Kent

**Norman, English:** locative name denoting someone from Champagne, from Anglo-Norman French *le champeneis*, Middle English *champeneis*, *champeneiy*. The name was originally freely interchangeable with the synonymous **Champain** and **Champion**.

**Early bearers:** William le Champeneys, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Ralph Chaumpeneys, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Berkhamstead Without, Herts); John Champeneys, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Postlip in Winchcomb, Gloucs); Richard Champenays, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Thakeham, Sussex); John Champenay, 1333 in York Freemen's Register; Johannes Champenays, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newtown, Hants); Johannes Champenays, 1379 in Poll Tax (Midhurst borough, Sussex); Henricus Champeney, 1377 in Poll Tax (Firsby, Lincs); Willelmus Champeneye, 1377 in Poll Tax (Pyrton, Oxon); Johannes Champeneys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hardley and Yaverland, Hants); Walterus Champeneys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thakeham, Sussex); Johannes Champeneys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Waltham, Essex); Is' Champenys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kettering, Northants); John Champness, 1520 in Archaeologia Cantiana 33 (Kent); Alce Champneys, 1572 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Willm Champness, 1587 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Isabell Champness, 1605 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Chapman Champness, 1695 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Ann Champness, 1730 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Mildred Champness, 1732 in *IGI* (Elsenham, Essex); Eliz. Champniss, 1749 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Champney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx

**Norman, English:** see **Champness**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Champney, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); Alice Champney, 1577 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Johannes Champney, 1594 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

### Champneys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

**Norman, English:** see **Champness**.

### Champniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Norman, English:** see **Champness**.

## Chan

**Variants:** Chen, Ching, Cheng, Chiang, Chun, Chin, Chinn, Cham, Chim, Jim, Jan, Can, Shen, Sin, Tan, Tang, Ting, Teng, Dang, Dan, Ding, Than, Tsim, Liam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11047, Ireland 395
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陳 (**Chen** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tan** or **Dan** in Hokkien and Taiwanese romanization, **Tang** or **Dang** in Teochew romanization), meaning 'to explain' and 'old' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Chen* (陳), the name of a state (located mainly in present-day Henan and Anhui provinces) granted to Hu Gong Man (reigned 1045–986 BC). His descendants acquired 陳, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) from the surname Hou Mo Chen (侯莫陳), borne by people from Xianbei ethnic group in N China. They adopted the surname 陳 after they moved to Luoyang (in present-day Henan province) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 詹 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'practising divination' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the title of officials in charge of practising divination in ancient China. (ii) from *Zhan* (詹), name of a fiefdom (probably located in Zhandian in present-day Henan province) granted to descendants of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC), by Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (traditional dates: 2162–2110 BC). (iii) from the title Zhan Hou (詹侯), meaning 'Marquis Zhan', which was granted to one of the sons of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). (iv) from the names of Zhan Jia (詹嘉) (an official in the state of Jin) and Zhan Bo (詹伯) (an official in the state of Zheng), who were granted a fief called 詹 during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 占 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'practising divination' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Zi Zhan* (子占), style name of Sun Shu, a noble in the state of Chen (located mainly in present-day Henan and Anhui province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (2) simplified form of the Chinese surname 詹 (see sense 2).

**4 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 湛 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Cham** in Cantonese romanization), a word meaning 'limpid' or 'profound' in ancient Chinese: from the place-name *Zhan* (湛), the name of a small fief (located in Henan province) in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**5 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 展 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'unfolding' or 'honesty' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Zhan* (展), the name of an ancient state (located in Xuchang in Henan province). Descendants from the state acquired 展 as the surname. (ii) for some families, the surname can be traced back to Wu Hai (died in 715 BC), the grandson of the prince Zhan (展, his style name) of the state of Lu. Wu Hai and his descendants inherited 展, the style name of his grandfather as the surname. (iii) From the Zhan Chi (辗迟) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 展 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**6 Chinese:** Mandarin pronunciation of the Chinese surname 戰 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'fighting' or 'wars' in Chinese: (i) from Bi Zhan (畢戰), an official in the state of Teng (located in Tengxian in Shandong province). His descendants inherited 戰 as the surname. (ii) for some families, the surname is also borne by descendants of certain military commanders in ancient China.

**7 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 粘 (**Zhan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'paste' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the compound surname Zhan Ge (粘合, also written as 粘哥, 粘割 or 粘葛), a surname from Jurchens, ancestors of Manchu ethnic group during the Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234). (ii) from the first element of the compound surname Zhan Han (粘罕), an official during the Yuan dynasty (AD 1271–1368).

**8 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

**9 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

## Chana

**Variants:** Channa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2030, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

**1 Indian (Panjabi):** nickname Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community.

**2 English:** possibly a variant of *Chaney*; see **Cheney**.

**Early bearers:** Anna Chana, 1762 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Samuel Chana, 1783 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Chana, 1824 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks).

## Chance

**Variants:** Caunce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2049, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1301
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs; also London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chea(u)nce* 'fortune, luck; accident, mischance' (Old French *cheance*), perhaps used to denote a gambler; compare **Hazard**.

**Early bearers:** Robert, Ralph Chance, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Essex), 1310 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henricus Chaunce, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thenford, Northants); Galfridus Chance, 1379 in Poll Tax (Little Ringstead, Norfolk); Johan Chaunce, 1567 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs).

## Chancellor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London; Warwicks

**English, Scottish:** occupational name, nickname from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *chanceler* (Latin *cancellarius*) 'usher of a lawcourt; keeper of records; secretary'. In medieval Sussex the name sometimes denoted customary tenants (villeins) and small free tenants, so it may also have been used as a nickname, perhaps for someone with

clerical pretensions or who performed the role of chancellor in a folk play, tableau, or ceremony.  
**Further information:** A Scottish family called Chancellor were in vassalage to the Lord of Somerville before 1432, and possessed Shieldhill and Quothquhan for centuries (Hanks and Hodges).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Chaunceler, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); William Chanceler, 1296, William le Chaunceler, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Barlavington, Sussex); Richard Chaunceler, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Arundel, Sussex); Willelmus Chaunceler, 1377 in Poll Tax (Deeping Gate, Northants); Thomas Chaunceler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brettenham, Norfolk); Felicia Chanceler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Galthampton, Somerset); Emma Chaunsler, 1381 in Poll Tax (Freeby, Leics); Nicholaus Chaunceler, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Chancellor, 1666 in *IGI* (East Harptree, Somerset); Mary Chancellor, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); John Chancellor, 1740 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 237.

### Chancey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Chauncy**.

### Chand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1365, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 **English:** variant of **Chant**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Chaund, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shangton, Leics); George Chand, 1608 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Joane Chand, 1656 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Ann Chand, 1747 in *IGI* (Frimley, Surrey); Frederick William Chand, 1800 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 **Indian (northern states):** relationship name, Hindu, from Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant, shining; moon'. It is a common final element of compound personal names, such as *Ramchand* and *Kishanchand*, and appears subsequently to have evolved into a surname which is found in several communities. Compare **Chandra**.

### Chanda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi:** relationship name, Hindu (Kayasth), **Çondo** in Bengali, from a personal name based on Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant; shining, moon'.

### Chandarana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi:** relationship name from a personal name based on Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant; shining, moon' + *rana* 'prince'.

### Chandaria

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** relationship name from an unexplained personal name. The first element is probably *chanda* 'moon'. Compare **Chanda**.

### Chandegra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** unexplained.

### Chander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Cumb
- 1 **Indian (northern states):** Hindu, from Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant, shining, moon'. This commonly occurs as the final element in compound given names (for example, *Kishanchander*) and subsequently evolved into a surname.
- 2 **English:** probably a variant of **Chandler**.
- Early bearers:** William Chanders, 1577 in PROB 11 (Warwick, Warwicks); Anne Chanders, 1598 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Chander, 1613 in *IGI* (Hazeleigh, Essex); Robert Chander, 1708 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Henry Chander, 1852 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Chandler

- Variants:** **Candler, Chantler**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 13175, Ireland 203
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin
- Norman, English:** occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *chandeler* 'maker or seller of candles' (Old French *chandelier, candelier*). Chandler and Candler refer to the same man in 1756 and 1759 in the parish register of Ickworth, Suffolk.
- Early bearers:** Matthew le Candeler, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (London); William le Chandeler, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Adam Chandeler, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Mardon, Sussex); Thomas Chandeler, 1570 in PROB 11 (Brightlingsea, Essex); John Chandler, 1601 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin Stamford Barron, Northants).

### Chandley

- Variants:** **Chanley, Cantley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English:** origin uncertain; possibly a variant of **Charnley** or **Cantley**.
- Early bearers:** England: Jhon Chonley, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Hewghe Chanley, 1574 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Johes Chantley, 1584 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); William Chandley, 1598 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Chandley, 1678 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Cheshire).

### Chandos

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English:** locative name from Candos in Illeville-sur-Montfort (Eure).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Candos, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Walter de Chandos, about 1148 in Danelaw Documents (Herefs); Frances Chandos, 1623 in PROB 11 (Sudeley Castle, Gloucs); John Chandos, 1774 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andw. Chandos, 1800 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).
- References:** Anglo-Norman Families.

### Chandra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi:** Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *chandra* 'pleasant, shining; moon'. It occurs commonly as the final element of compound given names such as *Ramachandra* and *Krishnachandra*. Compare **Chand** and **Chander**.

### Chandran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu):** nickname, Hindu, from Sanskrit *chandra* 'shining' (see **Chandra**) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.
- Further information:** This is a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name in the West.

### Chandy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Indian:** see **Chande**.
- Early bearers:** Mary Chandy, 1788 in Parish Registers (Totnes, Devon); Jane Chandy, 1829 in British India Office (Cannanore, Madras, India).

### Chaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1016, Ireland 176
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 620
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx and Kent
- Norman, English: see **Cheney**.

### Chang

- Variants:** **Cheung, Jang, Song, Seong, Sheung**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1691, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- 1 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 常 (**Sheung** or **Seung** in Cantonese romanization), which means 'lasting forever': (i) said to be borne by descendants of Chang Yi (常儀) and Chang Xian (常先), officials during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from *Chang* (常), a fief (located in present-day Tengxian in Shandong province) that was granted to the grandson of Kang Shu, the younger brother of King Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC) and founder of the state of Wei (located around present-day Hebei and Xinxiang in Henan province). (iii) said to be borne also by descendants of Heng Hui Gong, an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from *Chang* (常), a fief (located in present-day Changzhou in Jiangsu province) that was granted to descendants of the king of the state of Wu (located mainly in present-day Jiangsu and Anhui provinces) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) replacement name for another Chinese surname, 恒 (Heng in Mandarin pinyin), which means 'lasting, permanent'. People with this surname changed it to Chang (常) during the reign of Zhao Heng (趙恒) (AD 968–1022) in the Song dynasty, because their surname 恒 happened to coincide with the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China.
- 2 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 暢 (**Cheung** in Cantonese romanization), which means 'to one's heart's content'. The surname is borne by descendants of a noble family who lived in the state of Qi (located mainly in Shandong

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province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 張, 章, and 昌. See **Cheung** (1–3).

**4 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 曾 and 臧, see **Tsang** (1) and (2).

**5 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 程 and 鄭, see **Cheng** (2) and (3).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 蔣 and 姜, see **Jiang** (1) and (2).

**7 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 江, see **Kong** (1).

**8 Korean:** (장; Chinese character 張, meaning ‘to extend’, see **Cheung** (1)) borne by descendants of Chang Chǒng-p’il (張 貞弼), the son of a Chinese military official who, together with his father, fled from political instability in China in AD 888. He ultimately settled in An-dong county, North Kyōngsang province. There are 30 separate Chang clans descended from Chang Chǒng-p’il. This is one of the ten most common surnames in Korea.

**9 Korean:** (장; Chinese character: 蔣, denoting a type of plant in ancient Chinese, but now used only as a surname) borne by descendants of Chang Sō (蔣 婿), a Chinese Song Dynasty general who immigrated to Korea in the 12th century AD. Chang Sō settled in the Asan area of Ch’ungch’ōng South province.

**10 Korean:** (장; Chinese character: 章, meaning ‘chapter’ or ‘sentence’) borne by descendants of Chang Chong-haeng (章 宗行), a late 12th-century immigrant from China. The family settled in and around Kōch’ang county in South Kyōngsang province.

**11 Korean:** (장; Chinese character: 莊, meaning ‘serious’) a comparatively rare surname borne by descendants of Chang Suk (莊 叔), who settled in the Kūmch’ōn district of modern Seoul in the early 15th century. Another Chang family clan seat was established in the Chōnju area in the late 19th century by Chang Sōk-hwang (莊 錫況). The ancestors of this Chang family originated in China; they include the Taoist philosopher Chuang Tzu.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *chaunge* ‘exchange, meeting place for transacting business or converting money’ (Old French *cha(u)nge*), used to denote someone who lived by or worked in such a place. Compare **Changer**.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Change, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (London); William de la Chaunge, 1269 in Kristensson, French; John del Chaunge, 1327 in York Freeman’s Register (York); Joane Change, 1616 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Change, 1624 in *IGI* (Coddington, Cheshire); Martha Change, 1648 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); Thomas Change, 1720 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Changer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *chaungeour*, *chaunger(e)* ‘one who exchanges money or bullion’ (Old French *chaungeo(ur)*).

**Early bearers:** Rolland le Changur, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Symon le Changur, 1275 in Hundred Rolls

(Lincs); John Chaungeour, 1384 in London Letter Books G.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

**English:** see **Chandley**.

## Channa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian:** see **Chana**.

## Channel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey; IoW

**English:** see **Channell**.

## Channell

**Variants:** **Channel**, **Chennell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey and Hants

**English:** locative name from Middle English *chan(n)el*, *kanel* ‘riverbed, navigable channel, estuary’ (Anglo-Norman French *c(h)anel*), denoting someone who lived by an estuary, drain, or ditch. **Early bearers:** Henry de Chanel, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); John Channel, 1270 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Peter Chanel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Chanel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Newbury, Berks); Thomas Channell, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

## Channer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts; also Kent and Surrey

**English:** contracted form of **Challinor**.

## Channing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 587
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

**English:** variant of **Channon**.

**Early bearers:** Wm Channing, 1614 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); John Channing, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Channing, 1629 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Mary Channing, 1650 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Joh. Channing, 1655 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent).

## Channon

**Variants:** **Channing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1236, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 769
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**French, English:** nickname, see **Cannon**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Chanon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Aylesbeare, Devon); Richard Chanon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Otterton, Devon); Richard Chanon, Jn Chanon of Budleigh, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (East Budleigh, Devon); John Chanon, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

## Chant

**Variants:** **Chand**, **Cant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2085, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1242

• **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset  
**Norman, English:** nickname for a singer, from Parisian Old French *chant*, Norman and Picard Old French *cant* ‘singing, song’. Compare **Chanter**, **Cantor**.

**Early bearers:** Matilda Chante, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Willelmo Chaunte, 1379 in Poll Tax (Witherington, Wilts); John Chaunte, 1598 in PROB 11 (Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset); Thomas Chant, 1617 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon).

## Chanter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Jersey

**Norman, English:** see **Cantor**.

## Chantler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 779
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cheshire and Lancs

**1 Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *chaunter* + *clere* ‘sing loudly’.

**Further information:** For similar names, compare Walter Chanteben, 1206 in Assize Rolls (Lincs) ‘sing well’; Philip Chante Merle, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks) ‘sing like a blackbird’; Robert Chantemerueille, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls ‘sing marvellously’.

**Early bearers:** William Cantecler, 1192–1218 in Yorks Charters; Roger Chauntecler, 1307 in London Letter Books C; Robert Chaunteclere, 1371 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Thomas Chantler or Chanteler, 1546 in PROB 11 (Framfield, Sussex); Robert Chantler, 1569 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire).

**2 Norman, English:** see **Chandler**.

## Chantrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Norman, English:** see **Cantrell**.

## Chantrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England also Middx
- English:** see **Chantry**.

## Chantrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Leics and Derbys
- Norman, English:** see **Cantrell**.

## Chantry

**Variants:** **Chantrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chauntury* (Old French *chanterie*), originally ‘singing or chanting of the mass’, then applied successively to the endowment of a priest to sing mass, the priests so endowed, and finally to the chapel where they officiated. The surname might refer to the chantry priest, but more probably to his servant.

**Early bearers:** John del Chauntre, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Thomas off the Chantery, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Chao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Chinese:** variant of **Chau**.

### Chap

**Variants:** Chi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 翺 (Xi or Hsi in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'habit' in Chinese: (i) from *Xi* (翺), the name of an ancient state (unknown location and time). (ii) from the second element of the place-name Shao *Xi* (少翺) (located in present-day Shaanxi province).

### Chapel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks; Glamorgan

**English, Scottish:** see **Chappell**.

### Chapelhow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also Cumb

**English:** see **Chappelow**.

### Chapell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Kent; Gloucs
- English:** see **Chappell**.

### Chaperlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Chaplain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Chaplin

**Variants:** Chaplain, Chaperlin, Chapling, Chiplin, Capeling, Capelin, Caplin, Caplan, Caplen, Capelen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5768, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4269
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. E Anglia and Middx; also Warwicks

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *c(h)apeleyn*, *chaplain*, *chapel(in)* 'chantry priest, clergyman' (Old Norman French *capelain*, Old French *chapelain*).

**Early bearers:** William Capelein, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Thomas le Chapelyn, 1241 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Nicholas le Chapelain, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Willelmus Chapelayn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Chapelyn, 1381 in Poll

Tax (Suffolk); John Chapleyn, 1524 in PROB 11 (Lutterworth, Leics); John Chaplin, 1585 in PROB 11 (Wellington, Somerset); Robert Chaplyn or Chaplin, 1587 in PROB 11 (Finchingfield, Essex).

### Chapling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

### Chaplow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm

**English:** see **Chappelow**

### Chapman

**Variants:** Chatman, Capman, Champman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54888, Ireland 1027
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42104
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford and Antrim

1 **English:** occupational name from Middle English *chap(pe)man*, *chepman* 'merchant, trader' (Old English *cēapmann*, *cēpemann*). Synonymous with **Chipman**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Chapman, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Alice Chepman, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); Thomas le Chapman, 1266 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Willelmus Chapman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kennington, Kent); Johannes Chapman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Normanby, Lincs); Sibila Chapman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Uppingham, Rutland); Johannes Chapman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Heathfield, Somerset); Robertus Chapman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bulmer, NR Yorks); Willelmus Chapeman, 1377 in Poll Tax (North Bierley, WR Yorks); Johannes Chapman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kelling, Norfolk); Alicia Chapeman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Knedlington, ER Yorks); Robertus Chepman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blackford, Somerset); Radulpho Chepeman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Christian Malford, Wilts); Willelmus Chapman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Bowden, Leics); Waltero le Chapeman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Willelmus Chapman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sturmer, Essex); Anne Chapman, 1538 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Johanis. Chapman, 1538 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Mgy Chapman, 1538 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Ricardus Chapman, 1539 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Robert Chapman, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Robt. Chapman, 1539 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Chapman, 1539 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Henry Chapman, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Chapman, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Chapman, 1540 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Henry Chapman, 1543 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Richardi Chapman, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Joan Chapman, 1548 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks).

2 **Jewish:** adopted probably for a like-sounding or like-meaning name in some other European language; see for example **Kaufman**.

**Early bearers:** Leah Chapman, 1819 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Chapman, in Census 1841 (Shoreditch, Middx); Myer Chapman, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Shoreditch, Middx); Hyman Jacob Chapman, 1906 in BMD (Saint George in the

East, Middx); Solomon Chapman, jeweller, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Chapp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Middx

**Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *chape* 'cope; cloak or mantle', denoting someone who habitually wore a distinctive cloak, or possibly a maker or seller of such garments.

**Further information:** Compare Thomas le chapemaker, 1351 in York Freeman's Register.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Chape, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Willelmus Chap', 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Willelmus Chappe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fareham borough, Hants); Robt. Chapp, 1664 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Mathew Chapp, 1712 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset).

### Chappel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1290
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cornwall; Glamorgan

**English:** see **Chappell**.

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**Variants:** Chappelle, Chappel, Chapell, Chapel, Chapple, Chappill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8163, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4988
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and N Midlands; S England: esp. Middx

**English:** locative name from Middle English, Old French *chapele*, denoting either someone who lived near or served at a chapel. Compare **Capel**.

**Early bearers:** John Chapel, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Richard de la Chapele, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Eymmer atte Chapele, 1312 in London Letter Books D; William del Chapell, 1380 in York Freeman's Register; Willelmus atte Chapel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Crookham, Berks); John atte Chapell', 1436 in Feet of Fines (Silverton, Devon); Walter Chapell, 1544 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Chappell, 1558 in PROB 11 (Saint Michael Cornhill, City of London); Richard Chappell or Chapple, 1621 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon).

### Chappelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

**English, Scottish:** see **Chappell**.

### Chappelow

**Variants:** Chapelhow, Chaplow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Cumb

**English:** locative name, a late creation from Chapel How, a building of 1550 in Ambleside (Westm), or from a possible prior name of its site.

**Early bearers:** Robert Chappellhow, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Rowland Chappelow, 1563, Chaplow, 1565 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); John Chappelowe, 1578 in ER Yorks Archives; Maria Chappelowe, 1596 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Thomas Chappilow, 1634 in *IGI* (Hurworth

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on Tees, Durham); John Chappellow, 1739 in *IGI* (Spennithorne, NR Yorks).

### Chapper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** occupational name for a trader, from Middle English *\*chap(p)er*, a derivative of Old English *cēapian* ‘to barter, trade, buy’. See also **Chipper** and **Cheeper**, with which it was interchangeable, and compare the synonymous **Chapman** and **Chipman**.

**Early bearers:** John Chaper, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); William le Chappere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hants); Henry Chaper, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Pullborough, Sussex); Johanne Chaper, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgewick, Sussex); Tho. Chaper, 1602 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Robt Chaper, 1613 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); John Chaper, 1712 in *IGI* (Leamington Hastings, Warwicks); Saml Chapper, 1730 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

### Chappill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Chappell**.

### Chapple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2018, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2023
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Chappell**.

### Charalambous

**Variants:** **Haralambous**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1643, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (Cypriot):** relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Charalambos*, from *chara* ‘joy’ and *lambo* ‘to shine’.

**Further information:** This was the name of a Christian martyr of the 2nd century AD in Magnesia, Thessaly.

### Charbonneau

**Variants:** **Charbonnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**French:** nickname from a diminutive of Old French *charbon* ‘charcoal’, perhaps given to a charcoal burner or to someone with dark hair or a swarthy complexion. Compare **Carbonell**.

### Charbonnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**French:** see **Charbonneau**.

### Chard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2254, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1671
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset

**English:** locative name from Old English *ceart* ‘rough heathland’ or from Chard (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John ate Charde, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Hugh de Cherde, 1335 in Glastonbury Chartulary (Somerset); William Chard, 1641 in Somerset Petition.

### Chare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English:** locative name from Middle English *char* ‘turn (in various senses)’, earlier ‘bend’ (Old English *cearr*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Chare, 1351 in Patent Rolls (E Anglia); John. Chare, 1550 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Edvardus Chare, 1594 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); Roberti Chare, 1676 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks).

### Charge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Bucks, and Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *charge* ‘cargo, freight, burden; duty, obligation, mandate; accusation, blame; tax, levy’ (Old French *charge*).

**Early bearers:** John Charge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Bow Brickhill, Bucks); Robert Charge, 1549 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); John Charge, 1560 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); John Chardge, 1590 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Henry Charge, 1595 in PROB 11 (Wavenden, Bucks); Nicholas Charge, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Charity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Rutland

**1 Norman, English:** nickname from Middle English *c(h)arite*, *che(a)rite* ‘charity’ (Old Norman French *caritedh*, *caritet*, later *carité*, Old French *charitet*, *charité*), found in various senses, including ‘alms giving, hospitality, Christian love, man’s love for God’.

**Early bearers:** Herluin Caritet, 1148–54 in Bec Abbey Documents (Sussex); Turstan Charite, 1195–7 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Richard Charite, Karite, 1216–72 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Robert Karitas, 1236 in Leicester Freeman Register; Thomas Charite, 1379 in Poll Tax (Northowram, WR Yorks); Robert Charity, 1563 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Charitie, 1645 in PROB 11 (Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, Dorset).

**2 Norman, English:** locative name from Old Norman French *carité*, Old French *charité* ‘hospice, refuge’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Caritate, de la Carite, 1185–7 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); John de la Charite, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Agnes Charity, 1586 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Willm Charity, 1610 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Thomas Charity, 1617 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Will. Charity, 1681 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

### Chark

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** nickname from Old French *charche* ‘load’, probably denoting a carrier or a porter. See also **Charker**.

**Early bearers:** William Charke, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); Robert Chark, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Chark’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); William Charke, 1415–16 in Hylle Cartulary; John Charke, 1625 in PROB 11 (London).

### Charker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sutherland
- Norman, English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *cark(e)* ‘load; weight of three or four hundredweights’ (after 1300 OED; Anglo-Norman French *kark(e)*), probably a name for a carrier. Compare **Chark**, **Kark**.

**Early bearers:** Wolgor le Carkere, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Anthony Charker, 1637 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); William Charker, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Charlery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**French:** locative name from Charleroi, now in Hainault, Belgium. This city was founded in 1666 when the Netherlands were under Spanish rule, and is named after Charles II, king of Spain (*Charles-Roy*). It was in French hands 1693–8 and 1714–45. The surname must have been adopted by, or foisted on, Black slaves in the French West Indies during one of these periods, mainly on Saint Lucia and Martinique.

**Further information:** The surname *Charlery* was brought to Britain from Saint Lucia, which had been colonized by France in 1660, seized by Britain in 1663, and in the ensuing century changed hands fourteen times. Saint Lucia finally became British in 1814.

### Charles

**Variants:** **Charlish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11747, Ireland 349
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6130
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Midlands and S Wales; London; Lancs; also Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**1 English:** relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Charles*, derived from *Carolus*, a latinization of Continental Germanic *Karl*. It was introduced to England by the Normans, but was very rare in medieval England and Scotland, and not at all frequent until the late 17th century. The Suffolk family took its name from Charles of Yarmouth, who held land in Loddon (Norfolk) and Lothingland Hundred (Suffolk) in the 13th century. However, the modern surname is mostly a late medieval or post-medieval formation. Compare **Charleson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Carolus, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Karolus, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Karolus filius Gerberge, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Carolus filius Willelmi, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk).

surnames, England, Wales: Colina Charles, 1250 in Book of Fees (Suffolk); Nicolas Charles, 1253 in History of Saint Barts Hospital; Robert son of Charles, Thomas and Joan Charles, 1274 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Edward Charles, son of William Charles (filius Karoli), 1275 in Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames, p. 9 (Norfolk, Suffolk); Annis Charles, 1589 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); William Charles, 1542 in *IGI* (Offenham, Worcs); John Charles, 1543 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Margerett Charles, 1544 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Thomas Charles, 1555 in *IGI*



(Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Alice Charles, 1619 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Anes Charles, 1580 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Thomas Charles, 1604 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); William Charles, 1644 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Abigail Charles, 1671 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); William Charles, 1611 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Abraham Charles, 1727 in *IGI* (Monmouths).

**Surnames, Scotland:** John Charles, 1569 in Privy Council of Scotland Register; Alexander, William, and Oliver Charles, 1649 in Retours, Scotland (Gairth, Evie, Orkney); Andrew Charles, 1704 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**2 Huguenot:** relationship name from French **Charles**, with the same origin as (1), introduced by Huguenot refugees.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Anthoine Charles, 1642, Anne Charles, 1645, Samuel Charles, 1669 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Elizabeth Charles, 1694, Marie Charles, 1698 in *IGI* (Le Carré, Soho Square and Berwick Street, Westminster, Middx); Daniel Charles, 1710 in *IGI* (Church of the Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Charles, 1727 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx).

**3 English:** locative name, possibly a post-medieval variant of **Cherrill** with excrescent *-s*, perhaps by false association with the personal name *Charles*.

**4 English:** locative name perhaps from Charles (Devon).

## Charleson

**Variants:** Charlson, Charlestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Lancs; Shetland; Caithness

**Scottish:** relationship name denoting ‘*Charles*’ son’ (see **Charles**, **Cherrill**). The personal name was very rare in England and Scotland until the 16th century and even then uncommon, so the surname may be of late formation (15th–16th centuries), mostly in Lancs and Caithness. The 1439 form has been influenced by the Gaelic form of the personal name (*Teàrlach*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Aychin Carlchsoun, 1439 in Cawdor Book; Duncan Charlissoun, 1494 in Taymouth Black Book; John Charlesone, 1681 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Donald Charleson, 1740 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Peter Charleson, 1782 in *IGI* (Walls, Shetland); Mowat Charleson, 1800 in *IGI* (Unst, Shetland).

**England:** Alexander Charlesone, 1576 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Thomas Charlston, 1583 in *IGI* (London); Edward Charleston, 1588 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Ann Charleson, 1610 in *IGI* (Kenyon, Lancs); Abram Charleson, 1793 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

## Charleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Lancs and Cheshire; Cornwall

**Scottish, English:** see **Charleson**. The surname is unlikely to relate to the various places called Charleston, which are all of recent origin.

**Early bearers:** ; Abrahami Charleston, 1617 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); William Charleston, 1654 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Katherine Charleston, 1677 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Charleston, 1756 in *IGI*

(Spalding, Lincs); Martha Charleston, 1771 in *IGI* (Witton, Cheshire).

## Charlesworth

**Variants:** Charlsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5276, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3863
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks, and N Midlands: esp. Derbys

**English:** locative name probably from Charlesworth in Derbys, though this version of the place-name (earlier *Chavelesworth*, 1285, and *Chal(l)esworth*, 1552, 1560 in Place-Names of Derbys, p. 68) is not recorded until 1767.

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Charlesworth, 1550 in York Freeman’s Register; William Charlesworth, 1581 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Charlesworth, 1603 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks); Thomas Charlsworth, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Charleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Monaghan; Sligo

**English:** see **Charlton**.

## Charlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**Norman, Huguenot, French:** relationship name patronymic from the French personal name *Charlet*, a diminutive of *Charles*. Compare **Charlot**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Charlet, 1538 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Henry Charlet, 1555 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Robert Charlett, 1565 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Jacque Charlet, 1610 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Michel Charlet, 1732 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Charles Charlet, 1749 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Laurant Charlet, 1753 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Earnest Charlet, born in France, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Westminster, Middx); Celine Charlet, born in Paris, France, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

## Charley

**Variants:** Charly, Charlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**English:** locative name from Charley in Leics, or Charley Farm in Stanstead Saint Margaret’s in Herts.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Cherlelai, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); Dobyn de Charlag, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Henry Charley, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); George Charley, 1547 in *IGI* (London); Anne Charley, 1558 in *IGI* (South Littleton, Worcs); Edward Charley, 1671 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Charlick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *carlok*, *charlok* ‘wild mustard (*Sinapis arvensis*)’ (Old

English *cerlic*, *cyrlic*), perhaps denoting someone who favoured yellow clothes.

**Further information:** Reaney’s suggestion that the name denoted a seller or grower of the plant seems unlikely, since, although the leaves are edible, the seeds are poisonous. In modern times it has been a prolific weed of arable land.

**Early bearers:** Richard Carloc, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Peter Charloc, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Roger Charleloke, 1497 in Archaeologia Cantiana 42.

## Charlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

**English:** see **Charley**.

## Charlier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Huguenot:** occupational name from Old French *charrelier* ‘cartwright’, an agent derivative of *charrel* ‘cart’, a diminutive of *char* (Late Latin *carrum*). Compare **Carlier**.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Charlier, 1760 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Louis Charlier, 1765 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

## Charlish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *chershish* ‘servile, boorish, simple-minded’, influenced by its Scandinavian-derived counterpart *carlish*; but the long gap in the evidence is a problem. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Charles**, which originated in Suffolk, or at least sometimes confused with this.

**Further information:** The persistent association with E Anglia appears to rule out a general connection with Charles in Devon (see **Charles** 4), though that may account for names like Thomas Charlis, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Charlis, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sharrington, Norfolk); Robt Churlish, 1747 in *IGI* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Wiliam Charlish, 1773, Robert Churlish, 1814 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk).

## Charlot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

**Norman, Huguenot, French:** patronymic from the French personal name *Charlot*, a diminutive of *Charles*. Compare **Charlett**.

**Further information:** Charles Charlot, a converted Catholic curé, fled to England and was minister of the Tabernacle in 1699.

**Early bearers:** John Charlot, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Renaud David Charlot d’Argenteuil, 1700 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Westminster, Middx).

## Charlson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs: esp. Leigh; Caithness

**Scottish, English:** see **Charleson**.

**Charlsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Charlesworth**.

**Charlton**

Variants: **Charleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12298, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name from North Charlton or Charlton near Bellingham (both Northumb) or from any of the many other places so named (there are over ninety examples in England). There may have been some confusion with **Chorlton**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Cherleton', 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Robert de Cherleton', 1230 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); William de Charleton, 1280 in Feet of Fines (North Charlton, Northumb); Ellis de Cherleton', 1327 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Hugh de Charleton, 1333 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Willelmo de Charlton, 1345 in Durham Halmote Rolls (Durham); Robert Charleton, 1372 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Roberto de Charlton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Over Lypiatt and Tunley, Gloucs); Thomas de Cherleton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Aston Eyre, Shrops); Thomas Charlton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Charlton, 1410 in PROB 11 (London); James Charleton', 1468 in Feet of Fines (York); Isabella Charlton, 1545 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Margaret Charleton, 1573 in PROB 11 (Shawbury, Shrops); Richard Charlton, 1586 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Christopher Charlton, 1622 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

**Charlwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: locative name from Charlwood in Surrey, or Charlwood in Forest Row, Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Chereswode, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Edward Charlwood, 1556 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Danyell Charlwood, 1596 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

**Charly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Charley**.

**Charman**

Variants: **Carman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2530, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: (i) occupational name for a carter, carrier, or coachman, from Middle English (Old French) *char*, *car* 'car, cart, carriage' + Middle English *man* 'man'. (ii) occupational name for someone who did odd jobs, from Middle English *char(re)*, *chere* (Old English *cier(r)*, *cer(r)*, \**cear(r)*, \**caer(r)*) 'turn (of activity), small job, chore' + *man*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Chareman (Careman), 1183 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); William le Charman, 1293 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Adam le Charman, 1310 in

London Letter Books B; Galfridus Charman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Haughton, Staffs); Thomas Charman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lyddington, Rutland); Johanne Cherman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Dalby, Leics); Thomas Chereman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weedon Bec, Northants); Thoma Charman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgewick, Sussex); John Charman, 1559 in *IGI* (Warnham, Sussex); William Charman, 1564 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Joane Charman, 1567 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Elizabeth Charman, 1589 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Charman, 1637 in PROB 11 (Otford, Kent).

**Charnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English, Old French *charnel* 'burial place, mortuary chapel, cemetery', denoting someone who lived near, or worked in, such a place.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Charneles, 1170–5 in Danelaw Documents (Leics); Hugh de Charnell, 1246 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); John de Charnele, 1367 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Joan Charnell', 1373–4 in Feet of Fines (Sautthorpe, Lincs); Maud de CimiterioSaint Radegund Priory Cambridge; Ricardus Charnell, 1585 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Wyllyam Charnell, 1586 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Elizabetha Charnell, 1590 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Margerie Charnell, 1595 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); William Charnell, 1615 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Charnoll, 1622 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Samuell Charnell House, 1642 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**Charnley**

Variants: **Chandley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1654, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Westm

English: unexplained; apparently from an unlocated or unidentified place in the Lancs area.

**Early bearers:** William, son of Robert de Chirnelny, and John, son of Robert de Chernely, 1346 in Patent Rolls; William de Cherneley, 1443 in Lancs Record Office; Alice Charnley, 1541, Alic Charneley, 1542, Richard Charnley, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Mary Charnley, 1593 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Francis Charneley, 1615 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Adamus Chorneley, 1620 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Francis Charneley, 1698 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edmund Charnley, 1769 in *IGI* (Samlesbury, Lancs).

**Charnock**

Variants: **Sharnock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2231, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Charnock in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Chernok, 13th cent. in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book; Henry de Chernok, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); William Charnok, 1403 in York Freeman's Register.

**Charpenter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Huguenot: see **Charpentier**.

**Charpentier**

Variants: **Charpenter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

French, **Huguenot:** occupational name from Old French *charpentier* 'carpenter'; see also **Carpenter**.

This Norman name was reintroduced by Huguenot refugees, including John Charpentier, minister of the Malthouse Church, Canterbury, in 1710 (Smiles, p. 375).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Rachel Charpentier, 1620 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Francois Charpentier, 1717 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Jean Daniel Charpentier, 1721 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Jeanne Charpentier, 1730 in *IGI* (Le Carré Church, Soho Square and Berwick Street, Westminster, Middx); Jonathan Charpentier, 1761, 1771 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Other: Gilbert le Charpenter, 1227 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); William le Charpenter, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Lancs), 1346 in London Letter Books F; Agnes La Charpenter, 1344 in Feet of Fines (Herefs).

**Charrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Middx and Kent

English: variant of **Cherrington**.

**Charry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Manx: relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic \**Mac Searraigh* 'son of *Searrach*', a personal name derived from Manx *sharragh* 'foal'.

**Further information:** Ballacharry (Malew, IoM) means 'Charry's farm'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Sharry, 1497, 1511, Charry, 1642, 1699, Charrey, 1714 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**Charsley**

Variants: **Cheasley, Cheesley, Chesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: locative name from Chearsley (Bucks), recorded as *Cherdesle*, *Chardesleye* in various medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Chardesle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Ralph de Cherdesle, 1366 in Patent Rolls (Bucks); John Cherdyslee, 1370 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Thomas Chardesle, 1397 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Eliz. Charssely, 1544 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Anne Chadesley, 1567, Henry Charesley, 1573 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Anna Charsley, 1582 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); William Chesly, 1628 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); John Chesley, 1713 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); William Cheeseley, 1775 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks).

**References:** Watts, Dictionary.

**Chart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English:** locative name from either of two places called Chart, in Surrey and Kent, or from Churt in Surrey. Compare **Chard**.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Chert, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; John de la Chert, 1241 in *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 306; Ralph Atte Chert, 1290 in *Löfvenberg*; Lawrance Chart, 1560 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Anne Chart, 1567 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Benet Chart, 1571 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); George Chart, 1576 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants); Nycholas Chart, 1603 in *IGI* (Eartham, Sussex).

### Charter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 566
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; ER Yorks; also Middx
- English:** locative name possibly from Chatteris (Cambs), for which spellings with *-r-* in the first syllable are found as early as the 13th century, with hypercorrect loss of final *-s* as if compensating for final extraneous *-s*. It does not, however, seem to be a variant of **Charters**, which is largely Scottish. Compare **Chatters**.
- Early bearers:** Marg' Charter, 1379 in Poll Tax (Canon Frome, Herefs); Helene Charter, 1559 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Daniel Charter, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); Thomas Charter, 1584 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs).

### Charteris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights
- Norman, Scottish:** from the city of *Chartres* in N France; see **Charters**.
- Further information:** The surname was brought to Scotland by William de Chartres or de Carnoto, a Norman knight in the retinue of King David I (reigned 1124–53). Thomas de Charteris was clerk to the king of Scotland 1277–82 and became Chancellor of Scotland in 1288.
- Early bearers:** William de Charteris, 1174 in Kelso Register.

### Charters

- Variants:** Chartres, Charteris, Chatteris, Chatters
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1225, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 816
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; Cumb and Lancs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 **Norman, Scottish, N English:** locative name from Chartres in Eure-et-Loire.
- Early bearers:** Alcher de Chartris, 1179 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Robert de Chartres, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Roxburghs); James Charterhouse, 1556 in Kelso Register (Roxburghs); John Charters, 1790 in Roxburghs Heirs (Roxburghs); Alexander Chatres, 1699 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife).
- 2 **English:** see **Chatters**.

### Charton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Surrey; also Staffs
- English:** locative name from Charton in Kent, or possibly, but less likely, from Charton in Devon.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Chartres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Meath
- French, English:** from the French place-name *Chartres*. See **Charters**.

### Charvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Suffolk
- English:** see **Charville**.

### Charville

- Variants:** Charvill
- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- 1 **English:** locative name from an unidentified place, perhaps in Normandy. There seems to have been confusion with (2) since at least the 16th century.
- Further information:** Charville's Farm in West Hanningfield (Essex) probably gets its name from the family, rather than vice versa.
- Early bearers:** Michael de Chervil(l), 1248–53 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); John de Cherville, 1302 in *Petre Documents*; Johanne de Cherville, Willelmo Cherville, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanningfield, Essex); John Charvel, 1531 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Charvell, William Chervell, 1577, Thomas Charvill, 1589 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Margaret Charvel, Margaret Charvy, Margaret Charvy, 1579 in *Assize Rolls* (Stanford Rivers, Essex).
- References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 253.
- 2 **English:** nickname apparently from Middle English *charen* 'to turn, to divert' + *fughel, foghel, foul* 'fowl, bird' (Old English *cærran* + *fugol*), perhaps given to a bird-scarer or bird-catcher.
- Early bearers:** John Charfowle, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Charfoule, 1483, John Charvolle, 1537 in *Petre Documents*; John Charfowle, 1538 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Chary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cherry**.

### Chase

- Variants:** Chace
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2605, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1650
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, Surrey, and Middx; Norfolk and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English:** locative name from Middle English *chace* 'hunting; unenclosed hunting ground' (Old French *chace*). For a related occupational name, see also **Chaser**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Chace, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Chace of Thornhill, 1333 in *Notts Archives*; Johanne Chace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puckington, Somerset); John Chase, 1393 in *York Freeman's Register*; George Chase, 1543 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Robt Chase, 1587 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk).

### Chaser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English:** occupational name, nickname from Middle English *chacer* 'hunter' (Old French *chaceur, chaceour*).
- Further information:** Compare Philip Chaceboef ('chase ox'), 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert Chacecapel ('chase horse'), 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Peter Chaceporc ('chase pig'), 1253 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Walter Chacero ('chase roe'), 1261–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).
- Early bearers:** Stephen le Chacur, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Simon le Chacer, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Chasour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Walter Chacere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Chaser, 1596 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Chaser, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Willem Chaser, 1614 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Isabella Chaser, 1695 in *IGI* (Heysham, Lancs); Richard Chaser, 1728 in *IGI* (Great Paxton, Hunts).

### Chasey

- Variants:** Cawsey
- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- Norman, English:** locative name from Chaussy in Seine-et-Oise, which may also have become **Cawsey**. Compare Chazey Farm in Mapledurham (Oxon), from Walter de Chauseia, about 1180. Chazey Wood is recorded as *Causies Wood* in 1658 (*Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 60).
- Early bearers:** Simon de Caucy, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey de Chauis, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Stephan Chasey, 1613 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Giles Chasey, 1620 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Thomas Chasey, 1689 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Chasey, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Chasey, 1728 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Chasery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English:** see **Cheney**.

### Chastney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English:** see **Cheney**.

### Chaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English:** locative name denoting someone who lived '(by the) chestnut tree', Middle English (*atte*)

## Chataway

*chastein* (Old French *chastaigne*), originally *atte chastein*, hence ‘dweller by the chestnut tree’.

**Early bearers:** Adam Chasteyn, Robert Chasten, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Camsbs); John Chasteyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Chaston, 1620 in *IGI* (Kingswood near Dursley, Gloucs); Alice Chaston, 1637 in *IGI* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Antony Chaston, 1702 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); John Chaston, 1724 in *IGI* (Little Lever, Lancs); Benjamin Chaston, 1731 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk).

### Chataway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics
- English:** see **Chattaway**.

### Chatburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English:** see **Chadburn**.

### Chatelain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English:** see **Castellain**.

### Chater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 908
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Warwicks and Northants
- English:** see **Cater**.

### Chaters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English:** relationship name variant of **Cater**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Chatfield

**Variants:** **Chadfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1985, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1443
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

**English:** locative name from Chatfields in Bolney (Sussex), which is recorded as *Chatefeld* in 1279. **Early bearers:** William de Chatefeld, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Walterus Chatefelde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westmeston, Sussex); Richard Chatfeld, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Richard Chatfield, 1572 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); John Chatfield, 1583 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex); Charles Chatfield, 1759 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). **References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 257.

### Chatha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab):** see **Chadha**.

### Chatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs and Shrops

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

**1 English:** see **Cheetham**.

**2 English:** locative name from Chatham (Kent) or Chatham Green in Great Waltham (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Chatham, 1206–7 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henry de Chatham, 1218–19 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Joh’nes de Chetham, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Teynham, Kent); Agn’ Chatham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Elline Chatham, 1650 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).

### Chatley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** locative name from Chatley in Great Leighs (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Chattele, 1202–3 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Chatley, 1793 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Chatley, 1802 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); William Chatley, 1807 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Chatley, 1815 in *IGI* (Meesden, Herts); Elizabeth Chatley, 1819 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

### Chatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Kent

**English:** altered pronunciation of **Chapman**.

**Early bearers:** John Chatman, 1576 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); James Chatman, 1666 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Robert Chatman, 1806 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Chatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** see **Catt** (1).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Chatte, 1381 in Poll Tax (Riccall, ER Yorks); Annes Chatt, 1552 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Thomoe Chatt, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint John Lee, Northumb); Elizabeth Chatt, 1717 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Chattaway

**Variants:** **Chataway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Chatterley**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Chatway, 1669 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks); Ann Chataway, 1674 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Humphrey Chatteway, 1698 in *IGI* (Knowle, Warwicks).

### Chattell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

**English:** see **Chettle**.

### Chatten

**Variants:** **Chattin**, **Chatting**, **Chatton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also NE England

**1 English:** nickname from Old French *chaton* ‘kitten’; it is not recorded as a word in Middle English but compare **Chatt** (1) ‘cat’. Some or all of the following bearers may alternatively belong with the Northumb surname in (2) but there is currently no evidence to show that this name migrated into the Midlands and E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Chatton’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Loveden wapentake, Lincs); Rogerus Chatoun, 1381 in Poll Tax (Theddingworth, Leics); John Chatton, 1566 in *IGI* (Bitteswell, Leics); Rowland Chatton, 1590 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Richard Chattyn, 1603 in *IGI* (Laxfield, Suffolk); Brice Chatton, 1607 in *IGI* (Pickwell with Leesthorpe, Leics); John Chatton, 1609 in *IGI* (Burton Coggles, Lincs); John Chattin, 1621 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); John Chatten, 1633 in PROB 11 (Lutterworth, Leics); Grace Chatten, 1657 in *IGI* (Brockdish, Norfolk); Sarah Chattin, 1684 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); John Chatting, 1714 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richd. Chatton, 1706, Robert Chattin, 1759 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk).

**2 English:** locative name from Chatton (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Chatton’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Learchild, Northumb); Katherine Chatton, 1553 in *IGI* (Middleton, Lancs); Thomas Chaton, 1581 in *IGI* (York); James Chaton, 1665, Elizabeth Chaton, 1666 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb); Ann Chattin, 1679 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Robert Chatten, 1695, Robert Chatton, 1706 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

**3 English:** in the W Midlands a variant of **Chatwin**. Compare Jane Chatwin, 1682, John Chatten, 1732 in *IGI* (Harborne, Staffs); Thos. Chatwin, 1718, Thomas Chattin, 1721 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Chatting, 1749, John Chatwin, 1751 in *IGI* (Romsley, Worcs); Thomas Chatten, 1768, William Chatwin, 1781 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Chatteris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English:** see **Chatters**.

### Chatterjee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi:** Hindu (Brahman), from *Chatta*, the name of a village, + *jhā* ‘teacher’, hence ‘teacher from Chatta’. Compare **Banerjee**.

**Further information:** In Bengali names formed with *-jee*, the initial element is believed to indicate a village granted to the family by Ballal Sen, an ancient king of Bengal.

### Chatterley

**Variants:** **Chattaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

**English:** locative name from Chatterley in Wolstanton (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Will’o de Chaterleye, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Endon, Staffs); Hugo de Chateley, 1377 in Poll

Tax (Gayton, Staffs); Henricus Chattele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks); Roger Chaturley, 1388–9 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Jone Chatterly, 1573 in *IGI* (Somersall Herbert, Derbys); Elyn Chatterley, 1580 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Ursula Chatterley, 1596 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

### Chatters

Variants: **Charters, Chatteris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** locative name from Chatteris in Cambs, earlier recorded as *Chateriz, Chatriz*, 1086, *Chartriz*, 1200 (Place-Names of Cambs, pp. 247–8). Compare Abbatisa de Charters, 1279 (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Chateriz, 1259 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Alan de Chartres, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Alan de Chartris, 1293 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Hunts); John Charteres, 1417 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); John Chateryse, 1445 in Norwich Wills; Edward Chattris, 1629 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs).

### Chatterton

Variants: **Chadderton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1870, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** locative name from Chadderton in Lancs. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Chaderton, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); William de Chaderton, de Chatterton, 1324 in South Lancs in Reign of Edward II; William Chatterton, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Francis Chadderton, 1659 in York Freeman's Register.

### Chattin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lancs; Staffs
- English:** see **Chatten**.

### Chatting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Staffs
- English:** see **Chatten**.

### Chatto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

**Scottish:** locative name from the lands of Chatto in Roxburghs.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Chetue, about 1198–1214 in Kelso Register; Alexander de Chatthou, about 1225 in Melrose Register; Eustace of Chattow, 1358 in Duke of Roxburghe Manuscripts (Roxburghs); Nans Chatto, 1606 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

**England:** Edward Chatto, 1666 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Chattoe, 1673 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb); William Chatto, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York).

### Chattock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Hants

**English:** variant of **Shattock** or **Chaddock**.

**Early bearers:** William Chattok, 1473 in PROB 11 (London); John Chattock, 1610 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); John Chattocke, 1662 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks).

### Chatton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent; Lancs; Durham

**English:** see **Chatten**.

### Chatwin

Variants: **Chetwin, Chetwyn, Chetwynd, Chetwind, Chatten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 950, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 681
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English:** locative name from Chetwynd in Shrops. **Early bearers:** Richard de Chetewynde, 1268 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); William de Chetwynde, 1343–4 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); William Chetwyn, Chetwynd, 1415 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Katherine Chatwin, 1627 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

### Chatwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops

**English:** see **Chetwood**.

### Chau

Variants: **Chow, Chou, Chao, Chu, Cho, Chew, Chaw, Zhou, Tso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **Chinese:** Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒 (**Zou** or **Tsou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chow** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Zou* (鄒), the name of a state (located in Zouxian in Shandong province), originally also called Zhu or Zhu Lou. After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the place-name *Zou* (鄒), the name of a fief (thought to be located in Shanqiu in Henan province) granted to Zheng Kao Fu, an official in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) shortened form of the compound Chinese surname Zou-Tu (鄒屠), the name of an ancient place (possibly located in Shandong province).

2 **Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 巢 (**Chao** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chow** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'nest' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of You Chao Shi (有巢氏), an ancient legendary king. (ii) from *Chao* (巢), the name of an ancient state (located in Anhui province), which existed from the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC) to the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

3 **Chinese:** Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).

4 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 趙 and 招, see **Zhao** (1) and (2).

5 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 秋, see **Chiu** (4).

6 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 仇, see **Chiu** (2).

7 **Vietnamese:** **Châu**, representing the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).

### Chaucer

Variants: **Causer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Norman, English:** occupational name from Old French *chaucier* 'maker of *chausses*', an agent derivative of Old French *chauces* 'breeches, pantaloons, hose'. In 1484 these were 'chaucos of yron or legge harneys' (OED). Middle English *chauce* was a general term for anything worn on the feet: boots, shoes, hose, or leggings. As Baldwin le Chaucer (1307 London Letter Books B) was of *Cordwanerstrete*, the early *chaucer* was probably a worker in leather, a maker of leather breeches, boots, etc.

**Further information:** The poet Geoffrey Chaucer (c. 1343–1400) was born in London, the son of a vintner and descendant of a line of Ipswich vintners. His son, Thomas Chaucer (c. 1367–1434), rose to be Chief Butler of England and speaker of the House of Commons; his granddaughter Alice married William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk. However, subsequently the Chaucer direct line died out. The surname is now very rare.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Chaucer, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (London); Robert le Chauser, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Thomas Chaucer, 1722 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Margaret Chaucer, 1766 in *IGI* (Forgue, Aberdeens); Jeffery Chaucer, 1779 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Nancy Chaucer, 1788 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Chaudary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudhary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1251, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudhri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudhry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3271, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudhuri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudhury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

## Chaudri

### Chaudri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chaudry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 948, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian:** see **Chowdhury**.

### Chauhan

**Variants:** **Chohan**, **Chouhan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5230, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (northern states):** Hindu (Rajput) and Sikh name of great and ancient prestige but unknown meaning. There is a legend that the ancestor of this Rajput clan emerged from a sacrificial fire with four arms, and so it was associated with the Sanskrit word *chatur-* meaning ‘four’, but this is no more than folk etymology.

**Further information:** Chauhan kings ruled in Rajasthan and neighbouring states, and conquered Delhi and its neighbourhood in the 12th century. The Chauhans, along with the Solankis, the Paramaras, and the Pariharas, call themselves *Agnikulas* ‘Fire Tribes’. According to the Agnikula legend, after the original Kshatriyas had been exterminated by Parashurama (see **Arora**), the Brahmins found themselves in need of protection from the demons that were harassing them, and so they prayed and made a special sacrifice to the god Shiva for assistance. Then, through divine intercession, there emerged from the sacrificial fire the ancestors of the four Rajput clans known as the Fire Tribes, and they vanquished the demons. Historians believe that these tribes were in reality foreign tribes that entered India and defeated the original Kshatriyas. As they became the staunch defenders of the Hindu ideals, they were admitted into the prestigious Kshatriya rank by the Brahmins. A clan of the Porwal Baniyas have also adopted this name, and, because of the prestige associated with it, it has been adopted in many other communities as well.

### Chaulk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Chalk**.

### Chaumont

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Norman, English:** locative name of Norman origin, from Chaumont in Orne.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Chaumont, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Rachel Chaumont, 1596 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Rachel Chaumont, 1599 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Francis Chaumont, 1627 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks).

### Chauncey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

**Norman, English:** see **Chauncy**.

### Chauncy

**Variants:** **Chauncey**, **Chancey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**Norman, English:** locative name from one of several places in France called Chancé (for example, in Ille-et-Villaine).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Chanci, 1218 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roger de Chauncy, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); John Chauncy, 1293–4 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Roger Chansi, 1361 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); William Chauncy, 1560 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

### Chaundy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**English:** unexplained.

**Further information:** *Chandy* is a known French surname of unknown relevance.

**Early bearers:** Jane Chaundy, 1744 in *IGI* (Ascott under Wychwood, Oxon).

### Chausse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**French:** nickname, from Old French *chauce* ‘hose, boot, legging’; compare Old French *chaucier* ‘hosier, shoemaker’.

**Early bearers:** Jacques Chausse, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Gustave Chausse, born in France, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Theodorie Chausse, born in France, in Census 1911 (Westminster, London); Denise Chausse, born in Paris, France, in Census 1911 (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

### Chauvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**Huguenot:** nickname from French *chauve* ‘bald’ with a diminutive suffix. Compare **Caffyn**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Chauvin, 1694 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Chauvin, 1700 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Chavda

**Variants:** **Chawda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1095, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian:** denoting someone associated with the city of Panchsar, Gujarat, India.

### Chave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset

**Norman, English:** see **Chaffe**.

### Chaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).  
2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曹, see **Cao** (1).  
3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒, see **Chau** (1).  
4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1).  
5 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

### Chawda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian:** see **Chavda**.

### Chawke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Irish:** variant spelling, common in Ireland, of **Chalk**.

### Chawla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (Panjab):** Hindu (Arora) and Sikh name, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community, which is apparently named with *čāwāl* ‘rice’.

### Chawner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Staffs

**English:** contracted form of **Challinor**.

### Chay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 齊, see **Chai** (2).

### Chaytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also NR Yorks and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Dublin
- English:** see **Cater**.

### Che

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **Chinese:** Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 車, see **Chia** (3).

2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

3 **Vietnamese:** unexplained.

4 **Korean:** variant of **Chae**.

### Cheadle

**Variants:** **Cheatle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 874, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 698
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** locative name from Cheadle in Staffs or Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Hobbe de Chedel, 1297 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Agnes de Chedel, 1356 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Robte. Cheadle, 1597 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Cheadle, 1614 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire); Richard Cheadle, 1615 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); Johannis Cheadle, 1623 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); Edward Cheadle, 1633 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

**Cheah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

**Cheak**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Cheek**.  
Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cheal**

- Variants: **Cheale, Cheel, Cheales**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 501
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent and Surrey
- 1 **English:** see **Chell**.  
Early bearers: Robert Chele, 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Pyecombe, Sussex); Johannes Chele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westmeston, Sussex); Thomas Cheale, 1565 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex); William Cheale, 1596 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex); Joan Cheal, 1628 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Sarah Cheale, 1637 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Drure Cheel, 1677 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); Mary Cheal, 1707 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); John Cheale, 1702 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); William Cheal, 1707 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sarah Cheel, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).  
2 **English:** see **Cheales**.

**Cheale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Cheal**.

**Cheales**

- Variants: **Cheal**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Herts
- 1 **English:** locative name from Cheal (Lincs). The additional -s is occasionally present in Middle English and must represent a plural form of Old English \**cegel* 'pole', perhaps in reference to a plank bridge over the stream there.  
Early bearers: Gilbert de Chele(s), 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Andrewe Cheales, 1569 in *IGI* (Anderby, Lincs); Elisabeth Cheale, 1597 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); John Cheales, 1625, John Cheales, 1750, James Cheales, 1818 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs).  
References: Ekwall, DEPn.  
2 **English:** variant of **Cheal**, with post-medieval excrement -s.  
Early bearers: Richard Cheale, 1669, William Cheale, 1787, Mary Cheales, 1787 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Cheale, 1857, Anne Cheales, 1860 in *IGI* (Bushey, Herts).

**Cheaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- Norman, English: see **Cheney**.

**Cheang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).
- 2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).
- 3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).
- 4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**Cheape**

- Variants: **Chipp**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- 1 **English, Scottish:** nickname from Middle English *chepe* 'bargaining, bargain, price', probably given to a merchant or trader, or for someone who lived or worked in a marketplace.  
Early bearers: England: William Chepe, 1369 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue (WR Yorks); Henricus Chep, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Simon Chep', 1379 in Poll Tax (Tottington, Norfolk); Oliver Cheape, 1584 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Cheape, 1605 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs).  
Scotland: William Chaip, burgess, 1510 in Dunkeld Rentale (Perth, Perths); Johannes Chaip, 1524 in Scone Charters (Scone, Perths); Henre Chaipe, 1617 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Cheape, 1666 in Stirling Testaments (Stirlings).  
2 **English:** locative name referring to Cheapside, a broad street in London in which markets were held, recorded as *Chepe* in medieval documents. It is not known if this name became hereditary.  
Early bearers: Alan de Chepe, 1311 in London Letter Books D (London); William de Chepe, de Chepe of London, 1424 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Willm. Cheape, 1614 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Dennis Cheape, 1627 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).  
References: Ekwall, London Street-Names, pp. 182–5.

**Chear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Cheer**.

**Cheasley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Charsley**.

**Cheasman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, also Sussex
- English: see **Cheeseman**.

**Cheasty**

- Variants: **Chaisty, Sisk**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- Irish: pronounced /'tʃeisti/, from Ó Seasta, a rare Munster surname, which apparently originated in Kerry, where the place-name *Tuath Ó Sioista* 'tribe of Ó Sioiste' (anglicized as *Tuosist*) is based on the family name.

Early bearers: Richard Cheasty, 1777 in *IGI* (Waterford, Ireland).  
References: Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames.

**Cheater**

- Variants: **Chetter**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: occupational name from Middle English *chetour*, an aphetic form of *eschetour* 'escheator, officer appointed to look after escheats' ('the lapsing of land to the Crown, or to the lord of the manor, on the death of the owner intestate without heirs', OED).  
Early bearers: John Chetour, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Cheater, 1588 in *IGI* (Tathwell, Lincs); Mgerie. Cheater, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Cheater, 1626 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); William Cheater, 1642 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); John Cheater, 1657 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Cheatham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Warwicks
- English: see **Cheetham**.

**Cheatle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; Staffs and Worcs
- English: see **Cheadle**.

**Check**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Cheek** or **Chick**.  
Further information: *Check* is recorded in dialect as a term for the wheatear (a kind of small bird), but not until the 18th century (OED).  
Early bearers: Mary Check, 1567 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Robert Check, 1625 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Check, 1713 in *IGI* (West Malling, Kent); John Check, 1822 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Checker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Chequer**.

**Checkett**

- Variants: **Checketts**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Staffs
- English: nickname from Middle English *chedek* 'checked, chequered', perhaps with reference to complexion or clothing.  
Early bearers: Rycharde Checket, 1546 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Johes Checketts, 1564 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Robert Checket, 1577 in *IGI* (Aston juxta Birmingham, Warwicks); Izabell Chekettes, 1586 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs).

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### Checketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks
- English:** a form of **Checkett** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Checkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 897, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Northants and Oxon

**English:** locative name from any of three places called Checkley, in Staffs, Herefs, and Cheshire.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Chekele, about 1190 in Staffs Chartulary; Henry de Chekele, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Robert Checkley, 1447 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts).

### Checksfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Radnors
- English:** variant of **Checksfield**.

### Chedzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 **English:** see **Chidgey**.  
2 **English:** see **Chedzoy**.

### Chedzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** see **Chedzoy**.

### Chedzoy

**Variants:** **Chedzey**, **Chidsey**, **Chidgey**, **Chedghey**, **Tudgay**, **Tudgee**, **Tudghey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name from Chedzoy in Somerset. The spelling *Chedzoy* reconnects with the official spelling of the place-name; the traditional pronunciation of both surname and place-name is represented more faithfully by the other forms.  
**Early bearers:** John de Chedeseye, 1342 in Patent Rolls (inquisitor for the prior of "Bustlesham" in SW counties of England); Richard Chedesey, chaplain, 1411 in Feet of Fines (Hampshire); Richard Chedsey, 1500 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Chedsey, 1571 in *IGI* (Monkleigh, Devon); Bartholomew Chedsey, 1604 in *IGI* (Stogursey, Somerset); Elizabeth Chidsey, 1635 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); Joanne Chedghey, 1643 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Cuningham Chedgy, 1677 in *IGI* (Otterham, Somerset); Henry Chedghey, 1685 in *IGI* (East Quantoxhead, Somerset); Wm. Chedzoy, 1704 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Anne Chidgey, 1728 in *IGI* (Old Cleeve, Somerset); George Chidzey, 1765 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Somerset).

### Chee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **Chinese, Korean:** see **Chi**.  
2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

### Cheek

**Variants:** **Cheeke**, **Cheke**, **Cheak**, **Cheeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 801, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; also IoW; Herts

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cheke*, *chieke*, *chik(e)* 'jaw, jaw bone', probably denoting someone with some deformity or scar in the region of the cheek or jawbone. See also **Chick**.  
**Early bearers:** Æluric Chec, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Adam Cheke, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Walter Cheke, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Cheeks, 1606 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Cheeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English:** see **Cheek**.

### Cheeks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** variant of **Cheek**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**References:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cheel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English:** see **Cheal**.

### Cheeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts
- English:** see **Child**.

### Cheema

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1720, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (Panjab):** Sikh name based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Cheeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- Norman, English:** see **Cheney**.

### Cheeper

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**English:** occupational name for a trader, from Middle English *\*cheper*, a derivative of Middle English *chepen* 'to barter, trade, buy' (Old English *cēapian*). See also **Chapper** and **Chipper**, with which it was interchangeable, and compare the synonymous **Chapman** and **Chipman**.  
**Early bearers:** Ricardus Cheper, 1377 in Poll Tax (Latchford, Oxon); Jane Cheeper, 1792 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jane Cheeper, 1834 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Cheer

**Variants:** **Chear**, **Cheers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

**English:** nickname, relationship name from Middle English *cher(e)*, *chier(e)* 'worthy, noble; dear' (Old French *chier*, *cher*), also used as a personal name.  
**Early bearers:** Abraham filius Chere, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Reginald chere, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Henry Chere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Chere, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Jeffrey Cheers, 1761 in *IGI* (Thurstaston, Cheshire).

### Cheers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

**English:** relationship name variant of **Cheer**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Cheesborough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cheesbrough**.

### Cheesbrough

**Variants:** **Cheesebrough**, **Cheeseborough**, **Cheesborough**, **Chesbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cheeseburn in Northumb, recorded as *Cheeseburgh* in 1286.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Cheseburgh, 1526 in York Freeman's Register; Robert Cheesbrough, 1611 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Cheese

**Variants:** **Chiese**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Shrops, and Herefs; Bucks, Middx, and Surrey

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chese*, *chi(e)se* 'cheese, curds' (Old English *cēse* (Anglian), West Saxon *cȳse*), probably denoting a maker or seller of cheese, or applied in some other way, compare Thomas Cheseandbred, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Ailwin chese, 1154–89 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Willelmus cum frumento, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (York); John Chese, William Chuse, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts, Oxon); Robert Chuse, Michael Chouse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Chese, 1379 in Poll Tax (Little Wilmcote, Warwicks); Johan Cheese, 1563 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops).

### Cheeseborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cheesbrough**.

### Cheesebrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

**English:** see **Cheesbrough**.



**Cheeseman**

Variants: **Cheesman, Cheasman, Cheseaman, Chiesman, Chesman, Chessman, Chisman, Chismon**

- Current frequencies: GB 3112, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 2355
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Surrey and Middx

English: occupational name for a maker or seller of cheese, Middle English *ches(e) + man*. Compare Robert le Chesemaker, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs), Baldwin le Chesemangere, 1186 in Pipe Rolls (Kent). Early bearers: Henry le Cheseman, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); William le Chesman, 1311 in Battle Abbey Customals (Sussex); Thomas Chesman, le Chusman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Adam le Chisman, Alice Chisman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Cheseman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Cheseman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Saint Marylebone and Lisson, Middx); Thomas Chesman, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Hoe, Hants); Ricardus Chesman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Easebourne, Sussex); Christian Cheseman, 1541 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); John Cheesman, 1564 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Tamson Cheeseman, 1571 in *IGI* (Ickham, Kent); Marye Cheseman, 1558 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Jhon Cheasman, 1577 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edmonde Cheeseman, 1589 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Margaret Cheseman, 1622 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham);

References: Surnames of Sussex, p. 277.

**Cheeseright**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Cambs

English: see **Cheesewright**.

**Cheesewright**

Variants: **Cheeswright, Cheeseright, Cheswright, Cherrett, Cherritt**

- Current frequencies: GB 177, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 160
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Cambs

English: occupational name from Middle English *chesewrighte* 'cheese-maker'.

Early bearers: Richard Chesewricte, 1228 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Augustin le Chesewryghte, 1293 in Fransson (Yorks); John Cheswright, 1478 in London Letter Books L (London); William Cheesewright, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Abington, Cambs); Margaret Chestwright, 1795 in Parish Registers (Suffolk).

**Cheesley**

- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Wilts

English: see **Charsley**.

**Cheesman**

- Current frequencies: GB 1722, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 1527
- Main GB location 1881: Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Middx

English: see **Cheeseman**.

**Cheeswright**

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23

- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Cambs

English: see **Cheesewright**.

**Cheetam**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Cheetham**.

**Cheetham**

Variants: **Cheatham, Cheetam, Chetham, Chittum, Chatham**

- Current frequencies: GB 5261, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 4630
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire; also Derbys and Notts

English: locative name from **Cheetham** (Lancs).

Early bearers: Geoffrey de Chetham, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Geoffrey de Chetham, 13th cent. in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Thomas de Cheteham, 1394 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lancs); Joane Chetham, 1568 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Thomas Cheetham, 1584 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Thomas Cheetham, 1602 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Edward Cheatham, 1619 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).

**Cheever**

- GB frequency 1881: 9

English: see **Chivers**.

Further information: This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Cheevers**

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland 140
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway; Wexford
- English, Irish: variant spelling in Northern Ireland of **Chivers**.

**Cheffings**

- Current frequencies: GB 118, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: variant of **Cheffins**, itself a variant of **Chevins**, with hypercorrect *-ng* for *-n*.

**Cheffins**

Variants: **Cheffings**

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: variant of **Chevins**.

**Chegwidden**

- Current frequencies: GB 169, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 242
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: from *chy* 'house' + *gwydn* 'white', or from one of the places in Cornwall so named. Compare **Chegwin**, which represents a phonologically older form of the same expression.

Early bearers: John Chigwidden, 1695 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); John Chegweeden, 1695 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); Richard Chequiden, 1695, Thomas Chygwiden, 1738 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall);

William Chegwidden, 1819 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

**Chegwin**

Variants: **Chirgwin**

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 96
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish, English: locative name from Middle Cornish *chy* 'house' + *gwyn* 'white', or from a place so named, for example Chygwynne in Kea or Chegwidden in Constantine, both in Cornwall.

Early bearers: Cherytie Chigwin, 1602 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); John Chygwyn, 1611 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Edmond Chigwyn, 1642 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Henry Chegwyen, 1753 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

**Cheke**

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10

English: see **Cheek**.

Further information: A family called Cheke trace their descent in unbroken line from Richard Cheke, who in the reign of Richard II held the manor of Motteston on the Isle of Wight. A later member of the family was Sir John Cheke (1514–57), Professor of Greek at Cambridge University, who owned Pyrgo Park at Havering-atte-Bower, Essex, as well as property in Clare (Suffolk) and Spalding (Lincs).

**Chell**

Variants: **Cheal, Chill**

- Current frequencies: GB 1078, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 666
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: (i) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English male or female personal name \**Chell* (*e*) or *Chele*, Old English *Cēolla*, *Cēol*, or *Cēola*, short forms of names beginning in *Cēol-* such as *Cēolbeorht* (male) and *Cēolflæd* (female). (ii) nickname perhaps alternatively from Middle English *chele*, *chile* (Old English *ciele*, *cele*, *cyle*) 'cold, lacking sympathy'. Compare **Frost**.

Further information: It is possible that the two suggested sources give rise to the two distinct sets of bearers, in which case (i) would probably be the source of the Midland names with a short vowel and (ii) the source of the SE names with a long vowel. The names in (ii) could also be from Old English *cēol* 'ship' if it survived into Middle English, or the personal name *Cēola* derived from it.

Early bearers: William Chele, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Chelle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Alexander Chele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Reedham, Norfolk); Johannes Chelle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Edward Chell, 1565 in *IGI* (Albrighton, Shrops); Edrus Chell, 1572 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Thomas Chell, 1585 in *IGI* (Shusoke, Warwicks).

References: Redin, *Studies*, p. 46.

**Chellew**

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Chellew in Ludgvan (Cornwall).

## Chelsom

**Early bearers:** Sir . . . de Chelli, about 1250 in Cornwall Record Office; Nycholas Chellew, 1612, Richard Chelew, 1672 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Charles Chellye, 1662 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Moses Chelly, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes near Truro, Cornwall); Sampson Chellew, 1746 in *IGI* (Penzance, Cornwall).

### Chelsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** locative name from Chelsham in Surrey.  
**Early bearers:** John de Chesham, 1250 in Feet of Fines (Kent); John Chelsham, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon); John Chelsam, 1583, in James Chelsom, 1596 in Muster Rolls (Surrey).

### Chelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Surrey

**English:** probably a variant of **Chilton**.

### Chemin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**French:** locative name from French *chemin* 'pathway, track'. Compare **Duquemin**.

## Chen

**Variants:** **Chin, Jin, Yan, Ginn, Jan, Yen, Sam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6281, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 甄 (**Zhen** in Mandarin pinyin, **Yan** or **Ian** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'making pottery' in ancient Chinese: (i) in some families, from the occupation of making pottery, dating as far back as the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) from the last character in the name of Zhong Zhen (仲甄), second son of Gao Tao, a law official during the reign of Shun Di. (iii) adopted by the Yu Du Zhen (鬱都甄) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 譚 (**Sam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'believe' or 'honestly' in ancient Chinese: from the second element of the personal name Bi Chen (裨譚), an official in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

**4 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 成, 程, and 鄭, see **Cheng** (1–3).

**5 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

### Chene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

**Norman, English:** see **Cheyne**.

### Cheneler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**English:** occupational name, locative name apparently from Middle English \**chaneler*, an agent derivative of *chanel* 'channel, conduit, gutter, drain',

perhaps denoting someone who dug, maintained, or worked upon channels or drains. OED records Modern English *channeller* 'fisherman or mariner in a channel' just once, in the 16th century. Compare **Channell**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Channeler, 1440 in TNA (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); John Channeller, 1610 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Francees Chaneller, 1614 in National Burial Index (Saint Mary, Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Chaneler, 1708 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Robert Chanler, 1774, George Chaneler, 1776 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Wm. Chenneler, 1793 in *IGI* (Frolesworth, Leics); Elizebeth Cheneler, 1815 in Non-Conformist Registers (Hinckley Presbyterian, Hinckley, Leics); William Cheneler, labourer, in Census 1841 (Brighton, Sussex); John Cheneler, baker, in Census 1861 (Leicester, Leics).

### Chenery

**Variants:** **Chinnery, Chinery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

**Norman, English:** locative name from Chenevray in Haut-Saône.

**Early bearers:** Robert Chenery, 1327, George Chenery, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Peter Chynnery, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

### Cheney

**Variants:** **Cheyney, Cheaney, Cheeney, Chaney, Chainey, Chesney, Chestney, Chasney, Chastney, Chana, Cheyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1231, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 916
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset; Leics; Northants

**Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Fermanagh  
**Norman, English:** locative name from any of the places in Normandy, Picardy, and Artois named (Le) *Quesnay* or *Quesnoy*, or elsewhere in N France named (Le or La) *Chesnay* or *Chesnoy*. The Domesday Book under-tenant came from Le Quesnay in Seine-Maritime (see Anglo-Norman Families). The place-names all derive from Old French *chesnai* or its Normanno-Picard equivalent *quesnai* 'oak grove' (Medieval Latin *casnetum*).

**Early bearers:** Radulfus de Caisned, 1086 in Domesday Book (Sussex); Hugh de Chaisnei, de Cheisnei, 1140, 1166 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Hugh de Chennei 12th cent., Robert de Cheinnei after 1183 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); William de Chesnei, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Bartholomew del Chennay, 1212 in Book of Fees (Surrey); William de Cheny, 1235 in Book of Fees (Suffolk); Roger del Chesne, 1236 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Alexander de Cheyny, 1242 in Book of Fees (Beds); Alexander de Cheyne, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Chichester, Sussex); John de Chene, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Robertus Cheyne, Alicia Cheyne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Cheyne, 1561 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Robte Chaney, 1575 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Thomas Chainey, 1584 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Dorothee Chainey, 1591 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Johis Cheyne, 1603 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Cheney, 1612 in *IGI* (Theddingworth, Leics); William Cheney, 1625 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Rychard Chastney, 1648 in *IGI*

(Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); Alicia Chesney, 1705 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk).

## Cheng

**Variants:** **Jeng, Jang, Zheng, Ching, Chiang, Chang, Cheang, Chen, Chung, Sing, Shing, Tseng, Tang, Tay, Tye, Tai, Teh, Tee, Tea, Tei, Tey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2695, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 成 (**Sing** or **Shing** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'accomplish' or 'become' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Cheng* (郟), the name of a fief (located in present-day Henan province) granted to Shu Wu, son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). His descendants adopted the name of the fiefdom as their surname, and simplified it to 成 by dropping the second component of the Chinese character 郟. (ii) from the place-name *Cheng* (郟), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) granted to Ji Zai by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). His descendants simplified the name of the fiefdom 郟 to 成 and adopted it as their surname. (iii) from the place-name Cheng (成), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) in the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from Cheng Hu (成虎), the style name of the son of Ruo Ao, who was a high official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited 成, part of his name, as their surname. (v) for some families, the surname also originated from the Tu Ge tribe of the Huns resided in NW China. (vi) for other families, the surname also originated from the indigenous tribes in ancient South China.

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 程 (**Ching** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'measurement' or referring to 'a kind of beast or insect' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Cheng* (程), the name of a state (probably located in Henan province) granted to Xiu Fu by Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Cheng* (程), the name of a fief (located in Shaanxi province) granted to descendants of the Xun (荀) family in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3 Chinese:** Cantonese and Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄭: from *Zheng* (鄭), the name of a state (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) granted to You, the younger brother of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). The state of Zheng was annexed by the state of Han (located in present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) during the Warring States period (475–221 BC).

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 井 (**Jing** in Mandarin pinyin), referring to 'a well' in Chinese: from the personal name Jing Bo (井伯), the name of an official in the state of Yu (located in Shanxi province) during the Warring States period (475–221 BC).

**5 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 岑, see **Sam** (2).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鐘, probably based on its Teochew,

Hokkien, and Taiwanese pronunciation. See

**Chung** (1).

7 **Chinese**: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, probably based on its Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Chong** (1).

### Chennell

Variants: **Chennells**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 209, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 235
- **Main GB location 1881**: Surrey

**English**: probably a variant of **Channell**; but some early spellings suggest an diminutive in *-el* of Anglo-Norman *chaene* ‘chain’ or *chesne* ‘oak’.

**Early bearers**: John Chaynel, 1312 in Patent Rolls, 1362 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Radulpho Chaynell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sutton Cheney, Leics); Agnes Chenell, 1547 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Christian Chenalse, 1570 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Johan Chynalls, 1584 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Ferris Quenell or Chennell, 1587 in *IGI* (Horsham, Surrey); John Chennells, 1587 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

### Chennells

- **Current frequencies**: GB 288, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 140
- **Main GB location 1881**: Herts and Bucks

**English**: variant of **Chennell**, with excrescent *-s*.

### Chenoweth

Variants: **Chynoweth**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 123, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 130
- **Main GB location 1881**: Cornwall

1 **Cornish**: locative name from *chy* ‘house’ + *noweth* ‘new’.

**Early bearers**: William Chynoweth, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Sampsonne Chinoweth, 1590 *IGI* (Crantock, Cornwall); John Chinoweth, in 1594 *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Henrie Chenoweth, 1605 *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

2 **Cornish**: see **Chynoweth**.

### Cheong

Variants: **Chong**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 390, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881**: o

1 **Chinese**: see **Cheung** (1–4).

2 **Chinese**: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鐘, see **Chung** (1).

3 **Korean**: (정 **Chông**; Chinese character: 程) the clan bearing this surname is believed to be descended from Chinese immigrants, but further details are not known. The founding ancestor of the HanSan Chông clan was called Chông Hoe (程淮).

### Chequer

Variants: **Checker**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 110
- **Main GB location 1881**: Wilts

**English**: nickname from Middle English *cheker*, an aphetic form of Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *escheker*, originally a chessboard, later the table that gave name to the king’s exchequer; a table for accounts; the Court of Exchequer. As a surname, it probably denoted a clerk in the exchequer, although Laurence de Scaccario (1279 Hundred Rolls),

who has left his name in Chequers (Bucks), was, no doubt, one of the leading officials of the Exchequer.

**Early bearers**: Laurence de le Eschekere, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Hants); Roger de la Checker, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Gilbert le Cheker, 1316 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Roger Cheker, son of Christopher Atcheker, 1508 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 40.

### Cherill

- **GB frequency 1881**: 29
- **Main GB location 1881**: Pembrokes

**English**: see **Cherrill**.

### Cherington

- **Current frequencies**: GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 24
- **Main GB location 1881**: Gloucs

**English**: see **Cherrington**.

### Cheriton

- **Current frequencies**: GB 181, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 118
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon

**English**: locative name from Cheriton Fitzpaine, Cheriton Bishop, or Cheriton in Bredon (all Devon). Compare **Cherrington**.

**Early bearers**: Adam de Chiritone, 1238 in Devon Eyre (Budleigh hundred, Devon); John de Churiton, in 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (West Budleigh hundred, Devon); Dyonis’ de Churiton, in 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cowick with Christow, Devon); Alice Cheriton, 1577 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); John Cheriton, 1592 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon);

**References**: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 59, 414, 427.

### Cherrett

- **Current frequencies**: GB 496, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 240
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx

**English**: variant of **Cheesewright**, reflecting the traditional local pronunciation in Suffolk.

**Early bearers**: Nicholas and Jane Cheswright, 1655, Cherit, 1656, Cheritt, 1660 in Parish Registers (Denham, Suffolk); Nicholas Cherit, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Cherrie

- **Current frequencies**: GB 338, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 163
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks

**Scottish**: see **Cherry**.

### Cherrill

Variants: **Cherill**, **Charles**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 250, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 152
- **Main GB location 1881**: Oxon and Bucks

1 **English**: locative name from Cherhill in Wilts.

**Early bearers**: Adam de Churhyll, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); William Cherrill, 1625 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); John Cherrill, 1692 in *IGI* (Burcot with Dorchester, Oxon); Barthol Cherrill, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edward Cherrill, 1720 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); Richard Cherrill, 1791 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

2 **English**: nickname, status name from Middle English *cherl*, *cheril*, *charl*, *chirl* ‘churl, bonded tenant, serf; peasant’.

**Early bearers**: Osbert Cherle, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Freþesant Cherl, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Cambs); John Chirel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); John Charl, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

### Cherriman

Variants: **Cherryman**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 163, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 82
- **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex

**English**: of uncertain origin. It looks like a compound of **Cherry** + *man* ‘servant of a man surnamed *Cherry*,’ or perhaps ‘one who lived by a cherry tree’ (see **Cherry**), but *Cherry* has not been found in medieval Sussex or neighbouring counties. An alternative possibility is that *Cherriman* is a variant of *Chereman* or *Char(e)man*, a surname particularly found in Sussex since the late 14th century (see **Charman**). However, McKinley notes that in late 16th-century Horsham, *Cheryman* appears as the surname of a man otherwise called *Chyryam* or *Chyriam*, and that *Cherian* appears in late 16th-century Pullborough, where *Cherryman* is recorded in the following century. He proposes that *Cherriman* is an attempt to make sense of an otherwise unintelligible name, which Redmonds suggests may be the WR Yorks family name **Cherryholme**, which could have migrated to Sussex. **Early bearers**: Thomas Cheriman, 1578 in PROB 11 (Pulborough, Sussex); Thomas Cherriman, 1687 in *IGI* (Frensham, Surrey); Wil. Cherriman, 1709 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); Mary Cherryman, 1711 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

**References**: *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 177; George Redmonds, personal communication.

### Cherrington

Variants: **Cherington**, **Charrington**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 735, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881**: 457
- **Main GB location 1881**: Staffs, Warwicks, and Gloucs; Lincs

**English**: locative name from Cherrington (Shrops), Cherington (Gloucs), Cherington (Warwicks), or possibly from any of several places called Cheriton, such as Cheriton (Hants), Cheriton in Bredon, Cheriton Bishop, and Cheriton Fitzpaine (all Devon), and North and South Cheriton (Somerset), which are all recorded as *Cherinton*, *Chirinton*, or similar in medieval documents. Compare **Cheriton**. **Early bearers**: [ . . . de] Cherenton’, 1200, [ . . . de] Chirinton, 1235–6 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); William de Cerinton, 1201–2 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Stephen de Cheriton, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Richard de Chirinton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Frampton Mansell in Sapperton, Gloucs); Johannes Cheryngton’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blackham, Sussex); Thomas de Cherynton’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cherrington, Shrops); Rogerus de Cherynton’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Caynton, Shrops); Richard Cheryngton, 1383 in Assize Rolls (London); Peter Cherynton, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); Richard Cherynton, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Cherrington, Shrops); Robart Cheryngton, 1562 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); John Cherrington, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Henry Cherrington, 1616 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Thomae Cherrington, 1662 in *IGI* (High Offley, Staffs).

**References**: *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 76.

**Cherritt**

- GB frequency 1881: 44
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: variant of **Cheesewright**; compare **Cherrett**.

**Cherry**

Variants: **Cherrie**, **Chary**

- Current frequencies: GB 4498, Ireland 361
- GB frequency 1881: 2856
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England (esp. Beds) and Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down, Tyrone, and Armagh

English, Scottish: nickname, locative name from Middle English *chirie*, *cherye* ‘cherry’, probably denoting a grower or seller of cherries or someone who lived near a cherry tree. Compare **Perry**, **Perriman**.

Early bearers: England: Robert Chyry, 1284 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Hugh Chirie, Richard Chery, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

Scotland: Stephen Cherie, 1380 in Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities (Rothienorman, Aberdeens); Johannes Chery, burgess, 1415 in Ayr Charters (Ayr); Marion Cherrie, 1679 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Cherryholme**

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Cherryholme*, perhaps in Kellington (WR Yorks).  
 Early bearers: Margareta Chyryhohm, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); Johannes Chyrholme, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eggborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Teriholm’ [*sic*], 1379 in Poll Tax (Kellington, WR Yorks); John Chereholme, 1410 in Yorks Deeds (Drax, WR Yorks); Richard Cheryholme, 1481 in York Freemen’s Register; John Cheriholme of Barmby, 1560 in Parish Registers (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Cheriam, Cheriom, Cherom, Cheron of Barmby, 1586 in Parish Registers (Howden, ER Yorks); John Cheriholme, 1606 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).  
 References: George Redmonds, personal communication.

**Cherryman**

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Cherriman**.

**Chesbrough**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Cheesbrough**.  
 Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cheseman**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Durham
- English: see **Cheeseman**.

**Chesham**

Variants: **Chessum**

- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 151
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex; Beds
- English: locative name from Chesham (Bucks), recorded as *Cestreham* in Domesday Book, or from Chestham Park in Henfield (Sussex), recorded as *Chesham* in 1657.  
 Early bearers: Burchard de Cestresham, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); William de Cheshiream, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Wilts); William Chessam, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Chessum, 1728 in Bardsley.

**Chesher**

- Current frequencies: GB 202, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 119
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Beds and Herts
- English: see **Cheshire**.

**Cheshier**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Cheshire**.  
 Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cheshir**

- GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Herts
- English: see **Cheshire**.

**Cheshire**

Variants: **Chesshire**, **Chesshyre**, **Chesher**, **Cheshier**, **Cheshir**, **Chesser**, **Chessor**, **Chesser**

- Current frequencies: GB 3259, Ireland 55
- GB frequency 1881: 2193
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs; Middx and Surrey; also Bucks and Beds
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

English: locative name from the county Cheshire.  
 Early bearers: Richard de Cestersir’, 1219 in Assize Rolls (York); Johannes de Schesterchire, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shrops); Agnes Chessyr, 1442 in York Guild Register; Nicholas Chesshyre, 1575 in Parish Registers (Suffolk).

**Cheshunt**

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: locative name from Cheshunt in Herts, recorded as *Cestrehunte* in Domesday Book.  
 Early bearers: Hamo de Cestrehunte, 1212 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); James Cheshunt, 1725 in *IGI* (Welwyn, Herts); Ann Cheshunt, 1737 in *IGI* (Snave, Kent); Edmund Cheshunt, 1779 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Will’M Cheshunt, 1780 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Mary Cheshunt, 1829 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

**Chesley**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs; Northumb
- English: see **Charsley**.

**Chesman**

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 109
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Cheeseman**.

**Chesney**

- Current frequencies: GB 787, Ireland 87
  - GB frequency 1881: 378
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in Scotland and England
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; also Down
- 1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac (an) tSanaigh**, see **McChesney**.  
 Early bearers: Agnes Chesney, 1744 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns); Thomas Chesney, 1748 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights).  
 2 Norman, English: see **Cheney**.

**Chesnut**

- GB frequency 1881: 44
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr; Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Chestnutt**.

**Chesnutt**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
- Scottish: see **Chestnutt**.

**Chess**

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- English: unexplained, possibly a variant of **Chase**.  
 Further information: The first bearer may really be an example of **Cheese**. *Chess* is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
 Early bearers: Johannes Ches, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stondon Massey, Essex); Mary Chess, 1721 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Eliza Chess, 1860 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

**Chessel**

- GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: IoW
- English: see **Chessell**.

**Chessell**

Variants: **Chessell**, **Chessel**, **Chessells**

- Current frequencies: GB 348, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 213
- Main GB location 1881: IoW; also Sussex

English: locative name from Chessell, Freshwater (Isle of Wight).  
 Early bearers: Richard de Chesthull’, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Willelmus Chesthull’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shanklin, IoW); Hugh Chessell, 1560 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Cares Chessel, 1676 in *IGI* (Trotton, Sussex); John Chesell, 1694 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Anne Chessel, 1704 in *IGI* (Whitwell, IoW).

**Chessells**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: variant of **Chessell**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Chesser**

- Current frequencies: GB 158, Ireland 18
  - GB frequency 1881: 110
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Aberdeens; Midlothian
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth
- English, Scottish: see **Cheshire**.

**Chessex**

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Cheswick**.

**Chessher**

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Cheshire**.

**Cheshire**

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 99
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; also Worcs
- English: see **Cheshire**.

**Chesshyre**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Cheshire**.

**Chessman**

- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 122
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Cheeseman**.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Cheeseman, 1564 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Isabella Chessman, 1580 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs).

**Chesson**

- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 187
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; Norfolk
- English: probably a variant of **Cheston**.

**Chessor**

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Cheshire**.

**Chessum**

- Current frequencies: GB 205, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: Beds
- English: see **Chesham**.

**Chest**

- GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey
- English: nickname, either a contentious person, from Old English *ceast* 'strife', or a maker of boxes etc., from Middle English *chest(e)*, *chist(e)*, *kist(e)* 'chest, box, trunk' (Old English *cest*, *cyst*).  
**Early bearers:** William Chest, 1185 in Templars Records (Kent); Alice Chest, 1341 in Feet of Fines (Yorks).

**Chester**

- Variants: **Chesters**
- Current frequencies: GB 4438, Ireland 103
  - GB frequency 1881: 3657
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Yorks; E Midlands: esp. Leics, Lincs, and Northants; also Middx and Surrey
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth and Meath

English: locative name usually from Chester in Cheshire, but occasionally from Little Chester in Derbys, Chester le Street in Durham, or Chesters in Northumb.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cestre, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); John, William de Chester, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); John Chestre, 1366–7 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Johannes de Schestere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Moreton Say, Shrops); Barbara Chesters, 1611 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**Chesterfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 233, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 275
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall; also Lincs and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Chesterfield in Derbys.  
**Early bearers:** Pagan de Cestrefeld, 1172 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys/Notts); Robert Chesterfeld, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register; Robert de Chesterfeld', 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; John Chesterfeilde, 1589 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Nicholas Chesterfield, 1759 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall).

**Chesterman**

- Current frequencies: GB 840, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 516
- Main GB location 1881: Berks, Wilts, Oxon, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name possibly denoting someone who lived by a Roman fort, Old English *ceaster*, or someone from any of the places mentioned at **Chester**.  
**Early bearers:** Anne Chesterman, 1548 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Christofer Chesterman, 1592 in *IGI* (Laycock, Wilts); John Chesterman, 1636 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thos Chesterman, 1786 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey).

**Chesters**

- Current frequencies: GB 1453, Ireland 23
- GB frequency 1881: 867
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, and Flints

English: see **Chester**.

**Chesterton**

- Current frequencies: GB 615, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 469
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: locative name from any of the places called Chesterton, in Warwicks, Staffs, Hunts, Cambs, Oxon, and Gloucs.

**Early bearers:** Bruning de Cestretona, 1086 in Ely Inquisition (Cambs); Robert de Chesterton', 1227 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Edward Chestreton, 1416–17 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks).

**Chestney**

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 154
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Cheney**.

**Chestnut**

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: Renfrews and Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry

Scottish: see **Chestnutt**.

**Chestnutt**

- Variants: **Chestnut**, **Chesnutt**, **Chesnut**
- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 195
  - GB frequency 1881: 0

Scottish, Irish: locative name, nickname from Middle English *chesteine* 'chestnut' + *nut*.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Chestnut, in Census 1841 (Inveresk, Midlothian); Duncan Chestnut, in Census 1841 (Urray); Rice Chestnut, born in Ireland, in Census 1841 (Paisley, Renfrews); John Chestnut, born in Ireland, in Census 1871 (Liverpool); William Chestnut, born in Ireland, in Census 1861 (Govan, Lanarks).

**Cheston**

- Variants: **Chesson**
- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 115
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Warwicks and Worcs

English: locative name from Chediston (Suffolk).

Further information: This appears more likely as a source than the scantily recorded Cheston in Ugborough (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Cheston, 1350 in Patent Rolls (Skipton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Cheston' of Fenne, 1364 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Robert Cheston, 1450 in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich) (Chediston); Myhell Cheston, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Anne Cheston, 1566 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Edward Chestin, 1591 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Cross, Suffolk); Robt. Cheston, 1616 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Hen. Chesten, 1646 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Chestin, 1815 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks).

**Cheswick**

- Variants: **Chiswick**, **Chessex**
- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Cheswick in Northumb, or either of two places called Chiswick, in Essex and Middx.

**Early bearers:** Henry Chesewic, 1170–87 in Ancient Deeds i (London); John de Cheswyk, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Essex); Thomas Cheswick, 1561 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Robert Cheswick, 1567 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Anne Cheswick, 1590 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Anthony Cheswick, 1630 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); William Cheswick, 1634 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

**Chesworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 1138, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 670
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Chisworth (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Chisseworth, 1253 in Assize of the [Peak] Forest; Ralf Chisworth, 1558 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Chessworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Chesworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Isabell Chesworth, 1583 in *IGI* (Goostrey, Cheshire); George Chesworth, 1599 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

References: *Assize of the [Peak] Forest*: see John Pym Yeatman, *The feudal history of the county of Derby*, vol. III (private, 1895).

**Cheswright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Cheeswright**.

**Chetham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Beds
- English: see **Cheetham**.

**Chetter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Cheater**.

**Chettle****Variants:** Chattell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Notts

English: relationship name from the Anglo-Scandinavian personal name \**Cytel*.

**Early bearers:** John Chetel', 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; William Chetill, 1464–5 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Henry Chettle, 1546 in Place-Names of Dorset 2, p. 74 (Dorset); Cutbertt Chettle, 1546 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); William Chettle, 1641 in Somerset Petition (Somerset).

**References:** OED, at *chetel*.

**Chettleburgh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Chittleburn in Brixton (Devon), recorded as *Chicheleburgh*, 1302 in Assize Rolls, or from Chittlebirch farm in Sedlescombe (Sussex), held by Wymark de Chitelbuch' in about 1250 and giving its name to John Chittleburrough (East Sussex Record Office).

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Chetebere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ickworth, Suffolk); Elizabeth Chettleborowe, 1566 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Cross, Suffolk); Jo. Chettleborow, 1567, Richard Chettleburgh, 1623 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Skinner Chettleborough, 1720 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Sarah Chittleborough, 1757 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margaret Chittelburgh, 1778 in *IGI* (Needham, Norfolk).

**References:** East Suffolk Place-Names, p. 133; Suffolk Place-Names, p. 38; Ekwall, DEPN, p. 98; Watts, Dictionary, p. 128.

**Chetty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil):** variant of the title *chettiar* used by a merchant caste in Tamil-speaking lands. The Chettiar claim a relationship with the Hindu god Murugan (Subramaniam).

**Chetwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs
- English: see **Chatwin**.

**Chetwind**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Chatwin**.

**Chetwode****Variants:** Chatwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Chetwood**.

**Chetwood****Variants:** Chetwode, Chitwood, Chatwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Chetwode in Bucks, or from Cheetwood in Cheetham, Manchester (Lancs). **Further information:** The place-name consists of the British Celtic place-name element \**cēto-* 'wood', with an explanatory Old English *wudu* 'wood'. It is not impossible that there were other unidentified places with such a name. The modern association with Shropshire suggests that it may sometimes be a local variant of **Chatwin**, from the Shropshire place-name *Chetwynud*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Chetewod', 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Warwicks); Ralph de Chetwode, 1262 in Feet of Fines (Kent); John de Chetwode, 1346–7 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Johne Chetwood, 1556 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Richard Chitwood, 1615 in *IGI* (Chetwode, Bucks); Bridget Chetwood, 1624 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Robert Chatwood, 1679 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Chetwyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: see **Chatwin**.

**Chetwynd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Staffs

English: see **Chatwin**.

**Cheuk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3).

**Cheung**

**Variants:** Cheong, Chiang, Chong, Chung, Chang, Cheang, Chan, Jiang, Zhang, Tsang, Jang, Jung, Kwong, Thong, Tong, Tiong, Tew, Teoh, Teo, Teow, Tiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5602, Ireland 272
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 張 (Zhang or Chang in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'to draw a bow' in ancient Chinese: (i) for some families, it is traced back to Xie Zhang (解張), whose style name was Zhang Hou (張侯) ('Marquis Zhang'), a noble in the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) this surname is also borne by descendants of Hui, grandson of the

legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). Hui was given the title Gong Zheng, denoting an official in charge of making bows (張 *Zhang* means 'to draw a bow' in ancient Chinese). (iii) from the name of Zhang Liao (張遼), an official in the state of Wei in northern China during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280). (iv) the surname is also traced back to Long Youna, chief of one of the minority ethnic groups (located mainly in present-day Sichuan, Guizhou, and Yunnan provinces) during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280), who was given the Chinese surname Zhang (張) by Zhuge Liang, the prime minister of the state of Shu.

**2 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 章 (Zhang or Chang in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'stamp, seal' in Chinese: from *Zhang* (鄒), the name of an ancient fiefdom (located in present-day Shandong province), which was annexed by the state of Qi in 664 BC. When the name of the fiefdom was adopted as a surname, the written form of the Chinese character 鄒 was simplified to 章.

**3 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 昌 (Chang in Mandarin pinyin), which means 'prosperity': it is said to be from the name of Chang Yi (昌意), son of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC).

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蔣, see **Jiang** (1).

**5 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 暢, see **Chang** (2).

**Cheval**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *cheval* 'horse', used with reference to some particular characteristic; to denote a horseman (see **Chevalier**) or someone who tended horses.

**Early bearers:** Roger Cheval, 1208 in Charter Rolls; Herbert le Cheval, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); William Cheval, 1241 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Abraham Cheval, 1683 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Wm. Cheval, 1764 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks); William Cheval, 1837 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs).

**Chevalier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179

• **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Middx

**Norman, French (Huguenot):** occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *chevalier*, *chivaler*, Old French *chevalier* 'horseman, mounted soldier'. It seems likely that the Norman name did not survive the medieval period but was reintroduced by Huguenot refugees.

**Further information:** Antoine-Rodolphe Chevalier, born at Monchamps in 1507 and Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge, returned to France but fled after the Massacre of Saint Bartholomew and died in Guernsey in 1572. His son, Samuel Chevalier, came to England from Geneva. In 1591 he was minister of a French church in London, and later of the Walloon church at Canterbury (Smiles, pp. 376–7).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert le Chevalier, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls; Nicholas Chivaler, 1221 in (Suffolk); William Cheualer, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Chevalier of Chilham, 1425, William

Chiualer, 1441 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Jean Chevalier, 1605 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Elizabeth Chevalier, 1688 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); John Chevalier, 1737 in *IGI* (Aspall, Suffolk); Paul Chevalier, 1777 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).  
 Huguenot: Judith Chevalier, 1604, Jean Chevalier, 1605, Pierre le Cheuallier, 1609 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton); Ester Chevalier, 1635 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jacques Cheuallier, 1684, Philippe Cheuallier, 1688, Jeanne Chevalier, 1744, 1756, in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Magdelaine Chevalier, 1737 in *IGI* (Church of the Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Chevens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- English: see **Chevins**.

### Cheverall

Variants: **Chiverrell, Chiverall, Chivrrall, Cheverell, Cheverill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Herts

1 **English:** locative name from Great or Little Cheverell in Wilts.

**Early bearers:** William Cheuerel(l), 1195–6 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Simon de Chiverell', 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); John Chiverel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Francis Cheverall, 1740, John Chiverall, 1793 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts); Isaacc Cheverell, 1779 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts); James Cheverill, 1811 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts).

2 **English:** nickname, occupational name from Middle English *chevrelle*, Old French *chevrele*, *chevrelle* 'kid' (before 1400, OED), but in Middle English always used in the sense of *cheverel leather* 'kid leather'. The name may have been given to someone who wore kid leather or who sold articles made from it, as in the case of the Londoner below, whose different name forms prove that *Cheverel* was sometimes a reduced form of *Chevereller* 'a maker or seller of kid-leather goods'. Compare Ralph le Cheverelmongere, 1310 in London Letter Books B. **Early bearers:** Tristram le Cheverer, 1278, Tristram le Cheverell, 1289 in London Letter Books A, Tristram le Cheverel(l)er, 1291–2 in London Letter Books C; Ayles Cheverell, 1565 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Thomas Cheverell, 1614 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Honor Cheverill, 1618 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk); Anne Cheverill, 1726 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Cheverell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Cheverall**.

### Cheverill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Cheverall**.

### Chevers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- English: see **Chivers**.

### Cheverton

Variants: **Chiverton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Chiverton**.

### Cheves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

**Scottish:** of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of the English surname **Chevins**. Compare **Chevis**.

### Chevin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys and Staffs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cheven*, *chevin* 'chub' (Old French *chevesne*, *chevene*).

Compare **Chubb**.

**Further information:** 'The cheuyn is a stately fysshe' (1496, OED); 'Chevins and Millers thumbs are a kind of jolt-headed Gudgeons' (1655, OED).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Chyuiu, 1295 in Barnwell Memorandum Book (Cambs); Simon Cheuyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Margret Chevin, 1567 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs); John Cheven, 1596 in *IGI* (Firsby, Lincs); Elizabeth Chevin, 1631 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Robert Chevin, 1683 in *IGI* (Ockbrook, Derbys).

### Chevins

Variants: **Chevens, Cheffins, Cheffings, Chevis, Cheves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cheven*, *chevin* 'chub' (Old French *chevesne*, *chevene*), with post-medieval excrescent *-s* in all the surviving variants of the surname. Compare **Chubb**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Chyuiu, 1295 in Barnwell Memorandum Book (Cambs); Simon Cheuyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Elizabetha Chevins, 1674 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Joshua Cheffins, 1737, Eleanor Cheffings, 1749 in *IGI* (Belleau and Aby, Lincs); Martha Chevis, 1745 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Phyllis Chevins, 1779 in *IGI* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); James Chevis, 1818 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

### Chevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Chevins** with loss of *-n*.

### Chew

Variants: **Chue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2033, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1490
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; Gloucs; also Beds

1 **English:** locative name from Chew (Lancs). McKinley records that a family by the name of del Cho(o) held land called *le Cho* in Billington, near Blackburn.

**Further information:** The etymology of Middle English *cho* is uncertain, but it may be Old English \**cēo* 'gill', denoting a ravine.

**Early bearers:** Matill' del Choo, 1379 in Poll Tax (Billington, Lancs); Ricardo del Choo, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); Roger Chewe, 1547 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Chew, 1561 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Jenet Chue, 1619 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Choo, 1750 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 217; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Vocabulary of English Place-Names.

2 **English:** locative name from Chew Magna or Chew Stoke in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Randal de Chiw, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Willelmo Chew, 1379 in Poll Tax (Martin, Wilts); Mickal Chue, 1709 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Charles Chew, 1733 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs).

3 **English:** nickname from Old English *cīo*, *cēo*, denoting any of the smaller, chattering species of crow, especially the red-billed chough. Compare **Chow**. The name in Beds may, however, belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Chiue, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Elizabeth Chew, 1641 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

4 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 周, based on the Teochew pronunciation. See **Zhou** (1).

5 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒, see **Chau** (1).

6 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 秋, based on the Teochew pronunciation. See **Chiu** (4).

7 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surnames 趙 and 招, apparently based on the Cantonese pronunciation. See **Zhao** (1) and (2).

8 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

9 **Korean:** see **Chu**.

### Chewter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Chuter**.

### Cheyne

Variants: **Chene**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1450, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 983
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: Aberdeens; Midlothian; also Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Down; Fermanagh

**Norman, English, Scottish:** reduced form of **Cheney**. Shetland Surnames notes that 'Mr Jerome Cheyne was archdeacon of Shetland in 1563', and that the name there is pronounced *Sheen*.

**Early bearers:** England: Henrie Cheyne, 1562 in *IGI* (Chesham Bois, Bucks); Robt. Chene, 1581 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk); Elyzabeth Cheyne, 1572 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Margrett Cheyne, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); William Chene, 1668 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics).

Scotland: Bisse Cheyne, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Marioun Cheyne, 1598, Jean Chene, 1724

in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Grizell Cheyne, 1723 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland); Margt. Chene, 1783 in *IGI* (Bourtie, Aberdeens).

### Cheyney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey; also Berks

**Norman, English:** see **Cheney**.

### Chhatralia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** unexplained.

### Chhaya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** unexplained.

### Chhokar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** Sikh name, of unexplained origin.

### Chi

**Variants:** Chee, Dee, Jee, See, Gee, Zhi, Kee, Kay, Chak, Chik, Kit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 池, meaning 'moat' in ancient Chinese: (i) acquired as a surname by people who lived beside a moat. (ii) from *Chi* (池), said to be the name of an ancient state (unknown location and period). (iii) from the personal name Chi (池), the given name of a son of an official in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 遲, meaning 'late' in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Chi Ren (遲任), a person who lived at some time during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Yu-Chi (尉遲), originally the name of a tribe from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China. (iii) from the second element of the personal name Zi Chi (子遲), the style name of Fan Xu, a student of Confucius.

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 季 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kwai or Kuai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'youngest brother' in ancient Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Ji Lian (季連), the youngest son of Lu Zhong, grandson of the legendary king Zhuang Xu (traditional dates: 2514–2437 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Ji You (季友), the youngest son of the king Lu Huan Gong (died 694 BC) in the state of Lu.

**4 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 吉 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kut or Kat in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'lucky' in Chinese: (i) simplified form of the Chinese surname Ji (姁), originally the surname conferred on Bo Shu, who was said to be a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC) and granted with the fief Southern Yan (located in Henan province). (ii) from part of the

personal name of Yin Ji Fu (尹吉甫), an official during the reign of the king Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC).

**5 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 計 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'calculate' in Chinese: (i) possibly from *Ji* (計), the name of an ancient state (located in Shandong province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) possibly from the place-name *Ji* Jin (計斤), the original capital (located in Shandong province) of the state of Ju during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

**6 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 薊 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kai in Cantonese romanization), denoting a kind of thistle in Chinese: from the place-name *Ji* (薊) (located in present-day Beijing).

**7 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 稽 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Ji* (稽), the name of a hill (located in Anhui province), where people with other surnames Kuai-Ji (會稽) or Xi (奚) migrated and adopted the name of the hill as the surname. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Tong Ji (統稽) and the He Xi (紇奚) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**8 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 冀 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'hope' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Ji* (冀), the name of an ancient state (located in Shanxi province). After it was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the place-name *Ji* (冀), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Xi Rui, an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**9 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 姬 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese romanization), a complimentary term for 'women' in ancient Chinese: said to be the original surname of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC), perhaps from the name of a river called *Ji* Shui (姬水). This was also the surname of the royal family of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) and the Eastern Zhou dynasty (770–256 BC).

**10 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 暨 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'and' or 'as well as' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Ji* (暨), name of a fief (thought to have been located in Jiangsu province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname *Gai* (概) in order to escape from feud and persecution.

**11 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 紀 (Ji in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'record' or 'era' in Chinese: (i) from *Ji* (紀), the name of an ancient state (located in Shouguang in Shandong province) granted to descendants of the legendary Yan Di, the Yan Emperor. After the state was annexed by the state of Qi in 550 BC, the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, *Shu* (舒), during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907).

**12 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 祁 (Qi in Mandarin pinyin, Kei in Cantonese

romanization): (i) said to be borne by descendants of one of the sons of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC).

(ii) from the place-name *Qi* (祈), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Xi, an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the first element of *Qi* Fu (祈父), the name of an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC); also the name of an official post in charge of weapons during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

**13 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 戚 (Qi in Mandarin pinyin, Chik in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'grief', also denoting a type of weapon, in ancient Chinese: from *Qi* (戚), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to Sun Lin Fu, an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**14 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 漆 (Qi in Mandarin pinyin, Chat in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'paint' in Chinese: (i) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname *Qi-Diao* (漆雕), said to be descendants of *Qi-Diao* Kai (漆雕開), a pupil of Confucius. (ii) said to be from the Sou Man ethnic group (found mostly in present-day Shandong province). (iii) from the place-name *Qi* (漆), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) possibly from *Qi* (漆), the name of a river in Shaanxi province.

**15 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 卮 (Qi in Mandarin pinyin): shortened form of the Chinese compound surname *Qi-Guan* (卮官), the name of an official post in charge of the marriage of women in ancient China.

**16 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 支 (Zhi in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'pop up' or 'branch' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of *Zhi* Fu (支父), an official during the reign of the legendary kings Yao (2367–2258 BC) and Shun (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of the royal family of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) and the Eastern Zhou dynasty (770–256 BC). (iii) adopted as a surname by immigrants from the ancient state *Yue* Zhi, located in present-day Central Asia.

**17 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 智, meaning 'intelligence' in Chinese: from the place-name *Zhi* (智, also written as 知), the name of a fief granted to Xun Shou, an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**18 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 植 (Zhi in Mandarin pinyin, Chik in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'plant' in Chinese: (i) borne by members of the royal family of the state of *Yue* during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) borne by immigrants from ancient India.

**19 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 齊, see **Chai** (2).

**20 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 奚, see **Hai** (1).

**21 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 席, see **Chik** (1).

**22 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 習, see **Chap**.

**23 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郤, see **Kok** (1).



**24 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 錢, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Chin** (8).

**25 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 徐, based on its Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Xu** (1).

**26 Korean:** (지; Chinese character: 池, meaning 'moat'). Borne by descendants of Chi Kyōng (池鏡), who immigrated from China to Korea in AD 960 and settled in the Ch'ungju area.

**27 Korean:** (지; Chinese character: 智, meaning 'wisdom'). borne by descendants of Chi Ch'ae-mun (智 蔡文), a renowned 11th-century Koryō general. The family seat of this clan is located in Pongju, Hwanghaedo province.

## Chia

**Variants:** **Che, Jia, Kar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 賈 (**Jia** in Mandarin pinyin, **Ka** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'price' or 'merchants' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Jia* (賈), the name of a state (located in Linpan in Shanxi province) granted by the king Zhou Kang Wang, to Gong Ming, a grandson of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Jin, the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the place-name *Jia* (賈), the name of a fief (located in Linpan in Shanxi province), granted to She, also called Jia Ji (賈季) or Jia Tuo (賈佗), son of a noble called Hu Yan in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郊 (**Jia** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) from the place-name *Jia* (郊) (located in W Luoyang in Henan province), the capital of the state during the reign of the king Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Jia* (郊), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to an official in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3 Chinese:** Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 車 (**Che** in Mandarin pinyin and in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'carriage' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Che Qu (車區), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) shortened form of the surname Zi Che (子車), a surname of noblemen in the state of Qin. (iii) from Che Cheng Xiang (車丞相), literally 'Carriage Prime Minister', the title of Tian Qianqiu, a prime minister during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). He earned the title because when he was old and decrepit, the emperor Han Zhao Di (94–74 BC) took pity on him and allowed him to move into and out of the palace by carriage instead of on foot. (iv) adopted as a surname by the Che Kun (車棍) and Che Fei (車非) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**Further information:** The dialects in which this pronunciation are found are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

**4 Chinese:** Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

**Further information:** The dialects in which this pronunciation is found are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to areas of SE Asia such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia.

**5 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 翟, see **Chai** (3).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

## Chiang

**Variants:** **Keung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 強 (**Qiang** in Mainland China pinyin, **Keung** in Cantonese romanization), a word meaning 'powerful, strong': (i) from Qiang Chu (強組), the name of an official in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited 強, part of his name, as their surname. (ii) in some families, this surname is traced back to the ancient ethnic group Di, located in NW China.

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 蔣 and 姜, see **Jiang** (1) and (2).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 江, see **Kong** (1).

**4 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

**5 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 詹, see **Chan** (2).

**7 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

## Chibnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**English:** locative name from Chippenhall (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Chebenhale* in the 12th century. **Early bearers:** Alexander de Chebenhale, 1315 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Thomas Chibbenhall, 1559 in Patent Rolls; Joane Chibnolle, 1576 in Parish Registers (Lewisham, Kent); Edward Chibnall, 1653 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

## Chichester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Surrey

**English:** locative name from Chichester in Sussex. **Early bearers:** James de Cicestrie, 1225 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex); Walter de Chichestre, 1301 in Coroners' Rolls (London); William Chichestre, 1382 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thomas Chichester, 1556 in *IGI* (Frithestock, Devon); Henry Chichester, 1573 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon); Ruth Chichester, 1600 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); John Chichester, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Christopher Chichester, 1639 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Chick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2152, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1639

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, Dorset, and IoW; also London

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *chike* 'chicken' (about 1320, OED), used as a term of endearment.

**Further information:** *Chike* occasionally becomes *Cheke*, which would become **Cheek**: William Chike, Cheke, 1278 in Kent Place-Names, p. 269. Cheek's Farm in Bentley (Hants), *Cheakes*, about 1550 in Court of Requests, owes its name to William Chike (1333, in Subsidy Rolls).

**Early bearers:** Richard Chike, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Richard le Chike, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Chick, 1594 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Henrie Chick, 1609 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Williamus Chick, 1623 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Jonas Chick, 1625 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Elizabeth Chick, 1626 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**2 Chinese:** see **Chik**.

## Chicken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Cumb

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chiken*, *chico(un)n* 'chicken, chick' (Old English *cicen*).

**Further information:** Compare Alexander Chikehed, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks), John Chykenmouth, 1327 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Amindus, Roger Chiken, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Roger Chiken, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); Johannes Schikyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Chikken, 1541 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Thomas Chicken, 1543 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Chicken, 1566 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Anne Chicken, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Isabell Chicken, 1572 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Chiddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Norfolk
- English:** see **Chidwick**.

## Chide

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** nickname from Middle English *chide* 'chiding, quarrelling, wrangling, a quarrel' (Old English *ge-cīd*).
- Early bearers:** William Chide, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Marg Schide, 1379 in Poll Tax (Honing, Norfolk); Norman Chyde, 1459 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Elizabeth Chide, 1550 in *IGI* (London).

## Chidgey

- Variants:** **Chedghey, Chidsey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** variant of **Chedzoy**.

## Chidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408

## Chidlow

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

**English:** (i) locative name from Chudleigh (Devon), which has the variant *Chideleghe* throughout the Middle Ages. (ii) locative name in Shrops, the name may alternatively be from Chidlow (Cheshire); note Roger Chidlowe, 1640 in PROB 11 (Steele, Shrops). **Early bearers:** Rogero Chiddele, 1377 in Poll Tax (Saint Peter in the East, Oxon); Andrew Chydlye, 1543 in *IGI* (Tichfield, Hants); Humphrey Chidley, 1560 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); James Chidlye, 1564 in *IGI* (Tichfield, Hants); Philyp Chidlye, 1566 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); Edward Chydleygh, 1579 in *IGI* (Devon); Nycholas Chidley, 1590 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Martha Chidleigh, 1746 in *IGI* (Weston and Wixhill, Shrops).

## Chidlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; also Montgomerys

**English:** locative name from Chidlow in Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Jone Chidlow, 1562 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); William Chidlow, 1573 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); John Chidloe, 1580 in *IGI* (Shawburys, Shrops); William Chidlow, 1588 in *IGI* (Wroxall, Warwicks); Alyce Chidloe, 1590 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Edward Chidlowe, 1597 in *IGI* (London).

## Chidsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 **English:** see **Chidgey**.
  - 2 **English:** see **Chedzoy**.

## Chidwick

**Variants:** Chiddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name, a rationalization of the place-name *Chideock* (Dorset), now pronounced /tʃɪdɪk/. Johannes Chidiok, 1377 in Poll Tax (Leaden Roding, Essex) shows that people of this name moved east in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus Chidyok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Povington, Dorset); Nycholaus Chiddocke, 1553 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); John Chidwicke, 1560 in *IGI* (Newington, Kent); Peter Chidwicke, 1571 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Rychard Chidwyck, 1576, Sara Chidwicke, 1583 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); Joyce Chidwick, 1593 in *IGI* (London); Phillis Chidwick, 1616, Thomas Chidwick, 1619, Nicholas Chidwick, 1624 in *IGI* (Lympe, Kent); Masters Chidocke, 1637 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Chiddick, 1639 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Robert Chiddocke, 1670 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Susanna Chiddock, 1670 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent).

## Chien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 錢 and 千, see **Chin** (8) and (9).

2 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 簡, see **Kan** (3).

## Chiese

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Cheese**.

## Chiesman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- English:** see **Cheeseman**.

## Chiew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).
  - 2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 趙 and 招, see **Zhao** (1) and (2).
  - 3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).
  - 4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 朱, see **Chu** (1).

## Chignall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English:** see **Chignell**.

## Chignell

**Variants:** Chignall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Hants
- English:** locative name from Chignall in Essex.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Chighenale, 1311 in London Letter Books D; Robert Chicknell, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

## Chik

**Variants:** Chick, Chi, Shi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 席 (Xi or Hsi in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘mat’ in Chinese: (i) said to be from the name of a person who lived during the reign of the legendary king Yao or Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC). (ii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Ji (籍) because it happened to coincide with the given name of Xiang Yu (232–202 BC), also known as ‘Hegemon King of Western Chu’. It was taboo in ancient China to bear a surname that coincided with the name of a member of a royal family.
  - 2 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 戚 and 植, see **Chi** (13) and (18).

## Chilcot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English:** see **Chilcott**.

## Chilcote

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English:** see **Chilcott**.

## Chilcott

- Variants:** Chillcott, Chilleot, Chileot, Chilcote
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1700, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 890
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Dorset

**English:** locative name from Chilcott in Somerset or either of two places called Chilcote, in Northants and Leics.

**Early bearers:** Baldwin de Chillecota, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); John Chilcott, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Robert Chilcot, Chilcott, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Child

**Variants:** Childe, Cheeld, Chill, Chilles, Chiles, Childs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3611, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5062
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey

1 **English:** status name, nickname from Middle English *child*, *cild*, *chil* ‘child’. In the earliest examples it probably denotes someone comparable in status to the dregs of the northern Danelaw, the sergeants of Norman times. Ekwall has shown that Robert Child (1202 Ekwall, ELPN) may have been called by the pet name of *Child* because he was the youngest child or a minor at the time of his parents’ death, as suggested by *puer* and *Infans* below. In the 13th and 14th centuries *child* appears to have been applied to a young noble awaiting knighthood (MED), as well as denoting a page, attendant, or apprentice (1382, in MED). It could also mean a childish or immature person (about 1200, in MED). Compare *Littlechild*.

**Early bearers:** Ægelmerus Cyld, Æluricus Cyld, quod intelligitur puer, about 975 in Book of Ely (Herts); Aluric Cild, Cilt, 1086 in Domesday Book (Essex, Cambs); Rodbertus Puer, 1086 in Domesday Book (Dorset); Gode Cild, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Luinus child, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Willelmus Infans, 1159 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Roger le Child, 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); Corley Child, 1543 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Ann Child, 1547 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Edmundus Child, 1549 in *IGI* (Savern Stoke, Worcs); William Child, 1551 in *IGI* (Wimbleton, Surrey); Richard Child, 1554 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds).

2 **English:** locative name in Kent; an alternative origin is from Middle English *\*cheld*, *\*child* ‘spring’ (Old English *celde*).

**Early bearers:** Peter de la Child, 1262 in Archaeologia Cantiana iii (Kent); Richard Attechilde, 1267 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Joh’nes de Chelde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Herne, Kent); Will’m’s ate Chelde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hothfield, Kent); Walter atte Chelde, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Blackburn hundred, Kent).

**References:** Vocabulary of English Place-Names, at *celde*.

## Childe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also WR Yorks; Herefs
- English:** see **Child**.

## Childerhouse

**Variants:** Childers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** locative name from an unrecorded Old English \**cildra-hūs* ‘children’s house, orphanage’. Compare *childermas* and **Children**.

**Early bearers:** Hemericus de Childerhus, 1230 in Close Rolls (Norfolk); William atte Childerhus, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Philip del Childirhus, 1295 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); John Chyldirhus, 1415, John Childurous, 1450 in Ancient Deeds iv, v (Suffolk); Thomas Childers, 1675 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue.

### Childerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

**English:** locative name from Childerley in Cambs. **Early bearers:** Tameson Childerley, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Richard Childerley, 1566 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Richard Childerley, 1608 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs).

**References:** Place-Names of Cambs.

### Childers

**Variants:** Childress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks
- English:** contracted form of **Childerhouse**.

### Children

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

**English:** locative name identical in formation and meaning with **Childerhouse**, from the Middle English descendant of an unrecorded Old English \**cildra-ærn* ‘children’s house, orphanage’. **Early bearers:** John atte Children, 1267 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Daniel Chyltren, de Chiltren, 1298, 1300 in London Court Rolls; Peter ate Children, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Thomas Children, 1477 in Rochester Wills; Robert Achildren, 1560 in Rochester Wills.

### Childress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** metathesized variant of **Childers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Childs

**Variants:** Chiles, Chilles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8192, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5356
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. SE England; Middx, Surrey, Essex, Herts; Hants and Dorset

**English:** variant of **Child** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Edmunde Childes, 1568 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Johannis Childes, 1576 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); William Childs, 1587 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Christian Childs, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent).

### Chiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** see **Childs**.

### Chill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

**English:** (i) reduced form of **Child**. (ii) variant of **Chell**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Chill, 1755 in *IGI* (Draycott in the Moors, Staffs).

### Chillcot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**English:** see **Chilcott**.

### Chillcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs; also Glamorgan

**English:** see **Chilcott**.

### Chilles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Fife

**Scottish:** see **Childs**.

### Chillingsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Staffs

**English:** see **Chillingworth**.

### Chillingworth

**Variants:** Chillingsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** locative name possibly from Chillingwood in Ashley (IoW), an ancient estate recorded from Anglo-Saxon times. If so, the final element has been remodelled on the pattern of names in *-worth*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Chillingwood, 1270–1 in IoW Record Office (Chillingwood in Ashley, IoW); Henry de Chillingwoode, about 1340 in IoW Record Office (Hardingshute in Brading, IoW); Wm Chillingwourthe, 1575 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); George Chellingworthe, 1580 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); Alice Chellingworth, 1615 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Marie Chillingeworthe, 1624 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Joseph Chillingeworth, 1639, in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Richard Chillingsworth, 1701 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Chillman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

**English:** see **Chilman**.

### Chilman

**Variants:** Chillman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Middx

**English:** (i) occupational name, status name; possibly from *childesman*, denoting the servant or attendant of a young noble. *Childman* may have the same meaning. (ii) relationship name; alternatively, perhaps, from an unrecorded Middle English personal name Childman (Old English \**Cildmann*), one of the late Old English personal names compounded with *-mann*. Nicholas Childman was the son of Childman, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs). **Early bearers:** given names: Chilman Alwyn, 1312 in Patent Rolls (Baldock, Herts); Chilmannus Lenner, Chilleman Dilly, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs). surnames: Nicholas Childman, 1239 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); William Childeman, 1253 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Nicholas Chyldeman, 1260 in Patent Rolls (Nuneham Courtenay, Oxon); William le Childesman, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Walter Chileman, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls; William Chilman of Stratton, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Wilyam Chilman, 1558 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Richard Chilman, 1588 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Surrey); Robert Chilman, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Joane Chilman, 1639 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Mary Chilman, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**2 English:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *Ceolmund* (based on words meaning ‘ship’ + ‘guardian’), which was common in the 8th and 9th centuries and recorded once later, about 1050 in Herts. It must have continued in use after the Conquest, at least in Somerset. For *-man* from *-mund*, compare **Osman**.

**Early bearers:** William, Henry Chilemound(e), 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Chylemonde in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Agnes Chilmon, 1580 in Bardsley.

### Chiltern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

**English:** locative name from the Chiltern Hills in Bucks and Oxon.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cilterne, 1296 in Manorial Select Pleas (Middx); John Chilterne, 1360, in Richard Chylterne, 1397 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Agnes Chiltern, 1540 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); Edward Chiltern, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Jane Chiltern, 1783 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Rowland Chiltern, 1787 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Eleanor Chiltern, 1792 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Chilton

**Variants:** Chelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3487, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Worcs; Bucks and Middx; Durham;

**English:** locative name from any of the many places called Chilton, for example in Bucks, Oxon, and Durham.

**Further information:** Editha de Childton’, de Childhamton’, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Wilts) came from Chilhampton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William de Chilton, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); Ales Chilton, 1543 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); John Chilton, 1561 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johannes Chilton, 1566 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); George Chilton, 1575 in *IGI* (Aycliffe,

## Chilver

Durham); Margret Chilton, 1583 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Chilver

Variants: **Chilvers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Chilvers**.

### Chilvers

Variants: **Chilver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2041, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Chelferth* (Old English *Cēolfrið*, *Cēolfreð*). The most frequent modern variant has post-medieval excrescent final *-s*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the suggestion of Wilson (in Reaney and Wilson) that it is a locative name from *Chilvers Coton* in Warwicks, which is recorded as *Chelverdescote* in 1185, *Chelvers coton* in 1468, although this place-name does contain the Old English personal name *Cēolfrið*, *Cēolfreð*. **Early bearers:** Margret Chilver, 1555, Robt. Chilver, 1561 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Robert Chilver, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); An Shilvers, 1699 in *IGI* (Reedham, Norfolk); William Shilver, 1726 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Daniel Chelvers, 1814 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks).

### Chim

Variants: **Chimes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**1 English:** the *IGI* and the 1881 Census contain a few records of this surname that seem to provide evidence of it as a native English name. These may be variants of some other name, or they may be transcription errors.

**Early bearers:** John Chim, 1673 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Agnes Chim, 1659 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Richard Chim in Census 1881 (Westonzoyland, Somerset).

**2 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 詹, 占, and 粘, see **Chan** (2), (3), and (7).

### Chima

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Nigerian (Igbo):** from the personal name *Chima* (apparently from Igbo *chi ma* 'God knows', or an abbreviation of a longer expression containing these words).

**References:** <http://www.kwenu.com/afamefune/afamefune.htm>.

### Chimes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: unexplained; possibly a form of the name seen in Abraham Chime, 1593 in *IGI* (Blore, Staffs), with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** James Chymes, 1576 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Henry Chime, 1619 in *IGI* (Rowington,

Warwicks); John Chimes, 1734 in *IGI* (Stoke Lyne, Oxon); Elzth Chiems, 1778 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Chin

Variants: **Chun, Ching, King, Chien, Jin, Jim, Kim, Kun, Kan, Kam, Kum, Tien, Qin, Chee, Chi, Zee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**1 English:** see **Chinn**.

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 金 (**Jin** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'gold' in Chinese: (i) from Jin Tian (金天), title of the legendary king Shao Hao (2598–2525 BC), the son of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). Some of his descendants inherited 金, part of his title, as their surname. (ii) from Jin Midi (金日磾) (134–86 BC), a prince of the Hun clan Xiu Tu of N China, who was captured as a child and brought up at the Han imperial court. He became an official highly regarded by the emperor Han Wu Di (156–87 BC) and was appointed master of the imperial stables. He made golden statues of horses to worship Heaven and because of this was given the surname Chin, 金 (meaning 'gold') by the emperor. (iii) for some families, the surname is traced back to the Liu (劉, see **Lau**) family living in the state of Wu Yue (AD 907–978, located in present-day Zhejiang, Jiangsu, and Fujian provinces), who changed their original surname 劉 to 金, because the former was pronounced the same as the given name of the emperor Qian Liu (AD 852–932), and it was taboo in ancient China to bear a name that was borne by the emperor. (iv) for some families, the surname is traced back to the minority ethnic groups of Qiangzu and Xinluo in N China during the Southern and Northern dynasties (AD 420–589).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 靳 (**Jin** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kan** or **Kun** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'stingy' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Jin* (靳), the name of a fief (located in Ningxiang in Hunan province) granted to Jin Shang (靳尚) (died 311 BC), a noble official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) for some families, the surname can be traced back to the Huns in N China, recorded in ancient Chinese history books.

**4 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 晉 (**Jin** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chun** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'enter' or 'promote' in ancient Chinese: from *Jin* (晉), the name of a state (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) originally granted to Tang Shu Yu, the third son of Zhou Wu Wang (about 1087–1043 BC). In 403 BC, the state was partitioned into three new states by Wei Wen Hou (died 396 BC), Han Jing Hou (died 400 BC), and Zhao Lie Hou (died 400 BC). Descendants of Jin Jing Gong (died about 349 BC), the last king of the state of Jin, inherited 晉, the name of the original state, as their surname.

**5 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 秦 (**Qin** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chun** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Qin* (秦), the name of a state (located in present-day Gansu province) originally granted to Fei Zi by Zhou Xiao Wang (died 886 BC). The state of Qin eventually unified all of China under one rule for the first time in history. In 221 BC, Ying Zheng (259–210 BC), known as 'Qin Shi Huang'

or 'Emperor Qin', established the *Qin* dynasty, and became the first Emperor. During his reign, he built the Great Wall, and regularized the writing of Chinese characters and units of measures. After the Qin dynasty was overthrown in 206 BC, people kept 秦, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Qin* (秦), the name of a fief (located in Fanxian in Henan province) granted to nobles of the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province), who were descendants of Bo Qin, the grandson of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC).

**6 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 琴 (**Qin** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kam** in Cantonese romanization), denoting a type of ancient Chinese musical instrument: (i) from the first element of Qin Lao (琴牢), given name of an official who lived in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC) and was reputed as a student of Confucius. (ii) possibly borne by descendants of the ancient musicians who played musical instruments for public entertainment.

**7 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 覃: a surname that originated among minority ethnic groups in ancient southern China.

**Further information:** The character 覃 also has another Mandarin pronunciation, **Tan**, which has a different origin; see **Tan** (3).

**8 Chinese:** Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 錢 (**Qian** or **Chien** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'money' in Chinese: from *Qian* (錢), the name of a post held by officials in charge of the national treasury during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

**9 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 千 (**Qian** or **Chien** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'thousand' in Chinese: borne by descendants of Yang Qian Li (楊千里), also known as King of Bai Qing, during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280), who changed his original surname Yang (楊) to Qian (千).

**10 Chinese:** Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).

**11 Chinese:** Hakka romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

**Further information:** Hakka Chinese is spoken in South China and other parts of Southeast Asia.

**12 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 展 and 戰, see **Chan** (5) and (6).

**13 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 程 and 鄭, see **Cheng** (2) and (3).

**14 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**15 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

### China

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Notts

English: probably a variant of **Chiney**, which is now practically extinct, through association with the country-name and encouraged by hypercorrection of the 18th–19th-century non-standard tendency to pronounce final /ə/ as /i/, as with Dickens' character Sairey Gamp.

**Early bearers:** England: Eliza China, 1721 in *IGI* (London); Thomas China, 1808 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); John China, 1800 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey). Scotland: George China, 1766 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

**Chinchen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** unexplained. It seems to include Middle English *chinche* ‘miserly’, but the structure of the whole name is elusive.

**Further information:** Thomas *de* Chinch’, circa 1240 in Shakespeare Centre (Tanworth in Arden, Warwick), may be an error for *Clinch*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Chynth’ (for Chynch’), 1379 in Poll Tax (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Edith Chinchine, 1588, William Chinchen, 1624, Cornelius Chinchin, 1650 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); John Chinchen, 1660 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); William Chinchen, 1681 in *IGI* (Langton Matravers, Dorset); Thomas Chinchan, 1837 in *IGI* (Arne, Dorset).

**Chine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** locative name from Middle English *chyne* ‘fissure, cleft, chasm’; in Hants the term specifically denotes a ‘deep and narrow ravine cut in soft rock strata by a stream descending steeply to the sea’ (OED).

**Early bearers:** Richard Chyne, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Henry de Chine, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cams); Ryner Attechine, 1298 in London Letter Books B; Ric Chine, 1602 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Isabell Chine, 1649 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Chine, 1660 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Robt. Chine, 1736 in *IGI* (Hassingham, Norfolk); John Chine, 1837 in *IGI* (Wetwang with Fimber, ER Yorks).

**Chinery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 623
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- Norman, **English:** see **Chenery**.

**Ching**

**Variants:** **King**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 476
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- 1 **Cornish:** dialect form of **Chinn**.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Chinge, 1582 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Rog Ching, 1608 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); John Ching, 1615 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

**References:** English Dialect Dictionary, at *Ching*.

2 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 荆 (**Jing** in Mandarin pinyin, **King** in Cantonese romanization), a word meaning ‘brambles’: from *Jing* (荆), the original name of the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 景 (**Jing** in Mandarin pinyin, **King** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘scenery’ or ‘revere’ in Chinese: (i) in some families, the surname is borne by descendants of nobles in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from *Jing* (景), posthumous title of Qi Jing Gong (died 490 BC), king of the state of Qi (located mainly in Shandong province) during the Spring and

Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from *Jing Qing* (景清), an official in the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644), who changed his original surname 耿 (Geng) to 景.

4 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 敬 (**Jing** in Mandarin pinyin, **King** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘respect’ in Chinese: (i) from *Jing* (敬), the posthumous title of a son of king Chen Li Gong (died 700 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of *Jing Kang* (敬康), grandson of the legendary emperor Huang Di, or ‘the Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Gou Hua Nan, an official during the Qing dynasty (AD 1636–1911), who was granted the surname *Jing* (敬).

5 **Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 靖 (**Jing** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘peaceful’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Jing Guo* (靖郭), the conferred title of Tian Ying, known as *Jing Guo Jun* (靖郭君), son of king Qi Wei Wang (died 320 BC) in the state of Qi. (ii) from *Jing* (靖), the posthumous title of king Shan Jing Gong (单靖公) in the state of Shan during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

6 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 程 and 鄭, see **Cheng** (2) and (3).

7 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 井, also a variant Mandarin form. See **Cheng** (4).

8 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 金, 靳, 晉, 秦, and 琴, see **Chin** (2–6).

9 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

10 **Chinese:** Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

11 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 沈, see **Sam** (1).

12 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

**Chinn**

**Variants:** **Chin**, **Ching**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1216, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1012
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; Cornwall
- 1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *chin(ne)* (Old English *-in*) ‘chin’, applied to someone with a prominent, long, weak, or otherwise distinctive chin. **Early bearers:** Stephen Chinne, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John Chynne, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Samuel Chin, 1602 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Ellis Chin, 1630 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Chin, 1646 in *IGI* (Rowington, Warwick); Maria Chinn, 1648 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Chinn, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).
- 2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

**Chinneck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon
- English:** see **Chinnock**.

**Chinnery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman, **English:** see **Chenery**.

**Chinnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Hants
- English:** see **Chinnock**.

**Chinnock**

**Variants:** **Chinneck**, **Chinnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Dorset and Gloucs

**English:** locative name from Chinnock in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** William de Cynnoc, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Roger de Chinnock, 1275 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Adam Chynnok, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Peter Chinnike, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Chipchase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also York

**English:** locative name from Chipchase in Northumb.

**Early bearers:** William de Chipchesse, 1379 in York Freeman’s Register; William Chipchese, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Chipchase, 1686 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**Chiplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Chaplin**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Chiplin, 1704 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Chipling, 1797 in *IGI* (Tolland, Somerset).

**Chipman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Warwick

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *chipman* (Old English *cȳp(e)mann*), a side form of *chapman*, *chepman* ‘merchant, trader’; see **Chapman**, with which this name was interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Chipman, 1320 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Chipman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wilts); Alanus Chipman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Willelmus Chipmon, 1381 in Poll Tax (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Johannes Chippeman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Michael Chipman, 1544 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Edwardi Chipman, 1576 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwick); John Chipman, 1594 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Christian Chipman, 1597 in *IGI* (Abbas Combe, Somerset); Joan Chipman, 1648 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Gartret Chipman, 1687 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall).

**Chipp**

**Variants:** **Chips**, **Chippis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221

## Chippendale

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, Hants, and Dorset

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *chip*, *chippe* ‘small piece of wood chipped or cut off’, possibly given to a carpenter or a woodcutter, to a small person, or to a youngster resembling his father (‘a chip off the old block’).

**Early bearers:** John Chipp, 1318 in Patent Rolls; John Chip, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Thoma Chip, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wilts); Walter Chippe, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Cobham, Kent); Robert Chipp or Chippe, 1575 in PROB 11 (Somerton, Somerset); John Chipp, 1589 in *IGI* (Stretton Grandison, Herefs); William Chippe, 1606 in Place-Names of Dorset (Dorset).

**References:** Place-Names of Dorset 1, p. 343.

2 **English, Scottish:** occasionally, perhaps, a variant of *Cheape*.

## Chippendale

Variants: **Chippindale, Chippindall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 857, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Chippingdale, the former name of the area around Chipping (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Dyke de Chipendale, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Richard Chipyndale, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; John Chippendale, 1434 in York Freeman’s Register.

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 143.

## Chipper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

**English:** occupational name for a merchant or trader, from Middle English *chipper*, a derivative of Middle English \**chipen* (Old English *ciepan*, *cipan*) ‘to barter, trade, buy’. See also **Chapper** and *Cheeper*, with which the name was interchangeable. Compare the synonymous **Chapman** and **Chipman**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Chipere, 1254 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Ralph Chipper, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); John Chipper, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (West Ashling in Funtington, Sussex); John Chipper, 1589 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Joane Chipper, 1609 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Ann Chipper, 1618 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); John Chipper, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Petrus Chipper, 1632 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 251.

## Chipperfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 769
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk; Middx

**English:** locative name from Chipperfield in Herts.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Cheperfeld, 1516, Thomas Cheperfeld, 1534 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Rob. Chipperfield, 1594 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Robert Chipperfeild, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

## Chippindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English:** see **Chippendale**.

## Chippindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** see **Chippendale**.

## Chipping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *chepinge*, *cheping*, *chipping* ‘trade, marketing’, also ‘marketplace’, denoting someone who lived near, or traded in, a market.

**Early bearers:** William Chipping, 1178 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Adam atte Chepingg, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Thom. Chipping, 1562 in *IGI* (Nutfield, Surrey); William Chipping, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Elizabeth Chipping, 1582 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Ann Chipping, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Robert Chipping, 1664 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Chippington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

**English:** locative name, possibly an irregular development of the name of Chevington (Suffolk), as the first bearer and the modern distribution suggest, but other evidence suggests that it is really from Choppington in Bedlington (Northumb), which was *Chepynton*, 1358 in Close Rolls.

**Further information:** The reference to ‘Coutbert Ogle of Chepynton’, 1528 in Henry VIII’s letters and papers, must be to Choppington (Northumb). The reference to ‘oone Robert Worsley of Chepynton’, 1485 in a letter of Richard III (Warwicks), may be to Chevington or Choppington.

**Early bearers:** William Chepynton alias Chevynton of Ertlyngburgh, 1381 in Patent Rolls (Northants); John Chippenton, 1674, Jacob Chipington, 1713 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Isaac Chippington, 1697 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Nehemiah Chippington, 1789 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); Benjamin Chippington, 1792 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 46; <http://www.christies.com/lotfinder/books-manuscripts/richard-iii-king-of-england-letter-5573314-details.aspx>.

## Chippo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

**English:** variant of **Chipp** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Chippo, 1588 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Thomas Chippo, 1671 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks).

## Chips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

**English:** variant of **Chipp**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Chirgwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** see **Chegwin**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Churgryne, 1324 in Herefs Record Office; John Cherguine, 1632 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Isaake Chergwin, 1642 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Abraham Churguin, 1651 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Thomas Cherquin, 1776 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); Martin Chyrgwin, 1787 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall).

## Chirnside

Variants: **Churnside**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also E Lothian and Berwicks

**Scottish, English:** locative name from Chirnside (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** William de Chernsyd, about 1250–66 in Midlothian Charters (Berwicks); Hugh de Chirnsyde, 1316 in Kelso Register (Kelso, Roxburghs); Laurence de Chernside, 1391 in Great Seal of Scotland; John and David Chernside, 1474 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts

## Chisam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Scottish:** contraction of the Scottish surname

**Chisholm.**

**References:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Chisham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**Scottish:** see **Chisholm**.

## Chisholm

Variants: **Chisholme, Chisolm, Chisham, Chisam, Chisom, Chisum, Chism**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4827, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4344
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: Inverness, Ross and Cromarty; Midlothian; also Roxburghs and Berwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal; Antrim

**Scottish:** locative name from the barony of Chisholme in Robertson (Roxburghs).

**Further information:** In the 14th century members of this family migrated from Roxburghs to the Highlands, settling in Strathglass and establishing an ancestral seat at Erchless Castle. Their name is gaelicized as *Siosal*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Cheshelme, 1248–58 in Coldstream Chartulary (Bellendean, Roxburghs); John de Chesholm, 1313 in Durham Priory Fees; Helen Chisholm, 1637 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Elspet Chism, 1666 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); Patrick Chism, 1714 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Annie Chisum, 1891 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb).

**References:** DAFN, Adam.

## Chisholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb; Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Chisholm**.

### Chishti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Afghan (Muslim): from Chisht, a small town near Herat, Afghanistan.

Further information: The Chishtī order is a mystic Sufi religious order of Islam, which was founded in this town.

### Chislett

Variants: **Chizlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Oxon

1 **English:** nickname for someone with a fine head of hair (or perhaps an ironic name for a bald man), from Middle English *chis*, *chys* 'choice, excellent' + *lok* '(lock of) hair'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Chislock, 1271 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Chislett, 1590 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Ann Chislett, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); John Chislett, 1607 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Elizebeth Chislett, 1629 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Laurence Chislett, 1648 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

2 **English:** locative name from Chislet in Kent. **Early bearers:** Anciet Chiselet, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

### Chism

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Scottish: see **Chisholm**.

### Chisman

Variants: **Chismon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; Durham

**English:** see **Cheeseman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Chismon, 1674 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Nicholas Chismon, 1766 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

### Chismon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** see **Cheeseman**.

### Chisnall

Variants: **Chisnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Suffolk and Essex

**English:** locative name from Chisnall Hall in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Chysenhale, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thurstan de Chisenhale, 1362 in London Letter Books G; Brian Chisnall, 1560 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Richard Chisnall, 1562 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Joseph Chisnall, 1660 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Margt. Chisnall, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Giles

Cripplegate, London); John Chisnall, 1697 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey).

### Chisnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Lancs

**English:** see **Chisnall**.

### Chisolm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness, Ross and Cromarty; also Berwicks and Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Chisholm**.

### Chisom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- Scottish: contraction of **Chisholm**.

Further information: This is one of the many variants that are rare in Britain but thriving in the USA.

### Chisom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: contraction of **Chisholm**.

Further information: This is a rare form in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Chiswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall; Leics and Warwicks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

**English:** locative name from a local name deriving from Old English *cis* or *cisel* 'pebble(s), gravel' + *w(i)elle*, *w(i)ella* 'stream, spring', but possible place-name sources in Dorset, Herts, Kent, and Shrops are recorded only late in relevant spellings, and the place or places cannot be identified.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Chisewill, about 1244 in Devon Record Office; . . . Chysewelle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Edgeworth, Gloucs); Henry Cheesewill, 1433 in Devon Record Office; James Chiswell, 1563 in *IGI* (Sibson, Leics); Thomas Cheswell, 1565 in *IGI* (Doddenham, Worcs); Thomas Cheswalle, 1565 *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Ales Cheswall, 1578 *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Elinora Cheswill, 1580, Walterus Chiswell, 1581 *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Edward Chiswill, 1585 *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Chiswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Essex

**English:** see **Cheswick**.

### Chittenden

Variants: **Chittendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 872, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 755
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Chittenden in Cranbrook (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Chetyndone, 1331 in London Letter Books E; Stephen Chytynden, 1463 in Cranbrook Wills (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Chetenden', 1487, Thomas Chytynden', 1490 in Feet

of Fines (Tonbridge, Kent); Alexander Chetinden, 1505 in Kent Wills (Cranbrook, Kent); Roger Chittinden, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Joane Chittenden, 1559 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); James Chetenden, 1560 in Parish Registers (Staplehurst, Kent).

### Chittendon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent

**English:** see **Chittenden**.

### Chittick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

**English:** see **Chittock**.

### Chittleburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** locative name from Kettleburgh in Suffolk, *Chetelbiria*, *Kettleberga* in Domesday Book, 'Ketil's hill' or possibly a Scandinavianized form of an Old English \**celtebeorg* 'hill by a narrow valley' (Ekwall, DEP.N). The persistence of the *Ches-* in the local pronunciation suggests that the latter is the correct etymology.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Chettleborowe, 1653 in The East Anglian (new series, Suffolk) ii (Suffolk); Thomas Chittleborough, Henry Chettleburgh, Robert Chickelborowe, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Chittock

Variants: **Chittick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk; Essex

**English:** nickname from *chittok*, a diminutive of Middle English *chitte* 'young of a beast, cub, kitten' (before 1382, MED).

**Early bearers:** Roger Chittok, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Henry Chittok, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Chittock, 1579 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Edmndus. Chittock, 1601 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Sarah Chittock, 1673 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Chittock, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Chittock, 1772 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Chittum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Cheetham**.

Further information: This variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Chitty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent

**English:** locative name from Chitty in Chislet (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Richard Chiddy, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Anne Chettye, 1568 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Joan Chitty, 1551 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Wyllmi Chitney, 1566 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); John

Chitty, 1579 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Jn Chitty, 1580 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Mathewe Chitty, 1582 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Thomas Chitty, 1583 in Muster Rolls (Surrey).

### Chitwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**English:** see **Chetwood**.

**Further information:** This variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Chiu

**Variants:** Chow, Chew, Chau, Chou, Sau, Jiao, Qiu, Hiew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 焦 (**Jiao** or **Chiao** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'scorched' or 'anxious' in Chinese: (i) from *Jiao* (焦), the name of a state (originally located in Shanxian in Henan province, then moved to Anhui province, and finally to Shandong province) granted by Zhou Wu Wang (about 1087–1043 BC) to descendants of Shennong, a legendary ruler of China prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from *Jiao* (焦), the name of another state (located in Shanxian in Henan province) annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) surname from one of the minority ethnic groups in ancient S China.

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 仇 (**Qiu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sau** or **Sao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'companion' or 'spouse' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Chiu Mu (仇牧), the given name of an official in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname 侯 by Chiu Luo Qi (仇洛奇) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 裘 (**Qiu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kau** or **Kao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'clothes made of fur' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Chiu* (裘), the name of a fief (thought to be located in Hennan or Hebei province) granted to an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from Chiu (裘), the title of an official in charge of making furs during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) in some cases, 裘 was adopted in place of the Chinese surname 仇 (see 3 above), in order to escape from persecution.

**4 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 秋 (**Chau** or **Chao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'autumn' in Chinese: (i) from Si Qiu (司徒秋), who according to legend was a descendant of the legendary king Shao Hao (2598–2525 BC). (ii) from Qiu Hu (秋胡), a person originating in the state of Lu, who simplified the Chinese character 湫, part of his grandfather's given name, to Qiu (秋) and adopted it as a surname. (iii) possibly from Qiu (秋), the title of an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), also called Si Kou.

**5 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 趙 and 招, see **Zhao** (1) and (2).

**6 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

**7 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 朱, see **Chu** (1).

**8 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 曲, 屈, and 瞿, see **Chu** (8–10).

**9 Chinese:** Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).

**Further information:** The dialects using this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

**10 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蕭 (or 肖), see **Siu** (1).

### Chiverall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

**English:** see **Cheverall**.

### Chiverrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**English:** see **Cheverall**.

### Chivers

**Variants:** Chevers, Cheever, Shivers, Cheevers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3969, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2638
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; also Hants and Gloucs; Berks; Monmouths

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *chivere*, *chevre* 'she-goat', 'goat' (Old French *chievre*, from Latin *capra*), perhaps applied to an agile person or to someone who kept goats.

**Further information:** William Chevre, founder of an Irish family of this name (now known as Cheevers), received lands in Wexford when he took part in Strongbow's invasion of Ireland in 1172.

**Early bearers:** William Cheure, Capra, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon, Wilts); Hamelin Chieure, 1186 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Nicholas le Chiuer, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Thakeham, Sussex); Henry Cheure, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hacombe, Devon); Willelmo Chyuyer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Cheverell, Wilts); Robertus Cheuere, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Creake, Norfolk); Letice Chivers, 1570 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Johannis Chevers, 1575 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Willm. Cheever, 1583, William Chiver, 1631, William Chivers, 1762 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Robert Chivers, 1593 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Chevers, 1601 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Jerome Chever or Cheaver, 1626 in PROB 11 (Hartham, Wilts); Thomas Chivers, 1669 in *IGI* (Tilehurst, Berks).

### Chiverton

**Variants:** Cheverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 550
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

**English:** locative name from Chiverstone Farm in Kenton (Devon), or from Chivelstone (Devon) which is recorded as *Cheveryston* in 1316.

**Further information:** In Wilts the name may have been influenced by **Chivers**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Chevereston, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); ... de Chevereston, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); John de Cheuereston', 1359 in Feet of

Fines (Devon, Somerset); William Cheverton, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Thomas Cheverton, 1556 in *IGI* (Boldre by Lymington, Hants); Elizabeth Chyvarton, 1565 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Elizabeth Cheverton, 1587 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Joane Chiverton, 1640 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Jone Chiverson, 1656 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Anthony Chiverson, 1706 in *IGI* (Yatesbury, Wilts).

### Chives

- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chiue*, *cheue* 'chive', Old French *chive*, *cive*, presumably denoting a grower or seller of chives. The final -s may be a post-medieval excrescence or from an original plural.

**Early bearers:** Albert Chiue, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Geoffrey Chiue, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hunts); William Chive, 1227 in Close Rolls; Margaret Chives, 1636 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Chives, 1683 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); George Chives, 1691 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Chives, 1767 in *IGI* (Tufton, Hants); Mary Chives, 1770 in *IGI* (Eisey, Wilts).

### Chivington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** locative name from Chevington in Suffolk or from East or West Chevington in Northumb.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Chivral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Cheverall**.

### Chizlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Chislett**.

### Cho

**Variants:** Chu, Cao, Zuo, Zhuo, Do, To, Tso, Toh, Tok, Chuck, Cheuk, Chok

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 祖 (**Zu** or **Tsu** in Mandarin romanization, **Chou** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'ancestors' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal names Zu Jia (祖甲), Zu Yi (祖乙), Zu Xin (祖辛), Zu Ding (祖丁), and Zu Geng (祖庚), the given names of several kings during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the first element of the personal names of Zu Ji (祖己) and Zu Yin (祖尹), who were descendants of an official called Zhong Hui who lived some time during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**2 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 左 (**Zuo** or **Tso** in Mandarin romanization, **Chor** or **Jor** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'left-hand side': (i) borne by descendants of Zuo Che (左徹), an official who lived during the reign of the legendary



Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). His name is said to date back to an ancient state called *Zuo* (左). (ii) from *Zuo Shi* (左史), meaning ‘left-hand official scribe’, the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) and the Eastern Zhou dynasty (770–256 BC). There were two official scribes during the Western Zhou dynasty. One was called *Zuo Shi* (左史), ‘left-hand scribe’; he was responsible for recording words. The other was called *You Shi* ‘right-hand scribe’, who was responsible for recording events. (iii) borne by descendants of *Zuo Gong Zi*, the ‘left-hand prince’, a noble in the state of *Qi*, where there were two princes, called *Zuo Gong Zi* (‘left-hand prince’) and *You Gong Zi* (‘right-hand prince’) respectively. (iv) possibly a shortened form of the compound Chinese surname *Zuo-Qiu* (左丘), which was originally the name of a place (located in *Linzi* in *Shandong* province).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname *卓* (*Zhuo* in Mandarin pinyin, *Cheuk* or *Cheok* in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘eminent, outstanding’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of *Zhuo Hua* (卓滑), an official who lived in the state of *Chu* during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of a man called *Zhuo* (卓), originally from the state of *Zhao*, who migrated to *Linqiong* (in present-day *Qiongxia* in *Sichuan* province) after the annihilation of the state of *Zhao* in 222 BC, and became rich as a smelter of iron.

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname *曹*, see **Cao** (1).

**5 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname *楚*, see **Chu** (5).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames *鄒* and *巢*, see **Chau** (1) and (2).

**7 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname *周*, see **Zhou** (1).

**8 Korean:** (조; Chinese character: 趙) although traditional sources suggest hundreds of clan seats for this family, only fifteen can be documented with confidence. Each of these fifteen clans claims a different founding ancestor and many appear to be unrelated, in spite of bearing a common surname. Most of them trace their origins to the beginning of the *Koryŏ* kingdom (early 10th century). From the 11th century onward, the *Cho* family was one of the most powerful in *Korea*.

**9 Korean:** (조; Chinese character: 曹) borne by descendants of *Cho Kye-ryong* (曹繼龍). According to legend, a scholar named *Yi Kwang-ok* had a daughter who very much wanted to marry. In the 48th year of the reign of the *Shilla* king *Chinpyŏng*, she went to *Hwawang Mountain* to pray at the dragon pond, and on her return found herself to be pregnant. In a dream, a young man with a crown and a jade belt appeared to her. A few months later she gave birth to a boy, under whose arm was a red birthmark resembling the Chinese character for *Cho*. The king, understanding the boy to be special, bestowed upon him the surname *Cho*, named him *Kyeryong* (which means ‘descended from a dragon’), and married him to his daughter, the princess. The clan seat for the *Cho* family is in *Ch’angnyŏn*, *South Kyŏngsang* province.

### Choat

Variants: **Choate**

- Current frequencies: GB 243, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 314

- Main GB location 1881: Essex; also Surrey; Suffolk

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** *Roger Chote*, 1329 in Patent Rolls (*Wembdon*, *Somerset*); *Johannes Chot*, 1381 in Poll Tax (*Langford*, *Essex*); *John Chotte*, 1497 in PROB 11 (*Gloucester*, *Gloucs*); *Edward Choate*, 1539 in *IGI* (*Stebbing*, *Essex*); *John Choat*, 1543 in *IGI* (*Halstead*, *Essex*); *Elizabeth Chote*, 1564 in *IGI* (*Toppesfield*, *Essex*); *Henry Choate*, 1566 in *IGI* (*Stambourne*, *Essex*); *Nathaniell Choat*, 1628 in *IGI* (*Sudbury*, *Suffolk*).

### Choate

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
- English:** see **Choat**.

### Chohan

- Current frequencies: GB 2231, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- Indian:** see **Chauhan**.

### Choi

Variants: **Choy**, **Chai**, **Chay**, **Chia**, **Chua**, **Chuah**, **Cai**, **Sai**, **Thai**, **Tsai**, **Tsoi**, **Toy**

- Current frequencies: GB 1322, Ireland 59
- GB frequency 1881: 0

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname *蔡* (*Cai* or *Tsai* in Mandarin romanization, *Choy* or *Tsoi* in Cantonese romanization), originally referring to ‘the tortoise used in ancient rituals of divination’ in Chinese: from the place-name *Cai* (蔡), a fief (originally located in *Shangcai* in *Henan* province) which was granted to *Du*, also known as *Cai Shu* (蔡叔), son of the virtuous *Zhou Wen Wang* (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). Later *Cai Shu* plotted rebellions and was eventually sent into exile. But his son, *Hu*, also known as *Cai Zhong* (蔡仲), was a revered man and was granted the fief of *Cai* (蔡), which later became a state during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). After it was annexed by the state of *Chu* in 447 BC, the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

**2 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname *宰* (*Zai* or *Tsai* in Mandarin romanization, *Tsoi* in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘control’ or ‘in charge of’ in ancient Chinese: from the second element of *Tai Zai* (太宰), the name of an official post in the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) in charge of royal affairs.

**3 Chinese:** Chinese form of the Chinese surname *徐*, see **Xu** (1).

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames *崔* and *隋*, see **Tsui** (1) and (2).

**5 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname *載*, see **Tsai** (1).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname *朱*, see **Chu** (1).

**7 Korean:** (최; Chinese character: 崔, meaning ‘high’ or ‘precipitous’). According to legend, the founder of the *Choi* clan was *Sobŏldori*, one of the six elders of pre-*Shilla* *Korea* who helped establish the *Shilla* kingdom. He was given the *Choi* surname by *Shilla* King *Yuri Isagŭm* in AD 32. The oldest *Choi* clan, the *Kyŏngju Choi*, was established some 800 years later by *Choi Chi-wŏn* (崔致遠), a famous 10th century *Korean* official. There are 43 *Choi* clans in *Korea*, but all are descended from the *Kyŏngju* clan.

### Chok

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames *祝* and *竺*, see **Chu** (3) and (4).

**2 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname *卓*, see **Cho** (3).

### Choker

- GB frequency 1881: 1
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English:** see **Shocker**.

### Choldcroft

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
- English:** see **Calcraft**.

### Cholerton

Variants: **Chollerton**

- Current frequencies: GB 323, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 238
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

**English:** locative name apparently from *Chollerton* (*Northumb*), though strongly associated with *Derbys*.

**Early bearers:** *Alexandri de Chollerton*, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (*Northumb*); *William de Choluer-ton*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (*Colwell* in *Chollerton*, *Northumb*); *Rob. de Chollerton*, 1354 in *Notts Archives* (*Durham*); *William Cholerton*, 1569 in *IGI* (*Derby*, *Derbys*); *Robart Cholerton*, 1572 in *IGI* (*Eccles*, *Lancs*); *Tho Chollertone*, 1577 in *IGI* (*Chesterfield*, *Derbys*); *John Cholerton*, 1600 in *IGI* (*Stretford*, *Lancs*).

### Chollerton

- GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys
- English:** see **Cholerton**.

### Cholmeley

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English:** see **Cholmondeley**.

### Cholmondeley

Variants: **Cholmeley**, **Chumbley**, **Chumley**, **Chambley**, **Chamley**

- Current frequencies: GB 112, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

**English:** locative name from *Cholmondeley* in *Cheshire*.

**Early bearers:** *Hugh de Chelmundele*’, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (*Cheshire*); *Roger Chomley*, 1493 in *York Guild Register*; *Thomas Cholmeley*, 1567 in *Bardsley*; *William Chumbley*, 1666 in *Bardsley*; *Susanna Chumbly*, 1689 in *Bardsley*; *John Chumley*, 1726 in *Bardsley*.

### Chon

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Korean:** (Chŏn), see **Chun** (8).

### Chone

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English:** see **Chown**.

**Chong**

Variants: **Cheong, Chung, Cheang, Chiang, Chuang, Ching, Choong, Cheng, Chin, Chun, Tong, Sung, Yan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1615, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**1 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 莊 (**Zhuang** or **Chuang** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'solemnity' in ancient Chinese: (i) from Zhuang (莊), posthumous title of Lü, also known as Chu Zhuang Wang (died 591 BC), king of the state of Chu. (ii) from Zhuang (莊), posthumous title of Song Zhuang Gong (reigned 710–692 BC), king of the state of Song (located in present-day Shangqiu, in Henan province). (iii) from Zhuang (莊), posthumous title of Lu Zhuang Gong (reigned 693–662 BC), king of the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 崇 (**Sung** in Cantonese romanization): from *Chong* 崇, the name of an ancient state (located in Songxian in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**3 Chinese:** variant Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 鐘, 仲, 宗, 叢, see **Chung** (1–4).

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 臧 and 蒼, see **Tsang** (2) and (3).

**5 Chinese:** Hakka pronunciation of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1). Hakka Chinese is spoken in S China and certain other parts of SE Asia.

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 章, see **Cheung** (2).

**7 Korean:** (정 **Chông**; Chinese character: 鄭) this is one of the most frequent Korean surnames, dating back to the 1st century AD. Like many Korean surnames, it is probably of Chinese origin. Some sources say that there are 215 Chông clans, but only 32 of them can be distinctly documented. The earliest and largest Chông clan began in AD 32, when Chibaekho (智; 伯虎), one of the six ruling elders of pre-Shilla Korea, was given this surname by the Shilla king Yuri Isagum.

**8 Korean:** (정; Chinese character: 丁) borne by descendants of a Chinese Tang Dynasty minister named Tök-söng (德盛), who immigrated to Korea and settled on Aphae Island in Shinan county, Chölla South province.

**9 Korean:** see **Cheong**.

**Choo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Chinese, Korean, English: see **Chu**.

**Choong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**1 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 鐘, 仲, 宗, 叢, and 崇. See **Chung** (1–5).

**2 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 臧, see **Tsang** (2).

**3 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**Chopdat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian: unexplained.

**Chopin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Huguenot:** French **Chopin**, with the origin as **Chopping**.

**Early bearers:** Paul Chopin, 1690 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street (French Huguenot), Westminster, Middx).

**Choppen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Chopping**

**Choppin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Chopping**.

**Chopping**

Variants: **Choppen, Chopin, Choppin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; also Herts

Norman, English: nickname perhaps from Old French *chopin* 'violent blow, punch', which might have been given to a violent man, or Middle English *chopin* (Old French *chopine*) 'half a pint', a name possibly given to a dealer in wines or ales.

**Early bearers:** Walter Chopin, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Devon); Henry Choppin, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Ranulph Chopyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Writtle, Essex); Richard Chopyn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Colyton, Devon); Thomas Chopyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chelmsford, Essex); Johannes Chopyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Henricus Chopyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stanton, Gloucs); Jone Choppen, 1542 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Charles Choppen, 1566 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Hellena Choppin, 1567 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Ellin Chopping, 1598, Charles Choppin, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Richard Choppin, 1633, Jane Chopping, 1635, Sarah Choppen, 1672 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex).

**Chopra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh name of unknown meaning.

**Further information:** The Panjabi Khatri have a clan called Chopra (see **Khatri**), as also have the Ramgarhia Sikhs.

**Chorley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1231, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs

**1 English:** locative name from Chorley (Lancs), Chorley near Macclesfield or Chorley near Nantwich (both Cheshire), or Chorley in Farewell (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Elias de Chorlegh, 1350 in Statutes of Labourers (Lancs); Willelmus de Chorley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Rugeley, Staffs); Willimo de Chorlegh, 1391–2, Ricardo de Chorley, 1397–8 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lancs); Margeret Chorley, 1549 in *IGI*

(Chorley, Lancs); Marie Chorlie, 1559 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Alice Chorleye, 1581 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Johanes. Chorley, 1613 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs).

**References:** Staffs Place-Names, p. 191.

**2 English:** locative name possibly from either Chorley Hill in Bruton or Chorleys Farm in Wiveliscombe (both Somerset), though no early spellings are available for these names and no medieval evidence has been found to suggest that either gave rise to a surname. The Somerset distribution may alternatively reflect the migration of (1).

**Early bearers:** John Chorley, 1611 in PROB 11 (Stawley, Somerset); Richard Chorlie, 1625 in PROB 11 (Bridgwater, Somerset); Robert Chorley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**3 English:** locative name perhaps also occasionally from one or more of the other places so called, such as Chorley in West Wycombe (Bucks) and Chorleywood (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Cherlelaie, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); [ . . . de] Chordele, 1227, [ . . . de] Chardele, 1251 in Place-Names of Bucks (Bucks); Elizabeth Chorley, 1606 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Joseph Chorley, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Jane Chorley, 1640 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

**References:** Place-Names of Bucks, pp. 206–7.

**Chorlton**

Variants: **Chalton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

**English:** locative name from Chorlton on Medlock or Chorlton cum Hardy (both Lancs), Chorlton by Backford or Chorlton near Nantwich (both Cheshire), or Chapel Chorlton (Staffs). There may have been some confusion with **Charlton**.

**Early bearers:** Muriel de Chorlton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Will'o de Chorleton', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Manchester, Lancs); Gilb'to de Chorlton', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); William de Chorleton, 1380 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Thomas Chorleton, 1419 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Robart Chorlton, 1567 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Homfridi Chalton, 1571 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Ales Chorlton, 1586 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Ales Chalton, 1613 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ralph Chalton, 1695 in *IGI* (Ightfield, Shrops).

**Chose**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**English, French:** (i) relationship name possibly a variant of **Jose** (see **Joyce**) with unvoicing of the initial consonant. (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *chos*, a variant of Middle English, Old French *chois* 'noble, handsome' (see **Choyce**). However, this form of the word is recorded only in northern Middle English, and the historical distribution of this surname is quite different from that of *Choyce*. (iii) alternatively from Old French *chose* 'thing', alluding to an expression such as Old French *faire la chose* 'have sexual intercourse' or Old French and Middle English *bele chose* 'female private parts'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Chose, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Hamund Chose, 1361 in London Husting

Wills; Hamo Chose, 1365 in London Letter Books G; Clement Chose, 1608 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Peter Chose, 1660 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Richard Chose, 1832 in *IGI* (West Thorney, Sussex).

### Chotai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: unexplained.

### Chothia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim; Indian: unexplained.

### Chou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).
- 2 **Chinese:** alternative Cantonese form of the surname 曹, see **Cao** (1).
- 3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒, see **Chau** (1).
- 4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 仇, see **Chiu** (2).
- 5 **Chinese:** alternative Cantonese form of the surname 巢, see **Chau** (2).

### Choudary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Choudhary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 990, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Choudhry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1501, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Choudhury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7054, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Choudry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Chouhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Chauhan**.

### Choules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Hants and Berks
- English: nickname for someone with a peculiarity of the throat or neck, from Middle English *cholle*, *ch(o)ule* ‘throat, gullet, dewlap’. The final -s is excrescent, a post-medieval development of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Absolon Chioll, Cholle, 1199 in Pleas (Cambs); Ketel Cholle, 1245 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Cholles, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

### Chow

Variants: **Chau**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1459, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *chowe*, *chouȝhe*, *chough(e)* ‘chough, jackdaw’ (Old English *cīo*, *cēo* (see also **Chew**) or Old French *choue*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Chow, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Thirkleby, ER Yorks); Peter Chow, 1361 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Robert Chow, 1376 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Christopher Chow, 1616 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Richard Chow, 1618 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); John Chow, 1638 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Georgii Chow, 1651 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); John Chow, 1670 in *IGI* (Workop, Notts).

2 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 周, based on the Cantonese pronunciation. See **Zhou** (1).

3 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surnames 鄒 and 巢, based on their Cantonese pronunciation. See **Chau** (1) and (2).

4 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 秋, see **Chiu** (4).

5 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 曹, see **Cao** (1).

6 **Chinese:** romanization of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1).

7 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

8 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 仇, see **Chiu** (2).

### Chowdhary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Chowdhry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Chowdhury

Variants: **Choudhury**, **Choudhary**, **Choudhry**, **Choudry**, **Choudary**, **Chowdhary**, **Chowdhry**, **Chowdry**, **Chaudhary**, **Chaudhry**, **Chaudhuri**, **Chaudary**, **Chaudhry**, **Chaudhri**, **Chaudry**, **Chaudri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8393, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Indian (northern states), Bangladeshi:

status name, Muslim and Hindu, denoting the head of a community or caste, from Sanskrit *çatus-* ‘four-way, all-round’ + *dhuriya* ‘undertaking a burden (of responsibility)’ (from Sanskrit *dhura* ‘burden’). The Khatri have a clan called Chowdhury.

**Further information:** The title was originally awarded to persons of eminence, both Muslims and Hindus, by the Mughal emperors. In some traditions the name is said to derive from a title for a military commander controlling four different fighting forces, namely navy, cavalry, infantry, and elephant corps, but this is probably no more than folk etymology.

### Chowdry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Chowdhury**.

### Chowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Chown**.

### Chown

Variants: **Chone**, **Chowen**, **Chowne**, **Chowns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1083, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 933
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Oxon and Northants; Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Chun(ne)* (male) or *Chune* (female, latinized as *Chuna*). This could represent Old English \**Cēon(n)a*, an unrecorded pet form of Old English *Cēolnōð*, usually a male personal name but possibly also female. Compare Johannes Chounson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lilford with Wigthorpe, Northants). A Sussex family with this name is commemorated in the farm name Chownes in Cuckfield.

**Further information:** Wilson’s suggestion in Reaney and Wilson, that *Chown* is from a Cornish form of John, has no foundation.

**Early bearers:** given names: Chuna (female), 1248 in Assize Rolls (Berks); Chun Pimme, Chunne Mervyn, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs).

surnames: Norman Chone, 1257–8 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Thomas Choune, 1327 in (Hempstead, Essex); Johannes Chown, 1379 in Poll Tax (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); Willelmo Chowne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Evington, Leics); Willelmo Choune, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bulkington, Wilts); Matilda Choune, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Johannes Chon’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sturmer, Essex); John Chone, 1511 in PROB 11 (Fleet, Lincs); John Chowne, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); Barbara Chowne, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Nicholas Chowne alias Chone, 1559 in Patent Rolls (London); Richard Chonne, 1562, John Chowne, 1563 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Anthony Chowne, 1571 in PROB 11 (Peterborough, Northants); Elizabeth Chowne, 1597 in PROB 11 (Richmond, Surrey); Ailce Choune, 1599 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Mearcyce Choune, John Chowne, 1613 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Choune, 1635 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon); Richard Choun, 1717 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); Tho. Choune, 1725 in *IGI* (Whiston, Northants); Mary Chound, 1795, John Choun, 1801 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts).

### Chowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

English: see **Chown**.

### Chowns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Sussex

English: relationship name variant of **Chown** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Choy

**Early bearers:** John Chownes, 1662, John Chounds, 1694 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); Thomas Chowns, 1663 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); John Chouns, 1725 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon).

### Choy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

2 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 徐, see **Xu** (1).

3 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 崔, see **Tsui** (1).

### Choyce

**Variants:** Chose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys; also Cumb

**English:** (i) probably in some instances a variant of **Joyce**, well evidenced in Staffs and Suffolk in the medieval period. The name in Cumb might go back to the family of John Joyce, 1772 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb). (ii) nickname; the earliest example (1379) is in Leics, where *Joyce* is not recorded until 1606, so here perhaps it might alternatively be derived from Middle English (Old French) *chois* 'handsome (person)'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Choys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Snarestone, Leics); Wm Choyce, 1569 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Georgii Choice, 1602, Johan. Choyce, 1641 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Choyce, 1628 in *IGI* (Snarestone, Leics); John Choyse or Choyce, 1629 in PROB 11 (Barleythorpe, Rutland); Frances Choice, 1636 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Joseph Choyce, 1673 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Richardus Choyce, 1680 in *IGI* (Hartshorne, Derbys); Thomas Choice, 1683 in *IGI* (Smisby, Derbys); Walter Yeates Choyce, 1857 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Chrichton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus

**Scottish:** see **Crichton**.

### Chrimes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs

**English:** see **Crimes**.

### Chrippes

**Variants:** Chrisp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Crisp**.

### Chrisley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**English:** perhaps a variant of **Christlow**.

### Chrisman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** see **Christman**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Christmas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** see **Christmas**.

### Chrisp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Durham
- English:** see **Crisp**.

### Chrispin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Crispin**.

**Early bearers:** Suzanna Chrispin, 1606 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Charles Chrispin, 1768 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Chriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** see **Crist**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Christ

**Variants:** Crist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Crist**.

### Christal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

**Scottish:** see **Chrystal**.

### Christensen

**Variants:** Christiansen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 977, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb

**Danish, Norwegian, and North German:**

relationship name patronymic from the personal name *Christen*. See **Christian**.

**Further information:** Most of the Christensens and Christiansens listed in Census 1881 are serving merchant seamen; few are permanent residents in the UK.

**Early bearers:** John Christensen, 1790 in *IGI* (Lund near Beverly, ER Yorks); Christie Christensen, born in Forbeck, Denmark, in Census 1881 (Falmouth, Cornwall); Christian Christensen, born in Denmark, in Census 1881 (Wavertree, Lancs); August Christiansen, born in Holstein, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Wilhelm Christiansen, born in Norway, in Census 1881 (Elswick, Northumb); Carl Jon. Christiansen, born in Denmark, in Census

1881 (Stranton, Durham); Marius Christensen, born in Denmark, in Census 1881 (Heaton, Northumb).

### Christer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

**English:** perhaps a form of **Christopher** with heavy reduction of the unstressed syllables.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Crystore, 1453 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Rychard Christer, 1574 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Willm Christer, 1575 in *IGI* (Egglescliff, Durham); Ales Christor, 1578 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Francys Christor, 1591 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Christeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Peebles

**Scottish:** see **Christison**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Christey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

**Scottish, English:** see **Christie**.

### Christian

**Variants:** Christin, Christine, Christon, Cristin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4083, Ireland 137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2959
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM and Lancs; also London, Kent, and Sussex; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

1 **Manx:** relationship name from *Mac Kristinn* 'son of *Kristinn*', a borrowing of the Old Scandinavian version of Latin *Christianus*, literally 'the Christian'. *Christian* is a learned, anglicized form. The Lancs and Cumb name could sometimes be English, see (2).

**Further information:** Fletcher Christian (1764–93), who led the mutiny on HMS *Bounty* in 1789, was born near Cockermonth (Cumb) to a family of Manx origin.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Crystyn, 1408, Mac Christyn, Mac Christine, 1422, Mac Cristen, 1498, Christiane, 1499, Christian, Mac Christene, 1504, Mac Cristen, 1511, Christin, 1611, 1627, Cristen, Christian, 1626, Cryssten, 1634, Christian, 1659 in Kneen; Katherine Christian, 1661 in *IGI* (Ballalough); William Christian, 1779, John Christian, 1815 in *IGI* (Braddan).

**England:** John Christyan, 1627, Joseph Christian, 1744 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Thomas Christian, 1641, Elizabeth Christian, 1723 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Thomas Christian, 1674, Edward Christian, 1789 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Julian Christian, 1746, William Christian, 1836 in *IGI* (Cockermonth, Cumb).

**References:** Kneen.

2 **Norman, English:** relationship name from the interchangeable Middle English personal names *Cristian* and *Cristin*, used for both men and women. *Cristian* is from Latin *Christianus* (literally 'the Christian') and its female equivalent *Christiana*. *Cristin* is from Latin *Christinus* and *Christina*, male and female diminutives of *Christus* 'Christ'. They

were introduced to England and Scotland by the Normans in their Old French forms, male *Crestien* (or the learned form *Cristian*) and *Cristin*, female *Cristiane* and *Cristine*. *Cristin(e)* was naturally associated with the Middle English word *cristen*, *cristin*, or *criston* 'Christian' (Old English *cristen*), reinforcing the tendency to use *Cristin* and *Cristian* as alternative name forms. The male name was never common in medieval England, but the female name, recorded as *Krystyan* and *Kyrstyan* in the Norfolk glossary, Promptorium Parvulorum (1440), became increasingly popular in the 14th and 15th centuries. **Early bearers:** given names (male): *Cristien*, 1170–1200 in Durham Liber Vitae; *Cristianus*, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks).

given names (female): *Cristiana*, 1170–1200, 1215–45, 1300–30, 1355–85 in Durham Liber Vitae; *Christiana*, 1154 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk), 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); *Christiana Oxhird*, *Christiana Warde*, *Cristiana Hanson*, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax (WR Yorks); *Cristina*, 1100–30, 1170–1200, 1470–1500 in Durham Liber Vitae, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); *Cristina de Burlingeham*, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); *Crystyne*, 1470–1530 in Durham Liber Vitae. surnames: *Robert Crestien*, 1163–9 in Miller, Ely (Cams); *Philip Cristian*, 1199–1216 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); *Thomas filius Cristian*, 1228 in Feet of Fines (Essex); *Peter Crystyn*, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); *Thomas Crystyn*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); *Tomisen Cristian*, 1544 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); *Elsabeth Crystyns*, 1544, *Sarah Cristian*, 1697, *Thos. Christian*, 1777 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); *Robart Christen*, 1560 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); *Gyllyan Christian*, 1568 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); *Ellizabethe Christian*, 1589 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); *Margret Christian*, 1606 in *IGI* (Burton Pedwardine, Lincs); *John Christon*, 1618 in *IGI* (Shalford, Essex); *John Christian*, 1622 in *IGI* (Pevensey, Sussex); *Aaron Christan*, 1646, *William Christon*, 1650, *Rachel Christian*, 1686, *Mary Christian*, 1670, *Jacob Christan*, 1710 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); *William Christian*, 1685 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

**References:** Morlet, Noms de Personne, II, pp. 33–4; Redmonds, Christian Names, pp. 13, 32, 39.

**3 Scottish, Manx:** (i) relationship name either from one or other of the Old French personal names in (2) or from the Old Scandinavian male personal name *Kristinn*. Compare **Christie** and **Christison**.

Alternatively the surname in SW Scotland may have been brought there by Manxmen; see (1).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): *Christianus*, bishop of Candida Casa (Whithorn), died 1186 in Melrose Chronicle; *Magister Christianus*, about 1220–44, possibly identical with *Cristinus*, clerk to Robert, earl of Strathearn, about 1233–44 in Lindores Chartulary; *Cristinus*, *judex*, 1299 in Arbroath Register; *Dominus Cristinus*, vicar of Lochalveth, 1333 in Moray Register (Morays); *Cristinus filius Duncani*, serf of the bishop of Moray, 1364 in Moray Register (Morays).

given names (female): *Cristina Criste* or *Crystie*, tenant of the bishop of Moray, 1565 in Moray Register. surnames: *James Christane*, 1684 in Melrose Chronicle (Kirkcudbrights); *Patrick Christine*, 1705 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights); *Patrick Christian*, 1709, *Richard Christine*, 1718, *James Christan*, 1759, *Margaret Christin*, 1770, *Jane Christian*, 1843 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns); *Isobell Christain*, 1748, *William Christan*, 1764, *Jannet Christon*, 1763, *David Christen*, 1776, *Henry Christian*, 1855 in *IGI* (Bower,

Caitness); *Mary Christian*, 1762 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights).

### Christiansen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65

**Danish, Norwegian:** variant of **Christensen**, from the personal name *Christian*.

### Christie

**Variants:** **Christy**, **Christey**, **Chrystie**, **Kirsty**, **Kirstie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12789, Ireland 1182
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9650
- **Main GB location 1881:** E and central Scotland; also Lancs and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry

**Scottish, English:** relationship name from a pet form of *Christin* and *Christian* (also found as *Christain*), used for both men and women, and sometimes perhaps of the male name *Christopher*. See **Christian** and **Christison**, and compare *Cristine* or *Cristy de Carvan(t)*, 1296 in Black.

**Early bearers:** England: *Thomas Crysty*, 1412 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); *Christofer Christie*, 1568 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); *Mary Christee*, 1656, *Elizabeth Kerstie*, 1666, *John Christy*, 1754, *Harriet Chrystie*, 1841 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); *Michael Christy*, 1770, *John Christy*, 1811 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

Scotland: *John Chrysty*, 1457 in Laing Charters (Newburgh, Fife); *John Chryste*, 1530 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); *Robert Criste*, 1547 in Protocol Book Gaw (Fife), *Jhone Cristie*, 1590 in Saint Andrews Kirk Session (Fife); *Mgaret Chrysty*, 1620, *Christain Christie*, *Isabel Christie*, 1807, in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); *Margaret Crystie*, 1651, *Catharine Christie*, 1720, 1806 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); *Patrick Chrystie*, 1675, *William Christie*, 1738, *Mary Christie*, 1800 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Christin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns
- English, Scottish:** see **Christian**.

### Christine

**Variants:** **Christin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; WR Yorks and Lancs

**English, Scottish:** see **Christian**. The final *-e* is purely a spelling variation of *Christin* and does not imply derivation from the female name.

**Further information:** The name has increased greatly in frequency since 1881. This may well be the result of immigration.

### Christison

**Variants:** **Christeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Durham

**Scottish, English:** relationship name either a reduced form of *Christinson* or *Christianson* (see **Christian**) or 'son of **Christie**', a pet form of *Christin*, *Christian*, or *Christopher*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: *Henry Cristeson*, 1412 in Cambuskenneth Register (Stirling, Stirlings); *Alexander Cristison* or *Cristysoun*, 1446 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); *John Crysteson*, 1450 in Edinburgh Burgh Records (Edinburgh, Midlothian); *Alan Cristison*, 1479 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); *James Chrystison*, 1685, *Agnes Christison*, 1790, 1839 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus). England: *John Cristenesone*, 1312 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); *Robert Cristianson*, 1324 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); *John Cristerson*, 1514 in York Freeman's Register; *Robert Christson*, 1652 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

### Christley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**English:** perhaps a variant of **Christlow**.

**Further information:** This name and its variant *Chrisley* are rare in Britain but both are thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** *Eliz Christley*, 1626 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); *John Christly*, 1666 in *IGI* (London); *Henry Christley*, 1701 in *IGI* (Tutbury, Staffs); *Margret Chrisly*, 1723 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); *George Christley*, 1790 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys).

### Christlow

**Variants:** **Christley**, **Chrisley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Creslow (Bucks), with a variant in /i/ giving rise to an association with *Christ* which also appears in spellings of the place-name.

**Early bearers:** *Thomas Creslowe*, 1589 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); *Robert Cresley*, 1596 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); *Thomas Crislow*, 1612 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); *John Christelow*, 1618 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); *James Crislo*, 1661 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); *Robert Christelough*, 1665 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); *Christopher Christelow*, 1699 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); *Elizabeth Christlow*, 1850 in *IGI* (West Rainton, Durham).

### Christman

**Variants:** **Chrisman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Middx

**English:** (i) occupational name, status name 'servant of someone named *Chris*', a pet form of *Christian*, *Christine*, or *Christopher*, + *man*. Compare *Adam Christianeman*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Minskip, WR Yorks), and *John Crist*, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds). (ii) relationship name from a Middle English pet form of *Christopher* or *Christian* + the hypocoristic suffix *-man*.

**Early bearers:** *William Cristeman*, 1202 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); *Walter Cristesmon*, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); *William Christman*, 1583 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); *Robert Chrisman*, 1625 in *IGI* (Portchester, Hants); *William Henry Christman*, 1781 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Christmas

**Variants:** **Chrismas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1550, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1603
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

## Christodoulides

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford  
**English:** nickname from Middle English *Criste(s)masse*, *-messe* ‘Christmas Day’, also ‘the Christmas season’, perhaps for someone who was born at Christmas or one who played the part of the King of Christmas in Yuletide games. In about 1448 John Gladman of Norwich ‘made a disporte with his neighbourghs, having his hors trapped with tynesele and . . . crowned as King of Kristmesse in token that all merthe shuld end with ye twelve monthes of ye yer’ (MED, at *Criste-mas*).

**Further information:** Compare Matilda Candelmes, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax, and see also **Midwinter, Youle, Noel**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Cristemesse, 1185 in Rotuli de Dominabus (Essex); Roger Cristemasse, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Galfrid. Cristemasse, 1274 in Hundred Rolls; Roberto Cristemesse, 1296–7 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Hants); Richard Cristemesse, 1308 in London Letter Books C; John Cristemasse, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Walter Christmas, 1543 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Brigid Christmas, 1565 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Anis Christmas, 1588 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Mathew Christmas, 1606 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs); William Christmas, 1655 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Richard Christmas, 1659 in *IGI* (Rampton, Cambs).

### Christodoulides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek:** relationship name patronymic from the Greek personal name *Christodoulos* ‘servant of Christ’ + the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

### Christodoulou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1340, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from the old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Christodoulos* ‘servant of Christ’.

### Christofi

**Variants:** **Christophi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek, Cypriot:** relationship name from the genitive case of *Christofis*, a Cypriot shortened version of the personal name *Christophoros* (see **Christopher**).

### Christofides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek:** relationship name from the Greek personal name *Christophoros*, literally ‘carrier of Christ’ (see **Christopher**) + the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

### Christofoli

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian:** see **Cristofoli**.

### Christoforou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Christophoros*, literally ‘carrier of Christ’; see **Christopher**.

### Christon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English, Scottish:** see **Christian**.

### Christopher

**Variants:** **Christophers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3619, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1761
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Cornwall; Glamorgan, Monmouths, and Herefs; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English:** relationship name from the personal name *Christopher* (Greek *Christophoros* ‘Christ-bearing’). This was not a very common given name in medieval England. The earliest example noted denotes residence, as in the case of Thomas Cristofre (1319 Subsidy Rolls (London)), son of William de Sancto cristoforo (1292 Subsidy Rolls (London)), also called William Cristofre (1317 London Husting Wills), who left his son a tenement in Saint Christopher (Saint Christopher le Stocks, London).

**Early bearers:** given names: Christoforus, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Hunts); Cristoferus Murdac, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks).  
surnames: Rogerus Cristofore, 1379 in Poll Tax (Farnley, WR Yorks); Laurence Cristofore, 1396 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); John Cristofer, 1409 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Robert Christopher, 1543 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Geffery Christopher, 1547 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Edmond Christopher, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Robert Chrystofer, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Elizabeth Christophers, 1578 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margaret Christopher or Christofer, 1598 in PROB 11 (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); Henry Christofer, 1605 in PROB 11 (Bale of Lincoln, Lincs).

### Christophers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English:** variant of **Christopher**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Christopherson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; also Denbighs; Westm

**English, Scottish:** relationship name from the personal name *Christopher* + the patronymic marker *son*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Cristovirson, 1514 in York Guild Register.

Scotland: Andrew Christopherson, 1648 in Scottish Antiquary (Shetland).

### Christophi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek, Cypriot:** see **Christofi**.

### Christou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1034, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Christos*, which means both ‘Christ’ and, more literally, ‘the anointed one’.

### Christy

**Variants:** **Cristy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 106
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 626
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, N Irish:** see **Christie** and **Cristy**.

### Chrysanthou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Chrysanthos*, which means literally ‘golden flower’.

### Chrysostomou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Chrysostomos*, which means literally ‘golden mouth’.  
**Further information:** Saint John Chrysostom (347–407) was bishop of Constantinople (398–404); he acquired the byname Chrysostomos on account of the eloquence of his preaching.

### Chrystal

**Variants:** **Crystal, Chrystall, Christal, Crystall, Crystol, McCrystal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs; also IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

**Manx, Scottish:** relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Criostail*, a Scottish and Manx pet form of *Críostóra* (Christopher), or a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Criostail* ‘son of Cristal’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cristall Knowis, 1549 in Protocol Book Gaw; Christall Murray, 1561 in Stirling Burgh Records (Stirling).  
surnames, Scotland: William Cristole, 1470 in Prestwick Records (Prestwick, Ayr); John Cristall, 1491 in Scone Charters (Rait, Perth).

surnames, IoM: Cristall, 1511 in Kneen.

surnames, England: Margaret Christall, 1582 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Henry Christall, 1812 in *IGI* (Kirkby by Melling, Lancs).

### Chrystall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish:** see **Chrystal**.

### Christie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish:** see **Christie**.

**Chu**

**Variants:** Chew, Choo, Chiu, Chau, Cho, Chiew, Chue, Choi, Zhu, Ju, Gee, Jee, Toh, Too, Tse, Wat, Tso, Kok, Chok, Chuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1485, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 朱 (Zhu in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'vermilion' in Chinese: (i) from *Zhu* (邾), the name of an ancient state (located in Zouxian in Shandong province) granted to a noble called An by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). After this state was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the Chinese character *Zhu* (邾) was simplified to *Zhu* (朱) and adopted as a surname. (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Zhu Hu (朱虎) or Zhu Biao (朱彪), officials who lived during the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (iii) said to be from the second element of the personal name of Dan Zhu (丹朱), the style name of a son of the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (iv) said to be borne by descendants of Song Wei Zi, founder of the state of Song, established in around 11th century BC. (v) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Er-Zhu (爾朱), the ancient name of a river (currently called Zhu Jia Chuan, located in NW Shanxi province). (vi) adopted as a surname by the Ke Zhuo Hun (濁渾) and Ke Zhu Hun (可朱渾) families from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**2 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 諸 (Zhu in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'various' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Zhu* (諸), the name of a fief (located in Zhucheng in Shandong province) in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) possibly from the second element of the personal name Wu Zhu (無諸), the style name of the founder of Min Yue Kingdom (202–110 BC). (iii) adopted in place of the compound surname *Zhu-Ge* (諸葛) by Zhu-Ge Shipeng, who hid in the Kuaiji Hills after the Chen Qiao Mutiny during the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (AD 907–960).

**3 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 祝 (Chuk or Chok in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'wizard', 'prayers', or 'to pray' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Zhu* (祝), the name of an official post in ancient China in charge of chanting prayers during religious worship. (ii) from the place-name *Zhu* (祝), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) during the reign of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC).

**4 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 竺 (Chuk or Chok in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the second element of Tian *Zhu* (天竺), the Chinese name of the ancient Indian Empire, whose immigrants in China acquired *Zhu* (竺) as their surname. (ii) adopted in place of another homophonous Chinese surname, *Zhu* (竹, Chuk or Chok in Cantonese romanization), by Zhu Yan (竹晏) during the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220). The original surname 竹 can be traced back to the state of Gu *Zhu* (孤竹), a small state (located in Hebei province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**5 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 楚 (Cho in Cantonese romanization), meaning

'pain' or 'clear' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Chu* (楚), the name of a state (covering Hubei, Hunan, Anhui, Jiangsu, and Jiangxi provinces), originally granted to Xiong Yi and finally annexed by the state of Qin in 223 BC. (ii) from the personal name *Chu* (楚), the given name of Lin *Chu* (林楚), an official in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Chu Long (楚隆), an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**6 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 褚, meaning 'padding in garment': (i) from *Chu* (褚), the name of a fief (located in Luoyang in Henan province) granted to Duan, prince of the state of Song, who was revered for his virtue and known as Chu Shi (褚師). (ii) possibly from *Chu* (褚), the name of a pavilion or a canal (located in Luoyang in Henan province).

**7 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 儲, meaning 'store' in Chinese: from the first element of the personal name *Chu Zi* (儲子), style name of an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**8 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 曲 (Qu in Mandarin pinyin, Kuk or Kok in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'tune' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of *Qu Wo* (曲沃), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Cheng Shi, also known as Qu Wo Huan Shu (802–731 BC), younger brother of the king Jin Wen Hou (805–746 BC) in the state of Jin. (ii) possibly from the personal name *Qu Ni* (曲逆), an official who lived during the reign of the emperor Xia Jie (died 1600 BC), the last king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

**9 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 屈 (Qu in Mandarin pinyin, Wat in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'bent' or 'being wronged' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Qu* (屈), the name of a fief (located in Zigui in Hubei province) granted to Xia, son of the king Chu Zhuang Wang (died 690 BC) in the state of Chu. (ii) adopted as a surname by the *Qu Tu* (屈突) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**10 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 瞿 (Qu in Mandarin pinyin, Kui or Koi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'halberd' or 'thoroughfare' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Qu Shang* (瞿上) (located in Chengdu in Sichuan province), said to be the location of an ancient state called *Qu* (瞿). (ii) possibly from *Qu* (瞿), the name of a fief (location unknown) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**11 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鞠 (Ju in Mandarin pinyin, Kui or Koi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'a ball made of leather' or 'enormous' in ancient Chinese: from the personal name *Ju* (鞠), the given name of a grandson of Hou Ji, who was an official during the reign of king Yao (2367–2258 BC).

**12 Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 居 (Ju in Mandarin pinyin, Kui or Koi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'dwell, reside' in Chinese: from the personal name *Ju* (居), the style name of Xian Qie *Ju* (先且居), an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**13 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 祖, see **Cho** (1).

**14 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).

**15 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曹, see **Cao** (1).

**16 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1).

**17 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

**18 Korean:** (予; Chinese character: 朱, meaning 'red') borne by descendants of Chu Cham (朱潛), a Song Chinese immigrant who was related to the famous neo-Confucian scholar Chu Tzu. Chu Cham established in the 13th century the Shinan Chu from which all other clans of this surname are descended.

**19 Korean:** (予; Chinese character: 周, meaning 'round') borne by descendants of Chu Hwang (周璜), who fled from civil unrest in Tang China to the Shilla Kingdom in the early 10th century. This family claim to be descended from the ruling family of the Chinese Chu Dynasty.

**Chua**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Chinese:** Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1). The dialects with this pronunciation of the name are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and elsewhere in SE Asia.

**Chuah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Chinese:** Teochew, Hokkien, Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

**Chuang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**Chubb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1701, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1647
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall; also Somerset, Wilts, and Hants, Surrey, and Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *chubbe* 'chub', denoting someone who was short and thick, dumpy like the fish. The term was also used to denote a rustic, simpleton, or fool. Compare **Chevins**.

**Further information:** OED.

**Early bearers:** Richard Chubbe, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Gilbert Chubbe, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); William Chubbe, Chuppe, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (London); Roger Chubb, 1547 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Margaret Chubb, 1563 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon); Michael Chubb, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Robert Chubb, 1601 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Lawrence Chubb, 1603 in *IGI* (Tilshead, Wilts).

**Chuck**

**Variants:** Chucks, Chugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 4

## Chucks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- 1 **Norman, English:** variant of **Souch**, from *chouque*, Norman-Picard form of Old French *souche* ‘tree-stump’.
- 2 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3).
- 3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 祝 and 竺, see **Chu** (3–4).
- 4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 束, see **Su** (4).

## Chucks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English:** variant of **Chuck** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Chudasama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** unexplained.

## Chudleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English:** see **Chudley**.

## Chudley

Variants: **Chudleigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 346
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** locative name from Chudleigh in Devon. **Early bearers:** William Chuddeleghe, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon); James Chuddeleghe, 1379 in Hylle Cartulary; John Chudley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Chue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 **English:** see **Chew**.
- 2 **Chinese:** alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 褚 and 儲, see **Chu** (6) and (7).
- 3 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 徐, see **Xu** (1).

## Chugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** variant of **Chuck**.

## Chughtai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim:** relationship name in parts of South and Central Asia, the Middle East, and the diaspora that claims descent from Chagatai Khan, the second son of Genghis Khan; said to be from Mongolian *chagan* ‘white’ with the associative suffix *-tai*, and found also in Turkish as Çığatay.
- References:** Baras-aghur Naran, *On the Documentation and Construction of Period Mongolian Names*, at <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/baras-aghur/mongolian.html>.

## Chui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 徐, see **Xu** (1).
- 2 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 崔 and 隋, see **Tsui** (1) and (2).

## Chum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 **English:** unexplained. *Chum* is a Devonian dialect adjective meaning ‘surlly’, but it is unclear whether that is relevant.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA, though whether due mainly to Cambodian immigration or not is unclear.
- Early bearers:** Johes Chum, 1608 in *IGI* (Saleby, Lincs); Ann Chum, 1656 in *IGI* (Aldbourn, Wilts); Richard Chum, 1749 in *IGI* (Atherstone on Stour, Warwicks); Seymour Chum, 1799 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts).
- 2 **Cambodian:** unexplained.
- Further information:** DAFN.

## Chumber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian:** unexplained.

## Chumbley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English:** see **Cholmondeley**.

## Chumley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English:** see **Cholmondeley**.

## Chun

Variants: **Chunn**, **Chon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- 1 **English:** unexplained.
- Early bearers:** John Chun, 1639 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Chun, 1664 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); John Chun, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Chun, 1707 in *IGI* (Shalbourne, Wilts); John Chun, 1735 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); John Chun, 1738 in *IGI* (Facombe, Hants); William Chun, 1792 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); John Chun, 1794 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts).
- 2 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 晉 and 秦, see **Chin** (4) and (5).
- 3 **Chinese:** variant Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 全, see **Quan** (1).
- 4 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 岑, see **Sam** (2).
- 5 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).
- 6 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鐘, see **Chung** (1).
- 7 **Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

8 **Korean:** (also **Chôn**; 全; Chinese character: 全, meaning ‘complete’ or ‘perfect’) borne by the descendants of Chôn Söp (全聶), one of ten ‘meritorious subjects’ who assisted King On-jo when he founded the Paekje Kingdom in 18 BC. Descendants of Chôn Söp settled throughout Korea and established 18 clan seats.

## Chunara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian:** from Gujarati *chunara* ‘lime-manufacturer’ (agentive noun from *chuna* ‘lime’). According to local tradition, the Chunaras were originally Rajputs who migrated from Rajasthan to Gujarat and joined the army of the Gaekwar of Baroda before settling down in trade.
- References:** *Wikipedia*, *Chunara*.

## Chung

- Variants: **Chun**, **Cheng**, **Chong**, **Choong**, **Jung**, **Cong**, **Zhong**, **Tung**, **Cheong**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3279, Ireland 83
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 **Chinese:** Cantonese and variant Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鐘 (**Zhong** in Mandarin pinyin): from the place-name *Zhong Li* (鐘離), a fief (located in Fengyang in Anhui province or in Hanchuan in Hubei province) in the state of Chu, which was granted to Zhou Li, who fled to the state of Chu from the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).
- 2 **Chinese:** Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 仲 (**Zhong** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘second in order of birth’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal names of Zhong Kan (仲堪) and Zhong Xiong (仲熊), two famous educators during the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) from Gong Zhong (共仲), the style name of Qing Fu, a prince of the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Zhong Hui (仲虺), an official during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iv) from *Zhong Shan Fu* (仲山甫), the style name of a famous official during the reign of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–791 BC). (v) from the personal name of Zhong Ji (仲幾), a noble in the state of Song (located in present-day Shangqiu in Henan province).
- 3 **Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宗 (**Zong** or **Tsung** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘ancestors, forebears’ in Chinese: (i) from *Zong Bo* (宗伯), the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), which took charge of the management of the rituals and ceremonies of the royal families. (ii) from the personal name of Bo Zong (伯宗), the style name of an official in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). He was later persecuted to death and his eldest son Zhou Li fled towards the state of Chu and was given the fief *Zhong Li* (鐘離), which was the origin of the surname 鐘 (see 1 above). But Bo Zong’s youngest son Lian Jia stayed in the state of Jin and adopted Zong, part of his father’s style name, as his surname.



**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 叢 (Cong or Tsung in Mandarin romanization): (i) from the personal name of Cong Zhi (叢枝), said to be head of an ancient state called Zhi, which was annexed by the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (ii) from the place-name Cong Jia Yan (叢家峴) (located in present-day Wendeng in Shandong province), where descendants of Jin Midi (金日磾) (134–86 BC) lived. Jin Midi was a prince of the King of Xiu Tu of the Huns. He once made a gold statue for the worship of Heaven, and for this reason was given the surname Jin 金 (meaning 'gold') by the emperor Han Wu Di (156–87 BC).

**5 Chinese:** alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 崇, see **Chong** (4).

**6 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 張 and 章, see **Cheung** (1) and (2).

**7 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔣, see **Jiang** (1).

**8 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

**9 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, see **Chong** (1).

**10 Chinese:** non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

**11 Korean:** see **Chong**.

### Chunn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs
- English:** see **Chun**.

### Church

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7843, Ireland 223
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6244
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in SE England: Middx, Surrey, Kent, and Essex; Berks; Northants and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

**English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *chirche* 'church', usually denoting a dweller '(by the) church', but *of the Chirche* suggests an official, verger, sexton, etc., rather than residence near the church. It is unlikely, for instance, that John Atte-cherch, rector of Metton, Norfolk, in 1338 in (Bardsley), owed his surname to his residence, and Attecherch here is probably a hereditary surname. **Early bearers:** Thomas Attechirche, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Henry atte Chirche, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Henry of the Chirche, 1368 in York Freeman's Register; Johanne Cherche, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kent); Agn' Chirche, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northants); Thomas Church, 1539 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Ann Church, 1540 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Richard Church, 1540 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Elyzabeth Church, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Agnes Church, 1545 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks).

### Churchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx
- English:** see **Churchyard**.

### Churcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1043

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Surrey

**English:** locative name of a pattern common in SE England for a person who lived near a church (Middle English *cherche*, *chirche*, *churche*). **Early bearers:** Deonisia Chercher', 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitwell, IOW); Johanne Churcher, 1381 in Poll Tax (Drayton, Berks); John and Thomas Churcher, 1538 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); Richard Churcher, 1543 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Annes Churcher, 1558 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); Jone Churcher, 1563 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Thome Churchar or Churcher, 1617 in PROB 11 (Slinfold, Sussex).

### Churches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English:** see **Churchouse**.

### Churchey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** locative name for someone who lived '(by the) church enclosure', i.e. the churchyard (from Old English *cyrice* + (*ge*)*hæg*). **Further information:** This name has become extinct in Britain but survives in the USA. **Early bearers:** Walter atte Chircheheye, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Peter atte Churchey, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Agnes atte Churchey, 1327 in Place-Names of Wilts, p. 155; Richard Churchey, 1548 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Henry Churchey, 1572 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abiot, Worcs); Samuell Churchey, 1629 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Jerom Churchey, 1662 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Mary Churchey, 1692 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Churchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** locative name from Churchfield Copse in Bosham (Sussex), or possibly from Churchfield Farm in Benefield (Northants); otherwise a topographic name denoting someone who lived '(by the) church field', Middle English *chirche* + *feld*. **Early bearers:** Ismena de Chirchefeld', 1199 in Pleas (Northants); Henry de Chirchefeld', 1253 in Forest Pleas (Northants); Timothy Churchfield, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ann Churchfield, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Churchfield, 1785 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Edward Churchfield, 1801 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Ann Churchfield, 1811 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Churchill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5218, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

**English:** locative name from any of the many places called Churchill or Church Hill, for example in Somerset, Devon, Oxon, and Worcs, or alternatively a topographic name denoting someone who lived '(on the) church hill': William atte Churchill', 1333 in Löfvenberg (Somerset), lived near the church stile and was also called William Churchesteyle (1327, Löfvenberg). **Early bearers:** John de Chirchuhul, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Matilda de Chirchull', 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Churchill, 1564 in *IGI* (Banbury,

Oxon); William Churchill, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Agnes Churchill, 1569 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Plesance Churchill, 1573 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Agnes Churchill, 1589 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon).

### Churchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Middx

**English:** locative name denoting someone who lived '(by the) clearing with a church', from Middle English *chirche* + *le(y)*.

**Early bearers:** Ailwin de chercheslega, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Wylke de Chyrchele, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Willgwer Churchley, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Churchley, 1626 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); William Churchley, 1694 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); Wm Churchley, 1733 in *IGI* (Pebworth, Gloucs); Mary Churchley, 1824 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Churchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 884, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 742
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk; Middx

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *chirch(e)man* 'clergyman; churchwarden; lay official responsible for church finances'. The earliest examples would have denoted a custodian or keeper of a church (Old English *cyriceman*), not a clergyman, though the earlier sense had probably been superseded by the time of surname formation. **Early bearers:** Ælfled Cerceman, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Ralph Chircheman, 1259 in Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls (Hunts); Ouse le Chercheman, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Churcheman, 1307 in Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls (Hunts); Edward Churchman, 1539 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Agneta Churchman, 1540 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); Agnes Churchman, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Churchman, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Robt. Churchman, 1555 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk).

### Churchouse

**Variants:** Churches, Churchus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts

**English:** nickname, locative name from Middle English *chirche hous* 'church house', a house belonging to or used by a church; a parish room, probably used to denote the caretaker of such a house, though he may also have lived there. **Early bearers:** Iuo de Cherchous, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William del Chyrcheous, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Homfrey Churchouse, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Churchouse, 1556 in *IGI* (Beer Hackett, Dorset); Mary Churchouse, 1565 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); George Churchouse, 1599 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Churchouse, 1697 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon).

### Churchus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

## Churchward

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Churchouse**.

### Churchward

Variants: **Churchwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *chircheward* ‘churchwarden, custodian of a church, sacristan’ (Old English *ciricweard*).

**Early bearers:** William le Chirchewart, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Churchward, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Paignton, Devon); Willelmus Churcheward, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Richard Churchward, 1564, Anne Churchwood, 1568 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); William Churchewarde, 1596, Ellies Churchword, 1633 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon).  
**References:** Information from Brian G. Churchward (GoONS).

### Churchwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Churchward**.

### Churchyard

Variants: **Churchard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk
- English: locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived by and/or worked in a churchyard.
- Early bearers:** Richard atte Church, 1289, is identical with Richard de la Chirchard, 1291 in Lófvemberg; John atte Chircheyerde, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Henry del Churcheyard, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); Richard Churchyard, 1559 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Churm

Variants: **Churms, Churn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *chirm* ‘chirping, twittering of birds’ (from Old English *ci(e)rm* ‘noise’).

**Early bearers:** Ælfric Cerm, about 1055 in Codex Diplomaticus 937 (Somerset); Geoffrey Cherm, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); William Chyrme, 1538, Benjamin Churme, 1658 in Shrops Archaeological Transactions 3/viii, 2/iv; John Churm, 1653 in *IGI* (Shrawardine, Shrops); Eliza Churn, 1726 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Richard Churn, 1751 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs).

### Churms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Oxon
- English: variant of **Churm**, with a post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Churn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Oxon

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *chern*, *chirn*, *churn* ‘churn’. Compare **Kern** and **Kerner**.  
**Early bearers:** William Churn, 1228–9 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Ricardus Cherne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Palgrave, Suffolk); Mary Churn, 1708 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk).

2 **English:** probably a variant of **Churm** influenced by the word *churn*.

### Churnside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs

English: see **Chirnside**.

### Churton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops
- English: locative name from Churton in Cheshire or possibly from Chirton in Wilts.
- Early bearers:** William de Chirtona, 1180–90 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Grace Churton, 1586 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Churton, 1589 in *IGI* (Childs Ercall, Shrops); William Churton, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

### Chute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: (i) locative name from Chute (Wilts), recorded as *Cheut* in 1289, *Chuet* in 1312, and *Chewte* in 1553. (ii) also relatively common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Chuyt, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Chowet, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Overton, Wilts); Robert Chute, 1579 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Thomas Chewte, 1581 in *IGI* (Brede, Sussex); Richard Chute, 1586 in *IGI* (Goathurst, Somerset); Richard Chute, 1591 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

References: Place-Names of Wilts, p. 150.

### Chuter

Variants: **Chewter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps an *-er* derivative of a word reflecting the pre-English forest name seen in **Chute**. If this is so, it would be a locative name for a person who lived at a place denoted by that word. The place may be the one indicated in the name of Thomas Chote, 1381 in Poll Tax (Godalming, Surrey), if this is not a variant of **Choat**. It could refer to Chute Forest on the border of Hants and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Annis Chewter, 1561 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); William Chowter, 1563 in *IGI* (Wanborough, Surrey); Robert Choter, 1564 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Scisselia Chuter, 1591 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); John Chuter, 1709 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Nic Chewter Or Chutter, 1709 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey).

### Chynoweth

Variants: **Chenoweth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: variant spelling of **Chenoweth**.  
**Early bearers:** ; William Chynoweth, 1663 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); John Chynoweth, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall).

### Ciardi

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: Southern Italian, from the medieval personal name *Ciardo*, a pet form of names such as *Acciardo*, *Guicciardo*, or *Ricciardo*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cilia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 **S Italian, Maltese:** nickname from an Italian dialect word, *cilia*, derived from Greek *koilia* ‘stomach’, denoting a man with a fat stomach.

2 **Spanish:** perhaps from a reduced form of the female personal name *Cecilia*.

### Cini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name patronymic or plural form of *Cino*, from the personal name, a short form of any of the personal names ending with the hypocoristic suffix *-cino*, such as *Baroncino*, *Leoncino*, *Pacino*, and *Simoncino*.

### Cinnamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name variant of **Cinnamond**.

### Cinnamond

Variants: **Cinnamon, Sinnamon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Down

English: as Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames shows, this is an altered form of *Seliman* (see **Selman**) through */n* substitution and false association with the word *cinnamon*. Redmonds draws his evidence from the parish registers of Beverley (ER Yorks), John Synamon alias Silliman, 1622; and from the parish registers of Leeds (WR Yorks), Bryan Selyman (1539), John Siliman (1615), and Francis Silleman (1684), the last of whom is also named Sinemond on his tombstone and Cinamon when his will was registered in 1684. Redmonds also notes that in the parish registers of Mirfield (WR Yorks) it was confused with Simonet (see **Simmonite**): Joshua Synamond, Simonet or Simolet (1649–82).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Wilson’s claim that this name derives from a place in Normandy named *Saint Amand*. The surname *de Sancto Amando* is attested in 13th-century Norfolk, Devon, and Somerset, but no connection with *Cinnamond* can be shown and it may not have survived in any form in modern England.

**Early bearers:** England: Frances Sinamon, 1690 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jane Cinamon, 1733 in *IGI* (Swalwell, Durham); James Cinnamon, 1870 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Francis Robert Cinnamon, 1875 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

**Scotland:** Martha Cinnamon, 1863 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** For a fuller discussion of the history of this name see Redmonds, King, and Hey, pp. 133–5.

### Cioffi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** (i) nickname probably from Sicilian *cioffu* 'lock of hair', Italian *ciuffo* from *Joff*, a French personal name of Germanic origin.

**Early bearers:** Clementina Louisa Cioffi, 1850 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Francisco Cioffi, born in Naples, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

### Circuit

**Variants:** *Circuitt*, *Cirket*, *Sirkett*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**1 English:** locative name from Southcott in Linslade (Bucks) (recorded as *Surcote* in 1826), now pronounced *Cirket*, or from a lost Southcott in Stone (*Sircotes*, 1511 in Place-Names of Bucks, pp. 80, 165).

**Early bearers:** John de Suthcote, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Herts); Thomas Circuit, 1627 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds); Elizabeth Circuit, 1692 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); Francis Circuit, 1705 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); An Circuit, 1748 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Samuel Circuit, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

**2 English:** nickname perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *surcote* (the item of clothing).

**Early bearers:** John Surcote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Circuitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

**English:** see *Circuit*.

### Cirillo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**S Italian:** relationship name from the Greek personal name *Kyrillos*, a diminutive of *kyrios* 'lord'.

### Cirket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**English:** see *Circuit*.

### Cissell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** variant of Welsh *Cecil*.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Citrine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Jewish:** from *citrine*, a semi-precious yellow variety of quartz, or from a related word or name. A possible source is the surname *Tsitrin*, from Yiddish *tsitrin* 'lemon', used either literally or in allusion to the gem, perhaps filtered through a Romance language. **Further information:** The trade unionist Sir Walter (later Baron) Citrine (1887–1983) was born in Liverpool. His biographies state that his father may have been an Italian immigrant.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Citrine, 1840 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Francis Citrine, 1872 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Richard Citrine, 1894 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Emily Catherine Citrine, 1903 in *IGI* (Liscard, Cheshire); Alfred Citrine, ships rigger, born in Liverpool, in Census 1911 (Birkenhead, Cheshire).

### Citron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**1 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic):** ornamental name, nickname from German *Zitrone* 'lemon (tree)'.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Citron, 1855 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Cossman Citron, diamond polisher, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob C. Citron, diamond cutter, born in Whitechapel, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Angel Citron, tailor, born in Holland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Citron, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Myer Citron, tailor, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Wolffe Citron, Jewish teacher, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks).

**2 French, Huguenot:** nickname from Old French *citron* 'lemon' (from Latin *citrus* 'lemon tree'), denoting a grower or seller of lemons, or perhaps a sharp and disagreeable person.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Moysé Abraham Citron, 1722 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Civil

**Variants:** *Sivell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; IoW and Hants

**English:** (i) possibly from Middle English *Sivile* 'Seville', in allusion to fine Spanish olive oil or to sweet oranges. (ii) possibly from Middle English *civil(e)* 'law-abiding, peaceful'.

**Further information:** The dramatist Thomas Nashe punned on the two senses in *Strange Newes* (1593): 'For the order of my life, it is as ciuill as a ciuill orange.'

**Early bearers:** forms with C: Wllm Civell, 1577 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Civil, 1597 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Anne Cyvill, 1605 in *IGI* (Sausthorpe, Lincs); John Civell, 1631 in *IGI* (Brading, IoW).

forms with S: Robertus de Sevill', 1379 in Poll Tax (Minskip, WR Yorks); Johanne Sevill', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rearsby, Leics); Mary Sivell, 1644 in *IGI* (London); Alis Sivell, 1651 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Sivell, 1652 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks);

Elizabeth Sivell, 1657 in *IGI* (Arreton, IoW); Jo Sivil, 1706 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon).

### Clabburn

**Variants:** *Clayburn*, *Clayborn*, *Claiborne*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**Dutch:** of Dutch origin, despite its English appearance, unless Peter Cleyburn (1436) was an Englishman born abroad.

**Early bearers:** Peter Cleyburn, born in Wyssyngburgh in Brabant, dwelling at Norhampton, 1436 in Patent Rolls; Mathew Claiborne, 1655 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk); Henrici Clayborn, 1675 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); John Clayburn, 1682 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); John Clabburn, 1707 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wm. Clayburn, 1740 in *IGI* (Womersley, WR Yorks).

### Clabby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Longford

**Irish:** from Ó *Clabaigh* 'descendant of *Clabach*', a personal name or epithet from *clab* 'open mouth'. This was a church family in Roscommon.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane O Clabby, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth \$5468 (Skermore, Connacht); Gerald Claby, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth \$6533 (the Pace, Westmeath); James Clabbey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Roscommon); Loughlin Clabby, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilglass, Roscommon); William McClab, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Raphoe, Donegal).

### Clachar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**Irish:** from *Mac Clochary*, see *McClaghry*.

### Clacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Renfrews and Stirlings

**Scottish Gaelic:** (i) occupational name from *clachair* 'stonemason'. (ii) from *Mac a' chlachaire* 'son of the stonemason'. Forms with and without *mac* are discussed in Black. Compare Irish *McClaghry*.

**Early bearers:** Fergus Maklaucher, 1538 in Great Seal of Scotland (Makclachereiston, Carrick); Thomas Clachar, 1613 in Privy Council of Scotland Register; Thomas begg and Thomas moir McChlacher, 1649 in Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records (Urray); James Clacher, 1655 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr); John Clachar, 1661 in Caithness Testaments; John McClacher, wright, 1681 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Comrie, Perth).

### Clack

**Variants:** *Clagg*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1790, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Wilts; Middx

**English:** (i) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Clacc* or Old Danish *Klak*, surviving

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as *Clak* in Lincs: Gilbertine Charters, 1154–89, and Feet of Fines (Lincs), 1193. (ii) nickname, occupational name: possibly sometimes from a derivative of Middle English *clakken* ‘to rattle, clatter’, denoting a chatterer (compare Walter le Clackere, 1272–1307 in Malmesbury Register, Roger Clackere, about 1250 in Ancient Deeds iv (Wilts)), or a miller, from the clack or clatter of his mill, or for a bell-ringer, though these senses are not recorded until much later. Compare William Clacyere ‘belleyetere’ (bell founder), about 1425 Salzman, Building p. 327. **Early bearers:** given names: Clac de Fugelburne, about 975 Ely Coucher Book (Cambs). surnames: Godwinus Clec, 1086 in Domesday Book (Wilts); Godricius Clacca, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Simon Clac, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Joane Clack, 1576 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Andrew Clack, 1578 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Christopher Clack, 1602 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); Thomas Clack, 1603 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Robertus Clack, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Clackett

**Variants:** Cleggett, Claggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Warwicks
- English:** locative name from Claygate in Surrey, or from some similarly named minor place, compare Claygate Farm in Buxted (Sussex), Clacket in Tabsfield (Surrey), etc.
- Early bearers:** Roger de la Claigate, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Robert de Cleygate, 1215 in Westminster Abbey Documents; Gilbert ate Claygate, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Joane Cleget wife of William Clegget, 1660 in Archaeologia Cantiana (Kent) xxx.

## Clackson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx; Worcs
- English:** see **Claxton**.

## Clacy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Oxon
- French, English:** locative name from Clacy in the Aisne department of Picardy, France.
- Early bearers:** Wylliam Clasy, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Anthony Clacy, 1678, Clasy, 1680 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); George Clacy, 1703 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); James Clacy, 1749 in *IGI* (Finchampstead, Berks); Betty Classey, 1756 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Thomas Clacy, 1820 in *IGI* (Arborfield, Berks).

## Cladish

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) clay ditch’, Old English *clæg + dīc*.
- Early bearers:** John Cleydych, 1387 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Edward Claydyche, 1494 in Rochester Wills (Kent); John Claydiche, 1499 in Rochester Wills (Kent).

## Claffey

**Variants:** Glaffey, Glavey, Flahive, McGlave, McLave, McClave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 545
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Offaly

**Irish:** from **Mac Fhlaithimh**, patronymic from the personal name *Flaitheamh* ‘prince’. This name has in some cases been anglicized as **Hand**, on account of erroneous association with the Irish word *lámh* ‘hand’.

**Early bearers:** Flannagh McLaughy, 1560 in Fiants Elizabeth §232; Owen McGlawe, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1677 (Molingear); Melaghlen McGleve in Fiants Elizabeth §4153; Donell McGlawe in Fiants Elizabeth §5554.

## Claffin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish:** reduced form of **McLaughlin**.
- Further information:** This variant is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain, but more numerous in the USA.

## Clagg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- 1 **English:** variant of **Clack** with voicing of the final consonant.
- 2 **Manx:** possibly a variant spelling of Manx **Clague**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Claggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Clackett**.

**Further information:** this variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Clague

**Variants:** Clegg, Clagg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1066
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx:** relationship name from a reduced form of either Gaelic \**Mac Luathóg* ‘son of *Luathóg*’ (a diminutive of Gaelic *luath*, Manx *leah* ‘swift’), or Gaelic \**Mac Laoghóg*, ‘son of *Laoghóg*’ (a diminutive of Gaelic *laogh*, Manx *lheyi* ‘calf’). One branch of the family had its seat at Ballaclague (Arbory). The name is generally pronounced /kleg/ and in some cases has been assimilated to the English surname **Clegg**.
- Early bearers:** IoM: MacClewage, Mac Cluag, Mac Cluage, 1511, Clevage, 1521, Claige, 1622, Clouge, 1624, Clogue, 1625, Cleage, 1644, Clauge, 1652, 1661, Clague, Cluaig, 1655, Cloauge, 1660, Cloagge, 1661, Cluage, 1673, Cloiage, 1674, Cluag, 1676, Claig, 1696 Claigue, 1702, Cloag, 1719, Clage, 1775, Clegg, 1790 in Kneen; William Clague, 1744 in *IGI* (Braddan); John Clague, 1756, William Clague, 1816 in *IGI* (Arbory). England: John Clague, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Egremont, Cumb); John Clague, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (West Derby, Lancs).
- References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

## Claiborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Claburn**.

## Clair

**Variants:** McClair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** see **Clare**.

## Claire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** see **Clare**.

## Clairmont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English:** see **Claremont**.

## Clamp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1568, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, Warwicks, and Staffs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *clamp* ‘clamp, brace’, possibly denoting a maker or user of clamps.

**Early bearers:** Roger Clampe, 1298 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Robert Claumpe, 1348 in Derbys Archaeological Journal 36; John Clamp, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

## Clampin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ann Clampin, in Census 1841 (Essex); Sarah Clampen, in Census 1851 (Suffolk); Thomas Clampon, in Census 1851 (Essex).

## Clampitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from either of two places in Devon called Clampitt or from Clampit in Cornwall.

**References:** DAFN.

**Early bearers:** Edward Clampit, 1589 in *IGI* (Illsington, Devon); James Clampet, 1689 in *IGI* (Devon) (Topsham); Gabriel Clampit, 1756 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon); Nicholas Clampitt, 1807 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

## Clanachan

**Variants:** Clanahan, Clanaghan, McClanachan, McClanahan, McLanaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

**Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac Gille Onchan** ‘son of the servant of (saint) Onchu’.

**Further information:** Black offers a wide range of other variant spellings. The name might in theory be confused with forms of **McLenaghan** having a reduced first syllable.

**Early bearers:** Dugall MacClennochquhen, 1513 in Criminal Trials in Scotland; Michael McClannochane, 1546 in Treasurer Accounts; Niniane M’Clennochquhan,

reidare at Partoun, 1574 in Black; James M'Lanoquhen, 1635 in Privy Council of Scotland Register; Janet Clanachan, 1719, Margaret McMurray Clanahan, 1798 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights); William Clanachan, 1800 in *IGI* (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns).

### Clanaghan

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: see **Clanachan**.

### Clanahan

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: see **Clanachan**.

### Clancey

- Current frequencies: GB 208, Ireland 14
- GB frequency 1881: 286
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Middx and Surrey; also Devon
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick and Cork; Leitrim

Irish: from Mag Fhlannchaidh, see **Clancy**.

### Clanchy

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; Angus

Irish: see **Clancy**.

### Clancy

Variants: **Clancey**, **Glaney**, **Glanacey**, **Clanchy**

- Current frequencies: GB 3225, Ireland 3824
- GB frequency 1881: 864
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Middx; also Monmouths; Jersey and Guernsey
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Clare and Galway; Leitrim; Cork

Irish: abbreviated from **Mac Fhlannchaidh**, patronymic from the personal name *Fhlannchadh*, based on *flann* 'red'. The *s*-sound in Clancy, originally [x], must have developed as a spelling pronunciation in English. The initial *G* of Glancy is from **Mag Fhlannchaidh**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John McClanghie, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2262 (Robertston, Limerick); John McClanky, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2463 (Robertston); John McClaneghie, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2783 (Ballenrobert); Conoghor mac Shain McClanghey, gent., and Conoghor mcBohele Mac Claneghey, servant, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3078 (Thomond); Cosnaygh McClanaghye, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3086 (Ballyrobard, Limerick); Donil McClanchy, horseman, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3089 (Ballicumyn, Clare); Conor McGlansye, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4569 (Inshed, Clare); Teig McClansy, gent., 1586 in Fiant Elizabeth §4826 (Ballyrobert, Cork); Connor and Teig McGlanchie, 1592 in Fiant Elizabeth §5740 (Tullagh, Sligo); Dermod oge McGlanchy, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6314 (Kilagh, Kerry).

### Clandon

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

**English:** locative name from Clandon in Surrey. **Early bearers:** William de Clandone, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset).

### Clanfield

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 110
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Berks

**English:** see **Glanfield**.

### Clanville

- GB frequency 1881: 5

**English:** see **Glanfield**.

### Clapcott

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset and Hants

**English:** locative name from Clapcote Cottages in Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Mary Clapcott, 1688 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mathew Clapcott, 1727 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Joseph Clapcott, 1734 in *IGI* (Upwey, Dorset); Joseph Clapcott, 1736 in *IGI* (Tyneham, Dorset).

### Clapham

Variants: **Clephane**

- Current frequencies: GB 2479, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 2580
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Lincs, Westm

**1 English:** locative name from Clapham in WR Yorks, Middle English *Clap(e)ham*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Clapehamme, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William de Clapham, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Richard Clapham, 1416–17 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); William Clapham, 1590 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Margaret Clappam, 1603 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); John Clapham, 1606 in *IGI* (Otle, WR Yorks); Thomas Clapham, 1657 in *IGI* (Feizor, in Clapham, WR Yorks).

**2 English:** locative name from any of three places, in Beds, Surrey, and Sussex, recorded as *Clopeham* in Middle English, changing to *Clapham* in the 16th and 17th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Clapham, 1583 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Sam. Clopham, 1719 in *IGI* (Renhold, Beds); William Clappam, 1615 in *IGI* (Long Stanton, Cambs); Richard Clappon, 1615 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); John Clapham, 1616 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Arthor Clapham, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William John Joseph Clopham, 1775 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Clappum, 1600 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); George Clappin, 1625 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

**3 English:** locative name from Clapham in Devon, an altered form of *Clopton*, 1330, *Clapton*, 1547 in Place-Names of Devon, p. 408. The 1572 surname is the earliest evidence for the change of ending.

**Early bearers:** Jone Clappam, 1572 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

### Clapp

- Current frequencies: GB 1252, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1111
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Somerset

**English:** nickname either from Middle English *\*clap* (*pe*), *\*clap*(*pe*) 'lump', perhaps denoting a stocky

person, or Middle English *clap*(*pe*) 'loud noise; noisy, idle chatter'. Compare **Clapper**. The medieval surname (*le*) *Clop* may be in some instances identical with *Clappe*, as in the 1206 example, or it may derive from Old French *clap* 'cripple, lame (one)'.

**Further information:** The modern surname, concentrated in Devon and Somerset, may go back to Roger Clappe, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); compare Clapps Hill in Sidbury, Place-Names of Devon, p. 597.

**Early bearers:** Simon Clapp', Clappe, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Adam le Clop, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Godard le Clop, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); William le Clop, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Laurence Clappe, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); John le Clop, 1274 in Close Rolls (Hants); John Clap, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Will' Clop, Clappe, 1327, 1332 Subsidy Rolls (Lanham, Notts); Roger Clappe, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); John Clapp, 1541 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); John Clapp, 1544 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); James Clapp, 1596 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Elnor Clapp, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Richard Clapp, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Clapper

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

**1 English:** locative name from Middle English *claper*, generally denoting a rabbit warren. In southern counties, however, it often denoted a clapper bridge, a rough or natural bridge across a stream. The Devon clapper bridge, common on Dartmoor, was made of flat stones laid across stone pillars.

**Early bearers:** Matilda de la Claper', 1330 in Place-Names of Devon, p. 359 (Clapper Bridge in High Bickington); John atte Clapere, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Heaster Clapper, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Susanna Clapper, 1635 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs); Peter Clapper, 1667 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Magdalen Clapper, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Clapper, 1742 in *IGI* (Burford, Oxon).

**2 English:** locative name, nickname, either the topographic name with loss of the preposition, or a name for a chatterer, from Middle English *claper* 'the tongue of a bell or of a noisy person'. Compare Middle English *clappe* 'chatter' (about 1230 in MED) and **Clapp**. **Early bearers:** Ingram Clapere, 1267 in Patent Rolls; John Clapper, 1617 in *IGI* (Durham); Jeremy Clapper, 1637 in *IGI* (Norwich); Mary Clapper, 1777 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).

### Clapperton

- Current frequencies: GB 728, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 703
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland and Borders: esp. Midlothian and Selkirks; Cumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Laois

**Scottish:** locative name from an unidentified Scottish place-name.

**Early bearers:** George Clapartoun, 1546 in Midlothian Charters (Stirling); Margaret Clapperton, 1609 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); John Clapperton, 1637 in *IGI*; John Clapperton, 1655 in Lauder Testaments (Lauder, Berwicks); Edward Clawpirton, 1688 in Kirkcudbright Executry Papers(Kirkcudbrights).

## Clappison

**Variants:** Clapson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**English:** relationship name, 'son of someone surnamed **Clapham**'. This type of name, composed of a locative name surname + *son*, is uncommon and mostly confined to northern counties, especially Lancs and adjacent parts of WR Yorks. The surname **Clapham** is especially frequent in WR Yorks, and derives from Clapham (spelled *Claypham*, 1421 in Place-Names of WR Yorks, VI, p. 232), near the border with Lancs. The village is five miles west of Giggleswick, where *Claphamson* had already proliferated by the mid-16th century. Pronunciation of *Claphamson* frequently weakened to *Clappinson*, *Clappison*, and *Clapson*. Bearers of the name apparently migrated to Lancs, ER Yorks, Lincs, Northants, London, and possibly Kent. See also **Clapson**. *Claphamson* has not survived.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Claphamson, 1561 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Clapinson, 1590 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Claphamson, 1591 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk), 1635 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Marye Clappison, 1600 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robert Clayphamson, 1614 in *IGI* (York); Helena Clapison, 1640 in *IGI* (York); William Clappison, 1647 in *IGI* (Paston, Northants); Peter Clappison, 1650 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks), probably identical with Peter Claphamson, 1670 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); John Claphanson, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Clapamson, 1678 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Clapinson, 1738 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); John and Anne Clapison, 1760 in *IGI* (Frindsbury, Kent), possibly identical with John and Ann Clapinson, 1767 (Chatham).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; also Lincs, Berks

**English:** (i) relationship name; the examples in Lincs and Norfolk are probably variants of **Clappison**, a Yorks surname that had begun to move south before the end of the 16th century. (ii) the Kent and Sussex surname is found too early for it to be the same name, so it probably has a different, so far unexplained, origin. Patronymics in *-son* are uncommon in southern counties, unless brought in by northern migrants.

**Early bearers:** N and E England: G[e]orge Clapson, 1588 in *IGI* (Toynton Saint Peter, Lincs); Rich. Clapsonn, 1596 in *IGI* (Bradley, Lincs); John Clappson, 1654 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

SE England: Thomas Clapson, 1540 in *IGI* (Rodmersham, Kent); Robte Clapson, 1586 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Martha Clapson, 1603 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent); Jonas Clepson, 1627 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent).

## Clapton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon; Middx

**English:** locative name from any of the places called Clapton, in Gloucs, Somerset, Berks, Middx, Cambs, and Northants, or Clopton in Gloucs, Warwick,

Worcs, and Suffolk, both names having Old English *clop* 'rock, hill' as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Turstan de Cloptuna, 1154 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents; Alan de Clapeton, about 1185–1210 in Yorks Charters; Robert de Cloptun, 1228 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Roger de Clapton, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); William Clapton, 1577 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwick); Josua Clapton, 1588 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Clapton, 1589 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); Jhon Clapton, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Alce Clapton, 1597 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs).

## Clarabut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds

**English:** variant of **Claringbold**.

## Clare

**Variants:** Claire, Clair, Clear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6341, Ireland 418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Surrey, Middx, and Bucks; Norfolk; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare: Wicklow and Wexford

1 **Irish:** from Clare in Suffolk (not the Irish county). **Further information:** One of the first Norman barons in Ireland (1170–72) was Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, known as 'Strongbow'. He founded a major Irish dynasty. Another Norman surname in the south-east of Ireland was *de Clere*, named from 'some spot perhaps in Normandy' (Woulfe), presumably meaning Clères (Seine-Maritime), named from the local river. Both *Clare* and **Clear** may now represent both names.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Clara, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Richard de Clare, 1327 in Feet of Fines (Shenley, Bucks); Anthony Clare, 1565 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

Ireland: Thomas Clere, 1550 in Fiant Edward §651 (Gawerane, Kilkenny); Richard and Edward Clere, yeomen, 1564 in Fiant Elizabeth §618 (Kilkenny); Rich., Tho., and James Clere, gents., 1581 in Fiant Elizabeth §3828 (Wexford); James Clere, yeoman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6706 (Buylekele, Kilkenny).

2 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English, Old French female personal name *Clai(re)* (Latin *Clara*, from *clarus* 'bright, famous'), noted as the name of Saint Clare of Assisi.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clara, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hunts).

surnames: Robertus filius Clarae, 1240, 1255 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk, Hunts); Goditha Clare, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Richard Clare, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Simon Clare, 1459 in Feet of Fines (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Clare, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Ursula Clare, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Ellen Clare, 1542 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); James Clare, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Mathew Clare, 1544 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts).

3 **English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *clay* 'clay'. The work of the clayer involved plastering a framework of interwoven twigs with mud to produce wattle-and-daub work, a process variously recorded as *torching*,

1278, *plastering*, 1368, and *claying*, 1486 (Salzman, Building, p. 189).

**Early bearers:** Simon le Clayere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Richard le Cleyere, 1305 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk); Johannes Cleyer, 1377 in Poll Tax (Cuxham, Oxon).

## Claremont

**Variants:** Clermont, Clairmont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 **Norman, English, Huguenot:** relationship name from the Old French personal name *Claremonde*, Continental Germanic *Clarmunt*, *Claremunda*. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Further information:** The lack of continuous evidence in Britain suggests the name (of either origin) may have been reintroduced since the 16th century by Huguenot refugees.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cleremundus, 12th cent. Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Claramunda, Cleremunda (f), 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts).

surnames, England: Hugh Clermond, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Margeria Clermond, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Oxon); Elizabeth Clairmont, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Clermont, 1734 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Flora Claremont, 1871 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Marie Louise Claremont, 1885 in *IGI* (West Tofts, Norfolk). surnames, Huguenot: Zacarie Clermont, 1737 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx); Catherine Clermont, 1746 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street, Spitalfields, Middx); Catherine Clermont, 1768 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from Clermont in Calvados or Clairmont in Auvergne.

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Claromonte, 1148 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Aelicie de Clermunt, 1185 in Templars Records (Beds); William de Clermund, 1269 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Hugh de Clermund, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon).

## Clarence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwick; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry

**English, French:** locative name, nickname apparently from the name of the royal dukedom created in 1362 for Lionel, the third son of Edward III, who had married the heiress of the estate of Clare in Suffolk. It is a conventional rendering in French of the place-name, used in parallel with its conventional name in Latin, *Clarentia*. These names are originally those of a similarly named city founded in the 13th century by the Norman Villehardouin dynasty in the Peloponnese, Greece, whose site is now called *Glarentza*, and its application to Clare in Suffolk is a kind of toponymic pun. Formally the name is a parallel, based on *clarus* 'brilliant, illustrious', for other auspicious Latin names like *Florentia* as if 'flourishing (place)' and *Valentia* as if 'strong, healthy (place)'. The surname may simply have originated as a French locative name for a man from Clare, but playing on the dual title, or possibly for a man in one of the early dukes' service.

**Further information:** The ducal title has been created five times, in 1362, 1412, 1461, 1789, and 1890. The first two dukes died without issue; the third forfeited his title before his son was of age, and the title was not inherited. The last two creations were in the modern era. The surname therefore has no direct connection with the male line of any instantiation of the dukedom. *Clarence* did not come into regular use as a given name until the end of the 19th century, presumably following the creation of the dukedom for Prince Albert Victor in 1890. Bearers of the rare surname *Fitzclarence* were descended from bastard sons of the fourth duke, the future William IV, but the surname became extinct in the male succession in 2000 on the death without male issue of Anthony FitzClarence, seventh earl of Munster.

**Early bearers:** William Clarence, groom of the chamber, 1430 in Patent Rolls; Richard Clarence, citizen and baker of London, 1439 in Patent Rolls; Richard Clarence, 1453 in London Letter Books Kent; George Clarence, 1617 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Clarence, 1750 in *IGI* (Great Yeldham, Essex).

### Claret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** relationship name from the female personal names *Claret*, *Clarot*, diminutives of Latin *Clara*, Old French *Claire*.

**Early bearers:** John Clarrot, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Magota Claret, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Thomas Claret, 1697 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Ann Claret, 1720 in *IGI* (Astwick, Beds); Stephen Claret, 1748 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Thomas Claret, 1758 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs); John Peter Claret, 1781 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Clarey

**Variants:** *Clary*, *Clarry*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs; Suffolk

1 **English:** probably from Middle English *clary*, *clarie* 'clary' (the pot herb *Salvia sclarea*), no doubt denoting someone who lived near where the plant grew or who sold these herbs.

**Early bearers:** Alice Clarry, 1542 in *IGI* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); Elizabeth Clary, 1578 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); George Clarye, 1603 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Thomas Clary, 1615 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

2 **Irish:** from Ó Cléirigh, see **Clary**.

### Clarges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Hants, and Surrey

**English:** relationship name meaning 'servant of a clergyman or clergymen'. In Middle English *clergi* 'clergyman' was used as a singular occupational term (plural *clergis*), so the name is to be understood like *Parsons* and *Vickers*.

**Further information:** This surname is now more common in Ireland than in England.

**Early bearers:** Richard (le) Clergis, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); Nicholas Clergys, Richard Clergys, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Christopher Clarges, 1682 in

*IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Catherin Clarges, 1686 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Susan Clarges, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Clarges, 1753 in *IGI* (Wolverton, Bucks); Ths. Clarges, 1755 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks).

### Clargo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

**English:** unexplained both as to origin and as to variation.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Clearge, 1609 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Clargo, 1635 in *IGI* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Thomas Clargo, 1661, Mary Clarge, 1698 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Francis Clargo, 1665 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Isaac Clargo, 1701 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Sarah Clargo, 1713 in *IGI* (South Marston, Wilts); William Clargo, 1749 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

### Claridge

**Variants:** *Clarridge*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2426, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Warwicks and Northants; Middx, Surrey, and Bucks

**English:** locative name from Clearhedge Wood in Waldron (Sussex), recorded as *Clavregge* in 1288, *Claregge* in 1429.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Claurugge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Claridge, 1665 in Hearth Tax (Oxon).

### Claringbold

**Variants:** *Claringbould*, *Claringbull*, *Clarabut*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** relationship name from the Old French personal name *Clarembald*, *Clarebald*, *Clarembaut*, from Continental Germanic *Clarembald*, a hybrid from Latin *clarus* 'famous' + Continental Germanic *-bald* 'bold'.

**Further information:** This name seems to have migrated north and acquired forms with final *-n* such as Edward Claringburn, 1706 in *IGI* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Austin Clarinbone, 1740 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**Early bearers:** given names: Clarumbald medicus, before 1116 in Ekwall, ELPN; Clarebaldus, about 1150 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Clarenbaldus pincerna, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Clerebaud del Aune, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk).

urnames: Roger Clerenbald, 1223 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Nicholas Clarebold, 1274 in Ancient Deeds i (Hants); William Cleribaud, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); John Claringbold, 1485 in Kent Wills; Thomas Claringbould, 1594, George Claringbold, 1612, John Claringbull, 1730 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Clarabut, 1654 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Claringbould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

**English:** see **Claringbold**.

### Claringbull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

**English:** see **Claringbold**.

### Claris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

**English, Huguenot:** relationship name from the female personal name *Clarice*, which has been regarded as a derivative of *Clara*, but the formation is difficult. It may be from an abstract noun *claritia*, based on Latin *clarus* 'bright, shining', used as a personal name on the analogy of *Lettice*, from *laetitia* 'joy, gladness'.

**Further information:** The name was reintroduced or augmented in Britain since the 16th century by Huguenot bearers fleeing religious persecution in France and the Low Countries.

**Early bearers:** given names: Claricia, 1150–60 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Clericia, 1175–86 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); Clarice (nom.), 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Middx).

urnames, England: Rogerus Claritia, 1216–72 in Colchester Cartulary (Suffolk); Walter Clarice, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard Clarisse, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Richard Clarys, Robert Clarys, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Flaxton, NR Yorks); Richard Clarys of Dunstable, 1344 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Thomas Clarys, 1445 in Patent Rolls; Marke Claris, 1623 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Clariss, 1648, Henry Claris, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Clarice, 1755 in *IGI* (Fordwich, Kent); Thomas Claris, 1803 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Thomas Claris, 1819 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

urnames, Huguenot: Jan Clarisse, 1592, Piere Clarisse, 1598, Jaques Clarisse, 1640, Jeane Clarisse, 1659 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury, Kent); Charles Claris, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Joseph Clarisse, 1789 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Clark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105803, Ireland 710
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88958
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland; esp. Middx, Surrey, and Essex; Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs; Durham; Lanarks; Aberdeens, and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Mayo
- English, Irish:** see **Clarke**.

### Clarke

**Variants:** *Clark*, *Clerk*, *Clerke*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108022, Ireland 14691
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59910
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: Lancs and Cheshire; Leics, Northants, and Warwicks; Notts; Suffolk, Norfolk; Middx; IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan and Meath; Down

1 **English:** occupational name from Middle English *clerk*, *clark* 'clerk, cleric, writer' (Old French *clerc*). The original sense was 'a man in a religious order, cleric, clergyman'. As all writing and secretarial work in the Middle Ages was normally done by members of the clergy, the term came to mean 'scholar,



## Clarkin

secretary, recorder, or penman' as well as 'cleric'. As a surname, it was particularly common for one who had taken only minor holy orders. Compare **Clarkson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richerius clericus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Willelm de Clerec, about 1100 in Tengvik (Somerset); Reginald Clerc, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Rutland); John le Clerc, 1272 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs).

**2 Irish:** in Ireland the English surname was frequently adopted, partly by translation for Ó *Cléirigh*; see **Cleary**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady oge bane O Clerky, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3096 (Rosscarebrey, Cork).

## Clarkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

**1 English:** relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Clare*, which is both a masculine and a feminine personal name in Middle English.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clarekin le Lumbard, 1287, Clarekin Felin, 1287 in London Letter Books A; Clarkin de Wolcherchegagh, 1290 in London Assize of Nuisance. surnames: Thomas Clarken, 1755 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

**2 Irish:** see **Clerkin**.

## Clarkson

**Variants:** **Clarkston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9820, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** relationship name 'the clerk's son', from Middle English *clerk*, *clark* 'clerk' (see **Clarke**) + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Clerkissone, 1306 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Clerksone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Ralph Clarkson, 1491 in York Guild Register; Johannes Clarkson, 1609 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); George Clarkson, 1610 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Henry Clarkson, 1675 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); John Clarkson, 1680 in *IGI* (Whiteside, WR Yorks).

## Clarkston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Notts

**English:** variant of **Clarkson** with intrusive *-t*.

**Further information:** It is not from Clarkston (Lanarks, Renfrews), which are recent places with names containing the surname **Clark**. It is rare in Britain but thriving in the USA.

## Clarridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** see **Claridge**.

## Clarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex

**English:** see **Clarey**.

## Clarson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

**1 English:** relationship name 'son of *Clara*', from the personal name **Clare**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Clarae, 1240 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); John Clareson, 1326 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Richard Clarson, 1579 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Frances Clarson, 1599 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Roger Clarson, 1599 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Clarson, 1609 in *IGI* (Whitkirk, WR Yorks); Sara Clarson, 1609 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs).

**2 English:** relationship name 'son of *Clarice*', from the female personal name **Claris**.

**Early bearers:** William Clariceson, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Clerysson, 1467 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue.

**3 English:** in some instances, identical with **Clarkson**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Clarsome wife of Francis Clarsom, 1588 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk); Francis Clarkson husband of Margaret Clarkson, 1608 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk).

## Clarvis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**Norman, English:** locative name of Norman origin, from either of the places called Clairvaux, in Aube, Jura.

**Early bearers:** Michael de Clervaus, 1208 in Feet of Fines (Hunts), de Clereuals, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Hunts); John Clervaus, 1320 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Margaret Clarevas, 1446 in York Guild Register; Henry Clerves, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

## Clary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Middx
- English:** see **Clarey**.

## Clasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**English:** see **Cleasby**.

## Clash

**Variants:** **Class**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** unexplained. Possibly for a place-name \**Cold Ash*, which currently appears in Langtree (Devon), some 12 miles from Barnstaple, in the dialectal form *Cholash*, but which is recorded in the less regional form *Coldeaishe* in 1350 in Inquisitiones post Mortem. The surname would then indicate a variant of this stressed on the second syllable.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Classe, Classhe, 1400 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Thomas Claysshe, 1413, in Feet of Fines (Barnstaple, Devon); William Clashe, 1590 in *IGI*

(Crediton, Devon); Syderal Clash, 1595 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Barthol. Class, 1642 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Robert Clash, 1835 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Clason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings

**Scottish:** see **Clayson**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Clayson, 1328 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Katherine Clasone, 1615 in Stirling Testaments; James Clason, 1684 in Privy Council of Scotland Register.

## Clasper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb

**English:** unexplained, probably a variant of **Glasper**.

**Early bearers:** George Clasper, 1589 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs); Isaac Clasper, 1619 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Robertus Clasper, 1620 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Elizabeth Clasper, 1627 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

## Class

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

**1 Scottish:** relationship name variant of **Glass** (2) with unvoicing of the initial consonant. Compare Marron Glass, 1690 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness), and Donald Class, 1742, Mary Glass, 1760 in *IGI* (Fodderty, Ross and Cromarty).

**Further information:** Black tentatively suggests derivation from Dutch **Claes**, from the personal name seen in **Klaas**, a pet form of *Nicolas*, but no evidence has been found of Dutch settlers in NE Scotland with this surname.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Peter Class, 1842 in *IGI* (Latheron, Caithness); Catharine Class, 1855 in *IGI* (Latheron, Caithness).

**2 English:** variant of **Glass** (1). Humphrey *Classe*, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon) may be identical with Humphrey Glasse, 1611 in PROB 11 (Bampton, Devon); compare Thomas Glasse, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Classe, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Robert Classe, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); Anne Class, 1611 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Dingman Class, 1710 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

## Clater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** nickname from Middle English *clater* 'noisy chatter, idle talk'.

**Early bearers:** John Clatere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Clater, 1494 in PROB 11; Will. Clater, 1676 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts).

## Clatworthy

**Variants:** **Clotworthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 998, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 736



- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Cornwall and Glamorgan

**English:** locative name from Clatworthy (Somerset). **Early bearers:** John Cloteworthy, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Oliver de Cloteworth', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (South Molton hundred, Devon); George Clatwerthie, 1544 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Hugh Clotworthie, 1558, in *IGI* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); Abraham Clatworthy, 1573 in *IGI* (Winsford, Somerset).

### Claghan

**Variants:** McCloughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Lachlainn, see **McLachlan**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Clewgham, 1577 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); William Clougham, 1674 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Samuel Cloughan, 1778 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); George Claghan, 1802 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham).

### Claghton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Claghton, in Lancs and Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Gregory de Clachton, 1228 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); William de Claghton, 1297 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lancs); John de Claghton', 1342 in King's Bench Cases (Middx); Thomas Claghton, 1564 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Agnes Claghton, 1566 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Maria Claghton, 1588 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Margaret Claghton, 1589 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Claghton, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Claus

**Variants:** Klaus, Clausen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Dutch and N German:** relationship name from the personal name *Claus*, short form of *Nikolaus*.

Compare **Class**, **Clausen**.

**Early bearers:** Joanne Claus, 1565 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Agnis Clause, 1599 in *IGI* (Petherton, Somerset); Gilbert Claues, 1617 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Cornelius Clause, 1633 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Hinrick Claus, 1867 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Carl Frederick Wilhelm Claus, 1871 in *IGI* (Notting Hill, Middx); Heinrich Hermann Claus, 1878 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Clausen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E coast; also Lancs
- Dutch, North German, Danish, and Norwegian:** relationship name patronymic from the personal name **Claus**. See also **Clawson**.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Clausen, 1711 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Otto Clausen, born in Hanover, Germany, in Census 1881 (Islington, Middx); Carl Clausen, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in Census 1881 (West Ham, Essex); Peter

Clausen, born in Norway, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Clavel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

**Norman, English:** see **Clavell**.

### Clavell

**Variants:** Clavel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Anglesey
- 1 Norman, English:** nickname apparently from Old French *clavel* 'bolt (of a door or gate)' or 'nail, link, ring (of chain mail)'.  
**Early bearers:** John Clavel, 1218 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Robert Clavel, 1296, Peter Clavel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Atherington, Sussex); William Clavel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Littlehampton, Sussex); Grace Clavell, 1588 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**2 Norman, English:** variant of **Clayfield**.

### Claver

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**Norman, English:** occupational name Norman, from Old French *clavier* 'doorkeeper'.

**Early bearers:** Jordan le Claver, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Simon le Claver, 1270 in Inquisitiones post Mortem; Robert le Clauyr, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Annis Claver, 1571 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Richard Claver, 1576 in *IGI* (Pevensey, Sussex); John Claver, 1591 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Philippa Claver, 1629 in *IGI* (Oving, Bucks); John Claver, 1631 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Clavering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

**English:** locative name; the Essex name is from Clavering (Essex), but in NE England it is probably from Clavering near Wooler (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Clauerigg', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Roger Claveryng, 1375 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thomas Clavering, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hockley, Essex); James Clavering, 1599 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Claverley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

**English:** see **Clorley**.

### Clavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** perhaps a local variant of **Clayfield**.

**Early bearers:** John Clavey, 1576 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Thomas Clavey, 1630 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Clavy, 1658 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); William Clavey, 1733 in *IGI* (Doulting, Somerset).

### Clavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Angus

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Offaly

**1 Irish:** from Ó Claimhín 'descendant of *Claimhín*', a diminutive of *clamh* 'mangy creature, leper'. This name has been anglicized as **Swords** due to folk-etymological association with *claidheamh* 'sword'.

**Early bearers:** Edmond O Clavun, yeoman, 1603 in Fiants Elizabeth §6765 (Busshopscorte).  
**2 Irish:** Mac Fhláimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

### Clawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Relationship name,** anglicized spelling of any of the Dutch, North German, or Scandinavian patronymics from short forms of the personal name *Nik(o)laus*, *Nikolaas*. See also **Clausen**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Clauson, 1566 in *IGI* (York); Henry Clawson, 1579 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Katrina Clauson, 1579 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Hendrick Clawson, 1631 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb, Northumb); Isaac Clawson, 1723 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs).

### Claxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** relationship name patronymic from the Middle English personal name *Clac* (see **Clack**).

**Further information:** This name is curiously absent from the medieval record.

### Claxton

**Variants:** Clackson, Cluxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2741, Ireland 126
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1893
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

**English:** locative name from any of the places called *Claxton*, in Norfolk, NR Yorks, Durham.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Claxton', 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roger de Clakeston 1287–8, de Claxton, 1288–9 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Hamo Claxton, 1379 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johannes de Claxdon', 1381 in Poll Tax (Skirpenbeck and Thorlby, ER Yorks); Robert Claxton, 1540 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Anthony Claxton, 1555 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Marmadewke Clacston, 1556 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Raphe Clackston, 1568 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Claxson, 1570 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Katheryn Claxon, 1576 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Cycelye Claxston, 1583 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Richard Clackson, 1600 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Clackston, 1709 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

### Clay

**Variants:** Claye, Clays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7300, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6127
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and N Midlands: esp. Notts, Lincs, and Derbys; also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Donegal

## Clayborn

**English:** locative name from Middle English *clay* ‘clay’, denoting someone who lived in a clayey locality or in a district known as (the) Clay, such as the one in east Notts.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Clai, 1172 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Reginald de la Claie, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); William Cley, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Cambs); Richard atte Cley, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nicholas del Clay, 1302 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Will’o de Clay, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (East Markham, Notts); Thomas Clay, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margaryt Clay, 1551 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Hester Clay, 1551 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Christopher Clay, 1562 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); Edward Clay, 1601 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts).

**References:** London, British Library, Cotton MS Tiberius B ii.

### Clayborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**English:** see **Clabburn**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Claybrook

**Variants:** Claybrooke, Claybrooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

**English:** locative name from Claybrooke in Leics.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Cleybrok, 1231–2 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Richard de Claybrokes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Ralph Claybroke, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register; Alice Claybrocke, 1581 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); David Claybrooks, 1698 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Charles Claybrooke, 1714 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); John Claybrook, 1778 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

### Claybrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Claybrook**.

### Claybrooks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** variant of **Claybrook**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**References:** This form has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Clayburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 105

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs

**English:** see **Clabburn**.

### Clayden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 940

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** see **Claydon**.

### Claydon

**Variants:** Clayden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2412, Ireland 18

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1876

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs; also Middx and Surrey; Oxon and Bucks

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Claydon, in Suffolk and Oxon, or from East, Middle, or Steeple Claydon in Bucks.

**Early bearers:** William de Cleydon’, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William de Cleydon, 1328 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Essex); John de Claydon, 1370 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); John Claydone, 1372 in Coroners’ Rolls (London); John Claydon, 1539 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Johanna Claydon, 1558 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Bridget Claydon, 1559 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Mary Claydon, 1568 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Edward Claydon, 1579 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks).

### Clay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

**English:** see **Clay**.

### Clayfield

**Variants:** Clavell, Clavey, Cleal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 175

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**Norman:** locative name from Claville (Eure, Seine-Maritime) or Clasville (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Robertum de Clavill, 1225 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Geoffrey de Clayvill, 1263 in Patent Rolls (Herts); Johanne de Clauile, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Herston in Swanage, also Worth Matravers, Dorset); John Clauyille, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Whitstone Hundred, Gloucs); Thomas de Clauyle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Huntsham, Devon); James de Clauille, 1355 in Feet of Fines (Herts); William de Clayvill, 1362 in Patent Rolls; William Clauyle, 1396 in Feet of Fines (Dorset, Wilts); Rogerus de Clefeld, 1377 Poll Tax (Ledbury, Herefs); Cristina Clayvile, 1379 in Poll Tax (Heytesbury, Wilts); Robertus Clayvile, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Shorwell (West Court), IoW); Sibliae Clavell, 1589 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Elizabeth Clayfeild, 1599, Willm Clavill, 1601 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Joane Clavell, 1629, in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Gyles Clayfield, 1638 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); William Clavell, 1761 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

### Clayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** occupational name for someone who prepared clay for brickmaking or pottery.

Promptorium Parvulorum equates *claymann* with *dauber* (see **Clare**). See also **Clay**.

**Early bearers:** John Clayman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Thomas Clayman, 1365 in Ancient Deeds ii (Middx); John Clayman, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Clayman, 1787 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Mary Clayman, 1822 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Claymore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**Scottish Gaelic, English:** see **Gilmore**.

### Claypole

**Variants:** Claypoole, Claypool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 262

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

**English:** locative name from Claypole in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Cleipol, 1185 in Templars Records (Lincs); Symon de Claypoll, 1255 in Dunfermline Register; John de Claipole, 1374 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Johannes de Claypol, 1379 in Poll Tax (Howell, Lincs); Agnes Claypoole, 1572 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Catheren Cleapoole, 1579 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

### Claypool

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

**English:** see **Claypole**.

**Further information:** This variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Claypoole

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lincs and Leics

**English:** see **Claypole**.

### Clays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 108

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

**English:** variant of **Clay** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Tyce Claves, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Claves, 1582 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Charls Clays, 1593 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Lydia Clays, 1719 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire).

### Clayson

**Variants:** Clason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 828, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 595

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northants; also Beds

**English:** relationship name from the personal name *Classe*, a pet form of *Nicholas*, probably imported to England in the Middle Ages by Flemish weavers.

**Early bearers:** Edwarde Clayson, 1598 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); George Clayson, 1599 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Edmunde Claystone, 1607 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Eliz Clayson, 1660 in *IGI* (Brafield on the Green, Northants).

### Clayton

**Variants:** Cleaton, Cleeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20989, Ireland 284

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16200

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Lincs; also Surrey

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**English:** locative name from any of several places named or named with Clayton, in WR Yorks, Lancs, Staffs, and Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Claiton before 1191 Yorks Charters; Walter de Clayton, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Richard Clayton, 1452 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Agnes Cleaton, 1550 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Richard Cleeton, 1577 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Cleeton, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Joseph Cleaton, 1628 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Annie Cleaton, 1700 in *IGI* (Montgomerys, Wales).

**Claytor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Cleator**.

**Clayworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Clayworth in Notts, recorded as *Claworth* in about 1130.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Claworth', 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Notts); Osanna de Clawurthe, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Claworth, 1437 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts).

**Cleak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S coast of England
- English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *clike* 'a locking latch', though the sense when applied to a person is obscure.
- Early bearers:** Petro Clike, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bedborough, Wilts); Thomas Cleake, 1576 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Mathew Cleke, 1589 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); John Cleeke, 1591 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Elizabeth Cleak, 1624 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); George Clig, 1693 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon); John Cleak, 1715 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

**Cleal****Variants:** Cleall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, also Somerset; Guernsey, Jersey, and Alderney

English: probably a reduced form of **Clayfield**, with loss of *-v-* in the variant pronunciation *Cleval*; compare Elizabeth Clavel, 1759, Mary Clevel, 1757, William Clavil, 1768 in *IGI* (Wareham, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Joan Cleel, 1541, Thomas Cleel, Dorothea Cleal, 1573 in *IGI* (South Perrott, Dorset); John Cnelle, 1572 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Alsopp Cleell, 1645 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); John Cleel, 1734 in *IGI* (West Chinnock, Somerset); Samuel Cleall, 1739 in *IGI* (Mosterton, Dorset); William Clayel, 1769 in *IGI* (Loders, Dorset); Faithful Clayle, 1772 in *IGI* (Rockbeare, Devon).

**Cleall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 287
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Cleal**.

**Clean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *clene*, *clane* 'clean, pure, chaste'.

**Further information:** Compare Cristina Clenemayde ('pure maiden'), 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Clene, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys/ Notts); Richard Clan', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); William Clene, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).  
2 **Scottish:** reduced form of **McLean**.

**Cleanthous**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: see **Kleanthous**.

**Clear****Variants:** Clere, Cleare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 260
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 617
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex and Hants; Cambs and Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- 1 **Norman, English:** relationship name from *Clere*, the French popular form of the personal name *Clare*. See **Clare**
- Early bearers:** Gilbert filius Cler', 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William, Geoffrey Clere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts), 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Alice Clear, 1609 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); John Clear, 1611 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Tho. Clear, 1629 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Guy Clear, 1649 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Clear, 1665 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from any of the places in Hants named with *Clere*: Burghclere, recorded as *Burclere* in 1171; Highclere, recorded as *Clere* in 1086; Kingsclere, recorded as *Kyngeclera* in the early 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Clere, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London).

**References:** Mills, Dictionary; Hampshire Place-Names, under *Clear*.

**Cleare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks and Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Wexford

English: see **Clear**.

**Cleary****Variants:** Clery, Clary, Clarey, O'Clery, McCleary, McClary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4608, Ireland 4681
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary

1 **Irish:** from Ó Cléirigh 'descendant of Cléireach', a name meaning 'clerk' or 'cleric'. Ó Cléirigh is a famous learned family in Ireland. The less common surname **McCleary**, formed with the article, **Mac an Chléirigh** 'son of the cleric', is a variant. Both Irish names are also commonly anglicized by translation as **Clarke**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mellaghlen O'Clery, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1123; Malachy Clery, Patrick O'Clery and Richard O'Clere, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1617 (Kilkenny); Maladg Clery, glover, and Donald Clery, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2424 (Kilkenny); Gillusa and Call O'Clery, kerns, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3243 (Litle Down, Westmeath); Ferrall Clery, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3854 (Irishton, Westmeath); Conor

O'Clerye, kern, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3952 (Meath); Gillepatrick mcOwen duffe O Clery, husbandman, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4891 (Beglewe, Cavan); Awley oge O Cleary, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4896 (Balekenasse, Tipperary).

2 **Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** see **McCleary**.

**Cleasby****Variants:** Clasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also Durham, Cumb, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Cleasby in ER Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Clesebi, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Hasculph de Cleseby, 1300 in Staffs Forest Pleas; Richard Cleseby, 1415–16 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Henrye Clesbye, 1543 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Agnes Clasby, 1570 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Eddeth Clasbye, 1588 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Edward Cleasbye, 1590 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

**Cleese**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, also Gloucs

English: locative name from The Clays in Spurstow (Cheshire), recorded from the 14th century, and probably from other similarly named but unidentified places.

**Early bearers:** Mariota Cleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Cleyes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hurst (Farm), Warwicks); Richard Cleese, 1640 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Sarah Clees, 1679 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Jane Cleese, 1718 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Cleas, 1731 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); George Cleese, 1848 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset).

**Cleater****Variants:** Cleator

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Oxon
- English: see **Cleator**.

**Cleaton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English: see **Clayton**.

**Cleator****Variants:** Cleater, Claytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb

English: locative name from Cleator (Cumb). The name was taken to IoM before 1511, where in at least some cases it acquired the Gaelic patronymic prefix *Mac* 'as was the fashion in the 15th and 16th centuries' (Kneen). Ballacleator (Andreas, IoM) means 'Claytor's farm'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's suggestion that the name might alternatively be from derivatives of Old English *clēat* 'wedge' or Old English *clēte* 'burdock'.

## Cleave

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Cletre, 1361 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Gyles Cleator, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Mathewe Cleator, 1591, Ane Cleater, 1594, Mathew Cleator, 1710 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); John Cleator, 1602 in *IGI* (Gleaston in Aldingham, Lancs); John Cleator, 1605, Agnes Cleater, 1703, Sarah Cleater, 1807 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).  
IoM: Mac Cletter 1511, Cleater, 1670, Cleader, 1696, Clater, 1700, Claytor, 1713, Cleator, 1715, Claitor, 1751, Cleiter, 1805, Cletor, 1818 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Cleave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 861
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English:** see **Cliff**.

### Cleaveland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English:** see **Cleveland**.

### Cleaver

**Variants:** Cleever, Clover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3592, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2470
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Oxon and Northants

**1 English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *cleven* ‘to cleave, split’, denoting someone who used wedges to split boards instead of sawing.

**Further information:** boards prepared by this method were called *clouenbord*, 1345, *clofbord*, 1327–77 in (Salzman, Building p. 243).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Cleuar, John le Cleuar, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Cleaver, 1550 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Thoms Cleaver, 1553 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Alice Cleaver, 1567 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Heric Cleaver, 1570 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Tho. Cleaver, 1582 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**2 English:** locative name on occasion possibly for a ‘dweller by a slope, bank, or cliff’: John atte Clyve or atte Cleve, 1361 in Colchester Court Rolls is called *Cleaver*, 1365 in the same document. His descendants may have been called *Clive*, *Cleeve*, or *Cleaver*.

### Cleaves

**Variants:** Cleeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Monmouths; Somerset; Hants

**English:** variant of *Cleave* (see **Cliff**), with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Clee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S Wales: Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs; Glamorgan

**English:** locative name from any of several places named *Clee*, particularly those in Shrops, named from the nearby Clee Hills, and possibly from Clee (Lincs).

**Further information:** In early Suffolk, a locative name for *atte cley* ‘at the clay’, but this does not seem to survive.

**Early bearers:** John atte Cleo, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William atte Clee, 1349 in Löfvenberg (Worcs); John Clee, Richard Cle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William de Clee, 1359 in London Letter Books G; Johannes de Clee, 1377 in Poll Tax (Blackfriargate, ER Yorks); Charles Clee, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Cleere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- Irish:** possibly an anglicized form of Ó Cléirigh ‘descendant of the cleric’.

### Cleeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Worcs
- English:** see **Clayton**.

### Cleeve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Devon and Somerset

**English:** see **Cliff**.

### Cleevely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Pembrokes
- English:** locative name from Cleevely (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** John Clyuele, 1376 in Feet of Fines (Middx); Agnes Cleevely, 1547 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); John Cleevely, 1615 in *IGI* (Longdon by Upton on Severn, Worcs); Jane Cleevely, 1631 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Thomas Cleevely, 1667 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Jasper Cleevely, 1680 in *IGI* (Acton Round, Shrops).

### Cleever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English:** see **Cleaver**.

### Cleeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Hants
- English:** see **Cleaves**.

### Cleft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English:** see **Cliff**.

### Clegg

**Variants:** Clegge, Glegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7815, Ireland 255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Wexford

**1 English:** locative name from Clegg in Rochdale parish (Lancs). Some of the following early bearers might alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** This name or the one in (2) was taken to Ulster in the early 18th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert del Cleg, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Matthew Clegge, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Johanne de Cleg, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whalley, Lancs); Ricardus de Cleghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Grindleton, WR Yorks); Marget de Clegge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Spotland, Lancs); Francis Clegg, 1564, John Clegg, 1654, Joseph Clegg, 1747 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Ann Clegg, 1575 in *IGI* (Warley, WR Yorks); Ezekiel Clegg, 1608, Susanna Clegg, 1695 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Katherine Clegg, 1636, Jenny Clegg, 1759, in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

Ireland: Isaac Clegg, 1709 in *IGI* (Drumbo, Down); William Clegg, 1778 in *IGI* (Kircubbin, Down); Joseph Clegg, 1819 in *IGI* (Magheralin, Down).

**References:** For the early history of the Clegg family of Rochdale and its later ramification see Surnames of Lancs, pp. 413–15. For the etymology of the Lancs place-name *Clegg*, see Lancs Place-Names, p. 56. For the name in Ireland see MacLysaght.

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *clege* and Older Scots *cleg*, *gleg* ‘gadfly, horsefly’ (Old Scandinavian *kleggi*), presumably for an irritating person. For the Scottish name see also **Glegg** (2).  
**Early bearers:** England: Walterus Cleg, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Barsham, Norfolk); Jul’ Cleg’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Langford, Berks); Richard Clegge, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Clegg, 1651 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Joseph Clegg, 1744 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Devon).

Scotland: Isobell Glege, 1619, Robert Glegg, 1759 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Luke Clegg, 1621 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Helen Gleig, 1693 in *IGI* (Fordoun, Kincardines); Benjamin Gleg, 1711, Joseph Clegg, 1862 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Gleg, 1718 in *IGI* (Dunnottar, Kincardines); Jannet Clegg, 1786 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr).

**3 Manx:** variant of Manx **Clague**, which in Lancs and Cumb has occasionally been absorbed into *Clegg*. Compare William Clegg, born about 1807 in Kirk Braddan, IoM, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs) with William Clague, christened 23 August 1807, in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).

### Clegge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English:** see **Clegg**.

### Cleggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Clackett**.

### Cleghorn

**Variants:** Gleghorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 815
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and SE Scotland; also NE England

**Scottish:** locative name from Cleghorn (Lanarks).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Cleghorne, 1541 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts; James Gleghorn, 1575, Agnes Cleghorne, 1603 in *IGI* (Edinburgh),

Midlothian); Christian Gleghorn, 1767 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); James Gleghorne, 1601 in Glasgow Burgesses (Lanarks); James Gleghorne, 1635 in Lauder Testaments (Coldingham, Berwicks). England: Isabell Cleghorne, 1613, James Cleghorne, 1710, William Cleghorn, 1809 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Cleghorn, 1688, Eliz. Gleghorn, 1769, George Gleghorn, 1821 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Cleland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 350
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** (i) from *Mac Giolla Fhaoláin*, see **McClelland**. (ii) locative name from Cleland (Lanarks).

### Clelland

**Variants:** Cleland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1550, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 827
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 **Scottish:** see **McClelland**.

2 **Scottish:** locative name, possibly from the lands of Cleland or Kneland in Dalziel (Lanarks). Equally possibly, the place was named from the family.

**Early bearers:** William Kneland, burgess, 1464 in Glasgow Saint Mary Liber (Glasgow); Andrew Cleland (S' Andree Kneland on seal), bailie, 1612 in Scottish Armorial Seals (Edinburgh).

**References:** Black

### Clem

**Variants:** Clemm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** relationship name from a pet form of the male personal name *Clement* or of the female form *Clemence* (see **Clements**). See also **Clemo**, **Clemmey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clem, 1273 in Hundred Rolls; Clem' Goldsmyth', 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent);

surnames: John Climme, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Richard Cleme, 1328 in Patent Rolls (Kington, Worcs); Robert Clymme of Ely, 1403 in Patent Rolls (Gayton, Norfolk); Richard Cleme, 1555 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Johan Clem, 1613 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Thomas Clem, 1672 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Pasco Climms, 1689 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall); Thomas Clim, 1759 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); James Clemm, 1854 in *IGI* (Chitterne Saint Mary, Wilts).

### Clemans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Essex
- 1 **English:** see **Clements**.
- 2 **English:** see **Clemence**.

### Clemas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex; Devon

**English:** (i) variant of **Clemoes**. (ii) reduced form of **Clements** or **Clemence**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Clemas, 1691 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); William Henry Clemas, 1880 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

### Clemence

**Variants:** Clemans, Clemens, Clemmans, Clemmens, Clemons, Clemas, Climance, Climas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Suffolk; Guernsey

1 **English, French:** relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Clemence*, \**Climence* (Latin *Clementia*, Medieval Latin *Climentia* 'mildness').

**Further information:** *Clemens* in the Poll Tax examples below is very likely another spelling of *Clemence*, but the 1377 and 1381 surnames, where the forename is rendered as a Latin nominative, could alternatively represent the nominative Latin form of the related male name *Clement*; see **Clement**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clementia, 1162 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Clemencia, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts).

surnames: Richard Clemence, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Thomas Clemens, 1377 in Poll Tax (Postling, Kent); Johanne Clemens, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burgh on Bain and Girsby, Lincs); Ricardus Clemens, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ingarsby, Leics); Jone Clemence, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Judith Clemence, 1633 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

2 **English:** see **Clements**.

### Clemens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 594
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- 1 **English:** see **Clements**.
- 2 **English:** see **Clemence**.

### Clemenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Lanarks

**English, Scottish:** see **Clementson**.

### Clement

**Variants:** Clements, Clemett, Clemmit, Clemmett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3467, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3013
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Glamorgan; also Durham and Westm; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Clement*, *Climent* (Latin *Clemens* 'mild, merciful').

**Further information:** *Clement* was the name of several popes, and is occasionally found as a given name in England from the middle of the 12th century.

Medieval clerks often rendered the name in its Latin form, *Clemens*, but in the 1155 example below this is possibly an alternative spelling of Middle English *Clemence*, a related feminine name; see **Clemence**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clemens monachus, 1153–68 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk).

surnames: Robertus Clemens, 1155 in Templars Records (Oxon); William Clement, Richard Clement, 1153 in Templars Records (Oxon), 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Clemens filius Clementis, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); William Clement, Climent, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Robert Clymant, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Rogero Clement, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tinhead, Wilts); Willelmo Clement, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fairford, Gloucs); Willimus Clement, 1539 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Tomsin Clement, 1544 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Elizabeth Clement, 1545 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Clement, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Edward Clement, 1621 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Elizabeth Clement, 1635 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Daudid Clement, 1641 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

### Clements

**Variants:** Clemence, Clemens, Clemans, Clemmans, Clemmens, Clemons, Climas, Clemas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14934, Ireland 708
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9870
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim

**English, Irish:** variant of **Clement** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Clementson

**Variants:** Clemenson, Cleminson, Clemerson, Clemetson, Clemson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Durham and Northumb

**English:** relationship name from the personal name *Clement* + the patronymic marker -son. See also **Clements** and **Clemson**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Clementson', 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingthorpe, NR Yorks); Johannes Clementesson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Emneth, Norfolk); Petrus Clementson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Askham Richard, WR Yorks); Roberto Clementson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuerdale, Lancs); Ricardus Clementson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Bowden, Derbys); John Clementesson, 1392 in York Freeman's Register (York); Richard Clemenson, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Clemenson, 1589 in *IGI* (Glington, Northants); Elizabeth Clementson, 1591 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham).

### Clemerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English:** see **Clementson**.

### Clemetson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Clementson**.

### Clemett

**Variants:** Clemmet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** variant of **Clement**.

## Cleminson

**Early bearers:** Thomas Clemet, 1539 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); John Clemmet, 1574 in Parish Registers (Saint Austell, Cornwall); Willmus Clemett, 1542 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Michael Clemet, 1544 in *IGI* (Kippax, Yorks); Bartholomewe Clemet, 1550 in *IGI* (Atwick, Yorks); John Clemet, 1552 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Peter Clemett, yeoman of Morval, 1650 in Cornwall Record Office; Josef Clemmet, 1770 in Cumbria Record Office (Kendal) (Asby, Cumb).

### Cleminson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- English: see **Clementson**.

### Clemm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: see **Clem**.

### Clemmans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Clements**.  
2 English: see **Clemence**.

### Clemmens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Warwicks
- 1 English: see **Clements**.  
2 English: see **Clemence**.

### Clemmet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Clemett**.

### Clemmett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Clement**.

### Clemmey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Climie**.

### Clemmit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Clement**.

### Clemmow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Clemo**.

### Clemo

Variants: **Clemow**, **Clemmow**, **Climo**, **Clymo**, **Clyma**, **Clemoes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Clem** + Cornish *-ow*.  
**Early bearers:** John Clemmowe, 1544 in Bardsley; Christopher Clemo, 1599 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Morice Clymow, 1630 in Devon and Cornwall Wills (Cornwall); Ots Clemow, 1634 in Devon and Cornwall Wills (Cornwall).

### Clemoes

Variants: **Clemas**, **Climas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish:** variant of **Clemo** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Christopher Cleamows, 1700, John Clemoes, 1781 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall).

### Clemons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- 1 English: see **Clements**.  
2 English: see **Clemence**.

### Clemow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Clemo**.

### Clempson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Clemson**.

### Clemson

Variants: **Clempson**, **Climpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 682, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks
- English: (i) relationship name from the personal name **Clem** + the patronymic marker *-son*, reduced variant of **Clementson**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Clempson, 1558–1603, John Clympson, 1577 in Bardsley; Georgij Clemson, 1573 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Anne Clemson, 1580 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Clenaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Irish: reduced from **Mac Leanacháin**, see **McClenaghan**.

### Clench

Variants: **Clinch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Dorset; Essex

English: locative name from one or more of the various places with names deriving from Old English *\*clenc* 'lump, mass; hill; elevated land in a fen', such as Clinch Green in Northiam (Sussex), Clench in Milton Lilborne, and Clinghill (recorded as *le Clynche* in 1409) in Bromham (both Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Clinche, 1223 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Richard Clench, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); John de la Clenche, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Thomas de Clenche, 1327 in Place-Names of Wilts (Wilts); Robert Clenche, Martin Clink, Roger Clynk, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); [ . . . ] atte Clenche, 1327 in Place-Names of Devon (Berks); Isabell atte Clenche, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Barlavington, Sussex); Johanne Clench', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Shipton Gorge, Dorset); Johannes Clench', 1379 in Poll Tax (Houghton, Norfolk); Adam Clench', 1379 in Poll Tax (Raunds, Northants); Henricus Clench, 1379 in Poll Tax (Malmesbury, Wilts); Agnis Clinch, 1562 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Andrew Clinch, 1597 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); George Clench, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Edward Clench, 1614 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Johane Clench, 1623 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Elizabeth Clink, 1683 in *IGI* (Aston Sandford, Bucks).

References: Löfvenberg, pp. 38–9; Vocabulary of English Place-Names, at *\*clenc*; Place-Names of Wilts, pp. 254, 349; Place-Names of Sussex, p. 524; Place-Names of Devon, p. 121.

### Clendenin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Clendenning**.  
Further information: This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Clendening

Variants: **Clendennen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- Scottish: see **Clendenning**.

### Clendennen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Clendenning**.

### Clendenning

Variants: **Clendinning**, **Clendening**, **Clendennen**, **Clendenin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: variant of **Glendinning** with devoiced initial consonant.

Further information: This is one of a group of variants which, although rare or extinct in Britain, are thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: George Clendunning, 1680 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Janet Clendening, 1814 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Joseph Clendinen, 1820 in *IGI* (Earlston, Berwicks).

England: Catharine Clendenning, 1804 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Joseph Wallace Clendennin, 1861, Abraham Clendening, 1880 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Clendennen, 1862 in *IGI* (Edge Hill, Lancs).

### Clendinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Scottish:** see **Clendenning**.

### Clendon

**Variants:** Clenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; Kent

**English:** locative name from Glendon in Northants, recorded as *Clendon* in Domesday Book.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Clendon, 1207 in *Select Pleas*; Alexander de Clendon, 1219–20 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Annys Clendon, 1582 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Margerye Clendon, 1582 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Elizabeth Clendon, 1634 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Elizab Clendon, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Hannah Clendon, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Clennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

**Scottish Gaelic:** from *Mac Gille Fhinnein*, see **McLennan**.

**Further information:** The speculation in Reaney and Wilson that this is a survival of the Middle English nickname meaning ‘clean hand(s)’ is not a plausible explanation of the modern surname.

### Clennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** locative name from Clennell in Northumb.

**Early bearers:** John Clennell, 1564 in *IGI* (Fulham, London); Alison Clennell, 1585 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Margaret Clennell, 1594 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Annas Clennell, 1602 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Peter Clennell, 1625 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Clent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs;

**English:** locative name from Clent in Worcs.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Clent, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Petronilla de Clent, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willm. Clent, 1542 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Thoms Clent, 1549 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Jhon Clent, 1567 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Thomas Clent, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Elinor Clent, 1638 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Clenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Clendon**.

### Cleobury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, also Shrops

**English:** locative name from Cleobury in Shrops.

**Early bearers:** Joes Clibberie, 1550 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Francis Clebery, 1568, in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Clibury, 1577 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Richard Clebrye, 1581 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs).

### Clephane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

**Scottish:** Scottish variant of **Clapham**, from Clapham in WR Yorks. The place-name is regularly recorded as *Clap(e)ham* in the medieval period, also as *Claphaim*, 1165–77, *Claypham*, 1421 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6.

**Further information:** There is no basis for the statement in Black that the name derives from Clapham (Sussex), whose regular form was *Clop(e)ham* until the 17th century, when the change in pronunciation to *Clapham* is first recorded in *Place-Names of Sussex*. The link with Clapham in Yorks has been demonstrated by Grant Simpson and accepted by G. W.S. Barrow. (Barrow, *Kingdom of the Scots*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alan de Clapham, about 1200 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Walter Clapham, about 1230 in *Newbattle Register* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Marc de Clapham, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); Alan de Clappam, 1316 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Clephane, 1410 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Carslogie, Fife); Margaret Clapane, 1529 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Clephane, 1557 in *IGI* (Kinnaird, Perths); Jonnet Clephane, 1652 in *IGI* (Anstruther Wester, Fife); Agnes Clephane, 1809 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian).

### Clere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** see **Clear**.

### Clerk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: Middx; Lanarks and Midlothian

**English:** see **Clarke**.

### Clerke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** see **Clarke**.

### Clerkin

**Variants:** Clarkin, McClurken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 838
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

**Irish:** from an Irish pet form of English *clerk* ‘cleric’ (Irish *cléireach*). MacLysaght describes the surname as an anglicized form of Ó Cléireacháin, ‘descendant of little cleric’, an Irish diminutive of the word. De Bhulbh notes **McClurkin** in Antrim from *Mac Cléirchín* ‘son of little cleric’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ferrall O Clearckane, cleric, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4892 (Lourgan, Cavan); Wm. O

Clercan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466 (Cavan); Hugh O’Klerkane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ffranstowne, Monaghan); Tole Clerkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan); Loughlin Clerkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Patrick Klarkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kinawley, Fermanagh).

### Clermont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Norman, English:** see **Claremont**.

### Cleary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 186
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

**Irish:** from Ó Cléirigh, see **Cleary**.

### Cleugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

**English:** see **Clough**.

**Early bearers:** William Cleugh, 1595 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas Cleugh, 1606 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Cleve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants

**English:** see **Cliff**.

### Cleveland

**Variants:** Cleaveland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 582
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, and Kent; Gloucs

**English:** locative name from Cleaveland’s Farm in Colchester, Cleveland’s Farm in Felsted (Essex); Cleveland in Dawlish (Devon), or Cleveland in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Cliueland, 1160–80 in *Yorks Charters*; John de Cliueland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Cleveland, 1530 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Cleaveland, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Cleveyley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx

**English:** see **Cleverley**.

### Clevely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Worcs and Somerset

**English:** see **Cleverley**.

### Cleverdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from Cleverdon in Devon.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cleverton, 1515 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Edward Cleverton, 1542 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Elizabeth Cleverdon, 1545 in *IGI* (Poughill, Devon); Rogerus Cleverdon, 1554 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); George Cleverdon, 1576 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Margareta Cluerdon, 1611 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall).

### Cleverley

**Variants:** Cleverly, Cleveley, Clevely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Surrey and Middx; Warwicks

**English:** (i) locative name from Claverley (Shrops). (ii) locative name in S England, perhaps an irregular development of Cleveley (Oxon), or from a lost place, perhaps in Hants, named from Old English *clæfre* ‘clover’ + *lēah* ‘wood, clearing’, like Claverley in (i); occasionally perhaps also from Cleveley (Lancs). **Further information:** The overall pattern suggests that the southern origin is the dominant one, and that the variant *Claverley* has been reinforced by local place-name knowledge as the name progressed into the Midlands. Explanation (i) is therefore questionable. **Early bearers:** Philippus Claverle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Corhampton, Hants); Tomas Cleverly, 1557 in *IGI* (Kilmeston, Hants); John Cleuerley, 1560 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); John Claverley, 1588 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); William Cleverley, 1589 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Amy Cleverley, 1599 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Ducebell Cleverlye, 1600 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Margaret Cleverle, 1607 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Hants); William Claverly, 1627 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Robert Claverly, 1698, Thomas Claverley, 1739 in *IGI* (Edgmond, Shrops).

### Cleverly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

**English:** see *Cleverley*.

### Clevett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** of uncertain origin; perhaps from a local topographical expression or place-name whose Middle English form was \**clif-yat* ‘cliff gap or gate’ (i.e. one affording access to the shore). Both words are found in Sussex, as in *le Cliffe gate* in Rottingdean in 1604, but no single place-name source has been identified.

**Early bearers:** John Clevett, 1630 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Bartholomew Clevatt, 1673 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex); Thomas Clevat, 1718 in *IGI* (Pagham, Sussex); John Clefot, 1747 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); Thomas Clevett, 1747 in *IGI* (Rumboldswyke, Sussex).

### Clew

**Variants:** Clue, Clews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; WR Yorks

1 **English:** see *Clough*.

2 **English:** see *Clow*.

### Clewer

**Variants:** Cluer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Clewer, in Berks and Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Clifwara, 1156 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); John Cluer, 1307 in King’s Bench Cases (Lincs); Richard Cluer, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Clews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Shrops

**English:** see *Clews*.

### Clewett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see *Cluett*.

### Clewley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see *Clewlow*.

### Clewlow

**Variants:** Clulow, Clewley, Cluley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** locative name from Cleulow in Wincle, Macclesfield Hundred (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** . . . Clewlowe, 1352 in Eyre Rolls; John Cleuley, 1553 in *IGI* (Corhampton, Hants); Robert Clewloe, 1563 in *IGI* (Alstonfield, Staffs); Hughe Cluley, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Clewloe, 1588 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London); John Clewlowe, 1597 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Margrett Clewley, 1597 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Francis Cluley, 1602 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Elizabeth Clulowe, 1615 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Edward Clulo, in *IGI* 1637 (Leek, Staffs); Robert Clellow, 1655 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Elebath Cleley, 1780 in *IGI* (Longdon, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 165.

### Cleworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cleworth in Leigh (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** . . . de Cleworthe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Joane Cleworth, 1566 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Cleworthe, 1572 in *IGI* (Hatfield nr Doncaster, Yorks); Thomas Cleworth, 1578 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Richard Cluworth, 1603 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 101.

### Clews

**Variants:** Clewes, Clues, Cluse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2190, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1347

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwicks, Worcs, and Cheshire

**English:** (i) variant of *Clew* with post-medieval excrescent -s. (ii) variant of *Clews*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Clewes, 1572 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Clewes, 1605 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Thomas Clues, 1656 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Ambrose Clews, 1662 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); George Clewes, 1677 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Elizabeth Clewes, 1684 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); Philip Clewes, 1691 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Warwicks); Samuel Clues, 1694 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Clibburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see *Cliburn*.

### Cliburn

**Variants:** Clibburn, Clyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 **English:** locative name from Cliburn (Westm), which is recorded as *Clibbrun* in 1133–47, *Clyfburn* and *Cleburn* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from Old English *clif* ‘cliff, slope’ + *burna* ‘stream’. Some of the examples without prepositions may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Clifburn, 1274 in Wetherhal Register (Westm); Walter de Clyburn, 1350 in TNA (York); Robert de Cleburne, 1364, Oliver Clibburn, 1475 in York Freeman’s Register (York); Thomas Clibburn, 1504–15 in TNA (Cliburn, Westm); Richard Clyburn, 1558–79 in TNA (Westm and Cumb); William Clibborne, 1580–98 in Muster Rolls (Barkway, Herts); Edw. Cliburn, 1617 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Susanna Cliburn, 1620 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm); Elizabeth Cliburn, 1712 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Mary Cliburn, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Cliburn, 1751 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham); Thomas Clibern, 1795 in Non-Conformist Registers (Halifax Wesleyan, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of Westm 2, p. 136.

2 **English:** relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Clibern*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clibern Biscop, about 1150–69 in Mowbray Charters; Clibernus, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Yorks).

### Click

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** of uncertain origin. The first recorded instance is William Cleike (Yorkshire 1176), but this may well be an error for *Clerke*. In subsequent records the name is concentrated in Devon; it seems to have been originally a locative name connected with a piece of land in the parish of Ermington near Plymouth, first recorded in 1278 as *Clekeland(e)*, and still known as Clickland; the names John de Clakelond and Robert Cleaklond occur in this parish in 1332 and 1337 respectively. Compare *Clack*.

### Cliff

**Variants:** Cliffe, Atcliffe, Clift, Clifft, Cleft, Cleve, Cleeve, Cleave, Clive, Cleeves, Cleaves



- **Current frequencies:** GB 2982, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

**English:** locative name from any of the numerous places named Cliff(e), Cle(e)ve, or Clive, from Old English *clif* ‘slope, steep descent, cliff’, or a topographic name from Middle English *clif*, commonly in the sense ‘slope’ (not necessarily a steep one) or ‘bank of a river’, or ‘seashore’.

**Early bearers:** Gislebertus de Cliua, 1084 in Geld Roll (Wilts); Alecok del Clif, 1274, John del Clyfes, 1315 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); John Clif, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Adam del Clef, 1290 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); William Undertheclef, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Walter atte Clieue, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John ate Clif, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); John de Cleue, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Clyft, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Mary Cleft, 1755; Clift, 1757 in Parish Registers (Denham, Suffolk).

### Cliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2394, Ireland 117
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1879
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

**English:** variant spelling, common in Ireland, of **Cliff**.

### Clifford

**Variants:** Cliffforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10926, Ireland 2662
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6136
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Gloucs and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kerry

**English:** locative name from any of various places called *Clifford*, in Gloucs, Herefs, WR Yorks, and Devon. The name is also common in Ireland.

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Walter de Clifford, eldest son of Richard FitzPons, living in the reign of Henry II (1154–89). He adopted the surname from Clifford Castle near Hay on Wye (on the Welsh-English border), which he inherited on marriage.

**Early bearers:** Fulk, Roger de Clifford, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks, Leics), 1269 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Johannes de Clifford’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Maltby, WR Yorks); Philippo Clyfford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lower Bullingham, Herefs); Isabella de Clyfforth, 1379 in Poll Tax (Otley, WR Yorks); John Clifford, 1387–8 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Johannis Clifforde, 1545 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Michael Clifford, 1548 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); George Clifford, 1557 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Robert Clifford, 1575 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Roger Clifferd, 1594 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); John Clifford, 1597 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Clifford, 1608 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Thomas Clifforth, 1838 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Clifforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Clifford**.

### Clifft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs

**English:** see **Cliff**.

### Cliffton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

**English:** see **Clifton**.

### Clift

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2358, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1632
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Worcs, Gloucs, and Staffs; Middx, Essex, and Kent; also Hants, Wilts, and Berks; Lincs; Shrops

**English:** see **Cliff**.

### Clifton

**Variants:** Cliffton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5976, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, Sussex, and Surrey; Lincs and Notts; Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs; Northants and Hunts; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** locative name from any of numerous places called Clifton (Notts, Derbys, Gloucs, Oxon, Beds, Lancs, Cheshire, Cumb, Westm, NR and WR Yorks, Northumb) or from Clifton Reynes in Bucks, Clifton Hampden in Oxon, Clifton Campville in Staffs, Clifton on Dunsmore in Warwicks, Clifton on Teme in Worcs, or Clifton Maybank in Dorset.

**Early bearers:** William de Cliftona, about 1145–65 in Hattou’s Book of Seals (Northumb); Ignatius de Clifton’, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); James Clifton, 1375 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Cuthbert Clifton, 1540 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Eduardus Clifton, 1540 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Marye Clifton, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Alice Clifton, 1550 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Cicely Clifton, 1550 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset).

### Clilverd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

**English:** apparently a variant of **Kilverd** with intrusive *-l-*.

**Early bearers:** Johana Clelford, 1610, Margaret Cliford, 1637 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Cliford, 1617, Agnes Clilverd, 1648 in National Burial Index (All Saints, Westbury, Wilts); Robert Clelford, 1689–91 in TNA (Melksham, Wilts); Henry Clelvard, 1645, Phillip Clifford, 1779 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); Mary Clelford, 1683, Susannah Cliford, 1708 in *IGI* (Shrewton, Wilts); George Clifford, 1683, Margaret Clelford, 1687, Lydia Cliffford, 1757 in *IGI* (Market Lavington, Wilts); Johnathan Clilvord, 1719 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); Mary Clilvord, 1731 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks); George Clilverd, 1806 in Parish Registers (Saint Andrew, Holborn, London); Frederick Clilverd, 1838 in BMD (Eton, Bucks).

### Climance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

**French, English:** see **Clemence**.

### Climas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks
- 1 **English:** see **Clemence**.
  - 2 **English:** see **Clements**.
  - 3 **English:** see **Clemoes**.

### Climie

**Variants:** Clemmey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Renfrews

**Scottish:** from a pet form of the personal name *Clement*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Clemie Croser, 1581 in Bardsley (Cumb).

surnames: George Clemy, 1553 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow); William Climay, 1652 in Kilbarchan Marriages.

### Climo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** see **Clemo**.

### Climpson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Sussex, and Kent

1 **Cornish:** locative name from Climsom in Stoke Climsland (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Ælfled of Clymestune, about 970 in Tengvik (Devon); Arthenbaldus de Climeston’, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Cornwall); Franncis Clymson, 1593, John Climson, 1632 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Edward Climpson, 1633, Clympson, 1666 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

2 **English:** see **Clemson**.

### Clinch

**Variants:** Clink

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 865
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Oxon and Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford

1 **Irish:** from **Mac Loingsigh**, see **McGlinchey** and **Lynch**.

2 **English:** see **Clench**.

3 **English:** nickname possibly also from Middle English *clinch*, *clench* ‘clinch nail’, a doornail secured by clinching or riveting, denoting a clincher or riveter. The Middle English verb *clenchen*, from Old English *clenc(e)an*, is found from 1250 and the corresponding northern form, *clink*, from 1440.

### Cline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 **English:** see **Clyne**.

2 **German, Jewish:** Anglicized spelling of **Klein**.

## Clines

### Clines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see Clynes.

### Clingan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Down
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from *Mac Gille Fhinnein*, *Mac Giolla Fhinnéin* ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Finnian’, also anglicized as *MacAlingen*. See *McClennan*.
- Early bearers: William Clingane, 1658 in Dumfries Testaments (Ladyland, Kirkcudbrights); Edward Clingzean, 1680 in Kirkcudbright Executry Papers (Kirkcudbrights); Alexander Clingane, 1684 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Kirkcudbrights).

### Clingo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk
- English: locative name from Clingoe in Wivenhoe (Essex).
- Early bearers: Johannes Clyngoo, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Eliza. Clingo, 1615 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Clingo, 1692 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

### Clink

Variants: *Clinker*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perths, Stirlings, and Clackmannans
- 1 **Scottish:** possibly the Dutch surname *Klink*, brought by Flemish merchants to Scottish North Sea ports in Fife and elsewhere.
- Early bearers: Jonet Clink, 1579 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Alexander Clink, 1641 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jeane Clinch, 1655 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Clinck, 1672 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).
- References: Black; Scottish Antiquary
- 2 **English:** an occasional variant of *Clinch*.

### Clinkard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- Huguenot: anglicization of the French surname *Clinquart*, *Clainquart*, which may onomatopoeically recall the ‘clink’ of small change, as also in *Clinquemaille*.
- Early bearers: Elizabeth Clincard, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Launcelott Clyncard, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henrie Clinkerd, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry, London); Richard Clinckard, 1676 in *IGI* (Toot Baldon, Oxon).
- Huguenot: Abraham Clincart, 1605, Pierre Clincart, 1615 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).
- References: Morlet, Dictionnaire

### Clinker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: occupational name for a nail clincher or riveter, from an agent derivative of Middle English *clenchen* (see *Clink* (2)). In 1323 Richard Spark, *clenchar*, was paid 4½d per day for clinching and riveting great nails. Compare also *clencher*, *clenchours*, 1363, *clencheres*, 1375 (Salzman, Building p. 309).
- Early bearers: Joan Clinker, 1575 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex); Lanslot Clinkor, 1621 in *IGI* (London); William Clincker, 1644 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants).

### Clinkscale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks
- Scottish: see *Clinkscapes*.

### Clinkscapes

Variants: *Clinkscale*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks

Scottish: locative name from a lost place in Coldingham, E Lothian.

Early bearers: Elspeth Clinkskill, 1607 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Alisone Clinkskail, 1641 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Robert Clinkscapes, 1691 in *IGI* (Chirnside, Berwicks).

### Clint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: locative name from Clint in WR Yorks.
- Early bearers: Thomas de Clint, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); John de Clynt, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Richard Clynt, 1406 in York Freeman’s Register.

### Clinton

Variants: *McClinton*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2595, Ireland 1007
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Westmeath
- 1 **English:** locative name from Glympton in Oxon, which is recorded as *Clinton(e)*, *Clynton(e)* from the 12th to 14th centuries, or *Glinton* in Northants, which is recorded as *Clinton* in 1060. The surname was taken to Ireland in or before the 16th century. **Further information:** A family of this name, who have been earls of Lincoln and dukes of Newcastle, was founded by Geoffrey de Clinton who was chamberlain and treasurer to Henry I (1100–35). He held lands at Glympton, Oxon.
- Early bearers: England: William de Clinton, about 1125 in Staffs Chartulary; Henry de Clinton, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Northants); William Clynton, 1428 in Feet of Fines (Essex).
- Ireland: Peter Clynton, gent., 1550 in Fiant Elizabeth §447 (Graigrawe, Kilkenny); James Clynton, landowner, 1552 in Fiant Elizabeth §1134 (Graunge of Shanlys, Louth).
- 2 **Irish, Scottish:** relationship name adopted for Irish *Mac Giolla Fhiontain* or Scottish Gaelic *Mac Ghille Fhiontain*, see *McAlinden*.

Early bearers: Scotland: William McClintoun, 1569 (Kyle) in Great Seal of Scotland and Finlay Macklinton, 1676 (Torphichen) in Torphichen Records.

### Clipsham

Variants: *Clipson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Clipsham (Rutland).

Early bearers: Jordan de Clippesham, 1298 in Patent Rolls; William Clipsham, 1366 in Feet of Fines (Beds); John Clipsham, 1432, John Clyppesham, 1436 in Feet of Fines (Rutland); John Clippesham, 1435 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Nicho Clypesh’m, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Arthingworth, Northants); Robert Clipsam, 1546 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Rycherd Clipsam, 1561, in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); Agneta Clipshan, 1575 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Edmond Clipsham, 1588 in *IGI* (Morcott, Rutland); Nycholas Clipsham, 1597 in *IGI* (Morcott, Rutland).

### Clipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Lincs
- 1 **English:** variant of *Clipston* with loss of *-t-*.
- 2 **English:** perhaps also a variant of *Clipsham*.

### Clipston

Variants: *Clipstone*, *Clipson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Clipston (Northants), Clipston in Plumtree and Clipstone in Edwinstone (both Notts), Clipstone in Eggington (Beds), and Clipstone in Fulmodeston cum Croxton (Norfolk).
- Early bearers: Levieth de Clipestune, 1164–1205, Ricardo de Clipestone, about 1304 in Rufford Charters (Notts); Hervey de Clipston, 1199 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); [ . . . de] Clipston, 1287 in Place-Names of Beds and Hunts (Beds); Simon de Clipstone, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Stoke Doyle, Northants); William de Clipston’, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Roberto de Clipstone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sandy, Beds); Robertus Clypston’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston in Arden, Warwicks); Johannes Clypston’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Gumley, Leics); William Clipston, 1392 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Clypston, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Woodford Halse, Northants); Elizabeth Clipston, 1715 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants).
- References: Place-Names of Northants, p. 111; Place-Names of Notts, pp. 73, 232; Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 122.

### Clipstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Notts
- English: see *Clipston*.

### Clisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Oxon
- English: see *Clixby*.

**Clish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English:** of uncertain origin; perhaps a nominalization of the Scots verb *clish* ‘chatter’. The family name is strongly associated with County Durham.
- Early bearers:** Jno Clish, 1728 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Clish, 1783 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); William Cleish, 1797 in *IGI* (Warenford, Northumb).

**Clisham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish and Irish (County Galway):** locative name possibly from Clisham in the Western Isles. Woulfe, however, suggests a Gaelic form, **Mac Cliseam**, of unexplained derivation.

**Clissett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths, Herefs, and Worcs
- English:** variant of **Clissold**.

**Clissold**

- Variants:** Clissett
- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English:** locative name from Clissold Farm in Painswick (Gloucs).
- Early bearers:** Ricardum de Clyveshale seniore, 1288 in Cirencester Abbey Cartulary registorum A (Gloucs); John de Clyveshale, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Bisley, Gloucs); Robert Clisold, 1557 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Thomas Clyssold, 1570 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Clissold, 1571, in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Issbell Clyssold, 1580 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Jyles Clissold, 1608 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Laurence Clissold, 1654 in *IGI* (Stanwell, Middx); Richard Clissol, 1682 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Samuel Clishold, 1719 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Elizabeth Clisset, 1734 in *IGI* (Earls Croome, Worcs); Samuel Clissett, 1766 in *IGI* (Longdon, Worcs).
- References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 1, p. 132.

**Clist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English:** locative name from any of the places in Devon named from the River Clist.
- Early bearers:** Huberd on Clist, Hereberd on Clist, 1068–1093 in Pelteret, pp. 102, 107 (Devon); Henry de Clist, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Walter de Clist, candeler, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Exeter, Devon); Edward Clist, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Clithero**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Clitheroe**.

**Clitheroe**

- Variants:** Clithero, Clithero, Cluderay, Glithero, Glitheroe, Glitherow
- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 463
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Norfolk
- English:** locative name from Clitheroe (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Cliderhou, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Robert Cletherowe, 1439 in York Freeman’s Register; Richard Cludre, Clydero, 1526, 1541 in York Guild Register; James Clithero, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Eduardi Clitherowe, 1618 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Willm. Clitheroe, 1633 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks); Matt. Glitherow, 1741 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Benjamin Glithero, 1787 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Thos. Glitheroe, 1789 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Charles Clythero, 1832 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk).

**Clitherow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Lincs
- English:** see **Clitheroe**.

**Clive**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Wigtowns
- English:** see **Cliff**.

**Clixby**

- Variants:** Clisby
- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English:** locative name from Clixby (Lincs).
- Early bearers:** William de Clissebi, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Richard Clixby, 1573 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Philip Clixby, 1695 in *IGI* (Grayingham, Lincs); John Clixby, 1839 in *IGI* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Clixby, 1869 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

**Clod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** see **Clode**.

**Cloak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also York
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English:** see **Cloke**.

**Cloake**

- Variants:** Cloke
- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English:** see **Cloke**.

**Clodd**

- Variants:** Clode
- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- 1 English:** nickname from Middle English *clod* ‘clod, lump of earth’.
- Early bearers:** Achi Clod, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Adam Clod, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Clod, 1571 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Clode, 1573 in PROB 11 (Saint Lawrence Ipswich, Suffolk); William Clodd, 1598 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Wm Clodd, 1600 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Susan Clodd, 1616 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk).
- 2 English:** occasionally a variant of **Clode**.

**Clode**

- Variants:** Cload, Clodd
- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English:** locative name from Clode’s Cottages in Northleigh (Devon). The name derives from Middle English *cloud* ‘mass of rock; hill or cliff’ (Old English *clūd*). Compare **Cloud**.
- Early bearers:** John atte Cloude, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); John atte Cloude, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Colyton hundred, Devon); Johannes Clode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Canley, Warwicks); Jane Clode, 1575 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Rychard Cloode, 1579 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Edward Cloade, 1594 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Christopher Clode, 1635 in PROB 11 (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Samuel Clodd, 1799 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).
- References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 628.
- 2 English:** occasionally a variant of **Clodd**.

**Clogg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English:** nickname from Middle English *clog(ge)* ‘wooden-soled shoe, clog’, denoting someone who habitually wore clogs, or possibly a maker of clogs; compare Matthew Clogmaker, 1367 in Colchester Court Rolls.
- Early bearers:** Symond Clogg, Joan Clog, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**Clogherly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish:** see **Cloherly**.

**Cloghessy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** see **Clohesy**.

**Cloherly**

- Variants:** Clougherty, Clogherly
- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish:** from Ó Clochartaigh ‘descendant of *Clochartach*’, a personal name based on (or thought to be based on) *cloch* ‘stone’, the translation **Stone** being found as an alternative anglicization of the surname.

## Clohesy

**Early bearers:** Ireland: David O Cloghertie, 1587 in Fiants Elizabeth §5065 (Ballinleglreagh, Clare).

### Clohesy

**Variants:** Cloghessy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

**Irish:** from Ó Clohasaigh ‘descendant of *Clochasach*’, a personal name apparently based on *cloch* ‘stone’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donoghó O Klocassy, labourer, and Dermot mcEdm. O Klaghssy, footman, 1587 in Fiants Elizabeth §5006 (Clangibbons, Limerick or Cork); Owen O Clohessey, and Edm. O Cloghessey, husbandmen, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6487 (Ballenemonie and Ballynard, Limerick).

### Cloke

**Variants:** Cloake, Cloak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1104, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex; Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cloke* ‘cloak’ (Old French *cloche*, *cloke*), denoting an habitual or distinctive cloak wearer, or perhaps a cloak maker.

**Early bearers:** Robert Cloche, 1210–11 in Winchester Pipe Roll; Nigel le Cloc, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Annes Cloke, 1542 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Elizabeth Cloke, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Erney, Cornwall); Thomas Cloke, 1601 in *IGI* (Skellingthorpe, Lincs); William Cloke, 1621 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Cloke, 1628 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

### Cloney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Warwicks, Staffs, and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Irish:** from Ó Cluanaigh, see **Clooney**.

### Cloonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**Irish:** from Ó Cluanáin ‘descendant of *Cluanán*’, a name from a diminutive of *cluanach* ‘beguiling, flattering, deceitful’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Cloonen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killaghally or Wheery, Offaly).

### Clooney

**Variants:** Cloney, Cluney, Clunie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Wexford

**Irish:** from Ó Cluanaigh ‘descendant of *Cluanach*’, a name from *cluanach* ‘beguiling, flattering, deceitful’. The less common surname **McCluney** is based on the same personal name.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mortogh O’Clony, cottier, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4039 (Brownston); Dermot O’Clonogh, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4174

(Clonemollin, Wexford); Henry O Clony, 1588 in Fiants Elizabeth §5203 (Fowkesrate, Kilkenny); Dermott O Clowne, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6517 (? Carlow); Moyllmory O Cluane, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6699 (Clare, Westmeath).

### Clorley

**Variants:** Claverley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Staffs

**English:** locative name from Claverley (Shrops), recorded as *Clorley* in 1550.

**Early bearers:** Joan Clarely, 1610 in *IGI* (Wendlebury, Oxon); Roger Clarely in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Hugh Clareley, 1627 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); George Clarley or Clorley, 1662 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Richard Clorley, 1670 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Elizabeth Clorley, 1702 in *IGI* (Moreton Say, Shrops).

### Close

**Variants:** Closs, Clowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4080, Ireland 586
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2603
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs; Gloucs; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

**1 English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *clos(e)* (Old French *clos*) ‘enclosure, farmyard’, used for someone who either lived by or possibly worked at an enclosure or farmyard.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Clos, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas del Close, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Bridget Close, 1550 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Johis Close, 1565 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Frances Close, 1568 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Isabella Close, 1569 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Mary Close, 1571 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *clos* ‘reserved, reticent, secretive’.

**Early bearers:** William le Clos, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); John Cloos, 1409 in London Pleas.

### Closs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons

**English:** see **Close**.

### Clothier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 994, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Dorset; Guernsey

**English:** occupational name from *cloth(i)er* ‘maker or seller of cloth’, an agent derivative of Middle English *cloth*.

**Further information:** Compare Richard le Clothmongere, 1296 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon), Thomas Clothman, 1416 in London Letter Books I.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Clother, 1286 in Fransson (Norfolk); Margery Clothier, 1544 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Agnes Clothier, 1560 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas Clothier, 1562 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); James Clothier, 1569 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); John Clothier, 1575 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

### Clotworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

**English:** see **Clatworthy**.

### Cloud

**Variants:** Cloude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Shrops

**English:** locative name, either topographic from Middle English *cloud* ‘mass of rock; hill or cliff’ (Old English *clūd*), or toponymic from one of the numerous places so named, such as Temple Cloud (Somerset), Cloud Bridge (Warwicks), and Clouds Wood (Herts). Compare **Clode**.

**Early bearers:** Wimarc’ de la Clude, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Robert atte Cloude, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Robert Cloud, 1528 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Henry Cloud, 1563 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Agnes Clowde, 1588 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Clowde, 1618 in PROB 11 (Bishops Cannings, Wilts).

**References:** Vocabulary of English Place-Names, at *clūd*.

### Cloude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**English:** see **Cloud**.

### Cloudesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

**English:** see **Cloudsley**.

### Cloudsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

**English:** variant of **Clydesdale**, influenced by minor place-names in Westm such as *Clouds* in Ravenstonedale, 10 miles from Shap where the name emerges.

**Early bearers:** John Cloudesdyll, 1560 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Margat. Cloudesdall, 1566 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Petter Cloudsdall, 1595 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Richard Cloudsdaile, 1675 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Thos Cloudsdale, 1726 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Cloudsley

**Variants:** Cloudesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

**English, Scottish:** locative name apparently from Cloudesley Farm in Withybrook (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** England: Anthony Cloudsley, 1573 in Yorks Deeds I; Anne Cloudsley, 1580 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Vxor Cloudesly, 1597 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Richard Cloudsley, 1601 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Clowdesley, 1600 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

Scotland: James Cloudslye, 1638 in Brechin Testaments (Montrose, Angus); John Cloudslye, 1658 in Epitaphs

of North-East Scotland (Montrose, Angus); William Cloudsley, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Cyrus, Kincardines).

### Clough

**Variants:** Cluff, Cleugh, Clew, Clow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6306, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6668

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

**1 English:** locative name from Middle English *clo(u)gh, clou, clew* (Old English \**clōh*) ‘ravine, steep-sided valley’, or from a place named with this word, for example in Lancs, Cumb, or WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Clough, 1234–40 in Sallay Cartulary (Grindleton, WR Yorks); Alan Bouenthecloue, 1261 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Richard Clowe, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Roger Clough, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John del Clogh, 1298 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Nicholas del Clogh, 1304 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Skipton, WR Yorks); Robert del Clough, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Nicholaus del Clogh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Keighley, WR Yorks); Henricus de Cloghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Henricus de Clowgh, 1381 in Poll Tax (Darley, Derbys); Willelmus de Clogh, 1381 in Poll Tax (Minsterley, Shrops); Richard Cluff, 1428 in Feudal Aids (Staffs); Robert Clough, 1560 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); Richardus Clough, 1568 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Alice Clough, 1575 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Ursula Clough, 1586 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Elizabeth Clew, 1642 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**2 English:** in the E Midlands, E Anglia and SE England, probably more often a variant of **Clow** (1), through misinterpretation of the name as **Clow** (2). **Early bearers:** Christopher Clough, 1572 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); William Clough, 1576 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Robert Cluff, 1592 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Mary Clough, 1610 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Margaret Clough, 1617 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Elizabeth Clough, 1624 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); James Cluff, 1673 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Cluff, 1697 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs).

### Clougher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** unexplained, possibly a variant of **Clover**. **Early bearers:** Henry Clowfer, 1710 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Henry Clogher, 1764 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

### Clougherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Durham
- Irish:** from Ó Clochartaigh, see **Cloherly**.

### Cloughley

**Variants:** Kehilly, Kehelly, Coakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Irish:** of uncertain origin: possibly a reduced form of an unidentified Irish surname in *Mac-*. Woulfe gives

**Mac Claochlaoich** as a variant or corruption of *Mac Caochlaoich* or *Mac Caochfhile* (anglicized as *Kehelly* and *Coakley* in West Cork), which is phonetically suitable for Cloughley but a long way from County Down.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Andrew Cloughley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mullaghbrack, Armagh).

### Cloughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks
- English:** locative name from Cloughton in NR Yorks. **Early bearers:** Abraham Cloughton, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

### Clouston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney
- Scottish:** locative name from Clouston in Stenness (Orkney), earlier recorded as Cloustath Black. **Early bearers:** William Cloustrath, 1500 in Orkney Records (Stenness, Orkney); Mawnis of Clustay, 1522 in Orkney Records (Sabay, Orkney); Huchone or Hutcheon Clouchstay, 1527 in Orkney Records (Orkney); George Clouston, 1607 in Orkney Records (Orkney).

### Clout

**Variants:** Clouitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English:** nickname from Middle English *cl(o)ut* ‘patch’. Compare **Clouter**.

**Early bearers:** Enial Clut, 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Walter Clut, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Kathern Clout, 1563 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Clout, 1571 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Clout, 1651 in *IGI* (Burrwash, Sussex); Adam Clout, 1701 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); John Clout, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Clouter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

**1 English:** occupational name for a cobbler or patcher, from an agent derivative of Middle English *cl(o)ut* ‘patch’.

**Further information:** Compare Robert le Cloutkeruer (‘patch cutter’), 1327 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Adam le Clutere, 1286 in Fransson (Norfolk); Robert (le) Clutere, 1301 in London Letter Books C; Adam Clouter, 1307 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Joseph Clouter, 1636 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon); Joan Clouter, 1707 in *IGI* (Dinnington, Somerset); Elisabeth Clouter, 1721 in *IGI* (Alvediston, Wilts); John Clouter, 1746 in *IGI* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); John Clouter, 1769 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall).

**2 Norman, English:** occupational name in some instances possibly, but less likely, from Old French *cloutier* ‘nailsmith’.

### Clouting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**English:** nickname from Middle English *clouting* ‘the process of patching, mending, etc.’. Compare **Clouter**.

**Early bearers:** William Cloutynng, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Clowting, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Cloughting, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Cloutinge, Henry Clouton, Thomas Clouten, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Cloutman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall; London

**English:** occupational name for a cobbler or patcher, from Middle English *cl(o)ut* ‘patch’ + *man*. Compare **Clouter**.

### Clouitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; York
- English:** see **Clout**.

### Clover

**Variants:** Clougher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1158, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 855
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

**English:** perhaps a variant of **Cleaver**, from a derivative of Old English *clēofan* ‘to split’, with change of stress within the diphthong to *clēofan*, *cloven*, whence *Clover*.

**Further information:** There seems to be no evidence to derive it from the plant-name.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Clovier, 1300 in London Court Rolls; Willelmus Clovyer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Woolbeding, Sussex); Alen Clover, John Clovier, William Clovyer, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Edmund Clover, 1561 in *IGI* (Whatfield, Suffolk).

### Cloves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** unexplained; probably usually a variant of *Cloughs*, but perhaps some other name has been assimilated to **Clough**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cloves, 1544 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Edward Cloves or Clowefes, 1577 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Alice Cloves or Clouffes, 1585 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Jane Cloughes, 1606 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Nicholas Clove, 1665 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Francisca Cloughes, 1667 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); George Cloves, 1694 in *IGI* (Oldberrow, Warwicks).

### Clow

**Variants:** Clowe, Clew, Clue, Clough, Clowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1066, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 897
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Lincs, Leics, and Northants; S and central Scotland

**1 English:** locative name from Middle English *cloue*, a false singular form of Middle English *worouse* ‘bar, enclosure, narrow pass’, later ‘mill dam, sluice-gate, floodgate’. See **Clowes**. This probably best explains

## Clowe

the occurrence of *Clow*, *Clue*, *Clues* in the E Midlands and E Anglia. See also **Clough** (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes atte Cloo, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burnham Overy, Norfolk); Will. de Cloue, 1327, William de Clune (for de Cluue?), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Graffham, Sussex); Nicholao Clowe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Leverton, Berks); Thoms. Clowe, 1621 in *IGI* (Slawston, Leics); Thomas Cloue, 1629 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elizabeth Clow, 1633 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Judith Clue, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Clowe, 1740 in *IGI* (Shadoxhurst, Kent).

**2 English, Scottish:** see **Clough** (1).

**Early bearers:** Ellen Clow, 1574 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Niniane Clow, 1604 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Helen Clowe, 1626 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross).

**3 English:** locative name; the Devon name may alternatively derive from an earlier form of Modern Cornish *cleath* 'dyke, earthwork', as found in the place-name *Clovelly* and most likely referring to that place, 10 miles W of Bideford.

**Early bearers:** John Clowe, 1540 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Henry Clowe, 1599 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Elizabeth Cloe, 1655 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

**4 English:** nickname possibly sometimes from Middle English *clewe*, *clowe* 'ball (of thread)', or from the same word used in some topographical sense as seen in *Clewlow* (Cheshire).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 165.

## Clowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Dumfriess
- English, Scottish:** see **Clow**.

## Clower

**Variants:** Cluer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**Norman, English:** occupational name for a nailer, from an agent derivative of Old French *clou* 'nail'. Stephen le cloer, 1292 in Subsidy Rolls (London) is identical with Stephen le Naylere, 1300 in London Court Rolls.

**Early bearers:** William le Cloer, le Cloier, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Elowen Clower, 1577 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Alicia Clower, 1595 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); Thomas Clower, 1595 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Margory Clower, 1611 in *IGI* (Dinnington, Somerset); Mathewe Clower, 1645 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

## Clowes

**Variants:** Cluse, Clews, Clow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2656, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1659
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs; Leics and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**1 English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *clouse*, *cluse*, Old English *clūse* 'bar, enclosure, narrow pass', later 'mill dam, sluice-gate, floodgate'. In the latter sense it may have been applied to a miller. See also **Clowser**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Cluse, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Thomas atte Cluse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls

(Warnham, Sussex); Johanne atte Clouse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warnham, Sussex); Robt. Clowes, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Sara Clouse, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); Laurence Clowse, 1611 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Thomas Clouse, 1639 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); Katherina Clouse, 1642 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Jeremiah Clows, 1664 in *IGI* (Sandon, Staffs); Walter Cluse, 1669 in *IGI* (Checkley, Staffs); Thomas Cluse, 1774 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

**2 English:** variant of **Clow** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**3 English:** perhaps sometimes a variant of **Clouse**.

## Clowser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Middx

**English:** locative name for someone who lived by a *clowse*, Middle English *clouse*, *cluse*, Old English *clūse* 'bar, enclosure, narrow pass', later 'mill dam, sluice-gate, floodgate'. *Clowser* is a type of formation (topographical term + *-er*) that is especially characteristic of Sussex and the adjacent counties. It was synonymous with *atte Clouse*, and the *Clowser* family is probably descended from Thomas atte Cluse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warnham, Sussex). See **Clowes**.

**Early bearers:** Rychard Closer, 1526, Moulde Clowser, 1546, John Clouser, 1549 in Sussex Wills. in Sussex Wills (Warnham, Sussex).

## Cloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; also Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic:** from **Mac an Leagha**, see **McCloy**.

## Cloyd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Welsh:** (i) in some cases, an anglicized form of Welsh *Clwyd*. See **Cluett**. (ii) in some cases, possibly an anglicization of Welsh *Llwyd* (see **Lloyd**).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cloyd', 1507 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Cloyd, 1717 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Robert Cloyd, 1746 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Morgan and Morgan, p. 70.

## Club

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

**English, Scottish:** see **Clubb**.

## Clubb

**Variants:** Clubbe, Club

- **Current frequencies:** GB 804, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 523
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Middx and Kent

**English, Scottish:** nickname for a maker or user of clubs, from Middle English *clubbe*, *clubbe* 'club'; compare Richard clobbere, 1222 in Saint Paul's

Domesday; Walter le Clubbere, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs).

**Further information:** In 1198–1212, Robert clobbere is also recorded as Robert clobbe (in History of Saint Barts Hospital 1, p. 267). By the Assize of Arms, every adult man had to be provided with at least a knife and a staff or club.

**Early bearers:** England: William Clobbe, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Gilbert Clobbe, 1202 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Stephen Clubbe, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Walter Clubbe, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Thomas Clobbe, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Chipping Barnet, Herts); John Clubbe, 1396 in Patent Rolls (Liverpool, Lancs); John Clubbe, 1539 in PROB 11 (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Robte Clubb, 1567 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Clubb, 1572 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Clubb, 1588 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Marjerie Clubb, 1594 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Geo Clubb, 1612 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

Scotland: Patrick Club, 1398 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen); William Club, burgess, 1444 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); George Clubb, 1738 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Aberdeens).

## Clubbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs and Merioneths; Cheshire
- English, Welsh:** see **Clubb**.

## Clubley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** unexplained.

**Further information:** The rare late variant seen in Francis Clublow, 1772 in *IGI* (Welwick, ER Yorks), probably does not indicate an older source form. Association with Ricardus Knobule, Willelmus Cnobule, 1381 in Poll Tax (Pinchbeck, Lincs), is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Alice Clublye, 1593 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Roberte Clubley, 1636, Elizabeth Clublay, 1672 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Francis Clubly, 1789 in *IGI* (Acomb, WR Yorks); John Clubblye, 1790 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Robert Clubblye, in Census 1881 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Charles Clubley, in Census 1891.

## Clucas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 717
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name from Manx *Mac Lugaish* 'son of Lucas', Gaelic **Mac Lúcais**.

**Further information:** Ballaclucas (Andreas, IoM) means 'Clucas's farm'.

**Early bearers:** Mac Lucas, 1511, Clugas, 1669, Clugish, 1801 in Kneen; Cath Clucas, 1631 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Gilbart Clucas, 1626 in *IGI* (Marown, IoM); Ewan Clucas, 1657 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); Mary Clucas, 1762, James Clucas, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

## Cluckie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Lucaidh, see **McLuckie**.

### Cludera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Clitheroe**.

### Clue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Clew**.  
2 English: see **Clow**.

### Cluer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- 1 English: see **Clower**.  
2 English: see **Clewer**.

### Clues

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; also IoM; Staffs, Warwicks, and Northants
- English, Scottish, Manx: see **Clews**.

### Cluett

Variants: **Clewett**, **Cloyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; Guernsey

Welsh, English: locative name, regional name, from Clwyd (Wales).

Further information: Given the early distribution of other bearers, it is unlikely that the 1595 bearer has any connection with French *clou* 'nail'.

Early bearers: Agnes Clewytt, 1539 in *IGI* (London); Sisly Cluit, 1582 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Peeter Clewet, 1593 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Richard Cluet or Nayler, 1595 in *IGI* (Shrops); Wylliam Cluat, 1607, in *IGI* (Somerset); Jane Clewett, 1613 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Cluett, 1636 in *IGI* (Holton, Somerset).

References: Morgan and Morgan, p. 70.

### Cluff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Clough**.

### Clugston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 117
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Renfrews, Ayr, and Kirkcudbrights; Lancs; IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from Clugston in Kirkcumber in Wigtowns.
- Early bearers: John Clugestoun, about 1239 in Scottish History Society Miscellany; Adam de Cloggestone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; John de Cloggestone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; John Clugston, 1484 in Maxwells

of Pollok; Schir Alexander Clugstone, 1493 in Maxwells of Pollok; James Clogston, 1586 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); John Clugston, 1695 in *IGI* (Kirkcumber, Wigtowns); Alexander Clogstoun, 1755 in *IGI* (Kells, Kirkcudbrights).

References: Black.

### Cluley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Clewlow**.

### Clulow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Clewlow**.

### Clunas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Highlands: Nairns, Morays, and Inverness
- Scottish: see **Cluness**.

### Clune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 288
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and lowland Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: shortened from Mac Glúin, a patronymic from the personal name *Glúin*, see **McGlone**. There is potential confusion with the history of **McAloon**, **McGlone**, and **McCluney**.

### Cluness

Variants: **Clunas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

Scottish: locative name from the land of Clunes in the county of Inverness.

Early bearers: Archibald de Clunace, 1338 in New Spalding Miscellany, iv, p. 126 (Badenoch); William Clunes, 1462 in Edinburgh Charters 38 (Leith, Midlothian); Alexander Clwnes, 1533 in Origines Parochiales II, p. 644 (Cromarty).

References: Black.

### Cluney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex
- Irish: from Ó Cluanaigh, see **Clooney**.

### Clunie

Variants: **Cluny**, **Cluney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Angus and Perth

1 Scottish: locative name from Clunie in Stormont (Perths).

Early bearers: Eugene de Cluny, 1263 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; William de Cluny of Perth, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Adam Cluny of Fife, 1296 in

Scotland Calendar; Marion Clunie, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

2 **Norman, Scottish, English:** locative name from Cluny in Saône-et-Loire.

Early bearers: Ralph de Clunecia, 1086 in Ely Inquisition; William de Cluini, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); William Clunie, 1600 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Thomas Clunie, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Clunie, 1611 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Helen Clunie, 1654 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

3 **Scottish:** Scottish spelling of Irish **Clooney**.

### Cluny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Middx; WR Yorks

Scottish: see **Clunie**.

### Clure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: contracted form of **McClure**.

### Cluse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Clowes**.  
2 English: see **Clews**.

### Cluskey

Variants: **Clusky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth
- Irish: from Mac Bhloscaidh, see **McCluskey**.

### Clusky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Derbys
- Irish: see **Cluskey**.

### Clutterbuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1165, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1027
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Dutch: nickname from *kloterboek*, a lexical variant of Early Modern Dutch *kladdeboek* (Modern *kladboek*) 'merchant's rough account book' first recorded in 1588 in the *Etymologicum Teutonicæ Linguae* by Kilian (C. van Kiel); but the variant word is older, for the surname is recorded in England 164 years previously.

Further information: 'The Clutterbucks . . . originally of Dutch origin, had fled from Holland in the sixteenth century', according to H. P. R. Finberg (1957), *Gloucestershire Studies*, Leicester: Leicester University Press. They evidently arrived earlier, and were well-known cloth merchants in the Stroud area. Early bearers: Thomas Cloterbuk, 1423–4 in Gloucs Ministers' Accounts (Berkeley, Gloucs); Robert Cloterboke, prior of Saint Margaret's Hospital, Gloucester, 1485 in Clutterbuck Collections; Michael Cloterbuck, 1560 in Patent Rolls (Cheshire); Annes

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Clutterbooke, 1596 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Toby Clutterbuck, 1608 in Oriol College Records; Samuel Clutterbook, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex); Richard Clutterbuck, 1678 in *IGI* (Eastington and Alkerton, Gloucs); Freame Clutterbuck, 1707 in Deputy Keeper's Report; Nathaniel Clutterbuck, 1708 in *IGI* (Eastington and Alkerton, Gloucs); Richard Clutterbooke, 1715, Thomas Clutterbook, 1752 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Daniel Cluterbuck, 1720 in *IGI* (Rockhampton, Gloucs); Peter Cluterbuck, 1749 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs).

**References:** The Gloucs Ministers' Accounts are cited by M. E. N. Witchell and C. R. Hudleston (1894) (eds.), *An Account of the Principal Branches of the Family of Clutterbuck*, Gloucester; R. H. Clutterbuck (1894), *Collections Relating to the Family of Clutterbuck* (privately published), at [https://dcm.lds.org/view/action/ieViewer.do?dps\\_pid=IE1108518&amp;amp;amp;dps\\_dvs=1368715425653~478&amp;amp;amp;dps\\_pid=IE1108518&amp;amp;amp;change\\_lng=en](https://dcm.lds.org/view/action/ieViewer.do?dps_pid=IE1108518&amp;amp;amp;dps_dvs=1368715425653~478&amp;amp;amp;dps_pid=IE1108518&amp;amp;amp;change_lng=en).

## Clutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 817, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 548
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbyshire

**English:** locative name from Clutton in Cheshire, rarely perhaps also from Clutton in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Alice Clutton, 1561 in *IGI* (Worcester); Raphe Clutton, 1563 in *IGI* (Worcester); Margaret Clotton, 1567 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Elizabetha Clutton, 1576 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Thomas Clootton, 1585 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Clotton, 1596 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Dorothea Clutton, 1675 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

## Cluxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Claxton**.

**Further information:** This variant is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Clyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

**English:** see **Cliburn**.

## Clyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 359
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Perth; Peebles
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

**Scottish:** locative name apparently for someone who lived on the banks of the Clyde river (Gaelic *Cluaidh*), which flows through Glasgow.

**Early bearers:** Villelmus Clide, 1493 in Maxwells of Pollok (Mauldsle, Lanarks); William Clyde, burgess, 1580 in Wedderburne Compt Buik (Dundee, Angus); Helen Clyde, 1665 in Lanark Testaments (Carluke, Lanarks).

## Clydesdale

**Variants:** **Cloudsdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from Clydesdale in Lanarks.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Cludesdale, 1256 in Scotland Calendar; Andrew de Clydesdale, 1304 in Scotland Calendar; John de Clydysdall, 1358 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; John Cliddisdail, burgess, 1480 in Edinburgh Burgh Records (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Clyiddisdaile, 1550 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow); Jonet Clydesdail, 1605 in Hamilton Testaments (Carmyle, Lanarks); Mareoun Clydsdail, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andro Clidsdail, 1616 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Clidsdail, 1621 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Georg Clidsdail, 1651 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Clidsdale, 1668 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Clyma

**Variants:** **Clymo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** see **Clemo**.

## Clymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *climber* 'one who climbs', but in what sense is unclear.

**Early bearers:** William Climber, 1285 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); John le Clymbere, 1336 in Patent Rolls (Herefs); William Clymer, 1541, John Clymar, 1582, Cornelius Climer, 1645 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Climber, 1739 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks).

## Clymo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** see **Clemo**.

## Clynch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

**Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Loingsigh**, see **Lynch**.

## Clyne

**Variants:** **Clynes**, **Cline**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 290
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; also Aberdeens and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Roscommon

**1 Scottish:** locative name from any of various places named Clyne, from the Gaelic word *clao* 'slope'.

**Early bearers:** William de Clyn, 1375 in Moray Register; Malcolm de Clyne, 1390 in Diplomatarium Norvegicum; Christian Clyne, 1730 in *IGI* (Olrig, Caithness).

**2 Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Giolla Chlaoin** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of *Chlaon*', a byname from *clao* 'deceitful'.

**Early bearers:** Gilleduff McGillecloyne, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4645 (Ballemeyckneyvacke, Roscommon); Rorie McGillecloyne, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6496 (Ralyne); Thomas Cline, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilglass, Roscommon); Denis Clyne, 1796 in

Flaxgrowers Ireland (Rathcline, Longford); Patrick Kilcline, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mohill, Leitrim).

## Clynes

**Variants:** **Clyne**, **Clines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**1 Irish, Scottish:** see **Clyne**.

**2 English:** locative name from Claines in Worcs, recorded as *Clynes* in 1234 and as *Clynes* in 1293.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Clynes, about 1280 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Clynes, 1327 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Benjamin Cline, 1664 in Hearth Tax (Somerset).

## Coad

**Variants:** **Coade**, **Code**, **Codman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *co(u)de*, *cud(e)* 'gum, mastic, cobbler's wax', perhaps denoting a cobbler.

**Early bearers:** Robert Chode, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Nicholas Code, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Ricardus Chode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuckfield, Sussex); George Coade, 1588 in PROB 11 (Clyst Saint George, Devon); Walter Coad, 1615 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Hughe Coade, 1626 in *IGI* (Milton by Canterbury, Kent).

**2 Irish:** from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**.

## Coade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent

**1 English:** see **Coad**.

**2 Irish:** from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**.

## Coady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 903
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish:** see **Cody**.

## Coaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Coker**.

## Coakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Radnors

**English:** see **Cox**.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Coakes, 1607 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Elizabeth Coakes, 1614 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Henary Coakes, 1682 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Rebekah Coakes, 1706 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

## Coakley

**Variants:** **Cokeley**, **Cokely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 1043
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244



- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 Irish, English:** relationship name from **Mac Caochlaioch**, patronymic from *Caochlaoch*, a personal name from *caoch* ‘blind’ + *laoch* ‘warrior, hero’.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Coakley, 1641 in PROB 11 (Hencott, Shrops); George Cokely, 1760 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Thomas Coakley, 1775 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Jno. Cokeley, 1780 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Thomas Cokley, 1787 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

Ireland: GillaIsa mcDonell roe McKeighely, and Teige Ivrittais mcDonoghe McKeighely, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4493 (Cork); Teige mcDonell McKeighely, shoemaker, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6514 (Castlemahowny, Cork); Cnoghor kittagh McKeaghlie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6571 (Rincurrane); Timothy Kehelly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballymoney, Cork).

**2 Irish:** see **Cloughley**.

## Coal

**Variants:** **Coale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English:** post-medieval spelling of **Cole**.

## Coalbran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Hants and Kent

**English:** see **Colbran**.

## Coale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; Middx
- English:** see **Coal**.

**Further information:** This variant is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Coales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Bucks, Middx, and Hunts

**English:** see **Coles**.

## Coalman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Wilts

**English:** see **Coleman**.

## Coalter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Lanarks

**Scottish:** variant spelling, common in Northern Ireland, of **Coulter**.

## Coan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**Irish:** a reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Comhdhain** ‘son of *Comhdhan*’, a personal name of unexplained meaning, or **Mac Comhghain** ‘son of *Comhghan*’, see **Cowan**.

**Early bearers:** Shane McCowane, yeoman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6662; Rorie McCowan, husbandman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6662.

## Coar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** Northern variant of **Carr**.

## Coard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English:** see **Cord**.

## Coast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** relationship name see **Coste**.

## Coat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English:** see **Coate**.

## Coate

**Variants:** **Coat, Cote, Delicate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name from any of several places named from Old or Middle English *cot(e)* ‘cottage’, such as Coat (Somerset), Coate (Wilts), or Cote (Oxon).

**Further information:** The place-names literally meant ‘the cottage(s) or hut(s)’, hence the medieval surname forms *de la Cote*, *atte Cote*. It is possible that some of the medieval surnames denoted someone who lived at a particular cottage, known as such, within a village or one who worked from a hut, but a toponymic origin is most likely for the modern hereditary surname. Medieval and post-medieval forms of the place-name often vacillate between singular and plural versions. See **Coates**, which is commoner than **Coate**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Cote, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Godfrey Cote, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Roger atte Kote, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ralph atte Cote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Geoffrey Attecot, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Ricardus Coate, 1377 in Poll Tax (Helmsley with Carlton, NR Yorks); John Coate, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Elizabeth Cote, 1624, Will. Coate, 1605, Coat, 1635 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Coate, 1615 in PROB 11 (West Thorney, Sussex).

## Coaten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English:** variant of **Cotton**.

## Coates

**Variants:** **Coats, Coatts, Cotes, Cottis, Cottiss, Cottage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15098, Ireland 626
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11122
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. N England and W Midlands; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

**English:** locative name from one of the numerous places called *Coates*, for example in Cambs, Gloucs, Lincs, Notts, Shrops, Sussex, or Wilts; *Cotes* in Leics or Staffs; or possibly from *Coat* in Somerset, *Cote* in Oxon or WR Yorks, with excrescent -s; or possibly from one of the numerous other places similarly named from the new Middle English plural form *cotes* of Old English *cot* (plural *cotu*) ‘cottage’, also ‘shelter’, and sometimes ‘woodman’s hut’. It is possible that some bearers may be from a place whose current name is from the dative plural form of this word, *cotum*, for example Coatham (Durham) or Cottam, Cotham (Notts), or from the plural of the related weak noun *cote*, plural *coten*. Cotham (Notts) is recorded as *Cotes* in the 13th century, and Coton (Cambs, Derbys, Northants) have many similar spellings.

**Further information:** There are very small places in Midlothian, E Lothian, and Fife called *Coates*, but the surname seems rarely if ever to be Scottish in origin. Jonet Coates appears in 1663 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** William de Cotes, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Walter de Cotes, 1234 in Fine Rolls (Hants); Thomas de Cotes, 1329 in Feet of Fines (Hants); William de Cotes of Prestwold, 1351 in Feet of Fines (Leics), i.e. from Cotes; Robert de Parua Cotes, 1375 in Feet of Fines (Lincs), i.e. from Little Coates; Robert de Cotes alias Robert, son of John de Cotes, 1395 in Patent Rolls; William Coates, 1539 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Robert Cotes, 1540 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Robertus Cotes, 1542, Thomas Coates, 1579 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Nicholas Coates, 1562 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Richard Coats, 1565 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Robert Coates, 1577 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Vrsely Cotts, 1582 in *IGI* (Toynton All Saints, Lincs); Wilhelmi Coattes, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwick); Richard Coates, 1598 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs).

## Coath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish:** nickname from Cornish *coth* ‘old’.
- Early bearers:** surnames: Robert Coath, 1616 in PROB 11 (Broxbourne, Herts); Alexander Coath, 1620 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Grace Coath, 1647 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Cyprian Coath, 1707 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall); Thomas Coath, 1770 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Mary Coath, 1817 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Amelia Maria Coath, 1832 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops).

## Coatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

## Coathup

**English:** locative name from Coatham in Kirkleatham (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Cotom, 1377 in Poll Tax (East Heslerton, ER Yorks); Agnes de Cothom, wife of William de Cothom, 1397 in York Registry Wills; Ann Coatham, 1695 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

### Coathup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

**English:** variant of **Calthorpe**.

### Coatman

**Variants:** Cotman, Cottman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Middx

**1 English:** status name from Middle English *cot(e)* ‘cottage’ + *mann* ‘man’ (*cotmannus* in Domesday Book, corresponding to Medieval Latin *bordarius*), denoting a cottager or cotset, in Scotland a cottar. Compare **Cotter**, **Cotterel**.

**Early bearers:** Ulkillus cotmannus, 1183 in Boldon Book (Durham); William Coteman, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Henricus Cotman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pulham, Norfolk); William Cottman, 1624 in PROB 11 (Rotherhithe, Surrey); Lawrence Coatman, 1635 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Anthony Coatman, 1704 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *cote* ‘outer garment, coat’ + *man*, probably denoting a maker or seller of coats. Compare *Capman* ‘maker or seller of caps’, Fransson, p. 116.

**Early bearers:** William Cotman, Coteman, Mercator, 1206–8 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Sarah Coatman, 1572 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Coatman, 1642 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Michael Coatman, 1708 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

### Coats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 885, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; N England; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 Scottish:** see **Coutts**.

**2 English:** see **Coates**.

### Coatsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham

**English:** (i) locative name from an unidentified place, possibly Cotesue in Coverham (NR Yorks), which is found as *Cotescough*, *Cotescugh* in 1606, i.e. locally pronounced /kɔ:tskjəx/. If so, it has been rationalized to the common place-name elements *-worth*, *-wath*, *-forth*. (ii) locative name: Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames alternatively takes *Coatesforth* to be the earlier form (although also from an as yet unidentified place), noting Roger Cotesforth in 1464 (Newton Ketton, Durham) and Robert Cotisforthe in 1533 (Haughton le Skerne, Durham).

**Early bearers:** John Cotesworth, 1563 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Dorothea Cotsworthe, 1565 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Janet Cotsworth, 1566 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Jane Coatsworth, 1577 in *IGI*

(Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Raphe Cotsworth, 1582 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Cuthbert Cotesworth, 1584 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); William Cotsforth, 1603 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Joseph Coatsforth, 1690 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); John Coatswath, 1690 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Richard Cotesforth, 1732 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 255; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Coatts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Fife; Lancs; London

**Scottish:** see **Coutts**.

### Cobain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

**1 Scottish:** see **Cobban**.

**2 English:** see **Cockbain**.

### Cobb

**Variants:** Cobbs, Cobbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5210, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4159
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Dorset; Yorks; also Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

**English, Scottish:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cobbe*, Old English \**Cobba*, originally a nickname ‘big man, leading man’, or in eastern counties alternatively Old Scandinavian *Kobbi*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that *Cobbe* was a Middle English pet form of *Jacob*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cobba, 1201 in Pleas (Cornwall).

surnames, England: Leuric Cobbe, 1086 in Domesday Book; Walter Cobbe, 1234–5 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Cobbe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Cobbe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marsham, Norfolk); Johanne Cob, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Hugh Cobbe, 1414 in PROB 11 (Western Colville, Cambs); Nicholas Cobb or Cobbe, 1617 in PROB 11 (East Grinstead, Sussex); Mary Cobb, 1620 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset).

surnames, Scotland: John Cob, 1479 in Brechin Register; John Cobb, 1629 in Brechin Testaments (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** Tengvik, p. 305.

### Cobbald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Cobbold**.

### Cobban

**Variants:** Cobain, Cobbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Morays and Banffs

**Scottish:** relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kolbein*.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Cobbin, 1539 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); George Coobane, 1542, and Ellin Cobaine, 1560, in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Cobbin, 1566 in *IGI* (Boultham, Lincs); Robert Cobbin, 1569 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Alis Cobane, 1584 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

Scotland: Patrick Coben, burgess, 1486 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Ando. Coben, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Coban, 1633–36 in New Spalding Miscellany (Corse, Aberdeens).

**References:** Black.

### Cobbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cheshire; Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois; Dublin

**English:** variant spelling, common in Ireland, of **Cobb**.

### Cobbet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

**English:** see **Cobbett**.

### Cobbett

**Variants:** Cobbet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cob(b)*, *Cobba* (see **Cobb**) + the diminutive suffix *-et*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Cobet, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); John Cobat, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Ricardus Cobet, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shere, Surrey); Robert Cobbett, 1583 in Place-Names of Surrey, p. 104; Thomas Cobbet or Cobbett, 1618 in PROB 11 (Thame, Oxon).

### Cobbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, and Norfolk

**1 English:** see **Cobbing**.

**2 English:** see **Cobban**.

### Cobbing

**Variants:** Cobbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cob(b)*, *Cobba* (see **Cobb**) + the suffix *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cobbing, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Cobbyng, 1298 in King’s Bench Cases (Lincs); Richard Cobbyng, 1345 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Francis Cobbin, 1624 in PROB 11 (Dullingham, Cambs); Robert Cobbing, 1725 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk).

### Cobble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

**English:** see **Coble**.

**Cobbledick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall  
**English, Cornish:** locative name from a lost or unidentified place, perhaps in Lincs, where the surname was once common. However, it was well established in Cornwall and Devon by the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cubbeldick, 1242 in Book of Fees (Lincs); John de Cupeldicke, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Roger de Cobeldyk, 1320 in Ancient Deeds iv (Lincs); John Copuldick 1422–61 in Ancient Deeds v (Lincs); Ambrose Cobledicke, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Cook Cuppelditch, 1757 in *IGI* (Burgh-Le-Marsh, Lincs).

**Cobbler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *cobeler(e)* ‘cobbler, shoe repairer’.

**Early bearers:** Emma le Cobelere, 1289 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Richard le Cobelere, 1339 in London Pleas; Robertus Cobeler, 1377 in Poll Tax (Burford, Oxon); Hugh Cobeler, 1399–1413 in Ancient Deeds iv (Norfolk); Joan Cobler, 1541 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Mary Cobbler, 1773 in Parish Registers (Cotterstock, Northants).

**Cobbold**

**Variants:** Cobbold, Cutbill, Corbold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 656
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex and Middx

**English:** relationship name from a Middle English reflex of the Old English personal name *Cūðbeald*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Cotebaldus de Wigornia, before 1200 in Dublin Documents.

surnames: Aluuius Cubold, 1086 in Domesday Book (Northants); Ricardus Cubaldus, 1174 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); John Cubald, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Cutebold, 1292 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Cobald, 1309 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Cotebold, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); John Cobbold, 1546 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Willmi Cobbold, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Eustes Cobbold, 1619 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Edward Cobbold, 1686 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Cobbold, 1770 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minories, London).

**Cobbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex

**English:** variant of **Cobb** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Cobbes, 1510 in PROB 11 (Newchurch, Kent); John Cobbes, 1559 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex).

**Cobby**

**Variants:** Cobey, Coby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; ER Yorks

**English:** (i) nickname perhaps a simple adjective formation in -y from Middle English *cobbe*, in a sense like ‘stout’ (hence ‘big’, ‘important’), or ‘lumpish’. (ii) relationship name alternatively, perhaps a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Cob(b)*; see **Cobb**.

**Further information:** Both *Cobb* and *Cobby* have been typically Sussex names, though *Cobb* is also widespread.

**Early bearers:** Willo Coby, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hartfield, Sussex); Richard Cobby, 1539 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); Richard Cobbye, 1539 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); John Cobbye, 1541 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); Georgi Cobbie, 1560 in *IGI* (Brede, Sussex); James Cobbye, 1574 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Devenish Cobbye, 1589 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, pp. 374–5.

**Cobden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Hants; Jersey

**English:** locative name from Cobden Farm in Sullington (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John Cobden, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Cobdine, 1549 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Wllm. Cobden, 1552 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Thomas Cobden, 1561 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

**Cobern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** (i) possibly a variant of **Colbran**. (ii) possibly a variant of **Colbourne**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cobern, 1694 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Mary Cobern, 1752 in *IGI* (Gussage Saint Michael, Dorset); Thomas Cobburn, 1766 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Joseph Cobern, 1788 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Cobborn, 1812 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

**Cobey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** see **Cobby**.

**Cobham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx and Surrey

**English:** locative name from any of at least three places in S England called Cobham, in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Robert, Nicholas de Cobeham, 1199–1200 in Feet of Fines (Kent), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Cobham, 1400 in Assize Rolls (London); Thomas Cobham, 1471 in PROB 11 (Scarburgh, Surrey); Edward Cobham, 1629 in PROB 11 (Southwark, Surrey).

**Coble**

**Variants:** Cobble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cobel* ‘rowing boat’, denoting an oarsman or a boat builder.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Cobel, 1301 in Coroners’ Rolls (London); William Cobell, 1482 in York Freeman’s Register; Robert Coble, 1625 in PROB 11 (Southwold, Suffolk).

**Cobleigh**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Cobley**.

**Further information:** This variant has died out in Britain but is fairly numerous in the USA.

**Cobley**

**Variants:** Cobleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1288, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1085
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Rutland; Devon

1 **English:** see **Cubley**.

2 **English:** locative name from Cobley in Lapford in East Worlington (Devon).

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to derive the name from Cobley in Woodyates (Dorset), with the possible exception of the 1379 Wilts example.

**Early bearers:** Henry and Robert de Cobbeleghe, Richard de Cobbeleghe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Affeton in East Worlington, Devon); Johanna Cobely, 1379 in Poll Tax (Plaitford, Wilts); John Coblye, 1541, Roger Cobligh, 1591 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robert Cobley, 1572 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Balthazer Cobley, 1592 in *IGI* (Altherington, Devon); William Cobleigh, 1623 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Cobley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Thomas Cobleigh, 1736 in *IGI* (Morchard Bishop, Devon).

**Cobourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Scottish, **English:** see **Cockburn**.

**Cobourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Scottish, **English:** see **Coburn**.

**Coburn**

**Variants:** Cobourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 462
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 505
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish, **English:** see **Cockburn**.

**Coby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Cobby**.

**Cochran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1140

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Scottish: see **Cochrane**.

**Cochrane**

Variants: **Cochran, Cochren, Cockrane, Coughran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7450, Ireland 1272
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4612
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Down, and Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Cochrane (Renfrews). **Early bearers:** William de Coughran, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); Robert de Cochrane, about 1360 in Glasgow Register (Strathearn, Perth); Peter de Cochrane, 1452 in Perth Blackfriars; Petir Couchran, 1487 in Prestwick Records (Prestwick, Ayr).

**Cochren**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Scottish: see **Cochrane**.  
Further information: This spelling has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Cock**

Variants: **Cocke, Coke, Cox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3286
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cornwall

**1 English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *cock* ‘cook’, a possible variant of **Cook** if shortening of the vowel of Old English *cōc* ‘cook’ occurred before it developed to Middle English *coke*, *couk*, *cook*. In examples of *Coc* and *Cok* below, the vowel may be short or long, so they could alternatively be cited under **Cook**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *cock* (Old English and Old French *coc*) ‘male bird, cock’ (especially the male of the domestic fowl), perhaps used humorously of a leader or chief man in a social group, though this sense is not recorded before the 16th century in OED. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under other senses below.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for Reaney’s belief that Middle English *cock* ‘cock’ became ‘a common term for a pert boy, and was used of scullions, servants, etc., and came to be attached to Christian names as a pet diminutive’. The suffix *-cock* was probably an extended form of Old English *-oc*; see McClure, Jack II, pp. 19–22. Derivation of the surname from Welsh *coch* or Cornish *cogh* ‘red’ (of hair or complexion) is impossible, since the required sound change is not otherwise evidenced either in Welsh or Cornish or in the relevant dialects of English.

**Early bearers:** England: Ælfsige ðene Coc about 950 in Anglo-Saxon Wills; Osbern Cocc, 1175–95 in Ancient Scottish Seals (Derbys); Aki Coc, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); William le Cock, 1271 in Staffs Forest Pleas; Thomas le Cok, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Godard le Cock, 1281 in London Letter Books A; Nicholas Cock, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Willelmus le Cok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cronton, Lancs); John Cok, 1424 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Cock, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Cock, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Jhon Cock,

1554 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Wilelmi Cock, 1542 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); John Cock, 1542 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Michael Cock, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Anne Cock, 1562 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabetha Cock, 1562 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks); Thomas Cock, 1559 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Cock, 1572 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Margret Cock, 1575 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Samuell Kok, 1683 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs).

Scotland: Margarit Cock, 1562 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Robert Cock, 1611 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); John Cock, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jhone Kok, 1617 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Hew Cock, 1633 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Francis Cock, 1721 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness); James Cock, 1733 in *IGI* (Fintray, Aberdeens).

**2 English:** relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Cok*, of uncertain origin. For possible early bearers of the surname see examples without the definite article in (1) above.

**Early bearers:** given names: Koc filius Pertuin, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Cock le Bottiller, 1281 in London Letter Books C; Koc Forester, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Charlston and Eastdean, Sussex); Kok de mari, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Upperton in Eastbourne, Sussex); Cok mon garcon, a groom of John de Langford, 1293–7 in Abbot of Westminster Documents; Cok gardinarius, identical with Ralph le Gardiner, 1341, and Cok de Hencoit, identical with Henry de Hencoit, 1342 in Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls; Cokk’ Pynder, 1377 in Poll Tax (Myton Gate, ER Yorks). **References:** McClure, Jack II, pp. 19–22.

**3 English:** (i) locative name from Middle English *cock* (Old English *cocc*) ‘hillock, haycock, heap’, denoting someone who lived by a hillock or mound. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *cock(k)* ‘ship’s boat’, and used for a boatman. Compare **Barge**. (iii) locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked or at a house or inn distinguished by a sign depicting a haycock or mound, a boat, or a cock bird (see the senses above). **Early bearers:** Hugh ate Cocke, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London); Hugh ate Coke, 1320 in London Letter Books E; William dil Cok, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas atte Cok, 1380 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Robertus Cock, 1541 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Tymothy Cock, 1548 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts).

**Cockaday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Flemish:** nickname from **Cockede**y, from French (Picard) *Coquidé*, from Old French *coquidet* ‘foolish, silly; mad’.  
**Early bearers:** Judicq Cockedee, 1665, Peter Cockadee, 1692, Gideon Cockaday, 1720 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
**References:** Debrandere.

**Cockarill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English:** see **Cockerill**.

**Cockayne**

- Variants: **Cokayne, Cocking, Cockin, Cogan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1350, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 900
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, Notts, and WR Yorks

**1 English:** nickname, locative name; for an idle dreamer or glutton, or for someone who lived at a place jokingly known as Cockayne. Middle English *Cokaygne* (Old French *Coquaigne*) was the name of an imaginary country and a place of luxury and idleness. Two of the early bearers below may have given their names to the land called Cocken in Dalton (Lancs) and to Cocking Lane in Clayton, near Bradford, recorded from 1550 as *Cokan* in Place-Names of WR Yorks, 3, p. 255. Alternatively *Cokayne* may have been an ironic name for the lands themselves, in which case the surnames may have been derived from tenancy of the land. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Further information:** Cockayne Hatley (Beds), recorded as *Cocking Hatley* in 1576 and in recent times pronounced /kɒkɪn ætli/, was named after the Cokayne family who came into its possession in 1417 (Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, pp. 105–6).

**Early bearers:** William Cokein, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Hawisa de Cokaingne, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William Cocaine, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks); Geoffrey de Cokaygne, 1228 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John de Cokayne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Epping, Essex); [ . . . ] de Cokayn, 14th century in Furness Cartulary (Dalton, Lancs); Adam de Cokayne, 1330 in Yorks Deeds (Clayton, WR Yorks); John Cokkayn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Rogerus Cokan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chapel Allerton, WR Yorks); John Cokayn, escheator for Notts, 1406 in Inquisitions post Mortem (Notts); Rogeri Cockin, 1543, Elizabetha Cocken, 1544 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Robertus Coken, 1554, Rychard Cockin, 1578, Joa Cokin, 1824 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Rob. Cokayne, 1576 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Anne Cocken, 1569, Dorothe Cokin, 1586, Willia Cocking, 1621, Agnes Cockaine, 1656 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); Willm. Cocken, 1578 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Thomae Cockaine, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Doritye Cokayne, 1600 in *IGI* (Bletsoe, Beds); Thomae Cockaine, 1608 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Reynold Cokayn, 1613 in *IGI* (Cockayne Hatley, Beds); John Cockin, 1640 in PROB 11 (Alvaston, Derbys); John Cokayne, 1661 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Grace Cokayne, 1714 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); William Cokayne, 1745 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

- References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 203; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.  
**2 English:** altered form of **Cockin**. The two names have probably been confused from early times.  
**3 Huguenot:** altered form of **Cocking**.

**Cockbain**

- Variants: **Cobain, Cockbaine**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English:** nickname from Middle English *cock* ‘cock’ + northern Middle English *bein* (Old Scandinavian *bein* ‘leg, legs’) ‘cock’s leg(s)’, probably for someone with spindly legs. *Bein* means ‘bone’, but also ‘leg(s)’, and the second sense is the more natural in surnames. The second element may sometimes instead be the adjective *beinn* ‘legged’, as in Old Scandinavian *diðrbeinn* ‘thick-legged’.

**Further information:** The 'bone' or 'leg' word is not uncommon in medieval nicknames, especially in this northern form: compare Walter Coltbayn, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb) 'colt's leg(s)'; Richard Schortbayn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks) 'short leg(s)'; William Longerbayne, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Northumb) 'longer leg(s)'. In recent centuries it has gained the possibly euphemistic variant *Cobain*.

Robert Ford, in 1998, reports his father pronouncing Cumberland *Cockbaine* as *Cobain*; <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/CUMBERLAND/1998-11/0911398832>.

**Early bearers:** William Cokben, 1545 in York Freemen's Register; Gawine Cocbane, 1699 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Rich Cockbain, 1702 in *IGI* (Threlkeld, Cumb).

### Cockbaine

- **Current frequencies 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Somerset
- English:** see *Cockbain*.

### Cockbill

**Variants:** *Cogbill*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Oxon

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *cok*, *cock(e)* 'cock, rooster' + *bile*, *bill(e)* 'bill'. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, from Middle English *cokebelle* 'small bell' (from Old French *coque* 'shell').

**Early bearers:** Mauld Cokkebile, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Brailes, Warwicks); Ralph Cokkebill, about 1400 in MED; Mary Cogbyll, 1578 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Richardus Cogbyll, 1578 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Anna Cockbill, 1604 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Cogbill, 1621 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Rogar Cockbull, 1623 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

### Cockburn

**Variants:** *Coburn*, *Cobourne*, *Cobourn*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4094, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3792
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Northumb and Durham; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Dublin

**Scottish:** locative name from Cockburn in Duns (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Cokburne, 1190-1220 in Midlothian Charters (Soutra, Midlothian); John de Kocbrun, about 1250 in Lindores Chartulary (Fife); Robert de Cokburne, 1266 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Robert de Cokeburn, 1281 in Morton Register, Scotland; William de Cokeburgne, 1304 in Scotland Calendar; Alexander Cokeburne or Cocburn de Langtoun, 1390, 1391 in Great Seal of Scotland; Sibyl Cockburn, 1600 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian).  
**References:** Black.

### Cockcroft

**Variants:** *Cockroft*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 894, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 849
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cockcroft in Rishworth (WR Yorks), or perhaps sometimes from Cock Croft in Bingley (also WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cockecroft, 1296 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John Cokcroft, 1494 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Henrye Cockcroft, 1621, Henrici Cockcroft, 1638 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Cocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

**English:** see *Cock*.

### Cockell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey; Wilts

1 **English:** see *Cockle*.

2 **English:** see *Cockhill*.

### Cocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2446, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Dublin

**English:** (i) occupational name, nickname denoting a fighter or wrangler, from an agent derivative of Middle English *cocken* 'to fight'. (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *coke* 'to put up hay in cocks'.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Cokere, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Geoffrey Cokkere, 1237 in Book of Fees (Bucks); Alexander Cokkere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Adam le Cokkere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Willelmus Coker, 1379 in Poll Tax (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Nicholas Cocker, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs).

Scotland: Alexander Cokker, 1363 in Great Seal of Scotland; Alexr Cocker, 1680 in *IGI* (Auchterless, Aberdeens); John Cocker, 1686 in *IGI* (Fyvie, Aberdeens).

### Cockeram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Devon

**English:** see *Cockerham*.

### Cockerell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia
- Norman, English:** see *Cockerill*.

### Cockerham

**Variants:** *Cockeram*, *Cockram*, *Cockrem*, *Cockran*, *Cockren*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cockerham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John de Kokerham, 1349 in York Freemen's Register; Robertus de Cokerhan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancs); Thomas Cokeram, 1450 in Archaeologia Cantiana 7; Roger Cockerham, mercer, 1454 in York Registry Wills (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Cockeram, 1593 in PROB 11 (Cole Orton,

Leics); Thomas Cockrom, 1596 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Nathaniel Cockerum, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); William Cockran, 1756 in York Freemen's Register.

### Cockerill

**Variants:** *Cockrill*, *Cockrell*, *Cockarill*, *Cockerell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1929, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1444
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Warwicks and Northants

**Norman, English:** (i) occupational name from Old French *cocherel*, *cokerel* 'poultry dealer'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *cockerell* 'young cock'. The vocabulary word is not recorded in MED before 1440, though that is not an insuperable objection to its appearance as a surname much earlier.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Cokerel, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Wilhelmus Cokerel, 1176 in MED; Adam Cokerell, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Cokerell, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); John Cockerell, 1560 in PROB 11 (Fordham, Essex); Jacobus Cockerill, 1567 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); George Cockquerell, 1635 in PROB 11 (Heyshott, Sussex).

### Cockerline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**English:** variant of *Cocklin*.

**Early bearers:** William Cokclun, about 1206 in Whitby Chartulary (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Marion Cokelyn, 1457 in York Registry Wills (York); Christopher Coclin, 1590, Edward Cockerline, 1602 in Parish Registers (Howden, ER Yorks); Gulmus Cockerline, 1686 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Cockerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 497
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Cambs, Essex, and Suffolk

**English:** locative name perhaps from Cockerton in Durham, but more likely from a lost or unidentified place in East Anglia.

**Further information:** Henry de Cokynton, possibly from Cockington (Devon), appears about 1290, Feet of Fines (Cambs), close to where *Cockerton* is found in Suffolk in the 16th century, and there may be a connection.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cockerton, 1547 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); John Cockerton, 1564 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); Agnes Cockerton, 1566 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Christopher Cokerton, 1571 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); George Cockerton, 1583 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk).

### Cockett

**Variants:** *Cockitt*, *Cockhead*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England; also Lancs and WR Yorks

1 **English:** locative name in Lancs and WR Yorks from Cocket, in Rathmell (near Giggleswick, WR Yorks), recorded as *Cockheved* (1307-27). Similar

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minor place-names may have occurred in other counties and given rise to the surname there. Compare, for example, Johannes Kockehened (for Kockeheued), 1377 in Poll Tax (Kirmington, Lincs). **Early bearers:** Willelmus Kokheued', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rathmell, WR Yorks); John Cockett, 1560 in Parish Registers (Giggleswick); Thomas Cockit, 1627 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); James Cockitt, 1690 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames. **2 English:** locative name sometimes, in SE England, a variant of **Cackett**.

**Early bearers:** Clemens Cocket, 1572 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Sarah Cockett, 1799, Amey Cackett, 1821 in *IGI* (Knockholt, Kent).

**3 English:** (i) relationship name, possibly from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Cok* (see **Cock**) + the diminutive suffix *-et*. Compare **Cocklin**. (ii) nickname, occupational name for someone who carried a seal, such as a customs house officer, from Middle English *coket*, Old French *coquette* 'seal'. (iii) nickname, occupational name perhaps for someone who liked eating bread made of fine flour or who baked and sold it, from Middle English *coket*, so named (it is doubtfully supposed in OED) because the bread was stamped with an authenticating seal; see (ii).

**Early bearers:** Richard Cochet, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); John Coket, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Thomas Cokat', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Bardfield, Essex); Anne Cockett, 1558 in PROB 11 (Appleton, Norfolk); Jeremiah Cockitt, 1654 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

## Cockfield

**Variants:** Coffield, Cofield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Westm

**English:** locative name from Cockfield (Durham), perhaps also from Cockfield (Suffolk), or Cuckfield (Sussex), recorded as *Cokefeld'* in 1232.

**Early bearers:** Lucia de Kokefeld, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Robert de Cockfeld, 1236–47 in Yorks Charters; Nicholas Cokefeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Lewis Cofield, Coefield, 1611 in The Essex Review 61.

## Cockhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

**English:** see **Cockett**.

## Cockhill

**Variants:** Cockle, Cockell, Cockill, Coghill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from one or other of the eight minor places called *Cockhill* in WR Yorks, or more rarely possibly from Cockhill in Berrynarbor (Devon).

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, suggests that the name originated in the vicinity of Rothwell (WR Yorks), with the referent perhaps a lost place near the field in that parish named *Cock Hill*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cokhil, about 1300 in MED; Thomas Cokkull', 1424 in Feet of Fines (referring to Northants); Thomas Cockehyll, 1547 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Cockhill, 1582 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); John Cockhill, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Cockill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

**1 English:** see **Cockle**.  
**2 English:** see **Cockhill**.

## Cockin

**Variants:** Cocking, Cockayne, Cogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; Staffs and Worcs

**1 English:** (i) relationship name perhaps from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Cok* (see **Cock**) + the diminutive suffix *-in*. In its variant forms the name is difficult to separate from (2), (3), and (4). (ii) nickname from Middle English *cokin* (Old French *coquin*) 'scoundrel'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cokin, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); John Cokin, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Notts); Michael Cokyn, 1499 in Cornish Lands (Saint Columb, Cornwall); Pacien Cocken, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Robert Cocking, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Cocking, 1621 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**2 English:** nickname possibly from Middle English *\*cokin*, apparently a variant of *coket* 'seal', also 'bread made from fine flour'. See **Cockett** and compare Ralph Cocunbred, 1209 in Leicester Freemen Register, Adam Cokinbred, 1265, and Ralph Cokinbred, 1299 in Leicester Freemen Register. *Cockin bread* is presumably the same as Middle English *cocket bread*.

**3 English:** see **Cockayne**.

**4 English:** see **Cocking**.

## Cocking

**Variants:** Cockin, Cockings, Cockayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1385, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks and Lincs; also Lancs

**1 English:** locative name from Cocking (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William Cocking', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Cocking, 1560 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Cocking, 1583 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex).

**2 English:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *\*Coccing*, a pet form of *Cocc*, see **Cock**. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (3) or (4).

**Early bearers:** William Coccing, 1266 in Leicester Borough Records; Thomas Cocking, 1561 in *IGI* (West Allington, Lincs); Wylm. Cockyn, 1562 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Robert Cocking, 1584 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); John Cockynge, 1586 in *IGI* (Barkston, Lincs); Thomas Cocking, 1695 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Humfrey Cocking, 1704 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**3 English:** see **Cockayne**.

**4 English:** see **Cockin**.

## Cockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Cornwall

**English:** variant of **Cocking**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hew Cockkines, 1628 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); George Cockings, 1669 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); William Cockings, 1820 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds).

## Cockitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

**English:** see **Cockett**.

## Cockle

**Variants:** Cockell, Cockill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey; Cambs and Suffolk

**1 English:** locative name based on Middle English *cok(k)el* '(corn) cockle' (Old English *coccul*, *coccel*), a weed particularly common in cornfields.

**Further information:** For the *taris* of Wyclif's 1388 Bible, that of 1382 has *dernel* or *cokil*, and the Rheims and Authorized Versions have *cockle*. Compare **Darnell**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Cockel, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Thomas Cockel, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Richard le Cokel, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William Cockyl, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Ralph Kokyl, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Agnes Cockle, 1561 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Edward Cockle, 1561 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Daniell Cockle, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richard Cockle, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Thomas Cockle, 1594 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *cokel* (Old French *cockille*) 'shell', also 'cockle', the shellfish. Thuresson explains (William) Cockeler, 1332 in Thuresson (Lincs) as a gatherer of cockles, while Dauzat takes French *Coquille* to be a surname applied to pilgrims to the shrine of Saint James of Compostella, who sewed shells on their clothes as a sign of their pilgrimage. (Compare *cockle hat* (1834 OED), a hat with a cockle or scallop shell stuck into it, worn for the same reason.)

**3 English:** possibly sometimes for **Cockhill**.

## Cockley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** locative name from Cockley Cley (Norfolk) or Cockley Hill in Kirkheaton (WR Yorks), or possibly Cookley (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Cokeleye, son of William de Westone, 1291 in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich); Thomas Cokkelegh, 1428 in Staffs Archives; Nicholas Cockley, 1575 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Guilmus Cockeley, 1579 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Joane Cockly, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Cockly, 1598 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Lawrence Cockly, 1615 in *IGI* (Shalford, Essex).

**Cocklin**

Variants: **Cockling, Cockerline**

- Current frequencies: GB 350, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 291
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: relationship name from a double diminutive form of the Middle English personal name *Cok* (see **Cock**).

Early bearers: given names: Kokelinus carectarius, 1295 in Barnwell Memorandum Book (Cambs). surnames: Ralph Cokelin, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Reginald Kokelin, 1284 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Willm. Cocklin, 1643 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Geo Cockling, 1599, Lorithie Cockline, 1622, Sarah Cocklin, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Hugh Cocklin, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**Cockling**

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: Middx, Surrey, and Kent; WR Yorks

English: see **Cocklin**.

**Cockman**

Variants: **Cookman**

- Current frequencies: GB 326, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 258
- Main GB location 1881: Middx, Herts, and Surrey

English: (i) occupational name, status name from Middle English *cok(e)* 'cook' (Old English *cōc*, often with later shortening of the vowel) + *man*, denoting either a cook or a cook's assistant or servant. (ii) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Cok* or the surname **Cock** + *man*, signifying 'servant of *Cok*'.

Early bearers: William Cokeman, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Reynballus Cokeman, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; John Cookman, 1374 in Colchester Court Rolls; Johannes Cokman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Essex); Willhelmi Cockman, 1547 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts).

**Cockram**

- Current frequencies: GB 1447, Ireland 14
- GB frequency 1881: 1012
- Main GB location 1881: W England: esp. Devon

English: see **Cockerham**.

**Cockran**

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 213
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; Lancs

English: see **Cockerham**.

**Cockrane**

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 328
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Middx and Surrey
- Scottish, English: see **Cochrane**.

**Cockrell**

- Current frequencies: GB 342, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 301
- Main GB location 1881: London, Essex, and Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Cockerill**.

**Cockrem**

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 74
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Cockerham**.

**Cockren**

- GB frequency 1881: 31
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England
- English: see **Cockerham**.

**Cockrill**

- Current frequencies: GB 328, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 245
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Cockerill**.

**Cockroft**

- Current frequencies: GB 673, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 1266
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: see **Cockcroft**.

**Cocks**

- Current frequencies: GB 2014, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1970
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall; Lincs and Norfolk; Berks

English: see **Cox**.

Early bearers: Jone Cocks, 1544 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Cocks, 1546 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Jone Cocks, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Thomas Cocks, 1550 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Willm Cocks, 1564 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); Rafe Cocks, 1581 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon); John Cocks, 1621 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall).

**Cocksedge**

- Current frequencies: GB 603, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 459
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: nickname unexplained, but apparently for a plant-name \**cock-sedge*, for which no evidence has been found.

Early bearers: Edmund Coksegge, 1487 in Feet of Fines (referring to Kent); Mary and Thomas Coxedge, 1539 in *IGI* (Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk); John Coxedge, 1542 in *IGI* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Wm. Cocksedge, 1563 in *IGI* (Rougham, Suffolk); Edward Coxedge, 1570 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

**Cocksey**

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Cooksey**.

**Cockshaw**

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 156
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, ER Yorks

English: locative name from the place referred to by the present Cockshaw Dyke in Owston (WR Yorks). Early bearers: Symon de Cockschaghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); James Cockshaw, 1627 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); Wm. Cockshaw, 1661 in *IGI*

(Knaresborough, WR Yorks); John Cockshay, 1693 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks).

**Cockshoot**

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 144
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Cockshott**.

**Cockshot**

- GB frequency 1881: 75
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Cockshott**.

**Cockshott**

Variants: **Cockshot, Cockshutt, Cockshut, Cockshoot**

- Current frequencies: GB 258, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 548
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *cokshote*, *cokshete*, *cokshute* 'place where woodcocks dart'. Nets were stretched in such places to catch the birds for the food table, so the surname may have belonged to someone who trapped woodcocks for the lord of the manor. Cockshutt, Cockshoot, etc. appear as minor place-names and field names in many counties, but the modern surname is primarily from Lancs.

According to McKinley, an early bearer of the surname is recorded at Ightenhill, near Padiham (Lancs) in the 14th century. The Lancs surname probably migrated to the Skipton area of WR Yorks by the 16th century (Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames). It is sometimes pronounced *Coeshot*.

Further information: McKinley, Surnames of Lancs, pp. 200–1, cites evidence suggesting that in late medieval Lancs a cockshoot denoted 'some particular type of agricultural land, possibly for the headlands at the ends of arable land'. Nevertheless the original sense of the term in Lancs, and the one that is relevant to the surname, was almost certainly 'place where woodcocks were snared'; see Vocabulary of English Place-Names, at \**cocc-scyte*.

Early bearers: Symon de Cokshute, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Trotton, Sussex); John Cokschote, 1312 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Alice atte Cocshete, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Street, in Wyndham Hundred, Sussex); Willelmus Cokschute, 1379 in Poll Tax (Trotton, Sussex); Walterus Cokeshute, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wyndham, Sussex); Margret Cockshot, 1518 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); John Cocke Shoute, 1562 in Ancient Deeds vi (Berks); John Cockeshott, 1574 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Willmi Cockshut, 1577, Johnis. Cockeshott, 1632 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Cockshott, 1595 in *IGI* (South Ferriby, Lincs); Thomas Cockshott, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Tho. Cockshott, 1611 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Giles Cockshot, 1626 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs).

**Cockshut**

- GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Cockshott**.

**Cockshutt**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 206
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Cockshott**.



**Cockson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Coxon**.

**Cockton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Middle English *co(c)k* (Old English *cocc* ‘heap, hillock’ or ‘cock’) + *toun* ‘estate, enclosure’ (Old English *tūn*), or from the personal names \**Coc(a)* or *Cok* (see **Cock**) + *toun*. The first elements are formally indistinguishable from each other: see Vocabulary of English Place-Names. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived near such an enclosure, or toponymic, for someone who lived at a place so named, such as Coughton (Warwicks), recorded as *Coctune* in 1086. **Early bearers:** William de Cockton, 1264 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Auic’ de la Coctune, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Cocton, 1612, William Cockton, 1663 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

**Cockwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *cukeweld*, *cokewold* ‘cuckold’ (Old French *cucuald*, *cucualt*). Compare **Cuckow**.

**Early bearers:** Uluric Cucuold, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents; William Cucuel, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); Margr’ Cokewald, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hinderclay, Suffolk); Ricardus Cokewelle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tollesbury, Essex); John Cockwell, 1653 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

**Cocozza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: nickname from *cocuzza* ‘gourd, pumpkin’, used either to denote a rotund individual or a grower or seller of gourds.

**Early bearers:** Benedetto Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Nicandro Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Yorks); Pasqual Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (IoM); Guiseppa Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Sussex).

**Codaly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Irish: see **Cody**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Codd**

Variants: **Codman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 524
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx; Suffolk; Devon; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 **English:** (i) nickname possibly from Old English *cod(d)* ‘bag, scrip’, used before 1250 of the belly or stomach, hence, perhaps, denoting someone with a bag-like belly; or alternatively from Middle English *codd(e)* ‘cod’: compare John le Codherthe (‘cod

heart’), 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts, Robert Codboddy, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex), with a body either like a cod or like a well-filled bag, and Robert Codhorn, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks), where the meaning is not clear. Compare also *cod’s head* ‘a stupid fellow’, 1566 in OED. (ii) nickname for a maker of leather bags or a saddler, perhaps: in the 16th century *codder* denoted a worker in leather, a saddler, or a peltmonger. (iii) relationship name; *Chod* may be an example of the Old English personal name \**Codda*, unrecorded, but found in place-names.

**Early bearers:** Alanus filius Chod, 1150–5 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Osbert cod, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); John Lecod, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Mary Codd, 1556 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannis Codd, 1558 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Robarte Codd, 1575 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Margerie Codd, 1607 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Samuell Codd, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London).

2 **Irish:** possibly an alternative anglicized form of the surname **Cody** from **Mac Óda**.

**Further information:** In County Wexford this is said to be from the English personal name rather than an anglicization of **Mac Óda**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Elicia ni Codie, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §905 (Bawnvallenloghe, Kilkenny); Peter fitz William McCody and James Cody fitz William, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1915 (Kilcoponagh); Laurence Codde, yeoman, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2278 (Waterford); William fitz Rich. Codde alias Archdecken, gent., 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §2799 (Inestioke, Kilkenny); Thomas Codd, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3511 (Dublin); Johan ny Cody, wife, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4536 (Limerick).

**Coddington**

Variants: **Cottington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth

English: locative name from any of the places called Coddington, in Notts, Derbys, Cheshire, and Herefs. **Early bearers:** William de Codington, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (London); Richard de Codington, 1287 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Hugh de Codyngton’, 1347 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Willelmus Codington’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); Henry de Codyngton’, 1382 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Margaret Coddington, 1539 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Edmund Coddington, 1567 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Jane Coddington, 1573, John Cottington, 1668 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Henry Coddington, 1592 in PROB 11 (Simpson, Bucks); Antonius Coddinton, 1593 in *IGI* (Westborough, Lincs); Richard Coddington, 1593 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); [Ric]hard Cottington, 1659 in Parish Registers (Bunbury, Cheshire).

**Code**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Coad**.

**Codell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname from Middle English *codel*, *codul* ‘cuttlefish’.

**Early bearers:** William Codele, 1306 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Reginald le Codele, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John de Codel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Gylemyne Codel, 1375 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Robert Codell, 1760 in *IGI* (Ludford, Shrops); Eliz. Codell, 1811 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Samuel Codell, 1817 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Codgbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: locative name from Cottesbrook (Northants), recorded as *Codgebrook* in 1657.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Cotesbroke, 1308 in Patent Rolls (Ewell, Surrey); Juliana de Cotesbroke, 1311 in Patent Rolls (Pipewell, Northants); Simon Cotesbroke, 1437 in Patent Rolls (Gloucs); John Cotesbrooke, 1627 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Codgbrook, 1716 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); John Codgbrook, 1739 in *IGI* (Bisbrooke, Rutland); Eleanor Codgbrook, 1813 in *IGI* (Rushden, Northants).

**Codlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Lincs; Lancs

English: see **Codling**.

**Codling**

Variants: **Codlin**, **Quadling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1051
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk; Lincs

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *codling* ‘young or small cod’, perhaps given to a fishmonger or fisherman, or alternatively as a term of affection. The pronunciation *Quadling* may have been influenced by the word in (3), but this and some examples of *Codling* below may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** E Anglia and Lincs: Robert Codling, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Rande Codelyng’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ingthorpe, Rutland); Johannes Codlyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cockley Cley, Norfolk); Christiana Codlyng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); John Kodlyng, George Codlyng, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Alyce Codling, 1569, Eliz Codlin, 1666 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs); Ellena Codline, 1625 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Edmund Codling, 1677 in *IGI* (Congham, Norfolk); Francis Codlin, 1755 in *IGI* (Long Melford, Suffolk).

N England: John Kodling, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Emma Codelingg’, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Robert Codelingge, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Cowlam, ER Yorks); Adam Codelyng’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Houghton, WR Yorks); Robertus Codelyng’, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Daue Codelyng’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Keighley, WR Yorks); Vaughn Codlin, 1620 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Isabella Codling, 1673, Peter Codlin, 1678 in *IGI* (Long Benton, Northumb); Joseph Codling, 1773, Sarah Codlin, 1802 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ann Codling, 1785, Ann Elizth



Codlin, 1824 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Sarah Codling, 1814 in *IGI* (Bramham, WR Yorks).

**2 Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *cœur-de-lion*, Anglo-Norman French *Querdelion* 'lion heart', Middle English *Girdelion*. If the medieval name has survived into the modern era, it has been absorbed by (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Querdeleon, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Adam Girdelyon, Girdelion (attached for theft), 1296–7 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); William Querdelion, 1304 in London Letter Books C; Alyce Codling, 1569 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs); Isabella Codling, 1673 in *IGI* (Long Benton, Northumb); Alice Codling, 1715 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Christopher Codling, 1721 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

**3 English:** nickname from Middle English *querdling* 'a variety of hard apple' (good for stewing), perhaps for a seller of such or for a hard-hearted person. OED records the following phonological development, perhaps influenced by the verb *coddle* 'to stew': *querdlyng* (about 1400), *codlyng* (1530), *quodlinge* (1586), and *quadlin* (1625 in OED). The following bearers may alternatively belong under (2) but not under (1). See also **Quadling**.

**Further information:** The word for the apple is supposed by MED to derive from the surname in (2), but more likely it would be from the term *cœur-de-lion*, if indeed there is any connection at all, which is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** John Qwerdeling, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Querdeling, 1365 in London Pleas.

### Codman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** occupational name for a worker in leather, a saddler, or a catcher or seller of codfish (see **Codd**) or for a cobbler (see **Coad**).

**Early bearers:** William Codeman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Robert Codman, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Codner

**Variants:** **Codnor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**Norman, English:** locative name from Cudmore (Farm) in Bampton, with *-mor* altered in pronunciation to *-nor* and *-ner*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's explanation that this is a reduced form of **Cordiner** ('cordwainer').

**Early bearers:** Walter de Codemor, William de Codmor, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Bampton, Devon); John Codner, 1560, James Codnor, 1729 in *IGI* (Coffinswell, Devon); John Codner, 1605 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Gillian Codner, 1607, John Codnor, 1616 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon); Jeremie Codner, 1646, Henry Codmore, 1671 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Codnor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** see **Codner**.

### Codona

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

Unexplained.

**Further information:** The 'Flying Codonas' were a famous circus family in America, of Mexican origin. Their surname appears to be a variant of the Sicilian name *Cadoni*. It is not known how or when the name was brought to Britain.

**Early bearers:** John Codona, 1844 in BMD (Bury); William Codona, 1845 in *IGI* (Accrington, Lancs); Alfred Codona, 1865 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks); Louis Codona, born in France, in Census 1881 (York); Eliza Codona, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (York).

### Codrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Somerset
- English:** locative name from Codrington (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Robert Codrington, 1607 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Richard Codrington, 1607 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); An Codrington, 1614 in *IGI* (Dodington, Gloucs); Lewis Codrington, 1618 in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs).

### Cody

**Variants:** **Coady, Coday, Codd, Coode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1036, Ireland 762
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

**1 Irish:** from Mac Óda 'son of Óda', patronymic from a personal name introduced into Ireland by the Normans.

**Further information:** This surname was adopted by a family in Kilkenny formerly known as Archdeacon.

**Early bearers:** Peter finne Archdeacon alias McCode, of Coulcasshy, and Maurice moell McCode alias Archdeacon, of Moynemucke, same county, husbandmen, 1550 in Fiants Elizabeth §626 (Kilkenny); Patrick Cody, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**2 English:** relationship name perhaps from a diminutive of the Old English personal name *Coda*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Codi, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Stephen Cody, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Roger Cody, 1364 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Johannes Cody, 1377 in Poll Tax (Poston, Herefs); Richard Cody, 1587 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); Cycaly Cody, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edward Cody, 1606 in *IGI* (Corton, Suffolk); William Cody, 1621 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Joan Cody, 1666 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall).

### Coe

**Variants:** **Coo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6270, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4835
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London; also Northants; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

**English:** nickname from Middle English *co*, *coo* 'jackdaw', the midland form corresponding to northern *ka*, Old Scandinavian *ká*. See also **Kay**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Ka, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); John Corn, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Gilbert le Corn, 1252 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); Beatrice le

Coe, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Roger le Coo, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Robertus Coe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cockley Cley, Norfolk); James Coe, 1591 in PROB 11 (Orford, Suffolk).

### Coelho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Portuguese:** nickname from *coelho* 'rabbit'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Coelho, born in Portugal, in Census 1851 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Joseph Coelho, born in Gibraltar, in Census 1851 (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Joseph Coelho in Census 1861 (London).

### Coen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 888
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish:** (i) see **Cowan**. (ii) alternatively, it may be an anglicization of Ó Cúáin or Ó Cadhain, see **Coyne**.

### Coetzee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**South African (Afrikaans):** from a Dutch place-name consisting of *koet* 'coot' (*meercoete* in 1581) + *zee* 'lake'.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Coetzee, 1917 in BMD (Devonport, Devon); Petrus F. Coetzee, 1918 in BMD (Guildford, Surrey); Alice F.H. Coetzee, 1922 BMD (Foleshill, Warwicks); Chris Chas Coetzee, arrived 1924 from Capetown, SA, in Passenger Lists.

### Coe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 244
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Irish:** from Mac Cumhaighe, see **McCooley**.  
**2 English:** see **Coy**.

### Coff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx
- 1 English:** see **Cuff**.  
**2 English:** see **Cove**.

### Coffee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 368
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Kildare
- Irish:** from Ó Cathbhadha, see **Coffey**.

### Coffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English:** nickname from Middle English *cofre*, *coffre*, *coffer* 'box, chest', (from Old French *coff(f)rehere*), used to denote a box or coffer maker (Old French *coffrier*), perhaps also for a treasurer (before 1338 MED); John le Cofrer, 1275 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John le Cofferer, 1290 in London Letter Books A.

## Coffey

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Coffey, 1298 in London Court Rolls; John Coffey, 1299 in London Letter Books B; Richard Coffey, 1567 in Parish Registers (Whitstable, Kent); Robert Coffey, 1717 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

### Coffey

**Variants:** Covey, Coffee, Coffie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3196, Ireland 3871
- **GB frequency 1881:** 912
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kerry and Tipperary

**Irish:** from Ó Cathbhadha ‘descendant of *Cathbhadh*’ (‘battle tent’), Ó Cathbhuadhaigh ‘descendant of *Cathbhuadhach*’ (‘battle victorious’), Ó Cathmhogha ‘descendant of *Cathmhugh*’, a byname meaning ‘battle slave’, or from Ó Cobhthaigh ‘descendant of *Cobhthach*’ (‘victorious’).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige O’Coffy, 1550 in Fiant Edward §506 (Ballynaspicke, Westmeath); One O’Coffye, cottier, 1553 in Fiant Edward §1226; Connor O’Coffy, kern, 1561 in Fiant Elizabeth §345 (Kings county [Offaly]); Hugh mcTeig O’Coffy, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1255 (Ballynaspock, Westmeath); William O’Coffie, gent., 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1754 (Hunmore, Westmeath); Brian O’Coffy, kern, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2209; Hugh O’Coffy, gent., 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2227 (Rogerston, Westmeath); Donell O’Coffye, husbandman, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4697 (Twayne Ightare, Galway).  
England: Wm. Coffey, 1604 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Coffee, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Patrick Coffey, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Coffie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

**Irish:** from Ó Cathbhadha, see **Coffey**.

### Coffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 **Scottish:** see **Caulfield**.

2 **English:** see **Cockfield**.

### Coffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 728
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset and Hants

**Norman English:** nickname from Old French, Middle English *cofin*, *coffin* ‘container, basket; coffer, chest (for keeping treasures, documents, armour, etc.)’. Reaney supposes that it was given to a basket-maker, but this is most unlikely, since the early bearers of this as a hereditary surname were of knightly rank. Old French *cofin* was synonymous with *coffer*, and it may be that *Coffin* was used to denote a keeper of the (royal) coffer, attested in Anglo-Latin *cofferarius*. Compare **Coffer**.  
**Further information:** Sir Elias Coffin (perhaps also see the 1166 early bearer Helias Coffin) held land in Devon during the reign of King John (1199–1216).

His direct family line became extinct in 1766 when the estates of a Richard Coffin where inherited by his nephews, who later adopted the name Coffin in 1797. Tristram Coffin (of Brixton) migrated from Brixham, Devon, to Haverhill, Massachusetts before 1647.

An important line of his American descendants is associated with Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard.

**Early bearers:** Pagan Coffin, about 1140–50 in Monasticon Anglicanum (Keysoe, Beds); Serlo Coffin, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Beds); Helias Coffin, Ricardus Coffin, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Devon); Ricardus Coffin, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Hugo Coffin, late 12th cent. in Angevin Canterbury (Canterbury, Kent); Geoffrey Coffin, 1242–3 in Book of Fees (Devon); John Coffyn, 1270 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Richard Coffyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Guy Coffyn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Bigbury, Devon); Joseph Coffine, 1583, Joseph Coffin, 1700, in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Thomazin Coffyn, 1591 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Tristram Coffin, 1610 in *IGI* (Brixton, Devon); Thomas Coffen, 1682, William Styles Coffine, 1795 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); John Pine Coffin, 1778 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon).

**References:** Hey (2000), p. 5; Domesday Descendants, p. 220.

### Coffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also WR Yorks; Worcs

**English:** see **Cockfield**.

### Cogan

**Variants:** Coggan, Coggon, Coggin, Coggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 543
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs and Somerset; Sussex; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Sligo; Cavan

1 **Norman, Welsh, Irish:** locative name from Cogan near Cardiff (Glamorgan).

**Further information:** In 1166 Milo de Cogan held two fees near Penarth (Glamorgan) of William earl of Gloucester. Members of this Norman family probably account for the name’s appearance in 13th-century Berwickshire. By this time the family was also present in Ireland, associated with counties Limerick and Cork. It may have been the Irish branch that later brought the name to SW Scotland.  
**Early bearers:** England: William de Cogan, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Glamorgan); Richard Cogayn, 1271 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Richard de Cogan, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Uffculme, Devon); William Cogan, knight, 1394 in Patent Rolls; Johannes Cogan, 1579 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Daniell Coggin, 1597 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Nicholas Coggon, 1606 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Peter Coggane, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

Scotland: Peter Cogan, Robert Cogan, 1275 in History of North Durham (Coldingham, Berwicks); Robert Cogan, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); Robert Cogan, Coggane, Coigin, schoolmaster, 1684 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Gleacairn, Dumfriess); Anne Cogan, 1735 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).  
**References:** Domesday Descendants, p. 405.

2 **Irish:** see **Coogan**.

3 **English:** variant of **Cockayne** or **Cockin**.

**Early bearers:** Johes. Coggin, 1618 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Johis. Coggon, 1711 in *IGI* (Misterton, Notts); Brian Cogan, 1739 in *IGI* (Tickhill, WR Yorks).

### Cogar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from Kuggar in Grade (Cornwall).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Coger, Joan Cogar, 1324 in Assize Rolls (Cornwall); John Cogar, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Ive, Cornwall).

### Cogbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** nickname see **Cockbill**.

### Cogdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

**English:** locative name of uncertain origin; apparently from a lost place named *Cockdale*, probably in Westm or Northumb.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Cokedale, 1316 in Patent Rolls (Notts); William Cokisdell, 1340 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Ellen Cockdell, 1544, Rychard Cogdell, 1550 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); John Cogdell, 1552 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Margery Cockdale, 1561 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Edward Cogdell, 1573 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Simon Cogdall or Cogdell, 1597 in PROB 11 (Elstree, Herts).

**References:** English River-Names, pp. 93–4; Place-Names of Roman Britain, p. 311; Watts, Dictionary, p. 157.

### Coggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Somerset

**English:** see **Cogan**.

### Cogger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**English:** occupational name for someone who built or, more probably, sailed cogs, from Middle English *cogger*, a derivative of Middle English *cogge* ‘small ship, cock boat’ (Old French *cogue*). Roger le Cogere and John le Cogger were bailiffs of Dunwich in 1218 and 1219 respectively (Dunwich Account).

**Early bearers:** Arnaldus coggorius, coggarius, 1191–2 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Walt. Coggere, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Osbert (le) Coggere, 1195–7 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Ric. Cogger, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Herts); Gilbert Cogger, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hoathly, Sussex); Roger Cogger, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Suffolk); Joh. le Coggere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hants); William Coggar, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Felpham, Sussex); Rad. Cogger, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk);

Rog. Coggere, cordwainer, 1350 in London Letter Books F (London); Thomas Cogger', 1377 in Poll Tax (Stanford le Hope, Essex); Johanne Cogger', 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Coggere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winderton with members, Warwicks); Andro Cogger, 1541 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Elizabeth Cogger, 1564 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Nicolas Cogger, 1567 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); John Cogger, 1765 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

### Coggeshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see Coxall.

### Coggin

Variants: Coggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Herts

English: see Cogan.

### Coggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1405, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 777
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: variant of **Coggin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

Early bearers: John Coggins, 1593 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Coggle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and ER Yorks

English: see Coghill (2).

### Coggon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: see Cogan.

### Coggrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Copgrove (WR Yorks).

Early bearers: Richard de Coppegrave, 1277 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Adam de Copgrave, 1324 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Yorks); Johannes de Coppegrave, 1379 in Poll Tax (Littlethorpe, WR Yorks); John Coggrave, 1612 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Coggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cogge* 'cog (of a wheel)', perhaps applied to a wheelwright or a miller.

Early bearers: Robert Cog, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Notts); John le Cogge, 1328 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Robert Cog, 1375 in London Assize of Nuisance; Elizabeth Coggs, 1590 in

*IGI* (Ware, Herts); Vrcely Coggs, 1628 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); William Coggs, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Richardi Coggs, 1642 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Edward Coggs, 1650 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 **English:** locative name from Cogges in Oxon (see Löfvenberg, p. 43), or from a place described using the Middle English word *cogge* 'pebble' or (conjecturally) 'hill'.

Early bearers: Alice de Cogges, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Peter de Coges, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Alexander atte Cogge, 1387 in Löfvenberg (Somerset).

### Coghill

Variants: Coggle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 704, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 593
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Orkney and Shetland; also Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 **Scottish:** see Cogle.

2 **English:** locative name from Cogill in Aysgarth (NR Yorks) or, less probably, any of the places in the WR Yorks called *Cockhill* (see **Cockhill**).

Early bearers: Ralph de Coghull, 1286 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); William Coghhyll, 1427 in York Freeman's Register; John Coghill, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

### Coghlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1039, Ireland 516
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 549
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cheshire; Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork
- Irish: see **Coughlin**.

Early bearers: ; Christopher Coghlan, 1741 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison Chapel, London); Eleanor Coghlan, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Coghlan, 1797 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Coghlan, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs); Eliz. Coghlan, 1808 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Coglan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Irish: from Mac Cochláin or Ó Cochláin, see **Coughlan**.

### Cogle

Variants: Coghill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Orkney
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Cogle in Watten (Caithness).

Early bearers: Andrew Cogill, 1628 in Shetland Testaments (Papa Stour, Shetland); Alexander Cogle, 1630 in Shetland Testaments; Elspet Cogill, 1646 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); David Cogil, 1646 in *IGI* (Orkney).

### Cogley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Ó Coigligh, see **Quigley**.

### Cogman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: occupational name from Middle English *cogge* 'small ship, cock boat' (Old French *cogue*) + *man*, denoting someone who built or, more probably, sailed cogs; compare **Cogger**.

Early bearers: Stephanus Cogman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Robt. Cogman, 1603 in *IGI* (Deopham, Norfolk); John Cogman, 1651 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

### Cogswell

Variants: Coxwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Wilts

English: locative name from Great or Little Coxwell (Berks), recorded as *Cocheswelle* in 1086 and *Cogeswell'* in 1220.

Early bearers: Walter de Cokeswell, monk, 1289 in Patent Rolls; Walter de Cokeswell, chaplain, 1362 in Patent Rolls (Shrivenham, Berks); Galfrido Coggeswell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Mauricii Cogswell, 1562 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Richard Cogeswell, 1606 in PROB 11 (Dilton, Wilts); Henery Coxwell, 1630 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

References: Place-Names of Berks 2, p. 362.

### Cohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 **Irish:** from Ó Cadhain, see **Coyne**.

2 **Jewish:** see **Cohen**.

### Cohen

Variants: Cohan, Cohn, Kohn, Kuhn, Kahn, Khan, Kahan, Kan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7061, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4711
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lincs and WR Yorks; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Sligo

1 **Jewish:** occupational name from Hebrew *kohen* 'priest'. Compare **Kaplan**.

Further information: Priests are traditionally regarded as members of a hereditary caste descended from Aaron, brother of Moses.

Early bearers: Levy Issocher Cohen, 1772, Abraham Josph Cohen, 1779 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (London); Henry Cohn, 1837 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (Camberwell, Surrey); Asher Cohan, pawnbroker, in Census 1841 (Liverpool, Lincs); Ignatius Cohn, merchant, born in Frankfurt, in Census 1851 (Finsbury, Middx); David Cohn, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Sarah Cohan born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Salford, Lincs); Moses Cohen born in the Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Parkhurst, IoW); George Cohen, born in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Parkhurst, IoW); Abm. Cohen, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Bristol, Gloucs); Daniel Cohn, tailor, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (Hackney, Middx); Raphael Cohen, slipper maker, born in Vilna, Russia, in Census 1911 (Birmingham, Middx).

2 **Irish:** see **Coyne**.

**Cohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks
- Jewish: see **Cohen**.

**Cohoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Scottish, English: variant spelling of Scottish

**Colquhoun.**

Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Coia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian (Apulia and Abruzzo): unexplained.

Early bearers: Lilomena Coia, born in Atina, Italy, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Gaitano Coia, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Southampton, Hants); Giuseppe Coia, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Fulham, Middx).

**Coid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; also Cumb

Scottish: unexplained. No connection with the Devon name **Coyde** has been ascertained.

Early bearers: George Coyd, 1721 in *IGI* (Mochrum, Wigtowns); Campel Coyd, 1756 in *IGI* (Sorbie, Wigtowns).

**Coil**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Dunbartons, and N England: esp. Durham

Scottish: Scottish variant of Irish **Coyle**.

**Coile**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sutherland

Scottish: Scottish variant of Irish **Coyle**.

Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Coiley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb

Irish, Scottish, English: unexplained. Perhaps a diminutive of *Coil*; see **Coyle**.

Early bearers: Marie Coiley, 1568 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Humphry Coiley, 1731 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); John Coiley, 1741 in Parish Registers (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Coils**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham

English: variant of **Coyles**.

**Coin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England; also Glasgow
- English, Scottish: see **Coyne**.

**Coit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Coyte**.

**Cokayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Cockayne**.

**Coke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; Lancs

English: (i) see **Cook**. (ii) see **Cock**.

Early bearers: England: Johana Coke, 1539 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk); John Coke, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Johane Coke, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richard Coke, 1562 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); John Coke, 1625 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

**Cokeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Irish, English: from Mac Caochlaoich, see **Coakley**.

**Cokely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish, English: from Mac Caochlaoich, see **Coakley**.

**Coker**

Variants: **Coaker**, **Cooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2867, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Bucks, and Essex

English: locative name from Coker (Somerset).

Early bearers: Geoffrey de Cocre, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Robert de Coker, 1262 in Hylle Cartulary; Thomas de Coker, 1270 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Robertus Coker, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Coker, Somerset); Peter Coker, 1579 in PROB 11 (London); John Coaker, 1626 in PROB 11 (Writtle, Essex).

**Colaco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: nickname from the name *Colaço*, ultimately from Latin *collecteus* literally 'with milk', denoting a (male) sibling, i.e. one that has been suckled by the same woman.

**Colahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: (i) from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**. (ii) see also **Colohan**.

**Colam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Cullum**.

**Colas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Collas**.

**Colban**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Colbeyn* (Old Scandinavian *Kolbeinn*, *Kolben*).

Early bearers: given names: Colben, 1086 in Domesday Book (Cheshire).

surnames: Richard Colbain, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); William Colbeyn, 1235 in Book of Fees (Northants); Johannes Colbayn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); William Colban, 1753 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**Colbeck**

Variants: **Coulbeck**, **Colebeck**, **Coldbeck**, **Caldbeck**, **Calderbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *cold*, *cald* 'cold' (Old English *cald*, Old Scandinavian *kaldr*) + *be(c)k* 'stream' (Old Scandinavian *bekkr*). The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived '(by the) cold stream', or, more probably, toponymic from a place so named, such as Caldbeck (Cumbria) or Coldbeck (Westm).

Early bearers: Alan de Caudebec, 1214 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); Thomas de Caldebek, 1321 in York Freeman's Register; Adam de Caldbek, 1377 in Poll Tax (Saint Helen Stonegate, Yorks); John Coldebek, merchant, 1443 in York Registry Wills (Beverley, ER Yorks); Cambyes Colebeck, 1594 in *IGI* (Thorganby, Lincs); Thomas Colbecke, 1626 in PROB 11 (Tempsford, Beds); Samuel Colbeck, 1663 in *IGI* (West Ardsley, WR Yorks).

**Colbert**

Variants: **Culbert**, **Coleberd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 780, Ireland 353
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Colbert*.

Early bearers: given names: Colbert, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon, Cheshire, Lincs).

surnames, England: John Colbert, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Thoma Culbat, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winterbourne, Bassett, Wilts); George Colberd, 1572 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Ann Colbert, 1594 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Elizabeth Colebert, 1635 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Mary Colbert, 1683 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts).

**Colbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see *Colby*.

**Colbon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Northants
- English: see *Colbourne*.

**Colborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; Hants; Middx
- English: see *Colbourne*.

**Colborne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: see *Colbourne*.

**Colbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see *Colbourne*.

**Colbourne**

**Variants:** *Colbourn, Colborn, Colborne, Colbon, Coleborn, Colebourn, Colebourne, Coulbourne, Colburn, Colburne, Cowburn, Cobern*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1271, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S England: esp. Staffs and Worcs; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Colborn*, an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Kolbiörn, Kolbiörn*, as found for example in Robert filius Colbern, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Devon). The name could subsequently be reinterpreted as a name in Middle English *-b(o)urn(e)* ‘spring, stream’, so some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Coleborne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chilhampton, Wilts); John Coleborne, 1561 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Richard Coleburne, 1568 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Colborne, 1590 in PROB 11 (East Pennard, Somerset); Rowland Colburne, 1624 in PROB 11 (Chetton, Shrops); George Coleburne or Coleborne, 1626 in PROB 11 (Rugby, Warwicks); Raphe Colborne, 1632 in PROB 11 (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); John Colborne, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**2 English:** locative name usually from Colburn in Catterick (NR Yorks), named from Old English *cōl* ‘cool’ or *col* ‘coal’ + *burna* ‘stream’ (often confused with Old Scandinavian *brunnr* ‘spring, stream’), but sometimes perhaps from a minor place so named, such as Coalburn in South Wingfield (Derbys) or Coldbourne in Bramley (Surrey). Some of the early bearers may alternatively belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Colebrunn, 1208 in Pleas (Yorks); Henry de Coleburn, 1262 in Patent Rolls (Windsor, Berks); Johannes Colburn, 1381 in Poll Tax

(East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Henrico de Colburn, 1381 in Poll Tax (York, Yorks); William de Colburn, 1386 in York Freemen’s Register; Henry Colborn, tailor, 1426 in York Registry Wills (Monkgate, Yorks); Raphe Colburne, 1601, Roger Colbourne, 1621 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

**3 English:** occasionally perhaps a variant of *Colbran* with metathesis in the second element.

**4 English:** occasionally perhaps a variant of *Cowburn*, with a hypercorrect restoration of an unhistorical *-l-*.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Colburn, 1616 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Henry Colbourne, 1717 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

**Colbran**

**Variants:** *Coalbran, Colbron, Colbourne, Colburn, Cobern, Cowburn*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, also Kent

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Colbrand* (Old Scandinavian *Kolbrandr, Kolbrand*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Colbrand, Colebran, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon, Warwicks, Yorks); Colbrand, 12th cent. in Yorks Charters; Colebrandus, about 1200 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs). surnames: Malger Colebrond, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Sussex); Walter Colebrand, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Johanne Colbrond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgehill, Wilts); Johannes Colbrond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norlington, Sussex); Margareta Colbrand, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hambleton, WR Yorks); Margret Colbran, 1540 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Ricus Colbrand, 1593 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Willm. Colbran, 1648 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

**Colbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name unexplained. Some early examples of the name may derive from Coldbridge in Boughton Malherbe (Kent), but there is no clear evidence that this is also the source of the later and predominantly WR Yorks surname.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Colebrugg, 1285 in Patent Rolls; Richard Colebrigge, chaplain, 1380 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Olin Colbridge, 1591 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Abrahamus Colbridge, 1672 in Parish Registers (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Edmond Colbridge, 1745 in *IGI* (Hawes, NR Yorks); William Coldbridge, 1782 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Moses Coldbridge, 1801 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent).

**Colbron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England; Perth

English: see *Colbran*.

**Colburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks; also Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Antrim and Down

**1 English:** see *Colbourne*.

**2 English:** see *Colbran*.

**3 English:** see *Cowburn*.

**Colburne**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: see *Colbourne*.

**Colby**

**Variants:** *Coleby, Colbey, Coulby*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 619
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England: esp. Suffolk and Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**English:** locative name from Colby (Norfolk), Coleby (Lincs), Coulby Newham (NR Yorks), or possibly Colby (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Colebi, 1192–1218 in Yorks Charters; William de Colby, 1332 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); William Colbe, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

**Colchester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London; Gloucs
- English:** locative name from Colchester (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Colecestr, 1330 in Feet of Fines (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Philippus de Colchestre, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Richard Colchester, 1547 in PROB 11 (Gloucs).

**Colclough**

**Variants:** *Coleclough*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2447, Ireland 188
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**English:** locative name from Cowclough in the parish of Whitworth (Lancs), recorded in the 13th century as Colleclogh.

**Early bearers:** Alice Colchclough, 1563 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Richard Colclough, 1573 in *IGI* (Condover, Staffs); Edward Colclough, 1592 in *IGI* (Eccles Hall, Staffs).

**Colcombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

**English:** locative name from *Colcombe*, a lost place in Hampton Bishop (Herefs).

**Further information:** Colcombe House does not occupy the same site as the lost *Colcombe*: see Herefs Place-Names, p. 95.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Colcombe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Thomas Colcombe, 1567 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Humfrey Colcom, 1570 in *IGI* (Shobdon, Herefs).

**Colcutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see *Caldicott*.

**Coldbeck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb
- English:** see **Colbeck**.

**Colden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Lancs; also Midlothian

**1 English:** locative name from Colden in Heptonstall (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Colden, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); William Colden, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Colden, 1559 in *IGI* (Cocking, Sussex); Edward Colden, 1577 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**2 Scottish:** locative name from the lands of Colden near Dalkeith (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** David Colden, notary, 1459 in Brechin Register; Hugh Colden, 1504 in Midlothian Charters (Dalkeith, Midlothian); James Colden, 1728 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian).

**Colder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English:** variant of the Scottish name **Calder**.
- Early bearers:** Joane Colder, 1607 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent); Sara Colder, 1622 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Mary Colder, 1637 in Parish Registers (Saints Gregory and Martin, Wye, Kent); Lydia Colder, 1723 in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich) (Ardleigh, Essex); John Colder, 1825 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Coldham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- English:** locative name from Coldham (Cambs). If Coldham (Staffs) also gave rise to a surname, this seems not to have survived into the modern period in this form.
- Early bearers:** John Coldham, 1551 in *IGI* (Atteborough, Norfolk); Alanus Coldham, 1555 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Richard Coldham, 1564 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Henry Culdham, 1590 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Coldham, 1591 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk).

**Coldicott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

**Coldman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English:** probably a variant of **Coleman** with intrusive *-d-*.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Coldman, 1588 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); John Coldman, 1685 in *IGI*

(Abinger, Surrey); Edward Coldman, 1774 in *IGI* (Oakwood, Surrey).

**Coldrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Herefs

**English:** see **Coleridge**.

**Coldron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**Norman, English:** see **Cawdron**.

**Coldwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1269, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1309
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Down

**English:** see **Caldwell**.

**Cole**

**Variants:** **Coles, Coal, Coll, Coul, Cowell, Coole, Coule, Coull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37709, Ireland 1368
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26902
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Devon; also Gloucs; Hants; Lancs; also S Wales: esp. Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

**1 English:** (i) relationship name usually from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Col(e)*, *Coll(e)*, *Coul(e)*, a pet form of *Nicol* (Nicholas), a common given name from the mid-13th century onwards. English families with this name migrated to Scotland and to Ulster (especially Fermanagh). (ii) relationship name occasionally perhaps from a different (early) Middle English personal name *Col*, of native English or Scandinavian origin. Old English *Cola* was originally a nickname from Old English *col* 'coal' in the sense 'coal-black (of hair), swarthy' and is the probable source of most of the examples in Domesday Book. In the northern and eastern counties of England settled by Vikings in the 10th and 11th centuries, alternative sources are Old Scandinavian *Kolr* and *Koli* (either from a nickname 'the swarthy one' or a short form of names in *Kol-*), and Old Scandinavian *Kollr* (from a nickname, perhaps 'the bald one'). The earliest examples of the given names *Cole*, *Cola*, *Col*, and perhaps *Colle*, from 1086 to around 1200, are to be explained in this way but since all of them had probably gone out of use by the mid-13th century it is uncertain if any of them gave rise to modern surnames.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cola, 1086 in Domesday Book (Sussex, Surrey, Gloucs, Yorks); Cole, 1086 in Domesday Book (Sussex, Wilts, Devon, Derbys); Col, 1086 in Domesday Book (Lincs); Colle, 1086 in Domesday Book (Derbys); Cole, Cola filius Lanterii, about 1145 in Stenton, Feudalism (Kent); Colle serviens Henrici, 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Colle Rikmai, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Beds). surnames, N England: Robert Coule, 1341 in York Freemen's Register (York); Willelmus Coll', 1377 in Poll Tax (Burdale, ER Yorks); Johannes Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kirkharle, Northumb); Johannes Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Coll',

1381 in Poll Tax (Walton the Hill, Lancs); Margret Cowell, 1555 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Tho. Cole, 1570 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Thomas Cole, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Henrie Cole, 1587 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Cowle, 1609 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Cole, 1661 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Robert Coal, 1764 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

surnames, W Midlands: Richard Cole, 1185 in Templars Records (Warwicks); William Colle, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Willelmo Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Madley, Herefs); Johannes Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Johannes Colle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Calverhall, Shrops); Sibilla Cole, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Barr, Staffs); Rich. Cowell, 1539 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Richardi Cole, 1540, Williambi Cowell, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Raphe Cole, 1541 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Alicia Cole, 1547 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); William Coal, 1686 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks).

surnames, E Midlands and E Anglia: Osbert Colle, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Robertus filius Cole, 1206 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Johannes Coll, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kennett with Kentford, Cambs); Johannes Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lincoln, Lincs); Willelmus Colle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Notts); Johannes Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (North Luffenham, Rutland); Willelmus Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hornington, Norfolk); Johanne Cole, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Dalby, Leics); Walterus Cole, 1381 in Poll Tax (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Thomas Cole, 1539, Henry Cowell, 1671 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Robt. Cole, 1560 in *IGI* (Shelton, Norfolk); Richarde Cole, 1562 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Richard Coal, 1563, Dorothea Cowell, 1629 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Alce Cole, 1573 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Margery Cowle, 1612 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Cole, 1627 in *IGI* (East Leake, Notts).

surnames, SE England: Johanne Cole, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Longbridge hundred, Sussex); Adam Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Thomas Colle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ickenham, Middx); Philippo Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Johannes Col, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stebbing, Essex); Ricardus Cole, 1381 in Poll Tax (Godalming, Surrey); Willu. Cowell, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ambrose Cole, 1539 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Thomas Cole, 1539 in *IGI* (Little Bromley, Essex); Thomas Cole, 1541 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Edward Cole, 1563 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Coal, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Dorothea Coale, 1598 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Raphe Cowell, 1600 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Samuel Cole, 1606, Jacob Cool, 1650 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

surnames, SW England: Geoffrey Cole, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); John Cole, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Woodhuish, Devon); Richard Coule, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (East Allington with Harlestone, Devon); Petrus Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Blackawton borough, Devon); Johannes Coule, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wray Barton, Devon); Willelmus Coll', 1377 in Poll Tax (Great Haseley, Oxon); Johannes Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Fideock, Somerset); Johannes Cole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chitterne, Wilts); Willelmus Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Ricardo Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blakeney, Gloucs); Johannes Coule, 1379 in Poll Tax (Roud in Godshill, IoW); Willelmus Cole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whippingham, IoW); Johanne Cole, 1381 in Poll Tax (Holt, Berks); Robert Cole, 1538 in *IGI*

(Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Steven Cole, 1538, Joyce Coole, 1614, Mary Coale, 1617, Robart Cowle, 1636, Thomas Cool, 1688 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Coole, 1562 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Nycholai Cole, 1563 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robard Coale, 1575 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Richard Coale, 1586 in *IGI* (Eisey, Wilts); Thomes Cowle, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Robert Cole, 1615 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Elenor Coal, 1651 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

surnames, Wales: Francis Cole, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Brides, Pembrokes); Martha Cole, 1751 in *IGI* (Newchurch by Chepstow, Monmouths); John Coal, 1770 in *IGI* (Machen, Monmouths).

surnames, Scotland: John Cole, 1639 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Cole, 1765 in *IGI* (Boleskine, Inverness).

**2 English:** nickname for someone with swarthy skin or black hair, from Middle English *col*, *coul(e)* 'charcoal, coal' (Old English *col*). Some of the bearers in (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** England: John le Col, 1321 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Willelmus Le Coule, 1379 in Poll Tax (unidentified county); Steven Cole, 1538 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Cole, 1539 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk).

**3 Scottish, Irish:** in Scotland and Ireland, it may alternatively be a form of **McCool**.

### Colebeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Colbeck**.

### Coleberd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Colbert**.

### Coleborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Colbourne**.

### Colebourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Colbourne**.

### Colebourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Colbourne**.

### Colebrook

Variants: **Colebrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Middx, and Kent

English: (i) locative name from Colebrooke or either of two places named Colebrook, all in Devon. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a 'cool brook', from Middle English *col*, *coul* + *brook*, *brouk(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Colebroc, 1160 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Fucherus de la Colebrok, 1241 in Löfvenberg (Sussex); Galfridus Colbrok, 1377 in Poll Tax (Alhampton, Somerset); Humfrey Colebrooke, 1615 in PROB 11 (Chichester, Sussex).

### Colebrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Colebrook**.

### Coleby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Colby**.

### Coleclough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Flints and Cheshire

English: see **Colclough**.

**Early bearers:** ; Ellen Coleclough, 1623 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Roger Coleclough, 1632 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Adami Coleclough, 1642 in *IGI* (Dilthorne, Staffs); Adam Coleclough, 1687 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Coleclough, 1693 in *IGI* (Marston on Dove, Derbys).

### Colegate

Variants: **Colgate**, **Colget**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Colegates in Shoreham (Kent).

**Further information:** In 1798, one Robert Colgate left Shoreham for Baltimore in Maryland, and in 1806 his son William founded the Colgate toothpaste company in New York.

**Early bearers:** Godelef de Colgate, 1227 in Feet of Fines (Shoreham, Kent); Godelene de la Collegate, 1279 in Place-Names of Sussex 203 (Sussex); Robert de Colgate, 1282–3 in Ancient Deeds (Shoreham, Kent); Stephen de Colegate, 1300 in London Court Rolls; Ricardus atte Colgate, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shoreham, Kent); Alanus Colgate, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Collegate, 1431 in Feet of Fines (Chelsfield, Kent); Catherina Colgat, 1549 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Marye Colgate, 1562 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Ellen Colegate, 1568 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Joane Colgate, 1578 in *IGI* (Halstead, Kent); John Colgat, 1594 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Colegrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Colgrave**.

### Coleing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks; Warwicks

English: see **Colling**.

### Colella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Cola*, a pet form of *Nicola*, Italian equivalent of **Nicholas**.

**Early bearers:** Francisco and Giovanni Colella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London); Panfilo Colella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Northumb).

### Coleman

Variants: **Colman**, **Coulman**, **Collman**, **Coalman**, **Colman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25185, Ireland 4857
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14618
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

**1 Irish, English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Col(e)man*. The main source is Old Irish *Colmán*, earlier *Columbán*, adopted as Old Scandinavian *Kalman*. It was introduced into Cumb, Westm, and Yorks by Norwegians from Ireland (compare 2 below) and probably spread widely across England. A less common source is an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Col(e)man*, as is likely in the case of the Domesday Book examples.

**Further information:** Ó Colmáin ('descendant of *Colmán*') was the name of an Irish missionary to Europe, also known as Saint Columban (c.540–615), who founded the monastery of Bobbio in northern Italy in 614. With his companion Saint Gall, he enjoyed a considerable cult throughout central Europe, so that forms of his name were adopted as personal names in Italian (*Columbano*), French (*Colombain*), Czech (*Kollman*), and Hungarian (*Kálmán*), all of which gave rise to surnames. In Irish and English, the name of this saint is identical with diminutives of the name of the 6th-century missionary known in English as Saint Columba (521–97), who converted the Picts to Christianity, and who was known in Scandinavian languages as Kalman.

There is no evidence to support Reaney's view that in Sussex the surname was occupational for a charcoal burner; see Surnames of Sussex, p. 345.

**Early bearers:** given names: Coleman, 1086 in Domesday Book; Colemanus de Eston, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks).

surnames: Hervicus Coleman, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Yorks); Richard Coleman, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); William Coleman, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Aldsworth, Sussex); Roger Coleman, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Pett, Sussex); Jordan Coleman, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sutton Rauf, in Plymouth, Devon); Walterus Colman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Abington, Cambs); Willelmus Coleman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Finchingfield, Essex); Ricardus Colman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Blackthorn and Ambrosden, Oxon); Alexandre Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johannes Colman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roberto Colman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics); Willelmus Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brighton, Sussex); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stoke and Biggin, Warwicks); Willelmo Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Badbury, Wilts); Matilda Colman, 1379 in Poll Tax

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(Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Henricus Colman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); Joan Colman, 1538 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Ann Coleman, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Henrye Coleman, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Warley, Essex); Agnete Colman, 1542 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Bettres Colman, 1543 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Joane Coleman, 1547 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Katherin Coleman, 1547 in *IGI* (Stixwouold, Lincs); Margery Coleman, 1550 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Coleman, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richard Coleman, 1589 in *IGI* (Mollington, Oxon); Rachell Coleman, 1598 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jo. Coleman, 1690 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

**2 Irish:** from *Mac Colmáin* or *Ó Colmáin* ‘son (or descendant) of *Colmán*’.

**Early bearers:** Carbry McColman, kern, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1602 (Row, Westmeath); Walthasar McColman, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2497; Hugh duffe McCollman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6512 (Carne, Westmeath).

## Colenso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from Colenso in Saint Hilary (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kelentou, circa 1210 in Cornish Deeds; Sibil de Calensou, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cornwall); Thomas the base-born son of Jane Calensowe, 1614 in Parish Registers (Madron, Cornwall); Robert Colensoe, 1727 in *IGI* (Penzance, Cornwall); William Colinso, 1752 in *IGI* (Cowan, Cornwall).

**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/colenso/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/colenso/); information from Oliver Padel.

## Colenutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

**English:** relationship name from a surname derived from the Old French personal name *Collenot*, *Collinot*, diminutives of *Col(l)in*, itself a pet form of *Nicholas*.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Colnette, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Avice Colenett, 1626 in *IGI* (Beenham, Berks); James Colenett, 1635 in PROB 11 (Great Dunmow, Essex); James Colenutt, 1767 in *IGI* (Godhill, IoW); William Colenut, 1771, in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Joseph Collenette, 1845 in *IGI* (Castel, Guernsey).

## Coleridge

**Variants:** *Colridge*, *Couldridge*, *Cooleridge*, *Coldrick*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from any of three places in Devon: Coleridge in Plymouth or Stokenham, and Coldridge, Crediton, all recorded as *Colrige* in 1086 (Domesday Book).

**Early bearers:** Cristian de Colrig, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); John Colregge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls Essex; Elizabeth Collrige, 1584 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Eltazer Colridge, 1602 in *IGI* (High Bickton, Devon); Humphrey Coleridge, William Colridge, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Samuel Taylor

Coleridge, 1772 in Protestation Returns (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); William Couldridge, 1720 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

## Coles

**Variants:** *Coales*, *Collis*, *Colls*, *Coules*, *Cowles*, *Cowls*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14399, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10274
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Devon; London; Hants; Northants and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

**English:** variant of *Cole* with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** S and SW England: Galfridus Coles, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); Agn’ Coles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitwell, Hants); Johanne Coles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Langford, Berks); Willelmo Colles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chedworth, Gloucs); Jhonn Colls, 1530 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Joane Collis, 1537 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Agnes Coles, 1540 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Geffery Collis, 1546, Ric Colls, 1551 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Willm Colls, 1554 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); George Coles, 1558 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Thomas Cowles, 1552 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Roberte Cowles, 1558 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Margerite Coules, 1581 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Peter Coles, 1590 in *IGI* (Stokenham, Devon); John Colls, 1592, John Cowles, 1594 in *IGI* (Duncton, Sussex); Jane Coules, 1603 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Thomas Cowls, 1650 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).

**S Wales:** Jane Cowles, 1705 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths).

**W England:** Johanne Coles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lyonshall, Herefs); Johannes Coles, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rousham, Oxon); Willelmus Coles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Windley Pool in Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); John Collys, 1442 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Marie Coles, 1540 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Ann Cowles, 1542 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Thomas Coules, 1574 in *IGI* (Besford, Worcs); Ann Collis, 1688 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

**E Anglia :** Thomas Colles, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Juliana Colles, 1334 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Alicia Collis, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norfolk); Willelmus Colles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Harry Colles, Robert Collys, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Anna Colls, 1567 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Thomas Cowles, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**S Midlands:** John Coles, 1542 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Elizabeth Coles, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Agnes Collis, 1565, Thomas Collis, 1632, James Collis, 1819 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Margaret Colls, 1564 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Willm. Coales, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ellin Coales, 1601 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks); Jane Coules, 1602, Marye Cowles, 1602 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Thoms. Colls, 1604 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Coles, 1604 in *IGI* (Buckworth, Hants); Thomas Coales, 1625 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Joane Coules, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Coales, 1637 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Cathrin Coales, 1643 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hants).

**N England:** Johannes Coules, 1379 in Poll Tax (Silkstone, WR Yorks); George Coles, 1555 in York Freeman’s Register (York).

## Coleshill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; Lancs and Cheshire

**English:** locative name from any of several places named Coleshill (Bucks, Berks, Flints, Warwicks). **Early bearers:** Margaret Coleshill, 1382 in *IGI* (Cheshire); Sarah Coleshill, 1676 in *IGI* (London); John Coleshill, 1699 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas Coleshill, 1723 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Richard Coleshill, 1725 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

## Coleson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Northants

**English:** see *Coulson*.

## Coletta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Italian:** from a diminutive of the personal name *Cola*, a short form of *Nicola*, Italian equivalent of *Nicholas*.

**Early bearers:** Bennetta Coletta, 1706 in *IGI* (London); Dominecio Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Pasquale Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (West Ham, Essex); Antonio Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Coley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2952, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1758
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Dublin
- 1 English:** see *Colley*.  
**2 English:** see *Cowley*.

## Coleyshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham
- English:** see *Cowlishaw*.

## Colfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**Irish:** probably a variant of English *Culver* or *Colliver*.

## Colford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks

**English:** locative name from either of two places named Coleford, in Somerset and Gloucs, or from some other place likewise named as ‘charcoal ford’. **Early bearers:** Ricardus Colford, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fyfield, Essex); Elizabeth Coleford, 1541 in *IGI* (Navestock, Essex); John Coleford or Coleforde, 1637 in PROB 11 (Broomfield, Somerset).

## Colfox

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset



**English:** nickname from Middle English *colfox* ‘coalfox’ (Old English *col* ‘coal, charcoal’ + *fox* ‘fox’), used to denote a sly or cunning person, as in Chaucer’s description of ‘a collfox, ful of sly iniquitee’ in the *Nun’s Priest’s Tale* (about 1390).

**Further information:** The coalfox, or brant fox, is distinguished by a greater admixture of black in its fur. According to Chaucer, the tail and both ears were tipped with black, unlike the rest of his hairs.  
**Early bearers:** John Colfox, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwick); Richard Colvox, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); Giles Colfox, 1371 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Cristina Colfox, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dorset); Richard Colfox, chaplain, 1409 in Feet of Fines (Shrops); Nicholas Colfox, knight, 1418 in Patent Rolls (Barton Seagrove, Northants); Jhon Colfox, 1586 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Colefoxe, 1599 in *IGI* (Waters Upton, Shrops); William Colefox, 1618 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Ann Colfox, 1650 in *IGI* (Preston Gubbals, Shrops); Jane Colfax, 1707 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops).

### Colgan

**Variants:** Colligan, Culligan, Colgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1011, Ireland 1417
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Kildare; Tyrone

**Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** from *Mac* (or *Ó*) *Colgan* ‘son (or descendant) of *colga*’, a personal name based on *colg* ‘thorn, sword’. Compare *McColgan*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O’Colgan, kern, 1550 in Fiants Edward §595; Donald O’Colgane, kern, 1550 in Fiants Edward §642; Moriortagh O’Colgan, 1552 in Fiants Edward §952; Moriortaghe O’Colgan, kern, 1557 in Fiants Mary §148 (Kings county [Offaly]); Thomas O’Colgan, kern, 1557 in Fiants Mary §180 (Kings county [Offaly]); Rory O’Colgan, servant, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §332; Donnogh O’Colgan, kern, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §345 (Kings county [Offaly]); John Colgyn, clerk, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §726 (Irishetown, Dublin); Arte O’Colgin, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §2765 (Orchardeston, King’s county [Offaly]); Donoghe Colgen, tailor, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3442 (Tegroghan, Meath); Margaret Colgyn, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4017; Dermot O’Collogan, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4290.

### Colgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see *Colegate*.

### Colget

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see *Colegate*.

### Colgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

**Irish:** from *Mac* (or *Ó*) *Colgan*, see *Colgan*.

### Colgrave

**Variants:** Colgrove, Colegrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; WR Yorks

**English:** locative name unexplained. Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, suggests a connection with the surname *Congreve*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Colgrove, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kiddington, Oxon); Alice Coulgrove, 1591 in *IGI* (Kiddington, Oxon); John Colegrove, 1595 in *IGI* (Kiddington, Oxon); Georgius Colegroue, 1610 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwick); Thomas Colegrave, 1624 in *IGI* (Puddington, Beds); John Colegrave, 1642 in PROB 11 (Saint Giles Oxford, Oxon).

### Colgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

**English:** see *Colgrave*.

### Colham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**English:** locative name from Colham (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Coleham, 1210 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Robert de Colham, 1340 in Nonarum Inquisitiones; Willelmus Colham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Thomas Colham, 1672 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks); Josephus Colham, 1688 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Thomas Colham, 1728 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Mary Colham, 1753 in *IGI* (Wooburn, Bucks); Sarah Alderson Colham, 1796 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Colhoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 379
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Donegal

**Scottish:** variant spelling, common in Ireland, of Scottish *Colquhoun*.

**Early bearers:** ; Christine Colhoun, 1687 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Patrick Colhoun, 1691 in *IGI* (Bonhill, Dunbartons); Robert Colhoun, 1702 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Colhoun, 1724 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Humphrey Colhoun, 1729 in *IGI* (Drymen, Stirlings).

### Colin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Berks; Jersey

**English:** see *Collin*.

### Coling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Surrey and Middx

**English:** see *Colling*.

### Colins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: Middx; Northants; Durham

**English:** see *Collins*.

### Colk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks

**English:** nickname unexplained. Perhaps related to Middle English *colk* ‘core; charcoal’ and with a possible sense ‘charcoal burner’, but supporting evidence is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Colke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Garston, Lancs); John Colke, 1592 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); Elisabeth Colk, 1654 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Caroli Colke, 1712 in *IGI* (Knaption, Norfolk); Matthew Colk, 1754 in *IGI* (Westwick, Norfolk).

### Colkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Kent and Essex
- English:** see *Caldicott*.

### Colkin

**Variants:** Calkin, Caulkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

**1 English:** relationship name from a diminutive of the personal names *Cole* or *Coll*.

**Early bearers:** Hamo Colekyn, 1242 in Book of Fees (Kent); Roger Colkyng, 1296, Robert Colkyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Colkyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Selling, Kent); Tho Colkin, 1703 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Francis Colkin, 1728 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**2 Irish:** from *Mac Uilcin*, see *Culkin*.

### Coll

**Variants:** Colle, Cowle, Cowles, Colls, Coule, Coull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 675
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

**1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of *McColl*.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Coll, husbandman, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6230 (Kilmallock, Limerick); David Coll, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6762 (Ballyvucike, Waterford); James Coll, poor labourer, 1834 in OS Memoirs, Ireland (Dungiven, Derry).

**2 English:** variant of *Cole*.

**3 English:** locative name for someone who lived on a hill, from Middle English, Old English \**coll* ‘hill’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert atte Cole, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Adam atte Colle in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Avery Coll, 1543 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Fides Coll, 1550 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Isota Coll, 1559 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Allison Coll, 1560 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Annas Coll, 1561 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs).

**References:** Löfvenberg, pp. 43–4.

### Colla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see *Collier* and compare *Coller*.

### Collacot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English:** see *Collacott*.

### Collacott

**Variants:** Collacot, Collicott, Collecott, Collicutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0

## Collam

- GB frequency 1881: 179
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

**English:** (i) locative name from one of the several places called Collacott in Devon, named from Old English *col* 'coal, charcoal', *cōl* 'cool', or the personal name *Cola* + *cot* 'cottage'. (ii) see **Caldicott**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Colecote, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Thom Collacott, 1560 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Beniamyne Collacotte, 1600 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Phillip Collacot, 1612 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon 1, pp. 50–1.

## Collam

- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

**Irish:** from Mac Coluim, see **McCallum**.

## Collar

- Current frequencies: GB 306, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 282
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Essex; Wilts
- English:** see **Collier** and compare **Coller**.

## Collard

**Variants:** Cowlard, Callard

- Current frequencies: GB 2108, Ireland 34
- GB frequency 1881: 1819
- Main GB location 1881: Kent, Middx, and Essex; Somerset and Devon

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Colard*, a diminutive of *Col* formed with the Old French suffix *-ard*. *Col* is a pet form of *Nicholas*; see **Cole**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Colard le Fauconer, 1264 in (Essex); Colard Hariel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Gloucs). surnames: Nicholas Colard, 1267 in Patent Rolls; John Colard, 1312 in Patent Rolls (Farningham, Kent); Richard Colard, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Collard', 1361 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Galfridus Collard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salthouse, Norfolk); [ . . . ] Collard, 1381 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Robertus Collard, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ower, Dorset); Willu. Colard, 1559 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johan Collard, 1601 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

## Collas

**Variants:** Colas

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Channel Islands

1 **Huguenot, French:** relationship name from Old French *Colas*, a pet form of *Nicolas*. It was introduced to England by Huguenots; it is also found in the Channel Islands.

**Early bearers:** Anthoine Collas, 1763 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); John Collas, born in Jersey, in Census 1841 (Saint Mary, Jersey); Henri Collas, 1843 in *IGI* (Guernsey).

2 **English:** variant of **Collis** (see also **Coles**).

**Early bearers:** Symon Collas, 1572 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Wm. Collas, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Nicholas Collas, 1729 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Wm Collas, born in England, in Census 1841 (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

## Collcott

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14

- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Worcs

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

## Collcutt

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

## Colle

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan

**English:** see **Coll**.

## Collecott

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

## Colledge

**Variants:** Golledge, College, Collidge, Cooledge, Collick

- Current frequencies: GB 1402, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 762
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks, Derbys, and WR Yorks; Durham

**English:** locative name from Colwich (Staffs), recorded as *Colwich* from 1177 onwards and *Collige* in 1607. The name has become associated with the familiar word *college*.

**Early bearers:** Rog'o de Colewich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Haywood in Colwich, Staffs); Richard Colewich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Little Badminton, Gloucs); Johanne de Colwiche, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); John Colwyche, 1424 in Feet of Fines (Derbys, Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks); Robert Colwyche, 1466 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Henricus Colege, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ellen Colledge, 1583 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Johes. Colledge, 1604 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Abraham Colledge, 1615 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); John Colledge, 1620 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Colledge, 1621 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Humffrey Collidge, 1631, Johan. College, 1710 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); George Colledge, 1659 in *IGI* (Churchover, Warwicks); John College, 1715 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Hannah College, 1718 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); John College, 1730 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

## Colleer

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: Essex; Cheshire

**English:** see **Collier**.

## College

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

**English:** see **Colledge**.

## Collen

- Current frequencies: GB 427, Ireland 57
- GB frequency 1881: 279
- Main GB location 1881: Cambs

**English:** see **Collin**.

## Collens

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 143
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Essex; Staffs and Cheshire

**English:** see **Collins**.

## Coller

- Current frequencies: GB 327, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 284
- Main GB location 1881: London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; Meath

**English:** variant of **Collier**.

**Early bearers:** John Coller', 1362 in Crowland Abbey Estates (Cambs); William Coler, 1377 in London Letter Books H; Robt. Coller, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Coller, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Elizabeth Coller, 1563 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Thomas Coller, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Lewes Coller, 1576 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

## Colleran

- Current frequencies: GB 209, Ireland 360
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht: esp. Sligo  
**Irish:** from Ó Callaráin 'descendant of *Callarán*', which is probably a diminutive of the byname *Callaire* 'cryer', although Woulfe suggests it may be from the Connacht name **Mac Allmhuráin**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Colleran, 1840 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bridgidae Collaran, 1856, Michaelis Colleran, 1862 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

## Collet

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 229
- Main GB location 1881: W England: esp. Staffs; Gloucs and Wilts; also Sussex

1 **English:** see **Collett**.

2 **Manx:** anglicized form of Manx **Corlett**.

**References:** Kneen.

## Colleton

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

**Irish, English:** see **Colliton**.

## Collett

**Variants:** Collet

- Current frequencies: GB 5172, Ireland 35
- GB frequency 1881: 3824
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Gloucs, Oxon, and Warwicks

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Kildare; Tipperary  
1 **English:** relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Col(l)*, a pet form of **Nicholas**.

There was also a feminine form, *Collette*, which may also have given rise to a surname.

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, notes that the name could also mean 'Coll the younger', citing 'William Coll, [and] Colet his son', 1381 in Yorkshire Archaeological Journal 20, p. 336 (Broomfleet, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Colet, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Northants); Collette (f.), 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax.

surnames: Richard Colet, 1213 in Lewes Chartulary (Norfolk); Robert Colet, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Adam Collette, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Tomas Colet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wolston, Warwicks); Matthew Collet, 1420 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Henry Colet, 1487 in Feet of Fines (Leics); John Collett, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); William Collett, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Vrsula Collett, 1543 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Roberti Collett, 1548 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); John Collett, 1554 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Humphrey Collet or Colett, 1567 in PROB 11 (London); Anthony Collett, 1627 in PROB 11 (Slaughter, Gloucs).

**2 English:** nickname from a short form of *acolyte*.

**Early bearers:** Simon Colyte, 1294 in Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls (Beds).

## Colley

**Variants:** Coley, Collie, Colly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5886, Ireland 130
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3788
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *coly* 'coaly, coal-black'. The original short vowel is retained in the 16th-century *colly* 'dirtied with coal and soot'. Compare 'a colie colour' (1565), *colley* sheep (with black faces and legs), 1793, and *colley* the Somerset dialect name for a blackbird.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh Coly, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Dande Colly, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Philip Coli, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmus Colley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wath upon Dearn, WR Yorks); Thomas Colley, 1562 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

Scotland: William Coly, burgess, 1436 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); Alexander Colly, 1464 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book (Perths); William Colie, 1631 in Retours, Scotland.

**2 English:** locative name, see **Cowley**.

**3 Irish, Scottish:** relationship name possibly a reduced and altered form of **McCullough** or **McCulloch**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick Colley, soldier, 1537 in Fiant Henry §64; Henry Colley, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3341.

## Colliar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**English:** see **Collier**.

## Colliard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**English:** variant of **Collier** with excrescent *-d*.

## Collick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent

**1 English:** locative name in the Midlands, either an altered form of **Colledge**, from Colwick (Staffs), or a reduced form of **Colwick**, from Colwick (Notts), though it is not known if the Notts surname survived beyond the medieval period (see **Culwick**).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Colewic, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Brian de Colewich, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Notts); Richard de Colwyk of Stoke Bardolph, 1336 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); William Colyk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rothbury, Northumb); Willelmus de Colewyk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bobbington, Staffs); Johannes Colwyk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hanging Grimston, ER Yorks); Audethe Collicke, 1623 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Johan Collick, 1677 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs).

**2 English:** (i) in S England it might be identical with (i) by migration. However, the example of Robert Colwike or Colwyke, 1564 in PROB 11 (Lynton, Devon) may only be a hypercorrect spelling of *Collick*, which may have a different but uncertain origin. There is a man called Richard Collock, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Brightston (lost) in Clyst Honiton, Devon), who might have been nicknamed from Middle English *collok* 'tankard, bowl, pail', but whether he is the progenitor of the later families named Collick is impossible to say. (ii) alternatively the Devon and Cornwall name may have migrated from Sussex, where *Collick* is well evidenced from the 16th century. Possibly a man called Alan' ater Coloche, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Danehill, Sussex), is a progenitor, but the sense of this name is unknown. He might be an ancestor of James Colledge, 1566 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex), but see **Colledge** for another explanation. There is also a place called Colhook (Common) near Petworth, which gave rise to a surname (*Kolhok* 1288 in Place-Names of Sussex, p. 114), but there is insufficient evidence to connect this confidently with the modern name.

**Early bearers:** John Collicke, 1573; John Collick, 1696 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Collycke, 1582; John Collick, 1673 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Jhon Collick, 1584; William Collicke, 1663 in *IGI* (Mid Lavant, Sussex); James Collick, 1692 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Anne Collick, 1724 in *IGI* (Saltwood, Kent); Mary Collick, 1732 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall).

## Collicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Essex

**English:** see **Collacott**.

## Collicutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**English:** see **Collacott**.

## Collidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

**English:** see **Colledge**.

## Collie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1062, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1051
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- Scottish:** see **Colley**.

## Collier

**Variants:** Collyer, Colyer, Collyear, Colleer, Colliar, Colliard, Colla, Collar, Coller, Culyer, Cullyer, Cullier, Callear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12964, Ireland 684
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9960
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Carlow; Meath

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *colier*, in most parts of the country 'maker or seller of charcoal', but in some areas (such as Bolton le Moors and Wigan, Lancs) where coal measures were near the surface, 'miner or seller of coal' (in the modern sense, 'fossil fuel').

**Further information:** The name was taken to Ireland from England and was first recorded there in 1305. In Petty's 'census' of 1659, it was recorded as a principal surname in Meath.

**Early bearers:** England: Ranulf colier before 1150 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Bernard le coliere, 1172 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Colyer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sawley, WR Yorks); Thomas Colyere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Ricardo Colyar and Johanne Colyer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broxwood, Herefs); Johannes le Colier, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worsley, Lancs); William Collier, 1577 in PROB 11 (London).

Ireland: William Collyar, 1562 in Fiant Elizabeth §2726 (Balrotherie, Dublin); William Collier, captain, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1661 (Sroher, Longford); William Collyar, captain, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2521; Wm. Collier, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3400 (Ballruidry, Dublin); Wm. Collier, captain, 1583 in Fiant Elizabeth §4318 (Deanrath, Dublin); William Collier, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4590; John Collier, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6536 (Grangemillon, Dublin); George Collier, 1733 in *IGI* (Newtown, Meath); Mary Collier, 1803 in *IGI* (Kilkenny, Kilkenny); Peter Fenelon Collier, 1846 in *IGI* (Carlow); Thomas Collier, 1865 in *IGI* (Oulart, Wexford).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, pp. 280–1; MacLysaght. **2 English:** occupational name from Middle English *coilour*, *coliou*, *culliou*, Old French *coileor*, *coillour* 'tax collector'.

**Further information:** The name appears in the 1881 Census as *Cullier* and *Cullyer* in Norfolk and NR Yorks, but appears to have since died out or been absorbed into sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Hugone le Coyllour, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Nawton and Wombleton, NR Yorks) Alanus Coyllour, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Burton in Bishopdale, NR Yorks); Roberto, Willelmo Coyllour, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Thorlby, NR Yorks); Joh. Culliou, 1367 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Hug. le Coiller, 1339–40 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Gilb. Colliour, Laur. Cullyour, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lincs); Ric. Culiur, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); Henr. Coliour, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Will. Le Cuillour, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); William Collier, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Joane Collier, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edwardus Collier, 1545 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs); Jn. Collier, 1548 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Mary Collier, 1549 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex).

## Colligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261

## Collimore

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Kildare, and Westmeath

**Irish:** variant of **Colgan**. In Gaelic pronunciation, a vowel is regularly inserted for euphony between *-l-* and *-g-*.

### Collimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Sussex
- English:** see **Cullimore**.

### Collin

**Variants:** **Colin, Collen, Colyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1711, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1558
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Berwicks; Durham; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

**English:** (i) relationship name from the personal name *Colin*, a diminutive of *Col*, itself a pet form of **Nicholas**. As a surname, the name is now more common with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*, see **Collins**; in Ireland the personal name derived from **Nicholas** fell together with a native personal name *Coileán* or *Coilín* meaning ‘young hound’, in Scottish Gaelic *Cailean*. Related surnames include **Collins, Cullen, McQuillan**, and **McCallion**.

**Further information:** There was also a feminine form, as in Colina Charles, 1250 in Book of Fees (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** given names: Colinus de Andresia, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Colinus, 1196 in Leicester Freeman Register; Colinus Harrengod, 1207, identical with Nicholaus Harengot, 1206, in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk).

surnames, England: John Collin, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Devon); William Colin, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Johannes Colin, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Mundham, Sussex); William Collin, 1566 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Cuthbert Collin, 1645 in PROB 11 (London).

surnames, Scotland: John Colin, 1620 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Hellen Collin, 1736 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian).

### Colling

**Variants:** **Collinge, Coling, Cowling, Coleing, Collings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 751
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**English:** (i) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kollungr*, a derivative of *Koli*, or from an Old English cognate, *Colling*, a derivative of *Cola* (see **Cole**). (ii) relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Col(l)*, a pet form of **Nicholas** (see also **Collin**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Collinc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Shrops, Derbys).

surnames: Gerardus filius Colling, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Aluuardus Colling, Collinc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Wilts); Griffin Collingus, about 1114 in Burton Chartulary (Staffs); Roger Kolling, about 1125 in Douglas Book (Norfolk); John Collynges, 1376 in Ancient Deeds 4 (Shrops); Willelmo Collyng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Peter-the-Little, Yorks); John Collynge, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Gloucs); Esabell

Colling, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Agnes Colling, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Agnes Colling, 1548 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); George Colling, 1551 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Peter Colling, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Christopher Colling, 1585 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

### Collingbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx and Surrey
- English:** see **Collingbourne**.

### Collingbourne

**Variants:** **Collingburn, Collingbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Wilts; Surrey

**English:** locative name from Collingbourne Ducis or Collinbourne Kingston (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Ruald de Colingeburna, 1179 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Sarah of Colingburn’, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); John Colyngborn, 1373 in Feet of Fines (Wilts); Suriell Collingbourne, 1585 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey).

### Collingburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English:** see **Collingbourne**.

### Collinge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1484, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2002
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Colling**.

### Collingford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English:** see **Collingford**.

### Collingham

**Variants:** **Cullingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; Sussex and Surrey

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Collingham, in Notts and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Colingeham, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Richard de Kollyngeham, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Colyngam, 1437 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Alice Collingham, 1574 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); George Collingham 1654 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts); Elizabeth Collingham, 1741 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Cullingham, 1756 in *IGI* (Croyden, Surrey).

### Collingridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Essex
- English:** locative name perhaps from Cowan Bridge in Lancs, recorded as *Collingbrigke* in about 1200.

**Early bearers:** John Colyngridge, 1464 in Close Rolls (London); Elizabeth Collingridge, 1635 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robt Collinridge, 1642 in *IGI* (Pottton, Beds).

### Collings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4118, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3540
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; SE England; Channel Islands; Lancs

**1 English:** variant of **Colling** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**2 English:** variant of **Collins**.

### Collingswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** variant of **Collingwood** with intrusive *-s-*.

### Collingsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

**English:** variant of **Cullingworth** with intrusive *-s-*. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Collington

**Variants:** **Cullington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; Sussex
- English:** locative name from Collington (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** George Collington, 1562 in *IGI* (Mickfield, Suffolk); Mary Collington, 1563 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbry, Leics); Hugh Collington in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Agnes Collington, 1594 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics).

### Collingwood

**Variants:** **Collinwood, Collingswood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2229, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Yorks, and Lincs; London

**1 English:** locative name probably from Coanwood, in Haltwhistle (Northumb), recorded as *Collanwode* in 1279, *Collanwode* in 1373 in Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 48, where it is suggested that the wood may have been named after a pre-Conquest provost of Hexhamshire named Collanus. **Further information:** The 1377–8 bearer was a stockman for the Abbots of Durham in Weardale Forest. The 1472 citation mentions a place called *Colynwod* in Durham county, but no settlement of this name is on record in the county. Perhaps it refers to a lost house or hall, named after the owner, not vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Collanwode, 1279 in Scotland Calendar (Haltwhistle, Northumb); John Collanwode, stirkettar (keeper of stirks or young cattle), 1387–8 in Durham Abbey Account Rolls (Burnhope, in Lanchester, Durham); Peter Colynwod, accused of an offence ‘apud Colynwod in comitatu Dunelmensi’, 1472 in Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls; William Colyngwode, 1510 in York Freeman’s Register, perhaps identical with William Colynwod, 1512 in York Guild Register (York); Nicholas Collingwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Whickham,

Durham); Jeane Collingwood, 1594 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Bowes (1979), pp. 31, 52.

**2 English:** locative name from Callingwood (Staffs), but the Staffs surname may only survive in the altered form *Collingswood*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Calangwode, de Chalaungwode, 1323 in Assize Rolls (Staffs), 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John atte Calengewode, 1349, Ralph Colyngwood, 1516 in Derbys Charters.

**3 English:** sometimes a variant of **Cullingworth**.

### Collingworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** see **Cullingworth**.

### Collins

**Variants:** Collens, Colins, Cullins, Collyns, Collis, Collings, McCollin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67922, Ireland 13509
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42741
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Cork

**1 English:** originally a variant of **Collin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Colynes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Willelmus Colins, 1379 in Poll Tax (Barby and Onley, Northants); Hugo Collyns, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brailes, Warwicks); Jefferye Collines or Collens, 1583 in PROB 11 (Alphington, Devon); Edward Collins, 1629 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**2 Irish, Manx:** relationship name anglicized from Ó Coileáin, compare **Cullen**, or in IoM or west Ulster reduced from **Mac Coileáin**, compare **McQuillan** and **McCullion**. The genitival *-s* is a local addition to **Collin** and variants after the surname was anglicized.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ferrall O'Collon, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §856 (Ballencallowe, Dublin); Teig O'Collan, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2270 (Malyghanys); George and Cornelius Collin, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); John O'Collean, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4618; Une and Ferrall O'Collian, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5440 (Droymororie, Leitrim); David Collins, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donaghenny, Tyrone); Ignatius Collins, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dunmore, Galway); Honor Collins, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kinard, Kerry).

### Collinson

**Variants:** Collison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4817, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, Durham, and Lincs

**English:** relationship name patronymic from the Middle English personal name *Colin* (see **Collin**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Colynson, 1349 in Whitby Chartulary (Yorks); John Colynson, 1382 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Nicholao Colynson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Chipping, Lancs); Adam Colynson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Johannes Collinson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Ricardus Colynesson',

1379 in Poll Tax (Mundesley, Norfolk); Henricus Colynson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); John Colisson, 1381 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Clement Collyngson, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Collison, 1622 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Collinwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey

**1 English:** see **Cullingworth**.

**2 English:** see **Collingwood**.

### Collis

**Variants:** Colliss, Collishe, Collas, Cullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3835, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3087
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry

**1 English:** see **Coles**.

**2 Scottish, Irish:** reduced form of **Collins**.

### Collishaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

**English:** see **Cowlishaw**.

### Collishe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** see **Collis**.

### Collison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1468, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1225
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: Norfolk; Kent and Middx; Lancs and Yorks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**English:** see **Collinson**.

### Colliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Collis**.

### Collister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

**Manx:** see **Callister**.

### Colliton

**Variants:** Colleton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Scottish:** anglicization of *Mac Coltan*, see **McCalden**.

**2 English:** locative name from any of several places in Devon variously called Colliton, Colyton, or Collaton.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Colliver

**Variants:** Colfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also London  
**English:** locative name from Colliford in Saint Neots (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Colaver, 1543 in Cornwall Subsidies (Saint Blazey, Cornwall); Willm Collyford, 1569 in Cornwall Muster (Saint Endellion, Cornwall); Alexander Colopher, 1577 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Elizabeth Colliver, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Stevan Collefer, 1608 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); John Colliver, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Erith, Cornwall).

### Collman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

**English:** see **Coleman**.

### Colloff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Coolough, 1594 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); James Colough, 1727 in *IGI* (Gilling West, NR Yorks); Willm. Colough, 1764 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Benjamin Colloff, 1819 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Joseph Coolough, 1851 in *IGI* (Cresswell, Staffs); John Colloff, 1863 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Collom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

**1 English:** see **Colomb**.

**2 Irish:** from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### Collop

**Variants:** Cullop, Cullip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *collop(pe)*, *col(h)op(e)* 'dish of fried or roasted meat', perhaps given to someone who liked the dish or who kept or worked in a cookhouse. MED notes it as a term (in about 1500) for a type of criminal, in the phrase 'Comon hasardoures, Tyburne coloppys, and pursekytters', but this seems an unlikely origin for a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** William Colop', 1229 in Close Rolls of Henry III; John Collop, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Mabilia Collope, 1279 in Hundred Rolls; Henry Colhoppe, 1290 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Patrick Collop, 1506 in PROB 11 (Sompting, Sussex); Thomas Collop or Collopp, 1626 in PROB 11 (Great Amwell, Herts); Jn. Cullip, 1723 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds); Mary Cullip, 1806 in *IGI* (Yelling, Hunts).

### Collopy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 235
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

**Irish:** from Ó Colpa, 'son of *Colpa*', which is possibly a byname based on *colpa* 'collop'. A collop originally denoted a fully grown horse or cow and later came to

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denote an area of grazing land sufficient to support such an animal.

**Early bearers:** Wm. O Colloupy, husbandman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6524 (Lickdowne, Limerick).

### Colls

**Variants:** Coules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London

**English:** see **Coles**. Variant of **Coll** (2) with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Collum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 147
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Donegal

1 **Irish, English:** from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

2 **English:** see **Colomb**.

### Collumbell

**Variants:** Columbine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

**English:** nickname from a diminutive of Old French *columbe* ‘dove, pigeon’, alluding to a peaceful temperament perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Hugonis Columbel, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Thomas Columbel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Stephen Columbel, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dorset); Johannes Columbel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Darley, Derbys); John Columbell, 1409 in Place-Names of Derbys; Thomas Columbell, 1428 in Feudal Aids (Stapleford, Notts); Georgius Collumbell, 1571 in *IGI* (Blyton, Lincs); Michael Colombell, 1585 in Parish Registers (Tamworth, Staffs); Elizabeth Collenbell, 1643 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); John Collumbell, 1663 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Mary Columbell, 1696 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); Docey Columbel, 1770 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 193; Tooth 3, p. 225.

### Collwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths; Northants

**English:** see **Colwell**.

### Colly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. WR Yorks; Staffs

1 **English:** see **Colley**.

2 **Scottish:** possibly also a reduced form of **McColly**.

### Collyear

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Collier**.

### Collyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2134, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1834
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Collier**.

### Collimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Cullimore**.

### Collyns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Collins**.

### Colm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Irish:** from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### Colman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2768, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2772
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

**Irish, English:** see **Coleman**.

### Colmer

**Variants:** Culmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; London

1 **English:** locative name from one of more of the numerous places with this or a similar name, such as Colmer in North Huish (Devon), Colemore (Hants), and Colmer Farm in Marshwood (Dorset).

**Further information:** Colmer’s Farm in King’s Norton (Worcs) is probably named from the surname.

**Early bearers:** William Colmer, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; John de Colmore, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); [ . . . de] Colemore, 1328 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Ricardo de Colemor, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hawkchurch, Dorset); Nicholas Colemar, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Robertus Colmore, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitchurch Canonorum hundred, Dorset); Clarica Colmer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chithurst, Sussex); Margareta Colemere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Didling, Sussex); Johannes Colmere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Jasper Colmer, 1598 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Aldermar, City of London); Abraham Colmer, 1631 in PROB 11 (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 303; Place-Names of Dorset 4, p. 401; Place-Names of Worcs, p. 352.

2 **English:** see **Culmer**.

### Colocott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**English:** see **Caldicott**.

### Colohan

**Variants:** Colahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

1 **Irish:** from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

2 **Irish:** it may also be from **Mac Uallocháin** ‘son of *Uallachán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *uallach* ‘proud’.

### Colomb

**Variants:** Collum, Collom, Cullum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Devon.

1 **Huguenot:** nickname from French **Colomb**, from Old French *columbe* ‘dove, pigeon’ (Latin *columbus*). Compare **Collumbell**.

**Early bearers:** Françoise Colomb, 1691, Jean Colombe, 1718, Michel Colombe, 1721 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street, Spitalfields, Middx).

2 **English:** locative name alluding to the river Culm (Devon), recorded as *Culum* in 1238, *Colum* in 1281, *Columb* in 1577, or more likely to one of the settlements on the river, especially Culm Pyne Barton, recorded as *Colun* in 1086, *Culum* in 1242, and *Colmp* in 1285.

**Early bearers:** Galliard Columb, 1242 in Patent Rolls; Rogero Collam, 1296–97 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Lesnewth hundred, Cornwall); Catheren Collume, 1552 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Richard Colomb, Richard Colombe, 1577 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Thomas Collum, 1627 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Collom, 1666 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Catherine Collom, 1764 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); John Collomb, 1776 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Joseph Columb, 1795 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall).

### Colombo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Italian:** (i) relationship name from the personal name *Colombo*, from Latin *Colombus*, *Colomba* meaning ‘dove’, a personal name favoured by early Christians because the dove was considered to be a symbol of the Holy Spirit. (ii) nickname from *colombo* ‘dove’ (Latin *columbus*), for a gentle, mild-mannered person or for a keeper of doves.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Colombo, born in Genova, Italy, in Census 1881 (Deptford, Kent); Joseph Colombo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Devon); Orlando Colombo, born in Devon, in Census 1891 (Monmouths); Giovanni Colombo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Middx).

### Colpitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

**English:** locative name from Colpitts in Slaley (Northumb), recorded as *Colpittes*, 1255 in Assize Rolls, and as *Colpottes*, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Colpit, 1377 in Poll Tax (Halton, Northumb); Roger Colpotts, 1583 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); James or Jacob Colpots, 1584, Thomas Colputs, 1636, John Colpitts, 1663, Ralph Colpits, 1686 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); William Collpits, 1696 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 51.

### Colquhoun

**Variants:** Cowen, Cowan, Calhoun, Cohoon, Colhoun, Cahoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2770, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1766

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish:** locative name from the barony of Colquhoun in Dunbartons. The usual Scottish pronunciation is *ka-hoon*.

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish family descended from Umfridus de Kilpatrick, who acquired lands in the barony of Colquhoun during the reign of Alexander II (1214–49).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Colechon, 1259 in Scotland Calendar (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Robert de Colquhoune, about 1290 in Lennox Cartulary (Dunbartons); John de Culqwon, sheriff, 1427 in Highland Papers (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Adam Choquoyon, 1513 in Protocol Book Simon (Stobo, Peebles); Jonat Colquhoun, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Colquitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; IoM
- Manx:** locative name mainly Manx form of *Caldecott*, from the Cheshire place-name; see **Caldicott**. The surname is pronounced /kɔlkwət/.  
**Early bearers:** Calcote, 1511, Colcatte, 1611, Calcotte, 1729, 1813, Collcoate, 1785, Colquid, 1795, Colquitt, 1798, Colkett, 1810, Colquet, 1815 in Kneen.  
**References:** Kneen.

### Colridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** see **Coleridge**.

### Colshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Culshaw**.

### Colson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 555
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London: Hants; Northants; Suffolk; Lancs
- 1 **English:** see **Coulson**.  
2 **English:** see **Colston**.

### Colston

**Variants:** **Coulston**, **Coulsting**, **Coulson**, **Colson**, **Cawson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 547
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; London; Midlothian

1 **English:** (i) locative name mainly from Coulston (Wilts), or less often from either Colston Basset or Carcolston in Notts. (ii) relationship name; post-medieval forms of the name may alternatively derive from **Coulson** and **Colson** with an intrusive *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Coleston, 1208 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Robert Colston, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Brookthorpe, Gloucs); Robert de Colstone, 1352 in London Letter Books G; John Colston, 1426 in York Freeman's Register; Alexander Colston, 1539 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Vincent Colston, 1603, Willyam Coulston, 1640 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Tho

Coulston, 1605 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Robert Coulston, 1672, William Colston, 1683 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Elizabeth Coulsting, 1705 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Colston, 1736 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Sarah Colston, 1794 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 **Scottish, English:** relationship name from the Older Scots and Middle English personal name *Colstan*, *Colstain* (Old Scandinavian *Kolsteinn*). This name has probably been confused with **Coulson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Reginald filius Colstan, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Colstan, 1213 in Curia Regis Rolls (Dorset); Roger Colstayn, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Adam Colstan, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Esabell Colston, 1540 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Allexander Coulston, 1559 in *IGI* (Grimbsy, Lincs).

Scotland: Robert Colston, 1465 in Scotland Calendar; Isobell Colston, 1698 in *IGI* (Ladykirk, Berwicks); John Colston, 1709 in *IGI* (Swinton, Berwicks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, at Colstan.

### Colt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English:** see **Coult**.

### Coltard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Coulthard**.

### Coltart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights and Dumfriess
- Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Colter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

**English:** occupational name for a keeper of colts, from an agent derivative of Middle English *colt*; compare **Coltman**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Coltier, 1285 in Thureson (Oxon); John le Coltere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Abraham Colter, 1561 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Cowlter, 1621 in PROB 11 (Northaw, Herts); William Colter, 1722 in *IGI* (Shilbottle, Northumb).

### Colthard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumberland, Durham
- English:** see **Coulthard**.

### Colthart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dumfriess; Argyll
- Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Coltherd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, Selkirks, and Roxburghs
- Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Colthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English:** see **Calthorpe**.

### Colthurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English:** see **Coulthurst**.

### Coltman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 840
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Leics; Middx
- English:** occupational name from Middle English *co(w)lt* 'young horse or ass' + *man*, probably for a keeper of colts. Compare **Colter**.

**Early bearers:** Anote Coltman, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); John le Coltmon, 1365 in Derbys Charters; Johanna Coltemon, 1377 in Poll Tax (Iron Gate, Derbys); John Coltman, 1422 in Feet of Fines (Uxbridge, Middx); Jacobi Coltman, 1573 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Andrew Cowltman, 1578, Coultman, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Abraham Colteman, 1714 in *IGI* (Fleckney, Leics).

### Colton

**Variants:** **Coulton**, **Culton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1741, Ireland 477
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1000
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- 1 **English:** locative name from any of various places named Colton (two in WR Yorks; one each in Lancs, Staffs, Norfolk, and Somerset) or from Coulton in NR Yorks, recorded as *Colton* in 1086 (Domesday Book).

**Further information:** This English name is also common in Ireland; it was the name of a bishop of Derry in 1397. There seems also to have been confusion with **Culliton**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Colton, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Pagan de Colton, 1214 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Roger Colton, 1371 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Ricardus de Colton, 1377 in Poll Tax (Coulton, NR Yorks); Robert Colton, 1574 in PROB 11 (Hurberton, Devon); Lewis Coulton, 1606 in PROB 11 (Stamford, Lincs).

Ireland: Morgan Coltane, cottoner, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2424 (Kilkenny).

2 **Scottish Gaelic or Irish:** see **McCalden**.

### Colum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** from **Mac Colum**, see **McCallum**.

### Columbine

**Variants:** **Cullumbine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0

## Colven

• **GB frequency 1881:** 83  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts  
**English:** (i) nickname probably a variant of **Collumbell**, altered by folk etymology through association with the plant name *columbine*. Compare the Notts and Staffs examples of both names. (ii) nickname alternatively perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *columbine* ‘dove-like’, or from Middle English *columbine*, *colombine*, *colibin* ‘columbine, aquilegia’, a plant which was thought to be efficacious in the treatment of various ailments including ‘sore throte’, ‘quinsy’, and ‘swellynge in þe throte’ (MED). However, until some medieval surnames with this form have been found, it must remain a doubtful hypothesis.  
**Early bearers:** Isabell Columbine, 1541 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Homfrey Collumbyne or Columbine, 1591 in PROB 11 (Alvechurch, Worcs); Thomas Columbyne, 1593 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Richard Cullimbinne, 1611 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Godolyne Collumbine, 1613 in *IGI* (Sevington, Kent); John Colambyne or Colambine, 1619 in PROB 11 (Enville, Staffs); Thomas Cullabine, 1636 in *IGI* (Ebony, Kent); Benjamin Cullumbine, 1687 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Cullabine, 1735 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Jonathan Columbine, 1747 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Cullabine, 1750 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Cullobine, 1775 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Columbine, 1823 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); William Cullumbine, 1839 in *IGI* (Worsborough, WR Yorks).

**2 Huguenot:** (i) nickname, French **Colombin**, from Old French *colombin* ‘dove-like’. (ii) relationship name, French **Colombin**, from the Old French personal name *Colomban* (altered to *Colombin*), from Latin *Colombanus*, a derivative of *colombus* ‘dove’.

**Further information:** The personal name *Colomban* has not been found in medieval England except as the name of a foreigner, such as the (Italian?) Columbanus Lercarius, master or patron of *The Ship of St. John*, apparently of Genoa, 1345 in Patent Rolls. **Early bearers:** Pierre Colombine, 1721, Francois Colombine, 1723 *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

## Colven

• **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 117  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks; London; Sussex  
**Scottish:** see **Colvin**.

## Colver

• **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 195  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Leics  
**English:** see **Culver**.

## Colverson

**Variants:** **Culverson**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 44  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** relationship name apparently ‘son of someone surnamed **Culver**’. This type of formation is found in NW England but rare or absent elsewhere, and quite unexpected in Kent. Since

*Culverson* and *Culver* both occur in the 17th-century parish registers of Faversham (Kent), it is possible that *-son* is excrescent, a late arbitrary extension of *Culver*, which is a surname with a long history in Kent. Compare the common use of excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** Robert Culverson, 1618 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Culverson, 1754 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Mary Culverson, 1765 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Colverson, 1806 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent).

## Colvert

• **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 15  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London  
**French:** nickname from Old French *culvert* ‘base, treacherous’.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Colvart, 1516 in PROB 11 (Southampton, Hants); Richard Colvert, 1630 in *IGI* (Wold Newton, Lincs); Tho. Colvert, 1681 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Edward Culvert, 1782 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

## Colverwell

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
**English:** see **Culverwell**.

## Colvill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 152  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey  
**Norman, English:** see **Colville**.

## Colville

**Variants:** **Colvill, Colvin**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1267, Ireland 175  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1022  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife and Angus; Lanarks  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down  
**Norman, English, Scottish:** locative name from Coleville in Seine-Maritime.

**Further information:** The Scottish branch of the family were descended from Philip de Colville, who came to Scotland as a household knight of kings Malcolm IV (1153–65) and William ‘the Lion’ (1165–1214).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Colevil(e), 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks); Gilbert de Colauilla in Domesday Book (Suffolk); William Coleuille, 1142–53 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Roger de Colevill, 1254 in Patent Rolls (Frostenden, Suffolk); Geoffrey de Coleville, knight, 1317 in Patent Rolls (Walsoken, Norfolk); Galfridus Colevill, 1381 in Poll Tax (Springfield, Essex); William Colvyll, 1453 in Feet of Fines (Thirkleby, NR Yorks); Robert Colvyll or Colvill, 1508 in PROB 11 (Heydon, Norfolk); Edmond Colville, 1614 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

Scotland: Philip de Colevill, 1154–9 in Dunfermline Register (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas de Colevilla, 1214–19 in Melrose Register (Dalmellington, Ayr); Robert de Colvyll, 1358 in Scotland Calendar; Johnne Colvill, 1590 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Susannah Colville, 1643 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian). Ireland: James Colville, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Comber, Down).

## Colvin

**Variants:** **Colven**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1574, Ireland 165  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1035  
• **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Glasgow; IoM; Lancs; Shetland; Aberdeens; London; Sussex  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Antrim  
**1 Scottish, Irish:** variant of **Colville**, reflecting a local pronunciation. The name was taken to Ulster in the 17th century.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Colven, 1639, Robert Colvin, 1762 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Colven, 1675, Jane Colvin, 1859 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Colven, 1757, James Colven, 1863 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks); Magnus Colvine, 1760, Gilbert Colvin, 1855 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland). Ireland: Elizabeth Colvin, 1717 in *IGI* (Lisburn, Antrim); Elisha Colvin, 1769 in *IGI* (Lurgan, Armagh).  
**References:** Black; MacLysaght.

**2 Manx:** relationship name if not identical with (1), perhaps from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kolbeinn*, with /v/ substituted for /b/. Compare English **Colban**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: [ . . . ] Colvin, 1579, 1668, 1797, [ . . . ] Colbin, 1610, 1668, 1729, [ . . . ] Colben, 1704, [ . . . ] Colven, 1819 in Kneen.

**3 English:** relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Colwin, Colvin*, which may be a borrowing into Old English of a Welsh name whose modern form is *Collwyn* ‘white’, or of *colwyn* ‘doe, puppy, pet dog’, or of the place-name *Colwyn* (Denbighs, Radnors).

**Early bearers:** given names: Coluinus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon); Godwyne Colwynes suna, 1100–30 in Tengvik (Devon).

surnames: Wlfwinus Colewin, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Derbys); Ralph Coluin, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Colvin, 1569 in *IGI* (Waldron, Sussex); Edmund Colven, 1631 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Charles Colven, 1761 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex).

**References:** Feilitzen, at Coluin.

## Colwell

**Variants:** **Colwill, Collwell**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1230, Ireland 114  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 971  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and W Midlands: esp. Sussex; Gloucs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
**English:** locative name from either of two places named Colwell (Devon, Northumb), Colwall (Herefs), or Colwell House in Wivelsfield (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Collewele, 1268 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Robert de Kolewelle, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William de Colwell, 1384 in York Freeman’s Register (York); William Colwell, 1522 in Tudor Rutland (Liddington, Rutland).

## Colwick

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
**English:** see **Culwick**.

## Colwill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 633  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Glamorgan



English: see Colwell.

### Colyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 975, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Middx, Surrey, and Berks

English: see Collier.

### Colyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see Collin.

### Coman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Waterford

Irish: from Mac Cuimín or Ó Cuimín, see Cumming.

### Comas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: see McComas.

Further information: This name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

### Comb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian and Midlothian; Perth; also Durham

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of McComb.

### Combe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and E Lothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 **Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** from Mac Thom ‘son of Thom’, see Thomas; a reduced form of McComb. **Early bearers:** Jonnet Combe, 1653 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); George Combe, 1658 in *IGI* (Currie, Midlothian).

2 **English:** see Coombe.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Combe, 1538 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Rycharde Combe, 1540 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

### Combella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name unexplained; but probably from an as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John Combella, 1773 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); William Combella, 1784 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Avis Combella, 1804 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Thomas Combella, 1883 in *IGI* (Mawnan, Cornwall).

### Comben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: unexplained. Probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place in Dorset.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Combien, 1379 in Poll Tax (Teffont Evias, Wilts); Ann Comben, 1570 in Parish Registers (Portland, Dorset); Martha Combin, 1621 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, Hants); Thomas Comben, 1631, Richard Comben, 1645 in *IGI* (Portland, Dorset); Nicholas Combene, 1687 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Bartholemew Comben, 1734 in *IGI* (Portland, Dorset); Lot Cumben, 1774 in *IGI* (Milton Abbas, Dorset).

### Comber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1068, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1005
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Surrey and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway

1 **English:** see Coomber.

2 **English:** see Comer.

3 **Irish:** adopted by mistranslation (as is *Comer*) for Ó Ciaragáin (see Kerrigan), by false association with *cior* ‘comb’ rather than *ciar* ‘dark, black’.

### Comberbach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see Cumberbatch.

### Combes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Middx; also Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: see Coombes.

### Combs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and SE Wales; esp. Sussex; Lancs and WR Yorks

1 **English:** see Coombes.

2 **English:** possibly a variant of Camb, with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Combstock

Variants: Culmstock, Comstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Somerset
- English: locative name from Culmstock (Devon). **Early bearers:** Daniel Cumstocke, 1619 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Sarah Combstocke, 1653 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Thomas Combstock, 1716 in *IGI* (Curry, Somerset); Marmeduke Culmstock, 1767 in *IGI* (Churchstanton, Devon); Robert Combstock, 1781 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Comely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: see Comley.

### Comer

Variants: Comber, Lecomber, Le Comber, Camber, Cambers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1678, Ireland 378
- **GB frequency 1881:** 771
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Lancs; Norfolk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo  
English: occupational name from Middle English *comber*, *camber* ‘one who cards wool or makes carding combs’.

Further information: Outr. Cambmaker is also called Camber, 1373, 1379 in Colchester Court Rolls. Compare Thomas Kambesmyth, 1381 in Yorks Poll Tax, Alice Comsmyth, 1590 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph (le) Cambere, 1201–2 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Reginald Combere (le Camber), 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Ralph le Combere, William le Comere, 1286 in Fransson (Norfolk); John Camere, Camber, Comber, 1359–60 in Colchester Court Rolls; Lodewicus Combere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Ricardus Cambere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Rettendon, Essex); John Comber, 1543 in PROB 11 (Pevensey, Sussex); Thomas Comber, 1630 in PROB 11 (Yetminster, Dorset).

### Comerford

Variants: Commerford, Comforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1329, Ireland 1547
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 **English:** locative name from Comerford (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Isabell Comerford, 1557, Francys Comerford, 1578 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Johanna Comerford, 1564 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Dorothy Comerford, 1583 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Zacharias Comerfort, 1676 in *IGI* (Aston in Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 **Irish:** a much altered form of Mac Cumascaigh ‘son of Cumascach’, a byname from *cumascach* ‘mixer, confuser’. See also Comiskey.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Comerford, 1568, (Coolnamuck, Waterford) *IGI*.

### Comery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Scottish, English: probably a variant of Comrie.

**Early bearers:** Grace Cumerey, 1698 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Joseph Comery, 1717 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Eliz. Cummery, 1725 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London); Daniel Comery, 1745 in *IGI* (Bulwell, Notts); Samuel Comery, 1798 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Comford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see Comfort.

### Comfort

Variants: Comford, Comforth, Comport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

English: nickname for someone who gave or sought comfort, from Middle English *cumfort*, *comfort*

## Comforth

‘comfort; encouragement; consolation; pleasure, joy’. Middle English *do comfort* (literally ‘do comfort’) meant ‘to amuse (someone)’.

**Early bearers:** William Cumfort, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Richard Cumfort, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Richard Counfort, 1375 in London Pleas; Johannes Comfort, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Comfort, 1562 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Chrian. Comfort, 1568, Alice Comford, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); John Comfort, 1583 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jone Comfort, 1601 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Eliz Comfort, 1656 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Comforth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

**1 English:** variant of **Comerford**.

**Early bearers:** John Comforth, 1796 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

**2 English:** in SE England occasionally a variant of **Comfort**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Comforth, 1601 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Comings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**Norman, Scottish, English:** see **Cummings**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Comins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Devon

**English:** see **Cummings**.

### Comish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx, English:** relationship name from Gaelic *Mac Thómais* ‘son of Thomas’.

**Further information:** The main seat of the family in the Isle of Man was Ballacomish ‘Comish’s (or Thomas’s) farm’ (Arbory, IoM). The apparent occurrences of this name in Devon in *Census 1881* and *IGI* (16th to 19th centuries) are due to mistranscriptions of the surname *Cornish*.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Comishe, 1430, Mac Comas, 1511, Commis, 1756 in Kneen; William Comish, 1805 in *IGI* (Arbory).

England: Radcliffe Comishe, 1628 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Comiskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 654
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ulster and N Leinster

**Irish:** from Mac Cumascaigh, see **McComiskey**.

### Comisky

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish:** from Mac Cumascaigh, see **McComiskey**.

## Comley

**Variants:** **Comely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Oxon

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *cumelich, comlych, cumly* ‘fair, beautiful, pleasing’.

(ii) locative name from Comley, a hamlet in Cardington (Shrops).

**Further information:** The distribution suggests that (i) may be the more usual origin away from the W Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Combeleye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Glazeley, Shrops); Elynd Comley, 1558 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Annys Combley, 1560 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); John Comeley, 1561 in *IGI* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); Xtofer Comley, 1598 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Richard Comley, 1622 in *IGI* (More, Shrops); James Comely, 1624 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); William Combley, 1709 in *IGI* (Dauntsey, Wilts); Florence Cumly, 1714 in *IGI* (Great Somerford, Wilts).

### Commander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; also ER Yorks

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *comander, comando(ur)* ‘one who commands, ruler, leader’, sometimes ‘officer in charge of a commandery’, e.g. of the Knights Templars.

**Early bearers:** Roger le cumandur de templo, 1176–85 in Templars Records (Cambs); William le Comandur, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Somerset), 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Wilts); Willelmo Comaoundour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pitton, Wilts); Thomas Comaunder, 1520 in PROB 11 (Saint Nicholas Warwick, Warwicks); Gyles Commander, 1566 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Commane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

**Irish:** from Mac Cuimín or Ó Cuimín, see **Cumming**.

### Cumming

### Commerford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Hants, Middx, and Surrey; Cheshire and Lancs

**English:** see **Comerford**. In SE England it may have been confused with **Comfort**.

### Commin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

**English:** see **Cumming**.

### Commings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Devon; WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cummings**.

### Commins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 346
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Flints; Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny

**English:** see **Cummings**.

## Common

**Variants:** **Commons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Cornwall; also Berwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *comen*, Old English *cuman* ‘guest, stranger, newcomer’. See also **Coombe** (2) and **Newcombe**. There may have been some confusion with (ii). (ii) variant of **Cumming**.

**Further information:** Wilson’s derivation in Reaney and Wilson from Old French *comune* ‘common, widely known’ is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Comene, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ecton, Northants); William Common, 1569 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John Common, 1582 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Bridget Common, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Joyce Commons, 1601 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Trustram Commons, 1601 in *IGI* (Exter, Devon); Ebote Common, 1617 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Charles Commons, 1641 in Somerset Petition (Somerset); William Common, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Commons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Tipperary, and Galway

**1 English, Irish:** see **Cummings**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland.

**2 English:** variant of **Common** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Comper

**Variants:** **Cumper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *compair* ‘companion, associate, comrade’ (from Old French *compere* ‘godfather, associate, friend’). (ii) locative name in Sussex, it appears also to be a derivative in -er of the place-name element *comp* ‘field’, associated with traces of Roman activity; note John Comper of Wartling (undated), who appears to have been of the same family as Richard atte Comp, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex), of the same parish, and a similar pairing occurs at Findon.

**Early bearers:** Elyas Cumper, 1224 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Walter Compere, le Compeyre, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Walterus Compere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Findon, Sussex); Recardus Comper, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lambourne, Essex); John Comper, 1540 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Comper, 1561 in PROB 11 (Ablington, Wilts).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 483; Surnames of Sussex, pp. 172–3.

**Comport**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English:** variant of **Comfort** with an intrusive *-p-*, as in John Compforte, 1627 in PROB 11 (East Grinstead, Sussex), and with subsequent loss of *-f-*, as illustrated by Richard Comfort alias Comport, 1628 in PROB 11 (Whitechapel, Middx).
- Further information:** Bardsley notes Edward Comport alias Comfort of Chislehurst, which is undated. Compare Michael Comport, 1651, and Mary Comfort, 1735 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Comport, 1548 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Comport, 1575 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Comport, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Comport, 1607 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); John Comport, 1612 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex).

**Compson**

- Variants:** **Cumpson, Camson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English:** relationship name 'son of the stranger or newcomer' (Middle English *come*, Old English *cuma* 'guest, stranger' + *-son*). The *-p-* is intrusive. See **Coombe**.
- Further information:** According to Surnames of Sussex, p. 327, a holding in or near Wiston (near Findon, Sussex), held by persons named *Compstone* in the 14th century, was then described as the tenement *atte Compe*. This had been held by John de la Compe in about 1300; compare John de la Compe, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Clapham, by Findon, Sussex), and Radulphus atte Compe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westmeston, i.e. Wiston, Sussex). The source is Middle English *comp* (Old English *camp*) 'field'. McKinley argues that *Compstone* derives from the name of the holding, but this is problematic. The earliest Middle English form for this Sussex surname (*Com(е)stone*, with no medial *-p-*) fits uneasily with this interpretation, and the Middle English addition of patronymic *-son* to a topographical word or surname would be unusual outside N England. Families often bore more than one surname at this time, and it may be that the phonetic similarity of *de la Compe* and *Com(p)son* is pure coincidence.
- Early bearers:** S England: William Comsone, 1327, William Comesone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Findon, Sussex); Johannes Comesone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancing, Sussex); Willelmus Comsone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Washington, Sussex); Annis Comson, 1546 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Faith Compson, 1635 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- W Midlands: Thoms. Comson, 1548 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Johannes Cumpson, 1562, Johannis Cumson, 1571 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Johannis Compson, 1574 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Adolphus Comson, 1583 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Anne Compson, 1630, Mary Campson, 1737 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); [Eliz]abeth Compson, 1663 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Eliz. Cumpson, 1792 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

**Compston**

- Variants:** **Cumpson, Cumpston**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish:** locative name from Cumstoun (in Twynholm, Kirkcudbrights). There are places in Westmorland named Cumpston Hill, Compstone House, and Cumpstone House, but they take their names from a family called Compston or Cumpston, recorded in the area in the 16th century.
- Early bearers:** James Compstone, 1569 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb); Agnes Compston, 1573 in *IGI* (Brough under Stainmore, Westm); Agnes Comston, 1577, Roberth Cumpston, 1600, John Cumston, 1627 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); George Comson, 1627 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); George Compstone, George Cumpston, 1707 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).
- References:** Place-Names of Westm 1, p. 179, 2, pp. 15, 76.

**Compton**

- Variants:** **Cumpton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4208, Ireland 194
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2855
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Wilts, Gloucs, and Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English:** locative name from one or other of the numerous places named or named with Compton, especially those in south-western England.
- Early bearers:** Gladwin de Cumtuna 1167–about 1175 Yorks Charters; William de Compton', 1212 in Pleas; Nicholas de Cumpston, 1263 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Richard Compton, 1376 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johannes de Compton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Nettleton, Wilts); John Compton, 1505 in PROB 11 (Beckington, Somerset); Griffith Cumpston or Compton, 1556 in PROB 11 (Brandon Fery, Suffolk).

**Comrie**

- Variants:** **Comery**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 799, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 488
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Stirlings
- Scottish:** locative name from any of various places called Comrie, of which there are examples in Fife and Perth. All are named with Gaelic *comarach*, from *comar* 'confluence, river fork' + the locative suffix *-ach*.
- Early bearers:** John Combray, 1476 in Oliphants in Scotland; John Comerie, 1599 in Returns, Scotland (Comrie, Perth); Lillias Comrie, 1670 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

**Comstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** see **Combstock**.
- Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Comyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Galway
- English, Irish:** see **Cumming**.

**Comyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Hants, and Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English, Irish:** see **Cummings**.

**Con**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northumb; Lancs
- Scottish, Irish:** see **Conn**.

**Conacher**

- Variants:** **Connacher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish:** from Irish Ó Conchobhair, see **Connor**.

**Conaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 421
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish, Scottish:** from Ó Connacháin, a variant of Ó Connagáin, see **Cunningham**.

**Conahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish, Scottish:** from Ó Connacháin, a variant of Ó Connagáin, see **Cunningham**.

**Conan**

- Variants:** **Conen, Conant**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin
- Breton, Norman, English, Scottish:** (i) relationship name from the Old Breton personal name *Conan*, the name of Breton chiefs, kings, and of a saint. It was one of the Breton names introduced at the Conquest and was common among tenants of the Richmond fee in Lincs and Yorks. (ii) locative name some Scottish cases of the name come from Conon in Angus.
- Early bearers:** given names: Conanus dux Britanniae et comes Richemundie, before 1155 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Connand, Conian Gossipe, 1479–86 in York Freeman's Register (York).
- sumames, England: Henricus filius Conani, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Henricus Cunani, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Gilbert Conan, about 1198 in History of Saint Barts Hospital (London); Thomas Conan, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Yorks); Robert Connand, Adam Conand, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Alan Conyn, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Agar Connant, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Degory Conant, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Matilda Conan, 1599 in Parish Registers (Saint Andrew, Kildwick, WR Yorks); Wllm Conan, 1613 in Parish Registers (All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Conen, 1619 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire).

## Conant

surnames, Scotland: John de Conan, 1394 in Arbroath Register (Conon, Angus); Jonet Connan, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Conan, 1644 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Adam Conan, 1646 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); James Conan, 1690 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Donald Conan, 1704 in *IGI* (Muthill, Perth); James Conan, 1705 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr); Isobell Conon, 1708 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

References: Black.

## Conant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Breton, Norman, English: see **Conan**.

## Conaty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 425
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

**Irish:** from Ó Connachtaigh ‘descendant of Connachtach’, a name for someone from Connacht. Compare **Connaughton**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Flann h-Ua Connachtaigh, bishop of Bréifne, 1231 in AU; Thomas Conaty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Oldcastle, Meath).

England: John Conaty, 1847 in *IGI* (Sheerness, Kent); Jacobus Conaty, 1859 in *IGI* (North Shields, Northumb).

Scotland: James Conaty, 1851 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

## Conaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

**Irish:** from one of the Irish names anglicized as **Conway**, the internal vowel representing an Irish pronunciation.

## Conboy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 365
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Brecknocks; E Lothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Sligo

**Irish:** from Ó Conbuidhe, ‘descendant of Cú Bhuidhe’, a personal name meaning ‘yellow hound’. Compare **Convey**, and see **Conway**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot O Conba, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2928 (Ballehonye, Cork); Teig rwo O Conba, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3095 (Rath, Cork); Donnell mcTeigl Conbay, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4520 (Killkellain); Diermot mcDonogh I Conba, footman, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4623 (Kerry or Limerick); Dermot oge O Conba, husbandman, 1603 in Fiant Elizabeth §6762 (Glannyfunhy, Cork).

## Concannon

Variants: **Kincannon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 922
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**Irish:** from Ó Con Cheanainn ‘descendant of Cú Cheanainn’, a personal name from cú ‘hound’ + ceann ‘head’ + fionn ‘fair, white’.

**Further information:** Bearers of this surname claim descent from a single 10th-century ancestor.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Brian O’Kinkenine, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1389 (Fiddan); Cahell garove O’Kinkennie, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1389.

England: Mathew Concannon, 1759 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks); Mariae Concanon, 1791 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Bridget Concannon, 1845 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Darby Kincannon, 1849, Concannon, 1852 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

## Conchie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Wigtowns; also Lancs and Westm

**Irish or Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Dhonnchaidh see **McConnachie**.

## Conde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 **English:** locative name, see **Cound**.

2 **Huguenot:** locative name, see **Cundy**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jan Conde, 1582 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ Church, Canterbury); Esther Conde, 1591 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ Church, Canterbury).

3 **Spanish, Portuguese:** status name from the title of rank *conde* ‘count’, denoting someone in the service of a count.

**Early bearers:** Alfonso Garcia Conde, born in Mexico, in *Census 1911* (Toxteth, Lancs).

## Condell

Variants: **Candle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Wicklow
- English: see **Cundall**.

## Conder

Variants: **Condor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs and Suffolk; WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham

1 **English:** locative name from Condover (Shrops), which is recorded as *Conedovre* in 1086, *Conedor* in 1255–6.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Conedour, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); William Conder, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Roger de Conedovere, baxstere, 1370 in Patent Rolls (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Hugo Cundor, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Harling, Norfolk); Ricardus de Condor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shrewsbury hundred, Shrops); Rogero Condovere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Staffs); John Condover, 1523 in Subsidy Rolls (West Tilbury, Essex); Elizabeth Conder, 1582 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Edward Conder, 1630 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Jo Condor, 1688 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

References: Place-Names of Shrops 1, pp. 96–7.

2 **English:** in N England perhaps a variant of **Connor** with intrusive *-d-*.

## Condict

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon

English: see **Conduit** and compare **Conduct**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Condict, 1675 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants); Elizabeth Condyke, 1769 in *IGI* (Woodborough, Wilts).

## Condict

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 **English:** see **Conduit**.

2 **Irish:** anglicized form of **Mac Comhaic**, see **Connick**.

## Condie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Clackmannans; Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from Condie in Forteviot parish in southern Perthshire. The place-name survives in Path of Condie and Condie Wood.

**Early bearers:** John de Conady, 1414 in Arbroath Register (Perth); John Condy, 1541 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Falkland, Fife); James Cundie, 1595 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh); Andrew Condie, 1612 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Isobel Condie, 1616 in Dunblane Testaments (Wester Colzie, Fife).

References: Black.

## Condliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Cunliffe**.

## Condon

Variants: **Congdon, Canton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1882, Ireland 2253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 821
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Limerick, and Tipperary

**Norman, Irish:** locative name from **Condún**, a gaelicized form of the Anglo-Norman name *de Caunteton*, imported to Ireland via Wales in the 12th or 13th century, from *Caunton* in Notts.

Alternatively, this name survives as **Candon** and **Canton**. A Gaelic Irish name *Ó Condubháin* was also anglicized as Condon.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: David Condon, horseman, 1551 in Fiant Edward §862 (Horston); Richard Condon, gent., 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1203 (Carriggywick); Rich. Condon fitz John alias McMage, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2513 (Carriginoury, Cork); John fitz Walter Condon, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2513 (Liatrum, Cork); Edm. fitz Walter Condon, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2513; Rich. roe Condon, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2881 (Gortechallyn, Tipperary); Edm. Condon, 1579 in Fiant Elizabeth §3539 (Marsshiallston, Cork); Edm. Condon, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4752 (Kilbarry).

England: Thomas Condon, 1546 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); George Conden, 1608 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Davidis Condon, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Michaelis Condon, 1825 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths).

**Condor**

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Cambs and Beds
- English: see **Conder**.

**Condra**

Variants: **Condray**, **Condrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 58
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

Manx, Irish: relationship name, nickname from *Mac Conraoi* with intrusive *-d-*. See **Conroy** (2). The Manx surname is preserved in Ballacondra (Bride, IoM) and Ballacunner (Andreas, IoM) ‘Condra’s farm’. The latter was the family seat.

Early bearers: Mac Cundre, 1515, Cunder, 1643, 1703, Cundry, 1699, Cunnery, 1739, Caundra, 1800, Condra1806, Condyr, 1809, Condray, 1896 in Kneen. References: Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**Condran**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Conaráin, see **Conran**.

Further information: This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Condray**

Variants: **Condrey**

- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; Derbys

1 Manx: see **Condra**.

2 English: variant of **Conroy** (3) with intrusive *-d-*.

**Condren**

- Current frequencies: GB 150, Ireland 39
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Surrey
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

Irish: from Ó Conaráin, see **Conran**.

**Condrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7

Manx: see **Condra**.

**Condron**

- Current frequencies: GB 705, Ireland 708
- GB frequency 1881: 146
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Laois, Offaly and Kildare

Irish: from Ó Conaráin, see **Conran**.

**Condry**

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

Manx, Irish: from Ó Conaire, see **Conroy**.

**Conduct**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Conduit** and compare **Condick**.

Early bearers: Joseph Conduct, 1716 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); William Conduct, 1725 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Conduct, 1782 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); John Conduct, 1828 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Conduit**

Variants: **Condick**, **Cundick**, **Condict**, **Cundict**, **Conduct**

- Current frequencies: GB 260, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 221
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *conduit*, *condit*, *cundit*, originally an artificial channel or pipe for conveying water, later a fountain or pump. The surname probably refers to the latter. *Condict* and *Cundict* are hypercorrect pronunciations of *Condit* and *Cundit*, subsequently altered to *Conduct* by folk etymology. The surname may sometimes have been confused with **Cundy**.

Early bearers: Robert atte Conduyt, 1334 in London Letter Books F; William atte Conduit, 1340 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Walter atte Conduyt, 1342 in London Letter Books F; Willelmus Conduyt, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bratton, Melbourne and Stoke, Wilts); Mary Conditte, 1543 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Richd Cunditt, 1575, Geo Conduit, 1604, John Cundit, 1696, Henry Cundick, 1731 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); Jas Cundit, 1568 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Robert Condett, 1597 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Edward Cundit, 1601 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Ann Cunditt, 1656, Will. Conduit, 1666, William Condit, 1769 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); William Cundit, 1693 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); John Condit, 1719 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset); Thomas Cunditt, 1630, Elizabeth Cundite, 1636, John Conduitt, 1662 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Condy**

- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 32
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone

Norman, English: see **Cundy**.

**Cone**

- Current frequencies: GB 360, Ireland 13
- GB frequency 1881: 280
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Roscommon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *coin*, *cone* ‘wedge, corner’, the reasons for its adoption as a surname are unclear.

Early bearers: Henry Cone, 1210–11 in Winchester Pipe Roll; John Cone, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Robert Cone, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon).

2 Irish: It may also be a reduced form of **McCone** (**Mac Comhdhain**).

3 Scottish, Irish: see **Conn**.

**Conelly**

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 217
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Lanarks; also Clackmannans

Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

**Conely**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 92
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

**Conen**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Breton, Norman, English: see **Conan**.

**Conery**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cumb, and Northumb; Notts

Irish: see **Connery**.

**Coney**

Variants: **Conie**, **Cony**

- Current frequencies: GB 873, Ireland 193
- GB frequency 1881: 828
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks; Middx
- Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *con(e)y* ‘rabbit’, used for someone thought to resemble a rabbit in some way, possibly also for a dealer in animal skins or a furrier; Thomas Cony (1323 in York Freeman’s Register), for example, was a peltier. Compare **Conning**.

Early bearers: Richard le Cony, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Cony, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Petrus Cony, 1381 in Poll Tax (Crowland, Lincs); William Coney, 1541 in PROB 11 (Yaxley, Hunts); Anthony Coney, 1590 in PROB 11 (Kirton, Lincs).

**Coneyworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: an altered form of **Cullingworth**.

References: Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Confrey**

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Peebles
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin and Wicklow
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Con Fraoich** ‘son of *Cú-Fraoich*’, a personal name composed of *cú* ‘hound’ and the personal name/place-name *Fraoch* meaning ‘heather’.

Early bearers: Scotland: Patrick Confrey, rag gatherer, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Stevenston, Ayr); Elisabeth Connerfray, 1855 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian); Ann Connofray, 1855 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); Patrick Conafray, 1857 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Patrick Confry, 1864 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Francis Conefray, 1881 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles).

England: Mary Conafray, 1843 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bernardi Conofrey, 1878 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

Ireland: Mary Confrey, 1849 in Griffith’s Valuation (Rathmichael, Dublin); James Confrey, 1854 in Griffith’s Valuation (Templelusk, Wicklow); Matthew

## Cong

Conefry, 1857 in Griffith's Valuation (Costrea, Leitrim).

2 **English:** nickname apparently from Middle English *conferie*, *comferi*, *cumfirie* 'comfrey (the herb *Symphytum officinale*)', perhaps a nickname for a herbalist.

**Early bearers:** England: John Comfrey, 1567 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); John Comfrey, John Comfrye, 1580–98 in Muster Rolls (Barley, Herts); Henry Comefrye, 1580–98, John Cumfrye, 1605 in Muster Rolls (Barkway, Herts); Henrie Comfrey, 1604, Marie Comfrie, 1607 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Mary Cumfrey, 1607 in Parish Registers (Saint Benedict, Cambridge, Cambs); Joan Comfrey, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Anne Confery, 1638 in Parish Registers (Isleworth, Middx); Mary Confrey, 1646 in Boyd's Misc. Transcription (Saint Benedict, Cambridge, Cambs); Mary Comfrie, 1666 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Thomas Cumfrey, doctor on the frigate Ashby, 1692 in TNA; John Comfery or Comfrey, gunner of His Majesty's ship Biddeford, 1736 in TNA.

## Cong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 **Chinese:** Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 叢, see **Chung** (4).

2 **Vietnamese:** unexplained; possibly from the ethnic term *Công*.

## Congdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 **English:** locative name from Congdon Shope in North Hill (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Congon, 1522 in Cornwall Military Survey (Tresmeer, Cornwall); Richard Congdon, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Grace Congdon, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Degorye Congdon, 1596 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Peter Congdon, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

2 **Norman, Irish:** see **Condon**.

## Congleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Midlothian; Lancs

1 **Scottish:** locative name from Congalton (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Helene Congeltoun, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Congletown, 1666, William Congaltoun, 1673 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); Jean Congelton, 1690 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian).

2 **English:** locative name from Congleton (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Agn' de Congulton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Hugo Congulthon, 1512 in PROB 11; Henry Congleton, 1654 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs).

## Congrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** see **Congreve**.

## Congreve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English:** see **Congreve**.

## Congreve

**Variants:** **Congrave**, **Congreave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; also Beds

**English:** locative name from Congreve (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Cungegrave, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Robertus Cungeve, 1381 in Poll Tax (Penkridge, Staffs); Thomas Congreve, 1466 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Congreave, 1642 in PROB 11 (Gnosall, Staffs); Roger Congreve or Congreave, 1621 in PROB 11 (City of London); Elizabeth Congreve, 1626 in PROB 11 (Stretton, Staffs).

## Coniam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Conyam, 1611 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Thomas Coniam, 1690, Joseph Conyam, 1785, Josias Coniam, 1787 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

## Conibear

**Variants:** **Conibere**, **Conibeere**, **Conibeare**, **Conybeare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from Middle English *cony* 'rabbit' + *berwe* 'grove, wood' (Old English *bearu*), for someone who lived by a wood frequented by rabbits.

**Early bearers:** William Coniber, 1572 in *IGI* (Westleigh by Bideford, Devon); Philip Conybeare, 1592 in *IGI* (Heanton Puncharden, Devon); Nicholas Connibeere, 1597 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Gawen Conyber, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Josias Conibeere, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Conibeare

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Conibear**.

## Conibeere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Conibear**.

## Conibere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**English:** see **Conibear**.

## Conie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs

**English:** see **Coney**.

## Coningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex
- Scottish:** see **Cunningham**.

## Conisbee

**Variants:** **Conisby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Herts

**English:** locative name from North or South Conesby (Lincs), recorded as *Cunesbi* in 1086 (Domesday Book).

**Early bearers:** Humfrey Conyngesby, 1487 in Paston Letters; Robert Conisbie, 1626 in PROB 11 (Alpheton, Suffolk); John Conisby, 1630 in PROB 11 (Crediton, Devon); Thomas Coningsby, 1663 in Hereford Militia Assessments.

## Conisby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Conisbee**.

## Coniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cheshire

**English:** locative name from Coniston (ER Yorks), Cold Coniston (WR Yorks), Conistone (WR Yorks), or Church Coniston (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Coniston', 1377 in Poll Tax (Marrick, NR Yorks); Agnes Coniston, 1543 in *IGI* (Atwick, Yorks); George Conyston, 1578 in *IGI* (Leconfield, Yorks); William Coniston, 1596 in *IGI* (Millon, Cumb); Richard Koniston, 1641 in Somerset Petition; John Coniston, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

## Conkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; also Renfrews

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Scottish Gaelic:** reduced anglicized form of Scottish **McConnachie**.

## Conlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 581
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Sligo

1 **Irish:** from Ó Conalláin, see **Conlon**.

2 **Irish:** see **Connellan**.

## Conley

**Variants:** **Connley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1083
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham; Glasgow; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Louth
- Irish: reduced form of **Connolly**.

### Conlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 557
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Conalláin, see **Conlon**.

### Conlon

Variants: **Conlan**, **Conlin**, **Quinlan**, **Quinlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3080, Ireland 3997
- **GB frequency 1881:** 647
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Monaghan and Armagh; Sligo and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Conalláin ‘descendant of *Conallán*’, a personal name representing a diminutive of *Conall* (see **Connell**).

Early bearers: Ireland: Patr. Connelan, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3715.

England: Clomons Conlon, 1673 in *IGI* (Good Easter, Essex); John Conlon, 1829 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

### Conly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan; E Lothian; Lanarks

Scottish: reduced form of **Connolly**.

### Conn

Variants: **Con**, **Cone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1517, Ireland 444
- **GB frequency 1881:** 814
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Derry

1 **Scottish, Irish:** relationship name; the early Gaelic personal name *Conn* is usually interpreted as meaning ‘reason, wisdom’ or ‘head, chieftain’, but the genitive in surnames is *Coinn[e]*, see **Quinn**, so that Conn, mainly Scottish, has to be a back-formation from **Mac Coinn** ‘son of *Conn*’.

Abbreviations of other surnames have also been suggested: Ayyshire Scottish *Petcon* (see **Black**); northern Irish *Mac Mhiolchon* (Woulfe).

Early bearers: Ireland: Mohonroe McConni, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4473.

Scotland: Thomas Con, merchant, 1506 in *Black* (Glasgow); John Con, fisher, 1508 in *Black* (Edinburgh); Alexander Cone, 1522 in *Black* (Auchry); William Conn, 1552 in *Black*; Mrgaret Con, 1616 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspet Conn, 1627 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Conn, 1692 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr).

England: Richard Conn, 1606 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); Ralph Conn, 1709 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 **Irish:** see **McConn**.

### Connachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Lanarks

1 **Scottish Gaelic:** locative name perhaps from *Connachan* in Dunkeld (Perths), recorded as *Connachane* in 1560 (Privy Seal of Scotland Register 799).

Early bearers: Agnes Connachan, 1807 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); John Connachan, 1855 in *IGI* (Old Monkland, Lanarks).

2 **Irish:** from Ó Connacháin, a variant of Ó Connagáin, see **Cunningham**.

### Connacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus; Lanarks

Scottish: from Irish Ó Conchobhair, see **Connor**.

### Connaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish, Scottish: from Ó Connacháin, a variant of Ó Connagáin, see **Cunningham**.

### Connah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

Irish, Scottish: see **Connor**.

### Connaire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Conaire, see **Connery**.

### Connal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Connell**.

### Connall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons; IoM; London
- 1 **Irish, Manx:** see **Connell**.
- 2 **English:** see **Cunnell**.

### Connally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Connar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks, and N England

Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Conner**.

### Connaughton

Variants: **Connorton**, **Connerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 1033
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Roscommon, and Westmeath

Irish: from Ó Connachtáin, ‘descendant of *Connachtan*’, a name for someone from Connacht. Compare **Conaty**.

Early bearers: Wm Connorton, 1767 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Hugh Connerton, 1821 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Bridgidae Connachton, 1829 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); John Connachton, 1852 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Connaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Ayr

Irish: from one of the Irish names anglicized as **Conway**, the internal vowel representing an Irish pronunciation.

### Connealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from Ó Conghaile, see **Connolly**, or reduced from **Mac Conghaile**, see **McNeela**.

### Conneely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 1636
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Conghaile, see **Connolly**, or reduced from **Mac Conghaile**, see **McNeela**.

### Connell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 550
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Argyll

Scottish: see **Connell**.

Early bearers: Alexr. Conell, 1634 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Connell

Variants: **Connel**, **Connal**, **Connall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7938, Ireland 2030
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5182
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster; also Galway;

1 **Irish:** reduced form of **O’Connell** or **McConnell**.

2 **Manx:** relationship name from Gaelic **Mac Giolla Chonail** ‘son of *Giolla Chonail*’, a personal name meaning ‘servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint Conall’. Compare **O’Connell**. The surname has sometimes been confused with **Cannell**.

Further information: A branch of this family gave its name to Ballaconnell (Arbory, IoM).

Early bearers: Mac Gilconilt, 1422, Mac Gilhonylt, Mac Honylt, Mac Conylt, 1511, Mac Hanylt, 1580, Mac Connell, 1606, Connill, 1611, Coonilt, 1654, Quoonill, 1654, Conilt, Conylt, 1660, Coonill, 1661, Gonell, 1730 in *Kneen*.

References: *Kneen*; Broderick, *Manx Place-Names*.

### Connellan

Variants: **Conlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

## Connelley

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Galway; Louth; Westmeath

**Irish:** from Ó Conalláin ‘descendant of *Conallán*’, a diminutive form of the name *Conall* (see **Connell**). The anglicized forms of this surname cannot always be distinguished from those of Ó Caoindealbháin, see **Quinlan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Abraham h-Ua Conallan, archbishop, 1257 in AU; Gilleduff O’Conellan, kern, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4741 (Roscommon); Mulronn boy O’Conellan, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5498 (Cowlae, Sligo); Gillechryste O’Conellane, 1593 in Fiant Elizabeth §5808 (Killtyconnor, Roscommon); Brian O’Connellan, 1598 in Fiant Elizabeth §6266 (Ballimaghan); Laughlin O’Conlan, smith, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6504; William O’Conellan, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6515. Ellen Connellan, 1826 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Connelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also Cheshire
- Irish:** from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Connelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6788, Ireland 574
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2777
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- Irish:** from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Connely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 552
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Glasgow
- Irish:** from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Conner

**Variants:** **Connar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2068, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Lanarks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 **English:** occupational name from Old English *cunnere* ‘tester’, for an examiner, inspector, especially an ale conner.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Conner, 1297 in London Letter Books A; Geoffrey le Conner, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thoma Conner, 1377 in Poll Tax (East Street, Sussex); Thomas Conner, 1564 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Mathew Conner, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

2 **Scottish:** variant of **Connor**.

### Connerley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**Irish:** from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh with extraneous *r*, see **Connolly**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain and Ireland but more numerous in the USA.

### Connerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh with extraneous *r*, see **Connolly**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain and Ireland but more numerous in the USA.

### Connors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan and Monmouths; Cumb

**Irish:** see **Connors**.

**Early bearers:** ; Margery Connors, 1626 in *IGI* (Warehorne, Kent); Robert Connors, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Charles Connors, 1730 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Isabella Connors, 1829 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); George Connors, 1871 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Connerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and WR Yorks
- Irish:** from Ó Connachtáin, see **Connaughton**.

### Connery

**Variants:** **Conery**, **Connaire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 385
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham and Northumb; Cheshire and Lancs; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- 1 **Irish:** from Ó Conaire ‘descendant of *Conaire*’, a byname meaning ‘keeper of the hound’ (a derivative of *cú* ‘hound’). The name has been confused with **Conroy**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Nichos. Conry, 1720, Patrick Burke Conry, 1806 in *IGI* (Limerick); John Foulks Conry, 1748 in *IGI* (Doneraile, Cork). Scotland: Owen Connery, 1725, John Connory, 1805 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 **English:** see **Conroy** (3).

**Early bearers:** Joan Conry, 1576 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Katherine Conerey, 1611 in *IGI* (Berks)(Radley); Elline Conry, 1621 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Grizill Connery, 1724 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Conry, 1762 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Catherine Conery, 1788 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Connett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Connett, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Fryswyde Counett, 1557 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Mary Connett, 1563 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Chrystopher Connett, 1574 in *IGI* (Tebdown Saint Mary, Devon); Andrue Connet, 1599 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

## Connew

**Variants:** **Cunnew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**French, Huguenot:** relationship name from the French surname *Conneau*, from a pet form of an Old French name based on any of several Germanic compound personal names formed with the element *Con-*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: John Connew, 1625 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Peeter Conow, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Charles Connu, 1698 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton); Mary Conew, 1715 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Pierre Conneau, 1708 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

### Conney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**Norman, English:** see **Coyney**.

### Connick

**Variants:** **Condict**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 154
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**Irish:** from Mac Connhaic ‘son of *Connhac*’, a personal name from *cú* ‘hound’ (genitive *con*) + *mac* ‘son’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gillernow McConick, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6108 (Belalege, Longford); Walter Connick, husbandman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6727 (the Horetowne, Wexford); Matthew M’Connick, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Rahan, Offaly). England, Wales: John Connicke, 1615 in *IGI* (Fordington, Dorset); Richard Connick, 1674 in Parish Registers (Begelly, Pembrokes); Fras Connick, 1729 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Conniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Glamorgan; Staffs and Shrops

**Irish:** from Mac Conduibh, see **Cunniffe**.

### Conning

**Variants:** **Cunning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights; NR Yorks

1 **Scottish, English:** nickname from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *coning* ‘rabbit’, used for someone thought to resemble a rabbit in some way; perhaps also for a furrier. See also **Coney**.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Conyng, Ralph Konyng, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Coning’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ledbury, Herefs); Margaret Conning, 1617 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Scotland: John Conning, 1663 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Conning, 1706 in *IGI* (Kirkcinner, Wigtowns); Sarah Conning, 1717 and James Conning, 1719 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns);



Sarah Conning, 1723 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights).

2 Irish: (i) from Ó Conaing, see **Gunning**. (ii) from Ó Canann, see **Cannon** (2).

### Connley

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 110
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Angus
- Irish: see **Conley**.

### Connock

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 116
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: locative from Conock in Chirton (Wilts).

Early bearers: Rychard Connocke, 1603 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Joane Connock, 1633 in PROB 11 (Lillesdon, Somerset).

### Connoley

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 148
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Connolley

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 158
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Cheshire
- Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Connolly

Variants: **Connelly**, **Conneely**, **Conley**, **Conolly**, **Connolley**, **Connolly**, **Conelly**, **Conoly**, **Conely**, **Connealy**, **Connelley**, **Connerly**, **Connerley**, **Connoley**, **Connely**, **Connally**, **Conly**, **Cunneely**

- Current frequencies: GB 14635, Ireland 13522
- GB frequency 1881: 3442
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Lanarks; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Monaghan; Galway; Cork

1 Irish, Manx: relationship name most commonly from either Ó Conghaile ‘descendant of *Conghal*’, an early name meaning ‘hound-valiant’, or Ó Conghalaigh ‘descendant of *Conghalach*’, a derivative of *Conghal*. The two names have long been confused. Anglicised Irish forms *Conneely*, *Connealy*, *Cunneely* have arisen where loss of *gh* has caused lengthening of the second syllable of *Conghal*: they often also (*Connacht*) represent reduced forms of **McNeely** from *Mac Conghaile*.

Early bearers: Ireland: Patrick Connally, baker, 1568 in Fiant Elizabeth §1228 (Drogheda, Louth); Shane mc Dyermody O’Connellie, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4693 (Waterford); Art beddy O Connollay, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5603 (Corryholter, Monaghan); Tirlough O Connola, chief of his name, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5664 (Balleclenlagh, Monaghan); Cormock O’Connly, pike, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6574 (Drom, Longford).

loM: Mac Conoly, 1515, Coneley, Coniley, 1580, Conoly, 1600, 1639, Connelly, 1610, Conalley, 1611, Connolly, 1703, Connolough, 1708, Conolly, 1730, Connallagh, 1747 in *Kneen*.

References: *Kneen*.

2 Irish: another possible origin is the West Cork name *Mac Coingheallaigh* (or Ó *Coingheallaigh*) ‘son (or descendant) of *Coingheallach*’, a personal name meaning ‘faithful to pledges’. See **McNeely**.

### Connolly

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 399
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also N England and Scotland

Irish, Manx: see **Connolly**. The Manx family of this name had its seat at Ballaconley ‘Conley’s farm’ (Jurby, IoM).

References: *Kneen*; Broderick, *Manx Place-Names*.

### Connon

- Current frequencies: GB 507, Ireland 103
- GB frequency 1881: 373
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: (i) relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Connán*, a diminutive of *Conn* a reduced form of *Mac Canann*, *Mac Canáin*, or *Mac Canannáin*, see **Cannon**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Jon. Connon, 1641 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Isobell Connon, 1673 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Conon, 1710 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

### Connop

- Current frequencies: GB 264, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 155
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Herefs

English: locative name from Cannop in the Forest of Dean (Gloucs), recorded as Konhop in 1282 (*Place-Names of Gloucs III*, p. 227).

Early bearers: William Conop, 1542 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); John Connop, 1565 in *IGI* (Yarpole, Herefs); Ricus Connopp, 1572 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Thomas Connoppe, 1575 in *IGI* (Maisemore, Gloucs).

### Connor

Variants: **Conor**, **Connors**, **Conacher**, **Connacher**, **Conner**, **Connah**

- Current frequencies: GB 15765, Ireland 3677
- GB frequency 1881: 8805
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Kerry and Cork

Irish, Manx: reduced form of Ó **Conchobhair**, see **O’Connor**.

Early bearers: loM: Conchor, 1511, Connor, 1748, 1770, 1812, Conner, 1783 in *Kneen*.

References: *Kneen*.

### Connors

Variants: **Connors**

- Current frequencies: GB 1634, Ireland 1532
- GB frequency 1881: 483
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Glamorgan and Monmouths; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Munster: esp. Limerick and Kerry

Irish: from Ó **Conchobhair**, see **Connor**.

### Connorton

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 85

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Roscommon
- Irish: anglicized form of Ó **Connachtáin**, see **Connaughton**.

### Conolly

- Current frequencies: GB 304, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 892
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Conoly

- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; Durham; Kent

Irish: from Ó Conghaile or Ó Conghalaigh, see **Connolly**.

### Conor

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 9
- GB frequency 1881: 102
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lancs and Cheshire

Irish: from Ó **Conchobhair**, see **Connor**.

### Conquer

- Current frequencies: GB 155, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 88
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Northumb; Sussex

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *conquerour* ‘victor, conqueror’.

Early bearers: William Conquerur, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Robert Conqueraunt, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thomas Conquer, 1421–2 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Richard Conquer, 1685 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

### Conquest

- Current frequencies: GB 419, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 386
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: nickname from Middle English *conquest(e)* ‘conquest’.

Early bearers: Geoffrey Conquest, 1248 in Assize Rolls (Berks); John Conquest, 1298 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); William Conquest, 1355–9 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Edmonde Conquest, 1549 in PROB 11 (Houghton Conquest, Beds); William Conquest, 1602 in PROB 11 (Inner Temple, City of London).

### Conrad

- Current frequencies: GB 458, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: relationship name, anglicized form of any of various European surnames derived from the Germanic personal name *Konrad*. The personal name was extremely popular in central Europe during the Middle Ages and was a hereditary name in a number of aristocratic families.

Early bearers: William Conrad, 1329 in Patent Rolls (London); Conrud, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brightling, Sussex); Anthony Conrede, 1546 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Humfrey Conrade, 1571 in

## Conran

*IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Andrew Conradus, 1645 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Conran

Variants: **Condran, Condron, Condren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Denbighs; Devon; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow, Wexford, and Kildare

**Irish:** from Ó Conaráin ‘descendant of *Conarán*’, a personal name from a pet form of *Conaire*. Compare **Conroy** (1).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Wm. O’Conoran, kern, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2833 (Clontecoegh, Queen’s county [Laois]); Daniel Conran, 1583 in Fiant Elizabeth §4117 (Kildare); Philip Conran, 1583 in Fiant Elizabeth §4311; Edm. O’Conoran, yeoman, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4622 (Queen’s county [Laois]); Donagh O’Conran, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6188 (Kildare); Edm. O’Coneran, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517; Edward Conran, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mayne, Westmeath).

England: John Conran, 1657 in Parish Registers (Canterbury, Kent); Elias Conran, 1687 in Parish Registers (Braintree, Essex); Dennis Conran, 1747 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Conray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Ayr
- Irish:** see **Conroy**.

### Conrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English:** see **Conroy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Conroy

Variants: **Conrey, Conray, Conry, Connery, Conran, Condry, Condray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5875, Ireland 4402
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois

**1 Irish:** from Ó Conaire ‘descendant of *Conaire*’, or a byname meaning ‘keeper of the hound’ (a derivative of *cú* ‘hound’).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: David fitz Maurice fitz David Y Conerye, husbandman, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1078 (Sheenaghill, Waterford); William mcEe O’Conrie, fisherman, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2307 (Clonemell, Tipperary); Owen mcMorrice O’Connery, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5612; Donogh m’Edm. Y Connery, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5612; Shane mcMaurice mcTho. I Connery, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6466; Donnell mcWm. Conery, yeoman, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6477; Brien mcShean O’Conrie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6505; Shane O’Conrie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6529 (Ardmore); Patr. O’Conry, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6662; Donell O’Conerye, Wm. and Knochor O’Conrye, yeomen, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6714 (Tyrone).

**2 Irish, Manx:** relationship name reduced form of Ó Conraoi or *Mac Conraoi* ‘descendant (or son) of *Cú*

*Raoí*, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the plain’ (stressed on the final syllable).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Rory McConry, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2783 (Crough, Limerick); Moyler McConry, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §4028; Dermot McConrey, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4395 (Drymylaghny); Teige mcBreene McConry, footman, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4623; Cormock mcManys McConry, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4660 (Traly, Kerry); John McConry, husbandman, 1588 in Fiant Elizabeth §5184 (Ballykealy, Kerry); Rory McConry, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6511 (Grange); Mahown McConrye, husbandman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6569 (Fyenit, Kerry); Owen mcDermodie McConrie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6540 (Maraghie).

**3 Norman, English:** nickname, occupational name from Old French *conroi*, Anglo-Norman French *cunrei*, ‘food, provisions’; ‘(supply of) equipment or attire’; ‘entertainment, pomp, show’; also ‘company of troops’.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cunrey, 1212 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Robert Conreys, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon); Raph Conroy, 1696 in *IGI* (Barrow, Cheshire).

### Conry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

**Irish:** see **Conroy**.

### Considine

Variants: **Consterdine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 943
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

**Irish:** from Mac Consaidín ‘son of *Consaidín*’, Gaelic form of **Constantine**.

**Further information:** This name is borne by a branch of the O’Briens in County Clare.

**Early bearers:** Donogh duff and Donogho ogMcConsidine, gents., 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3091 (Balliharrighan, Clare); Teig and Owen McConsidine, horsemen, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3091 (Balliharrighan, Clare); Donell McConsyddyn, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4663 (Aghnishe, Clare).

### Constable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4048, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3300
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**English:** occupational name from Middle English, Old French *cunestable*, *conestable* (representing late Latin *comes stabuli* ‘count or officer of the stable’). The term originally denoted the chief officer of a household or court (1240); later the governor of a royal fortress (1297) or a military officer (about 1300); and eventually a parish constable (1328, OED). **Early bearers:** Richard Conestabl’, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Cams); Alice Cunestabl’, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs), la Konestabl’, Constabl, 1202–3 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Johannes Constable, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broadwater, Sussex); Robert Constable, 1502 in

PROB 11; Thomas Constable, 1617 in PROB 11 (Penshurst, Kent).

### Constance

Variants: **Custance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths

**1 Norman, English:** (i) relationship name from the French personal name *Constance*, from Latin *constantia* ‘constancy’, a common woman’s name, usually anglicized as *Custance*. See also **Cust**, and compare **Custorm** occasionally, from the masculine form: Hugo filius Constantii, 1086 in Domesday Book (Warwicks), Willelmus filius Custancii, 1196 in Curia Regis Rolls (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Custancia, Constanca 1189–99 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Custans, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Robert Custance, 1207 in Pipe Rolls (Cams); John Custaunce, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cams); Jasp. Constance, 1563 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London).

**2 Norman, English:** locative name from Coutances, in Manche, France.

**Early bearers:** William de Constenciis, about 1150 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Walter de Constanc’, Walterus Custancie 1173–80, 1181 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); William de Custanc’, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); William Constance, 1577 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Grace Constance, 1607 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Dorathy Constance, 1627 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); John Constance, 1646 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

### Constant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey

**English:** nickname from Middle English and Old French *consta(u)nt* ‘steadfast, resolute’ (Latin *constans*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Costent’, 1194, 1197, le Costent’, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Willim Constant, 1591 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Ambros Constant, 1621 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Constanti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

**Greek, Italian:** relationship name from the genitive case of the Greek personal name *Constantis*, *Konstantis*, a shortened version of *Kōnstantinos* (Latin *Constantinus*; see **Constantine**).

### Constantine

Variants: **Cossentine, Considine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1559, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**1 English:** relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Constantin*, *Costantin* (Latin *Constantinus*, a derivative of *constans* ‘steadfast’). Traditional English pronunciations of the surname are represented by **Cossentine**, **Costain**, and **Costin**. Some of the early bearers may belong under (3).

**Further information:** The personal name enjoyed considerable popularity throughout Europe in

honour of the Roman Emperor Constantine (272–337; reigned 306–337), founder of Constantinople, the first emperor to be converted to Christianity. **Early bearers:** given names: Constantin (Costetin in Pipe Roll, Chancellor's Copy) filius Godric, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Constantyn Bedmaker, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs).

sumames: Willelmus filius Constantini, 1086 in Domesday Book (Bucks); Willelmus Constantinus, about 1150 in Rievaulx Cartulary (Yorks); Geoffrey Costentin, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Richard Costentin, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Henry Constantin, 1272 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Constantyn, 1331–32 in Feet of Fines (Byfield, Northants); John Constantyn, 1395 in Feet of Fines (Herts); William Constantyn, 1470 in Feet of Fines (Southwark, Surrey); Rycharde Constantyne, 1544 in PROB 11 (Bewdeley, Worcs); Gulielmi Constantine, 1571 in *IGI* (Totternhoe, Beds); Willm. Cossentyne, 1588 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Christiane Constantine, 1619 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Robert Constantine, 1660 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).  
2 In the 19th and 20th centuries, some recent immigrant names from SE Europe, also derived from this Latin personal name, were assimilated to this form.

**Early bearers:** Asa Constantine, born in France, in Census 1881 (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Zachariaris Constantin, born in Greece, in Census 1881 (Broughton in Salford, Lancs); Robert Constantine, born in Denmark, in Census 1911 (Glamorgan).

3 **Norman, English:** locative name in a few cases, from the Cotentin peninsula in Manche, France. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Costentin, 1153 in Staffs Chartulary (Staffs); Geoffrey de Constantin, 1156–80 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Henry Costentin, 1166, Henry de Costentin, 1180 in Osney Cartulary (Oxon).

**References:** Tengvik; Anglo-Norman Families.

### Constantinides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

**Greek:** relationship name patronymic from the personal name *Kōnstantinos* (Latin *Constantinus*, see **Constantine**) + the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived in the 19th century by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

**Early bearers:** Balasi Constantinides, born in Constantinople, in Census 1881 (Moss Side, Lancs); Constantine Constantinides, born in Greece, in Census 1881 (Hackney, London); Ernest Leonides Constantinides, born in Manchester, in Census 1881 (Moss Side, Lancs); Michael Constantinides, born in Greece, in Census 1891 (Ealing, Middx).

### Constantinou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek (typically Cypriot):** relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Kōnstantinos*, a borrowing of Latin *Constantinus*; see **Constantine**.

**Early bearers:** August Constantinou, born in Vaheni, Romania, in Census 1901 (London).

### Consterdine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish:** from Mac **Consaidin**, see **Considine**.

### Conte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Italian:** nickname, relationship name from the title of rank *conte* 'count', from Latin *comes* 'companion'. Probably in this latter sense, it was a medieval personal name. As a title it was probably used as a nickname in the same way as **Count**.

**Early bearers:** Pietro Conte, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Guiseppe Conte, born in Bardi, Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

### Conteh

**Variants:** Konteh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Sierra Leonean:** a surname used by Limba speakers in Sierra Leone; unexplained, but comparable with Mandinka *Konte*. A ruling house of the Kunike Barina traditional chiefdom, tracing the lineage of the warrior Konkomor, bears the name.

**Further information:** *Konte* is a town name in Sierra Leone.

### Conti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**Italian:** relationship name patronymic or plural form of **Conte**.

**Early bearers:** Luigi Conti, 1873 in *IGI* (Southampton); Joseph Conti, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Antoni Conti, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Norfolk); Onorati Conti, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Sussex); Esquelo Conti, born in Parma, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

### Contractor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Indian (Gujarat and Mumbai city):** occupational name, Parsi, for a supplier of goods or services, from the English word *contractor*.

### Contreras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Spanish:** locative name from Conteraras, a place in the province of Burgos. The place-name is derived from Late Latin *contraria* 'surrounding area, region' (from the preposition *contra* 'opposite, against, hard by').

### Converse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *convers* literally 'converted', used to denote someone converted from secular to religious life in adult age, or, earlier, a lay member of a convent.

**Further information:** The Cistercian and Augustinian *conversi* were men living according to a rule less strict than that of the monks or canons, engaged chiefly in manual work, with their own living quarters and their own part of the church. They were numerous among the Cistercians in the 12th and 13th centuries, often outnumbering the monks and were,

by rule, illiterate. These lay brothers were employed on the monastic manors and granges, where they were liable to fall into the sin of owning private property. They acquired a reputation for violence and misbehaviour (at Neath, in 1269, they locked the abbot in his bedroom and stole his horses) and they were gradually replaced by more manageable paid servants.

**Early bearers:** Hugo conuersus 1154–89 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Emma la Converse, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Peter le conuers, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William Converse alias Kelshull, 1432 in PROB 11 (Saint Saviour Bermondsey, Surrey); Thomas Converse, 1641 in PROB 11 (West Mersea, Essex).

### Convery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1007, Ireland 583
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**Irish:** from Mac **Ainmhire** 'son of *Ainmhire*', a byname meaning 'fierceness'.

**Early bearers:** Michael Convery, 1793 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Convery, 1813 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb); Sarah Convery, 1843 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Convey

**Variants:** McConvey, McConway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

**Irish:** anglicized form of an Irish surname with various origins: from Ó **Conbhuide** ('descendant of the Yellow Hound', see **Conboy**); Ó (or **Mac**) **Connmhaigh** 'descendant (or son) of *Connmhach*', a personal name meaning 'head smasher'; or **Mac Conmidhe**, see **McNamee**. Only origins with *Mac* and *Ó* can be easily distinguished in the sources, while forms such as *Conaway* etc. have probably developed from an Irish pronunciation in England. Any of these may be further anglicized or standardized as **Conway**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Eneas McConvey, yeoman, 1550 in Fiants Edward §644 (Lekayle); Thady McConvea alias McNemaroff, horseman, 1568 in Fiants Elizabeth §1297; Shane oge O Conway and Tho. O Conwaie, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5605 (Ballynebragh, Carlow); Teig mcDonogh McConvae, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5697 (Ballipallie, Munster); Owen and Wm. O Convey, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6496 (Lynallow, King's county [Offaly]); Shane oge and Hugh O Conway, yeomen, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6541 (Rahindarighe, Carlow); Peirse Convey and Pierse Convey, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6564 (Cashell); Gillpatrick Convey, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6577 (?Dublin); One and Murtagh **McConway**, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6662 (Fues, Ulster); Rowry McConwye, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6714 (Tyrone, Ulster).

England: William Convy, 1695 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall); Thomas Convey, 1798 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Patrick Convey, 1816 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Michael Convey, 1848 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Conville

### Conville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Conmhaoil**, see **McConville**.

### Conway

**Variants:** Conaway, Connaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13453, Ireland 6571
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone; Mayo; Kilkenny

**1 Welsh:** locative name from Conway, the anglicized form of the Welsh place-name *Conwy* (Caernarvons).

**Further information:** Some Welsh families of this name claim alliance with **Conyers**.

**Early bearers:** John de Conweye, 1268 in Glastonbury Chartulary (Somerset); David Coneway, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register; Catheryn Conway, 1542, George Conwey, 1545, Ris Conwey, 1548 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); John Conwey or Conway, 1549 in PROB 11 (Tottenham Highcross, Middx).

**2 Irish:** anglicized form adopted for several different Irish names pronounced similarly: (i) **Mac Conmidhe** (see **McNamee**); (ii) **Ó Conb[h]uide** ‘descendant of the Yellow Hound’, see **Conboy**; and (iii) **Ó (or Mac) Conmhaigh** ‘descendant (or son) of Connmhach’, a personal name meaning ‘head smasher’, see **Convey**.

**Early bearers:** John Connaway, 1556 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Conaway, 1596 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Connaway, 1670 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Conaway, 1702 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

### Conwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 156
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish:** from **Mac Conmhaoil**, see **McConville**.

### Conwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks

**Irish:** from **Mac Conmhaoil**, see **McConville**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Cony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Coney**.

### Conyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Herts, and Kent; also Lincs

**English:** locative name from Middle English *conig*, *cony* ‘rabbit’ + *erthe* ‘earth’, used for a rabbit warren and with the second element becoming confused

with *gard*, *garth* ‘enclosed yard’. The name may signify one who lived near or managed a rabbit warren. Compare **Coney**, **Conibear**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Conyard, 1661 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Thomas Conyard, 1731 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Thomas Coniard, 1747 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); Wm Conyard, 1782 in *IGI* (East Keal, Lincs).

### Conybear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx and Essex
- English:** see **Conibear**.

### Conyer

**Variants:** Conyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

**English:** occupational name for a minter, a coiner of money, from an agent derivative of Old French *coignier* ‘to stamp money, to mint’.

**Early bearers:** John le Conyare, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Henry Coyner, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William le Coiner, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Conyer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Treeton, WR Yorks); Thomas Conyer, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Peter Conyer, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Conyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**1 Norman, English:** locative name from Coignières in Seine-et-Oise, or Cogners in Sarthe. Some examples without *de* may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Coyners, about 1170 in Rievaulx Cartulary (Yorks), de Coisneres, de Coisnieres, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William de Coniers, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northumb); John Conyers, 1513 in PROB 11 (London); George Conyers, 1559 in PROB 11 (London); John Conyers, 1596 in PROB 11 (Doncaster, Yorks).

**2 English:** variant of **Conyer** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Conyngham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal; Clare

**Scottish, Irish:** see **Cunningham**.

### Coo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see **Coe**.

### Coock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Essex

**1 English:** see **Gooch** (1).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Cooch, 1596 in *IGI* (Hoxne, Suffolk); Jona Cooche, 1596 in *IGI* (Chignall Saint

James, Essex); Thomas Cooch, 1779 in *IGI* (Kislingbury, Northants).

**2 English:** see **Couch**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Cooche, 1557 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Edward Cooch, 1577 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon); Henry Cooche, 1623 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Robert Cooch, 1654 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); Thomas Cooch, 1708 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

### Coode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Irish, English:** from **Mac Óda**, see **Cody**.

### Coogan

**Variants:** Cogan, Gogan, Goggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 1065
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Monaghan

**Irish:** from **Mac Cogadháin** ‘son of *Cogadhán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Cúchogaidh*, meaning ‘hound of war’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Cogane, 1563 in Fiants Elizabeth §577; William Cogan, shoemaker, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1030 (Kilkenny); William Goggan, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1816 (Bernahelly, Cork); Wm. Gogan, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2469 (Bealnehellye, Cork); William Gogan, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4676 (Bernyhelly, Cork); Wm. McCogan, footman, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4965 (Tybbere, Meath); Philip Gogan (fitz Edm.), yeoman, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6465; James (fitz Rob.) Gogane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth (Bearenehelly, Cork) §6516.

England, IoM, Scotland: Roberti Coogan, 1722 in *IGI* (Scarcliffe, Derbys); Wm Coogan, 1794 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Clement Coogan, 1828 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Coogan, 1851 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Cooil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs
- Manx:** see **Coole**.

### Cook

**Variants:** Cooke, Coke, Cock, Cooker, Cox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71011, Ireland 306
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58469
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

**1 English:** occupational name from Middle English *cok*, *coke*, *cook*, *couk*, *cuk(e)* (Old English *cōc*) ‘cook’ or ‘seller of cooked foods’. See also **Kew**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with **Cock**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter le Kuc, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Henry Coke, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Ralph le Cook, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Upwick in Eastbourne, Sussex); Robert le Couk, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Storrington, Sussex); Robert Coke, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Colyton, Devon); Johannes Coke, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Alanus Cook’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Low

Buston, Northumb); Thomas Cok', 1377 in Poll Tax (Seend, Wilts); Johanne le Coke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Atherton, Lancs); Ricardo Cok', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hinckley borough, Leics); Bartholomeus Cok', 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Jacobi Cok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bristol, Gloucs); Johannes Cok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Adam Cok', 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Bridgida Cook, 1543 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Agnes Cook, 1548 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Ayles Cook, 1551 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Stephen Cook, 1554 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); John Cook, 1556 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Clement Cook, 1561 in *IGI* (Wimpole, Cambs); Thos. Cook, 1563 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Thomas Cook, 1562 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).  
Scotland: Jannet Cook, 1619 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jonet Cook, 1625 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); Margratt Cook, 1632 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jonet Cook, 1642 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**2 Scottish, Irish:** in Ireland and Scotland, this is usually identical in origin with the English name, but in some cases it is a reduced anglicized form of Gaelic *Mac Cúg* 'son of Hugo', see **McCook**.

### Cooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27536, Ireland 3296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16380
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

**1 English:** see **Cook**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Cooke, 1538 in *IGI* (Great Woolstone, Bucks); Edward Cooke, 1538 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs); Richard Cooke, 1538 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Isabell Cooke, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Jarram Cooke, 1539 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); Margrett Cooke, 1540 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Elisatha Cooke, 1542 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Jane Cooke, 1544 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Elizabeth Cooke, 1544 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

**2 Irish:** in Ireland, this is sometimes the English name, but it is also a reduced form of **McCook**, which is a folk anglicization of *Mac Dhabhog*, see **McGavock**.

### Cooker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- 1 English:** from an agent derivative of, and synonymous with, Middle English *cok*, *cook*, 'cook'; see **Cook**.

**Early bearers:** Stephan Cooker, 1564 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Henry Cooker or Cooke, 1642 in PROB 11 (Handsworth, Staffs).

**2 English:** see **Coker**.

**Early bearers:** John Cooker or Coker, 1600 in PROB 11 (Lyttchett Matravers, Dorset).

### Cookes

**Variants:** **Cooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** see **Cox**.

**Early bearers:** Willm Cookes, 1545 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Agneta Cookes, 1571 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Nathl. Cookes, 1577 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks).

### Cookham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cookham (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Cokham, 1255 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); John Cookham, 1356 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johannes Cokham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Mashbury, Essex); Ann Cookham, 1799 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Mary Cookham, 1871 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Cookman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Dorset; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**English:** see **Cockman**.

### Cooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks; Lancs

**English:** see **Cox** and compare **Cookes**.

### Cooksey

**Variants:** **Cocksey**, **Coxey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 685
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Worcs; London; also Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cooksey (Green) in Upton Warren (Worcs) recorded as *Cocheseie* (1086), *Cokesheye* (1262), and *Cooksey* (1616) in Place-Names of Worcs.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cokeseye, Johannes Kokesee, 1381 in Poll Tax (Woodhouse, Shrops); Johannes Kokusheye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lark Stoke, Gloucs); Margaret Coksey, 1541 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Thomas Cokseye, 1546 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); John Cookesey, 1561 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Cecilia Cooksey, 1580 in *IGI* (Erlestoke, Wilts); Thomas Coxey, 1573 in *IGI* (Collington, Herefs); Sicelye Cooksee, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Cooksey, 1639 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Coxcie, 1684, William Coxey, 1712, William Cocksey, 1724 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Robertus Coxey, 1695 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Joseph Cocksey, 1790 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Susannah Coxey, 1821 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Cooksley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name from Coxleigh in Shirwell (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Mode Cookeslay, 1580 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); John Cookesley, 1605 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); John Cookesley, 1641 in Somerset Petition; John Cooksley, 1641 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

### Cookson

**Variants:** **Cuckson**, **Cuxson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4621, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3498

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** relationship name from Middle English *cok* 'cook' or Cook + *son*, denoting either 'son of (the) cook' or 'son of (a man called) Cook'. See **Cook**.  
**Early bearers:** Hugo filius Coci, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Gilbert le Fiz Kew, Fiz le Keu, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Roberto Cokeson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skelton, ER Yorks); Agnes Cukeson, 1511 in York Guild Register; Gyles Cookesonne, 1610 in PROB 11 (Norwich, Norfolk); Anthony Cookeson, 1624 in PROB 11 (Saint Sepulchre without Newgate, City of London).

### Cool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**Manx, Irish:** see **Coole**.

### Coole

**Variants:** **Cool**, **Coolil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Gloucs

**1 Manx, Irish:** (i) relationship name from Gaelic *Mac Dhubbgaill*, *Manx Mac Dowal* 'son of Dubhgaill' ('dark stranger', i.e. Dane). See Irish **McCool**. *Ballacoil* (one in Arbory and another in Patrick, IoM) means 'Cooill's farm'. (ii) nickname reduced form of *Mac (Giolla) Comhghaill* 'son of (the devotee of) Saint Comhghal'. See **McCool**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Duncan Mac Dowal, 1313 in Kneen; Mac Coile, 1511, Mac Cole, 1515, Coole, 1666, Quoole, 1703, Mac Coile, 1711, Cooile, 1711, Quoil, 1723, Cooil, 1731, Cooyl, 1738, Cole, 1748 in Kneen.

**England:** Henry Cool, born in Cork, Ireland, in Census 1911 (Tottenham, Middlesex).

**Scotland:** Peter Coole, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Arbroath, Angus).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, *Manx Place-Names*.

**2 English:** see **Cole**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Coole, 1623 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

### Cooledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Surrey

**English:** variant of **Colledge**. Compare Ebenezer College, 1729, Eliz: Cooledge, 1743 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Symon Cooledge, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Edvardus Coolage, 1673 in *IGI* (Ippolitts, Herts).

### Cooleridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Coleridge**.

### Cooley

**Variants:** **Kilcooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1319, Ireland 469
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 766
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare
- 1 Irish:** from *Mac Giolla Chúille* 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Mochúille*', a rare Clare personal name.

## Cooling

**Early bearers:** Tirrelagh McGillechoile, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2610; Silvester Cooley, 1588 in Fiants Elizabeth §5314 (Dublin); Maurice McCooley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyroney, Down).

**2 English:** unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Colley** or **Culley**.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Cooley, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); Willm Cooley, 1598 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Robert Cooley or Cooly, 1638 in PROB 11 (Saint Andrew in Holborn, Middx).

### Cooling

**Variants:** Cowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1296, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1010
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

**1 English:** see Cowling.

**2 English:** locative name from Cooling in Kent or Cowlinge in Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** William de Culinges, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Matthew de Couling, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Avice Couling, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); William Cowlyng, 1520 in York Freemen's Register.

### Coom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Coombe**.

### Coomb

**Variants:** Combe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Coombe**.

### Coombe

**Variants:** Coomb, Coumbe, Coom, Combe, Comb, Coombes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1511, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1614
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

**1 English:** locative name from Middle English *coumb*, *comb* 'valley, hollow, coomb' (Old English *cumb*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived in such a valley, or toponymic, from one of the many places, notably in SW England, called Comb, Combe, or Coombe. Compare **Acomb** (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Cumbe, 1194 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Alan in la Cumbe, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Robert atte Cumbe, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John ate Combe, Thomas de Combe, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Johannes atte Cumbe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ardingly, Sussex); John Coombe, 1565 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Agneta Coombe, 1576 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Susana Coombe, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Nicholas Coombe, 1583 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Agnetem Coombe, 1590 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *come* (Old English *cuma*) 'guest, stranger, newcomer'. See also **Common**, **Compson**, and **Newcombe**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Come, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Come, 1379

in Poll Tax (Weasenham, Norfolk); Waltero Come, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Johannes Comme, 1381 in Poll Tax (Prestgrave, Leics).

### Coomber

**Variants:** Comber, Cumber, Cumbers, Coomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2190, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex

**English:** locative name denoting someone who lived in a valley, from an agent derivative of Middle English *coumbe* 'valley'; see also **Combe**.

**Early bearers:** William le Combere, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Roger le Coumber, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Berks); John Comber, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Walter Cumbar', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Henry Coomber, 1565 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey).

### Coombes

**Variants:** Coombs, Combes, Combs, Coomes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7169, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx; IoW

**English:** variant of **Coombe**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Coombs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6092, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4981
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset, also Wilts and Hants; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English:** see **Coombes**.

### Coomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Somerset

**English:** see **Coomber**.

### Coomes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

**English:** see **Coombes**.

### Coomey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

**Irish:** from Ó Camtha 'descendant of *Camtha*', a personal name meaning 'crooked, bent, curved'. **Further information:** According to Woulfe, this is an extremely rare Munster surname.

### Coon

**Variants:** Coone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**Irish:** from Ó Cuana, see **Cooney**.

### Coonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 288
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Offaly

**Irish:** from Ó Cuanáin 'descendant of *Cuanán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Cuana*, see **Cooney**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James O'Cowman, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4030; Wm. mcTeig O'Cowman, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4858 (Kilkenny).

### Coone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

**Irish:** from Ó Cuana, see **Cooney**.

### Cooney

**Variants:** Coon, Coone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3682, Ireland 3614
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1239
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan

**Irish:** from Ó Cuana 'descendant of *Cuana*', a personal name either based on *cú* 'hound' or derived from *cuanna* 'elegant, comely'.

**Early bearers:** Shan mcEdm. O'Coony, husbandman, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Ballincashill, Mayo); James Cooney, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Bailieborough, Cavan); Mary Cooney, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killinkere, Cavan); James Cooney, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumraney, Westmeath); Patrick Cooney, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Monasterboice, Louth); Matthew Coony, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Cavan).

### Coop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Coupe**

### Coope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

**English:** see **Coupe**.

### Cooper

**Variants:** Couper, Cowper, Cupper, Coupar, Coopper, Coopey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98962, Ireland 2265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71682
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *couper* 'cooper, a maker or repairer of wooden casks, buckets, or tubs'. See also **Copper**.

**Early bearers:** Robert (le) Cupere, 1176–7 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Selide le Copere, le Cupere, 1181–2 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); William le Coupere, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Geoffrey Cowper, 1377, John Copper, 1424 in York Freemen's Register (York); Walter Cuppere, Couper, 1378, 1391 in London Letter Books H (London); Johannes Cooper, 1502 in PROB 11 (Arlesey, Beds); David Cooper, 1520 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin Vintry, City of London); John Cooper, 1635 in PROB 11 (Stafford, Staffs).

**Coopey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** variant of **Cooper**; note John Coopy or Cooper, 1626 in PROB 11.

**Early bearers:** John Koopye, 1580 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Coopy, 1586 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Floris Cowpie, 1606 in *IGI* (Tirley, Gloucs); Henerye Coopye, 1619 in *IGI* (Gloucs); Joseph Coopye, 1634 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs).

**Coopland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; Lincs and WR Yorks

**English:** see **Copeland**.

**Coopman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Copeman**.

**Cooper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Cooper**.

**Coops**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

**English:** variant of **Coupe**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Coops, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Isaac Coupes, 1691 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Geo Coups, 1758 in *IGI* (Lower Peover, Cheshire).

**Coot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Herts

**English:** see **Coote**.

**Coote**

**Variants:** **Coot, Cootes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2486, Ireland 278
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; also Suffolk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Cavan  
**English:** nickname from Middle English *cote*, *coote* ‘coot’, originally the name of various swimming or diving birds, especially the guillemot, but later restricted to the bald coot, whose appearance and traditional stupidity would readily give rise to a nickname, as illustrated in verses by Lydgate and Skelton: ‘He was ballid as a cote’ (before 1420 in MED), and ‘The mad coote, With a balde face to toot’ (before 1529 in OED).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Cote, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); John Cote, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William le Coot, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs), Francis Coote, 1590 in PROB 11 (Saint Anne Blackfriars, City of

London); Nicholas Coote, 1634 in PROB 11 (Barking, Essex).

**Cooter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** probably from a variant of **Coulter**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cooter, 1580 in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); John Cooter, 1598 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Nicholas Cooter, 1636 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

**Cootes**

**Variants:** **Coots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

**English:** variant of **Coote**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Coots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** see **Cootes**.

**Cooze**

**Variants:** **Cose, Couse, Cowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan

**English:** probably in many cases a variant of **Cosh**. Compare Elizabeth Coysh, 1722 in *IGI* (Ilslington, Devon) with the Ilslington early bearers below.

**Early bearers:** Robert Kose, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Meeching and Piddinghoe, Sussex); Walter Cose, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Crediton, Devon); Thomas Cooze, 1538, Anthony Cowes, 1589, Thomas Cowse, 1624, Humphry Couse, 1683 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Richard Couse, 1561 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); William Couse, 1561, John Coose, 1562, John Cose, 1563 in *IGI* (Ilslington, Devon); John Cowse, 1585 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Nycolas Couse, 1572, John Couse, 1646 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Antonye Cose, 1621 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Richard Cowes, 1734 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); George Cooze, 1844 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset).

**Copas**

**Variants:** **Copus, Copass, Coppis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx

**English:** locative name unexplained; perhaps from Middle English *copis*, *coppes* ‘coppice’, ‘thicket’. **Further information:** The ‘grant to Coppus Josep’, Coppus Cottenne, and Taldus Janiani and their fellows, merchants of the society of the Friscombaldi of Florence’, 1299 in Patent Rolls, opens the possibility of an undetermined foreign origin.

**Early bearers:** Editha Coppes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Edward Coppes of Britton, Dorset, 1422 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Coppisse, 1562 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Gulielmus Copys, 1595 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Philipp Copas, 1611 in *IGI* (Rogate, Surrey); Tho Copus, 1666 in *IGI*

(Cookham, Berks); James Copps, 1696 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); Richard Copass, 1744 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey).

**Copass**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Copas**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Copcutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

**English:** locative name from Cop Court in Aston Rowant (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Antoni Copcote, 1561 in *IGI* (Totternhoe, Beds); Ralph Copcott, 1588 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); Henry Cobcott, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Wilbore Copcoate, 1605 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Reynold Copcot or Copcott, 1608 in PROB 11 (London); Wm. Copcoat, 1614 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Raphe Cobcot, 1618 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); Francis Copcut, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Copcutt, 1772 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks).

**Cope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8638, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare; Armagh

**English:** see **Cape**.

**Copelan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Copeland**.

**Copeland**

**Variants:** **Coupland, Copland, Coopland, Cowpland, Copelan, Copelin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5485, Ireland 737
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2819
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham; London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English, Scottish:** locative name from Copeland (Cumb) or Coupland (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Samson de Copland, 1204 in Pleas (Northants, Rutland); William de Coupeland, de Copeland, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Robertus de Coupland, about 1280–90 in Glasgow Register (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Coupeland, 1376 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Copeland, 1471 in PROB 11 (London); Adame Copeland, 1598 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Copelin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey

**English:** see **Copeland**.

**Copeman**

**Variants:** **Coopman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

## Copestake

**English:** occupational name, relationship name from the stem *kaupmann-* of Old Scandinavian *kaupmaðr* ‘merchant’, used also as a personal name. Compare **Chapman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Copmannus Clokersuo, 1141–6 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk).

surnames: Johannes filius Copeman, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); John Copman, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Eustace Coupman, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Robertus Copman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Easton Maudit, Northants); John Copeman, 1628 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Tho Coopman, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Copestake

**Variants:** Copestick, Capstick, Capstack

• **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 609

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

**English:** nickname, a hybrid from Old French *couper* ‘to cut’ + Middle English *stak(e)* ‘stake, post’ (Old English *staca*), hence ‘cut stake’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Coupstak, 1295 in York Freeman’s Register; Henry Coupestack’, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Copestake, 1474 in York Freeman’s Register; Sampson Copestake, 1568 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

### Copestick

• **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 139

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Copestake**.

### Copinger

• **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 22

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Coppinger**.

### Copland

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1941, Ireland 10

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1673

• **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also

Kirkcudbrights; Orkney

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

**Scottish:** see **Copeland**.

### Copleston

• **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 90

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds; Devon

**English:** see **Copplestone**.

### Copplestone

• **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 51

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Copplestone**.

### Copley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2910, Ireland 104

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2311

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cork; Roscommon

**English:** locative name from Copley in Halifax (WR Yorks), Copley Hill in Babraham (Cambs), or Copley Plain in Loughton (Essex).

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, suggests that the Yorkshire place-name Copley was adopted when Thomas Talvas inherited his father’s property there before 1233.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Coppelay, 1246 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Adam de Coppelay, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Adam Coplay, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; William Copley, 1449 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Susane Coppla, 1559, in Rychard Copplay, 1560 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Copnall

**Variants:** Coppenhall

• **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 68

• **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Shrops

**English:** locative name from places called Coppenhall in Cheshire and Staffs.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Coppehale, about 1147 in Staffs Chartulary; Helyas de Copenhale, about 1165 in Staffs Chartulary; Roberti Copnall, 1560, Thoma Copnal, 1579 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Robertus Copnall, 1627 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Alice Coppenhall, 1635 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); Stephen Coppenhale, 1772 in *IGI* (Moreton Say, Shrops); William Coppenhal, 1782 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

### Copner

• **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 59

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *copenere* ‘paramour, lover’.

**Early bearers:** Robert, Richard le Copener, 1242 in Book of Fees (Devon); Johannes Copener, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Rissington, Gloucs); John Copner, 1642 in PROB 11 (Northam, Devon).

### Copp

**Variants:** Copps, Kopp

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1219, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 954

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cop(e)*, *coppe* ‘top, summit’, used of the head: ‘Sire Simond de Montfort hath suore by ys cop’ (about 1264 in OED), possibly used to denote someone with a peculiarity of the head.

**Early bearers:** Eduinus coppa, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Robert Coppe, 1192 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Geoffrey Coppe, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Robertus Copp, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Joan Coppe, 1527 in PROB 11 (Brushford, Somerset); William Coppe or Copp, 1638 in PROB 11 (Limehouse, Middx).

2 **English:** locative name from Middle English *cop(e)*, *coppe* ‘top, summit’, for someone who lived at the top of a hill.

**Early bearers:** Roger de la Coppe, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); John atte Coppe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); Johannes Copp, 1572 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); John Copp, 1574 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Thoms Copp, 1576 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Cicilea Copp, 1595 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Wm. Copp, 1598 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Coppack

• **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 212

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Flints

**English:** see **Coppock**.

### Coppage

• **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 54

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** variant of **Cubbage** with devoicing of /b/ to /p/.

### Coppard

**Variants:** Coppeard, Copper

• **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 557

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent and Surrey

**English:** (i) relationship name from a Middle English (Old French, Middle Dutch) personal name \**Coppard*, an extended form of *Cop*, a pet form of *Jacob*. Compare **Coppin** (ii), nickname perhaps from Middle English *cop(e)*, *coppe* ‘top, head’ + the pejorative suffix *-ard*, perhaps for someone with a large head. Compare **Testar**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Coppard du Temple, merchant, 1315 in Patent Rolls.

surnames: Adam Coppard, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Lewis, Sussex); Robert Coppard, 1411 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); Jhon. Coppard, 1578 in *IGI* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Richard Copperd, 1616 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Richard Coppeard, 1791 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey).

### Coppeard

• **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 13

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Coppard**.

### Coppell

**Variants:** Copple

• **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 61

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also IoM

1 **English:** locative name from Coppull in Standish parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John de Cophull, 1243 in Lancs Inquests; Robert de Cuphull, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robertus de Coppull’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bold, Lancs); William Coppall, 1641 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 **Jewish (Ashkenazic):** anglicized spelling of **Koppel**, from the Yiddish personal name *kopl*, a pet form of *Jakob* (see **Jacob**)

**Early bearers:** Charles Coppell, dentist, 1875 in Preston Jewish Community (Preston, Lancs); Zallel Coppell, jeweller, born in Austria, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Hyman Coppell, butcher, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Prestwich, Lancs); Abraham Coppell, tailor’s presser, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Coppell, carrier, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Prestwich, Lancs); Moris Koppel, photograph engraver, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Coppen

• **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 374

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, Middx, Suffolk, and Norfolk

**English:** see **Coppin**.



**Coppenhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Copnall**.

**Coppens**

Variants: **Coppins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Coppins**.

Further information: This form is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Copper**

Variants: **Cupper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

1 English: occupational name either from Middle English *copere*, a variant of *cupere* ‘cooper, maker or seller of casks, buckets, and tubs’, found late as *copper*, or from Middle English *copper*, *cupper* ‘maker of cups and small vessels’ (Old Scandinavian *koppari*).

Early bearers: Juliana la Copper, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Bartholomew and John le Copper(e), William le Copperer, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johanne Copper’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Henrico Coppere, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Bersted, Sussex); Harry Copper, 1561 in PROB 11 (Shernborne, Norfolk); William Cupper, 1606 in PROB 11 (Plumstead, Kent).

2 English: in Sussex and perhaps the adjacent counties, probably also a variant of **Coppard**. The two names may have been confused there.

**Coppersmith**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from Middle English *copresmythe*, for a maker of copper goods.

Further information: Compare Hugo Coperman, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Westm), and Stephen le Coperbeter, 1286 in London Letter Books A (London).

Early bearers: Richard Copersmid, 1212–23, Robert copersmith 1216–72 in Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary (London); John le copersmyth, 1305 in London Court Rolls (London).

**Copperthwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants; Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Westmeath

English: variant of **Cowperthwaite**.

**Copperwait**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Cowperthwaite**.

**Copperwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Cowperthwaite**.

**Copperwheat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: variant of **Cowperthwaite**.

**Copperwhite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: variant **Cowperthwaite**.

**Coppin**

Variants: **Coppen**, **Coppins**, **Coppens**, **Copping**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1165, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 944
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Essex, Kent, and Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Copin*, a pet form of *Jacob*. Jacob de Troye, 1273 in Hundred Rolls, is identical with Copyn de Troys, 1275 in London Letter Books A.

Early bearers: given names: Copin, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Copin de Sancto Ædumundo, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk).

urnames: Nicholas Copin, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Copyn, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johanne Copyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Rogerus Copyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Earls Colne, Essex); Johannes Copyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Waltham, Essex); Thomas Coppen, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Coppin, 1573 in PROB 11 (City of London).

**Copping**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1777, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx and Kent

English: (i) nickname apparently from a derivative of Middle English *cop* ‘top, peak; (crown of the) head; tip (of the nose)’ (Old English *copp*). (ii) variant of **Coppin**.

Early bearers: Gilbert Copping, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Henry Copping, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roberto Copping’, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Sampford, Essex); Nicholaus Copping, 1379 in Poll Tax (Limpenhoe with Southwood, Norfolk); Johannes Copping’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Waltero Copping, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cirencester, Gloucs); Willelmus Copping, 1381 in Poll Tax (Knettishall, Suffolk); Johannes Copping’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stambourne, Essex); Thomas Copping, 1545 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); James Copping, 1561 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk).

**Coppinger**

Variants: **Copinger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 207
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Galway

English: unexplained.

Early bearers: William Cop(p)inger (normalized forms?), 1240 in Suffolk Eyre (Buxhall, Suffolk); Seman Coppynger, 1324 in Patent Rolls (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Seman Copinger, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Copenger, 1383 in Feet of Fines

(Suffolk); William Copynger, 1493 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Copynger’, 1493 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Richard Copynger, 1498 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Henrici Coppinger, 1573 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Raphe Copinger, 1583 in *IGI* (Stoke, Kent); Dorrothy Copinger, 1585 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Rebecca Copinger, 1599 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Coppinger, 1616 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex).

**Coppins**

Variants: **Coppens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Coppin** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Willm. Coppins, 1615, Coppens, 1624 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent).

**Copple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Coppell**.

2 Norman, English: see **Cupples**.

**Coppleston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Copplestone**.

**Copplestone**

Variants: **Coplestone**, **Copleston**, **Coppleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Hants

English: locative name from Copplestone (Devon).

Early bearers: Hugh de Copleston, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Adam Copelston, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon); John Coppleston, 1601 in PROB 11 (Naysh, Dorset); Arthur Copleston, Henry Coplestone, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Coppock**

Variants: **Coppack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name apparently from a Middle English \**coppe-oke* ‘peak(ed) oak’ but no place with this name is known. Compare Ricardus Coppodok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shaftesbury, Dorset), with the adjectival *coppede* ‘peaked’ and the corresponding place-name *Copdock* (Suffolk).

Early bearers: Agnes Coppocke, 1552 in Cheshire Record Office (river Dee at ‘le Hollyne’); Maud Coppocke, 1562 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); James Coppocke, 1564 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Alexander Coppocke, 1583 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Wllms. Coppock, 1599 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Bartholomew Coppock, 1602 in *IGI* (Saltney, Flintshire); Elizeb. Coppack, 1699 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire).

**Coppola**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

## Copps

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**S Italian, Maltese:** nickname from Neapolitan dialect *coppola*, denoting a type of beret characteristic of the region, used for a habitual wearer or maker of such berets.

**Early bearers:** Francisco Coppola, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Domino Coppola, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Fulham, Middx); Natale Coppola, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Domenico Coppola, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Leonard Coppola, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1891 (Berkeley, Gloucs); Achille Coppola, born in Abina, Italy, in Census 1901 (Glasgow).

## Copps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts, Hants and Surrey; Lancs

**English:** (i) possibly a variant of **Copas** with a development echoing the loss of the second vowel in the ordinary English word. (ii) variant of **Copp** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Copsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London

**English:** relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kupsi, Kofse*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cofsi, Copsi, 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks).

surnames: Acharias filius Copsi, 1155 in Durham Priory Fees; Copsi, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Hugo Copsi, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Robert Copsi, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); John Copsy, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Robert Copsy, 1337 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Agatha Copsy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Breckles, Norfolk); Jone Copsey, 1543 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk); Thomas Copsey, 1551 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Richard Copsie, 1571 in PROB 11 (Glemsford, Suffolk); Gilbert Copsey, 1612 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Anne Copsey, 1629 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabetha Copsey, 1634 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs).

## Copson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 712
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, Warwicks, and Worcs

**English:** locative name from Copston Magna or Parva (Warwicks).

**Further information:** The existence of Johannes Copsam, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lapworth, Warwicks), suggests that there may be an alternative origin.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Copston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brockhurst, Warwicks); Thomas Copson, 1567 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Willia. Copson, 1575 in *IGI* (Claybrook Leics); Raphe Copsonne, 1573 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Prudence Copson, 1577 in *IGI* (Burton Hastings, Warwicks); Johannes Copston, 1625 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs).

## Copus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Oxon
- English:** see **Copas**.

## Corah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

**Scottish Gaelic, English:** see **Curragh**.

**Early bearers:** James Caurah, 1689 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); John Corah, 1720 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics).

## Coram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Gloucs

**English:** locative name from Curham in Halberton (Devon), which is found as *Curreham* and *Correham* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** William de Corham, 1253 in Patent Rolls; Henry de Curreham, 1266 in Fine Rolls (Devon); Emelyn Coram, 1546 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Baldwyne Coram, 1577 in *IGI* (Milverton, Somerset); Christopher Coram, 1582 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Rychard Coram, 1597 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); John Corham, 1653 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampound, Cornwall); Kathern Corram, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas by Launceston, Cornwall); Thomas Curham, 1720 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon).

## Coran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**French, English:** see **Corin**.

## Corb

**Variants:** **Corfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** nickname from Middle English *corb, croub* 'raven' (Old French *corb, corp, corf*). Compare **Corbett, Corbin**.

**Early bearers:** Angot le Corb, 1206–7, identical with Angod' le Corf in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks); Robt Corb, 1831 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

## Corbally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Louth, and Dublin

**Irish:** from **de Corbhaile**, referring to someone from *Corrbhaile*, a common Irish place-name meaning an 'odd or conspicuous settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Corbally, prior of the Blessed Virgin Mary de Urso, 1539 in Fiant Henry §98 (Drogheda, Louth); Thomas Corbally, 1550 in Fiant Edward §639 (Dunshaghelene, Meath); Gilbert Corbally, soldier, 1556 in Fiant Mary §102 (Nurre, Dublin); Anne Corbelly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ardmulchan, Meath).

## Corban

**Variants:** **Corbin, Corbitt, Corbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 **Irish:** from Ó Corbáin 'descendant of *Corbán*' or Ó Coirbín 'descendant of *Coirbín*', possibly from an

occupational name based on *corb* 'chariot'. Both names are also anglicized as **Corbett**. Compare the pair **Crossan** and **Crossett**. See also **Carabine**.  
**Early bearers:** John O'Corbane, kern, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §874 (Burnchurch, Kilkenny); Owen O'Corban, husbandman, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1083 (Waterford); John Corban, kern, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1304 (Dromcanan, Waterford); Teige and Donogh O'Corban, husbandmen, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Capechwyn, Waterford); Donald O'Corbane, husbandman, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Capechwyn, Waterford); Conoghor mcTeig O'Corbane, husbandman, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Capechwyn, Waterford); Conuoghor mcShane O'Corbane, kern, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Knockforie, Waterford); Cornelius O'Corbane, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3037 (Knockmone, Waterford); Rory mcShane O'Corribane, 1579 in Fiant Elizabeth §3547 (Limerick); Thaddeus or Teig Corban mcRory, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §3865 (Kilmolee, Waterford); Daniel Carban mcTeig, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §3865 (Cowlouen, Waterford); Teig mcMorishe moyll O'Corvn, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4503 (Carlow); Wony mcDiermody I Corban, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6183 (?Kerry); Owenhy O'Corban, 1598 in Fiant Elizabeth §6222; Teig mcDonell O'Corbane, labourer, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6477; Wm. I Corbane, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6481 (Ballicarrie, Waterford); Owen Corban, butcher, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6765; Dermod O'Corbin, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6772 (Kildare).  
2 **Irish:** see **Curriuan**.

## Corbell

**Variants:** **Corble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *corbeille* 'basket', presumably used for a basket maker.

**Further information:** Robert Corbiller (1225 in Fransson, p. 171) has a name derived from Old French *corbeillier* 'basket maker'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Corbeille, Corbell, 1180, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); John Curbeyle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); John Corbell, 1581 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Sara Corbell, 1612 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Thomas Corbell, 1612 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Ann Corbell, 1628 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Edw. Corbell, 1642 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

2 **English:** nickname from Middle English *corbel* 'raven'; see **Corb** and compare **Corbett, Corbin**.

**Early bearers:** Eudo Corbel, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks).

## Corben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

**English:** see **Corbin**.

## Corbet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 822
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Ross and Cromarty; Guernsey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**Scottish:** see **Corbett**.

**Further information:** Walter Corbet, a royal knight in 12th-century Scotland, was the first of that name in that kingdom. His 13th-century descendants were major landholders in the Borders, and in the 14th century they acquired lands in the North of Scotland. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter Corbet, 1165–6 in Kelso Register (Makerstoun, Roxburghs); Nicholas Corbeth, 1249 in Dunfermline Register (Musselburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Corbet, 1280–97 in Kelso Register (Fogo, Berwicks); William Corbet, 1361 in Scotland Calendar (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Donald Corbatt, 1463 in The Clan Donald (Ross and Cromarty); Margaret Corbet, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Corbett

**Variants:** **Corbet**, **Corbitt**, **Corbit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10093, Ireland 2379
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5798
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare and Tipperary

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *corbet* 'raven', probably denoting someone with dark hair or a dark complexion. Compare **Corb**, **Corbin**, **Corbell**.

**Further information:** This is the name of a family descended from Hugh Corbet, a Norman baron who settled in Shrops following the Conquest. One of his descendants, Sir Richard Corbet, was granted land near Shrewsbury in 1223. Since the 13th century, this place has been known as Moreton Corbet.

**Early bearers:** Rogerius filius Corbet, 1086 in Domesday Book (Shrops); Roger Corbet, 1086 in Domesday Book; Roger Corbet, 1158 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops), 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Thomas le Corbet, 1323 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Ricardus Corbet, 1381 in Poll Tax (Asterley, Shrops); Richard Corbet or Corbett, 1585 in PROB 11 (Wellington, Shrops).

2 **Irish:** see **Corbin**.

3 **Irish:** see **Carabine**.

4 **Irish:** see **Corban**.

## Corbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, and Essex; Oxon

1 **English:** see **Corby**.

2 **Irish:** from Mac Corrbuidhe, see **Corboy**.

## Corbin

**Variants:** **Corbyn**, **Corben**, **Corvin**, **Carbin**, **Corbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1269, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; Guernsey and Jersey

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Middle English *corbin*, *corb(o)un*, a diminutive of *corb* 'raven' (Anglo-Norman French *corbin*, *corfbin* 'crow, raven'). Compare **Corbet**.

**Early bearers:** Corbin(us), 1086 in Domesday Book (Warwicks, Kent); Roger Corbin, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Walter Corbyn, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Walterus Corbyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Woolavington, Somerset); Richarde Corbin, 1588 in PROB 11 (Holy Trinity Dorchester, Dorset); Samuel

Corbyn or Corbin, 1624 in PROB 11 (Kidderminster, Worcs).

2 **Norman, English:** locative name from Corbon in Calvados or possibly Corbon in Orne.

**Early bearers:** William Corbun, 1086 in Domesday Book (Essex); Hugo de Corbun in Domesday Book (Norfolk, Suffolk); John Corbin, 1562 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); John Corbin, 1568 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Wm. Corbin, 1583 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Gilles Corbin, 1584 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); Cateren Corbin, 1599 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset).

3 **Irish:** see **Corban**.

## Corbishley

**Variants:** **Curbishley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs

**English:** locative name from Corbishley in Alderley, Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** ... Curbychelegh', 1345 in Eyre Rolls; Arthur Corbishley, 1561 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Thomas Curbishley, 1567 in *IGI* (Goostrey, Cheshire); Henrye Curbishleye, 1580 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Corbishley, 1590 in *IGI* (Chester).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 95.

## Corbit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

**Scottish:** see **Corbett**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Corbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb and Durham; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 **English:** see **Corbett**.

2 **Irish:** see **Corban**.

## Corble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English:** see **Corbell**.

## Corbould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; IoW

**English:** probably a variant of **Cobbold**.

**Early bearers:** Edmude. Corbolt, 1544 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Jefferye Corbolde, 1576 in *IGI* (Camsea Ash, Suffolk); Robert Corbold, 1640 in *IGI* (Framsden, Suffolk); John Corbould, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Harvey Corbould, 1751 in *IGI* (Saint Edmund the King and Martyr Lombard Street, London).

## Corboy

**Variants:** **Corbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**Irish:** from Mac Corrbuidhe 'son of *Corrbuidhe*', a byname from *corr* 'crane' + *buidhe* 'yellow'.

**Early bearers:** Shane McCorby, husbandman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth \$6551 (Aghwoe).

## Corbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

**English:** locative name from Corbridge (Northumb), recorded as *Corebrigge* in 1158.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Corbrigg, 1316 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Agnes de Corbrygh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stansfield, WR Yorks); Richard Corbrigg, 1519 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Willm. Corbrigg, 1543 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks), Thomas Corbrigg, 1553, in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Rychard Corbrygge, 1576 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

## Corby

**Variants:** **Corbey**, **Curby**, **Corby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1367, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1008
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Rutland; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**English:** locative name from any of the places named Corby, in Northants, Lincs, and Cumb.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Corebi, 1185 in Templars Records (Lincs); Robert de Corby, 1255 in Forest Pleas (Northants); John Corby, 1448–9 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Thomas Corbe, 1522 in Tudor Rutland (Morcott, Rutland).

## Corbyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Middx, Surrey, and Hants

**English:** see **Corbin**.

## Corck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Cork**.

## Corcoran

**Variants:** **Corkran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4645, Ireland 5590
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

**Irish, Manx:** relationship name reduced form of either Ó Corcráin 'descendant of *Corcrán*', or Mac Corcráin 'son of *Corcrán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Corcra*, derived from *corcair* 'purple'. Compare **Corkery**.

**Early bearers:** loM: Cathasach Ua Corcra, 1045, Donagh Mac Corcra, 1576 in Moore. Ireland: Tomas h-Ua Corcra, 1385 in AU; Aedh h-Ua Corcra, harper, 1433 in AU; Sadhb, ingen h-Ua Corcra, 1439 in AU; Cerball h-Ua Corcra, 1442 in AU; Melaghlin McCorkrane, kern, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth \$1178 (Inche, Westmeath); Wm. Corkrane, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth \$3073 (Dublin); Coconaughe

## Corcut

O'Corkran, horseman, 1585 in Fiantis Elizabeth §4835 (Tullske, Roscommon); Connor O'Corcran mcConchour, 1586 in Fiantis Elizabeth §4810 (Irris); Brian O'Corcrane, 1586 in Fiantis Elizabeth §4810; Rory O'Corckeran, 1586 in Fiantis Elizabeth §4944 (Clonebrenan, Roscommon); Hugh O'Corcran, stud., 1591 in Fiantis Elizabeth §5602 (Tougharye); Coochonagh O'Corkrane, 1591 in Fiantis Elizabeth §5685 (Isernoe, Roscommon); Teig O'Corkrane, tucker, 1601 in Fiantis Elizabeth §6569 (Killdrume); Margaret Corckerane, spinster, 1602 in Fiantis Elizabeth §6622 (Killmocom); Plorente O'Corcran, gent., 1602 in Fiantis Elizabeth §6693 (Newcastle, Westmeath); Melaghlin McCorckran, yeoman, 1602 in Fiantis Elizabeth §6736 (Dublin); Thomas Corkoran, 1833 in *IGI* (Clones, Fermanagh); Michael Corcoran, 1845 in *IGI* (Geashill, Offally).  
England: Margreat Corkran, 1769 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Corcoran, 1796 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Edward Corkeran, 1826 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Corcut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Caldicott**.

## Cord

Variants: **Coard**, **Cordes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Lanarks; Monmouths; Sussex

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Middle English (Old French) *corde* 'rope, cord, string', possibly given to someone who wore a cord (round the waist) or who made ropes, bowstrings, etc. See **Corder**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Corde, 1182–1211 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Osmer Corde 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Cornwall); Robert Corde, 1542 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Nicholas Corde, 1553 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Nathaniell Corde, 1588 in *IGI* (East Maling, Kent).

2 **Irish:** from **Mac Cuairt** or **Mac Cuarta**, see **McCord**.

## Cordall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Notts
- Norman, English: see **Cordell**.

## Cordell

Variants: **Cordall**, **Cordle**, **Cordial**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1026, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 650
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Herts

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *cordele*, a diminutive of *corde* 'cord'. The diminutive is not found in Middle English, but compare Middle English *cordilere* (about 1430) denoting a Franciscan friar 'of the strict rule', so called from the knotted cord worn round his waist (Old French *cordelier*).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo Cordel 12th Northants Charters (Northants); Margery Cordel, 1213 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Robertus Cordel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bury, Suffolk); William Cordell, 1489 in PROB 11 (Enfield,

Middx); Edmond Cordell, 1585 in PROB 11 (Cheshunt, Herts).

## Corden

Variants: **Cordwent**, **Corwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 863, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: nickname from Middle English *corduan*, *cordewan* 'leather from Cordova', made of goatskin and typically used in making shoes. Compare **Cordner**. In OED, recorded forms of this English word include *corden* (before 1400), *corwen* (1483), and *cordiwin* (1593).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Corduan, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Walter Kordewan, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Cordiwant, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Radulphus Cordewan', 1377 in Poll Tax (Clent, Staffs); Ricardo Cordowon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Adam Cordewayn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Litherland, Lancs); John Corden, 1636 in PROB 11 (Chepstow, Monmouths); James Cordwent, 1640 in PROB 11 (Stogursey, Somerset).

## Corder

Variants: **Cordier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name from Middle English *corder* 'rope maker' (Old French *cordier*).

Further information: Compare Augustinus Cordemaker, 1199 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Corder, 1207 in Fine Rolls (Hants); Osbert le Corder, 1227 in Leicester Freemen Register; John Corder, 1545 in PROB 11 (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Corder, 1638 in PROB 11 (Cockfield, Suffolk).

## Corderey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Cordery**.

## Cordero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: nickname from *cordero* 'young lamb' (Latin *cordarius*, a derivative of *cordus* 'young, new'), possibly used to denote a shepherd or for someone thought to resemble a lamb in some way.

## Corderoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Cordery**.

## Cordery

Variants: **Corderey**, **Corderoy**, **Cordrey**, **Cordray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 717
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, and Middx

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *coer de roi* ' (having the) heart of a king', in the case of *Corderoy*; the forms with *-ray-r(e)y* derive from Anglo-Norman French *rei*; the variants *Corder(e)y* and *Cordrey* may also derive from Old French

*corderie* 'ropery, rope-walk', which is not borrowed into Middle English: note John de la Corderie, 1292 in Bardsley, taken to mean a worker at a ropery; but most early forms are consistent with (i).

**Early bearers:** Rober de Querderai, about 1200 in Rievaulx Cartulary (Yorks); Hugh Queor de Rey, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thomas le Cordrey, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard Cordray, 1287 in Book of Fees (IoW); William Corderei, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Peter Kerderey, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Robert Querderey, 1347 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Emma Qwerderay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Edward Corderoy, 1588 in PROB 11 (Shutt, Wilts); Jane Cordery, 1599 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks).

## Cordes

Variants: **Cords**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: variant of **Cord** (1), with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Cordey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Cordy**.

## Cordial

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Norman, English: see **Cordell**.

## Cordier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Jersey
- English: see **Corder**.

## Cordiner

Variants: **Cordner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Norman, English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English and Older Scots *cordewaner*, *cordener*, *cordiner*, Anglo-Norman French *cordewaner* (Old French *cordoanier*) 'worker in Cordovan (Spanish) leather made from goatskin and typically used in making shoes; a shoemaker'.

Compare **Corden**. The scarcity of the surname in post-medieval England is surprising. Some or all of the modern examples cited below (from N England) may reflect migration of families from Scotland.

Further information: There is no evidence to confirm Reaney's suggestion that some examples of *Cordoner* and *Cordiner* might be from an unrecorded Middle English *\*cordoner* 'maker of cords and ribbons' (compare Old French *cordon* 'cord, ribbon').

**Early bearers:** England: Randolph se Cordewan', 1100–30 in Tengvik (Devon); Richard Cordewaner, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Walter Lecordewaner, 1173 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Maurice le corduaner, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Bartholomew le Cordenewaner, 1281 in Fransson (Lincs); Peres le Cordener, 1292 in Subsidy Rolls (London); Stephen le Cordener, 1312 in

Dunwich Account (Suffolk); Alanus Cordewaner, 1377 in Poll Tax (Maldon Magna, Essex); Henrico Cordwaner, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Cordwaner, sutor ('cobbler'), 1379 in Poll Tax (Wootton, Hants); Alanus Cordewaner, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmo Cordewener, 1379 in Poll Tax (Somerset); Robertus Cordewaner, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walton, WR Yorks); Edwardo Cordewaner, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Henricus Cordwaner, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); George Cordewayner, cordwainer, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Navestock, Essex); Joan Cordner, 1563 in Parish Registers (Little Fimborough, Suffolk); Henry Cordener, 1641 in Parish Registers (Saint Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Cordiner, 1761 in *IGI* (Etton, ER Yorks); Ann Cordiner, 1770 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); John Matthew Cordiner, 1853 in *IGI* (Burton in Wirral, Cheshire); Mary Anne Cordiner, 1861 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Thomas Cordiner, 1871 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Scotland: Thomas Cordonar, burgess, 1442 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Cordonar, 1498 in Aberdeen Register (Kintore, Aberdeens); Janett Cordiner, 1619 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Donald Cordinair, 1620 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); George Cordiner, 1634 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); William Cordiner, 1659 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Margaret Cordiner, 1671 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Peter Cordiner, 1683 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banff).

### Cording

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Middx

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Cordinge, 1575 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Richard Cordinge, 1576 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Alice Cording, 1602 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); William Cording or Cordinge, 1632 in PROB 11 (Wiveliscombe, Somerset).

### Cordingley

Variants: **Cordingly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1033
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, possibly in WR Yorks or in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Cordelay, 1377 in Poll Tax (Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Cordonlay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bowling, WR Yorks); Nicholas Cordingleie, 1581 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Cordingley, 1586 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Robart Cordingley, 1593 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Dyonasse Cordingley, 1596 in *IGI* (York).

### Cordingly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Cordingley**.

### Cordle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Cordell**.

### Cordner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 193
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Norman, English, Scottish: see **Cordiner**.

### Cordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cordon* 'cord worn in token of victory' (Old French *cordon* 'cord, string, knot').

**Early bearers:** Robert Cordon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Willelmus Cordon', 1379 in Poll Tax (East Dereham, Norfolk); Richard Cordon', clerk, 1441 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Willmi Cordon, 1564 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Catherine Cordon, 1769 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

2 **English:** variant spelling of **Corden**.

### Cordray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Norman, English: see **Cordery**.

**Further information:** This form has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Cordrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Oxon
- Norman, English: see **Cordery**.

### Cords

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Cordes**.

### Cordwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Caldwell**.

**Further information:** In Derbys the source is probably Cordwell in Holmsfield, Derbys (recorded as *Coldewell*, 1330, *Cordwell*, 1820 in Place-Names of Derbys). Compare **Cardwell** (1).

**Early bearers:** John de Caldewell, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); John Cordwell, 1552 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Walter Cordwell, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Elizabeth Cordwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Cordwell, 1568 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); Thomas Cordwell, 1572 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk).

### Cordwent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Corden**.

### Cordy

Variants: **Cordey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 355

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Norfolk

Norman, English: locative name from Corday in Calvados or Cordey in Orne.

**Further information:** *Cordy* is found in 1327 in Patent Rolls as the name of the causeway over the Trent between Stanton-by-Bridge and Swarkeston (Derbys), suggesting, according to Place-Names of Derbys, that a family of this name was in that county in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cordy, reeve of the town [Manchester], 1330/1 in Lancs Record Office; Johannes Cordy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fulmodestone, Norfolk); William Cordy, 1471 in Berkeley Castle Muniments; Anne Cordy, 1538 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtney, Berks); Robart Cordei, 1559 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Hufredus Cordy, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich); Alis Cordy, 1592 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Cornelius Cordy, 1711 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs).

### Core

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; scattered in England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Westmeath

1 **Scottish, English:** unexplained. Black claimed it to be French in origin but offered no etymology. It may be that some or all of the examples belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Radulphus Core, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burton Latimer, Northants); John Core, 1455 in Feet of Fines (Hitchin, Herts); Thomas Core, 1548 in PROB 11 (London); John Core, 1574 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

Scotland: Henry Cor, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Elgin, Morays); Clement Cor, 1560 in Scottish Armorial Seals (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Core, 1735 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

2 **Irish:** from Chore Abbey in Middleton (Cork), Ireland, named from Irish *cora* 'weir' and also known as *Castrum Chori*.

**Further information:** The following occurs in Patent Rolls for 1316: 'Robert de Altaribus, granting the church of Martre with all the ecclesiastical benefices of the same town and the church of Saint Coleman of his castle which is called *del Core*'.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Core the younger, 1338 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Willelmus de Core, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancs); Margaret Core, 1565 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Thoms. Core, 1566 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

### Corey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 254
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Tyrone

1 **English:** see **Cory**.

2 **Irish:** see **Curry**.

### Corfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Middx

1 **English:** locative name from Corfe Castle or Corfe Mullen (Dorset), or Corfe (Somerset).

## Corfield

**Early bearers:** Alard de Corff, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); John de Corff, clerk, 1367 in Patent Rolls; William Corffe, 1534 in PROB 11 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robert Corffe, 1626, John Corf, 1632 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); William Corfe, 1708 in *IGI* (Yatton, Somerset).

**2 English:** see **Corb**.

## Corfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1693
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Staffs and Montgomerys

**English:** locative name from a lost or unidentified place associated with the river Corve (Shrops) and named 'Corve Hill'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Corfhulle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Acton Burnell with parcels, Shrops); Richard Corfield, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Jone Corfild, 1566 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Johane Corfild, 1582 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Anna Corfild, 1600 in *IGI* (Hughley, Shrops).

## Corin

**Variants:** **Coran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**French, English:** relationship name perhaps from the French personal name *Corin* (ultimately from Latin *Quirinus*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Coren, 1613 in PROB 11 (North Wraxall, Wilts); John Corin, 1620 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); John Coran, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Emanuell Coren, 1658 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

## Corish

**Variants:** **Corris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**Irish:** (i) reduced form of *Mac Fheorais* 'son of Piers', an Anglo-Norman French form of *Peter*. (ii) reduced form of *Mac Muirghis* 'son of Maurice', a personal name introduced by the Normans. Compare **Morrissey**.

**Further information:** The name was adopted by a major Connacht family descended from Piers de Bermingham, second lord of Athenry in Galway (died about 1309). Compare **Bermingham**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane McCorishe alias Bremigham, kern, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §715; William McKeoris, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2225 (Tynnekill); Catherine Corish, 1758 in *IGI* (Enniscorthy, Wexford); Richard Corish, 1806 in *IGI* (Ballyowens, Wexford).

England: William Corish, 1811 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Cork

**Variants:** **Corke, Corek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2239, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2210
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Staffs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cork* 'cork', a purple or red dyestuff, and used for a dyer or seller of dyes. Compare **Corker**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Cork, 1278 in London Letter Books B; Robertus Cork, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rotherfield Greys, Oxon); William Corke, 1622 in PROB 11 (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

## Corkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs

**Manx:** see **Corkin**.

## Corke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 907
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also IoW

**English:** see **Cork**.

## Corken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

**Irish:** see **Corkin**.

## Corker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 732
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Cheshire

**English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *cork* 'purple or red dyestuff', denoting someone who prepared or sold dyes. Compare William le Corklittster, 1279 in Fransson (Yorks), a dyer of cloth with 'cork'.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Corker, 1297 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Geoffrey le Corker, 1338 in Fransson (Lancs); Adam le Corker, 1381 in Poll Tax (Liverpool, Lancs); Robt. Corker, 1546 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

## Corkery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 739
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S W Munster: esp. Cork

**Irish:** a reduced anglicized form of Ó Corcra 'descendant of *Corcra*', see **Coreoran**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Corkery, 1828 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Patrik Corkery, 1831 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

## Corkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts

**English:** (i) locative name from any of the places named with one of the many variants of **Caldicott**, e.g. Calcot (Berks), Calcut (Warwicks). (ii) locative name, alternatively, from Calcutt (Wilts), which was named in Old English as 'Cola's cottage'.

**Early bearers:** Francis Corkett, 1771 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks).

## Corkhill

**Variants:** **Corkill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also IoM

**Manx:** relationship name reduced form of **MacPorkell**, **Mac Thorcaill** 'son of *Thorkell*', an Old Scandinavian personal name. Compare Scottish **McCorquodale**, **McCorkindale**, English **Thirkettle**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Donald MacCorkyll, 1408, Edward Corkhill, 1532 in Moore; Mac Corkell, 1515, Curkell, 1632, Corkil, 1650, Corlke, 1663, Korkill, 1823 in Kneen.

England: Mary Corkell, 1710, Christiana Corkhill, 1714, John Corlke, 1753, John Corkill, 1837 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Corkill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

**Manx:** see **Corkhill**.

## Corkin

**Variants:** **Corkan, Corken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**1 Irish, Manx:** relationship name from Ó Corcáin 'descendant of *Corcán*' or (in Man) *Mac Corcáin* 'son of *Corcán*', a personal name from *corc* 'heart'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Corkane, 1430, Corcan, 1511, Corkan, 1679, Corchan, 1725, Korkon, 1806 in Kneen. Ireland: Walter bane O'Corkane, pikeman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6574 (Burdston, Westmeath); Wm. roe O'Corkan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6574 (Pace, Westmeath); Mary Corkin, 1735 in *IGI* (Derryagh, Antrim); Michael Corkan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dundalk, Louth); Laurence Corkin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drung, Cavan).

**References:** Kneen; MacLysaht.

**2 English:** if English, this is possibly an 18th- or 19th-century spelling of **Cockin**, with the vowel pronounced long. However, most examples of *Corkin* or *Corken* in printed records and in *IGI* are simply mistranscriptions of *Cockin* etc., while *Corkayn* is a similar error for *Cockayn* (see **Cockayne**).

## Corkindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lanarks; Cumb

**Irish:** see **McCorkindale**.

## Corkish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

**Manx:** relationship name from a reduced form of Old Gaelic *Mac Mharcais* 'son of Marcus'. Compare **Quark**.

**Further information:** Ballacorkish (Christ Rushen, IoM) was the seat of one branch of this family.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Querkus, 1511, Corkysh, 1620, Corkish, 1660, 1703 in Kneen.

England: Robert Corkish, 1868 in *IGI* (liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**Corkran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wigtowns
- Irish: from Ó Corcraín or Mac Corcraín, see **Corcoran**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Corless**

**Variants:** **Corliss**, **Curless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1178, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 843
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**English:** nickname from Old Scandinavian \**korlauss* ‘careless’. Compare **Carless**.

**Further information:** McKinley in Surnames of Lancs notes that the surname appears as *Corlous* in Amounderness in the 13th century and as *Corlews* at Forton (Lancs) in 1418, and that it could be confused with **Carless**, as suggested by a comparison of the 1595 bearer with Willelmus Careles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gisburn, WR Yorks). The inclusion of the preposition *de* in the name of the earliest bearer is probably a scribal error, since no relevant place is known. Late medieval spellings in *-hous(e)* are misleading.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Corlause, 1381 in Poll Tax (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Richard Corleis, 1560 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Margreta Corlesse, 1595 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); James Corless, 1608 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Thomas Corlus, 1647 in Lancs Record Office (Cabus and Garstang); John Corliss, 1702 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 211.

**Corlett**

**Variants:** **Curlett**, **Collet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1197, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1707
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Manx:** relationship name a (reduced) form of (*Mac*) *Bórlíótr* ‘(son of) *Bórlíótr*’, an Old Scandinavian personal name.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Corleot, 1511, Corleod, 1585, 1627, Corleott, 1603, Corlyoid, 1624, Curleod, 1643, Curlett, 1703, Corlett, 1810, Corlette, 1824 in Kneen. England: Thomas Corlet, 1705, Isabel Curlett, 1741, Edward Corlett, 1810 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen.

**Corley**

**Variants:** **Curley**, **Carley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 244
- **GB frequency 1881:** 455
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; E Anglia and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Monaghan

**English:** locative name from Coreley (Shrops) or Corley (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Corleia, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Agn’ de Corley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shenton, Leics); William Corley, 1546 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Julyan Corley, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Corley, 1680 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs).

**2 Irish:** see **Curley** and **McCurley**.

**Early bearers:** John Corley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Tehallan, Monaghan); Barney Corley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Tehallan, Monaghan); Lackey Corley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Monaghan).

**Corliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Corless**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Cormac**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

Irish: from Mac Cormaic, see **Cormack**.

**Cormack**

**Variants:** **Cormac**, **Cormick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2822, Ireland 247
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; also Aberdeens; Orkney
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Westmeath

**Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Cormaic ‘son of *Cormac*’, see **McCormack**.

**Corman**

**Variants:** **Croman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Lancs

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Corman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norwich, Norfolk); John Corman, 1576 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Laurence Corman, 1592 in PROB 11 (West Lydford, Somerset); Nathanael Corman, 1764 in *IGI* (Downham Market, Norfolk).

**Cormell**

**Variants:** **Cornmell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Worcs

**Norman, English:** locative name from any of several places in France. The Domesday Book examples derive from Cormeilles, Eure, but later arrivals may have come from Cormeilles-en-Vexin, Seine et Oise (see Anglo-Norman Families).

**Early bearers:** Gozelin, Anfrid de Cormelies, de Cormeliis, de Cormel, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants and Herefs); Ralph de Cormeilles, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Thomas de Cormeilles, 1199, Henry Cormeilles, 1202, John de Cormayles, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Roger de Cormell’, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Walter de Cormailles, 1276 in New Forest Documents (Hants); [ . . . ] Cornemill, 1583 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary, Marlborough, Wilts); Barnard Cortmell, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Southwick, Hants); Johis Cormell, 1602 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Edward Cornemell, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Sam Cormell, 1625 in *IGI* (Honeybourne, Worcs); Robert Cormel,

1676 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); George Cornmel, 1771 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Mary Cormall, 1827 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks).

**Cormican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Cormacáin, ‘descendant of Cormacáin’, a pet form of the personal name *Cormac* (see **McCormack**). This was an ecclesiastical family, sometimes anglicized as **Cormac** or **McCormack**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hugh O’Cormokan, husbandman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4654 (Kilmamlanok, Galway); Shane oge O’Cormokan, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4663 (Muyneo); Donell O’Cormecan, and Shane O’Cormuckan, labourers, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6524 (Ballicham, Kerry); Art O’Cormican, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland Antrim p.108 (Aghagallon); Donnohy O’Cormuckan, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland Antrim p.105 (Portmore).

**Cormick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Westmeath

Irish: from Mac Cormaic, see **Cormack**.

**Cormie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

**Scottish:** unexplained. Perhaps related to Gaelic *cormach* ‘brewer’, or a variant of either **Cormack** or **Comrie**; apparently in some cases of French origin. **Early bearers:** Jeane Corme, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Louise Cormie, 1685 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Elspet Cormy, 1703 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays).

**Cormode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name from a reduced form of *Mac Bórmóðr* ‘son of *Bórmóðr*’, a Scandinavian personal name. In England it may have been confused with **Kermode**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Cormott, 1500, Mac Cormot, Mac Cormott, 1515, Kormod, 1694, Cormode, 1703, 1764, Cormoad, 1801 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen.

**Corn**

**Variants:** **Corne**, **Cornes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; Staffs and Cheshire

**English:** (i) nickname from Old English *corn* ‘crane’. (ii) nickname from a variant of Old English *cweorn* ‘handmill’, denoting someone who made or used handmills.

**Early bearers:** Obbe Corne, 1203 in Pleas (Shrops); John Corn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Corne,

## Cornah

1381 in Poll Tax (Great Barrington, Berks); Lawranrt Corn, 1604 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Corn, 1628 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

### Cornah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Corney**.

### Cornall

Variants: **Cornell**, **Cornhill**, **Carnell**, **Gornall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Devon

**1 English:** the Lancs name is a variant of **Corney**, where *-all* and *-ell* are hypercorrect pronunciations of *Cornah*, *Corner*, and *Cornoe*, late pronunciations of *Corney*.

**2 English:** the Devon name is a variant of **Cornwall**. Here also probably belongs *Gurnall*, as in Joan Gurnall, 1586 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon), and William Gurnall, 1650 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk). Compare **Corney**.

**Early bearers:** John Cornowall, 1539, John Cornell, 1575, Elizabeth Cornolle, 1662 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Honner Cornwall (daughter of Matthew Cornwall), 1661, Margery Cornell, 1666 (daughter of Matthew Cornell) in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

### Cornally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Irish:** very likely originating in a misreading of a name anglicized with double *n*. Mac Lysaght refers to Corneely, now rare, as a 'corruption' of **Conneely**, and De Bhulbh thinks Cornally is native Irish. If so, it is probably a variant of **Connelly**.

**Early bearers:** **England:** Thomas Cornally, 1680 in *IGI* (Fenton, Herefs); John Cornally, 1695 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Ireland:** Edward Cornally, 1877 in *IGI* (Leamonaghan, Offaly); Patrick Cornally, 1878 in *IGI* (Bellair, Offaly).

### Cornberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Jewish (Ashkenazic):** ornamental name based on the German words *Korn* 'corn' + *Berg* 'hill, mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Louise von Cornberg, born in Saxe-Coburg, Germany, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Isaac Cornberg, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Hackney, Middx); Harris Cornberg, bristle merchant, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Hackney, Middx); Moses Cornberg, egg dealer, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Prescot, Lancs).

### Cornborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

**English:** locative name from Cornbury Park in Charlbury (Oxon) or Cornbrough in Sheriff Hutton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Corneburc, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Nicholas de Cornbury, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Auery Cornburgh after 1462 Paston Letters; Henricus de Cornburgh', 1377 in Poll Tax (Cornbrough, NR Yorks); Avery Corneburgh, 1487

in PROB 11; Henry Cornborough, 1618 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks).

### Corne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Corn**.

### Cornelius

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1659, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 862
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

**Latin, English:** relationship name from the Latin personal name *Cornelius*, not found as an English name until the 16th century, when it was brought to England by Protestants from the Low Countries, where it was a popular name.

**Early bearers:** Leuekyn Cornelys (a Flemish weaver), 1354 in Colchester Court Rolls; Richard Cornelius, Thomas Cornellis, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Lambert Cornelius, 1662–4 in Hearth Tax (Dorset).

### Cornell

Variants: **Carnell**, **Corney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2271, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1997
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, Cambs, and Middx

**1 English:** see **Cornwell**.

**2 English:** see **Cornhill**.

**3 English:** see **Cornall** and **Cornwall**.

**4 English:** see **Corney**.

**5 English:** nickname from French *corneille* 'rook, crow', probably denoting a chatterer or someone with dark hair or a dark complexion. The survival of this name into modern times is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Herbert corneilla, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); William Corneille, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls; William Cornell, 1558 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Robt Cornell, 1560 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Gawwyn Cornell, 1576 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Helen Cornell, 1576 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Agnes Cornell, 1578 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs).

### Corner

Variants: **Croner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2668, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; also Down

**1 Norman, English:** (i) occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *cornier* 'hornblower' (Old French *corneor*). Some of the following examples may alternatively belong with (2) or (3). This name or that in (ii), (2), or (3), was taken to Ireland, whence it later migrated back across the water to the industrial towns of Scotland and England. (ii) variant of **Crowner** 'coroner'. Spellings of this name often overlap with those belonging to (i).

**Early bearers:** **England:** Herueus Cornur, 1179 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); William le Cornur, 1185 in Rotuli de Dominabus (Lincs); Agnes le cornier, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Augustine le corner, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); John Corner of Norfolk, 1383 in Feet of

Fines (Chawston, Beds); Richard Corner', 1445 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk and Norfolk); Harry Corner, 1553 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Tho Corner, 1559 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Ellen Corner, 1562 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Margere Corner, 1562 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Rici. Corner, 1565 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Corner, 1567 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Johan Corner, 1582 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); James Corner, 1594 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); George Corner, 1630 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Corner, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Liverpool, Lancs); Charlotte Corner, born in Sligo, Ireland, in Census 1901 (Loughborough, Leics).

**Scotland:** John Coronare, 1512 in Names of Inverness; Margaret Corner, 1655 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Katherine Corner, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Donald Corner, 1710 in *IGI* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty); Ann Corner, 1756 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Jean Corner, 1761 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Bell Corner, born in Ireland, in Census 1841 (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Corner, born in Ireland, in Census 1841 (Campsie, Stirlings); Charles Corner, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns).

**2 English:** locative name for someone who lived on a corner, from Middle English *corner* 'angle, corner; place where two streets meet'.

**Further information:** Alys or Agnes Acorner donated a close called *Cornerwong* to the Abbey of Shelford before 1483 (Nottingham Borough Records).

**Early bearers:** John de Cornera, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Roger Cornier, 1218–22 in Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters (London); Dyonisia Attecornere, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Agnes de la Cornere in Bredstrate, 1299 in London Court Rolls; Alanus atte Corner, 1377 in Poll Tax (Headington, Oxon).

**3 English:** alternatively, in Lancs, a variant of **Corney**. Compare Geo. Corner, 1651, John Corney, 1720, John Cornah, 1739 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

### Cornes

Variants: **Corns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 656
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

**1 English:** variant of **Corn**, with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Corns, 1250 in Registrum Antiquissimum; Annes Cornes, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Johanne Cornes, 1580 in *IGI* (Waters Upton, Shrops); Johanne Cornes, 1595 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); George Cornes, 1601 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Richard Cornes, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**2 English:** see **Cornish**.

### Corness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Cornish**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Corness, 1668 in *IGI* (Linchmere, Sussex); Thomas Corness, 1726 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Cornet

Variants: **Cornett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Northumb; also Inverness

**Norman, Scottish:** nickname for a cornet player, from Old French *cornet* ‘wind instrument made of horn or resembling a horn’, a diminutive of *corn*. Compare **Corner** 2.

**Further information:** The Cornet family came to Scotland in the late 12th century, probably in the train of the de Quincy family, who were major Anglo-Scottish barons at that time.

**Early bearers:** England: Durand cornet, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Alured cornet, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Cornwall); John Cornet, 1266 in Patent Rolls; Johannes Cornet, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rushall, Wilts); Johanne Cornet, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fairford, Gloucs); John Cornet, 1411 in Patent Rolls (Sidmouth, Devon); Joan Cornett, 1585 in Parish Registers (Saint James, Christow, Devon); Mgret. Cornet, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); William Cornett, 1627 in PROB 11 (Withersfield, Suffolk); Elisabeth Cornet, 1663 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Bessie Cornet, 1704 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife); Helen Cornet, 1711 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

Scotland: Milo Corneht, about 1200 in Glasgow Register (Stobo, Peebles); Simon Cornet, 1285 in NRS; Elisabeth Cornet, 1663 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Helen Cornett, 1704 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Cornett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**Norman, English:** see **Cornet**.

### Corney

**Variants:** **Cornall, Cornell, Gornall, Cornah, Corner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1221, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 984
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Westm; also Lincs; Hunts; Sussex; Devon; London

**1 English:** locative name from Corney (Lancs), later named *Corneyrow* (1553), now Corner Row or Cornoe in Greenhalgh (alias Greenall), in the parish of Kirkham. *Corney* was sometimes pronounced and spelled *Cornah, Corner, Cornall, Gorney*, and *Gornall*.

**Early bearers:** William de Cornay, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Symone de Cornay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wesham with Medlar, Lancs); Richard Corney, 1562 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); Richard Corney of Greenhall, 1571, John Cornall of Cornall, 1672, Adam Corney, 1666, Richard Cornah of Greenall, 1737 in Lancs Wills (Lancs); Willm. Corney, 1608 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Geo. Corner, 1651, John Corney, 1720, Anthony Cornall, 1730, John Cornah, 1739 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Joh. Corney, 1710, John Cornall, 1721 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs).

**2 English:** locative name from Corney (Cumb). The NR Yorks and Westm names may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Cornaie, 1228–43 in Place-Names of Cumb; John and Thomas Cornay, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Eston, in Ormsby, NR Yorks); John Cornay, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Normanby, in Ormsby, NR Yorks); Richard Cornay, 1595, Nicholas Corney, 1607, William Cornay, 1843 in *IGI* (Kendal,

Westm); Roberti Corney, 1625 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); William Corney, 1658 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Jane Corney, 1725 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

**3 English:** locative name from Corney (Herts), now known as Corneybury. The Lincs name may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Corneye, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); John de Corneye, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Hoddeson, Herts); Jane Corney, 1579 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); William Corney, 1619 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Richard Corney, 1637 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Henry Cornay, 1654 in *IGI* (Gilston, Herts); Olive Corney, 1743 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs).

**4 English:** perhaps a reduced form of **Cornall** (i.e. **Cornwall**) or **Cornish**. Compare Joan Gurnall, 1586, Bartholemew Corney, 1616 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Lionelis Cornish, 1594, Johanis. Cornish, 1671, Geo. Corney, 1825 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); John Corney, 1615, Wam Cornish, 1624 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Jonas Cornish, 1622, Eliz Corney, 1772 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Elizabeth Cornish, 1735, Henrietta Maria Corney, 1822 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk).

**5 English:** metathesized version of **Croney**.

### Cornfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs; also Beds
- English:** locative name probably a variant of **Cranfield**.

### Cornfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Northumb

**Scottish:** probably, as Black suggests, a local variant of **Cornforth**; see **Cornford**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Cornefutt, about 1570 in Dunfermline Register; Andrew Cornfoot, 1693 in *IGI* (Largo, Fife); Janet Cornfoot or Corphat, 1705 in Retours, Scotland (Pittenweem, Fife); John Cornfoot, 1729 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

### Cornford

**Variants:** **Cornforth, Cornfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 981, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

**English:** locative name from Cornforth in Durham, recorded as *Corneford* in 1196.

**Further information:** The modern distribution suggests an additional southern origin, perhaps from the very small Cranford in Dartford (Kent). Old English *cran* ‘crane’ may appear as *corn* in place-names, as in Cornwell (Oxon). For a name showing a possible intermediate step, compare Henricus Craunford, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Haseley, Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Corneford, 1242 in Assize Rolls (Durham); Michael de Cornford, 1339 in Coroners’ Rolls (London); William Cornefurth, 1469 in York Freeman’s Register; Richard Corneforth, 1514 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Elizabeth Cornforth, 1562 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Christopher Cornford, 1595 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Willmus Cornford, 1605 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent).

### Cornforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 925, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English:** see **Cornford**.

### Cornhill

**Variants:** **Cornell, Cornwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Middx; Devon

**1 English:** locative name in SE England mainly from Cornhill in London but elsewhere alternatively from Cornhill (Northumb) or one of the many minor places so called. It has often become **Cornell** and has sometimes been confused with **Cornwall**, and **Cornwell**, as in the case of Thomas Cornell, 1722 in Parish Registers (Horringer, Suffolk), who is also called Cornwall (1736), Cornwell (1740) and Cornhill (1766).

**Early bearers:** Geruase de Cornhill’, 1179 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); William Cornhel, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Henry de Cornell’ or de Cornhell’ 1229–31 in Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters (London); Bartholomew ate Cornhell, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Mathew Cornhill, 1623 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Michell Cornhill, 1637 in *IGI* (London).

**2 English:** see **Cornall**.

**3 English:** see **Cornwall**.

### Cornick

**Variants:** **Cornoek, Curnoek, Curnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**English:** nickname from *curnock* (locally also *crannock*), an obsolete dry measure, e.g. for corn, coal, lime, or salt, formerly used in W England from Cheshire to Somerset and in SE Wales. Compare **Peck, Bushell**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Cornick, 1560 in *IGI* (Maiden Newton, Dorset); Lawrenc. Cornicke, 1574 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); John Cornick, 1580 in *IGI* (Symondsburry, Dorset); Arthure Cornoocke, 1601 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).

### Cornish

**Variants:** **Cornes, Corness, Corney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4952, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4285
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; London; also Suffolk

**Norman, English:** regional name from Middle English *Cornish* (about 1425 in MED), formed on the analogy of *English*, which was usually Normanized as *Corneys*. Adam Cornys, 1300 in London Court Rolls, is probably identical with Adam le Cornwalais, 1275 in Hundred Rolls. See also **Cornwallis**.

**Early bearers:** Badekoc Korneys, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Corneys, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Henry Cornysh, 1375 in London Pleas; Robertus Cornissh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Benson, Oxon); Richard Cornish or Cornysse, 1504 in PROB 11 (Saint Botolph Aldwichegate, City of London); Mary Cornish, 1612 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); James Cornishe, 1635 in PROB 11 (Tiverton, Devon).

### Cornnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

## Cornock

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English:** variant of **Cormell**.

## Cornock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Pembrokes
- English:** see **Cornick**.

## Corns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1043, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 837
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English:** see **Cornes**

## Cornthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm

**English:** locative name from any of three lost places so named, in Lupton, Beetham, and Stainton (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Alice Cornewhat, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm.); Roger Cornethwait, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Michael Cornethwet, 1580 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Westm); Jeffery Cornthwaite, 1607 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm).

**References:** Place-Names of Westm, I, pp. 47, 71, and 99.

## Cornwall

**Variants:** **Cornall, Cornell, Cornhill, Cornwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1858, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Galway; Dublin; Cork

1 **English:** regional name from the county of Cornwall. Compare **Cornwallis**, with which *Cornwall* was interchangeable.

**Further information:** The county is named with the Old English tribal name *Cornwealas*. This is from *Kernow* (the term that the Cornish used to refer to themselves) + Old English *wealas* ‘strangers’, ‘foreigners’, the term used by the Anglo-Saxons for Brythonic-speaking people.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Cornewale, de Cornewayle, 1305 in London Court Rolls, London Letter Books B; Alicia Cornewayle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Jane Cornwall, 1571 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); John Cornwall, 1576 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Joane Cornwall, 1619 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); James Cornwall, 1645 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Anne Cornwall, 1664 in *IGI* (London); Mary Cornwall, 1708 in *IGI* (Kirkby, Lancs).

Scotland: David Cornwall, 1588 in *IGI* (Anstruther Wester, Fife); Eupham Cornwall, 1670 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife).

2 **English:** see **Cornwell**.

## Cornwallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Norman, English:** regional name for someone from Cornwall, a Normanized form of Middle English *Cornwalish*. Compare **Cornwall**.

**Further information:** Walter le Cornewaleys, sheriff of London, 1277 in London Letter Books A, is also called Walter de Cornwall in 1280 and Walter le Engleys in 1277. As Ekwall notes, his real name must have been English (Engleys), which was changed to Cornwaleys or Cornwall after his removal to London.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Cornwaleys, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Hants); Stephen le Cornewalleys, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Walter le Cornwallis, 1280 in London Letter Books A; John Cornwaleys or Cornwallis, 1436 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin Vintry, London); Thomas Cornwalleis or Cornwalleys, 1627 in PROB 11 (Ipswich, Suffolk).

## Cornwell

**Variants:** **Carnwell, Cornwall, Cornell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3175, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1716
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx

1 **English:** locative name from Cornwell (Oxon).

The place, recorded as *Cornewelle* in 1086 (Domesday Book), is named with Old English *corn* ‘crane; heron’ + *wella* ‘stream’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Cornwelle, 1161 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Thomas Cornwell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Oxon); Agn’ Cornwell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hinckley, Leics); Richard de Cornewail, 1421 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); William Cornwell, 1504 in Feet of Fines (Westgate, Kent); Hester Cornwell, 1616 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Richard Cornwell, 1720 in *IGI* (Bladon, Oxon).

2 **English:** alternatively a variant of **Cornwall** or **Cornhill**, often becoming **Cornell**.

**Early bearers:** Clementt Cornwell, 1553 in *IGI* (London); Willmus Cornwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); William Cornell, 1599, John Cornwell, 1604 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs).

## Coroner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English:** see **Crowner**.

## Corp

**Variants:** **Corpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** nickname meaning ‘raven’, in northern and eastern counties probably derived from Old Scandinavian *korpr*, and in central and south-western areas from Old French *corp* (compare **Corb**).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Corp, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William le Corp, 1231 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); James Corp, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Suffolk); Ricardo le Corp, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winsley, Wilts); Robert Corpe, 1636 in PROB 11 (East Pennard, Somerset).

## Corpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Somerset

**English:** see **Corp**.

## Corps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Corse** understood as the Middle English *cors* ‘corpse, cadaver’, with a latinized spelling (Latin *corpus* ‘corpse, body’).

**Early bearers:** Robert Corps, 1561 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Thomas Corps, 1572 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Christian Corps, 1574 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants).

## Corr

**Variants:** **Curry, Corry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1543, Ireland 1612
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs, Lanarks; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone

1 **Irish:** from Ó Corra ‘descendant of Corra’, a personal name from *carr* ‘spear’.

**Further information:** Occasionally translated as *Weir* from Irish *cora* ‘weir’.

**Early bearers:** James Corr, chief serjeant of the county Waterford, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1526 (Waterford); Mallaghlin O’Cory, yeoman, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3091 (Ballicrutteogh, Clare); Kormock O’Kerry (or O’Corry), 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §3886 (the Abbey Larray, Longford); Owen O’Corr, 1598 in Fiant Elizabeth §6249 (Doneda, Kildare); Torilagh O’Corry and Patrick O’Corrie, tenants, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6662; Cormock O’Corr and Rowrie O’Corre, yeomen, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6713 (Tyrone).

2 **Irish:** see **Carr**.

## Corrall

**Variants:** **Currell, Correll, Currall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

**English:** locative name from one or more unlocated or unidentified places, possibly including Corewell in Holford (Somerset), which is *Corawells* in 1509.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Corwell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dunchurch with Toft, Warwicks); John Corwell, 1509 in Somerset Archives; Thomas Corral, 1541 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Richad Correll, 1563 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); William Courall, 1581 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Margary Corral, 1593 in *IGI* (Frolesworth, Leics); Thomas Currall, 1624 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics).

## Corran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down

1 **Manx:** see **Corrin**.

2 **Irish:** from Ó Corráin or Ó Corraidhín, see **Curran**.

3 **English:** see **Curwen**.

## Correa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic):** occupational name denoting a maker of leather goods, from *correa* ‘leather object (typically a strap, belt, rein, or shoelace)’.

**Early bearers:** Aaron Correa, 1717 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Solomon Correa, 1743 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Joseph Correa, 1823 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey); Manuel Correa, born in Spain, in Census 1851 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Chevalier de D. Correa, diplomat attached to the Brazilian Legation, born in Paris, in in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Raphael Correa, born in Middx, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Middx); Louis Correa, merchant, born in Brazil, in Census 1891 (Islington, Middx); Erminino Correa, music hall artist, born in Buenos Ayres, in Census 1911 (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Correia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Portuguese:** occupational name denoting a maker of leather goods; compare Spanish **Correa**.

**Early bearers:** John Correia, born in Ireland, in Census 1871 (Sunbury, Middx); J.B. Correia, born in Portugal, in Census 1871 (London); Daniel Corriea, born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in Census 1901 (Heavitree, Devon).

### Correll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks

1 **Irish:** perhaps a variant of **Kirrell**, an anglicized form of Ó Coirill (probably 'descendant of *Cairell*', an unexplained personal name).

2 **English:** see **Corrall**.

### Corren

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Glasgow

1 **English:** see **Curwen**.

2 **Irish:** from Ó Corráin or Ó Corraídhín, see **Curran**.

### Corrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset and Gloucs

**English:** of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Carrick**.

**Early bearers:** Johan Corocke, 1560 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Jennet Corrocke, 1577 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); William Coryck, 1594 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, London); Abraham Coricke, 1613 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk).

### Corrie

**Variants:** **Corry, Currie, McCorry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1088, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 670
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights

1 **Scottish:** locative name from any of several places named with Gaelic *coire* 'cauldron', applied to a circular hanging valley on a mountain, especially Corrie in Hutton and Corrie parish, Dumfriess.

**Further information:** The Corrie family, on record from the late 12th century, were tenants of the Bruce lordship of Annandale in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Corri, 1194–8 in Annandale Family Book (Lockerbie, Dumfriess); Ralph de Corry,

about 1200 in Morton Register, Scotland (Dryfe, Dumfriess); Thomas Corry, 1526 in Privy Seal of Scotland Register (Kelwood, Dumfriess); Alexander Corrie, 1621 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

2 **Scottish:** reduced form of **McCorry (Mac Gothraidh)**.

3 **English, Scottish:** (i) locative name denoting someone who lived '(at the) shepherd's hut', Middle English *cori* in some instances, possibly a variant of **Currey**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Correye, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cams); John Corry, 1389 in York Freeman's Register; Mathew Corrie, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Corrie, 1594 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm); Elha. Corrie, 1608 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Rebecca Corrie, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Corrigall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

**Scottish:** locative name from Corrigall in Harray (Orkney Mainland).

**Early bearers:** Wilyam Corgill, 1492 in Orkney Records (Corston, Orkney); James Corigilles, 1572 in Scottish Historical Review; James Corrigill, 1640 in Maitland Miscellany (Rendall, Orkney); Thomas Corrigall, 1762 in *IGI* (Evie and Rendall, Orkney).

### Corrigan

**Variants:** **Carrigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4665, Ireland 3698
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks, also Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh and Tyrone

**Irish:** from Ó Corragáin 'descendant of *Corragán*', a double diminutive of *corr* 'pointed'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady O'Corrigan, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6120; Nathaniel Corrigan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Cleenish, Fermanagh); Patrick Corrigan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donagh, Monaghan); Catherine Corrigan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Termonfeckin, Louth); Owen Corrigan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilskeer, Meath).

### Corrin

**Variants:** **Corran, Currin, Corren, Curran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 **Irish, Manx:** relationship name reduced form of *Mac Torin*, from Gaelic *mac* + Old Scandinavian *Þórfinnr* 'son of Thorfinn'. Compare **Turpin**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mactory, 1290, Mactoryn, 1293, Mathoren, 1402, Mac Thoryngt, 1408, Mac Corrane, 1422, Mac Corrin, 1504, Mac Corryn, Mac Coryn, 1515, Corrin, 1611, Corine, 1624, Corran, 1627, Coreene, 1634, Coreen, 1683, Currin, 1786, 1810 in Kneen.

**England:** Henry Corran, 1791 in *IGI* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); John Corrin, born in Douglas, IoM, John Currin, born in Douglas, IoM, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs); William Corran, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (West Derby, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen.

2 **English:** see **Curwen**. See also **Currin**. It is linguistically impossible to distinguish 19th-century examples of this name from the Manx name in (1). **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Corrayne, 1602, James Corron, 1668, Mary Corran, 1697, in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Wm Coreen, 1746 in *IGI* (Westhoughton, Lancs).

### Corris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb

**Manx:** depalatalized form of Gaelic **Corish** or possibly a reduced form of the non-palatal genitive *Mac Muirgheasa* 'son of *Muirgheas*' (see **Morrissey**). Ballacorris (Santan, IoM) is 'Corris's farm'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Quarres, 1504, 1515, Mac Wharres, 1511, Quares, 1584, Corras, 1601, Quarres, 1603, Cores, 1628, Corris, 1647, 1699, 1792, 1816, Corrish, 1674 in Kneen. Jo Corres, 1631 in *IGI* (Braddan); James Corris, 1647 in *IGI* (Ballaugh); William Corris, 1649 in *IGI* (Malew).

**England:** Edward Correis, 1610, Anthony Corris, 1764 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Corry

**Variants:** **Carry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1175, Ireland 1099
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; also Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 **Irish:** from Ó Corra or Ó Corraídh, see **Corr**.

2 **Irish:** reduced form of **McCorry (Mac Gothraidh)**.

3 **Scottish:** see **Corrie**.

### Corsan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Argyll; also Lancs

**Scottish:** see **Carson**.

### Corsar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

**Scottish, English:** mainly Scottish variant of **Corser**.

### Corscadden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim

**Irish:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Corscadden, 1866 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Cheshire); Robert Corscaddon, 1886 in *IGI* (Dukinfield, Cheshire); Thomas John Corscaden, 1889 in *IGI* (Birkenhead, Cheshire).

### Corse

**Variants:** **Corsie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Midlothian

1 **Scottish:** locative name from Corse in Saint Ola, Kirkwall (Orkney Mainland).

## Corsellis

**Early bearers:** John of Corss, 1455 in Orkney Records (Kirkwall, Orkney); Jean Corse, 1760 in *IGI* (Sanday, Orkney).

**2 Scottish:** locative name from Corse in Aberdeens or other places of that name in mainland Scotland.

**Early bearers:** John Cors, burgess, 1601 in Glasgow Burgesses (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Corss, 1628 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Corss, 1630 in Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book (Dysart, Fife); Alexander Corse, 1706 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**3 English:** locative name from Corse (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Lucia de Cors, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); Walter de Cors, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Henrico Cors, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bulkington, Wilts); Simon Corss, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); John Corse, 1571 in PROB 11 (Saint Peter Cornhill, City of London).

## Corsellis

**Variants:** Cusselle, Cussell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Huguenot:** locative name from Courcelles in Aisne, France. The medieval name, if it ever became established in the British Isles as a hereditary surname, appears to have died out, the modern surname having been brought to England by Huguenots and other immigrants from the Low Countries: for example, Nicholas Corcellis, son of Zeager Corcellis of Ruselier (Flanders), fled to England from the persecution of the Duke of Alva; John Consellis, a Dutch merchant, arrived as one of the investors in a scheme to drain the Isle of Axholme (1626), and settled in that area.

**Early bearers:** Wandring de Curcel, Wandregesil de Curcelles, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John Cussal of Wolaston, 1375 in Patent Rolls; Lucas Corsellis, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Abraham Corsellis, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

**References:** J. Tsushima, *Melting into the landscape: the story of the 17th-century Walloons in the Fens, in From Strangers to Citizens*, pp. 106–13.

## Corser

**Variants:** Corsar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; Lancs

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *corser* ‘jobber, horse dealer’.

**Early bearers:** England: Anketill le Corser, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Henry le Coursour, 1313 in MED; Radulphus Corser, 1381 in Poll Tax (Medbourne, Leics); Thomas Corser, 1551 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops).

Scotland: Agnes Corser, 1661 in Elgin Records (Elgin, Morays); Thomas Corsar, 1609 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays).

## Corsi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Italian:** relationship name from the personal name *Corso*, a short form of *Accorso* or *Bonaccorso*, from a phrase meaning ‘good help’.

**Early bearers:** Pedro Corso, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Marco Corso, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

## Corse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

**Scottish:** probably a variant of **Corse**.

**Early bearers:** William Corsie, 1622 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); Edward Corsie, 1734 in *IGI* (Rousay and Eglshay, Orkney).

## Corsini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**Italian:** relationship name from the personal name *Corsino*, a diminutive of *Corso* (see **Corsi**).

**Early bearers:** Peter Corsini, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Lincs); Anselmo Corsini, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London); Antonio Corsini, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London).

## Corson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights and Dumfriess

**1 Scottish:** see **Carson**.

**2 English:** (i) mainly a variant of **Curzon**. (ii) alternatively perhaps sometimes a variant of **Corston**.

**Early bearers:** Daraty Corson, 1584 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robt Corson, 1614 in *IGI* (Wragby, Lincs); Richard Corson, 1636 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); Jno. Corson, 1660 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Corson, 1702 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Thomas Corson, 1711 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts); John Corson, 1722 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

## Corston

**Variants:** Corson, Carson, Carston, Garston, Garson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Lancs; also Orkney

**1 English:** locative name from Coston (Norfolk), recorded as *Kareston* in 1198 and as *Corestone* in 1254.

**Early bearers:** William de Corstonn, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Eliz. Corston, 1738 in *IGI* (Crimplesham, Norfolk); William Corston, 1781 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

**2 Scottish:** locative name from Corston in Strathmiglo (Fife).

**Further information:** Black observes that the Orkney family ‘may have given their name to the township of Corston in Harray. Magnus of Corstath . . . was odaller of 2d. land of Corstath in 1492 (Orkney Records p. 408).”

**Early bearers:** Andrew Corstone, 1510 in Dunkeld Rentale (Perths); Elein Corston, 1609 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian); Walter Corstone, 1639 in *IGI* (North Leith, Midlothian); Adam Corstan, 1657 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Adam Corston, 1736 in *IGI* (Firth and Stenness, Orkney); William Corston, 1843 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

**3 English:** locative name from any of the places named Corston in Shrops, Somerset, and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Corston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Malmesbury borough, Wilts); Johannes Corston, 1381 in Poll Tax (Overton, Shrops); Andrew Corston, 1601, Elizabeth Carston, 1737 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Corstorphine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

**Scottish:** locative name from Corstorphine in Edinburgh (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** George Corstrophyne, 1526 in Crail Register (Crail, Fife); Martin Corstorphin, 1608 in Retours, Scotland (Fife).

## Cort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics

**English:** see **Court**.

## Corte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

**English:** see **Court**.

## Corteen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

**Manx:** relationship name reduced form of *Mac Mhártnín* ‘son of Martin’ (Broderick) or less likely of (*Mac*) *Bórstein*, an Old Scandinavian personal name (Kneen).

**Further information:** In Moore and Reaney and Wilson, it is suggested that the name is from Gaelic *Mac Cruitín* ‘son of *Cruitín*’ (from Manx *cruitin* ‘hunchbacked’), metathesized to *Mac Curtin*, but this is not accepted by modern scholars. The surname appears in the place-name Ballacorteen ‘Corteen’s farm’ (Maughold, IoM).

**Early bearers:** IoM: Quartin, 1601, Cortin, 1652, Corteen, 1659, Corteene, 1676, 1703 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

## Corten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys; Devon

**English:** see **Corton**.

## Cortes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**English:** see **Curtis**.

## Cortis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Curtis**.

## Cortnage

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Courtage**.

**Corton**Variants: **Corten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 **Norman, English:** variant of **Curtin** (2).

2 **English:** locative name from one or more of the various places named Corton, such as Corton (Suffolk), Corton Denham (Somerset), Corton in Boyton and Corton Manor in Hilmarton (both Wilts), and Corton in Portisham (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Amanenus de Cortone, 1299 in London Letter Books C (London); Willelmus Corton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Alphington, Devon); Johanne Corton', 1379 in Poll Tax (West Corton, Wilts); Angneta Corton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Chilmark, Wilts); Thomas Corton, 1553 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Richard Corton, 1600 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); George Corton, 1654 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Thomas Corton, 1688 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Mary Corton, 1709 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Wilts, pp. 162, 269.

**Corvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** probably a variant of **Corbin**.

**Corwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

**English:** see **Corden**.

**Cory**Variants: **Corey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 940, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1080
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Northants; London; also Jersey

1 **English:** relationship name possibly from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Kori* or *Kári*.

**Further information:** *Kori* is the first element of the place-name *Corby* (Lincs, Northants).

**Early bearers:** given names: Cari, 1066 in Domesday Book (Leics).

surnames: Robert Cori, 1266 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henry Cory, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Camsb); John Cory, William Cory, 1360 in Patent Rolls (London); John Cory, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Robert Cory, 1564 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Robert Cory, 1566 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Katheryn Cory, 1577 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Rachell Cory, 1583 in *IGI* (Putley, Herefs).

2 **English:** locative name from one or more of Curry Mallet or Curry Rivel (Somerset), West Curry or Cory in Morwenstow (Cornwall), or the river-name in Coryton (Devon), all of which have early spellings with *o*. Compare **Curry**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cory, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Wilts); Johannes Cory, 1379 in Poll Tax (Middlezoy, Somerset); Henry Cory, 1409 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Cory, 1489 in Feet of Fines (Nether Stowey, Somerset); John Cory, 1561 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall).

**Cosby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 73

- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds; Middx and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Laois

**English:** locative name from Cosby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Thoma de Cosby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rothley, Leics); Thoms. Cozby, 1562 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Robert Cosbye, 1586 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Nicolaus Cosbie, 1589 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Cosbie, 1606 in *IGI* (Cadeby, Leics).

**Cose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Cooze**.

**Cosens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, and Dorset; also Middx and Surrey

**English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cosford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

**English:** locative name from Cosford (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cosford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Churchover, Warwicks); Oliver Cosford, 1565 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Thomas Cosford, 1565 in *IGI* (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); Gifford Cosford, 1581 in *IGI* (Watford, Northants); Edyth Cosforde, 1589 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

**Cosgrave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 1182
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo and Galway; Wexford

**Irish:** from Ó Coscraigh, see **Cosgrove**.

**Cosgreave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

**Irish:** from Ó Coscraigh, see **Cosgrove**.

**Cosgriff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

**Irish:** see **Cosgrove**.

**Cosgrove**Variants: **Cosgrave, Cosgreave, Cosgriff, Croskery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3973, Ireland 1804
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx; Lanarks; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Armagh

1 **Irish:** adopted for Ó Coscraigh 'descendant of *Coscrach*' or Mac Coscraigh 'son of *Coscrach*', a byname meaning 'victorious, triumphant', from *coscur* 'victory, triumph'.

**Early bearers:** Cormac Mag Coscraigh, 1498 in AU; Tomas Buidhe Mag Coscraigh, 1506 in AU; Ony McCosegrave, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §173; Christopher Coskrowe, merchant, 1565 in Fiant Elizabeth §820 (Dublin); Thomas Cosgrawe, merchant, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3300 (Dublin); Edm. O'Cosker, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6309; William O'Coskirr, husbandman, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6440 (Gerripont); Donogh O'Coskry, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6511; Chr. Cosgrave, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6569.

2 **English:** locative name from Cosgrove (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Couesgraue, 1255 in Forest Pleas (Northants); John de Couesgraue, 1303 in Balliol Deeds (Oxford); Johanne Cosgrove, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kempford, Gloucs); Martha Cosgrove, 1669 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Martha Cosgrove, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Cosgrove, 1744 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); George Cosgrove, 1763 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Cosgrove, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York).

**Cosh**Variants: **Coysh, Cooze**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; IoW; Jersey; Wigtowns

1 **English:** locative name from Middle English *cosche, coush, coyse*, 'small cottage, hut, hovel'. In Essex the reference is sometimes to The Cosh in Elmdon (Essex), recorded as *Le Coys* in 1333 and *le Cosshe* in 1471.

**Early bearers:** Lucas de la Kosche, 1248 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Robert Cosh, 1272–1307 in Ancient Deeds ii (Leics); Philip atte Coisse, 1306 in Saint Bartholomew's Priory, Smithfield (London), identical with Philip atte Koush, 1318 in Feet of Fines and Philip atte Cossh, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Elmdon, Essex); John Cosh, 1327, John Coissh', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cerne Abbas, Dorset); Roger de Coyssh, 1327, Herbert le Coys [*sic*], 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Stoughton, Sussex); Willelmus de Kous, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hinstock, Shrops); Margaret Coyse, 1577 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); John Coshe, 1592, Nicholas Coysh, 1614 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Walter Coshe, 1597 in PROB 11 (Durweston, Dorset); Thomasine Coysh, 1633 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); John Cosh, 1718 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Joanna Coysh, 1753 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Essex, p. 527.

2 **Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** from Mac Coise, see **McCosh**.

**Coshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

**English:** variant of **Costall** (from Cossall (Notts), recorded as *Coshal(e)* in the 13th and 14th centuries).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Cosayl, 1379 in Poll Tax; Willelmo Cossale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Asfordby, Leics); Margaret Coshall, 1687, Richard Coshall, 1702 in Parish Registers (Mayfield, Staffs); Wm. Cosal, 1786 in *IGI* (Woodhouse, Leics).

**Cosham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** locative name from Cosham (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Ricardo Cosham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lambourn, Berks); William Cosham, 1406 in PROB 11 (Owslebury, Hants); John Cosham, 1545 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); Thoms. Cosham, 1565 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex).

**Cosier**

**Variants:** Cozier, Cowser, Cowzer, Couser, Cousar, Causier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon, and Warwicks

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *cosere* 'horse dealer'.  
**Early bearers:** Will. le Cosere, 1316 in Gaol Delivery Rolls (Essex); Willelmo Coser', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hillbeck, Westm); Jone Cosyer (Cowser), 1561, John Cosare (Cowser), 1567 in Parish Registers (Ledbury, Herefs); Grace Cosier, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); John Cosier, 1611 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Dorothy Cosier, 1625 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants); Robert Cosier, 1636 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Robert Cosier, 1665 in Hearth Tax (Oxon).  
**References:** Fransson, p. 55.

**Cosin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English:** see **Cousin**.

**Cosker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Pembrokes; Kent
- Irish:** from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.

**Coslett**

**Variants:** Cosslett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Lancs
- German, Welsh:** nickname from early Modern German *korselett* 'corslet, piece of body armour'. The name is said to have arrived in Wales from Westphalia in the person of Corslet Tinkhaus, an expert in the production of malleable iron, who came in 1567 at the behest of an Elizabethan monopoly patent-holder for iron wire, William Humfrey, active in Usk and Tintern (Monmouths) and Machen (Glamorgan). If that is correct, Tinkhaus' given name (or rather nickname) was inherited by his descendants rather than his surname. The English loss of /t/ before /s/ has many parallels, e.g. in *cuss* for *curse*.  
**Further information:** The name's distribution abuts that of **Cosnett**. It is not known whether that may sometimes be a variant of *Coslett* or vice versa, but it is recorded before 1567. It is possible that the present form of *Coslett* was influenced by it.  
**Early bearers:** John Coslett, 1592 in PROB 11 (Colerne, Wilts); Matilda Costlet, 1600 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Rowland Cosled, Thomas Goslett, 1670 in

Hearth Tax (Rudry, Glamorgan); Stephen Coslett, 1672 in *IGI* (Kentchurch, Herefs); Charles Coslett, 1682 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Rebecca Coslett, 1685 in *IGI* (Kidwelly, Carmarthen); Sara Coslet, 1703 in *IGI* (Trevethin, Monmouths); Thomas Coslet, 1720 in *IGI* (Llandilo Fawr, Carmarthen); John Corslet, 1750, Morgan Coslet, 1758 in *IGI* (Lydney, Gloucs).  
**References:** Schubert, H.R. (1957) *History of the British Iron and Steel Industry from c.450 B.C. to A.D. 1775*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, p. 298, citing documentation from the Archive of Burg Altena, Altena, Westphalia, Germany.

**Cosnahan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** nickname from a byname based on a diminutive of *cosnach* 'defender'; compare Irish **Cushnahan**.  
**Early bearers:** Laurence Cosnahan, 1539 in *IGI* (IoM); Margaret Cosnahan, 1695 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Margaret Cosnahan, 1716 in *IGI* (Santon, IoM).

**Cosnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

**English:** unexplained; see **Coslett**.  
**Early bearers:** John Cossnet, 1546, Conand Cossnett, 1551 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Armel Cosnett, 1603 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs).

**Coss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 220
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Devon: Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois
- 1 Irish:** reduced anglicized form of **Mac Coise**, probably 'son of the footman'. See **McCosh**.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: David McCosh, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Skerry, Antrim).  
 Scotland: David Coss, 1667 in *IGI* (Torryburn, Fife).  
**2 English:** unexplained. Perhaps from Middle English *cos(s)* 'kiss' or related to *cosser* 'horse dealer'.  
**Early bearers:** John Cosse, 1571 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Joane Cosse, 1624 in PROB 11 (Chedley, Somerset); Christopher Cosse, 1640 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Coss, 1645 in Parish Registers (Stepney, Middx); Abra Coss, 1652 in Parish Registers (Plymouth, Devon).

**Cossar**

**Variants:** Cosser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- English, Scottish:** occupational name from Middle English *cosser* 'dealer, especially a horsedealer, broker'.  
**Early bearers:** England: Hugh le Cussere, 1294, Ralph le Kosser', 1299 in Fransson (Essex); Willelmo Coser', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hillbeck, Westm); John Cosser, Cossier, 1392 in London Letter Books H; Mattha Cosser, 1579 in Parish Registers (All Saints, Eyke, Suffolk); Willm Cosser, 1606 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Heleane Cossar, 1640 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Thomas Cossar, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Vintry, London); Frances Cossor, 1716 in Parish Registers (Saint James, Piccadilly,

Westminster, Middx); Joseph Cossier, 1739 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).  
 Scotland: Henry Cosour, Cosur, 1318 in Robert I Charters (Lamberton, Berwicks); Henry Cocour, Cosour, 1332 in Berwicks History (Lamberton, Berwicks); Alexander, Robert, and Dugal Cosour, 1476 in Stirling Burgh Records (Stirling); David Coissure, 1541 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts; Alison Cosser, 1606 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Alexander Cossar, 1645 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Agnes Cossar, 1679 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); John Cossar, 1684 in *IGI* (Stobo, Peebles); James Cossor, 1747 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks).

**Cossell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Costall**.

**Cossens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cossentine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English:** relationship name from a traditional English pronunciation of **Constantine**.

**Cosser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; Northumb
- English:** see **Cossar**.

**Cossey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 783, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English:** locative name from Costessey in Norfolk, recorded as *Costeseia* in Domesday Book.  
**Early bearers:** Blitha de Costeseye, de Coteseye, 1230 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); John Cosseye, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**Cossington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** locative name from Cossington in Aylesford (Kent), which is recorded as *Cusintone* in 1210–12, *Cosinton'* in 1278, and from Cossington (Leics), which is recorded as *Cosintone* in 1086, *Cusinton* in 1176. Possibly also from Cossington (Somerset), which is recorded as *Cosintone* in 1086, *Cusinton* in 1196, though no medieval bearers have been noted in the south-west. The three place-names all mean 'farmstead associated with a man called Cusa or \*Cosa + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.  
**Early bearers:** SE England: Stephen de Cusinton, 1207, Stephen de Cusynton, William de Cusintone, 1267 in Feet of Fines (Kent); William de Cosynton, 1300 in

TNA (Aylesford, Kent); Stephen de Cosyntone, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Joan de Cosyngton', 1372 in Feet of Fines (Little Thurrock, Essex); Thomas Cosyntone, 1374–5 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); John de Cosyngton, 1414 in TNA (Allington, Kent); Stephen Cosyntone, 1446 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Aylesford, Kent); William Cosyngton, 1464 in PROB 11 (Aylesford, Kent); Thomas Cosyngton, 1504 in TNA (Kent); Nic Cosinton, 1545 in Boyd's London Burials (Saint Benet Fink, Tottenham, Middx); William Cossington, 1768 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).  
 Midlands: Ralph de Cusintun, 1199–1216 in Berkeley Castle Charters (Cossington, Leics); Ivo de Cosintun, about 1237, Gervasius de Cusington, 1265, Tho. de Cosington, corviser, 1359–60 in Leicester Freemen Register (Leics); Serlo de Cosyngton, 1352 in Early Lincoln Wills (Leicester, Leics); John de Cosyngton', chaplain, 1352, Roger de Cosyngton', vicar of Saint Martin Leycestre, 1362 in Feet of Fines (Leicester, Leics).  
 SW England: Laurence Cossington, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); Margaret Cossington, 1666 in Parish Registers (Saint Peter, Thornbury, Devon).  
**References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 145; Kentish Place-Names, pp. 154–5; Place-Names of Leics 3, p. 59; Ekwall, DEPN, p. 123.

### Cossins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; WR Yorks; Kent
- English:** see **Cousins**.

### Cosslett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths
- Welsh:** see **Coslett**.

### Cossom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Cosson**.

### Cosson

**Variants:** **Cossom**, **Cossons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Kent
- English:** occupational name from Middle English \**cosson*, a borrowing of Old French *coçon* 'merchant, horse dealer'. Compare **Cossar**.  
**Further information:** Compare Robert le Marescal 'Cossun', 1280, Hugh Pope 'cossun', 1292 in London Letter Books A; John de Kent 'cozon', 1306 in London Letter Books B.  
**Early bearers:** Walterus Cosson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Calverley, WR Yorks); Rafe Cosson, 1573 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Dennis Cossone, 1590 in *IGI* (Chalvington, Sussex); Thomas Cossome, 1595 in *IGI* (Chalvington, Sussex); Simon Cossom, 1638 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Rich'D Cossum, 1704 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent).

### Cossons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 **English:** see **Cousins**.

2 **English:** variant of **Cosson** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Cossons, 1644 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); John Cossons, 1747 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Cosstick

**Variants:** **Costick**, **Coulstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** locative name from, or associated with, Cowstocks Wood in Danehill (Sussex), recorded as *Custok*, *Coustokin* 1296 Subsidy Rolls, and *Cousticks* in 1724.

**Early bearers:** John de Cokstok, 1288 in Place-Names of Sussex (Sussex); Elener Cowstocke, 1586 in *IGI* (Hamsey, Sussex); Robert Coustock, 1626 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Thomas Costick, 1788 in *IGI* (Seaford, Sussex).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 336.

### Costa

**Variants:** **Dacosta**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2569, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Italian, Portuguese, Catalan, Occitan, Spanish:** (i) locative name denoting someone who lived on the coast or on a slope or river bank (ultimately from Latin *costa* 'rib', 'flank'), or from any of the many places named with this word. (ii) possibly in some instances a respelling of **Coster**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Costa, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Ponton, Lincs); An Costa, 1627 in *IGI* (Bucknall, Lincs); Gabriel Raphael Costa, 1760–84 in *IGI* (London).

### Costain

**Variants:** **Costin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

1 **Manx:** relationship name from a reduced form of **Mac Austein**, 'son of *Austein*', which might represent an unrecorded Old Scandinavian personal name \**Auðsteinn* or a scandinavianized version of Latin *Augustinus*, with substitution of Old Scandinavian *-steinn*.

**Further information:** The isolated form Mac Corsten, 1511, led Kneen to derive the Manx surname from the Old Scandinavian personal name *bórsteinn*, but this is inconsistent with the early spellings in *-au-*.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Austeyn, Mac Costen, Mac Costein, 1511, Costen, 1580, 1653, Causten, 1603, Costain, 1643, Causteen, 1675, Costeen, 1686, Costean, Costeane, 1703 in Kneen.

**England:** William Costain, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

**References:** Broderick, Manx Place-Names, at Ballacostain; Kneen.

2 **English, Scottish:** variant of **Costin**, but in NW England it could be the Manx name.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Costeine, 1674, Frances Coston, 1810 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Costall

**Variants:** **Cossell**, **Coshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Cheshire

**English:** locative name from Cossall (Notts), recorded as *Costhale*, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Robart Costall, 1565 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Willm Cossell, 1596 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Johannis Cossall, 1612 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mary Costal, 1755 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs).

### Costar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks and Oxon
- English:** see **Coster**.

### Costard

**Variants:** **Custard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Somerset
- English:** see **Coster**.

### Costas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Spanish and Portuguese:** locative name from the plural of **Costa** 'riverside'.

**Early bearers:** Thos Costas, born in Gloucs, in Census 1841 (Gloucs); Thomas Costas, born in Lancs, in Census 1841 (Lancs); Frederick Costas, born in Middx, in Census 1841 (Middx); Jose Manuel Costas, born in Spain, in Census 1871 (Lancs).

### Coste

**Variants:** **Coast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** relationship name from a short form of the personal name **Constantine**. Compare **Costin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Coste de Widkale, 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Costus Falconarius, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Notts).

urnames: Osbert Coste, 1218 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Hugo Coste, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Roger Cost, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Toltingtrough hundred, Kent); Roger Cost' of Burgh, 1335 in Feet of Fines (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); Richard Cost, 1442 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Elizabeth Coste, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Margett Coste, 1555 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Petur Coste, 1577 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rbti Coste, 1577 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent); Thos Coast, 1584 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds); Edmond Coast, 1585 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); Isabell Coste, 1597 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); John Coast, 1637 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Richard Coast, 1660 in *IGI* (London).

### Costella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** from **Mac Oisdealbhaigh**, see **Costello**.

### Costello

**Variants:** **Costelloe**, **Castello**, **Costella**, **Costley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6693, Ireland 4786
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1821

## Costelloe

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway and Mayo

**Irish:** from **Mac Oisdealbhaigh** ‘son of *Oisdealbhach*’, a personal name from *os* ‘deer, fawn’ + *dealbhach* ‘resembling in form; -shaped’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane duff McCastilo, kern, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4608 (Garbally, Galway); Henry mcEdm. dufe McKosdella, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4707 (Ballyleyn, Galway); Katherine Costillie, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6309; Nancy Costelloe, 1820 in *IGI* (Kilmeedy, Limerick); Peter Costella, 1867 in *IGI* (Kildare).

**Scotland:** Daniel Costello, 1852 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Bridget Costella, 1871 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons).

**England:** Ann Costelow, 1734 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Margaret Costella, 1796 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Charles James Costella, 1877 in *IGI* (Westminster, Essex).

## Costelloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 1389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary and Galway; Kerry

**Irish:** from **Mac Oisdealbhaigh**, see **Costello**.

## Costelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics; Lancs
- English:** see **Gostelow**.

## Costen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

**English:** see **Costin**.

## Coster

**Variants:** **Costar**, **Custer**, **Custard**, **Costard**, **Gustard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 69
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 881
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, also Herts; Hants
- English:** nickname, relationship name from Middle English *costard* ‘variety of large, prominently ribbed apple’, used to denote a grower or seller of such apples, but also evidently also used as a personal name.

**Further information:** In the 16th century *costard* was used as a slang term for the head.

**Early bearers:** Alan filius Costard, about 1160 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Alexander filius Costard, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Costardus, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Richard Costard, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Fraunceys Costard, 1449 in *Paston Letters*.

## Costi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**Italian:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Eliza Costi in *Census 1881* (Market Weighton, Yorks); Jane E. Costi in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, Yorks); Satneo Costi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

## Costick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** see **Cosstick**.

## Costigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 675
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Laois, and Kilkenny

**Irish:** from **Mac Oistigín** ‘son of *Oistigín*’, gaelicized form of English **Hodgkin**.

**Early bearers:** William McCostike, kern, 1552 in Fiant Edward §1105 (Kilkenny); Carwell mcGeffrey McCostigine, 1562 in Fiant Elizabeth §442; Shane McCostigin, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2348; Shere McCostikyn, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2597 (Queen’s county [Laois]); Donogh leghe McCostegine, horseman, 1575 in Fiant Elizabeth §2700 (Balleclaghne, Kilkenny); Margaret ny Costigin, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §3950; Margaret ny Costigen, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4739; Donell McCostigin, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6110; Dermod McCostegane, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6152 (Kildare); Donell McCostegan, vicar, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6551; Grany ny Costegan, shot, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6551 (the Derren, Queen’s county [Laois]).

## Costin

**Variants:** **Costen**, **Costain**, **Coston**, **Costine**, **Costins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 843, Ireland 80
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent; also Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

**1 English, Scottish:** relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Costin*, *Costein*, a reduced form of Old French **Constantine**, Anglo-Norman French *Costetin*, from Latin *Constantinus* (a derivative of Latin *constans* ‘firm, constant’). Its use as a given name in W Europe originated in honour of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor (early 4th century).

**Early bearers:** given names: Costin, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Costinus, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Costetine, 1222 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Costane, Costan, 1583 in *Withycombe* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Costaine or Constantine, 1586 in *Withycombe* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

sumames, England: Henry Costen, 1182, Henry Costein, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Alex Costein, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Elycia Costantyn, 1311, Costyn, 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; William Costen, 1597, Micall Costen, 1659, Susan Costen, 1715, John Costin, 1826 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds); Martha Costen, 1655 in *IGI* (Old Charlton, Kent); William Costhen, 1686 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Jenny Costin, 1763, Henry Costen, 1813 in *IGI* (Wateringbury, Kent).

sumames, Scotland: Ralph Costein, 1200 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); James Costyne, 1527 in *Edinburgh Burgh Records* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bessie Costein, 1637, Agnes Costine, 1811 in *IGI* (Dumfries).

**2 English, Scottish, Manx:** relationship name in NW England, it may be a variant of Manx **Costain**, but the examples below could equally belong to the Scottish or English name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Petrus Costin, 1665 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Adam Coston, 1736, Peggy Costin, 1757, William Costain, 1799, James Costine, 1863 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Costin, 1773, John Coston, 1788 in *IGI* (Allonby, Cumb).

## Costine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kirkcudbrights

**Scottish:** see **Costin**.

## Costins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; London

**English:** variant of **Costin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Harry Costins, 1616 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); William Costins, 1796 in *IGI* (Shrawley, Worcs); George Costens, 1832 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs).

## Costley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Down

**Irish:** see **Costello**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas Costoly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford); Morris Costely, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaduff, Leitrim).

## Coston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

**1 English:** locative name mostly from Coston (Norfolk), though there are similarly named places in Shrops and Leics.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Cotston’, de Costun’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Stephen de Coston, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de Costone, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Coston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Johanne Coston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Lazars, Leics); Joane Coston, 1569 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Anne Coston, 1579 in *IGI* (Yarpole, Herefs); Willm. Coston, 1670 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

**2 English:** see **Costin**.

## Cosway

**Variants:** **Causeway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name unexplained. Probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Gorge Cosway, 1624 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Binjimin Cosway, 1722 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon).

## Cosyns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk
- English:** see **Cousins**.



**Cote**

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England
- English: see *Coate*.

**Cotes**

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 172
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Midlands and S England
- English: see *Coates*.

**Cotgrave**

Variants: *Cotgreave*, *Cotgrove*

- Current frequencies: GB 364, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Shrops
- English: locative name from Cotgreave in Mapperley (Derbys) or Cotgrave (Notts).
- Early bearers: Robert de Cotegraue, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas de Cotegrave, 1259 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Willelmus Cotgrave, 1377 in Poll Tax (Belton, Rutland); Richard Cotgrave, 1458 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); John Cotgreave, 1577 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Henry Cotgrove, 1602 in PROB 11 (Gloucester, Gloucs); George Cotgrave, 1603 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); Benja. Cotgrove, 1800 in *IGI* (Leigh on Sea, Essex).
- References: Place-Names of Derbys.

**Cotgreave**

- Current frequencies: GB 192, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 91
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- English: see *Cotgrave*.

**Cotgrove**

- Current frequencies: GB 208, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 168
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see *Cotgrave*.

**Cotham**

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 91
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see *Cotton*.

**Cother**

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- English: probably from a form of Middle English *coter* 'cottager'; Middle English *coth* occurs as a variant of *cot(e)* 'cottage'. See *Cotter* (2).
- Early bearers: Johes Cother, 1547 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Thomas Cother, 1582 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Cristopher Cother, 1599 in Parish Registers (Canterbury, Kent); George Cother, 1617 in *IGI* (Preston near Dymock, Gloucs).

**Cotman**

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and Notts
- English: see *Coatman*.

**Cotmore**

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks; also Devon
- English: see *Cutmore*.

**Cotney**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Cumb
- N English: see *Catney*.
- Early bearers: John Cotney, 1560 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Robert Cotney, 1564 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Alice Cotney, 1571 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham).

**Coton**

- Current frequencies: GB 586, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 274
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see *Cotton*.

**Cottrell**

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 58
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England
- English: see *Cottrell*.

**Cott**

Variants: *Cotts*

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland 66
- GB frequency 1881: 147
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk, also Cambs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Cotta*.

Further information: Some early examples in *Cote* may belong under *Coate*.

Early bearers: given names: Cota atte Staple, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Adam filius Cote, 1307 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks).

surames: Olmenus Cota, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon); Blakeman Cot, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Thomas Cote, 1312 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Symon Cott', 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thoma Cott, 1596 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk).

**Cottage**

- Current frequencies: GB 247, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 99
- Main GB location 1881: London; Cambs

English: a local pronunciation of *Cottis*, which is probably a variant of *Coates*. The change in the final syllable is similar to that in *Surridge* for earlier *Surreis*, and an intermediate stage is shown by Edmund Cottishe, 1612 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex).

Further information: There is no evidence to support the view in some dictionaries that it derives from Middle English *cottage* 'cottage'.

Early bearers: Thomas Cottage, 1568 in *IGI* (London); Benet Cotage, 1585 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); Dorothe Coots, 1591, Thomas Cottage, 1705, Thomas Cottage, 1706, Anthony Cotes, 1709 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Mary Cottage, 1666 in *IGI* (London); Clement Coticce, 1707, Jane Cottage, 1723 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds).

**Cottam**

- Current frequencies: GB 2617, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 1814
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- English: see *Cotton*.

**Cottee**

Variants: *Cottey*

- Current frequencies: GB 548, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 261
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

1 English: in most cases probably a variant of *Cottis*, with loss of final *-s*. Compare Eliz Cottis (1690) and Thomas Cottee (1734) of Woodham Mortimer, Essex, in *IGI*. For the process, compare *Norry*.

Early bearers: Alysawnder Cottie, 1561 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent); Agn. Cottey, 1561 in *IGI* (Milton Bryant, Beds); John Cotty, 1566 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Richard Cottie, 1568 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Richard Cottee, 1641 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); John Cottee, 1706 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); John Cottee, 1786 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex).

2 English: alternatively it may be a variant of *Cottey*, although this is chiefly a Devon name.

**Cottel**

- GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see *Cottle*.

**Cottell**

- Current frequencies: GB 248, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 237
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; Cornwall
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway
- English: see *Cottle*.

**Cotten**

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 219
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; Hants
- English: see *Cotton*.

**Cottenham**

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 78
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: locative name from Cottenham (Cambs). There may have been some confusion with *Cottingham*.

Early bearers: Sturmid de Cotenham, 1086 in Ely Inquisition (Cambs); Richard de Cotenham, 1177–87 in Newington Longeville Charters (Cambs); Walter de Cotenham, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Cottenham, 1736 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

**Cotter**

Variants: *Cother*

- Current frequencies: GB 2441, Ireland 3121
- GB frequency 1881: 1120
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from a reduced form of *Mac Coitir*, earlier *Mac Oitir* 'son of *Oitir*', a gaelicized form of the Old Scandinavian

## Cotterall

personal name *Óttarr*. Compare Manx **Cottier**. In England the name is usually that of Irish immigrant families rather than the English name in (2).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Archibald Cottar, 1799 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

Ireland: Wm. McTho. Mac Cotter, kern, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4673 (the Court, Cork); James mcGarret mcPeirsMcCotter, yeoman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4752 (Corut); James Cotter, 1754 in *IGI* (Macroom, Cork).

England: James Cotter, born in Ireland, in Census 1841 (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Cotter, in Census 1841 (Clifton, Gloucs); Richard Cotter, in Census 1881 (Everton, Lancs).

Wales: Michel Cotter, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

**2 English:** status name from Middle English *coter* 'cottager', Old French *cotier*, a feudal term for a villain who held a cottage by labour service rather than rent. Compare **Cotman**, **Cotterel**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Cotier, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); William le Coter, 1270 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); William le Cotere, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Essex); Georgius Coter, 1568 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Henry Cottar, 1680 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Cotterall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Cottrell**.

### Cotterel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Somerset
- English: see **Cottrell**.

### Cotterell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Gloucs; Middx, Surrey, and Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: see **Cottrell**.

### Cotterill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4166, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2583
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Cottrell**.

### Cottey

Variants: **Cottee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from Cuthays in Axminster (Devon), recorded as *Coteheie* in 1246.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cotehegh, 1297 in Patent Rolls; Richard de Coteheye, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Johane Cottey, 1539, Gregorye Cothay, 1586, William Cothaie, 1636 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Mary Cottee, 1759 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon. p. 634.

### Cottier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb

**Manx:** relationship name from Gaelic *Mac Ottar* 'son of *Ottar*', a personal name borrowed from Old Scandinavian *Óttarr*. Compare Irish **Cotter**.

**Further information:** Places called *Ballacottier* 'Cottier's farm' are found in several parishes in IoM (Andreas, Braddan, Bride, Lezayre, Onchan, and Patrick).

**Early bearers:** IoM: Haver Macoter, 1334 in Kneen; Mac Otter, 1432, 1511, Mac Cotter, Mac Cotier, 1504, Cotter, 1603, 1741, Cottar, 1647, Cottear, 1672, Cotteire, 1687, Cotcher, 1802 in Kneen.

England: Thomas Cottier, 1743 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Robert Cottier, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Cottingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1241, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 791
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Cavan
- English:** locative name from either of two places called Cottingham in ER Yorks and Northants. There may have been some confusion with **Cottenham**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Cotyngham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Nigellus Cotyngham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bampton, Oxon); Andreas de Cotyngham, 1377 in Poll Tax (North Luffenham, Rutland); Thomas Cotyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lowick, Northants); Johannes Cotyngham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fishmarketgate, Beverley, ER Yorks); Johanne de Cotyngham, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Willm Cottingham, 1563 in PROB 11 (London); Elizabetha Cottingham, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Johanis Cottingham, 1577 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Henre Cottingham, 1587 in *IGI* (Workshop, Notts).

### Cottington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- 1 English:** locative name from Cottenden in Ticehurst (Sussex), the medieval evidence for which is represented by the surnames cited below. The place-name probably means 'woodland pasture associated with a man called Cotela', from an Old English personal name \**Cotela* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *denn* 'woodland pasture (especially for swine)'.

**Early bearers:** Heilrico de Cotelindene, about 1180 in Cumbwell Charters (Kent and Sussex); Willmo de Kotelyndenn, 1296, Godefr' de Codelingedenne, 1327, Johe de Codelendenne, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Ticehurst, Sussex); Ralph Cotyngdon, 1392 in Patent Rolls (Surrey); William Cotelynden, 1450 in East Sussex Record Office (Ticehurst, Sussex); Saphiri Cotynden, 1497, John Cottynden, 1510 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Lenham, Kent); Thomasyn Cottenden, 1586 in Parish Registers (Orlestone, Kent); William Cottenden, 1611 in *IGI* (Ruckinge, Kent); George Cottington, 1666 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex); Thomas Cottington, 1667 in Parish Registers (Uckfield, Sussex); Edward Cottingden, 1758 in East Sussex Record Office (Buxted, Sussex); John Cottenton, 1791 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 452.

**2 English:** occasionally a variant of **Coddington**.

### Cottis

Variants: **Cottiss**, **Cottage**, **Cottee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** probably a variant of **Coates**.

**Early bearers:** Florence Cottys, 1610, James Cotes, 1780 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edmund Cottishe, 1612 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); John Cottis, 1681, Alfred Cottis, 1832 in *IGI* (Witham, Essex).

### Cottiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Cottis**.

### Cottle

Variants: **Cottel**, **Cottell**, **Cuttell**, **Cuttill**, **Cuttle**, **Cuthell**, **Cuthill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1456, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Wilts

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Dublin

**1 English:** locative name from any of three places in Devon named Cotleigh or Cotley.

**Early bearers:** John de Cotele, 1278 in Place-Names of Wilts; Nicholas de Cottele, 1320 in Patent Rolls (Dorset); Silvester de Cottele, 1340 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Johanna Cottele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Banbury, Oxon); Willm Cottle, 1586 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).

**2 English:** (i) nickname; the first form is probably from Old French *cotel* 'coat of mail'. (ii) nickname; the later examples may also derive from Old French *cotel*, *coutel* 'short knife or dagger', used to denote a cutler.

**Early bearers:** Beringarius Cotel, 1084 in Geld Roll (Wilts); Adam Cotella, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Eilwinus Kutel, Cutel, 1185 in Templars Records (Essex); Richard Cotel, 1242 in Book of Fees; Walter Cotel, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Dor. Cottle, 1560 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Isabell Cottle, 1583 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Ane Cottle, 1596 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); Joan Cottle, 1622 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Marie Cottle, 1622 in *IGI* (Smeeth, Kent).

**References:** Place-Names of Wilts.

### Cottman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Coatman**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Cotton**.

### Cotton

Variants: **Cotten**, **Cottam**, **Cottom**, **Cotham**, **Coton**, **Coaten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8705, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7050

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English:** locative name from any of numerous places named from Old English (*æt cotum* ‘at the cottages or huts’, or sometimes possibly from a Middle English plural form of the same word (*coten*): Coton (Cams), Far Cotton (Northants), Coatham (Durham, NR Yorks), Cotham (Notts), Cottam (Notts, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Randulf de Cotton, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Ralph de Cottum, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Stephen de Coten, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Lincs); John de Cotome, 1310 in London Letter Books B; Johannes de Cotton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blofield, Norfolk); William Cotton, 1459 in PROB 11 (London); Brian Cotham, 1569, Cotam, 1596 in York Freeman’s Register (York); William Cotham, 1637 in PROB 11 (Warnham, Sussex).

### Cottrall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Lancs
- English:** see **Cottrell**.

### Cottrell

**Variants:** Cotterill, Cotterell, Cotterel, Cotrell, Cottrall, Cottrill, Cotterall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4679, Ireland 158
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2666
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** status name from Old French *coterel*, a diminutive of Old French *cotier* ‘cottager’ (Latin *coterellus*, 1086 in Domesday Book). Compare **Cotter**. **Early bearers:** William Coterel, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (London); Gerard Coterel, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Honde Cottrell, 1288 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Johanne Cotterul, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Robert Cotterell, 1555 in PROB 11 (Winford, Somerset); Nicholas Cotterell or Cottrell, 1619 in PROB 11 (Hill Croome, Worcs).

**2 English:** in the SW, there may have been some confusion with **Cottle** (2), Frampton Cotterell, recorded in 1167 as Franton’ Ade Cotelli, having been named after the Cotel family, who held the manor from the 12th century.

### Cottrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs

**English:** see **Cottrell**.

### Cotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dumfriess; Norfolk

**English:** variant of **Cott**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cotts, 1584 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Wm. Cotts, 1627 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Coubrough

**Variants:** Cuthbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings
- Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of **McCoubrey**. **Early bearers:** David Cowbrath, 1515 in Swintons of that ilk; Euphame Cubrughe, 1669 in Hamilton Testaments (Cadder, Lanarks); John Coubrough, 1721 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings).

### Couch

**Variants:** Couche, Cooch, Gouge, Goudge, Goodge, Gudge, Gutch, Gooch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2060, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1771
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *couch(e)* ‘hump, hunch’, used for a hunchback. In Cornwall and Devon it is usually pronounced as *Cooch*. Some of the following examples may alternatively belong under (2), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** SW England: Roberto Coche, Matille Couch, Johanne Couch, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Dorset); Alana Couch, Ricardo Couch, Nich’ Couch, Johanne Cuch, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dorset); Thomas Coche, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hartland hundred, Devon); Geoffrey Couche, 1351 in Feet of Fines (Plymouth, Devon); John Coche, 1456–9 in Feet of Fines (Cornwall); Thomas, Lawrence, and Richard Cowche, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Crediton, Devon); William Coche senior, 1525, identical with William Cowche senior, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Bodmin, Cornwall); Edmond Couch, 1655 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); John Cowch, 1704 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

W England: Simon Couch, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thomas Cuche, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Robertus Couch, 1609 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Ann Kouch, 1710 in *IGI* (Kingswood by Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Mary Couch, 1732 in *IGI* (Moccas, Herefs); Samuel Couch, 1735 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

SE England: John Couch, 1386 in London Pleas (London and Middx); Matthew Couch, 1633 in *IGI* (Stepney, London, and Middx); Isake Couch, 1656 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Couch, 1692 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Richard Couch, 1697 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *coche*, *couche* ‘bed, couch, tablecloth’ (Old French *couche*, *culche*). It could have been used for someone who made such items or for a lazy individual.

Alternatively it could have been applied to someone who produced *couchwork*, a luxurious embroidery in which gold or silver thread and jewels were sewn into satin or silk robes. See **Coucher**.

**3 English:** see **Gooch**.

**4 Welsh:** variant of **Cough**, from Welsh *coch* ‘red(-haired)’. Compare **Gooch** (2). *Coch* may have been taken by Welsh migrants to Devon and Cornwall, and confused with the English surname **Couch**, **Cooch**.

### Couche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Lancs

**1 English:** see **Couch**.

**2 English:** see **Gooch**.

### Coucher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English:** see **Cowcher**.

### Couchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1110, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 979
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** occupational name from a compound of Middle English *couche* ‘bed, couch’ + Middle English *man*, denoting a maker of couchwork, bed hangings, or bedding; compare **Cowcher**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cocheman, 1374 in Court Rolls (Hants); William Cusshman, 1473, William Couchman, 1488, Laurence Cuycheman, 1517, Laurence Cochman, 1518 in Cranbrook Wills (Kent); William Cowcheman, 1500 in Kent Wills (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Cuschman, 1508 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Benenden, Kent); William Coucheman, 1568 in PROB 11 (Tonbridge, Kent); Tilney Couchman, 1632 in PROB 11 (London).

### Couden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

**English:** see **Cowden**

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Coudray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Guernsey Channel Islands: see **Cowdrey**.

### Coudrill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Cowdrill**.

### Cough

**Variants:** Couch, Cuff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

**1 English:** (i) see **Cuff**. (ii) see **Cove**.

**Early bearers:** John Cough, 1620 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Judith Cough, 1628 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Ardrey Cough, 1657 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Charles Coff, 1693 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Elizabeth Cough, 1695 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); William Coff, 1728 *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset).

**2 Welsh:** variant of **Gough**.

**Early bearers:** Geruerd Coh, 1160 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); John Coh, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Meriaduc Choch, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); Timothy Cough, 1795 in *IGI* (Ayestry, Herefs); John Cough, 1796 in *IGI* (Hinstock, Shrops).

**3 Irish:** see **Cuffe**.

### Coughlan

**Variants:** Coughlin, Coglán, Cufflin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2517, Ireland 4537
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Waterford; Offaly

## Coughlin

**Irish:** from *Mac Cochláin* or *Ó Cochláin* ‘son (or descendant) of *Cochlán*’, a byname derived from *cochal* ‘cloak, hood’. The *Mac* form is found chiefly in County Offaly; the *Ó* form in County Cork.  
**Early bearers:** Mag Cochlan, king of Dealbhna, 1288 in AU; Fergal Mac Cochlan, 1371 in AU; Domnall Mag Cochlain, king of Dealbhna, 1386 in AU; Cormac, mac Eogain, mic an Easpuic Meg Cochlain, 1498 in AU; Margery ny Coghlan, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1201; John alias Shane McCoglan, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §762 (Cloghan); John McCoghlane, gent., 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1580 (Clogheane); Arthur McCoghlan, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1580 (Clogheane); Brian McCoghlan, kern, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1824 (Feddan, Laois); Teig McCoghlan, kern, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1848 (Garvally, Laois); Brian mac Cormock McCoughlan, gent., 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2182; Edm. Macoughland, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3223 (Kings county [Offaly]); Teig McCoughlan, knight, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3878; James oge McCoughlan, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4140 (Galway); Donogh Coyne McCoghlan, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4167 (Kings county [Offaly]); Gerot Coghlan, gent., 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4223 (Cloghran, King’s county [Offaly]); Teig mcDermod mcTeig I Coughlain, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4416 (Ardytnain, Cork); Conoghor roe O’Coghlane, horseman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4673; Philip buy mcDonogh mcConnoghor O’Coghlane, horseboy, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4848 (Kylbritten, Cork); John Macoghlan, knight, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4861 (Cloghran, King’s county [Offaly]); James oge McCoghlane, gent., 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4867 (Fedan, Offaly).

### Coughlin

Variants: *Coghlan*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1147, Ireland 173
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork
- Irish:** from *Mac Cochláin* or *Ó Cochláin*, see *Coughlan*.

### Coughran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish:** see *Cochrane*.  
**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Coughtrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic:** from *Mac Uchtraigh*, see *McAughtrie*.

### Coughtrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic:** from *Mac Uchtraigh*, see *McAughtrie*.

### Cougill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English:** see *Cowgill*.

### Coul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Aberdeens
- English, Scottish:** see *Cole*.

### Coulam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see *Cowlam*.

### Coulbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see *Colbeck*.

### Coulbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see *Colbourne*.  
**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Coulby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English:** see *Colby*.

### Couldrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; London
- Norman, English:** see *Cowdrey*.

### Couldridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Devon; Kent
- English:** see *Coleridge*, of which this is probably a variant.

### Couldwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see *Caldwell*.

### Coule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- 1 **Scottish:** see *Coll*.  
2 **English, Scottish:** see *Cole*.

### Coules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English:** see *Coles*.

### Couling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; Lincs; Middx
- English:** see *Cowling*.

### Coull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1917, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1009
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Banffs
- 1 **Scottish:** locative name from *Coull* (Aberdeens).  
**Early bearers:** Sir John Cowill, 1567 in Aboyne Records (Aberdeen); Patrick Coule, 1479 in Lindores Chartulary (Newburgh, Fife); David Cowle, 1481 in Scotland Calendar; Issobell Coull, 1629 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margret Coull, 1669 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banffs).  
2 **Scottish:** see *Coll*.  
3 **English, Scottish:** see *Cole*.

### Coulling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon; Lincs
- English:** see *Cowling*.

### Coulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; ER Yorks; Middx
- English:** see *Coleman*.

### Coulsdon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English:** locative name from *Coulsdon* in Upton Snodsbury (Worcs), recorded as *Coulesdon* in 1198, or *Cowdsen* in Surrey.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Coulesdon’, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard de Coulesdon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs).

### Coulsen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Lancs
- English:** see *Coulson*.

### Coulson

Variants: *Colson*, *Coleson*, *Coulsen*, *Colston*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7610, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- 1 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Col(le)*, *Coule* (usually a pet form of *Nicholas*) + *-son*, hence ‘son of *Col(le)* or *Coule*’. The 11th- and 12th-century examples below involve different names, Old English *Cola* and Old Scandinavian *Kollr* or *Kol(i)*. These became obsolete as given names by around 1200, and may not have given rise to modern surnames. See *Cole*.  
**Early bearers:** Ælstan Cole sune, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Bruning Cola suna, 1100–30 in Tengvik (Devon); Algarus Colessune, 1138–60 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); William Colesone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John Colleson’, 1339 in Crowland Abbey Estates (Cambs); Thomas Colleson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Irthlingborough, Northants); Rogerus Colleson’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rugby, Warwicks); Johannes Colleson’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); John Colleson, 1386 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); John Colleson, 1401, Colson, 1408 in York Freeman’s Register; Thomas Colson, 1541 in *IGI* (Epworth).

Lincs); William Colson, 1553 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Richard Coulson, 1565 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Thomas Colson, 1572 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Reynold Coulson, 1575 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); John Coulson, 1590 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); John Colson, 1647, Daniel Coulson, 1770 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants).

2 **Irish:** from the personal name *Cumhall* (see **McCool**) + English *-son*.

3 **English:** see **Colston** and compare **Cawson**.

### Coulsting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs

**English:** see **Colston**.

### Coulstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** possibly to be associated with John de Cokstok, 1288 in Assize Rolls (Sussex), Coustok, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex), from a place apparently in Danehill (Sussex), with the *-l-* appearing later by hypercorrection of the loss of */l/* in words like *yolk*; therefore a variant of **Cosstick**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Coulstock, 1559 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); John Cowlstock, 1561 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Robt. Colstoucke, 1568 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Jane Cowlstock, 1625 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); John Coulstocke, 1652 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent).

### Coulston

**Variants:** **Coulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

**English:** see **Colston**.

### Coult

**Variants:** **Colt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *colt* ‘young horse or ass’, used for a young man or someone thought to resemble a colt in some way, or perhaps for a keeper of colts; compare **Coltman**.

**Early bearers:** Godric Colt, 1017 in Tengvik; Anselm Colt, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Henry le Colt, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Thomas Colt, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dodworth, WR Yorks); Willm Coult, 1556 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).

### Coultar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

**Scottish:** see **Coulter**.

### Coultard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

**English, Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Coultart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Surrey

**Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Coultas

**Variants:** **Coultass, Coultous, Coultish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 598
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** locative name, nickname from early modern English *coulthus* ‘stable’ (literally ‘colt house’), denoting someone who lived or worked at a stable.

**Early bearers:** William Cowthus, 1562 in York Freeman’s Register; Williamus Coultas, 1636 in *IGI* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); John Coultas, 1657, Coultus, 1671, Cowtus, 1691 in York Freeman’s Register; Henry Coulthouse, 1775 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb).

### Coultass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks

**English:** see **Coultas**.

### Coulter

**Variants:** **Coultar, Culter, Coalter, Cooter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3096, Ireland 1630
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone; Down

**Scottish:** locative name; most modern examples are from Coulter (Lanarks), although a few are derived from Culter (Aberdeens).

**Further information:** Richard of Culter was sheriff of Lanark in 1226.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Cultre, 1234–41 in Lennox Cartulary (Killearn, Stirlings); John Coulter, 1686 in Dumfries Testaments (Cummtrees, Dumfriess); John Coulter, 1708 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

### Coulthard

**Variants:** **Coulthart, Coultard, Coultart, Colthart, Colthard, Coltherd, Coltart, Coltard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2264, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Durham

**English, Scottish:** occupational name from Middle English *colthirde* ‘keeper of colts’. In Scotland, often pronounced *Cowtard*.

**Early bearers:** England: Peter Coltehirde<sup>1</sup>, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Coltherde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Joh. Colthirde, 1461 in MED; Cuthbert Cowtard, 1605 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); John Coultart, 1679 in York Freeman’s Register (York); Geo Coulthard, 1684 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); James Coulthart, 1761 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

Scotland: John Coltart, 1627 in Dumfries Testaments (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Jean Colthart or Colthirde, 1666 in Kirkcudbright Executry Papers (Kirkcudbrights); John Coultart, 1669 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Coulthart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Lancs

**Scottish:** see **Coulthard**.

### Coulthurst

**Variants:** **Colthurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Colthurst Hall in Great Mitton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** N England: Willelmus Colthyrst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bashall Eaves, WR Yorks); Thomas de Colthyrst, 1408 in Feet of Fines (Great Mitton, WR Yorks); Edward Coulthurst, 1558 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Colthirst, 1574 in York Freeman’s Register (York); Henrici Colthurst, 1576 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Jane Colthirst, 1608 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Colthurst, 1615 in Place-Names of Cheshire (Cheshire).

S England: Jane Colthurst, 1582 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Rob. Colthurst, 1671 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 193; Place-Names of Cheshire 2, pp. 83–4.

### Coultish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** see **Coultas**.

### Coulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1236, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1050
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**English:** see **Colton**.

### Coultous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** see **Coultas**.

### Coumbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Coombe**.

### Council

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs Norman, **English:** see **Counsell**.

### Council

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs Norman, **English:** see **Counsell**.

### Council

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset Norman, **English:** see **Counsell**.
- Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Cound

### Cound

Variants: **Conde, Cund**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Glamorgan; Montgomerys

**English:** locative name from Cound (Shrops).

**Further information:** The medieval Hants examples may alternatively belong with **Cundy**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Cunde, 1200 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Johannes Conde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wolston, Warwicks); Willelmus Conde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rushden, Northants); Stephanus Coude (for Conde), 1379 in Poll Tax (Hardley and Yaverland, IoW, Hants); Robertus Conde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gatcombe, IoW, Hants); Johannes Conde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Niton, IoW, Hants); Margret Cond, 1568 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Joane Conde, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); John Count, 1582 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Humfrey Conde, 1588 in *IGI* (Knighton upon Teme, Worcs); Thomas Cund, 1612 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops).

**References:** Place-Names of Shrops 1, p. 102.

### Counihan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

**Irish:** from Ó Cuanacháin, from a diminutive of the personal name *Cuana* (see **Cooney**).

### Counsel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Norman, English:** see **Counsell**.

### Counsell

Variants: **Council, Counsel, Councell, Council**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 745
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *counseil* ‘consultation, deliberation’ (Old French *conseil, conseil*), used for a wise or thoughtful individual, or perhaps ironically.

**Early bearers:** William Counsell, 1208 in Pipe Rolls (Berks), Consell, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks); John Counsell, 1310 in London Letter Books D; Robertus Counsel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Reading, Berks); Thomas Counsell, 1622 in PROB 11 (Berington, Somerset); Ezekiel Councill, 1677 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Councell, 1785 in *IGI* (Balderstone, Lancs).

### Count

Variants: **Lecount**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Surrey

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *counte* ‘count, earl’ (Old French *conte, cunte*, from Latin *comes, comitem*), perhaps used for someone who gave himself airs and graces. Compare **Earl** and **Lecount**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Cunte, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Durham); Walterus Comes, le Conte, 1204–5 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); William Counte, 1225 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Walter Conte, 1296 in

Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Conte, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Ricardo Count, 1379 in Poll Tax (Luton, Beds); Johannes Counte, 1379 in Poll Tax (Clapham, Sussex); Hissabel Counte, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wetherden, Suffolk); William Conte, 1594 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); James Count, 1631 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Wm Count, 1723 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Ann Count, 1739 in *IGI* (Scarrington, Notts).

### Counter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**Norman, English:** occupational name for a treasurer or accountant, from Anglo-Norman French *countour*.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Cunter, 1250 in Book of Fees (Hants); John le Cuntur, le Cunter, 1289, le Counter, 1301 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Johanna Countere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Edward Counter, 1608 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Countess

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**Norman, English:** nickname from Middle English *countesse(se)* ‘countess’ (Anglo-Norman French *contesse*). When applied to a woman, probably ‘proud, haughty’; when applied to a man, ‘effeminate, foppish’.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Cuntasce, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Cuntesse, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); John le Contesse, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Mary Jane Countess, 1704 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Anne Countess, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Anne Elizabeth Countess, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Grace Countess, 1795 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Coup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Nairns

**English:** see **Coupe**.

### Coupar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

**1 Scottish:** locative name from Cupar (Fife) or Coupar Angus (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Salomone de Cupir, 1245 in Saint Andrews Charters (Cupar, Fife); Thomas de Cupro, 1406 in Saint Andrews Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Finla Couper, 1613 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Atholl, Perths); Helen Copper, 1672 in Dunblane Testaments (Kelty, Fife); Issobell Couper, 1676 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus).

**2 Scottish:** Scottish variant of **Cooper**.

### Coupe

Variants: **Coope, Coops, Coup, Cowpe, Coop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2248, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2090
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Derbys and Notts

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *coupe, cupe* ‘tub, cask’ (from Latin *cūpa*), probably used for

a cooper; compare **Cooper**. (ii) locative name, sometimes perhaps from an inn sign: compare Thomas hatchere, atte coupe beside Wolkeye, 1424 in London English, p. 183.

**Early bearers:** William le Coupe, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Hugh le Coupe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Richard Coop or Cooper, 1640 in PROB 11 (Marston Sicca, Gloucs).

### Couper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1063, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Fife; also Shetland and Orkney

**English, Scottish:** see **Cooper**.

### Couperthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Cowperthwaite**.

### Coupland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2603, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1877
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks; Dumfriess

**English, Scottish:** see **Copeland**.

### Cour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** see **De la Cour**.

### Courage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Cornwall; Aberdeens

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *corage* ‘valour, fortitude’ (Old French *corage, curage*), used also as an adjective denoting someone stout of body.

**Early bearers:** Walter Curage, 1254 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Curage, 1260 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Wm. Courage, 1649 in *IGI* (Dalgety, Fife); Issobell Curage, 1654 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Courrage, 1818 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset).

**2 English:** locative name from *Cowridge End* in Luton (Beds), which came to be pronounced *Courage* and is now called *Scourge End*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Courugge, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Luton, Beds); Thomas Courage, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richardi Courage, 1676 in *IGI* (Stourpaine, Dorset); Will. Courage, 1679 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Jane Courage, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andrew Courage, 1761 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**References:** Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 158.

**3 English:** There may have been some confusion with **Kerridge**

### Courington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**English:** see **Currington**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cournane**

Variants: **Courtney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

**Irish:** from Ó Curnáin or Ó Cúrnáin, ‘descendant of *Curnán*’, an Old Irish personal name based on a diminutive of *corn* ‘horn’. Sometimes anglicized as **Courtney**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gyllyneneaffe O’Kurnane, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6576 (Killurleg, Kerry); Albina Cournane, 1787 in *IGI* (Killarney, Kerry); Humphrey Cournane, 1826 in *IGI* (Glen Flesk, Kerry); Pat. Cournane, 1841 in *IGI* (Ardfert, Kerry).

**Course**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Beds, and Northants

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Cours, 1372 in Feet of Fines (Berkhamsted, Herts); Galfrido Cours, 1381 in Poll Tax (Edmondthorpe, Leics); John Course, 1570 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Richard Course, 1579 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Robert Course, 1654, John Cours, 1664 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs).

**Coursey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**Norman, Irish, English:** see **De Courey**.

**Court**

Variants: **Curt, Cort, Courts, Corte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5406, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3797
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Somerset; Warwicks and Worcs

1 **English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *curt*, *courte* ‘large house’, denoting someone who lived or worked in a manor house or castle. Compare **Acourt** and **Courtman**.

**Early bearers:** William de la Curt, de la Cort, 1242 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Shrops); William de la Court, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Michaelis de la Court, 1381 in Poll Tax (Theydon Garnon, Essex); Robertus atte Court’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ascott, Oxon); Francis de Court, 1413 in PROB 11 (Austin Friars, City of London); Johannes Court, 1502 in PROB 11 (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Walter Court, 1642 in PROB 11 (Wootton Courtney, Somerset).

2 **English:** nickname from Middle English ‘short, small’ (Old French *co(u)rt*, *curt*).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Corte, 1181 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Richard le Curt, 1199 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Richard le Cort, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Richardi Court, 1541 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Thomas Court, 1560 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Joice Court, 1571 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Richard Court, 1576 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Katharine Court, 1577 in *IGI* (Mamhead, Devon).

3 **Irish:** reduced form of Irish **McCourt** (**Mac Cuairt** or **Mac Cuarta**).

**Courtauld**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**Huguenot:** nickname from a diminutive of *court* ‘short, small’.

**Further information:** The name was brought to Britain by Huguenot refugees from France and the Low Countries.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Courtauld, 1690 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Augustin Courtauld, 1718 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Louis Courtauld, 1758 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); George Courtauld, 1761 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

**Courtenay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Norman, English:** see **Courtney**.

**Courteney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon; Gloucs
- Norman, English:** see **Courtney**.

**Courtice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Curtis**.

**Courtier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall

**English:** occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *curt* ‘large house’, probably denoting someone who worked or lived in a manor house or castle, rather than a courtier (Middle English *courteour*, *courtyer*), which has influenced the spelling. Compare **Court** and **Courtman**

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Curter, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Nicholao Curter, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lubenham, Leics); John Courtier, 1590 in PROB 11 (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Will Courter, 1709 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon).

**Courtis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

**English:** see **Curtis**.

**Courtman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk

**English:** occupational name, nickname from a compound of Middle English *curt*, *courte* ‘large house’ + *man*, used for someone who lived or worked at a castle or manor house. Compare **Court**, **Courtier**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Curtman, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Robert Curtman, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Courtman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Courtman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Andrew Courtman, 1641 in PROB 11 (London).

**Courtnage**

Variants: **Cortnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

**English:** locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in SE England.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Courtenersch’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Courtnishe or Courtnish, 1628 in PROB 11 (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Henry Courtnage, 1735, John Cortnedge, 1749, John Cortnidge, 1768 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); James Courtenage, 1792 in *IGI* (Northchapel, Sussex); Thomas Courtnedge, 1800 in *IGI* (Thursley, Surrey); George Courtnage, 1822 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants).

**Courtneil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Norfolk

**English:** locative name from Courteenhall (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cortenhale, 1332 in Patent Rolls (Northants); Adam de Cortenhale, 1341 in Feet of Fines (Akeley by Buckingham, Bucks); Adam Cortenhale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Everdon, Northants); William Courtneil, 1525 in PROB 11 (Ipswich, Suffolk); Jhon Courtneil, 1579 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Isabel Curtneil, 1597 in PROB 11 (Withyham, Sussex); John Courtneil, 1639 in PROB 11 (Christchurch, City of London); Ann Cortneil, 1658, John Courtneil, 1670 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Hants).

**Courtney**

Variants: **Courtenay, Courteney, Cournane, Catney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5002, Ireland 2113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Antrim

1 **Norman, English, Irish:** locative name from either of two places in France named Courtenay, in Loiret and Isère.

**Further information:** A family of this name can be traced back to Athon de Courtenay, who lived in Courtenay in Loiret in the early 11th century. Renaud de Courtenay held land in Devon in the 12th century, and the family later held the title of Earl of Devon following the marriage of Hugh de Courtenay to Margaret de Bohun, granddaughter of King Edward I, in 1325.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Curtenay, de Courtenay, 1164–9 in Gilbertine Charters (Bury, Suffolk); Reginald de Courtenay, about 1182 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Henricus Courtenay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Robert Courtney, 1584 in PROB 11 (Molland, Devon).

2 **Irish:** adopted for Ó Curnáin ‘descendant of *Curnán*’, an Old Irish personal name based on a diminutive of *corn* ‘horn’. See **Cournane**.

## Courts

### Courts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Cornwall
- English:** relationship name variant of **Court**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Courtes, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); John Courts, 1643 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).

### Cousans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see **Cousins**.

### Cousar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish:** see **Cosier**.

### Couse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English:** (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kouse*, from Old Scandinavian *Kausi*, originally a nickname meaning 'tom cat'. It is the first element of Cowesby (NR Yorks). (ii) locative name variant of **Cooze**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Robertus filius Cous, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Rutland). surnames: Robert Couse, 1185 in Pipe Rolls; William Couse, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Roger Cous, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Clavering, also Arkesden, Essex); Henricus Cose, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Coos, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Tofts, Norfolk); Ricardus Cose, 1379 in Poll Tax (Nether Poppleton, WR Yorks); Robert Cose of Bownesse, 1408 in Patent Rolls (Bowness, Cumb); Ric. Coos, 1590 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Ralph Couse, 1608 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Thomas Coose, 1646 in PROB 11 (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Will. Couse, 1686 in *IGI* (Ireby, Cumb); Mary Cowse, 1721 in *IGI* (Bassenthwaite, Cumb); Olive Cowes, 1799 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Mark Couse, 1806 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Cousen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cousin**.

### Cousens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 737
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex, Middx and Surrey; also Dorset; Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English:** see **Cousins**.

### Couser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English, Scottish:** see **Cosier**.

### Cousin

- Variants:** **Cousen, Cosin, Cuzen, Cussen, Cusson, Cousins, Cushen, Cushing**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 580
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in N England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Wexford
- English, Scottish:** nickname, relationship name from Middle English *cusin, cosin*, 'kinsman or cousin', a borrowing from Old French.  
**Early bearers:** England: Roger Cusin, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Simon Cosyn, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Cossin, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (London); Robertus Cusyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Southburn, ER Yorks); Geo. Cousin, 1577 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk); William Cousin, 1631 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm). Scotland: Nicholas Cusing, burgess, 1512 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); Andrew Cosin, burgess, 1527 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen); Issobel Cousin, 1655 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Thomas Cousins, 1724 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian). Ireland: Richard Cushyn, gent., 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2250 (Faryhye); Gerrod Cousyn, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2284; Robert Cousine, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2465 (Ballinliclohy, Limerick); Nich. Cushin, yeoman, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3960; Edm. Cushene, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4007 (Cushenston, Westmeath); Redmond Cushen, yeoman, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6615 (Caryckegowle); Bridget Cushen, 1783 in *IGI* (Clonroche, Wexford).

### Cousins

- Variants:** **Cousens, Cousans, Couzens, Cozens, Couzins, Coussens, Cossins, Cossons, Cosens, Cosyos, Cozins, Cossens, Cusins, Cussins, Cussans, Cussons**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 8088, Ireland 786
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; also E Anglia; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English, Irish:** variant of **Cousin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Cousseyens, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Edward Cousins, 1613 in PROB 11.

### Cousland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirlings
- 1 **Scottish:** locative name from Cousland (Midlothian) or Cousland (W Lothian), a place-name meaning 'cow's land'.  
**Early bearers:** Randulph de Cousland, about 1230 in Dunfermline Register (Carberry, Midlothian); Walter Cousland, 1527 in Stirling Burgh Records (Stirling); Andro Cowsland, 1558 in Dunkeld Rentale; John Cosland, 1559 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Dundee, Angus); Isobell Cowsland, 1671 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).  
2 **Scottish Gaelic:** see **McCausland**.

### Coussens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English:** see **Cousins**.

### Coutanche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Norman:** (i) relationship name from a local variant of French **Coutance**, from the female personal name **Constance**. (ii) locative name from the city of Coutances in Manche.  
**Further information:** The surname is first found in Jersey in the Extente de Jersey of 1528.  
**Early bearers:** Pierre Coutanche, 1545, in Parish Registers (Saint John, Jersey).

### Coutinho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese:** locative name from a diminutive of **Couto**, from any of numerous places named as *couto* 'enclosed pasture'.  
**Further information:** This name was brought to Britain from Portugal, but also western India, having been taken there by Portuguese colonists.  
**Early bearers:** Luis Maximo Alfred Pinto de Sousa Coutinho, 1774 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Domingos Antonio de Sousa Coutinho, 1833 in *IGI* (London); Ann and Henry Coutinho, born in Jersey, in Census 1841 (Jersey, Channel Islands); Maria Coutinho, 1854 in BMD (London); Solomon Coutinho, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in Census 1871 (Aldgate, London).

### Couts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens
- Scottish:** see **Coutts**.

### Couttie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish:** locative name from the lands of Couttie in Bendochy parish (Perths), once held by Coupar Angus Abbey.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Couttee, 1589 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Euphemia Couttie, 1610 in Brechin Testaments (Dundee, Angus); Henry Coutie, about 1680 in Dunblane Testaments (Tulliallan, Clackmannans); Margaret Couty, 1729 in *IGI* (Glamis, Fife); Alexander Couttie, 1798 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

### Coutts

- Variants:** **Coats, Coatts, Cout**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3250, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3001
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Shetland
- Scottish:** locative name from **Cults** (Aberdeens).  
**Further information:** A crown charter of 1433 granted the earldom of Mar, along with the lands of *Ochtercoul* or *Auchtercoul*, to a family of this name.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Cotis, 1343 in Moray Register (Elgin, Morays); John de Cowtis and Donald de Cowtis, 1392 Acts of Parliaments of Scotland; William de Coutis, 1434 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen); William Cultis, 1531 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen).



**Couzens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1441, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; Middx; also Norfolk

**English:** see *Cousins*.

**Couzins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Wilts and Hants
- English:** see *Cousins*.

**Cove**

**Variants:** *Coff, Cough, Cuff*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Gloucs and Wilts

**1 English:** locative name mainly from Cove (Devon), but also from Cove (Hants), and occasionally from North or South Cove (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** John de Cove, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk and Suffolk); Henry de Cove, 1355 in London Letter Books G; Henry Cove, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Kirton in Crediton, Devon); Thomas Coove, 1561 in IGI (Lowestoft, Suffolk); George Coave, 1592 in IGI (Heavitree, Devon); Charles Cove, 1593 in IGI (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Lamach Cove, 1603 in IGI (Dymock, Gloucs); Christian Cove, 1604 in IGI (Purton, Wilts); Thomas Cove, 1626 in IGI (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Cove, 1640 in IGI (Field Dalling, Norfolk); John Cove, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Cove, 1708 in IGI (Modbury, Devon). **2 English:** nickname perhaps from Middle English *cof, cove* 'bold, eager, courageous' (Old English *cāf*), though the early surname forms could be locative names without the preposition.

**Early bearers:** Walter Cove, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Robert Cove, 1282 in London Letter Books A; Peter Cove, 1541 in IGI (Exeter, Devon); Edmude. Cove, 1542 in IGI (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Cove, 1570 in IGI (Long Crendon, Bucks); Jhoanna Cove, 1578 in IGI (Iwade, Kent); Richard Cove, 1588 in IGI (Earsham, Norfolk).

**Covel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs

**English:** see *Covell*.

**Covell**

**Variants:** *Covel*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; also Lancs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *covel* 'vat, tub' (which is apparently from Old English *cufle* 'cloak'). **Early bearers:** Robert Covell, 1476 in York Freemen's Register; Ralph Covell, 1506 in PROB 11 (Saint Martin Leicester, Leics); Thomas Covell, 1615 in PROB 11 (London).

**Coven**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**1 Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *covine* 'fraud, deceit'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Coueyn, 1373–4 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); John Coueyne, 1373–5 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Ricardo Covene, 1379 in Poll Tax (Huncote, Leics); John Coven, 1660 in IGI (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

**2 English:** locative name from Coven (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Margaret de Covene, 1286 in Staffs Forest Pleas; Henricus de Coven, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Onn, Staffs); Margeria de Covene, 1381 in Poll Tax (Church Eaton, Staffs); Elizabeth Coven, 1658 in IGI (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Wm: Coven, 1706 in IGI (Whitechapel, Middx); Ann Coven, 1730 in IGI (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Elizabeth Coven, 1778 in IGI (Bromley, Kent).

**Coveney**

**Variants:** *Coveny*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 188
- **GB frequency 1881:** 469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** locative name from Coveney (Cambs). **Further information:** This surname is also established in Ireland, where it is more probably a phonetic anglicization of an Irish name - see sense 2.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Coveney, 1546 in IGI (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Coveny, 1558 in IGI (West Farleigh, Kent); Fabian Coveney, 1575 in IGI (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Alexander Coveney, 1603 in IGI (Horseley, Essex); Alice Coveney, 1605 in IGI (Whittlesey, Cambs).

**2 Irish:** from Ó *Coibhdheanaigh* or *Mac Coibhdheanaigh* 'descendant' or 'son' of *Coibhdheanach*, a personal name derived from the Irish word *coibhdhean*, '(marauding) troop, raiding party'.

**Coventry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1627, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1180
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife and Kinross; also Berks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

**Scottish:** locative name from Coventry (Warwicks). **Early bearers:** England: Alan de Couintre, 1194 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Henry de Coventre, 1263 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Coventre, 1366 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); William Couentre, 1452 in Feet of Fines (Boston, Lincs); Hester Coventry, 1563 in IGI (South Kelsey, Lincs); Peter Coventry, 1565 in IGI (Lingfield, Surrey); Richard Coventry, 1565 in IGI (Chorley, Lancs); Edmunde Coventry, 1571 in IGI (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Coventry, 1571 in IGI (Woodchurch, Cheshire). Scotland: Peter de Coventre, 1291 in Ragman Rolls (Berwick); Thomas de Conventre, canon, 1348 in Caithness and Sutherland Records (Dornoch, Sutherland); Patrick Cowentre, rector, 1509 in Glasgow Saint Mary Liber (Garvald, E Lothian); David Coventrie, 1607 in Dunfermline Register (Kinross); Margaret Coventry, 1670 in IGI (Dysart, Fife).

**Coveny**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Kent

**English:** see *Coveney*.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Cover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex, also Hants and Berks

**1 English:** occupational name for a cooper, from an agent derivative of Middle English, Old French *cuve* 'cask, vat', or from an unattested Old French *\*cuvier* 'cooper'.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Cuver, 1210 in Leicester Freemen Register (Leics); Richard Couer, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks).

**2 Norman, English:** occupational name for a roofer, from Old French *couvreor, covreor*. This would inevitably become *Cover*.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Coverur, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Hamund le Coverur, 1262 in Forest Pleas (Essex).

**Coverdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1061, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 820
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Durham

**English:** locative name from Coverdale (NR Yorks). **Further information:** There is another place called Coverdale, in Brogden (WR Yorks), but this is recorded as *Colredene* and *Colredale* in medieval records and does not appear as *Coverdall* until the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Coverdall, 1245 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas de Coverdale, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Johannes Coverdale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); William Coverdale of Neweby, 1408 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Johannes Coverdail, 1573 in IGI (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Alberte Coverdale, 1573 in IGI (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margery Coverdale, 1601 in IGI (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Edwardi Couerdale, 1609 in IGI (Whitby, NR Yorks); Henrici Coverdale, 1615, Robertus Couerdaile, 1640 in IGI (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Jhon Coverdale, 1618 in IGI (Terrington, NR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 3; Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 36.

**Coverley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs; also Rutland

**English:** variant of *Calverly*. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Coverlaye, 1569 in IGI (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Willm. Coverley, 1571 in IGI (South Ormsby, Lincs); William Coverlie or Coverly, 1628 in PROB 11; John Coverlie, 1707 in IGI (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Covert**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Norman, English:** locative name from the Norman hamlet of Covert in Calvados or from some other locality similarly named from Old French (*le*) *covert* 'the secret corner, refuge, or thicket'. McKinley notes that in the 13th century William de Covert was also called del Covert. This suggests that Sussex surname forms with the definite article and no preposition are not nicknames from Old French *covert* 'secret(ive)',

## Covey

as suggested in Reaney and Wilson, but are either references to 'Le Covert' as the place of origin or represent the common Norman practice of substituting *le* for *de* in surnames.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cuvert, 1157 in Documents in France (Devon); Richard le Covert, 1233 in Sussex Archaeological Collections; William de Covert, 1242 in Book of Fees (Sullington and Broadbridge, near Horsham, Sussex); Roger le Couert, 1276 in King's Bench Cases (Sussex); Robert le Couert, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Couert', 1348 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Baldewynus Covert, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sullington, Sussex); Isabel Covert, 1402 in PROB 11 (Chalnedon, Surrey); Thomas Covert, 1473–5 in Chancery Proceedings (Ewhurst, Surrey); Richard Covert, 1623 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Anthony Covert, 1631 in PROB 11 (Hascomb, Surrey).  
**References:** Surnames of Sussex, pp. 69–70; Morlet, Dictionnaire, at Couvert.

## Covey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 324
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Hants
- 1 English:** nickname unexplained. OED records *covey* 'pantry' from 1593 and *covey* 'little chap' (a diminutive of *cove*, Middle English *cof*bold, eager, courageous'; see *Cove*) from 1801, but there is no evidence to confirm either as the source for the surname.

**Early bearers:** Henrye Covey, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Bartholomew Covey, 1629 in PROB 11 (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Covey, 1635 in *IGI* (Ashe and Deane, Hants).

**2 Irish:** from Mac Cobhthaigh, see **Coffey**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane McCooe, 1558 in Fiants Elizabeth §10; John Covey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Moydow, Longford).

## Covil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; IoM; Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Covill**.

## Covill

**Variants:** Coville, Covil, Cavill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Lincs; Kent
- Norman, English: locative name from Couville in Manche.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Couville, 1312 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); John de Covyle, 1369 in Patent Rolls; Johannes Covill', 1377 in Poll Tax (North Luffenham, Rutland); Francis Covill, 1631 in PROB 11 (Needham Market, Suffolk); John Covill, 1637 in PROB 11 (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs).

## Coville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; Essex
- Norman, English: see **Covill**.

## Covington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Beds
- English: locative name from Covington (Hunts).  
**Early bearers:** John Couyngton', chaplain, 1357 in Feet of Fines (Bygrave, Herts); John Covyngton, 1448 in Patent Rolls (London); Christian Covyngton, 1574 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds).

## Cow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Cowe**.

## Cowan

**Variants:** Cowen, Cowin, Cowans, Cowens, Coen, Coan, Coyne, Cowing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10238, Ireland 1167
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6087
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down; also Galway

Scottish, Manx: (i) relationship name reduced form of **McOwen** and **McKeown**, see **McEwan**. (ii) relationship name Manx, and Scottish, from a reduced form of Irish *Ó Comhdhain* and *Mac Comhdhain* 'descendant or son of *Comhdan*' or Gaelic *Mac Comhghain* 'son of *Comhghan* ('the twin')'. Pronounced to rhyme with *Owen*, the name sometimes appears as *Coan* and **Cohen** in Down, and has been used interchangeably with Irish **Coyne** in Connacht and **Mellhone** in Tyrone. In IoM the name is pronounced /'kauən/ (with *Cow-* as in English *cow*). (iii) locative name sometimes a variant of **Colquhoun**, pronounced *Cohoon* in Scotland and *Cahoon* in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Cowyn, 1408, Mac Owen, 1422, Mac Cowen, 1429, Mac Cowne, 1511, Cawne, 1603, Cowin, 1611, Cown, 1651, Cowen, 1685, Coune, 1703, 1721, Couin, 1781 in Kneen; Patrick Cowne, 1575 in Kneen (Castle Rushen).

England: Willm. Cowan, 1594 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Ricardi Cowen, 1601 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Collin Cowan, 1615 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs).

Ireland: John Cowan, chancellor of Christ Church, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3897 (Waterford); Cormock O'Cowen, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4075 (Kyltevan, Roscommon); Connor O'Cowhane, husbandman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4678 (Rosidnellan, Roscommon); Teig mcDonogho O'Cowen, husbandman, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5438 (Ardkiern, Roscommon); Moriertagh O'Cowane, husbandman, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5808 (Baslik, Roscommon).

**References:** Black; MacLysaght; Ulster Surnames; Kneen.

## Cowans

**Variants:** Cowens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish, English: variant of **Cowan** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** James Cowans, 1615 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Joh. Cowins, 1697 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Cowens, 1721 in *IGI* (Elsdon, Northumb); John Coans, 1765 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk).

## Cowap

**Variants:** Cowpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Cowpe in Bury (Lancs), recorded as *Cuhope* in about 1200 (see Lancs Place-Names, p. 65).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Couhop, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tottington, Lancs); Williamus Cowape, 1563 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); John Cowap, 1570 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Thomae Cowope, 1573, Richardi Cowopp, 1580 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); John Cowappe, 1589 in *IGI* (Castle Church, Staffs); Rich. Cowapp, 1612 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Ellen Cowapp, 1614 in PROB 11 (Eccleshall, Staffs); Matthew Cowop, 1673 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Cowap, 1739 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Coward

**Variants:** Cowherd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3493, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3431
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs; also Dorset and Wilts

English: occupational name for a cowherd, Middle English *couh(i)erde*, *couhirde*, *couhurde* (Old English *cūhyrde*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Cuherde, 1255 in Thuresson (Essex); John Kuhirde, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Adam le Couherd, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Cowherde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Coward, 1540 in Whitby Chartulary (Yorks).

## Cowban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Cowburn**.

## Cowburn

**Variants:** Cowban, Colbourne, Colburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 956, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Cowburn in Kirkham (Lancs), as the earliest bearers below suggest. The *-r-* is sometimes lost or metathesized. *Colborne* is probably a hypercorrect form, restoring an unhistorical *-l-* (see **Colbourne**). (ii) in WR Yorks it is possibly a variant of **Colbran**, as Redmonds argues, with vocalization of the *-l-* and metathesis of *-r-*, or a variant of **Colbourne**.

**Early bearers:** Lawrenc Cowbron, 1542, Katherin Colborne, 1594, William Cowband, 1645 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); William Cowban, 1585 in Lancs Wills; George Cowbronde, 1591 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Jone Cowbine, 1594, Tho. Cowben, 1723 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Henrici Cowburn, 1601 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Jo. Cowburn, 1616 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis Cowborne, 1663 in Lancs Wills.  
**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Cowcher

**Variants:** Coucher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Gloucs

**Norman, English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *co(u)chur, chucher* 'maker of couched work', a type of embroidery in which gold or silver threads and jewels were stitched onto ceremonial robes. Compare **Setter**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *co(u)chur, chucher* 'maker of beds or couches'. (iii) occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *co(u)chour, coucher* 'mason, stone mason'. (iv) nickname from Middle English *couchour, cowchour* 'bed-ridden person'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Cuchur, 1272–1307 in Battle Abbey Customals (Sussex); Nicholas le Couchur, 1295 in Fransson (Worcs); Johanne Cowcher, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Martin Coney Street, Yorks); Robertus le Coucher, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dogpole, Shrops); John Cowcher, 1505 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs); Francis Cowcher, 1558 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Joane Cowcher, 1617 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Coucher, 1683 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); John Coucher, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London).

### Cowdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; also Hunts

**English:** locative name from Cowdale in Kingsternedale (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Cowdale, 1381 in Poll Tax (Buxton, Derbys); Henrie Coudall, 1560 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Barbara Coudell, 1573 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Ales Cowdale, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Cowdale, 1617 in *IGI* (Claybrook, Leics).

### Cowden

**Variants:** **Couden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Renfrews and Lanarks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

**1 Scottish:** locative name from Cowden in Dalkeith (Midlothian), and any of the several other places in Scotland called Cowden.

**Early bearers:** Joneta Cowden, 1595 in Retours, Scotland; Hugo Cawdown, 1634 in Fordell Memorials (Edinburgh); Katherene Cowdon, 1685 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Tinwald, Dumfriess); William Cowden, 1776 in *IGI* (Lochwinnoch, Renfrews).

**2 English:** locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Cowden in Mayfield, Cowden in Wartling, and Cowden Hall in Heathfield (all in Sussex), Cowden (Kent, Northumb, and ER Yorks), and Green Cowden in Bakewell (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** John de Coudenne, 1317 in Ancient Deeds 5 (Sussex); John Cowden, 1333 in Court Rolls (Sussex); Richard Cowdenne, 1404 in Ancient Deeds 1 (Sussex).

### Cowderoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Norman, English:** see **Cowdrey**.

### Cowdery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants, also IoW

**Norman, English:** see **Cowdrey**.

### Cowdock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

**English:** unexplained. *Cawdock* in Chester and *Cowdock* and *Cowduck* in Ormskirk and Melling by Maghull (Lancs) occur alongside **Caddick** there, but it would be difficult to account for the change in the main vowel if these were variants of **Caddick**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Cowdocke, 1584, Richard Cawdock, 1676, Ann Cowduck, 1694, Mary Cowdock, 1781 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Cowdocke, 1584 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margret Cowdocke, 1626, Margreat Coodocke, 1636 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Ellena Cowdocke, 1630, Alice Cowduck, 1817 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Thomas Cowduck, 1696, 1840 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Cowdray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**Norman, English:** see **Cowdrey**.

### Cowdrey

**Variants:** **Cowdray, Cowdry, Cowdery, Cowderoy, Cowdroy, Coudray, Couldrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, Wilts, and Middx

**Norman, English:** (i) locative name from Coudrai (Seine-Maritime) or Coudray (Eure). (ii) locative name from Old French *coudraie* 'hazel copse', adopted into English. The name may denote someone who lived near a hazel copse, or, more probably, from a place so named. Cowdray in Sussex (which had borne the earlier English name of *Sengle*) is found as *la Codray* in 1285 (Place-Names of Sussex, p. 17). Later forms show confusion with **Corderey**. **Early bearers:** Engelram de Coudrai, about 1170 in Rievaulx Cartulary (Yorks); Richard de Coudrey, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Henry de la Coudrey, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Thomas de Coudray, 1330 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Johanna Coudray, 1381 in Poll Tax (Reading, Berks); Richard Caudray, 1442 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Perys Cowdrey, 1528 in PROB 11 (Herriard, Hants); Gilberte Cowdrey alias Cawdery, 1596 in PROB 11 (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Cowdrill

**Variants:** **Coudrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Cowdrell, 1615 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Thomas Cowdrill, 1770, John Cowdrell, 1773 in *IGI* (Moseley, Worcs); Joseph Cowdril, 1778 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Benjamin Cowdrill, 1809 in Parish Registers (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Cowdroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex

**Norman, English:** see **Cowdrey**.

### Cowdry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Surrey, Middx, and Hants

**Norman, English:** see **Cowdrey**.

### Cowe

**Variants:** **Cow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, E Lothian, and Midlothian

**Scottish:** nickname probably from Older Scots *kow*, Middle English *cou*, 'cow', perhaps for a cowherd.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus Cowe, 1359 in Dunfermline Register (Musselburgh, Midlothian); Robert Cow, 1490 in Ayr Charters (Ayr); Alexander Cowe, 1504 in Midlothian Charters (Edinburgh).

**References:** Black.

### Cowee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Cowey**.

### Cowel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham

**English:** see **Cowell**.

### Cowell

**Variants:** **Cowel, Cowl, Cowle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5450, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4269
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Durham; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

**1 Manx, Irish:** (i) nickname reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Cathmhaoil* 'son of *Cathmhaol*' (literally 'battle chief'). (ii) nickname reduced form of Gaelic *Mac (Giolla) Comhghaill* 'son of (the devotee of) Saint Comhghal'. Compare **Coole**.

**Further information:** There are farms in the Isle of Man called Ballacowle after members of a family of this name. One branch of the Irish family of this name changed its name to **Caulfield**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Cionaidh Ua Cathmhaoil, 967, Conor Mac Cawel, 1252 in Moore; Mac Cowle, 1511, Cowle, 1627, 1703, Cowl, Cowell, 1690, Coul, 1703, Cowil, Cowill, 1711, 1777, Couil, 1726, Caulfield, 1728, Cowll, 1765 in Kneen.

Ireland: Colla McCavoyle and Alyn McCowyle, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth \$4690 (Mayo).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**2 Irish:** see **McCool**.

**3 English:** locative name from either of the places named Cowhill, in Lancs and Gloucs, or from Cowleigh Park in Worcs. The modern pronunciation rhymes with *trowel*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Cuwell, 1196 in Memoranda Roll (Northants); Thomas de Cuhull, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); John Cowell, 1401 in Assize Rolls (Lancs).

**4 English:** variant of **Cole** in many English counties, especially Essex, with a similar pronunciation to either *coal* or *Noel*.

## Cowen

**Early bearers:** Giles Cole, 1582, Thomas Cowle, 1666 in *IGI* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex); Sarah Cole, 1626, Lucy Cowell, 1757 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Wm Cowell, 1797, Mark Cole, 1827 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Cowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2352, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1642
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Leitrim
- Manx:** see **Cowan**.

### Cowens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- 1 **Scottish, English:** see **Cowans**.  
2 **Scottish:** see **Cowan**.

### Cowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and IoW
- English:** see **Cooze**.  
**Further information:** Cowes (IoW) is a post-medieval settlement and not a source of the surname.

### Cowey

**Variants:** **Cowee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- 1 **English:** locative name from Cowey Green in Great Bromley (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Cowhey, 1275 in Petre Documents A (Essex); John de Cowey, 1270 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Felicia de Coweye, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Roberti de Cowey, 1379 in Poll Tax (Derbys); Hugh Cowey or Couweye, 1545 in PROB 11; Edward Cowey, 1570 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); John Cowey, 1725 in *IGI* (Embleton, Northumb); Rowland Cowee, 1722 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London).  
2 **Scottish:** see **Cowie**.

### Cowgill

**Variants:** **Cougill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 754
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English:** locative name from any of the places named Cowgill in WR Yorks.  
**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames argues that the main source of the name was Cowgill on Malham Moor, a former property of Fountains Abbey.  
**Early bearers:** Robertus de Colgill, 1379 in Poll Tax (Threshfield, WR Yorks); Willm. Cowgill, 1587 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); William Cougill, 1663 in *IGI* (Baildon, WR Yorks); Robert Coggil, 1682 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Gulielmi Cowgil, 1724 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Richard Cougil, 1747 in *IGI* (Wellow, Notts).

### Cowham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Cowlam** with loss of *-l*.

**Early bearers:** Will. Cowham, 1708 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lancs); Elisabeth Cowham, 1737 in *IGI* (Algar Kirk, Lancs).

### Cowherd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English:** see **Coward**.

### Cowhig

**Variants:** **Coffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish:** from Ó Cobhthaigh ‘descendant of *Cobhthach*’, a personal name meaning ‘victorious’.  
**Further information:** The pronunciation of the final syllable of Ó Cobhthaigh as ‘-hig’ in Munster Irish resulted in the anglicized form of *Cowhig*. Compare **Coffey**.  
**Early bearers:** Michael Cowhig, 1865 in *IGI* (Cork, Cork); Batt Cowhig, seaman, born in Kinsale, Cork, in Census 1881 (Littleham, Devon).

### Cowick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** York
- English:** locative name from Cowick (WR Yorks), Cowicks in Sheering (Essex), or Cowick in Exeter Saint Thomas (Devon).  
**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Couwyk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louth, Lancs); John Cowyk, 1440 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Jennet Cowick, 1539 in Parish Registers (Snaith, WR Yorks); William Cowicke, 1603 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Cowie

**Variants:** **Cowey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5659, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3576
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also Lanarks
- Scottish:** locative name usually from the barony of Cowie (Kincardines), although there are other minor places of the name.  
**Early bearers:** Herbert de Cowy, 1394 in New Spalding Miscellany 5, p. 251; John Cowy, burgess, 1505 in New Spalding Miscellany 1, p. 43 (Abredeens); David Cowie, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Cowie, 1610 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Cowieson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- Scottish:** relationship name from **Cowie** + *son*, meaning ‘son of (a man surnamed) *Cowie*’.  
**Early bearers:** Jean Cowieson, 1736 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Robert Cowieson, 1781 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens).

### Cowin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 602
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs
- Manx:** see **Cowan**.

**Further information:** Ballacowin ‘Cowin’s farm’ (Lonan, IoM) is named after the family.  
**References:** Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Cowing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Manx, English:** probably a variant of **Cowin**; see **Cowan**.

### Cowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Yorks; also Norfolk
- English:** see **Cowell**.

### Cowlam

**Variants:** **Coulam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English:** locative name from Cowlam (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Colum, 1203 in Place-Names of ER Yorks (ER Yorks); James de Collum, 1312 in Patent Rolls (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Annas Cowlome, 1565 in *IGI* (York); Alice Coulam, 1614 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Henry Cowlam, 1634 in *IGI* (Carleton juxta Snaith, WR Yorks); John Collom, 1640 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lancs); John Colum, 1664 in *IGI* (Reepham, Lancs); Margerit Cowlham, 1673 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lancs); Jonathan Cowlam, 1687 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lancs); Francis Coulam, 1729 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lancs).  
**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 126.

### Cowland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 343
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Herts
- English:** locative name from Cowlands Farm in Stebbing (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Cowlande, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Great Waltham, Essex); John Cowland, 1557 in PROB 11 (Willingale Doe, Essex); William Cowland or Cowlande, 1596 in PROB 11 (Benington, Herts).

### Cowlard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English:** see **Collard**.

### Cowle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 346
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs; Gloucs
- Manx, English:** see **Cowell**.

### Cowler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex and Herts
- English:** occupational name for a maker of cowls, from an agent derivative of Middle English *coule*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard le Coulare, 1333 in Thuresson (Somerset); Richard Cowler, 1547 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Christian Cowler, 1579 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Cicelie Cowler, 1582 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

**Cowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 851, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 719
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths; Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambs

**English:** see **Coles**.

**Cowley**

**Variants:** **Cawley, Colley, Coley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7407, Ireland 412
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5428
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Westmeath; Sligo

1 **English:** locative name from one of the places called *Cowley* (in various counties) or possibly Coaley (Gloucs).

**Further information:** The surname is pronounced in different ways, reflecting differences in the etymologies of the source place-names and the influence of folk etymology. The first syllable rhymes with *now* for Cowley in Gloucs and Worcs ('clearing where cows were pastured'). It rhymes with *know* not only for Coaley (Gloucs) 'clearing with a hut or cave or a shelter' (Old English *cofa*), but also for Cowley in Derbys and Lancs, 'clearing where charcoal was burnt' (Old English *col*; so also Colley in Reigate, Surrey), and for Cowley in Bucks, Devon, Middx, Oxon, and Staffs, where the original sense may have been '\*Cofa's wood or clearing' (with a hypothetical Old English male given name) or 'clearing with a hut or cave or a shelter'. This group of names with Old English *cofa* or *col* may also appear as the modern surnames **Cawley** or **Colley**. Association of the spelling *Cow-* with the vocabulary word *cow* has sometimes influenced the modern pronunciation of *Cowley*, whatever its origin. Some examples of *Colley* here may belong with sense 1 of **Colley**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Couela, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Juliana de Kulega, 1199 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); John de Couele, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Middx); William de Coule, 1314 in London Letter Books E; William de Colley, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Thomas Cowley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Astley, Warwicks); Rogero de Colley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Adam de Couley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Agnes Cowley, 1541 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Wm Colley, 1550 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Roger Couley, 1571 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

2 **Manx:** relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Amhlaoibh* 'son of *Amhlaoibh*' (a gaelicized form of Old Scandinavian *Óláfr*). It is pronounced /'kaulə/, as though rhyming with English *fowler*. Compare Scottish (Hebridean) **McAulay**, Irish **McCauley**. For an alternative Manx form of the same patronymic see **Callow**.

**Early bearers:** Mac Cowley, 1422, Mac Cawley, 1497, Mac Awley, 1500, Mac Aulay, 1511, Cowley, 1587, 1778, Cowlay, 1626, Awley, 1603 in Kneen.

3 **Irish:** reduced form of **McCauley**.

**Cowlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** see **Cowling**.

**Cowling**

**Variants:** **Cowlin, Couling, Coulling, Cooling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3491, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2628
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; Cornwall and Devon

1 **English:** locative name from either of two places named Cowling, in WR Yorks and NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Mathew de Couling, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Johannes Coulyng', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cossington, Somerset); William Cowlyng, 1520 in York Freeman's Register; Stephen Cowling, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); George Cowling, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint John Micklegate, York); Richard Cowlinge or Cowling, 1638 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs).

2 **English:** see **Cooling**.

3 **English:** see **Colling**.

**Cowlshaw**

**Variants:** **Collishaw, Coleyshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 517
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

**English:** locative name from either of two places named Cowlshaw, in Derbys and Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Collyshaw, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Joseph Colishaw, 1680, in William Cowlshaw, 1704 in Derbys Archaeological Journal 36.

**Cowls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Coles**.

**Cowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 334
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**Norman, Scottish:** see **Cumming**.

**Cowmeadow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs

**English:** locative name from Cowmeadow Farm in English Bicknor (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Wm. Cowmedowe, 1571 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Anthony Cowmedow, 1590 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); John Cowmeadowe, 1597 in *IGI* (Newent, Gloucs); Johannis Cowmeadow, 1643 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); William Coumedow, 1689 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 3, p. 212.

**Cownie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Angus
- Scottish:** unexplained. Black suggests a local origin in Aberdeens but offers no etymology.
- Early bearers:** Alicia Cowney, 1569 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Barbara Cownie, 1671 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); William Cowney, 1673, Robert Cowny, 1710 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Ellinor Cownie, 1674 in *IGI* (Stannington, Northumb); William Cowny, 1708,

John Cownie, 1714 in *IGI* (Cruden, Aberdeens); John Cownie, 1764 in *IGI* (Eassie and Nevay, Angus).

**Cowpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 **English:** see **Coupe**.

2 **English:** see **Cowap**.

**Cowper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 906, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Midlothian; also Orkney

**English, Scottish:** see **Cooper**.

**Cowperthwaite**

**Variants:** **Copperthwaite, Couperthwaite, Copperwaite, Copperwhite, Copperwheat, Copperwait**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

**English:** locative name from Copperthwaite in Marrick (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Cowperthwaite, 1554 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Cowperthwaite, 1568 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Thomas Cowperthwaite, 1585 in *IGI* (Kentmere, Westm); Margaret Copperwheat, 1616 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Mary Copperwhite, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); Arthur Copperthwaite, 1675 in York Freeman's Register (York).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 294.

**Cowpland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Copeland**.

**Cowser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**English, Scottish:** see **Cosier**.

**Cowsill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

**English:** locative name of uncertain origin; apparently from an unidentified place named with Middle English *cou* 'cow' (as a plural *cous*) + *hill(le)* 'hill'. Cowhill in Rishton (Lancs) shows no forms with medial -s- (see Lancs Place-Names, p. 73), and there are no examples of the surname to connect it with Cowshill in Weardale (Durham) or Cows Hill in Hewelsfield (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** John Cowsell, 1604 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Cowsill, 1696 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Cousell, 1715 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Cowsell, 1744, Cousel, 1751, Thomas Cowsel, 1768, George Cousell, 1780, John Cowsill, 1790 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Wm Cowsil, 1782, James Cousil, 1786 in *IGI* (Astley, Lancs).

**Cowstick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

## Cowtan

**English:** locative name from Cowstocks Wood in Danehill (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Coustok, 1296, Agnes Cowstoke, and Thomas Coustoke, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

### Cowtan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** apparently a late variant of **Cowton**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Cowton, 1728, Christopher Cowtan, 1730 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Mary Ann Cowtan, 1817 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Cowton

**Variants:** **Cowtan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks

**English:** locative name from North and East Cowton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Cowton, 1377 in Poll Tax (Borrowby, NR Yorks); Johannes de Couton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Flotmanby, ER Yorks); Radulfus de Cowton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Collingham, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Cowton', Johannes Cowton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); Willelmus Couton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Juliana de Couton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Clint, WR Yorks); Johannes Cowton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Eastburn, ER Yorks); Robt. Coweton, 1550 in *IGI* (North Burton, NR Yorks); Bryan Cowton, 1578 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); George Cowton, 1600 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Ralph Cowton, 1618 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

### Cowx

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

**English:** see **Cox**.

### Cowzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Cosier**.

### Cox

**Variants:** **Cocks, Coakes, Cookes, Cooks, Cowx, Coxe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61564, Ireland 2444
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44588
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Roscommon

1 **English:** variant of **Cock** and **Cook** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Kokes, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John Cocks, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Walter Cocks, Cox, 1515 in Oxford University Register; Mabella Cox, 1535 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); George Cox, 1538 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); William Cox, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margere Cox, 1542 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Cox, 1557 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Annis Cox, 1561 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Ales Cox, 1569 in *IGI* (Countesthorpe, Leics); Raphe Cox, 1594 in *IGI* (Bicker, Lincs); Miles Cox, 1632 in *IGI* (Otley, WR

Yorks); William Cox, 1675 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs).

2 **Irish:** adopted by mistranslation for **Mac Con Coille** ('son of *Cú Choille*', a personal name meaning 'hound of the wood'), taken as being formed with *coileach* 'cock'.

### Coxall

**Variants:** **Coxell, Coggeshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Middx, and Herts

**English:** locative name from Coggeshall (Essex).

**Further information:** Various bearers of this name served as sheriffs of Essex and Herts in the 13th and 14th centuries.

**Early bearers:** William de Choggeshala, 1181 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); William de Coggissale, 1204–25 in Morton Register, Scotland (Livingston, W Lothian); Wlfgarus de Cokesale, 1232 in Colchester Cartulary (Essex); Johannes Coggeshale, 1381 in Poll Tax (Thaxted, Essex); Henrico Coxale, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cold Overton, Leics); John Coggeshale, 1502 in PROB 11 (Gosfeld, Essex); John Coxall, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Michael Coxell, 1613 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); John Coxall, 1643 in *IGI* (Boxworth, Cambs); John Coxall or Cockshell, 1750 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey).

### Coxe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**English:** see **Cox**.

### Coxell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, also Cambs; Middx

**English:** see **Coxall**.

### Coxen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

**English:** see **Coxon**.

### Coxeter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *cok* 'cock' + *setter(e)* 'one who sets something out', for someone who set the cocks in a cock fight.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Cocsetere, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Henricus Coksette, 1377 in Poll Tax (Harpsden, Oxon); John Cocksetter, 1581 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Jhon Coxeter, 1609, Margerie Coxetter, 1614 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Thomas Coxeter, 1654 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks).

### Coxey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cheshire

**English:** see **Cooksey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Coxhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 651
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Berks

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cok* + *hed* 'cock's head'.

**Further information:** Compare William Cokkesbrayn, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Sussex), and Henry Cockeshank, 1323 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Roger Kockeshued, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Thomas Cokkeshed, 1424 in London English; George Coxhead, 1607 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Francis Coxed, 1618 in PROB 11 (Welford, Berks); Rich Cockshead, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Coxhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts

**English:** locative name from one or more lost or as yet unidentified places.

**Early bearers:** Petrus de Cokeshull', 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); John Coxhill, 1612 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Christopher Coxhill, 1654 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Coxhil, 1705 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Thomas Coxhill, 1706 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Coxon

**Variants:** **Cockson, Coxen, Coxson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3378, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Derbys and Staffs

**English:** relationship name from **Cock** + *son* 'son of (a man named) *Cock*'.

**Early bearers:** Godui Coccesune, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Roger Cokson, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); John Coxson, 1539 in Durham Priory Fees; William Coxon, 1631 in York Freemen's Register.

### Coxson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

**English:** see **Coxon**.

### Coxton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

**English:** locative name from Little Cockstones in Stebbing (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Henry Cokstan, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); William Cokston, 1327 in Place-Names of Essex, p. 460; John Coxton, 1407 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Vincent Coxsten, 1541 in PROB 11 (London); Johannes Coxton, 1561 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Richard Coxton, 1697 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Thomas Coxton, 1727 in *IGI* (Ladykirk, Berwicks).

### Coxwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx; Hants

**English:** see **Cogswell**.

**Coy**

Variants: **Coey, Coye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1294, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 912
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *coi* 'quiet, still; shy, coy' (earlier *quei*).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Coi, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Northants); Walter le Coy, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Coye, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (York); Robert Coy, 1578 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); George Coy, 1586 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Edward Coy, 1593 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); Alie Coy, 1611 in *IGI* (Somerset); Elizabeth Coy, 1614 in *IGI* (Hardham, Sussex).

2 **Irish:** reduced form of **McCoy**.

**Coye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Aberdeens

**English:** see **Coy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Coyle**

Variants: **Coil, Coyles, Coils, Coile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6714, Ireland 5094
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2029
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Cavan

1 **Irish:** from **Mac Giolla Chomhghail**, a patronymic from a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) *Comhghall*', see **McCool**. Woulfe, however, derives it from **Mac Giolla Choille** 'son of the lad of the wood', see **McElhill**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Coyle, labourer, 1572 in Fiant Elizabeth §2169 (Dublin); Loughlin og, of (the name of) Clan McGillachomhail, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6654; Rorie roogh McGilleghole, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6761.

2 **Irish:** from **Mac Dhubhghail**, a lenited form of **McDowell**. Compare Manx **Coole**.

**Coyles**

Variants: **Coils**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**Irish, English:** variant of **Coyle** with excrescent English *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Coils, 1789 in *IGI* (Ickburgh and Langford, Norfolk); Hugh Coyls, 1855 in *IGI* (Dalry, Ayr); Johannes Coyles, 1873 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**Coyne**

Variants: **Coin, Coen, Cohen, Cohan, Cowan, Kyne, Quan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3823, Ireland 2343
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1584
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway

1 **Irish:** (i) reduced and anglicized form of **Ó Cadhain** 'descendant of *Cadhan*', a byname from

*cadhan* 'barnacle goose'. It was sometimes anglicized as **Barnacle**. (ii) reduced form of **Ó Comhgháin**, see **Cowan**. (iii) reduced form of **Ó Cuáin** 'descendant of *Cuáin*', a byname from a diminutive of *cú* 'hound'. **Early bearers:** Dermot O'Coyn, lackey, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1006 (Browneswood, Carlow); Gylglasses O'Koyn, kern, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1399 (Cloughan in Macoclan's country).

2 **English, Norman:** (i) locative name, perhaps a variant of **Coyney**. The name is associated with Weston Coyney (Staffs), whose manorial affix is taken from the family of John Koyn or Coyne (1242), and also with the adjacent village of Caverswall. *Coyne* might otherwise derive from Coingt (Aisne), recorded as *Cuin*, 1160 in Dauzat and Rostaing. (ii) nickname possibly from Middle English *coyn*, *coigne*, Anglo-Norman French *coign*, *coigne* 'wedge', 'die for stamping money', a word which later came to mean 'a piece of money' and may have been used to denote a moneyer; compare **Conyer**. **Further information:** In the industrial towns of the W Midlands, especially Staffs, *Coyne* was augmented in the 19th century by migrants bearing the Irish name. See Tooth, II, p. 9, and compare James Coyne, born about 1811 in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Stafford); Timothy Coyne, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Walsall); Philip Coyne, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Stoke upon Trent).

**Early bearers:** Allan Coigne 13th cent. in Ronton Chartulary (Staffs); Philip Coine, 1235–6 in Feet of Fines (Napton, Warwicks); Johannes Koyn, 1242 in Book of Fees (Staffs); John Coyne, 1242 in Feet of Fines (Staffs); John Coyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Walt. Coyne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Grandborough, Warwicks); John Coygne, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Wolfhampcote and Nethercote, Warwicks). Margerie Coyne, 1562, Raph Coyne, 1640 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Peggy Coin, 1791 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

3 **Huguenot:** locative name from French **Coin**, perhaps denoting someone who lived on a corner (Old French *coing*) but see above for alternative etymologies.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Samuel Coin, 1718 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

**Coyney**

Variants: **Coyne, Conney, Cunney, Quinney, Quinny**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

**Norman, English:** locative name perhaps from Coigny in Manche. Weston Coyney (Staffs) takes its manorial affix from the family of John *Koyn* (1242). Presumably the final *-e* of *Koyn* represents French *-é*, usually written *-y* or *-ey* in English. However, the name may have had an alternative form, **Coyne**, which is attested in the neighbouring village of Caverswall from the 16th to the 19th centuries. *Coyney* occurs in Weston until the late 16th century, reappearing in Caverswall in the late 18th century and in Weston in the early 1800s.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Koyn, 1242 in Book of Fees (Staffs); John Coyne, 1242 in Feet of Fines (Staffs); Thomas Coyney, 1583, Magdaland Coyney, 1773 in *IGI* (Weston Coyney, Staffs); Bartholomewe Coyney, 1592 in in *IGI* (Saint Bride, Fleet Street); Georgius Coyne, 1597 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Margaret Coyney or Quiny, 1621 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); George Coyney, 1631 in *IGI*

(Highley, Shrops); Margta Coiney, 1639, John Coiney, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, London and Middx); Catharine Coyney, 1710 in *IGI* (Pepperhill, Shrops); Anne Coyney, 1731 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Ann Mary Hill Coyney, 1805 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs).

**Coysh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Cosh**.

**Coyte**

Variants: **Coit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *coyte*, *coite* 'discus, flat stone', hence probably used for an enthusiastic or successful quoits player. **Further information:** compare *Coyter*, or *caster of a Coyte*, about 1440 in Promptorium Parvulorum, and also Alice Coyteman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Coiter, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Walter le Coyt, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John Coyt, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Coyte, 1681 in The Essex Review 62.

**Cozens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1940, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Norfolk; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cozier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**English:** see **Cosier**.

**Cozins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** see **Cousins**.

**Crabb**

Variants: **Crabbe, Craib**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2739, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3096
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Middx, Surrey, and Essex; Dorset and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**English, Scottish:** nickname from Old English *crabba*, Middle English *crab*(*be*) 'crab', denoting either someone who walked like a crab (compare Crabeleg, 1148 in Winton Domesday) or, as in German and East Frisian, for an awkward, perverse, or fractious person. Later, by association with the tart crab apple (Middle English *crab*(*be*)), it was used to denote a sour-tempered person.

**Further information:** A complaint was made by Edward II of England to the Count of Flanders about the activities of the Flemish engineer John *Crab*, who assisted the Scots at the siege of Berwick in 1319.

## Crabbe

Edward received a reply stating that John *Crab* had been banished from Flanders for murder.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Crabbe, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Steffanus Crabbe, 1217 in Patent Rolls; Emet Crabb, 1551 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

Scotland: John Crab, Flemish engineer, 1319 in Scotland Calendar (Berwick); John Crabbe, constable, 1331 in History of North Durham (Berwick); Janet Crabb, 1693 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### Crabbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Glamorgan; Somerset; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**English:** see **Crabb**.

### Crabtree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4463, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6029
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English:** locative name from Crabtree, a lost place in Sowerbyshire (WR Yorks), named from Middle English *crabbetre* ‘crab-apple tree’. Compare John atte Crabbetrywe, 1301 in Parliament Rolls (Essex). The Sowerby surname migrated to Lancs by the early 16th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Crabtre, 1388 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Crabtree, 1504, Abraham Crabtry, 1600 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Agnes Crabtre, 1540 in *IGI* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Agnes Crabtree, 1540, Abraham Crabtrye, 1568 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Crabtree, 1549 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Jenet Crabtree, 1563 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Sara Crabtrie, 1616 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Rossendale, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Surnames of Lancs, pp. 199–200.

### Crace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Grace** (1).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Cras, 1381 in Poll Tax (Artington, Surrey); Magerett Crace, 1547 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Robert Crace, 1607 in *IGI* (Shapwick, Somerset); John Crace, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jane Crace, 1643 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joseph Crass, 1733 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); George Crace, 1776 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Crack

**Variants:** **Crake, Cragg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *crak* (Old Scandinavian *krákr*) ‘carriion crow’, sometimes voiced to *crag*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardum Krac, 1230 in MED; Henry Crake, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Ralph Crake, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Johanne Crak, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cranoe, Leics); Elena Crake, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); Ricardus Crak, 1381 in Poll Tax (Glooston, Leics); James Crake, 1561 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Richard Crake, 1575 in *IGI*

(Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); John Crack, 1608 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Henry Cracke, 1633 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics); Elizabeth Cracke, 1626, Susan Crake, 1748 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); George Crack, 1717 in *IGI* (Horningsheath, Suffolk).

**2 English:** see **Cragg**.

### Crackel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Crakehall or Crakehill, both in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Crachale, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Crakall, 1414 in York Freemen’s Register.

### Crackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

**English:** unexplained. Possibly a variant of **Craighead**, although intermediate supporting forms are lacking.

**Early bearers:** John Cracket, 1725 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); John Crackat, 1753 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Crackett, 1777 in *IGI* (Seathwaite, Lancs); David Cracket, 1780 in *IGI* (Lowick, Northumb); David Crackett, 1843 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

### Cracknall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; Middx

**English:** see **Cracknell**.

### Cracknell

**Variants:** **Cracknall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2672, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2056
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Essex, and Cambs; also Middx and Surrey

**English:** variant of **Crappnell**, to judge by its post-medieval emergence and the modern distribution.

**Early bearers:** Robert Craknell, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Cracknell, 1558 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Robt Cracknell, 1604 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); Ralph Crackenell, 1611 in *IGI* (Burrough Green, Cambs); Thos Cracknall, 1676 in *IGI* (Martlesham, Suffolk); Henrey Cracknail, 1734 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs).

### Craddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh, **English:** see **Craddock**.

### Craddock

**Variants:** **Cradoek, Cradduck, Cradick, Craddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3834, Ireland 203
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2443
- **Main GB location 1881:** England: esp. Staffs; also Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Mayo, and Tipperary

Welsh, **English:** relationship name from the personal name *Caradawc*, *Cradawc*, *Caradoc*,

*Caradog*, familiar in its Latin form, *Caractacus*, for *Caratācos* who was taken as prisoner to Rome in about AD 51.

**Early bearers:** Cradoc (Caradoch’), 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs), 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Glam); Craddoc Arcurius, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); William Craddoc, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Philip Craddoc, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Craddock, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus Cradoc, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dunston, Staffs); William Craddock, 1612 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Bartholomew Craddocke, 1628 in PROB 11 (East Farndon, Northants).

### Cradduck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Welsh, **English:** variant of **Craddock**.

### Cradick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Welsh, **English:** variant of **Craddock**.

### Cradoek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Welsh, **English:** see **Craddock**.

### Crady

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

**Irish:** from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Crafer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

**English:** unexplained. Perhaps from a reduced form of a name such as *Crafford*; see **Crawford**.

**Early bearers:** Robt Crafer, 1627 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); Wm. Craffer, 1727 in *IGI* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Jane Craferd, 1730 in *IGI* (Thornham, Norfolk); William Crafer, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Crafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Scottish, **English:** see **Crawford**.

### Craft

**Variants:** **Cruft, Crafts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1201, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts; Lincs

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *craft* ‘skilful, clever, learned’.

**Early bearers:** Aluric Craft, 1185 in Templars Records (Essex); Basil Craft, 1283 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Craft, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); John Craft, 1575 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); John Crafte, 1640 in PROB 11 (Whitechapel, Middx).



**2 English:** locative name from Croft (Leics), recorded as *Craeft* in 836. See also **Croft**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Craft, 1213, de Croft (Craft), 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Warwicks); Robert de Craft, 1222 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Johannes de Craft, 1377 in Poll Tax (Preston, Rutland); Elizabeth Craft, 1559 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Davied Craft, 1576 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Thomas Craft, 1581 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Craft, 1583 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops).

**Crafter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

**English:** occupational name probably from an agent derivative of Middle English *craft* 'skilful, clever, learned' with the sense 'craftsman'. Compare *Craft*.  
**Early bearers:** John Crafter, 1680 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Edmond Crafter, 1694 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Thomas Crafter, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent); James Crafter, 1762 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Crafton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs

**English:** locative name from Crafton (Bucks).  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Ricardus Crafton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Wickham Bishops, Essex); Thomas Crafton, 1582 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); John Crafton or grafton, 1586 in PROB 11 (Saint Nicholas Olave, City of London); Richard Crafton, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Crafts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** variant of **Craft**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Gerard Craftes, 1559 in PROB 11 (Cottesmore, Rutland).

**Cragg**

**Variants:** **Crack, Craggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2255, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1894
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Lincs

**1 English:** locative name from Middle English *crag*, in surnames occasionally *crak*, 'crag, rock', chiefly found in NW England. It is derived from Irish *creag* and was probably introduced from Ireland by Norwegian Vikings.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Crag, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Hudde del Crag, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Peter del Kragg, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Askrigg, NR Yorks); Andrew Cragg', 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Whitby, NR Yorks); Johannes de Crag', Johannes de Crak, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roberto del Cragge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Orton, Westm); Willelmus Cragge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Firbeck, WR Yorks); Georg Cragg, 1559 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes Cragge, 1576 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Christopher Cragg, 1582 in *IGI*

(Houghton le Spring, Durham); Mathew Cragg, 1582 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).  
**2 English:** voiced variant of **Crack** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Ursula Cragge, 1561 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs); Hughe Cragge, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Marie Cragg, 1587 in *IGI* (Bigby, Lincs); Sara Cragge, 1615 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); Thomas Cragg, 1633 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Jn. Cragge, 1642 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

**Craggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1541
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham

**English:** variant of **Cragg**, either a plural form or more often with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
 Compare Georg Cragg, 1559, Margaret Craggs, 1564 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Cragg, 1596, Frances Craggs, 1636 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).  
**Early bearers:** John Cragges, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Fylingdales, NR Yorks); Robertus Craggs, 1547 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Craggs, 1570 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**Craghill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

**English:** locative name from Craighill in Kingwater (Cumb) or Craggle Hill in Burtholme (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** Isabell Cragill, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Anthony Craggill, 1664 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb); Edward Craghill, 1665, Wm. Craghil, 1714 in *IGI* (Aikton, Cumb); Joseph Cragghill, 1727 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**Cragie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Orkney

**Scottish:** see **Craige**.

**Crago**

**Variants:** **Crego**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** locative name probably from Cregoe in Ruan Laniorne or Creggo in Mylor (both in Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Susanna Cragow, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Pashco Crago, 1570 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Marke Cragoe, 1585 and John Cragoe, 1590 in *IGI* (Broadoak, Cornwall).

**Crahan**

**Variants:** **Crohan, Crean**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Irish:** (i) perhaps a Kerry variant of **McCrohan**. (ii) alternatively, it may be a Mayo form of **O'Creaghan**, a variant of **Crean**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more numerous in the USA.  
**References:** MacLysaght.

**Craib**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

**Scottish:** local variant of **Crabb**.  
**References:** Black.

**Craig**

**Variants:** **Craige, Craigs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19591, Ireland 3715
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13071
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Midlothian; Aberdeens, Kincardines, and Angus; NE England; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Derry

**1 Scottish:** locative name for someone who lived near a steep or precipitous rock, Older Scots *crag*, *craig*. Compare the synonymous English **Cragg**, with which *Craig* sometimes co-exists in the same parishes in NE England and Lancs, but they seem to be distinct names of different families.

**Further information:** The name was first introduced to Ulster by Sir James Craig of Edinburgh, one of the Scottish undertakers of the Plantation, who owned extensive lands there, at first in Armagh, and later in Cavan, where many of his kinsmen settled. The new town of Craigavon, Armagh, was named after the family home in County Down of James Craig, the first prime minister of N Ireland (1921–40), whose ancestors had also migrated to Ulster in the 17th century. See Ulster Surnames.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John del Crag, 1201–2 in Glasgow Register; Anneys del Crag of Edinburghshire, 1296, Johan del Cragge of Lanarkshire, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; James del Crag, son and heir of John del Crag, 1323 in Irvine Muniments (Ayr); Johannes de Crag, burgess, 1358 in Great Seal of Scotland (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Walter de Crag, son of John Crag, 1429 in Great Seal of Scotland (Berwicks); Richard de Crag, 1443 in Glasgow Register (Dundee, Angus); William Craigh, merchant in Culross, 1668 in Dunblane Testaments; Thomas Craig, 1620, William Craig, 1782 in *IGI* (Inveresk, Midlothian). Ireland: Margaret Craig, 1694, Alexander Craig, 1710, Henry Craig, 1848 in *IGI* (Tynan, Armagh); Sarah Craig, 1705, Alexander Craig, 1770, Robert Craig, 1861 in *IGI* (Downpatrick, Down); Thomas Craig, 1799 in *IGI* (Cavan, Cavan). England: Elisabeth Craig, 1772 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Craig, 1800 in *IGI* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb); Martha Craige, 1816, Ellen Craig, 1829 in *IGI* (Gorton, Lancs).

**2 Manx:** relationship name either a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Concharraige* 'son of *Cu Charraige* ('hound of the rock') or possibly of *mac* + *Thorveig* 'son of Thorveig', from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Þórveig*.

**Early bearers:** 10M: Mac Quarrak, 1497, Mac Cragg, 1511, Mac Quarrag, 1515, 1643, Corraugh, 1649, Corighe, 1650, Corraige, 1703, Craig, 1760, 1788, Coraag, 1764, Corrage, 1772, Cragg, 1809, Cregg, 1811, Cragg, 1822, Creig, 1825 in Kneen.  
**References:** Kneen.

**Craige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

## Craigren

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Ayr; Lancs; Northumb
- Manx:** see **Craig**.

## Craigren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

**Scottish:** local variant of **Craigie**

**Further information:** Black notes that "the church of Cragyn (now Craigie) in Kyle was confirmed to the monks of Paisley by Thomas de Cragyn, son and heir of John Hose, who had assumed his surname from his lands" (1272).

**Early bearers:** John de Cragyn of Linlithgow, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Ade Cragyne, 1477 in Irvine Muniments (Irvine, Ayr).

## Craighead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

**Scottish:** locative name from Craighead (Aberdeens), or possibly some other minor place so named, for example in Kincardines or Kinross.

**Early bearers:** David Craighead, 1546 in Glasgow Register (Arbroath, Angus); William Craigheid, 1613 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Craighead, 1623 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens).

## Craigie

**Variants:** **Cragie**, **Craigren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 941
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Midlothian and Lanarks

**Scottish:** locative name from any of several places in Scotland called Craigie (Ayr, Perth, W Lothian, Angus).

**Further information:** Most Scottish place-names ending in *-ie* were spelled with *-in* in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** John de Cragin, 1165–82 in Dunfermline Register (Perth); Thomas de Cragyn, 1272 in Paisley Register (Cragie, Ayr); John de Cragyn of Linlithgow, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (W Lothian); Brice de Cragy, 1317 in New Spalding Miscellany (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John de Krage, 1427 in Orkney and Zetland Oppressions (Orkney); Alexander de Cragy, 1429 in Ayr Charters; Patrike Craigie, 1632 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

## Craigmile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

**Scottish:** locative name from Craigmyle (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Elspett Cragmyll, 1570 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeens); Thomas Craigmill, 1597 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Craigmyll, 1608 in Aberdeens Court Records (Elrick, Aberdeens).

## Craigs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

**Scottish and N English:** variant of **Craig** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** James Craigs, 1696 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); William Craigs, 1705 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Craigs, 1718 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

## Craik

**Variants:** **Crake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and E Scotland: esp. Angus; N England

1 **Scottish:** locative name from any of a number of places called Craik in Scotland, including in Selkirks, Roxburghs, Dumfriess, Aberdeens, Angus.

**Further information:** The place-name element *craik* (from Old Welsh *creic* 'rock', cognate with Gaelic *craig*) is often found in conjunction with other place-name elements, as in *Craiksfold*, *Craik Moor*, *Craik Forest*, *Craik Cross Hill*, etc.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Crake (Dumfriess), James de Crake (Selkirks), 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Andrew Craik, 1453 in Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities; Adam Craik, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Beatrix Craik, 1611 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Craik, 1768 in *IGI* (Kirriemuir, Angus); Agnas Crake, 1785 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens).

2 **English:** see **Crake**.

## Crail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Lancs

**Scottish:** locative name from Crail (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Karel, 1247 in Paisley Register (Inchinnan, Renfrews); Robert de Caral, 1263 in NRS (Perth); Richard de Karale, 1330 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Crail, Fife); Alexander Crale, 1492 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); David Crayl, 1497 in Brechin Register (Forfar, Angus); Andrew Creall, 1609 in Brechin Testaments (Dundee, Angus); Jonet Crail, 1705 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).

## Crain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and IoM

1 **Manx:** see **Craine**.

2 **English:** see **Crane**.

## Craine

**Variants:** **Crain**, **Crane**, **Crayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 686
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name variant of **Karran**.

**Further information:** Ballacraine (German, IoM) is 'Craine's farm'.

**Early bearers:** Mac Croyn, 1408, Mac Craine, 1422, Mac Crayne, 1422, 1511, Craine, 1586, Crain, 1607, Crayne, 1638, Crane, 1736, 1800 in Kneen.

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

## Craise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian and Berwicks

**Scottish:** see **Grace** (1) and (3).

**Early bearers:** John Craze, 1648 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian).

## Crake

**Variants:** **Craik**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 **English:** locative name from Crayke in NR Yorks. Names without the preposition may alternatively belong with (2) and the name in Berwick with (3).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Crayk, 1274 in York Freemen's Register; Robert de Crayk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lemington, Northumb); Willelmus Crake, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Philippus de Crayk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Campsall, WR Yorks); Johanne de Crayke, mercer, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); William Crayke, 1533 in *IGI* (East Morton, WR Yorks); Franciscus Crake, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Thomas Crayke, 1581 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Craike, 1573 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); James Craik, 1766 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

2 **English:** see **Crack**.

3 **Scottish:** see **Craik**.

## Craker

**Variants:** **Crawcour**, **Cregor**, **Creedor**, **Crocker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Bucks

1 **Norman, English:** locative name from any of three places in N France called Crèvecoeur (Calvados, Oise, and Nord).

**Further information:** The Norman baronial family came from Calvados and held Leeds Castle in Kent from the 11th to 13th centuries. Hamo de Creueker has left his name in Crockers (Sussex) and The Crakers in Great Barford (Beds), recorded as *Crewkers* in 1539, *Crecors* in the 17th century, and *Crakers* in 1766.

**Early bearers:** Helias de Creuequor, 1158 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Robert (de) Creuequor, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Robert de Crouequor, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Rainald, Alexander de Creuer, 1212 in Book of Fees (Lincs); Robert de Creuer, 1284 in Feudal Aids (Cambs); Morgan Craker, 1557 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Mary Craker, 1620 in *IGI* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); John Craker, 1633 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); John Craker, 1639 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); John Craker, 1662 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 524, Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 52.

2 **Norman, English:** nickname; occasional examples with *le* suggest the possibility also of a derivation from French *crève-cœur* 'break heart, heart-breaker'; compare Richard Brekeherth, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset).

**Further information:** The surname has probably been partly absorbed by **Craker**, **Croaker**, **Croker**, and **Crocker**.

## Cram

**Variants:** **Cramb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 584
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lincs; also Clackmannans

1 **Scottish**: locative name, shortened form of *Crambie*, from Crambeth, the former name of Dowhill in Ballingry (Kinross).

**Early bearers**: Gilbert de Crambeth, 1231 in Dunfermline Register (Dunduff, Fife); Matthew de Crombech or Crambeth, 1283 in Papal Letters (Dunkeld, Perth); Willelmus de Crambreth, 1360 in Scone Charters (Perth); John Cramby, 1463 in Perth Blackfriars (Perth, Perth); James Crambe, 1586 in Scone Charters (Lethendy, Perth); Margaret Cram, 1671 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

2 **English**: apparently a variant of **Cramp** (see **Crump**) with loss of *-p*.

### Cramb

- **Current frequencies**: GB 504, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 304
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Perth
- Scottish**: see **Cram**.

### Crame

- **Current frequencies**: GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 33
- **Main GB location 1881**: scattered in England: esp. Cambs; Cheshire; NR Yorks

**English**: probably from Middle English *craine(e)*, a variant of *creme* 'cream'; see **Cream**.

**Early bearers**: Peter Crame, 1323 in Patent Rolls; John Crame, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Whitstable, Kent); John Crame, 1560 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); John Crame, 1590 in PROB 11 (Lakenheath, Suffolk); Mary Crame, 1651 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Crame, 1735 in *IGI* (Wilton by Redcar, NR Yorks); Daniel Crame, 1803 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs).

### Cramer

- **Current frequencies**: GB 697, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881**: 255
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx and Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Leitrim

1 **Dutch, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic)**: see **Kramer**.

2 **English**: see **Creamer**.

### Cramman

- **Current frequencies**: GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 11
- **Main GB location 1881**: Northumb

**Scottish**: see **Crammond**.

### Crammer

- **Current frequencies**: GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 74
- **Main GB location 1881**: Essex

**Dutch, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic)**: see **Kramer**.

### Crammond

**Variants**: **Cramman**, **Cramond**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 263, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881**: 180
- **Main GB location 1881**: Angus; Northumb

**Scottish**: locative name from Cramond (Midlothian).

**Early bearers**: William de Caramund, 1278 in Dunfermline Register (Beath, Fife); Lawrens of Cramond, 1388 in Bamff Charters (Woodrae, Angus); Thomas Cramount, merchant, 1476 in Scotland Calendar; John Crammond, 1692 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

### Cramond

- **Current frequencies**: GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 245
- **Main GB location 1881**: Angus

**Scottish**: see **Crammond**.

### Cramp

- **Current frequencies**: GB 1211, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1313
- **Main GB location 1881**: Leics and Rutland; Sussex and Kent

**English**: see **Crump**.

### Cramphorn

**Variants**: **Crampin**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 130
- **Main GB location 1881**: Essex

**English**: nickname from Middle English *crampe* 'curved' + *horn* 'horn'. Compare **Crunkhorn**.

**Further information**: The modern family name originated in Sawbridgeworth, Herts, spreading into Essex and (in the form *Crunkhorn*) into the E Midlands. Others with this name, some of them clerics, had connections with Hants, Kent, Oxon, and Devon, but whether any were related to the Herts family, or had separate origins, is unknown. The spelling *Cramporne* in the 17th-century Devon examples could alternatively represent a local pronunciation of the now rare or extinct *Cranborne* from the place-name in Hants or Dorset.

**Early bearers**: William Cramphorne, 1324 in London Letter Books Kent; John Cromphorn, 1324 in Close Rolls; John Cramhorne, 1556 in *IGI* (Eastwick, Herts); Grace Cramphorn, 1561 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Nicholaus Cramphourne, 1572 in *IGI* (Gilstone, Herts).

**References**: David Munrow, *Instruments of the Middle Ages and Renaissance* (London, 1976), pp. 9–10, 47–8; H. E. Salter, ed., *Records of Mediaeval Oxford: Coroners Inquests, the Walls of Oxford, etc.* (Oxford, 1912).

### Crampin

- **Current frequencies**: GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 90
- **Main GB location 1881**: Essex

1 **English**: contracted form of **Cramphorn**.

**Further information**: There are no medieval forms of the surname to support Wilson's other derivation of *Crampon* from Middle English *crampoun* (Old French *crampoun*) 'grappling iron', which takes the post-medieval surname spelling at face value.

2 **English**: nickname possibly from Middle English *crampoun* (Old French *crampoun*) 'cramping iron, grappling iron', possibly for a maker or user of such an implement.

**Early bearers**: Elizabeth Crampon, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Abraham Crampone and Thomas Cramporne, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Francis Crampion, 1686 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); Josephus Crampin, 1700 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Charles Crampin, 1801 in *IGI* (Little Bentley, Essex).

### Crampsie

- **Current frequencies**: GB 94, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881**: 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Derry

**Irish**: an alternative phonetic anglicization of Ó Cnáimhsigh, see **Kneafsey**. The surname was sometimes 'translated' as **Bonner** and **Boner**.

### Crampton

**Variants**: **Cranton**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 1978, Ireland 223
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1458
- **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Wicklow and Dublin; Tipperary, Galway, and Mayo

**English**: (i) locative name from Crampton in High Halden (Kent). (ii) variant of **Crompton**.

**Early bearers**: George Crampton, 1556 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Alexander Crampton, 1562 in *IGI* (Coddtenham, Suffolk); Harrye Crampton, 1573 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); James Crampton, 1606 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Daniel Crampton, 1755 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs).

### Cran

- **Current frequencies**: GB 395, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881**: 414
- **Main GB location 1881**: Aberdeens

**Scottish**: Scottish variant of English **Crane**.

**Early bearers**: Patrick Crane, 1398 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeens); Barbara Cran, 1687, Alexander Cran, 1773 in *IGI* (Forgue, Aberdeens); Anna Cran, 1713, Mary Cran, 1820 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs).

### Cranage

**Variants**: **Cranidge**, **Crannage**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 149
- **Main GB location 1881**: Staffs

**English**: locative name from Cranage in Cheshire.

**Early bearers**: Mergeret Crannadg, 1556 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Edward Cranidge, 1692 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); George Cranage, 1758 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

### Cranborne

**Variants**: **Cranbourne**

- **GB frequency 1881**: 1

**English**: locative name from Cranborne (Dorset) or Cranbourne (Hants).

**Early bearers**: William de Cranburne, 1210–11 in Winchester Pipe Roll; Giles of Craneburne, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Johannes Cranebourne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Francis Cranborne, 1573 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); John Cranbourne, 1683 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Cranbourne

- **GB frequency 1881**: 0

**English**: see **Cranborne**.

### Cranch

- **Current frequencies**: GB 149, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881**: 160
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon

**English**: unexplained, perhaps from a name of the form Old English *cran* + *wīc* 'crane farm' for an unidentified place.

**Further information**: It is unclear whether this belongs with **Crang**, which is also a Devon name.

**Early bearers**: Steven Crantch, 1559, Owen Cranch, 1603 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Ambrous Cranch, 1638 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon).

## Crandall

### Crandall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Irish: see **Crandell**.

### Crandell

**Variants:** Crandall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Irish: anglicized form of **Mac Raonuill** 'son of *Raonull*', see **Ronald**.

### Crandon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name from Crandon (Somerset). **Early bearers:** William de Crandene, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Walter de Crandene, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Ricardus Cranden', 1381 in Poll Tax (Crouchston, Wilts); John Crandon, 1581 in PROB 11 (Chardstock, Dorset).

### Crane

**Variants:** Cran, Crann, Craine, Crain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8831, Ireland 161
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Roscommon
- 1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *crane* 'crane' also perhaps 'heron', no doubt for someone with long legs. Compare Nich. Cranebayn ('crane leg'), 1218–19 in Pleas (Yorks). **Early bearers:** Osbert Crane, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Jordan Cran, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); William le Crane, 1235 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Thomas le Cran, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Johana Crane, 1542 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Agnes Crane, 1543 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Thos. Crane, 1544 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk); Robtus. Crane, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Crane, 1546 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts).
- 2 **Manx:** see **Craine, Karran**.

### Craner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English:** occupational name, perhaps an agent derivative of Middle English *crane* 'machine for lifting', hence denoting a crane-operator, although this use of *craner* is not recorded until the 19th century in OED. Compare Reginaldus Craneman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Patcham, Sussex). **Early bearers:** John Craner, 1580, Thomas Craner, 1675 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Craner, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Craney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Ciaráin**, see **Creaney**.

### Cranfield

**Variants:** Cornfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, Middx, and Surrey; also Beds and Hunts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English:** locative name from Cranfield (Beds). **Early bearers:** Johannes Cranfeld, 1377 in Poll Tax (Baldon Saint Lawrence, Oxon); Clement Cornefill, 1542 in *IGI* (London); John Cranefylde, 1548 in *IGI* (London); Peter Cranfield, 1560 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Agnes Cranfeild, 1564 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); George Cranefeild, 1570 in *IGI* (Cople, Beds); James Cranfyld, 1570 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Johane Cornifeilde, 1586 in *IGI* (London); Mich. Cornefeild, 1594 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

### Cranford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon

**English:** locative name from any of the places called Cranford, in Devon, Middx, Essex, Northants. **Early bearers:** Roger de Cranford before 1150–83 Mowbray Charters; Nicholas de Cranford, 1259 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Willelmus de Cranford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancs); Thomas Cranford, 1466 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Cranford, 1634 in PROB 11 (Great Chesterford, Essex).

### Crang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** unexplained. It is apparently unconnected with **Crank**, which is strongly northern, and it is unclear whether it is related to **Cranch**, which is also Devonian.

**Early bearers:** Richard Crang, 1539 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); George Crange, 1547 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Mathew Crang, 1689 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Richard Craing, 1772 in *IGI* (Bratton Fleming, Devon).

### Crangle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 126
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 **Scottish, N Irish:** relationship name, anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Raonuill** 'son of *Raonull*' (see **Ronald**). Compare **Crandell**.  
2 **Irish:** from **Ó Cróghail**, a variant of **Ó Cróghaile** 'descendant of *Cróghal*', a personal name composed of *crón* 'brown' + *gal* 'valour'. See **Cranley**.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Rory O'Cronegill, 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth \$2066; Patrick Crangle, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Rathmullan, Down); Edward Crangle, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Saul, Down); Henry Crangle, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyroney, Down).

### Cranham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Hants

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Cranham, in Essex and Gloucs.

**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Cranham, 1595 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Winifred Cranham, 1618 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Aylice Crannam, 1621 in *IGI* (Cuxton, Kent); John Cranham, 1680 in *IGI* (Winterslow, Wilts).

### Cranidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English:** see **Cranage**.

### Crank

**Variants:** Cronk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 608
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cranke* 'lusty, vigorous; in high spirits; merry'. **Early bearers:** Godric Cranc', 1121–48 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Johannes Crank, 1377 in Poll Tax (Middleton Tyas, NR Yorks); John Cranke, 1599 in *IGI* (Alconbury cum Weston, Hunts); Arthur Crank, 1669 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Josph. Crank, 1783 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire).  
2 **English:** nickname perhaps from *cranuc*, a diminutive of Middle English *cran* 'crane'

### Crankshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 405
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Cronshaw**.

### Cranleigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Cranley**.

### Cranley

**Variants:** Cranleigh, Crangle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Tipperary
- 1 **English:** locative name from Cranleigh in Surrey or either of the places named Cranley, in Suffolk and Lincs. **Early bearers:** Alan de Cranle, 1247 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Alan de Cranlai, 1307 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John de Cranle, 1338 in Feet of Fines (Wilts); John Cranley, 1557 in PROB 11 (Dunsfold, Surrey); Thomas Cranley, 1645 in PROB 11 (Saint George Southwark, Surrey).  
2 **Irish:** from **Ó Cróghaile** 'descendant of *Cróghal*', a personal name comprising *crón* 'brown' and *gal* 'valour'. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Rory O'Cronegill, 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth \$2066 ( Tipperary); Neale O'Cronell, husbandman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth \$6500 (Croghan); Hugh O'Cronully, cottier, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth \$6535 (Kilvry, Laois); Wm. O'Cronowly, cottier, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth \$6535 (Kilvry, Laois).

### Cranmer

**Variants:** Cranmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk; Warwicks  
**English:** locative name from Cranmer Green in Walsham le Willows (Suffolk), and perhaps also from other places similarly named, such as Cranmer Hall in Sculthorpe (Norfolk), Cranmore in Shalfleet (IoW), Cranmer Bottom in Selborne and Cranmore in Aldershot (both Hants), and East and West Cranmore (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Cranemore, 1235 in Kökeritz, IoW (IoW); Hugh de Cranemere, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Herts); Willelmo de Cranemere, 1316 in Walsham le Willows Court Rolls (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Thomas de Cranmer, 1373–5 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Edmund Cranmere, 1422, John Cranmer, 1447 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Robert Cranmer, 1620 in PROB 11 (Chevening, Kent).  
**References:** Kökeritz, IoW, p. 209; Gover, Hants Place-Names, pp. 94, 107.

### Cranmore

• **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 57  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs  
**English:** see **Cranmer**.

### Crann

• **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 131  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon  
**English:** variant of **Crane**.

### Cranna

• **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 87  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens  
**Irish:** from Mac Ciaráin, see **Creaney**.

### Cranrage

• **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 68  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs  
**English:** see **Cranage**.

### Cranney

• **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 67  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 79  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham  
**Irish:** (i) from Mac Ciaráin, see **Creaney**. (ii) according to Woulfe, it is from Mac Bhraigh, ‘son of *Branach*’, a personal name based on *bran* ‘raven’, but this seems to be nothing more than a guess.

### Crannis

**Variants:** **Grannis**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 50  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk

**English:** locative name from Cranes in Nevendon (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cranewys, 1418 in Bury Saint Edmunds Wills; Andrew Cranewys, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Charles Crannis, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

### Cranny

• **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 12  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 77  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kilkenny  
**Irish:** from Mac Ciaráin, see **Creaney**.

### Cranshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 547  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Cronshaw**.

### Cranston

**Variants:** **Cranstone**, **Cranstoun**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1512, Ireland 241  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1210  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Midlothian, also Roxburghs; Durham  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Fermanagh; Armagh

**Scottish:** locative name from the barony of Cranston in Midlothian. See also **Crinson**.

**Early bearers:** Elfric de Cranestun, 1170–71 in Scottish Historical Review (Preston, E Lothian); Thomas de Cranestoun, 1230–40 in Midlothian Charters (Cranston, Midlothian); Andrew de Cranstoun, before 1338 in Newbattle Register (Midlothian); Thomas de Cranstoun, provost, 1423 in Edinburgh Register (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Cranstone, 1604 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Johne Cranstoune, 1652 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Samuel Cranston, 1666 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Cranstone

• **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 5  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 188  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey  
**Scottish, English:** see **Cranston**.

### Cranstoun

• **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 76  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** see **Cranston**.

### Cranswick

• **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 199  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks  
**English:** locative name from Cranswick (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Crancewic, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); John de Cranncewyk, 1351 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Andrew Crauncewyk, 1293 in King’s Bench Cases (Yorks); James Cranswick, 1611 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks); Johannes Cranswicke, 1628 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); William Cransweck, 1758 in *IGI* (Mappleton, ER Yorks).

### Cranton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 46  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** variant originating in Kent of **Crampton**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Cranton, 1620 in *IGI* (Ickham, Kent); Ellen Cranton, 1637 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Cranton, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Edward Cranton, 1762 in *IGI* (Broadwindsor, Dorset); Benjamin Cranton, 1793 in *IGI* (Wayford, Somerset).

### Cranwell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 221

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, Middx, and Bucks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford  
**English:** locative name from Cranwell (Lincs), or Cranwell in Waddesdon (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Cranwella, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); William de Cranewelle, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Cranwell, 1442 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Richarde Cranwell, 1608 in PROB 11 (Tidmarsh, Berks).

### Crapnell

**Variants:** **Cracknell**, **Cracknall**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 126  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent and Middx  
**Norman, English:** unexplained, but of French appearance, and therefore perhaps an unrecorded derivative of Anglo-Norman French *crapout* ‘toad’.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Craponel, 1321 in Patent Rolls; Walter Crapenel, parson of the church of Berkyng, 1328 in Patent Rolls; John Crapenell, 1476 in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich); Harrye Crapnell, 1586 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk); Tho. Crapnel, 1699 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk); Samuel Crapnell, 1801 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); Charles Henry Crapnall, 1862 in *IGI* (Charlton by Dover, Kent).

### Crapp

• **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 14  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 290  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** variant of **Cropp** with post-medieval unrounding of the vowel. Compare **Crappier**.

**Early bearers:** John Cropp, 1580, Jone Crapp, 1600 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall).

### Crappier

• **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 667  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Oxon

**English:** variant of **Cropper** with post-medieval unrounding of the vowel.

### Crase

• **GB frequency 1881:** 78  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Grace** and compare **Craze**.

**Further information:** This form is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Crask

• **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 120  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs

**English:** see **Craske**.

### Craske

**Variants:** **Crask**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 6  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 492  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, also Suffolk  
**English:** nickname from Middle English *crask(e)* ‘vigorous, strong, lusty, stout, plump’.

**Early bearers:** Godith Crasc, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Ralph Craske, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Henricum Cresk, 1223 in Patent Rolls (Nafferton, ER Yorks); Robertus Crask, 1379 in Poll

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Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Rogerus Crask, Thomas Craske, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burnham Overy, Norfolk); Johannes Cresk, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Walsham, Norfolk); Edmond Craske, 1539 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Frannces Craske, 1563 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Thomas Craske, gent., 1712–13 in Lynn Freemen (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Crass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English:** see **Grace** (1).
- Early bearers:** John Crass, 1663 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Maria Grass, 1681, John Crass, 1764 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

### Crasswell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Crassweller

**Variants:** Cressweller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** locative name from the place-name **Crasswell** + the agent suffix *-er*, i.e. ‘man from Crasswell’, or alternatively ‘man from the stream where watercress grows’.

**Early bearers:** John Kerswellere, about 1405 in Fitzalan Surveys; Austen Cressweller, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Cressweller, 1558 in Sussex Wills.

### Craster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; NR Yorks; Midlothian
- English:** locative name from Craster in Northumb, recorded as *Craucestr’* in 1242.
- Early bearers:** Albert de Craucestre, Ivo de Craucestre, 13th cent. in Gisborough Cartulary; Barbare Craster, 1589 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Edward Craster, 1636 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Craswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Cratchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English:** locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps variant of **Critchley**.
- Further information:** John de Crachale, 1258, Thomas de Crachale, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Yorks), and Johannes de Crachall, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldborough, WR Yorks), have locative names deriving from Crakehall (NR Yorks) and are not ancestral to **Cratchley**.
- Early bearers:** John Cracheley, 1513, 1536 in West Yorks Archives (Bradford); Wylliam Cratchlye, 1563 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Thomas Crachley, 1564 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Ric. Cratcheley, 1573 in *IGI*

(Frodsham, Cheshire); Katherine Cratchley, 1599 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs).

### Crate

**Variants:** Crates, Creet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *crate* ‘hurdle, basket’, or sometimes perhaps *crete* ‘cradle’. (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Croft**, for which such spellings regularly occur in Early Modern place-names.

**Early bearers:** John Cret, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Thomas le Creat, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Sisilla la Crete, 1281 in Court Rolls (Wilts); Robte Crates, 1547 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Ebull Crate, 1590 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Maude Crat, 1611 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); William Crate, 1694 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants).

### Crates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English:** variant of **Crate**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Crathern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English:** see **Craythorne**.

### Crathorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; ER Yorks
- English:** see **Craythorne**.

### Crauford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons, Fife
- Scottish:** see **Crawford**.

### Craufurd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Scottish:** see **Crawford**.

### Craven

**Variants:** Creaven, Cravens, Graffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6927, Ireland 503
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5770
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**1 English:** locative name from the district of Craven in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Torfin de Crauene, 1166 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); John de Crauene, 1242 in Assize Rolls (Durham); John Craven and Agnes Craven, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Cecilia de Craven, 1379 in Poll Tax (ER Yorks); Willelmus de Craven, 1377 in Poll Tax (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Thomas Craven, 1377 in Poll Tax (Denton, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Craven, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warcop, Westm); William Craven, 1538 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Georgii Craven, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Marcus

Craven, 1554 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Thomas Craven, 1559 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Robtus Craven, 1564 in *IGI* (Boultham, Lincs).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, pp. 131–2.

**2 Irish:** from Ó Crabháin (Galway) or Mac Crábháin (Louth, Monaghan) ‘descendant (or ‘son’) of Crábháin’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Philip Mac Craven, clerk, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1272 (Maghereroshe in Ferne, Louth); Patr. and Philip McCravyn, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6563; Bryan McGraffen, Widow McGraffin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmegan, Down).

### Cravens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English:** variant of **Craven**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain, but more numerous in the USA.

### Craw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Glasgow; Berwicks

**Scottish:** (i) locative name in Berwicks, a reduced form of *Aldengrawe*, later *Auchencraw* or *Auchencrow*, the name of a hamlet in the parish of Coldingham (Berwicks). (ii) elsewhere possibly from northern Middle English, Older Scots *craw*, Old English *crāwe* ‘crow’, see **Crowe**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Aldengraue, 1165–1214 in Coldingham Priory (Berwicks); Walter Crawe, 1370 in Scotland Calendar (Berwick upon Tweed, Berwicks); James of Aldincraw, 1467 in Dunfermline Register (Berwicks); Alexander Auchincraw and his son Henry Craw, 1577 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts (Berwicks); Johne Crawe, 1621, Penelopie Craw, 1738, Ann Craw, 1834 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Craw, 1665, Elizabeth Craw, 1787 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Craw, 1679 in Retours, Scotland (Coldingham, Berwicks); Marrion Craw, 1741, John Craw, 1856 in *IGI* (Dalsersf, Lanarks); Margaret Craw, 1763, John Craw, 1820 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks).

### Crawcour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Jersey
- Norman, English:** see **Craker**.

### Crawford

**Variants:** Crauford, Craufurd, Crafford, Crawfordth, Crawford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21399, Ireland 4187
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14586
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Tyrone

**Scottish:** locative name from Crawford (Lanarks). The surname appears in England as early as the 13th century.

**Further information:** There is a place called Crawford in Lancs, but this is unlikely to be a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Crauford, 1147–60 in Kelso Register (Douglas, Lanarks); Geoffrey de Krauford, 1227 in Arbroath Register (Kennethmont, Aberdeens); Reginald de Crawford, 1286–1309 in Lennox Cartulary (Bandry, Dunbartons); James Crawford, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Crawford, 1620 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Patrik Crawford, 1620 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jonet Crawford, 1621 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Laurenty Craufords, 1645 in PROB 11 (Kilbirnie, Ayrshire); Margaret Crawford, 1670 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Jannet Crawford, 1767 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).  
**England:** Nicolaus de Crauford, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Nicholas Craunford', 1332 in Feet of Fines (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); Benedictus de Crauford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robert Craunford', 1430 in Feet of Fines (Oxford, Oxon); Robt Crawford, 1563 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Thomas Crawford, 1572 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### Crawforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

**English:** this name is recorded from Tudor times in Lincs and ER Yorks and could be of local origin, but is more likely to be a variant of **Crawford** due to early migration from Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Johannis Crawford, 1560 in *IGI* (Norton by Malton, ER Yorks); Duglas Crawford, 1565 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); Margerie Crawford, 1573 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Roberte Crawford, 1575 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Rachell Crawford, 1576 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Robert Crawford, 1576 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Crawfurd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

**English:** see **Crawford**.

### Crawley

**Variants:** Creely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4736, Ireland 517
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3603
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Beds, and Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

**1 English:** locative name from any of the places named Crawley, in Bucks, Essex, Hants, Sussex, and Oxon, or possibly but less likely Crawley in Membury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Pagan de Crawleia, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); Thomas de Crowele, about 1280 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Craweley, 1397 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Thomas Crawley, 1559 in PROB 11 (Wendon Lofts, Essex); William Crawley, 1610 in PROB 11 (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

**2 Irish:** In Ireland, this is generally the English name, but it may also have been adopted for **Mac Raghallaigh** 'son of *Raghallach*'.

**Early bearers:** Thady Magrawley, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3243 (Monoley, Westmeath); Thomas Crawley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Haggardstown, Louth); Patrick Crawley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Oldcastle, Meath); Edward Crawley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Charlestown, Louth); Nicholas

Crawley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Tullyallen, Louth).

### Crawshaw

**Variants:** Croshaw, Crowshaw, Crawshay, Crosher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2064, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2328
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

**English:** locative name from any of various minor places in WR Yorks, of which the most probable are Crawshaw in Bradfield, Crawshaw in Emley, Crawshaw Hey in Saddleworth, and Crawshaw Field in Pudsey; or from Crawshaw Booth in Haslingden (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John de Crouschagh, 1308 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Adam de Craweshaghe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Johannes de Crauschagh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Dionis' de Croshagh', Rogerus de Croshawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Radulphus de Croshawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kimberworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Crauschagh', 1381 in Poll Tax (Spotland, Lancs); Thomas Crawsheye, 1565 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Rycharde Crawshaw, 1579 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Henrici Crawshay, 1584 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Edwardi Crowshaw, 1616 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Crawshay, 1656 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Rossendale, Lancs).  
**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, p. 233; 2, pp. 218, 313; 3, p. 238; Lancs Place-Names, p. 92.

### Crawshay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Glamorgan and Brecknocks

**English, Welsh:** see **Crawshaw**.

### Cray

**Variants:** Kray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 577
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset and Wilts

**1 English:** locative name from Foots Cray, North Cray, Saint Mary Cray, Saint Paul's Cray, all in Kent; or less likely from Cray in Buckden (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Johanni de Cray, mercatori Ambian[ensij] 'merchant of Amiens', 1216 in Patent Rolls, opens the possibility of Continental origin, perhaps from Cré (Sarthe).

**Early bearers:** Gunnilda de Craie, 1203 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Simon de Creye, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); William Cray, 1372 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Ricardus Cray, 1381 in Poll Tax (Godalming, Surrey); William Craye, 1597 in PROB 11 (Freshford, Somerset).

**2 Irish:** see **Creagh**.

### Craycraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Cracraft in Hogsthorpe (Lincs).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Cracraft, 1374, 1416 in Lincs Archives; Thomas Cracraft, 1596 in *IGI* (Burgh le

Marsh, Lincs); Robert Craycroft, 1612 in *IGI* (Aisthorpe, Lincs); Richard Craycraft, 1699 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); William Cracraft, 1757 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Crayden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** unexplained; possibly a local form of Croydon (Surrey).

**Further information:** Craydon in South Tawton (Devon) was originally *Croydon*.

**Early bearers:** John Craden, 1600 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); Alice Craydon, 1645 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Alice Crayden, 1664 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Walter Crayden, 1704 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Sarah Creydon, 1724 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Thomas Creyden, 1747 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Crayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** locative name from Crayford (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Crayford, 1539 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Susan Crayford, 1560 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); John Crayford, 1566 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Edward Crayford, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent).

### Crayne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Manx:** see **Craine**.

### Crayston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

**English:** (i) locative name probably from Crayston in Shap (Westm), though that name appears later than the first record of the surname. (ii) possibly from the 'grey stone' which gave its name to a ward of Carlisle (Cumb), or from some other conspicuous grey stone. Greystoke, also in Cumb, had original initial C-, and the variation between C- and G- may have inversely affected this name.

**Early bearers:** George Craston, 1592, Crasten, 1599 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Will. Crayston, 1638 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Luke Crayston, 1691 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Cumb, pp. 45, 195; Place-Names of Westm 2, p. 174.

### Craythorne

**Variants:** Crathorne, Crathern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, and Leics

**English:** locative name from Crathorne (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Crathorne, 13th cent. in Gisborough Cartulary; William de Crathorn, 1345 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Robert Crauthorn, Craythorn, Crattorn, Crawthorn or Crathorn, 1509 in Foreign and Domestic Letters (Lincs).

**Crayton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: probably a variant of **Creighton**.

**Craze**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: variant of **Grace** (1); see also **Crace**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Crasse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Ashclyst, Devon); Robert Cras, 1451–64 in Cornish Lands (Trenowin in Gwinear, Cornwall); Anne Crase, 1595 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Richard Crase, 1603 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Margritt Craze, 1641 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon); Andrew Craze, 1706 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

**Crea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McCrea**.

**Creach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Creech**.  
**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Cready**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Devon
- Irish: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

**Creagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Croidheagáin, see **Creegan**.  
**Further information:** This form is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Creagh**

- Variants: **Cray**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 400
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Limerick, and Clare
- Irish: from **Craobhach**, Ó **Craobhaigh** ‘descendant of *Craobhach*’, a byname meaning ‘curly(-headed)’ or ‘prolific’ (from *craobh* ‘branch, bough’).  
**Further information:** *Craobhach* is an epithet of the O’Neills of Clare, one of whose ancestors is said to have always carried a green branch into battle.  
**Early bearers:** Hugh O’Crevy, kern, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1769 (Tollohanny, Westmeath); Teig O’Creve, husbandman, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4624 (Ballintabane, Westmeath); Morogho O’Creve, horseboy, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4699.

**Creak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Beds; also Middx
- English: see **Creek**.

**Cream**

- Variants: **Crame**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cambs
- English: nickname from Middle English *creme* ‘cream’ (Old French *craine*). Compare **Butter**, **Cheese**, **Curd**, **Milk**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Creme, 1491 in Feet of Fines (Middx); Wlm Creaime, 1585 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); John Creeme, 1609 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Elizabeth Cream, 1638 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); John Cream, 1646 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Margaret Cream, 1674 in *IGI* (Felsham, Suffolk).

**Creamer**

- Variants: **Cremer**, **Cramer**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 291
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 419
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts; Norfolk; Middx; also E Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- English: of uncertain origin. The non-existence of names such as \**Cheeser* and \**Milker* seems to rule out an agent derivative of *cream*.  
**Further information:** Merquerd Cremer is mentioned as a merchant of ‘Colbergh within the duchy of Pomeryn’ (Kolberg, now Kołobrzeg, Poland) in 1407 in Patent Rolls, which supports the hypothesis that the Low German byname or surname *Kremer* ‘merchant’ was found in medieval England and is the source of this surname. Black’s Law Dictionary (1979, 5th edition) defines *creamer* as ‘a foreign merchant, but generally taken for one who has a stall at a fair or market’, suggesting that the claimed word is in fact a borrowing from the Low German.  
**Early bearers:** Abraham Cremer, 1552 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Cramer, 1558 in *IGI* (Markly, Lancs); Edward Cramer, 1562 in *IGI* (Marks Tey, Essex); Elesabeta Cramer, 1565 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); John Creamer, 1567 in *IGI* (Pavenham, Beds); James Creamer, 1587 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minories, London); Nycholas Creamer, 1595 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Ellen Cremer, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Wm. Cremer, 1608 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Cremer alias Skryme, 1611 in PROB 11 (Snettisham, Norfolk); Angell Creamer or Creamar, 1640 in PROB 11 (London); Robert Creemer, 1661 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Cremer, 1698 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Mary Creamor, 1734 in *IGI* (Milton Bryan, Beds); Catherine Creamer, 1860 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Cream**

- Variants: **Creane**, **Creegan**, **Crean**, **Cryan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 992
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork; Mayo; Wexford
- 1 **Irish:** (In Ulster) anglicized form of Gaelic Ó **Croidheáin** ‘descendant of *Croidheán*’, a byname

meaning ‘heart, endearing one’ or Ó **Creacháin**, see **Crehan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Seon O Croidhein, 1528 in AU; Baptist Crean, 1546 in Fiant Henry §509 (Slegaugh); Andrew O’Creane, gent., 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4732; John O’Crean, gent., 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4732; Walter O’Crean, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4793 (Sligo); Francis and Walter O’Creane, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6761; Peter Crean, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilgobban, Kerry).  
 2 **Irish:** see **Crahan**.

**Creane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Galway, and Sligo; Wexford; Cork
- Irish, English: see **Crea**.

**Creaney**

- Variants: **Craney**, **Cranney**, **Cranney**, **Cranna**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 401
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Irish: perhaps from **Mac Ciaráin** ‘son of *Ciarán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *ciar* ‘black’, or a variant of **McElheron**. See also **Mulkerrin**. There has been some confusion with **Craney** and **Greaney**.  
**Further information:** An article in the *Bulletin of the Ulster Place-Name Society* traces *Creaney* back to the old surname *McIlreaney*.  
**Early bearers:** James Creaney, 1838 in OS Memoirs, Ireland, vol. 21, p. 49 (Ballinderry, Antrim).  
**References:** Mooney, B. J. 1954. ‘Ballymacilrany Co. Antrim and Ballymackilreaney Co. Down’, *BUPNS* ser. 1, vol. ii, pt. 1, pp.8–10.

**Crear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Orkney; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Crerar**.

**Crearer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Lancs
- Scottish: see **Crerar**.

**Creary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac Ruidhrí** or **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McCreery**.

**Crease**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 423
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx
- English: see **Creese**.

**Creaser**

- Variants: **Cresser**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282



- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** unexplained, but apparently an agent noun from the verb *crease* ‘put folds or grooves in [something]’, or from Middle English *creesen* ‘get larger; have descendants’.

**Early bearers:** Egidius Cresser, 1548 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Richard Creesar, 1585 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Giles Crescer, 1625 in *IGI* (Abberton, Worcs); Philip Creaser, 1728 in *IGI* (West Heselerton, ER Yorks), Elizabeth Creasor, 1737 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); James Creaser, 1743 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks).

### Creasey

**Variants:** Cressey, Cressy, Crecy, Creecy, Creasy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2078, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**Norman, English:** locative name of Norman origin, from Cressy in Seine-Maritime.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Creissi, 1166 in Domesday Descendants; Hugo de Creissi, 1171 in Pipe Rolls (Lancs); Alexander de Crecy, de Cressi, about 1182 in Gilbertine Charters, 1185 in Templars Records (Lincs); Beatrix Cressy, 1216–72 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Wyllm Cressey, 1575 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs); Philipp Creasye, 1577 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

### Creasy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 594
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey, Middx, and Kent

**Norman, English:** see **Creasey**.

### Creaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**English:** locative name from Great and Little Creaton (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Creton, 1268 in Patent Rolls (Northants); Thomas Creton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Davertry, Northants); John Creton, 1434 in Feet of Fines (Little Creaton, Northants); John Creaton, 1586 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); William Creaton, 1631 in PROB 11; Jacobi Creaton, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Creaven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

**Irish:** from Ó Crabháin or Mac Crabháin, see **Craven**.

### Creavy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** see **Creevy**.

### Crebbin

**Variants:** Cribben, Cribbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs
- Manx:** variant of Irish **Gribben**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Robyn, 1417, Robyn, 1511, Crebbyne, 1580, Mac Crobyne, 1582, Crobyn, 1611, Crebbin, 1640, 1804, Crobin, 1657, Rabin, 1662, Cribbin, 1666, Crebin, 1668, Crabin, 1699 in Kneen.  
**References:** Kneen.

### Creber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from Creaber in Gidleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** ... Creubergh, 1238 in Assize Rolls (Devon); Margereta Creber, 1539 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Thomas Creber, 1562 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Henry Creyber, 1572 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); George Creber, 1575 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Bowden Crebar, 1592 in *IGI* (Crantock, Cornwall); George Crebar, 1692 in *IGI* (Dittisham, Devon); John Creaber, 1720 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 439.

### Crecy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Norman, English:** see **Creasey**.

### Credland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** see **Cridland**.

### Cree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1375, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 887
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, also Perth; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 Scottish:** reduced form of **McCree**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Cree, 1657 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); George Cree, 1721 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Jean Cree, 1766 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**2 Scottish Gaelic:** see **McRae**.

### Creech

**Variants:** Creach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Dorset; also Lancs and IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** locative name from either of two places called Creech, in Somerset and Dorset.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Cryche, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Creche, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Fontmell Magna, Dorset); Sara Creetch, 1614 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Melia Creech, 1655, William Creech, 1731, Mary Creech, 1843 in *IGI* (Porlock, Somerset); Sarah Creech, 1761, Robert Creech, 1810 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset).

**2 English:** (i) locative name perhaps for someone who lived by a creek, if Reaney is right to presume a Middle English word *\*crich(e)*, *\*creche* (Old English *\*cricc*) with this sense. (ii) MED, however, derives the name from Middle English *cracche*, *crecche* ‘manger, stall; stable’, perhaps ‘cottage or hut’. Either explanation could account for examples of the surname in SE England.

**Early bearers:** John ate Creche, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Creche, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Margaret Crechoe, 1582, John Creetch, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph Bishopsgate, London).

**References:** Place-Names of Cambs, pp. 254–6.  
**3 Manx:** reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Raois*, an altered form of *Mac Aonghuis* ‘son of Aonghus (Angus)’. Compare Irish **McCreech**.

**Further information:** Ballacreetch (Onchan) is ‘Creetch’s farm’.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Creche, 1540, Creicht, 1607, Crytche, 1611, Crech, 1621, Creech, 1641, 1748, Creetch, 1698 in Kneen; Philip Creetch, 1753 in *IGI* (Santon); Margt Creech, 1822 in *IGI* (Maughold).  
England: Margaret Creech, 1758, John Creetch, 1790, Henry Creech, 1869 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

**4 Scottish:** locative name from Creich in Fife. The name is now rare in Scotland.

**Further information:** William Creech, an Edinburgh bookseller (1745–1815), published the first edition of the poems of Burns.

**Early bearers:** Douenaldus de Creych, 1204–41 in Scone Charters (Fife); Simon de Creych, 1394 in Papal Petitions (Fife); Richard de Creich, rector of the church of Crail, 1429 in Great Seal of Scotland (Fife); John Creich, 1588, Andro Creiche, 1660, Margaret Creech, 1796 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Creecy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Norman, English:** see **Creasey**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Creed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2212, Ireland 357
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick  
**1 English:** locative name from Creed Farm in Bosham (Sussex) or from Creed (Cornwall). Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Crede, 1370 in London Pleas; Johannes Crede, 1379 in Poll Tax (Corsham, Wilts); Roberto Crede, 1379 in Poll Tax (Donhead, Wilts); Gilbert Crede, 1421, Robert Crede, 1441 in Patent Rolls; John Creed, 1567 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Agnetta Creed, 1571 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); John Creed, 1574 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Gyles Creed, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); John Creed or Creede, 1626 in PROB 11 (Down Ampney, Gloucs); Dorothea Creed, 1640 in PROB 11 (Salisbury, Wilts).

**2 English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Crede* (Old English *Crēoda*). Compare **Croad**. Some examples may belong at (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Creda, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Crede, 1279 in Barnwell Memorandum Book (Cambs).

• **Early bearers:** Wadin Crede, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Theynewin Crede, 1242 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Ricardo Crede, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Galton, in Owermoigne, Dorset); Richard Crede of Mumby, 1348 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Willelmus Crede, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blofield, Norfolk); Richard Crede, 1520 in PROB 11 (Witton, Norfolk); Anthony Creed, 1552 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); George Creede, 1586 in PROB 11 (Grauncester, Cambs).

## Creeden

References: Redin, Studies.

3 Irish: reduced form of Ó Críodáin or Mac Críodáin, see **Creedon**.

4 Irish: see **McCrudden**.

### Creeden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: see **Creedon**.

Further information: This spelling is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain, but is more numerous in the USA.

### Creedon

Variants: **Creeden, Creed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 759
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Críodáin or Mac Críodáin ‘descendant (or son) of *Críodán*’, an Old Irish personal name borne by three saints. It is of uncertain meaning (the ending is diminutive in form). This is a Munster surname, often further reduced to *Creed*.

**Early bearers:** Thady Credan, harper, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1299 (Droangan, Cork); Gilleduff McCruttan and John McDonyll Y Cruttan, husbandmen, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2781 (Cork); Donough and Shane McCredan, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4531 (Baune, Tipperary); Wm. Krydane, harper and yeoman, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4623 (Limerick or Kerry); Derby McKrydan, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4726 (Limerick).

### Creedy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

1 English: locative name from North Creedy in Sandford or Lower Creedy in Upton Hellions (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Credy, 1411–12 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); John Creedy, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

### Creegan

Variants: **Creagan, Cryan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; NR Yorks; also Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 Irish: from Ó Croidheagáin ‘descendant of *Croidheagán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *croidhe* ‘heart’, used as a term of endearment.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Cregan, 1593 in Fiant Elizabeth §5826 (Carrowntobber, Leitrim); Claudius Cregan, 1796 Flaxgrowers Ireland (Cappagh, Tyrone); Patrick Cregan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clonfeacle, Tyrone).

2 Irish: perhaps also from Ó Croidheáin, see **Crean**.

3 Irish: from Mag Riagáin, see **Regan**.

### Creemor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Craker**.

## Creek

Variants: **Creak, Creeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 524
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, WR Yorks, Essex, and Lincs

1 English: locative name from Creake (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Creak, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); John de Creak, 1298 in Place-Names of Cambs 117; John Creek, 1365 in London Pleas; Willelmus Creek, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northants); Thomas Creak, 1633 in PROB 11 (Kertling, Suffolk); Thomas Creak or Creak, 1629 in PROB 11 (Kirtling, Cambs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *creke* ‘basket’, used for a maker or seller of baskets.

**Early bearers:** Godwin Cræc, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Algar Chrech’, 1179 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Thomas Creak, 1268 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Roger Creek, 1572 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Ane Creek, 1600 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); William Creek, 1620 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs); John Creek, 1633 in *IGI* (Beaumont cum Moze, Essex); Cutbertus Creek, 1644 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks).

### Creeks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Creek**, with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Sollowman Creeks, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Creelman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Orkney
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *crel* ‘large wicker basket, creel’ + *man*, probably denoting someone who used a creel for catching or storing fish.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Creelman, 1693 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Isobeld Creelman, 1759 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Henry Creelman, 1812 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney).

### Creely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfries

Irish, Scottish: from Mac Raghallaigh, see **Crawley**.

### Creen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Manx: variant of **Kneen** with -r- for -n-. Compare John Kneen or cruyn, 1797 in Kneen.

**Early bearers:** loM: Creene, 1601, 1691, Creen, 1655, 1659, 1719, Crin, 1727, Chrun, 1788, Cruin, 1793, Crynn, 1818 in Kneen.

References: Kneen.

### Creeper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *creper* ‘one who creeps’ (Old English *crēopere*).

Further information: Compare William Crepeheg’ (‘creep (by the) hedge’), 1238–9 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Robert Crieper’, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Edward Creeper, 1717 in *IGI* (Werrington, Devon); Richard Creeper, 1758 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall).

### Creer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

Manx: reduced form of Gaelic *Mac an Phrír* ‘son of the prior’.

**Early bearers:** loM: Mac Crere, 1511, John Mac Crear, 1580 in Kneen; Crere, 1611, Creer, 1622, Creere, 1652 in Kneen; Christopher Creer, 1607 in *IGI*; Ann Creer, 1627 in *IGI* (Kirk Braddan).

England: John Creer, 1791 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

References: Kneen.

### Crees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Wilts

English: see **Creese**.

### Creese

Variants: **Crees, Crease**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 661, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Somerset

English: nickname from Old English *crēas* ‘fine, elegant’.

**Early bearers:** Cenric Cres, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Richard le Cres, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Hugh Cres, 1316 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Waltero Cres, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); Richard Creese, 1547 in PROB 11 (Watlington, Norfolk); Tho. Creese, 1591 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); John Creses, 1610 in *IGI* (Congresbury, Somerset).

### Creet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English, French: (i) see **Crate**. (ii) sometimes of French, though unexplained, origin.

**Early bearers:** Anne Crete, 1708 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Edward Creet, 1713 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Creet, 1790 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).

### Creevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Creivy**.

### Creevy

Variants: **Creevey, Creavy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

**1 Irish:** from Ó Craoibhe ‘descendant of *Craobhach*’, a byname meaning ‘curly-headed’ or ‘prolific’ (from *craobh* ‘branch, bough’).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh O’Creve, kern, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1769 (Tollohanny, Westmeath); Teig O’Creve, husbandman, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4624 (Ballintabane, Westmeath); Morogho O’Creve, horseboy, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4699.

**2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Riabhaigh, see McGreevy, compare Reavey.

### Creffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks

**English:** (i) locative name possibly from Cratfield (Suffolk). (ii) locative name from Criffle (earlier spelled *Creffeild*) in Saint Germans parish (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Creffield, 1317 in Patent Rolls (referring to Essex); William Creffell, 1428 in Feudal Aids; John Crefell, 1569 in Muster Rolls (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Thomasin Criffield, 1583 in Devon Record Office; Wilmot Creffell, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Creffeild of Creffeild, Saint Germans, 1606/7 in Cornwall Record Office; Oliver Creffield, 1670 in Lancs Record Office; Mary Creffield, 1695 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Creffeild, 1709 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Daniel Creffield, 1794 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).  
**References:** *Devon & Cornwall Notes & Queries*, 27 (1956–8), part v (1957), pp. 107–8.

### Cregan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 766
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

**Irish:** from Mag Riagáin, see Regan.

### Cregeen

**Variants:** Cregin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb

**Manx:** locative name: a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Bhrighdín* ‘son of *Brighdín*’, a Manx pet form of *Bridget*. The name is pronounced with a soft *g* /dʒ/ as in English *jean*. Ballacregeen (Arbory) is ‘Cregeens’ farm’.

**Further information:** Kneen explains the name as Gaelic \**Mac Bhruidín* ‘son of *Bruidín*’ (a diminutive of *brod* ‘goad’).

**Early bearers:** IoM: Cridin, Crydin, 1603, Crigene, 1649, Crideene, 1650, Credgeen, 1654, 1708, Credeene, 1703, Gregeen, 1722, Crejeen, 1741, 1810 in Kneen.  
 England: Eliza Ellen Cregeen, 1861 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); John James Cregeen, 1873 in *IGI* (Hensingham, Cumb).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names.

### Cregg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo

**Irish, English:** probably a variant of Gregg, with devoicing of the initial *g*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady Cregg, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Boyle, Roscommon); John Cregg, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mohill, Leitrim); William Cregg, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killerry, Sligo); Bryan Cregg, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Boyle, Roscommon).

### Cregin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs

**English:** see Cregeen.

### Crego

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see Crago.

### Cregor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Norman, English:** see Craker.

### Crehan

**Variants:** Crean, Creegan, Creighton, Rehan, Grehan, Graham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 424
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**Irish:** from Ó Creacháin or Ó Criocháin, from a diminutive of *creach* ‘blind’.

**Early bearers:** Baptist Crean, 1546 in Fiants Henry §509 (Slegaugh); Gillapatricke mcDerby O’Criaghan, labourer, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4714; Andrew O’Creane, gent., 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4732; Walter O’Creane, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4793 (Sligo); James O’Creane, gent., 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5504 (Sligo); Teig and Shane O’Creane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6499; Wm. O’Creghan, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6622 (Shaneballeduffe); Knoghor Creghane, husbandman, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6624; Walter O’Creane, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6761.

### Creighton

**Variants:** Crayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2051, Ireland 888
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and WR Yorks; also Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone; Antrim

**1 Scottish:** see Crichton.

**2 Irish:** from Ó Creacháin or Ó Criocháin, see Crehan.

**3 English:** locative name from Creighton in Uttoxeter (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John de Creighton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Richarde Creighton, 1568 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Vrsula Creighton, 1574 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** Staffs Place-Names, pp. 214–15.

### Crellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb

**Manx:** relationship name: reduced form of Gaelic \**Mac Nialláin* ‘son of *Niallán*’, a pet form of the personal name *Niall*; see McNeil, O’Neil.  
**Further information:** Moore explains it as a variant form of **Cretnell**, with transposed *-n-* and *-l-*. This explanation is followed by Reaney but rejected by Kneen.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Nellen, 1515, Crellin, 1560, 1610, 1703, Crelin, 1631, Crellinge, 1665, Crillin, 1702, Crelling, 1675, 1730, 1743 in Kneen.

England: John Crelling, 1771, Richard Crellin, 1839 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Margaret Crellin, 1787 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Philip Crellin, 1831 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** Moore; Kneen.

### Cremer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx and Kent

**English:** see Creamer.

### Cremin

**Variants:** Crimmins, Cremins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 1061
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**Irish:** from Ó Cruimín ‘descendant of *Cruimín*’, a byname from a diminutive of *crom* ‘bent, crooked’.  
**Early bearers:** Patrick Cremeen, 1847 in *IGI* (Kilcummin, Kerry); Daniel Cremin, 1865 in *IGI* (Blarney, Cork).

### Cremins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

**Irish:** from Ó Cruimín, see Cremin.

### Cretnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name from *Mac Raghnaill* ‘son of *Raghnaill*’ (Old Scandinavian *Rognvaldr*), the name of several kings of Man. See Rainey.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Godfrey MacMicRagnail, king of Dublin, 1075 in Moore; MacReynylt, 1511, Crenilt, 1627, Crennil, 1646, Crellin, 1610 in Moore.

### Crenshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see Cronshaw.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Crepin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Huguenot:** relationship name: French Crépin, from the Old French personal name *Crespin* (compare **Crispin**). The name may sometimes have been absorbed by English **Crippin**, particularly in Kent.  
**Early bearers:** Isaac Crepin, 1638 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk); Jenne Crepin, 1650 in *IGI*

## Crerar

(Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Crepin, 1666 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent).

### Crerar

**Variants:** Crearer, Crerer, Crear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 584
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

**Scottish:** occupational name from Gaelic *criathrar* 'flour) sifter' or 'sievewright'.

**Early bearers:** John McAchrerar, 1541 in Famed Breadalbane (Breadalbane, Perth); William Crerar, 1554 in New Spalding Miscellany (Coupar Angus, Perth).

### Crerer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

**Scottish:** see **Crerar**.

### Cresdee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** relationship name of uncertain origin; possibly from the medieval female given name *Criseyde* (modern *Cressida*).

**Further information:** At first always in or near southern English ports.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Chrisday, 1641–2 in Protestation Returns (Dorset); Richard Crisdy, 1662, Crisday, 1685 in Parish Registers (Cerne Abbas, Dorset); James Crisde, 1736 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset); John Cresdee, 1770 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); William Cresdee, 1780 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**References:** Early mentions on Cresdee Families website, [http://www.ardownes.com/Cresdee/Cresdee\\_treeA.html](http://www.ardownes.com/Cresdee/Cresdee_treeA.html).

### Cresner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Norman, English:** (i) locative name from La Cressonnière in Calvados (see Anglo-Norman Families). (ii) locative name from Old French *cressonnière*, for someone who lived '(by the) watercress bed'.

**Early bearers:** Adeliz de la Kersunere, about 1190 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); John de la Cressonere, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Alexander Cressener, 1479, Thomas Cresner, 1487 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

### Cressall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** contracted form of **Cresswell**.

### Cressell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** contracted form **Cresswell**.

### Cresser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs; WR Yorks; London
- English:** see **Creaser**.

### Cressey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks

**Norman, English:** see **Creasey**.

### Cresswell

**Variants:** Creswell, Craswell, Crasswell, Crisswell, Criswell, Caswell, Caswill, Caswall, Casswell, Casewell, Carswell, Carewell, Kerswell, Kerswill, Crissell, Crosswell, Cressall, Cressell, Crisell, Gresswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6177, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Notts; Middx

**English:** locative name from any of the places named Cresswell, in Derbys, Staffs, and Northumb, or from various other places also named with Old English *cæsse* 'cress' + *wiella* 'stream', including Carswell (Berks, Devon), Caswell (Dorset, Northants, Somerset), Crasswall (Herefs), Kerswell (Devon, Worcs), or Kerswill (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Basilia de Caswella, 1165 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Tomas de Cressewella, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Reginald de Kersewell', 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); William de Kereswell', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Richard de Carswall, William de Karswille, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Robert de Carswell, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Cressewell', 1377 in Poll Tax (Derbys); John and Alice Cresshills, Creswell, 1816, 1822 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk).

### Cressweller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Crassweller**.

### Cressy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

**Norman, English:** see **Creasey**.

### Cresswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 953
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Creswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from a lost hamlet to the south-west of Ecclesfield (WR Yorks), the site of which lies within present-day Sheffield.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Creswicke, 1537 in Yorks Wills (Allerton par Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robart Creswicke, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Hugo Creswicke, 1580 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Cretney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM and Lancs
- Manx:** relationship name: reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Breatnaigh* or *Mac an Bhreatnaigh*, Manx *Mac Bretnee* or *Mac y Vretnee* 'son of the Briton or Welshman'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Bretney, 1511, Cretney, 1580, 1611, Crednie, 1642, Cratny, 1660, Bretney, 1667, Kratney, 1682 in Kneen.

**England:** Thomas Crateney, 1789, Jane Cretney, 1799, David Critney, 1825 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names, at Ballacretney.

## Crew

**Variants:** Crewe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1934, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1837
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English:** locative name from Crewe (Cheshire) or Crew (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Crue 13th Whalley Abbey Coucher Book; Thomas Crewe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Shrops); Henry Crewe, 1535 in York Freeman's Register; Robert Crewe, 1612 in PROB 11 (Hawkesbury, Gloucs).

## Crowdson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** unexplained. Possibly a reduced form of \**Crowderson*, i.e. \**Crowtherson* 'son of the *crowder* or *fiddler*', but there is no evidence for such a name-form.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Crowdson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Queniborough, Leics); Willelmus Croudson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale, Lancs); John Crowdson, 1548, Thomas Crowdson, 1553 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Crudeson, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Crowdson, 1616 in *IGI* (Torver, Lancs); Margrett Crowdson, 1629 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Crowdson, 1656 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).

## Crewe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1630, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 782
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs

**English:** see **Crew**.

## Crewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see **Cruse**.

## Crews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English:** see **Cruse**.

## Crewther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Crowther**.

### Cribb

Variants: **Cribbes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: nickname from Middle English *crib*(*be*) 'manger; ox stall', perhaps for a cowman.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Cribbe, 1195, Osbert Cribbe 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Willelmus Crybbe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Henry Cribbe, 1594 in PROB 11 (Thornford, Dorset); Thomas Cribb, 1641 in PROB 11 (Fivehead, Somerset).

### Cribben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: variant of *Crippin*, with voicing of intervocalic *-b-*; see **Crispin**.

**Early bearers:** Tho Criben, 1784 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Maria Cribben, 1801, Louisa Gribben, 1816 in *IGI* (Isle of Thanet, Kent); George Cribben, 1810 in *IGI* (Ramsgate, Kent).

### Cribbes

Variants: **Cribbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks
- 1 **Scottish:** locative name from Cribbis near Lauder (Berwicks).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Cribbes of Linlithgow, Robert de Cribbes of Lanarks, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Mary Cribbes, 1750 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); John Cribbes, 1766 in *IGI* (Westruther, Berwicks); James Cribbes, 1773 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Isabel Cribbes, 1776 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Isobel Cribbes, 1782 in *IGI* (Galashiels, Selkirks).
- 2 **English:** variant of **Cribb**, with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Cribbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish, Manx: see **Gribben**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Cribbin, 1767, Elizabeth Crebbin, 1794, William Cribbin, 1834 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Cribbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dunbarton
- English, Scottish: see **Cribbes**.

### Crich

Variants: **Critch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: locative name from Crich (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Crich, 1242–3 in Book of Fees (Hockerton, Notts); Ric'o de Crich', 1327 in Subsidy

Rolls (Winkburn and Hockerton, Notts); Willelmo de Cruyche, Petro de Cruyche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Will' Criche, 1396 in Edwinstowe, Thoresby and Carburton Court Rolls (Notts); John Cryche of Hockerton, 1399 in Inquisitiones post Mortem; William Cryche, prior of Montacute, 1415 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); John Criche, 1578 in PROB 11 (Chiselborough, Somerset); Adam Crich, 1684 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys).

### Crichlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Critchlow**.

### Crichton

Variants: **Crighton, Chrichton, Creighton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2989, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2539
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Fife, Angus, and Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon

**Scottish:** locative name from Crichton near Edinburgh (Midlothian), first recorded about 1128 in the form *Crectune*, in 1287 as *Crecton*, and in 1360 as *Creychtona*.

**Further information:** Thomas de Crichton, the son of William de Crichton (see the 1234–41 early bearer), swore loyalty to Edward I of England in 1296.

Members of this family have been earls of Dumfries, marquesses of Bute, and earls of Erne.

**Early bearers:** Turstan de Crectune, 1141–7 in Holyrood Register (Holyrood, Midlothian); William de Chrichton, 1234–41 in Lennox Cartulary (Killearn, Stirlings); Thomas de Kreytton, late 13th cent. in Newbattle Register (Cranston, Midlothian); Alisaundre de Creightone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Midlothian); William Creighton, 1645 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); Margaret Chrichtone, 1685 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Tinwald, Dumfriess); Ja. Crichton, 1690 in *IGI* (Airlie, Angus).

### Crick

Variants: **Cricks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1995, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1769
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Middx; Northants

English: (i) locative name from Crick (Northants). (ii) locative name: occasionally for someone who lived by an inlet, from a Middle English borrowing of Old Scandinavian *kriki*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Crike, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Walter Cricke, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); Thomas Cricke, 1364 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); William Atkrik, 1379 in Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 220; Dorothea Crick, 1562 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Robert Crick, 1594 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Mary Crick, 1616 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Eliz. Crick, 1712 in *IGI* (Welford, Northants).

### Crickard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb; Lincs
- Irish: see **McCrickard** and **Crockard**.

### Cricket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Crickett**.

### Crickett

Variants: **Cricket, Critchett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Old French *criquet* 'cricket', for someone thought to resemble the insect in some way.

**Early bearers:** Ida Criket, 1195 in Curia Regis Rolls (Middx); John Criket, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Thomas Creket, 1470, and Robert Cryket, 1495 in London Letter Books L (London); Daniell Crickett, 1639 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

### Crickmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name perhaps from a lost or unidentified place in East Anglia named something like \**Creekmere* 'pond or lake near an arm of the sea'.

**Further information:** The form of the name might suggest Crugmeer in Cornwall, or the related Welsh expression *crug mawr* 'large mound', both pronounced with /i/ or a similar sound in the first syllable, but there is no evidence for origin in the W of England or Wales.

**Early bearers:** John Crickmer, 1545 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk); William Crickmer, 1550 in *IGI* (Syleham, Suffolk); John Crickmer, 1563 in *IGI* (Hoxne, Suffolk); John Crickmore, 1576, Thomas Crickmer, 1582 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk).

### Cricks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Crick** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Gregory Cricks, 1673 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex).

### Criddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name: perhaps from an unattested Middle English personal name \**Cridel* (Old English \**Cridela*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Cridel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); William Cridill', 1345 in King's Bench Cases (London); Willelmus Credel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Apsley, Sussex); James Criddle, 1583 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Grace Criddle, 1607, Elizabeth Curdle, 1839 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Mary Criddle, 1712, Sarah Credde, 1728, John Criddle, 1868 in *IGI* (Withiel Florey, Somerset); Richard Curdle, 1755 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Cridge

Variants: **Crudge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294

## Cridland

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk  
**English:** locative name possibly from East Creech in Church Knowle or Creech in Steeple (both Dorset), or Creech Saint Michael (Somerset); or from some other place whose name has a similar origin (British Celtic \**crouco-* 'hill, barrow'). Compare **Crich**.

**Further information:** The phonology of these names is difficult, and the relationship is unclear. The place-names generally have *-i-* in their earliest forms, but the surname generally has *-u-*, the difference reflecting common variation in and between place-names of this origin. The place-names preserve final /ɣ/, whilst the surname generally has /dʒ/, perhaps through the influence of the common name-element *ridge, rudge*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Crugge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Pitminster, Somerset); Ricardus Cryche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Easebourne, Sussex); Roger Crogge, 1422 in Feet of Fines (Devon); William Crugge, 1520 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon); Agnes Crudge, 1553 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Thomas Cridge, 1603, Rychard Crudge, 1607 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Humphrie Cridge, 1673 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Mary Cridge, 1704 in *IGI* (Honiton on Otter, Devon); Matthew Crudge, 1703 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Florence Crudge, 1726 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall); Jn. Cridge, 1727 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); William Cridge, 1771 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); John Woodham Cridge, 1845 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

## Cridland

**Variants:** Credland, Gridland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 **English:** locative name from *Creedy Land*, the former name for an estate at Crediton (Devon) on the River Creedy and referred to in an Anglo-Saxon period document as *Cridian land*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Grydelond, 1381 in Poll Tax (Halsway, Somerset); John Cridland, 1560 in *IGI* (Stogumber, Somerset); Edward Cridland, 1583 in *IGI* (Milverton, Somerset); John Credland, 1587, David Cridland, 1594 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Willym Creedland, 1590 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset); John Cridland, 1594 in PROB 11 (Saint Decumans, Somerset); Thomas Cridland, 1702 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon).

**References:** P. H. Sawyer (1968), *Anglo-Saxon Charters: an Annotated List and Bibliography*, London, no. 1546b.

2 **English:** locative name from Cridling, now Cridling Park (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Credlyng', 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robert Cridlyng', 1386 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Elizabeth Credland, 1703 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Mary Credland, 1722 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); Thomas Credland, 1738 in *IGI* (Heapham, Lincs).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 61.

## Crier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cryer**.

## Criggal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English:** see **Cringle**.

## Crichton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1236, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; Lancs

**Scottish:** see **Crichton**.

## Crilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**Irish:** from **Mac Raghailigh**, see **Crilly**.

## Crilly

**Variants:** Crilley, Rilley, McCrilly, McCrillew, Croly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 817, Ireland 701
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Louth and Armagh

**Irish:** from **Mac Raghailigh** 'son of *Raghailleach*'. Compare **Crawley**.

**Early bearers:** Donell mcShane McReily, husbandman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth \$6514 (Castlemahowny, Cork); Paul Crilly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Magheraclone, Monaghan); Simon Crilly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballynascreen, Derry); Patrick Crilly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dromiskin, Louth).

## Crimble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Crymble**.

## Crimes

**Variants:** Chrimes, Crymes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

**English:** probably a variant of **Grimes**, with devoicing of the initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** John Crime, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Richard Crymes alias Cremes, 1554 in Patent Rolls (London); Eline Crimes, 1596 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Ellis Crymes, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Crimmins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 164
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

**Irish:** from Ó Cruimín, see **Cremin**.

## Crimp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Crimpe, 1555 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Silvester Crimp, 1580 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); Francis Crimpe, 1593 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); John Crimpe, 1622 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); William Crimp, 1658 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

## Crine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**Norman, English:** see **Cryne**.

## Cringle

**Variants:** Crigall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs

**Manx:** relationship name from *Knickol*, a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Niocoil* 'son of Nichol(as)'. Through dissimilation *Knicol* locally became *Cringal*. Kneen notes that Ann Knickle, wife of Robert Curphey, 1786, 1790, died in 1812, when she is recorded in the Parish Register as Ann Curphey alias Cringal, wife of Robert Curphey.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Nicol, 1417, Mac Knaykyll, Mac Naykyll, Mac Nakill, Mac Naikell, Mac Nichol, Mac Nychol, 1511, Nickell, 1580, Knickall, 1603, Cringle, 1641, Knacle, 1641, 1757, Knickell, 1650, Cringal, 1650, Kneacle, 1650, Kneagle, 1653, Kneckell, 1659, Knickle, 1715, Kneakil, 1730, Nicall, 1731, Knackle, 1757, Knicol, 1757, Nichol, 1770, Knickol, 1771, Kringel, 1774, Criggall, 1827 in Kneen.

**England:** Andrew Cringle, 1802 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Kneen.

## Crinion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

**Irish:** see **Crinnion**.

## Crinnion

**Variants:** Crinion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Meath, and Westmeath; Leitrim

**Irish:** from Ó Críonáin or Mac Críonáin, 'descendant/son of *Crionán*', a diminutive of *críon* 'old, withered'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas fitz Richard Crenan, kern, 1548 in Fiants Edward \$178 (Burnesgrange, Tipperary); Nicholas Crenan, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth \$1813 (Maynothe, Kildare); Morice Crenane or Crenane, husbandman, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth \$3236 (Kilfaine, Kilkenny); Stephen Crenan, soldier, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth \$6557 (Moynouth); Patrick Crinion, 1866 in *IGI* (Painestown, Meath).  
**England:** Joseph Crinion, 1778 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Crinion, 1832 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Alicia Crinion, 1879 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

## Crinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**English:** locative name: probably a variant of *Crenston*, itself probably a locative name from Cranstoun Riddel (Midlothian). See **Cranston**.  
**Early bearers:** Mairioun Crenstoun, 1653, John Crenstoune, 1661 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); Arthur Crenston, 1697 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb); Maria Cringston, 1728 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Thomas Crenston, 1738 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); Dorothy Crinson, 1767 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); John Crinson, 1805 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

### Cripp

**Variants:** **Cripps**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *crippe* 'pouch', probably used to denote a pouch maker. Compare **Scripps**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Crippe, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Robert le Crip, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmo Cripp', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cossington, Leics); Thomas Crippe, 1597 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent); John Cripp, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Crip, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Crippen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs; Middx

**1 English:** variant of *Crippin*, see **Crispin**.

**2 Irish:** see **Gribben**.

### Crippin

**Variants:** **Crippen**, **Cribben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Shrops

**1 English:** variant of **Crispin**, either from the personal name or the nickname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Creppinus le Seller, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London).

urnames: Elias Crepun, 1208 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Ralph de Alegate called Crepyn, Ralph Crepyn called de Alegate, 1306 in London Letter Books B; Edmund Crepyn, 1312, Walter Crepyn, 1317 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Henry Crippin, 1562 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); William Crippen, 1585, Elizabeth Crippin, 1674 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Crippin, 1589 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); William Crippen, 1664 in *IGI* (Church Stretton, Shrops); Elizabeth Crippin, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Crippen, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**2 Irish:** see **Gribben**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Crippen, 1765 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Robt Crippin, 1779 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

### Cripps

**Variants:** **Scripps**, **Crips**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3775, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2880
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and Berks

**1 English:** variant of **Cripp** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Cripps, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bulkington, Wilts); James Crippes, 1586 in PROB 11 (Hartley, Kent).

**2 English:** metathesized variant of **Crisp**.

### Crips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Hants
- English:** see **Cripps**.

### Cripwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys

**English:** nickname: a rationalization of *Cripple*.

**Further information:** The name may be influenced by that of the two villages called *Cropwell*, only six miles from the early-modern epicentre of the name around Bunny and Ruddington (Notts); but *Cropwell*, which is medieval *Crophille*, cannot be the source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Crippil, 1324 in Lancs Court Rolls (Lancs); Roberto Creppele ballivo, 1378 in Court Rolls (Fornsett, Norfolk); Olyver Cripple, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Anne Cripple, 1627 in *IGI* (Clifton with Glapton, Notts); Richard Cripple, 1694 in *IGI* (Bunny, Notts); Richard Cripwell, 1705 in *IGI* (Bunny, Notts).

**References:** Davenport, F. G. (1906) *The Economic Development of a Norfolk Manor 1086–1565*.

Cambridge University Press, p. lxii.

### Crisell

**Variants:** **Grissell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**English:** contracted form of **Cresswell**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Crisell, 1595 *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Sara Crisell, 1625 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Crisell, 1673 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Crisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

**English:** locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from Middle English *resse* 'cress' + *ford*.

**Early bearers:** John Crysford', 1491 in Feet of Fines (Sandhurst, Kent); Jone Crisford, 1560 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Allen Chirsford, 1580 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Thomas Chrisford, 1631 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); James Crysford, 1785 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent).

### Crisp

**Variants:** **Crispe**, **Chrisp**, **Crips**, **Cripps**, **Chrippes**, **Krips**, **Scripps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4987, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambs; Middx

**English:** (i) nickname from Middle English *crisp*, *crisp*, *scrip* 'curly, curly-haired' (ultimately from Latin *crispus*). (ii) possibly in some cases a relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Crispin*: compare Odin Crispi filius, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk), Roger filius Crispi, about 1150–60 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Benedictus Crispus, about 1030 in Tengvik; Henry le Cresp, about 1200 in Ekwall, ELPN; Walter Crips, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Richard Crysp, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard Crispe, Crips, 1289 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Iohanna le Crypse, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Oxon); Gilbert le Crispe, 1311 in Battle Abbey Customals (Sussex); John Chrispe, 1589 in Parish Registers (Suffolk).

### Crispe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Crisp**.

### Crispen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Suffolk; Gloucs
- English:** see **Crispin**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Farnando Crispen, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Crispen, 1763 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk).

### Crispin

**Variants:** **Crispen**, **Chrispin**, **Crippin**, **Crippen**, **Cribben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 783, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1 English:** relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Crispin*, *Crespin*, and its pet form *Crispun*. Its origin is Latin *Crispinus*, a Roman cognomen from Latin *crispus* 'curly'. *Crispian* is a variant, as are *Crepin* and *Crepun*, which may turn up as *Crippin* or *Crippen*.

**Further information:** Saint Crispin (the patron saint of shoemakers) was martyred at Soissons in about 285. **Early bearers:** given names: Crespinus, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Crispin la Seeler, 1336 in London Letter Books E.

urnames: Stanmer Crispini filius, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Turstin' Crispin, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Ralph Crespin, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Ralph Crispun, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus filius Crispian, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Johannes Crispyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Muston, Leics); Rogerus Crispyng', 1379 in Poll Tax (Sprowston, Norfolk); Thomas Crispyn, 1413 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Richard Crispyn or Crispyn, 1551 in PROB 11; Elizabeth Crispin, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Honour Crispin, 1595 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon); Thomas Crispin, 1618 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *crespin* 'curly-haired', also found as *Crepin*; see **Crippen**. It is difficult to tell this apart from the personal name in (1) unless it appears with the definite article, as in the 1268 example.

**Further information:** According to Lanfranc, archbishop of Canterbury (1070–89), the Norman Gilbert Crispin was the first man to receive this nickname, and two of his sons adopted it as their surname. His grandson Gilbert Crispin became abbot of Westminster in 1085. Members of the Norman family were said to have inherited a shock of hair

that stood up stiffly like a bristly pine, as though the name derived from Latin *crispus pinus*, but this derivation is a medieval invention.

**Early bearers:** Milo Crispinus, 1086 in Domesday Book; Jacob Crespin, Moses Crespin, 1250 in Patent Rolls (Saint Mary Magdalen, London); Roger le Crespin, 1268 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Crespyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (Muston, Leics); Rosa Crispin, 1579 in *IGI* (Ufford, Suffolk); Robert Crispin, 1608 in *IGI* (Batcombe, Somerset); Justinian Crispin, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

**References:** 'De nobile genere Crispinorum', in *Patrologia Latina*, ed. Jacques-Paul Migne (Paris, 1841–65), cl, pp. 735–44.

### Crissell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English:** contracted form of **Cresswell**.

### Crisswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Crist

**Variants:** Christ, Chriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *Crist* 'Christ', perhaps acquired by someone who had played Christ in a pageant.

**Early bearers:** John Crist, 1308 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Thomas Crist, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John Crist, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; John Christe, 1625 in PROB 11 (Box, Wilts).

### Cristin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

**French:** relationship name from the Old French personal name *Cristin*, see **Christian** (2).

**Early bearers:** William Cristin, 1588, Jeanne Cristin, 1607, Colette Cristin, 1719, John Cristen, 1828 in *IGI* (Saint John, Jersey).

### Cristofoli

**Variants:** Christofoli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

**S Italian:** relationship name from the personal name *Cristofolo*, a variant of *Cristoforo*, see **Christopher**.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Felice Cristofoli, in Census 1881 (Darlington, Durham); Ambrogio Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Frances Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hants).

**References:** De Felice.

### Cristy

**Variants:** Christy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

**English:** see **Christy**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Criswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

**English:** see **Cresswell**.

### Critch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English:** see **Crich**.

### Critchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** locative name from Long Cricel or Moor Cricel (Dorset) or Critchill in Frome (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Kerchel, [ . . . ] Curchel, 1244 in Assize Rolls (Dorset); Johannes Kirchil, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Dorothy Crechell, 1551 in *IGI* (Breamore, Hants); John Critchell, 1598 in *IGI* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); William Chrichell, 1615 in *IGI* (Michelver, Hants); Daniel Kirchell, 1620, Susan Chrichell, 1632 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset).

**References:** Place-Names of Dorset 2, p. 274.

### Critcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx
- English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Critcher, 1640 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Berks); Richard Critcher, 1658 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); William Critcher, 1694 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Mary Cricher, 1716 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

### Critchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Middx

**1 English:** locative name: perhaps from Cricket Malherbie or Cricket Saint Thomas (both in Somerset).

**Early bearers:** George Critchett, 1675 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); John Critchet, 1675 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); Richard Critchett, 1777 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**2 English:** see **Crickett**.

### Critchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; Middx
- English:** see **Crutchfield**.

### Critchley

**Variants:** Crutchley, Cratchley, Critchlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4073, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Meath

**English:** locative name from Croichlow in Bury (Lancs), recorded in the surnames *de Cruchelowe*,

1324 in Lancs Court Rolls, *Croichelay*, 1563 in court rolls from Clitheroe; or perhaps from Crouchley Farm in Lymm (Cheshire), though this name is of uncertain age; or from an unidentified place in S England whose name has a similar origin (from the British Celtic \**crouco-* 'hill, barrow' in an English guise + Old English *hlāw*, *hlāw* 'hill, barrow') as indicated by the early bearers from S England.

Forms with *-i-* or *-oi-* in the first syllable are on the whole northern and those with *-u-* on the whole southern or midland, the latter representing an older phonological stage of borrowing from British Celtic. The original *-low* has sometimes been replaced with *-ley*.

**Early bearers:** William le Crouchele, 1327, John Crowcheloue, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Jhon Critchlow, 1573 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Thomas Crutchley, 1616 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); John Critchley, 1638 in *IGI* (Doddleston, Cheshire); John Crutchlow, 1645 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Tho. Croichloe, 1655 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Richard Crutchlow, 1677 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); John Critchlaw Or Critchley, 1776 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs); Mary Croichley, 1812 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

### Critchlow

**Variants:** Crutchlow, Crichlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1401, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 767
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Lancs

**English:** variant of **Critchley**.

**Early bearers:** Vkke de Crikelawa, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); John de Cruchelowe, 1342 in Lancs Court Rolls; Adam de Cricelah, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tottenham, Lancs); Willelmus de Cricelaw, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bury, Lancs); William Chrichlowe, 1642, Critchley, 1682 in Preston Guild Rolls.

### Crittall

**Variants:** Crittall, Crittle, Crothall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

**English:** locative name from Crit Hall in Benenden (Kent), recorded as *Crotehole*, *Crot(e)hale* in 1292.

**Early bearers:** Thomas, Henry Crothole, 1445 in Feet of Fines (Kent); William Crotall, 1487 in Close Rolls (Sussex); John Crotehole, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robert Crothole, 1595 in PROB 11 (Benenden, Kent); John Crothall, 1626 in PROB 11 (Hawkhurst, Kent); Jasper Crothall, 1674 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); William Crittall, 1794 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, pp. 347–8.

### Crittell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** see **Crittall**.

### Critten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Critton, 1615 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Critten, 1626 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); John Critton, 1695 in *IGI*



(Holborn, Middx); Nicholas Critten, 1732, Elizabeth Critten, 1740 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Crittenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see *Cruttenden*.

### Crittell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see *Crittall*.

### Croad

Variants: *Crode*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; IoW

English: relationship name: perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Crode*, a side form of Middle English *Crede*, Old English *Crēoda*. See *Creed*.

**Early bearers:** Waltero Crode, 1327, Johanne, Ricardo Crode, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Thornford, Dorset); Robert Croude, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Tarrant Launceston, Dorset); Hugh Crode, 1588 in *IGI* (Stratton, Dorset); William Croade, 1624 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Devon); William Croad, 1633 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); William Crode, 1734 in *IGI* (Rampisham, Dorset).

References: Redin, Studies.

### Croak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- Irish: see *Crook*.

### Croake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey
- English: see *Crook*.

### Croaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see *Crocker*.

### Croal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Scottish: see *Croll*.

### Croall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish: see *Croll*.

### Croan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; WR Yorks
- Scottish, English: see *Crone*.

### Croasdale

Variants: *Croasdell*, *Crosdale*, *Crossdale*, *Croysdill*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from *Crossdale* (Cumb), recorded in 1294 as *Crozedal*.

**Early bearers:** John de Crosdale, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Crosedill, 1688 in York Freeman's Register.

References: Place-Names of Cumb, p. 385.

### Croasdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see *Croasdale*.

### Croce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name, locative name, nickname: from *croce* 'cross' (Latin *crux*, genitive *crucis*), applied as a Christian religious personal name, a topographical name for someone who lived by a roadside cross, or a name for someone who carried the cross in religious processions. Compare English *Cross*.

**Early bearers:** Savario Samuel Croce, 1847 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Croce, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Andrea Croce, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

### Crock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: nickname from Middle English *crok(ke)* 'earthen pot, pitcher' (Old English *croc, crocca*), possibly used to denote a potter. Compare *Crocker*. **Early bearers:** William Crock, 1243 in Patent Rolls; Simon Crok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Northney, Hants); Thomas Crocke, 1571 in PROB 11 (Wraxall, Wilts); Roger Crock, 1588 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

### Crockard

Variants: *Crickard*, *McCrickard*, *Crockett*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

Irish: apparently an altered and shortened form of *Mac Riocaird* 'son of Richard', still found as *McCrickard*. Another possibility is an altered spelling of *Crockett*. **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Crockard, 1839 in *IGI* (Tough, Aberdeens).

Ireland: Eugenius or Onhy McRickard, gent., 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §6084 (Arloe, Limerick); Shane McRickard, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4424 (Balleocan); Gillepatrick Mac Rickard, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4424 (Balleocan); Gilleduf McRickard, 1587 in Fiants Elizabeth §5009 (Moykern, Roscommon); Diermod McRickard, kern, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Castellreogh); Morris boye

McRickarde, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6222; Rob. fitz Walter McRickart, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6704 (Kells, Meath); John Crockard, 1825 in *IGI* (Killinchy, Down); Robert Crockard, 1867 in *IGI* (Lisburn, Antrim).

### Crockatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see *Crockett*.

### Crocker

Variants: *Croker*, *Croaker*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4204, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4009
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon

1 **English:** occupational name for a potter, from an agent derivative of in Middle English *crok(ke)* 'earthen pot' (Old English *croc, crocca*).

**Early bearers:** John le Crockare, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Simon le Crockere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Henry le Crokere, 1288 in Fransson (Sussex); Robertus Crocker, 1377 in Poll Tax (Plympton Erle, Devon); John Crocker, 1521 in PROB 11 (Lynham, Devon); Simon Crocker, 1613 in PROB 11 (Cullompton, Devon).

2 **Norman, English:** see *Craker*.

### Crocket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Kirkcudbrights; Angus

Scottish: see *Crockett*.

### Crockett

Variants: *Crockatt*, *Crocket*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2204, Ireland 232
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1403
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Monmouths; Staffs and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal

1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *crocket* 'curl or roll of hair'.

**Early bearers:** Margeria Croket, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Richard Croket, 1403 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Thomas Crockket, 1461 in Place-Names of Cheshire 4, p. 69; Hugh Crockett, 1574 in PROB 11 (London).

2 **Scottish:** relationship name: in Scotland, the Galloway *Crockett* is said to be from *MacRiocaird* 'son of Richard'. See Black.

3 : see *Crockard*.

### Crockford

Variants: *Croxford*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1466, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1013
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and SE England
- English: locative name from Crockford Bridge in Chertsey (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Crocford, 1214 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); William de Crockford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Thomas Crockford, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

### Croccombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0

## Crode

- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** locative name from Crowcombe (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Godefrido de Crawecumb, 1226, Godfrey de Crowecumbe, 1245 in Patent Rolls, the latter referring to Cambridge; Christopher Crocombe, 1562 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Crocumbe, 1570 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Johan Crocomb, 1572 in *IGI* (Lynton, Devon); Agnes Crocam, 1597 in *IGI* (Runnington, Somerset).

## Crode

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English:** see **Croad**.

## Croft

**Variants:** **Cruft**, **Crofts**, **Crate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9006, Ireland 170
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6970
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English:** (i) locative name from any of several places called Croft, in Lancs, NR Yorks, Lincs, Herefs. (ii) locative name for someone who lived '(at the) croft', Middle English *croft*.

**Further information:** A family of this name can be traced back to Bernard de Croft, recorded in Domesday Book as the holder of lands at Croft in Herefs.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Croft, 1162 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Richard de la Croft, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); William del Croft, 1288 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Robert del Croftes, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Richard atte Crofte 1353 in Colchester Court Rolls; Johanne de Croftes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Johannes de Croft, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wigan, Lancs); Petrus Croft, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Ricardo atte Crofte, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cranham, Gloucs); Thomas Croft, 1538 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Henrie Croft, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); William Croft, 1541 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Andrew Croft, 1542 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Robt. Croft, 1542 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

## Crofton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Leitrim; Monaghan

**English:** locative name from any of the places called Crofton, in Cumb, WR Yorks, Hants, Kent, or Wilts. **Early bearers:** Reginald de Crofton, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Walter de Crofton', 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Henricus de Crofton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Crofton, 1455 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

## Crofts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3231, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, Notts, Leics, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English:** variant of **Croft** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Crogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Conchruacháin**, see **Croughan**.

## Croghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 157
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish:** reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Conchruacháin**, see **Croughan**.

## Crohan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish:** see **Crahan**.

## Croke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 604
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English, Irish:** see **Crook**.

**Further information:** According to Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames (p. 240), the English name was taken to Ireland in the 13th century; the *Crokes* settled in Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Cork, whilst *Crooke* represents a later immigration and is more widespread. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Richard Croke, 1540 in Fiant Henry §135 (Woldgrang, Kilkenny); John Croke, cottier, 1541 in Fiant Henry §234; Thomas Croke, kern, 1549 in Fiant Henry §392 (Capehyddyn, Tipperary); Eustace Croake, husbandman, 1552 in Fiant Edward §949 (Killalo, Kilkenny); William Crok, gent., 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §912 (Kappaghedyn, Kilkenny); Walter Crok, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §921 (Ballekeyf, Kilkenny); Edmund Crok fitz Waltier, yeoman, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §921 (Ballykeyf, Kilkenny); Richard Croke, footman, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1481 (Malardston, Kilkenny); Richard Croke, farmer, 1572 in Fiant Elizabeth §2007 (Bowlicke, Tipperary); Nich. Croke, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §3960 (Ballitarsney); Peter Croke, footman, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4386 (Downmore, Kilkenny); Wm. fitz Tho. Croke, gent., 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4713 (Moelishane).

## Croker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1227, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 893
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork
- English:** see **Crocker**.

## Crole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE England
- English:** see **Crowle**.

## Croley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Midlothian
- Irish:** see **Croly**.

## Croll

**Variants:** **Croall**, **Croal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 562
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 **Norman, Scottish:** locative name: possibly from Criél or Crieul in Seine-Maritime.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Criole, 1559 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Fettercairn, Kincardines); Andrew Croill, 1614 in Brechin Testaments (Brechin, Angus); Lillias Croll, 1636 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

2 **English:** see **Curl**.

## Crolla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Italian:** relationship name: perhaps a reduced form of **Corolla**, from Italian *corolla* 'corolla', 'petals of a flower'.

**Early bearers:** Emmidio Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Lancs); Antonio Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Guiseppe Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Franciso Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Domenico Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** Caracausi.

## Crolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons; Ayr
- Irish:** see **Croly**.

## Croly

**Variants:** **Crolley**, **Croley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

**Irish:** variant of **Crowley** in Munster and of **Crilly** in Oriel.

## Cromack

**Variants:** **Crummack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Crummack in Austwick (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Crumbok* in 1190.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Crumbok, Robertus Crumbok', 1379 in Poll Tax (Malham, WR Yorks); Rauff Cromboke or Cramboke, 1515 in PROB 11; Theophilus Crummocke, 1589 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Crombocke or Crombock, 1631 in PROB 11 (London); Joseph Crummock, 1751 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 229; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Croman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx
- English:** probably a metathesized variant of **Corman**. **Early bearers:** James Croman, 1747 in *IGI* (Birdhope Craig, Northumb).

**Cromar**

Variants: **Cromer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

**Scottish:** locative name from Cromar in Aberdeens.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cromar, 1672 in Alford Records (Alford, Aberdeens); John Cromar, 1721 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Cromartie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**Scottish:** see **Cromarty**.

**Cromarty**

Variants: **Cromartie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Northumb

**Scottish:** locative name, regional name from Cromarty in NW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Manys Cromate, 1509 in Privy Seal of Scotland Register; John Crummartie, 1567 in Orkney-Shetland Records (Orkney); Magnus Cromarty, 1666 in *IGI* (South Ronaldshay, Orkney).

**References:** Black.

**Cromb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus

**Scottish:** see **Crum**.

**Crombie**

Variants: **Crumbie**, **Cromie**, **Cromey**, **Crumbly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2133, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Midlothian; Aberdeens

**Scottish:** (i) locative name from places named *Crombie* in Fife and Aberdeens, in which the *-b-* is not pronounced. (ii) locative name: shortened form of **Abercrombie**, from the place of that name near Pittenweem in Fife.

**Early bearers:** Patrick of Cromby, 1423 in Scotland Calendar; Robert Crumbly, 1450 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); David Crommy, 1516 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Crombie, 1631 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

**Crombleholme**

Variants: **Crumbleholme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Worcs

**English:** locative name from Crumbleholme Farm in Hambleton (Lancs), unless that name, which is recorded only late, is from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Ada de Cromboleholme, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bowland Chase, Lancs); Richard Crombleholme, 1657 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs); Richard Crumbleholme, 1682 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).

**Crome**

Variants: **Croom**, **Croome**, **Crumb**, **Croombs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**1 English:** nickname from Middle English *cromb(e)*, *crome*, 'hook, crook', also in the forms *croumbe*, *cromp*, denoting either someone who was bent or stooping or a maker of hooks or crooks; compare Richard le Crombere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk). Some examples without the definite article may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Crumbe, 1199 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Maud le Crombe, John Croume, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Simon Crumbe, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Luke Croom, 1309 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Geoffrey Crombe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Willelmo Croume, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pensworth, Wilts); John Crome, 1506 in PROB 11 (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Crompe, 1521 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs); Nicholas Croome, 1637 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary at Hill, City of London).

**2 English:** locative name from Earls Croome, Hill Croome, or Croome d'Abitot (all in Worcs), recorded in Domesday Book as *Crumbe*, although a derivation from Croom in Sledmere (ER Yorks) for some later examples is also possible.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Crumbe, 1199 in Memoranda Roll (Worcs); Simon de Crombe, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Stephen de Crome, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John de Crome, 1349 in York Freeman's Register; Rychard Crome, 1545 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Joes Crome, 1553 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Hen. Crome, 1565 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Marie Crome, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Edward Crome, 1572 in *IGI* (Cromhall, Gloucs).

**Cromer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

**1 English:** locative name from either of the places named Cromer, in Herts and Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Croumere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blakeney, Norfolk); Thomas de Crowemere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Robert Crowmer, 1392 in The Church in London; William Crowemer, 1406 in Assize Rolls (London); Barnabas Cromer, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**2 Scottish:** see **Cromar**.

**Cromey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

**Irish:** see **Cromie**.

**Cromie**

Variants: **Cromey**, **Crummy**, **Crummey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 678
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Morays
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**1 Irish:** from Ó Cromtha 'descendant of *Cromtha*', a personal name based on the adjective *crom* 'bent, crooked'.

**2 Northern Irish:** variant of the Scottish name **Crombie** (in which the *-b-* was not normally pronounced).

**Early bearers:** Patrick Crummy, 1565 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Carriden, W Lothian); John Cromy, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6467 (Aghabollag); Teig mcConnoghor O Cromy,

yeoman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6624 (Dromkarra); Nanc Crumie, 1609 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Walter Crummy, 1621, Crummie, 1630 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Connor O'Cromy, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Derynaseagh and Deryidarragh, Armagh); Gilbery Cromy, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Lower Creggan, Armagh); Bryan Crumey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Creggan, Armagh); Jane Crumie, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyrone, Down); Edward Crummy, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dungiven, Derry).

**Cromley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**Irish:** from Ó Cromloaich, see **Crumley**.

**Crommelin**

Variants: **Crumplin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**Huguenot:** nickname: a suffixed form of Dutch *krom* 'crooked, stooped'.

**Further information:** Louis Crommelin, from Armancourt near Saint Quentin, settled in Holland and was invited by William III in 1698 to superintend the linen industry in Ireland, his family having been linen manufacturers in France for over 400 years (Smiles, pp. 296–8, 380).

**Early bearers:** Florence Cromlin, 1579 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Armand Crommelin, 1693 in *IGI* (London); Alexandre Crommelin, 1689 in *IGI* (Lisburn, Ulster).

**Huguenot:** Jan Crommelin, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Madeleine Crommelin, 1682 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

**References:** Debrabandere.

**Crompton**

Variants: **Crumpton**, **Crampton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5491, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5040
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**English:** locative name from Crompton in Oldham chapelry (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Crompton, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Thomas de Crompton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Bolton, Lancs); Robertus de Crompton' in Poll Tax (Butterworth, Lancs); Rychard Crompton, 1530 in PROB 11 (London); Thomas Crompton, 1592 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Widdow Crompton, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

**Cromwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down

**English:** locative name from Cromwell (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Cromwella, 1177, de Cromwella, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); John de Crombewelle, 1310 in London Letter Books D; Ralph Cromwell, 1454 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); John Cromwell, 1523 in PROB 11 (Water Lambeth, Surrey); Henry Cromwell, 1602 in PROB 11 (Huntingdon, Hunts).

**Cron****Variants:** Croan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Cumb

1 **Scottish:** see **Crone**.

2 **German:** nickname from **Kron**, with a similar range of senses to English **Crown** 2, 3.

**Early bearers:** James Philip Cron, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Hackney, Middx); Hermann Cron, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Ursula Crone, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Greenwich, Kent); Samuel Kron, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Cheetham, Lancs).

**Cronan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork
- Irish:** from Ó Cróinín, see **Cronin**.

**Crone****Variants:** Croan, Crown, Crowne, Cron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 906, Ireland 186
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Lancs; also Glasgow and Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Cork

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cron(e)* ‘crane’, Old English *cran*, \**cron*, probably denoting someone with long legs. Compare **Crane**. Some of the later bearers below, in Cumb for example, may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Further information:** In post-medieval records the name is sometimes spelled *Crown(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus le Kron, 1181 in Pipe Rolls; Thomas le Crone, 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cubbington, Warwicks); William Crone, 1415 in Patent Rolls; George Crone, 1536 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); James Crone, 1596, James Crownen, 1611 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); George Crone, 1604 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Elizabeth Crone, 1616 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Crowne, Robert Crone, 1619, Ellin Croane, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Marie Crone, 1626 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Margaret Croan, 1642 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Isable Crone, 1731 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Sarah Crone, 1748 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); Jonathan Croan, 1777 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); John Croan, 1792 in *IGI* (Gilcruix, Cumb).

**References:** Hjertstedt, p. 94.

2 **Scottish:** reduced form of **McCrone**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Crone, 1753 in *IGI* (Dryfesdale); Janet Cron, 1757, Martha Croan, 1817 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick-Fleming, Dumfriess); Thoms Cron, 1726 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Janet Crone, 1799, Agnes Croan, 1856 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Peter Cron, 1826 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

3 **Irish:** reduced form of Ó Cróin ‘descendant of Crón’, a personal name or epithet from *crón* ‘swarthy’. Compare **Cronin**. In Ulster the name may alternatively be the Scottish name in (2).

**Early bearers:** Manus Crone, 1548 in Fiant Elizabeth §222 ( Meath); Shane Crone mcWilliam duffe, husbandman, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §100

(Ballenekilly); Donald Crone, horseman, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1641 (Ballentley, Clare); Maurice Crone, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4744; David oge Croan, 1592 in Fiant Elizabeth §5782; Deirmod mcConoghro Croane, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6516; William Croan, 1704, John Cron, 1717 in *IGI* (Derriaghy, Antrim); Michael Crone, 1763 in *IGI* (Doneraile, Cork).

**Cronen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

**Irish:** from Ó Cróinín, see **Cronin**.

**Croner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs

**English, Irish:** (i) see **Crowner**. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Corner** with the medial *-r-* metathesized.

**Early bearers:** England: Michael Croner, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Coventry, Warwicks); John Croner, born in Cork, Ireland, in Census 1861 (Stepney, Middx).

Scotland: Jean Croner, born in Sligo, Ireland, in Census 1861 (Dundee, Angus).

**Croney****Variants:** Cronie, Crowney, Corney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Wigtowns

1 **Irish, Scottish Gaelic:** relationship name: apparently a reduced form of an unrecorded Gaelic name, *Mac Ruanaidh* ‘son of *Ruanadh*’, a personal name from Gaelic *ruanaidh* ‘strong man, champion’. The initial *C* comes from the final consonant of *mac*. Compare **Rooney**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Edward Croney, 1833 in *IGI* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns), probably identical with Edward Croney, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Kirkinner, Wigtowns); Patrick Croney, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Mochrum, Wigtowns); Patrick Croney, 1856 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Susan Croney, 1858 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Mary Croney, 1869 in *IGI* (Kirkmabreck, Kirkcudbrights).

England: James Croney, 1816 in *IGI* (Rossendale, Lancs); Cornelius Croney, born in Kerry, Ireland, in Census 1851 (Stratford le Bow, Middx); Donell Crowney, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Holborn, Middx); William Croney, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Liverpool, Lancs); James Croney, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Croney, born in Mayo, Ireland, in Census 1861 (Butley, Cheshire); Thomas Croney, born in Dublin, Ireland, in Census 1861 (Saint Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London); Charles Croney, born in Galway, Ireland, in Census 1871 (Wednesbury, Staffs); James Croney, born in Cork, Ireland, in Census 1881 (Ealing, Middx).

2 **English:** of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of **Crowner** ‘coroner’, once a Sussex name, with the final syllable pronounced *-ey*. Compare Simon Croner, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Horton, Tottington, and Edburton, Sussex); Willelmus Croner, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Mundham, Sussex). Alternatively it might be a variant of *Corney* with the medial *-r-* metathesized.

**Early bearers:** Myles Croney, 1565 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Elizabeth Croney, 1602 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Richard Croney, 1611 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Mary Croney, 1649 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andrew Croney, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**Cronie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic:** relationship name, see **Croniey**.

**Cronin****Variants:** Cronan, Cronen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4306, Ireland 6510
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1068
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry
- Irish:** from Ó Cróinín ‘descendant of Cróinín’, a byname from a diminutive of *crón* ‘swarthy’.
- Early bearers:** Donald O’Cronyne, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2251 (Ballyhybahalagh); Teig og O’Cronyn, yeoman, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2264 (Culdorogh, Cork); Donald O’Cronyne, 1575 in Fiant Elizabeth §2545 ( Waterford); Donogho O’Cronine, gent., 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3080 (Richewardstowne, Cork); John Cronyne, merchant, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3083 (Cork); Teig O’Cronyne, husbandman, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3103 (Cnockyvilly, Cork); Teige mcShane Y Cronyn, kern, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4469 (Belleraghe, Cork); Dermot mcTeige Y Cronyn, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4469 (same); Teig oge O’Cronine, husbandman, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4485 (Karrignekorie, Cork); Diermod O’Cronyne, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4751 (Disert, Cork); Dermot O’Cronine, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4764 (Blarnie, Cork).

**Cronk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 411
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** variant of **Crank**.

**Cronkshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Cronshaw**.

**Cronshaw****Variants:** Cranshaw, Crankshaw, Cronshey, Cronkshaw, Crenshaw, Cronshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cronkshaw in Burnley (Lancs), recorded as *Cronsschaghe* in 1305 and as *Cronkshay* in 1507.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Crounkeshawe, 1143 in Lancs Place-Names; William de Crounkeshawe, 1412 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Willm. Cronkeshawe, 1622 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Benjamin Cronkshaw, 1656 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); James Cronshaw, 1689 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 83.

**Cronshey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Cronshaw**.

**Crook**

Variants: **Crooke, Croke, Croak, Croake, Crooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9837, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8552
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 **English:** (i) locative name from Middle English *crok* (Old Scandinavian *krókr*) ‘nook or bend’, or from a place named using this word, such as Crooke (Lancs) or Crook (Durham, Westm). Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3). (ii) locative name for someone who lived ‘(at the) barrow or mound’ (originally from Brittonic \**crūg*); or at either Crook in Combe Raleigh or perhaps Crooke in North Tawton (both Devon). Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Cruke, 1244 in Assize Rolls (Devon); John, William del Crok, 1310–33 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lancs), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Agnes de Crouk’, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Combe Raleigh, Devon); William and John Crokke, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (South Brent, Devon); John Crok, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Woolacombe, Devon); David Crouk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Manaccan, Cornwall); Roberto de Croke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Harwood, Lancs); Johannes de Cruke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wistow, WR Yorks); Thoma de Crok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Orton, Westm); Johannes Crok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lymington (Old), Hants); William Crouk’ of Bridgnorth, 1394 in Feet of Fines (Shrops); John Crook’ of Tetsworth, 1398 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Richard Crook, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Alice Croke, 1547 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Hewe Crook, 1604 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); John Croke, 1674 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 371, 638.

2 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Crok* (Old Scandinavian *Krókr*), which may have been introduced into England from Denmark or from Normandy. The 1130 and 1158 examples may belong with (3) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Crocus venator, 1087–1100 in Charter Rolls (Hants).

urnames: Rainald filius Croc, Rainald Croc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Lefwin Croc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Walter Chroc, about 1130 in Stenton, Feudalism (Wilts); Matthew Croc, 1158 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Anne Crook, 1568 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Henry Crook, 1571 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); John Crook, 1578 in *IGI* (Esh, Durham); Giles Crook, 1596 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts).

3 **English:** nickname from Middle English *crok* ‘hook; something crooked’, also ‘a trick or ruse’ (Old Scandinavian *krókr*), denoting either a sly and cunning person, or one with a deformed back.

**Early bearers:** John le Cruk, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Philip le Crok, 1288 in Patent Rolls; Rogerus Croke, 1377 in Poll Tax (Swell, Somerset).

4 **Irish:** *Crook(e)* in Ireland mainly reflects post-medieval settlement of English families, but it is unclear which of the name’s several origins (above) are involved.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Crooke fitz Rich., kern, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3534 (Foulkescourt, Tipperary); Oliver Crooke, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6198; Walter Crooke, gent., 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6534 (Comsy); Oliver duff Crooke fitz Rob., 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6537 (the Pollagh, Tipperary); Edm. Crooke fitz Walter, yeoman, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6704 (the Grage, Kilkenny); Wm. Crook, clerk, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6716.

**Crookall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name of uncertain origin; apparently from an unidentified place named from one of the sources of the surname **Crook** + either Middle English *hal(le)* ‘hall’ or *hale* ‘nook, hollow’. **Early bearers:** William Crookall, 1635 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs); Laurence Crookal, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Chuthbert Crookhall, 1741 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Cornelius Crookall or Crockall, 1815 in *IGI* (Lytham Saint Annes, Lancs).

**Crooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 401
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Fermanagh
- English: see **Crook**.

**Crooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales; esp. Devon; WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from an agent derivative of Middle English *crok* ‘bend’, probably for someone who lived at a bend; compare **Crook**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Crooker, 1570 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); John Crooker, 1597 in PROB 11 (Cheddar, Somerset); John Crooker, 1609 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Johannis Crooker, 1628 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); William Crooker, 1631 in PROB 11 (Freiston, Lincs).

**Crookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2009, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1307
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, also Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: see **Crooks**.

**Crookham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from a place called Crookham, probably most often the one in Northumb, but perhaps sometimes from Crookham in Thatcham (Berks) or Church Crookham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Crockham, 1323 in Patent Rolls (in the N); Elizabeth Crookham, 1680 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Willm. Crookham, 1768 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

**Crooks**

Variants: **Crookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3799, Ireland 675
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2306
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

**English:** (i) locative name from Crookes in Sheffield (WR Yorks). (ii) Post-medieval variant of **Crook**, with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Crokis, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Adam Crokes, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax (Bradfield, WR Yorks); William Crookes or Crokes, 1576 in PROB 11 (Saint Augustine, City of London); John Crookes, 1611 in PROB 11 (London).

**Crookshank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks; also Clackmannans

English, Scottish: see **Cruickshank**.

**Crookshanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Cruickshanks**.

**Crookston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Crookston (Renfrews). **Early bearers:** Sam Crookston, 1727 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Crookston, 1762 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

**Croom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey
- English: see **Crome**.

**Croombes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Croombes**.

**Croombs**

Variants: **Croombes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: variant of **Crome**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Croome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 322
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, also Wilts
- English: see **Crome**.

**Croot**

Variants: **Crote, Crute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Cambs and Beds

## Croote

1 **English**: see **Croud**, of which **Crout** and *Croot* are common variants.

2 **English**: nickname from Middle English *cro*t, *cro*te 'lump, clod'. Some of the following bearers might alternatively belong with (1) by migration.

**Early bearers**: Nicholas Crote, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Crut, 1305 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Wilhelmus Crot, 1379 in Poll Tax (Woodford, Northants); Juliana Crutte, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chippenham, Wilts); John Crute, 1575, Mary Croot, 1780 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); William Croote, 1619, Martha Croot, 1664 in *IGI* (Keysoe, Beds); Johanen Croot, 1669 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

## Croote

- **Current frequencies**: GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 41
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon

**English**: see **Croud**.

## Crop

- **GB frequency 1881**: 202
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx

**English**: see **Cropp**.

## Cropley

- **Current frequencies**: GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 477
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lincs, WR Yorks, Cambs, and Norfolk

**English**: locative name from Cropley Grove, Ousden (Suffolk).

**Early bearers**: Edw. Cropley, 1558, Mildred Croplye, 1561, Johis Croply, 1567, in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Agnes Cropley, 1563 in *IGI* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Adam Cropley, 1573 in *IGI* (Wicken, Cambs); John Cropplye, 1585 in PROB 11 (Stoke next Clare, Suffolk); Thomas Cropley, 1589 in *IGI* (Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambs); William Cropely, 1591 in PROB 11 (Soham, Cambs).

## Cropp

**Variants**: **Crop**, **Crapp**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 213, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881**: 167
- **Main GB location 1881**: Hants

1 **English**: locative name for someone who lived on a hilltop, from Middle English *cropp*. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers**: Ailwin Crop, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Isabella del Crop, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Croppe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Waltero Cropp', 1379 in Poll Tax (Fivehead, Somerset); Willelmo Crop, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winsley, Wilts); Ricardus Crop, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Johannes Crop, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxon); Bartholomeus Crope, 1381 in Poll Tax (Denver, Norfolk); Thomas Croppe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Collyweston, Northants); William Croppe, 1534 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Cropp, 1559 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Amy Cropp, 1570 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk); John Cropp, 1590 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants).

2 **English**: nickname perhaps from Middle English *cropp*e (Old English *croppa*) 'sprout, crop', though the sense of the name is obscure. Compare **Cropper**.

## Cropper

**Variants**: **Crapper**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 1920, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1802
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs

**English**: occupational name from Middle English *cropper(e)* 'one who reaps crops or trims trees'.

**Further information**: For the unrounding to *a* in *Crapper*, compare **Craft** and **Croft**.

**Early bearers**: Roger le Croppere, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); John Crapere, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); William Croper, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Alice le Crappere, 1315 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus le Cropper, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hale, Lancs); Edvardi Cropper, 1546 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Wiliam Crapper, 1579 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Otywell Croppar, 1608 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

## Crosbie

**Variants**: **Crosby**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 2513, Ireland 635
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1535
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Kirkcudbrights; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Kerry; Wexford; Meath; Roscommon

1 **Scottish, Irish**: locative name from one or other of the places in Scotland called Crosbie or Corsbie (in Ayr, Kirkcudbrights, Berwick).

**Further information**: The medieval family of Crosbie in Scotland were followers of the Bruce lords of Annandale.

**Early bearers**: Thomas de Crosseby, 1180–92 in Glasgow Register (Peebles, Peebles); Ivo de Crossebi, 1175–89 in Glasgow Register (Moffat, Dumfriess); Reginald de Crosbi, 1296 in Melrose Register (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Robert de Crosby, 1347 in Scotland Calendar (Lochmaben, Dumfriess); John Crosbie, 1698 in *IGI* (Torthorwald, Dumfriess).

2 **Scottish**: Scottish spelling of **Crosby**.

## Crosby

**Variants**: **Crosbie**, **Crossby**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 5604, Ireland 443
- **GB frequency 1881**: 3535
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs, Yorks, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: widespread

1 **English**: locative name from any of various places called Crosby, in Lancs, Cumb, Westm, NR Yorks, Lincs.

**Early bearers**: Gillemichel de Crossebi, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Westm); Adam de Crosseby, 1227 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Henry Crosseby, 1383 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); John Crosby, 1476 in PROB 11 (City of London); Nicholai Crosby, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); William Crosby or Corsbie, 1637 in PROB 11 (Saint John the Baptist, City of London).

2 **Irish**: in Ireland this name was also adopted for **Mac an Chrosáin**, see **McCrossan**.

## Crosdale

- **Current frequencies**: GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 72
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Laois

**English**: see **Croasdale**.

## Croser

- **Current frequencies**: GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 56
- **Main GB location 1881**: Yorks

**English**: see **Crozier**.

## Crosfield

- **Current frequencies**: GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 119
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs and WR Yorks
- English**: see **Crossfield**.

## Croshaw

- **Current frequencies**: GB 244, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 164
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Warwicks and Leics
- English**: see **Crawshaw**.

## Crosher

- **Current frequencies**: GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 97
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Warwicks and Leics
- English**: see **Crawshaw**.

## Crosier

- **Current frequencies**: GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 291
  - **Main GB location 1881**: ER Yorks; Northumb
- English**: see **Crozier**.

## Croskery

- **Current frequencies**: GB 61, Ireland 126
- **GB frequency 1881**: 7
- **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Down

**Irish**: from Ó Coscraigh or Mac Coscraigh, see **Cosgrove**.

## Crosland

- **Current frequencies**: GB 584, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 1085
  - **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks
- English**: see **Crossland**.

## Crosley

- **Current frequencies**: GB 105, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 428
  - **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English**: see **Crossley**.

## Croson

- **Current frequencies**: GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 51
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Leics and Notts
- English**: see **Crowston**.

## Cross

**Variants**: **Crosse**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 26605, Ireland 864
- **GB frequency 1881**: 20500
- **Main GB location 1881**: widespread in England; esp. Lancs and London; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Cork and Tipperary; Tyrone; Kildare

1 **English**: locative name from Middle English *cro*s, denoting someone who lived by a cross.

**Early bearers**: Richard del Crosse, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); William atte Cross, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls

(Suffolk); Robert Cros, 1354 in Colchester Court Rolls; Willelmus atte Cros, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ingthorpe, Rutland); Riens Crosse, 1492 in PROB 11 (West Farleigh, Kent).

**2 Irish:** in Ireland adopted for **Mac an Chrosáin**, see **McCrossan**.

### Crossan

Variants: **Crossen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1692, Ireland 934
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Renfrews and Wigtwons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

**Irish:** from **Mac an Chrosáin**, see **McCrossan**.

### Crossby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- English:** see **Crosby**.

### Crossdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see **Croasdale**.

### Crosse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 207
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 318
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English, Irish:** see **Cross**.

### Crossen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 75
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal
- Irish:** see **Crossan**.

### Crossett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**Northern Irish:** unexplained; perhaps from Gaelic *crossaid* 'little cross'. If so, it is likely to be a variant of **Crossan**. Compare the pair **Corbett** and **Corban**.

### Crossey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 254
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- Irish:** probably a later, diminutive variant of **Crossan**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Crossey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghaloo, Tyrone).

### Crossfield

Variants: **Crosfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm

**English:** locative name from Crossfield (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Crosfeld, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancs); Jhon Crosfeld, 1559 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Yorks);

Ellin Crosfeild, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Angnes Crosfelde, 1569 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Westm); Thomas Crossefeild, 1591 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Crossin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Renfrews; also Fife

**Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** from Irish **Mac an Chrosáin**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac a' Chrosain**, see **McCrossan**.

### Crossingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

**English:** locative name from Great or Little Cressingham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Cressyngham 1379 in Poll Tax (Weasenham, Norfolk); Alicia de Cressyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancs); Isabella Cressyngham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Dorothy Crossingham 1590 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); Henry Crossingame, 1639 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); Francis Crissingam, 1755 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Crosskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

**English:** locative name probably from the long-established Cross Keys inn (dating from at least the 1680s, VCH) in Lower Edmonton (Middx), adjacent to Enfield.

**Further information:** The name originally alludes to the keys of Saint Peter in the arms of the Papacy, and is recorded as an inn-name since 1552.

**Early bearers:** Maria Croskey, 1568, Atthalanta Croskey, 1572, Elizabeth Croskeys, 1601, Joan Croskeyes, 1616 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Steph. Crosskeys, 1709 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Thomas Croskey, 1763 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex).

### Crossland

Variants: **Crosland**, **Crossling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3481, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2618
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Crossland in Almondbury (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Christiana de Crosseland, 1308 in Wakefield Court Rolls; George Crossland, William Crosselonde, 1536, 1538 in Coroners' Rolls (Notts); Johes Crossland, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thomas Crossland, 1668 in *IGI* (Hathersage, Derbys); Abrami. Croseland, 1689 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Robert Crossling, 1768 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); William Crossland, 1774 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

### Crossley

Variants: **Crosley**, **Crossly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7756, Ireland 106
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English:** (i) locative name from Crossley in Mirfield (WR Yorks). (ii) locative name for someone who

lived at a clearing with a cross, from Middle English *cross* + *lei(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Crosseley, 1298 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Johamma de Crosselay, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Richard Crossley, 1481 in York Freeman's Register; Joan Crosley, 1539 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); John Crossley, 1574 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Isabell Crossleye, 1617 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Joseph Crossly, 1685 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex).

### Crossling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, also Northumb
- English:** variant of **Crossland**.

### Crossly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English:** see **Crossley**.

### Crossman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1534, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 984
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English:** nickname from Middle English *cross*, *cross(s)* + *man*, perhaps for someone who lived by a cross.
- Early bearers:** Philip Crossman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Crossman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Botus Fleming, Cornwall); Thomas Crossman, 1560 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elizabeth Crosseman, 1614 in PROB 11 (Brixton, Devon).

### Crosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish:** from **Mac an Chrosáin**, see **McCrossan**.

### Crosthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Crosthwaite**.

### Crosswaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Sussex
- English:** contracted form of **Crosthwaite**.

### Crosswell

Variants: **Crosswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent

**English:** (i) perhaps a variant of **Cresswell**. (ii) locative name possibly from an unidentified place; there are references to a 'way called Croswel' in medieval documents in Shrops Archives, and to a 'manor of Crosswell' in Bray (Berks) in Wilts and Swindon Archives which is really Cresswell.

**Early bearers:** Mary Crosswell, 1538 in *IGI* (Heckfield, Hants); Richard Crosswell, 1544 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Margerye Crosswell, 1573 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs); George Crosswell, 1580 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks).

## Crosthwait

### Crosthwait

- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Crosthwaite**.

Further information: This spelling, though rare in Britain, is thriving in the USA.

### Crosthwaite

Variants: **Crossthaite**, **Crosswaite**, **Crosthwait**

- Current frequencies: GB 526, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 484
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb and Lancs; also Westm

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Leinster: esp. Dublin  
English: locative name from any of the places named *Crosthwaite* in Cumb, Westm, and NR Yorks.

Further information: The name comes in a very large number of spelling variants.

Early bearers: John de Crosthuaite, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Robert Crosthwaite, 1610, Christopher Crosthwaite, 1623 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Crosthwaite, 1671 in *IGI* (Threlkeld, Cumb); John Crosswaite, 1682 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Jonathan Crosthwaite, 1751 in *IGI* (Pardshaw, Cumb); Betsy Crosswhite, 1826 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

### Croston

- Current frequencies: GB 799, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 568
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

1 English: locative name from Croston (Lancs).

Early bearers: Hugh de Croston, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks); Andrew de Crostone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (*W* Lothian); Ricardus Croston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Raunds, Northants); John Croston, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

2 English: occasionally, a variant of **Croxton** or **Crowson**.

### Crowell

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Hants and Middx; Norfolk

English: see **Crosswell**.

### Crotch

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Crouch**.

### Crote

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Croud**.

### Crothall

- Current frequencies: GB 87, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 101
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Crittall**.

### Crother

- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Crowther**.

### Crothers

- Current frequencies: GB 484, Ireland 703
- GB frequency 1881: 168
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Down

Irish: see **Carruthers**.

### Croton

- Current frequencies: GB 180, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Staffs, Oxon, and Warwicks

English: see **Crowton**.

### Crotty

Variants: **McGrotty**

- Current frequencies: GB 653, Ireland 792
- GB frequency 1881: 160
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Middx
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Waterford; Clare; also Tipperary and Cork

Irish: from Ó **Crotaigh** 'descendant of *Crotach*', a byname for a hunchback.

Early bearers: Philip lieghe O'Crottie, husbandman, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §935 (the Russynes); Maccragh O'Crottagh, husbandman, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Capechwyn, Waterford); Philip leo O'Crottagh, kern, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2334 (Capechwyn, Waterford); David O'Crotty, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4497 (Garran villan, Waterford); Tho. mcPhilip O'Crotty, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6466; Philip O'Crottie, husbandman, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6475 (Cowlisill, Waterford); Daniel duff O'Crottie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6529; Derby O'Crotty, labourer, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6566 (Munytroyam); Morish Crottie, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6624; Daniel Grotty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Moville Upper, Donegal); Hugh McGrotty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Moville Upper, Donegal).

### Crouch

Variants: **Crutch**, **Crotch**, **Crowch**, **Crush**

- Current frequencies: GB 5563, Ireland 33
- GB frequency 1881: 3831
- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Middx
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down

English: locative name from Middle English *crouche*, *cruche* 'cross', for someone who lived near a cross. Compare **Croucher**, **Crouchman**.

Early bearers: Gilbert Cruche, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Devon); William Attecruche, 1290 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Laurence atte Crouch, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Crouch, 1327 in (Essex); Roberto atte Crouche, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); William Crouch, 1625 in PROB 11 (Hackney, Middx).

### Croucher

Variants: **Crutcher**

- Current frequencies: GB 2728, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 1709
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Surrey, Hants, and IoW

English: locative name denoting a person who lived by a cross, from an agent derivative of Middle English *crouche*, *cruche* 'cross'. See also **Crouch**, **Crouchman**.

Early bearers: Dauid Crucher, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Christina le Crochere, 1297 in Earldom of

Cornwall Accounts (Beds); Ricardus Croucher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rockley, Hants); Willelmus Crochere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bramley, Surrey); John Crouchere, 1383 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Agnes Crucher, 1562 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex); James Crutcher, 1616 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants); Richard Crutcher, 1764 in *IGI* (Farleigh, Surrey).

### Crouchman

- Current frequencies: GB 219, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 98
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: from Middle English *crouche*, *cruche* 'cross' + *man*, perhaps denoting a person who lived by a cross. Compare **Crouch**.

Early bearers: Richard Croucheman, 1255 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Ralph Croucheman, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); John Croucheman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Croucheman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Henry Croutchman, 1640 in PROB 11 (Iden, Sussex).

### Croud

Variants: **Crout**, **Grout**, **Croot**, **Croote**, **Crote**, **Grote**, **Crute**, **Grute**

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

1 English: locative name from Crowdy (Mill) in Harberton (Devon), recorded as *Croude* in 1297, *Crowde* in 1437.

Early bearers: Benedict de Croude, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Bovey Tracy, Devon); John Croude, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Harberton, Devon); Nicholas Croude, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Kenn, Devon); Grace Crowt, 1558, Andrewe Croote, 1629 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Elizabeth Croote, 1563, Eleanor Distin Crote, 1769 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Rychard Crute, 1586, Henry Croute, 1603 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); James Crowte, 1588 in PROB 11 (Torbrin, Devon); John Crowte, 1595, Eleanor Croot, 1630 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Susana Croute, 1603, Nicholas Crute, 1665 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Joanna Croote, 1605, Robertus Croot, 1628 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); John Crowde, Bartholomew Croote, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Crout, born in England, in Census 1881 (Saint Helier, Jersey).

References: Place-Names of Devon, p. 325.

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *croude*, \**crude* 'fiddle', used for a fiddler; compare **Crowther**. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1) by migration. The name has been confused with **Croot** (2).

Early bearers: William Crude, 1201 in Pleas (Somerset); Symon Crowde, 1377 in Poll Tax (Belgrave, Leics); Willelmus Croude, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sutton Mallet, Somerset); William Crowede, 1475 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Gaddy Crowd, 1560 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Abraham Croude, 1599 in *IGI* (Buckland by Dover, Kent); Anne Croud, 1681 in *IGI* (Lower Halstow, Kent); Wm. Crout, 1687 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Croudace

- Current frequencies: GB 169, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Scottish, English: see **Carruthers**.



**Croughan**

Variants: **Croghan, Crogan, Crone, Crown, Crowne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**Irish:** from **Mac Conchruacháin** ‘son of *Cú Chruachan* (the hound of *Croghan*)’.

**Further information:** The surname originated in Roscommon, where Croghan was the ancient royal site of the province of Connacht.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patr. Croghane, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3414; Donill duf McEncroghan, 1582 in Fiant Elizabeth §4076 (Ballanafadda, Roscommon); Brian Keogh mac Brien Mac Croughen, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5682; Brigidam Croghan, 1789 in *IGI* (Drum, Roscommon); Patrick Croghan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kiltrustan, Roscommon).

England: George Croughan, 1824 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** MacLysaght; Kneen.

**Croule**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Shrops
- English:** see **Crowle**.

**Crouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Cruse**.

**Crout**

Variants: **Crout**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Kent; Devon; Hants; Jersey; Ross and Cromarty; Jersey
- 1 **English:** see **Croud**. A family of this name migrated to NW Scotland: James Croote, born in England, in Census 1851 (Fearn, Ross and Cromarty); John Crout, born in Fearn, Ross-shire, in Census 1861 (Fearn, Ross and Cromarty).
- 2 **English:** occasionally perhaps a variant of **Groot**.
- Early bearers:** Henry Croute, 1672 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

**Crowthier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Crowthier**.

**Crow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3476, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4486
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. London and Essex; Lincs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Clare, and Limerick
- English:** see **Crowe**.

**Crowth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English:** see **Crouch**.

**Crowcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** locative name apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place named with Middle English *crowe* ‘crow’ (Old English *crāwe*) + *croft* ‘small enclosed field’. There are several places so named, including three in WR Yorks, but none is recorded early enough to be an obvious source of the surname.
- Early bearers:** Walter de Cracroft, 1248 in Patent Rolls; John de Cracroft, 1370 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas Cracroft, 1596 in *IGI* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); James Crawcrofte, 1625 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); John Crawcroft, 1696 in *IGI* (Birkin, Yorks); John Crowcroft, 1698 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Francis Crawcroft, 1711 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); John Crowcroft, 1720 in *IGI* (Brotherton, Yorks); Joseph Crowcroft, 1738 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Samuel Crowcroft, 1744 in *IGI* (Womersley, Yorks).

**Crowden**

Variants: **Growden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Somerset; Surrey; Lancs

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Crowden, in Devon and Derbys.

**Early bearers:** Johann Crowdon, 1572 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thomas Crowden, 1572 in *IGI* (Pickwell, Leics); George Crowden, 1580 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Elyanor Crowdon, 1595 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**Crowder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1601, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and N England; also London

**English:** see **Crowthier**.

**Crowdy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Oxon, Warwicks, Surrey, and Berks

**English:** nickname apparently related to the English S Country dialect word *crowdy* ‘small fiddle’ or ‘apple pie, turnover’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Croudy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fifield, Oxon); Margaret Crowdie, 1599 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); Lettie Crowdy, 1620 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Thomas Crowdy, 1685, Richard Croudy, 1713 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Gloucs); Richard Crowdey, 1749 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon).

**References:** English Dialect Dictionary.

**Crowe**

Variants: **Crow, Crow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6312, Ireland 2549
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2967
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Lancs; also IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; also Limerick
- 1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *crow*, *crowe* ‘crow’ (Old English *crāwe*), denoting someone

with dark hair or a dark complexion, or perhaps a raucous individual.

**Early bearers:** Ailwin Crowe, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Nicholas Crowe, 1187 in Pipe Rolls; Hen [ry] Crowe, 1586, 1667, Phil[ip] Crow, 1771, 1813 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Will. le Crou, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Clifford, Warwicks); John le Crowe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Maria Crow, 1575, Willm Crowe, 1626, Mary Crow, 1731, 1793 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Georgius Crowe, 1587 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Richard Crow, 1640 in *IGI* (York); Tho. Croo, 1643 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); John Crow, 1673 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

2 **Irish, Manx:** relationship name from **Mac Conchrada** ‘son of *Cú-chrada*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of destruction’.

**Further information:** Moore’s explanation of this name as an English translation of Manx and Irish **Mac Fiachain** ‘son of *Fiachan* (the crow)’ is rejected by Kneen and MacLysaght. The Crowe family of Man were vicars of Jurby 1603–90, but the name has since died out in the Isle of Man.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Crowe, 1582, 1611, Crow, 1611, 1629, 1692 in Kneen; Catherine Crowe, 1679 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); John Crow, 1792 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM). Ireland: Donoghe McConCroygh, husbandman, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2931 (Kilmannyhyn, Waterford); Shane McConcroe 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5712 (Ballymconcroe, Clare); Wm. Crowe, gent., 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6567; Bridget Crowe, 1835 in *IGI* (Ennistimon, Clare).

England: Michael Crow, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Michael Crow, born in Innes, Clare, Ireland, in Census 1881 (Penshaw, Durham); Wm. Crow, born in IoM, in Census 1881 (Barrow in Furness, Lancs).

**References:** Moore; Kneen; MacLysaght.

**Crowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Cornwall

**English:** locative name from a lost place called *Crowell* in Spofforth (WR Yorks), or possibly from Crowell (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Crowell, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Deonisia de Crawl, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); Johannes Crowelle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kingston by Sea, Sussex); William Crowell, 1416 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Thos. Crowell, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); William Crowell, 1807 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**Crowest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cheshire; Glamorgan

**English:** contracted form of **Crowthurst**.

**Crowfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English:** nickname apparently meaning ‘crow foot’, although Middle English *crowe(s)fof* was also a name

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for the buttercup. But compare John Hennefot ('hen foot'), 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Cayfot ('jackdaw foot'), 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Pefot ('peacock foot'), 1202 in *Pleas* (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey Crowfote, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Crowfoot, 1554 in *Parish Registers* (Ellough, Suffolk); David Crowfoote, 1563 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Rychard Crowfoote, 1579 in *IGI* (Weaverham, Cheshire); Richard Crowfoot, 1654 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Crowhurst

**Variants:** Crowest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1516, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

**English:** locative name from either of two places called Crowhurst, in Surrey and Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Croherst, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 6 (Kent); William de Crouherst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mathew Crowherst, 1613 in *PROB* 11 (East Malling, Kent); John Crowhurst, 1621 in *PROB* 11 (Frant, Sussex); Stephen Crowest or Crowherst, 1633 in *PROB* 11 (Pembury, Kent).

### Crowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**English:** see *Crowle*.

### Crowle

**Variants:** Crawl, Crole, Kroll, Croule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**1 English:** locative name from either of two places named Crowle, in Worcs and Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Crul, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugo de Croul', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Crol, Richard Croll, 1275–6 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Margareta de Crull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Robertus de Crull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedness, WR Yorks); Hugone Croule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bletsoe, Beds); Johannes Croule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Androwe Crowle, 1577 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Richard Crowle, 1584 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Crowle, 1683 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); James Crowle, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Arthur Crowle, 1696 in *IGI* (Ladock, Cornwall).

**2 English:** possibly sometimes a variant of *Curl*.

### Crowley

**Variants:** Croly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4781, Ireland 5716
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1926
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan and Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**Irish:** from Ó Cruadhlaoch 'descendant of Cruadhlaoch', a personal name from *cruadh* 'hardy' + *laoch* 'hero'. There has been some confusion with *Crawley*; see also *Croly*.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor O'Crowly, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Mohalaghe, Cork); Florence

O'Crowly, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3038 (Cork); David O'Crowly, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3039 (Dromunticloghie, Cork); Thady mcDermot O'Crowly, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3039 (Balhine McCrahe, Cork); Teige mcDermot I Croly, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3096 (Feale, Cork); Conor mcTeige mcAwloey O'Croley, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3096 (Towneyne, Cork); Ellen ny Crowly, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4552; Fynin mcTeig YCrowly, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4552 (Kilenelly, Cork); Conohor mcDermott I Croly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5688 (Carrignicorrie); Edm. O'Croly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Croleston); Theobald Croly 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Croleston), Dermot Croly, horseboy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Kilcrea, Cork).

### Crown

**Variants:** Crowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

**1 Norman, English:** locative name from Craon in Mayenne, France. Norfolk and Suffolk examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The de Creun family held the barony of Freiston, Lincs; see *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 417–18.

**Early bearers:** Wido de Credun, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Leics); Maurice de Creun, 1154–89, de Creona, about 1190, de Croun, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Peter de Croun, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Elizabeth Crowne, 1558 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Robertus Crown, 1567, John Crown, 1812 in *IGI* (Cowling, Suffolk); William Crowne, 1608, Thomas Crowne, 1731 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Crowne, 1619 in *IGI* (South Acre, Norfolk); Henry Crowne, 1641, William Crown, 1846 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk); Hannah Crowne, 1660 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); Richard Crown, 1741 in *IGI* (West Acre, Norfolk).

**References:** Tengvik, p. 84.

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *coroune*, *croun(e)*, 'crown, garland, chaplet', also 'crown of the head', Old French *corone*, perhaps with reference to the wearing of a garland at celebrations, or to physical appearance (a tonsured or bald head, perhaps), or to a mental peculiarity. John Croune, alias John Madythecroune ('mad in the head'), was a pledge for William Madythecroune, alias William Croune 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre*. However, other early bearers below may alternatively belong under (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Joh' Croune, Will' Croune, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre*; Gilb' Croune, 1327, Agn' Croune, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worksop, Notts); Thomas Crowne, William Croune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); George Crowne, 1701 in *IGI* (Girton, Notts); Phebe Crown, 1702 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**3 English:** locative name occasionally for someone who lived or worked at an inn called 'The Crown', Middle English *coroune*, *croun(e)*. The post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Attecroune, 1420 in *London Letter Books I*; Richard Crowne, 1576, Joseph Crowne,

1656, Andrew Crown, 1742, William Crown, 1816 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**4 English:** pronounced to rhyme with *grown*, a variant of *Crone*.

**5 Irish:** anglicized form of *Croughan*, perhaps adapted to the surname *Crown*, *Crone*; see *Crone*. **Early bearers:** John Crown, in *Census* 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); John Crown, in *Census* 1881 (Morley, WR Yorks).

### Crowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

**1 English:** see *Crown*.

**2 English:** see *Crone*.

**3 Irish:** see *Croughan*.

### Crowner

**Variants:** Coroner, Corner, Croner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Norman, English:** occupational name from Middle English *corouner* 'coroner' (Anglo-Norman French *coron(i)er*, from Old French *coro(u)ne* 'crown', after the Latin title *custos placitorum coronæ* 'protector of the pleas of the Crown').

**Early bearers:** Henry le Coroner, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alice le Crounor, 1323 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Herefs); John Crownere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Crouner, 1458 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Crowney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

**English:** see *Cronney*.

### Crownshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see *Cronshaw*.

### Crowshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** see *Crawshaw*.

### Crowson

**Variants:** Croston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 861, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 645
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Lincs, and Rutland

**English:** see *Crowston*.

### Crowston

**Variants:** Crowson, Croson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** locative name from South Croxton or Croxton Kerrial (Leics), traditionally pronounced /krouson/; or perhaps from Croxton (Lincs) if the same applied.

**Further information:** The source is probably illustrated by Rogero de Croxton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Goadby, Leics); see **Croxton**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Croston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Raunds, Northants); Thomas Crowson, 1564 in *IGI* (Coleorton, Leics); Willi. Crowson, 1566 in *IGI* (Rearsby, Leics); Lawrance Crowsson, 1571 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics); John Crowson, 1573 in *IGI* (Leicester); Franncis Crowston, 1578 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Thome Croson, 1588 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Elizabeth Crowstone, 1621 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Millicent Croson Or Croxton, 1735 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics).

### Crowter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wilts
- English: see **Crowther**.

### Crowther

**Variants:** Crewther, Crowder, Crowter, Crother, Crowthers, Crouther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7660, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8927
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 **English:** occupational name from Middle English *crowther* 'fiddler' (an agent derivative of Middle English *crouth*, *croude* 'fiddle').

**Early bearers:** Richard le Cruder, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Hugo le Crouder, 1278 in Leicester Freemen Register (Leics); Kenwick le Cruther, 1289 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Adam le Crouther, 1296 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Youan le Crouther, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Shrops); Willelmo Crowder, 1379 in Poll Tax (Groby, Leics); Ricardo Crowter, 1381 in Poll Tax (Draycott, Berks); Johannes le Crouther, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); George Crowder, 1542 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Briani Crowther, 1543, Margareta Crowder, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Adamus Crowther, 1567 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); James Crowter, 1620 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex).  
**References:** Thuresson, p. 186.

2 **Scottish Gaelic:** possibly a variant of **McGrouther**.

### Crowthers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: variant of **Crowther** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Crothers, 1736 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb); Thomas Crowthers, 1716 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Crowton

**Variants:** Croton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Cheshire

English: locative name from Crowton (Cheshire), recorded as *Crouton* in 1260, *Croughton* in 1386, and *Croton* in 1470.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Crouton' 1381 in Poll Tax (Hale, Lancs); Isabella de Crouton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Bold, Lancs); Alas Crowton, 1590 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Cadwalliter Croton, 1629 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon);

John Croton, 1684 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Charles Croughton, 1760 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).  
**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 3, p. 195.

### Croxall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Croxall (Derbys), recorded as *Croxhale*, 1208 in Feet of Fines (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Croxhale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kegworth, Leics); Agnes Croxall, 1540 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Dorothe Croxall, 1557 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Croxall, 1573 in *IGI* (Norton juxta Twycross, Leics); Homfrey Croxall, 1593 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Croxford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon, Bucks, and Beds

English: possibly a variant of **Crockford**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Croxford, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bletchington, Oxon); Clemente Croxforde, 1543 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Margt. Croxford, 1564 in *IGI* (Henley on Thames, Oxon); Henry Croxford, 1609 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Mary Croxford, 1691 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

### Croxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Croxton**.

### Croxson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Suffolk
- English: see **Croxton**.

### Croxton

**Variants:** Croxon, Croxson, Croston, Cruyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from any of the several places called Croxton in Cheshire, Staffs, Lincs, Norfolk, Cambs; Croxton Green in Cholmondeley (Cheshire); or Croxton Kerrial or South Croxton, both in Leics.  
**Further information:** The Croxtons in Leics also gives rise to **Crowston**.

**Early bearers:** Godric de Crocestuna, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition (Cambs); Richard de Croxton, 1277–8 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Rogero de Croxton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Goadby, Leics); John Croxton, 1403 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks).

### Croy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Croy (Inverness).

**Early bearers:** John de Croye, 1359 in Caithness and Sutherland Records; John Croy, 1694 in Brechin Testaments (Dundee, Angus); Patrick Croy, 1720 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

### Croyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs

English: see **Croydon**.

### Croydon

**Variants:** Croyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx; Devon

English: locative name from either of two places named Croydon, in Cambs and Surrey.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Croyden', 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John Croidon, 1381 in The Church in London; Daniel Croyden, 1641 in Somerset Petition.

### Croyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northumb
- Norman, English: see **Kerrell**.

### Croysdill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: see **Croasdale**.

### Crozier

**Variants:** Crosier, Croser, Grozier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2672, Ireland 685
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Armagh

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *crozier*, 'bearer of a bishop's crook or pastoral staff; cross bearer' (Old French *crozier*, *crocier*, *crosser*), perhaps also used to denote a seller of crosses or a dweller by a cross. *Croyser* is the common early form.

**Early bearers:** William le Croyser, 1264 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); William le Crocer, 1305 in Thuresson (Suffolk); Thomas Croser, 1393 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Croiser, 1482 in Feet of Fines (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Harry Croyser, 1583 in PROB 11 (Ickenham, Middx); Thomas Crozier, 1641 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Abraham Croysier, 1717 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Andrew Crouzier, 1824 in *IGI* (Cavers, Roxburghs).

### Cruckshank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Cruickshank**.

### Crudace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: see **Carruthers**.

### Cruddas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Carruthers**.

## Crudden

### Crudden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Scottish: see **Cruden**.

### Crude

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Berks

English: nickname from Middle English *crud* ‘curds, cheese’, probably for a maker or seller of dairy produce. Compare **Curd**.

**Early bearers:** William Crude, 1201 in Pleas (Somerset); Hervey Crudde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Crudd’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eggborough, WR Yorks); Johannes Crudde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thakeham, Sussex); Richarde Crude, 1604 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Robert Crude, 1614 in PROB 11 (Sawston, Cambs); Thomas Crude, 1643 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

### Cruden

Variants: **Crudden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Cruden (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Marion of Croudane, 1441 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Croudane, 1445 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Cruden, 1656 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens).

### Crudge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Cridge**.

### Crudginton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also W Midlands

English: locative name from Crudginton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Croginton, 1563 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Isaac Crudginton, 1633 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Tho. Crudgeton, 1673 in *IGI* (Ditton Priors, Shrops); Isaac Crudginton, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Crudington, 1766 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); Robt. Crudginton, 1781 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Cruft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts

1 English: see **Craft**.  
2 English: see **Croft**.

### Cruickshank

Variants: **Cruikshank**, **Crookshank**, **Cruckshank**, **Cruickshanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4794, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Banffs and Morays

Scottish: nickname from Scots *cruik* ‘(something) bent’ (Old Scandinavian *krókr* or Old English *crōc*) + *shank(e)* ‘shank, leg’ and meaning ‘crooked leg’, in early forms often singular but later also plural.

**Early bearers:** Christin Crukschank, 1334 in Scotland Calendar (Aberdeens); John Crukschanke, 1452 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeens), John Crewshank or Crushank, 1688 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Cruickshank, 1625 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens).

### Cruickshanks

Variants: **Crookshanks**, **Cruikshanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 894, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; also Angus

Scottish: variant of **Cruickshank** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Crokeshanks, burgess, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Haddington, E Lothian).

### Cruikshank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Scottish, English: see **Cruickshank**.

### Cruikshanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, and Renfrews

Scottish: see **Cruickshanks**.

### Cruise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 410
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath; Galway and Offaly

English: see **Cruse**.

### Crull

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Durham

English: see **Curl**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Crum

Variants: **Crumb**, **Crumm**, **Cromb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cruim**, see **McCrum**.

### Crumb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs

1 Irish, Scottish: see **Crum**.

2 English: see **Crome**.

### Crombie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire

Scottish: see **Crombie**.

### Crumbleholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Crumbleholme**.

### Crumbley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: variant of **Crumley**.

### Crumby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: English spelling of Scottish **Crombie**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is common in the USA.

### Crumley

Variants: **Crumbley**, **Cromley**, **Crumly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Tyrone, and Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Cromlaoich ‘descendant of *Cromlaoch*’, from a byname meaning ‘bent hero’. MacLysaght thinks that, in some cases at least, it may be a variant of **Crumlish**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Cromley, 1736 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Gorge Crumley, 1798 in *IGI* (Horton by Gisburn, WR Yorks); William Crumly, 1803 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Eliza Crumlie, 1845 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

### Crumlish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó Cromruisc ‘descendant of *Cromrosc*’, from a byname meaning ‘squint-eyed’.

**Early bearers:** Bryan Crumlish, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Templemore, Donegal); John Crumlisk, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Moville Lower, Donegal); Gilbert Crumrice, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyrone, Down).

### Crumly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from Ó Cromlaoich, see **Crumley**.

### Crumm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Glamorgan
- English: see **Crum**.

### Crummack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Cromack**.

**Crummay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

English, Scottish: variant of **Crummey**.

**Crummett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Grummett**; see **Grimmett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Crummey**

Variants: **Crummy**, **Crummie**, **Crummay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Crummy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fridaythorpe, ER Yorks); Robertus Crummy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sledmere, ER Yorks); John Crummey, 1705, Thos. Crumey, 1752 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Crummy, 1781 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Cromtha, see **Cromie**.

**Crummie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- English: see **Crummey**.

**Crummy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: see **Crummey**.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Cromie**.

**Crump**

Variants: **Cramp**, **Cram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3295, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3200
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: nickname from Middle English *crumpe*, *croumpe*, *crampe* ‘curved, bent, crooked’ (Old English *crump*).

**Early bearers:** Petrus Crumpe, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Walter Crampe, 1200 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Adam le Crumpe, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); William Crampe, Richard le Crompe, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Crampe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wiveton, Norfolk); Matilda Cramp, 1381 in Poll Tax (Butterwick, Lincs); Johanne Crompe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Snodhill, Herefs); Wmi Crump, 1547 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); James Cramp, 1561 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Alice Cramp, 1608 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); John Cramp, 1617 in *IGI* (Markfield, Leics); Mary Cramp, 1709, John Cram, 1830 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Isabella Cram, 1839, Joseph Augustus Cramp, 1894 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Crumpler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps an agent noun derived from Middle English *crumplen*, *crumplen*, *crimpen* ‘to wrinkle, put creases in, twist or curl; plait’. If this is right, for the sense compare John Crimplocke, 1563 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon). **Early bearers:** Thomas Crumplere, 1541 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); John Crumpler, 1590 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset); Richard Crompler, 1631 in PROB 11 (Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset); John Crumplier, 1791 in *IGI* (Church Knowle, Dorset).

**Crumplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Huguenot: variant of **Crommelin**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Crumpling, 1587 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Henry Crumplin, 1744 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Deniel Crumpling, 1759 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Thos. Crumplin, 1778 in *IGI* (Cron dall, Hants); Robert Cromplin, 1796 in *IGI* (Winchfield, Hants).

**Crumpton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 954, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; also Herefs

English: see **Crompton**.

**Crundall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Worcs

English: locative name from Old English *crundel* ‘chalk pit, quarry, gully’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived or worked at such a location, or toponymic from a place so called, such as Crundale (Kent), Crundall in Lindridge (Worcs), or Crondall (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Crundel de Rya, 1225 in Patent Rolls (Rye, Sussex); William de Crundall, 1265 in Patent Rolls; Robert ate Crundle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thomas de la Crundle, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Willm. Crundall, 1561 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Robert Crundell, 1628 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Thomas Crundall, 1654 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Crundal, 1691 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs).

**References:** English Place-Name Elements 1, pp. 116–17.

**Crunden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: locative name: most probably a variant of **Cruttenden**. Less likely from Long Crendon (Bucks), recorded as *Crunden* in the 13th and 14th centuries, or Crondon Hall in Stock (Essex), recorded as *Crunden*, *Crundon* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard Crunden, 1599 in *IGI* (Willington, Sussex); Nicholas Crunden, 1631 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Samuel Crunden, 1708 in *IGI* (Catsfield, Sussex).

**References:** Place-Names of Bucks, p. 122; Place-Names of Essex, p. 270; Place-Names of Surrey, pp. 47–8.

**Crundwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name: unexplained.

**Further information:** Master Nicholas, parson of the church of *Crundewell*, is recorded, 1286 in Patent Rolls, identified there as Cranwell (Lincs). No further support for this identification has yet been found. **Early bearers:** Alice Crundwell, 1574 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Thomas Crundwell, 1624 in PROB 11 (Penshurst, Kent); Edward Crundwel, 1677 in *IGI* (Withyham, Sussex).

**Crunkhorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Cramphorn** formed with Middle English *crunkel* (*d*) ‘wrinkle(d)’ rather than *crampe*, *crumpe* ‘curved, bent’. Compare *Crankhorn*, apparently similarly formed with *crank* ‘bent, crooked’: Thomas James Crankhorn, 1754 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cronckhorne, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edmund Crunkhorn, 1579 in *IGI* (Thistleton, Rutland); Robt Crunkhorne, 1586 in *IGI* (Gunby near Grantham, Lincs); Robert Crunkehorne, 1651 in *IGI* (Gunby near Grantham, Lincs); Edward Crunkhorn, 1708 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

**Cruse**

Variants: **Cruise**, **Cruwys**, **Crews**, **Crewes**, **Crouse**, **Seruse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1203, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 866
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs; Devon; Wilts

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of several places named *Cruys* or *Creus* in Normandy and Flanders.

**Further information:** Cruwys Morchard (Devon) is named from the family name; see Place-Names of Devon, p. 380. Some later examples might in principle belong under (2), but it is not certain that (2) is responsible for the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Otuel de Crues, about 1160 in Domesday Descendants, p. 423 (Netherex, Devon); Richard de Crues, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Devon); Richard de Crus, knight, 1214–21 in Barlow, Exeter Episcopal Acta, p. 206 (Netherex, Devon); Alexander de Crues, 1242 in Book of Fees (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Johannes Cruse, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); William Cruise, 1502 in PROB 11 (London); Agneta Cruse, 1559 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Cruse, 1577 in PROB 11 (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Thomas Cruse, 1582 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Robert Cruse, 1625 in PROB 11 (London); Elizabeth Screws, 1710 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Sarah Scrus, 1716 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Nathaniel Scrus, 1790 in *IGI* (Orcheston Saint George, Wilts). **References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/cruwys/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/cruwys/); Barlow, F. (1996), *English Episcopal Acta XII: Exeter 1186–1257*, Oxford.

## Crush

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *crus(e)* (northern *crous(e)*) ‘bold, fierce’.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Criuse, 1213 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); Nicholas le Cruse, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); Robert Creuse 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); Ambrose Cruse, 1560 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); John Cruse, 1577 in *IGI* (Shillingford Saint George, Devon); Alyse Cruse, 1587 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

## Crush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

**English:** probably a variant of **Crouch**.

**Early bearers:** John Crush, 1563 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Jarvis Crushe, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Willus Crushe, 1604 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex).

## Crusoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants

**Huguenot:** locative name: Flemish name of uncertain derivation. It may perhaps represent *Crusiau(x)*, which Debrabandere describes as a locative name from a diminutive of French *creux* ‘hollow’ or alternatively perhaps a variant of *Croiseau*, from places so named in Arquennes (Hainault) or Bornival (Brabant).

**Further information:** According to Reaney and Wilson, the name was brought to England by John Crusoe(e), a Huguenot refugee from ‘Hownescourt’, Flanders, who settled in Norwich in about 1590.

**Early bearers:** Timothie Crusoe, 1623 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Aquila Crusoe, 1635 in Sussex Archaeological Collections, p. 86; Francis Crusoe, 1682 in Norwich Depositions; Robinson Crusoe, 1765 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**References:** Debrabandere.

## Crust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lincs

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cruste*, *croute* ‘crust of bread’, perhaps used to denote someone as hard as crust, obstinate, stubborn.

**Early bearers:** Herveus Cruste, 1109 in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs); Robert Crust, 1208 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Nicholas Crouste, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Radulpho Crust’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus Cruste, 1379 in Poll Tax (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Johanna Crouste, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Bersted, Sussex); Willelmo Crouste, 1381 in Poll Tax (Woodchester, Gloucs); Stivhen Crust, 1568 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Rd. Crust, 1584 in *IGI* (Kingerby, Lincs).

## Crutch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx and Kent
- English:** see **Crouch**.

## Crutcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Croucher**.

## Crutchfield

**Variants:** Critchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, and Kent

**English:** locative name from Cruchfield (Berks) or Crutchfield (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Henrie Cruchfeeld, 1561 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Henry Cruchfild, 1604 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Peter Critchfield, 1612 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Oxon); Edvardus Chritchfeild, 1624 in *IGI* (Sandhurst, Berks).

## Crutchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1512, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 814
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English:** see **Critchley**.

## Crutchlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

**English:** see **Critchlow**.

## Crute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Durham; also Beds

**English:** see **Croud** and **Croot**.

## Cruthers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Kirkcudbrights; Lancs

**Scottish:** see **Carruthers**.

## Cruttenden

**Variants:** Crittenden, Crunden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 444
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

**English:** locative name from Crittenden in Brencley or a lost place called *Cruttenden* in Headcorn (both Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Crotynnden’, [ . . . ] de Crotyndenn’, [ . . . ] de Crotindenne, 1270 in Kent Place-Names (Kent); Will’s de Crotinden’e, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staplehurst, Kent); Thomas Crotynnden, 1413 in Patent Rolls (Kent); William Crotynnden, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Lamberhurst, Kent); Robartt Crottynden, 1559 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Georgius Cruttenden, 1560, Henrye Crotenden, 1570, Johanne Crittenden, 1583 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Thomas Crottenden, 1592 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Georg Crittenden, 1599 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); John Crittenden, 1619 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, pp. 190–1, 214.

## Cruwys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** see **Cruse**.

## Cruyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

**English:** see **Croxtton**.

## Cruz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1375, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**Spanish, Portuguese:** (i) relationship name from the Christian personal name *Cruz*, based on *cruz* ‘cross’. (ii) locative name from any of numerous places named Cruz or La Cruz, from the same word.

**Further information:** This name was taken to western India by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century and in some cases brought to Britain from there.

**Early bearers:** Anceto Cruz, born in Brazil, in Census 1881 (Moss Side, Lancs).

## Cryan

**Variants:** Cryans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon

**Irish:** from Ó Craidheáin ‘descendant of *Craidheán*’, a name meaning ‘little heart’, from a diminutive of *croidhe* ‘heart’. It appears to be a Roscommon variant of Ó Croidheáin, see **Crean**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Domnall O Craidheain, 1506 in AU (Donegal); Thady Cryan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumrat, Sligo); Owen Cryan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilcooley, Roscommon); Murtagh Cryan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Elphin, Roscommon).

## Cryans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** variant of **Cryan** with excrescent English -s.

## Cryer

**Variants:** Crier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Gloucs

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *crier*, *cr(e)iyor*, originally denoting an officer of the court of justice who made public announcements (1292, OED), and later a town crier (1387, OED).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Criur, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Ralph le Criur, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Robert le Crieur, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Johanna Cryour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas Cryor, 1513 in PROB 11 (Saint Clement Hastings, Sussex); Thomas Cryer, 1569 in PROB 11 (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Crymble

**Variants:** Crimble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**English:** locative name from Old English *\*crymel* ‘small piece (of land or water); something crumpled’

(compare Middle English *crimpel* 'fold, wrinkle'). The name often occurs as a plural and may be topographic, for someone who lived near such a place, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Crimbles in Cockerham or Crimble in Heywood (both Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Crymbill, 1541 in PROB 11 (Rochford, Essex); George Crymble, 1570, Crimble, 1572 in PROB 11 (Great Stambridge, Essex); John Crimble, 1685 in *IGI* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants); Richard Crimball, 1686 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Henry Crymble, 1830 in Parish Registers (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, pp. 166–7; English Place-Name Elements 1, p. 118.

### Crymes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan

**English:** see **Crimes**.

**Further information:** This form has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Cryne

**Variants:** Crine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, and Cheshire

**Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *crin* 'hair', presumably applied to someone who had a lack or an abundance of, or otherwise remarkable hair.

**Early bearers:** Adam Crin, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwick); Robert Cryne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Ricardo Crine, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wollaton, Notts); Thomas Cryn, 1404 in York Freeman's Register.

### Crysell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

**English:** locative name from Chrishall (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Joan de Cristeshale, 1264 in Patent Rolls; William de Crishale, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Cambs); John de Cristishale, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); John Cristeshale, 1375 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Johannes Crisale and Thomas Crisal', 1381 in Poll Tax (Pentlow, Essex); Johes Crysell, 1561 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Thomas Chrysall, 1568 in *IGI* (Chelworth, Suffolk); Robert Cryssall, 1638 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); William Chrishall, 1750 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs).

### Crystal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Armagh
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish:** from Mac Criostal, see **McCrystal**.

### Crystall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines
- Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Criostal, see **McCrystal**.

### Crystol

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**Scottish Gaelic:** from Mac Criostal, see **McCrystal**.

### Cabbage

**Variants:** Cabbage, Coppage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Oxon; also Lanarks

**English:** unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Christopherus Cabbage, 1557, Elizabetha Cabbage, 1588 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Elizabeth Cabbage, 1599 in Parish Registers (Nantwich, Cheshire); Edward Cobidge, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Francis Cabbidg, 1640 in *IGI* (Edgbaston, Warwicks); Richard Cabbach, 1642 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Cubidg, 1658 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Joseph Cabbige, 1737 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Willm Cabbage, 1768 in Parish Registers (Aston, Warwicks).

### Cubberley

**Variants:** Cubberly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

**English:** locative name from Coberley (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Coberley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Winchcomb, Gloucs); John Coburley, clerk, 1394 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Cubberly, 1612, Richard Cubberley, 1615, Edward Cuberley, 1622 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Cuberley, 1628, Cubberly, 1629 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); John Cubberley, 1632 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Cuberly, 1645 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs).

### Cubberly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

**English:** see **Cubberley**.

### Cubbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx, Scottish Gaelic:** see **McCubbin**.

### Cubbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

**Manx, English:** variant of *Cubbin*, with excrescent -s; see **McCubbin**.

### Cubbison

**Variants:** Cubison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

**Scottish:** relationship name: anglicized form of **McCubbin**, found in south-west Scotland. Compare **Cubby**.

**Early bearers:** George Cubbisoune, 1642 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr); John Cubbisone, 1644 in *IGI*

(Dalmellington, Ayr); James Cubbisoun, 1695 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); James Cubisone, 1700 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr).

### Cubbitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent
- English:** see **Cubitt**.

### Cubbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 607
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx, Scottish Gaelic:** reduced form of **McCubbin**. See also **McGibbon**.

**Early bearers:** Gybone, 1429 in Moore; McCubbon, 1430 in Moore; MacGibbon, 1511 in Cubbon, 1605 in Moore; Cubbin, 1645 in Moore.

### Cubby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Lancs

**Scottish, English:** relationship name of uncertain origin. Black suggests that *Cubbie* was a reduced form of the personal name **Cuthbert** and cites **Cubbison** by way of comparison. However, in that case *Cubbison* is derived from the Gaelic personal name *Giobúin* (Gibbon), a pet form of *Gilbert* (see **McGibbon**), and it may well be that that name underlies *Cubby* instead.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cubbie, 1567 in Arbroath Register 2, p. xxxiv (Angus); Edwd Cubby, 1742 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Edward Cubbey, 1761 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Mary Cubby, 1792 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Thomas Cubbay, 1804 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); John Cubbie, 1828, James Lowther Cubby, 1832, Samuel William Cubbey, 1849 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

### Cubison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

**English:** see **Cubbison**.

**Early bearers:** James Cubisone, 1654, Cubisoune, 1655, Williame Cubisowne, 1668 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Lydia Cubison, 1783 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Richard Marsh Cubison, 1827 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

### Cubit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Suffolk
- 1 **English:** see **Cupit**.  
2 **English:** see **Cubit**.

### Cubitt

**Variants:** Cubit, Cubbitt, Cupit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 739
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cubit(e)* 'elbow', or a word for a measure of 18 inches (from the elbow to the middle finger tip).

**Early bearers:** Henry Cubyt, 1288 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Oliuere Kubyte, 1454 in Paston Letters; Bennet Cubyt, 1595 in PROB 11 (Great Yarmouth,

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Norfolk); Joseph Cubitt, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

2 **English**: see **Cupit**.

## Cubley

**Variants**: **Cobley**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 121
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs; Staffs; Notts and Lincs

**English**: locative name from either of two places named *Cubley*, in Derbys (recorded as *Cobelei*, 1086 in Domesday Book), and in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers**: John de Cobley, 1316 in Nottingham Borough Records; Richard de Cobbelaye, 1324 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Johannes Cubley, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ratby, Leics); Johannes de Coubelay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Penistone, WR Yorks); Henrico Cobley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Skeffington, Leics); Joan Cubley, 1578 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Henry Cubley, 1661 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Joseph Cubly, 1743 in *IGI* (Swaton, Lincs).

## Cuckow

- **Current frequencies**: GB 196, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 151
- **Main GB location 1881**: Kent

**English**: nickname from Middle English *cuccou*, *cuckkow* 'cuckoo' (Old French *coucou*), for a foolish fellow or a cuckold. Compare **Cockwell**.

**Early bearers**: Warin Kuku, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Gilbert cucu, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Adam Cockou, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Codsheath hundred, Kent); Ricardo Cuckow, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sandy, Beds); James Cuckow, 1477 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Elham, Kent); Thomas Cuckowe or Cockowe, 1590 in PROB 11 (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); John Cuckoe, 1591 in *IGI* (Mereworth, Kent); Nickholas Cuckcow, 1618 in *IGI* (Hillesden, Bucks); Daniel Cuckow, 1677 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Cuckson

- **Current frequencies**: GB 304, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 252
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Notts and WR Yorks
- English**: see **Cookson**.

## Cudahy

- **Current frequencies**: GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: o

**Irish**: from Ó Cuidighthigh, see **Cuddy**.

**Further information**: This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Cudbird

- **GB frequency 1881**: 19
- **Main GB location 1881**: Norfolk

**English**: see **Cuthbert**.

## Cudby

**Variants**: **Cadby**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 141, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 87
- **Main GB location 1881**: Essex

**English**: relationship name of uncertain origin; perhaps from a pet form of the personal name *Cuthbert*; compare **Cubby**, **Cudd**.

**Early bearers**: Joseph Cudby, 1814 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); William Cudby, 1822 in *IGI* (Hundon, Suffolk); Henry Cudby, 1855 in *IGI* (Bulphan, Essex).

## Cudd

**Variants**: **Cude**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 253, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 187
- **Main GB location 1881**: Surrey and Middx; Warwicks and Oxon

**English**: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Cuthbert*.

**Early bearers**: given names: Cudde Robson, 1587 in Bardsley (Northumb).

urnames: John Cudde, 1358 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Johanne Cudde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brilley, Herefs); Willelmus Cudde, 1381 in Poll Tax (North Baldesley, Hants); Richard Cudd, 1583 in *IGI* (Matson, Gloucs); John Cudd, 1658 in *IGI* (Over Whitacre, Warwicks).

## Cuddeford

- **Current frequencies**: GB 108, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 102
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon

**English**: locative name from Cuddeford in Cheriton Fitzpaine (Devon), recorded as *Cuddeford(e)*, 1301 in Inquisitiones post Mortem.

**Early bearers**: Thoma Codeforde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Avebury, Wilts); Mathew Cuddeford, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Cuddiford, 1696, Robert Cuddeford, 1734 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon).

## Cudden

- **Current frequencies**: GB 48, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881**: 58
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Meath

1 **Irish**: from Mac Áidín, 'son of *Aidín*', a diminutive form of *Adam*.

**Further information**: Woulfe (p. 305) states that *Mac Áidín* was changed to Ó *Cáidín* in spoken Irish.

**Early bearers**: William Cudden, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Artrea, Derry); Edmond Cadden, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Crossmolina, Mayo); John McCudden, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clones, Monaghan); Bernard McCuddin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Stabannan, Louth); Hugh McCadden, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumcliff, Sligo); Edward McCadden, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killymard, Donegal).

2 **English**: see **Cudden**.

## Cuddihy

- **Current frequencies**: GB 314, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 18
- **Main GB location 1881**: Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Kilkenny; also Laois and Tipperary

**Irish**: from Ó Cuidighthigh, see **Cuddy**.

## Cuddington

- **Current frequencies**: GB 71, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 58
- **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex and Kent

**English**: locative name from both Cuddington (Surrey) and Cuddington (Bucks).

**Early bearers**: Reginald de Cudintone, 1161 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Peter de Cudinton, 1199–1200 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Fray de Cudington, 1230 in

Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Elizabeth Cuddyngton, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Daniel Cuddington, 1583 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Joane Cuddington, 1584 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Mabell Cuddington, 1600 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

## Cuddon

**Variants**: **Cudden**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 68, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881**: 128
- **Main GB location 1881**: Norfolk and Suffolk

**English**: locative name probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in E Anglia.

**Early bearers**: Robert Cuddon, 1580 in PROB 11 (Grays Inn, Middx); John Cudden, 1595, Cuddon, 1602 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); John Cuddon, 1638 in PROB 11 (Shaddingfield, Suffolk).

## Cuddy

**Variants**: **Cudahy**, **Cuddihy**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 495, Ireland 561
- **GB frequency 1881**: 246
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Roscommon and Galway; Laois

**Irish**: from Ó Cuidighthigh 'descendant of *Cuidightheach*', a personal name meaning 'helper'.

**Early bearers**: Conoghor O'Kuddyhy, husbandman, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2948 (Boliflegue, Kilkenny); Dermod O'Codihie, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6309; James Cuddy, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ematris, Monaghan).

## Cude

- **Current frequencies**: GB 142, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 87
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Somerset; Glamorgan
- English**: see **Cudd**.

**Further information**: Roger Cude or Cade, 1639 in PROB 11 (Langford Budville, Somerset) represents an odd variation in name form, which at present cannot be explained.

**Early bearers**: John Cude, 1697 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Cude, 1802 in *IGI* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); James Cude, 1841 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey).

## Cudjoe

- **Current frequencies**: GB 263, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881**: o

**Ghanaian**; also **Trinidad and Tobago**: circumstance name from the Akan day-name *Kojó* or *Kwadwó* 'Monday', which is frequently found in West Indian slave-era registers as *Cudjoe* or *Cudjo*. The former has become the most usual spelling among recent immigrants to the UK.

## Cudlip

**Variants**: **Cudlipp**, **Cutlip**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 163, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881**: 119
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon and Cornwall

**English**: locative name from Cudlipptown in Petertavy (Devon), which is recorded as *Cudelipe* in 1114–19.

**Early bearers**: Thomas Codelip, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Codelep, 1342 in Patent Rolls (Exeter, Devon); Johis Cudlip, 1563 in *IGI* (Marytavy, Devon); Henry Cudlip, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint



Germans, Cornwall); Richard Cudlip, 1627–8 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Walter Cudlip, 1635 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roger Cudlip, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Susanna Cudlipp, 1701 in *IGI* (Tavistock, Devon); Richard Cutlip, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Abell Cudlepe, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall).

References: Place-Names of Devon, p. 232.

### Cudlipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants

English: see **Cudlip**.

### Cudmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Cork, and Clare

English: locative name from Cudmore Farm in Bampton (Devon).

Early bearers: Phillipe Cudmor, 1617 in *IGI* (Little Torrington, Devon); Humphrey Cudmoore, 1627 in *IGI* (Buckland Filleigh, Devon); George Cuddemore, 1719 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); John Cudmore 1776 in *IGI* (Berechurch, Essex).

### Cudworth

Variants: **Cutforth, Cutsforth, Cutworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Cudworth (WR Yorks).

Early bearers: William de Cudewurth', 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Cudworth', Johannes Cudworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John de Cudworth, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Richardus Cudworth, 1550 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Johes. Cudworthe, 1567 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); George Cudworth or Cudworthe, 1631 in *PROB 11* (London); John Cutworth, 1705 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).

2 English: see **Cutworth**.

### Cue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Wilts
- Irish: from **Mac Aodha**, see **McHugh**.

### Cuell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Kewell**.

### Cuerden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Cuerden (Lancs).

Early bearers: Robart Cuerden, 1567 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Ric. Cuerden, 1620 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); William Cuerden, 1703 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).

### Cuff

Variants: **Cuffe, Coff, Cough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1165, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, also Somerset and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cuffe* (Old English *Cuffa*, a pet form perhaps of *Cūðfrīð*). (ii) nickname possibly from Middle English *cuffe, coffe* 'mitten', for someone who wore such items or who made and sold them. (iii) variant of **Cove** with the original long vowel shortened and the final consonant unvoiced to /f/. (iv) see **Cough**.

Early bearers: Walter Cuf, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Godwin Coffe, 1218–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Roger Cuffe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Cof, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Willelmo Coff, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Weymouth, Dorset); Henrico Coffe, 1370 in *Luffield Charters* (Northants); Kateryne Cuffe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Cuff, 1546 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); John Cuff, 1590 in *IGI* (Woodford, Dorset); John Cough, 1590 in *IGI* (Skeffington, Leics); Richard Cuffe, 1594 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); Martin Cuffe, 1596 in *IGI* (Titchfield, Hants); Richard Cuffe, 1602 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts); Isaac Cuffe, 1612 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); John Cough, 1620 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Judith Cough, 1628 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Ardrey Cough, 1657 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Jonne Coff, 1663 in *IGI* (Norwich); Charles Coff, 1693 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Elizabeth Cough, 1695 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); William Coff, 1728 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset); John Cuff, 1732 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); John Coff, 1746 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks).

2 Irish: see **Cuffe**.

### Cuffe

Variants: **Cuff, Cough, Cuffie, Cuffy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 439
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo and Roscommon; Dublin

1 Irish: (i) adopted for **Ó Doirnín**, because *dorn* means 'fist'. See **Dornan** and compare the English word *cuff*, which is first recorded with the sense 'a blow with the fist' in 1570 (OED). (ii) from **Mac Dhuibh**, lenited variant of **McDuff**. (iii) in Ireland this is also found as an importation of the English name.

Early bearers: Ireland: John Cuff, clerk, 1553 in *Fiants* Edward §1208; John Cuffe, 1558 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §12 (Waterford); John Cuff, gent., 1560 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §263; John Cuff, gent., 1563 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §590 (Waterford); Catherine Cuffe, 1575 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §2631; Edw. Cuf or Cuffe, gent., 1576 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §2872 (Waterford); Mathias Cough, 1742 in *IGI* (Rathkeale, Limerick); Cathrine Cough, 1790 in *IGI* (Dundalk, Louth).

2 English: see **Cuff**.

### Cuffie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: see **Cuffe**.

Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cuffley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Essex

English: locative name from Cuffley (Herts).

Early bearers: Thomas de Cuffele, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Walter Cuffle, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Ales Cufley, 1543 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Richard Cuffly, 1674 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Peter Cuffley, 1731 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Henry Cufly, 1707 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey).

### Cufflin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: unexplained. Possibly an early anglicized form of Irish **Mac Cochláin** or **Ó Cochláin**; see **Coughlan**, but the distribution is strikingly Midland English.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Coughlin, 1655 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Cyrell Cuffling, 1707 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mary Cufflin, 1709 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Hanna Cufflin, 1710 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Cufflin, 1710 in *IGI* (Ratby, Leics); Capes Cufflin, 1720, John Cufflin, 1745 in *IGI* (Glenfield, Leics); Ann Cufflin, 1763 in *IGI* (Knighton, Leics); Mary Cufflin, 1783 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Thomas Cufflin, 1798 in *IGI* (Narborough, Leics); William Cufflin, 1799 in *IGI* (Ratby, Leics).

### Cuffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: see **Cuffe**.

### Cuggy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Longford

Irish: perhaps a variant of **Ó Cuaig**, see **Quigg**.

Early bearers: England: Joannes Cuggy, 1868 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edward Cuggey, labourer, born in Ireland, in *Census* 1871 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Patrick Cuggy, shipyard labourer, born in Ireland, in *Census* 1871 (West Hartlepool, Durham); Carolus Cuggey, 1894 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb).

Ireland: Brian O'Tole alias O'Coggey, 1579 in *Fiants* Edward §264 (Powerscourte, Dublin); John Coggy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers* Ireland (Ardagh, Longford); John Cuggy, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killaree, Kilkenny).

### Culbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 390
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland; also Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, Scottish, Irish: see **Colbert**. There seems to have been some confusion of this name with **Cuthbert**. See also **Culbertson**.

## Culbertson

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margarit Culbert, 1622 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Marionn Culbert, 1645 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Jon. Culbert, 1675 in *IGI* (Craig, Angus).

Ireland: Samuel Culbert, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killygarvan, Donegal); William Culbert, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clondermot, Derry); Gabriel Culbert, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumroosk, Donegal).

**References:** Culbert One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/culbert/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/culbert/).

### Culbertson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Selkirks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**Scottish and Irish:** relationship name from the personal name **Colbert** + the patronymic marker *-son*. There has been some confusion with **Cuthbertson**. See also **Culbert**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Culbertson, 1656 in Peebles Testaments (Peebles); Elizen Culbertson, 1670 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); John Culbertson, 1702 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

Ireland: Robert Culbertson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Urney, Tyrone); Elizabeth Colbertson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ardstraw, Tyrone); William Culbertson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Stranorlar, Donegal); Samuel Culbertson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Faughanvale, Donegal).

### Culcheth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

**English:** locative name from Culcheth (Lancs).

**Further information:** see **Culshaw** for possible confusion.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Culchit, 1218–19 in Pipe Rolls (Lancs); Gilbert de Culchef, Gilbert de Culchit, 1246, Richard de Kulchith, Richard de Kulchet, 1284 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Willelmo de Culcheth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Thomas de Kilcheth', 1381 in Poll Tax (Abram, Lancs); William Culcheth, 1590 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Culcheth, 1610 in *IGI* (Warringham, Cheshire); Ann Culcheth, 1792 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 97.

### Culf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; WR Yorks

**English:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *Cūðwulf* 'famous wolf'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cudulf, Codolf, Cuulf, Coolf, 1086 in Domesday Book.

surnames: Thomas Couthulf, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Cuttwlf, 1299 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lincs); Richard Culfe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Culfe, 1601, Edward Culf, 1698 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); William Culf, 1725 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Carrington Culf, 1818 in *IGI* (Lower Bromley, Essex).

### Culham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

**English:** see **Cullum**.

### Culhane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 570
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

**Irish:** from Ó Cathláin 'descendant of *Cathalán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Cathal* meaning 'mighty in battle'.

**Early bearers:** Neill O'Callane, kern, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1178 (Lissenuske, Westmeath); Mawhowne O'Callane, yeoman, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §3096; Neyle O'Callen, idleman, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3496 (Lessinowskey); Arte O'Callane, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4006 (Bigeston, Meath); Donnell boy O'Calhan, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5418 (Limerick); Morris O'Calhan, yeoman, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6479 (Browrie, Limerick).

### Culkin

**Variants:** **Caulkin**, **Calkin**, **Colkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

**Irish:** from Mac Uilcín 'son of *Uilcín*', a diminutive of *Wilkin*, itself a diminutive of **William**. See **McQuilkin**.

### Cull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1938, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1488
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx; Worcs and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**English:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *Cula*.

**Early bearers:** Richard cule, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Lucas Culle, 1258 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); John Culle, 1368 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Stephen Cull, 1545 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); Richard Cull, 1555 in PROB 11 (London).

### Cullabine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** nickname from Old French *cuille* + Middle English *ben(e)*, *bean(e)* 'pick bean'.

**Further information:** Compare **Culpepper**, and John Cullebole ('pick bull'), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); William Culfis ('pick fish'), 1230 in Patent Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cullebene, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Thomas Cullabine, 1636 in *IGI* (Ebony, Kent); Thomas Cullabine, 1735 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts).

### Cullam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs; Oxon and Berks

**English:** see **Cullum**.

### Cullan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also WR Yorks; Glasgow

**Irish:** see **Cullen**.

### Cullen

**Variants:** **Cullin**, **Cullon**, **Cullan**, **Cullens**, **Cullins**, **Quillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12241, Ireland 8092
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow; also Leitrim

**1 Irish:** (i) from Ó Cuileáin 'descendant of *Cuileán*', a variant of the personal name *Coileán* meaning 'puppy' or 'young hound' (see **Collin**). (ii) from Ó Cuilinn 'descendant of *Cuileann*', a personal name meaning 'holly'. See also **McCullen**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Muiredhach Ua Cuillen, erenagh, 1026 in AU (Clogher, Tyrone); Mael-Isu hUa Cuilen, bishop, 1109 in AU (North of Ireland); Patrick O'Cullayn alias Gronnyn, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1101 (Island Sydney, Tyrone); Dermot O'Cullan, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2270 (Malyghanys); Conoghor mc Donill I Cullan, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2270 (Downmenwy, ?Cork); Thady O'Cullane, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §3039 (Lynsabrny, Cork); Teig O Cullaine, gent., 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4416 (Cappaigh, Cork).

**2 English:** locative name from Cologne in the Rhineland.

**Early bearers:** Bertram de Coloigne, 1307 in London Letter Books D (London); John de Coline, 1340 in London Letter Books F (London); John de Culayn, 1447, John Cullan, 1487 in York Freemen's Register (York); John Cullen, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**3 Scottish:** locative name from Cullen in Banffs.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Culane, 1340 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Isbell Cullen, 1563, Kaithrene Cullen, 1636 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Christian Cullen, 1684 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

### Cullens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Lancs; Middx

**Scottish:** variant of **Cullen** with excrescent or genitival *-s*.

### Cullerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb; Angus

**English:** locative name possibly from Culderton in Lowside Quarter (Cumb).

### Culleton

**Variants:** **Culliton**, **Colleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

**Irish:** from Mac Codlatáin or Ó Codlatáin 'son (or descendant) of *Codlatán*', a personal name meaning '(little) sleepy one'. Compare **McCalden**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund duf mcTeige McColitan and Ferdoragh mcGilleduf McCollytan, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2231 (Williamston); Dermot mcShane oge McColletan, husbandman, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2233 (Knocken); Hugh McColletane and Piere mcGilduff O Colletan, husbandmen, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4036 (Torrigh, Wexford); Melaghlin McCollitan, horseboy, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6541 (Rahindarigh).

## Culley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2021, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Notts; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 **Norman, English:** locative name from Culey-le-Patry in Calvados.

**Early bearers:** Hunfrid de Cuelai, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk); Hugh de Cuilly, 1313, de Cully, 1314, Roger de Kuly, 1318, in de Kuyly, 1322 in Parliamentary Writs; Josua Culley, 1580 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 **Irish:** from Ó Colla, see **Cully**.

## Cullier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Collier**.

## Culliford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name possibly from either of two places in Devon named *Cullafoord*, in South Tawton and Buckfastleigh, both recorded as *Colleford* in the 14th century, or from Culliford Farm in Culmstock. The first bearer's name may be for Coleford (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Coleford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bishopstone, Wilts); Henry Cullyford, 1596 in PROB 11 (Plaitford, Wilts); John Culliford, 1597 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Temperance Culliford, 1602 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); William Culliford, 1613 in PROB 11 (Quarr within the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset); John Culliford alias Poole, 1625 in PROB 11 (Martock, Somerset).

## Culligan

**Variants:** **Quilligan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 382
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

**Irish:** from Ó Cuileagáin ('descendant of *Cuilleagán*'), a variant of Ó Colgáin, see **Colgan**.

## Cullimore

**Variants:** **Collimore, Collymore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

**English:** locative name from an unidentified place, possibly Colmore Farm in Rotherfield Peppard (Oxon), which is apparently found in the compound name *Collemersgrove* in 1263, though this may really contain an early record of the surname.

**Further information:** The early Devon names may be from Colmer in North Huish (Devon), and confusion with *Cullimore* is possible. Otherwise the spread of *Cullimore* to the SW beyond Wilts and to Ireland is probably through Bristol; it also appears in the W Indies in the era of slavery. It is unlikely to come from Colemere (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Culmere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fiddington, Wilts); Johannes Collemor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Ricardus Collemore, 1381 in Poll Tax

(Astley Abbots, Shrops); Richard Collamore, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Thomas Collamore, 1545 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Annes Collymore, 1551 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Thomas Collymor, 1565 in PROB 11 (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs); Thomas Collymor or Collymer, 1572 in PROB 11 (London); James Collimor, 1578 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Gilbert Colmer, 1582 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Collymore, 1589, Joan Cullymore, 1596, John Collemer, 1634 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richarde Cullymore, 1596 in PROB 11 (Christ Church Bristol, Gloucs); Achilles Collimore, 1592 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Johanna Cullimore, 1594 in *IGI* (Wylve, Wilts); John Gullimore, 1601 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); Lewes Collimore, 1615 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Nicholas Cullimore, 1628 in *IGI* (Tytherington, Gloucs); Walter Collimore, 1642 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); Christopher Cullimer, 1666 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Anne Colimor, 1691 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); James Collimore, 1714 in *IGI* (Charfield, Gloucs); Martha Cullimore, 1732 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Wilts); Ephraim Collimore, 1823 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); William Henry Cullimore, 1824 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of Oxon, p. 80.

## Cullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Roscommon

**Irish:** see **Cullen**.

## Cullinan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 607
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

**Irish:** from Ó Cuileannáin, see **Cullinane**.

## Cullinane

**Variants:** **Cullinan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 1284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Surrey; Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Galway

**Irish:** from Ó Cuileannáin 'descendant of *Cuilleannán*', from a diminutive of *Cuilleann*; see **Cullen**.

**Early bearers:** Donell O Callanane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §4290; Donogh O'Cullinane, piper, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571; Donell O Callinan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571 (Dunboig); Dermot (mc Thomas) Y Cullinana, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571.

## Culling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Culling*, of uncertain origin, perhaps to be identified with *Colling*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Culling, 1086 in Domesday Book, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb). surnames: Warner Culling, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Tresmund Culling', 1207 in Charter Rolls (Dorset); Johannes Culling, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hoveton Saint John, Norfolk); Rogerus Cullyng, 1379 in Poll Tax

(Alby, Norfolk); Johannes Cullyng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stour Provost, Dorset); Rachell Culling, 1575 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent); Thomas Culling, 1662 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

## Cullingford

**Variants:** **Collingford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

**English:** locative name: unexplained; from an unidentified place possibly related to Cowlinge (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ann Cullingford, 1628 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk); Nicholas Cullingford, 1721, Nicholas Cullingfer, 1724 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Samuel Collingford, 1790 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Maria Cullinford, 1813 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk).

## Cullingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent and Surrey
- English:** see **Collingham**.

## Cullington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk and Essex

**English:** see **Collington**.

## Cullingworth

**Variants:** **Collingworth, Collingsworth, Collingwood, Collinwood, Coneyworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cullingworth in Bingley (WR Yorks), which is often recorded as *Collingworth*. The surname was probably sometimes altered to *Collingwood* and more rarely to *Coneyworth*, but the examples of *Collingwood* below could alternatively be the Durham or Northumb surname (see **Collingwood**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Collyngworth, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Colyngworth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Shipley, WR Yorks); Bennett Collingworth, 1560 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Thomas Collingwood, 1573 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Petrus Conningworth, 1575, Hugh Conyworth in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Cullingworth, 1600 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); John Collingworth, 1641 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Grace Collingwood, 1681 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

## Cullins

**Variants:** **Cullens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** variant of **Cullen** or **Collins**.

## Cullip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Beds
- English:** see **Collop**.

## Cullis

### Cullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Gloucs and W Midlands

**English:** variant of **Collis** (see also **Coles**).

**Early bearers:** Thomae Cullis, 1580 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall); Henrici Cullis, 1594 in *IGI* (Minchinghampton, Gloucs); Sarah Cullis, 1599 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Hugon. Cullis, 1628 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

### Culliton

**Variants:** **Culton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

**Irish:** from Mac Codlatáin, see **Culleton**.

**Further information:** According to Woulfe, this is 'the name of an old family in Carlow and Wexford'.

### Cullivan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

**Irish:** of uncertain derivation. Woulfe traces it to Mac Conluain, earlier Mac Aluain, neither of which would account for the v. It is more probably a variant of Ó Cuileamhain, a Leinster name of equally uncertain derivation.

### Cullom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**English:** see **Cullum**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cullon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

**Irish:** see **Cullen**.

### Cullop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

**English:** see **Collop**.

### Culloty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

**Irish:** from Ó Codlata 'descendant of *Codladh*', an unattested personal name apparently derived from the word *codladh* meaning 'sleep'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donell duff mcShane I Collitie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6554; Donell mcTeige I Collitie, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6764; Shane mcMahowny I Collity, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6764 (Muscriluoherrye).

### Cullum

**Variants:** **Culham**, **Cullam**, **Cullom**, **Colam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1845, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1170
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

**1 English:** locative name from Culham (Oxon), Culham in Wargrave (Berks), or Colham Green in Hillingdon (Middx).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Coleham, about 1190–1200 in Place-Names of Oxon (Oxon); Vincent de Culeham, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); Wilhelmus Colham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); John Cullum, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannis Cullum, 1540 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Margaret Culham, 1595 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); William Cullum, 1650 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Francis Cullam, 1736, John Culham, 1749 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk).

**References:** Place-Names of Oxon, pp. 150–1; Place-Names of Berks, p. 120; Place-Names of Middx, pp. 41–2.

**2 English:** see **Colomb**.

### Cullumbine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Columbine**.

### Cullwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Culwick**.

### Cully

**Variants:** **Culley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 779
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Notts; Middx; also Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down; Kildare; Westmeath

**Irish:** from Ó Colla 'descendant of *Colla*', originally *Conla*, an Old Irish personal name which may mean 'great chief'. See also **McColl**, **McCully**.

**Early bearers:** Cilleneini nepos Collae, abbot of Fahan, 725 in AU (Donegal); Henry Cowley alias Colley, knt, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2853 (Carbery, Kildare); Hugh O Colle, pore labourer, 1586 in Fiant Elizabeth §4944 (Clonebrenan, Roscommon); Nich. O Colly, clerk, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5447 (Killewkine, Galway); Murtagh Barlinaugh O Collo, 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5523 (Down); Margaret Colly, wife, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6430 (Waterford); Sillie ny Collie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6515 (Castledonovan, Cork); Dermod oge O Colly, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6539 (Cork); Mortagh and Patrick oge O Collo, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6616 (Down).

### Cullyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Collier**.

### Culmer

**Variants:** **Colmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey
- English:** see **Colmer**.

### Culmstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** see **Combstock**.

### Culpan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** see **Culpin**.

### Culpepper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cul(l)en*, *coilen* 'to cull, select, gather' + *pep(p)er* 'pepper', perhaps used for a spicer.

**Early bearers:** Walter Colpeper, 1313 in Ancient Deeds vi (Kent); John Coulpeper, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Parson Culpepper, 1573, Edward Culpeper, 1584 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex).

### Culpin

**Variants:** **Culpan**, **Kilpin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Rutland, Hunts, Lincs, and WR Yorks

**English:** nickname, locative name: apparently from Middle English *colpoun* 'piece cut off, a slice, a chunk', though it is not clear in what sense this was used as a surname. Redmonds notes that John Culpen, a tenant of Wakefield manor in 1307, gave 15 shillings 'to take 14½ acres and one perch of land . . . in Mithomrode' and suggests that his name may have alluded to this 'piece' of land.

**Early bearers:** Midlands: John Culpoun, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Everton Longueville, Hunts); Geoffrey Culpin, 1645 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Elenor Culpin, 1712 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants); George Culpin, 1722 in *IGI* (Ketton cum Tixover, Rutland); Mary Culpin, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Culpin, 1731 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs).

Yorks: John Culpen, 1307 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Johannes Culpon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Ricardus Culpon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Midleley, WR Yorks); Gilbert Culpon, 1587, Gilbert Culpan, 1589 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isaac Culpan, 1724, John Culpon, 1780 in *IGI* (Sowerby Bridge, WR Yorks); Mary Culpin, 1795 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Susey Culpon, 1823 in *IGI* (Midleley by Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Culross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Perths, and Fife
- Scottish:** locative name from Culross in Fife (formerly Perths).

**Early bearers:** William de Culros, 1381 in Inchaffray Charters (Dunning, Perths); Stephen Culross, 1548 in Protocol Book Gaw (Perths); Johne Culrosse, 1621 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Elizabeth Cullross, 1688 in *IGI*

(Monimail, Fife); Christon Cullros, 1711 in *IGI* (Collessie, Fife); Agnes Culross, 1756 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus).

### Culshaw

Variants: **Colshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1543, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Coldshaw in Chadderton (Lancs) or Colshaw in Quarnford (Staffs).

**Further information:** May occasionally be confused with **Culcheth**; James Kilshaw alias Culcheth in an undated document in Cheshire Record Office.

**Early bearers:** Anne Killshaw, 1572 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Henry Culshaw, 1688 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); William Coleshaw, 1717 in *IGI* (Burton Joyce, Notts); Elizabeth Culshaw, 1731 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Margaret Colshaw, 1831 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 50; Staffs Place-Names, p. 203.

### Culter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**Scottish:** see **Coulter**.

### Culton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

**Scottish:** see **Colton**, **Culliton**.

### Culver

Variants: **Colver**, **Colfer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 770, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 663
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

**English:** nickname from Middle English *culver*, *colver* 'dove', perhaps used as a term of endearment. See also **Colverson**, which may be an arbitrary post-medieval extension of this name.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Kuluer, 1215–19 in Registrum Antiquissimum (Lincs); Thomas Colvere, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Ringslow hundred, Kent); Johannes Colver', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ringslow and Cornilo hundreds, Kent); William Culvere, 1423 in London Letter Books K (London); Phillip Culver, 1543 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Culver, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Culver, 1632 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Culverhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts; also Bucks

**English:** locative name, nickname from Middle English *culverhous* 'dovecote' (Old English *culfrehūs*), denoting someone who lived or worked '(at the) dovecote'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Attekulverhuse, 1266 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Adam Culverhouse, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Willm. Culverhowse, 1538 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); John Culverhouse, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks).

### Culverson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see **Colverson**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Culverwell

Variants: **Colverwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

**English:** locative name from Culverwell in Churchstow (Devon) or in Roadwater (Somerset).

**Further information:** There is evidence for medieval bearers of the Devon place-name in Place-Names of Devon, p. 296.

**Early bearers:** John Colverwell, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Mountshaw, London); John Culverwell, 1578 in PROB 11 (Otterford, Somerset); Arthur Culverwell, 1641 in *IGI* (Aisholt, Somerset).

### Culwick

Variants: **Cullwick**, **Colwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

**English:** locative name from Colwick (Notts), though occasional medieval confusion with **Colledge**, from Colwich (Staffs), cannot be ruled out.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Colewyk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bobbington, Staffs); Thomas Culwicke or Cullwicke, 1616 in PROB 11 (City of London); Richard Culwick, 1715 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

### Culyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Collier**.

### Cumber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Guernsey

**English:** see **Coomber**.

### Cumberbach

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, and WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cumberbatch**.

### Cumberbatch

Variants: **Comerbach**, **Cumberbach**, **Cumberpatch**, **Cumberbirch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, and Cheshire

**English:** locative name from Comerbach (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Combrebeche, 1190, [... de] Comerbache, 1257 in Place-Names of Cheshire; Richard Comerbache, 1533 in Lancs Record Office (Appleton, Cheshire); Francis Comerbach, 1584 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Susanna Cumberbatch,

1598 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margeria Cumberbach, 1634 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Wm. Cumberpatch, 1777 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire, vol. 2, p. 111.

### Cumberbirch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

**English:** see **Cumberbatch**.

### Cumberland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 820, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**English:** locative name from the regional name and denoting someone '(from) Cumberland'.

**Early bearers:** William de Cumb'land, de Cumbe, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb), 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Comerlond, John Comerlond, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Cumberledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** see **Cumberlidge**.

### Cumberlege

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London

**English:** see **Cumberlidge**.

### Cumberlidge

Variants: **Cumberledge**, **Cumberlege**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** locative name from Cumberledge (Staffs), recorded as *Cumylache* in 1539.

**Early bearers:** George Comelage, 1594 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Elizabeth Comberledge, 1599 in *IGI* (Aston juxta Birmingham, Warwicks); Robert Comberlidge, 1615 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); John Cummiledge, 1661 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Thomas Cummalidge, 1766 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire).

**References:** Place-Names of Staffs, p. 219.

### Cumberpatch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

**English:** see **Cumberbatch**.

### Cumbers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

**English:** variant of **Coomber**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Cumberworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** locative name from Cumberworth (Lincs).

## Cumine

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Cumberworth, 1323 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Roberto de Cumberworth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Louth, Lincs); Thomas Comberworth', 1406 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Henry Cumberworthe, 1584 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); George Cumberworth, 1616 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs).

### Cumine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Norman, Scottish: variant of **Cumming**.

### Cuming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cavan
- English: see **Cumming**.

### Cumings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Cummings**.

### Cumiskey

Variants: **Cumisky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Armagh
- Irish: from Mac Cumascaigh, see **McComiskey**.

### Cumisky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Cumascaigh, see **McComiskey**.

### Cummin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham; also Argyll
- Norman, Scottish: see **Cumming**.

### Cummine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Norman, Scottish: variant of **Cumming**.

### Cumming

Variants: **Cuming**, **Cummin**, **Cummine**, **Cumine**, **Commin**, **Comyn**, **Commene**, **Coman**, **Cowman**, **Common**, **Cummings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4881, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Aberdeens; also Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Antrim

1 **Norman, Scottish:** (i) locative name most probably from Bosc-Benard-Commin in Eure, where Hugh Coumini (1157) and Bernard Comin (1175) held land (Documents in France). This place lies on the edge of the Forêt de Rouvray, near Rouen, in the heart of the district from which came numerous Domesday barons, and so is much more likely to be

the source of the name than Comines in Nord. (ii) relationship name possibly also from the personal name *Cumin*, which is found in Norfolk, Lincs, and Yorks in the 12th and 13th centuries and may be of Breton origin. Compare Old Breton *Cunmin* (895 in Loth, Bretonne).

**Further information:** Wilhelmus Comyn, Bishop of Durham, came north to Scotland with King David I in 1124 and was appointed Chancellor of Scotland. He established his nephew Richard in Tynedale and Roxburghs, and Richard also rose to be Chancellor of Scotland. The Comyn or Cumming family gained the earldoms of Buchan and Menteith and rose to be the most powerful noble family in Scotland in the century before the rise of King Robert Bruce.

**Early bearers:** England: Godwinus filius Cumine, 1173 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Eustachius filius Cumini, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Petrus filius Kymine, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Hugh Coumini, 1157 in Documents in France; Walter Cumin, 1158 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); John Comin, 1175–9 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); William Cumyn, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Clement Comyn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Northam, Devon); Thomas Comyn', 1431 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Isobel Cumming, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); An Cumming, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Jame Cumming, 1599 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Gressild Cumming, 1604 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Margaret Cumming, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). Scotland: William Cumin, 1131–41 in Glasgow Register (Cadzow, Lanarks); Richard Cumyn, 1165–78 in Morton Register, Scotland (Slipperfield, W Lothian); Johan Comyn, earl of Buchan, 1296 in Ragman Rolls (Montrose, Angus); Archibald Cummings, 1612 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); John Cummyne, 1637 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Helen Cummin, 1682 in *IGI* (New Machar, Aberdeens); Duncan Cumming, 1680 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

2 **Irish:** from Mac (or Ó) Cuimín 'son (or descendant) of *Cuimin*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *cam* 'crooked'. There was a 7th-century abbot of Iona named *Cumin*. In Scotland, this Irish surname became confused with the Norman name.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund Comyn, clerk, 1547 in Fiants Edward §126 (Carigen); Edmund Comyn, gent., 1549 in Fiants Edward §294 (Kilconyll); Thomas Comyn, merchant, 1550 in Fiants Edward §540 (Limerick); John Comyn, merchant, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §191 (Limerick); Jordan Comyn, kern, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §872 (Grallagh, Tipperary); Ferdoragh alias John Comyn, horseman, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1298 (Carrignisheagh, Tipperary); Nich. McComyn, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §2746 (Knockanvig); Edm. McComyn, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §3087 (Taremode, Clare); Edm. Comine, gent., 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3328 (Killconill, Tipperary); Walter McComyn, husbandman, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3541 (Dargill, Wexford); Katherine Comyn, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4442; Rowland Comyne, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4744; John Comyn fitz Andrew, merchant, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4808 (Limerick); Patr. Comin, yeoman, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4853 (Ballenecorr, Dublin).

### Cummingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; London

Scottish, Irish: variant of **Cunningham**.

### Cummings

Variants: **Comins**, **Commins**, **Commons**, **Cumings**, **Commings**, **Comyns**, **Comings**, **Cummins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10174, Ireland 730
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin; Down
- Norman, Scottish, English: variant of **Cumming** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Cummins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5563, Ireland 4628
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2545
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Middx; also Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary; Cork

Norman, Scottish, English: see **Cummings**.

### Cumner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name from Cumnor (Berks). **Early bearers:** William de Cumenore, 1189–1199 Curia Regis Rolls; Roger de Comenore, 1266 in Oseney Cartulary; William Cumner, 1645 in *IGI* (East Shefford, Berks); Wm Cumner, 1739 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Cumper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Monmouths
- English: see **Comper**.

### Cumpson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Staffs
- 1 **Scottish, English:** see **Compston**.  
2 **English:** see **Compson**.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Cumpson, 1740, Mary Cumson, 1742 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Cumpstey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Cumpsty**.

### Cumpston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Compston**.  
**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cumpsty

Variants: **Cumpstey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name possibly from Cunsey (Hawkshead, Lancs), with an intrusive *-t-* and labialization of the nasal /n/, although Hawkshead is quite far to the north and the surname has always been concentrated in the Fylde. A more difficult derivation would be from Compley in Poulton-le-Fylde. The addition of final /i/ or /v/ is due to hypercorrection, i.e. inversion of the change which produces *Binkley* from *Bintcliffe*.

**Early bearers:** John Compsty, 1611 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); William Cumpstie, 1621 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); James Cumstee, 1688 in *IGI* (Pilling, Lancs); John Cumstee, 1722 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Cunstiff, 1744, James Cumpstive, 1787 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); William Cumstive, 1747, Comstive, 1775 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Edward Compstay, 1762 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); William Cumpstead, 1791 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Richard Cumpstey, 1792 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Robinson Cumpsty, 1805 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, pp. 219–20, 157.

### Cumpton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs
- English:** see **Compton**.

### Cunard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Middx

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cuneward*, a western dialectal form of Old English *Cyneward*, or an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Cunard*, a western dialectal form of Old English *Cyneheard*. Compare **Kinnard**, an eastern dialect form of the same names.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Simon cuneward, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Middx); Gabriel Cunard, 1703 in Parish Registers (Saint Martins in the Fields, Middx).

### Cuncliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** locative name, see **Cunliffe**.

### Cund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs
- English:** locative name, variant of **Cound**.  
**Further information:** This spelling reflects the modern local pronunciation with short /u/.

### Cundal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Cundale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Middx
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Cundall

**Variants:** **Cundell**, **Cundill**, **Cundal**, **Cundale**, **Cundle**, **Condell**, **Candel**, **Cunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cundall (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Cundale, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Richard de Kundale, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus de Cundall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Healaugh, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Cundall', 1379 in Poll Tax (ER Yorks); Thomas de Kundall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); Thomas Cundal, 1394 in Yorks Wills (Yorks); Richard Cundalle, chaplain, 1424 in Feet of Fines (NR Yorks); James Cundale, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Cundall, 1559 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Robertus Cundall, 1559 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Roger Cundall, 1593 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

### Cundell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Yorks
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Cundey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- Norman, English:** see **Cundy**.

### Cundick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English:** see **Conduit** and compare **Conduct**.

### Cundict

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English:** see **Conduit** and compare **Conduct**.

### Cundiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English:** see **Cunliffe**.

### Cundill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Cundle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx
- English:** see **Cundall**.

### Cundy

- Variants:** **Cundey**, **Condy**, **Conde**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 778
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

**Norman, English:** locative name from any of several places in Normandy and Picardy called *Condé*.

**Further information:** Members of the de Condé family held land in Lincs, Kent, Leics, Cambs, and Yorks in the 12th century. The strong presence of the surname in 16th-century Cornwall and Devon is unexpected, but is probably the result of migration from counties further east or north. Derivation from the Cornish language is implausible, and there is no known place in Cornwall which could have given rise to it as a locative surname.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Cundi, about 1150 in Rievaulx Cartulary (NR Yorks); Roger de Condeio 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Aliz de Condi, 1185 in Templars Records (Lincs); Nicholas Cundy, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Condy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Radulpho Cundy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Waltham on the Wold, Leics); Johanne Cundy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bescaby, Leics); Johannes Cundy, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Walter Counday 1524–5 in Subsidy Rolls (Clawton, Devon); William Cundy, 1524–5, John Condy, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Stonehouse, Devon); Richard Condy, 1543 in Cornwall Subsidies (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomae Cundie, 1567 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Coundye, 1571 in Cornish Lands (Bodmin, Cornwall); Dennis Cundie, 1573 in *IGI* (Orwell, Cambs); Davie Condy, 1597 in *IGI* (Braceby, Lincs); Willm Cundy, 1598 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Thomas Cundy, 1603 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Richard Cundey, 1635 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Mary Cundy, 1711 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John Cundey, 1791 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).  
**References:** Domesday Descendants, p. 425.

### Cuniffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English:** see **Cunliffe**.

### Cunningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- Scottish, Irish:** see **Cunningham**.

### Cunninghame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish:** see **Cunningham**.

### Cunliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Cunliffe**.

### Cunliffe

**Variants:** **Cunliff**, **Cuncliffe**, **Cuniffe**, **Cundiff**, **Condcliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4612, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3728
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

**English:** locative name from Cunliffe (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Cumbecliue, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Robert de Cundeclif, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Henrico de Cundclif, 1379 in Poll Tax

## Cunah

(Rishton, Lancs); Johanne de Cundeclif, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wiltshire with Dinckley, Lancs); Thomas Cuncliff, 1411 in York Freeman's Register; Edmund Cunliffe, 1606 in PROB 11 (Basingstoke, Hants); Christopher Cundliff, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Nicholas Cunliffe, 1621 in *IGI* (Padigham, Lancs).

### Cunah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs and Flints

**Welsh:** unexplained; possibly a local variant of **Conway**, compare Huigh Conway, 1673 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire) with the 1788 and 1798 bearers below.

**Early bearers:** Petrus Connah, 1667 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints); Mary Cunnah, 1788 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thos Connah, 1798 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire) Esther Connah, 1829 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints).

### Cunnean

**Variants:** **Cunneen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo
- Irish:** from Ó Cuineáin, see **Queenan**.

### Cunneely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** see **Connolly**.

### Cunneen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 211
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary
- Irish:** from Ó Coinín or Ó Cuineáin, both variants of Ó Conáin 'descendant of *Conán*', a personal name derived from a diminutive of *cano* 'hound, wolf', although *Coinín* was later understood as the Irish borrowing of coney 'rabbit'. Compare **Queenan**, **Rabbitte**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick O'Conyne, tiler, 1546 in Fiant's Henry §487; John O'Conyne, miller, 1567 in Fiant's Elizabeth §1046 (Ballmakill, Waterford); Conoghor O'Conyn, gent., 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6494 (Tralie); John Conyn, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6494 (Mynard); Wm. O'Kenyn, soldier, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6535 (Lissduffe, Offaly); Patrick Cunneen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmurry, Clare); Patrick Cunneen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilbride, Offaly).

### Cunell

**Variants:** **Connall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Surrey

**1 English:** perhaps a variant of **Gunnell** with unvoicing of the initial consonant. Compare Thomas Goneld, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Walton, Norfolk); Willelmus Gunnyld, 1379 in Poll Tax (Acle, Norfolk); Ricardus Gunnyld, 1381 in Poll Tax (Suffolk); Willelmus Gunnuld, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dagworth, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Johan Connell, 1570 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Johannes Connold, 1604 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Valentyn Conell, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Connell, 1635, John Connold, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Cunhold, 1684 in *IGI* (Chelworth, Suffolk); John Cunnold, 1738 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); Maria Cunnell, 1817 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk).

**2 English:** apparently also a variant of **Cundall**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Connall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Thomas Cunnell, 1642 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Cunnew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**French, Huguenot:** see **Connew**.

### Cunney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Norman, English:** see **Coyney**.

**2 Irish, Manx:** see **Quinney**.

### Cunniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon

**Irish:** from **Mac Conduibh**, see **Cunniffe**.

### Cunniffe

**Variants:** **Cunniff**, **Conniff**, **Canniff**, **Caniff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Roscommon

**Irish:** reduced form of **Mac Conduibh** 'son of *Conduibh*' (or *Cú Dhubh*), a personal name meaning 'black hound'. Compare **McNiff** and **McAdoo**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mollaghlyn McConowe, kern, 1570 in Fiant's Elizabeth §1641 (Cahirlogan, Clare); Teige McConave, yeoman, 1573 in Fiant's Elizabeth §2282 (Gralaghe, Tipperary); Hugh Cunniffe, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballynakill, Galway); Matthew Cunniff, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Bohola, Mayo); Patrick Cunniff, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilglass, Roscommon).

### Cunningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Morays and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish, Irish:** see **Cunningham**.

### Cunning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 181
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Irish, Scottish:** see **Conning**.

### Cunningham

**Variants:** **Cunningham**, **Cuninghame**, **Cunyngame**, **Cunninghame**, **Cunnigham**, **Cummingham**,

**Conyngham**, **Coningham**, **Conaghan**, **Conahan**, **Connaghan**, **Connachan**, **Gunningham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26910, Ireland 9473
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14034
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, Ayr, and Fife; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down; Galway; Cork

**1 Scottish:** locative name from the province of Cuningham in Ayr.

**Further information:** A family of this name can be traced back to Wernebald de Cunyngame, who was granted the manor of Cuningham by Hugh de Morville in the early 12th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Cunyngame, 1245 in Kelso Register (Kilmaurs, Ayr); John de Cuninghame, 1259 in Lindores Chartulary (Lindores, Fife); James de Cuningham, 1309–27 in NRS (Selvield, Renfrews); Adam de Cunyngame, about 1431 in Ayr-Galloway Collections (Ayr, Ayr); Johne Coningham, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Cunningame, 1667 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); James Baron Kilmaurs Cuningham, 1662 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**2 Irish:** adopted for Ó Cuinneagáin or **Mac Cuinneagáin**, 'descendant (or son) of *Cuinneagán*', a personal name from a double diminutive of the Old Irish personal name *Conn* meaning 'leader, chief'.

**Early bearers:** Ó Cuinneagáin: William O'Kynaghan, kern, 1552 in Fiant's Edward §952 (Kings county [Offaly]); Donyll O Quynegan, 1582 in Fiant's Elizabeth §3965 (Sygenston); Patr. mcCale oge mcEchy O'Kenaghan, 1582 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4006 (Ballaltycrau, Meath); Tirelaghe O'Qwynyan, 1585 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4582; Teige O'Kineghan, yeoman, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6484; Tirlagh mcDonell O'Quinegane, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6521; John Cunningham, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumballyrone, Down); Patrick Cunningham, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilconla, Galway).

**Mac Cuinneagáin:** Donnell McCunigan, 1582 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4080; Oyne mcTeige McCunigan, 1584 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4469 (same); Shane mcYone McCunigan, 1584 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4469 (Kiluire); William McQuynegan alias William negeaghy, 1591 in Fiant's Elizabeth §5618 (Coppingerstown, Cork); Teig mcOwen McCunnegane, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6566.

**3 Irish:** also adopted for Ó Connacháin, a variant of Ó Connagáin 'descendant of *Connagán*', from a diminutive form of the personal name *Conn*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Bernard O'Conegan, clerk, 1552 in Fiant's Edward §1165 (Basehike in Maghereconaght); Teig O'Conegan, yeoman, 1572 in Fiant's Elizabeth §2109; Ervin O'Connigan, servant, 1578 in Fiant's Elizabeth §3261; Mulmory mcErean McConnigan, 1584 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4535 (Woony, Limerick); John O'Conaghanen, 1585 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4662 (Kiltollagh, Galway); Hugh O'Connegaine, 1585 in Fiant's Elizabeth §4805 (Pobullbane); Hugh O'Connegaine, priest, 1590 in Fiant's Elizabeth §5448 (Castletene, Roscommon); John O'Connigaine, 1591 in Fiant's Elizabeth §5617 (Castell mcGerlair); Donogh O'Conaghan, husbandman, 1601 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6569 (Ballimcedill); Hugh mcMorish O'Cunnaghan, 1602 in Fiant's Elizabeth §6761; Peter Cunnaghan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killanny, Monaghan); Patrick Conyngame, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drumcar, Louth).



**Cunninghame**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- Scottish: see **Cunningham**.

**Cunnington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and Rutland

**English:** locative name from either of the places named Conington, in Cambs and Hunts.

**Early bearers:** Pagan de Cuninton', 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Richard de Cuninton', 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Robert de Cuninton, 1267 in Patent Rolls (Cambs and Hunts); Francis Cunningham, 1593 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Peter Cunington, 1611 in *IGI* (Keysoe, Beds); John Cunningham, 1612 in PROB 11 (South Brent, Somerset); Thomas Cunninton, 1699 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants).

**Cunynghame**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Scottish: see **Cunningham**.

**Cupid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- English:** see **Cupit**.

**Cupit**

**Variants:** **Cupitt**, **Cupid**, **Cuppitt**, **Cubitt**, **Cubit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

**English:** (i) locative name possibly from Cowbit (Lincs). (ii) possibly a variant of **Cubitt**.

**Further information:** Whatever its origin, it seems to have been understood as a place-name including Middle English *pit* 'pit'. It has also sometimes been influenced since the Renaissance by the name of the Roman god of love *Cupid*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Cupit, 1589 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); Thomas Cupid, 1617 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); John Cupitt, 1640 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Katrina Cupid, 1698 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys); Francis Cupit, 1699 in *IGI* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts).

**Cupitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English:** see **Cupit**.

**Cupper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; Worcs
- English:** variant of **Cooper** or **Copper**.

**Cuppitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Cupit**.

**Cupples**

**Variants:** **Copple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 234
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 **Norman, English, Scottish:** nickname from Old French *curt peil* 'short hair', with post-medieval excrescent or genitival *-s*. Compare Coupals Farm (Place-Names of Essex, p. 462), named after a family so called.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Curtpeil, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Roger Curpeil, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); John Curpel (Curtpeil, Curpeil), 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); William Corpoyl, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert Coppayl, 1381 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex).

Scotland: William Cupples, 1725 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Ayr); Janet Cupples, 1729 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); Jean Cupples, 1759 in *IGI* (Kilmany, Fife); George Cupples, 1769 in *IGI* (Swinton, Berwicks); Alexander Cupples, 1812 in *IGI* (Cumbernauld, Dunbartons).

2 **Scottish:** nickname of uncertain origin, possibly from *cupples*, one of the pairs of sloping rafters, forming two sides of a triangle, which support the roof of a building.

3 **Irish:** possibly a variant of **Caplice**.

**Cura**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Italian:** nickname from *cura* 'care, concern, solicitude'.

**Early bearers:** Agostingo Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); F. Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Sozaro Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Giovanni Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

**Curbishley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

**English:** see **Corbishley**.

**Curby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Cambs
- English:** see **Corby**.

**Curd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1014, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

**English:** nickname from Middle English *crudde*, *crud*, *curd* 'curd (of cheese)'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Crud, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Wingham hundred, Kent); Rogerus Crudde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Patching, Sussex); Martinus Crudde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swafeld, Norfolk); Richard Crudde, 1455 in Feet of Fines (Penhurst, Kent); Thomas Curd, 1563 in *IGI* (Shippourne, Kent).

**Curdie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108

- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: reduced form of **McCurdy** (Gaelic **Mac Mhuircheartaigh**).

**Cure**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 **English:** nickname from Middle English *cure*, *cuir* 'attention, heed; diligence; care'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cure, 1495 in PROB 11; Peter Cure, 1540 in PROB 11 (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Cure, 1588 in PROB 11 (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); Mathew Cure, 1639 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks).

2 **Scottish, English:** from a reduced and altered form of Scottish **Melvor** (Gaelic **Mac Ìomhair**).

**Cureton**

**Variants:** **Kerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

**English:** locative name unexplained; possibly from Coryton (Devon), which is *Cureton*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls, but the modern distribution is centred on Shropshire.

**Further information:** Not from Cuerden in Leyland (Lancs) as sometimes claimed.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Cuerton, 1572 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Humfridi Cureton, 1574 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); John Curetton, 1589 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Eleanor Cureton, 1618 in *IGI* (Grinshill, Shrops); James Cureton, 1639 in PROB 11 (Trefnanney, Montgomeryshire).

**Curgenven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish, English:** locative name from Cargenwen in Crowan (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Cargenwyn, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Cornwall); Jeffry Cargenwyn, 1569 in Cornwall Muster (Crowan, Cornwall); Peter Corgenvin, 1712 in *IGI* (Vryan, Cornwall); Thomas Curgenven, 1712 in Parish Registers (Folke, Dorset); William Curgenven, 1726 in Parish Registers (Uny Lelant, Cornwall); Thos Curgenven, 1762 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall).

**Curl**

**Variants:** **Curle**, **Croll**, **Crowle**, **Crull**, **Kearle**, **Kearl**, **Kerle**, **Keirl**, **Keirle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** nickname from Middle English *crul*, *crol*, *curl* 'curly', for someone with curly hair. Compare **Curling**.

**Early bearers:** Burewoldus Crul, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Ralph Crul, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); William Curle, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roger Crull, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Roger Crolle, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); William Crul, 1300 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Peter Crul, 1443 in Subsidy Rolls (Wingham hundred, Kent); Cecily Curle, 1410 in Feet of Fines (WR Yorks); John Crull, 1443 in Highworth Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Thomas Curle, 1541

## Curle

in PROB 11 (Brixton, IoW); William Curl, 1691 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); William Kerle, 1683, Will. Kirle, 1686, Hu. Curle, 1694, John Curl, 1712, John Keirle, 1792, George Kearle, 1833 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Curle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Roxburghs

**Scottish:** mainly Scottish variant of **Curl**.

**Early bearers:** James Curle, burgess of Edinburgh, 1557–63 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts; David Curll or Curlle, 1567–74 in Wodrow Miscellany (Tarbolton, Ayr).

### Curless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** variant of **Carless** or **Corless**.

**Early bearers:** Elz. Curless, 1590 in Boyd's Misc. Transcription (London); Elisabeth Curlesse, 1615 in Parish Registers (Holy Cross, Canterbury, Kent); George Curless, 1694 in *IGI* (Otterden, Kent); Elizabeth Curless, 1719 in *IGI* (East Keal, Lincs); Thomas Curless, 1859 in *IGI* (Hilderstone, Staffs).

### Curlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

**Manx, English:** see **Corlett**.

### Curlew

**Variants:** **Curley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Norman, English:** nickname from Anglo-Norman French *curlu*, *curleiu* 'curlew' (Old French *corlieu*). **Early bearers:** Richard Curly, 1269 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Norfolk); Thomas Corlew, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Curlew, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Richard Curlewe, 1430 in York Freeman's Register; William Curlew, 1504 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Magdalene Bermondsey, Surrey); Thome Curlewe, 1613 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs).

### Curley

**Variants:** **Corley**, **Curly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2600, Ireland 1991
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1041
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Yorks; Staffs; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 **Irish:** from **Mac Thoirdealbhaigh**, see **McCurley**.  
2 **Norman, English:** locative name from any of several places in France called Corlay (in Côtes-du-Nord, Indre, and Saône-et-Loire) or from Corlieu, the old name of La-Rue-Saint-Pierre, in Oise. **Early bearers:** Rannulf de Curleio, about 1110 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Robert de Curli, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); William de Curly, 1227–8 in Feet of Fines (Warwick); Thomas Curley, 1580 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Joseph Curley, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Curley, 1629 in

*IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Daniell Curley, 1639 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Joh Curley, 1642 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

3 **English:** probably a variant of **Curlew**.

**Early bearers:** Benedict le Curly, 1271 in Staffs Forest Pleas; Thomas Curly, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwick); Oliver Curley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

4 **English:** possibly a variant of **Corley**. Corely (Shrops) is recorded as *Curley* in 1770 (Place-Names of Shrops 1, pp. 97–8).

### Curling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

**English:** nickname from Middle English *crulling* 'the curly one', presumably for someone with curly hair. Compare **Curl**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Crullyng, 1296, John Crollyng, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Martin Corlyng', 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Ringslow hundred, Kent); Richard Curlyng, 1463, Robert Corling, 1542 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Agnes Curling, 1539 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); John Curlinge, 1641 in PROB 11 (Saint John the Baptist Thanet, Kent); Gregory Curling, 1644 in PROB 11 (Saint Andrew Hubbard, City of London).

### Curly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Durham
- English:** see **Curley**.

### Curnick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

**English:** see **Cornick**.

### Curno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

**Cornish:** see **Curnow**.

### Curnock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

**English:** see **Cornick**.

### Curnow

**Variants:** **Curno**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1285, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1030
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

**Cornish:** locative name from *Kernow*, the Cornish name for Cornwall. *Carnow* represents the regular English development.

**Early bearers:** Anthonie Curnow, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall); Thomae Curno, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Stephen Curno, 1683 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Charles Carnow, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall); Chesten Curnow, 1701 in *IGI* (Towednack, Cornwall); Richard Carnow, 1728 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); William Curnoe, 1767 in *IGI*

(Penzance, Cornwall); Aurelia Curnow, 1802 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Edward Curnoe, 1851 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall).

### Curphey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

**Manx:** relationship name from *Mac Murchadha* 'son of *Murchad*', a personal name meaning 'sea warrior'.

**Early bearers:** McCurghey, 1422, Courghey, 1601, Curphey, 1643 in Moore; Wm Curphey, 1686 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).

### Curr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus
- English, Scottish:** nickname from Middle English *curre* 'cur, dog'.

**Early bearers:** England: William le Curre, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Hugo le Cur, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Richerus Canis, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Walterus Cur, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ditchling, Sussex); John Curr, 1607 in PROB 11 (Hungerford, Berks).

Scotland: David Curr, 1634 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus); Issobell Curr, 1651 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); James Cur, 1688 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

### Curragh

**Variants:** **Currah**, **Corah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

**Scottish Gaelic:** reduced anglicized form of **Mac Mhuirich**, see **McCurrah**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Susanna Curragh, 1836 in *IGI* (Killinchy, Down).

### Currah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Durham, also Cumb and Westm

**Scottish Gaelic, English:** see **Curragh**.

### Currall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

**English:** see **Corrall**.

### Curran

**Variants:** **Curren**, **Currin**, **Corrin**, **Corran**, **Corren**, **Currant**, **Currans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8866, Ireland 8091
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2503
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Lanarks; also Durham; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal and Galway

1 **Irish:** reduced form of **Ó Corráin** or **Ó Corraidhín** 'descendant of *Corraidhín*', a personal name from a diminutive of *corradh* 'spear'. Compare **Corr**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige McMorishe Moyle O'Curren, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth \$1746 (Misell, Wexford); Adam O'Curren (McEvecare), kern, 1577

in Fiants Elizabeth §3155 (Polmonty); Thady O'Curry, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4114; Cornelius and Donald Currin, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4115. Scotland: Samuel Curran, 1709 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); David Currans, 1733 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); James Curren, 1799 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns).

**2 Irish:** from Mac Corraidhín, 'son of Corraidhín', a personal name from a diminutive of *corradh* 'spear'. See also **McGurran**.

**Further information:** According to Woulfe, this family was a branch of the Uí Fhiachrach, who originated in Sligo but were predominantly located in Leitrim by the end of the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** William McCorrine, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4807 (Aghewillin, Leitrim); Donell McCorrine, kern, 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4807 (Aghere, Leitrim); Melaughlin duff McCurin, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5433 (Tullie); Dermovate McCurine, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5433 (Behahie, Leitrim); Owen McCorony, 1663 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Aughrim, Monaghan).

**3 English:** see **Curwen**.

### Currans

**Variants:** **Currens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Dunbartons
- Scottish:** variant of **Curran** with excrescent *-s*.

### Current

**Variants:** **Current**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

**1 Norman, English:** nickname from the present participle of Old French *courir* 'to run'. For French *courant* 'running', Dauzat assumes an ellipse for *chien courant*, a name for a hunter.

**Early bearers:** William Curaunt, about 1180 in Lichfield Muniments (Staffs); John Corant, 1260 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Rogero Coraunt, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lichfield, Staffs); James Corant, 1754 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); William Currant, 1819 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds).

**2 Irish, English:** variant of **Curran** with excrescent final *-t*.

### Currell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 453
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English:** see **Corrall**.

### Curren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

**Irish:** see **Curran**.

### Currens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish:** see **Currans**.

### Current

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Midlothian

**Scottish, English:** see **Currant**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Currer

**Variants:** **Curror**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Durham

**Norman, Scottish, English:** occupational name from Old French *corèor*, *courreur* 'messenger'.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Corour, 1331 in Durham Priory Fees; Willelmus Coreour, 1379 Poll Tax (West Ashling, Sussex); David Coreor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Currou, 1430 in Durham Priory Fees; William Currer, 1621 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks).

Scotland: Nicol Corour, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); Walter le Corour, 1305 in Scotland Calendar (Selkirks); William Curour, 1402 in Edinburgh Register (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johannes Currou, burgess, 1440 in Dunfermline Register (Perth, Perths); Gyllis Curror, 1626 in Dumfries Testaments (Dumfriess); Lillias Currer, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Currey

**Variants:** **Curry, Currie, Corrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 614
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

**1 Irish:** see **Curry**.

**2 English:** locative name from Curry (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Dodda æt Curi, about 1075 in Tengvik (Somerset); Richard de Cury, 1212 in Book of Fees (Somerset); Thomas Currey, 1573 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Matthew Currey, 1576 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Jane Currey, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); John Currey, 1592 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Chrofer. Currey, 1596 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**3 Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *curie* 'kitchen', for a cook or kitchen hand.

**Further information:** Compare Curry (Place-Names of Essex, p. 210); Petty Cury (Place-Names of Cambs, p. 47).

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Curie, 1327, atte Corye, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

**4 Scottish:** locative name from Currie (Midlothian). **Early bearers:** John Currie, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Currid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

**Irish:** probably from Ó Corthaid or Mac Corthaid which, according to Woulfe, is a Sligo surname of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Brian McCurriod, 1665 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Ballyscannell, Sligo); Donnagh McCurriod, 1665 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Grainge, Sligo).

### Currie

**Variants:** **Curry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11759, Ireland 1041
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, Renfrews, and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Antrim
- 1 Scottish:** see **Corrie**.
- 2 Irish, Scottish:** Scottish spelling of Irish **Curry**.
- 3 English:** see **Currey**.
- 4 Scottish Gaelic:** reduced anglicization of **Mac Mhuirich**, see **McCurraich**.

### Currier

**Variants:** **Curryer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Shrops; Surrey and Middx

**English:** occupational name from Middle English *curr(e)jour* 'currier' (Old French *conreureur*, 16th-century French *couraieur*), for one who curries leather, a leather dresser.

**Early bearers:** Thurstan conreor, about 1220 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Richard le Curur, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Henry le Coureure, 1281 in London Letter Books B (London); Maurice le couraour, 1293 in York Freeman's Register (York); William le Coureour, 1314 in London Letter Books D (London); William Curreyout, Robert Curreour, John Curreior, 1375–6 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Ricardo Curreior, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hinckley, Leics); Andrew Curier, 1400 in York Freeman's Register (York); Robert Curryar, 1546 in Feet of Fines (Hunts).

### Currin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Glasgow; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Donegal; Sligo

**1 Irish, Manx:** from Ó Corráin or Ó Corraidhín, see **Curran**.

**2 Manx:** see **Corrin**.

**3 English, Scottish:** variant of **Curwen** with loss of *-w-*. In 19th-century Lancs it became confused with Irish **Curran** and Manx **Corrin**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Curren, 1561, William Currain, 1593 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Thomas Curane, 1626 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Curran, 1629 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Mary Curraine, 1706, Edmund Curran, 1841 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Currington

**Variants:** **Courington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Surrey

**English:** locative name from Coryton (Devon), recorded as *Coryngton* in 1547 (Subsidy Rolls).

**Early bearers:** John Coryngton, 1495 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon); John Corrington, 1595 in PROB 11 (Tregasowe, Cornwall); Nicholas Currington, 1596 in PROB 11 (Winchester, Hants); Peter Corriton or Corrington, 1577 in PROB 11 (Radstock, Somerset); Steven Corrington, 1624 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Thomas Currington, 1634 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers,

Devon); George Corrington, 1655 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Currington, 1685 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); James Curington, 1798 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); James Currington, 1841 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs).

**Currivan**

Variants: **Corban**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

**Irish:** perhaps as De Bhulbh suggests, Ó Coirbheáin, which Mac Lysaght considered a variant of **Corban** (pronounced with three syllables in Irish).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen Currabane, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Athleague, Roscommon).

**Curror**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife
- Scottish:** see **Currer**.

**Curry**

Variants: **Corey, Currie, Currey, Corrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6752, Ireland 1777
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim

1 **Irish:** (i) from Ó Comhraidhe, ‘descendant of *Comhraidhe*’, a personal name of uncertain meaning. Compare **McCurry**. (ii) from Ó Corra, see **Corr**.

**Early bearers:** James Fitz Riccard Currie, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5689 (Balynchluhir); Owen roe mcTeig y Currig, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571 (Cloghroe).

2 **Scottish, N English:** see **Currie**.

**Curryer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Oxon
- English:** see **Currier**.

**Cursham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

**English:** variant of **Curzon**, with the frequent change of final *n* to *m*.

**Early bearers:** John Cursom, Robert Cursumme, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Robert Cursham, 1711 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

**Cursley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Derbys
- English:** see **Kearsley**.

**Curson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 854, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 683
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** see **Curzon**.

**Cursons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English:** Post-medieval variant of **Curzon** with excrescent *-s*.

**Curt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English:** see **Court**.

**Curtain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare; Cork

**Norman, Irish:** see **Curtin**.

**Curteis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curthoys**

Variants: **Curtois**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- 1 **Norman, English:** nickname from Old French *curt* ‘short’ + *hose* ‘boots’. Compare **Shorthouse**. **Further information:** Compare Geoffrey Curtemanche (‘short sleeves’), about 1284 in Lewes Chartulary (Norfolk); William Curtbac (‘short back’), 1226 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Michael Curtcol (‘short neck’), 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Robert Curtesmains (‘short hands’), 1208 in Miscellaneous Inquisitions (Leics); John Courtpe (‘short foot’), 1393 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Walter Curtehorse, 1210–11 in Winchester Pipe Roll (Hants); John Curthorse, 1287–8 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Hugh Curthorse, 1392 in Highworth Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Thoms. Curtoise or Curtoyse, 1585 in *IGI* (Lambourne, Essex); Paul Curtoyse, 1613 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs); John Curtois, 1682 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); James Curthois, 1715 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Gervase Curthoise, 1723 in *IGI* (Riby, Lincs); Job Curthoys, 1774 in *IGI* (Olveston, Gloucs).

2 **English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curtice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curties**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curtin**

Variants: **Curtain, Corton, McCurtin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 2536
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Limerick, and Clare

1 **Irish:** reduced and metathesized form of **Mac Cruitín** ‘son of *Cruitín*’, a byname for a hunchback. **Early bearers:** Gilla Duibin Mac Cruitin, 1405 in AU; Sencha Mac Cruitin, 1434 in AU; Teig McCurtaine alias Teig merigagh, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §4699; William McCurtayne alias William ne Hinsie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §4699.

2 **Norman, English:** nickname from a diminutive of Old French *curt* ‘short’. Compare **Court**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Curten, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Robert Curtyrn, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Robertus Curteyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Oxwick, Norfolk); Johane Curttine, 1603 in PROB 11 (Sampford Brett, Somerset); Richard Curtyrn, 1645 in PROB 11 (Saint Lawrence Waltham, Berks).

**Curtiss**

Variants: **Curtiss, Courtis, Courtice, Cortis, Cortes, Curteis, Curties, Curtice, Curtois, Curthoys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25492, Ireland 1445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16810
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Dublin, and Meath

**English:** nickname, relationship name from Middle English, Old French *courteis, courtois, curtis* ‘courtly, refined, urbane’, used also as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Curteis de Capella, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Curteis de Cantebr’, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs).

sumames: Richard Curteis, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Beds); Robert le Curteis, 1168 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Ralph le Curtoys, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); John le Korteys, 1238 in Kirkstall Coucher Book (Yorks); Henry Courteys, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; John Corties, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Curtes, 1542 in Bedwardine Churchwardens’ Accounts (Worcs); John Curthoise, Edmund Curtice, Curtis, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

**Curtiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 455
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Lincs, and WR Yorks; Surrey
- English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curtler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Worcs; Kent
- English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *curtiler* ‘gardener’ (Old French *cortiller, courtillier, cultilier*). (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *kirtel, curtil* ‘tunic, (outer) garment’, denoting a maker of tunics and short skirts. Compare Alicia Curtle, 1231 in Close Rolls (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Cultelier, 1186 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); William le Curtillier, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Ralph Curtler, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William, Roger (le) Corteler, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Curtler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Daventry, Northants); John Curtler, 1610 in PROB 11 (Halesowen, Worcs).

**Curtois**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- 1 **Norman, English:** see **Curthoys**.  
2 **English:** see **Curtis**.

**Curton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. London

**Norman, English:** locative name from Courtonne in Calvados. The original name was later reintroduced to England by Huguenot refugees: Jaques Courtonne, 1708 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Further information:** Profits from Saunterre and Aquitaine were granted by Edward, Prince of Wales, to Arnald, lord of Curton, 1378 in Patent Rolls (France). **Early bearers:** William de Curtune, 1119 in Colchester Cartulary (Essex); Gilbert de Curton, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Oger de Curton, 1218 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Humfridi Curton, 1544 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Nicholas Curtonn, 1562 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk); Thome Courton, 1629 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); John Curtone, 1630 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk).

**Curwen**

**Variants:** **Curwin, Currin, Corrin, Curran, Corran, Corren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1067, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cumb

**Scottish:** locative name from *Culewen*, now Colvend, in Kirkcudbrights. The family was early established in Cumb and soon became a predominantly Lancs one. According to McKinley, 'forms such as *Kulwennid*, *Collewen*, and *Culwen* occur in Lancashire in the 13th and 14th centuries, in some cases as the names of early members of the family, later known as Curwen, who were landowners over a long period at Caton, near Lancaster'. The Lancs name was often pronounced without the *-w-*; see **Corrin, Currin** for examples.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Reginald de Cyrwen, 1245 in Papal Letters; Gilbert de Culewen, 1262 in Holyrood Register; William de Colven (of Dumfriess), 1289, Patrick de Collewen, 1298 in Scotland Calendar; James Kirwin, 1610 in *IGI* (Inveresk, Midlothian); Margrate Kervan, 1764 in *IGI* (Portpatrick, Wigtowns).

England: Gilbert de Colwenn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Robert Curwen, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; William de Curwen, 1388 in York Freeman's Register; Nicholas Curwen, 1564 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Katherina Curwen, 1596, John Curwen, 1713 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Ellin Curwen, 1596 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Robart Curwen, 1603, Wm. Curwen, 1709, Robert Curwen, 1840 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Thomas Curwen, 1608 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); George Curwen, 1610, William Curwen, 1789 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 98.

**Curwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English:** see **Curwen**.

**Curwood**

**Variants:** **Kerwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

**English:** locative name unexplained; perhaps from Cornwood in Devon.

**Early bearers:** John de Curwode, 1362 in Patent Rolls (Worcs); Roger de Curewode, 1365 in Feet of Fines (Hanley Child, Worcs); Anne Corwood, 1612 in *IGI* (Himbleton, Worcs).

**Curzon**

**Variants:** **Curson, Corson, Cursons, Cursham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1097, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Derbys, and Notts

**Norman, English:** locative name from Notre-Dame-de-Courson in Calvados.

**Further information:** The substitution of *le* for *de* in some of the following examples reflects a common practice in Anglo-Norman surnaming, and although it is linguistically possible that these might represent a nickname from Old French *curson*, a diminutive of *curt* 'short', it is almost certain that their bearers are members of the aristocratic de Curçon family that held land in Lincs and E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Curcon, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk); Ralph de Curtesun (Curcun), 1127–34 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); Richard Curson, about 1180 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); William (de) Cursun, 1198 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Robert le Curezun, 12th cent. Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); William le Curcun, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Katherine la Curzoun, 1316 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Thomas le Curson, 1332 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Hugo Curson, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ardwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Willus Curson, 1545 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Barnabas Curson, 1550 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Emme Curson, 1561 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Barnabae Curson, 1579 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Chad Curson, 1579 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Curson, 1582 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Elenor Curzon, 1597 in *IGI* (Kedleston, Derbys).

**References:** Anglo-Norman Families; Domesday Descendants, pp. 426–7.

**Cusack**

**Variants:** **Cuzick, Cusick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 1840
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare; Cavan

**Norman, Irish:** locative name from Cussac in Guienne, France. The surname died out in Britain in the 15th to 16th centuries but remained common in Ireland, where it was imported in the 12th century. It has been Gaelicized as *de Ciosóg* and has since been reimported to Scotland and England.

**Early bearers:** England: William Cusac, 1214 (alias William de Cusac), 1218 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Simon Cusac, knight, 1397 in Patent Rolls; John Cusack, 1701, John Cusack, 1708 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Westminster, Middx); James Cusack, 1771 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London);

Christopher Cusack, 1813 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Ann Cusack, 1830 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). Ireland: Nicholas de Cusaach, 1280 in CDI §1772 (Kildare); William Kissok, 1286 in CDI §215 (Dublin); Henry de Kissok, 1293 in CDI §41 (Dublin); Thomas Kissok, 1301 in CDI §825 (Dublin); Thomas Cusacke, knight, 1552 in Fiant Edward §1162; Barnbas Cusake, gent., 1560 in Fiant Elizabeth §243 (Kilcarne, Meath); Nicholas Cusake, 1563 in Fiant Elizabeth §561 (Geardstown); Patrick Cusake, gent., sheriff of Meath, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §33 (Geardstown); Robert Cusake, 1561 in Fiant Elizabeth §393.

**Cusden**

**Variants:** **Cusdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Berks, and Middx
- English:** locative name possibly from a lost place-name in SE England.

**Early bearers:** Agn' Cosdene, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Eliz Cosden, 1683 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); Martha Cusden, 1691, James Cusdin, 1786 in *IGI* (Shinfield, Berks); Daniel Cousden, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); James Cusdin, 1786 in *IGI* (Shinfield, Berks).

**Cusdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**English:** see **Cusden**.

**Cush**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 232
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

**Irish, Scottish:** see **McCosh**.

**Cushen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Tipperary

**English, Irish:** see **Cousin**. This and **Cussen** are usual forms of the name in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Cushen, 1629 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Cushen, 1657 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edward Cushen, 1688 in *IGI* (Cowes, IoW); Charles Cushen, 1708 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Cushing**

**Variants:** **Cushion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1039, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

**English:** from a dialectal form of **Cousin**. Compare **Cushion** and **Cussen**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Cushon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hardingham, Norfolk); Emme Cusschon, Cusshoun, 1507 in Norwich Wills (Norfolk); John Cushing, 1627 in Norwich Wills (Hingham, Norfolk); Anna Cushen, 1631 in Norwich Wills (Hardingham, Norfolk); Mr Cushing, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).



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**Cushion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Galway

- 1 **English:** see **Cushing**.
- 2 **English:** see **Cussen**.

**Cushley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 99
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks; Durham
- Scottish: see **Cushnie**.

**Cushnahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 144
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Irish:** from Ó Cosnacháin ‘son of *Cosnachán*’, a byname based on a diminutive of *cosnach* ‘defender’.
- Early bearers:** William Coshnahan, 1666 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Teparicknew, Antrim); William O’Cosnechan, 1666 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Magherentennie, Antrim); Richard O’Cosnechan, 1666 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Killead, Antrim); William O’Cossingham, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Maherintamy, Antrim); Henry Coshnahan, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Teparicknew, Antrim); John Cosnahan, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Pitmeane, Antrim).

**Cushnie****Variants:** Cushley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Kincardines and Angus

**Scottish:** locative name from Cushnie in Leochel (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** John Cusne, 1508 in Bamff Charters; Donald Cousny, 1509 in Dunkeld Rentale; John Cowsny, 1534 in Bamff Charters; Andro Cushnay, 1646 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Cushley, 1850 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Cushway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**French, Huguenot, English:** (i) nickname from Old French *cochois* ‘fish fillet’, presumably denoting a fisherman, one who filleted fish, or a fish seller. (ii) locative name variant of **Cauchois**, **Cauchoix**, denoting someone from the Caux area of Normandy, or possibly one who lived in a lime-washed house.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacob Cochois, 1730 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Susanne Cochois, 1740 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

Other: Esther Cochois, 1760, Samuel Cochois, 1762 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Charles John Cushway, 1769 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Charles Cashway, 1792 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Cuchway, 1805 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire; Smart family tree, accessed online at [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) [2 March 2012].

**Cushworth**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English:** see **Cusworth**.

**Cusick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks

**Irish, Scottish:** see **Cusack**.

**Cusins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs; Middx
- English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cusker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish:** from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.

**Cuss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 357
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- 1 **English:** see **Cust**.
  - 2 **Norman, English:** see **Kiss**.

**Cussane**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish:** from Mac Caisín or Ó Caisín, see **Cashin**. Compare **Patterson**.

**Cussans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Middx
- English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cusse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- 1 **English:** see **Cust**.
  - 2 **Norman, English:** see **Kiss**.

**Cussell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- Huguenot:** see **Corsellis**.

**Cusselle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Huguenot:** see **Corsellis**

**Cussen****Variants:** Cusson, Cushion, Cussins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 **English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Cust** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Custson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Custeson, Richard Cusson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Cusson, 1549 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Petrus Cusson, 1577 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); John Cusson, 1585 in *IGI* (Egglescliff, Durham); Mary Cussen, 1587 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Abraham Cusson, 1588 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Agnes Cussen, 1602 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Alexander Cusson, 1604 in *IGI* (Aisthorpe, Lincs); John Cussen, 1608 in *IGI* (Aisthorpe, Lincs); John Cossen, 1629 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Alice Cussen, 1639 in *IGI* (Marnham, Notts); Gregory Cusson, 1647 in *IGI* (Marnham, Notts); Samuel Cossou, 1704 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

2 **English:** (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English female personal name *Custance*, as shown by the 1352 example. It is identical with Middle English *Cust* in (i) above, but with assimilation of *s* to the following *t*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Cutt* (a pet form of **Cuthbert**, Old English *Cūðbeorht*) + *son*. The personal name **Cutt** was still occasionally used in N England and Scotland in the late medieval period. See also **Cuthbertson**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cuttesone, 1329 in Colchester Court Rolls; John Cutson, identical with John ‘son of Constančia’, 1352 in *Yorks Deeds* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Cussen, 1584 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Jacobi Cussen, 1585 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Egidij Cussen, 1591 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); David Cussen, 1622 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

3 **Irish:** variant of **Cousin**, borne by Anglo-Norman settlers in counties Limerick, Cork, and Wexford. It has been gaelicized as **Cúisín**.

**Cussins****Variants:** Cussons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 **English:** variant of **Cussen** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

2 **English:** alternative spelling of **Cousins**.

**Cusson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

1 **English:** see **Cussen**.

2 **English:** see **Cousin**.

**Cussons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks

1 **English:** see **Cussins**.

2 **English:** see **Cousins**.

**Cust****Variants:** Cuss, Cusse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; also Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Cust*, a pet form of *Custance* or *Constance* (Latin *Constantia*). Compare **Cussata**

## Custance

(Constancia), 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Devon). Note also Johanna Custdoughter, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Custe filia Willelmi, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Cus nepta Johannis Frost, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Cuss Balla, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Custa atte Halle, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Kuste Witham, 1381 in Poll Tax (High Ongar, Essex).

**sumames:** Richard Cust, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Willelmus Cust, 1381 in Poll Tax (Weaverthorpe, ER Yorks); Christian Cust, 1454 in PROB 11; Henry Cust, 1618 in PROB 11 (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Cust, 1640 in *IGI* (Kirby in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

## Custance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Norfolk, and Hunts; London

**Norman, English:** see **Constance**.

## Custard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

**English:** see **Costard, Coster**.

**Early bearers:** Andreas Custard, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Bredy, Dorset); Tho. Custard, 1585 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Custard, 1655 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Robt. Custard, 1701 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb); Mary Custard, 1726 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); William Custard, 1748 in *IGI* (Broxbourne, Herts).

## Custer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London; Orkney

**1 Norman, English, Scottish:** occupational name from Old French *coustier* (masculine), *coustiere* (feminine), for a maker of feather beds or cushions. **Early bearers:** Sibilla la Custere, 1254 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Albane Custer, 1654 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs).

**2 English:** see **Coster**.

## Custerson

**Variants:** **Gusterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

**English:** relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Custance*, an anglicized form of Old French **Constance** + *son*. For the reduction of *-an-* to */ə/*, spelled *-er-*, compare **Simmerson** (2).

**Early bearers:** John Custerson, 1558 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Elizabeth Custerson, 1608, Henricus Gusterson, 1616 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Henry Custerson, 1638 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); William Gusterson, 1685 in Parish Registers (Nayland, Suffolk); Esther Gustason, 1741 in *IGI* (Little Horkesley, Essex).

## Cusworth

**Variants:** **Cushworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**English:** locative name from Cusworth (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Robert de Cusworth, 1358 in York Freeman's Register; Ricardus de Cusseworth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Cussworth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Royston, WR Yorks); Alice Cusworth, 1584 in Poll Tax (Royston, WR Yorks); Richard Cushworth, 1711 in *IGI* (Sandall Magna, WR Yorks).

## Cutajar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**Maltese:** locative name from a place-name *Cutaia* in Sicily, itself possibly of Arabic origin. The final *-r* occurs first in Maltese documents of the 17th century **Early bearers:** Ange Cutajar, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Willn Cutajar, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Hants); Joseph Cutajar, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (London).

**References:** Cassar, pp. 107–8.

## Cutbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

**English:** see **Cobbold**.

## Cutbush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent

**English:** nickname from Middle English *cutten* 'to cut' + *bush* 'bush, thicket', perhaps for a cutter of firewood.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cutbussh, Henry Cutbusshe, yeoman, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Biddenden, Kent); Nicholas Cutbush, 1478, William Cutbushe, 1529, Nicholas Cutbussh, yeoman, 1535 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Cuttbussh, 1571 in Assize Rolls (Kent); James Cutbushe, 1589 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Margaret Cutbush, 1599 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Thomas Cutbushe, 1611 in Cranbrook Wills (Marden, Kent); John Cutbush, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Cutcliffe

**Variants:** **Cutliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**English:** locative name from an unidentified place, apparently in Devon, with a name containing Old English *clif* 'cliff'. There is a reference to 'a tenement called *Covedownhayes*, a meadow part of *Cutcliffe* and land called *Waterland* in Cove', 17th-century in Somerset Archives (Tiverton, Devon), which seems to indicate that *Cutcliffe* lay in the manor of Cove in Tiverton parish.

**Early bearers:** Richard Cutteclif, 1394 in Feet of Fines (Raleigh in Pilton, Devon); John Cuttecliff, 1433 in North Devon Record Office (Devon); John Cutcliffe of Northcote, 1492 in North Devon Record Office (Bittadon, Devon); Richard Cutcliff of Northcote, 1497 in North Devon Record Office (Arlington, Devon); Richard Cuttlyff, 1528–9, Laurence Cuttiffe, 1550–1, Thomas Cutcliffe, 1629–30 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Devon); Thomas Cutcliffe, 1540 in *IGI*

(Kingston, Devon); Adrian Cutcliffe, 1586 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

## Cutford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs

**1 English:** see **Catford**.

**2 English:** see **Cutforth**.

## Cutforth

**Variants:** **Cutford, Cutsforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

**English:** (i) locative name from the manor of Cutford in Saint Wenn (Cornwall). (ii) locative name, see **Cudworth**.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Cudifort, mid-13th cent. in Cornwall Record Office; John Cutford, 1369 in Cornwall Record Office; Radulphus Cutford', 1379 in Poll Tax (Treeton, WR Yorks); Margeria Cutforth, 1570 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John Cutforth, 1613 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Mary Cutford, 1600 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Wm Cutsforth, 1682 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).

## Cuthbert

**Variants:** **Cudbird**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4902, Ireland 270
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks; Lancs; Durham; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Cork

**1 Scottish:** relationship name from the Old English personal name *Cūðbeorht*, which remained popular after the Conquest, especially in the north of England and the Scottish Lowlands.

**Early bearers:** England: Austinus filius Cudberti, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Laurencius filius Cudberti, 1207 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); William Cutbright, Cudbriht, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs), 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Cutbert, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Robert Cudbert, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Cutberd, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); William Cuthbert, 1469 in York Freeman's Register. Scotland: Thom Cudbert, 1466 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book; George Cudbert or Cudberth, 1560 in North Berwick Charters; James Cuthbert, 1566 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); Jonat Cudbert, 1652 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**2 Scottish:** see **Coubrough**.

## Cuthbertson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3187, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr; Durham and Northumb

**Scottish, English:** relationship name from the personal name **Cuthbert** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Cuthbertson, 1408 in Patent Rolls (Bowness, Westm); John Cutberdson, 1410 in York Freeman's Register; Cuthbert Cuthbertson, 1602 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). Scotland: John Cuthbertson, 1444 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Cuthbertson, 1566 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Jon. Cudbertson, 1612 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Harrie Cuthbertson, 1655 in *IGI* (Kirknewton and East Calder,



Midlothian); William Cudbertson, 1675 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr).

### Cuthell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Cumb
- Scottish: see **Cuthill**.

### Cuthill

Variants: **Cuthell, Cuttell, Cuttill, Cuttle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 **Scottish:** locative name from Cuthell or Cuthill in Prestonpans (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Thomas and George Cuthill, 1536 in Binns Papers; Steven Cutle, 1696 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catherine Cuthil, 1606 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

2 **English:** see **Cottle** (2).

### Cutlack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Gullick**.

### Cutland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Cutland in Chulmeleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cotelond, 1319 in Patent Rolls (Devon); [ . . . de] Cotelonde, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); William de Coteland, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Charleton, Devon); John de Cotelond, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dodbrooke, Devon); Robert de Coteland, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Kingsbridge, Devon); Nicholas Cotel[ond], 1426 in Feet of Fines (Cutland in Chulmeleigh, Devon); John Cutland, 1619 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Christopher Cutland, 1623 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 379.

### Cutler

Variants: **Cuttler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5400, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3668
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London; Dorset and Hants; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: occupational name from Middle English *cutele*, *cutteler*, *coteler* ‘cutler; maker, repairer, or seller of knives, etc.’ (Anglo-French *cuteler*, Old French *coutelier*, *cotelier*). Compare **Naismith**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Cuteiller, 1212–23 in History of Saint Barts Hospital (London); Peter le Cutelir, about 1216 in Clerkenwell Cartulary (London); Dauid le Cuttiller, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Adam le Cutyller, knyfsmith, 1284 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Adam Cuttler, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chapel Lane, ER Yorks); Richard Cutler, 1505 in PROB 11 (Much Brykkyll, Bucks); John Cutler, 1592 in PROB 11 (London).

### Cutcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon

English: see **Cutcliffe**.

**Further information:** Reaney’s suggestion (Reaney and Wilson) of a nickname meaning ‘cut loaf’ is impossible to reconcile with the early spellings of the surname.

### Cutlip

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Cudlip**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Cutmore

Variants: **Cotmore, Catmore, Catmur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Essex, and Suffolk

English: locative name from Catmore (Berks), Catmere End in Littlebury (Essex), or Cotmore in Stokenham (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Catmera, 1165 in Pipe Rolls; [ . . . de] Cot(t)emor, 1254 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Henry de Catmere, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); William de Cattemere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Peter de Cattemere, 1330 in Patent Rolls (Catmere, Essex); Thomas de Cotemer, 1335 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Willelmus Cotemere, 1377, Willelmus Cotemor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broadwell, Oxon); Johanne Cotmore, 1381 in Poll Tax (Langford, Berks); Richard Cotmore, 1582 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Elizabeth Cottmore, 1625 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Will Cutmore, 1629 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Cotmore, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); James Cutmore, 1653 in *IGI* (Denham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Cutmore, 1720 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Philadelphia Cutmore, 1769 in *IGI* (Woodham Mortimer, Essex).

**References:** Place-Names of Berks, pp. 496–7; Place-Names of Essex, p. 530; Place-Names of Devon, p. 333.

### Cutress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Cutteridge**.

### Cutsforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Cutforth**, itself a variant of **Cudworth**, with intrusive *-s-*.

### Cutt

Variants: **Cutts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Scottish, English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Cuthbert*, or less often of the Middle English reflex of Old English *Cūðbeald* (see **Cobbold**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Cutte Brendhers, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Cuttie or Cuthbert Armorer, 1589 in Scottish Papers.

surnames: John Cut, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Robert Cut, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); Willelmus Cutte,

1377 in Poll Tax (Rossington, WR Yorks); Peter Cutt, 1547 in PROB 11 (Bardfield, Essex); Johes Cutt, 1570 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Cuttell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- 1 **English:** see **Cuthill**.  
2 **English:** see **Cottle** (2).

### Cutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1155, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Cambs

English: occupational name from Middle English *cuttere* ‘craftsman who cuts things; tailor, barber; possibly also stonemason, woodcutter’, an agent derivative of Old English \**cyttan* ‘to cut’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Cutre, 1207 in Pleas (Essex); Adam Cutter, 1379 in Poll Tax (Langsett, WR Yorks); John Cutter, 1559 in PROB 11 (Stanstead, Suffolk); Henry Cutter, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Cutteridge

Variants: **Cuttridge, Cutress, Cuttriss, Gutteridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Kent; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Cūðric*.

**Early bearers:** Ailric Cuterich, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Joan Cudrich, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William Cutrich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Hugh Coterich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Henry Cotrych, 1355 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Willelmus Coterich, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sussex); Arthur Gutterich, 1606, Cutterice, 1611 in Parish Registers (Ickworth, Suffolk); William Cutteridge, widow Cutteris, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Cuttill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cheshire

1 **English:** see **Cuthill**.

2 **English:** see **Cottle**.

### Cutting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2186, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1523
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London

English: relationship name from the personal name **Cutt** + the suffix *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** Herlewin Cutting, William Cutting, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Norfolk); Richard Cutting, 1235 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Simon Cuttyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mundesley, Norfolk); Petrus Cuttyng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Old Newton, Suffolk); Thomas Cuttyng or Cuttinge, 1558 in PROB 11 (Kingshall, Suffolk); William Cutton, Cutting, 1767, 1775 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk).

### Cuttle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

## Cuttler

1 **English:** see *Cuthill*.

2 **English:** see *Cottle*.

### Cuttler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs; Bucks; Dorset

**English:** see *Cutler*.

### Cuttridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**English:** see *Cutteridge*.

### Cuttriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

**English:** see *Cutteridge*.

### Cutts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3688, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2350
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts

**English:** relationship name: variant of *Cutt*, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Cutts, 1574 in PROB 11 (Bindburie, Kent); William Cutts, 1631 in PROB 11 (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Cutworth

**Variants:** *Cudworth*

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

**English:** see *Cudworth*.

### Cuxson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

**English:** see *Cookson*.

### Cuzen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

**Scottish:** see *Cousin*.

### Cuzick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

**Irish, English:** see *Cusack*.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is not found in Ireland and rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Cyrus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 **English:** unexplained. As an English name it could be an altered form of *Syers*, itself a variant of *Syer*, the present form of the name being influenced by that of the 6th-century BC ruler of Persia in its most familiar Latin form.

**Early bearers:** John Cyrus, 1631 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Johannes Cyrus, 1698 in *IGI* (Hinckworth, Herts); Anna Elizabeth Cyrus, 1788 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Edward Cyrus, born in Ramsbury, Wilts, in Census 1881 (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Possibly a recent immigrant surname, from the Caribbean or elsewhere.

**Further information:** Recorded forenames include Albina, Alfons, Balton, Leroy, Buster, Ghollam Hossein, and Amerley Calmoor.

### Cyster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

1 **English:** (i) nickname possibly from Middle English *sester* 'brewer's vat', influenced by the common English word *sister*. (ii) relationship name alternatively, possibly from Middle English *suster*

(earlier *swuster*) 'sister' itself, though in what sense is unclear. The most recent spelling transformation is unexplained. Some later bearers with the modern spelling certainly belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sister, 1379 in Poll Tax (High Melton, WR Yorks); Matthew Syster, 1556 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); James Sester, 1565 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Hants); Willm. Siester, 1606 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Samuel Cyster, 1816 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

2 **English:** nickname sometimes arising from, or confused with, *Sweetser* or *Switzer*. Compare John Sweetser, 1805 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks) with William Cyster, 1809 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks).

**Further information:** This is probably the most frequent modern source.

### Czajkowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Polish:** locative name from any of several places in Poland called Czajka, Czajki, Czajków, Czajkowiec, or some other place named with Polish *czajka* 'lapwing'.

**Early bearers:** Walery Alexander L. Czaikowski, born in Tanislow, Poland, in Census 1861 (Derbys), Walery Czajkowski, born in Russia, in Census 1871 (Derbys); Constantine Joseph Czaikowski, 1857 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elinor Agnes Czaikowski, 1898 in *IGI* (Hartlepool, Durham); John Czaikowski, in Census 1911 (London).

### Czarnecki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Polish:** locative name from Czarncza in Kielce voivodeship, or any of the places called Czarnocin or Czarnia.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Czarnecki, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Chelsea, London); Arthur Antoine Czarnecki, 1849 in *IGI* (Edinburgh).

**Dabasia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**Dabb**

Variants: **Dabbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Dobb**, with unrounding of the vowel. Compare **Dabson**. The bearers of the surname given here may alternatively belong to (2). **Early bearers:** given names: Dabbe Cappe, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Isle of Axholme, Lincs).

urnames: Alburto Dabbe, 1327, Roberto Dabbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arne, Dorset); Willelmus Dabbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashurst, Sussex); Ricardo Dabbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minety, Gloucs); John Dabbe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Dabb, 1560 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Dabbe, 1586 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Marie Dab, 1630 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs).

2 English: nickname from either Middle English *dabbe* ‘dab, a flatfish of the genus *Limanda*’ or Middle English *dabbe* ‘sharp blow with a weapon’.

**Dabbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 878, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Warwick; London

English: variant of **Dabb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Dobbs**.

**Early bearers:** Johann Dabbes, 1559 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Katherina Dabbs, 1560 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Henry Dabbes, 1572 in *IGI* (London); Anna Dabbes, 1585, Margret Dabbs, 1607 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); William Dabbs, 1690 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops).

**Dabell**

Variants: **Daybell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 Norman, English: perhaps an altered form of **Deaville** (1), as suggested by Redmonds, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, but the examples given below could alternatively belong with (2). The two names may have been confused.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Reaney’s derivation from Middle English *dai-bell* ‘morning bell’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Daybell, 1435 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); John Debelle, 1579 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); William Dabell, 1594 in *IGI* (Beeston, Notts); John Dabell, 1609 in *IGI* (Langar cum Barnston, Notts); Thas Debelle, 1609 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Faith Daybell, 1631 in *IGI* (Carlton in Lindrick, Notts); Gabriell Debelle, 1632, James Daybell, 1671 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); John Deabell,

1719, James Deabill, 1740 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts); John Dayball, 1722 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs).  
2 English: variant of **Deeble**.

**Daber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Dawber**.

**Dabhi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, based on the name of a Rajput clan.

**Dabin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Dobin** with unrounding of the first vowel.

**Dabinett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Dobinet*, a double diminutive of the personal name **Dobb**, itself a rhyming short form of **Robert**. See also **Dobbin**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dobinet, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Dabinott, 1550 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); John Dabenote, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Kingsbury, Somerset); Christopher Dabinot, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Upway, Dorset); John Dabinot, 1641 in *IGI* (Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset); Hannah Dabinet, 1784 in *IGI* (Seavington Saint Mary, Somerset).

**Dabner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Dobner**.

**Dabney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Daubney**.

**Daborn**

Variants: **Dawbarn**, **Dawborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name denoting ‘child of *Daw*’, from the Middle English personal name **Daw** (a pet form of *Ralph* and occasionally *David*) + Middle English *barn* ‘child, young man’. Compare **Dawes**, **Dawson**.

**Early bearers:** John Daweborn, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Dabern’, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Katherin Daborne, 1541 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Alice Daborne, 1543 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); John Dawborn, 1569 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Daborn, 1577 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Agnes Dawborne, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Lewisham, Kent); Edmund Daborne, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Anne Dawberne, 1587 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Dawbarn, 1724 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

**Dabrowski**

Variants: **Dobrowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name, respelling of **Dąbrowski**, from any of several places called *Dąbrowa* or *Dąbrowka*, named with Polish *dąbrowa* ‘oak grove’.

**Early bearers:** Feliks Dabrowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Kingston upon Hull, Yorks).

**Dabson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Dobson**, with unrounding of the vowel; compare **Dabb**.

**Daby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
- Irish, English: variant of **Darby**.

**Dace**

Variants: **Dass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *dars*, *dase* ‘dace, the fish *Lenciscus lenciscus*’ (Old French *dars*), possibly for someone thought to resemble the fish in some way; or a nickname for a fisherman.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph Dace, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Dase, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Johanne le Das, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ulting, Essex); Richard Dase, 1376–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johannes Das, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Avon, Hants); Johannes Daas, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Agnes Dase, 1584 in *IGI* (Sheriff Hales, Shrops); Robert Dace, 1586 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Johan Dase, 1597 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); John Dasse, 1612 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Edward Dase, 1618 in *IGI* (Knook, Wilts); Edvardi Dace, 1670 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Thomas Das, 1693 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Richard Dass, 1720 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts).

Scotland: Sara Das, 1608, Margaret Dase, 1609, Jeane Das, 1623 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Williame Dasse, 1644 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); William Das, 1691 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

## Dacey

### Dacey

Variants: Dacy, Daisey, Daisy

- Current frequencies: GB 601, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 366
  - Main GB location 1881: S Wales: esp. Glamorgan; London; Lancs
- 1 Irish: see **Deasy**.  
2 English: see **Daisy**.  
3 Irish, English: perhaps also a variant of **Darcy**.

### Dack

Variants: Dax

- Current frequencies: GB 1764, Ireland 28
  - GB frequency 1881: 909
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dacke* (perhaps from Old English \**Dæcca*).
- Further information: Though not on independent record, Old English \**Dæcca* appears in the genitive singular form \**Dæccan* as the first element of the place-name Dagenham (Essex), which is recorded as *Dæccanham* in the 7th century.
- Early bearers: given names: Dacke, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).
- surnames: Alexander Dacke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Dacke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belmesthorpe, Rutland); Thomas Dakke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Springfield, Essex); Cassander Dacke, 1587 in *IGI* (Kirton, Lincs); Georgii Dack, 1617 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Mary Dack, 1641 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs).

### Dackcombe

- GB frequency 1881: o
- English: see **Dacombe**.

### Dackham

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: o
- English: see **Dacombe**.

### Dackombe

- Current frequencies: GB 151, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Dacombe**.

### Dacombe

Variants: Dackombe, Dackcombe, Dackham

- Current frequencies: GB 223, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 155
  - Main GB location 1881: Dorset and Hants
- English: locative name from Dacombe in Coffinswell (Devon).
- Early bearers: Jordan de Daccumbe, late 12th cent. in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset); [... de] Daccumba, 1177, [... de] Dakkumbe, 1280 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Thomas de Daccumbe, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (IoW); Johannes Dacombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chilworth, Hants); Thomas Dacombe, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Chilworth, Hants); Ann Dackam, 1575 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Henry Dackam, 1589 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Edward Dacom, 1669 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Elias Dackomb, 1743 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset).
- References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 512.

### Da Costa

Variants: Dacosta, Dcosta, De Costa

- Current frequencies: GB 2090, Ireland 37
  - GB frequency 1881: 196
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name denoting someone who lived on a slope or a river bank, or on the sea coast, from *costa* 'bank', or from a place named with this word.
- Further information: In some cases this name was brought directly to Britain from Portugal; in others it was taken first to Goa and other Portuguese settlements in western India.
- Early bearers: Alvaro de Costa, 1672 in *IGI* (London); Emanuel de Costa, 1762 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Charles Da Costa, 1773 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Hippolyto Joseph Da costa, chargé d'affaires to the emperor of Brazil, 1823 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Hurley, Berks); Augusto De Costa, born in Blackfriars, London, in *Census 1911* (Wimbledon, Surrey).
- Jewish: Isaac Telles da Costa, 1700 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Abraham da Costa, 1724 in *IGI* (London); Isaac Decosta, 1726 in *IGI* (London); Jacob da Costa, 1742 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Isaac da Costa, 1753 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Solomon Dacosta, born in Middx, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron De Costa, traveller, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyam Da Costa, general dealer, in *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx); Aaron Gomes and Rebecca Da Costa, in *Census 1911* (Stoke Newington, Middx).

### Dacosta

- GB frequency 1881: 81
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Portuguese, Jewish: see **Da Costa**.

### Dacre

Variants: Daker, Dakers

- Current frequencies: GB 622, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 386
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Westm
- English: locative name from either of two places called Dacre, one in Cumb, the other in WR Yorks.
- Further information: William de Dakyr or Dakre was sheriff of Cumberland in 1278.
- Early bearers: England: Rannulf de Daker, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Ralph de Dacre, 1272 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Simon de Dacre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dacre, Cumb); John de Dacre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greystoke, Cumb); William de Dacre, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Edus de Dacr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grewelthorpe, WR Yorks); Cecilia de Dacre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks); Thomas Dacre, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirklington, Scotby, Cumb); Willmi Daker, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Henry Dacre, 1601 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Unfray Daker, 1608 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Jonas Daker, 1621 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Aveline Daker, 1627, Thomas Dacre, 1659 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks).
- Scotland: Malcolm dictus dakir, 1434, Malcolm Dacre, 1439 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Margaret Daiker, 1704 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Isabel Dacre, 1715 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).
- References: *Black*.

### Dacres

- Current frequencies: GB 305, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 49
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Cumb
- English: see **Dakers**.

### Dacruz

Variants: Decruz, Dcruz, Deruze

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: o
- Portuguese: Da Cruz, variant of Cruz, with the addition of the preposition *da* 'from the, of the', i.e. 'of the cross', probably originally used to denote someone who lived by a crucifix or alternatively as a nickname, perhaps applied ironically.
- Early bearers: Caitano Da Cruz, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Manuel Dacruz, 1913 in *BMD* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Alphonse Dacruz, 1915 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx); Carlos Da Cruz, 1918 in *BMD* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

### Dacus

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Welsh: from an anglicized form of the Welsh personal name *Deicws*, a pet form of *Dafydd*, Welsh form of *David*.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.
- Early bearers: given names: Deikws ap Tegan, 1406 in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 84.
- surnames: Hywel Deicus, 1420 in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 84 (Cardigans); Edward Dacus, vicar of Cedewen, 1525 in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 84; John Deykes, 1582 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs).

### Dacy

- GB frequency 1881: 57
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Kent
- Irish, English: See **Dacey**.

### Dad

- Current frequencies: GB 1059, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: See **Dadd**.

### Dada

- Current frequencies: GB 697, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: o
- 1 Cornish: variant of **Daddow**.  
2 Iranian, Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *dāda* 'given' (i.e. 'gift of God').  
3 Muslim, Indian: Hindu and Muslim, meaning 'elder brother' in Bengali, Sindhi, Marathi, and other Indian languages, and '(paternal) grandfather' in Hindi and Urdu; also used as an honorific.  
Early bearers: Abdool Latif Dada, born in Bombay, in *Census 1911* (Orsett, Essex); Hasson Dada, born in Ratnagiri, India, in *Census 1911* (Toxteth Park, Lancs).  
4 Nigerian (Yoruba): from *Dāda*, a Yoruba *àmútorunwá* (circumstance name) traditionally given to a child retaining the hair knotted round the crown of the head before the ceremonial first cutting.  
References: *Oduyoye*, p. 86.

### Dadd

Variants: Dad, Dadds

- Current frequencies: GB 526, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also Devon

English: (i) relationship name in Kent and Devon; a variant of **Dodd**. The unrounding of *o* to *a* was particularly common in SE and SW England, mostly in the post-medieval period but also sometimes in Middle English. (ii) relationship name alternatively from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Dadd(e)*, a rhyming pet form of *Adam*. Compare **Addy**, **Daddy**, **Adey**, and **Dady**.

**Early bearers:** William Dad, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Dade, 1543, William Dod, 1582, Isaac Dadd, 1726 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Dodd, 1553, Margaret Dadd, 1592, John Dod, 1725 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Anise Dad, 1573, George Dodd, 1580 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Thomas Dad, 1634 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

**References:** *English Pronunciation*, II, §87; *Place-Names of Devon*, at Dadland, Dadworthy, Daracombe, Darracott.

### Daddow

**Variants:** **Dada**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a Cornish pet form of the Middle English personal name *Dodd(e)*, unrounded to \**Dadd(e)*, + the Cornish suffix *-ow*. See **Dodd** and **Dadd**, and for the Cornish suffix compare **Kitto**, (ii) relationship name, perhaps a Cornish pet form of Middle English \**Dadde* as a rhyming pet form of *Adam*; See **Dadd**.

**Further information:** In Cornwall *Dodd* was the forename of Dodde de Lismanoch, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lesneage in Saint Keverne) and the surname of Stephen Dodde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tintagel) and Stephen Dodda, 1385 in *Cornish Lands* (Rescorla in Saint Ewe). *Dodd(a)* is well attested in Devon and Cornwall major and minor place-names, including some where a post-medieval change to *Dad-* is found, such as Dadland and Dadworthy (Devon), and Dad Wood in Ladock (Cornwall). Reaney's suggestion that *Daddow* is a variant of **Dando** is not borne out by any evidence.

**Early bearers:** John Dadowe, Luke Dadowe, 1525, John Dadow, Ralph Dadowe, Jenkyn Dadow 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); William Daddo, 1563 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); Matthew Dada, 1655 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall); Charells Dada, 1666 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Tho. Dadda, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Erme, Cornwall).

**References:** O. J. Padel, personal communication.

### Dadds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon

English: variant of **Dadd** with excrescent *-s*, or of **Dodds** with the vowel unrounded.

**Early bearers:** Frances Dadd, William Dadds, 1675 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Dadds, 1786 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

### Daddy

**Variants:** **Dady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dad(d)*, perhaps a rhyming pet form of *Ad(d)y*, a pet form of *Adam*. See **Addy**, **Adey**, **Dadd**, and compare **Daddow**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Daddi of Calverton, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); Hugh Daddy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Collingham, Notts); Petro Daddy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Custancia Dady of Bolton on Dearn, 1410 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Phillip Dady, 1558 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Robert Dadye, 1567 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); William Daddy, 1569 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Peter Daddy, 1576 in *IGI* (North Somerton, Lincs); Jn Dadie, 1587 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); William Daddie, 1607 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs); Thomas Dadye, 1610 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Issabella Dadye, 1655 in *IGI* (Waddingham, Lincs); John Daddey, 1837 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

**References:** The Barrow on Soar inquisition of 1273 is mistakenly printed in the *Gloucestershire Inquisitiones Post Mortem* (British Record Society 30, pp. 69–72).

### Dade

**Variants:** **Deed**, **Dede**, **Dyde**, **Deeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London; Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *dade*, *ded(e)*, *dide* 'deed, exploit', perhaps originally acquired as a nickname commemorating a particular exploit.

**Further information:** The 1881 distribution argues against this being a reduced form of Irish **McDade**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ded, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Hugo Dede, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Dade, 1275, Adam Ded, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Roger Dade, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Dede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Ricardus Deed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burgh, Norfolk); Thomas Dedde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt hundred, Norfolk); Johannes Dede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Dade, 1543 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Johnne Dyde, 1580 in *IGI* (Whatcote, Warwick); Esaw Dade, 1582 in *IGI* (Brandiston, Norfolk); Gregory Dyd, 1661 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Sarah Deede, 1665 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); Joeseeph Dydd, 1665, Michael Dyde, 1755 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwick); Susan Deed, 1684 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk); Joan Dade, 1700 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset); John Dyde, 1804 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

### Daden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a locative name from Dedham (Essex), which clearly gave rise to a surname, though it is far from certain that the *Dedham* and *Daden* forms belong together.

**Early bearers:** Gilberto de Dedham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dedham, Essex); Richard Dedham, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Oakley, Suffolk); Thomas Dedham, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Brome, Suffolk); Agnes Daden, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Georgy Dedham, 1564 in *IGI*

(Redgrave, Suffolk); Rosa Daden, 1574 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Thomas Dedham, 1617 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

### Dadge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: variant of **Dodge**, with the vowel unrounded.

### Dadley

**Variants:** **Dagley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Suffolk
- English: variant of **Dudley**, with the vowel unrounded.

**Early bearers:** Rich Dadley, 1597 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwick); Edward Dadley, 1866 in *IGI* (Ickworth, Suffolk).

### Dadson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Dodson**, with the vowel unrounded.

### Dadswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent

English: locative name from Dedswell Manor in Send (Surrey), which is recorded as *Doudeswalle* in 1241–60, *Dewdeswell* in 1315, and *Dadeswell* in 1540. **Further information:** In some cases, the name may be from Dowdeswell (Gloucs). A Robert Doudeswell, born about 1560 in Gloucs, settled in Sussex about 1588.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Doudeswell, 1263, [... de] Deydeswelle, 1288, [...] Dudeswell, 1461 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Roger de Dudreswell, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John de Deudeswelle, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Horsley, Surrey); John de Dudeswell, 1328–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Send, Surrey); Richard Dodswell, grocer, 1624 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Robt Dodswell, 1759, Edward Dadswell, 1774, Robert Dadswell, 1791 *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 147.

### Dady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk

1 English: See **Daddy**.

2 Irish: from Ó Déadaigh, see **Deady**.

### Dadzie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: probably from a personal name in Akan (Twi or a related dialect) based on *dade* 'iron'.

### Daff

**Variants:** **Daffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

## Daffarn

English: nickname from Middle English *daff* 'simpleton, idiot, fool'.

**Early bearers:** Robertus le Daf, 1254 in *MED*; Lefeke Daffe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Geoffrey daffe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Daffe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Daffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); Jhn Daff, 1654 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Francis Daff, 1705 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs).

### Daffarn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: See **Daffern**.

### Daffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Daff**.

### Daffern

**Variants:** Daffurn, Daffarn, Dafforne, Daffron, Daffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: possibly a nickname from Middle English *daff* 'idiot' (compare **Daff**) with the noun-forming suffix *-eron*, of French origin, seen in e.g. *chaperon*, *tierceron*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Daffroun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Ricardo Daffron, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Thomas Dafron', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Wllm Daffarne, 1560 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Bonaventure Dafferne, 1594 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); George Dafforne, 1621 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); William Daffon, 1683 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); Thomas Dafforn, 1790 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks).

### Daffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Warwicks

English: See **Daffern**.

### Dafforne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: See **Daffern**.

### Daffron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English, Scottish: See **Daffern**.

**Further information:** This spelling is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Daffurn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: See **Daffern**.

### Daffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó **Deabhthaigh**, a personal name based on *deabhthach* 'quarrelsome'.

**Early bearers:** Teig O'Daffie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Aghnes).

### Daft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 729
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs, Leics, and Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *dafte* (Old English *dæfte*) 'gentle, meek, modest, well-mannered'. By about 1300 the word was occasionally used to mean 'dull, uncouth, boorish, awkward, ignorant', perhaps by false association with Middle English *daffe* 'fool, simpleton', but it is more likely that the surname derives from its original, complimentary range of senses.

**Early bearers:** John and Robert Daft, about 1230 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Robert Daft, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (holds a quarter of a knight's fee in Algathorpe, Basford, Notts); Robert Daft (once held a tenement in Nottingham), 1263–78 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Notts); Robert Daft, 1302–3 in *Book of Fees* (holds a quarter of a knight's fee in Beeston, Notts); Adam Daft de Nottingham, 1302–3 in *Feudal Aids* (holds half a knight's fee in Bilborough, Notts); Adam Daft, draper of Nottingham, 1308–9 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Will'mo Daft, 1327, Joh'e Daft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broughton, Notts); Rog'o Daft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cotgrave, Notts); Willelmus Dafte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Broughton, Notts); William Daft of Nottingham, smith, 1429–30 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; John Dafte de Broughton, 1450 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); Henry Dafte, 1506 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henrye Dafte, 1566 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Margaret Daft, 1588 in *IGI* (Garthorpe, Leics); Thomas Dafte, 1635, John Dafft, 1716 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); George Daft, 1669 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); Ellin Daft, 1673 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Dafter

**Variants:** Dafters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: (i) relationship name apparently from Middle English *doughter*, *dohtor*, *douter* (Old English *dohtor*) 'daughter', often pronounced in early Modern English as *dafter*. For the name to be borne by a man, such that it became a hereditary surname, is surprising, though there are occasional instances of men being named in this way (unless they are clerical errors). Compare Robertus ffelisdoghter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Wendoghter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clotherholme with Bishopton, WR Yorks); and Ric' daughter Wryght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks). (ii) alternatively *Daughter* might be a simplified pronunciation of **Dawtre** (also spelled *Daughtrey*), a surname well evidenced in WR Yorks and Sussex, where *Doughter* and *Daughter* also occur, in which case the change to *Dafter* will have arisen through misinterpretation. Compare Johna Dautre, 1541 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts), Robert Daughtre,

1585 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys), and George Doughtre, 1647 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops), any of which might be examples of either name.

**Early bearers:** Synkyn dogter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Edward Doughter, 1564 in *IGI* (Fishlake, Yorks); Katheryn Doctor, 1570 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Susannah Daughter, 1677 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Richard Dafter, 1688 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Edward Dawter, 1692 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); John Dafter, 1711 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Daffter, 1749 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Edward Daughter, 1771 in *IGI* (Castle Eaton, Wilts); Robert Dafter, 1798 in *IGI* (Norton Coleparle, Wilts).

### Dafters

**Variants:** Daughters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Berks

English: variant of **Dafter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Uriah Daughters, 1761 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Daughters, 1801 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Dafters, 1830 in *IGI* (Hedsoor, Bucks); Mary Ann Dafters, 1834 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Dagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Cumb

Irish: from Ó **Duibhgin**, see **Duggan**.

### Dagg

**Variants:** Degg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 162
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Roxburghs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: (i) nickname perhaps from Old French *dague* 'dagger' or from Middle English *dagge* (a borrowing of *dague*), though the latter is recorded only with the senses 'ornamental points or incisions on the edges of a garment' and 'a shred, tag, or strip (as of cloth or leather)'. The name may have been given to one who wore dagged, jagged garments, or (if the name is of Anglo-Norman origin) to one who wore a dagger. Compare **Daggett**, **Dagger**. (ii) relationship name from an Old French personal name \**Dague* (Continental Germanic *Dago*) or an Anglo-Norman French personal name \**Dag(g)* (a pet form of names in *Dag-*). Compare **Tagg**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Dag, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph Dagg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Dagg, 1567 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Thomasina Dagg, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); William Dagg, 1664 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Anne Dagg, 1688 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Wille Dag, 1527 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Strathdee); John Dagg, 1827 in *IGI* (Oxnam, Roxburghs).

### Daggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs

English: See **Dagger**.

**Daggatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: See **Daggett**.

**Dagger**

Variants: **Daggar**, **Daggers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *daggere*, *daggard*, *daggard* 'dagger'. Compare **Dagg**, **Daggett**. (ii) relationship name from a pet form of Old French \**Dague* (Continental Germanic *Dago*) + the suffix *-ard*, later reduced to *Dagger*. See **Dagg**.

**Further information:** The ultimate origin of *dagger* is uncertain. It occurs as *daggere* before 1375, as *daggardus* in the 15th century, as *daggard* in 1406 and 1447 (both in *Patent Rolls*, in Lancs and Essex respectively), and as *dagard* in 1535. The surname forms agree with the majority of these spellings in suggesting that the word derives from Old French *dague* + *-ard* (See *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Peter Dagar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Daggard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); John Dagar, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Conover, Shrops); James Dagger, 1566 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Thomas Dager, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Smethcott, Shrops); Richard Dagger, 1582 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); John Dagger, 1591 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); John Dagger, 1599 in *IGI* (Wellow, Somerset); Thomas Daggar, 1602 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs).

**Daggers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Dagger** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Daggers, 1671, Elizabeth Dagers, 1683 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Elizabeth Daggers, 1677 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops).

**Dagget**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: See **Daggett**.

**Daggett**

Variants: **Dagget**, **Daggatt**, **Daggitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an Old French personal name \**Daguet*, a pet form of Continental Germanic *Dago*. Other pet forms may be attested in John Dagenet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Richard Dagun, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Dagenet, Dagunet, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; and William Dagenet, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks). (ii) nickname from Old French \**daguet*, a diminutive of *dague* 'dagger', for one who wore or threatened to use a dagger. Compare **Dagg** and **Dagger**.

**Further information:** *Dauzat*, *Noms de Personnes*, and *Morlet*, *Dictionnaire*, explain the French surnames *Daguet*, *Dagon*, and *Dagonet* as diminutives of *dague*

'dagger' or as derivatives of *dagonner* 'to strike with a dagger', hence nicknames for a quarreller.

**Early bearers:** Henry Daget, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Daget, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirkby Moorside, NR Yorks); Matheus Daget, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tarbock, Lancs); Johanna Dagget, 1578 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Richard Daggett, 1580 in *IGI* (Acton Beauchamp, Herefs); Logan Daggat, 1586 in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); Jane Daggett, 1592, William Sr. Daggett, 1717 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Jeanne Daggett, 1610 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex); John Daggett, 1611, Ellen Daggit, 1624 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire).

**Daggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: See **Daggett**.

**Dagleas**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: See **Dalgleish**.

**Dagless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Scottish: See **Dalgleish**.

**Dagley**

Variants: **Duckley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks;

English: variant of **Dadley** with dissimilation of *d-d* to *d-g*.

**Early bearers:** Anthonius Dagley, 1616, William Dagly, 1664 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); John Dagley, 1638 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ralphe Dagley, 1640 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Robart Dagle, 1657 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Thomas Dagley or Dagly, 1671 in *IGI* (Astley, Warwicks); Lydda Dagley, 1729 in *IGI* (Cottisford, Oxon).

**Daglish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 614
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: See **Dalgleish**.

**Dagnall**

Variants: **Dagnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from one of the several minor places named *Dagnall* in southern or midland England, e.g. in Bakewell (Derbys) and Edlesborough (Bucks), or others in Cams, Essex, Herts, Kent, Northants, Oxon, and Warwicks.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Dagginglehal, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Dagenhale, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Thomas de Dagenhale, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Peter Dagenhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Creslow, Bucks); Johanne de Dagenhale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunstable, Beds); Simon de Dagenhale,

1339 in *London Coroners Rolls* (London); John de Dagenhale, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Richard Dagenhale, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Brickhill, Bucks); Simon Dagnale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Luffenham, Rutland); William Dagenhale, 1427 in *Herts Archives* (Herts); Richard Dagenhale or Dagnall, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants); Arthur Dagnall, 1566, Angell Dagnell, 1590 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Thomas Dagnole, 1593 in *IGI* (Totternhoe, Beds); Eliza. Dagnal, 1708 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Dagnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants
- English: See **Dagnall**.

**Dagon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Norman, English: See **Tacon**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Duibhgin, see **Duggan**.

**Dagostino**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name, Southern Italian, patronymic from the personal name *Agostino*, a diminutive of *Augusto* (Latin *Augustus*).  
**Early bearers:** Pasquale E. D'Agostino, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Domenico Dagostino, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Gerardo Dagostino, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Angelo Dagostino, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx); Marco Dagostino, born in Italy in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex).  
**References:** *De Felice*.

**Dahill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: reduced anglicized form of Gaelic Ó Dathail 'descendant of Dathal', a personal name from *daithgheal* 'fair, light-coloured'.

**Early bearers:** John roe McDonogh O'Dahill, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3547 (Browry, Limerick); Donoghoe Dahill, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4108 (the Spittell, Cork); Philip Dahill, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (CastleReogh).

**Dahl**

Variants: **Dall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, North German: locative name from any of the medieval or modern forms of Germanic *dala*, Old Scandinavian *dalr* 'valley'. Throughout Norway and elsewhere in Scandinavia this is a common farm name. As a German name it may be a locative name from any of the places called Dahl or Dahle. The Jewish name is either a locative name or an ornamental name.  
**Early bearers:** Claus Dahl, 1736 in *IGI* (Dublin); Carl Dahl, 1758 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Mons Olsen Dahl, 1813 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Tarald

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Edvardson Dahl, 1833 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Albert Dahl, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Westoe, Durham); Julia Dahl, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Clapham, Surrey); Asmus Dahl, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Poulton cum Seacombe, Cheshire); Mentz Dahl, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Charles Dahl, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Hermann Dahl, butcher, born in Kiel, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Dagny Dahl, born in Norway, in *Census 1891* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Andreas Dahl, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Carl Peter August Dahl, born in Smaland, Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

## Dahn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

German: (i) locative name from Dahn in Rhineland-Palatinate. (ii) ethnic name, German (**Dähn**), denoting a Dane, from Old Scandinavian *Dan-*.

Compare English **Dene**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Edward Gustave Dahn, 1834 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Sophie Dahn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); George Dahn, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London).

## Dai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 戴 and 代, see **Tai** (1) and (2).  
2 Vietnamese: unexplained.

## Dail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: See **Dale**.

## Dailey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; also London; Ayr

1 Norman, English, Scottish: See **Dally**. There has been some confusion with another Norman name, **Doyley** (See **Olley**).

2 Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.

## Dailley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Norman, English: See **Dally**.

## Daily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Glasgow

1 Norman, Scottish: See **Dally**.

2 Irish, Scottish: mainly Scottish spelling of Irish **Daly**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 776

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs and London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish: mainly Scottish spelling of Irish **Daly**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Owen Daily, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Lanarks); Marten Daily, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Wigtowns); Agnes Daily, in *Census 1851* (Lanarks); James Daily, in *Census 1861* (Midlothian).

England: Patrick Daily, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Escomb, Durham); John Daily, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Wigan, Lancs).

## Dain

**Variants:** **Daine**, **Dayne**, **Dains**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

1 English: See **Dean**.

2 English: See **Dine**.

## Daine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: See **Dain**.

## Daines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1079, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex and Middx

English: See **Dains**.

## Dains

**Variants:** **Daines**, **Daynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Dain** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Daines, 1543 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); Edm Daynes, 1559, Sarah Dains, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robte Daines, 1565 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Arthuri Daines, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Dains, 1611 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

## Dainteth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dentith**.

## Daintith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: See **Dentith**.

## Dainton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Danton**.

**Early bearers:** Margery Daynton, 1595 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Dainton, 1591 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); John Danton, 1605 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon); Hugh Deinton, 1618 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Hannah Dantten, 1757 in *IGI*

(Wedmore, Somerset); Isaac Dainten, 1767 in *IGI* (Winsley, Wilts).

## Daintree

**Variants:** **Daintry**, **Daintrey**, **Daventry**, **Danter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Daventry (Northants), locally pronounced *Daintree* and *Dauntry*.

**Early bearers:** England: Philip de Dauintrie, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey de Daventre, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Potterspurty, Northants); Robert de Dauentr', 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert de Dauyntre, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Fawsley, Northants); Robert de Dauentre, 1360, William Dauentre, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Gilbert Dantre, 1369 in *London Letter Books G* (London); Simon Daventr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Daventry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Daventr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); John Deuentre, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Nicholas Dantre, 1443–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Daintry, 1578 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Thomas Daintree, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Will. Daintre, 1663 in *IGI* (Hinxtion, Cambs); Walter Daventry, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); George Daintry, 1697, Edward Daintree, 1749 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Dorcas Dainter, 1707 in *IGI* (Welland, Worcs).

Scotland: Johan de Daventre, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Midlothian); Symon de Dayntre, 1351 in *Newbattle Register* (Midlothian); William Dayntre, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens).

## Daintrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Herts

English: See **Daintree**.

## Daintry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: See **Daintree**.

## Dainty

**Variants:** **Denty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1559, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 823
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Northants

English: nickname from Middle English *deinte*, probably in the later (adjectival) sense 'fine, handsome, pleasant' (about 1340, *OED*), rather than the earlier, substantive sense 'pleasure, tit-bit' (before 1225, *OED*). See also **Dentith**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Deintie, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry Deinte, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); William Deinte, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); Henry Deynte, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Thomas Denty, 1575 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Ellen Dainty, 1604 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); William Dentye, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Odell, Beds); Willmi Daintye, 1613 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); John Denty, 1633 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Edmund Deyntie, 1639 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Thomas Dainty, 1732 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs).



**Dair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: variant of **Adair** with loss of the initial vowel.

**Early bearers:** Isobell Dair, 1718 in *IGI* (Airlie, Angus); John Dair, 1780 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus).

**Dais**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Of uncertain origin. Possibly a variant of Irish

**Dease.**

**Early bearers:** Grissell Dais, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther Wester, Fife); Robert Dais, 1621, Elspet Dais, 1633, in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Dais, 1633 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife).

**References:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Daisey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Breckknocks

1 Irish: variant of **Dacey** or **Dease**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Daisy, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Deptford, Kent); John Daisy, born in Cork, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Merstham, Surrey).

2 English: See **Daisy**.

**Daish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dash**.

**Daisley**

Variants: **Dazely**, **Dazley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Beds, and Norfolk

English: (i) variant of **Dearsley**, especially in E England. (ii) locative name perhaps also from a lost or unidentified place, possibly Disley (Cheshire), which appears as Desley in 1528 and gave rise to a medieval byname [... de] Destesleg, about 1251 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*) but is otherwise not compatible with these spellings.

**Early bearers:** Jona Deasseley, 1582 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Anthony Deasley, 1688 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Deaseley, 1700 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Dazely, 1735 in *IGI* (Kingston, Cambs); Gilbert Dazley, 1747 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs); John Daisley, 1773 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Wiant Daisley, 1803 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 269–70.

**Daisy**

Variants: **Daisey**, **Dazey**, **Dacey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Jersey

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dayeseghe*, *dayeseyedaisie* 'daisy'.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Dayeseye, 1281 in *Hundred Rolls*; William Dayeseghe, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Dayseye, 1306–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwick); Agnes

Dayzee, 1327–77 in *Jönsjö*, *Nicknames* (Lancs); William Deisyue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); William Deyseye, 1332 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Johannes Daysye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alveston, Warwicks); Alice Daysye, 1410 in *Patent Rolls*; John Deisy, 1534 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Magdalen Dacy, 1551 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Anne Dayesie, 1567 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Dasie, 1573 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Mathewe Dacie, 1586 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Jönsjö*, *Nicknames*, p. 79; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 287.

2 French: locative name from Aisy (*d'Aisy*), from either of two places so called, in Yonne and Côte-d'Or.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Pierre Daisy, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter, Jersey); Peter Daisy, born in Jersey, *Census 1881* (Jersey).

3 Irish, English: See **Dacey**.

**Daji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained.

**Daker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: See **Dacre**.

**Dakers**

Variants: **Dacres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Durham

English, Scottish: variant of **Dacre** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Dakers, 1496 in *London Letter Books L* (London); Thomas Dacres, lord of Dacres, 1498, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Cumb); Christopher and Ralph Dacres, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Cumb); Arthure Dacres, 1563 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Katheren Dakers, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); John Dacres, 1574 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elisabeth Dakers, 1580 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Anthony Dakers, 1598 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Johannis Dacres, 1632 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

Scotland: John Daikers, 1589 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Jeane Dakers, 1656 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus); William Dakers, 1690 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Daickers, 1701 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

**Dakin**

Variants: **Daykin**, **Dakins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2773, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Dawkin** 'young Ralph'.

Magister Doctor Dawkyns, 1534 in *York Guild Register*, was identical with John Dakyn, LL.D., vicar-general of York. This shift of *aw* to *a*, pronounced to rhyme with *ay*, commonly occurs in the 15th and 16th centuries and may have occurred earlier. Some

of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Henricus Daykyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Robertus Daykyn 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton, Lancs); Thomas Dakyn, 1551 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Surrey); William Dakin, 1558 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Fayth Dakin, 1574 in *IGI* (Hemblington, Norfolk); William Dakin, 1620 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Gulielmi Dakin, 1627 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); William Daykin, 1655 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Da(y)kin*, a pet form of *David* (See **Day**). Some of the early bearers below may belong under (1). *Ralph* was much commoner than *David* as a personal name in most parts of medieval England.

**Early bearers:** given names: Daykin de Wich, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

sumames: Richard Deykin, 1344 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Shrops); Johannes Daykyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Llanwarne with Llandinabo, Herefs); Thomas Daykyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipnall, Shrops); Nicholas Deykyn, 1518 in *PROB 11* (Chester, Cheshire); Ellin Dakin, 1583, Petri Daykin, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); William Dakin, 1589 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops); Richard Deykine, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Norton, Staffs).

**Dakins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Radnors

English: variant of **Dakin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Dawkins**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Daykyns, chaplain, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Phillipp Deykins, 1561 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Robertus Dakins, 1563, Thomesina Daykins, 1578 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); John Dakins, 1565 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Maude Deykins, 1582 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs); Robert Dakins, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Chelmorton, Derbys); Thomas Dakins, 1640 in *IGI* (Lee Brockhurst, Shrops).

**Dakri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Muslim): locative name, unexplained.

**Dalal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab, Gujarat, and Mumbai city): occupational name, Hindu (Vania), Sikh, Jain, Parsi, and Muslim, for a broker, from Arabic *dallāl* 'auctioneer'.

**Further information:** The Jats have a tribe called *Dalal*. **Early bearers:** Nowrojee Bhikhajee Dalal, 1899 in *BMD* (Pancras, Middx).

**Dalby**

Variants: **Dolby**, **Dolbey**, **Daulby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2951, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2420

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics  
English: locative name from Dalby (NR Yorks), Great, Little, and Old Dalby (Leics), and Dalby (Lincs).

## Daldry

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Dalbi 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Dolbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus de Dalby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Dalby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Willelmus de Dalby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Lincs); Johanne Dolby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glen Parva, Leics); Michael Dalbye, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Hinckley, Leics); Robert Dalby, 1565 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Heugh Dolby, 1625 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Joseph Dolbey, 1689 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); James Daulby, 1738 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

## Daldry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: apparently a variant pronunciation of *Daltry*, see **Dawtre**.

**Early bearers:** Pilgrim Daldry, 1792 in *IGI* (Copdock, Suffolk); Sarah Daldry, 1819 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Daldry, 1820 in *IGI* (Washbrooke, Suffolk).

## Dale

**Variants:** Dall, Dail, Dales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17486, Ireland 281
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire; NR Yorks; also Suffolk; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ireland; also Cork

English: locative name from Middle English *dal*, *dale*, *daile* ‘dale, valley’.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph de la Dale, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William en le Dale, 1318 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); John atte Dale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus de Dale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fourstones, Northumb); Willelmus Dale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northover, Somerset); Johannes atte Dale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Overy, Norfolk); Thoma del Dale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oswaldtwistle, Lancs); Ricardus de Dala, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Nicholas Daile, 1481 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Willia Dale, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alys Dale, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); William Dale, 1541 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); Richard Dale, 1543 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Joane Dale, 1560 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Dale, 1564 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Thomas Dale, 1579 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Willm. Dale, 1582 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks).

Scotland: John Dale, 1663 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayrs); James Dail, 1671 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); Jean Dale, 1700 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Helen Dail, 1708 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Janet Dail, 1724 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayrs); Margaret Dale, 1755 in *IGI* (Skene, Aberdeens).

## Dales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 966, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 934
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: variant of **Dale** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richarde Dales, 1550 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Robert Dales, 1617 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

## Daley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6923, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3517
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

- 1 Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.
- 2 Norman: See **Dally**.

## Dalgarno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 825, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Dalgarnock in Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** William de Dalgarnoc, 1262 in *Papal Letters* (Ratho, Midlothian); Johannes de Dalgarnock, burgess, 1333 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Alexander Dalgarno, canon, 1386 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Dalgarno, 1656 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); James Dalgarnoe, 1674 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

**References:** *Black*.

## Dalgaty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: See **Dalgetty**.

## Dalgetty

**Variants:** Dalgety, Dalgaty, Getty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Dalgety, a parish in Fife, or the lands of Delgety or Delgaty in Aberdeens, which according to *Black* belonged to a family so named.

**Early bearers:** Hercules Delgaty, 1594 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Elspit Dalgitie, 1629, Marat. Dalgatie, 1642 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); David Delegate, 1649 in *Retours, Scotland*; Alexr. Dalgety, 1681 in *IGI* (Kinnell, Angus); Alexander Dalgetty, 1729 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus).

**References:** *Black*.

## Dalgety

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: See **Dalgetty**.

## Dalgleish

**Variants:** Dalgliesh, Dalglish, Dagleish, Dagleess,

### Dagleas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1586, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Selkirks

Scottish: locative name from Dalgleish in Selkirks.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Symon de Dalgles, 1407 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Yetholm, Roxburghs); Andrew Dawgles or Dawgleich, 1507–10 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Balbrogie, Perth); Lawrence Dalgleish, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Adame Dalgleis, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Dagleish, 1670 in *IGI* (Smailholm, Roxburghs).

England: Johannes Dagleish, 1592 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Isabell Dagleas, 1654 in *IGI* (Ryton,

Durham); John Dagleish, 1655 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Richard Dagleas, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Dagleess, 1672 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Dagleess, 1759 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

**References:** *Black*.

## Dalgliesh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess

Scottish: See **Dalgleish**.

## Dalglish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 547
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, also Renfrews

Scottish: See **Dalgleish**.

## Dalkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dalkin*, a pet form of \**Dal(l)* + the hypocoristic suffix *-kin*. See **Dall** and compare Thomas Dalkynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Dalkyn, chaplain, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Dacombe, Devon); John Dalkyn, 1467 in *ER Yorks Archives* (Halsham, ER Yorks); Toby Dalkin, 1562 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Rafe Dalken, 1607 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Dorothy Daulkin, 1650 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York); Richard Dalkin, 1731 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

## Dall

**Variants:** Dalle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Midlothian

1 English, Scottish: variant of **Dale**.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Dalle, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Dall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); Nicholaus de Dall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); John de Dall, 1398, John Dall, 1419 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thome Dall, 1559 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks). Scotland: Adam Dall, 1627 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Alexander Dall, 1634 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Dal(l)*. One source may be the Old English personal name *D(e)alla* or \**Dall* but there is no certain evidence of its use in Middle English.

Alternatively it may be a rhyming pet form of Middle English \**Ral(l)*, a side form of *Raul* (Ralph); See **Rawle** and **Rawles**, and compare **Daw**. There is no doubt that there was such a personal name in late Middle English. Compare **Dalkin** and the Middle English surname *Dal(e)cok* attested in Jordano Dalecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steyning and Bramber, Sussex); Henrico, Johanne Dalkoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Matilda Dalkoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whatton, Leics). Any of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Rannulf Dal, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; William Dalle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus, Willelmus Dalle, 1377, in *Poll Tax*

(Hampton, Wilts); Johannes, Willelmus Dalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardingham, Norfolk); Thomas Dalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leatheringsett, Norfolk); Godewynus, Willelmus Dall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Willelmo Dalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Wilts); Tho Dall, 1549 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Winefred Dall, 1575 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Tho. Dall, 1598 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Aliece Dall, 1598 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Dall, 1615 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**3** German: relationship name from a short form of a Germanic personal name, perhaps related to Anglo-Saxon *deal* 'proud, famous'; or alternatively from a Slavic stem *dalu* 'gift', a nickname for a generous or gifted person.

**Early bearers:** August Dall, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Fred Dall, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Yorks).

**4** Danish: variant of **Dahl**.

**Early bearers:** Julius Dall, born in Denmark, Johanna Dall, born in Denmark, in *Census 1891* (Northumb).

### Dallagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: See **Dowler** (2).

### Dallamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Dallas

**Variants:** **Dallis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1470, Ireland 270
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Lanarks and Midlothian; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish: locative name from the old barony of Dallas in Morays.

**Early bearers:** Archibald de Doleys, juror, 1262 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Meft, Morays); William de Dolays, sheriff, 1292 in *Scotland Calendar* (Forres, Morays); Henry Dolas, 1475 in *Scotland Calendar* (Arbroath, Angus), Duncan Dolace, 1511 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Thomas Dollas, 1638 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); Alexr. Dallas, 1651 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Huw Dollace, 1686 in *Book of Islay* (Islay, Argyll); James Dallas, 1689 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Black*.

### Dallaway

**Variants:** **Dalloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from Middle English *dale* + *weie* 'road in the dale'.

**Early bearers:** John Daliwey, 1375 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Daleway, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Ralph Daleway, 1327 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Nicholao Dalewey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chitterne, Wilts); Johanne Dalewey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Berks); Emma Dallaway, 1576 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); William Dalloway, 1643 in *IGI*

(Aston, Warwicks); Thomas Dallaway, 1656 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex).

### Dalle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

See **Dall**.

### Dallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: variant of **Dalling** or **Dawling**.

### Dalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1141, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 719
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; W Midlands; also SW England

**1** Norman, English: See **Dally**.

**2** Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.

### Dalli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (Sicilian) and Maltese: (i) relationship name perhaps from Arabic *dalli* 'faulty, mistaken'. (ii) nickname alternatively, perhaps, from the plural or genitive form of the Italian personal name *Dallo*, which is of Germanic origin.

**Early bearers:** Mary Dalli and Manora Dalli, born in Greece, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Pieter Dalli, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Gloucs); Nazzareno Joseph Anthony Dalli, 1899, born in Malta, in *Civil Service*.  
**References:** *Cassar*.

### Dallimore

**Variants:** **Dallamore**, **Delamar**, **Delamere**, **Delamore**, **Dillamore**, **Dolamore**, **Dollamore**, **Dollemore**, **Dolleymore**, **Dollimore**, **Dolymore**, **Dilmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Glamorgan; IoW

Norman, English: (i) locative name denoting someone from (Old French *de*) any of the numerous places in France named *La Mare* ('the pool'). Compare **De la Mare** and **Delamare**. (ii) locative name from Middle English *mere* 'lake, pond' or *mor* (*e*) 'marsh, bog; moor' (from Old English *mere* and *mōr* respectively), with common confusion of these words. Compare **Moore**.

**Further information:** The manor of Leigh Delamere in Gittleton (Wilts), recorded as *Leye* in 1236 and *Lye Dallamer* in the 16th century, was held by Adam de la Mare in 1236 (*Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 106). Dollyman's Farm in Rawreth (Essex), which appears as *Dallamers* alias *Dalymers* in 1600, takes its name from the family of John de la Mare, recorded here in 1342 (*Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 193–4).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Lamara, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Coleman de Lamora, 1135–85 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Northants); Robert de la Mare, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk); William de la Mere, 1260 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Dalamare, 1385 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Dalamare, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Delamere, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Aldermaston, Berks); Joana Dallamore, 1577 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); William Dallimore, 1628

in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs); Robert Dallamore, 1641 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Dallamour, 1732, John Dallamore, 1733 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Joseph Dallimore, 1736 in *IGI* (Thorley, IoW); Willm. Dollimore, 1742 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts).

### Dallin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: variant of **Dalling** or **Dawling**.

### Dalling

**Variants:** **Dallin**, **Dallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lanarks; Kirkcudbrights

**1** English: See **Dawling**.

**2** English: locative name from Field Dalling or Wood Dalling (both Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Turolodus de Dallenges, 1108 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Radulfum de Dallenges, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Wood Dalling, Norfolk); Philippum de Dalling', 1204, Johannis de Dallenges, 1212 in *Feet of Fines* (Field Dalling, Norfolk); John de Dallyng', 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes Dallyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Atterby, Lincs); Johannes de Dallyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strumpshaw with Braydeston, Norfolk); Willelmus Dallyngg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); William Dallyng', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Robert Dalling, 1559 in *IGI* (Laxfield, Suffolk); Sara Dalling, 1619 in *IGI* (Abbotts Langley, Herts); Grace Dalling, 1645 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk); John Dalling, 1663 in *IGI* (Great Dunham, Norfolk).

### Dallinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London

English: locative name from Dallinghoo (Suffolk), with a reduced last syllable.

**Early bearers:** William de Dalingho, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Dalinger, 1572 in *IGI* (Knodishall, Suffolk); Tho. Dallinger, 1674 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); John Dallinger, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk), Dalinger, 1722 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

### Dallinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: See **Dallison**.

### Dallis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: See **Dallas**.

**References:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dallison

**Variants:** **Dallinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and WR

Norman, English: locative name from Alençon in France (Orne), with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

## Dallman

The surname has also contributed to **Allanson** and **Alison**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Alencon, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); John de Alecon, 1189 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR, Yorks); Alexander Dalencun, William Dalizun, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Nicholas Dalasson, 1378 in *London Letter Books H* (London); Thomas Dalyson', 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Appleby, Lincs); George Dalyson, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Knaptoft, Leics).

### Dallman

**Variants:** Dalman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Middle English *dal(e)* 'dale' + *man* 'man', for an inhabitant of a valley.

**Early bearers:** William Daleman, 1301 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Alan Daleman, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Daleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Hugh Daleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Dalman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); John Dalman', 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Dalman, 1530 in *PROB 11* (London); Rogerus Dalman, 1598 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Derbys); Johane Dallman, 1626, Maria Dalman, 1638 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); John Dalman, 1708 in *IGI* (Cliddesden, Hants); Joseph Daleman, 1728 in *IGI* (Melbourne, Derbys).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 204.

### Dalloe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: See **Dallow**.

### Dallow

**Variants:** Dalloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: in the W Midlands, a variant of **Dillow**.

2 English: locative name from Dallow in Luton (Beds).

**Early bearers:** England: [... de] Dolhou, 1247, [... de] Dolowe, 1307 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts* (Beds); Alan Dalowe, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Broughton, Bucks); John Dalowe, 1550 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs). Scotland: Andrew Dalowe, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 158.

### Dalloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: See **Dallaway**.

### Dally

**Variants:** Daly, Daley, Dalley, Dailley, Dailly, Dailey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 586
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in France called Ailly (Eure, Meuse, Somme), with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Daly, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Dally, 1293 in *Manorial Select Pleas* (Hunts); Richard Daly, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred*

*Rolls* (Wilts); Elizabetha Dally, 1567 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Gregory Dally, 1590 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Wm Dally, 1603 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); John Daley, Albert Dally, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.

### Dallyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: See **Dawling**.

### Dalman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Sussex

English: See **Dallman**.

### Dalry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: See **Dollery**.

### Dalrymple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1336, Ireland 60
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Lanarks; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish: locative name from Dalrymple parish in Ayr.

**Further information:** The barony of Dalrymple was held by Malcolm and Hew de Dalrympill in 1371. William de Dalrymple acquired the estate of Stair in Ayrshire in 1429, and the family later held the earldom of Stair.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Dalrympil, 1371 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dunure, Ayr); David de Dalrumpyll or Dalrumpil, 1467 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Fergus Dalrumpill, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); Geills Dalrimple, 1659 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); John Earl Of Stair Dalrymple, 1671 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Dalston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Durham
- 1 English: locative name from Dalston (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Dalston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Johannes de Dalston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); John de Dalston, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Dalston, Cumb); Thomas Dalston, 1573 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); William Dalston, 1623 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm); Margaret Dalston, 1780 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Dalston in Hackney (Middx).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Derlestone, 1294 in *Place-Names of Middx* (Middx); William Dorleston', 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx); Thomas Dalston, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 106.

### Dalton

**Variants:** Dolton, Doulton, Daulton, Dawton,

**Daughton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10592, Ireland 3282
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6803

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Dalton, for example in Lancs, Durham, Northumb, Westm, and in all three ridings of Yorks. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Daltone, 1155 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Johannes de Dalton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bracken, ER Yorks); Robertus de Dalton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Dalton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Denys Walmgate, York); Johannes de Dalton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lostock with Rumworth, Lancs); William Dalton', 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Malton, NR Yorks); Mary Doulton, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Jerome Daulton, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London); Peter Dalton, 1596 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Rogger Daughton, 1607 in *IGI* (Blyborough, Lincs); John Doltone, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Marie Dolton, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech, Cambs); Henry Dolton, 1632 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

Scotland: William de Dalton, 1315 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); William de Dalton, 1368 in *Aberdeen Register*; Thomas Dalton, 1538 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); John Dalton, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Dalton, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Mariona Dalton, 1549 in *IGI* (Elsforth, Cambs); Allis Dalton, 1554 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts).

2 Norman, Irish: locative name denoting someone from (French *de*) Autun (Seine-et-Loire).

**Further information:** As a Norman name, this is found mainly in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Andrew McGerrot Dalton, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth §8* (Ballenkagher); Henry McGerrot Dalton, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth §8* (Ballenkagher); William Dalton, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth §8* (Ballenkagher); Nicholas McRycharde Dalton, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth §8* (Ballenkagher).

England: Juliana Dauton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brading, Hants); William Dawton, 1518 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Daltrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: See **Dawtreay**.

### Daltry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dawtreay**.

### Dalwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: locative name from Dalwood (Devon, earlier a detached part of Dorset).

**Early bearers:** John Dalewode, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Stockland, Dorset); Ricardus Dalewode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, Somerset); Robertus Dalewode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Johannes Dallewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston on Avon, Gloucs); Wadham Dolwood, 1792, Wadham

Dalwood, 1825 in *IGI* (Castleton, Dorset); Hannah Dalwood, 1797 in *IGI* (West Coker, Somerset).

### Daly

Variants: Daley, Dailey, Dailly, Dalley, Dally, O'Daly, Dawley, Daily

- Current frequencies: GB 12691, Ireland 15172
- GB frequency 1881: 2947
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Cork

1 Irish: from Ó Dálaigh ‘descendant of Dálach’, a personal name based on *dál* (modern *dáil*) ‘meeting, assembly’.

Early bearers: Teig Daly, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §942; William Daley, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §748 (Kildare); Morriertagh O’Dale, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1279; Teig O’Dally, cottier, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1677 (Molingear); Barnabas O’Daly, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2234 (Carickylyen); Eugene or Owen O’Daly, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2234 (Douglas); Donell O’Dalee, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4751 (Cullyn); Danishe Dalie, physician, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6565 (Waterford); Carrowell McOwen O’Dalie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Balligarnan); Cormock O’Dalie, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465 (Killmoclenny).

2 Norman: See **Dally**.

### Dalyell

- GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Cumb
- Scottish: See **Dalziel**.

### Dalzell

- Current frequencies: GB 806, Ireland 513
  - GB frequency 1881: 387
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb and Lancs; Lanarks; also Wigtowns
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish: See **Dalziel**.

### Dalziel

Variants: Dalziell, Dalzell, Dalyell, Dial

- Current frequencies: GB 1947, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 1323
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Ayr; also Shetland

Scottish: locative name from the old barony of Dalziel in Lanarks, also spelled *Deyell*, *De Yell*. According to *Black*, in Shetland Dalziel has been substituted for the local surname **Yell**.

Further information: Black notes that the name can be pronounced /dijel/ or /di:el/, sometimes /daljel/ and also *Dalzeel*, *Dalzell*. The old form *Dalzel* was printed *Dalzel* (compare **Menzies**), hence the pronunciation with /z/ instead of /j/.

Early bearers: Hugh de Dalyhel, sheriff, 1288 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lanark, Lanarks); Thomas de Dalielle, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); James Dyell, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); David Dalziel, 1717 in *IGI* (Sanquhar, Dumfriess); James Dyell, 1808 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

### Dalziell

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137

- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; also Wigtowns, Shetland
- Scottish: See **Dalziel**.

### Dam

Variants: Dame, Damms

- Current frequencies: GB 163, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *dam* ‘dam, bank (of a stream)’.

Early bearers: Peter del Dam, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Thomas ate Dam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Alice Dam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Matil’ atte Dam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runtton, Norfolk); Constantino del Dam’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin, Coney Street, York); Rose Dam, 1560 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Dam, 1614 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Damani

- Current frequencies: GB 260, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana, Vania), Parsi, and Muslim, from *Dam-* (a reduction of an ancestral name such as *Damodar*) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).

### Damant

- Current frequencies: GB 214, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 182
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: See **Diamond**.

Early bearers: Mary Damant, 1618 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Samuel Damant, 1654 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Thomas Damant, 1691 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Thomas Damant, 1701 in *IGI* (Frenze, Norfolk); Thos. Damant, 1714 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); Edmund Damant, 1770 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk).

### Damary

Variants: D’Amery, Dammery, Damery, Demery, Dimery, Damry, Amory

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Norman: locative name from Daumeray (Maine-et-Loire), France. The initial *D-* was often regarded as a preposition and the name wrongly divided as *De Aumari*. The preposition was later lost, hence *Amori*, *Amory*. The name was probably then confused with **Amery**.

Early bearers: William de Dalmari, de Dalmereio, de Almereio, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Richard de Ameri, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds), Dameri, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Damery, Dammery, Daimary, de Ammary, de Aumary, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger de Amory, Damori, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks, Oxon); Roger Damary, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Richard Damery, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Wallingford, Berks); Richard Damory, 1354 *Feet of Fines* (Oxon), Richard Dammory, chivaler, 1374 *Patent Rolls* (Godington, Oxon); Johannes Dammarye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stour Provost, Dorset); Henry Demry, 1663 in *IGI* (Hill, Gloucs); Elisabeth Ann Demery, 1789 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); George Demery, 1824 in *IGI* (Cadoxton juxta Neath, Glamorgan).

### Dambell

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: relationship name from Middle English *dame* ‘lady’ (Old French *dame*) + the personal name *Bele*, a short form of *Isabel*, probably denoting the servant of a woman called (Isa)bel; compare Johannes Dame Alisman’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aberford, WR Yorks), where the relationship is explicit.

Further information: Surnames of this kind are not uncommon in medieval times, but have rarely survived. Compare Cristine Damolde (‘lady Maud’), 1277–8 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Dame Alis (‘lady Alice’), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Dam Anne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Damablie (‘lady Mabilia’), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Dameclarice, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Johanne Dameanneys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs).

Early bearers: William Damebele, 1303 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Dambelle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Henry Dambell, 1830 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire).

### Dambrosio

- Current frequencies: GB 80, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Italian: relationship name, D’Ambrosio, patronymic from the personal name *Ambrosio*, from Latin *Ambrosius*.

Early bearers: Francesco Dambrosio, born in Picinisco, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Croydon, Surrey); Antony Dambrosio, born in Manchester, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Dambrosio, 1894 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Antonio Dambrosio, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Carlisle, Cumb); Francesco Dambrosio, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Vincenzo Dambrosio, born in Slamannan, Stirlings, in *Census 1901* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Dame

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dame* ‘lady’ (Old French *dame*), perhaps used ironically.

Early bearers: Henry Dame, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Agnes Dame, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Dame, 1557 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Giles Dame, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Brede, Sussex); Mercy Dame, 1616 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); James Dame, 1713 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

2 English: especially in E Anglia, possibly a variant of **Dam**.

### Damen

- Current frequencies: GB 219, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: See **Damon**.

### Damer

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 72
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Daimer* (Old English

## Damerell

\**Dægmeār*, formed from *dæg* ‘day’ + *mār* ‘famous, great’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Daimer de Rodinton, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops).

surnames: Willelmus Damare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Joan Damer, 1616 in *IGI* (Alton Pancras, Dorset); John Damer, 1699 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts).  
2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Dammer**.

### Damerell

**Variants:** Damiral, Dammarell, Damrell, Damrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman: locative name from Aumale in Seine-Maritime, with fused preposition *d(e)* ‘from’.

**Further information:** The earlier form of the place-name Aumale, *Alba Margila*, is preserved in the title of the Duke of Albemarle. The affix in the place-name Hinton Admiral (Hants) preserves the surname without the preposition.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Alba Marula, de Albemarle, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Jordan de Aubemarle, 1205 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Reginald de Aumarle, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Bernullus de Aumeryl, 13th cent. in *Whitby Chartulary* (Lancs); Thomas Damarell, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willi Damerell, 1562 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Elizabeth Damrell, 1564 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Damrell, 1612 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); James Damerell, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Damerell, 1638 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### D'Amery

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Norman: See **Damary**.

### Damery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman: See **Damary**.

### Dames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

### Damico

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Amico*.

**Early bearers:** Nathaniel Damico, in *Census 1841* (Leics); Samuel Damico, born in Glastonbury, in *Census 1891* (Saint Mellons, Monmouths); Annie Damico, born in Prestatyn, in *Census 1901* (Saint Asaph, Flints); Jane Damico, born in Liverpool, in *Census 1901* (Saint Asaph, Flints); Francesco Damico, in *Census 1911* (Warwicks); Giuseppe D'Amico, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Damiral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman: See **Damerell**.

### Damji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian: unexplained.

### Dammarell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman: See **Damerell**.

### Dammer

**Variants:** Demmar, Damer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *dammer* ‘dam-builder’, an agent derivative of *dammen* ‘to build a dam, to block the course of water’. There is some evidence among the surname material for a side-form *demmer*, which derives from \**demmen* with the same meaning as *dammen* (compare Old English *fordemman* ‘to dam, to stop up, to shut’).

**Early bearers:** Willmo le Demmere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Findon, Sussex); Willmo le Dammer, 1327, Rado le Dammar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Binsted and Tortington, Sussex); Willelmus Damare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Isabell Dammer, 1539 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); John Damer, 1578 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Willyam Dammer alias Blandinor, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Grimstone, Dorset); Larrance Demmar and Ralphe Demmar, 1605 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Mary Damer, 1652 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent); Priscilla Dammer, 1786 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Thurlesson*, p. 36.

### Dammery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent

Norman: See **Damary**.

### Damms

**Variants:** Dams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; also Derbys; Northants

English: variant of **Dam** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Dams, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); John Damms, 1611 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

### Damon

**Variants:** Damen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: (i) variant of **Diamond**. (ii) alternatively, it may be a variant of **Dayman**.

**Further information:** Wilson’s derivation (*Reaney and Wilson*) from the Classical Greek personal name *Damon*, which was not known in England in the medieval period, is improbable.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Damone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Widford, Gloucs); John Damon, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thoma. Damon, 1572 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Tamsine Damen, 1580 in *IGI* (Westleigh by

Bideford, Devon); Barbara Damon, 1580 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants); Margaret Damen, 1611 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robertt Damen, 1639 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); James Damon, 1696 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Elizabeth Damen, 1786 in *IGI* (Burstock, Dorset); John Damen, 1810 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

### Damp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *damp*, *domp* ‘vapour, gas, moisture, damp’. Various other senses of the word which are only recorded from the 16th century onwards may have been current earlier, including ‘stupor, trance’ and ‘state of dejection, depression’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Dampe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton with Glazebrook, Lancs); Agnes Dampe, 1540 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Hu. Damp, 1570 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); William Damp, 1693 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Martha Damp, 1781 in *IGI* (Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset); Joel Damp, 1784 in *IGI* (Wambrook, Dorset).

### Damper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex and Hants

English: See **Dampier**.

### Dampier

**Variants:** Damper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

Norman: locative name from Dampierre, the name of numerous places in France, two of which are in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** William de Damper, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; William Damper, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Damper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatthill, Somerset); Agnes Dampier, 1588 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Joseph Dampier, 1676 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Edward Damper, 1730 in *IGI* (Withyham, Sussex).

### Damrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon
- Norman: See **Damerell**.

### Damrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Gloucs
- Norman: See **Damerell**.

### Damry

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: See **Damary**.

### Dams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95

- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Northants; also WR Yorks
- English: See **Damms**.

### Damsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: nickname from Old French *dameisele*, *damisele* 'maiden (originally of noble birth)', or Old French *dameisel* 'young squire, page'. Both the female and male forms seem to be represented, the former, probably, in the sense 'effeminate'.
- Early bearers:** Ralph Damisel, Dameisele, 1191, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Damisel, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Roger Damisele, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William Damysell', of Est[er]kele, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (East Keal, Lincs); Alice Damsell, 1598 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Christopher Damsell, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs).

### Damson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks
- English: relationship name from Middle English *dame*, *damme*, *daim* + *son*, *son(ne)*, *sun(ne)* 'the lady's son'.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey Dammessune, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry Dameson, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Damson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cowling, WR Yorks); Alse Damson, 1586 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Abel Damson, 1717 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Dan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- 1 English: See **Dann**.
- 2 Chinese: a Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

### Danagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Danachair, see **Danaher**.

### Danaher

- Variants: **Danagher**, **Donagher**, **Donaher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 274
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; S Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Danachair 'descendant of *Danachar*', a personal name meaning 'poetry loving', from *dán* 'craft, poem'.

### Danahy

- Variants: **Dennehy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: from Ó Duineachdha, see **Dennehy**.
- Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Danbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: locative name from Danbury in Essex, recorded as *Danengerberiam* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Dannebery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Danbury, Essex); John Danbury, 1533–8 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Essex); Mary Danbury, 1684 in *IGI* (Bladon, Oxon); John Danbury, 1781 in *IGI* (Eynsham, Oxon).

### Danby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1540, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; Durham
- English: locative name from Danby (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Rand de Danbi, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Danebi, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thoma de Danby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin, Coney Street, York); John Danby, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Wyllyam Danby, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willm Danby, 1562 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Margaret Danby, 1577 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Danby, 1580 in *IGI* (Scruton, NR Yorks); Joane Danby, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Dancaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: See **Doncaster**.

### Dance

- Variants: **Danse**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2914, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Berks, Hants, Gloucs, and Herefs
- English: nickname for a dancer or leader of a dance, from Middle English *dance* (compare Middle English *dawnceledere*). Robert de la Daunce, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*, was probably a professional dancer, chief of a dancing party.
- Early bearers:** William Daunce, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert Daunce, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Danse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Johannes Dawnce, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Willelmo Daunce, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Dawnce, 1550 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Ellin Dance, 1565 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); William Dance, 1599 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Dance, 1610 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Dance, 1615 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Anna Dance, 1700 in *IGI* (Newbury, Berks).

### Dancer

- Variants: **Danser**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 835, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 618
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: occupational name from Middle English *dancer*, *dauncer* 'dancer, especially a professional public dancer' (an agent derivative of Middle English *dancen*, *dauncen* 'to dance').
- Early bearers:** Godwin Dancere, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Nigel le Dancere, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Ralph (le) Dancere, 1240 in *Ramsey*

- Cartulary* (Norfolk); Walter le Dauncere, 1255 in *Thuresson* (Essex); William le Dansere, 1275 in *Thuresson* (Worcs); Ralph le Dauncer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Dauncer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Agnes Dancer, 1604 in *IGI* (Marsworth, Bucks); Mathew Dancer, 1705 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).
- References:** *Thuresson*, p. 188.

### Dancey

- Variants: **Dancy**, **Dansie**, **Dansey**, **Dauncey**, **Danzey**, **Dinsey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Norman, English: locative name denoting someone from Anisy in Calvados, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'. *De Anesi* became *Danesi*, and, with an intrusive *t*, *Dantesi*. This was identical in form with the *Domesday Book* and later forms of Dauntsey (Wilts), where Roger Dantesie held three-quarters of a fee in 1242 (*Book of Fees*).
- Further information:** The surname was often thought to derive from the Wilts place, and an additional *de* inserted: *de Dantesie*. The confusion was increased as the family also left its name in Winterbourne Dauntsey in the same county. The modern surname may derive independently from Dauntsey (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** William de Anesi, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Milo de Dantesia, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); de Andesie, de Dantesie, de Dantesia, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Benedict Danesy, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Sherborne, Hants); Richard de Anesye, 1236, de Danteseya, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts), de Anesy alias Daneseye, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas de Aunteseye, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Dansey, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs; Wilts); Thoma Dansey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Webton, Herefs); Edmund Dauntseye, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston Blount, Chinnor, Oxon); John Dancy, 1563 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Anne Dansie, 1625 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); John Dancey, 1691 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).

### Dancy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Norman, English: See **Dancey**.

### Dand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb; Angus
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Dand*, a Middle English and Older Scots rhyming pet form of both *Andrew* and *Randolf*. Henry, John, and William Dand are also named as Henry, John, and William filius Ranulphi, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Basford, Notts). See also **Dandy**, **Dandison**, **Andrew**, **Randolph**.
- Further information:** It is often difficult to distinguish between *-u-* and *-n-* in medieval handwriting and

## Dandie

some of the medieval forms cited above may alternatively belong under **Daud**.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Dande de Hale, Dande de Leuer, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs). given names, Scotland: Dand or Andrew Kerr, 1499 in *Black*; Dande Kerr, 1502 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Ferniehurst, Roxburghs); Andreas alias Dand Plumber, 1642 in *Retours, Scotland* (Kelso, Berwicks). surnames, England: Richard Dande, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robertus Dande, 1377, Thomas Dande, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frisby, Leics); Waltero Dande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bedwyn borough, Wilts); Margaret Dande, 1570 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Alice Dande, 1587 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Willm. Dande, 1588 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Margaret Dand, 1635 in *IGI* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts); Willim Dand, 1649 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Joseph Dand, 1701 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs). surnames, Scotland: Patrik Dand, 1643 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); Alexander Dand, 1661 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Andrew Dand, 1669 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie and Invergowrie, Angus).  
**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, p. 129; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 318.

## Dandie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle Scots personal name **Dand**, a rhyming pet form of *Andrew*. Compare **Dandy**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Andrew alias Dandie Cranston, 1514 in *Protocol Book Ros* (Edinburgh). surnames: Agnes Dandie, 1633 in *IGI* (Balmerin, Fife); David Dandie, 1729 in *IGI* (Forgan, Fife); William Dandie, 1793 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Euphan Dandie, 1803 in *IGI* (Collace, Perth); David Dandie, 1827 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).  
**References:** *Black*.

## Dandison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names **Dand** or **Dandy** + the patronymic marker *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Dandison, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Dandison, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Dandison, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Henry Dandison, 1580 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Susannah Dandison, 1748 in *IGI* (Butterwick near Boston, Lincs); William James Dandison, 1818 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

## Dando

**Variants:** **Andow**, **Dawnay**, **Dawn**, **Dendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2019, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Monmouths

Norman, English: locative name from Aunou-le-Faucon (Orne), with fused preposition. Anglo-Norman French *d'Aunou* was latinized as *de Alneto* ('of the alder grove'), occasionally as *de Alno* ('of the alder tree'), and developed an intrusive *-d-*, giving *Dando* and (without the preposition) *Andow*. The

surname was sometimes confused with *d'Aunay* or *d'Auney*, see **Dawnay**.  
**Further information:** The Norman family left its name in the affix of the place-name Compton Dando (Somerset), which is recorded as *Compton Dauno* in 1326, *Compton Daundo* in 1362, *Compton Danno* in 1418 (*Patent Rolls*).  
**Early bearers:** William de Alno, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Helias de Aunou, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey de Alno, de Alneto, Dauno, 1225–54 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alexander Dando, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Dando, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Isfield, Sussex); William de Alneto, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Easwirth, Sussex); John de Alneto, 1306 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset); John Dando, 1599 in *IGI* (Wellow, Somerset); William Dando, 1675 in *IGI* (Tytherington, Gloucs).

## Dandridge

**Variants:** **Dundridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; Kent

English: locative name from Dundridge in Bishop's Waltham (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes de Dundrag, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Margaret Dandridge, 1562 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Berks); Edmund Dandridge, 1600, Robert Dandridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); John Dundredge, 1614 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Bartholomew Dundridge, 1647, Richard Dundridg, 1723, Baldwin Dundridge, 1780 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); Edward Dandridge, 1667 in *IGI* (Burcot with Dorchester, Oxon); Richard Dundrich, 1712 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Francis Dandridge, 1726 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); Robert Dandridge, 1793 in *IGI* (Culham, Oxon).

## Dandson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: See **Danson**.

## Dandy

**Variants:** **Dendy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 719, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 554
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Dand**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Dandi ballivus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: Adam Dandy, 1312 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ricardus Dandy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Benniworth, Lincs); Willelmus Dandy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Jane Dandy, 1552 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Joannis Dandy, 1574 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); William Dandy, 1665 in *IGI* (Fishtoft, Lincs).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 318.

## Dane

**Variants:** **Danes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 658
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: See **Dann**.

2 Irish: from Ó Déaghain, see **Deane**.

3 Irish: in Ireland, this name is also a variant of the English name **Dean**.

## Danels

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Daniels**.

## Danes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs

English: variant of **Dane**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Susan Danes, 1574 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Hester Danes, 1593 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Danes, 1638 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

## Danford

**Variants:** **Danforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Worcs; London

1 English: (i) locative name possibly from Danesford near Bridgnorth (Shrops), originally *derne ford* 'hidden ford', but appearing as *Danford* in 1612. Accordingly, it might be from one of several other places whose names have the same origin. (ii) See **Denford** in Kent, see **Denwood** (2).  
**Further information:** Forms with *-p-* (e.g. *Dampport*) can be compared with *Comport* for **Comfort**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Danforth, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Dampport, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Henry Damford, 1564 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); William Dampfort, 1567 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Rychard Damphart, 1571 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); James Danford, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Danford, 1572 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Thomas Dampport, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Thomas Damfort, 1586 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Appelin Danford, 1599 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Edmundus Danford, 1599 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Robt. Danford, 1633 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics).  
2 Norman, English: locative name from Damfront (now *Domfront*), Orne.  
**Early bearers:** Roberto de Damfrunt, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*.

## Danforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: See **Danford**.  
**Early bearers:** Mirriable Danforth, 1549 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Ellen Danforth, 1653 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Luke Danforth, 1792 in *IGI* (Darton, WR Yorks).

## Dang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: a Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).



2 Chinese: a Teochew form of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

3 Chinese: a Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 黨, see **Tang** (5).

4 Vietnamese: **Đặng**, representing the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

5 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** George Dange, 1581 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Mary Dang, 1665 in *IGI* (Linkinhorn, Cornwall); Mary Dang, 1752 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); William Dang 1810 in *IGI* (Thorp Saint Peter, Lincs); Samuel Dang, in *Census 1851* (Cornwall); Robert Dang, in *Census 1871* (Norfolk).

### Dangar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: See **Danger**.

### Dangelo

**Variants:** Angelo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (D'Angelo): relationship name, patronymic from the personal name **Angelo**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Dangelo, 1775 in *IGI* (Bath Somerset); Henry D'Angelo, 1845 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Charles Dengeloe, born in Bridport, Dorset, in *Census 1881* (Axminster, Devon); George D'Angelo, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Pietro D'Angelo, born in Sicily, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Gaetano D'Angelo, born in Palermo, Sicily, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Danger

**Variants:** Dangar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *daunger* (Old French *dangier*, *danger*) in one of its early senses, 'power, dominion' or 'resistance, opposition'.

**Early bearers:** Alric Dangier, about 1200 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Reginald Danger, 1223–5 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Alexander Daunger, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Danger, 1578 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Isabell Danger, 1607 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Danger, 1608 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Ellin Danger, 1621 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); John Danger, 1648 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

2 Norman: locative name from (French *de*) Angers, France, with loss of apparently plural *-s*. Compare **Danvers**, from *Antwerp*.

### Dangerfield

**Variants:** Denchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Gloucs; London

Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, an anglicization of French **Dangerville**, denoting someone from any of various places in northern France called Angerville, with fused preposition *d-*. **Early bearers:** William de Angeruill', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Roberto Dangewyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckett, Berks); Joane Dangerfield, 1564 in *IGI*

(Stonehouse, Gloucs); Margerie Dangerfeelde, 1590 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Anne Denchfield, 1624 in *IGI* (Quainton, Bucks); Elizabetha Dangevill, 1629 in *IGI* (Frampton on Severn, Gloucs); Thomas Dangerfield, 1761 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Edward Dangervil, 1744 in *IGI* (Wootton Rivers, Wilts); Mary Danchfield, 1763 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks); Ann Dencherfield, 1783 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks).

### Daniel

**Variants:** Daniell, Danniell, Denial, Dennell, Daniels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8944, Ireland 182
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6519
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S Wales; WR Yorks, also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Waterford

1 English: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Daniel*, of Hebrew origin, meaning 'God has judged'.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Daniell* can be traced back to Robert Danyers, who had involvement in transactions concerning land in Lymm (Cheshire) during the reign of Henry III (1216–72). However, this is surely an unusual development, and most instances of the surname *Daniel* are likely to be derived from the Biblical personal name. The name *Danyers* is of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Roger Daniel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Eudo filius Daniel, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Walter Danyel, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Cecilia Denyel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Matthew Danel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Daniell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); John Danyell, 1467 in *PROB 11* (Walton, Surrey); Edmond Daniell or Danyell, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Acton, Suffolk); William Daniell, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Neath, Glamorgan).

2 Irish: altered form of **McDonnell**. Compare

**McDaniel**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Danyell, vicar of Fonteston in the diocese of Kildare, 1558–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §40; Manus McHugh O'Daniell, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Kockloghty); Conoghor Fitz John Daniell, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Monkegrange); Arte McOwen McDanyell, horseboy, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4609 (Rothronan).

### Daniell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 824
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English, Irish: See **Daniel**.

### Daniells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 392
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: See **Daniels**.

### Daniels

**Variants:** Danels, Daniells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16669, Ireland 554
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9154

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Lancs; Middx; also Surrey and Kent; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English, Irish: relationship name, variant of **Daniel** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Danyeles, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Agnes Daniels, 1591 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Robert Daniels, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); John Daniels, 1595 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Daniels, 1624 in *IGI* (Odstock, Wilts); Andrew Daniels, 1629 in *IGI* (Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset).

### Danis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Danis*, either a pet form of **Daniel** or a variant of **Dennis**.

**Early bearers:** Roland Danys, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); Johanna Danys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); John Danys, 1410 in *Patent Rolls*; Feannes Danis, 1580 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Danis, 1651 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).

2 French: (i) locative name denoting someone from Anixhe in Fexhe-lez-Slins in the Belgian province of Liège, recorded in the 13th century as *Anis*, with fused preposition *d(e)*, (ii) relationship name from a pet form of the personal names *Jordanis* or *Daniel* (cognate with (1) above).

**Early bearers:** Cyprian Danis, 1856 in *BMD*, (Greenwich, Kent); Adolphine Danis, professor French language, born in France, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Henri Danis, born in Belgium, in *Census 1891* (London); Gustave Danis, 1918 in *BMD* (Islington, Middx).

### Danison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English, Norman: See **Dennison**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Danison, 1590 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Raffé Danison, 1606 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks).

### Dank

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dunk**.

### Dankin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the personal name *Dankin*, a diminutive of *Dan*, a pet form of *Daniel*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Dankyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Dankyn, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Dankyn, 1424 in *London Letter Books* Kent.

### Danks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1950, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

## Dann

English: relationship name from a shortened form of **Dankin**, with exrescent -s probably added in post-medieval times.

**Early bearers:** William Dank, 1409 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Danke, 1501 in *Rochester Wills*; Jone Danks, 1540 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); John Danks, 1551 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Francis Dankes, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Dann

**Variants:** Dan, Dane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2666, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1858
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and London; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Offaly, and Tipperary

1 English: locative name from Middle English *dene* 'valley' (Old English *denu*), which is often found as *dane* in place-names in Essex, Herts, Beds, Kent, and Sussex. Compare **Dean**.

**Further information:** Roger ate Dene (1294) and Walter ate Dane (1296) both lived at Dane End (*Place-Names of Herts*, p. 79).

**Early bearers:** Henry Bithedane, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Custumals* (Sussex); William de la Dane, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey atte Danne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Dann, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William atte Dane, 1327 in (Essex); Thomas atte Dane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Lawrence and Nettlecombe, Hants); William Dan, 1538 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); Richardi Dane, 1539 in *IGI* (Bayford, Herts); Johes. Dane, 1548 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Robert Dann, 1561 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Katherine Dane, 1567 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Tho Dan, 1583 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); Franciscus Dann, 1586 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Hen Dann, 1620 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); John Dann, 1622 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Daniel**. Some of the post-medieval examples cited in (1) may have this derivation.

**Early bearers:** Ellenor Dan, 1680 in *IGI* (Lanteglos by Fowey, Cornwall); Richard Dan, 1678 in *IGI* (Throwleigh, Devon).

## Dannatt

**Variants:** Dannett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from a diminutive of *Dan*, itself a pet form of the personal name **Daniel**. **Early bearers:** Cristiana Danet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Danet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Leonard Danett, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Dannatt, 1600 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs).

## Dannay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Danny**.

## Dannett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: See **Dannatt**.

## Danniel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Surrey; WR Yorks

English: See **Daniel**.

## Danny

**Variants:** Dannay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: ethnic name from Old French *daneis* 'Danish'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Danney, mid-13th cent., William Danay, before 1290 in *Peterborough Cartulary*; Michael Danneye, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); William Danney, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Gratia Danny, 1596 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Stephani Danny, 1600 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); John Danny, 1615 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Augustine Danny, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); John Danny, 1692 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

## Danqua

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: See **Danquah**.

## Danquah

**Variants:** Danqua

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

## Danse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dance**.

## Danser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: See **Dancer**.

## Dansey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: See **Dancey**.

## Dansie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk
- Norman, English: See **Dancey**.

## Danskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Fife; Lanarks
- Low German: locative name for someone from the place known as Danzig in German (now Gdańsk, Poland).

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Danskyn, 1562 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); Ann Danskin, 1778 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). Scotland: Kathrein Danskin, 1610 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); John Danskyne, 1616 in *Wedderburne Compt*

*Buik* (Dundee, Fife); Patrik Dansken, 1633 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Crail, Fife); Robert Danskin, 1705 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife).

## Danso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained; possibly a topographical name from the Densu river in Ghana's Eastern Region.

## Danson

**Variants:** Dandson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 907, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 669
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Dand** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dandeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Dandsone, 1363 in *York Freemen's Register* (York); Radulphus Dandson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Robert Danson, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); James Danson, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elyn Danson, 1557 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Dandson, 1817 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Danter

**Variants:** Daunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Daintree**. Compare **Dainter**.

**Early bearers:** John Danter, 1561 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Margret Danter, 1604 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Christopher Daunter, 1606 in *IGI* (Tirley, Gloucs); Thomas Daunter, 1674 in *IGI* (Eldersfield, Worcs).

## Danton

**Variants:** Daunton, Dainton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English, Huguenot: (i) unexplained. Possibly connected with one of many places called *Denton* (e.g. near Alciston, Sussex), one of six places called *Dunton* (Beds, Bucks, Essex, Leics, Norfolk, Warwicks), or *Downton* (Gloucs, Wilts), or Taunton (Somerset). (ii) the later Kentish surname may be connected with Danton Farm in Cheriton (Kent), this being a late form of the farm-name \**Dalmington*.

**Further information:** Note Elizabeth Taunton or Daunton alias Bayley, 1662, of Leigh, Bradford on Avon (Wilts), though this might be an assimilation of a less familiar place-name to the more familiar *Taunton*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Danton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Danton, 1591 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); Margaret Danton, 1592 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent); Stephen Danton, 1614 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Anne Daunton, 1626 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Samuel Danton, 1675 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); John Daunton, 1702 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Henry Danton, 1724 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 443; <http://www.freshford.com/chantry.htm> (for Elizabeth Daunton).  
2 Huguenot: locative name denoting someone from Anthon (Isère), with French fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

**Early bearers:** Marie Danton, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Danthon, 1707 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Danvers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

Norman, English: locative name from Anvers, the French name of the city of Antwerp, with fused preposition *d(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Anuers, Danuers, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls, Memoranda Roll* (Berks); Willelmus Danvers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Northants); John Danvers, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Prescote, Oxon); Edmund Danvers, 1579 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Elizabeth Danvers, 1685 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

### Danze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cambs and Northants

Norman, English: See **Dancey**.

### Dao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陶, see **To** (5).  
2 Vietnamese: ({D-}ào) unexplained.

### Daoud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: See **Dawood**.

### Daplyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ann Daplyn, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robt. Daplyn, 1691 in *IGI* (Saxlingham, Norfolk); Robt Daplyn, 1701 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Nicholas Daplyn, worsted weaver, 1708–9, Nicholas Depplin, worsted weaver, 1746–7 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn); Nich. Daplyn, 1724 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); William Dapling, 1759, Jeremiah Dapeling, 1750 in *IGI* (Bramerton, Norfolk).

### Dapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: of uncertain origin. *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 384, connects the name of Dap's Farm in Mayfield with the family of Adam Daepye of the Liberty of Leicester (1296, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rushmonden hundred, Sussex, which includes Fletching)), but Adam's surname is obscure.

**Early bearers:** Roger Dapp, 1572 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Fletching, Sussex); John Dap, 1581 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); William Dappe, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Newick, Sussex); Anne Dapp, 1629 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); John Dapp, 1777 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

### Dar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1325, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 Indian (Kashmir): Muslim, probably from the Persian suffix *dār* 'holder, possessor, master'.
- 2 Muslim: perhaps from Arabic *dār* 'house (of), family (of)', commonly used as a prefix in forming Arabic surnames.
- 3 English: See **Darr**.

### Daramola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba, from Ekiti state in SW Nigeria): from the personal name *Dáramólá* (Yoruba (*a-*) *dára mó olá* 'one who is) good with high estate', i.e. 'well suited to high estate').  
**References:** Oduoyoye, p. 84.

### Darbar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: (i) from Persian and Urdu *darbār* 'royal court' or, in an extended sense, a public audience of a kind formerly held by a ruler at such a court. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a locative name from any of several villages in Iran called Darbar.

### Darben

**Variants:** Darbon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants
- English: nickname from Middle English *dere-barne* 'dear child'. Compare Alicia Derechild, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert Derebarne, 1277 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Derbarn, 1443 in *Patent Rolls*; Ellen Darben, 1583 in *IGI* (Queenborough, Kent); Also Darbin, 1595 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Willm Darben, 1610 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); John Darben, 1772 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Darbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English, Irish: See **Darby**.

### Darbishire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also Caernarvon
- English: See **Derbyshire**.

### Darbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: (i) possibly a variant of **Darben**. (ii) alternatively, possibly of French origin, a locative name denoting someone 'from Arbon' in Haute Garonne (*d'Arbon*).

**Early bearers:** John Darbon, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Darbon, 1742 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William Darbonne, in *Census 1891* (Derbys); Frank Darbonne, in *Census 1891* (Hants).

### Darby

**Variants:** Derby, Darbey, Daby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7944, Ireland 640
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4761
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Meath, and Louth

1 English: locative name from Derby (Derbys) or West Derby (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Derby, 1160–82 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Edelota Darby, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William de Derby, attorney, 1356, William Derby, attorney, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Simon Derby, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo de Darby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cotness, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Derby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Willelmus de Derby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Thomas Derby, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Hendry Darby, 1542 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Willm Darby, 1570 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

2 Irish: (i) adopted for Ó Diarmada (or Mac Diarmada) 'descendant (or son) of Diarmaid', a personal name meaning 'freeman'. Compare **McDermott**. (ii) the Irish name Ó Duibhdhormaigh was sometimes reinterpreted as Ó Diarmada, so *Darby* may also be an anglicization of this name. (iii) the English surname is also established in Ireland, having been taken to Laois in the 16th century.  
**Early bearers:** William Darbie, of the office of the usher of the fort of Denghain in Offayle, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §286.

### Darbyshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2481, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1581
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See **Derbyshire**.

### Darcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Lincs; also Midlothian; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Norman, English, Irish: See **Darcy**.

### Darch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 549
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The explanation of *Reaney and Wilson*, that it is of Norman origin, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from', denoting someone from Arques-la-Bataille (Pas-de-Calais) or Argues (Eure, Seine-Maritime), is improbable as the family in question did not hold land in SW England, and in any case the name does not match the proposed origin phonologically. The medieval names they cite, Osbern de Arches, de Arcis, William Arcs, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and Juolina de Arches, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, therefore do not belong here.

## D'Arcy

**Early bearers:** William Darches, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Acton Turville, Gloucs); John Darch, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Aylesbury, Bucks); John Darche, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Carhampton, Somerset); Mathew Darch, 1606 in *IGI* (Landkey, Devon); Walter Darch, William Darche, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Joseph Darsh, 1824 in *IGI* (Penzance, Cornwall).

### D'Arcy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1326, Ireland 577
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare; Dublin; Cavan

Norman, Irish: See **Darcy**.

### Darcy

**Variants:** D'Arcy, Darcey, Darsey, Dacey, Darkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1732, Ireland 2262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary, Galway, and Kilkenny

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Arcy in Manche, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

**Early bearers:** England: Norman de Adreci, de Areci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); William Daesci, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Darcy, 1276 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Roger Darcy, knight, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ricardus Darcy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swanland, ER Yorks); Roger Darcy, esquire, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Anthony Darcy, 1570 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

Ireland: Thomas Darcy, rector of Houth, 1522 in *Fiants Henry* §3; William Darcy, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §367 (Platten, Meath); John Darcy, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2229 (Rathwyre, Westmeath).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is generally the Norman name, established in Meath by Sir William D'Arcy in the 1360s, but it was also adopted for Ó Dorchaidhe 'descendant of the dark one', from *dorcha* 'dark, gloomy', a Connacht name that fell together with the Norman surname, which was introduced to Ireland by Sir William D'Arcy and Sir John D'Arcy, Chief Justiciar of Ireland in the 14th century.

### Dardes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: See **Deards**.

### Dardis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- Irish: most probably Norman French d'Artois 'from Artois'. Woulfe, however, proposes origin from the Ards peninsula in Down.
- Early bearers:** Gerald Dardes, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §94 (Templanston, Westmeath); James Dardeys, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1675 (Pwrssettston); James Dartas, coroner, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §742 (Dublin).

### Dare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2000, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: (i) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Dēor*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *de(o)r* 'wild animal'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dare, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Dare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Dare, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John Dare, 1547 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Agnes Dare, 1548 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Richard Dare, 1554 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Robert Dare, 1564 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Rychard Dare, 1574 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts).

### Darell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: See **Dorrell**.

### Darfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: See **Darvill**.
- 2 English: locative name from Darfield (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Herbertus de Derfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); James Darfield, 1853 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); William Darfield, 1862 in *IGI* (Fangfoss, ER Yorks); Ann Darfield, 1896 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 95.

### Darg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: mainly Scottish variant of **Dargue**.

### Dargan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 306
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Deargáin, see **Dorgan**.
- Early bearers:** Philip O'Dargane, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247 (Ballyvaliskigg); Thomas Oge O'Diergan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569.

### Dargavel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Cumb
- Scottish: locative name, probably from the place-name Dargavel in Dumfries parish (Dumfriess), or less likely from Dargavel in Erskine parish (Renfrews).
- Early bearers:** John de Dargavell, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Thornhill, Dumfriess); Jean Dargavel, 1702 in *IGI* (Glencairn, Dumfriess); John Dargavell, c. 1740 was a groom at Drumlanrig Castle in Dumfriess (*Black*).

### Darge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and E Lothian
- Scottish: See **Dargue**.

### Dargie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285

- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Dargie in Liff-Benzie parish (Angus).
- Early bearers:** John Dargie, 1613 in *Brechin Testaments* (Hill of Finavon, Angus); Meattie Dargie, 1643 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); William Dargie, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Fergus, Aberdeens).

### Dargue

**Variants:** Darg, Darge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 262
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Westm, and Northumb
- 1 English, Scottish: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: John Darge, 1477 in *North Berwick Charters* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Andrew Darg, 1572 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Darge, 1602 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Darge, 1655 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian).
- N England: Isabell Darge, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Hannah Dargue, 1680 in *IGI* (Melmerby, Cumb); Margaret Dargue, 1688 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Nicolas Dargue, 1704 in *IGI* (Kirkby Thore, Westm); Lancelot Dargue, 1744 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

S England: Robertus Darge, 1565 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Catherine Darge, 1609 in *IGI* (Treyford with Didling, Sussex); Samuel Darge, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Munden, Herts).

2 Huguenot: apparently a Huguenot name, of uncertain derivation and meaning.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Darge, 1628 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Darque, 1743 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street, Westminster, Middx).

### Darji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): occupational name, probably from Persian *darzi* 'tailor', although bearers of this name claim Rajput origin.

### Dark

**Variants:** Darke, Darkes, Durk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1251, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1076
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs; also London

English: nickname from Middle English *derk* (Old English *deorc*), for someone with a dull or wan complexion.

**Early bearers:** Robert Derck, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Durk, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Godewynus Derc, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John Darke, 1362 in *London Letter Books G*; Ricardus Derk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); John Dark, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Prudence Dark, 1595 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Thomas Dark, 1650 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Darke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1179, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 665
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs; also Middx
- English: See **Dark**.

**Darken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Essex
- English: See **Darkin**.

**Darker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Kildare

English: occupational name from Middle English \**derker*, \**darker* ‘one who darkens things’, perhaps a dyer; compare **Black**er and **Whit**er.

**Early bearers:** John le Darkere, 1349 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Warwicks) John Darker, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Darker, 1561 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); William Darker, 1603 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts); William Darker, 1786 in *IGI* (Rockingham, Northants).

**Darkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: post-medieval variant of **Dark** with excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Barnabe Darkes, 1628 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Thomas Darkes, 1692 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Thomas Darkes, 1785 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Darkey**

**Variants:** Dorcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

Irish: adopted by translation for Ó **Dorchaidhe** or **Mac Dhorchaidh** ‘descendant (or son) of *Dorchadh* (the dark one)’, see **Dorca**s. See also **Darcy** (2) and **McGourty**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh O’Dorchie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5457; Hugh O’Dorichie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Killinebrenen, Mayo); Morrough O’Dorghie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6490 (Ballinarsny); Teige O’Dorghy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Stragh); Ellyn ny Dorreghie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540.

**Darkin**

**Variants:** Darken, Darking, Darkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; also WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: See **Derkin**. The following early bearers could alternatively belong under (2), but there is no evidence yet of that name migrating into E Anglia or N England.

**Early bearers:** Richard Darkeyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Darkin, 1646, Mary Darking, 1669, John Darken, 1739 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Anne Darkin, 1669 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Wm. Darkin, 1771 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Darkin, 1794 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Dorking** (2). The Surrey place-name is recorded as *Dorkingg* (1219), *Derking* (1431),

*Darkeyng* (1538), *Darken* (1701), *Darking al. Darkin* (1675), and *Dorking al. Darkeing* (1732).

**Early bearers:** Wm Darking, 1562 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Thomas Darken, 1570, Thomas Darkin, 1573 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Thos Darken, 1633 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Thomas Darking, 1638, Elizabeth Darkin, 1639, John Darkins, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 269.

**Darking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: See **Darkin**.

**Darkings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Essex

English: See **Darkins**.

**Darkins**

**Variants:** Darkings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

1 English: variant of **Darkin**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Darkins, 1621 in *IGI* (Haverhill, Suffolk); Richard Darkins, 1627 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Phillis Darkins, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Robert Darkins, 1649 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Darkings, 1693 in *IGI* (East Winch, Norfolk); John Darkins, 1701 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk).

2 English: variant of **Dorking** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Darknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: See **Dartnell**.

**Darko**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Ghanaian: unexplained; an Akwapim name.

2 Possibly English, unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Darko, born in Cornwall, in *Census 1841* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Thomas Darko, born in Sherborne, Dorset, in *Census 1871* (Somerset); Henry Darko, born in Warwicks, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham); Charles Darko, in *Census 1901* (Warwicks).

**Darlaston**

**Variants:** Darlison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from Darlaston (Staffs) or Darlison (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Derlaston’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yarlet, Staffs); Johannes de Derlaston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); Elizabeth Darleson, 1552 in *IGI* (Wootten Wawen, Warwicks); Agnes Darlaston, 1557 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Darlison,

1568 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Susanna Darlason, 1632 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); John Darlison, 1666 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Samuel Darlaston, 1683 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Darlasson, 1693 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Alce Darlison, 1755 *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Isaac Darlaston, 1757 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Richard Darlison, 1789 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks).

**Darley**

**Variants:** Darly, Durlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1411, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1269
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Darley Hall in Worsborough and Darley in Menwith cum Darley (both WR Yorks), Darley (alias Darley Dale) near Bakewell and Darley Abbey (both Derbys), Darley Hall in Over by Middlewich (Cheshire), a lost *Derleigh* in Little Bromley (Essex), Durley (Hants), and Durligh (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Warine de Derleg’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Rogeri de Derley, late 13th cent. in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); Johanne de Dirlegh’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mistley and Minningtree, Essex); Richard de Derleye, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Willelmus de Derlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Robertus de Derley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Richard de Darley, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Robert Darley, 1481 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); John Darley, 1541 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Darley, 1601 in *IGI* (Northorpe, Lincs); Samuel Durlay, 1705 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); William Durlay, 1733 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 293; 5, p. 135; *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 81–2, 443; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 165; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 333.

**Darling**

**Variants:** Dorling, Dearling, Durling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3121, Ireland 203
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2849
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Midlothian; Middx and Surrey; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English, Scottish: relationship name, nickname from Middle English *derling*, Old English *dēorling* ‘darling, beloved one’, a derivative of *dēor* ‘dear, beloved’. This was quite a common Old English byname, which remained current as a personal name into the 14th century. The surname probably derives at least in part from this use, probably in part also from a Middle English nickname.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Derling, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Derling, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Durling atte Forde, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 433.

given names, Scotland: Derling of Airdit, 1163–78 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Cupar, Fife).

surnames, England: Oter Dirlinges sunu, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Ælmær Deorlinge, Dyrling, 1016 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*; William Dierling, Derling, 1195–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Henry Durling, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Emma Derlyng, 1244 in *Ramsey*

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*Cartulary* (Beds); Ralph Durling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Dorling, Dorlynges, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Darlyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Derlyng', 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Dyrlyng, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willm. Dearling, 1594 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); George Dearling, 1755 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

surnames: Scotland: Waldevus Darling or Derlyng, about 1338 in *Dryburgh Register, Berwicks History* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Sir John Derlyng, 1368 in *Origines Parochiales* (Caithness); John Derling, 1381 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Stevyne Darling, 1471 in *Scots Lore* (Peebles, Peebles).

### Darlington

Variants: **Darnton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2926, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2035
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford, Wicklow, and Dublin

English: locative name from Darlington (Durham), which is recorded as *Dernington* in about 1200, *Darlyngton* in 1541, and *Darnton* in 1574.

**Early bearers:** England: Odo de Derlinton, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Walteri de Derlinton, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas de Derlinton', 1258–9 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Derlinton, 1318 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Alicia de Derlyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Robert Darneton, 1580 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Spennymoor, Durham); Rarus Darlington, 1581 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Agnes Darntone, 1588 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Xpoforus Darneton, 1601 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); William Darlington, 1614 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John Darlington, 1620 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thomas Dearnton or Darnton, 1760 in *IGI* (Whenby, NR Yorks). Scotland: Ada de Derlinton, 1281 in *Moray Register* (Rosemarkie, Ross and Cromarty); Johan de Derlinton, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dunlappie, Angus); George Darlington, 1717 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 33.

### Darlison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: See **Darlaston**.

### Darlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1066, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 501
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Cambs, Hunts, and Northants; also WR Yorks
- English: See **Dearlove**.

### Darly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Darley**.

### Darmanin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: Maltese, from Italian **D'Armanno**, a patronymic from the personal name *Armanno*. **Early bearers:** Salvo Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy); Lorenzo Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Fortonato Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Salvo Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Guiseppe Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1891* (Hants); Antonio Darmanin, born in Malta, in *Census 1891* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Darmody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

Irish: See **Dermody**.

### Darnall

Variants: **Darnell, Durnall, Durnell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- 1 English: See **Darnell**.  
2 English: locative name from Darnall (WR Yorks) or Darnhall (Cheshire).  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William de Darnale, 13th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Johannes de Darnall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Roberts, WR Yorks); Thomas Darnal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Daniel Darnall, 1817 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Darnbrook

Variants: **Darnbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Darnbrook on Malham Moor in WR Yorks.  
**Early bearers:** William Dernbroke, 1361, Cecilia Dernebroke, 1379 in *WR Yorks Surnames*; Johannes Derenbroke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); Willia Darnbrook, 1611 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Sampson Darnbrook, 1620 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Christopheri Darnbrook, 1697 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Robert Darnbrook, 1719 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); James Darnbrook, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Darnbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Darnbrook**.

### Darnell

Variants: **Darnall, Durnall, Durnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1352, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 778
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, Lincs, and Cambs; Middx
- 1 English: locative name denoting someone who lived by a patch of darnel (Middle English *darnel* or *dernel*, from Old French *darnel*). The plant was formerly believed to produce intoxication (*Weekley*),

and hence may also have given rise to a nickname. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Goduine Dernel, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Godwin Darnel, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Tomas Darnele, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus Dernel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Bromswold, Northants); Johannes Durnell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kinlet, Shrops); Willelmus Darnell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Gilbert Darnell, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Papworth Agnes, Cambs); Richard Darnell, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Manningtree, Essex); William Darnell, 1585 in *IGI* (Colsterworth, Lincs); Richard Darnell, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Castle Frome, Herefs); William Darnell, 1617 in *IGI* (Cople, Beds); Charles Darnell, 1704 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Elisabeth Darnall, 1770 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks).

2 English: See **Darnall**.

3 English: relationship name, in some cases perhaps from a Middle English reflex of Old English *Dēorwulf*, but this requires perpetuation of the scribal error in 1379.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Dernulfe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grittleton, Wilts); Nicholas Darnell, 1563 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Robert Darnell, 1581 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Phillipp Darnell, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Ponton, Lincs); Ricardi Darnell, 1589 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Croferi Darnell, 1592 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs).

### Darnely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks
- Scottish: See **Dearnley**.

### Darney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: (i) locative name from Darney (Vosges) from Darney-aux-Chênes in Châtenois (Alsace). (ii) in some cases perhaps an altered spelling of the French surname *Darné*, a locative name from Arné in Hautes Pyrénées, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.  
**Early bearers:** England: Elenor Darney, 1567 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Francis Darney, 1657 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Jane Darney, 1773 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs). Scotland: Isobell Darney, 1640 in *IGI* (Elie, Fife); James Darney, 1752 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); Clara Darney, 1790 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Darnley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare
- English: See **Dearnley**.

### Darnton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Darlington**.

### Darr

Variants: **Dar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: perhaps a variant of **Dear**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Darr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hartlington, WR Yorks); Johanne Darr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastleach Turville, Gloucs); John Darr, 1547, in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Eleanore Darr, 1585 in *IGI* (Poole, Dorset); Wynneffrid Dar, 1601 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Pethericke Dar, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Peter Dar, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Robert Dar, in *Census 1891* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); George Dar in *Census 1891* (Handsworth, WR Yorks).

### Darracott

**Variants:** Derricott, Dorricott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from either of two places called Darracott, in the parishes of Georgeham and Welcombe (Devon), to which the first two bearers can respectively be assigned, or from Higher Darracott in Great Torrington (Devon), all of which are earlier recorded as *Doddecote*.

**Further information:** Medieval surnames of the type *Doddecote* all appear to relate to Didcot (Berks), for which see **Dideock**.

**Early bearers:** SW England: [...] de Doddecote, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [...] de Dodecote, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Adam de Dodecote, William Dodecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Torrington, Devon); Anny Dodocot, 1544 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Edward Doracote, 1583 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Isot Dorricot, 1610 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Hugh Dorracott, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); George Darracott, 1647 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

W Midlands: Thomas Daricott, 1669, Michael Dorricott, 1723 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops); Patience Dericott, 1704 in *IGI* (Ludford, Shrops); Jesse Dericot, 1744 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Sam. Derricott, 1706 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Darragh

**Variants:** Darrah, Darrow, Darroch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 635
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish: from Ó Dhubhdarach or reduced from **Mac Dhubhdarach** 'descendant (or son) of *Dubhdarach*', a personal name meaning 'black one of the oak tree', and both thus sometimes anglicized by translation as **Oakes**.

**Early bearers:** Thady mac Cahir McDarey, kern, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §362 (Offalie); Eogan and Moyler McDwara, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805 (Galway and Roscommon); Sarah Daragh, 1830s in *OS Memoirs, Ireland*, vol. 27, pp. 118, 129 (Kilrea, Derry); Archy Darragh, 1838 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland*, vol. 24, p. 56 (Culfeightrin, Antrim).

2 Irish: spelling in Ireland of Scottish **Darroch**. The voiceless velar fricative (Scottish *ch*) is normally spelled *gh* in Irish English.

### Darrah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Dhubhdarach or **Mac Dhubhdarach**, see **Darragh**.

### Darrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: See **Dorrell**.

### Darran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Darwent**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Darras

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, Huguenot: locative name with fused preposition *d(e)*, denoting someone from Arras in Pas-de-Calais.
- Further information:** The name was first brought to Britain by the Normans, and from the 16th century reintroduced by Protestant refugees from France.
- Early bearers:** Ailwin de Arraz, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William de Araz, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Peter Darraz, 1322 in *London Letter Books E*; Johannes Darras, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wrickton and Walkerslow, Shrops); Awstin Darris, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Ann Darras, 1797 in *IGI* (Fransham, Norfolk); Apostolos Darras, 1893 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs). Huguenot: Alexandre Darras, 1631 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' church, Canterbury, Kent); Susanne Darras, 1685 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Darrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; NR Yorks
- English: See **Dorrell**.

### Darren

**Variants:** Darrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 French, English: locative name, perhaps denoting someone from from Airaines (Somme), with fused preposition *d(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jane Dairain, 1591, Israel Dairain, 1596, Jacques Dairain, 1603, Jacob Daerain, 1621, and Rachel Dairing, 1700 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Canterbury); Pierre Darin, 1661 in in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

2 Norman, English: locative name with the same derivation as (1) above; however, it may not have survived long enough to contribute to the modern surname. Compare Darras Hall in Northumb, Wydo de Araynis 1242.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Arennis, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Dereyns, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* Yorks; Hugh Darreyns, 1342 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Edward Darren, 1587 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Michaud Darren, 1602 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Willyam Darrin, 1661 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs).

### Darrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks

Scottish: See **Darry**.

**Early bearers:** Bessie Darrie, 1666 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); John Darry, 1695 in *IGI* (Coldstream, Berwicks); Elspeth Darry, 1724 in *IGI* (Eccles, Berwicks); Robert Darrie, 1757 in *IGI* (Langton, Berwicks).

### Darrin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- French, Norman, English: See **Darren**.
- Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Darrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Derbys; Middx
- English: locative name from Darrington (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** John de Darinton', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus de Daryngton', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Deryngton, 1447 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Daryngton, 1545 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert Darrington, 1620 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Darrington, 1726 in *IGI* (Parwich, Derbys).

### Darroch

**Variants:** Darrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1288, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 779
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Renfrews; Argyll
- 1 Scottish: (i) locative name from Darroch near Falkirk (Stirlings). (ii) relationship name; Black also suggests a possible derivation from the adjectival form of an obsolete Gaelic name *Mac Dara* meaning 'son of oak', as well as *MacDhubhdara* as for Irish **Darragh**.
- Early bearers:** John Darach, bailie of Stirling, 1406 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Duncan Darrow, 1522 in *Stirling Burgh Records*; Alexander Darroch, 1545 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Ninian Dorroche, 1608 in *Glasgow Burgesses*.
- 2 Scottish: relationship name, variant of Irish **Darragh**.

### Darrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 Irish: variant of **Darragh**.

2 Scottish: See **Darroch**.

### Darry

**Variants:** Derry, Darrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *darree* 'pennyworth' (Old French *denree*). Compare French *Danré*, *Danrée* (Dauzat).
- Early bearers:** William Darri, Derri, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Nicholas Darre, 1288 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Darre, John Dary, and John Deree, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Catherin Darrye, 1591 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

## Darsey

2 English: See **Derry**.

### Darsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Irish: See **Darcy**.

2 Scottish: locative name from Dairsie in Fife.

**Early bearers:** William de deruesyn, 1288 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Dairsie, Fife); William de Dersy, monk, 1427 in *Aberdeen Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Margaret Darsie, 1663 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Agnes Darsey, 1725 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

**References:** *Black*.

### Darsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey

English: See **Dearsley**.

### Dart

**Variants:** **Darts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1658, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1385
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

1 English: locative name from Dart Raffie in Witheridge (Devon), recorded in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) as *Derte*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Derth, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Juhelinus de Derte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Joan Dart, 1560 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Frances Dart, 1567 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Richard Dart, 1569 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Elizabeth Dart, 1575 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Lewis Dart, 1590 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

2 French: nickname from Old French *dart* ‘pointed missile thrown by hand’, possibly used to denote a soldier or a hunter.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dert, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugh Dart, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*; Nicholas Dartes, 1391, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); William Dart, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Southampton, Hants); John Dart, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

### Darter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Middx; Gloucs
- English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The occurrence of Johna Dautre, 1541 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts), 150 years before John Darter, 1690 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts), might suggest an origin in **Dawtre** or **Dafter** (a pronunciation of *Daughter*), but /r/ was not lost before a consonant (in Standard English at least) before the middle of the 18th century, so *Darter* is perhaps an unlikely spelling of *Daughter* or *Dautre* as early as 1690.

**Early bearers:** Marget Darter, 1581 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Edward Darter, 1623 in *IGI* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); John Darter, 1629 in *IGI* (Bletsoe, Beds); John Darter, 1690 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

### Dartnall

**Variants:** **Dartnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: See **Dartnell**.

### Dartnell

**Variants:** **Dartnall, Durtnell, Durtнал, Durtnell, Darknell, Dutnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Northants

English: locative name from a lost place in Penschurst (Sussex), now perhaps Doubleton’s Farm, found as *de Durkinghol’* in 1240.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Derkynhole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cowden, Kent); Robert Darkynhole, 1435, William Durkynghole, 1453 in *Kent History Centre*; William Darknold, 1505 in *Kent Wills*; William Derkynhole, 1512 in *Parish Registers* (Edenbridge, Kent); Robert Darkenhole, 1539 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (London); Robert Darknoll, 1540 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Kent); John Dartnoll, 1551, John Durtenal, 1554, Alice Darknall, 1555, and John Dyrknall, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); Robert Darknall, Darkenall, Darkenoll, 1553 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 89–90.

### Darton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Devon

English: locative name from Derriton Farm in Sydenham Damerel or Derriton in Pyworthy (both Devon), which are both recorded as *Direton, Dyreton* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Roger de Diretone, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Holsworthy, Devon); [... de] Dyreton, 1278 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Adam Direton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sydenham Damerel, Devon); John Darton, 1583 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Saint Stephens by Saltash, Cornwall); Thomas Darton, 1584 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Plymouth, Devon); William Darton, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Darton, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Erney, Cornwall). SE England: Margaret Darton, 1542 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Carshalton, Surrey); Dainell Darton, 1668 in *IGI* (Sunbury, Middx); John Darton, 1709 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 164, 210.

### Darts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts

English: variant of **Dart**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Darval

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English: See **Darvill**.

### Darvall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: See **Darvill**.

### Darvell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: See **Darvill**.

### Darvill

**Variants:** **Darville, Darvell, Darvall, Darval, Darwall, Darwell, Dorville, Derville, Derfield, Darfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 823, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 547
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Herts

Norman, English: locative name for someone from any of the places in France called *Orville* (Orne, Pas-de-Calais), *Urville* (Aube, Calvados, Manche), or *Orival* (Charente, Seine-Maritime, Somme). It is impossible to separate out the forms. In whichever case, it has a fused preposition *d(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Durevill, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh Durival, 1300 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Sibill Doryual, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Deryvall, 1577 in *The Essex Review* 56; William Derrivall, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

### Darville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Surrey
- English: See **Darvill**.

### Darwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Norman, English: See **Darvill**.

2 English: locative name in Kent, perhaps from Darwell (earlier *Darvell*) in Mountfield (Sussex).

### Darwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See **Darvill**.

### Darwen

**Variants:** **Darwent, Derwent, Darwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Darwen in Lancs, on the River Derwent. (ii) variant of **Darwin**.

**Early bearers:** Syward de Derewent, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholaus de Derwent, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Robertus Darwent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Darwen, 1563 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robert Darwen, 1565 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

### Darwent

**Variants:** **Derwent, Darwin, Darran, Durrans, Durant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name, mostly from Derwent (Derbys, now submerged by the Ladybower Reservoir) or Darwen (Lancs), both named from rivers called Derwent, or less frequently from similarly named rivers in Cumb, Durham, Northumb, and Yorks.

**Early bearers:** John de Derwente, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Henry de Derwent, 1327 in *Sheffield and Rotherham Catalogue* (Ughill, WR Yorks); Richard de



Derwent, 1351, Richard Derwent, 1498 in *York Freeman's Register*; Roberto de Derwynd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Marie Derwent, 1708 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Elisabetha Derwent, 1717 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Thomas Derwent, 1718 in *IGI* (Stannington, WR Yorks); Thomas Derwent, 1720 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Mary Derwent, 1779 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs).

## Darwin

Variants: **Darwen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 983, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: in N England usually a variant of **Darwent**.

**Early bearers:** John Darwin, 1575 in *IGI* (Brindley, Lancs); William Darwin, 1598 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Oxspring Darwin, 1614 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Derwin* (Old English *Dēorwine*).

**Further information:** Mabel, daughter of Derwin', 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset), had as pledges William, Nicholas, Henry, and Hugh Derwin', probably her brothers, who owed their surname to their father.

**Early bearers:** given names: Derwen, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Derewinus Purs, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks). surnames: John Derewin, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); William Derwin', 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Derwyne, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Bucks); Oswald Darwin, 1564 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Johannam Darwin, 1576 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

## Darwish

Variants: **Dervish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Turkish, Iranian: occupational name and status name for a Sufi holy man, from Persian and Turkish *derviş* 'dervish', denoting a member of a Sufi Muslim religious order, from Pahlavi *driyosh* 'beggar, one who goes from door to door'.

## Darwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Hunts and Cambs; Cumb; Middx

English, Scottish: variant of **Dorward**.

## Dass

Variants: **Dass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1917, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), from Bengali *dās* 'votary, servant', from Sanskrit *dāsa* 'slave, servant', also commonly used as the final element of compound given names.

**Early bearers:** Upendra Das, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Davendra Das, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, London); Satyr Rajjan Das, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Salish Das, born in India, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx).

## Dasgupta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Baidya), a compound of **Das** + **Gupta**.

## Dash

Variants: **Daish**, **Daysh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 799, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Hants and Wilts; London

English: locative name from any of numerous places called Ash, with fused Old French preposition *d(e)*. See also **Ash**, **Nash**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Asche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Jevington, Sussex); Richard Dasche, 1320 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Richard de Ayssh, 1327 in *London Pleas* (London); William Dasshe, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Guisborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus Dash', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fleckney, Leics); Humfray Dash, 1582 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); William Dash, 1595 in *IGI* (Rowner, Hants); John Dash, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); John Daish, 1647 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Roger Daysh, 1704 in *IGI* (Hilmarton, Wilts).

## Dashfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: variant of **Ashfield**, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

**Early bearers:** Mathewe Dashfield, 1582 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Edward Dasfeild, 1628 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Tho. Dashfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Dashper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: status name from Middle English *dusepers*, *duzepers*, Old French *doce pers*, *duze pers* 'twelve peers, twelve equals' (See *OED*, at *dozepers*). The reference is to the twelve peers or paladins of Charlemagne, said to be attached to his person as being the bravest of his knights. Later, the term was applied to other illustrious nobles or knights.

**Early bearers:** Henry Duzepers, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Alb(ericus) Duzepers, Duzeper, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William Duzeper, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Dozeper, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John Dashper, 1553 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); John Dashpor, 1713 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).

## Dashwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; IoW

English: variant of **Ashwood**, with fused preposition *d(e)* 'from'.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Dashwood, 1569, John Dashwoode, 1571 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); Zachary Dashwood, 1654 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Zachary Dashwood, 1693 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*; Elizabeth Dashwood, 1708 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Da Silva

Variants: **Dasilva**, **De Silva**, **D'Silva**, **Desilva**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from Portuguese *silva* 'wood, thicket, bramble'.

**Further information:** In some cases this name was brought directly to Britain from Portugal; in others it was taken first to Goa and other Portuguese settlements in western India.

**Early bearers:** Franciso do Silva, 1772 in *IGI* (Westminster, London); Manuel Desilva, 1811 in *IGI* (Liverpool); Solomon Mendis Da Silva, landed proprietor, born in Jamaica, in *Census 1851* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Esther Da Silva, teacher, 1874 in *Jewish Directory 1874* (London); Manoel Ferreira da Silva, secretary to the Portuguese Government, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Jonah Da Silva, warehouseman, born in London, *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Armand Auguste Goncalves da Silva, born in Brazil, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx); Joseph Dasilva, dock labourer, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Leo David Da Silva, clerk, born in South Africa, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Fernand Sussane Da Silva, 1919 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx).

## Dasilva

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Portuguese: See **Da Silva**.

## Dass

Variants: **Das**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

1 English: variant of **Dace**.

2 Indian: See **Das**.

3 Dutch, Flemish: nickname, possibly an altered spelling of **Das** or **Dasse**, from Dutch *das* 'badger'.

**Early bearers:** Edmon Dass, 1659, Isaac Dasse, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Banister Das, 1682 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Jeanne Dass, 1721 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, Middx); Benjamin Das, 1772 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

## Date

Variants: **Dates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Cornwall; also Middx

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a nickname from Middle English *date* 'date (the fruit of the date palm tree)', but if this is right the application is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Date, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarby, WR Yorks); Annes Date, 1561 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Wllm. Date, 1590 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Bernardus Date, 1616 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Valentyne Date, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Tolland, Somerset); Sarah Dayt, 1646 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Humphrey Date, 1667 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Nikles Date, 1718 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

## Dates

2 Indian: Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *dātā* 'donor'. It is pronounced as two syllables and is found among the Konkanasth Brahmans.

### Dates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Date** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Joannis Dates, 1599 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Dates, 1612 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); William Dates, 1731 in *IGI* (Worsborough, WR Yorks).

### Datoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim: unexplained.

### Datson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent

English: probably a variant of *Dadson*, itself a variant of **Dodson**, with assimilation of /d/ to /t/ anticipating the voiceless /s/.

**Early bearers:** John Datesson, 1561 in *IGI* (Snelland, Lincs); Margaret Datson, 1584 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); John Dattson, 1640 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Honner Dattson, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Joanna Datson, 1703 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Jeremiah Datson, 1717 in *IGI* (Swarden, Kent); Collon Datson, 1726 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

### Datta

**Variants:** Dutta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian, Bangladeshi: Hindu, from a personal name or clan name based on Sanskrit *datta* 'given'.

**Further information:** In ancient Sanskrit literature this name is associated with the Vaishya caste. In Assam and Bengal the Dattas belong to the Kayasth caste. In Panjab it is a Brahman name.

**Early bearers:** Parvati Datta, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Aatur Chandra Datta, born in Bengal, India, in *Census 1891* (Kew, Surrey); Kristnah Datta, born in Calcutta, India, in *Census 1901* (Ystradyfodwg, Glamorgan); Nolini Datta, 1919 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Dattani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Datta* (an ancestral name or reduction of one) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Daubeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: See **Daubney**.

### Daubeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Gloucs; Hants

English: See **Daubney**.

### Dauber

**Variants:** Watler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lincs

English: See **Dawber**.

### Daubney

**Variants:** Daubeny, Daubeny, Dawbney, Dabney, Dobney, Albany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: locative name denoting someone from any of several places in France named Aubigny, with the fused preposition *d(e)* 'of, from'.

**Further information:** William, founder of the line of Aubigni earls of Arundel, and Nigel, of that of Cainhoe (Beds), came from Saint Martin d'Aubigny in Manche. The family of Aubigny (Brito) of Belvoir came from Saint Aubin d'Aubigny in Ille-et-Vilaine (See Anglo-Norman Families), and appear to be descended from Eystein Glunold of Romsdal, Norway, who accompanied his nephew, Rollo, to France, where the latter became Duke of Normandy. There is also an Aubigny in Calvados, which may have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Albengi, de Albingi, de Albinie, de Albinio, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Berks, Bucks); William de Albinneio, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William de Albinni, 1155 in *Pipe Rolls* (Stoke Albany, Northants); Willelmus Albineius Brito, 1116–20 in *Documents in France*; Nigel de Albuniaco, 1100–23, Nigel de Albeni, 1114–23 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William de Aubeneio, 1124–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); William de Aubini, de Aubeni, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Hants, Bucks); William Daubenny, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Ralf de Dabeney, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Daubenay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Thomas Dabeney, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Daud

**Variants:** Dodd, Dowd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cumb and Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Daud(e)*, which looks at first sight to be a contracted form of *David* with /v/ vocalized to /u/, but the 1297, 1298 early bearer shows that this is an extended form of *Daw*, a pet form of *Ralph*. For the suffix *-de* compare **Hudd**, a pet form of *Hugh*. See also **Dowd**, **Daw**, and **Dawkins**, and for *Daudson* See **Dawson**. As a surname *Daud* may also have merged with **Dodd**, which is quite common in northern England. **Further information:** It is often difficult to distinguish between *-u-* and *-n-* in medieval handwriting and

some of the medieval forms cited above may alternatively belong under **Dand**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Radulpho de Siluerwod', 1297, identical with Daude de Siluerwode, 1298 in *Lenton Priory Accounts* (Lenton, Notts); Daud Jonson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks). surnames: Willelmo Daud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Johannes Daud', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus Daud', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denaby, WR Yorks); Johannes Daud', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Johannes Daud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton, WR Yorks); Simon Daude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington with Launde, Leics); Margreta Daud, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Elizabeth Daud, 1666 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); John Daud, 1752 in *IGI* (Longhead, Wigton, Cumb). **References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, p. 126.

### Daugherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from the Gaelic byname *Dochartach* 'hard-hearted', see **Doherty** (Irish Ó *Dochartaigh*).

**Early bearers:** Daugherdy, 1630, Dougherty, 1666 in *Moore*.

### Daughters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **Dafters**.

### Daughtery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dawtrey**.

### Daughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

Irish, English: See **Dalton**.

### Daughtrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dawtrey**.

### Daughtry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dawtrey**.

### Daughty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Doughty** pronounced /dɔ:ti/ and /da:fti/. This variant was formerly more widespread than WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** England: Jeane Dawtie, 1565 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Elizabeth Dawty, 1567 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); John Doughtie, 1562, Christyne Daughtie, 1567, Joannis Duty, 1664 in *IGI*

(Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Roberti Daughy, 1583 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Daughy, 1592, John Doughtie, 1626 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Dawtie, 1618 in *IGI* (Aston Cantlow, Warwicks); Robart Dawty, 1625, Willyam Dowty, 1671 in *IGI* (Carleton juxta Snaith, WR Yorks); Henry Daughy, 1758 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Richd Dafty, 1775, John Daughy, 1817 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); Mary Dafty, 1834 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

Scotland: John Doughty, 1644, Thomas Daughy, 1680 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Giles Daughy, 1728, Gils Doughty, 1734 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian).

### Daukes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx English: See **Dawkes**.

### Daulby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs English: See **Dalby**.

### Daulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent English: See **Dalton**.

### Daultrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx Norman, English: See **Dawtreay**.

### Daun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines

1 Scottish: unexplained. The Aberdeens name is said by Black to be a variant of **Don**, itself a variant of **Dun** and **Dunn**, but the phonological development seems unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Anne Daun, 1730 in *IGI* (Cawdor, Nairns); George Daun, 1751 in *IGI* (Cairnie, Aberdeens); George Daun, 1760 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs).

2 English: See **Dawn**.

### Dauncey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs Norman, English: See **Dancey**.

### Daunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *daunt* ‘the act of subduing or restraining; intimidation’.

**Further information:** This surname was taken from England to Cork in Ireland in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Daunte, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); Alan Daunte, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Roger Daunt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); Matill’ Daunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Margareta Daunte, 1381 *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Gyles Daunt, 1565 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); William Daunt, 1578 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Gulielmus Daunt, 1611 in *IGI* (Westborough, Lincs).

Ireland: Thomas Daunt, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 203 (Ballyvirane, Cork); Achilles Daunt, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 204 (Tracton, Cork); William Daunt, 1851 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Springhill, Cork); Achilles Daunt, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Dromderrig, Cork); Margaret Daunt, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Youghal Lands, Cork).

**References:** *Irish Families*, p. 290.

### Daunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs English: See **Danter**.

### Daunton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset English: See **Danton**.

### Dauson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks English: See **Dawson**.

### Davage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; WR Yorks; London English: See **Davidge**.

### Davall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Staffs Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

### Davda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Dave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1496, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), pronounced /davei/, from Sanskrit *dvivedi* ‘(one who has studied) two Vedas’.

2 English: unexplained; presumably from the personal name *Dave*, a short form of the personal name **David**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Dav, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton and Willingham, Cambs); Jane Dave, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); Ameam Dave, 1542 in *IGI* (Kingsdon, Somerset); Isabell Dave, 1552 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Rayborne Dave, 1566 in *IGI* (Upton, Devon); Thome Dave, 1587 in *IGI*

(Norwich, Norfolk); William Dave, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Battle, Sussex); George Dave, 1645 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Dave, 1674 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr).

### Davenant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: relationship name from *de* (understood as ‘son of’ + the nickname *Avenant* (from *avenant* ‘fitting; comely, pleasant’).

**Further information:** The spelling *D’Avenant* was widely used by the Essex and Herefs family.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Davenant, 1327 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); John Dauenant, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Nicholaus Davenant, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Radulphe Davenant, 1539 in *IGI* (All Hallows, Bread Street, London); Cysseley Davenant, 1548 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); John Davenant, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Ralph Davenant, 1673 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire, Place-Names of Essex*, p. 442.

### Davenhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name irregularly from Dagnall in Wicken (Northants), recorded as *Daggenhale* in 1319, about 10 miles from Preston Capes.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dewenhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston Capes, Northants); William Davenell, 1633 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Thomas Davenhill, 1663 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); Thomas Davenill, 1680 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 108.

### Davenport

**Variants:** **Devenport**, **Devonport**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7997, Ireland 207
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Davenport in Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Deveneport, 1162–73 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard de Taueneport, de Davenport, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Davenport, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Thomas Davenport, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Ales Davemporte, 1576 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Thomas Davenport, 1597 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Will. Devonport, 1666 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Mary Devenport, 1730 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 Irish: in Tipperary, adopted for Ó

**Donndubhartaigh** ‘descendant of *Donndubhartach*’, a personal name from *donn* ‘brown-haired man’ or ‘chieftain’ + *dubh* ‘black’ + *artach* ‘nobleman’.

**Early bearers:** Donald mcShian O’Donorty, husbandman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2964 (Shian, Waterford); Edw. O’Dunort, yeoman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Mocolluppe); Donell O’Donnertie, Wm. and Shane O’Donnoartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §486 (Kiletonran, Cork); Edward Davenport, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down).

## Daventry

### Daventry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Daintree**.

### Daverage

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: See **Devereux**.

### Daveridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: See **Devereux**.

### Davern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 219
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Clare, Galway, and Limerick

Irish: from Ó Dábhoireann, see **Davoren**.

**Early bearers:** James Davern, 1841 in *IGI* (North Shields, Northumb); William Davern, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey); Rosanna Devern, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Hammersmith and Fulham, Middx).

### Davers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin with fused preposition *d(e)*, from either of two places: Auvers (Manche), or Auvers-le-Hamon (Sarthe).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Alvers, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); Ralph de Auvers, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Geoffrey Dauuers, 1209 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Ralph de Avers, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Middx); William Deauuers, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks, Wilts); Francis Davers, 1555 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks).

### Daverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants and Hunts; Kent
- English: See **Deverson**.

### Daves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Welsh, English: See **Davies**.

### Daveson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham
- English: variant of **Davison**.

### Davey

Variants: **Davy**, **Davi**, **Davie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16684, Ireland 1078
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12247

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: relationship name from Middle English *Davy*, originally an Old French vernacular form of *David*, and the commonest form of that name in medieval England. Compare **David**, **Davies**,

### Davison

**Early bearers:** given names: Dauí Capriht, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Davy Monkesman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mindrum, Northumb); Davy Walschman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billesdon, Leics); Davy Spynk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heydon, Norfolk); Davy le Bakerster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

surnames: Walter dauy, 1198–1212 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Richard Davy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Dauí, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hamworthy, Dorset); Robert and Richard Dauy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham, Devon); Williém Davy, 1379 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Roberte Davye, 1549 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Richarde Davie, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Columb, Cornwall); Thos. Davey, 1563 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Richard Davey, 1560 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Margaret Davey, 1579 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hughe Davy, 1581 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Alice Davey, 1589 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); William Davye, 1624 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Benedicct Davi, 1643 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Davi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Aberdeens
- Scottish: See **Davey**.

### David

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6339, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Welsh, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *David*, a borrowing of Hebrew *David* from the Old Testament via the Vulgate Latin Bible and the King James Bible. In Wales, *David* is an anglicized version of the Welsh form **Dafydd**.

**Further information:** This originally Hebrew personal name was early used as a Christian name on the Continent and in Wales, whose patron saint *Dewi* (bearing the older Welsh form of *David*) was abbot-bishop in the 6th century at what became known as Saint David's in Pembrokes. There are numerous dedications and place-names honouring the saint in south Wales, and it is no coincidence that the modern surname *David* is heavily concentrated there, especially in Glamorgan. See also **Davies**, with which it was sometimes confused. The later Welsh form of the given name, *Dafydd*, is sometimes found in the record as a surname, and is also sometimes anglicized as *David*. The personal name was also current in Brittany, where similar dedications to the saint can be found. In England *David* is not found as a personal name until after the Norman Conquest, when it was probably introduced by Bretons. Except for counties along the Welsh border, it was generally infrequent in medieval England. Its Middle English forms were *David*, *Davit*, and especially *Davy*, hence the typical English surname **Davey** and the derived

**Davis and Davison.** In Scotland, the personal name was popular in the Middle Ages due to the naming of Malcolm III and Queen Margaret's youngest son, David I, who reigned 1124–53; See **Davidson** and **Davie**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Daud clericus, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Daud, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Davit Burre, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Daud ap Win, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); David Trevergy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cury, Cornwall); David Dycon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westoning, Beds); Davyt Glover, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorstone, Herefs); David Hobbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shereford, Norfolk); David Walschman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); David ap Welyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mucklewick, Shrops).  
surnames, Wales and the Marches: Madoco filio Daud, Gurgenu ap Daud, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Howell' ap Davyd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rhiston, Shrops); Yevan Davethe, 16th cent. in *Morgan and Morgan* (Pembroke, Pembrokes); John David, 1543 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Elin David, Agnes David, 1547 in *IGI* (Llandefgan, Anglesey); John David, 1547 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); William son of Hugh ap Davith, 1576 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Johnis Dafydd, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Meiford, Montgomerys); Gulielmus ap Dafydd, 1646 in *Parish Registers* (Northop, Flints); John Dafydd, 1713 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); Anne David, wife of Evan Davis, died 1773, in *Morgan and Morgan* (Llantrisant, Monmouths); Catherine Dafyd, 1823 in *IGI* (Meifod, Montgomerys).

surnames, England: Thomas Davit, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert David, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); Robert Daud, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartland, Devon); Adam David, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarbrick, Lincs); William Daud, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); William David, 1541 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); John David, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset).  
surnames, Scotland: Elspait David, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Robert Daud, 1634 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** According to *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 82, there are many examples of the interchange of *David*, *Davies*, and *Davis* in S Wales in the 18th cent.

### Davidge

#### Variants: **Davage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English: relationship name, variant of **Davids**, reflecting a post-medieval change in pronunciation of final [dz] to [dʒ].

**Early bearers:** Richard Davydge, 1591 in *State Papers Domestic*; Thomas Davidge, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Weston Buckhorn, Dorset).

### Davids

#### Variants: **Davidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middlesex

English: relationship name from the Welsh patronymic 'Dafydd's (son)'; See **David**, **Davies**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Davids, 1562 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); John Davides, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Phillippus Davidis, 1633 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Thomas Davids, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Davids

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33171, Ireland 2624
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks; Northumb and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish: relationship name, patronymic ('David's son'), from the personal name **David** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Further information:** The high frequency of the name in the most northerly counties of England is possibly in part as a result of Scottish migration in the 18th and 19th centuries, the usual northern England form being **Davison**, with which *Davids* sometimes alternates.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johannes filius Davidis, burgess of Perth, 1219 in *Scone Charters*; Adam fiz Dauid, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); John Davidson, 1430 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr); George Davidsone, 1473 in *Peebles Charters* (Peebles).

England: John Davideson, 1350 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Warwicks); William Davidson, 1663 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: adopted for Gaelic **Mac Daibhéid**; See **McDevitt**.

3 Jewish: adopted probably for a like-sounding or like-meaning name in some other European language, such as the Russian patronymic **Davidov**, **Davidoff**.

**Early bearers:** Lionel Davidson, 1819 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Israel Davidson, painter and glazier, in *Census 1871* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Hirsch Davidson, importer of fancy goods, born in Romania, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Davidson, born in Romania, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hyman Davidson, glass dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lazarus Davidson, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Davidson, minister, Great Synagogue, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Davie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3373, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2740
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Aberdeens and Angus; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: See **Davey**.

**Further information:** *Black* records that the old family of Grimbister in Grimbister, Orkney, changed their name to *Davie*, the personal name of one of the family.

**Early bearers:** Meg Davy, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeen); Thomas Dawie, 1637 in *Brechin Testaments* (Brechin, Angus); James Davie, 1658 in *Lanark Testaments* (Lanark, Lanarks).

### Davies

Variants: **Davys**, **Daviss**, **Davis**, **Daves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215074, Ireland 782
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152045

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Wales: esp. Glamorgan, Carmarthens, and Cardigans; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway  
1 Welsh: relationship name, patronymic, 'Dafydd's (son)', equivalent to Welsh *ap Dafydd* 'Dafydd's son'. Like **David**, *Davies* is especially numerous in south Wales.

**Further information:** The form of the name probably shows the influence of *Davy*, the common English version of the personal name *David* in the late medieval and early modern periods (See **Davey**). The alternative spelling **Davis** is more typical of the neighbouring English counties, from south-west England northwards as far as Lancs, where the numerousness of the surname largely reflects Welsh migration, but may sometimes represent a native English surname based on *Davy*.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Oliver Daveys, 1352 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Carmarthen); Dafydd Davies ap Gwilym ap Dafydd, 1350–1415 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Carmarthen); Jno ap D[afyd]d al[jia]s Davyes, 16th cent. in *Morgan and Morgan* (Carmarthen); William Davys, 1518 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Pembrokes).

England: John Dauisse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johanna Davys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus Davyes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kinlet, Shrops); Howel ap David, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westbury with parcels, Shrops); Richard Davys, 1402 in *York Freeman's Register*; Katherin Davies, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Anstance Davis, 1543 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Daibhéid**, see **McDevitt** and compare **Davis**.

**Early bearers:** John Davies, sheriff of Kildare, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1253; William Davis, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1575 (Harbartiston).

### Davill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; NR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Deville**.

### Davin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Mayo, and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.

**Early bearers:** One O'Dauen, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §183; Donell O'Daven, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; James McCormack O'Davyne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517.

### Davinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lincs

English: variant of **Davison** with epenthesis of /n/ in the medial unstressed syllable, as in *nightingale*.

**Early bearers:** Isabel Davinson, 1571 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); James Davinson, 1576 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); Geo. Davinson, 1683 in *IGI* (Rockcliffe, Cumb); Samuel Davenson, 1709 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Davinson, 1721 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); Easter Davinson, 1736 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Davis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76033, Ireland 4098
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65329
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout S England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin

1 English: See **Davies**.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: adopted for **Mac Daibhéid**, see **McDevitt**. Compare **Davis**.

3 Jewish: adopted probably for a like-sounding name in some other European language.

**Early bearers:** Moses Davis, 1793 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Davis, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Woolf Davis, furrier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Davis, cabinetmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyam [sic] Davis, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Barnet Davis, presser in tailoring, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Davison

Variants: **Davisson**, **Daveson**, **Deveson**, **Davinson**, **Deverson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17198, Ireland 987
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10663
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down
- Scottish, English: relationship name, patronymic ('David's son') from the Middle English personal name *Davy*, the common vernacular version of *David*. See also **Davey**.

**Further information:** The high frequency of *Davison* in Northumb and Durham, where it occasionally alternates with **Davidson**, perhaps reflects influence from Scottish migration in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Davyson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Daveson, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; William Daveson, 1500 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Davyson, 1515 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Littlebourne, Kent); Margaret Daveson, 1585, William Deveson, 1607 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Francis Daveson, 1640 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Richard Davison, 1684 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Simon Deveson, 1711 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); Robert Davison, 1723 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: Adam Davyson, merchant of Edinburgh, 1360 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Davison, 1426 in *Irvine Muniments* (Ayr); Thomas Dauyson, bailie of Aberdeen, 1509 in *Edinburgh Guildry*; Jok Davison, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

References: *Black*.

### Daviss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Davies**.

### Davisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

## Davitt

English: See **Davison**.

### Davitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 458
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Mac Daibhéid, see **McDevitt**.

### Davlin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Dobhailéin, see **Devlin**.

### Davolls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: variant of **Deaville** (2) with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** John Davills, 1699 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Thos Davils, 1750 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Grace Davolls, 1794 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Davolls, 1812 in *IGI* (Parracombe, Devon).

### Davoren

Variants: **Davern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Dábhoireann ‘descendant of *Dábhoireann*’. The original form of this name was *Dubhdábhoireann* ‘black one of the two burrens’ (from *dubh* ‘black’ + *dá* ‘two’ + *boireann*), apparently with reference to The Burren, a rocky area in the north of Clare. The family was famed for its learning, and ran a literary and legal school in Clare.
- Early bearers:** Mahone O’Daverin, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4371 (Kerone); Molaghlen O’Daworen, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3364 (Keryn, Tipperary).

### Davy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3074, Ireland 218
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3677
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London; Devon; also Lincs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- 1 English: See **Davey**.  
2 Irish: adopted for Mac Daibhéid, see **McDevitt**.

### Davys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Derbys; also Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English: See **Davies**.

### Daw

Variants: **Dawe, Dawes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1762, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2055
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; also W Midlands; Norfolk; WR Yorks
- 1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Daw(e)*, a rhyming pet form of *Raw*, a Middle

English version of *Ralph*; See **Raw, Rawson**, and compare the evidence given under **Dawkins** and **Dawson**. Some of the early forms in western England may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Ralph son of Robert Ballard, 1248–9, may be identical with Dauwe Ballard, 1264–5 in *Dublin Guild Merchant Roll*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Dawe, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Dawe, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames: Ralph Dawe, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); John Dawe of Wing, in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Willelmus Dawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Willelmus Dawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coton, Leics); Johannes Dawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton Delaval, Northumb); Johannes Daw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Walterus Dawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardingly, Sussex); Johannes Dawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); Johanne Daw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brotherton, WR Yorks); Radulphus Dawe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Littleton with Kimpton, Hants); John Dawe, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Stanstead, Kent); Thomas Dawe, 1562 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Alls Daw, 1564 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Abraham Daw, 1566 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Christopher Dawe, 1570 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Steven Daw, 1581 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Richardi Daw, 1585 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Mary Daw, 1603 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); John Daw, 1618 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).  
**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 125.

2 English: relationship name; the 1298 example from a Calais document shows that Middle English *Dawe* was sometimes a pet form of *David*. This personal name was not especially common in medieval England, but occurs more often in the south-west and along the Welsh Marches. Any or all the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Daud Anglicus, 1294, identical with Dauwe l’Engleis, 1298 in *L’Onomastique calaisienne*.  
surnames: Ralph Dawe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Dauwe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Ricardus Dawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Corfe, Somerset); Willelmus Dawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); William Dawe, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willi Dawe, 1539 in *IGI* (Taynton, Gloucs); Alyce Dawe, 1558 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Ric Daw, 1590 in *IGI* (Rudford, Gloucs); James Daw, 1593 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts).  
**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 124; M. Gysseling and P. Bougard, *L’Onomastique calaisienne à la fin du 13e siècle*, *Anthroponymica*, XIII (Louvain and Brussels, 1963), pp. 35, 91.

3 English: nickname; no examples of *Dawe* preceded by the definite article have yet been found, but a nickname from Middle English *dawe* ‘jackdaw’ cannot be ruled out as a possible source of the modern surname, perhaps with the sense ‘stupid fellow’.

4 Irish: from Ó Deaghaidh, ‘descendant of *Deaghadh*’, a personal name of uncertain origin. It may be from *deagh-* ‘good’ + *ád*h ‘luck, fate’; some such association seems to lie behind its anglicization as **Goodwin**.

**Early bearers:** Cormack O’Dawe, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1559.

### Dawbarn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: See **Daborn**.

### Dawber

Variants: **Dauber, Daber, Dober**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1006, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *dauber, doubber, dober*, Anglo-Norman French *daubour* ‘whitewasher, plasterer’. The surname may sometimes have become confused with **Dubber**.  
**Further information:** In the Middle Ages walls of wattle and daub were extremely common. Wattle consisted of a row of upright stakes, the spaces between filled with interwoven twigs, hazel rods, osiers, reeds, etc. Clay or earth, usually mixed with cow dung and hair, was daubed onto this frame, pressed well into the interstices, and the surfaces smoothed. Once dry, they were usually treated with plaster or at least a coat of whitewash. Closely allied to daubing was pargetting or rough-casting, in which mortar or a coarse form of plaster was used instead of clay or loam. At Corfe in 1285 there is a reference to ‘Stephen the Dauber who pargetted the long chamber’, and it is not always possible to decide whether the daubers were really daubing or whitewashing (*Salzman, Building*, pp. 188, 190, 191). Compare **Pargeter**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Daubur, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert le Daubar, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Nicholas le Doubur, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Walter Dober, 1319, Walter le Daubere 1327 in (Essex); Peter le Daber, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh le Dauber, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Joseph Dauber, Douber, 1346 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Elyzabeth Dober, 1541 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Willm. Dauber, 1566 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); John Dober, 1567 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Willm. Dawber, 1567 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); Margaret Dober, 1575 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Clemence Dawber, 1576 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Francis Dober, 1603 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); John Daber, 1608 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Willm Dober, 1608 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).  
**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 262–3.

### Dawbney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: See **Daubney**.

### Dawborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: See **Daborn**.

### Dawdy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Irish: anglicized form of Ó Dubhda, which is more usually anglicized as *O’Dowd* (See **Dowd**), but also as **Dowda** and **Duddy**, forms which preserve the final vowel.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Dawe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3020, Ireland 89
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2588
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: See **Daw**.

**Dawes**

Variants: **Daws, Dawn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6441, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4063
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent; WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: variant of **Daw**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Lovekin Dawes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hugone Daws, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shotteswell, Warwick); John Dawes, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Edward Dawes, 1564 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); An Dawes, 1572 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Roberte Dawes, 1583 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Edward Dawes, 1599 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); John Dawes, 1603 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Philipp Daws, 1606 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Michell Dawes, 1612 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robt. Daws, 1614 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); Jane Dawes, 1624 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Dawkes**

Variants: **Daukes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Northants
- English: contracted form of **Dawkins**. Compare **Jenks**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Daukes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Chilton, Sussex); Simon Dawkes, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs).

**Dawkin**

Variants: **Dakin, Dalkin, Dawkins, Dorkin, Hakin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dawkin*, a pet form of **Daw** + the diminutive suffix *-kin*. The name mostly denoted 'little or young Ralph' and perhaps occasionally 'little or young David'. The *-kin* suffix may have been used to distinguish a son from a same-named father.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dawkin del Wode, 1344, identical with Ralph del Wode, in *Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls* (Ruthin); Dawkin de Sotton, 1347, identical with Ralph de Sutton, 1348 in *Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls*.

surnames: William Daukyn, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Richard son of Ralph, 1327, identical with Richard Daukyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toton, Notts); Willelmus filius Daukyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne Daukeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingstone, Herefs); Robertus Daukyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Peatling Parva, Leics); Johanne Dawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horninghold, Leics); Cristina Daukyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johanne Dawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Thomas Daukyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Johannes Dawkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Nicholas Dawkin, 1554 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Jone Dawkin, 1560 in *IGI*

(Great Budworth, Cheshire); Edmon Dawkin, 1562 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Bridget Dawkin, 1576 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); George Dawkin, 1605 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Mary Dawkin, 1635 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); John Dawkin, 1637 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Arthur Dawkin, 1637 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon); Robert Dawkin, 1681 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Padel, -kin in Wales*, pp. 121, 135; *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 125.

**Dawkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4205, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent and Essex; Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name, variant of **Dawkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Dakins**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Daukyns, 1354 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Matill' Daukyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Thomas Dawkins, 1566 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Elyzabeth Dawkins, 1598 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Wilyyam Dawkins, 1598 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Blase Dawkins, 1603 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwick); Henry Dawkins, 1618 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Margery Dawkins, 1621 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); Prudence Dawkins, 1637 in *IGI* (Ickworth, Suffolk); Abraham Dawkins, 1669 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Ann Dawkins, 1669 in *IGI* (Tilmanstone, Kent).

**Dawley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.

**Dawling**

Variants: **Dalling, Dallyn, Dawlings, Dallen, Dallin, Dorling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Daulin*, a rhyming pet form of **Rawlin** 'little Ralph'. Compare Willelmus Dawlynsone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs), and See **Raw** and **Daw**. The change of *-in* to *-ing* is a common post-medieval variant.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas and William Daulyn, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warsop, Notts); William Dallynge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bowerchalke, Wilts); John Dallyn, 1552, Dorithie Dallen, 1574 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Jane Dawling, 1566 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Margery Dalling, 1575 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Mathew Dawling, 1579 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Walter Dalling, 1605 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); Thomas Dawlin, 1616 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); William Dawling or Dawlinge, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts).

Scotland: Robert Dawling, 1567 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Leith, Midlothian); George Dawling, 1588 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Katherinein Dalling, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mathew Douling, 1691 in *Retours, Scotland* (Bo'ness, W Lothian); Betty Dalling, 1791 in *IGI* (Kelton, Kirkcudbrights).

**Dawlings**

Variants: **Dawlins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Dawling** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dawlins, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Rachel Dawlings, 1716 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Grace Dawlings, 1738 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

**Dawlins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Dawlings**.

**Dawn**

Variants: **Daun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

1 Norman, English: probably a clipped form of **Dawnay**. Compare Bridgett Dawney, 1627, George Dawne, 1629, in *IGI* (Langar, Notts). See also **Laney** and **Dando**. Some of the following early bearers could alternatively belong with (2) through family migration.

**Further information:** In 1166 Fulc de Alneto (from Alnou-le-Faucon, Orne in Normandy) held a fee of Walter de Aincourt in Granby (Notts), the parish adjacent to Langar (*Red Book of the Exchequer*). In the early 13th century Roger de Alneto granted his mill in Granby to Thurgarton Priory. Anglo-Norman French *d'Aunou* may have been assimilated to *d'Aunay, Dawnay*.

**Early bearers:** Alce Daune, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Thomas Dawn, 1629 in *IGI* (East Preston, Sussex); Anne Dawne, 1609 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Dawne, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); George Dawne, 1629, Jane Daune, 1635 in *IGI* (Langar, Notts); William Daun, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Judith Dawn, 1667 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Henry Daun, 1675 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); Mary Dawn, 1684 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Thoms Dawn, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 277; *Thurgarton Cartulary*, item 572.

2 English: relationship name from Middle English *Dawen*, a variant of **Dawes** with the weak declension genitival suffix *-(e)n* (Old English *-an*) instead of the standard Middle English *-es*. The usage is mainly restricted to West Midlands dialects of Middle English.

**Early bearers:** Cecilia Dawen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Dauwen, 1327, Roger Dawn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ladbroke, Warwick); Johannes Dawen, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Saredon, Staffs); Hugh Dawn, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); William Dawn, 1569, Robt. Dawne, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Dawne, 1787 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, pp. 28–30 and Appendix III.

**Dawnay**

Variants: **Dawney, Doney, Dawn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; London



## Dawney

Norman, English: locative name from one of the many places in northern France named from an alder grove (Old French *aulnai*, *aulnoi*, latinized as *alnetum*), such as Annay (Pas-de-Calais), Aulnay (Aube, Marne, Calvados), Aulnois (Aisne), and Aunay (Calvados, Eure-et-Loire, Seine-et-Oise). With fused preposition, Anglo-Norman French *d'Aunai* became *Dawnay*, *Dawney* and (with loss of the final syllable) *Dawn*. **Laney** is another form of this surname with fused definite article. See also **Dando**, from Anglo-Norman French *d'Aunou*, with which *d'Aunai* may sometimes have been confused. **Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Sir Nicholas Daunay, who was summoned to Parliament in the 14th century. They now hold the title of Viscount Downe. **Early bearers:** John de Alnai, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Reginald de Auney, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Mathew Dauney, 1251 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); John de Aune, 1269 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Devon); Nicholas Daune, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goodrington, Devon); Johanne Dawneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Alexander de Anne (for de Aune), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frickley, WR Yorks); Johanne Daunay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hotham, WR Yorks); Willelmus Dawnay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); Jenet Dawnay, 1564 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Christian Dawnay, 1635 in *IGI* (Carlton in Lindrick, Notts); Thomas Dawnay, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Swithin London Stone, London); Henry Dawnay, 1733 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx). **References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at Annay.

### Dawney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Norman, English: See **Dawnay**.

### Dawodu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from *Dá(w)ódu*, the traditional Yoruba name for the eldest surviving son of a family head. **Early bearers:** Simon Abiodun Dawodu, 1944 in *Passenger Lists* (Liverpool, Lincs); Babatunde Dawodu, 1947 in *Passenger Lists* (Liverpool, Lincs).

### Dawood

- Variants:** **Dawud**, **Daoud**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Muslim, Arabic: from the Arabic personal name *Dāwūd*, Arabic form of *David*. **Further information:** In Islam, *Dāwūd* is regarded as a messenger of Allah.

### Daws

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1120, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Norfolk; Notts
- English: See **Dawes**.

### Dawson

- Variants:** **Dauson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 37540, Ireland 1837
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32723

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lincs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- 1 English: relationship name, 'son of *Dawe*'. The Middle English personal name *Daw(e)* is sometimes a pet form of *David* (See (3) below) but more generally of *Rauf* or *Raw* (i.e. Ralph), of which *Daw(e)* is a rhyming form (See **Daw**). *Dawson* is one of the most numerous patronymic surnames, and *Ralph* was a much commoner personal name than *David*, especially in the north Midlands and north of England, where most names in *-son* have arisen. **Early bearers:** Thomas Daweson, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Dauwesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardo Dawesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); Nicholaus Dauson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Johannes Dauson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lincs); John Daweson, 1451 in *PROB 11*; Dorathy Dawson, 1542 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Raffe Dauson, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); Mathew Dauson, 1574 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).
- 2 English: relationship name, 'son of *Daud(e)*', another Middle English pet form of *Ralph* (See **Daud**). *Daude* and *Dawe* were evidently used interchangeably. John Dauson is listed with Beatrix Daudewyf, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Middleton near Ilkeley, WR Yorks), and is probably her son. *Daudeson* would probably have merged with **Dawson** or else **Dodson**.

**Early bearers:** William Daudeson, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Daudson, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Daudeson, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Roger Daudeson, 1372 in *Derbys Charters*; Jane Daudson, 1673 in *IGI* (Whittingham, Northumb).

3 Scottish: relationship name, 'son of *Dawe*', in Scotland a diminutive of **David**. **Early bearers:** John Daweson, 1405 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); David Dason, 1571 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Ross and Cromarty); Alexander Dawson, 1588 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).

### Dawton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset and Devon
- English: See **Dalton**.

### Dawtrey

**Variants:** **Dawtry**, **Daughtery**, **Daughtry**, **Daughtrey**, **Dafter**, **Daltry**, **Daltrey**, **Daultrey**, **Daldry**, **Dealtry**, **Hawtrey**, **Darter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Sussex

Norman, English: locative name from Hauterive (Orne) with fused preposition *de*. The place-name, meaning 'high bank', was rendered in clerical Latin as *Alta Ripa*. **Further information:** The family had lands in Yorks, Lincs, and Sussex in the 12th century. For an account of the Dawtry family in Sussex See *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 70–1. **Early bearers:** N England: Robert de Halteripa, about 1155, in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Philip de Hauterive, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William de Alta ripa, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Philip de Alteriva, about 1200 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*

(NR Yorks); Nicholaus Dautry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Margaret Daultery, 1591 in in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Thomas Dawtrye, 1603 in *IGI* (Saxby on Humber, Lincs); Elizabeth Daltrie, 1625 in *IGI* (Bishop Wilton, ER Yorks); George Daltry, 1671, Dealtry, 1679 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Daughtery, 1767 in *IGI* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Daughtrey, 1822 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks). S England: Robert de Alta Ripa, mid-12th cent. in *Surnames of Sussex*; Walter Dautre, 1386 in *London Letter Books A*; Wyllyam Dawtrye, 1572 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Jhon Dawterye, 1585 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Nycolas Dautery, 1599 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Daughtry, 1634 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Margaret Daughtery, 1637 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Jhon Dawtery, 1738 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Catherine Dawtry, 1813 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Daniel Daughtree, 1866 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex). **References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 278.

### Dawtry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dawtrey**.

### Dawud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: See **Dawood**.

### Dax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: variant of **Dack**, with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*. **Early bearers:** Rogerus Dax, 1585 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Henrie Daxe, 1594 in *IGI* (Ford, Shrops); Richard Dackes, 1618 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Thomas Dax, 1641 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Day

**Variants:** **Daye**, **Dey**, **D'Eye**, **Days**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38171, Ireland 650
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27615
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Tipperary and Offaly

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *day(e)*, *dey(e)* 'dairy maid', sometimes 'a woman who keeps cows and other farm stock' (compare the 1221 example). Originally used only of women, it was later used of men with the sense 'a man in charge of the dairy cattle'. The earliest examples below (about 1055 and about 1095) are almost certainly used in the original sense. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** N England: Willelmus Day, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ellerton, ER Yorks); Thomas Day, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carthorpe, NR Yorks); Robertus Day, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Bretton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Day, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Day, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Malton, NR Yorks); Ambrosius Day, 1560 in *IGI* (York); Jane Day, 1564 in *IGI*



(Snaith, WR Yorks); James Day, 1585 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs).

S England and E Midlands: Aluric Dai, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Ralpur Deie, 1211 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Thoma Day, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westoning, Beds); Thomas Day, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Thomas Day, 1539 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Robert Day, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Day, 1544 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs); John Day, 1544 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edmund Day, 1545 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); Johis Day, 1561 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); John Day, 1562 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

W England: Leofgife ða Dagean, about 1055 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Gunild' daiam domini episcopi, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Walter le Daye, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Day, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chirton, Wilts); Cristina Daye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewlish, Dorset); Agneta Daye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledbury foreign, Herefs); Johanna Daye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charney Bassett, Berks); John Dey, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); William Day, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Water Day, 1542 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Robtes. Day, 1547 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Day, 1550 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Maria Day, 1563 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); John Day, 1593 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs).

E Anglia: Godiua Daia, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thomas le Deye, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Thomas Daye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Docking, Norfolk); Robertus Daye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinderclay, Suffolk); John Dey, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Witchingham, Norfolk); Thomas Day, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name from the personal name *Day*, *Dey*, in W England probably a pet form of *David* but in N England and perhaps elsewhere also a late Middle English variant of *Daw*, a pet form of *Ralph* (See **Dakin**). Compare **Dayson**.

**Early bearers:** Roger filius Daye, 1300 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks).

3 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Dai*, a pet form of *Dafydd*, Welsh form of **David**. The 1415 example is too early to have given rise to a hereditary surname in Wales, but post-medieval instances of the name in Wales and the bordering English counties may alternatively be from the English name in (2); for other possible early bearers See (1).

**Early bearers:** Lewelin ap Day, 1415 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Richard Day, 1628 in *IGI* (Bangor is y coed, Flints); Elinor Day, 1730 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); William Day, 1806 in *IGI* (Llantrisant, Glamorgan).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 82–3.

4 Scottish: relationship name from an anglicized form of the Gaelic personal name *Daidh*, a pet form of **David**.

**Early bearers:** Eynonus Day, soldier in army of Edward I, 1296 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany* 11 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Dey, 1600 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balvenie, Banffs); Hellein Dey, 1631 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Day, 1727 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Perths); John Henry Day, 1754 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Daya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Bangladeshi: Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

## Dayal

**Variants:** **Dyal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian: Hindu (Kayasth) and Sikh, from Sanskrit *dayālu* 'kind, compassionate'.

2 Irish: altered form of **Doyle**. Compare **Dial**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Dayal, in *Census 1841* (Northumb); Michal Dayal, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Walker, Northumb).

## Daybell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Leics

English: See **Dabell**.

## Daye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Pembrokes
- English: See **Day**.

## Dayer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Glasgow

English, Irish: origin uncertain; perhaps a variant of **Dyer**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dayer, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Gylberte Dayer, 1582 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); John Dayer, 1594 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Thomas Dayer, 1640 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants).

## Dayes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: See **Days**.

**Further information:** Derivation of the now extinct *Dayhouse* from Middle English *daie-hous* 'dairy' (from *daie* 'dairyman or -maid' + *hous*) is formally possible but, although the word is well recorded, there is as yet no certain evidence that it gave rise to a medieval surname, and *Dayhouse* may simply be a hypercorrect form of *Dayes*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Dayes, 1587 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Arthur Dayes, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Burford, Oxon); Roberte Deyes, 1622 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Marie Dayes, 1662 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Richard Days, 1694 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); Ann Days, 1721 in *IGI* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks).

## Daykin

**Variants:** **Hakin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1033
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: See **Dakin**.

## Dayman

**Variants:** **Daymon, Damon, Dayment, Daymond, Diamond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs and Leics

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dayman*. It may be from Old English \**Dægmann*, perhaps a pet form of names in *Dæg-* or else a transferred use of the word in (ii), similar in usage to Old English *Flotmann* 'sailor' and *Gliwmann* 'minstrel'. Alternatively it may be a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Day*, to which the hypocoristic suffix *-man* has been added. *Day* is sometimes a short form of *David* but is also a 14th-century variant of *Daw*, a rhyming pet form of *Ralph*; compare Gilbertus Dawman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk), and Willelmus Dawman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Humberton, WR Yorks). See **Day** and **Daw**, and for the suffix See **Bateman, Hickman, Human, Pateman, Potman**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2). (ii) occupational name, perhaps for a dairyman, from Middle English *daie* 'man in charge of dairy cattle' + *man* 'servant, worker'. The addition of *-man* seems unnecessary if it synonymous with *daie* but the definite article in the 1332 example indicates that in this case at least a Middle English noun is the source rather than a personal name. (iii) occupational name, status name, 'servant of a man named *Day*'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dayman Buntynge, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs).

surnames: Stephen Deyman, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Deyman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clovelly, Devon); Richard le Deymon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henricus Deyman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Obridge (Prior), Somerset); Willelmus Deyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halvergate, Norfolk); Johannes Dayman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rufforth, WR Yorks); Henricus Daymon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Baddow, Essex); Richard Deyman, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Crediton, Devon); John Deyman, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Andrew Deyman, 1549 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); John Damont, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); William Deymont, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Swimbridge, Devon); Elizabeth Dayman, 1687 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); William Dayman, 1724 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Elizabeth Dayman, 1760 in *IGI* (Pancrasweek, Devon); Hannah Dayman, 1781 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 English: See **Diamond**. For some possible early bearers See also (1).

3 English: from Middle English *Dame An(n)e* 'Lady Anne', probably a pet form of *Annes* (Agnes). Compare Johanne Dameanneys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs). The bearer of the surname may have been a son or servant of Lady Anne. Whether this became a hereditary surname is unknown. **Early bearers:** Rogero Damane, 1379, Editha Damanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Hinton, Wilts).

## Dayment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) probably a variant of **Diamond**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Dayman**, with post-medieval excrescent *-t* (See **Ashment**).

**Early bearers:** Thoma. Dayment, 1648 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Henry Dayment, 1757 in *IGI* (Hittisleigh, Devon); Roger Dayment, 1809 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon).

## Daymon

### Daymon

- GB frequency 1881: 42
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: (i) See **Diamond**. (ii) See **Dayman**.

Further information: This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Daymond

- Current frequencies: GB 256, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 164
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: (i) See **Diamond**. (ii) See **Dayman**.

Early bearers: William Daymond, 1589 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jane Daymond, 1595 in *IGI* (Bishop's Tawnton, Devon); Henericus Daymond, 1615 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

### Dayne

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: See **Dain**.

### Daynes

- Current frequencies: GB 910, Ireland 33
- GB frequency 1881: 463
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: See **Dains**.

### Dayrell

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks; Shrops

English: See **Dorrell**.

### Days

Variants: **Deyes**, **Dayes**

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Day**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Thomas Deys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilncote, Warwicks); Willelmus Deys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Walter Deyes, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Dayes, 1585 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); David Deice, 1733 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Sarah Days, 1750 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

### Daysh

- Current frequencies: GB 186, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 138
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; Pembrokes

English: See **Dash**.

### Dayson

Variants: **Deason**

- Current frequencies: GB 153, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 162
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Staffs; also Cumb and Westm

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Day*, a pet form of both *David* and *Ralph* (See **Day** (2)), + the patronymic marker -son possibly 'son of the dairyman'. See **Day** (1).

Early bearers: Henry Deyesone, 1366 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Deyesone, 1381 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Staffs); Margreta Dayson, 1566 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Philippus Dayson, 1603 in *IGI* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks).

### Dayton

- Current frequencies: GB 162, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 106
- Main GB location 1881: Herts and London; Northants

English: See **Deighton**.

### Dayus

- Current frequencies: GB 172, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops, Warwicks, and Worcs

1 Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Deiws*, a pet form of *David*.

Further information: The suggestion in *Reaney and Wilson* that this name may alternatively derive from Middle English *deye* + *hous* 'dye house' is formally possible but there is no medieval evidence for such a surname.

References: *Morgan and Morgan*.

2 English: perhaps a late locative name, or nickname, denoting someone who lived by or worked in a dyehouse, Middle English *deiehou*s (Old English *dēag* + *hūs*). Some of the bearers listed below may belong at (1).

Early bearers: Thomas Dayhouse, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Isaac Dayus, 1688 in *IGI* (Caynham, Shrops); Frances Dayus, 1689 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Dayhouse, 1697 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops); John Dayus, 1733 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ann Dayhouse, 1798 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Lizzie Jane Dayhouse, 1888 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Dazely

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Beds; Essex

English: See **Daisley**.

### Dazey

- GB frequency 1881: 1

English, Irish: See **Daisy**.

Further information: This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

Early bearers: Michall Dazey, 1704 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Sam. Dazey, 1707 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); George Dazey, 1772 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Dazley

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Beds; Durham; Essex

English: See **Daisley**.

### Dcosta

- Current frequencies: GB 88, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Portuguese, Jewish: See **Da Costa**.

### Dcruz

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Portuguese: reduced form of **Da Cruz**; See **Dacruz**.

### Dcruze

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Portuguese: respelling of **Da Cruz**; See **Dacruz**.

### De

- Current frequencies: GB 206, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Indian: See **Dey**.

### Dea

- Current frequencies: GB 147, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 65
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Durham

Irish: reduced form of **O'Dea** (**Ó Deaghaidh**).

### Deacon

Variants: **Deaken**, **Deakin**, **Deakins**, **Dekin**, **Dicken**

- Current frequencies: GB 6972, Ireland 290
- GB frequency 1881: 4924
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Leics, Northants, and Beds; Berks and SW England; also Lancs and WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

1 English: nickname from Middle English *deken*, *dicoun* 'deacon, a priest's assistant at church services' (Old French *diacne*, Old English *diacon*, *dēacon*). Since deacons were in holy orders they would not be allowed to marry, so the surname is probably in most cases a secular nickname rather than the name of a church official. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

Early bearers: Richard le Diakne, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard le Deken(e), 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds), 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Dekne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Dekon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Dekene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lutterworth, Leics); Margareta Deacon, 1556 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); William Deacon, 1558 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Jn. Deacon, 1560 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Anna Deacon, 1562 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Elyzabeth Deacon, 1562 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); William Deacon, 1567 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Joyce Deacon, 1579 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Deacon, 1604 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants); George Deacon, 1621 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Ann Deacon, 1623 in *IGI* (Hemsworth near Wakefield, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name, see **Dicken**. It is impossible to differentiate the modern variants of this name from those of (1).

3 Irish: from **Ó Deocáin** 'descendant of *Deocán*', a personal name of uncertain derivation and meaning. Early bearers: John Deacons, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim).

### Deacy

- Current frequencies: GB 189, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Gloucs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

Irish: from **Déiseach**, see **Deasy**.

### Deaden

- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: See **Dedden**.

**Deadman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1220, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Middx
- English: See **Debenham**.

**Deady**

Variants: **Dady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Killkenny

Irish: from Ó Déadaigh ‘descendant of *Déadach*’, a personal name apparently meaning ‘toothy’.

Early bearers: John, Hugh O’Deadie, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477, §6480.

**Deagle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: See **Diggle**.

Further information: This form is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Deak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish: See **Deek**.

**Deake**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: See **Deek**.

**Deaken**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: See **Deacon**.

2 English: See **Dicken**.

**Deakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dicks**.

**Deakin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6906, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, and WR Yorks; also Shrops

1 English: See **Dicken**

2 English: See **Deacon**.

**Deakins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Worcs; also Radnors

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Deacon**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

2 English: See **Dickens**.

**Deal**

Variants: **Deale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Deal (Kent) or denoting someone who lived in a valley, Middle English *dale*, *dal(l)*, *daile*, *dele* (Old English *doel*).

Early bearers: Roger de le Dele, John Dele, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Hubert de Dele, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John de Dele, Hubert de Dele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Johannes de Dele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk and Suffolk); Thomas Deale, 1540 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent).

**Deale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Hants; Essex
- English: See **Deal**.

**Dealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

Irish: from Ó Duibhghiolla, see **Deeley**.

**Dealtry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

Norman, English: See **Dawtrey**.

**Dealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Irish: from Ó Duibhghiolla, see **Deeley**.

**Deam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Deem**.

**Deamer**

Variants: **Deemer**, **Demer**, **Demers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *demere* ‘judge’, later used as a nickname for a censorious person, a self-appointed judge (*MED*, about 1430). In *Promptorium Parvulorum*, *Demar* is glossed as ‘iudicator’. See also **Deeming**, **Dempster**, **Doman**.

Early bearers: Leuric Demere, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alan Demur, 1250, Richard le Demor, 1301, Richard le Demur, 1357 in *Trentham Chartulary* (Staffs); Abraham Demere, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Margaret Demer, 1584 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Daniel Deamer, 1707 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Francis Deemer, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

**Dean**

Variants: **Deans**, **Deane**, **Deanes**, **Deen**, **Dene**, **Dain**, **Dane**, **Adeane**, **Doyme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27970, Ireland 424
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20549
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Staffs; also Morays; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: locative name from any of the numerous places named *Dean* or *Dene*, or topographic for someone who lived in a valley, Middle English *dene* ‘(long, narrow) valley’ (Old English *denu*). Some of the following bearers may belong under (2).

Compare **Dann**.

Early bearers: Ralph de Dene, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); William de la Dena, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Simon in la Dene, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard del Dene, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Robert ater Dene, Peter in ther Dene, William atte Dene, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas del Denes, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Dene, 1366 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes del Dene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Midgley, WR Yorks); Ricardus del Dene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Beatrice del Dene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Willelmus atte Dene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dishenurst, Sussex); Johannes atte Dene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); Willelmus de Dene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks); Henricus de Dene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashill, Norfolk); Raufe Dene, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Dean, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Frances or Parker Dean, 1558 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Dean, 1571 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Marie Dean, 1588 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Margery Dean, 1599 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Ellen Dean, 1626 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

2 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *den*, *deen*, *dein*, *dien*, *doien* (Old French *deien*, *diendeen*, *doien*) ‘dean’, the head of a chapter of canons or a church official with jurisdiction over a sub-division of an archdeaconry. Though no doubt some deans bore illegitimate children, they were officially celibate, and in the main the surname is probably a nickname in origin, similar to **Bishop**, **Prior**, **Priest**, and **Monk**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may belong here.

Early bearers: Daudi Decanus, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Reiner Dene, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey le Dean quondam persona (de Whalleye), 1278 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Yorks); Robert le Deen, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le Dyen, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Dien, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard and Walter le Doyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rumboldswyke in Chichester, Sussex); Richard Dien, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henricus Doyme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Thomasina le Dene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chidden, Hants); George Doyme, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thos. Doyme, 1795 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

3 Scottish: locative name from Den in Kildrummy (Aberdeens) or Dean in Kilmarnock (Ayr).

Early bearers: Robert de Den, canon of Dunkeld, 1345 in *Papal Petitions* (Perths); Johannes de Den, 1382 in *Aberdeen Register* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); John Dene, burgess, 1499 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Irvine, Ayr); Thomas Deyne, 1542 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Janet Dean, 1648 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Jonet Dean, 1670 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); John Dean, 1674 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Deane

4 Irish: from Mac an Deagánaigh or Ó Déaghain, see **Deane**.

5 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Deyne* (or *Dene*), a rhyming pet form of *Reynald* (Reginald). Deyne in Angulo, 1297, is identical with Reginald in Angulo, 1298, in *Lenton Priory Accounts* (Newthorpe in Lenton).

Compare **Denson**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** Ric' fil' Deyne, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); Richard Dean, 1518 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Joan Dean, 1542 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Nicholas Dean, 1548 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Susanna Dean, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Frances Or Parker Dean, 1558 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, p. 130.

## Deane

**Variants:** Dean, Dane, McDine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3579, Ireland 1388
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2482
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Gloucs and Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Cork and Tipperary

1 English: See **Dean**.

2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English name, it is Irish Mac an Deagánaigh 'son of the deacon' or Ó Deagháin 'descendant of the deacon'.

**Early bearers:** Mac an Deagánaigh: Thady mcOwen McIdigany, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4419; Tuahill McAdegany, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4914 (Donegal). Ó Déaghain: Teige mcEdmund O'Dane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4794 (Clonogh duffe, Leitrim and Longford); Derby O'Dyean, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4680 (Boughoyme, Tipperary); Thomas Deane, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3960 (Grenan); Teig O'Deane, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3954 (Birry); William Reogh O'Deane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5697 (Bonnochoen); Teige O'Dane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Rosteleane).

## Deaner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name denoting someone who lived in a valley, from Middle English *dene* 'thickly wooded) valley' + the suffix *-er*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Deaner', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Dener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corpusty, Norfolk); Roger Deaner, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Deaner, 1731 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Deaner, 1839 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

## Deanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks
- English: variant of **Dean**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Deynes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henricus Deanes, 1570 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Andrew Deanes, 1572 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Jayne Deanes, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); John Deanes, 1579 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Robertt Deanes, 1591 in *IGI* (Gresham, Norfolk).

## Deaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Scottish, Irish: See **Denny**.

## De Angelis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Angelo*, probably in the sense '(a member) of the Angeli family'. Alternatively, in some instances the name may have been bestowed on a founding 'from the angels', from the vocabulary word *angelo* 'angel'.

**Early bearers:** Angelo Deangelis, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Deangelis, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Sidney Deangelis, in *Census 1881* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Angelo De Angelis, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Thanet, Kent); Lorenzo De Angelis, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

## Deans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3119, Ireland 266
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2016
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Edinburgh; Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Scottish: variant of **Dean**.

**Early bearers:** John Deanness, 1588 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; Jacobus Deanes, 1682 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh).

## Dear

**Variants:** Deare, Deares, Deer, Deere, Darr, Derry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2799, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1953
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds and Hunts; also Hants and Wilts; Angus

English: (i) relationship name, nickname, either from the Middle English personal name *Dere*, possibly representing Old English *Dēora* (a short form of names beginning in *Dēor-*), or more likely derived from Old English *dēore*, Middle English *dere* 'beloved', or Old English *dēor*, Middle English *der(e)* 'fierce', 'brave, bold', used both as a nickname or term of endearment and also as a given name. (ii) nickname from Middle English *der* (Old English *dēor*) 'wild animal; deer', perhaps denoting a fast runner or someone easily frightened.

**Early bearers:** England: Goduine Dere filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Rogerus filius Dere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Goduui dere, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Matthew Dere, 1196 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert le Dere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thoma Deare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitestaunton, Somerset); Johanne Dere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Inkpen, Berks); Wylleam Dear, 1588 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Dear, 1619 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx). Scotland: Thomas Dere, abbot, 1327 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kinloss, Morays); Thomas Deir or Deyr, notary public, 1528–46 in *Perth Blackfriars, Protocol Book Rollok* (Perth); Betchritch Dear, 1615 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); Jon. Dear, 1664 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); David Deer, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

## Dearden

**Variants:** Deardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2476, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2928
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Dearden (Moor), in Bury (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Raph Dearden, 1591 in *IGI* (London); Marie Dearden, 1601, James Deardon, 1602 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); John Deardon, 1625 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Joseph Dearden, 1669 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Richard Dearden, 1774 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 64; *Survey of Middle English Dialects* 1, p. 176; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 365.

## Deardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: See **Dearden**.

## Deards

**Variants:** Dardes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Surrey
- Norman, English: locative name from Ardres, a manor in Turvey (Beds), preceded by French *de* 'of'. **Early bearers:** Ralph Dardres, 1349 in *Herts Archives* (Knebworth); Thomas Dardis, 1366 in *Herts Archives* (Turvey, Beds); John de Dardes, 1406–7 in *Cheshire Record Office*; John Dardes, William Dardes, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Knebworth, Datchworth, Herts); Edmonde Dardes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); Alice Deards, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Anstey, Herts); Wynnefred Deards, 1594 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); John Deardes, 1616 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Esther Deards, 1716 in *IGI* (Knebworth, Herts).

## Deare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Glamorgan
- English: See **Dear**.

## Deares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: variant of **Dear**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Dearie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Glasgow
- English, Scottish: See **Derry**.

## Dearing

**Variants:** Deering, Dering, Doring, During

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also SE England; Devon

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dering* (Old English *Dēoring*, a pet form of Old English *Dēora*, *Dēore*, or *Dēor* (See **Dear**)). The 1185 given name below is a Kentish

spelling of *Dering* with the vowel *ē*. (ii) relationship name from south-western Middle English *Diring*, representing Old English *Diering*, *Diring*, a side form of *Dēoring*. See also **During**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Derinc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Diering(us), 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent).

urnames: Willelmus filius Derinch, 1190–4 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Bucks); Richard Dering, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Thomas Deryng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Deryng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rotsea, ER Yorks); Thomas Dyring, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestone, Wilts); Ricardo Deryn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Dalby, Leics); Radulphus Deryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Didlington, Norfolk); Roberd Dyring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Patching, Sussex); Johanne Dyringe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitton, Wilts); Ricardus Deryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willelmus Deryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); Alicia Deryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johanne Deryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Deryng, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Dering, 1566 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Robt Deeryng, 1571 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Johis Deering, 1577 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Margeret Dearinge, 1578 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Edward Dering, 1579 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); William Dearinge, 1579 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Hester Deereing, 1587 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Richard Dearing, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Dearing, 1727 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks).

### Dearle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Darrell** (See **Dorrell**) with reduction of the unstressed second syllable.

**Early bearers:** John Darle, 1561 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Anne Darle, 1564 in *IGI* (Lower Hardres, Kent); John Dearle, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Christofer Darle, 1608, Mary Dearl, 1747 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Alice Dearle, 1623 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Edward Dearle, 1706 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks); William Dearll, 1712, William Darle, 1776 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks).

### Dearling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: See **Darling**.

### Dearlove

**Variants:** Darlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; London; WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *derne* 'secret, hidden' + *love*, *l(o)uve*, *loff(e)* 'love, sexual pleasure'.

**Early bearers:** William Derneluue, 1206 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Hugh Dernelove, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Dernelof, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Elya Dernelouue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); William Dernelof, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Derloue, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Johannes Derlof, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Thomas Derelove, 1558 in *PROB 11* (London); Rose Darlow, 1577 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Georgio Dearlove, 1590 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johan Dearlove, 1689 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); William Darlow, 1706 in *IGI* (Offord Darcy, Hunts); Richard Dearlove, 1711 in *IGI* (Enborne, Berks).

### Dearman

**Variants:** Dorman, Dormon, Durman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts; WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Derman*, *Dorman* (Old English *Dēormann*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Derman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); Dermannus clanewatere, about 1130 in *Cartae Antiquae* (London).

urnames: William Derman, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Derman, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Willelmus Derman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes Doreman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Gilbertus Derman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lindsell, Essex); Ricardus Dorman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beenham, Berks); William Derman, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Rayleigh, Essex); Tho. Dearman, 1579 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Durman, 1594 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Robert Durman, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Mid Lavant, Sussex); Thomas Dorman, 1620 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Thomas Dearman, 1623 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Gul. Dearman, 1701 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Geo. Durman, 1793 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset).

2 Irish: from *Ó Duibhthiorma* 'descendant of *Duibhthiorma*', a personal name meaning 'black trooper', see **Dormer**. There has been some confusion with the more common personal name *Diarmaid*, see **McDermott**.

**Early bearers:** Owin O'Dughierma, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655.

### Dearn

**Variants:** Dearnie, Tearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Staffs; WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *derne* with a range of meanings including 'solitary; crafty; discreet; secret'. Compare **Dearlove**.

**Further information:** The variants with initial *T-* may be forms of this name influenced by that of the River Tern (Shrops), or they may represent a separate name altogether, derived from the river-name, which can no longer be distinguished.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Derne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); John Derne, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); Nicholas Derne, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donington, Shrops); Alice Dearn, 1558 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Christopher Tearn, 1566 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Anne Dearn, 1574 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Christopher Tearne, 1577 in *IGI* (Bentham, Shrops); Cateryn Dearn, 1577 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Marget Tearne, 1586 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Frances Tearne, 1590, Ellinor

Dearn, 1612 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Grace Dearn, 1671 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mathew Tearn, 1699 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks).

### Dearnaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys
- English: See **Dearnley**.

### Dearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: See **Dearn**.

### Dearness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from some unidentified place in Orkney or Northern Scotland, perhaps Durness.

**Early bearers:** James Dearness, 1761 in *IGI* (Sanday, Orkney); Margaret Dearness, 1784 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Thomas Dearness, 1794 in *IGI* (Eday and Pharay, Orkney).

### Dearnley

**Variants:** Darnley, Darnely, Dearnaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Dearnley (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry Dernele, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); John de Dernelegh, 1397 in *Patent Rolls*; Edmundo Dernelye, 1566 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Mary Darnaly, 1676 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); William Dernely, 1751 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lancs); William Darnely, 1773, Susannah Dernaly, 1778 in *IGI* in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); John Dearnley, 1809 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

### Dearsley

**Variants:** Dearsly, Darsley, Daisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey and Middx

1 English: locative name from Derisley Farm in Woodditton (Cams).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Deresle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Dursle, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter Deresley, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Edmund Dearslye or Dearsley, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Gray's Inn, Middx); Henery Dersley, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Agne Dearsley, 1599 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); John Dersley, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Soham, Cams); John Dersley or Dearsley, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Dearsly, 1690 in *IGI* (Kirtling, Cams); John Dersly, 1772 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cams*, p. 127.

2 English: See **Dursley**.

### Dearsly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: See **Dearsley**.

## Dearson

### Dearson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name from Middle English *Dere* (See **Dear**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** William Dereson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Catherine Dearson, 1563 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Marie Dearson, 1592 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); Barbara Dearson, 1643 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Johannis Dearson, 1671 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Frederick Dearson, 1733 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Dearth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: (i) variant of **Death**, with intrusive *-r-*, perhaps as a deliberate attempt to dissociate the name from 'death'. (ii) nickname, possibly also from Middle English *derth* 'dearth, need, famine', though no medieval bearers have been noted.

**Early bearers:** Edward Dearth, 1621, Jane Death, 1625 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Edward Death, 1625, George Dearth, 1686 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Eliz Derth, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rebecca Death, 1653, William Derth, 1779 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk).

### Deary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Monaghan
- English, Scottish: See **Derry**.

### Deas

Variants: **Dees, Deese**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks

Scottish: nickname from Old French *dez* 'dice', denoting either a player at dice or a dice seller or maker.

**Early bearers:** England: Stephen Dees, 1285 in *Winchester Surveys*; Robert Des, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Des, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Norfolk); William Deyse, 1508 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Dease, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

Scotland: James Dais, 1611 in *Brechin Testaments* (Dundee, Angus); Andrew Daes, 1627 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Deas, 1683 in *Brechin Testaments* (Dunnichen, Angus); Euphan Deas, 1690 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife).  
References: *Black*.

### Dease

Variants: **Daisey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from **Déise**, from *Deece* in Meath.

**Further information:** This is one of the very few Irish locative names.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dece, conventual person of the late priory of SS. Taurin and Feghin, 1540 in *Fiants*

*Henry* §122 (Fower, Westmeath); Richard Dece, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4151 (Tarbeston, Westmeath); John rowe Deasaghe, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5801 (Mokerin); Garret Deise, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6693 (Ballecunioll, Westmeath).

### Deasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Déiseach**; See **Deasy**.

### Deason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Lancs; Middx; also Cornwall; Westm

English: See **Dayson**.

### Deasy

Variants: **Deasey, Deacy, Dacey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 1108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Mayo

Irish: from **Déiseach**, denoting a member of the vassal community known as the *Déise*, a term of uncertain origin and meaning.

**Early bearers:** John rowe Deasaghe, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Mokerin, Cork).

### D'Eath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Surrey, Kent

English: variant spelling of **Death**, adopted to avoid its unfavourable connotations.

### De Ath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant spelling of **Death**, adopted to avoid its unfavourable connotations.

### De'Ath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: variant spelling of **Death**, adopted to avoid its unfavourable connotations.

### Death

Variants: **Deeth, De'Ath, De Ath, D'Eath, D'Eathe, Dearth**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1480
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *deeth*, *deth*, Old English *dēap* 'death', perhaps for someone who played the part of Death in a local pageant. Compare the figure of Death in the Chester mystery cycle. The traditional pronunciation of this surname is *Deeth*, which would be the normal development of Old English *dēap*. The spellings *de'Ath*, *de Ath*, *D'Eath*, etc., are post-medieval, introduced to dissociate the name from the negative connotations of the word. **Further information:** Two alternative senses proposed in *Reaney, Dictionary*, are less convincing. Gerardus de Athia, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs) is the basis of a derivation from Ath in present-day Belgium, but

this would become *Ath* or *Dath* not *Death*. Old English *dýð* 'tinder, fuel' is not recorded in Middle English, and the origins of its supposed derivatives, *Dethewright* and *Deether*, are also uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Robert Deth, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Roger Deth, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Robert Death, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); Gilbert Deth, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Deth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Deth (Ded), William Deth (Det), Geoffrey Deth (Deet), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Richard Deeth, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo le Deth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lancs); Jacobo Deth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratby, Leics); John Deathe, 1584, Sarah Death, 1680 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Rebecca Death, 1614 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); William Death, 1741 in *IGI* (Edwardstone, Suffolk); Martha Death, 1742 in *IGI* (Writtle, Essex).

### D'Eathe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant spelling of **Death**, adopted to avoid its unfavourable connotations.

### Deathridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: See **Detheridge**.

### Deaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: See **Deighton**.

### Deavall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

### Deave

Variants: **Deaves, Deeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: nickname from Middle English *deave*, *deve*, *def* 'deaf'.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Surdus, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Ralph le Deue, 1251 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Sarra le Deave (la Deafe), 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Matilda Defe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, ER, Yorks); Henry Deave, 1550 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); John Deaves, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); John Deaves, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, City of London); Richard Deeve, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Cullompton, Devon); Daniel Deeves, 1706 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs).

### Deaves

Variants: **Deeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: relationship name, variant of **Deave**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Deaville**

**Variants:** Deville, De Ville, De Vile, Deavall, Devall, Davall, Davolls, Davill, Dabell, Divall, Dewell, Duell, Dewfall, Evill, Debell, Deebble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 471
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 Norman, English: locative name from Déville in Seine-Maritime. The full form was *de Daiville*. When the preposition was omitted, *Daiville* was taken to be for *de Aiville*, hence *Evill*, from *de (H)eville*. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** The de Daiville family held estates in Leics, Notts, and Yorks (See *Domesday Descendants*, p. 429), including the manor of *Deyviltorp* in Cauntoun (Notts), and Cotes de Val in Leics, recorded as *Cotesdeywill*, 1285 in *Feudal Aids*. A member of this family, John Deyville, was a supporter of Simon de Montfort, 6th Earl of Leicester, who led the rebellion against Henry III.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Davidisvilla, 1107 in *Anglo-Norman Families*; Robert de Aiuilla, 1175, de Daiuill', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Daiville, 1184 in *Templars Records* (Lincs), de Daeuill', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Roger de Divill', 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugh Davilla, about 1200 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); John and Robert Deivil' or de Eyvill', 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Egmanton, Notts); Roger Deyvill, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Eyvill, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Hevill', de Heyvill', de Deyvill', de Aivill', 1235, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Leics, Notts); John Dayvell, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Bilton, WR Yorks); William Davell of Egmanton, 1433 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Brian Dauell', 1461–83 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Richard Divill, 1553 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Francis Devall, 1571 in *York Freemen's Register*; Reynolde Devell, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Leek, Staffs); George Deyvell, 1597, Elizabeth Divall, 1630 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Elizabeth Davell, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, City of London); Anna Devell, 1613, Maria Devile, 1616, Richard Deyvell, 1640, Robard Devill, 1654 in *IGI* (Marchington, Staffs); Thomas Deville, 1656 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Tho Deavall, 1703 in *IGI* (Colton, Staffs); Johanes Devil, 1681, Mary Deaville, 1773 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *devel* (Old English *dēofol*) 'devil, Satan', possibly acquired as a pageant name or as a reduced form of a longer nickname such as that of Robert and William Drepedevell ('kill the devil'), 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton Howgrave, in Kirklington, NR Yorks). Compare the synonymous Anglo-Norman French *D(e)abel* at **Deeble**. The name is latinized as *diabolus* in Laurencius dictus diabolus alias Stanford, 13th century in *Cotton Nero E vi* (Essex). Since an exchange of *de* and *le* is not uncommon in Anglo-Norman surnames, the 1305 and 1327 examples below could alternatively be for *de Deyville*, and some other examples given below could similarly belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Aluinus Deule, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Hunts); Robert Dyvel, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wath in Hutton Conyers, NR Yorks); John le Deyvile, an alternative name for John Devile, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings*; William Deuel, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Deuile, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); John le Deuyle, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Suffolk); Juliana Deuel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norton, in Bishopstone, Sussex); Ricardus Devyl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); Walterus Devyl', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Parracombe, Devon); Robertus Devyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Ricardus Devyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John Devill, 1495 in *PROB 11* (North Petherton, Somerset); Pole Devell, 1588 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); John Divoll, 1612, Mary Divall, 1640 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**Deavin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: See **Devin**.

**Deb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: variant of **Deo** in north-eastern states of India.

**Debarry**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, Huguenot: See **Debary**.

**Debary**

**Variants:** Debarry, Dubarry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- French, Huguenot: locative name from Barry (Hainault) with fused preposition and article. Compare **Barry** (1).
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Debarry, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Swithin London Stone, London); Jean De Barry, 1693 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); David Debary, 1728 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Richard Debary, in *Census 1881* (Farnham Royal, Bucks).
- References:** *Debrabandere*.

**Debbage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Debach (Suffolk), pronounced *Debbidge*.
- Early bearers:** William Debeche, Robert Debedge, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robart Debedge, 1583 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk); Ann Debage, 1592 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); Bate Debage, 1627 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); John Debbage, 1731 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Thomas Hawkins Debbidge, 1812 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Debbage, 1834 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**De Beer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Dutch, Jewish (from the Netherlands): nickname, locative name from Dutch *beer* 'bear', with the definite article *de*, probably denoting a hefty man, or in some cases a locative name for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a bear.
- Early bearers:** Dutch: Peter Debare, 1607 in *IGI* (London); Benedict Debar, 1778 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).
- Jewish: Baruch De Beer, 1857 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Salomon De Beer, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Tower Hamlets, Middx).

**Debell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Cornwall and Devon
- English: See **Deeble**.

**Debenham**

- Variants:** Debnam, Dedman, Deadman, Deedman
- **Current frequencies:** GB 935, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Debenham (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** John de Debenham, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Gilbert de Debenham, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert Debenham, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Debnam, 1539 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Robert Debenham, Debnam, Francis Debnam, Deadman, John Deadman, Debingham, Stephen Dedman, Thomas Dednum, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Debnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: See **Debenham**.

**Debney**

- Variants:** Dibnah
- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Middx
- English: nickname from the French phrase *dieu (le) benie* 'God bless (him)'. **Further information:** Compare Olive Goadebles, 1269 in *Patent Rolls*.
- Early bearers:** Robert deulebeneie, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Cristiana' Deubenie, 1194 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Laurence Deubeneye, 1328 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Ralph Dieubeneye, 1341 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Kath Debney, 1583 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Robert Debney, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); Widow Debny, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).
- References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 80.

**Deboe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- French, Huguenot: See **Dubois**.

**De Boer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Dutch, S African: occupational name from Middle Dutch *boer*, *boor* 'farmer, landsman' + the definite article *de*.
- Early bearers:** Nathaniel Deboar, 1685 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Frederick George Deboer, 1838 in *BMD* (Camden, Middx); Gerhard De Boer, 1865 in *BMD* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Charles M. Deboer, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Sjoekje Deboer, 1878 in *BMD* (ER Yorks).

**Debonnaire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0

## Debono

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, Huguenot: nickname from Middle English *debonaire*, *debonar*, *debone(u)re* ‘mild, gentle, kind’ (Medieval French *deboneire* ‘meek, mild, humble’). **Further information:** It seems probable that the surname died out in Britain but was reintroduced in the 17th century by Protestant refugees from France.
- Early bearers:** Henry le Deboneir, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); William le Deboner, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Deboneir, 1275 in *Manorial Select Pleas*; Nicholas le Deboner, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts).
- Huguenot: Pierre Debonnaire, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Isaac Debonnaire, 1689 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Jeanne Debonnere, 1700 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Isaac Debonnaire, 1701, Isaac Debonnere, 1705, Jacob Debonnair, 1707 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jeanne Debonnaire, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx); Elizabeth Debonnaire, 1731 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx).

## Debono

### Variants: Bono

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Italian, Maltese: relationship name, patronymic from the medieval personal name *Bono* (based on Latin *bonus* ‘good’).

**Early bearers:** John Debono, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Guriennis Debono, born in Albie, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Luiggie Debono, born in Albie, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Salvo Debono, born in Malta, *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Rosario Debono, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

## Deboo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

French, Huguenot: See **Dubois**.

## De Burca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: gaelicized form of **Burke**.

## De Carteret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sark, Jersey, and Guernsey

Channel Islands: See **Carteret**.

## De Castro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Portuguese and Galician: locative name, variant of **Castro**, with the the preposition *de* ‘of, from’.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Castro, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Moses, London); Jacob De Castro, 1757 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); H. Borges de Castro, born in Oporto, Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Alfred de Castro, born in Portugal, in *Census 1891* (London); Jose de Castro, born in Brazil, in *Census*

1901 (Middx); Jose de Castro, born in Madeira, in *Census 1911* (Jersey); Francisco Cardoso de Castro, in *Census 1911* (Middx).

## Decker

### Variants: Deckers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: See **Dicker**.  
2 Dutch, German: See **Dekker**.

## Deckers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Dutch, German, English: variant of **Decker** or **Dekker**.

**Early bearers:** Samewell Dekers, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Geo. Deckers, 1721 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

## De Costa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Portuguese, Jewish: See **Da Costa**.

## De Courcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Norman, Irish, English: See **De Courcey**.

## Decourcey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, Irish, English: See **De Courcey**.

## De Courcey

### Variants: De Courcey, Decourcey, Decourcey, Decoursey, Coursey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, Irish, English: locative name denoting someone from (French *de*) any of the various places in northern France called Courcy, especially one in Calvados.

**Further information:** Patrick de Courcy was appointed justiciar of Ireland in 1221.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Curci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Oxon); Thomas de Curci, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). Ireland: Patrick Coursey, archdeacon, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §491; Patrick Coursey, archdeacon, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1204; Robert Coursey, cottier, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §255 (Kilkenny); Walter Corsey, yeoman, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; James Coursey, archdeacon, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3354; Henry Coursey, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4370 (Kilkenny); Nich. Courssey, clerk, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4997 (Cork); Tho. mcRich. mcRiccard Coursey, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5871 (Ballenclucher, Kerry); Katherine Coursey fitz Edmund, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6701; John Coursey, merchant, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6751 (Kinsalle, Cork).

## Decourcy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, Irish, English: See **De Courcey**.

## Decoursey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, Irish, English: See **De Courcey**.

## Decruz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: respelling of **Da Cruz**; See **Dacruz**.

## Dedden

### Variants: Deaden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: locative name apparently from Old French *desdans* ‘within, inside’, used elliptically to denote someone who lived within the confines of a town or village, though no link between the medieval and post-medieval bearers has been established.

**Early bearers:** Richard Desdans, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Dendanz, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Drueta Dedan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Dedan, 1627 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Mary Dedan, 1668 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Deaden, 1738 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Hannah Deaden, 1765 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Jno Dedden, 1776 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

## Dede

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Ghanaian: from the Akan female name *Dede* ‘firstborn’.

2 English: See **Dade**.

## Dedicoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: See **Didcock**.

## Dedman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 898, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 568
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Herts, and Middx
- English: See **Debenham**.

## Dee

### Variants: Tek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2040, Ireland 458
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1022
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Warwicks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Kerry, and Tipperary

1 Welsh: nickname, anglicized form of Welsh *du* ‘black’, pronounced /di:/ in S Wales and spelled *Dee* in English records.

**Further information:** According to the Rev. Jonathan Williams (died 1829), the famous Elizabethan astrologer Dr John Dee was known as ‘the learned John Du, Anglice Black Jack’, but perhaps this is just an antiquarian’s supposition.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Dee, 1503–4 in *Ancient Deeds* (Hereford, Herefs); John Dee, 1529 in *Morgan and*



*Morgan*, p. 87; Margerie Dee, 1539 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Richard Dee, 1540 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Hugonis Dee, 1559 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Susan Dee, 1562 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Dee, 1681 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks).

**References:** *Morris, Welsh Surnames*, p. 120; *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 87; Jonathan Williams, *A General History of the County of Radnorshire* (Brecon, 1905), p. 209. 2 Irish: reduced form of **O'Dea** (Ó Deaghaidh).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 狄 (**Di** or **Ti** in Mandarin romanization, **Tik** or **Tek** in Cantonese romanization), a term referring to the tribes in ancient N China: (i) from *Di* (狄), the name of an ancient state (thought to have been located in Hebei or Shandong province), which was granted to Xiao Bo or Kao Bo by the king Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Ku Di (庫狄) family during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) traced back to other minority ethnic groups in ancient NW China.

4 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 池, see **Chi** (1). The dialects of this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia.

## Deeble

**Variants:** **Debell**, **Dabell**, **Dibble**, **Diable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: (i) nickname from Old French and Anglo-Norman French *deable*, *deble*, *diable*, *dieble*, *daible*, *daible* 'devil'. The name may have been interchangeable with the synonymous Middle English *devel*; See **Deaville** (2) and compare John Devill, 1495 in *PROB 11* (North Petherton, Somerset) with the 1590 bearer cited below. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Old French *debile* 'weak, feeble' (Latin *dēbilis*), though the word is not recorded in Anglo-Norman French or Middle English and it would not account for spellings in *-ia-* or *-a-*. (iii) variant of **Dibble** (1) with lengthening and lowering of /i/ to /e/, but excluding spellings in *-ia-* or *-a-*. It is likely that several originally distinct names have become confused.

**Early bearers:** William Debel, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alexander le Deble, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Roger le Diable, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Reginald le diable, mid-13th cent. in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Kent); Richard Debel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gittisham, Devon); Johannes Debel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); John Dabbell, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); Johannes Dabbil, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Anthony, Cornwall); Willelmus Diablis, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnack, Northants); Johanne Debel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Anna Debill, 1554, John Debell, 1562 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Diable, 1575 in *West Devon Record Office* (Compton Gifford, Devon); John Dibell, 1589, John Debell, 1590, Charlotte Debbell, 1792 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richarde Deble, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Middlezoy, Somerset); William Dable, 1588, John Dabell, 1595, Frances Debbell, 1622 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Debell, 1626 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Mary Deeble, 1699 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*; William Debbel, 1788 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon); Jacob Diable, 1794 in *Parish Registers* (Saint

Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent); Mark Diable, 1865 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Joseph Diable, 1877 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Deed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; also Denbighs

English: See **Dade**.

## Deedes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: See **Deeds**.

## Deedman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: probably a variant of *Deadman*, itself a variant of **Debenham**.

**Early bearers:** John Deedman, 1775 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Deedman, 1784 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey).

## Deeds

**Variants:** **Deedes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: variant of **Dade** with post-medieval excrement *-s*, or possibly from an original plural.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

## Deegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1361, Ireland 1772
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Tipperary, Kildare, and Wicklow

Irish: from Ó Duibhginn, see **Duggan**.

## Deehan

**Variants:** **Deighan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 223
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from Ó Díochon 'descendant of *Díochú*', a personal name formed with the intensive prefix *dí* and *cú* 'hound'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Deehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Neal Deehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Daniel Deehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardnurcher or Horseleap, Offaly); Phelemy Deighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan).

## Deek

**Variants:** **Deeks**, **Deak**, **Deake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts

English: variant of **Dick** with lowering and lengthening of the vowel.

## Deeker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: See **Dicker**.

## Deekes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dicks**.

## Deeks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 952
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: See **Dicks**.

## Deeley

**Variants:** **Dealey**, **Deely**, **Dealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1843, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1000
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

1 Irish: from Ó Duibhghiolla 'descendant of *Duibhghiolla*', a personal name from *dubh* 'black' + *giolla* 'lad'. This surname was also anglicized as **Diffley**.

**Early bearers:** William O'Degyll, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2683 (Clonshambo); Matthew Dealy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killanny, Monaghan); Mary Dealy 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan); Adam Dealy 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Dilley**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Deeley, 1580 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Richard Delay, 1635 in *PROB 11*; William Dealy, 1665 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); John Dealy, 1706 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Robert Dealey, 1726 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Robert Dealy, 1735 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Obadiah Deeley, 1829 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

## Deely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Duibhghiolla, see **Deeley**.

## Deem

**Variants:** **Deam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *deme* 'judge' (Old English *dēma*). Compare **Deamer**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Deme, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Deme, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ham hundred, Kent); John Deme, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Deme, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Withington, Herefs); James Deam, 1576 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); George Deme, 1593 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Nicholas Deem, 1640 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Thomas Deeme, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Withington, Herefs); Sarah Deam, 1767 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).

## Deemer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

## Deeming

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Deamer**.

## Deeming

Variants: **Demming, Demings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: nickname for a judge, from Middle English *deming* 'judgement, adjudication; verdict; the act of conducting a trial' (Old English \**dēmung*). *Domyng* may be an error for *Demyng*, or otherwise from Old English \**dōmung* 'judgement', from Old English *dōm* 'doom, judgement'. See also **Deamer** and **Doman**, which have the same meaning.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Demung, 1246 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Wilts); John Domyng, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robert Dymmyng, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); John Deminge or Demyng, 1575 in *PROB 11*; Edward Demming, 1585 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Eliz Deming, 1685 in *IGI* (Combe Florey, Somerset); Thomas Deeming, 1684 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Susannah Deeming, 1730 in *IGI* (Merevale, Warwicks); John Demming, 1788 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Deen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herefs; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Antrim
- English: See **Dean**.

## Deeney

Variants: **Deeny, Denny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 413
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó *Duibhne* 'descendant of *Duibhne*', a byname from *duibhne* 'disagreeable, ill-tempered'. **Early bearers:** Owen Deeney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Charles Deeny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Donegal); Cornelius Denny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaghtee, Donegal); William Denny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Camus, Tyrone).

## Deeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Derry
- Irish: from Ó *Duibhne*, see **Deeney**.

## Deep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Flemish, French: locative name from Dieppe, Pas-de-Calais.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Depe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Gregory Deep, 1639 in *IGI* (Melchbourne, Beds); John Deep, 1727 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Robert Deep, 1819 in *IGI* (Outwell, Norfolk); Hannah Deep, in *Census 1841* (Essex); John Deepe, in *Census 1881* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset).

2 Indian (northern states): Hindu name meaning 'lamp', from Sanskrit *dīpa*. It occurs commonly as the final element of compound personal names, e.g. in *Kuldeep* 'light of the family'. Subsequently, it appears to have evolved into a surname.

## Deeping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Deeping Gate (Northants) or Deeping (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Depinge, 1189–1203 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Warin de Deping, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas de Depyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Willelmo de Depyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); John Depyng, 1437 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Rychard Deeping, 1595 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Richard Deeping, 1622 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Henry Deeping, 1668 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Anne Deeping, 1716 in *IGI* (Hawton, Notts).

## Deeprise

Variants: **Diprose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman: locative name denoting a person *d'Ypres*, i.e. from Ypres in Flanders (now Belgium). Compare **Dipper**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Dipres, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Robert Dypres, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); John Dypres, knight, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dipres, knight, 1403, *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Deeprise, 1615 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Mary Deeprise, 1696, John Diprose, 1699 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Mary Deeprise, 1707 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Diprose, 1718 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Mary Diprose, 1724 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Diprose, 1733 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Thomas Deeprise, 1801 in *IGI* (Ninfield, Sussex).

## Deer

Variants: **Deere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

1 Welsh, Irish: See **Deere**.

2 English: See **Dear**.

## Deere

Variants: **Deer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

1 Irish: anglicized form of Ó *Duibhidhir*, see **Dwyer**.

2 English: See **Dear**.

## Deering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 404
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Carlow, and Kildare

English: See **Dearing**.

## Deery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 828
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Louth, Monaghan, and Tyrone

Irish: from Ó *Daighre* 'descendant of *Daighre*', a personal name meaning 'fiery'. An ecclesiastical family in Derry.

**Early bearers:** William O Daury, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Kyncore); Gilladuff O Dawry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Kincora); Gillipaddrigge O Deire, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal).

## Dees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: See **Deas**.

## Deese

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: See **Deas**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Deeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: See **Death**.

## Deeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Kent

English: See **Deaves**.

## Deevy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois

Irish: from Ó *Dubhuidhe*, see **Devoy**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O'Divi, husbandman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §276 (Ballimore, Dublin); Hugh O'Divye, mason, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2030 (Irishstone, Kilkenny); Edm. duffe O Devy, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2832 (Clontecoege, Queen's county [Laois]); Wm O Divie, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3959; Tho. Devie, soldier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (Leinster).

## Deex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: See **Dicks**.

## Defer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Differ**.

## Deffley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: See **Diffley**.

### Defoe

Variants: **Devo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Essex

1 English: an altered form of **Foe**, see **Fow**.

**Further information:** The novelist and pamphleteer Daniel Defoe (about 1660–1731) was the son of James Foe, a London tallow chandler. He changed his name to *Defoe* in about 1703. Reaney suggests that Defoe might have been following a family tradition in insisting on the *De*, and that the name might be an alternative pronunciation of the English name *de Vaux* (See **Vaus**), but the evidence is too slight and tangential to evaluate. The presence in London of the Huguenot surnames *Devaux* and *Dufou* are more relevant, since Defoe was a champion of Protestant immigrant rights. See (2), (3), and compare **Devos** (3).

**Early bearers:** Martha Defoe, 1709 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Daniel de Foe, 1720 in *IGI* (Hoxton, Middx); Hester Defoe, 1738 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Catharine Defoe, 1774, Samuel Devo, 1866 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 Huguenot: anglicized form of **Devaux**.

3 Huguenot: locative name; anglicized form of French **Dufau** or **Dufou**, for someone who lived by a beech tree (Old French *fau*, *fou*).

**Early bearers:** Janne Dufau, 1694 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Marie Madelaine Dufou, 1695 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Deford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Difford**.

### De Fraine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

Norman, English: See **Frain**.

### De Freitas

Variants: **Defreitas**, **Freitas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1098, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Portuguese: locative name from any of the numerous places named Freitas or topographic for someone who lived on stony or gravelly ground, from Portuguese (*pedras*) *freitas* ‘broken stones’.

**Early bearers:** Francis Defritas, 1756 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Frances DeFrates, 1763 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); John DeFrates, 1791 in *IGI* (Higham, Kent); Pedro de Freitas, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Antonio Maria de Freitas, in *Census 1911*.

### Defreitas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Portuguese: See **De Freitas**.

### De Freyne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman: See **Frain**.

### Defries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **De Vries**.

### Defty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 124

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English \**dighti* ‘doughty’, and therefore a variant of **Doughty**, especially in the form **Daughty**, also spelled *Dafty*, as the following bearers seem to illustrate. Alternatively from an unrecorded suffixed variant of the Middle English adjective *defte*, *dafte* ‘meek, humble’ or ‘skilful’ (Old English *daefte*); compare **Daft**. This would also explain the variation in the surname forms below, but in the absence of any medieval evidence for this word or name this explanation must remain doubtful.

**Early bearers:** William Defty, 1709, James Deftey, 1718 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Eliz. Defty, 1739, Mary Dafty, 1834, Henry Defty, 1835 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Emanuel Difty, 1788, Elizabeth Defty, 1829 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Mary Difty, 1800, Emanuel Defty, 1846 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham); Richard Defty, 1806, Jacob Deftey, 1821, Elizabeth Daughty, 1834 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Defty, 1840, George Dafty, 1846 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

### Degan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 23

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from Ó Duibhginn, see **Duggan**.

### Degg

Variants: **Degge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 256

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Dagg**.

**Early bearers:** Antonie Degge, 1566 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Thomas Degg or Degge, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Longford, Derbys); John Degg, 1601 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Anne Degge, 1628 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

### Degge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Degg**.

### De Glanville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 Norman, English: See **Glanvill**.

2 Norman, English: See **Glanville**.

### Degnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 45

- **GB frequency 1881:** 166

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Longford

Irish: from Ó Duibhgeannáin, see **Duignan**.

### Degon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: See **Degun**.

### De Groot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 29

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Dutch: nickname from Middle Dutch *de* ‘the’ + *grote* ‘big, large’, denoting a big man.

**Early bearers:** Hewe Degret, 1559, Ellen Degreet, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sibrund De Groot, 1694 in *IGI* (London); Henry Degreat, 1702 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Cornelius Degroot, 1785 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William De Groath, 1797 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); Mary Degrath, 1819 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

### De Gruchy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 508

- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: locative name from Grouchy (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Philippe Gruchie, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey); John Gruchy, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Francois Gruchie, 1646 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey); Florence De Gruchy, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); David de Gruchy, 1794 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey).

Huguenot: Daudi de Gruchy, 1670 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Ann de Gruchy, 1671 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants).

### Degun

Variants: **Degon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Degville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: locative name from Ageville (Haute-Marne) with fused Old French preposition *de*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dagueuyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Wittering, Sussex); Henry de Daggeville, mariner, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Dagvyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Willelmo Dagevyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); William Dagevill, mayor of Oxford, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dagvile, 1477 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Colechurch, City of London); Susanh. Dagville, 1777 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hannah Dagville, 1787 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Genett Gilbert D’Egville, 1817 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Lewis Hervey Degville, 1804 in *IGI* (Bedwardine, Worcs); William Hervey D’Egville, 1814 in *IGI* (Bedwardine, Worcs).

### De Haan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

## Dehal

Dutch, Jewish (from the Netherlands): nickname, locative name, from Middle Dutch *hane* ‘cockereel’, with the definite article *de*, probably applied to someone thought to resemble the fowl in some way or for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a cockereel.

**Early bearers:** Dutch: Wilhelmina Louisa DeHaan, 1800 in *IGI* (Queenborough, Kent); John Dehaan, 1893 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Jan De Haan, born in Rotterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Windle, Lancs); Johannes de Haan, cabinetmaker, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Martinus De Haan, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

Jewish: Simon De Haan, commercial traveller, and Lea [*sic*], his wife, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett de Haan, cigar maker, born in Netherlands, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris De Haan, born in Middx, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Benjamin De Haan, hawker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Myer De Haan, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Leah Meheron Dehaan born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

## Dehal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## De Haviland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- French, English: See **De Havilland**.

## De Havilland

**Variants:** **De Haviland, Haviland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; Kent

1 French: elaboration of the French family name **Averland**, which Morlet derives from Dutch *averland* ‘high land’, denoting an inhabitant of the ‘high lands’, that is, a foreigner.

**Early bearers:** Caretrette De Havilland, 1798 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Saumary De Havilland, 1824 in *IGI* (Lymptstone, Devon); Martha Harriet De Havilland, 1830 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Charles Richard De Havilland, 1847 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx); Saumarez De Havilland, 1849 in *BMD* (Clutton, Somerset); John Thomas Ross De Havilland, 1852 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Hugh de Beauvoir De Havilland, 1867 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

Guernsey: Thomas De Havilland, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1841* (Guernsey); Charles De Havilland, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1841* (Guernsey); Charles Richard De Havilland, born in England, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

2 English: See **Haviland**.

## De Hoghton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: See **Houghton**.

## Deighan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 164
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Derry
- Irish: from Ó Duibhchinn, see **Duggan**, or from Ó Díochoin, see **Deehan**.

## Deighton

**Variants:** **Dighton, Deaton, Dayton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1881, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as North and Kirk Deighton (WR Yorks), Deighton near Escrick (ER Yorks), and Deighton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Ditton’, 1190–3 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); Thomas de Diction, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Diction, 1259 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Galfrido de Dyghton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Crux, Pavement, York); Peter de Dyghton, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Dyghton, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willm. Deighton, 1598 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); John Deighton, 1618 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Dayton, 1665 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Robert Deighton, 1667 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); William Dayton, 1733 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 23, 25; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 267; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 209.

## Deignan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Duibhgeannáin, see **Duignan**.

## De Jesus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name (**De Jesús**), patronymic from the personal name *Jesús*.

**Early bearers:** Maria de Jesus, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Marianne de Jesus, in *Census 1871* (Surrey); Maxima de Jesus, born in Portugal, in *Census 1891* (London); Perpetua de Jesus, in *Census 1911* (Surrey); Peter De Jesus, 1919 in *BMD* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Palmyra De Jesus, 1929 in *BMD* (Newport, Monmouths).

## De Jong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

Dutch: nickname from the Dutch epithet *de jong* ‘the young’, used to distinguish the younger of two people with the same personal name, usually a son from his father.

**Early bearers:** Anne De Jonghe, 1604 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Rachel De Jonghe, 1606 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Joannes de Jonge, 1650 in *IGI* (Dutch church, Colchester, Essex); Cornelius de Jongh, 1709 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Edward de Jongh, 1805 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Pieter de Jong, in *Census 1881* (Dalston, Middx).

## Dekin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs; Middx

- 1 English: See **Deacon**.
- 2 English: See **Dicken**.

## Dekker

**Variants:** **Decker, Deckers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 English: See **Dicker**.

**Early bearers:** William Dickar, 1650, Francis Deeker, 1722, Simon Dekker, 1847 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Dutch, German: occupational name for a roofer (a thatcher, slater, shingler, or tiler), Dutch and German **Dekker** or **Decker**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Dekker, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Peter Dekker, born in Nieuwe Dief, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (South Shields, Durham).

## Delabarre

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, English: See **Barr**.

## De la Bere

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Leics
- English: See **Beer**.

## De Lacey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks
- Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Lacey**, with the preposition *de* ‘from’.

## Delacey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- Norman, English: variant of **Lacey**, with fused preposition *de* ‘from’.

## De la Cour

**Variants:** **Delacour, Delacourt, Lacour, Cour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Huguenot, French: locative name; French name denoting someone who lived or worked at a manorial court.

**Further information:** This was a Huguenot name of an aristocratic family. The first refugee, a distinguished officer in the French army, settled in Ireland, near Portarlinton, his descendants afterwards removing to the county of Cork (*Smiles*, p. 383).

**Early bearers:** England: John Dallicortte, 1540 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Arthur Delacourt, 1590 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Delacourt, 1681 in *IGI* (Tilshead, Wilts); George Dalicourt, 1707 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Daniel Delacourt, 1756 in *IGI* (Wareham, Dorset).

Huguenot: Jan De Le Cour, 1610 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk); Charles Louis De La Cour, 1697 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx) Pierre Delacour, 1737 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

Jersey: Nicolas de la Cour, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint John); Edouard de la Cour, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence);

Pierre de la Cour, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence); Rachel de la Cour, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Peter).  
References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Delacour

- GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork
- Huguenot, French: See **De la Cour**.

### Delacourt

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- Huguenot, French: See **De la Cour**.

### De Lacy

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan; Waterford
- Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Lacey**, with the preposition *de* ‘from’.

### Delafield

Variants: **Delderfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks; Devon
- English: apparently a variant of **Field**, with an Anglo-Norman French fused preposition and article, as in Johannes de la Feld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Marcle, Herefs). Whether the preposition and article became fixed in the medieval period or was added later, to give the name a Norman aristocratic appearance, is unknown.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Delafield, 1642 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Daniel Delafield, 1714 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon).

### Delahanty

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs
- Irish: from Ó **Dulchaointigh**, see **Delahunty**.

### Delahay

- Current frequencies: GB 266, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 148
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs
- Norman, English, French, Huguenot: See **Delahaye**.

### De La Haye

- Current frequencies: GB 124, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
  - Main GB location 1881: Jersey
- Norman, English, French, Huguenot: See **Delahaye**.

### De la Haye

- Current frequencies: GB 277, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 220
  - Main GB location 1881: Jersey
- Norman, English, French, Huguenot: See **Delahaye**.

### Delahaye

- Variants: **Delahay**, **De la Hey**, **De la Haye**
- GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Herefs and Monmouths

Norman, English, French, Huguenot: locative name, variant of **Hay** with fused preposition and definite article. The name was reintroduced to England by Huguenot migrants in the 17th century.

Early bearers: Huguenot: Abraham De La Haye, 1657 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Thorney, Cambs); Daniel De La Haye, 1619 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Daniel Delhaie, 1676 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Canterbury, Kent); Jacques Delahaie, 1705 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London). Channel Islands: Abraham De La Haye, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Noel De La Haye, 1664 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey); Charles De La Haye, 1748 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey).

### De la Hey

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- Norman, English, French, Huguenot: See **Delahaye**.

### Delahooke

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: variant of **Hook** (1), with fused preposition and definite article.

### Delahunt

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 25
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary; also Offaly

Irish: from Ó **Dulchaointigh**, see **Delahunty**.

### Delahunty

Variants: **Delahunt**, **Delehanty**, **Delahanty**

- Current frequencies: GB 506, Ireland 722
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny and Tipperary; also Waterford
- Irish: from Ó **Dulchaointigh** ‘descendant of *Dulchaointeach*’, a personal name formed from *dul* ‘satirist’ + *caointeach* ‘plaintive’.
- Early bearers: Donogh O’Dulchenty, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4033 (Leyne); Donogh O’Dulchantie, gent., 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4120 (Lemyvanan, King’s county [Offaly]); William O’Dulecianta, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4834 (Kerry); Gilpatrick O’Dullehonty, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; More ny Dulchontie, wife, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6565 (Waterford).

### Delamar

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Perth; Midlothian
- Norman, Scottish: See **Dallimore**.
- Early bearers: Mary Elizabeth Delamar, 1891 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### De la Mare

Variants: **Delamare**

- Current frequencies: GB 155, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 381
  - Main GB location 1881: Guernsey and Jersey
- Norman, French, Huguenot: locative name for someone from (French *de* ‘of, from’) any of the

numerous places in France named *La Mare* (‘the pool’). Introduced by the Normans, the name was later augmented by Huguenot bearers fleeing religious persecution in France and the Low Countries in the 16th century. Compare **Dallimore**.

Early bearers: Norman William de la Mare, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gunnora de Mara alias de la Mare, 1250 in *TNA* (Oxon; Wilts); Geoffrey de La Mare, about mid-13th cent. in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Dodnash, Suffolk); Edmund de la Mare, 1315 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Hunsterson, Cheshire); Henry de la Mare, parson of the church of Our Lady of Morteo, 1341 in *North Devon Record Office* (Woolacombe, Devon); Peter de la mare, about 1380 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Holbeach, Lincs); Malcolm de la Mare, 1400 in *TNA* (Herefs); Thomas Dalamare, 1492 in *TNA* (Berks).

Huguenot: Michel Delamer, 1582, Ester Delamare, 1707 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Susanne Delamare, 1688, Louis Delamarre, 1694 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Peter Delamare, 1721 in Non-Conformist Registers (Bunhill Fields, Islington, Middx); Peter De La Mare, 1727 in Non-Conformist Registers Westminster rate books (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Delamare

- GB frequency 1881: 58
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Norman, French, Huguenot: See **De la Mare**.

### Delamere

- Current frequencies: GB 242, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 118
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Norman, Irish, English: See **Dallimore**. This is an Irish spelling of the surname.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Walter, Tho., John, and Edm. Delamare, gents., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3355 (Westmeath); Ferdorche Delamare of Ardglass, Tho. Dalamare of Korclinclare, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4018 (Westmeath); Meyler Delamare, chief of his name, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4463 (Westmeath).

### Delamore

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Delamotte

Variants: **Lamotte**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Leics
- Huguenot: locative name from French *motte* ‘mound, embankment’ (Old French *mote*, *motte*) with fused preposition and definite article *de la* ‘from the’.
- Further information: Joseph de la Motte, born at Tournai, fled to Geneva during the persecution by the Duke of Alva. He returned to Tournai, but was forced to flee to Saint Malo, from there to Guernsey, and on to Southampton.
- Early bearers: John Delamotte, 1566 in *IGI* (London); EliSee de la Met, 1570 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Isac de la Motte, 1626 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean de Lemote,

## Delancey

1696 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent). Judith Delamotte, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants).

### Delancey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

French: locative name for someone from Lancey (Isère), France, with the fused preposition *de* 'from'. See also **Lancey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is quite numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Charlotte Delancey, 1803 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Lawrence Delancey, 1817 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Richard Delancey, 1839 in *BMD*; James Delancey, in *Census 1841* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Susan De Lancey, 1861 in *Census 1861* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Peter Delancey, in *Census 1871* (Guernsey).

### Delane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Limerick, and Tipperary

French, Huguenot: locative name from L'Aisne department (France).

**Further information:** Peter de Laine obtained denization in 1681. J. H. Delane, editor of *The Times*, was a descendant (*Smiles* p. 383).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Anne Delane, 1762 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Other: Ricardo Delane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs); Adrian de Lane, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, London); Elizabetha Delane, 1631 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Edward Delane, 1690, Jeremiah Delane, 1748 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Delaney

**Variants:** Delany, Delauney, Dulaney, De Launay, De Launey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7194, Ireland 7152
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1916
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny

1 Irish: anglicized form of Ó Dubhshláine 'descendant of Dubhshláine', a personal name from *dubh* 'black' + *slán* 'challenge, defiance'.

MacLysaght, however, suggests that this element may be from the Sláinge river.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund Bowy O'Dullaine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4733 (Ballakeyrn); Matthew O'Dullany, chaplain, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4639 (Kilnesere); Carroull O'Dullany, husbandman, 1567–8 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1210 (Glasshare, Kilkenny); John O'Dullane, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; John fitz Donnogh O'Dullaney, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2083 (Rosenharley).

England, Scotland: James Delaney, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Delauney, 1808 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Hanah Delaney, 1821 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Dulaney, born in Newry, Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Burnley, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: variant of **Laney**, Anglo-Norman French *de Laney* with fused preposition *de*. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Delany, 1589 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Richard Delany, 1605 in

*IGI* (London); Noah Delaney, 1666 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); John Delany, 1777 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Delanoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Norman, English: locative name denoting someone from either of two places named Lannoy (Nord, Oise) or a place named Launey (See **Delaney**).

**Early bearers:** Peter Delanoy, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Nicholas Delanoy, 1595 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Beniamyn Delanoy, 1646 in *IGI* (London); Docy Delanoy, 1749 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent).

### Delany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 218
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois

Irish: See **Delaney**.

### Delap

**Variants:** Delapp, Dunlop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry; Galway

1 Irish: See **Dunlop**.

2 Irish: from Ó Lapáin 'descendant of Lapán', see **Lappin**.

### Delapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Irish: See **Delap**.
- 2 Irish, English: See **Lappin**.

### Delargy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Ó Duibhlearga, 'descendant of Duibhlearga' from a personal name meaning 'black one of Learga' or 'black one of the slope'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick Delargy, 1763 in *IGI* (Buoyagh, Antrim); Hugh Delargy, 1833 in *IGI* (Glenarm, Tickmacrean, Antrim); John Delargy, 1838, in *OS Memoirs, Ireland*, vol. 24, p. 78 (Culfeightrin, Antrim).

Scotland: Sarah Delargy, 1856, Archibald Delargy, 1857, Margaret Delargy, 1866 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

### De Launay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Jersey

French: locative name identical in origin with English **Laney**. See also **Delaney**.

### De Launey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French: See **Delaney**.

### Delauney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: See **Delaney**.

### Delaware

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from Delaware in Brasted (Kent), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) weir', Middle English *ware*, *wer(e)*, *wier* (Old English *wer*) with fused French preposition and determiner *de la*.

**Early bearers:** Sarah de la Ware, 1201 in *Select Pleas* (Kent); Jane Delawar, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Trinity the Less, London); Elisabeth Delaware, 1601 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Ann Dellaware, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Giles, Cripplegate, London); Samuel Delaware, 1815 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

### Delay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Monmouths
- English: relationship name, see **Delea**.

### Delbridge

**Variants:** Dellbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from a hybrid of Anglo-Norman French *de la* + Middle English *brigge*, denoting someone 'from the bridge'. See **Bridge**. **Further information:** For a discussion of the Anglo-Norman French prepositional phrase *de l(a)*, see **Delicate**.

**Early bearers:** Roger dil Brigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Delbridge, 1569 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Delbridge, 1577 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Roger Delbridge, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon); William Delbridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Cubert, Cornwall); John Delbridge, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Baldwin Delbridge, 1722 in *IGI* (Cubert, Cornwall).

### Delderfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name, variant of **Delafield** with an intrusive *-d-*. Compare Jane Delafield, 1822 in *IGI* (Aldenharn, Herts).

**Early bearers:** Mary Delderfield, 1804, Nudkins Delderfield, 1816 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

### Delea

**Variants:** Delay, Delee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Irish: West Cork variant of **Dunleavy**, through the shortened variant **Dullea**.

**Early bearers:** James Delea, '[in possession of ...] land at Dola (alias Tualick) and Fedamore both in Limerick', 1638 in *West Sussex Record Office*; Margaret Delea, 1817 in *IGI* (Inchigeelagh, Cork); Denis Delea, 1865 in *IGI* (Ballygaran, Cork).

2 English: unexplained, appearing also as *Delay*; possibly a variant of **Duley**.

**Early bearers:** George Damyant Delea, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Delay, 1633 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Samuell Delee, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph, Bishopsgate, London); John Delay, 1749 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Mary Ann Delay, 1855 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Delee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Delea**.

### Delegate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Delicate**.

### Delehanty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Dulchaointigh, see **Delahunty**.

### Deleuse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Huguenot: See **Delooze**.

### Delf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: See **Delve**.

### Delgado

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from Spanish, Portuguese *delgado* 'slender, thin' (Latin *delicatus* 'dainty, exquisite').
- Early bearers:** Maria Delgado, 1814 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Delgado, wine merchant, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); Guadalupe B. Delgado, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Luis Delgado, born in Santiago, Chile, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Delhuary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish (Ashkenazic), English: See **Lurie**.

### Delicata

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Italian (Sicily), Maltese: locative name for someone from (*de*) Licata (Agrigento, Sicily). Some of the examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Carmelo Delicata, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Pasqua Delicata, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Giovanni Delicata, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Warwicks); Giovanni Delicata, 1898 in *BMD* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Dominick Delicata, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Chester, Cheshire); Fortunato Delicata, tailor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Clerkenwell, Middx).
- References:** *Cassar*.

2 Italian, Maltese: nickname from Italian *delicata* 'delicate, fragile' (from Latin *delicatus* 'delightful, tender').

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Delicate

**Variants:** **Dellicott, Delegate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants

English: locative name by folk etymology from *de la cote*, denoting someone who lived 'at the cottage', a linguistic hybrid of Anglo-Norman French *de la* and Middle English *cot(e)* (See **Coate**).

**Further information:** The Anglo-Norman French prepositional phrase *de la* was a conventional scribal translation of Middle English *atte* 'at the' in legal documents. Its adoption in English family names was perhaps an affectation, evidenced in other topographic surnames such as **Delafield, Delbridge, and Dellaway**.

**Early bearers:** Aug' Delcote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Bretton, WR Yorks); Nickolas Dalicote, 1576 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Delecot, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalene Old Fish Street, London); Mary Delicate, 1687 in *IGI* (Gilling by Richmond, NR Yorks); William Dallicott, 1719 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Henry Delicoate, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Jeremiah Delicate, 1750 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); Hannah Delegate, 1765 in *IGI* (Kirkby Fleetham, NR Yorks).

### De Lisle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE England; Guernsey

French: See **Lisle**.

### Delisle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: See **Lisle**.

### Dell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2576, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1714
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts; also Bucks and Berks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *dell* 'dell', i.e. a small, deep valley (Old English *dell* 'pit, valley').

**Early bearers:** William atte Delle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Delle, 1309 in *London Letter Books D* (London); William Atte Delle, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Wycombe, Bucks); Johannes Dell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Haseley, Oxon); William Dell, 1538 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); John Dell, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Chesham, Bucks); Rafe Dell, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Bow, Middx); Thomas Dell, 1693 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks).

2 English, Scottish: See **Dill**.

### Dellar

**Variants:** **Deller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx

English: locative name for a 'dweller in the dell', from an agent derivative of Middle English *del(l)* (compare **Dell**).

**Early bearers:** Ralph, John Dellere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk), 1347 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Surrey); Elena Dellar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); Robert Deller, 1598 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Susan Dellar, 1636 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Deller, 1645 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Deller, 1671 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks); Estr Dellar, 1708 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks); Henry Deller, 1730 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Edmond Dellar, 1767 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs); Richard Deller, 1770 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts).

### Dellaway

**Variants:** **Dilliway, Dilloway, Dolloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name for someone who lived 'by the road or path', Middle English *wei(e), wai(e)* (Old English *weg*).

**Further information:** For discussion of the Anglo-Norman French prepositional phrase *de la*, see **Delicate**.

**Early bearers:** John Delewey, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Johanne Dalewey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Berks); William Dellaway, 1624 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts); Richard Dilloway, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Dilloway, 1640 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Matthew Deloway, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Charles Dilliway, 1702 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); John Dolloway, 1715 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Anna Dellaway, 1725 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Benjamin Dilloway, 1745 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Catharine Dolloway, 1823 in *IGI* (Willenhall, Staffs); Zecheriah Dilliway, 1831 in *IGI* (Southchurch, Essex); Eliza Dellaway, 1834 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); William Henry Dilloway, 1862 in *IGI* (Streatham, Surrey).

### Dellbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants
- English: See **Delbridge**.

### Delleman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Delman**.

### Deller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 571
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Cambs and Essex
- English: See **Dellar**.

### Dellicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: See **Delicate**.

### Delling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

## Dellman

English: See **Dilling**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dellyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jordan Dellyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Delling, 1657 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Luke Delling, 1659 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); John Delling, 1711 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Mary Delling, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Delling, 1749 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent).

### Dellman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Delman**.

### Dello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: See **Dellow**.

2 French, Huguenot: See **Delo**.

### Dellow

Variants: **Dello**, **Delo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 438
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *del hoe* 'from the spur or promontory' (Old English *hōh*). See **Howe**. (ii) locative name from Middle English *de(l) lawe*, *de(l) louwe* 'from the knoll' (Old English *hlāw*). See **Low**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Delho, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); William Delhou, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Dellowe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Henry del Hoe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Delo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Dellowe, 1474 in *PROB 11* (London); Clemence Dellow, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Mary Dellow, 1599 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs).

### Delman

Variants: **Delleman**, **Dellman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for a 'dweller in the dell', from Middle English *del(l) + man*; compare **Dellar**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but still thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Delman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Roger Dellman, 1567 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Delman or Dellman, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Marden, Kent); John Delleman, 1668 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Henry Delleman, 1897 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Delmonte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name denoting someone 'from the mountain'. In the case of the Jewish name, it may be ornamental.

**Early bearers:** William Delmonte, 1770 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); James Delmonte, 1773 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Frederick Delmonte, 1780 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); August Delmonte, 1820 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Leon del Monte, born in

Cuba, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

**Jewish:** Judah Delmonte, 1792 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Abm Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Delmonte, born in Middx, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac and Joseph Delmonte, cigar makers, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Judah Delmonte, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Delmonte, slipper maker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Joseph Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Middx, in *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx).

### Delo

Variants: **Dello**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 French, Huguenot: relationship name, locative name, anglicized form either of **Deleu** 'son of Wolf', from *leu*, Picard form of French *loup* 'wolf', or of **Deleau** 'from the water', denoting someone who lived on the banks of a river, etc.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques De Leu, 1596, Pierre Delo, 1717 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Abraham De Lo, 1618, Jacob Delo, 1733 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Michel de Lo, 1662 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Thorney, Cambs).

**References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne*.

2 English: See **Dellow**.

### Deloos

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Huguenot: See **Delooze**.

### Delooze

Variants: **Deluce**, **Deleuse**, **Deloos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
Huguenot: (i) locative name, anglicized form of French **Deleuze**, **Deleuse**, for someone 'from (*de*) Leuze' (Aisne, Yvelines). (ii) locative name from Occitan *de l'euze*, denoting someone from a place where holm oaks grew, Occitan *euse*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques Deluze, 1695 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Benjamin De Luze, 1697 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Deluze, 1699 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx). Other: John Deloose, 1666 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Francis Deleuse, 1706 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Deloos, 1708 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Michel Robert Deluce, 1719 in *IGI* (York, Lancs); John Deloose, 1721 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jas Deluce, 1760 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Sarah Deloos, 1787 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Delooze, 1809 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne*.

### Delph

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: See **Delve**.

### Del Strother

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: See **Strother**.

### De Luca

Variants: **Deluca**, **Luke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Luca*, from Latin *Lucas* (See **Luke**). **Early bearers:** William De Luca, born in Warrington, Lancs, in *Census 1861* (Wigan, Lancs); Guiseppe De Luca, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Finsbury, Middlesex); August DeLuca, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Pasquale Deluca, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Loreto Diluca, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Hartlepool, Durham); Benedetto Deluca, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Plymouth, Devon); Antonio Deluca, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Deluca

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: See **De Luca**.

### Deluce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Huguenot: See **Delooze**.

### Delve

Variants: **Delves**, **Delf**, **Delph**, **Dolph**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *delf*, *delphe*, *delve* 'pit, quarry, canal, ditch', denoting someone who lived by a pit, quarry, or excavation, or, in some instances, a ditcher, digger, or quarrier (Middle English *delver(er)*); compare William le Deluer, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset). Lettice atte Delue, 1357, cited below, is probably to be associated with John Delvere, 1359 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Delphe, 1295 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Mabel de la Delue, John atte Delue, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Lettice atte Delue, 1357 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Delves, 1376 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Staffs); Johannes Delf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upwell or Outwell, Cambs); Richard Delve, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Little Horsted, Sussex); Roger Delve, 1590 in *PROB 11* (East Buckland, Devon); John Delfe, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Damerham, Wilts).

### Delves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent; Norfolk; Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Delve**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Demain

Variants: **Demaine**, **Demand**, **Dumayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

Norman, English: (i) locative name, perhaps a variant of **Main** (4) or (5) with fused Old French preposition *de* 'from'. Compare Margareta Mayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks), though this name may alternatively derive from an Old French personal name or nickname. If the Skipton spellings *Demand(e)*, *Demaund*, and *Demaynd* belong to *Demain*, and do not represent a different surname, they have an excrescent *-d*, influenced perhaps by the word *demand*. (ii) relationship name, perhaps a variant of **Diamond** (3). False association with the word *demand* would explain the shift of stress on to the second syllable, but the development to *Demain*, especially the change in the quality of the vowel, is more puzzling.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, notes that *Demand* and *Demain* have had a history in or near Skipton since the 16th century, but finding no earlier evidence for them, *Redmonds* suggests that they originated in S Lancs, where McKinley discovered a Walter le Demon (1323), a tenant at Tarleton (Lancs), who was also called Walter Demester ('judge'), and members of whose family were also known as le Demand (*Surnames of Lancs*, p. 284). *Demon* and *Demand* cannot be formal or semantic variants of *Demester*. Perhaps the definite article is a scribal error, in which case *Demon* and *Demand* could derive from the Middle English female personal name *Diamand*. It is possibly attested in the surnames of Johannes Deman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs), and Robertus Dymond', Willelmus Dymmond', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, near Royston, WR Yorks); but these are well away from Tarleton and Skipton. If Margareta Mayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks), shows a clipped form of *Demain*, this would be the earliest record of the name in the area and point to a WR Yorks origin. **Early bearers:** John Demayn, 1489 in *PROB 11*; John Demande, 1576 in *York Registry Wills* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Christopher Demand, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Thomas Demayne, 1605 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Sara Demain, 1613, John Demande, 1631, Franceys Demaund, 1655, Francys Demaynd, 1658 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Agnes Demaine, 1618 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Robert Demeane, 1641, Mary Demand, 1764 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Dumaine, 1693 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); Thomas Dumayne, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Bettwys, Monmouths); Joseph Demayne, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); John Demayn, 1758 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Mary Demane, 1759 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Thomas Demain, 1804 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Pratt Demain, 1815 in *IGI* (Low Row, NR Yorks).

### Demaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: See **Demain**.

### Demain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Diamond** and compare **Demmon**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Deman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wotton, Surrey); Simonis Deman, 1545 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Elizabeth Deman, 1637 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rode Deman, 1706 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Demand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: See **Demain**.

### Demant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Diamond**.

**Early bearers:** Chrystyan Demant, 1568 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Lewes Demant, 1611 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Susanna Demant, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### De Marco

**Variants:** **Dimarco, Demarco, Marchi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian, Maltese: relationship name, patronymic from the Italian personal name *Marco*, Latin *Marcus* (See **Mark**).

**Early bearers:** Dominic J. Demarco, 1866 in *BMD* (Holborn, Middx); Gutaino De Marco, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Beniomino Dimarco, in *Census 1871* (London); Francesco Demarco, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Giovanni Dimarco, born in Query, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Raffaele Demarco, 1882 in *BMD* (Greenwich, Kent); Oswald Demarco, born in Venice, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Luigi Demarco, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Luigi Dimarco, in *Census 1901* (Midlothian); Francesco Di Marco, born in Picinisco, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Sererino De Marco, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *De Felice*.

### Demarco

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian, Maltese: See **De Marco**.

### De Mello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Portuguese: locative name from Melo (Porto).

**Further information:** This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Roque Demello, 1855 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Joao De Mello, 1872 in *BMD* (Chorlton, Lancs); Anguestino de Mello, fireman, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Bernard de Mello, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1901* (Southampton, Hants); Antonio De Mello, Ignacio M. De Mello, Calano De Mello, born in India, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Roque de Mello, university student, born in Karachi, India, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

2 Italian: relationship name, patronymic from a short form of *Giacomello*, a pet form of *Giacomo*, from Late Latin *Jac(o)mus* (See **James**).

### Demello

**Variants:** **Dmello**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Portuguese: locative name (Portuguese *De Melo*), denoting someone 'from Melo' (another name for the city of Oporto).

**Further information:** This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Roque Demello, 1855 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey).

2 Italian: relationship name, patronymic from a shortened form of *Giacomello*, a pet form of *Giacomo*, from Late Latin *Jac(o)mus* (See **James**).

### Demer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: See **Deamer**.

### Demers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 French: locative name of uncertain origin.

2 English: variant of **Deamer**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Demery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Norman: See **Damary**.

2 French, Huguenot: locative name, relationship name, possibly an anglicized spelling of French **Deméré**, denoting someone from (French *de*) any of the places named *Méré* (Indre-et-Loire, Yvelines, Yonne); or alternatively a metronymic, **Demarie**, from the female personal name *Marie*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Anne De Mare, 1641, Phillipe Demaree, 1657, Jehan de Maree, 1662, Marie Demeray, 1703, Susanne Elizabeth Demery, 1718 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Other: Margerie De Marie, 1581, Fabia. De Maria, 1558 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Demetri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Greek: relationship name from the genitive case of the Greek personal name *Dimitris*, a colloquial form of *Demetrios* (See **Demetriou**) common in Greece and Cyprus.

**Early bearers:** Manaly Demetri, born in Turkey, in *Census 1861* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Demetriades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Demetrios* (See *Demetriou*) + *-ades*, a variant of the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Demetriades, born in Turkey, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Athanassius Demetriades, born in Turkey, in *Census 1901* (Chorlton, Lancs); Demetrius Demetriades, born in

## Demetriou

Constantinople (Istanbul), Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Demetriou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1526, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Demetrios*, which originally meant 'follower of the fertility goddess Demeter'.

**Further information:** This was a popular name among Christians of the Eastern Church, bestowed in honour of Saint Demetrios of Thessaloniki, a 4th-century military martyr, the details of whose life and martyrdom are obscure.

**Early bearers:** Ada Ashbridge Demetriou, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Christopher Demetriou, 1936 in *Electoral Registers* (Islington, Middx); Paraskevou Demetriou, 1937 in *Electoral Registers* (Paddington, Middx).

### Demings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Deeming**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Demir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: nickname from *demir* 'iron'.

### Demmar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Dammer**.

### Demming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; Devon
- English: See **Deeming**.
- Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Demmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Essex
- English: See **Diamond** and compare **Deman**.
- Early bearers:** Jane Demmon, 1837 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Hants).

### De Montmorency

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- Norman, English: locative name from Montmorency (Val-d'Oise, formerly Seine-et-Oise) in France.
- Early bearers:** Herueus de Munmoreci, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Montmorency, 1855 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent).

### Demosthenous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Demosthenes*, composed of the elements *demōs* 'people' + *sthenos* 'strength'.

### Dempsey

- Variants: **Dempsie**, **Dempsy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5753, Ireland 5522

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1872
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford
- Irish: **Ó Díomasaigh** 'descendant of *Díomasach*', a byname meaning 'proud, haughty', from *díomas* 'pride'. The name has sometimes been anglicized as **Proudman**. Compare **McGimpsey**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: William Dempsey or O'Dempsey, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §614 (Glynmalryre); Elinor Dempsey, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §885; Konor Demse, husbandman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1387 (Brackanagh); Thomas Dempsey, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1868.
- England: James Dempsey, 1526 in *York Guild Register* (York); Henry Dempsey, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Dempsey, 1716 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Denis Dempsey, 1781 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Dempsie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Dempsey**.

### Dempster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2924, Ireland 433
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2093
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Ayr, and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- English, Manx, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *demester(e)* 'judge', feminine form of **Deamer**, like *Baxter* etc.; used of men, in Scotland for the judge of the parliament, shire, or baron-bailie, and in the Isle of Man for either of two judicial officers in the House of Keys.
- Further information:** Until 1747 every laird of a barony had power to hold courts for the trial by his dempster of certain offenders within his barony.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew Dempster, 1360 in *Brechin Register* (Menmuir, Angus); Robert Demster, bailie, 1361 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Forfar, Angus); David Dempster, 1370 in *Arbroath Register* (Careston, Angus); Cristan Dempster, 1573 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Thomas Dempster, 1584 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Margret Dempster, 1589 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Archibald Dempster, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Dempster, 1714 in *IGI* (Kilbirnie, Ayr).
- England: Walter Demester, 1313 in *Thuresson* (Lancs); John Demestre, 1364 in *Protestation Returns* (Chester, Cheshire); John Demester, 1402 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Dempster, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Dempsy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary
- Irish: See **Dempsey**.

### Demuth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- German: nickname, relationship name, nickname for a modest person, from Middle High German *diemuot*, *demuot* 'humility, modesty', or from a female personal name of the same derivation.
- Early bearers:** Fredrick Demuth, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Herrmann Demuth, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Ludwig Demuth, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Adolf Demuth, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Rudolph Demuth, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Denbigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: See **Denby**.

### Denbow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Denebald*, *\*Denebaud* (Old English *\*Denebeald*, formed with *Dene-* 'Dane' + *beald* 'bold, brave').
- Early bearers:** Eudo Denebaud, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Hamon Denebaud, early 13th cent. in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Broadwindsor, Dorset); Philip Danebold, early 13th cent., William Denebaud, 1317 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Somerset); Philip Denebaud, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); William Denebaud, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Dorset); John Denbaud, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Denboude, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Robert Denbow, 1603 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); John Denbow, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Diggory Denbow, 1738 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon).

### Denby

- Variants: **Denbigh**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1334, Ireland 71
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: locative name from Denby (WR Yorks), or Denaby in Mexborough (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Simon de Denebi, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Jordan de Deneby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Denby, 1357 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Ricardus de Denby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denby Dale, WR Yorks); Thomas Denbigh, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Tickhill, Yorks); John Denby, 1625 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Simeon Denbigh, 1635 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Denbigh, 1709 in *IGI* (Barlow, Derbys); Richard Denby, 1750 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts).

### Dence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: See **Dench**.

**Dench**

Variants: **Dence, Dinnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 562
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: ethnic name from Middle English *denshe*, *dench* ‘Danish’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dench, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Dence, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Acre and Newton, Norfolk); Richard Densshe, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon, Cornwall); Thomas Denshe, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Alexaander Dence, 1573 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Robert Denche, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Leigh Delamere, Wilts); Edmund Dence, 1704 in *IGI* (Hunston, Sussex).

**Denchfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- Norman, English: variant of **Dangerfield**.

**Dendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Dando** with final *-l*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Daundell, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Thomas Dandall, 1611 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johanns Dendle, 1634 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); William Dendle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Thomasin Dendale, 1677 in *IGI* (Martinhoe, Devon); Anne Dendell, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

2 English: See **Dindale**.

**Dendy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Dandy**, though the sound change is not regular. Compare Jone. Dandy, 1538 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Henry Dandy, 1568 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Richard Dandy, 1571 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex). (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Denny** with an intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Raphe Dendye, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Ewhurst, Surrey); Joane Dendy, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Rudgwick, Sussex).

**Dene**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs; also Jersey

English: See **Dean**.

**Deneen**

Variants: **Dennen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: See **Dineen**.

**Denehy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Monmouths; Glasgow

Irish: See **Dennehy**.

**Denford**

Variants: **Danford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name, apparently from an unidentified place in Devon, perhaps (if the 1330 bearer really belongs here) from the lost place called *Deneworthy* in Membury, which is recorded as *Deneord* in 1086. If so, the surname exhibits the common interchange of *-worth(y)* and *-ford*.

**Early bearers:** William de Deneworthi, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Walter Deneford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alphington, Devon); Raph Denford, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Joane Denford, 1584 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Anthony Denford, 1632 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); John Denford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 645.

2 English: locative name from Denford (Northants) or Denford House in Kintbury (Berks).

**Further information:** Compare also John Denfote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks), i.e. ‘dweller at the lower end of the valley’, from Middle English *dene* ‘valley’ + *fof*, *fof* ‘foot’ (Old English *denu* + *fōt*). This would probably fall in with *Denford*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Deneford, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Walter de Deneford, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Cottesmore, Rutland); Roger de Denford, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Farndish, Beds); John Denforde, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Johannes Denford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denford, Northants); John Denford, 1584 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); William Denford, 1632 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Denford, 1691 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sarah Denford, 1704 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 180–1; *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 314.

**Deng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

**Dengate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: See **Dungate**.

**Denham**

Variants: **Denholme, Denholm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3425, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2636
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks; Durham; London; IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, Derry

English: locative name from Denholme (WR Yorks), Denham near Bury Saint Edmunds or Denham near Eye (both Suffolk), or Denham (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Deneham, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John de Deneholme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus de Denham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford, Norfolk); John Denham, 1466–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Denham, 1475 in *Feet of Fines*

(Cheshunt, Herts); Thomas Denham, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Ashridge, Herts); Richard Denham, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Tathwell, Lincs); Agnes Deanham, 1604 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); George Denham, 1627 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); John Denham, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Oakley, Bucks).

**Denholm**

Variants: **Denholme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1448, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks; also E Lothian

1 Scottish: locative name from Denholm, formerly *Denham* (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Guy de Denum, 1296, de Denhom, 1303–4 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); John of Denum, 1333–57 in *Rotuli Scotiae*; Rowe Denum, 1488 in *Lanark Records* (Lanarks); Adam Denholm, 1581 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Alexander Denholm, 1611 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Williame Denham, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Denholm, 1679 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Nicolas Denholm, 1710 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

2 English: See **Denham**.

**Denholme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered across Scotland and England

1 Scottish, English: See **Denholm**.

2 English: See **Denham**.

**Denial**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant of **Daniel**, pronounced *Denyel*.

**Denier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Cheshire

English: See **Denyer**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Dening**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: See **Denning**.

**Denington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk
- English: See **Dennington**.

**Denis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx; Glamorgan; Devon; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin
- French, English: See **Dennis**.

**Denise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1

## Denison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Dennis**.

## Denison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Down, Donegal and Leitrim
- English, Norman: See **Dennison**.

## Deniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 Scottish: See **Denniston**.  
2 English: See **Denston**.

## Denley

Variants: **Denly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 612, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: locative name from Delly End in Hailey (Oxon), which is recorded as *Denleghe* in 1316.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Denley, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Ricardo Denle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Thomas Denley, 1543 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Robert Denly, 1575, Marie Denley, 1607 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Rebecca Denly, 1606 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Catherine Denly, 1687 in *IGI* (Kempsford, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 321–2.  
2 English: locative name from Dunley House in Bovey Tracey (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Dunalegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); [...] Dunlegh, 1524 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Samuell Denly, 1673 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Joane Denley, 1695 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 469.  
3 English: locative name from Denly Hill in Hernhill (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Denley, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Maidstone, Kent); Henry Denly, 1565 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Nicolas Denly, 1575 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); Martha Denley, 1636 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Mary Denly, 1637 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Denley, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Ticehurst, Sussex).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 304.

## Denly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Surrey
- English: See **Denley**.

## Denman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1964, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1332
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; London; Somerset; also Notts
- English: locative name denoting a ‘dweller in the valley’, from Middle English *dene* + *man*.  
**Early bearers:** William Deneman, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam Deneman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Michaelis Deneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Ashton Green, Sussex); Walter Denman, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Denman, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Plaistow, Essex); John Denman, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Abraham Denman, 1703 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts).

## Denmark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: ethnic name denoting someone from Denmark. Compare **Dence**.  
**Early bearers:** Master James de Danmark, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Pembroke College, Cambridge, Cambs); Willelmus Denmark, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Alexander Denmark, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Denmark, 1572 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Peter Denmark, 1643 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); Richard Denmark, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Denmead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from Denmead (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Herbert de Denemede, 1248 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip de Denemed, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); Philip de Denemede, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Highclere, Hants); John Denemede, 1358, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Catherington and Denmead, Hants); Robertus Denemede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Johannes Denemede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Thomas Denmead, 1578 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Denmead, 1642 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); John Denmead, 1727 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

## Denn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 74
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary
- English: See **Denne**.

## Dennant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name from Dinant in Namur (Belgium) or, possibly, Dinan in Côtes-du-Nord (France).  
**Early bearers:** Petrus Dinant, Petrus clericus de Dinant, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Oliver de Dynaunt, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Dynaunt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Dynand, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Quadring, Lincs); John Denant, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Welton le Wold, Lincs); Johannes Dynand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Dennant, 1620 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Evan Dynant, 1641 in *PROB 11*; Anne Denant, 1738 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Ann Dennent, 1747 in *IGI* (Old Newton, Suffolk); William Dennant, 1791 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

## Dennard

- Variants: **Denner**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- French: relationship name, patronymic, (fils) *de Nard* ‘son of Nard’, from a pet form of the personal name **Bernard**.  
**Early bearers:** John Denard, 1338 in *Patent Rolls*; William Dynard, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); An Denard, 1596 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); John Dennard, 1630 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Edward Dennard, 1729 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); Lucy Dennard, 1808 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Denne

Variants: **Denn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places in Kent and Sussex with names derived from Middle English *den* ‘woodland swine-pasture’ (Old English *denn*), such as Denne Manor in Chilham, Denne Hill in Kingston, and Denne Court in Woodnesborough (all Kent), Denne Park in Horsham, Denne in Warnham, and Dann’s Farm in Willingdon (all Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Denne, about 1160 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 5 (Kent); Baldwin de la Denne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John atte Denn, William Denn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willm’s ate Denne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chilham, Kent); Henr’ de Denne, 1327, Henry Denne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eastry hundred, Kent); Richard atte Denne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitstable hundred, Kent); Walterus atte Denne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Henricus atte Denne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Denne, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Kingston, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 373, 540, 587; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 229, 240, 425.  
2 English: possibly from a pet form of *Denis*. As the diminutive *Denet* is found (See **Dennett**), a pet name *Den* is likely to have existed side by side with *Din*.  
**Early bearers:** Hugo Denne, 1486 in *PROB 11* (Attleburgh, Norfolk).

## Dennehy

Variants: **Denny**, **Denehy**, **Danahy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 1572
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- 1 Irish: perhaps from Ó **Duineachdha** ‘descendant of *Duineachaidh*’, a personal name meaning ‘humane’.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Denney, knight, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5177 (Lislaughty, Kerry).  
2 Irish: See **Danahy**.

## Dennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Daniel**.

## Dennen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish, English: See **Deneen**.

**Early bearers:** Cuthbert Dennen, 1601 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Isobel Dennen, 1677 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Ann Dennen, 1834 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Denner

**Variants:** **Dinner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Dennard** with loss of final *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Dinner, 1604 in *IGI* (Braddock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Denner, 1634 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Simon Denner, 1654 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon); Mary Dinner, 1667 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived near a woodland swine-pasture, from a derivative of Middle English *den* (See **Denne**). Compare **Denman**, and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Denner, 1645 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Mary Denner, 1670 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

## Dennes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: See **Dennis**.

## Denness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, IoW; Berks

English: See **Dennis**.

## Dennet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: See **Dennett**.

## Dennett

**Variants:** **Dennet**, **Dennitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2230, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent and Sussex; Dorset

English: relationship name from a pet form of *Denis*, or possibly from a pet form of *Denise*, as, for example, Denote, a female character in *Piers Plowman*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Denet, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Richard Dynot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Denot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alexander Denete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crostwight, Norfolk); John Dennett, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Wellingborough, Northants); John Dennett, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Swanage, Dorset); Thomas Dennetts, 1788, Joseph Dennitts, 1800 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

## Denney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 721
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; also SE England

English: See **Denny**.

## Dennie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk
- English: See **Denny**.

## Dennigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

Irish: Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

## Denning

**Variants:** **Dening**, **Dinning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1870, Ireland 187
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Devon; also London; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ireland

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Denning*, a derivative of Old English *Dynna*.

**Early bearers:** Leonus Dennyng, 1286 in *Forest Pleas* (Cambs); Henry Dennyng, 1367 in *Crowland Abbey Estates*; John Denninge, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Duinnín, see **Dineen**.

## Dennington

**Variants:** **Denington**, **Dinnington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

1 English: locative name from Dennington (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Dingieueton* in 1168–9, *Dinyueton* in 1180–8, and *Denyngtone* in 1327.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Dynyeueton, 1292, William de Dynyngton, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John de Dynyngton, friar, 1318, Andrew de Dynyngton, taverner, 1327 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Denington, 1567 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Alexander Denington, 1571 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Alice Dinyngton, 1586 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); Edward Dynyngton, 1596 in *IGI* (Knoddishall, Suffolk); Thomas Denington, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Oxon); Richard Dennington, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Wallingford, Berks); Edmund Dennington, 1643 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Mary Dennington, 1645 in *IGI* (Billingford near Diss, Norfolk).

**References:** *East Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 56.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Dinnington (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johanna de Denyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robertus de Denyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington, WR Yorks); Thomas Dennington, 1728 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

## Dennis

**Variants:** **Denniss**, **Dennys**, **Denness**, **Dennes**, **Denise**, **Denis**, **Dennish**, **Dinnis**, **Dinnes**, **Danis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13694, Ireland 457
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8607
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin; Galway

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Denis(e)*, *Dinis(e)*, vernacular forms of Latin *Dionysius* (male), *Dionysia* (female), from a Greek adjectival form meaning 'of Dionysos'. The male name was borne by several saints. As a given name of either gender, it was quite common in England after the 12th century. Robert Denys was the son of Dionisius de Grauntebrigge (1321 in *Coroners' Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Dionisius de Chotum 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Dionisia 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Denis de Sixlea, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Deonisia, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Denise, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Deonis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Dionis ate Brome, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Denes Lister, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

sumames, England: Walter Denys, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Walter Dyonis, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thoma filio Dyonis, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oulston, in Coxwold, NR Yorks); John Dynis, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morton on Swale, NR Yorks); Ralph Denys, Dynis, 1308 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xviii; Robert Deonis, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Dynys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); John Deyneys, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Dennys, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Izabell Dennys, 1550 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Richard Dinnes, 1553 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Joan Denis, 1555 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); George Denis, 1562 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); John Dennys, 1562 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Ellen Dennes, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Denniss, 1568 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Thomas Dennys, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); George Denis, 1582 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Mathewe Denis, 1586 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Richarde Dennys, 1605 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); William Dinnes, 1665 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall).

sumames, Scotland: Helen Dynnes, 1639 *Brechin Testaments* (Montrose, Angus); Janet Dinnes, 1629 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Dinnes, 1679 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife).

2 English: ethnic name from Middle English *deneis*, *denes*, variant of *danais* 'Danish', 'the Dane', Old French *daneis* (Latin *dacus*), with the vowel influenced by that of Middle English *denshe* (Old English *denisc*). Compare **Dence** and **Dench**.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus Dacus, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robertus Danus, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rannulf le Daneis, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William le Daneys, le Deneys, 1232, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johannes Deneys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lymington (Old), Hants); Adam Dennyys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Henricus Deneys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); Petrus Denneys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Adam Dennes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Deneys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Robt Dennys, 1541 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Alice Dennes, 1567 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Jane Denness, 1748 in *IGI* (Hockham, Norfolk).

3 Irish: usually of the same origin as (1) and (2); but sometimes an alternative form of **Donohue** or more

## Dennish

often of **McDonagh**. The personal name *Donnchadh* was commonly anglicized as both *Donough* and *Denis*. **Early bearers:** given names: Dionysius Congan, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §405 (Westmeath); Dionysius Boye, yeoman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; Denis or Donogh more O'Contreyney, footman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1676 (Callan, Kilkenny); Dionysius Fludd alias Donnogh O'Multilly, yeoman, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2030 (Kilkenny); Denis Cavanagh, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2041; Dionysius or Donogho lea mcMortagh, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719 (Tirreleckyn, Longford); Dionysius Rian alias Donogh duff O'Rian, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4419 (Thamolinge).

surnames: Teige McDenis, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753 (Cahireclogan, Clare); Denis mcTeige McDenis, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753 (Cahireclogan, Clare).

4 Irish: from Ó **Donnghusa** 'descendant of *Donnghus*', a personal name from *donn* 'brown-haired man' or 'chieftain' + *gus* 'vigour'.

**Early bearers:** Feyne O'Denisi, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3496 (Baliknavvin).

## Dennish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: variant of **Dennis** or **Devenish**.

## Dennison

Variants: **Denison, Danison, Donnison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3021, Ireland 354
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2312
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kilkenny

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Denis* (See **Dennis**) + t *-son*. Compare **Tennyson**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Deneyson, 13th cent. in *Cotton Claudius D xiii* (Norfolk); Adam Deynissonne, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Dennesson, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge*.

2 Norman, English: Anglo-Norman French *deinzein*, a burgher who enjoyed the privileges of those living *deinz la cité* 'within the city'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Denizen, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Edward Dennison, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jone Dennison, 1586 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); Richard Dennison, 1588 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robt. Dennison, 1596 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Isabell Dennison, 1599 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

## Denniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lincs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- English: See **Dennis**.

## Denniston

Variants: **Dennistoun, Deniston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Donegal; Longford

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Danzielstoun in Kilmalcolm (Renfrews).

**Further information:** Robert Denniestoun, also known as Robert Danielstoun, was admitted as a freeman of the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of Edinburgh in 1547.

**Early bearers:** Sir Huew de Danielestoun, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Renfrews); John de Daniellystoun, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kyle, Ayr); Robert de Danyelestona, 1370 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Glencairn, Dumfriess); John de Danyeelstoun, 1381 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr); Robert de Danyelstoun, about 1390 in *Family of Wemyss* (Fife); William Dennestoun, 1536 in *Protocol Books Johnsons* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); James Denniston, 1704 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Jane Dennistoun, 1711 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).

## Dennistoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: See **Denniston**.

## Dennitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name, variant of **Dennett**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

## Denny

Variants: **Denney, Dennie, Dinnie, Deaney, Dendy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3560, Ireland 229
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2476
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Donegal

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from Middle English *Den(n)y*, a pet form of the personal name *Denis* (See **Dennis**). Compare **Tenney**. Some of the following examples may belong with (2) or (3). For the name in Lancs See **Denney**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Denny Bocher, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: John Denye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Dyny, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Denny, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Deny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scottow, Norfolk); Adam Deny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Johannes Denny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Toftrees, Norfolk); Johannes Denny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Willelmo Denny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); Willelmus Deny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broomfield, Essex); Johannes Denny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Robertus Denny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Robert Denny, 1399–1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Johane Denney, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Gartred Denny, 1553 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Joan Denny, 1553 in *PROB 11* (Dalance, Essex); Robte. Denny, 1566 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Christopher Deny, 1580 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Henry Denny, 1581 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Willm.

Denney, 1582 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Deny, 1586 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Sarah Deaney, 1706 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Eliz. Deaney, 1732 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name; the name in E Anglia and Essex may alternatively derive from Denny in

Waterbeach (Cambs), but no medieval evidence with a locative preposition has been found.

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 185.

3 English: locative name from Danny in Hurstpierpoint (Sussex), which is recorded as *Danye* in 1343.

**Early bearers:** Robro de Denye, 1296, Willo Denye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Judeth Denney, 1616 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 274.

4 Scottish: locative name from Denny (Stirlings). Some of the examples may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John of Deny, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*; Issobell Denny, 1609, Rot. Denny, 1645 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elizabeth Denny, 1617 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); William Dennie, 1621 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Janet Denny, 1660 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Katherine Denny, 1690 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Elizabeth Denny, 1728 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr).

5 Irish: (i) from Ó **Duibhne**, see **Deeney**. (ii) from Ó **Duineachdha**, see **Dennehy**.

**Early bearers:** John Den, kern, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1126 (Knockstrecan); Oliver Denne, yeoman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §257 (Dublin); Thomas Den, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1906 (the Grenan, Kilkenny); Richard Dene, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2028 (Newhouse, Kilkenny); Pholcus Den, horseman, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2699 (Grenan, Kilkenny); Edward Denny, horseman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5043 (Dennyvalle, alias Traly, Kerry).

## Dennys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Middx
- English: See **Dennis**.

## Denoon

Variants: **Dunoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty

Scottish: locative name from Dunoon (Argyll), or from Denoon (Angus).

**Further information:** Black notes that the name was established in Ross-shire by a man named Duncan Campbell, one of the Campbells of Lochow, who, escaping justice, fled north, settled there, and adopted his mother's family name, Dunune.

**Early bearers:** Mariot Denune, 1416 in *Genealogical Collections by Macfarlane*; John Denone of Daveistone, 1545 in *Laing Charters* (Fern, Angus); Thomas Denoon, 1610 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Jane Denoon, 1681 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); George Dunoon, 1688 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); John Denune, 1704 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); John Denoon, 1720 in *IGI* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty); James Dunoon, 1772 in *IGI* (Nairn, Nairns); Margaret Dunoun, 1839 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Denovan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Scottish: from Ó **Donndubháin**, see **Donovan**.

**Early bearers:** Jonet Denovane, 1634 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Johne Denovane, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint

Ninians, Stirlings); William Deneven, 1765 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Densham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, probably from Densham in Woolfardisworthy (Devon), which is recorded as *Denewoldisham* in 1332. There is another place of the same name in Ashreigny (Devon), first recorded as *Denshelton* in 1433, but there is no evidence that it gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry Denewoldisham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolfardisworthy, Devon); Gervase de Denewoldisham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rose Ash, Devon); Joanne Densham, 1564, Thomas Densum, 1637 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); Richard Densham or Densam, 1717 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 356, 400.

### Densley

**Variants:** Dinsley, Denslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

1 English: locative name from one or more unidentified, perhaps lost, places in south-west England. It is unclear which, if any, of the medieval bearers cited really belong here.

**Early bearers:** Edward de Denyslegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Molton hundred, Devon); Christine Denselvi, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Castle Eaton, Wilts); John de Donesleye, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Winterbourne Bassett, Wilts); Richard Densley, 1639 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); William Denslow, 1684 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Thomas Denslow, 1725 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey); Elizabeth Densley, 1754 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Betty Dinslow, 1766 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

2 English: See **Dinsley**.

### Denslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon

English: See **Densley**.

### Densmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: See **Dunsmore**.

### Denson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Cambs

1 English: relationship name, 'son of the dean', see **Dean**. Compare Thomas filius Decani 'son of the dean', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon). Since medieval deans were celibate, their sons will have been illegitimate, but *le Dene* was probably also used as a non-clerical nickname, so illegitimacy is not necessarily to be inferred. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry le Deneson, 1295 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Densone, 1362 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robertus Denson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Ales Denson, 1581 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Margaret Denson, 1594 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Nicholas Denson, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 English: relationship name, 'son of *Deyne* or *Dene*', a pet form of *Reynald* (Reginald); See **Dean**. The following early bearers could alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Dene, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldbrough, in Stanwick, NR Yorks); Alanus, Johannes Daynson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Ellen Denson, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Lettuce Denson, 1578 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Mary Denson, 1615 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 129–30.

### Denston

**Variants:** Denstone, Deniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Warwicks; also Cambs

1 English: locative name from Denstone (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** West Midlands: Henry de Denneston, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Denston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bramshall, Staffs); William Denston, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Edingole, Derbys); William Denston, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Wolvey, Warwicks); Alice Denston, 1702 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

2 English: locative name from Denston (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Denardeston* in 1220.

**Early bearers:** East Anglia: Hemfrey de Denarston, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Denston, 1433 in *PROB 11* (Denston, Suffolk); John Denston, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey Donston, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Denston, 1650 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs).

### Denstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: See **Denston**.

### Dent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7288, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5662
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Durham, Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Dent (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Waltheef de Dent, 1131 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William de Dent, about 1200 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); John de Dent, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Dent, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); Emma de Dent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grassington, WR Yorks); John Dent, 1403–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Lawrence Dent, 1565 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Edward Dent, 1628 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm).

2 English: See **Dunt**.

### Dentith

**Variants:** Daintith, Dainteth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *deinteth*, an archaic form of **Dainty**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Deynteth, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Dionisia Deynteth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ellin Deyntith, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Thomas Dentithe, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Thomas Dentith, 1602 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Barbara Daintith, 1608, Edwd Dainteth, 1702 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Daintith, 1628 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts).

### Denton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7841, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5248
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Northants and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name, for example in WR Yorks, Lancs, and Northants.

**Early bearers:** William de Denton, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes de Denton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Adam de Denton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hale, Lancs); Richard Denton, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Denton, 1500 in *PROB 11* (Bourne, Lincs); Mathewe Denton, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Barton, Beds); Eliz. Denton, 1711 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

### Denty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: See **Dainty**.

### Denver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: locative name from Denver (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Denever, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter de Denevere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Denver, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Irish: from Ó Duineachdha, see **Denvir**.

### Denvir

**Variants:** Denver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 257
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: adopted by rough phonetic similarity for Ó Duineachdha 'descendant of Duineachaidh', a personal name meaning 'humane', more often anglicized as **Dennehy**.

### Denwood

**Variants:** Danford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

1 Scottish, English: apparently a variant of **Dinwoodie** with loss of the final syllable.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Denwood, 1769, Jonathan Danwood, 1800 in *IGI* (Cockermouth,

## Denyer

Cumb); Joseph Denwood, 1782 in *IGI* (Embleton, Cumb).

2 English: locative name from Denwood Street (earlier *Danord Street*) in Crundale (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Daneford', 1254 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Henr' daneford, 1327, Walter Daneford, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton hundred, Kent); Henry Deneford, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Faversham hundred, Kent); Richard Denwood, 1494–5 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Sturry, Kent); Edward Denwode, 1526 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Fordwich, Kent); John Denwood, 1558, Steven Danford, 1693 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Thomas Denwoode, 1574 in *IGI* (Lower Hardres, Kent); John Denwoode, 1608, Gyles Danford, 1620 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Nathanell Denward, 1661 in *IGI* (Murston, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 383.

## Denyer

**Variants:** Denier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1977, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1204

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: perhaps a nickname from Middle English \**denier* (from Old French *denier* 'penny', 'object of little value').

**Early bearers:** Matilda Denyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Willm Denyer, 1562 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Jehoshua Denier, 1590 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Denyer, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Godalming, Surrey); Jean Denier, 1696 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

## Denzil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Denisel*, a diminutive of *Denis*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Denisel, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Saliaco Inquisition*.

urnames: Richard Denssell', 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); George Denysyll', 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Mary Densell, 1540 in *PROB 11*;

Bartholomew Densell, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Walter Denzill, 1699 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex).

## Deo

**Variants:** Deb, Dev

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Indian (northern states): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *deva* 'god, lord'.

**Further information:** This was a title used by ruling families in northern India, and the name is found in several communities. There is a Jat tribe called Deo; in the north-east the name is found among Kayasths, pronounced *deb*; and in Maharashtra Konkanasth Brahmans have a clan called Dev.

## Deol

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## De Oliveira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 28

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese. Galician: variant of **Oliveira**, with the preposition *de* 'of, from'.

## Depala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## De Paor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: Gaelicized form of **Power** or earlier *le Poer* 'the pauper', probably, as Woulfe says, a name consequent on taking a vow of poverty. The Norman family came to Ireland with Strongbow in 1169, and were granted land in Waterford.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas fitz William mc Shane dowlagh Poer, husbandman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §913 (Parkiswood, Waterford); John fitz Nicholas Poer alias Shane sallah, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §977 (Waterford).

## Depledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 476

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Depleach Hall near Cheadle (Cheshire), recorded as Depelache in 1366.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Dypledge, 1561 in *IGI* (Christ Church Greyfriars, London); Wylliam Depledge, 1586 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); William Depledge, 1664 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Joseph Deplidge, 1744 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Agnes Deplage, 1752 in *IGI* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Aaron Deplitch, 1832 in *IGI* (Hyde, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redmonds, King, and Hey*.

## Depper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: See **Dipper**.

## Deptford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

English: See **Difford**.

## De Quincey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Quincey**.

## Derby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 739, Ireland 180

- **GB frequency 1881:** 554

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English, Irish: See **Darby**.

**Further information:** Redmonds et al. derive this from West Derby (Lancs) rather than Derby (Derbys).

However, the distribution suggests that in many cases it is Irish.

## Derbyshire

**Variants:** Darbyshire, Darbishire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4400, Ireland 22

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3089

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name denoting someone from Derbyshire.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Derbesire, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry, Richard de Derbys, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), 1394–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Idonia Darbyschyr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Agnet' Derbyschyr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quenby, Leics); Richard Darbishire, 1567 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); James Derbyshire, 1576 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Edward Darbishire, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Gravesend, Kent); Richard Darbyshire, 1611 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Thomas Darbishire, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Ralph Derbyshire, 1712 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Dereham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: See **Derham**.

## Derek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name, see **Derrick**.

## Derfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: See **Darvill**.

## Derham

**Variants:** Dereham, Durham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland 133

- **GB frequency 1881:** 525

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Dyrham (Gloucs), East or West Dereham (Norfolk), or occasionally Dearham (Cumb). See also **Durham**, with which there appears to have been confusion.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Andrew de Derham, 1278 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Robertus Durham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stourton, Wilts); Willelmo Duram, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalbourne, Wilts); Johanne Dereham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badbury, Wilts); Joan Dirham, 1611 in *PROB 11* (North Curry, Somerset); John Derham, 1637 in *IGI* (Willersey, Gloucs); Edwd. Derham, 1712 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Charles Derham, 1726 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts).

E Anglia and SE England: Anketill de Derham, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Durham, 1236–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam de Duram, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo Durham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes de Derham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kempstone, Norfolk); William de Dereham, 1393 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Lawrence Durham, 1400 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Thomas Derham, 1426–7 in *Paston Letters*; Thomas Derham, 1444 in *PROB 11* (Crimplisham, Norfolk); Thomas Dereham, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Crimplisham, Norfolk); Robert Derham, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Derham, Norfolk); Thomas Derham, 1645 in *PROB 11* (West Dereham, Norfolk).

N England: Willelmus de Dereham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Samuel Derham, 1606 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Alexander Derham, 1714 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb).



2 Irish: as an Irish name, MacLysaght records this as being of English origin, but takes it to be a variant of **Durham**.

**Early bearers:** Denis Derham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tuam, Galway); Richard Derham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Duleek, Meath).

### Dering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: See **Dearing**.

### Derkin

**Variants:** Darkin, Dirkin, Dorkin, Durkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Jersey

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Derkin*, originally a borrowing from Flemish settlers of Middle Dutch *Dierkin*, a pet form of *Diederik* (Continental Germanic *Theuderic*), but also used as a pet form of Middle English *Der(e)* (Old English *Dēor*). Some of the following early bearers from S England may alternatively belong under (3).

**Further information:** Late Middle English *-er-* frequently changed to *-ar-* before another consonant; See **Darkin**. When *-er-* remained in early Modern English, it fell together with *-ir-* and *-ur-* in a new pronunciation /ɛr/, which will explain some examples of the variant spellings **Dirkin** and **Durkin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Derechin de Acra, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); Derkyn de Wyflingham, 1228–32 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Derkin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams). surnames, S and E England: William Derkyn, about 1250 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Gregory Jonesman Derkyn, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Greatford, Lincs); Johannes Derkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); John Durkin, 1588 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Thomas Durkine or Durkin, 1596 in *PROB 11*; Frances Dirkin, 1598 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Richard Dirkin, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Grace Darkin, 1612 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Susanna Dirken, 1636 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Jn. Dirkin, 1756 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Sarah Derkin, 1757 in *IGI* (Haverhill, Suffolk). surnames, N England: Willelmus Derkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Henricus Derkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Derkyng', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Robert Derkyn', 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Selby, WR Yorks); William Derkin, 1861 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: See **Durkin** (1).

3 English: variant of **Dorking** (2); for early bearers See **Darkin** (2).

### Dermody

**Variants:** Darmody, Dormady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 601
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Galway, and Tipperary; Westmeath and Longford

Irish: from Ó Diarmada 'descendant of Diarmaid', the same personal name as gave rise to **McDermott**.

**Early bearers:** Donald O'Darmed, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §661; Shane O'Darmed, 1564 in *Fiants*

*Elizabeth* §661; Edmund Dermod, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2674 (Kilmaog); Mortagh O'Diermoda, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805; Teige O'Darmodie, harp maker, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484.

### Dermott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Cavan
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Diarmada**, see **McDermott**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Dermot, merchant, 1561–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §407 (Dublin); William Dermot, 1573–4 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2377 (Christchurch, Dublin).

### Dernie

**Variants:** Durnie, Dorney, Darney, Durno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Scottish: locative name, probably a diminutive variant of Scottish **Durno**, from the place-name Derno (Fife) or, less probably, the place-name Dornoch (Sutherland).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Dernity, 1622 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Effie Dernie, 1644 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Alexander Dernity, 1709 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Adam Dernie, 1754 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife). England: Thomas Dernity, 1798 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Dernie, 1822 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); Sarah Justice Dernie, 1837 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); Eliza Dernie, 1888 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

### De Rosa

**Variants:** Derosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name, metronymic, from the female personal name *Rosa*, from *rosa* 'rose'.

**Further information:** Under the influence of the cults of various saints, particularly Rosa, patron saint of Viterbo, this was a popular personal name in medieval Italy.

**Early bearers:** John De Rosa, 1697 in *IGI* (London); Julia DeRosa, 1850 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Palmerino De Rosa, 1891 in *BMD* (Croydon, Surrey); Antonio De Rosa, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Croydon, Surrey); Leopoldo Salvatore De Rosa, 1899 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio and Vincenzo Derosa, bakers, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Antonio De Rosa, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Giuseppe De Rosa, bootmaker, born in Caserta Nola, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

**References:** *De Felice*.

### Derosa

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: See **De Rosa**.

### Derozario

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: See **Drozario**.

### Derrett

**Variants:** Dorritt, Durrett, Dorrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Dir(i)ate*, \**Der(i)et*, \**Dur(i)et*, Old English \**Dēorgēat*, \**Dýregēat*.

**Early bearers:** Willms Dyrret, 1564 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); John Dyrriate, 1574 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Alice Derrat, 1590, Thomas Deret, 1614, Deborah Derriatt, 1677, Thomas Derriet, 1713 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); John Durret, 1597 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Elizabeth Dirett, 1598 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Thomas Durrett, 1688, John Derrett, 1732 in *IGI* (Brockworth, Gloucs).

### Derrick

**Variants:** Derek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3050, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Dutch: relationship name from the personal name *Die(de)rik*, a Low German form of Continental Germanic *Theodoric*, a compound of *theud* 'people, tribe' + *ric* 'power'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Derk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Richard Deryk, Ducheman, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Dericke, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); John Derricke, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Burrington, Somerset); Francis Derrick, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Derrik, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Mary Derek, 1707 in *IGI* (Eakring, Notts); Thos Derek, 1762 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### Derricott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: apparently a variant of **Darracott**.

### Derrig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo

Irish: from Ó Deirg 'descendant of *Dearg*', a byname meaning 'red'.

**Early bearers:** Katherine fitz Thomas fitz John Dirig, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4660; Teige McShane Derige, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5612.

### Derrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: See **Dorrington**.

### Derry

**Variants:** Dearie, Deary, Dearie, Darry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1540, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Notts; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down; Galway

## Dervan

1 English: locative name for someone who lived or worked at a deer park, Middle English *der* 'deer' (Old English *dēor*) + *hey* 'enclosure' (Old English (*ge*) *hæg*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Derheye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John Derhey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Derry, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richus. Derry, 1563 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Ales Derry, 1564 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Robtus. Derry, 1577 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Ellen Derry, 1598 in *IGI* (Marston, Lincs).

2 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name, \**Dery*, \**Diry*, possibly representing Old English *Dēorigifu*. (ii) nickname, perhaps from a nonsense word, Middle English \**diri*, possibly found in the name of Richard Diriday, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), and in the early Modern English verse refrain 'With chip and cherie Heigh derie derie' (*OED*, at *derry*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Dyry, 1321–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Robert Dyry, about 1285 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Alic' Dirry, 1316 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Robert Dyrry, 1540 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Willimi Derry, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); William Derry, 1650 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Roberti Derry, 1679 in *IGI* (Armitage, Staffs).

3 English: in Devon and Cornwall alternatively a variant of **Dear**, from the Old English personal name *Dēora*, where the unstressed final vowel developed to -y in local dialect.

**Early bearers:** Roger Dyra, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westleigh, Devon); David Dyre, 1569 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Michaelis Dirry, 1614 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); John Dirrye, 1619 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Hugh Derry, 1622 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

4 English: See **Darry**.

5 Irish: from Ó **Doiridh**, the name of an ecclesiastical family from Donegal, meaning 'descendant of *Doireadh*'. There has been some confusion with **Deery**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Dere, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3949 (Clonagh).

## Dervan

**Variants:** **Dervin**, **Derwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó **Dearbháin** 'descendant of *Dearbhán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *dearbh* 'certain'. **Early bearers:** Conor McEdm. fine O'Deran, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2833 (Clontecoagh); Kahir McShean O'Deran, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2833 (Clontecoagh); William McConer O'Deran, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2834; Shane O'Derevan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4003 (Kildare).

## Derville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: See **Darwill**.

## Dervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó **Dearbháin**, see **Dervan**.

## Dervish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: See **Darwish**.

## Derwent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, and Yorks

English: See **Darwent**.

## Derwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Galway
- Irish: from Ó **Dearbháin**, see **Dervan**.

## Desai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3630, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa): Hindu (usually Brahman), Jain, and Parsi, from Sanskrit *deśasvāmī* 'lord of land' (*deśa* 'country' + *svāmī* 'lord, master'), which originally denoted an official who collected revenue.

**Early bearers:** Rustom Desai, born in Bombay (Mumbai), India, in *Census 1911* (Lewisham, Kent); Shankar Pandurang Desai, in *Census 1911* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Desbois

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: locative name denoting someone 'from the woods'.

**Further information:** The name was brought to Britain by Huguenot refugees: Lazarus Desbois fled to Amsterdam in 1692, and in 1699 moved to England. He became a cabinetmaker in Soho (Smiles, p. 385). **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Lazar Desbois, 1713 in *IGI*, (Tabernacle French church, London); Guillaume Desbois, 1741 in *IGI*, (Patente Soho or Le Temple, Middx); Michael Desbois, 1792 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple, Middx).

## Desborough

**Variants:** **Desbrow**, **Disborough**, **Disbury**, **Disbrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Beds and Cambs

English: locative name from either of two places named Desborough (Northants, Bucks). **Early bearers:** John de Desburgh', 1216 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); John de Deseburgh, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Desborrough, 1584 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Jeffery Disborowe, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Borowghe, Cambs); Alice Desborowe, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Oundle, Northants); Joseph Disborough, 1616 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); William Disbrow, 1634 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Christopher Desborough, 1645 in *PROB 11* (London); William Disbury, 1673 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Berks); Benjamine Desbrow, 1702 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds); Sam. Desbrow, 1738 in *IGI* (Coveney,

Cambs); Elizabeth Disbury, 1724 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs).

## Desbrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: See **Desborough**.

## Deschamps

**Variants:** **Champ**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

French: nickname denoting a country-dweller or landsman, from *des* 'from the' + *champs* 'fields'. See also **Champ**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jenne Deschamps, 1582 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Lazar Deschamps, 1599 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk); Jean Deschamps, 1640 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Sara Louise Deschamps, 1703 in *IGI* (Petit Charenton, Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Desert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, Huguenot: locative name for someone who lived in '(the) barren area, wilderness, wasteland', from Middle English *dese(e)rt*, *desarte* (Old French *desert*). However, the family name may have died out in Britain but been reintroduced in the 16th century by Protestant refugees from France and the Low Countries, their name deriving directly from Old French.

**Early bearers:** Norman: Roger de Deserto, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (London); Roger Desert', 1255 in *Patent Rolls*; William Desert', 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Lucian desert , 1327–77 in *Rydwere Chartulary* (Staffs). Huguenot: Jaspas Desert 1578, Elizabeth Desert, 1618 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Southampton, Hants); Josue Desert, 1608 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Norwich, Norfolk); Abraham Dezort, 1703 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury, Kent); Pierre Desert, 1739 in *IGI* (La Patente Huguenot Church, Berwick Street, Westminster, Middx); Jean Desert, 1764 in *IGI* (Huguenot Church, Threadneedle Street, London).

## Desforges

**Variants:** **Forges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Huguenot: locative name denoting someone from a place named Forges (in Creuse and Morbihan, for example), based on the plural of French *forge* 'smithy' with the fused preposition and article *des*. **Early bearers:** Peter Desforges, 1686 in *IGI* (Tothill, Lincs); Daniel Desforges, 1715 in *IGI* (South Reston, Lincs); John Desforges, 1727 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs).

## Deshpande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Karnataka and Maharashtra): Hindu (usually Brahman) name, from Marathi *deśpande* ‘district accountant’, formerly a hereditary office (from Sanskrit *deśa* ‘country, district’ + *pandita* ‘learned man’).

**Early bearers:** Kirkor Deshpande, born in India, in *Census 1891* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### De Silva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1575, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Portuguese: See **Da Silva**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is common in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists and whence it was brought to Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries.

### Desilva

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Portuguese: altered spelling of **Da Silva**.

### Deslandes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: locative name denoting someone ‘from Les Landes’, the name of various places in France, meaning ‘the moors’, in particular a region of Aquitaine. There is also a place so named in Jersey.

**Early bearers:** England: Pierre Deslandes, 1712 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Henry Deslandes, 1774 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Jeremiah Deslandes, 1831 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

Jersey: Mathieu Deslandes, 1627 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey); Daniel Des Landes, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Joshue Deslandes, 1767 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey).

### Desmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1649, Ireland 1465
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Deasmhumhnaigh ‘descendant of the man from south Munster’, from *deas* ‘south’ + *Mumhain* ‘Munster’, an ancient Irish kingdom that was named after *Mumhu*, one of its early kings.

**Early bearers:** Donogh O’Deason, tailor, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2241 (Knocknymanagh, Cork); John Fitz Gerald alias O’Desmonde, knight, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4193; Donogh mcAwliffe O’Dasshowne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4764 (Tullevohelie, Cork); Donogh mcShane Y Dashowne, smith, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781 (Killnyhomyny, Cork); Dermot O’Dassuny, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Donell mcAwliffe O’Dassanie, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (Knockvillie); Dermot mcAwliffe O’Dassunie, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (Knockvillie); Awliffe O’Dassunughe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540; Dermot O’Dassuny, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Killnehemny, Cork).

### De Sousa

Variants: **Desousa, De Souza, Desouza, D’Souza, Dsouza, Sousa, Souza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1297, Ireland 27

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from any of various minor places in Portugal or Spain named Sousa or Souza.

**Further information:** In some cases this name was brought directly to Britain from Portugal; in others it was taken first to Goa and other Portuguese settlements in western India.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Desoza, 1809 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Richards De Souza, 1820 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey); Francis de Sousa, 1839 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Rebecca De Souza, 1840 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); John Desousa, 1850 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Sebastiana Luiza de Souza, born in Portugal, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); David H. de Souza, born in Portsmouth, Hants, in *Census 1881* (Willesden, Middx); Ritou de Souza, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Santa de Souza, born in Goa, East Indies, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Pedro de Souza, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Edward de Souza, born in Bombay, India, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Antonio Bernardo De Souza, medical practitioner, born in Goa, Portuguese India, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Alvaro de Sousa, born in Lisbon, Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Ferdinand de Souza, born in Malacca Straits Settlements, in *Census 1911* (Christchurch, Hants).

### Desouza

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: See **De Sousa**.

### De Souza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2337, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Portuguese, Jewish: anglicized spelling of **De Sousa**. **Early bearers:** Daniel Henriques de Souza, army agent, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx).

### Desouza

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Portuguese: respelling of Portuguese **De Sousa**.

### Despard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois
- Huguenot: probably a respelling of French **Despars**, a locative name denoting someone ‘from Espars’, a place in Bléharies (Hainault), in present-day Belgium.

**Further information:** Huguenot Philip d’Espard escaped to England at the Massacre of Saint Bartholomew. He was sent to Ireland by Elizabeth, and his grandson William was Colonel of Engineers under William III.

**Early bearers:** England, IoM: Mercy Desper, 1631 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Edward Dasper, 1641 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Annis Despare, 1660 in *IGI*; Richard Despard, 1793 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); George Despard, 1851 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM). Ireland: Wm. Despard, 1733 in *IGI* (Dublin); Richard Despard, 1865 in *IGI* (Summerhill, Meath).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### De Ste Croix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Guernsey
- French: locative name denoting someone who lived at a place with a church dedicated to the cult of the holy cross.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Jeanne de Sainte Croix, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Matthieu de Sainte Croix, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint John, Jersey); Jean Edouard De Ste Croix, 1763 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Margaret De Ste Croix, William de Ste Croix, in *Census 1841* (Jersey); Philip De Ste Croix, in *Census 1851* (Saint Brelade, Jersey); Marie De Ste Croix, in *Census 1861* (Jersey); Charles De Ste Croix, in *Census 1881* (Grouville, Jersey); Philip De Ste Croix, in *Census 1901* (Jersey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Dester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: See **Dexter**.

### Detchon

Variants: **Ditcham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Detchant in Belford (Northumb), which is recorded as *Dichende* in 1166, *Dychent* in 1314, *Dychant* in 1346.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Dychand, 1335, John de Dychant, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Richard Dichaunt, tailor, 1524–5, Robert Dychon, son and apprentice of Richard Dychon, 1541–2 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); George Dychant, 1538, Edwardus Dytchen, 1569, Oswald Detchon, 1724 in *Upper Coquetdale* (Rothbury, Northumb); Edward Ditchant, 1585 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Elizabeth Ditcham, 1599 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); John Ditchant, 1606, Elizabeth Detchant, 1620 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Ditcham, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Thomas Detchon, 1676, Roger Detchant, 1680, Margaret Detchen, 1700 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Mary Ditchum, 1694 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Ditcham, 1738 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 62.

### Detheridge

Variants: **Deathridge, Dethridge, Ditheridge, Titheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Thedrich, Dedrich* (Old English *þēodric*), with interchange of the dental consonants /d/ and /θ/.

**Further information:** Old English *þēodric* and its Old French equivalent *Thierry* (Continental Germanic *Theodric*, see **Terry**) were both latinized as *The(o)dricus*, so the 1185 example might alternatively represent the Old French name. *Reaney, Dictionary*, derives the surname from a Middle English occupational term *dethewright*, recorded as the

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name of Joh. le Dethewright', 1299 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Essex), Le Dedewrithe, le Dedewrighte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). There is no convincing explanation of this term. Neither 'maker of fuel or tinder' (from Old English *dȳð* 'tinder'), as suggested in *Fransson*, nor 'executioner, murderer' in *MED*, are likely senses involving Middle English *wright* 'carpenter, joiner, manufacturer' as a second element. In the W Midlands, Old English *dȳð* would have appeared as Middle English \**duth* rather than *deth*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Thedrici, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Thomas de Detherich [*sic*], 1245–6 in *Dublin Guild Merchant Roll*; Ricardus Thedrich', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Johanne Dederych', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Joyse Ditherich, 1549, Wm. Ditherage, 1791, Elizth Detheridge, 1820 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Edmund Detheriche, 1582, Jeremiah Dithridge, 1738, Henry Detheridge, 1822 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Lettice Detheridge, 1639 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Thomas Titherige, 1660, Thomas Detheredge, 1712 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs
- English: locative name from Dethick (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Dethek, about 1273 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); John de Detheke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William Dethik', 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Dethicke, 1506 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John Dethick, 1666 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys); Sarah Anne Dethick, 1704 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); John Dethick, 1826 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Dethridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Detheridge**.

## De Trafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- English: variant of **Trafford**, primarily or perhaps even exclusively from Trafford (Lancs).

## Dettmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: See **Dettmer**.

## Dettmer

**Variants:** **Dettmar**, **Dittmer**, **Dittmar**, **Ditmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

N German: relationship name from the personal name *Dettmar*, composed of *theud* 'people, race' (Old High German *diot*, *deot*) + *māri*, *mēri* 'famous'. **Early bearers:** Henry Ditmore, 1695 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Francis Deuthmere, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jacob Friedrich Dittmer, 1803 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Claus

Dittmer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Gustav Dittmar, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Heinrich Dittmar, born in Cassell, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Northallerton, NR Yorks).

## Deuce

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Dews**.

## Deuchar

**Variants:** **Deuchars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth; also Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Deuchar in Fern (Angus).

**Early bearers:** William de Deuhqwhyr, 1369 in *History of the Lindsays* (Deuchar, Angus); David Duchir, 1535 in *Brechin Register* (Waterston, Angus); Robert Dewquhir, friar, 1569 in *Laing Charters* (Culross, Fife); David Dewchar, 1591 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Christine Deuchar, 1694 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus).

## Deuchars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth
- Scottish: See **Deuchar**.

## Deudney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Notts
- English: See **Dewdney**.

## Deuters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: unexplained. **Early bearers:** Franz Deuter, 1851 in *Electoral Registers* (Whitechapel, Middx); Frederick Deuters, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx).

## Deutsch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 German: ethnic name from the German word *Deutsch* 'German' (Middle High German *tiu(t)sch*, Old High German *diutisk*), often used in areas of mixed population to distinguish German-speaking inhabitants from speakers of a Slavic language. Compare **Tedesco**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Deutsch, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Towyn, Merioneths); Leo Deutsch, lithographer, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Hans Deutsch, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Penge, Surrey); Leopold Deutsch, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Franz Deutsch, stockbroker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Hans Deutsch, electrical engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lewisham, Kent); Ignaz Gustave

Deutsch, drapery merchant, born in Brünn, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Southfields, Surrey).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname denoting someone who had migrated from a German-speaking area to another part of Europe.

**Early bearers:** John Deutsch, teacher of German and Hebrew, in *Census 1871* (Plymouth, Devon); Philip Deutsch, gas fitter and plumber, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Morris Deutsch, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Deutsch, shoemaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Gronam Deutsch, newspaper vendor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx)

## Dev

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: See **Deo**.

## Devall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Surrey

Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

## Devane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 486
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Dubháin, see **Devine** and **Duane**.  
2 Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *deva* 'god' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

## Devaney

**Variants:** **Devanney**, **Devanny**, **Devany**, **Devani**, **Deveney**, **Devenney**, **Devenny**, **Deviney**, **Diviney**, **Devney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1678, Ireland 1023
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Irish: from Ó Duibheamhna, from a personal name based on *dubh* 'black' + the genitive of *Eamhain*, the Gaelic name of Navan fort, Armagh, the legendary capital of Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Owen duffe McDonoghe O'Dovinn, gallowglass, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2205; Conoghor O'Dovan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6180; Mulmory O'Dovan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6338; Maurice O'Dovayne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575; Manus duffe O'Davenny, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

## Devani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Dev* (Sanskrit *deva* 'god') + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

2 Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

**Further information:** A family of this name, born in Lambeth and resident there in 1881, included

Gabriel, a clown and pantomimist, Ellen, a juggler, Eugene, a contortionist, and Olga, a dancer. Leon, possibly also a member of this family, was an acrobat, though in Portsmouth at the time of the census.

**Early bearers:** Alice Devani, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Lancs); Hyppolite Devani, in *Census 1861* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Laurence Devani, in *Census 1881* (Grimsby, Lincs); William Devani, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Devanney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devanny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo; also Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: See **Devaux**.
  - 2 English: See **Devis**.
  - 3 English: See **Dew**.

### Devaux

**Variants:** Devas, Devos, Devo, Devoe, Defoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: locative name from Old French *de Vaux*, given to someone who came from or resided at one of the many places in France called *Vaux* ('the valleys'). Compare English **Vaus**. Pronunciation without final -s may have given rise to *Devo(e)* as a variant, from which it may further have developed to **Defoe**, perhaps by confusion with the Huguenot names *Dufau* and *Dufou*, which also occur in Westminster and Threadneedle Street. The name may also have been confused with **Devis**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Elizabeth Devaux, 1721, Martha Devo, 1724, Jacques Devaux, 1701, Elisabeth Devas, 1743 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jaques Devaux, 1713, Jacques Devas, 1718 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Saml. Devo, 1746, Sam Devoe, 1749, Thoms. Devas, 1775, Abrahm. Devos, 1788 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Joseph Devox, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Develin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Angus
- Irish: from Ó Dobhailéin, see **Devlin**.

### Deveney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devenish

**Variants:** Devonish, Dennish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 386
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: regional name from Middle English *Devenish* 'of Devon'. Compare **Devon** and **Devonshire**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Deueneis, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William le Deveney, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richardus le Devinish, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Deuenysse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); John le Devenisse, 1337 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Ricardus Devenysch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibberton, Dorset); John Deuenysse, 1413–15 in *Feet of Fines* (Upper Weare, Somerset); Andrew Devynyshe, 1534 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margarets Southwark, Surrey); William Devenish, 1558 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Peter Devenish, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Robert Devonishe, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Grimpsstone, Dorset); William Devonish, 1623 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Devenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 720
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devenport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 557
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Irish: See **Davenport**.

### Dever

**Variants:** Devers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 121
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Duibhidhir, see **Dwyer**.

### Deverall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts
- English: See **Deverell**.

### Deveraux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English, Irish: See **Devereux**.

### De Vere

**Variants:** Devere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Norman, English, Irish: locative name denoting someone from any of the numerous places named with the Gaulish element *ver(n)* 'alder', for example in Calvados and Manche.

**Early bearers:** Alberic de Ver, 1141 in *Domesday Descendants*; Robert de Ver, 1166 in *Domesday Descendants*; Hugo de Veer, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Laneham, Notts); John de Veer, earl of Oxford, 1359 in *Feet of Fines*; Johan Devere, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Karl De Vere, 1675 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Alexander De Veer, 1783 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Easter Devear, 1792 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Devere

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: See **De Vere**.

### Devereaux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Pembrokes and Glamorgan

Norman, English, Irish: See **Devereux**.

### Deverell

**Variants:** Deverill, Deverall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Offaly  
English: locative name from Brixton Deverill, Hill Deverill, Kingston Deverill, Longbridge Deverill, or Monkton Deverill (Wilts). These all originated as names for different parts of a single estate, appearing simply as *Devrel* in *Domesday Book*. They are named from the River Deverill, not from a medieval tenant. There may have been some confusion with the Norman French surname **Devereux**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Deuerel, 12th cent. in *Ancient Scottish Seals* (Somerset); Peter de Deverell, about 1240 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Robert Deverel, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Ricardo Deverel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bedwyn, Wilts); Johanne Deverell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); John Deuerell', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants, Wilts); Ann Deuerell, 1593 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Henry Deverell, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Melksham, Wilts); Thomas Deverill, 1609 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts); John Deverall, 1732 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs).

### Devereux

**Variants:** Devereaux, Deveraux, Deveroux, Deverux, Devery, Deverick, Daveridge, Daverage, Everest, Evers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2122, Ireland 722
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Beds; London; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

## Deverick

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Norman French *d'Evreux*, denoting someone from Évreux (Eure) in Normandy.

**Further information:** This was the family name of the Earls of Essex from 1572 to 1641. Walter Devereux, 1st Earl of Essex, led an attempted colonization of Ulster, and his son Robert, 2nd Earl of Essex, briefly held the position of lord lieutenant of Ireland in 1599. In *Everest* and *Evers* the name developed without the preposition.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger de Ebrois, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Walter de Eureus, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Stephen de Euereus, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Worcs); Osmund de Deuereals, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Wilts); Eustace de Deueraus, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Euereus, Thomas Deuereus, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John de Ebroicis, 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Deveros, 1385 in *London Letter Books H* (London); Dorothy Devereux, 1596 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Jane Devereux, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Merevale, Warwicks); Anna Deverox, 1634, Willm Deveraux, 1640 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Richi. Deveridge, 1723 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Henry Devereux, 1727 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Richard Deveroux, 1729 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Jane Devericks, 1772 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Devereaux, 1791 in *IGI* (Fornham All Saints, Suffolk); Elisabeth Daveridge, 1814 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Faithful Daveridge, 1830, Mary Deveridge, 1836 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

Ireland: Nicholas Deverox, knight, 1558–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §54 (Wexford); James Deverouse, gent., 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §248 (Wexford); Philip Deverouse, son of the above, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §248; Nicholas Dewroux, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §359 (Ballinager); James Deverox, gent., 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1749 (Addamstone).

## Deverick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Beds
- Norman, English: See **Devereux**.

## Deverill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Wilts
- English: See **Deverell**.

## Deveroux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; W Lothian
- Norman, English, Scottish: See **Devereux**.

## Devers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 112
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal
- Irish: variant of **Dever** with English excrement -s.

## Deverson

**Variants:** Daverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: probably a variant of **Davison** with intrusive *r*. Compare **Deveson**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Deverson, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Grace Deversone, 1635 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); John Deverson, 1640, Sarah Daverson, 1772 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Edward Daverson, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); Ellen Daverson, 1647 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Daverson, 1687 in *IGI* (Corpusty, Norfolk); Thomas Daverson, 1697 in *IGI* (Ramsgate, Kent).

## Deverux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- Norman, English: See **Devereux**.

## Devery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- Norman, Irish: See **Devereux**.

## Deveson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Davison**.

## Devey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhe, see **Devoy**.

## Devi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1342, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian: from an honorific term used with the names of women, from Sanskrit *devī* 'goddess'. It is sometimes used as a last name by women who do not wish to use their traditional name or who do not have a surname as such.

## De Vile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

## De Ville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Derbys, Staffs, and Warwicks
- Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

## Deville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs, Warwicks, and Leics; Devon
- Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

## De Villiers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: variant of **Villiers**, with the preposition *de* 'from'.

## Devilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: See **Diffley**.

## Devin

**Variants:** Devine, Divine, Deavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry; Louth

1 Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *devin*, *divin* 'divine', Old French *devin*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Deuin, le Diuin, 1187–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); John Devene, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johanna Devyn or Devyne, 1484 in *PROB 11* (Henley, Oxon); Sarah Devin, 1631 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Devine

**Variants:** Davin, Devane, Devin, Devon, Divan, Divine, Devins, Dewane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7864, Ireland 3618
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2976
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone

1 Irish: from Ó Duibhín 'descendant of *Duibhín*', a byname meaning 'little black one', or Ó Daimhín 'descendant of *Daimhín*', a byname meaning 'fawn, little stag'. These are attenuated versions of Ó *Dubháin* and Ó *Damháin*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady duff O'Dovin, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §606 (Donnawny); Owen duff mcDonoghe O'Dovin, gallowglass, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2205; James mcHenry O'Dovine, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5783.

England: James Deavin, 1749 in *IGI* (Pitchcott, Bucks); Saml. Deavin, 1804 in *IGI* (Camberwell, Surrey).

2 English: See **Devin**.

## Deviney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Devins

**Variants:** Divens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: probably a variant of **Devine**, as de Bhulbh suggests, the final -s being added after the name was anglicized.

## Devis

**Variants:** Devas, Devos, Dewis, Devos, Dews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Wilts; Warwicks and Staffs

1 English: locative name from *Devizes* in Wilts, recorded as *Devys*, 1423, *Devise*, 1443–50, and *Devizes* alias *le Devize*, 1618 in *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 243. See

also **Vyse**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3). In London the name may also have been confused with **Devaux**.

**Early bearers:** Christiana Devys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitminster, Somerset); Johanna Devyses, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Edmund Devis, 1564 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); George Dewis, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin, London); Lanclett Devis, 1588, Ann Devys, 1591, Lucretia Devos, 1692 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Owen Devis, 1591, Joane Devas, 1626 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Jana Devis, 1592 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks); Humphrey Devis, 1593, John Deuis, 1651, Adrian Devos, 1759 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); James Devis, 1695 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Devas, 1771 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 English: See **Dews**.

3 English: See **Dewis**.

### Devito

• **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 11

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: See **Devito**.

### Devitt

• **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 567

• **GB frequency 1881:** 374

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Mayo

Irish: from Mac Daibhéid, see **McDevitt**.

### Devlin

**Variants:** Develin, Davlin, Dolan, Dolen, Dollan, Dollin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 7768, Ireland 5531

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2445

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Derry

1 Irish: from Ó Dobhailéin ‘descendant of *Dobhailéan*’, a personal name of uncertain origin, probably from a diminutive of *dobhail* ‘unlucky, unfortunate’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Brian O’Deublinge, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713 (Tyrone); Gillpatrick O’Deublinge, vicar, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713 (Ardboe, Tyrone); Neile O’Deublinge, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Tullochoge, Tyrone); Arthur Devlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardboe, Tyrone); Anne Devlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyniskan, Tyrone); Susannah Devlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Neal Devlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry).

England, Scotland: Betty Devlin, 1748 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Michael Devlin, 1764 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rosie Devlin, 1780 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Henry Devlin, 1826 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 Norman: locative name from Dublin (recorded as *Dyfflin* in about 1100). This surname was used by Normans and Englishmen after the acquisition of Dublin in 1171 by Henry II, who granted it to the burgesses of Bristol. Its survival into modern times is uncertain, however, and it is not the source of the Irish surname.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Joca de Duvelina, about 1190–1210 in *Dublin Guild Merchant Roll*.

England: Adam de Divelyn, 1256 in *Assize Rolls*

(Northumb); William Develyn, 1380 in *London Pleas*.

### Devney

• **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 17

Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

### Devo

**Variants:** Devoe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 14

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Huguenot: See **Devaux**.

2 English, Huguenot: See **Defoe**.

3 French, English, Swiss French, Flemish: See **Devos** (3).

### Devoe

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Devo**.

### Devon

**Variants:** Devons

• **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 36

• **GB frequency 1881:** 276

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Middx; Lancs

1 English: locative name from the county of Devon. Compare **Devonshire** and **Devenish**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Devoun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Devon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Richard Devon, 1621 in *PROB 11* (North Stoke, Oxon).

2 Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.

### Devonald

• **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 273

• **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

Welsh: from the medieval Welsh personal name *Dyfnawal*, later *Dyfnallt*.

**Further information:** Ultimately of the same Common Celtic origin as **Donnell**, **Donald**.

**Early bearers:** Yeuan ab Dounwal, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Adaf filio Denowalt, 1292–3 *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneth); Jane Devonalt, 1672, Elizabeth Dyfnalt, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Nevern, Pembro); Thomas Devonald, 1803 in *IGI* (Amblestone, Pembrokes); George Devonald, 1817 in *IGI* (Neath, Glamorgan).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 87–8.

### Devonish

• **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 34

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: See **Devenish**.

### Devonport

• **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 13

• **GB frequency 1881:** 820

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: See **Davenport**.

### Devons

• **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 19

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Devon**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Devonshire

• **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 21

• **GB frequency 1881:** 508

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Cornwall

English: locative name from the county of Devon. Compare **Devon** and **Devenish**.

**Early bearers:** William de Devenschyre, 1288 in *Norwich Deeds I* (Norfolk); William de Deveneshire, 1339 in *London Letter Books F* (London); William Devenschyre, 1420 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Elizabeth Densheire, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); William Devonsheere or Devonsheire, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Whetstone, Leics); Marget Devonshire, 1625 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Gilbert Devonshire, 1630 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); William Denshire, 1649 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); James Devonshire, 1716 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Devos

**Variants:** Devo, Devoe, Defoe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 French: See **Devaux**.

2 English: See **Devis**.

3 Swiss French: relationship name, anglicized form of the Swiss name **Thevoz**, French *Thèvozt*, a pet form of the personal name *Etève* (Stephen). *Devoe* and *Defoe* are two of many altered forms of this name in N America. It is possible but unproven that this is another source of these names in England.

**Further information:** According to family name historians, this name was brought to England by Daniel Thevoz or Thevou, who was born in 1665 in Missy, Vaud canton, Switzerland. He and his wife and children were among a number of impoverished Swiss who joined many SW Germans in the Palatine migration of 1709, fleeing the ravages of a winter famine and the French army to seek refuge in England. There the British government put them in camps in Camberwell and Blackheath, south of London, before shipping most of them to the American colonies in 1710. In the London provisioning lists he was named Daniel Deffu. He settled in Germantown, Albany county (New York State). It may be nothing more than a curious onomastic coincidence that the English writer and polemicist Daniel Defoe wrote a fierce defence of the ‘poor Palatines’ in his journal *The Review* (June 21–August 22, 1709). There is no evidence that the London families called *Devo(e)* and *Defoe* have any connection with this American or Swiss family. See **Defoe**.

**References:** *DAFN*, at Defoe; *The Beacon*, 5 (2002), p. 11, published by the Quinte Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society; *Dafoe-Defoe Dynasty*, 2 (Seattle, 1983).

4 Flemish: nickname; alternatively an anglicized form of Dutch **de Vos** ‘the fox’.

**References:** *Debrabandere*, at Devos.

5 English: See **Dew**.

### Devoy

**Variants:** Devey, Deevey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 340

## De Vries

- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare
- Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhe ‘descendant of Dubhuidhe’, a personal name apparently derived from *dubh* ‘dark, black’ + *buidhe* ‘yellow’, but more probably an abbreviation of *Dubhdhar* ‘black and dun’ (*odhar*). Compare **Dwyer**.
- Early bearers:** William O’Dywy, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §170; Patrick O’Dywoie, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897 (Ballaghmore, Upper Ossory); Edmund O Dyvoye, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2348; Wm. O Dyvoye, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4559.

## De Vries

### Variants: Defries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): ethnic name denoting someone from Friesland.
- Early bearers:** Abraham Frise, 1561 in *IGI* (London); Samuell Frees, 1591 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Jaques Defrize, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); Isaack Freeze, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Letitia Defries, 1767 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George in the East, Stepney, Middx); Joseph Defiez, 1793 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Simon Defries, 1810 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Victor Richard Caesar De Vries, 1825 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).
- Huguenot: Jean de Fries, 1752 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).
- Jewish: Isaac Defries, 1838 in *BMD* (Shoreditch, Middx); Esther Defries, 1840 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Colman Defries, commercial traveller, in *Census 1851* (Clifton, Gloucs); Meyer Devries, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Barman Issacher Defries, 1857 in *BMD* (Hastings, Sussex); Abraham Defries, merchant’s clerk, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1871* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Emmanuel Defries, born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Isaac Defries, under beadle at synagogue, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Mayer Levie Defries, nurse, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Aldgate, London); Herman De Vries, collector to Manor Park Synagogue, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex).

## Devshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

## Dew

- Variants: **Dewe, Due, Doo, Dews, Dewes, Devis, Devas, Dewis, Devos**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1629, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1721
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts; also Herefs and Monmouths; Anglesey; E Anglia
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Eu (Seine-Maritime), France, with fused preposition *d(e)*. Some early bearers may belong at (2).
- Further information:** The place-name Willingale Doe (Essex) takes its affix from Hugh de Ou or D’Eu

(1154–89 in *Place-Names of Essex*); also from Dews Hall in Lambourne (Essex), which is recorded as *Dewse, Devys, otherwise Deaux Hall* in 1542, and takes its name from John Deu (1248 in *Feet of Fines*). **Early bearers:** Hugh de Auco, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William Deu, 1200 in *Pleas* (Wilts); John de Eu, 1278 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John de Ewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Betone Dewe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Clopton, Gloucs); Thomas Dew, 1542 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); John Due, 1548 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Elisabeth Dewe, 1566 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); Maryan Dew, 1571 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Dewe, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Warminster, Wilts); An. Dew, 1612 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Christofer Dew, 1625 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Dew, 1627 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Jonathan Dew, 1773 in *IGI* (Godmanchester, Hunts).

2 Welsh: (i) nickname from Welsh *tew* ‘stout, thickset’, soft-mutated form *dew*. The earliest forms from Wales are too early to be inherited surnames. (ii) possibly in some cases also from Welsh *du* ‘black, dark, swarthy’, in a N Welsh pronunciation, which is however normally anglicized as **Dye**. See also **Dee**. **Early bearers:** Ieuan Teewe, 1292 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Subsidy Rolls); Ithel Du, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Jeuan Duy, 1392 in *Chirkland Extent*; Rees ap Tudor Dew, 1406 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Anglesey Submissions); Ameer Dew, 1628 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Daniel Dew, 1682 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Thomas Dew, 1813 in *IGI* (Beaumaris, Anglesey).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 196–7.

3 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English *deudeaw, dywe* ‘dew’, probably used in the sense ‘damp ground’ or ‘dew pond’. **Early bearers:** John atte Dywe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Dew, 1544 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Paidrik Dew, 1545 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Clement Dew, 1587 in *IGI* (Halstead, Kent).

## Dewan

### Variants: Diwan, Divan, Dewane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- 1 Indian, Bangladeshi: status name, occupational name for a treasurer or court official, from Arabic *dīwān* ‘royal court, tribunal of justice, or treasury’. **Further information:** In Mughal India the dewan was usually the highest official in a state after the king.
- 2 Irish: from Ó Dubháin or Ó Daimhín, see **Duane**.

## Dewane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 Indian: See **Dewan**.
- 2 Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.

## Dewar

### Variants: Dewer, Mackinder, Dewart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4228, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3896
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian
- 1 Scottish: from Gaelic **Mac an Deoraidh**, ‘son of the pilgrim or sojourner’. See **Mackinder** and **McAdorey**.

**Further information:** Black refers to the ‘McIndeors or Dewars of Islay’. The medieval Scottish *deoradh* had the specialized sense ‘keeper of a saint’s relics’.

2 Scottish: locative name from Dewar (Midlothian). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Deware, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh); Sibilla Dewar, 1602 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Dewart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Scottish: See **Dewar**.

## Dewberry

### Variants: Duberry, Dubbery, Dubery, Dubarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Cambs
- English: locative name, probably a variant of **Dewsbury** with loss of medial *s*, no doubt reflecting loss of association with the original Yorks place-name following migration. The spelling *Duberry* may occasionally have led to false association with the French name **Dubarry**.
- Further information:** Wilson suggests that this name may be derived from Dewberry Hill in Radcliffe on Trent (Notts), but this was the name of a topographic feature (*Deuberhowe* in 1585), not a settlement.
- Early bearers:** Robert Dewbery, 1509 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); Anes Dewbury, 1576, Willm Dewberry, 1641 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); William Dewberry, 1601 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Agnes Dubery, 1604, Thomas Duberry, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Dubery, 1617 in *IGI* (Horningssea, Cambs); Henry Dewberry, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Phil. Dewberry, 1674 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Francis Duberry, 1686 in *IGI* (Fleet Marston, Bucks); Anne Dubbery, 1721 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Dewdney

### Variants: Deudney, Dudeney, Dudney, Dowdney, Doudney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey and Sussex
- Norman, English: relationship name from a personal name, French *Dieudonné* ‘God given’ or ‘given to God’, Latin *Deodonatus*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Deodonatus, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Dominus Deudenay, capellanus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Frontridge, in Burwash, Sussex); Deodonnus, son of Isaac, a Jew of Winchester, 1277, Deudone Krispyn, Jew of York, 1280, Deudeney de Wynton, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants).
- surnames: Richard Deudone, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John Deudone, John Deudon’, 1266, John Dewdney, 1448, in *Patent Rolls*; Julian Dewdney, 1566 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Susana Dudney, 1578 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); John Dudeney, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Abinger, Surrey); William Dudeney, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Doddiscombsleigh, Devon); Andrew Dewdney, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Over Adber, Somerset); Thomas Dowdney, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); Robert Dowdny or Dowdney, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Stoke



Canon, Devon); John Dowdney, Lancelot Dudney, Henry Dudeney, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Deudney, 1751 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon).

### Dewe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: See **Dew**.

### Dewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Warwick and Staffs; Durham
- 1 English: See **Deaville** (2).  
2 Breton, English: See **Joel**.

### Dewer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks; Perth
- Scottish: See **Dewar**.

### Dewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; WR Yorks
- English: See **Dews**.

### Dewey

**Variants:** Dewy, Dooley, Duey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; London
- 1 French: locative name from Douai (Nord).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Duaco (Duay), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Dewy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Dewy, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

2 Welsh: (i) from the personal name *Dewi*, Welsh form of *David*. Some examples may belong at (1). (ii) possibly in some cases from the dedication of parish churches in places called *Llanddewi* (Saint David's), of which there are several.

**Further information:** Jeuan Duy, 1392 in *Chirkland Extent*, is not a form of *Dewey* but a local scribal form of Welsh *du* 'black' (See **Dee**, **Dew**).

**Early bearers:** David Dewy, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johanne Dewy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Blank, Gloucs); John Dewey, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Maperton, Somerset); Mortagh Dewye, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Marie Duey, 1592 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Mary Dewye, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Tarrant Rushton, Dorset); Richard Dewy, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Nether Wallop, Hants); John Duey, 1668 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 82.

### Dewfall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Deaville**.  
**Early bearers:** Wm. Dewfall, 1747 in *IGI* (Child Okeford, Dorset); Willm. Dewfall, 1814 in *IGI* (Henstridge, Somerset).

### De Whalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: presumably a learned restoration of the medieval form of **Whalley**.

### Dewhirst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 940, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1422
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: See **Dewhurst**.

### Dewhurst

**Variants:** Dewhirst, Devis, Dewis, Durose, Jewers, Dews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3074, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Westm, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: locative name from Dewhurst in Wilpshire (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de le Dewyhurst, about 1300 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Adam del Dewyhurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo de Dewyhurst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Roberto del Dewehirst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Rogero de Deweherst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilpshire with Dinckley, Lancs); Richard de Dewehirst, 1405 *Patent Rolls* (Blackburn hundred, Lancs); Barnard Dewhurst, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Dewhurst, 1608 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 72.

### Dewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Midlands: esp. Notts
- English: possibly a locative name from a lost place called *Diwike*, apparently in Warwicks, which is recorded in 1398 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John Duek, 1513–14, Petty Duick, 1690, Samuel Dewicke, 1705 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Robert Duick, 1546 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); Katherina Dewick, 1572 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Elizabeth Dewicke, 1579, Alexander Duicke, 1583 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); Johanis Dewicke, 1588 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Alice Dewicke, 1635 in *IGI* (Mattersey, Notts); Alice Duicke, 1665, John Deuick, 1709 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Elizabeth Dewick, 1743 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); George Duewick, 1756 in *IGI* (Hertingfordbury, Herts).

### Dewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dewing**.

### Dewing

**Variants:** Dewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomam Duin, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Barsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Dewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Beatrix Dewyn, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Chris Dewing, 1582, Andrew Duing, 1707 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alyce Dewinge, 1626 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Henrie Dewing or Dewinge, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Great Witchingham, Norfolk); Zacharie Dewin, 1697 in *IGI* (Swinnington, Norfolk).

### Dewire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs

Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhir or Mac Dubhuidhir; See **Dwyer**.

**References:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Dewis

**Variants:** Devis, Dews, Jewers, Jewess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: locative name perhaps from Ewyas Harold or Ewyas Lacy (Herefs) with fused preposition, Anglo-Norman French *de*. *Denias* and *Denyas* are probably misreadings of *-n-* for *-u-*, representing /w/ or /v/. *Dewyas* and *Devayas* developed to *Dewis* and *Devis*, and may have been confused with (2) and (3) from other origins.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dewias, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Wilts); John Deuyas, Dewyas, 13th cent. *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Hugh Deuyas, 1359 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes Denyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewlish, Dorset); Johanne Denyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samesbury, Lancs); Galfrido Denyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Willelmus Denyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Waltero Denias, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tidcombe and Marten, Wilts); Johanne Denyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bathampton, Wilts); Elizabeth Devise, 1577, Phillipp Devische, 1599, John Devisse, 1631, John Deviss, 1749 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Thomas Devis, 1595, Robti Devies, 1608, Robert Deuis, 1604, Mary Deuis, 1690 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Maud Devyas, 1567 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Roger Devis, 1605 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Richard Dewis, 1647 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Worcs); Edward Duis, 1669, John Dewis, 1739 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks).

2 English: See **Devis**.

3 English: See **Dews**.

4 English: See **Dewhurst**.

### Dewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Essex

Dutch: nickname denoting someone with white or very fair hair, or an exceptionally pale complexion, from Middle Dutch *witte* + the definite article *de*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dewit, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); Elisabeth Dewitt, 1639 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); Margret Dewitt, 1676 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Jacobi Dewitt, 1760 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Dewes

**Variants:** Dewes, Dewis, Dewse, Deuce, Devis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 714, Ireland 3

## Dewsbery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 686
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- 1 English: reduced form of **Dewhurst**, from a Lancs place-name. Compare George Dewhurst or Dews, 1757–8 in *Parish Registers* (Horbury, WR Yorks). The following early bearers could, however, belong with any of the other senses.
- Early bearers:** Ellice Dews, 1581 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Phillis Devys (misreading of Deuys?), 1576 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Josephi Dews, 1697, Hannah Deuce, 1743 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- 2 English: variant of **Dew**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1), (3) or (4).
- Early bearers:** John Dewce, 1495 in *PROB 11*; Godfrey Dews, 1536 in *PROB 11* (London); Anthonie Dewse, 1541 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Margery Dews, 1569 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Mawdlen Dews, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Nicholas Dewes, 1606 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Abraham Dewes, 1640 in *PROB 11* (City of London).
- 3 English: See **Dewis**.
- 4 English: See **Devis**.

## Dewsbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: See **Dewsbury**.

## Dewsbury

- Variants:** **Dewsbery**, **Duesbury**, **Jewsbury**, **Jewesbury**, **Joebury**, **Dewberry**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Cambs
- English: locative name from Dewsbury (WR Yorks). *Jews-* is a common colloquial pronunciation of *Dews-*.
- Early bearers:** Tomas de Dewesberi, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Dewesbury, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barkston, WR Yorks); Thoma Deusberi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belby, ER Yorks); Johannes Dewsbyri, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Robert Dewesbery, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Roberte Dewesbury, 1583 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Phillip Dewesbury, 1619 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Abigail Duesbury, 1730 in *IGI* (Edingale, Staffs); Elizabeth Jewsbury, 1793 in *IGI* (Measham, Derbys).

## Dewse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: See **Dews**.

## Dewsnap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 452
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from Dewsnaps in Chinley (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Deuysnape, 1285, Nicholas de Dewynap, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robte Dewsnap, 1586 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Thomas Dewsnop, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Roberto Dewsnap, 1637 in *IGI* (Sudbury,

Derbys); William Dewsnap, 1708 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

## Dewson

- Variants:** **Tewson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Norfolk
- 1 English: See **Tuson**.
- 2 English: See **Jewson**.

## Dewy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; London
- English: See **Dewey**.

## Dexter

- Variants:** **Dester**, **Dyster**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2961, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, Notts, and Derbys

English: occupational name from Middle English *dexter(e)*, *dei(gh)ester*, *deyster* ‘dyer’ (Old English \**deazestre*, \**deʒ(e)stre*). The word originally denoted a female dyer, but came to be used for dyers of both sexes. Compare **Dyer**.

**Early bearers:** John le Dextere, 1262 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Henry le Deystere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Eua Dygestre, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Deyghester, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph le Dextere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger le Dykestre, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* (Suffolk); Robert le Deyster, le Dyster, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Diestere, 1355 in *Ancient Deeds* (Oxon); William Dexter, 1378 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Peter Dexter, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johane Dyster, 1549 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Dyster, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Middle Temple, Middx); George Dexter, 1624 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Dester, 1740 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwicks).

**References:** Dexter One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/dexter/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/dexter/)

## Dey

- Variants:** **De**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1686, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also WR Yorks
- 1 Indian (Bengal and Orissa) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth) name, probably from Sanskrit *deya* ‘suitable for a gift’.
- 2 Scottish, English, Welsh: See **Day**.

## D’Eye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk
- English: probably an altered spelling of *Deye* (See **Day**), rather than a contracted form of *de Eye*.

## Deyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: See **Days**.

## Deykes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: See **Dicks**.

## Dhadwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Dhaliwal

- Variants:** **Dhariwal**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2018, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, said to be from an ancestral place name, *Daranagar*.
- Further information:** The Dhaliwals are a Jat tribe, said to be Bhatti Rajputs.

## Dhami

- **Current frequencies:** GB 817, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Dhanak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Dhanani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat), Pakistani (Sind): Hindu and Muslim, from *Dhan* (a reduction of an ancestral name beginning with this element, from Sanskrit *dhana* ‘wealth’, for example *Dhanesh* ‘lord of wealth’ (*dhana* + *īśa* ‘lord’) or *Dhanaraj* ‘king of wealth’ (*dhana* + *rājā* ‘king’)) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).
- Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

## Dhanda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Dhanjal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Dhanji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## Dhanoa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), probably from Bengali *dhar* ‘credit’ (Sanskrit *uddhāra* ‘deliverance’).

2 Indian (Kashmir): Hindu (Brahman), pronounced *dhər*, unexplained.

**Dhariwal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: See **Dhaliwal**.

**Dhatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhawan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri), based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community. It is popularly believed to mean ‘runner’, ‘messenger’, from Sanskrit *dhāv-* ‘to run’.

**Dhesi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhillon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4503, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Further information:** The Dhillon are one of the largest and most widely distributed Jat tribes in the Panjab. Like other Jat tribes, the Dhillon claim to be Rajputs by origin.

**Dhiman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhindsa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: See **Dhinsa**.

**Dhingra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhinsa**

Variants: **Dhindsa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

**Dhokia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**Dholakia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

**Dhoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Dhunna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu, Sikh, and Muslim, found among followers of the religious leader Dhanna Bhagat (born 1415).

**Diable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: See **Deeble**.

**Diack**

Variants: **Diak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: of uncertain derivation. According to Black, the name was traditionally thought to have been taken to Scotland from Denmark or to be a local (Aberdeens) variant of **Dick**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Diack, 1709 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Alexr. Diack, 1731 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Elizabeth Diak, 1751 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); John Diak, 1806 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

England: Alice Diack, 1634 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); George Diack, 1804 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Diak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: See **Diack**.

**Dial**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: probably a variant of Scottish **Dalziel**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Dyall, 1562 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); Maria Dial, 1669 in *IGI* (Coddington, Cheshire); Thomas Dial, 1717 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Isabel Dial, 1761 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); James Diaell, 1800 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

**Diallo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

West African: See **Jalloh**.

**Diamant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Diamond**.

**Diamond**

Variants: **Diamant, Dimond, Dymond, Dimon, Dimont, Dymont, Diment, Damant, Demand, Demant, Deman, Demain, Demmon, Dayment, Daymond, Daymon, Dayman, Damon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3543, Ireland 904
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Down

1 Irish: from Ó **Diamáin** ‘descendant of *Diamán*’, earlier *Díomá* or *Déamán*, a diminutive of *Dioma*, itself a pet form of *Diarmaid*, see **McDermott**.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Diamond, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Neal Diamond, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Maghera, Derry); Jasper Diamond, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Hugh Diamond, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Garvagh, Down).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of a family name from Yiddish *dime(n)t* ‘diamond’ or modern German *Diamant*.

**Early bearers:** Tobias Diamond, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Israel Diamond, cigar maker, born in Netherlands, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Diamond, cabinetmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lewis Diamond, bootmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Diamond, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Nathan Diamond, ladies’ tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Louis Diamond, furrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Diamond, presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Simeon Barnet Diamond, furrier, born in Devinsk, Russia, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex).

3 English: relationship name from the rare Middle English female personal name *Diamond*, derived from Old French *diamant*, *diamant* ‘diamond’, also found in Middle English as *diamond*, *deamant*, and *deamon*. William Dymond, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon), gave his name to Dymond’s Bridge in Whitestone (Devon). Post-medieval forms of the surname may sometimes have become confused with **Dayman** and its variants. Compare John Deyman alias Dymond, 1698 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* (Devon), and See (4). The modern surname is found in a variety of forms, mainly in SW England and E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** given names: Diamanda, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Diamanda 1349 in *London Husting Wills*.

surnames: Thomas Dymande, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William Dymond, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Johanne Dymande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Johannes Deman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robertus Dymond’, Willelmus Dymmond’, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

## Diao

(Carlton, near Royston, WR Yorks); Ricardus Demond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); Rogerus Dymon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Johannes Deman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wotton, Surrey); William Demaunde, 1391, Dymaunde, 1392 in *Carshalton Court Rolls* (Surrey); Edmund Demon, 1564, Thomas Deymon, 1581, Joanna Dymon, 1582, John Deman 1632, Elizabeth Daymand 1685, Charles Daymond, 1686, Grace Dyamond, 1753, Joannah Dyman, Margaret Daimant 1801, Humphrey Dymont 1817, and Susan Dayment 1833 in *Parish Registers* (Hartland, Devon); Richard Demande, 1604, Temprance Demand, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Dyamond, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Hartfield, Sussex); Robert Demont, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Thomas Deamond, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Sampford Arundel, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 458.

**4** English: perhaps sometimes a post-medieval variant of **Dayman**, with excremental *t* or *d*. Daymond's Hill in Tiverton (Devon) owes its name to John Dayman, 1589 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon). Compare Robert Dayman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clovelly, Devon). Alternatively, however, it is possible that the 1589 *Dayman* is a spelling of *Deamon*, a variant of *Diamond*. The names were probably confused, especially in Devon; See (3).

## Diao

**Variants:** Teoh, Teo, Teow, Tiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 刁 (Tiu in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'trick' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the personal name Shu Diao (豎刁), the given name of an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Diao Bo (貂勃, also written as 刁勃), a hermit who lived in the state of Qi during the Warring States period (475–221 BC).

## Diaper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Hants

English: See **Dipper**.

## Dias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2196, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: See **Dyas**.

## Diaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1073, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Portuguese: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Didacus* (genitive *Didaci*).

**Further information:** The goods of Domyngo Dyas, merchant of Gronne in Castile and Leon (Spain), were seized from a ship at Dartmouth (Devon), 1404 in *Patent Rolls*, but he was not a resident in England. Marceliano Dias, cook on the ship *Ravenna*, British subject, born in Goa, in *Census 1881* (Victoria Dock, West Ham, Essex), is one of many non-resident

seamen from (formerly Portuguese) Goa who appear in the censuses.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Diaz, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stocks, London); Isabel Diaz, 1650 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham).

**References:** *DAFN*; Moisés Orfali, 'The Sephardim', in Aaron Demsky, ed. *Pleasant Are Their Names: Jewish Names in the Sephardi Diaspora* (Bethesda: University Press of Maryland), pp. 13–15.

## Dibb

**Variants:** Tibb, Dibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 629
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**1** English: locative name for someone who lived 'by the hollow', from *dib*, a northern dialect form of *dip*. The later examples, without a preposition, may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** John del Dybbe, 1469 in *York Freeman's Register*; Nicholas Dibbe, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Toners Puddle, Dorset); George Dibbes, 1588 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Alicia Dibbe, 1596 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Willm Dibbs, 1624 in *IGI* (Glynde, Sussex); Robt. Dibb, 1646 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); Sarah Dibbs, 1746 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

**2** English: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Dibb*, a pet form of *Theobald*; compare **Dibble**.

## Dibben

**Variants:** Dibbens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Dibun*, a pet form of *Dibb* (itself a pet form of *Theobald*, compare **Dibble** and **Tibb**).

**Early bearers:** Thoma Dybyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sixpenny Handley, Dorset); Johanne Dybon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gillingham, Dorset); John Dybon, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Nicholao Dibun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); Robertus Dybyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Stour, Dorset); Thomas Dybben, 1476 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Dibben, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset).

## Dibbens

**Variants:** Dibbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: variant of **Dibben** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

## Dibbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; also Monmouths

English: See **Dibbens**.

## Dibble

**Variants:** Dible, Diboll, Dyball, Dybell, Dyble, Dipple, Deeble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1305, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs; Devon; Staffs; Lancs

**1** English: relationship name, variant of **Tibble**, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Theudobald*, Old French *Theobald*, *Tibald*, Middle English *Tibel*; See **Theobald**. The voicing of initial *T* to *D*- is unusual in Middle English and may reflect Flemish pronunciation (Middle Dutch \**Dibald*, *Dibaud*) in post-Conquest England. The name is difficult to distinguish from (2) and some of the following bearers may belong there.

**Early bearers:** William Dibel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Walter Dipel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph Dibald, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); William Dybald, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Dybel, 1277 in *London Letter Books B*; William Dypel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Sibilla Dibell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Edmund Dyboll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alexander Dibble, 1544 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Anterriam Dibble, 1571 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Ann Dibble, 1588 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Barbara Dibell, 1599 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Richard Dibble, 1623 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Sarah Dipple, 1678, Sarah Dibble, 1680 in *Sutton alias Dudley Family* (Staffs); Rachel Dibell, 1713 in *IGI* (Horsey, Norfolk); Philip Dyble, 1716 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**2** English: See **Deeble**.

## Dibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name, variant of **Dibb**, with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

## Dibden

**Variants:** Dibdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: locative name primarily from Dibden (Hants), which is recorded as *Depedene* in 1086, but perhaps occasionally from Dibden in Riverhead (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Edmundo de Depedena, about 1150–77 in *Saint Denys Cartulary* (Hants); Ernoldo de Dupedene, about 1196 in *God's House Cartulary* (Hants); [...] de Depedene, 1270 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Thomas Depeden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Kent); William Dibdene, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Redbridge hundred, Hants); Robert Depden, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Dibden, 1642 in *IGI* (Twyford, Hants); Richard Dibdin, 1761 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); James Dibdin, 1817 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 63.

## Dibdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dibden**.

## Dible

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants; Somerset

English: See **Dibble**.

### Dibley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Berks
- English: locative name from Diple in Hartley Wintney (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Sara Dibley, 1562 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Richard Dibley, 1649 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Henery Dibley, 1695 in *IGI* (Old Basing, Hants); Edmond Dibley, 1723 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); Compton Dibley, 1788 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Henry Thomas Diblee, 1811 in *IGI* (Capel, Surrey).  
**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 15.

### Dibnah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Debney**.

**Early bearers:** John Dibney, 1588 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Robert Dibney, 1607 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Eliner Dibnay, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Matthew Dibney, 1707, Robert Dibnah, 1762 in *IGI* (Pattrington, ER Yorks); Mary Dibney, 1794 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Diboll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: See **Dibble**.

### Dibsdall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts; Surrey

English: probably a variant of **Dimsdale**.

**Early bearers:** John Dibsdale, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Langton, Dorset); Christopher Dibsdale, 1647 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); John Dibsdale, 1670 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); Robert Dibsdall, 1785 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

### Dice

**Variants:** **Dyes, Dyce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey

English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Dye**, with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. (ii) locative name, perhaps an alternative pronunciation of a variant of **Diss**. (iii) nickname from Middle English *dyse, dyce* 'dice' (both singular and plural), also 'chance, luck', perhaps a name for a gambler (compare **Hazard**).

**Early bearers:** Richard Dyse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Dyce, Dys, 1412, 1418 in *London Letter Books B, I*; John Dice, 1562 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Thomas Dyes, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Calib Dyes, 1601, Henry Dies, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johis. Dyse, 1604 in *IGI* (Lubnam, Leics); Jane Dyce, 1655 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Mathias Dice, 1712 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

### Dick

**Variants:** **Dicke, Dicks, Deak, Deake, Deek, Dike, Dyke, Dykes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5770, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6633
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Dike*, also *Deke*, a pet form of *Ricard*, i.e. *Richard*. Compare Dyke (alias Richard) Habuelaverd, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dike Maescallus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Dicke Smith, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Digge de Torot, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Dyke de Chypendale, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Dik, 1260, Dik de Hyde, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

urnames, England: Richard Dike, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Dike, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); John Dike, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Deke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Dik, 1356 in *London Letter Books G*; Rogero Dik', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swallowcliffe, Wilts); John Dick, 1543 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Mawde Dicke, 1553 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Edi. Dick, 1559 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Thomas Deeke, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Michael Deeke, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Great Canford, Dorset); Thomasine Dick, 1639 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Dick, 1697 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); James Dick, 1767 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

urnames, Scotland: Andrew Dick, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Isobell Dick, 1601 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Margaret Dick, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Geills Dick, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Dick, 1638 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr).  
2 English: See **Dyke**.

### Dickason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: reduced form of **Dickenson**.

### Dicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dick**.

### Dickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **Diggle**.

### Dicken

**Variants:** **Dickin, Deakin, Deacon, Deaken, Dekin, Dickens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1049, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dicun, Decoun*, a pet form of *Dick*. It was later altered to *Dickin, Dicken*, and

*Deakin*, and was easily confused with (2) and its variants. See also **Digan, Deekes**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dicun Malebiss', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).  
urnames: Richard Dicun, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); John Dycon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Maud Dyconnis, David Dyccons, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Dekoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Dicon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Richard Dekyn, 1471 in *PROB 11* (Bredton, Somerset); Margereta Dicken, 1566 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Georgii Dicken, 1595 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys).  
2 English: See **Deacon**.

### Dickens

**Variants:** **Dickings, Dickins, Dickons, Dykins, Deakins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5017, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2964
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Northants; Middx; Lancs

English: relationship name, variant of **Dicken**, with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Dicones, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bobbington, Staffs); William Dickines or Dickins, 1598 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Dickens, 1609 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Dickenson

**Variants:** **Dickinson, Dickason, Dickison, Dickeson, Dickerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2114, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4508
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

English: relationship name, from the Middle English personal name *Dicun*, a pet form of *Richard* (See **Dicken**) + *son*. John and Henry 'Dicounesson de Clesnesse' were sons of Richard son of Henry de Clesnesse, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** William Dykounson, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Dykonesson, 1388 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Dicacon, 1518 in *York Guild Register*; Gilbert Dyckenson, 1585 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Thomas Dickenson, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Ives, Hunts); John Dickinson, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Peterborough, Northants); George Dickanson, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Dickason, 1656 in *IGI* (London); Peter Dickeson, 1678 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks).

### Dicker

**Variants:** **Dickers, Decker, Deeker, Dekker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1371, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1172
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon; also Hants

1 English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a dyke or ditch (such as a defensive ditch round a town), from Middle English *dik, deke* (Old English *dic*) 'ditch' + *-er*. It was synonymous with Middle English *atte Dike* (See **Dyke**), and with **Ditcher** and **Dickman**. Topographical surnames in *-er* are characteristic of S England. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *dicher, diker* 'digger of ditches or dykes'. Compare **Dyker**.

## Dickering

**Early bearers:** Simon le Dykere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh le Dykere (Dikkere), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Henry Dikere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broad Clyst, Devon); Ricardus Diker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Dykar, 1546 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Jhon Dyker, 1563 in *IGI* (Worlaby by Brigg, Lincs); John Dicker, 1567 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Davye Dicker, 1579 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); Elenora Dicker, 1579 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Nicholas Dicker, 1601 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); John Deeker, 1603 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); Grace Dicker, 1608 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Willim Decker, 1631 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Abraham Deeker, 1634 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wm Diker, 1734 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**2 English:** locative name from The Dicker, the name of a common in Arlington, Chiddingly, and Hellingly in Sussex. Examples below without a preposition may alternatively belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Henry ater Dykere, 1296, John atte Diker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Dikere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber, Sussex); Johannes Dykere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newhaven with Piddinghoe, Sussex); Robert Dicker, 1570 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Mary Dicker, 1600 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Anna Dicker, 1607 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Rebekece Diker, 1611 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Walter Dicker, 1614 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 439; *Löfvenberg*, p. 51.

### Dickering

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Middx
- English: See **Duckering**.

### Dickers

**Variants:** **Dickers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Oxon
- English: variant of **Dicker** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Dickerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Suffolk
- English: post-medieval spelling of **Dickeson**, a reduced form of **Dickenson**. For the *-er-* spelling See **Simmerson** (2) and compare Dlyal Dickerson, 1540, Milois Dickinson, 1612, Alice Dickeson, 1650 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Margaret Dickeson, 1561, Susana Dickerson, 1645 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Richard Dickeson, 1583, Peter Dickerson, 1623 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Galfredi Dickerson, 1573 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Nicholas Dikersone, 1598 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Norfolk); Richarde Dickerson, 1618 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); James Dickerson, 1699 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs).

### Dickes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; London; Gloucs
- English: See **Dicks**.

### Dickeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon
- English: reduced form of **Dickenson**.

### Dicketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: relationship name, late development with excrescent *-s* of the surname **Dickett**, which is from a pet form of the personal name **Dick**. **Early bearers:** John Dyket, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Dyket, 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Richard Dyket, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Dyket, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Oxon); Agnes Dicket, 1582 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Dorothy Dickett, 1616 in in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Josephus Dicketts, 1719 in *IGI* (Milton Lilborne, Wilts); Wm. Diket, 1795 in *IGI* (Thames Ditton, Surrey); Rebecca Dicketts, 1816 in *IGI* (Fisherton Anger, Wilts).

### Dickey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 316
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- English: See **Dickie**.

### Dickie

**Variants:** **Dickey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2329, Ireland 99
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland (esp. Lanarks and Ayr, also Aberdeens); and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; also Louth
- Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Dick**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Dicky, 1504 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Glasgow); Janet Dickie, 1597 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Georg Dickie, 1688 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Robert Dickie, 1720 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); John Dickey, 1759 in *IGI* (Cruden, Aberdeens).. England: Joane Dickey, 1648 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Henry Dickey, 1723 in *IGI* (Pilling, Lancs); Wm. Dickey, 1762 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Robt. Dickie, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); William Dykie, 1868 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Dickey, 1804 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Dickin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, Derbys, and Lancs
- English: See **Dicken**.

### Dickings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs
- English: See **Dickens**.

### Dickins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1058

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Northants
- English: See **Dickens**.

### Dickinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18366, Ireland 156
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12736
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin
- English: See **Dickenson**.

### Dickison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- Scottish: reduced form of **Dickenson**. **Early bearers:** Issobell Dickison, 1697 in *IGI* (Yetholm, Roxburghs).

### Dickman

**Variants:** **Digman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb; Wilts
- 1 English:** locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived by or worked at a ditch or dyke, from Middle English *dich(e)*, *dike* + *man* (Old English *dīc* ‘ditch, dike’ + *mann*). Compare **Dicker**. Some of the early bearers may belong at (2) below. **Further information:** *Dekeman* would become *Deekman*. Compare **Deeker**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dickerman, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Dickerman, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Dekeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Dykman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jone Dyckman, 1571 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Digman, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Agmondesham, Bucks); Annus Dickeman, 1587 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Grace Dickman, 1689 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Edward Digman, 1782 in *IGI* (Witton, Cheshire); George Dichman, 1804 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb). **2 English:** occupational name, status name denoting ‘servant of *Dick*’. **Early bearers:** Robertus serviens Ricardi, Thomas Dikman, Richardman, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

### Dickons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: See **Dickens**.

### Dicks

- Variants:** **Dix**, **Dickes**, **Deeks**, **Deekes**, **Deakes**, **Deex**, **Deykes**, **Dykes**, **Diggas**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1773, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1459
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Wilts

**1 English:** relationship name, variant of **Dick**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (2). **Early bearers:** Robert Dykes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Christina Dygges, 1335 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Dorset); William Dyckes, 1362 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Norfolk); Edmundus Dikys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Walterus Dekes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlestone, Norfolk); Ricardus Dykes, 1381 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Rose Dix, 1561 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Roger Dicks, 1566 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Anne Deykes, 1585 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Jane Dix, 1591 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Edward Dicks, 1605 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Samuell Deex, 1624 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); Tim. Dix, 1651 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Thomas Dix, 1677 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

2 English: See **Dykes**.

### Dicksee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: See **Dixey**.

### Dickson

Variants: **Dixon, Dixon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14976, Ireland 2033
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11061
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian; N England: esp. Lancs; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish, N English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Dick** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Dicson or Dicsoun, 1398 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wylf Dekyson, 1471 in *Black* (Peebles, Peebles); Alexander Dickson, 1653 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian). England: John Diksson, Dikson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Dikson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hazlerigg, Northumb); Johannes Dicson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denby Dale, WR Yorks); Henricus Dickson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oldham, Lancs); Nicholas Dyxon, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Dixon, 1429 in *London Letter Books* Kent; Margret Dickson, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Margret Dixon, 1545 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Richard Dickson, 1552 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Nicholas Dyxon or Dixon, 1559 in *PROB 11* (London); Christopherus Dixon, 1560 in *IGI* (Hornington, Norfolk); Anthony Dixon, 1563 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); William Dickson, 1564 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henricus Dixon, 1574 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Dickson or Dixon, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Strubby, Lincs).

### Didcock

Variants: **Didcott, Didcote, Dediccoat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks

English: locative name from Didcot (Berks), recorded as *Dudecota* in 1206, *Dodecote* after 1237; or from Didcot Farm (Beckford, Gloucs), recorded as *Dudicote* in 1179, *Dydecote* in 1327.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Dodecote, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); John de Dodecote, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Weybridge, Surrey); Humfrey Dedycode, 1525 in *PROB 11* (Allhallows Worcester, Worcs); Mistris Dedycott, 1595 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Richardi Didcott, 1622 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Frances Dedicot, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Richard Didcock, 1722 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); John Didcote, 1736 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Mary Anna Dediccoat, 1805 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks 2*, p. 517, *Place-Names of Gloucs 2*, p. 43.

### Didcote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: See **Didcock**.

### Didcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: See **Didcock**.

### Diddams

Variants: **Didymus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Didham** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare Thomas Didham, 1773, Nicholas Diddams, 1786 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Lucy Diddam, 1792, Elizabeth Diddams, 1780 in *IGI* (Wherwell, Hants). By folk etymology *Diddams* was altered to *Diddymouse* and *Didymus*, through false association with *Didymus*, the latinized form of Greek *didymos* 'twin', an epithet of the apostle Thomas in the gospel of John (11:16).

**Early bearers:** Rich Diddymus, Ph. Diddymouse, paupers, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Richard Didimus, 1709 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Richard Didymus, 1738, Richard Didymous, 1744, Nicholas Diddams, 1786 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Nicholas Diddams, 1755, Edwd. Didymus, 1797 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Richard Diddemas, 1770 in *IGI* (Portchester, Hants); John Diddemus, 1773, Virtue Diddens, 1851 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Didham

Variants: **Diddams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Didham in Buckland Monachorum (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [...] Dudenham, Dydeham, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [...] Dideham, 1312 in *Close Rolls*; Edmond Didham, 1643 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Robert Didham, 1713 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Benjamin Didham, 1773, Benjamin Diddam, 1784 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon); Henrietta Diddam, 1791 in *IGI* (Weeke, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 225.

### Didlick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: probably a not readily explainable variant of **Dudley**, from Dudley (Worcs).

**Further information:** Note Frances Didley, 1602 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Jone Dudlicke, 1577 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Robert Dudlicke or Dudlick, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Bewdley, Worcs); Katherine Dudlick, 1616 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Didlick, 1630 in *IGI* (Rochford, Worcs); Edward Didlick, 1726 in *IGI*

(Caynham, Shrops); Ann Didlock, 1783 in *IGI* (Neen Sollars, Shrops); Joshua Didlake, 1832 in *IGI* (Caynham, Shrops); Aeny Ann Didluck, 1859 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

### Didsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Didsbury (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Diddesbiri, 1260, in William de Dyddesbiry, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alexander Didsburie, 1571 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); William Didsburye or Didsbury, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Rye, Sussex); George Disburye, 1605 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).

### Didymus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Diddams**.

**Further information:** This variant has been assimilated by folk etymology to the New Testament Greek personal name *Didymus*, meaning 'twin', the Aramaic equivalent of which is *Thomas*.

### Diego

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name from the Spanish personal name *Diego*, which is of uncertain derivation. It was once assumed to be a reduced form of *Santiago* ('Saint James') and is therefore commonly taken by English speakers to be a form of *James*, but it is now generally agreed that this is no more than folk etymology. It is found in the Middle Ages in the Latin forms *Didacus* and *Didagus*, which Meyer-Lübke derived from Greek *didakhē* 'doctrine, teaching', but as it is not found outside the Iberian Peninsula it may well have a pre-Roman origin. **Early bearers:** James Diego, 1630 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sara Diego, 1746 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Leonard Diego, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Guernsey); Luis Diego, 1919 in *BMD* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Diep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Vietnamese: **Điêp**, representing the Chinese surname 葉, Mandarin **Ye**, Cantonese **Yip**.

### Dieppe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: locative name from Dieppe (Seine Maritime), France.

**Early bearers:** Saladinus de Depe, 1224 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Depe, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Robertus de Depe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); William Davis Dieppe, 1808 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Rebecca Dieppe, 1822 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Dieppe, 1832 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Thomas Dieppe, in *Census 1841* (Wisbech, Cambs); Thomas Dieppe, in *Census 1841* (Hull, ER Yorks); George Dieppe, 1845 in *IGI*

## Dier

(Scarborough, NR Yorks); William Dieppe, in *Census 1861* (Holbeach, Lincs); William Dieppe, in *Census 1861* (Wisbech, Cambs); William Dieppe, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Alfred Dieppe, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

## Dier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: See **Dyer**.

## Dietrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Tederich* (*Theudoricus*), composed of the elements *theud* 'people', 'race' + *ric* 'power(ful), rich'.

**Further information:** This surname is common throughout central and eastern Europe, particularly in the western Slavic countries. The forename occurs in a wide variety of local forms, especially in northern Germany.

**Early bearers:** Charles Dettricke, 1637 in *IGI* (Greystoke) (Weybridge, Surrey); John Godfried Dietrich, 1765 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Dieterick, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Poutney, London); Christopher Dietrich, 1836 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Dietz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Tederich* (See **Dietrich**).

**Early bearers:** John Dietz, 1786 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); William Deitz, 1803 in *IGI* (Rochford, Warwicks); Sophia Deits, 1807 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Martin Dietz, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Anthon Dietz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

## Differ

**Variants:** Defer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Differ, 1855 in *IGI* (Springburn, Lanarks); Ann Jane Differ, 1864 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

England: Marke Differ, 1676 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Catharine Differ, 1831 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

## Diffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Defye, 1591 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon); Thomas Diffey, 1706, Elizabeth Deffeay, 1710 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); John Diffey, 1745 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset).

## Diffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Derry
- Irish: See **Duffin**.

## Diffley

**Variants:** Deffley, Duffley, Divilly, Devilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Duibhghíolla, 'descendant of Duibhghíolla', a personal name meaning 'black youth'. Compare **Deeley**, where the internal consonants have been vocalized.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Cornelius Diffelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilglass, Roscommon); James Diffily, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clooncraff, Roscommon); Patrick Difly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); Winifred Difly, 1841 in *IGI* (Killinvoey, Roscommon); Bridget Difly, 1864 in *IGI* (Bornacoola, Leitrim).

England: Elizab. Deffley, 1562 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Samuel Duffley, 1760 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

## Difford

**Variants:** Deford, Deptford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of the places named from a 'deep ford' (Middle English *dep* + *ford*, Old English *dēop* + *ford*), such as Defford (Worcs), Deptford (Kent), a lost *Defford* in Stanley (WR Yorks), and Dipper in Whitstone (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Difford, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Dufford, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Bredicot, Worcs); Willelmus de Defford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Defforde, 1498 in *PROB 11* (London); George Defford, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Stoke Newington, Middx); John Defforde, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Christopher Defford, 1622 in *IGI* (Shapwick, Somerset); John Difford, 1725 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 194; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 2; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 160; *East Cornwall Place-Names*, p. 70.

## Digan

**Variants:** Diggan, Diggon, Diggins, Diggins, Digings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Offaly, and Clare

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Digun*, a common variant of *Dicun*; See **Dicken**.

**Early bearers:** John Digun, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Digun, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Richard Digon, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Richard Digoun, Dicoun, 1375–6 in *London Letter Books H*; Johannes Digo', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); Ricardo Digoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); James Diggins, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Puriton, Somerset); Nicholas Diggins, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); Fr. Diggins, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Mary Digan, 1799 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Digan, 1863 in *IGI* (Crewe, Cheshire).

2 Irish: from Ó Duibhghinn, see **Duggan**.

## Digance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: See **Diggins**.

## Digby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1626, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; also Norfolk and Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from Digby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Digby, about 1160–5 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Geoffrey de Dyggeby, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Roberto de Dygbi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilton, Leics); Emma de Dygby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brandon, Lincs); Simon Digby, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rowlande Digbye, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Thorke, Rutland); William Digbie or Digby, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Welby, Leics).

## Diggan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: See **Digan**.

## Diggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx; Sussex; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: See **Diggins**.

## Digger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: occupational name from Middle English *digger* 'digger'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Dygger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Digger', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); John Digger, fisher, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John. Digger, 1578 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); William Digger alias Eyres, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Idbury, Oxon); Francis Digger, 1717 in *IGI* (Nympsfield, Gloucs).

## Diggery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: See **Diggory**.

## Digges

**Variants:** Diggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 English: variant of **Dicks**, from the personal name *Digge*, a variant of *Dick*, with voicing of the final consonant.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *digge* 'duck' (for example, John le Digge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex)), with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some early bearers may belong at (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Digges, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex, Kent); John Dyggys, 1465 *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Dygges, 1477 *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Anne Digges, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Canterbury, Kent); Friswith Digges,



1605 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Digges, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Alderbury, Wilts).

### Diggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Duibhginin, see **Duggan**.

### Diggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: See **Diggins**.

### Diggins

Variants: **Diggens**, **Diggines**, **Digance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 158
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 484
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: relationship name, variant of **Digan**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Diggle

Variants: **Diggles**, **Deagle**, **Dickel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 891, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Diggle (in Saddleworth, WR Yorks). Redmonds notes a Robert de Dyggelegh recorded in Saddleworth in 1322. **Early bearers:** Thomas son of William de Dikele, 1249 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus de Degul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendlebury, Lancs); Richard Diggle, 1606 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Robert Diggle, 1704 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 217–18; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 311.
- 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Dikel*, *Digel*, pet forms of *Dick*. Compare *Dikelin*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Agnes Diggell, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Dygell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dringhouses, WR Yorks); Petrus Digil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Dygile, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Nicolas Diggle, 1561 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Thomas Deagle, 1649 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Diggles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name, variant of **Diggle**, with post-medieval excrement -s. **Early bearers:** Jacobus Diggles, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Edward Diggle, 1613 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Diggon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: See **Digan**.

### Diggory

Variants: **Diggery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Diggory*, apparently from the name of the hero of the medieval romance *Sir Degarre*. **Early bearers:** given names: Degario de Seys, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Degar, bishop of Cork, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; Degory Watur, 1461 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions 2*, xi; Digorius Tremaine, 1551 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall). surnames: Thomas Degrey, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Merton, Norfolk); Anne Degorie, 1591 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Gilbert Diggory, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Heugh Deggre, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); Charles Degory, 1717 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops). **References:** *Withycombe*.

### Diggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: See **Diggs**. **Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: See **Dyte**.

### Dighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: See **Deighton**.

### Digings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Norfolk
- English: See **Digan**.

### Digman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See **Dickman**.

### Digman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 534
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Westmeath, Roscommon, and Cavan
- Irish: from Ó Duibhgeannáin, see **Duignan**. **Further information:** The suggestion in Reaney and Wilson that this surname is from the Essex place-name *Dagenham* is implausible. **Early bearers:** Richard Digname, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §159 (Molinger); Patrick Dignam, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Cnockanconor).

### Dignan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian and E Lothian; Angus

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Roscommon; Meath
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó Duibhgeannáin, see **Duignan**.

### Digney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 123
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigton; Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Norman, Scottish, Irish, English: locative name from either of two minor places in France called Digny (Eure-et-Loire, Loiret). **Early bearers:** James Digny, John Digny, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Samuel Digney, 1823 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Rosanna Digny, 1833 in *IGI* (Kirkcowan, Wigton); Arthur Digney, 1827 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- 2 Irish: adopted in Ireland for **Mac an Deaghánaigh**, see **Deane**. **Early bearers:** Hugh Digeny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down).

### Dignum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Duibhgeannáin, see **Duignan**.

### Digweed

Variants: **Digwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks
- English: locative name perhaps from Thicketwood in Colerne (Wilts), with *-weed* substituted for *-wood*, though no evidence has been found to connect the medieval and post-medieval bearers. **Early bearers:** Thomas de Thikwode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colerne, Wilts); Maria Digweed, 1555 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); William Dickwood, 1579 in *PROB 11*; Ellis Digweede, 1590 in *IGI* (Longworth, Berks); Margaret Digwod, 1594 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Ann Dygweede or Dygweed, 1599 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon); Emlyn Digwede, 1602 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Richard Digwood, 1604 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); John Digweed, 1622 in *IGI* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Walter Digwood, 1666 in *IGI* (Ross on Wye, Herefs); Guilielmi Digweed, 1683 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Thomas Digweed, 1691, Ann Digwood, 1764 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Samuel Digweed, 1759 in *IGI* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants); Stair Dickweed, 1772, Anne Dickwood, 1775 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts). **References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 94.

### Digwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: See **Digweed**.

### Dike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Dorset, and Somerset
- 1 English: relationship name, see **Dick**.  
2 English: locative name, see **Dyke**.

**Dickers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Dickers**.

**Dil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Turkish: apparently from the Turkish word *dil* 'tongue, language'.  
2 English: See **Dill**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Dil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); Jacob Dil, 1848 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Margaret Frances Dil, 1862 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

**Dilcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps a pet form, with the diminutive suffix *-cok*, of a Middle English personal name *\*Dille, Dulle*, Old English *\*Dulla, \*Dylli*, or *\*Dylla*, which is attested in English place-names and probably derives from Old English *dol, \*dylle* 'dull'. See **Dill** and compare **Dilnot, Dilling**. (ii) nickname: alternatively it may be a nickname for a dullard, from Middle English *dul, dil* (Old English *dol, \*dylle*) + the belittling suffix *-cok*. Compare **Dilling**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Dilcok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Dolcok, Roger Dolcok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Dilkoc, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Dilkot of Coventry, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Dilcok, 1425 in *Coventry Leet Book* (Warwicks).

**References:** *McClure, Jack II*, p. 17.

**Dilger**

**Variants:** **Dilker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

German: (i) locative name from any of several places called Dillingen (in Bavaria, near Luxembourg, or in the Saarland) or from Tülingen near Lörrach in Baden. (ii) relationship name from the female personal name *Dilg*.

**Early bearers:** John Dilger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Joseph Dilger, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Walcot, Somerset); Leo Dilger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Rugeley, Staffs); Martin Dilger, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Rugeley, Staffs); Dominic Dilger, born in Baden, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx); Martina Dilger, born in Triberg, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Dilber, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fletton, Northants).

**Dilke**

**Variants:** **Dilks, Dilkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Warwicks

English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Dilke*, either a reduced form of an Old English personal name *\*Dylluc* (compare **Dill**) or of the Middle English personal name *Dilcok*, see **Dilcock**. Both *Dylluc* and

*Dilcock* are related to Old and Middle English *\*dylle* 'dull, slow, stupid' and may also have been used as nicknames.

**Early bearers:** Adam Dylke, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Dilke of Swannington, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Dilke, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Kirkby Mallory, Leics); Thomas Dilke, 1621 in *IGI* (Goadby near Market Harborough, Leics); Ward Dilke, 1706 in *IGI* (Maxstoke, Warwicks).

**Dilker**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

German: variant of **Dilger** with devoicing of the *g*.

**Dilkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: See **Dilks**.

**Dilks**

**Variants:** **Dilkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 831, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Staffs, Derbys, and Notts

English: variant of **Dilke** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Dilkes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Maria Dilks, 1578 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Elizabeth Dilkes, 1598 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); James Dilkes, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Litchfield, Hants); Gulielmus Dilks, 1706 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

**Dill**

**Variants:** **Dil, Dell, Dull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights and Wigtowns; scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Somerset; Sussex and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal; Cork

1 English, Scottish: nickname for a dull, slow, or foolish person, Middle English *dul(le), dil(le), delle*, Old English *dol, \*dylle*. Any of the examples below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Godwin Dul, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Delle, 1195 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Dulle, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Godfrey Dulle, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Dille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Alice le Dul, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Warin Dylle, 1283 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); John Dyl, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Dylle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Dyl, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoodleigh, Devon); Richard Dille, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); Johane Dill, 1558 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Dill, 1562 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Wm. Dill, 1572 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Walter Dill, 1576 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Gillian Dill, 1581 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

Scotland: Thomas dictus Dyll, about 1360 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Inverness); Marjorie dicta Dyll, 1361 in *Moray Register* (Inverness); Arthur Dill, 1721 in *IGI* (Whithorn, Wigtowns).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *\*Dille, \*Delle, Dulle*, Old English

*\*Dulla, \*Dylli* or *\*Dylla*. It is evidenced in place-names like Dullingham (Cambs), Dillington (Hunts), and Dilton (Wilts), and perhaps in the surnames **Dilnott** and *Dilwine*, as in Philip Dylewyne, Mariot Dylewyne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). See also **Dilcock** and **Dilling**. It probably derives from Old English *dol, \*dylle* 'dull' and is impossible to distinguish from the nickname in (1) except in cases where it is preceded by Latin *filius*. **Early bearers:** Johannes filius Dulle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

3 English: nickname; examples of the medieval surname *Dill(e)* or *Dyl(le)* may alternatively derive from Middle English *dile* (Old English *dyle, dile*) 'dill', the umbelliferous plant *Anethum graveolens*. Dill seeds were used as a folk remedy for flatulence. Compare **Diller**.

**Dillamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

**Dillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Duilleáin, see **Dillon**.

**Dillane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Duilleáin, see **Dillon**.  
**Early bearers:** James Dillane, 1869 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).

**Dillard**

**Variants:** **Dollard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: possibly a variant of **Dollard**, either by euphemism or by the fronting of a back vowel between two alveolar consonants, for which there are many parallels.

**Early bearers:** George Dillard, 1663 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); John Dillard, 1694 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Elizabeth Dillard, 1753 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Samll. Dollard, 1746 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs).

**Diller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: perhaps an occupational name for someone who grew or sold the herb *dill*. See **Dill**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dylar, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Diller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Dylar, 1532 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre without Newgate, London); Emud Diller, 1633 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Robert Diller, 1717 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Dilley**

**Variants:** **Dilly, Deeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1375, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 696

• **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Cambs; Middx  
English: perhaps a relationship name from a pet form of Old English \**Dylla*, unrecorded but found as the first element of Dillington (Hunts) and Dilton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William Dilli, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Dilly, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Petro Dyleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bailey Lane, Warwicks); Thomas Dilly, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Dilly, 1569 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Annys Dillye, 1581 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Ann Dilley, 1613 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds).

## Dilling

Variants: **Delling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**dilling*, \**delling*, \**dolling* 'dullard'. Compare **Dill**.

**Early bearers:** John Dillyng, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Dollyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Budleigh, Devon); Henricus Dyllyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Ricardo Dillyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); Robarte Dillinge or Dilling, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Dorset); Margery Dilling, 1577 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); George Dilling, 1668 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

## Dillinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Drellingore in Alkham (Kent), recorded as *Dillynger* in 1264.

**Early bearers:** John Delynger alias Denche, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

## Dillingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Dullingham (Cambs), recorded as *Dolinge* in 1214, *Dillynham* in 1298.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Dolvingham, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Drayton, Norfolk); Simon de Dullynham, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Hevingham, Norfolk); Walter Dillingham, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Over Dean, Beds); Richard Dillingham or Dillingham, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Pertenhall, Beds); William Dillingham, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Cranford, Northants).

## Dillway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: See **Dellaway**.

## Dillon

Variants: **Dillan**, **Dillane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6842, Ireland 4884
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2943
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Roscommon, Galway, and Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Duilleáin 'descendant of Duilleán', variant of the personal name *Dallán* meaning 'little blind one'.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Dillion, yeoman, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §105 (Trym); James McGerrot Dillion, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §279 (Dillion's country); Luke Dillion, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1223; Robert Dyllon, Chief Justice of the Common Bench, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1355.

2 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Dillon* (Continental Germanic *Dillo*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Dilun, 1203 in *Select Pleas* (Shrops); Richard Dylon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Robart Dillon, 1582 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Dillon, 1601 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Henry Dillon, 1614 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Dillon, 1619 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Dillon, 1636 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

3 English: locative name from Dilwyn in Herefs, recorded as *Dilun* in 1138.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Dilun, 1203 in *Pleas* (Shrops); John de Dilun, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon).

## Dilow

Variants: **Dallow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs and Staffs; Hants

English: locative name from Dilwyn (Herefs), which is recorded as *Delewe* in 1295 and *Dylewe* in 1334.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Dilew', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tenbury Wells, Worcs); Thomas Dilewe, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Dylewe, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Dylewe, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Deloo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rowton in Alberbury, Shrops); William Dalow, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milson, Shrops); John Dyllowe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Edwardus Dallow, 1551 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); Katherine Dallow, 1564 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Andrew Dallow, 1575 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Edwardus Dallow, 1581 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs); Jhon Dillow, 1586 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); John Dalla, 1593 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Nathanel Dalowe, 1605 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Foulke Dillow, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs); Johannis Dillow, 1666 in *IGI* (Ashford Bowdler, Shrops); Jams Dallo, 1689 in *IGI* (Little Wymondley, Herts); Sarah Dillow, 1712 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Samuel Dillow, 1718 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Joseph Allah, 1728 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); John Dillow, 1730 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Dalloe, 1738 in *IGI* (Bodenham, Herefs).

References: *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 68.

## Dilloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: See **Dellaway**.

## Dilworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: See **Dilworth**.

## Dilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds and Cambs; Angus

English: See **Dilley**.

## Dilmore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Dilnot

Variants: **Dilnutt**, **Dilnott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) possibly a nickname from Middle English *dilnote* 'dill nut', a name for one of several umbelliferous plants with edible tubers, also known as *earth nuts*. (ii) perhaps a relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Dilnot* (Old English \**Dilnōð*). Compare **Dil** and the surname of Philip Dylewyne, Mariot Dylewyne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk), which looks like another unrecorded Old English personal name, \**Dilwine*.

**Further information:** The difficulty with the latter proposition is that although *-nōð* and *-wyne* are regular second elements in Old English personal names, the first element, *Dil-*, is not otherwise known in the Germanic name-stock. Possibly \**Dilnōð* and \**Dilwine* are joking inversions of the well attested Old English personal names *Beorhtnōð* and *Beorhtwine*, with the substitution of \**dyl* 'dull' for *beorht* 'bright'.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Dilnote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); William Dilnot or Dylnot, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Lympne, Kent); Anne Dilnot, 1630 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Catherine Dilnott, 1684 in *IGI* (Bekesbourne, Kent); Valentine Dilnot, 1739 in *IGI* (Sutton near Deal, Kent); Rejoyce Dilnot, 1758 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); James Dilnutt, 1812 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

## Dilnott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: See **Dilnot**.

## Dilnutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

English: See **Dilnot**.

## Dilworth

Variants: **Dillworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1011, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Dilworth (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Dilleworthe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo del Dilworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdale, Lancs); Robertus de Dilworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langthwaite, WR Yorks); William Dilworth, 1442 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Dilworthe,

## Dimambro

1589 in *PROB 11*; Widow Dilworth, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Dubhluachra ‘descendant of Dubhluachra’, a compound of *dubh* ‘black’ + *luachair* ‘rushes’.

**Early bearers:** Dermott O’Dwluogherie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Moybillye, Kerry); Cnogheir O’Dwloghripe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Bearhaven, Cork).

### Dimambro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: from **Di Mambro**, a southern name of uncertain derivation. It may be locative, from a lost place called Mambro, or perhaps a relationship name from a reduced form of the medieval personal names *Mambrino* or *Mambretto*.

**Early bearers:** Angelo Dimambro, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Gaetano Dimambro, born in Italy, Salvatore Dimambro, born in Italy, Guisepe Dimambro, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Maria Dimambro, born in Italy in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs); Francesco Dimambro, born in Cassino, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks).

### Dimarco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: See **De Marco**.

### Dimascio

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: occupational name, status name, a variant spelling of **Di Mascio**, denoting a servant or member of the household of a master craftsman, from a dialect form of *mastro* ‘master’.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Dimascio, 1881 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Nunziata Dimascio, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Domenico Antonio Dimascio, 1900 in *IGI* (Bournemouth, Dorset); Salvatore Dimascio, in *Census 1901* (Staffs); Diamente Di Mascio, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Giagendo Dimascio, born in Casino, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *De Felice*.

### Dimblebee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: See **Dimbleby**.

### Dimbleby

**Variants:** **Dimblebee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants

English: locative name from Dembleby (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Eustace de Denbelby, about 1190 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Willelmus Dembulby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nevill Holt, Leics); Agnes Dimbleby, 1572 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); John Dymbleby, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Dime

**Variants:** **Dimes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *dime* (Old French *disme*) ‘a tenth part’, paid to the King as a subsidy or to the Church as a tithe. The name might have been given to a tax or tithe collector. Compare (2).

**Further information:** Wilson’s derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Middle English (Old English) *dim* ‘dark, dusky’ (but more relevantly ‘unable to see well’, ‘ignorant, dim-witted’) accounts for medieval names like Nicholas Dym, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts), Thomas Dymme, 1359 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs), and Thomas Dym, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks). However, *dim* is unlikely to have developed to *Dime* (with a long vowel). The relationship between Andrew Dim, 1587 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk), and Lennard Dim, 1814 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk), with the Norfolk name *Dyme*, *Dime* is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dyme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Ann Dyme, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Susan Dyme, 1562 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Deborah Dime, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). 2 Huguenot: nickname, French **Dime**, apparently from Old French *disme* ‘tenth, tithe’, perhaps for a tithe collector.

**Early bearers:** Jean Dime, 1691, Marie Dime, 1721 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Dimech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Maltese: (i) relationship name, patronymic from a pet form of the Italian personal name *Domenico*. (ii) locative name denoting someone from Mega (Tuscany, Italy) or Meca (Huelva, Spain). (iii) locative name, apocopated form of **Dimecca** (Italian **di Mecca**), denoting someone ‘from Mecca’.

**Early bearers:** Michael Dimech, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Dimeloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: See **Dimelow**.

### Dimelow

**Variants:** **Dumelow**, **Dimeloe**, **Domelow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Staffs, Shrops, and Flints

English: locative name from a lost place called *Domelawe*, unlocated but apparently in the region of Aston by Sutton (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [...] Domelawe, 1427 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Middleton Grange in Aston by Sutton, Cheshire); Alice Domelaw, 1610, Richard Domelow, 1688 in *IGI* (Weston upon Trent, Derbys); Ellen Dimmiloe, 1698 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jonathan Dimelow, 1709, William Dimelloe, 1848 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Thomas Dimellow, 1751 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Phebe

Dumerlow, 1756 in *IGI* (Aston on Trent, Derbys); George Dimela, 1759 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Joseph Demelow, 1776 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire); John Domelaw, 1652, John Dumelow, 1766 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); John Dumelo, 1796 in *IGI* (Melbourne, Derbys); Joseph Dymalo, 1866 in *IGI* (Little Drayton, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 163.

### Diment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: See **Diamond**.

### Dimery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Wilts

Norman: See **Damary**.

**Early bearers:** John Dymmery or Dymery, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx); Gyles Dymerye, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Westonbirt, Gloucs); Alyce Dymerye, 1610, Henry Dimery, 1628 in *IGI* (Cromhall, Gloucs); Grace Dimmery, 1713 in *IGI* (Hilperston, Wilts).

### Dimes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London

English: variant of **Dime** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dymes, 1545, Jn Dimes, 1746 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); William Dymes, 1579 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Aran Dimes, 1735 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants); John Dymes, 1603, Mary Dimes, 1746, John Dymes, 1806 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Dimes, 1745, Sarah Dymes, 1816 in *IGI* (Crandall, Hants).

### Dimick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dimmock**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Dimitrov

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Bulgarian: relationship name from the personal name *Dimitri*. For further information about the personal name, see **Demetriou**.

### Dimmack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Lanarks; York

English: See **Dimmock**.

### Dimmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: variant of **Dismore**. With the 1576 early bearer below compare Richard Dismore, 1652 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Dymer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas Dymmer,

1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Insworke, Cornwall); Jone Dymmer, 1576 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Elisabeth Dimer, 1607 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts); Richard Dymmer, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Fifield, Wilts).

### Dimmick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW
- English: See **Dimmock**.

### Dimmock

**Variants:** Dymock, Dimock, Dymoke, Dimmick, Dimick, Dymott, Dimmack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1652, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 932
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, Herts, and London; Staffs

English: locative name from Dymock (Gloucs). **Further information:** A family of the name Dymoke held the hereditary position of King's Champion for thirty-four generations, starting in the late 14th century when John Dymoke adopted the role following his marriage to Margaret de Ludlow. **Early bearers:** Nicholas de Dimmoch, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes Dymmok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Robertus Dimok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmsall, WR Yorks); Johannes Dymmok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Batsford, Gloucs); John Dymmok', 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Agnes Dymmocke, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Dartmouth, Devon); Humfrey Dymock or Dimock, 1575 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Barking, London); Henry Dimocke, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Erdington, Warwicks); Edward Dimmick, 1676 in *IGI* (London); John Dimmock, 1711 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Abraham Dimick, 1747 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Dimmott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dymott**.

### Dimock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: See **Dimmock**.

### Dimon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: See **Diamond**.

### Dimond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 870
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: See **Diamond**.

### Dimont

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: See **Diamond**.

**Early bearers:** Georgius Dimont, 1597 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Mary Dimont, 1666 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### Dimsdale

**Variants:** Dibsdall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Dimsdale in Wolstanton (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Dymesdale, 1324 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Dymesdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Dymmesdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); John Dymesdale, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Hertford, Herts); Bernard Dimmesdale, 1626 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Joseph Dimsdale, 1776 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Sarah Dimsdale, 1815 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 231.

### Din

**Variants:** Dinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2409, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Arabic, Muslim: shortened or separated form of any of the many Arabic names formed with the word *din* 'religion', for example *Saifuddin* 'sword of religion' or *Salahuddin* 'righteousness of religion'.  
2 Indian (northern states): Hindu, derived from Sanskrit *dina* 'humble'.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 丁, see **Ding** (2).

4 Scottish: from a pet form of the personal name *Dimis*, a variant of **Denis**.

**Further information:** Black describes this as as "old Strathblane surname, frequent in Fintry in the 17th and 18th centuries".

**Early bearers:** given names: Dyn Hunte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames, Scotland: Elspet Din, 1615 in *IGI* (Kingshorn, Fife); Alexander Din, 1618 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Margaret Din, 1624 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); William Din, 1627 in *Hamilton Testaments* (Cadder, Lanarks); Patrick Din, 1662 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife); John Din, 1668 in *IGI* (Fintry, Stirlings); George Dinn, 1690 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens); Al. Din, 1703 in *IGI* (Lomnay, Aberdeens).

surnames, England: Miles Din, 1604 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Allan Din, 1619 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Wm. Din, 1628 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wm Din, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Dinan

**Variants:** Dinnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Irish: from Ó *Daghnaín* 'descendant of *Daghnaín*', perhaps from a diminutive of *dagh* 'good'.  
2 Irish: from Ó *Duinnín*, see **Dineen**.

3 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Dinan (Côtes-du-Nord, Brittany).

**Early bearers:** Rolland de Dinan, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Josce de Dinant, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Benedictus Dynan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint

Minver, Cornwall); Johanne Dinan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tur Langton, Leics).

### Dindale

**Variants:** Dendle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Dendale in Dent (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Dendale, 1283–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Dendale, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Joseph Dindale, 1776 in *IGI* (Alkborough, Lincs); Rebecca Dindale, 1793 in *IGI* (Castle Bolton, NR Yorks); Dinah Dandall, 1858 in *IGI* (Willerby by Scarborough, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 256.

### Dindar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Thunder**.

### Dine

**Variants:** Dyne, Dain, Dines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Hants, and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *digne*, *dine*, *deyn(e)* 'worthy, honourable', also 'proud, haughty' (Old French *digne*). The early spellings *Deine* and *Deyne* may alternatively belong with **Dean** (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Dine, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Richard le Digne, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Gilbert le Dyne, 1275, *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Nicholas Dain, 1275 *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Matilda Deine, 1279 *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William le Deyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Graffham, Sussex); Johannes Dyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colne Engaine, Essex); Johannes Dyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Johannes Dyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Robertus Dyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); John Dyne, 1517 in *PROB 11* (Shipborne, Kent); John Dine, 1596 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Mary Dyne, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Lamberhurst, Kent).

### Dineen

**Variants:** Dinneen, Dinnen, Deneen, Dinan, Denning, Downing, Dunning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 1548
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

Irish: from Ó *Duinnín* 'descendant of *Duinnín*', a byname from a diminutive of *donn* 'brown-haired man' or 'chieftain'.

**Early bearers:** Gullyriough O'Dunnyne, husbandman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Ahirlyveg, Cork); Donell O'Dowinen alias mcGallagh duff O'Downine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Carrignimouke); Wm. O'Dunnyn, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Ballymogooly, Cork); Donell mcDonogh O'Dunnyn, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Dunkettle, Cork).

### Dineley

**Variants:** Dinley, Dinely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 37

## Dinely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Dineley in Cliviger (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Dynley, 1296 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); John de Dynley, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Dynelai, 1357 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); John de Dynlay, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas Dyneley, 1502 in *PROB 11* (London); Emme Dyneley or Dynelye, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Haversham, Bucks); Anna Dyneley, 1606 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Dolly Dynley, 1781 in *IGI* (Church, Lancs); Robert Dineley, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 84.

## Dinely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See *Dineley*.

## Dines

**Variants:** *Dynes*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1241, Ireland 83
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 765
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English: variant of *Dine* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Dynes, 1546 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Steven Dynes, 1574 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Dynes, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Mathew Dines, 1580 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Guilielmus Dines, 1598 in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); John Dines, 1661 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex).

## Ding

**Variants:** *Ting, Din, Tin, Teng*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *ding* ‘a blow or beating’, possibly denoting a metalworker. **Early bearers:** Johannes Dyngge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Thomas Ding, 1579 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Margery Ding, 1584 in *IGI* (Teigh, Rutland); Thomas Dinge, 1594 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Richard Ding, 1662 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Abigail Ding, 1671 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland); William Ding, 1779 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs).

2 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 丁 (**Ting** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘male adult’ or ‘population’ in Chinese: (i) from Ding Gong (丁公), posthumous title of Jiang Ji, son of Jiang Tai Gong, an official who lived during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Ding Hou (丁侯), meaning ‘Marquis Ding’, title of an official during the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Ding Kuang (丁匡), originally called Sun Kuang, grandson of Sun Quan (AD 182–252). Sun Quan was the king of the state of Wu (located mainly in present-day Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces) during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280). His change of surname was ordered by his grandfather, whose displeasure he had incurred. (iv) from the personal name of Ding Qing (丁慶), a person in the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127),

who changed his original name *Yu* to *Ding* (丁). (v) the surname was also brought to China by immigrants from Central Asia. (vi) it can also be traced back to other minority ethnic groups, such as the Shanyue group in SE China, the Xianbei group in N China, and certain other groups in SW China.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See *Tang* (4).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see *Chan* (1).

## Dingain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: See *Gain*.

## Dingle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1182, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name denoting someone who lived ‘(in the) deep dell or hollow’, Middle English *dingle*. Compare *Dingle* (Lancs).

**Further information:** There has been some confusion with *Dingley*; compare Willmus. Dingle, 1554, Henrici Dingley, 1609 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); John Dingle, 1576, Willm. Dingley, 1577 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Robert Dingley, 1671, Robert Dingle, 1678 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall); Jacobus Dingley, 1730, Jacobi Dingle, 1734 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Robert Dingle, 1732, John Dingley, 1734 in *IGI* (Cobham, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Richard Dingyl, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh de la Dingle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John ate Dyngle, 1299 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Johannes Dyngyl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); Gilbertus Dynggyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Agnes Dyngell, 1557 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); John Dingle, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); Christopher Dingle, 1606 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Leonard Dingle, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Egloskerry, Cornwall).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 52–3; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 115; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 98, and 5 (1:i), p. 160; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 231; *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 162.

## Dingley

**Variants:** *Dunkley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1099, Ireland 55
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 895
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: locative name from *Dingley* (Northants). **Early bearers:** Alured de Dingelai, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Nicholas de Dyngle, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Dynglee, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Rothwell, Maidwell, Northants); James Dyngley, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks, Worcs); William Dyngley or Dyneley, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Worcs); Markes Dingley or Dingley, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Chiselhurst, Kent); Johnis Dingley, 1583 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Francis Dingley or Dingley, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Charlton, Worcs).

## Dingsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See *Dinsdale*.

**Early bearers:** Ann Dingsdale, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); George Dingsdale, 1759 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

## Dingwall

**Variants:** *Dingwell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1479, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty, Inverness, Perth, and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish: locative name from *Dingwall* (Ross-shire). **Early bearers:** William of Dyngwale, dean of Aberdeen and Ross, 1389 in *Moray Register*; Thomas Dingwell, burgess, 1548 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); James Dingwall, 1584 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johne Dingwell, 1605 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Georg Dingwall, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Dingwall, 1666 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Catherine Dingwell, 1710 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Dingwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: See *Dingwall*.

## Dinh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Vietnamese: Đinh representing the Chinese surname 丁, see *Ding* (2).

## Dinham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 318
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from *Dinham* (Monmouths). **Early bearers:** Oliver de Dineham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Oliver de Dinham, 1341 in *Hyllle Cartulary*; John Dynham, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset, Somerset, Oxon); Henry Dynham, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); Olyver Dinham, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Oakley, Bucks); Robert Dinham, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Staple Fitzpayne, Somerset); John Dynham, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Ilminster, Somerset); James Dynham, John Dinham, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Dinkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Irish: from Ó Duinnchinn, see *Duncan*.
- 2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish female name *dinke*, a pet form of Biblical *Dinah*. **Early bearers:** Reuben Dinkin, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Dinkin, 1913 in *BMD* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

## Dinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dineley**.

### Dinmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **Dunmore**.

### Dinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: See **Din**.

### Dinnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: possibly from Middle English *denais*, variant of *danais* 'Dane'; compare **Dench**.

**Early bearers:** Nicho. Dinnage, 1684 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Dinidge, 1686 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Sukey Dinnage, 1771 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex).

### Dinneen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 323
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Duinnín, see **Dineen**.

### Dinnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: (i) most likely a northern variant of Ó Duinnín, see **Dineen**. (ii) alternatively from Ó Daghnaín, see **Dinan**.

### Dinner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: See **Denner**.

### Dinnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: See **Dennis**.

### Dinnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Scottish: locative name from Dinnie in Aberdeens. **Early bearers:** John Dinnie, 1626 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Jonet Dinny, 1666 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); William Dinnie, 1748 in *IGI* (Evie and Rendall, Orkney); Margaret Dinnie, 1794 in *IGI* (Glenmuick, Aberdeens); John Dinnie, 1810 in *IGI* (Crieff, Perthshire).

2 Scottish: variant of **Denny**.

### Dinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 8

- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath
- English: See **Denning**.

### Dinnington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Scottish: See **Dennington**.

### Dinnis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Lincs

English: See **Dennis**.

### Dinsdale

**Variants:** **Tinsdale**, **Dingsdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2199, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1539
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: locative name from Over Dinsdale (NR Yorks) or Low Dinsdale (Durham), which stand on opposite sides of the Tees.

**Early bearers:** Rann' de Dyttneshale, about 1175 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rounton, NR Yorks); Elienora de Dydensall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johannes de Dydensall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridge Hewick and Copt Hewick, WR Yorks); Geoffrey Dynnesdale, 1496 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johis. Dinsdaile, 1552 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Robt. Dinsdale, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Katherin Dinsdaille, 1563 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs); Johis. Dinsdale, 1564 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Dinsdale, 1639 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Peetr. Dinsdale, 1685 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks).

### Dinsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

Norman, English: probably a variant of **Dancey**. **Early bearers:** Sir Nicholas Dynsey, parson of Saint Cuthbert's, 1525 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Bedford, Beds); Willm Dinsey, 1598 in Borthwick Institute (Warter, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Densy, 1655 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Robert Dinsey, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster); Mary Dinsey, 1752 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Hanna Densy, 1783; Ann Dinsey, 1790 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts).

### Dinsley

**Variants:** **Densley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; also Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Temple Dinsley (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Dinesleg', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); John of Dinesle, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Walter de Dynesle, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Southwark, Surrey); John Dynnesle, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Robert Dinsley, 1617 in *IGI* (Great Wymondley, Herts).

2 English: See **Densley**.

### Dinsmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 381
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and NR Yorks; Renfrews; Inverness
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal
- Irish, Scottish: mainly Irish variant of Scottish **Dunsmore**.

### Dinwiddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess

Scottish: See **Dinwoodie**.

### Dinwoodie

**Variants:** **Dunwoodie**, **Dunwoody**, **Dinwiddie**, **Denwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess

Scottish: locative name from Dinwoodie in Applegarth (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Sir Alan de Dinwidi, steward of Annandale, early 13th cent. in *Scotland Calendar* (Annandale, Dumfriess); Adam de Dunwidge, about 1200 in *Scotland Calendar* (Annan, Dumfriess); Robert Dunwedy, 1504 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Agnes Dinwiddie, 1682, Lawrence Dinwodie, 1692, Andrew Dinwoody, 1762 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Dinwidge, 1720 in *IGI* (Wamphray, Dumfriess); Thomas Dunwoodie, 1731, William Dinwodie, 1757, Jean Dunwoodie, 1845 in *IGI* (Moffat, Dumfriess); Agnes Dinwiddie, 1760 in *IGI* (Tynron, Dumfriess); William Dunwoody, 1733, Margrat Dunwody, 1754 in *IGI* (Crawford, Lanarks); Andrew Dinwoody, 1762 in *IGI* (Crawford, Lanarks).

England: Jams Dunwoody, 1728 in *IGI* (Kirkandrews on Esk, Cumb); John Dinwoody, 1742, James Dinwidy, 1770 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Dinwidday, 1775 in *IGI* (East Brent, Somerset); John Dinwoody, 1777 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Robert Dunwoody, 1790, Thomas Dunwoodie, 1812 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Gilbert Hamilton Dinwiddie, 1792 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Dinwoodey, 1826 in *IGI* (Latchford, Cheshire).

### Dion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

French: locative name from any of various places in France called Dion(s) or Dionne.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dyones, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnoldby, Lincs); Richard Dyon, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); John Dyon, 1577 in *PROB II* (Little Carlton, Lincs); Alicksander Dion, 1615 in *IGI* (London); John Dion, 1682 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

### Diplock

**Variants:** **Duplock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey
- English: locative name, apparently for someone who lived by a deep streamlet (Middle English *dep*, Old English *dēop* + Middle English *lac*, *lake*, Old English

## Dipper

*lacu*). See **Lake**. It may have been the name of a particular streamlet, perhaps in Sussex, but this has not been identified.

**Early bearers:** John Depelak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Framfield, Sussex); Anna Diplake, 1557 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Henry Duplake, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Willia Duplock, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Elizabeth Diplock, 1670 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Samuel Deeplocke, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); David Diplock, 1776 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

## Dipper

**Variants:** Diaper, Depper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: locative name for someone from Ypres (French *de + Ypres*) in Flanders, in present-day Belgium, a town from which many Flemish weavers originated. Compare **Deepprose**.

**Further information:** *Deepprose* preserves the French nominative singular suffix *-s*, whilst *Dipper* either simply does not, or contains the Flemish name of the town, *Ieper*.

**Early bearers:** William de Ipra, 1140–1 in *Seals* (Lincs), *dipre*, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Geoffrey de Ypres, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Bruning Dypres, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Dypres, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Johanne Dyper', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Joana Depper, 1595 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); Henry Dipper, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Anne Depper, 1744 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs).

2 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *dipper* 'water ouzel, kingfisher' or other diving bird. Compare **Diver**.

**Early bearers:** William le dipere, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Davy Dipper, 1520 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Rose Diaper, 1687 in *Buxhall History* (Suffolk).

## Dippie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian
- French: locative name from Dieppe (Seine-Maritime), France.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johnne Dippie, 1633 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Eupham Deepie, 1647 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adolphus Deepie, 1698 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Jonet Dippie, 1699 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Robert Dippy, 1784 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks).

England: Robert Dieppie, 1774 in *IGI* (Carham, Northumb); George Dippie, 1787 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Adam Dieppie, 1791 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

## Dipple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Middx

English: See **Dibble** and compare **Tipple**.

## Diprose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: See **Deepprose**.

## Dirken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish, English: See **Durkin**.

## Dirkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 Irish: See **Durkin** (1).
- 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dirkin*, either a form of Middle Dutch *Dierkin* or a pet form of south-western Middle English \**Dire* (Old English \**Dýre*), a side form of *Dere* (Old English \**Dēore*). See **Dear** and **Derkin**.

**Early bearers:** William Dirkyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oakhampton, Devon); John Dyrkyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oakhampton borough, Devon); Frances Dirkin, 1598 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); David Dirkin, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); Jn. Dirkin, 1756 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); John Dirkin, 1807 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

3 English: alternatively a post-medieval spelling of **Derkin**.

## Disborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Northants
- English: See **Desborough**.

## Disbrow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: See **Desborough**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Disbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: See **Desborough**.

## Discombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Dishcombe (Devon), recorded as *Disserescumb* in 1289.
- Further information:** *Discombes* in Powderham (Devon) takes its name from the *Discombe* family.
- Early bearers:** Agnes Discombe, 1543 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Grace Dyscombe, 1570 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); James Dishcombe, 1686 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Richard Discombe, 1727 in *IGI* (Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 449, 502.

## Disher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and S England

English, Scottish: occupational name for a 'maker or seller of dishes', Middle English *disher(e)*, an

agent derivative of Middle English *dish*, *diss*, *disc* 'dish'.

**Further information:** In London, *dishers* (also known as *turnours*) were makers of wooden measures for wine and ale. Each *disher* had his own mark, which was stamped on the bottom of each measure he made. Samples of marks were required to be submitted to the Chamberlain.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Disser, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Dysser, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John, Robert le Disshere, 1304–47 in *London Letter Books* C, E, F; Johanne Dyschere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shepshed, Leics); Willelmus Dysser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Agnes Disher, 1569, Edwarde Dysher, 1598 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Jeremiah Disher, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Great Gransden, Hunts).

## Dishington

**Variants:** Dissington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian, Midlothian, and Fife

Scottish: locative name from Dissington (Northumb).

**Further information:** There were members of the Dishington family in Scotland by at least 1306, when a Richard of Dissington was valet of Duncan of Frenndraught, a knight in the Scottish army (*Scotland Calendar*). By the end of Robert I's reign (1306–29), a William Dishington had acquired land in the royal thanage of Aberlemno, Angus (*Great Seal of Scotland*). The English lands of John son of Nicholas of Dissington and Adam of Dissington, who had presumably joined their kinsmen north of the Tweed, were forfeited by Edward III in 1359 for adhering to the Scots king. (*Patent Rolls*)

**Early bearers:** England: John de Dissington, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Dissington, Northumb); Adam, Nicholas, and William de Dissyngton, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Patrick Dishington, 1665 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Andrew Dishington, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Andrew Dischington, 1781 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: William de Dyssyngtoun, about 1330 in *Dryburgh Register* (Anstruther, Fife); W. de Dissyngtone, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Fife); Sir William Dysshynghon, 1427 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Dissington of Ardrross, 1495 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Dischingtoun, 1602 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Scalloway, Orkney); James Dishington, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

## Dishman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

German: anglicized form of German *Dischmann* or *Tischmann*, an occupational name for a joiner, from Middle Low German *disch* 'table' + *man* 'man'

**Early bearers:** Samuel Dishman, 1787 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Wm Dishman, 1793 in *IGI* (North Cotes, Lincs).

## Diskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 267
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92



- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Dísicín ‘descendant of *Dísicín*’, a personal name perhaps from *díosc* ‘barren’. The place name Ballyeeskeen, Sligo, is derived from the surname.

**Early bearers:** William Diskim, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ross, Galway).

### Disley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Disley (Cheshire), recorded as *Distelee* in 1288.

**Early bearers:** John de Disteleghe, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Margery Disley, 1544, Elisab. Disly, 1582, An. Dysly, 1592, Roberte Dissey, 1602 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Raph Dissley, 1631 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Richard Disley, 1782 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); James Dislee, 1833 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs).

### Dismore

**Variants:** Dimmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and Wilts

English: nickname of unknown motivation, from Old French *dix mars* ‘ten marks’, developing in Middle English surnames to *Dismars*, *Dimars*, and *Dimarsh* (spelled *Dymersch*).

**Further information:** Compare Alan de duabus marcis, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), Robert Deumars, 1280 in *London Letter Books A*, Bartholomew Dewmars, 1334 in *London Letter Books E*, from *deux mars*, ‘two marks’. This name may have been absorbed by **Dimmer**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dimars, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Roger Dismars, 1225 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Johannes Dynars (for Dymars?), 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Roberto Dymersch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Wilts); William Dismore, 1615 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

### Disney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Notts; Middx; also Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Norman, English: locative name for someone ‘from (French *de, d’*) Isigny (Calvados)’.

**Early bearers:** William de Ysini, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), de Yseigni, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Dyseni, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Disney, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John de Isny of Croxton, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Croxton, Lincs); Thomas Disney, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Sleaford, Raucely, Lincs); Robert Dysney, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Anthony Dysney, 1552 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Wilts); Thomas Dysney or Disney, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Carlton le Moreland, Lincs); Richard Dysney, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Godmanchester, Hunts).

### Dison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dyson**.

**Further information:** This spelling, though rare in Britain, is thriving in the USA.

### Diss

**Variants:** Dice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Cambs

English: locative name from Diss (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Disse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Willelmus Disse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilbury juxta Clare, Essex); Thomas Disse, 1567 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Robert Disse, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Saxham, Suffolk); Thomas Diss, 1593 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Thomas Disse, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Kirtling, Cambs); John Disse, 1615 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Robert Diss, 1700 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Diss, 1746 in *IGI* (Brentwood, Essex).

### Dissanayake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: occupational name, status name meaning ‘regional military leader’, from Sinhalese *dīsa* ‘cardinal point, region’ + *nāyake* ‘leader’ (Sanskrit *nāyaka*).

### Dissington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: See **Dishington**.

### Distin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: See **Diston**.

### Diston

**Variants:** Distin, Dusting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Fife

English: variant of **Duston** with unrounding of the vowel.

**Early bearers:** Christpoferi Diston, 1580 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Elin Diston, 1601 in *IGI* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Anthony Diston, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Marlborough, Wilts); Marye Distin, 1619 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Christopher Distin, 1621, Edward Dusting, 1622 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Isacke Diston, 1622 in *IGI* (Bengeworth, Worcs).

### Ditch

**Variants:** Dyche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived by a ditch, from Middle English *dich(e)*, *deche* ‘ditch, dike’ (Old English *dīc*). Compare **Dyke**.

**Early bearers:** John attedich, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); El’ de la Diche, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Matilda in Dich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger de la Diche 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Oxon); Alic. in the diche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus atte Dich, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Petrus ate Dych, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chithurst, Sussex); Matilda Dyche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibson, Leics); Johannes Diche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); Willelmus atte Dych’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chilworth, Hants); Thomas Dyche, 1474 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Willm. Dyche, 1540 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Isabel Dich, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); William Ditch, 1630 in *IGI* (Guestling, Sussex); Geo. Ditch, 1687 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Ditcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: See **Detchon**.

2 English: locative name from Ditcham in Buriton (Hants), which is recorded as *Dicham* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Decheham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Ditcham, 1599 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Abigaile Ditcham, 1661 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Chas Ditcham, 1728 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Ditcham, 1801 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); George Ditcham, 1810 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 55.

### Ditchburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, and NR Yorks; also Northumb and Cumb

English: locative name from Ditchburn (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Dicheburn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ilderton, Northumb); Henricus Dicheborn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Byker, Northumb); William Dychebourn’, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Annes Dichborne, 1592 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Bryan Dychburn, 1641 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Ditchburn, 1728 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Ditcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a ditch (such as a defensive ditch round a town), from Middle English *diche* (Old English *dīc*) ‘ditch’ + *-er*. It was synonymous with Middle English *atte Diche* (See **Ditch**) and **Dicker**, with which it was interchangeable. Topographical surnames in *-er* are characteristic of SE England. (ii) occupational name for a digger of ditches or dykes, from Middle English *dicher*, *diker*.

**Early bearers:** John Dicher, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Agnes le Dycher, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Daniell Ditcher, 1596 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Penelope Ditcher, 1610 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Ditcher, 1610 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); William Ditcher, 1638 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); William Ditcher, 1638 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent).

### Ditchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1048, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1023

## Dite

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Ditchfield in Widnes (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John de Dychefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus de Dychefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ditton, Lancs); Henry of Dichefeld, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Ditchfield, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Flitton, Beds); Thomas Ditchfeild, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Luddesdown, Kent); John Ditchfield, 1707 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

## Dite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: See **Dyte**.

## Diter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dyter**.

## Ditheridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: See **Detheridge**.

## Ditmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- German: See **Dettmer**.

## Ditta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1034, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Muslim: unexplained.

## Dittmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: See **Dettmer**.

## Dittmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- German: See **Dettmer**.

## Ditton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Ditton (Kent, Bucks, Lancs); Fen Ditton or Wood Ditton (Cambs); or Thames Ditton or Long Ditton (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Leofwine æt Dictune, about 1060 in *Codex Diplomaticus* 929 (Kent); Henry de Ditton', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); John de Ditton', 1304–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Hugone de Ditton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnardiston, Suffolk); Roger Ditton, 1395 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Dytton', 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robart Ditton, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); John Ditton, 1686 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent).

## Ditty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 45

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dunbartons
- Scottish: perhaps from a Scottish pet form of the personal name *Dait* (a Scottish form of **David**).
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Bell Ditty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry); William Ditty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Derry), Andrew Dittie, 1863 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

## Divall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Norman, English: See **Deaville**.

## Divan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 Indian: See **Dewan**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.

## Dive

**Variants:** **Dives**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- Norman, English: locative name from Dives in Calvados, earlier *Diva*.
- Early bearers:** Boselinus de Diue, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Robert de Dive, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Stamford, Lincs); William de Dyves, de Dyve, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Richard Dyves, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Thomas Dive, 1579 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Lewis Dive, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Bromham, Beds); John Dive, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Ridlington Park, Rutland); Jacob Dive, 1676 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); Anne Dive, 1761 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

## Diven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: See **Divine**.

## Divens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: See **Devins**.

## Diver

**Variants:** **Diver**, **Divers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 736
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 556
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs and Norfolk; London; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- 1 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *diver*, either as a nickname from the sense 'diving bird' or as an occupational name in the sense 'person who dives' (for example, in order to make underwater repairs or to collect oysters or other shellfish).

**Early bearers:** Robert Dyvere, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Gunnilda Diverer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Diverse, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: from Ó Duibhidhir or Mac Duibhidhir, see **Dwyer**.

## Divers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English, Irish: variant of **Diver** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Dives

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- Norman, English: See **Dive**.

## Divilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: See **Diffley**.

## Divine

**Variants:** **Diven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham; Lanarks; also Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Westmeath, and Longford
- 1 Irish: from Ó Duibhín or Ó Daimhín, see **Devine**.  
2 Irish, English: See **Devin**.

## Diviney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Duibheanaigh, see **Devaney**.

## Divito

**Variants:** **Devito**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name **Vito**.
- Early bearers:** Domenico Divito, in *Census 1901* (Warwicks); Cosimo Devito, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Antonio Divito, in *Census 1901* (Stirlings); Melia Devito, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Saverio Divito, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan); Pasquale Divito, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan); Maria Devito, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Diver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Diver**.

## Diwan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: See **Dewan**.

## Dix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3679, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2911

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central, E, and SW England: esp. Norfolk; Gloucs and Somerset; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- English: See **Dicks**.

### Dixcee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Dixey**.

### Dixcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: See **Dixey**.

### Dixey

Variants: **Dicksee, Dixie, Dixcey, Dixcee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: nickname for a chorister, from Latin *dixi* 'I have spoken', the beginning of a psalm. *Dysci* is a metathesized form of *Dycsi*.

**Early bearers:** Laurence Dixi, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Robert Dysci, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Alice Dixi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks); Garthruda Or Gertrude Dixey, 1586 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Wolstane Dixie or Dixy, 1594 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Dixie, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Appleby, Leics, and Derbys).

References: *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes*.

### Dixie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dixey**.

### Dixit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: unexplained.

### Dixon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45792, Ireland 1734
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32716
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down

N English: See **Dickson**.

### Dixson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- N English: See **Dickson**.

### Djema1

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: See **Jama1**.

**Further information:** This spelling suggests a North African (francophone) origin, or a Turkish name (compare **Cema1**) filtered through French.

### Dmello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: See **Demello**.

### Do

Variants: **Doo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: (i) variant romanization of the Chinese surname 杜, see **To** (1). (ii) variant romanization of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3). This form is based on the Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese pronunciation of the name, which can be heard in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and elsewhere in SE Asia.

2 Vietnamese: ĐỖ, representing Chinese 杜, see **To** (1).

### Doak

Variants: **Doake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 300
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Ayr, and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish Gaelic: See **Doig**.

2 Irish: from **Mac Dabhóc** 'son of *Dabhóc*', a pet form of **David**. The lenited form was anglicized as **McCook**.

**Early bearers:** Rich. McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6665 (Portumny, Galway); Walter leigh McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6666 (Leydigane, Galway); Edm. McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6666 (Derrydonnell, Galway).

3 English: a rare variant of **Duke**.

### Doake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Scottish: See **Doak**.

### Doan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Glamorgan

Irish: from Ó Dubháin or Ó Damháin, see **Duane**.

### Doane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Irish: from Ó Dubháin or Ó Damháin, see **Duane**.

### Doar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: See **Dore**.

### Dobb

Variants: **Dobbe, Dabb, Dubb, Dobbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, and Lancs; also Devon and Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dobb(e)*, a rhyming pet form of *Robert*. It was very common in the 13th century in Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs. Dobbe de

Whitemore, 1307, is identical with Robert de Whitemore, 1318 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). Ricardo filio Dobbe is the same man as Ricardi Dobbe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** given names: Dobbe filius Iuonis, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Dobbe de Deneby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Dobbe de Drayton, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Joh'na filia Dobbe, 1366 in *Ormskirk Stipend* (Lancs).

urnames: Reginald Dobbe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Dobbe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Humphrey Dobbe, 1315 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas and Ralph Dobbe, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Stratfield Mortimer, Berks); William Dobbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burrington, Devon); Simon Dobbe, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Dobb', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gretton, Gloucs); Henricus Dobbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Robert Dobbe, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Agnes Dobb, 1561 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Dobbe, 1598 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Johes. Dobb., 1604 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Thomas Dobbe, 1630 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Georgii Dobb, 1677 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Dubbe, 1681 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Mary Dubb, 1700 in *IGI* (Lydney, Gloucs).

### Dobbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: See **Dobb**.

### Dobber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: See **Dubber**.

### Dobbie

Variants: **Dobby, Dobey, Doby, Dobie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1399, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1306
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Dobb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dobbei, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Dobi Spendluf, 1457 in *Peebles in Early History*.

urnames, Scotland: Thomas Doby, burgess, 1471 in *Scots Lore* (Peebles); John Dobie, 1490 in *Lanark Records* (Lanarks); John Doby, rector, 1525 in *Glasgow Register* (Ancrum, Roxburghs); William Dobbie, 1579 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Johne Dobbie, 1616 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Willame Dobbie, 1621 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Johne Dobby, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

urnames, England: John Doby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Dobby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Allis Dobbie, 1569 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Ottewell Dobe, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Holborn, Middx); Mathias Doby, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Dobbie, 1695 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

### Dobbin

Variants: **Dobbyn, Dobin, Dobbing, Dobing, Dubbin, Dobbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 693
- **GB frequency 1881:** 471
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Durham

## Dobbing

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dobbin*, a common diminutive of *Dobb*, itself a rhyming pet form of *Robert*. Compare **Dobb** and **Dabinett**. The surname has been in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Further information:** Peter Dobyng was constable of Carrickfergus Castle in the 15th century, while members of the same family have been sheriffs and mayors of the town.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dobin de Hatton, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Dobin Cusin, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon).

surnames, England: Hugo Dobin, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Robert Dobin, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Nicholas Dobyng, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Willelmo Dobyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Robertus Dubbyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oving, Sussex); Robert Dobyng, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Gedney, Lincs); Thomas Dobinge, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Editha Dabin, 1577 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Christina Dubbin, 1583 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Dobin, 1654 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Joseph Dubbin, 1721 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

surnames, Ireland: Thomas Doben, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §36 (Keppaghe, Kilkenny); Peter Dobene, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Patrick Doben, alderman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1784 (Waterford); Alexander Dobbin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan); Oliver Dobbin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgall, Armagh).

### Dobbing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Dobbin**.

### Dobbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Herefs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: relationship name, variant of **Dobbin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Dobyngs, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton, Gloucs); Henricus Dobyngs, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); Richard Dobyngs, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Walford, Herefs); Guye Dobyngs or Dobbins, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Newent, Gloucs); Samuel Dobbins, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Dobbinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

English: See **Dobinson**.

### Dobbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: See **Dobinson**.

### Dobbs

Variants: **Dubbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3068, Ireland 242

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2006
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and SE Wales; esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Laois

English: variant of **Dobb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dobes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Dobbes, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Walsoken, Norfolk); John Dobbes, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Frauncys Dobbs, 1541 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Thomas Dobbs or Dobbes, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Dobbs, 1641 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs).

### Dobby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: See **Dobbie**.

### Dobbyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Down

English: See **Dobbin**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland.

### Dobel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; also Jersey

English: See **Double**.

### Dobell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Sussex; Cheshire and Lancs

English: See **Double**.

### Dober

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Lancs

English: See **Dawber**.

### Dobey

Variants: **Dobie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: See **Dobbie**.

### Dobie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1140, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 999
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Midlothian; Cumb

Scottish: See **Dobbie**.

### Dobin

Variants: **Dabin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Durham; Jersey

English: See **Dobbin**.

## Dobing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: See **Dobbin**.

## Dobinson

Variants: **Dobbinson**, **Dobbison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1253, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Middx

English: relationship name from the personal name **Dobbin** (See **Dobbin**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Dobyngson of Penreth, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Penrith, Cumb); Johannes Dobyngson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moor Monkton with Scagglethorpe, WR Yorks); Willelmo Dobyngson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soulby, Westm); Robert Dobyngson, 1507 in *York Freeman's Register*; Raphe Dobinson, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Dobkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (from Lithuania and Belarus): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Dobke*, a pet form of the Old Slavic personal name *Dobre*, a derivative of *dobr* 'good, kind'.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Dobkin, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Barnet Dobkin, grocery dealer, born Russia, in *Census 1901* Census (Leeds, WR Yorks); Sarah Dobkin, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Hyman Dobkin, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Marks Dobkin, born in Russia in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Dobkin, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Yetta Dobkin, apron dealer and manufacturer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive of the medieval personal name *Dob* (See **Dobb**). This name seems to have died out by the 1881 census (though *Dobkinson* had five bearers there); indeed, some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Dobekeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridgham, Norfolk); Ellen Dobekeyn, 1619 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Joseph Dobkin, 1763 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Dobkin, 1781 in *IGI* (Bolton on Swale, NR Yorks).

3 English: locative name, see **Dowbiggin**.

Redmonds suggests that Robert Dobyng, 1383 in *Yorks Deeds* (West Bretton, in Sandal, WR Yorks) is identical with Robert Dowbyng, a lawyer who held land near Wakefield 1400–16 and was presumably an ancestor of John Dowebyng, 1430 in *Yorks Deeds* (West Bretton, in Sandal, WR Yorks). He also notes the appearance in the Ingleton parish registers of Lawrence Dobbigin (1627), Elizabeth Dabkin (1633), and Lancelot Dobikin (1652). This form of the name may no longer exist.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 224.

**Doble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 982, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 856
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: See **Double**.

**Dobner****Variants:** Dabner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Dabner, 1698 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); George Dobner, 1716 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall) Elizabeth Dabner, 1809 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Henry Dobner, 1843 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks).

**Dobney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; Middx
- English: See **Daubney**.

**Dobree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Huguenot: of uncertain origin; perhaps an altered form of the French family name **Debray**, which is either a regional name from the Pays de Bray, north of Rouen, or a locative name from one of the places called Bray (Aisne, Calvados, Loiret, Nord, Seine-et-Marne).

**Further information:** The ancestor of the family bearing this name fled to Guernsey prior to the Massacre of Saint Bartholomew's Day. His descendant in London, Peter Dobrée, merchant, was the father of the Rev. Peter Paul Dobrée (1762–1825), Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge University.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Marie Dobree, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Jean Dobree, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey).

England: Ambrose Dowbrye, 1604 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Ann Dowbery, 1702 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Susannah Dobree, 1732 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Peter Dobree, 1802 in *IGI* (Clapham, Surrey).

**Dobrowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic), Polish: locative name denoting someone from a place called Dobrów, named with the personal name *Dobry* (from *dobry* 'good') + the possessive suffix *-ów*.

**Early bearers:** John Dobrowski, 1848 in *BMD* (Portsea Island, Hants); Isidore John Dobrowski, 1879 in *BMD* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Louis Dowbrowski, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Nathan Dobrowski, 1900 in *BMD* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Dobson****Variants:** Dopson, Dabson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16645, Ireland 373
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13181
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and lowland Scotland; esp. Yorks, Lancs, and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Tyrone; Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dob(b)* (See **Dobb**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Dobbessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Dobbessone, 1356 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Johannes Dobbesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Ricardus Dobbesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lancs); John Dobson', 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Biggleswade, Beds); Thomas Dabson, 1539 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Johis. Dopson, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Dobson, 1579 in *PROB 11* (University of Oxford, Oxon); Samewell Dabson, 1606 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Necolas Dobbesson, 1613 in *IGI* (York); Julyanah Dopson, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Edward Dobbson, 1698 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb).

Scotland: John Dobsoun, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Nanc Dobson, 1615 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Grizel Dabson, 1743 in *IGI* (Prestonkirk, E Lothian).

**Doby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: See **Dobbie**.

**Docharty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish, Scottish: from Ó **Dochartaigh**, see **Doherty**.

**Docherty****Variants:** Dogherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11010, Ireland 159
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4438
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: the usual Scottish form of Irish **Doherty** (Ó **Dochartaigh**).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Elizabeth Docherty, 1800 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Daniel Docharty, 1805 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Catherine Dougharty, 1824 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jeremiah Dockerty, 1861 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

England: Elizabeth Dougharty, 1697 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Charles Docherty, 1759 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Dockerty, 1803 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**Dock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Surrey; Lancs
- English, Scottish: variant of **Duke**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Dock, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); Grissell Dock, 1692 in *IGI* (Dundonald, Ayr); Agnes Dock, 1708 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Dock, 1803 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Docker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Westm

English: locative name, probably from Docker (Westm). There is no evidence that Docker in Lancs gave rise to a medieval surname.

**Early bearers:** John Docker, 1293 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Radulphus Doker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Roberto Dokker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Milo Docker, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Docker, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Morland, Westm); Richard Docker, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Morland, Westm); Thomas Docker, 1667 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 150.

**Dockeray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

1 English: See **Dockray**.

2 Irish: from Ó **Dochraidh**, see **Dockery**.

**Dockerell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs
- English: See **Dockerill**.

**Dockerill****Variants:** Dockerell, Dockrill, Dockrell, Doggrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *doggerel* 'poor, worthless'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas, William Doggerel, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts), 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Doggerel, 1277 in *MED*; John Doggerel, 1300 in *MED*; Alice Dogerel, 1321 in *Ewen, Guide* (Beds); Katherine Dockerill, 1570 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); John Doggrel, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Roberte Dockerill, 1578 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Thomas Dockerill, 1641 in *IGI* (Roxton, Beds); Henry Dockerell, 1686 in *IGI* (Bassinbourn, Cambs); Frances Dockrill, 1768 in *IGI* (Barnwell, Cambs); Thomas Dogerill, 1791 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Dockerty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó **Dochartaigh**, see **Doherty**.

**Dockery****Variants:** Dockeray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 213
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks; Surrey

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 Irish: from Ó **Dochraidh** 'descendant of *Dochradh*', variant of *Dochartach*; compare **Doherty**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dockewray, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6313 (Dungarvan, Waterford); Thady Dockery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon); Michael Dockery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon); John Dockery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killukin, Roscommon).

2 English: See **Dockray**.

**Dockett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

## Docking

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: See **Duckett** and compare **Doggett**.

**Early bearers:** John Docket, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton, Devon); Marck Dockett, 1562 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Agnes Docket, 1563 in *IGI* (Lacey, Lincs); Agnes Docket, 1591 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Hercules Docket, 1600 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Istaf Dockett, 1614 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *doke heved* 'duck head' but there is no evidence that this became a hereditary surname. **Early bearers:** John Dockeved, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Willyam Dockett, 1544 in *IGI* (Lacey, Lincs); Alice Dockett, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Sarahe Dockett, 1602 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Docking

Variants: **Dockings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Cornwall; Middx
- English: locative name from Docking (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Hamo de Docking, 1177, in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richer de Dokkyng, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Dockyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); Simon Dockyng, 1409–10 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Dokking or Dokkyng, 1495 in *PROB 11* (London); Anna Docking, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Docking, 1622 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Mary Dockings, 1713 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

## Dockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: variant of **Docking** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Dockray

Variants: **Dockwray**, **Dockrey**, **Docwra**, **Dockeray**, **Dockree**, **Dockery**, **Dockry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb
- English: locative name from any of several places in Cumb: Dockray (Woodside, Matterdale); Great and Little Dockray (Penrith), all recorded as Dokwra in the 13th century. **Early bearers:** Thomas de Docwra, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Hoton, Cumb); John de Dokwra, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert de Docwra, 1407 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Dockwray or Dockwraye, 1559 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Dockwra, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Offley, Herts); Edward Dockwraye or Dockwre, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Hitchen, Herts); Roberto Dokker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Richard Docker, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Morland, Westm).

## Dockree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- English: See **Dockray**.

## Dockrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford
- English: See **Dockerill**.

## Dockrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and WR Yorks
- English: See **Dockray**.

## Dockrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: See **Dockerill**.

## Dockry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- English: See **Dockray**.

## Docksey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: See **Doxey**.

## Dockwray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: See **Dockray**.

## Doctor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- 1 Scottish: occupational name from Middle English and Older Scots *doctour* 'an authority on theology or medicine, a teacher, scholar, or physician'. **Early bearers:** Margaret Doctore, 1655 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Janet Doctour, 1664 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife); Jo. Docter, 1721 in *IGI* (Kirriemuir, Angus); John Docter, 1732 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Perth); John Doctour, 1738 in *IGI* (Cargill, Perth); David Docter, 1746 in *IGI* (Kinnettles, Angus); Helen Doctir, 1797 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).
- 2 Indian: from the English word *doctor*, a Parsi occupational name for a physician in Gujarat and Mumbai city. **Early bearers:** Framrere P. Doctor, law student, born in Bombay, India, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Pirojbai F. Doctor, merchant, born in Bombay, Jal F. Doctor, student, born in Bombay, India, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx).
- 3 German, Czech, Hungarian, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, anglicization of German, Czech, and Hungarian **Doktor**, which denoted a schoolmaster or academic more often than a medical doctor. **Early bearers:** Harris Doctor, tailor (aged 25), born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Doctor, tailor (aged 23), in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Doctor, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx); Harris Doctor, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911*

(Bethnal Green, Middx); Cornelius Doctor, born in Limehouse, Middx, in *Census 1871* (Stepney, Middx); Rudolph Doctor, financier and merchant, born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in *Census 1901* (IoW, Hants); Alfred Doctor, manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx).

## Docwra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: See **Dockray**.

## Dod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cheshire and Lancs
- English: See **Dodd**.

## Dodd

Variants: **Dod**, **Dods**, **Dodds**, **Dadd**, **Dadds**, **Dowd**, **Dudd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15566, Ireland 483
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12150
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cheshire and Lancashire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dodd(e)*, *Dudd(e)*, Old English *Dodd(a)*, *Dudd(a)*, which according to Reaney was in use from Lincs to Devon and from Essex to Lancs until the 14th century. In SW and SE England *Dodd(e)* was sometimes unrounded to *Dadd(e)*, see **Dadd**. *Dodd* was taken to Sligo in Ireland in the 16th century by a Shrops family. See also **Dodson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dode filius Siward, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Dodde de Lismanoch, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lesneage in Saint Keverne, Cornwall).  
surnames: Balterus filius Dudde, identical with Walterus Dudde 11th cent. in *Tengvik* (Worcs); Brictricus filius Doddi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs); Aluric Dod, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Aluunus Dode, identical with Aluunus Dodesone in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Gamel Dod, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo dod, Robertus Dode, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Ailricus Dodde, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Martinus filius Dode, 1225–31 in *Newark Documents* (Northgate, Notts); Richard Dodd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Ralph Dode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Stephen Dodde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tintagel, Cornwall); Stephen Dodda, 1385 in *Cornish Lands* (Rescorla in Saint Ewe); John Dod, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Dodde, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard Dodde, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks); Anne Dod, 1635 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); William Dodde, 1695 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb).

2 Irish: in Ireland this name was also sometimes adopted for Ó **Dubhda**, see **Dowd**, **Doody**. **Early bearers:** William Dodd, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3478 (Westmeath); Thomas Dod, merchant, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5951.

3 English: nickname from Middle English \**dod*, of uncertain meaning, possibly a 'lumpish, thickset

person' (compare modern English dialect *dod* 'bunch or heap'), or by extension a 'stupid person' (compare Middle English *dode-mused* 'stupid'), or perhaps a derivative of *dodden* 'to shave (the head), to trim (hair)', hence 'the hairless or close-cropped one'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Dode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**4** English: possibly a modern variant of **Daud** and **Dowd** (2).

### Dodderidge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Devon
- English: See **Duddridge**.

### Doddimead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: See **Dodimead**.

### Dodding

**Variants:** Dudding, Dowding, Dudden, Duddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dodding* or *Dudding*, which in Old English literally meant 'son of *Dodda* or *Dudda*'.

Compare **Dodd** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Doding(us), 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Tilty, Essex); Dodding, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Doding', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs).

surnames: William Doding, 1251 in *Ely Coucher Book* (Cambs); William Doding, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Andrew Doddyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Dodyng, 1351 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Thomas Dodding, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brompton, NR Yorks); Thomas Duddyng, 1514 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Dodding, 1580 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Georgius Dodding, 1604 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Miles Doddinge, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Conishead in Furness, Lancs).

### Doddington

**Variants:** Dodington, Duddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Wilts

English: locative name from any of several places called Doddington (Cambs, Kent, Lincs, Cheshire, Northumb) or Dodington (Gloucs, Somerset, Shrops), or from Dry Doddington (Lincs), Great Doddington (Northants). In addition, Dunton (Bucks), Denton (Northants), Derrington (Staffs), and Detton Hall (Shrops) all appear in *Domesday Book* as *Dodintone*, and may have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Dodinton', 1198 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Symon de Dodington, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John Dudyngton, 1340–1450 in *Covestry Guild Register*; Johannes Dodington', 1377, and Nicholaus Dodyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Richard Dodyngton, 1495 in *PROB 11*; William Dodyngton or Doddington, 1508 in *PROB 11* (Mere, Wilts); Gyles Dodyngton, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Doddington, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Dodington, Somerset).

### Doddrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Dorset and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *dotterel*, *dottrell* 'a species of plover; a silly person'.

**Further information:** Compare the gloss 'Dottrelle, fowle, *idem quod* Dotarde', about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. The plover was regarded as a foolish bird, easily caught.

**Early bearers:** William Doterel, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Roger Doterel, 1292 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Ralph Dotrell, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); James Doddrell, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); James Doddrell, 1754 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Doddrell, 1794 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Edward Doddrell, 1799 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); William Doddrell, 1810 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Doddridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: See **Duddridge**.

### Dodds

**Variants:** Dods, Dadds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9063, Ireland 624
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Durham and Northumb, and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English, Scottish: variant of **Dodd**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. As a family name *Dodds* is often in variation with *Dodd* from the 16th century onwards. Compare **Dodson** (2) and **Dadds**.

**Early bearers:** Æluric Doddes, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Matill' Doddes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barford, Wilts); Jane Dodds, 1558 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Johne Dods, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Dodes, 1652 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne); Richard Dods, 1663 in *IGI* (Wickham, Durham).

### Dodge

**Variants:** Dadge, Doidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1355, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dodge*, a pet name for *Roger*, rhymed on *Rodge* and *Hodge*.

**Early bearers:** Doge filius Arnaldi, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Wigot filius Doge, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Dogge, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert, Nicholas Dogge, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Dodge, 1555 in *PROB 11* (London); Alexander Dadge, 1579 in *IGI* (Rangeworthy, Gloucs); Roger Dadge, 1591 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); John Dodge, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Middle Chinnock, Somerset).

### Dodgen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dudgeon**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Dodgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dudgeon**.

### Dodgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See **Dudgeon**.

### Dodgshon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Dodgson**.

### Dodgshun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Dodgson**.

### Dodgson

**Variants:** Dodgshon, Dodgshun, Dodson, Dogson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1428, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1454
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: (i) relationship name, 'son of Dodge', from the Middle English personal name **Dodge**, a rhyming pet form of *Roger*, + *son*. (ii) variant of **Dodson** (but more often probably vice versa). Compare Anthony Dodson alias Dodgson, 1638 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry Doggeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Dodgeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Robert Dogesson, 1385 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Doggesson', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Mitton, WR Yorks); John Dogeson, Dodshon, 1489, 1530 in *York Guild Register*; John Dodgson, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); William Dodgshon, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); William Dogggson, 1642 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Dodgshon, 1713 in *York Freeman's Register*; Mary Dodgshun, 1786 in *IGI* (Morley, WR Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 125.

### Dodhia

**Variants:** Dodia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Dodia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: See **Dodhia**.

### Dodimead

**Variants:** Doddimead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

## Dodington

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by) *Dodding's* meadow', Middle English *med(e)* (Old English *mæd*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Dodyngmed, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Edward Dodymead, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Doddimead, 1614 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Robert Dodymead, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Mells, Somerset); Robert Dodimead, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

### Dodington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Suffolk
- English: See **Doddington**.

### Dodkin

Variants: **Dodkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs and Herts

English: relationship name, either a Middle English pet form of *Dodd* or a dissimilated form of \**Dodgkin*, a pet form of *Roger*. Compare **Dodd**, **Dodge**.

**Early bearers:** William Dudekin, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dodekyn, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; William Dodekyn, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Pilham, Lincs); John Dodkinn, 1596 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Thomas Dodkyn, 1607 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Mary Dodkenes, 1632 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); William Dodkin, 1676 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Henry Dodkins, 1707 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Cambs).

### Dodkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middlesex

English: variant of **Dodkin**, with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Dodman

Variants: **Dudman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dudeman* (Old English *Dudemann*). **Early bearers:** given names: Dudeman, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall), 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Sussex). surnames: Goduine filius Dudeman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Goduine Dudumanni filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thomas Dudeman, about 1179 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Walter Dudeman, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; John Dudeman, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Gilbert Dodeman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Dodeman, Dudeman, 1296, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Andrew Dodeman, Dudeman, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus Dodeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemblington, Norfolk); John Dudman, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Corsham, Wilts); Alys Dodman, 1556 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Joane Dudman, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Bramshott, Hants).

### Dodridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: See **Duddridge**.

### Dods

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, and Berwicks; also Northumb

Scottish: See **Dodds**.

### Dodsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Dadisley, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Stanton Harcourt, Oxon); Henry Dodsley, 1579 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Emmatt Dodisley, 1564, Elizabeth Dodslee, 1652 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Johes Dodsley, 1615, John Dodsley, 1632 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Dodson

Variants: **Dodgson**, **Dadson**, **Dudson**, **Dutson**, **Datson**, **Dotson**, **Doodson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2671, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2308
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Monaghan

1 English: (i) relationship name, 'son of *Dod(d)* or *Dud(d)*' from Middle English *Dodd*, *Dudd*, Old English *Dodd(a)*, *Dudd(a)*, + *-son*. See **Dodd**. Some of the later bearers below may alternatively belong under (2). (ii) relationship name, alternatively perhaps from a Middle English form of Old English *Dodesunu*, a compound personal name formed from the same elements as in (i) and impossible to tell apart from the Middle English patronymic.

**Early bearers:** Ulf Dodes sune, 972–92 in *Cartularium Saxonum* no. 1130 (Northants); Aluinus Dodesone, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Robertus filius Dode, 1308, 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*, identical with Robertus Dodesone, 1312, 1313 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Richard son of Geoffrey Dodeson, 1315 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Lenton, Notts); Johannes filius Dode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo Dodeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardhorn with Newton, Lancs); Barberye Dudson, 1572 in *IGI* (Stambourne, Essex); Will Dadson, 1580 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); William Dodson, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Colne, Wilts); Nicholas Dodson, 1617 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Dodson, 1720 in *York Freeman's Register*.

2 English: post-medieval variant of **Dodgson** with simplification of the medial *dgs*.

### Dodsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2171, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: See **Dodworth**.

### Dodwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs; Bucks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: locative name from Dodwell (Warwicks). **Early bearers:** Johannes Dodewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hampton Lucy, Warwicks); William Dodewill', 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (West Alvington, Devon); Owin Dodwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Henry Dodwell, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Oxon); Hanna Dodwell, 1624 in *IGI* (Naunton, Gloucs); William Dadwell, 1740 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

### Dodworth

Variants: **Dodsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Dodworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Lefode de Dodesuurda, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Adam de Dodworth, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Walterus de Dodworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Dodworth', 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Dodworth, WR Yorks); William Dodworth, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint John Walbrook, City of London); Anthonie Dodsworth, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Whadden Park, Bucks).

### Doe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2674, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1423
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname from Middle English *do(e)* 'doe, female fallow deer' (Old English *dā*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Do(e), 1188–90 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Do, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Henry le Daa, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Do, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Philip Doe, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Taunton, Somerset); William Doe, 1585 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Doe, 1644 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

2 Norman: locative name denoting someone from (French *de*) Eu (Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** Willingale Doe (Essex) takes its affix from Hugh de Ou, D'eu, 1154–89.

**Early bearers:** Gaufrid de Ou, 1129 *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); George Henry Doe, 1883 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 500.

### Doeg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Perth

Scottish: See **Doig**.

### Doel

Variants: **Dole**, **Dool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *dol*, *doil* 'portion or share of land', especially in the common field (Old English *dāl*). (ii) locative name denoting someone who lived '(by the) boundary mark, landmark', Middle English *dol(e)*.

**Early bearers:** William de la Dole, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Dole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fittleton and Coombe, Wilts); Johannes Dole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); Agnes Dole, 1569 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Ralph Dole, 1588 in *PROB 11*



(Bristol, Gloucs); Anne Doel, 1602 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Shusan Dool, 1697 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Robt. Dool, 1710 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); James Doel, 1745 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts).

### Doey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: possibly a variant of **Dowie**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: George Doey, 1862 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elizabeth Doey, 1867 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Susannah Doey, 1781 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Job Doey, 1804 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Ernest Doey, 1862 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

### Dogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 924, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Irish: from Ó Duibhgin, see **Duggan**.

### Doggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Cumb and Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish, Scottish, English: See **Doggett**.

**Early bearers:** Philip Doggart, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Collon, Meath); Agnes Doggart, 1851 in *IGI* (Shotts, Lanarks); James Paterson Doggart, 1864 in *IGI* (Biggar, Lanarks); John Paterson Doggart, 1870 in *IGI* (Moulin, Perth); Isaac Doggart, 1870 in *IGI* (Fairfield, Lancs).

### Doggett

Variants: **Doggart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 748
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Middx; also Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Duckett** with voicing of the medial consonant. (ii) relationship name, it may also be from a Middle English rhyming pet form of **Roger** (See **Dodge**) + the diminutive suffix *-et*. Whether the medial *-g-* was pronounced as a stop /g/ (as in *dog*) or an affricate /dʒ/ (as in *Roger*) is impossible to tell in most of the following examples. (iii) nickname; it has been claimed that it may also be from Middle English *dogheved* ‘dog-head’, as in Syward Dogheafd, 1177–95 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Derbys). Compare Matthew Doggenecce (‘dog neck’) 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs), Symon Doggeschanke (‘dog leg’), about 1246 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks), Lucas Dogge(s)tayl, 1279–80 in *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 10, and Johannes Dogleg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Patcham, Sussex). However, names of this type have rarely survived as hereditary names. **Further information:** Doggetts Farm in Rochford, Essex, gets its name from Robert Dogett or Doccett, recorded as living here in 1305. The surname *Dogget* has been established in Leinster (Ireland) since the 13th century. There is no evidence to support the explanation in Reaney and Wilson that *Doget* was a diminutive of Middle English *dog* ‘dog, cur’, though a nickname from *dog* itself is attested in Roger le Doge, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), and perhaps in

Rogerus Canis, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs) (Latin *canis* ‘dog’). Compare **Curr**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dogget, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Doget, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts). surnames, England: William Doget, 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Doget, 1212, John Docket, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks); Isak Doget, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Modbury, Devon); Johannes Doget, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Neat Enstone, Oxon); Robertus Dogget, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Talmage, Oxon); Clemens Doget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, Norfolk); Matilda Doget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langley Michael, Wilts); Rogero Doget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarestone, Leics); Ricardo Doget, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); Alaus Doget, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Doget, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Elizabeth Doggett, 1547 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); William Doggett, 1567 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); John Doggett, 1612 in *IGI* (Great Chalfield, Wilts); John Doggett, 1630 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts). surnames, Ireland: John Dogget, husbandman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §342 (East Kearnes, Meath); James Ducked, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5614 (Galway or Roscommon); James Duckett, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Clonboke, Connacht); Patrick Dogget, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donore, Meath).

### Doggrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: See **Dockerill**.

### Dogherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Dochartaigh, see **Doherty** and **Docherty**.

### Dogra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Rajput) and Sikh, based on the name of a tribe.

### Dogson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks

English: See **Dodgson**. Compare John Dodgson, 1539, John Dogson, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm). **Early bearers:** Sybell Dogsone, 1571 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Dogson, 1576 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); George Dogson, 1650 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Matthew Dogson, 1721 in *IGI* (Willerby near Scarborough, ER Yorks); Isaac Dogson, 1742 in *IGI* (Broughton in Furness, Lancs).

### Doheny

Variants: **Dohoney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 584
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary; also Laois

Irish: from Ó Dubhchonna ‘descendant of *Dubhchonna*’, a personal name based on *dubh* ‘black’ + *Conna*, a pet form of *Colmán* ‘little dove’.

### Doherty

Variants: **O’Doherty**, **Docherty**, **Docharty**, **Dougherty**, **Daugherty**, **Dougharty**, **Dogherty**, **Dockerty**,

**Dorrity**, **Dorothy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14774, Ireland 17209
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2442
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal

Irish: from Ó Dochartaigh ‘descendant of *Dochartach*’, a byname from *docarthach* ‘hard-hearted’, apparently from *do* ‘not’ + *carthach* ‘loving’. *Doherty* is the usual Anglo-Irish spelling; compare Scottish **Docherty** and Manx **Daugherty**. **Further information:** In Ireland, the Ua Dochartaigh family were chieftains in Donegal, chiefs of Ardmire (Raphoe), then lords of Inishowen, and kings of Cenel-Conaill.

**Early bearers:** Aindiles Ua Dochurtaigh, 1180, in *AU* ii 197; Echmarcach Ua Dochartaigh, 1188, in *AU* ii 213; Domnall Carrach Ua Dochartaigh, 1203, king of Tir-Conaill, in *AU* ii 239; John O’Dockertie or O’Doghertye, 1588, chief of his name, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5190; Richard Dowhertie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5524 (Raharowe); Chahir O’Doghartie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; Cornet James Dogherty, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 624 (Limerick).

### Dohoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó Dubhchonna, see **Doheny**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Doidge

Variants: **Doige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 968, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 850
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: probably a variant of **Dodge**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Doidge, 1567 in *IGI* (Sydenham Damerel, Devon); Henry Doidge, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Milton Abbot, Devon); John Doidge, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); John Doige, 1689 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Degory Doige, 1703 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Thomasin Doidge, 1759 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall).

### Doig

Variants: **Doeg**, **Doak**, **Doake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2072, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1760
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Scottish: from Gaelic *Mac Gille Doig* ‘son of the servant of Saint Cadoc’, *doig* being the possessive case of *dog*, a short form of *Cadoc*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Dog, canon, 1491 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Inchmahome, Perth); Alexander Doge, vicar, 1372 in *Brechin Register* (Dunnichen, Angus); Thomas Doig, 1644 in *Retours, Scotland*; Janet Doog, 1647 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh); David Dogg or Doig, 1653–67 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Forfar, Angus); John Doig, 1673 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife).

**Doige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: See **Doidge**.

**Doke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs
- English: See **Duke**.

**Dolamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Herts
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

**Dolan**

**Variants:** **Dollan, Dollin, Dowling, Doland, Doolan, Dooling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7136, Ireland 4718
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Roscommon, and Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Dubhláin ‘descendant of *Dubhshlán*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *slán* ‘challenge’.  
**Early bearers:** William O’Dolaine, 1560–61 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Ferrall O’Doelan, husbandman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3718 (Tullaghnetowdere); Gylleduffe O’Doelan, cottier, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3720 (Byllyve, Galway); Moelrony mcEdmund O’Doelan, cottier, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3720 (Byllyve, Galway); John O’Dolane, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5006 (Newcastell); Sheane ley O’Dolan, husbandman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5437; Donnogh O’Dolane 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6401.

**Doland**

**Variants:** **Dollond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: London; Lancs; Glasgow; Staffs

1 English: unexplained. Some examples of the modern surname may belong with **Dolling** or **Dowland**.

**Early bearers:** John Dolaund, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Doland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Leverton, Notts); William Doland of North Leverton, 1400 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Doland, 1430 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York).

2 Irish: from Ó Dubhláin, see **Dolan**.

**Dolbear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Dolbeare (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Dalebere, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Clifton Hampden, Oxon); John Delabere, king’s almoner, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); William Dolbeare, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (North Huish, Devon); Alice Dolbere, 1564 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Dolbeare, 1611 in *PROB II* (Ashburton, Devon); Giles Dolbear, 1749 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

**Dolbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Montgomerys
- English: See **Dalby**.

**Dolby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1818, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants
- English: See **Dalby**.

**Dolden**

**Variants:** **Dolding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** William de Dalden’, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Willelmo de Doldon’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Gilbert de Dalden’, 1378, Robert Daldene, 1382 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dolden, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Dolding, 1655 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Thomas Dolden, 1701 in *IGI* (Leysdown, Kent); John Dolden, 1743 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

**Dolding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Dolden**.

**Dole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts

English: See **Doel**.

**Doleman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Leics
- English: See **Dollman**.

**Dolen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from Ó Dobhailéin, see **Devlin**.

**Dolery**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: See **Dollery**.

**Doley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

Norman, English: variant of **Olley** with fused preposition *d*<sup>7</sup>.

**Doling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dolling**.

**Dolittle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Doolittle**.

**Doll**

**Variants:** **Dowle, Dowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *dul, dol(e), doll(e), doul* (Old English *dol* or *\*dylle*) ‘dull, stupid’.  
 Compare **Dullard** and **Dolling**.

**Further information:** Dowles Farm (*Kent Place-Names*, p. 426) is named after Alan le Dul, 1254, le Doul 1257.  
**Early bearers:** Lewingus Dol, 1086 in *Winton Domesday*; Robert Dol, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Letitia Dolle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William le Dole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leigh, Dorset); Richard Dolle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); William Dul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winterborne Stickland, Dorset); Thurstan le Doul, 1247–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William le Doul, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Michael Doul, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo Doul, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Doul’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); Nicholaus Dolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Didling, Sussex); Isaac Dowle, 1569 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

**Dollaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Irish: See **Dullaghan**.

**Dollamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Staffs

Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

**Dollan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus

Irish: from Ó Dubhláin, see **Dolan**.

**Dollar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Dollar (Clackmannans).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Doler, 1316 in *Dunfermline Register* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William de Dolar, 1412 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andrew Dollare, 1526 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; James Dollour, burgess, 1654 in *Argyll Sasines* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); Margaret Dollar, 1670 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings); Robert Dollar, 1745 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Dollard**

**Variants:** **Dillard, Dullard, Duller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 344
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dullard*, *dollard* ‘simpleton’. Compare **Doll**.

**Early bearers:** S England: Richard Dullard, Dollard, 1231 in *Close Rolls*, 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Richard Dollard, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodham, Essex); Johannes Dollard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); John Dollard of Bristol, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Wells, Somerset); Anne Dollard, 1579 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Dollard, 1632 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Jacob Dollard, 1709 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Elizabeth Dolard, 1842 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset).

N England: Frances Dollard, 1686 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joannes Dollard, 1693 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Jane Dollart, 1738 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mally Dollard, 1743 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Philip Dollard, 1785 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Joannes Dullard, 1865 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

2 Irish: an importation to Ireland of the English name.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Dullarde, husbandman, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1310 (Cloghmantaghe, Kilkenny); Walter Dullard, husbandman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3525 (BallisPELLANE, Tipperary); James Dullard fitz Wm., horseman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4385 (BallisPELLAN, Tipperary); Jane Dollard, 1633 in *IGI* (Dublin); Elizabeth Dollard, 1639 in *IGI* (Dublin); John Dollard, 1757 in *IGI* (Macroom, Cork) George Thomas Dollard, 1868 in *IGI* (Dublin).

### Dollay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: See **Duley**.

2 Norman, English: possibly a variant of **Olley** with fused preposition *d'*.

### Dollemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; London
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Dollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: (i) See **Dolling**, and compare **Dollin** and **Dowland** (1). (ii) See **Dowland** (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dollen, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Dollery

**Variants:** **Dolery**, **Dalry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from Ó **Dailbhre** ‘descendant of *Dailbhre*’, an Early Irish personal name of unknown meaning.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donnogh and Melaghlin O’Dallarie, husbandmen, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6440 (Killohrane, Tipperary).

England: Kath Dollery, 1589 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Richard Dollerie, 1619 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); Richard Dollery, 1631 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); William Dollery, 1647 in *IGI* (Bramley,

Hants); George Dolery, 1772 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).

### Dolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- Norman, English: variant of **Olley** with fused preposition *d'*.

### Dollemore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Dollimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Bucks
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Dollin

**Variants:** **Dollins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Somerset; also Lincs

1 English: See **Dolling**, and compare **Dollen** and **Dowland**.

2 Irish: from Ó **Dubhláin**, see **Dolan**.

### Dolling

**Variants:** **Doling**, **Dowling**, **Dollin**, **Dollen**, **Dowlen**, **Dowlin**, **Dowland**, **Dooling**, **Duling**, **Dulin**, **Dollins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Surrey; Somerset and Devon

English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**dolling*, \**douling*, \**dulling* ‘dull or stupid one’. Compare **Doll**. Post-medieval examples of the name may also have arisen from a late assimilation of *rl* to *ll* in *Dorling*, a variant of **Darling**: Samuel Dorling, 1770, is identical with Samuel Dolling, 1782, in *Parish Registers* (West Stow, Suffolk). Here the pronunciation of the first syllable of *Dolling* may alternatively be with a short *o* like that in modern *doll*.

**Further information:** The *-ow-* in *Dowling*, *Dowlen*, and *Dowland* may be an alternative spelling of the *-oll-* in *Dolling* (rhyming with *rolling*), but it probably also reflects an alternative development of Middle English *-oll-* (late Middle English *-oul-*) to *-ul-*, which became early Modern English [ʌl], rhyming with *owl*. See also **Dowland**.

**Early bearers:** William Dolling, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Dollyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loders, Dorset); William Dollyng, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thomas Dollyng of the Isle of Wyght, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Johannes Dollyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnford, Hants); Johannes Dollyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Exton, Somerset); Margaretta Dollynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts); Rogerus Dullyng’ and Willelmus Dollyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); William Dolling, 1539 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Judith Dowling, 1570 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants); Johane Dowling, 1572 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); John Dowling, 1582 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Dionisia Dolling, 1608 in

*IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Michael Doolynge, 1610 in *IGI* (Peasmore, Berks); Thomas Dolling, 1622 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Isbell Dolling, 1625 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); John Dowlinge, 1649 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks); John Dolling, 1656 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Leticea Dolling, born 1684, probably identical with Letisha Dowlin, married 1715 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

**References:** *English Pronunciation* I, p. 434, and II, §169.

### Dollins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Dollin** (1) with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edwd Dollins, 1734 in *IGI* (Kings Walden, Herts).

### Dollittle

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: See **Doolittle**.

### Dollman

**Variants:** **Doleman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks; Lancs
- English: See **Dolman**.

### Dollond

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Huguenot: locative name, probably French *Dollande*, a variant of the regional name *De Hollande* ‘man from Holland’, brought to Britain by Huguenot refugees.

**Further information:** John Dollond was the son of Protestant refugees from Normandy who came to England shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1585.

**Early bearers:** Izac Dollond, 1709, Jaques Dollond, 1714, Joseph Dollond, 1749 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Dolloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Dellaway**.

### Dollymore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: See **Dallimore**.

### Dolman

**Variants:** **Doleman**, **Dollman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2270, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Wilts
- English: (i) locative name denoting a ‘dweller by the boundary mark’ (compare **Doel**). (ii) nickname for a ‘dull, foolish man’: Richard Dolle (1280 *Assize Rolls* (Somerset)) is regularly called Dolleman in another roll. Compare **Doll**, **Dolling**.

**Early bearers:** William Dolman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Doleman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Doleman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Robertus Dolleman’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ousethorpe, ER Yorks); Johannes Dolman,

## Dolph

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grewelthorpe, WR Yorks); Walter Dolman, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent).

### Dolph

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Delve**, with rounding of the vowel.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dolf, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Dolph, 1682 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Gulielmi Dolph, 1688 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); William Dolph, 1777 in *IGI* (Wicken, Suffolk); Ann Dolph, 1779 in *IGI* (Wicken, Cambs); John Dolph, 1791 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Dolphin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1427, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Worcs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Sligo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dolfin*. It appears to be an Anglo-Scandinavian formation, *Dólǫ́finnr*, but there is disagreement about whether or not this might be a Scandinavianized form of Old French *Delfin* (Latin *Delphinus*).

**Further information:** The surname was taken to Ireland at the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion in the 12th century, and the original bearers of the name settled in Galway. The family became bilingual and the name has sometimes been Gaelicized as **Doilfin**. **Early bearers:** given names: Dolfin, 1100–30 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Dolfin de Cluttun, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (York).

surnames, England: Geoffrey Dolfin, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard Dolfin, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Adam filius Dolfin, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William Duffin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Dolfyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Johannes Dolfyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Johannes Dolphyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Levedale, Staffs); William Dolfyn, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Richard Dolfyne, 1511 in *PROB 11* (Yardley, Worcs); Robert Dolphin, 1606, Dewfine, 1609 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); William Duffin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

surnames, Ireland: Henry Dolfyn, tailor, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2434 (Kilkenny); Walter Dolfin, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Galbwoly, Counties Galway and Roscommon); Moyler Dolfin mcMoyler mcPatr. and Meyler Dolfine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4572 (Galway); Redmund and Patr. Dolfin, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4856 (Rarodda, Galway).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, pp. 225; *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 71–2; *Durham Liber Vitae 2*, p. 219.

### Dolson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks

English: See **Dulson**.

### Dolt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: See **Doult**.

### Dolties

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Unexplained.

### Doltis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Doult** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Dolton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey; Devon
- English: See **Dalton**.

### Domaille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: locative name from Aumale, Seine-Maritime département, France, which is, in semi-latinized form, the source of the English noble title of Albemarle (several creations), with the preposition *de* 'of, from'. There are idiomatic expressions in Jersey French which suggest that *maille* and *male* were sometimes pronounced alike in the Channel Islands. In France itself, Jehan Sire de Rieux, de Rochefort, et d'Ancenis signed himself as Comte d'Aumaille in 1489; a d'Aumaille family is recorded in Normandy in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Guernsey: Thomas Domaille, 1841 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson); Nicholas Domaille, 1853 in *IGI* (Vale); Thomas Domaille, in *Census 1881* (Saint Martin); John Domaille, in *Census 1881* (Saint Sampson).

England: Rachel Tucker Domaille, 1837 in *IGI* (Membury, Devon); Thomas Domaille, 1864 in *IGI* (Walton, Cheshire); William Domaille, 1882 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** <http://nobhist.narod.ru/aumale.html> (accessed 7 June 2012).

### Doman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Hants, and Wilts; Middx

English: occupational name for a judge, from Old English *dōm + mann*, literally 'doom man'. Compare Roger Dememan, 1246 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Wilts), William Deman, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), from Old English *dēma* 'judge'. Compare **Deemer**.

**Early bearers:** John Doman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Wm. Doman, 1589 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Jane Doman, 1614 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Doman, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Wm. Doman, 1714 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

### Domb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, nickname from Polish *dąb* 'oak'.

**Early bearers:** Harris Domb, barber, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Henry Domb, joiner, born in Poland, in *Census 1891*

(Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Barnett Domb, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Domb, coat presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Domb, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Myers Domb, painter and decorator, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Romford, Essex).

2 English: See **Domm**.

### Dome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *dom* 'administering of justice; law; command' (Old English *dōm* 'judgement'), perhaps a nickname for a judge. Compare **Deem**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dome, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Roberto Dome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); John Dome, 1592 in *IGI* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); Daniell Dome, 1603 in *PROB 11* (East Smithfield, Middx); Elizabeth Dome, 1719 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Domelow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: See **Dimelow**.

### Domican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare
- Irish: from Ó Domagáin, see **Dumigan**.

### Domigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Irish: from Ó Domagáin, see **Dumigan**.

### Domine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: See **Dominy**.

### Dominey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also IoW
- English: See **Dominy**.

### Domingo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Spanish: relationship name from the Spanish Christian name based on Latin *Dominicus* meaning 'of the Lord', from *dominus* 'lord, master'.

**Further information:** This name was borne by a Spanish saint (1170–1221) who founded the Dominican order of friars and whose fame added greatly to the popularity of the name, already well established by the 12th century because of its symbolic value.

**Early bearers:** England: Mary Domingo, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edmund Domingo, 1630 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); Gabriel Domingo, 1723

in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joseph Domingo, 1781 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); Manuel Domingo, 1830 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ramon Domingo, seaman, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Anninatigan Domingo, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Scotland: Harve Domingo, trumpeter, 1605 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Robert Domingo, 1866 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

### Dominguez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name (**Domínguez**),

patronymic from the personal name **Domingo**.

**Early bearers:** Luis Dominguez, born in Argentina, in *Census 1891* (London); Vincente Dominguez, born in Argentina, in *Census 1891* (London); Alfredo Dominguez, born in Mexico, in *Census 1901* (Hants); Vicente Luis Dominguez, born in Argentina, in *Census 1911* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

### Domini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Domino*, from Latin *dominus* 'master, lord', also used to mean 'teacher'.

**Early bearers:** Francois Domini, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Guiseppe Domini, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs).

### Dominic

**Variants:** Dominick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: relationship name from the personal name *Dominic(k)* (Latin *dominicus* 'of the Lord'), probably a name given originally to a child born on a Sunday.

**Further information:** The given name was never common in England.

**Early bearers:** Robert Domenyk, citizen and mercer of London, 1390, 1414, probably identical with Robert Domynyk, citizen and mercer of London, 1425 in *Patent Rolls*; William Domnyk of Gyng Abbatisse, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Ingatestone, Essex); Robert Domenyk, 1405 in *London Letter Books I*; William Domynyk, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Joane Domynycke, 1603 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); George Dominic, 1632 in *IGI* (Ditchat, Somerset); Elizabeth Dominick, 1779 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Dominick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Notts; Renfrews; Devon

English: See **Dominic**.

### Dominique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: relationship name from the personal name *Dominique*, a vernacular form of Late Latin *Dominicus* (See **Dominic**, of which it may also be an occasional variant spelling).

**Further information:** Although this is a French name, it was also a frequent handout name amongst slaves in former British colonies, notably Grenada, and the available evidence suggests that, except in the Channel Islands, the family name may have been brought to the UK from the Caribbean rather than from France.

**Early bearers:** England: Tho. Dominique, 1714 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Elizabeth Dominique, 1742 in *IGI* (Piddletrenthide, Dorset); Charles Dominique, 1802 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Dominique Dominique, in *Census 1861* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

Jersey: Aline Dominique, in *Census 1911* (Jersey); Jeanne Dominique, in *Census 1911* (Jersey).

### Dominy

**Variants:** Domoney, Domine, Dominey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Domine, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Stafford, Dorset); James Dominye, 1611 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Amy Dominy, 1624 in *IGI* (Dicheat, Somerset); Edward Dominye, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Nicholas Domini, 1664 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); John Dominey, 1709 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Dominy, 1741 in *IGI* (Iwerne Minster, Dorset); Thirza Domoney, 1806 in *IGI* (Lyndhurst, Hants).

### Dommm

**Variants:** Domb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *domm(e)* 'dumb, mute, speechless' (Old English *dumb*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Domme, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert le Doumbe, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Isabella Dumm, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scale Lane and Beverley Gate, ER Yorks); Willelmus Dom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bucklebury, Berks); Philip Domm, 1840 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Domm, in *Census 1851* (Clifton, Gloucs); Henry Domb, in *Census 1891* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Alfred Domm, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Dommett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Dorset

English: See **Dummett**.

### Domoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: See **Dominy**.

### Domville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon; Kent
- English: See **Dumville**.

### Domville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs Norman, English: See **Dumville**.

### Don

- **Current frequencies:** GB 924, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 670
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth; Middx; Lancs

1 Scottish, English: See **Dunn**.

2 Scottish, English: See **Dun**.

### Donachie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 906, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, see **Donnachie**.

**Early bearers:** Janet Donachie, 1809 in *IGI* (Blantyre, Lanarks); William Donachie, 1811 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Charles Donachie, 1817 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian).

### Donachy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: See **Donnachie**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Donachy, 1806 in *IGI* (Lanarks); Mary Donachy, 1811 in *IGI* (Renfrews).

### Donagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare; Sligo; Donegal

Irish: from Ó Danachair, see **Danaher**.

### Donaghey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 472
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donaghie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donaghue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donaghy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1898, Ireland 2388
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donaher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish: from Ó Danachair, see **Danaher**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is thriving in the USA.

## Donahoe

### Donahoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donahue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Glamorgan
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donald

#### Variants: O'Donald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7086, Ireland 310
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5698
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens, Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Dhomhnaill*, see **McDonald**, from the Gaelic personal name *Domhnall*; found in 13th- and 14th-century Scotland as *Dofnald*, *Douenald*, *Dufenald*, and *Donald*. **Early bearers:** Haket Donald, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kinross); Nans Donald, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexr. Donald, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Donall, 1677 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); John Donnell, 1692 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks); James Donal, 1725 in *IGI* (Lochwinnoch, Renfrews).
- 2 Irish: It may also be a reduced and altered form of Irish **O'Donell**.

### Donaldson

#### Variants: Donalson, Donnison, Donson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12208, Ireland 1203
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down, Armagh, and Antrim

Scottish: relationship name, patronymic ('son of Donald'), from the personal name *Donald*. See also **McDonald**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Donaldi, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Moffat, Dumfriess); Henry Donaldson, 1339–40 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh); Jak Donaldson, 1453 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Cupar Angus, Perth); Patrick Donaldsoun, keeper of the king's wardrobe, 1516 in *Treasurer Accounts*; Petir Donaldsoun, 1575 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Alexr. Donaldson, 1602 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Issobell Donaldsone, 1606 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Raffie Donaldson, 1621 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Jeonat Donaldsune, 1655 in *IGI* (Trinity Gask, Perth).

### Donally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

### Donalson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lanarks; Durham
- Scottish: See **Donaldson**.

### Donat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London
- 1 Scottish: See **Dunnet**.  
2 English: See **Dunnett**.

### Donati

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural from the medieval personal name *Donato* (Latin *Donatus*, past participle of *donare*, frequentative of *dare* 'to give'). Compare Anthony Donato, 1570 in *PROB 11* (City of London). See also **Donat**. **Early bearers:** James, Thorsianus, and Hugh Donati, fellows, citizens, and merchants of Florence, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Dublin, Ireland); Constantine Donati, born in Rome, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Peter Donati, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Costello Donati, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Luigi Donati, in *Census 1881* (Haltwhistle, Northumb); Luigi Donati, 1885 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts).

### Donavan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan and Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Waterford, and Cork
- Irish: from Ó Donnubháin, see **Donovan**.

### Donavon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan and Monmouths
- Irish: from Ó Donnubháin, see **Donovan**.

### Donaway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Dunaway**.

### Donbavand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: See **Dunbavin**.

### Doncaster

#### Variants: Dancaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 481
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts, WR Yorks, and Lancs; also Cambs
- English: locative name from Doncaster (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Laurence de Doncastrie, 1183–99 in *Yorks Charters*; William de Danecastre, 1259 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes Doncastre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas de Doncastre, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard Dancastre, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Hamstead Marshall, Berks); Franncis Doncaster, 1563 in *IGI* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Alyce Donkaster, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Giles

Cripplegate, London); Isabel Doncaster, 1602 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); George Dancaster, 1654 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants); James Doncaster, 1790 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

### Done

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1446, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1026
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Staffs and Shrops
- English: See **Donne**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Done, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Anna Done, 1542 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Anne Done, 1558 in *IGI* (Tarporely, Cheshire); Joane Done, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Done, 1559 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Margery Done, 1561 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Randolle Done, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Saint Albans, Harts).

### Donegan

#### Variants: Donnegan, Donnigan, Donigan, Dunnigan, Doonican, Dunican, Dunnagan, Dunagan, Dunegan, Dungan, Dennigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1410, Ireland 1545
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Meath
- Irish: from Ó Donnagáin 'descendant of *Donnagán*', a personal name from a double diminutive of *donn* 'brown-haired man', which has the transferred sense 'chieftain'. **Early bearers:** Murrogh O'Donichan, yeoman, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6479 (Ballivain); Teige McRorie O'Donigane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Limerick, Clonorge); Donogh and Shane O'Donigane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Ballidonigane); Morogh O'Donegan, priest, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Bellaclare); Sir John Dongane, vicar, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6810 (Dublin).

### Donelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 96
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Offaly and Galway
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

### Donellan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks; also Gloucs
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

### Donelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 688
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

### Donely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

**Doney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 587
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Dawnay**.  
**Early bearers:** John Donie, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Burton Lazars, Leics); Alice Doney, 1601 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Stephanus Doney, 1624 in *IGI* (Quethiok, Cornwall).

**Dong**

Variants: **Dung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- 1 Chinese: a Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 董 and 東, see **Tong** (5) and (6).  
 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).  
 3 Vietnamese: unexplained.

**Donger**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Lincs

English: See **Dunger**.

**Donigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

**Donington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: See **Donnington**.

**Donison**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: See **Donnison**.

**Donkersley**

Variants: **Tankersley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant pronunciation of the Lancs name **Dunkerley**, see **Dunkley**, influenced perhaps through confusion with **Tankersley**.

**Early bearers:** William Dankerley, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Debora Dankersley, 1659 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); John Donkersley, 1706 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Martha Donkersley, 1768 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Donkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1726, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: NE English variant of Scottish **Duncan**.

**Donkor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: circumstance name from Akan *dɔnko* 'slave', a so-called *bagyina* name, given with the intention of warding off repeated infant mortality in line with the West African belief that an unattractive name will prevent the child's underworld mother from accepting the baby.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006), 'The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names'. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–235, at 221, 230.

**Donlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Longford, and Offaly; Clare

Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

**Donlevy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- Irish, Scottish: See **Dunleavy**.

**Donley**

Variants: **Dunley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- 1 Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 29.

2 English: locative name from Dunley in Areley Kings (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Duneleia, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Alfridus de Donnleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Donesleye, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Winterbourne Bassett, Wilts); Johnis Dunley, 1559, Henricus Donley, 1590 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Thos. Donley, 1754 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Edward Dunley, 1765 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Donlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Angus
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

**Donlon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 678
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

**Donn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Lancs
- Scottish, English: See **Dunn**.

**Donnachie**

Variants: **Donachie**, **Dunnachie**, **Donachy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1230, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from the personal name *Donnchadh*; compare Irish **Donoghue**.

**Further information:** Clan Donnachie (*Clann Dhònnchaidh* in Gaelic) is a Scottish clan claiming

descent from Donnchadh Reamhar ('Stout Duncan' in English), a supporter of King Robert I in the early 14th century. The clan is also known as Clan Robertson, after its energetic and able 15th-century chief, Robert Riabhach ('Grizzled Robert') Mac Dhònnchaidh.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Donachie, 1811 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Jean Donnachie, 1826 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr); Mary Donnachy, 1830, James Dunachie, 1865, Francis Dunnachie, 1870 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Donachey, 1855 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); James Dunnachie, 1866 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

England: James Donachy, 1829 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); John William Dunachey, 1878 in *IGI* (Thornhill Lees, WR Yorks).

**Donnally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks and Lancs

Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

**Donnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 541
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Donnáin 'descendant of *Donnán*', a diminutive of *donn* 'brown-haired man', which has the transferred sense 'chieftain'. There has been some confusion with **Doonan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: O'Doonan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6152; Cormock O'Donyne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514; Edmund Neale O'Donnane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539.

Scotland: Isabell Donnand, 1726 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Agnes Donnan, 1798 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Whithorn, Wigtos).

**Donnay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: See **Dunnett**. The following bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Donnay, 1572 in *IGI* (Fotherby, Lincs); Cornelius Donay, 1773 in *IGI* (Deopham, Norfolk); Sarah Donay, 1798 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 Huguenot: relationship name, anglicized spelling of French **Donné**, from the Old French personal name *Donnet* (Latin *Donatus*). Compare **Dunnett**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Donnay, 1681 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Donne**

Variants: **Done**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Middx
- English: See **Dunn**.

**Donnegan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

## Donnell

### Donnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1855, Ireland 778
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 307
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Domhnaill or Mac Domhnaill, see **O'Donnell, McDonnell**.

### Donnellan

Variants: **Donnellon, Donelan, Donellan, Donlan, Donlon, Donlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 1472
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin ‘descendant of Domhnallán’, a diminutive of the personal name Domhnall.
- Early bearers:** Flanan O'Donallan, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §620; Gyllernowe O'Donelane, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1549 (Dublin); Shane more O'Donelane, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3718 (Tynaught, Galway); Twole mcMoriertagh O'Donelane, gent., 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3720 (Lisnesyele, Galway); Rich. O'Donelane, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4030; Conoghor O'Donelane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4587 (Mayo); Shane O'Donnellan, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4687 (Ballydonelan, Galway); Gillernew O'Donnellane, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4662 (Leydery, Galway); Edmund and Ferdorogh O'Donnellan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4662 (Leydery, Galway); Donnell mcRory O'Donnellan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5435 (the Clogher, Galway); Rose ny Donelane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5613 (Cnockana, Galway); Margaret nine Donelane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577; Cormock O'Donelane, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6658 (Castlereogh, Longford).

### Donnelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

### Donnellon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Domhnalláin, see **Donnellan**.

### Donnelly

Variants: **Donnelly, Donelly, Donely, Donally, Donley, Donnelley, Donnolly, Donnally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15735, Ireland 10504
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3754
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Donnghaile ‘descendant of *Donnghal*’, a personal name from *donn* ‘brown-haired man’, which in Irish has the transferred sense ‘chieftain’, + *gal* ‘valour’.

**Early bearers:** Tho. O'Donylley, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2724; Ennes O'Donylley, husbandman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §947 (Cloencest, King's county [Offaly]); Thomas O'Donylley, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2724; Hugh O'Donellye, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4395 (Balliderny); Hugh O'Donylley, 1591 in *Fiants*

*Elizabeth* §5603; James oge O'Donnylly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth*, §5603; Patrick O'Donnylly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603.

### Donnelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 462
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

### Donner

Variants: **Dunner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *donour* ‘giver, granter’.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Donur, 1267 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Geoffrey le Doneur, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* Simon le Donnere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Maud Donner, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Jacobi Donner, 1577 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Donner, 1602 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs).

### Donnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife
- Scottish: See **Dunnet**.

### Donnett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dorset and Somerset; Yorks and Notts; Fife
- 1 English: See **Dunnett**.  
2 Scottish: See **Dunnet**.

### Donnigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

### Donnington

Variants: **Donington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Donington (Lincs, Shrops), Donington on Bain (Lincs), Donington le Heath, Castle Donington (Leics), or Donnington (Berks, Gloucs, Herefs, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Donyngton, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Donington, Lincs); Ricardo de Donyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hungarton, Leics); Johannes de Donyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); John Donyngton, warden of saint Olave in Old Jewry, London, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* Elizabeth Donyngton or Donyngton, 1541 in *PROB 11*; Richard Donnington, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Wallingford, Berks); Thomas Donington, 1628 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ann Donnington, 1727 in *IGI* (Dalby, Lincs); George Donington, 1762 in *IGI* (Ingoldmells, Lincs).

### Donnison

Variants: **Donison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: possibly a local variant of **Donaldson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Donneson', 1379 in *Poll Tax*; Gawen Donyson, 1554 in *PROB 11*; Henry Donnison, 1684 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb); William Donnison, 1713 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Donnithorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Dennithorne in Whitchurch (Devon), recorded as *Donethorn* in 1327, *Donnethorne* in 1380.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Danathorne, William Donathorne, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sampford Spiney, Devon); Agnes Donnathorne 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); Georgius Downthorne, 1644 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Edwardus Donithorne, 1663 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Georgius Dunithorne, 1703 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall).

### Donno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- French, Huguenot: See **Dono**.

### Donnolly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish: from Ó Donnghaile, see **Donnelly**.

### Donnovan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Irish: Ó Donnubháin, see **Donovan**.

### Dono

Variants: **Donno**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Cheshire

French, Huguenot: possibly a respelling of French **Donnot** (or its variant **Donneau**), a pet form of the personal name *Donat*, *Donnet*, from Latin *Donatus*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques Dono, 1702 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Mouyse Dono, 1707, Alexandre Dono, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx); Jacque Dono, 1735, Anne Dono, 1741 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

Other: Margery Donno, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Valentine Donno, 1778 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Dono, 1820 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Thomas Dono, 1836 in *IGI* (Foleshill, Warwicks); Thomas Dono, 1869 in *IGI* (Penkhull, Staffs); John Tdeo. Dono, in *Census 1881* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); William Dono, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); George Henry Dono, in *Census 1881* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Ino. Donno, silk weaver, in *Census 1881* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Donoghue

Variants: **Donohue, Donaghue, Donahue, Donaghy, Donaghey, O'Donoghue, Donahoe, Donohoo**,



**Donoghue, Donohoe, Donough, O'Donoghue, Donaghie, Donnachie, Donachie, Donachy**

- Current frequencies: GB 4028, Ireland 2249
- GB frequency 1881: 989
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; Galway

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha ‘descendant of Donnchadh’, a personal name (sometimes anglicized as *Duncan*, especially in Scotland), based on *donn* ‘brown-haired man’ (which has the transferred sense ‘chieftain’) + *cath* ‘battle’.

**Early bearers:** Cuduiligh Ua Donnchadha, royal heir of Cashel, 1038 in *AU*; Macraith Ua Donnchadha, king of Eoghanacht, 1042 in *AU*; Dungal Ua Donnchadha, king of the Eoganacht of Cashel, 1057 in *AU*; Thomas Donnoghe, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4168; More ny Vreyne ny Donoghe, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4168; Orna ny Shane I Donogho, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4733; Shilie nie Fynine I Donoghoe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4764; Conghour mcRory I Donoghawe, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5412.

### Donohoe

- Current frequencies: GB 1761, Ireland 2516
- GB frequency 1881: 414
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Cork and Kerry; Galway; Cavan

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donohoo

- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Herts

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Donohue

- Current frequencies: GB 1636, Ireland 1237
- GB frequency 1881: 688
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London; Glamorgan
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick, Cork, and Waterford

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donough

- GB frequency 1881: 165
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donoghue

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 99
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

### Donovan

**Variants:** O'Donovan, Donavan, Donavon, Donnovan, Denovan, O'Donovan

- Current frequencies: GB 8008, Ireland 2749
- GB frequency 1881: 4727
- Main GB location 1881: London; Glamorgan and Monmouths; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

Irish: Ó Donnubháin ‘descendant of *Donndubhán*’, a personal name from *donn* ‘brown-haired man’

(which has the transferred sense ‘chieftain’) + *dubh* ‘black’ + the diminutive suffix *-án*.

**Early bearers:** Crohoure O'Donovan, husbandman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1043; Cahill O'Doniwane, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3033; Cornelius McTeige O'Donevan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3036 (Cloghtradevally); Conoghor McDermod Y Donevan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Iniskine); Donell roe McConoghor O'Donevane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Castledonevan).

### Donson

- Current frequencies: GB 277, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 166
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and Notts

1 English: reduced form of **Donaldson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Donson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Settrington, ER Yorks); James Donson, 1604 in *IGI* (Doddington, Lincs); John Donson, 1774 in *IGI* (Langford, Notts).

2 Huguenot: locative name denoting someone from (French *d(e)*) Ansan (Gers).

**Early bearers:** Jean Donson, 1632 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Pierre Donson, 1634 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Ester Donson, 1656 *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Donsworth

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: variant of **Dungworth**.

### Doo

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

1 English: probably a variant of **Dew**.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus Doo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); Johanne Doo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lockinge, Berks); Thomas Doo, 1472 in *PROB 11* (Enfield, Middx); John Doo, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Lockinge, Berks); Robert Doo, 1541 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); John Doo or Dooe, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Lockinge, Berks); Willms Doo, 1560 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Jonathan Doo, 1663 in *IGI* (Wethersfield, Essex); Mary Doo, 1793 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Chinese: variant of **Du**, see **To**.

### Doocoy

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Waterford

Irish: from Ó Dubhghusa, see **Ducie**.

### Doodson

- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 269
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: perhaps a variant of **Dodson**. Compare

**Dootson**.

**Early bearers:** Elline Doodson, 1573 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Adam Doodson, 1619 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Jacobus Doodson, 1731 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Doody

**Variants:** Dowdy, Duddy, Dodd

- Current frequencies: GB 1198, Ireland 874

- GB frequency 1881: 530
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick, Kerry, and Cork

1 Irish: from Ó Dubhda, see **Dowd**. There may also have been some confusion with the English name **Dowdy**.

**Early bearers:** Donald O'Dowdy, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Kilviehill); Donoghoe McEdmund O'Dowddy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781.

2 English: See **Dowdy**.

### Dooley

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 57
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Derry; Waterford

1 Irish: from Ó Dubhthaigh, see **Duffy**.

2 English: See **Dewey**.

### Doogan

- Current frequencies: GB 649, Ireland 376
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Donegal

Irish: See **Duggan**.

### Doogue

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Laois

Irish: unexplained.

### Doohan

**Variants:** Doughan

- Current frequencies: GB 305, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal; Mayo

Irish: (i) from Ó Duacháin, ‘descendant of *Duachán*’, a diminutive form of the early personal name *Duí* or *Duach*. This is a Donegal surname. (ii) or from Ó Dubhchon, ‘descendant of *Dubhchú*’, a personal name meaning ‘black hound’. Forms of the two are not now distinguishable.

**Early bearers:** Shane O Doghwyne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5448 (Ballinsmale, Clare); Wm. oge O Doughen, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6432 (Kilkenny); Teige and Dermod mcPhilip O Doghan, and Donogh O Doghen, yeomen, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6440 (Brownstowne, Tipperary).

### Doohar

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 85
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo

Irish: from Ó Dubhchair ‘descendant of *Dubhchar*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *cara* ‘dear’.

**Early bearers:** Wm O Dougher, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2057 (Ballincowdihie, Kildare); Donogh O Dogher mcTeige, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6647 (Tinterne, Wexford).

### Dook

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 82

## Dooks

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- English: See **Duke**.

### Dooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: See **Dukes**.

### Dool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 Irish: from Ó Dubhghaill, see **Doyle**.  
2 English: See **Doel**.

### Doolan

Variants: **Doolin, Dooling, Doolen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1785, Ireland 833
- **GB frequency 1881:** 587
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois; also Kildare and Offaly

1 Irish: (i) from Ó Dubhláin ‘descendant of *Dubhshlán*’, a given name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *slán* ‘challenge’. See **Dolan**. (ii) from Ó Dubhlainn ‘descendant of *Dubhflann*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *flann* ‘blood-coloured, red’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dullane, labourer, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §237 (Johnston, Kildare); Derbe O’Dullane, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897 (Cloneburren, Laois); David mcThomas O’Doolen, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2276 (Twlavallogh); John O’Duollan, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2304; Brian O’Dullyn, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2428 (Bellanementan); Donald mcThomas O’Dullyn, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2634; Donogh roe O’Dullean, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3547 (Bowry, Limerick); Edmund O’Dulluin, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4694 (Neageghe, Tipperary); Gillernow O’Doolan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6450 (Bellacorcky, Westmeath).

2 Irish: from Ó Dúnlaing, see **Dowling**.

### Doole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 147
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Irish: from Ó Dubhghaill, see **Doyle**.

### Doolen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Dubhshláin or Ó Dubhlainn, see **Doolan**.

### Dooler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: See **Dowler**.

### Dooley

Variants: **Dowley, Dooly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4012, Ireland 3112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1840
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Kilkenny, Offaly, and Galway

Irish: from Ó Dubhlaioich ‘descendant of *Dubhlaoch*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ (See **Duff**) + *laoch* ‘warrior, hero’.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Dowley, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Butleris Grandge, Carlow); John Dowley, yeoman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); John fitz James O’Dowely, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1866; Thomas O’Duolly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3923 (Ardmore Waterford); Philip mcMelaghlin O’Doule, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4163 (Clonmore); Shane mcMelaghlin O’Doule, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4163 (Clonmore); Owen mcTeig mcDonell Dowlige, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4576 (Kilhigtercowe); Dermot O’Dulye, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Ballewickvory); John O’Dully, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539.

### Doolin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Laois, and Offaly

Irish: See **Doolan**.

### Dooling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- 1 English: See **Dolling** and compare **Duling**.

2 Irish: See **Dolan** and compare **Dowling** (2).

**Early bearers:** Laurence Dooling, 1780 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Doolittle

Variants: **Dollittle, Dolittle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs

English: nickname for an idler.

**Further information:** one Molly Dolittle (born about 1900) deliberately changed her name to De Little.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Dolitel, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland), 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Walter Dolittle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Do Littell, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Juliana Dolutel, Dolute, 1272–1307 in *Malmesbury Register*; Walter Dolittill, 1326 in *Patent Rolls*; William Dolityl, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Doolittle, 1550 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Dolittle, 1665 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

### Dooly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Dubhlaioich, see **Dooley**.

### Doona

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Dúna* ‘of the fort’, an epithet of a branch of the O’Sullivans.

### Doonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 390
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Dúnáin, from *Dúnán*, a personal name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Gullyriough O’Dunnye, husbandman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Ahirlyveg); Donald O’Dunye, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6170; Donell McDonogh O’Dunnyn, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762.

### Doone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Irish: from Ó Dubháin, see **Duane**.

### Dooner

Variants: **Downer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Dúnabhra, Ó Donnabhair ‘descendant of *Dúnabhra*’, a personal name based on *donn* ‘brown’ + *abhra* ‘eyebrow’.

**Early bearers:** Giolla na naemh Ua Dúnabhra, professor of Connacht, 1101 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Marian Ó Donnabhair, 1297 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Murcho O Donowre, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4073 (Clonfinlagh, Roscommon); Derby Donnor and Teige O’Donnor, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5461 (Myllton, Tipperary); Cormack O Downever, scholar, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5888 (Cloyninglaghe, Roscommon); Dominic Dooner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford).

### Dooney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo
- Irish: See **Downey**.

### Doonican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Irish: Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

### Door

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dore**.

### Doorbar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: See **Durber**.

### Doore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: See **Dore**.

**Doorley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from Ó Dubhurthuille, see **Durley**.

**Dootson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dutson**.

**Dopson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, Berks, and Middx

English: variant of **Dobson** with devoicing of *-b-* to *-p-* before *-s-*.

**Doran**

**Variants:** Dorans, Dorran, Dorrian, Dorian, Duran, Durran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6758, Ireland 5209

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2476

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down; Wexford and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Deoradháin ‘descendant of *Deoradhán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *deoradh* ‘pilgrim, stranger, exile’. See **McAdorey** and **Mackinder**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Dorehan, clerk, rector, 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §342 (Ardmulkan, Meath); Thady O’Doran, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §347 (Tullohegarty, Kildare); Conor O’Dorane, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §547; Arthur O’Doran, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §124; John and Magonius O’Doran, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §124; Walter O’Doran, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Malaghlen O’Doran, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §754 (Knockeston); Kahier O’Dowrane, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1113 (Temockoe, Laois); Connor O’Dowran, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Chapple, Wexford); Gilligroma O’Durinn, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655.

**Dorans**

**Variants:** Dorrans, Dorrance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish, Scottish: variant of **Doran** with excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Dorrans, 1826 in *IGI* (Inch, Wigtowns); Hugh Dorrans, 1848 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Daniel Dorrance, 1849 in *IGI* (Cardross, Dunbartons).

England: Thomas Dorans, 1701 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Eliz Dorrance, 1725 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs).

**Dorant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Norman, English: See **Durrant**.

**Dorcas**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Middx

Irish: adopted for Ó Dorchaidhe or **Mac Dhorchaidh**, ‘descendant (or son) of *Dorchadh*’, a personal name based on *dorcha* ‘dark’. Compare **Darkey**.

**Further information:** The surname has been assimilated to the New Testament Greek female given name *Dorcas*, which is from a Greek word meaning ‘doe or gazelle’, equivalent to Aramaic *Tabitha*.

**Dorcey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Irish: from Ó Dorchaidhe or **Mac Dhorchaidh**, see **Darkey** and **McGourty**.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Dorcey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Galbally, Limerick); Peter Dorcy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim).

2 French, English: See **Dorsey**.

**Dorchester**

**Variants:** Dossetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Berks

English: locative name from either of two places called Dorchester (Oxon, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Dorkecestre, Ricardo de Dorceste, Thoma Dorceste, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); John de Dorcestre, 1312 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Dorchestre of Dorset, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Johanne Dorchestre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); William Dorcestre, 1415 in *PROB 11* (Dover, Kent); John Dossetyr, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Dorcetor alias Dossytor, 1568 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert Dorchester, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Chard, Somerset); John Dorchester, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Allcannings, Wilts); John Dosseter, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Buckford, Beds); Annise Dossetter, 1658 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); John Dorchister, 1711 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); John Dossitter, 1739 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

**Dore**

**Variants:** Doore, Door, Doar, Dower, Dorr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2100, Ireland 438

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1566

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; Oxon; Middx

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dore*,

*dorre* ‘bee, hornet, buzzing insect’ (Old English *dora*). Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Aluuard Dore, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Martin Dore, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Walter Dore, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Adam le Dore, William Dore 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Roger Dore, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset, Oxon); Hamo Door, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johannes Dor’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johannes Dore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rettendon, Essex); Roger Dore, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Boxley, Kent); Robert Doore alias Sadlar or Dore, 1503 in *PROB 11*.

2 English: locative name from Dore (Derbys) or Abbey Dore (Herefs), or topographic name for someone who lived ‘(at the) gate(way) or door(way)’, Middle English *dor(e)* (Old English *dor*).

**Early bearers:** John de Dore, 1255 in *Kökeritz*, IoW p. 240; Roger ate Dore, 1346 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Herts);

Thomas de Dore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kimberworth, WR Yorks); Richard Dore, 1551 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Rich Dore, 1559 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); George Dore, 1563 in *IGI* (Grotton, Suffolk); Henry Dore, 1564 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); John Dore, 1567 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

3 Irish: from Ó Doghair ‘descendant of *Doghar*’, a personal name meaning ‘sadness’. Possibly also a shortened form of Ó Doraidh, see **Durey**, **Dorey**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. mcConnor O’Doyre, kern, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3543 (Kilmecry, Kilkenny); Melaughlin duff O’Dore, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4933 (the Feart, Kilkenny); Grany ny Doyre, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Ballicormick, Tipperary); Morryn ny Doyre, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519; Teige O’Doyre, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6704 (Furmoilie); Philip Doyre, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6727 (Ballyeclymuck, Wexford).

4 Norman, Irish: alternatively, perhaps, from **de hÓir** or **de hÓra**, a surname of Norman origin. See **Hoare**.

**Early bearers:** William Dorre alias Baker, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3497 (Catherlagh).

**Doree**

**Variants:** Dorey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, Huguenot: respelling of French **Doré**, from Old French *doré* ‘gilded, golden’, probably used as a nickname for a gilder or someone with flaxen hair. Compare **Dorey**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Andre Doree, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Michel Doree, 1693 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); David Doree, 1699 in *IGI* (Artillery, London); Pierre Doree, 1703 in *IGI* (Artillery, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Dorell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: See **Dorrell**.

**Dorey**

**Variants:** Dory, Doree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1152, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1027

- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey; Dorset and Hants

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: nickname from Middle English *dorre*, *dori* ‘golden’ (Old French *doré*), probably for someone with flaxen hair. Compare **Doree**. As a noun the term denoted the fish now known as the John dorey, a golden-coloured brocade, and a yellow sauce or glaze, any of which senses could have contributed to the family name.

**Early bearers:** England: Fulco Dory, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Dorey, 1314 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Dory, 1492 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Old Jewry, London); Andrew Doreye, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Doree, 1572 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Lennard Doree, 1591 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Peter Dory, 1600 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).

## Dorgan

Channel Islands: Alfred Ogier Dorey, 1855 in *IGI* (Vale, Guernsey); Alice Jane Dorey, 1862 in *IGI* (Castel, Jersey); John Dorey, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Mary Ann Dorey, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

### Dorgan

Variants: **Dargan, Durgan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 565
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó **Deargáin** ‘descendant of *Deargán*’, a byname based on a diminutive of *dearg* ‘red’.

**Early bearers:** William Fitz Gerod alias Doroghan, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4108 (Kilcroyn); Walter O’Dorchane, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477; Teige M’Isaock alias Dorroghane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617 (Carrygchurradane).

### Dorian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; SW Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Down
- Irish: from Ó **Deoradháin**, see **Doran**.

### Doring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Doring*, Old English *Deōring*, a variant of *Deōring* (See **Dearing**). (ii) alternatively a variant of **During**. **Early bearers:** Barbara Doring, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Doring, 1704 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Martha Doring, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Dorington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Dorrington**.

### Doris

Variants: **Dorris, Durose, Duris, Duross**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 212
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from Ó **Dubhruis** (earlier Ó **Dubhrosa**), ‘descendant of *Dubhros*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *ros* ‘wood’.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dowrishe, esquire, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5297.

### Dorkin

Variants: **Dorkins, Dorking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks; also E Anglia, Essex, and London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Dorkin*, a pet form of Old English *Deōr*, a variant of *Deōr* with a shift of stress in the diphthong. It may have been interchangeable with its twin form **Derkin**, also **Darkin**.

**Early bearers:** John Dorkyn, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Wratting, Suffolk); William Dorkyn of Ixworth, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Dorkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bretton, WR Yorks); Richard Dorkin, 1539 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Richard Dorkin, 1567 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Dorkin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Joseph Dorking, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Dorkins, 1739, Samuel Dorkin, 1744, Samuel Dorking, 1754 in *IGI* (Southminster, Essex).

2 English: alternatively a modern spelling of **Dawkin**, a well attested surname in WR Yorks and Durham, and in Essex, where *Dorkin* and *Dorking* also all occur. The change in pronunciation, by which /r/ was lost before a consonant, is not generally known before the 19th century, so the 1763 example may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Dorkin, 1763 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

3 English: See **Dorking**.

### Dorking

Variants: **Dorkings, Dorkin, Derkin, Darkin, Darkings, Darkins, Dorkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Surrey

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Dorkin**, either from Middle English *Dorkin* or as a mid-18th- and 19th-century spelling of *Dawkin(g)*. Compare Jacob Dawking, 1802 in *IGI* (Sheering, Essex).

2 English: locative name from Dorking (Surrey). This name may have survived as *Dorkin*, *Dorkings*, and *Derkin*, but more commonly as *Darkin* and *Darkings*; See **Darkin** (2).

**Early bearers:** Renilla de Dorking, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de Dorkyng, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Dorkyngge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); Joseph Dorking, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Dorking, 1754 in *IGI* (Southminster, Essex).

### Dorkings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

1 English: See **Dorkins**.

2 English: variant of **Dorking** (2) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Dorkins

Variants: **Dorkings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Essex

English: variant of **Dorkin** or **Dorking** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Dorkins, 1739 in *IGI* (Southminster, Essex); Anthony Jacob Dorkins, 1767 in *IGI* (Little Bealings, Suffolk); Daniel Dorkings, 1790 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); John Dorkings, 1798 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Eleanor Dorkings, 1805 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Dorling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 811, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 505
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: See **Darling**.

2 English: See **Dawling**.

### Dormady

Variants: **Dermody**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó **Diarmada**, see **Dermody**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dorman

Variants: **Dormand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1557, Ireland 341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 951
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Middx and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: See **Dearman**.

**Further information:** This name has been established since the 17th century in Ireland.

### Dormand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Dorman** with excrescent -d.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dormand, 1705 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); George Dormand, 1778 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

### Dormer

Variants: **Dearman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1230, Ireland 120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; also Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 Norman, English: nickname from French *dormeur* ‘sleeper, sluggard’.

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Baron Dormer since 1615.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Dormour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henricus Dormour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Willelmus Dormire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Geoffrey Dormer, 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Geoffrey, Michael, Peter, Edward, William, and Thomas Dormer, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Dormer, 1506 in *PROB 11* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Gabriell Dormor, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Quaynton, Bucks); Alce Dormar, 1569 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtney, Berks).

2 Irish: from Ó **Díorma**, see Ó **Duibhthíormaigh** ‘descendant of *Duibhthíormach*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *díormach* ‘trooper’.

**Early bearers:** Peter Dormer, gent., clerk of court, prothonotary, keeper of writs and records, and clerk of the crown and peace within the liberties and counties of Carlow, Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and the cross of the same, also, clerk of the peace and of assizes in the same counties, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §142 (Kilkenny); William Dormer, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §868; Peter Dormer, gent., clerk of the peace, clerk of the crown, clerk of assizes, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1254 (Kilkenny).

### Dormon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: See **Dearman**.

### Dorn

Variants: **Dorne, Durn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Gloucs; also Durham; Lincs

1 English: locative name from Dorn in Blockley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Dorne, 1281 in *Eynsham Cartulary*; Johannes Dorne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs); Henricus Dorne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Campden, Gloucs); Johanne Dorne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Dorn, 1644 in *IGI* (Royal Leamington Spa, Warwicks); Damaris Dorn, 1673 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 99.

2 English: See **Thorn**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Dorne alias Thorne, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Buckingham, Bucks).

### Dornan

Variants: **Durnan, Durnin, Dornin, Durning, Dorning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 556
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Louth

Irish: from Ó Dornáin (E Ulster form), Ó Doirnín, or Ó Duirnín ‘descendant of *Dornán*’, a byname apparently based on a diminutive of *dorn* ‘fist’. See also **Cuffe**.

**Early bearers:** Nele O’Dornine 1591–92 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5716; Gilleduffe O’Dornan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145; Gillegrome O’Dornan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145; Morris O’Dornane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521; Henry O’Dornan 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### Dorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kent and Middx

1 English: See **Dorn**.

2 English: See **Durn**.

### Dorney

Variants: **Durney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 286
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Gloucs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Doirinne ‘descendant of *Doireann*’, a female personal name meaning ‘sullen’.

**Early bearers:** John O’Dorryny, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1056 (Michelton); Thomas O’Dorryny, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247 (Carrigyvrick).

2 Scottish: See **Dernie**.

### Dornford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Glamorgan
- English: See **Durnford**.

### Dornin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Doirnín, see **Dornan**.

### Dorning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Irish: from Ó Doirnín, see **Dornan**.

### Dorothy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: from the female personal name *Dorothy*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dorothy, 1640 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Gulihelmus Dorothy, 1657 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Elizabeth Dorothy, 1736 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Arthur Dorothy, 1738 in *IGI* (Morchard Bishop, Devon); Amy Dorothea, 1751 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Ellison Dorothy, 1760 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

2 Irish: variant (by folk etymology) of **Dorrity**, see **Doherty**.

**Further information:** IGI also has O Dorothie, 1674 in Derry; John Dorethy, 1865 in Cork; John Dorrothy, 1866 in Enniskillen, Fermanagh.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Doroty, 1602 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Dorow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German (under Slavic influence): locative name from Dorow (Pomerania).

**Early bearers:** William Dorow, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Karl Dorow, in *Census 1891* (London); Wilhelm Dorow, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Charles Fredrick Dorow, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Dorr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx

1 English: probably a variant of **Dore**.

**Early bearers:** Hericus Dorr, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Godfrey Dorr, 1649 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); William Dorr, 1705 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs); Mary Dorr, 1792 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

2 Irish: See **Durr**.

### Dorran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Deoradháin, see **Doran**.

### Dorrance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: See **Dorans**.

### Dorrans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Stirlings
- Scottish: See **Dorans**.

### Dorrat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Midlothian
- Scottish: See **Dorward**. There has been some confusion with English **Derrett** and its variants. **Early bearers:** Isabel Durat, 1643 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Dorrat, 1651 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus); Alexr. Dorat, 1659, Margt. Dorrett, 1741 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Norman Durret, 1694 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Dorrot, 1727 in *IGI* (Creich, Fife); Charles Dorrett, 1739 in *IGI* (Cockpen, Midlothian).

### Dorrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: See **Dorrell**.

### Dorrell

Variants: **Dorell, Dorrel, Durrell, Durrel, Durell, Durel, Dural, Durall, Darell, Darrell, Darell, Darrall, Dayrell, Dearle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs

Norman, English: locative name from Airelle (Calvados), with fused preposition *d(e)* ‘from’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Arel, 1166 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Marmaduc Darel, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Darel(l), Dairel(l), 1204–5 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Henry de Ayrel, Dayrel, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Johannes Darell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Symone Darell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Johannes Durel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Willelmus Dorel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alby, Norfolk); Rogerus Darel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rettondon, Essex); Matilda Dorel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Roger Dayrell, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent, Sussex); Paule Dayrell or Darrell, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Lillingstone Dayrell, Bucks); Margaret Darrell, 1685 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robart Darrall, 1699 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops).

### Dorrett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Kent
- English: See **Derrett**.

### Dorrian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 524
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Deoradháin, see **Doran**.

### Dorricott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: apparently a variant of **Darracott**.

### Dorriety

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Irish, Scottish: See **Dorrity**.

## Dorrington

**Further information:** This form is not found in Ireland and rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Dorrington

**Variants:** Dorington, Durrington, Derrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1554, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 915
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from one or more of several places with a similar range of medieval forms, including Durrington (Sussex), which is recorded as *Derentune* in 1086, *Duringtone* in 1219, Dorrington in Woore (Shrops), recorded as *Derintune* in 1086, *Dorynton* in 1334, Derrington in Ditton Priors (also Shrops), recorded as *Derinton* in 1255–6, *Durrinton* in about 1275, Durrington (Wilts), recorded as *Derintone* in 1086, *Dorington* in 1281, and Dorrington (Lincs), recorded as *Derintone* in 1086, *Diringhton* in 1185. These place-names all mean ‘farmstead associated with a man called Dēor(a)’, from an Old English personal name *Dēora* or *Dēor* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** SE England: Pho de Dorington, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Durrington, Sussex); Joan Dorrington, 1549 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Mashbury, Essex); Margaret Dorrington, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Chislet, Kent); John Dorrington, 1583 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); John Dorrington, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Holborn, Middx); Jo. Dorrington, 1628 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

W Midlands: William de Dorinton, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Elyas de Deoritone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); John de Duryngton, Richard de Duryngton, William de Duryngton, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops and Staffs); Richard de Deryngton, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Derrington in Ditton Priors, Shrops); Radulfus de Derynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorrington, Shrops); John Derynton, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs and Shrops); Richard Doryngton, 1486 in *TNA* (Shalford, Staffs); Robert Doryngton, 1523 in *PROB 11* (Stafford, Staffs); Thomas Dorrington, 1581 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard Derrington, 1590 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Robert Derrington, 1663 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Beardmore Derrington, 1755 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); William Derrington, 1799 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

E Midlands: Walter de Dyringtone, 1184 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Roberto de Dirintun, about 1200 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Dyrington, vicar of Tetney, 1377 in *Lincoln Clerical Poll Taxes* (Lincs); Thomas Dorrington, 1582 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

SW England: Robert de Duryntone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Alicia Duryngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Peter Doryngton, 1538 in *TNA* (Wellington, Somerset); Abigale Durrington, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Lacock, Wilts); George Dorrington, 1705 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

N England: Stephen de Derington, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 195–6; *Place-Names of Shrops 1*, pp. 111–12; 3, p. 134; 5, p. 291; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 364–5; *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 38–9.

### Dorris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Dubhruis, see **Doris**.

### Dorritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Derrett**.

**Early bearers:** Dorcas Doret, 1578 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); James Dorritt, 1587 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); John Dorrett, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Dorrett, 1775 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Dorrity

**Variants:** Dorriety, Dorothy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Renfrews, Roxburghs, and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from Ó Dochartaigh, see **Doherty**.

**Early bearers:** James Dorrity, in *Census 1881* (Down); William Dorrity, 1861 in *IGI* (Berwicks).

### Dorset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: See **Dorsett**.

### Dorsett

**Variants:** Dorset, Dossett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Oxon; Shrops and Staffs

English: locative name from Dorset.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Dorset, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Dorsete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Highworth, Wilts); William de Derset, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Rock, Worcs); William Darset, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Shiplake, Oxon); Jone Dossett, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Martha Dorsett or Dorsette, 1581 in *PROB 11*; Ralph Dossett, 1602 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Joseph Dorsett, 1701 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Sarah Dorsit, 1745 in *IGI* (Preston upon the Weald Moors, Shrops).

### Dorsey

**Variants:** Dorcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

French, English: locative name from Orsay (Seine-et-Orne) or Orçay (Loire-et-Cher).

**Early bearers:** Mary Dorsey, 1583 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Dorsey, 1666 in *IGI* (Millington, ER Yorks); Robert Dorsey, 1711 in *IGI* (Warter, ER Yorks).

### Dorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Essex
- English: locative name from Dorton (Bucks), which is recorded as *Durton* in 1313.

**Early bearers:** William de Dorton, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Roheisia de Dorton, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Warwicks); John de Dorton, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Durton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Nycolas Dorton, 1560 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); William Dorton, 1619 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Sally Dorton, 1782 in *IGI* (Esher, Surrey).

### Dorville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: See **Darvill**.

### Dorward

**Variants:** Durward, Dorwood, Darwood, Dorrat, Durrad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 547
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife
- Scottish, English: occupational name from Older Scots, Middle English *dor(e)ward* ‘doorkeeper, porter’ (Old English *duru-weard*). In Scotland in the Middle Ages the office of doorward to the king, *Hostiarius regis*, was hereditary.

**Further information:** The surname *Dorward*, still common around Arbroath, is probably from the office of doorward of the Abbey. The 13th-century royal ushers or doorwards of Scotland were based at Lundie in Angus.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Durward, 1478 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); John Dureward, 1508 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas Durvart, 1511 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); Christiane Doreward, 1609, Margrat Dorwood, 1777 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Durart, 1620 in *Urie Court Book* (Kincardines); John Doreward, 1626 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Elisabeth Dorward, 1679 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus); George Durrat, 1724 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); John Dorrat, burgess, 1753 in *Brechin Testaments* (Brechin, Angus).

England: Reiner Dureward, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William Doreward, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard le Doreward, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph Doreward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bocking, Essex); Henricus Dureward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Johannes Doreward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stisted, Essex); John Doreward, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Robert Doreward, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Rich. Darwood, 1618 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks); John Darwood, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Margreta Dorwood, 1651 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Richard Darwood, 1671 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

### Dorwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- Scottish: variant of **Dorward**.

### Dory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: See **Dorey**.

### Dosanjh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1314, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Doshi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): occupational name, Hindu and Jain, from Persian *dush* 'shoulder' + the agent suffix *-ī*, denoting a hawkier selling cloth (because the cloth was carried over the shoulder).

**Dos Santos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Portuguese, Galician: relationship name from a common element of personal names, literally 'of the saints', denoting a child born or baptized on All Saints' Day.

**Early bearers:** Edwin dos Santos, 1831 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey); Valentine Marceline dos Santos, 1832 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Maguiel Antonio Dos Santos, 1856 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Manuel Dos Santos, born in Portugal, in *Census 1861* (Derbys); Marcellina Dos Santos, born in Brazil, in *Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Peter Dos Santos, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Alfredo Dos Santos, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Northumb).

**Dosser****Variants: Dossor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Suffolk

English: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *dossen* 'to push with the horns, butt, toss, gore', perhaps denoting a bellicose man.

**Early bearers:** William le Dosser, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Gilbert le Dosser, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John le Dossere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edus Dossere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Simon Doser, citizen and saddler of London, 1390, probably identical with Simon Dosser, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dosser, 1620 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Dossor, 1777 in *IGI* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks); Henery Dosser, 1782 in *IGI* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks).

**Dossett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Bucks
- English: See **Dorsett**.

**Dossetter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Dorchester**.

**Dossor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: See **Dosser**.

**Doswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: late variant of **Dowdeswell**.

**Dotchin****Variants: Dotchon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: perhaps a variant of **Dudgeon**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Dotshon or Dorshon, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Winterborne, Wilts); Ann Dotcheon, 1594 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Thomas Dotchen, 1605 in *PROB 11* (University of Oxford, Oxon); Tobias Dotchen, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); James Dotchin, 1705 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ralph Dochon, 1725 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Eliz Dotching, 1768 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Margaret Dotchon, 1783 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

Scotland: John Dotchoun of Corsehill, 1633 *Retours, Scotland*; Agnes Dotchon, 1679 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Joannet Dotchen, 1688 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Dotchon, 1713 in *IGI* (Stevenston, Ayr); John Dotcheon, 1742 in *IGI* (Ardrossan, Ayr).

**Dotchon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: See **Dotchin**.

**Dotson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Dodson**, with devoicing of the second consonant.

2 English: See **Dutson**.

**Dott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Midlothian, and Fife; Inverness

1 Scottish: relationship name from Old Scandinavian *\*Dottr* or Old English *\*Dott*, probably original bynames from Old Scandinavian *dottr* 'lazy', 'wretched creature', or Old English *dot* 'head of a boil' (the source of the later sense 'small lump, clot'). Some northern bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Philip Dot, about 1231 in *Luffield Charters*; William Dot, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Geoffrey Dote of Watton, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Killingwick, WR Yorks); Elias Dote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Dotes, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Robertus Dote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Laurencio Dot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Johannes Dotes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stourton, Wilts); Robert Dott, 1565 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).  
**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 226.

2 Scottish: nickname; if not really from (1), possibly from a form ancestral to Scots *dot* 'short person'.

**Early bearers:** William Dot, 1475 in *Midlothian Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); James Dott, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Cristian Dott, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

**Dotton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Dotton Farm in Colaton Raleigh (Devon), Dutton (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Dottona* in the 12th century, or Dutton (Lancs), recorded as *Dotona* in 1102.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Dotton, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Dotten, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Doty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: probably a variant of **Doughty**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Dolly Doty, in *Census 1841* (Derbys); Edward Doty, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Robert Doty, 1871 in *Census 1871* (Lancs); Henry Doty, born in the United States, in *Census 1891* (London); Alfred Doty, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

**Dou****Variants: Toh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 豆, denoting an ancient stemmed cup or bowl: (i) traced back to some inhabitants in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted as the surname by the Chi Xiao Dou (赤小豆) and Dou Lu (豆腐) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 窦, see **Tao** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 杜, see **To** (1).

**Double**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Double**.

**Doubell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: See **Double**.

**Double****Variants: Double, Doubell, Dobell, Dobel, Doble, Duble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 586
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *double* 'double, copy' (Old French *dobel*, *dubel*, *doublel*), perhaps a nickname for a twin or for one who is the spitting image of a relative. Compare **Gemmell**.

**Early bearers:** Richard dublel, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert Dub(b)le, 1191–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam le Dobel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Dobyll junior, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Vincencio Dobel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tarrant Launceston, Dorset); Richard Double, 1336 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Robertus Dubbel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackham, Sussex); Philippo Dubell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Ralph Double, 1392 in *PROB*

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11 (New Shoreham, Sussex); Henry Dobill, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Wittersham, Kent); Alban Doble or Double, 1564 in *PROB 11*; Robert Doble, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Felixstowe, Suffolk); Martha Duble, 1604 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk).

### Doubleday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and Norfolk

English: nickname, occupational name from the Middle English adjective *double* 'being a pair of similar things', or the noun 'twin', + *daie* 'dairyman, dairywoman'. See **Dobel** and **Day**. The sense is uncertain, perhaps 'one of a pair of dairymen or women', or 'one who doubles up as a dairyman or dairywoman', or even one of a pair of twins who were dairy workers, though this is less likely since the surname seems to have arisen independently in several counties. Compare Johannes Doubylknnyth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Draughton, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Dubelday, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Dubelday, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Dubilday 14th *Ancient Deeds* iii (Leics); Johanne Doberday, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Robertus Dubilday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Nicholaus Dubelday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiveton, Norfolk); Alicia Doubulday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harby, Leics); John Dubbelday, 1388 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Norfolk); William Dobledaye or Doubleday, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Welbourn, Lincs); Thomas Doubleday, 1635 in *IGI* (Langar cum Barnston, Notts); Henry Doubleday, 1735 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics).

### Doubler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *dobler*, *dubler* 'a kind of dish' (Old French *doblier*, *doublier*), probably used to denote a maker of plates or dishes; compare Adam le Dublerwrite, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts), Hugh le dublerwriht, 14th cent. *Yorks Deeds* I.

**Early bearers:** William Dubler, Dublier, 1191, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Adam le dubblier, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Dubler of Lincoln, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Kestresby, Lincs); Ralph Doublere, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Thoma Doubler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Dubler, citizen and goldsmith of London, 1412 in *Patent Rolls*; Dorothe Doubler, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Doubler, 1628 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Doublet

**Variants:** Doublett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

English and French (Huguenot): nickname denoting someone who made or sold doublets, or possibly someone who wore a distinctive doublet. The English name is from Middle English *dobbelet* 'doublet', from Old French *doublet*, while the Huguenot name is from the Old French form.

**Further information:** It appears that the name may have died out in Britain in the medieval period, and then been reintroduced by Protestant refugees from France in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Dublet, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); John Doublet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Doublet of Kenebury, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Phillip Doublett, 1561 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk). Huguenot: David Doublet, 1714 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Elizabeth Doublet, 1719 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); David Doublet, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jaques Doublet, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Doublett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: See **Doublet**.

### Doubtfire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

English: nickname, probably from Middle English *dout(e)*, *dut(e)*, *doubt(e)* 'fear' (Old French *doute*) + Middle English *fir*, *fi(e)r* 'fire', i.e. 'fear fire'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Douthfire, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Johannes Douthfir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Robert Doughtfire, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Lincs); Anys Dutflyer, 1561 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); Robert Doughtffer, 1563 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); Elizabeth Douthfire, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph Bishopsgate, London).

### Douce

**Variants:** Dowse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs

English: See **Dowse**.

### Doucet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dowsett**.

### Douch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Dorset

1 Huguenot, Norman: nickname from **Douche**, a Norman form of *Douce* 'sweet, pleasant'; compare **Dowse**.

**Further information:** The want of medieval evidence suggests this name may have been brought to Britain by Protestant refugees from France and the Low Countries in the 16th century rather than by the Normans.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Marie Douch, 1629 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Jenne Douche, 1633 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Elisabet Douche, 1661 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jehan Douche, 1663 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

2 English: alternatively, a variant of **Dutch**. Some examples may belong at (1).

**Early bearers:** An Douche 1579 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Ralph Douch, 1617 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset); Thomas Douth, 1620 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbot, Dorset); Cisely Dooch, 1622 in *IGI*

(Witheridge Devon); William Douch, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Hardington Mandeville, Somerset); John Douch, 1780 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex).

### Doud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

English: See **Dowd**.

### Doudney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: See **Dewdney**.

### Douds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: See **Dowds**.

### Dougal

**Variants:** Dougall, Dougill, Dowall, Dugal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougall**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dufgal filius Mocche, about 1128 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Duuegall, 1208–14 in *Glasgow Register*; Dugall, 1261 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*.

surnames, Scotland: Patrick Dougale, burgess, 1415 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr); Edward Dougall, about 1552 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Perth); Hery Dougall, 1602 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Thomas Dougal, 1615 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

### Dougall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 932
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, and Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougall**.

### Dougan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2092, Ireland 720
- **GB frequency 1881:** 712
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: See **Duggan**.

### Dougdale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English: See **Dugdale**.

### Dough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *do(u)gh*, *dou(e)* 'dough' (Old English *dāh*).
- Early bearers:** William Dugh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Margery Dogh, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Gregory Dough, 1597 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Henry



Dough, 1668 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); William Dough, 1692 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mary Dough, 1707 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Charles Dough, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall).

### Doughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: See **Doohan**.

### Dougharty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks; Surrey

Scottish, Irish: from Ó Dochartaigh, see **Doherty**.

### Dougherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1526, Ireland 472
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish, Manx: from Ó Dochartaigh, see **Doherty**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Dougherty, 1797 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Catherine Dougharty, 1799 in *IGI* (Argyll).

10M: Jon Dougherty, 1673 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM); Wm Dougherty, 1789 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM); Patrick Dougherty, 1803 in *IGI* (Bride, IoM).

### Doughton

Variants: **Dowton, Douton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Cardigans; Middx

English: locative name from Doughton (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Douton* in 1289, *Doghton* in 1443, or from Doughton (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** SW England and Wales: Matthew de Douton, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Thomas Doghton and John Doughton, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs); Edmund Doughton, 1660 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Evan Doughton, 1818 in *IGI* (Aberystwyth, Cardigans); Humphry Doughton, 1819 in *IGI* (Llanbadarnfawr, Cardigans); Pheby Douton, 1823 in *IGI* (Aberystwyth, Cardigans).

SE England: Galfridus Douton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Alicia Doutone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Green, Sussex); Witto Dowtton, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Frauncis Dowghton, 1577 in *IGI* (Christ Church Greyfriars Newgate, London); Robert Doughton, 1669 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Douten, 1703 in *IGI* (Martlesham, Suffolk); Thomas Dowton, 1759 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

### Doughty

Variants: **Douty, Dowty, Daughty, Defty, Dufty, Doty, Duty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5339, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3764
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk; Staffs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: nickname from Middle English *do(u)ghti*, *douti*, \**dighti* 'bold, brave, strong; worthy; excellent' (Old English *dohtig*, *dyhtig*).

**Early bearers:** William Douiti, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Doughty, 1300 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Thomas Ducty, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornton le Moor, NR Yorks); Michael Duchty, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aynderby Myers with Holtby, NR Yorks); John Dughti, 1314 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Willelmus Doughty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Johannes Douthi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); Johanna Doughti, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Dughti, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Dughty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Johannes Doughty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); William Dughty, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Doughty, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Anna Dowtye, 1555 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Wyllm Doughty, 1565, Phillipe Duty, 1595 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs); Edward Doughty, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Doughty, 1608 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Frauncis Doughtie or Doughty, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Muckley, Shrops); Simpson Doughty, 1661 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Han. Doubty, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Milbrose Douty, 1699 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts); Elizabeth Dowty, 1709 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts).

### Dougill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Scottish: from Mac Dubhghaill, see **McDougall**.

### Douglas

Variants: **Douglass, Duglas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24833, Ireland 2571
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14415
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Derry

Scottish: locative name from Douglas (Lanarks), named as 'the black water', Gaelic *dubh* + *glas*. **Further information:** The family taking their name from Douglas in Lanarkshire were of Flemish origin. They rose to great prominence in the 14th and 15th centuries, controlling the earldoms of Douglas, Morton, and Angus, and later, Queensberry.

**Early bearers:** William de Dufglas, 1181–5 in *Kelso Register* (Peebles), William de Duveglas, 1193–1210 in *Arbroath Register* (Auchterheadmuir, Lanarks); William de Douglas, 1259 in *Douglas Book* (Edinburgh); James de Douglas, 1309–10 in *Robert I Charters* (Aberdeen); Tom Douglas, 1567 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Barbara Douglas, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Douglass, 1598 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Henre Douglass, 1613 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross).

### Douglass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1841, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1897
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: See **Douglas**.

### Douie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish: See **Dowey**.

### Doull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish Gaelic: from the Gaelic personal name *Domhnall*, see **Donald**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Doull Macgilleduff, 1502 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (Kilravock, Nairns). surnames: Johnne Duill, Dowill, 1606, 1607, in *Inverness Records*; James Doull, 1623 in *Caithness Testaments* (Wick, Caithness); James Doule, 1793 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness).

### Doult

Variants: **Dolt, Doltis, Dolties**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: nickname for someone perceived as a dull or stupid person, from the past participle of Middle English *dullen*, *dollen* 'to dull, make blunt; to become stupid'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Dolte, 1219 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert Dolt, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Dolte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Agn' Doulte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); John Dolt, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Richarde Dolte, 1560 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Margaret Dowlte, 1606 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds).

### Doulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: See **Dalton**.

### Doupe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: of German origin, a variant of **Taube**, taken to Ireland by immigrants from the Palatinate in the 17th or 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Doupe, hackney carriage driver, born in Limerick, Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Lambeth, Surrey); Henry Doupe, market trader, born in Ireland, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Surrey); William Francis Doupe, customs and excise officer, born in Adare, Limerick, in *Census 1911* (Wokingham, Berks).

### Douse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and SE England; Hants and Wilts

English: See **Dowse**.

### Doust

Variants: **Dust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dust*, *doust* 'dust', (Old English *dūst*), possibly with reference to a dust-coloured complexion or hair (compare Thomas Dustiberd, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset), and the traditional nickname Dusty given to one called Miller), or to a person of little worth.

## Douthett

**Further information:** Compare also William Dustifot', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs), a nickname for a wayfarer, especially a travelling pedlar.

**Early bearers:** Ulf Dust, about 1030 in *Tengvik*; Walter Dust, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert le Doust, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Doust, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Felborough hundred, Kent); Johanne Doust', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Johannes Dust, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Duste, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brayton, WR Yorks); John Doust, 1466 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Probate*) (Sheldwich, Kent); Sara Doust, 1576 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Richard Dust, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Doust, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

2 English: possibly also a locative name, of unexplained meaning.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Doustes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Robt. Doust, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Johannis Doust, 1617 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Mary Doust, 1618 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Deborah Doust, 1639 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

### Douthett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Douthwaite**.

### Douthit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Douthwaite**.

### Douthwaite

**Variants:** Dowthwaite, Douthit, Douthett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1196, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 655
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks; Durham; Lancs and Westm

English: locative name from Dowthwaite (Cumb) or Dowthwaite Hall (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Doventhuayt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Dowthwayt, 1540 in *Whitby Chartulary*.

### Douton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Doughton**.

### Douty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Herts
- English: See **Doughty**.

### Dovaston

**Variants:** Doveston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lancs; Middx
- English: locative name from Dovaston (Shrops), which is recorded as *Douaneston* in 1198.

**Early bearers:** Katherina Dovaston, 1541 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Thomas Doveston, 1622 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Edward Dovaston, 1749 in *IGI* (Kinnerley, Shrops).

### Dove

**Variants:** Dow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4290, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3418

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Yorks and Notts

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: relationship name from an Old English female personal name \**Dūfe*, from Old English *dūfe* 'dove', occasionally perhaps from Old Scandinavian *dúfa* 'dove', used also as a byname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Duua 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Robertus filius Duue, Doue, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Ralph Duue, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Duue, 1289 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Nicholas le Duv, 1322 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Devon); Johannes Doue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chapel Lane, ER Yorks); John Dove, 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Colliergate, York); Thomas Dove, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Joan Dove, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Scottish Gaelic: variant of **Dow**.

### Dovel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: See **Duval**.

### Dovell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: probably a variant of **Duval**.

### Dover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1574, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: locative name from Dover (Kent) or Dover in Wigan (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** S England: Theoloneus de Doure, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; John de Dover, 1223–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Walter Douer, 1332 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johannes Dovere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Alexander Douer, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Dover, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary le Strand, Middx); John Dover, 1662 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

N England: Ricardus Douere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Dovere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs); Willelmus de Dover', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Gulielmi Dover, 1559 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Robert Dover, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 Irish: See **Dwyer**.

### Doveston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: See **Dovaston**.

### Dovey

**Variants:** Dovie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- 1 English: locative name, perhaps from the valley of the River Dovey (Dyfi) in Merioneths and Cardigans, specifically Aberdovey (Merioneths).

**Early bearers:** Anes Dovie, 1576 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); James Dovey, 1579 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Parish Registers, Shrops); Thomas Dovie or Dovey, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Alveley, Shrops); Richard Dovey, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Claverley, Shrops); Bengamin Dovey, 1715 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

2 Irish: See **Duffy**.

### Dovie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- See **Dovey**.

### Dow

**Variants:** Dowe, Dove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3497, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perths, Angus, Aberdeens, and Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian; Essex, Kent, and Surrey; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname from *dubh* 'black'. See also **Duff**.

**Further information:** Angus son of John Dubh Macallister is also called Angus John Dowisoun (1516, in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*).

**Early bearers:** Ede Douw, 1366 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh); John Dowe, 1370 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); Thomas Dow, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Andrew Dowe, 1609 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); James Dow, 1679 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margaret Dow, 1680 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife); William Dove, 1692 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dow*, a rhyming pet form of *Row(e)*, representing a common pronunciation of *Rolf*, a side form of *Ralph*. See **Rolfe**. Compare **Daw**, **Dawson**, **Dowson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dowe de Bothemes, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Dow, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: William Dowe, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Laurence Dow, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Leticia Dowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Dowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton, Essex); John Dowe of Wykylwode, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Wicklewood, Norfolk); Thomas Dowe, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Selling, Kent); Robert Dowe, 1567 in *IGI* (Gosbeck, Suffolk); John Dow, 1682 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

3 English: in E Anglia a variant pronunciation of **Dove**.

4 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 寶, see **Tao** (1).

### Dowall

**Variants:** Dowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons; Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougall**, **McDowall**.

**Early bearers:** Symon Dowele, 1408 in *Scotland Calendar*.

### Doward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; also Gloucs

English: locative name from Great and Little Doward (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Ann Doward, 1603 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Thom Doward, 1676 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Scholastica Doward, 1747 in *IGI* (Burtonwood, Lancs).

### Dowbiggin

**Variants:** Dobkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm

English: locative name from Dowbiggin in Sedbergh (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Doubiging, 1321 in *Yorks Deeds* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes de Dowsbygyng (for de Dowfbygyng), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentham, WR Yorks); John de Dowbygyng, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Douebiggyng, 1460 in *Paston Letters*; Jane Dousbiging, 1489 in *Yorks Wills*; Christopherus Dowbikin, 1583 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Margaret Dowbikin, 1596 in *Yorks Deeds* (Clapham, WR Yorks); John Dowbiggin, 1626 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Martha Dobakin, 1710 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Ann Dobbakin, 1749, George Dowbygin, 1802 in *IGI* (Wragby, Lincs).

### Dowd

**Variants:** Doud, O'Dowd, Dowds, Dodd, Doody, Duddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2141, Ireland 1445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 939
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Roscommon

1 Irish: from Ó Dubhda ‘descendant of *Dubhda*’, a nickname derived from *dubh* ‘dark, black’. The family were chieftains in Sligo and Mayo.

**Early bearers:** John McConoghor I Dowdey, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5226; Donill and Farriogh O'Dowde, 1592–93 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798; Brian O'Dowde, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Iskerowne); Patrick Dowdy, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6383.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Doude*. This is perhaps a side-form of either *Dodde* (See **Dodd** and compare **Dowding**), or of *Daude*, a pet form of *Ralph* (See **Daud**, **Dawson**, and **Dowson**).

**Further information:** A nickname from Middle English *doude* ‘shabby, unattractive woman’ is formally also possible but seems unlikely to have become a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Doude, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Thomas Doude, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wanborough, Wilts); Willelmo Doude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); Henricus Doude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blackwell, Derbys); Mary Doud, 1682 in *IGI* (Bruin Stapleford, Cheshire); Sarah Doud, 1807 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

**References:** *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 44.

### Dowdall

**Variants:** Dowdell, Dowdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 839, Ireland 789
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; also Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Meath, and Louth

1 English: locative name from D'Ovesdale Manor in Litlington (Cambs), or occasionally from Dovedale (Derbys), as in the case of Agnes Doghdale, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Uuedale, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; John de Uvedale alias de Ovedale, 1304 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Peter Douedale, 1336 in *Place-Names of Cambs*; Adam Dowedall, 1401 in *York Freeman's Register* Hugh Doudale, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees*; James Dowdall, 1572 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); John Dowdell, 1696 in *IGI* (Heytesbury, Wilts); John Dowdle, 1708 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon).

2 Irish: in Ireland, sometimes adopted for Ó

**Dubhdáileithe**, see also **Dudley**.

**Early bearers:** James Dowedall, solicitor, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Patrick Dowdall, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §742.

### Dowdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: See **Dowdall**.

### Dowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 653
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; Somerset; London
- English: See **Dowding**.

### Dowdeswell

**Variants:** Dowdswell, Dowswell, Doswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Dowdeswell (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Dowdeswelle, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Gloucs); Anthony Dowswell, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Isabell Dawswell, 1582 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Wm. Doswell, 1586 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); James Doeswell, 1606 in *Muster Rolls* (Temple Guiting, Gloucs); Abraham Doswell, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); George Doswell, 1709 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Ambrose Dozwell, 1795 in *IGI* (Wheathampstead, Herts).

### Dowdey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: See **Dowdy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dowding

**Variants:** Dowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1571, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, Gloucs, and Dorset; Middx

English: See **Dodding**.

**Early bearers:** Gillian Doudyng, 1303 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Agnes Doudyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Doudyng, 1380–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus Doudyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckhorn Weston, Dorset); John Dowedyn, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Katherine Dowding, 1565 in *IGI* (Bosbury,

Herefs); Robert Dowdyng, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Dowding or Dowden, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Clapton, Somerset).

### Dowdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon and Cornwall; Wilts

English: See **Dowdall**.

### Dowdney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey

English: See **Dewdney**.

### Dowds

**Variants:** Douds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 440
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: variant of **Dowd** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Dowdswell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: See **Dowdeswell**.

### Dowdy

**Variants:** Dowdey, Doody, Duddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Northants and Bucks; Sussex

1 English: nickname from early modern English *dowdy* ‘shabby, unattractive’. Compare **Dowd**.

2 Irish: from Ó Dubhda, see **Doody**.

### Dowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: See **Dow** (2).

### Dowel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Gloucs; Shetland

English, Scottish: See **Dowell**.

### Dowell

**Variants:** Dowel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1957, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; Warwicks and Leics; Flints, Lancs, and Cumb; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *do well*, *do will* ‘do well’. Compare **Farwell** (1), **Gowell**, and **Meanwell**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). Late bearers in NW and NE England may otherwise belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** England: John Douill, assessor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axminster hundred, Devon); Henricus

## Downen

Dowell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swepestone, Leics); Rogerus Douelle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); Willelmo Dowel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swepestone, Leics); Adam Dowell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Margery Dowell, 1563 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Johannes Dowell, 1564 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Alexander Dowell, 1620 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); William Dowill, 1675 in *IGI* (Ansley, Warwicks); Daniel Dowel, 1742 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Rowland Dowell, 1723 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Henry Dowell, 1725 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Margaret Dowell, 1747 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Sarah Dowell, 1808 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints).

Scotland: Jhone Dowell, 1632, Jhone Doweill, 1636 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Elizabeth Doweel, 1698 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines); Margaret Dowell, 1708 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Patrick Dowel, 1739, Anthony Dowell, 1820 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

2 English: variant spelling of **Doll**. Compare **Dowle**. **Early bearers**: Lawrence Doweale, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alexander Dowle, 1555, Thomas Dowell, 1783 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

3 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDowell**.

## Dowen

- **Current frequencies**: GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 135
- **Main GB location 1881**: Staffs

English: See **Down**. Compare John Couper of Goryng on 'le Dowene', 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Goring, Oxon). **Early bearers**: Richard Dowene, vicar of the church of Saint Giles without Cripulgate, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Dowene, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Borden, Kent); Also Downen, 1578 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Frauncis Downen, 1620 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Thomas Downen, 1798 in *IGI* (Darlston, Staffs).

## Dower

Variants: **Dowers**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 656, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881**: 362
- **Main GB location 1881**: Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Waterford

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *dougher*, *dower* 'dough maker; baker', a derivative of Old English *dāh* (genitive *dāges*) 'dough'.

**Early bearers**: Richard, John le Douar', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Doghere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Jo. Dower, 1552 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thoms Dower, 1570 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Johannis Dower, 1591 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Johes Dower, 1593 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Dower, 1598 in *IGI* (Clifton on Teme, Worcs).

2 Irish: from **Ó Doghair**, see **Dore**.

**Early bearers**: Freghre O'Dowyer, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §204 (Kilkenny); Davie rowe Fitz William O'Dower, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4549.

## Dowers

- **Current frequencies**: GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 128
- **Main GB location 1881**: London; Gloucs

English: variant of **Dower** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Dowey

Variants: **Doie**, **Doy**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 265, Ireland 182
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 189
  - **Main GB location 1881**: widespread throughout N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Armagh
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Douai (Nord).

**Early bearers**: Walter de Doai, de Duuai, de Duaco, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Roger Dowai 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William de Doway, merchant of Flanders, 1244 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Dowey, goldsmith, 1254 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Clement Dowey, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Doui, 1574, Robert Douy, 1574 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); Ane Douie, 1658 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

2 Irish: from **Ó Dubhthaigh**, see **Duffy**.

**Early bearers**: Ireland: Philip O'Dowie, chief of his nation, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §818; Hugh O'Dowchy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth*; Derby oge O'Dowy, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624.

Scotland: William Dowie, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Dysart).

## Dowie

- **Current frequencies**: GB 1096, Ireland 171
- **GB frequency 1881**: 722
- **Main GB location 1881**: Fife and Midlothian

Scottish: nickname from **Mac Gille Dhuibh** 'son of the black lad'.

**Early bearers**: Vmphray Dowie, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Dauid Dowie, 1624 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Andrew Dowie, 1697 in *Retours*, *Scotland* Anstruther (Fife); Mary Dowie, 1739 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian).

## Dowker

- **Current frequencies**: GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 85
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs; Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers**: Thomas Douker, 1594 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Maria Dowker, 1605 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); William Douker, 1644 in *IGI* (Malton, NR Yorks); Miles Dowker, 1776 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

## Dowland

Variants: **Dollen**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 160
- **Main GB location 1881**: Dorset

1 English: post-medieval variant of **Dolling**, with reduction of *-ing* to /ən/, as in **Dowlen**, to which an excrescent *-d* was added at will. Post-medieval pronunciation of the first element of *Dowland* often rhymes with *owl* /aul/, but also with *dole*, which explains the punning English/Latin title of an instrumental piece by the Elizabethan composer John Dowland (born 1563 in London): "Semper Dowland, semper dolens" (always Dowland, always doleful).

**Early bearers**: William Dowland, 1595 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Christopher Dowland, 1647 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Alexander Dolling, 1626, John Dolling 1673, John Dowland, 1746 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Clement Dowland, 1686 in *IGI* (Wantage,

Berks); John Dowland, 1779 in *IGI* (Bishop Stortford, Herts).

2 English: locative name from Dowland (Devon), pronounced with the first element rhyming with *owl*, but it may have been confused with and absorbed by **Dolling**, which is also a Devon name.

**Early bearers**: John de Dulonde and Robert de Dulond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dowland, Devon); Nicholas Dowelond of Dowelond, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

## Dowle

- **Current frequencies**: GB 814, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881**: 457
- **Main GB location 1881**: Kent

English: See **Doll**.

## Dowlen

- **Current frequencies**: GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 79
- **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex and Surrey

English: See **Dolling**, and compare **Dowling**, **Dowlin**, and **Dowland**.

**Early bearers**: Mary Dowlen, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Dowlen, 1719 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Dowlen, 1769 in *IGI* (Itchingfield, Sussex); William Dowlen, 1770 in *IGI* (Horton, Dorset).

## Dowler

Variants: **Dooler**, **Dallagher**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 864, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881**: 547
- **Main GB location 1881**: Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Leitrim

1 English: occupational name for a maker of dowels (headless pins, pegs, or bolts), from an agent derivative of Middle English *dowle*, *doule* 'dowel'.

**Early bearers**: John le Douler, Roger le Douler, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roberto Douler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tonge, Leics); William Dowler, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs); Elinora Dooler, 1626 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Thomas Dooler, 1712 in *IGI* (Forton, Staffs).

2 Irish: from **Ó Dalachair**, 'descendant of Dalachair', from a personal name possibly meaning 'lover of assemblies' (*dál*). It was also anglicized as *Dallagher*.

**Early bearers**: John Dooler, 1868 in *IGI* (Bridgetown, Clare).

## Dowley

- **Current frequencies**: GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 269
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Surrey and Kent; Lancs; Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Cork
- Irish: from **Ó Dubhlaioich**, see **Dooley**.

## Dowlin

- **GB frequency 1881**: 35
- **Main GB location 1881**: Cumb; Hants

English: See **Dolling** and compare **Dowling**.

**Further information**: This spelling is now rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Dowling

Variants: **Dooling**, **Doolan**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 6553, Ireland 5342

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3309
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kilkenny

1 English: See **Dolling** and compare **Dowlin**, **Dowlen**, and **Dowland**.

**Early bearers:** John Dowling, 1599 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); George Dowling, 1625, Robert Dowling, 1757, Joseph Dooling, 1814 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants).

2 Irish: from Ó Dubhláin or Ó Dubhlainn, see **Dolan**. The following early bearers in England may alternatively belong under (1), although the given names are typically Irish.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donald O'Dowlyn, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §824 (Lexe); Hugh Dowlyng, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5 (Newe Fort); Dermot O'Dowlyne, kern, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §52 (Leix); Teig O'Dowlyn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §161; Geoffrey Dowline, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2081; David O'Dowlinge, footman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3343 (Brackylegan, Westmeath); Henry O'Dowlyng, footman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3343 (Ballybegge, Westmeath); Patr. O'Dowling, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4164; Rich. Dowlinge, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Queen's county [Laois]); Shane Dowlinge, cottier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (Moigliare, Meath). England: Patritium Dowling, 1790, Pat Dooling, 1790, Patricii Dooling, 1800, Bridgedae Dooling, 1815 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

3 Irish: from Ó Dúnlaing, a North Leinster name meaning 'descendant of *Dúnlang*', an early given name. Anglicized forms can be indistinguishable from those of Ó Dubhlainn and Ó Dubhláin.

**Early bearers:** Julian Dooling, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertserges, Cork).

### Dowman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: (i) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **Dow** + *man*, denoting 'servant of *Dow*'. (ii) relationship name from *Dowman*, a diminutive of the personal name *Dow* + the suffix *-man*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Douman, Doweman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb), 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Johana Dowman, 1575 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Christopher Dowman, 1610 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Down

**Variants:** Downs, Downes, Downe, Downen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3930, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: locative name for someone who lived on or near a down or low hill, Middle English *dun(e)*, *doun(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas da la Duna, about 1170 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); John atte Doune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Bythedoune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Dun, Emylyna Doun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Doune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bradworthy, Devon); Waltero Doun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Willelmus atte Doune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud in Godshill, IoW); Thomas Downe,

1488 in *PROB 11*; William Downe, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Puxton, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name, possibly in some cases a patronymic from the Old English personal name *Dūn*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Dune, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Down, 1552 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Willimi Down, 1561 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Thomas Down, 1581 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Down, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robt. Down, 1593 in *IGI* (Norton, Kent).

### Downard

**Variants:** Downward, Dunwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: variant of **Downer** with excrement *-d*. *Downard* was re-etymologized as *Downeherd* and *Downward*, and perhaps also as *Dunwood*.

**Early bearers:** George Downer, 1563, George Downard, 1600 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Wylliam Downeherd, 1567 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Elizabeth Downarde, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph Aldgate, London); Thomas Downard, 1612, Andrew Downward, 1629 in *IGI* (Leeds, Kent); John Downward, 1624, Thomas Downard, 1628 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Margaret Dunwood, 1641 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); William Downard, 1677 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Charles Downward, 1696 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex).

### Downe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: See **Down**.

### Downend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: variant of **Downing**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Downend, 1627 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); William Dounend, 1657 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Downend, 1661 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Isaias Downend, 1728 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys).

2 English: locative name, rarely perhaps from Middle English *atte Dune(s) ende* 'at the end of foot of a hill or down'.

**Further information:** There are two places called *Downend* in Gloucs, and one each in Berks and IoW, but the distribution suggests they are not the source of the modern surname. No early bearers have been found in S England after the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** John de la Dunhende, 1276, William ate Dounende, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John atte Dounende, 1341 in *Place-Names of Wilts*; Adam Douneshende, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Weald Bassett, Essex).

### Downer

**Variants:** Downard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2027, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1146
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Hants, and Sussex

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name for someone who lived on the hill or down, from Middle English *downer*, a derivative of Middle English *doun* 'hill' + *-er*. It is synonymous with *atte Doune* (See **Down**) and is a type of formation especially common in Sussex, Surrey, and Hants. Compare **Downman**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Douner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pagham, Sussex); Stephen le Downar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury, Sussex); Christina Douner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland and Barcote, Berks); Peter Downer, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Arlington, Sussex); Jonne Downer, 1539 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Harry Downar, 1559 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Downer, 1565 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Thomas Downer, 1657 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

2 Irish: from Ó Donnabhair, see **Dooner**.

3 English: in the NW Midlands perhaps a variant of **Downard** with reduction of the final syllable to *-er*, unless the name in (1) had migrated from counties further south.

**Early bearers:** Mary Downer, 1716 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Samll Downer, 1725 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Downes

**Variants:** Downs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7707, Ireland 1679
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3687
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick

1 English: variant of **Down**, from the plural, denoting a dweller by the downs.

**Early bearers:** Reginald del Downes, 1407 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Dubháin, see **Duane**.

### Downey

**Variants:** Dooney, Downie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4186, Ireland 3522
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Kerry; Down

1 Irish: from Ó Dúnadhaigh 'descendant of *Dúnadhach*', a personal name meaning 'fortress holder' (from *dún* 'fortress, fortified hill').

**Early bearers:** Donell O'Downy, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152 (Ardrwlhie); Maurice O'Downy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4107 (Ballymacauricke); Thomas O'Downy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4107 (Ballymacauricke); Morice McHugh O'Downy,

1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5912 (Gortevoher); William oge O'Downie, harper, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539.

2 Irish: from Ó Maol Dhomhnaigh, or of Mac Giolla Dhomhnaigh, see **Maloney**.

3 English: locative name denoting someone who lived '(at the) hilly island', Middle English *dun(e)*, *dun(e)* 'hill, elevation' + *ei* 'island' (Old English *dūn* + *īeg*), or '(at the) dark island', Middle English *dondun(ne)* 'dark' + *ei* 'island' (Old English *dunn* + *īeg*).

**Early bearers:** Matthew Dounay, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard atte Dunye, 1330 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Justinian Downey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

4 Scottish: See **Downie**.

## Downham

### Downham

Variants: **Downman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 854
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex; also Berks
- English: locative name from several of the places named *Downham* (Lancs, Essex, Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk), perhaps also from Downham (Northumb) and *Downholme* (NR Yorks) but no evidence has been found for these. This name may have been confused with **Dunham**.

**Early bearers:** Humphrey de Dunham, about 1115 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John de Downham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh Downam, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Downom, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Ellen Downeham, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Jone Downham, 1617 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thome Downham, 1630 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); George Downham, 1631 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Jane Downham, 1636 in *IGI* (East Ilsley, Berks); Thomas Downham, 1670 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Elizabeth Downham, 1693 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Elizabeth Downham, 1756 in *IGI* (Hitcham, Suffolk).

### Downie

Variants: **Downey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5041, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3491
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens, Fife, and Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from the Scottish barony of Downie or Duny in the parish of Monikie (Angus), named from Gaelic *dùn* 'hill' + the locative suffix *-ach*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Downy, burgess, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Charlis Downie, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Downie, 1615 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Isobell Downie, 1626 in *IGI* (Breachin, Angus).

2 Irish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Downey**.

### Downing

Variants: **Dunning, Downend, Dunnings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6483, Ireland 359
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5163
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs; WR Yorks; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry

1 English: relationship name from the late Old English personal name *Dūning* 'son of *Dūn*'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Dunning, Dunninc, Donninc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire, Gloucs); Dunningus (Dunningus), 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs).  
surnames: *Æluuard Dunning*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Gilbertus filius Dunning, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Duning, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Nicholas Dunning, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Dounyng, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Symon Donnyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Downyng, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Roger Dunnyng, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Saxton, WR Yorks); Gehan Downing, 1517 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); John Doning, 1555 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Thomae Dunning, 1564 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

2 English: See **Dunning**.

**Early bearers:** John Dunning or Downing, 1432 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Duinnín, see **Dineen**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh O'Downye, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; John O'Downye, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558.

### Downman

Variants: **Dunman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) down'. Compare **Downer**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey, William Dunman, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Agnes Downman, 1599 in *IGI*, William Downeman, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 English: in some instances a late variant of **Downham**: Robert Downnam or Doneman or Downeman, 1579 in *Oxford University Register*.

### Downs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5091, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5316
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs and Cheshire; London; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Limerick

English: See **Downes**.

### Downton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1002, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Guernsey

English: variant of **Dunton**, especially from Downton (Wilts).

**Further information:** Downton in Hordle (Hants), recorded as *Doneketon*, *Duneketon* (about 1200), and *Donckerton* (1280), and first recorded as *Downton* in the 17th century, is unlikely to have been a source of this surname.

**Early bearers:** Joan Downton, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Dorset); Nicholas Downtonne or Downton, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Ilminster, Somerset).

### Downward

Variants: **Downard, Dunwood, Downer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops

1 English: locative name, probably from Downwood (Herefs) and perhaps also Dunwood (Staffs), with *-wood* re-etymologized as *-ward* and occasionally reduced to *-ard*.

**Further information:** Derivation from the Middle English adverb *dounward* 'downward', as suggested by *Kneen*, is out of the question. Compare **Southward**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Dunwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harby, Leics); Anne Downward, 1643, Roger Downworth, 1668 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); James Downward, 1715 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Alice Downward, 1719 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints); Thos. Downard, 1731 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire); Peter Downwerd, 1744 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Downward, 1776 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); Thos Downward, 1777 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

2 English: See **Downard**.

### Dowrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: See **Dowrick**.

### Dowrick

Variants: **Dowrich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Dowrich House in Sandford (Devon), recorded as *Douerigge* (1238) and *Dowrigge* (1422).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dourigge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pidsley, Devon); Thomas Douryssh', 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Douricke or Dourick, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Dowrich, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Will Dowrick, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); William Dowrick, 1721 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall).

### Dowse

Variants: **Duce, Douce, Douce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1270, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1025
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Wilts and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow

1 English: nickname from Middle English *douce*, *dowce* 'sweet, pleasant' (Old French *dolz*, *dous*, later *doux*). Sometimes used as a woman's given name and occasionally for a man. The modern name is mostly pronounced to rhyme with *house* but sometimes with *loose*, as indicated by the variant spelling *Duce*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Duce, le Duz, Dulcis, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Geoffrey Duz, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert le Dus, Godfrey le Douz, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Charl Duce, 1562 in *IGI* (Tathwell, Lincs); Willm Dowse, 1574 in *IGI* (Stainfield near Lincoln, Lincs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Douce*, occasionally male but mostly female and borrowed from Old French *Douce* (Latin *Dulcia*, derived from Latin *dulcis* 'sweet'). Compare **Dowson** (2). The surname forms cited here may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Duze filia Rannulfi fabri, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Dulcia Vidua, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Douce de Moster, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Douce of Chedle, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

surnames: Walter Dous, Douce, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alic Dowse, 1571 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Robart Dowse, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); John Duce, 1650 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Richard Duce, 1666 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Cambs); Elisabeth Duce, 1696 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Richard Duce, 1706 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Jonh Duce, 1718 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

### Dowsett

Variants: **Doucet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1677, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *doucet*, *dowcet*, *dulcette*, Anglo-Norman French *doucet*, a

diminutive of *doux* ‘sweet, pleasing, agreeable’ (about 1425, *MED*).

**Early bearers:** John Dousot, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John Dousete, 1376 in *London Letter Books H*; William Doucet, 1411 in *London Pleas*; John Dowsett, 1565 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex); Edward Doucet, 1618 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Robert Dowsett, 1680 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

### Dowsing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE coast: esp. Suffolk

Huguenot: relationship name, probably from the Old Danish personal name *Dūsi* + the suffix *-ing*, denoting ‘son of *Dūsi*’. There appears to have been some confusion with **Dowson**: John Dowsyng, 1584, John Dowsen, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Ickworth, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert Dusing, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Wido Dusing, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Dowsyng, 1376 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Norfolk); Rogerus Dowsyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); William Dowsinge, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech within the Isle of Ely, Cambs); William Dowsinge, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Laxfield, Suffolk).

### Dowson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2884, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1631
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

1 English: relationship name, ‘son of *Dow*’, from the Middle English personal name **Dow**, a side form of **Daw** and a pet form of *Ralph*. *Dow* can be pronounced to rhyme with either *hoe* or *how*. The Durham surname alternates with **Dawson** from the 16th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** John Dowson, 1349 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Robert Dowson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Elizabeth Dowson or Dawson, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); William Dowson, 1618 in *IGI* (Durham); John Dowson, 1626 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Douce*, which was used infrequently, usually for women but sometimes for men. The first syllable of the modern surname is generally pronounced to rhyme with *house*. Compare **Dowse** (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry Doucesone, 1320 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Douceson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Dousone, 1376 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Staffs); Johanna Douson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Esabell Dowson, 1543 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Hughe Dowson, 1543 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Reynold Dowson, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Willm. Dowson, 1561 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Elenora Dowson, 1562 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Dowswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: See **Dowdeswell**.

### Dowthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Westm

English: See **Douthwaite**.

### Dowton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

English: See **Doughton**.

### Dowty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and IoW

English: See **Doughty**.

### Doxey

**Variants:** **Docksey**, **Doxsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs

English: locative name from Doxey (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Dokeseye, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willim Doxey, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Maria Docksey, 1599 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Henry Doxy, 1634 in *IGI* (Weston, Staffs); Elizabeth Doxsey, 1741 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Doxford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Doxford in Ellingham (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Doxford, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Framlington and Doxford, Northumb); Robert Doxford, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Doxford, 1682 in *IGI* (Embleton, Northumb); Eleanor Docksford, 1739 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb); William Doxford, 1779 in *IGI* (Bishopswearmouth, Durham).

### Doxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Lancs; Cambs

English: See **Duxon**.

### Doxsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Gloucs

English: See **Doxey**.

### Doy

**Variants:** **Doye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: possibly a variant of **Dowey**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Doy, son of Gocelin Doy, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Walterus Doy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Garnon, Essex); John Doy, 1407, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Simon Doy, ‘husbondman’ of Southwark, Surrey, 1450 in *Patent Rolls*; Alicia Doye, 1561 in *IGI* (Greetham, Lincs); John Doye, 1612 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Robert Doy, 1719 in *IGI* (Stanhoe with Barwick, Norfolk).

### Doyal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

Irish: from Ó Dubhghaill, see **Doyle**.

### Doye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

English: See **Doy**.

### Doyle

**Variants:** **Doole**, **Dowell**, **Dool**, **Doyal**, **Dyal**, **Dayal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23019, Ireland 23713
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford and Wicklow

Irish: from Ó Dubhghaill ‘descendant of *Dubhghall*’, a personal name from *dubh* ‘black’ + *gall* ‘stranger’. This was used as a byname for Scandinavians, in particular to distinguish the darker-haired Danes from fair-haired Norwegians. Compare **McDougall**, **McDowell**.

**Early bearers:** Morghe and Farygh O’Doyle, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §846 (Ballentemple in Twomalen); Barnaby or Bryen McYnyr O’Doyle, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §846 (Killcharowne in Twomalen); Fargananim roo O’Doyll, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §878 (Knockroo, ?Wexford); Edmund McDiernod O’Doyle, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1477 (Coylbake, Carlow); Morghe McCahir O’Doill, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045 (Ballendouny, Wexford); Donald McOwen O’Doyll, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045 (Ballendouny, Wexford).

### D’Oyley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Essex and Kent

Norman, English: variant of **Olley** with preposition *d’*.

### Doyley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs

Norman, English: variant of **Olley** with fused preposition *d’*.

### Doyme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs; Middx; Sussex; Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow; Dublin

1 Irish: from Ó Duinn, Ó Doinn, see **Dunne**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Doyn, tailor, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §183; John Doyn, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1199 (Barryn, Kildare); Walter Doyn, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1199 (Barryn, Kildare); Anstace ny Doyme, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Inishoke, Kilkenny).

England: Peter Doyme, born in Wicklow County, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Walter Doyme, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Makerfield, Lancs).

2 English: See **Dean** (2).



## Drabble

### Drabble

Variants: **Drabwell**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1141, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 994

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from a diminutive of *drab* 'slut, slattern', although *drab* itself is not recorded before the 16th century (although note Middle English *drabelen* 'to soil, muddy'). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, however, although agreeing that the source was probably a nickname, suggests that its frequency and early development as a surname are against it having a pejorative meaning. (ii) relationship name, possibly from an unattested Middle English personal name \**Drabbel*, a pet form of the Old English personal name *Drabba*, which is perhaps preserved in the surnames of Robert Drabe, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs) and Walter Drabbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Matthew Drabel, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey Drabel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Drabel, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph Drabelle, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Drabill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Otley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Drabul', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Thomas Drabell, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Drabell, 1573 in *PROB 11* (London); John Drabble, 1604 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).

### Drabwell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 34

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: probably a variant of **Drabble**, reinterpreted as a locative name.

**Early bearers:** William Drapwell, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Drabwell, 1727 in *IGI* (Campsall, WR Yorks).

### Dracup

• **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 289

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained. Perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place; See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Georgius Dracoppe, 1589 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Ales Drackup, 1616, George Dracup, 1618, Saray Drakeup, 1623 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Mary Draycop, 1685, John Draycop, 1725 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Draffen

• **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 23

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Draffan (Lanarks).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** James de Drafan, 1160–89 in *Kelso Register* (Lanarks); Bessie Draffen, 1628 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Draffen, 1693 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks).

### Drage

Variants: **Dredge, Drodge, Drudge**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1274, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1135

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: nickname from Middle English *drag(g)e*, *dradge* 'sweetmeat, comfit; mixture of grains sown together' (Old French *dragie*, *dragé*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Drage, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll*; Robert Drage, 1354 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Dredge, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); John Dradge, 1564 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Robert Drage, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Peterborough, Northants); John Dredge, 1583 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Laurence Drage, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Oakley, Northants); John Drodge, 1678 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); William Drudge, 1706 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Dragon

• **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 22

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; NR Yorks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English (Old French) *dragoun* 'dragon; serpent, water monster', perhaps for a fierce or fiery person, or for a *dragoner*, Old French *dragonier* 'one who carried a standard or flag' (not necessarily with a dragon on it). Compare Ralph le Draguner, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*, and John Dragenir, 1343 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (IoW). See also **Drake** and **Draker**. (ii) locative name from a house sign depicting a dragon: William Strode called atte Dragon, brewer, 1374 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Walter Dragun, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Dragon, 1221 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Walter le Dragon, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Dragoune, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Adam Dragon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarbrick with Hurlston, Lincs); Rogerus Dragon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Roberto Dragon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Elyn Dragon, 1575 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Dragon, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elisabeth Dragoon, 1751 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

### Drain

Variants: **Draine, Drane**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 815, Ireland 191

• **GB frequency 1881:** 527

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Essex

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: locative name from Middle English *drein(e)*, *drene* 'drainage channel', for someone who lived '(by the) drain or ditch'.

**Early bearers:** William Dren, 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); John atte Drene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Drein, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Matilda Drain, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Willelmo del Drane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Rayffe Draine, 1585 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Alice Drayne, 1567 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Drain, 1685 in *IGI* (Great Wigborough, Essex).

2 Irish: (i) from Ó **Dreain** 'descendant of *Drean*', a byname possibly taken from *dreán* 'wren'. The name is also found in Scotland. (ii) from Ó **Druacháin**, see **Drohan**.

**Early bearers:** Murtgah O'Dreyn, labourer, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4707 (Aren); Hugh O'Dreane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Rowrie duff O'Dreane, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### Draine

• **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 20

• **GB frequency 1881:** 39

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex

Irish, English: See **Drain**.

### Draisey

Variants: **Draysey**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 82

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Philip Draysyd, 1298 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments*; Richard Draysyd, 1335 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments*; John Dreysy the elder, 1468–9 in *Birmingham Archives*; John Draysy, 1502 in *PROB 11* (Nibley, Gloucs); Daniell Draysee, 1634 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Miles Draisie, 1689, Elizabeth Drazey, 1721 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Mary Dreyzey, 1758 in *IGI* (Rodborough, Gloucs); John Draysay, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Henry Draysey, 1812 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs).

### Drake

Variants: **Drakes**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 8827, Ireland 322

• **GB frequency 1881:** 8692

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *drake*, either 'drake, male duck' (compare **Duck**) or 'dragon', including an emblematic dragon on a flag (compare **Dragon**). Its sense as a nickname is unclear but compare **Draker**, which may have had the sense 'standard-bearer'. The name was taken to Ireland in the 13th century and reinforced by later English settlers in the 17th century.

**Further information:** Sir Francis Drake, one of the heroes in Elizabeth I's defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, was born in Tavistock, Devon.

**Early bearers:** Leuing Drache, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert Drake, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); David Drake, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Wilmund le Drake, 1205 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Geoffrey le Drak', 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Drake, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lamerton, Devon); Johannes Drake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boreham, Essex); Johannes Drake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); Ricardo Drake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swithland, Leics); Galfridus Drake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Robertus Drake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Somerset); Johannes Drake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Johannes Drak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Drak', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Drake, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Roberti Drake, 1539 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Drake, 1539 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Thome Drake, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Drake, 1544 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Letyce Drake, 1548 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Richerd Drake, 1599 in *IGI* (Barrowby, Lincs).

### Drakeford

• **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 14

• **GB frequency 1881:** 286

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from a lost place recorded as *Drakeford* in 1206, probably in the vicinity of Tunstall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John Drakeford', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Thos. Drakeforde, 1551 in *IGI* (Leigh,



Staffs); William Drakeford, 1557 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Anthony Drakeford, 1577 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Thomas Drakeford, 1678 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Humphrey Drakefoot, 1701 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); John Drakefort, 1706 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs).  
References: *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 235.

### Drakeley

Variants: **Drakely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Derbys

English: locative name from Drakelow (Derbys), Drakelow in Wolverley (Worcs), or Dragley (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Drakelowe, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Drakelowe, 1397 in *Yorks Wills*; Ellen Drackeley, 1585 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Henry Drakeley, 1605 in *IGI* (Sutton Cheney, Leics); Gilbert Drakelow, 1659 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys); Abraham Drakely, 1734 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); David Drackeley, 1837 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Drakely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Drakeley**.

### Draker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: occupational name for a standard-bearer, from an agent derivative of Middle English *drake* (Old English *draca*) 'dragon'.

**Further information:** Dragons were a common motif of medieval standards, which were carried in pageants and processions as well as in battle.

**Early bearers:** Godman the Drakere, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Camps); Elizabeth Draker, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Joseph Draker, 1785 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs).

### Drakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Drake** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Awdry Drakes, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast and Saint Michael Le Querne, London); Thomas Drakes, 1569 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

### Dran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Drane**.

### Drane

Variants: **Dran**, **Dron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 775, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dran*, *dron* 'drone' (Old English *drān*), denoting an idler, a lazy man.

**Early bearers:** Roger Drane, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Adam le Dron, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Drane, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter le

Dran, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Dran, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Elizabeth Drane, 1542 in *IGI* (Tannington, Suffolk); Abraham Drane, 1575 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Guye Drane, 1607 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Nancy Dran, 1791 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

2 English: See **Drain** (1).

### Dransfield

Variants: **Dronsfield**, **Dronfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1117, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1053
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Dronfield (Derbys), recorded as *Dranefeld(e)* in *Domesday Book*, or perhaps from Dransfield Hill in Mirfield (WR Yorks), although *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, points out that Dransfield Hill is more likely to derive from the surname than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Dreinesfeld, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Dronesfeld, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Dronsfeld', 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Dronfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leamington (Priors), Warwicks); Christopher Dronsfeld', 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); John Dransfield, 1593 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

### Drape

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; Wigtowns

French, English: nickname from Old French *drap* 'cloth', probably used for a draper; See **Draper**.

**Early bearers:** Andrewe Drap, 1543 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Henrie Drap, 1562 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Drap or Draper, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Camberwell, Surrey); Tho Drape, 1582 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Mathew Drap or Draper, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Furnivals Inn, City of London); George Drape, 1627 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Thomas Drape, 1683 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Draper

Variants: **Drapper**, **Drapier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9615, Ireland 224
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6935
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland, esp. Cork
- English: occupational name from Old French *drapier*, Anglo-Norman French *draper* 'maker or seller of woollen cloth; draper' (an agent derivative of *drap* 'cloth').

**Further information:** The surname was introduced to Ulster in the 17th century. Draperstown in Derry was named after the London Company of Drapers.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo drapier, Walter draper, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert (le) Drapier, 1181–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Drapere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robertus Drapur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); William Draper, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Susan Drapper, 1571 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Peter Drapier, 1628 in *IGI* (Terwick, Sussex); Eleanor Draper, 1699 in *IGI* (Oborne, Dorset); Samuel Drapor, 1715 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); George Drapeer, 1780 in *IGI* (Oldbury, Shrops).

Ireland: Robert Draper, clerk, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3983; Robert Draper or Drapper, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6280 (parson of Trim).

### Drapier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- French: See **Draper**.

### Drapper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: See **Draper**.

### Draughn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Druacháin, see **Drohan**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Drave

Variants: **Draves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name denoting someone who lived '(by the) drove', a track along which livestock were driven, Middle English *drove*, *drave* (Old English *dräf*).

**Early bearers:** Ellis de la Drave, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Draue, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus Droue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Mary Drave, 1673 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Mary Draves, 1720 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Drave, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicollas Draves, 1780 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Draves

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Drave**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Drawater

Variants: **Drawwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs

English: occupational name for a 'drawer of water'.

**Early bearers:** Ric' Drawater, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Anna Drawater, 1568 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); John Drawater, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Stambourne, Essex); Lawrence Drawater, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Emneth, Norfolk); John Drawwater, 1661 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Drawbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *drauen*, *draghen* 'to draw, drag' + *breche* 'breaches, underpants; buttocks', a phrasal nickname meaning 'hitch or pull up [one's] breeches', or possibly one for a man with a large rear or useless legs.

**Further information:** The chronology of the forms shows that the modern form of the name is euphemistic.

## Drawer

There is no evidence to connect it with the word *drawbridge*.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Draghebrech, about 1287 in *MED* (Cron dall, Hants); Richard Draghbrech, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Hungerford, Berks); John Drawebregge, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Charing, Kent); Walter Drawbreg, 1477 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Charing, Kent); Thomas Drawbregge, 1528 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Little Chart, Kent); Edward Drawbridge, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Valentine Drawbridge, 1639 in *IGI* (Leysdown, Kent).

### Drawer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *drauen* 'to draw, pull, tug' (Old English *dragan*), used to denote someone who draws, in any of various senses; compare, for example, Roger le wirdragher 'wire drawer', 1313 in *York Freeman's Register*, Richard le Pakkedrawere '(wool)pack carrier', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Alan de Wifestow, *mukdragher* 'muck carter' or possibly 'scavenger', 1340 in *York Freeman's Registers*; Elias Wyndrawer 'wine drawer', 1373 in *London Pleas*; David Tothedrawer 'tooth drawer', 1422 in *London Pleas*.

**Early bearers:** Sayhere Draghere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Drahere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John le Drawere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Johannes Drawer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); John Drawer, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Drawer, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Mary Drawer, 1774 in *IGI* (Launceston, Cornwall).

### Drawwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: See **Drawater**.

### Dray

**Variants:** Drey, Dry, Drye, Droy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 981, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 672
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, also Sussex

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *dri(e)*, *dre3*, *dregh* 'large; onerous; valorous, doughty; patient; lasting; tedious'. (ii) nickname possibly, on occasion, from Old English *dryge* 'dry, withered', compare Roger Siccus, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Roger Drie, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Geoffrey Dreye, 1292 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; William Drye, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alicia Dray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherrington, Warwicks); Walter Dreye, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John Drye or Dry, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jospeth Dray, 1577 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Sussex); Alexander Drey, 1638 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Francis Dray, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Brinkley, Cambs).

### Draycot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Leics
- English: See **Draycott**.

### Draycott

**Variants:** Draycot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1608, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 997
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: locative name from any of the places named Draycott (Derbys, Oxon, Worcs, Somerset), Draycott in the Clay, Draycott in the Moors (Staffs), Draycote (Worcs), Draycott Moor (Berks), Draycot Cerne, Draycot Fitz Payne, or Draycot Foliatt (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Draicote, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); John de Draycote, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Peter de Draycote, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); William Draycote, 1365 in *London Pleas*; John Draycot, 1572 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Samuel Draycutt, 1693 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Thoms. Draycod, 1757 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

### Draysey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middlesex; Warwicks

English: See **Draisey**.

### Drayson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name, apparently from the Middle English nickname or surname **Dray** + *son*. **Early bearers:** William Drayson, 1574 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Drayson, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Roberti Draysonne, 1604 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Hubberte Drysson, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Dryson, 1611 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Willyam Draysonn, 1619 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Gabriel Drayson, 1691 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent); Gabriel Dreyson, 1711 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent).

### Drayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Somerset; IoW

English: locative name from any of the numerous places named Drayton, notably those in Lincs and Hants, or named with Drayton, such as Dry Drayton, Fen Drayton (Cambs), or from Dreyton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Ledmar de Draiton, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Alice de Draiton', 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); William de Drayton, 1358 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Drayton, 1446 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Amye Drayton, 1551 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Georg. Drayton, 1566 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Drayton, 1619 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs).

### Drea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: reduced anglicized form of Ó Draoi, see **Drew**. **Early bearers:** Diermot O Dree, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5749; Dermot O'Drea, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Dwagh).

### Dredge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 777

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; London

English: See **Drage**.

### Dreher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

South German, Swiss German: occupational name for a turner, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *dræhen*, *dræjen* 'to turn'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dreher, in *Census 1841* (Halstead, Essex); Thomas Dreher, in *Census 1861* (Derby, Derbys); Charles Christian Dreher, 1837 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Gottlob Dreher, born in Württemberg, in *Census 1881* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Dreher, born in Berlin, *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Theodor Dreher, born in Germany in *Census 1911* (London).

### Drennan

**Variants:** Drinan, Drinnan, Drynan, Drennon, Drennen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1113, Ireland 592
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Ayr, and Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó Draighneáin 'descendant of Draighneán', a byname based on *draighneán* 'blackthorn'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Melaghlin O'Drinane, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1178 (Inche); Patrick O'Drynan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3498; Padine roe O'Drynane, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4932. Scotland: John Drennan, 1673 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); Heugh Drennen, 1700 in *IGI* (Dalrymple, Ayr); James Drenen, 1774 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); Robert Drennan, 1780 in *IGI* (Tarbolton, Ayr).

### Drennen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish, Irish: mainly Scottish variant of Irish **Drennan**.

### Drennon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Irish: from Ó Draighneáin, see **Drennan**.

### Dresser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- English: occupational name from Middle English *dresser*, *dress(o)ur* 'director, guide; dresser or finisher, of textiles etc.'. **Early bearers:** Robert le Dressour, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Adam Dressur, 1332 in *Thurston* (Yorks); Johannes Dressour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ugford (South), Wilts); Johannis Dresser, 1561 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Edward Dresser 1600 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Samuel Dressor, 1647 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); James Dressar, 1773 in *IGI* (Dalby, NR Yorks).

### Dreux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey Channel Islands: See **Druce**.

### Drever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 512
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: apparently a variant of *Draver* (now extinct as a surname?), which may be from Older Scots *draver* 'driver of a plough or vehicle' and perhaps also 'driver of livestock', comparable to Middle English *drover* 'one who drives livestock to market' and 'one who drives a draught animal'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that the surname is a derivative of Old Norse *draf* 'dregs', as suggested in *Lamb, Surnames of Orkney*.

**Early bearers:** William Dravare, 1459 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Falkland, Fife); Andro Draver, 1460 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Falkland, Fife); Nicholas Dravar, 1562 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Jonet Drever, 1615 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Orkney); Alexander Drevar, 1630 in *Shetland Testaments*; Magnus Drever, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney).

### Drew

**Variants:** **Drewe, Dru, Drea, Drews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9999, Ireland 396
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7842
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork; also Louth

1 Irish: from **Mac an Druaidh** or **Ó Druaidh** or **Ó Draoi** 'son/descendant of the druid', from *draoi* 'druid', genitive *drua[i]dh* or *draoi*. All of these were often anglicized as **Drury**.

**Early bearers:** Melaghlen McDonell McDrig, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2146 (Queen's county [Laois]); Tho. mcOwen McAdrw, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777 (Ballintober, Roscommon); Diermot O Dree, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5749 (Clare); Dermot O'Drea, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Kerry); Margaret Drew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saint Peters, Louth).

2 Norman, English: (i) relationship name from a Norman French personal name based on Continental Germanic *Drogo* (probably of Frankish origin, from Old Saxon (*gi*)*drog* 'ghost, phantom'). In Old French it became *Dreus*, *Drues* (nom.) and *Dru*, *Driu*, *Dreu* (acc.). Some examples may belong at (3). (ii) relationship name from the personal name *Drew*, a pet form of *Andrew* which was confused with the French *Drew*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Drogo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Driu filius Radulfi 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Rutland).

surnames: Radulfus filius Drogonis, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Radulfus filius Dru, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Anschet' driue, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Caermarthen); Ralph Dreu, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Dryw, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Drew, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henricus Dreu, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Canon, Devon); Robertus Drue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Richard Drewe, Reynold Drew, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Drewe, 1508 in *PROB 11* (Gray's Inn, Middx); Henrye Dru, 1548 in

*IGI* (North Molton, Devon); John Drewe, 1597 in *PROB 11* (North Nibley, Gloucs).

3 French: nickname from Old French *dru* 'sturdy', later 'lover' and frequent in this sense as a surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Dru, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John le Drew, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henry le Druie, William Dru, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Drewe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: See **Drew**.

### Dreweatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants
- Norman, English: See **Drewett**.

### Drewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk

English: relationship name from *Drewel*, a diminutive of the Old French personal name *Dru* (See **Drew**), which alternated with *Drewet* (See the 1221 example).

**Early bearers:** William Drewel, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Baldwin Druell, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William Druel (v.1. Druett), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Drewell, 1485 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Grace Drewell, 1526 in *PROB 11*; Richard Druell, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Clothall, Herts); James Drewell, 1644 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Drewer

**Variants:** **Drower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Middx; Worcs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Droart*, *Drouart* (Continental Germanic \**Drōghard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Droardo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Martley, Worcs); Druardus miles, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Druardus de Bedeford, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*.

surnames: William Druer', 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Alicia Drower, 1539 in *IGI* (Irstead, Norfolk); Edwarde Drower, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Drower, 1618 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 61.

### Drewery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: See **Drury**.

### Drewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **Druce**.

### Drewett

**Variants:** **Drewitt, Druitt, Druett, Dreweatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1205, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 803
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Surrey
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Druet*, a diminutive of *Drue*, *Dreu* (from Continental Germanic *Drogo*); See **Drew** (2). Druettus Malerbe, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants) is elsewhere called *Drogo*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Druet, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Druet Malerbe, merchant, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames: Walter Druet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); William Drauet, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Walter Drywet, 1309 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Sussex); Robert Druet, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johannes Drewet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Bridget Druitt, 1602 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwick); Robert Drewett, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Little Coxwell, Berks); William Drewitt, 1754 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts).

2 Norman, English: nickname, perhaps from a diminutive of Old French *dru* 'lover', as possibly Mabila Druet, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Middx). See **Drew** (3).

### Drewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 598, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 530
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wilts
- Norman, English: See **Drewett**.

### Drewy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 447
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: See **Drury**.

### Drews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; scattered in England

Channel Islands, English: variant of **Drew**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Drey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: See **Dray**.

### Dreyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 German: nickname from Middle High German *dri(e)* 'three', German *drei* + the suffix *-er*. This was the name of a medieval coin, and it is possible that the German surname may have been derived from this word. More probably, however, the nickname is derived from some other connection with the number three. Some examples may belong under (2). **Further information:** In Continental Europe this is also found as an Ashkenazic Jewish name, of the same derivation as above, or from Yiddish *dreyer* 'turner', or from a homonym meaning 'swindler, cheat'. However, evidence of Jewish bearers in the UK is lacking.

## Dribbell

**Early bearers:** August Dreyer, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Carl August Dreyer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Frederick Dreyer, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Maria Dreyer, barmaid, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shadwell, Middx); John C. Dreyer, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Adolf Dreyer, labourer steel works, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1901* (South Shields, Durham); Charles Ubrich Dreyer, chocolate maker, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Leicester, Leics); Frederick Dreyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Sunderland, Durham).

2 North German, Scandinavian: occupational name for a turner of wood or bone, from an agent derivative of Middle Low German *dreien*, *dregen* 'to turn'.

**Early bearers:** Scandinavian: Sigurd Dreyer, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (West Hartlepool, Durham); Carl Dreyer, provision agent, born in Denmark, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Margrete Caroline Dreyer, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Oxford, Oxon).

3 English: See **Dryer**.

## Dribbell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Dribble**.

## Dribble

Variants: **Dribbell**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: nickname from Middle English *drevel*, *dribil* 'saliva'.

**Early bearers:** Maurice le Dribel, 1245–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Roger Dribil of Wyehingham, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Dribble, 1678 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Isabel Dribble, 1744 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Samuel Dribble, 1801 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Pleasance Dribble, 1820 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

## Driffield

Variants: **Driffil**, **Driffill**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 248

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name primarily from Driffield (ER Yorks), occasionally from Driffield (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Driffeld, 1192–1218 in *Yorks Charters*; William de Driffeld 1271–7 in *Stratton Surveys in Wilts*; John Dryffeld, 1366 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Robertus Driffild', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Driffeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brantingham, ER Yorks); Petro Driffeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Driffeilde, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Old Jewry, London); Ralph Driffield, 1729 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); John Driffill, 1752 in *IGI* (Hibaldstow, Lincs).

## Driffil

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7

• **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs

English: See **Driffield**.

## Driffill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 141

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, also ER Yorks

English: See **Driffield**.

## Drinan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 22

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó **Draighneáin**, see **Drennan**.

## Dring

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1570, Ireland 12

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1315

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; Hunts

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: (i) relationship name from Old English *dreng* (Old Scandinavian *drengr* 'young man'), denoting a free tenant (especially in ancient Northumbria), holding a part military, part service tenure. (ii) relationship name, occasionally from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Drengr*, found in *Domesday Book*,

**Early bearers:** given names: Dreng de Calualea, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb).

surnames: Roger Dreng, 1155 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William Dreng, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger de Brunham le dreng, 1216–72 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Lincs); Robertus Dring', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton, WR Yorks); John Dringe, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Chatteris, Cambs); Jasper Dring or Dringe, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

## Drinkald

• **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: See **Drinkall**.

## Drinkall

Variants: **Drinkhall**, **Drinkald**, **Drinkell**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 320

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lincs, and Yorks

English: (i) nickname, usually from Middle English *drinken* + *ale* 'drink ale'. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, points out that in Yorkshire it may have been an occupational nickname for an ale taster, citing William Drynkale, ale taster, 1362 in *Court Rolls* (Bradford, WR Yorks). Compare **Goodall**, which probably had a similar application. However, the existence of parallel formations such as **Drinkwater** and the surname of Willelmo Drinkemyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley borough, Leics), suggests that it may also have been given to someone who drew attention to himself through his drinking habits. (ii) nickname, occasionally perhaps, as Reaney suggests, from Middle English *drinc hail* 'drink good health or good luck', the customary response to the toast *wes hail* ('wassail'). Its only certain record as a name is Drinc hala, 1200 in *Caen Abbey Cartulary* (Essex), where it appears to be a stand-alone nickname. The phrase may be Old Scandinavian in origin (compare *kom heill* 'welcome!'), and *hala* would represent an Old English adaptation (*hǣl*) of the Old Scandinavian *heill* 'good luck'. In ordinary Middle English, however, the expression maintained its Scandinavian form, so Drinkhale in the 1281 example

below is more likely a variant of Drinkale in (i), as are certainly the later examples in *-hall*.

**Further information:** Ale tasters were court officials appointed to regulate the quality of locally sold ale and prevent ale wives and taverners from selling sour or watered-down ale.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Drinkhale, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*; Henry Drinkale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ormesby and Cargo Fleet, NR Yorks); Willelmus Drinkale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Thomas Drynkale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Willelmus Drinkale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drighlington, WR Yorks); John Drynkall, 1509 in *York Guild Register*; William Drynkell, 1559 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henricus Drinkall, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Margret Drinkell, 1588 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Richard Drinkhall, 1665 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Nicholas Drinkeld, 1677 in *Lancs Wills*; Jno. Drinkald, 1747 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

## Drinkell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: See **Drinkall**.

## Drinkhall

• **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 23

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: See **Drinkall**.

## Drinkwater

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3119, Ireland 26

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2939

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cheshire;

Worcs and Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *drink(en)* '(to) drink' + *water* 'water', possibly used of someone who claimed to prefer water to the sour ale he was offered by the ale wife or inn keeper. Compare **Drinkall**.

**Further information:** A 13th-century writer describing the extreme poverty of the Franciscans when they first settled in London (1224) writes: 'I have seen the brothers drink ale so sour that some would have preferred to drink water' (*Salzman, Industries*, p. 286). Compare Ranulph Dryngedregges, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmo Drinkemyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley borough, Leics); Adam Drinckmilke, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** John Drinkewater, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Dreinkewater, Drynkewater, 1300, 1310 in *London Letter Books B*; John Drynkewater, draper of London, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Drynkwater, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington with members, Oxon); Johannes Drynkwater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); Johanne Drynkewater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Roberto Drynkewater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Bishop, Wilts); Walterus Drynkewater, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Drynkwater, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Aspenden, Herts); John Drynkwater, 1559 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Drinkwater, 1563 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Johanna Drinkewater, 1573 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Hary Drynkewater, 1575 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Joan Drinkwater, 1575 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lincs).

**Drinnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Draighneáin, see **Drennan**.

**Dripps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Dripps (Lanarks), recorded as Dripis in the 17th century.  
**Early bearers:** John Dripis, 1549 in *Retours, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Drippis, 1580 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Dripps, 1765 in *IGI* (Dundonald, Ayr).

**Driscoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan and Monmouths

Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil, see **Driscoll**.

**Driscoll**

**Variants:** O'Driscoll, Driscoll, Driskell, Driskel, Driskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4564, Ireland 440
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3309
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil 'descendant of the intermediary', from *eidirsceól* 'intermediary, news bearer' (a compound of *eidir* 'between' + *scéal* 'story, news').

**Early bearers:** Flynne Drescolie, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4997; Fynine roe McDonell I Driskole, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Ringe I Drolaney); Joan ny Ea O'Driscoll, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; Nicholas O'Drommy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529.

**Driskel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil, see **Driscoll**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Driskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil, see **Driscoll**.

**Driskill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil, see **Driscoll**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Driver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6047, Ireland 198
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5535
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: occupational name from Middle English *drivere*, 'herdsman; driver (of a team or vehicle)'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert le Drivere, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walterus Dryvere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huntercombe, Oxon); Thomas Dryver, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Snowhill, Gloucs); Roger Dryver, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Swanbourne, Bucks); William Dryuer, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Thomas Driver, 1543 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Barnardi Driver, 1595 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Drivers, 1688 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

**Drodge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Drage**.

**Drohan**

**Variants:** Draughn, Drain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Wexford

Irish: from Ó Druacháin 'descendant of *Druachán*', a byname representing a diminutive of *druach* 'wise man'.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O'Droughane, husbandman, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §746 (Ballyncollane, Wexford); Maurice mcTho. O'Drwoghane, labourer, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4713 (Waterford).

**Dromeys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Brecknocks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Droma, see **Drumm**.

**Dromgoole**

**Variants:** Drumgoole, Drumgold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: earlier *de Dromgul*, anglicized from the Gaelic place-name *Droim Gabhail* 'ridge of the forking stream'.

**Further information:** This was a family of prominent Jacobites.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Drumgole, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §245 (Walsheston); Patrick Drumgole, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3813 (Dromgoleston); Andrew Dromgole, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4017.

**Drommond**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: See **Drummond**.

**Dron**

**Variants:** Drone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Perth, and Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian

1 Scottish: locative name from Dron (Perth).

**Early bearers:** Eufame Drone, 1563 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Agnes Dron, 1606 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Walter Drone, 1614 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Laurence Drone, 1617 in *Retours, Scotland* (Fife); James Dron, 1670 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register*;

Alexander Dron, 1677 in *Retours, Scotland*; James Drone, 1770 in *IGI* (Dunning, Perth).

2 English: occasionally, possibly a variant of **Drane** (1).

**Drone**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Scottish: See **Dron**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Dronfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: See **Dransfield**.

**Dronsfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dransfield**.

**Droop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: (i) nickname, from Middle English *drup* 'dejected, sad, gloomy'. (ii) locative name, possibly a variant of Thorpe: in 1330 William atte Thrope lived at Drupe Farm, recorded as *Thorp* (1388) and *Droope* (1679) (*Place-Names of Devon*, p. 587).

**Early bearers:** Adam Drope, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Edric Drup, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert Drop, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Drope, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Stickford, Lincs); Robert Drope, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Richard Droope, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); Richard Drupe, 1711 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian).

**Drouet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

French: relationship name from a diminutive of the Old French personal name *Drue*, cognate with English **Drewett**.

**Further information:** This form did not survive the medieval period in Britain, with the modern name apparently having been reintroduced in the 16th century by Protestant refugees from France and the Low Countries.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Daniel Guillaume Drouet, 1699, Guillaume Drouet, 1705 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Jean Drouet, 1731 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

**Drought**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 Irish: from Ó Droichid, from *droichead* 'bridge', more usually anglicized as **Bridgeman**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh McHugh McDonoghe alias Donogh yn Drett, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4675.

## Drover

2 English: nickname from Middle English *drowþe*, *dro(u)ghte* 'dryness, drought; thirst' (Old English *drugað*).

**Early bearers:** William Droth', 1209 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); John Drought, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Walterus Drowthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilney, Norfolk); Thomas Drout, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edward Drought, 1591 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); William Drowte, 1622 in *PROB 11* (London); Cutbert Drought, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Drout, 1791 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Drover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *drover(e)* 'one who drives livestock to market, drover'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Drouere, 1294 in *Thureson* (Herts); Henry le Drovere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardo Drovar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); Stephen Drouere, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Thame, Oxon); Nicholas Drover, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Drover, 1616 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

## Drover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: See **Drewer**.

## Drown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Henry Droune, 1522, Henry Drowne senior, Henry Drowne junior, about 1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stoke Climsland, Cornwall); Thomas Drowne, 1569 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Mylor, Cornwall); James Drown, 1605 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); John Drown, 1669 in *IGI* (Mawnan, Cornwall).

## Droy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London

English: probably a variant of **Dray**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Droy of Chiryton, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Cherrington, Gloucs); Thomas Droye, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Aynhoe, Northants); John Droy, 1771 in *IGI* (Askrigg, NR Yorks); Job Droy or Dry, 1878 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

## Drozario

Variants: **Derozario**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese, Indian: relationship name from **Do Rozario**, D'Rozario, a Marian name (*Nossa Senhora do Rosário* 'Our Lady of the rosary').

**Further information:** The name is also found among Christian converts in some parts of India.

**Early bearers:** Louis Edward D'Rozario, 1876, John Louis D'Rozario, 1878 in *BMD* (Poplar, Middx);

Sarah Mary D'Rozario, orphan, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex) .

**References:** *Machado*.

## Dru

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

See **Drew**.

## Druce

Variants: **Drewes**, **Dreux**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1106, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Bucks, Oxon, and Berks

1 French: locative name from Dreux (Eure-et-Loir). Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Herman de Dreues, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Hugo le Droecis, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Robert de Dreus, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William Druveys, Drois, le Droys, le Droes, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Felicia Drues, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury borough, Wilts); Rosa Drues, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stondon Massey, Essex); Richard Druce, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); John Druce, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Bradford, Wilts); Elizabeth Druce, 1644 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Joseph Druce, 1711 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); James Drewes, 1824 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

2 French: locative name from a place in France meaning 'streams', for example Rieux in Marne and in, Seine-Maritime, with fused preposition *de*.

**Early bearers:** Elias de Ruwes, de Rieueus, Driues, de Ripariis, Droeyis, 1235, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Edward Druce, 1591 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks).

## Dudge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: perhaps a late variant of **Drage**.

## Druery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: See **Drury**.

## Druett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Oxon

Norman, English: See **Drewett**.

## Drugan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone
- Irish: from Ó **Druagáin** 'descendant of *Druagán*', an unexplained personal name.
- Early bearers:** Maurice O'Druffyn, chaplain, 1562–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §470; Maurice O'Droughane, husbandman, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §746 (Ballyncollane, Wexford).

## Druitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142

- **Main GB location 1881:** London Norman, English: See **Drewett**.

## Drum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

Irish: from Ó **Droma**, see **Drumm**.

## Drumgold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Glamorgan
- Irish: See **Dromgoole**.

## Drumgoole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth and Armagh

Irish: See **Dromgoole**.

## Drumm

Variants: **Drum**, **Drummey**, **Dromey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 425
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Fermanagh, and Meath

1 Irish: from Ó **Droma** 'descendant of *Droma*', a personal name which may be from *druim* 'back, ridge' and thus a nickname for a hunchback.

**Early bearers:** William Drome, 1589–90 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5400; George Simson alias Drum, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6314; William McShane Drome, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519.

2 Scottish: locative name from a place in Aberdeens named with Gaelic *druim* 'ridge'.

**Early bearers:** John de Drum, 1449 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Edward Drum, 1539 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Begis Drume, 1636 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Drumm, 1645 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); James Drumb, 1764 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Drummey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: from Ó **Droma**, see **Drumm**.

## Drummond

Variants: **Drommond**, **Drummonds**, **Drumond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7898, Ireland 406
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5927
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Perth and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Drummond, which is probably identical with the parish of Drymen (Stirlings).

**Further information:** It has been said that the principal family of this name are descended from a Hungarian nobleman, Maurice, who accompanied Edgar Atheling and his sister Margaret to Scotland in 1068, where she married King Malcolm III. However, there is disagreement on whether or not this was the case.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Drummyn, about 1199 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Dunbartons); Malcolm de Drummond or Drumman, 1270–90 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Dunbartons); Andrew of Dromonde, 1422 in *Hay of Duns Manuscripts*; Jonett Drummond, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Moreis Drummond, 1590 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Janet Drymen, 1698 in *IGI* (Port of Monteith, Perths); Christan Drymond, 1704 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).

2 Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Drómundr*.

**Early bearers:** Agge Dromund, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cams); John Drommund, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Margaret Drummond, 1581 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Janet Drummond, 1588 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Patrick Baron Drummond Drummond, 1596 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Drummond, 1599 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Drummonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: variant of **Drummond** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Drummonds, 1750 in *IGI* (Brotherton, WR Yorks); Thomas Drummonds, 1831 in *IGI* (Weaverthorpe, ER Yorks).

### Drumond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Perths, Stirlings, and Dunbartons; Durham

Scottish: See **Drummond**.

### Drury

**Variants:** Druery, Drewry, Drewery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7166, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4734
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Kent and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo

1 English: nickname from Old French *druirie*, *druerie* 'love, friendship; love token; sweetheart'. Compare **Drew** (3).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Druri, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Druerie, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Drowry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Willelmo Droury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Johannes Drury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brearton, WR Yorks); Roger Drewry, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); John Drewery, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Drewerrie, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Cuddesden, Oxon); William Druery, 1675 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac an Druaidh** 'son of the druid'. See also **Drew**.

**Early bearers:** William Druery or Drurie, lord president of the council in the province of Munster, knight, 1576 in *Fiantis Elizabeth* §2861; George Drury, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Thomas Drury, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

### Drust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *t(h)roste(l)* 'thrush', with voicing of the initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Susan Drust, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Drust alias Thrushe, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Goudhurst, Kent); William Drust, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Marden, Kent); William Drust, 1630 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs).

### Dry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; London

English: See **Dray**.

### Dryborough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Northumb

Scottish: See **Dryburgh**.

### Drybrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Northumb

Scottish: See **Dryburgh**.

### Drybrugh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: See **Dryburgh**.

### Dryburgh

**Variants:** Drybrough, Dryborough, Drybrugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 930, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 703
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Dryburgh in Merton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Dribur, about 1208–14 in *Paisley Register* (Paisley, Renfrews); Peter de Driburght, 1215–16 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Blairgowrie, Perths); Janet Dryburgh, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Drybrughe, 1611 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Helen Dryburgh, 1626 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Wemyss, Fife); Peter Dryborough, 1665 in *IGI* (Logie, Fife); Christian Drybrow, 1693 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife); John Dryburgh, 1703 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Robert Drybroch, 1716 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife); John Drybrough, 1773 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Dryden

**Variants:** Drydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2532, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1796
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Scottish, English: locative name from Dryden (Roxburghs) or Dryden near Roslin (Midlothian).

**Further information:** The poet John Dryden (1631–1700) was born in Northants, after his ancestors had migrated there from Cumb in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Dryden, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Forfar); Henry de Driden, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John Driden, 1553 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Warwicks); John Drydon or Dryden, 1584 in *PROB 11*

(Ashby, Northants); George Dryden, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Adstone, Northants).

### Drydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb
- Scottish, English: See **Dryden**.

### Drye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: See **Dray**.

### Dryer

**Variants:** Dreyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants and Dorset; Kent

English: occupational name from Middle English *driere*, *driere* denoting someone who dried and bleached cloth. 'The cloth, having been fulled, had to be stretched on tenters to dry' (*Salzman, Industries*, p. 224).

**Further information:** The feminine form, *dreyster*, was used also for men: Alice le Dreyster', 1292 in *Fransson* (Lancs); Adam Dreyster, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Dreyere, 1318 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thoma Dreyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Leics); Arthur Dryer, 1554 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); Richard Dryer, 1641 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs); Thomas Lawrence Dreyer, 1785 in *IGI* (Whimple, Devon).

### Dryhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks

English: locative name from Middle English *dri(e)*, *driȝe* 'dry, waterless' + *hirst(e)*, *hurst(e)* 'wood, wooded hill' (Old English *dryȝe* + *hyrst*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(by the) dry wood', or toponymic from a place so named, such as Dryhurst in Tapton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dryhurst of Dyvelyn, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Dublin, Dublin); Richard Drihurst, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Oswestry, Shrops); Hugh Dryhurst, 1662 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Dryhurst, 1794 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 312.

### Dryland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Dryland Farm in Molash (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Dreylaunde, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Drielond, 1350 *Patent Rolls* (Ospringe, Kent); John Dreylonde, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Drylond or Dryland, 1494, John Drylande, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Faversham, Kent).

### Drylie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

## Drynan

• **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Stirlings  
Scottish: locative name from Drylaw (Midlothian).  
**Early bearers:** William de Drilawe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonn de Drylowe or Drylawe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Stirlings); Johannis de Drilaw, 1299 in *Arbroath Register*; Margaret Drylaw, 1597 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Helene Drylay, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Drylaw, 1623 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); John Dryly, 1653 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Henry Drylie, 1696 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Janet Drylee, 1730 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Dryley, 1795 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian); Isabella Dryllie, 1827 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

## Drynan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 132  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Wigtowns  
Scottish: See **Drennan**.

## Drysdale

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2840, Ireland 166  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 2521  
• **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Limerick and Tipperary

Scottish: locative name from Dryfesdale (Annandale), which is normally pronounced *Drysdale*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gawine Dryfesdale, 1499 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Thomas Drysdaill, burgess, 1619 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Robert Drysdale, 1624 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jean Drysdale, 1630 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); George Drysdale, 1655 in *IGI* (Alva, Clackmannans); Janet Drysdale, 1668 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth); Elizabeth Drysdale, 1669 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian); John Drysedale, 1708 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); David Drysdeal, 1751 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jean Drysdial, 1832 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife).  
England: Johanna de Dryuysdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); William Driesdale, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); David Drysdale, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Hugh Driesdale, 1730 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Drywood

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 31  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) dry wood', Middle English *dri(e)*, *drige* + *wode*, *wod(de)*, *wud(e)* (Old English *drýge*, *wudu*).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Dryewode, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Drywode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); William Driwode, 1532, in John Dryewood, 1545 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Drywood, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Stifford, Essex); Benjamin Drywood, 1799 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).

## Dsa

• **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Portuguese: locative name (**De Sa**), denoting someone 'from the hall', Portuguese *de* + *sala*.  
**References:** *Machado*.

## D'Silva

• **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Portuguese: See **Da Silva**.

## D'Souza

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 14  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Portuguese, Jewish: anglicized spelling of **De Sousa**.

## Dsouza

• **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Portuguese: from **D'Souza**, see **De Sousa**.

## Du

**Variants:** **Do**, **Doo**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 5  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 杜 and 都, see **To** (1) and (2).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 度, see **Tu** (1).

## Dua

• **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community.

**Further information:** The Arabic word *du'ā* 'invocation, good wish' is familiar to Panjabi speakers, but it is probably not connected with this name.

## Duah

• **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: nickname from Akan *dua* 'tree', possibly for a tall person.

## Duan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 16

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 段, see **Dwan** (1).

## Duane

**Variants:** **Doane**, **Doan**, **Dwane**, **Dwan**, **Downes**, **Dewan**, **Devane**, **Doone**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 444  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 26  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Galway  
Irish: (i) from **Ó Dubháin** 'descendant of *Dubhán*', meaning 'little black one', a common given name in the 16th century in southern Ireland. (ii) from **Ó Damháin** 'descendant of *Damhán*', from a personal name meaning 'fawn' or 'little stag', found in Ulster. See also **Devine**.

**Early bearers:** Molmorry O'Doan, 1554 in *Fiants Mary* §36 (Leckale); Patrick O'Dowan, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §18 (Queen's county [Laois]); Philip O'Dowan, husbandman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1042 (Kilkenny); Rorye O'Duin (alias Capoll), 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079; John O'Downe, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Wm. O'Doane, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4385 (Mylodeston, Tipperary); Dearby O'Dowan fitz Derby, fisherman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4600

(Cork); Dermot O'Dowane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; Derby O'Doane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Garriduff); Conoghur oge Dwine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Dermot mcDonell I Dwine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Mullrony O'Duan, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734 (Clonburren, Queen's county [Laois]); Derby O'Dowan, harper, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Garryduffe).

## Duarte

• **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 25  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Duarte*, Portuguese equivalent of **Edward**.  
**Early bearers:** Joseph Duarte, in *Census 1841* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Thos. Joze Duarte, "foreign", in *Census 1841* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Demetrius Duarte, born in Spain in *Census 1861* (Salford, Lancs); Ada Duarte, born in Portugal, in *Census 1861* (Great Malvern, Worcs); Frances Jane Duarte, 1872 in *IGI* (Hoose, Cheshire); Demetrius Duarte, 1887 in *IGI* (Barnes, Surrey).

## Dubarry

• **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 12  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

1 French, Huguenot: (i) locative name from one of the many French hamlets called Barri or Barry. Compare **Barry**; alternatively, a variant of **Debary**.  
**Early bearers:** Alfred Dubarry, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Anne Soho, Middx).  
2 English: variant of **Dewberry**.

## Dubb

• **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 14  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Dobb**.

## Dubber

**Variants:** **Dobber**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 151  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey  
English: occupational name from Middle English *dubber*, *doubur*, *dubbar*, *dubb(o)ur*, *dobber*, an aphetic form of Old French *adubeour* 'fripperer, renovator of old cloth or clothing', perhaps also used of a polisher of arms or harness.  
**Early bearers:** Godwin Ladubur, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Salamon Leadubur, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William le Dubbere, 1210 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Paganus le Dubbour, 1226 in *OED*; Johannes Douber, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Henricus Dobbere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbridge, Wilts); Johanne Dubber, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swallowcliffe, Wilts); Thoma Dubbere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hill Deverill, Wilts); Robt. Dubber, 1587 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Johannis Dubber, 1679 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

## Dubberley

**Variants:** **Duberley**, **Dubberly**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 34  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Shrops



English: locative name, unexplained. Probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John Dubberlie, 1562, Dubberlye, 1564 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Willm Dubberley, 1581 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); James Doberlo, 1613 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Robert Dubberley, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Christover Dubberlye, 1640 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Duberley, 1655 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Doberloue, 1658 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Richard Duberly, 1675 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Johannes Dubberly, 1679 in *IGI* (Walford, Herefs).

### Dubberly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: See **Dubberley**.

### Dubbery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Dewberry**.

### Dubbin

Variants: **Dobbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Durham; Middx
- English: See **Dobbin**.

### Dubbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: See **Dobbs**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dube

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1090, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman) name (pronounced as two syllables) meaning ‘one who knows (or has studied) two Vedas’, from Sanskrit *dvivedī* ‘one who knows two Vedas’, from *dvi* ‘two’ + *veda* ‘Veda, knowledge’. This name is a cognate of Gujarati **Dave**.
- Early bearers:** Bhugwandin Dube, born in India, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx); Kalib Naram Dube, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- 2 English: unexplained and apparently obsolete.
- Early bearers:** John Dube, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Biddenden, Kent); Ann Dube, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Newington next Hythe, Kent); Nicholas Dube, 1705 in *Parish Registers* (Dover, Kent); James Dube, in *Census 1841* (Finsbury, Middx).

### Duberley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: See **Dubberley**.

### Duberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Essex
- English: See **Dewberry**.

### Dubery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: See **Dewberry**.

### Duble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Double**.
- Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dublin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name, apparently referring to Dublin, the capital of Ireland, but if so it would have been adopted outside Ireland, since place-names were not normally used as surnames in Ireland.
- Early bearers:** Willelmo de Dublin, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); William de Dublin, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon Dublin, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (London); Samuel Doublin, 1665 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Dublin, 1711 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Jos. Dublin, 1809 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

### Dubock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Huguenot: locative name from *Duboc(q)*, *Duboq*, in Normandy variants of **Dubois**, brought to Britain by Protestant refugees in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- Early bearers:** George Du Bucq, 1610, George Du Boc, 1719, Daniel Duboc, 1727, Marie Jeanne Dubock, 1742 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Abraham Duboc, 1695 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ church, Canterbury, Kent); Isaac Dubock, 1720 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Elias Dubock, 1760 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).
- References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Du Bois

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx
- French: See **Dubois**.

### Dubois

- Variants: **Du Bois, Deboe, Deboo**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Jersey
- French, Huguenot: locative name from Old French *bois* ‘wood’, with the fused preposition *du*. Compare **Dubock**.
- Further information:** This was the name of a Protestant (Huguenot) family from Brittany, many members of which came to England, settling in Thorney, Canterbury, Norwich, and London. Francois Dubois fled to England after the Saint Bartholomew’s Day massacre (1572) and settled in Shrewsbury, where he founded a business making ribbons. The family later changed its name to Wood (Smiles, pp. 387–8).
- Early bearers:** John du Boys, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Urselaie Debowe, 1571 in *IGI* (York); Abraham Deboo, 1726 in *IGI* (Whaplode Drove, Lincs). Huguenot: Louis du Bois, 1571 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton); Aaron du Bois, 1592, Jacques Du Bu, 1593 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ church,

Canterbury); Franchois du Bois, 1604 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Pierre du Bois, 1613 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Jacob du Bo, 1662 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Ducane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Huguenot: locative name from French *du Quesne*, a Picard variant of **Duchêne**, denoting someone who lived ‘by the oak’, Old French *chasne*.
- Further information:** The Rev. Thomas Roger Du Cane, prebendary of Ely Cathedral and vicar of East Tuddenham, Norfolk, in the early 18th century, was the son of Abraham Du Quesne, second son of the Huguenot Marquis du Quesne (1610–88). Abraham was a lieutenant in the French navy who came to England as a refugee after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.
- Early bearers:** John Ducane, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Jeane Ducane, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Peter Ducane, 1740 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras Soper Lane, London).

### Ducat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- 1 Scottish: probably a variant of **Duguid**.
- Early bearers:** David Ducat, 1642 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Dowcat, *Melrose Records* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Thomas Ducat, 1642 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); John Ducat, 1702 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Katharine Ducat, 1766 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Jean Ducat, 1811 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).
- 2 English: post-medieval spelling of **Duckett**.
- 3 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *ducat*, *duket*, *doket* (Old French *ducat*, Italian *ducato*), the name of various gold or silver coins in different European countries. However, there is no evidence that this survived as a modern surname.
- Further information:** When first minted, about 1140, in the Duchy of Apulia, the coins bore the legend ‘sit tibi, Christe, datus, quem tu regis, iste *ducatus*’, hence their name, from late Latin *ducatus* ‘duchy’.
- Early bearers:** Wolveva, Alice, William Dukat, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Mary Ducat, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Ducat, 1748 in *IGI* (Fenny Compton, Warwicks); Martha Ducat, 1766 in *IGI* (Catmore, Berks); Richard Ducat, 1769 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Sarah Ducat, 1804 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks).

### Duce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 877, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 674
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Shrops; Essex and Cambs
- English: See **Dowse**.

### Duch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: See **Dutch**.

**Duchesne**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 37  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London  
 French: locative name from Old French *chesne* 'oak', with fused preposition and definite article *du* 'from the'.  
 Early bearers: Huguenot: Anthonie Du Chesne, 1574 in *IGI* (Southampton Wallon church); Jean Du Chesgne, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street); David Du Chesne, 1703 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Du Chesne, 1740 in *IGI* (Savoie, Westminster, Middx).  
 Other: James Duchesne, 1702 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Frederick Duchesne, 1830 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Edwin James Duchesne, 1870 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

**Ducie**

Variants: **Doocey**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois  
 Irish: from Ó Dubhghusa 'descendant of *Dubhghus*', a personal name from *dubh* 'black' + *gus* 'vigour'.  
 Early bearers: Thomas O Dwysy mcPhilip, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522.

**Duck**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1177, Ireland 15  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1599  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; Wilts  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Westmeath  
 1 English: See **Duke**.  
 2 Irish: adopted for Ó Leocháin 'descendant of *Leochán*' (See **Logan**) by mistranslation, as if from *lacha* 'duck'.

**Ducke**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 9  
 English: See **Duke**.

**Duckels**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 48  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: nickname from a diminutive of *duk* 'duck'. Compare John Duklyng, 1483 in *London Letter Books* Lincs. The final -s is probably excrescent, added to the surname in post-medieval times.  
 Early bearers: John Dukel, Richard le Dukel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Duckenfield**

Variants: **Duckinfield**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 164  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: locative name from Dukinfield (Cheshire).  
 Early bearers: Robert de Dukingfeld, about 1250 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Robert Dokenfeld, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Broughton, Lincs); William Duckenfield, 1614 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); John Duckingfeild, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Dukinfield, Cheshire); James Duckinfield, 1672 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Martin Duckinfield, 1752 in *IGI* (Treeton, WR Yorks).

**Ducker**

Variants: **Duker**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 1286, Ireland 9  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 702  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and WR Yorks  
 English: nickname from Middle English *douker*, *dokare* 'diving bird'. Compare **Diver**.  
 Early bearers: Philip Duker, 1365 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johnis. Ducker, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thruston Duker, 1573 in *IGI* (Braceborough, Lincs); Johon Ducker, 1641 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); John Douker, 1711 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks).

**Duckerin**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2  
 English: See **Duckering**.

**Duckering**

Variants: **Duckerin**, **Dickering**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 150  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
 English: locative name, apparently from a lost place in Burton Fleming or Rudston (ER Yorks) that gives its name to Dickering wapentake; See *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 84–6.  
 Early bearers: Richard de Dykryng, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Edingley, Notts); Ellen Duckringe, 1584 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Hamond Duckering, 1594, William Duckring, 1626, Duckerin, 1642 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Charles Dickering, 1661 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Middx); John Duckerin, 1702 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Stephen Dickerin, 1757 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

**Duckers**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 320  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Shrops  
 English: See **Duckhouse**, of which this is a reduced form.

**Ducket**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 153  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Shrops  
 English: See **Duckett**.

**Duckett**

Variants: **Ducket**, **Duckit**, **Duckitt**, **Ducat**, **Dockett**, **Doggett**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 2148, Ireland 58  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1884  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Carlow; Dublin  
 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Duket*. This may sometimes have been an early Middle English pet form of an Old English \**Ducc(a)* but was more often a pet form of *Marmaduke*, especially in Yorks (See **Duke**).  
 Willelmus filius Duket of Hackness (NR Yorks) may have been related to Marmaduke de Sneaton, who lived in the neighbouring village of Sneaton (1301 in *Subsidy Rolls*). Dukett de Thweng, 1416 in *Yorks Deeds* (Snaith, WR Yorks), was probably identical with or a

relative of Marmaduke de Thweng, 1404 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (York).  
 Further information: There is no evidence to bear out Reaney's assertion that 'in general the surname is either an unrecorded diminutive of *duck* or Old French *duquet*, a diminutive of *duc* 'leader, guide', one of the names of the owl, so called because thought to serve as guide to certain birds.'

In the 1185 form -*ch*- is an Anglo-Norman French spelling of /k/. In the 1301 form -*g*- indicates a voicing of /k/.  
 Early bearers: given names: Duchet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Duket, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Duget', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Doket Flasby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Dukett' de Thweng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Garrowby, ER Yorks); Dukett de Thweng, 1416 in *Yorks Deeds* (Snaith, WR Yorks).  
 surnames: Rannulf Duchet, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Herbert Duket, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Roger Doket, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Agnes Duket, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dishforth, NR Yorks); Willelmus filius Duket, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Thomas Doket, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Spridlington, Lincs); Johannes Doket, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Thomas Duket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Roberto Docet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horningsham, Wilts); Willelmus Dokette, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Dockett or Dokett, 1485 in *PROB 11*; Henricus Duckett, 1558 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Thomas Ducket, 1604 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Hannah Duckitt, 1648 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Richard Duckit, 1746, Richard Ducat, 1769 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).  
 References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Duckham**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 307  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; also Middx; Monmouths; W Midlands  
 English: locative name from Docombe in Moretonhampstead (Devon) or Duckham in Chawleigh (Devon); See *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 363, 485.  
 Early bearers: William de Docomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); John Duckcombe, 1570, Richard Duckeham, 1596, Thomas Duckham, 1640 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon); Daniel Duckham, 1698 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon).  
 References: *Place-Names of Devon*.

**Duckhouse**

Variants: **Duckers**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 90  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
 English: nickname, topographical name for someone who lived or worked '(at the) duckhouse', Middle English *do(u)ke, duk(ke) + hous*.  
 Early bearers: Robertus dil Dockus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haydock, Lancs); Richard Duckhouse, 1553 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Elizabeth Duckhouse, 1611 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Duckus, 1686 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Sam Duckhouse, 1798 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

**Duckinfield**

- GB frequency 1881: 56
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: See **Duckenfield**.

**Duckit**

- GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: See **Duckett**.

**Duckitt**

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 166
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: See **Duckett**.

**Duckley**

- GB frequency 1881: 4
- English: See **Dagley**.

**Duckling**

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: E Anglia; Surrey
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ducelin*, a double diminutive of Old English *Duca*, or of Old English *duce*, ‘duck’.
- Early bearers:** John Duklyng, 1483 in *London Letter Books* Lincs; Richard Ducklinge, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robt Docklin, 1614 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Eliz Duckling, 1686 in *IGI* (Syston, Lincs).

**Duckmanton**

- Current frequencies: GB 272, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 116
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: locative name from Duckmanton (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Dukemanton, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; Matilda de Dukmanton, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Duckmanton, Derbys); Henry Dukmanton, Thomas Dukmanton, mercer of London, 1448 in *Patent Rolls*; Jo. Duckmanton, 1582 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Johannis Duckmanton, 1645 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Joseph Duckmanton, 1727 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts).

**Ducksworth**

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: variant of **Duckworth** with intrusive -s.
- Further information:** This form has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Duckworth****Variants: Ducksworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 4655, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 5785
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim
- English: locative name from Duckworth (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Alan de Dokesworthe, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Henry de Dukeworth, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Dukworth, 1439 in *York Freeman's Register*; Laurence Dokeworth, 1488 in *Kent Wills*; Anne Duckworth, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Jonathan Ducksworth, 1772 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Lawrance Ducksworth, 1784 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Du Cros****Variants: Ducros**

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- French, Huguenot: locative name denoting someone who lived ‘in the hollow’.
- Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques du Croes, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Isabelle du Cros, 1710 *IGI* (Savoye de Springs Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth du Cros, 1741 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Edmund Du Croz, 1823 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Tom Ducros, 1866 in *IGI* (Bellbroughton, Worcs).

**Ducros**

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- French: See **Du Cros**.

**Duda**

- Current frequencies: GB 510, Ireland 14
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- 1 Polish, Ukrainian, Czech, Slovak: nickname for a player of the bagpipes, from Slavic *duda* ‘bagpipe’.
- Early bearers:** Harry Joe Duda, in *Census 1911* (Portsmouth, Hants).
- 2 Czech: nickname for someone thought to resemble a hoopoe, Czech *dudek*.
- 3 Hungarian: (i) relationship name from the old secular personal name *Duda*. (ii) nickname, possibly a shortened form of *Dudás*, from Slavic *dude* ‘bagpipes’, denoting a piper.

**Dudbridge**

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- English: locative name from Dudbridge (Gloucs), recorded as Dodebrigg(e), Duddebrigg(e) in the 13th century.
- Early bearers:** Walter de Dodebrugge, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Johanne Dodebrigg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cerney, Gloucs); Henrico Dodebrigg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Lypiatt, Gloucs); Christofer Dudbridge, 1576 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Noah Dudbridge, 1700 in *IGI* (Rodborough, Gloucs).

**Dudd**

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
- English: See **Dodd**.

**Duddell**

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 82
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops
- 1 English: See **Dudhill**.
- 2 English: See **Duddle**.

**Dudden****Variants: Duddin**

- Current frequencies: GB 144, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 130
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
- 1 English: See **Dodding**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Duding, 1657 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Jacob Duddon, 1712, George Dudin, 1718 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Duddon (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John de Duddene, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Catherine Duddon, 1615 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Johnis Dudden, 1687 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

3 English: locative name from Duddoe (Northumb), occurring as *Dudden*, 1242 in *Book of Fees*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Dudden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Sibilla Duddon, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thome Duddin, 1598 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

**Duddin**

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 45
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- 1 English: See **Dudden**.
- 2 English: See **Dodding**.

**Dudding****Variants: Duddin, Dudden**

- Current frequencies: GB 302, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 233
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and ER Yorks; Kent
- English: See **Dodding**.

**Duddington**

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Cambs; Middx; WR Yorks
- English: See **Doddington**.

**Duddle****Variants: Duddell**

- Current frequencies: GB 206, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: (i) relationship name from *Duddel*, a diminutive of the Old English personal name *Dudda*. (ii) nickname from a diminutive of the *dad*, *dud* discussed at **Dod**. Perhaps these are early examples of the 17th-century slang term *doddle*, *doodle* ‘foolish fellow’.
- Early bearers:** Simon Dodul, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John le Doudel, William Dudel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Dodel, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Ellin Duddell, 1552 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Sara Duddle, 1600 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Robert Duddle, 1770 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

**Duddleston**

- GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; also Shrops
- English: locative name from Duddleston (Shrops).
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Johanne de Dodelston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Will. Duddleston, 1603 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willm. Duddlestone, 1612 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Martha Duddleston, 1634 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Thomas Duddlestoane, 1669 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Dudbridge**

Variants: **Dudridge, Doddridge, Dodridge, Dodderidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs
- English: locative name from Doddridge in Sandford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Doderig', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Richard Doderugge, 1353 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Devon); Richard Dodrigge, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

**Duddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 793
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Mayo
- 1 Irish: from Ó Dubhda, see **Dowd, Dowdy**.  
 2 English: locative name, perhaps from some lost place in Sussex that was originally named as \**Dudda(n)hei* 'Dudda's enclosure'.  
**Early bearers:** William de Duddenheye, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Robert, Reginald Dudehay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Duddy, 1606 in *IGI* (East Farleigh, Kent).

**Dudek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Ukrainian, Czech, Slovak: nickname from *dudek* 'hoopoe', with reference to some attribute of the bird such as its repetitive call or its bright plumage. In Polish the word also means 'simpleton' and this no doubt contributed to the Polish surname.  
**Early bearers:** Franz Dadeck, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Francis Dudek, born in Berlin, in *Census 1891* (Camden, Middx); Joseph Dudeck, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Coleshill Fawr, Flints).

**Dudeny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: See **Dewdney**.

**Dudfield**

Variants: **Dutfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; also Worcs

Norman, English: locative name from Doudeville (Seine-Maritime).  
**Early bearers:** Baldwini de Dudavill, 1217 in *Patent Rolls* John Dodevill, 1367 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Dodewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hampton Lucy, Warwicks); John Dutfeild, 1625 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Dudfeild, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Elmley Castle, Worcs); John Dudfield, 1632 in *IGI* (Kemerton, Gloucs); John Dutfeild, 1662 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Thomas Dudfield, 1709 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Dudfield, 1716, Thomas Dutfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Sarah Dudfield, 1753 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

**Dudgeon**

Variants: **Dodgeon, Dodgen, Dodgin, Dotchin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and E Lothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Fermanagh, and Donegal

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Doggin, Doggin*, diminutives of *Dodge*.  
**Further information:** Bardsley notes that *Dodgson* and *Hodgson* were pronounced *Dodgin* and *Hodgin* in N Lancs.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Dogynus de Sourhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).  
 surnames, England: Thomas Doioun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Dugdion, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margaret Dugdin, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Avenbury, Herefs).  
 surnames, Scotland: John Dugeoun, 1536 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Dionisius Duggeoun, 1559 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Johnne Dudgeon, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Dudgeon, 1633 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Dudgeon, 1704 in *IGI* (Prestonkirk, E Lothian).

**Dudhia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Muslim, unexplained.

**Dudhill**

Variants: **Duddell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: locative name from Dudhill in Alveley (Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** William Dudhill, burgess, 1380, Dudyll, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Dudehill', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomae Duddell, 1606 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); William Dudhill, 1682 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); William Duddill, 1696 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); Edward Dudhill, 1708 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Adam Dudhill, 1819 in *IGI* (Belper, Derbys); John Duddil, 1836, Benjamin Duddill, 1858 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops).

**Dudley**

Variants: **Dadley, Didlick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6941, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4317
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Tipperary and Cork

1 English: locative name from Dudley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Duddeleye, Doddeleye* in the 13th and 14th centuries.  
**Early bearers:** Gladewin de Duddeleia, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Herbert de Dudeleg', 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs, Worcs); William de Doddeleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arley, Warwicks); Richard de Daddeley, 1352 in *Feet of Fines* (Canley in Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Willelmus Dodeley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Magota Duddely,

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Johanne Duddelegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atworth, Wilts); Ricardus Duddeleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes Dadeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cryfield in Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Andreu Dadely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Johanne Duddelegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atworth, Wilts); Katherine Dudley, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Duddeley or Dudley, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); Sara Dadley, 1628 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).  
 2 Irish: in Ireland, when not the English name, it was adopted as equivalent of Ó Dubhdáileithe, 'descendant of *Dubhdáileithe*', a personal name from *dubh* 'black' + *dá* 'two' + *léithe* 'sides'. An alternative semi-phonetic equivalent was **Dowdall**.

**Dudman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 555
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Hants
- English: See **Dodman**.

**Dudney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: See **Dewdney**.

**Dudridge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: See **Dudbridge**.

**Dudson**

Variants: **Dutson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

1 English: See **Dodson**.  
 2 English: locative name from Dudston (Shrops), with assimilation of the *-t-*; compare *Dudson*, 1629 in *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 112. Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Dudeston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Timberth, Shrops); Ricardus Dudeston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Marrington, Shrops); Walterus de Dudeston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dudston, Shrops); William Dutson alias Dudson, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Thames Ditton, Surrey); Edw Dutsen, 1618 in *IGI* (Withington, Herefs); Jams Dutson, 1622 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); James Dutson, 1642 in *IGI* (Marden, Herefs); Simon Dudson, 1629 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs); John Dutton, 1682 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Abraham Dudson, 1718 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**Due**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cheshire
- English: See **Dew**.

**Duell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants
- 1 English: See **Deaville** (2).

**Early bearers:** Xfry Duell, 1565, Katheren Dewell, 1585 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Joseph Duell, 1804, John Duell, 1832 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); James Duele, 1852 in *IGI* (Breamore, Hants).

2 Breton, English: See **Joel**.

### Duerden

**Variants:** Duerdon, Durden, Durdin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1124

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Dearden (in Bury, Lancs). McKinley notes that the surname was hereditary in Rossendale from the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert Duerden, 1579 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ric. Durden, 1582 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Arthure Durden, 1590, James Duerden, 1597 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); James Durden, 1708 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Jonathan Duerdin, 1733 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); John Durdin, 1756 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Robert Duerding, 1762 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Robert Duerdon, 1786 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

2 English: See **Durden**.

### Duerdon

• **GB frequency 1881:** 22

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Duerden**.

### Duesbury

• **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 69

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys

English: See **Dewsbury**.

### Duey

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2

French, Welsh: See **Dewey**.

### Du Feu

• **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 158

• **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: locative name denoting someone from any of several places called Feu, for example in Haute-Savoie.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Andrie de Feu, 1659 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey); Helier Du Feu, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Susanne Du Feu, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); John Nicholas De Feu, 1866 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

Edward Defue, 1710 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs);

Thomas Defue, 1812 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

Huguenot: Jean Desfeue, 1685 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Duff

• **Current frequencies:** GB 6689, Ireland 1745

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5295

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Perth and Lanarks; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down; Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Gaelic *dubh* 'dark, black', used both as a byname and a personal name. In Scotland, it is typically a descriptive epithet for a dark-haired man (compare **Dow**). In Ireland, it is

usually from Ó Duibh 'descendant of *Dubh*' or Mac Giolla Duibh 'son of the servant of *Dubh*' (See **McElduff** and **Kilduff**). It is also found as a short form of **Duffin** and a variant of **Duffy**. See also **McDuff**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan Duff, about 1275 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Tarradale, Ross and Cromarty); Dunkan Duf, 1292 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); Machabeus Duff, burgess, 1342 in *Aberdeen Register* (Cullen, Banff); Paul Duff, 1414 in *Cawdor Book* (Nairns); Cristan Duff, 1572 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire); Jonet Duffe, 1608 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

Ireland: Teige and Feaughe O'Duffe, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Henry and Malaughlen Duf, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §97 (Gerrardeston, Meath); John Dufe, chaplain, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §439; William O'Duf, tailor, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2057 (Kilmokar); Thomas Dufe, horseman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1141 (Gerareston, Meath).

### Duffan

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Irish: See **Duffin**.

### Duffel

• **GB frequency 1881:** 11

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: See **Duffield**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Duffell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 367

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Staffs

English: See **Duffield**.

### Duffes

• **GB frequency 1881:** 38

• **Main GB location 1881:** Morays; Aberdeens

Scottish: See **Duffus**.

### Duffet

• **GB frequency 1881:** 19

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Hants

English: See **Duffett**.

### Duffett

**Variants:** Duffitt, Duffet

• **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 308

• **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; Gloucs

English: nickname denoting either 'dove foot' or 'dove head', from Middle English *do(u)ve, doufe, duve* 'dove' + *fo(u)t, fut, vot* 'foot' or *hed(de), heved* 'head'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dovefote, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Dowfthed, 1355 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmo Doufheued, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); Esaye Dufett, 1546 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Arthur Duffet, 1555 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Duffitt, 1575 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Doufoot, 1625 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); George Duffett, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Langton Long Blandford, Dorset); John Duffitt, 1715 in *IGI* (Burythorpe, ER Yorks).

### Duffey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 19

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1072

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Midlands and N England: esp. Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

Irish, Scottish: from Ó Dubhthaigh, see **Duffy**.

### Duffie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 204

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central Scotland

Scottish: Scottish form of Irish **Duffy**.

### Duffield

**Variants:** Duffill, Duffell, Duffel

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3559, Ireland 66

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2597

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; WR Yorks; Staffs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

English: locative name from Duffield (Derbys, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Duffeld', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey de Duffeld, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*; Johannes de Duffeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fockerby, WR Yorks); Johannes de Duffeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tutbury, Staffs); Henrico de Duffeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER Yorks); William Duffeld', 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Antonye Duffelde, 1538 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Richard Duffillde, 1565 in *PROB 11* (London); William Duffell, 1568 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Rich Duffill, 1623 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Alexandor Duffeeld, 1634 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Ric Duffell, 1709 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mickel Duffel, 1761 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

### Duffill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 346

• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; ER Yorks

English: See **Duffield**.

### Duffin

**Variants:** Diffin, Duffan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2349, Ireland 698

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1116

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Irish: from Ó Duibhfinn, 'descendant of *Dubhfionn*', a personal name meaning 'darkly fair'.

**Early bearers:** Terence Duffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone); John Duffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ahoghill, Antrim); James Duffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry).

2 English: relationship name, possibly from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Dufan*, which is a loan from Old Irish *Dubán*.

**Early bearers:** William Duffane, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Henrici Duffin, 1570 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); William Duffin, 1594 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Marie Duffin, 1595 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Duffin, 1620 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Duffin, 1621 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks).

## Duffitt

### Duffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Surrey
- English: See **Duffett**.

### Duffley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: See **Diffley**.

### Dufford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Duford**.

### Duffus

#### Variants: Duffes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Banffs

1 Scottish: locative name from Duffus (Morays). **Early bearers:** Arkembaldus de Duffus, 1222 in *Moray Register* (Duffus, Morays); Agnes Duffers, 1586 in *Scone Charters*; David Duffus, burgess, 1488 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); James Duffes, 1633 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Fyvie, Aberdeens).  
2 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *douvehous*, *duffous* ‘dovecote’, for someone who lived by or worked in a dovehouse.  
**Further information:** It is possible that the English name died out in or after the medieval period and that the later examples may belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** Robert del Dufhus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert del Dufhous, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*; Alexander de Dufhous of Leyster, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Duffhous, citizen and fishmonger of London, 1430 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Dufhous, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks, Surrey); Daniel Duffus, 1690 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Guliker Duffus, 1755 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Thomas Duffus, 1814 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent).

### Duffy

#### Variants: O'Duffy, Dovey, Dowey, Duffey, Duffie, Doeoy, Duhig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18977, Ireland 12210
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6531
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Monaghan; Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Dubhthaigh ‘descendant of Dubhthach’, a byname derived from *dubh* ‘black’, see **Duff**.

**Early bearers:** Flannacan Ua Dubhtaich, bishop of the Tuatha Elphin, 1168 in *AU*; Muirgis Ua Dubhthaigh, abbot of Boyle, 1174 in *AU*; William Ó Dubtaigh (Clonmacnoise), 1297 in *AU*; Maurice O'Divi, husbandman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §276; Hugh O'Divye, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2030 (Irishtone, Kilkenny); Patrick mc Cormock O'Duffy, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5626; William mc Shane O'Dowhye, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Ardmaly).

2 Irish: from Mac Duibhshithe, see **McDuffie**. Compare **McAfee**, **Mehaffey**, **McGuffie**, and **McPhee**, in which the personal name is lenited.

### Duford

#### Variants: Dufford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name, unexplained. The name appears to derive from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps with subsequent confusion with the French name *Dufort*.

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Dufford, 1270, 1280 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Dufford, 1308, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Dufford, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Willmus Duford, 1564 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); Arthur Dufford, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Wartling, Sussex); Robert Duford, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Baldock, Herts); Thomas Dufford, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Jean Dufourt, 1700, Dufort, 1702 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Henry Duford, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anne Soho, Middx); Charlotte Duford, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Peter Duffort, 1785 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs); Francis Henry Dufford, 1817 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

### Dufour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

French: locative name from *du four* ‘from the oven’, denoting someone who lived or worked at a communal oven.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jaque Du Four, 1614 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean Du Four, 1688 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ church, Canterbury); Magdalene Du Four, 1691 in *IGI* (French church, Thrope le Soken, Essex).  
Channel Islands: Helliierdu Four, 1841 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Pierre Du Four, 1842 in *IGI* (Forest, Guernsey); Thomas John Du Four, 1858 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Guernsey).

Other: Comfort Matilda Dufaur, 1774 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); William Thomas Dufour, 1808 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Gustave Adolphe Dufour, 1847 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); Hyppolite Bertrand Dufour, 1862 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Dufton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 539
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Dufton (Westm).  
**Early bearers:** William de Dufton, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas de Dufton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas de Dufton, 1341 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Dufton, 1540 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Alice Dufton, 1584 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Stephen Dufton, 1626 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

### Dufty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: See **Doughty**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Dufty, 1798 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

### Dugall

#### Variants: Duggal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 12

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Dubhghaill, see **McDougall**.  
2 Indian: See **Duggal**.

### Dugan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 204
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Irish: from Ó Dubhagáin ‘descendant of Dubhagáin’, a diminutive of *dubh* ‘black’.

**Early bearers:** John Dugan, 1413 in *Scotland Calendar*; Adam Dougane, 1665 in *Lanark Testaments* (Douglas, Lanarks).

2 Irish: from Ó Duibhginn, see **Duggan**.

**Early bearers:** Donald O’Dowgane, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Billaghin Dromy); Teig O’Dowgan, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2683; Donald mc Donogh O’Dowgan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3031 (Coultober); James Dugen, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5611; Derby O’Dugane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529.

### Dugard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- French: nickname from the French phrase, *Dieu (te) garde* ‘God guard (you)’, possibly denoting someone who habitually used the expression. Compare French *Dieutegard*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Deugard, 1322 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Devon); William Dugard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edward Dieugard of Suthampton, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); John Dewgard, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Thomas Dugard, 1561 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Willia. Dugard, 1605 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Emanuel Dugard, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Dugard, 1673 in *IGI* (Barford, Warwicks).

### Dugdale

#### Variants: Dugdill, Dugdall, Dougdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2260, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2061
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps from Dugdale near Uttoxeter (Staffs), but *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, argues that an as yet unidentified place near Clithero (Lancs) is more likely; he also notes that Wilson’s suggested derivations from Dug Dale in Warter (ER Yorks) or Dugdales in Great Mitton (WR Yorks) are implausible.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dugdale, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Joan Dukdale, 1479 in *York Guild Register*; John Dugdale, 1546 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Dugdayle, 1566 in *WR Yorks Surnames*; Alice Dugdaill, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Henry Dugdaill, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Gracia Duckdall, 1604 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Catherine Duggdale, 1615 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Gyles Dugdale, 1624 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Dugdill, 1667 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); John Dugdail, 1796 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Mary Dougdale, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Dugdall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: See **Dugdale**.

**Dugdill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Dugdale**.

**Duggal****Variants: Dugal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

**Duggan**

**Variants: Duggon, Dougan, Dogan, Doogan, Deegan, Dugan, Degan, Deighan, Diggin, Dagan, Dagon, Duggins, Duggin, Digan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6525, Ireland 5373
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2277
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Tipperary

1 Irish, Manx: relationship name from Ó **Dubhagáin**, ‘descendant of *Dubhagán*’, a diminutive form of *dubh* meaning ‘small, dark one’. Compare Manx **Quaggin**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donald O’Dowgane, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Billaghin Dromy); Teig O’Dowgan, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2683 (Portgloryan); Matthew O’Dowgane, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2961; Shane McDonogh Y Dowgan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3100 (Coulugaine); Philip O’Dowgaine, gallowglass, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4946 (Mosamglas, Cork); Henry Dowgan, gent., 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5213; Rory Duigin, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §555 (Ballycragh); Cormuck O’Doogaine, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Ardneglasse, Sligo); John O’Dowgaine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558; Francis Deegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killabban, Laois).

10M: Ó Dubhagáin, 1372 in *Moore*; Dogan, 1511, Duckan, 1611, Duccan, 1675 in *Kneen*; Mary Duggan, 1753 in *IGI* (Kirk Rushen, IoM).

2 Irish: from Ó **Duibhginn** ‘descendant of *Duibhgeann*’, a byname from *dubh* ‘black, dark’ + *ceann* ‘head, chief’.

**Early bearers:** Donogh O’Diggan, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Balleowen); Teig mcMorrie O’Diggan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Jordanstown); Teig O’Digin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Brachragh, Kerry); John Digin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Rahkeane, Kerry); Donell O’Digin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Canaha, Kerry); Laurence Digan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbride, Offaly).

3 Welsh: relationship name, reduced derivative of the Welsh personal name *Cadwgan*, see **Cadogan**.  
**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 65.

**Duggin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish: See **Duggan**.

**Duggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- Irish, English: variant of **Duggan**, with the addition of excremental English -s.

**Duggleby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Duggleby (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Duggelby, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Walterus de Dugilby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, ER Yorks); Robertus Duggilby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John, son of Roger de Duggelby, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Duggleby, ER Yorks); Thomas Dogilby of Waton, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Watton, ER Yorks); Geo. Duggleby, 1663 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Mary Duggleby, 1699 in *IGI* (Cloughton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Dugleby, 1710 in *IGI* (Great Driffield, ER Yorks); John Duggelby, 1725 in *IGI* (Great Driffield, ER Yorks); Ann Dugelby, 1762 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

**Duggon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish: See **Duggan**.

**Duglas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: See **Douglas**.

**Dugmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 808, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: locative name of uncertain origin. There are two places named Dogmore (Well) in Delamere and Kelsall (both Cheshire), Dogmoor in Prees (Shrops), and Dodgemore Well in Hurdfield (Cheshire), but which if any of these gave rise to the surname is unclear; it may be from a lost or as yet unidentified place of similar name (compare the \**Doccanmere* ‘dock pool’ thought to underlie Dogmersfield (Hants): See *Hampshire Place-Names*).

**Early bearers:** John Dogmare, clerk, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Humfrey Dugmore, 1571 in *IGI* (Redmarley D’Abitot, Worcs); Thomas Dugmore, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Pendock, Worcs); Thos. Duggmore, 1636, John Dugmoor, 1644 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Dugmore, 1674 in *Parish Registers* (Coppenhall, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 108; 3, pp. 211, 278; *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 201.

**Duguid****Variants: Ducat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1564, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 993
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Kincardines

Scottish: nickname from Older Scots *do gude* ‘do good’, equivalent to the now extinct English surname *Dogood*.

**Early bearers:** John Dogude, 1379, Dugude, 1382 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perth, Perth); John

Dogude, 1479 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Dugoude, 1536 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Mariore Dugwid, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johnne Dugud, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexr. Doegood, 1651 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jeanne Doegude, 1651 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Patrick Duiguid, 1733 in *IGI* (Oldmeldrum, Aberdeens); Isabell Duguide, 1829 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

**Duhaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Duhaney, 1783 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); John Duhany, 1785 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**Duhig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: anglicized form of the surname Ó *Dubhthaigh* in Munster. See **Duffy**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot oge O’Duhig, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Clahanrourke, Kerry); Mullaghlen oge O’Duhig, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Glandyne, Kerry).

England, Scotland: David Duhigg, 1747 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ann Duhig, 1816 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Catherine Duhigg, 1852 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Hannah Dohig, 1865 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Duignan**

**Variants: Deignan, Degnan, Dignan, Dignam, Dignum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 1180
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; Leitrim and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó **Duibhgeannáin** ‘descendant of *Duibhgeannán*’, a diminutive of *Duibhgeann*, see **Duggan**.

**Early bearers:** Teige m’Mortagh O Degonan, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232; Patrick Duignam, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Achchurren); Fiall O Duigenain, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Ballindoin); Cahill roe O Dowgenan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4797; Ferfeasse O Dwgenan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Inishkellen); Cogogrie O Dowgenan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Dromecalpe).

**Duirs**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: See **Duris**.

**Duke**

**Variants: Dook, Duck, Ducke, Dock, Doak, Doke, Dukes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4910, Ireland 518
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3475
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Middx; ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Leitrim; Armagh

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *duk(ke)*, *duck*, *doke*, *dook* 'duck' (Old English *dūce*), either from a perceived resemblance (a waddling gait, perhaps) or from association with wild fowling. Compare **Drake**. (ii) nickname, less often perhaps from Middle English *duk(e)*, *douk*, *doke* (Old French *duc*) 'leader of an army, captain; duke'.

**Further information:** This name, or that in (2), was taken to Ireland in the 16th and 17th centuries.

**Early bearers:** N England: John Docks, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brotton and Skinningrove, NR Yorks); Thomas Docks, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Egton, NR Yorks); Willelmo le Duke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Adam Docks, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Embsay, WR Yorks); Ricardus le Duk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Willelmus le Duc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aughton, Lancs); Richard Duke, 1567, Maudland Duke, 1765, William Duke, 1802 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Dorythe Duke, 1586 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Jane Duck, 1586 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Thomas Duke, 1588 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Francis Duck, 1610 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Tho. Duke, 1626 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

W England: Herbert le Duc, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops); Osbert le Duk, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert Docks, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Adam Duc, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lutley, Staffs); Thomas Duke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Moredon, Wilts); Thoma Duk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Ricardo Duk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Richard Duck, Dooke, Duke, 1510 in *Oxford University Register*; Phillip Duck, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Heavitree, Devon); Christofer Docks, 1583 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Docks, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Calne, Wilts); Freiswid Docks, 1637 *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

E England: Wulfric' Doc, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Duke, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Hugo Docks, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Dowk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swallow, Lincs); Henricus Duke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barton in Fabis, Notts); Johannes Duk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salhouse, Norfolk); Willelmus Duk', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Thomas Docks, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Little Bytham, Lincs); Robert Dooke, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Docks, 1544 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Alyce Duck, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Doak, 1652 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Dock, 1667 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks).

S England: Richard Docks, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Johannes Duk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Thomas Duk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); Als Duke, 1551, William Duck, 1626 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Duck, 1559 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Thomas Duck, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Elizabeth Docks or Duck, 1640 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Duck or Duke, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Duk* or *Duke*. In N England this is usually a pet form of *Marmaduke* (See **Duckett** and **Duxon**). It may alternatively be a survival of one or more Old English personal names, though it is uncertain that they were still current in the period of surname formation. Old English \**Ducc(a)* is attested in place-names like Duxford (Cambs) and Duckington (Cheshire), and was perhaps interchangeable with \**Docc*, attested in Doxey (Staffs) and Doxford (Northumb). *Duke* could also represent Old English *Deowuc* (as in

Deuxhill, Shrops). For possible early bearers See (1).

**Further information:** A surname from *Marmaduke* is on record until at least 1881 and derives from the personal name *Marmaduke*, apparently an Anglo-Norman French pronunciation of Old Irish *Maelmaedoc* 'devotee of *Maedoc*'. The personal name is chiefly found in N England: Melmidoc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Marmaduc de Ar' 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Marmaduc Darel, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Marmaduc Darell, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Marmaduc de Tweng, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Thwing, ER Yorks); Marmaduce de Lomley, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Lumley, Durham).

**Early bearers:** given names: Docks Duy, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

## Dukelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: of uncertain origin; perhaps an anglicized form of a French Huguenot name such as *Duclos*.

**Early bearers:** Peter Dukelow, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Poplar, Middx); John Dukelow, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Aldershot, Hants); Thomas Dukelow, born in Ireland, in *Census 1901* (Barking, Essex); William Richard Dukelow, born in Cork, in *Census 1911* (Kendal, Westm).

## Duker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: See **Ducker**.

## Dukes

**Variants:** **Dooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1528, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1091
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; ER Yorks; London

English: variant of **Duke**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dukes, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Rogerus Dukys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Willelmo Dukes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Henry Dukes, 1584 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Margery Dukes, 1588 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Dorothea Dukes, 1673 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Dooks, 1741 in *IGI* (Catton near York, ER Yorks).

## Dukeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English: See **Duxon**.

## Dulac

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French, Huguenot: See **Dulake**.

## Dulai

**Variants:** **Dulay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Dulake

**Variants:** **Dulac**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

French, Huguenot: locative name, part-anglicization of French **Dulac**, denoting someone '(from the) lake'. Huguenot refugees were probably responsible for many instances of the name.

**Early bearers:** Anne Dulake, 1674 in *Parish Registers* (Lewes, Sussex); Balthazer Dulac, 1692 in *IGI* (Savoy, Westminster, Middx); Henry Dulaq, 1696 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Madelain Dulac, 1715 in *IGI* (Chapel Royal, Saint James's, Westminster, Middx); William Dulake, 1767 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); William Dulake, 1792 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey).

## Dulaney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: See **Delaney**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Dulay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Indian: See **Dulai**.

## Dulcken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dulkin*, a diminutive of Old English \**Dylla*; See **Dil**.

**Early bearers:** John Dolekyn, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); John Dulekyn, 1311–12 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Dulkyn of Witlesford, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Whittlesford, Cambs); Rose Dullkin, 1571, Thomasin Dullkin, 1575 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk).

## Duley

**Variants:** **Duly**, **Dulley**, **Dully**, **Dollay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Warwicks

English: locative name from Middle English *lei(e)*, *lai(e)* 'open land, meadow' (Old English *lēah* 'clearing, wood'), with a fused Old French preposition *du* 'from, of'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived near open land or a meadow, or toponymic for someone from a place so named. Compare **Leigh** and **Delea**.

**Early bearers:** John Dulay, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John du Lay of Paxton, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Dillington, Hunts); Ralph du Lay, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Tottenham, Middx); John du Lay, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Lay of Paxton, clerk, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Duly, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Stanton Harcourt, Oxon); Thomas Dollay, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Sheldon, Warwicks); William Duly of Paxton, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmo Dully, Alicia Dulley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Johanne Dully, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorton, Leics); Thomas Dollay, citizen and mercer, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Dully, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Rochester, Kent); William Dully of Clourewall, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Clearwell,



Gloucs); Edward Duley, 1562 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Robert Duly, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Shere, Surrey); John Dully, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Barnby, Suffolk); Edward Dully, 1613 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Richard Duley, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Christchurch, Hants); John Dulley, 1640 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset).

### Dulieu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: from any of various places named as Le Lieu 'the place', e.g. in Loir-et-Cher; or Lieu-des-Champs (Calvados, Loiret) or Le Lieu-au-Mesque (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Argent Dulue, 1570 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jonathan Dulue, 1595 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Peter Dulieu, 1695 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jean Du Lieu, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Ester Dulieu, 1700 in *IGI* (Crispin Street, Spitalfields, Middx); David Dulieu, 1704 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx); Joseph Dulieu, 1781 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Dulin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: See **Dolling**, and compare **Duling** and **Doolling**.

**Further information:** This variant is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Duling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: See **Dolling**, and compare **Doolling** and **Dulin**.

**Further information:** This variant is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Dullyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); Ricus Dulin, 1567 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Thomas Dulin, 1576 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Richard Duling, 1581 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); James Dulling, 1612 in *IGI* (Barfreston, Kent); Anne Dulling, 1612 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizth Duling, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); William Duline, 1629 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Duling, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent); Sarah Dulin, 1690 in *IGI* (Stourpaine, Dorset); John Duling, 1693 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Judith Duline, 1702 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Edwardus Dulin, 1767 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Catharine Dulin, 1809 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Dull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: See **Dill**.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is current in the USA.

### Dullaghan

**Variants:** Dollaghan, Dullahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

Irish: from Ó Dubhlacháin, 'descendant of Dubhlachán', a personal name apparently meaning 'black duckling'.

**Early bearers:** Philip O'Dwlchen, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6459 (Ely); James O'Devlaghan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullintrain, Cumber, Derry).

### Dullahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: See **Dullaghan**.

### Dullard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: See **Dollard**.

### Dullea

**Variants:** Dulley, Delea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: reduced form of **Dunleavy**.

**Early bearers:** Donell mcOwen mcTeig mcDonell Duliaghe and John mcConoghor Duligh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.

### Duller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Cambs, and Beds; Kent and Sussex

English: from Middle English *dullare*, a variant of *dullard* 'simpleton'; See **Dollard**.

**Early bearers:** Bridget Duller, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Henry Duller, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Thundridge, Herts); James Duller, 1787 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Dulley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Berks; Northants

English: See **Duley**.

### Dully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs; Lancs
- English: See **Duley**.

### Dulson

**Variants:** Dolson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Lancs, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dulle* (See **Dill**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Dorathye Dolson, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds); Robert Dulson, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Thoms Dolson, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Buxted, Sussex); John Dolson, 1608 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); William Dulson, 1700 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Richard Douison, 1710 in *IGI* (Wem,

Shrops); Allen Dulson, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Guilden Sutton, Cheshire).

### Duly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: See **Duley**.

### Dumas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

French (Occitan): locative name with fused preposition *du*, denoting someone who lived in an isolated dwelling in the country rather than in a village, from Occitan *mas* 'farmstead' (from Late Latin *mansum*, *mansus*).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Marie Dumas, 1670, Jaques Dumas, 1737 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London). **Other:** Jean Dumas, 1695 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jaques Dumas, 1713 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Moysse Dumas, 1757 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Marie Louise Dumas, 1825 in *IGI* (Streatham, Surrey).

### Dumayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; Northants
- Norman, English: See **Demain**.

### Dumbarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

Scottish: locative name from Dumbarton (Dunbartons).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Clement de Dumbertan, 1271 in *Paisley Register* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Robert de Dunbretane, 1390 in *Arbroath Register*; Hannah Dumbarton, 1831 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); John Dumbarton in *Census 1861* (Lanarks). **England:** Ann Dumbarton, 1788, James Dumbarton, 1805 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks); Alice Dumbarton, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London). **References:** *Black*, p. 227.

### Dumbell

**Variants:** Dumble, Dumbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: See **Dumville**.

2 English: (i) nickname from a diminutive of *dumb* 'mute; dumbfounded; reticent; stupid'. Compare Hants dialect *dummell* 'slow to understand', *dumble* 'stupid'. Some examples may belong at (i). (ii) in some instances *Dumbulle* may be for *dunn bull*; compare **Duncalf**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Dumbel, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); William Dumbulle, 1367 in *London Letter Books G*; Jone Dumble, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); James Downbill, 1522, Elizabeth Dombell, 1568, Hannah Dumbell, 1660 in *Bardsley*; John Dumbill, 1619 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); John

## Dumbelton

Dumbel, 1684 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Nancy Dumbel, 1840 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Dumbelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: See **Dumbleton**.

### Dumbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dumbell**.

### Dumble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Northumb

English: See **Dumbell**.

### Dumbleton

Variants: **Dumpleton, Dumbelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 563
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon

English: locative name from Dumbleton (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Dumbleton<sup>1</sup>, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); William de Dumplinton before 1238 *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Geoffrey de Dumbleton, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robert de Dumbleton, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); William de Dombelton, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Reading, Berks); John Dumbleton, 1569 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); William Dumbleton, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Shipston on Stour, Worcs); Mary Dumbleton, 1703 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon); Hannah Dumpleton, 1758 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds).

### Dumbreck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and W Lothian
- Scottish: locative name from Dumbreck (Lanarks). **Early bearers:** Patk. Dumbreck, 1638 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr Dumbreck, 1682 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); William Dumbrake, 1725 in *IGI* (Logie Pert, Angus); William Dumbreck, 1760, William Dumbreak, 1771, Mary Dumbreek, 1858 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Elizabeth Dumbrak, 1763 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); John Dumbrack, 1771 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Marion Dumbreck, 1822 in *IGI* (Hutchesontown, Lanarks).

### Dumbrell

Variants: **Dumbrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: unexplained. The name is perhaps to be associated with that of William de Dombrevill, 1335 in *Patent Rolls*, commissioned to survey the king's castles and manors in Ponthieu.

**Further information:** Dumbrells Barn in Rusper, Dumbrell's Farm in Hurstpierpoint, and Dumbrells Cottages in Wivelsfield (all in Suusex) are named from the surname: See *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 233, 275, 306.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Dumberel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); William Dumberell, chaplain, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); James Dunbrell, Thomas Dombrell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Dumbrell, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Richarde Dumbrill, 1609 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex).

### Dumbrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: See **Dumbrell**.

### Dumelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Leics, and Derbys
- English: See **Dimelow**.

### Dumford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: See **Dunford**.

### Dumigan

Variants: **Dummigan, Domican, Domigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 146
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Stirlings
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- Irish: from Ó Domagáin, 'descendant of Domagán', a personal name meaning 'little wretch' from the adjective *doim* 'poor, wretched'.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Domocan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Duleek, Meath).

### Dummer

Variants: **Dumper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; also Glamorgan; Wilts

English: locative name, usually from Dummer (Hants) or occasionally perhaps from Dimmer, near Castle Cary (Somerset), recorded as *Dunmere*, 1241 in *Assize Rolls*, and as the home of Henry de Dummere, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset).

**Further information:** The villages of Pendomer (Somerset) and Chilthorne Domer (Somerset) are so named because their manors were held by members of the Dummer family in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Dumera, de Dommere, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William de Dummere, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); John de Dummere, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Rogerus Dumere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Andover hundred, Hants); Roberto Dumere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Chelworth, Wilts); Peter Dommere, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Richard Dummere of Romeseye, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Romsey, Hants); Agnis Dummer, 1549, Abell Dumper, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); John Dumper, 1566, Dorothy Dummer, 1650 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants).

**References:** Dummer One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/dummer/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/dummer/); *Ekwall, DEP*, at Chilthorne Domer.

### Dummett

Variants: **Dommett, Dummitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

Norman, English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in SW England.

**Further information:** Dummett's Mead in Axminster (Devon) is probably named from the surname; See *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 635.

**Early bearers:** John de Domet, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants and Dorset); Thomas Domet, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Domet, 1565 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); William Domett, 1583 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Nicolas Dommett, 1594 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); William Dummett, 1618 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Johane Domett, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Dorset); John Dumott, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hemyock, Devon); Robert Dummot, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Jone Dumett, 1659 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); William Dommett or Dummett, 1668 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon).

### Dummigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Domigáin, see **Dumigan**.

### Dummitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Norman, English: See **Dummett**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dumont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Guernsey

French, Huguenot: locative name for someone 'from the mountain', from Old French *mont* with fused preposition *du*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacob Dumont, 1683 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Dumont, 1683 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' church, Canterbury, Kent); Guillaume Michel Dumont, 1693 in *IGI* (La Patente, Westminster, Middx); Jacob Dumont, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Magdelainne Dumont, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx). Channel Islands: James Du Mont, in *Census 1881* (Torteval, Guernsey); Abraham Dumont, in *Census 1881* (Saint Saviour, Guernsey); Ezechie Dumont, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Anatole Dumont, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Mary Dumont, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

Other: Fracoise Dumont, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Ashstead, Surrey); Henri Dumont, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Hampton Wick, Middx).

### Dumper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dummer**.

### Dumphy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: See **Dunphy**.

### Dumpleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts
- English: See **Dumpleton**.

### Dumsday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *domes dai* 'Domesday, the Last Judgment', perhaps for someone of a gloomy disposition.
- Early bearers:** Reginald Domesday, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Norfolk); John Domsday, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Walter, Ralph, Richard, and Reginald Domesday, all of Leverton, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Demysday, 1479 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Susanna Domsday, 1562 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Edward Domsdaye, 1571, Edw. Domesday, 1576, Thomas Domsday, 1653 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Dunville

Variants: **Domville, Domvile, Dunville, Dumbell, Dunfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: locative name from Donville (Calvados). See also **Dumbell**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Donvil, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Dumvill of Murberley, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Marbury, Cheshire); Roger Dounvyle, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Challock, Kent); James Domvile, 1521 in *Bardsley*; Rebecca Dunfield, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York); Wm Domvile, 1647 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Charles Domville, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaf, London); Eliz. Dumbvile, 1742, John Domville, 1765 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Dumbvile, 1747 in *IGI* (Chelford, Cheshire); Thomas Dunbell, 1797, Willm. Dunville, 1799 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Domville, 1779 in *IGI* (Hollinfare, Lancs); Mary Dunfield, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Dun

Variants: **Dunn, Don**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Midlothian, Lanarks; and Stirlings; London: Staffs

1 Scottish: locative name from Dun (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Dun, 1255 in *Papal Letters* (Morays); Patrick de Dun, about 1290 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John de Dwne, 1428 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Malie Dun, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andro Dun, 1604, Charlis Dunne, 1645 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bessie Don, 1608, James Dunne, 1614 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Katherin Don, 1611 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William Dun, 1611 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Margaret Dun, 1616, Betha Don, 1698 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Don, 1624 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); Issobell Don, 1634 in *IGI*

(Brechin, Angus); Helen Don, 1636 in *IGI* (Gargunnock, Stirlings); Elisabeth Dun, 1653 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus).

2 English: See **Dunn**.

### Dunabin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: probably a variant of **Dunbabin**.

### Dunagan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Angus; Lancs

Irish: See **Donegan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Dunaway

Variants: **Dunnaway, Donaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

English: locative name from Danaway (Kent), recorded as *Denewei* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Clement de Donway, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Danewey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); John Denewey, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Nicholas Deneway, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Wielmus Donway, 1547, Isbyll Donnaway, 1554 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); John Donaway, 1671 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); John Dunaway, 1700 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); James Donoway, 1796 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); John Denaway, 1729 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Elizabeth Danaway, 1799 in Johannes *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Dunbabin

Variants: **Dunbavin, Dunbobbin, Dunbebin, Dunabin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: Reaney interprets the name as a Middle English nickname 'dun (dark) *Babbin*', where *Babbin* is assumed to be an unrounded form of \**Bobbin*, which he supposes to be a rhyming form of *Robin*. This is theoretically possible but difficult to assess without evidence for the identity of *Babbin* (or *Bobbin*) and *Robin*. Middle English *dun* 'dark' is not otherwise attested as a qualifier of a personal name, though it would fit the pattern of names with Middle English *broun* 'brown' (See **Brownjohn** and compare **Horrabin** 'grey Robin').

**Early bearers:** John Dunbaben, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Derby, Derbys); John Dunbabine, 1577 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Willm Dunbabin, 1595 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Anthony Dunbabine, 1616, Daniell Dunbavin, 1656 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Henry Dunbaben, 1631 in *PROB 11* (London); John Dunbobbin, 1676 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); James Dunbobbin, 1781 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Tabathy Donbavand, 1688 in *IGI* (Burtonwood, Lancs); Daniel Dunbavand, 1709 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Samuel Dunbibbin, 1714 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Peter Dunbevand, 1829 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire).

### Dunbar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5101, Ireland 693

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3428
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens and Angus; also Caithness; Kincardines; Lancs, Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Dunbar (E Lothian).

**Further information:** A family of this name were granted the lands of Dunar by Malcolm III (1058–93), and later acquired the earldoms of Dunbar and March. These earldoms were then withdrawn from the family by James I in 1434.

**Early bearers:** Scottish: John de Dunbar, about 1250–66 in *Midlothian Charters*; Robert de Dunbar, burgess, 1382 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Isobell Dunbar, 1578 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Donald Dunbar, 1647 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Kathren Dunbarr, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).  
England: Willelmus Dunbar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); John Dunbar, 1600 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); James Dunbar, 1645 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Sarah Dunbar, 1664 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Dunbavand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: See **Dunbavin**.

### Dunbavin

Variants: **Dunbavand, Dunbevand, Donbavand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Dunbabin** with the second /b/ dissimilated to /v/.

### Dunbebin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: See **Dunbabin**.

### Dunbevand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: See **Dunbavin**.

### Dunbobbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: See **Dunbabin**.

### Duncalf

Variants: **Duncalfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: nickname, 'dark calf', from Middle English *dun(ne)*, *don* + *calf*. Compare Robert Dunnebrid, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), Thomas Dunfugell, 1291 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire) 'dark bird'; also compare **Metcalfe**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Duncalf, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); John Doncalfe, 1449 in *Derbys Charters*; Edward Duncalffe, 1598 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Gowen Duncalffe, 1615 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); An Duncalph, 1625 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Henry Duncalfe, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Penkridge,

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Staffs); Isaac Doncalf, 1698 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); James Duncalfe, 1737 in *IGI* (Cury, Cornwall); Mathew Shaw Duncalff, 1800 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Phebe Duncalfe, 1802 in *IGI* (Weaverham, Cheshire).

### Duncalfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Surrey  
English: See **Duncalf**.

### Duncan

Variants: **Donkin, Dunkin, Dinkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26163, Ireland 1577
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20316
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone and Donegal

1 Scottish: relationship name from the Older Scots personal name *Dunecan*, from Irish *donn* 'brown-haired man' (which has the transferred sense 'chieftain' or 'leader' + *chad* 'warrior').  
**Further information:** This common Scottish personal name is found in Yorks and Cumb in the 12th century. Here it was probably introduced from Ireland, as also in Somerset, where the name occurs in 1086 and as a surname in the 13th century. In 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), there are several men named *le Ireys*, and one *Irlonde*.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Donecan, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Dunecan', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts), 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); surnames, England: Willelmus filius Dunecan, about 1135 in *History of North Durham*; Hugh Dunkan, Hugh Dunken, 1275–6 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Ralf Donekan, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Dunkan, 1327, Richard Donykyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Donykyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Donekyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Dunkan, 1367 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Richard Donkin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

given names, Scotland: Dunchad, 11th abbot of Iona, 717 in *Life of Saint Columba*; Duchad, abbot of Dunkeld, about 965 in *Chronicles of Picts and Scots*; Donchadus, earl of Fife, about 1150 in *Book of Deer*.

surnames, Scotland: Willelmus filius Duuecani, about 1200 in *North Berwick Charters*; John Dunkan, 1367 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); Janet Duncan, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Duncan, 1565 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Johne Duncan, 1570 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Dauid Duncan, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johne Duncan, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catrein Dunckane, 1643 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Hellin Dunckan, 1667 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Duinnchinn 'descendant of *Donncheann*', a byname from *donn* 'brown-haired man' or 'chieftain' + *ceann* 'head'.

### Duncanson

Variants: **Dunkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Perths

Scottish: relationship name from the Scottish personal name **Duncan** + *son* 'son of Duncan'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Donecandonesoune, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dunbar, E Lothian); John Dunkanson, 1367 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); Marione Duncanson, 1588, Anna Duncansone, 1588, Helen Dunckisone, 1679 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Dunkysoun, 1603 in *Brechin Register*; Ewphame Duncansoune, 1627 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Androw Dunkinson, 1669 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perths); Walter Duncanson, 1686 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perths); Andrew Dunkieson, 1698 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perths); Thomas Dunckanson, 1710 in *IGI* (Tillicoultry, Clackmannans); Janet Dunkinson, 1758 in *IGI* (Largo, Fife).

### Dunce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
English: See **Duns**.

### Dunch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent  
English: nickname from Middle English *dunch* 'push, knock, bump'. Compare Matilda Dunchedeuil ('punch the devil'), about 1200–10 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Dunch, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Dunch, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); [...] Dunch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Creting Saint Peter, Suffolk); John Dunch of Dunesby, 1426 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunsby, Lincs); Rhoda Dunch, 1572 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); William Dunch, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Walter Dunch, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Newington, Oxon); Ann Dunch, 1697 in *IGI* (Bapchild, Kent); William Dunsh, 1709 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks).

### Dunkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants  
English: See **Dunkley**.

### Duncomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Northants and Lincs  
English: See **Duncombe**.

### Duncombe

Variants: **Dunkum, Duncumb, Duncum, Duncomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1051, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London and Essex; Beds; Staffs

English: locative name from any of several places called Duncombe, such as Duncombe in Donnington (Gloucs), Duncombe in Bilsborrow (Lancs), Duncombe in Bishops Waltham (Hants), or Duncombe in Sherford (Devon).

**Further information:** Duncombe Farm, Wood, and Terrace (Bucks) are all named after the Duncombe family which came into possession of Great Brickhill manor in the 16th century: See *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 31, 97, 100.

**Early bearers:** William Duncombe, 1533 in *PROB 11* (Wingrave, Bucks); John Doncom, 1567, Christopher Duncomb, 1603, Richard Duncome, 1608 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Edward Duncumb, 1588 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); William Duncom, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Willyam Duncombe, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Battlesden, Beds); John Duncum, 1619 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Duncombe, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Aldenham, Herts); Nathanyell Doncombe, 1620 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Duncombe, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Clovelly, Devon).

### Duncton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey  
English: locative name from Duncton (Sussex), variously recorded as *Dunketon* (1279), *Donegh(e)ton* (1281, 1338), and *Dongeton* (1327).  
**Early bearers:** Robertus Duncheton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Francis Duncton, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (Alciston, Sussex); William Duncton, 1731 in *IGI* (Duncton, Sussex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 101.

### Duncum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks  
English: See **Duncombe**.

### Duncumb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb  
English: See **Duncombe**.

### Dundas

Variants: **Dundass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh  
Scottish: locative name from Dundas (Midlothian), which is named in Gaelic with *dùn* 'hill' + *deas* 'south'.

**Further information:** A family of this name is descended from Gospatrick, Earl of March (died 1139), whose grandson was Helia de Dundas.

**Early bearers:** Helia de Dundas, about 1212 in *Dunfermline Register* (Inverkeithing, Fife); John de Dundas, 1364–65 in *Black* (Fingask, Perths); John Dundas, 1484 in *Scotland Calendar*; James Dundas, 1607 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Dundass, 1636 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian); Isoble Dundas, 1672 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Anna Dundass, 1678 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

### Dundass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus  
Scottish: See **Dundas**.

### Dundee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Dundee (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Willelmus de Dunde, about 1245 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Perth); Robertus de Dunde, 1287 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Perths); Randulph de Dunde, 1292 in *Panmure Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Magister Johannes de Dunde, 1458 in *Arbroath Register* (Perth, Perths); John de Dunde, 1489 in *Arbroath Register* (Barry, Angus); Thomas Dundie, 1581 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); John Dundie, 1612 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Marion Dundee, 1681 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Thomas Dundee, 1787 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margaret Dondie, 1869 in *IGI* (Whitburn, W Lothian).  
England: James Dundee, 1750 in *IGI* (Ashtead, Surrey); Peter Dundee, 1792 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Willm. Dundee, 1812 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); John Dundee, 1831 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Dunden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, Irish: See **Dundon**.

### Dunderdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Dunnerdale (Lancs), with post-medieval intrusive *-d-*. Early forms of the place-name include *Dunerdale*, *Donerdale*, 1300, *Donesdale*, after 1412, *Dunerdall*, about 1550.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Donerdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); Rich. Dunderdayle, 1563 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Cristopher Dunderdall, 1568, Richard Dunderdalle, 1620, Rich. Dunderdal, 1647, Thomas Dunderdel, 1796 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Thomas Dunderdaile, 1633, Job Dunderdil, 1722, Elizh. Dundesdale, 1799 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 223.

### Dundon

**Variants:** **Dunden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 314
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

1 Norman, Irish: locative name denoting someone from (*d(e)*) Aunou (Orne) or any of various places in N France named Anunay, for example in Calvados and Seine-et-Oise.

**Early bearers:** John Dunden, merchant of Cahors, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Daundon of Ireland, 1330 in *Patent Rolls*; Andrew Daundon, archdeacon of Meath, 1380, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; George Dunden, 1788 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Pendle, Lancs); Sarah Dunden, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).  
2 English: locative name from Dundon (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Henry Dunden, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Dundon, 1787 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Dundon, 1790 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Dundon, 1807 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Robert James Dunden, 1875 in *IGI* (Weymouth, Dorset).

### Dundridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dandridge**.

### Dundrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Dundraw (Cumb), which is recorded as *Drumdrahrigg* in 1194, *Drumdragh* in 1279, and *Dromdraw(e)* in 1308.  
**Early bearers:** Gilberto de Dundra, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); [... de] Dumdraw(e), 1233 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Robert son of Adam de Dundrawe, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Dundraw, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes de Dundrawe, Willelmus de Dundrawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Agnes Dobsonwyf de Dundrawe, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Alexander Dundrow, in *Census 1841* (Saint George in the East, Middx).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 139–40.

### Dunegan

**Variants:** **Donegan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Dunfee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: See **Dunphy**.

**Further information:** This is a rare spelling in Britain but is more frequent in the USA.

### Dunfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: See **Dumville**.

### Dunford

**Variants:** **Dumford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2741, Ireland 158
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Waterford
- 1 English: See **Durnford**.

2 English: locative name from Dunford Bridge in Thurlstone or Dunford House in Methley (both WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Dunneford', 1302 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Dunford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Dunford, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Dunford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Compton with members, Warwicks); Willelmus de Dunforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Dunforde, 1619 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Michael Dumford, 1690 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Dumford, 1808 in *IGI* (Preston, Rutland).

### Dung

**Variants:** **Dunk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 English: nickname from Middle English *dung(e)*, *dong* 'manure' (Old English *dung*).

**Further information:** Compare Rog. Dunger', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Dongeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charwelton, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Dung, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Peter Dung', 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Donge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodenham, Wilts); Ricardus Dong, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Elizabeth Donge, 1568 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Mary Dung, 1835 in *IGI* (Mershams, Kent).

2 Chinese, Vietnamese: variant romanization of the Chinese surnames 董 and 東, see **Tong** (5) and (6).

### Dungan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 168
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Westmeath
- Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

### Dungar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: See **Dunger**.

### Dungate

**Variants:** **Dengate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: locative name from Danegate in Rotherfield (Sussex), which is earlier recorded variously as *Dounegate*, *Dengate*, *Dungate*, or from Dungate in Rodmersham (Kent), which is recorded as *Dongate* in 1591.

**Early bearers:** Richard ate Dungate, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joh'es Doungate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brenchley hundred, Kent); John Dongate, John Dungate, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Thomas Doungate, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Goudhurst, Kent); Joane Dongate, 1553 in *IGI* (East Barming, Kent); Abraham Downgatt, 1555 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edward Dungat, 1560 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Elyzabeth Dongat, 1564, John Dungate, 1570 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Nicholas Dungate, 1578 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); John Dengatt, 1669 in *IGI* (Catsfield, Sussex); Edward Dungate, 1693 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent); Mary Dengate, 1695 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 377; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 263.

### Dunger

**Variants:** **Dungar, Donger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *dungen* 'to dung', denoting someone who manures the ground.

**Early bearers:** Roger Dunger', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Donger, 1327 in *Thureson* (Lincs); Edmund Dunger, 1605 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Elizabeth Donger, 1673 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Joseph Dungar, 1695 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Robert Dungar, 1718 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Sarah Donger, 1837 in *IGI* (Walpole Saint Andrew, Norfolk).

**Dungey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cornwall
- Cornish, English: unexplained. The modern pronunciation /ˈdʌndʒi/, and the uncertain spelling seen in John Dunsy, 1515 in *Cornish Lands*, p. 152 (Treliver, Saint Wenn, Cornwall), suggest that it might be a Cornish-language form of an abbreviated form \*Dunsy of the English male given name *Dunstan*.

**Further information:** A survey of Carnanton manor (Cornwall) in 1606 included a free tenant, John Dungey senior, who claimed to hold freely by deed a tenement with a ‘ferling’ of land that had previously been held by Francis Dungey and before that Thomas Dungey his grandfather ‘and Dungs from ancient times’: See *Cornwall Manorial Surveys*, p. 5.

**Early bearers:** Simon Doungey, 1434 in *Cornwall Record Office*, Thomas Dongy, 1458 in *Court Rolls* (Trembleath manor, Saint Ervan parish, Cornwall); Peter Dungey of Polgren, yeoman, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Polgrain, Cornwall); John Dungey, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); Benet Dungey, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Eval, Cornwall); John Dungey, 1548 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Merryn, Cornwall); William Dungey, 1593, Thomas Dungey, 1613 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Rebekah Dungey, 1735, Thomas Dungey, 1744, John Dongey, 1778 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**Dungworth**

**Variants:** Dunworth, Dunsworth, Donsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Dungworth in Bradfield (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Dungeworth* in 1440, *Douningworth* in 1552.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Dongword’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas de Dughtworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Roberts, WR Yorks); John Dungeworthe, de Dungeworth, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Thoms. Dungeworth, 1543 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Dungeworth, 1567, William Dongworth, 1647 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Johanis Dungeworthe, 1612 in *IGI* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Adam Dunsworth, 1725 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Saml. Dungewerth, 1741 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Dungewith, 1756 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Pernillo Dongsworth, 1775 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Robert Dinsworth, 1791 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Jeremiah Dunsworth, 1816, Edith Donsworth, 1894 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 223.

**Dunham**

**Variants:** Dunholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1664, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Lincs, Cambs, Beds, and Herts

English: locative name from any of the places named Dunham (Norfolk, Notts, Cheshire) or Dunholme (Lincs). This name is difficult to tell apart from **Downham**.

**Early bearers:** Richard, William de Dunham, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks);

William Dunham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Dunham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lynn, Norfolk); Galfridus Dunham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); Gregory de Donham, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Tuxford, Notts); Richard de Dunham, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (South Leverton, Notts); Elyzabet Dunham, 1545, Elizabeth Dunhame, 1583 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Dunham, 1600 in *IGI* (Meldreth, Cambs); Gabriell Dunham, 1607 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Isaac Dunham, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Willyam Dunholme, 1669 in *IGI* (Conisholme, Lincs); Samuel Dunham, 1684 in *IGI* (Ravensden, Beds); Geo Donham, 1692 in *IGI* (South Cockerington, Lincs); Auston Dunholm, 1733 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs).

**Dunhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: See **Dunwell**.

**Dunholm**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: See **Dunham**.

**Dunican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Offaly

Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

**Dunicliff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Staffs and Leics

English: See **Tunnicliffe**.

**Dunicliffe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: See **Tunnicliff**.

**Dunion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

English, Scottish: unexplained. The early examples from SE England point to a locative name from some as yet unidentified place, but the large gap between those early examples and the modern ones could indicate a separate and perhaps Scottish source.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Helen Dunyan, 1858, Thomas Dunnion, 1861 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Malcolm Dunnion, 1859 in *IGI* (Largs, Ayr); Alexander Dunnion, 1874 in *IGI* (Dunipace, Stirlings).

England: Robert de Dunion, 1243 in *Patent Rolls* (Ealing, Middx); Ralph de Duniun, 1256 in *Patent Rolls* (West Thurrock, Essex); Ralph Dunyon, 1282 in *Patent Rolls*; Martin Dunyun, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Patrick Dunyon, 1748 in *IGI* (Bloxwich, Staffs); Robert Dunnion, 1801 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); Joseph Donione, 1848 in *IGI* (Holdenhurst, Hants).

**Dunk**

**Variants:** Dank, Dunks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1277, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dunk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Donk, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Portland, Dorset); Johannes Dunke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Christopher Dunke, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Whatlington, Sussex); John Dunke, 1565 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Agnes Donk, 1570 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Georg Dank, 1585 in *IGI* (Addington, Kent); Ellis Dunk, 1630, Henry Dunks, 1695 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Manasses Dunke, 1649 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Bryan Dunk, 1658 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Joh. Dank, 1732 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs).

**Dunkerley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1038
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant pronunciation of **Dunkley**.

**Dunkerly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Dunkley**.

**Dunkerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Dunkerton (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Dounkerton, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Dunkirton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Walter Donkerton, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Focxote, Somerset); Henry Dunkerton, 1420 in *PROB 11* (Frome, Somerset); Elizabeth Dunkerton, 1568 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); William Dunkerton, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Symondsburly, Dorset); Esther Donkerton, 1756 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

**Dunkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Kent, Middx, Surrey, and Bucks; Lincs; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 Manx: See **Duncan**.

2 Irish: from Ó Duinnchinn, see **Duncan**.

**Dunkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Scottish, English: mainly English variant of Scottish **Duncanson**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Dunkinson, 1718, William Dunkinson, 1804 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); John Dunkinson, 1735, Anne Dunkinson, 1809 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW); Sarah Dunkinson, 1798 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**Dunkley**

**Variants:** Dunckley, Dunkerley, Dunkerly,

**Donkersley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3946, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: locative name from Dinkley (Lancs), recorded as *Dunkythele* in 1246.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Dunkele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Dunkerley, 1593 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); David Donkerley, 1603, James Dunkerly, 1722, Isaac Dinkerley, 1832 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); John Dunckley, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Farthinghoe, Northants); Robert Dunkely, 1616 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks); Thomas Dunkerlay, 1647 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); James Dunkerlie, 1710 in *IGI* (Failsforth, Lancs); David Donkley, 1783 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); John Dunkerloy, 1801 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); John Dinkley, 1833 in *IGI* (Ashley, Northants).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 70–1.

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Dingley**.

### Dunklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts
- English: See **Dunkling**.

### Dunkling

Variants: **Dunklin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Middx
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Duncklin, 1636, Franc. Dunklin, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edward Dunklin, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (London); Richard Duncklin, 1688, William Dunkling, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richad Dunklin, 1764 in *IGI* (Dunton, Bucks).

### Dunks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Derbys and Cheshire

English: variant of **Dunk** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Downkes, 1547, Richard Duncx, 1549, Robert Dunks, 1671 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Dunks, 1651 in *IGI* (Stutton Valence, Kent); William Dunks, 1759 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Paul Dunks, 1830 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

### Dunkum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: See **Duncombe**.

**Further information:** This form has died out in Britain but continues in the USA.

### Dunlap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: See **Dunlop**.

### Dunlavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- Irish: See **Dunleavy**.

### Dunlavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Durham

Irish: See **Dunleavy**.

### Dunlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Irish: altered spelling of **Dunlea**.

### Dunlea

Variants: **Delay**, **Delea**, **Dunlay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Tipperary

Irish: reduced form of **Dunleavy**.

### Dunleavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: See **Dunleavy**.

### Dunleavy

Variants: **Dunleavey**, **Dunlevy**, **Dunlavy**, **Dullea**, **Dunlea**, **Donlevy**, **Dunlavey**, **Leavy**, **Delea**, **Levis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1049, Ireland 920
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo; Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Duinnshléibhe** or **Ó Duinnshléibhe** 'son (or descendant) of *Donn Sléibhe*', a personal name meaning 'chieftain (literally, brown one) of the mountain'. Compare **McAleavey**. This name has also been variously anglicized as **Colley**, **Dunlop**, **Dunlea**, **Dullea**, **Leavy**. See also **McGlew**.

**Early bearers:** Conchobur m Duinn Sleibhe, king of Ulster, 1107 in *AU* (Ulster); Niall m. Duinn Shleibhe, king of Ulster, 1127 in *AU* (Ulster); Eochaidh Mac Duinn Sleibhe, 1166 in *AU*; Magnus Mac Duinn Sleibhe, 1171 in *AU*; Ruaidhri Mac Duinn Sleibhe, 1200 in *AU*; James McDoynlewe, kern, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3650; Donell mcDermodie O'Donlegh, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4854; Owen mcDermodie O'Donlegh, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4854; Gilpatrick Duffe McDonleve, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Cloncalow); Teige McDonlewe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Tristernan).

### Dunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal

Irish: See **Dunleavy**.

### Dunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: See **Donley**.

### Dunlop

Variants: **Delap**, **Dunlap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5800, Ireland 1750
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4773

- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Dunlop in Cunningham (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Willelmus de Dunlop, 1260 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Nel de Dunlopp, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Ayr); Constantyn Dunlop, 1496 in *Bucleuch Manuscripts*; James Dunlop, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jannet Dunlop, 1624 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Alexander Delap, 1690 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

Ireland: Samuel Dunlope, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballywillin, Antrim); Robert Dunlope, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim); John Dunlope, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Finvoy, Antrim).

2 Irish: (i) in Ireland, sometimes adopted for **Dunleavy**. (ii) also sometimes adopted for **Ó Lapáin** 'descendant of *Lapán*', a byname from *lápán* 'mire, dirt' (used figuratively of a poor man) or 'little paw'. See **Delap**.

### Dunmall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Dunmow**.

### Dunman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Surrey
- English: See **Downman**.

### Dunmill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Dunmow**.

### Dunmore

Variants: **Dinmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 964, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Lincs

1 English: locative name, possibly from Dunsmore Heath (Warwicks) with loss of medial *s*, recorded as *Dunnesmor* in 1235 and *Dounesmor* in 1330.

**Further information:** John Dunesmore, variously recorded as Dunnesmore, Dunesmore, and Dounesmore, 1395–1401 in *Patent Rolls*, was a buyer for the household of Edward III.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Dunmore, 1588 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Dunmore, 1603 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Elizabeth Dinmore, 1604 in *IGI* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Richard Dunmore, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Barradon, Rutland); William Dunsmore, 1683 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Mary Dunsmore, 1718 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); William Donmore, 1731 in *IGI* (Arnesby, Leics); Edmund Dunmore, 1742 in *IGI* (South Luffenham, Rutland); Henry Bennet Dunmour, 1781 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Mary Ann Donmore, 1835 in *IGI* (Finedon, Northants).

2 Scottish: See **Dunsmore**.

### Dunmow

Variants: **Dunmall**, **Dunmill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

## Dunn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Great and Little Dunmow (Essex), which are recorded as *Magna Dunmaue* in 1225 and *Parva Dunmawe* in 1237. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Dunmaue, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Richard de Dunmawe, 1270 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Roger de Dunmowe, 1339 in *London Letter Books F*; John Dunmowe, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes de Dunmowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, Norfolk); Galfridus Dunmowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); William Dunmowe, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Thomas Donmowe, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Sundridge, Kent); Thomas Dunmall, 1571, William Dunmal, 1713, John Dunmol, 1747, James Dunmoul, 1760 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Agnes Dunmawe, 1585 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Marke Dunmole, 1626, Richard Dunmell, 1808 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Thomas Dunmall, 1631 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Dunmole, 1677 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Robert Dunmul, 1690 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); John Donmoll, 1719 in *IGI* (Horton Kirby, Kent); Thomas Dunmell, 1722 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Ann Dunmill, 1773 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

## Dunn

**Variants:** Dun, Dunne, Don, Donn, Donne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33195, Ireland 1100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24812
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Staffs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Offaly and Tipperary

1 English: nickname for a dark-complexioned or swarthy man, from Middle English *dun* ‘dun, dark’ (Old English *dunn* ‘dull brown’). **Early bearers:** William Dun, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John le Dunn, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Jobin Don, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas*; Adam le Don, le Dun, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs), 1308 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Dun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Simon Dunne, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Sustead, Norfolk); Robert Dun, 1537 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Ricci Dunne, 1541 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Guilielmi Dunne, 1545 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Joan Dun, 1571 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Robertus Dunne, 1569 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Richard Dun, 1580, Ralph Donne, 1646 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Lucke Don, 1578 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Mally Donn, 1589, Francis Dun, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ane Dun, 1616 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Geo Dunne, 1793 in *IGI* (Ardwick, Lancs).

2 Scottish: See **Dun**.

3 Irish: See **Dunne**.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

## Dunnachie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: See **Donnachie**.

## Dunnagan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

## Dunnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: locative name from Dunwich (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Walter de Dunewic, 1182–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Nicolaus de Dunewich, 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Jasper Dunwych, 1518 in *PROB 11*; John Dounage, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); John Downnage, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Jasper Dunwich, Thomas Dunage, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Dunnaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: See **Dunaway**.

## Dunne

- Variants:** Dunn, Doyne, Brown
- **Current frequencies:** GB 8652, Ireland 15587
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 968
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Leinster: esp. Laois
- 1 Irish: from Ó Duinn, Ó Doinn ‘descendant of Donn’, a byname meaning ‘brown-haired’ or ‘chieftain’.
- Further information:** This name has sometimes been anglicized as **Brown**.
- Early bearers:** Donnchad Ua Duinn, king of Bregha, 1023 in *AU*; Shane O’Doyne, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Shane O’Doine, husbandman, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §423 (Balliloran, Kilkenny); Paden O’Doyne, horsekeeper, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Thady O’Done, chief of his name, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1301; Egidious or Owen O’Dun, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1337 (Capenleg); Dermot O’Doyne fitz Thade, horseman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1570.
- 2 English, Scottish, Irish, Chinese: See **Dunn**.

## Dunnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
- English: See **Dunwell**.

## Dunner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Middx
- Norman, English: See **Donner**.
- Early bearers:** William Dunnere, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Chipstead, Surrey); Johannes Dunnere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Anthonye Dunner, 1602 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Henry Donner, 1614 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Northamptonia Donner, 1665 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Wm. Dunner, 1730 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Dunnet

- Variants:** Dunnett, Donat, Donnet, Donnett
- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 702

- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Orkney
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Dunnet (Caithness). **Early bearers:** Sir Gilbert Dunnet, vicar, 1550 in *Origines Parochiales* (Reay, Caithness); David Donnitt, 1552 in *Dundee Municipal History* (Dundee, Angus); John Donat or Dunnet, rector, 1577 in *Origines Parochiales* (Canisbay, Caithness); Stevin Donat, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Malcom Dunnett, 1655, Gilbert Dunnet, 1711 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Johne Donnitt, 1649 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); James Donnat, 1679 in *Brechin Testaments* (Kingoldrum, Angus); Pat. Donnat, 1689 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Euphan Dunnet, 1701 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Dunnet, 1729 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Catrine Donet, 1714 in *IGI* (Blairgowrie, Perth); Patrick Dunnet, 1731 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); John Donat, 1756 in *IGI* (Glasserton, Wigtowns).
- 2 English: see **Dunnett**.

## Dunnett

**Variants:** Dunnet, Donnet, Donnett, Donat, Donnay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1521, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 909
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Essex, London, Kent, and Surrey; Caithness and Orkney
- 1 English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Donet*, *Donat* (Latin *Donatus* ‘given (by God or to God)’). Compare **Donnay**.
- Further information:** *Donatus* was the name of several saints and was popular in France and Italy, whence it may have been brought to the UK: compare John Donat, “spicer, born in parts beyond seas, who from his youth has made stay in the city of London and has there permanent domicile and wife and children”, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Donatus de Stretford, 1325 in *Patent Rolls*; Donatus Guyde, sergeant at arms, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Donatus Obryn of Ireland, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*.
- sumames, S England: Geoffrey Doneth, Roger Donet, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Nicholas Donat, 1362 in *London Pleas*; Stephanus Donet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Grinstead, Sussex); John Dunnet, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richard Dunnett, 1598 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).
- sumames, E England: Bernard Donat, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Donet, 1549 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Rychard Donet, 1561 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Joan Donet, 1566 in *IGI* (Welbourn, Lincs); John Dunnett, 1575 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Robert Donnat, 1581 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Elizabeth Donnet, 1625 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Gulielmus Dunnet, 1633 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Ritchard Donnitt, 1661 in *IGI* (Edlington, Lincs); Jeffery Dunnett, Robert Dunnet, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).
- 2 Scottish: See **Dunnet**.
- 3 English: locative name from Downhead (Somerset) or Donhead (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Walter Dunheued, de Duneheued, 1201, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John de Dunheued, 1246 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Wilts); Willelmo Dunhoued, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitton, Wilts); Johanne Donhefde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wilts); William Dunnet, 1654 in *IGI* (Newton Pophelford, Devon); William Dunnett, 1654 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); John Dunnet, 1688 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall); Thomas Donnett, 1701 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).



**Dunnicliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics
- English: See **Tunnicliff**.

**Dunncliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Staffs; Lancs
- English: See **Tunnicliff**.

**Dunnigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Midlothian; Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Cork
- Irish: from Ó Donnagáin, see **Donegan**.

**Dunnill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: See **Dunwell**.

**Dunning****Variants: Downing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3974, Ireland 333
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2539
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. NR Yorks; Cheshire and Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; also Tipperary

1 English: See **Downing**.

2 Irish: from Ó Duinnín, see **Dineen**.

**Early bearers:** Donald O'Dunyne, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6170.

3 Scottish: locative name from Dunning in Lower Strathearn (Perths), recorded in 1200 as *Dunine* and later as *Dunyn*.

**Further information:** A Scottish family of this name are descended from Anechol, thane of Dunning, who was succeeded by his son, Gillemichel de Dunin.

**Early bearers:** Gillemichel de Dunin, about 1208 in *Inchaffray Charters*; John Donnung, 1321 in *Inchaffray Charters*; Johannes de Dony, 1440 in *Dunfermline Register* (Perth, Perths); John Donyng or Dunnyn, bailie of Perth, 1514 in *Origines Parochiales*; David Dunning, 1701 in *IGI* (Abernethy, Perths).

**Dunningham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Aberdeens

English: locative name, unexplained. Apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps near or related to Dunningworth (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Dunningham, 1601, Anne Dunningham, 1665 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Joseph Duningam, 1702 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Thomas Dunningham, 1706, Thomas Dunningham, 1719, John Donningham, 1730 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex). Scotland: John Dunningham, 1823 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**Dunnings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Downing**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Dunnington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from either Dunnington (ER Yorks) or Dunnington in Beeford (also ER Yorks), or occasionally from Dunnington (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Donyngton* in 1332.

**Early bearers:** Birlecca de Dunnington', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Duninton', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Magota de Dunyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Ricardus Donyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Margareta Dunington, 1565 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); George Dunnington, 1587 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York); William Dunnington, 1636 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); John Dunnington, 1709 in *IGI* (Bobbington, Staffs).

**Dunoon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Nairns

Scottish: See **Denoon**.

**Dunphy****Variants: Dumphy, Dunfee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 999, Ireland 1735
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Caernarvons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Tipperary, Waterford, and Laois

Irish: from Mac Donnchaidh 'son of *Donnchadh*' or Ó Donnchaidh 'descendant of *Donnchadh*'. This is therefore the same name etymologically as

**Donoghue**, although it is a separate coinage. See also **McDonagh**.

**Early bearers:** Derby McDonochy, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2317 (Kilmochwo, Cork); Thomas mcWilliam McDonochy, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2317 (Kilmochwo, Cork); Richard rowe O'Donochowe, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2317 (Ballychurrg, Cork); Teige McDenis, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753; Cognsious O'Donco, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466; Patrick O'Donco, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466 (Ballegilliebearte); Thomas McDonwnchy, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth*; Morrice O'Donaghie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Ballivoyrane, Cork).

**Duns****Variants: Dunse, Dunce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Berwicks

1 Scottish: locative name from Duns (Berwicks), which is thought to be the place from which John Duns Scotus (See (2) below) came.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Duns, 1166–79 in *Melrose Register* (Lammermuir, E Lothian); Robert de Duns, chaplain, 1203–11 in *Kelso Register* (Birnie, Morays); Robert de Douns, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); William de Duns, 1426 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Alesone Duns, 1626 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

2 Scottish: nickname. The word *dunce* is not recorded in *OED* before 1527. It is derived from the name of John Duns Scotus, the scholastic theologian, and in the 16th century was used to denote a disciple or follower of his, a schoolman, a subtle, sophistical reasoner. When his system was attacked and ridiculed by humanists and reformers, it came to denote 'a blockhead incapable of learning or scholarship', and hence a *dull pedant*, a *dullard*. The surname, found so soon after the death of the 'Subtle Doctor' in 1308, cannot have originated with any derogatory meaning. It is presumably equivalent to 'Duns' man', i.e. a scholar who followed Duns Scotus's system.

**Early bearers:** William le Duns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Douns, Cristina le Douns, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Dunce, 1564 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants).

**Dunsbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: See **Dunsby**.

**Dunsby****Variants: Dunsbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Dunsby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Warin de Dunesby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Dunesby, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Dounesby, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Dunesby, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Wm Dunesby, 1563, Wm Dunsbie, 1617 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Frances Dunsbey, 1639 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); William Dunsbey, 1663 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks); Will. Dunsbey, 1681 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Elizabeth Dunsbee, 1706 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); William Dunsbee, 1713 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Richard Dunsbee, 1766 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

**Duncombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Somerset and Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from one or more of four places in Devon so named: Duncombe in Crediton, Lower Duncombe in Cheriton Fitzpaine, Duncombe Farm in Chudleigh, and Duncombe in Salcombe Regis.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Dunscomb, 1249, [... de]

Donscomb, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Roger de Denescumbe, 1265, John Dounescombe, 1428 in *Patent Rolls*; Eustace de Donscomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chudleigh, Devon); Nicholas de Donscomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); William Dunscome, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); William Dunscombe, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Selworthy, Somerset); Thomas Dunscombe, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Kirton, Devon); Thome Dunscom, 1622 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); John Dunscombe, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Cutcombe, Somerset); William Dunscomb, 1730 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Ann Dunscombe, 1809 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 405, 414, 490, 595.

## Dunsdon

### Dunsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon
- English: locative name from Dunsden Green (Oxon), recorded as *Dun(n)esden*, *Dunesdon* in 1341. **Early bearers:** John de Donesden, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Windsor, Berks); Johanne Dunesden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); Wyllym Dunsdon, 1584, Francis Dunsden, 1635, Francis Dunsdin, 1637 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); William Dunsdon, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Ardington, Berks); John Dunsden, 1709 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Dunsdown, 1733 in *IGI* (Fulbrook, Oxon).

### Dunse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian; also Wigtowns
- Scottish: See **Duns**.

### Dunseath

Variants: **Dunseith**, **Dunshie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: locative name, apparently imported from Scotland to Northern Ireland in the 17th century. The evidence suggests that the surname derives from an unidentified Gaelic place-name, probably in south-west Scotland, *Dún Sídhe* or the like. The spelling Dunseath would represent an older anglicization than Dunshee, or Dunshie, which ancestry.com list in Lanarkshire in 1825. **Early bearers:** Ireland: John Dunseath, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Benburb, Clonfeakle, Tyrone); Anne Dunsheeth, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Derry); Rev. James Dunseath, 1828 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland*, vol. 16, p. 15 (Ballymoney, Antrim); James Dunseith, tailor, 1840 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* vol. 20, p. 77 (Tamlaght, Tyrone). Scotland: John Dunsheith, 1654 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); James Dunsheith, 1671, John Dunshie, 1677, John Dunsheith, 1684 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); David Dunshee, 1719 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr).

### Dunseith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Tyrone

Scottish: See **Dunseath**.

### Dunsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 447
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Jersey
- English: locative name from Dunsford (Devon). Although Dunsforth (WR Yorks) also gave rise to the surname, it appears not to have survived the medieval period. **Early bearers:** S England: Edwardus Dunsford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Wilts); Henry Dunsford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradminch, Devon); Wylmote Dunsford, 1580 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Willyam Dunsforde, 1657 in *IGI* (Broadclyst, Devon).

N England: Robert de Dunesford', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Dunesford, 1245 in *West Yorks Archives (Leeds)* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Henry de Dunsford, 1334 in *Lancs Record Office* (York); John de Dunsford, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Petrus de Dunsford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Thoma de Dunsford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Joseph Dunsford, 1755 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John William Dunsford, 1887 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Dunshie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Irish: See **Dunseath**.

### Dunsire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- Scottish: locative name from Dunsyre (Lanarks). **Early bearers:** Mariorie de Dunsire, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Robert of Dunsyar, 1486 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Dunsyre, 1623 in *Lanark Testaments* (Douglas, Lanarks); William Dunsyre, 1634 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); William Dunsyr, 1640 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Andrew Dunsyr, 1706 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Elspet Dunsyar, 1762, Andrew Dunshir, 1810 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife).

### Dunsmore

Variants: **Dunmore**, **Dunsmuir**, **Densmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1117, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 769
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: locative name from Denmuir, formerly Dundemore, near Lindores (Fife) or either of two places named Dunmore (Stirlings, Ross), with intrusive s. **Early bearers:** Henry de Dundemore, about 1219 in *Arbroath Register* (Kennethmont, Aberdeens); John de Dundemor, 1230 in *Kelso Register*; Patrick de Dundemer of Fife, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Stephen de Dunmore, 1406 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Fife); George Dunmore, 1602, Georg Dinmore, 1609, Davad Dunmour, 1615 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Marioun Dunsmure, 1606, Helene Dunmure, 1619, Johnne Dunmoore, 1647, John Dunmoor, 1729 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Dunsmore, 1676 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Samuall Dunsmuir, 1701 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Dunsmoor, 1743 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Dunsmuir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: See **Dunsmore**.

### Dunstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: See **Tunstall**.

### Dunstan

- Variants: **Dunston**, **Dunstone**, **Duston**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2026, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1702

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also WR Yorks, Lancs, and Notts

1 English: for the name in Cornwall See **Dunstone**.  
2 English: locative name from Dunston (Derbys, Lincs, Norfolk), or occasionally from Dunstan (Northumb). Some post-medieval examples may belong with (3).  
**Early bearers:** Alexander de Duneston', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugo de Dunestun', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Reyner de Dunstan, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Nicholao de Donston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thoma Dunston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); Jone Dunston, 1574 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Dorothy Dunston, 1682 in *IGI* (Heath, Derbys).  
3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Dunstan* (Old English *Dūnstān*). Some post-medieval examples may belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Dun(e)stan, Donestan, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Dunstan de Berstede, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent).  
surnames: William Dunestan, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Dunstan, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Margaret Dunstan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Dunstan', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Thomas Dunstone, 1539 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Thomas Dunston, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Ciciley Dunstone, 1567 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Iudith Dunsten, 1614 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Olliuer Dunstan, 1634 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts).

### Dunster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 894, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 806
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Somerset
- English: locative name from Dunster (Somerset). **Early bearers:** Hugh de Dunsterre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Dunsterre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Willelmus Dunster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston, Hants); Richard Dunsterre, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset, Somerset); George Dunster, 1543 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Lawrence Dunstere, 1602 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Thomas Dunster, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Donyatt, Somerset); Mary Dunsteer, 1629, Jeremy Dunsteere, 1635 in *IGI* (Guestling, Sussex); John Dunster, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Dunsteere, 1645 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Dunsterville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- Norman: locative name from Dénestanville (Seine-Maritime). **Early bearers:** Adeliz de Dunstanuilla, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Robert de Dunstanvilla, 1167 in *Domesday Descendants*; Walter de Dunstervill', 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Cornwall); Robert de Dunsterville, Dunstanvill', 1317 in *Patent Rolls*; John Dunsteruyle, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Longford, Shrops); Richarde Dunsterfielde, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); Margaret Dunstervill, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Richard Dunsterville, 1754, Joseph Dunsterfield, 1782 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset); Edward Dunsterville, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

**Dunston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx and Surrey; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: See **Dunstone**.  
2 English: See **Dunstan**

**Dunstone**

Variants: **Dunston**, **Dunstan**, **Duston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: locative name from Dunstone near Ermington (in Yealmpton, Devon) or perhaps from Dunstone near Widdecombe (Devon). The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Sybil de Donsteston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunstone, in Yealmpton, Devon); George Dunstan, 1480, George Donston, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Trevenna, in Saint Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall); Florance Dunstone, 1562, Henry Dunston, 1568, Richard Dunstane, 1607 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); James Dunstone, 1751, Nicholas Dunstun, 1847 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall).

2 English: variant of **Dunstan** (3).

**Dunsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Dungworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Dunt**

Variants: **Dent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: nickname from Middle English *dunt*, *dount*, *dint*, *dent* 'blow (of a weapon or implement); combat' (Old English *dynt*).

**Early bearers:** Lefstan Dunte, 1250–60 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Richard Dount, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Dunt, 1366 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Dunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Richarde Dunte, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Henley upon Thames, Oxon); John Dunte, 1607 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); John Dint, 1621 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Robert Dunt, 1623 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk); An Dunte, 1712 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Nicholas Dunt, 1716 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk).

**Dunthorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *don* 'dun-coloured, dark' + *thorn* '(haw)thorn'; or from a place-name constructed of these elements or their Old English ancestors, or of the Anglo-Saxon personal name *Dunna* or *Dunne* + *þorn*, though no such place has been traced.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Dunthorn, 1417 in *Cambridge King's College Archive*; William Dunthorn', 1477 in *Feet*

*of Fines* (Kent); William Dunthone or Dunthorn, 1489 in *PROB 11* (London); William Dunthorne, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Griston, Norfolk); James Dunthorne, 1612 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); John Dunthorne, 1636, Anne Dunthorn, 1699, Rebecca Dunthon, 1784, John Danthorne, 1823, Mary Duntham, 1838 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Danthorn, 1716 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Mary Donthorn, 1782 in *IGI* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Pleasance Dunthom, 1820 in *IGI* (Hackford, Norfolk); Esther Dunthome, 1831 in *IGI* (Thursford, Norfolk); William Dunthan, 1868 in *IGI* (Thursford, Norfolk).

**Dunton**

Variants: **Downton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Beds, Middx, and Surrey; also Staffs

English: locative name, either toponymic from one of the places named Dunton (Bucks, Beds, Norfolk), or Dunton Bassett (Leics), or topographic for someone who lived '(at the) settlement (Middle English *toun*) on the hill (Middle English *doun(e)*, *dun(e)*)' (Old English *dūn* + *tūn*). See also **Downton**. **Early bearers:** Richard de la Duntun', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph de Dunton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willm Dunton, 1547 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); John Dunton, 1566 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Nicholas Dunton, 1570 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); Richard Dunton, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Jone Dunton, 1590 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**Dunville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: See **Dumville**.

**Dunwell**

Variants: **Dunnill**, **Dunhill**, **Dunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *don*, *dun(ne)* 'dark' + *wel(le)* 'water source, stream'. The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived '(by the) dark stream', or toponymic for someone from a place so named, such as Dunwell in Ugborough (Devon). It is likely that many instances of the surname derive from a lost or as yet unidentified place in WR Yorks: See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. Some examples may belong at (2)

**Early bearers:** Adam de Dunwelle, 1330 in *Yorks Deeds* (Leathley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Dunwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leathley, WR Yorks); Laurence Donell, 1390 in *York Freeman's Register*; Walter Dunwell, chaplain, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Hastings, Sussex); Nicholas Dunnewyll of Dunnewyll, husbandman, 1421, 1422, John Dunnewyll of Uggeburgh, groom, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Ugborough, Devon); John Dunhill, gent., 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Earith, Hunts); Robert Donwell, 1489, Dunel, 1533 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Dunnel, 1642 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); John Donhill, 1673 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Jeremy Dunnill, 1687 in *IGI*

(Normanton, WR Yorks); Willam Donehill, 1737 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Dunhil, 1741 in *IGI* (Felkirk, WR Yorks); Christopher Dunnell, 1764, Ann Dunnele, 1814 in *IGI* (Weston Longville, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Dunweald*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Doneuuald, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks).

surnames: Geoffrey filius Dunualdi, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Richard Dunwald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Ivo Donewold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Sibble Dunwell, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Wills. Dunwell, 1575 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Dunwell, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Matheus Dunwell, 1591 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Richardus Dunwell, 1615 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs).

**Dunwood**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 English: See **Downward**.

2 English: See **Downard**.

**Dunwoodie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, and Kirkcudbrights; Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Scottish: See **Dinwoodie**.

**Dunwoody**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 287
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: See **Dinwoodie**.

**Dunworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Dungworth**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Dunworth, 1596 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Hannat Dunworth, 1644 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Lydea Dunworth, 1720 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Joseph Dunworth, 1775 in *IGI* (Warmfield, WR Yorks); Davidis Dunworth, 1784 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Frances Dunworth, 1787 in *IGI* (Warmfield, WR Yorks); Michael Dunworth, 1790 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Donndubhartaigh; See **Davenport**.

**Duong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Vietnamese: (i) **Dương**, representing the Chinese surname 楊, see Mandarin **Yang** (1). (ii) **Đư ng**, unexplained.

**Duparc**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: See **Du Parcq**.

## Du Parcq

### Du Parcq

Variants: **Duparcq, Duparcq**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: (i) locative name from a Channel Islands form of **Park** with retained preposition. (ii) locative name denoting someone from Parq (Pas-de-Calais) or Le Parc-d'Anxtot (Seine-Maritime), or from numerous minor places in N France, especially Normandy, identified with *parq* 'enclosure for animals'.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Jean du Parcq, 1529 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Jersey); Jean du Parcq, 1597, Richard de Parcq, 1600 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey).

England: John Baptist Dupark, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thos. Dupark, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Duparcq

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: See **Du Parcq**.

### Du Plessis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French, Huguenot: locative name denoting someone who lived by a fence of interwoven branches, Old French *pleis* (from Latin *plexum*, past participle of *plectere* 'to plait, weave'), or from one of the minor places in northern France named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Gedeon Duplessis, 1664 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Samuel Duplessis, 1697 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Noah Duplessis, 1717 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Marie Louise Duplessis, 1749 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jules Hyppolite Marie Duplessis, 1837 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Jules Duplessis, born in France, in *Census 1871* (Old Windsor, Berks); Mathilde Duplessis, born in France, in *Census 1871* (Clapham, Surrey); Jules Duplessis, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Boldre, Hants); Gaston Duplessis, in *Census 1901* (Boldre, Hants).

Huguenot: Phillippe Duplessis, 1702 in *IGI* (Crispin Street French church, Spitalfields, Middx); Jacques Duplessis, 1748 in *IGI* (Savoie French church, Westminster, Middx).

### Duplock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: See **Diplock**.

### Dupont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; also Alderney

French: locative name denoting someone 'from the bridge', French *pont*, with fused preposition *du* 'from the', or from numerous minor places named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Zachariah Dupont, 1598 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Ambrose Dupont, 1737 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Philip Dupont, 1748 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk). Huguenot: Ester Dupont, 1722 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); David Dupont, 1739 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Duppa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Duppa*, of obscure origin and meaning, but possibly borrowed from English *tup* 'ram' or *toppe* 'tuft'.

**Early bearers:** Rys Doppa, 1397 in *Morris, Welsh Surnames* (Radnor); Hugh Duppa, 1497 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; John Duppa, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Kynton, Herefs); John Duppa, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Kinsham, Herefs); Thomas Duppa, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 200.

### Dupre

Variants: **Dupree, Duprey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: locative name from Dupré, denoting someone 'from the meadow' (French *pré*, Old French *pred*).

**Early bearers:** James Dupree, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Mary-Magdalein Dupre, 1691, Marian Amelia Dupree, 1844 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Jeanne Dupray, 1693, Jane Dupre, 1700, Abraham Dupree, 1703, James Duprey, 1711, Michael Dupray, 1816 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Bayley Dupre, 1783 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Dupray, 1812 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent). Huguenot: Marie Duprey, 1695, Mary Magdelaine Dupre, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Anne Dupray, 1713 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Esther Dupre, 1730 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Susanne Dupre, 1739 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Dupree, 1771 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Dupree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: anglicized spelling of French *Dupré*, see **Dupre**.

### Duprey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: variant of *Dupré*, see **Dupre**.

### Dupuy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Guernsey

French: locative name denoting someone 'from the (French *du*) height, mountain (*pu*, from Latin *podium*)'.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Susanne Dupuy, 1675 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Elie Dupuy, 1687, Jean Dupuy, 1700, Guillaume Dupuy, 1790 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Etienne Dupuy, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar, London); Madelaine Dupuy, 1740 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Anthoine Dupuy, 1751 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens, Westminster, Middx).

Channel Islands: Charlotte Dupuy, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Edgar Du Puy, in *Census 1851* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Mary Ann Dupuy, 1854 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Guernsey); Alfred John Dupuy, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

### Duquemin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: locative name from Guernsey, French *quemin* 'track, path', with fused preposition and definite article *du* 'from the'.

**Early bearers:** Helier Duquemin, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour); Daniel Du Quemin, 1751 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews); Nicolas Duckemin, 1873 in *IGI* (Castel).

### Durack

Variants: **Durick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Dubhraic, thought to be a later form of Ó Dubhratha 'descendant of Dubhratha', a personal name meaning 'black one of prosperity'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Durick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford).

### Dural

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: See **Dorrell**.

### Durall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: See **Dorrell**.

### Duran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Deoradháin, see **Doran**.

### Durance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lincs

English: See **Durrans**.

### Durand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, French, English: See **Durrant**.

### Durant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1461, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1038
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs; also Hants; Devon
- 1 Norman, English: See **Durrant**.  
2 English: See **Darwent**.

### Durante

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from the medieval Italian personal name *Durante*, which is from a vocabulary word meaning 'enduring', ultimately from the Latin verb *durare* 'to last or endure'. Like the English cognate **Durrant**, the name may also originally have had the sense 'stubborn, obstinate'.

### Durban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey; Somerset; also Monmouths

English: See **Durbin**.

### Durbar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: See **Durber**.

### Durber

Variants: **Doorbar**, **Durbar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname of uncertain origin; perhaps from Middle English *dor(re)-barre* 'device for fastening a door or blocking a doorway'.

**Further information:** Durborough (Somerset) occurs as a locative name in medieval records but does not appear to be the source of the later and predominantly Staffs surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Durbarre, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Willelmus Dorbarr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Margery Durbarre, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Bradbourne, Kent); John Durbarre, 1450 *Feet of Fines* (Sevenoaks, Kent); Rumbaldo Dorbar, 1583, Rich Durbar, 1586, Richard Doorbar, 1727 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); William Durber, 1790 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

### Durbin

Variants: **Durban**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 969, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 562
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

French: (i) relationship name, patronymic with *de* from the personal name *Urb(a)in* (from Latin *urbanus* 'city dweller'). (ii) locative name denoting someone from any of the places named *Durban* (Ariège, Aude, Gers).

**Further information:** D'Urban, as in the case of Sir Benjamin d'Urban, born 1777, is a late rationalization.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Durbane, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Lympsham, Somerset); Thomas Durban, 1574 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent); Wylliam Durban, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Tickenham, Somerset); John Durbanne, 1590, Marie Durbarne, 1605, John Durbon, 1655 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Henry Durbon, 1606 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Thomas Durban, 1607 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); William Durburne, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Almondsbury, Gloucs); Valentine Durben, 1623 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Thomas Durban, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Cheddar, Somerset); James Durbin, 1699, William Durben, 1726 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Sarah Dorbin, 1795 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Dorbon, 1801 in *IGI* (Hertingfordbury, Herts).

### Durbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Berks
- English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a metathesized form of Middle English *drau(e)brigge* 'drawbridge'; compare John Drawebregge, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Charing, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Agnies Dorbridge, 1601, Elizabeth Durbridge, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Joseph Durbridge, 1676 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Joseph Derbridge, 1678 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Thomas Durbridge, 1693 in *Parish Registers* (Dunton, Beds); William Durbridge, 1760 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Durcan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Flints
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo

Irish: from Mac Duarcáin, see **Durkin**.

### Durden

Variants: **Durdin**, **Duerden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Midlands; also Dorset

1 English: for the Lancs name See **Duerden**.

2 English: nickname from Old French *dur + dent* 'hard-tooth'.

**Early bearers:** William Duredent, 1148–54 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Sussex); Ricardus Duredent, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Roger Duredent, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William Durdent, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Nicholas Durdent, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholao Durdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton le Heath, Leics); Agnes Durden, 1591 in *IGI* (Chignall, Essex); Bridgett Durden, 1599 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Jerome Durdin, 1611 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Edward Durden, 1612 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Edward Durden, 1624 in *IGI* (Osmaston by Ashbourne, Derbys); Georgi Durdin, 1628 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Anne Durden, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Daniell Duerden, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Chelmsford, Essex); Anna Durden, 1677 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); George Durden, 1692 in *IGI* (Ashow, Warwicks).

3 English: locative name from Duerdon in Woolfardisworthy near Bideford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Durdon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashmansworthy in Woolfardisworthy, Devon); Nicholas Durdon, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Francis Durden, 1733 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Dorset); Mary Durden, 1745 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 82.

### Durdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: See **Durden**.

2 English: See **Duerden**.

### Durell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: See **Dorrell**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but thriving in the USA.

### Durell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; London
- Norman, English: See **Dorrell**.

### Durey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: See **Dury**.

2 Irish: See **Durr**.

### Durgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Lancs

1 Irish: reduced from Mac Duarcáin, see **Durkin**.

2 Irish: from Ó Deartháin, see **Dorgan**.

### Durham

Variants: **Derham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3882, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs and Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from the city of Durham, recorded as *Dunholm* in about 1000 and *Duram* in 1297. There appears to have been considerable confusion with **Derham**.

**Early bearers:** England: Osbert de Dunelm', 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Thomas Dureham, alias Durem, alias Duresme, alias Duram, alias Thomas de Duram, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Durem or Durham, 1474 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bartholomew, London); Barbara Durham, 1563 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Duram, 1580 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Wm. Durhame, 1582 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

Scotland: Robertus de Durham, 1249 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; William de Dureame, 1302, de Durem, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Thomas of Durame, 1479 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Angus); Isobel Durham, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Hendre Durham, 1564 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); David Durehame, 1663 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: See **Derham**.

### Durick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Irish: See **Durack**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Durie

Variants: **Dury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 500
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Fife, and Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from Durie in

Scoonie (Fife).

## During

**Early bearers:** John Dury, 1464 in *Brechin Register*; Walter Doray, 1500 in *Brechin Register* (Cupar, Fife); Patrick Durie, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Adam Dury, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Issobell Durye, 1587 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Robert Durie, 1591 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Robert Durie, 1617 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Agnes Durie, 1625, Alexr. Durie, 1799 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); John Durie, 1705, John Dury, 1712 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); Elizabeth Dury, 1791 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

2 Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Derith*, *Dereth* (Old English *Dēorgýð*). Symon called Dereth, son of the late Thomas Dereth of Kynglassy, was granted the office of *Dereth*, *hoc est officium sergiandi* ('that is the office of sergeant'), by the abbot of Dunfermline in about 1250 in *Dunfermline Register* (Angus). The office of abbot's sergeant was probably hereditary in the Dereth family, hence the wording of the grant. *Derith* may have developed to \**Dirry*, then to *Dirrow*, *Durro*, and *Duray*. As such the name is apparently extinct but Black suggests that it may have been absorbed into *Durie*, which also flourished in Angus.

**Early bearers:** Jhone Dirow, 1613, Agnes Dirrow, 1622, Mart. Dirroe, 1684 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas Duro, 1685, Alexr. Duro, 1699, John Dirrow, 1715, Anne Duray, 1752 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus); Alexr. Durro, 1692 in *IGI* (Dunnichen, Angus); Eliz. Duro, 1775 in *IGI* (Farnell, Angus); Isobel Duro, 1729 in *IGI* (Laurencekirk, Kincardines).

**References:** *Black*, at *Duray*.

## During

**Variants:** *Doring*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *During*, a SW England dialect form of Old English *Dēoring*, *Diering*, or *Dýring*. See **Dearing**.

**Early bearers:** Ælfsie dying, 955 in *Cartularium Saxonicum* no. 917 (Wilts); Henry During, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Duryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoke, Wilts); Johanne Duryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Johannes Duryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Willelmo Duryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cannon Bridge, Herefs); Georg During, 1593 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

## Duris

**Variants:** *Duirs*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Irish: from Ó *Dubhrúis*, see **Doris**.

2 Scottish: locative name, possibly from *Dores* (Perths), or from *Durris* in Drumoak (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Duers, 1611, John Dours, 1734 in *Brechin Testaments* (Old Montrose, Angus); Catharein Duiris, 1626, Elspit Duires, 1682 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Janet Duirs, 1645 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Margaret Duris, 1701 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); Thomas Duris, 1855 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Lanarks).

England: Geo Duers, 1789 in *IGI* (Stapleton, Cumb); Helen Duris, 1845 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Duires, 1848 in *IGI* (Dodderhill, Worcs).

## Durk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Somerset
- English: See **Dark**.

## Durkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from *Mac Duarcáin*, see **Durkin**.

**Early bearers:** Donnell McDonogh O'Dwrkgane, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762.

## Durkee

**Variants:** *Durkie*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan

Irish, Scottish: of uncertain origin, perhaps a late pet form in Scotland of **Durkin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Durkee, 1634 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Mazie Durkie, 1648 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Andrew Durkie, 1662 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Janet Durkie, 1731, Janet Durkee, 1734 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).

## Durkie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: See **Durkee**.

## Durkin

**Variants:** *Durkan*, *Durcan*, *Durgan*, *Derkin*, *Dirken*, *Dirkin*, *McGurgan*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2953, Ireland 512
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1305
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo

1 Irish: from *Mac Duarcáin*, 'son of *Duarcán*', a byname from a diminutive of *duairc* 'surly'. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** According to Woulfe, this family was based in North Connacht (mainly Sligo) and was probably a branch of O'Hara. Woulfe provides only the lenited form *Mac Dhuaracáin*, which yielded **McGurgan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Augustine Durkan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); Patrick Durkan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilconduff, Mayo); Maurice Durkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Roscommon); Philip Durken, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo); Margaret McGurgan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mosstown, Louth).

England: John Dirken, 1807 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Philip Durkin, 1822 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Anthony Durkin, 1834 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Derkin, 1839, Patricii Durkin, 1849 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

2 English: See **Derkin**.

## Durley

**Variants:** *Doorley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

1 Irish: from Ó *Dubhurthuille* 'descendant of *Dubhurthuille*', a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Brian O'Durley, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1848 (Congouse); James O Durla, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4861 (Rosseyne); James O'Dowrley, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6512; Melaghlín O Durly, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618.

2 English: See **Darley**.

## Durling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: See **Darling**.

## Durman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: See **Dearman**.

## Durn

**Variants:** *Dorne*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: See **Dorn**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *derne*, which had a range of meanings including 'crafty, dishonest; discreet'.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Derne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Margery Derne, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Durn, 1677, Elizabeth Derne, 1724 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Derne, 1683 in *IGI* (Colwich, Staffs); Hen Durne, 1688 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); An Durn, 1791 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Durn, 1864 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Durnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

1 English: See **Darnall**.

2 English: See **Darnell**.

## Durnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; WR Yorks and Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Armagh, Meath, and Louth

Irish: from Ó *Duirnín*, see **Durnin**.

## Durnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Shrops

1 English: See **Darnell**.

2 English: See **Darnall**.

**Durney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Waterford

Irish: from Ó Doirinne, see **Dorney**.

**Early bearers:** John O'Dorryny, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1056; Thomas O'Dorryny, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247; Nilane O'Durnyn, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Ineskillin).

**Durnford**

**Variants:** Dornford, Dunford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London

1 English: locative name from Durnford (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Derneford', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William de Durneford, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Clement de Durnford, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Morton, Dorset); Willelmus Durneford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Norton in Broadwoodwidge, Devon); William Durneford', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); James Derneford, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Bigbury, Devon); Robert Dunforde, 1573 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Ann Durneford, 1593 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas Dunford, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); John Durneford, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wilcot, Wilts); Jn. Dunford, 1630 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas Durneford, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Iwerne Minster, Dorset); Francis Dumford, 1769 in *IGI* (Inkpen, Berks).

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Dunford alias Durnford in Addlestone (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** [...] ate Derneford, 1332 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Johannes Durneford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Josiah Dornford, 1725 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 109.

**Durnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: See **Dernie**.

**Durnin**

**Variants:** Durnan, Durning, Dorning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 489
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

Irish: from Ó Duirín, see **Dornan**.

**Durning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó Duirín, see **Dornan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Durnynge, office of Usher of the Exchequer, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §157.

England: Alice Dorning, 1553 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Sicyl Durning, 1566 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Raphe Dorning, 1580 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Durning, 1610 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); William Durning, 1637 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); William Dorning, 1666 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill,

Lancs); Daniel Dorning, 1789 in *IGI* (Hyde, Cheshire).

**Durno**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Scottish: locative name from Durno (Aberdeens), recorded as *Dournach* in 1257.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Dovrnach, 1382 in *Aberdeen Register* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); James Durno, 1679, Alexr. Durnoch, 1690 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); George Durnoch, 1744 in *IGI* (Oldmeldrum, Aberdeens); John Durno, 1760 in *IGI* (Tough, Aberdeens); Ellin Durno, 1810 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Alexander Durno, 1815 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays).

2 Scottish: See **Dernie**.

**Duro**

**Variants:** Duroe, Durow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 French, Huguenot: (i) nickname, possibly from French *Durot* or *Dureau*, a diminutive of *dur* 'hard'. (ii) locative name from one of three places called *Dureau* (Allier, Cher, Gironde). (iii) possibly for *Duros*, a nickname from N French *ros* 'weaver's comb'.

**Early bearers:** Mary Du Ro, 1621, Zacarie Du Ro, 1626, Susanne Du Ro, 1631, Jacque Duro, 1657, Pierre Duro, 1657 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Mary Duro, 1665 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jean Dureu, 1669 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Durose** with loss of the final consonant. Compare Richard Durose, 1795 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys), and Samuel Durose, 1820 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts). However, some examples of *Duro* and *Duroe* in *IGI* may be errors in which *-se* or *-s* has been inadvertently omitted in the original register or in the transcription.

**Early bearers:** Richd Duro, 1774, Joseph Durow, 1803, Richard Duro, 1805, John Duro, 1862, William Duro, 1877 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys); Samuel Duroe, 1824 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts); Joseph Douro, 1868 in *IGI* (Mapperley, Derbys); Florrie Duroe, 1899 in *IGI* (Brampton, Derbys).

**Duroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: See **Duro**.

**Durose**

**Variants:** Durows, Duro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: variant of **Dewhurst**. According to Tooth, Thomas Durose (1645) is identical with Thomas Dewerst of Rocester (1646) and Thomas Duerst (1649). Compare Susanna Dewhurst, 1685 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs). The variant would have arisen by metathesis of the *r*.

**Early bearers:** Willyam Durose, 1614, John Durose, 1712, James Durose, 1801 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs);

Anthony Durose, 1618, William Durose, 1720, Joseph Durose, 1804 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth* 3, p. 252.

2 Irish: from Ó Dubhrúis, see **Doris**.

**Duross**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Dubhrúis, see **Doris**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Durow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: See **Duro**.

**Durows**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: See **Durose**.

**Durr**

**Variants:** Durry, Dorr, Durey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: shortened from Ó Doraidh, a personal name from the adjective *doraidh* 'uneven, difficult', the two syllables of which appear in **Durey**. See also Irish **Dore**. **Early bearers:** Richard Dure, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2406 (Clonnall, Tipperary); Melaglin duff O Dore, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4933 (the Feart, Kilkenny); Shane O'Dorrey, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6409.

**Durrad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- Scottish, English: reduced form of **Dorward**.

**Durran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: relationship name, possibly from the Middle English personal name *Durwin* (Old English *Dēorwine*), a W England dialect form of **Darwin**, but it is uncertain whether the medieval surname has survived to the modern day.

**Early bearers:** William Dureweyin, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Ralph Durewyn', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Durewyne, 1347 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Durran, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

2 Norman, English: See **Durrant**.

3 Irish: from Ó Deóradháin, see **Doran**.

**Durrance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also WR Yorks
- English: See **Durrans**.

**Durrand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

## Durrani

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: See **Durrant**.

## Durrani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Pathan: nickname from an Afghan tribal name based on Pathan *durrān* ‘pearl’.

## Durrans

Variants: **Durrance, Durance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) variant of **Durrant** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) in N England alternatively an altered form of **Darwent** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Henery Durrans, 1564 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); William Durance, 1570 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); James Durance, 1589, Elizabetha Durrance, 1607, Mary Dorrance, 1755 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Wm Durrance, 1670 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); William Durrans, 1660, Wm. Durrance, 1698 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robert Durrance, 1710 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); John Durrans, 1719 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); James Durrands, 1769 in *IGI* (Burton Lazars, Leics); Jon. Durands, 1772 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); James Darance, 1796 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Bayley Durrands, 1816 in *IGI* (Croxton Kerrial, Leics).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Durrant

Variants: **Durant, Dorant, Durand, Durrand, Durran, Durrans, Durance, Durante**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6074, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4586
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Durant*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Durandus, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Durant stabularius 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Doraunt de Moreby, 1312 in *York Freeman's Register*.

surnames: Robertus filius Durand, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Walter Durant', 1196 in *Memoranda Roll* (Westm); Robert Duraund, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Durant, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Duran, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Doraunt, 1285 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Durrant, 1539 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Mary Durant, 1559, Robt. Durand, 1562 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Godfrey Durant, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Renny Durrant, 1563 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Israel Durant, 1572 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Edward Durrant, 1575 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Georgii Durrant, 1579 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Johannis Durran, 1596 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Heugh Durrand, 1621 in *IGI* (Redmile, Leics); Margrat Durran, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Durrell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: See **Dorrell**.

## Durrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex; Hants

English: See **Dorrell**.

## Durrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name, see **Derrett**.

## Durington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cambs, and Beds; Hants and Wilts

English: See **Dorrington**.

## Durry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs

Irish: See **Durr**.

## Dursley

Variants: **Dearsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Dursley (Gloucs), recorded as *Dereslege* in 1216, and *Duresley* in 1334. **Early bearers:** Nicholas de Durseleye, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Cherington, Gloucs); John de Derseleye, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Dursley, 1423 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Edward Dursley, 1591 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Willyam Dursley, 1669, Paul Dursley, 1779 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Dursley, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Bride's, London).

## Durso

Variants: **Orsi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from D'Urso 'son or kinsman of *Urso*', a variant of **Orsi**, with the patronymic marker *D'*. **Early bearers:** Alfonso D'Urso, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Durston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 788, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Durston (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Peter Derston, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); John de Dursteyn, 1367, John de Durstan, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Derston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); John Durstone, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Cossington, Somerset); Christian Durston, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Durston, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Moorlinch, Somerset); Giles Durston, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

## Durtal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: See **Dartnell**.

## Durnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: See **Dartnell**.

## Durnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Cheshire
- English: See **Dartnell**.

## Duru

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the given name *Dúrí*, apparently from Yoruba *dúdú rú*, (literally) '(a) dark (complexion) springs up'.

## Durward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland

Scottish: See **Dorward**.

## Dury

Variants: **Durey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx and Kent; Warwicks; Lancs

1 English: locative name from Dury in Lydford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Baldric Dury, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Holbeach, Lincs); Richard Dury, 1344 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Johanne Dury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); Ricardus Dury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); Mathew Dury, 1565 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Francisca Dury, 1587, Thomae Durie, 1590, Johis Durye, 1603 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); James Durey, 1709 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Elizabeth Dury, 1719 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Charles Duree, 1729 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 Scottish: See **Durie**.

3 French: locative name from Dury (Aisne, Pas-de-Calais, Somme).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot Magdelaine Dury, 1639 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

## Dust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Doust**.

## Dustan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Banffs

English: See **Duston**.

**Early bearers:** William Dustan, 1612 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm); John Dustan, 1640 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Willm. Dustan, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Isabel Dustan, 1738 in *IGI* (Rathven, Banffs); Christopher Dustan, 1803 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon).



**Dustin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs and Cumb
- English: variant of **Duston**; compare **Diston**.

**Dusting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: See **Diston**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Distin, 1621, Edward

Dusting, 1622 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon).

**Duston**

**Variants:** **Dustin**, **Diston**, **Dustan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Warwicks

1 English: locative name, perhaps a reduced form of *Dustinton*, from *Distington* (Cumberland), recorded as *Distingtona* and *Dustinton* in the early 13th century.

**Early bearers:** [... de] *Dustincton*’, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes de *Diston*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks); Richard *Duston*, 1568 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm); Steven *Duston*, 1588 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); Elizabeth *Duston*, 1637 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

2 English: locative name from *Duston* (Northants). Some of the following bearers without the preposition may belong with (4) or (5).

**Early bearers:** Aelisia de *Duston*’, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William de *Duston*’, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de *Dustun*’, 1219–26 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert de *Douston*, Geoffrey de *Douston*, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); John de *Duston*, 1332 in *Patent Rolls*; Henricus *Duston*’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas *Duston*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Godlyne *Dustin*, 1546 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Mary *Duston*, 1562 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Joanna *Duston*, 1632 in *IGI* (Medmenham, Bucks).

3 English: in SW England perhaps a reduced form of **Dunstone**.

4 English: alternatively a reduced form of **Dunstan**.

5 English: variant of **Thurstan**. Compare William *Dusteyn*, 1282 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Norfolk).

**Dutch**

**Variants:** **Duch**, **Douch**, **Dutchman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Wilts; Angus and Fife

English: ethnic name from Middle English *Duch* ‘Dutch, German’, a term used in particular to denote the many immigrant weavers who came to England from Flanders and the Netherlands during the 14th century; compare *Johanne le Duchemon*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs).

**Further information:** The modern distinction between Dutch and German did not become established in English until the 17th century. The Middle English term *duche* denoted a speaker of High German, Low German, or Dutch indiscriminately, without finer distinction. A more widely used term in Middle English for a speaker of German or Dutch was *alemaun(d)* or *alemain*; See **Allman**.

**Early bearers:** England: John *Duch(e)*, 1360 in *Colchester Court Rolls*, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes *Duch*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Johannes *Duch*’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); John *Duche*, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Kersey, Suffolk); Alice *Duch*, 1586 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Anne *Dutch*, 1600 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Robarte *Dutch*, 1612 in *IGI* (Thorganby, Lincs).

Scotland: William *Dutche*, 1660 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Jenat *Dutch*, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Eupham *Dutch*, 1693 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife).

**Dutchman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Norfolk

English: ethnic name, see **Dutch**.

**Further information:** In England in the 14th–15th centuries the term *Dutchman* was applied in particular to Flemish weavers and to immigrant brick-makers from Flanders (*Salzman, Building*, p. 142).

**Early bearers:** Henry *Duch(e)man*, 1354 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John *Duch(e)man*, 1366 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; *Johanne le Duchemon*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Edmund *Ducheman*, 1412 in *Patent Rolls*; Allin *Dutchman*, 1541 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Ingram *Dutchman*, 1596 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks).

**Dutfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; London

Norman, English: See **Dudfield**.

**Duthie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2058, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1595
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name from Gaelic *MacGille Dubnthaigh* ‘son of the servant of *Dubhthach*’. **Early bearers:** Marjory *Duthe*, 1492 in *Orkney Records* (Holme, Orkney); Andro *Duthie*, 1588 in *IGI*; James *Duthie*, 1662 in *IGI* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines); John *Duthie*, 1679 in *IGI* (Monymusk, Aberdeens); Robert *Duthie*, 1764 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

**Dutnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: See **Dartnell**.

**Du Toit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

French, Huguenot: (i) locative name denoting either someone who lived at a cottage (French *toit* ‘roof’, earlier also ‘shelter, cottage’), or someone from Duthoit (Nord). (ii) nickname (possibly) for a thatcher or tiler, from French *toit* ‘roof’.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jaques *Du Thoit*, 1658, Peter *Duthoit*, 1760, Edward *Duthoit*, 1775 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Danyell *Dutoyt*, 1673 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ Church, Canterbury, Kent); Pierre *Dutoit*, 1702 in *IGI* (Petit Charenton,

Westminster, Middx); Jaques *Dutoit*, 1721 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Frédéric *Jaques Dutoit*, 1729 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, London); Ann Henriette *Dutoit*, 1761 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward *Duthoit*, 1805 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John *Dutoit*, 1807 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Emma *Dutoit*, in *Census 1851* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Paul *Dutoit*, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Hendon, Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Dutson**

**Variants:** **Dotson**, **Dootson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Herefs

1 English: variant of **Dodson** with devoicing of the second consonant before voiceless /s/.

**Early bearers:** Richard *Dotson*, 1599 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Jellian *Dotson*, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Thomas *Dotson*, 1638 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jo. *Duteson*, 1673 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Thomas *Dutson*, 1734, Marey *Dotsen*, 1737 in *IGI* (Blackrod, Lancs); Elizabeth *Dutsin*, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: See **Dudson**.

**Dutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *du(i)t* ‘joy, delight’.

**Early bearers:** *Wulvet Dutte*, about 1175 in *Newark Documents*; William *Dut*, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John *Dut*, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John le *Dut*, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Stephen *Dutte*, 1546 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman* (Norfolk); Stephen *Dutt*, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); *Johannis Dutte*, 1597 in *IGI* (Littleton, Middx); William *Duit*, 1675 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Nathaniell *Dutte*, 1685 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Charles *Duitt*, 1800 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Samuel *Dutt*, 1808 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

**Dutta**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian: See **Datta**. This name is also found in the Lohana community in Gujarat.

**Dutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8680, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Westmeath; Dublin

English: locative name from *Dutton* (Cheshire, Lancs).

**Further information:** Hugh de *Dutton* was lord of the manor of *Dutton* in Cheshire during the reign of Henry II (1154–89).

**Early bearers:** Richard de *Duttona*, about 1150 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Richard de *Dutton*, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); *Johanne de Dutton*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); *Katerina de Dutton*’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyle Cop, Shrops); John *Dutton*, 1468 in

## Duty

*Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Margyt Dutton, 1573 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Dutton, 1589 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Peter Dutton, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Hooton, Cheshire); Alice Dutton, 1655 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Duty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: See **Doughty**.

**Early bearers:** Phillipe Duty, 1595 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs); Thomas Duty, 1662 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Chad, Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas Duty, 1722 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Saint Mary, Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Dutey, 1800 in *IGI* (Hibaldstow, Lincs).

### Duval

**Variants:** **Duvall, Dovell, Dovel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx; Leics; Lancs

1 French, Huguenot: locative name from Old French *du val* 'from the valley' (from Latin *vallis*). **Further information:** A Huguenot refugee from Rouen is said to have brought the name to England (*Smiles*, p. 392).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Duval, 1695 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Jacques Duval, 1699 in *IGI* (Tabernacle, Mick Alley, Westminster, Middx); Estienne Duval, 1715 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Guillaume Duval, 1740 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

Channel Islands: Louis Duval, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Mary Duval, born in Grouville, Jersey, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Philip Duval in *Census 1911* (Saint Brelade, Jersey); Jane Duval in *Census 1911* (Saint Peters, Jersey).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from a diminutive of an Old English female personal name \**Dūfe* (See **Dove**). Some examples may belong at (1). **Early bearers:** William Duvel, 1224 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robarte Dovell, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); William Dovel, 1772 in *IGI* (Parracombe, Devon).

### Duvall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- French, Huguenot: See **Duval**.

### Duxberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: See **Duxbury**.

### Duxbury

**Variants:** **Duxberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1951, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2009
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Duxbury (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Siward de Dokesbir, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas Duxbury, 1627 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Margreat Duxbury, 1638 in *IGI* (Chorley,

Lancs); Nicholas Duxbury, 1641 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); James Duxbury, 1653 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Eliz. Duxbury, 1676 in *IGI* (Wistaston, Cheshire).

### Duxon

**Variants:** **Duxson, Dukeson, Dobox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Middx

English: relationship name, 'son of *Duk*', from the Middle English personal name *Duk(e)* + *-son*. See **Duke** and compare **Dukes**.

**Early bearers:** Sawi Duchessune, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Dukson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Jennet Duckson, 1568, Mary Duxon, 1691 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Margorie Dukeson, 1573 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); Willm. Duckson, 1577, Tho. Duxon, 1636 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Christopher Dukeson, 1588 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Samuell Dukeson, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Willm Dobox, 1595 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); John Duxon, 1599 in *IGI* (Lea, Lincs); Elezabeth Dockson, 1613 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Thomae Duckson, 1614 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Doboxon, 1619 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Elizabeth Doboxon, 1621 *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Richard Duxon, 1650 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Johannis Duckson, 1706, Johannis Duxon, 1709 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Anne Doboxon, 1716 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Betty Doakson, 1744 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Benjamin Duxson, 1808 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Duxson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: See **Duxon**.

### Dwan

**Variants:** **Duan, Toan, Tun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 段 (**Duan** or **Tuan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tuen** or **Tun** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'segment' or 'paragraph' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name Duan (段), the style name of Gong Shu Duan (共叔段), son of king Zheng Wu Gong (died 744 BC) in the state of Zheng. (ii) shortened form of the compound surname Duan-Gan (段干), traced back to Duan-Gan Mu (段干木), a person who lived in the state of Wei during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iii) from *Duan* (段), the name of a tribe from Xianbei ethnic group in N China.
- 2 Irish: from Ó Dubháin or Ó Damháin, see **Duane**.

### Dwane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Dubháin or Ó Damháin, see **Duane**.

### Dwellely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx
- English: See **Dwelly**.

### Dwelly

**Variants:** **Dwellely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Old English \**dweollic* 'foolish, erring, heretical', a variant of *dwoollic*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Dweyle, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Dwelie, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); [...] Duelle, Dwolye, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Dwole, Walter Dwelie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John le Dwole, Richard le Dwele, Alice Duolie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Philippus Dwelye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deptford, Wilts); Roberte Dwelley, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Taunton, Somerset); Edward Dwelly, 1607 in *IGI* (Durstun, Somerset).

### Dwerryhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Dwerryhouse in Wrightington (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Willo de Dvverihouse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johnes Dwarihouse, 1584 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Margaret Dwerryhouse, 1731 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs).

### Dwight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: possibly a variant of **Twite**, with voicing of initial *T*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the usual explanation that it is a variant of **Dyot** (from the Middle English female personal name *Diot*).

**Early bearers:** John Dwight, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabetha Dwyte, 1572 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); William Dwight, 1598 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); Jone Dwyte, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); John Dwight, 1623 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); William Dwighte, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Cornhill, City of London); Rob Dwight Or Dwite, 1775 in *IGI* (Martlesham, Suffolk).

### Dwire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhir or Ó Duibhidhir, see **Dwyer**.

### Dworkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): relationship name from a pet form of the Yiddish female personal name *Dvoyre* (Hebrew *Devorah*, from a word meaning 'bee'). This is the source of the popular English personal name Deborah.

**Further information:** The name Devorah was borne in the Bible by Rebecca's nurse (Genesis 35:8) and by a prophetess and judge (Judges 4:4). The popularity of the Yiddish name is due largely to the latter.

**Early bearers:** Barnet Dworkin, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Harris

Dworkin, sugar baker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Barnett Dworkin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Warwicks); Simeon Dworkin, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Dwyer

**Variants:** O'Dwyer, Dyer, Dewire, Diver, Dever, Dover, Deere, McDyer, McDyre, Dwire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4944, Ireland 3066
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1669
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ireland: esp. Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhir or Mac Duibhidhir 'descendant (or son) of *Dubhuidhir*', a personal name based on *dubh* 'dark, black' + *odhar* 'sallow, tawny'.

**Early bearers:** Sida Ua Duibhidir, warden of Limerick, 1369 in *AU*; Edmond O'Duibhir, abbot of Essruadh, 1519 in *AU*; Gilla-Padraig O'Duibhidir, 1522 in *AU*; Tho. O Dovor, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4859; Gwllanaif mcTeige Y Dwir, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4907 (Ballynakelly); Dermot mcEdmund Dwyer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531; Philip Fitz Edmund Dwyer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531 (Clonesboe); Teige mcShane Dwyer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531 (Bealnakille); Gillipaddrigge O Deire, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655.

### Dyal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Irish: See **Doyle**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund O'Dwile, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §258; John O'Dwill, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2258 (Donlooch); John John Ithuaught O'Dwull, yeoman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5085; Donogh O'Dwiell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495. 2 Indian: See **Dayal**.

### Dyar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Shrops

English: probably a variant of **Dyer**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Dyar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Agnis Diar, 1538 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Dyare, 1539 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Nicholas Dyar, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Johna Dyar, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Dyar or Diar, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Barnes Rothinge, Essex).

### Dyas

**Variants:** Dyos, Dias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: unexplained, but perhaps related to the personal names **Day** or **Diaz**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Dyaius son of Sampson, Jew of Worcester, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Andrew's Worcester, Worcs); surnames: Thomas Deyas, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Thoma Dyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whetstone, Leics);

Elizabetha Deios, 1543 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Edward Deyos, 1572 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Dyas, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); William Dyas or Dias, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Saint Nicholas Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Deyos, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Westbury, Shrops); George Dyas, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Marden, Kent).

2 Irish: unexplained. Perhaps a spelling adopted locally to anglicize Irish *Déise*, see **Dease**.

### Dyason

**Variants:** Dyerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Dyot* (See **Dyett**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Dyotson of Scardeburgh, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Roberto Dyotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilberdike, ER Yorks); Willelmus Dyotson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Anlaby with Wolfreton, ER Yorks); Richard Dyatson, 1520 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Dyason, 1599 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire); John Dyason, 1696 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Henry Dyerson, 1718 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

### Dyball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: See **Dibble**.

### Dybell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx; NR Yorks

English: See **Dibble**.

### Dyble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: See **Dibble**.

### Dyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Scottish: locative name from Dyce (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** John de Diss, 1467, George Dyss, 1482 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Dyce, 1764 in *IGI* (New Machar, Aberdeens); Robert Dyce, 1777 in *IGI* (Alvah, Banffs).

2 English: variant spelling of **Dice**.

### Dyche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: See **Ditch**.

### Dyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: See **Dade**.

### Dye

**Variants:** Dice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3059, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1959
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Dye*, a pet form of *Denis(e)* (Latin *Dionisia*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Dyonisia de Lynthayt, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Crosland, WR Yorks), also called Dye de Lyntweyt, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Crosland, WR Yorks).

surnames: Roberto filio Dye, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lartington, in Romalldkirk, NR Yorks); Walter Dye, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes Dye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Rogerus Dye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterden, Norfolk); Thomas Dye, 1451 in *PROB 11* (Burford, Oxon); Margaret Dye, 1539, Jas Die, 1672 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Die, 1620, James Dye, 1771 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

### Dyer

**Variants:** Dyers, Dier, Dyar, Dayer, McDyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15761, Ireland 297
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11499
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx; Somerset and Devon

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *deier*, *degher* 'dyer'. Compare **Dexter**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Deghar, 1260 in *Fransson* (Somerset); Robert le Deyare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander Dyghere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Deyer and John le Deyer, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Henry le Dyer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Alicia Dier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alveston with members, Warwicks); Margeria Deyre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coombe, Oxon); William Deyer, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Dier, 1499 in *PROB 11* (High Ham, Somerset); David Dier, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Dayer, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Richard Dier or Dyer, 1586 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Dayer, 1648 in *IGI* (Horningssea, Cambs); Margt. Dayer, 1742 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Dayer, 1829 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

2 Irish: from **Mac Duibhir**, see **Dwyer**.

### Dyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Northumb

English: variant of **Dyer**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Dyerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dyason**.

### Dyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: See **Dice**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Dyett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: See **Dyett**.

**Dyett**

Variants: **Dyett**, **Dyott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Dyot*, a diminutive of *Dye*, a pet form of *Denise*; See **Dennis** and compare **Dyason**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Diota, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Dyota, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Dyot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: William Dyot, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; Amicia Dyet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welham, Leics); Willelmus Dyot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); Robert Diotte, 1396 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Yorks); Thomas Dyett or Diett, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Lytchett Matravers, Dorset); Nicholas Dyet, 1626 in *IGI* (Norton Bavant, Wilts); James Dyott, 1753 in *IGI* (Rushton Spencer, Staffs).

**Dyke**

Variants: **Dike**, **Dick**, **Dykes**, **Ditch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3879, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2969
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Staffs; Somerset and Wilts

1 English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) dike', from Middle English *dik(e)*, *deke* 'ditch, dyke' (Old English *dīc*), or from Dyke (Lincs). Compare **Ditch**. The post-medieval examples could belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Joc. de la Dike, about 1250 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Sussex); Sim. ater Dyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John del Dike, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam del Dike, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Nicholaus del Dyk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Johannes de Dike, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Richard Dyke, 1553 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Edwardi Dyke, 1555 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Margaret Dyke, 1555 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Roberte Dyke, 1566 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Edward Dyke, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London).

2 English: See **Dick**. The examples could alternatively belong at (1).

**Early bearers:** John Dyke, 1540 in *PROB 11* (Long Melford, Suffolk); Anne Dyke, 1594 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Henry Dyke, 1614 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Mary Dyke, 1626 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Dyke, 1663 in *IGI* (Langton by Spilsby, Lincs); Alexander Dyke, 1667 in *IGI* (Ashill, Somerset).

**Dyker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: occupational name, locative name from Middle English, Older Scots *diker*, *dicher* denoting someone who dug or maintained ditches. Compare **Dicker**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Diker de Elgin, 1261 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Elgin, Morays); James Dyker,

1631 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspet Dyker, 1692 in *IGI* (Grange, Banff); Jannet Dyker, 1760 in *IGI* (Cairnie, Aberdeens).

**Dykes**

Variants: **Dicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2821, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2051
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 Scottish: See **Dicks**.

2 English: variant of *Dyke* with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William del Dikes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willm. Dykes, 1567 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Roberte Dykes, 1572 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Elizabetha Dykes, 1578 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Ellinor Dykes, 1579 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Robt Dykes, 1589 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs).

**Dykins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

English: See **Dickens**.

**Dyment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: See **Diamond**.

**Dymock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 388
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs; Lanarks
- English: See **Dimmock**.

**Dymoke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: See **Dimmock**.

**Dymond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1674, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1049
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: See **Diamond**.

**Dymott**

Variants: **Dimmott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Dimmock** with substitution of /t/ for /k/ as suggested by Lawrence Dymock, 1611, William Dimott, 1781 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants). With the early bearers below compare Ric.

Dymmoke, 1296, Johe Dymmok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Street, Sussex), Anthony Dimocke, yeoman of Ellingham, 1633 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants), and John Dymock, 1801 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

**Further information:** An alternative derivation from Middle English *Dye* (female personal name) + *mogh* 'a kinsman by marriage, especially a son-in-law' is formally possible. Compare Adam Dyemogh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs), and for the change of *-mough*

to *-mott* See **Hickmott**. However, there is no evidence for this name in medieval Sussex or Hants. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Dymatt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Nicholas Dimott, 1684, Martha Dymott, 1721, Ambrose Dymot, 1756, Eliz. Dymet, 1781, Betty Dymat, 1785 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

**Dyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: See **Dine**.

2 See **Dynes**.

**Dynes**

Variants: **Dyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English, Irish: See **Dines**.

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Johane Dynes, 1543 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Dynes, 1546 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Alice Dynes, 1572 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Dynes, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Annes Dynes, 1592 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs).

**Dyos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: See **Dyas**.

**Dyott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: See **Dyett**.

**Dysart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from Dysart (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter and Gaffrid de Dysert, 1427 in *Panmure Register* (Panmure, Angus); Elspit Dysart, 1643 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); James Dysart, 1787 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); Jane Dysart, 1881 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: John Dysart, 1782 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); John Dysert, 1794 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall);

**Dyson**

Variants: **Dison**, **Tyson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9090, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9683
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

1 English: relationship name, 'son of *Dye*', from the Middle English female personal name *Dye*, a pet form of *Denis(e)* (Latin *Dyonisia*).

**Further information:** Dyonisia de Lynthayt, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Crosland, WR Yorks), also called *Dye de Lyntweyt*, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Crosland, WR Yorks), was the mother of John Dyson of Linthwaite, Crosland, 1316 in *Wakefield*

*Court Rolls*. This man is probably the progenitor of the modern WR Yorks family of this name, a hypothesis strongly supported by DNA evidence. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Dysun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Ralph Dyson, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Dyson, Dyesson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Dyesson, 1356 in *Feet of Fines*; John son of Dionysia de Langside is also called John Dyson de Langside, 1369 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* (Langsett, in Penistone, WR Yorks); Radulphus Dison, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); John Dyson, 1387 in *York Freeman's Register*; Isabella Dyson, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Georgij Dyson, 1559 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Ann Dyson, 1584 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Dyson or Dison, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Evesham, Worcs).

**2** English: occasionally interchanged with **Tyson**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Tyson or Dysun, 1528 in *Reaney and Wilson* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Dyster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: See **Dexter**.

### Dyte

**Variants:** Dight, Dite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**dight*, a side-form of Middle English *dought* 'brave, valiant', and possibly derived therefore from a shortened form of Old English *dyhtig*, *dohtig* 'doughty'. Compare **Doughty**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Dite, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Willelmus Dyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Walter Dyght, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Ichester, Somerset); Jone Dight, 1572 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Dyghte or Dighte, 1574, Henry Dight, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Stoke Saint Gregory, Somerset); Dioness Dight, 1603 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Seville Dyte, 1619 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Bridget Dyte, 1713 in *IGI* (Donyatt, Somerset); James Dyte, 1764 in *IGI* (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); William Dyte, 1769, William Dite, 1782 in *IGI* (Hillfarrance, Somerset); John Dight, 1799, Nehemiah Dite, 1869 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Dyter

**Variants:** Diter, Dytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *ditour*, *diter* 'author, writer, orator, or scribe', or, in law, used for one who accuses another.

**Early bearers:** Helewisa Ditur, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sarah Dyter, 1701 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); William Diter, 1763 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Dytor, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Abraham Dyter, 1781 in *IGI* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops); Sarah Dytor, 1812 in *IGI* (Lee Brockhurst, Shrops); Richard Dytor, 1838, Eliza Dyter, 1842 in *IGI* (Grinshill, Shrops); George Diter, 1842 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops).

### Dytham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Marmaduke Dytam, 1593 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Dytham, 1748, Edward Ditem, 1751, William Ditam, 1756 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Edward Dytom, 1807 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Thos. Dittam, 1814, Benjamin Dytom, 1819, Edverd Dytam, 1841 in *IGI* (Helmdon, Northants); John Ditam, 1838 in *Parish Registers* (Milton Bryan, Beds); George Dytham, 1858 in *IGI* (Akeley, Bucks).

### Dytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: See **Dyter**.

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## Eaborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Eburne**.

## Eachus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Etches**.

## Eacock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Warwicks
- English: probably a variant of **Adcock** with loss of *d*.  
**Further information:** An entry regarding the office of forester at Thirsk (NR Yorks) refers to 'one *Ecok* who had it lately', 1405 in Patent Rolls.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Ecok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); William Ecok, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Masham, NR Yorks); Willia. Ecock, 1625 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk); John Eacock, 1660 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); William Ecocks, 1819 in *IGI* (Woodford Halse, Northants); Henry Eacock, 1827 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs).

## Eacott

**Variants:** **Eckett, Eccott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; Middx
- English: locative name from Eycotfield in Rendcombe (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Aicote* in 1086, *Eicot* in 1221, *Eacott* in 1732.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Eycote, 1383 in Shakespeare Centre (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Eycote, 1400 in Feet of Fines (Eycotfield in Rendcombe, Gloucs); Ales Eycot, 1569, Thomas Ecott, 1580, William Eacott, 1630 in *IGI* (North Cerney, Gloucs); Else Ekot, 1578 in *IGI* (Bagendon); Elenor Ecute, 1598 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Ann Ecott, 1628 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); John Eacot, 1666, Edward Eccott, 1693 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Edward Eccut, 1712, Mary Eckett, 1754 in *IGI* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants); Ann Eccot, 1760 in *IGI* (Winchester); Sarah Eccott, 1762 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Daniel Eckett, 1788 in *IGI* (Tilehurst, Berks).  
**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs, v. 1, p. 161.

## Ead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Ede**.

## Eaddy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Eady**.

## Eade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1512, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1435
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and SE England
- English: see **Ede**.

## Eaden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Warwicks
- English: see **Eden**.

## Eades

**Variants:** **Eads, Edes, Edds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1820, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1530
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Somerset; Hants; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Dublin
- English: variant of **Ede** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert Eadis, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Roberto Edes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Richarde Eddes, 1546 in PROB 11 (City of London); Richard Edds or Eddes, 1558 in PROB 11 (Ashorne, Warwicks).

## Eadie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1678, Ireland 98
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Eady**.

**Further information:** Black's identification of this name with **Addie** is difficult to justify in the absence of evidence.

## Eadington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Edington**.

## Eadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Warwicks
- English: see **Eden**.

## Eads

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Eades**.

## Eadsforth

**Variants:** **Edforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained. Probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Robart Edsforth, 1582 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); William Edisforth, 1629 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); James Eddisford, 1788 in *IGI* (Claughton on Brock, Lancs); John Edsforth, 1809 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Thomas Eadsforth, 1817 in Parish Registers (Manchester, Lancs); James Eddsforth, 1896 in *IGI* (Ardwick, Lancs).

## Eady

**Variants:** **Eaddy, Eadie, Edey, Edie, Eddie, Edde, Edy, Edye, Eddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 924, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also London; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Scots personal name *Edy*. This is usually a reduced form of the female names *Edive* (Old English *Ēadgifu*) and *Edith* (Old English *Ēadgýð*), which became confused with each other. *Edith* remained in use as a personal name into the 14th century and beyond, and is the more likely source. Alternatively *Edy* could sometimes represent a pet form of any of several male personal names in *Ed-*, particularly *Edmund*, which was much used in E Anglia throughout the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ediuu uxor Ricardi preti, 1250 in Assize Rolls (Norfolk); Editha Pymmor, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Edy Edy, 1564, female christening in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex).  
surnames: Stephen Edy, 1278 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Alanus filius Edith', Alicia Edeth, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Margaret Edy, 1567 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Mary Eddy, 1604, 1695 in *IGI* (Nayland, Suffolk); Nathanielus Edye, 1637, Christopher Edy, 1652, Marie Eddie, 1668, Elizabeth Eady, 1815 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); William Eady, 1684, John Eady 1817 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk).

## Eagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Aodhagáin, see **Egan**.

## Eagar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Down
- English: see **Eager**.

**Further information:** This English name was taken to Ireland, where this spelling, pronounced /'eigər/, is used by families in Kerry, according to MacLysaght.

## Eagell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Eagle**.

**Eagen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Durham

Irish: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Egan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA.

**Eager**

**Variants:** **Eagar, Eagger, Egar, Egarr, Eger, Eggar, Egger, Eagers, Eggers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 169
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Gloucs; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford
- 1 English: (i) relationship name in most cases probably a variant of **Agar** or **Ager**, and pronounced as either /'eɪgə/ or /'i:gə/. (ii) nickname rarely perhaps from Middle English *egre* 'sharp, sour' (Old French *aigre*), which developed various transferred senses when applied to people, including 'impetuous', 'fierce', and 'angry'. This is the source of the Modern English word *eager*. No Middle English examples of the nickname have been found, but compare John *Egreman*, 1384–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Syerston, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Robert Egar, 1545 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Egger, 1563 in *Newbattle Register*; Hendry Eager, 1588 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Richard Egar, 1594 in *IGI* (West Stoke, Sussex); Anne Eager, 1628 in *IGI* (Ickham, Kent); Sara Egar, 1660 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); John Egor, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: pronounced /'eɪgə/. This, too, is a variant of English **Agar**, according to MacLysaght, and is found in north Louth and Down. Compare **Eagar**.

**Early bearers:** Owen Oge O'Eger, 1584 in *Fiants* Elizabeth §4559.

**Eagers**

**Variants:** **Eggers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Eager** with excrescent -s.

**Eagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Eager**.

**Eagland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from *Aggeland*, a lost locality that was probably near Stanley (WR Yorks), where the surname is recorded in 1472.

**Further information:** Compare Agbrigg ('Aggi's bridge') in Warmfield, which is adjacent to Stanley. Reaney's explanation of the name as a variant of **Eglin** is not supported by the evidence.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Aggeland, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William de Agland, 1370 in *York Freeman's Register*; Oliver Agland, 1472 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); John Aygland, Eyglande, or Eglande, 1542–65 in *Parish Registers*

(Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johne. Eagland, 1573 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Eagle**

**Variants:** **Eagell, Egle, Eagles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2269, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1648
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London and E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Belfast; Dublin
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *egle* 'eagle'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Egle, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert le Egle, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas*; J Eggele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Street, Sussex); William Egle, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Bradfield, Suffolk); William Eagle, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Farnham Saint Martin, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Laigle (Orne).

**Early bearers:** Gilbertus de Aquila, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richer del Egle, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William Eagle, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Robt. Eagle, 1570 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Eagle, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); William Eagle, 1580 in *IGI* (Knossington, Leics); Roberte Eagle, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**Eaglen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Eglin**.

**Eagles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1314, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 831
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Warwicks; Lancs

English: variant of **Eagle** with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Edward Eagles, 1577 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Margery Eagles, 1579 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Thomas Eagles, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Weybridge, Surrey); Theodore Egles or Eagles, 1635 in *PROB 11*.

**Eaglesfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Derbys; Warwicks

English: locative name from Eaglesfield (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Eglesfeld, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverstone, Gloucs); John de Eglsfeld, 1307 in *Scotland Calendar*; Benedict de Eglesfeld, John de Eglesfeld, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Broughton, Cumb); John Eglsfeld, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Cristofer Eglysfeld or Eglsfeld, 1534 in *PROB 11* (London); Garven Eaglesfield, 1612 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Thomas Eaglefield, 1684 in *IGI* (Smisby, Derbys); Dorothy Eaglesfield, 1738 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Kirkcudbrights).

**Eaglesham**

**Variants:** **Eagleson, Eaglesome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245

- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayrs and Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Eaglesham (Renfrews), a parish and former barony.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Eglesham, clerk, 1219–28 in *Paisley Register*; Bartholomew de Eglesham, chaplain, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Sanquhar, Dumfriess); William de Egglissham, archdeacon of Lothian, 1316 in *Newbattle Register* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Henry de Eglishame, 1335 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); James Eagleshome, 1669 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayrs); Christian Eaglsom, 1674 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayrs); David Egleshame, 1694 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayrs); John Eagleson, gardener, 1743 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Culqua, Kirkcudbrights); Hugh Eagleshom, 1790 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayrs); Marion Eaglesham, 1792 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

**Eaglesome**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayrs
- Scottish: see **Eaglesham**.

**Eagleson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 133
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayrs, and Renfrews; E Lothian; Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: variant of **Eaglesham**.

**Eagleston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London

English: see **Eaglestone**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Eaglestone**

**Variants:** **Eagleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon

1 English: locative name from either Eggleston in Middleton in Teesdale (Durham), Egglestone in Rokeby (NR Yorks), Egliston in Tyneham (Dorset), or possibly Egleton (Rutland), recorded as *Egleston* in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Eggleston, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); Thomas de Eggleston, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); Adam de Egleston, chaplain, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Egliston, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert Egleston, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Lullingstone, Kent); John Egelstone, 1539 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Christopher Egglestone, 1584 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Eagleston, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Bristol, Gloucs); Francis Eaglestone, 1671 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 84.

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of

**Eccleston**; note John *Eccleston* alias *Ecclyston* alias *Eggleston*, 1406 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Eagleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent and London

English: see **Eggleton**.

**Eagling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Eglin**.

**Eagon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Egan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

**Eakes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Oakes**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is quite numerous in the USA.

**Eakin**

Variants: **Ekin, Eakins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 276
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Derry and Antrim

1 English: variant of **Atkin**.

2 Irish: from Ó hAodhagáin, see **Egan**.

**Eakins**

Variants: **Ekins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks; London; Warwicks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Down, and Monaghan

English: variant of **Eakin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Ealand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Ealand (Lincs).

Compare **Eland**.

**Early bearers:** Alis Ealand, 1584 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Richard Ealand, 1687 in York Freeman's Register.

**Eale**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Eele**.

2 English: see **Eales**.

**Eales**

Variants: **Eeles, Eels, Eals, Eells, Eale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1861, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1508
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks; Devon; London; Durham

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Ellis**. (ii)

alternatively a variant of **Ell** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. (iii) in Devon alternatively a variant of **Heales** with loss of initial *H*-.

**Further information:** Wilson's suggestion in Reaney and Wilson that it is from a short form of Old English personal names beginning with *Ædel*- or *Ealh*- is not supported by any evidence. His derivation from Eel Sike (Cumb) is improbable.

**Early bearers:** Edward Eles, 1554, Elles, 1560 in Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts (Worcs); Willia Eales, 1567 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); John Ellis, 1576, John Eales, 1615 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); John Eales, 1570, Thomas Ellis, 1621 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Eales, 1620 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); John Eales, 1663 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Wm. Eales, 1724 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

**Ealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Wilts; Northants

English: see **Ely**.

**Ealing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Bucks
- English: locative name from Ealing (Middx).

**Early bearers:** John Ealing, 1611 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); John Ealing, 1712 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Ealing, 1747 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); John Ealing, 1753 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks).

**Eals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: see **Eales**.

**Ealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent and London

English: see **Ely**.

**Eam**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Eames**.

**Eamer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English (*y*)*emer* '(gate)keeper, guardian'.

**Early bearers:** Gilberto Emer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Appleby Parva, Leics); Thomas Emer, 1682 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edwd. Eamer, 1727 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); William Eamer, 1822 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Eames**

Variants: **Emes, Hemes, Heams, Heames, Eam, Yemm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2846, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1933
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Middx; also Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: relationship name from Middle English *eme*, *eim* 'uncle' (Old English *ēam*). Most of the modern variants of the surname have post-medieval excrement -s. Compare **Neame** and **Uncle**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Heam, identical with Radulfus auunculus, about 1200 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Andrew le Em, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); John Eame, 1280 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Hugo Eem, 1281 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); John le Em, 1324 in Patent Rolls (Woolbeding, Sussex); Simon le Eem, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Adam Eeme, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thorpe, Notts); Robertus the Eem, 1379 in Poll Tax (Temple Newsam, WR Yorks); Walterus le Em, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shere, Surrey); Robert Heme, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Eames, 1540 in Whitby Cartulary (York).

**Eanes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: probably a variant of **Heanes** with loss of initial *H*-.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Eardley**

Variants: **Yardley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1844, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Eardley Hall in Audley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Erdeley, 1377 in Poll Tax (Audley, Staffs); John Eardley, 1581 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Stephen Eardley, 1595 in PROB 11 (Shalbourne, Berks); Willm. Eardly, 1624 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs).

**Earey**

Variants: **Eary, Earrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey

English: locative name from Earith (Hunts). The 1587 Lancs bearer may really be an instance of **Airey**.

**Further information:** No medieval evidence has been found to support derivation from Erith (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John de Erethe, Robert de Ereth, 1327, Thomas de Ereth, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Ives, Hunts); Thomas Erieth, clerk, 1507–8 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Martin Erith, 1552 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Katherina Erie, 1587 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Thos Erith, 1668 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Thomas Earey, 1720 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Joseph Eary, 1729 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Sarah Erith, 1745 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); John Eary, 1778 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex).

**Earith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; Lancs

English: see **Erith**.

**Earl**

Variants: **Earle, Earll, Hearle, Hearl, Hurl, Hurle, Hurll, Harle, Earls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5480, Ireland 94



- **GB frequency 1881:** 3868
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; also Carlow and Offaly

English: nickname from Middle English *e(o)rl* ‘earl’, often found with a prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Count**. **Early bearers:** Ernard Hurl, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Hervicus Herl, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); William Hurl, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); William Erl, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Hugh le Erl, 1255 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Emma lè Heorl, Thomas le Erl, Margeria la Horl, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Walterus le Eorl, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dinton, Wilts); Petrus le Erle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Roud in Godshill, IoW); John Arle, 1560 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Thomas Erle or Earle, 1590 in PROB 11 (Uphaven, Wilts).

### Earlam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Irlam**.

### Earland

Variants: **Yearling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Ireland**.

### Earle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2288, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1853
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Earl**.

### Earles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Earls**.

### Earley

Variants: **Early, Erley, Erleigh, Yearley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1751, Ireland 736
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Tyrone

1 English: locative name chiefly from Earley (Berks), but Earnley (Sussex) and Arley (Cheshire, Lancs, Warwicks, Worcs) may also have contributed.

**Early bearers:** John de Erlea, 1162 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); William de Erlega, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); John de Erley, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Gilberto de Erley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hindley, Lancs); Richard Earley, 1539 in Parish Registers (Kingsclere, Hants); Richardus Erley, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); John Earley, 1568 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); John Early, 1589 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Nicholas Early, 1605 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Ferdinando Erley, 1608 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Earlye or Early, 1623 in PROB 11 (Chiswick, Middx); Jacobj Early, 1636 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Bryant Early, 1656 in *IGI* (Boarhunt, Hants).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is generally the English name, but it was also adopted for any of several Irish surnames that contain or appear to contain *moch*, which means ‘early’ or ‘timely’, including Ó Mocháin (see **Mohan**), Ó Mochóir, Ó Mochéirghe, and Ó Maoil-Mhochéirghe (from a personal name meaning ‘early rising’). The name appears in Scotland by the end of the 18th century, possibly sometimes from England but mostly no doubt from Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Francis Earley, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone); Robert Earlie, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kildress, Tyrone); James Early, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Andrew Early, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Estersnow, Roscommon).

Scotland: Cathrine Earley, 1787 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); James Early, 1809 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margaret Early, 1818 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); John Earley, 1823 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Mary Earley, 1847 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks); James Early, 1848 in *IGI* (Carnwath, Lanarks); James Early, 1857 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Earll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Earl**.

### Earls

Variants: **Earles, Hurles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 465
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire; Middx

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Fermanagh  
English: occupational name variant of **Earl** with genitival *-s*, denoting someone who was a member of an earl’s household, or with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

Further information: In Ireland, when this is not the English name, it is from **Mac an Iarla** ‘son of the earl’.

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Erles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Childswickham, Gloucs); Galfrid Hurles, 1569 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Edmond Earles, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Thomas Earls, 1652 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); John Erls, 1726 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

Ireland: Catharine Earls, 1728 in *IGI* (Ballyhay, Cork); Joanna Earles, 1749 in *IGI* (Macroom, Cork); John Earls, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Enniskillen, Fermanagh).

### Early

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1145, Ireland 454
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1110
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also central Scotland

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Roscommon, and Mayo; Tyrone

English, Irish: see **Earley**.

### Earnest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Ernest**.

### Earney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; Kent

1 English: probably a variant of **Arney**.

**Early bearers:** Amos Earney, 1662 in Parish Registers (Milborne Saint Andrew, Dorset); John Arney, 1737, Josias Earney, 1750, Betty Army, 1769 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Gordy Earney, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Irish: reduced form of **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

### Earnshaw

Variants: **Hearnshaw, Hernshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3261, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3693
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Earnshaw in Bradfield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Erneschaghe, 1316 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Johannes Hernchagh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Mgt Earnshay, 1568 in Parish Registers (Halifax, WR Yorks); Isabel Earnshaw, 1595 in Parish Registers (Saint Olave Silver Street, London); Thomas Earnshaw, 1668 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Earp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1323, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *\*erp*, *\*irpe*, an unrecorded survival of Old English *earp*, *\*ierpe* ‘swarthy’.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Yrp, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Henry Erpe, 1304 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John Irp, 1332 in Annals of Ipswich (Suffolk); Sara Earp, 1643 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Thomas Earp, 1717 in *IGI* (Baxterley, Warwicks); Elizabeth Earp, 1723 in *IGI* (Lullington, Derbys).

### Earrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Somerset

English: see **Earey**.

### Earth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *erthe* in the sense ‘plot of arable land’ (Old English *erþ*).

**Early bearers:** Thurgar de Erthe, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Roger Earth, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); Joseph Earth, 1609 in PROB 11 (Holborn, Middx).

### Earthey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Earthy**.

### Earthy

Variants: **Earthey, Arthey, Arthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0

## Earwaker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: locative name metathesized variant of **Erith** (from Earith, Hunts, or Erith, Kent). Compare Gulielmi *Earthye*, 1578 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Robt. *Erith*, 1718, John *Earthy*, 1774 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** Alyce Erthe, 1587 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Arthy, 1703 in *IGI* (Lindsey, Suffolk); Joseph Arthey, 1730 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Earthy, 1735, Elizabeth Arthee, 1752 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Earthy, 1769 in *IGI* (Stowupland, Suffolk).

## Earwaker

**Variants:** **Earwicker**, **Erricker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Euerwaker* (Old English *Eoforwacer*). *Earwicker* is traditionally pronounced *Erricker*.

**Early bearers:** Euerwacer de Gepswic, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Edmundus Erwak', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Richard Herewaker, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Hamo John Euerwaker, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Anne Earwaker, 1622 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Thomas Earwaker, 1708 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); John Earwaker, 1722 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Ann Earwaker, 1783 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Earwaker, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Earwicker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: see **Earwaker**.

## Earwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Erwood**.

## Eary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Earey**.

## Easby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called Easby (NR Yorks, Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Eseby, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Leics, Warwicks); Johannes Esby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); William Eseby, clerk, 1444 in Feet of Fines (Chillingham, Northumb); [...] Easby, 1583 in Parish Registers (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Simon Easby, 1642 in Parish Registers (Elwick, Durham).

## Easdale

**Variants:** **Isdale**, **Esdale**, **Esdaille**, **Isdell**, **Eisdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Ayr

Scottish: (i) locative name, most probably from Eskdale (Dumfriess), see **Esdkdale**. Variant spellings without *-k-* are recorded in Dumfriess from an early date. (ii) locative name, it is theoretically possible, but unlikely, that this name comes from Easdale (Argyll).

**Early bearers:** John de Esdale, 1413 in Maxwells of Pollok (Darnley, Lanarks); James Esdaille, burgess, 1493 in Genealogical Collections by Macfarlane (Irvine, Ayr); John Aisdaille, burgess, 1599 in Glasgow Burgesses (Glasgow); John Isdaille, 1669 in Dunblane Testaments (Dunning, Perth); Anna Esdale, 1675 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); John Esedale, 1677 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Esdale, 1699 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); John Esdale, 1731 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Dumfriess); Thomas Eisdell, 1784 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Easdon

**Variants:** **Easdown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks, and Ayr; also Middx and Surrey

Scottish, English: locative name, variant of **Easton** ('east town or manor'), in which voicing of /t/ to /d/ confuses *-town* and *-ton* with names ending in *-down*, *-don*, and *-den*. The Kent surname *Easdown* (also *Easdon*, *Easden*, *Easton*) is from a lost place on the Isle of Thanet, recorded as *Estone*, about 1300 in Saint Augustine and Shipway (Ringslow hundred, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Jean Esdon, 1742 in *IGI* (Lochwinnoch, Renfrews); Jean Easden, 1747, Agnes Easton, 1755 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); John Easton, 1747, Mary Esdon, 1808, Elizabeth Easdom, 1841 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); James Easton, 1752, Jean Esdon, 1760 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

England: Robertus and Thomas de Estune, 13th cent. in Black Book of Canterbury (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Joh'nes de Eastoune, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Ringslow hundred, Kent); Joh'nes Eastone, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Kingsnorth, Kent); Willelmus, Henricus ate Eastowne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kent); Edward Eston, 1479–80, Nicholas Easton, 1504 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Rycharde Easden, 1578 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Alice Easedowne, 1609 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); John Easedowne, 1630, Elizabeth Easdown, 1670 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); Richard Easdown, 1720, James Easden, 1721, George Eastdown, 1786 in *IGI* (Cobham, Kent); Thomas Easdon, 1804, Emily Easton, 1815 in *IGI* (Ospringle, Kent).

## Easdown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Easdon**.

## Easeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Heasman**.

## Easen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Eason** and **Easton**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Esson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Southam, Warwicks); John Easen, 1648 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Robert Easen, 1663 in Parish Registers (Southill, Beds); Richard Easen, 1670 in Parish Registers (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Easen, 1739 in *IGI* (Foxton, Cambs); John Easen, 1781 in *IGI* (Whilton, Northants).

## Easey

**Variants:** **Easy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *esi* 'lenient, kind, gentle'. (ii) locative name from Eisey in Latton (Wilts), recorded as *Esy* in 1259.

**Early bearers:** Adam Essy, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Emma Essy, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Harling, Norfolk); John de Esey, 1395 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Easey, 1571 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Roger Easy, 1668 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); William Easey, 1679 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs); John Easie, 1734 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

## Easie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Eassie**.

## Easingwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Easingwold (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ingelot de Esingwald, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus Essyngwald, 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); Richard Easingwood, 1607 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Willm. Easingwould, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); John Easeingwood, 1668 in *IGI* (Aughton, ER Yorks); Richard Easenwood, 1705 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).

## Easley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also London
- English: see **Eastley**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Esely, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); William Easley, 1587 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); James Easley, 1625 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Easley, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Dennis Easley, 1668 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Easlick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Eastlake**.

## Easman

**Variants:** **Eastman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and London
- English: see **Heasman**.

**Easom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; also Cornwall

- 1 English: see **Esso** and **Easton**.
- 2 English: see **Eastham**.

**Eason**

Variants: **Easen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1782, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1283
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset; London; Lancs; Notts; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Derry

- 1 English: see **Eastham**.
- 2 English: see **Easton**.
- 3 English: see **Easun**.
- 4 Scottish: see **Esso**.

**Eassie**

Variants: **Easie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Eassie or Essie (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Essi, 1165–70 in Holyrood Register (Tranent, E Lothian); Walter of Essy, 1476 (Keithick, Perth), and David Essee, 1495 (Tulyangus), in Cupar-Angus Rental Book; David Essie, 1591 in Brechin Register (Muirton, Angus).

**Easson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus, Fife, and Perth

Scottish: see **Esso**.

**East**

Variants: **Este**, **Eastes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5811, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4584
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Waterford

English: locative name from Middle English *est* ‘east’, for someone ‘from the east’ or for someone living ‘to the east (of a village or settlement)’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Est, 1196–1237 in Colchester Cartulary (Essex); Walter Est, about 1220 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Osbert Upest, about 1240 in Book of Fees (Beds); Walterus Est, 1377 in Poll Tax (Cawthorpe and Covenham, Lincs); Willelmo Este, 1381 in Poll Tax (Marcham, Berks); Richard East, 1457 in PROB 11 (Alcumbury, Hunts); Richard Easte, 1588 in PROB 11 (West Wycombe, Bucks).

**Eastabrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Glamorgan; Gloucs

English: see **Easterbrook**.

**Eastaff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: variant of **Eastaugh**.

**Further information:** Reaney suggests that this name is derived from Eastoft (WR Yorks), and cites Simon *de Essetoft*, 1331 in York Freeman’s Register. This etymology for the modern surname is not satisfactory; moreover, the geographical distribution does not support a Yorks origin.

**Eastall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Eastell**.

**Eastaugh**

Variants: **Estaugh**, **Easthaugh**, **Eastough**, **Eastaff**, **Eastoe**, **Estey**, **Esty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *est* + *hawe* ‘east enclosure’ (Old English *ēast* + *haga*), denoting a dweller at ‘the east enclosure’, or from a minor place so named, now lost.

**Early bearers:** John de Esthawe, Geoffrey de Esthagh, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Saier’ Esthey, 1377 in Poll Tax (Tendring, Essex); Nathaniell Eastaugh, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Mary Eastoe, 1688 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); William Eastaff, 1738 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Joseph Easthaugh, 1757 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk).

**Eastaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Gloucs

English: locative name from Middle English *est* ‘east’ + *wei* ‘road, way, track’ (Old English *ēast* + *weg*), denoting someone who lived ‘by the eastern road’; however the earliest spelling offers the possibility of (*bi*) *est the wei* ‘east of the road, way’.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Estheweye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Roberti Eastwaie, 1577 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); William Eastwaye, 1578, Adam Eastway, 1588, Philip Eastaway, 1616 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); John Eastaway, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); George Eastaway, 1803 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Geo. Easterway, 1812 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Robert Eastaway, 1842 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

**Eastbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from any of various minor places called Eastbrook, for example in Dagenham (Essex), Taunton (Somerset), and elsewhere, or a topographic name for someone who lived ‘to the east of the brook’ or ‘by the eastern brook’. Compare **Easterbrook**.

**Early bearers:** William de Estbrok (living at Eastbrook Farm in Dagenham, Essex), 1254 in Assize Rolls; William Bestebroke, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Alan bi Estebrouk and Matilda Estbrok, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Estbrouk, 1377, Johannes Estbroke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Mere, Wilts); Willelmus Estbrouk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cocking, Sussex); Mary Eastbrook, 1664 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey,

Devon); Rich Eastbrook, 1690 in *IGI* (Broadhempston, Devon); James Eastbrook, 1789 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**Eastburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from places called Eastburn (ER Yorks, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Esteburne, about 1200 in Calverley Charters (Yorks); Alexander de Esteburne, 1304 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Thomas de Estburn’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); John Eastburne, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

**Eastbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs

English: locative name from Eastbury in Lambourn (Berks), Eastbury in Hallow (Worcs), or possibly from Eastbury in Watford (Herts).

**Early bearers:** John de Estbury, 1361 in Patent Rolls (IoW); Thoma Estbury, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eastbury, Berks); John Estbury, 1398 in Feet of Fines (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Estbury, 1435 in Patent Rolls (Buckland, Berks); Thomas Estburie, 1615 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs).

**Eastcott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Escott**.

**Eastel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: probably a variant of **Eastell**.

**Eastell**

Variants: **Estall**, **Estell**, **Estill**, **Eastall**, **Easthall**, **Eastel**, **Easthill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *est* ‘east’ + *hal(le)* ‘chief building, hall’ or *hale* ‘nook, remote place’ (Old English *ēast* + *hall* or *halh*), denoting someone who lived or worked at the ‘east hall’ or who lived at a place known as the ‘east nook’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Esthal, clerk, 1241 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); John de Esthal, 1263 in Patent Rolls (Aylsham, Norfolk); Walter de Easthale, de Estalle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Henricus Esthale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shropham, Norfolk); Robert Estell, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Estall or Eastall, 1586 in PROB 11 (Kilburn, Middx); Jonathan Eastall, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); John Eastell, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Easthill, 1783 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Jacob Eastel, 1861 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

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Variants: **Esso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89

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- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham English: see **Easton**.

### Easter

**Variants:** **Astor, Aster, Heaster, Hester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1490, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English \**estre* 'sheepfold' (Old English *ēowestre*). The surname may be topographic, denoting someone who lived by or worked at a sheepfold, or toponymic, from Good or High Easter (Essex). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Jordan del estre, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Leics); Robert de Estre, 1268 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Robert del Estre, 1272 in Feet of Fines (Camsb); John de Estre, 1345 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henry Ester, 1504 in PROB 11 (Yardley, Worcs); Thomas Easter, 1568 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); William Ester, 1588 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); John Easter, 1621 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

**References:** Place-Names of Essex, pp. 478–9.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English word *ester* 'easter' (Old English *Ēastre*) used as a personal name; compare *Pascal*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aster Foxe, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

surnames: William filius Estur, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Ellis son of Ester, 1255 in Patent Rolls (Northants); William Aster, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); John Aster, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Camsb); Nicholas Aster, 1356 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Philip Easter, 1596 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Alisia Easter, 1619 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); John Easter, 1630 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset).

### Easterbrook

**Variants:** **Eastabrook, Esterbrook, Estabrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1037, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 845
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Easterbrook in Bow (Devon), which is recorded as *Estbrok* in 1249. The place-name derives from Middle English *est* 'east' + *brok* 'brook, stream' (Old English *ēast* + *brōc*). Compare **Eastbrook**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Estbroke, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rushford Barton in Chagford, Devon); Richard Estbrok, clerk, 1401 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Estbroke, 1465–6 in West Devon Record Office (Landsend in Colebrooke, Devon); John Estabrooke, 1593, Thomas Eastabrook, 1607 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Margaret Easterbrook, 1607, Robert Eastabrook, 1694 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Henry Eastabrooke, tanner, of Drewsteignton, 1608 in TNA (Devon); William Eastabrook, 1639 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Jone Estabrooke, 1640 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon); John Eastabrook, 1654 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon); Hicker Estabrooke, 1657 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Thomas Esterbrook, 1699 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Esterbrook, 1694 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Benjamin Easterbrook, 1708 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); William Esterbrook, 1716 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon). **References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 361.

### Easterby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Kent
- English: locative name from an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *austr í by* 'east in the village', with Middle English *est-* (Old English *ēast*) substituted for *austr-* and sometimes also *in* for *i*. The name denoted a person who lived on the eastern side of a settlement. The more common form of the name preserved Scandinavian *austr* and developed to **Oxtoby**. Compare **Suddaby** and **Westoby**.

**Early bearers:** William Estyby, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Carnaby, ER Yorks); Hugh Estinby, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Harpham, ER Yorks); Johannes de Estiby, 1377 in Poll Tax (Garton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Richard Esterby, 1474 in York Guild Register; William Easterby, 1567 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Thomas Easterby, 1602 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Easterby, 1607 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Anne Easterby, 1650 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); James Easterby, 1795 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Easterford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Easterford, now Kelvedon Bridge in Kelvedon (Essex), or 'dweller by the eastern ford' (Old English *easterne* + *ford*).

**Early bearers:** John atte Esterford, 1327 in Löfvenberg (Somerset); Anthony Esterford, 1636 in PROB 11 (Ovington, Essex); Edmund Easterford, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex); John Easterford, 1798 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk).

### Easterling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: nickname from Middle English *ester(n)* 'pertaining to the east, eastern' + the suffix *-ling*. The name was originally used to denote someone from eastern Germany or the Baltic coasts.

**Further information:** The OED records the earliest use of 'Easterling' as being from 1378–9, but the present study indicates that it was already in use in England 125 years before that. In addition to the early bearers listed above there are several references to people described as 'Easterling' in the Patent Rolls, namely: Richard de Broke, *Esterlyng*, 1323; 'Herman Rode, an *Easterling* of Stralessond', 1327; 'Hildebrand Bereswerd, otherwise Draweswerd, otherwise *Esterlyng*, otherwise Hildebrand *de Esterlyng* ... an alien', 1344 (Yorks); John de Louthe, *Esterlynge*, 1356 (London); John Hoppeir, *Esterlyng*, 1361 (Boston, Lincs); John Puttey, *Esterlyng*, 1370.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Esterling, 1253 in Patent Rolls; Eustace, Henry Esterling, 1305 in Patent Rolls (Middx); Olyverus Esterleyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Nicholas Esterlyng of Suthwerk, cordwainer, 'born in the parts of Estland', 1436 in Patent Rolls (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Esterling, 1568 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Henry Easterling, 1618 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Thomas Easterling, 1764 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

### Eastern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

English: (i) see **Easton**. (ii) see **Eastham**.

**Early bearers:** William Eastern, 1712 in *IGI* (Stow cum Quy, Camsb); Thomas Eastern, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Eastern, 1750 in *IGI* (Great Carlton, Lincs); Betty Eastern, 1777 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lincs).

### Eastes

**Variants:** **Estes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name variant of **East** with excrescent post-medieval *-s*.

### Eastgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs

English: locative name from Middle English *est* + *gate*, *yate* 'east gate', denoting residence near the east gate of a town or castle.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Estgat, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Willelmus Estyate, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus de Estgate, 1379 in Poll Tax (Litcham, Norfolk); Gabriell Eastgate, 1639 in PROB 11 (Teffont Evias, Wilts).

### Easthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: altered form of **Eskell**.

2 English: see **Eastell**.

### Eastham

**Variants:** **Eastern, Easom, Eason, Heesom, Heeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1589, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name mostly from from Eastham (Cheshire) or sometimes from a place of the same name in Somerset or Worcs.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Estham, 1275, Richard de Estham, 1358 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johanne de Estham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Easam, 1586 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Edward Eastam, 1587 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Lamberti Estham, 1620 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); George Eastham, 1633 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Josh Easom, 1678, Elizabeth Easam, 1702 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Catherine Estham, 1746, Joseph Esthom, 1796 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Peter Easam, 1776 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

### Easthaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Eastaugh**.

### Easthill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: altered form of **Eskell**.

2 English: see **Eastell**.

**Easthope**

Variants: **Eastop, Estep**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs; also Lancs

English: locative name from Easthope (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** John de Esthop', 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); William Estoppe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas de Estope, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wrickton and Walkerslow, Shrops); Thomas Estoppe, 1583 in PROB 11 (Clungunford, Shrops); Edward Eastopp, 1626 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs); Roger Easthope, 1652 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops).

**Easthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks

English: locative name from any of various places called Easthorpe, such as Easthorpe in Londesborough (ER Yorks), Easthorpe in Wigtoft (Lincs), or Easthorpe in Appleton le Street (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Estthorp, 1307 in Patent Rolls (Watton, ER Yorks); Thomas de Estthorp', 1361 in Feet of Fines (Spalding, Lincs); Ricardus Esthorp', 1379 in Poll Tax (Selby, WR Yorks); John de Esthorp, chaplain, 1394 in York Registry Wills (York Holy Trinity, Yorks); John Esthorp, 1488 in PROB 11 (London); Antho Easthorpe, 1650 in Parish Registers (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Thos. Easthorpe, 1765 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops).

**Eastick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Eastwick**.

**Easting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: perhaps a local pronunciation of **Easton**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Easting, 1580 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Mary Easting, 1731 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Sarah Easting, 1802 in *IGI* (Glentham, Lincs).

**Eastlake**

Variants: **Eslick, Easlick, Eastlick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: locative name from Eastlake in Broadwoodwider (Devon) or possibly from a similarly named place elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Estlake, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fenny Drayton, Leics); Richard Estlake, 1455 in Feet of Fines (Cornwall); Robart Estlake, 1572 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); William Eastlake, 1598 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Christopher Eslick, 1647 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnus Estlicke, 1671 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Pascow Estlick, 1684 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Nevell Eastlick, 1707 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Easlick, 1744 in *IGI*

(Norwich, Norfolk); Dorah Eslick, 1873 in Parish Registers (Tudhoe, Durham).

**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/eastlake/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/eastlake/)

**Eastland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from Middle English *est* 'east' + *land* 'land', often from residence near one of the many minor places so called but sometimes from *Estlond* referring to eastern Germany or the Baltic states. Compare **Easterling**, and note Godekin de Reule, merchant of *Estland*, 1323 in Patent Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Estlande, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); John de Estland, 1384 in Patent Rolls (Scarborough, NR Yorks); John Estlande, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Brandsby, NR Yorks); Alexander Eastland, 1562 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Joseph Estland, 1567 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Edward Eastlande or Eastland, 1612 in PROB 11 (Stowe, Lincs).

**Eastley**

Variants: **Easley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *est* 'east' + *lei(e)* 'open land, clearing' (Old English *ēast* + *lēah*), denoting someone who lived 'at the east clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Estleia, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Estley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Leatheringsett, Norfolk); Sidwill Eastlye, 1580 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Thomas Eastley, 1617 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon).

**Eastlick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Cornwall

English: see **Eastlake**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Eastling**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: locative name from Eastling (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Eseling, 1290 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Arnald de Eslyng', 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Faversham, Kent); Judith Eastling, 1629 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Samuell Eastling, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalene Old Fish Street, London).

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Aslin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Eastman**

Variants: **Eastmond, Eastment, Astman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1158, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 817
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and S Wales

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Estmund* (Old English *Ēastmund*). See also **Esmond**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Estmunt, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk).

surnames: Ricardus filius Estmund, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Stephen Estmund, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Bucks); Geoffrey Astmund, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Eastmunde, 1277 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John Estmund, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Dorset); John Estmond', 1506 in Feet of Fines (Berks); Kathere Estment, 1541 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Phillice Eastmont, 1558 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); Mary Eastment, 1573 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Ann Eastment, 1590 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Estment, 1597 in *IGI* (West Camel, Somerset); John Eastmond, 1600 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); Robert Eastmant, 1659 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon).

2 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Heasman**. Compare **Easman**.

**Eastment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Eastman**.

**Eastmond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Eastman**.

**Eastmure**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Estmar* (Old English *Ēastmār* 'grace famous').

**Early bearers:** given names: Estmar le Carbonier, 13th cent. in Ancient Deeds 2 (Middx). surnames: Walter Estmer, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Robert Eastmer, 1309 in Feet of Fines (Kent); William Estmor, 1311 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); John Estmar, 1312 in London Letter Books B; Nicholao Estmer', 1379 in Poll Tax (Donhead, Wilts); Joannis Eastmer, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Benjamin Eastmure, 1783 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Easto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Eastoe**.

**Eastoe**

Variants: **Easto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Eastough**.

**Easton**

Variants: **Eason, Easten, Eastern, Easting, Esten, Eston, Eason, Eason, Essam, Essen, Esson, Easen, Easun, Hayson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6670, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4538

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England; also Middx and Surrey; Norfolk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

1 English, Scottish: (i) locative name from any of the many places in England called *Easton* 'the eastern

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village, estate, or manor' (Berks, Cumb, ER Yorks, Hants, Hunts, Leics, Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk, Somerset, Wilts), as well as from Easton (Peebles) or Easton near Bathgate (W Lothian) in Scotland. (ii) perhaps also from places called Easton which have different etymologies, in Devon, Essex, and Northants.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Eston, 1299 in London Court Rolls; Philip atte Estone, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Ricardus de Eston', 1377 in Poll Tax (Willesden, Middx); William de Eston', 1377 in Poll Tax (Longframlington, Northumb); Thomas de Eston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Upton, Norfolk); Walterus Eston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Preston, Somerset); Johannes Eston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Henfield, Sussex); Ricardus de Eston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hook, WR Yorks); Waltero de Eston', 1381 in Poll Tax (York); William Eston', 1443 in Feet of Fines (High Burnham, Lincs); Joane Easton, 1558 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Margaret Easton, 1560 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willm. Easton, 1560 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Easton, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); William Easton, 1585 in PROB 11 (South Lambeth, Surrey); John Easton, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edmvd Easton, 1600 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Easton, 1618 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lincs); Henry Easton, 1724 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Janet Eastoun, 1608, James Easton, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Easton, 1624 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Jeane Eastoun, 1649, Helene Easton, 1657 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); David Eastown, 1693, Cathrin Easton, 1694 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks); Barbra Easton, 1687, John Eastoune, 1705 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Easten, 1697, George Easton, 1709, Janet Eastown, 1715 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks); Agness Eastown, 1728, Agnes Easten, 1740, Margaret Easton, 1750 in *IGI* (Whitburn, W Lothian); Alexander Easton, 1726 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian); Elizabeth Eastown, 1731, Elizabeth Easton, 1736 in *IGI* (Bowden, Roxburghs); Jean Easton, 1758, Jean Eastown, 1764 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews).

2 English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *bi esten tun* (Old English *be ēastan tūne*), denoting someone who lived 'to the east of the village'. Compare **Eastbrook**.

**Early bearers:** William Byestone, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Edward Easton, 1545 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Ric. Easton, 1560 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Estan* (Old English *Ēadstān*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Edstan, Estan, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk, Lincs).

surnames: Roger, Robert Estan, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk, Suffolk); Adam Estan, 1308 in Patent Rolls (Tunstead, Norfolk); Henry Estan, 1317 in Patent Rolls (Shoreham, Sussex).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Easthope**.

## Eastough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Suffolk
- English: see **Eaustaugh**.

## Eastwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hunts, Cambs, and Beds; WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places called Eastwell, such as Eastwell (Kent, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Eastwelle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thomas de Eastwelle, 1320 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Johannes Eastwelle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Sturry, Kent); Jacobo Estwell', 1381 in Poll Tax (Holwell, Leics); John Estwell', 1437 in Feet of Fines (Shalden, Hants); Willmi. Eastwell, 1551 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Libeus Estwell, 1638 in PROB 11 (Little Staughton, Beds); Edward Eastwell, 1640 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs).

## Eastwick

**Variants:** **Eastick, Estwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia; Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *est* 'east' + *wik(e)* 'dwelling, settlement' (Old English *wīc* 'specialised farm, dairy farm'); compare **Wick**. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived at a building or farm to the east of the main settlement, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Eastwick (Herts, WR Yorks), Eastwick in Great Bookham (Surrey), East Wick on Foulness Island (Essex), or Eastwick Barn in Patcham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Wluuinus de Esteuuiche, 1086 in Domesday Book (Herts); William de Estwyke, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John de Estwyk', 1342 in Feet of Fines (Eastwick, Herts); John Estwyk', gent., 1441 in Feet of Fines (Northants); William Estwyck or Estwick, 1585 in PROB 11 (Harrold, Beds); Stephen Eastwick, 1590 in PROB 11 (Wootton, Beds).

## Eastwood

**Variants:** **Astwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7055, Ireland 368
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7078
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway; Armagh

1 English: locative name from any of the various places named Eastwood, such as in Keighley, in Rotherham, or in Todmorden (all WR Yorks), or Eastwood (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Estwde, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Cambs); John Byestewode, 1339 in Place-Names of Devon, p. 98; Nicholao Astwode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Herefs); Henricus de Estwode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johanes Astwood, 1552 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Andrew Eastwoode, 1603 in PROB 11 (Roughton, Lincs); John Eastwode, 1603 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lincs); David Astwood, 1674 in *IGI* (Thornton Watlass, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *est* 'east' + the directional suffix *-ward*, hence 'dweller to the eastward'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Enesteward, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Jane Eastwood, 1566 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Susan Eastwood, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Clement

Danes, Middx); Margery Eastwood, 1569 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Eastwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lincs); Thomae Eastwood, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

## Easun

**Variants:** **Eason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Easton**.

2 English: see **Neston**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Easey**.

## Eatherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London (Poplar)

English: see **Etherton**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now more common in the USA than in Britain.

## Eathorne

**Variants:** **Heathorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Eathorne in Mabe (Cornwall), which is recorded as *Ethron* in 1449–50, *Etheron* in 1527–8.

**Early bearers:** Jenkin and John Etheron, 1522 in Cornwall Military Survey (Mabe, Cornwall); John Etheron, 1524, John Ethoron, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Mabe, Cornwall); John Etheron, about 1535 in Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll (Sithney, Cornwall); Davy Etheron, 1545 in Subsidy Rolls (Sithney, Cornwall); Eliza Hetheron, 1563 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Ric. Heathorne, 1597 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Henricus Ethorne, 1625, John Etherne, 1647, Mary Ethron, 1686, Niculus Eathorn, 1694 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Owen Ethorne, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Eathorne, 1695 in *IGI* (Sithney, Cornwall); Nicholas Ethron, 1731 in *IGI* (Manaccan, Cornwall).

**References:** Cornwall Record Office.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Eatough**.

## Eaton

**Variants:** **Eton, Eighteen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11394, Ireland 313
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8258
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs and N Midlands; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Donegal; Louth; Limerick

English: locative name from any of various places called Eaton or Eton, such as Eaton Socon (Beds), Eaton (Cheshire), or Eton (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Vlmar' de Etone (Eaton Socon, Beds), identical to Vlmæri de Ettone (Cambs), 1086 in Domesday Book; William de Eton, 1374–5 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Ricardus de Eton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Banbury, Oxon); Robertus Eaton', 1377 in Poll Tax (East Layton, NR Yorks); William Eton', 1438 in Feet of Fines (Ketton, Rutland); Robt Eaton, 1559 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Eaton, 1598 in PROB 11 (Saint Bride, City of London); Robert Eton, 1703 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Eatough

**Variants:** Eatock, Atack, Atto, Hatto, Haytock, Haytack, Hayter, Hayto, Ayto, Ettles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from *Ayothalgh*, a lost minor place-name in Altham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johes. Etall, 1539, Samuel Ettell, 1591 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Etough, 1540 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Susan Etough, 1696, Elizabeth Etalgh, 1724 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Elizabeth Hatough, 1608 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors); Mary Etocke, 1669, Ales Ettough, 1685, Matthew Haytack, 1875 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Hennery Aytocke, 1670, Alice Hatough, 1824 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Timothy Etalgh, 1699 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Mary Etough, 1757, Richd. Eatock, 1796 in *IGI* (Hindley, Lancs); Mary Hatto, George Ayto, 1868 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy.

### Eatwell

**Variants:** Ettle, Ettles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks

English: locative name probably from Etwall (Derbys), which is certainly the origin of the 1187 bearer, Hugo de *Hetewelle*. However, most post-medieval bearers are from Wilts, to where a branch of the family had presumably migrated by the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Hetewelle, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); Robert Etwall, 1592, William Eatwall, 1621, Robert Etwell, 1642 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); William Eatwall, 1621, William Eatwell, 1631 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Eatwell, 1690 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Richard Eatwell, 1690 in *IGI* (Great Shefford, Berks); Edwd. Ettal, 1726 in *IGI* (Cranham, Gloucs); William Ettle, 1831 in *IGI* (Kingswood, Gloucs).

### Eaves

**Variants:** Eves, Eavis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2218, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1626
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Warwicks

English: locative name from Middle English *atte(r) evese* (Old English *efes* 'edge'), for someone who lived 'at the edge' (i.e. at the border or edge of a wood or hill). See also **Eve**, **Reeves**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Euese, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert del Eves, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Robertus del Eves, 1381 in Poll Tax (Much Woolton, Lancs); Thome Eaves, 1583 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Alice Eaves, 1599 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Margret Eaves, 1608 in *IGI*

(Allesley, Warwicks); Joyce Eaves, 1625 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Alice Eaves, 1630 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).

### Eavis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts

English: see **Eaves**.

### Eayres

**Variants:** Eayrs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Ayres**.

### Eayrs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: see **Ayres**.

### Ebanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1086, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jamaican: variant of **Eubanks**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is also frequent in the Cayman Islands.

### Ebbage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Ebbs**.

### Ebbatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Ibbotson** and compare **Ebbutt**.

**Early bearers:** William Ebotson, smith, 1484 in York Registry Wills (York); John Ebotson, 1485 in York Guild Register; Jane Ebbatson, 1629 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

### Ebbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Glamorgan

English: see **Ebbutt**.

### Ebbetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk

English: variant of **Ebbutt** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Ebottys, 1534 in Norwich Freeman; Raph Ebbots, 1613 in PROB 11.

### Ebbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: see **Ebbutt**.

### Ebblewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hebblethwaite**.

### Ebbrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Eborall**.

### Ebbs

**Variants:** Hebbes, Ebbage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 170
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk; also Middx and Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

English: (i) variant of **Hebb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s* and loss of initial *H-*. (ii) variant of **Ibbs**.

**Early bearers:** John Ebbys, 1528 in Norwich Freeman (Norfolk); Robert Ebbys, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Robert Hebbes, 1550 in *IGI* (Wingrave, Bucks); John Ebbes, 1553 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Henry Hebbes, 1567 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Wm. Ebbes, 1583, John Hebbes, 1665 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Salomon Ebbes, 1599 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); John Hebbes, 1599, Thomas Ebbs, 1635, John Hebb, 1693, in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Eliz. Ebbage, 1716 in *IGI* (Shelton, Norfolk); Susannah Ebbs, 1742, Joseph Hebbes, 1764 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts); Richard Ebbage, 1747 in *IGI* (Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk).

### Ebbutt

**Variants:** Ebbitt, Ebbetts, Ebbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; Hunts

English: (i) relationship name, chiefly from the female personal names *Ebbot* or *Ebbet*, diminutives of *Ebb*, for *Ibb*, a pet form of *Isabel*. Compare **Ibbott**. (ii) relationship name, perhaps occasionally from a diminutive form of the male personal name *Ebb*, a pet form of *Herbert* (see **Hebb**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ebbot (female), Ebota, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Ebete (female), 1381 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

surnames: Simon Ebet, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Adam Ebbot, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Ebbitt, 1675 in York Freeman's Register.

### Ebden

**Variants:** Abdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; London; also Yorks

1 English: see **Ebdon**.

2 English: variant of **Hebden** with loss of initial *H-*.

### Ebdon

**Variants:** Ebden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319

## Ebenezer

• **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; also London  
English: locative name from Ebdon Farm in Sidbury (Devon) or, less likely, Ebdon in Wick Saint Lawrence (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** [...] Ibbedon, Ybbedon, 1524 in *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 596 (Devon); Edward Ebdon, 1539 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Johnis. Ebden, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Lawrence Ebden, 1551 in PROB 11 (Roiston, Cambs); Thomas Ebdon, 1609 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Devon).

### Ebenezer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 24  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans  
Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Ebenezer*, which is of Biblical origin.  
**Further information:** In the Bible (I Samuel 4:1, 7:12) it is the name of a place, meaning 'stone of help' in Hebrew, where the Israelites were defeated by the Philistines but subsequently achieved vengeance. In the 17th century it was adopted for some reason as a personal name among Nonconformists in Wales, whence its use as a surname.  
**Early bearers:** Eleanor Ebenezer, 1728 in *IGI* (Lampeter, Cardigans); Daniel Ebenezer, 1786 in *IGI* (Llangeitho, Cardigans).

### Ebert

• **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 47  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
1 German: relationship name from a reduced form of the Germanic personal name *Eberhard*, composed of the elements *eber* 'wild boar' + *hard* 'brave, hardy, strong'.  
**Early bearers:** Ernest Ebert, born in Görlitz, Germany, in Census 1881 (Middx).  
2 Hugenot: relationship name this may also be of French Hugenot origin, although only one certain Hugenot bearer is recorded in IGI. As such, it is an Occitan form of the French surname *Herbert* (see **Herbert**).  
**Early bearers:** Marie Ebert, 1623 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Hugenot Church, London).

### Eborall

Variants: **Ebbrell, Ebrill**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 123  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks  
English: unexplained.  
**Further information:** A similar change of /v/ to /b/ is possibly found from the 15th century in **Spiby** for **Spivey**, and perhaps in the Gloucs place-name Bevington (*Bebington* in 1540). However, the letters *-b-* and *-v-* can be difficult to distinguish in 15th- and 16th-century handwriting, so some early instances of *Eb-* may be misreadings of *Ev-*. The reverse phonetic change of /b/ to /v/ is commoner and earlier; compare **Bebbington** and **Bevington**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Ebrell of Assh, mariner, 1408 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Eborall, clerk, 1461 in Feet of Fines (Finchley, Middx); Eme Ebrall alias Darkar, 1560 in PROB 11 (Balsall, Warwicks); Thomas Eborall, 1579 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Baldwin Ebrall, 1602 in PROB 11 (Hardwick, Warwicks); William Ebberhall, 1645 in PROB 11 (Warwick,

Warwicks); Bangamine Eberell, 1700 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Susannah Ebrill, 1708 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Ebbrell, 1789 in *IGI* (Poynton, Cheshire); William Eborall, 1814 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Charles Ebrill, 1849 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 224.

### Eborn

• **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 146  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Oxon  
English: see **Eburne**.

### Ebrahim

• **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 5  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Arabic, Muslim: from the personal name *Ibrāhīm*, Arabic form of **Abraham**.

### Ebrey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 88  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops  
English: locative name from a minor place in Shrops called Ebrey or Ebury.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Ebrie, 1632 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); John Eabre, 1690 in *IGI* (Easthope, Shrops); Mary Ebry, 1689 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops).

### Ebrill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 17  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Eborall**.

### Ebsworth

• **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 255  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and S Wales  
English: locative name from Ebsworthy in Bridestowe (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Ebsworthie or Ebbisworthie, 1566 in PROB 11 (Bridestowe, Devon); John Ebsworthe, 1584 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Alexander Ebsworth, 1588 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks).

### Eburn

• **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 28  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants; Warwicks; Bucks  
English: see **Eburne**.

### Eburne

Variants: **Eburn, Eborn, Eaborn, Hepburn, Hebbrown**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 98  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks  
English: possibly a variant of **Hepburn**, though this would involve a significant migration from its origins in NE England. The *H-* spellings are also later than the *E-* spellings, which adds to the suspicion that the name may have a different but unknown derivation.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Eborne, 1596 in PROB 11 (Keresley, Warwicks); Richard Eborne, 1597 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Rich. Eborn, 1641,

Thomas Eaburne, 1690 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Eborne, 1650 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Eaborn, 1774 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Eccersley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: see **Eckersley**.

### Eccles

Variants: **Eckles, Eccles, Ekless, Heckles**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 5331, Ireland 459  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 4778  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Armagh, and Antrim  
English: locative name from Eccles in Lancs, or possibly from any of the several other places so named, in Kent, Norfolk, Berwicks, and Dumfriess.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Eccles, 1188 in Melrose Register; Warin de Eccles, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Peter Ekeles, 1378 in Assize Rolls (London); Johannes de Eccles, 1381 in Poll Tax (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); John Eccles, 1587 in PROB 11 (Eccleshall, Staffs).

### Eccleshall

Variants: **Eckersall, Eccleshare**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 186  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs  
English: locative name from Eccleshall (Staffs), Ecclesall (WR Yorks) or Eccleshill (Lancs, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** William de Eccleshull, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Robert de Eccleshale, 1251 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Thomas de Eccleshill, 1277 in Patent Rolls (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robert de Ecclesale, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Kegworth, Leics); Laurencius de Eccleshill, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eccleshill, WR Yorks); John Eckylsell, 1468 in York Registry Wills (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Humfrey Eccleshall, 1591 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); William Eccleshall, 1673 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); John Echersall, 1781 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Francis Eccleshare, 1791 in *IGI* (Hartington, Derbys); William Eccleshaw, 1818 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Eccleshare

• **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 43  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys  
English: see **Eccleshall**.

### Eccleson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire  
English: see **Eccleston**.

### Eccleston

Variants: **Ecclestone, Eccleson, Eaglestone**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 2435, Ireland 44  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1500  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth  
English: locative name from either of two places called Eccleston (Lancs, Cheshire).



**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Eckleston', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Johannes de Eccleston, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eccleston, Lancs); Robert de Eccleston, 1385 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Lancs); Robert Eccleston', 1453 in Feet of Fines (Thurleigh, Beds); Anthony Eccleston, 1537 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Robert Eccleston, 1645 in PROB 11 (Lavendon Grange, Bucks).

### Ecclestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 384
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see *Eccleston*.

### Eccott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see *Eacott*.

### Eckart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- German: see *Eckert*.

### Eckersall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see *Eccleshall*.

### Eckersley

**Variants:** *Eccersley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1693, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1873
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from *Eckersley*, a lost place in Leigh (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Ecclesley, 1301 in Quo Warranto Pleas (Yorks); Thomas Ekkyslay, 1440 in Patent Rolls (Willingham, Cambs); John Eckersley, 1567 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thomas Eccersley, 1636 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Gulielmus Eckersly, 1671 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Richd. Echersley, 1769 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**References:** see Lancs Place-Names p. 101.

### Eckert

**Variants:** *Eckart*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; also NR Yorks

German: see *Eckhardt*.

### Eckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see *Eacott*.

### Eckford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England: esp. Roxburghs and Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from Eckford (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Hecford, 1208 in Kelso Register, p. 202 (Roxburghs); Geoffrey de Ekkeford, about 1250 in Kelso Register, p. 508 (Home, Roxburghs); Agnes Eckfurd, 1620 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Eckfoord, 1630 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Johne Eckford, 1658 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Eckhard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- German: see *Eckhardt*.

### Eckhardt

**Variants:** *Eckhard*, *Eckert*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

German: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Agihard*, *Akihart*. It has the same etymology as English *Hatchard*.

**Early bearers:** Carl Friedrich Eckert, 1835 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Lorentz Eckert, 1852 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Gustav Eckhardt, 1858 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Eckles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see *Eccles*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Eckley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Brecknocks

English: locative name probably from Ackley Farm in Forden (Montgomerys).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Eckeley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weobley, Herefs); Thomas Eckley, 1592 in PROB 11 (Berkeley, Gloucs); Thomaec Eckly, 1665 in *IGI* (Allensmore, Herefs).

### Eckstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

German, Jewish (Askenazic): nickname, locative name from Middle High German *ecke* 'corner' + *stein* 'stone', either an occupational nickname for a stonemason or a topographic name for someone who lived by a rocky outcrop. As a Jewish name, from German *Eckstein* 'cornerstone', it was probably acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** German: Paul Eckstein, 1770 in *IGI* (Marylebone, Middx); Augusta Eckstein, 1789 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Herman Eckstein, merchant, born in Stuttgart, Germany, in Census 1871 (Islington, Middx); Wilhelm Eckstein, born in Saxony, in Census 1881 (Hackney, Middx); Jacob Eckstein, traveller, born in Rawitsch, Prussia, in Census 1891 (West Ham, Essex); Gretel Eckstein, born in Bavaria, in Census 1901 (Withington, Lancs); Frederick Eckstein, merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).

Jewish: Isaac Eckstein, 1853 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births, Catherine Eckstein, 1870 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (London); David

Eckstein, tailor, born in Austria, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Eckstein, cigar maker, born in Spitalfields, in Census 1881 (Spitalfields, Middx); Nathan Eckstein, clothes renovator, born in London, in Census 1891 (Aldgate, London); Solomon and Nathan Eckstein, cigar makers, born in England, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Eckstein, ladies' tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Eckton

**Variants:** *Ecton*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from *Eckton*, a lost place in Otley (WR Yorks), or from either of two places called Ecton (Northants, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Eketon, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Robertus Eketon', 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Ecton, 1380 in London Pleas; John de Ecton', knight, 1401 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Thomas Ecton, 1527 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Edward Ecton, 1618 in PROB 11 (Broughton, Hants); Seney Eckton, 1744 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Ecles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; London
- English: see *Eccles*.

### Ecob

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands and Yorks

English: locative name from Eccup in Adel (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Radulfus de Ecop', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ryther, WR Yorks); Willyam Ecop, 1561 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Willim Ecope, 1602, Symon Ecope, 1606, Ecopp, 1633 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Elisabeth Ecob, 1631 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Thomas Eccopp, 1616, Alexander Eccup, 1662, Richard Ecope, 1688 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Thomas Ecob, 1713 in Parish Registers (Saint Martins in the Fields, Middx); John Ecob, 1791 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs).

### Economides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name, status name from *oikonomos* 'steward', with the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular. *Oikonomos* may also mean a clergyman, often a priest who is married (as per the Orthodox custom).

### Economou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Greek, Cypriot: occupational name from an old genitive case form of *oikonomos* 'steward, clergyman' (compare *Economides*), denoting 'son of the steward' or 'son of the priest'.

### Ecroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92

## Ecton

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
English: see **Ackroyd**.

## Ecton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics  
English: see **Eckton**.
- Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Edbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs  
English: locative name from Edbrooke in Winsford (Somerset).
- Early bearers:** Richard Edbroocke, 1609 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Nicolas Edbrooke, 1621 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Thomas Edbroke, 1646 in PROB 11 (Old Cleeve, Somerset); John Edbroch, 1767 in *IGI* (Luxborough, Somerset); James Edbrooke, 1832 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Edde

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx  
1 English: see **Eady**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.  
2 English: see **Eddy**.

## Edden

- Variants:** **Eddon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 313
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Midlands and N England: esp. Warwicks and Staffs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ed*, a pet form of *Edgar*, *Edward* or *Edwin*, with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.
- Further information:** The surname has a long association with Brailes (Warwicks) and Eddeneshill Barn in that parish was named from the family.
- Early bearers:** Rob't Edden, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Robert Edden, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); Hugo Eddon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Brailes, Warwicks); Willelmus Edden, 1379 in Poll Tax (Asthall, Oxon); Henry Eddon, 1448 in Patent Rolls (Banbury, Oxon); Harry Edon or Eden, 1546 in PROB 11 (Barningham, Norfolk); George Edden, 1576 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Raph Eddon, 1603 in PROB 11 (Brailes, Warwicks); Tho. Edden, 1610 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Eddon, 1687 in *IGI* (Allerston, NR Yorks).
- References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 278.

## Eddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens  
1 English, Scottish: see **Eady**.  
2 English, Scottish: see **Eddy**.

## Eddings

- Variants:** **Eddins**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Eding* (Old English *Ēading*), with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** John Edyng, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Edyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (Apsley, Sussex); Rose Edyns, 1641 in PROB 11 (Holywell Oxford, Oxon); William Eddings, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Henry Eddins, 1652 in *IGI* (Lambourne, Essex).

## Eddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Middx; Midlothian
- English: see **Edington**.

## Eddins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Eddings**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is still found in the USA.

## Eddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Edis**.

## Eddison

- Variants:** **Edson**, **Edeson**, **Edison**, **Eidson**, **Iddison**, **Ideson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: (i) relationship name chiefly from the Middle English personal name *Ed(de)* (a pet form of male and female names beginning in *Ed-* such as *Edwin*, *Edward*, and *Edith*) + *-son*. (ii) relationship name, occasionally perhaps a reduced form of Middle English *Edithson* 'son of Edith'. Compare Ricardus *Edithson*', 1379 in Poll Tax (Woolavington, Somerset); Johanne *Edithsone*', 1379 in Poll Tax (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts). (iii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Edus* (see **Edis**) + *-son*. *Edus* is mostly recorded in Yorks, Lincs, and Notts.
- Early bearers:** William Eddesone, 1314 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Geoffrey Edessone, 1328 in Ancient Deeds i (Hunts); Willelmus Edson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johanne Edeson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Thomas Edeson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stamford, Lincs); Johannes Edesson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kempstone, Norfolk); Johannes Edeson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Edeson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Newbald, ER Yorks); William Edison, 1394 in Derbys Charters; Robert Edesson', 1441 in Feet of Fines (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Thomas Eidson, 1558 in Parish Registers (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Edson, 1560 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); John Edison, 1561 in *IGI* (Conisholme, Lincs); Katren Eadson, 1573 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Thome Edeson, 1575 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Robert Edson, 1587 in PROB 11 (Portbury, Somerset); John Edeson, 1607, John Eadson, 1622 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks);

Robert Edson, 1630, William Eadson, 1668 in *IGI* (Carlton in Lindrick, Notts).

## Eddleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 668, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 575
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish: locative name from Eddleston (Peebles).
- Early bearers:** Willelmus de Eddleston', 1377 in Poll Tax (Grimston, ER Yorks); Johannes Hedulston', 1381 in Poll Tax (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Johem Eddleston, 1619 in Parish Registers (Cheshire); Elisabeth Eddleston, 1776 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

## Eddolls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; Glamorgan
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edolf* (Old English *Ēadwulf*), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Edulfus, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Edolf, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks). surnames: Robertus filius Edolfi, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northumb); Ralph Edolf, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Berks); Simon Edulf, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Peter Edolf', 1356 in Feet of Fines (Worcs); Johannes Yadolf, 1379 in Poll Tax (Othery, Somerset); John Edolf, 1434 in PROB 11 (Gifford, Sussex); Thomas Edolph, 1595 in PROB 11 (Rye, Sussex); Joan Edols, 1643 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Grace Eddolls, 1665 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Edward Baker Eddolls, 1769 in *IGI* (Yatton Keynell, Wilts); Mary Eddolls, 1773 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

## Eddon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Edden**.

## Eddowes

- Variants:** **Eddows**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Lancs, and Shrops
- English: (i) apparently a variant of *Edowe* + post-medieval excrescent *-s*, but the origin of *Edowe* is obscure. It might have arisen from an English misinterpretation of Welsh **Beddow** as *ap Eddow*, on the model of Welsh surname variations like **Evan** and **Bevan**. It occurs only after the medieval period of surname formation: Thomas *Edowe*, 1595 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Rowland *Edow*, 1603, Jane *Eddowe*, 1605, Richard *Edo*, 1697 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Jane *Edo*, 1604, William *Edoe*, 1612 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); David *Edow*, 1612 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire). Variation with *-s*-forms is rare but includes John *Edowes*, 1609, Elinor *Edowe*, 1613 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Randall *Eddow*, 1626, Richard *Eddows*, 1635 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire), and Ran. *Eddow*, 1652, Roger *Eddows*, 1678 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops). Potential evidence for variation with *Beddow(s)* in the same parishes is also difficult to find: Randall *Eddowes*, 1656, John *Beddow*, 1673, Eleanor *Beddows*, 1741 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Raphe *Edowes*, 1656, Edward *Beddoes*,

1729 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops). In these instances *Eddow(s)* always appears earlier than *Beddow(s)*, and the two names may originally have had nothing to do with each other. (ii) an alternative possibility is that *Edowe* was back-formed from *Edowes*, in which case *Edowes* would be a variant of **Edis**, from the Middle English female personal name *Edus*. Compare *Edusecros*, about 1301 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 124, recorded in Macclesfield, where (no doubt coincidentally) the surname *Eddows* appears some 400 years later. For this name in East Anglia and the London area see also **Edhouse**. **Early bearers:** Richard Eddows, 1635 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); William Edowes, 1630 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops); Jno. Eddows, 1715 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Betty Edows, 1734 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Eddows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Welsh: see **Eddows**.

### Edds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Eades**.

### Eddy

**Variants:** **Edy, Eddie, Edde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1807, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1771
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Cornish: relationship name from the given name *Edy* (pronounced 'eedy'), a variant of **Udy**. It was later altered to *Eddy*. See also **Edyvean**.

**Further information:** The *-u-* in Cornish *Udy* was pronounced /y:/ (compare French *tu*). In the 16th century it was sometimes unrounded to /i:/, spelled *-e(e)-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Udy alias Edy Gove, 1503–5 in Cornish Personal Accounts.

surnames: William Edy, 1386 in Feet of Fines (Stony Stratford, Bucks); John Ede, 1499 in Cornish Lands (Bodwannick, Lanivet, Cornwall); Robert Edy, 1538 in Cornish Lands (Lemar, Cardinham, Cornwall); Alice Edye, 1576, Otis Edye, 1577, Redigan Edye, 1586 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Aves Edy, 1583, Elizabeth Eadie, 1674, Mary Eddy, 1677, Edward Edee, 1731, John Brown Eddy, 1821 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Eddy or Eddy, 1601 in PROB 11 (Saint Nicholas Bristol, Gloucs); Alexander Edie, 1605, David Eddy, 1709, William Eddy, 1807 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

**References:** Oliver Padel, personal communication.

2 English: relationship name variant of **Eady**.

**Early bearers:** Michael Eddy, 1722, Thomas Edye, 1734, George Edey, 1792, Edward Eddy, 1826 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

3 English: relationship name sometimes perhaps from a reduced form of the Middle English given name *Edwy* (Old English *Ēadwig*), which otherwise has not survived as a family name.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Edwy, 1250 in Book of Fees (Surrey); John Edwy, 1254 in *Archaeologia*

Cantiana xii; Robert Edwy, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Adam Eadwy, Edwy, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Adam Edwy, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Edwy, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lustleigh, Devon).

### Ede

**Variants:** **Eade, Ead, Eede, Eades**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1856, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1629
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Middx; also Cornwall

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Eda*, a pet form of *Edith* (Old English *Ēadgȳð*). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ed(d)*, a pet form of a name such as *Edgar, Edmund, Edward* or *Edwin*. Compare *Tedd*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Ede, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Ede, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Edde, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thoma Eade, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitley, Wilts); Willelmus Ede, 1379 in Poll Tax (Edburton, Sussex); John Edde, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Eede, 1539 in Parish Registers (Farnham, Surrey); James Eade or Ede, 1591 in PROB 11 (Warnham, Sussex).

### Eden

**Variants:** **Edens, Eaden, Eadon, Edon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4297, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3000
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; London; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Louth

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edun* (Old English *Ēadhūn*). Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Edon le Poleter, 1270 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk).

surnames: Thomas filius Edon', 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Roger Edun, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Stephen Edoun, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Edon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Woodford, Northants); John Edyn, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Edon', 1507 in Feet of Fines (West Tofts, Norfolk); John. Eaden, 1546 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Harry Edon or Eden, 1546 in PROB 11 (Barningham, Norfolk); William Edon, 1612 in PROB 11 (Calcutt, Warwicks); Thomas Eadon, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London).

2 English: locative name from Castle Eden or Eden Burn (Durham).

**Further information:** A family of the name *Eden* have held lands at Windleston Hall, by Eden Burn (Durham), since at least the 15th century. Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister 1955–57, was a member of this family.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Edune, 1178 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); William de Eden, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Henry de Eden, chancellor, 1335 in Patent Rolls; William Eden, 1543 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Ellen Eden, 1550 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Grisell Eden, 1556 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); William Eden, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London); Elizabeth Eden, 1562 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk).

### Edenborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edenbrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: variant of **Eden** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Edensor

**Variants:** **Ensor, Endsor, Enzor, Enser, Enzer, Henser, Hensor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Notts and Leics
- English: locative name from Edensor (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Ricardum de Ednesoure, 1224 in Patent Rolls (Pilsley, Derbys); Adam de Ednesovere, 1247 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Nicholaus de Ednessore, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wilncote, Warwicks); John Ensor, 1567 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Henry Hensor, 1568 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Edwardi Edensor, 1620 in *IGI* (Hartington, Derbys); Geo Enzer, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Edes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Northumb
- English: see **Eades**.

### Edeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Eddison**.

### Edey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Suffolk; Hants
- English: see **Eady**.

### Edgar

**Variants:** **Edger, Adgar, Adger, Agar, Ager, Eager**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6685, Ireland 960
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4591
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Cumb; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edgar, Adger* (Old English *Ēadgār*). The reduced forms *Egar* and *Agar* show loss of /d/ before /g/. *Agar* may alternatively be a variant of **Algar** or **Augar**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Edgar, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hunts), 1148–67 in Ancient Deeds i (London); *Ædgar*, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents

## Edgcomb

(Suffolk); Adger, 1182–8 in Suffolk Record Office (Bury).  
surnames, England: Walter Eadgar, 1250 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Thomas Edgar, 1250 in Book of Fees (Surrey); John Adger, 1309 in London Letter Books D; Johanne Adgor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Combs, Suffolk); Robertus Adgor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Old Newton, Suffolk); Ricardus Adgor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Waltham, Essex); Willm Edger, 1562 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Eleazar Edgar, 1572 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Richardi Edger, 1575 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elizabeth Edger, 1577 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Alice Edger, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Edmund Edger, 1598 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Martin Edger, 1605 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Martin Edger, 1641 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edmund Adgar, 1728 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); William Edgar, 1741 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).  
surnames, Scotland: Richard Edger, 1316–18 in Annandale Family Book; Donald Edzear, mid-14C in Great Seal of Scotland (Nithsdale, Dumfriess); James Edger, 1589 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Thomas Edger, 1607 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Edger, 1613 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Elspit Edger, 1636, Elspit Edgar, 1648 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Harbert Edgar, 1636, Jon Edger, 1637 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); David Edgar, 1646 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); Thomas Edgar, 1671 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Margaret Adgar, 1716 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian); Elizabeth Edgar, 1718 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

### Edgcomb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Westm

English: see **Edgecombe**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but survives in the USA.

### Edgcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Edgecombe**.

### Edgcumbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Edgecombe**.

### Edge

**Variants:** **Egg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7616, Ireland 154
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Laois

English: locative name from Middle English *egge* ‘edge or ridge’ (Old English *ecg*), denoting someone who lived near a prominent edge or ridge of a hill, or at Edge (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Henry del Egge, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Henry sub Egge, 1290 in Sheffield Manorial Records (Yorks); John de Egge, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); John atte Egge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William atte Egge, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Culmstock, Devon); Adam del Egge, 1347 in Patent

Rolls; Eusemia Egge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fishley, Norfolk); Agn’ del Egge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shelley, WR Yorks); Alicia dil Egge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bold, Lancs); Hugo dil Egge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Golborne, Lancs); Johannes de Egge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whitchurch, Shrops); Johannes de Egge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Brewood, Staffs); Philippus Egge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Peper Harow, Surrey); Johanna Edge, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Agneta Edge, 1540 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Christopheri Edge, 1542 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Thomas Edge, 1565 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Ellen Edge, 1565 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Edward Edge, 1566 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Roger Edge, 1585 in PROB 11 (Pontesbury, Shrops); Barbara Edge, 1599 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

### Edgecombe

**Variants:** **Edgcombe, Edgcumbe, Edgecumbe, Edgcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Edgcumbe in Milton Abbot (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Egghacombe, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Richard Egecombe or Eggecombe, 1492 in PROB 11; Ser Pers Egecom, 1494 in Paston Letters; John Eggecomb, 1515 in PROB 11 (Oxford, Oxon); Peter Eggecumbe, 1522 in Cornwall Military Survey (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); John Edgecombe, 1533 in PROB 11 (Bermondsey, Surrey); Richard Edgcumbe, 1639 in PROB 11 (Edgcumbe Mount, Berks); William Edgcumbe, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

### Edgecumbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Edgecombe**.

### Edgchill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Edghill**.

### Edgeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Kent
- English: variant of **Edgley**. Compare Richard *Edgeley*, 1720, James *Edgeler*, 1745 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).  
**Early bearers:** Ric Edgeler, 1709 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Thomas Edggel, 1760 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Elizabeth Edgelar, 1787 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Wm. Edgeler, 1795 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

### Edgeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Cheshire
- English: see **Edgley**.

### Edgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois
- 1 English: locative name usually a variant of **Edghill**.

**Early bearers:** John Edgell, 1596 in PROB 11 (Chewton Mendip, Somerset); Thomas Edgell, 1606 in *IGI* (Emborough, Somerset); Nicolas Eggell, 1645 in *IGI* (Hawkey, Hants); Robert Edgel, 1674 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name rarely from the Middle English personal name *Eggell* (Old English \**Ecgel*), a diminutive of names beginning in *Ecg*-.

**Early bearers:** William Eggel, 1278 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Eggell, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Franssys Edgell, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robt. Edgell, 1711 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henr. Edgell, 1728 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Richard Edgell, 1730 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

3 English: relationship name rarely from the Middle English personal name *Eggolf* (Old English *Ecgwulf*).

**Early bearers:** Roger Eggolf, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert Eggolfe, William Eggculf, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs).

### Edger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Northumb; Lancs

English: see **Edgar**.

### Edgerley

**Variants:** **Edgerly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Shrops; Oxon

English: locative name from Edgerley (Shrops), Edgerley Farm in Hurstpierpont (Sussex), Edgerley Farm in Clanfield (Oxon), or Hedgerley Wood in Chinnor (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Albert de Edgardle, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Hugh Eggerley, 1440 in Place-Names of Oxon 108; Robert Egerley, 1505 in Feet of Fines (Overhall, Bucks); Robert Egerly, 1551 in PROB 11 (Great Milton, Oxon); Bartholomew Edgerley, 1630 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Edgerly, 1630 in *IGI* (Forest Hill, Oxon); William Edgerley, 1702 in *IGI* (Hordley, Shrops); James Edgerly, 1734 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

### Edgerly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Edgerley**.

### Edgerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 429
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Egerton**.

### Edgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Egede* (Old English *Ecggēat*, or sometimes, perhaps, Old English *Ecghēard*).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Egede, about 1230 in Newark Documents; Robert Ejote, 1409, in John Egeott, 1490, in William Egioit, 1540 in Petre Documents A; Robert Egett, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

### Edgeworth

**Variants:** Edgworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

English: locative name from Edgeworth (Gloucs) or possibly from Edgworth (Lancs).

**Further information:** This English surname is also common in Ireland, having been in Ireland since 1583. Edgeworthstown in Longford is named after Richard Lovell Edgeworth (1744–1817).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Egewurth', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); Stephen de Eggeworth, 1352 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Agn' de Eggeworth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Pleasington, Lancs); Robert Egeworth, 1524 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Anthony Edgeworthe or Edgeworth, 1584 in PROB 11 (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey).

### Edghill

**Variants:** Edgehill, Edgill, Edgell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from any of several places so named, such as Edge Hill in Radway, Ratley and Tysoe (Warwicks), Edge Hill in Combpyne (Devon), or Edge Hill in Edgeworth (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** John Edghill, 1573 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Georgius Edgill, 1577 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Edgell, 1596 in PROB 11 (Chewton Mendip, Somerset); William Edghill, 1630 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Rodger Edghill, 1647 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Edghil, 1763 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks).

### Edgill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Edghill**.

### Edgington

**Variants:** Edginton, Egginton, Eggington, Egington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1339, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, Surrey, Worcs, and Berks

English: locative name from Egginton (Derbys), Edgington in Pyrton (Oxon), or Eggington (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Egynton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Willelmus de Eginton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Otherton and Rodbaston, Staffs); Nicholas Eginton, 1587 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); Edward Edgington, 1618 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Eginton, 1619 in PROB 11 (Penchurch, Staffs); Richd. Edgington, 1738 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

### Edginton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, Staffs, and Gloucs

English: see **Edgington**.

### Edgley

**Variants:** Edgeley, Edley, Egley, Edgeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England and WR Yorks; Midlands and Suffolk; London and Kent
- English: locative name from Edgeley (Cheshire), Edgeley (Shrops, recorded as *Edesleye* in 1327), Egley (Sussex), or Ederley (in Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, recorded as *Eddesle* in the surname forms of 1296 and 1332).

**Early bearers:** John de Eggelye, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Chichester, Sussex); William de Eddesle, 1296, John de Eddesle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); J Eggele, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Willelmus Eddislee, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); William de Eddesleye, 1348 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); John Edgley, 1543 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Anne Edgelye, 1555 in *IGI* (Thuxton, Norfolk); Richarde Edgley, 1568 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Francis Edgley, 1595 in *IGI* (Dowles, Shrops); Frances Edgeley, 1597 in PROB 11 (Halloughton, Leics); Henry Edgley, 1603 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Thomas Edgley, 1613 in PROB 11 (Flaxley, Gloucs); John Edgeley, 1622 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Marie Edgley, 1632 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Edmond Edgley, 1643 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Edgley, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 76 and 275.

### Edgoose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Edcus*, a pet form of names beginning in *Ed-*, especially *Edith*, using the hypocoristic suffix *-cus*. For example, *Edecusa*, wife of Jonkin messor ('hayward'), listed as a brewer in 1313 in the Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls (Denbighs), is probably the same woman as Edith, wife of John Haiward, named as a landholder in the following year, while *Edcus* de Wendlok (1342) is named as Edith de Wenlok (1344) in the same records. This pet form is recorded sporadically across medieval England, but the modern surname evidently originated in Lincs.

**Further information:** Michael Edgoose notes that 'the name *Atgoos* can be found in the 14th-century court rolls of the Manor of Poplar in Middlesex and the names *Atgoos* and *Etgoos* in 15th-century Wapping', and that the family name in Quadring (Lincs) is later recorded as *Etgosse*, *Edgoose* (1521), *Edgosse* (1525), and *Edgoose* (1541). He states that in Cheshire *Etkus* and *Etegos* were synonymous in 1371 and 1372, and *Edcus* and *Etgoose* in 1440 and 1441. It might lie behind the Cheshire surname **Etches**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Edecusa, daughter of Jordan, 1306, Edecusa, wife of Jonkin messor, 1313, Edcus de Wendlok, 1342 in Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls (Ruthin, Denbighs).

surnames: William Edecus, about 1220 in Black Book of Limerick, pp. 52, 101 (Limerick); John Edecous, Ralph Edecus, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Quadring,

Lincs); Johanne Edecos, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cherhill, Wilts); Thoma Edecus, 1381 in Poll Tax (Appleford, Berks); Johannes Edekus, 1379 in Poll Tax (Middlezoy, Somerset); Agn' Edkus, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Marefield with North Marefield, Leics); Roberto Edkus, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Marefield with North Marefield, Leics); Alicia Edkus, 1381 in Poll Tax (Childrey, Berks); William Edgoose, 1478 in Feet of Fines (Bisbrooke, Rutland); Richard Etgoos, 1504 in PROB 11 (Limehouse, Middx); Margaret Edgoose, 1509 in PROB 11; John Edgoose, 1612, 1725 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Rachael Edgoose, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Edgoss, 1789 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**References:** Michael James Edgoose, [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/edgoose/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/edgoose/); J. MacCaffrey (1906), *The Black Book of Limerick: Studies on the Diocese of Limerick based principally upon the Manuscript known as "The Black Book of Limerick"*, Dublin; McClure, Jack II, pp. 23 ff.

### Edgson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ecga* (a pet form of a name such as *Egbert* or *Ecgwulf*) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ecgo, 12th or 13th cent. in Durham Liber Vitae 2, p. 175.

surnames: Johannes Eggeson, 1381 in Poll Tax (Reading, Berks); Francis Edgson, 1710 in *IGI* (Langham, Rutland); Ann Edgson, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Eggeson, 1793 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

### Edgworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Edgeworth**.

### Edhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Devon; WR Yorks; London

English: see **Edis** and compare **Eddowes**.

**Early bearers:** John Edus, 1277 in Cotton Claudius C xi (Suffolk); John Eddouse, 1573 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); Elisabeth Eddowes, 1588 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Anne Edoes, 1601 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); John Edowes, 1609 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Willm. Edowes, 1627 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Elizabeth Edhouse, 1662 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Mary Edowes, 1666 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); William Eddows, 1744, William Edhouse, 1754 in *IGI* (West Stow, Suffolk).

### Edie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Eady**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Edie, 1613 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Alexander Edie, 1645 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans).

## Edinboro

### Edinboro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edinborough

Variants: **Edenborough, Edingborough, Edinboro, Edinbrough, Edinburgh, Edingburgh, Edenbrow, Edynbry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; Derbys

Scottish, English: locative name from Edinburgh (Midlothian).

**Further information:** In Notts, Leics, and Lincs this surname has been influenced by, and confused with, **Attenborough**; alternatively, *Attenborough* has been influenced by, and confused with, the better-known Scottish name.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Serlo de Edenesburch, 1165–70 in Holyrood Register (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander de Edynburgh, 1240–42 in Midlothian Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Christina de Edenburghe, 1302 in Stevenson, Documents (Linlithgow, W Lothian); John de Edynburgh, burgess, 1396 in Irvine Muniments (Irvine, Ayr); Helen Edinburgh, 1499 in Protocol Book Simon; William Edinburgh, 1690 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Thomas de Edynburgh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Margaret Edenborowe, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); Anthonye Edenborowe, 1579 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Marie Edinbrough, 1615, Robert Edenborow, 1634 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); William Edinborough, 1705 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Eliz Etenborough, 1737 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); Thomas Edinbrough, 1744, Ann Ettenborough, 1753, Eleanor Eatenborow, 1756 in *IGI* (Gaddesby, Leics); Susannah Edingburgh, 1768 in *IGI* (Upton by Southwell, Notts).

**References:** Information from Jennie Fairs (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Edinbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Worcs
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edinburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Edinborough**.

### Edingborough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edingburgh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edington

Variants: **Eadington, Eddington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 531
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. central Scotland; N England

English: locative name from any of three places called Edington (Northumb, Somerset, Wilts) or from Eddington (Berks).

**Early bearers:** England: Jordan de Edingeton', 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Gilbert de Edington, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Edyngton, 1448 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); John Edington, 1643 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: John of Edynton, 1290 in Newbattle Register (Newbattle, Midlothian); Ricarde de Edington, about 1450 in Ancient Scottish Seals II; Thomas de Edingtoun, 1469 in Scottish Antiquary (Wedderburn, Berwicks); Edward Edyngtone, 1496 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts; John Edington, 1676 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks); Elspit Edentoune, 1679 in History of the Lindsays (Strathmartin, Angus).

### Edis

Variants: **Ediss, Eddis, Eddowes, Edhouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; also Notts and Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Edus*, a pet form of an Old English name beginning *Ead-*, especially *Eadgifu* or *Eadgyð*. See also **Aldous, Goodes**.

**Further information:** Smith, Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 261, notes a woman called both *Edus* and *Eadgifu*, and Reaney records that *Edusa* soror Erenburge, 1198 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk) is named as *Ediz* (1198), *Editha*, and *Edit* (1200) in the same rolls. Female pet forms with the suffix *-us* are especially common in Yorks and the NE Midlands.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eddusa, 1196, *Edus*, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs), 1227 in Assize Rolls (Bucks); *Edus*, about 1175 in Newark Documents (Notts); *Edusa*, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks), 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Gloucs), 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); *Edusa filia Hugonis*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Brant Broughton, Lincs); *Edusa de Neubo*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Barrowby, Lincs); *Edusa de Mammesfeld*, 1335 in Nottingham Borough Court Rolls (Notts). surnames: John *Edus*, 1277 in Cotton Claudius C xi (Suffolk); William *Edis*, 1574 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Rad'o fil' *Edus*, 1297 in Mansfield Rentals (Notts); Will'o fil' *Eduse*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Darlton, Notts); John filius *Eduse*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Washingborough and Heighington, Lincs); William filius *Eduse*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Roxby, Lincs); Marie *Edis*, 1595 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Jhon *Edis*, 1603 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Wm. *Ediss*, 1724 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Miles *Edis*, 1685, Thomas *Ediss*, 1766 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John *Edus*, 1732, John *Ediss*, 1740 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Newell *Ediss*, 1777 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

### Edison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Eddison**.

### Ediss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Hants and IoW; Lincs
- English: see **Edis**.

### Edith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

**Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Edith* (Old English *Eadgyð*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph filius Edihe, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Everard filius Edithe, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Gerard Edyth, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Idyth', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Thomas Edith, 1552 in Parish Registers (Saint Mildred Poultry, London).

### Edkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: (i) relationship name usually from the Middle English personal name *Edkin*, a pet form of *Ed* (short form of **Edmund** or **Edward**), with genitival or excrescent *-s*. (ii) alternatively, a variant form of **Atkins** or more likely an altered form of (i) through confusion with *Adkins, Atkins*. Compare John *Edkiss*, 1707, Joseph *Adkis*, 1706, Phebe *Adkins*, 1719, Joseph *Edkins*, 1732 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs). It is similar to the interchange of *Etkis* and *Atkis* under **Atkiss**.

**Early bearers:** Elena Edkynes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Edkins, 1576 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Tho Edkings, 1585, Tho Etkins, 1617 in *IGI* (Yarkhill, Herefs); Walter Edkins, 1582, Willyam Edkyns, 1610 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Jhosua Edkins, 1616, Thomas Etkins, 1618 in *IGI* (Aston Cantlow, Warwicks); Richard Edkines, 1690 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

### Edland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name perhaps from a lost place called *Ealdland* in Tillingham (Essex), recorded as *Edelond* in 1337.

**Early bearers:** William de Edelond, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); William Edelune, 1351 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Thomas Edlond, 1414 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Franucus Edland, 1630 in Parish Registers (Herts); John Edland, 1791 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Edleston

Variants: **Addlestone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Edleston (Cheshire) or Edlaston (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Edelauston, 1288 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); [...] Edulfestone, 1328 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); William de Edleston, 1367 in Patent Rolls (Cheshire); Roger de Edilston, 1386 in Patent Rolls (Merlay in Whalley, Lincs); Nicholas Edleston, 1548 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lincs); Marjorey Edleston, 1723 in *IGI* (Dudleston, Shrops); John Edleston, 1727 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Edleston, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint

Sepulchre, London); Sarah Edleston, 1758 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

2 English: variant of **Addlestone**.

### Edley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Edgley**.

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames notes George *Edley*, alias George *Egley*, filesmith, 1726, and Giles *Edley* alias Giles *Egley*, button-maker, 1727–33 in the Sheffield parish registers. The WR Yorks name probably refers to Edgeley in Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Barnard Edlie, 1560 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Humfery Edley, 1565 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Katherina Edley, 1583 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Jane Edley, 1584 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Edmund Edly, 1611 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Geo. Edley, 1706 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Edlin

**Variants:** Edling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; also Notts and Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Edeline*, an English version of Old French *Adeline*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Adal-* such as *Adalheidis* (Alice). *Edeline* shows the influence of Old English names in *Æðel-* which became *Adel-*, *Edel-* in Middle English. Compare **Adeline**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Edelina, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent); Athelina or Edelina, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks).

surnames: John Edelin', 1239 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); Thomas Edling, 1660 in York Freemen's Register.

### Edling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Edlin**.

### Edlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from either of two places called Edlington (Lincs, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Edlington', 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Hugo de Edlyngton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Thoma de Edlyngton', 1379 in Poll Tax (West Barkwith, Lincs); William Edlyngton, 1466 in PROB 11 (Castle Carlton, Lincs); Willmi. Edlyngton, 1572 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Richard Edlington, 1602 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Thoms. Edlinton, 1612 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs).

### Edlund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Swedish: locative name from a name composed of the elements *ed* 'isthmus' + *lund* 'grove'. The present-day surname in Britain is a Swedish immigrant name, not a variant of *Edland*.

**Early bearers:** Jonas Edlund, born in Hernofand, Sweden, in Census 1881 (Lancs).

### Edman

**Variants:** Edmans, Adman, Addyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ed(e)man*, occasionally *Ad(e)man*, from Old English \**Eadmān*. Perhaps by association with Middle English *edi* (Old English *ēadig* 'rich, fortunate'), the personal name also appears as *Ediman* and *Adiman*, giving rise to modern **Addyman** and the now extinct *Eadiman*, *Eadyman*, *Eddiman*, and *Eddyman*.

**Further information:** It is theoretically possible, as Reaney suggests, that the surnames *Edeman*, *Ediman*, etc. were occupational, meaning 'Ede's or Edy's servant' (see **Ede**, **Eady**), but the evidence shows that Middle English *Edeman* and *Ediman* were personal names in their own right, and these are the more likely sources of the surnames.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ediman Cumin, 1295–7 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Edman' Diriuol, 1327, identical with Edimannus Drituol, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); Edman' filius Willelmi, 1327, identical with Ediman filius Willelmi, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk).

surnames: William Edemon, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Edeman, 1298 in London Court Rolls (London); Simon Ediman, 1301 in Fitzalan Surveys (Sussex); Rad' Ediman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); William Edmon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); John Edyman, 1370 in Luffield Charters (Northants); Robert Edyman, 1438 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Henry Edman, 1565 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Henry Edman, 1571 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Wm. Edman, 1765 in *IGI* (Beesby in the Marsh, Lincs).

**References:** Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage, p. 69; McClure, Jack I, p. 113.

2 English: variant of **Edmond**. In Middle English, *Edmund* (also occasionally found as *Admund*) was probably sometimes confused with *Edman* and *Adman*, and the resulting surnames were almost certainly interchangeable in post-medieval times. Compare Ann *Edmunds*, 1771, Moses *Edman*, 1822 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs), and Edward *Edman*, 1628, John *Edmand*, 1711 (Saint Paul, Canterbury, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Adam Admon, Johannes Admund, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Edward Edman, 1628 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Edmands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: variant of **Edmonds**.  
2 English: variant of **Edmans**.

### Edmans

**Variants:** Admans, Edmands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks

1 English: variant of **Edmonds**.  
2 English: variant of **Edman** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Edmead

**Variants:** Edmed, Edmett, Edmeades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London

English: nickname from Middle English *edmod*, *admod* 'humble' (Old English *ēadmēd*, *ēadmōd*).

**Early bearers:** Gervase Eadmede, Roger Edemedede, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); John Edmed, 1485 in Canterbury Wills (Probate); Robert Edmede, 1559 in PROB 11 (Horsmonden, Kent); William Edmete, 1577 in Parish Registers (Staplehurst, Kent); John Edmeade, 1596 in PROB 11 (London).

### Edmeades

**Variants:** Edmeads

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Edmead** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Edmets, 1604 in Parish Registers (Staplehurst, Kent); John Edmeads, 1635 in PROB 11 (Meopham, Kent); John Edmeads, about 1700 in Archaeologia Cantiana xlix.

### Edmeads

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Edmeades**.

### Edmed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Edmead**.

### Edmenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Edmondson**.

### Edmett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Edmead**.

### Edminson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Edmondson**.

### Edmison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb
- English: see **Edmondson**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is now rare in Britain but is common in the USA.

### Edmiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

## Edmond

1 Scottish: locative name variant of **Edmonston**.

**Early bearers:** Haldwin of Edmideston, 1322 in Morton Register, Scotland (Biggar, Lanarks); James Edmestoune, 1550 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow); John Edmestoun, burgess, 1612 in Glasgow Burgesses; Margaret Edmistoun, 1631 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Edmestone, 1692 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Robert Edmiston, 1696 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

2 Scottish: variant of **Edmondson**, altered under the influence of place-names ending in *-ton*.

## Edmond

**Variants:** **Edmund, Edman, Adman, Adnam, Eman, Emond, Edmonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1358, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1004
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also central Scotland; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Edmond*, Old English *Eadmund*. It is sometimes found as *Admond*, where the vowel has been shortened. The personal name was still well used in England in the late 14th century, especially in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Ædmondus presbyter, Edmondus, 1086 in Domesday Book; Edmund Wedertihand 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Ædmondus presbiter de Witona, 1154 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents; Edmondus Cristemesse, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Edmondus de Kyrkhous de Garbesthorp, 1391 in Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage (Norfolk).  
surnames, England: Nicholas Edmondus, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); John Edmond, Sibil Edmund, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Admond, 1349 in Crowland Abbey Estates (Cambs); Johannes Hedmund, 1377 in Poll Tax (South Stoke, Oxon); Henry Edmond', 1428 in Feet of Fines (Braughing, Kent); Johes. Edmond, 1563, Robert Edmond, 1659, Thomas Edmond, 1725 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); George Edmund, 1833 in *IGI* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks).

given names, Scotland: Aedmund camerarius, about 1124 in National Manuscripts of Scotland; Ædmond filius Forn, Ædmond de fa3eside, about 1150 in Holyrood Register.

surnames, Scotland: William Edmen, identical with William Edmond, 1598 in Stirling Burgh Records (Stirling); Janet Edmont, 1617 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh); Cirsten Edmond, 1683 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); William Edmund, 1724 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Alexander Edmond, 1732 in *IGI* (New Machar, Aberdeens).

2 English: It may sometimes be a variant of **Edman** or **Eman** (female personal name).

## Edmonds

**Variants:** **Edmunds, Edmons, Edmans, Edmands, Emmins, Emans, Emmonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6423, Ireland 210
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5657
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and W England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Wexford
- English: variant of **Edmond** with genitival *-s* or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Edmundes alias Cooke, 1576 in PROB 11 (Sizewell, Suffolk); Thomas Edmondus, 1582 in PROB 11 (Cirencester, Gloucs); Thomas Edmundes, 1607 in PROB 11 (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey).

## Edmondson

**Variants:** **Edmundson, Edmonson, Edmenson, Edminson, Edmison, Edmiston, Emmison, Emonson, Eminson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4254, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3459
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, Derry, and Armagh; Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edmund* + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Edmunson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Robert Edmondson, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; John Edmondson, 1414 in York Freemen's Register; Nicholas Edmondson, barber, 1466 in York Registry Wills (Saint Mary Castlegate, WR Yorks); Christopher Emondson, 1507 in York Freemen's Register; Richard Edmonson alias Jonson, 1558 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue (Yorks); John Edmonson, 1617 in PROB 11 (London).

## Edmons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Edmonds**.

## Edmonson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Edmondson**.

## Edmonston

**Variants:** **Edmonstone, Edmiston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- Scottish: locative name from Edmonstone (Midlothian) or Edmonston (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Edmundistun, early 13th c. in Holyrood Register (Bavelaw, Midlothian); John de Edmundston, knight, 1369 in Great Seal of Scotland (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Edmonstone, 1628 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Alexander Edmonstone, 1644 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Alexander Edmonstone, 1680 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Edmonston, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

## Edmonstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Edmonston**.

## Edmund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Edmond**.

## Edmunds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4964, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3851
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: see **Edmonds**.

## Edmondson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 849
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Edmondson**.

## Edney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1442, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants; London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Idony*, *Edony*, a French name from Latin *Idonea*, *Idonia* 'suitable', introduced to Britain after the Conquest.

**Further information:** Withycombe's dismissal of Latin *Idonea* as a source is unwarranted; see Morlet, Noms de Personne, II, 64a.

**Early bearers:** given names: Idonea, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls; Idony, 1273 in Hundred Rolls; Edonia, 1315 in Nottingham Borough Court Rolls; Edonia, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax.

surnames: Ad. filius Idonie, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sutton on Trent, Notts); Elizabeth Ednye, 1538 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Joan Edney, 1544 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Thomas Edny, 1625, Martha Edney, 1754 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Edney, 1631 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Christopher Edney, 1654 in *IGI* (Enmore, Somerset); William Edney, 1772 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants).

2 Scottish: variant of **Ednie**.

## Ednie

**Variants:** **Edney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Ednie in Saint Fergus (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Euphame Ednie, 1662 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Robert Edney, 1768 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife).

## Edon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Eden**.

## Edrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Edridge**.

## Edridge

**Variants:** **Edrich, Etheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180



- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Warwicks; Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edrich*, *Edrick* (Old English *Ēadric* ‘prosperity powerful’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Edricus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Berks, Devon, Dorset, Gloucs, Hants, Herefs, Herts, Kent, Northants, Shrops, Somerset, Staffs, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwicks, Wilts, Worcs); Eadricus de Laxefella, Edricus homo Edrici de Laxefelda, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk, Norfolk); Edrichus filius Gode, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Edrichus Buck, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Edericke le Blacke, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs).

surnames: Thomas Hedricus, 1185 in Templars Records (Gloucs); Robert Edrich’, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Robert Eadric, 1221 in Osenev Cartulary (Oxon); Robertus Edric’, 1224 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Rogerus Eddrich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); William Ederyge, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Edmund Edryk, 1381 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Adam Edridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Thomas Edridge, 1604 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Richard Edridge, 1616 in *IGI* (Hamstall Ridware, Staffs); Mary Edridge, 1635 in *IGI* (Tilehurst, Berks); Tho. Edridge, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Etheridge**.

### Edris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Idris**.

### Edrupt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from a rare Middle English personal name of Greek origin, *Eutropios*, a derivative of *eutropos* ‘well-formed’, i.e. ‘man of proven character’.

**Further information:** The village of Aythorpe Roding (Essex) (recorded as *Aydroprothyng* in 1351; see Place-Names of Essex p. 491) owes its attribute to a 12th-century benefactor of the parish, *Aeitrop* or *Eutropius* son of Hugh, also called *Eitropus*, *Autropus*, *Eydrop*, and *Eiltrop* (1206–20 Curia Regis Rolls).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hettrop Crestien, about 1166 in Northants Charters (Shrops); Aitrop, Attropus de Merc, 1178 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Eutropius Alanus, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs).

surnames: Richard Edrop, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (London); Richard Edrop, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Agnis Edripp, 1590 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London); Joan Edroppe, 1592 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); William Edrip, 1598 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds).

### Edsall

Variants: **Edsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Edser**.

### Edscer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Edser**.

### Edsell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Edsall**.

### Edser

Variants: **Edscer**, **Edsall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from High Edser in Ewhurst (Surrey). See Place-Names of Surrey, p. 239.

**Early bearers:** William de Egeshawe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Robert Eggyslaw, 1372 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); John Edsawe, Thomas Edsall, 1583 in Muster Rolls (Surrey).

### Edsforth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Eadsforth**.

### Edson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Notts; also London

English: see **Eddison**.

### Edsworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: from Edworth (Beds), recorded as *Edesworth* in 1284.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Eddeswurthe, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts), de Edesworth, 1276 in Assize Rolls (London).

### Edward

Variants: **Edwards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1528, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2754
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name Edward (Old English *Ēadweard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Eaduardus, Eduard(us), Æduardus, 1086 in Domesday Book; Edwardus serviens, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cornwall). surnames: William Edward’, 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); John Edward’, 1354 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Thomas Edward’, 1471 in Feet of Fines (Kent).

### Edwardes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London and S Wales

English: see **Edwards**.

### Edwards

Variants: **Edwardes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118840, Ireland 1418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83101
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Wales and in S and W England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Clare; Tyrone

English: variant of **Edward** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Cristina Edwardis, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); John Edwards, 1498 in Chirkland Extent.

Wales: Thomas Edwards, 1592 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Margareta Edwards, 1602 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths).

### Edwardson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name ‘Son of Edward.’

**Early bearers:** William Edwardson, 1518 in Kent Wills.

### Edwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE England and W Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edwin* (Old English *Ēadwine* ‘prosperity friend’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Edwin’ Wridel, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants).

surnames: Adam filius Edwini, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); William Edwin’, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Stephen Edwyn, 1252 in Ramsey Cartulary (Beds); Nicholas Hedwene, Willelmus Hedwyne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Felsted, Essex); Richard Edewyn, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Laughton, Sussex); Anthonie Edwin, 1576 in Parish Registers (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Edworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Edworthy in Chawleigh (Devon), recorded as *Yeodeworthy* in 1427.

**Early bearers:** [...] Yadeworthy, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); William Edworthy, 1691 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs); Edward Edworthy, 1739 in *IGI* (Nymet Rowland, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon 2, p. 364.

### Edy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. London

1 English: see **Eddy**.

2 English: see **Eady**.

### Edye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey

English: see **Eady**.

### Edynbry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish, English: see **Edinborough**.

### Edyvean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

## Eede

- GB frequency 1881: 108
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the given name **Udy** and its variant *Edy* (see **Eddy**) + Cornish *vean* 'little', perhaps with the sense 'young, junior'. The name seems to be exclusive to the parish of Roche, where *Udy* is recorded as both given name and surname in the 16th century. The suffix *vean* was presumably added in order to distinguish different people with the same given name and surname, perhaps father and son (as with the English suffix *-kin*). Both John *Udy* and John *Udy Vyan* (or *Udyvyan*) of Roche are listed in Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll (about 1535) and Subsidy Rolls (Cornwall) (1543).

**Early bearers:** Philip Edevyan, 1525, Philip Udyvyan, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Cornwall) (Roche); Richard Udy Vean, about 1535 in Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll (Roche, Cornwall); Robert Edyvean, 1617, Als Edivian, 1692, Thos Edevene, 1750, Hannah Edyvean, 1855 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Thomas Udivyan, 1664 in Hearth Tax (Cornwall) (Roche).

**References:** O J Padel, personal communication.

## Eede

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 31
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Ede**.

## Eele

**Variants:** Eale, Heal

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

1 English: (i) probably usually a variant of **Ell**. (ii) nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *ele*, Old English *æl* 'eel', possibly for someone of slippery character.

**Early bearers:** John Ele, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); John Eale, 1604 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Richard Eele, 1605 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Thomas Eale, 1647 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Eele, 1693 in *IGI* (Great Henny, Essex); David Eale, 1738 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: perhaps a modern variant of **Eales** with loss of final *-s*.

## Eeles

**Variants:** Yeeles

- Current frequencies: GB 788, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 328
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

English: see **Eales**.

## Eeley

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon

English: see **Ely**.

## Eells

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Eales**.

## Eels

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 105
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Oxon
- English: see **Eales**.

## Effeny

**Variants:** Effeny, Effeney, Evemy

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Eufemia*, Greek *Euphemia* 'auspicious speech', the name of a 4th-century Bithynian martyr.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eufemia, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Eufemia, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Gloucs); Eufemmia de Neville, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs).

surnames: Katerina Eufemme, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Michael Effemme, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

## Effeney

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Effeny**.

## Effeny

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Effeny**.

## Efford

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 164
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; also Kent; Hants

English: locative name from any of the four places of this name in Devon, or one in Cornwall, or one in Hants.

**Early bearers:** Roger Efford, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Walter Eford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Efford, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

## Efstathiou

- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Efstathios* (*Eustathios* in Ancient Greek, based on the adjective *eustathēs* 'steadfast, reliable, of good standing').

## Efthymiou

- Current frequencies: GB 128, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Efthymios* (*Euthymios* in Ancient Greek), based on the adjective *euthumos* 'of good spirit; generous, kind, cheerful'.

## Egan

**Variants:** Eagan, Eagen, Eagon, Eakin, Heekin, Agan

- Current frequencies: GB 6833, Ireland 6761
- GB frequency 1881: 2476
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Tipperary, Offaly, Galway, and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó hAodhagáin 'descendant of Aodhagán', a personal name from a double diminutive of *Aodh* 'fire'. See also **Keegan**.

**Early bearers:** Dubhgal Ua hEdacain, king of Ui-Niallain, 1054 in AU (Armagh); Imar hUa Aedhaca[i]n, churchman, 1126 in AU; Robert Egane, yeoman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4664 (Wexford); Cale O'Egyn, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6232 (Dublin).

## Egar

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 74
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Cambs; Lancs; Sussex
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; Wicklow; Kerry

English: see **Eager**.

## Egarr

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Eager**.

## Egbert

- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Egbert* (Old English *Ecgbeorht* 'sword-bright').

**Early bearers:** Martin Egebrith, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Elizabeth Egbert, 1787 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); James Egbert, 1787 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Thomas Egbert, 1807 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Samuel Egbert, 1831 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon); William Hillson Egbert, 1841 in *IGI* (Torpoint, Cornwall).

## Egdell

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

English: perhaps from an altered form of Edgewell (House) in Mickley (Northumb), recorded as *Egewell*, 1381 in Place-Names of Northumb and Durham.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Egdell, 1687 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Rowland Egdale, 1731 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Samuel Egdell, 1745 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Thomas Egdall, 1758 in *IGI* (Warkworth, Northumb).

## Eger

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Monmouths; Lancs
- English: see **Eager**.

## Egerton

**Variants:** Edgerton, Eggerton

- Current frequencies: GB 2099, Ireland 128
- GB frequency 1881: 1468
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin and Kildare

English: locative name from any of various places called Egerton (Cheshire, Kent), Egerton lost in Wheathill (Shrops), Egerton in Bolton le Moors (Lancs), Egerton in Scammonden (WR Yorks), or Egerton in Huddersfield (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Philip *de Egerton* was sheriff of Cheshire in 1309.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Egerton, 1267 in Patent Rolls; David Egerton, 1282 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Joan de Egerton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Shrops); Adam de Hegerton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Quarmby, WR Yorks); William Egerton, esquire, 1420 in Patent Rolls (Betley, Staffs); William Egerton, 1511 in PROB 11 (Hampton, Cheshire); Timothy Egerton, 1582 in PROB 11 (Wall Grange, Staffs); Myles Egerton, 1623 in PROB 11 (East Greenwich, Kent); Ralph Egerton, 1662 in Preston Guild Rolls.

### Egg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants; London

English: perhaps a variant of **Agg**, though motivation for the change in vowel is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Egg, 1600 in *IGI* (Longworth, Berks); Mary Egg, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); George Egg, 1641 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Roger Egg, 1643 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); George Egg, 1672 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Charles Egg, 1690 in *IGI* (Kemerton, Gloucs).

### Eggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Eager**.

### Egger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Eager**.

### Eggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: see **Eagers**.

### Egerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. W Midlands

English: see **Egerton**.

### Eggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from an unidentified place in Norfolk called *Egate* (recorded as such in 1379).

**Early bearers:** Edmundus de Egate, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); Henricus Egate, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mattishall, Norfolk); Mathews Eggett, 1585 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Mary Eggett, 1625, Elizabeth Eggett, 1647 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Eggett, 1681, Richard Eggitt, 1778 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Eggett, 1763, William Eggard, 1778 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); John Eggatt, 1816, William Eggitt, 1816 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall, Norfolk).

### Eggington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Lancs

English: see **Edgington**.

### Eggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of **Higgins**.

**Early bearers:** John Higgins, 1673, Rachel Eggins, 1716 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Sarah Higgins, 1714, Joice Eggins, 1769 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Joseph Eggins, 1750, John Higgins, 1839 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Edward Higgins, 1752, John Eggins, 1794 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Christopher Higgins, 1776, Christopher Eggins, 1778 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ruben Egins, 1800, Reuben Higgins, 1808 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex).

### Eggington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Westmeath

English: see **Edgington**.

### Eggleston

**Variants:** Egleston, Egglestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 696
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: locative name from Eggleston (Durham) or Egglestone (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Egleston, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Durham); Ralph de Egliston, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Johanne Eglylleston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cranoë, Leics); John Egleston, Eggleston, 1530, 1545 in Coroners' Rolls (Notts).

### Egglestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Durham

English: see **Eggleston**.

### Eggleton

**Variants:** Eagleton, Egleton, Eglinton, Eglington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1759, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Middx, Surrey, and Bucks; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 English: locative name from Egleton (Rutland). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Egelton, 1225 in Leicester Freeman Register (Leics); Simon de Egilton, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Roger de Egilton, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Rutland); Willelmus de Egliton, 1377 in Poll Tax (Langham, Rutland); John Egleton, 1560 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Egleton, 1582 in *IGI* (Aylesbury,

Bucks); Thomas Eggleton, 1603 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); George Egleton, 1646 in PROB 11 (Ellesborough, Bucks); John Egelton, 1667, William Eagleton, 1701 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Eagleton, 1685 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Thos. Eggleton, 1764 in *IGI* (Capel, Surrey); Robert Eggleton, 1800 in *IGI* (Little Ryburgh, Norfolk).  
2 English: locative name from Eggleton (Herefs). Compare **Eglington**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Egleton, 1335 in Feet of Fines (Fownhope, Herefs).

### Eggo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Angus

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Aodh*, see **McKay**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eggou Ruffus, 13th cent. in Saint Andrews Charters; Ego de Straththathe, 1296 in Scotland Calendar.

surnames: Robertus filius Ego, 1382 in Aberdeen Register (Tarwas (Tarves), Aberdeens); Henry and Thomas Ego, 1467 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); David Ego, 1477 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); James Eggo, 1787 in *IGI* (Glenmuick, Aberdeens).

### Eggington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Edgington**.

### Egle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Eagle**.

### Eglen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Eglin**.

### Egleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also London

English: see **Eggleston**.

### Eggleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Berks

English: see **Eggleton**.

### Egley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Edgley**.

**Early bearers:** William Egley, 1551 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Richard Egley, 1558 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Thomas Egly, 1584 in *IGI* (Selsey, Sussex); Marmaduke Egley, 1613 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); George Egley, 1738 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

## Eglin

### Eglin

Variants: **Eagling, Eaglen, Eglen, Eglon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Egeline*, which is probably a Norman form of Continental Germanic \**Agilina*, a pet form of names beginning *Agil-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Egelina de Curtenay, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon).

surnames: Alexander Egelin, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Peter Eglyn, 1369 in London Letter Books G; Agnes Eglin, 1543 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Adam Eglyne, 1548 in York Registry Wills (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Lyonell Eglin, 1572 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Ellen Eglylin, 1605 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Hannah Eaglen, 1644 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Anthony Eglin, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Anthony Eglien, 1689 in Parish Registers (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Thomas Eagling, 1713 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Stephen Eglin, 1717 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Eglington

Variants: **Eglinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 233
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Eggleton**. Note that Eggleton (Herefs) is recorded as *Eglington* in 1212. **Early bearers:** Walter de Eglington', 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); John de Eglinton', 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex); William Eglington, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Will Eglington, 1566 in *IGI* (Levington, Suffolk); Henry Eglington, 1597 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Adrean Eglington, 1600 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); William Eglington, 1607 in PROB 11 (Monk Soham, Suffolk); Isabell Eglington, 1612 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Eglington, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Eglington, 1634 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Eglington, 1643 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk).
- 2 Scottish: see **Eglinton**.

### Eglinton

Variants: **Eglington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway

1 Scottish: locative name from Eglinton in Kilwinning (Ayr). This is the usual source of the surname.

**Further information:** The place was named for the eponymous ancestor of the family, Brice's father Eglun.

**Early bearers:** Brice de Eglunstone, 1255 in Irvine Muniments (Irvine, Ayr); Rauf de Eglyntone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Ayr); Jonet Eglington, 1632 in Hamilton Testaments (Stirlings).

2 English: see **Eglington**.

### Eglon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Northumb and NR Yorks

English: see **Eglin**.

**Early bearers:** Will. Eglon, 1699 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Eglin, 1703, Robert Eglon, 1732 in *IGI* (Odcombe, Somerset); Daniel Eglon, 1704 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Egner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Of uncertain origin; perhaps an early immigrant name from Germany, South German *Egner*, which is from the Germanic personal name *Egino*, *Eginolf*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Egner, 1692 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Mary Egner, 1773 in *IGI* (Saint Luke's, Middx).

### Egremont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Hants and Wilts

Norman, English: (i) locative name from any of at least four places in France called Aigremont (in Gard, Haute Marne, Yvelines, and Yonne). (ii) locative name from Egremont (Cumb).

**Further information:** Egremont was used as a Christian name in the 17th century, e.g. *Egremont* Thynne, 1610 in Ancient Deeds vi.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Egremunt, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); Johannes Egremont, 1377 in Poll Tax (Mayfield, Staffs); Ricardus Egrimunde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hook, WR Yorks); Margaret Egremont, 1568 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk).

### Ehsan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Iran): from the Arabic personal name *Ihsan* 'benevolence, kindness'.

### Eidson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Derbys

English: variant of **Eddison**.

**Further information:** This name is comparatively rare in Britain; it is now more common in the USA.

### Eighteen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Suffolk

English: local pronunciation of **Eaton**, re-interpreted through folk etymology as the number *eighteen*.

**Early bearers:** Jon. Eighteen, 1709, William Minns Eaton, 1837 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Hannah Eaton, 1712, Rob't. Eighteen, 1740 in *IGI* (Billingford near Diss, Norfolk); Edward Eaton, 1859, Samuel Eighteen, 1884 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Eilbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from an unidentified place, most probably in Cumb.

**Early bearers:** John Eilbeck, 1689 in *IGI* (Irton, Cumb); Philipp Elbecke, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); Robert Eilbecke, 1694 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Cumb); Joseph Elbecke, 1712 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Henry Eilebeck, 1757 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

### Einion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Glamorgan

Welsh: see **Ennion**.

### Eisdell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London; Suffolk
- Scottish: see **Easdale**.

### Eite

Variants: **Eyte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: possibly a variant of **Height** with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Roberte Eyte, 1590 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); John Eite, 1614 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); James Eite, 1704 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); James Eyte, 1711 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts).

### Eivers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Ivers**.

### Ejaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from Arabic *i'jāz*, 'miracle'.

### Eke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1009, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *oek*, a variant of *ok(e)* 'oak tree' (Old English *āc*, Old Scandinavian *eik*); compare **Ake**.

**Early bearers:** William Eeke, 1643 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Richard Eke, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Isaac Eke, 1734 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk); William Eike, 1792 in *IGI* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Ekin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Eakin**.

### Ekins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northants, Hunts, and Beds
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Tipperary
- English: see **Eakins**.

**Ekless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see *Eccles*.

**Elahi**

Variants: *Ellahi*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Iranian, Pakistani): from the Aramaic personal name *Elahi* ‘my God’.

**Elam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 402
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also London
- English: see *Ellam*.

**Eland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- English: locative name from Elland (WR Yorks) or Little Eland (Northumb). Compare *Ealand*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Eland, 1194–1211 in Hatton’s Book of Seals (Yorks); Robert de Eland, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Northumb); Thomas de Eland, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warmfield, WR Yorks); William Eland, 1439 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Richard Eland, 1739 in York Freemen’s Register.

**Elborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see *Elbourn*.

**Elborough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; also London

English: see *Elbury*.

**Elbourn**

Variants: *Elbourne*, *Elborn*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Bucks

English: variant of *Alban*, altered under the influence of locative names ending in *-bourn*.

**Elbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Bucks

English: see *Elbourn*.

**Elbrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see *Elbury*.

**Elbury**

Variants: *Elbrow*, *Elborough*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset
- English: relationship name probably from the Middle English female personal name *Ethelburgh*, \**Elborow*, \**Elbury*, representing the well attested Old English name *Æðelburh*. There is currently no medieval evidence for a surname derived from this but Redmonds, Christian Names, p. 7, notes the occurrence of *Ethelburgh* as a woman’s given name in Essex as late as 1381.

**Further information:** Derivation from a place-name is doubtful. Elberry in Churston Ferrers (Devon) is suggested by Wilson, but the place-name is not known before the modern OS maps. The editors of Place-Names of Devon, p. 511, suggest it is an altered form of *Eleworthy*, recorded once in 1278, and showing the same late substitution of *-worthy* by *-berry* as occurs in Butterberry in Petertavy (Devon). No evidence of a surname from *Eleworthy* has been found. Another possibility is Elbury (Hill) in Kingswood, Gloucs, but it was not a settlement and is not on record before 1455, so it is unlikely to have given rise to a surname. The origin of the name of Thomas de Elleb’ghe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs) is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** W. Elborow, 1541 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Christofer Elburie, 1566 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Jane Elbrowe, 1571 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); William Elborowe, 1581 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Agnes Elborowe, 1583 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Gulielmi Elborough, 1603, William Elborowe, 1607, Anne Elbrough, 1713 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Katherine Elberry, 1615 in *IGI* (Forest Hill, Oxon); Mary Elbery, 1618 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Elburie, 1622 in *IGI* (Upton, Berks); William Elbro, 1629 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); John Elburye, Richard Elberry, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); William Elbrow, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Martha Elbury, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); John Elborough, 1685 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Elbery, 1686 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Elizabeth Elborough, 1706 in *IGI* (Ampney Saint Peter, Gloucs); Daniel Elbury, 1718 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Mary Elbury, 1726 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); John Elberry, 1743 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Samuel Elbrough, 1795 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); James Elberry, 1854 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 3, p. 39.

**Elce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see *Else*.

**Elcoat**

Variants: *Hillcoat*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: of uncertain origin. It looks like a locative name, but no suitable place-name has been identified in Scotland or NE England, where the surname is principally recorded, and neither Hilcott in Gloucs nor Hilcott in Wilts seem likely sources. A similar-looking surname (*Helcote*) is recorded in medieval Essex and in post-medieval E Anglia.

Perhaps this name migrated to NE England by the east coast trade route. The origin of Middle English (*Helcote*) is unclear but it might be a pet form of the female personal name (*Helen*) (see *Ellen*) + the rare hypocoristic suffix *-cote*. Alternatively, since *-cock* and *-cot* are commonly interchangeable in medieval and post-medieval surnames, *Elcoat* and *Hillcoat* could be variants of *Elcock* and *Hillcock*, but these names have not been noted in E Anglia, NE England, or Scotland.

**Early bearers:** SE England: John Elcote alias Helcote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Corringham, Essex); Phillip Helcote, 1570 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); Robert Helcot, 1620, William Helcoate, 1674, Elizabeth Helcoat, 1727 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Mathew Hilcot, 1650 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk).

NE England: Christopher Helcote, 1560, John Hilcoat, 1779 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Agnes Helcot, 1575 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Frances Helcott, 1600 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Helcoat, 1612, Tho. Hilcot, 1674, Thomas Hillcoat, 1679 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edward Elcoat, 1633 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York); James Helcoate, 1646 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Matthew Elcott, 1695 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Mary Elcot, 1730 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); William Elcoat, 1731 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Suzanna Hillcoate, 1739, John Elcott, 1740 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Wm. Elcoate, 1767 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Elcoate, 1788 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

Scotland: Anthony Hillcote, 1762 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Helen Hillcote, 1803 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews).

**References:** For the suffix *-cot(e)* see McClure, Jack I, pp. 115–17.

**Elcock**

Variants: *Ellecock*, *Ellicock*, *Elcocks*, *Hillcock*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Hants, Surrey, and London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name (*Helecoc*), commonly a pet form of (*Helie*), itself a pet form of *Ellis* (Latin *Elias*), but sometimes perhaps a Middle English pet form of the female name *Ellen* + the hypocoristic suffix *-cok*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eleccoc son of Elias, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Elkoc Habraham, 1297 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks). surnames: Ralph Hellecoc, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Walter Hellecoc, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Roger Hellecoc, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Gloucs); John Hellecoc, 1327 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk); Johannes Elkok, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shepley, WR Yorks); Robertus Elcoc, 1379 in Poll Tax (Denby Dale, WR Yorks); Walterus Elcoc, 1379 in Poll Tax (Paythorne, WR Yorks); Ricardus Elkok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stainburn, WR Yorks); Johannes Helkok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); Robert Elcoc, 1499 in Feet of Fines (East Sutton, Kent); John Ellicock, 1540 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); William Elcock, 1561 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Thomas Ellicock, 1603 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary, Stockport, Cheshire); Johis Elcock, 1603 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); Hannah Ellicocke, 1664 in *IGI* (Gorton, Lancs); Francis Ellicocke, 1665 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Kings Court, York); Hannah Ellicock, 1675 in *IGI* (Old Swinford,

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Worcs); Edward Elcock, 1739 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Joseph Elcock, 1755 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Elcoke, 1776 in *IGI* (Heaton Norris, Lancs).

### Elcocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: variant of **Elcock** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Fraunciscus Elcox, 1582 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); John. Elcocks, 1587 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Thomas Elcocks, 1669 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Elcombe

**Variants:** **Elcome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Hants 1
- English: locative name from Elcombe in Wroughton (Wilts), recorded as *Elecome* in Domesday Book, or, less likely, from Elcombe in Uley (Gloucs), Elcombe in Alvediston (Wilts), or Elcombe in Bisley (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Elcombe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts); John Elcombe, 1420 in Patent Rolls (Hampstead Marshall, Berks); Robt Elcom, 1600 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); James Elcombe, 1627 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); William Elcome, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).  
2 English: possibly a variant of **Welcome** with loss of initial *W-*.

### Elcome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and London
- English: see **Elcombe**.

### Eld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: nickname, from Middle English *elde* ‘(old) age’. Compare **Old**.  
**Early bearers:** Rycharde Eld, 1546, Joone Eld, 1558, Robart Eld, 1563, and George Eld, 1573 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); John Elde, 1594 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs).

### Elden

**Variants:** **Eldin**, **Eldon**, **Elding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

1 English: locative name from Elveden (Suffolk). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Elvedene, 1309 in London Letter Books D; Dorotheia Elden, 1564 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); James Elding, 1632 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Eldin, 1655 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Nickolas Helden, 1672 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Eldon, 1699 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

2 English: variant of **Eldon**.

3 English: variant of **Eldin**.

### Elder

**Variants:** **Elders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3813, Ireland 497
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3151
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland (esp. Fife); also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster

English, Scottish: nickname denoting the older of two bearers of the same personal name. It may have been used also to denote an elder of a church, a senior and respected member of the congregation.  
**Early bearers:** England: Hugo le Heldere, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Ricardus the Elder, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shadwell, WR Yorks); John Elder, 1546 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Edward Elder, 1549 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Thamsin Elder, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Thomas Elder, 1557 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks).

Scotland: John Eldar of Corstorphine, burgess, 1423 in Holyrood Register (Edinburgh); John Elder, 16th cent. in Collectanea de Rebus Albanicis; John Elder, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andro Elder, 1574 in Wodrow Miscellany (Menmuir, Angus); Jhone Elder, 1575 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

### Elderfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Bucks, Middx, and Oxon; IoW

Norman, English: variant of **Oldfield**, with an alternative pronunciation of Old English *eald(e)-* ‘old’ as *elde-* and a later spelling of the medial *-e-* as *-er-*.

**Further information:** Of the various possible place-names that may have given rise to the surname, note that Offall End, in Haslingfield (Cambs), is recorded as (*le*) *Aldefeld(e)* in 1286, 1360, and also as *Eldefeld* in the 14th century, while Oldfield (Grove) in Langley (Essex) is recorded as *Eldefeld* in 1306 and is the source of a surname [de] *Eld(e)uelde*, 1272 in Assize Rolls (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert son of Peter de Eldefeld, 1298 in Patent Rolls (Waterbeach, Cambs); Salkyn Eldefeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Dunmow, Essex); Johanne Ealdefeld, Johanne Eldefeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Waltham, Essex); Richard Eldefeld, 1367 in Patent Rolls (Gravesend, Kent); Johannes Eldefield, 1377 in Poll Tax (Steeple Morden, Cambs); Adam Eldefeld, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Waltham, Essex); Edward Elderfeild, 1621 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); Nicolai Elderfield, 1685 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); Francis Elderfeild, 1684 in *IGI* (Ashbury, Berks).

**References:** Place-Names of Cambs, p. 74; Place-Names of Essex, p. 551.

### Elderkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- English: perhaps a variant of **Elkin**, with an intrusive *-d-* giving rise to \**Eldekin* and *Elderkin*. Compare Agnes *Elkyn*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Catesby with members, Northants), Richerd *Elkin*, 1600 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants), Edward *Elkings*, 1715 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants), and Elizabeth *Ellikin*, 1821 in *IGI* (Stamford Baron, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Laurencius Elderkin, 1524–5 in Subsidy Rolls (Clopton, Northants); Joane Elderkine, 1577,

Briget Elderkin, 1595 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); Johannes Elderkyn, 1595 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); John Ellderkyne, 1611 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Richarde Elderkyn, 1612, Richard Elderkyn, 1616 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); John Elderkyn, 1616 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); John Elderkin, 1629 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Frances Elderking, 1822 in *IGI* (Yardley Hastings, Northants).

### Elders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: variant of **Elder** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Eldershaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Oldershaw**.

### Elderton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Ellerton**.

### Eldin

**Variants:** **Elden**, **Eldon**, **Elding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name variant of **Eldon** or **Elden**, perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Eldon, 1559 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Philippe Eldin, 1609 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Phillipp Elding, 1612 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *eld* ‘old’ + *hine* ‘servant’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Eldhyne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Markes Eldin, 1616 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); William Eldin, 1624 in *IGI* (Hockliffe, Beds); Margaret Eldin, 1634 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Robert Eldin, 1655 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk).

### Elding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Eldon**, **Eldin**, and **Elden**.

### Eldon

**Variants:** **Elden**, **Eldin**, **Elding**, **Helden**, **Heldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: locative name from Helmington (Hall) in Saint Andrew Aukland (Durham), recorded as *Helmyden* (1357) and *Helmeden* (1369), with the loss of initial *H-* and later the loss of *-m-*, as shown by the Loftus and Guisborough examples below.

**Further information:** There is currently no evidence that the surname also derived from Eldon (Durham), though it remains a theoretical possibility, and there may be additional, unidentified sources, one of

which is possibly attested by Robertus *Eldon*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stoke Golding, Leics).

**Early bearers:** William de Elmedene, 1333 in Feet of Fines (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); William de Elmeden, 1384 in Durham Wills (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Elmeden, 1498, Ralph Eldon, 1575 in York Registry Wills (Loftus, NR Yorks); John Elmnden, 1558, Thomas Elden, 1571 in York Registry Wills (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Bartylmewe Elden, 1561 in York Freeman's Register; John Eldon, 1593, Robert Elden, 1610 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Edward Elden, 1596, fishmonger, Edward Eldinge, fishmonger, 1630 in York Freeman's Register; Henrie Eldon, 1620 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); George Heldon, 1628 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Eldinge, 1630 in York Freeman's Register; Margaret Eldin, 1634 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Marmaduke Heldon, 1688 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); William Elden, William Elding, 1713 in Parish Registers (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Thomas Helden, 1787 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** Durham Place-Names, p. 58; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 English: locative name from Upper Eldon in Hants.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Elden, 1571 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

3 English: see **Elden**.

4 English: see **Eldin**.

### Eldred

**Variants:** **Eldred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1078, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 877
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England: esp. Essex

1 English: see **Aldred**.

2 English: see **Awdry** (2).

### Eldredge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Eldridge**.

### Eldrett

**Variants:** **Eldridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Aldred**.

2 English: possibly also a variant of **Eldridge**; see **Aldridge**.

3 English: see **Awdry**.

### Eldrid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs; Oxon; Hants; Kent

English: see **Aldred**.

### Eldridge

**Variants:** **Eldredge**, **Elridge**, **Eldrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4232, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3246
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Elrich* or *Eldrich*, variants of *Alich* and *Aldrich*. See **Aldridge**.

2 English: possibly also a variant of **Eldrett** as a result of surname confusion.

### Eleftheriou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Eleftherios* (*Eleutherios* in Ancient Greek) 'free-spirited, frank'.

### Element

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Herefs and Worcs

English: ethnic name, relationship name altered form (by folk etymology) of Middle English *Aleman* 'German', which is also found as a given name.

Compare **Allman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elemann le White, 1291 in Patent Rolls.

surnames: Martin Element, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Jane Element, 1594 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon); Thomas Element, 1595 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Agnis Element, 1600 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Anne Element, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Elen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Ellen**.

2 Norman, English: see **Hellen**.

### Eley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2826, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1851
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Derbys

English: see **Ely**.

### Elfick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Elphick**.

### Elfleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Alflatt**.

### Elford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 911
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout S England: esp. Devon

English: locative name from Yelverton in Buckland Monachorum (Devon) (recorded as *Elleford* in 1291) or possibly from Elford (Staffs; Northumb). See **Yelverton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Elleford, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Thomas de Eleford, 1291 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); John de Elford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Peter Tavy, Devon); Edmund Elford, 1381 in Poll Tax

(Knipton, Leics); Thomas Elleford, 1410–11 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Gualteri Elford, 1560 in *IGI* (Marytavy, Devon); Johis Elford, 1651 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); John Elford, 1736 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

### Elgar

**Variants:** **Elger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk; Hants  
English: relationship name from Middle English *Elgar*, a falling together of three Old English names, *Ælfgār*, *Æðelgār*, and the rare *Ealdgār*; see **Algar**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Elgar, 1234 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Robert Elger, 1271 in Ancient Deeds iv (Norfolk); Walter Eylgar, Elgar, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Willya. Elgar, 1540 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Robt. Elgar, 1550 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Martyne Elgar, 1555 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); John Elgar, 1600 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Daniell Elgar, 1618 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks).

### Elgee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: a spelling variant of **Elgie**.

### Elger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England

English: see **Elgar**.

### Elgey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: see **Elgie**.

### Elgie

**Variants:** **Elgy**, **Elgey**, **Elgee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from an Anglo-Norman French and early Middle English personal name \**Helgi*, \**Elgy*, derived from Old Scandinavian *Helgi* or *Hælghi*.

**Further information:** Old Scandinavian *Helgi*, *Hælghi* was widespread in medieval Scandinavia and used by Norsemen in Ireland and by Normans in Normandy before the Conquest. This could explain the early appearance of the name in Northumberland, where there was no settlement by pre-Conquest Scandinavians. Men with this name are recorded in 11th-century England in Domesday Book (Sussex and Notts) and in the *Liber Vitae* of Thorney Abbey (Cambs). It may account for the surnames of Adam *Helgeye*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk), Willelmus *Helgeye*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Emneth, Norfolk), and Nicholaus *Helgeye*, 1379, Johannes *Elgeye*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Honing, Norfolk). If this derivation is correct, the surname spellings represent pronunciation with a hard not a soft 'g'.

The explanation in Reaney and Wilson that *Elgee* and *Elgy* are 'pet forms of *Elgar*' is implausible. *Elgar*

## Elgin

is a Middle English form of an Old English dithematic (*two*-element) personal name, either *Ælf-gār* and *Æðelgār* (see **Algar**). The reduction of *El-gar* to *Elg-* and the addition of the suffix *-y* are not typical of the way in which pet forms of Old English dithematic names were composed.

**Early bearers:** Walter Elgy, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); John Elgy, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Northumb); Elizabeth Elgie, 1636, Henry Elgee, 1772, Elizabeth Elgy, 1834 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Ann Elgee, 1637 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Johannes Elgee, 1667 in *IGI* (London); Sarah Elgey, 1776 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).  
**References:** Inslay, Scand. Personal Names, p. 201.

### Elgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Inverness; also Lancs

Scottish: locative name from Elgin in Morays.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Elgyn, 1317 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andro. Elgin, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Elspet Elgin, 1670 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays); Alexr. Elgin, 1678 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); Andrew Elgin, 1685 in *IGI* (Forres, Morays).

### Elgood

**Variants:** **Elsegood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Helgot*, *Helgaud*, from Continental Germanic *Hildegauð* or Old French *Eligaud*, with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Helgot, 1086 in Domesday Book (Bucks, Devon, Staffs); Helgod 1086 in Domesday Book (Shrops).

surnames: Philippus filius Helgot, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); John Elgood, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Josua Elgood, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Elgate, 1586, Roger Elgat, 1591, Willms Elgitt, 1614 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); James Elgate, 1652, Phillip Elgood, 1706 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Elgy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Elgie**.

### Elia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Italian, Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Elia*, Italian and Spanish equivalent of **Elias**.

**Early bearers:** Guiseppi A. Elia, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Sussex).

### Elias

**Variants:** **Lias**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1785, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 970
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales

Welsh, English: from the Biblical personal name *Elias*, the Latin and New Testament Greek form of Hebrew *Eliyahu*; see **Elijah** and compare **Ellis**.

**Further information:** Many of the large number of records of this name in many parts of Britain in the 17th century are probably hypercorrected forms of **Ellis**. Some bearers are recent immigrants of Arab origin; the name is frequent in Lebanon and elsewhere in the Arab world.

**Early bearers:** England: John Elias, 1616 in *IGI* (All Hallows The Less, London); William Elias, 1627 and Joseph Elias, 1630 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ann Elias, 1673 in *IGI* (Bucknell, Shropshire).  
Wales: Watkin Elias, 1646 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan); John Elias, 1692 in *IGI* (Abergwili, Carmarthens); Owen Elias, 1697 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan); Elias Elias, 1741 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan).

Scotland: Issobell Elias, 1678 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Janet Elias, 1669 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian).

### Eliasson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Swedish: relationship name from the personal name *Elias* + the patronymic marker *-son*. Modern bearers of this name in Britain seem to be mostly immigrants from Sweden.

**Early bearers:** England: Jane Eliasson, 1640 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Joshua Eliason, 1714 in *IGI* (Papplewick, Notts); Abraham Leonard Eliasson, 1882 in BMD (Kensington, Middx).

Sweden: Emil Eliasson, born in Varberg, Sweden, in Census 1881 (Barking, Essex).

### Elick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- English: see **Elwick**.

### Elie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Essex

French: (i) relationship name from the French personal name *Elie*, French equivalent of **Elias**. In at least some cases, this is a Huguenot name. (ii) variant of **Ely**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Elie, 1593 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Pierre Elie, 1707 in *IGI* (Rider Court French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

### Elijah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name from the Biblical name *Elijah*, Hebrew *Eliyahu* 'Jehovah is God'. See also **Ellis**, **Elias**.

**Early bearers:** David and Hugh Elijah, 1700 in *IGI* (Llanrwst, Denbighs).

### Elin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; also IoW

1 Norman, English: see **Hellen**.  
2 English: see **Ellen**.

### Elington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Ellington**.

### Elion

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Hellen** (1).

### Eliot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in S England; also Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Elliott**.

### Elliott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 313
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Derbys
- English: see **Elliott**.

### Elis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Somerset; Caernarvons
- English: see **Ellis**.

### Elison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Ellison**.

### Eliston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Elston**.

### Elizabeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs

English: relationship name from the female given name *Elizabeth*, Greek form of the Hebrew name *Elishaveta*, meaning 'God is my oath' in Hebrew.  
**Early bearers:** Johanne filio Elizabethe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Poultney, Leics); Matilda filia Elitheabet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norfolk); Johanna Hellesabet', 1381 in Poll Tax (Buckland, Gloucs); Ursula Elisabeth, 1542 in Parish Registers (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Richard Elisabeth, 1635 in Parish Registers (Holy Cross, Canterbury, Kent).

### Elke

**Variants:** **Elkes**, **Elks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: nickname from Middle English *elk* 'elk'.  
**Early bearers:** William le Elk, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs).

### Elkerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67



- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in central England; esp. Beds
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, unless from a variant spelling of Elkstone (Gloucs), often recorded as *Elkeston* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Susanna Elkerton, 1637 in *IGI* (Drayton, Berks); Robert Elkerton, 1691 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Elkerton, 1745 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 1, pp. 159–60.

### Elkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Elks**.

### Elkin

**Variants:** **Elkins, Elderkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 610
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Staffs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal

English: relationship name from the personal name *Elikin*, a pet form of *Elías* or of the female name *Ela* (Ellen).

**Early bearers:** given names: Elekin, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon).

surnames: John Elekyn, 1310 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johannes Elkyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Moreton and Wilbrighton, Staffs); Willelmus Helkyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shareshill, Staffs); Thomas Elkins, 1447 in Balliol Deeds (Oxford); Ricardus Elkin, 1556 in Parish Registers (Bayford, Herts).

### Elkington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1271, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1121
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England: esp. Warwick; Lincs; also London

English: locative name from North or South Elkington (Lincs).

**Further information:** Elkington in Northamptonshire is unlikely to be the source of the family name, for until about 1617 this place was called Eltington or Elteton.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Elkyngton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Claythorpe, Lincs); Thomas Elkington, 1646 in *IGI* (Wolston, Warwick).

### Elkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1656, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: variant of **Elkin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Elks

**Variants:** **Elkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Elke** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Elkes, 1569 in *IGI* (Frodesley, Shrops); Haroulde Elks, 1572 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Mary Elks, 1704 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs).

### Ell

**Variants:** **Ells, Eele, Eales, Hell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. London; Beds; Warwick

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *El(le)*, latinized by medieval clerks as *Ela*. It was a pet form of *Elen* (latinized as *Elena*) and possibly also of *Eleanor*. *Ela* is an alternative name for *Elena*, widow of Edwin de Tuggel', 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey), while *Elena*, wife of the Earl of Salisbury, is also called *Ela*, 1212–22 in Curia Regis Rolls. The less common form *Al(le)* (latinized as *Ala*) shows the influence of *Alienor* as a Middle English variant of *Eleanor*. Some of the following surname examples may, however, belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ala or Ela de Eching(e)ham, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex); Ela de Marci, 1207, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls, identical with Ala de Saukevill', widow of William de Marcy, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls; Ala, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex); Ela, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex), 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk), surnames: Roger Elle, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii; William Elle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Willelmo El', 1379 in Poll Tax (Market Bosworth, Leics); Susanna Ell, 1568 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs); Thomas Ell, 1590 in *IGI* (Beckingham, Lincs); Gamaria Ell, 1593 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Thomas Ell, 1616 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Ell, 1630 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from a short form of the Middle English male personal name *Elis* (see **Ellis**).

### Ella

**Variants:** **Elley, Elly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: locative name from Kirk Ella (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Aluelay* in 1070–83, *Eluele* in 1402, (Kirk) *Ellay*, (Kirk) *Elley* in the late 15th and 16th centuries, and *Kirkella* in 1594.

**Early bearers:** John Ella, 1565 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Ella, 1736 in *IGI* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Willm Elley, 1565 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 217.

### Ellaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ellerby**.

### Ellacott

**Variants:** **Ellicott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Ellacott in Bratton Clovelly (Devon), recorded as *Allecote* in 1281.

**Early bearers:** [...] Ayllecote, 1286 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); Henry Ellacott, 1559 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Harrie Ellacott, 1594 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon); John Ellicott, 1618 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon 1, p. 175.

### Ellahi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Elahi**.

### Ellam

**Variants:** **Elam, Ellum, Ellams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 753
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Elam Grange in Bingley (WR Yorks). It is possible that some instances of the modern surname are from Elham in Kent or a lost place called *Elham* in Crayford (Kent), although the strong association with WR Yorks militates against this.

**Early bearers:** John Ellam, 1231 in Patent Rolls (Lancs); Henry de Ellham, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (London); Henry de Elham, 1324 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Johannes de Elaham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Fillingham, Lincs); Edo Elham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); John Elum, 1501 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Robert Elam, 1744 in York Freeman's Register.

### Ellams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: variant of **Ellam** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Ellarby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Ellerby**.

### Ellard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 783, Ireland 194
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary; Wexford

English: see **Allard**.

### Ellaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths; Berks

English: see **Allaway**.

### Elcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and SE England: esp. Worcs and Staffs

English: see **Elcock**.

### Eldred

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** S London

English: see **Eldred**.

### Elledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

## Ellen

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Illidge**.

## Ellen

Variants: **Elen, Elin, Ellin, Elion, Helin, Hellin, Helling, Hellen, Hellon, Hellens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644

1 **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Elen, Elin, Helen* (Old French *Helene*, from Latin *Helena*, Greek *Elenē*, feminine of *Elenos* 'the bright one'). Some of the surname examples given may alternatively belong to **Hellen** (1), especially those in in Essex and E Anglia. **Further information:** The popularity of this as a given name is due largely to Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, who was influential as a Christian proselytizer in Byzantium. Medieval English legend asserted, almost certainly wrongly, that she was of British origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elena ostiaria, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Elena . . . ipsam Helenam, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Helena de Sutton, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants).

surnames: Roger Heleyne, 13th cent. in Cotton Nero E vi (Essex); John Heline, 1251 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); Robert Helene, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Walter Eleyne, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Jordan Eleyne, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Ashridge, Herts); Ralph Elene, 1314 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Robert Elyn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Ricardus Eleyne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Johannes Helene, 1381 in Poll Tax (Witham, Essex); John Ellen, 1574 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Thompson Ellen, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Rich Ellen, 1589 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by or among elder-trees, from Middle English *ellen* (Old English *elle(r)n*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas in the Ellene, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Robert atte Hellene, atte Ellene, 1327, 1332, in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johes Ellen, 1614 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset).

**References:** Löfvenberg, p. 57.

3 Norman, English: see **Hellen**.

## Ellenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: locative name from Ellenden Farm in Dunkirk (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Elingdā, 1254, [...] de Elyndeñe, 1292 in Kent Place-Names (Kent); John de Elyngdenne, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Whitstable hundred, Kent); John Elyndenne, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Seasalter, Kent); Johannes de Elyndenne, 1346 in Feudal Aids (Whitstable, Kent); Christopher Elynden, 1504 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Chilham, Kent); Thomas Ellenden, 1599 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 496.

2 English: locative name from Ellenden in Hawkhurst (Kent).

**Further information:** This surname may sometimes have been confused with **Ellender**. Compare Mary

*Ellinder*, 1709, Anne *Ellinden*, 1711 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Eldindeñe, 1327, Walter de Elmendenne, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (East Barnfield hundred, Kent); Thomas Elynden, 1396 in Cranbrook Wills (Cranbrook, Kent); Margaret Elynden, 1499 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Benenden, Kent); Richard Illenden, [...] Elynden, 1563 in Cranbrook Wills (Sandhurst, Kent).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, pp. 338–9.

## Ellender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: variant of **Ellenor** with inorganic *-d-*.

**Further information:** The relationship name *Ellenor* is evidenced earlier in Kent than *Ellender*: Sara *Elnor*, 1564 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Anne *Elnor*, 1571 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Phillip *Elnor*, 1592 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Dorothy *Elnor*, 1603, Tho. *Elleaner*, 1756, Thomas *Ellener*, 1768 in *IGI*, Ann *Eleaner*, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent). *Ellenor* and *Ellender* may sometimes have been confused with **Ellenden**: Abrahm *Elender*, 1732, Eliz *Ellenden*, 1733, Sillestra *Ellanor*, 1773 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Wm. *Elendor*, 1770, John *Ellenden*, 1798 in *IGI* (Ripple, Kent).

**Early bearers:** William Ellender, 1699, John Elenor, 1707 in *IGI* (Capel le Ferne, Kent); William Ellenor, 1730, Sarah Ellinder, 1738 in *IGI* (Barfreston, Kent); John Ellenor, 1706, Elizabeth Elendor, 1770 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Thomas Eliner, 1722, William Ellender, 1728 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Joseph Eleanor, 1740, John Ellener, 1782, Jane Ellender, 1839 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); John Ellenor, 1743, Joseph Ellender, 1750 in *IGI* (Sutton near Deal, Kent); John Ellenor, 1746, Wm. Elendor, 1770 in *IGI* (Ripple, Kent); Thomas Ellender, 1757, Francis Ellener, 1807 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent).

2 English: locative name perhaps for someone who lived on a piece of land surrounded by streams, from Middle English *e(i)lond* (Old English *egland*) 'island' + *-er*. See **Hayland**. One possibility is Neyland (Farm) in East Grinstead (Sussex), recorded in the surname of William *atte Nelond* (1337 in Feet of Fines), i.e. *atten Elond* but with the *-n-* detached from *atten*, a Middle English dative form of *at the*. See **Nayland** and compare Nayland(s) in Balcombe (Sussex), recorded as *Neyland* in 1331. However, it is not known if the 1379 surname survived into modern times.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Elondere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Crawley, Sussex); John Ellender, 1636 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); William Ellender, 1699 in *IGI* (Capel le Ferne, Kent); Jane Ellender, 1721 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Ellender, 1792 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Elizabeth Ellender, 1803 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Ellenor

Variants: **Ellinor, Ellender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Suffolk and Cambs

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) female personal name *Alienor, Elianor* (Eleanor).

**Further information:** The name was introduced into England by Eleanor of Aquitaine (1122–1204), wife of Henry II. She is the first known bearer of the name, which is of uncertain origin. It used to be thought that it was a Provençal form of *Helen*, but this is linguistically implausible.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alienor, about 1202 in Northants Charters, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); Elienor, 1185–1255, Elyanora, 1335–65, in Durham Liber Vitae.

surnames: Richard Elyanor, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Elynor', 1381 in Poll Tax (Hunsley, ER Yorks); Thomas filius Elynore, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Weighton, ER Yorks); Johanna Ellinor, 1561 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); William Ellinor, 1580, Edmond Elliner, 1616 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Elizabeth Ellener, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); Ann Ellinour, 1714 in *IGI* (Longhorsley, Northumb); Robart Ellinor, 1721 in *IGI* (Ainderby Steeple, NR Yorks); John Elliner, 1722 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Hannah Ellinor, 1729 in *IGI* (Market Weston, Suffolk).

## Ellens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Cornwall; London; Gloucs

English: see **Hellens** and compare **Ellins**.

## Ellenthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Ellenthorpe (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willmi. Ellingthropp, 1567, Larencij Ellingthorpp, 1568 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Elline Ellenthorpe, 1600 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Willmi. Ellingthropp, 1567, Thomas Ellingthorpe, 1630, Thomas Ellinthorp, 1784 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Willm Ellinthorp, 1642 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks); William Ellenthorpe, 1708, Mary Ellinthorp, 1737 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

## Eller

Variants: **Ellers, Ellor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: of uncertain origin. Perhaps one of the many variants of **Allard**.

**Further information:** *IGI* records several Eller families in Cornwall in the 16th cent., where the name is a variant of **Heller**. However, the latter is rare and late in N England, where *Eller* and *Ellour* probably have a different but unexplained origin. 16th- and 17th-century examples with *-er* and *-or* are too early to be spelling variants of **Ella**.

**Early bearers:** Randle Ellor, 1574, Mary Elloure, 1583, Edwarde Ellor, 1588, and Mary Eller, 1597, Samuell Eller, 1682 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Eller, 1616 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).

## Elleray

Variants: **Ellery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138

- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs

English: locative name from Ellery in Windermere (Westm).

**Further information:** The name is not a variant of **Hillary**, as suggested by Reaney.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Ellerie, 1592, Thos Ellery, 1702, George Ellaray, 1802 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Stephen Ellarey, 1592, Birket Eleray, 1762, Rowland Ellera, 1809 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

### Ellerbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Ellerbeck in Ingleton (WR Yorks), *Ellerbek* (lost in West Derby hundred, Lancs), or Ellerbeck in Osmotherley (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Ellerbeck, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Thomas de Ellerbek, 1360 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Ricardus de Ellerbek, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lathom, Lancs); William of Ellerbek, 1401 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Robert de Ellerbek, 1402 in York Registry Wills (York).

### Ellerby

**Variants:** Ellarby, Ellaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 772, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lincs

English: locative name from Ellerby in Swine (ER Yorks) or Ellerby in Lythe (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Ellerby, 1385 in King's Bench Cases; William de Ellerby, 1410 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Miles Ellerby, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

### Ellerd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants

English: see **Allard**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is now rare in Britain, but is thriving in the USA.

### Ellerington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. ER Yorks; Northumb

English: see **Elrington**.

### Ellerker

**Variants:** Elliker, Allaker, Alliker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Ellerker in Brantingham (ER Yorks), recorded as *Alrecher*, 1086 in Domesday Book.

**Early bearers:** Denis de Elreker, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Willelmo de Ellerker, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Sampson Girdlergate, Yorks); John Ellerker, 1438 in York Registry Wills (Rowley, ER Yorks); Richard Ellerker, 1585 in PROB 11 (Youlton, Yorks); John Alliker, 1866 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx).

**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 222.

### Ellerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

1 English: see **Elliman**.

2 German: from an anglicized form of the North German surname Ellermann, from Middle Low German *elre*, *alre* 'alder' + *mann*.

**Early bearers:** Piza Ellerman, born in Russia, 1911 in Census 1911 (London)

### Ellers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 English: locative name from High and Low Ellers in Cantley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Elleres, 1247 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John Ellers, 1401 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

2 English: variant of **Eller** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Ellershaw

**Variants:** Elshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of four places called Ellershaw in Grewelthorpe, Burton, Conisbrough, or Dent (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Ellershagh, 1345 in Patent Rolls (Northants); Thomas de Ellerschawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bentham, WR Yorks); Henry Ellershawe, 1509 in York Registry Wills (Stanton, Notts); John Ellershaw, 1676 in *IGI* (Bentham, WR Yorks).

### Ellerson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: relationship name, either a variant of **Ellison** or a patronymic based on **Eller**.

**Further information:** This name is extinct in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Robart Ellerson, 1575 in *IGI* (Westow, Yorks); Margaret Ellerson, 1593 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Ellerson, 1639 in Parish Registers (Fairstead, Essex); Robert Ellerson, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); George Ellerson, 1709 in York Freeman's Register.

### Ellert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Allard**.

### Ellerton

**Variants:** Elderton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and NW Midlands: esp. Staffs; also London

English: locative name from one of at least two places in England called Ellerton (ER Yorks, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Elreton, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Roger de Ethelartone, 1307 in Ronton Chartulary (Staffs); Johanne de Ellerton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Thomae Ellerton, 1560 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Margaret Ellerton, 1562 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Nicholaius Ellerton, 1577 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Willm Ellerton, 1610 in *IGI* (Tortington, Sussex); Michael Ellerton, 1629 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).

### Ellery

**Variants:** Allery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon, Dorset, and Hants; also Gloucs; also Lancs

1 English: see **Hillary**.

**Early bearers:** Polyn' Hillary, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Otterton, Devon); Rogero Hillary, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sydling Saint Nicholas, Dorset); John Hillarie, 1559, Rebecca Elerye, 1599, Dunnott Hellery, 1643, Elizabeth Ellery, 1733 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Hellarye, 1569, Dorotheie Ellerie, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Roger Ellarye, 1573, Jone Hilerye, 1574, Martha Ellery, 1737 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Hellnora Hillary, 1587 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Dorset); John Elorie, 1588, Robert Ellery, 1637, Judeth Hillery, 1680, George Elory, 1730 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); William Hillary, 1590, Elizabeth Ellary, 1601, Samuel Ellary, 1706, William Ellery, 1814 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Ellery, 1601 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

2 English: see **Elleray**.

3 English: see **Allery**.

### Elles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Ellis**.

### Ellesmere

**Variants:** Elsmore, Ellsmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Ellesmere (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** David de Ellysmere, 1377 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Willelmus Elesmere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Denford, Northants); John Ellesmere, 1721 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); John Ellesmere, 1729 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); John Ellesmere, 1779 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Ellesmere, 1787 in *IGI* (Castle Church, Staffs); John Ellesmere, 1822 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs).

### Elletson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Elot* (see **Ellett**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Elotson, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Ricardus Ellotson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Elotson, 1401 in Patent Rolls (Croglin, Cumb); Thomas Elletson, 1568 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); George Ellotson, 1628 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Ellett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and E England: esp. Middx; Somerset; Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Elot*, a pet form of *Ellen* using the diminutive suffix *-ot*.

## Elley

**Early bearers:** given names: Elliot, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs), Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Ellota, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax.

**surnames:** William Elot, 1323 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Thomas Elote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Elet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marton, Warwicks); Rychard Ellet, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Elley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: see **Ely**.  
2 English: see **Ella**.

### Ellice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Ellis**.

**Further information:** In the 17th century, this form was widespread as a variant of **Ellis**, but since then it has become specialized as a Scottish form.

### Ellick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Elwick**.

### Ellicock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys

English: see **Elcock**.

**Early bearers:** Guliel Ellicock, 1663 in *IGI* (Tibshelf, Derbys); Joseph Ellicock, 1800 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Ellicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: see **Ellacott**.

### Ellidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Illidge**.

### Ellif

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Iliffe**.

### Elliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; NR Yorks

English: see **Ayliffe**.

### Elliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Ayliffe**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland.

### Elliker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also Warwicks

English: see **Ellerker**.

### Elliman

**Variants:** Elman, Ellman, Ellerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English *ele* ‘oil’ + *man*, signifying a maker or seller of oils.

**Further information:** Compare Roger *le Elymaker*, 1344 in Fransson (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Elyman, 1377 in Fransson (Leics); Adam Elleman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Frinton, Essex); Phillip Ellman, 1591 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Henry Elman, 1620 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); John Elliman, 1688 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Ellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ellen**.

### Ellinas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek : ethnic name from *Ellinas*, meaning ‘the Greek’.

### Ellingford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, unless perhaps an altered form of the place-name *Ellenbrook* (Herts).

**Early bearers:** John Ellingford, 1582 in *IGI* (Clare, Suffolk); Tho. Ellenford, 1692 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Gesso Ellinford, 1730 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Daniel Ellingford, 1738 in *IGI* (Great Wigborough, Essex).

### Ellingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Beds

English: locative name from Great or Little

Ellingham (Norfolk) or possibly from either of two other places called Ellingham (Hants, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Elingham, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Gilbert de Ellingham, 1287–8 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Alexander de Elyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); John Elyngham, 1400 in Assize Rolls (Lancs).

### Ellings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Hellens**.

**Early bearers:** James Ellings, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); James Ellings, 1849 in *IGI* (Lamorrán, Cornwall).

### Ellingsworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: see **Illingworth**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ellington

**Variants:** Elington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; also London and Kent

English: locative name from any of several places called Ellington (Hunts, Kent, NR Yorks, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** William de Elinton’, 1206 in Pleas (Hunts); John de Ellington, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); William de Ellyngton, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Richmond, NR Yorks); Geoffrey Elyngton, 1459 in Feet of Fines (Arlesey, Beds); John Elyngton, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts).

### Ellingworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland, Leics, and Lincs

English: see **Illingworth**.

### Ellinor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; Notts and Yorks

English: see **Ellenor**.

### Ellins

**Variants:** Ellens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; W Midlands; London

English: see **Hellens**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ellins, 1546 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Thomas Ellins, 1583 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); James Ellens, 1611, James Ellins, 1613 in *IGI* (Abbots Morton, Worcs); Christopherus Ellins, 1638 in *IGI* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); Anne Ellins, 1664 in *IGI* (Welford on Avon, Gloucs); Nicholas Ellens, 1729 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); Elizabetha Ellins, 1708, Thos Ellens, 1739 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs).

### Elliot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4704, Ireland 301
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7583
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland and England: esp. Roxburghs, Lanarks; N England; Middx, Surrey, Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Cavan and Westmeath; Donegal

English, Scottish: see **Elliott**.

### Elliott

**Variants:** Elliot, Elliott, Eliot, Ellett, Ellyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40421, Ireland 3473

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25268
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; NE England; also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh and Donegal

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Eliot*, a pet form of the Old Testament name *Elijah*, rendered in Greek as *Elias*, and in Old French as *Élie*, + the diminutive suffix *-ot*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Heliot de Slohebi, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Elyot, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk).

surnames, England: William Elyot, 1257 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Eliot, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Eleyot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saintbury, Gloucs); Thomas Elyot, 1451 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Robert Ellyot, Phillippe Elliot, 1551 in Parish Registers (Hunsdon, Herts).

surnames, Ireland: William Eliot, 1559–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §220; Thomas Elloyt, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §312; Thomas Elloyt, gent., 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §953.

2 English: relationship name; some examples of *Aylett* and its variants may have been confused with or absorbed into *Elliot*.

3 Scottish: see **Elwood**.

## Ellis

**Variants:** *Elliss, Elis, Ellice, Elys, Elles, Else, Ells, Eales, Eeles, Hellis*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58326, Ireland 1503
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43223
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Elis*, an Old French vernacular form of *Elias*, which is the Latin and New Testament Greek form of Hebrew *Eliyahu*; see **Elijah** and compare **Elias, Lias, Ely**.

**Further information:** John *Elys* was the son of *Elias* de Bampton, 1318, 1331 in London Husting Wills.

**Early bearers:** given names: Helias scriptor, about 1150, Elyas de Westone, about 1160, Heliseus de Brunne, about 1175, Helyas, Elyas de Brunna 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Elis de Adham, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Middx); Elice de Cheindue, 1224 in Assize Rolls (Staffs).

surnames: William Elyas, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William Elis, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Willelmus filius Helis, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Roger Elys, Helys, 1216–72 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); Andrew Elice, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Rogerus Eleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Tixover, Rutland); Nicholas Elys, 1460 in Feet of Fines (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard Ellyce, 1548 in Parish Registers (Watford, Herts); Abraham Elis, 1655 in Parish Registers (All Saints, Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name possibly in some instances from the Middle English female personal name *Elice*, a pet form of *Elizabeth*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elicia que fuit uxor Andree aurifabri, 1319, identical with Elizabeth, relict of Andrew de Benettle, goldsmith, 1318, in Subsidy Rolls (London), p. 278.

3 Jewish: adopted probably for Hebrew *Eliyahu* (see (1)) or some other European family name derived from it.

**Early bearers:** Charlotte Ellis, 1818 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (London); Lipman Ellis, glazier, born in Prussia, in Census 1861 (Aldgate, London); Israel Ellis, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Ellis, furrier, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); brothers Solomon, Moses, and Hyman Ellis, born in Stepney, in Census 1891 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Ellis, 1893 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Ellis, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Ellis, glazier, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

## Ellison

**Variants:** *Elison, Elliston, Ellerson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7784, Ireland 375
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Tyrone
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English given name **Ellis** (Old Testament *Elijah*) + *-son*. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Rogier Elyssone, 1296 in Scotland Kalendar (Berwick); Adam Elisson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Yorks); Johannes Helysson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Bradleys Both, WR Yorks); John Elison, 1424 in Scotland Kalendar; John Ellyson, 1487 in York Freemen's Register; Roberte Ellison, 1559 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elena Ellison, 1561 in *IGI* (Ane, NR Yorks); Robert Ellison, 1570 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Godphridus Ellison, 1575 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); John Ellison, 1575 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Isab Ellisson, 1598 in Parish Registers (Saint Peter, Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 Scottish: sometimes a post-medieval variant of **Allison**, which is mainly concentrated in N England and SW Scotland. There is a similar Scottish variation between *Alison* and *Elison* as female given names.

**Early bearers:** given names: Elison Dalrymple, 1514 in Genealogical Collections by Macfarlane; Alyson or Helysoune Rouche, 1535 in Diurnal of Occurrents.

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French female given name *Ellissent*, *Elisant*, Continental Germanic *Elisind*. Some of the early bearers may belong under (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Helisent de Twining', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs).

surnames: Adam filius Elysant, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Henry Elesant (Elesand), 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex).

## Elliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 980
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Ellis**.

## Elliston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 577
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; London
- English: relationship name see **Elston**.

## Ellistone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Elston**.

## Ellman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and IoW
- English: see **Elliman**.

## Ellmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Aylmer**.

## Ellmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Leics and Lincs; Cheshire
- English: see **Aylmer**.

## Ellor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: like **Eller**, of uncertain origin.

## Elloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Allaway**.

## Ells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

1 English: see **Ellis**.

2 English: variant of **Ell** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Ellsmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Ellesmere**.

## Ellson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Cheshire; also London
- English: see **Elson**.

## Ellston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Lancs
- English: see **Elston**.

## Ellsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

## Ellul

- 1 English: see **Elsworth**.  
2 English: rare variant of **Elsworthy**.

## Ellul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: of uncertain derivation: variously said to be from Arabic *ahlūl* ‘madman, lunatic’, or *hilal* ‘crescent moon’.

**References:** Cassar.

## Ellum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Ellam**.

## Ellwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2315, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1651
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England; also Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Elwood**.

## Elly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs

- 1 English: see **Ely**.  
2 English: see **Ella**.

## Ellyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

- 1 English: see **Elliott**.  
2 English: see **Aylett**.

## Elm

**Variants:** **Helm**, **Elms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *elm(e)* ‘elm-tree’, or from a place so named, e.g. **Elm** (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Matilida Attenelme, 1251 in MED; Geoffrey de Elm’, 1253 in Patent Rolls; John atte Elme, 1316 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Worcs); Stephen ate Nelme, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Thomas Elm, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johanne atte Elm, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kings Bromley, Staffs); John Elm, 1396 in Feet of Fines (Leics and Notts); Agnes Elm, 1594 in Parish Registers (Barley, Herts).

- 2 English: variant of **Helm**, with loss of initial *H*-.

## Elman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx

English: see **Elliman**.

## Elmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Aylmer**.

## Elmer

**Variants:** **Helmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1014
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

- 1 English: see **Aylmer**.

**Early bearers:** John Elmer, 1540 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Joanna Elmer, 1554 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); James Elmer, 1563 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Johes Elmer, 1596 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

- 2 English: locative name from Elmer in Middleton (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Wyllym Elmer, 1541, Willm. Elmer, 1818 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 162.

## Elmers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Aylmer** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Elmes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1071, Ireland 120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 683
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Elms**.

## Elmi

**Variants:** **Elmy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Somali: unexplained.

## Elmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 972, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: see **Aylmer**.

## Elms

**Variants:** **Elmes**, **Nelmes**, **Nelhams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1841, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *atte(n) elmes* ‘at the elm-trees’. Compare **Elm** variant of **Elm** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John atte Elmes, 1322 in Löfvenberg (Surrey); William ate Thelmes, 1356 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); John Elmes, 1444 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Thomas Elms, 1571, Christian Elms, 1578 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); James Elms, 1612 in *IGI* (Marksbury, Somerset); Richard Elms, 1626 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Roberti Elms, 1629 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

## Elmsley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

- 1 English: see **Emsley**.

- 2 Scottish: see **Emslie**.

## Elmslie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Emslie**.

## Elmy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: (i) locative name perhaps a metathesized form of **Hemley**, from Hemley (Suffolk). Compare Edwarde *Emlye*, 1599, and Stephen *Elmye*, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London). (ii) alternatively perhaps from a reduced form of Elmney, in Waterbeach (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Elmy, 1350 in Patent Rolls (Whaddon, Cambs); Margaret Elmy, 1566 in Parish Registers (Weston, Suffolk); Johannis Elmy, 1609 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Elmy, 1613 in PROB 11 (All Saints Southelmham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Elmy, 1641 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

- 2 Somali: see **Elmi**.

## Elnaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: see **Allnutt**.

## Elphee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Elvy**.

## Elphick

**Variants:** **Elphicke**, **Elfick**, **Elvidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1213, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 990
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alphege*, a Norman French form of Old English *Ælfþeah*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ælfec (Hants), Ælfec (Sussex), Ælfhag (Notts), Alfeg (Cornwall), Alfah (Norfolk), Elfeg (Derbys), Elfac (Shrops), 1086 in Domesday Book; Alfegus, 1137 in Ekwall, ELPN; Alfegus de Erningeton, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Elphegus before 1216 Saint Gregory Cartulary (Kent); Alfeg’ ater Legh, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).  
surnames: John Elpheg’, 1297 in King’s Bench Pleas (Kent); William Alfegh, 1318 in Ancient Deeds 6 (Kent); John Alphey, 1488, Robert Elfegh, 1526 in Kent Wills (Kent); William Elphike, 1549 in Rochester Wills (Kent).

## Elphicke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Elphick**.

## Elphinston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Middx

Scottish: see **Elphinstone**.

## Elphinstone

**Variants:** **Elphinston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Aberdeens  
 Scottish: locative name from Elphinstone in Tranent (Midlothian).  
**Early bearers:** John de Elfyngstoune, about 1260 in Elphinstone Family Book (E Lothian); John de Elfinnestoun, 1252–64 in Acts of Roger de Quincy (Berwicks); Alain de Elfineston, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); Alexander, William Elphynston, 1486 in Scotland Calendar; Alexander Baron Elphinstone Elphinstone, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Elphinstone, 1627 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

### Elrick

• **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 7  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 418  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens  
 Scottish: locative name from one of several minor places called Elrick in Aberdeens.  
**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from the Middle English personal name *Elrik*, a variant of *Alrich* (see **Aldridge**) is untenable for this Scottish surname.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Elrick, 1510 in Aberdeens Court Records (Aberdeens); James Elrick, 1685 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

### Elridge

Current frequencies: GB 9  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 102  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Notts; also London  
 English: see **Eldridge**.

### Elrington

Variants: **Ellerington**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 62  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Hants  
 English: locative name from Elrington in Haydon (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** William de Ellerington, 1325 in Patent Rolls (Wylam, Northumb); Robert de Elryngton, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Haverholme, Lincs); John Elryngton, 1467 in Feet of Fines (Fosham in Aldbrough, NR Yorks); John Elryngton, 1484 in PROB 11 (Shoreditch, Middx); Edward Elryngton, 1537 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Elrington, 1570 in PROB 11 (Wiston, Sussex); John Ellerington, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Elsam

• **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 140  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
 English: see **Elsom**.

### Elsbury

• **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 131  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. London; also Durham; Guernsey  
 English: see **Aylesbury**.

### Elsby

• **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 181

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs  
 English: locative name variant of **Helsby** with loss of initial *H-*. Compare John *Helsby*, 1702, and Mary *Elsby*, 1743 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** John Elysby of New Saresbury, merchant, 1439 in Patent Rolls (Salisbury, Wilts); Margret Elsby, 1542 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Elsbie, 1577 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); Thomas Elsbye, 1580 in *IGI* (Aldenharn, Herts); Jn Elsby, 1725 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire); William Elsbej, 1743 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

### Elsden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 360  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; London  
 English: see **Elsdon**.

### Elsdon

Variants: **Elsden**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 548  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Essex  
 English: locative name from Elsdon (Northumb), recorded as *Ellesden* in 1278.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Ellesden, 1267 in Patent Rolls; Adam de Elsdon, merchant in Calais, 1399 in Patent Rolls; John Elsdon, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Thoms Elsdone, 1578 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); William Elsdon, 1610 in PROB 11 (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Elsdon, 1617 in PROB 11 (Keddington, Lincs); Geo. Elsdon, 1665 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jone Ellsdon, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edmund Elsdon, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).  
**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 74.

### Elese

Variants: **Elce**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 1427, Ireland 12  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 972  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; also Kent  
 English: see **Ellis**.

### Elsegood

• **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 150  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
 English: perhaps a variant of the Norfolk name **Elgood** with an intrusive *-s-*, but there is as yet no evidence to substantiate this.  
**Early bearers:** Nich. Elsegoode, 1591 in *IGI* (Southolt, Suffolk); Robert Elsegood alias Danyell or Elsgood, 1608 in PROB 11 (Tannington, Suffolk); George Elsegood, 1661 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); James Elsgood, 1680 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Elsegood, 1698, John Elsergood, 1796 in *IGI* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Edmund Elsegood, 1769 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

### Elsender

• **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 11  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish, English: see **Alexander**.

### Elsej

Variants: **Elsie, Elsy**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 1597, Ireland 14  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 921  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout E and SE England  
 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alfsi*, *Elsi* (Old English *Ælfsige* 'elf victory').  
**Early bearers:** given names: Alfsi, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Alsi, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Elsy faber, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs).  
 surnames: Robertus filius Elfsi, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Reginald Elsi, 1155–77 in Templars Records (Yorks); John Elsi, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Robert Elsi, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dunsby, Lincs); William Elsy, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Donington, Lincs); Isabella Elsy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eccles, Norfolk); William Elsy, 1447 in Feet of Fines (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Richard Elsej, 1544 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); John Elsej, 1564 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Elizabeth Elsej, 1593 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Elsej, 1636 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

### Elshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 93  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: probably a reduced form of **Ellershaw**.  
**Early bearers:** William Elshow, chaplain, 1505 in York Registry Wills (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Ralph Elshaw, 1708 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); James Ellshaw, 1817 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

### Elsie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 19  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lincs; Cumb  
 English: see **Elsej**.

### Elsip

• **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 23  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts  
 English: see **Allsopp**.

### Elsley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 294  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London  
 English: locative name from Eltislej (Cambs).  
**Early bearers:** John de Eltesley, 1310 in London Letter Books D; William Elsley, 1674 in York Freemen's Register.

### Elsmore

• **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 410  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
 English: see **Ellesmere**.

### Elsom

Variants: **Elsam, Elsome**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 488  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

## Elsome

English: locative name from Elsham (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Elsam, 1413 in York Freemen's Register.

### Elsome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Hunts
- English: see **Elsom**.

### Elson

Variants: **Ellson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3153, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1865
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England and S England

English: (i) locative name from either of two places called Elson (in Hants and Shrops). (ii) locative name. It may also be an altered form of **Elston**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Elson, 1379 in Yorks Poll Tax; Johannes Ellson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Buckden, WR Yorks); William Elson, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Elstead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Elsted**.

### Elsted

Variants: **Elstead**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Elsted (Sussex) or Elstead (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ellested, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Ellestede, 1379 in Poll Tax (Clapham, Sussex); Willelmus Elstede, 1381 in Poll Tax (Albury, Surrey); Edward Elsted, 1588 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Susan Elsted, 1588 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent); John Elsted, 1620 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Sarah Elsted, 1763 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Edward Whitfield Elsted, 1860 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Elstob

Variants: **Elstob**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Elstob (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Ellestob, William de Ellestobe, 1235–6, Philip de Ellestob, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Durham); Henry Elstob, 1545 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham).

### Elston

Variants: **Ellston**, **Elstone**, **Elliston**, **Eliston**, **Ellistone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2120, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1439
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs and WR Yorks; London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Elstan* (Old English \**Ealdstān* or *Ealhstān*). Compare **Allston**.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus filius Elstan, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Warinus filius Elstani, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); Henry Elstan, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John Elston, 1411 in York Freemen's Register.

2 English: locative name from any of several places called Elston (in Notts, Lancs, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William de Ethelstone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Roberto Eleston, 1379 in Poll Tax (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Nicholas Elestones, 1444 in York Freemen's Register; John Elliston, 1605 in *IGI* (Acton, Suffolk).

### Elstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; WR Yorks; London; Bucks

English: see **Elston**.

### Elstrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Helstrip**.

### Elstub

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Elstob**.

### Elswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: (i) locative name variant of **Elsworth** with *-wood* substituted for *-worth*. (ii) see **Elworthy**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Elswode, 1601 in *IGI* (Broadwindsor, Dorset); Giles Elswod, 1609 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); William Elswood, 1709 in *IGI* (Wayford, Somerset).

### Elsworth

Variants: **Ellsworth**, **Elswood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1296, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1087
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Dorset

1 English: locative name from Elsworth, a lost place in Norwood near Fewston (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Abraham Ellsworth, 1650, John Ellsworth, 1748, Robert Ellsworth, 1801 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Elworth in Abbotbury (Dorset) with intrusive *-s-*

**Early bearers:** Dionis' de Elleworth, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Phillyholme in Hawkchurch, Dorset, now part of Devon); Katherine Elworth, 1610 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset); George Elworth, 1791, Charlotte Ellsworth, 1816 in *IGI* (Fifehead Neville, Dorset).

3 English: alternative form of **Elworthy**.

4 English: locative name from Elsworth (Cambs). **Early bearers:** William de Ellesworde, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); Alice de Eliswurth, 1258 in Manorial Select Pleas (Hunts); Robertus Elesworth, 1379 in Poll Tax (Saint John, Lincs); Anthony Elsworth, 1722 in *IGI* (Hockliffe, Beds); Elizabeth Ellsworth, 1756 in *IGI* (Wisbech Saint Peter, Cambs); Louisa Elsworth, 1870 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds).

### Elsworth

Variants: **Ellsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan; also London

English: see **Elworthy**.

### Elsy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk; Kent
- English: see **Elsey**.

### Eltham

Variants: **Eltome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Berks; London

English: locative name from Eltham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Adelold de Elteham, 1086 in Domesday Book (Kent); Richard de Eltham, 1259 in Henry III Building Accounts; Simon de Eltham, 1310 in London Letter Books D; Ricardus de Eltham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); Mary Eltham, 1585 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts); John Eltham, 1606 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Jane Eltham, 1640 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Thomas Eltham, 1678 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); Ann Eltham, 1699 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

### Elthorpe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

1 English: (i) perhaps from Elthorpe (Lincs) with loss of medial *-s-*. See **Helstrip**. (ii) alternatively perhaps from Althorpe (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Tho Ellithorpe, 1597 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Henry Ellithorpe, 1599 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Isaac Eltrop, 1752 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

2 English: alternatively perhaps from Allerthorpe (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ellethorpe, 1560, Phillip Ellethorp, 1590 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks).

### Eltome

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Eltham**.

### Elton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1455, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: locative name from any of several places called Elton (Berks, Cheshire, Derbys, Durham, Herefs, Hunts, Lancs, Notts), with the Berks name especially well represented.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Eleton, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); William de Elton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Johannes de Eleton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashford, Derbys); James Elton, 1434–5 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Thomas Elton, 1541 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks).

### Eltringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Eltringham (Northumb).



**Early bearers:** Johannes Eltrycheham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Eltringham, Northumb); Anthony Eltringham, 1546, James Eltryngieme, 1573 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Eltringiame, 1586, John Eltringham, 1623 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); William Eltringham, 1649, William Eltringim, 1695 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Abraham Eltringham, 1653 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Eltringham, 1771 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); John Eltringham, 1775 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

### Elven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia
- English: see **Elvin**.

### Elver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alpher* (Old English *Ælfhere*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: *Ælfere* (Norfolk), *Alfer* (Kent, Sussex), *Elfer* (Sussex), 1086 in Domesday Book; *Alfare de Neteltuna* 1154–89 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs).  
 surnames: *Godwinus (filius) Elfare*, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Norfolk); *Johannes Elpher*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hanworth, Norfolk); *Thomas Elvare*, 1499 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 37 (Kent).

### Elverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alpher* (Old English *Ælfhere*) + *-son*; compare **Elver**.  
**Early bearers:** *Frances Elverson*, 1723 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); *John Elverson*, 1774 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); *John Elverson*, 1819 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Elvery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Alfrey**.

### Elves

**Variants:** **Elvis**, **Elvish**, **Elvidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham
- English: variant of **Elwes**.

**Early bearers:** *Willm Elwishe*, 1565, *Ketterne Elvis*, 1614 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); *Rycherd Elvish*, 1573 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); *Robart Elwish*, 1588, *John Elvish*, 1673 in *IGI* (Covenham Saint Mary, Lincs); *Willia. Helvishe*, 1598 in *IGI* (Horbury, WR Yorks); *Katherin Elvidge*, 1600 in *IGI* (Algarkirk, Lincs); *Willm. Elves*, 1601 in *IGI* (Hunworth, Norfolk); *Luke Elvis*, 1605, *Edw Helvish*, 1615, *Thomas Helves*, 1625 in *IGI* (Clee, Lincs); *Margaret Elvishe*, 1609 in *Yorks Wills*; *Richard Elvidge*, 1623 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); *Emanuel Elwes*, 1708, *Emanuel Elvis*, 1733 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); *John Elves*, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); *Samuel Elvis*, 1768 in *IGI*

(Woodbridge, Suffolk); *William Henry Elves*, 1785 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); *Elizabeth Elves*, 1803, *John Elvish*, 1814 in *IGI* (Ramsey, Essex); *Christiana Elves*, 1861 in *IGI* (Kelloe, Durham).

### Elvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Elvy**.

### Elvidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 576
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- English: variant pronunciation of **Elwes**, as shown by *Redmonds*, who cites *Robert Elwis*, 1622 in *York Registry Wills* (Wadworth, WR Yorks), *Robert Elvidge*, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Wadworth, WR Yorks), and *Jonathan Elwis*, *Jonathan Elvige*, 1776–7 in *Parish Registers* (Cantley, WR Yorks). Compare also *Elizabeth Elwes*, 1627 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks). See **Elves** for further early bearers and compare **Elvish**.  
**Further information:** *Reaney's* derivation from the Middle English personal name *Alphege* (see **Elphick**) is linguistically possible but it is not borne out by the evidence.  
**References:** *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Elvin

**Variants:** **Elven**, **Elvins**, **Alvin**, **Alvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2078, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Lincs; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Alwin*, *Elwin* (Old English *Ælfwine* or *Æðelwine*). See also **Aylwin**, **Alwin**, **Alvey**. For the change of /w/ to /v/ compare **Woolven** from *Wulfwine*.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Eilwinus*, *Elfinus de Benindenne*, 1214 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent). surnames: *Hugo filius Elfwin*, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); *John Alvene*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); *Richard Elvene*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); *Thomas Eluyn*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); *Thomas Aluene*, *Alwyne*, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex), 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); *Stephanus Eluin*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brockdish, Norfolk); *John Elvin*, 1540 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); *Ro Elvin*, 1563 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); *John Elvin*, 1581 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); *Willyam Elvin*, 1593 in *IGI* (Hemingby, Lincs); *Wm. Elvin*, 1624 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Elvington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from **Elvington** (ER Yorks).  
**Further information:** This name has died out in England but continues to thrive in the US.  
**Early bearers:** *John Elvington*, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks).

### Elvins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: variant of **Elvin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Elvis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Elves**.

### Elvish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Elves**.

### Elvy

**Variants:** **Elvey**, **Elphee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Elvy* (Old English *Ælfjifu*). Compare **Alvey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Elviva*, 1325 in *Norwich Deeds*. *Richard Elvy*, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); *John Elphy*, 1450 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* v; *Thomas Elveve*, 1488 in *Canterbury Wills* (Probate); *John Elvew*, 1518 in *Canterbury Wills* (Probate).

### Elward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary

1 English: see **Allward**.

2 English: see **Aylward**.

### Elwee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: reduced form of **McElwee**; see **McKelvey**.

### Elwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1640, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 854
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: locative name from **Elwell** in Dorset. The place-name is recorded as *Helewill* in the 13th cent.; it has the same etymology as **Halliwell**.

**Early bearers:** *Thomas Elwell*, 1572 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); *Anne Elwall*, 1580 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); *Richard Elwill*, 1588 in *IGI* (Whitchurch Canoniconum, Dorset); *Richard Ellwell*, 1611, and *Phillip Ellwell*, 1621 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); *John and Charles Elwall*, 1651 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Elwes

**Variants:** **Elwess**, **Elwis**, **Elwiss**, **Elves**, **Elvidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and E England

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Heluis*, *Helois*, from Continental Germanic *Heilwidis*, *Helewidis*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Helewis, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk); Heilewisa Extranea, 1160 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Helewis daughter of Thomas Darel, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Elewisa uidua, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Suffolk).  
**surnames:** John Helewis, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Essex); William Helewys, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Alan Helewys, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Saltfleetby, Lincs); William Helewys, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Selby, WR Yorks); John Helwis, 1343 in Yorks Deeds (West Bretton, WR Yorks); Matheus Helewys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gasthorpe, Norfolk); John Helwys, 1441 in Feet of Fines (Burgh, Lincs); Nich Elwes, 1565 in Parish Registers (Sprotborough, WR Yorks); Margaret Helwise, 1586 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Nicholas Elwis, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rogerus Elwis, 1602 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Thomas Ellwes, 1625 in York Freeman's Register (Yorks).

### Elwess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Elwes**.

### Elwick

**Variants:** **Ellick, Elick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; NR Yorks and Durham

English: locative name from either of two places called Elwick, in Belford (Northumb) or in Hart (Durham).

**Further information:** Elwick in Belford was recorded as *Elick* in 1637 in Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 75.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ellewyk, clerk, 1337 in Patent Rolls; Gilbert de Elwyk, 1345 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Thomas de Helwyk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Thomas Ellewyk, 1445 in Patent Rolls (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Ralph Elwyke, 1512, John Ellyk, 1569 in York Freeman's Register; James Elwick, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Brigit Elwick, 1634 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Matthew Elwick, 1641 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Thomas Ellec, 1670 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Isabel Elwick, 1687 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Arthur Ellick, 1727, Arthur Elwick, 1742 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); John Ellick, 1731 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Ann Elick, 1731, in *IGI* (Llangatock juxta Caerleon, Monmouths); William Ellick, 1753 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths).

### Elwin

**Variants:** **Elwyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent; Norfolk; Durham

English: see **Alwin**.

**Early bearers:** Matilda Helwyne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); Thomas Elwin, 1577 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); John Elwin, 1590 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); Jane Elwin, 1603 in *IGI* (Murston, Kent); John Elwin, 1644 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

### Elwis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Elwes**.

### Elwys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs

Norman, English: see **Elwes**.

### Elwood

**Variants:** **Ellwood, Allwood, Alwood, Elliott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 298
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England, Lincs, E Anglia, and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Mayo; Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Elwald, Elwold, Alwold* (Old English *Ælfweald*).

**Further information:** The surname is now rare in Scotland, but was once quite common in the Scottish borders where, according to Black, the surname was altered to **Elliott** and **Ellett**. A family with the name *Eliot* can be traced to Robert *Elwald* (died 1497) of Redheugh in Newcastleton (Roxburghs). The different surnames may have co-existed and become confused with one other. Some of the Scottish bearers cited below may belong to **Elliott**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aluuoldus episcopus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Dorset); Aluuolt (Alfuuold), 1086 in Ely Inquisition (Suffolk); Alfwold presbiter, 1212 in Book of Fees (Berks); Elewald, 1279 in Scotland Calendar (Cumb).

**surnames, England:** Arkillus filius Aluoldi, 1131 in Durham Priory Fees; Robert Elwald, 1469, Thomas Elwod, 1572, Robert Elwaud, 1579 in York Freeman's Register (York); William Elwold, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

**surnames, Scotland:** William Ellett, 1605, John Ellwood, 1633, Robert Elliot, 1620, Andrew Elliott, 1728 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Elleot, 1634 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); James Eliot, 1640 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Eliot, 1654 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); William Elliot, 1706 in *IGI* (Cavers, Roxburghs); James Ellwood, 1761 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews); Andrew Elliot, 1784, Gibson Ellwod, 1812 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

**References:** see Black, at *Elliott*, for a list of variants of *Ellwood*.

### Elworthy

**Variants:** **Elsworthy, Elsworth, Elswood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Elworthy (Somerset), recorded as *Elleworthe* and *Elleswurða*, 1166 in Pipe Rolls, hence the variants *Elsworthy* and *Elsworth*, sometimes altered to *Elswood*.

**Early bearers:** Dimon de Elleworde, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Harry Elsworth, 1551 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Joan Elsworthy, 1599, Josiah Ellsworth, 1629 in *IGI* (Timberscombe, Somerset); Marmaduke

Ellsworth, 1611 in *IGI* (Barrington, Somerset); William Elworthe, 1620, Thomas Ellsworth, 1706, George Elworthy, 1822 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Mary Elsworthy, 1734, Maria Ellworthy, 1815 in *IGI* (Cullompton, Devon); John Elworthy, 1739, Maria Elsworthy, 1806 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset).

### Elwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Alwin** and compare **Elwin**.

### Ely

**Variants:** **Eley, Eeley, Ealey, Ealy, Hely, Heley, Helley, Elley, Elly, Iley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1670, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1573
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks; E Anglia and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Tipperary

1 English: locative name from Ely (Cambs). The examples without prepositions may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Huna de Ely, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition (Cambs); Geoffrey de heli, 1133 in History of Saint Barts Hospital (London); John de Ely, 1334 in Feet of Fines (Langton, Lincs); Willelmus de Ely, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Roger Ely, 1426–7 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Rychard Ely, 1561 in Parish Registers (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); William Helie or Helye, 1590 in PROB 11 (Ketton, Rutland).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Elie, Hely (Elijah)* in the King James Bible. See **Ellis**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hely de Amandeuilla, 1150–60 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs).

**surnames:** William Heli, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Notts); Philippus filius Helie, 1213 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset); Adam filius Elie, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skipton, WR Yorks); Roger Ely, 1426–7 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Tomisse Ely, 1559 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); John Ely, 1562 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Wm Ely, 1572 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Alicia Ely, 1577 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Christofer Ely, 1591 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants).

3 English: see **Healey**.

### Elys

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Ellis**.

### Eman

**Variants:** **Emans, Emin, Emmins, Emond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; also Dunbartons

English: (i) relationship name from an alternative form of the Middle English female personal name

**Emeny** variant of **Emond**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas Eman, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Brad Eman, 1571 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Timothie Eman, 1590 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Eman, 1768 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Eman, 1806 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey).

Scotland: Allexander Eman, 1727 in *IGI* (Nenthorn, Berwicks); William Eman, 1738 in *IGI* (Stitchel,

Roxburghs); John Eman, 1861 in *IGI* (Rhu, Dunbartons).

### Emans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

English: see **Emmins**.

### Emanuel

Variants: **Emmanuel, Immanuel, Manuel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1139, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also scattered in England

Jewish, Welsh: relationship name from the Hebrew personal name *Immanuel* 'God is with us'. In the Old Testament this is an epithet of God in the Book of Isaiah. In medieval Christian literature it is an alternative name for Christ. The surname is generally a 17th- and 18th-century coinage among Nonconformists, especially in S Wales.

**Further information:** The personal name is also found in France and elsewhere in Continental Europe; in some cases the English surname is a recent importation from the Continent.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Mordecai Imanuel, 1792 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (London); Emanuel Emanuel, 1792 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnet Emanuel, tailor, born in 'foreign parts', in Census 1841 (Aldgate, London); Abraham Emanuel, cigar manufacturer, born in London, in Census 1851 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lipman Emanuel, born in Deal, Kent, in Census 1861 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Charles Emanuel, glazier, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Abraham Emanuel, pedlar, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Halifax, WR Yorks); Barney Emanuel, born in London, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx); Israel Emanuel, born in Manchester, in Census 1911 (Salford, Lancs). Welsh: Dorothea Emmanuel, 1633 in *IGI* (Trefeglwys, Montgomerys); David Emanuel, 1651 in *IGI* (Llandilo Talybont, Glamorgan); Pierceus Emanuel, 1710 in Parish Registers (Llanidan, Anglesey); Rachel Immanuel, 1792 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths); Evan Emanuel, in Census 1841 (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

### Emary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### Emberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Cheshire; Devon

Norman, English: see **Embery**.

### Emberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: see **Emmerson**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Emberson, 1588 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Willm Emberson, 1589 in *IGI* (Crowland,

Lincs); John Emberson, 1611 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Hester Emberson, 1623 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent); Thomas Emberson, 1671 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex).

### Emberton

Variants: **Emerton, Emmerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Emberton (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** William de Embertun', 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks); William de Emberton, parson, 1338 in Patent Rolls (Great Houghton, WR Yorks); John de Emberton, clerk, 1345 in Patent Rolls (Godmanchester, Hunts); Ales Emerton, 1549 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Thomas Emmerton, 1569 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); William Emberton, 1590 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Christopher Emberton, 1627 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); John Emertun, 1627 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Edward Emberton, 1633 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Embery

Variants: **Emberry, Embra, Hembury, Hembry, Hembra, Hembrow, Hembrough, Embrey, Embry, Embury, Emburey, Hembrey, Hembery, Ambery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Somerset

1 English: locative name from Emborough (Somerset), any of three places called Hembury (Devon), or any of three place called Henbury (Gloucs; Cheshire; Dorset).

**Early bearers:** William de Enneberg, 1258 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John de Hembury, 1338 in Patent Rolls (Taunton, Somerset); Ricardus Hembury, 1379 in Poll Tax (Beamminster, Dorset); John Hembury, 1491 in PROB 11 (Axminster, Devon); William Embury, 1583 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); William Embrey, 1613 in *IGI* (Grinshill, Shrops); John Henborouge or Henborowe, 1627 in PROB 11 (Milverton, Somerset); John Embery, 1657 in *IGI* (Grinshill, Shrops).

2 Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### Emblem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London
- English: see **Embling**.

### Emblen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London and Kent

English: see **Embling**.

### Embleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1446, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 861
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from any of three places called Embleton (Durham, Northumb, and Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Emilton', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Durham); Richard de Emeldon, 1326 in Durham Priory Fees; Norman de Embleton, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Johannes Emelton', 1381 in Poll Tax

(Beverley, ER Yorks); Willm Embleton, 1575 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Elizabeth Embleton, 1580 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); George Embleton, 1598 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); John Embleton, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Abington, Cambs); Richard Embleton, 1626 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Embley

Variants: **Emly, Emily, Emley, Hemley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Emley in WR Yorks, Embley in Northumb, or Himley in Staffs.

**Early bearers:** John de Emlay, 1304 in York Freemen's Register; Nicholaus Emley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stockton, Warwicks); Nicholaus de Emlay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Johanne de Emlay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Mary Bishophill Senior, Yorks); Rose Hemley, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Emley, 1626, Benjamin Embley, 1716 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Margaret Hymley, 1632 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Elizebeth Himley, 1615, Elizabeth Emily, 1797, Hannah Embley, 1827 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ellen Emley, 1727 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Emley, 1746 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); John Embley, 1758 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

### Emblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Berks; also London

English: see **Embling**.

### Embling

Variants: **Emblen, Emblem, Emblin, Amblin, Hembling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts; also Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal names *Ameline*, *Emmeline*, pet forms of Continental Germanic names in *Amal-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Emmelina 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Emelina, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Amelina, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops).

surnames: Anschitil filius Ameline, 1086 in Domesday Book (Dorset); Godefridus filius Emeline, 1115 in Winton Domesday (Hants); John Emelin, 1208 in Charter Rolls (Suffolk); Geoffrey Amelyn, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Roger Emelyn, 1309 in Patent Rolls (Hoo, Suffolk); Willelmo Emeline, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marten and Fosbury, Wilts); Thomae Emblen, 1574 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Hemblyng, 1558 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Embling, 1587 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Jonathan Ambling, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Francis Emblin, 1628 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Jon. Emblem, 1671 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Arthur Amblin, 1701 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs).

### Embra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

## **Embrey**

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- 1 English: see **Embery**.
  - 2 Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### **Embrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; Warwicks
- 1 English: see **Embery**.
  - 2 English: see **Amery**.

### **Embry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Herefs
- 1 English: see **Embery**.
  - 2 English: see **Amery**.

### **Emburey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English: see **Embery**.
  - 2 English: see **Amery**.

### **Embury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Gloucs; London
- 1 English: see **Embery**.
  - 2 Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### **Emeney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Emeny**.

### **Emens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Emmins**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### **Emeny**

Variants: **Emney**, **Emmony**, **Emeney**, **Eman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ismaine*, more commonly found as *Imane* or *Imanie*, and *Eman*, *Emin*, *Emonie*, or *Emeny*. Its origin is uncertain. It may be an Old Germanic compound \**Ismagin*, though *-magin* is not known as a second element, and *Ismeine* seems to be unknown in France. See also **Ismay**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ysmeine de Cherchefeld, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Rutland); Ismenia, Ysmeina, Hismena, 1206–12 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk, Notts); Isemeine, also called Isemay, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Bucks); Emoni Turberd, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Imanie Springold and Hemin' uxor Bercarii, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Imaigne de Rothynge, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London).

surnames: Rogerus filius Immine, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Hugh Imayn, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Leics); John Ymanie, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Roger Emaygne, 1352 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); William Emeny, 1718 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk).

### **Emerick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### **Emerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2875, Ireland 510
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2060
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; Lincs; also E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Fermanagh
- English: see **Emmerson**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Mary Emerson, 1719 in *IGI* (Dublin); George Emerson, 1792 in *IGI* (Belfast).

### **Emerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Beds, and Bucks
- English: locative name see **Emberton**.

### **Emery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8886, Ireland 119
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6420
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; Somerset; SE England; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone
- Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### **Emes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Eames**.

### **Emett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Gloucs
- English: see **Emmett**.

### **Emily**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- 1 English: see **Embley**.
  - 2 English: relationship name perhaps from a Middle English female personal name *Emily* (Old French *Emilie*, Latin *Aimilia*). This origin is uncertain, as its use as a given name in medieval England is attested only in the doubtful 1316 spelling and in Chaucer's fictional *Emelye* in the *Knigh't's Tale*, an anglicization of *Emilia* in Boccaccio's *Teseide*. However, unless the 17th-century Herefs surname is an unusually early variant of *Himley* (sense (1) above), it might be derived from the 1316 given name.
- Early bearers:** given names: Emulia la Prys, 1316 in Feudal Aids (Herefs).

surnames: Francisca Emily, 1621, Theophilus Emily, 1629, and Johannes Emily, 1631 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs).

### **Emin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Turkish: nickname from Turkish *emin* 'steadfast, secure' (from Arabic *amin* 'faithful, trustworthy'); it was also used as a title meaning approximately 'director'.
  - 2 English: see **Eman**.

### **Eminson**

Variants: **Emmison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Eman** + *son*. (ii) Post-medieval examples may alternatively be variants of **Edmondson**.
- Further information:** Derivation from the Middle English male name **Emond** is unlikely, since definite evidence for this name has not been found in the period when most names in *-son* were becoming hereditary (14th century).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Emanson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Robert Emanson, 1594 in State Papers Domestic; John Eminson, 1589 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); John Eamansson, 1621 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Margeret Eminson, 1699, Sarah Eminson, 1784 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs).

### **Emley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Northumb
- 1 English: see **Embley**.
  - 2 English: see **Hemley**.

### **Emly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London
- 1 English: see **Embley**.
  - 2 English: see **Hemley**.

### **Emlyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also London
- Welsh: locative name from the lordship of Emlyn in N Carmarthens. The bearer given here is too early for a true hereditary surname.
- Further information:** Reaney's derivation of this name as a variant of **Emblem** seems unlikely in view of its strong statistical association with Wales.
- Early bearers:** Gruffydd ap Rhys Emlyn, beadle of Hirwern, 1357 in Griffiths, Principality, p. 523.
- References:** Morgan and Morgan, pp. 96–97.

### **Emm**

Variants: **Emms**, **Imm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Emm*, *Imm* (Norman French and Continental Germanic *Emma*, *Imma*). Compare **Emmett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ema, about 1160 in Danelaw Documents (Leics); Emma, 1187 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Emma, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Emm in the Hurn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset).

surnames: Thomas Imme, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Emms, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); John Emme, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Geoffrey Ymme, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Henricus Em, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rushall, Staffs); John Em, 1424 in PROB 11 (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Eme, 1440 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Willimus Eme, 1577 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Nicholas Emm, 1665 in *IGI* (Hinxtun, Cambs); John Emm, 1666 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts); William Emm, 1738 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Emm, 1751 in *IGI* (Wyre Piddle, Worcs); Sarah Emm, 1751 in *IGI* (Buriton, Hants).

### Emmans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Emmins**.

### Emmanuel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1022, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also Lancs; also London
- Jewish, Welsh: see **Emanuel**.

### Emmence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Emmins**.

### Emmens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in SE England
- English: see **Emmins**.

### Emmerson

Variants: **Emerson**, **Emberson**, **Amberson**, **Emmison**, **Empson**, **Imeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3863, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2937
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Lincs and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Fermanagh

1 English: relationship name 'son of *Emery*'. See **Amery**, and compare **Empson**. Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** Johanne Emmersone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Long Wharton, Leics); William Emeryson, 1411 in Finchale Priory Charters (Durham); Cuthbert Emerson, 1498 in York Freemen's Register (York); Henry Emerson, 1544 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); George Emerson, 1558 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Alexander Emerson, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Emmerson, 1562 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe All Saints, Lincs); Cicilia Emerson,

1563 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); William Emmerson, 1579 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Ramph Emmerson, 1601 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ralph Emmerson, 1602 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

2 English: possibly a variant spelling of *Emmeson*, a reduced form of **Emmison** or a conservative pronunciation of **Empson**.

### Emmerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds
- English: see **Emberton**.

### Emmet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- English: see **Emmett**.

### Emmett

Variants: **Hemmett**, **Emett**, **Emmet**, **Emmitt**, **Emmott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2990, Ireland 240
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Emmot (near Colne, Lancs). This is probably the main source of the WR Yorks and Lancs name but some of the following early bearers could alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Emot, 1324 in Lancs Court Rolls; Isabell Emote, 1577 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); George Emmott, 1583 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Eliza. Emot, 1598 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Elena Emot, 1607, Elizab. Emett, 1616, Bernard Emmott, 1617 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Josias Barnmot, 1618 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Mary Emmett, 1638 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Johes. Emote, 1640 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, pp. 320–1; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Emmot*, which was a common pet name for *Emma*. The names were interchangeable: *Emma* wife of Adam faber is called also *Emmota*, 1353 in Ancient Deeds vi (Middx); *Emma* alias *Emmote* Bochere, 1413 in Ancient Deeds iii (Kent).

**Early bearers:** given names: Emmote, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); Emmota, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset, Yorks); Emmete de Fur', 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs).

surnames: John Emote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Ranulph Emmot, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); John Emmett, 1565 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent); Tho. Emmet, 1590 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Thomas Emmet, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Marie Emett, 1645 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); John Emmett, 1634 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); Charls Emett, 1644 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); George Emmitt, 1653 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs).

3 English: locative name from Emmett (in Bishop's Tawton, Devon). Some of the post-medieval examples below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Empnete, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Bishop's Tawton, Devon); Willmi. Emmott,

1544 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); William Emett, 1577 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Emmotte, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Richard Emot, 1581 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); John Emmett, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Willialmus Emmett, 1611 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

### Emmingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Immingham (Lincs), which is recorded as *Immingeham*, *Emmingeham*, *Himingham* in the 12th century, *Emyngham* in 1389. The place-name means 'homestead of the Immingas', from an Old English group-name *Immingas* (genitive *Imminga*) + *hām* 'homestead, village, estate'. The etymology of *Immingas* itself is 'family or followers of a man called Imma', from the Old English personal name *Imma* + *-ingas* 'people of'.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Imingham, about 1190 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); [... de] Ymingham, 1202 in Place-Names of Lincs (Lincs); John Imyngham, 1344 in Feet of Fines (Louth, Lincs); John de Imyngham, 1377, John de Ymyngham, 1381 in Lincoln Clerical Poll Taxes (Lincs); Walterus de Immyngham, 1381 in Assize Rolls (North Elington, Lincs); Radulphi Ymyngham, 1395 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Robert Imyngham, chaplain, 1414 in York Minster Archives (York); James Emingham, 1617 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Alexander Emmingham, 1664 in Parish Registers (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Sarah Emmingham, 1673 in *IGI* (Corringham, Lincs); William Emmingham, 1756 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs).

**References:** Place-Names of Lincs 2, pp. 163–4.

### Emmings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in central and S England: esp. Staffs; Cambs

English: see **Hemmings**.

**Early bearers:** William Immings, 1658, Francis Immynes, 1707 in Bardsley; Jane Emmings, 1664 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Emmings, 1730 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Martha Emmings, 1793 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Emmins

Variants: **Emmans**, **Emmence**, **Emmens**, **Emmons**, **Emans**, **Emens**, **Emons**, **Immins**, **Hemmings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) variant of **Emin** (see **Eman**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Hemmings**. (iii) in some cases perhaps a weakened form of **Edmonds**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Emens, 1763 in *IGI* (Maxton, Roxburghs).

England: Jude Emens, 1564, Giles Emans, 1590 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Sibill Emans, 1569 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Alice Emans, 1583 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Emans, 1602 in *IGI* (London, London and Middx); John Emmins, 1616 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); William Emmins, 1641, Thomas Emmens, 1643 in *IGI* (Stepney, London and

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Middx); Frances Emmans or Emmons, 1682 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); John Emens, 1698 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk); Thomas Emans, 1701 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Simon Emens, 1702 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Robt. Emmins, 1712 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); William Emmins, 1733 in *IGI* (Remenham, Berks); Mary Emmens, 1767, James Emmons, 1817 in *IGI* (Witham, Essex); Esther Emmence, 1828 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

## Emmison

Variants: **Emmerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also ER Yorks and Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Emmott* + *-son*, with later reduction of the first element. See **Emmett**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Emmotson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Emmotson, 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); Richard Emmison, 1633 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); William Emmison, 1652 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Penelope Emmison, 1684 in *IGI* (Leasingham, Lincs); Henry Emmison, 1730 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Jonathn Emmison, 1757 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).  
2 English: relationship name, alternatively a variant of **Eminson**, **Edmondson**, **Empson**, or **Emmerson**.  
Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Emmysson, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Bowden, Leics); Robert Emmysson, 1479 in Norwich Wills (Norfolk); John Emyson, 1489 in York Freemen's Register; Cornelius Emmison, 1732 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Sarah Eamison, 1792 in *IGI* (Carleton in Craven, WR Yorks).

## Emmitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Emmett**.

## Emmonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; Derbys
- English: see **Edmonds**.

## Emmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex
- English: see **Emmins**.

## Emmony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Emeny**.

## Emmott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 904, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: relationship name see **Emmett**.

## Emms

Variants: **Ems**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1705, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; also W Midlands

English: variant of **Emm** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Emney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Emeny**.

## Emond

Variants: **Eman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from the rare Middle English personal name *Emond* (Old English *Ēanmund*), or more likely a variant of **Edmond**, with which it may have been confused. (ii) variant of **Eman** (female personal name) with excrescent *-d*.  
**Early bearers:** England: Robertus Emond, 1377 in Poll Tax (Tur Langton, Leics); Johannes Emond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Asthall and Asthall Leigh, Oxon); Ricardus Emond, 1381 in Poll Tax (Finchingfield, Essex); Robert Emond, 1446 in Paston Letters (Norfolk).  
Scotland: Robert Emond, 1734 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks).

## Emons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Kent; Oxon

English: see **Emmins**.

## Emonson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Edmondson**.

## Emory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Amery**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Empey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Impey**.

## Empsall

Variants: **Emsall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from North and South Elmsall in South Kirkby (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Elmesall, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Richard Emsall, 1631 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

## Empson

Variants: **Emson**, **Emmison**, **Emmerson**, **Hemson**, **Hempson**, **Impson**, **Imeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 640
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lincs; Oxon

1 English: relationship name 'son of *Emma*', from the Middle English female personal name *Em(e)*, *Emme* (see **Emm**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Emmeson, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robertus Hemson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Adam Emson, 1379 in Poll Tax (Austwick, WR Yorks); Willelmus Emeson, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bransley, Shrops); John Atkynson Emeson, 1428 in Patent Rolls (Cumb); Richard Empson, 1498 in Chirkland Extent (Denbighs); Richard Empson, 1510 in Butley Priory Chronicle (Suffolk); Roger Hemson, Hempson, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Empson, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Jane Emson, 1563 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Marmaduke Emson, 1563 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Katherina Empson, 1564, Matheus Emson, 1574 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Isabell Emson, 1566 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Edward Empson, 1565, William Emson, 1601 in *IGI* (Sausthorpe, Lincs).

2 English: reduced form of **Emmerson**. Compare Richard *Emryson*, *Emereson*, *Empson*, 1490–95 in Bardsley (Durham); Rowland *Hempson*, 1541, Henry *Emerson*, 1544 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Alexander *Emerson*, 1559, John *Emson*, 1584, Wyllyam *Empson*, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Annys *Emmerson*, 1573 in *IGI*, Elizabeth *Empson*, 1641, William *Emson*, 1657 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

**Further information:** The two names were no doubt confused, and it is possible that the reverse process sometimes occurred, whereby *Em(m)erson* was an alternative spelling of *Emmeson*, i.e. *Em(p)son*. In early Modern English, the consonant /r/ was sometimes vocalized in unstressed syllables and absorbed into the preceding vowel. This led to the occasional use of *-er-* as an alternative spelling of *-e-* in unstressed syllables. See **Emmerson** (2).

## Emptage

Variants: **Emtage**, **Hermitage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Michael Emprtrach, 1489, George Emptiach, 1494, Christina Emtrach, 1497, John Emptiache, 1501, George Emptage, 1521, Richard Emptiache, 1532, Thomas Emptyage, 1556 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Thomas Emptage, 1509–10 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Minster in Thanet, Kent); Michael Emphyach, 1537 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Margate, Kent); Richard Emptiage, 1541–2 in Feet of Fines (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Richard Emptiage, 1545 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); John Emtage, 1557 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Anna Emptage, 1560, Henry Hemptage, 1811 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Rycherd Emptage, 1576, M'Garet Emptage, 1602, Robt. Emptage, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Dennis Emtage, 1583, Frances Emptage, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Peters

Thanet, Kent); Margery Emptidge, 1616 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent).

### Ems

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Gloucs; London
- English: see **Emms**.

### Emsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Empsall**.

### Emsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: (i) locative name perhaps from Elmdon (Essex), commonly recorded as Middle English *Elmedon* but also as *Elmesdon*, 1274, and *Elmesden*, 1288 in Assize Rolls (Essex). Assimilation of the *-l-* to the following *-m-* would explain the surname form *Emsden*, but there must be some uncertainty about this explanation as there is so little evidence for the more regular *Elmdon* or *Elmden*; George *Elmden*, 1585 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk) is a rare instance. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Amsden**, a name found in the S Midlands (especially Bucks and Beds). Compare John *Emsden*, 1681, and Francis *Amsden*, 1775 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs), but *Amsden* is a century later than *Emsden* and may be the variant.
- Early bearers:** Robert Emsden, 1603 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Mary Emsden, 1643 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); John Emsden, 1723 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).
- References:** Place-Names of Essex, pp. 525–6.

### Emsley

- Variants:** **Elmsley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 964, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 868
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name possibly from Emley (WR Yorks), Elmley (Worcs), or Elmsleigh (Gloucs). **Further information:** Perhaps also to be considered here are Thomas *de Emelseye*, 1359 in Feet of Fines (Yorks; Lincs) and Johanne *Emslysay*, 1377 in Poll Tax (All Saints (Pavement), York).
- Early bearers:** Nicholaus de Emlay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Billbrough, WR Yorks); John de Elmeslay, chaplain, 1383 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Richard Emlay, tailor, 1404 in York Registry Wills; John Emsley, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Henry Emley, 1587 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); John Emsley, 1650 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Stephen Elmley, 1779 in *IGI* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks).
- 2 Scottish: see **Emslie**.

### Emslie

- Variants:** **Emsley**, **Elmsley**, **Elmslie**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 889
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from a lost or unidentified place in Scotland or possibly England.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Elmeley, de Elmelegh, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Aberdeens); William de Elmysley, 1333 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen); Robert Elmslie,

1599 in Dunblane Testaments (Cultballoch, Perth); Janet Elmsly, 1685 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines).

### Emson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex
- English: see **Empson**.
- Early bearers:** Samuell Emson, 1699, Samuel Empson, 1728 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

### Emtage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Emptage**.

### Encell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ansell**.

### End

- Variants:** **Ind**, **Hend**, **Nind**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Durham
- English: locative name from Middle English (*atten*) *ende*, denoting someone who lived at the end of a village or other settlement.
- Early bearers:** William *atten* Hend, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Nicholas *Attehende*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Robert de Ynde, 1369 in London Letter Books G; Thomas *Ende*, 1405 in Patent Rolls (Salisbury, Wilts); John *End*, 1576 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs).

### Endacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Endicott**.

### Endall

- Variants:** **Endell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Willa *Endall*, 1548 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Giles *Endall*, 1624 in PROB 11 (Devizes, Wilts); John *Endel*, 1699 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); James *Endell*, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Matthew *Endale*, 1730, Matthew *Endall*, 1732 in *IGI* (Aston Tirrold, Berks); James *Endal*, 1784 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

### Endean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: nickname from Cornish *an den* 'the man'.
- Early bearers:** Caterin *Endeane*, 1625 in *IGI* (Crantock, Cornwall); Barbara *Endeane*, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall).

### Endecott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Devon; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Endicott**.

### Endell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, Oxon, and Northants; London
- English: see **Endall**.

### Enderby

- Variants:** **Endersby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Enderby (Lincs), or possibly from a similarly named place in Leics.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Enderbi, 1170–98 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Thomas de Enderby, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Robert Enderby, 1384 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Agnes *Endersby*, 1384 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Elizabeth Enderby, 1559 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Roberti Enderby, 1577 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Thomas Enderby, 1588 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Sara Enderby, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Pomary, London); Elen Enderby, 1618 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs).

### Endersby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Enderby**.

### Enderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent
- English: de-aspirated variant of **Henderson**.
- Early bearers:** England: Margrett *Enderson*, 1562 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Georgii *Enderson*, 1606 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Nathanael *Enderson*, 1786 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).
- Scotland: Mariore *Enderson*, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Enderwick

- Variants:** **Inderwick**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also London
- Scottish, English: locative name from Innerwick (E Lothian).
- Further information:** This name is no longer found in Scotland.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Roland de Inuerwic', about 1190 in Kelso Register; Robert *Inderwick* or *Innerwick*, 1652 in Lauder Testaments; Jeane *Inderwick*, 1635 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Jenet *Inderwick*, 1646 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); James *Inderweek*, 1778 in *IGI* (Whitekirk, E Lothian).
- England: Philadelphia *Enderwicke*, 1682 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John *Enderweeke*, 1684 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Ralph *Enderwich*, 1748 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

## Endicott

### Endicott

Variants: **Endacott**, **Endecott**, **Enticott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Endicott in Cadbury (Devon), or topographic name meaning 'dweller at the end cottage', Middle English *ende* + *cot*.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Endecote, Nicholas Endecott, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

### Endsor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Warwicks; Lancs
- English: see **Edensor**.

### Enefer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Enever**.

### Enever

Variants: **Enefer**, **Ennever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: probably a variant of **Genever** with loss of the initial consonant. Compare Eggyas *Ennever*, 1617, Jeane *Junever*, 1629, Joane *Enover*, 1633 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent).

**Early bearers:** John Enever, 1567, William Nyver, 1570, William Onyver, 1576, William Enevere, 1581 in Assize Rolls (Essex); John Inniver, 1582, Thomas Innevere, 1592 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Rog. Enever, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Abraham Enevere, 1597 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Jane Inniver, 1600 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent); Tho. Inever, 1611 in *IGI* (Greensted by Chipping Ongar, Essex); John Ineever, 1622 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Lionel Enever, William Innever, 1638 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); William Ennivar, 1664 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Samll. Enefer, 1731 in *IGI* (Hartismere, Suffolk); Thomas Enuver, 1779 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex); Jonathan Enefir, 1799 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Richard Ennifer, 1805 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Benjamin Inifer, 1814 in *IGI* (Braintree, Essex).

### Enfield

Variants: **Envill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Essex; also Northants and Hunts

English: locative name from Enfield (Middx).

**Early bearers:** William de Enefeld', 1190 in Pipe Rolls (London); Nicholaus Enfeld, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stottesdon, Shrops); John Enfielde, 1625 in PROB 11 (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

### Engeham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Gain** and **Ingham**.

### Engel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, relationship name from the vocabulary word *Engel* 'angel' or, more often, a shortened form of a personal name such as *Engelbert* or *Engelhard*. In some cases, the surname denoted someone living at a house bearing the sign of an angel. As a Jewish family name, it was probably acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Further information:** The surname *Engel* is recorded in England from as early as the 16th century, but in most if not all cases it seems to be an immigrant name from the Netherlands or Germany.

**Early bearers, Dutch:** Maryan Engel, 1568 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Joannes Engel, 1656 in *IGI* (Dutch Church, Colchester, Essex); Mary Engel, 1684 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs).

German: Adelheid Engel, born in Berlin, in Census 1871 (Newington, Surey); Carl Engel, born in Hanover, in Census 1881 (Kensington, Middx); August Engel, musician, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Brighton, Sussex); Otto Engel, East India merchant, born in Berlin, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); William Engel, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Sunderland, Durham); Frederick Engel, medical practitioner, and Rudolf Engel, artist, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hedwig Engel, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (West Derby, Lancs); Herrman Engel, pantryman, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Elham, Kent).

Danish: Nils Andreas Engel, born in Denmark, in Census 1871 (Yorks); Peter Engel, born in Denmark, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

Jewish: Amelia Engel, 1832 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Engel, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (London); Barnet Engel, watch maker, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Medway, Kent); David Engel, tailor, born in Russia Poland, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Engel, baker's assistant, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Ignatz Engel, artist, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Shoreditch, Middx); Ester Engel, Mindel Engel, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Engelbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English, Huguenot: from the Old French personal name *Engilbert*, *Engelbert* (Continental Germanic *Engelbert*, *Ingelbert* 'Angle glorious').

**Further information:** The personal name was quite frequent in England in the Middle Ages, but fell out of use here. Some or all modern bearers of the surname probably derive from Huguenot or later immigrants from France.

**Early bearers:** given names: Engelbricus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Middx); Engelbricht de Stanlega, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Ingelberd, about 1190 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs).

surnames: Robert Ingelberd', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Robert Ingelbert, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Arnald Ingelbright, 1373 in London Letter Books G; Johne Engleburd, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Ann

Blackfriars, London); Piere Engelberct, 1645 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Engineer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, Indian: occupational name meaning 'engineer' (Old French *engigneor*); see **Jenner**. This form died out in England was re-coined in 19th-century India among Parsees.

### England

Variants: **Angland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8552, Ireland 196
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6131
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *Engelond* 'England'. It is not clear why the surname 'England' should have arisen in England. It may have arisen as a formal alternative to **English**, which is also well evidenced as a surname in England. For Irish early bearers, see **Angland**. (ii) locative name occasionally perhaps for someone who lived by or was a tenant of meadow land (Middle English *eng*, *ing* 'meadow' + *land*). Place-names include *England Hill* in Owthorne (ER Yorks) (recorded as *Heynglant* in 1260 and as *Ingeland* in 1339) and a meadow in North Duffield (ER Yorks) named *lez Englandes* in 1407 (Yorks Deeds). However, there is no evidence to support the theory that these microtoponyms gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Engelond, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); William de Engellande, 1284 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); William de Engelond, 1295 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); John Ingelond (Engelond), 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Henry de Engeland, 1335 in York Freeman's Register; John de Ingelond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Johannes Ynglond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Yarmouth, IoW); Willelmo Ynggelond', 1379 in Poll Tax (Sparkenhoe Hundred, Leics); Willelmo Ynggelond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tidcombe and Marten, Wilts); Ricardus Englund, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wollaston, Northants); Roberto Englonde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pitminster, Somerset); Ricardus Ynglande, 1381 in Poll Tax (Newbald, ER Yorks); Joan England, 1550 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Leonardus England, 1575 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 28; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Englander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): ethnic name from German **Engländer** 'Englishman' or 'person from England'.

**Early bearers:** Sigmund Englander, 1860 in *IGI* (London); Edward Englander, shoe maker, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Shoreditch, Middx); Aaron Englander, boot cleaner, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Sigmund Englander, political editor, born in Vienna, Austria, in Census 1871 (Hastings, Sussex); Ephraim Englander, born in Austria Hungary, in Census 1881



(Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Englander, born in Austria, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Zelig Englander, born in Russian Poland, in Census 1891 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Englander, tailor, born in Galicia, in Census 1901 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Adolphe Englander, bamboo furniture manufacturer, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Hackney, Middx); Harris Englander, ladies' tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Engledew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Engledow**.

### Engledow

Variants: **Engledew, Ingledew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

French, English: nickname perhaps, if the 1275 Lincs name is reliable and relevant, from Old French *a(u)ngle de Dieu*, Latin *angelus dei* 'angel of God', with substitution of Middle English *engel* for Anglo-Norman French *aungel*. It remains a possibility that *Engledow* or *Ingledew* is a corruption of some other name. There is an unexplained Lincs and Leics surname *Ingelo(w)*, which may be related: Thomas *Ingelo*, 1629, Thomas *Ingelow*, 1632 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); Elizabeth *Ingelo*, 1659 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Edward *Engalaw*, 1670 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henry Angel Dei, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Engledow, 1629 in *IGI* (Lyng, Norfolk); Ingledew, 1630 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Ellen Engledew, 1632 in *IGI* (Bacton, Norfolk); Wm. Ingledew, 1642, George Engledow, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Englefield

Variants: **Ingarfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Middx, Surrey, and Hants

English: locative name from either of two places called Englefield (in Berks and Surrey). Compare **Ingelfield**.

**Early bearers:** William de Engelfeld, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); William de Engelfeld, 1251–2 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Philip de Engelfeld, 1342–3 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Nicholas Engerfield, 1569 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Margaret Engerfield, 1594 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Joan Engerfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Archibald Engerfield, 1782 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

### English

Variants: **Inglis, Ingles, Inglish, Angles, Angless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8080, Ireland 2293
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5604
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary and Limerick

1 English, Scottish, Welsh: ethnic name from Middle English *Englisshe, Inglish, Inglis* 'English'

(Old English *Englisc*), sometimes alternating with Anglo-Norman French *Engleis, Engles, Anglais, Angles* (Old French *Englois*). For some generations after the Norman Conquest a distinction was made between *Franci* (the conquering Norman incomers) and *Angli* (the native, defeated English), the latter term having unflattering overtones. This usage may account for 12th- and early 13th-century examples of the surname in English counties away from the borders with Wales and Scotland, where the name more likely distinguished an Englishman from a Celt or an English speaker from a speaker of Welsh or Gaelic. The name may also have been acquired by English merchants who traded abroad. Compare **Inglis** and **England**.

**Further information:** In the 13th and 14th centuries French *l'Englois* and *l'Engleis* are found as surnames in Paris and London. Baudet *le Engleis* (1311 in London Letter Books D) was the valet of John Hauekyn, merchant, of Saint Quentin.

**Early bearers:** England: Gillebertus Anglicus, 1171 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Robert le Engleis, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Leics); Adam le Englis, 1194–1211 in Black (Cumb); William le Engles, 1205 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Gilbert Engleis, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Nicholas le Engleys, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); John (le) Englishe, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Johannes Inglys and Johanna Englys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Holcombe, Oxon); Johannes Inglys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Angles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Strettington, Sussex); Johanne Englysch', 1379 in Poll Tax (Eaton Socon, Beds); Johanne Englesse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newtown Linford, Leics); Johannes Engleys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Church Stowe, Northants); Johannes Englis, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashill, Norfolk); Ricardo Henglyssh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Chilton Foliat, Wilts); Johanna Englyssh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Butleigh, Somerset); Johannes Inglays, 1379 in Poll Tax (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); Ricardus Englysh', 1381 in Poll Tax (Shalford, Surrey); Henricus Englyssh, 1381 in Poll Tax (Birdbrook, Essex); Willelmus English, 1381 in Poll Tax (Spalding, Lincs); Izabell English, 1548 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); James English, 1571 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robt. English, 1583 in *IGI* (London); Christibella English, 1604 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Andrew English, 1607 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard English, 1645, Han English, 1744 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane English, 1670 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

Scotland: Alexander Inglyssh, 1478 in Scotland Calendar; Jeane English, 1653 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Helen English, 1655 in *IGI* (Carrington, Midlothian); Elspeth English, 1660 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Johne English, 1680 in *IGI* (Carnock, Fife). 2 Irish: in Ireland, this name was used to denote an Englishman, often being adopted for Irish *Aingléis* 'Englishman' or through mistranslation for **Mac an Ghallóglai**, see **Gallo**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Fitz Ewstace Englyshe, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §938; William Englishe, kern, 1571–72 in Fiants Elizabeth §2084 (Whitechurch); James Reogh Englishe, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §3113 (Solcote); Robert English, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donaghmore, Donegal); Jane English, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killeevy, Armagh); Andrew English, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Port, Louth); James Englishbee, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilsaran, Louth).

### Engstrom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

Swedish: ornamental name, locative name. Swedish **Engström**, from *äng* 'meadow' + *ström* 'river'.

### Enion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: see **Ennion**.

### Enis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Ennis**.

### Ennals

Variants: **Annal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

English: of uncertain origin. It is presumably a variant of the now extinct surname *Ennall* + post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Parish registers record entries such as Thomasyn *Ennell*, 1604 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon), Edmund *Ennall*, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London), and Temperance *Hennal*, 1705 in *IGI* (Belaugh, Norfolk). However, the origin of *Ennall* itself remains obscure. One possibility is that it is a reduced form of a Middle English personal name such as *Ernold* (see **Arnold**) or *Ernulf* (Old English *Earnwulf*, Old Scandinavian *Arnulfr*, or of Continental Germanic *Arnulf*). Compare Walter *Ernald*, 1338–9 in Norwich Freeman (Ranworth, Norfolk), Johannes *Ernald*, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Elmham, Norfolk), and Nicholous *Ernolf*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Witton, Norfolk).

Assimilation of *-r* to the following *-n* and loss of final *-d* or *-f* would be quite normal in later Middle English and naturally result in spellings like *Ennal* and *Ennel*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Ennalls, 1666 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Enalls, 1731, Benjamin Hennels, 1772 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); George Ennells, 1755 in *IGI* (Great Oakley, Essex); Mark Henells, 1883 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk).

### Ennett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

English: relationship name apparently from the Middle English female personal name *Enot*.

**Further information:** This name is now found mainly in the Isle of Man, where it may have a Gaelic etymology.

**Early bearers:** England: William filius Enota, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Robt Ennett, 1590 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); John Ennett, 1608 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); John Ennett, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

IoM: Ann Ennett, 1809, and John Ennett, 1812 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM); Jane Ennett, 1816 in *IGI* (Kirk Lonan, IoM); Alice Ennett, 1820 in *IGI* (Ramsey, IoM).

**Ennever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: see **Enever**.

**Ennew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Eno**.

**Ennion**

**Variants:** Eynon, Einon, Enion, Hennion, Anyan, Anyon, Onion, Inions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Welsh: relationship name from *Enniaun*, an old Welsh personal name, ultimately from Latin *Anniānus*, also associated with Welsh *einion* ‘anvil’, for ‘stability, fortitude’ and, doubtfully, with *uniawn* ‘upright, just’. See also **Beynon** and compare **Onions**. **Early bearers:** given names: Ennian filius Gieruerð, 1159 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); Ennion de Caple, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herefs); Eynon, Eynun, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Eignon, 1287 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Anian bishop of Bangor, 1284 in Charter Rolls. surnames: Gruffydd ap Madog Vnyon, 1392 in Chirkland Extent (Denbighs); John Eynon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John ap Eynon, 1427 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); William Ineon, 1593 in Bardsley (London); John Hennion, 1731 in *IGI* (Gorton, Lancs).

**Ennis**

**Variants:** Enis, Enniss, Enos, Hennis, Hence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2473, Ireland 2210
- **GB frequency 1881:** 812
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin, Kildare, and Meath

1 Irish: reduced anglicized form of **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**. Compare **Angus**, **Hennesy**, **Innis**. **Early bearers:** Anthony Enowes, vice-constable of Dublin Castle, 1575 in Fiant Elizabeth §2667; Rory Eynos, gent., 1594 in Fiant Elizabeth §5886 (Meath, Dallestowne); William McThomas Ennese, 1598 in Fiant Elizabeth §6232.

2 English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Ince**. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Henney** with loss of initial *H-* and the addition of a post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (iii) perhaps a variant of **Enos**. **Early bearers:** Annys Henes, 1561 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Arthur Ennys, 1581 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Marye Ennes, 1590, Johes Ennys, 1622 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); John Enes, 1613 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); Anne Hence, 1622 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Robert Enes, 1643 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); William Edward Ennis, 1644 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Sara Enns, 1655 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Hence, 1745 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Martin Ence, 1755 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Elizabeth Hennis, 1763 *IGI* (Manchester); Elizabeth Eniss, 1787 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hannah Enns, 1798 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

3 Cornish: from one various places in the western half of Cornwall called Ennis, Enys, Ninnes, etc.,

from Cornish (*an*) *enys* ‘(the) island’. The Saint Gluvias family is certainly from Enys in Saint Gluvias parish.

**Early bearers:** Margett Ennis, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Samuell Enys, 1611, Elizabeth Ennys, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).  
**References:** Cornish Place-Name Elements, p. 94.

**Enniss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Ennis**.

**Eno**

**Variants:** Ennew, Enos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: the Lincs name appears to be a variant of **Hannah** (also found as *Hannay*). For the altered ending compare Henry *Hannowe*, 1610 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs, close to the villages where *Hannah* is also common). **Early bearers:** Jhoan Hannay, 1563, Peter Eno, 1601 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs), Margaret Eno, 1598 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Henney**. Compare Robti. *Hennow*, 1558 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); William *Hanno*, 1666 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex). **Early bearers:** Joseph Ennew, 1758 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

3 Cornish: see **Hennah**.

**Enoch**

**Variants:** Enock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also scattered in England

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Enoc* (*Enoch* in the King James Bible), a latinized rendering of Hebrew *Chanoch* ‘experienced’ or ‘dedicated’. It was the name of a son of Cain in the Book of Genesis and of the author of three Books of the Apocrypha. As a popular given name among post-Reformation Nonconformists it also gave rise to some late surname formations in Wales. **Early bearers:** given names: Enoc, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants). surnames: Robert filius Enoc, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Cornwall); Richard Ennok, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John Noce, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Walter Ennock, 1329 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Samuel Enoch, 1600, and Isaac Enoch, 1604 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Southampton, Hants); Margeria Enoch, 1624 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); James Enock, 1628 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Ann Enock, 1636 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Hannah Enoch, 1696 in *IGI* (Idlicote, Warwicks); Thomas Enoch, 1718 in *IGI* (Carmarthens).

**Enock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Oxon; Glamorgan; Yorks; Warwicks; London
- English: see **Enoch**.

**Enos**

**Variants:** Ennis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans

1 Welsh: relationship name perhaps from the Welsh personal name *Einwys* (a pet form of *Einion*, see **Ennion**), which is certainly attested in Edward ap Gitten *Eynwus*, 1585 in Parish Registers (Oswestry, Shrops). Some examples of **Ennis** might also belong here. Morgan and Morgan (pp. 94–5) suggest that it was anglicized to **Haynes**. Alternatively any of the following bearers may belong with (2). **Early bearers:** Anthonye Enos, 1583 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Enos, 1600 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Edward Enose, 1626, Anne Enos, 1643 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Richard Enoes, 1655 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Henry Enos, 1679, John Enewes, 1739 in *IGI* (Bilton, Warwicks); Thomas Enos, 1780 in *IGI* (Llanbadarn Trefeglwys, Cardigans).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Eno** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. **Further information:** *Eno*, *Hennow*, and *Hannow* seem occasionally to be variants of *Hannah*, *Hanney*, and *Henney*, so compare Thomas *Enos*, 1616, and Alexander *Hannow*, 1619 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex). **Early bearers:** Robbt Ennowse, 1567 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Danyell Enos, 1606 in *IGI* (London); Willis Enas, 1628 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Samuel Enos, 1667 in *IGI* (Little Horkesley, Essex); Mary Enos, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

3 Irish: see **Ennis**.

**Enright**

**Variants:** Enwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1311, Ireland 1858
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry

Irish: from **Mac Ionnraichtaigh** ‘son of *Ionnrachtach*’, a personal name meaning ‘marauder’. Compare **Hanratty**. **Early bearers:** Thomas McEnrycky, burgess, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §840 (Kyllmalock, Limerick); Maurice McKenraghda, layman, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3354 (Lymerick cathedral); Dermot roe mcDermot mcShane McInrightighe, 1591 in Fiant Elizabeth §5688 (Ballinveagighe); Dermod mcOwne McKynreght and Phillip mcConna McKinraght, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6477 (Tullagh); Teig mcMorris McEnraghtie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6498 (Cahirnefaghie).

**Ensell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick, Worcs, and Staffs
- English: see **Ansell**.

**Enser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Edensor**.

### Enslow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Anslow**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Ensell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Insell**.

### Ensom

**Variants:** Ensum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: locative name from Eynsham (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Eygnesham, 1260 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Agnes Ensam, 1566 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs).

### Ensor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 968, Ireland 32

- **GB frequency 1881:** 668

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: locative name see **Edensor**.

### Enston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Enstone**.

### Enstone

**Variants:** Enston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 102

- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Midlands: esp. Gloucs

English: locative name from Enstone (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Ennestan', 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William Enstone, 1589 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Elizabeth Enstone, 1590 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Marie Enstone, 1638 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Margrett Enstone, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Enstone, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Ensum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Ensom**.

### Enterkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from a place of this name in Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** James Enterkin, 1799 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); Helen Enterkine, 1811 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr).

### Enticknap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 147

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place named either from Middle English *end(e)*, *enede* 'duck' + *knap(pe)* 'hillock' (Old English *æned* + *cnæpp*) or from the personal name \**Anneca* + *knap(pe)*.

**Further information:** The name survives in Enticknaps Copse in Dunsfold (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** John de Anekecnappe, 13th cent. in Ancient Deeds; Henry de Anekekaape, 1282 in Place-Names of Surrey p. 235; Thomas de Anteknappe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls; Thomas de An(e)deknappe, 1327–77 in Court Rolls; Philip de Andeknappe, 1363 in Feet of Fines (Cotgrave, Notts); John Andeknap, 1377 in Court Rolls; Johanne Andeknep, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Richard Enticknap, 1662 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Charles Enticknap, 1718 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey); John Enticknapp, 1722 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); George Enticnap, 1786 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey); William Entecknap, 1889 in *IGI* (Surbiton, Surrey).

**References:** Place-Names of Surrey pp. 235–6.

### Enticott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 123

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Endicott**.

### Entwhistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Entwistle**.

### Entwisle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 179

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Entwistle**.

### Entwistle

**Variants:** Entwhistle, Entwisle, Antwhistle, Anthistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3618, Ireland 46

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5214

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Entwistle (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Elias de Ennetwysel, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Roger de Ennetwysel, 1276 in Miscellaneous Inquisitions; John Entwissell, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Thomas Entwysell', 1488 in Feet of Fines (Leics), probably identical with Thomas Entwesill, 1492 in Feet of Fines (Bucks, Oxon); Margerita Antwissell, 1564 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); John Antwissill, 1569 in PROB 11 (Newborough, Northants); Eliz. Antwistle, 1726 in *IGI* (Preston Bissett, Bucks); Susanna Antisell, 1742, Mary Antissel, 1745, Edw. Anthisle, 1777, John Anthissle, 1798 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Enver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Turkish: relationship name corresponding to and derived from the Arabic given name **Anwar**, from *anwar* 'brighter'.

### Envill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Enfield**.

### Envis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *enfes*, a variant of *enfant* 'child'.

**Early bearers:** Jordan le Envaise, 1163–9 in Mowbray Charters; Hamo le Enueise, 1211 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Walter Len Veyse, 1355–9 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Ann Envis, 1797 in Parish Registers (Southampton, Hants); Alexander Envis, 1821 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); John Enves, 1884 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

### Enwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 152

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Enright**.

### Enzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Essex

English: see **Edensor**.

### Enzor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Edensor**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### Ephgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name from an early and alternative name for Weston Park in Weston (Herts), recorded as *park of Yppegrave* in 1307.

**Early bearers:** [...] Hypegrau, about 1245 in Place-Names of Herts, p. 146; John de Epe[ra]ue, 1333 in Feet of Fines (Weston, Herts); John de Yepgrave, 1339 in Patent Rolls; Edward Eppgrave, 1572 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); William Efgrave, 1729 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); John Ephgrave, 1742 in *IGI* (Wheathampstead, Herts).

**References:** Place-Names of Herts, p. 146.

### Ephraim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Merioneth

Jewish, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical name *Ephraim* (from a Hebrew word meaning 'fruitful'). In Genesis 41:52 Ephraim is one of the sons of Joseph and founder of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. This is found in Britain comparatively rarely as a Jewish name. More commonly, especially in Wales, it is a late surname derived from the Biblical name used as a given name among Nonconformists (Low-Church Christians).

## Eppeleston

**Early bearers:** Welsh: Maria Ephraim, 1694 in *IGI* (Conwy, Caernarfon); Ann Ephraim, 1734 in *IGI* (Llandecwyn, Merioneth); Elizabeth Ephraim, 1792 in *IGI* (Meifod, Montgomerys).

**Jewish:** Morris Ephraim, born in Prussia, in Census 1861 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Moses Ephraim [*sic*], glazier, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Birmingham, Warwick); Simon Ephraim, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Elswick, Northumb); Barthus Ephraim, born in The Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Tranmere, Cheshire); Levy Ephraim, in Census 1881 (Elswick, Northumb); Bernhard Ephraim, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Tendring, Essex).

### Eppeleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Eppeleston**; see **Hepplestone**.

**Early bearers:** John Eppeleston, 1756 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); Sarah Eppeleston, 1777 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); William Eppeleston, 1778 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire); William Eppeleston, 1832 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Eppelestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hepplestone**.

### Epps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 820, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 823
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Eoppa*. **Early bearers:** given names: Eppa mulier, 13th cent., Eppe, about 1250 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts).

surnames: Roger Eppe, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Hugone Eppe, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Thomas Eppe, 1428 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Epps, 1541 in Parish Registers (Saint James the Great, Elmsted, Kent); Gilbert Epps, 1572 in *IGI* (Hastingleigh, Kent); Vincent Epps, 1603 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Joseph Epps, 1652 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Roger Epps, 1657 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sarah Epps, 1665 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

2 English: locative name variant of **Apps**.

### Epsley

**Variants:** **Apsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dorset

English: locative name from Apsley Farm in Thakeham (Sussex), recorded as *Epsley* 1316.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Epsle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John de Apsle, 1379 in Feet of Fines (Ellesborough, Bucks); Stephanus Apseele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dishenurst, Sussex); John Apsle, 1470 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); John Apsley, 1507 in PROB 11 (Thakeham, Sussex); Steph. Epsley, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); John Apesley, 1586 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs); Thoms. Apsly, 1601 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); John Epsly, 1649 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); John Eppsley, 1734 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 181.

### Epstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, ornamental name from any of several places in Germany named Eppstein (from Old High German *ebur* 'wild boar' + *stein* 'rock'). Among Jews this was also acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Israel Hayman Epstein, in Census 1851 (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Nathan Epstein, 1866 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (London); Isaac Epstein, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Siegmund Epstein, leather merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Islington, Middx); Morris Epstein, clerk, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Wolstanton, Staffs); Isidor Epstein, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Epstein, boot finisher, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Gershon Epstein, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Prestwich, Lancs); Rudolf Epstein, born in Constantinople [Istanbul], Turkey, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Ernest Epstein, fur merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Hampstead, Middx).

### Epton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hepton**.

**Early bearers:** Robti. Epton, 1580 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

### Epworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Epworth (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Epworth, 1347 in York Freemen's Register; William de Eppeworthe, 1357, in Richard Ippeworthe, 1412 in Essex Record Office; Francis Epworth, 1635 in *IGI* (Kirmington, Lincs).

2 English: see **Hepworth**.

### Erasmus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales

Relationship name from the personal name *Erasmus*, which was adopted among Nonconformists and Humanists in honour of the Dutch humanist scholar and reformer Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam (about 1467–1536), who spent long periods in England. His personal name is a derivative of the Greek adjective (*erásmios*) 'desired, longed for'.

**Further information:** *IGI* also records Sara (1612), Robert (1614), and Peeter (1618) *Erasmus*, children of Erasmus Micklewright Taylor, in Oswestry, Shrops.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Erasmus, 1554 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Erasmus, 1584 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Matheus Evanus Erasmus, 1610 in *IGI* (Kerry, Montgomery); Lewis Erasmus, 1661 in *IGI* (Laugharne, Carmarthens).

### Erby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Staffs

English: see **Irby**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Erdogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the given name *Erdoğan*, apparently a heroic name from *er* 'man, warrior' + *doğan* 'born'.

### Ereira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Sephardic, from Portugal): of uncertain etymology; said to be an altered form of **Pereira** 'pear tree'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Ereira, 1855 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Moses Ereira, in Census 1871 (London); Judah Ereira, 1877 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Aaron Ereira, born in the Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnett Ereira, cigar maker, born in Spitalfields, in Census 1881 (Aldgate, London); Jacob Eriera, cigar maker, born in the Netherlands, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Ereira, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1901 (Stepney, Middx); Mark Ereira, boot dealer, born in Spitalfields, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex).

**References:** Personal information from Katy Ereira.

### Eren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: unexplained; apparently a derivative of *er* 'man'.

### Erett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Errett**.

### Erickson

**Variants:** **Ericson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Eric* (Old Scandinavian *Eiríkr* 'always power').

**Further information:** This name and its variant *Ericson* have absorbed many recent immigrant examples of Danish and Norwegian *Eriksen*, Swedish *Eriksson*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Erickson, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Lawrence Erickson, 1695 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Otto Ericson, 1878 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

Scotland: Laurence Erickson, 1770 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland); Elen Ericson, 1855 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens).

### Ericson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Sussex

English: see **Erickson**.

**Eridge**

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: see **Erridge**.

**Eriksen**

- Current frequencies: GB 174, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
- Norwegian, Danish: relationship name Norwegian and Danish, patronymic from the personal name *Erik* (Old Scandinavian *Eiríkr*) + *son* 'son'. Compare **Erickson**.

**Eriksson**

- Current frequencies: GB 316, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
- Swedish: relationship name patronymic from the personal name *Erik*, Old Scandinavian *Eiríkr*. Compare **Erickson**.

**Erith**

- Variants: **Earith**, **Earthey**, **Arthey**, **Earthy**
- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Kent; Suffolk
- English: locative name from Earith (Hunts) or Erith (Kent).
- Early bearers: John and Robert de Erethe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Ives, Hunts); Martin Erith, 1552 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Rici Erith, 1602 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); Charles Erith, 1641 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Thos Erith, 1668 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Willelmus Erith, 1668 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Sarah Erith, 1745 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Robt. Erith, 1718, Sarah Earith, 1784 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Erlam**

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 107
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Irlam**.

**Erleigh**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Earley**.

**Erley**

- GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Notts
- English: see **Earley**.

**Ermen**

- GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Armin**.

**Erne**

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 10
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan; Armagh
- English: nickname from Middle English, Old English *earn* 'eagle'.
- Early bearers: Martin Ern, 1312–13 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Rici. Erne, 1584 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); John Erne, 1619 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Dinah Anne Erne, 1796 in *IGI* (Egham,

Surrey); Nehemiah Erne, 1827 in *IGI* (Cheselbourne, Dorset).

**Ernest**

- Variants: **Earnest**
- Current frequencies: GB 287, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 100
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs; London
- 1 English: variant of **Harness**, by folk-etymological association with the vocabulary word *earnest*.
- Early bearers: John Earnest, 1629, and Mary Earnesse, 1689 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Edward Arnes, 1647 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Elizabeth Harnes, 1715 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Robert Earnest, 1765 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Andrew Ernest, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Earnest, 1732 in *IGI* (York).
- 2 German, Dutch, Jewish: anglicized form of German and Dutch **Ernst**.

**Ernst**

- Variants: **Ernest**
- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 49
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs
- German, Dutch: relationship name from the personal name *Ernst*, Middle High German and Middle Dutch *Ernost*, based on the Continental Germanic vocabulary word *ernost* 'zealous(ness), serious(ness)'.  
Further information: In Continental Europe this is also found as an Ashkenazic Jewish name, but in the UK evidence of Jewish bearers is lacking.
- Early bearers: August Ernest Felix Ernst, 1774 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew Exchange, London); John Caspar Earnest, 1748 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wilhelm Ernest, jeweller, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Westminster, Middx); Augustas Ernest, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Sculcoates, WR Yorks); Ferdinand Ernst, merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Southport, Lancs); Karl Ernest, apprentice hairdresser, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Islington, Middx); Carl Ernst, butler, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Chertsey, Surrey).

**Errett**

- Variants: **Erett**
- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey; also WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Edret*, *Edred* (Old English *Ēadrǣd*, formed from *ēad* 'prosperity' + *rǣd* 'advice, wisdom').
- Early bearers: Gamel filius Edredi, 1131 in Durham Priory Fees; Edredus Cuperius, 1220 in Book of Fees (Berks); Maurice Edred, 1226 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Edret, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Berks); William Errett, 1679 in *IGI* (All Saints, York); Mary Errett, 1779 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Errey**

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 81
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: probably a late variant of **Erridge**. Compare James *Erridge*, 1647 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex), and Ruth *Errey*, 1820 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex). For the

loss of the final consonant, compare occasional *Loverly* for **Loveridge**, *Woolfrey* for **Woolrich**.

Early bearers: Edward Erry, 1706 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Joseph Errey, 1784 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

**Erricker**

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex; Middx; Glamorgan
- English: see **Earwaker**.

**Erridge**

- Variants: **Eridge**, **Arridge**, **Errey**
- Current frequencies: GB 230, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 129
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: locative name from Eridge Green in Frant (Sussex).
- Early bearers: Ralph de Arnregg, 1296, Willo de Erregg', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Rotherfield hundred, Sussex); Alice Eridge, 1557 in *IGI* (Uckfield, Sussex); Joan Eredge, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Eredge, 1579 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Jane Erredge, 1621 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex).
- References: Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 374–5.

**Errington**

- Current frequencies: GB 2487, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1668
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Errington (Northumb).
- Early bearers: John Errington, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); Edward Errington, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

**Errity**

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Ó hOireachtaigh, see **Herrity**.

**Errol**

- Variants: **Erroll**
- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Northumb; Gloucs
- Scottish: see **Arrol**.

**Erroll**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Herefs
- Scottish: see **Errol**.

**Erskin**

- GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: central Scotland and Fife
- Scottish: see **Erskine**.
- Further information: This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

**Erskine**

- Variants: **Erskin**
- Current frequencies: GB 2428, Ireland 318
  - GB frequency 1881: 1842
  - Main GB location 1881: Scotland: esp. Fife
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

## Erven

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Erskine (Renfrews).

**Further information:** A family of this name have held a number of Scottish titles, including the earldoms of Mar, Buchan, Kellie, and Rosslyn.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Erskyn, 1226 in Paisley Register (Rosneath, Dunbartons); John de Irschyn, 1263 in Paisley Register (Erskine, Renfrews); John de Irskyn, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Renfrews); Robert de Erskyne, 1361 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen); Margaret Erskine, 1648 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife).

### Erven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: see **Irvine**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but common in the USA.

### Ervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: see **Irvine**.

### Ervine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 318
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: see **Irvine**.

### Erving

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Pembrokes

Scottish: see **Irvine**.

### Erwin

**Variants:** **Urwin, Irwing, Irwine, Irwin, Orwin, Irvine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 351
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** In England scattered: esp. Durham. In Scotland, Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Everwin, Erwin*. This is sometimes from Old English *Eoforwine* and sometimes from an Old French form of the cognate Continental Germanic name *Everwin* or from a different Continental Germanic name, *Herewin*, with loss of initial *H*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eueruinus, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants), 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk). surnames, England: Willelmus filius Irwine, 1185 in Templars Records (Essex); Augustinus filius Erwin', 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); Eustace Everwyn, 1310 in London Letter Books D; Thomas Erwyn, 1459 in York Freeman's Register; Robert Erwin, 1592 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); James Erwin, 1609 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Erwin, 1619 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks); John Erwin, 1635 in *IGI* (Gaddesby, Leics); John Erwin, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London). surnames, Scotland: Gilchrist filius Eruini, 1136–85 in Edgar, Dumfries.

2 Scottish: variant of **Irvine**.

### Erwood

**Variants:** **Earwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants

English: locative name from Arnewood in Hordle (Hants).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Arnewode, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hants); Willelmo Arnewode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pewsey, Wilts); Ricardus Arnwod, Willelmus Arnwod, 1379 in Poll Tax (Freshwater, IoW); Thomas Arnewood', 1457 in Saint Denys Cartulary (Southampton, Hants); John Arnwood, 1558 in *IGI* (Northwood, IoW); Margaret Arnewood, 1577 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Richard Erewoode, 1577 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); James Arnewood, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Arnewood in Hordle, Hants); John Arnewood, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Ringwood, Hants); John Earwood, 1594 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); Agnes Erwood, 1607 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); John Arnewood, 1641, Margaret Erwood, 1646 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); James Erwood, 1702 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Ann Earwood, 1731 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants).

**References:** Gover, Hants Place-Names, p. 224.

### Esat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish or Iranian: (i) from a Turkish or Iranian male personal name based on Arabic *as'ad*, superlative of *sa'id* 'happy'. Compare **Asad**. (ii) perhaps also a Turkish male personal name from Arabic *asad* 'lion; hero'.

### Esau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; S Wales: esp. Carmarthens

English: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Esau*, which means 'hairy' in Hebrew. **Further information:** This was adopted as a given name among Nonconformists in the 17th century, hence the surname, esp. in S Wales. Esau was the elder twin brother of Jacob, who supplanted him (Genesis 25:25) and became the ancestral patriarch of the Israelites.

**Early bearers:** John Esaw, 1692 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Thomas Esau, 1793 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Samuel Urquhart Esau, 1804 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); William Esaw, 1804 in *IGI* (Llanvihangel Llantarnam, Monmouths).

### Esberger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Danish: locative name denoting someone from Esbjerg in Denmark.

**Early bearers:** Fred. Esberger, 1767, and Innocent Esberger, 1774 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs); Daniel Prosper Esberger, 1780 in *IGI* (Little Grimsby, Lincs); Christian Frederick Esberger, 1789 in *IGI* (Fotherby, Lincs).

### Escott

**Variants:** **Esteourt, Eastcott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 832
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; Middx; also Glamorgan

English: locative name from any of various places named as 'the eastern cottage', for example Eastcott (Middx, Wilts), Eastcotts (Beds), Eastcourt (Wilts).

**Further information:** Robert *atte Estcote* (1327 Subsidy Rolls (Sussex)) lived at the 'east cottage' (now called Eastcourt), near Estcot's Farm in East Grinstead, Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Gundwinus de Estcota, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Beds); Hugh de Escote, 1280 in Patent Rolls (Stoodleigh, Devon); Thomas de Escote, 1327 in Feet of Fines (West Tytherley, Hants); William Estecote, 1465 in Feet of Fines (Bideford, Devon); George Estcott or Escott, 1586 in PROB 11 (Carhampton, Somerset); Richard Escourt, 1611 in PROB 11 (Newton Tony, Wilts); Richard Estcott or Escott, 1637 in PROB 11 (Launceston, Cornwall).

### Escreet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Escrutt**.

### Escrutt

**Variants:** **Eskriett, Escreet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Escrick (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Escrik, 1307 in York Freeman's Register; Rogero de Escrik, 1377, de Escryk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Crux Pavement, Yorks); William de Escryk, 1407 in PROB 11 (Selby, Yorks).

### Esdaile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Dumfriess
- Scottish: see **Easdale**.

### Esdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Scottish: see **Easdale**.

2 English: in NE England alternatively a variant of **Eskell**.

### Esh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Ash**.

### Eshelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Exelby**.

### Esherwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Isherwood**.

**Eskdale**

Variants: **Easdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and S Scotland: esp. Northumb

1 Scottish: locative name from Eskdale in Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** John Eskdale, 1674 in Dumfriess Testaments (Dumfriess); Robert Eskdale, 1680 in *IGI* (West Calder, Midlothian); Alexander Eskdale, 1691 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Elizabeth Eskdale, 1715 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); Agnes Eskdale, 1717 in *IGI* (Moffat, Dumfriess).

2 English: relationship name in NR Yorks a variant of **Eskell**, altered by false association with the local place-name Eskdale; see (3).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

3 English: locative name perhaps from Eskdale, near Whitby in NR Yorks, attested in the 1301 example, or possibly Eskdale in Cumb, but there is no evidence of either producing a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Hugone de Eskedale, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Ellerby, NR Yorks); Thos. Eskdale, 1743 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); Margaret Eskdale, 1811 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ann Elizth. Eskdale, 1831 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Elizabeth Eskdale, 1835 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jeremiah Eskdale, 1838 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

**Eskell**

Variants: **Eskdale, Esdale, Easthall, Easthill, Estill, Estell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from Middle English *Eskill* (from Old Scandinavian, Danish dialect), a variant of **Askell**. The preposition in the 1301 example from Silpho is probably a scribal error. The surname was early altered by folk etymology to *Est(h)ill*, later to *Easthill, Easthall, Esdale*, and *Eskdale*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Eskill', 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Adam de Eskill' [*sic*], 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Silpho, NR Yorks); Waltero Eskyll', 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Willelmo Eskyll', 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Hackness, NR Yorks); Adam Esthill, 1327 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Silpho, NR Yorks); Petri Estill, 1588, Ingram Esthill, 1632 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Willm Esdaile, 1701, Mercy Esteel, 1792 in *IGI* (Wykeham, NR Yorks); Richard Esthil, 1738 in *IGI* (Cloughton, NR Yorks); John Eskdale, 1749 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); John Eskdale, 1750 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); William Eskdale, 1748, Esther Esthill, 1812 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks); Mary Eszell, 1826 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Eskew**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London

English: see **Askew**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

**Eskins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Herefs
- English: see **Haskins**.

**Eskriett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Eseritt**.

**Esler**

Variants: **Essler, Estler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 243
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb; Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

German: occupational name from Middle High German *esel* 'donkey' + the agent suffix *-er*, meaning 'the donkey man'.

**Further information:** This name is frequent in Ulster, where it apparently first arrived in the 17th century, brought by Protestant refugees from Catholic states in Germany.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Estler, 1815 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Mary Esler, 1827 in *IGI* (Hillhead, Antrim); Robert Essler, 1833 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Andrew Esler, 1867 in *IGI* (Springburn, Lanarks); Catharina Anna Esler, 1870 in *IGI* (Willington Quay, Northumb); David Esler, 1871 in *IGI* (Fossway, Perth); Andrew Essler, 1881 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Eslick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Durham
- English: variant of **Eastlake**.

**Esling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Esling (Norfolk), with metathesis of *l-s* to *s-l*.

**Early bearers:** William de Eslynge, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Martin Esling, 1606 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Martin Esling, 1609 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Esling, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Abraham Esling, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Ann Esling, 1752 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Esmail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: see **Ismail**.

**Esmond**

Variants: **Esmonde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembroke; Glamorgan; Middx

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Wexford  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Esmond* (Old English *Eastmund*, composed of the element *east* 'grace, beauty' + *mund* 'protection'). A Norman French cognate, of

Continental Germanic origin, is also found. See also **Eastman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Esmond, 1313–14 in Withycombe.

surnames: Alan Esmund, 1285 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Esmond', 1498 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); John Esmond, 1566 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Howell Esmond, 1611 in *IGI* (Newtown, Pembroke); Dority Esmond, 1661 in *IGI* (Amblestone, Pembroke); Elizebeth Esmonde, 1665 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

**Esmonde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wexford, Kilkenny, and Carlow

English, Irish: see **Esmond**.

**Espey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish: see **Espie**.

**Espie**

Variants: **Espey, Espy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: relationship name possibly a shortened form of **Gillespie**.

**Early bearers:** Johnne Espy, 1541 in Criminal Trials in Scotland; William Espy, 1703 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Joseph Espey, 1770 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**Espin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Aspen**.

**Espinosa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Spanish: (i) locative name from any of the numerous places in Spain called Espinosa, whose name is derived from *espina* 'thorn'. (ii) nickname from the adjective *espinoso* 'thorny'.

**Espley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Shropshire

English: locative name from Espley in Hodnet (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Espeley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hopton and Espley, Shrops); John Espley, 1613 in PROB 11 (Awdley, Staffs); Geo. Espley, 1625 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops).

**Esplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: relationship name from a Scots vernacular form of the personal name **Absalom**.

**Esposito**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: from Italian *esposito* ‘exposed’ (Latin *expositus*, past participle of *exponere* ‘to place outside’), typically a surname bestowed on a founding.

**Further information:** This is currently the commonest surname in Naples and fourth in Italy as a whole.

**Early bearers:** Rosa Maria Esposito, 1877 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Agastino Esposito, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

**Espy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham

Scottish: see *Espie*.

**Essa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic: see *Isa*.

**Essam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name, probably an altered pronunciation of **Esson**, a variant of **Easton**.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Essam, 1567 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Francys Esam, 1599 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Robert Esham, 1718, Robt. Essam, 1736 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Peter Esam, 1735 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

**Esse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see *Ash*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Essen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks, Northants, and Staffs

English: see *Esson*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Esson’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southam, Warwicks); Willm. Essen, 1582 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Thomas Eason, 1768, Edward Essen, 1839 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**Esser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: apparently a variant of *Asher*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Esser, 1669 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds); Benjamin Esser, 1803 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); Enoch Esser, 1828 in *IGI* (Rodborough, Gloucs).

**Essery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Essworthy in Hatherleigh (Devon).

**Further information:** Compare [wulsəri], [wulzəri], the local pronunciations of two places in Devon called Woolfardisworthy.

**Early bearers:** [...] Esseworthi, 1330 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); Thomas Esworthie, 1540 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Abraham Esserie, 1623 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Richard Essery, 1677 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); John Essworthy, 1708 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon); Jos. Esserey, 1732 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 80, 143, 399.

**Essex**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1495, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 957
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and S England: esp. Warwicks

English: locative name from the county of Essex.

**Early bearers:** Suein de Essex, 1114–16 in Cartae Antiquae; William de Essex, 1246–7 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); John Essex, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register; George Essex, 1550 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Jhon Essex, 1551 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Williamus Essex, 1552 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Chrystian Essex, 1559 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Ales Essex, 1561 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks).

**Essien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Ghanaian: relationship name probably a Fante variant of the Akan, Ochi, and Gã (Twi) male given name *Nsĩa* ‘sixth-born’.

2 Nigerian: said to be from Ibibio and Efik for ‘a child belongs to everyone’.

**References:** Stewart, Julia (1993) *African Names*. New York: Citadel Press, p. 40.

**Essington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham

English: locative name from Essington in Staffs.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Esslemont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Esslemont, near Ellon (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** George Esslemont, 1678 in *IGI* (Balquhindachy, Aberdeens); Anna Esslemont, 1689 in *IGI* (Balquhindachy, Aberdeens); Margaret Esslemont, 1769 in *IGI* (Turriff, Aberdeens).

**Essler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

German: see *Esler*.

**Esson**

Variants: *Easson*, *Eason*, *Easom*, *Essam*, *Essen*, *Hayson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 650
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from a reduced and altered form of the Gaelic personal name *Adamh*; see **Adam**. See also **McKay**. This surname is difficult to tell apart from (2) and the two names were probably confused.

**Early bearers:** given names: Aythe filius Thome, about 1360 in Inchaffray Charters; Aye Jonson, 1395 in Saint Andrews Charters (Lochore, Fife).

urnames: John Ayson’, 1392 in Acts of Parliaments of Scotland (Angus); John Asson or Easson, 1681 in The Scotch-Irish (Saint Andrews, Fife); Beatrix Essone, 1610, Jhone Eason, 1627, Alexander Esson, 1642 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Jhone Easson, 1632, Andrew Esson, 1656 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Bessie Esson, 1654 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jon. Eason, 1663 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Anna Essen, 1727, Magnus Eason, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney).

2 English, Scottish: variant of **Eston** or **Esten** (see **Easton**), as the following early bearers illustrate, although some of the Scottish examples may alternatively reflect the reverse process, in which the name in (1) has acquired an intrusive *-t-*.

**Further information:** Easton (Bucks) is recorded as *Eston* alias *Esson* in 1578 and was locally pronounced /i:sən/ in the 1920s (Place-Names of Bucks, p. 238).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Esten, 1563, William Eason, 1636, Richard Esson, 1667 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Anne Esson, 1564, Elizabeth Eston, 1568, Sara Eason, 1603, John Easton, 1722, Jane Esten, 1757 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Wilia Eston, 1567, Willia Esson, 1569 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); Anne Eston, 1568, John Easton, 1588, Agnes Esson, 1592, Rachell Easson, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willihn Easten, 1570, Willihn Esson, 1585, in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex); John Essone, 1575, Thomas Esten, 1606, John Eason, 1638 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Alice Eason, 1576, Roger Easton, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Easson, 1603, Richard Esson, 1605 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Peetter Esson, 1606, Susan Easton, 1625, Thomas Eston, 1627 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); James Easton, 1600, Henry Essone, 1606, Francis Eason, 1635 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Esson, 1705, Ann Easton, 1708 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants). Scotland: John Essone, 1565, Margrat Eston, 1566, Rebecca Eassoun, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margrat Eassoune, 1615 Agnes Eastoun, 1682, John Eason, 1687 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); James Eastoun, 1619, Rachel Easoun, 1620 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Duncan Eassone, 1644, Eupham Eastoun, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); George Esson, 1685 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Angus); Janet Esten, 1760, Isabel Eston, 1761, Elspet Esson, 1811 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus); Isobel Easton, 1783, Margaret Esson, 1811 in *IGI* (Fettercairn, Kincardines).

**Estabrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see *Easterbrook*.

**Estall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see *Eastell*.



**Estaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Eastaugh**.

**Estcourt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs
- English: see **Escott**.

**Este**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx
- English: see **East**.

**Estell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
- 1 English: see **Eskell**.  
2 English: see **Eastell**.

**Esten**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English or Scottish: see **Easton** and compare **Eston**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** England: Richard Esten, 1563 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); William Esten, 1575 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Robt. Eston, 1564, Thomas Esten, 1606 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Wm Esten, 1611 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs).  
Scotland: Euphan Esten, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); Margt. Esten, 1716 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

**Estep**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Easthope**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Esterbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Easterbrook**.

**Estes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Eastes**.

**Estey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Eastaugh**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Estill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Eskell**.

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.  
2 English: see **Eastell**.

**Estler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- German: see **Esler**.

**Eston**

**Variants:** **Esson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks

English: see **Easton**.

**Early bearers:** Petrus Eston, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Richard Eston, 1547 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Eston, 1563 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Willm. Eston, 1563 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent).

**Estridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex; Derbys

English: (i) regional from Middle English *estrich* 'eastern' (Old French *estreis*), used to denote a newcomer from the east. Compare **Norris**, **Surrige**. In 13th-century London *Estreis* was a name applied to German speakers from Austria ('Easterlings'), as in the case of Hereman *le Estreys*, who was appointed attorney to receive money on behalf of Bartholomew de Hamburk (1282 in London Letter Books A). See **Ostridge**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Estreis, 1148 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Henry le Estreis, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); John Estridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Estridge, 1573 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Estridge, 1628 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Jn Estridge, 1630 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Simon Estridge, 1662 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent).

**Estwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Middx
- English: see **Eastwick**.

**Esty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Eastaugh**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Esworthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Esworthy (Devon).

**Ethells**

**Variants:** **Neachell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1213, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Middle English *echeles* 'piece of land added to an estate' (Old English \**ēcels*), or from any of various places named with this word. The term is frequently found in N and central England as the name of small farms and hamlets, e.g. Echills Wood, Nechells (Warwicks); Nechells, Neachill (Staffs); Hitchells (Yorks); also in Derbys and Cheshire.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Echeles, 1269, William Attecheles, 1299 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Richard Atte Echeles, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Alize Etchells, 1601 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Robert Etchells, 1604 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Jane Etchells, 1632 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); George Etchells, 1698 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); James Etchells, 1784 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys).

**References:** see Place-Names of Warwicks 30.

**Etches**

**Variants:** **Eachus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lancs

English: of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of **Edge** + post-medieval excrescent -s, with devoicing of the consonant, or an altered pronunciation of **Edgoose** (Middle English *Edcus*, early Modern English *Etcus*), but there is no clear evidence for either hypothesis.

**Early bearers:** Peter Etches, 1574 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); George Etches, 1587, Jo. Etchus, 1625 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); John Eachus, Etchose, or Etchewes, 1594, William Eachus, 1622 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Edward Eaches, 1603 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Jeffrey Etches, 1617 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Richard Etches, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); George Eachoes, 1665, Robert Eachus, 1761 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Etches, 1710 in *IGI* (Failsworth, Lancs); Peter Eachus, 1715 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Peter Eachouse, 1719 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire); Jeffery Etches, 1730 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); James Eachus, 1783, Samuel Eackus, 1827 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire).

**Ethell**

**Variants:** **Ettle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; also Warwicks; also Kent

Welsh: variant of **Ithell**. Compare **Bithell** and **Bethell**.

**Early bearers:** Griffith ap Ethell, 1537 in Early Chancery Proceedings (Denbighs); Bridgett Ethell, 1562 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Grace Ethell, 1570 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Ethill, 1570 in *IGI* (Weedford, Staffs); Homfrey Ethell, 1582, John Ethell, 1591, and Henry Ethell, 1595 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Anthony Ethell, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Ethell, 1601 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); John Ethell, 1732 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Joseph Ethell, 1805 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Richard Ethell, 1805 in *IGI* (Huttons Ambo, NR Yorks); Joseph Ethell, 1835 in *IGI* (Weaverthorpe, ER Yorks).

## Etherden

### Etherden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Etherton**.

### Etheredge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; also Norfolk
- English: see **Etheridge**.

### Etheridge

**Variants:** **Edridge, Ettridge, Etridge, Etteridge, Ethridge, Etheredge, Attridge, Attridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2908, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1765
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Hants and Sussex; also E Anglia and W Midlands

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Etherich*, a variant of Old English *Æðelric* (see **Aldrich**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Aethericus, 1086 in Domesday Book.

surnames: Jacobus Atteriche, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Berks); Robertus Adtherich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Etherich, 1338 in Subsidy Rolls (Norfolk); John Ethernich, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Henry Etheridge, William Etteredge, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Edridge**.

### Etherington

**Variants:** **Etherton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3244, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2258
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Surrey, Sussex, and Hants

1 English: in N England a variant of **Hetherington**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Etherington, 1546 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Etherington, 1587 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Georg Etherington, 1588 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Henrici De Cock Etherington, 1598 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Anne Etherington, 1601 in *IGI* (Stongate, York).

2 S English: locative name in S England perhaps a variant of the now extinct surname *Atherington*, from Atherington (Sussex). This surname seems to have lost its medial *-ing-*; see **Etherton**.

**Early bearers:** Annes Etherington, 1570, Jane Etherington 1702 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); An Etherington, 1646 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Frances Hetherington, 1669 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Richard Etherington, 1701 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey).

### Etherson

**Variants:** **Adderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham

Scottish, English: locative name from Adderstone in Bamburgh (Northumb), recorded as *Edredeston* in 1233, *Hethereston* in 1242, and *Etherston* in 1663. In the surname the *-t-* has been absorbed into the preceding *-s-* giving it the appearance of a patronymic in *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John de Etherstone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Roxburghs); Mary Jane Etherson, 1900 in *IGI* (Dennistoun, Lanarks).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham.

### Etherton

**Variants:** **Eatherton, Etherden, Atherden, Atherton, Atterton, Adderton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) locative name of uncertain origin, perhaps a reduced form of **Etherington** (from Atherington, Sussex). Compare Henry *Etherton* (son of John and Hester *Etherton*), 1780, and William *Etherington* (son of John and Esther *Etherington*), 1787 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex). (ii) alternatively the post-medieval name might be from the lost place Atterton in River (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Alice Atherton, 1559 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Anne Etherton, 1569 in *IGI* (Tortington, Sussex); Elyne Etherton, 1572, Thomas Atterton, 1599 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Roger Aderton, 1588, Rebecca Atherton, 1628 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Jane Atherton, 1619, Thomas Adderton, 1630 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Francis Atherden, 1736 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Etherden, 1809 in *IGI* (Guestling, Sussex); Emily Jane Atherden, 1865 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex).

### Ethridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; E Anglia
- English: see **Etheridge**.

### Etienne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Jersey
- Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Etienne*, the French form of **Steven**. **Further information:** This is a common French surname, also found in the Channel Islands, in London as a Huguenot name and as a more recent immigrant name from French-speaking parts of the world.
- Early bearers:** Marie Etienne, 1514 in *IGI* (Saint Pierre, Guernsey, Channel Islands); Issac Etienne, 1664, and Mathieu Etienne, 1737, in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Etkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Atkin**.

### Eton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs; Kent; Berks

English: see **Eaton**.

### Etridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk

English: see **Etheridge**.

### Etteridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Surrey

English: see **Etheridge**.

### Ettinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

German, Swiss: locative name German, denoting someone from any of several places in southern Germany, Alsace, and Switzerland called Etting, Ettingen, and Öttingen.

### Ettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 Welsh: see **Ethell**. Compare Susanna *Ethell*, 1696 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs), and William *Ettle*, 1831 in *IGI* (Kingswood, next to Siston, Gloucs).

2 English: see **Eatwell**.

### Ettles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs, Morays, and Aberdeens; also Wilts

1 Scottish, English: locative name perhaps from Etal in Northumb, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ettale, 1362 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeens); John de Etale, 1399 in Aberdeen Friars (Aberdeens); John Ettale, 1440 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeens); John Ettles, 1770 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays); Elisabeth Ettles, 1776 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Eatwell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ettols, 1631 in *IGI* (Compton near Newbury, Berks); James Ettels, 1772 in *IGI* (Tardebigge, Worcs); William Etels, 1787 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Joseph Ettles, 1791 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

3 English: perhaps a variant of **Eatough** (earlier *Etalgh*) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ann Ettles, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); John Ettels, 1778 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).

### Ettridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London

English: see **Etheridge**.

### Etty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Ety, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); James Ettie, 1628 in York Freeman's Register; John Ettie, 1547 in York Registry Wills (Buttercrambe, NR Yorks); James Ety, 1633 in *IGI* (York); Mattw. Ety, 1708 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Eubank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English: see **Ewbank**.

### Eubanks

Variants: **Ebanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Ewbank** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Euden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Uden**.

### Euell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Ewell**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain, but more numerous in the USA.

### Eugene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

French, English: relationship name from the French personal name *Eugène*, Latin *Eugenius*, Greek *Eugenios*, a derivative of *eugenēs* 'well-born, noble'.

**Further information:** The personal name was borne by several early Christian saints and four popes.

**Early bearers:** Miles Eugene, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); John Eugene, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Holborn, London).

### Eunson

Variants: **Youngson, Younson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland

Scottish: relationship name 'son of Ewan'. Compare **McEwan**.

**Early bearers:** John Ewynsone, 1296 in Ragman Rolls; William Yewnsoun, 1603 in Maitland Miscellany (Rearwick, Shetland); William Eunson, 1703 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney).

**References:** Black.

### Eustace

Variants: **Eustice, Eustis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1359, Ireland 459
- **GB frequency 1881:** 822
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Clare; Wexford and Carlow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Eustace*, Latin *Eustachius*, *Eustacius*, of Greek origin, a derivative of *eustachos* 'fruitful'.

Occasionally, perhaps, from the feminine form *Eustachia*, recorded in 1214 and 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey, Warwicks). See also **Stacey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eustachius, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Eustacius camerarius, 1166–75 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Iustace, about 1175 in Newark Documents (Newark, Notts).

surnames: Richard Eustas(e), 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs), 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Margery Eustace, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts;

Willelmus Yustos, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gunton, Norfolk); Ricardo Ustays, 1379 in Poll Tax (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Alexander Eustace, 1426 in PROB 11 (Clare, Suffolk); Fraunces Eustace, 1578 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Phillis Eustace, 1579 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Eustace, 1586 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Eustace, 1613 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Richard Eustace, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

### Eustice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Eustace**.

### Eustis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: see **Eustace**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Euston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Suffolk; London; Derbys and Warwicks

English: locative name from Euston, Suffolk, recorded as *Eustona* in Domesday Book.

**Early bearers:** Christofer Ewston, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Edye Euston, 1565 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Angras Euston, 1606 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Edward Euston, 1643 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon).

### Eva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 670, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 624
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the Latin female personal name *Eva* (see **Eve**).

**Early bearers:** John Eva, 1546, and Christopher Eva, 1577 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Elizabeth Eva, 1587 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Bennett and Chesten Eva, 1589 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); James Eva, 1676 in *IGI* (Landewednack, Cornwall).

### Evan

Variants: **Haven, Heaven, Ivin, Evon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from *Evan*, a Welsh form of Latin *Johannes* (English *John*). See **Evans**.

**Further information:** Welsh *Sion* was a separate borrowing of English *John*, and *Evan* (*Ieuan*) and *Sion* developed as independent names.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jean Vachann, 1391 in Chirkland Extent (Denbighs).  
 surnames, Wales: John Evan, 1593 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Evan Evan, 1600 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths); Alicia Evan, 1627 in *IGI* (Llanbadoc, Monmouths); Abel Evan, 1692 in *IGI* (Glasbury, Brecknocks); Morgan Evan, 1837 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

surnames, England: Joan Evan, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Evan, 1552 in PROB 11 (Watford, Herts);

Margaret Evan, 1558 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Arthurus Evan, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops).

### Evangelista

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

S Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Evangelista* 'evangelist' (a derivative of Greek *euangelos* 'bringer of good news', from *eu* 'well' + *angelos* 'messenger'), bestowed in honour of the four gospel writers of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), in particular Saint John the Evangelist.

**References:** De Felice.

### Evangelou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Evangelos* 'evangelist, bringer of good news'.

### Evans

Variants: **Evens, Evins, Heavens, Ivins, Ivens, Ivans, Heaven, Haven, Havins, Heavin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171816, Ireland 2608
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales (esp. Glamorgan); also Lancs and the Welsh Marches
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

Welsh: relationship name a derivative of **Evan**, from *Efan*. *Ifan*, medieval forms of *Ieuan* (Latin *Johannes*, the source of English *John*), dating from about 1500, with the post-medieval patronymic suffix -s. *Haven* is backformed from *Havens*.

**Further information:** The more traditional form of the Welsh personal name is *Ieuan*. English *John* was borrowed as *Sion* and the two names developed independently in Welsh.

**Early bearers:** Greffyth Yvans, 1565 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Evens, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Ivans, 1573 in *IGI* (London); John Ivence, 1583 in *IGI* (London); John Ivins, 1598 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Edward Ivins, 1646 in *IGI* (Broughton, Derbys); James Hevens, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); John Evans, 1679 in York Freemen's Register; Gulielmus Ivins, 1713 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs).

### Evanson

Variants: **Evenson, Ivinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 338
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire
- English: relationship name 'Son of *Evan*', see **Evans**.

### Evason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Evison**.

### Evatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Evett**.

**Eve**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Eve* (Latin *Eva*), which is of Biblical Hebrew origin, the name of the first woman, according to the Book of Genesis.

**Early bearers:** Eva, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs), 1206, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey, Leics); Gregory Eve, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Elizabeth Eve, 1541 in *IGI* (Chignall, Essex); Robert Eve, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Jone Eve, 1551 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Elisabethe Eve, 1558 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Eve, 1559 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Eveleigh**

Variants: **Evelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 823
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset

English: locative name from a lost place called *Eveleigh* in Broad Clyst (Devon), recorded in *Domesday Book* as *Ivelie*.

**Early bearers:** Richard, Robert Eveleigh, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Eveling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex
- English: see **Evelyn** and compare **Aveling**.

**Evelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Eveleigh**.

**Evelyn**

Variants: **Eveling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall

1 English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Evelin(e)*, a double diminutive pet form of *Eve*. In post-medieval forms of the surname final *-in* sometimes developed to *-ing*.

**Further information:** Attested medieval pet forms of *Eve* include Walter *filius Evelune*, 1218 in Pipe Rolls (Leics/Warwicks) (from the double diminutive *Evelun*) and Richard *Evelot*, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); John *Evelot*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset) (from the double diminutive *Evelot*).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Evelyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eastbury, Berks); Edwarde Evelyne, 1563 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Annes Evelyn, 1576 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Katharina Evelin, 1584 in *IGI* (Long Ditton, Surrey); Annes Evelyng, 1589 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); John Eveling, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

2 English: relationship name alternatively a variant of (or confused with) **Aveline**. See also **Aveling**.

**Evelmy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset
- English: see **Effemy**.

**Evenenden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Evernden**.

**Evenett**

Variants: **Evennett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Evenot* or \**Evenet*, a pet form of *Eve* with the double diminutive suffix *-inot* or *-inet*.

**Early bearers:** Margeria Evenette, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brockhurst, Warwicks); Ricardus Euenot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Totham, Essex); Walter Evenet, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Edward Evenett, 1567 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Susan Evenet, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Evenot, 1709 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); Mary Evenet, 1787 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

**Evening**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Avening (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Eveninge*, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs).

**Further information:** As McKinley notes, Reaney's derivation of the Sussex name from Middle English *evening* 'an equal, a match' is unlikely in view of the sequence of forms located in medieval Eastbourne. Whether this word was an alternative source of the name elsewhere is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Aveninge, 1231 in Feet of Fines (Eastbourne, Sussex); John de Avening, subtaxer for Longtree Hundred, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Gloucs); Walter Evenyng, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Sussex); Walter Evening, 1302 in Feudal Aids (Sussex); John and Walter Euenyng, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Eastbourne, Sussex); Simon, Ralph, and Robert Euenyng, 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Preston with Hove, Sussex); Thomas Evenyng, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Upperton in Eastbourne, Sussex); Thomas Evening, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Mary Evening, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London); William Evening, 1702 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Isaac Evening, 1759 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 233.

**Evennett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Evenett**.

**Evens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 772
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Devon; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Monaghan
- Welsh: see **Evans**.

**Evenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

English: see **Evanson**.

**Everall**

Variants: **Everill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

1 English: post-medieval variant of **Averill**.

Compare Walter *Averell*, 1607, Nicholas *Everell*, 1652, Jeffry *Everall*, 1675 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Mary *Everall*, 1665, Mary *Averell*, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Abraham *Averell*, 1716, William *Everill*, 1771 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Anna Everall, 1539 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Lucy Everell, 1576 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Elizabeth Everall, 1578 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); Thomas Everall, 1614 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabetha Everill, 1635 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Mary Everall, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henr. Everill, 1748 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); John Everhill, 1790 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from the rare Middle English female personal name *Everil(d)*, representing either Old English *Eoforhild* or an unrecorded Old French form of its Continental Germanic equivalent *Eburhild*. As a post-Conquest given name it is apparently attested in a minor place-name *Hevereldsshaghe*, 1439 in Place-Names of WR Yorks 3, p. 191, at Everill Shaw in Hebden Bridge. The 1379 WR Yorks surname cited below, if derived from the personal name, is unlikely to have any link with the post-medieval Shrops and Staffs surnames cited under (1).

**Further information:** Modern use of *Everil(d)* as a given name is first recorded in 16th-century ER Yorks, where it was sometimes assimilated to *Averill*; compare (1). The name was used by the crypto-Catholic Constable family of Everingham, whose church was at that time dedicated to Saint Everild, an Anglo-Saxon princess reputed, in a 14th-century breviary, to have founded a nunnery near York. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Eurell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Azerley with Galphay, Mickley, and Braithwaite, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name perhaps a variant of **Deverell**, the initial *D-* being dropped as though it were a reduced form of the Anglo-Norman French preposition *de* 'of, from'. However, *Deverell* and its variants are solidly SW England, especially Wilts, with no presence in Shrops or Staffs, where *Everall* and *Everill* are concentrated.

**Everard**

Variants: **Evrard**, **Evered**, **Everid**, **Everett**, **Everet**, **Everitt**, **Everatt**, **Overett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1059, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in E England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; Tipperary  
Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Everard* and *Everet*. These might occasionally be from the Old English form of the name, *Eoforheard*, but many of the

bearers of this name were undoubtedly Normans, who had it from the cognate Continental Germanic *Eburhard*, *Everhard*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ebrard, Eurardus, 1086 in Domesday Book; Euerardus camber, about 1175 in Newark Documents (Newark, Notts); Eurardus de Langetona, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Eborardus, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Everedus, about 1250 in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs). surnames, England: Richard Everard, 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Beds); William Everard, 1225 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Euerrad, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Symon Eborard, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Geoffrey Everard, 1300 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); Willelmus Everard, 1377 in Poll Tax (Mashbury, Essex); Stephanus Everede, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Lynn, Norfolk); Coletta Evererd, 1379 in Poll Tax (Laxton, ER Yorks); Thoma Evererd, 1379 in Poll Tax (Laxton, ER Yorks); Johanne Heverard, 1381 in Poll Tax (Halsway, Somerset); John Euerard', 1488 in Feet of Fines (Walpole, Norfolk); Edne Everett, 1570 in Parish Registers (Kings Walden, Herts); Richard Evered, 1581 in *IGI* (Black Notley, Essex); Agnes Everitt, 1594 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Mary Everitt, 1640 in in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Mary Everet, 1725, Everard, 1728, Evered, 1732, Everrad, 1734 in Parish Registers (Ickworth, Suffolk). surnames, Ireland: Richard Everade, 1575 in Fiants Elizabeth §2708 (of the parish of Saint James, Dublin); Richard Everitt, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §3460.

### Everatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Evernden**.  
2 English: locative name occasionally perhaps from Everdon (Northants). However, in its usual spelling, *Everdon*, this surname appears to have died out.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholao de Everdon, 1202–6 in Daventry Priory Cartulary (Northants); Silvester de Everdon, 1246 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Ricardus Everdon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Welton, Northants); Silvester de Everdon, 1449 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Jone Everdon, 1569 in *IGI* (Stockton, Warwicks); Reignald Everdon, 1614 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Joseph Everdon, 1866 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds).

### Evered

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Somerset
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everest

Variants: **Everist**, **Everiss**, **Everix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1381, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1017
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- Norman, English: variant of **Devereux** without the fused preposition (Old French *de*); compare **Evers**.

**Early bearers:** John Everose, 1386 in London Letter Books H; George Everest, 1572 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Ralph Euerest, 1594 in *IGI* (Lincoln); Edward Everist, 1603 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); John Everist, 1620 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Thomas Everiss, 1702 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Thos. Everiss, 1790 in *IGI* (Bredons Norton, Worcs); Job Evericks, 1831 in *IGI* (South Moreton, Berks); Eliza Everix, 1853 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon).

### Everet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6650, Ireland 86
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia and SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Meath and Louth
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: locative name from the Middle English personal name *Everich* (Old English \**Eoforic*).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Everich, 1289 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction; Margerie Everidge, 1585 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Edmond Everidge, 1608 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); John Everidge, 1661 in *IGI* (Broughton, Hants); Richard Everidge, 1669 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Everidge, 1689 in *IGI* (Stratford Tony, Wilts).

### Everill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Everall**.

### Everingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Everingham (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Eueringeham, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Robert de Everingham, 1259, in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Adam de Everingham, 1348 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Adam de Everynham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Edw Everingham, 1562 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); John Everingham, 1565 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Everingham, 1574 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Wm. Everingham, 1574 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Ursula Everingham, 1585 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

### Everington

- Variants: **Overington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name apparently from Everington in Yattendon (Berks), although the name is now strongly associated with Lincs.  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Eurinton', 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Johannes Everyngto, 1381 in Poll Tax (Spalding, Lincs); Allis Everington, 1566 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Christoferus Everington, 1566 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Agnes Everington, 1567 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Judyth Everynton, 1575 in *IGI* (Winceby, Lincs); Frisewid Euerington, 1588 in *IGI* (Apley, Lincs).

### Everiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Everest**.

### Everist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Everest**.

### Everitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4145, Ireland 163
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Everard**.

### Everix

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Everest**.

### Everley

Variants: **Everly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Notts
- 1 English: locative name from Everley, NR Yorks.  
**Early bearers:** William de Everley, 1247 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John de Euerlay, canon, 1248 in Aberdeen Register (Dunkeld, Perths); Bartholomew Everley, 1600 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks).  
2 English: locative name from Everleigh, Wilts.  
**Early bearers:** Ailward de Euerlay, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); William de Euerleye, 1346 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Rogero Everle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Devizes, Wilts); Ricardo Everleye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chisenbury, Wilts); Jane Everley, 127 in *IGI* (West Knoyle, Wilts).

### Everly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Leics
- English: see **Everley**.

### Evernden

Variants: **Evenden**, **Everden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

## Evers

English: locative name from a lost and unidentified place called *Everenden*, apparently in Kent.

**Further information:** There does not seem to be any connection with Great Everden Farm in Alkham (Kent), which is recorded as *Evering* in 1242–3, although it did give rise to a medieval surname: [...] *de Everinges*, 1211–12 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Kent); Nicholas *de Everyng*, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Folkestone hundred, Kent); Nicholas *Evering*, 1551 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Smeeth, Kent). The development of the place-name from *Evering* to Everden seems to be very recent, post-dating the 1840 Tithes Award.

**Early bearers:** William Euerynden, 1429 in Feet of Fines (Leeds, Kent); Bartholomew Everden, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Goudhurst, Kent); James Evyrden or Everynden, 1464 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Cranbrook, Kent); Joan Effrynden, 1534–5 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Headcorn, Kent); William Everenden, 1551–2 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Rolvenden, Kent); Robarte Everndon, 1559 in PROB 11 (Benenden, Kent); Elizabeth Evenden, 1562, Thomas Evernden, 1577, Bregret Everden, 1580 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Richard Everden, 1566, Katherin Evernden, 1585, John Evenden, 1623 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Daniel Evernden, 1586, Alice Everden, 1639 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); William Everdene, 1609, Susan Everden, 1647 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Francys Evenden, 1611, Steven Everinden, 1631 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); John Everndine, 1699 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 440.

## Evers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 English: locative name perhaps a variant of *Devereux* without the fused preposition (Old French *de*); compare *Everest*.

**Further information:** Robertus *dil Evres*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Burtonwood, Lancs) seems to point to a topographical surname from a plural form of late Middle English *ever* (Old English \**yfre* 'edge or brow of a hill or promontory'); see *Iver* and compare (2). But there is no evidence that this gave rise to a hereditary surname in the W Midlands or N England, unless Robert *de Euere*, 1334 in Yorks Deeds (Tong, WR Yorks) is an example. He may be an ancestor of Ralph *Eure* [i.e. *Evre*] alias *Evers*, 1539 in York Registry Wills (Ackton, WR Yorks). However, these WR Yorks names may be variants of (*de*) *Evreux* with occasional loss of the final consonant.

Derivation from the Old English personal name *Eofof* (suggested in Reaney and Wilson) is unlikely in view of its rarity as a given name and the absence of any evidence that it gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** John Euers, 1465–66 in Feet of Fines (Warwick); William Evers, 1470 in Feet of Fines (ER Yorks); Robert Everis, 1495 in York Guild Register; Margareta Evers, 1550 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Elisabeth Evers, 1568 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Robert Evers, 1584 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Anna Evers, 1603 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Evers, 1687 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward Evers, 1688 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

2 English: de-aspirated variant of *Heaver* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The name may have been confused with that in (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Evers, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); John Evers, 1657 in (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

## Eversden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Eversden (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Euresdon, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Robert de Eversden, 1290 in Patent Rolls (Warwick); John de Euersdon, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Saint Albans, Herts); William Eversden, 1575 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Tho., Jr. Eversdon, 1665 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs).

## Eversfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from an unidentified place so named, probably in Sussex or Kent.

**Further information:** There is a farm of this name near Bratton Clovelly (Devon), but it does not appear to be the source of the modern family name.

**Early bearers:** William de Eversfeld, 1358 in Patent Rolls; Nicholas Eversfeld, 1552 in PROB 11; Fraunc Eversfeld, 1595 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Nichos Eversfield, 1613 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Charles Esq. Eversfeild, 1708 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

## Evershed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Eversheds Farm in Ockley (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Everesheved, 1255 in Place-Names of Surrey 276; Richard Evershed, 1618 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); John Evershed, 1620 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); John Evershed, 1631 in *IGI* (Warnham, Sussex); Susanna Evershed, 1771 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); William Evershed, 1776 in *IGI* (Frittenden, Kent).

## Eversley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Somerset

English: locative name from Eversley (Hants) or a lost place called *Eversley* in Charing (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John de Everslye, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Walter de Everslegh, 1278 in Glastonbury Chartulary (Somerset); Thomas Everesle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ockley, Surrey); John Eversley, 1569 in *IGI* (Addington, Bucks); Henry Eversley, 1570 in *IGI* (Granborough, Bucks); Mary Eversley, 1628 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Abraham Eversley, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Eversley, 1690 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

## Everson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1462, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 969
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk; also WR Yorks; Monmouths
- English: see *Evison*.

## Everton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 906, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in central England

English: locative name from any of various places called Everton (e.g. in Beds, Lancs, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Alured de Euerton, 1212 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs, Hunts); William de Everton, 1348 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Phillipus Everton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Millburn Grange, Warwicks); Robert Everton, 1474 in Feet of Fines (Essex).

## Every

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; also Carmarthen

English: see *Avery*.

## Eves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1757, Ireland 89
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Offaly
- English: see *Eaves*.

## Evesham

**Variants:** *Everson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: locative name from Evesham (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Celestria de Euesham, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Evesham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charlbury, Oxon); John Evisham, 1663 in Hereford Militia Assessments.

## Eveson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Eve* + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Evesone, 13th cent. in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs); Hugh Eveson, 1373 in Colchester Court Rolls; Henricus Evesone, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shrops); Margaret Eveson, 1574 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Richard Eveson, 1578 in *IGI* (Somersby, Lincs); Jone Eveson, 1588 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Elizabeth Eveson, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Henry Eveson, 1615 in *IGI* (Fordwich, Kent).

## Evett

**Variants:** *Evetts*, *Evitt*, *Evitts*, *Evatt*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Somerset; Middx; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Evet* or *Evot*, diminutives of the female personal name *Eve*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Evot, 1314 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Euota, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Evette, 1420 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue. surnames: William Euote, 1295 in Barnwell Memorandum Book (Cambs); Walter Euote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Darier' Evatt', 1379 in

Poll Tax (Wishaw, Warwicks); William Evett, 1555 in Patent Rolls.

### Evettts

Variants: **Evitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: variant of **Evett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Euotes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horstead, Norfolk); John Evattts, 1624 in Oriol College Records (Oxon).

### Evill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Deaille**.
- Early bearers:** John Evill, 1638 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts).

### Evington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from either of two places called Evington (Leics, Gloucs).
- Early bearers:** John de Iuinton', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Gloucs); William de Euinton', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Ricardus Evynton', 1377, Ricardo de Evynton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Derbys); Willelmus de Evynton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Franncis Evington, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Franncis Evington, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Saray Evington, 1598 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts); Agnes Evington, 1600 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts); Anne Evington, 1603 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics).

### Evins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Yorks and Lancs
- Welsh: see **Evans**.

### Evison

Variants: **Everson, Evason, Overson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1264, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 949
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Yorks and Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Eve* or its pet form *Evot* + *son*.
- Early bearers:** William Evoteson, 1325 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Johannes Evotson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Askwith, WR Yorks); Willelmus Evesone, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shrops); Leonard Evison, 1583 in *IGI* (Aby with Greenfield, Lincs); John Evason, 1601 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs); Thomas Eversome, 1634, Edward Everson, Eversham, 1639, 1644 in Buxhall History (Suffolk); Robertus Evison, 1643 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Robert Everson, 1650 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); William Evason, 1682, in *IGI* (Kenley, Shrops); Susannah Everson, 1682 in *IGI* (Scawby, Lincs); Richard Everson, 1723 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Christopher Evison, 1730 in *IGI*

(Candlesby, Lincs); John Everson, 1739 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths).

### Evitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Fermanagh; Dublin
- English: see **Evett**.

### Evitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Evettts**.

### Evon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- English: probably a variant of **Evan**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Evoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **McEvoy**.

### Everard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Everard**.

### Ewan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 660
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Ewen, McEwan**

### Ewart

Variants: **Yeowart, Yeoward, Youatt, Hewart, Howard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1997, Ireland 263
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1679
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Ewart*, a French form of *Edward*. The first example of a bearer of the given name *Ewart* is probably identical with *Eadward*, a moneyer of William I.
- Early bearers:** given names: Ewart aurifaber, 1084 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Eward filius Gaufridi, 1189–1200 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk). surnames: Hugo filius Eward, 1199 in Charter Rolls; Gillemichel filius Eward, 1212 in Book of Fees (Lancs); Thomas Eward, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Willelmus Ewart, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stebbing, Essex); John Eward, 1512 in Rochester Wills.
- 2 English: occupational name from Middle English *ewehird* 'ewe herd, keeper of the sheep' (Old English *ēowu* + *hierde*). Ewes were kept for their milk, from which cheese was made. The name may also have survived as **Howard**.
- Early bearers:** Adam Yowehirde, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Ingleton, WR Yorks); John Howeherde, 1348 in Derbys Archaeological Journal 36; Adam Ewhurde,

1377 in Poll Tax (East Overton, Wilts); Johanne Eweherde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eastbury, Berks); Johannes Eweherde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Didbrook with Hailes, Gloucs); Johannes Ewehird', 1379 in Poll Tax (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); Robertus Yowarde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tibthorpe, ER Yorks); William Yeoward, 1607 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name from Ewart (Northumb). **Early bearers:** Robert de Ewrth', 1242 in Book of Fees (Northumb); Andrew Ewart, 1583 in Drumlanrig (Kirkcudbright); Nigel Ewart, 1607 in Retours, Scotland (Annandale, Dumfriess); Elin Youart, 1656 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Isobell Youart, 1704 in *IGI* (Spott, E Lothian); Ann Youart, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Ewbank

Variants: **Eubank, Ubank, Eubanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: locative name from any of several places named with Middle English *eu* 'yew' (Old English *īw*, *ēow*) + *bank(e)*, such as Yew Bank in Whitehaven (Cumb).
- Early bearers:** Waldef de Yuebanc, about 1258 in Place-Names of Cumb (Cumb); William Hughbank, 1464, Oswald Ewbanke, 1592 in York Freeman's Register (York); Robert Hewbank, 1475 in York Guild Register (York); John Ewbank, 1573 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Heline Ewbank, 1616 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Laurentius Ewbank, 1647 in *IGI* (Melsonby, NR Yorks).
- References:** Place-Names of Cumb, p. 453.

### Ewell

Variants: **Euell, Hewell, Youell, Youel, Youle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Temple Ewell or Ewell Minnis (Kent, near Dover), or possibly from Ewell (Surrey).
- Early bearers:** Gilbert de Ewell, 1238–9 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Richard de Ewelle, 1258 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Hugh Ewel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanna Ewell', 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Ewell, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); David Ewell, 1563 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Mary Ewell, 1566 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Francis Ewell, 1592 in *IGI* (Bobbington, Staffs); William Ewell, 1619 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Surrey).

### Ewells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Ewles**.

### Ewen

Variants: **Ewan, Ewing, Ewin, Ewens, Yewen, Yan, Yon, Hewin, Hewing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2124, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also scattered in England: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- 1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Scottish personal name *Ewen*, an anglicized form of

## Ewens

Gaelic *Eòghann* (Old Irish *Eogán*, sometimes rendered into Latin as *Eugenius*, from Greek *eugenēs* 'well-born').

**Early bearers:** given names: Ewain, sheriff, 1164 in Scone Charters (Scone, Perth); Ewayn, judge, 1265 in Saint Andrews Charters (Dull, Perth).

**surnames:** Dovenaldus Ewain, before 1165, in Newbattle Register; Margratt Ewan, 1632 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Welsh: relationship name from a variant of the personal name *Owain*, also derived from Latin *Eugenius*; compare **Owen**.

**Further information:** Its medieval popularity was no doubt enhanced by the figure of Ywain in the 12th-century *History of the Kings of Britain* by Geoffrey of Monmouth, who subsequently appeared in romances. The character derived from a 6th-century historical person Owain mab Urien.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ewen, Ewein Brit(t)o, 1086 in Domesday Book (Herefs); Ywein Ladde, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Ywanus surdus, 1181 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Ewanus filius Walteri, 1192 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Yowayne de Bulling, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Ewyn, Iwin de Salt, 1271 in Assize Rolls (Staffs).

**surnames:** Robertus filius Ywein, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Walter Ywain, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Robert Ywein, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Berks); John Iuuen, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; John Youn, 1346 in London Letter Books F; Richard Ewin, 1453 in Feet of Fines (Berks, Bucks, and Oxon); John Ewen, 1501 in PROB 11 (Ashton Keynes, Wilts).

## Ewens

**Variants:** Ewins, Ewings, Youens, Youings, Uwins, Hewings, Hewins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish, Welsh: relationship name variant of **Ewen** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Lucia Iwynes, 1359 in Statutes of Labourers (Cornwall); John Ewens, 1586 in PROB 11 (Wincanton, Somerset); Richard Ewyns, 1605, Ewens, 1639, Ewings, 1681 in York Freeman's Register; John Hewins, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Thomas Hewings, 1739 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Sarah Hewings, 1775 in *IGI* (Thorverton, Devon).

## Ewer

**Variants:** Ewers, Lewer, Lower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Bucks

English: occupational name from Middle English *ewere*, a reduced form of *\*ewerer* 'servant who supplied guests at table with water to wash their hands'. The word *ewerer* is a derivative of Old French and Middle English *ewer* 'water pitcher', also recorded in Middle English as *ower*. Compare **Lewer** and **Lower**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Ewer, 1185 in Templars Records (Warwicks); Alexander Euer, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Thomas Ewer', 1377 in Poll Tax (West Lavington, Wilts); Thoma Ewer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fiddington, Wilts); Willelmus Ewer, 1381 in Poll Tax

(Boston, Lincs); Rychard Ewer, 1542 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Willm. Ewer, 1542 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Willms Ewer, 1561 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Margareta Ewer, 1567 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Edvardus Ewer, 1568 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs).

## Ewers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in SE and central England

English: variant of **Ewer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Ewers, 1566 in Assize Rolls (Tendring, Essex); Richard Ewers, 1633 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Ewers, 1634 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Ewers, 1655 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Elizabeth Youers, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Anne Ewers, 1673 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks).

## Ewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Westm
- Scottish, Welsh: see **Ewen**.

## Ewing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3252, Ireland 549
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2754
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Lancs; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal and Tyrone

Scottish: relationship name, altered form of **Ewen**, formed as if it were an English patronymic ending in *-ing*. Compare **MeEwan**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Bartholomew Ewing, 1555 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow); George Yewing, 1664 in Hunter, Dunkeld; David Yewine, 1717 in Hunter, Dunkeld.

England: John Ewing, 1573 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); John Hewing, 1578 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Robti. Hewing, 1606 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Johanes Hewing, 1611, and Roberti Hewing, 1616 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs); Francis Ewing, 1614 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); James Hewing, 1646 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Mary Ewing, 1684 in *IGI* (Wood Dalling, Norfolk); Jane Hewing, 1718 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Edward Hewing, 1765 in *IGI* (Methwold, Norfolk).

## Ewings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewens** formed as if it were a patronymic ending in *-ing*.

## Ewington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John de Euyngton', 1384 in Feet of Fines (Wainfleet, Lincs); Thomas Ewington, 1642 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts); William Ewinton, 1735 in *IGI*

(Luton, Beds); William Eweington, 1795 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

## Ewins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 621, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 520
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and W England: esp. Worcs
- Scottish, Welsh: see **Ewens**.

## Ewles

**Variants:** Ewells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from any of several places named from Old English *æwylm* 'spring, source', such as Ewell Hall in Kelvedon (Essex) or Temple Ewell (Kent), with the addition of a post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Moses Ewells, 1663 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Tho. Ewles, 1666 in *IGI* (Moulton Saint Mary, Norfolk); William Ewels, 1826 in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk).

## Exall

**Variants:** Exell, Excell, Exhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Berks; Herefs

English: locative name from either Exhall near Alcester or Exhall near Coventry (both Warwicks). **Early bearers:** [... de] Acleshal, 1198 in Place-Names of Warwicks (Warwicks); Richard de Eccleshal', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Thomas de Eccleshale, 1279–80 in Warwicks Hundred Rolls (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); William de Eccleshale, 1332 in Feet of Fines (Tadley, Hants); Robert de Eklshale, 1342 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Richard de Eccleshale, 1358, Richard Eccleshale, 1367, John Ecclesale, 1407 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Robert Exall', 1542 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Agneta Exall, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Margarita Exall, 1564 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); Israell Exell, 1610 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Richard Exall, 1613 in *IGI* (Sulhamstead Abbots, Berks); John Excell, 1677 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Nicolas Exell, 1687 in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs); Richard Exell, 1702 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent). **References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, pp. 107–8, 208.

## Excell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Gloucs

English: see **Exall**.

## Exelby

**Variants:** Eshelby, Hasselby, Hazelby, Husselbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Cornwall
- English: locative name from Exelby (NR Yorks), a metathesized form of *Eskelby*, or possibly from Asselby (ER Yorks), which is found as *Askelby* in 1282, *Eskilby* in 1199, and *Axilbye* in 1551. **Early bearers:** John de Eskelby, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Richard Exilby, 1490 in York Freeman's Register; William Exylby, 1504 in York Registry Wills (Topcliffe, NR Yorks); Christopher Axilbie, 1571 in



Parish Registers (York); Isabel Haslabie, 1592 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Milles Exelby, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); William Exelby or Exelbye, 1632 in PROB 11 (North Mimms, Herts); Thomas Eshleby, 1672 in York Freeman's Register; Gilbert Haselbee, 1649 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); John Hazleby, 1749 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); Joseph Axelby, 1802 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).  
**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks 248; Place-Names of NR Yorks 226; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Exell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs  
 English: see **Exall**.

### Exeter

**Variants:** Exter, Hexter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent  
 English: locative name from the city of Exeter (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Goscelin de Execestre, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon); Ralph de Exeter, 1272 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johanne Excetr', 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); John Exetter, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Jane Hexter, 1677 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); John Exter, 1796 in Parish Registers (Hartland, Devon).

### Exhall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see **Exall**.

### Exley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1856, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1424
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: locative name from Exley in Southowram (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Magot de Exelay, 1324 in Lancs Court Rolls; William Exley, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks).

### Exon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs  
 Latin, English: locative name from a shortened form of *Exoniensis*, the Latinized spelling of Exeter (Devon).
- Early bearers:** John de Exon', 1282 in Patent Rolls (Exeter, Devon); Richard de Exon, 1308 in Patent Rolls (Dublin); John Exon, 1562 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Francis Exon, 1617 in PROB 11 (North Curry, Somerset).

### Extance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Hants  
 English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Extance, 1796 in *IGI* (Motcombe, Dorset); Sarah Extence, 1802 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Stephen Extance, 1834 in *IGI* (Motcombe, Dorset).

### Exter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall  
 English: see **Exeter**.

### Exton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1070, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1003
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Lincs and Leics; Kent  
 English: locative name from any of several places called Exton (in Rutland, Devon, Somerset, and Hants).
- Early bearers:** William de Exton', 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Rutland); William de Exton', 1242 in Book of Fees (Devon); Robert de Exton', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); John Exton, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

### Ey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
 English: see **Eye**.

### Eyden

**Variants:** Eydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Warwicks

English: locative name from Eydon (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Eydayne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Johannes Eydon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Catesby, Northants); Alis Eyeden, 1546 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Fayth Eyden, 1584 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Eydon, 1585 in *IGI* (Aynho, Northants); Thomas Eytan, 1604 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Mary Eyeden, 1620 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

### Eydon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9  
 English: see **Eyden**.

### Eye

**Variants:** Ey, Eyes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; also Westm

English: locative name from any of at least three places called Eye (Suffolk, Northants, Herefs), or possibly a topographic name for someone who lived on land partly surrounded by water or marsh, Middle English *eye* (Old English *ēg*). See also **Nye**, **Ray**, **Rea**, **Rye**, and **Yea**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Peitevin de Eya, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Peter Ege in Pipe Rolls; John de la Eye, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Thomas ate Eye, 1341 in Nonarum Inquisitiones (Sussex); Johannes de Eye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Eye, 1635 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); John Eye, 1668 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Gothard Eye, 1683 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Maria Eye, 1699 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Elizabeth Eye, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Eyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys; Northants  
 English: see **Ayer**.

### Eyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 573
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Wicklow  
 English: see **Ayres**.

### Eyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3746, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs  
 English: locative name variant of **Eye** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Eyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1584, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1352
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs; Northants  
 English: see **Iles**.

### Eyley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys  
 English: see **Iley**.

### Eylott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks  
 English: see **Aylett**.

### Eynon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1081, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 847
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Pembs  
 Welsh: see **Ennion**.

### Eyre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5055, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3578
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N Midlands and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Antrim  
 English: see **Ayer**.

### Eyres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1130, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 909
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England: esp. Lancs; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick  
 English: see **Ayres**.

### Eyston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks  
 English: locative name from Eyston Hall in Belchamp Walter (Essex), or perhaps a variant of **Easton**, which is a very common English place-name.

**Early bearers:** John de Eyston, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Jacobus Eystone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wrabness, Essex); William Eyston, 1538 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); William Eyston, 1540 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Elizabeth Eyston, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Ralph Eyston, 1723 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Mary Eyston, 1740 in *IGI* (Newbrough, Northumb).

### Eyte

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see *Eite*.

### Eyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Denbighs and Flints; Lancs; Shrops

English: locative name from Eyton (Shrops) or Eaton (Cheshire, Leics, Staffs), or Eaton Bray (Beds), Cold Eaton or Long Eaton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Eiton', 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops); John de Eyton', 1280 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Adam de Heyton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); John Eiton, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John de Eyton', 1415 in Feet of Fines (Alderbury, Shrops); William Eyton, Eton, or Heyton, 1509 in Foreign and Domestic Letters (Northants); Samuel ap Richard Eyton, 1595 in Parish Registers (Ruabon, Denbighs); John Eyton, 1618 in Parish Registers (Mold, Flints).

### Ezard

**Variants:** *Ezzard*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: see *Izzard*.

**Early bearers:** John Esod, 1496 in Norwich Freeman (Norfolk); Elyzabeth Ezard, 1564 in *IGI* (Waltham

Abbey, Essex); Willm. Ezard, 1610 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); William Essard, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Francis Ezard, 1669 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); Daniel Ezzard, 1721 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Walter Esard, 1751 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Joseph Essard, 1756 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Ezard, 1774 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); William Ezzard, 1783 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

### Eze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from Igbo *eze* 'king'.

**References:** <http://www.kwenu.com/afamefune/afamefune.htm>

### Ezekiel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London

Jewish, English: relationship name from the Hebrew Biblical personal name *Yechezkel* 'God will strengthen'. This is found not only as a Jewish family name, but also as a comparatively late surname formation in the British Isles among Nonconformists, especially in Wales and Devon.

**Early bearers:** England, Scotland, Wales: Margaret Ezekiel, 1659 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Ezekiel, 1745 in *IGI* (Llanerfyl, Montgomerys); Philip Ezekiel, 1755 in Parish Registers (Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, Middx); Abraham Ezekiel, 1757 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joshua Ezekiel, 1835 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Samuel Ezekiel, born in Manchester, in Census 1861 (East Stonehouse, Devon); Benjamin Ezekiel, born in Falmouth, Cornwall, in Census 1881 (East Stonehouse, Devon); Lewis H. Ezekiel, traveller in cigars, born in Manchester, in Census 1891 (Paddington, Middx); Moses Ezekiel, in Census 1911 (Plymouth, Devon).

India: Juaha Ezekiel, merchant, born in India, in Census 1871 (London); Solomon Ezekiel, East India merchant, born in Bombay, India, in Census 1881 (Croydon, Surrey); Nissim Ezekiel, born in Bombay, in Census 1891 (Steyning, Sussex); Samuel Ezekiel, born in India, in Census 1901 (Steyning, Sussex); William Ezekiel, labourer, born in India, in Census 1901 (East Stonehouse, Devon); Marcus Ezekiel, born in Bombay, India, in Census 1911 (Hove, Sussex); Nissim David Ezekiel, born in Bombay, India, in in Census 1911 (Hove, Sussex); Catherine Ezekiel, born in India, in Census 1911 (Hove, Sussex).

### Ezra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish: relationship name from the Hebrew personal name *Ezra*, from a word meaning 'help'. As a surname, it is found both as a Jewish name and from an 18th- or 19th-century English Nonconformist adoption of the Biblical name.

**Further information:** Ezra was a Biblical prophet of the 5th century BC who played an important role in the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. **Early bearers:** Aaron Ezra, steward, in born Baghdad, Turkey, in Census 1881 (Brighton, Sussex); Ellis Ezra, scholar at Jewish school, born in India, in Census 1901 (Bristol, Gloucs); Ellis Nissim Ezra, solicitor, born in Hong Kong, Ramah Ezra, born in Calcutta, India, and Rachel Ezra, born in Hong Kong, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx); Ezekiel Ezra, born in Calcutta, India, in Census 1911 (Paddington, Middx).

### Ezzard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants
- English: see *Ezard*.

**Fabb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk

English: relationship name perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Fab(b)e*, which could be a pet form of **Fabian**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Fabe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Quidenham, Norfolk); Thomas Fabbe, 1544, George Fabb, 1546 in *IGI* (Little Wilbraham, Cambs); John Fabb, 1641 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); George Fab, 1704 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Faber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German, Dutch, French, Scandinavian, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Latin *faber* 'smith'. There are no grounds for believing that the Medieval Latin word *faber*, frequently used by clerks to render Middle English *smith*, became a hereditary English surname. The Middlesex and London surname was brought to England from the 16th century onwards by migrants from northern Europe, where it was fashionable among those with a humanist, classical education to adopt a Latin form of their surname: it is a latinized form of German **Schmidt**, Dutch **Smit**, Danish, Norwegian **Smidth**, **Smed**, French **Fèvre**, and so on. The name was also adopted by Jews, many of whom came to England from eastern Europe in the late 19th century. There is no evidence for a similar humanistic practice in 16th- and 17th-century England, though the possibility cannot be ruled out. The Devon surname most likely originated with a migrant from abroad, unless it is a far-flung example of the Yorks locative name under (3) below.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Faber, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Whitechapel, Middx); Nicholas Faber, 1637 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Dennis Faber, tailor, born in Prussia, in Census 1851 (Westminster, Middx); Jacob Faber, cooper, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Faber, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Islington, Middx); Abraham Faber, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Faber, born in the Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jane Faber, 1897 in Jews' Hospital (Holloway, Middx); Israel Faber, travelling draper, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Franz Faber, baker, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Shoreditch, Middx); Frits Faber, fruit farmer, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1911 (Hitchin, Herts); Harris Faber, baker, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Max Faber, tailor, born in Russia, his sons Mendel and Hyman Faber, born in England, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Huguenot: occupational name from French **Fabre**, used in northern France as a semi-learned (latinized) spelling of **Favre**, **Fèvre** 'smith', and brought to

England by Huguenots. Since the *-b-* was only a hypercorrect spelling of what was still pronounced as *-v-*, it is unclear whether this name would have been anglicized to **Faber** or to **Faver** and **Feaver**. See also **Lefevre**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Fabre, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jacques Fabre, 1703 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Fabre, 1710 in *IGI* (La Patente French Huguenot Church, London).

3 English: see **Fawbert**.

**Fabian**

**Variants:** **Fabien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; also Glamorgan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fabian* (Latin *Fabianus* 'of Fabius').

**Early bearers:** given names: Fabianus de Cam, 1184 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Fabianus de Hulmo, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk).

surnames: Willelmus filius Fabiani, identical with William Fabian, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); William Fabien, 1231–53 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); Johannes Fabyon, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Coggeshall, Essex); Johannes Fabyone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swaffham, Norfolk); Johannes Fabyan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bloxham, Oxon); John Fabyynn, 1478, Thomas Fabian or Fabyan, 1488 in PROB 11 (London); Thomas Fabyon, 1542 in PROB 11 (Polstead, Suffolk); Johis. Fabian, 1565 in Parish Registers (Therfield, Herts); Georgii Fabien, 1625 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Alexander Fabian, 1642 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants).

2 French, German, Italian (Venetian), Polish, Czech, Slovak, and Hungarian: relationship name from the personal name *Fabian*, as in (1).

**Early bearers:** Harry Fabian, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Tottenham, Middx); Gasser Fabien, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Soho, Middx).

3 Jewish: adoption of the non-Jewish surname under the influence of the Yiddish personal name *Fayvish*.

**Early bearers:** Harris Fabian, bootmaker, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

**Fabien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- French: French form of **Fabian**.

**Fable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Norfolk; Jersey
- English: (i) relationship name, nickname perhaps from a diminutive form of the Middle English

personal name \**Fab(b)e* (see **Fabb**), which may be a pet form of the personal name **Fabian**. (ii) nickname, alternatively, from Middle English (Old French) *fable* 'lie', though this is less likely. **Early bearers:** John Fabel, 1329 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Fabel of Hatfield Peverel, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Hatfield Peverel, Essex); Isaac Fable, 1761 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks).

**Faccenda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: apparently from *faccenda* 'business'.

**Facer**

**Variants:** **Faser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 555
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Midlands: esp. Northants

English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *fausour*, *faucour* 'liar, swindler, cheat, counterfeiter'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Fausour, le Fausour, 1339 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Walterus Fausor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Thaxted, Essex); Jane Facer, 1587 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Marye Facer, 1606 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Catharina Faser, 1714 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk).

**Facey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1304, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 539
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London
- English: see **Vasey**.

**Fackerell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Fackrell**.

**Fackrell**

**Variants:** **Fackerell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained; perhaps from Middle English *fauterel* 'weaking'.

**Early bearers:** Roberte Fackrell, 1565, Nicholas Fackerell, 1567 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**Facon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Feakin**.

**Factor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German, Dutch: occupational name from a translation into Latin of any of various names

## Fadden

meaning 'steward' or 'agent', for example **Hoffmann** or **Meyer**.

### Fadden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 138
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pháidín**, **Mac Phaid** (e)in, see **McFadden**.

### Faed

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Faid**.

### Faers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs
- English: see **Fairs**.

### Fagan

Variants: **Fagen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4116, Ireland 3172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Meath; Down

Irish: (i) from a reduced form of **Ó Fágáin** or **Ó Faodhagáin**, dialect variants of **Ó hÓgáin**, **Ó hAodhagáin**, or **Ó Fiacháin**. See **Hogan** and **Hagan**. There also seems to have been some confusion with **Fegan**. (ii) an alternative possible source is **Mac Pháidín**, see **McFadden**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Fagan, yeoman, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §109; Nicholas Fagan, clerk to the vicarage of Old Rosse, diocese of Ferns, 1563 in Fiant Elizabeth §584; George Fagan, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1311; Cormock Fagan, yeoman, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6693 (Foyran, Westmeath); Charles Fagen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Oldcastle, Meath); Kate Fagin, servant, 1901 in Census 1901, Ireland (Hilleborough, Down); Annie Fagin, servant, 1901 in Census 1901, Ireland (Creggan Upper, Armagh).

### Fage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Fagg**.

### Fagen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- Irish: see **Fagan**.

### Fagence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Unexplained.

**Further information:** a connection with the name of George *Fageant*, 1781 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants), is probable. The distribution is similar, probably coincidentally, to that of **Baigent**. The 19th-cent. heartland of *Fagence* is 5–10 miles from Fetcham, but no connection can be shown.

**Early bearers:** Mary Fagence, 1808 in *IGI* (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey); Abraham Fageance, 1844 in *IGI* (West Horsley, Surrey); William Fageance, agricultural labourer, in Census 1851 (Guildford, Surrey); William Fagents, 1867 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey).

### Fagg

Variants: **Fagge**, **Fage**, **Vagg**, **Vaggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1609, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *fagge*, denoting a kind of fish, probably a flat fish such as plaice, and possibly also a flat loaf of bread (Old English *facg*). Compare early Modern English *fadge* 'a large flat loaf or bannock'. The nickname may have been given to a fishmonger or a baker.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Fag, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Kent); William Fag, 1269 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Richard le Vag, 1286 in Place-Names of Wilts; Ivelo Vag', 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Fage, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Fage of Rokesdon', 1371 in Feet of Fines (Roxton, Beds); Willelmus Fagge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Exton, Somerset); Willelmo Vag, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tangmere, Sussex); John Fage of Temesford, 1411 in Patent Rolls (Tempsford, Beds); John Vagge of Peyngton, 1445 in Patent Rolls (Paignton, Devon); Richard Vage of Liskerd, 1445 in Patent Rolls (Liskeard, Cornwall); Anthony Fage, 1565 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Ayce Fagg, 1567 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Anne Fagge, 1576 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Katherine Fagg, Thomas Fage, 1592 in PROB 11 (March, Cambs); Bernard Vagge, 1585 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Robertt Fagge, 1600 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Rici Vagg, 1620 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**References:** Place-Names of Wilts, p. 144.

### Fagge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Fagg**.

### Faggetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English and Old French *fagot* 'faggot, bundle of firewood', denoting someone who made or sold faggots of firewood. Compare Johanne *Fagot*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Appleford, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Simon le fagotter, 1279 in Thuresson (Surrey); Richarde Faggator, 1606 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Hen. Faggater, 1629, Jane Faggetter, 1654, Hendry Faggetter, 1658, Sarah Faggoter, 1665, Hen. Faggotter, 1706 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey).

### Faherty

Variants: **Whearty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 785
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from **Ó Fathartaigh** 'descendant of *Fathartach*', a personal name (also spelled *Faghartach*) meaning 'noisy', from a derivative of *foghar* 'noise'. See also **Harty**.

**Early bearers:** Foghartach Ua Foghartaigh, 1092 in Annals of the Four Masters; Donogh fitz William O'Fegerte, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1184 (Skaghanogh, Kilkenny); Shane O'Fagirtye 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth §1935; Donnogh O Fayerty fitz John, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §266 (the Old town, Westmeath).

### Fahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1534, Ireland 1011
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Roscommon
- Irish: from **Ó Fathaidh** or **Ó Fathaigh**, see **Fahy**.

### Fahmy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name, Arabic *fahmi* 'intelligent, quick-witted'.

### Fahy

Variants: **Fahey**, **Fay**, **Foy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1587, Ireland 3728
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Tipperary

Irish: from **Ó Fathaidh** or **Ó Fathaigh** 'descendant of *Fathadh*', a personal name derived from *fothadh* 'base, foundation'. This name is sometimes anglicized as **Green** as a result of erroneous association with *faithche* 'law'.

**Early bearers:** Rory Oune roo O'Fahy, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2498; Teig O'Fahy fitz Rory, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2498; Ouin O'Fahy, 1581–82 in Fiant Elizabeth §3821 (Kern); Shane McRory og O'Fahy, 1588 in Fiant Elizabeth §5228 (Poblewinterfahy); John O'Fahy, 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2498; Morritagh McRiccadd O'Fahy, 1588 in Fiant Elizabeth §5228; Donogh buoy O'Faghie, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6490 (Carrickerrell); Oune roo O'Fahy, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth.

### Faichney

Variants: **Faichnie**, **Faickney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the male given name *Fiachna*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fechna, Fiachna, 7th cent. onwards in AU; MaFaichni, c.1135 in Book of Deer. surnames: Duncan Faichnay, 1592 in Muthill Baptisms (Strageath, Perth); James Faichney, 1673 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); Isabell Faichnie, 1705 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Faichny, 1707 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); John Faickney, 1823 in *IGI* (Colinton, Midlothian).

### Faichnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Faichney**.

### Faickney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Faichney**.

**Faid****Variants:** Faed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: from a reduced form of **Mac Pheadair**, see **McPheat**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Faid, 1515 in Origines Parochiales (Sutherland); John Fead, 1657 in Dumfries Testaments (Dumfriess); John Faid, 1686 in Privy Council of Scotland Register.

England: John Faid, 1827 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Faiers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Fairs**.

**Fail****Variants:** Faill, Fayle, Failes, Fails

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- 1 Manx: from **Mac Giolla Phoil**, see **Fayle**.
- 2 Scottish, Irish: from **Mac Phàil**, see **McPhail**.
- 3 Scottish: locative name from Fail (Ayr).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Faill, 1683 in Peebles Testaments (Hindhope, Roxburghs); John Faile, 1701 in *IGI* (Oxnam, Roxburghs).

4 English: nickname from Old French *faillie* 'erring, failure'. Compare Turstan *le Faillant*, about 1216–7 in Clerkenwell Cartulary; Thomas *le Failur*, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs). Some of the early bearers may belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Faill, 1548 in York Freeman's Register; Edmund Faile, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Robt Fayle, 1589 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Edward ffaile, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); John Fail, 1713 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); William Fail, 1732 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Failes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Fail** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Humfrey Fayles, 1577 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Thomas Fails, 1718 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Matthew Failes, 1743 in *IGI* (Upwell, Norfolk).

**Faill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish, Irish, English: see **Fail**.

**Fails**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Fail** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Fain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Fane**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name or nickname from Yiddish *fayn* 'fine, excellent'; see **Fein**.

**Faine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Fane**.

**Fainer****Variants:** Fenner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *feiner*, *fener* 'haymonger, one who sells hay' (Old French *fenier*). (ii) nickname, perhaps also from Middle English *feiner* 'inventor; hypocrite'.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Fener, 1271 in Thuresson (Sussex); Gilbert le Feyner, 1299 in London Letter Books C; Johannes Feynor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dalton, WR Yorks); Dennis Fainer, 1752 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Faint****Variants:** Feint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *feint*, *faint* 'deceitful; lacking in spirit; feeble'.

**Early bearers:** Gregorio Faynt', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); Jone Faynte, 1565 in *IGI* (Binbrook, Lincs); Jhon Faynt, 1572 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Wm Faint, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Feint, 1629 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks); Margret Fainte, 1644 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk).

**Fair****Variants:** Faire, Fayre, Fayer, Phair, Phayre, Phare, Vair, Vare, Fairs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1234, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1048
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Scottish, English: nickname, relationship name from Older Scots and Middle English *fair(e)*, *faier*, *fei(e)r*, *vair* 'fair, beautiful'; 'light in complexion or colour of hair or eyes' (Old English *fæger*). This was used occasionally as a personal name. See also **Farson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Edeua Faira, Pulchra, 1086 in Domesday Book; Robert fairer, 1191 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Johannes filius Fair, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Henry le Vayre, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Thomas le Fayre, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Fayr, 1377 in Poll Tax (Berwick Bassett, Wilts); Hugo Faire, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bowcombe, Hants); Ricardus Vair, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gatcombe, Hants); Ricardus le Fayr', 1381 in Poll Tax (Aughton, Lancs); Thoma Fair, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ardington, Berks); Margery Fair, 1543, Nicolas Phayre, 1639 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Henrie Fayer, 1545 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs). Scotland: Andro Fair, Thomas Fare, 1446 in Prestwick Records (Ayr); John Faire, 1507 in Ayr Friars Charters

(Glasgow); Margret Fair, 1585 in Inverness Records (Inverness); James Fair, 1615 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

2 English: see **Fare**.

3 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for any of the many Irish names formed with *fionn* 'fair, white, blond', for example **Mac Fhionn** (see **Finn**, **McGinn**).

**Fairall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Fairhall**.

**Fairbain**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; Cheshire

Scottish, English: see **Fairbairn**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the theory that modern bearers can trace their surname back to a medieval nickname formed with Middle English *fair* 'beautiful' + *bain* 'bone [i.e. limbs]'.

**Fairbairn****Variants:** Fairbarn, Fairbain, Fairbairns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2911, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2209
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *fair* 'fair, beautiful; light of complexion or colour of hair or eyes' (see **Fair**) + *barn* 'child' (see **Barne**). Compare **Fairchild**.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Fairburn** and **Freeborn**.

**Early bearers:** England: Augustin Fayrbarn, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Adam Fairbarn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Brearton, WR Yorks); Thomas Fairebarn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Dunsforth, WR Yorks); Robertus Fayrebarne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); John Fairbarne, 1478 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Thomas Fayerbarn, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Fairbarn, 1544 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Fairbairne, 1569 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs).

Scotland: Alexander Fairbairne, 1576, Elizabeth Fairbain, 1726 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonet Fairbairn, 1620 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Christian Fairbarn, 1665 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); George Fairbain, 1737 in *IGI* (Linton, Roxburghs).

**Fairbairns****Variants:** Fairbarns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Fairbairn** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Fayrebarns, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Thomas Fairebarns, 1667, John Fairbarns, 1703, Thomas Fairbairns, 1750 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); John Fairbarns, 1681 in *IGI* (Hemingby, Lincs); Rob. Fairbairns, 1735 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb); William Fairbarns, 1799 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Fairbank

### Fairbank

Variants: **Fairbanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from one or more places named with Middle English *fair(e)* 'beautiful' + *bank(e)* 'bank', such as Fairbank in Nether Staveley (Westm).

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Firbank**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Fairebank, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Westm); Johis. Fairebanke, 1544 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes Fairebanke, 1572 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Isabelle Fairbank, 1580 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); James Fayrebanke, 1583, Edward Fairbank, 1637 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite cum Lyth, Westm).

**References:** Place-Names of Westm 1, p. 173.

### Fairbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: variant of **Fairbank** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Fayerbanks, 1580 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Marie Fayrbankes, 1590 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Abigail Fairbanks, 1683 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Mary Fairbanks, 1737 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

### Fairbard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Fairbeard**.

### Fairbarn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- English, Scottish: see **Fairbairn**.

### Fairbarns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Fairbairns**.

### Fairbeard

Variants: **Fairbard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, light in colour' + *be(a)rd(e)* 'beard'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fairberd, 1331 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Thomas Fayrebeard, 1590 in Oxford University Register (Oxon); Stephen Fayrebeard, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); William Fairbeard, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Margaret Faireberd or Fairbeard, 1641 in PROB 11 (Uffington, Berks); Elizabeth Fairbeard, 1677 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Fairbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Fairburn**.

### Fairbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Lancs and Cheshire; Durham

English: see **Fairburn**.

### Fairbrace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Fairbrass**.

### Fairbrass

Variants: **Fairbrace, Farbrace, Firebrace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *fer, fier* 'strong' + *bras* 'arm', occasionally used as a personal name. Compare **Ferbrache, Strongtharm**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fierebras de Vertain, 1396 in Patent Rolls.

surnames: John Fierebrache, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); John Fierbrace, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Robert Ferbraz, 1221 in Patent Rolls (Bucks); Walter Ferebraz, 1248 in Patent Rolls (London); Walter Firbras, 1280 in London Letter Books A (London); Tristram Ferebras, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Wye hundred, Kent); John Ferbras, 1484 in Feet of Fines (Throwley, Kent); John Fayerbrace, 1507 in Feet of Fines (Chartham, Kent); John Farbrace, 1533 in Kent Wills (Chartham, Kent); Edwardi Fairbrace, 1600 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks); Mary Fierbrasse, 1644 in *IGI* (All Hallows Staining, London); Elizabeth Fairbrasse, 1650 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Thomas Firebrace, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Henry Fairbrass, 1722 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent).

### Fairbridge

Variants: **Farbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also NR Yorks

English: unexplained; possibly a euphemistic locative name for Foulbridge in Brompton (NR Yorks), which is locally /fʊbrɪɡ/, and was recorded as *Fukbrigg* in 1285. The earliest forms suggest a place-name in Northern *brig* 'bridge', later replaced by the Standard English form.

**Early bearers:** William Farbricke, 1572, Agnes Farbrige, 1574, John Farbrig, 1578, Robert Farbridg, 1646 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); William Fairbrick, 1617, Robert Farbricke, 1643, Robert Farbridge, 1646, Thomas Fairbridge, 1674 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).  
**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 98.

### Fairbrother

Variants: **Farebrother, Farbrother**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2567, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1693
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also NW Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: nickname from Middle English *fair* 'fair of hair or complexion' or 'handsome, courteous' + *brother* 'brother'. Compare **Fairman**.

**Early bearers:** John Fayerbrother, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Joane Fayrebrother, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint

Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomae Ferebrother, 1567 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); Agnes Fairebrother, 1572 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); An Fairbrother, 1573 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); William Fairbrother, 1585, James Farbrother, 1594, William Farebrother, 1603 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Joan Fayrebroother, 1585, John Fayerbrother, 1621 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey).

### Fairburn

Variants: **Fairbourn, Fairbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 774
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from Fairburn (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Fairbourne (Kent) does not appear to have contributed to the surname. This surname may have become confused with **Fairbrass**.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon de Fareburne, 1185 in Templars Records (Yorks); Alexander de Fareburn, 1268 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Richard de Farbourn, 1327 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); John de Farburn', 1351 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Clare Fareburne, 1578 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Johes. Fairborne, 1605 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Willm. Fairburn, 1616, Ellissabeth Fairbourne, 1658 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Anne Fairburne, 1628 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Ann Fairbourn, 1715 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Stephen Fairburn, about 1327 in Arbroath Register; Margaret Fairburn, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Bessie Fairburn, 1672 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 4, p. 48.

### Fairchild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 979, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Devon; also Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful; light of complexion or colour of hair or eyes' (see **Fair**) + *child* 'child; youth of noble birth' (see **Child**). Compare **Fairbairn, Farson**.

**Early bearers:** Lefui Fæger Cild, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Stephen Veirchill', 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Robert Fairchild, 1250 in Book of Fees (Surrey); Adam Fairchild, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Henricus Fayrechild, 1377 in Poll Tax (Pickworth, Rutland); Ricardus Fairchyld, 1379 in Poll Tax (Raunds, Northants); Ricardus Fayrchyld, 1379 in Poll Tax (Allesley, Warwicks); Ricardus Fayrchild, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whepstead, Suffolk); Peter Fairchild, 1403 in Patent Rolls (London); Rawlinge Fairchilde, 1554 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Elizabeth Fairchild, 1567 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

### Faircliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Fairelough**.

### Faircliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cambs
- English: see **Fairelough**.

**Faircloth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, Cambs, and Norfolk

English: see **Fairclough**.

**Fairclough**

Variants: **Farclough, Fairecloth, Faircliff, Faircliffe, Fairtlough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4273, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from one or more lost or unidentified places, probably in Lancs, named with Middle English *fair(e)* 'beautiful' + *clo(u)gh* 'narrow valley, ravine'.

**Further information:** Fairclough Farm in Chipping (Lancs) is a candidate for the surname's origin, although early forms of the place-name are lacking. A number of the earliest bearers came from Shevington (Lancs), where the narrow valley of the River Douglas may perhaps have been known in the medieval period as *Fairclough*.

**Early bearers:** John del Fairclough, 1328 in Feet of Fines (Shevington, Lancs); Simon de ffairclough, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); John of the Fairclogh, 1362 in Lancs Record Office (Shevington, Lancs); Ricardo de Fayrclogh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broxtow wapentake, Notts); Ralph Faircloughe of Schevynton, 1400 in Lancs Record Office (Shevington, Lancs); John de Faireclogh of Derby, 1436 in Patent Rolls (Derbys); William Fayercliffe, Thomas Fayreclough, 1445 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Laurens Fairclogh, 1467 in Lancs Record Office (Shevington, Lancs); Robert Fayreclough, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); James Fairclough, 1586 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); George Fairclough, 1593 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Elizabeth Fairclough, 1614 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Fayercloth, 1629 in Parish Registers (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Mary Faircliff, 1693 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs).

**Faire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Fare**.

**Fairer**

Variants: **Fayrer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: nickname from Middle English *fair* 'light in colour; beautiful' (see **Fair**) + *her* 'hair', for someone with fair hair. Compare **Fairfax** and **Grayer**.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Farrar**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Fayrher, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Gervas' Vayr Hyer, 1296, Robert Fairer, William Farher, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Feyrere, 1375 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Johannes Fairher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charlton, Sussex); Willelmo Fayrhar, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Johannes Farhare, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); Thomas

Fayrer, 1569, Lancelote Farer, 1602, Thomas Fairer, 1607 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm).

**Faires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Fairs**.

**Fairest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Fairhurst**.

**Fairey**

Variants: **Fairy, Fairrie, Farey, Farie, Feary, Faries**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Northants, and Hunts; also WR Yorks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'light in colour; beautiful' (see **Fair**) + *eie* 'eye' (Old English *ēage*), for someone with light-coloured or beautiful eyes. (ii) nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *fari*, *fairie* 'fairy'.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Farry** or **Farrey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Lifwine Feireage, 1050 in Codex Diplomaticus no. 1338 (Kent); Thomas Feireie, 1231 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Ralph Feyrigh, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John Fayrye, 1342 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); John Fayreye, 1350 in Patent Rolls; Robertus Fary, 1377 in Poll Tax (Woodford, Devon); Willelmus Faireye, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Fary, 1379 in Poll Tax (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); Johannes Fayreghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Halton West, WR Yorks); Johannes Faireye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Terrington, Norfolk); George Fairie, 1592, George Farie, 1596, Ann Farey, 1625 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Fairy, 1617 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Katterin Feary, 1630 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Joshua Fairey, 1631 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); William Fearey, 1727 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts).

Scotland: Rauf Faireye, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Ayr); Laurencius Fary, 1523, William Fairy, 1586 in Scone Charters (Perths); Helen Fairie, 1623 in Lanark Testaments (Lanarks).

**Fairfax**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Monmouths

English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, light in colour; beautiful' + *fax*, *fex* 'hair'. Compare **Fairer**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Fairfax, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William Fairfax, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); William Fayrfex, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Richard Fairfox, 1361 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Ricardo Farefax, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cotness, ER Yorks); Johanne Fayrefex, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bishopstone, Wilts); Richard Fairrfox, 1410 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Ferdinando Fairfax, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Senior, York).

**Fairfield**

Variants: **Farfield, Fearfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 43

- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Lancs; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Down and Antrim

English, Scottish: locative name from various places named Fairfield, primarily those in Derbys and Kent.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Feirfeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Edmund de ffeyrefeld, 1331 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Johanne Fayrfeld, 1379 in Poll Tax (All Cannings, Wilts); Henrico Fayrfield, Henrico Farfeld, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hathern, Leics); Johannes de Fayrfield, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); John Fayrefeld of London, 1439 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Roberte Fairefeilde, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); William Fairfield, 1566 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); James Fayerfield, 1587 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Mary Fearfield, 1636 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); John Farfeild, 1638 in *IGI* (Ratby, Leics); John Farefield, 1704 in *IGI* (Baxterley, Warwicks).

**Fairfoot**

Variants: **Farfort**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Farforth (Lincs) or Fairford (Gloucs). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gundwi de Faierford, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Beatrix de Faierford, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); John de Feyrford, 1305 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); William de Farford, 1315 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Johannes Fairforde, 1377, Johanne Fayrforde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Milton Lilbourne, Wilts); Johannes Fayreford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Malmesbury, Wilts); Ricardo Fayreforde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cirencester, Gloucs); Waltero Fayreforde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hungerford, Berks); Richard Fayreford, 1424 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Thomas Fayreford, 1487 in PROB 11 (Gloucester, Gloucs); Robert Fairefote, 1501–4 in TNA (Northants and London); Alice Fairfoote, 1602 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); William Fayrefoote, 1606, Mary Fairfoot, 1609 in *IGI* (Coton, Cambs); John Fayrefoote, 1616 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); William Farforth, 1663 in *IGI* (Bucknall, Lincs); Winefred Fairfort, 1883 in *IGI* (Stranton, Durham).

2 English: nickname perhaps occasionally from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful; light in colour' (see **Fair**) + *fof(e)* 'foot'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Fayrefot, late 13th cent. in Devon Record Office (Kingsbridge, Devon); Adam Fairfot, 1328 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Robert Feyrfot, 1423 in Devon Record Office (Kingsbridge, Devon); David Fayrefote, 1463 in Devon Record Office (Kingsbridge, Devon).

**Fairfoul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Fairfull**.

**Fairfoull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Fife

Scottish: see **Fairfull**.

## Fairfowl

### Fairfowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Kincardines

Scottish: see **Fairfull**.

### Fairful

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Angus

Scottish: see **Fairfull**.

### Fairfull

**Variants:** **Fairful, Fairfoul, Fairfoull, Fairfowl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Lanarks

Scottish: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful; light in colour' (see **Fair**) + *fowl* 'fowl, bird'. Early spellings suggest an association by folk etymology with Middle English *ferful* 'terrifying'. **Early bearers:** England: John Fayrfowel, 1277 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Margret Fairfull, 1611 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); David Fairfull, 1655 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

Scotland: John Fairfowl or Fairful, 1480 in Scottish Armorial Seals (Fife); John Ferfulle, 1511 in Laing Charters (Fife); William Fairfull, 1550 in Laing Charters (Perths); Johne Ferfull, 1587, Margret Fairfull, 1611 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); John Fairfoull or Farfull, 1582–5 in Dunfermline Parish Registers (Fife); Andro Fairfowle, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Andro Fairfooll, 1628 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Cristian Fairefull, 1658 in *IGI* (Newburn, Fife); Catharen Fairfoule, 1664 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Robert Fairfool, 1785 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

### Fairgreave

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Midlothian

Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

### Fairgreive

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

### Fairgrieve

**Variants:** **Fairgreave, Fairgreive, Fairgrive, Feargrieve, Forgrieve, Forgrave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 850, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also E Lothian

Scottish: occupational name/nickname unexplained. Possibly Older Scots occupational name *grieve*, a bailiff or overseer on a farm, + *fair*, older Scots beautiful or fair of complexion

**Early bearers:** David Fergrive, 1654 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); John Feargrieve, 1660 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); George Forgreive, 1674 in *IGI* (Channelkirk, Berwicks); James Fairgrieve, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnass Forgrive, 1676 in *IGI* (Channelkirk, Berwicks); William Fergriefe 1684 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Lockerbie, Dumfriess); John Fairgreive, 1691 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Janet Fergrive,

1704 in *IGI* (Maxton, Roxburghs); Janet Forgrive, 1730 in *IGI* (Edrom, Roxburghs); James Fairgreive, 1748 in *IGI* (Ormiston, E Lothian).

### Fairgrive

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

### Fairhall

**Variants:** **Fairall, Farhall, Ferrall, Ferrell, Ferrel, Ferrill, Verrall, Verrell, Verrill, Varrall, Verralls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost locality in Sussex, probably in or near Lindfield, named with Middle English *fair* 'fair' (Old English *fæger*) + *hale* 'nook' (Old English *healh*).

**Further information:** The predominant spellings with *V-* are Sussex, or general southern English, dialect forms. The name may have been conflated with one of French origin, since Gilbert *Verall*, described as a Frenchman, is recorded in Sussex in 1524.

The prominent Verrall family of Lewes (Sussex) maintained an understanding of the surname's etymology, naming their house in Southover *Fairhall* before 1836 (East Sussex Record Office, will of William Verrall).

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Fayrehale, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lindfield, Sussex); Thomas, Willelmus Feyrhale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lindfield, Sussex); Joone Verall, 1554 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Richard Verrall, 1561 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Verrell, 1572 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Anis Ferrall, 1594, Symeon Verrall, 1596 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Stephen Ferrall, 1600 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Margareta Varrall, 1601 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); Nicholas Ferrel, 1608 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Richard Fairhall, 1641 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); John Ferrill, 1648 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Richard Varrell, 1662 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); John Verral, 1672 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); John Fairall, 1678 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent); Sarah Verrall, 1682 in *IGI* (Howe, Suffolk); John Ferral, 1692 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Thomas Verrill, 1694 in *IGI* (Chiddingly, Sussex); Mary Farhall, 1704 in *IGI* (Shipleigh, Sussex); Joseph Fairall, 1733 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Ann Fairall, 1756 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Chadderton Varrall, fisherman, in Census 1841 (Medway, Kent). **References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 188; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Fairham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English, Scottish: see **Fairholm**.

### Fairhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 565
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; esp. Norfolk
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, light in colour' (see **Fair**) + *he(a)d*, *heved* 'head', for someone with light hair.

**Early bearers:** William Fairhevid, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); John Feyrhed, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); Margeria Fairheved, 1381 in Poll Tax

(South Hanningfield, Essex); Thomas Fairhead, 1664 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); James Fairhead, 1666 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk).

2 English: nickname perhaps occasionally from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful; light in colour' (see **Fair**) + *hod(e)* 'hood', for someone noted for his beautiful or light-coloured hood. Compare **Greenhead**.

**Early bearers:** John Fairhod, Fayrhode, 1299–1311 in London Letter Books C, D; John Fayrehode, 1316 in Patent Rolls; Adam Fayrehode, 1389 in Patent Rolls (London); John Fairhod, 1406 in Patent Rolls (Kent); John Fayrhood, 1420 in PROB 11 (Sandwich, Kent).

### Fairholm

**Variants:** **Fairholme, Fairham, Fareham, Faram, Farram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Midlothian

1 English: locative name from Fairham Bridge in Ruddington (Notts), recorded as *Fearholme* in 1690, Fairholme in Swine (ER Yorks), or the lost *Fayrhome* in Brierley (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Fareham (Hants) does not appear to have contributed towards this surname.

**Early bearers:** William Fairholme, 1334 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); John de Fairholm, 1349 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); Ricardus Fairhome, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johannes Fayrhome, 1379 in Poll Tax (Carlton, WR Yorks); Samuel Fairham, 1655 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Anne Fairhome, 1706 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Joh. Fairham, 1722 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); Mary Fairholm, 1777 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts).

**References:** Place-Names of Notts p. 249; Place-Names of ER Yorks p. 46; Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, p. 269; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 Scottish: locative name from Fairholm in Hamilton (Lanarks) or Fairholm in Dryfesdale (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** Janet Fairum, 1604 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Midlothian); Agnes Fairholme, 1606, Lilia Ferholme, 1676 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Fairholom, 1656 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Alexander Faireholme, 1685 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Agnes Fairhome, 1689 in *IGI* (Dalmeny, W Lothian).

### Fairholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English, Scottish: see **Fairholm**.

### Fairhurst

**Variants:** **Fairest, Fairhust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4180, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Fair Hurst in Bradfield (WR Yorks) and perhaps also Fairhurst near Parbold in Ecclestone (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fairhurst, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); John de Fayrhirst, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Richard del Farhirst, 1348 in Yorks Title Deeds (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Adam del Fayrehirst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Samlesbury, Lancs); Wm. Fairhurst, 1565 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); James



Fairhurst, 1583, James Fairest, 1689, Jam Fairhurst, 1734 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, pp. 223–4; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Lancs Place-Names p. 130; Surnames of Lancs, p. 153.

### Fairhust

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Fairhurst**.

### Fairlam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Fairlamb**.

### Fairlamb

Variants: **Fairlam, Farlam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Farlam (Cumb).
- Early bearers:** Richard de ffarlham, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); John de Farlam, 1351 in Patent Rolls (Cumb); John Farlam, 1560 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); William Farlam, 1614 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Northumb); William Fairelam, 1619, Mathew Fairlamb, 1621 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); George Fairlam, 1667 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Tho. Fairlam, 1703, John Fairlome, 1716 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb).

### Fairleigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- Scottish, English, Irish: see **Fairley**.

### Fairles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Fairless**.

### Fairless

Variants: **Fairles, Fearless, Farless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb

English: possibly a nickname from Middle English *fereles* ‘without a companion, peerless’, though the forms from Newcastle may be distinct.

**Early bearers:** Margareta Fareles, 1576, Richard Fairles, 1618, John Fairelesse, 1621, John Fairlesse, 1627, Edward Fairless, 1682 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Anthony Farallis, 1578, Anthony Fairellis, 1591, Oswould Faralice, 1608, in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Gregory Farlisse, 1587 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Edwarde Fairelace, 1614, Adam Fairlasse, 1676 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Samuel Fearless, 1878 in *IGI* (Walker, Northumb).

### Fairley

Variants: **Fairly, Fairlie, Fairleigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2254, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; also Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry and Tyrone

1 Scottish, English: (i) locative name primarily from Fairlie (Ayr), but perhaps occasionally from other places similarly named, such as Fairley (Northumb), Fairlee in Newport (IoW), and Fairliehope (Linton, Peebles). (ii) see **Farley**.

**Further information:** A Scots family once known as *de Ros* adopted the name *Fairlie* when granted lands at Fairlie (Ayr) by Robert the Bruce.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Fairlie, 1306–29 in Great Seal of Scotland (Midlothian); William Fayrly or Fayrley, 1329 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William de Fairlie, 1335 in Rotuli Scotiae; Elspait Fairly, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bessie Fairly, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Elspeth Fairlay, 1633 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Jenet Fairley, 1640 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Margaret Fairlee, 1697 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian).

England: Ricardus atte Fairle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newport, IoW); Richard Fairley, 1567, Jean Fayrley, 1571, Ellen Fayrley, 1579 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Germane Fairlye, 1571, Henric Fairly, 1609 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Leonard Fairley, 1577 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Hellen Fairly, 1638, Richard Fairlie, 1639 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Adam Fayrly, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 Irish: from *Ó Fearghaile*, see **Farrelly**.

### Fairlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 842, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 729
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland: esp. Glasgow

Scottish, English, Irish: see **Fairley**.

### Fairlow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Farlow**.

### Fairly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland; also NE England

Scottish, English, Irish: see **Fairley**.

### Fairman

Variants: **Fayerman, Fearman, Fireman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 649
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* ‘fair, beautiful; light in colour’ (see **Fair**) + *-man*, for a handsome or fair-haired man. Some early bearers, especially in E Anglia, may belong with (2).

**Further information:** *Fareman* occurs as a variant of both **Farman** and **Fairman**. Robert *Farman* or *Fareman*, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Somerset), was known also as Robertus *Senex* and Robert *le Bel*, so that *Farman* may be a translation of *le Bel* ‘the handsome’, or vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Fairman, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Reginald Feierman, Fareman, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Henry Fayrman, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Johannes Fairman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southburgh, Norfolk); Thomas

Fareman, 1561, William Fearman, 1653, William Fairman, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Fairman, 1579, Clement Fareman, 1598 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); Mary Fireman, 1719 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Arnold Fayerman, 1783 in *IGI* (Loddon, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Farman**.

### Fairmaner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex; WR Yorks
- English: see **Farminer**.

### Fairminer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Surrey
- English: see **Farminer**.

### Fairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

### Fairney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Stirlings; Fife
- Scottish: see **Fernie**.

### Fairnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Fernie**.

### Fairnington

Variants: **Farnington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Roxburghs; Durham; IoM

Scottish: locative name from Fairnington in Roxburgh (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** William of Farningdon, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Margeret Farningtoun, 1624, Robert Farningtoun, 1646, John Fairningtoun, 1694, Agnes Fairningtoun, 1702, Robert Fairningtone, 1727 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); William Fairnington, 1719 in *IGI* (Yetholm, Roxburghs); James Farnington, 1759 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb).

### Fairrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex; also Renfrews

English: see **Fairey**.

### Fairs

Variants: **Faires, Faiers, Faers, Fayers, Fyers, Phares, Fares**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393

## Fairtlough

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Durham

English: variant of **Fair** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Faires, 1591, Radulph Fayers, 1603 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Rychard Fayres, 1591 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Thomas Phaiers, 1612 in PROB 11 (Northmundham, Sussex); Steven Fares, 1619 in *IGI* (Arleseey, Beds); Peter Fyers, 1648 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); George Fairs, 1710 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk).

### Fairtlough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- English: see **Fairclough**.

### Fairway

Variants: **Faraway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Farway (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Fareway, 1333 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Simon Fareweye, 1339 in Patent Rolls (Gloucs); Simon de Fareweye, 1355 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Farewey, 1365 in Feet of Fines (Wilts); Johannes Farway, 1379 in Poll Tax (Yarmouth, IoW); John Fareweye, 1385 in Feet of Fines (Devon); William Fayrewey, 1492 in Feet of Fines (Leics and Sussex); William Farway or Fayreway, 1524 in PROB 11 (Bromley, Kent); Tomesen Fairwaye, 1583, John Fareway, 1583 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Thomas Fayreway, 1586 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Peter Fairewaye, 1622, Peter Faireway, 1631, Martha Fairway, 1634 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); John Faraway, 1698 in *IGI* (Sandon, Herts).

### Fairweather

Variants: **Fairwether**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2712, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful' (see **Fair**) + *weder, wether* 'weather', for someone with a cheerful disposition. Compare **Fouweather**, **Manyweathers**, **Merryweather**.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Fairweder, Farrweder, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Norfolk); Hugh Fairweder, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Johanne Fayrweder, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sompting, Sussex); Jul' Fayerweder', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cliffe, ER Yorks); Ricardus Fairweder', 1379 in Poll Tax (Mottistone, IoW); John Fayrewether, 1477 in Ancient Deeds vi (Devon); Alice Fayrwether, 1542 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Farewedder, 1547 in York Freeman's Register; Nicholas Fairwether, 1561, Steven Fairweather, 1564, William Fayrweather, 1577 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Willmus. Farewether, 1585 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Richarde Fayrewether, 1588 in PROB 11 (Rotherhithe, Surrey).

Scotland: Christopher Farewethir, 1472 in Scottish Antiquary (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Walter Fairwedder, 1558 in Brechin Register; Thomas Fairweather, 1583 in Brechin Testaments (Angus); David Fairweather, 1619 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife);

Dauid Fairwedder, 1624 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Jannett Fairwether, 1638 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus).

### Fairwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Farwell**.

### Fairwether

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; NR Yorks; Essex and Suffolk

English: see **Fairweather**.

### Fairwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Welsh, English: locative name from Fairwood near Swansea (Glamorgan) or Fairwood Farm in Dilton (Wilts), although the latter may be named from the family.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Fayrwode, 1378 in Patent Rolls (Glamorgan); John Fayrewode, 1389 in Patent Rolls (Glamorgan); Thomas Fairerwood, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); Mary Fayrwood, 1644 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** Place-Names of Wilts p. 148.

### Fairy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Beds, Bucks, and Northants

English: see **Fairey**.

### Faisal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Faiṣal* 'sword' or 'arbitrator', from the root *f-ṣ-l*, to separate or split

### Faith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent; Durham; Lancs; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: nickname from Middle English *fe(i)th*, *fa(i)th* 'belief (especially Christian belief), faithfulness; loyalty'. This may have been a

nickname for a trustworthy person, but was perhaps also bestowed on one who used *Faith!* frequently as a mild oath or exclamation. Compare **Faithfull**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Feyth, 1304 in Patent Rolls (Devon); John Fayth of Leke, 1360 in Patent Rolls (Leek, Staffs); Johannes Faythe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Ricardus Feyth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Westwick, Norfolk); Johanne Feyth', 1381 in Poll Tax (Close, Boule, Staffs); William Feythe, 1389 in Norwich Freeman (Norfolk); Symon Fayth, 1588, John Faithe, 1588, John Faith, 1588 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex).

### Faithful

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 264
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and London
- English: see **Faithfull**.

### Faithfull

Variants: **Faithful**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London

English: nickname from Middle English *feithful* 'faithful, devout, loyal'. Compare **Faith**.

**Early bearers:** William Feythfull, 1496–7 in VCH Sussex, vol. 3 (Chichester, Sussex); Ingram Faythfull, 1544, Margareta Faythfull, 1545, Elyzabeth Faithfull, 1558 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Faithfull or Faythfull, 1641 in PROB 11 (Kingsclere, Hants); Edward Henry Faithful, 1700 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

### Faiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Faiḏ*, a noun meaning 'abundance, plenty, generosity'. **Fayyaz** is from the same root.

### Faizey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Shrops

English: see **Vasey**.

### Fake

Variants: **Fakes**, **Feak**, **Feek**, **Feck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

English: variant of Middle English *Fauke*, an alternative form of **Fawkes**. The original diphthong was simplified to /a:/, becoming early Modern English /e:/, usually spelled *a* or *ea*, and later perhaps *ee*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Fake, 1379 in Poll Tax (Terrington, Norfolk); Johannes Fake, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); Cissely Feake, 1557 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Samuell Feake, 1607 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Margaret Feak, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Benjamin Feak, 1680 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Feak, 1683, William Feek, 1730, Thomas Feck, 1778 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Fake, 1753, Mary Feake, 1760 in *IGI* (Rickinghall, Suffolk); Robert Fake, 1760 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Mary Feak, 1798 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Fakenbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Faulconbridge**.

### Fakes

Variants: **Feakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) variant of **Fawkes** in which the diphthong of Middle English *Faukes* has been simplified to /a:/, becoming early Modern English /e:/, spelled *a* or *ea*. (ii) variant of **Fake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** Compare John *Faukes*, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Tillingham, Essex), probably identical with John *Fakes*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Tillingham, Essex), whose surname may survive in Foxhall Farm in nearby Steeple. Compare also Thomas *Fakys* or *Faukes*, 1463, 1473 in the court rolls of Cranham (Essex), whose name may be commemorated there in the farm name Folkes. See Place-Names of Essex, pp. 125 and 228.

**Early bearers:** Willimi Fakes, 1574 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Henry Feakes, 1622 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Marmaduke Fakes, 1628, Marmd. Feakes, 1657 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); John Feaks, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rose Feakes, 1645 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Henry Feaks, 1709 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Fakir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: usually from a personal name based on Arabic *Faqīr*, ‘poor’, ‘ascetic’. If stressed on first syllable, may alternatively be from personal name based on Arabic *Fākhīr*, ‘excellent’, ‘glorious’.

### Fala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Falla**.

### Falck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- English: see **Fawkes**.

### Falco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian, Catalan: nickname, relationship name; *Falcó*, from *falco* ‘falcon’. Generally a nickname for a falconer or for someone thought to resemble a hawk in some way, but in some instances a relationship name from a Germanic byname with the same meaning. Compare **Fawkes**.

### Falcon

#### Variants: Facon, Feakin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Falcon*, the French oblique case form of Continental Germanic *Falco* ‘falcon’. For the much commoner nominative form see **Fawkes**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *faucon*, *faukun*, Old French *faucon*, *falcul* ‘falcon’, for someone thought to resemble the bird in some way, or for a falconer. **Early bearers:** Reginald Falcul, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Martin Faukun, 1318 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Johanne Faukyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Saddington, Leics); Johanne Faukyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Theddingworth, Leics); Johannes Faucon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bridgham, Norfolk); Geoffrey Faucon, 1402 in Feet of Fines (Amersham, Bucks); Richard Falcon, 1623 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

### Falconar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Roxburghs; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Faulkner**.

### Falconbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Notts; Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Faulconbridge**.

### Falcone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: from *falcone* ‘falcon’, either a personal name, or a nickname for a falconer.

### Falconer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4805, Ireland 238
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3551
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; E Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Scottish, English: see **Faulkner**.

### Falcus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Durham
- English: see **Fawkes**.

### Falder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Herts
- English: see **Faulder**.

### Falding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Faulding**.

### Faley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Irish: a rare Anglicized form of Ó Fáilbhe, see **Falvey**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Failey, 1795 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs)

2 English: unexplained. Some bearers may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Faley, 1508 in Nottingham University Library (Wilnecote, Warwicks); John Faley, 1571 in National Burial Index (Saints Peter and Paul, Aldeburgh, Suffolk); Mary Faley, 1665 in Marriage Licences (Cheshire); Richard Faley of Stourbridge, 1657 in Staffs Archives (Worcs); John Faley, 1701 in *IGI* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Thomas Fally, 1704 in *IGI* (Carham, Northumb).

### Falgate

#### Variants: Folgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Middle English *fald(e)*, *fold* ‘livestock pen, sheepfold, farmyard’ (see **Fold**) +

*gate*, *yate* ‘gate’, for someone who lived by a gate to a livestock pen or farmyard. This name may have become confused with **Felgate**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de le Falgate, Richard de Faldgate, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Willelmo Falgate, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Mariona atte Faldeyate, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southburgh, Norfolk); Johannes atte Faldyate, 1379 in Poll Tax (Letton, Norfolk); Johannes Falgeyate, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Reginaldus atte Falyate, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Caterina atte Faldegate, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Acre and Newton, Norfolk); Jn. Falgate, 1572 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Mary Folgate, 1757 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Falk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Fawkes**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) from Yiddish *falk* ‘falcon’ or from the personal name Falk with the same meaning. (ii) ornamental or handout name from German *Falke* ‘falcon’, or, in Bohemia, from Czech *vlk* ‘wolf’.

**Early bearers:** Lear [*sic*] Falk, domestic servant, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Stepney, Middx); Isaac Falk, tailor’s machinist, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Falk, hawker, born in Holland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Michael Falk, wholesale jeweller, 1893 in UK Jewish Directory (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Isaac Falk, wine merchant’s traveller, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Chorlton, Lancs); Harris Falk, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs).

3 German: nickname from Middle High German *valke* ‘falcon’, applied to someone with hawk-like features or characteristics, or as an occupational nickname for a falconer.

**Early bearers:** Henry Falk, pork butcher, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Bernhard Falk, stuff merchant, born in Hanover, in Census 1871 (Bradford, WR Yorks); Hans Falk, book keeper, born in Danzig, Germany, in Census 1891 (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Gustav Falk, iron worker, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs).

4 Scandinavian: ornamental name from *falk* ‘falcon’. **Early bearers:** Christian Falk, labourer in timber yard, born in Norway, in Census 1881 (Burton on Trent, Staffs); Christian Falk, traveller, born in Sweden, in Census 1891 (Hackney, Middx); Christian Falk, labourer, born in Norway, in Census 1901 (Burton on Trent, Staffs).

### Falkiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Faulkner**.

### Falkingbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Faulconbridge**.

## Falkingham

### Falkingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 324
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Folkingham (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** John de Falkingham, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Geoffrey de Folkingham, 1285 in Registrum Antiquissimum; Henricus de Folkyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stamford, Lincs); John de Folkyngham, 1392 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Thomas Folkyngham of Sleaford, 1456 in Feet of Fines (Sleaford, Lincs); John ffalkingham, 1596–7 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Katherine Falkingham, 1601 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); John Folkingham, 1631 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Mary Falkingham, 1696 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks).

### Falkner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1006
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Leics, Lincs, and Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Faulkner**.

### Falkoner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lanarks and Midlothian
- English: see **Faulkner**.

### Falkous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Fawkes**.

### Falkus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Fawkes**.

### Fall

**Variants:** **Falle, Faull, Fawle, Falls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 637
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; WR Yorks and NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Monaghan
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *fall*(*le*) 'fall, descent' (Old English (*ge*)*feall*, Old Scandinavian *fall*), denoting a waterfall, steep slope, or (in N England) a forest clearing. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by such a feature, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Great and Little Fall in Silkstone (WR Yorks) or Fall Ings in Wakefield (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** William de Fall, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Gilbert de la Falle, 1263 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Reginald del Fall, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Studley, WR Yorks); Alicia de Fall, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kellington, WR Yorks); Stephano del Fall, 1379 in Poll Tax (Howden, ER Yorks); Johannes Falle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warnford, Hants); Thomas de Falle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Meretown, Staffs); Willelmus Fall, 1381 in Poll Tax (Osmington, Dorset); Richard Fawle, 1579 in York Freeman's Register.

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, p. 311; 2, p. 167.

2 Irish: from Mac Phóil, see **McFall, McPhail**.

**Early bearers:** Phillip Fall, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3619.

### Falla

**Variants:** **Fala, Fallaw, Falle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- 1 Guernsey: of uncertain origin; perhaps a nickname related to Guernsey French *falle* '(bird's) crop, throat'.  
**Early bearers:** Michael Falla in Census 1841 (Guernsey).  
2 Scottish: locative name; it could be from any of various places named *Falla, Fala*, or *Fallow*, especially Fala (Midlothian). However, there is no evidence that the surname has survived in Scotland into modern times.

**Early bearers:** Bessy Fala, 1604, Nans Falla, 1653 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margrate Fallaw, 1750 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

### Fallaize

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- French: locative name from French *falaise* 'cliff'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a cliff, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Falaise (Calvados). Compare **Fallas**.  
**Early bearers:** Jean Fallaize, 1840 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Marie S. Fallaize, born in France, in Census 1911 (Guernsey).

### Fallan

**Variants:** **Fallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Lanarks and Midlothian
- 1 Unexplained; the spelling of 1381 suggests French origin, but no source has been identified.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Fallan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johanne Faleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Alrewas, Staffs); William Fallan, 1439 in Patent Rolls; Willm Fallen, 1577 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Richard Fallen, 1601 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs); Agnes Fallan, 1746 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).  
2 Irish: from Ó Fallamhain, see **Fallon**.

### Fallas

**Variants:** **Fallis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Falhouse in Thornhill (WR Yorks), recorded as *Falles* in 1297 and *Falehes* in 1335. The place-name has the same origin as **Fallows**. Some early bearers may belong with (2), and this name may also have become confused with **Falls**.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey del Falles, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas de Falus, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bretton, WR Yorks); Thomas Fallas, 1578 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis Fallis, 1611 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thos. Falhouse, 1741 in *IGI* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 212; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Falaise (Calvados). Compare **Fallaize**.

**Early bearers:** William de Faleise, de Falisia, 1086 in Domesday Book (Wilts); Walter de Faleyse, 1259 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Drax, WR Yorks); John de Falous, 1315, Stephen de Faleyse, 1316, William de Falayse, 1316, John de Faloyes, 1317 in Patent Rolls; William Faleys, 1337 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Willelmus Faleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Falay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); John Falas of Drax, 1398 in Feet of Fines (Drax, WR Yorks); John Drax alias Fallas, 1404 in Patent Rolls.

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

3 English: locative name from Anglo-Norman French *faleise, falloise* 'cliff', for someone who lived on or by a cliff.

**Early bearers:** Willelinus de la Faleise, 1217 in Patent Rolls; Ellis de la Falayse, 1256 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Isabella atte Faleise, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John de la Faleyse of Dunwich, 1300 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Augustine de la Faleys of Westleton, 1316 in Feudal Aids (Suffolk); Robt Fallas, 1695 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Cheshire); Anne Fallas, 1723 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Catherine Fallas, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Betty Fallas, 1738 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

### Fallow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Falla**.

### Falle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Jersey: see **Falla** (2).

### Fallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- 1 Irish: from Ó Fallamhain, see **Fallon**.  
2 English: see **Fallan**.

### Faller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Lancs
- 1 German: locative name from one of the places named *Fall* in Germany, for example Ober- or Unter-Fall in the Black Forest.  
**Further information:** The Irish bearers appear to relate to two brothers, Stephen and Leo Faller and their half-brother William, who came to Ireland in about 1881 from Baden-Baden, Germany, with their wives and families. Stephen and Leo settled in Galway, whilst William settled in Derry.  
**References:** <http://www.frontiernet.net/~wderoche/faller2.html>.  
2 English: see **Fawler**.

### Fallick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Fieldwick**.

### Fallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- 1 English: see **Fallas**.  
2 English: see **Falls**.  
3 Irish: from **Mac Phóil**, see **McPhail**.

### Fallon

Variants: **Falloon, Faloon, Fallan, Fallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4266, Ireland 2820
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; Staffs; Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Galway

Irish: from Ó **Fallamhain** ‘descendant of *Fallamhan*’, a byname meaning ‘leader’ (from *jollamhnas* ‘supremacy’).

**Early bearers:** Daniel Fallon, in 1599 Fiants Elizabeth §6318; Edmund Fallon, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6318.

### Falloon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Armagh

Irish: from Ó **Fallamhain**, see **Fallon**.

### Fallow

Variants: **Fallows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks; Northumb

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *falwe*, *falow*, *falg(he)* ‘fallow, untilled arable land, land recently brought into cultivation’. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by fallow land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Faugh in Hayton (Cumb). (ii) nickname, perhaps also from Middle English *falwe*, *falow* ‘pale; reddish or brownish yellow, tawny’, perhaps describing the hair or complexion. Compare **Favell**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de la Falewe, 1272 in Assize Rolls (Hants); Henry de Falg(h), 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Falowe of Berkway, 1397 in Patent Rolls (Barkway, Herts); John Fallow, 1569 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Elizabeth Fallowe, 1665 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks).

**References:** Place-Names of Cumb p. 89.

### Fallowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: nickname from the Middle English phrase *fal(le) in (the) well(e)*, *wol(le)*, *wal(le)* ‘fall in the well’. **Early bearers:** John Falinthewol, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Henry ffalliwolle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Henry Fallowelle, 1337 in Patent Rolls

(Cambs); Ralph Fallinwoll, 1337 in Patent Rolls (Bucks); John Falleinthewall, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John Falleinthewelle, 1343 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Nicholas Falleinwolle, 1358 in Patent Rolls (Cambs); John Fallowell, 1560 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Margeret Fallowell, 1571 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Elizabeth Fallowell, 1627 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs).

### Fallowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Fallows**.

### Fallowfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from various places named Fallowfield (Northumb, Lancs, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Falughfeld, 1355 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); William de Faloufeld, burgess of Newcastle, 1403 in Patent Rolls (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Falowfeld, Falowefeld, or Falofeld, 1436 in Patent Rolls; William Faleufeld, 1455 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Esabell Fallowfeilde, 1539, Grace Fallowfield, 1590 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Agnes Fallowfeild, 1552 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Henry Fallowfelde, 1566 in PROB 11 (London); Jayn Fallowfyeld, 1569 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Fallofeld, 1578, Thomas Fallofeild, 1613 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

### Fallows

Variants: **Fallowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2302, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs

English: variant of **Fallow** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*. The principal origin appears to be Fallows Hall in Nether Alderley (Cheshire), recorded as (*le*) *Faleg(h)es* in 1287. Compare **Fallas**.

**Further information:** Robert *del Falwiz* was granted Fallows Hall in Nether Alderley (Cheshire) by his brother, Henry de Aldford, in the late 12th century.

**Early bearers:** John del Falghes, 1336 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Thomas del Falghes, 1376 in Bardsley (Cheshire); Ales Fallowes, 1559 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Emme Fallowes, 1565 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Fallows, 1598 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); Elizabeth Fallowes, 1611 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 97.

### Falls

Variants: **Fallis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 164
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Pháill** (see **McPhail**), with excrement English *-s*.

2 English: variant of **Fall** with plural or excrement *-s*. Fall Ings in Wakefield (WR Yorks) was recorded as *le Falles* in 1323. This name may have become confused with **Fallas**.

**Early bearers:** Joannes Falls, 1605 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 167.

### Fallshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
- English: see **Falshaw**.

### Faloon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 203
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from Ó **Fallamhain**, see **Fallon**.

### Falp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: an alternative spelling of **Phalp**, see **Philip**.

### Falshaw

Variants: **Fallshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: locative name probably from a lost place-name *Fauldshawe* recorded in 1383 in Lawkland in Clapham (WR Yorks), but perhaps also from another lost place-name *Falshey* in Buckden (WR Yorks), or Foldshaw in Dacre (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Faldschawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Henry Falshawe, 1597 in York Freeman’s Register; John Falshay, 1636 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Falshaw, 1652 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Johannis Falshaw, 1674 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 121; 5, p. 139.

### Falvey

Variants: **Feely, Feeley, Faley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 602
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork

Irish: from Ó **Fáilbhe** ‘descendant of *Fáilbhe*’, a byname meaning ‘lively’.

**Early bearers:** Maurice McDoynne O’Fowlo, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §61 (Clonsharraugh, kern); Riccard na Hoyre fitz Maurice O’Fowlo, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2272 (of Curehyndoytie, husbandman); Auley O’Falif, 1588 in Fiants Elizabeth §5226 (Moycruise); Donagh O’Fallivie alias O’Fallie 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6183; Teig O’Fowllowe, in 1601 Fiants Elizabeth §6576.

### Falzon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Italian: nickname from an augmentative of *falso* ‘false, fake’, for a deceiver.

2 Italian: possibly a northern equivalent of *falcione* a type of weapon derived from an agricultural sickle, and hence a nickname for someone who used or made these.

## Fan

### Fan

Variants: **Van, Pham, Huan, Pang, Pan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cheshire; Lanarks

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 范, meaning 'mould' or 'restrict' in ancient Chinese: from the place-name *Fan* (范), the name of a fief (located in present-day Fanxian in Henan province) granted to Shi Hui, also known as *Fan Wuzi* (范武子), an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 樊, meaning 'fence, hedge' in ancient Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Tang, the first king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). The Fan family was one of the seven largest families during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Fan* (樊), the name of a fief (located in present-day Jiyuan in Henan province) granted to Zhong Shanfu by Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC).

3 English: variant of **Vann**.

### Fance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Shrops
- English: unexplained; most likely a variant of **Faunch**, *Fanch(e)*, focused in Beds and Herts, for which note Richard *Fanche*, 1564 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts), and which is possibly a locative name from Vange (Essex).
- Early bearers:** Thoms. Fance, 1564 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Willm Fance, 1600 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

### Fancett

Variants: **Fancitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Given that *Faucett* (see **Fawcett**) was fairly common in Kent in 1881, whilst *Fawcett* was not, it is possible that *Fancett* represents an early misreading of *Faucett* which has persisted. On the other hand, some of those Kentish *Faucetts* may really be *Fancetts*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Fancett, 1663, Nicolas Fancet, 1666 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Anne Fansett, 1696 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Richard Fancit, 1769 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Mary Fancitt, 1791 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent).

### Fancey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants
- English: see **Fancy**.

### Fancitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Fancett**.

### Fancote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Staffs
- English: see **Fancott**.

### Fancott

Variants: **Fancote, Fancutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: (i) locative name from Fancott in Toddington (Beds). Compare **Fencott**. (ii) perhaps also a variant of, or confused with, **Fancourt**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Fancote, 1219 in Feet of Fines (Hants); [ . . . de] Fancote, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Richard de Fancote, 1327 in Patent Rolls; Thomas Fancote of Hertburgh, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Market Harborough, Leics); John Fancot, 1586 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Elizabeth Fancote, 1630 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Richard Fancott, 1637 in *IGI* (Tilton on the Hill, Leics); Henry Fancott, 1756 in *IGI* (Claverdon, Warwicks); William Fancutt, 1792 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** Place-Names of Beds and Hunts p. 137.

### Fancourt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lincs; Derbys

Norman, English: locative name from Fallencourt (Seine-Maritime). See also **Fancott**.

**Early bearers:** Elias de Fanecurt, 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls; Gerard de Fennecurt, 1216–17 in Fine Rolls; Gerardus de Farencurt, 1230, Geraldus de Fanecurt, 1231 in Patent Rolls (Notts); Geoffrey de Farencurt, 1255–6 in Fine Rolls; William de Fanecurt, 1240 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Gerard de Fanecurt, 1270 in Patent Rolls; Robert de Fanecort, 1324 in Patent Rolls; Robert du Favencourt, 1331 in Patent Rolls; Bartholomew de Fanacourt, 1339 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Robert Fancourt, 1364 in Feet of Fines (WR Yorks); Elizabeth Vancourt, 1391 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); William Fannecourt, 1397 in Feet of Fines (ER Yorks); Marthan Fancourt, 1636 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Fancourt, 1687 in *IGI* (Empingham, Rutland); John Fancort, 1690 in *IGI* (Combrook, Warwicks).

### Fancutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Lincs

English: see **Fancott**.

### Fancy

Variants: **Fancey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: unexplained; probably a nickname from Middle English *fantasie* in one of its range of senses, e.g. 'phantom, ghost', 'desire', 'caprice, whim'.

**Early bearers:** Bennet Fancey, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Mary Fansie, 1595 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Fansy, 1624 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); John Fancy, 1625 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Peter Fancy, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Fancy, 1631 in *IGI* (Turners Puddle, Dorset); Peter Fancey, 1664 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Maria Fancie, 1676 in *IGI*

(Hornchurch, Essex); John Fancey, 1735 in *IGI* (East Stoke, Dorset).

### Fane

Variants: **Fayne, Faine, Fain, Vane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks and Beds; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *fein*, *fayn*, *fane* 'glad, well disposed' (Old English *fægen*). (ii) relationship name from the same word used as a personal name.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Fane* have held the earldom of Westmorland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ivo filius Fane, 1208 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); William le Vain, 1242 in Book of Fees (Wilts); Robert Fane, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Robert Fane, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chillingham, Northumb); Richard le Feyn, 1378 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Willelmus Feyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Norfolk); Roberto Vayne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chute with Conholt and Shaw, Wilts); Johanne Veyne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); John Fane, 1488 in PROB 11 (Tunbridge, Kent); Elisabeth Fayne, 1555 in PROB 11 (London); Richard Vane, 1637 in PROB 11 (Crayford, Kent).

### Fang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 方 and 房, see **Fong** (1) and (2).

### Fann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Vann**.

### Fannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: Mayo and Roscommon; Tipperary; Kildare

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Fanning**.

### Fanner

Variants: **Vanner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Hants

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *fan* (*ne*), a dialect variant in SE England of *fen* (*ne*) 'marsh, fen', + *-er*, for someone who lived in a marshy place or came from a place so named. See **Vann** and compare **Fenner**. Some early bearers may belong with (2). (ii) occupational name from Middle English *fanner* (*e*) 'winnow; maker of fans (winnowing baskets)' (see **Vann**). This is the most likely origin of the surname outside SE England.

**Early bearers:** Walter Fannere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); John le Vanner, Walter le Vannere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); William le Fanner, 1285 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Simon le Fannere, Simon

Fanere, 1299 in Canterbury Freeman's Rolls (Kent); William le Vannere, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); John le Fannere, le Vannere, 1294, 1307 in Place-Names of Surrey; Thomas le vannere, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Dorset); Ralph le Fanner, 1327, Ralph atte Fanne, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William le Fanner, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); John Vanner, 1373, John Fanner, 1377 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Willelmus Fannere, 1377 in Poll Tax (Great Braxted, Essex); Adam Fannere, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannis Fanner, 1539 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Thomas Fanner, 1562 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Sus Vanner, 1584 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Edw Fanner, 1604 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); John Vanner, 1621 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

2 English: see **Vanner**.

### Fannin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary; Dublin; Cavan

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Fanning**.

### Fanning

Variants: **Fannin**, **Fannon**, **Fannan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1257, Ireland 1370
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

1 Irish, Norman: relationship name from Ó Fionnáin 'descendant of *Fionnán*', a diminutive of **Finn**, see also **Finan**.

**Further information:** This is also a variant of the name of a Norman family, **Panin** (a diminutive of **Pagan**) in Munster, gaelicized as **Fainin**. According to MacLysaght (1973, p. 103), the family was located at Fanningstown, formerly Ballyfanning, Limerick, and had moved there from Ballingarry, Tipperary, after the 15th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: David Fannyng, kern, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §90; William Faning, gent., 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §929 (Farenroy); Richard Faninge, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1075 (Graigdrisly); David Fanyng, yeoman, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1076 (Bawnonogh, Kilkenny); John Fanyng fitz Robert and Robert Fanyng mcWilliam, kerns, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1184 (Farryre and Ballywilliam, Tipperary); William Faning, gent., 1572 in Fiants Elizabeth §2011 (Farrynroy, Tipperary); Rob. Phannyne, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4318 (Laois); Tho. Pannyn, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6232; William Fannin, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Termonfeckin, Louth); James Fannen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Monaghan); Patrick Fannen, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Drung, Cavan); William Fannan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Port, Louth).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *fan(ne)*, a dialect variant in SE England of *fen(ne)* 'marsh, fen' (see **Fenn**) + *-ing*, for someone who lived in or by a fen or marsh. Compare **Fenning** and see also **Vann**, **Fanner**.

**Early bearers:** Ma. Fanning, 1571 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Ric Fanning, 1623 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Fannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Fanning**.

### Fanshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Fanshawe**.

### Fanshawe

Variants: **Fanshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys

English: locative name probably from Fanshaw Gate in Holmesfield (Derbys), recorded as *le Faunchallegathede* in 1456, although this place may take its name from the family. See also **Faunch**.

**Further information:** Thomas *Fanshawe* (d. 1601), exchequer official, was the eldest son of John *Fanshawe* of Fanshaw Gate in Holmesfield (Derbys). In 1575 he purchased Ware Park (Herts). His grandson Thomas (d. 1665) was created Viscount Fanshawe of Dromore in the Irish peerage in 1661. **Early bearers:** John Faunchall, 1431 in Place-Names of Derbys; John Faunchall of Holmesfeld, 1461 in Notts Archives (Holmesfield, Derbys); Thomas Faunchaw, 1532–8 in TNA (Dronfield, Derbys); John Fawnchall, 1544–51 in TNA (Derbys); Henry Fanshawe, 1546 in Surrey History Centre (Surrey); Thomazin Fanshaw or Fanshawe, 1562 in PROB 11 (London); Robert Fanshaw, 1567, John Fanshawe, 1568 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Alicia Fancher, 1573 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Phillippe Fanshaw, 1593 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys pp. 264–5; DNB; H. C. Fanshawe (1927), *The History of the Fanshawe Family*, Newcastle upon Tyne.

### Fanson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Somerset

English: see **Vanstone**.

### Fanstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: see **Vanstone**.

### Fant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Limerick, and Tipperary

English: see **Vant**.

### Fantham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs; Bucks

English: see **Fantom**.

### Fanthom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Fantom**.

2 Irish: from Ó Fionnachtá or Ó Fiachna, see **Fenton**.

### Fanthorpe

Variants: **Faunthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Fanthorpe in Louth (Lincs), recorded as *Fenthorp* in 1202.

**Early bearers:** John de Fenthorpe, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Peter Fanthorpe, 1631 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Peter, Lincs); Ann Fawthorpe, 1686 in *IGI* (Sausthorpe, Lincs); John Faunthorpe, 1791 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs).

**References:** Ekwall, DEPN.

### Fantom

Variants: **Fanthom**, **Fantham**, **Fentem**, **Fentham**, **Fentom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Derbys; Lancs and Cheshire

English: possibly from Middle English *fantom*, *fantem*, *fantom* 'illusion, apparition, ghost', for which **Fetch** might perhaps be compared. It has sometimes been confused with **Fenton**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Fentham, 1561, George Fenton, 1629, Mary Fentom, 1704, Hannah Fentem, 1820 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Thomas Fantham, 1666, William Fanthum, 1789, Henry Fanthom, 1796 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robert Fantom, 1693 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Katharine Phentin, 1720 in *IGI* (Dalmeny, W Lothian); Thomas Fantom, 1726 in *IGI* (Astley, Warwicks); John Fantom, 1731, Mary Fanthom, 1736 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Thomas Phantom, 1752 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); James Phanton, 1755, Robert Hankey Phantom, 1777 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Alice Clayton Fanthem, 1785 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys).

### Fara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

English: see **Farrar**.

### Faraday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Middx; Warwicks

English: see **Vardy**.

### Faragher

Variants: **Farragher**, **Fargher**, **Farraker**, **Faraker**, **Fraher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 5

## Farah

- GB frequency 1881: 384
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; also Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo

1 Manx: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fearchar* (see Scottish **Farquhar**).

**Early bearers:** Farker, 1504, MacFargher, 1511, Faragher, 1649 in Moore; Lawrence Faragher, 1661 in *IGI* (Marown, IoM); Jane Faraker, 1850 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM); Elizabeth Farraker, 1850 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Irish: from Ó **Fearchair** ‘descendant of *Fearchar*’, from *fearchar* ‘dear man, beloved’, or ‘loving’.

Compare **Farquhar**.

**Early bearers:** William O’Ferra, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4140; William O’Ferragh, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6232; John O’Farragher, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6490 (Ballenigard).

## Farah

**Variants:** **Farah**

- Current frequencies: GB 1502, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 6

1 Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *farah* ‘joy, happiness, delight’.

2 English: see **Farrar**.

## Faraker

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Herts; also Lancs; Surrey
- Manx: see **Faragher**.

## Faram

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 90
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Staffs; also Lancs

English: see **Fairholm**.

## Faraway

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: London and Essex
- English: see **Fairway**.

## Farbrace

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Fairbrass**.

## Farbridge

- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Fairbridge**.

## Farbrother

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 77
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: see **Fairbrother**.

## Farclough

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Fairclough**.

## Fardel

- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: Herts

English: see **Fardell**.

## Fardell

**Variants:** **Fardel**

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 259
- Main GB location 1881: Leics, Rutland, and Lincs; also London; IoW

English: (i) nickname, locative name from Middle English *\*fardel(l)*, *\*ferthedel* ‘fardel (of land)’ (Old English *féorða dæl* ‘fourth part’), denoting a small piece of land equating to one quarter of a yardland. The surname may be a nickname, for someone who only farmed a small piece of land, or a locative name, for someone who lived by a fardel or came from a place so named, such as Fardel in Cornwood (Devon). (ii) nickname from Middle English *fardel* ‘baggage, pack of goods or supplies bound together to be carried or transported’ (Old French *fardel*), perhaps for a porter.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Ferthedele, 13th cent. in Place-Names of Devon; Willelmus Fardell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Letwell, WR Yorks); John Fardell’, 1405 in Feet of Fines (Devon and Somerset); Henry Fardell, 1549 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Elizabeth Fardell, 1575 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Robert Fardle, 1600, Joane Fardell, 1606 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); Marie Fardall, 1605 in *IGI* (Luddington, Lincs); Mark Fardel, 1684 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 270.

## Farden

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Warwicks
- English: see **Farndon**.

## Fardey

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys
- English: see **Vardy**.

## Fardo

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Shrops
- English: see **Fardoe**.

## Fardoe

**Variants:** **Fardo**, **Fardow**

- Current frequencies: GB 173, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 109
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops; also Flints; Lancs

English: unexplained, but may be related to the term *fardolles* apparently used as a land measure or term for the description of land found in 1506 (Gloucs Archives).

**Early bearers:** Elenora Fardo, 1618 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Mary Fardoe, 1628 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Anne Fardow, 1695 in *IGI* (Clive, Shrops).

## Farndon

- Current frequencies: GB 238, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 179

- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Gloucs; also Oxon
- English: see **Farndon**.

## Fardow

- GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops
- English: see **Fardoe**.

## Fardy

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Staffs and Shrops
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford
- English: see **Vardy**.

## Fare

**Variants:** **Faire**, **Fares**, **Fair**

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 197
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Cheshire; Somerset

English: from Middle English *fare*, *fair(e)* ‘road, track’ (Old English *fær*), for someone who lived by a main route.

**Early bearers:** Peter ate Fare, 1341 in Löfvenberg (Sussex); Robertus Fare, 1379 in Poll Tax (Harewood, WR Yorks); Thomas Fare, 1542 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Thomas Fare, 1564 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Agnes Vare, 1572 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

## Farebrother

- Current frequencies: GB 248, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 167
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Fairbrother**.

## Fareed

- Current frequencies: GB 227, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim: see **Farid**.

## Fareham

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts
- English: see **Fairholm**.

## Farenden

- Current frequencies: GB 264, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 75
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Farndon**.

## Farendon

- GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Sussex
- English: see **Farndon**.

## Fares

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys; also Lancs; Kent; Ayr; Suffolk

1 English: see **Fairs**.

2 English: see **Fare**.



**Farewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

English: see **Farwell**.

**Farey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London; also Bucks

English: see **Fairey**.

**Farfield**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Fairfield**.

**Farfort**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Fairfoot**.

**Fargher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: see **Faragher**.

**Ferguson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs; Northumb; Lanarks

Scottish: see **Ferguson**.

**Farhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Fairhall**.

**Farhat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Iranian: from a personal name based on Arabic *farhāt* 'joys', plural of Arabic *farah* 'happiness, joy' (see **Farah**), or from the derived Persian *farhad* 'happiness'.

**Further information:** In Persian literature, *Farhād* is the name of a stonemason who rivals King Khusrau for the love of the Armenian princess Shirin.

**Faria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Portuguese: locative name from either of two places in Portugal called Faria (in Braga and Aveiro). **Early bearers:** Alfred De Faria, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in Census 1881 (Tottenham, Middx).

2 Greek, S Italian: locative name from Greek *pharias* 'lighthouse keeper', a derivative of *pharos* 'beacon, lighthouse'.

**Farid**

**Variants:** **Fareed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *farid* 'unique, matchless'.

**Farie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland; also Middx

English: see **Fairey**.

**Faries**

**Variants:** **Faris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Fairey** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Faris, 1611 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); Edmond Faris, 1619 in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); John Faries, 1656 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts).

**Farina**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Middx

Italian: nickname from *farina* 'wheat flour' (Latin *farina*), applied to a miller or flour merchant, or in some cases to someone with a pale complexion.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Paddington, Middx); Alexander Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Achille Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Fulham, Middx); Alfonso Farina, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Warwick, Warwicks); Ormando Farina, clerk, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Pelagia Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Edmonton, Middx).

**Faringdon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Farndon**.

**Farrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Farrington**.

**Faris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Dorset; Lancs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Leitrim

1 English, Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Ferris**.

2 English: see **Faries**.

3 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *fāris* 'horseman, knight'.

**Farish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Dumfriess

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Fearghuis or Ó Fearghasa, see **Ferris**.

**Fariss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham

English, Irish, Scottish: see **Ferris**.

**Farkas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian: (i) relationship name from the old secular personal name *Farkas* (later also an ecclesiastical name). (ii) nickname from *farkas* 'wolf'.

**Early bearers:** Gyula Charles Farkas, born in France (Hungarian subject), in Census 1881 (Heathfield, Sussex); Frances Farkas, born in Hungary, in Census 1901 (London); Janos Farkas, in Census 1901 (Suffolk); George Farkas, born in Hungary, in Census 1901 (Suffolk); George Farkas, born in Hungary, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

**Farlam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Northumb; Derbys; IoM

English: see **Fairlamb**.

**Farland**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs; ER Yorks; Durham

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Pharthaláin, see **McFarlane**.

**Farleigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Farley**.

**Farless**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Fairless**.

**Farley**

**Variants:** **Farleigh**, **Fairley**, **Furley**, **Forley**, **Fearnley**, **Varley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5562, Ireland 220
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3747
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Devon; Lancs; W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan
- 1 English: locative name from various places named with Old English *fearn* 'fern, bracken' + *lēah* 'wood, clearing', such as Farley Hill (Berks), Farley (Derbys), Farley Chamberlayne (Hants), Farleys End in Elmore (Gloucs), Farley (Staffs), East and West Farleigh (Kent), Farleigh Wallop (Hants), Farleigh Hungerford (Somerset), Farleigh (Surrey), Farleigh (Wilts), Monkton Farleigh (Wilts), Fairley (Shrops), and Fairlight (Sussex), recorded as *Farleghe* about 1175. Compare **Fearnley**. This surname may have become confused with **Farlow**.

**Early bearers:** William de Ferlecheia, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Richard de Farlegh', 1222 in Henry III Building Accounts; John

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Farleye, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Ricardus Farley, 1377 in Poll Tax (Whitwick, Herefs); Ricardo Farleg'h, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pitton, Wilts); Ricardus Farleghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Patching, Sussex); Henricus de Farley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Darley, Derbys); Ricardus Farley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Varley, 1543 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Richard Farley, 1550 in *IGI* (Areley Kings, Worcs); Johis Farleigh, 1599 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 2, p. 162.  
2 Irish: from *Ó Fearghaile*, see **Farrelly**.

## Farlow

**Variants:** Fairlow, Furlow, Varlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; also Hants and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: locative name from Farlow (Shrops). This surname may have become confused with **Farley**.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Farlawe, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Shrops); Thomas Farelowe, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Shrops); Richard Farlow, 1569, John Farlowe, 1584 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Thomas Varlow, 1621 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs); Richard Farelowe alias Farely, 1706 in Deputy Keeper's Report 41 (Yorks).

## Farmar

**Variants:** Fairman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 561
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Farman* (Old Scandinavian *Farmann*, *Farman*, oblique stem of *Farmaðr* 'merchant', perhaps reinforced by the Continental Germanic cognate *Faraman*, which may have been used by the Normans in England). This surname may have become confused with **Fairman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Farmannus, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Farmannus, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition (Cambs); Fareman, 1168 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset).

surnames: Richard Fareman, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition (Cambs); Petrus Fareman, 1198 in Assize Rolls (Norfolk); Rogerum Fareman, 1208 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Roger Fareman, Farman, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Lambertus Farman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ightham, Kent); Thoma Farman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ramsbury, Wilts); Henricus Farman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lingwood, Norfolk); Richard Farman, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elisabeth Farman, 1569 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Ame Farman, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Richard Farman, 1594 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Marye Farman, 1625 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk).

**References:** Insley, Scand. Personal Names; Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names.

## Farmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Farmer**.

## Farmelo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Farmiloe**.

## Farmer

**Variants:** Farmar, Fermor, Fermer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13039, Ireland 452
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9205
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Monaghan; Cork

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *fermo(u)r*, *fermer* 'collector of rents or taxes; bailiff or steward in charge of a manor; collector of church revenues; one who cultivates land for the owner' (Anglo-Norman French *fermer*, Old French *fermier*, Medieval Latin *fīrmārius*). The word *farmer* did not assume its modern meaning 'one engaged in agriculture' until after the period of surname formation.

**Early bearers:** William le Fermer, 1238 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William le Farmere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Richard Fermor, 1293 in Book of Fees (Devon); Willelmo Fermer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Washington, Sussex); Thomas Fermour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Henrico Fermor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hungerford, Berks); Elizabeth Farmoure, 1572 in PROB 11 (Somerton, Oxon); Alexander Farmer, 1582 in PROB 11 (Rotherfield, Sussex); Thomas Farmor, 1597 in PROB 11 (Marden, Kent); John Farmare, 1602 in PROB 11 (Henley upon Thames, Oxon).

2 Irish: from a translation of **Mac an Scolóige** 'son of the husbandman'.

**Early bearers:** John Farmer, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6177 (clerk to the vicarage of Kylshellan).

## Farmery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 533
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; also ER Yorks; Lancs

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *fermerie*, a shortened form of *infirmarie* 'monastic infirmary' (Old French *enfermerie*), for someone who lived or worked in a monastic infirmary.

**Early bearers:** William del enfermerie, 12th cent. in Durham Priory Fees; Robert de la Fermeria, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); William del Fermere, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Alan de la Fermerie of Spaldyng, 1316 in Patent Rolls (Spalding, Lincs); Geoffrey ate Fermerie, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John del Fermerie, 1332 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Robert Firmarie, 1366 in London Letter Books H; Thomas ate Fermerye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rogate, Sussex); Matilda de Fermerye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chippenham hundred, Wilts); Johannes Fermery, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Fermory, 1471 in PROB 11 (London); John Farmarie, 1598 in PROB 11 (Northorpe, Lincs); George Farmerie, 1635 in PROB 11 (Little Corryham, Lincs).

## Farmilo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: see **Farmiloe**.

## Farmiloe

**Variants:** Farmilo, Farmelo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Framilode in Fretherne and Saul (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Fromilod, 1216–72, Edward de Fromilode, 1310, John Fromilode, 1372, John Framlode, 1399, Thomas Framelode, 1434 in Berkeley Castle Muniments (Gloucs); James Framlode, 1487 in PROB 11 (London); John Farmiloe, 1645, Martha Farmilo, 1672, William Farmeloe, 1673, Josep Farmmelow, 1682 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Mary Framiloe, 1777 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Ann Farmilow, 1798 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Farmelo, 1814 in *IGI* (Avening, Gloucs); Thomas Farmilode in Census 1851 (Horsley, Gloucs).

**References:** Place-Names of Gloucs 2, p. 179.

## Farminer

**Variants:** Fairminer, Fairmaner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: (i) probably a variant of **Furminger**. (ii) nickname alternatively, from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful' (see **Fair**) + *ma(i)ner(e)* 'manner(s), character', for someone with good manners or an agreeable character, although there is no specific evidence in support of this origin.

**Early bearers:** William Fairemaner, 1518–29 in TNA (Westbourne, Sussex); Richard Fairmaner, 1581 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Edmund Fairmaner, 1614, Mary Fairemaner, 1634 in *IGI* (East Marden, Sussex); Esdras Fairmanner or Fairemanner, 1629 in PROB 11 (London); Edmond Fairmanner, 1630 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Edmund Varminer, 1718, Sarah Fairmainer, 1723 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Elizabeth Farminer, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint James Westminster, Middx); John Fairminer, 1775 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Jane Farminer, 1826 in *IGI* (Linchmere, Sussex).

**References:** see Surnames of Sussex, p. 399.

## Farn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

## Farnaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham; ER Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from Farmanby in Thornton le Dale (NR Yorks), recorded as *Farmanbie* alias *Farnanbie* in 1614 (TNA).

**Early bearers:** William de Farmanby, 1369 in Patent Rolls; Isabel Farnaby, 1475–85 in TNA (Middx); Humphrey Farnyby, 1546 in Yorks Miscellanea (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Margareta Farnaby, 1548 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Margery Farnaby, 1561 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Farnabey, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Farnabie, 1574 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Elizabeth Farnabye, 1576, Robert Farnabie, 1598 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks).

References: Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 89.

### Farnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks; also Lancs; Kent
- English: see **Farnell**.

### Farnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Farnham**.

### Farnan

Variants: **Farnon**, **Farnen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 295
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Meath, and Tyrone; Down

Irish: from Ó **Farannáin** ‘descendant of *Forannán*’, a personal name possibly based on *fórrán* ‘attack’. The family bearing this name was connected with the church of Ardstraw in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Nelan O’Farnan, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1101; William McCragh O’Farnan, 1571–72 in Fiants Elizabeth §2063 (Bard); Edmund O’Fornan, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5562.

### Farnborough

Variants: **Farnbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Bucks

English: locative name from various places called Farnborough (Berks, Hants, Kent, Lincs, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Lefred de Ferenberga, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Nicholas de Farneberge, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); John de Ferneberwe, 1370 in Feet of Fines (Sussex and Hants); Johannes Farnburgh’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Preshute, Wilts); Johannes Farnebergh, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Farneborough’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Coventry, Warwicks); John Farneburgh’, 1420 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); William Farnboro, 1567, William Farnborow, 1575 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Wm. Farnborough, 1690 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); Elizabeth Farnbrough, 1713 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

### Farnbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Farnborough**.

### Farncombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Farncombe (Surrey). Compare **Vearncombe**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ferncumb, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ricardus Farncombe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brighton, Sussex); Johannes Farncombe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldrington, Sussex); Richard Farncome, 1560 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex); Thomas Farncombe, 1589 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Befaithfull Farncomb, 1603 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

### Farndale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Farndale in Kirkby Moorside (NR Yorks). Compare **Varndell**.

**Early bearers:** John de Farnedale, 1363, John de Farndall, 1397, John Fernedill, 1409 in York Freeman’s Register; Johannes de Farndall’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bilsdale with Urra, NR Yorks); Nicholaus de Farnedale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanne de Farndale, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); George Farndale, 1595 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Skelton, NR Yorks); Johannis Farndale, 1674 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Farndill, 1716 in *IGI* (Brotton, NR Yorks). **References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 63; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames

### Farndell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; also London
- English: see **Varndell**.

### Farnden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- English: see **Farndon**.

### Farndon

Variants: **Fardon**, **Farnden**, **Farden**, **Farenden**, **Farendon**, **Faringdon**, **Farringdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Leics

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *fearn* ‘fern, bracken’ + *dūn* ‘hill’, such as East Farndon (Northants), West Farndon in Woodford (Northants), Farndon (Cheshire, Notts), Faringdon (Berks, Dorset, Hants), Little Faringdon (Oxon), Farringdon (Devon), Farringdon in North Petherton (Somerset), and Farringdon Hill in Stogursey (Somerset), all of which share similar medieval spellings. This surname may have become confused with **Farrington**.

**Further information:** The area of London called Farringdon takes its name from two successive medieval aldermen, William *de Farndon* (d. 1293) and Nicholas *de Farndon* (d. 1334).

**Early bearers:** Elsi de Ferendone, 1086 in Domesday Book; Chyldeluve de Farnedon’, 1248 in Assize Rolls (Berks); John de Faringdon’, 1278 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Sarra de Farndon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Roger Faryndon, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John de Farendon’, 1339 in Feet of Fines (Somerset); Richard de Farndon’, 1365 in Feet of Fines (West Farndon, Northants); Katerina de Fardone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dry Stoke, Rutland); Willelmus Farondon’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charwelton, Northants); Amicia Farndon’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Bowden, Leics); Willelmo Farendon’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Milton, Berks); Thomas de Faryngdon, 1385 in Patent Rolls (Berks); John de Farndon’ of Suthwell’, 1391 in Feet of Fines (Southwell, Notts); Thomas Pharndon, 1562 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Esaye Farringdon, 1565 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Katherin Farneden, 1578, Katheren

Farden, 1602, Gorge Farnden, 1670 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); John Farringdon, 1605 in PROB 11 (West Moulsey, Surrey); John Farndon, 1605, Jhon Fardon, 1608 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Anne Farendon, 1702 in *IGI* (Pagham, Sussex).

**References:** Ekwall, DEPN.

### Farnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Farnell**.

### Farnell

Variants: **Farnel**, **Varnell**, **Farnhill**, **Farnill**, **Farnall**, **Fernell**, **Fearnall**, **Vernall**, **Vernal**, **Varnals**, **Vernalls**, **Furnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1534, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1092
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Staffs, Warwicks, and Shrops

1 English: locative name from various places named with Old English *fearn* ‘fern, bracken’ + *hyll* ‘hill’, in particular Farnhill in Kildwick (WR Yorks), but also Fernhill in Nether Alderley (Cheshire), Fernhill in Burstow (Surrey), Fernhill Heath in North Claines (Worcs), Farnell in East Tisbury (Wilts), and Vernal in Tichborne (Hants), amongst others.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Farenhull’, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); William de Fernhulle, 1263 in Reaney and Wilson (Hants); Hugh de la Fernhull’, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John de Farnhull, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); [. . . de] Fernhull’, Farnhull, 1287 in Place-Names of Cheshire; William atte Farnhulle, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Surrey); Johanna de Farnehill’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Farnehill’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Seacroft, WR Yorks); Thomas de Farnyll’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Johanne Farnehull’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ridge, Wilts); Alexander Farnell, 1414 in London Letter Books I; Riccus Farnell, 1538 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Cisly Farnell, 1552 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Richardi Farnhill, 1581 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Farnall, 1585 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); Willms Farnell, 1598 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Vernal, 1603 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Robt. Farnill, 1620 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Alice Varnell, 1629 in *IGI* (Woolstone, Gloucs); Anne Vernal, 1685 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops). **References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 29; Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 96; Place-Names of Surrey p. 286; Place-Names of Worcs p. 111; Place-Names of Wilts p. 195.

2 Scottish: locative name from Farnell (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Duncan de Ferneuel, 1214–46 in Arbroath Register (Angus); Alan de Farnyle, 1411 in Cambuskenneth Register (Edinburgh); Thomas Farnile or Fernile, 1468 in Newbattle Register (Edinburgh); Patrick Fernyll, 1554 in Midlothian Charters (Edinburgh).

### Farnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham
- Irish: from Ó **Farannáin**, see **Farnan**.

### Farnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135

## Farney

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx; also Hants English: see **Ferns**.

### Farney

Variants: **Farnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Aberdeens and Angus

Scottish, English: (i) see **Fernie**. (ii) possibly a variant of **Varney**.

**Early bearers:** William Farney, 1622 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); John Ferney, 1666 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Farnfield

Variants: **Varnfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, probably in Sussex, named with Old English *fearn* 'fern, bracken' + *fald* 'fold'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Farnfold, 1352 in Patent Rolls (Winchester, Hants); John Farnfolde, 1355, John Fernfold, 1371 in West Sussex Record Office (Rudgwick, Sussex); Richard Farnfold, 1417 in West Sussex Record Office (Steyning, Sussex); Richard Farnfold, 1425 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); Michell Farnfold, 1508, Richard Farnfolde, 1510 in PROB 11 (Steyning, Sussex); Richard Farnfold, 1546 in PROB 11 (Ferring, Sussex); James Farnfold, 1565 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Henry Farnfold, 1573 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); James Farnfield, 1713, James Varnfield, 1724 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Thomas Varnfield, 1715 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); John Varnfield, 1740 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Edward Farnfield, 1764 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Hannah Farnfold, 1791 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Middle English *fern(e)* 'fern, bracken' (Old English *fearn*) + *feld* 'field' (Old English *feld*), for someone who lived by a bracken-covered field or came from a place so named.

**Early bearers:** William atte Fernefeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); James Farnfield, 1713 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Jane Farnfield, 1748 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Farnfield, 1766 in *IGI* (Otford, Kent); William Henry Farnfield, 1858 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

### Farnham

Variants: **Farnam, Farnum, Varnham, Varnam, Vernum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 901, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 603
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex, Herts, and Cambs; Dorset and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: locative name from various places called Farnham (Bucks, Dorset, Essex, Suffolk, Surrey, WR Yorks), named from Old English *fearn* 'fern' + *hām* 'homestead' or *hamm* 'enclosure hemmed in by water', 'a water-meadow'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Farnham, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Robert de Farnham, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); John de Farnam, 1323 in York Freemen's Register; Elenora de Farnham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ingerthorpe, WR Yorks); Alicia de Fernam, 1379 in

Poll Tax (Whixley, WR Yorks); Johannes Farnham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Little Leighs, Essex); Johannes Farnham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Godalming, Surrey); Roberto Fernam, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shellingford, Berks); Thomas Farnham, 1562 in PROB 11 (Stoughton, Leics); Richard Varnam, 1562 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Robart Varnham, 1569 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); George Farnham, 1573 in PROB 11 (Drimpton, Dorset); John Farnam, 1594 in PROB 11 (Misterton, Somerset); Grace Varnum, 1617 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); Tho. Farnum, 1709 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Farnhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Farnell**.

### Farnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines; Berwicks; Essex; Dorset

Scottish, English: see **Farney**.

### Farnill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Farnell**.

### Farnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks

Scottish: see **Fairnington**.

### Farnish

Variants: **Varnish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk

English: (i) see **Furness**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Furneaux**.

**Early bearers:** Tobias Farnish, 1701 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); George Furnies or Farnish, 1716 in Parish Registers (Mirfield, WR Yorks); William Farnish, 1757 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Nicholas, Suffolk).

### Farnley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: see **Fearnley**.

### Farnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Durham; Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Farannáin, see **Farnan**.

### Farnorth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Farnworth**.

### Farnsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1496, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; also WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Farnworth**.

### Farnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Farnham**.

### Farnworth

Variants: **Farnsworth, Farnorth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1541
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Farnworth in Deane (Lancs) or Farnworth in Prescot (Lancs). From Old English *fearn* 'fern' + *word* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Leising' de Farnewurd', 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Cheshire); John de Farneworth, 1326 in Lancs Record Office; Henry de Farneworth of Worthington, 1393 in Lancs Record Office; Ellys Farnworth, 1550 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Robert Farneworth, 1551–3 in TNA (Derbys); Elizabeth Farneworth, 1563 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Farneworth, 1582, Ellin Farneworthe, 1582 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Robte Farnewoorth, 1582 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); John Farnsworth, 1611, Hugh Farnworth, 1614 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); William Farnsworth, 1619 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); John Farnoth, 1726 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Hannah Farnorth, 1795 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names pp. 43, 106.

### Faro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

1 English: see **Farrar** and compare **Pharoah**

2 Portuguese, Italian: locative name from any of several places named with *faro* 'beacon, lighthouse' (Greek *pharos*).

### Farook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Farooq**.

### Farooq

Variants: **Farooq**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2797, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *fārūq* 'distinguisher', i.e. 'one who distinguishes truth from falsehood'.

**Further information:** *Al-Fārūq* was a byname of 'Umar ibn al-Khattāb, the second 'rightly guided' khalif (ruled 634–644), renowned for his stern and uncompromising execution of justice, also for his piety.

### Farooqi

Variants: **Farooqui**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Arabic: Arabic family name (**Fārūqī**) denoting someone descended from or associated with someone called **Farooq**, in particular a descendant of khalif 'Umar.

### Farooqui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Arabic: see **Farooqi**.

### Farqhar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Hants
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Farquhar**.

### Farqharson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Farquharson**.

### Farquahar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs; Morays
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Farquhar**.

### Farquar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Banffs
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Farquhar**.

### Farquarson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Aberdeens, and Perth; also Middx; ER Yorks
- Scottish: see **Farquharson**.

### Farquhar

Variants: **Farquahar, Farquar, Farqhar, Farquher, McFarquhar, Forker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3014, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2291
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also Caithness; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the personal name *Fearchar*, from *fear* 'man', or perhaps an intensive prefix, + *car* (in second elements of names) 'loving'. Compare **McKerracher, Faragher, Farquharson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ferhard, chaplain of Kettins, 1198–9 in Coupar Angus Charters (Perth); Farhard, 1211–24 in Aberdeen Register (Strichen, Aberdeens); Ferkar, earl of Ross, 1230–42 in Moray Register; Fercard, late dean of Caithness, 1306 in Scotland Calendar; Ferchard Mcyntoschy, 1382 in Aberdeen Register.

surnames: Macbeth filius Ferchware, 1283 in Inchaffray Register; Andro Farchare, 1450 in Ayr Charters (Ayr); Mathow Farcar, 1514, Mathow Farquhar, 1527 in Orkney-Shetland Records (Kirkwall, Orkney); Johannes Ferchar, 1527 in Chiefs of Grant (Strathdee, Aberdeens); Andro Pharquhair, 1543 in Orkney Records (Kirkwall, Orkney); Mariore Farquhar, 1577, George Farquhair, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen,

Aberdeens); Euphame Forker, 1606 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Robert Farquhare, 1639 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Johne Farquar, 1647 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Anna Farqhard, 1685, David Farquhar, 1711 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margt. Farker, 1686 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Farquhar, 1687 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife); John Farqhare, 1689 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens); William Forker, 1690 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife).

### Farquharson

Variants: **Farquarson, Farqharson, Farquherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1924, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1671
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Dublin

Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fearchar* (see **Farquhar**) + the English patronymic suffix *-son*.

**Further information:** As a clan, the Farquharsons claim descent from Farquhar Macintosh, a grandson of the laird Macintosh who came to Braemar (Aberdeens) before 1332.

**Early bearers:** David Farcharsoun, burgess, 1440 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Aytho Faurcharstone, 1456 in Black (Dunbeath, Caithness); Findelay Farcharstone, 1538 in Chiefs of Grant (Strathdee, Aberdeens); James Farquharstone, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Farquharson, 1643 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margrat Farquerson, 1693 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Robert Farquarstone, 1696 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus); Isobell Farquarson, 1702 in *IGI* (Panbride, Angus).

**References:** Black.

### Farquher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **Farquhar**.

### Farquherson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; also Durham

Scottish: see **Farquharson**.

### Farr

Variants: **Farre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5850, Ireland 245
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4292
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

English: nickname from Middle English *fear(r)*, \**farr* (*e*) 'steer, ox' (Old English *fearr*).

**Early bearers:** Nicolas le ferre, 1154–89 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Reginald Farre of Meldeborne, 1334 in Patent Rolls (Melbourn, Cambs); Simon Farre, 1381 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii (Kent); William Farre, 1502 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Johannes Farr, 1539 in *IGI* (Eppworth, Lincs); Margarette Farre, 1551 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Walter Farr or Farre, 1590 in PROB 11 (Much Burstead, Essex).

### Farra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: see **Farrar**.

### Farraday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Vardy**.

### Farragher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish, Manx: see **Faragher**.

### Farrah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; also London
- 1 English: see **Farrar**.  
2 Muslim: see **Farah**.

### Farraker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Manx: see **Faragher**.

### Farrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 593
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs

Irish: from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

### Farram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Fairholm**.

### Farran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Derry and Donegal
- 1 Irish, English: see **Farren**.  
2 English: see **Farrant**.

### Farrance

Variants: **Farrants, Farrands, Ferrans, Farrans, Ferens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Suffolk
- English: variant of **Farrant** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Farrance, 1604 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); James Farrance, 1633 in *IGI* (Fenton, Devon); George Farrance, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); George Farrants, 1720 in *IGI* (Stoke by Clare, Suffolk); John Farrants, 1732 in *IGI* (Hawkedon, Suffolk); Ann Farrants, 1734 in *IGI* (Hundon, Suffolk); Sarah Farrands, 1760 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Notts).

## Farrand

### Farrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: see **Farrant**.

### Farrands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Farrance**.

### Farrans

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish, Irish: possibly a variant of **Farrance**.

### Farrant

**Variants:** **Farrand, Farran, Farren, Ferrant, Ferrand, Ferran, Ferren, Verran, Farrance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2294, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1767
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; SE England and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Fer(r)ant*, a form of **Ferdinand**. (ii) nickname from Old French *ferrant* 'iron grey', probably used with reference to hair colour.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ferrandus clericus, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Ferant Arblastarius, 1249 in Book of Fees (Hants).

surnames: Herebertus filius Feran, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Gilbert Ferrant, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Peter Ferrant, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Radulphus Ferant, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Farrande, 1538 in PROB 11 (London); Johannes Ferand, 1379 in Poll Tax (Christchurch hundred, Hants); Johannes Feraunt, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stadhampton, Oxon); Johannes Feraunt, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stirton, WR Yorks); Dewnes Farrant, 1553 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Edward Farrand, 1562 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Ann Farrent, 1609 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs).

### Farrants

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Farrance**.

### Farrar

**Variants:** **Farrer, Farrah, Farah, Farra, Fara, Farrey, Farry, Farrier, Faro, Farrow, Ferrar, Ferrer, Ferro, Ferrow, Pharoah, Pharaoh, Pharo, Pharro, Varey, Varo, Vero**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3944, Ireland 137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3947
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: nickname from Middle English *fer(r)ro(u)r*, *fer(r)er*, *fa(r)ro(u)r*, 'ironworker, blacksmith' (Old French *ferreor*). Compare **Ferrier**.

**Early bearers:** Yorks and Lancs: Johannes Ferour, 1377 in Poll Tax (Tong, WR Yorks); Johannes Farrur, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wothersome, WR Yorks); Hugo Farrour, Thomas Farour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Alexandre le Ferour, 1379 in Poll Tax

(Liverpool, Lancs); Will. Farar, 1517–18, William Farrowe, 1528 in York Guild Register; James Farro, 1525, Roger Farrer, 1613, William Farrar, 1675 in York Freeman's Register (York); Agnes Farro, 1539, Alys Farray, 1559, Tristram Farrey, 1632, Tristram Farrer, 1641, Tristram Farrah, 1679 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Farrie, 1812 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks).

**Other:** Henry le Ferrur, 1196 in Curia Regis Rolls (Leics); Picot le Ferur, 1200 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs, Hants); Willelmo le Ferour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Farrar, 1535, Richard Farrour, 1538 in PROB 11 (Tydd Saint Giles, Cambs); Willm Ferro, 1563, Ellin Farrow, 1590 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Francis Ferror or Ferrer, 1565 in PROB 11 (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Chrystofer Vero, 1565 in *IGI* (Stroxton, Lincs); John Farrowe alias Farrar, 1625 in PROB 11; Margt. Pharoah, 1637 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Faro, 1664 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); John Farry, William Pharrow, Fr. Pharo, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk); William Varo, 1739 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Mary Varo, 1740 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Humfrey and Frederick, sons of Charles and Mary Varow, 1754, Humfrey and Frederick Varoh, 1755, Charles Varo, 1760, Mary Varer, 1795 in Parish Registers (Horringer, Suffolk); Sarah Varo, 1765 in *IGI* (Kirtling, Cambs); William Vearer, 1779 in *IGI* (Ashley cum Silverley, Cambs); David Varrow, 1818, John Vearer, 1831 in *IGI* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk).

**References:** Information from John Rennison Vayro (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Farre

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Farr**.

### Farrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 679
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- Irish: from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

### Farrell

**Variants:** **O'Farrell, Farrel, Farrall, Farroll, Farrol, Ferrol, Ferrell, Harrell, Friel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16366, Ireland 13460
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Longford

Irish: from Ó Fearghail 'descendant of *Fearghal*', a personal name based on *fear* 'man' + *gal* 'courage'. A longer genitive of the personal name gives **Farrelly**. See also **Friel**, **Freil**, and **McGarrell**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Flaithbertach hUa Fergail, king of Telach-occ (Tullyhog), 1068 in AU; Echtigern hUa Ferghail, primhathlaech, 1110 in AU; Donnall hUa Ferghail, arch-chief of Conmaicni, 1172 in AU; Dermot Ferrell, husbandman, 1562 in Fiant Elizabeth §402 (Ynesnag, Kilkenny); Brian O'Ferall alias O'Ferall Booye, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1109; Donald Amagherie O'Faroll, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1447 (Robinstowne); Conwicke O'Ferrall, captain of Clanconnogher, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1605; Teig boy mcHubbert O'Farrell, chief serjeant of

Clonconnogher, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1605 (Muskerry, Cork).

England: William Farrell, 1571 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Dorothy Farrall, 1572 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); Mary Farrell, 1617 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Edward Farral, 1694 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Phoebe Farral, 1719 in *IGI* (Rushton Spencer, Staffs); Anna Ferrol, 1743 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks).

### Farrelly

**Variants:** **Farrely, Farley, Fairley, Harley, Frawley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1812, Ireland 3274
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath

Irish: from Ó Fearghaile, from the longer genitive of the personal name *Fearghal* 'man of valour' (compare **Farrell**).

**Early bearers:** Philip O'Farylly, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4550 (Athasshell); Donell mcFergasse O'Ferrayle, piper, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517; Shane boyel O'Ferrayle, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517 (Duffrie); Margaret Freely, 1856 in Griffith's Valuation (Island, Mayo); Laurence Freely, 1857 in Griffith's Valuation (Ardlagheen More, Roscommon).

### Farrely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Fearghaile, see **Farrelly**.

### Farren

**Variants:** **Farran, Varran, Farron, Farrin, Ferron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1368, Ireland 899
- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; W Midlands; London and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Irish: (i) from Ó Faracháin 'descendant of *Farachán*', a personal name derived perhaps from *Anradhán*, see **Hanrahan**. (ii) from Ó Fearáin, see **Fearon** or from Ó Fearadhaigh, see **Ferry**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Faran, chaplain, 1542 in Fiant Henry (Chapelmydway, Dublin); Brian O'Ferran, kern, 1558 in Fiant Elizabeth §18 (Queen's county [Laois]); Pheyllim O'Farran, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6483; Donnell O'Farran, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Anaghgora, Armagh).

2 English: nickname, occupational name from either Middle English *fair(e)*, *far(e)* 'fair' (see **Fair**) or *fear(r)* 'steer, ox' (see **Farr**) + *hin(e)* 'servant', either as a nickname for a good or attractive servant, or as an occupational name for a servant who looked after oxen. Some early bearers may belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** John Farhyn, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; William Varyn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Farren, 1564 in *IGI* (Molesworth, Hunts); Mathew Farren, 1576 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Nathaniel Farren, 1674 in Hearth Tax (Suffolk).

3 English: see **Farrant**.

### Farrer

**Variants:** **Varo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1775, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1888
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Westm

English: see **Farrar**.

**Farrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Mayo
- 1 English: see **Farrar**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Farraigh, Ó Fearadhaigh, see **Farry**.

**Farrier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also NE England; Devon
- 1 Scottish, English: see **Ferrier**.  
2 English: see **Farrar**.

**Farries**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland and Cumb
- Irish, Scottish, English: see **Ferris**.

**Farrimond**

Variants: **Ferrimond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Ferriman** with post-medieval excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Jacobi Farmond, 1615 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); George Farrimond, 1672 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Ralph Farrimond, 1709, James Farimond, 1751 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs).

**Farrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics; Norfolk
- English, Irish: see **Farren**.

**Farrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London; Northants and Warwicks

English: see **Farndon**.

**Farrington**

Variants: **Farington, Farrinton, Ferrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4037, Ireland 284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2550
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Staffs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Wicklow  
English: locative name primarily from Farington (Lancs), but perhaps occasionally from Farrington Gurney (Somerset). This surname may have become confused with **Farndon**.

**Early bearers:** William de Farington, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John de Feryngton, 1378 in Patent Rolls; Willelmus de Faryntyn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes de Ferryngton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Adwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Nicholaus de Faryngton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Melling, Lancs); Hugh de Faryngton', 1381 in Feet of Fines (Beds); William de Faryngton, 1402–3 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Charles Farington, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Harwood,

Lancs); Thomae Ferington, 1562 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Robert Farrington, 1564 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); John Farryngton, 1566 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Robert Farrington, 1575 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Ferington, 1600 in *IGI* (Kyre, Worcs); Thomas Ferrington, 1610 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Ferington, 1613 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops); Thomas Ferrington, 1628 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); John Ferrington, 1632 in *IGI* (Bockleton, Worcs); Bridget Farrinton, 1634 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); George Ferrington, 1642 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

**Farrinton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Farrington**.

**Farris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow; Derry
- English, Irish, Scottish: see **Ferris**.

**Farrish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; London; Dumfriess
- Irish: from Ó Fearghuis or Ó Fearghasa, see **Ferris**.

**Farrol**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

**Farroll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Irish: relationship name from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

**Farron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London
- English, Irish: see **Farren**.

**Farrow**

Variants: **Faro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7171, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5562
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Lincs; also Lancs
- English: see **Farrar**.

**Farrugia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1005, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Maltese: nickname from Maltese *farrūdj* (Arabic *farrūj* 'hen, chicken'), perhaps for a poultry-keeper.  
**Early bearers:** Anto. Farrugia, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Charles Farrugia, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Northumb).

**Farry**

Variants: **Farrey, Feery, Feighery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Donegal, Mayo, and Sligo

1 English: see **Farrar**.

2 Irish: from Ó Farraigh, a rare surname, or more likely Ó Fearadhaigh 'descendant of Fearadhach', a personal name meaning 'manly', a derivative of Irish *fear* 'man'. It can also be anglicized as **Ferry**. With *mac* it gives rise to the surnames **McVerry, McCarry, McHarrie** and **McGarry**.

**Early bearers:** Tibott O'Fierie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4780 (Ballagare); Melaghlen O'Feary, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5597 (Loughford); Tirlagh O'Firrie, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5607; Brian O'Ferrey, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5740 (Clonine); Mellaghlen mcShane O'Farry, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Longford); Cnogher oge O'Fiorie, 1600–01 in Fiants Elizabeth §6467; Cickuglie O'Fierie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6547; Morogh O'Fierie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6457.

**Farshaw**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Forshaw**.

**Farson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fair(e)* (see **Fair**) + *-son*, 'son of *Fair(e)*'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *fair(e)* 'fair, beautiful; light of complexion or colour of hair or eyes' (see **Fair**) + *-son*. Compare **Fairechild**.

**Early bearers:** Richard ffayrson, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Adam ffarson, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); John Fayresone, 1354 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Gervasius Fairson', 1377 in Poll Tax (Cornworthy, Devon); Em. Farson, 1625 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); James Farson, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine Coleman, London); John Farson, 1756 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

**Farthing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1794, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1573
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex and London; Somerset; NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Farthein, Farthing, Ferthing* (Old Scandinavian *Farðegn*, late Old English *Færðegn*). Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fardein, 1086 in Domesday Book (Northants); Fardan, 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks); Farðain greua, 11th cent. in Yorks Charters. surnames, E and S England: Purlac Ferðeng, 972–92 in Cartularium Saxonicum (Northants); Robert Fardenc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Willelmus filius Fardain, 1163–6, Willelmi filii Fardein, Willelmi Farthain, late 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents

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(Lincoln and Wigford, Lincs); Reinfrid filius Farthein, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); Warnerus filius Fardein, 1206 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Walter Ferthing, 1295 in Parliament Rolls (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Ferthyng, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Farthyng', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashill, Norfolk); Johannes Ferthing, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horstead, Norfolk); Rogerus Farthing, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Ham, Essex); Elizabeth Farthing, 1565 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Roberti Farthing, 1585 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Baltar Farthing, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Robert Farthing, 1605 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Wm Farthing, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Farding, 1681 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Jonathan Farthing, 1688 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex). surnames, N England: Agmundo Ferthig, 1156–84 in Yorks Charters; Hugo Ferðing, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William Farding, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Johannes Farthing, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skelmanthorpe, WR Yorks); Willmi. Farthing, 1552 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Isabell Farthing, 1674 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

2 English: locative name for a person living at a homestead consisting of or called in Middle English a *ferthing* (Old English *fēorðing* 'a fourth part'), the same word historically as the coin *farthing* (see 3), used for a measure of land. The term is frequent in minor place-names in Sussex, and is also found in Surrey and Devon. *Farthing* of this origin cannot always be distinguished from (1) or (3), and some of the following examples without a preposition may alternatively belong in either.

**Early bearers:** Rob. atte Ferthing [*sic*], 1262 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Robert de la Ferthing, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Rudgwick, Sussex); Godfrey de la Ferthing, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sullington and Thakeham, Sussex); John atte Ferthyng, 1327 in Pleas of the Bench (Slinfold, Sussex); Walter atte Ferthing, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Warnham, Sussex); John atte fferthyng, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Edeth Farthing, 1576 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Hen. Farthing, 1586 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Henry Farthing, 1607 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Elizabeth Farthing, 1608 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Janne Farthyng, 1596 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Jane Farthinge, 1632 in PROB 11 (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 576; Place-Names of Surrey, pp. 36 and 45; Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 158 and 239; Löfvenberg, p. 63.

3 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *ferthing* (Old English *fēorðing* 'a fourth part') 'farthing, quarter of a penny', the same word historically as that mentioned in (1). Compare **Halfpenny**, **Penny**, **Grote**, and **Shilling**; both John *Ferthinge* and Margery *Halpeny* were assessed in 1327 in Pershore, Subsidy Rolls (Worcs), though this may be an insignificant coincidence. Some early bearers in (1) and (2) could belong here, though it is less likely to be the common source of the modern name.

## Farwell

**Variants:** Farewell, Fairwell, Varwell, Varvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants

1 English: nickname from the Middle English phrase *fare wel* 'do well, prosper', or perhaps from the salutation *fare wel* 'farewell, goodbye'. Compare **Dowell** (1), **Gowell**, and **Meanwell**. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Farwel, 1224 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Richard Farewel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); Willelmus Farwel', 1377 in Poll Tax (Cowlinge, Suffolk); Simon Farewell, 1409 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); John Farewell of Great Wynden, 1439 in Patent Rolls (Wendens Ambo, Essex); Richard Farewell, 1486–1515 in Place-Names of Devon; Edi. Farwell, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ric Farwell, 1546 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Peter Varwell, 1550 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Jacobus Farwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); John Farewell, 1567 in PROB 11 (Taunton, Somerset); Elizabeth Varwell, 1568 in Parish Registers (Ludgvan, Cornwall); John Varwell, 1578, Richard Farewell, 1596 in *IGI* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon); Wm Farewell, 1601 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Joseph Farwell, 1614 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Gilbert Varwell, 1616 in PROB 11 (Sydling, Dorset); John Farwell, 1619 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Thomas Varvel, 1671 in Parish Registers (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edward Varwell, 1701 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary, South Walsham, Norfolk); James Farvel, 1719 in Parish Registers (Furneux Pelham, Herts); Mary Varwell, 1725 in Parish Registers (Ashwell, Herts); Frances Fairwell, 1727 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Farewell (Staffs) or another place named with Old English *fæger* 'beautiful' + *wella* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Faierwelle, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Simon de Farewell, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Warwicks).

## Faser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Lanarks
- English: see **Facer**.

## Fasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Berks and Bucks

English: see **Vasey**.

## Fasham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Faversham**.

## Fashola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Fáşòlá* (Yoruba *ifá şe òlá* 'divination produces honour (i.e. for us)').

**References:** Oduyoye, p. 69.

## Fasken

**Variants:** Faskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Farskane, in Rathven, near Cullen (Banffs), locally pronounced *Fasken*.

**Early bearers:** Katherin Fasken, 1694 in *IGI* (Rothiemay, Banffs); Agnes Faskine, 1716, John Farsken, 1730, Jean Farskin, 1741, John Fasken, 1785 in *IGI* (Forgue, Aberdeens); Elspet Farsken, 1739, James Faskin, 1754, Elisabeth Farskin, 1760 in *IGI* (Inverkeithny, Banffs).

**References:** Black.

## Faskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name see **Fasken**.

## Fassett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Fawcett**.

## Fat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Glamorgan
- English: see **Fatt**.

## Fatania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Father

**Variants:** Fathers, Feather

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fader*, *father*, *feder*, *fether* (Old English *fæder*) 'father', often used to denote someone who exercised protecting care like that of a father. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Fader, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Walter le Fader, 1244 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); John Father, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Crimsham, Sussex); Agnes le Fader, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Findon, Sussex); Reginaldus le Fader, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston Deverill, Wilts); Henricus Fader, 1377 in Poll Tax (Patney, Wilts); Willelmus Fader, 1379 in Poll Tax (Streat, Sussex); Johannes Fador, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ecton, Northants); Johannes Fadur, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Johannes le Fader, 1379 in Poll Tax (Washington, Sussex); Thomas Fadere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Robert Fader, 1453 in Feet of Fines (Barnstaple, Devon); Robert Father, 1503 in PROB 11; Elizabeth Father, 1564 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Roberti Father, 1568 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); William Father, 1607 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Jonathan Father, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fader* (Old Danish *Fathir*, Old Swedish *Fadhir*). Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Further information:** Compare Radulphus *Faderman*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hornring, Norfolk); Radulphus *Fadirman*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Earsham, Norfolk) 'man or servant of *Fader*'.



**Early bearers:** given names: Fader, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk, Suffolk); Fader presbitero, 1138–47 in Insley, Scand. Personal Names (Norfolk).

**surnames:** Roger Fader, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Alan Fader, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Rogeri Fader, about 1235 in Insley, Scand. Personal Names (Norfolk); Ricardus Fadir, 1381 in Poll Tax (Moulton, Lincs).

**References:** Insley, Scand. Personal Names pp. 120–1.

## Fathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Northants, and Warwicks

English: variant of **Father** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Juliana le Faderes, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); John Fathers, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Margeria Fathers, 1565 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Roberte Fathers, 1599 in PROB 11 (Somerton, Somerset).

## Fatima

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1011, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the Arabic female personal name *Fāṭima*.

**Further information:** This was the name of the Prophet Muhammad's daughter and the wife of Khalifa Ali. From 909 to 1171 the Fatimid Shia Muslim khaliphate, which claimed descent from Muhammad through his daughter Fatima, extended over much of North Africa, Sicily, Egypt, and Syria.

**References:** Ahmed.

## Fatt

**Variants:** **Fat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *fat(te)*, *vat* 'fat' (Old English *fett*). Compare **Gross**.

**Early bearers:** Æðestan Fætta, 1049–58 in Tengvik (Worcs); Richard Fatt, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Hugh le Fatte, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Alan le Fatte, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Worcs); Reginald Fatte, 1389 in Patent Rolls (Cornwall); Agneta Fatt, 1563 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Robart Fatt, 1600 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Fat, 1670 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

## Faucett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks and Lancs; also Durham

English: see **Fawcett**.

## Faucheux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: occupational name from a variant of **Faucher**, an agent derivative of Old French *faucher* 'to mow', denoting a mower.

**Early bearers:** Toussaint Faucheux, 1863 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Felix Faucheux, born in France, in Census 1881 (Bloomsbury, Middx).

## Faughnan

**Variants:** **Faulkner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Ó **Fachtnáin** 'descendant of *Fachtnán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *fachtna* 'hostile'.

**Early bearers:** Thady Faughnan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Cloon, Leitrim); Patrick Faughnan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballintemple, Cavan); Maud Faughnan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mohill, Leitrim).

## Faukner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs; Lanarks; Sussex

English: see **Faulkner**.

## Faul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English, Irish: see **Faull**.

## Faulconbridge

**Variants:** **Falconbridge, Falkingbridge, Fakenbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Warwicks

Norman, English: locative name from

Fauquembergues (Pas-de-Calais).

**Early bearers:** Waltero de Fauconberg, 1232 in Patent Rolls; William de Faucomberge, 1332 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); John de Faucomberge, 1344 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Thomas de Faucomberge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Withernwick, ER Yorks); Walterus Fauconberge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hatfield, ER Yorks); Rogerus Fauconberge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Walter Fauconberge, 1414 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Fauconbridge, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk); Edmund Falconbridge, 1642, Christopheri Faulconbridge, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Fakenbridge, 1767 in *IGI* (Harpley, Norfolk); James Falkingbridge, 1779 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

## Faulconer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also London

English: see **Faulkner**.

## Faulder

**Variants:** **Falder, Folder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *fald(e)*, *fold* 'livestock pen, sheepfold, farmyard', denoting someone who lived or worked at such a place. Compare **Fold**.

**Early bearers:** Iuo faulder, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Johanne Foldar', Ricardo Folder', 1379 in Poll Tax (Singleton and East Dean, Sussex); George Falder,

1568 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Adam Folder, 1583 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Robert Faulder, 1621 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Johanna Falder, 1632 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); Elizabeth Folder, 1639 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex).

## Faulding

**Variants:** **Falding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *falding* 'mantle, cloak; kind of woollen cloth', for someone who made, sold, or wore such garments or cloth.

**Early bearers:** Achethe falding, about 1155 in Danelaw Documents; Gilebertum Falding, 1229 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); Eliz. Faulding, 1578, Robt. Fauldinge, 1581, Frances Falding, 1591, Marye Faldinge, 1610 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); William Falding, 1739 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).

## Faulds

**Variants:** **Foulds, Fowlds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland

1 Scottish: locative name from various places named Faulds (Ayr, Renfrews, Lanarks, Perth).

**Early bearers:** John of Fawls of Leith, 1438 in Scotland Calendar (Midlothian); Arthur Fauldis, 1536, Archibald Faullis, 1642 in Glasgow Saint Mary Liber (Glasgow, Lanarks); Daud Faulds, 1647 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Elizabeth Faulds, 1652 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marie Faulds, 1664, Elizabeth Foulds, 1742 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Fowlds, 1748 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr); Allan Fawlds, 1759 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

2 English: see **Foulds**.

## Faulkener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Lancs and WR Yorks; London and Kent

English: see **Faulkner**.

## Faulkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: see **Fawkes**.

## Faulkner

**Variants:** **Faulkener, Falkiner, Falkner, Falkoner, Falconer, Falconar, Faulconer, Faulkner, Fawkner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12907, Ireland 1403
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7991
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim; Louth; Dublin

1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *fauconer*, *fauk(e)ner*, *falconer* 'falconer' (Old French *fau(l)connier*), for someone who pursued falconry, or perhaps for someone who operated a kind of crane or windlass known as a falcon.

## Faulks

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Falkenar, 1194 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); Richard facuner, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Leics); Henry le fauconer, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Colard le ffauconer, 1264 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Essex); Willelmo Fawkener, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rycote, Oxon); Willelmo Fauconer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thurcaston, Leics); Johannes Falconer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hunslet, WR Yorks); Ricardus Fawconer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aston, WR Yorks); Johanna Faukoner, 1379 in Poll Tax (Findon, Sussex); Deonisio Faukener, 1381 in Poll Tax (Speen, Berks); Edward Faulknor, 1566 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Elsebethe Faulkener, 1570 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Sibbell Faulkner, 1578 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

**Scotland:** Robert le Faukener, Fauconer, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Aberdeen); Heliscus Fauconer, 1350 in Brechin Register (Montrose, Angus); Andrew Fauconere, 1380, Andreas Fawconer, 1393 in Moray Register; Margrett Falconer, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Falconer, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Faulkener, 1703 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian).

**Ireland:** James Faulkner, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Alexander Faulkner, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killashandra, Cavan); Robert Faulkner, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Lissan, Derry).

**References:** Salzman, Building pp. 70, 324.

2 Irish: sometimes adopted in Ireland as an anglicization of Ó Fachtna ‘descendant of *Fachtna*’, or Mac Fhachtna ‘son of *Fachtna*’ a personal name derived from *facht* ‘malicious, hostile’. Compare **Faughnan**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice McFaughney, clerk, 1551 in Fiants Edward §795; Peirce duff McFaghny, 1584 in Fiants Edward §4559; Gillernewe O’Faghny or mcFaghny, captain and chief of the territory of Calloe, 1588 in Fiants Elizabeth §5199 (Rathclyne, Longford).

## Faulks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; also Warwicks and Gloucs

English: see **Fawkes**.

## Faull

**Variants:** **Faul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: most probably a variant of **Fall**.

**Early bearers:** George Faull, 1595 in *IGI* (Foston by Malton, NR Yorks); Arminell Faull, 1609 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Joane Faule, 1664 in Hearth Tax (Truro, Cornwall).

2 Irish: from Mac Phóil, see **McFall**, **McPhail**.

## Faultless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Middx

English: nickname from Middle English (*de*)*faultles* or Early Modern English *faultless(e)* ‘faultless’.

**Early bearers:** John Fawteles, 1522 in PROB 11 (London); Thos. Fawtlesse, 1594, Anthony Faultlesse,

1624, Thos. Faultles, 1631, Wm. Faultless, 1686, Willm. Faultless, 1760 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs).

## Faun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Lancs
- English: see **Fawn**.

## Faunce

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey
- English: see **Fawns**.

## Faunch

**Variants:** **Fance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Beds; Staffs

English: unexplained; perhaps identical in origin with **Fance**.

**Early bearers:** Alic. Faunch, 1578 in *IGI* (Aldenharn, Herts); Thomas Fanch, 1593 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); Robert Faunch, 1623 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Daniel Fanch, 1675, Richard Faunch, 1683 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

## Faunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Vant**.

## Faunthorpe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts
- English: see **Fanthorpe**.

## Fauntleroy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex; Hants; Devon

English: relationship name, nickname from the Old French phrase *enfant le roi* ‘son of the king’, either used literally or as a nickname.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roger Le Enfaunt le roy, 1244 in Place-Names of Dorset 3, pp. 331–2 (Dorset); William Fauntleroy, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dorset); John Fauntleroy, 1382 in Feet of Fines (Wilts and Dorset); John Fauntleroy, 1408 in Ancient Deeds 2 (Somerset); John Fauntleroy, 1449 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Tristram Fauntleroy, 1493 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Henrye Fauntleroye or Fauntleroy, 1579 in PROB 11 (Shipton Bellinger, Hants); William Fauntleroy, 1581 in PROB 11 (Folke, Dorset); Thomas Fontleroy, 1662 in Hearth Tax (Essex).

## Faure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, Huguenot: occupational name from a southern French form of Old French *fevre* ‘blacksmith, ironworker’. Compare **Lefevre**.

**Further information:** The surname was apparently first brought to Britain in the 17th century by French Huguenots.

**Early bearers:** Marie Faure, 1694 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Virginie Laurentine Eugenie Faure, 1846 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Theodore Faure, born in France, in Census 1881 (Kensington, Middx).

## Fausett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- English: see **Fawcett**

## Fausset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Fawcett**.

## Faussett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Fawcett**.

## Faust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- German, French, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle High German *fist* ‘fist’, perhaps for a strong or pugnacious person or for someone with a club hand or other deformity of the hand. As a Jewish name, it was probably acquired as a handout name. (ii) perhaps in some cases a relationship name ultimately (perhaps via French) from a Latin personal name *Faustus*, borne by at least one Christian martyr.

**Further information:** Bitton is adjacent to Warmley, early centre of the Bristol brassfounding industry, so it is probable that the surname was at first that of metalworkers of German origin, reinforced by later immigration.

**Early bearers:** Anne Faust, 1628 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Wm. Faust, 1739 in *IGI* (Appleby Magna, Leics); Stephen Faust, 1745 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hants); Napoleon Faust, licensed hawker, born in Poland, in Census 1851 (Reading, Berks); Christian Faust, baker, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Paul C T Faust, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Saint Woollos, Monmouths); Marie Faust, born in France, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Abraham Faust, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Cheetham, Lancs); Woolf Faust, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex).

## Fautley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sussex

English: apparently a nickname from a Middle English adjective *\*fauteli* ‘faulty, defective’, formed with the adjective suffix *-li* added to the noun *faute* ‘fault, lack’, therefore with the same structure as the attested *justisli*. The name was certainly sometimes taken for *faultry*, the more modern counterpart of this hypothetical word. Compare **Fail**.

**Early bearers:** John Fautley, 1587 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Fautlie, 1607, Thomas Fautly, 1607, Eliz.

Faultie, 1609, Alice Faultey, 1633, Richard Fautley, 1683 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

### Fauvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from Old French *fauvel* 'fallow-coloured (reddish or brownish yellow)', perhaps describing the hair or complexion. The name also came to be used of an insincere or duplicitous person for reasons explained at **Favell**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Fauvel, in Census 1841 (Jersey).

### Faux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 433
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Fawkes**.

### Favager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

French: apparently a form of the surname *Favarger*, *Favenger*, denoting a person from one of the places called *Favarges* in E France and the Jura mountains, though no direct evidence of French origin has been located.

**Early bearers:** Watkin Favager, 1811, Elizth. Faveger, 1845, Alice Faviger, 1846 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

### Favel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Hunts
- English: see **Favell**.

### Favell

**Variants:** Favelle, Favel, Fawell, Favill, Faville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts; London; WR Yorks; also Lincs

English: (i) nickname from Old French *fauvel* 'fallow-coloured (reddish or brownish yellow)', perhaps describing the hair or complexion. Compare **Fauvel**, **Fallow**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *fa(u)vel* 'flattery, insincerity; duplicity, guile, intrigue', for a person marked by such qualities. This meaning is an extension of (i) above, as in medieval Europe the fallow-coloured horse was proverbial as the symbol of dishonesty.

**Early bearers:** Eudo Faluel, 1160–76 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Yorks); Rannulf fauuel', 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); William Fauvel, 1332 in Patent Rolls (Westm); William Fauel, 1346 in Ancient Deeds ii (IoW); John Favel, 1377 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Johannes Fauell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hardley and Yaverland, IoW); Johannes Fawell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hook, WR Yorks); William Fauuell', 1409 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Fawvell, 1412, Richard Fawell, 1530 in York Freeman's Register; John Favell, 1452 in Patent Rolls (Staffs); Richard Fawell, 1551 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Richard Favell, 1562 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Marye Favell, 1573 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Favel, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Hewen Favill, 1573 in *IGI* (Hexton,

Herts); John Favell, 1576 in *IGI* (Hemingford Abbots, Hunts); Ann Favil, 1677 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** OED at *favel*.

### Favelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Favell**.

### Faver

**Variants:** Favars, Feaver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

1 English: (i) probably in most cases an alternative spelling of **Feaver**, partly because between the 16th and the 18th centuries its pronunciation was sometimes identical with the word *favour* (see ii). (ii) nickname occasionally perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *favor*, *favour*, Middle English *faver* 'help, beauty, grace, benevolence'. There is no direct medieval evidence to support this explanation but compare William *Fauerles*, 1373–5 in Assize Rolls (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Nycolas Favere, 1558 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Jon Favar, 1565 in *IGI* (East Kirby, Lincs); Christofer Favor, 1579 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Katrin Favour, 1581 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Joane Favoure, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Favour, 1590 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Mary Faver, 1636 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Matthew Favour, 1660 in York Freeman's Register (York).

2 French, Huguenot: from **Favre**, a variant of **Fèvre** 'smith'. The name may alternatively have been anglicized to **Feaver**. See also **Lefevre**. The name was sometimes given a pseudo-Latin spelling, *Fabre*; see **Faber**.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Favre, 1746, Pierre Isaac Favre, 1748 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple French Huguenot church, Westminster, Middx).

3 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Faivour**, for example in Suffolk and Essex, where the surnames may have become confused.

### Favers

**Variants:** Favars

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Faver** or **Feaver** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Favores, 1621 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Katherin Favours, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk); Thomas Favors, 1717 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Thomas Favers, 1751 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex).

### Faversham

**Variants:** Feversham, Fasham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Faversham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Faveresham, 1306 in Patent Rolls; John de Feveresham, 1367 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Johannes de Feversham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Womenswold, Kent); Johannes Feversham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wingham, Kent); Isabella de Fevereshame,

1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Feversham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Wm Fasham, 1612 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Richard Fasham, 1615 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); Wm. Feversham, 1741 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Will'm. Faversham, 1766 in *IGI* (Stockbury, Kent).

### Favill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Favell**.

### Faville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Gloucs; Hants
- English: see **Favell**.

### Fawbert

**Variants:** Faber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Fawber in Horton in Ribblesdale (WR Yorks), recorded as *Fallebergh* in 1400, *Fawber* in 1585, and *Faber* in 1771. The same vowel alternation is found in surname variants such as **Aubrey** vs. **Abery**, **Dawkins** vs. **Dakin**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to link the surname with the Old French male personal name *Faubert*, which is not recorded in England.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Falbergh, about 1338 in Furness Cartulary; John Falbergh, 1378 in Bolton Priory Compotus (Bolton Priory, WR Yorks); John Falbargh, 1430 in Bolton Priory Compotus (Bolton in Craven, WR Yorks); widow of Ralph Falber, 1543 in Bolton Priory Compotus (Newton in Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Abraham Fawbar, Fawberte, or Faber, 1578–86 in Parish Registers (Leeds, WR Yorks); Ralph Falber or Fawber, 1592–6 in Slaidburn and Bowland Wills (WR Yorks); Ralph Fawber or Faber, 1631–36 in Parish Registers (Newton and Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Christopher Fauber or Faubert, 1634 in Parish Registers (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Ralph Faber, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Yorks); Richard Fawbert, 1698 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 219; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Fawcett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks; Northumb
- English: see **Fawcett**.

### Fawcett

**Variants:** Faussett, Fausset, Fausett, Fawssett, Fawsitt, Fawsit, Fawcett, Fawcet, Fawcitt, Fassett, Forsett, Fossett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7321, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5775
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Donegal; Offaly

1 English: locative name principally from Fawcett in Grayrigg (Westm), but also from other places

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similarly named, such as Forcett (NR Yorks) and Facit in Spotland (Lancs), recorded as *Fagheseide* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Forsete, 1267 in Patent Rolls; Thomas de Forset, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Elias de ffagheseide, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); John del ffawside, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); John de Fagheseide, 1347 in Patent Rolls; William de Fauside, 1358 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Margareta de Forset, 1377 in Poll Tax (Flotterton, Northumb); Adam de Fawsyd', 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Willelmus Forsett, 1381 in Poll Tax

(Brantinghamthorpe, ER Yorks); Richard Fascet, 1398, Henry Fauset, 1457, Henry Faucet, 1481, Robert Fawsett, 1548 in York Freeman's Register; Robert Forsette of Gryngley, 1421 in Patent Rolls (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Oswald Fawcett, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Bryan Fassett, 1572 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elic Fawcit, 1577 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); George Faucett, 1582 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robrt Faussett, 1586 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Jhon Fossett, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs).

**References:** Place-Names of Westm 1, p. 50; Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 299; Lancs Place-Names p. 60.

2 Scottish: locative name from Fawside in Tranent (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Fausyde, before 1238, David de Fauside, 1238 in Midlothian Charters; William de Fauside, about 1270 in Morton Register, Scotland; William de Faussyde and Nicol Fausy of Roxburghs, Rogier de Faussyde of Dumfriess, Robert del Fausyde of Edinburgh, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Robert de Faweside, 1312 in Scotland Calendar (Lothian); John de Fawside, 1425 in Great Seal of Scotland (Edinburgh); Margarit Fawside, 1696 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Hugh Fawsyde, 1717 in *IGI* (Loudoun, Ayr).

## Fawcitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Fawcett**.

## Fawcus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Durham
- English: see **Fawkes**.

## Fawden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset
- English: see **Fawdon**.

## Fawdon

**Variants:** Fawden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London; also Devon

English: locative name from Fawdon in Gosforth (Northumb) or Fawdon in Ingram (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** William de Faudon, 1360 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); William de Fawdon, 1374 in York Freeman's Register; Willelmus de Fawdon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Headingley, WR Yorks); Willelmo Faudon',

1381 in Poll Tax (York); Nicholas Faudon', 1385 in Feet of Fines (Northumb); William de Fawedon', 1392 in Feet of Fines (York); Robt. Fawdon, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Dorethy Fawdon, 1561 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Fawdon, 1576, Isabel Fawden, 1591 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); George Fawdon, 1603 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Johannis Fawden, 1614 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Faudon, 1634 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham p. 82.

## Fawdrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Fawdry**.

## Fawdry

**Variants:** Fawdrey, Fordery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Worcs and Warwicks

English: unexplained; possibly a topographical name from an Anglo-Norman French \**fourderaie* 'blackthorn thicket', a suffixed form of *fourder* 'blackthorn', which also appears as *fouder*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Faudre, 1415 in PROB 11 (unlocated place); Guy Fawderie, 1600 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Edward Fawdrie or Fawdry, 1624 in PROB 11 (Euston, Suffolk); John Fawdry, 1643, Nathaniell Fawdrie, 1672 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); Mary Fawdrey, 1655, Sam. Fawdery, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Michael Fawdry, 1723 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon); Hannah Fordery, 1809 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

## Fawell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: see **Favell**.

## Fawke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: see **Fawkes**.

## Fawkes

**Variants:** Fawke, Fake, Falk, Falck, Faulks, Faulkes, Faux, Fakes, Fawcus, Falcus, Falkus, Falkous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 750
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cumb; Leics and Rutland; Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Fauque*, *Fauques*, French nominative forms of Continental Germanic *Falco* ('falcon'). See also **Falcon**. This personal name may also have contributed to **Vaux** and **Fox**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Falco le Taverner, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (London); Falk de Artheak, 1284 in

Patent Rolls; Falc' de Fonte, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex).

surnames: Tomas Falch, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Walter Falc, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Geoffrey Faukes, 1216–72 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); William Faukus, 1251 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); John Falk, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard Fauke, 1305 in Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings iii; John Faukes, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Tillingham, Essex); Robert Faukes, Faucou, 1327, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Roger Faux, 1443 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); George Faux, 1522 in Tudor Rutland (Ketton, Rutland); Thomas Fawkis or Fawks, 1562 in PROB 11 (Bushley, Worcs); John Fawkes, 1585 in PROB 11 (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); William Faukes, 1589 in PROB 11 (Withington, Gloucs); Thomas Falke, 1613 in PROB 11 (Lackford, Suffolk); Elizabeth Fauke, 1613 in PROB 11 (Cradley, Herefs); Edward Falcus, 1635 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henry Valks, 1767 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham).

## Fawkner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Falkner**.

## Fawle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Mac Phóil, see **McFall**, **McPhail**.

2 English: see **Fall**.

## Fawler

**Variants:** Faller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks; Hants

English: locative name from Fawler (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Faelore, 1317 in Patent Rolls (Berks); Johannes Fauler, 1381 in Poll Tax (Reading, Berks); Simone Faulour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); John Faelore of Boreford', 1395 in Feet of Fines (Burford, Oxon); Agnis Fawler, 1563, Anthony Faller, 1613 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

## Fawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: locative name from various places named Fawley (Berks, Bucks, Hants, Herefs).

**Early bearers:** William de Falleye, 1266 in Patent Rolls; William Falley of Barton, 1413 in Patent Rolls (Barton le Clay, Beds); Anne Fawley, 1563 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Thomas Fawlye, 1567 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Ann Fawley, 1602 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Ellen Fawley, 1607 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Ra. Fawley, 1633 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).

## Fawn

**Variants:** Faun, Fawns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; also Gloucs

English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *faun*, *foun* (Old French *faon*, *foun*) ‘cub, young animal, young fallow deer’, perhaps for a lively, frisky youth. The same word was occasionally used as a personal name. Compare its twin form **Fone**, which developed a different family name distribution.

**Early bearers:** William filius Faun’, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Johanne Faune, 1346 in Feudal Aids (Tuxford, Notts); Rogerus Fawne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Johannes Faune, 1381 in Poll Tax (Witley, Surrey); Robert Faun, 1390 in London Letter Books H; John Faune, 1551 in PROB 11 (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Fawne, 1558 in PROB 11 (Coscombe, Gloucs); Luce Faun, 1576 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Fawn, 1632 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

### Fawns

**Variants:** Faunce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Fans in Earlston (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richard de Fawnes, about 1150–90, Richard de Fauhnes, about 1200, Adam de Faunes, about 1230, Adam de Fauhnes, about 1260 in Kelso Register (Berwicks); Ricardus de Faunesse, about 1232 in Coldstream Chartulary; John Fawnies, 1600, Alexander Fawnis, 1610 in Brechin Testaments (Angus); James Fawns, 1629 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margt. Fawns, 1742 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Isobel Fawns, 1764 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Jean Fawns, 1788 in *IGI* (Fordoun, Kincardines); William Fawns, 1815 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Thomas Fawnes, 1377 in Poll Tax (Trew hitt, Northumb).

2 English: variant of **Fawn** with genitival or, more likely, post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Faunce, 1525 in *IGI* (Cliffe, Kent); John Faunce, 1540 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); Thomas Faunce, 1636 in PROB 11 (Rochester, Kent); Marmaduke Fawns, 1729 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex).

### Fawsit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Fawcett**.

### Fawsitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lincs
- English: see **Fawcett**.

### Fawssett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Cambs
- English: see **Fawcett**.

### Fawthrop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Fawthrop**.

### Fawthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Fawthrop**.

### Fawthrop

**Variants:** Fawthorpe, Fawthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from Thorpe in Burnshall (WR Yorks), with which members of the *Fauvel* (see **Favell**) family had a connection in the medieval period. That place may once have been known as *Fauvelthorpe* ‘settlement (see **Thorpe**) owned or occupied by the *Fauvel* family’. Members of that family were also resident in Broughton (WR Yorks), which is where the surname *Fawthrop* apparently originated.

**Early bearers:** William de Fauuelthorpe, 1301 in Yorks Deeds (Broughton, WR Yorks); John de Fauvelthorp, 1331 in Yorks Title Deeds (Newsome, WR Yorks); John de Fauvelthorp of Broghton in Craven, 1346 in Patent Rolls (Broughton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Famelthorp’ [*sic*], 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Famythorp’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horton, WR Yorks); John Falthorp, 1454 in York Registry Wills (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Robert Falthorpe, 1506 in Sheffield Archives (WR Yorks); John Falthorpe, Fauthrop, 1543–5 in Early Tudor Craven (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Xpoferi Fawthrop, 1573 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John. Fawthrop, 1573 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Irene Fawthrop, 1654, Benjamin Fawthrop, 1657 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy p. 228; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Faxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Foxon**, with dialect unrounding of [o] to [a].

**Early bearers:** Walter Faxon, 1594, Elizabeth Faxon, 1598, Charles Faxen, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Willm Faxson, 1610, Margerye Faxen, 1621 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); William Faxon of Ardens Grafton, 1695 in Shakespeare Birthplace Trust (Warwicks); Richard Faxon, 1716 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); William Faxson, 1812 in Warwicks Record Office (Cubbington, Warwicks).

### Fay

**Variants:** Faye, Fey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2533, Ireland 1707
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also widespread in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Meath, and Westmeath

1 Irish: (i) from Ó Fathaidh or Ó Fathaigh, see **Fahy**. (ii) in some cases it may be Ó Fiaich, see **Fee**. **Early bearers:** Nicholas Faye, gent., 1563 in Fiants Elizabeth §525 (Bealarone, Kildare); Ellienor Faye, widow of Walter Ledwiche, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §832; Gerald Fay, late sheriff of Westmeath, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1126; Thomas Faye, 1575 in Fiants Elizabeth §2677.

2 Norman, English, French: locative name from any of various places in France named with Old French

*faie* ‘beech tree’ (Latin *fagus*), such as Fay (Orne, Sarthe, Somme), or a topographic name from someone living by a beech wood. Some early bearers may belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Faia, 1194 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Richard de Fay, de Fago, 1242 in Book of Fees (Herefs); Rogero Fay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lyons hall, Herefs); Beatrice Fay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hockering, Norfolk); Willm. Faye, 1541 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Frances Fey, 1584 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

3 English: nickname from Old French *fae* ‘fairy, witch’.

**Early bearers:** Margaret le Fey, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Thomas Fay, 1575 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Joane Fay, 1591 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Edmund Fay, 1592 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Hendry Fay, 1609 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Richard Fay, 1623 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Fay, 1715, Ann Feay, 1718 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey).

### Faye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Beds; Kent
- Irish, English: see **Fay**.

### Fayer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Norfolk; also London

English: see **Fair**.

### Fayerman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Fairman**.

### Fayers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex
- English: see **Fairs**.

### Fayle

**Variants:** Fail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin and Meath

1 Manx: relationship name from Mac Giolla Phoil ‘son of Paul’s servant’. Compare **Quayle**.

**Early bearers:** McFalle, 1408, Fail, 1511 in Moore; Jaine Fayle, 1638, Margrett Fail, 1696 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); William Faile, 1658 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM).

2 Scottish, Irish, English: see **Fail**.

### Fayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

English: see **Fane**.

### Fayne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Fair**.

**Fayrer**

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- English: see **Fairer**.

**Fayter**

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English *faitour* ‘deceiver, imposter, cheat’ (Old French *faiteor*).  
**Early bearers:** Walter le Faytour, 1255 in Ramsey Cartulary (Beds); Adam le Feytur, 1272 in Feet of Fines (Staffs); Ysabella le Feter, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Robert le Faytur, 1314 in Patent Rolls (Gloucs); Clemens Fetour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Faytor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); Philip Fayter, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Charles Fayter, 1797 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon).

**Fayyaz****Variants: Fiaz**

- Current frequencies: GB 262, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Fayyād* ‘bountiful, generous’.  
**References:** Ahmed.

**Fazackerley**

**Variants:** **Fazakerley**, **Fazakerly**, **Fazackerly**, **Phizackerley**, **Phizacklea**, **Fitzakerley**, **Fitzakerly**, **Fitzachary**

- Current frequencies: GB 681, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 330
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Fazakerley (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fasakerlegh, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Roger son of Thomas Fasacreley alias Roger de Fasacrelegh, 1378 in Patent Rolls; Willelmus de Fasacresley, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Derby, Lancs); John Fasakirley, 1434 in Patent Rolls (Derbys); James Fazakerleye, 1556, Richard Fazakerley, 1574 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Margaret Fazackerley, 1643 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Henry Fitzakerley, 1613 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Willm. Fasackerley, 1682 in *IGI* (Broughton near Preston, Lancs); William FitzZachary, 1686 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Wm. Fizakerley, 1694 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Alicia Fazackerly, 1718 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Edward Fitzackerley, 1741 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Alex. Phyzackerley, 1751 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); John Phyzackerley, 1790 in *IGI* (Pennington in Furness, Lancs).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, pp. 132–3.

**Fazackerly**

- GB frequency 1881: 113
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Fazackerley**.

**Fazakerley**

- Current frequencies: GB 507, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 266
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Fazackerley**.

**Fazakerly**

- GB frequency 1881: 113
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Fazackerley**.

**Fazal**

- Current frequencies: GB 1070, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Faḍl* ‘favour, grace’.  
**References:** Ahmed.

**Fazel**

- Current frequencies: GB 98, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Iranian: Persian form of Arabic **Fazil**.

**Fazey**

- Current frequencies: GB 122, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs; London
- English: see **Vasey**.

**Fazil**

- Current frequencies: GB 284, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Fāḍil* ‘eminent, superior; virtuous’. Compare **Fazal**.  
**References:** Ahmed.

**Feacey**

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- English: see **Vasey**.

**Feagan**

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: probably from Ó Fiacháin or Ó Féichín, see **Fegan**.

**Feak**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

1 English: see **Fake**.

2 English: see **Feek**.

**Feakes****Variants: Feaks**

- Current frequencies: GB 268, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 165
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; also London

English: (i) variant spelling of **Fakes**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Feek** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (iii) alternatively a variant of **Figgis**, with Middle English *Fikeis* becoming *Fek(e)is*, and reduced to *Fekes*, *Feakes*, *Feekes*.

**Feakin****Variants: Facon**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 47
- Main GB location 1881: Northants

1 English: variant of **Falcon**. Compare Robertus *Faucon*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saddington, Leics) with

Willm *Facon*, 1607 in *IGI* (Saddington, Leics). The diphthong of Middle English *faucon* has been simplified to /a:/, becoming early Modern English /ɛ:/, usually spelled *a* or *ea*. The resulting *Facon* has usually developed to *Fakin* and *Feakin*. This is the most likely source of the name in Northants.

**Early bearers:** Walter Fakoun or Faucoun, 1346 in Feudal Aids (Suffolk); Willelmus Fakoun, 1377 in Poll Tax (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); Daniell Facon, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Facon, 1588 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Willm Facon, 1607 in *IGI* (Saddington, Leics); Hellen Facon, 1616 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Judith Feaken, 1662 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Hunts); Richd Feakon, 1725 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Richd. Facon, 1773 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Samuel Fakin, 1815 in *IGI* (Desborough, Northants); Elizabeth Feakin, 1817 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

2 English: there is no history of *Falcon* and its variants in Kent, where *Feakin* more likely derives from a variant of **Ficken** (2) with lengthening and lowering of the vowel of Middle English *Fikin* to give *Fekin*. It is clearly related to **Feakins** as a family name and has been absorbed by it.

**Early bearers:** Susanne Feking, 1716 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Elizh. Anne Feakin, 1759 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Jane Fekin, 1789 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henry Feakin, 1805 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent).

**Feakins**

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 113
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: variant of **Ficken** (2) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The main vowel of Middle English *Fikun* (becoming *Fikin* and *Fiken*) was lowered and lengthened to give *Fekin* and *Feken*, later spelled *Feakin*. See also **Figgins**, which shows voicing of the intervocalic consonant, and compare John *Figgen*, 1631 in *IGI* (Brenzett, Kent) and Susannah *Figgins*, 1769 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Edward Feakens, 1567, Godaferdi Fekins, 1621 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); John Fekins, 1626, Robert Feakins, 1662 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Robert Feakins, 1668, John Feakyns, 1722, Frank Feekins, 1898 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Tho. Feckins, 1704, Tho. Feakens, 1720, Tho. Feckens, 1721 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Sarah Feekings, 1737, John Feckings, 1746 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Feaks**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 78
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs; London; Dumfriess
- English: see **Feakes**.

**Fealey**

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Angus; Glamorgan
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry
- Irish: from Mac Fithcheallaigh, see **Feeley**.

**Fealy**

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Middx; Angus
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry; Monaghan
- Irish: from Mac Fithcheallaigh, see **Feeley**.

**Fear**

Variants: **Feare, Phear, Fears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1982, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1328

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *ferē*, *feare*, *feer* ‘companion, comrade’ (Old English (*ge*)*fēra*). Some early bearers may belong with (2). (ii) nickname from Middle English *ferē*, *feer* ‘strong, fierce, bold, proud’ (Old French *f(i)er*). (iii) nickname perhaps occasionally from Middle English *fer(e)*, *feer* ‘fear’ (Old English *fēr*). Compare Rogerus *Timor*, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Walter Fere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Roger le Feer, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Writtle, Essex); Hugh Ferr, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Over Lypiatt and Tunley, Gloucs); Adam Fere, 1342 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Willelmo Fer’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Over Lypiatt and Tunley, Gloucs); Walter Fere of Tycheheld, 1451 in Patent Rolls (Titchfield, Hants); John Pheare, 1567 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Davy Fear, 1577 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Roger Feare, 1577 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); William Feare, 1577 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); Walter Feare, 1624 in PROB 11 (Bridport, Dorset); Jana Fear, 1677 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Phear, 1811 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall).

2 Norman, English: locative name perhaps from La Fère (Aisne) or from Middle English *fare*, \**ferē* (Old English *fær*) ‘road, passage, ford, ferry’.

**Early bearers:** William de la Fere, 1276 in Patent Rolls; Droco de Fere, 1337 [charter of 1281] in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Ada del Fere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chipping, Lancs); Ricardus del Fer’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Manchester, Lancs); Richard de Fere of Chester, 1392 in Patent Rolls (Cheshire); John son of Laurence del Feer, burgess, 1397 in Preston Guild Rolls (Lancs); Robert del Fere, 1397 in Patent Rolls (Derbys); Robert de Fere, son of Richard del Fere of Mancheste, 1404 in Patent Rolls (Manchester, Lancs); John del Fere, 1436 in Patent Rolls (London).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 215.

**Fearby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Fearby (NR Yorks), recorded as *Fegherbi* in 1204.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with *Feasby*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Fegerbi, 1200 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Robert de Fegherby, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Fearby, NR Yorks); John Feerby, 1398 in Yorks Deeds (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Henry Fearby, 1642 in *IGI* (Long Marston, ER Yorks); Thomas Fearby, 1662 in *IGI* (Askham Bryan, WR Yorks); Mary Fearby, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 232; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Feare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs

English: see **Fear**.

**Fearenside**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; also Lincs

English: see **Fearnside**.

**Fearfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Fairfield**.

**Feargrieve**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

**Fearing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs; Durham

English: locative name from Feering (Essex), recorded as *Feringes* in 1206, and perhaps also Fring (Norfolk).

**Further information:** Some early bearers in S England may be from Ferring (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Amfrey de Fering, 1235 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Geoffrey de Feringes, 1260 in Patent Rolls; Roger Fering, 1264 in Patent Rolls; Theobald de Feringes, 1282 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Alicia Feryng’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Nicholaus Fering, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Shorwell, IoW); Edmundus Feryng, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bacton, Norfolk); Magdalene Feeringe, 1588 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Jhon Fearing, 1619 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

**References:** Ekwall, DEPn.

**Fearless**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Fairless**.

**Fearman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

English: see **Fairman**.

**Fearn**

Variants: **Fearne, Fern, Ferne, Vern, Verne, Feirn, Fairn, Farn, Ferns, Renehan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3752, Ireland 23

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2226

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also WR Yorks; Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Middle English *fe(arn)(e)* ‘fern, bracken’ (Old English *fearn*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in a place covered with bracken or ferns, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named. **Further information:** Fern House in Hartington Upper Quarter (Derbys), recorded from 1380, may either have given rise to the surname in that county, or have taken its name from members of the family: Richard *Ferne* lived there in 1482.

**Early bearers:** John de la Ferne, Henry atte Verne, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Jocus de Ferne, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ricardo Fern’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Donhead, Wilts); Willelmo Farne, 1379 in Poll Tax

(Colwall, Herefs); Nicholaus ate Ferne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fingrith, Essex); Ricardus del Ferne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wormhill, Derbys); Petrus de Fern’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Anne Ferne, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); William Fearne, 1543 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Fearne, 1544 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Daritie Ferne, 1545 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); John Ferne, 1548 in PROB 11 (Utoxeter, Staffs); Nicholas Fearn, 1578 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Steven Fern, 1600 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys p. 371; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 Scottish: locative name from Fern (Angus) or Fearn (Ross and Cromarty).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Ferne, 1267 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); John Ferne, 1432 in Highland Papers (Perth, Perth); Robert de Fern, 1458 in Brechin Register (Dundee, Angus); Andrew Ferne, 1512 in Origines Parochiales (Dornoch, Ross and Cromarty); Findlay Ferne, 1611 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Finlay Fearne, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Fearne, 1628, Mart. Fearn, 1638 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); John Fern, 1658 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Janet Fearn, 1690 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Elizabeth Fearn, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Cyrus, Kincardines).

3 Irish: adopted for **Ó Reannacháin** (more traditionally anglicized as **Renahan**), on account of its resemblance to *raithneach* ‘fern’.

**Fearnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Denbighs; Worcs

English: see **Farnell**.

**Fearne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; WR Yorks

English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

**Fearnehough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys

English: see **Fernyhough**.

**Fearnhead**

Variants: **Fernhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Fearnhead in Warrington (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wolston del Fernyheved, 1350 in Patent Rolls (Lancs); Thomas Fearnhead, 1609, Thomas Fearnhead, 1616 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jane Fearnhead, 1680 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names p. 96.

**Fearnley**

Variants: **Fearnly, Fernley, Farnley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2060, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1813

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

## Fearnly

1 English: locative name from various places named with Old English *fearn* ‘fern, bracken’ + *lēah* ‘wood, clearing’, such as Farnley near Otley (WR Yorks), Farnley near Armley (WR Yorks), Farnley Tyas (WR Yorks), Fearnley in Wyke (WR Yorks), Fernley Hill in Altofts (WR Yorks), and perhaps Fernlee (Derbys). Compare **Farley**. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Fernlee, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Worcs); Hugh de Fernelay, 1316 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Gilbert de Farnley, 1377 in Poll Tax (Snitter, Northumb); Robertus de Farnelay, 1377 in Poll Tax (Grimston, WR Yorks); Matilda de Farneley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Byram, WR Yorks); Elias de Farnlay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thorp Arch, WR Yorks); Johannes de Fernelay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes de Fernelee, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wyke, WR Yorks); Johannes de Fernlay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ossett, WR Yorks); Petro de Fernelee, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); George Farneley or Farnley, 1505 in PROB 11 (London); Rocher Fearnley, 1561 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Janetæ Fernley, 1562 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Farnlay, 1587 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Edward Farnley, 1593 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 5, p. 58; 3, p. 211; 2, p. 267; 3, p. 33, 2, p. 119; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 English: see **Farley**.

## Fearnly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: see **Fearnley**.

## Fearns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Staffs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English, Irish: see **Ferns**.

## Fearnside

**Variants:** Fearenside, Fearnsides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place named with Middle English *fe(a)rn* ‘fern, bracken’ + *sid(e)* ‘(hill)side’; perhaps the *Ferneshide* recorded around 1300 in Wakefield Court Rolls in the Todmorden area on the border of WR Yorks and Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas del Fernyside, 1324 in Lancs Court Rolls; William de Fernyside, 1333 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John son of Gilbert de Fernysid, 1340 in Patent Rolls; John Fernssyd, 1503, Robert Ferneside, 1545 in Early Tudor Craven (Rimington, WR Yorks); John Fernesid, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Lawrence Fearnesyde, 1562 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Alicia Fearnside, 1564, Willmi. Fearnside, 1567 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Estere Fernesyde, 1571 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Ferneside, 1627 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks); Mary Fearenside, 1805 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Fearnsides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Fearnside** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Fearnsides, 1655 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

## Fearnyough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Fernyhough**.

## Fearon

**Variants:** Feron, Feran, Ferron, Farren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2625, Ireland 739
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 750
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- 1 Irish: from Ó Fearáin ‘descendant of *Fearán*’, from a diminutive of *fear* ‘man’. Compare **Farren** and see **Ferron**.

**Early bearers:** Brian O’Ferran, kern, 1558 in Fiant Elizabeth §18 (Laois); Owen O’Feran, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Dromeriffe, Armagh); Peter Feran, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Carlingford, Louth); James Ferran, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Newry, Down).

2 English: see **Ferron**.

## Fears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Fear** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Fears, 1655 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Fears, 1698 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); Richard Fears, 1794 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex).

## Feary

**Variants:** Carey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

1 English: see **Fairey**.

2 Irish: see **Feighery**.

## Feasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Faceby in Whorlton (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Fearby**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Fayceby, 1285 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); William de Faysby of Hoby, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Hoby, NR Yorks); William Faceby of the county of York, 1397 in Patent Rolls; George Faceby, 1732 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Forest, NR Yorks); Ann Feasby, 1737 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 176; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Feasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 702, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 309
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also London
- English: see **Vasey**.

## Feast

**Variants:** Feest, Feist, Fist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London and SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *fist*, *fest*, *feest*, *fast* ‘fist, clenched hand’, perhaps for an aggressive person, or from Middle English *fist*, *fest* ‘fart’.

**Early bearers:** Simon Fest, 1283 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); Theobald Fist, 1324 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); John le Fist, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Tortington and Binsted, Sussex); Johannes Fist, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wickmere, Norfolk); Ricardus Fyst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horstead, Norfolk); Johanne Fest, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lubeham, Leics); Waltero Fust, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warnham, Sussex); Katerina Fust, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dorking, Surrey); Walter Fust, 1434 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); John Fist, 1558, Nycolas Fiste, 1571, Anne Feist, 1604 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); William Feast, 1563 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); William Feste, 1564 in PROB 11 (Stisted, Essex); John Feest, 1574 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Feest, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Hendrey Fest, 1575, John Feist, 1612 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Robert Feaste, 1602, Johanis Fest, 1615 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Margeret Feest, 1751 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex pp. 375–6.

## Featenby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Featonby**.

## Featham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Feetham**.

## Feather

**Variants:** Fedder, Feathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1087, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1526
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) nickname, see **Father**. (ii) occupational name, perhaps (alternatively) a clipped form of Middle English *\*fetherer* ‘one who sells feathers’ for making cushions, arrow flights, etc. This occupational term has not yet been recorded but compare *Fetherman* in Fransson, p. 118, and *Fethermongere* in Thuresson, p. 216.

**Early bearers:** Juliana la Fethere, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Stoughton, Sussex); Thomas le Fecher (error for Fether?), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Ringmer, Sussex); Adam Fethir, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Willelmus Fethere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Fether, 1365 in York Freeman’s Register; Antony Fedder, 1544, Alys Fether, 1567 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Margaret Feather, 1572 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).



**Featherby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks; Kent
- English: see **Fotherby**.

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Featherman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from an anglicized form of **Federmann**, from German *Feder* 'feather' + *-man*, for a trader in feathers and down, a maker of quilts, or possibly a maker of pens.

**Early bearers:** Milly Featherman, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Morris Featherman, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Salford, Lancs); Benjamin Featherman, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 English: occupational name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *fether*, *fed(d)er* 'feather' + *-man*, with the same meaning as (1). Compare John *le Fethermonger*, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Lancs) and see also **Feather**.

**Further information:** This surname may have died out in the UK.

**Early bearers:** William *le fetherman*, 1275 in Fransson (Norfolk); Richard *Fetherman*, 1344 in Patent Rolls; Walterus *Fetherman*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Mary Ann *Featherman*, 1815 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Feathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from *Fetters* in Leuchars (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Alexander *Feathers*, 1662 in *IGI* (Logie, Fife); Helen *Feathers*, 1668 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife).

2 English: variant of **Feather** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John *Feathers*, 1621 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Francis *Feathers*, 1678 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs).

**Featherston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks

English: see **Featherstone**.

**Featherstone**

**Variants:** **Featherston**, **Fetherstone**, **Fetherston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3756, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2690
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks: esp. NR Yorks; also Kent

English: locative name from any of three places called Featherstone (Northumb, WR Yorks, Staffs).

Compare **Featherstonhaugh**.

**Early bearers:** William de *Federestan*, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Staffs); Henricus de *Fetherstan*, 1377 in Poll Tax (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Johannes de *Fetherston*', 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Saredon, Staffs); Robertus *Fethirstan*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Westow, ER Yorks); Thomas de *Fehirston*', 1381 in Poll Tax (Up Holland, Lancs); Thomas *Fetherston*', citizen and vintner of London, 1448 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Margaret

*Fetherston*, 1543 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Alice *Fetherstone*, 1551 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Dorothy *Fetherston*, 1571 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Jhon *Featherstone*, 1575 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

**Featherstonehaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Lancs; Essex
- English: see **Featherstonhaugh**.

**Featherstonhaugh**

**Variants:** **Featherstonehaugh**, **Fetherstonhaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Northants, and Beds; London

English: locative name from Featherstone in Haltwhistle (Northumb), recorded earlier as *Fetherstanhalcht* about 1215. Compare **Featherstone**.

**Further information:** The surname is often pronounced *Fanshaw* and it may have become confused with **Fanshawe**.

**Early bearers:** Elias de *Fetherestanehalg*', 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northumb); Thomas de *Fetherstanhalle*, 1312 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Thomas de *Fetherstanhalgh*, 1326 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Ricardus de *Fethirstanehalgh*', 1377 in Poll Tax (Carlisle, Cumb); William *Federstanhalgh*, 1405 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Thomas *Fetherstanehalgh*, late of Whytfield, 1441 in Patent Rolls (Whitfield, Northumb); Ralph *Fetherstonhaughe*, 1602 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Henry *Fetherstonhalgh*, 1613 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Jaine *Fetherstonhaughe*, 1629 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Leonard *Fetherstonhaugh*, 1639 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Francis *Featherstonehaugh* or *Fetherstonhaugh*, 1639 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Le Strand, Middx); Matthew *Featherstonehaugh*, 1805 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham pp. 82–3.

**Featonby**

**Variants:** **Feetenby**, **Featenby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: unexplained; apparently from a place-name deriving from Old Scandinavian *fitjum* 'at the riverside meadows' (compare *Featham* in NR Yorks) + *-by* 'farm, village', though no such place has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth *Fetonbye*, 1628, Margaret *Fethanby*, 1660, Frances *Featenby*, 1666, Ralph *Fetenby*, 1687, Margery *Featonby*, 1702 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Elizabeth *Fetinby*, 1687 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**Feavearyear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Feaviour**.

**Feaver**

**Variants:** **Fever**, **Faver**, **Feavers**, **Fevers**, **Favers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Somerset

1 English: occupational name from Old French *fevere*, *fevre* 'smith' (Latin *faber*). It was often used by medieval clerks to render Middle English *Smith*, but it seems also to have been borrowed into Middle English (before 1450 in MED) and given rise to an English surname. See also **Faver**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus *le Fevre*, 1233 in Close Rolls; Roger *le Fevere*, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Abraham *le Fevre*, 1248 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Edward *Feavor*, 1637 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Jone *Fever*, 1663 in *IGI* (Braton, Somerset); Thomas *Fever*, 1792 in *IGI* (Tudeley and Capel, Kent).

2 Huguenot: the Kent name may sometimes be a variant of French Huguenot **Faver**.

3 English: in Suffolk and Essex perhaps an occasional variant of **Feaviour**.

**Feavers**

**Variants:** **Fevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Feaver** with post-medieval excrement *-s*. Compare **Favers**.

**Early bearers:** Barnaby *Fevers*, 1560 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward *Fevers*, 1760 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); George *Feavers*, 1816 in *IGI* (Armthorpe, WR Yorks).

**Feavearyear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Feaviour**.

**Feaviour**

**Variants:** **Feavearyear**, **Feavearyear**, **Feveyear**, **Fevyer**, **Faver**, **Feaver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Kent; Wilts
- English: nickname from Middle English *feveryer*, *feverel* 'February' (Old French *fever(i)er*, *feverel*), perhaps given to someone born in that month, or to an old man: 'February is paynted as an olde man sittinge by the fyre', 1387 in John Trevisa's translation of Polychronicon. The form *Feverel* has not survived as a modern surname, but in Suffolk *Feaviour* has continued in various pronunciations and spellings to the present day. It may sometimes have become confused with **Feaver** and **Faver**.

**Early bearers:** Forms with *-l*: Roger *Feuerelle*, 1153–85 in Templars Records (Herts); Robert *Feuerel*, 1286 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Simon *Feverel*, 1334 in London Letter Books E; Elizabeth *Feverel*, 1746 in *IGI* (Newchurch, Hants).

Forms with *-r*: John *Feveryer*, Robert *Feveryere*, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Edmonde *Feueryear*, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John *Favier*, 1683 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); John *Favier*, 1804 in *IGI* (Blackmore, Essex).

**Feazey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, and Northants
- English: see **Vasey**.

## Feck

### Feck

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Fake**.

### Fedder

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: London and Surrey
- English: see **Feather**.

### Federico

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Italian: from the personal name *Federico*, of Germanic origin (see **Frederick**).
- References: Ahmed.

### Fedrick

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- Irish: from **Mac Phádraig**, see **Patrick**.
- Early bearers: Sarah Fedrick, born in Ireland, in Census 1901 (Ivybridge, Devon).

### Fee

Variants: **O'Fee**, **Fay**, **Foy**, **Phee**

- Current frequencies: GB 1034, Ireland 718
  - GB frequency 1881: 509
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; also widespread in N England
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish: from **Ó Fiaich** ‘descendant of *Fiach*’, a personal name meaning ‘raven, crow’. The name has also been anglicized as **Crowe** and mistranslated as **Hunt** or **Hunter** by confusion with *fiach*, the modern spelling of *fiadhach* ‘hunt’.
- Early bearers: Moriortagh O Fyegh, priest, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Downenny); William O’Fiagh, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6305; Henry Fee, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donaghmoynne, Monaghan); John Fee, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Moydow, Longford).
- 2 English: status name from Middle English *fe(e)* ‘fee’ (Anglo-Norman French *fee*, Latin *feodum*), for someone who held a fee, which in the medieval period was an estate held in heritable or perpetual tenure to a feudal superior or the Crown.
- Early bearers: William de Feodo, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Northants); Peter Fee, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Christofer Fee, 1621 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Thomas Fee, 1637 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); Thomas Fea, 1789 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).
- 3 Irish: perhaps from a reduced variant of **McFee**.

### Feegan

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: W Lothian; Angus
- Irish: from **Ó Fiacháin** or **Ó Féichín**, see **Fegan**.

### Feehally

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, see **Feeley**.

### Feehan

- Current frequencies: GB 480, Ireland 610
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary
- Irish: from **Ó Fiacháin** or **Ó Féichín**, see **Fegan**.

### Feehely

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, see **Feeley**.

### Feehily

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork
- Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, see **Feeley**.

### Feek

Variants: **Feak**, **Feakes**

- Current frequencies: GB 209, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 102
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- 1 English: variant of **Fick**. *Feek* is from Middle English *Feke*, with lowering and lengthening of the vowel of Middle English *Fike*.
- Early bearers: John le Feke of Langeley, 1280 in New Forest Documents (South Langley, Hants); Walter Feke, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Feke, 1377 in Poll Tax (Worcester, Worcs); Willelmo Feke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); Robertus Feke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Suffolk); Gulielmus Feek, 1670 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).
- 2 English: post-medieval variant of **Fake**. The 1670 bearer in (1) may alternatively belong here.

### Feeley

- Variants: **Feeley**, **Fealey**, **Fealy**, **McFeeley**, **McFeeley**, **Fehilly**, **Feehily**, **Feehely**, **Feehally**, **Hilley**
  - Current frequencies: GB 935, Ireland 345
  - GB frequency 1881: 263
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Longford
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, a patronymic from *Fithcheallach* ‘chess player’.
- Early bearers: David Fihyly, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2257 (Merchant Glasse, Kenthurke); Dermot McPhillip oge O’Fihillie, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3535 (Bealdenwillen, Cork); Rory caraghe O’Fihelie, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5421 (Athenrye, Galway); Thomas Feale, 1592–93 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Husbandman, Moyne); William reogh McMorogh O’Fihylly, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5808.
- 2 Irish: from **Ó Fáilbhe**, see **Falvey**.

### Feeley

- Current frequencies: GB 459, Ireland 684
  - GB frequency 1881: 184
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, see **Feeley**.

### Feenan

- Current frequencies: GB 269, Ireland 176
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Cumb; Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh and Down
- Irish: from **Ó Fionnáin**, see **Finan**.

### Feeney

Variants: **Feeny**, **Feenie**, **Fenney**, **Fenny**, **Fennie**, **Finney**, **Finnie**

- Current frequencies: GB 3527, Ireland 2819
  - GB frequency 1881: 1016
  - Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. Lancs; also Lanarks; Warwicks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht: esp. Galway
- 1 Irish: from **Ó Fidhne** ‘descendant of *Fidhne*’, a personal name probably from *fidh* ‘wood’.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Diermott O’Fiaghny, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Ballineglogh, Sligo); Teig fitz William O’Fidnagh, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6575 (Ballincolly); Daniell O’Finny, 1665 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Cormgiagh, Sligo).
- England: Lewis Feaney, 1795 in *IGI* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); Ellen Feaney, 1818 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Julia Feeney, 1838 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- 2 English: see **Finney**.

### Feenie

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish: from **Ó Fidhne**, see **Feeney**.

### Feeny

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 152
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Lanarks; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht: esp. Sligo
- Irish: from **Ó Fidhne**, see **Feeney**.

### Feerick

Variants: **Ferrick**

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo
- Irish: from *Mac Phiarraic* ‘son of Piers or Peter’. The Piers in question is probably the 12th-century Norman baron Piers de Bermingham, founder of the *McCorish* family, of which this is a branch.
- Early bearers: Walter kittagh McFeyrick, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5532 (Downbally, Galway); Peirs McFerrick, 1594 in Fiants Elizabeth §5878 (Adergoulebeg, Galway).

### Feery

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts; Surrey
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Westmeath
- 1 Irish: from **Ó Farraigh**, see **Farry**.
- 2 English: from **Ó Fiachra**, see **Feighery**.

### Feesey

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Bucks; Middx
- English: see **Vasey**.

### Feest

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Feast**.

**Feetam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Feetham**.

**Feetenby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Featonby**.

**Feetham**

Variants: **Featham, Feetam, Feetom, Feetun, Fetham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk and Cambs; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Fleetham**.

**Early bearers:** John Fleetham or Feetham, 1621–7 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Melsonby, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Feetham in Grinton (NR Yorks), recorded as *Fyton*, *Fytun* in 1242, although specific evidence is lacking. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Feetam, 1600 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); Will. Feetom, 1615 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Catherine Feetham, 1634 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Leonard Feetham, 1650 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); John Feetum, 1687 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham);  
**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 271.

**Feetom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs
- English: see **Feetham**.

**Feetum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham and NR Yorks

English: see **Feetham**.

**Fegan**

Variants: **Feegan, Feagan, Feighan, Feehan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 1110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; Meath and Dublin

Irish: from Ó Fiacháin or Ó Féichín, a personal name meaning 'little raven', from a diminutive of *fiach*. See also **Fagan**.

**Early bearers:** Callo O'Fein, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5611 (Roscommon); Owen O'Fein, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Bradcuyllyn, Sligo); Teige McNich. O'Fehin, 1597 in Fiants Elizabeth §6198; Teig O'Feahine, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6499; Edm. O'Pheane, yeoman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6565 (Balliduell, Kilkenny); Patte Fean, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Hurker, Armagh); Owen Feighan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmeena, Mayo); John Feehane, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ardfield, Cork); Laurence Feagan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilbeggan, Westmeath); Patrick Feaghan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Keady,

Armagh); Patrick Feen, 1851 in Griffith's Valuation (Knoppoge, Cork); Mary Feen, 1851 in Griffith's Valuation (Youghals, Cork).

**Fehilly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac Fithcheallaigh**, see **Feeley**.

**Fei**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 費, see **Fey** (2).

**Feighan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Fiacháin or Ó Féichín, see **Fegan**.

**Feighery**

Variants: **Feery, Feary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Laois

1 Irish: from Ó Fiachra 'descendant of *Fiachra*', a personal name common in early Ireland, possibly meaning 'battle-king'. The anglicized form **Feighery**, best known in Ireland, preserves the internal fricative in the personal name.

**Early bearers:** Cnoghor oge O'Fierhie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6571 (Killmidie); Connoghor O'Feighraie, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6699 (the Cartone, Longford).

2 Irish: from Ó Farraigh, see **Farry**.

**Feild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Field**.

**Feilden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Fielden**.

**Feilder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

English: see **Fielder**.

**Feildhouse**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs
- English: see **Fieldhouse**.

**Feilding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English, Irish: see **Fielding**.

**Fein**

Variants: **Fine, Fain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name from Middle High German *fin*, German *fein*, Yiddish *fayn* 'fine, excellent'.

**Early bearers:** Gustave Fein, commercial clerk, born in Stuttgart, Germany, in Census 1861 (Hackney, Middx); Herman Fein, commercial clerk, born in Wurttemberg, Germany, in Census 1871 (Lambeth, Surrey); Tobias Fine, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Bedwely, Monmouths); Morris Fein, boot maker, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Morris Fine, pawnbroker, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Roath, Glamorgan); David Fein, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Fein, boot finisher, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Fein, butcher, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Hackney, Middx); Woolf Fein, presser, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Feinberg**

Variants: **Fineberg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental or handout name composed of German *fein* 'fine, splendid' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Fineberg, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Liverpool, Lancs); Isaac Fienberg, glazier, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Fineberg, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Portsea Island, Hants); Julius Fineberg, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Max Fineberg, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (West Derby, Lancs); Joseph Fineberg, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Barnett Feinberg, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Solomon Feinberg, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Durham); Hyman Feinberg, born in Kiev, Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Feiner**

Variants: **Finer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *vinen* 'to refine, polish, or gild', for a refiner and polisher of gold and other metals. Among Jews it may rather have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** William Feiner, 1847 in Parish Registers (Westminster, Middx); Lazarus Finer, tobacconist, born in Austria, in Census 1871 (Manchester, Lancs); Hyman Finer, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lazarus Finer, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Barnett Feiner, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Spitalfields, Middx); Barnett Feiner, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Finer, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911

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(Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Finer, boot maker, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Feingold

Variants: **Finegold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *fein* 'fine' + *Gold* 'gold'. See also **Fingard**. **Early bearers:** Morris Feingold, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Finegold, born in Russia, in Census 1871 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Jacob Finegold, joiner, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Reuben Feingold, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Mendel and Eli Feingold, fruit hawkers, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Mendle Feingold, grocer, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Finegold, cloth dealer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Feint

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Lancs
- English: see **Faint**.

### Feirn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; WR Yorks; Westm

English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

### Feist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and London

1 English: see **Feast**.

2 German: nickname from Middle High German *veiz(e)t*, modern German *feist* 'well covered, well fed', for a stout person.

**Further information:** In Continental Europe this is also a Jewish name, but evidence of Jewish bearers is lacking in the UK.

**Early bearers:** Leopold Feist, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Manchester, Lancs); Michael Feist, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Delphine Feist, born in Ghent, Belgium, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Felce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Beds and Hunts
- English: see **Felix**.

### Feld

Variants: **Felt**, **Field**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name from Middle High German *velt*, 'expanse of open country', denoting someone who lived on ground which had been cleared of forest, but not brought into cultivation. As a Jewish name, from modern German *Feld*, Yiddish *feld*, *felt* 'field', it was probably

acquired as an ornamental or handout name. (ii) In some instances, possibly a shortened form of any of the various compound names formed with *Feld*. See also **Feldman**.

**Early bearers:** Elicher Feld, 1749 in Parish Registers (Great Gaddesden, Herts); Franz Felt, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Islington, Middx); Edward Field, glazier, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Jacob Feld, tailor's presser, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Feld, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Feld, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Shoreditch, Middx); Morris Felt, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lewis Feld, leather bag manufacturer, born in Warsaw, in Census 1911 (Islington, Middx); Aaron Felt, born in Malava, Poland, in Census 1911 (Bethnal Green, Middx); August Feld, company director, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Hendon, Middx).

### Feldman

Variants: **Feldmann**, **Fieldman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name from Middle High German *velt*, German *feld* 'expanse of open country' (see **Feld**) + *-man*, for someone who lived in open country. The Jewish surname may more commonly be an ornamental extension of **Feld**.

**Early bearers:** John Edward Feldmann, 1842 in Parish Registers (Westminster, Middx); Aaron Feldman, jeweller, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Lazarus Fieldman, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (London); Moses Feldman, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Aston, Warwicks); Joseph Feldman, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Shoreditch, Middx); Louis Fieldman, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Egmont Feldmann, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Christian Feldmann, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Stoke Newington, Middx); Simon Feldman, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Shoreditch, Middx); Harris Fieldman, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Fredric Feldman, born in Prussia, in Census 1891 (Lewisham, Kent); Clements Feldman, cabinetmaker, born in Riga, Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Fieldman, tailor's presser, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Broughton, Lancs); Joseph Fieldman, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Adolph Fieldman, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Salford, Lancs); Abraham Feldman, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx); Henry Fieldman, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Bournemouth, Hants).

### Feldmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Feldman**.

### Feldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Fielden**.

### Feldwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Fieldwick**.

### Feldwicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Fieldwick**.

### Felgate

Variants: **Fellgett**, **Filgate**, **Fieldgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Middle English *feld(e)*, *fil(d)e* 'field, open country' (see **Field**) + *gate*, *yate* 'gate', denoting a gate opening on to fields or open country. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by such a gate, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as the lost Felgate in Elmley Lovett (Worcs). This name may have become confused with **Falgate**.

**Early bearers:** Godwin de Feldegat', 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); John de Feldegate, 1302 in Patent Rolls; Robert de Fildegate, 1319 in Patent Rolls (Notts); Elias de Felgate, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmus de Filgate, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lowdham, Notts); John Felgate, 1593 in *IGI* (Beaumont, Essex); John Felgate, 1640 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); James Feldgate, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rose Filgate, 1723 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Thomas Fieldgate, 1787 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); William Felgett, 1829 in *IGI* (Chelmondiston, Suffolk).

References: Place-Names of Worcs p. 241.

### Felice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Felice*, from the Roman family name *Felix* (see **Felix**).

**Early bearers:** Michael Felice, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, London); Antonio Felice, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Wandsworth, Surrey).

2 English: see **Felix**.

### Felis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Felix**.

### Felix

Variants: **Felice**, **Felce**, **Felis**, **Fellis**, **Fillis**, **Phyllis**, **Phyllis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans; London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male and female personal name *Fel(l)is(e)* (Old French *Felise*, Latin *Felix* 'happy'). The Latin form of the male name was *Felix*; the female name was *Felicia*.

**Further information:** *Ph-* spellings of the name were influenced by the Ancient Greek female personal name *Phyllis* (from a word meaning 'leafy'), which

was not adopted in the UK until the 16th century and so is unlikely to be a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Felix monachus ‘the monk’, 1122 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Sussex); Felicia, 1194 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Felicia, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Warwicks); Felicia, 1218 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Felix filius Hamonis, Hamo Felix, 1229 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Felys Souster, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hoby, Leics); Felice Smith, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Felix Waleys, 1381 in in Poll Tax (Great Glen, Leics); Felis, 1381 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

surnames, England: Gilbert Felice, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cams); Richard Felix, 1352 in Colchester Court Rolls; Johannes Felys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Whitton, Lincs); Ricardus Felys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Little Snoring, Norfolk); Johannes Felice, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Bourton, Oxon); Margeria Felice, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shapwick, Somerset); Roger Felyce alias Fels alias Felice, 1452 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); Margaret Felys, 1469 in Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings xii; William Philice, 1542 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Johes. Fillis, 1552 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); John Phylls, 1553 in *IGI* (Chuch Broughton, Derbys); Eliz. Fillis, 1562 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Emme Felix, 1560 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Ales Phillis, 1579 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Joan Felce, 1580 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Thomas Fellis, 1632 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Felis, 1667 in *IGI* (Barrington, Somerset).

surnames, Wales: Thomas Phelix, 1707 in *IGI* (Caron, Cardigans); David Phelix, 1825 in *IGI* (Llanfihangelgenaur, Cardigans); Henry Felix, 1831 in *IGI* (Llanbadarnfawr, Cardigans); David Lewis Felix, in Census 1891 (Aberystwith, Cardigans).

2 French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Dutch, Jewish: relationship name from the personal name *Felix*, as in (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry Felix, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Louis Felix, born in France, in Census 1871 (Brighton, Sussex); John Felix, born in the Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Saint James, Westminster, Middx); Adrianus Felix, gas stoker, born in Rotterdam, Holland, in Census 1891 (Poplar, Middx); D Tose Felix, born in Spain, in Census 1901 (Newport, Monmouths); Davis Felix, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx).

### Felkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Filkin**.

### Felkins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Filkins**.

### Fell

Variants: **Fells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4561, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cumb; also London; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary; Down

1 English: locative name from northern Middle English *fel(l)* ‘fell, hill, mountain’ (Old Scandinavian *fell*, *ffall*), denoting someone who lived on a fell.

**Early bearers:** Roger del Fel, 1318 in Ancient Deeds iv (Cumb); Thoma del Fell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Johannes del Fell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robert of the Fell, 1421 in York Freeman’s Register; Esabell Fell, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Gilbert Fell, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Jennet Fell, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *fel* ‘skin, hide’, for a dealer in hides or skins (a *fellmonger*). Compare Mabel *Fellmonger*, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey). The Northumb example might belong with (1), with early loss of the preposition.

**Further information:** Black notes that *Fell* was an old surname in Dundee, where Finlay *Fell*, butcher, passed on his trade and his name to his descendants for over a century from 1533.

**Early bearers:** England: William Fel, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Northumb); William Fel, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Johanne Fel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hinckley Bond, Leics); Herry Fell, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

Scotland: Katharine Fell, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Fell flescheour, 1608 in Wedderburne Compt Buik, p. 115 (Dundee; and note there referring to Finlay Fell, 1533).

### Fella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Suffolk

1 Italian: of unexplained origin, probably a locative name from Fellà, Calabria.

**Early bearers:** Giuseppe Fella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 English: unexplained. Perhaps an occasional variant of **Feller** or **Fellow**; for the latter, compare Hugo *Fela*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burnham Overy, Norfolk) with Nicholas *Fellow*, 1553 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Suesan Fella, 1580 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Edward Fella, 1833 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk).

### Feller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

1 English: (i) occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *fel* ‘skin, hide’ (see **Fell**), for a dealer in pelts or hides. (ii) occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *fell(en)* ‘(to) fell, cut down’, perhaps for a woodman.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Felur, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John Feller, 1339 in Patent Rolls; John Feller, 1399 in Patent Rolls; Susan Feller, in Parish Registers (All Saints, Whitstable, Kent); Robard Feller, 1612 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from an agent derivative of Middle Low German, Middle High German *vel*, German *Fell*, Yiddish *fel* ‘skin, hide’, for a seller of pelts or hides. (ii) locative name; the German name may also be for someone from a place called Feld(e) or Feld(a) in Hesse.

**Early bearers:** Anton Feller, shoe finisher, born in Austria, in Census 1861 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); George Feller, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey); Johann Emil Feller, teacher, born in Switzerland, in Census 1891 (Christchurch, Hants); Isaac Feller, author, born in

Holland, in Census 1891 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Carl Feller, hotel proprietor, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Marks Feller, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Barnet Feller, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Fellgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Felgate**.

### Fellick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Lancs; Lincs

English: see **Fieldwick**.

### Fellingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Sussex; also London and Essex

English: see **Fillingham**.

### Fellis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Felix**.

### Fellow

Variants: **Fellows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks and Worcs; London

English: nickname from Middle English *felau(e)* ‘partner, co-worker, companion’ (late Old English *fēolaga*, from Old Scandinavian *fēlagi*). Compare Johannes *Fela*ship’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Haughton, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Felawe, 12th cent. in Lichfield Muniments (Staffs); Walter Felagh, 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Robert le Felagh, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Henricus Felaw, 1377 in Poll Tax (Marston Trussell, Northants); Robertus Felawe, 1377 in Poll Tax (Quemerford, Wilts); Willelmus Felagh’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Arkendale, WR Yorks); Johannes Felawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Houghton, Norfolk); Willelmus Felewe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rugby, Warwicks); Milicenta Felowe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cotes, Leics); Johanne Felow, 1379 in Poll Tax (Foxton, Leics); Nicholas Fellow, 1553 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Agnes Fellow, 1559 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Johannes Fellowe, 1562 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks).

### Fellows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 490
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: see **Fellows**.

### Fellows

Variants: **Fellowes**, **Follows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6573, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4043

## Fells

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Fellow** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Felowes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Latton, Wilts); Elizabeth Follows, 1558 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Margeria Fellows, 1566 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Katherina Fellowes, 1571 in *IGI* (Fladbury, Worcs); Blandina Felles or Fellows, 1578 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elinore Followes, 1603 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); William Fellowes, 1619 in PROB 11 (Tunstall, Staffs); John Felloes, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

## Fells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: variant of **Fell** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Fells, 1562 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds); Ellen Fells, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Thomas Fells, 1609 in PROB 11 (East Greenwich, Kent); John Fells, 1633 in PROB 11 (Bushey, Herts).

## Felmingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Herts

English: locative name from Felmingham (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Matilda de Felmingeham, 1194 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Peter de Felmingham, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Johannes de Felmyngham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); Matill' Felmygham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blickling, Norfolk); Christopher Felmingham, 1641 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Mary Felmingham, 1709 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); John Felmingham, 1845 in *IGI* (Bushey, Herts).

## Felstead

**Variants:** Felsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1153, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 702
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, and Essex; Leics and Notts; also Norfolk

English: locative name from Felsted (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Felested, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Baldwin de Felested, 1203 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John de Felstede, 1365 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Felstede, 1365 in Patent Rolls; Robert Felsted or Felstede, 1545 in PROB 11 (Saint Sepulchre, London); Margaret Felsted, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Elisabeth Felstead, 1626 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Joseph Felstead, 1644 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Felstead, 1738 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics).

## Felsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: see **Felstead**.

## Felt

**Variants:** Felts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Guernsey; Lanarks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *felt* 'felt', for someone who made, worked with, sold, or perhaps wore felt. Compare **Felter**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Felt, 1551 in Parish Registers (Fen Ditton, Cambs); Edward Feltes, son of Walter Felt, 1570 in Parish Registers (Saint Paul, Walden, Herts); Thomas Felt, 1633 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Feld**.

## Felter

**Variants:** Felters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: occupational name from Middle English *felter(e)* 'felter', for someone who made, worked with, or sold felt. Compare **Felt**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Feltere, 1220 in Leicester Freeman Register; Robert le Feltere, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); John le Feltere, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Rose Felter, 1662 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richd. Felter, 1721 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Felters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Radnors

English: variant of **Felter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Feltham

**Variants:** Veltom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1795, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Hants; also Norfolk

English: locative name from Feltham in Pitminster (Somerset) or Feltham (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Feltham, 1255 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Thomas de Feltham, 1325 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); John de Feltham of Great Massyngham, 1346 in Patent Rolls (Great Massingham, Norfolk); Johanne Feltham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Baydon, Wilts); Thomas Feltam, 1545, Walter Felthame, 1576 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); George Feltham, 1576 in PROB 11 (Atworth Magna, Wilts); William Feltham, 1596 in PROB 11 (Penselwood, Somerset); George Veltum, 1697 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); William Veltom, 1721 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

## Felthouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Fieldhouse**.

## Felton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3189, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2059
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Essex; also Lancs

English: locative name from Felton Butler (Shrops), West Felton (Shrops), Felton (Herefs, Northumb), Felton in Winford (Somerset), and possibly also Felton Hill (Northumb) and Whitchurch (Somerset), formerly known as Felton.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Felton', 1208–9 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Richard de Felton, 1301–2 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Robertus de Felton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Rothbury, Northumb); Johannes de Felton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Goose Haddlesey, WR Yorks); Robertus de Felton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Cound, Shrops); Ranulph Feltone, 1413 in Coroners' Rolls (Staffs); Robert Felton, 1438 in PROB 11 (Saint Vedast, London); William Felton, 1494 in PROB 11 (Sudbury, Suffolk); William Felton or Feltone, 1598 in PROB 11 (Cold Hatton, Shrops).

## Felts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Lincs; Middx

English: variant of **Felt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Felts, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); John Felts, 1565 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds); Thomas Felts, 1643 in Parish Registers (Bayford, Herts); Robert Felts, 1701 in Parish Registers (Saint Peter and All Saints, Harrold, Beds); James Felts, in Census 1851 (Biddenham, Beds).

## Feltus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Fieldhouse**.

## Feltwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Middx; Staffs

English: locative name from Feltwell (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Feltewelle, 13th cent. in Lewes Chartulary (Norfolk); Roger Feltewell, 1377 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Willelmus de Feltewell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Mileham, Norfolk); Johannes Feltwell', 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); John Feltwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk); John Feltwell, 1576 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk).

## Felvus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs; also Lincs

Unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Felvus, 1761 in Parish Registers (Ellesmere, Shrops); Emma Felvus, 1821 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); John Felvus, 1822 in *IGI* (Belper, Derbys); Sarah Ellen Felvus, 1849 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs).

**References:** First bearer from <http://www.wikitree.com/genealogy/FELVUS>.

## Felwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Fieldwick**.

## Femister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Nairns
- Scottish: see **Phimister**.

**Fen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts; Hunts  
English: see **Fenn**.

**Fenbow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx  
English: see **Finbow**.

**Fenby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks; also Durham

English: locative name from Fenby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Fenneby, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Robertus de Fenby, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bradley, Lincs); William de Fenby, 1381 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Robt. Fenbye, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Robrt Fenby, 1563 in *IGI* (North Kelsey, Lincs); Augnes Fenbie, 1573 in *IGI* (Quarrington, Lincs).

**Fencott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs; also Hants; Staffs

English: locative name primarily from Fencote in Docklow (Herefs), but also from Fencott (Oxon), Fancott in Toddington (Beds), recorded as *Fencote* in 1212, and Great and Little Fencote in Kirkby Fleetham (NR Yorks), recorded as *Fencotes* in 1270. Compare **Fancott**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Fencote, 1276 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Walter de Fencotes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Fencote, 1352 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Matilda de Fencotes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ripon, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fencote, 1379 in Poll Tax (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Willm. Fencott, 1618 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Roger Fencot, 1632 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs); Hannah Fencott, 1704 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); William Fencutt, 1776 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs).

**References:** Herefs Place-Names p. 98; Place-Names of Beds and Hunts p. 137; Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 239.

**Fendall**

**Variants:** **Fendell**, **Fendel**, **Fendle**, **Findell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; IoW

English: variant of **Varndell** with loss of medial *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** George Fendall, 1567 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Joan Findall, 1573 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Katerine Findall, 1576 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Thomas Fendall, 1583 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); John Fendall, 1645 in PROB 11 (Bushey, Herts); Thomas Fendal, 1688 in *IGI* (Bushey, Herts); Edward Fendell, 1689 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Edward Fendell, 1697 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Fendel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** York

English: see **Fendall**.

**Fendell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks; Herts  
English: see **Fendall**.

**Fender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; Glamorgan; also E Scotland

English: nickname from Middle English or Scots *fender*, *fendour* 'defender, protector'.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert le Fendur, 1267 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Thomas le Fendour, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Fendour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Little Fransham, Norfolk); Johannes Fendor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Mickleton, Gloucs); Johannes Fendere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Purley, Berks); Robert Fender, 1662 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

Scotland: Andrew Fendour, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); William Fender, 'dag makar' 1578 in Maitland Miscellany (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Fender, 1595, Margrat Fendar, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hector Fender, 1612 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Jonet Fendar, 1619 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Androw Fendar, 1621 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); Androw Fendor, 1670 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

**Fendick**

**Variants:** **Fendyke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London; NR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *fen* 'fen, marsh' + *dik(e)*, *dich(e)* 'ditch, dyke'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a drainage dyke in fenland, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Thorpe Fendykes (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Fendik, 1357 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Adam de Fendyk, 1375 in York Freeman's Register; Johannes de Fendik, 1377 in Poll Tax (Skirbeck, Lincs); Adam atte Fendysch', 1379 in Poll Tax (Terrington, Norfolk); Alicia de Fendyk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Freiston, Lincs); Adam Fendyke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Fendyk of Donyngton', 1403 in Feet of Fines (Donington, Lincs); Richard atte Fendyk alias de Fendyk, 1409 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Jonet Fendyk, 1561 in *IGI* (Butterwick near Boston, Lincs); Wm Fendicke, 1580 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Fendick, 1598 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); John Fendike, 1695 in *IGI* (Wimbotsham, Norfolk); William Fendyke, 1776 in *IGI* (Northwold, Norfolk).

**Fendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Norfolk  
English: see **Fendall**.

**Fendley**

**Variants:** **Feneley**, **Fenley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: possibly from an English rendering of the name of the town of Venlo, Netherlands; note Arnald Wandeford, Ducheman, born in the town of Fenley in Gilderland, 1436 in Patent Rolls.

**Further information:** Farms called *Fenlea* (Somersham, Hunts) and *Fenleigh* (Cottenham, Cambs) appear to be too recent to account for the name.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Fendlye, 1575, John Fendly, 1579 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Francis Fendley, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Fenly, 1642 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Mary Fenley, 1677 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Fendley, 1726 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); John Fennelaw, 1772 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); John Fendelow, 1782 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Feneley, 1810 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Thomas Fennelaw, 1805 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Wm. Feneleoe, 1811 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs);

**Fendyke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Fendick**.

**Fenech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: nickname from Maltese *fenek* 'rabbit' (from Arabic *fanak* 'fox, marten, furry animal').

**Early bearers:** Maria Carmelia Fenech, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Kent).

**References:** Cassar.

**Feneley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Fendley**.

**Fenelon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

Irish, Manx: from Ó Fionnaláin, see **Fenlon**.

**Fenemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Bucks and Middx

Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

**Fenerty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Pembrokes

Irish: from Ó Fionnachta, see **Finnerty**.

**Feng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 馮, 封, 豐, and 鄆. See **Fung** (1–4).

**Fenick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

## Fenley

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English, Scottish: see **Fenwick**.

### Fenley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 Irish: from Ó Fionnghaile or Ó Fionnghalaigh, see **Fennelly**.
- 2 English: see **Fendley**.

### Fenlon

Variants: **Fenelon, Finlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 986, Ireland 628
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Carlow

Irish: from Ó Fionnaláin ‘descendant of *Fionnalán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *fionn* ‘fair, white’, see **Finn**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O’Fennelane, miller, 1575 in Fiant Elizabeth §2739 (Rathvillee, Carlow); Morysh O’Fynnolane, carpenter, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517; Harrie mcEdm. Fynnollan, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517 (Ullard, Carlow); Dermot O’Fynnolan, carpenter, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6517 (Balle Edmond, Carlow).

### Fenn

Variants: **Fenne, Fen, Venn, Venne, Ven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3452, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3006
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia

English: locative name from Middle English *fen(ne)* ‘fen, marsh’ (Old English *fenn*). The surname may be for someone who lived in or by a fen, or who came from a place so named, such as The Fenn in Halstead Rural (Essex), Fann’s Farm in Great Bardfield (Essex), Fenn Farm in Belbroughton (Worcs), Phen Farm in Wrotham (Kent), The Venn in Bodenham (Herefs), The Venn in Avenbury (Herefs), or one or more of several places in Devon and Somerset called Venn(e). Compare **Vann, Fenner**, and **Biffen**.

**Early bearers:** Godwin de la Fenna, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Thomas attefenne, 1185 in Templars Records (Warwicks); Ralph de Fenne, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Herveus del Fen, 1190 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Hugh de la Fenne, 1235 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John atte Fen, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); John atte Venne, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Walter en la Fenne, 1340 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert atte Fen, 1365 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Thomas atte Venne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Farley, Wilts); Johannes atte Fenne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lower Seagry, Wilts); Willelmo de Fenne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Somercotes, Lincs); Johannes atte Fen, 1379 in Poll Tax (Spixworth, Norfolk); Thomas ate Fenne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pagham, Sussex); Johannes atte Fen, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bocking, Essex); Johanne atte Vene, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hatherop, Gloucs); Thomas Fenne, 1473 in PROB 11 (Borley, Essex); Robert Fen, 1474 in PROB 11 (Stoke Nayland, Suffolk); Eliz. Fenn, 1548 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Anthony Venn, 1589 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Essex pp. 436, 505; Place-Names of Worcs p. 276; Kent Place-Names p. 156; Herefs Place-Names, pp. 29, 39.

### Fenna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Finney**.

### Fennah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Flints, Cheshire, and Lancs
- English: see **Finney**.

### Fennamore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Fenne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Fenn**.

### Fennel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks; Berks; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois
- English, Irish: see **Fennell**.

### Fennell

Variants: **Fennel, Fennelly, Fernell, Final, Funnell, Vennell, Findell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2830, Ireland 1180
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1375
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; Lancs; Wilts; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare and Tipperary; Laois and Kildare

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fenel*, *finel*, *finol* ‘fennel’ (Old English *finugl*), a plant grown for its medicinal and culinary uses. Compare **Finkle**.

**Early bearers:** William Fenel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Johanne Fynel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Wool and Bexington, Dorset); Cristiana Fenel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Ricardo Fynel, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Gillingham, Dorset); Ricardo Fenel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Semington, Wilts); Roberto Fenel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston Turville, Bucks); Willelmus Fenell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ecton, Northants); Willelmus Fynele, 1381 in Poll Tax (Youlgreave, Derbys); Thomas Fynnell’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverley, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Fynall, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Mary Fennell, 1558 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); John Fennell, 1567 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willm. Fynnoll, 1568, John Final, 1629 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); William Fennell, 1585 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Thoma Finiell, 1591, Johannes Fynnell, 1601, Roberti Fennell, 1607 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); Edward Fennell, 1596 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); Richard Fennell, 1597 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); Jane Finnell, 1602 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); John Fennell, 1617 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Susanah Final, 1684, Richard Final, 1696 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Anna Fennell, 1686 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks);

Richard Final, 1778 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); William Finnel, 1784 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

2 English: locative name in Sussex and Kent. The name may derive from a lost place in or near Litlington and Wilmington known only from the early surname forms. Löfvenberg identifies it with Old English *finugl(e)*, Middle English *finkel*, *fenecel*, *fynel*, *fenel*, ‘fennel’; see (1) above. If so it must have referred to a garden or to a wild place growing with the plant. McKinley notes that in Litlington the surname appears the late 14th century as *atte Feynel* and in the 15th century as *atte Fenell* and a *Fenell*. The name is also found in E Sussex as **Vennell** and perhaps as **Fernell** and **Funnell**.

**Early bearers:** William Fenigle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Litlington, Sussex); Henry atte Fenegle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilmington, Sussex); Henr’ ate Fenegle, 1341 in Nonarum Inquisitiones (Sussex); Robert Fennell, 1560 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Leonell Fenell, 1563 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Final, 1572 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); John Final, 1593 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); William Fennell, 1596 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** Löfvenberg, p. 62; Surnames of Sussex, pp. 189–90.

3 English: perhaps a variant of **Fernell** with assimilation of the *-r-*.

4 Irish: from Ó Fionnghail ‘descendant of *Fionnghal*’, a personal name from *fionn* ‘fair, white’ + *gal* ‘valor’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot O’Fenell, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1617; Garrott Fenell, gent., 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6519 (Knockinlosky); James Fennell, physician, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6565 (Ballibeg, Waterford).

England: John Fennell, 1797 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); William Fennell, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Fennelly

Variants: **Hennelly, Fenley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 644
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Laois, and Tipperary

Irish: see **Fennell**, from earlier Gaelic forms of the genitive, Ó Fionnghaile or Ó Fionnghalaigh.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William O’Fenellie, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6309.

England: James Fennelly, 1829 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Fennemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks; also Herts; Hants; Derbys

Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Fenner

Variants: **Venner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1680, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1270
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

1 English: locative name from Middle English *fen(ne)* ‘fen, marsh’ (Old English *fenn*) + *-er*, for someone who lived in or by a marsh or fen. See **Fenn** and compare **Fanner**, **Fenning**.



**Further information:** Fenn Place in Worth (Sussex) had owners called *atte Fenne*, who in the time of Henry VI apparently changed their name to *Fenner*. Patronymica Britannica.

**Early bearers:** John Fenner, 1475 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Thomas Fenner, 1513 in PROB 11 (Crawley, Sussex); Jn Fenner, 1558 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); Edmnde Fenner, 1562 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); John Fenner, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Sara Fenner, 1584 in *IGI* (Loose, Kent).  
2 English: see **Fainer**.

### Fennerty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Fionnachta, see **Finnerty**.

### Fennessy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 456
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Fionnghusa ‘descendant of *Fionnghus*’, a personal name from *fionn* ‘fair, white’ + *gus* ‘vigour, force’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas O’Finisey, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6314; Doneghow O’Fynoise, smith, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6521 (Ballidreanane); Philip O’Fynosy, smith, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6532 (Ballybraddo); Deirmod O’Fynnysie, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6071.

### Fenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also NR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Finney**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Fidhne, see **Feeney**.

### Fennick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lincs; Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Fenwick**.

### Fennie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- 1 English: see **Finney**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Fidhne, see **Feeney**.

### Fennimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Devon; Beds; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Fenning

**Variants:** Venning, Vening, Fennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: (i) locative name from Middle English *fen(ne)* ‘fen, marsh’ (Old English *fenn*) + *-ing*, for

someone who lived in or by a fen or marsh. Compare **Fanning** and see also **Fenn**, **Fenner**. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Vining**. (iii) relationship name, possibly an anglicized variant of Irish Ó Fionnáin; compare **Fanning**.

**Early bearers:** David Fenning, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Norfolk); John ffening, 1290–1 in Norwich Leet Jurisdiction (Norfolk); Thomas Fannyng, 1405 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Fennyng, 1422 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); John Fennyng’, 1499 in Feet of Fines (Venn in East Allington, Devon); Anna Fenning, 1618 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); William Venning or Venninge, 1618 in PROB 11 (Kingsteignton, Devon); Jonas Fenninge or Fennyng, 1624 in PROB 11 (Walden, Essex); Mary Vening, 1675 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon).

### Fennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; also IoW

English: variant of **Fenning** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Fennings, 1624 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon).

### Fenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 English: see **Finney**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Fidhne, see **Feeney**.

### Fennymore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Fensham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Fensome**.

### Fensom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Middx and Herts
- English: see **Fensome**.

### Fensome

**Variants:** Fensom, Fensone, Fenson, Fensham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: locative name from Felmersham (Beds), which is recorded as *Femsham* alias *Femsam* in 1549 and *Fensham* in 1568.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Felmersham, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Haynes, Beds); John de Felmersham, 1349 in Patent Rolls (Hunts); Gilbertus Felmesham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); William Felmersham, 1425 in Patent Rolls (London); John Felmersham, 1435 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Edmund Fensham, 1544 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John

Fensam, 1547 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Elizabeth Fensame, 1574 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Alice Fensume, 1602 in *IGI* (Coton, Cambs); Mary Fensum, 1633, Elizabeth Fensome, 1661 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); John Fensom, 1666 in *IGI* (Sherington, Bucks); Mary Fenson, 1723 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Sarah Fensone, 1735 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

**References:** Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 31.

### Fenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds; also Cambs
- English: see **Fensome**.

### Fensone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts
- English: see **Fensome**.

### Fentaman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Fentiman**.

### Fentem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs
- English: see **Fantom**.

### Fenteman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; Kent
- English: see **Fentiman**.

### Fentham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Fantom**.

### Fentie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
- Scottish: see **Fenty**.

### Fentiman

**Variants:** Fenttiman, Fenteman, Fentaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: occupational name, status name from the surname **Fenton** + Middle English *man*, for a servant of a man with the surname *Fenton*. Other surnames which may be of the same type include **Blythman**, **Bosman**, **Tupman**, and **Tyreman**.

**Further information:** The surname apparently originated in Swillington (WR Yorks), where Thomas *de Fenton* lived in 1354. John *Fentonman* may have been servant to Thomas or his descendant.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Fentonman’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swillington, WR Yorks); Richard Fentoman, 1478 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Bramham, WR Yorks); Thomas Fentonman, 1509 in Redmonds,

## Fentom

Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Ossett, WR Yorks); John Fentyman, 1545 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Swillington, WR Yorks); Anthonye Fenteman, 1556 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); John Fentiman, 1563 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Thomae Fentyman, 1568 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Roger Fenteman, 1612 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon); Jno. Fentiman, 1718 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent); John Fentaman, 1813 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Fentom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Fantom**.

## Fenton

**Variants:** Fantham, Fanthom, Finton, Fenty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8572, Ireland 1020
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5955
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name principally from Church Fenton (WR Yorks), but also from various other places called Fenton (Cumb, Lincs, Northumb, Notts, Staffs), Painter's Lane in Yeldersley (Derbys), formerly known as Fenton, or Venton (Devon). See also **Venton** and **Fantom**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Fenton', 1199 in Pleas (Yorks); Adam de Fenton', 1230 in Curia Regis Rolls (Derbys); Willelmus de Fenton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Bucknall, Staffs); Isabella de Fenton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Edo de Fenton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Thorpe Acre, Leics); John de Fenton', 1380 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Robertus de Fenton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Chadderton, Lancs); William Fenton, 1382 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Ricus. Fenton, 1547 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Edmudi. Fenton, 1548 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Fenton, 1556 in PROB 11 (Stamford, Lincs); John Fenton, 1557 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 621.

2 Scottish: locative name from Fenton (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Gregory of Fentune, 1189–99 in NRS (Leyston, Perths); John de Fentone, 1240 in Inchaffray Charters (Inchmichael, Perths); John de Fentun, 1263–73 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aithmuir, Perths); Alexander de Fentoun, about 1330 in Dryburgh Register; John de Fentoun, 1426 in Edinburgh Register (Edinburgh); Sussanna Fentoun, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Fenton, 1613 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Fentown, 1683 in *IGI* (Cortachy and Clova, Angus).

3 Irish: from Ó Fionnachta, see **Finnerty**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Fenton, 1580–81 in Fiants Elizabeth §3701 (esq., one of the secretaries of state of the counties of Dublin, Westmeath, Louth, Kildare and in the English Pale in Ireland).

4 Irish: from Ó Fiachna 'descendant of *Fiachna*', a personal name meaning 'raven'. The name has also been mistranslated as **Hunt** by confusion with *fiach*, the modern spelling of *fiadhach* 'hunt'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O'Fieghny, husbandman, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4036 (Fowlers hagar, Wexford).

## Fentiman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Fentiman**.

## Fenty

**Variants:** Fentie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Fenton**, now found only in NE Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Marion Fentine, 1653 in *IGI* (Trinity Gask, Perths); John Fenten, 1742 in *IGI* (Ordiquhill, Banffs); John Fenty, 1728 in *IGI* (Pitsligo, Aberdeens); Alexander Fenty, 1746 in *IGI* (Fraserburgh, Aberdeens); Alexr. Fenty, 1786 in *IGI* (Tyrrie, Aberdeens); James Fentie, 1822 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); James Finty, 1834 in *IGI* (Alvah, Banffs); Jean Fenty, 1842 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Margaret Fenty, 1859, probably identical with Margaret Fenton, 1852, both in *IGI* (Strichen, Aberdeens).

## Fenwick

**Variants:** Fenick, Fennick, Finnick, Phoenix, Phenix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5315, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3919
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England; also Yorks and Lincs; Perths and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English, Scottish: locative name from Fenwick in Stamfordham (Northumb), Fenwick in Kyloe (Northumb), or Fenwick (WR Yorks, Ayr).

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Fenwick, 1272 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Walter del Feneweke, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Thomas de Fenwyk, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Johannes de Fenwyk, 1377 in Poll Tax (Heck, WR Yorks); John Fenwyk, 1408–9 in Feet of Fines (Northumb); Guilielmus Fenwick, 1556 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Fenick, 1572 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); John Fenwick, 1574 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Vallantine Fennick, 1574, Ralph Fenwick, 1585 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomi Phenwicke, 1579 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Phenick, 1583, Rowland Phenicke, 1583 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Fenick, 1587 in PROB 11 (London); John Phenix or Phoenix, 1642 in PROB 11 (Stepney, Middx); John Phenwix, 1707 in *IGI* (Runhall, Norfolk); John Phoenix, 1750 in *IGI* (Whaplode Drove, Lincs); Francis Finnick, 1757 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb). Scotland: Robert de ffenwic, about 1220 in Kelso Register (Roxburghs); Nicholas Fynwyk, 1313 in Ayr Charters (Ayr); Reginald de Fynwyck, 1387 in Ayr Friars Charters (Ayr); Alexander Fennick, 1609 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Hellen Finick, 1646 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Robert Fenwick, 1653 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Barbare ffinnick, 1670 in Register of Edinburgh Marriages (Edinburgh).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham p. 84.

## Feran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Fearáin, see **Fearon**.

## Ferbrache

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Guernsey French: nickname from Old French *fer*, *fier* 'strong' + *bras* 'arm', with Guernsey dialect final /ʃ/ for /s/. Compare **Fairbrass**.

**Early bearers:** John Ferbrache in Census 1841 (Guernsey); Pierre Ferbrache, 1848 in *IGI* (Guernsey).

## Ferdinand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, French: relationship name from a Spanish (Visigothic) personal name (see **Ferdinando**).

**Further information:** The surname is of comparatively recent origin in German-speaking countries and in France, for the personal name was not introduced from Spain until the late 15th century. It was taken to Austria by the Habsburg dynasty, among whom it was a hereditary name, and from Austria it spread to France. The Iberian cognates are of more ancient origin and more frequently found today, since the name was much favoured in the royal house of Castile. It owes its popularity in large part to King Ferdinand III of Castile and León (1198–1252), who recaptured large areas of Spain from the Moors and was later canonized.

**Early bearers:** Peeter Ferdinand, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Pugi Ferdinand, born in France, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx); William Ferdinand, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Reigate, Surrey).

## Ferdinando

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from a Spanish (Visigothic) personal name composed of the elements *farð* 'journey, expedition' (or a metathesized form of *frið* 'peace') + *nanð* 'daring, brave'; sometimes also found as a Sephardic Jewish name.

**Early bearers:** Jone Fardinando, 1601 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Abraham Fardinando, 1696 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); Isaac Ferdinando, 1701 in *IGI* (London); Aaron Ferdinando, 1720 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Abraham Ferdinando, 1756 in Parish Registers (Bethnal Green, Middx); William Ferdinando, 1802 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Benjamin Ferdinando, silk weaver, in Census 1851 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Veruelo Ferdinando, labourer, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holborn, Middx).

## Ferdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Vardy**.

## Ferebee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Ferraby**.

## Fereday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Vardy**.

## Ferens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: (i) variant of **Ferron** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*. (ii) see **Farrance**.

**Further information:** Compare Henricus *Feron*, 1734, Henricus *Ferron*, 1733 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham); Thomas *Ferren*, 1765 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Bernard *Ferron*, 1760, Edward *Feron*, 1799, Henry *Ferrant*, 1859 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); David *Ferron*, 1788 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Isble *Ferren*, 1818 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Feronce, 1610 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Ferens, 1625 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Ferens, 1786, William Ferens, 1824 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Ferrons, 1854 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); William Ferrans, 1833, William John Ferrins, 1865 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Feret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Jersey

1 Huguenot, French: relationship name from a pet form of a compound personal name such as *Férart* or *Féraud*.

**Early bearers:** Marie Feret, 1640 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Jean Feret, born in France, in Census 1861 (Jersey); Louis J. Feret, born in France, in Census 1881 (Bermondsey, Surrey).

2 English: see **Ferrett**.

## Fergey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish, Irish: see **Fergie**.

## Fergie

**Variants:** Fergy, Fergey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Lancs
- Scottish, Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Gaelic personal name *Fearghus* (see **Fergus**). (ii) alternatively, from a reduced form of **Ferguson**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Helen Fergie, 1604 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johnne Fergie, 1608 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Ayr, Ayr); Margrat Fergie, 1633 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Walter Fergie 1638 in Privy Council of Scotland Register (Culross, Fife); John Fergie, 1734 in *IGI* (Crailing, Roxburghs). England: Robert Fergy, 1705 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Lionel Fergie, 1610 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

## Ferguson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: see **Ferguson**.

## Fergus

**Variants:** Ferris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 968, Ireland 232

- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fearghus*, formed with *fear* ‘man’ + *gus* ‘vigour, force’. This was the name of an early Irish mythological figure, a valiant warrior, also of the grandfather of Saint Columba. The medieval personal name was occasionally used in N England. **Early bearers:** given names: Fergus filius Suein, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Fergus Kenedy, a Scot, 1321 in Patent Rolls; Fargusius, Fargus Redhed, merchant of Scotland, 1359 in Patent Rolls; Fergus Makedowell, 1391 in Patent Rolls (Roxburghs).

urnames. Scotland: Richard Fergus of Hednam, 1358 in Patent Rolls (Ednam, Roxburghs); Robt. Ferguse, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Henrie Ferguse, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Ferguse, 1625, Marion Fergouse, 1640, Jonet Fergus, 1641 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings); Jonet Fergus, 1627 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Alexr. Fergus, 1629 in *IGI* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Margaret Ferguis, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Jeane Fergus, 1652 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings).

urnames. England: Gilbert Feregus, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); John Fergus, 1251 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Thomas Fergus, 1778 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Ó Fearghuis* or *Ó Fearghasa* ‘descendant of *Fearghus*’, as in (1).

**Further information:** Some Irish bearers of this name claim to be descended from Fergus of Galloway (died 1161), a central figure in Arthurian legend, but there is no evidence to support this.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Anthony Ferris, gent., 1586 in Fiants Elizabeth §4958; Moriortagh boy O’Ferris, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5459 (Kilglasse, Sligo); Owen O’Farris, gent., 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5459 (Kilglasse, Sligo); Moriortagh duffe O’Ferris, kern, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5459 (Fuonyd, Sligo); Fearregher O’Fearysa, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5805 (Ballychottell); Dermot O’Fearisic, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6497 (Manister Odorne); Owen O’Farissy, 1665 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Ballifecnan, Sligo); Catherine Fergus, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Rossinver, Leitrim); Andrew Fergus, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Cappagh, Tyrone).

## Ferguson

**Variants:** Fergusson, Fergurson, Fergyson, Furguson, Farguson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29845, Ireland 4348
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fearghus* (see **Fergus**) + *-son*, ‘son of *Fearghus*’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johannes filius Fergusii, about 1316–18 in Annandale Family Book; Donald filius Fergucii, 1376 in Morton Register, Scotland; Mychel Fargisone, 1499 in Dunfermline Burgh Records (Dunfermline, Fife); Jonat Fargussone, 1562, Alexr. Farguson, 1572, Alexr. Fargisone, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); William Fergusson, 1564, Isobel Ferguson, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Katherin Ferguson,

1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Fargyson, 1622 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Issobell Fergisoun, 1633 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Adam Fargisson, 1652 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); William Fergus, 1716 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr).

Ireland: Teig reogh McFaryse, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5686 (Faha, Clare); Tirrelauch McFergus, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6383 (Dowry, Kildare); Gillpatrick McFergus, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6699 (Crive); Thomas Fargus, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Oughaval, Mayo); James Fargus, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Islandeedy, Mayo); Robert Ferguison, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Artrea, Tyrone); Alexander Ferguson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Devenish, Fermanagh); Shilagh Ferguson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmacrenan, Donegal).

England: Gillebertus filius Fergusi, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); Adam Fergoosson, 1361 in Patent Rolls; Wm. Fargison, 1608 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); John Fargisonne, 1608 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Andrew Farguson, 1621 in PROB 11 (Saint Peter ad Vincula, London); Geo. Ferguson, 1673 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Hannah Ferguson, 1790 in *IGI* (Dearham, Cumb); William Ferguson, 1798 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Bridget Fergusen, 1810 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb).

## Fergusson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1672, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1514
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kildare
- Scottish: see **Ferguson**.

## Fergy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Scottish, Irish: see **Fergie**.

## Fergyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Scottish: see **Ferguson**.

## Feris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs
- Irish, English, Scottish Gaelic: see **Ferris**.

## Ferley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: a variant of *Verley*, itself a variant of **Varley**.

## Fermer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Farmer**.

## Ferminger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Furminger**.

## Fermor

### Fermor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Farmer**.

### Fern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1565, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 934
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Lancs; also London; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

### Fernandes

Variants: **Fernandez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5500, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Lanarks

Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Fernando* (see **Ferdinand**). Compare

#### **Fernandez**.

**Further information:** The surname is common in Portugal, Brazil, and also in Goa and elsewhere on the west coast of India, having been taken there by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Nowell Luis Fernandes, 1811 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Guy David Luis Fernandes, 1874 in *IGI* (Lytham, Lancs); Manoel Anto Fernandes, born in Brazil, in Census 1881 (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).

### Fernandez

Variants: **Hernandez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3331, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from the personal name *Fernando* (see **Ferdinand**). Compare **Fernandes**.

**Further information:** The surname (and to a lesser extent the variant **Hernandez**) has also been established in southern Italy, mainly in Naples and Palermo, since the period of Spanish dominance there, and as a result of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and Portugal at the end of the 15th century, many of whom moved to Italy.

**Early bearers:** David Fernandez, 1746 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Esther Fernandez, 1846 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Abraham Fernandez, general born in Italy, in Census 1851 (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Emanuel Fernandez, portrait painter, in Census 1861 (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Jacob Hernandez, clothes dealer, born in Holland, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Aniceto Hernandez, born in Zaragoza, Spain, in Census 1871 (Finsbury, Middx); Juan Fernandez, born in Cuba, in Census 1871 (Westminster, Middx); Juan B. Fernandez, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Francisco Fernandez, mechanical engineer, born in Spain, in Census 1901 (Bootle, Lancs); Nathan Fernandez, cigar maker, born in Stepney, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac Fernandez, cigar maker, born in Spitalfields, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Horacio Fernández, born in Tabasco, Mexico, in Census 1911 (Chester, Cheshire).

### Fernando

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2022, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from a contracted form of the personal name **Ferdinando**. **Further information:** This surname also became established in southern Italy, mainly in Naples and Palermo, since the period of Spanish dominance there, and as a result of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and Portugal at the end of the 15th century, many of whom moved to Italy. It is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Jules Fernando, born in Spain, in Census 1861 (Middx); Joseph Fernando, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Lancs).

**References:** Tibón.

### Ferne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Northumb

English, Irish: see **Fearn**.

### Ferneer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: unexplained. Fernee family tradition suggests a Huguenot origin, but this has not been demonstrated.

**Early bearers:** Henrietta Fernee, 1818 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**References:** <http://genealogy.kolthammer.org/FerneerGodart-o/index.htm>.

### Fernell

Variants: **Fennell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey and Sussex
- 1 English: (i) see **Farnell**. (ii) see **Furnell**.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Fernell, 1568 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Hen Fernell, 1571 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Thomas Fernell, 1599 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); John Fernell, 1610 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Humphry Fernell, 1653 in *IGI* (Finchampstead, Berks); Nicholas Fernell, 1695 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Alexander Fernell, 1717 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Jane Fernell, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: in Sussex perhaps a hypercorrect form of **Fennell** (2), which may have been regarded as a vulgar pronunciation of **Fernell**. McKinley notes an example of the name as early as 1535 in Litlington (Sussex), where *Fennell* originated. The following early bearer may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Mary Fernell, 1820 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex). **References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 190.

### Fernes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Ferns**.

### Ferney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs
- Scottish: see **Fernie**.

### Ferneyhough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Ferneyhough**.

### Fernhead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Fearnhead**.

### Fernhough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Ferneyhough**.

### Fernie

Variants: **Fairnie**, **Fairney**, **Ferney**, **Farney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 971, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 894
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: locative name from Fernie in Monimail (Fife).

**Early bearers:** William de Ferny, 1390 in Great Seal of Scotland (Fife); Robert de Ferny, 1411 in Great Seal of Scotland (Perths); John Farny, 1516 in Binns Papers; Andrew Fernie, 1517 in Fife Court Book (Fife); Christian Fairnie, 1607 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Ferney, 1623 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); William Fairnie, 1628 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Margaret Fernie, 1662 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife); Jean Farney, 1692 in *IGI* (Abernethy, Perths); Janet Fairney, 1711 in *IGI* (Newburn, Fife).

### Fernihough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Ferneyhough**.

### Fernley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire
- English: see **Fearnley**.

### Ferns

Variants: **Fearns**, **Farnes**, **Varnes**, **Varns**, **Fernes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1369, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 642
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and Cheshire

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 English: variant of English **Fearn**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne dil Fernes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Liverpool, Lancs); Edmondus Fearn, 1557 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Agnes Fernes, 1560 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Duglassa Fearn, 1585 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); James Varnes, 1634 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); James Ferns, 1689 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Mary Varns, 1737 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey).

2 Irish: adopted for Irish **Ó Reannacháin** through mistranslation, see **Renehan**.

### Fernyhough

Variants: Ferneyhough, Fernihough, Fearnehough, Fearnyouh, Fernhough

- Current frequencies: GB 346, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 233
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: locative name principally from the obsolete place-name Fernyhough in Endon (Staffs), recorded as *Fernyhalg* in 1307, but perhaps occasionally also from Fernyhalgh in Broughton (Lancs).

Early bearers: Adam de Fernyhough, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Richard de Fernyhalgh of Leek, 1380 in Patent Rolls (Staffs); Johannes de Fernyhalgh, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); John Fernihaugh, 1585 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Hugonis Fearnihaughe, 1589 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Catherina Fernyhough, Hugenis Fernihough, 1599, Wm. Fearniohugh, 1735 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); John Fernehough, 1608, Alice Fearnihough, 1613 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).

References: Redmonds, King, and Hey p. 7; Staffs Place-Names p. 255; Lancs Place-Names p. 147.

### Feron

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 58
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; also Middx; Northumb; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- 1 Irish, English, Huguenot: see **Ferron**.  
2 Irish: see **Fearon**.

### Ferrabee

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- English: see **Ferraby**.

### Ferraby

Variants: Ferrabee, Ferriby, Ferreby, Ferreebee, Ferebee, Tharby

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; also ER Yorks; Worcs

English: locative name from North Ferriby (ER Yorks) or South Ferriby (Lincs).

Early bearers: John de Ferieby, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); William de Feriby, 1301 in London Letter Books B; Robert de Feryby, 1362 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Hugh de Feriby of Barton, 1363 in Feet of Fines (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); John Ferby of Ferby in Patent Rolls (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); Johannes de Feriby, Ricardus de Fereby, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus Feriby, 1381 in Poll Tax (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); Robert Fereby, 1392 in PROB 11 (Stamford, Lincs); Wylliam Feraby, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Georg Ferebie, 1546 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); Alice Ferriby, 1569 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Gabriell Ferribie, 1595 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); Thomas Fereby, 1614 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Ferebye, 1616 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Feribee, 1660 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Richard Ferraby, 1686 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Thomas Ferebee, 1700 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Elizabeth Ferrabee, 1818 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs).

### Ferrall

Variants: Ferrell, Ferrel, Ferrill

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex; London
- English: see **Fairhall**.

### Ferran

- Current frequencies: GB 139, Ireland 137
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- 1 Irish, English: see **Ferron**.  
2 English: see **Farrant**.

### Ferrand

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 145
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also ER Yorks; Lancs
- English: see **Farrant**.

### Ferrans

Variants: Farrans

- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr; also Lancs
- Scottish, Irish: possibly a variant of **Farrance**.  
Early bearers: William Ferrans, 1833 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Ferrant

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: London; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Farrant**.

### Ferrar

- Current frequencies: GB 236, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 112
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Aberdeens; WR Yorks
- English: see **Farrar**.

### Ferrara

- Current frequencies: GB 301, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- Southern Italian: locative name from *ferrara* ‘forge, iron workings’ (Latin *ferraria*), for someone who lived by a forge or iron workings, or for someone from a place so named, such as the provincial capital of Ferrara, in Emilia-Romagna.  
Early bearers: Michele Ferrara, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Gloucester, Gloucs).

### Ferrari

- Current frequencies: GB 997, Ireland 23
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: London; also WR Yorks
- Italian: Patronymic or plural form of **Ferraro**.  
Early bearers: Adolphus Angelies Ferrari, 1849 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Pietro Ferrari, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holdenhurst, Hants).

### Ferraro

- Variants: Ferrari
- Current frequencies: GB 268, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Devon
- Italian: occupational name from Old Italian (*fabbro*) *ferraro* ‘blacksmith, ironworker’ (a derivative of *ferro* ‘iron’).  
Early bearers: James Ferraro, 1822 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Giovanni Ferraro, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Ferre

Variants: Ferrey

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

French, Huguenot: nickname originally **Ferré**, from *ferré* ‘of iron, armed’, for an armed man.

Early bearers: Jean Ferre, 1640, Jean Ferrey, 1722 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Daniel Ferres, 1692 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Peter Ferrey, born in France, in Census 1871 (Jersey); Henri Ferre, born in France, in Census 1881 (Hackington, Kent).

### Ferrebee

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Berks
- English: see **Ferraby**.

### Ferreby

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Ferraby**.

### Ferreday

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Vardy**.

### Ferreira

- Current frequencies: GB 2991, Ireland 107
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Lancs
- Portuguese, Galician: locative name from Latin *ferraria* ‘forge, iron works’.  
Early bearers: Jose H. Ferreira, born in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

### Ferrel

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 49
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland
- English: see **Fairhall**.

### Ferrell

- Current frequencies: GB 287, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 177
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; Cornwall; London
- 1 English: see **Fairhall**.  
2 Irish: relationship name from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

### Ferren

Variants: Ferens

- GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; also Surrey; Lancs; Leics
- 1 Irish, English: see **Ferron**.  
2 English: see **Farrant**.

## Ferrer

### Ferrer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

1 English: see **Farrar**.

2 Catalan: occupational name from Latin *ferrarius* 'ironworker, blacksmith'. This is the commonest Catalan surname.

**Early bearers:** Manuel Ferrer, born in Puerto Rico, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Ernesto Ferrer, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Bloomsbury, Middx); Joaquin Ferrer, Spanish teacher, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Antonio Ferrer, chemist, born in Cuba, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Joachim Ferrer, cork merchant, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Penarth, Glamorgan); Pedro Ferrer, cork merchant, born in Barcelona, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Ferrers

**Variants:** Ferris, Ferridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London; also Berks; Devon

Norman, English: locative name from Ferrières-Saint-Hilaire (Eure) and Ferrières (Manche). **Further information:** One family of this name, who were earls of Derby from 1138 to 1266, came from Ferrières-Saint-Hilaire (Eure), while another family, who settled in Beer and Newton Ferrers in Devon, came from Ferrières (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fereres, de Fereres, de Ferrarius, Ferreres, Ferrieres, 1086 in Domesday Book; Hugo de Ferrers, 1222 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herefs); Henry de Ferrarijs, 1371 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Thomas Ferrers, 1372 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Martin de Ferere, 1375 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Thomas Ferrers, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Rudham, Norfolk); Thomas Ferris, 1546 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Constance Ferrers, 1551 in PROB 11 (Baddesley Clinton, Warwicks); Ann Ferries, 1555 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Richard Ferreys, 1557 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Elizabeta Ferris, 1563 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); John Ferris, 1563 in *IGI* (Ilstington, Devon); Margeri Ferris, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Humphrey Ferrers, 1573 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Phillip Feris, 1580 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); George Ferris, 1639 in PROB 11 (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** Anglo-Norman Families.

### Ferret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs
- English: see **Ferrett**.

### Ferrett

**Variants:** Ferret, Feret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset; WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *fer(r)et(t)*, *furet* 'ferret' (Old French *fuiret*, *furet*, literally 'little thief'), for someone who resembled a ferret in some way, or for a ferreter (see **Ferriter**).

**Early bearers:** Walter Feret, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Furet, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Willelmus Feret, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newtimber, Sussex); John Ferrett, 1557, John Ferret, 1560 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Edmund Ferret, 1561 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); John Ferrett, 1573 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Johan Ferrett, 1582 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mary Ferret, 1593 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts).

### Ferretti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Ferro**.

**Early bearers:** Salvatora Ferretti, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Kensington, Middx).

### Ferrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx; Hants
- 1 English: see **Ferry**.  
2 French, Huguenot: see **Ferre**.

### Ferri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

1 Italian: Patronymic or plural form of **Ferro**.  
**Early bearers:** Giovanni T. Ferri, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Newton, Lancs).

2 English, Scottish: see **Ferry**.

### Ferriby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Ferraby**.

### Ferrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Irish: from Mac Phiarraic, see **Feerick**.

### Ferriday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Vardy**.

### Ferridge

**Variants:** Ferrige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: unexplained; possibly a form of *Ferris* and therefore a variant of **Ferrers**.

**Early bearers:** Danell Feridg, 1740, George Ferridge, 1761, George Ferrige, 1773, George Ferrage, 1775 in *IGI* (Swallowfield, Berks); David Ferrige, 1778, Edward Ferridge, 1779, George Ferrage, 1819 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey).

### Ferrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Scottish, English: see **Ferry**.

### Ferrier

**Variants:** Farrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2061, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1735
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Midlothian and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim; Dublin

Scottish, English: (i) occupational name from Old French *ferrier* 'blacksmith, ironworker' (medieval Latin *ferrarius*). Compare **Farrar**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *ferryer(e)* 'ferryman'. Compare **Ferriman** and **Ferry**.

**Further information:** Lands originally attached to the ferry between Dumbarton (Dunbartons) and the point of Cardross parish called Ferrylands in 1512 belonged to Robert *Ferrier* of Ferrylands: Black.

**Early bearers:** England: Sibyll le Feryere, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Johannes Feryer, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Alicia Ferier', 1379 in Poll Tax (Strumpshaw with Braydeston, Norfolk); John Feryour, 1390 in London Pleas; Alyce Feryar, 1546, Edward Feryar, 1564 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Willa Ferrier, 1552 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Johan Feryer, 1571 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs); Margorie Ferrier, 1572 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); An Feryer, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ane Feriar, 1584 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); Martha Ferriar, 1629 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

Scotland: Alan le Ferur, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); Henry Ferur, le Ferour, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Tranent, E Lothian); Nicholas Ferur, 1326 in Paisley Register (Paisley, Renfrews); John Ferrour, 1358 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Chrystian Ferrier, 1586 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Peter Ferryar, 1596 in Glasgow Burgeses; William Feriour, 1613, Patrik Ferior, 1628 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Nicolas Ferriour, 1625 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Ferriour, 1636 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Janet Farrier, 1645 in *IGI* (Kirknewton and East Calder, Midlothian); Alexr. Farrier, 1652 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Robert Feriar, 1663 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus).

### Ferries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines; also Glasgow
- Irish, English: see **Ferris**.

### Ferrige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ferridge**.

### Ferrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Fairhall**.

**Ferriman**

Variants: **Ferryman, Farrimond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also London

English: occupational name from Middle English *fer(ri)man* ‘ferryman’, for someone who operates a ferry. Compare **Ferrier**.

**Early bearers:** Robert ferriman, 1192 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Richard le Feriman, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Johannes le Fermon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Rogerus Feriman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Robertus Feryman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Middlesbrough and Newham, NR Yorks); Johanne Feryman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skelton, ER Yorks); Thomas Feryman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); Willelmus Ferayman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brailes, Warwicks); Roberto le Ferman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Samlesbury, Lancs); Hugone le Fermon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuerdale, Lancs); Johana Feryman, 1561, Williami Ferriman, 1597 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Andrewe Ferryman, 1568 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Henrie Farriman, 1583, Henry Feriman, 1616, Eliz. Fariman, 1725 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Henrie Ferriman, 1639 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

**Ferrimond**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Farrimond**.

**Ferrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish, English: see **Ferron**.

**Ferrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Farrington**.

**Ferris**

Variants: **Ferriss, Ferries, Feris, Farris, Paris, Fariss, Farries, Farrish, Farish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5182, Ireland 1595
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2953
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; also London; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Kerry

1 English: see **Ferrers**. Some of the bearers cited here may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Abrahami Ferris, 1602, Abrahami Ferris, 1613 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Elizabeth Ferris, 1604, Margery Ferris, 1622 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent); George Fearis, 1721 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Mary Fairish, 1756 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Eliza Fearis, 1796 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Fearghuis or Ó Fearghasa, see **Fergus**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Wam. Ferris, 1647 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Walter Fairish, 1749 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriess).

Ireland: Anne Ferris, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Marhin, Kerry); William Ferris, 1796 in Flaxgrowers

Ireland (Desertlyn, Derry); Jane Faris, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Alexander Farris, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kildallan, Cavan); John Farus, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Aghaderg, Down).

**Ferriss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lanarks
- English, Irish, Scottish: see **Ferris**.

**Ferriter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Feirtéir, from Middle English *fereter* ‘ferreter’, for someone who hunts with ferrets, using them to drive rabbits from their burrows. This name has been in Ireland (Kerry) since the 13th century. Compare **Ferrett**.

**Early bearers:** Martin the Ferreter, 1290 in CDI §780 (Kerry); Michael le Ferreter, 1293 in CDI §41 (Dublin); Edmund Feryter alias Firyter, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6494 (Ballisble); Nicholas Firiter, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6494; Edmund Ferreter, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6555 (Corkanyne).

**Ferro**

Variants: **Ferri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Farrar**.

2 Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Maltese, Jewish (Sephardic): nickname from *ferro* ‘iron’ (Latin *ferrum*), denoting someone who was strong or who produced or worked iron.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Ferro, 1756, Elias Furtado Ferro, 1804 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Abraham Ferro, 1858 in BMD (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Rebecca Ferro, 1860 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Ramon de Silva Ferro, Chilean consul, born in Galicia, Spain, in Census 1861 (Marylebone, Middx); Pedro Jose Ferro, 1876 in BMD (Islington, Middx); William H. Ferro, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jefferino Ferro, born in Goa, India, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).

3 Italian: relationship name from a medieval personal name, preserved in the modern pet form *Ferruccio*. Compare **Ferretti**. Some of the examples below may belong under (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Pio Ferro, naval architect and engineer, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Blythswood, Lanarks); Alfred Ferro, merchant, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Fulham, Middx); William Ferro, cashier, born in Malta, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs); Ceresio Ferro, teacher, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Marylebone, Middx); Gabriel Ferro, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Ferrol**

Variants: **Ferroll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Durham

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

**Ferroll**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Ferrol**.

**Ferron**

Variants: **Feron, Ferran, Ferren, Ferrin, Ferens, Fearon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Irish: from Mac Mhearáin, see **McFerran**. The name may have been confused with **Farren**.

Anglicized forms of this name can be indistinguishable from those of Ó Fearáin, see **Fearon**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Ferron, 1760 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Roman Catholic, Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English (Old French) *ferroun*, *feron* ‘ironmonger, blacksmith’. **Early bearers:** Walter le ferrun, about 1179 in Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary (London); Hervey le Feron, 1277 in Ancient Deeds ii (Middx); William Ferran, 1313 in Patent Rolls (Cambs); Nicholas Ferroun, 1373 in Patent Rolls (Beds); Johannes le Feroun, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); John Ferron, 1687 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); John Feron, 1749 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

3 Huguenot, French: occupational name with the same Old French etymology as (2).

**Early bearers:** Marguerite Feron, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar French Huguenot, London); Jacque Ferron, 1760 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**Ferrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Farrar**.

**Ferry**

Variants: **Ferrey, Ferri, Ferrie, Farren, Fearing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2011, Ireland 811
- **GB frequency 1881:** 946
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Durham; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó Fearadhaigh ‘descendant of Fearadhach’, a personal name from an adjective derived from *fear* ‘man’. This surname is also anglicized **Farry**.

**Early bearers:** Melaghlen O’Ferry, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5592 (Loughford, Sligo); Mellaghlen mcShane O’Farry, kern, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Longford); Donsleive O’Ferry, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5805 (Doonloon, Mayo); Patrick Ferry, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clondavaddog, Donegal).

2 English, Scottish: (i) locative name from Middle English *feri(e)* ‘ferry’ (Old Scandinavian *ferja*, cognate with Old English *ferian* ‘to carry’). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a ferry place, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Ferrybridge (WR Yorks), recorded as *Ferie* in 1086. Some of the

## Ferryman

Scottish early bearers may belong with (1). (ii) nickname from Middle English *feri(e)* 'ferry', as above, for a ferryman. Compare **Ferriman**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry de la Ferye, master of a ship, of Jernemuth, 1317 in Patent Rolls (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johannes de Feri, Johannes Fery, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johannes del Fery, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirk Sandall, WR Yorks); Johannes de Fery, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Ferry, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hough on the Hill, Lincs); Adam atte Ferye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Robert Ferry, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Ferry, 1599 in *IGI* (Upper Wield, Hants); James Ferrie, 1601 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Rob Ferrey, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

Scotland: William Ferry furrou, 1508 in Treasurer Accounts (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Lancelot Ferry, 1511 in Treasurer Accounts (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Ferry, furrou 1540 in Treasurer Accounts (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Ferrie, Henry Ferry, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Ferry, 1621, Helene Ferrie, 1631 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Andrew Ferrie, 1602, Helene Ferry, 1622 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Isobell Ferri, 1674 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife).

3 English: locative name from Ferryhill (Durham), recorded as *Ferie* about 1125 and *Ferye on the Hill* in 1316. The place is named with Old English *fergen* 'wooded hill' with the later addition of Middle English *hil* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ferie, 1217 in Durham Priory Fees; William Ferry, 1565 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Agnes Ferrie, 1568 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); John Ferrie, 1603 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); William Ferrey, 1631 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Northumb and Durham p. 85.

## Ferryman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; also London and Bucks
- English: see **Ferriman**.

## Fessey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Vasey**.

## Festa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 S Italian: nickname most likely from *festa* 'festival', 'holiday', but possibly from a short form of an omen-name such as *Carafesta* or *Cattafesta*.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Battista Festa, 1880 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Giovanni Paolo Festa, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

2 Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from *festa* 'festival, holiday'.

## Fetch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs; also Essex; Leics; WR Yorks
- English, Scottish: unexplained; possibly an occasional variant of **Fitch**.

**Further information:** The N English and Scots word *fetch* 'wraith, apparition' is first recorded too late to account for the name, but it is not impossible that the word is older and might explain some northern bearers.

**Early bearers:** England: Robart Fetch, 1605 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Samuell Fetch, 1629 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Fabius Fetch, 1635 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts). Scotland: Alexander Fetch, 1663 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Fetch, 1671 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs); James Fetch, 1672 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); William Fetch, 1676 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens).

## Fetham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs
- English: see **Feetham**.

## Fetherston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Hants; Warwick; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford, Roscommon, and Westmeath

English: see **Featherstone**.

## Fetherstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; N England
- English: see **Featherstone**.

## Fetherstonhaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Featherstonhaugh**.

## Fett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London; WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *fet(te)*, *fait* 'suitable, becoming, comely' (Old French *fait*).

Compare **Fettes**.

**Early bearers:** Emma Fete, 1227 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); John le Fette, 1294 in Manorial Select Pleas (Berks); Walterus Fayt, 1379 in Poll Tax (Syderstone, Norfolk); Johannes Fayte, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Elmham, Suffolk); Rogerus Fait, 1381 in Poll Tax (Knights Enham, Hants); William Fete, 1473 in Inquisitions post Mortem (Notts); Johes. Fett, 1549 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Barbara Fett, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Fett, 1662 in *IGI* (Morley, WR Yorks).

## Fetterplace

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Fettiplace**.

## Fettes

Variants: **Fettis**, **Fittes**, **Fittis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 268

• **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *fetis*, *fetice* 'neat, elegant, handsome, pretty' (Anglo-Norman French *fetiz*). Compare **Fett**.

**Further information:** In E Scotland this name may have become confused with, or perhaps even be a variant of, **Fiddes**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Feteys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Cuxham, Oxon); Petrus Fetys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Denford, Northants); Johannes Fetyss, 1379 in Poll Tax (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johannes Faytes, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Elmham, Suffolk); Mathew Fettis, 1581, Isabel Fettes, 1584 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Roland Fettis, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Martyn Fittes, 1624 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Fettis, 1654, Eleanor Fettes, 1658 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); William Fettes, 1687 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Robert Fittis, 1717 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).

Scotland: Johnne Fettais, 1519, John Fettas, 1521 in Fife Court Book (Fife); Cristan Fettese, 1580, Bessie Fettes, 1648 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Fettas, 1673 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines); John Fittes, 1692 in *IGI* (Coldstream, Berwicks); James Fettes, 1692 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Agnes Fettese, 1741 in *IGI* (Logie Pert, Angus); Marat. Fetteice, 1704 in *IGI* (Barry, Angus); Agnes Fettis, 1706 in *IGI* (Yetholm, Roxburghs); John Fettis, 1731 in *IGI* (Dunnottar, Kincardines); Robert Fettez, 1757 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Fettiplace

Variants: **Fetterplace**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: nickname from the Anglo-Norman French phrase *fete place* 'make room', perhaps for an usher.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fajteplace, 1210 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Robert Fetesplace, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Adam Feteplace, mayor of Oxford, 1251 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Adam Feteplace, Fetteplace, 1259–60 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Henrico Feteplate [Feteplace], 1381 in Poll Tax (West Hanney, Berks); Peter Feteplace, 1413 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Peter Fetiplace, 1427 in Ancient Deeds vi (Oxon); John Fetplace, 1464 in PROB 11 (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); John Fetyplace, 1510 in PROB 11 (Charney Bassett, Berks); Richard Fetiplace, 1511, John Fetyplace, 1524 in PROB 11 (East Shefford, Berks); Edward Fethyplace, 1550 in PROB 11 (Chieveley, Berks); Alexander Fettiplace, 1564 in PROB 11 (Childrey, Berks); Alexander Fettiplace, 1777 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Samuel Fetterplace, 1884 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

## Fettis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Fettes**.

## Feury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Fiúra, see **Furey**.



**Fever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Feaver**.

**Fevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants
- English: see **Feavers**.

**Feversham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Suffolk
- English: see **Faversham**.

**Feveyear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Feaviour**.

**Fevyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Feaviour**.

**Few**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Wilts; London

French, English: unexplained; perhaps a topographical name from Anglo-Norman French *feu* 'beech-tree', which is recorded also as *feu*.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Few, 1379 in Poll Tax (Leamington Priors, Warwicks); Rose Fewe, 1567, Robert Few, 1593 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Rich. Few, 1604, Margaret Fewe, 1627 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts).

**Fewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Fowle**.

**Fewing**

**Variants:** Fewings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx; Gloucs

Unexplained. Perhaps a nickname from French *fouine* 'marten', but no French connection has been established.

**Early bearers:** David Fewen, 1592 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Thomas Fewin, 1599, Richard Fewing, 1728 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); Amye Fuyan, 1623 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon); Nicholas Fewyn, 1634, Nicholas Fewine, 1664 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Thomas Fuen, 1662 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Robert Fewing, 1673 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon).

**Fewings**

**Variants:** Fewins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: variant of **Fewing** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Elysabthe Feewens, 1549 in *IGI* (London); George Fuens, 1689 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Authur Fewings, 1698 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon); Joan Fewins, 1734 in *IGI* (Throwleigh, Devon).

**Fewins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Fewings**.

**Fewkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Foulkes**.

**Fewster**

**Variants:** Foyster, Foister, Fuster, Foster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. ER Yorks; Durham

English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French, Middle English *fu(y)ster* 'maker of saddletrees'. See also **Forster**, **Foster**.

**Early bearers:** Durand le fuster, about 1179 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Walter le fuster, 1272 in Ancient Deeds ii (Middx); Thomas Fustar, 1377 in Poll Tax (Worcester, Worcs); Robertus Fuystour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Ricardus Fuystour, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Stainley with Cayton, WR Yorks); Johannes Fuster, 1381 in Poll Tax (Caversham, Oxon); Johanne Fuyster, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Agnes Fuster, 1543, George Foister, 1631 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Roland Fewster, 1548 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Fuyster, 1557, William Fuister, son of Nicholas Fewster, 1627 in York Freeman's Register; Thomas Fewster, 1586 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); George Fuster, 1607 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); George Foyster, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

**Fewtrell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

**Fewtrell**

**Variants:** Fewtrell, Fewtrill, Futerill, Futrill, Futrell, Futrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Warwicks

English: unexplained; possibly an occupational name, a dissimilated form of Middle English *feut(er)er* 'houndsman, kennelman', or a diminutive of this in *-el*.

**Early bearers:** Alis Fewtrell, 1540 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); Annes Fewtrell, 1540 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Sabeo Futrell, 1589 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Robart Fewterrell, 1590, Thomas Fewtrell, 1592 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); John

Fewtrell, 1605 in PROB 11 (Rye, Sussex); John Fewtrell, 1607 in PROB 11 (Easthope, Shrops); John Futterell, 1618, Nicholas Futerell, 1677 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Robert Fewtrill, 1655 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Feutrel, 1686 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops); John Futerel, 1716, Edward Fewterill, 1730 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); John Fewtral, 1722, Richard Feutral, 1725 in *IGI* (Cardington, Shrops); Edwd. Futrell, 1730 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Wm Futrel, 1739, Sarah Futrill, 1762 in *IGI* (Tirley, Gloucs).

**Fewtrill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Surrey
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

**Fey**

**Variants:** Fei, Hui, Bi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Gloucs

1 English: see **Fay**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 費 (Fei or Bi in Mandarin romanization, Fai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'fees' in Chinese: (i) from *Fei* (費), the name of an ancient state (located in Shandong province), annexed during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from *Fei* (費), name of a fief (located in Shandong province), which was granted to Ji You, son of the king Lu Huan Gong (died 694 BC) in the state of Lu. (iii) from *Fei* (費), name of a fief (located in Shandong province), which was granted to an official in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) borne by descendants of *Fei* Wu Ji (費無級), an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) adopted as a surname by the *Fei* Lian (費連) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**fforde**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Ford**.

**Ffoulkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Foulkes**. *ff* is simply an early orthographic form of capital *F*.

**ffoulkes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Shrops, and Cheshire

English: see **Foulkes**: *ff* is simply an early orthographic form of capital *F*.

**Ffrench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Devon

English: see **French**.

**Further information:** This form preserves a post-medieval spelling convention for representing an initial capital.

**ffrench**

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway

English: see **French**.

**Further information:** This form preserves a post-medieval spelling convention for representing an initial capital.

**Fiander**

- Current frequencies: GB 328, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 170
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset; also Hants; WR Yorks

French: occupational name; an anglicized form, of uncertain date, of the French surname **Viandier**, from Old French *viandier* 'provider of hospitality, host'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Fyander, 1621 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Robert Fyander, 1628 in PROB 11 (Stalbridge, Dorset); Thomas Fiander, 1666 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Elisabeth Fiander, 1671 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); James Fiander, 1698 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Rob. Fiander, 1724 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset).

**Fiaz**

- Current frequencies: GB 572, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim: see **Fayyaz**.

**Fice**

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

Norman, English: see **Fitz**.

**Further information:** Fices Well in Lydford (Devon), recorded as *Fices Well*, *Fitzwell* in 1702, was reputed to have been built by John *Fitz* of Tavistock in 1568. **References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 198.

**Fick**

Variants: **Ficke**, **Vick**, **Feek**, **Figg**

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; also Sussex and Surrey

1 German: relationship name from a pet form of the German personal name *Friedrich*. According to the IoM parish registers, the original immigrant came from Stettin in Germany (Prussia, now Szczecin in Poland).

**Early bearers:** Johann Dan Fick, 1765 in Parish Registers (IoM); Samuel Fick, 1810, Robert Vick, 1858 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

**References:** Kneen, p. 110.

2 English: (i) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*fik*, *\*fig*, a derivative of Middle English *fiken* 'to move quickly or restlessly; to shrink, flinch, retreat hurriedly'. The sense might be 'fidgety (person)'; compare Modern English dialect *fig* and *fidge* 'to move restlessly, fidget', and see also **Fidge** and **Figg**. The definite article in the 1296 form is indicative of a noun or adjective. (ii) nickname alternatively from unrecorded Middle English *\*fik*, perhaps from Old English *gefic* 'deceit' or back-formed from Middle English *fikel* 'deceitful' (Old English *ficol*). See **Ficker**.

**Early bearers:** Semann' Fike, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Walter le Fyke, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (East

Grinstead, Sussex); Laurence Fick, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Kingston and East Preston, Sussex); Rogero Fik, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Minterne Magna, Dorset); Johannes Fikke, Ricardus Fykke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weybourne, Norfolk); Oselinus Fyke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Garveston, Norfolk); Rauff Fykke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lodsworth, Sussex); Thomas Fick, 1563, Richard Ficke, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Anne Ficke, 1575 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); John Fig, 1645, Robert Fick, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

3 Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *\*fike*, a Norman French variant of Old French *\*fiche* 'a pointed implement for fixing or transfixing something or someone'. See **Fitch**. It may also have been used as a personal name. *Ficka*, 14th cent. in Ancient Deeds vi (Staffs), may not be a reliable form, but the diminutives **Fitchett**, **Fickett**, and **Ficken** fit well with this interpretation, as does the surname of Walterus *Fygenot*, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Oakley, Essex), which looks like a double diminutive pet form of *Fige*, a variant of *Fike* with voicing of /k/. See **Figg**. Some of the early bearers in (2) may belong here.

**Further information:** As further support for this explanation Reaney cites the name of Richard *fkberd*, 1277 in Cotton Claudius D xiii, who 'probably wore a pointed beard'. Compare also William *Feckeberd*, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Langley, Herts). However, *Fike*- and *Feke*- are as likely to represent Middle English *fiken*, *fekien* 'to move restlessly, wag, shake'; see (2, i).

**Ficke**

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Hants
- English: see **Fick**.

**Ficken**

Variants: **Feakin**, **Feakins**, **Figgins**

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 77
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Northants

1 German: relationship name from the German personal name *Ficken*, a diminutive form of *Fick*, a pet form of *Friedrich*. Compare **Fick** (1).

**Early bearers:** Geferd Ficken, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Jno Ficken, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Claus Diederick Ficken, 1824 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Friedrich Ficken, born in Hannover (Germany), in Census 1861 (Saint George in the East, Middlesex);

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English, Old French personal name *Ficun*, presumably a pet form of **Fick** used as a personal name + the Old French diminutive suffix *-un*, which later developed to *-in* and *-en*. The medieval forms with *-g* show intervocalic voicing of /k/, but some of the post-medieval spellings *-g*- or *-gg*- could alternatively be for *dg* and the examples may belong with **Fidgeon**. **Early bearers:** Richard Ficun, Fycun, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Rogerum Ficun, 1230 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); Walterus Figon, Johannes Figon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton, Hants); Robert Fygen, John Fygyn, 1545 in Sussex Wills; Thomas Figger, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); John Figger, 1631 in *IGI* (Brenzett, Kent); Roger Figin, 1674 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Edward Figger, 1694 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Pasco Figen, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Figen, 1785 in *IGI*

(Southampton, Hants); James Ficken, 1801 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

**Ficker**

- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: (i) nickname perhaps for a flatterer or deceiver, from an unrecorded Middle English *\*fikere*, *\*fekere*, a derivative of Middle English *fiken* 'to wag the head fawningly; to deceive by flattery'. Compare Middle English *fikelere* 'flatterer, deceiver' (from the related verb *fikelen*) and see **Fick** (2). Compare **Fixter**. (ii) occupational name possibly from an unrecorded Middle English *\*fikere*, *\*fekere* 'beater' (of metals or of wool, cloth, flax, etc.). Compare Middle Dutch *fikere* with this sense, a derivative of Middle Dutch *ficken* 'to beat'. There is no evidence for a Middle English *\*ficken*, but *fucken* 'to strike' could be a related form (see OED, at *fuck*).

**Early bearers:** William Fikere, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Kent), John Feker, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Joseph Ficker, 1775 in *IGI* (Lawshall, Suffolk); Marsham Ficker, 1818 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** Debrabandere, at Ficker.

**Fickett**

Variants: **Figgett**

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Fitchett** and compare **Fidgett** and **Figgett**, which probably represent alternative pronunciations of the same name.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Fiket, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Richard Fyket, 1284 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Thomas Fyket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thompson, Norfolk); Johannes Fyket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southburgh, Norfolk).

**Fickling**

Variants: **Fidling**, **Fidlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 272
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Middx

English: locative name from Fitling (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Fiteling, 1193, de Fitling, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus de Fitlyng, 1377 in Poll Tax (Anlaby, ER Yorks); John de Fitlyng', 1379 in Feet of Fines (Yorks and Lincs); Thomas Fitlyng, fishman, 1380–1 in Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames (Norwich, Norfolk); John Fitlyng, 1484 in Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames (Kimberley, Norfolk); Raffe Fidling, 1563 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Thomas Fitling, 1577 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Thomae Fidling, 1579 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Sarah Fidlin, 1582 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Thomas Ficklinge, 1584, Robt. Ficklyn, 1611, Robert Fickling, 1612, John Ficklin, 1670, Ann Fichling, 1780 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Gualter Fitlin, 1601 in *IGI* (Swanton Novers, Norfolk); Edward Fitlinge, 1611 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); William Ficklin, 1611, Robt. Fickling, 1666 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Ficklin, 1738 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk). **References:** Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames pp. 87–8.

**Fiddaman**

Variants: **Fiddeman**, **Fidderman**, **Fiddament**, **Fiddymont**, **Fiddymont**

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 86

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name apparently from a corrupt form of **Fiddian**. Compare Johannes *Fydyen*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eccles, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Tho. Fydyan or Fydymont, 1470 in History of Norfolk (Shelton, Norfolk); Thomas Fidiman, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Fidemonde, 1597 in PROB 11 (Wymondham, Norfolk); John Fiddiman, 1603 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richard Fiddeman, 1641 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Edinah Fideman, 1696 in *IGI* (Barningham, Norfolk); Robert Fidement, 1743, Robert Fiddiment, 1759, Ann Fiddement, 1788, Jeremiah Fiddamont, 1837 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Fiddaman, 1745 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Elizabeth Fiddament, 1789 in *IGI* (Wramplingham, Norfolk); Eliz. Fidaman, 1784 in *IGI* (Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk); John Fidderman, 1815 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Fiddament

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Fiddaman**.

### Fiddeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Suffolk; NR Yorks

English: see **Fiddaman**.

### Fidderman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Suffolk

English: see **Fiddaman**.

### Fiddes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 865, Ireland 41

- **GB frequency 1881:** 547

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Fermanagh

1 Scottish: locative name from Fiddes in Foveran (Aberdeens). See also **Fettes**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund de Fothais, 1200–7 in Arbroath Register; Fergus de Fothas, 1289 in Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities; John Fotis, Walter de Fothas, 1328–9 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; Eustace de Futhes, 1373 in Scottish Arms (Aberdeens); Duncan Futhas, 1408 in Aberdeen Charters (Aberdeens, Aberdeens); George Fiddes, 1583 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Fiddes, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bessie Fiddes, 1601 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

2 Irish: anglicized form of the Norman surname *de Sancto Fide*, a Latin rendering of the place-name *Sainte-Foy* in Seine-Maritime, or of *Sainte-Foy-de-Montgommery* in Calvados.

### Fiddian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: see **Vivian**.

### Fiddler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 645

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; also Orkney; Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English, Jewish: see **Fidler**.

### Fiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 259

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Old French *fitz deu* 'son of God'.

**Early bearers:** John Fizdeu, Walter fideu, 1327 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk); Richard FitzDieu, 1335 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); William le Fitz Dye, 1339 in Patent Rolls; Elizabeth Fidyde, 1609 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Richard Fiddie, 1626, Jonas Fiddy, 1632 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Robt. Fidyde, 1654 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Frances Fiddy, 1665 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Edward Fiddy, 1674 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs).

### Fiddymont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Fiddaman**.

### Fiddymont

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Fiddaman**.

### Fidge

Variants: **Figg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) variant of **Figg**. (ii) variant of **Fitch** with voicing of the final consonant.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus Fygge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Gylbard Fidge, 1578 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent).

### Fidgen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Fidgeon**.

### Fidgeon

Variants: **Fidgen**, **Fitchen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Essex; NR Yorks

1 English: (i) variant of **Vivian**. Compare **Videan**.

(ii) variant of **Fitzjohn**.

**Further information:** Fidgeons Croft in High Easter (Essex) is named after Peter *ffitz John*, 1403 in Place-Names of Essex. Other Essex farms named Fitzjohns occur as *Figeons* alias *Fitzjohns* in 1630, *Phigons* in 1776, *Phidgeons* in 1777.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fidgin, 1614 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent); Henrici Figion, 1624 in *IGI* (Kings Ripton, Hunts); William Fidgeon, 1692 in *IGI* (Kingsbury,

Warwicks); Thomas Fidgeon, 1720 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); John Fidgeon, 1759 in *IGI* (Offley, Herts).

2 Irish: reduced variant of **Mag Guagain**, see **McGuigan**.

### Fidgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 81

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: probably a variant of **Fitchett** with voicing of the intervocalic consonant. Compare **Fickett**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Fidget, 1637 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Mary Fidgett, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Fidkin

Variants: **Fitkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: relationship name from a *-kin* diminutive of *Fidd*, probably a pet form of **Vivian**. Compare Johannes *Fydcok*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bingley, WR Yorks), a diminutive formed with *-cok*.

**Early bearers:** Philip Fidekyn, 1324 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Richard Fitekyn, 1374 in Patent Rolls (Middx); Johannes Fydekyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blakeney, Norfolk); Jho. Fitkyn, 1565, Thomas Fitkin, 1569 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Richardi Fidkyn, 1571 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Emanuell Fitkin, 1635, Bennett Fidkin, 1640 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Johames Fitkin, 1671 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Herts).

### Fidler

Variants: **Fiddler**, **Vidler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2188, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1913

- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs; also Berks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *fittheler(e)*, *fideler(e)* 'fiddler, one who plays a stringed instrument' (Old English *fiðelere*). Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** England: John le Fithelare, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John le ffithelere, 1285 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Simon Le Vythelar', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Johannes Fytheler, 1377 in Poll Tax (Sutton with Mepal, Cambs); Stephanus Fythelar', 1379 in Poll Tax (Snaith, WR Yorks); Johannes Fydeler', 1379 in Poll Tax (Wortley, WR Yorks); Alicia Fithyller, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Henrico Fytheler', 1381 in Poll Tax (East Hanney, Berks); Johannes Fydler', 1381 in Poll Tax (Willerby, ER Yorks); Richard Fideler, 1391 in Patent Rolls; William Fydeler of Warham, 1427 in Patent Rolls (Wareham, Dorset); William Fidler, 1547 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Thomas Fydler or Fidler, 1551 in PROB 11 (Upper Clatford, Hants); Willm Fidler, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis Fidler, 1573 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Robert Vidler, 1591, Robert Vidlor, 1595 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); John Fiddler, 1629 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Alice Vidler, 1641 in PROB 11; John Vidler, 1646 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants); Martha Viddler, 1715 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Hanah Fidor, 1721 in *IGI* (Marple, Cheshire).

## Fidlin

Scotland: Andrew Fidlar, 1498 in Lanark Records (Lanarks); Nicoll Fydlair, 1525 in Antiquities of Shetland (Shetland); John Fidler, 1584 in Orkney Records (Orkney); Cristan Fidlar, 1587, Elspet Fidler, 1614 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Edward Fidler, 1659 in *IGI* (South Ronaldsay, Orkney); John Fidler, 1661 in *IGI* (Craig, Angus); Jean Fiddler, 1696 in *IGI* (Canonbie, Dumfriess); Isobell Fiddler, 1703 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Jean Fidlar, 1721 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney); Margt. Fiddler, 1774 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney).

2 Norman, English: nickname perhaps from the Old French phrase *vis de leuu* 'wolf's face', from Old French *vis* (Latin *visus*) 'face' + *leuu* (Latin *lupus*, 'wolf'). *Videlu* would have become *Vidloe*, then *Vidler*, thus becoming confused with *Fiddler*.

**Early bearers:** Hunfridus Uis de leuu, 1086 in Domesday Book (Berks); Hunfridus Vis de lupo, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Walchelinus Visus lupi, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon), Videlu, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Visdelou, 1160 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Geoffrey Vysdelou, 1310 in Patent Rolls (Bucks); Johanne Vydelu, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chalfield, Wilts); Willm Fidler, 1562 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs); Joana Fidler, 1564 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Johannis Fidler, 1564 in *IGI* (Allerton Mauleverer, WR Yorks); Christofer Fidler, 1569 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *fidler*, 'fiddler, one who plays a stringed instrument'.

**Early bearers:** Marks Fidler, apprentice musical instrument maker, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Fidler, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Abraham Fiddler, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Cheetham, Lincs); Hyman Fidler, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Harris Fidler, 1911 in Cemetery Scribes (Edmonton, Middx).

## Fidlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Lancs
- English: see **Fickling**.

## Fidling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Fickling**.

## Fido

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; also Gloucs
- English: see **Fidoe**.

## Fidoe

Variants: **Fido**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks and Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Peter *Fido* appears in an undated medieval document in Staffs Archives. It looks like

Latin *fido* 'I believe' but this would be an unparalleled formation for a surname in medieval England.

**Early bearers:** Richard Fydo, 1494 in Birmingham Archives (referring to Rock, Worcs); Izabell Fydoe, 1550, Thos Fydo, 1596 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Thomas Fido, 1553 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Alisse Fidoe, 1562 in *IGI* (Rochford, Worcs); Thomas Fidowe, 1566, Arthure Fidow, 1607 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); John Fido, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Stanford, Worcs); Thomas Fidoe, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Whitborne, Herefs); Thomas Fidoe, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Bitton, Gloucs); Francis Fidoe, 1642 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

## Fiedler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: occupational name from Middle High German *videlære*, German *Fiedler* 'fiddler, one who plays a stringed instrument'. Compare **Fidler**.

**Early bearers:** Fritz Fiedler, gardener, born in Hanover, Germany, in Census 1851 (Saint Pancras, Middx); George Fiedler, baker, born in Ruhrhessen, Germany, in Census 1861 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Gertrude Fiedler, born in Magdeburg, in Census 1871 (Camberwell, Surrey); Gustave Fiedler, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Poplar, Middx); Robert Fiedler, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Christian Fielder, restaurant manager, born in Bavaria, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Oscar Fiedler, cook, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Chorlton, Lancs); Wilhelm Gustav Fiedler, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Marylebone, Middx).

## Field

Variants: **Feild, Delafield, Fields**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17960, Ireland 599
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14577
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Dublin

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a field or in a district of open country, from Middle English (Old English) *feld* 'arable field, flat open country', or who came from a place so named, such as Field in Leigh (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Felde, 1185 in Templars Records (Gloucs); Hugo de la Felde, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Beds); John del Feld, 1190 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); James atte Felde, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William othe felde, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); John in the Felde, 1333 in Löfvenberg; Baldwin Felde, 1428 in Feudal Aids (Worcs); Walter Feld or Feeld, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robert Felde or Feld or Field, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Alton, Hants); William Field, 1538 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Elyzabeth Feild, 1541 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Tho Field, 1549 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Bartyllmew Field, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Alis Field, 1593 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 Irish, Scottish: from **Mac Phóil**, see **McPhail**.

**Early bearers:** David Feilde, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3150 (Tractane, Cork); Richard Field, 1582–83 in Fiant Elizabeth §4116 (Dublin); Robert Field, 1582–83 in Fiant Elizabeth (Dublin); Thomas Field,

merchant, 1582–83 in Fiant Elizabeth §4116 (Dublin); Oen Fild alias O'Fielly, kern, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4421 (Kilmachsesy).

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Field** or any of the Jewish surnames formed with this word, such as **Feldman**.

**Early bearers:** Louis Field, stockbroker, born in Frankfurt, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Bernhard Field, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Hornsey, Middx); Hyman Field, jeweller, born in Krakow, in Census 1901 (Saint Katherine Cree, London); Harris Field, grocer, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Morris Field, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Abraham Field, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Fielden

Variants: **Feilden, Feldon, Velden, Fielding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from a Middle English survival of the dative plural of Old English *feld*, denoting someone who lived 'in the fields'. The lost district name Feldon in Warwicks may be named with this word. Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** William de la Felden, 1286 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Worcs); Willelmo Felden, 1379 in Poll Tax (Osbaston, Leics); Johanne Felden, 1379 in Poll Tax (Grimston, Leics); Stephen Feldon, 1438 in Patent Rolls (Tamworth, Staffs); Isabel Feilden, 1539 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Henry Felden, 1548, Ricd. Feildon, 1613, Anne Feildenn, 1621, Robert Fieldon, 1689, in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); John Feldon, 1565 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Edwardi Felden, 1568 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Fielden, 1600 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Richi. Fielden, 1617 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Alexander Velden, 1690 in Parish Registers (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Stephen Velden, 1740 in *IGI* (Compton near Newbury, Berks).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks p. 15.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Feldom in Marske (NR Yorks), recorded as *Feldon* in 1231.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Feldon, 1400 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Richard de Feldon, 1415 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 293.

3 English: see **Fieldsend**.

4 English: see **Fielding**.

## Fieldend

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Fieldsend**.

## Fielder

Variants: **Feilder, Filder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2072, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1839
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants
- English: locative name, nickname from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *feld* 'field, open country' (see **Field**), for someone who lived or worked in the fields or countryside. Compare **Fieldman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Feldere, 1310 in Patent Rolls (Surrey); Geoffrey le Felder, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Robarte Felder, 1561 in PROB 11 (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Feilder, 1567 in PROB 11 (Portsmouth, Hants); George Fielder, 1586 in PROB 11 (Heyshott, Sussex); Mary Filder, 1624 in PROB 11 (Farnham, Surrey).

### Fieldgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Sussex
- English: see **Felgate**.

### Fieldhouse

**Variants:** Feildhouse, Felthouse, Feltus, Fieldus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1955, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1432
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs
- English: locative name from Middle English *feld(es)* 'field(s)' + *hous* 'house', for someone who lived in an isolated house surrounded by fields, or who came from a place so named, such as the tenement called *Feldhous* recorded in Bowling (WR Yorks) in 1391, or Felthouse near Ford (Staffs). Compare **Woodhouse**. The obsolete variant *Felhouse* may have become **Fellows**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Feldeshous, Henry de Felhouse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John of Feldehouse, 1342 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Bradford, WR Yorks); Johannes del Feldhouse, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bowling, WR Yorks); John del Feldhous, 1391 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Bowling, WR Yorks); Radulphus Feldhowse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Alicia Feldhowse, 1559 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Philip Fieldhouse, 1565 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Robert Fildhowse, 1578, James Fieldhowse, 1579 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Thomas Fieldhowse, 1581 in Parish Registers (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Edward Felthowse, 1581 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Alice Feildhowse, 1582 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Willms. Felthouse, 1582 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Jane Fieldhouse, 1598 in *IGI* (Penkrige, Staffs); Ed. Felthouse, 1610 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); Alex. Feeldhouse, 1613 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Tho. Feildhouse, 1609 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); John Feildhouse, 1656 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Thomas Feltus, 1700 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Willi Fildus, 1706 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Hannah Fieldus, 1726 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Staffs Place-Names.

### Fielding

**Variants:** Feilding, Fielden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6942, Ireland 181
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6679
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Westmeath
- 1 English: see **Fielden**.

2 English: nickname occasionally from a Middle English survival of Old English *felding* 'dweller in the field(s), open country'. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Further information:** A family of this name held the earldom of Desmond 1628–75 and has held the earldom of Denbigh since 1622. A branch of this

family included the novelist Henry *Fielding* (1707–54).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Feilding, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Roger Fylding, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Joanne Feildinge, 1584 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Henrie Feildinge, 1587 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Garret Fieldinge, 1593 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Feilding, 1596 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); Robti. Feilding, 1608, Johannis Feilding, 1637 in *IGI* (Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leics); John Feilding, 1624, Robt. Feilding, 1627 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Feilding, 1637 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

3 Irish: from **Mac Phóil**, see **McPhail**.

### Fieldman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazi): anglicized form of **Feldman**.

2 English: locative name, nickname perhaps occasionally from Middle English *feld* 'field' + *-man*, for someone who lived or worked '(at the) field'. Compare **Fielder**. This name may have died out in the UK.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Feldman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Johanne Feldman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Rodborough, Gloucs); William Fieldman, 1603 in Parish Registers (Westminster, Middx); Stephen Fieldman, 1709 in *IGI* (Intwood, Norfolk).

### Fields

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2459, Ireland 498
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Dublin

English: variant of **Field** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Further information:** In Lancs this name may have become confused with **Fildes**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Fields, 1578 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Tomsine Fields, 1596 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Abraham Fields, 1607 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); John Fields, 1625 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs).

### Fieldsend

**Variants:** Fieldson, Fieldend, Fielden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Middle English *feld(es)* 'field(s)' (see **Field**) + *end* 'end', for someone who lived at the end of a field or fields, or in an isolated settlement in the fields.

**Early bearers:** John atfeldesende, 1270 in Löfvenberg (Worcs); Robert del Feldend, 1356 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Todmorden, WR Yorks); Johannes de Feldehend', 1379 in Poll Tax (Quyq, WR Yorks); Richard del Feelden, 1414 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Great Mitton, WR Yorks); Adam de Feldende, 1430 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John Feildsend, 1572, Ann Fieldsend, 1627, Hannah Fieldson, 1704, Wm Fieldend, 1719 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Katherin Feldsend, 1576, Isabell Feildsend, 1587, Charles

Fieldsend, 1593 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs); Johannis Fieldsend, 1688 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Fieldson, 1727 in *IGI* (Hackthorn, Lincs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Fieldson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Fieldsend**.

### Fieldus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place named with Old English *feld* 'open country, field' + *hyrst* 'wood', probably in Sussex.

**Early bearers:** William de Feldhurst, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Reginaldo Feldhurst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warnham, Sussex); Reginaldo Feldhurst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Coombes, Sussex); Stephano Feldhurst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shortsfield, Sussex); Robt Feildust, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Daniel Fieldhurst, 1814 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

2 English: see **Fieldhouse**.

### Fieldwick

**Variants:** Feldwick, Feldwicke, Felwick, Fellick, Fallick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place named with Old English *feld* 'open country, field' + *wīc* 'farm, settlement', perhaps in the vicinity of Old House in West Hoathly (Sussex), which was formerly known as *Feldwycks*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Feldwyke, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ricardus Feldwyke, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Hoathly, Sussex); John Feldweke, 1561 in PROB 11 (West Hoathly, Sussex); Mary Fallick, 1573 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Nich Feldwick, 1613 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Hen. Feldwicke, 1670 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Fieldwick, 1691 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); John Fallick, 1698 in *IGI* (Kingston, IoW); William Felwick, 1795 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex); John Falwick, 1802 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex p. 273.

### Fiennes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Bucks
- Norman, English: see **Finnis**.

### Fierman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Jewish: see **Fireman**.

### Fife

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 797
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also NE England; London
- Scottish: see **Fyfe**.

**Fifer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): mainly Jewish variant of, or anglicized spelling of **Pfeiffer**.
- Early bearers:** John Fifer, mason's labourer, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Burnley, Lancs); Saul Fifer, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Albert Fifer, bricklayer, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (West Ham, Essex); Solomon Feffer, in Census 1901 (Prestwich, Lancs); Israel Feffer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Prestwich, Lancs); Israel Feffer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx); David Harris Feffer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx); Leah Fifer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End New Town, Middx).

**Fifield**

Variants: **Fyfield, Fiford, Fifoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 825, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London; Gloucs

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *fff* 'five' + *hide* 'hides', a hide being an Anglo-Saxon measurement of land area, such as Fyfield (Hants, Gloucs, Berks, Wilts, Essex), Fifield near Stow on the Wold (Oxon), Fifield near Wallingford (Oxon), Fifield (Wilts), Fifield Bavant (Wilts), Fifehead Magdalen (Dorset), Fifehead Neville (Dorset), Fifehead Saint Quintin (Dorset), Fifehead (Somerset), and Fitzhead (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Fiffida, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); William de Fiffide, 1236 in Book of Fees (Wilts); Richard Fiffede, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Symon Fyfedde, 1377, Simon Fyfyde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Adderbury, Oxon); Jacobus Fifide, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Ricardus Fifede, 1381 in Poll Tax (Beauchamp Roding, Essex); Bartholomeus Fyfhide, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Dunmow, Essex); John Fyfyhyd, 1411 in PROB 11 (Brightwell, Berks); Richard Fifield, Isabella Fyfield alias Low, 1505 in PROB 11 (Waltham Cross, Herts); Agnesse Fifield, 1553 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Robarte Fyfield, 1578 in *IGI* (Shipton Oliffe, Gloucs); Margrett Fyford, 1727 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); Daniel Fiford, 1731 in *IGI* (Piddletrenthide, Dorset); Edward Fifett, 1737 in *IGI* (Moor Crichel, Dorset); Thos. Fifoot, 1747 in *IGI* (Chelwood, Somerset).

**Fifoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Fifield**.

**Fiford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also IoW; Gloucs
- English: see **Fifield**.

**Figg**

Variants: **Figge, Fidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 709

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex, and Kent; Bucks

1 English: (i) variant of **Fieck** with voicing of /k/ to /g/. (ii) variant of **Fidge**. In some of the following early forms -ge- and -gge- may alternatively be spellings for *dg*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Fige, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); William Fige, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (London); Adam Fidge, 1307 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Stanley, WR Yorks); Johanne Fyge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Purleigh, Essex); John Fyge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Linton, Gloucs); John le Fidge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (West Grinstead, Sussex); Ricardo Fyge, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Newbold Comyn, Warwicks); Thomas Fige, 1340 in Caunton Rental (Caunton, Notts); Johannes Fyge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Fyge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); Johanne Fyge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wyboston, Beds); Walterus Fyge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whippingham, IoW); Cristiana Fyge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Radulphus Fyge, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Simon Fidge, 1381 in London Letter Books H; Johannes Fyg', 1381 in Poll Tax (Puttenham, Surrey); John Fyge, 1435 in Patent Rolls (Andover, Hants); ; Willm. Figg, 1571 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); John Figg, 1577 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Fige, 1580 in PROB 11 (Winslow, Bucks); Michael Figg, 1589 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Tho. Figg, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); John Fig, 1672 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Richd. Fig, 1769 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks).

2 English: relationship name in E Anglia, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Fegge*, \**Figge* (Old Scandinavian *Feggi*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fegge, brother of Turuerdus, 1142 in Northants Charters (Lincs); Fegga Bucca, 1165–6 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs).

surames: Walterus Fegge, 1199 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Thomas Fegge, Thomas filius Ricardi Fegge, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Johannes Fegge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tunstead, Norfolk); Johannes Fegge, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Dereham, Norfolk); Robertus Fygg', 1379 in Poll Tax (Blickling, Norfolk); Thomas Figg, 1610 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Joane Fig, 1639 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent).

**Figge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- English: see **Figg**.

**Figgess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Hants, and Surrey
- English: see **Figgis**.

**Figgett**

Variants: **Figgitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Gloucs

English: probably a variant of either **Fieckett** or **Fitchett** with voicing of the intervocalic consonant. Compare **Fidgett**.

**Early bearers:** Lewes Figgett, 1587 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Figgett, 1625 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior,

Worcs); Elizabeth Figgett, 1687 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Edward Figgett, 1739 in *IGI* (Cutsdean, Gloucs).

**Figgins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Fiecken** (2) with voicing of the intervocalic consonant and addition of post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Feakins**, a variant of the same name with a different distribution.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Figgins, 1616 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs); John Figgins, 1618 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Anne Figgins, 1639, Edward Figs, 1678 in *IGI* (Vernham Dean, Hants); Mathew Figgins, 1651 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); Mary Figgens, 1700 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Peter Figence, 1707 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Will Figgens, 1722, John Figs, 1735 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Mary Elizabeth Figgons, 1777 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Figgis**

Variants: **Figgess, Feakes, Fakes, Figures**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Norman, English: nickname from *fikeis*, a Norman French form of Old French *ficheis* 'faithful'. *Figgis* reflects medieval and later voicing of the intervocalic consonant, while forms beginning in *Fe-* show Middle English lengthening and lowering of the vowel, hence **Feakes**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Fykes, Fykeis, 1281 in London Letter Books B; William Fykays, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Nor' Fickes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Rendcomb, Gloucs); Will'o Fykeys, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Nottingham, Notts); Johannes Fygis, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dunsford, Devon); Willelmus Fecys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kenninghall, Norfolk); Johannes Fekeys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Feltwell, Norfolk); Alicia Fekys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Slipton, Northants); Ricardo Fykes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Willelmo Fykyys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Cheverell, Wilts); Ricardo Fickes, 1381 in Poll Tax (Gloucs); Johanna Fikays, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kent); Elizabeth Fickys, 1610 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); James Figgis, 1672 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts); Josiah Fickus, 1708 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants).

**Figgitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Figgett**.

**Figueira**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Portuguese: locative name denoting someone who lived by a prominent fig tree, from *figueira* 'fig tree', or from a place named with this word.

**Figueiredo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Portuguese: locative name from any of numerous places named Figueiredo, from the collective noun *figueiredo* 'grove of fig trees'.

**Early bearers:** Francisco Mansel De Figueiredo, 1824 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Beatrice Julia Figueiredo, 1860 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Silvanus Ernest Lonner Figueiredo, 1864 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Camillo De Figueiredo, born in Lisbon, Portugal, in Census 1881 (Gorton, Lancs).

### Figueras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Spanish (Catalan): locative name from a place called Figueras (Catalan *Figueres*) in Gerona.

**Early bearers:** Stanislaus Figueras, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Woolwich, Kent); Joaquin Figueras, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Figures

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Figgis**.

**Early bearers:** Willm Figgars, 1594 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); John Figgars, 1607, John Figers, 1612, Willyam Figgars, 1664 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Mary Figers, 1628, Anne Figgures, 1747, John Figures, 1749 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs); Eliz. Figgurs, 1718 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); William Figures, 1723 in *IGI* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Samuel Figures, 1750 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks).

### Filbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Bucks; Norfolk

English: see **Filby**.

### Filbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Filbert* (Continental Germanic *Filuberht*, Old French *Philibert*). Compare **Philibert**.

**Early bearers:** Temannus filius Filberti, 13th cent. in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs); Hugh Filbert, 1371 in Patent Rolls; John Filberd', 1375 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Henry Filberd, 1488 in London Letter Books Lincs; William Filberd, 1582 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Lewis Fylberte, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Filbert, 1763 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

2 German: relationship name from the personal name *Filbert*, of the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Filbert, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Filbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Essex; Norfolk

English: see **Filby**.

### Filbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire; Durham

Irish: from **Mac Philbin**, see **Philbin**.

### Filby

**Variants:** **Filbey**, **Filbee**, **Philby**, **Philbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 996, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 651
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also London

English: locative name from Filby (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Filebi, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Adam de Phyleby, 1287 in Westminster Abbey Documents; Simon de Filby, 1310 in London Letter Books D; Johannes de Fylby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hempton, Norfolk); Johannes de Filby, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Roger Filbie, 1541, Reginall Filby, 1545, Margerie Fylbye, 1571, Katryne Filbee, 1607 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Nicholas Fylbie, 1544, Nicholas Fylby, 1546, Nicholas Filbye, 1547 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Christopher Philbie, 1611 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Hughe Philby, 1612 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Anne Filbey, 1619 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johan Filby, 1620 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); Edmond Philbey, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Philbee, 1685 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Filder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex

English: see **Fielder**.

### Fildes

**Variants:** **Fyldes**, **Files**, **Fyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from the regional name Fylde, given to the western part of Amounderness hundred (Lancs). The name is preserved in Poulton le Fylde (Lancs). The final *-s* appears to be a post-medieval excrescence.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Fields**.

**Early bearers:** Dike del Filde, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); John Fylles, 1570, James Fylds, 1575, Elizabetha Fyldes, 1597 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Robert Fyles, 1584 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Rogeri Fildes, 1600 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Rober. Files, 1604 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); John Fyld, 1636 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names p. 139.

### File

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Fill**.

### Filer

**Variants:** **Fyler**, **Filler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 874, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 612
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs, Monmouths, and Glamorgan; London

English: (i) occupational name from Old French *fleur* 'spinner', a derivative of *fil* 'thread'. (ii) occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *filen* 'to file', for a file maker, or someone who files, smooths, or polishes something.

**Early bearers:** John le Filur, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Thomas le Fyler, 1302 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); John le Fyler, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Beds); Thomas le Fillour, 1316 in Patent Rolls; William Filer of Kirkeby, 1326 in Patent Rolls (Kirby Cross or Kirby le Soken, Essex); Johannes Filer', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); William Fyler, 1395 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Thomas Fyler alias Fylere, citizen and mercer of London, 1452 in Patent Rolls; Gulihelmi Filler, 1571 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); John Filler, 1572 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Richardus Filer, 1600 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Welyam Fyler, 1608 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Fyler, 1638 in *IGI* (Churchill, Somerset); William Filer, 1671 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs); Elizabeth Filer, 1672 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Ann Filer, 1755 in *IGI* (Paulton, Somerset); Elizabeth Filler, 1766 in *IGI* (East Brent, Somerset).

### Files

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent

1 English: see **Fildes**.

2 English: variant of **Fill** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Filles, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); Anne Fills, 1676 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Files, 1717 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent).

### Filgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English, Irish: see **Felgate**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has been established in Ireland since at least the 17th century.

### Filkin

**Variants:** **Felkin**, **Filkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Filkin*, \**Felkin*, a pet form of *Phil* (see **Fill**), short for **Philip**. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Philip Filkyn, 1373 in Ancient Deeds vi (Cheshire); Morgan Filkyn, 1400 in Patent Rolls (Cheshire); Margareta Felkin, 1563 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Thos. Felkine, 1565 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); John Filkynne, 1574 in PROB 11 (London); Jone Felkyn, 1583 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Margreta Felken, 1602 in *IGI* (Barlaston, Staffs); Wm Filken, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Peter Filkin, 1628 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Filkins**.

### Filkins

**Variants:** **Felkins**, **Folkins**, **Filkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120

## Fill

- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Middx

1 English: variant of **Filkin**, with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ann Filkins, 1575 in *IGI* (Tilehurst, Berks); Thomas Filkins or Filkyns, 1597 in PROB 11 (Tilehurst, Berks); Richardi Filkins, 1611 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Filkens, 1641 in PROB 11 (Holcombe Rogus, Devon); Wilston Felkins, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Richard Filkings, 1764 in *IGI* (East and West Hagbourne, Berks).

2 English: locative name from Filkins (Oxon), which is recorded as *Filking* and *Filkinges* in the 12th century. Place-name forms ending in *-ins* are first recorded in 1797.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Filking, 1185 in Templars Records (Oxon); [... de] Filiking, 1218, [... de] Filyking, 1268 in Place-Names of Oxon (Oxon); John Filekins, Philekinge, 1257–68 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Francis Filkins, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Mary Filkins, 1663 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Thomas Filkins, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

**References:** Place-Names of Oxon, p. 320.

## Fill

**Variants:** **Phill**, **File**, **Files**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Phill*, *Fill*, a pet form of **Philip**.

**Early bearers:** John son of Fylle, 1344 in Ancient Deeds vi (Shrops); William Fille, Phille, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Johannes Fille, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldwick, Sussex); Jno. Fill, 1566 in *IGI* (Welford on Avon, Gloucs); Katerin File, 1585 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); Edward Phyll, 1609 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Daniell Fill, 1629 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); Mary Phill, 1681 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Fillary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Fillery**.

## Filler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and London

English: see **Filer**.

## Fillery

**Variants:** **Fillary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* or *fil* (*de*) *le rei* 'son of the king', generally taken as implying that the bearer was a bastard son of the king, but McKinley notes that in late 13th-century Sussex it appears as the name of a customary tenant and that in this case it must have been used either as a (mocking?) nickname or as a fancy way of denoting the son of someone surnamed *le Ray* 'the king'. Compare **Kingson** and see **Ray** and **King**, both of which occurred in medieval Sussex.

**Further information:** Fitzleroi Farm in Fittleworth (Sussex) and Philderayes in Itchingfield (Sussex) take their names from early bearers of this surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry Filleray, Fyleray, Fiz le Rey, 13th cent. in Percy Chartulary (Sussex); Richard fiz le Rey, 1245 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henry Fiz le Rey, 1263 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); William Fylderay, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Strethampton, Sussex); Thomas Fyleray of Henleye, 1346 in Patent Rolls (Henley, Suffolk); Johanne Fillery, 1600, Joane Fillary, 1638 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); John Filleroy, 1794 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 127, 177; Surnames of Sussex, pp. 423–4.

## Filleul

**Variants:** **Fillieul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 French: relationship name, nickname from Old French *fil(l)uel*, French *filleul* 'godson'.

**Early bearers:** Jean Filleul, 1692 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey); Victor Filleul, born in France, in Census 1881 (Jersey).

2 English: relationship name, nickname perhaps occasionally from Anglo-Norman French *fil(li)ol*, *filloil* 'godson', although this surname has probably died out in the UK. The medieval bearers may belong to a single Norman family.

**Early bearers:** William Filliol, 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Beds or Bucks); Robert Phillol, 1252 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Willelmo Fillol, 1327, Willelmo Filoill', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Combe Almer, Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); John Filol, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (West Thorney, Sussex); Johanne Fillol, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Kelvedon, Essex); Philippus Fillol, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Hanningfield, Essex); John Fylioll or Fyliolle, 1390 in PROB 11 (Thorpe, Essex); William Filoll, 1416 in PROB 11 (Horton, Dorset); Willim Filloll or Fylloll, 1556 in PROB 11 (Weymouth, Dorset); John Filioll, 1622 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Anthony Filioll, 1656 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); John Filleul, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London).

## Filley

**Variants:** **Filly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *filli* 'filly, young mare, female foal'.

**Early bearers:** John le ffylye, 1292 in Assize Rolls (Felborough hundred, Kent); John Fillie, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Filie, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Boughton hundred, Kent); Waltero Filly, 1379 in Poll Tax (Nettleton, Wilts); Ricardo Filly, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lyonsshall, Herefs); Johannes Filly, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bine, Sussex); Richard Filly, 1380 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); John Filly, 1545 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Elizabeth Filly, 1579 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edwd. Filley, 1670 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Isaac Filly, 1672, Mary Filley, 1753 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Fillieul

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: see **Filleul**.

## Fillingham

**Variants:** **Phillingham**, **Fellingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1034, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 618
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts

English: locative name from Fillingham (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Filingham, 1172 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Ralph de Filingham 13th cent. in Registrum Antiquissimum (Lincs); John Fyllingham, 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Willelmus Fyllingham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Robert Fyllingham or Fyllingham, 1547 in PROB 11 (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); William Fillingham, 1582 in *IGI* (Blyton, Lincs); James Phillingham, 1691, John Fillingham, 1698, James Fellingham, 1701 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Joseph Fellingham, 1730 in *IGI* (Wortham, Suffolk); Henry Fillingham, 1733 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Robert Phillingham, 1749 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Franciss Fellingham, 1792 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Fillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts
- English: see **Felix**.

## Fillmer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Filmer**.

## Fillmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Phillimore**.

## Filly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Filley**.

## Filmer

**Variants:** **Fillmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: locative name from Filmer Wood in Wichling (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [... de] de ffulmer, 1258 in Subsidy Rolls (Wichling, Kent); John de Fillemere, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Filmer, 1498 in Kent Place-Names 239; Robert Fylmar, 1570, Affra Fylmer, 1573, in *IGI* (East Sutton, Kent); Robert Filmer, 1586, Elizabeth Fillmer, 1638 in PROB 11 (East Sutton, Kent); Gulielmus Filmer, 1586 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Anne Fyllmer, 1613 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Edward Filmar, 1636 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Thomas Fillmer, 1601 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 239.

2 English: see **Phillimore**.

**References:** Family of Fynmore.

## Filmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see **Phillimore**.



**Filo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Philo**.

2 Slovak: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Filip* (see **Philip**).

**Filsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: unexplained, unless a late adaptation of the now rare Scottish surname *Filshill*, as in Jannet *Filshill*, 1684 in *IGI* (Bonhill, Dunbartons).

**Early bearers:** James Filsell, 1808 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); George Filsell, 1816 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**Filson**

Variants: **Philson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Irish: from **Mac Philib**, a patronymic from the Greek personal name *Philippos*, gaelicized as *Pilib* or *Filib* and has been in use in Ireland since the Early-Christian period. Bearers of the Norman patronymic *Fitz Philip* were gaelicized as **Mac Philib** also.

**Early bearers:** Mulmore McPhilipe, husbandman, 1551 in Fiants Edward §669 (Camrose, Wexford); David Philip, vicar of S. Sinclue, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1161; McPhilip, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1146 (Gurten); Nicholas fitz William McPhillip, husbandman, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §977 (Faithlike, Waterford); Patr. mcMorogh McPhillipp, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5603 (Lewally, Ulster); Henry McPhillipp, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5603 (Taghreegh, Ulster); Thomas Philson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Leck, Donegal); Samuel Filson, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Leck, Donegal).

2 English: relationship name from the personal name **Fill** + *-son*, 'son of *Fill*'.

**Early bearers:** William Filleston, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Richard Fillestone, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); John Fillestone, 1353 in Patent Rolls (Staffs); Thomas Filleston, 1374 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Anne Filson, 1661 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs).

**Filtness**

Variants: **Fitness**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: from Middle English *felnesse*, with epenthetic *-t-*. This word had the negative meanings 'treachery, craftiness' and 'ferocity', and the positive meanings 'wisdom' and 'courage'.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Felenes, 1505–6 in Cheshire Record Office; George Fyltnes, 1547 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); John Filtnes, 1589 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); John Fyltnes, 1614 in PROB 11 (Havant, Hants); Thomas Filtnesse, 1620 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent); Dorothy Filtness, 1678 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Dorothy Fitness, 1699 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

**Fimister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Phimister**.

**Fin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Durham
- English, Scottish, Irish: see **Finn**.

**Final**

Variants: **Finall, Finnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts; also Lancs

English: variant of **Fennell**.

**Finall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Final**.

**Finamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

**Finan**

Variants: **Finnan, Finnen, Finnin, Finnon, Feenan, Winning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 469
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó **Fionnán** 'descendant of *Fionnán*', from the diminutive of *fionn* 'fair', see also **Fanning**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas O'Finen, husbandman, 1562 in Fiants Elizabeth §1562 (Ballilcoran, Kilkenny); Richard O'Finane, husbandman, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1048 (Garhyinvollyn, Kilkenny); Morerthagh O Fenane, Teige oge O Fenan, and Owyn O'Finan, tinkers, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4793 (Lougheskure); Thady O'Finyn 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4639 (Glanebeataghe); Bridget Finan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killoran, Sligo); James Finnan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Granard, Longford); John Feenan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Loughgilly, Sligo).

**Finbow**

Variants: **Fenbow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name principally from Great and Little Finborough (Suffolk), but occasionally also from Finbury in Stoneleigh (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Finebrege, 13th cent. in Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich) (Eriswell, Suffolk); Nicholas de Fynberge, about 1280 in Shakespeare Centre (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Simon de Fynbowe, 1337 in Shakespeare Centre (Baginton, Warwicks); Alexander de Fynburgh, 1354 in Shakespeare Centre (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Johannes Fynbourgh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Coventry, Warwicks); William Fynbarowe alias

Fymbergh, 1405 in Patent Rolls; Margaret Finbow, 1569 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Susan Fenbow, 1688 in *IGI* (Fakenham Magna, Suffolk); Thomas Fenbow, 1736 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks p. 182.

**Finch**

Variants: **Fink, Vink**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13772, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9860
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *finch*, *fink* 'finch' (Old English *finc*).

**Further information:** *Ælfrin Finche* (Allwin *Finke*), cited above, was of the family which gave name to Finch Lane and Saint Benet Fink (London), recorded as *Finkeslane in parochia Sancti Benedicti Finke*, 1231 in Clerkenwell Cartulary.

**Early bearers:** Godric finc, 1046–53 in Tengvik (Worcs); *Ælfrin Finche*, Allwin *Finke*, 1148–67 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Gilbert le Finch, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Iacobi Finke, 1231 in Clerkenwell Cartulary (London); Walter le Vinch, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Adam Vinch, 1299 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Robert Fynch, 1303 in Ipswich Recognizance Rolls (Ipswich, Suffolk); Alicia Fynch, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Prittlewell, Essex); Richard Fynch, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Witheridge, Devon); Stephani Fynch, 1340 in Nonarum Inquisitiones (Crophthorne, Worcs); John Vynk, 1373 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); James Fynch', 1410 in Feet of Fines (Cople, Beds); Richard Fintch, 1573, Emlin Finch, 1577 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Jane Finke, 1616 in PROB 11 (Oxford, Oxon).

**References:** McClure, Nicknames, p. 99; Clerkenwell Cartulary, p. 230.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Slovenian: anglicized form of **Fink**.

**Fincham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1262, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 834
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Fincham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Fincheham, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Northants); John de Fincham, 1305 in London Letter Books B; Thomas Fyncham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Emneth, Norfolk); Gilbert Fyncheham, 1394 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Fyncham, 1496 in PROB 11 (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Fyncham or Fincham, 1528 in PROB 11 (Outwell, Cambs); Agnes Fincham, 1569 in *IGI* (Stow Bardolph, Norfolk); Jo. Fincham, 1586 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Elisabeth Fincham, 1630 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

**Fincher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Bucks; W Midlands

English: (i) unexplained; possibly a nickname from an agent noun connected with the Middle English expression *pullen a finch* 'to do something with cunning, to pull a clever trick' (MED), 'to swindle an ignorant or unsuspecting person' (OED). (ii) or possibly a nickname, a reduced form of *caffincher*, a

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dialect form of *chaffinch*, *caffinch*, recorded in recent times from SE England. Compare **Finch**, **Goldfinch**, **Spink**, **Goldspink**, **Bulfin**.

**Early bearers:** Sybbell Fyncher, 1575 in *IGI* (White Ladies Aston, Worcs); Robti. Fincher, 1579 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Richard Fincher, 1597 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs); John Finchar, 1611 in *IGI* (Himbleton, Worcs); Eleonore Fincher, 1617 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Richard Finshere, 1625 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Jeremy Fincher, 1638 in PROB 11 (Mapledurham, Oxon); Wm. Finsher, 1729 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robt. Fincher, 1732 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts).

### Finchet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs
- English: see **Finchett**.

### Finchett

Variants: **Finchet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Flints

French, English: unexplained; the word *fynches* 'finches' is found in an Anglo-Norman French text, so it is just possible, but doubtful, that this is *finch* with the diminutive suffix *-et*; compare **Finch**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Finchet, 1564, Jane Finchett, 1580, Margaret Fynchet, 1615, Thomas Finshett, 1716 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Rodger Fynchett, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Thomas Finchit, 1720 in *IGI* (Christleton, Cheshire); Thos. Finshet, 1754 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Fincken

Variants: **Finken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: from *Finken*, a variant of *Fink(e)*, from Middle High German *vinke* 'finch'.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Fincken, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); Ludgwik Finken, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Mile End New Town, Middx).  
**References:** Brechenmacher, pp. 466–7.

### Findall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Findell**.

### Findell

Variants: **Findull**, **Findall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx; also Lancs; Worcs

1 English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Fennell**; compare Thomas *Finnall*, 1656 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh Fyndell', 1415 in Feet of Fines (Clophill, Beds); Joan Findall, 1573 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Findall, 1618 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Henry Findall, 1623 in PROB 11 (Aldenharn, Herts); Thomas Findull, 1671 in *IGI* (Romford,

Essex); Robert Findell, 1785 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 English: in SE England, probably a variant of **Fendall**.

### Finden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London
- English: see **Findon**.

### Finding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Northants and Hunts

English: variant of **Findon**.

### Findlater

Variants: **Findlator**, **Findlaytor**, **Finlaytor**, **Finlater**, **Finlator**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish: locative name from Findlater in Fordyce (Banffs).

**Early bearers:** Galfridus de Fynleter, 1342 in Aberdeen Register (Banffs); Johanna de Fynletir, 1366 in Great Seal of Scotland (Banffs); Alexr. Findlater, 1611, Elspet Findlator, 1653, Margaret Findlaytor, 1698 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Helen Findlater, 1643 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); Margrat Finlator, 1680 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); James Finlater, 1755 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

### Findlator

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish: see **Findlater**.

### Findlay

Variants: **Finlay**, **Findley**, **Finley**, **Findlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8855, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also E Scotland

Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fionnlagh* (Old Irish *Findlaech*), from *fionn* 'white, fair' (see **Finn**) + *laoch* 'hero', reinforced by an Old Scandinavian name based on *finn* 'Finn' + *leikr* 'fight' or 'hero'. The name is common in Ireland as well as Scotland. See also **Finlayson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fionnlaoch, Findlaech, about 1070 in Black; Fynlayus clericus, 1246 in Paisley Register; Fynlai sutor, 1327 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Stirlings); Fyndlaw, thane of Glentilt, 1480 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book.

surnames, Scotland: Andrew Fyndelai, 1526 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); Margret Finlay, 1539 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Robert Finlaw, 1567 in Black; Johne Finlay, 1573 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Katrin Findlay, 1592 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); David Finlo, 1606 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Elspet Findlo, 1618, Jon. Findlow, 1642 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Oliver Finly, 1620 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Katharen Findla, 1625 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Jon. Finley, 1630 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); John Finlaw, 1623

in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); David Finlow, 1633 in *IGI* (Arbirlot, Angus); Janet Findley, 1637 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Elisabethe Findloe, 1644 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Jon. Finlie, 1646 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); Alexander Finlawe, 1648 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

surnames, Ireland: Wm. O'Fenellie, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6309; Conoghor mcPatr. O'Fynnola, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6517; John Fenally, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Granard, Longford); James Finlay, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killoran, Sligo); Agnis Finlay, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donaghmore, Donegal); Patrick Finly, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killare, Westmeath).

### Findlayson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Finlayson**.

### Findlaytor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Scottish: see **Findlater**.

### Findler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Findlow**.

### Findley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 915, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Leics; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 Scottish, Irish: see **Findlay**.

2 English: see **Finley**.

### Findlow

Variants: **Finlow**, **Findler**, **Finley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

1 English: locative name from Finlow Hill in Over Alderley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Richard Fynlowe, late 15th cent. in Cheshire Record Office; Thomas Fynlow, 1574 in Cheshire Record Office (Chester, Cheshire); Wm.

Fyndlow, 1579, John Fyndloe, 1580, Margaret Findloe, 1587, Eliz Findlow, 1614 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Anne Findler, 1584 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Katherina Finlow, 1593 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Roanald Findlow, 1597 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Humf. Fynlow, 1603 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Richard Finloe, 1621 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Margaret Fyndley, 1626 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Finly, 1691 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 100.

2 Scottish, Irish: see **Findlay**.

### Findon

Variants: **Finedon**, **Finden**, **Finding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick

1 English: locative name from Findern (Derbys), recorded as *Findena* in 1188 and *Fyndren* in 1330. **Further information:** Finedon (Northants) is unlikely to have contributed to the surname, since it was spelled *T(h)in(g)don*, *-den* throughout the medieval period, the *F-* spellings only being recorded from the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Adam Fynden, 1369 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Ricardus Fynden, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hambleton, Rutland); Johanne de Fyndren, 1379 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Fyndyrne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Harewood, WR Yorks); Thomas Fynden, 1381 in Feet of Fines (Beds); John Fynderm of Fynderm, 1416 in Patent Rolls (Findern, Derbys); William Fynderne, 1427 in Feet of Fines (Leics and Bucks); William Fyndern, knight, 1485 in Feet of Fines (Beds); William Fynderm, 1517 in PROB 11 (Carlton, Cambs); Thomas Findon, 1612, William Finden, 1639, Hannah Finding, 1690 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Henry Fyneden, 1616 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds); Edwardi Findon, 1621 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwickshire); John Finderne, 1626 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwickshire); Wm. Finedon, 1721 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys p. 464.

2 English: locative name rarely from Findon (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Roger de Findon, 1262–3 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); John de Fydone, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); William de Fyndon, 1348–9 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Stephano Fyndon, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Fyndon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rogate, Sussex); Willelmus Fyndon, 1381 in Poll Tax (Witley, Surrey); Thomae Finden, 1633 in *IGI* (Upper Wield, Hants); Jana Findon, 1650 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants).

### Findull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Findell**.

### Fine

#### Variants: Fines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs; also Monmouths; London

1 English: (i) nickname from Old French and Middle English *fin(e)* 'fine, pleasant, honourable, perfect', also used ironically. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Fina*, of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fina, 1293 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Fina, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex). surnames: Richard Fine, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Warwickshire); Roberto Fyne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aylestone, Leics); Cristina Fyne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stedham, Sussex); Elyzabeth Fine, 1575 in *IGI* (Murston, Kent); Raph Fine, 1595 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Marke Fine, 1612 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Nicholas Fine, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall).

2 English, Irish: see **Finn**.

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Fein**.

### Fineberg

Variants: **Feinberg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx

Jewish: part-anglicization of Jewish **Feinberg**.

### Finedon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Findon** by late assimilation to Finedon (Northants), which is almost certainly not the source of the surname.

### Finegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 387
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Louth; also Cavan

Irish: from Ó Fionnagáin, see **Finnegan**.

### Finegold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Feingold**.

### Finemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Bucks

Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Finer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Kent; also WR Yorks

1 English: occupational name from Old French *finer* 'refiner of gold or silver', or perhaps an agent derivative of Middle English *fine(n)* '(to) refine, purify', with the same meaning.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with, or perhaps even also be a variant of, **Vinier**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Finor, 1189 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Ralph le finur, 1218 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Fynour of London, 1371 in Patent Rolls; Fid' Fynour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); John Fynour, 1389 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Elizabeth Finer, 1582 in Parish Registers (Saint Albans, Herts); Abaruck Finor or Finour, 1584 in PROB 11 (East Mersea, Essex); Matthew Finer, 1614 in Parish Registers (Saint Clement, Sandwich, Kent).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Feiner**.

### Fineran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Finnthighearn, see **Finneran**.

### Finerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Fionnachta, see **Finnerty**.

### Fines

Variants: **Fynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: see **Finns**.

2 Norman, English: see **Finnis**.

### Finesilver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name anglicized form of **Feinsilber**, a compound of German *fein* 'fine' + *Silber* 'silver'. Compare **Feingold**. **Early bearers:** Fanny Feinsilber, 1889 in BMD (Saint George in the East, Middx); Nathan Finesilver, born in Romania, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Feinsilber, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Isaac Finesilver, born in Romania, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Pinkus Finesilver, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Finey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants; Kent; also Herefs and Worcs

English: see **Finney**.

### Fingard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Swedish: apparently from an unidentified place-name in or near Russia, of Swedish origin, from the ancestor of \**Fin-gård* '(a) Finn's farm'.

**Early bearers:** Haskel Fingard, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Finger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Sussex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *finger* 'finger', perhaps for someone who had some peculiarity of the fingers, such as possessing an extra one, or having lost one or more through injury.

**Early bearers:** William Finger, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Peter Fynger, 1310 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Henry Fynger, 1316 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Richard Fynger, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Gilbertus Fynger, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Leonard Finger, in Parish Registers (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Joseph Finger, 1732 in *IGI* (Barford Saint Martin, Wilts).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *finger* 'finger', as in (1). The Jewish surname, from modern German *Finger*, Yiddish *finger* 'finger' may alternatively have been acquired as a handout or ornamental name. **Early bearers:** German: Carl Finger, waiter, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Brighton, Sussex); Henry Justus Finger, born in Germany, in Census 1881

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(Hastings, Sussex); Frieda Finger, cookery student, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx); Hans Finger, ship's cook, born in Germany in Census 1911 (West Derby, Lancs).

Jewish: Lazarus Finger, tailor, born in Austria, in Census 1871 (Manchester, Lancs); Abraham Finger, wholesale jeweller, born Cracow, Poland, in Census 1891 (West Derby, Lancs); Marks Finger, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Saint George, in the East, Middx); Isaac Finger, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Fingland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; also Ayr and Lanarks; Lancs

Scottish: locative name primarily from Fingland in Wamphray (Dumfriess), but perhaps occasionally from other places similarly named, for example in Peebles, Kirkcudbrights, Lanarks, and Cumb.

**Early bearers:** Thomas of Fyngland, about 1573 in Annandale Family Book; Jeane Fingland, 1619 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); James Fingland, 1729 in *IGI* (Penpont, Dumfriess).

### Finglas

Variants: **Finglass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth
- Irish, Norman: locative name from **de Fionnghlas**, from Finglas (Dublin).

**Further information:** According to Woulfe (p.258), this is the name of an Anglo-Norman family which settled at and took its name from the village of Finglas in county Dublin.

**Early bearers:** William of Finglas, 1279 in CDI §1609 (Dublin); Nicholas Fynglas, 1402 in Patent Rolls (Ireland); Thomas Finglass, 1533 in Patent Rolls (Ireland); Patrick Fynglas, 1533 in Patent Rolls (Ireland); Patrick Finglass, 1536 in Patent Rolls (Ireland); Thomas Fynglas, 1537 in Patent Rolls (Waspayleston, Dublin); Richard Fynglas, 1547 in Patent Rolls (Wexford).

### Finglass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- Irish: from **de Fionnghlas**, see **Finglas**.

### Fingleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: unexplained. Despite its frequency in Ireland, it is not Irish but an 18th- or 19th-cent. arrival there.

**Further information:** Some alleged earlier examples of this name in England may well be mistranscriptions of **Singleton**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Fingleton, 1807 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Finigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland; esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Fionnagáin, see **Finnegan**.

### Finimore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Essex
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Fining

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Vining**.

### Fink

Variants: **Finch**, **Vink**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Slovenian: nickname for a lively and cheerful person, from Middle High German *vinke*, or, among Jews, an ornamental or handout name, from German *Fink*, Yiddish *fink* 'finch' (compare **Finch**).

**Early bearers:** August Vink, sugar baker, born in Holland, in Census 1871 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Frederic Fink, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (West Ham, Essex); Charles Finch, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Camberwell, Surrey); Reuben Fink, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Lewis Fink, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (West Derby, Lancs); Solomon Fink, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Augusta Fink, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Fritz Finch, navy, in Census 1901 (Beddington, Surrey); Abraham Fink, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx); Franz Fink, waiter, born in Austria, in Census 1911 (Bermondsey, Surrey).

2 English: see **Finch**.

### Finkel

Variants: **Finkle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx; Cambs
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from Yiddish *finkl* 'sparkle'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Finkel, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Finkle, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Spitalfields, Middx); Nathan Finkle, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Lazarus Finkel, provision merchant, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Hyman Finkel, born in Romania, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Finkel, poultry dealer, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Finkle**.

### Finkell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also London
- English: see **Finkle**.

### Finken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: see **Fincken**.

### Finkill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Finkle**.

### Finkle

Variants: **Finkel**, **Finkill**, **Finkell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

1 English: (i) locative name from Finchale (Durham), recorded as *ffynkall* about 1220. (ii) locative name from Finghall (NR Yorks), recorded as *Fynkall* in 1285.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Finkehal', 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Geoffrey de Fyngale, 1322, Geoffrey de Finkhale, 1329 in Patent Rolls; William de Fenkal, Fenkal, 1331 in Patent Rolls (Cambs); Willelmus Fynchale, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hemlingford hundred, Warwicks); Robert Fynkell, 1418 in Patent Rolls (Bamburgh, Northumb); Agnes Finkel, 1546 in Parish Registers (Saint Nicholas, Ipswich, Suffolk); Agnes Finkle, 1616, Thomas Finkel, 1614 in Parish Registers (Barley, Herts); Edvardus Finkle, 1695 in Parish Registers (Warkworth, Northumb).

**References:** Durham Place-Names p. 43; Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 247.

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *fenkel*, *finkel* 'fennel', a plant grown for its medicinal and culinary uses. Compare William *Fenkelspire*, 14th cent. in Whitby Chartulary (NR Yorks), 'fennel stalk', and see also **Fennell**. Some early bearers may belong under (1). (ii) locative name perhaps from Middle English *\*fenkel* 'corner, bend', for someone who lived on a corner or sharp bend. The word survives in northern English dialect as *fenkle*.

**Early bearers:** John Fenekele, 1323 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); John Fenekele, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Fynkill', 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Johannes Fenekele, 1381 in Poll Tax (Thorney, Suffolk); Thomas Fenekele, 1397 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Robert Fynkell, 1418 in Patent Rolls (Northumb); John Fenkell, 1485 in London Letter Books (Lincs); William Fynkell, 1540 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Finckle, 1571 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); Edward Fynkell, 1577 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Thomas Finckel, 1577 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Edward Finkell, 1582 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); William Finkell, 1600 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs); Morris Finkel, 1614 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); Thomas Finkell, 1616 in *IGI* (Grindon, Durham); Edward Finkell, 1685 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); Thomas Finkle, 1692 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

**References:** English Place-Name Elements pp. 169–70; R. Coates (1995) 'A Breath of Fresh Air Through Finkle Street', *Nomina* 18, pp. 7–36.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Finkel**.

### Finlaison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Finlayson**.

**Finlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Carlow

Irish: from Ó Fionnaláin, see **Fenlon**.

**Finlason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Caithness; Ross and Cromarty

Scottish: see **Finlayson**.

**Finlater**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; SW Scotland
- Scottish: see **Findlater**.

**Finlator**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Findlater**.

**Finlay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4819, Ireland 2249
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3070
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Midlothian; Fife and Angus; Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down
- Scottish, Irish: see **Findlay**.

**Finlayson**

Variants: **Findlayson, Finlaison, Finlason, Finlinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3136, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty and Inverness; Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Fionnlagh* (see **Findlay**) + *-son*. This is the anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic *MacFhionnlaigh*. **Early bearers:** Brice Fynlawesone, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Stirlings); Duncanus filius Findlai, 1342 in Aberdeen Register (Banff); Kessog Findlauson, 1426 in Cambuskenneth Register; John Finlawson, 1455 in Duke of Athole Charters; Michal Finloson, 1478 in Cupar-Angus Rental Book; Ade Findelasone, John Finlason, 1511 in Aberdeen Register; Johnne Finlayson, 1565, Richartt Findlasoun, 1578 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Agnes Finlasone, 1582 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Robert Findlaysoun, 1590 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Cristian Findlasone, 1606 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Janet Finlaisone, 1612 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Magnus Findlaysone, 1648, Heugh Finlaeson, 1681 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Frances Finlinson, 1656 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Janet Findlawson, 1782 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

**Finlayter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; ER Yorks
- Scottish: see **Findlater**.

**Finley**

Variants: **Findley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1151, Ireland 45

- **GB frequency 1881:** 823
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Down
- 1 Scottish, Irish: see **Findlay**.

2 English: locative name from one or more lost or unidentified place-names so named. Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Finlegh, 1280 in Patent Rolls; Henricus Fynleige, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cocking, Sussex); Johannes de Fynelay, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Margret Finlay, 1539 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Robert Finley, 1553–5 in TNA (Thurmaston, Leics); August Findley, 1559 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Mary Findley, 1579 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Thomae Finley, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Nicolas Finlawe, 1586 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); John Finley, 1593 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); Johes Finley, 1598 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Joseph Finly, 1653 in *IGI* (Arnesby, Leics).

3 English: see **Findlow**.

**Finlinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Scottish: see **Finlayson**.

**Finlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs; Suffolk

English: see **Findlow**.

**Finnmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

**Finn**

Variants: **Fynn, Fin, Fine, Phinn, Phin, Finns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6152, Ireland 3986
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2726
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Mayo

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fin(n)* (Old Scandinavian *Finnr, Fin, originally 'a Finn'*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fin, Phin danus, 1086 in Domesday Book; Fin de Haltun, 1143–7 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs).

surnames, England: Hugo filius Fin, Fin, 1178–9 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Aldeth Fin, 1190 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); Norman Fin, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Thomas Fyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Badlingham, Cambs); Is' Fynne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Darfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Fyn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Swaffham, Norfolk); Robertus Fyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lilford with Wigsthorpe, Northants); Walterus Finne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Clackclose hundred, Norfolk); Robt. Fynn, 1567 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

surnames, Scotland: William Fyn, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); James Phin, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); George Fin, 1597, Margaret Fine, 1606, William Finn, 1662 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).

2 Norman, English: in Kent, probably a variant of **Finnis**.

3 Irish: from Ó Finn 'descendant of *Fionn*', a byname meaning 'white' or 'fair-haired'. It is often found anglicized as **White**.

**Early bearers:** William Fynne, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1325 (Maribroghe, Rahynkulleanne, Queen's County [Laois]); Donell Finn, yeomanry man, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3401; William and Robert Finne, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4295 (Mariborowe and Rathinkillnane, Queen's County [Laois]).

**Finnamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Wicklow
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

**Finnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Kildare; Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Finan**.

**Finnegan**

Variants: **Finnigan, Finegan, Finigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2338, Ireland 4160
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Monaghan, Louth, and Meath

Irish: relationship name from Ó Fionnagáin 'descendant of *Fionnagán*', a double diminutive of *Fionn*, see **Finn**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John O'Finygan, priest, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2258 (Lysly); Donogh oge O'Finegan, Shane mcWm. O Fynegan and Teig mcHugh duff O Finegan, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6563; Donell O Fenegane, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6577 (Ballard); Mary Finnegan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Collon, Louth); Silvester Finnigan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Louth); Peter Finagan, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killare, Westmeath). England: John Finnagan, 1767 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Finnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey and Kent

English: see **Final**.

**Finnemore**

Variants: **Finnimore, Finimore, Finemore, Finnmore, Fynmore, Finnamore, Finamore, Fennamore, Fennemore, Fenemore, Fennymore, Fennimore, Phillimore, Vennimore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Devon

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *fin* 'fine, splendid' + *amour* 'love'. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

## Finnen

**Further information:** This name is also found in Ireland, gaelicized as *Fionamúr*, recorded in Leinster as early as the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard Finamur, 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Devon); William Finamour, 1325 in Patent Rolls (IoW); William Finamur, 1237 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Jeele Fynamour, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rocombe, Devon); Willelmus Fynamour, 1377 in Poll Tax (Whetham, Wilts); Margareta Fynamour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Taverham, Norfolk); Johanne Fynamour, 1381 in Poll Tax (East Hendred, Berks); William Fynmore, 1492, Isabell Fynnmore, 1509 in PROB 11 (Dursley, Gloucs); Mario Finnimore, 1556 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Roger Finmore, 1575 in PROB 11 (Whetham, Wilts); Willm. Fenimor, 1575 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Ryc. Fynmore, 1588 in *IGI* (Crowmarsh Gifford, Oxon); Jane Fynmore, 1592 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Richard Fennimore, 1595 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Frances Fennimore, 1618 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

2 English: locative name from Finmere (Oxon), recorded as *Finemere* in 1086, *Finnemere* in 1262, and *Fynmour* in 1526, or Fenemere (also known as Fennymere) in Baschurch (Shrops), recorded as *Finemer* in 1086, *Fennimare* in 1327, and *Fennymyer* in 1327. Perhaps also from one or more of the following places in Bucks: Finemere Wood in Quainton, recorded as *Fynemere* in 1325, Fenemore's Farm in Oakley, recorded as *Fennymere* in 1250, and Finnamore Farm in Ibstone, recorded as *Fennym'e* in 1241.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Finemere, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Nicholas de Fynmore, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Geoffrey de Fynemor, 1286 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Reginald de Fennimere, ?14th cent. in Shrops Archives (Chetton, Shrops); Hugh Fynemere of Thorneberge, 1340 in Feet of Fines (Thornborough, Bucks); Hugh de Fynemere, 1347 in King's Bench Cases (Beds); John de Fynamour, 1351 in Wilts and Swindon Archives (Lacock, Wilts); Walter de Fynamour, 1361 in Feet of Fines (Gloucs and Hants); Marg' Fennomer', 1379 in Poll Tax (Dilwyn, Herefs); John Finnemore, 1643 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon); Franc Finnemore, 1683 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Finnemore, 1701 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Elizabeth Finnemore, 1710 in *IGI* (Podington, Beds); Roger Finnemore, 1736 in *IGI* (Tremaine, Cornwall).  
**References:** Ekwall, DEP; Place-Names of Oxon pp. 208–9; Place-Names of Bucks, pp. 110, 127, 188.

## Finnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Finan**.

## Finneran

**Variants:** Fineran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 316
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; also Galway

Irish: from Ó Finnthighearn 'descendant of Finnthighearn', from *fiann tighearna* 'fair lord'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fineran, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Fuerty, Roscommon); Thady Fineran, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Tibohine, Roscommon).

## Finnerty

**Variants:** Finerty, Fennerty, Fenerty, Fenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 1304
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; also Sligo

Irish: from Ó Fionnachta or Ó Fiannachta 'descendant of Fionnachta', a personal name from *fiann* 'fair, white' + *sneachta* 'snow'. The phonetic exchange of *ch* and *r* occurs in other names.

**Early bearers:** Conchor O'Fianaghta, 1575 in Fiants Elizabeth §2594; Teig O'Fyeneghtie, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6499; John Feenaghty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilglass, Roscommon); Denis Feenaghty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dunurlin, Kerry); Thomas Feennaughtey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Burriscarra, Mayo); Mary Feenughty, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Garfinny, Kerry).

## Finnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also London; Wilts
- 1 Norman, English: see **Finnis**.  
2 English: see **Finns**.

## Finney

**Variants:** Finny, Finey, Viney, Fenney, Fenny, Fennie, Fenna, Fennah, Feeney, Phinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4624, Ireland 198
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2584
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Down
- 1 English: locative name from the lost place *Fynney* in Cheddleton (Staffs), which is recorded as *Fyneye* in 1320, Fenay in Almondbury (WR Yorks), Finney in Croston (Lancs), Finney Hill in Kingsley (Cheshire), and perhaps also Fenny Rough in Chaddesley Corbett (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** John de Fyney, 1274 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Philip de Fineye, 1318 in Ancient Deeds v (Staffs); Philip del Fyneye, 1320 in Tooth (Cheddleton Heath, Staffs); Willelmus de Fenay, 1377, Willelmus de Feneye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Adam del Fyney, 1377, Adam de Feny, 1379 in Poll Tax (Farnley Tyas, WR Yorks); Ran' del Fenay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bury, Lancs); Johannes de Fennay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whiston, Lancs); Christopher Fenny, 1545 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Ricardus Fenay, 1451 in Ancient Deeds (Staffs); John Fyney, 1485 in Feet of Fines (WR Yorks); William Finney, 1562 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Elline Fenney, 1570 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Johns. Finny, 1578, Willmi. Fenney, 1625 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Christopher Finney, 1585, Elizabeth Fenney, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Henerie Finney, 1593 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); John Fennay, 1604, Henry Fenna, 1606 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); John Fennah, 1661, William Fenna, 1688 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Henry Feny, 1764 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).  
**References:** Staffs Place-Names p. 257; Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 258; Lancs Place-Names p. 136; Place-Names of Cheshire 3, p. 240; Place-Names of Worcs p. 237.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Vinals Farm in Cuckfield (Sussex), Vinehall in Mountfield (Sussex), or Viney's Wood in Crundale (Kent); or

from some other place described in Middle English as a \**fin-haw* (Old English \**fin-haga*) 'wood-heap enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** John de Fynghage, about 1310 in Place-Names of Sussex; Thomas ate Vynhaghe, 1327 in Löfvenberg (Sussex); Jocus de Fynhawe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); [ . . . ] de ffinegh(e), 1348 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); Ricardus Fynhagh', 1379, Thomas Fynehawe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cuckfield, Sussex); Matilda atte Vyneye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Albury, Surrey); Christopher Finney, 1585 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Finney, 1588 in *IGI* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); William Finney, 1607 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 266, 476; Kentish Place-Names p. 150.

3 Irish: from Ó Fidhne, see **Feeney**.

## Finnick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Kent; Cheshire; Brecknocks
- English, Scottish: see **Fenwick**.

## Finnie

**Variants:** Finny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1875, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Glasgow and Midlothian

1 Scottish: origin uncertain; perhaps a nickname use of the rare Scots adjective *finnie* 'full of substance or pith, solid', possibly implying a prosperous citizen.

**Early bearers:** David Fynie, 1509 in Edinburgh Guildry (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Finny, 1578 in Brechin Register (Angus); Johne Fynnie, 1612, Margaret Finni, 1660 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Dauid Finie, 1614 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jonat Fynnie, 1619, Heleine Fynie, 1621, Margaret Finny, 1639 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Adam Finny, 1686 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: from Ó Fidhne, see **Feeney**.

## Finnigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2596, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1169
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland; esp. Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Mayo, and Galway

Irish: from Ó Fionnagáin, see **Finnegan**.

## Finnimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; also Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

## Finnin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Finan**.

## Finning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Vining**.

### Finnis

Variants: **Finnes, Finns, Fiennes, Fines, Finn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Fiennes (Pas-de-Calais). See also **Filtness**.

**Further information:** In Ireland, this name was gaelicized as **Faghan, Fágán, and Paghan**, and is preserved in Fyanstown (*Baile an Fhianaigh*) in Meath.

**Early bearers:** England: Sibilla de Fiennes, 1199 in Memoranda Roll (Berks); William de Fiennes, 1212, de Fiesnes, 1216 in Charter Rolls; Ingram de Fenes, de Fenles, de Fendes, 1267, de Fienles, de Fethnes, 1268 in Patent Rolls; John de Fienes, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Roger Fienes, knight, 1430 in Patent Rolls (Sussex and Surrey); James Fenys, knight, 1445 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Thomas Fynys, knight, 1503 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Robert Fynes, knight, 1507 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Rycharde Fynnys, 1539 in PROB 11 (Leicester, Leics); John Fynes, 1558 in PROB 11 (Bromley, Middx); Alis Fynnes, 1566 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); John Phinis, 1571 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); George Finnis, 1576 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent); Katherine Finn, 1585 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Fynnes, 1589 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Grace Finns, 1625 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Peter Fyans, confectioner, born in Ireland, in Census 1861 (Lancs).

Ireland: Thomas Fyane, merchant, 1546 in Fiants Henry §482 (Dublin); John Fyan, vicar of Laraghbryn, 1550 in Fiants Edward §488 (Kildare); William Fyane, 1550 in Fiants Edward §489 (Dublin); William Fynen, 1550 in Fiants Edward §489 (Preston, Meath); Thomas Fyan, merchant, 1550 in Fiants Edward §497 (Dublin); Christopher Fagane, merchant, 1573 in Fiants Elizabeth §2194 (Dublin); Richard Fyan, merchant, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1189 (Dublin); Richard Fyan, alderman, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §3003 (Dublin); David Poynt mcShean, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6505 (Imokelly, Cork).

### Finnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Fionnáin, see **Finan**.

### Finns

Variants: **Finnes, Fines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts; Cheshire

1 English: variant of **Finn** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Finns, 1634, Thomas Finnes, 1638 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); William Fines, 1638 in *IGI* (Threekingham, Lincs); Thomas Finnes, 1668 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Sam. Finns, 1709 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs).

2 Norman, English: see **Finnis**.

### Finny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

1 English, Irish: see **Finney**.

2 Scottish: see **Finnie**.

### Finton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Irish: see **Fenton**.

### Finucan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from Ó Fionnmhacáin, see **Finucane**.

### Finucane

Variants: **Finucan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 485
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; Cornwall; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Fionnmhacáin ‘descendant of Fionnmhacáin’, diminutive of *fionn mac* ‘fair son’.

### Fionda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: of uncertain origin, but widespread in the Lazio and Molise regions.

**Early bearers:** Angeli Antonii Fionda, 1890 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Fiore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian: relationship name from the medieval male and female personal name *Fiore*, in part a continuation of a Late Latin personal name from *flos* ‘flower’ (genitive *floris*), in part a later coinage from *fiore* ‘flower’, modelled on similar names in medieval French chivalric epic poetry.

**Early bearers:** Maria Fiore, 1810 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); John Jermore Fiore, 1840 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Pietro Fiore, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Vincenzo Fiore, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Ettore Fiore, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Marcello Fiore, born in Census 1891 (London).

**References:** De Felice.

### Fiori

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name patronymic from **Fiore**.

### Firbank

Variants: **Furbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also NR Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Firbank (Westm), recorded as *Frithebenk* in 1230.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Fairbank**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbertus de Frythbank, 1377 in Poll Tax (Richmond, NR Yorks); Gilbert Frithebank, 1381 in

Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); John Frethebank, 1392 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Henry Firthbank, 1470 in York Freeman’s Register; Xpofer Firbancke, 1540, Ellen Firbanck, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Anna Firbanke, 1567 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Furbank, 1570 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Richard ffrbanck, 1657 in The East Anglian (OS) iv. 27 (Suffolk); Rowland Furbank, 1676 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs).

**References:** Ekwall, DEPN.

### Firby

Variants: **Furby, Furbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham

English: locative name from Firby in Bedale (NR Yorks), recorded as *Fritheby* in 1184, or Firby in Westow (ER Yorks), recorded as *Frythby* in 1335.

**Early bearers:** Michael de Frithebi, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William de Friby, 1219, Robert de Fritheby, 1251 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Thoma de Frithby, 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Robert Firby, 1465 in York Registry Wills (Wharham Percy, ER Yorks); Johis. Firby, 1567, Jana Firbye, 1608 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); William Furby, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkby Fleetham, NR Yorks); John Furbey, 1634 in *IGI* (Askham Bryan, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 237; Place-Names of ER Yorks p. 144; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Firebrace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Fairbrass**.

### Fireman

Variants: **Fierman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Sussex

1 English: see **Fairman**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name anglicization of **Feuermann**, from German *Feuer* ‘fire’ + *-mann* ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Fireman, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Zelig Fierman, restaurant keeper, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Fireman, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Prestwich, Lancs); Jacob Fierman, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Barnet Fireman, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx); Davis Feierman, gents’ tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Firestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Jewish (Ashkenazic): literal English translation of **Feuerstein**, from German *Feuerstein* ‘flint’, probably acquired as an ornamental adoption or handout name.

**Further information:** In Continental Europe, this is also a German name, from Middle High German *viur* ‘fire’ + *stein* ‘stone’, denoting someone who lived by

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an outcrop of flint, or possibly someone who sold flints. However, evidence of German bearers is lacking in the UK.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Firestone, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Barnet Firestone, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Yana Firestone, tailor's presser, born in Austria, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Israel Firestone, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Bernard Firestone, music seller, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs); David Firestone, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Lazarus Firestone, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Firk

**Variants:** Firks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *firkthe*, *firke*, *ferke* 'frith, wood(land)', a development of Old English *firhþe*, (*ge*)*fyrhþe*, *ferhþe* with medial *-h-* pronounced as /k/. Compare **Firth** and **Frick** (2). (ii) alternatively, it may be a variant of **Frick** (1) with metathesis of *-r-*. Compare the rare Modern English slang word *firk* 'to move about briskly; to dance, jig, or be lively'.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Ferghe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Framfield, Sussex); John atte Ferkche, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Clayton, Sussex); Elizabeth Ferke, 1580 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); John Furk, 1752 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

## Firkin

**Variants:** Firkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *fir(de)kin* 'wooden cask; quarter of a barrel (as a measure of capacity)', for a cooper or beer seller, or perhaps for a heavy drinker.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Fyrkyn, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Fyrkyn, 1594 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Thomæ Firkin, 1595 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Symon Ferkin, 1628, John Firkin, 1654 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

## Firkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Firkin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Firkins, 1676 in *IGI* (Kempsey, Worcs); Joseph Furkins, 1766 in *IGI* (Besford, Worcs); Joseph Ferkins, 1768 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon and Cornwall

English: variant of **Firk** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Firmage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London
- English: see **Furmage**.

## Firmager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Furminger**.

## Firman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 926, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also Notts

1 English: see **Firmin**.

2 Muslim: perhaps from a personal name based on Arabic *Farmān*, 'order'

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**Variants:** Firman, Furman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk, Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Firmin* (Latin *Firminus*, a diminutive of *firmus* 'firm, strong').

**Early bearers:** given names: Firmin' lifget, 1086 in Cams Inquisition (Cams).

surnames: Alexander filius Firmin, 1214–32 in Ancient Deeds i (Middx); Richard Fermin, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Stephen Furmin, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Robertus Fermyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); William ffyrman, 1522 in Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings xii; Johis Fyrmyrn, 1562 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Edmond Fyrman, 1574 in *IGI* (Stanningfield, Suffolk); Gyles Firmen, 1597 in PROB 11 (Stoke Nayland, Suffolk); Eliz Furman, 1617 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Firminger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Furminger**.

## Firmston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Warwicks; Lancs; Kent

English: see **Firmstone**.

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**Variants:** Firmston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Shrops and Worcs

English: probably in most cases from Middle English *firme son* 'first-born son'.

**Further information:** The spellings in *-ton* could indicate occasional origin in the locative name *Furmiston* (Dumfriess), but they are more likely to be due to

hypercorrection in response to the frequent loss of *-t-* in place-names ending in *-ston*.

**Early bearers:** John Fermeson, 1600 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Morgan Furmston, 1663, John Furmson, 1664 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Jon. Firmston, 1681 in *IGI* (Ruyton XI Towns, Shrops); John Fermson, 1704, William Firmson, 1706 in *IGI* (Kynnersley, Shrops); Thomas Firmston, 1736, William Firmstone, 1739 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); John Farmston, 1763 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Richd Firmstone, 1773 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Charles Furmiston, 1781 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops).

## Firth

**Variants:** Frith, Fryd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9986, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9925
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Middle English *firthe*, *frithe*, *frethe* 'frith, wood, woodland', also 'hunting ground' (whether or not wooded). These are forms of Old English *firhþe*, (*ge*)*fyrhþe*, *ferhþe* in which the awkward consonant cluster *-rhh-* was simplified by dropping medial *-h-* and sometimes metathesizing the *-r-*. For alternative developments of the same word in other parts of England see **Freak**, **Freed**, **Freeth**, **Frick**, **Fridd**, **Fright**, and **Thrift**. In medieval Sowerbyshire (WR Yorks) and Derbyshire the friths were areas reserved for hunting, so the surname there may have belonged to forest officials.

**Early bearers:** John del Frith, 1201 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Alcoc de Fryth, 1274 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); William in le Frith, 1276 in Forest Pleas (Essex); Nicholas atte Frithe, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Thomas atte Vrythe, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes del Firth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Johannes Firthe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Firthe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas atte Fryth', 1379 in Poll Tax (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Frethe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eyam, Derbys); Omfray Firth, 1548, Gilbert Frith, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ellen Firth, 1559 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Nicholas Frith, 1564 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Tristram Firth, 1565 in *IGI* (Skellingthorpe, Lincs); Joan Frith, 1571 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Roberte Firth, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Edward James Fryd, 1874 in *IGI* (Heaton Norris, Lancs).

**References:** Löfvenberg, pp. 72–3; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of Derbys, 20, 60, 371.

## Fisch

**Variants:** Fisch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name from Middle High German *visch* 'fish', for a fisherman or fishmonger, or for someone thought to resemble a fish. The Jewish name, from modern German name *Fisch*, is also ornamental. **Early bearers:** Adolph Fisch, decorative artist, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Middx); Levy Fisch, glazier, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Christian Fisch, artist, born in Triest, Austria, in Census 1891 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Theodore Fisch, pastry cook, born in



Switzerland, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Abraham Fisch, tailor's machinist, born in Ostrowo, Germany, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Fish, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Israel Fish, box maker, born in Warsaw, Poland, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx); Otto Fish, waiter, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Brighton, Sussex).

### Fischer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 817, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Stirlings

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a fisherman, from Middle High German *visch*, German *Fisch* 'fish' + the agent suffix *-er*.

**Further information:** This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** German: Hans Rasmussen Fischer, 1788 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Heinrich Peter Fischer, 1824 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx); Franz Fischer, 1868 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Friedrich Fischer, baker, born in Württemberg, Germany, in Census 1881 (Dalston, Middx); Fritz Fischer, cutlery merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Christen Fischer, born in Denmark, in Census 1901 (Hartlepool, Durham); Leopold Fischer, hairdresser, born in Vienna, in Census 1901 (Hampstead, Middx); Fritz Fischer, scissor manufacturer, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Ecclesall, WR Yorks); Carl Wilhelm Fischer, baker, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Willesden, Middx); Leif Asger Fischer, born in Denmark, in Census 1911 (Poplar, Middx); Niels Fischer, export merchant, born in Denmark, in Census 1911 (Epsom, Surrey).

Jewish (Ashkenazic): Hyam Barnett Fisher, 1828 in Great and Hambro Synagogue Births (Woolwich, Middx); Mendel Fischer, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (London); Mendle Fisher, traveller, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Spitalfields, Middx); Lewis Fisher, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Hyman and Morris Fisher, born in Romania, in Census 1901 (Stepney, Middx); Morris Fischer, baker, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

2 English: mainly Scottish variant of **Fisher**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Fischer, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Fischer, 1607 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Michael Fischer, 1622 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Fish

**Variants:** **Fishe, Fysh, Fyshe, Fisk, Fiske**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5746, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London; WR Yorks; Norfolk

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *fish*, *fisch*, *fisk* 'fish' (Old English *fisc*, Old Scandinavian *fiskr*), for a fisherman or fishmonger, or for someone thought to resemble a fish. (ii) relationship name perhaps occasionally from a personal name with the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fisc, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk).

surnames: Erniss Fish, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Daniel Fisc, 1208 in Charter Rolls (Suffolk); Robert Fisk, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Robert le Fysch, 1297

in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Thomas Fysche, 1377 in Poll Tax (Osgodby, Lincs); Johannes Fysch, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bidford, Warwicks); Johannes Fysch, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Rudham, Norfolk); Galfridus Fissh, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Elmham, Norfolk); Johannes Fysh, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Hanningfield, Essex); Johanna Fyssche, 1381 in Poll Tax (Horringer, Suffolk); Jn. Fish, 1539 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); Thomas Fish, 1572 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Ambrose Fiske, 1595 in PROB 11 (Wells, Norfolk); Thos. Fisk, 1618 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Fisch**.

### Fishborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Fishburn**.

### Fishborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Fishburn**.

### Fishbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs; Cheshire; Norfolk; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Laois
- English: see **Fishburn**.

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**Variants:** **Fishburne, Fishbourne, Fishborne, Fishborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Fishburn (Durham). **Early bearers:** Randolph de Fisseburn, 1237 in Patent Rolls (Durham); Ranulf de Fissheburne, about 1250 in Durham Priory Fees (Durham); Alicia de Fisseborne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard Fyssheborn, 1448 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); John Fyshborne, 1596 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Margaret Fishborn, 1604 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); John Fishburne, 1609 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Christopher Fishburn, 1611 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Richard Fishburn, 1613 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); William Fishburn, 1734 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); William Fishburn, 1741 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Fishburn, 1753 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 English: locative name perhaps rarely from Fishbourne (Sussex), although the surname derived from this place may be extinct.

**Early bearers:** William Fysshebourn, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nicholas Fisshborne, Johannes Fyschborne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Preston, Sussex); Rauf Fyschaborne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Netherfield with Penhurst, Sussex).

### Fishburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Fishburn**.

### Fishe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk
- English: see **Fish**.

### Fishenden

**Variants:** **Fissenden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from the lost place-name *Festinden* in Hawkhurst (Kent), recorded as *Festendenn* about 1270.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de ffestinden, 1278 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Mabil' de ffestind', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Barnfield hundred, Kent); Thomas Vesyn, 1469, William Fyssinden, 1485, Henry Festynden, 1504 in Cranbrook Wills (Kent); Thomas Fystyn, 1495 in Feet of Fines (Brenchley, Kent); Robert Fyssyngden, 1499 in Feet of Fines (Hawkhurst, Kent); Henry Fistynden, 1513 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Hawkhurst, Kent); Alyce Fysshenden, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Marian Fishenden, 1563, Jone Fyssenden, 1575 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); John Fissenden alias Bissenden, 1566 in PROB 11 (Benenden, Kent); Marian Fissenden, 1567 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Agnes Fysshenden, 1569 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Jhon Fyshenden, 1604, William Fisen, 1636 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); John Fishenden, 1605 in PROB 11 (Tenterden, Kent); Elysbeth Fysenden, 1623 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Jn. Fishendon, 1781 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent). **References:** Kent Place-Names p. 339.

### Fisher

**Variants:** **Fitcher, Fischer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47682, Ireland 1328
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34725
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *fis(sc)her(e)* 'fisherman' (Old English *fiscere*). **Early bearers:** Richard le Fischer, 1263 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Cristiana Fischere, 1279–80 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Robertus le Fisshe, 1299 in Canterbury Freeman's Rolls (Kent); Thomas le Fisshe of Leycestre, 1360 in Feet of Fines (Leicester, Leics); Johanne le Fysher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weeton with Preese, Lancs); Adam Fisher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashow, Warwicks); Katherine Fisher, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Alice Fisher, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Fisher, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Margaret Fisher, 1540 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Anne Fisher, 1541 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent).

**References:** Information from John Fisher (Guild of One-Name Studies). See also the Fisher One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/fisher/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/fisher/)

2 English: locative name from Middle English *fis(sc)hwere*, \**fisshyar* 'fish weir' (Old English *fiscwer*, \**fiscgear*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a fish weir, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Fisher in North Mundham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Fissar, Martin atte Fissar, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John atte Fisswere, 1323 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Will. atte Fischwere, 1332

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in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); John de la Fissfewere, 1360 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Fissfewere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Downton, Wilts); Thoma Fissfewere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Harnhill and Driffeld, Gloucs).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 74; Löfvenberg, p. 65.

**3** Irish: adopted for **Ó Bradáin** 'descendant of *Bradán*', a personal name meaning 'salmon'. See **Braden**.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Fisher, 1578 in Fiant Elizabeth §3452; Henry Fisher, 1587 in Fiant Elizabeth §5037; John Fisher, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clonallan, Down); Samuel Fisher, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (All Saints, Donegal); Eliza Fisher, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Templemore, Derry).

**4** Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: from Yiddish *fisher*, modern German *Fischer* 'fisherman', or an anglicized spelling of German **Fischer**.

**Early bearers:** Israel Fisher, traveller, born in Poland, in Census 1851 (Nottingham, Notts); Solomon Fisher, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Manchester, Lancs); Hermann Fisher, boot and shoe maker, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); John Fisher, clock maker, born in Baden, Germany, in Census 1871 (Aston, Warwicks); Fritz Fisher, straw trader, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Luton, Beds); Louis Fisher, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lewis Fisher, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); August Fisher, hairdresser, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Camberwell, Surrey); Golda Fisher, milliner, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Stepney, Middx).

## Fishleigh

**Variants:** Fishley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

**1** English: locative name primarily from Fishleigh in Hatherleigh (Devon) or Fishley Barton in Tawstock (Devon), but perhaps also from Fishleigh in Aveton Gifford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Petrum de Fislegh, 1222 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Anthony Fishly, 1601 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Margaret Fishlye, 1627, Bartholomew Fishleigh, 1698 in *IGI* (Milton Damerel, Devon); John Fishley, 1708 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon pp. 122, 143, 266.

**2** English: locative name perhaps rarely from Fishley (Norfolk), although the surname derived from this place may have become extinct.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Fisselee of Yarmouth, 1359 in Patent Rolls (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johannes de Fishlee, 1379 in Poll Tax (Neatishead, Norfolk); Willelmus Fysshlee, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Barsham, Norfolk); Emma Fysshlee, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Bartholomew Fishleigh, 1698 in *IGI* (Milton Damerel, Devon); John Fishleigh, 1824 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London).

## Fishley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Fishleigh**.

## Fishlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448

• **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs  
English: locative name from Fishlake (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Fislake, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William Fysshlak, 1274 in Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings xiii; John Fischlake, 1366 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Johannes Fysshlake, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Hugo de Fischlake, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas de Fysshelak', 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Juliana Fysshelak', 1379 in Poll Tax (North Duffield, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Fysselak', 1379 in Poll Tax (Thorne, WR Yorks); Thoma Fislak', 1379 in Poll Tax (West Cottingwith with Thorganby, ER Yorks); Johannes Fischlake, 1381 in Poll Tax (East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Johanne de Fysshelak, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Richard Fishlake, 1606 in *IGI* (Poulton, Gloucs); Thomas Fishlack, 1606 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); Robert Fishlake, 1628, John Fishlock, 1650 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); John Fishluck, 1709 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts).

## Fishman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

**1** Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Fischman(n)**, an occupational name for a fishmonger, from German *Fisch*, Yiddish *fish* + *man* (German *Mann*).

**Early bearers:** Israel Fishman, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Rachael Fishman, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Daniel Fischman, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Gershon Fishman, born in Russia in Census 1891 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Pincus Fishman, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Fishman, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Durham); Solomon Fischman, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Fishman, boot maker, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**2** English: occupational name for a fisherman, or fish merchant. It is uncertain whether the name still exists.

**Early bearers:** Randolph Fissheeman, 1474 in Hastings Court Rolls (Sussex); John Fishman, 1620 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Fishman, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); James Fishman, 1779 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske, NR Yorks); Harriet Fishmanborn in Scarborough, in Census 1891 (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

## Fishpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs

English: locative name from Middle English *fishpol* 'fish pond'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by, or worked at, a fish pond, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Fishpool in Kempsey (Gloucs), Fishpool Brook in Barrow upon Soar (Leics), or Fishpool in Leathley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William atte Fishpol, 1325 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Peter atte Fyssh' Pole, 1362 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk and Cambs); Ricardus de la Fysspole, 1377

in Poll Tax (Pencombe, Herefs); Ricardo Fishpole, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus atte Fysspole, 1379, atte Fishpol, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); Richard Fysshpoll, 1385 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Fysshpole, 1473 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Thome Fishpoole, 1560 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Alice Fispole, 1570, Richard Fishpole, 1572 in PROB 11 (Cirencester, Gloucs); Elizabeth Fishpool, 1623 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); John Fishpoole, 1627 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Thomas Fishpool, 1679 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs).

## Fishwich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Fishwick**.

## Fishwick

**Variants:** Fishwich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2140, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1494
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N England
- 1** English: locative name primarily from Fishwick (Lancs), but perhaps occasionally also from Fishwick in Kingsteignton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fiswich, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Lancs); Robert de Fysshewyk, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John de Fysshewyk, 1357 in Patent Rolls (Barningham, NR Yorks); Johannes Fischwyk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Roberto de Fysshewyk, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Nicholas Fishwyk of Grantham, 1407 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Roger Fysshewyk, 1431 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Fyswyke or Fyswike, 1544 in PROB 11 (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Walter Fysshwyck or Fyshwicke or Fishwick, 1553 in PROB 11 (Louth, Lincs); Mathei Fishwick, 1582 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Wm. Fishweake, 1586 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Thomas Fishweke, 1588 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Richard Fishewicke, 1620 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); John Fishwick, 1622 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); John Fyshwicke, 1636 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Joseph Fishwich, 1667 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Fairfax Fishwick, 1799 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon p. 479.

**2** English: locative name occasionally from Fisherwick (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Alicia Fysshewycke, 1550, Ellin Fishwick, 1579 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Fishewicke, 1570 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

## Fisk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2105, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1580
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk; London

English: see **Fish**.

## Fiske

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 336
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Fish**.

## Fisken

**Variants:** Fiskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Perth

Flemish, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle Dutch personal name *Frieseekin*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names beginning in *Fris-* ('Frisian'). The first known bearer of the personal name in Scotland was Freskyn of Moray, said by Black to have acquired lands in Moray (Murray) from David I, after he suppressed an insurrection there in 1130. As a surname *Friskin* became *Firskin* by metathesis and subsequently lost the /r/ before the following /s/, hence the modern forms *Fisken* and *Fiskin*.

**Further information:** In view of his given name, Freskyn of Moray was probably a Fleming. Black comments that he also held lands in Strabrok (now Uphall) in W Lothian and that his son William witnessed a charter by Malcolm IV to Berowald Flandrensis of the land of Innes in 1160.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fretheskyn, persona (parson) de Dufglas, about 1202–12, Kelso Register (Roxburghs), probably identical with Friskyne decanus Moraviensis (dean of Murray), about 1214–26 in Morton Register, Scotland, and Fertheskyn, decanus ecclesie Moraviensis, about 1218–26 in Arbroath Register; Freskyn de Chen, decanus Aberdonensis, 1321 in Aberdeen Register. surnames: Hugh Fretheskyn, 1204–11 in Arbroath Register (Angus); Henry Friskin, 1618, Hew Friskine, 1632 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Jeane Fiskine, 1653, Hellen Fiskin, 1745 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Andrew Friskine, 1671 in *IGI* (Findo Gask, Perth); Patrick Friskin, 1671 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwick); John Friskin, 1708 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Ann Fiskin, 1717 in *IGI* (Redgorton, Perth); Marjery Frisking, 1745 in *IGI* (Foulden, Berwick); William Firskine, 1748 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); John Fiskin, 1778 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Ann Fiskan, 1783 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth).

**References:** C. Tavernier-Vereecken, *Gentse Naamkunde van ca. 1000 tot 1253* (Brussels, 1968), p. 186.

### Fiskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dunbartons; Angus

Scottish: see **Fisken**.

### Fison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Suffolk, and Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Fyson**.

### Fissenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Fishenden**.

### Fist

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London
- English: see **Feast**.

### Fitch

**Variants:** **Fytche, Fidge, Fick, Feek, Figg, Fitches, Fetch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2397, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2337
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *\*fiche*, perhaps 'a pointed implement for fixing or transfixing something or someone' (such as a lance?), a derivative of Old French *fichier* 'to fix, fasten, pin on, stick into, pierce'. Compare Modern French *fiche* 'peg, pin'. It may also have been used as a personal name; compare **Fick, Fickett, Fitchett, Ficken** and **Figgins**.

**Further information:** Reaney remarks that 'as Hugh *Malet* is said to have abandoned for a time his nickname "little hammer" in favour of *Fichet* (see **Mallet**), *fiche* must have been used of a pointed weapon, a spear or lance, and *Fitch* and *Fitchett* of a spearman or a knight famous for his exploits with the lance'. Use of *Fiche* as a personal name is possibly implied by diminutive personal name forms such as *Fechet* (see **Fitchett**) and *Fechel*, attested in *Fechel* de Fercalahn, 1225–50 in Dublin Documents. The latter is perhaps the source of the now extinct surname *Fetchell* (evidenced in Lancs and Kent in the 1881 census), and of the medieval surnames of Alfwinus *Figgel*, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Kent), and Richard *Figel*, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds), with intervocalic voicing of *ch* to *dg*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Fiche, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Roger Fiche, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Willelmo Fych', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Woodham Ferers, Essex); Edith Fich, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Marshfield, Gloucs); William Fiche, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Roberto Fyche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Scraptoft, Leics); Johanne Fiche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Liverpool, Lancs); Johannes Fyche, 1381 in Poll Tax (Warrington, Lancs); William Fitch, 1579 in PROB 11 (Little Canfield, Essex); Raffe Fitcher or Fytche, 1611 in PROB 11 (London); Mary Fitch, 1612 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk).

2 English: occasionally an altered form of **Fitz**.

### Fitchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: see **Fidgeon**.

**Further information:** Reaney's etymological association of this name with **Fitch** is implausible.

**Early bearers:** John Fitchen, 1696 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); William Fitchen, 1723 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

### Fitcher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwick; Suffolk
- 1 English: occupational name perhaps from Middle English *fichere*, a variant of **Fisher**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Fychere, Richard Fichere, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Fitcher, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermay, London); Daniel Fitcher, 1622 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent).

2 English: possibly a post-medieval pronunciation of **Fitchew**.

### Fitches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Fitch** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Isacke Fitches, 1568 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Ruben Fitches, 1609 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Fitches, 1631 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); George Fytches, 1788 in *IGI* (Icklingham All Saints, Suffolk);

### Fitchet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Derbys
- English, Scottish: see **Fitchett**.

### Fitchett

**Variants:** **Fichet, Fidgett, Fickett, Figgett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 721
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Derbys; also Oxon

Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *Fichet*, *Fichot*, or (in N France) *Fiket*, *Fikot*, diminutive forms of *\*fiche* or *\*fike* 'a pointed implement for fixing or transfixing something or someone' (such as a spear?), used as a nickname and as a personal name. See **Fitch** and compare the French surnames **Fichet**, **Fichot**, and **Fichard**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fichet, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Kent). surnames, England: Hugo Fichet, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Strington, Somerset); John Fichet, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Bristol, Gloucs); Willelmo Fichet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Johannes Fichet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Melton Constable, Norfolk); Petrus Fychet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Saint Helens, Hants); Ricardus Fychett, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charlecote, Warwicks); Thomas Fichet, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); Alicia Fychot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Helions Bumpstead, Essex); Johannes Ficher, 1381 in Poll Tax (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Richarde Fitchett, 1579 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Tho. Fitchet, 1580 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Maria Fichet, 1601 in *IGI* (Willingham by Stow, Lincs); Rodger Fitchet, 1630 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); William Fichet, 1648 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Wm Fichet, 1672 in *IGI* (Fulbrook, Oxon); Thomas Fitchet, 1684 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Fichet, 1715 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts).

surnames, Scotland: William Fichet, 1317 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jeane Fitchett, 1655 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); David Fitchett, 1661 in *IGI* (Kinnell, Angus).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

### Fitchew

**Variants:** **Fitchie, Fitcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Worcs

English: see **Fitzhugh**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Feithew (widow of Henry, lord Fitzhugh), 1473, Edward Fythewe, 1492, Edward

## Fitchie

Fitzhugh, 1497 in York Guild Register; Alice Fitchew, 1596, Agnes Fitchew, 1605 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts).

### Fitchie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus
- 1 Scottish, English: variant of **Fithie**.  
2 English: see **Fitchew**.

### Fithen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Vivian**.

### Fithian

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Vivian**.

### Fithie

Variants: **Fithye**, **Fitchie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Fithie in Farnell (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Duncan de Fethyn, 1254 in Arbroath Register (Conon, Angus); Henry de Fethy, about 1328, Henry Fethy de Ballisak (Boysack), 1464 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); Patrik Fithie, 1624 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Henry Feithe or Fithie, 1632 in Wedderburne Compt Buik (Dundee, Angus); Elspett Feithie, 1675 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); John Fithy, 1735 in *IGI* (Lintrathen, Angus).

### Fithye

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Fithie**.

### Fitkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Fidkin**.

### Fitness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Filtness**.

### Fitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 871, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 776
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London
- English: nickname from Middle English *fit* 'fitting, suitable'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Fitte, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Shrops); Roger Fitte, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); William Fitte, 1344 in Patent Rolls (Hingham, Norfolk); Johannes Fyte, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Johannes Fitte, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shellow Bowells, Essex); James Fitte, 1484 in London Letter Books (Lincs); Johanna Fitt, 1561 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Mary Fit, 1645 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Alice Fitte, 1708 in *IGI* (Great Plumstead, Norfolk); Jno. Fite, 1716 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk).

### Fittal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Fittall**.

### Fittall

Variants: **Fittal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Fitela*, which is found in place-names such as Fittleworth (Sussex), Fittleton (Wilts), and Fitling (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Estan Fitel, 1175–86 in Saint Benet of Holme Register; William Fytel, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Adam Fytel, 1276 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Richard Fytele, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Fytel of Poslynge, 1339 in Patent Rolls (Postling, Kent); Willelmus Fytel, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lyminge, Kent); Ricardus Fitele, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Burlingham, Norfolk); Alexander Fitel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); William Fytell, 1406 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Thomas Fytyll, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Kent); John Fittle, 1611, Thomas Fittell, 1632, William Fittal, 1698 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Fittill, 1612 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); John Fittell, 1616 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); William Fittall, 1660 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); John Fitell, 1706 in *IGI* (Stourmouth, Kent).

### Fitten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Fitton**.

### Fitter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *fitter*, of uncertain meaning. It might be related to Middle English *fitered* 'ragged', with reference to the decoration of clothes with slashes or streamers, in which case *fitter* could be a clipped form of *\*fitterer*, perhaps a term for a tailor specializing in ornamental clothing. Compare Old Scandinavian *fit* 'hem (of a garment)'. (ii) occupational name, alternatively a derivative of Middle English *fetten*, occasionally *fitten* (Old English *gefetian*) 'to fetch or obtain (something or someone)'. Reaney and Wilson note that in northern English dialect *fitter* meant one 'who vends and loads coals, coal broker' (1678 in OED) and 'one who fits ships with cargoes'. Exactly what a medieval *fitter* might have provided is an open question. (iii) occupational name, alternatively a derivative of Middle English *fitten* 'to be fit and proper' (related to Middle English *fit* 'suitable'), perhaps used transitively 'to make (something) fit', in which case a fitter might have been a joiner, a furnisher, or a tailor, for example. (iv) occupational name, alternatively a derivative of Middle English *fitten* 'to organize or deploy (someone or something)', recorded only with reference to the marshalling of troops in battle but it may have had wider applications. Compare (ii) and (iii). MED suggests that it might be related to Old Scandinavian *fitja* 'to knit', which raises a slight possibility that *fitter* could have denoted one who knitted yarn or

thread for hosiery, etc., but there is no evidence for a Middle English *\*fitten* 'to knit'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Fittere, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Hugh le Fittere, 1231 in Close Rolls (Gloucs); Margere Fittere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wetherden, Suffolk); Ellin Fitter, 1539 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Elizabeth Fitter, 1571 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Katherine Fitter, 1581 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Henry Fytter, 1601 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Fittes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Fettes**.

### Fittin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Fitton**.

### Fittis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Fettes**.

### Fitton

Variants: **Fitten**, **Fittin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2528, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3368
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *fiton*, *fittin* 'lie, falsehood', for a liar or cheat.  
**Early bearers:** Richard ffyton, 1188 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Richard Fitun, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Hugh Fyton', 1365 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Johanne Fitoun, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Richard Fyton', knight, 1390 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Robert Fyton' of the county of Chester, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Staffs and Shrops); Ralph Fyton, 1420 in PROB 11 (Bradfield, Berks); Richard Fyton, 1437 in PROB 11 (Shirborne, Dorset); Robert Fitton, 1542 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Peter Fytton or Fitton, 1551 in PROB 11 (Ersham, Norfolk); Mary Fytton, 1557, Edward Fyton, 1579 in PROB 11 (Gawsworth, Cheshire); John Fitten, 1599 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).
- 2 English: locative name from Fitton Hall in Leverington (Cambs).  
**Early bearers:** Alan de Fittun, about 1213 in Book of Fees (Cambs); John de Fitton, 1326 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Isabell Fitton, 1542 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Johis Fitton, 1569 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Fraunces Fitton, 1584 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Robart Fitton, 1591 in *IGI* (Marston, Lincs); Penelope Fitton, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Fitz

Variants: **Fitze**, **Fice**, **Fitch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Ayr

Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son', either used to distinguish a son from his father and then conventionalized as a hereditary surname, or short for a surname of which *fiz* 'son' was the first element, for example **FitzAlan**, **Fitzhenry**, **Fitzroy**.

**Further information:** The place-name Fitz (Shrops) does not appear to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Fiz, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Robertus Filius, Robert Fiz, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); William le Fiz, 1374 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Margeria Fytz, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitwell, Hants); Willelmus Fitz, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Thomas Fice, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lambourne, Essex); John Fitz, Roger Fitz, 1411 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Margerie Fitz, 1592 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Bengman Fies, 1653 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); John Fice, 1684 in *IGI* (Werrington, Devon); Joseph Fiss, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Fits, 1708 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Fitzachary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Fazackerley**, altered by folk etymology under the influence of the personal name *Zachary*.

### Fitzakerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Fazackerley**.

### Fitzakerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Yorks

English: see **Fazackerley**.

### FitzAlan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name *Alan* (see **Allen**), 'son of *Alan*'.

**Further information:** From 1243 to 1580 the FitzAlans were earls of Arundel. Mary FitzAlan (1541–57), daughter of the 19th Earl of Arundel, married Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk; their son was the ancestor of the present dukes of Norfolk, who also held the honour of Arundel. In the 19th century, Henry Howard, 14th Duke, adopted the surname *FitzAlan-Howard* with reference to this marriage three hundred years earlier.

**Early bearers:** John Fitz Alan, 1416 in York Freemen's Register; Maud Fitzalan or Countess of Arundell, 1436 in PROB 11 (Abbotisbury, Dorset).

### FitzCharles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks

Scottish: relationship name 'son of Charles'; see **Fitz**. This is a 17th-century coinage, not an Anglo-Norman name. Since the 19th century it has been found mainly in Scotland.

**Further information:** Charles *FitzCharles* (born 1657 in London, married 1678 in Wimbledon), was the illegitimate son of king Charles II by Catherine Pegge.

**Early bearers:** Agnes FitzCharles, 1809 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Scotland).

### Fitze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Fitz**.

### Fitzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; Middx

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The Fitz Aier family gave its name to Aston Eyre (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Jerome Fizar, 1605 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); John Fizer, 1632, Mary Fitzer, 1640 in *IGI* (Broadwas, Worcs); Abigail Fitzer, 1672 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Steuen Fitzer, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph Without Aldgate, Middx); Thomas Fizar, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** Domesday Descendants, p. 978; Place-Names of Shrops 1, p. 24.

### FitzGeorge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name 'son of George'; see **Fitz**. This is a 17th-century coinage, not an Anglo-Norman name.

**Further information:** Wentworth *FitzGeorge* (born 1634, died 1664 in Dublin), was the son of George FitzThomas, 16th Earl of Kildare (*IGI*); Adolphus Augustus Frederick *FitzGeorge* (born 1846 in London, died 1922), was the illegitimate son, by the actress Sarah Fairbrother, of Prince George, Duke of Cambridge, who was a grandson of King George III. **Early bearers:** William FitzGeorge, 1789 in *IGI* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks).

**References:** Anthony J. Camp, *Royal mistresses and bastards: fact and fiction 1714–1936* (London, 2007), pp. 330–38.

### Fitzgerald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12388, Ireland 12450
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; S Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- Norman, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Gerald**, 'son of *Gerald*'.

**Further information:** This is a very common Anglo-Norman name in Ireland, where it has been Gaelicized as **Mac Gearailt**. Irish bearers of the name claim descent from *Gerald* Fitzwalter de Windsor, constable of Pembroke Castle in the early 12th century, whose grandson Raymond (or Redmond) 'le Gros' *FitzGerald* (died after 1185) led the invasion of Ireland on behalf of Strongbow in 1170. A branch of the family held the title Knight of Glin from at least 1299 to 2011. Most or all present-day bearers of this surname in England are of Irish origin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Muiris Mac Gearailt, 1250 in AU; Muiris Mael Mac Gearailt, 1286 in AU; Gerald FitzGerald, gent., nominated to be sheriff of Louth, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §42 (Tomaston, Limerick);

Christopher Fitzgerald, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §102; Gerrot Fitz Thomas Fitzgerald, gent., 1562 in Fiant Elizabeth §406 (Burneechurch, Kilkenny).

England: Thomas Fitzgerald, 1618 in PROB 11 (Walton upon Thames, Surrey); Oliver Fitsgerald, 1691 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Patrick Fitzgerrald, 1716 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Michael Fitzgerald, 1808 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Sarah Fitzerald, 1814 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Fitzgibbon

**Variants:** **Fitzgibbons**, **Gibbons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 1101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

Norman, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name *Gibbon*, a Norman French pet form of **Gilbert**; 'son of *Gibbon*'. *Fitzgibbon* has long been a widespread and important family name in Ireland. It has been Gaelicized as **Mac Giobúin**.

**Further information:** Sir Gilbert (Gibbon) FitzJohn, illegitimate son of John FitzGerald, 1st Baron Desmond (d. 1261), was the ancestor of a line of Anglo-Norman aristocracy in Ireland, who acquired the surname *Fitzgibbon* with reference to him. Gilbert and his Fitzgibbon descendants were known as 'the White Knights' on account of their fair complexion.

**Early bearers:** John FitzGibbon, 1560 in Fiant Elizabeth §297 (Ballywy Ovahee, Tipperary); Edmund fitz Davy fitz Davy Fitz Gibbone, kern, 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth §1865; Rich. Fitz Gibbon, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2786 (Cnocklingy, Limerick); David Tobbyne fitz Gibbon, husbandman, 1576 in Fiant Elizabeth §2930; Edm. fitz John Fitzgibbon, 1580 in Fiant Elizabeth §3676 (Michelston, Cork); Edmund Fitz Gibbon, gent., 1590 in Fiant Elizabeth §5517; Ellen ny Richard Fitz Gibbon, 1599 in Fiant Elizabeth §6312.

### Fitzgibbons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster

Norman, Irish: variant of **Fitzgibbon** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Fitzgibbons, 1785 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Fitzharris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wexford

Norman, Irish, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name *Harry* (see **Harris**), 'son of *Harry*'. This name is frequent in Ireland. See **Fitzhenry**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Marcus Fitz Harryes, gent., 1586 in Fiant Elizabeth §4968 (Ballentelley, Wexford); Rob. Fitz Harris, 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6459 (Rosebery, Kildare); Rob. Fitz Harryes, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6755 (Rosbery, Kildare).

## Fitzhenry

England: Joan Fitzharris, 1602 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds); John Fitzharris, 1712 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks).

### Fitzhenry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 114
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, Irish, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Henry**, 'son of *Henry*'. This name is common in Ireland (mainly Connacht), where it has been Gaelicized as **Mac Éinri**. In at least some cases, it seems to have been adopted as a surname indicating the illegitimate offspring of a man called Henry. It may have been adopted as a pseudonym in the case of Jeremiah *Fitzhenry*, recorded in 1803 in the French Military Archives as the name of an Irish rebel against the British crown, who was born in Ballymakey, Wexford, in 1774, the son of William and Catherine Hegarty, and served in the French army.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Nicholas Fitz Henry (alias Fitz Herys), gent., 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §73 (Kilkevan, Wexford); Thomas Fitz Henry, 1559 in Fiant Elizabeth §73; Nicholas Fitz Richard Fitz Henry, gent., 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1442 (Killery, Wexford); Edward Fitzhenry, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1624 (Laois); David Fitzhenry, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Donkellan, Galway).

England: Theophilus Fitzhenrey, 1570 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Jane Fitzhenry, 1749 in *IGI* (Broadwater by Worthing, Sussex).

**References:** <http://fitz-henry.blogspot.com/2010/07/more-about-jeremiah-fitzhenry.html>

### Fitzherbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name 'son of *Herbert*', from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Herbert**.

**Early bearers:** William Fitz Herbert, 1295 in London Husting Wills; Margery Fitzharber, 1421 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); John Fitzherbert, 1503 in PROB 11 (Smithfield, London); Antony Fitzharbard, 1516–17 in Gilbertine Charters; Humfrey Fitzherbert or Fitzharbert, 1548 in PROB 11 (Braughing, Herts).

### Fitzhugh

**Variants:** **Fitchew, Fitchie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Hugh**, 'son of *Hugh*'.

**Further information:** In 1531 Thomas Caprun married into the Fitzhugh family and his descendants adopted the surname *Fitzhugh*.

**Early bearers:** William Fitz Hugh or Fic Hugh, 1420 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Thomas Fitzhugh, 1552 in PROB 11 (Wavendon, Bucks); Ellin Fitzhugh, 1570 in *IGI* (Paulerspury, Northants); Fitzhews, 1640, Willie Fitchhuse, 1642 in *IGI*

(Southwark, Surrey); Elissabeth Fitchoe, 1666 in *IGI* (Chipping Camden, Gloucs).

### FitzJames

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Westm

Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **James**, 'son of *James*'.

**Further information:** This surname was adopted by James *Fitzjames* (1670–1734), illegitimate son of James II and Arabella Churchill.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fitzjames, 1345 in Hylle Cartulary; Richard FilzJames, 1421 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); John Fitzjames, 1510 in PROB 11 (Redlynch, Wilts); Thomas Fitzjames, 1534 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Aldred Fitz James, 1555 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); James Fytzjames alias Fytjames alias Fysejames alias Fysejames, 1559 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); Ralf Fitzjames, 1628 in *IGI* (Lillington, Dorset).

### FitzJohn

**Variants:** **Fidgeon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 770, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 470
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Cambs, and London

English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **John**, 'soi of *John*'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas fiz Jon, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Middleton and South Stoke, Sussex); John Fitz John, 1434 in PROB 11 (Reading, Berks); Henry FitzJohn, 1524 in PROB 11 (Southwark, Surrey); Edmond Fitzjohn, 1586 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); Alice Fitzjohn, 1597 in *IGI* (Allhallows London Wall, London); Emme Fitz John, 1605 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Marie Fitz John, 1632 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Jams Fitz John, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); William Fitz-John, 1690 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); William Fitz-John, 1715 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk).

### Fitzmartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Norman, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Martin**, 'son of *Martin*'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Daniel Fitzmartin, 1865 in *IGI* (Feenagh, Limerick); Michael Fitzmartin, 1865 in *IGI* (Kilmihil, Clare).

England: Mary Fitzmartin, 1851 in *IGI* (Hammersmith, Middx).

### Fitzmaurice

**Variants:** **Fitzmorris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 793
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Mayo

Norman, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Maurice** (see **Morris**), 'son of *Maurice*'. This name is common mainly in Ireland, where it has also been Gaelicized as **Mac Muiris**.

**Further information:** The Irish family of *Fitzmaurice* share a common Norman ancestry with the

Fitzgerald family. They can be traced to Thomas *Fitzmaurice*, whose brother Gerald was the ancestor of the Irish Fitzgerald dynasty. Their father was Maurice Fitzgerald, a Norman baron (died 1176).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Tomas Fitz Muiris, baron mór do Clainn Gerailt (Baron of the Geraldines), 1294 in AU; [...] Fitzmorrice, knight and lord, 1567 in Fiant Elizabeth §1013; Thomas Fitz Morice, 1570 in Fiant Elizabeth §1619; John Fitz Morish, gent., 1574 in Fiant Elizabeth §2487 (Knockmoan); Thomas Fitzmorris, 1692 in *IGI* (Dublin).

England: Margaret Fitz Morris, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Pauls Wharf, London); John Fitzmorris, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Fitzmorris

- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- Norman, Irish: see **Fitzmaurice**.

### Fitzpatrick

**Variants:** **Patrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11714, Ireland 10575
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois; Cavan

Norman, Irish: relationship name in some cases a genuine Anglo-Norman patronymic (like **Fitzgerald**), formed in Ireland, but more often adopted for **Mac Giolla Pádraig**, see **Kilpatrick**. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Donyll Fitz Patryk, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §897 (Gortenclohe); Florence Fitz Patryk, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §897 (Watercastell); Barnaby Fitz Patrick, knight, son and heir of the baron of Upper Ossorie, 1569 in Fiant Elizabeth §1437; Tirlaghe Fitz Patricke, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6110; James Pursell fitz Patrick, gent., 1600 in Fiant Elizabeth §6440 (Roadston).

England: Andrew Fitzpatrick, 1709 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Mary Fitzpatric, 1755 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Robert Fitzpatrick, 1802 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Hugh Fitzpatrick, 1811 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr).

### Fitzroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Galway

Norman, English, Irish: (i) relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + *roy* 'king', 'son of the king'. It was often taken to imply that the original bearer was a bastard son of the king (compare **Fillary**). (ii) relationship name 'son of *Ruadh*', a Gaelic nickname meaning 'red', is also possible.

**Early bearers:** Henry fis le Rey, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Charlotte Fitzroy, 1688 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Fitzsimmonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Fitzsimmons**.

**Fitzsimmons**

Variants: **Fitzsimons, Fitzsimmonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3058, Ireland 506
- **GB frequency 1881:** 731
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster and Leinster: esp. Down

Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Fitzsimon** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Patrick Fitzsimons, 1593–4 in Access to Archives (Cheshire); John Fitzsymmons or Fitzsimmons, 1611 in PROB 11 (Saint Katherine by the Tower of London); Joseph Fitzsimmons, 1725 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Susanna Fitz Simmons, 1764, Mary Fitzsimmonds, 1770 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Agnes Fitzsimmons, 1813 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Mary Fitsimmons, 1843 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Fitsimons, 1847 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

10M: Nich Fitzsimons, 1716 in *IGI* (Lezayre).

Ireland: Edward Fitz Symons, gent., of the office of liberty of Wexford, 1563 in Fiants Elizabeth §546; John Fitzsymonds, 1569 in Fiants Elizabeth §1311 (Dublin); Bartholomew Fitzsimons, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Killeagh, Meath); Patrick Fitzsimmons, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Dundalk, Louth); Daniel Fitzsimons, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Castleterra, Cavan); John Fitzsimmons, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilclief, Down); William Fitzsimmons, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ardstraw, Tyrone).

Scotland: Elizabeth Fitsymons, 1820 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); Grace Fitsimons, 1829 in *IGI* (Glasserton, Wigtowns); Hugh Fitsimons, 1858 in *IGI* (Blairgowrie, Perth).

**Fitzsimon**

Variants: **Fitzsimmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kirkcudbrights and Ayr; Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + either of the personal names *Simon* or *Sigmund* (see **Simon**), 'son of *Simon* or *Sigmund*'. In Ireland this name has been gaelicized as **Mac Síomóin**.

**Early bearers:** England: William le fiz Simon, 1154–89 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Hugo le Fiz Simond, filius Simonis, 1325 in Parliamentary Writs (Herts); Richard FitzSymond, 1387 in Miscellaneous Inquisitions (Essex); John Fysimond, 1392 in The Church in London; John Fysimond, 1392 in The Church in London; Nicholas Fitz Symond', 1397, Edward fitz Symond', 1400 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Michael fitz Symon, 1717 in Parish Registers (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Felix Fitzsimon, 1761, Thos. Fitsimon, 1762, Mary Ann Culcheth Fitzsimon, 1835 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Fitzsimon, 1800 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

Ireland: Michael FitzSymon, sheriff of Dublin, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §43; Walter Fitzsymon, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1582 (Balamadroght, Dublin).

**Fitzsimons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1594, Ireland 3008
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Fitzsimmons**.

**Fitzwalter**

Variants: **Fitzwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Devon
- Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **Walter**, 'son of *Walter*'.  
**Further information:** This is the name of a family of Norman origin, descended from Godfrey, Count of Brionne (died about 1010). Godfrey's grandson, Richard FitzGilbert, accompanied William the Conqueror and was made Lord of Clare. His great-grandson was Robert *FitzWalter*, one of the barons who guaranteed the Magna Carta in 1215.  
**Early bearers:** England: Johan fitz Waulter, 1350 in Assize Rolls (Essex); William Fitz Water, 1466 in PROB 11 (London); Richard Fitzwater, 1540 in PROB 11 (Wyrardisbury, Bucks); John Fitzwater, 1584 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset).  
Ireland: Nicholas fitz Richard Fitz Walter, kern, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §100 (Ballengaran); Robert Fitz Walter, horseman, 1571–72 in Fiants Elizabeth §1968 (Frehames); Robert Fitz Walter, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3555 (Frehane).

**Fitzwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Fitzwalter**.

**Fitzwilliam**

Variants: **Fitzwilliams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Aberdeens; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *fiz* 'son' (see **Fitz**) + the personal name **William**, 'son of *William*'.  
**Early bearers:** Johanne Fyzwillam, 1381 in Poll Tax (Appleton, Berks); Thomas Fitzwilliam, 1496 in PROB 11 (Mablethorpe, Lincs); William Fitzwilliam, 1534 in PROB 11 (Milton, Northants); Elizabeth Fitz William, 1545 in *IGI* (Clayworth, Notts).

**Fitzwilliams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Fitzwilliam** with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Jane Fitzwilliams or Fitzwillyams, 1575 in PROB 11 (Chertsey, Surrey).

**Fivash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Fiveash**.

**Fiveash**

Variants: **Fivash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: locative name from Middle English *five* 'five' + *ashe* 'ash (tree)', for someone who lived in a place distinguished by five ash trees. Five Ashes in Hadlow Down (Sussex) was so named around 1512.  
**Early bearers:** Agnes Fiveashe, 1565 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Anne Fiveashe, 1639 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex); Elizabeth Fiveash, 1655 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Syman Fiveaish, 1697 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts); John Fiveash, 1698 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Elizabeth Fivearsh, 1772 in *IGI* (West Malling, Kent); Ann Fivash, 1838 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).  
**References:** Place-Names of Sussex p. 396.

**Fixter**

Variants: **Fixture**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname, occupational name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*fikestere*, a side form of *\*fikere* 'beater of wood, metal, or cloth'. See **Ficker** and for the suffix compare **Baxter**, **Dexter**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Fixter, 1683 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); John Fixtor, 1786 in *IGI* (Woodhall, Lincs); Wm. Fixture, 1809 in *IGI* (Kelstern, Lincs).

**Fixture**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Fixter**.

**Flack**

Variants: **Fleck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3124, Ireland 153
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs; also Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Cavan; Down

1 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *\*flak* 'sod, turf, block of peat', either a locative name for someone who lived at a place where turves were cut or, perhaps, a nickname for someone who cut peat for fuel. Compare **Flagg**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert del Flac, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Roger Flack or Flake, 1562 in PROB 11 (Finningham, Suffolk); John Flack, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Christopher Flack, Thomas Flaack, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).  
2 English: variant of **Fleck**.

**Flackett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *flaket* 'jar, flask' (Old French *fla(s)quet*), for someone who made, sold, or used flasks. Compare Johannes *Flaketer*, 1381 in Poll Tax (Crowland, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Rich. Flaket of Calton, 1426 in Notts Archives (Calton, Staffs); Henry Flaket, 1439 in Derbys Record Office (lble and Brassington, Derbys); Henry Flaket, 1533–8 in TNA (Derbys); Alice Flackett, 1541 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Henrie Flackett, 1573 in



## Fladgate

*IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); John Flacket, 1580 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); John Flacket, 1601 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Mary Flackitt, 1750 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys).

### Fladgate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London
- English: see **Floodgate**.

### Flage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Flagg**.

### Flagg

Variants: **Flage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also London; Cambs

English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *flag(ge)* ‘turf, sod, block of peat’ (Old Scandinavian *flag*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at a place where turves were cut, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Flagg (Derbys). It may also be a nickname for someone who cut turves.

Compare **Flack**. (ii) locative name, nickname; from Middle English *flagge* ‘reed, rush’, for someone who lived in a place characterised by reeds, or perhaps for someone who cut reeds for thatch. (iii) locative name perhaps from Middle English *flag(ge)* ‘flagstone’ (Old Scandinavian *flaga*), for someone who lived in a place where flagstones were found or quarried.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Flagge, 1216 in Devon Record Office (Torquay, Devon); Peter de la Flagge, about 1280 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Matthew de Flagg in la Lee, 1303 in Derbys Record Office; Henry del Flagg, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); John Flagge, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Worcs); Agn’ Flagh’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); Alice Flage, 1573 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Ane Flagg, 1606 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); William Flagg, 1612 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Flagge, 1627 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Sarah Flag, 1677 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Flagg, 1740 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

### Flaharty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; W Midlands; London; Northumb

Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh, see **Flaherty**.

### Flaherty

Variants: **O’Flaherty**, **Flaharty**, **Flatharta**, **Fluharty**, **Flarty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3586, Ireland 2753
- **GB frequency 1881:** 911
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway; Kerry

Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh ‘descendant of *Flaithbheartach*’, a personal name meaning ‘generous, hospitable’ (from *flaith(eamh)* ‘prince’ + *beartach* ‘behaving’).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ruaidhri Ua Flaithbertaigh, king of West Connacht, 1062 in AU; Flaithbertach Ua Flaithbertaigh, 1092 in AU; Morogho na doe and Donald crone O’Flahertie, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4028 (Aghnanyver, Galway); Ormond O’Flaherty, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4028; Mr. Roger Flahertie, 1583 in Fiants Elizabeth §4229; Donell mcRorye O’Flahertie, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4474 (island of Cahirr); Rory mcMorogh mcDonill O’Flahertie, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4585; Donogho O’Flathirta, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4694; Morough O’Flahertie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4698 (Achenemoyre, Galway); Donill mcRory O’Flaherty, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4707 (Owar, Galway); Rorye mcMorogho mcDonell O’Flaherta, yeoman, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4753; Moriertagh O’Flahertie, weaver, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4781; Teige ne bully O’Flahertie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4805 (Airin); Moragh nedoe O’Flahertie, 1587 in Fiants Elizabeth §5120; Margaret O’Flahertie, 1588 in Fiants Elizabeth §5173; Brian E Cowily O’Flaherty, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5800 (Ballynone); Onora ny Flaherty, 1592 in Fiants Elizabeth §5800; Donell mcShane O’Flahertie, husbandman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6519 (Grelagh).

England: Morgan Flarty, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Hannah Flaherty, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Bridget Flagherty, 1838 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Flahive

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- 1 Irish: from Ó Flaithimh, see **Laffey**.  
2 Irish: from Mac Fhlaithimh, see **Claffey**, **McCleave**.

### Flain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Durham
- English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Fleinn* (from *fleinn* ‘dart, arrow, hook’).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Flain, 13th cent. in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Hugh Flayne, 1381 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Matthew Flain, 1680 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs).

### Flamank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Staffs
- English: see **Fleming**.

### Flambard

Variants: **Flambert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *flambard* ‘flaming torch’. There is no evidence to support an origin in a Continental Germanic personal name.  
**Further information:** Ranulf *Flambard* (d. 1128), administrator and bishop of Durham, was supposedly given the soubriquet *Flambard* by Robert, the king’s dispenser, in allusion to Ranulf’s

activities as the king’s advocate in the king’s court. He was sometimes also known as Ranulf *Passeflambard* ‘pass the flaming torch’.

**Early bearers:** Ranulf Flanbard, Flamme, Flamard, 1086 in Domesday Book; Robert Flambard, 1158 in Cartae Antiquae; John Flambard, 1218 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William Flambard, 1357 in Patent Rolls (Essex); Ann Flambert, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Flambert, 1609 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Flambert, 1616 in PROB 11 (Hermitage, Dorset); Henry Flamberd, 1745 in *IGI* (Puddletown, Dorset).

**References:** DNB; Reaney and Wilson.

2 French: nickname from the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** Lion Auguste Flambard, born in France, in Census 1861 (Jersey); Desiree Flambert, born in France, in Census 1871 (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Alexandre Flambard, born in France, in Census 1881 (Ilfracombe, Devon).

### Flambert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; Norfolk
- Norman, English, French: see **Flambard**.

### Flaming

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- English: see **Fleming**.

### Flamson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: unexplained. Possibly an irregular development of *Flamstead*, from the place of this name in Herts; compare Johanne *de Flamstede*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sutton Cheney, Leics); Jasabel *Flamsteed*, 1601 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Margret Flamson, 1566 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Edwarde Flamson, 1583 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Thomas Flamston, 1626 in *IGI* (Heather, Leics).

### Flanagan

Variants: **O’Flanagan**, **Flanaghan**, **Flannaghan**, **Flannagan**, **Flannigan**, **Flanigan**, **Flanighan**, **Flannighan**, **Flanningan**, **Flanegan**, **Flanagan**, **Flanngan**, **Flanagin**, **Flanakin**, **Flanahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8067, Ireland 6594
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Roscommon, Galway, and Clare

Irish: from Ó Flannagáin ‘descendant of *Flannagán*’, a personal name from a double diminutive of *flann* ‘scarlet, ruddy’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Breane O’Flanagane, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §1290 (Bealacrive); Donald Flanegane, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §781 (Chaplin); Tirrelagh ytlea O’Flanagyne, 1568–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §1290 (Bealawoghter); William McTirrelaugh O’Flanygan, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §3879 (Beallawoghter, Roscommon, gent); John Flannagan, 1591 in Fiants Elizabeth §5603 (Inchekellyn, horseman); Brian McShane Y Flanaghane, 1600–01 in Fiants Elizabeth §6477 (Carrickfoile).



Scotland: Helen Flanagan, 1798 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Flanagan, 1810 in *IGI* (Lochmaben, Dumfriess).

IoM: James Flanigan, 1717 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM).

England: Darby Flannagan, 1639 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Maria Flannegan, 1711 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Flannegen, 1723 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire); Peter Flannigen, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Bryan Flannigan, 1742 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Robert Flannican, 1760 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Flanaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Derry
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanagin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** =
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanakin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanagan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Glamorgan
- Irish: from Ó Flannghaile, see **Flannery**.

### Flander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds
- English: see **Flanders**.

### Flanders

Variants: **Flander, Flinders, Flinder, Flounders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs, Hunts, and Norfolk

English: ethnic name from Middle English *Fla(u)ndres* 'Flanders', denoting someone from Flanders, a historical region covering parts of modern-day Belgium, France, and the Netherlands. Compare **Fleming**.

**Early bearers:** Euerdai de Flandria, before 1191 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Thomas Flaundres, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Agn' de Flanders, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shustoke, Warwicks); Johannes de Flaundres, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ackton, WR Yorks); Johanne Flaundres, 1379 in Poll Tax (All Cannings,

Wilts); Thomas Flanders, 1560 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); John Flanders, 1567 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Edw. Flanders, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds); Thomas Flander, 1577 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Robert Flounders, 1581 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks).

### Flanegan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanelly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flannghaile, see **Flannery**.

### Flanery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flannghaile, see **Flannery**.

### Flanigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Louth
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanighan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Warwicks; Wigtowns
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Middx
- English: see **Flawn**.

### Flannagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 114
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 608
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; also WR Yorks; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flannaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flannary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flannghaile, see **Flannery**.

### Flannelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Flannghaile, see **Flannery**.

### Flanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English \**flauner*, Old French *flaonnier*, *flaunier*, for someone who made or sold flawns (a sort of pie, cake, or bun). Compare **Flawn**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Flauner, 1211 in Leicester Freeman Register (Leics); Reginald Flawner, 1222–32 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Herts); Walter le flaoner, 1246–89 in Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary (London); Simon le Flanner, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); William le Flaoner, 1269 in Patent Rolls; John Flawner, 1508 in PROB 11 (Wondeley, Suffolk); Thomas Flanner, 1623 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Flanner, 1625 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); John Flannar, 1640 in PROB 11 (Weston Colville, Cambs); Mary Flanner, 1682 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Charles Flanner, 1857 in *IGI* (Ashted, Warwicks).

### Flannery

Variants: **Flanery, Flannary, Flanary, Flannelly, Flanelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1721, Ireland 1690
- **GB frequency 1881:** 593
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Clare; Mayo

Irish: from Ó Flannghaile 'descendant of *Flannghal*', a personal name from *flann* 'red, ruddy' + *gal* 'valour'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William O'Flanura, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4724; Brian O'Flanneragh, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5805 (Doonkintrean); Soroghe ny Flanilla, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Iskrowne); Cahell O'Flannellie, 1593–94 in Fiants Elizabeth §5848; William duffe McGollat McSele grane ne Flannellie, 1593–94 in Fiants Elizabeth §5848. England: Mary Flanery, 1795 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Wm. Flannery, 1796 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Pat. Flannary, 1831 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Danielis Flanelly, 1851 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs).

### Flanngan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flannigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1105, Ireland 133
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 741
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; also Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flannighan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Ayr
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

### Flanningan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

## Flarty

### Flarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh, see **Flaherty**.

### Flash

#### Variants: **Flush**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk

English: locative name for someone who lived by a pool or marshy place, from Middle English *flassehe*, *flask*, *floshe*, *flushe* ‘shallow pool, puddle, swampy ground’ (Old French *flache*, *flos* or Old Scandinavian *flask*). Compare **Flasher** and **Flashman**.

**Further information:** The Durham surname might allude to Flass Hall in Lanchester, named from the same word. The 1379 example from North Stainley (WR Yorks) refers to a place in that parish later known as *Bellflask*.

**Early bearers:** Felicia Flasche, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Habram de Flaskes, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); William del Flosche, 1314 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus de Flaskes, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Robertus and Ricardus Flosche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Darton, WR Yorks); Robertus atte Flush’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Betchworth (West), Surrey); Thomas atte Flushe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dorking, Surrey); Richard Flusche, John Flusshe, about 1405 in Fitzalan Surveys (Sussex); Mathew Flash, 1549 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Michel Flash, 1695 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Abraham Flash, 1798 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).  
**References:** Durham Place-Names; Place-Names of WR Yorks 5, p. 160.

### Flasher

#### Variants: **Flatcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *flassehe*, *flask*, *floshe*, *flushe* ‘shallow pool, puddle, swampy ground’ (see **Flash**) + *-er*, for someone who lived by a marshy place or shallow pool. Topographical surnames in *-er* occur mostly in S England, especially in Sussex, Kent, and Surrey, and were interchangeable with names beginning in *atte*. In the 1332 example below, the scribe has mistakenly merged *atte Flasshe* with *Flassher*.

**Early bearers:** John atte Flassher, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sullington, Sussex); Johannes Flusshe’ and Ricardus Flusshe, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Chilmington, Sussex); Ellyn Flacher, 1543 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Edith Flatcher, 1607 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Thomas Flacher, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, London); Henry Flatcher, 1629 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Tomsin Flacher, 1673 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent).  
**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 163.

### Flashman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *flassehe*, *flask*, *floshe*, *flushe* ‘shallow pool, puddle, swampy

ground’ (see **Flash**) + *-man*, for someone who lived by a marshy place or shallow pool.  
**Early bearers:** Daniel Flashman, 1611 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Nicolas Flashman, 1638, George Flashman, 1744, James Flashman, 1808 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

### Flat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Flatt**.

### Flatcher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Flasher**.

### Flatharta

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh, see **Flaherty**.

### Flather

#### Variants: **Flathers**, **Flatter**, **Flatters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: of uncertain origin. In 19th-century Yorks dialect, *flather* had the sense ‘flattery, nonsense, palaver’ (English Dialect Dictionary); it is probably a reduced form of Middle English, Old French *flaterie* ‘flattery’. If the change in consonant from *t* to *th* occurred in Middle English, it is possible that the surname represents Middle English *flater*, *flatour* (Old French *flateor*) ‘flatterer’, but more evidence is needed to support this explanation.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to justify Weekley’s and Wilson’s derivation from an unrecorded Middle English word \**flathe* (+ *-er*), supposedly a variant of Middle English *flatho(u)n*, *flathen* ‘flawn’, a sort of pie, cake, or bun (see **Flawn**). It is also doubtful if a hypothetical \**Flathoner*, ‘flawn baker’ (compare **Flanner**) would have become *Flather* in Middle English.

**Early bearers:** Simon Flather, about 1265 in Calverley Charters (Yorks); John Flathir, 1324 in South Lancs in Reign of Edward II; William Flather, 1465 in Court Rolls (Pudsey), printed in Parish Registers (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Fladder, 1530 in York Freeman’s Register; Margret Flather, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Mathew Flather, 1580 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Thomas Flather, 1581 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Willam Flather, 1647 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Joseph Flatter, 1706 in *IGI* (Whichford, Warwicks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Flathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Flather** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Samuell Flathers, 1599 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

### Flatley

#### Variants: **Flatly**, **Flatlety**, **Flatly**, **Flattery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 211

- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Flaithfhileadh, an earlier form of Ó Flaitle ‘descendant of the prince poet’.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Flately, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Knock, Mayo); Thomas Flately, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kildacommoge, Mayo).  
England: Hannah Flatley, 1779 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Honiare Flatlety, 1832 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey); Patrick Burke Flatlety, 1844 in *IGI* (Windermere, Westm).

### Flatly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flaithfhileadh, see **Flatley**.

### Flatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: locative name from Middle English *flat* ‘level ground, plain’ (Old Scandinavian *flatr*) + *-man*, for someone who lived on a flat piece of land. Compare **Flatt**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Flatman, 1565 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Flatman, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Flatman, 1576 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Jane Flatman, 1586 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk).

### Flatt

#### Variants: **Flat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1048, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 659
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *flat* ‘level ground, plain’ (Old Scandinavian *flatr*), for someone who lived on a flat piece of land. Compare **Flatman**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey del Flate, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); Roger de la Flate, 1342 in Patent Rolls (Derbys); Thomas del Flat, 1349 in York Freeman’s Register; Ricardus de Flat, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bentham, WR Yorks); Robert Flatte, 1399 in Patent Rolls (Cambs); Johannis Flatt, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Robt Flatt, 1596, Nyckholase Flat, 1600 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk).

### Flatter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Flather**.

### Flatters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Flatter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*; see **Flather**. With the Lincs name compare George *Flaughter*, 1707 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs), and Richard *Flawter*, 1713 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs). They might be variants of *Flather* or have a different, unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Edward Flatters, 1565 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Richard Flatters, 1599 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Joseph Flatters, 1762 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Flattery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Offaly
- Irish: from Ó Flaitire, a variant of Ó Flaitile, see **Flatley**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Morghe ne do O'Flattery, 1580 in Fiant Elizabeth §3667; Murgh O'Flattery, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6535 (Kilvry, King's County [Offaly]); Brian oge O'Flaterie, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6618 (Lomclone); Hugh O'Flatrye, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6618 (Lomclone); Rorie oge O'Flatrye, 1602 in Fiant Elizabeth §6618 (Lomclone). England: James Flattery, 1815 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

**Flattley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Flaithfhileadh, see **Flatley**.

**Flattly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from Ó Flaithfhileadh, see **Flatley**.

**Flavel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Flavell**.

**Flavell**

**Variants:** Flavel, Flavill, Flavell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2167, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 891
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Norman, English: locative name from Flamanville (Manche).

**Further information:** The manor of Aston Flamville (Leics) was held by Robert *de Flamville* in 1247.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Flamvill, 1221 in Patent Rolls (Leics); Henry de Flaunuill, 1330 in Feet of Fines (Beds); William Flaunuyle, knight, 1363 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Henrico de Flamvyle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aston Flamville, Leics); Willelmus Flamville, Rosa Flaumvell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Willoughby, Warwicks); Willelmo Flamvyle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stoke Golding, Leics); Johannes Flamfil, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newnham Paddox, Warwicks); Alicia Flamwyll, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Elizabetha Flawel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blaby, Leics); James Flawell, 1596 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Elizabeth Flamell, 1607 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Henry Flavell, 1608 in PROB 11 (Lutterworth, Leics). **References:** Leics and Rutland Place-Names p. 5.

2 English: (i) nickname from Anglo-Norman French *flavel* 'rattle, clapper (especially one carried by a leper); fan, winnowing fan', perhaps for a leper, or for a winner. Some early bearers may belong with (i). (ii) locative name perhaps from Flyford Flavell (Worcs), recorded as *Flavel* 1190–1428. *Flavel* is an Anglo-Norman form of the name Flyford that was added to it for distinction from nearby Grafton Flyford. There is no specific evidence to indicate that this place-name has contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Flauvel of Messingham, 1315 in Patent Rolls (Lincs); Adam Flauvel, 1322 in TNA (WR Yorks); John Flavel of Cicestre, 1325 in Patent Rolls (Chichester, Sussex); John Flavell, 1476 in Birmingham Archives (Warwicks); William Flavell of Yardley, 1507 in Warwicks Record Office (Warwicks); Katerina Flavell, 1560 in *IGI* (Shawell, Leics); Thomas Flavell, 1580 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Elizabeth Flavell, 1586 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Thomas Flavill, 1606 in *IGI* (Shawell, Leics); Richard Flavell, 1619 in PROB 11 (Meriden, Warwicks); Edward Flavel, 1620 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Edward Flavel, 1661 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

**References:** Watts, Dictionary p. 234.

**Flavill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Leics and Notts; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Flavell**.

**Flavin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 681
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Flaithimhín and Ó Flaithreamháin 'descendant of Flaithimhín and Flaithreamhán'. Both personal names are from diminutives of *flaith* (*eamh*) 'prince, ruler'.

**Early bearers:** John Fitz David O'Flayvane, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §935 (Dromanye, Yeoman); Thomas O'Flahevan (Fitz Mauric og), 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2274; John McPhilip O'Flahewan, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3082 (Kilmeloo); Thomas O'Flavan, 1582–83 in Fiant Elizabeth §4111 (Carrigacoty).

**Flawell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Flavell**.

**Flawith**

**Variants:** Flowith, Floweth, Flowitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also WR Yorks and Durham

English: locative name principally from Flawith in Alne (NR Yorks), but perhaps occasionally also from Flawith in Low Catton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Flathewath, 1355 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); William de Flawath, 1362 in Patent Rolls (NR Yorks); Agn' de Flathwath', 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Margareta Flatwath', 1379 in Poll Tax (Dringhouses, WR Yorks); William Flawath of Ouleston, 1442 in Patent Rolls (Oulston, NR Yorks); Ellena Flawith, 1615 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); John Flowith, 1702 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Robert Flowet, 1738, Thomas Flowitt, 1777 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Thomas Floweth, 1749 in *IGI* (Saint Martin cum Gregory, York).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks p. 21; Place-Names of ER Yorks p. 188; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

**Flawn**

**Variants:** Flann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also London; Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *flathoun*, *flawn* 'flawn' (a sort of pie, cake, or bun) (Old French *flaon*), for someone who made or sold flawns. See also **Flanner**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Flathun of Wystanstone, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Wistanstow, Shrops); Elena fflaun, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cams); John Flaune, 1351 in Patent Rolls (Notts); John Flaoun, 1357 in London Letter Books G; John Flawn, 1364 in Patent Rolls (Beds); Galfridus Flaune, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fryerning, Essex); Richard Flanne, 1400 in Patent Rolls; Thomasin Flawne, 1577 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts); Humfrey Flann, 1590 in PROB 11 (Bredon, Worcs); Sarah Flaune, 1626, Phill. Flawn, 1692 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

**Flaws**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland; also Banffs

Scottish: locative name from one or more places named Flaws in Orkney, for example near Cleat on South Ronaldsay.

**Early bearers:** James Flawis, 1492 in Orkney Records (Marwick, Orkney); Adam Flawis, 1509 in Orkney Records (Kirkwall, Orkney); Gilbert Flawis, 1672 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).

**Flax**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Durham; Middx; Berks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *flax*, *flex* 'flax', for someone who grew, sold, or treated flax for weaving into linen cloth, or for someone with hair the colour of dressed flax: compare Ricardus *Flexennehed*, 1273 in Hundred Rolls 'flaxen head'. See also **Flaxman** and **Flexer**.

**Early bearers:** John Flax, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Flax, 1330 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Roger Flex, 1408 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); Robert Flax, 1649 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cams).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *Flachs* 'flax', acquired as an occupational name for a flax grower or dealer, or as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Harris Flax, machinist, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Zelig Flax, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Woolf Flax, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Flax, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (West Ham, Middx); Israel Flax, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Maurice Flax, boot rivetter, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Flaxman**

**Variants:** Flexman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 528

## Flay

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *flaxman*, *flexman*, for someone who grew, sold, or treated flax for weaving into linen cloth. See **Flax** and compare **Flexer**.

**Early bearers:** William Flexman, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Nicholas Flaxman, 1332 in Fransson (Norfolk); Walter Flexman, 1349 in Patent Rolls (Herts); Ricardus Flaxman, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Barsham, Norfolk); Ricardus Flaxmon', 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Robarte Flaxman, 1539 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Elizabeth Flexman, 1548 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from an anglicized form of **Flachsmann**, from Middle High German *vlahs*, German *Flachs* 'flax' + *-man*, denoting someone who grew, sold, or treated flax. Among Jews the name may alternatively have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Wolfe Flaxman, tailor's presser, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lazarus Flaxman, slipper maker, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Harris Flaxman, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Flay

Variants: **Flaye**, **Flaey**, **Fley**, **Fly**, **Flye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs and Wilts
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *fle(gh)*, *flei(gh)*, *fle* 'flea' (Old English *fleah*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *fli(gh)e*, *flei(e)*, *fleh(e)* 'fly, winged insect' (Old English *floge*).

**Further information:** The two Middle English words share a number of spellings and it is hard to separate them.

**Early bearers:** William Fleie before 1233 Durham Priory Fees; Margaret la Flegh, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Flye, 1377 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Johannes Flee, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Dereham, Norfolk); Willelmus Flyghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stanwick, Northants); Johannes Flegh', 1379 in Poll Tax (Womersley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fleye, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Harling, Norfolk); Alanus Fly, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fishtoft, Lincs); William Flye, 1555 in PROB 11 (Hillingdon, Middx); John Flaye, 1588 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Flay, 1594 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Paschowe Flea, 1597 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Jhane Flee, 1603 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); John Fley, 1607 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); George Flye, 1608 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts); John Fley, 1622 in PROB 11 (Buckrell, Devon); Agnes Flay, 1632 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Thomas Flea, Robert Fley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Fly, 1651 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); Dorothy Fly, 1720 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

## Flaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Flay**.

## Fleair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts

English: probably an occupational name from Middle English *fleer* 'flayer, skinner' or sometimes perhaps from the eastern dialect word *flier* 'fowler'; or a nickname from *fleer* 'fugitive'.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Flier, 1289 in MED (Close Rolls); Willelmus Flegher, 1377 in Poll Tax (Catton, ER Yorks); Rogerus Flayer', 1379 in Poll Tax (Pudsey, WR Yorks); Robertus Flegler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes Flyher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thorne, WR Yorks); Katherine Flear, 1568 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Isabell Fleeer, 1581 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Thomas Fleare, 1582 in *IGI* (Norton Disney, Lincs); John Fleere, 1602 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); Grace Flear, 1635 in *IGI* (Girton, Notts).

## Fleary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish: unexplained; possibly an inverse form of **Leary** trading on the alternation seen in **Flynn** with its variant *Lynn*.

**Early bearers:** Michael Fleary, born in Ireland, in Census 1871 (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Fleay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs

English: see **Flay**.

## Fleck

Variants: **Flick**, **Flack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 309
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English, Scottish: (i) nickname, a noun form extracted from *flecked* 'pied, spotted', which is on record since 1377; the noun *fleck* 'skin blemish; freckle' is not recorded till 1596, but may well have existed earlier. (ii) nickname in Scotland and N and E England, from Middle English *flek(e)* 'hurdle' (Old Scandinavian *flekti*), for a maker of hurdles. Compare Hugh *le Flekemaker*, 1319 in Close Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Roger Fleke, 1210–11 in Pipe Rolls (Wiltshire); Peter Fleke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Flekke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Caston, Norfolk); Adam Flekke, 1381 in Poll Tax (All Saints South Elmham, Suffolk); John Fleck, 1588 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); George Fleck, 1589 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Richard Fleck, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

2 English: perhaps a truncated variant of **Flecknoe**.

**Early bearers:** John de Fleckhe, 1342–3 in Feet of Fines (Warwick); Johannes Flekke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shilton, Warwick); Thomae Fleck, 1626 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); George Fleck, 1635 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Fleck, 1640 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Fleck, 1654 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

3 English: variant of **Flack**.

## Flecker

Variants: **Flicker**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: occupational name for a maker of watted hurdles, from a Middle English agent-noun derivative of Old Scandinavian *flaki*, *fleki* 'hurdle'.

**Early bearers:** Julian Flekeher, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); William Fleiker, 1641 in Somerset Petition.

2 English: the northern form of **Fletcher**.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Fleckere, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Lancelot Flecker, 1583 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Stephen Flicker, 1695 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

## Flecknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: probably a late variant of **Flecknoe**. The place-name was recorded as *Flecknall* in 1518.

**Early bearers:** Edward Flecknall, 1712 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Flecknal, 1753 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks p. 150.

## Fleckney

Variants: **Flitney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Herts

1 English: locative name from Fleckney (Leics).

Some early bearers may belong with (2)

**Early bearers:** Robert de Flecenege, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Richard de Fleckeneye, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Johannes Flekeney, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saddington, Leics); Judeth Fleckney, 1652 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex); John Fleckney, 1690 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); John Fleckney, 1773 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Thomas Fleckney, 1788 in *IGI* (Kings Walden, Herts).

2 English: see **Flecknoe**.

## Flecknoe

Variants: **Fleckney**, **Flecknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Warwicks

English: locative name from Flecknoe in Wolfhampcote (Warwicks). Some bearers may be examples of **Fleckney**. See also **Fleck**.

**Further information:** Place-Names of Warwicks p. 150.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Flecho, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Simon de Fleckenho, 1345 in Patent Rolls (Warwicks); Alicia Flekney, 1379 in Poll Tax (Astley, Warwicks); Johannis Flecknoe, 1620 in *IGI* (Roxton, Beds); Christopher Flecknor, 1625 in PROB 11 (Claverdon, Warwicks); Anne Fleckney, 1667 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks).

## Fleeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs
- English: see **Fleming**.

## Fleeming

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Fleming**.

## Fleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2416, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1921

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Bucks; Cambs; SE England

1 English: locative name from Middle English *flete* 'estuary, watercourse' (Old English *flēot*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived beside an estuary or watercourse, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Fleet (Lincs, Dorset, Kent, Middx, Hants) or Holt Fleet (Worcs). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Flet, about 1158 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Simon ate Flete, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Alicia del Flete, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Willelmus atte Flete, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swainston, IoW); Johannes de Flete, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kent); Petro de Flet, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stapleton, Leics); Thomas de Flete, 1381 in Poll Tax (Holbeach, Lincs); Kathrin Fleet, 1541 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); Thomas Fleet, 1560 in PROB 11 (Whaplode, Lincs); Johan Fleet, 1560 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); John Fleet, 1560 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); William Fleet, 1580 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *flete* 'swift'.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Flete, 1302 in Patent Rolls; John le Fleet, le Floet, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Fleet, 1559 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Johannis Fleet, 1561 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Fleetham

Variants: Feetham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also ER Yorks
- English: locative name primarily from Kirkby Fleetham (NR Yorks), but occasionally also from East and West Fleetham in Bamburgh (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Fletham, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); Willelmus de Fleteham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ripley, WR Yorks); Hugone de Fletham, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Johanna de Fletam, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); Lancelot Fletham, 1600, Richard Fletam, 1627 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Edwardi Fletham, 1623 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); William Fletham, 1661 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Tho. Fleetam, 1725 in *IGI* (Ainderby Steeple, NR Yorks).

### Fleetwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1312, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1043
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Tipperary
- English: locative name perhaps from a lost or unidentified place named with Old English *flēot* 'stream, estuary' + *wudu* 'wood', possibly in or near Kirkby in Walton (Lancs).  
**Further information:** Fleetwood (Lancs) got its name in the 19th century from its founder, Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood, and is not the source of the surname. Derivation of the surname from Fleetwith (Cumb) is tentatively suggested in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, but the name is not recorded before 1783 (as *Fleetwath*) in Place-Names of Cumb, p. 356.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Fletewo, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John of Fletewode, 1397 in Lancs Record Office; Thomas Fletewode, 1399 in Lancs Record Office (Ingoe in Kirkby, Lancs);

Thomas Fletewode of Kirkeby, 1416 in Patent Rolls (Kirkby, Lancs); Richard Fletewode, 1429 in Lancs Record Office (Kirkby, Lancs); Frances Fleetwood, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry, London); Edmonde Fletewode, 1573 in *IGI* (Chesham Bois, Bucks); Guilielmus Fleetwood, 1573 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Elizabeth Fleetwood, 1585 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Edwardus Fletewode, 1585 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys); Edmund Fleetwoodd, 1586 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Silvester Fletewode, 1590 in *IGI* (Sisland, Norfolk); John Fletewode, 1591 in PROB 11 (Penwortham, Lancs); Edward Fleetwoodde, 1595 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs).

### Flegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

English: locative name from Flegg (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Fleg, 1198 in Pleas (Norfolk); Reginald of Fleg, 1238 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); John Fleg, 1325 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Thomas de Fleg, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes Fleg, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sustead, Norfolk); Johannes atte Fleg, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wereham, Norfolk); Robert Flegge, 1494 in PROB 11 (Needham Market, Suffolk); Marryane Flegg, 1581 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Margaret Flegg, 1588 in *IGI* (Crostwick, Norfolk).

### Flello

Variants: Lello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Welsh: from Welsh *Llel(l)lo*, a hypocoristic of *Llywelyn* seen in medieval records such as *Llelo* ap Llywelyn ap Madog, Madog ap *Llelo* ap Llewelyn, and the *Llelo* Gwttwa who can be identified with Llewelyn ap Meredydd.

**Further information:** Forms with initial *Fl-*, representing an English attempt to deal with the Welsh *Ll-*, are most frequent in Worcs and Monmouths.

**Early bearers:** Richard Flello, 1607, William Lello, 1690 in Parish Registers (Burford, Shrops); Henricus Lelowe, 1616, Katherina Lllello, 1618, in Parish Registers (Clunbury, Shrops); Maria Flelowe, 1617 in Parish Registers (Bayton, Worcs); Edmund Fellow, 1663, Francis Flelloe, 1690 in *IGI* (Lindridge, Worcs); Martha Flello, 1737 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

**References:** Morgan and Morgan, pp. 148–9; Rowlands, Surnames of Wales, p. 124; <http://www.flello.org/history.html>.

### Fleming

Variants: Flemming, Le Fleming, Fleyng, Fleeming, Fleeman, Flemon, Flaming, Flamank, Flemmings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19351, Ireland 5663
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny; Cork; Galway

English, Irish: ethnic name from Middle English *fleming*, Old French *flamanc* 'Fleming', for someone from Flanders. Compare **Flanders**. In Ireland, where the surname has been established since the 12th century, it is gaelicized as **Pléamonn**.

**Early bearers:** England: Serlo le Fleyng, about 1150 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); William le Flamanc, Flandrensis, Flamanc, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Adam Fleyng, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Fleyng, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bexley, Kent); Johannes Flemmyng, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Fleyng, John Fleman, 1456 in PROB 11 (Southampton, Hants); John Fleyng, 1505 in PROB 11 (Glastonbury, Somerset); Elizabeth Flaming, 1559 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Richard Fleming, 1583 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Jana Fleaman, 1625 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs); John Flamank, 1630 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Flemin, 1644, Richard Fleaming, 1648, Isaac Fleeming, 1674, David Fleemen, 1697 in York Freeman's Register.

Scotland: Theobaldus Flamaticus, 1147–60 in Kelso Register; Jordan Fleming, 1174 in Scotland Calendar; Symone Flamench, about 1177 in Paisley Register; Ricardus Flamman, about 1190 in Annandale Family Book; Adam Flamanke, about 1245 in Scotland Calendar; Bartholomew Flamang, 1258 in Moray Register; William le Fleming, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Lanarks); Marjory Fleming, 1564 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margorie Fleeman, 1668 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

Ireland: James Fleyng, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §350 (Julaynston); Edmund Fleming, 1564–65 in Fiants Elizabeth §705 (Treasurer of Waterford Cathedral and vicar of Saint Mary of Doungarvane, Waterford); Gerald Fleeming, 1568–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §1273 (Meath Krewaghe); Patrick Fleyng, 1568–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §1320 (Meath Kells); Thomas Fleeming (fitz Robert), 1568–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §1273 (Meath, Kerane).

### Flemings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and WR Yorks; London

English: see **Flemmings**.

### Flemington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset; Midlothian

1 English: unexplained, but possibly from the Scottish source seen in (2). In the absence of early-modern surnames of the type \**Flempton*, it seems difficult to associate it with Flempton (Suffolk), even though this is found as *flemingtuna*, 1086 in Domesday Book, *Fleminton*, 1197 in Pipe Rolls, and gives its name to John *de Flempton*, chaplain, 1350 in Patent Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Ann Flemington, 1708, Stephen Flemmington, 1800 in *IGI* (Martin, Hants).

2 Scottish: locative name from one or more minor places called *Flemington*; for example in Ayton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Archibald Flemington, 1765, Archibald Fleemington, 1767 in *IGI* (Hobkirk, Roxburghs); Robert Flemington, 1778 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Flemming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 827, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

## Flemmings

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford; Mayo
- English, Irish: see **Fleming**.

### Flemmings

Variants: **Flemings, Flemons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Gloucs; Middx; Lincs

English: variant of **Fleming** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Flemings, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Flemmings, 1645 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Mary Flemons, 1702 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

### Flemon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also ER Yorks; Cumb

English: see **Fleming**.

### Flemons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Herts

English: see **Flemmings**.

### Flemyng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

English: see **Fleming**.

### Flescher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Flesher**.

### Flesh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *fles(c)h* 'meat' (Old English *flǣsc*), for a butcher. Compare **Flesher**.

**Early bearers:** William Fleš, 1205 in Pleas (Sussex); John Fleš, 1308 in Assize Rolls (Norfolk); John Fleshe, 1418 in London Letter Books I; Henry Flešhe, 1639 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); John Flešh, 1645 in PROB 11 (Greenwich, Kent).

### Flesher

Variants: **Flescher, Flisher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *fles(c)her*, *flesho(u)r* 'butcher', an agent derivative of *flesh* 'meat', or *fleshheuer*, *fleshewer* 'butcher', a compound of *flesh* 'meat' + *heuer* 'cutter'.

**Further information:** This surname has been confused with **Fletcher**. Fletcher Gate in Nottingham (Notts) was formerly *Flesher Gate* (Place-Names of Notts, p. 17).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Fleshewere, 1268 in Fransson (Yorks); Albred le Fleshewere, 1311 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Richard Flesseure, 1374 in Ancient Deeds ii (Bucks); Johannes Flescher, 1379 in Poll Tax

(Edlington, WR Yorks); Thomas Fleschehewer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Thomas Fleschewer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johanna Flecherware, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lotherton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fleshewer, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Willelmo Flesher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); Reginaldus Flesshewere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Snaith, WR Yorks); Edmundus Flescheuer', 1381 in Poll Tax (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Richard Flescher, 1410, Thomas Flesshour, 1453, Thomas Flesshuer, 1455 in York Guild Register; Johan Flesher, 1548 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Ezabell Flesher, 1584 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); John Flisher, 1620 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex).

### Fletcher

Variants: **Flecker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43222, Ireland 910
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33992
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim

English: occupational name from Middle English *fletcher*, Old French *flechier*, *flecher* 'fletcher', for someone who made or sold arrows for bows.

**Further information:** This surname has been confused with **Flesher**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert le Flecher, 1203 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); William Flecher', 1203 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lancs); Peter le flechier, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Roberto Flechere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Rogerus Fletcher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Clint, WR Yorks); Nicholao le Fletcher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wavertree, Lancs); Rogerus le Flecher, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bolton, Lancs); Ricardus le Flechur, 1381 in Poll Tax (Pendlebury, Lancs); Alice Fletcher, 1406 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Flecher or Fletcher, 1537 in PROB 11 (Hampton Gay, Oxon). Scotland: John Flechyr, about 1338 in Dryburgh Register (Roxburgh); Malcolm Fleschar, citizen, 1482 in Scottish Arms (Brechin, Angus); John Flescheour, vicar, 1500 in Scottish Arms (Kirriemuir, Angus); William Fletcher, 1606 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Flett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1593, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Banffs

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from a survival of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Fljótr* 'swift, speedy'. (ii) locative name perhaps from Flett in Delting (Shetland).

**Early bearers:** Mawnus Flet, 1480, Jhone Fleytt, 1509 in Orkney-Shetland Records (Orkney); William Flet of Howbister, 1516 in New Spalding Miscellany (Hobbister, Orkney); Marion Flett, 1658 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Jaspert Flett, 1658 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Janet Flett, 1726 in *IGI* (Rathven, Banffs).

### Fletton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Old Fletton (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Johanna Flettone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Catesby, Northants); Richard Fletton, 1396 in Patent

Rolls (Hunts); William Fletton, 1552 in PROB 11 (Saint Mildred Bread Street, London); John Fletton, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Elizabetha Fletton, 1584 in *IGI* (Longstowe, Cambs); John Fletton, 1813 in *IGI* (Benefield, Northants).

### Fleury

Variants: **Flury, Flory, Florey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Waterford
- 1 Norman. English: locative name from one or more of various places called Fleury, for example in Manche, Oise, Pas-de-Calais, and Somme. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Flury, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Thomas de Flury, 1230 in Patent Rolls; Giles de Flory, 1283 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Hugh de Flori, 1286, Giles Florey, 1295 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henricus Flurrey, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stoughton, Leics); Sara Fleury, 1586 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Richard Flury, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts).

2 English: relationship name from the medieval female personal name *Fleuri* (Latin *Floria*, a derivative of the Roman family name *Florus*, from *flos* 'flower'). This name was borne by a 3rd-century saint martyred in Nicomedia under the emperor Decius. There seems to have been some confusion with a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *hlöd* 'fame' + *ric* 'power'. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fluri, 1192 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Floria, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (London); Floria, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks).

surnames: Gilbert Fluri 1154–89 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); John Flory, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Simon Flory, 1377 in Poll Tax (Clipsham, Rutland); Henricus Flory, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stoughton, Leics); John Flory, 1568, Gyles Florey, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Peter Flory, 1595 in PROB 11 (Barking, Essex).

3 Huguenot, French: locative name, relationship name of the same origins as (1) and (2).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Judit Fleury, 1683 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

French: Mary Fleury, born in France, in Census 1861 (Jersey); Edward Fleury, born in France, in Census 1871 (Camberwell, Surrey); Justin Flory, born in France, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Robert Flury, born in France, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Flew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon; also Gloucs

English: nickname, occupational name of uncertain origin but formally it could be from Middle English *flue*, *flew* 'a kind of fishing net', or it might be a reduced form of the surname *Flewer*, from Middle English *fluer* 'fisherman who uses a flue'. Compare Ric' *Fluyr*, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancing, Sussex); Ricardus *Fluer*', 1379 in Poll Tax (Lancing, Sussex). **Early bearers:** John Flewe, 1396 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Robart Flewe, 1570 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Thomas Flew, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Edmund

Flew, William Flue, 1641 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Flew, 1662–4 in Hearth Tax (Dorset); James Flue, 1676 in *IGI* (Staines, Middx); Richard Flew, 1734 in *IGI* (Stockleigh English, Devon).

### Flewellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset Welsh, English: English variant of Welsh **Llewellyn**.

### Flewelling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset Welsh, English: English variant of Welsh **Llewellyn**.

### Flewett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs and Worcs; London
- English: see **Floyd**.

### Flewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Leics; Lancs Welsh: variant of **Floyd**.

**Further information:** Reaney's suggestion, that *Flewitt* is from a rare Old French personal name \**Floard* (Continental Germanic *Hlodhard*), was based on the record of Hubert *Flohardus*, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Leics), but no evidence has been found to show that this became a hereditary surname. The variant spellings of the family name show that it is an alternative pronunciation of *Floyd*.

### Flexer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from a Yiddish *-er* derivative of Middle High German *vlahs* 'flax', denoting someone who grew, sold, or treated flax for weaving into linen cloth, or alternatively acquired as an ornamental or handout name. Compare **Flax** and **Flaxman**.
- Early bearers:** Barnet Flexer, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isaac Flexer, hawker, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Flexer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Marks Flexer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Harrogate, WR Yorks).

### Flexman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: see **Flaxman**.

### Fley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs
- English: see **Flay**.

### Flick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk

1 English: (i) possibly a variant of **Fleck**, found in E Anglia in post-medieval times. (ii) possibly from a Middle English \**Flik*, a survival of the Old Scandinavian male personal name *Flikr*, but evidence is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Garlick Flicke, 1558 in PROB 11 (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Flicke, 1562 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Hellen Flick or Flicke, 1631 in PROB 11 (Ipswich, Suffolk); Sarah Flick, 1789 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk);

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *vlücke* 'awake, bright, energetic'.

**Early bearers:** John Flicke, merchant of Almain, 1299 in Patent Rolls; Jacob Flick, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); William Flick, stoker, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Frederick Flick, leather travelling bag maker, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Islington, Middx); William Flick, gas stoker, born in Nassau, Germany, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); David and Barnet Flick, tailors, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lazarus Flick, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Flicker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Somerset

English: see **Flecker**.

### Flight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 517
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs; Hants; Angus and Perthshire

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *flit* (Old English *flit*) 'strife, brawl, taunt, quarrel, argument'. The 1379 and later forms with *-ght* would be inverted spellings reflecting the loss in late Middle English pronunciation of /ɣ/ before /t/.

**Early bearers:** England: John Flit, 1354 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk and Suffolk); Johannes Flyght, chapman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Southrepps, Norfolk); Nicholas Flyghte of Northam, 1441 in Patent Rolls (Devon); Georgius Flyght, 1562 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Elizabetha Flyght, 1575 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Willm. Flight, 1584 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Roberte Flight, 1610 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Jane Flight, 1637 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); William Flight, 1671 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Flight, 1678 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs).

Scotland: James Flight, 1646, Elizabeth Flyght, 1717 in *IGI* (Kinnaird, Perthshire); Patrick Flight, 1670 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian).

### Flin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs; Midlothian
- Irish, English: see **Flynn**.

### Flindall

- Variants: **Flindle**, **Flindell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Derbys and WR Yorks

English: probably from Middle English *flindre* 'moth', with assimilation of /r/ to the preceding /l/. Compare Johannes *Flyndurkyn*, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Marefield with North Marefield, Leics). A differently assimilated form may be found in John *Flindon*, 1590 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds). The original Middle English form is found suffixed in **Flinders**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Flindell, 1620, Thomas Flindel, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Wm Flindell, 1632, John Flindel, 1658 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); John Flindal, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Edward Flindall, 1670 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Susanna Flyndell, 1683 in *IGI* (Radwell, Herts); Stephani Flindall, 1707 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mary Flindale, 1768 in *IGI* (North Mimms, Herts); Mary Flindle, 1820, James Flindell, 1836 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

### Flindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Suffolk; Lanarks
- English: see **Flindall**.

### Flinder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys
- English: see **Flinders**.

### Flinders

Variants: **Flinder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; also Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *flindre* 'moth', with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Flindall**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Flynders, 1601 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Jn. Flinders, 1606 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Johanes Flinders, 1611 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Jn. Flinder, 1765 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

### Flindle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Flindall**.

### Flinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Cork, Tipperary, and Waterford; also Down
- Irish, English: see **Flynn**.

### Flint

Variants: **Flynt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6645, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs; also London and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

## Flinter

1 English: nickname from Middle English *flint* 'flint, hard rock', for a tough person, metaphorically as hard as flint. Some examples may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** John Flint, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Oxon); William Flint, 1250 in Book of Fees (Bucks); Johannes Flynt, 1377 in Poll Tax (Farnham, WR Yorks); Robertus Flynt, 1379 in Poll Tax (Harewood, WR Yorks); John Flynt' of Letchelade, 1389 in Feet of Fines (Lechlade, Oxon); John Flynt', 1391 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Robert Flint, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Flint, 1540 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Raph Flint, 1559 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *flint* 'flint, hard rock', denoting someone who lived by an outcrop of hard rock, or someone from a place named with this word.

**Early bearers:** William del Flynt, de Flynt, 1291–2 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Richard del Flynt, 1340 in Patent Rolls (Caernarvons); John del Flynt, 1345 in York Freeman's Register; Joha Flint, 1542 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); John Flint, 1559 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

## Flinter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

1 English: nickname from Middle English *flint* 'flint' + *hard* 'hard' (Old English *flint* + *heard*), denoting someone as hard as flint.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Flinthard', 1219 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Johannem Flinthard, 1220 in Patent Rolls (Herts); Alexander Flynthard, 1286–7 in Feet of Fines (Kensington, Middx); William Flinthard, 1301 in Coroners' Rolls (London); Walter Flinthard, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Cheshunt, Herts); Robert Flinthard, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Abbots Langley, Herts); Henry Flynthard, 1320 in London Letter Books E (London); Sarah Flintard, 1349 in Walsham le Willows Court Rolls (Suffolk); Robert Flynthard, 1426 in Patent Rolls (Troston, Suffolk); Thomas Flinter, 1747 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Flinter, 1873 in *IGI* (Waltham Cross, Herts).

2 English: occupational name possibly also from an unrecorded Middle English *\*flinter* 'flint-worker', if the bearers below do not belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Flynter, 1377 in Poll Tax (East Lilling, NR Yorks); Richd Flinter, 1783 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs).

## Flintham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Flintham (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Flyntham, 1298 in Patent Rolls; Thomas de Flyntham of Boterwyk, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Butterwick, Lincs); Beatrice de Flyntham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Long Whatton, Leics); Johanne Flyntham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Knipton, Leics); Willm Flintham, 1561 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Richard Flyntham, 1569 in PROB 11 (Saint Mary Torkesey, Lincs).

## Flintoff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Lancs; Durham
- English: see **Flintoft**.

## Flintoft

**Variants:** **Flintoff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place-name containing the second element Middle English *toft(e)* 'toft' (Old Scandinavian *toft*), denoting a plot of land on which a house stands or formerly stood (see **Toft**). Evidence from early bearers indicates that the place may have been in SE Lincs, near Boston, where several 'toft' place-names are still to be found.

**Early bearers:** Lennard Flintoft, 1576 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Audria Flyntofte, 1579 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Sara Flintofte, 1587, Jesspar Flintoft, 1589 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs); William Flintoft, 1634 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); John Flintoff, 1694 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks).

## Flinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lincs

English: locative name, from Flinton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Flinton', 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Walter de Flinton, 1279 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Robertus de Flynton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Great Kelk, ER Yorks); Juliana de Flynton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Walter de Flynton', 1401 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Robrte Flynton, 1562 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Priscilla Flinton, 1592 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks).

## Flippance

**Variants:** **Flippence, Flippent, Flippant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Surrey and Berks

English: relationship name, possibly a metathesized variant of **Philpin** + genitival or excremental *-s*. The variants in *-ing*, *-and*, *-ant*, and *-ent* would represent an earlier *\*Flippin* (for *Philpin*) + excremental *-g*, *-d*, or *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Flipping, 1732 in *IGI* (Tarrant Gunville, Dorset); Wm. Flippant, 1799, Catherine Flippand, 1824 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Caroline Flippens, 1799, Caroline Flippance, 1813 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts); Elizabeth Flippence, 1824 in *IGI* (Milston, Wilts); Thomas Flippin, 1831 in *IGI* (Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset).

## Flippant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Flippance**.

## Flippence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Flippance**.

## Flippent

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Flippance**.

## Flisher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dorset
- English: see **Flesher**.

## Flitcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 577
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Flitcroft in Culcheth (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Alexandre de Flitcroft, Roberto de Flitcroft, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Elena Flitcroft, 1513 in Cheshire Record Office (Chester, Cheshire); John Flitcroft, 1566 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Richard Fletcroft, 1583 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Elizabeth Flitcrofte, 1586 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 97.

## Flitney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Herts

English: Late variant of **Fleekney**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Fletnoe, 1608 in *IGI* (Roxton, Beds); Mary Flitney, 1775 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); William Flitney, 1820 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks).

## Flitter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: occupational name perhaps from a derivative of Middle English *flitten* 'to convey, transport, remove (something)'.  
**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *fliter* (Old English *flitere*) 'wrangler, scold', as suggested in Reaney and Wilson, seems doubtful. This would give *\*flitter* in Modern English (i.e. with a long vowel), whereas the *-tt-* in the surname forms implies a short vowel.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Flittere, 1196 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Thomas Flitter, 1613 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Hannah Flitter, 1789 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).

## Flitton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs; also Beds

English: locative name from Flitton (Beds), which is recorded as *Flitte* in 1166.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Flitte of Lytlynghon', 1333 in Feet of Fines (Lidlington, Beds); Robert Flytton, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ann Flitton, 1662 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); John Flitton, 1704 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Sophia Flitton, 1707 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts); Edward Flitten, 1762 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

**References:** Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 148.



**Floater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs English: see **Floate**.

**Floate**

**Variants:** **Float, Flute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: locative name from Middle English *flote*, *flout*, *floit*, *flute* 'stream, river' (Old English *flot* 'a body of water'), for someone who lived by a stream or some other body of water, or who lived at a place so called, such as Floyte (in Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon). Compare **Flood** and **Flutter**. Some early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Flot, 1155–8 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); Roger Flote, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); John de Flute, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Talatton, Devon); Nicholaus Flote, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pennington, Hants); Henricus ate Flute, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Harting, Sussex); Mathew Floate, 1561 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Thomas Flote, 1572 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Bennett Flute, 1589 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Float, 1614 in *IGI* (Bepton, Sussex); Thomas Flute, 1637 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Jerimia Flot, 1672 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *flote*, *flout*, *floit*, *flute* '(flat-bottomed?) boat' (Old English *flota*), for a boatman or sailor. Compare **Floater**, **Flodman**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *flote* 'tool for smoothing the surface of something', such as a bow or a pewter vessel, for someone who makes or uses a float. Compare **Floater**.

**Floater**

**Variants:** **Flutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: (i) occupational name perhaps for a boatman or sailor, from a derivative of Middle English *flote*, *flout*, *floit*, *flute* (Old English *flota*) '(flat-bottomed?) boat'. This is compatible with the occupation of Rog. *Floyter*, fishmanger, 1381 in York Freeman's Register. See also **Floate**. (ii) occupational name alternatively for one who makes or uses a float, Middle English *flote* (+ *-er*) 'tool for smoothing the surface of something', such as a bow or a pewter vessel, as in recorded examples in MED. See also **Floate**.

**Further information:** Some of the medieval early bearers may alternatively represent Middle English *flouter* (Old French *flauteur*, *fleusteur*) 'flute-player'. This is unlikely to have developed to modern *Floater* but might have been a source of **Fluter** and **Flutter**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Ralph le Floter, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John Floter, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Lincs); Thomas le Floyter, 1310 in Bolton Priory Computus (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); William the Floutere, 1268 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Rob. Flouter, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lincs); Alanus Floyter', 1379 in Poll Tax (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Henricus Floyter', 1379 in Poll Tax (Newton, WR Yorks); Rog. Floyter, fishmanger, 1381 in York Freeman's Register; Robert Bowland, son of Roger Floyter alias Bowland, 1415 in York Freeman's Register; George Flotter, 1666 in *IGI*

(Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnetta Floter, 1669 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); George Floter, 1709 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); George Flowter, 1739 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Wellfoot Floater, 1755 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Jelfry Floater, 1782 in *IGI* (Lorton, Cumb); Dorothy Floter, 1804 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); George Floater, 1807 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks).

Midlands: Arnulf Flouter, 1224 in Patent Rolls (Derbys/Notts); Richer le Fleuiter, 1266 in Patent Rolls; John le Floytur, 1268 in Patent Rolls; Roger le Flouter, 1342 in Patent Rolls (Coventry, Warwicks); Henricus Flouter, 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Will. Flouter, about 1434 in Coventry Leet Book (Warwicks).

**Flock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Renfrews; Suffolk; Beds

English: (i) nickname variant of **Flock**, (ii) occupational name, perhaps in S Scotland a reduced form of **Flucker** (earlier *Floker*), denoting a fisherman. (iii) nickname from Middle English *flok* 'lock of wool' (Old French *floc*), perhaps for someone who worked with wool, or for someone with hair resembling wool. (iv) variant of *Folk* (see **Fowke**) with metathesis of *l*.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *flok* 'flock (of sheep)' (Old English *flocc*) is also formally possible, perhaps for a shepherd (compare the rare Middle English *flokker* 'shepherd, sheep dog'), but it is difficult to find semantic parallels for this usage.

**Early bearers:** England: John Flocc, about 1160 in Ekwall, ELPN; Geoffrey Flocc, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johanne Flok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ledbury, Herefs); Walter Flocke, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Gilis Flok, 1598 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs). Scotland: Andro Flok, 1524 in Carnwath Court Book; David Flok, 1603 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Christian Flok, 1720 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian).

**Flockart**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife
- Scottish: see **Flockhart**.

**Flockhart**

**Variants:** **Flockart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; also Fife

Norman, Scottish: variant of **Folkard** with metathesis of *l*. There may have been some confusion with **Flucker**.

**Early bearers:** Maeg Flokheart, 1561, Mege Flokert, 1563, Andrew Flockard, 1608, Janet Flokard, 1631, Henrie Flockheard, 1686, Chrstian Flocart, 1743, Henry Flochard, 1770 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Isobell Flockart, 1668 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perths); Jean Flockhart, 1671, Jean Floccard, 1677 in *IGI* (Culross, Perths); John Floccart, 1679 in *IGI* (Beath, Fife); Janet Fluckard, 1680 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Flocard, 1684 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Jannit Flochart, 1705 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Patrick Flockhard, 1709 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Patrick Fluckhart, 1709 in

*IGI* (Dairsie, Fife); Robert Flockheart, 1722 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

**Flockton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Flockton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Floketon, 1265 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Edmundus de Flocton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Flockton, WR Yorks); Robertus de Flocketon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Johannes de Flogton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Rycherd Flocton, 1560 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Margareta Flockton, 1580 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Flodman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Flot(e)man(n)* (Old English *flotman* 'sailor'), which is found in the place-names Flotmanby (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Flotmann, 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks).

surnames: Walter Floteman, 1215 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Thomas Floteman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gooderstone, Norfolk); John Floteman, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Joannis Floodman, 1720 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk); Ann Flodman, 1782 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Flood**

**Variants:** **Flude, Flood, Fludd, Flute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4177, Ireland 3009
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Devon; Kent; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Meath and Cavan

1 Welsh: see **Floyd**. Morgan and Morgan, p. 153, note 'Maurice Flood or Ll'd, of London, alias Maurice Walshman, late of Elsyng, Norfolk'. He is presumably an ancestor or relative of Christofer Flood, 1662 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *flod*, *flud(e)* 'stream' (Old English *flōd*) or 'channel, gutter' (Old English *flōde*), for someone who lived beside such a feature or who lived at a place so called, such as Flood (in Drewsteignton) and Fludda (in Hennock), both in Devon. Compare **Floate** and **Flute** (with which *Flood* may have been interchangeable). Some or all of the post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (1); the two names are impossible to distinguish in isolation.

**Early bearers:** Wigot de la Flode, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Roger flod, about 1200 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Adam del Flod, 1244 in Ramsey Cartulary (Beds); Nicholao atte Flode, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Loders, Dorset); Thomas atte Flood, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Flode, 1536 in PROB 11 (Topsham, Devon); Alice Flood, 1560 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Jhon Flode, 1564 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Sybill Fludd, 1571 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Katherine Flude, 1572 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Johan Fludd, 1594. Elizabeth Flood, 1601 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon); William Flood,

## Floodgate

1619 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Willm. Flood, 1619 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

3 Irish: adopted for various surnames correctly or erroneously associated with Gaelic *tuile* 'flood', for example Ó Maoltuile (O'Multilly) see **Tully**, and Ó Tuathail, see **O'Toole**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Walter Fluddy, soldier and gent., 1560 in Fiant Elizabeth §253 (Dublin); David Flody, heir of castle, 1563 in Fiant Elizabeth §522 (Kilclonfert, King's County [Offaly]); Dionysius Fludd alias Donnogh O'Multilly, yeoman, 1572 in Fiant Elizabeth §2030 (Kilkenny); Margaret Flood, 1603 in Fiant Elizabeth §6766 (Kilkenny).

England: James Flood, born in Ireland, in Census 1861 (Congleton, Cheshire).

## Floodgate

**Variants:** Fludgate, Fladgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *floodgate*, *flodyate* 'floodgate', for someone who lived by or operated a floodgate, being a moveable barrier in a stream controlling water flow, especially in a millrace.

**Early bearers:** Walter atte Flodgate, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Roberto Flodyate, 1381 in Poll Tax (Buckland and Barcote, Berks); John Flodgate, 1616 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks); Edward Floodgate, 1677 in *IGI* (Windlesham, Surrey); Elizabeth Floodgate, 1683 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Eliz Fludgate, 1769 in *IGI* (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey);

## Flook

**Variants:** Fluke, Fluck, Flux, Flock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 653
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *flok*, *fluke*, *flewke* (Old English *flōc*) 'flatfish; fluke or flounder; plaice', either for someone who caught or sold such fish, or for someone thought to resemble one. (ii) relationship name perhaps also from a Middle English survival of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Flóki*, originally a byname meaning 'tuft of hair, knot of hair'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Flook, 1361 in Black Prince's Register; Stephen Fluk, 1450 in Patent Rolls; Richard Fluk', 1484 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Roger Flowck, 1562, Thomas Flowcke, 1595, Gyles Fluck, 1598 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Mary Flouke, 1665 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Will. Flook, 1710, George Fluk, 1785 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Isaac Fluke, 1741 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs).

**References:** Inslay, Scand. Personal Names, p. 123.

## Flooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset

English: see **Flux**.

## Floor

**Variants:** Flower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Somerset; Monmouths; Northumb

English: locative name from Floore (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Cecilia de Flore, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Hugh Flor', 1298 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); John de Flore of Stauerton', 1363 in Feet of Fines (Staverton, Northants); Nicholaus Flor', 1377 in Poll Tax (North Luffenham, Rutland); Richard Flore, 1380 in The Church in London; Richard Flowre, 1494 in PROB 11 (Northampton, Northants); John Flower alias Flore, 1633 in PROB 11 (Saint James Clerkenwell, Middx); John Floor, 1722 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland).

## Flora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Spanish, Portuguese, Italian: relationship name from the female personal name *Flora*.

2 Czech, Austrian, Polish: relationship name from a vernacular form of the Latin personal name *Florianus*.

3 Hungarian: relationship name **Flóra**, from the female personal name *Flóra*.

## Florence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Sussex
- English: see **Florence**.

## Florence

**Variants:** Florance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1114, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also London; Norfolk; Staffs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Florence*, used by both sexes (Latin *Florentius* (masculine) and *Florentia* (feminine), ultimately from *flos*, genitive *floris* 'flower'). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Florentius, 1130–2 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Staffs); Florentius de Grotene, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Florentia, Florentia, 1207–8 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey, Wilts).

surnames, England: Richard Florenz, 1220 in Osenev Cartulary (Oxon); Gilbert Florence, 1250 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Laurence Florens, 1275 in Patent Rolls; William Florence, 1309 in Patent Rolls (Tibenhams, Norfolk); John Florens, 1410 in Patent Rolls (Bergholt, Suffolk); Christain Florence, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar, London); Wyllyam Florance, 1568 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thomas Florence, 1570 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Bennet Florens, 1574 in PROB 11 (Aldeburgh, Suffolk); Renolde Florence, 1575 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Thomas Florance, 1583 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

surnames, Scotland: Jean Florence, 1686 in *IGI* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); James Florence, 1690, Allexr. Florence, 1704 in *IGI* (Fyvie, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name from Florence (Italy).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Florence, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Skelmynius de Florentia, 1334 in York Freeman's Register; Andrew de Florentia of Ebor', moneymaker, 1381 in Feet of Fines (York); Francis de Florentia, 1400 in Feet of Fines; Christain Florence, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Gowyne Florence,

1588 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Elizabeth Florence, 1589 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Margaret Florence, 1601 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

## Flores

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish: nickname from *flores*, the plural of *flor* 'flower'.

## Florey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- English: see **Fleury**.

## Flory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- English, French: see **Fleury**.

## Flood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; Worcs; Hants
- Irish, English, Welsh: see **Flood**.

## Flounders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Flanders**.

## Flower

**Variants:** Flowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3660, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2910
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London; also WR Yorks; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

1 English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *flo(u)r* 'flower, blossom' (Old French *flur*, from Latin *flos*, genitive *floris*). This was a conventional term of endearment in medieval romantic poetry and is regularly found as a female personal name. Compare Robert *Flouressone*, 1325 in Assize Rolls (Staffs). Some early bearers may belong to other senses. (ii) nickname from Middle English *flo(u)r* 'flour', possibly applied to a miller or flour merchant, or to someone with a pale complexion. In origin this is the same word as in (1), with the transferred sense 'flower, pick of the meal'. Although the two words are now felt to be accidental homophones, they were not finally distinguished in spelling before the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Flur', Flour', 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts.

surnames: William Flur, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Edmund Flour, 1313 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Waltero Flour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ansty, Wilts); Henry Floure, 1415 in Feet of Fines (Notts and Leics); John Flower, 1517 in York Freeman's Register; John Floure, 1517 in PROB 11 (Hastings, Sussex); Roger Flower, 1531 in PROB 11 (Allington, Kent); Jonne Flower, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); William Flower, 1540 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); John Flower, 1546 in PROB

11 (Potterne, Wilts); John Flower, 1552 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Christofer Flower, 1573 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *floer* 'arrow maker'. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** William Floere, John le Floer, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Rose Flower, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Flower, 1547 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Ricci Flower, 1549 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

3 English: see **Floor**.

4 Welsh: anglicized form of the personal name *Llywarch*, of unexplained origin.

### Flowerday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: see **Flowerdew**.

### Flowerdew

**Variants:** Flowerday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk
- French: nickname from Old French *flur (de) Dieu* 'flower of God', probably in some metaphorical sense, though this does not appear to have yielded an extant surname in France.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Flourdewe of Hethersett, 1486–93 or 1504–15 in TNA (Norfolk); Thomas Flowerdewe, baker, 1490–1, Thomas Flowrdu alias Folsham, carpenter, 1492–3 in Norwich Freeman (Norfolk); William Flowerdew, late constable of Dunston, 1515–18 in TNA (Norfolk); William Flowrdewe, 1537 in PROB 11 (Wymondham, Norfolk); John Flowerdewe, 1565 in PROB 11 (Hethersett, Norfolk); Thomasyn Flowerdewe, 1578 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Jn. Flowerdew, 1585, Will Flowerday, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Flourdey, 1594 in *IGI* (Sutton, Norfolk); Robart Flowerdye, 1606 in *IGI* (Sisland, Norfolk); John Flowerdy, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Flowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3081, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2398
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; also Northants, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Flower** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Floweth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Flawith**.

### Flowith

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Flawith**.

### Flowitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Flawith**.

### Floyd

**Variants:** Floyed, Floyde, Flood, Flude, Flute, Fluwitt, Flewett, Flowitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3718, Ireland 462
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2830
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall and Devon; Warwicks; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down

Welsh: anglicized form of Welsh **Lloyd** with many variant pronunciations and spellings, some of which overlap with other surnames.

**Early bearers:** SE England: Richard, John Floyd, 1509, 1532 in Foreign and Domestic Letters; Griffin Floyde, 1544 in Muster Rolls (Surrey); William Floyd alias Flowde, 1560 in Patent Rolls (London); Robt. Flowde, 1563, Aaron Floyd, 1612, Gwywallydyne Floyd, 1613, Arnoll Fludd, 1616, Gabrell Floid, 1668, Geo Flewet, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Fludde, 1559, William Fluet, 1568, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Jone Flood, 1575, Anne Floud, 1577, James Flewett, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Ann Floyde, 1578 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Humfrey Fluett or Fluett, 1590 in PROB 11 (East Moulsey, Surrey). E Midlands: Grace Floude, 1568 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Katheryn Floyd, 1572 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Edwardus Floyde, 1575 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Bartholome Floyd, 1601, Richard Loyd, 1603 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Edwarde Flude, 1613 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); Thomas Floyd, 1641, William Flood, 1669 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks); Thomas Fluit, 1678 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Anne Flewit, 1720, William Fluett, 1730 in *IGI* (Normanton on Soar, Notts); Wicks Flute, 1726, Wicks Flude, 1729 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

E Anglia: George Floyde, 1597 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francs Flewit, 1597, Francis Floyd, 1597, Franc. Fluide, 1603 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Christofer Flood, 1662 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk). W Midlands: Jhon Floyde, 1581 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs); Johanis Floyde, 1600 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Hugh Floyde, 1610 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); Izord Floyde, 1618 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs); Mathew Floyd, 1633, Edward Fluett, 1635, Hugh Floyd, 1662 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Jhon Floyd, 1649, George Flewett, 1772 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs).

NW England: Fardinando Floyde, 1567, David Flude, 1570 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Katherine Floud, 1586 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Robt. Floyd, 1698, Samuel Fluit, 1774 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Samll Fluitt, 1708, Willm Floyd, 1718 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Elizabeth Floyd, 1724, Elizabeth Fluid, 1728 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Floyd, 1756, Elizabeth Flut, 1787 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

SW England: Richard Floyde, 1543 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Thomas Floyd, 1582 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset).

**References:** Morgan and Morgan, pp. 151–4.

### Floyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Welsh: see **Floyd**.

### Floyed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Welsh: see **Floyd**.

### Fluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Flook**.

### Flucker

**Variants:** Fluker, Flock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also E Lothian

Scottish: (i) occupational name said to be from the rare Middle English term *flokker* 'shepherd', which is however not recorded in the Older Scots tongue. The predominant spellings with *-u-*, besides those with *-o-*, point rather to a derivative of Middle English and Older Scottish *flake* (Old English *flōc*) 'flat fish' (especially the flounder) + *-er*, perhaps a term for a fisherman specialising in the catching of flat fish. Black notes that this was 'an old surname in Fife' and 'a not uncommon one among the fisherfolk of Newhaven near Edinburgh'. (ii) alternatively it may be a variant of **Fulcher** (Middle English *Fulcher*, *Fulker*, *Folker*) with metathesis of *l*. See also **Flockhart** and **Folkard**, with which the surname probably become confused. Compare the following, all appearing as entries in *IGI* for the parish of Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian: Marion *Flocard* (1684), Jean *Folkard* (1687), and Agnes *Fluker* (1813). With Jeane *Fluker* (1604) compare Janet *Fluckard*, 1680, both in *IGI* entries for Edinburgh.

**Early bearers:** John flokler, 1275 in Dunfermline Register (Fife); Patricius dictus Floker, 1316 in Glasgow Register; Michael Fluker, 1359 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; David Flucare, 1486 in Great Seal of Scotland (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Flukar, 1580, James Flucker, 1619 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); James Flucker, 1594 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jeane Fluker, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Fluiker, 1625 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Patrik Fluikar, 1640 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); William Fluker, 1657 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Fludd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Flood**.

### Flude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also WR Yorks

1 Welsh: see **Floyd**.

2 English: see **Flood**.

### Fludgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- English: see **Floodgate**.

## Fluellen

### Fluellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Welsh, English: English variant of Welsh **Llewellyn**.

### Fluharty

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh, see **Flaherty**.

### Fluke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: see **Flook**.

### Fluker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Flucker**.

### Flury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, French: see **Fleury**.

### Flush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Sussex
- English: see **Flash** and compare **Flasher**.

### Flute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Beds; WR  
Yorks

1 Welsh: see **Floyd**.

2 English: see **Floate**.

3 English: see **Flood**, with which *Flute* may have been interchangeable.

### Flutter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Surrey
- English: see **Flutter**.

### Flutter

**Variants:** **Fluter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a stream or some other body of water, from Middle English *flote, flout, floit, flute* 'stream, river' (Old English *flot* 'a body of water') + *-(i)er*, a linguistic formation typical of Sussex and Surrey. Compare **Floate**. The 1249 example below may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William le Flotyere, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Sussex); Richard Flutter, 1575, Richard Flutter, 1620 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); John Flutter, 1634 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Henery Flutter, 1654, Charles Flutter, 1750 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 243.

2 English: occupational name perhaps for a flute-player, from Middle English *flouter* (Old French *flauteur, fleusteor*). See **Floater** for possible medieval early bearers. However, there is at present no evidence that definitely links the modern surname with this word.

### Flux

**Variants:** **Flooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Hants

English: variant of **Flook** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Flookes alias Gwyn, 1612 in PROB 11 (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Fluxks, 1646 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Flux, 1696 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Mary Flooks, 1704 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants).

### Fly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London
- English: see **Flay**.

### Flye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Brecknocks

English: see **Flay**.

### Flynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks and Midlothian; London

Irish, English: see **Flynn**.

### Flynn

**Variants:** **O'Flynn, Flinn, Flynn, Flin, Lyng, Lynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15628, Ireland 12584
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5706
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork and Waterford; Leitrim

1 Irish: from Ó Floinn 'descendant of *Flann*', a byname meaning 'reddish, ruddy'. Compare **McFlynn**. This name has also been anglicized as **Lindsay**. Some of the following English bearers may belong with sense (2).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Muiredach Ua Flainn, king of Uí-Tuirte, 1059 in AU; Connla Ua Flainn, Coarb of Assylin, 1113 in AU; Deoradh Ua Flainn, king of Bright Delras, 1121 in AU; Aedh Ua Flainn, chief of Sil-Maelruanaigh, 1192 in AU; Connor O'Floyne, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §868 (Kells, Westmeath); Owen roo O'Flene, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §915; Thomas Flynn, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §843; One rwo Flyne, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1868; Matthew O'Flen, husbandman, 1576 in Fiants Elizabeth §2776 (Gracestell); Donke O'Flen, cottier, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4031.

England: Thomas Flinn, 1717, Mary Flin, 1773, Hugh Flynn, 1781 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Michael Flynn, 1796 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); Anne Flynnne, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name from Middle English \**Flin*, representing the Old Scandinavian male given name *Fleinn*. Compare Alicia *Flynnsdoughter*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ribby with Wrea, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Flynn, 1550 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Roger Flynn, 1566 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); John Flinn, 1581 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Anna Flynn, 1593 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); William Flinn, 1626 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Margaret Flynnne, 1691 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent).

### Flynt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Flint**.

### Foad

**Variants:** **Foat, Food, Foode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *fode* 'young child, baby (i.e. that which is fed)', also 'food, nourishment' (Old English *fōda*). *Vod* shows the southern pronunciation, whilst *Wod(e)* shows the dialectal change of initial *V* to *W*. This name has probably contributed to the frequency of **Wood**.

**Early bearers:** Elfred fode, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Norfolk); Richard Food, Vod, Wod, le Vod, 1237, Thomas Vood, 1251, Thomas le Fod, 1262 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); Hugo le Vode, le Wode, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); John Fode of Aylesham, 1344 in Patent Rolls (Aylsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Fode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tuttington, Norfolk); Willelmus Fode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westmeston, Sussex); William Fode of Leycestre, 1380 in Patent Rolls (Leicester, Leics); Sara Foode, 1579 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Robertus Fode, 1583 in *IGI* (Narborough, Leics); Ann Fode, 1589 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Nichous Foate, 1591 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Margaret Foade, 1597 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Mary Food, 1663 in *IGI* (Fleckney, Leics); Robert Foat, 1676 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** Information from Martin Potter (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Foakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: see **Foulkes**.

### Foal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent
- English: see **Foale**.

### Foale

**Variants:** **Foal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *fo(a)le* 'foal; horse; young child' (Old English *fola*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Fole, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Reginald Fole, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Johannes Fole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Taverham, Norfolk); Stephen Foale, 1579 in *IGI* (North Bovey,

Devon); Chareles Foall, 1581 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Robt Foale, 1596 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); John Foal, 1672 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon).

### Foan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: see **Fone**.

### Foard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 262
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Ford**.

### Foat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Foad**.

### Fobbester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Foubister**.

### Fobister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Foubister**.

### Focke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Surrey

1 Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Foke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Denmead, Hants); Marie Focke, 1598 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Andrew Focke, 1724 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); David Focke, born in Worthington, Hants, in Census 1881 (Eton, Bucks).  
2 German: German **Focke**, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Folco*, a pet form of various names beginning with *Folc-*; cognate with **Fowke**. Compare **Volke**, with which this name may have been interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Wilhelm Carl Focke, 1854 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); E. Focke, banker's clerk, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Camberwell, Surrey).

### Fodden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- English: see **Foden**.

### Foden

- Variants: **Fowden**, **Fodden**, **Voaden**, **Voden**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1257, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Staffs

English: locative name from the lost place-name *Fodon* in Over Peover (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Faudon* in 1271–4 and *Fodon* in 1333.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Faudon, 1280 in Pipe Rolls (Cheshire); John Faudon, 1438, John de Faudon, 1439 in Cheshire Record Office (Cheshire); Thomas Fodon, 1568, Thomas Foden, 1568, Ranulphus Fawdon, 1576 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Thomas Foden, 1581 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Robert Fodone, 1608, Hugh Foddon, 1647 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Margaret Fowden, 1612 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Sarah Fodden, 1683 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); William Fowden, 1729 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Thomas Foaden, wool sorter, 1814 in Parish Registers (Ashburton, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 2, pp. 86–7.

### Fodor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian: nickname from *fodor* 'curl', for a person with curly hair.

### Foe

Variants: **Fow**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Angus; Dorset
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *fo* 'hostile' (Old English *fā*) or 'enemy' (Old English *gefā*), in the latter sense perhaps given to someone who played the Devil in a folk play or pageant. However, the following post-medieval bearers are just as likely to belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus, Robertus Foo, 1379 in Poll Tax (Temple Newsam, WR Yorks); Margere Foe, 1569 in *IGI* (Glington, Northants); Robert Foe, 1585 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Anne Foe, 1717 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Foo, 1735 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Martha Foo, 1741 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: see **Fow**.

### Foers

Variants: **Fowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Fower** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Fowers, 1700 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Betty Foers, 1765 in *IGI* (Whiston, WR Yorks).

### Fog

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Warwicks

English: see **Fogg**.

### Fogarty

Variants: **Foggarty**, **Fogaty**, **Fogerty**, **Fogerty**, **Fogaty**, **Hogarty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1634, Ireland 2879
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Fógartaigh 'descendant of *Fógartach*', a personal name based on the word *fógartha* 'outlawed', compare **Gogarty**. It has sometimes been anglicized as **Howard**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ua f-Fogartaigh, 1150 in Annals of the Four Masters; Domhnall Ua Fógarta, lord of South Eile [Ele Déisceirt], 1171 in Annals of the Four Masters; William O'Fogerte, 1560 in Fiants Elizabeth §232; Donyll roe O'Fogierte, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1884; Shane O'Fagirtye or O'Fogartie, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1935; Thady mcDonell O'Fogertie, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1865; Rory O'Fogortie, 1572 in Fiants Elizabeth §2042; Donell mcMortagh O'Hogertie, husbandman, 1582 in Fiants Elizabeth §4036 (Temiranne, Carlow).

England: John Fogerty, 1739 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); Jn Fogartie, 1740 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Edwd Fogarty, 1746 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Foggarty, 1830 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Fogaty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Irish: from Ó Fógartaigh, see **Fogarty**.

### Fogden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also WR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from a lost *Folkindenne* in Sandhurst (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Folkindenne, 1240 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Reginald de Folkindene, 13th cent. in East Sussex Record Office (Iden, Sussex); Richard de Folkedene, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Sussex); Edward Fogden, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Fogden, 1601 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); John Fogden, 1604 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); John Fogden, 1605 in *IGI* (Tangmere, Sussex).

**References:** Kentish Place-Names p. 23.

### Fogel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Vogel**.

### Fogerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Fógartaigh, see **Fogarty**.

### Fogg

Variants: **Fog**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2300, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1725
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Essex and Kent

English: (i) of uncertain origin. The following examples suggest that it might be a variant of **Fowke** (or *Folke*), or vice versa, but the co-existence of the two names may be mere coincidence. Compare Edward *Fogge* (1583) with Thomas *Folke*, (1638) in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ann *Fogg* (1613) and Anthony *Fog* (1655) with Elizabeth *Fowke* (1617), all in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Peter *Fogg* (1814) with Walter *Fowke* (1894) in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire); Fanny *Fogg*, (1822) with Charles *Fowke* (1854) in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs). Also compare **Foggett** (earlier *Foggard*), which may have been shortened to *Fogg*. (ii) alternative derivation from Middle English

*fogge* 'aftermath' (i.e. grass left to grow after the hay has been cut, also applied to long grass in a water meadow) is formally possible, especially in N England, where the term occurs as a specifying element in minor place-names, but as it is not found on its own as a simplex name, the derivation is doubtful without some supporting evidence.

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Fogge, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Fogg, 1379 in Poll Tax (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Willelmus Fog, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Thomas Fog, 1381 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii; William Fogge, 1418 in Feet of Fines (Kent); John Fogge, 1473 in Paston Letters (Norfolk); Willia. Fogg, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Nicholas Fogg, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Fogge, 1564 in PROB 11 (Ashford, Kent); Roger Fogge, 1569, Anne Fogg, 1590 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Willm Fogg, 1578, Thomas Fogge, 1585 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); John Fogg, 1624 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Marye Fogg, 1627, Sarah Fog, 1630 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); John Fugg, 1633 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); John Fog, 1673 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs).

### Foggarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Fógartaigh, see **Fogarty**.

### Foggett

Variants: **Foggitt, Fugett, Fugatt, Fugate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs

Norman, English: (i) relationship name probably a variant of **Folkard**, from the Old French personal name *Folcard*, *Folcart*. With assimilation of *lk* to (*k*/*k*) this became *Fockard* in S Scotland. Voicing of *ck* to *g*(*g*) would account for *Foggard*, *Foggart*, *Foggett* in England. The 1540 bearer of the name *Fogarte*, from Selby in WR Yorks, may have been a descendant of Rogerus *filius Folkart*, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks). However, the epicentre of the modern surname is not WR Yorks but Northumb and Durham, where the relevant medieval source may be a branch of the Normano-Scottish family attested in the names of William *Folkard*, 1294 in Kelso Register (Roxburghs), and Thomas *Fowcard*, 1464 in Scotland Calendar. (ii) In NE England the only potential medieval evidence for the name is Middle English (Old French) *Fuket* or *Foket* (in 1377 example). This is a diminutive of Old French *Fouke* (see **Fowke**), itself a pet form of various Old French personal names beginning with *Folc-*, including *Folcard*. With intervocalic voicing of *k* to *g*, *Foket* would have developed to *Foggett*. It seems likely that *Folcard*, possibly reinforced by its pet form *Foket*, was the source of *Foggett* in NE England. The name is rare elsewhere in England, except in Norfolk and Suffolk, where *Fog(g)et(t)*, *Foggard*, *Folkard*, *Focard*, *Foket*, and *Fuket* are all recorded.

**Further information:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames notes that in the 1700s *Foggett* was sometimes confused with **Froggatt**

**Early bearers:** Variants with -g-: John Fogarte of Selby, 1540 in York Registry Wills (WR Yorks); Agnes Foggard, 1583, Francis Foggitt, 1717 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Mary Fogarte, 1610 in *IGI*

(Holy Island, Northumb); John Fogat, 1631 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Jacob Foggett, 1593, William Foggatt, 1633, John Fogate, 1652, Elizabeth Foggat, 1664, Margaret Fogat, 1689 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Isabel Fogget, 1614 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); William Fugatt, 1652 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ralph Fogart, 1657 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Ralph Fogarte, 1673 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Fogget, 1673 in Hearth Tax (Warlaby, NR Yorks); John Foggitt, 1707, John Foggitt, 1720 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); William Foget, 1754 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Charles Fugett, 1782, Elizabeth Fugett, 1790, William Fugat, 1803, William Fugott, 1814 in *IGI* (Lower Pennington, Hants); William Foggot, 1791 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb); Helena Fugett, 1861 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). variants with -k-: Robertus Foket, 1377 in Poll Tax (Horsley, Northumb); Johannes Fuket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Afton, Hants); Simon Foket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Holme Hale, Norfolk); Margareta Fuket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Worstead, Norfolk); Thomas Foket, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Henricus Foket, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Edward Fockett, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); John Fockett, 1658 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire, at Fouquet (at Fouque); Debrabandere, at Focquet.

### Foggin

Variants: **Foggon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: of uncertain origin. Formally it could correspond to a pet form of the Old French personal name *Fouke*, *Fouque* with the Old French hypocoristic suffix -*un*, possibly attested in Humphredus *Fougoune*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hartham, Wilts); see **Fowke**. However, there is no evidence for this rare name in medieval NE England, and the modern surname may simply be an altered form of **Foggett**, which occurs in some of the same locations as *Foggin*.

**Early bearers:** John Foggam, 1582 in Durham Wills (East Brandon, Durham); Margaret Foggine, 1626 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Dorothy Fogan, 1655, Henry Foggan, 1682, James Foggan, 1686, Dorothy Foggin, 1687, James Foggging, 1749 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Foggon, 1679 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Mary Fogin, 1711 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); William Foggon, 1735 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Margaret Foggon, 1799 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Foggitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Foggett**.

### Foggo

Variants: **Fogo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland; Northumb; Lancs

Scottish: locative name from Fogo (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Foghou, 1166–79 in Melrose Register (Lammermuir, E Lothian); William de Foghou, abbot of Melrose, 1310 in Annals of Teviotdale (Roxburghs); Richard of Foggowe, parson of Douglas, 1352 in Rotuli Scotiae (Lanarks); John de Fogo, abbot of Melrose, 1425 in Great Seal of Scotland (Roxburghs); Andrew Fogo, 1521 in Fife Court Book (Fife); Jannit Foggow, 1578 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Thomas Fogo, 1612 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Janet Foggio, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Issobell Foggue, 1679 in *IGI* (Bo'ness, W Lothian); Thomas Foggoe, 1680 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire).

### Foggon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Foggin**.

### Fogo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb; Lancs

Scottish: see **Foggo**.

### Fogwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Fogwill**.

### Fogwill

Variants: **Fogwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Hants

English: locative name from Vogwell in Manaton (Devon), recorded as *Foghille*, 1333 in Subsidy Rolls. **Early bearers:** Abraham de Foghille, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Kenton, Devon); John Foghille, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Oliver Vogwill, 1605 in Parish Registers (Chagford, Devon); Johannis Fogwill, 1612 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); John Fogwell, 1691, Rebeckah Fogwill, 1716 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 483; information from Lynn Fogwill (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Foister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Derbys
- English: see **Fewster**.

### Foizey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Vasey**.

### Fok

Variants: **Ho, Hou, Hoh, Huo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 霍 (**Huo** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'suddenly' or referring to the phenomenon of a small hill being surrounded by higher hills: (i) from *Huo* (霍), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

(ii) from *Huo* (霍), the name of a state (located in Shanxi province) granted to Shu Chu, the eighth son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). After it was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (iii) from the place-name *Huo* (霍), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province), which was granted to an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) traced back to certain minority ethnic groups who lived in present-day Hunan province.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 伏 and 福, see **Fu** (5) and (6).

### Fokes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Foulkes**.

### Folan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 823, Ireland 886
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland; also scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: (i) from Ó Faoláin, see **Phelan**. (ii) possibly from Mac Faoláin or its variant Mac Fhualáin, ‘son of *Faolán*’, the same personal name based on the diminutive of *faol* ‘wolf’.

**Early bearers:** Pilip fitz Dermid duff Foelan, horseman, 1550 in Fiants Edward §606 (Monelarg); Donald glanne Foelane, kern, 1550 in Fiants Edward §606 (Clonehie); Fenene O’Fowlane, 1571 in Fiants Elizabeth §1864 (Grangmac); Maurice mantagh O’Folane, 1572 in Fiants Elizabeth §2067; Shane O’Foelan, husbandman, 1575 in Fiants Elizabeth §2722 (Shanganagh, Queen’s county [Laois]); Conoghor O’Foylane and Teige oge O’Foylan, 1575 in Fiants Elizabeth §2595; Syruregh Folin, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4707 (Ierconoght); Nehenas Folone, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5451 (Newton, Galway); William Fowlaine, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5778; Patrick O’Foylan, 1599 in Fiants Elizabeth §6266 (Foylanstown, Westmeath); Donell McPhillan, shot, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6551 (Kealtagh).

### Fold

**Variants:** **Fould, Foulds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Herts
- English: locative name from Middle English *fald(e)*, *fold* ‘livestock pen, sheepfold, farmyard’. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived or worked at a fold, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Folds in Tickhill (WR Yorks), recorded as *Folde* in 1336 and *Foldes* in 1493. Compare **Faulder**.
- Early bearers:** Adam in le Fold, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Derbys); John atte Fold, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Adam de Falde, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); John del Fald, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Ricardus Falde, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wanstead, Essex); Walterus atte Folde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Joan Foulde, 1562 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); John Fowld, 1564 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Stanton Foulde, 1564 in *IGI* (Weston,

Somerset); Jeane Fould, 1656 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); John Fold, 1698 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, p. 54.

### Folden

**Variants:** **Fulton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - 1 Scottish: see **Fulton** (1).
  - 2 English: locative name from Foulden (Norfolk).
- Early bearers:** Richeriu’ de Fuheldon, 1196–7, William de Fugeldon, 1220–1, Ralph de Fuldone, 1293–4 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Radulfum de Fuedon’, 1209, Christiane de Fuldon, 1239–40, Robert de Fuldon, 1304–5, John Fouldon, 1404–5 in Feet of Fines (Foulden, Norfolk); Roger de Fuldon’, 1255–8 in Registrum Antiquissimum (Lincs); Margarita Fulton, 1542 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Eliz. Fulton, 1621 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); George Fulton, 1640 in *IGI* (Ashill, Norfolk).

### Folder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Derbys
- English: see **Faulder**.

### Foldes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Foulds**.

### Folds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts
- English: see **Foulds**.

### Foley

**Variants:** **Fowley, Folley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 8651
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3751
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Cork, Kerry, and Waterford
- 1 Irish: (i) from Ó Foghladha ‘descendant of the plunderer’ from *foghlaidhe* ‘plunderer’. (ii) adopted for **Mac Searraigh** (see **McSherry**) on account of its phonetic approximation to the English word *foal*. *Mac Searraigh* is derived from a personal name based on *searrach* ‘foal’.
- Early bearers:** Thomas fitz Derbe gelaghe Fowloo, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §935; John Followe, 1577 in Fiants Elizabeth §2968; Riccard O’Follow alias ny heirey, 1578 in Fiants Elizabeth §3364; Maurice McRickerd I Fowlow, 1579 in Fiants Elizabeth §3567; Hugh glasse mcTeig ne Foullie, 1585 in Fiants Elizabeth §4717 (Ordmelivan); Jenicho alias John Fowloe, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6529 (Carrigkille).
- 2 Norman, English: see **Folley**.

### Folgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Falgate**.

### Folger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

### Foljambe

**Variants:** **Fulljames**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *fol* ‘foolish, silly’ + *jambe* ‘leg’, probably a nickname for a lame person, someone with a maimed or crooked leg; compare **Belgian**. In Old French *fol* could be used of something useless or of little value, e.g. *farine folle* ‘mill dust’.
- Early bearers:** William Foleiambe, 1172 in Pipe Rolls (Derbys); Tomas Folegambe, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); Godfrey Foliambe, knight, 1366 in Feet of Fines (Notts); Rogero Foliambe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Castle Donington, Leics); Henricus Foliambe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); William Foliambe, 1464 in Feet of Fines (Herts); John Fulgeam, 1533 in Bardsley; Godfrey Fuljambe, 1588 in Sheffield Jackson Catalogue (WR Yorks); Thoma Foljambe, 1617 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Thomas Foljambe, 1741 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Folk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

**Early bearers:** Johes. Folk, 1580 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Caleb Folk, 1692, Isaac Folke, 1733 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Daniel Folk, 1720 in *IGI* (Kedleston, Derbys).

### Folkard

**Variants:** **Foggett, Flockhart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 471
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Folcard*, *Foucard*, *Focard* (Continental Germanic *Fulchard*). Compare **Fulcher**, with which this name may sometimes have been confused. See also **Flucker**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Fulcardus sacerdos, 1101–25 in Saint Benet of Holme Register (Norfolk); Folcardus presbiter, 1121–48 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Fucard (Fulcardus) filius Johannis, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk).
- surnames, England: Rau Folkard, about 1100 in Tengvik (Devon); Rogerus filius Folkart, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); John Folkard and Richard Folkard, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Johannes Folkard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sloley with Stone Riston, Norfolk); Henricus Folcard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Spixworth, Norfolk), identical with Henry Folkard of Spylesworthe, 1389 in Patent Rolls; Johannes, Willelmus Folcard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hemblington, Norfolk); Adam Folcard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Spixworth, Norfolk); Johannes de Folcard [*sic*], 1379 in Poll Tax (Horstead, Norfolk); Radulphus Folcard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Crostwick, Norfolk); Johannes Fulkard, 1379 in Poll Tax (Prescote, Oxon); Richard Fulcherd’, 1431 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); John Folkard, 1578 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Ambrose Focard, 1601 in *IGI*

(Cratfield, Suffolk); Elizabeth Focard, 1618 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Elizabeth Folkard, 1683 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk).  
 surnames, Scotland: William Folkard, 1294 in Kelso Register (Roxburghs); Thomas Fowcard, 1464 in Scotland Calendar; Jonat Fockart, 1600, Issobel Fockert, 1602 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margrie Fockart, 1640, Thomas Foccart, 1709 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwick); David Fockard, 1642 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Cristiane Fockard, 1681, Bessie Fockart, 1683, Jean Folkard, 1687 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); William Foccart, 1689 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian).

2 Norman, English: relationship name perhaps also partly from the Continental Germanic personal name *Fulchered*, which had some currency in E Anglia in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Robert filius Fulcheredi, about 1110 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Alward folcred, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; Agnetam filiam Fulcredi, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Willelmum filium Fulcred', 1205 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); William Fulkered, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Norfolk); Robert Folkred, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Jeremiah Folkard, 1766 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Daniel Folkard, 1793 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Charles Folkard, 1793 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Folke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Fowke**.  
**Early bearers:** Josua Folke, 1563 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk).

### Folker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

### Folkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 855, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs and Gloucs; Norfolk; Middx

English: see **Foulkes**.

### Folkins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: of uncertain origin; probably a variant of **Filkins**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** James Fulkins, 1747 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Marth Folkins, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Folks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Foulkes**.

### Folkson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Foxon**.

### Foll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *fol* 'foolish, silly'.  
**Early bearers:** William le fol, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Robert Follé, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Simon le Fu, 1273 in Inquisitiones post Mortem; Robertus Foll', 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); Mary Foll, 1591 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds).

### Folland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Pembrokes
- English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Follen** with excrescent *-d*.  
**Early bearers:** Michael Folland, 1661, John Follond, 1707 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); Thomas Folland, 1734 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Susanna Follan, 1779 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Follin

**Variants:** **Follin**, **Follon**, **Folland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps from an unattested Old French word, \**folin* 'little fool', which would be a hypocoristic form of *fol(l)et* 'fool, jester' (see **Follett**). Compare the French surname *Follin*.  
**Early bearers:** John Folin, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Cornwall); Lettis Follin, 1593 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Follen, 1658 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); William Follin, 1663 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Follen, 1747, Eleanor Follon, 1764 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).  
**References:** Dauzat, Noms de Personnes, p. 261.

### Follenfant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English, Huguenot: nickname from Old French *fol* 'foolish, silly' and *enfant* 'child'. It is not certain that the modern surname is a direct survival of the medieval name in England, as there seems also to have been a reintroduction by Huguenots in or before the 17th century.  
**Early bearers:** Hugo Folenfant, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Notts); John Folenfant, Fol Enfant, Foleinfant, 1200–12 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Rob. Folenfaunt', 1301, Ingelram Folyfaunt, 1344 in Jönsjö, Nicknames (Yorks); Laurent Folenfant, 1606 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); John Follenfant, 1771 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).  
**References:** Jönsjö, Nicknames, p. 90.

### Follet

**Variants:** **Follit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Glamorgan; Devon

Norman, English: see **Follett**.

### Follett

**Variants:** **Follet**, **Follit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset; Hants

Norman, English: nickname, occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *fol(l)et* 'fool, jester'. Compare **Folliot**.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with **Folliot**.

**Early bearers:** William Folet, 1086 in Domesday Book (Kent); Roger Folet, 1158 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Robert Folet, 1223 in Patent Rolls (Worcs); William Folet, 1301 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Elizabeth Follett, 1539 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Thomas Follet, 1541 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Robert Follet, 1588 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Suzan Folett, 1589 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); Willia Follitt, 1640 in *IGI* (Musbury, Devon).

### Folley

**Variants:** **Folly**, **Foley**, **Fowley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 641
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London and Bucks; Devon and Cornwall

1 Norman, English: locative name from one or more of several places called La Folie, such as those in Aisne, Eure-et-Loir, and Calvados.

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Folia, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); Thomas de la Folie, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Norfolk); Roger de la Folye, 1285 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Adam de la Folye, 1304 in Patent Rolls (Worcs); Guy de la Folye of Croppethorn, 1305 in Patent Rolls (Croppethorne, Worcs); Henry de la Folye, 1312 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); John Folye, 1320 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Thoma Foley, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tytherington, Wilts); Johanne Folye, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Corton, Wilts); Isable Foley, 1541 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Christopher Folly, 1591, Thomas Folley, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Foley, 1584, Betty Fowley, 1747 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Agnes Folly, 1628 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Thomae Foley, 1632 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Thomas Folley, 1638 in *IGI* (Cofton Hackett, Worcs); John Folley, 1693 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

2 Irish: from Ó Foghladha, see **Foley**.

### Follin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Follen**.

### Folliot

**Variants:** **Folliott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Norman, English: nickname, occupational name from a derivative of Anglo-Norman French *folier* 'to play the fool', for a fool or jester. This surname may have become confused with **Follett**.  
**Further information:** Medieval bearers of this surname are connected with the following place-names: Chilton Foliat and Draycott Foliat (both Wilts), Tamerton Foliot (Devon), and Norton Folgate (Middx), which is recorded as *Nortonfoljyot* in 1433.  
**Early bearers:** William Foliot, about 1150 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Henry Foliot, 1214 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); Willelmus Foliot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sulhamstead Bannister, Berks); Geoffrey Foliot, 1379



in Poll Tax (Radlow hundred, Herefs); Ricardus Folyot, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Foliat, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worcester, Worcs); Nicholaus Folyot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Waterstock, Oxon); Richard Folyat, 1523 in PROB 11 (London); Nicolas Folliot, 1547 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Folliat, 1606 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Hughe Foliot or Foliote, 1619 in PROB 11 (Birtford, Wilts); Frauncis Folliott, 1625 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs).

### Folliott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Essex Norman, English: see **Folliot**.

### Follis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: from Mac Phóil, see **McPhail**.

### Follit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Follet**.

### Follon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Follen**.

### Followell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: see **Folwell**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Follows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 921, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 627
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Fellows**.

### Folly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Folley**.

### Folsom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Foulsham**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Folwell

- Variants:** Fulwell, Followell
- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; Kent
- Norman, English: locative name from Folleville (Somme).
- Further information:** The place-name Ashby Folville (Leics) derives its affix from the *de Folevill* family who held the manor from the 12th to 14th centuries.

**Early bearers:** John de Folevill, 1328 in Patent Rolls (Ashby Folville, Leics); Johannes Folewell', 1377 in Poll Tax (Northampton, Northants); Johanne Folvile, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rearsby, Leics); Radulpho Folvile, 1379 in Poll Tax (Saxelby, Leics); Stephano Folvyll', 1379 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Simon Folvyle, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bacton, Norfolk); Thomas Fulwell, 1546 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Williame Followell, 1593 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Robert Followell, 1603 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Rowland Followell, 1674 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Elisabeth Followell, 1781, Thomas Followell, 1835 in *IGI* (Weston Favell, Northants).

**References:** Leics and Rutland Place-Names, p. 4.

### Fone

**Variants:** Foan, Found, Fones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset and Devon; Staffs; Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *foun*, *faun* (Old French *foun*, *faon*) 'young animal, cub', especially 'young fallow deer, a fawn'. *Foun* and *Faun* were interchangeable. Peter *le Foun*, 1300 in Subsidy Rolls (2 knight's fees in Tuxford, Notts) is identical with Peter *Faune*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Tuxford and Markham, Notts). However, *Foun* and *Faun* developed a different family name distribution; see **Fawn**. Like *Faun*, *Fo(u)n* may possibly have been used as a personal name.

**Further information:** Because of the difficulty of distinguishing *u* from *n* in old handwriting it is impossible to be sure that some early examples of *Foune* should not be read as *Fonne*, which would be a nickname from Middle English *fon(ne)* 'fool, stupid person'. However it is doubtful whether this would give rise to the modern surnames *Fone* and *Foan*, which have a long vowel. The names may, however, have been confused.

**Early bearers:** John Foun, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Notts/Derbys); Oliver le Foun, 1279 in Okeover Deeds (Staffs); Richard le Foun, 1299 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Alicia Fone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Johannes Foune, 1379 in Poll Tax (Godshill and Stenbury, IoW); Isabella Fonne (Foune?), 1381 in Poll Tax (Downham Market, Norfolk); Margerie Fone, 1577, John Fonne (Foune?) 1648 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Thos Fone, 1632 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); Mary Foan, 1671 in *IGI* (Trusley, Derbys); Anthony Foane, 1707 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Elizabeth Foan, 1735 in *IGI* (Fordington, Dorset).

**References:** Tooth 3, 258.

### Fones

**Variants:** Fownes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Fone**, usually with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The 14th-century examples, unless they are scribal errors, may have genitival *-s*, implying use of *Fone* as a personal name. Compare **Fawn** and **Fawns**

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Fons, 1377 in Poll Tax (Knutton, Staffs); Willelmus Fones, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Rychard Fownes, 1543 in *IGI* (Cookesey upon Warren, Worcs); Andrew Fones, 1588 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Andrew Fones,

1595 in PROB 11 (London); John Fones, 1619 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Mary Foanes, 1623 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

### Fong

**Variants:** Fang, Hong, Fung, Poon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1026, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 方 (**Fang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'square' in Chinese: (i) from *Fang* (方), the name of a hill which, according to legend, was a fief (thought to be in present-day Yuzhou or Songshan in Henan province) granted to Lei (known as *Fang* Lei Shi, 方雷氏), son of the legendary king Yu Wang (traditional dates: 4561–4494 BC). (ii) from the first element of the personal name *Fang* Shu (方叔), style name of an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 房 (**Fang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'house' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Fang* (房), the name of a fief (located in present-day Suiping in Henan province) granted to Danzhu, son of the legendary king Yao, or the Emperor Yao (traditional dates: 2367–2258 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Wu Yin (屋引) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei Dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 況 (**Kuang** or **Kwang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'situation' or 'circumstances' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of *Kuang* Chang Ning (況長致), an official in the state of Shu (located mainly in present-day Sichuan province) during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280). (ii) said to have been adopted as a surname by *Kuang* Zhong (況鐘), an official in the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644), whose original surname is said to have been *Huang* (黃).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 馮, 封, 豐, and 鄧. See **Fung** (1–4).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 逢. See **Pang** (3).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 龐. See **Kwong** (1).

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 洪. See **Hong** (1).

### Fonge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Funge**.

### Fonseca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from some minor place named for a spring that dried up during the summer months, *fonte seca* 'dry well'.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Lopez Suosso Diada Fonseca, 1811 in Parish Registers (Saint James Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Benjamin Fonseca, born in Westminster, Middx, in Census 1861 (Aldgate, Middx); Abraham Fonseca, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Surrey); Simon Fonseca, born in Aldgate, in

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Census 1881 (Aldgate, Middx); Jose Da Fonseca, born in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Stoke Newington, Middx); Hyman Fonseca, born in London, in Census 1891 (Camberwell, Surrey); Belisario De Assis Fonseca, in Census 1891 (Bristol, Gloucs); Guilherme Fonseca, student, born in Brazil, in Census 1901 (Lower Bebington, Cheshire); Ella Dolores Fonseca, born in Brazil, in Census 1911 (Bristol, Gloucs); José Fonseca, organ pipe maker, born in Oporto, Portugal, in Census 1911 (Islington, Middx).

### Font

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Vant**.

### Fontaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Jersey; Monmouths
- 1 Huguenot, French: locative name, Northern and central French, for someone who lived near a spring or well, from Old French *fontane*, Late Latin *fontana*, a derivative of classical Latin *fons*. **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Abraham Fontaine, 1607 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Pierre Fontaine, 1688 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Jaques Fontaine, 1718 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx); François Jaques Fontaine, 1750 in *IGI* (Savoie and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

Other: Camille Louis Berrier Fontaine, 1835 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ferdinand Fontaine, born in Normandy, France, in Census 1881 (Ramsgate, Kent); Charles Louis Fontaine, born in Ostend, Belgium, in Census 1881 (West Derby, Lancs); Gustave Fontaine, born in Sagney, France, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Henry Fontaine, born in Paris, France, in Census 1881 (Deptford, Kent).  
2 Norman, English: see **Fountain**.

### Fontana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- Italian, Spanish, and Catalan: locative name denoting someone who lived near a spring, from Romance descendants of Late Latin *fontana*, a derivative of classical Latin *fons*. In Italy the name may also be toponymic, from any of the numerous minor places named with this word.

**Further information:** The surname is also established in Portugal, where it seems to have been imported from Italy.

**Early bearers:** Rosa Angelina Fontana, 1836 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Stefano Ventura Fontana, 1839 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Dominico Fontana, 1865 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); John Fontana, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Chelsea, Middx); Charles Fontana, born in Como, Italy, in Census 1881 (Wycombe, Bucks); Aristide Fontana, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

### Foo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Chinese: see **Fu**.

### Food

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics; Hants

English: see **Foad**.

### Foode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

English: see **Foad**.

### Foody

**Variants:** **Huddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Fuada, ‘descendant of *Fuada*’, a personal name from *fuad* ‘haste’. Compare **Rush**, **Speed**, and **Swift**. Occasionally written as Ó hUada, see **Huddy**.

**Early bearers:** William O’Foedy, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5798 (Ballyassakeely, Mayo); Teige mcWilliam O’Foodie, 1603 in Fiants Elizabeth §6762 (Dunkettle, Cork); Michael Foody, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Mayo); Thomas Fody, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilfree, Sligo).

### Fook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Fook, 1691 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon).

### Fookes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Beds; Hants; Cornwall

English: see **Foulkes**.

### Fooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Foulkes**.

### Foong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馮, see **Fung** (1).

### Foord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1516, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Ford**.

### Foort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Fort**.

### Foot

**Variants:** **Foote**, **Foots**, **Foott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2255, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2945
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *fof* ‘foot’ (Old English *fōt*), translated by the Latin *pes* and *cum pede* ‘with the foot’. Probably a nickname for someone with a deformed foot.

**Early bearers:** England: Ernui Fot, 1086 in Domesday Book (Cheshire); Goduin Fot, 1086 in Domesday Book (Kent); Robert Fot, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (York); Godric Fot, Willelmus fot, about 1175 in Newark Documents (Newark, Notts); Gregorius cum pede, 1271 in Leicester Freeman Register (Leics); Henricus Pes, 1290 in Sheffield Manorial Records (WR Yorks); [ . . . ] Lefote, 1379 in Poll Tax (Brighton, Sussex); Roberto Foot, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stapleton, Leics); Willelmus Fot, 1379 in Poll Tax (Middlezoy, Somerset); Adam Fote, 1381 in Poll Tax (Long Wittenham, Berks); James Foot, 1395 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Geoffrey Foote, 1514 in PROB 11 (Melford, Suffolk); John Foot, 1584 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Robert Foot, 1655 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Richard Foote, 1714 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

Scotland: Marione Foote, 1627 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Foote, 1631 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johne Foot, 1651 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the rare Middle English personal name *Fot*, Old Scandinavian *Fótr*, originally a nickname with the same sense as (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Seild filia Fot, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants).

### Foote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2093, Ireland 101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also S England; Glasgow; E Scotland

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
English, Scottish: see **Foot**.

### Footer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: (i) nickname from Old French *foteor* ‘fornicator’. (ii) occupational name perhaps from Middle English *foter* ‘a huntsman who hunts on foot’ or with an unrecorded sense ‘dancer’, a derivative of Middle English *foten* ‘to go on foot, walk, dance’. However, the persistent *-our* suffix in the Middle English name forms is more consistent with (i).

**Early bearers:** Willielmo le Fotur, about 1280 in Subsidy Rolls (Blockley, Worcs); Roberto Fotour, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Manuden, Essex); Stephen le Fotour, 1341 in Patent Rolls (Hunts); Adam le Fotour, 1343 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Adam Fotour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Basilia Fotour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Carbrooke, Norfolk); Rogerus le Fotour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Willelmus Fotour, mercer, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bosmere hundred, Hants); John Fotour, husbandman, 1450 in Patent Rolls (Wootton in Folkington, Sussex); Frannccys Footer, 1605 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Nicholas Footer, 1648 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Mary Footer, 1664 in

*IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Robert Footer, 1730 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

### Footit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: see **Footitt**.

### Footitt

Variants: **Foottit**, **Footit**, **Futty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

English: nickname from Middle English *fof-hot* 'foot-hot', recorded as an adverb in the sense 'quickly, immediately'. Both the adverb and the surname may derive elliptically from the expression *with fof hot*. Spellings with *-hate* reflect northern Middle English retention of *ā* from Old English *hāt* 'hot'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Vothot, 1291, Roger Fothot or Vothot, 1294–5 in Ekwall, ELPN (London); Master John Fothate, 1373, John Fothet, 1434 in Patent Rolls; Roberto Fothot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); John Fothate, 1400 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (North Clifton, Notts); John Fothate, 1404 in Yorks Wills (Siggleshorpe ER Yorks); Alic. Footitt, 1606 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs); John Footit, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Foottit, 1632 in *IGI* (Kilvington, Notts); Elizabeth Foottit, 1658 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Christopher Foottit, 1686, Ann Foottet, 1792 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts).

**References:** Ekwall, ELPN, p. 196; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Footman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *fof-man* (Old English *fōt* 'foot' + *mann* 'man') 'foot soldier; one who travels on foot; foot servant'. Any of these three senses may have given rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Fotman, 1327 in Pinchbeck Register (Suffolk); Thomas ffofman, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumrew and Castle Carrock, Cumb); Thomas Footeman, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Margrete Footman, 1592 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Jeames Footman, 1599, Henry Foottman, 1632 in *IGI* (Upton Magna, Shrops); Jeremy Footman, 1715 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs).

**References:** Thuresson, p. 160; MED, at *fōt-man*.

### Foots

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Foot** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ann Foots, 1682 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); James Foots, 1744 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); William Footes, 1812 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

### Foott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham
- English: see **Foot**.

### Foottit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Foottit**.

### Foran

Variants: **Foren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 884, Ireland 1346
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Kildare; Kerry

Irish: from Ó Fuartháin 'descendant of *Fuarthán*', a personal name derived from *fuar* 'cold'. The word *fuarán* also means 'spring' or 'pool'. The form *Fuarthán* was understood as *fuathán* 'cold little ford', and the name has thus sometimes been translated as **Ford**.

**Early bearers:** Dermot McDonell Forhane, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §935 (Wodhouse); Derbe McDonell O'Forhane, serjeant, 1573 in Fiant Elizabeth §2335 (Wodhouse); Shan McTeig I Furayne, 1577 in Fiant Elizabeth §3100 (Kylcruigg); Donell McTeige O'Fowrane, 1584 in Fiant Elizabeth §4467; John McConoghor O'Fohrane, galloglass, 1585 in Fiant Elizabeth §4764 (Castel nehenchie); Cnogher O'Fworhane, 1601 in Fiant Elizabeth §6467.

### Forber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Furber**.

### Forbes

Variants: **Forbush**, **Forbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12673, Ireland 826
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9943
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central and N Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Forbes in Tullynessle (Aberdeens). The place-name is pronounced in two syllables, with the stress on the second, and the surname until recently reflected this. Today, however, it is generally a monosyllable.

**Further information:** A family of this name hold the title Lord Forbes, the senior Lordship of Parliament in the Scottish peerage. An Irish branch of the same family can be traced to Sir Arthur Forbes, 1st Baronet of Castle Forbes, who settled in county Longford in 1620; they have held the title Earl of Granard since 1684.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Forbees, about 1306 in Records of the History of Scotland; William of Forbace, canon, 1464 in Laing Charters (Aberdeen); James Forbes of Auchintowil, 1523 in Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities (Alford, Aberdeens); Daid Forbes, 1565 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Johnie Forbes, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jhone Forbes, 1576 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); John Forbus, 1638 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Forbis, 1644 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Forbuse, 1680 in *IGI*

(Dundee, Angus); John Forbess, 1683 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); Isobel Forbice, 1712 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); John Forbuss, 1733 in *IGI* (Oathlaw, Angus).

England: Thomas Forbus, 1618, William Forbes, 1720 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Forbis, 1646 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Forbush, 1654, Robert Forbis, 1702 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Hanah Forbiss, 1679, Mary Forbess, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Forbus, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 Irish: from **Mac Firbhisigh** 'son of *Fearbhisigh*', a personal name from elements meaning 'man' + 'prosperity'. A family of this name in Connacht was famous for its traditional historians, compilers of the Book of Lecan.

**Early bearers:** Donnchadh Mac Fhirbhisigh, 1371 in AU; Firbhisigh Mac Firbhisigh, 1379 in AU; Gillernowe McFirishe, 1593 in Fiant Elizabeth §5805 (Leckane, Sligo); Donogh McFirishe, carpenter, 1593 in Fiant Elizabeth §5805 (Leckane, Sligo); Fynnegony McFirishe, 1593 in Fiant Elizabeth §5805 (Leckane, Sligo); Alexander Forbise, 1796 in Flagrowers Ireland (Ardstraw, Tyrone); John Forbes, 1796 in Flagrowers Ireland (Clogherny, Tyrone); Jane Forbes, 1796 in Flagrowers Ireland (Artrea, Derry).

### Forbisher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Frobisher**.

### Forbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Forbes**.

### Forbush

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish, Irish: see **Forbes** (1).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Force

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Forse**.

### Forcer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: occupational name from Middle English *forcer* 'one who forces wool' (a derivative of *force*, from Old French *forcer* 'to clip or shear wool', from *force(s)* 'clipping-shears, scissors, forceps'). Compare 'Sheer-men and Dyers, Forcers of Wools, Casters of Wools and Sorters of Wools' (1533 in OED), and compare **Forse** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph le forcier, 1210 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Ralph le Forcer, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); William le Forcir, 1228 in Book of Fees (Shrops); Thomas le Forcere, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Shrops); Thomas Forcer, 1643 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

## Ford

### Ford

**Variants:** Forth, Foord, Foard, fforde, Forde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40184, Ireland 574
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28911
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread everywhere
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway; Cork

English: locative name from Middle English *ford* ‘ford’ (Old English *ford* ‘ford, river crossing’) or from one or more of the many places so called, such as Ford (Durham, Herefs, Northumb, Shrops, Sussex), Ford in Sefton (Lancs), Ford in Crediton and Ford in Holcombe Rogus (both Devon), Ford in Litton and Ford in Wiveliscombe (both Somerset). Compare **Afford**.

**Further information:** see also **Forde**, which is the usual spelling in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Bruman’ de la forda, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Eadric æt Fordan, 1100–30 in Tengvik (Somerset); Ralph de Lafford’, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Reginald de la Forthe, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); Adam de Lafforde, about 1280 in Hylle Cartulary (Somerset); Johannes de la Ford, 1377 in Poll Tax (Turnastone, Herefs); Henricus Forde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Westonzoiland, Somerset); Editha othe Forde, 1381 in Poll Tax (Longford, Shrops); Jervase de Ford, 1381 in Poll Tax (Aspull, Lancs); William Foorde, 1418 in London Letter Books I (London).

Ireland: Pat Forde, 1564 in Fiantis Elizabeth §669 (clerk of works); Ambrose Forth, Master in Chancery, Dublin, 1577 in Fiantis Elizabeth §3014.

Scotland: Thomas de Furd, 1406 in Saint Andrews Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); William Forde, 1489 in Scotland Calendar; Adam Furde, 1493 in Laing Charters (Burncastle, Berwicks); George Fuir, 1603 in Inverness Records (Inverness); Hellene Ford, 1639 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 117; Place-Names of Devon, pp. 407, 535.

### Fordam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs
- English: see **Fordham**.

### Fordan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Forden**.

### Forde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3026, Ireland 4128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway

1 English, Irish, Scottish, Irish: see **Ford**.

2 Irish: in Ireland, also adopted for **Ó Fuartháin** (see **Foran**), **Mac Giolla na Naomh** ‘son of the servant of the saints’ (see **Gildernew**), **Mac Conshámha** ‘son of *Conshámha*’, and various other Irish names, in all of which the final syllable was wrongly thought to be *áth* ‘ford’.

### Forden

**Variants:** Fordon, Fordan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; NR Yorks

English: locative name from Fordon (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fordon, 13th cent. in Bridlington Cartulary (ER Yorks); Willelmus Fordon’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elyn Forden, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Fordan, 1606 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Jane Forden, 1612 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Thomas Forden, 1679 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Wm. Fordan, 1707 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); John Fordon, 1749 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks); Christiana Fordan, 1828 in *IGI* (Reighton, ER Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 108.

### Forder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Hants; London

English: locative name, occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *ford* ‘ford’ (Old English *ford*), denoting either someone who lived near a ford or the keeper of a ford. Compare **Fordman** and **Bridger**.

**Early bearers:** Willo Forder, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Lindfield, Sussex); Johannes Forder’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bosham hundred, Sussex); Richard Forder, 1418–19 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Agnet Forder, 1542 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Elizabeth Forder, 1549 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); John Forder, 1556 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Edmond Forder, 1563 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Thomas Forder, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Froyle, Hants).

### Fordery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Fawdry**.

### Fordham

**Variants:** Fordam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3314, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, Suffolk, Essex, and Middx

English: locative name from Fordham (Cambs) and Fordham (Essex), and possibly also Fordham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Fordham, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Reginald de Fordham, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Cambs); William de Fordham, 1291–2 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard de Fordham, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Puttenham, Herts); Johannes Fordham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Fordham, Essex); Georgius Fordham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Robertus de Fordham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Newton by Toft, Lincs); John Fordham, 1505 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Margerta Fordham, 1550 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Elizabetha Fordam, 1541, William Fordham, 1552 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); John Fordam, 1577 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Fordham, 1606 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs).

### Fordie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Renfrews, and Lanarks; WR Yorks
- Scottish, English: see **Fordy**.

### Fordman

**Variants:** Foreman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *ford* ‘ford’ (Old English *ford*) + *man*, denoting either a dweller by or a keeper of a ford. Compare **Forder** and **Bridgeman**.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Fordman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (South Ockendon, Essex); Johanne Fordman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (South Weald and Brentwood, Essex); Robert Fordman, 1371 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Johannes Fordman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Henwick, Berks); Thomas Fordman, 1580 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Mattheue Fordman, 1582 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Robert Fordman, 1632 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk).

### Fordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Forden**.

### Fordred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fordred*, *Fordret* (Old English *Fordræd*, formed from *forð* ‘forth’ + *ræd* ‘advice, wisdom’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fordretus, 1084 in Exeter Domesday Book (Somerset).

sumames: Ivo Fordred, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); John Fordred, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Petham hundred, Kent); Gilbert Fordred, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Wye hundred, Kent); Wyllm. Fordred, 1574 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Thomas Fordrede, 1578 in *IGI* (Saltwood, Kent); John Fordred, 1607 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); William Fordrett, 1684 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent).

### Fordy

**Variants:** Fordie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish, English: locative name from one or other of the places in Scotland called Fordie, such as Fordie in Kincardine O’Neil (Aberdeens), Fordie alias Lawers in Monzievaird and Mains of Fordie in Caputh (both Perths).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Bessie Fordie, 1673 in Retours, Scotland (Kincardines); William Fordy, 1766 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).
- England: Margaret Fordy, 1695 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Alexander Fordy, 1696 in *IGI* (Warkworth, Northumb); Isabel Fordie, 1711 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

### Fordyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Banffs

Scottish: locative name from Fordyce (Banff).

**Early bearers:** John Fordise, vicar of Ethie, 1460 in Arbroath Register (Angus); Johannes Fordys, vicar of Garvock, 1464 in Arbroath Register (Kincardines); William Fordyce, 1567 in Great Seal of Scotland (Rothiemay, Banffs); William Fordyce, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Fordyce, 1660 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Robert Fordyce, 1677 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs).

### Forecast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: possibly a hypercorrect variant, in a dialect such as that of London, in which preconsonantal /r/ was lost early, of one of the disyllabic variants of **Fawkes**, such as *Falcus* or *Fawcus*. This name has always been strongly associated with London.

**Early bearers:** Rose Forecast, 1692 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Forecast, 1753 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); John Forcast, 1754 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Foreland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Forland**.

### Foreman

**Variants:** **Forman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5408, Ireland 136
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3908
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; E Anglia; Northumb and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *fore-man* ‘foreman, reeve’ (from the Old English prefix *fore-* ‘foremost’ + *mann* ‘man’). **Further information:** Derivation from an unrecorded Middle English *\*for-man* ‘swineherd’ (Old English *fōr* ‘pig’ + *mann*) is unlikely. There is no evidence for such a compound in Old English or for the survival of *\*for* ‘pig’ in Middle English. Compare **Forward**. **Early bearers:** England: Cristina Foreman, 1301, Alan Forman, Robert Fourman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas le Foreman, 1309 in Subsidy Rolls (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thom. le Forman, 1327 in Thuresson (Hants); Rad’o le Forman, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Willelmus Forman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Dalton, WR Yorks); Thoma Forman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Medbourne, Leics); Willelmo Formann’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marston, Wilts); Ricardus Forman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Freiston, Lincs); Robert Forman, 1435 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas Forman, 1540 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); George Foreman, 1563 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Margaret Foreman, 1567 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); John Foreman, 1588 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).

Scotland: Robert Foreman, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Midlothian); Adam Forman, 1426 in Great Seal of Scotland; Isbell Forman, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alison Foreman, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** Thuresson, p. 102.

2 English: variant of **Fordman** with loss of *-d-*.

### Foren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: see **Foran**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Fores

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Notts

1 Scottish: see **Forres**.

2 English: sometimes apparently a variant of

**Forrest** with loss of *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Ric. Forest, 1544, Sara Fores, 1722 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Barnabie Fores, 1574 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Fores, 1610 in *IGI* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Fores, 1689 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Edwd. Fores, 1723 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Foreshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Forshaw**.

### Forest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Derry

English, Scottish: see **Forrest**.

### Forestal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: see **Forrestal**.

### Forester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 860
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; scattered in Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.

### Forestier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.

### Forestor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.

### Forey

**Variants:** **Forrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan

English: nickname from Middle English *forrai* ‘plunder, booty; foray, foraging expedition’.

**Early bearers:** Robro Foray, 1296, Rogo Forai, 1327, Rogo Foray, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Broadwater, Sussex); Gilibro Foray, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Durrington, Sussex); Rado Forai, 1327, Radi Foray, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Steyning, Sussex); Johannes Foray, Galfridus Forey, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broadwater, Sussex); Margrett Forey, 1608 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Henry Forey, 1609 in *IGI*

(Modbury, Devon); Thomas Forae, 1623 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Forry, 1735 in *IGI* (Rustington, Sussex); John Forey, 1751 in *IGI* (Peper Harrow, Surrey).

### Forfar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings; Lancs

Scottish: locative name from Forfar (Angus).

**Early bearers:** David de Forfar, about 1178–80 in Arbroath Register (Mondynes, Kincardines); Radulf de Forfar, about 1220 in Arbroath Register (Monifieth, Angus); Adam of Forfare, 1259 in Acts of Parliaments of Scotland (Pettinain, Lanarks); John de Forfar, 1418 in North Berwick Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Wylle Forfayr, 1471 in Scots Lore (Peebles, Peebles); Jhone Forfar, 1595 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Margaret Forfar, 1695 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).

### Forgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife

Scottish: locative name from Forgan (Fife) or from Longforgan (Perths). This place name is recorded as *Forgrund* in 1199–1202, *Forgund* in 1452, *Forgone* in about 1560–70.

**Further information:** The twelfth- and thirteenth-century bearers of this name were from Longforgan near Dundee, although early modern bearers were more likely to take their name from Forgan in Fife. **Early bearers:** Swain de Foregrund, 1161–2 in Saint Andrews Charters (Saint Andrews, Fife); Archembaldus de Forgrund, about 1170–8 in Saint Andrews Charters (Fowlis Easter, Angus); Walter de fforgrund, about 1200 in Kelso Register (Berwick, Berwicks); Helene Forgone, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Agnes Forgane, 1641, Daudi Forgone, 1655 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); James Forgane, 1660 in *IGI* (Kemback, Fife); Janet Forgain, 1805 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife).

**References:** Place-Names of Fife 4, pp. 411–13.

### Forge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; ER Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *forge* ‘forge, smithy’ (Old French *forge*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Forge, 1297 in King’s Bench Pleas (Yorks); Nicholao del Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Howden, ER Yorks); Agn’ Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); Henricus de Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shustoke, Warwicks); Ricardus Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wooton Wawen, Warwicks); Henry atte Forge, 1409 in Place-Names of Warwicks (Warwicks); Marye Forge, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Matthew Forge, 1619 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 43.

### Forges

English: locative name from Middle English *forge* ‘forge, smithy’ (Old French *forge*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Forge, 1297 in King’s Bench Pleas (Yorks); Nicholao del Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Howden, ER Yorks); Agn’ Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); Henricus de Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Shustoke, Warwicks); Ricardus Forge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wooton Wawen, Warwicks); Henry atte Forge, 1409 in Place-Names of Warwicks (Warwicks); Marye Forge, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Matthew Forge, 1619 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 43.

### Forges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: see **Desforges**.

## Forgham

### Forgham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: variant of **Frodsham**, with the same metathesis of *-ro-* to *-or-* as seen in the medieval record of the place-name.
- Further information:** There are fields called Higher and Lower Forgham in the township of Lowe and Ditches in Wem parish (Shrops), but these are not recorded before 1844 and seem more likely to derive from the surname than vice versa.
- References:** Place-Names of Shrops 5, p. 248.

### Forgie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Ayr, Stirlings, and W Lothian; Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Forgie in Boharm (Morays) and Forgie in Benholm (Kincardines).
- Early bearers:** Georg Forgi, 1687 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens); Georg Forgy, 1708 in *IGI* (Torryburn, Fife); Elizabeth Forgee, 1763 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian).

### Forgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

### Forgiveve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Argyll
- Scottish: see **Fairgrieve**.

### Forister

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Staffs
- English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Fork

#### Variants: Forks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *forke* 'fork, pitchfork' (Old English *force*, *forca*).
- Early bearers:** Vrsula Forke, 1582 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Elizabeth Fork, 1582 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Forke, 1596 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Elizabetha Forke, 1602 in *IGI* (Oborne, Dorset); Peter Fork, 1680 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Dorcas Forke, 1686 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- 2 English: nickname perhaps, through metathesis of *-ro-* to *-or-*, from Middle English *frok* 'frock, outer garment' (Old French *froc* 'a man's outer garment').
- Early bearers:** Cristine Frok, 1305 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); John Frocke, 1349 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Ann Fork, 1688 in *IGI* (Warter, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Fork, 1717 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Anne Fork, 1730 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).
- 3 Scottish: of uncertain origin. If not identical with (1) or (2), possibly an anglicized form of Irish Gaelic

*Ó Gabhlaigh* 'descendant of Gabhalach', from *gabhlach* 'forked'.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Forke, 1650, Robert Fork, 1657 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Robert Fork of Markisworthe, 1663 in Retours, Scotland (Renfrew, Renfrews); Agnes Fork, 1666 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Grissell Fork, 1693 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Fork, 1702 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Forkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: see **Forkin**.

### Forker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 98
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Armagh
- 1 Scottish: altered form (by folk etymology) of **Farquhar**.
- 2 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*forker* 'one who uses a fork to throw up hay, etc.'.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Forker, 1371 in Patent Rolls; Henry Forker, bocher, 1377, Henricus Forker, barker, 1465 in York Freemen's Register (York); Magdelenne Forker, 1640 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops).
- References:** Thuresson, p. 223.

### Forkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Forks**.

### Forkin

#### Variants: Forkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: adopted for *Ó Gabhláin*, a family name based on a diminutive of *gabhal* 'fork'. Compare **Golden**.

### Forknall

#### Variants: Forknell, Frecknall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: locative name apparently from either Frogna in Teynham or Frogna in Wickhambreaux (both Kent). If so, the development involves devoicing of *-g-* to *-k-* (for which there is some evidence in the medieval forms) and later metathesis of *-ro-* to *-or-*.
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Frogenhale, 1272 in Feet of Fines (Teynham, Kent); Rad'o de Froginghal, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Downhamford hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] de ffrokenhale, 1292 in Kent Place-Names (Kent); Joh'nes de ffrogenhale, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Teynham, Kent); Willelmo Frogenhale, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); John Frogenale, 1411 in Patent Rolls (Kent); Richard Frogenale, 1424, William Frogna, 1486 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Richard Frokenhale, esquire, 1435 in Patent Rolls; Elyzabeth

Frogna, 1566, Anne Frogna, 1569 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Fragnall, 1612 in PROB 11 (Sonning, Berks); Georg Frogna, 1672 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Annæ Fricknal, 1728 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); John Forknall, 1736 in *IGI* (Thurmaston, Leics); Catherine Frecknall, 1740 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Joseph Forknal, 1755 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Edward Forknal, 1756 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); John Forknell, 1781 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); George Frecknell, 1807 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, pp. 279, 527.

### Forknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Forknall**.

### Forks

#### Variants: Forkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: variant of **Fork** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Forks, 1598 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk); Rebecca Forkes, 1609 in *IGI* (Oborne, Dorset); Peter Forkes, 1610 in *IGI* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Charles Forks, 1799 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Thomas Forkes, 1807 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Forland

#### Variants: Foreland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Middle English *foreland* 'cape, headland', or from one or more of the places so named, such as Foreland in Bembridge (IoW), North Foreland in Saint Peters Thanet (Kent), and The Foreland in Studland (Dorset).
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Forland, 1299 in Canterbury Freemen's Rolls (Kent); Thos Forland, 1466–7 in Somerset Archives (Bedminster, Somerset); Franc Forland, 1566 in *IGI* (London); Anne Foreland, 1645 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); William Foreland, 1752 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Joseph Foreland, 1764 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall).
- References:** IoW Place-Names, p. 50; Kent Place-Names, p. 603; Place-Names of Dorset 1, p. 44.

### Forley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Cheshire; Essex; Angus
- 1 English: locative name from Fordley, Suffolk.
- Early bearers:** Adam de Fordle, about 1201–5 in Schoenberg Collection (Suffolk); Stephen Forle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Hunts); Katherine Forley, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Forly, 1707 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); Mary Forley, 1747 in *IGI* (Lakenheath, Suffolk).
- 2 English: the north-western cluster is unexplained. It may be the result of migration, or alternatively a variant of **Farley**.

**Early bearers:** Martha Forley, 1791 in *IGI* (Westhoughton, Lancs); Thomas Forley, 1838 in *IGI* (Weaverham, Cheshire).  
**3 English:** see **Furley**.

### Forlong

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Furlong**.

### Forman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1843, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1532
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Aberdeens
- English, Scottish: see **Foreman**.

### Formby

**Variants:** **Fornby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Formby (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John de Forneby, 1328 in Patent Rolls (Lancs); Adam de Forneby, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lancs); Rogero de Formeby, 1379, Johannes de Forneby, 1381 in Poll Tax (Formby, Lancs); Jena de Formby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Larbreck with Little Eccleston, Lancs); Johannes de Forneby, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Crosby, Lancs); Henry Formebye, 1573, Cuthbert Formbey, 1574, Thomas Formby, 1583 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Elizabeth Fornby, 1629, Richard Formby, 1654 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Alice Formebye, 1637 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Formbie, 1664 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs).

### Former

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- English: occupational name from Middle English *former* 'maker, fashioner' (compare 'Brycke former or maker', 1552 in OED).  
**Early bearers:** Simon le Formur, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); William Former, 1578 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Mary Former, 1680 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); William Former, 1690 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

### Formosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian, Maltese: nickname from Italian *formoso* 'well-formed, shapely, beautiful'.  
**Early bearers:** Paolo Formosa, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Frederick Formosa, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Angelo Formosa, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Anita Girolama Formosa, born in New York, US, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).  
**References:** Cassar.

### Formston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Formstone**.

### Formstone

**Variants:** **Formston, Furmston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Denbighs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jone Formston, 1574, Margrett Furmston, 1700 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Thomae Formston, 1636 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Thomas Formson, 1646 in PROB 11 (Morton, Shrops); Morgan Furmston, 1663, Charles Furmiston, 1781 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); William Formstone, 1731 in *IGI* (Kynnersley, Shrops); Anne Formstone, 1774 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Fornby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Formby**.

### Fornell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: nickname from Middle English *fornel* 'small oven or furnace'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Fornel, 1287 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Johannis Fornell, 1652 in *IGI* (Wyllye, Wilts); Anne Fornall, 1693 in *IGI* (Stoke Saint Milborough, Shrops); John Fornell, 1710 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Forres

**Variants:** **Fores**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish: locative name from Forres (Morays).  
**Further information:** Early ecclesiastical bearers took their surname Forres from the prebendary church of Forres.  
**Early bearers:** Alanus de Forays, monk, 1229 in Moray Register (Kinloss, Moray); Master Geoffrey de Forays, canon of Moray, 1328 in Papal Letters (Elgin, Moray); William de Fores, archdeacon of Caithness, 1355 in Caithness and Sutherland Records; Nicholaus de fforays, 1363 in Antiquaries of Scotland (Inverness); Oliver de Fores, canon, 1366 in Aberdeen Register (Buchan, Aberdeen); Eugene de Foress, 1441 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen); Andrew Forass, 1486 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Forres, citizen, 1524 in Brechin Register (Brechin, Angus); Alison Fores, 1727 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian).

### Forrest

**Variants:** **Forest, Fores**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10740, Ireland 449
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7680
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 Scottish, English: locative name from Middle English *forest* 'forest' (Old French *forest*). Compare **Forrester**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Hugh de Foresta, 1204 in Curia Regis Rolls (Hants); Adam ate Forest, 1300 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Kent); Anabilla del fforest, 1354 in Kirkstall Coucher Book (Yorks); Richard Forest, 1370 in Feet of Fines (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Forest, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Adinet del Forest, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hawksworth, WR Yorks); Thomas de Forest', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks); John de la Forest, chaplain, 1384 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); Thomas Forest, clerk, 1458 in Feet of Fines (Hants); George Forest, 1538 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Allexander Forest, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Richard Forest,

1540 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Forrest, 1547 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Forest, 1547 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Bart Forrest, 1555 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).

Scotland: William de Forest, 1376 in Morton Register, Scotland (Newlands, Peebles); Morgan de Forest, 1402 in Aberdeen Council Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William of Forest, queen's physician, 1430 in Scotland Calendar; Margrat Forrest, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isabelle Forrest, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Gilbert Forest, 1599 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

2 Irish: this name is also frequent in Ireland, where it may be a variant of **Forrestal**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Forstall, yeoman, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §89 (Clongaugh, Kilkenny); Richard geankagh Forstall, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §754 (Enescorty); Piers Forest, merchant, 1566–67 in Fiants Elizabeth §1005 (Youghall, Cork).

### Forrestal

**Variants:** **Forestal, Forristal, Forristall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Wexford

English, Irish: locative name apparently from some place in England named as 'the paddock in front of the farmhouse' (Middle English *fore-stall*). There are many minor places so called in southern England, such as Fostal in Hernhill (Kent) and The Forstall in Rotherfield (Sussex), and this is reflected by the distribution of the English bearers given below, but the name is associated mainly with Ireland and, in Britain, with Sunderland in Durham, presumably introduced from Ireland.

**Further information:** This is the name of a prominent Anglo-Norman Irish family, established in Ireland since an early date.

**Early bearers:** S England: William de Forestal, 1255 in Forest Pleas (Northants); John de Forestal, 1333 in Feet of Fines (Wilts); Henr' ate fforstalle, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Canterbury, Kent); Laurence atte Forstalle, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Faversham hundred, Kent); Johannes atte Forstalle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Sturry, Kent); Thoma Forestal, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Cheverell, Wilts); Ricardo Forstal, 1379 in Poll Tax (Baynton, Wilts); Robert Forstall', 1485 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Willm. Forstall, 1587 in *IGI* (Wickhambreux, Kent); Henry Forstall, 1779 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent).

N England: James Forrestal, 1845 in *IGI* (Hawes, NR Yorks); Cath. Forrestal, 1857 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Forrestal, 1863 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

Ireland: Peter Forstall, kern, 1548 in Fiants Edward §229 (Ballenemtyagh); James Forstall, 1549 in Fiants Edward §292 (Donover); Gibbon Forestall, kern, 1552 in Fiants Edward §1061 (Ballikeroke, Wexford); Patrick Forstall fitz Richard, kern, 1558 in Fiants Mary §264 (Wexford); Patrick Forstall, yeoman, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §89 (Clongaugh, Kilkenny); Richard geankagh Forstall, 1565 in Fiants Elizabeth §754 (Enescorty, Wexford); John Forstall mcWalter, 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §878 (Forstallstone, Kilkenny); John Furestall fitz Water, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2491 (Wexford); Edm. Forstall mcWalter grome, footman, 1584 in Fiants Elizabeth §4385;

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Redmond Forestall, 1597 in Fiant Elizabeth §6091 (Kilfieragh, Kilkenny).

**References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 304; Place-Names of Sussex, p. 378.

### Forrester

**Variants:** Forrester, Forestier, Forester, Forister, Forrister, Forestor, Forster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6780, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4018
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs; Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Down; Mayo

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *forester* ‘officer in charge of a forest’ (Old French *forestier*, Anglo-Norman *forester*), also used of one employed in a forest. At Pulham (Norfolk) in 1222, a free tenant held 20 acres *per servicium forestare*. In 1277, at Hitcham (Suffolk), Robertus *forestarius*, a free tenant, paid 4s. 8d and suit of court for 17 acres. He had to guard all the woods of his lord, the Bishop of Ely, and had various forest privileges including one log for his fire at Christmas, all trees and branches in the woods blown down in a storm, and the right to keep his pigs in the wood (Cotton Tiberius B ii). See also **Forster**, **Foster**, and compare **Forrest**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Forester, 1183 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Richard le Forester, 1240 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Robert le Forestier, 1322 in London Letter Books E (London); John le Forester, 1332 in Feet of Fines (Bullington, Hants); Alan Forester, chaplain, 1358 in Feet of Fines (Cornwall); Walter Forester, 1361 in Feet of Fines (Waddington, Lincs); Thomas Forester, 1377 in Poll Tax (Akeld, Northumb); Johannes Forystre, 1379 in Poll Tax (Waterston, Dorset); Johanna Forister, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Johanne le Forester, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Robarte Forester, 1573 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Richarde Forrester, 1575 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex); Richard Forrester, 1622 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

Scotland: Archebaldus Forestar, about 1200 in Kelso Register; John le Forester, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); William Forrester, 1311–12 in Scotland Calendar (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Maran Forester, 1579 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); David Forester, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Jonat Forrester, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Forrester

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.

### Forrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Forey**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Forristal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- Irish: see **Forrestal**.

### Forristall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **Forrestal**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Forrister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English, Scottish: see **Forrester**.

### Forrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name apparently from Middle English *furgh*, *forgh*, *furow*, *forow* ‘furrow; ploughed land; trench’ (Old English *furh* ‘furrow, narrow trench’), though medieval evidence for the surname has not been found.
- Early bearers:** Henry Furrow, 1655 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Ann Forrow, 1678 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Mary Forrow, 1686 in *IGI* (Chenies, Bucks); William Furrow, 1694 in *IGI* (Welton le Wold, Lincs); John Forrow, 1704 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Mary Furrow, 1720 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Joseph Forrow, 1744, Wm. Furrow, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Forryan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: nickname from Middle English *forene*, *forein* ‘foreign, alien; from outside a district’.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Foryn, Johannes Foryne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rushden, Northants); Willo Foryn, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Desborough, Northants); William Forryan, 1581, Elizabeth Forian, 1585 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Wilmi Forian, 1604 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Richard Forryan, 1768 in *IGI* (Wolvey, Warwicks).

### Forsaith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Forsyth**.

### Forsbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Fosbrook**.

### Forscutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts; Middx
- English: see **Foskett**.

### Forsdick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Herts, and London
- English: see **Forsdike**.

### Forsdike

**Variants:** Forsdyke, Forsdick, Fosdyke, Fosdike, Fosdick, Frostick, Frosdick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name from Fosdyke (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Fotesdik, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Robertus de Fossedike, 1381 in Poll Tax (Moulton, Lincs); Emma Fossedik, Emma Fosdik, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); John Fosdyke, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Margaret Fosdyke, 1557 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); John Frosdicke, 1581, John Frosdyke, 1591, Thomas Frostick, 1620 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Johis Frosdick, 1610 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Samuel Fosdike, 1661 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); Robert Forsdick, 1669 in *IGI* (London); Robert Forsdike, 1757 in *IGI* (Levington, Suffolk); Mary Forsdyke, 1760 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk).

### Forsdyke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Forsdike**.

### Forse

**Variants:** Force

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon and Dorset
- 1 English: nickname from Old French *force(s)* ‘clipping-shears, scissors, forceps’. Compare **Forcer**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Forse, 1377 in Poll Tax (Yealmpstone, Devon); Johannes Forse, 1381 in Poll Tax (Freebridge hundred, Norfolk); John Forse, 1561 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Henry Forse, 1564 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Thomae Forse, 1600 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); John Forse, 1612 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); John Forse, 1626 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs).
- 2 English: variant of **Foss** or **Frost** or **Furze**.

### Forsett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Fawcett**.

### Forsey

**Variants:** Fuzzey, Fussey, Fursey, Furzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: locative name from Furzey Island in Corfe Castle (Dorset).  
**Early bearers:** Andrew Forsey, 1411 in Feet of Fines (Dorset); John Forshay, 1431 in Ancient Deeds ii (Dorset); William Fursey, 1566 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); John Fursey, 1583 in Muster Rolls (Devon); Robertus Forsey, 1639 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Hen. Forsey, 1642 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Roger Fursey, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Richard Furzy, 1673 in *IGI* (Churchstanton, Devon); Richard Furzey, 1696 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); Thomas Fuzzey, 1745 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); John Fursey, 1769 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).  
**References:** Place-Names of Dorset 1, p. 13.



**Forshaw**

Variants: **Foreshaw, Farshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3316, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost place called *Forshaw* in Rainford (Lancs).

**Further information:** Wilson (in Reaney and Wilson) proposes derivation from Forshaw Heath in Solihull (Warwicks), but there seems to be no evidence that this place-name gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Fourocshagh, 1315, John Fauroshawe, 1446 in Feet of Fines (Rainford, Lancs); Marg' de ffoureokshaghe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Rainford, Lancs); Will's de ffoureokshagh, 1366 in Ormskirk Stipend (Lancs); James fforshagh, 1542 in Preston Guild Rolls (Lancs); William Forshaw, 1542, Robert Forshawe, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Lawrance Foreshaw, 1657 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs); John Forshaw, 1775 in *IGI* (Rainford, Lancs); Henry Farshaw, 1794 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 110; Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 69.

**Forsyth**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Forsyth**.

**Forskitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Foskett**.

**Forson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Selkirks; also Angus

Scottish: unexplained. Apparently a Roxburghs surname in origin.

**Early bearers:** Robert Forsan or Forsane, miller, 1657–62 in Melrose Records (Newsteads, Roxburghs); William Forsoun, 1662 in Melrose Records (Darnick, Roxburghs); Isabel Forson, 1732 in *IGI* (Minto, Roxburghs); Christian Forsen, 1744 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Katharine Forson, 1778 in *IGI* (Mertoun, Berwicks); Elizabeth Forson, 1833 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Margaret Forsen, 1835 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks).

**Forst**

Variants: **Forster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Frost**.

**Forster**

Variants: **Fuster, Foster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11696, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9792
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Fermanagh

1 English: reduced form of **Forrester**.

**Further information:** Warin *le forstere*, 1199 in History of Saint Barts Hospital (London), may have been a

forester, in which case we have an early example of this development, but more probably he was a saddle-tree maker (see at **Fewster**); Old French *fustrier* could, by metathesis, have become *furster* or *forster*.

**Early bearers:** John Forstar', 1202 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Walter le Forster, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Gilbert Le Furstare or le Fuster, 1305, Robert Forster, Adam Forster, Robert Foster, 1327 in Fransson (Worcs); John Forster, 1315 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); William le Forster, 1341 in Ancient Deeds iv (Lincs); Walter Forster, Forester, 1356 in London Letter Books G.

2 English: occupational name possibly from Old French *forcetier* 'a maker of scissors or shears, a cutler', though this surname seems not to have survived.

**Further information:** Compare Anglo-Norman French *forcettes* 'scissors', which is found in the surnames of William *Forset*, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Bucks), and William *Forset*, 1441 in York Freeman's Register (York). This name has probably been absorbed by **Fawcett**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Forseter, le Forceter, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex).

3 German: locative name, occupational name from German **Förster**, an agent derivative of Middle High German *forst* 'forest', denoting someone who lived in or near a royal forest, or who worked in one.

**Further information:** Although this name is also borne by Jews in Continental Europe and elsewhere, evidence of Jewish bearers is lacking in the UK.

**Early bearers:** Charles Fuster, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Camberwell, Surrey); Julius Forster, born in Prussia, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Karl Forster, cabinet maker, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Adolf Forster, born in Germany, Census 1911 (Leicester, Leics).

**Forsyth**

Variants: **Forsythe, Forsith, Forsaith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8255, Ireland 235
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, and Derry

1 Scottish: relationship name from Gaelic *Fearsithe* 'man of peace'. Apart from Osbert *filius Forsyth*, any of the bearers of the surname cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Fersith, Forsyth, 1364 in Black; Forsythe Toller, 1428 in Black (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Forsith Sutor, 1451 in Black (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Fersithi mag Uibne, 1464 in Black. surnames: Osbert filius Forsyth, about 1308, Robert Fersith, 1420 in Black (Stirling, Stirlings); James Fersith, Forsithe, 1446 in Black; Jonet Forsyth, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Forsythe, 1588 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).

2 Scottish: locative name from an unidentified place of this name.

**Early bearers:** William de Fersith, 1365, Thomas of Forsythe, 1439 in Black (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert de Forsith, 1426, Thomas de Forsyth, 1452 in Black.

**Forsythe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 943, Ireland 1083
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish: see **Forsyth**.

**Fort**

Variants: **Forte, Fortt, Foort, Lefort, Fortune**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 700
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *fort* 'strong'.

**Early bearers:** Fegge Fort, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Lincs); Isabel le Fort, 1268 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Adam le Fort, 1320 in Patent Rolls (Middx); William le Fort, 1327 in Patent Rolls (Warwicks); Martin Fort, 1330 in New Forest Documents (Hants); Thomas Fort, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shotton, Northumb); Nicholaus Forte, 1377 in Poll Tax (Weston Peverel, Devon); Thomas Fort, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Cressingham, Norfolk); Johannes Fort, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oddington, Gloucs); Johanna Fort, 1381 in Poll Tax (East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Martinus le Fort, about 1384–1410 in Saint Denys Cartulary (Hants); Johan Forte, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Richard Forte, 1550 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Ansen Fort, 1565 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Laurens Fort, 1570 in *IGI* (Snargate, Kent); Anna Forte, 1595, Willmus Fort, 1604 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); William Fort, 1609 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Willm Fortt, 1622 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Elizabeth Fort, 1668 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); James Foort, 1674 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Mary Fortt, 1760 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

**Forte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; WR Yorks

English: see **Fort**.

**Fortearth**

Variants: **Forteith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland; Lancs

Scottish: locative name from Forteith in Cabrach (part Banffs, part Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Marjory Forteeth, 1736 in *IGI* (Keith, Banffs); Elspet Forteeth, 1739 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Mary Forteeth, 1788 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); David Fortieth, 1852 in *IGI* (Closeburn, Dumfriess).

England: George Milburn Forteath, 1838 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx); Margaret Forteath, 1846 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Forteith**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland
- Scottish: see **Fortearth**.

**Fortescue**

Variants: **Foskew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382

## Fortey

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Devon; Northants and Oxon

Norman: nickname from Old French *fort* 'strong' + *escu* 'shield'.

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Earl Fortescue since the late 18th century, and it is often claimed that they descend from Radulfus *Fortescu* who is recorded in Domesday Book as holding lands at Modbury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard Fort Escu, 1177, Richard Fortescu, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Oliver Fortescue, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cornwall); William Fortescu, 1376 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Fortescu, 1427 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Frauncis Fortiscue, 1540 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Johannes Fortescue, 1541 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall); Ford Fortescue, 1568 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); George Fortescue, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Durley, Hants); Grace Fortiscue, 1635 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Georg Foskew, 1642, Francis Fortescue, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Gorge Foskew, 1729 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Isaac Foskew, 1769 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); John Fortescue, 1776 in *IGI* (Bix, Oxon); Isaac Forskew, 1792 in *IGI* (Acton, Suffolk).

## Fortey

**Variants:** Forty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Middx

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous minor places so called, such as the lost *Forty Green* in Hanley Castle (Worcs), Forthay in North Nibley (Gloucs), Forty Hill in Enfield (Middx), The Forty in Cricklade (Wilts), and Forty Green in Epping (Essex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de la Fordhaie, 1221, [ . . . ] de la Fortheye, 1248, [ . . . ] atte Forthey, 1371 in Place-Names of Gloucs (Gloucs); William de Forteye, Thomas de la Fortheye, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Ad' de la Fortheye, 1279 in Löfvenberg (Oxon); Nicholas de la Fortye, 1281, Richard de la Fortheye, 1289, Adam atte Fortheie, William atte Fortheye, 1333 in Place-Names of Wilts (Wilts); Iohanne ate Fortheye, 1296–7 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Oxon/Berks); John de la Forteye, 1318 in Close Rolls (Berks); John atte Fortey, 1327–77, Hugh Fortey, 1420 in Place-Names of Middx (Middx); Edmundus Fortey, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shelwick, Herefs); Johanne Fortey, 1379 in Poll Tax (Poulton, Wilts); Johannes Forteye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Benson, Oxon); Adam Forteye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Broad Campden, Gloucs); Walterus Forthey, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sherborne, Gloucs); Johannes Forthey, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Fortey, 1579 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Anna Fortey, 1594 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Prudens Forty, 1600 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); William Forty, 1771 in *IGI* (Little Witley, Worcs).

**References:** Place-Names of Worcs, pp. 202–4; Place-Names of Gloucs 2, p. 241; Place-Names of Middx, pp. 73–4; Place-Names of Wilts, p. 43; Place-Names of Essex, p. 23; Löfvenberg, pp. 69–70.

## Fort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 923, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 734

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in N England

English: see **Ford**.

## Fortin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Fortune**.

## Fortman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: nickname from Old French *fort* 'strong' + *mains* 'hands'.
- Early bearers:** William Fortesmains, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Margery Fortman, 1661 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Mary Fortman, 1667 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Geo Fortman, 1751 in *IGI* (Withington, Herefs).
- 2 English: variant of **Fortnam**.
- Early bearers:** William Fortnam, 1768, Benjamin Fortman, 1812 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); William Fortnam, 1848, William Fortman, 1857, John Fortnham, 1857 in *IGI* (Dunchurch, Warwicks).

## Fortnam

**Variants:** Fortnum, Fortman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Oxon

English: nickname from Old French *fort* 'strong' + *anon* 'young ass'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Fortanon, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Henry Fortnham, 1599 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Fortnum, 1666 in *IGI* (Combe, Oxon); Ann Fortnam, 1700 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon); Anne Fortnam, 1723 in *IGI* (Morton Bagot, Warwicks); William Fortnum, 1771 in *IGI* (Combrook, Warwicks).

## Fortnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Northants, Warwicks, and Oxon

English: see **Fortnam**.

## Forton

**Variants:** Fortune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Northumb

1 English: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Forton (Lancs), Forton in Montford (Shrops), Forton (Staffs), and Forton in Alverstoke (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Forton, 1204 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Jordan de Fortun, about 1206 in Hatton's Book of Seals (Lancs); [ . . . ] de Forton, 1240 in Gover, Hants Place-Names (Hants); Robert de Forton, 1301–2 in Winchester Pipe Roll (Hants); John ffortoun, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Alice de Forton, 1362 in Ancient Deeds 6 (Market Drayton, Shrops); Thomas de Forton', 1370, Thomas Forton', 1374 in Feet of Fines (Shrops); Thomas de Forton', 1371 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas de Forton', 1381 in Poll Tax (Chetton, Shrops); Willelmus de Forton', 1381 in Poll

Tax (Market Drayton, Shrops); William Forton, 1426 in Ancient Deeds 3 (Drayton in Hales, Staffs); Dorothy Forton, 1567 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Willmi. Forton, 1585 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Edward Forton, 1592 in *IGI* (Ford, Shrops).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 166; Place-Names of Shrops 1, pp. 133–4; Place-Names of Staffs 1, p. 146; Gover, Hants Place-Names, p. 27.

2 English, Scottish: see **Fortune**.

## Fortt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Fort**.

## Fortune

**Variants:** Fortin, Forton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2378, Ireland 982
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1560
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks, N England, and SE Scotland; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: relationship name from the Latin personal name *Fortunus*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fortunus, 1185 in Templars Records (London); Fortune South, 1663 in Hereford Militia Assessments (Herefs).

surnames: Henricus Fortune, 1523 in Subsidy Rolls (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Davy Fortune, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Parnell Fortune, 1539 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Joan Fortune, 1560 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); John Fortune, 1563 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Willmi Fortune, 1587 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Robert Fortune, 1641 in Somerset Petition (Somerset).

2 English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *fortin*, a diminutive of Old French *fort* 'strong'. Compare **Fort**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Fortin, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Beds); William le Jeune Fortin, 1202 in Assize Rolls (Beds); Walterum Fortyn, 1227 in Patent Rolls (Southampton, Hants), probably identical with Waltero Fortin, about 1235 in God's House Cartulary (Southampton, Hants); Denys Fortin, 1242 in Ancient Deeds ii (Hants); Walter Fortyn, about 1300 in New Forest Documents (Hants); Johannes Fortyn, Petrus Forton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Terrington, Norfolk); Ellen Fortune, 1566 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Fortune, 1573 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

3 Scottish: locative name from East and West Fortune in Athelstaneford (E Lothian).

**Further information:** This name became established in Ireland from an early date and was gaelicized there as **Ó Foirtchcheirn**.

**Early bearers:** Joce de Fortun, 1220–40 in Holyrood Register (East Linton, E Lothian); John de Fortun, 1247–51 in Kelso Register (Mow, Roxburghs); John de Fortone, Scottish prisoner, 1297 in Scotland Calendar; John Forton, 1495 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts; Beatrix Fortune, 1624 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Lylias Fortoun, 1608 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); James Forton, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Fortoune, 1609, Janet Fortune, 1633 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); George Forton, 1630 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Thomas Fortoun, tailor and burghess, 1634 in Black (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

4 English: variant of **Forton**.

**Forty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs; Middx
- English: see **Fortey**.

**Forward****Variants: Forwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1389, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

1 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *for(e)ward*, *forthward* ‘agreement, contract, pledge’. This would explain the variation in the 1377 and 1381 Wilts names. It might have been given to someone who negotiated agreements or who acted as a pledge for another person. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Forward, Forreward, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Florenci Forewardes, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Clacton, Essex); John Foreward, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Hampnett, Gloucs); Willelmus Foreward, 1377 in Poll Tax (Donhead, Wilts); Johannes Forthward, 1377, Johannes Foreward, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Knoyle, Wilts); Christophorus Forward, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Forward, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sedgehill, Wilts); Johanne Forward, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chedworth, Gloucs); Thom. Forward, 1554 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thomasyn Forward, 1561 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); John Forward, 1562 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); An Forwood, 1614, George Forward, 1616 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

2 English: perhaps sometimes a metathesized form of Middle English *froward*, *fraward* ‘contrary, unruly, wilful, perverse’; see **Frewer** and compare **Froud**. In one manuscript of the *Cursor Mundi* (dated before 1400), *Ur fraward scapp* ‘our contrary (awkward or ugly) shape’ is replaced by *Ur forward schap*.

3 English: nickname alternatively from Middle English *for(e)ward* ‘forward, advanced’. It is not until the 16th century that the word is recorded meaning ‘ready, eager’, ‘precocious’, ‘presumptuous, pert’, but perhaps it already had some of these senses in Middle English.

**Forwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Forward**.

**Early bearers:** An Forwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Michael Forwood, 1623 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); Luke Forwood, 1652 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Forwood, 1802 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Forwood (in Minchinhampton, Gloucs), though it may not have survived as a modern surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Forwode, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Longtree Hundred, Gloucs); John Forwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Elizabeth Forwood, 1662 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex).

**Fosberry****Variants: Fosbery, Fosbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Surrey; also Leics

English: locative name from Fosbury House in Tidcombe or Fosbury Cottages in West Overton (both Wilts). Both places are recorded as *Forstebury* in the 13th and 14th centuries, and both seem to have given rise to medieval bynames.

**Early bearers:** John de Forsteburi, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Fosbury in Tidcombe, Wilts); John de Forstebury, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (West Kennett in Avebury, Wilts); Peter de Forsteburi, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Roger de Forstebury, 1335 in Feet of Fines (Hants); John de Forestebury, 1354 in Patent Rolls; William de Forstebury, 1360 in Patent Rolls (Wilts); Johannes Forstebury, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Thoma Fostbury, 1379 in Poll Tax (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Robertus Fostebury, Johannes Fostebury, 1379 in Poll Tax (Everdon, Northants); Richarde Fosbery, 1603 in PROB 11 (Camberwell, Surrey); Joyce Fosbery, 1613, Margarite Fosbury, 1621 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); John Fosbury, 1617 in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); John Fosbury, 1655 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); Georgius Forsbury, 1692 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Isaac Fosbury, 1722, Elizabeth Fosberry, 1745, James Forsbry, 1764, Thomas Forsbery, 1788 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Forsbery, 1774 in *IGI* (Kilmiston, Hants).

**References:** Place-Names of Wilts, pp. 306, 356.

**Fosbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts
- English: see **Fosberry**.

**Fosbrook****Variants: Forsbrook, Fosbrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Forsbrook (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Fotesbroc, about 1190 in Staffs Chartulary (Staffs); Johanna de Fosbrok, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pennington, Lancs); John Fossebrok, 1385 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Elizabeth Fosbrooke, 1568 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Tho Fosbrooke, 1677 in *IGI* (Clifton Campville, Staffs); Richard Forsbrook, 1686 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Forsbrook, 1790 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**Fosbrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Fosbrook**.

**Fosbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Fosberry**.

**Fosdike**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia
- English: see **Forsdike**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Fosdike**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs
- English: see **Forsdike**.

**Fosdyke**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Forsdike**.

**Fosh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: unexplained. Possibly to be linked with the names of William *Foch*, 1588 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Andrewe *Foche*, 1591 in *IGI* (Lympne, Kent); and if so, perhaps of French, specifically Gascon, origin, from the Gascon pronunciation of the name of the town of Foix.

**Early bearers:** Esther Fosh, 1719, John Forsh, 1732 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Fosh, 1747 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Fosh, 1754 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Joseph Fosh, 1761 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

**Fosker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained. Possibly a variant of either **Foskett** or **Foster**, but no evidence has been found to demonstrate a connection.

**Early bearers:** Henry Fosker, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Forscher, 1811, Maria Fosker, 1826 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk); Willm. Fosker, 1826 in *IGI* (Milden, Suffolk); Susannah Fosker, 1832 in *IGI* (Little Waldingfield, Suffolk); Thomas Fosker, 1832 in *IGI* (Thorpe le Soken, Essex).

**Fosket**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Beds, Bucks, and Northants

English: see **Foskett**.

**Foskett****Variants: Fosket, Forskitt, Forscutt, Fosker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1327, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, Bucks, and Middx

English: locative name from one or more of the many places with names derived from Old English *fox* ‘fox’ + *cot* ‘cottage’ (the compound perhaps meaning ‘fox-earth’), such as Foscott alias Foscote (Bucks), Foscote in Abthorpe (Northants), Forscote (Somerset), Foxcotte in Andover and Foscot Farm in Hannington (both Hants), Foxcote in Withington (Gloucs), and Foxcote Farm in Ilmington (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Edulf de Foxcote, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition (Somerset); Roberto de Foxcot’, about 1250–60, Iohanne Foxcote, 1374 in Luffield Charters (Bucks and Northants); Roger de Foxcote,

## Foskew

1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Albury, Herts); Thomas de Foxcote, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Withington, Gloucs); Johannis de Foxcotes, 1348 in Place-Names of Cheshire (Cheshire); Johannes de Foxcote, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kinlet, Shrops); Thomas Foxcote, 1405 in Feet of Fines (Andover, Hants); Rychart Foscot, 1529 in Beds Wills (Probate) (Beds); William Forscott, 1545 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); John Foskotte, 1577 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Alice Foskett, 1581 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Ro. Foscot, 1585 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Anne Foscot, 1588 in *IGI* (Pertenhall, Beds); Georgius Foscott, 1591, Joha. Foscott, 1600, Georgius Foskett, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); William Foscode, 1602 in PROB 11 (Malmesbury, Wilts); George Foskett, 1660 in *IGI* (Mixbury, Oxon); John Forskett, 1723 in *IGI* (Hoggeston, Bucks); Mary Fosket, 1782 in *IGI* (Sacombe, Herts); Samuel Forscutt, 1808 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts).

**References:** Place-Names of Bucks, p. 43; Place-Names of Northants, p. 90; Ekwall, DEPN, p. 184; Hampshire Place-Names, p. 79; Gover, Hants Place-Names, pp. 140, 164; Place-Names of Gloucs 1, p. 187; Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 305; Place-Names of Cheshire 4, p. 38.

## Foskew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also WR Yorks Norman: variant of **Fortescue**.

## Foskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: unexplained; perhaps from \**fox-kin*, a pet-form of **Fox**. A different English origin might be suggested by Thomas *Fuskins*, 1783 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).
- Early bearers:** Michael Foskin, 1901 in Census 1901, Ireland (Farnoge, Kilkenny); Margaret Foskin, 1901 in Census 1901, Ireland (Mullinavat, Kilkenny).

## Foss

**Variants:** Fosse, Forse, Voss, Vos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 582
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon and Cornwall; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name either topographic from Middle English *foss* 'ditch' or toponymic from one or more of the many places so named, such as Voss in Plympton Saint Mary and Great Fossend in Burlescombe (both Devon), the River Foss (NR Yorks), Foss Beck (ER Yorks), and the Fosse Way, a Roman road running between Lincoln (Lincs) and Axminster (Devon) via Leicester (Leics), Cirencester (Gloucs), and Bath (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John del Fosse, 1199 in Memoranda Roll (Sussex); John atte Fosse, 1295, John de la Fosse, 1330 in Löfvenberg (Somerset); Robert atte Fosse, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Margery atte Fosse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Paignton, Devon); Henry atte Fosse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Budeaux, Devon); Reginald atte Fosse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Halberton, Devon); William atte Fosse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Silverton, Devon); Richard atte Fosse, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Kenton, Devon); Willelmus de Fosse,

1377 in Poll Tax (Haisthorpe, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Fosse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Johannes Fosse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drighlington, WR Yorks); Rogerus Fosse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stoneleigh hundred, Warwicks); Johanne Fos, 1379 in Poll Tax (Nettleton, Wilts); Johanes. Fosse, 1540 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Fosse, 1541 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Mathew Fosse, 1541 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Richard Vosse, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Henry Forse, 1564 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Alice Vosse, 1542, John Force, 1567 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Phillippe Force, 1581 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon); Thomae Force, 1600, Henrici Foss, 1645 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Parsavel Foss, 1641 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Voss, 1707 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 254, 547; Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 4; Place-Names of ER Yorks, pp. 3–4.

## Fossard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs Norman, English: see **Fozard**.

## Fosse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French, English: (i) locative name from Old French *fosse* 'ditch'. (ii) variant of **Foss**.

## Fossett

**Variants:** Fossit, Fossitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- 1 Norman, English: see **Fozard**.  
2 English: see **Fawcett**.

## Fossey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks
- 1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Fotsey* in Aspley Guise (Beds), which is recorded as *Foteseye* in 1247. It is possible that the medieval bearer Richard *Fossey* (1279 in Oxon) and some others belong to (2).
- Early bearers:** Richard Fossey, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Thoma Foteseye, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Husborne Crawley, Beds); John Fossey, 1518 in Beds Wills (Probate) (Beds); William Fossey, 1519 in Beds Wills (Prerogative) (Houghton Regis, Beds); Thome Fossey, 1575 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Francis Fossey, 1601 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Danniell Fossey, 1617 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Bernard Fossey, 1645 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Bucks).
- References:** Place-Names of Beds and Hunts, p. 114.  
2 Norman: locative name from an unidentified place of uncertain etymology, possibly Anglo-Norman French *fossé* (masculine) 'ditch'.  
**Early bearers:** Arnold de la Fossie, 1282 in London Letter Books A (London); John del Fossey, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); John Fossey, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Vintry, London).

## Fossit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Fossett**.

## Fossitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London
- English: see **Fossett**.

## Foster

**Variants:** Fosker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56079, Ireland 2353
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39726
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster
- English: (i) relationship name, occupational name perhaps from Middle English *foster* 'foster parent, nurse'. But other explanations are equally or more likely. (ii) possibly a development of 'forester'; see **Forster** (1). The seal of Walter *Forestier* (1371 in Ancient Deeds v, London) bore the legend *Sigillvm Walteri Le Foster*. (iii) possibly a development of *forctier* 'a maker of scissors'; see **Forster** (2). (iv) a fourth possibility is that it is a variant of **Fewster**.
- Early bearers:** John Foster, 1373 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Edward Foster, 1381 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Robert Foster, 1538 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Foster, 1541 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks).

## Foston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Foston on the Wolds (ER Yorks), Foston (Lincs), Foston by Malton (NR Yorks), Foston (Derbys), and Foston (Leics).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Fozton', 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Robertus de Foston', 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Weighton, ER Yorks); Henricus de Foston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Foston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Rigton, WR Yorks); Johannes Foston', 1377, Johanne de Foston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Whetstone, Leics); Robertus Foston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); William de Foston', 1412 in Feet of Fines (York); Elyzabeth Foston, 1560 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Johannis Foston, 1561 in *IGI* (Thimbleby, Lincs).

## Fotherby

**Variants:** Featherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts and Lincs
- English: locative name from Fotherby (Lincs).
- Early bearers:** Ranulf de Foterby, 1250 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); John de Foterby, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Johannes de Foderby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aswardhurn wapentake, Lincs); John Foderby, 1419 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas Fotherby, 1468 in PROB 11 (Slyforth, Lincs); Martin Fotherby, 1546, Margerye Fotherby, 1549, Jane Fotherbie, 1551 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Fetherbie, 1559 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Raulf Fetherbie, 1588, Margarite Featherbie, 1595, Will Featherby, 1639 in *IGI* (Bishop Norton, Lincs).

**Fothergill**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2056, Ireland 5  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1716  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** N England; esp. Westm English; locative name of uncertain origin. Redmonds tentatively suggests it might be an altered form of Faggergill in Arkengarthdale (NR Yorks). This is recorded as *Fagardegile* ('sheep enclosure ravine?') in 1280, and was presumably the home of Robert *de Fagardgill*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks). Arkengarthdale, in Upper Swaledale, is not far from Kirkby Stephen, just over the county border in Westm, where the earliest example of *Fothergill* (spelled *Fothergall*) is found in 1379. The long-standing social network that existed between Upper Swaledale and Kirkby Stephen families is illustrated by the marriage in 1663 in Grinton parish church of 'William Harrison and Alice Fothergill of Mallerstang in the parish of Kirby Stephen' (Parish Registers, Grinton, NR Yorks). Grinton was formerly the parish for the whole of Upper Swaledale, and its 17th-century registers contain numerous instances of the surname as *Fothergill* and *Futhergill*, as well as *Jane Fathergill* (buried 1640). If this is the correct origin, obscure *Fagard-* has been replaced by Middle English *fother*, *futher* 'cart-load', 'measure of weight used in selling lead'; Upper Swaledale and Arkengarthdale were areas of sheep farming and lead mining during the high Middle Ages and subsequent centuries. However, there is no evidence that the place-name was ever referred to as *Fothergill*.

**Further information:** Wilson's derivation from Fothergill Well in Hetton (WR Yorks) is most unlikely since this minor place-name is not recorded until 1840, and as Redmonds points out, is very likely derived from the surname. DAFN suggests derivation from Fothergill in Flimby (Cumb). This may be the place in Flimby known in the 12th century as *Folchegile*, *Folkegile*, and *Fowgill*, but this name would not naturally develop to *Fothergill*, and as there are no later spellings on record, the change to *Fothergill* may be modern and influenced by the surname.  
**Early bearers:** Johanne de Fothergall, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); Henry Fodyrgyll, 1514 in Coroners' Rolls (Notts); Isabell Fothergill, 1562, John Fothergell, 1618, Robert Futhergell, 1623 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Fothergill, 1572 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Agnes Fothergill, 1573 in *IGI* (Manby, Lincs); Thoms. Fothergill, 1582 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Futhergill, 1583, John Fothergill, 1611 in York Freeman's Register (York); Willm. Futhergill, 1573, Richerd Fothergell, 1596, Maria Fothergale, 1612 in *IGI* (York); James Futhergill, 1579 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Adam Fothergill, 1610 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Thomas Fothergill, 1663 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs); Margaret Fothergill, 1687 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks).  
**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 295; F. William Slingsby, ed. (1905), *Registers of the Parish Church of Grinton in Swaledale, Co. York*, Yorkshire Parish Register Society; Place-Names of WR Yorks 6, p. 92; Place-Names of Cumb, p. 286.

**Fotheringham**

**Variants:** Fotheringhame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1915, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1257

- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland; esp. Lanarks; Fife

Scottish: locative name from Fotheringham in Inverarity (Angus), a place which takes its name from a corruption of the name of a family who migrated from Fotheringhay (Northants) to Angus in the 13th century.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Fodinrey, about 1241 in Lindores Chartulary (Monorgan, Perth); Robert de Ffodryngay, 1261 in Panmure Register (Fowlis Easter, Angus); Hugh de Fodringeye, 1296 in Ragman Rolls (Perth); Henry de Fotheringeye, 1301 in Patent Rolls; Henry de Foddryngame, deputy of sheriff of Perth, 1358 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Perth); William de Foddryngame, sheriff of Banff, 1358 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Banff); Robyn of Fodryngame, 1388 in Bamff Charters (Woodrae, Angus); Thomas Fodringame of Poury, 1476 in Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts (Powrie, Angus); Johnie Fodringayme, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Edward Fotheringham, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Richert Fodringame, 1595 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Cecilia Fotheringham, 1630 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Peter Fotheringham, 1641 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus).  
**References:** Black; Scottish Place-Names.

**Fotheringhame**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Fotheringham**.

**Foubister**

**Variants:** Fobbester, Fobister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Foubister in Saint Andrews (Orkney), which is recorded as *Fowbustir* in 1492.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Hendrie Fowbuster, 1507, John ffoubrester or ffoubister, 1674 in Black; Henry Fowbister, 1516 in Black (Kirkwall, Orkney); Andro Fowbister, 1621, Niniane Fowbister, 1622 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); David Fowbister, 1660, Andrew Foubistar, 1737 in *IGI* (Holm and Papay, Orkney); Jonet Fowbister, 1665 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); John Fowbister, 1676, Catharine Fowbister, 1683, John Fowbister, 1697 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Betrix Fowbister, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney).  
 England: James Fobbester, 1733, Esther Fobbster, 1834 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); James Fobester, 1793 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Fobbister, 1799 in *IGI* (London).  
**References:** Orkney Farm-Names, pp. 83–4.

**Foucar**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

**Foucard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

French: relationship name French **Foucart**, from the Old French personal name *Foucard* (Continental Germanic *Fulchard*). Compare **Folkard**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Foucard, born in France, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey).  
**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

**Fouger**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.  
**Further information:** Wilson (in Reaney and Wilson) explains the name as locative from Fougères (Ille-et-Vilaine), citing Ralph *de Felgeriis*, about 1110 in Winton Domesday (Hants). No connection with this early bearer has been established.

**Foulcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

**Fould**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also NR Yorks; Hants; Kent

English: see **Fold**.

**Fouldes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks; Middx

English: see **Foulds**.

**Foulds**

**Variants:** Fouldes, Folds, Foldes, Fowlds, Foulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1858, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2026
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Fold** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Hugh del Foldis, 1275 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John del Foldes, 1349 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Richard del Foldes, 1443 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Burnley, Lancs); John Fowldes, 1558 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Willi. Fouldes, 1558 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Fouldes, 1562 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Alicia Fowlds, 1563 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Richard Foulds, 1567 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Ja. Foulds, 1600 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).  
**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.  
 2 Scottish: see **Faulds**.

**Foulger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 711
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

**Foulis**

**Variants:** Fowlis, Fowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; central Scotland; esp. Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Fowlis (Angus), or, less commonly, from Fowlis Wester in Strathearn (Perth).

## Foulk

**Early bearers:** Thor de Foules, 1165–70 in Saint Andrews Charters (Fowlis, Angus); William de Foulis, vicar of Saint Ninians, 1295 in Cambuskenneth Register (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); William de Fouleys, 1422 in Scotland Calendar; Thomas de Fowlis, subprior of Arbroath, 1425 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); Alexander Foulis, commissioner to Parliament, 1469 in Acts of Parliaments of Scotland (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Andrew Faulis, 1552 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow, Lanarks); Patrik Fowlis, 1573, Bessy Foulis, Thomas Fowles, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); David Fowllis, 1612 in Retours, Scotland (Avondale, Lanarks); Jeane Fowlis, 1620, Janet Fowles, 1630 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife); Christian Fowls, 1626 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Foulis, 1626, John Fowlis, 1613, Agnes Fowles, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Foulk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

### Foulke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

### Foulker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

### Foukses

**Variants:** **Foulsks, Fowlkes, Folkes, Folks, Fulkes, Fulks, Fowkes, Foux, Fokes, Foakes, Fookes, Fooks, Fewkes, ffoukses, Ffoukses, Volkes, Vokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3537, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2787
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales and NW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Cork

Norman, English: relationship name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *Folkes, Fookes*, a French nominative form of the Continental Germanic personal name *Fulco*. See **Fowke**, with which this form of the name was freely interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Folkes, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); John Fukes, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Alice Fouke, 1307, Alice Foukes, 1314 in Balliol Deeds (Oxford); John Fokes, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Blanch Fokes, James Fooxe, John Foookes, Raphe Fookes, 1564 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk).

### Fouls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales and NW England
- English, Welsh: see **Foukses**.

### Foulser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

## Foulsham

### Variants: Folsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- English: locative name from Foulsham (Norfolk).
- Early bearers:** John de Fulsham, 1185 in Templars Records (London); William de Folesham, 1219 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk/Suffolk); Benedict de Folsham, chamberlain of Milton hundred, 1337 in Miscellaneous Inquisitions (Kent); Robert Folsham, 1355 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Johannes de Folsham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Quidenham, Norfolk); Johanna Folsham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eccles, Norfolk); Isabella de Folsham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Brisley, Norfolk); James Fulsam, 1420 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); John Foulsham, 1591 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk).

## Foulston

### Variants: Foulstone, Fowlston, Fowlstone, Fullstone, Funston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- 1 English: locative name from Fulstone (WR Yorks). The bearers in Cambs may belong here or to (2), or may point to a third (currently unexplained) origin.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Fowleston, 1251 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus Fughleston', Agn' de Fuleston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Carlton, WR Yorks); John Fulston, 1493 in PROB 11 (Ickleton, Cambs); John Fulstone, 1560 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Thomas Fulston, 1581 in *IGI* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); George Foulston, 1649, Mary Foulstone, 1684, William Fowlston, 1713 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); John Foulston, 1653 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Catherine Fulston, 1687 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Elizabeth Fulstone, 1692 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); John Foulston, 1705 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Ann Foulston, 1741 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).
- 2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Fulston Manor in Sittingbourne (Kent).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Fugeleston, 1197, William de Fughleston, 1241 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Thomas de Fugeleston, 1200 in Feet of Fines (Sittingbourne, Kent); Margar' de foghelestone, 1327, Robert de Foghelestone, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Milton Regis, Kent); Jhon Fulston, 1597 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent).
- References:** Kent Place-Names, p. 265.

## Foulstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Foulston**.

## Found

### Variants: Founde, Founds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 334
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks; Devon and Cornwall; Wilts
- English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *founde(n)* 'found' (Old English *finden*, past participle of *findan* 'to find'). Compare **Foundling** alternatively, a variant of **Fone** with excrescent *-d*. **Further information:** Examples of *Fond* among early bearers may represent a different surname, from

Middle English *fond* 'foolish, silly' (the modern sense 'affectionate' is not known before the 16th century). *Fond* occurs in the 1881 census in Lancs and Kent but like *Found* it could be a variant of *Fone* with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Fond, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Chardstock, Dorset); John Founde, barker, 1432 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Anne Found, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Mary Fonde, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Fonde, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Joan Found, 1579 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); William Found, 1581 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Joshua Found, 1621 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Fran. Fond, 1656 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Found, 1657 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Thomas Found, 1678 in *IGI* (Amport, Hants); Mercy Found, 1715 in *IGI* (Tilshead, Wilts); Rebecca Fond, 1725 in *IGI* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks); Ann Found, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Found, 1760 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Founde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Found**.

## Foundling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English, *f(o)undling*, Modern English *foundling* 'foundling, abandoned or illegitimate child' (also, in Middle English, 'vagabond, rogue'). The late formation of the name, in some cases at least, is indicated by the example of Elizabeth *Foundling*, 1744 in *IGI* (Foundling Hospital Chapel, Guildford Street, Saint Pancras, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Foundling, 1639 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Sara Fundling, 1707 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Sarah Foundling, 1728 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Mary Foundling, 1758 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Ambrose Foundling, 1760 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Founds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Hants
- English: variant of **Found** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henry Founds, 1714 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Founds, 1786 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Fountain

### Variants: Fontaine, Fontaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3123, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1882
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lincs, Norfolk, and SE Midlands

Norman, English: (i) locative name from one or more of the places in France named Fontaine, Fonteyne, or Lafontaine. (ii) locative name from Middle English *fontayne* (Old French *fontaine*) 'spring, fountain', sometimes with a plural *-s*, and

synonymous with **Well** and **Wells**, of which *Fountain(es)* may sometimes have been a translation. There is no evidence to connect the W Yorks name with Fountains Abbey.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Funteines, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); John de Funtayne, 1270 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John de la Funtayne, 1275 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Petrus de Funtanes, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wotton, ER Yorks); Johannes Founteyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ketton, Rutland); Marg' de Funtayns, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gilberdike, ER Yorks); Raynerus de Fountayns, 1379 in Poll Tax (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Fountayns, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rimington, WR Yorks); Agn' de Fountayns, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Johannes Fontayn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hants); Willelmo Fountayns, 1381 in Poll Tax (Muston, Leics); Edwardus Fontaigne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); John Fowntens, 1426 in Feudal Aids (Surrey); Robert Fountaine, 1548 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Richard Fountains, 1566 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Robti Fountaines, 1583 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Thomas Fountaine, 1587 in *IGI* (York); Nicholas Fountaine, 1593 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Susan Fountain, 1599 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Sara Fountain, 1608 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset); Josias Fountaines, 1626 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Edward Fountain, 1645 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); William Fountain, 1677 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

### Fontaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Beds
- English: see **Fountain**.

### Fouquet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

French, Huguenot: relationship name French, from a pet form of any of various Germanic personal names formed with *folk* 'people' (see for example German **Volker**).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Fouquet, 1694 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London); Daniel Fouquet, 1701 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent).

### Fouracre

**Variants:** **Foweraker**, **Fouracres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: status name from Middle English *four*, *fower* 'four' + *aker(es)* 'acre(s)', denoting the occupant of a holding of four acres.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Fouracre, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); John Foureacre, 1570 in PROB 11 (Langford Budville, Somerset); Christopher Foweracre, 1607 in *IGI* (Bradford, Somerset); Marie Foweracers, 1636 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Mathewe Foweracres, 1645 in Devon and Cornwall Wills (Broadclyst, Devon); Mathew Foweracres, 1662 in *IGI* (Rockbeare, Devon); John Fouracres, 1665 in *IGI* (Whimple, Devon); Francis Foweracre, 1688, William Furacre, 1700 in Devon and Cornwall Wills (Kentisbeare, Devon); Rebekah

Ffloweracre, 1695 in *IGI* (Kittisford, Somerset); Joseph Fouracre, 1704 in *IGI* (Ash Priors, Somerset).

### Fouracres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London

English: see **Fouracre**.

### Fourie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

French: of uncertain origin and derivation, possibly a respelling of French **Fouré**, **Fourrey**, from the Germanic personal name *Folcrad* (formed from Continental Germanic *folc* 'people' + *rād* 'counsel, advice').

**Early bearers:** Judicq Fourie, 1649 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London).

### Fournel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Huguenot: locative name, occupational name from French *fournel* 'bakery' (Old French *fornil*), used for someone who lived near or worked at a bakery.

**Early bearers:** Blanche Fournel, 1712 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

2 English: see **Furnell**, which occurs in the name of Jeffery *Furnell*, 1655 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx), and of other persons in London and Middx in the 18th century. However, the following early bearer could alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** David Fournel, 1689 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Fourness

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Furness**.

### Fournier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, Huguenot: occupational name for a baker, from French *fournier* (Latin *furnarius*), originally a man responsible for baking bread in a *fourneau* '(communal) oven'. Compare **Furner**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Abraham Fournier, 1594 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Simon Pierre Fournier, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Paul Fournier, 1706 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leics Field, Westminster, Middx); Daniel Jacques Fournier, 1744 in *IGI* (Savoie and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

Other: Michel Fournier, born in Alsace, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); John Fournier, born in Boulogne, France, in Census 1881 (Melksham, Wilts); William Fournier, born in Arles en Cantal, France, in Census 1881 (Hornsey, Middx); John Fournier, born in Paris, France, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

### Fourniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Furness**.

**Early bearers:** Johnas Fourniss, 1678 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks).

### Fouweather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Foweather**.

### Foux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Foules**.

### Fovargue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

French, Huguenot: locative name from French **Fauvarque**, a variant of *Farvaque(s)*, a toponymic name from La Favarque in Chièvres, Belgium, Les Favarques (Nord), France, or a variant of *Ferva(c)ques*, from *Ferva(c)ques* (Calvados), or *Fervaques* (Aisne), earlier recorded as *Farvaques*. The surname was first brought to Britain by French Huguenots in the late 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Jaque Farvaque, 1595, Anne Faruacques, 1597, Jaque Faruacque, 1608, Jan Faruacques, 1623 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Daniel Faruacques, 1632 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London); James Farvarques or Farvacques, 1636 in PROB 11 (Norwich, Norfolk); Jean Fovergue, Fauvergue, 1658 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Estienne Fauvacque, 1667 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jacob Fovargue, 1698, Jacob Farvague, 1797 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Zachariah Fovargue, 1762 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Jacob Fovargue, 1775 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs).

**References:** Morlet, Dictionnaire.

### Fow

**Variants:** **Fowe**, **Foe**, **Defoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fou* 'spotted, variegated, multicoloured, streaked' (Old English *fāh*), perhaps in reference to skin or hair, or to clothing. The word was also used in Middle English to denote a kind of particoloured fur.

**Early bearers:** Hugh, Thomas le Fohe, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Portslade and Atlingworth, Sussex); John Fow, 1336 in Inquisitions post Mortem (Notts); Ricardus Foghe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldrington, Sussex); John Fowe, 1586 in PROB 11 (Maidstone, Kent); Edwardus Foe, 1593 in *IGI* (West Deeping, Lincs); Anna Fowe, 1606, Thomas Fow, 1673 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Elizabeth Foe, 1675 in *IGI* (Hawksworth, Notts); Ann Fowe, 1685 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Ann Foe, 1756, Martha Fow, 1769 in *IGI* (Messingham, Lincs).

2 English: see **Foe**.

### Fowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213



## Fowe

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
English: see **Foden**.

## Fowe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Lancs  
English: see **Fow**.

## Foweather

Variants: **Fouweather, Fowweather**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: nickname from Middle English *foul wedir* ‘foul weather’, i.e. ‘wet and stormy’, the opposite of **Fairweather**.  
**Early bearers:** Iohannis Fulweder, 1283–4, Edmundus Fouleweder, 1383–4 in Feet of Fines (Conington, Hunts); William Foulweder, 1342 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); Thomas Fowlweather, 1706, Frances Foweather, 1718 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Sarah Foulweather, 1742 in *IGI* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Thos. Foulwether, 1757, John Foweather, 1788 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Fowel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; E Anglia; Staffs; Sussex and Kent  
English: see **Fowle**.

## Fowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 455
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Fowle**.

## Fowells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks  
English: see **Fowles**.

## Fowels

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Hants  
English: see **Fowles**.

## Fower

Variants: **Foers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *fouer*, Old French *fouuer* (Latin *focarius*), denoting someone responsible for tending fires, hearths, or ovens, especially in a kitchen.  
**Early bearers:** Ansgar Focarius, Fouuer, 1084 in Geld Roll, 1086 in Domesday Book (Somerset); Turkillus le foer, 1190 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Hugo le Fuer, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Ralph Four, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roger le Fower, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Northants); Adam Fower, 1377 in Poll Tax (Deddington, Oxon); Henrie Fower, 1621 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Mary Fower, 1712 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

## Foweraker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; London  
English: see **Fouracre**.

## Fowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lancs  
English: see **Foers**.

## Fowke

Variants: **Fouk, Foulke, Folk, Folke, Fulk, Fook, Focke, Fogg, Fudge, Fuke, Volk, Volke, Voak, Voke, Flock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Staffs; London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English, Anglo-Norman French personal name *Folk, Fulk, Fuke*. Compare **Foxon**. For a variant form of the personal name see **Foulkes**. See also **Fudge**, which may sometimes be a variant form.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Folco, Fulco, 1086 in Domesday Book; Folc’ filius Folc’, 1156–80 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Folco, Fulko, picus, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Fouke de Coudrey, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); Foke de Sutton’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Beeby, Leics); Foke Odell, 1503 in Parliament Rolls (Northants); Fooke Edmonds, 1611 in Bardsley.  
surnames: Alan filius Fuke, 1166–95 in Hatton’s Book of Seals (Leics); Willelmus filius Fulk, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Ricardus filius Fuc, 1196 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herefs); Richard Fulc, 1199–1216 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendrar (Essex); Robert Fuke, 1209 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Richard Foke, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Robert Fulco, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Hugo Fouke, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert Folke, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Richard Foulk, 1297 in Eardom of Cornwall Accounts; Walter Fowke, 1311 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); William Fouke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Down Ampney, Gloucs); John Fouke, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Awliscombe, Devon); William Fulke, 1333 in Essex Record Office (Essex); Thomas Folke, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stretham, Cambs); Willelmo Foke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Twyford, Leics); Willelmus Folk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Ricardo Folk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bishopstone, Wilts); Willelmus Fuke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Killinghall, WR Yorks); Johannes Fowke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Ricardus Fouke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashford, Derbys); Thomas Folk, 1381 in Poll Tax (South Hanningfield, Essex); Johannes Folk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Thwaite, Suffolk); Annis Fowke, 1548 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Katheren Fowke, 1563, Edward Folke, 1623 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Henrie Fowke, 1565 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Alice Fowke, 1589 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Alice Fowke, 1596 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Henry Fowke, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

## Fowkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1743, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Warwicks  
English: see **Foulkes**.

## Fowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk  
English: see **Fowle**.

## Fowlds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Ayrs  
1 English: see **Foulds**.  
2 Scottish: see **Faulds**.

## Fowle

Variants: **Fowl, Fowell, Fowel, Fewell, Fuel, Fuell, Fuggle, Vowell, Fowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 797, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 741
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Foghel, Fughel* (Old English *Fugel, Fugol*, from Old English *fugol* ‘fowl, bird’). (ii) nickname from Middle English *fughel, foghel, foul* ‘fowl, bird’, either with reference to physical appearance, size, or behaviour, or possibly also a nickname for someone who kept or sold birds.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Fugel, 1086 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Fugel de Hoilanda, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks).  
surnames: Wuluard’ Fugel, 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Robert (le) Fugel, 1186–7 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); William le Foul, 1271 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Nicholas le Fowel, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Roger Fogel, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Nicholas Vogel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Geoffrey le Foghel, 1332 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Johanne Foghel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Chillington, Somerset); Robertus Foghell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Johanna Foughle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fowele, 1379 in Poll Tax (Up Mardon, Sussex); Gilberto Foughell’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Codford, Wilts); William Fowggle, 1484 in Kent Wills (Eastwell, Kent); Alice Fowgyll, 1504 in PROB 11 (Brighton, Sussex); Ric. Fowle, 1557 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); William Vouell, 1578 in Oxford University Register; Margaret Fewell, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); George Fuggle, 1583 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Francis Fewell, 1598 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Thomas Fuggill, 1632, William Fuggill, 1685 in Yorks Wills (Yorks); Henrye Fewell, 1637 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Martha Fuell, 1717, John Fuel, 1776 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Francis Fewel, 1730 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); William Fewel, 1779, James Fewell, 1783 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

## Fowler

Variants: **Vowler, Fugler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20768, Ireland 547
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16848
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; scattered in Scotland and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Meath; Wexford

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *fogheler, fugheler* ‘fowler, hunter or trapper of wild birds’ (Old English *fugelere*).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Fugelere, 1218 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Roger le Fugler, 1227 in Patent Rolls



(Norfolk); John þe Fogelere, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Ralph Vouler, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); John le Fughelar, 1301–2 in Winchester Pipe Roll (Hants); Edward le Vowelar, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Ralph le Foweler, 1329 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Robertus Fouler, 1377 in Poll Tax (Clipston, Notts); Walterus Foghelere, 1377 in Poll Tax (Westwood, Wilts); Adam Foghiler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas Foulere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Acle, Norfolk); Roberti Le Fowler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Appletree and Wirksworth wapentake, Derbys); Johanne Foghlere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Galhampton, Somerset); Johannes Fogler, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bentley, WR Yorks); Thomas Fogheler, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Voweler, 1381 in Poll Tax (West Stour, Dorset); Petrus Fughlar, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Wm Fowler, 1538 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Thome Vowler, 1546 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Richi Fowellar, 1552 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Fuggler, 1570, Thomas Fugler, 1574 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Fugler, 1575 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Joice Vowler, 1587 in *IGI* (Raborough by Torrington, Devon); Richard Fuggler, 1605 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall).

Scotland: Gilbert Fouler, sheriff of Edinburgh, 1358 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Midlothian); John Fouler, 1370 in Scotland Calendar (Berwick upon Tweed); Andrew Fowlar, burgess, 1451 in New Spalding Miscellany (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Foular, vicar, 1524 in Arbroath Register (Arbroath, Angus); William Fowler, 1582 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Sara Fowler, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

References: Thuresson, p. 80.

## Fowles

Variants: **Fowls, Fowels, Fowells, Vowles, Vowells, Vowels, Voules**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1772, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1467
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Cheshire; Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Fowle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Editham Voules, 1561 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Anne Vowels, 1566 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Alice Fowles, 1590 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Fowles, 1592 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Thom. Fowles, 1640 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Richard Vowells, 1658 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Hanna Fowls, 1684 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs).

2 Scottish: see **Foullis**.

## Fowley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 Irish: from Ó Foghladha, see **Foley**.

2 English: see **Folley**.

3 English: locative name from Foolow (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Folow, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); Agnes de Folow, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eyam, Derbys); Robtus Folowe, 1566 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Fowlowe, 1581 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Ric. Fowley, 1586 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomae Folowe, 1603 in *IGI*

(Baslow, Derbys); Thomas Foolow, 1652, William Fowlow, 1666 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); John Fowley, 1618 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys).

## Fowlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Foulzie (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Gilbert Foulsie, priest, 1561 in Orkney Records; John Fowly, 1624 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); Mart. Foulle, 1635 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margarete Fowly, 1679, Wm. Fouly, 1693 in *IGI* (Strichen, Aberdeens); Marjorie Fowllie, 1691 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); John Fowley, 1755 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens).

## Fowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name apparently from a Middle English personal name \**Fogheling*, \**Fugheling* (Old English \**Fugeling*, \**Fugoling*, a derivative of *Fugel*, *Fugol*; compare **Fowle**).

**Early bearers:** Alano Fogheling, 1327, Alano Fughelyng, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Westfield, Sussex); Elphero Fogheling, 1327, Galfro Fughelyng, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Salehurst, Sussex); Thomas Fowling, 1716 in *IGI* (All Hallows Staining, London); Olive Fowling, 1807 in *IGI* (Wherwell, Hants).

## Fowlis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Angus, and Perth

Scottish: see **Foullis**.

## Fowlkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Foulkes**.

## Fowls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Fowles**.

## Fowlston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Foulston**.

## Fowlstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Foulston**.

## Fownes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; London

English: see **Fones**.

## Fowweather

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Foweather**.

## Fox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40405, Ireland 6284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27615
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Meath; Tyrone

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fox* 'fox'. Probably chiefly a nickname for a cunning or sly person.

**Early bearers:** Toue fox, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Hugone le Fox, Hugone Fox, 1296–7 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts (Oxon); Richard le Fox, 1327 in Hjerstedt (Baginton, Warwicks); Denis le Fox, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Folkestone hundred, Kent); Johannes Fox, 1379 in Poll Tax (Adwick le Street, WR Yorks); Hugo Fox, 1379 in Poll Tax (Adwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Hugone Vox, 1379 in Poll Tax (Blakemere, Herefs); Nicholaus Foox, Johannes Vox, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Fox, 1381 in Poll Tax (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); William Fox, 1466 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Robert Fox, 1475 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Robertus Fox, 1538 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Thomas Fox, 1541 in *IGI* (Seyern Stoke, Worcs); Alexandra Fox, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Christopher Fox, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

References: Hjerstedt, p. 110.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac an tSionnaigh** 'son of the fox', see also **Shinnick**, **Tinney**.

**Early bearers:** Brassell Shennage alias Foxe, 1559 in Fiants Elizabeth §59 (chief of his nation); Brasil Fox, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1178 (Westmeath gent. and captain of his own nation); Brasil McBriene Fox, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1178 (Kilmaled); Cowcoggyr McBriene Fox, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1178 (Kilmaled); Kedagh Fox, 1567 in Fiants Elizabeth §1178 (Inche).

3 Irish: in Ireland, also adopted for Ó Catharnaigh, see **Kearney**.

## Foxall

Variants: **Foxhall, Foxell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1436, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 845
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from one or more of the places whose names derive from Middle English *fox* + *hale* 'fox nook' (Old English *fox* + *halh*), such as Foxhole Wood in Claverdon (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Foxhale* in 1302, and a lost *Foxhall* in Claverley (Shrops), which survived as a field-name into the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Foxales, 1276 in Hundred Rolls (Yorks); Bartholomew Foxhale, chaplain, 1402 in Feet of Fines (Oxon and Berks); Richard Foxhale, 1502, Richard Foxhall, 1506 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Richard Foxale, 1514 in PROB 11 (Coventry, Warwicks); William Foxall, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Claverley, Shrops); Thomas Foxall, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Hilton in Worfield, Shrops); Elizabeth Foxall, 1558 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ric. Foxall, 1565 in *IGI* (Worfield,

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Shrops); Thomas Foxall, 1574 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, pp. 207, 367; Place-Names of Shrops 6, p. 18; Staffs Place-Names, p. 264.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from one or more of the many places whose names derive from Middle English *fox* + *hole* 'fox hole' (Old English *fox* + *hol*), such as Foxholes (ER Yorks), Foxhall (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Foxehola* in 1086, Foxholes in Wardleworth (Lancs), Foxholt in Swingfield (Kent), which is recorded as *ffoxole* in 1254, and Foxhole in Halwill (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Foxole, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Emma del ffoxholes, 1325 in Lancs Court Rolls (Lancs); Richard de Foxhole, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Halwill, Devon); Johannes Foxholes, 1379 in Poll Tax (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Walterus Foxole, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Johannes Foxhols, 1379 in Poll Tax (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); John Foxholes, 1406 in Yorks Wills; John Foxhole, 1514 in PROB 11 (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** Lancs Place-Names, p. 57; Kent Place-Names, p. 455; Place-Names of Devon, p. 141.

## Foxcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place in Lonsdale (Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks) called *Foukescroft* 'Fulk's croft' in Middle English.

**Further information:** Derivation from one or more of the places whose names derive from Middle English *fox* 'fox' + *croft* 'small field' is theoretically possible but there is no evidence to support it.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Fowscroft, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); John de Foukescroft, 1406 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Clapham, WR Yorks); John Fowscroft, 1467 in Yorkshire Archaeological Journal 32, 118 (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Richard Foxcrofte, 1494 in York Registry Wills; Arthur Foxcroft, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Foxcroft, 1560 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); James Foxcrofte, 1572 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Foxcrofte, 1595 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Foxcroft, 1597 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Richard Foxcrofte, 1611 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

## Foxell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Foxall**.

## Foxen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 108

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herts and Middx; Northants; Lancs

English: see **Foxon**.

## Foxhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 194

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Foxall**.

## Foxlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Foxley**.

## Foxley

**Variants:** **Foxlee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 503

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs; also Beds

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Foxley Hall in Lymm (Cheshire), Foxley in Blakesley (Northants), Foxley (Norfolk), Foxley in Coulsdon (Surrey), Foxley in Yazor (Herefs), and Foxley (Wilts).

**Further information:** The place-name Foxleighs in Bray (Berks) seems to derive from the surname rather than, as Wilson suggests (Reaney and Wilson), vice versa.

**Early bearers:** John de Foxle, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Northants); [ . . . de] Foxlegh, 1272–1302 in Place-Names of Cheshire (Cheshire); [ . . . de] de Foxle, about 1298 in Place-Names of Berks (Bray, Berks); Benet de Foxley, 1318 in Calverley Charters (Yorks); Willo de Foxle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Bletsoe, Beds); Robert de Foxle, 1333 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Thomas de Foxle, 1344 in Patent Rolls (Berks); William Foxlegh, 1372 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Wilts); Johannes Foxle, 1377 in Poll Tax (Litchborough, Northants); Thomas Foxle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whalesborne hundred, Sussex); John Foxleye, 1382 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); John Foxley, 1429 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Johes Foxley, armiger, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Blakesley, Northants); Umphrey Foxley, 1558 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Raffe Foxley, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Foxley, 1560 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Mathew Foxley, 1561 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 2, p. 37; Place-Names of Northants, p. 40; Place-Names of Berks, p. 48; Place-Names of Surrey, p. 47; Herefs Place-Names, p. 217.

## Foxlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon

English: locative name from Foxlow Farm in Hartington (Derbys) or Foxlow in Marple (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Foxelowe, [ . . . de] Foxelawe, about 1233 in Place-Names of Cheshire (Cheshire); [ . . . de] Foxlawe, 1216–72 in Place-Names of Derbys (Derbys); Thome de Foxlowe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Applertree and Wirksworth wapentake, Derbys); Johannes de Foxlaw, Robertus de Foxlowe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Wormhill, Derbys); Johannes de Foxlowe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tideswell, Derbys); John Foxlowe, 1428 in Derbys Charters (Sudbury, Derbys); Richard Foxlow, 1653 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); William Foxlow, 1678 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Daniel Foxlow, 1718 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Samuel Foxlow, 1776 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 371; Place-Names of Cheshire 1, p. 284.

## Foxon

**Variants:** **Foxen**, **Folkson**, **Faxon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 372

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Folk* (see **Fowke**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Folkesune, 1272–1307 in Nottingham Borough Records (Notts); Willelmo Foukesone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Allexton, Leics); Willelmo Foukeson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Harwood, Lancs); Martinus Folkson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); Jhon Foxon, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Easton, Leics); Wyllm. Foxon, 1577 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Frauncys Foxon, 1585 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); William Foxsonn, 1618 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Alicia Foxson, 1627 in *IGI* (Fleckney, Leics).

2 English: variant of **Foxton**.

## Foxton

**Variants:** **Foxon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 506

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so named, such as Foxton in Thimbleby (NR Yorks), Foxton (Leics), and Foxton (Cams). The post-medieval bearers given here may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Foxtone, 1159 in Pipe Rolls (Leics); Robert de Foxton, 1303 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Yorks); Simone de Foxton', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); Ralph de Foxton', 1332 in Feet of Fines (Herts); William de Foxton', 1340 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Richard de Foxton', 1362 in Feet of Fines (Foxton, Leics); Ricardus Foxstone, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Foxton', 1377 in Poll Tax (Allington, Wilts); Nicholao de Foxtun, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newbold, Leics); Jacobo Foxston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Lubeham, Leics); John Foxton, 1382 in Assize Rolls (London); Thomas Foxton', 1414 in Feet of Fines (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Rowland Foxston, 1572 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); William Foxton, 1573 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); John Foxton, 1598 in *IGI* (Sockburn, Durham); Bridgdyt Foxton, 1600 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of NR Yorks, p. 215; Place-Names of Leics 4, p. 54; Place-Names of Cams, p. 83.

2 English: locative name from Foxton in Sedgefield (Durham), which is recorded as *Foxedene* in about 1170, or Foxton in Alwinton (Northumb), recorded as *Foxden* in 1324.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Foxden, 1185–95 in Durham Place-Names (Durham); John de Foxden, 1369 in Patent Rolls; Thome Foxton, 1560 in *IGI* (Lubeham, Leics); Leonard Foxton, 1599 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk).

**References:** Durham Place-Names, p. 46; Place-Names of Northumb and Durham, p. 89.

## Foxwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 525

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: from Foxhill Farm in Uffculme (Devon), which is recorded as *Foggeshill*, 1238, *Foggeshulle*, 1281 in Assize Rolls (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Foggeshille, 1238 in Devon Eyre (Uffculme hundred, Devon); Richarde Foxwell, 1582 in *IGI* (London); John Foxwell, 1585, John Foxwill, 1665 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); William Foxwill, 1586, Anne Foxwill, 1647 in PROB 11 (Exeter, Devon); Robert Foxwill, 1594 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Richard Foxwell, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashill, Somerset); Richard Foxwell, 1606 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); George Foxwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 539.

### Foxworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Foxworthy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Foxworthy

**Variants:** Foxworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Foxworthy in Lustleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Vearkesworth', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lustleigh, Devon); [ . . . ] Ferkesworthy, 1399 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Johis Foxworthie, 1577, Robtus Foxworthy, 1615 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Gregory Foxworthie, 1600 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); John Foxworthy, 1631 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Elizabeth Foxworthy, 1659 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Samuel Foxworth, 1733 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 480.

### Foy

**Variants:** Foye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3873, Ireland 1213
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2468
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Cavan

1 Irish: from Ó Fathaidh or Ó Fathaigh, see **Fahy**.

2 Irish: from Ó Fiaich, see **Fee**.

3 Norman, English, Irish: nickname from Old Norman French *foi* 'faith'.

**Further information:** Compare John *Faith*, 1380 in The Church in London.

**Early bearers:** John Foie, 1212 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Simon le Foy, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Foys, 1359 in Assize Rolls (Devon); Willelmus Foye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Magota Foy', 1379 in Poll Tax (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Cristina Foye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kent); Agn' Foy, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wellsborough, Leics); John Foy, 1547 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Thomas Foy, 1548 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robert Foy, 1579 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent).

### Foye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Derbys
- Irish: see **Foy**.

### Foyle

**Variants:** Voyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 592
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from one of the places in Normandy called La Feuillie (Latin *folia* + *-ata* 'leafy place, wood'), either in Seine-Maritime or Manche. According to MacLysaght, it has been established in Ireland since the 13th century, at first in Dublin, later in Leix.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Foyle, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts); Ralph Foil, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Johanne Foyl, 1379 in Poll Tax (Donhead, Wilts); Rycharde Foyle, 1568 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Anne Foyle, 1623 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Foyle Farm in Oxted (Surrey), recorded as *Foyllye*, *la Foily* in 1418.

**Further information:** A name of French origin, *La Foyl(y)e* was partially anglicized as *the Foyl(y)e*, as the surname forms show. Place-Names of Surrey, p. 333, derives the name from Old French *fouille* 'excavation'. While this is formally possible, there is no evidence for the term in Middle English or as a place-name in N France. More likely it has the same origin and meaning as (1) and was given by an owner of Norman descent, perhaps in imitation of one of the places called La Feuillie in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** John atte Foyle, 1312 in Place-Names of Surrey (Oxted, Surrey); Dionis' ate Foilly, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Surrey); Margaret Foyle, 1592 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Rachell Foyle, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London).

**References:** Place-Names of Surrey, p. 333.

3 Welsh, English: (i) perhaps an anglicized form of **Voyle** (1); compare also **Moyle** (2). It could be an English spelling pronunciation of Welsh *Foel* or *Foyl* (pronounced /voil/ in Welsh), or it might be an English substitution of English /f/ for /v/, a hypercorrection of words and names where /f/ is voiced to /v/ in western dialects of English, such as *vox* for *fox*. (ii) alternatively the post-medieval early bearers in the list below may belong with (1), with occasional voicing of /f/ to /v/ in Shrops dialect.

**Early bearers:** Eynon Voil, 1292 in Morgan and Morgan; Lewelinum Voyl ab Yginon ab lewelin, 1294 in Morgan and Morgan; Zereward Voyl, 1295 in Morgan and Morgan; Richard Foyle, 1565 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Shrops); Nicolas Voyle, 1598, Nicolas Foile, 1606 in Parish Registers (Sidbury, Shrops); John Foile, 1637 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

**References:** Morgan and Morgan, pp. 167–8.

### Foyster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs; Sussex

English: see **Fewster**.

### Fozard

**Variants:** Fozzard, Fossard, Fossett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Fossard*.

**Early bearers:** Nigel Fossard, Robert Fossart, 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks); William Fossard, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); William Fossard, 1241 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Robert Fossard, 1280 in Charter Rolls (WR Yorks); Adam Fossard', 1379 in Poll Tax (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Robertus Fossard, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sutton Grange with Welham, ER Yorks); Robert Fossard', chaplain, 1401 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Rawffe Fossard, 1563 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Judith Fozard, 1637 in *IGI* (Horbury, WR Yorks); John Fozzard, 1669, John Fozard, 1682, Mary Fosard, 1715 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Fozzard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Fozard**.

### Fradgley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Fradley**.

### Fradley

**Variants:** Fradgley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Frodesley (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Frodesley, 1363 in Patent Rolls (Shrops); Lawrence de Frodesley, 1391 in Feet of Fines (Staffs); John Frodesley, 1407 in Patent Rolls (Wellington, Shrops); William Frodesley, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Worfield, Shrops); Richard Fradgley, 1575 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Roger Frodgeley, 1591, William Fradgley, 1663 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); Abraham Frodsley, 1624 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Francis Frodsley, 1639 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); John Frodgeley, 1690, William Fradgley, 1703 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ann Fradgley, 1717 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Mary Fradley, 1734 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Fraher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Limerick, and Tipperary

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Fearchair, see **Faragher**. Compare **Farquhar**.

### Frail

**Variants:** Freel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *freil*, *frele*, *frelle* 'frail, weak' (Old French *fresle*, *fraisle*, *fraile*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Fresle, 1086 in Domesday Book (Notts); Robertus Fresle, about 1110 in Winton Domesday (Hants); Robert Frelle, 1130 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Johannes Freyl, 1379 in Poll Tax (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Matilda Frayell', 1379 in Poll Tax

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(Broughton, WR Yorks); Joseph Frail, 1592 in Access to Archives (Dorset); George Frayle, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Thomas Frayle, 1627 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Elizabeth Frail, 1686 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Jno. Frail, 1741 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

2 Irish: possibly from Ó Frighil, a variant of Ó Fearghail; see Farrell, compare Friel.

## Frain

Variants: Fraine, Frayne, Frayn, Frane, Freyne, Frean, Freen, De Fraine, De Freyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Norman, English, Scottish, Irish: locative name either topographic, from Old French *fraisne*, *fresne* 'ash-tree', or toponymic from a place so called, such as Frain in Vosges.

**Early bearers:** William de Frains, 1156 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas del Freisne, 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herefs); Peter de Frane, 1228 in Close Rolls (London); Richard del Frene, 1271 in Staffs Forest Pleas (Staffs); Cristina Freen, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William a la Freyne, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John del Freyn, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Freyn, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bupton, Wilts); Johannes Freyne, 1377 in Poll Tax (Duddington, Northants); Robertus Frayn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Haldenby, WR Yorks); Katherin Frayne, 1558, Richard Freyne, 1566 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Joan Frayne, 1579 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

2 Irish: see **Frane**.

**Early bearers:** James Frayne, 1566–67 in Fiant Elizabeth §1006 (Wexford, Ardcanrishe, labourer); Eddie Frene (fitz James), 1571 in Fiant Elizabeth §1883; James Fraine, 1581–82 in Fiant Elizabeth §3827 (Gurtn).

## Fraine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Frain**.

## Frais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *freis* 'fresh, full of vigour, active, blooming, looking healthy or youthful' (Old French *freis*, *fres* (masc.), *fresche* (fem.) 'fresh').

**Early bearers:** Simon le Frais, mid 13th cent. in Bradenstoke Cartulary (Wilts); Geoffrey Freys, Frois, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (London); Johanna Freyys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Waltham, Essex); Richard Froyse, 1403, Richard Frose, 1467 in York Freemen's Register (York); Edward Frase, 1543 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Susanna Frays, 1731 in *IGI* (Ryston, Norfolk); John Frays, 1747 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

## Fraizer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- Scottish: see **Fraser**.

## Frake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Freak**.

## Frakes

Variants: Freakes, Freaks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Freak** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Freaks, 1594 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); Mary Freakes, 1659 in *IGI* (Wanborough, Surrey); Sarah Freaks, 1703 in *IGI* (Compton, Surrey); Matthe Frakes, 1734, Jonath Freaks, 1741 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Josh Frakes, 1795 in *IGI* (Castle Donington, Leics).

## Fram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb; Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Frame**.

## Frame

Variants: Fram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2756, Ireland 148
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also scattered in N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Scottish: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *frame* 'effective, beneficial' (Old English *fram* 'bold, active, strong'). The word was also used as a Middle English personal name.

**Early bearers:** England: John filius Frame, 1250 in Book of Fees (Devon); Geoffrey Frame, 1196 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk/Suffolk); Ricardo Fram, 1379 in Poll Tax (Keyham, Leics); Willelmus Frame, 1379 in Poll Tax (Banham, Norfolk); Thomas Frame, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hawstead, Suffolk); Robt Frame, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Fram, 1573 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Patrick Frame, 1575 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); John Frame, 1578 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

Scotland: Adam Frame, 1495 in Black; Arthur Fram, 1551 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Frame, 1598, Johnne Fram, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Daniel Frame, burgess, 1642 in Retours, Scotland (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Frampton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3204, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, IoW, and Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of the various places so called, such as Frampton (Dorset), Frampton Cotterell, Frampton on Severn, and Frampton Mansel in Sapperton (all Gloucs), and Frampton (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** SW England: [... de] Fromton, 1187–8 in Place-Names of Dorset (Dorset); [... de] Fromton, 1233 in Place-Names of Gloucs (Gloucs); Swaynus de Fromton, 1279–80 in Feet of Fines (Dorset); Henry de

Frompton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Bristol, Gloucs); John de Frompton, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leigh, Gloucs); John de Frompton, 1355 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Johannes Frompton, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hawkeridge, Wilts); Walterus Frompton, 1379, Walterus Frampton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Broadwey, Dorset); Johanne Frompton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Coberley, Gloucs); Willelmo Frompton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bisley, Gloucs); John Framton, 1538, William Frampton, 1556 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Walter Frampton, 1587 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); John Framton, 1592 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Steven Frampton, 1618 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW). E Midlands: Alesanus de Frantone, 1086 in Domesday Book (Lincs); Alan de Frampton, 1245 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Johannes de Framton, 1377 in Poll Tax (Freiston, Lincs); Johannes Frampton, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Roger Frampton, 1426 in Feet of Fines (Fleet, Lincs); Thom Frampton, 1615 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs).

Other: Nicholaus de Framton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Willoughby, Warwicks); Johannes de Framton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ardley, WR Yorks); Johannes Frampton, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Robert Frampton, 1427 in Feet of Fines (Essex); John Frampton, 1445 in Feet of Fines (Kent).

**References:** Place-Names of Dorset 4, pp. 88–9; Place-Names of Gloucs 1, pp. 137–8; 2, p. 196; 3, p. 116; Lincs Place-Names, p. 64.

## France

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5461, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4544
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: ethnic name for an inhabitant of France, i.e. of what is now the northern part of the country, where the langue d'oïl (Old French as distinct from Provençal) was spoken.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Fraunce, 1379 in Poll Tax (Headingley, WR Yorks); Johannes de France, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Gilumus de Fraunce, 1379 in Poll Tax (Carbrooke, Norfolk); Johanne de France, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Johanne France, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stapleford, Leics); Thomas de Fraunce, 1381 in Poll Tax (Woodhouse, Shrops); Robarti France, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); William France, 1559 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Lawrence France, 1570 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Phillipp France, 1594 in *IGI* (Shiple, Sussex).

## Frances

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1860
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Francis**.

## Francey

Variants: Francy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 169
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Francis** with loss of final *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Fraunceys, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Beneston, Roxburghs); William Fraunceys, 1321 in Scotland Calendar (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons). England: Ricardo Fraunsey, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aylestone, Leics); Willelmo Francey, Ricardo Franceys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Isabell Fransey, 1540 in *IGI* (Loxley, Warwicks); John Fransey, 1633 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Isabell Francie, 1664 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Thomas Fransey, 1700 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); Joseph Francie, 1769 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks).

### French

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **French**.

### Franchi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Italian: relationship name patronymic or plural form of the personal name **Francio**.

### Francies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Francis**.

### Francis

**Variants:** **Frances, Francies, Franses, Francey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32588, Ireland 564
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17640
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales (esp. Glamorgan) and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Clare

1 Norman, English: ethnic name from the Old French adjective *Franceis* 'French'. Some of the bearers cited below may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugo Francus, Franceis, 1135, Hugo Franceis, 1166 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Robert le Franceis, 1169 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Roger Franceis, 1177 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Robertus Franciscus, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Robertus Francigena, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Adam le Fracness, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); John Fraunceys, 1337 in Feet of Fines (Beds); Thomas Fransesse, 1377 in Poll Tax (Willoughton, Lincs); Johanne Fraunseis, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Francys, 1379 in Poll Tax (Old Stratford, Warwicks); Galfrido Frances, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rothley, Leics); Willelmus Franceis, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kingsnordley, Shrops); Sewall Franceys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); William Fraunceys, 1435 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Thomas Francis, 1541 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Henrius Francys, 1548 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Petter Francise, 1666 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Wyatt Franciss, 1672 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Franceis*, modern French *François*, the vernacular form of *Franciscus*, originally 'a Frank', though later used to denote a Frenchman.

**Early bearers:** given names: Francois de Irtona, about 1230 in Whitby Chartulary (Yorks); Frauncies, 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashen, Essex); Franceys Fletyng', 1381 in Poll Tax (Artington, Surrey).

sumames: Robertus filius Franceis, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Sussex).

### Francisco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name, Spanish and Portuguese, from the personal name *Francisco* (see **Francis**).

### Frank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Frank**.

### Frankce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, German: see **Frank**.

### Frankceiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex
- English: see **Frankish**.

### Frankclin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Franklin**.

### Francio

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- 1 Spanish, Italian: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Franco*, in origin an ethnic name for a Frank, i.e. a member of the Germanic people who inhabited the lands around the river Rhine in Roman times. Compare **Frank**. The personal name was popularized by the cult of San Franco di Assergi. (ii) nickname, status name from *franco* 'free', usually denoting a freed slave.
- Early bearers:** Francis Franco, born in Jamaica, in Census 1851 (Islington, Middx); Giuseppe Franco, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Holborn, Middx); Felipe Franco, publican, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Rosario Franco, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks).
- 2 Jewish (Sephardic): ornamental adoption of the Spanish surname, see (1).
- Early bearers:** Moses *Franco*, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Haim *Franco*, dress presser, born in Turkey, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Aaron *Franco*, traveller in oriental embroidery, born in Turkey, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs).

### Francois

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Guernsey
- Huguenot: relationship name, patronymic from the French personal name *Francois* (Old French *Franceis*). Compare **Francis**.
- Early bearers:** Jan Francois, 1604 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Adam Francois, 1608 in *IGI*

(Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Jean Francois, 1612 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey); Leuy Francois, 1660 in *IGI* (London).

### Francom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs; Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Francomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Francombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Francy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Francey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Frane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lancs and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Frain**.

### Franey

**Variants:** **Frenay, Freaney, Freeney, Frain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English, Irish: locative name either topographic from Old French *fraisnaie*, *fresnay* 'ash wood', or toponymic from any of several villages in France so called. Compare **Frain**.

**Further information:** The name is frequent in Ireland, where it was established from an early date. It is gaelicized as **de Fréine**.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Freisneto, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Cumb); William de Fraisneto, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Rutland); Ingelrammus del Freisnei, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); Alicia de Fresnei, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Rutland); Ingelram del Freidnei, del Frednei, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs); William de Freiney, 1207 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Reginald de Freney, 1244 in Book of Fees (Rutland); John Freyney, 1522 in Tudor Rutland (Exton, Rutland); John Franey, 1732 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants).

Ireland: Oliver Freny, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §878 (Sheskenston); Redmund Freney, horseman, 1566 in Fiant Elizabeth §977 (Gortadagh).

### Frank

**Variants:** **Frack, Francke, Franke, Franks, Frankel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2005, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1257

## Frankcom

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 Norman, English: status name from Middle English and Old French *franc* 'free' (i.e. not a serf or slave).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Franc', 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Walter le Franc, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Cambs); Richard le Fraunc, 1216–72 in Hornchurch Priory Kalendar (Essex); Thomas Frank, 1270 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Geruas' le Fraunk, Adam le Fronk, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Frank, 1377 in Poll Tax (Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Caterina Franke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weasenhams, Norfolk); William Frank', 1419–20 in Feet of Fines (Richmond, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Franks, 1569 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French and Continental Germanic personal name *Franco* ('the Frank'), which was not uncommon in England in the 11th to 14th centuries. **Early bearers:** given names: Franco, Francus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Shrops, Yorks, Norfolk, Surrey); Franke de Cnihteton', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs). surnames: Ricardus filius Franc, 1172 in Danelaw Documents; Ricardus filius Franke, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs).

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Franke* 'Frank(ish), Franconian', of the same ultimate origin as (2).

**Early bearers:** Solomon Frank, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1861 (Manchester, Lancs); Simon Frank, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Frank, stick maker, born in Poland, Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Franz Frank, hotel manager, born in Bavaria, in Census 1881 (London); Joseph Frank, baker, born in Marenbach, Austria, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Heinrich Frank, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in Census 1891 (Islington, Middx); Wilhelm Frank, pork butcher's assistant, born in Württemberg, Germany, in Census 1891 (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Isaac Frank, boot and slipper maker, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Fritz Frank, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Kensington, Middx); Morris Frank, boot machinist, born in Biala, Russia, in Census 1901 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Frank, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Frankcom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Frankcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Franke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- 1 German, Dutch, Czech: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Franco* ('the Frank').
- 2 English: see **Frank**.

### Frankeiss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Frankish**.

### Frankel

**Variants:** **Frankl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from a diminutive of **Frank**.
- Early bearers:** German: Edward Frankel, lace merchant, born in Leipzig, Germany, in Census 1851 (Nottingham, Notts); Albert Frankel, artist, born in Berlin, in Census 1861 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Sigismund Frankel, leather merchant, born in Prussia, in Census 1871 (Hampstead, Middx); Otto Frankl, born in Austria, in Census 1881 (Hackney, Middx); Leopold Fränkel, furrier, born in Austria, Census 1901 (Shoreditch, Middx); Rudolph and Adolf Frankel, born in Bohemia, in Census 1911 (Willesden, Middx).
- Jewish: Selig Frankel, printer, born in Poland, in Census 1851 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Mark Franke, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1851 (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Frankel, carver and gilder, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Sunderland, Durham); Isadore Frankel, cigar maker, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Frankel, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (London) (Westgate, Northumb); Solomon Frankel, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Barnet Frankel, cabinetmaker, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (West Derby, Lancs); Davis Frankel, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Frankel, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (London).

### Frankham

- Variants:** **Frankum, Frankcom, Francom, Francombe, Francomb, Frankcombe, Frankom, Frantom**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 391
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Staffs; London
- Norman, English: status name from Old French *franc*, *franc* 'free' and *homme* 'man', equivalent to **Freeman**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas le Franchume, 1234 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Robert Frankeham, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Robert Frankhom, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); Isabelle ffrankhom, 1313–17 in Jönsjö, Nicknames (Yorks); Odo Fraunkhome, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Iron Acton, Gloucs); John Fraunkhome, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Little Sodbury, Gloucs); Robert Fraunkhome, 1375 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); Thomas Francom, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs); Ricardus Francombe, Johannes Frankcombe, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Old Sodbury, Gloucs); Sara Frankham, 1573 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Elizabeth Frankham, 1627 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); John Frankham, 1646 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).
- References:** Jönsjö, Nicknames, p. 91.

### Frankis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts and Gloucs
- English: see **Frankish**.

### Frankish

**Variants:** **Frankis, Frankiss, Franckeiss, Frankeiss, Franks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 515
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: ethnic name from Middle English *frankys* 'French, Frenchman' (Old English *frencisc*), for someone from France.
- Early bearers:** Roð ðe Frencisce, about 1100–30 in Tengvik (Somerset); William Franckeche, 1240 in Book of Fees (Kent); William le Frenkisse, 1289 in Assize Rolls (Cheshire); Richard Frankis, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Henry Frankish, about 1310 in Calverley Charters (Yorks); John Frenkish', 1346 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Johannes Frankis, 1379 in Poll Tax (Owston, WR Yorks); Alicia Frankesch', 1379 in Poll Tax (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Willelmus Frankysch, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Elena Frankisshe, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); William Frankys, 1384 in Feet of Fines (Boston, Lincs); Richard Frankys, 1398 in Feet of Fines (Northumb); John Frankysh', 1447 in Feet of Fines (Billingley, WR Yorks); Thom Frankyshe, 1561 in *IGI* (North Willingham, Lincs); John Franckishe, 1594 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs); Haman Frankis, 1587 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Margrit Frankish, 1602 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Greesill Frankyshe, 1618 in *IGI* (Water Stratford, Bucks); Henry Frankis, 1638 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

### Frankiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Frankish**.

### Frankl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Frankel**.

### Frankland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2272, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Franklin** with excrescent *-d*.

**Further information:** DAFN suggests that this is a status name for someone who lived on a piece of land held without obligations of rent or service, from Anglo-Norman French *frank* 'free' + Middle English *land* 'land' (compare *Freeland*). While this is formally possible, no such compound has been noted either in Middle English or in place-names, and no medieval bearers of such a surname have been found. There is a place called Frankland Park in Durham Saint Oswald, but this is recorded as *Frankleyn* Park in 1455 and clearly takes its name from the surname *Franklin*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Frankland, 1560 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Cycelye Frankland, 1571 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Geordge Franklande, 1572 in *IGI* (York); Robti. Frankland, 1579 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Robert Frankland,

1586, Rychard Franklan, 1613 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Frances Frankland, 1587 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Isaac Franklan, 1676, Anna Frankland, 1691 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

References: Durham Place-Names, p. 46.

### Frankley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

1 English: locative name from Frankley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Frankele, 1206 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Simon de Frankele, 1224 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Ralph de Frankelowe, 13th cent. in Ancient Deeds (Worcs); Rychard Franckle, 1611 in *IGI* (Queenhill, Worcs); Henrye Frankley, 1611 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Elizabeth Franckley, 1616 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Alice Frankley, 1787 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Hannah Frankley, 1792 in *IGI* (Wythall, Worcs).

References: Place-Names of Worcs, pp. 346–7.

2 English: probably also a variant of **Franklin** with loss of final *-n*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Fraunkelay, 1377 in Poll Tax (Thomley, Oxon); Isabella Franklay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Arras, ER Yorks); John Fraunkeley, 1394 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Cecily Frankeley or Frankeleyn, 1405 in PROB 11 (Saint Paul, City of London); Robert Frankly or Francklin, 1639 in PROB 11 (Poulshot, Wilts).

### Franklin

Variants: **Francklin**, **Franklyn**, **Frankling**, **Frankley**, **Frankland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14110, Ireland 422
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9653
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Oxon and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

1 English: status name from Middle English *frankeleyn* 'freeman, freeholder, land-owner of free but not noble birth' (Anglo-Norman French *franclein*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Frankelein, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Rad. le Fraunkelayn, 1218–19 in Thuresson (Yorks); Luke le Frankeleyn, 1234 in Feet of Fines (Cams); Roger le Franklyn, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (Devon); Will. Fronkeleyn, 1327 in Thuresson (Somerset); Galfridus Frankeleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Cherrington, Warwicks); Helena Francleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Saddington, Leics); Nicholaus Fraunkeleyn, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Frankleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whiston with Bickford, Staffs); Agn' Frankeleyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Waterstock, Oxon); Nicholaus Fraunkelayne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kelfield, ER Yorks); Richard Frankeleyn', 1478 in Feet of Fines (Herts); John ffranklyng, 1522 in Archaeologia Cantiana 33 (Kent); Jone Franklin, 1544 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Richard Franklin, 1544 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Anne Franklin, 1606 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

References: Thuresson, pp. 45–6.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably adopted for some like-sounding Jewish name from another European language, such as **Frankel**.

**Early bearers:** Gershon Franklin, superintendent of Jewish orphanage, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Franklin, shoemaker, born in Poland, in Census 1871

(Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Franklin, boot finisher, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Benjamin and Fanny Franklin, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Franklin, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Birmingham, Middx); Solomon Franklin, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Willesden, Middx); Isaac Franklin, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Islington, Middx).

### Frankling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Gloucs; London
- English: see **Franklin**.

### Franklyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Franklin**.

### Frankom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Franks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5854, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3674
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Derry

1 English: variant of **Frank** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Frankish**.

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): patronymic from the personal name **Frank**.

**Early bearers:** Jewish (Ashkenazic): Israel Franks, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Aldgate, London); Jacob Franks, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Bristol, Gloucs); Emanuel Franks, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Franks, waterproof coat maker, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Franks, glazier, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Swansea, Glamorgan).

German: Leopold Franks, insurance agent, born in Hamburg, Germany, in Census 1871 (Chorlton, Lancs); William Franks, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Max Franks, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); George Franks, butcher, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Battersea, Middx); Rudolf Franks, waiter, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Frankson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: of uncertain derivation; possibly a variant of **Frankham** or **Frankton**, but evidence for a connection with either is lacking; or perhaps even for the German **Fran(t)zen** which is found in the 18th century in County Durham.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Frankson, 1727 in Parish Registers (Saint Alkmund, Shrewsbury, Shrops); Charles Frankson, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the

Fields, Middx); Dorothy Frankson, 1772 in *IGI* (Tormarton, Gloucs); Elizabeth Frankson, 1788 in Devon Record Office (Alphington, Devon); William Franksom, 1837 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Frankton

Variants: **Frankson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Frankton (Warwicks), and occasionally also from English Frankton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Franketon', 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Alexander de Franketon', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); Robert de Franketon', 1253 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); William de Franketon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Frankton, Warwicks); John de Franketon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Willoughby, Warwicks); Adam de Franketon, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Brandon, Warwicks); Johanna Fraunketon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Coventry, Warwicks); [ . . . ] Francketon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stoneleigh hundred, Warwicks); Ricardus Franketon', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); William Frankton, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Shifnal, Shrops); Jone Frankton, 1542 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Richarde Frankton, 1579 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs).

### Frankum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks
- Norman, English: see **Frankham**.

### Franses

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: see **Francis**.

### Fransham

Variants: **Frensham**, **Frencham**, **Frenchum**, **Frankson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Great and Little Fransham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Agnet' de Fransesham', 1198, Gilbert de Fransham, 1257–8 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); John de Franxham, 1343–4, Geoffrey de Fransham, 1350–1, Geoffrey Fransham, 1376–7 in Lynn Freemen (Norfolk); Galfridus de Fransham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Great Fransham, Norfolk); Elena de Fransham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes de Fransham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rougham, Norfolk); Annis Frensham, 1551, John Fransham, 1639 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Anne Fransham, 1559 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Mathew Fransham, 1561 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Henry Fransum, 1588 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cams); Tho Fransome, 1593, Robert Fransum, 1624 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis Fransome, 1759 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Frantom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Frankham**.



## Franz

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Franz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

German: relationship name from the personal name *Franz*, a German vernacular form of Latin *Franciscus* (see **Francis**).

### Frape

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *frape* 'commotion, disturbance; mob, rabble' (Old French *frap, frape* 'crowd, multitude; slap, blow, strike; brawl').

**Early bearers:** Johannes Frape, 1352–3, Walterus Frape, 1353 in Cambridge Gild Records (Cambs); Thomas Frape of Le Hill, 1373 in Patent Rolls (WR Yorks); Johannes Frape, 1379 in Poll Tax (Withering in Pagham, Sussex); Thomas Frape, 1379 in Poll Tax (Darfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Frape, 1379 in Poll Tax (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Johannes Frape, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Elmsall, WR Yorks); Agnes Frap, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Adam Frapa, 1380 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Frape of Wyderyngge, 1389 in Patent Rolls (Pagham, Sussex); Wyllym Frape, 1565 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Edward Frape, 1571, John Frap, 1575 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Roberte Frape, 1596 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Joseph Frape, 1621 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Elizabeth Frape, 1737 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

### Frary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *frairie, frari, freri* 'friary' (Old French *frairie, frerie*). Compare Hebe *Wys de la Frarie*, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter Frary, 1269–83 in Lacock Charters (Wilts); Walter atte Frary, 1332 in East Anglian Bynames (Hethersett, Norfolk); Walter Frari, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Lydiard Millicent, Wilts); John Frary, 1372 in Norwich Freeman (Norfolk); William Frary, 1378 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Johannes Frary, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Rogerus Frary, 1381 in Poll Tax (Suffolk); Thoma Frari, 1381 in Poll Tax (Down Ampney, Gloucs); John Frary, parson of Haconby church, 1389 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Thomas Frary, 1468 in PROB 11 (London); Tho. Frary, 1552 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Martha Frarie, 1568 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Henrici Frarey, 1636 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

**References:** East Anglian Bynames, p. 133.

2 English: perhaps also sometimes a vernacular form, *Frari*, of **Frederick**.

### Fraser

**Variants:** **Frazer, Fraizer, Frasier, Frazier, Frasher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29731, Ireland 392
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Scottish: origin uncertain. The earliest recorded forms of this family name, dating from the mid 12th century, are *de Fresel, de Friselle, and de Freseliere*. These appear to be Norman, but there is no place in France with a name answering to them. It is possible, therefore, that they represent a Gaelic name corrupted beyond recognition by Anglo-Norman scribes. The modern Gaelic form is **Friseal**, sometimes anglicized as **Frizzell**.

**Further information:** There are two clans Fraser in Scotland, with common ancestry going back to Simon Fraser of Keith in E Lothian, who lived in the 12th century. One of these clans has its seat at Philorth Castle (subsequently renamed Cairnbulg) on the NE coast of Scotland. Sir Alexander Fraser, 8th laird of Philorth (c. 1536–1623) converted the fishing village of Faithlie into the burgh of Fraserburgh in the 1590s. The other clan is Fraser of Lovat, associated mainly with the city of Inverness, and descended from Simon Fraser, a younger son, who lived in the early 14th century. In Gaelic, the head of Clan Fraser of Lovat is known as *Mac Shimi* 'son of Simon'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Freser, 1164–71 in Brinkburn Chartulary (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Simon Fraser, 1182–95 in William I (Scotland) Charters (Traquair, Peebles); Bernard Fraser, 1195 in Saint Andrews Charters (Drem, East Lothian); James Fraser, 1596 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mette Fraser, 1596 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Dod. Fraser, 1604 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Donald Frazer, 1636 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian).

**References:** Adam.

### Frasher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- Scottish: see **Fraser**.

### Frasier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Caernarvons
- Scottish: see **Fraser**.

### Frater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1100, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 550
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. N England and SE and Central Scotland

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *freitour, freitur*, Anglo-Norman French *fraitur* 'the refectory of a monastery or convent' (a shortened form of Anglo-Norman French *refraitur*, Old French *refroitour*, from Medieval Latin *refectorium*).

**Further information:** Compare Middle English *freitourer, freterer, fraturer* 'refectitioner, person in charge of the refectory of a monastery or convent', which has been noted occasionally as a surname: Simon *le Freyterer*, 1325 in *Calendar of Chancery Warrants* (Berks); Mich' *ffreyturer*, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Canterbury, Kent).

**Early bearers:** England: Ricardo del Fraytour, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Robert Fraitour, 1371 in Patent Rolls (ER Yorks); Willelmus Fraytor, 1377 in Poll Tax (Beesby, Lincs); Johanne del Fraytour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Somercotes, Lincs); Walterus Fratour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Corhampton, Hants); Thomas Freytor, Maria Freyter, 1381 in Poll Tax (Winchcomb, Gloucs);

Henricus Othe ffreytour, before 1450 in Coventry Guild Register (Warwicks); Johnes Frater, 1555 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); George Frater, 1650 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Frater, 1743 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham). Scotland: John Frater, 1567 in Kelso Register (Kelso, Roxburghs); Marioun Frater, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bessie Frater, 1652 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

2 French, Hungarian: status name French (*Frater*) and Hungarian (*Fráter*), from a Latinized form of Old French *fratre*, Hungarian *fráter* (from Latin *frater* 'brother') for a member of a religious order, especially a mendicant order. Alternatively, perhaps, the same term used as a nickname for a pious person.

### Frawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 772
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó *Freaghaila*, a metathesized form of Ó *Fearghaile*, see **Farrelly**.

**Early bearers:** Fynolly ny Frawill, 1590 in Fiants Elizabeth §5519; Phoebe Frawley, 1850 in Griffith's Valuation (Conigar, Limerick); Mary Fraley, 1855 in Griffith's Valuation (Clenagh, Clare); Michael Frawly, 1855 in Griffith's Valuation (Furoor, Clare).

### Fray

**Variants:** **Frey, Fraye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 503
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Leics; Lancs
- English: (i) relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Fray*, probably an Anglo-Norman French form of Continental Germanic *Fredo* (a pet form of names beginning in *Fred-* or *Freth-*), which was used by the Normans in Normandy. (ii) nickname for a violent person, from Middle English *fray*, a reduced form of Middle English (Old French) *affrai* 'attack, brawl, uproar'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fray de Cudington', 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Fray Punchard, 1232 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Fray Punsard, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon).

sumames: Fulco filius Frede, about 1230 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk); William Frei, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Kent); Geoffrey Fray, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Northiam, Sussex); Thomas Fray, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Hoadley Wood in Ticehurst, Sussex); Walterus Fray, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kent); Willelmus Frey, 1379 in Poll Tax (Leigh Delamere, Wilts); Jacobus Frey, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Waltham, Essex); Johanne Fray, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lambourn, Berks); John Fray, 1435 in Assize Rolls (London); Richard Fraye, 1539 in PROB 11 (Tunbridge, Kent); Margret Fray, 1540 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); John Fray, 1544 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); John Fray of Icklesham, 1557 in Lewes Wills (Sussex); John Frey, 1559 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); John Frey, 1572 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willmus. Fray, 1635 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Henery Frey, 1638 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Fray, 1663 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

**References:** Adigard, Noms de Personnes, pp. 204–6.

### Fraye

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Fray**.



**Framer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Durham

English: see **Fryer**.

**Frayling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: unexplained. Possibly a nickname from Middle English *frele* 'frail, fragile, unstable' + the suffix *-ling* seen in the analogous *weaking*, which is not on record before 1526.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Frylend', 1333 in Feet of Fines (Hants); [ . . . ] Fraylan, 1379 in Poll Tax (West Camel, Somerset); John Frayling, 1543, William Frailing, 1547, John Fraylinge, 1606 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Thomas Fraylinge, 1565 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Humfrid Fraylinge, 1587, Dorathy Frayling, 1642, John Fraylin, 1671, Lovell Frailling, 1766 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

**Frayn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Norman, English: see **Frain**.

**Frayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 196
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Wexford
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Frain**.

**Frazer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2457, Ireland 749
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2291
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. E Ulster

Scottish: see **Fraser**.

**Frazier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Fraser**.

**Freak**

**Variants:** **Freake, Freke, Freek, Freeke, Frake, Frakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Gloucs, and Hants; also Durham

1 English: (i) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *freke* 'brave man, man-at-arms, warrior' (Old English *freca*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *frek* 'eager, brave', also 'quick' (Old English *frec*). Compare **Frick**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Freke, 1210–11 in Pipe Rolls (Wilts); William le Freke, 1239–50 in Lacock Charters (Wilts); Hugh le Freke, 1248 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Richard

le Freke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Doughton, Gloucs); William Vreke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Beckford, Gloucs); Robert le Freke, 1332 in Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls (Surrey); Nicholaus Freke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kent); Alice Freke, 1415 in PROB 11 (Saint Andrew Baynards Castle, City of London); John Freke, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Freke, 1580 in PROB 11 (Misterton, Somerset); Jhon Freak, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Francke Freke, 1596 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Doritye Frake, 1611 in *IGI* (Old Bolingbroke, Lincs); Julian Freaque, 1630 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Willmoth Frake, 1641 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); John Freaque, Phreaque, 1641 in Somerset Petition; Robert Freke, 1592, John Freeke, 1642 in PROB 11 (Cerne Abbas, Dorset); Dinah Freak, 1681, Mary Frake, 1760 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Joseph Freak, 1682 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Raufe Freke, 1714 in *IGI* (Abinghall, Gloucs); William Freak, 1745 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *freke*, an altered form of *ferkthe*, from Old English *firhþe*, (*ge)fyrhþe*, *ferhþe* 'frith, wood(land)'. See **Frick** and compare **Firk** and **Firth**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here. Compare **Frick** and **Fricke**.

**Further information:** Freek's Farm in Clayton (Sussex), also known in the 18th and 19th centuries as Friths Farm, is probably named after the family of John *atte Ferkche* cited above. In medieval Sussex *ferkthe* was in free variation with other Middle English developments of the same Old English word, such as *ferthe*, *verthe*, and *frethe*, hence Robert *atte Verthe*, 1295 in Lewes Charters (Sussex), Nicholas and Walter *atte Ferthe*, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Chiddingly, Sussex), Richard *atte Frethe*, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Sussex), and Philippus *atte Ferthe*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex). The family of the 1296 bearer probably gave its name to Friths Farm in Chiddingly.

**Early bearers:** John *atte Ferkche* (error for *Ferkthe*), 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Dinah Freak, 1681 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); John Freak, 1693 in *IGI* (Kirtling, Cambs); Will Freak, 1693 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, pp. 260, 399.

**Freake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent; Warwicks
- English: see **Freak**.

**Freaker**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Fricke**.

**Freakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Frakes**.

**Freakley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name from Frickley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Fryklay, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Thomas de Frikelay, 1377 in Poll Tax (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Frikelay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skellow, WR Yorks); Radulphus de Frikelay, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Elmsall, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Frikelay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stubbs, WR Yorks); Christopher Fryklay, 1477 in Feet of Fines (WR Yorks); Elizabeth Frickley, 1558 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lincs); Thomas Frickley, 1563 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); John Fricklaye, 1566 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Robertus Freakley, 1588, John Freakly, 1677 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Dorathie Fricklay, 1596 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Mary Frickley, 1607 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Fricklay, 1612 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Arthuri Frickley, 1632 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Richard Freakly, 1650 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Eliz Freakley, 1661 in *IGI* (Chebsey, Staffs); Nicholas Frickley, 1741 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Freekey, 1757 in *IGI* (Sandon, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, pp. 89–90.

**Freaks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Frakes**.

**Frean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Norman, Irish, English: see **Frain**.

**Freaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: see **Franey**.

**Frear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, WR Yorks, Westm, and Lancs
- English: see **Fryer**.

**Frears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Fryers**.

**Frearson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Notts; Lancs

English: relationship name from Middle English *frere*, *frier* 'friar' (see **Fryer**) + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** John le Frereson, 1335 in Ancient Deeds vi (Staffs); John le Frereson, 1339 in Patent Rolls (Lancs); Yevan le Freresone, 1347 in Patent Rolls (Eversholt, Beds); Nicholaus Frereson', 1377 in Poll Tax (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannes Frereson', 1377 in Poll Tax (Warton, Northumb); Thomas Frereson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Frereson', 1379 in Poll Tax (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes Frereson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Ashford, Derbys); Nicholaus Frereson', 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Richard

## Frecheville

Fryerson, 1570 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Freerson, 1585 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Grace Freerson, 1639 in *IGI* (Allestree, Derbys); Nickolis Freerson, 1641 in *IGI* (East Leake, Notts); John Freerson, 1664 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); William Frerson, 1663, William Fryarson, 1668 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Frecheville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Freshfield**.

### Freckleton

#### Variants: Frecklington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings; scattered in England: esp. Warwicks and Leics; WR Yorks

English, Scottish: locative name from Freckleton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Frekelton, Richard de Frikelton, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); Rad' o de ffrekilton', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Freckleton, Lancs); Rob'to de ffrekilton, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Upholland, Lancs); Robertus de Freklyngton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Frekylyngton', 1379 in Poll Tax (Calton, WR Yorks); John de Frekilton, presented to the church of Shackerstone, 1383 in Patent Rolls (Leics); Jonie Freckleton, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Freckleton, 1545 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Nicholas Frekyllton or Frekilton, 1551 in PROB 11 (Warwick, Warwicks); John Freckleton, 1560 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Jo. Freckleton, 1567 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Walter Freckleton, 1579 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Agnis Freckleton, 1582 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Fregleton, 1586 in PROB 11 (Claverley, Shrops); Ellin Frickleton, 1629 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Frecklington, 1660 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys).

Scotland: Elizabeth Frickleton, 1817 in *IGI* (New Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); James Freckleton, 1842 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Sarah Freckleton, 1851 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings).

### Frecklington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Freckleton**.

### Frecknall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Forknall**.

### Frederic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Frederick**.

### Frederick

#### Variants: Frederic, Fredericks, Frary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; Kent; Devon; Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Norman, English, German, Dutch, Danish: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Frideric*, *Frederic* (see **Friedrich**). This was not a particularly common name in medieval England, occurring chiefly in the eastern counties, but it enjoyed sufficient currency for a vernacular form to develop (see **Frary**). Many modern bearers are more likely to be descended from immigrant families bearing the German surname *Friedrich*, or its Dutch or Danish cognates. **Early bearers:** given names: Frederic, 1086 in Domesday Book (Kent); Fredri, 1086 in Domesday Book (Sussex); Frethericus, Fredricus, Fedricus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk); Fraer', Frari filius Willelmi, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Fredericus, Fraricus, Frarius, Frarinus de Bisshopesdon', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks and Gloucs). surnames: Walter Frethryk, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Suffolk); John Frereric, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Ralph Fretherik, 1315 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); John Fredericke, 1550 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Jesper Frederick, 1594 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Richardus Fredericke, 1616 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); David Frederick, 1682 in *IGI* (Selworthy, Somerset); Anne Frederick, 1691 in *IGI* (Trevethin, Monmouths); Lydia Frederic, 1746 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Fredericks

#### Variants: Fredricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: variant of **Frederick** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Fredricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Fredericks**.

### Free

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1112, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 721
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex; Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow

1 English: nickname, status name from Middle English *fre* 'free' (Old English *frēo*), either of tenurial status (free born) or of character (noble, generous, open-handed). It is synonymous with **Fry**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Free, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Adam le Fre, 1282 in London Letter Books B (London); Willelmus Free, 1377 in Poll Tax (Laverton, Somerset); Johannes Free, 1377 in Poll Tax (Charlton, Wilts); Willelmus Free, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drayton, Sussex); William Free, 1447 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Richard Free, 1539 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Henricus Free, 1565 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks).

2 Irish: in Ireland, a variant of **Freeman**.

### Freear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Northants
- English: see **Fryer**.

### Freebairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Freeborn**.

### Freeberne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Freeborn**.

### Freebody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *fre* 'free' + *bodi* 'body, physique; person, individual' (Old English *frēo*, *frīo* + *bodig*), used of a 'free man'. **Early bearers:** William Freebodi, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert Freebody, 1290 in Subsidy Rolls (Ramsey, Hunts); Henry Frybody, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ricardo Freebody, 1381 in Poll Tax (Faringdon, Berks); Thoma Freebody, 1381 in Poll Tax (Tipton, Staffs); William Freebody, 1394 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Thomas Freebody, 1483 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Alyce Freebodie, 1562 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Thomas Freebody, 1563 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); Susan Freebodye, 1590 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); John Freebody, 1600 in *IGI* (Wooburn, Bucks); Anne Freebody, 1630 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks).

### Freeborn

#### Variants: Freeborne, Freeburn, Freeberne, Freebairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Freeborn* (Old English *Frēobeorn*). (ii) status name possibly also from Middle English *fre-boren*, *freeborn* 'free-born' (Old English *frēo* + *boren*), for 'one born free, inheriting liberty, descended from freemen', though the bulk of the evidence strongly suggests that the personal name is the usual source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Freebern, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Freebern, about 1175 in Newark Documents (Newark, Notts); Freebern, 1211 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); Freebern de Eshcot', 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks).

surnames, England: Robert Freebern, 1163 in Pipe Rolls (Northumb); William Freebern, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); William Freebarn, 1248 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Richard Freeborn', 1256 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); Maurice Freebarne, 1318 in London Letter Books E (London); Johanne Freebern, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Ashdon, Essex); Robert ffreeborn, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); Geoffrey Freebern, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Coventry, Warwicks); Willelmus Freebarn', 1379 in Poll Tax (Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Johannes Freebern, 1379 in Poll Tax (Denton, Norfolk); Ricardus Freebern, 1381 in Poll Tax (Peper Harow, Surrey); Johannes Freebarne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Buckland, Gloucs); Adam Freeberne, 1381 in Poll Tax (Kirby Bellars, Leics); Walter Freebarne, 1425 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Robert Freebarne, 1502,

Elizabeth Freburne, 1505 in PROB 11 (Plumstead, Kent); Thomas Freborne, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Mattingley, Hants); Patrici Freeborn, 1597 in *IGI* (Chellington, Beds); Robart Freeborn, 1609 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks); Jesper Freeborn, 1615 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants).

surnames, Scotland: Radulf Frebern, 1162–4 in New Spalding Miscellany (Rosyth, Fife); Robert Freborn, late 12th cent. in Newbattle Register (Newbattle, Midlothian); James Frebarne, 1550 in Protocol Books Glasgow (Glasgow, Lanarks); Arthur Freebairn, 1665, James Freeborn, 1769 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Freeborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Freeborn**.

### Freeborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place. Compare **Freebury**.

**Further information:** Names in *-borough* and *-bury* are most often derived from place-names ending in Old English *burg* 'fortified place' but no place with this name has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Johans Freborow, 1565 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Margrete Freborowe, 1575 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Richardi Freeborow, 1602 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); James Freeborowe, 1635 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts); Elizabeth Freeburrow, 1637 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); John Freeborough, 1646, Arther Freeborrow, 1661 in *IGI* (Kirtin in Holland, Lincs); Francis Freeborough, 1682 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Freeborough, 1704 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs); Ricd. Freeberry, 1744 in *IGI* (Waddingham, Lincs).

### Freeburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Northumb; Cheshire; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- English, Scottish: see **Freeborn**.

### Freebury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: locative name from an unidentified place. Compare **Freeborough**.

**Early bearers:** John Freebury, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Richard Freebury, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Widford, Gloucs (now Oxon)); Huffrey Freeberie, 1612, Giles Freebury, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Rissington, Gloucs); Thomae Freeberry, 1613, Thome. Freebury, 1635, John Freebury, 1672 in *IGI* (Evelode, Gloucs); Robert Freeberie, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); William Freebury, 1674 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); John Freebury, 1679 in *IGI* (Alderton, Gloucs).

### Freece

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Notts

English: see **Freese**.

### Freed

**Variants:** **Vreede, Frid, Fridd, Fright, Thrift**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *frede*, *fride*, *frith*, *friht* 'wood, woodland'. These are different pronunciations of Old English *firhpe*, (*ge*)*fyrhpe*, *ferhpe* in which *-r-* has been metathesized. Original medial *-h-* was lost in *frede*, *fride*, and *frith*, but preserved in *friht*, becoming modern *Fright* and *Thrift*. Compare **Firth**, **Frith**, and **Frick**.

**Further information:** Compare *Fright Fm* (Rotherfield, Sussex), probably named after the family of Geoffrey and Walter *atte Frythe*, who were taxed in Rotherfield, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls.

**Early bearers:** Ralph delfrid, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); Wlmar de Frith, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); Serlo del Friht, 1197 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); John del Friht, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Henry de fricht, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Bucks); Denis Frede, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Essex); John atte Frizte, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Stanmer, Sussex); Johannes de Fryth', 1377 in Poll Tax (Hothfield, Kent); Johanne atte Frithe, Alexandre atte Frethe, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Richard atte Frethe, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Sussex); Johannes Frythe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Aldborough, Norfolk); Willelmus atte Frede, 1381 in Poll Tax (Belchamp Otten, Essex); Amicia in the Frythe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Braintree, Essex); Henricus atte Frythe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hants); Thomas and Johannes Frythe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus del Frigth, 1381 in Poll Tax (Blackrod, Lancs); Jone Frith, 1560 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Susane Fred, 1628 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Fredd, 1624 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Vincent Fright, 1616 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Andrew Fryd, 1709 in *IGI* (Milsted, Kent).

### Freeder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish: anglicized spelling of **Frieder**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the explanation in Reaney and Wilson that it is an English locative name 'equivalent to *atte Frede*' (see **Freed**).

### Freedman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1322, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of German *Friedmann*, see **Friedman**.

**Further information:** It has been suggested that this may also have been an English status name in the feudal system for a serf who had been freed, but there is no evidence to support this. The earliest English example of this name in *IGI* is from the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Freedman, 1737 in *IGI* (Chelford, Cheshire); Henry Freedman, 1846 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Freegard

**Variants:** **Freeguard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: apparently a variant of **Fricker** with excrescent *-d* and voicing of medial /k/ to /g/.

**Early bearers:** Will. Frigard, 1724, Catherine Fregard, 1738, Mary Fricker, 1747, Francis Freegard, 1754 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); James Freegard, 1754, James Fricker, 1770 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Harry Fricker, 1781, James Freeguard, 1806 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

### Freeguard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Somerset and Wilts

English: see **Freegard**.

### Freek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Freak**.

### Freeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Gloucs; Glamorgan

English: see **Freak**.

### Freel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Norman: see **Frail**.

2 Irish: from Ó Frighil, see **Friel**.

### Freeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 789
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: status name for a holder of land held without obligation of rent or service, Middle English *freland*, *frilond*, literally 'free land' (Old English \**frēo land*, \**frig land*). The Sussex name may refer specifically to Freeland in Storrington (West Easewrithe hundred). There is also a Freeland's Wood in Farleigh (Surrey), recorded as a wood called *Freland'*, 1302 in Place-Names of Surrey, p. 316. Forms in *Fry-* once predominated in Sussex and developed to *Fryland* (now extinct), but the name has survived in an alternative form containing Standard English *Free-*. Compare **Free** and **Fry**, **Freeman** and **Fryman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Frylonde, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (West Easewrithe hundred, Sussex); Richard atte Frilonde, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Willelmus Frylond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Preston, Sussex); Johannes Frylond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Patcham, Sussex); Johannes Frylond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rodmell, Sussex); Thomas Freeland, 1560 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Johis Freeland, 1584 in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); John Freeland, 1588 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

**References:** Löfvenberg, p. 71.

2 English: relationship name elsewhere than Sussex, Surrey and Kent; an alternative possibility is the Old

## Freelove

French personal name *Freland*, Continental Germanic *Fredeland*. However, most or all of the following examples probably have the same etymology as (1).

**Early bearers:** Walter Freland', 1198 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Ralph Frieland, 1202 in Feet of Fines (Cambs); Robert Frelond, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Bristol, Gloucs); Robertus Freland', 1379 in Poll Tax (Wike, WR Yorks); Willelmus Freland', 1379 in Poll Tax (Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Willelmus Frelond, 1377 in Poll Tax (Burrough Green and Westley Waterless, Cambs); Milo Frelond, 1377 in Poll Tax (Warmington with Papley, Northants); Agn' Frelond, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sherborne, Gloucs); Jn Freland, 1570 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); Jane Freland, 1591 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Elizabeth Freland, 1593 in *IGI* (Clanfield, Hants).

## Freelove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Freluf* (Old English *Friðulāf*, formed from *friðu* 'peace' + \**lāf* 'survivor').

**Early bearers:** given names: Freluf Pollard, 1235 in Charter Rolls (Norfolk).

surnames: Nicholas Freelove, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Beds); Ad' Freloue, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Toddington, Beds); Henry Freloue, 1395 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); John Freloue, 1416 in Feet of Fines (Beds); John Freelove, 1448 in Patent Rolls (Blunham, Beds); Joanna Freelove, 1568 in Parish Registers (Suffolk); Joan Freelove, 1592 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Richard Freelove, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

## Freeman

**Variants:** **Freman, Free**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26130, Ireland 1106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18845
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Midlands and SE England; Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo and Roscommon; Wexford and Kilkenny

1 English: status name, relationship name from Middle English *fremen*, *fremon* 'freeman, free-born man' (Old English *frēomann*, *frīgmann*), used also occasionally as a personal name. See also **Fryman**. **Early bearers:** given names: Freman Sceil, 1188 in Pipe Rolls (Essex).

surnames: William Freman, 1196 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Reginald le Freman, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Worcs); Henricus Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shelton, Notts); Elena Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Tickencote, Rutland); Johannes Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Acriste with Elham, Kent); Johannes Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Sandford Saint Martin, Oxon); Galfridus Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Harwich, Essex); Johannes Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Waplington, ER Yorks); Willelmus Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Newnham with Badby, Northants); Thomas Freman, 1377 in Poll Tax (Norton iuxta Twycross, Leics); Johanne Fremom, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kingsland, Herefs); Agn' Freman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stretton Baskerville, Warwicks); Randulphus Fremon, 1379 in Poll Tax (Whitnash, Warwicks); Ricardus Freomom', 1381 in Poll Tax (Rudge, Shrops); Georgii Freeman, 1541 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Thomas Freeman, 1542 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willmi. Freeman, 1543 in *IGI*

(Birchington, Kent); Thriston Freeman, 1544 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Robti Freeman, 1545 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Harry Freeman, 1551 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Thomas Freeman, 1648 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Edward Freeman, 1649 in *IGI* (Horne, Surrey).

2 Irish: adopted for **Ó Saoraidhe**, see **Seery**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Freman, horseman, 1582 in Fiantis Elizabeth §3826.

## Freemantle

**Variants:** **Fremantle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 698
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English, Norman: locative name from Freemantle in Kingsclere (Hants), which is recorded as *Freitmantell* in 1181, or from one or other of the numerous places in France called *Fromentel* (originally meaning 'wheat-field', but often reinterpreted as 'cold cloak').

**Early bearers:** Reginald Freitmantel, 1190 in Oseney Cartulary; Gamel Freimantell, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Edith Frumantel, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Eggesford, Devon); Robert Fremantel, 1360–2 in Canterbury Freemen's Rolls (Kent); Johanne Fremandell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Slindon, Sussex); John Fremantel, 1396–7 in Feet of Fines (Surrey); Richard Freemantle, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Alexander Fremantle, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Nether Wallop, Hants); John Freemantell, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (Medstead, Hants); Alexander Freemantle, 1594 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants).

**References:** Hampshire Place-Names, pp. 79–80; Keith Briggs, 'Freemantle', *Journal of the English Place-Name Society* 40 (2008), pp. 97–111.

## Freem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, Irish, English: see **Fraim**.

## Freaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: the usual spelling in Ireland of **Franey**.

## Freer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2186, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1651
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Northants; Peebles
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Offaly
- English, Scottish: see **Fryer**.

## Frees

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks
- 1 English: see **Freeze**.  
2 German, Dutch, Jewish, Danish, Swedish: see **Fries**.

## Freece

**Variants:** **Frees, Freece, Freeze, Frise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Glamorgan

1 English: ethnic name, locative name from Middle English *Frise*, *Frese*, *Fres*, for someone from Frisia.

**Early bearers:** Lambinus Frese, 1163–7 in Angevin Canterbury (Kent); Walo de Frise, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Berks); William de Frisa, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Worcs); Adam Fres, about 1270, Alice Frees, 1275 in Place-Names of Oxon (Oxford, Oxon); Ede Freese, 1587 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent); Anne Freese, 1596 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Richard Freese, 1597 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Richard Freese, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Jane Freese, 1605 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *frise*, *frise* 'frieze, a type of coarse woollen cloth' (Old French *frise*), perhaps for a maker, seller, or wearer of such cloth. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Fris, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Fres, 1379 in Poll Tax (Dundon, Somerset); Johanne Fres, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stretford hundred, Herefs); Robert Freeze, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); George Freece, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); Elisabeth Freece, 1788 in *IGI* (Barton in Fabis, Notts). **References:** Place-Names of Oxon, p. 267.

## Freeston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Lincs
- English: see **Freestone**.

## Freestone

**Variants:** **Freeston, Friston, Freston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1861, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1286
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Leics and Northants; E Anglia

English: locative name from Friston or Freston (both Suffolk), Frieston (Lincs), or possibly Friston (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Friston', 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Alexander de Friston', 1202 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); Agnes de Freston', 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Suffolk); Pagan de Friston', 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Willelmo de ffrestone, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (Dowgate ward, London); Johannes de Friston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes de Freeston', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Petrus de Freston', 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); John Fryston', 1475 in Feet of Fines (Kent); John Freston, 1483 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Elizabeth Friston, 1547 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Ambrose Friston, 1565 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Rich. Freestone, 1565 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Elizabeth Freeston, 1566 in *IGI* (Brinkhill, Lincs); Mawde Friston, 1579 in *IGI* (Patington, ER Yorks); Thomas Freeston, 1584 in *IGI* (East Norton, Leics); Henrie Freestone, 1593 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Robrti Frieston, 1609 in *IGI* (Gayton le Marsh, Lincs); Joane Friston, 1632 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

## Freeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Wilts

English: locative name from Middle English *frithe*, *fretthe* 'frith, wood(land)', a development of Old English (*ge*)*fyrhþe*, *ferhþe* with metathesis of *-r-*. See **Firth** and compare **Freed**.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Frith, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Middle Lypiatt and Tunley, Gloucs); Robert Frith, 1562, Charls Freeth, 1693 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Agnes Freeth, 1568 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Henry Frith, 1611, John Freeth, 1691 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); William Freeth, 1693 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs).

### Freethy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Freathy in Saint John (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Roger Fridia, 1327 in Cornish Place-Names (Saint John, Cornwall); Thomas Fredea, 1428 in Cornish Place-Names (East hundred, Cornwall); Margaret Frethye, 1522 in Cornwall Military Survey (Saint Stephens by Saltash, Cornwall); Margaret Frethey, 1522 in Cornwall Military Survey (Landrake, Cornwall); Johne. Frethie, 1544 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Roberti Frethye, 1558 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Roger Frethie, 1559, Richarde Frethie, 1618, Richarde Frethey, 1621, Christopher Frethay, 1673 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Julian Frethye, 1629 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Edward Frethy, 1727, John Freathy, 1746 in *IGI* (Saint John, Cornwall).

**References:** Cornish Place-Names, p. 85.

### Freeze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Freese**.

### Freezer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Eliz Freezer, 1656 in *IGI* (Trimingham, Norfolk); Robert Freezer, 1705 in *IGI* (Watton, Norfolk).

### Freitas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: see **De Freitas**.

### Freke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England

English: see **Freak**.

### Freman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

English: see **Freeman**.

### Fremantle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Freemantle**.

### Frempong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: see **Frimpong**.

### French

**Variants:** **Vranch**, **Franch**, **Ffrench**, **ffrench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19685, Ireland 859
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14457
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

English: ethnic name from Middle English *frensh*, *frenche* 'French' (Old English *frencisc*).

**Early bearers:** Simon le Frensch, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); John le Frenche, 1278 in Ronton Chartulary (Staffs); Walter le Freynche, about 1300 in New Forest Documents (Hants); Johanne French', 1379 in Poll Tax (Luton, Beds); Ricardus Frenche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Plumpton, Sussex); Johanne Freynsche, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swannington, Leics); Roberto Frenshe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Snodhill, Herefs); Willelmus Frenssh', 1381 in Poll Tax (Wordwell, Suffolk); Janyn le French', 1381 in Poll Tax (Scarbrick, Lancs); Margeret French, 1540 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); Willyam French, 1544 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); John Frenche, 1586 in Subsidy Rolls (East Meon, Hants).

### Frencham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Fransham**.

### Frenchum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Fransham**.

### Frend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Friend**.

### Freney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: see **Franey**.

### Frensham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Fransham**.

### Frere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Sussex and London

English: see **Fryer**.

### Freshfield

**Variants:** **Frecheville**, **Fretwell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; also Monmouths

1 Norman, English: locative name from an unidentified place in France named Frêcheville.

**Early bearers:** Cardio de Frescheuill', 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); John de Fressefeld, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Ralph de Frechefeld, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Arthur Frechwell, 1512 in PROB 11 (Chesterfield, Derbys); Sware Freshfilde, 1546, John Freshfeild, 1629 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Swere Freshwell, 1570 in Assize Rolls (Essex); John Fretchvile, 1611 in PROB 11 (Norton, Derbys); Peter Frechvile or Frechevile, 1634 in PROB 11 (Staveley, Derbys); William Freshfeild, 1642 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Edward Freshfeild, 1652 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Fressingfield (Suffolk), with loss of the medial syllable.

**Early bearers:** Ricardum de Fresingefeld', 1206 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Willelmus de Fresingefeld', 1271–2 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); William Fresingefeild, painter, 1582 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Katherine Creechurch, London); George Freshingfilde, cooke, 1582 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Andrew Hubbard, London).

### Freshney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Friskney**.

### Freshwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *freis*, *fresche* 'fresh' + *water* 'water'. Compare Dermann *Clanewater*, 1125–30 in Ekwall, ELPN (London), i.e. 'clean water', and contrast Johannes *Foulwater*, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John Freswater, 1327, William Freschwater, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Yaxley, Hunts); Thomas Freshwater, 1560 in *IGI* (Gilston, Herts); Kathrinia Freshwater, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Alexander Freshwater, 1572 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); John Fresshewater, 1588–9 in Feet of Fines (Hunts); Richard Freshwater, 1618 in PROB 11 (Heybridge, Essex).

**References:** Ekwall, ELPN, p. 145.

2 English: locative name possibly from an unidentified place so called. There is a Freshwater (IoW), though this seems not to have given rise to a surname, and the compound is also recorded as a minor place-name (*Freshwater lake*, 1601) in Dorset. However, no prepositional forms indicating a locative type have been noted among the early bearers, and no such place-name has been found in or near the counties where the surname first appears. **References:** Place-Names of Dorset 2, p. 38.

### Freston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Lancs
- English: see **Freestone**.

### Fret

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Frett**.

## Frett

### Frett

#### Variants: Fret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *frette* ‘fret, interlaced work (for hair ornaments and the like), decorative lacework’ (Old French *frete*), used of ornaments consisting of jewels, metalwork, or flowers. Compare a *frette of goold* (about 1385) and a *frette of perle* (1390) in OED. Compare **Fretter**.

**Early bearers:** Laurencio Fret, 1379 in Poll Tax (Nunton, Wilts); Johanne Fret, 1381 in Poll Tax (Garford, Berks); Lyon Frett, 1573 in *IGI* (Offord Darcy, Hunts); Myles Frett, 1650 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Frett, 1676 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Frett, 1694 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Fretter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *\*fretter* ‘maker of ornamental network for the hair’, a derivative of Middle English *frette* ‘fret, interlaced work’. See **Frett**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus le Frettere de Hales in Warrewyk’, 13th cent. in Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary (Warwicks); Henry le Fretter, Henricus le Frettar, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Robertus Frettere, 1379 in Poll Tax (unlocated); John Fretter, 1573 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Prudencia Fretter, 1594 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Richard Fretter, 1669 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Hester Fretter, 1672 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Fretton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; also Warwicks

English: locative name from either Fritton (Suffolk) or Fritton (Norfolk), both of which are recorded as *Fridetuna* and later *Fretton* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Wychman de Fretton, 1248 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Ricardus de Fretton’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes de Fretton’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Harleston, Suffolk); Ricardo Fretton’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Buxhall, Suffolk); Thomas Frytton, 1560, John Fretton, 1566 in Assize Rolls (Essex); John Frittton, 1573 in PROB 11 (Thuxton, Norfolk); Mary Fretton, 1624 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Elizabeth Fretton, 1635 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire).

### Fretwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2210, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1017
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- 1 Norman, English: locative name variant of the Norman surname *de Frescheville* which gives **Freshfield** (1) and which is known in Derbys from the 13th century.

**Further information:** Alternative possibilities include minor place-names in the midlands or north of England, such as Fretwell Close in Tadcaster (WR Yorks) or the lost *Fretwell* in Morton (Notts), but

there is currently no evidence to support these origins.

**Early bearers:** John Fretwell, 1488 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Hellaby, WR Yorks); Robert Fretwell, 1560 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); George Fretwell, 1564 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); John Fretwell, 1568 in *IGI* (Marholm, Northants); George Fretwell, 1603 in PROB 11 (Walpole Saint Andrew, Norfolk); Bartholomeus Fretwell, 1613 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Ralph Fretville, 1639 in Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames (Sheffield, WR Yorks); James Fritwell, 1697 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 4, p. 79; Thurgarton Cartulary, p. 65; Carole Hough, ‘The place-name Fritwell’, *Journal of the English Place-Name Society* 29 (1996–7), pp. 65–70; Carole Hough, ‘The name-type Fritwell’, *Journal of the English Place-Name Society* 42 (2010), pp. 87–9; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Rufford Charters, p. xciv.

2 English: locative name from Fritwell (Oxon), which is recorded as *Fretewell* in 1203, *Fritewell* in 1236.

**Early bearers:** Milo de Freteuill’, 1204 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Stephen de Fretewell, 1219 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); [ . . . de] Frutewelle, about 1230, [ . . . de] Frettwell, 1231 in Place-Names of Oxon (Oxon); Roger de Fretewelle, 1240 in Eynsham Cartulary (Oxon); Richard de Frutewelle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Brize Norton, Oxon); Thomas Fretewell’, 1367, Thomas Frettwell’, 1380 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Johanne Fretewell’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Thomam Frytewell’, 1387 in Assize Rolls (Oxon); Agnes Fritwell, 1601 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Ambrose Fritwell, 1709 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon).

**References:** Place-Names of Oxon, p. 211.

### Freud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname denoting a happy individual, from Middle High German *vreude*, *vroidē* ‘joy’, modern German *Freude*(e). As a Jewish name, it is in some cases an ornamental or handout name. (ii) relationship name; Jewish (Ashkenazic), from the Yiddish personal name *Freyde*, which means ‘joy’.

**Early bearers:** Ales Freud, 1605 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Henricus Freud, 1605 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Geo. Freud, 1778 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Charles Freud, sugar baker, 1815 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary, Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Freud, importer of foreign goods, born in Austria, in Census 1861 (Broughton, Lancs); John Freud, born in Bohemia, in Census 1881 (Ardwick, Lancs); Solomon Freud, born in Austria, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Freud, draper, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Whitechapel, Middx); Philipp Freud, born in Vienna, Austria, in Census 1911 (Chorlton, Lancs).

### Freund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname mainly German, from Middle High German *vriunt* ‘friend’,

but also occasionally Jewish, from modern German *Freund*.

**Early bearers:** William Freund, 1810, Henry Freund 1815, and Charles Frederick Freund, 1822, sons of George Freund, in Parish Registers (Saint Mary, Whitechapel, Middx); Jonas Freund, physician, born in Bohemia, in Census 1851 (London); August Freund, cigar maker, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Carl Freund, hatter, born in Prussia, in Census 1871 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Emanuel Freund, commercial clerk, born in Bohemia, in Census 1881 (Chorlton, Lancs); Heinrich Freund, artist, born in Westphalia, Prussia, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Philipp Freund, leather merchant, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (Hackney, Middx); Hilarius Freund, teacher, born in Saint Gallen, Switzerland, in Census 1891 (Truro, Cornwall); Otto Freund, commercial clerk, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Edmonton, Middx); Karl Freund, silversmith, born in Hessen, Germany, in Census 1911 (Brentford, Middx).

### Frew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2725, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1444
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Ayrs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim  
Scottish: locative name from Frew (Kincardine, Perth), an important crossing on the River Forth.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Frew, 1581 in Caldwell Family Papers; James Frow, 1621 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); David Frew, 1624 in Orkney-Shetland Sasines; Helen Frw, 1654 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayrs); William Freu, 1678 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Frewe, 1687 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayrs).

### Frewen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick and Tipperary

English: see **Frewin**.

### Frewer

#### Variants: Forward, Froud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk and Norfolk

1 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Freware* (Old English *Frēowaru*, formed from *frēo* ‘free, noble’ + *waru* ‘protectress’). However, given the lateness of the surname examples, it is possible that all the bearers given here belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Freware, 1180 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset).

surnames: Alicia Frewer, 1556 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Edmund Frewer alias Meller, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Mary Frewer, 1606 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Thankful Frewer, 1698 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabeth Frewer, 1736, James Frower, 1823 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hannah Frower, 1749 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Anne Frewor, 1823 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

2 English: reduced form of Middle English *froward*, northern Middle English *fraward* ‘contrary, wilful, disobedient, perverse’. The full form is illustrated below but it seems not to have survived into the 21st century except in altered forms such as *Frewer* and *Forward*.

**Early bearers:** Gille Fraward, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Gerard Fraward, 1324 in Patent Rolls (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Henry Frowarde, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Warwicks); Adam Fraward, 1377 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Willelmus Froward, 1379 in Poll Tax (Scoulton, Norfolk); Johannes Fraward<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in Poll Tax (Skelton, WR Yorks); Adam Fraward<sup>2</sup>, 1379 in Poll Tax (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Magota Fraward, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hunslet, WR Yorks); John Frowarde, 1607 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Leticia Froward, 1626 in *IGI* (Ebony, Kent).

## Frewin

**Variants:** Frewen, Frewing, Fruin, Fruen, Frowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 463
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Frewin*. This probably derives both from Old English *Frēowine* (formed from *frēo* ‘free, noble’ + *wine* ‘friend’) and from Old English *Frēawine* (formed from *frēa* ‘ruler, lord’ + *wine* ‘friend’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Freowinus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Freuwinus, 1086 in Domesday Book (Essex); Fræwine, about 1100–30 in Feilitzen (Devon); Frewinus, about 1150 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Frewinus, 1175 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Frewinus, about 1185–6 in Reading Abbey Cartularies (Berks).

surnames: Richard Frewine, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Suffolk); William Frawin, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Henry Frewine, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); William Frewine, 1266 in Patent Rolls (Coventry, Warwicks); Walter Frewyne, 1313 in Glastonbury Chartulary (Dorset); Willelmo Frewyne, 1379 in Poll Tax (Christian Malford, Wilts); Johannes Frewyn, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stratfield Mortimer, Berks); John Froweyn, 1394 in London Letter Books H (London); Willms. Frewen, 1540 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Willyam Fruin, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Henrie Fruen, 1572 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon); Margaret Frewen, 1574 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Mathew Frewin, 1601 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); William Fruen, 1603 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Edward Frewinge, 1665 in Hearth Tax (Oxon); William Frewing, 1679 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Thomae Frowen, 1682 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

**References:** Feilitzen, p. 253.

## Frewing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Bucks

English: see **Frewin**.

## Frey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Kent, and Sussex
- English: see **Fray**.

## Freyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Mayo

Norman, Irish, English: see **Frain**.

## Friar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Roscommon

English, Scottish: see **Fryer**.

## Frick

**Variants:** Fricke, Frigg, Freak, Firk, Fridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: nickname Middle English *frik*, *frike* (Old French *frique*, *frisque*) ‘brisk, lively, vigorous’. Compare Modern English dialect *frick* ‘to move briskly’ and *frig* ‘to wriggle’.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Frike, 1226 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Ralph Frike, 1255 in Hundred Rolls (Wilts); Peter Fryk, 1367 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Ricardus Fryk, 1379 in Poll Tax (Carisbrooke, Hants); Simon Fryk, 1381 in Poll Tax (Paddington, Surrey); Waltero Fryk<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in Poll Tax (Heytesbury, Wilts); Johannes Fryke, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dorsington, Gloucs); Mary Frick, 1602 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Margaret Frick, 1635 in *IGI* (Cubley, Derbys); Arthur Fricke, 1679 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *frike*, a simplified form *frikthe* ‘frith, wood(land)’, which is Old English *firhþe*, (ge)fyrhþe, *ferhþe* with metathesis of *-r-*. See also **Firth** and compare **Firk**, **Fricker**, **Freak**, and **Freaker**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de la Frike, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs).

## Fricke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Frick**.

## Fricker

**Variants:** Freaker, Freegard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1318, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 993
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *freke*, *frike* + the suffix *-er*, equivalent to *atte freke*, for someone who lived by a wood. See **Freak** (2) and **Frick**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Friker, 1225 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Richard Fricker, 1575 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts); Andrew Fricker, 1585 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Phillip Fricker, 1614 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); Repentance Freaker, 1720, Mary Freeker, 1748 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Seymour Freaker, 1749 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Friker, 1750 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

## Frid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Freed**.

## Friday

**Variants:** Fryday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 487
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *fridai* ‘Friday’, perhaps for one born on a Friday or who paid rent or performed some regular service on a Friday. Compare **Mundy** (2). If the 17th-century phrases *Friday-face* ‘a gloomy expression’ and *Friday-food*, *Friday-feast* ‘a fast-day meal’ go back to the Middle Ages, we might have a nickname for one as solemn and gloomy as a Friday fast-day.

**Early bearers:** Chetel Friedai, 1086 in Domesday Book (Norfolk); Ralph Fridai, about 1167 in Cartae Antiquae (Leics); William Fridaye, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); Ralf Fridai, 13th cent. in Medieval Coventry (Warwicks); Thomas Fryday, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Chatham and Gillingham hundred, Kent); Johannes Friday, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton, Hants); Thomas Friday, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanna Friday, 1379 in Poll Tax (Holme Hale, Norfolk); Willelmus Friday, 1379 in Poll Tax (Church Lawford, Warwicks); Willelmo Friday, 1381 in Poll Tax (Coln Saint Aldwyn, Gloucs); Johannes Friday, 1381 in Poll Tax (Great Easton, Essex); William Friday, 1523–4 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Upchurch, Kent); Sara Friday, 1571 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

## Fridd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Freed**.

## Fridge

**Variants:** Frigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty; Sussex

Scottish, English: (i) nickname perhaps a derivative of Middle English *frig* ‘to quiver’, which is probably related to Modern English *fridge* in its obsolete sense ‘to move restlessly, fidget’; the nickname would therefore have denoted a nervous, restless, or fidgety person. (ii) see **Frick** (1) and compare **Freak** (1, ii). The early forms and senses of these names may have overlapped with each other and with (i) above.

**Early bearers:** England: Randulf Frig<sup>1</sup>, le Frigg<sup>2</sup>, 1238–9 in Marlborough Castle Accounts (Wilts); Richard Frig<sup>3</sup>, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Matilda Fryg, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Thomas Fryg<sup>4</sup>, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stourmouth, Kent); Willelmus Frig<sup>5</sup>, 1379 in Poll Tax (Humberton, WR Yorks); John Frigg, 1652, Sarah Frigg, 1739 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Anne Fridge, 1698 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Richd. Fridge, 1711 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); Sarah Fridge, 1751 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex).

Scotland: John Frigge, merchant, 1759 in Moray Testaments (Findhorn, Morays); Alexander Fridge,



## Fridman

1806 in *IGI* (Nairn, Nairns); James Fridge, 1826 in *IGI* (Tain, Ross and Cromarty).

### Fridman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lancs, and WR Yorks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Friedman**.

### Fried

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from Yiddish *frid* 'peace'. Compare the modern German word *Friede*, which was sometimes chosen as a translation of the Hebrew personal name *Shlomo*, whose root letters are the same as those of the Hebrew word *shalom* 'peace' (see **Solomon**).

**Early bearers:** Leonard Fried, 1782 in *IGI* (Garrigill, Cumb); Thomas Fried, 1783 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent).

2 German: from a short form of the personal name *Friedrich* (see **Frederick**).

**Early bearers:** Otto *Fried*, born in Austria, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Frieder

**Variants:** **Freeder**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name extension of *Fried* from Yiddish *frid* 'peace', with the agent suffix *-er*. Compare modern German *Friede*, which was sometimes chosen as a translation of the Hebrew personal name *Shlomo*, whose root letters are the same as those of *shalom* 'peace', although in most cases it is simply an ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Freeder, machinist, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Spitalfields, Middx); Hyam Freeder, German teacher, born in Romania, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Myer Frieder, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Barnett Frieder, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Woolwich, Kent), identical with Barnett Freeder, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1901 (Woolwich, Kent).

### Friedland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name or ornamental name from any of the many places in Germany called Friedland or, as a Jewish name, an ornamental name meaning 'land of peace'.

### Friedlander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lanarks

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name denoting a person from any of the numerous places called *Friedland*. Among Jews, this was also an ornamental name, meaning 'person from a land of peace'.

**Early bearers:** Rachel Friedlander, 1830 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Erasmus Adolphus Friedlander, 1839 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Harris Friedlander, born in Poland, in Census 1881

(Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac D. Friedlander, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (London); Samuel Friedlander, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Lancs).

### Friedman

**Variants:** **Fridman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150

1 German: relationship name respelling of South German and Swiss **Friedmann**, which is a pet form of *Friedrich*; see **Frederick**.

**Early bearers:** James Thomas Friedman, 1815 in *IGI* (Fenny Stratford, Bucks); Julia Frederica Friedman and Viola Friedmann, both 1815 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); John William Friedman, 1823 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); John William Friedmann, 1840 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Johann Heinrich Friedman, 1846 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): elaborated form of *Fried*, based on Yiddish *frid* 'peace'.

**Early bearers:** Marcus Friedman, 1814 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Solomon Freedman, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in Census 1851 (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Harris Freedman, born in Poland, in Census 1861 (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Colman Fridman, glazier, born in Poland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Freedman, hawker, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Wolf Fridman, glazier, born in Russia, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Max Friedman, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Liverpool, Lancs); Woolf Freedman, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Stepney, Middx); Gabriel Freedman, furnisher, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Aaron Fridman, drug and chemical dealer, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Stepney, Middx).

### Friedrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

German: relationship name from a German personal name composed of the Germanic elements *frid*, *fred* 'peace' + *ric* 'power'. The name was borne by a canonized 9th-century bishop of Utrecht, and was a hereditary name among the Hohenstaufen ruling family; hence its popularity in central Europe.

**Early bearers:** Maria Dorothea Friedrich, 1784 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Carl Gottlieb Friedrich, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Wilhelm Friedrich, 1839 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb).

### Friel

**Variants:** **O'Friel**, **Freeel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2018, Ireland 1844
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: relationship name from Ó Frighil, a variant of Ó Fearghail; see **Farrell**.

**Early bearers:** Clement O'Fryle, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6761; Hugh oge O'Fryle, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6761; Hugh Friel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Urney, Donegal); Anne Friel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Charles O'Freeel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); Michael Freeel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Rye, Donegal); Mary Freeel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Fahan

Upper, Donegal); Moses Freeel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Gartan, Donegal); James Freeel, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Anne Frill, 1857 in Griffith's Valuation (Bangort, Donegal); James Frill, 1858 in Griffith's Valuation (Gortinreagh, Donegal).

### Friend

**Variants:** **Frend**, **Friends**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4211, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon; also Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *frend*, *frond* 'friend' (Old English *frēond*). Some eleventh-century evidence for the word in use as a personal name (independently as *Frent*, 1086 in Essex, and as the first element in the place-name Frindsbury in Kent) is noted by von Feilitzen.

**Early bearers:** Robert Frend', 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Notts); Gervase Lefrend, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Middx); Amice le Frend, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Brailes, Warwicks); Johannes le Frend, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Johannes Frend, 1377 in Poll Tax (Rochester, Kent); Symon Frende, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newbold on Avon, Warwicks); Jacobo the Frend, 1379 in Poll Tax (Henset and Puthall, Wilts); Thomas Freend, 1381 in Poll Tax (Rushford, Suffolk); Richard Freynd, 1456 in Hjerststedt (Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Frend, 1543 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Margaret Freind, 1544 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); John Freind, 1557 in *IGI* (Great Saxham, Suffolk); Katerine Friend, 1564, Ellen Frend, 1570 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Elizabeth Friend, 1580 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** Olof von Feilitzen, 'Some unrecorded Old and Middle English personal names', *Namn och Bygd* 33 (1945), pp. 69–98, at p. 80; Hjerststedt, p. 110.

### Friends

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: variant of **Friend** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Friends, 1719 in *IGI* (Portslade, Sussex); Joseph Friends, 1813 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs).

### Friendship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *friendship* 'friendship' (Old English *frēondscipe*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Frindship, 1659, Edmond Frindship, 1663, John Frindship, 1706 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); Grace Frindship, 1699 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon);

### Frier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 600
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland (esp. the Borders)

English, Scottish: see **Fryer**.

### Fries

**Variants:** **Frees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 4



- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

German, Dutch, Jewish, Danish, Swedish: ethnic name for someone from Friesland.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Fries, diamond polisher, born in Holland, in Census 1851 (Dover, Kent); August Fries, waiter, born in Russia, in Census 1861 (Westminster, Middx); Jacob Frees, tailor, born in Prussia, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Martin Fries, photographer, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Sunderland, Durham); Borre Friis, born in Denmark, in Census 1871 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Meta Fries, born in Bremen, Germany, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Henry Frees, tailor and outfitter, born in Prussia, in Census 1891 (Paddington, Middx); Jacob Fries, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Fritz Fries, chef, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Franziska Frees, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Paddington, Middx)

### Frift

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of **Frigh** (from Middle English *friht* 'wood, woodland') in which the pronunciation of the medial *-h-* has been altered to */f/*. Compare **Thrift** (1).

**Early bearers:** John Thrift, 1743, Elizabeth Frift, 1749 in *IGI* (Hinton Ampner, Hants); Sophia Frift, 1789 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

### Frigg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: variant of **Fridge** or **Frick**.

### Frigh

**Variants:** Thrift, Frift, Fryatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Freed**.

### Friman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Fryman**.

### Frimpong

**Variants:** Frempong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: an Akan patrilineal clan name.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, 206–235, at 216.

### Fripp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: probably a nickname from Old French *frepe* 'rag(s), old clothes' (compare Old French *frepus* 'second-hand clothes dealer', *freper* 'to pick rags', *frip(i)er* 'to tear to rags' and Middle English *fripperer* 'dealer in old clothes').

**Early bearers:** Robert Fripp, 1205 in Pipe Rolls (Herts); Jeronimus Frippe, 1570 in Dorset History Centre (Dorset); Wm. Fripe, 1621 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Richard Fripp, 1674 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts);

Thomas Fripp, 1718 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Fripp, 1742 in *IGI* (Chettle, Dorset); William Frep, 1772 in *IGI* (Farnham, Dorset).

### Frisbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Frisby**.

### Frisby

**Variants:** Frisbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1333, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, Northants, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

English: locative name from Frisby on the Wreake or Frisby by Gaulby (both Leics).

**Further information:** This surname has also been established in Ireland (Kilkenny) since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ralph of Friseby, 1226 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); Nicholas de Friseby, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Leics); Ralph de Friseby, 1353 in Feet of Fines (Frisby on the Wreake, Leics); Rogero Frisby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Frisby on the Wreake, Leics); Thoma de Fresby, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Croxton, Leics); Johannes Frisby, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); Roberto Frissey, 1381 in Poll Tax (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robertus Friseby, 1381 in Poll Tax (Carlton Curliue, Leics); William Frysby, 1434–5 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Jn Frisby, 1601 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Ric Frisbee, 1607 in *IGI* (Twyford, Leics); Maria Frizbye, 1646 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

### Frise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Pembrokes
- English: see **Freese**.

### Frisell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish, Scottish: see **Frizzell**.

### Friskney

**Variants:** Freshney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Friskney (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Freskenay, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Hugonis de Freskeneia, 1201–30 in Waltham Abbey Charters (Wrangle, Lincs); John de Friskeneye, 1358 in Feet of Fines (Friskney, Lincs); Robert de Friskeneay, 1375 in Feet of Fines (Farlesthoroep, Lincs); Agn' de Freskenay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louthesk wapentake, Lincs); Ranulph de Fryskeney, 1412 in Feet of Fines (Swayfield, Lincs); Stephan Freshney, 1496 in PROB 11 (Feltham, Middx); Allicia Freshney, 1561 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); William Freshney, 1573 in *IGI* (Colsterworth, Lincs); Johis. Friskney, 1579 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Mary Friskney, 1796 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs).

### Friston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Freestone**.

### Friswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Frizzell** (1), reshaped as if from a place-name containing Old English *welle*, Middle English *well* 'well, spring'.

**Early bearers:** Richardus Friswell, 1564, Eliza Frizzell, 1847 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Mary Friswell, 1659, Samuel Frizwell, 1665, Wm Frizwel, 1687 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks).

### Fritchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: locative name from Fritchley in Crich (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Fyrchislegh', 1309 in Place-Names of Derbys (Derbys); Rich. Fritchlea, 1600, Richardi Fritchley, 1642 in *IGI* (South Wingfield, Derbys); Thurston Fritchley, 1651 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Richard Fritchley, 1749 in *IGI* (Cossall, Notts).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 437.

### Frith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3492, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2972
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Derbys, and Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: locative name variant of **Firth** with metathesis of *-r-*.

### Fritz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110

German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Friedrich**.

**Further information:** It is also found as a surname in Denmark, Sweden, and elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** John Louis Fritz, born in Germany, in Census 1851 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Frizel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish, Scottish: see **Frizzell**.

### Frizzell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Tyrone, Armagh, and Derry

Irish, Scottish: see **Frizzell**.

### Frizelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish, Scottish, English: see **Frizzell**.

**Frizzell**

Variants: **Frizell, Frizel, Frizzle, Frizelle, Frizzelle, Frisell, Friswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 170
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: nickname from Old French *fresel* 'lace, ribbon, braid; frill, ruff', also 'an object of little value'. **Early bearers:** William Fresel, 1200 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herts); Roger Freysell', 1219 in Feet of Fines (Hants); Caterina Freysel, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); James Fresel, 1331, James Freysel, 1333, Thomas Frisel, 1357, William Frysel, William Freyssel, 1358 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Simon Freysel, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Wixford, Warwicks); John Frisell', 1373 in Feet of Fines (Northumb); Johannes Freysel, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Frisell', 1379 in Poll Tax (Bickenhall, Somerset); Lucia Frisel, 1379, Lucia Fresel, 1381 in Poll Tax (Croucheston, Wilts); Robert Frysell, 1429 in York Freeman's Register (York); Richard Frizzell, 1606 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Mary Frissell, 1667 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Frizle, 1682 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants).
- 2 Irish, Scottish: an anglicized form of **Friseal**, itself a Scottish Gaelic form of *Fraser*, of uncertain origin. See **Fraser** for discussion.

**Frizzelle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish, Scottish, English: see **Frizzell**.

**Frizzle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb; Dorset
- Irish, Scottish, English: see **Frizzell**.

**Frobisher**

Variants: **Furbisher, Forbisher, Frusher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 764
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from Middle English *fourbishour* 'furbisher of armour or weapons' (Old French *forbisseor*). Compare **Furber**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Furbisur, about 1260 in Leicester Borough Records (Leics); Henry le Fourbissor, 1306 in Ancient Deeds v (Shrops); John Furbisshour, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); Richard Forbysschour (also appearing as Richard Forbour), 1359–60 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Willelmus Forbishour, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Furbisshour, 1379 in Poll Tax (East Dereham, Norfolk); Matilda Forbuschour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Stanley, WR Yorks); Ricardus Furbysour', 1381 in Poll Tax (Beverly, ER Yorks); [ . . . ] Furbesshor, 1381 in Poll Tax (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Oliver Furbisshour, chaplain, 1434 in Feet of Fines (WR Yorks); Robert Johnson alias Furbyssher, 1496–7 in Lynn Freeman (Norfolk); John Frobysier, 1517 in York Guild Register (York); Johanne Frobisher, 1542, William Furbisher, 1655 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Christian Fribysher, 1582 in Parish Registers (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Frubbisher, 1714 in York Freeman's Register (York); Willam Frubsher, 1723 in *IGI* (York); Bathsheba Forbisher, 1770 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** Fransson, p. 151.

**Frodsham**

Variants: **Frodson, Forgham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 791, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 372
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Frodsham (Cheshire), which is recorded as both *Frodesham* and *Fordesham* throughout the medieval period. **Early bearers:** Peter de ffordesham, about 1200 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); [ . . . de] Frodsham, 1282 in Place-Names of Cheshire (Cheshire); William ffordesam, 1340–1450 in Coventry Guild Register (Warwicks); John de Frodusham, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Staffs); Agn' de Frodesham, 1379 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Ricardo Froddesham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Frodsam, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Shifnal, Shrops); Oliver Frodsom, 1581 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Johannus Frodsham, 1585 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); William Forgham, 1591, William Fordgham, 1647, Eliz. Forgeham, 1698 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Ambrose Frodsham, 1631 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Jonathan Fordsham, 1726 in *IGI* (Barrow, Cheshire); James Forgham, 1747 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of Cheshire 3, pp. 221–2.

**Frodson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Frodsham**.

**Frogatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froget**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Frogett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Frogge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: nickname from Middle English *frogge* 'frog' (Old English *froga*). **Early bearers:** Nicholas Frog', 1207 in Pleas (Shrops); William le Frogge, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); William Frogge, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dorset); Richard Frogge, 1347 in Patent Rolls (Somerset); Johannes Frogge, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bedworth, Warwicks); Thomas Frogge, draper, 1418 in Patent Rolls (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Frogg, 1551 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); James Frogg, 1611 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Richard Frogge, 1616 in PROB 11 (Drayton Bassett, Staffs); Edward Frogg, 1659 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Frog, 1744 in *IGI* (Lambley, Notts).

**Froggart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froggartt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froggat**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froggett**

- Variants: **Froggat, Froggatt, Froggett, Frogget, Frogett, Froget, Froggitt, Froggart, Froggartt**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2402, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1375
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Froggatt (Derbys). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Froggecot, 1330 in Place-Names of Derbys (Derbys); Roger de frogcot', 1348 in Derbys Archaeological Journal 36 (Derbys); John de Froget, 1414 in Staffs Archives (Kingstone, Staffs); Ralph Frogote, chaplain, 1415 in Warwicks Record Office (Warwicks); Wm. Frogett, 1574 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Humfrey Froggatt, 1581, William Frogote, 1602 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Staffs); Troth Frogot, 1610, Zechariah Froggart, 1748 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Froggott, 1641 in PROB 11 (Beeley, Derbys); Robert Frogget, 1644 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Samuel Froggart, 1776 in Derbys Archaeological Journal 34 (Derbys).

**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, pp. 102–3.

**Froget**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Froggitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; London
- English: see **Froggatt**.

**Frogley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Berks
- English: of uncertain origin; apparently from an unidentified place in or near north-west Berks, formed with a name containing Old English *frogga* 'frog' + *lēah* 'woodland clearing'. However, no medieval forms have been found, and no such place-name has been noted in Berks or adjacent counties. There is a field name Froggiley in Foston and

Scropton (Derbys), which is recorded as *Froggeley* in the 13th century, so we can at least be confident that the formation is plausible.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Frogley, 1571 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Elynore Frogley, 1576 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks); Richard Frogley, 1582, Elizabetha Frockley, 1607 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); William Froglie, 1592 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).  
**References:** Place-Names of Derbys, p. 562.

### Frohawk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Frohook**.

### Frohook

**Variants:** Frohawk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Frowick Hall in Saint Osyth (Essex), which is recorded as *Frowyke* in 1256, *Frothewik* in 1312.

**Early bearers:** Radulfum de Frowic, 1207 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Galfrido de Frowich, about 1198–1220 in Clerkenwell Cartulary (Middx); [ . . . de] Frowewyk, 1272 in Place-Names of Essex (Essex); Laurencio de Frothewik', 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Osyth, Essex); Henry de Frowwyk', 1349, Thomas Frowwyk', gent., 1452 in Feet of Fines (Herts); Henry Frowyk', citizen of London, 1439 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Thomas Frowyk, 1448 in PROB 11 (Middx); Henry Frowyke, 1527 in PROB 11 (Wildhill, Herts); Henry Frowicke, 1589 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Marmaduke Frohocke, 1614 in PROB 11 (Cambs); Elizabeth Frohocke, 1622 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Francis Frohock, 1625, Anna Frowhawk, 1697 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Mark Frohock, 1674, John Frohogh, 1695 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Nicholas Frohawke, 1765 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk).

**References:** Place-Names of Essex, p. 349.

### Fromant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

Norman, English: see **Fromont**.

### Frome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Froom**.

### Fromont

**Variants:** Fromont, Fromant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fromont*, *Fromond*, *Fromund* (Old French *Fromont*, Continental Germanic *Fromund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Frumond, 1086 in Domesday Book (Yorks); Fromont de Macels, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Fromundus, 1196 in Clerkenwell Cartulary (Middx).

sumames: Richard Fromund, 1203 in Pipe Rolls (Dorset); Thomas Fromund, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Edmund' ffromund, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Nettlestead, Kent); Johanne Fromond', 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Gussage Saint Michael, Dorset); Richard Fromund', 1337 in Feet of Fines (Hants); John Fromond, 1338 in Patent Rolls (Hadlow, Kent); Nicholaus Fromond, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lynch, Sussex); Gilbert Fromond', 1466 in Feet of Fines (Kent); Thomas Froment, 1568, Phillip Fromant, 1606, John Fromont, 1633 in *IGI* (Willingham, Cambs); William Fromounde, 1607 in PROB 11 (Cheam, Surrey); Henry Fromond, 1618 in PROB 11 (Willingham, Cambs).

### Fromont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see **Froment**.

### Frood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Devon

1 Scottish: locative name from Frude in Tweedsmuir (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Frude, 1544, Cuthbert Frud, 1570, Helene Fruid, 1628 in Black (Dumfriess); Bessie Frude, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Frud, 1606 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); William Frood, 1639 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Elspeth Frood, 1654 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Jenet Frood, 1679 in *IGI* (West Linton, Peebles); Jannet Frood, 1695 in *IGI* (Dunsyre, Lanarks).

2 English: see **Frood**.

### Froom

**Variants:** Froome, Frome, Vroomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset; London

English: locative name from one or more of the various places so called, such as Frome (Somerset), Frome Saint Quintin, Frome Vauchurch, Frome Whitfield in Stinsford, the lost *Frome Billet* in West Stafford (all Dorset), Bishops Frome, Canon Frome, Castle Frome, and Prior's Frome and Larport (formerly *Frome*) both in Mordiford (all Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Ædelweard æt Frome, about 1038 in Tengvik (Herefs); Peter de Froma, 1170 in Pipe Rolls (Somerset); William de Frome, 1235–6 in Feet of Fines (Dorset); William de Frome, 1331, Richard Frome, 1341 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); Johanne de Frome, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Moreton, Dorset); Adam From', 1379 in Poll Tax (Kingsland, Herefs); Johannes Frome, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hilmarton, Wilts); Matill' Frome, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); John Frome, 1389 in Feet of Fines (Buckingham, Bucks); Thomas Frome, 1547 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Helena Frome, 1549 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Froome, 1581 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); William Frome, 1588, Henry Froome, 1591 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Thomas Froom, 1706 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Sarah Froome, 1725 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Dorset 1, pp. 243–4, 368–9; 4, pp. 93, 96; Herefs Place-Names, pp. 88–9, 149.

### Froome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks; Middx
- English: see **Froom**.

### Frostick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Forsdike**.

### Frosh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *frosh* 'frog' (Old English *fros*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Frosch, William Fros, 1276 in London Eyre (London); Matthew Frossh, 1312 in London Letter Books D (London); William Frosh, William Frosshe, 1321 in Patent Rolls (Suffolk); Johanne Frosh', Johannis Fross, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Waltham Holy Cross, Essex); Dionisius Froysshe, 1338, Henry Frosshe, 1340 in London Coroners Rolls (London); John Frossh, 1347 in Assize Rolls (London); John Frossh, 1392 in Patent Rolls (London); Eliza. Frosh, 1755 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Mary Frosh, 1759 in *IGI* (Stoke, Suffolk); Elizabeth Frosh, 1762 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex).

### Frost

**Variants:** Forst, Forse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21576, Ireland 276
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16668
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: nickname from Middle English *frost*, *forst* 'frost', perhaps used in the sense 'frosty, cold as frost, without warmth of feeling', or perhaps 'having the appearance of being covered with frost' for one with white hair or a white beard.

**Early bearers:** Aluuin Forst, 1086 in Domesday Book (Hants); Lefstan Frost, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Gilbert Frost, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); William Forst, 1199 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Nicholaus Frost, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Emma Frost', 1377 in Poll Tax (Carlisle, Cumb); Rogerus Forst, 1377 in Poll Tax (Lawhitton, Cornwall); Ricardus Frost, 1377 in Poll Tax (West Wrattling, Cambs); Johannes Frost, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Forst, 1379 in Poll Tax (Fishbourne, Sussex); Hugone Frost, 1379 in Poll Tax (Newtown Linford, Leics); Henricus Forst, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worsley, Lancs); Williemi Frost, 1540 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Arthuri Frost, 1543 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Reginald Forst, 1636 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs).

### Frostick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Forsdike**.

### Froud

**Variants:** Froude, Frowde, Frowd, Frood, Frude, Frudd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 0

## Froude

- **GB frequency 1881:** 830
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Kent

1 English: nickname either from an unrecorded Middle English *\*frode* ‘wise, prudent’ (Old English *frōd*) or, possibly, from Middle English *froude*, *frode*, *frude* ‘frog, toad’ (compare Old Scandinavian *frauð*), though this is not a characteristically southern word. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2), especially the Hants example.

**Early bearers:** Richard Frode, 1184 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); Siward Frode, 1187 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); William Froud, about 1203 in Staffs Chartulary (Staffs); William le Frode, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Kent); Ricardus Frode, 1377 in Poll Tax (Orgarswick, Kent); Thomas Frode, 1491 in Feet of Fines (Alkham, Kent); Robert Frowde, 1525 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John Frowde, 1545 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); John Froud, 1571 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); William Froud, 1574, Peter Frood, 1586, Peter Frude, 1621 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Julia Frodd, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Josepheff Froode, 1581 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Joseph Froud, 1588 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Jo. Froad, 1611 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); George Froud, 1629 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

2 English: nickname, sometimes a reduced form of Middle English *froward*, ‘contrary, wilful, unruly’. See **Frewer**. This name may, however, have been confused with (1).

**Early bearers:** John Frowarde, 1548, Rychi Frowde, 1549 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

3 English: relationship name possibly from the Middle English personal name *Frode* (from Old Scandinavian *Frōði*, *Frothi*; the corresponding Old English *Frōda* is found only once, and Continental Germanic *Frodo* is rare). In Normandy *Frodo* may be Old Scandinavian (Feilitzen, p. 256); *Frodo*, 1086 in Domesday Book was a brother of the abbot of Bury Saint Edmunds and was *genere Gallus*. Although there is no clear evidence, the possibility that the personal name gave rise to a surname cannot be excluded.

**Early bearers:** given names: Frodo liber homo, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk); Frodo prepositus, about 1115 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Frode, 1296 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks). surnames: Hugh filius Frodonis, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Johan Froud, 1572 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); John Froud, 1622 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

## Froude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Berks

English: see **Froud**.

## Frow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Frowe*, of uncertain origin. It may be a shortened form of Old English *Frēowine* (compare **Frewin**).

**Early bearers:** John filius Frowe, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); William Frowe, 13th cent. in Ramsey Cartulary (Cambs); Peter Frouwe, 1307 in Subsidy Rolls (Albury, Herts); Johanne Frowe, Johanne Frouwe, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Runwell, Essex); John Frowe, 1341 in Lincs Royal Inquest (Lincoln, Lincs); John Frowe, 1350 in Feet of Fines (Luton, Beds); Isabella Frowe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Truda Frowe, 1420 in King’s Bench Cases (Middx); Robte. Frow, 1565, Anne Frowe, 1569 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Margaret Frowe, 1594 in Cranbrook Wills (Kent).

## Frowd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: see **Froud**.

## Frowde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs
- English: see **Froud**.

## Frowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
- English: see **Frewin**.

## Froy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Lancs
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Froy, 1667 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Thomas Froy, 1702 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Froy, 1761 in *IGI* (Ayot Saint Lawrence, Herts).

## Frudd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: perhaps a variant of **Froud**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Frudd, 1669, Elizabeth Frud, 1697 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

## Frude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Berks
- English: see **Froud**.

## Fruen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, and Wilts; London
- English: see **Frewin**.

## Fruin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Gloucs; London
- English: see **Frewin**.

## Frusher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Middx

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Frobisher** (now a characteristically WR Yorks surname, but well recorded in E Anglia in medieval sources), with loss of the medial syllable. Evidence for such a development has, however, not been found.

**Early bearers:** James Frusher, 1639 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Andreae Frusher, 1713 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Isaac Frusher, 1766 in *IGI* (Emneth, Norfolk).

## Fry

Variants: **Frye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11639, Ireland 273
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9556
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Wilts, Dorset, and IoW; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: nickname, status name from Middle English *frie* ‘free’ (Old English *frio*, *frig*), either in reference to rank or tenurial status (‘free-born’) or to character (‘generous, open-handed’). It is synonymous with **Free**.

**Early bearers:** William Frie, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Sussex); Robert le Frye, about 1248 in Bec Abbey Documents (Wilts); Willelmo Frye, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Puddletown, Dorset); Richard Frye, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sheldon, Devon); Thomas Fryg’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Stourmouth, Kent); Johanne Frye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Sompting, Sussex); Reginaldus Frye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ashcott, Somerset); Ricardus Frye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Puddletown, Dorset); Johanne Frye, 1379 in Poll Tax (Croucheston, Wilts); Alicia Frye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Dorsington, Gloucs); Johannes Frye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hanford, Dorset); John Fry, 1542 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Margery Fry, 1544 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Johane Fry, 1552 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Jane Fry, 1557 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Lorenzo Fry, 1560 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Elizabeth Fry, 1561 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Edward Fry, 1563 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Joane Fry, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Richard Fry, 1615 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Edward Fry, 1666 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Fryar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Fryer**.

## Fryars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Fryers**.

## Fryatt

Variants: **Fryett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex
- English: a variant (chiefly E Anglian) of **Fright** (from Middle English *friht* ‘wood, woodland’).

**Early bearers:** Jone Fryeth, 1544 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); John Fryat, 1570 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Elizabeth Friet, 1588 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); James Fryett, 1604 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); William Fryett, 1606 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk); William Friatt, 1632, Mary Fryatt, 1740, John Fryett, 1780 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Friett, 1654–5 in Lynn Freemen (Norfolk); John Fryatt, 1788 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex).

### Fryd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Firth**.

### Fryday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Friday**.

### Frye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Fry**.

### Fryer

**Variants:** Frier, Friar, Fryar, Freer, Frere, Freear, Frear, Frayer, Fryers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6554, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5509
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; E Ulster

1 English, Scottish: nickname, occupational name sometimes from Middle English *frere*, *frier* 'brother, friend, comrade' (Old French *frere*), a sense certainly illustrated in the 1196–7 example. During the 13th century, however, the word increasingly denoted 'a member of one of the mendicant religious orders', the usual modern sense of the word *friar*. The first friars arrived in England in 1224. As with **Abbot**, **Monk**, **Nunn**, and **Prior**, late medieval use of *Frere* as a nickname was probably uncomplimentary, for by the mid-14th century the once popular friars had become a byword in satirical literature for self-indulgent, smooth-talking hypocrisy. Friars were not allowed to marry, but some of them probably fathered children (compare **Frearson**). After the Reformation former friars were free to marry, and one such is said to have been the progenitor of the Friars of Melrose parish, Roxburghs (see **Black**), an instance, if true, of post-medieval surname creation. **Early bearers:** England: Robert (le) Frere, 1196–7 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Roger le Frier, 1243 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Roger le Frere, 1290–1303 in Lacock Charters (Wilts); Adam son of Hugh le Frere, 1297 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Alanus Frere, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Towthorpe in Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); Thoma(s) Frere, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Willelmo Frere, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Farndale, NR Yorks); Hugo le Frere, 1377 in Poll Tax (Bathampton, Wilts); Ricardus le Frere, 1377 in Poll Tax (Imber, Wilts); Rogerus le Frere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cuerdley, Lancs); Agn' le Frer', 1381 in Poll Tax (Prestwich, Lancs); Christopher Freer, chaplain, 1493 in Feet of Fines (Lancs); George Freer, 1590 in *IGI* (Blaby, Leics); William Friar, 1623

in *IGI* (Dunton, Bucks); William Freer, 1630 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

Scotland: Master William Frere, archdeacon of Lothian, 1296 in Scotland Calendar; Adam Frer(e), 1296, 1304 in Scotland Calendar (Berwicks); [...] Freer, burgess of Selkirk, 1513–15 in Selkirks History; Archibald Freir, 1643 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Robert Frier, 1709 in *IGI* (Selkirk).  
2 English: occupational name for someone who lived or worked at a friary (Middle English *frere* 'house of friars').

**Early bearers:** William del Frere, chaplain, 1357 in Feet of Fines (Lancs); Margareta del Frere, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Ricardo at Frer', 1381 in Poll Tax (Bincombe, Somerset); Elizabeth Fryer, 1540 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Robert Fryer, 1541 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Agnes Fryer, 1542 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Roberti Fryer, 1543 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Anne Fryer, 1546 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex).

**References:** Surnames of Lancs, p. 215.

### Fryers

**Variants:** Fryars, Frears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte freres*, for someone who lived or worked, probably as a servant, 'at the friars' (Old French, Middle English *frere* 'brother, member of one of the religious mendicant orders'). *Atte* and *of* are often rendered by medieval clerks as Latin *ad* or Anglo-Norman French *del*. Compare **Nunns** and **Parsons**. (ii) a post-medieval variant of **Fryer** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William del Freres, 1314 in York Freemen's Register (York); Thoma atte Frers, 1379 in Poll Tax (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); [...] del Frerers, 1379 in Poll Tax (Louthesk or Wraggoe wapentake, Lincs); Emma del Freres, 1379 in Poll Tax (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Willelmo del Freres, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); William Frears, 1561 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Edward Fryers, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Beckhampstead, Herts); Agnes Friers, 1584 in *IGI* (Cambridge); Thomas Fryers, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Oxon); John Fryers, 1829 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm).

### Fryett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Fryatt**.

### Fryman

**Variants:** Friman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kent and Sussex
- English: status name from Middle English *friman* 'free-born man' (Old English *friomann*, *frigmann*), synonymous with **Freeman**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Friman, 1240 in Book of Fees (Beds); Thomas Fryman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Portslade, Sussex); Roberto Fryman, 1379 in Poll Tax (South Wraxall, Wilts); Elysabeth Fryman, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edward Fryman, 1575 in *IGI* (Snelland, Lincs); John Fryman, 1576 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

### Fu

**Variants:** Foo, Fok, Hu, Poh, Pow, Guan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 傅, meaning 'master' or 'teacher' in Chinese. (i) said to be borne by descendants of *Fu* Shuo (傅說), a prime minister during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), who is said to have lived in a place called *Fu* Yan (傅岩), possibly located in Shanxi province. (ii) from the place-name *Fu* (傅), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) which was granted to Da You during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 付, meaning 'commit' or 'pay' in Chinese. (i) borne by descendants of Shi *Fu* (史付), a person who lived in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) simplified form of the Chinese surname 傅; see sense (i) above.

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 符, meaning 'tally' in ancient Chinese. From the post name *Fu* Xi Ling (符璽令), borne by Gong Ya, grandson of Lu Qing Gong (died 249 BC), who migrated to the state of Qin. This was a post held by the man in charge of the tally given by a ruler to a general to deploy troops or to an envoy as his credentials.

4 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 扶, meaning 'help, support' in Chinese. (i) said to be a shortened form of the compound Chinese surname *Fu* Deng (扶登), dating back to the reign of Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of *Fu* Jia (扶嘉), who was endowed with the surname *Fu* (扶) by the emperor Han Gao Zu (256–195 BC), because of his support to the royal family of the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). (iii) adopted as the surname by the Qi *Fu* (乞扶) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 伏 (**Fuk** or **Fok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'dog days' or 'subdue' in ancient Chinese. (i) said to be borne by descendants of *Fu* Xi (伏羲), a legendary figure. (ii) said to be borne by descendants of *Fu* Bu Qi (伏不齊, also written 必不齊), a student of Confucius. (iii) adopted as a surname by the Si *Fu* Jin (侯伏斤) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 福 (**Fuk** or **Fok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'good fortune' or 'blessing' in Chinese. (i) borne by descendants of *Fu* Zi Dan (福子丹), an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) a surname from the state of Bai Ji (located in the Korean peninsula). (iii) borne by descendants of *Fu* Shi (福時), an official who lived during the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644).

7 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 富, meaning 'rich' in Chinese. (i) borne by descendants of *Fu* Chen (富辰) (died around 636 BC), an official who lived during the reign of Zhou Xiang Wang (died 619 BC). (ii) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname *Fu-Fu* (富父), which is traced back to *Fu-Fu* Zhong

## Fuche

Sheng (富父終翊), an official who lived in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

8 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 甫, a courtesy name for a man in ancient Chinese. (i) simplified form of *Fu* (鄚), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province). (ii) from *Fu* (甫), the name of a state, also known as the state of Lü (located in Henan province), annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Huang-*Fu* (皇甫), traced back to the given name of a son of king Song Dai Gong (died 766 BC) in the state of Song.

9 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 胡; see **Wu** (6).

### Fuche

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Fudge**.

### Fucher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Fulcher**.

### Fuchs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: nickname from Middle High German *vuhz* ‘fox’, German *Fuchs*, used for a sly or wily person. **Early bearers:** Johann George Fuchs, 1819 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wilhelmina Louisa Fuchs, 1822 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Karl Fuchs, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Middx); Siegfried Fuchs, born in Austria, in Census 1891 (Middx); Hermann Fuchs, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (London).

### Fudge

Variants: **Fuge**, **Fuidge**, **Fuche**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Dorset, and Somerset; also Hants, Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English, Anglo-Norman French personal name *Fulch* or *Fuche*, usually a pet form of Old French *Fulcher*, *Fucher* (see **Fulcher**). Voicing of ‘ch’ to soft ‘g’ gave rise to **Fudge**. The name may sometimes have been interchangeable with **Fowke**, derived from a pet form of this and other Old French personal names in *Fulc-*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Further information:** Gilebertus *filius Fulcheri* (about 1130) is also called Gilebertus *filius Fuche* (about 1125) in Whitby Chartulary. Robertus *filius Fuch*’ is identical with Robertus *filius Fulcheri*, 1210 in Curia Regis Rolls (Derbys), whilst Henry *Fulcher* is also called Henry *Fouch*, 1297 in King’s Bench Pleas. **Early bearers:** given names: Folche Ribalt, about 1155 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Fuche Bassat, about 1200 in Hatton’s Book of Seals (Northants). surnames: Robertus filius Fuche, before 1170 in Gilbertine Charters (Lincs); Peter Fulch’, 1198 in Feet of Fines (Somerset); Johannes Fuche, 1381 in Poll Tax (Norfolk); Anne Fudge, 1587 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Henrici Fudge, 1594 in *IGI* (Nether

Compton, Dorset); Edward Fuge, 1594 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Henrici Fudge, 1611 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Fudg, 1614 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Fudge, 1721 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Margaret Fudge, 1745 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Mary Fudge, 1766 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Fuge, in Blackawton (Devon). The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John de Fuyche, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Blackawton, Devon); Margerie Fudge, 1646 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Fuidge, 1650 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall); Charles Fuidge, 1868 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Fudger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

### Fuel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London and Essex
- English: see **Fowle**.

### Fuell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Fowle**.

### Fuentes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Spanish: locative name from any of numerous places in Spain named with *fuentes*, plural of *fuelle* ‘spring, well’.
- Early bearers:** Francesco Solano Fuentes, born in Spain, in Census 1871 (Kensington, Middx).

### Fuery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish: from Ó Fiúra, see **Furey**.

### Fugate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Foggett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Fugatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Foggett**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Fuge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Fudge**.

### Fugett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Foggett**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Fuggle

Variants: **Fuggles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Fowle**. For the development of Middle English *-gh-* to *-g-*, compare **Fugler**.

### Fuggles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Fuggle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** A form of this surname with southern voicing of the initial fricative survives in the name of Vuggles Farm in Newick (Sussex). **Early bearers:** John Fuggles, 1657 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent). **References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 317.

### Fugler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: variant of **Fowler**. For the development of Middle English *-gh-* to *-g-*, compare **Fuggle**.

### Fuhr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- German: locative name, topographic for someone who lived near a ferry or ford, from Middle High German *vuore* ‘load, place where one drives’ (related to English *fare*), or toponymic from one of the many places named with this word.

### Fuidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Somerset and Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Fudge**.

### Fuke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- Norman, English: see **Fowke** and compare **Fook**.

### Fulbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants
- English: see **Fullbrook**.

### Fulcher

Variants: **Foulcher**, **Foulser**, **Folger**, **Foulger**, **Fullagar**, **Fullager**, **Foulker**, **Folker**, **Fulker**, **Foucar**, **Fouger**, **Fudger**, **Futcher**, **Flucker**, **Fucher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2069, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1504
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Fulcher*, *Fulchier*, *Fulger*, *Fulker*, *Foucher*, a name of Norman introduction, an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Fulchar*, *Fulcher*. Middle English *Fulgar* or *Folgar* (the source of *Fullagar*) is a variant of *Fulker* with voicing of /k/ to /g/. Compare **Folkard**, with which this name may sometimes have been confused.

**Further information:** Old English *Folchere* (not recorded after 824) and Old Danish *Folkar* (otherwise unrecorded in England) are alternative but unlikely sources.

**Early bearers:** given names: Fulcher, 1086 in Domesday Book, about 1095 in Bury Saint Edmunds Documents (Suffolk); Fulcarius, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Leics).

surnames: Seuuale filius Fulgeri, 1154–89 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Rogerus filius Foukere, 1201 in Curia Regis Rolls (Oxon); Roger Fulchier, 1167 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Ralph Fulcher, 1182 in Pipe Rolls (Suffolk); Peter Fulker, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Wilts); Eustace Folchir, 1212 in Book of Fees (Hants); Nicholas Fuker, 1234 in Book of Fees (Devon); Warin Fucher, 1235 in Book of Fees (Essex); John Foucher, 1242 in Book of Fees (Wilts); Robert Folgar, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); William Fouger, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmus Folcher, 1377 in Poll Tax (Ashen, Essex); Johanne Foucher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Carlton, Leics); Johannes Fulcher, 1379 in Poll Tax (Mileham, Norfolk); Richard Fulchere, 1429 in Feet of Fines (Herefs); Robert Fowcher, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Raphe Fulcher, 1597 in *IGI* (Shelton, Norfolk).

## Fulford

**Variants:** **Fullford**, **Fulforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1362, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 993
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon; Wilts and Hants; Warwicks and Staffs

1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so named in Devon, such as Fulford in Tiverton, Great Fulford in Dunsford, Fullaford in High Bray, Fulford Bridge in Shebbear, Fullaford in Sampford Courtenay, and Fullaford in Buckfastleigh.

**Further information:** A family of this name can be traced to William *de Fulford*, who held the manor of Great Fulford in Dunsford during the reign of Richard I (1189–99). The family still resides here today.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Fuleford, 1281 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Nicholas de Foleford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Great Fulford in Dunsford, Devon); William de Foleford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Parkham, Devon); Robert Foleford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Tiverton, Devon); Richard Foleford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Plymouth, Devon); Henry Foleford, 1389, Henry de Foleford, 1411, Baldwin Foleford, esquire, 1433 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Andrew Fulford, 1567 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Francis Fulford, 1583 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Fullard, 1668 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 58, 109, 167, 295, 434, 545.

2 English: locative name from one or more of the various places so called elsewhere in England, such

as Fulford (Staffs), Fulford in Kingston Saint Mary (Somerset), Gate Fulford and Water Fulford (both ER Yorks), Fulfords Farm in Itchingfield (Sussex), and Fulforth in Witton Gilbert (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Fulfort, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Richard de Fulford, about 1280 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Thom' Fuleford, 1327, Thom Fulleford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Sompting, Sussex); Richard de Fulford, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Solihull, Warwicks); Johannes Folforth, 1377 in Poll Tax (Cornbrough, NR Yorks); Roberto de Fulford, Willelmo de Foulford, 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Johannes de Fulford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hessay, WR Yorks); Walterus Fulforde, 1379 in Poll Tax (Washington, Sussex); Johannes Fulford, 1379 in Poll Tax (Hemlingford hundred, Warwicks); Thomas de Fulforth, 1381 in Poll Tax (Scrayingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Fulford, 1563 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); George Fulford, 1568 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Thomas Fulford, 1591 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Fulford, 1597 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks).

**References:** Staffs Place-Names, p. 268; Place-Names of ER Yorks, p. 275; Place-Names of Sussex, p. 176; Durham Place-Names, p. 47.

## Fulforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Hants
- English: see **Fulford** (2).

## Fulgoni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: probably a regional variant of **Fulconi**, said by De Felice to be a derivative of *Folchi* or *Folco*, from a Germanic personal name whose stem was \*Fulk-. This name can also be seen in **Fowke**, which has come to English from Continental Germanic via Norman French.

**Further information:** Note an individual surnamed *Fulgoni*, 'also known as Fulconi', reported in the *London Gazette*, 13 January 1981, p. 501.

**Early bearers:** Guisepppe Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Antony Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Essex); Carlo Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London).

## Fulham

**Variants:** **Fullam**, **Fullem**, **Fullen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Dublin, and Kildare

English, Irish: locative name from Fulham (Middx).

**Further information:** This surname has been established since the 13th century in Ireland, where it is often spelled *Fullam*. Reintroduction from Ireland explains the Lancs distribution.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Fulham, 1324 in London Coroners Rolls (London); Ricardo de Fulham, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Chigwell, Essex); William de Fullam, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Loughton with Shenley, Bucks); Ivo de Fuleham, 1336–7 in Feet of Fines (Fulham, Middx); Stephanus Fulham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Shoreditch, Middx); Henricus Fulham, 1377 in Poll Tax (Islington, Middx); Johannes Fulham, 1381 in Poll Tax (Chigwell, Essex); John Fullam, 1557 in *IGI*

(Chigwell, Essex); William Fullam, 1573 in PROB 11 (Southwark, Surrey); Edward Fulham, 1606 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Fulham, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Warley, Essex); Harriet Fullam, 1775, Patrick Fulham, 1805, William Fullen, 1832 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Anna Fullom, 1845 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: Richard O'Fowlam, 1566–67 in Fiants Elizabeth §1006 (Leighlene, Carlow); Simon Fullum, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6469 (Ballymore, gent); William Fullam, 1602 in Fiants Elizabeth §6762 (Fercall, gent).

## Fulk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Fowke**.

## Fulker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, Middx, and Hants

Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

## Fulkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Foulkes**.

## Fulks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Foulkes**.

## Full

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *ful* 'full' (Old English *full*), perhaps in the sense 'plump, fleshy'.

**Early bearers:** Peter Fulle, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Devon); Thomas Fulle, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Faversham hundred, Kent); Johannes Fulle, 1379 in Poll Tax (Erpingham, Norfolk); William Full, 1541 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Willmus Full, 1561 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hugh Full, draper, 1578 in PROB 11 (London); Anne Full, 1604 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

## Fullagar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

## Fullager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

## Fullalove

**Variants:** **Fulleylove**, **Fullelove**, **Fullove**, **Fullerlove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

## Fullam

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *ful of love* 'full of love'. Compare the Old French equivalent, *plein d'amor* 'full of love', found as a surname in England in medieval sources: Richard *Playndeamurs*, 1284 in Jönsjö, Nicknames (Lancs); John *Playndamur*, 1327 in Jönsjö, Nicknames (Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Henry ffulofloue, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Cambs); William ffuloflof, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Dearham, Cumb); Willelmus Fuloflove, 1379 in Poll Tax (Quidenham, Norfolk); Johannes Fuloflove, 1379 in Poll Tax (Eccles, Norfolk); Willm. Fullalove, 1574, Adam Fulloloue, 1576 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); George Fullalove, 1596 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Fulloloue, 1606 in *IGI* (North Witham, Lincs); John Fullalove, 1626 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); John Fulloflove, 1761, John Fullerlove, 1805 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Joseph Fulleylove, 1784 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics).
- References:** Jönsjö, Nicknames, pp. 93, 143.

## Fullam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 243
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- English, Irish: the usual spelling in Ireland of **Fulham**.

## Fullard

Variants: **Fuller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 747, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs and Warwicks; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Fullwood**.

2 German: perhaps an altered form of the German surname *Vollert*, *Fullert*, or *Füllert*, a relationship name from the personal name *Volhard*, *Vollhardt* (from Old High German *Volkhart*, a compound of *volc* 'tribe, people' + *hart* 'bold'). Compare **Folkard**.

## Fullarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 719, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 616
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Bute
- Scottish: see **Fullerton**.

## Fullbrook

Variants: **Fulbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, Hants, and Surrey

1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so named, such as Fulbrook (Oxon), Fulbrook in Hogshaw (Bucks), Fulbrook in Sherbourne and Fullbrook in Long Compton (both Warwicks), Fulbrocks Farm in Charlwood (Surrey), and a lost *Fulbrook* in Gloucester (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Fulebroc, 1205 in Curia Regis Rolls (Surrey); Edward de Fulebroc, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); William de Fulebroc, 1235 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); John de Fulbrok, 1241 in Feet of Fines (Charlwood, Surrey); Thomas de Folebrok, 1279–80 in Warwicks Hundred Rolls (Warwick, Warwicks); Rogero Folebrock, 1379 in Poll Tax (Pewsey, Wilts); Roberto Fulbrok, 1381 in Poll Tax (Marcham, Berks);

Thome Fulbrook, vicar, 1405 in Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary (Warwick, Warwicks); John Fulbrook, 1634 in *IGI* (Brightwalton, Berks); John Fullbrook, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Elizabeth Fullbrook, 1691 in *IGI* (East and West Hagbourne, Berks); Willia. Fulbrook, 1695 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon).

**References:** Place-Names of Oxon, p. 352; Place-Names of Bucks, p. 135; Place-Names of Warwicks, pp. 209, 300; Place-Names of Surrey, p. 289; Place-Names of Gloucs 2, p. 137.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Fullbrook Farm in Elstead (Surrey), which is recorded as *Fowelesbrok* in 1257, *Fulbrook* in 1603–25.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Fughelesbrok, 1288, [. . . de] Fogzelesbrok, [. . . de] Fuzlesbroch, 1294, [. . . de] Foghelesbrok, 1307 in Place-Names of Surrey (Surrey); Ann Fullbrook, 1737 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Fullbrook, 1756 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Stephen Fullbrook, 1787 in *IGI* (Mapledurham, Oxon).

**References:** Place-Names of Surrey, p. 167.

## Fullelove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Fullalove**.

## Fullem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, Irish: see **Fulham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Fullen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 88
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh
- 1 English: occupational name from Old French *fulun* 'fuller'. Compare **Fuller**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le fullun, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Lincs); William le Fulun, 1223 in Patent Rolls (Yorks); Thomam le Fulun, 1225 in Patent Rolls (Oxon); Michael le Fulun, Hugh le Fulun, 1246 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); John Fullen, 1555 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); George Fullen, 1618 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Arthur Fullen, 1633 in *IGI* (Longdon, Worcs).

2 English, Irish: the Lancs distribution probably represents a variant of **Fulham**, reintroduced from Ireland.

## Fuller

Variants: **Voller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16876, Ireland 371
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11894
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx, Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *fuller* 'fuller of cloth' (partly from Old English *fullere*, partly from Old French *fouleur*, *foleur*). Compare **Fullen**.

**Further information:** Raw cloth had to be fulled, i.e. scoured, cleansed, and thickened by beating or trampling it in water, a process also known as *walking* or *tucking*, hence the surnames **Walker** and

**Tucker** by the side of *Fuller*. These three terms and surnames are characteristic of different parts of England. In general, in Middle English, *Fuller* is southern and eastern, while *Walker* belongs to the west and north and *Tucker* is south-western.

Fransson, pp. 100–1, plausibly suggests that medieval examples of *Fulur* and *Folour* outside the eastern and south-eastern counties should be regarded as scribal translations into French of *Walker* or *Tucker*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Fulur, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Reginald fullere, 1221 in Cotton Tiberius B ii (Suffolk); William le Fulur, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Warwicks); Simon le Voller, 1316 in Osney Cartulary (Oxon); Iohannes Follere, Iohannes Vollere, 1317 in Assize Rolls (Kent); Laurence le Fullere, 1334 in Subsidy Rolls (Dartford, Kent); Galfridus Fuller', 1377 in Poll Tax (Writtle, Essex); Ricardus Fullar, 1381 in Poll Tax (Southwark, Surrey); Gilbertus Fullere, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shalford, Surrey); Robert Fuller, 1440 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Fuller, draper, 1460 in Feet of Fines (Saint Albans, Herts); Robart Fuller, 1538 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); Agnes Fuller, 1540 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Alice Voller, 1628 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); George Fuller, 1631, Peetor Voller, 1634 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Vuller, 1787 in *IGI* (Milton Damerel, Devon).

2 English: variant of **Fullard** with loss of *-d*.

## Fullerlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- English: see **Fullalove**.

## Fullerton

Variants: **Fullarton**, **Fullington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2029, Ireland 728
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, Renfrews, and Bute
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim, Down, and Armagh

Scottish: locative name from Fullarton in Dundonald (Ayr) or, less often, from Fullerton in Maryton (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alanus de Fowlertoun, about 1280 in Black, was the founder of a convent of Carmelite Friars at Irvine (Ayr); David de Fowlarton, 1388 in Bamff Charters (Woodrae, Angus); Rankin de Fowlartoun, dominus de Corsby, 1429 in Ayr Charters (Ayr); William de Foulertoune, 1450 in Brechin Register (Angus); Johannes de Foulartoun, 1487 in Glasgow Register (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marjorie Fullertoune, 1608 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Mart. Fullertone, 1622 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Robert Fullartoun, 1632 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); George Fullarton, 1677 in *IGI* (Dundonald, Ayr).

Ireland: James Fullerton, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth 5802; John Fullerton, 1666 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Dunluce Towne, Antrim); John Fallertune, 1669 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Dunluce Towne, Antrim).

## Fulleylove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- English: see **Fullalove**.



**Fullford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London English: see **Fulford**.

**Fullick**

Variants: **Fulluck, Fullicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Sussex English: locative name from Fulwick's Copse in Lurgashall (Sussex), which is recorded as *Fullykland* in 1586.

**Early bearers:** William de Fulewyk, 1288 in Place-Names of Sussex (Sussex); Adam de Fullewyk, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Wilm Fullicke, 1559, Mathewe Fullwick, 1607 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Richard Fullicke, 1585, Thomas Fulluck, 1704 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Johis Fullick, 1596 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); William Fullick, 1670 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey).

**References:** Place-Names of Sussex, p. 113.

**Fullicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Fullick** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Fullicks, 1712 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Joseph Fullucks, 1753 in *IGI* (Westerham, Kent); James Fullicks, 1758 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

**Fullilove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Yorks; Surrey

English: see **Fullalove**.

**Fullington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Scottish: variant of **Fullerton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Fulljames**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Hants

English: variant of **Foljambe** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Johanni Fuljames, 1578 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Thomas Fulljames, 1636 in *IGI* (Shobrook, Devon); Will Folgiam, 1677 in *IGI* (Dulwich, London); Edward Fullgeam, 1655, Edward Fuljeams, 1677 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Fanny Fulljames, 1775 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

**Fullman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: of uncertain origin. If we compare the medieval bearers in Lincs with the post-medieval bearers in Kent and assume that the vowel in the first syllable has been shortened, this would appear to be a Middle English nickname from *foul*, *ful* 'foul,

dirty' + *man* 'man', but there is no evidence to connect the two clusters.

**Early bearers:** E Midlands: John ffouleman, 1332 in Jönsjö, Nicknames (Lincs); Simon Fouleman, 1377 in Feet of Fines (Long Sutton, Lincs); Hugo Fouleman, Simon Foulman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Holbeach, Lincs); Beatrix Foulman, 1381 in Poll Tax (Whaplode, Lincs); Baptist Fullman, 1589 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Baptist Fullman, 1591 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); William Fullman, 1677 in *IGI* (Meusey Hampton, Gloucs); Dorothy Fullman, 1680 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wm Manwaring Fullman, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London).

SE England: Richard Fulman, 1535 in Canterbury Wills (Probate) (Newenden, Kent); Thomas Fulman, 1563, James Fullman, 1599 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Robert Fulman, 1602 in Assize Rolls (Penshurst, Kent); Samuell Fulman, 1628 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jonah Fullman, 1678 in *IGI* (Pembury, Kent).

**References:** Jönsjö, Nicknames, p. 91.

**Fullstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Foulston**.

**Fuluck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Fullick**.

**Fullwood**

Variants: **Fulwood, Fullard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 961, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Fullwood* near Clay Hall in Tanworth in Arden (Warwicks). See also **Mortiboys**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Folewode, 13th cent., [ . . . de] Foulwod, 1315, [ . . . de] Folwode, 1327 in Place-Names of Warwicks (Warwicks); Robert de Folewod, 1309 in Ancient Deeds (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Richard de Folewode, 1310–11, Robert de Fulwode, vicar of Tanworth in Arden, 1346–7, John Fulwode, 1410–11, Robert Fulwode, 1503 in Feet of Fines (Warwicks); Johannes Fulwode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Robert Fullwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Fraunces Fulwoode, 1576 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Fullard, 1642 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); George Fullwood, 1680, George Fullerd, 1684 in *IGI* (Sherbourne, Warwicks); Avory Fullward, 1703, Avory Fuller alias Fullwood, 1719 in Sutton alias Dudley Family (Staffs); Elizabeth Fullwood, 1740, Daniel Fullard, 1745, Hannah Fuller, 1769 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

**References:** Place-Names of Warwicks, p. 293.

2 English: locative name from one or more of the other places so called, such as Fulwood in Ecclesall (WR Yorks), Fulwood (Lancs), Fulwood in Sutton in Ashfield (Notts), and Fullwood Farm in Hulland (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Foulewode, 1326 in Wakefield Court Rolls (WR Yorks); Hugo de Fulewode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Marr, WR Yorks); Johannes Fulwod, 1379 in Poll Tax (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Fulwudd', 1379 in Poll Tax (Sheffield, WR Yorks);

Geo. Fulwodde, 1592, Edward Fullwood, 1636 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Fullwood, 1632 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Fullard, 1702, David Fullwood, 1768, Wm. Fuller, 1776 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts).

**References:** Place-Names of WR Yorks 1, p. 194; Lancs Place-Names, p. 148; Place-Names of Notts, p. 134; Place-Names of Derbys, p. 574.

**Fulmar**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Fulmer**.

**Fulmer**

Variants: **Fulmar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Fulmer (Bucks), and possibly also from Fowlmere (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Godriz de Fulmere, 1086 in Ely Inquisition (Cambs); Thomas de Fulmere, 1239–40 in Feet of Fines (Essex); Henry de Fulmere, 1325–6 in London Coroners Rolls (London); Robert Foulmere, clerk, 1380 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Richard Fulmer, 1392 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Gloucs); Robert Fulmer, 1399 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Robert Foulmere, 1401 in PROB 11 (Westminster, Middx); John Foulmer, 1427 in Feet of Fines (Hedgerley, Bucks); Agnes Fulmer, 1572 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Anne Fulmer, 1592 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); Elizabeth Fulmer, 1619 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Thomas Fullmer, 1629 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Ruth Fulmore, 1699 in *IGI* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); Wm. Fullmore, 1775 in *IGI* (Colnbrook, Bucks).

**References:** Place-Names of Bucks, pp. 237–8; Place-Names of Cambs, p. 83.

**Fulston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Foulston**.

**Fulthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Fulthorpe**.

**Fulthorpe**

Variants: **Fulthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative name from Fulthorpe in Grindon by Stockton on Tees (Durham).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Fultorp, 12th cent., [ . . . de] Fulthorpe, 1256, [ . . . de] ffoulthorp', 1315 in Place-Names of Durham (Durham); Roger de Fulthorp', knight, 1386, Thomas Fulthorp', esquire, 1463 in Feet of Fines (Northumb); William Fulthorp', knight, 1397, William de Fulthorp', knight, 1418 in Feet of Fines (Yorks); John Fulthorp, 1493 in PROB 11 (Charleton, Devon); Margeria Fulthroppe or Fulthorp, 1535 in PROB 11 (Greenwich, Kent); Robert Fulthrop, 1580 in Durham Halmote Rolls (Durham); Johes. Fulthorp, 1596 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Daniell Fulthorpe, 1626 in *IGI* (Stepney,

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Middx); Christopher Fullthorpe, 1667 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Christopher Fulthorp, 1694 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

References: Place-Names of Durham 1, pp. 87–8.

## Fulton

Variants: **Folden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4899, Ireland 885
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3721
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayrs, and Renfrews; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; Tyrone

1 Scottish: locative name from Fulton in Bedrule (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas de Fulton, about 1260, Thomas de Fultoun, Adam de Foulton, 1273, Robert Fultoun, 1506 in Black; John Fultoun, 1572 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jeane Fulton, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Foulton, 1622 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Fulton, 1640 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayrs); Thomas Foldin, 1649, James Fulton, 1650, William Foldine, 1657, Mathew Fuldone, 1666, Andrew Fuldoun, 1667, John Fouldone, 1673, Helen Foulton, 1687, Agnes Fouldine, 1687 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); William Foulden, 1687 in *IGI* (Stobo, Peebles).

England: John Foldon, 1747 in *IGI* (Saint Vincent Street Scotch Church, Stepney, Middx).

2 English: see **Folden** (2).

## Fulwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks Norman, English: see **Folwell**.

## Fulwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Fullwood**.

## Fung

Variants: **Foong, Fong, Feng, Hong, Pang, Teoh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1112, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 馮 (**Feng** in Mandarin pinyin, **Pang** in Teochew romanization), meaning ‘gallop’ or ‘wade’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name *Feng Jian Zi* (馮簡子), an official in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the first element of the place-name *Feng Cheng* (馮城), the name of a fief (in present-day Xingyang in Henan province) granted to one of the grandsons of Bi Wan, known as Han Wan or Han Wuzi, a politician in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn Period (770–476 BC), also the ancestor of bearers of the surname 韓 (see **Han**).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 封 (**Feng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘confer something (a title, land, or the like) upon somebody by royal command’ in ancient Chinese. (i) shortened form of *Feng Fu* (封父), an ancient state (located in the present-day Fengqiu in Henan province) during

the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), which was annexed during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

(ii) adopted as a surname by members of the Shi Ben (是賁) family from the Xianbei ethnic group during the Northern Wei Dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 豐 (**Feng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘abundant’ or ‘great’ in Chinese. From the personal name *Feng* (豐), the style name of a prince, one of the sons of the king Zheng Mu Gong (648–606 BC) in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan province).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鄧 (**Feng** in Mandarin pinyin) from the place-name *Feng* (鄧), the name of a fief (in present-day Huxian in Shaanxi province) granted to the 17th son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC); see **Zhou** (1).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 逢; see **Pang** (3).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 方; see **Fong** (1).

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 洪; see **Hong** (1).

## Funge

Variants: **Fonge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: of uncertain origin; possibly from Middle English *funge* ‘mushroom’, used as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Fong, 1379 in Poll Tax (Charlton, Wilts); Thomas Funge alias Fraunces, 1571 in PROB 11 (Chipping Wycombe, Bucks); Gylles Funge, 1587 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Giles Funge, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Nowell Funge, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); John Funge, 1614, Frances Fung, 1653 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); William Funge, 1639 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Fundge, 1761 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks).

## Funk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *funke*, *fonke*, *founck* ‘a spark of fire’, perhaps used of someone ‘fiery and hot-headed’ or ‘small and lively’, or perhaps for a blacksmith. Compare (2) for the German equivalent.

**Further information:** ‘Funke or lytlyle fyrr’ glosses *igniculus*, *foculus*, about 1440 in Promptorium Parvulorum. The word also had a secondary connotation, ‘something worthless or contemptible’, in common with numerous other terms for small things, in expressions such as ‘not worth a funk’ and ‘not worth a bean’.

**Early bearers:** William Funke, 1314 in Norwich Deeds (Norfolk); John le Funke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Somerset); Edmundus Funke, 1379 in Poll Tax (Paston, Norfolk); Johannes Funke, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Nicholas Founk, 1396 in York Freeman’s Register (York); Thomas Funk’, 1437 in Feet of Fines (Chiddingstone, Kent); Margret Funke, 1606 in *IGI* (Hellesdon, Norfolk);

Christopher Funk, 1782 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Sarah Funk, 1791 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 German: German: nickname from Middle High German *vunke* ‘spark’, perhaps for a small, lively, or irritable individual, or perhaps for a blacksmith.

**Early bearers:** Sophie Funke, 1860 in *IGI* (Saint George’s German Lutheran Church, Battersea, Surrey).

## Funnell

Variants: **Funnelle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2217, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1634
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent and Surrey

1 English: in Sussex and Kent, apparently a post-medieval alteration of **Fennell** (2). With the 1553 example below compare Jhon A *Vennell*, 1571 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex), whose name may be a dialect pronunciation of *Fennell*.

**Early bearers:** John Funnell, 1553 in Sussex Wills (Westham, Sussex); Also Funnell, 1561 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex); John Funnell, 1584 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Addam Funnell, 1651 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

References: Surnames of Sussex, p. 190.

2 English: in E Anglia it is more likely a variant of **Furnell**.

**Early bearers:** Katherina Funnell, 1558 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); George Funnell, 1578 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk).

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Funnell**.

## Funston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Foulston** (compare **Fulston**) with assimilation of *l-n* to *n-n*.

**Further information:** This name is quite common in Ireland (Fermanagh, Derry, Donegal, Tyrone), but seems to have been brought from N England in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Richardus Funston, 1552 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Richardus Funston, 1638 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk); Charles Funstan, 1733 in *IGI* (Gaddesby, Leics); John Funston, 1752 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

Ireland: Wm. Funston, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Termonamongan, Tyrone); Thomas Funston, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Termonamongan, Tyrone); Michael Funston, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Urney, Tyrone); Paul Funston, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Templecarn, Donegal).

## Furbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cambs and Suffolk

English: see **Firbank**.

## Furber

Variants: **Forber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1012, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 765
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Shrops, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: relationship name from Middle English *furlbour* ‘furbisher of armour or weapons’ (Old French *forbeor*, *fourbeor*, *furbeor*). Compare **Frobisher**.

**Early bearers:** Elfwin Furbor, 1180 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Roger le Furbur, 1199 in Pipe Rolls (London); Richard le Fourbour, 1306 in Fransson (Staffs); Adam le Forbour, 1333, Richard Forbour (also appearing as Richard Forbysschour), 1359–60 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Johannes le Fourbur, 1377 in Poll Tax (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Furbour’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Carlisle, Cumb); Adam Furbur’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Forbor, 1377, Walterus le Fourbour’, 1381 in Poll Tax (Worcester, Worcs); Adam le Fourbour, 1379 in Poll Tax (Liverpool, Lancs); Johannes Furbour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Boston, Lincs); Ricardo le Fourbour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Johanne Forbour, 1381 in Poll Tax (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Fourbour, 1404 in Feet of Fines (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edmund Furber, 1539 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Hughe Furber, 1591 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Tho. Forber, 1595 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

**References:** Fransson, p. 151.

### Furbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Worcs; Somerset

English: see **Firby**.

### Furbisher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Frobisher**.

### Furby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Yorks
- English: see **Firby**.

### Furey

**Variants:** Fury, Feury, Furrey, Fuery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 673
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Galway, Roscommon, and Sligo

Irish: from Ó Fiúra, earlier Ó Fiodhabhra ‘descendant of (the man with) bushy eyebrows’, from *fiodh* ‘wood’ + (*fabhra* ‘eyebrow’).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Wm. O’Fury, 1581 in Fiants Elizabeth §3822 (Derynora); Brian O’Fuery, 1593 in Fiants Elizabeth §5815 (Balliconell, Sligo); Connor O’Fury, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6266 (Clare, Roscommon); Tho. O’Fury, 1598 in Fiants Elizabeth §6266 (Athlege, Roscommon); Cnogher oge O’Fiorie, 1600 in Fiants Elizabeth §6468; Neale O’Fury, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6512; Patrick Furey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilcroan, Galway); Michael Furrey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Creeve, Roscommon); Edmond Fury, 1796 in Flaxgrowers

Ireland (Moypow, Longford); William Furrey, 1796 in Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Down).

England: Willms Fuery, 1610 in Parish Registers (Kings Walden, Herts); Patrick Fuery, 1733 in Parish Registers (Saint John the Baptist, Chester, Cheshire); Peter Fuery, 1734 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Michael Furey, 1766 in Parish Registers (Saint George, Hanover Square, Westminster, Middx); Francis Fuery, tailor, born in Ireland, in Census 1841 (Liverpool, Lancs); John Furey, born in Dublin, in Census 1851 (Bury, Lancs). Scotland: John Furey, born in Ireland, in Census 1841, Scotland (Paisley, Renfrews); Agnes Fury, born in Ireland, in Census 1851 (Greenock, Renfrews); Mary Feury, born in Ireland, in Census 1871 (Falkirk, Stirlings).

### Furguson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs; Staffs

Scottish: see **Ferguson**.

### Furley

**Variants:** Forley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- 1 English: locative name from Furley in Membury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Furlagh, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Richard Furlagh’, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Membury, Devon); Matthew Furley, 1775 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, p. 645.

2 English: the south-eastern cluster is unexplained. It may be a variant of **Farley**.

**Early bearers:** Ales Furley, 1575 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Abraham Furley, 1714 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Furlong

**Variants:** Forlong, Furlonge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2681, Ireland 2114
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1035
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from Middle English *furlang*, *furlong* ‘furlong’ (Old English *furlang*), the most common sense of which was ‘a division of land in an unenclosed arable field’, though it could also denote ‘a race course’, particularly for foot races. The surname is now common in Ireland, where it was established in Wexford in the 13th century.

**Further information:** Reaney’s dismissal of the sense ‘dweller by a furlong’ is unconvincing. His suggestion that the surname ‘may have been used of a runner famous for his exploits ‘in the forlong’ is highly speculative, but compare **Furlonger** (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Furlang, 1242 in Book of Fees (Devon); John de Forhlangh, 1250 in Book of Fees (Suffolk); Richard de Furlang, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Lancs); John Forlong, 1316 in Oseney Cartulary (Oxon); Johe atte Forlange, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Withyham, Sussex); Thomas Furlang’, 1377 in Poll Tax (Teigngrace, Devon); Johannes Furlong’, 1379 in Poll Tax (Broughton, Hants); Roberto Furlonge, 1379

in Poll Tax (Frisby on the Wreak, Leics); Richard Furlong, 1621 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Christian Furlong, 1623 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Maria Furlong, 1730 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Michael Furlong, 1774 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs). Ireland: Eliz. Furlong, 1737 in *IGI* (Dublin); Martha Furlong, 1783 in *IGI* (Castletownroche, Cork).

### Furlonge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Furlong**.

### Furlonger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *\*furlonger*, *\*furlanger* ‘dweller by the furlong’ (see **Furlong**). It was used as an alternative to the synonymous Middle English *atte Furlong* and belongs to a type of name particularly common in Surrey and Sussex in which *-er* was added to a topographical term.

**Early bearers:** John Furlonger, 1560 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Rich Furlonger, 1563 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Robt Furlonger, 1609 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey).

2 English: nickname for a competitive runner, from a derivative of Middle English *furlang*, *furlong* ‘foot race’ + *-er*. This may explain the first example below but there is no evidence for its survival as a modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Furlanger, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hanging Grimston, ER Yorks); John Furlonger, 1618 in *IGI* (Farlington, Hants); John Furlonger, 1625 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Robert Furlonger, 1627 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

**References:** Surnames of Sussex, p. 164.

### Furrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Cheshire
- English: variant of **Farlow**.

### Furmage

**Variants:** Firmage, Furmedge, Furmidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname from Old French *fourmage* ‘cheese’. Compare **Furminger**.

**Early bearers:** Herbert furmage, 1160 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Luke Formage, 1280 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); Radulfus Formage, 1377 in Poll Tax (Calne, Wilts); Philippus Formage, 1379 in Poll Tax (Salisbury, Wilts); Matthew Furmage, 1498 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk); Henry Firmage, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Thomas Furmage, 1540 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Patrick Firmage, 1592 in *IGI* (Eriswell, Suffolk); Tho. Firmage, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Furmage, 1622 in *IGI* (Woolthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); John Furmage, 1668, John Firmage, 1711 in *IGI* (Enford, Wilts); William Furmage, 1672 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Henry Formage, 1697 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Prudence Furmidge, 1698 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Thomas Furmidge, 1753 in *IGI* (Redmile,

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Leics); Joseph Furmedge, 1781 in *IGI* (Church Knowle, Dorset).

### Furman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *furman* 'carter, drayman'.  
**Early bearers:** Moses Furman, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Barnett Furman, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Solomon Firman, born in Russia, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).
- 2 English: see **Firmin**.

### Furmedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Furmage**.

### Furmenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Furminger**.

### Furmidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Furmage**.

### Furminger

**Variants:** **Furmenger, Firminger, Ferminger, Firmager, Farminer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: occupational name from Old French *fromagier, formagier* 'maker or seller of cheese'. For the intrusive *-n-*, compare **Messenger**. See also **Furmage**.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Furmagier, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Kent); William le Furmager, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Richard le Fruemonger, 1322 in Patent Rolls; William le Furmager, 1374 in Patent Rolls (London); John Furmonger, 1490–1508 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 49 (Kent); David Formyger, 1512 in PROB 11 (Bapchild, Kent); Mary Fyrmenger, 1573 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Jaenne Fyrmynger, 1574 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); George Furminger, 1576 in *IGI* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); Andrewe Firminger, 1578 in PROB 11 (Tonbridge, Kent); Elisabeth Farminger, 1622 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

### Furmston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops
- English: see **Formstone**.

### Furnace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Cumb; Cambs

English: (i) usually a variant of **Furness**. (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Furneaux**.

**Early bearers:** Franine Furnace, 1559 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk); Thomas Furnace, 1560 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Annis Furnace, 1572 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Willm. Furnace, 1574 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); George Furnace, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Thomas Furnace, 1594 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Franncis Furnace, 1595 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robti Furnace, 1600 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Henry Furnace, 1625 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham).

### Furnass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Furness**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Furnass, 1623 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Jno. Furnass, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London); Thomas Furnass, 1717 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs); John Furnass, 1721 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm).

### Furneaux

**Variants:** **Furnace, Furness, Furnish, Furniss, Farnish, Varnish, Furnell, Furney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: locative name from either of two places in Normandy called Fourneaux '(the) furnaces', one in Manche, the other in Calvados. The surname can also appear in the singular form *Furnel*. It may sometimes have been confused with **Furness**; the two names have variants in common.

**Further information:** Odo *de Furnelt*, who held Cudworth in Somerset in 1086, probably came from Fourneaux in Manche, and was the ancestor of the Devon family. The place-name Furneux Pelham (Herts), named from Richard *de Furneals* (12th century), occurs as Pelham *Furnelle*, 1240, *Forneys*, 1291, *Furneus*, 1293, *Furnysshe*, 1541, and *Furnish*, 1700 in Place-Names of Herts.

**Early bearers:** Anketillus de Furnels, 1086 in Cambs Inquisition (Cambs); Odo de Furnelt, 1086 in Domesday Book (Somerset); Alan de Furnell', 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Oxon); Richard de Furnell', 1206 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Henry de Furnaus, de Furnell', de Fornell', de Furnellis, 1210–12 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex and Somerset); Simon de Furneaus, de Furnellis, 1220, 1235 in Book of Fees (Herts); John de Furneals, 1238 in Book of Fees (Devon); Johanne de Furnaux, 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Robertus Furnex, 1379 in Poll Tax (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanne Fourneys, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Matthew Furneaux, 1560, John Furnace, 1590, Christopher Furneix, 1600, William Furneux, 1622 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Syble Furney, 1604 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs).

**References:** Place-Names of Herts, p. 184; Domesday People, p. 308; Domesday Descendants, pp. 469–70.

### Furnell

- Variants:** **Funnell, Fournel, Fernell, Final**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 987, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: (i) variant of **Furneaux**. (ii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Farnell**.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Furnell, 1600 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Margery Furnell, 1604 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Hennere Furnell, 1611 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); Androwe Furnell, 1616 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Maria Furnell, 1618, John Furnell, 1703 in *IGI* (Wylye, Wilts); Wm. Furnal, 1705, Charles Furnell, 1721 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks).

### Furner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: occupational name from Middle English *furner, founner* 'baker, person in charge of a bake-house or oven' (Old French *formier, furnier* 'baker'). Compare **Fournier**.

**Early bearers:** William le Furner, 1208, Simon Furner, 1212 in Curia Regis Rolls (Yorks); Martin le Forner, 1283 in London Letter Books A (London); Osbro le Furnere, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Chailey, Sussex); Springoldus le Furner, 1312 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Petrus Furner, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Fournier, Thoma Furnour, 1377 in Poll Tax (York); Johannes Fornor, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bath, Somerset); Willelmo Fournier, 1381 in Poll Tax (Oxford, Oxon); Ricardus Fornare, 1381 in Poll Tax (Bramley, Surrey); Robertus Forner, 1381 in Poll Tax (Gomshall, Surrey); Ricardus Furner, 1381 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Furnour, 1439 in Feet of Fines (Ospringe, Kent); Rychard Furner, 1540 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Walter Furner, 1570 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**References:** Fransson, p. 62.

### Furness

**Variants:** **Furniss, Furnass, Furnace, Furnish, Fourniss, Farnish, Varnish, Fourness**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3038, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from the district of Furness (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Furneis, 1171 in Pipe Rolls (Lancs); Anselm de Furnes, 1198 in Pipe Rolls (Westm); Rantulphus de Fornes, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Alan de Furneys, 1313 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fowrnays, 1379 in Poll Tax (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Willelmus Fournesse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Adam de Fourneys, 1381 in Poll Tax (York); Johannes Furnays, 1381 in Poll Tax (Hayton, ER Yorks); Willelmus Fornes, 1381 in Poll Tax (Eyam, Derbys); Alexander de Fornayse, 1381 in Poll Tax (Manchester, Lancs); John Fornace, 1505 in York Freeman's Register; Willim. Furness, 1605 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Robert Furness, 1647 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Thomas Furnice, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Menston, WR Yorks); Thos. Furness, 1775 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Lancs Place-Names, pp. 200–1.

2 Norman, English: occasionally it may be a variant of **Furneaux**. The two names were sometimes confused.

### Furney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Monmouths; Warwicks
- Norman, English: variant of **Furneauux**.

### Furnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Lincs; also Norfolk

English: (i) usually a variant of **Furness**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Furneauux**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Furnish, 1606 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Norfolk); John Furnish, 1655 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Willyam Furnish, 1663 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Josias Furnish, 1672 in Hearth Tax (Haworth, WR Yorks); Marci Furnish, 1687 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Furniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2009, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1326
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: (i) see **Furness**. (ii) see **Furneauux**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Furniss, 1572 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Robt. Furniss, 1603 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); James Furniss, 1661 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks).

### Furnival

Variants: **Furnivall**, **Furnivale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

Norman: locative name from Fourneville (Calvados), Fournival in Saint-Just-en-Chaussée (Oise), or Fournival in Saint-Julien-sur-Sarthe (Orne).

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Furniualla, 1171–84 in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Aline de Furniuall', 1328, William Furneuall', clerk, 1451 in Feet of Fines (Lincs); Johanna Furnyuall', 1379 in Poll Tax (Whiston, WR Yorks); William de Furnyuall', 1379 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Richard Furnyuall', 1414 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Roberte Furnifall, 1583 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Catherine Furnival, 1603 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Elizabetha Furnivale, 1604 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Thomas Furnivall, 1606, John Furnifall, 1615 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Josephi Furnivall, 1683 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

### Furnivale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman: see **Furnival**.

### Furnivall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman: see **Furnival**.

### Furphy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Foirbhithe 'descendant of *Foirbthe*', meaning 'complete, perfect, old'.

**Early bearers:** Donaghy O'Furrphy, 1664 in Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland (Drumneacarne, Armagh).  
**References:** Mac Lysaght, E. (1973) *The surnames of Ireland*, p. 116.

### Furr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: nickname from Middle English *furre* 'fur, a fur lining for a garment, a coat made of or trimmed with fur', perhaps a nickname for a wearer, maker, or seller of such items.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Furre, 1193 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs); Robert Furre, 1202 in Pipe Rolls (Essex); Radulfo Furre, 1224 in Patent Rolls (Staffs); Robertum Furre, 1229 in Patent Rolls (Herefs); Stephen Furr, 1612 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Roger Fur, 1612 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Robert Furr, 1617 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Roberti Furr, 1622 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Beniamine Furr, 1624 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); James Furr, 1764, Thomas Fur, 1767 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts).

### Furrell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *forel*, *furel* 'sheath, case' (Old French *forrel*, *fourel*), perhaps a nickname for a user, maker, or seller of these.

**Early bearers:** Gerard and Roger Furel, 1227 in Patent Rolls (Norwich, Norfolk); Peter Furel, 1247 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); John Forel, 1323 in Patent Rolls (Brackley, Northants); Willelmus Forrel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Wiveton, Norfolk); Willelmo Forel, 1379 in Poll Tax (Winsley, Wilts); David Vurrell, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Nicholas Furrell, 1578 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); John Furrell, 1615 in *IGI* (Thursley, Surrey); Thomas Furrell, 1631 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Margaret Furrell, 1662 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

### Furrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Fiúra, see **Furey**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is now extinct in Ireland and Britain, but thriving in the USA.

### Fursdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Fursdon in Staverton, Fursdon in Bratton Clovelly, or Fursdon in Cadbury (all Devon). Some of the post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Fursdon, 1228, William de Fursdon, 1281, [. . . de] Fursdone, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Walter de Fursdon, 1279 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Fursdon [in Cadbury], Devon); Richard de Fursdone, 1336 in Patent Rolls (Devon); John de Fursdon, John Fursdon, 1424 in Patent Rolls (Cornwall); John Fursdon, 1577 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); George Fursdon, 1598 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); John Fursdon, 1599 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Fursdon, 1617 in *IGI*

(Totnes, Devon); George Fursdon, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 176, 521, 559.

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Fursdon in Holbeton, Furzedown in Malborough, Fursdon in Sherford, or Fursdon in Lustleigh (all Devon), which derive from Middle English *fursen* (the weak plural form of *furs* 'furze'). All four place-names have developed a medial *-d-*, and the surname(s) may well have done likewise.

**Early bearers:** John de la Fursen, 1318 in Patent Rolls (Devon); William atte Forsen, 1330, Richard atte Fursen, 1352, [. . .] atte Forssene, 1394 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); John Forson', 1393, John Fursen, 1409 in Feet of Fines (Devon); John Fursson, 1609 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon); Thomas Fursson, 1629 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Fursen, 1678 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); John Fursen, 1792 in *IGI* (Burrington, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 278, 308, 329–30, 481.

### Furse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Furze**.

### Furseman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Fursman**.

### Fursey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Warwicks; Monmouths; Sussex

English: see **Forsey**.

### Fursier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Furzer**.

### Fursland

Variants: **Furzland**, **Furzeland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Fursland Farm in Moorlinch (Somerset), Furzeland in Sandford or Furzeland in Bridford (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] la Furslaund, 1244, John de Furslonde, 1330 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Eliz. Fursland, 1628 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); John Fursland, 1670 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Phillip Furzland, 1753 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Thomas Furseland, 1778, Mary Furzeland, 1786 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** Place-Names of Devon, pp. 412–13, 424.

### Fursman

Variants: **Furseman**, **Furzeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name, locative name from Middle English *furs*, *firs* 'furze, furze-covered land'

## Furtado

(Old English *fȳrs*) + *man* ‘man’. The significance is uncertain but, as with **Bridgeman** and other such compounds, it is presumably either an occupational name (compare **Furzer**) or locative (compare **Furze**). **Early bearers**: John Furseman, 1520 in Dorset History Centre (Arne, Dorset); Richi Fursman, 1552 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); William Fursman, 1554 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); John Fursman, 1562 in PROB 11 (Kingswear, Devon); John Furseman, 1600 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Wilmot Furzman, 1600, Katherin Furzeman, 1625 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

### Furtado

- **Current frequencies**: GB 191, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881**: 8
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx

Portuguese: from *furtado* ‘illegitimate’.

**Further information**: This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers**: George Furtado, 1789 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Furtado, born in Devon, in Census 1871 (Somerset); Charles Furtado, born in England, in Census 1851 (Middx); John Furtado, born in Kennington, Surrey, in Census 1881 (Acton, Middx); Minguel Furtado, born in India, in Census 1901 (Hants).

### Fury

- **Current frequencies**: GB 523, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881**: 269
- **Main GB location 1881**: scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Galway, Roscommon, and Sligo; Donegal

Irish: from Ó Fiúra, see **Furey**.

### Furze

**Variants**: **Furse**, **Forse**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 603, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 631
  - **Main GB location 1881**: SW England: esp. Devon
- English: locative name from Middle English *furs*, *firs* ‘furze, furze-covered land’ (Old English *fȳrs*). Compare **Furzeman**.

**Early bearers**: John de la Fursa, 1168 in Pipe Rolls (Devon); William indefurse, 1189 in Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition; John atte Furse, Sibel atte Ferse, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Richard de Firse, 1348 in Patent Rolls (Cornwall); Ricardus atte Firse, 1379 in Poll Tax (Ringwood hundred, Hants); Richard atte Ferse, 1429 in Feet of Fines (Hants); John Furse, 1542 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Blanneh Furse, 1545 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); John Furze, 1589 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Ede Furse, 1594 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Katharine Furze, 1664 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); Edward Furze, 1672 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Furzeland

- **Current frequencies**: GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 20
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Devon
- English: see **Fursland**.

### Furzeman

- **Current frequencies**: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 24
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Devon
- English: see **Fursman**.

### Furzer

**Variants**: **Fursier**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 84
- **Main GB location 1881**: Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *furs*, *firs* ‘furze’ (Old English *fȳrs*) + *heuere* ‘hewer, cutter’ (compare **Hewer**).

**Early bearers**: Daniel Furshever, 1560, Ann Fourshere, 1692 in Parish Registers (Hartland, Devon); Agnes Fursheer, 1574, Richard Furshever, 1590, Jasper Furshier, 1687, John Fursher, 1719, Richard Fursier, 1725, Rebecca Furzier, 1796 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Anne Furser, 1629, John Furzer, 1774 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon); Daniel Fursyer, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon); John Furser, 1666 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Charles Furzer, 1690 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Sarah Furser, 1734, Robert Furzer, 1786 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Richard Fursier, 1750 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall).

### Furzey

- **Current frequencies**: GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 50
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon and Dorset; London

English: see **Forsey**.

### Furzland

- **Current frequencies**: GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 36
- **Main GB location 1881**: Cornwall, Somerset, and Devon

English: see **Fursland**.

### Fusco

- **Current frequencies**: GB 421, Ireland 189
- **GB frequency 1881**: 6

Italian: Italian: nickname for someone with dark hair or a swarthy complexion, from Italian *fuscus* ‘dark’ (Latin *fuscus*); in some cases it may be from a medieval personal name derived from the Roman family name *Fuscus*, originally of the same meaning.

### Fussel

- **GB frequency 1881**: 18
- **Main GB location 1881**: scattered

English: see **Fussell**.

### Fussell

**Variants**: **Fussel**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 755, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 559
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Gloucs and Somerset
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *fusil* ‘a fusil, a heraldic bearing originally representing a spindle’ (Old French *fusil* ‘a spindle’), or perhaps from a Middle English *\*fusil* ‘a casting, a fire-steel for a tinderbox’ (Old French *fusil*, *fuisil*).
- Early bearers**: Walter Fusil, 1260 in Assize Rolls (Cambs); John Fusel, 1376 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Notts); Anne Fussell, 1584 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Thomas Fussell, 1592 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henery Fussell, 1629 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); John Fussell, 1641 in Protestation Returns (Devon); William Fussell, 1686 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from Furzehill in Lynton or Furze Hill in Sidbury (both Devon).

**Early bearers**: [ . . . de] Forshill, 1244 in Place-Names of Devon (Devon); Richard de Furshelle, David de Furshille, 1297 in Earldom of Cornwall Accounts; Mary Fussell, 1633 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Henry Fussell, 1635 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex).

**References**: Place-Names of Devon, pp. 65, 597.

3 English: locative name from Forest Hill (Oxon), Furzehill Farm in Potterne (Wilts), or Fossil Farm (Dorset).

**Early bearers**: Thomas Forsthull<sup>1</sup>, 1393 in Feet of Fines (Oxford, Oxon).

**References**: Place-Names of Oxon, pp. 171–2; Place-Names of Wilts, p. 245.

### Fussey

- **Current frequencies**: GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 208
- **Main GB location 1881**: ER Yorks and Lincs

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers**: Johannes Fossey, Rogerus Fossey, 1377 in Poll Tax (Oakham, Rutland); Tho. Fussey, 1619 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); William Fussey, 1674 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); William Fussey, 1720 in *IGI* (Easington near Patrington, ER Yorks).

2 English: see **Forsey**.

### Fuster

- **Current frequencies**: GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 1

• **Main GB location 1881**: Durham

1 Spanish (Catalan): occupational name from *fuster* ‘carpenter’.

2 German, Jewish: see **Forster** (3).

3 English: see **Fewster**.

### Futcher

- **Current frequencies**: GB 603, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 353
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Hants and Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Fulcher**.

### Futer

- **Current frequencies**: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 49
  - **Main GB location 1881**: London; Lincs; Durham
- English: see **Futter**.

### Futerill

- **Current frequencies**: GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 11
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Worcs
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

### Futers

- **Current frequencies**: GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 72
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Futter** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers**: John Feuters, 1770, Stephen Futers, 1772 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); Elizabeth Futers, 1803 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham).

### Futrall

- **GB frequency 1881**: 6
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Warwicks
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

**Futrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

**Futrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Shrops; Notts
- English: see **Fewtrell**.

**Futter**

Variants: **Futer**, **Futers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: occupational name perhaps from Middle English *feuterer* 'master of hounds' or *feutrer* 'feltmaker', in either case with dissimilatory loss of -r-.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Veutrer, 1266 in Patent Rolls; William Futter, 1567 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); John Futter, 1590 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Eliz. Futer, 1749 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Futty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Footitt**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Futty, 1781 in *IGI* (Hollym cum Withernsea, ER Yorks).

**Fuzzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; London

English: see **Forsey**.

**Fyall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Fyall in Fife.

**Early bearers:** Isbel Fyel, 1579, Alexander Fyall, 1712 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Kathren Fyell, excommunicate, 1633 in Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book (Dysart, Fife); Alexander Fyell, 1661, Margaret Fyal, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); James Phyal, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Monance, Fife); James Fial, 1755 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife).

**Fyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Fairs**.

**Fyfe**

Variants: **Fyffe**, **Fife**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3007, Ireland 155

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2723
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Angus and Aberdeens; Clackmannans
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Scottish: locative name from the province of Fife. **Early bearers:** Ele de Fyfe, 1296 in Scotland Calendar (Fife); John de Fyff, burgess of Aberdeen, 1436 in Aberdeen Register; Patrick of Fyffe, 1454 in Scotland Calendar; John Fyffe, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Hendrie Fyfe, 1610 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife).

**Fyffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 96
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 581
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Fermanagh
- Scottish: see **Fyfe**.

**Fyfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon; Lancs
- English: see **Fifield**.

**Fyldes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Fildes**.

**Fyler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Filer**.

**Fyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Fildes**.

**Fynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Lincs; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: see **Fines**.

**Further information:** In Ireland this could be the Norman English name *Finnis*, where it was Gaelicized as **Faghan**. It is preserved in the name of *Fyanstown* (*Baile an Fhianaigh*), Meath.

**Fynmore**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants; Berks
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

**Fynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Gloucs; Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English, Scottish, Irish: see **Finn**.

**Fysh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Fish**.

**Fyshe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Fife
- English: see **Fish**.

**Fyson**

Variants: **Fison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, and Suffolk; also Norfolk

English: unexplained. Apparently from the same French place-name seen in the surname of Vidaw *de Fisson*, late king's serjeant at arms in Aquitaine, 1438 in Patent Rolls, but no such place has been found in English-ruled territory.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Fyssoná, 1377 in Poll Tax (Wicken, Cambs); Robert Fyson, 1488 in Cambridge King's College Archive (Milton, Cambs); Reynald Fyson or Fisson, 1558 in PROB 11 (Kentford, Suffolk); James Fisson, 1560 in PROB 11 (Gateley, Norfolk); James Fison, 1562 in PROB 11 (Norwich, Norfolk); Aldery Fyson, 1568, Henrye Fisone, 1580, William Fison, 1602 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Elizabeth Fysson, 1590 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edwardi Fyson, 1620 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

**Fytche**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Fitch**.

**Fyvie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122

- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland

Scottish: locative name from Fyvie (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Fyuin, 1266 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland (Fyvie, Aberdeens); David de Fiuy, 1340 in Exchequer Rolls of Scotland; David Fywe, 1475 in Midlothian Charters; John of Fife, 1446 in Aberdeen Register (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Fyve, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Elspet Fyvie, 1660 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margt. Fivie, 1721 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

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## Gabb

Variants: **Gabe**, **Gabbe**, **Gabbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Midlands and S Wales; esp. Gloucs; London

English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Gabriel**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *gab*(*be*) ‘falsehood, deceit, gossip’. Compare William le Gabber, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Stephen le Gabber, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Walter Gabbe, 1275, Thomas Gabbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Gabbe, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Brockworth, Gloucs); John Gabb, 1560, Rychard Gabbe, 1592 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Richard Gabe, 1577 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Edith Gabbe, 1607, Moris Gab, 1615 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Richard Gabbs, 1792 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

## Gabbay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish: from Aramaic *gabbai* ‘synagogue warden’, ‘beadle’. Compare **Shamash**.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Gabay, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Gabbe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Gabb**.

## Gabbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Clare English, Irish: see **Gabbott**.
- Early bearers:** England Marye Gabbett, 1599 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Elizabeth Gabbett, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gabbett, 1768 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Virtue Gabbett, 1802 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Gabbidon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Afro-Caribbean: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Josh. Gabbidon, born in Sierra Leone, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

## Gabbitas

Variants: **Gabbitass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**gabitous* ‘full of jokes, tricks, lies, or mockery’, or else ‘boastful’, based on Old French *gabet* ‘ruse, guile, trickery’ + the Old French

adjectival suffix *-(o)us*. Compare Old French *gaber* ‘to joke, pretend, boast’, also ‘to make fun of, scorn, deceive’, and Middle English *gabbe* ‘lie, trick, deceit, idle talk’.

**Further information:** The medieval copyist of the 1327 Subsidy Roll has mistaken the final *-us* as the Latin nominative case ending and corrected it to the grammatically appropriate dative ending *-o*.

**Early bearers:** Will’o Gabito, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Darlton, Notts); William Gabitus of Darlton, 1329–30, John Gabitus of Derleton, 1377 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannis Gabatus de Derlton, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Darlton, Notts); John Gabitus, 1530 in *York Registry Wills* (East Drayton, Notts); Elizabeth Gabbatus, 1586 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Augustine Gabbytus, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Gabbitas, 1596, Elizabeth Gabbitas, 1790 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Marie Gabbatus, 1617 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Gaybetus, 1652 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks).

## Gabbitass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Gabbitas**.

## Gabbott

Variants: **Gabbutt**, **Gabbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: relationship name from the medieval personal names *Gabbet* or *Gabbot*, diminutives of the personal name **Gabb**.

**Early bearers:** Garin Gabot, about 1198 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Walterus Gabot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brompton Ralph, Somerset); Robert Gabbat, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Marye Gabbett, 1599 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Robert Gabett or Gabbett, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Broad Blunsdon, Wilts); Benjamin Gabbet, 1658, William Gabbutt, 1708 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Alice Gabbatt, 1804 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

## Gabbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Gabb** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Gabbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Gabbott**.

## Gabby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gaby**.

## Gabe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Gabb**.

## Gabell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gable**.

## Gable

Variants: **Gabell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and SE England
- English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gabel*, a variant of *gavel* ‘manorial or customary rent’ (Old English *gafol*, Medieval Latin *gabulum*), denoting someone with land or a tenement that owed such dues.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gabell’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); William Gabell of Craft, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Croft, Leics); William Gabel, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Gabel, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Thomas Gable, 1560 in *IGI* (Welwyn, Herts); Stephen Gabell, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Arthur Gable, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Burwash, Sussex).

## Gabler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name from Old French *gabelier* ‘tax collector’ or Old French *gableur* ‘usurer’. **Early bearers:** Goda Gabblere, 1193–1212 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Reginald le Gabler, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants).

## Gabriel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2374, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the personal name *Gabriel*, English form of the Biblical name meaning ‘man of God’ in Hebrew.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gabriel filius Reginaldi, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Gabriele Spyg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gabriel de Camilla, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts).  
surnames: Roger Gabryel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Gabryel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Gabryell’, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Wyllyam Gabryell, 1548 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Wm Gabriell, 1565 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Margaret Gabriel, 1581 in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); George Gabriel, 1695 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Rich’d Gabriele, 1732 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent).



**Gabriele**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Italian: relationship name from personal name *Gabriele*, Italian form of the Biblical name meaning 'man of God' in Hebrew.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Gabriele, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Llanfangel y Croyddn, Cardigans); Benedict Gabriele, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Domenico Gabriele, born in Sora, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Pascuale and Angelo Gabriele, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Newarks, Notts); Benedetto Gabriele, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Gaby**

**Variants:** Gabby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: nickname from Middle English *gaby* 'simpleton, fool'.

**Early bearers:** John Gaby, 1275, William Gabby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardo Gaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Cottingwith with Thorganby, ER Yorks); Robert Gaby, 1502 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willm Gabye, 1566 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Ralph Gabey, 1698 in *IGI* (Welney, Norfolk); John Gabby, 1777 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

**Gache**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, English: see **Gash**.

**Gad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Gadd**.

**Gadbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Bucks, and Herts

English: locative name from Cadborough alias Gateborough in Rye (Sussex), recorded as *Gattebergh* in 1279 and *Gadebergh* in 1296.

**Early bearers:** Petronilla de Gadebergh, 1296, William de Gatebergh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Gadbery, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Edmund Gadbury, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Saint Alphy, London); Richard Gadbury, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephens, Herts); Thomas Gadbury, 1715 in *IGI* (Taplow, Bucks); Edmond Gadberry, 1754 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks).

**Gadd**

**Variants:** Gad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2539, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1994
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Sussex; Lancs; Somerset

Breton, English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Old French *gade* 'goat'; the animal was renowned for lascivious behaviour. The word is not recorded

independently in Middle English. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gadde* (Old Scandinavian *gaddr*) 'a sharp-pointed metal spike, a goad'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Gad, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Josep le Gad de Hastings, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Hastings, Sussex); Lucy la Gadde, 1277 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Wilts); John le Gade, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robert Gad, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes le Gaad, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Urchfont, Wilts); Simon Gad, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Lawrence Gadde, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Richard Gadde, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Shoreditch, Middx); Robert Gad, 1547 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

**Gaddes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham; London

Scottish: see **Geddes**.

**Gaddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Midlothian; Pembrokes

Scottish: see **Geddie**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gaddis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Geddes**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gaddy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish: see **Geddie**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gaden**

**Variants:** Gadenne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs

Huguenot: unexplained. It appears to be primarily a French name associated with Huguenot refugees, but it is not listed in *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Early bearers:** Martha Gadden, 1596 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Marie Gaden, 1680 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Gaden, 1739 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Marie Gadenne, 1770, Jean Andre Gadenne, 1779, Francoise Gadenne, 1781, Pierre Gadenne, 1784 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Anne Gadenne, 1776, Francois Alexis Joseph Gadenne, 1779, Marie Gadenne, 1789 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); John Gadden, 1790 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Gadenne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: see **Gaden**.

**Gadher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana?), unexplained.

**Gadhia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

**Gadhvi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput) and Muslim, unexplained.

**Gadsby**

**Variants:** Gatsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1716, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys and Leics

English: locative name from Gaddesby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Gaddesby, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Newbold, Leics); William de Gadesby, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roberto de Gaddesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Willelmo Gaddusby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dalby, Leics); John Gaddesby, 1494 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Fraunces Gatesbye, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Hardmead, Bucks); Catherine Gadesbye, 1593 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Gadesby, 1598 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); John Gatesby, 1758 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs); Ann Gatsby, 1799 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

**Gadsden**

**Variants:** Gadsdon, Gadston, Gadson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Great or Little Gaddesden (Herts), recorded as *Gatesdene* in 1086 *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Adulf de Gatesdene, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds/Bucks); William de Gadsden, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de Gadsden, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); John de Gadsden, 1255–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John de Gadesdene, 1325 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William Gadsden, 1571 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Barnaby Gaddesden, 1563 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Edward Gadisdon, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph near Aldersgate, London); Henry Gadsdon, 1608, John Gadesden, 1710 in *IGI* (Ravenstone, Bucks); Richard Gadsdon, 1635 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Elizabeth Gadston, 1826 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Gadsdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gadsden**.

**Gadson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Northumb

## Gadston

English: variant of **Gadsden**, assimilated by folk etymology to the common patronymic ending *-son*. **Early bearers:** Margaret Gadson, 1564 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Alice Gadsonne, 1609 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); John Gadsonne, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Richard Gadson, 1725 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Thomas Gadson, 1737 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks).

### Gadston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gadsden**.

### Gaff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey; Lanarks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *gaffe* ‘iron hook’, presumably denoting a maker of these; compare Willelmus Gafer’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grewelthorpe, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** England: Robert Gaffe, 1253 in *Patent Rolls*; William Gaff, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Geffe, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Tenterden, Kent); Robert Gaffe, 1590 in *IGI* (Warlberton, Sussex); George Gaffe, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Henry Gaffe, 1659, Edward Gaff, 1683 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Gaff, 1712 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks). Scotland: Thomas Gaff, 1634, and John Gaffe, 1674 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Margrat Gaf, 1636, and Issobell Gaff, 1686 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).
- 2 Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McGough**.

### Gaffar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Ghaffar**.

### Gaffey

Variants: **McGaughey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 302
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Galway, and Westmeath

Irish: (i) from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McCaughy**. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, from **Mac Gáibhthigh** ‘son of the fierce one’, from a personal name based on *gáibhtheach* ‘fierce, eager’.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Gaffey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Elphin, Roscommon); Michael Gaffy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killian, Galway).

### Gaffikin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mag Eachagáin**, see **Gavigan**. For the *f*, compare **McGaffin**.

### Gaffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; ER Yorks; Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**; see **McGahan**.

### Gaffney

Variants: **Gafney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3447, Ireland 2506
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1014
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Roscommon and Leitrim
- 1 Irish: from **Ó Gamhna** ‘descendant of *Gamhain*’, a byname meaning ‘calf’. On occasion the English surname **Caulfield** was adopted in Ireland as a supposed equivalent.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Christopher Gaffney, clerk, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §322; Patrick O’Gawney, chaplain, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §111 (Corckhenny, Tipperary); Morish O’Gawney, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5478; Christopher Gaffney, prebendary of Typper and rector of Castelrycarde and Sleyty, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §608; Wm. McDonogh I Gawna, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Moallo); Deirmod mcTeige ny Gawny, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6704 (Penbrockstoune); Margaret Gaffney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymachugh, Cavan); James Gaffney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilglass, Roscommon).

England: Patrick Gafney, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); James Gaffney, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Patrick Gafny, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

2 Irish: alternatively from **Mag Fhachtna** ‘son of *Fachtna*’, usually anglicized as *Gaffney* in Longford.  
**Early bearers:** Patrick Gaffney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford); Bartholomew Gaffney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford).

### Gafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- 1 Norman, English: see **Gifford**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Giffard**.

### Gafney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Sligo
- Irish: see **Gaffney**.

### Gagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Angus
- Irish: possibly from **Mag Eochagáin** (see **Geoghegan**).

### Gage

Variants: **Gauge**, **Geach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2071, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1679
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London; Somerset and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gage*, *gauge* ‘fixed measure’ (Old French *gauge*), possibly given to a measurer or tester. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *gage*, *gauge* ‘pledge, ransom’. (iii) variant of **Geach**, but this name is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alice Gage, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robert Gauge, about 1315 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Andrea Gage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Siddington, Gloucs); Johannes Gauge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barnston, Essex); Richard Gage, 1444 in *PROB 11* (Saint Edmund Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Gage, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); Willm Gauge, 1607 in *IGI* (Wybairton, Lincs); Hannah Gauge, 1702 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

### Gagen

Variants: **Gagon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Gagan, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter Gagon, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Gagen, 1709 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Gagen, 1748 in *Parish Registers* (Devonport, Devon); James Gagen, 1770 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Gagan, 1774 in *IGI* (Mileham, Norfolk); Goddard Gagen, 1793 in *IGI* (West Lynn, Norfolk); John Gagon, 1794 in *Parish Registers* (Shadwell, Middx).

2 Irish: possibly from **Mag Eochagáin** (see **Geoghegan**).

### Gager

Variants: **Gaiger**, **Gauger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey

1 English: occupational name from Middle English, Old French *gauger* (Anglo-Norman French *gaugeour*) ‘one who measures or gauges’, specifically an exciseman who measured the depth of wine in barrels.

**Early bearers:** Andrebode Gangeor [*sic*], 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry le Gaugeor, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Laurence Gauger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William le Gaugeour, lately gauger of wines in the realm of England and the lands of Ireland and Wales, 1343 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Gager, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belchamp Saint Paul’s, Essex); Robert Gager, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Long Melford, Suffolk); Peter Gager, 1555 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Gager, 1681 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Joseph Gauger, 1715 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Thomas Gaiger, 1729, William Gaiger, 1808 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Wager**.

### Gagg

Variants: **Gegg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Notts and WR Yorks; also Gloucs

English: relationship name, apparently from a Middle English personal name *Gag(ge)*, from an unattested Old English \**Geagga*.

**Early bearers:** Alviva filia Gag, 1208 in *Pleas* (Kent, Norfolk); Eudo filius Gagge, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Ketel Gag, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs/Hunts); Richard Gag, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thom Gagge, 1269 in *MED* (Northumb); William Gagge of Essex, 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Gagge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); An Gagg, 1578 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); John Gagge, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Gagon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs
- Irish: see **Gagen**.

### Gahagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Irish: from Mag Eachagáin, see **Gavigan**.

### Gahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 979
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford, Kilkenny, and Carlow

1 Irish: from Mac Eacháin or Mag Eocháin, see **McGahan**.

2 Irish: from Ó Gaoithín ‘descendant of *Gaoithín*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *gaoth*, an adjective meaning ‘wise’ (probably the sense here), or a noun meaning ‘wind’. This name has been mistranslated as both *Wynne* and *Wyndham* in Connacht (see **Wynne**). It may also be a reduced anglicized form of the Ulster name **Mac Gaoithín**, see **McGeehan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donald O’Gehin mcRowry, serjeant, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2335 (Carrickilly, Waterford); Shane O’Gahan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4351 (Owles, Mayo); Connor O’Gighine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477; Wm. O’Gihine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Cork); Shane McDonnell Ighine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Owen Wyne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon); Thomas Wynne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Piercetown, Westmeath); Patrick Wynne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aughrim, Roscommon); Mark Wynne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo); Derby Guiheen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilquane, Kerry).

### Gahir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Gai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蓋 (**Kai** in Mandarin romanization, **Koi** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Gai* (蓋), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Qi during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (ii) adopted as the surname by the *Ge Lou* (蓋樓) family from

Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

### Gaiger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Gager**.

### Gailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Gales**.

### Gailey

**Variants:** **Gaily**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone
- 1 English: locative name from Gailey (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John de Gaylly of Corbie, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Corby, Northants); Henry Gayly, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Roger Gailey, 1589 in *IGI* (Hanley William, Worcs); Thomas Gayley, 1599 in *IGI* (Shelsley Walsh, Worcs); Roger Gayleye, 1602 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs); Richard Gayley, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; Richard Gaylie, 1667 in *IGI* (Little Hereford, Herefs).

2 Scottish Gaelic: see **Gallie**.

### Gaillard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman English, French: see **Gaylard**.

### Gaily

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Middx
- English: see **Gailey**.

### Gain

**Variants:** **Gaine, Gayne, Gaines, Gane, Engeham, Dingain, Ingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, Surrey, and Kent

1 Norman, English, Scottish: nickname from *Engaine*, which is based on Old French *engageine* ‘ingenuity, cunning, trickery’. Some post-medieval examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** England: William Ingania, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts); William Inganie, 1086 *Domesday Book* (Northants); Vitalis Engaine, Richard Ingaine, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ralph Engaigne, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Richard Ingan, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Gloucs); John le Gayne, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Ingayn, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Roger Hyngayn, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Alice Angayn, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Wylliam Gayne, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edward Engeham, 1602 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent).

Scotland: Elspeit Gain, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Gain, 1682 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Henry Gain, 1701 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); John Gain, 1720 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name from any of the various places named after the Engain family: Colne Engaine and Gaynes Park (Essex), d’Engaine’s Farm (Cambs), and Aston Ingham (Herefs).

**Further information:** *Engaine* was the surname of a powerful Norman family with lands in several counties. The original form of the surname has since died out, surviving as *Gain* and its variants. There has also been considerable confusion with **Ingham**.

**Early bearers:** William de Engain, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John en Gayne alias den Gayne, 1271 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); William Denganye, de Engann’, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Dengayn, knight, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Henry Gain, 1626 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Gain, 1630 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Gain, 1665 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Robert Gain, 1676 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Gain, 1678 in *IGI* (Good Easter, Essex).

3 French: nickname from a noun derivative of Old French *gaainier* ‘to obtain, gain, win’.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Francois Gain, 1719 in *IGI* (Rider Court Chapel, Saint Anne’s, Westminster, Middx); Jaques Gain, 1725 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jeanne Gain, 1731 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Samuel Gain, 1738 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Susan Gain, 1749 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Louis Gain, 1753 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Gainard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Gennard**.

### Gainé

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Gain**.

### Gainer

**Variants:** **Gayner, Gainor, Gaynor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *gaineier, gainere* ‘farmer’ (Anglo-Norman French *gain(o)ur, ga(a)igniere* ‘husbandman, farmer, cultivator’).

**Early bearers:** England: Osbert le Gaynere, 1319 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Gayner, 1356, James Gayner, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Briavels, Gloucs); Thomas Gayner, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Gynour, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Chroler Gainer, 1574 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Nicholas Gayner, 1595 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); James Gayner, 1609 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Gayner, 1667 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

Ireland: Austin le Gayner, burgess and merchant, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Cork, Cork).

2 Irish: see **Gaynor**.

### Gaines

**Variants:** **Gains, Gaynes**

## Gainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1017, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 538
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Yorks
- English: variant of **Gain** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Willi. Gaines, 1570, Tho. Gaynes, 1573, Barbarie Gaynes, 1622 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); William Gains, 1670 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

## Gainey

Variants: **Gainey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó **Geigheannaigh** or **Mac Géibheannaigh** ‘son (or descendant) of *Géibheannach*’, a byname meaning ‘fettered’.
- Early bearers:** Shane O’Ganie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (Lisinuskie).

## Gainford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: locative name from Gainford (Durham).
- Early bearers:** Ralph de Gaynford, 1302, Thomas de Gaynford, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne de Gaynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Henry Gaynford, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); William Gaineford, 1587, Jane Gainford, 1642 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Vincent Gainforth, 1644 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); John Gainfourth, 1651, William Gaineforth, 1656 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); John Gainford, 1783 in *IGI* (Egremont, Cumb).

## Gainor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 Irish: see **Gaynor**.
- 2 English: see **Gainer**.

## Gains

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 382
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants, Surrey, and Kent; also Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- English: see **Gaines**.

## Gainsborough

Variants: **Gainsbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Gainsborough (Lincs).
- Early bearers:** William de Gainsbury, 1166 in *Mowbray Charters*; Ralph de Gainsburch, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Gaynesburgh, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Gaynesburgh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); John Gaynesburgh, 1393 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gaynesborowe, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Southwark, Surrey); Willim. Gainsborow, 1611, Willim Gainsbrough, 1650 in *IGI* (Covenham Saint Bartholomew, Lincs); Johis Gainsbrough, 1622 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); Robrt Gainsborough, 1647 in *IGI*

(Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Alfred Gainsbury, 1833 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Gainsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Gainsborough**.

## Gainsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: locative name from Gainsford Hall in Toppesfield (Essex).
- Early bearers:** John de Gainesford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Gaynesford, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Gaynesford, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Carshalton, Surrey); Elizabeth Gainsford, 1575, Matthew Gainesford, 1688 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent).

## Gair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 793
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Ross and Cromarty; also Caithness
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *gair* ‘short’. See **McGirr**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Tarmot Ger, 1541 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Alexander Gar, 1535, 1545 in *Origines Parochiales* (Dornoch, Sutherland); Ewin McVean Gair, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Urquhart, Morays); Jon. Gair, 1628 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Isobell Gair, 1686 in *IGI* (Logie Easter, Ross and Cromarty).
- England: Bartholomew Gair, 1608 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas Gair, 1669 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Sarah Gair, 1722 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).
- 2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McGirr**.
- 3 English, Scottish: see **Garey**.

## Gairdner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: see **Gardner**.
- Early bearers:** Michael Gairdner, gunner, 1555 in *Treasurer Accounts* (probably Fife); Patrick Gairdner, 1577 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Perth, Perths); Thomas Gairdner, 1588 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Janet Gairdner, 1595 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Alexander Gairdner, tailor, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Gairns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perths
- Scottish: (i) reduced form of **Gardyne**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) reduced form of **Gairdner**, a variant of **Gardner**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Garne, 1577 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David and John Gairn, 1622 in *Synod of Fife Records* (Laton and Muirhouse, Angus); Alexander Garne, 1664 in *Edinburgh Justiciary Records* (Forgue, Aberdeens); Agnes Gairns, 1697 in *IGI* (Tibbermore, Perths).

## Gaisford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: locative name, unexplained. Apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.
- Early bearers:** John Gaysford, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Worth, Sussex); Edward Gaisford, 1628, Jeremiah Gasford, 1656 in *IGI* (Poulshot, Wilts); John Gaysford, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (North Bradley, Wilts); Susanna Gaysford, 1653 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Georg Gaisford, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (West Harnham, Wilts).

## Gaish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- French, English: see **Gash**.
- Early bearers:** Thomi Gaich, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Thomas Gaiche, 1603 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Gaish, 1761 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

## Gait

Variants: **Gaite**, **Gaitt**, **Gaites**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English: nickname from Old Scandinavian *geit* ‘goat’, possibly also used to denote a goatherd. In later times, it may have been confused with **Gate**.
- Early bearers:** Stephen Gayt, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Gayte, 1331 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Henricus Gayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); John Gaytt, 1390, and John Gate, 1416 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas Gait, 1573 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).
- 2 Norman, English: occupational name from central Old French *gaitte* ‘watchman’; compare **Wait**. Some examples, especially in more northerly areas, may belong with (1). In later times, it may have been confused with **Gate**.
- Early bearers:** Reginald Gayt, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Robert le Gayt, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); William le Guaite, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Willelmus Gayt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Begbroke, Oxon); Ricardus Geytte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Thomas Gait, 1575 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); William Gait, 1679 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Thomas Gait, 1707 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Gait, 1748 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John Gait, 1761 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs).

## Gaite

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey; Lincs
- English: see **Gait**.

## Gaitens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Renfrews
- English, Scottish: probably a variant of Irish **McGettigan**; see **Gatens**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Daniel Gattins, 1823 in *IGI* (Neilston, Renfrews); Alexr Gaitens, in *Census 1841* (Barony, Lanarks); John Gaittens, 1858 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Isabella Gaitons, 1859 in *IGI*

(Govan, Lanarks); John Gaytons, 1869 in *IGI* (Springburn, Lanarks).  
 England: Thomas Gaitens, 1664 in *IGI* (Stockton near Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Gaitens, 1847 in *IGI* (Kingswood by Bristol, Gloucs); Bridget Gatons, 1852, Bridget Gaytons, 1854 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Gaiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. W England
- English: see **Gater**.

### Gaites

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; S Wales
- English: variant of **Gait**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Gaites, 1561 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Gaitskell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Gaskell**.

### Gaitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Gait**.

### Gajjar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Gakhal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Galacher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

### Galagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

### Galashan

- Variants: **Glashen**, **Glashan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Stirlings
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGlashan**.

### Galbraith

- Variants: **Galbreath**, **Galbreth**, **Gilbraith**, **Gilbreath**, **Gilbreth**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3541, Ireland 866

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2731
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Argyll; also Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; also Galway; Laois

Scottish: ethnic name for a scandinavianized Strathclyde Briton, from Gaelic *gall Breathnach* 'British foreigner', 'British Scandinavian'. Compare **Gall**.

**Further information:** In the early Middle Ages the Strathclyde Britons had an independent Welsh-speaking kingdom, with its capital at Dumbarton. The surname is first recorded in the Lennox in the 12th century. The first recorded chief of the Galbraiths was Gilchrist 'the Briton', living in 1193. **Early bearers:** Gillescop Gallebrad, about 1224, Gillaspec Galbraith, about 1246 in *Glasgow Register*; William Galbrath, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh de Galbrath, 1342 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; George Calbrathe, 1494 in *Treasurer Accounts*; Thomas Galbrayth, 1575, Balentyne Galbraith, 1597, Jhone Gabreithe, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Galbrethe, 1640 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Catharine Galbraeth, 1797 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Galbreath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Argyll
- Scottish: see **Galbraith**.

### Galbreth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll
- Scottish: see **Galbraith**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gale

- Variants: **Gayle**, **Gayles**, **Gallon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 11021, Ireland 112
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8883
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Leitrim; Dublin
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Galo*, a Parisian form of Continental Germanic *Walo* (see **Wale**). Some of the post-medieval examples may belong under (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** given names: Gualo legatus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Galo, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Nantes). surnames: Gilbert Gale, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alicia Gale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmo Gale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); Davy Gale, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Gale, 1552 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Merse Gale, 1555 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Steven Gale, 1556 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Elizabeth Gale, 1560 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *gal* 'light, pleasant, merry' or 'wanton, licentious' (Old English *gāl*).  
**Early bearers:** William le Gal, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Juliana le Gale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).  
 3 English: locative name, nickname for someone who lived or worked '(at the) jail', from Middle English *gayole*, *gayll(e)*, *jaiole*, *jaile* (northern Old

French *gaiole*, Parisian Old French *jaiole*). Compare **Galer**.

**Further information:** The modern surname, with a hard G-, represents the Norman pronunciation of the word, also preserved in the old-fashioned spelling *gaol*, while the English vocabulary word preserves the central French pronunciation, with a soft initial consonant, /dʒ/.

**Early bearers:** Philip de la Jaille, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William ate Gaole, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas del Gayle, 1365 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ricardus dil Gale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Garston, Lancs).

4 English: locative name from Gale in Littleborough, Rochdale (Lancs), or possibly High Gale in Tatham or Tunstall (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Matheus de Gale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bedford, Lancs); Robert de Gale, 1402 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Galea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

Maltese: possibly from Italian *galea* 'helmet' or 'galley (type of ship)', though the possibility of descent from a Spanish, specifically Aragonese, personal name, appearing in a Maltese 14th-century record, has been suggested.

**Early bearers:** Francesco Galea, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Charles Galea, born in Malta, *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Salvatore Galea, born in Malta, *Census 1881* (Ryde, IoW); Carlo Galea, born in Malta, in *Census 1891* (Flints); Joseph Galea, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Lorenzo Galea, born in Malta, in *Census 1911* (Royal Navy).  
**References:** *Cassar*.

### Galen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

1 English: see **Gallyon**.

2 English: see **Gallon**.

### Galer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Gaylor**.

### Gales

- Variants: **Gailes**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Gale(s)* (nominative case-form of Old French *Galon*), central French form of *Wale(s)* (see **Wales**).  
**Early bearers:** Mager' Galeys, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry le Galeys, 1299, Henry le Waleis, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Johanna Gales, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Gales, 1584 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Barbara Gales, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Gailes, 1621 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

### Galey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166

## Galford

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Warwicks  
English: see **Galley**.

## Galford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
English: locative name from Galford in Pipe Green (Staffs) or Galford in Lewtrenchard (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Johanne de Galford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Green in Burntwood, Staffs); Alice Galford, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Weston, Herts); Bryan Galford, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Jo Galford, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Coppenhall, Cheshire).

## Galilee

Variants: **Gallally, Galley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs  
English: locative name from Middle English *galile(e)*, *galilie* 'small chapel or porch at the entrance to a church', possibly denoting someone who lived near a galilee or whose work was associated with one. Compare **Parvis, Porch**  
**Further information:** John and Robert Galley (1551), cited by *Bardsley*, are identified as members of a family named *Galilee*.  
**Early bearers:** William de la Galilye, 1337 in *Close Rolls*; Ralph Galile, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*; John Gallale, 1539 in *Bardsley* (Durham); Ralph Gallilee, 1544 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Ralph Gallalie, 1617 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Mary Gallaly, 1625 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Galiley, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); George Galilee, 1658 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); John Galilee, 1710 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

## Gall

Variants: **Gaw, Gaul, Gill, Gaule, Galt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1814, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1914
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford, Kilkenny, and Carlow; Armagh  
Irish, Scottish, Welsh: from *gall* 'foreigner, stranger', a word found in Irish, Gaelic, and Breton.  
**Further information:** This name occurs in the Scottish Highlands, where the common pronunciation was *Gaw*; it was used to denote Lowlanders. In England it is found in the Welsh border counties, and from an early date it was also present in Lincs, where it was of Breton origin, having been introduced by Breton followers of the Normans. In Brittany, where the name was common, it was applied to immigrants from France.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Galle, about 1170 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Adam, Richard Galle, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Gal, 1334 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth, Perths); William Gaw, 1397 in *Holyrood Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Johanniss Gall, 1544 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Luce Gall, 1547 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Jhon Gall, 1561 in *IGI* (Bloxholm, Lincs); Helene Gall, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Thomas Gall, 1586 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife).  
Ireland: David Gall, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §141 (Galleston); Edmund Gall, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §437 (Kilkenny Carrincoman); Walter Gall, 1572 in

*Fiants Elizabeth* §2117 (Sheriff of Kilkenny); Shane and Farrall mcHowge mcDermot Gale, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4895.

## Gallachar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6612, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallagar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; also WR Yorks  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
Irish: from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

## Gallagher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; WR Yorks and Lancs  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallagher

- Variants: **Callagher, Galagher, Gallagher, Gallaugher, Gallacher, Galacher, Gallaher, Gallager, Gallagar, Gallachar, Gallahue, Galligher, Goligher, Gallocher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 22326, Ireland 15663
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4542
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Mayo  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair 'descendant of *Gallchobhar*', a personal name based on *gall* 'foreign' + *cabhair* 'support'.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Art McAnesbig O'Galqr, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4914; Owen McAdegany O'Galqr, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4914; Brian O'Galleghure, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499.  
**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/gallagher/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/gallagher/).

## Gallaher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Cavan; Limerick and Clare  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

## Gallahue

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gallally

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews  
English: see **Galilee**.

## Gallamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire  
English: unexplained.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Griffith Gallamore, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Wm. Gullimore, 1617 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire); Richardus Gallamoore, 1649 in *IGI* (Marchington, Staffs); William Gallamore, 1680 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); John Galleymore, 1731 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); John Gallamoor, 1735 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Gallamoore, 1762, Betty Galleymore, 1796 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

## Galland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** London  
English: see **Gallant**.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Galland, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Galland, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Darenth, Kent); Andreas Galand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Littlecott and Fifield, Wilts); Willelmus Galand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics); Edwarde Galland, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Wanting, Berks); Agnes Galland, 1553 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Gallande, 1584 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Edmond Gallande, 1597 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Thomas Galland, 1661 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); John Galland, 1720 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

## Gallant

Variants: **Galland, Jalland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Galand*, *Galant* (Continental Germanic *Waland*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Waland, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs); Galant fitz Richard, 1210 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *gala(u)nt* 'merry; dashing, spirited, bold', Old French, *galant*. Some examples may belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Galaunt, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Galant, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Galant, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fryerning, Essex); Robert Gallant, 1447, 1448, Robert Galant 1449 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gallant, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Roberte Gallant, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Brockley, Suffolk).

**Gallard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
- Norman English: see **Gaylard**.

**Gallatly**

Variants: **Gellatly**, **Gelletly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

Scottish: see **Galletly**.

**Gallaugher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Midlothian; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

**Galloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx and Surrey; WR Yorks

Scottish, English: see **Galloway**.

**Gallear**

Variants: **Galler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Gallier**.

**Gallego**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: ethnic name for a Galician, Spanish *gallego*.

**Gallemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Gallimore**.

**Gallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 543
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Fermanagh

1 English: see **Gallon**.

2 English: see **Gallyon**.

3 Irish: from Ó Galláin ‘descendant of *Gallán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *gall* ‘cockerel’.

**Galleon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Gallyon**.

**Galler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Old French *galler*, *galure* ‘coxcomb, fop’ or ‘affable man’, a medieval equivalent of **Gallier**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Galler’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Symond Galler, 1585 in *IGI*

(Attleborough, Norfolk); Thomas Galler, 1677 in *IGI* (Tarrant Hinton, Dorset).

2 French, Huguénot: see **Gallier**.

**Gallery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Armagh

Irish: see **Callery** and **McAlary**.

**Galletley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Scottish: see **Galletly**, **Gallogly**.

**Galletly**

Variants: **Gallatly**, **Galletley**, **Golightly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks

Scottish: variant of Irish **Mac an Ghallóglai**, see **Gallogly**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Gellatly, Galighly, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar*; Gilbert Galletly, 1592 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus).

**Gallett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Gallio**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Gallett, 1585 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Gallet, 1586, John Gallett, 1784 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs); Roger Gallett, 1588 in *IGI* (Shobdon, Herefs); Anne Gallot, 1718 in *IGI* (Yarkhill, Herefs); Jane Gallett, 1838 in *IGI* (Harvington near Evesham, Worcs).

**Galleway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

Scottish, English: see **Galloway**.

**Galley**

Variants: **Gallie**, **Galey**, **Gally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1546, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1068
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Essex; Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: nickname from Middle English *galei(e)*, *gallie* ‘seagoing vessel with sails and oars, galley’ (Old French *galee*, *galie*), perhaps denoting an oarsman.

**Early bearers:** Henry Galye, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (York); Adam del Galay, 1304 in *York Freemen’s Register*; Henricus Galie, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wodland, Wilts); John Galey, 1585 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); Radi Galley, 1566 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Thomas Galley, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Willmi Gallie, 1603 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Galley or Gally, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Downton, Wilts); Lawrence Galee, 1637 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); William Gallee, 1788 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

2 English: see **Galilee**.

3 Scottish: see **Gallie**.

**Galli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx

Italian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Gallo* (from Latin *Gallus*).

**Further information:** The personal name *Gallo* and its cognates in other European languages were widely used in Europe during the Middle Ages, due to the cult of Saint Gall, a 7th-century Irish monk and missionary who established a Christian settlement to the south of Lake Constance, which became the monastery later known as Saint Gallen. His name was taken into Czech as *Havel* and into Polish as *Gawel*, the extra syllable being introduced by analogy with Latin *Paulus*, which yielded Czech *Pavel* and Polish *Pawel*.

**Early bearers:** Gregory Galli, 1760 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Giuseppe Gallo, in *Census 1841*

(Westminster, Middx); Ludigi Galli, in *Census 1851* (Holborn, Middx); Harriet Julia Galli, 1860 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Antony Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Thanet, Kent); Ferdinando Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Luigi Galli, born in Lancaster, in *Census 1881* (Preston, Lancs); Joseph Galli, born in Leeds, in *Census 1881* (Potternewton, WR Yorks); Dominic Galli, born in Lombardy, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Luigi Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Andrew Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Brentford, Middx); Pio Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Hilda Galli, born in Leeds, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Eggelino Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Tito Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Jersey); Benito Jose Galli, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Southampton, Hants).

**Galliard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Jersey

Norman English, French: see **Gaylard**.

**Gallichan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname, possibly from **Galichon** or **Galluchon**, derivatives of Old French *galer* ‘to play (at), divert oneself’.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Adolphus Gallichan, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Duheanne Gallichan, in *Census 1841* (Saint John, Jersey); Marthe Gallichan, in *Census 1841* (Saint Martin, Guernsey).

**Gallie**

Variants: **Gally**, **Galley**, **Gailey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty; Lanarks and Midlothian; Jersey

1 Scottish Gaelic: (i) ethnic name, nickname from Gaelic *Gallaich*, a collective name used for the inhabitants of Caithness, who were largely of Scandinavian origin and regarded as ‘foreign’ or ‘strangers’. (ii) nickname (in Ayr and adjoining counties) from *gallda* ‘stranger’.

## Galliene

**Further information:** *Black* notes that many Gunns, on being expelled from Caithness at the end of the 16th century, took refuge in Ross-shire, where they adopted the collective name as their surname.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Gallie, 1426 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Donald Gallie, 1620 in *Argyll Sasines* (Ardroskitill, Bute); Elspet Gallie, 1687 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); Margaret Gallie, 1689, Thomas Gallie, 1723 in *IGI* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty); Hugh Gallie, 1751, George Gallie, 1801 in *IGI* (Nigg, Ross and Cromarty); James Gallie, 1755 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banffs); Kethreen Gallie, 1790 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Margaret Gailley, 1869 in *IGI* (Houston and Killellan, Renfrews).

2 English: see **Galley**.

## Galliene

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey
- French: see **Gallienne**.

## Gallienne

**Variants:** **Galliene**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: relationship name from the personal name *Galien*, a vernacular form of Latin *Galienus*; compare **Gallyon**.

**Early bearers:** George Galliene, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Mary Galliene, in *Census 1841* (Saint Martin, Jersey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Gallier

**Variants:** **Gallear**, **Gallyer**, **Galler**, **Galliers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops

French, Huguenoit: nickname from Old French *galier*, *gallier*, *guallier*, *galure* ‘coxcumb, fop’ or ‘affable man’.

**Early bearers:** John Gallier, 1601 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Richard Galliar, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Gallier, 1699 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Daniel Gallier, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Richard Gallier, 1714 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Maris Gallier, 1738 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Samuel Gallier, 1713 in *IGI* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops); Richard Galliear, 1741 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Mary Gallyer, 1747 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Edward Gallyer, 1758, Edward Gallier, 1761 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Elizabeth Gallear, 1817 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

## Galliers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Shrops

English: variant of **Gallier** with excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Johane Galliers, 1608 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Joan Galliers, 1634 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Edward Galliers, 1674 in *IGI* (Brimfield, Herefs); Richard Galliers, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (Ludlow, Shrops); Samuel Galliers, 1725 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs).

## Galliford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Gulliver**.

## Galligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 1040
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from Ó **Gealagáin** ‘descendant of *Gealagán*’, a personal name from a double diminutive of *geal* ‘bright, white’.

**Early bearers:** Donnogho O’Gelgan, kern, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §362 (Kings county [Offaly]); William O’Galgan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6305; David Galgane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cahir); David buoy O’Gallegan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6524 (Kisecourke); Derbie Galgane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cahir).

## Galligher

**Variants:** **Goligher**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó **Gallchobhair**, see **Gallagher**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Gallimore

**Variants:** **Gallemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1967, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 947
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: probably a variant of **Cullimore**.

## Gallin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: variant of **Gallyon**.

2 English: see **Gallon**.

## Galling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: variant of **Gallyon**.

**Early bearers:** John Gallyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Galling, 1654 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); John Galling, 1667, Robt Galling, 1748 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon).

2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gadeling* ‘fellow, vagabond’ (Old English *gædeling* ‘companion’) with assimilation of -*dl-* to -*ll-*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Gaddling, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); William Gadlyng, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Radolphi Gadlinge, 1570 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Rebecca Gadlinge, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London).

## Gallion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs

English: see **Gallyon**.

## Galliot

**Variants:** **Gallett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Guernsey

English: occupational name from Middle English *galyot* ‘pirate’ (Old French *galiot* ‘sailor in a galley; galley slave; pirate’).

**Early bearers:** Wydo Galiot, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Galyot, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Galiot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud in Godshill, IoW); Johannes Gallyott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Week, Hants); Johannes Galyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Offington and Heene, Sussex); Johannes Galiot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Artington, Surrey); Thomas Galyot, citizen of London, 1441 in *Patent Rolls*; Elenor Galliot, 1699 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); John Galliot, 1761 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Ann Galliot, 1806 in *IGI* (Yeovil, Somerset).

## Gallivan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry and Cork

Irish: from Ó **Gealbháin**, see **Galvin**.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor McDonogho I Gallavan, yeoman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Listiconoghor Waterford); Teig O’Gallavan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Listiconoghor, Waterford); Thady McCoornell O’Gallivain, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3535 (Ballihimore); Edmund O’Galwan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §§3844; Morogh O’Gallvenn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4608 (Eoghillbegg); Doniell McConnoghor Egallevan, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6198.

## Galliver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Gulliver**.

## Gallo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Italian: (i) nickname from *gallo* ‘cockerel’ (Latin *gallus*). (ii) relationship name from the medieval personal name *Gallo* (see **Gall**). (iii) ethnic name for someone from France or Gaul (Latin *Gallus*). (iv) locative name from any of numerous places named with this word, especially in southern Italy, as for example Gallo Matese (Caserta province).

**Early bearers:** Mathurin Gallo, 1809 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Eladio Gallo, in *Census 1841* (Shoreditch, Middx); Antonio Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Gallo, born in Turin, Italy, Frank Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Antonio Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Saint George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey); Francis Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Norwich, Norfolk); Paulo Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Carmino Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Vincent Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Norwich, Norfolk); Raphael Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras,



Middx); Giuseppe Gallo, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Gallocher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 818

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews

Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Martha Gallocher, 1804 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Gallogher, 1806, Thomas Galocher, 1860 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Thomas Meikle Gallochar, 1823 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings); James Gallochar, 1828 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); James Gallochar, 1832 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Daniel Gallocher, 1833 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Mary Gallogher, 1855 in *IGI* (Old Monkland, Lanarks).

England: John Galougher, 1812 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Patrick Gallogher, 1813 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Laurence Gallogher, 1846 in *IGI* (Stalybridge, Cheshire).

### Gallogly

**Variants:** Gologly, Gillogly, Galletly, Galletley, Gallatly, Ingoldby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 55

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Cavan; Armagh

Irish: from Mac an Ghallóglai, from *gallóglach* 'foreign warrior' or 'galloglass'. This was formerly a Donegal surname, but is now found mainly in central Ireland. It has sometimes been 'translated' as English, since *gall* 'foreigner' was used to refer to English settlers in Ireland. There has also been some confusion with English **Golightly**.

**Further information:** Galloglasses were a class of mercenary warriors retained by Irish chieftains.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Brian McEkalloghe, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1162 (Kyllemanoghe, Wicklow); Donogh mac Hough McGylikely and Oney McGylikely, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2493; Patrick Gallogly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creggan, Louth); Terence Golagly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Patrick Gollagly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); James Golloghly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inishkeen, Monaghan); Rose Gologly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killanny, Monaghan); Teady Gologly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheross, Monaghan).

### Gallon

**Variants:** Gallen, Gallin, Galen, Gallyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1161, Ireland 12

- **GB frequency 1881:** 737

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Galun*, *Galon*, a pet form of *Galo*, a Parisian French form of Continental Germanic *Walo*. *Galon* may alternatively be the Old French oblique case form of *Galo*. See **Gale**, **Wale**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter Galun, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Galon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Galon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Studland, Dorset); Hugo Galon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trew hitt, Northumb); Rogero Galon', 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Johannes Galon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Galun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas Galoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); Ricardo Galun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); Willelmus Galon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); Willm Gallon, 1599, Isabell Gallin, 1648 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edward Gallen, 1641 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Gallin, 1695 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 English: see **Gallyon**, with which *Gallon* was probably confused.

### Gallop

**Variants:** Gollop, Gallup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 961, Ireland 10

- **GB frequency 1881:** 954

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex; Dorset and IoW; also Lancs

English: nickname, possibly from Middle English \**galop* (Old French *galop*) 'gallop' (the fastest pace of a horse) and given to one who habitually rode at speed, either through temperament or by occupation as a messenger. Although the English noun *gallop* is not documented until the 16th century, it may have existed earlier, since the corresponding verb is on record before 1425 in *MED*. However, the surname itself has not been found before the 16th century, so it may be a reduced form of **Galpin** (earlier *Galopin*), which has a very similar post-medieval distribution and original sense. The vowel change in *Gollop* for *Gallop* is paralleled in *Golpin* for *Galpin*, as in Michel Golpin, 1746 in *IGI* (Batcombe, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** William Golupe, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Abbott Stoke, Dorset); Thomas Gallop, 1563 in *IGI* (Newtimber, Sussex); John Gallop, 1575 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Henricus Gollop, 1594 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Richard Gollop, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Abbotstoke, Dorset); Thomas Gallop, 1606 in *IGI* (West Harptree, Somerset); William Gallop, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Church, Devon); Richard Gallopp, 1610, Thomas Gollopp or Gallopp, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Netherbury, Dorset); Susan Gollop, 1621 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Galop.

### Galloway

**Variants:** Galloway, Galloway, Galleway, Galway, Gallwey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7381, Ireland 411

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5143

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Fife; WR Yorks and Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish, English: locative name from the district of Galloway in SW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Galway, 1405 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Galloway, 1541 in *Dysart Records*; Bessy Galloway, 1561 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Johne Gallouay, 1621 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Thomas de Galweia, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Galewaye, 1284 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Michael Galeway, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Galowey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton on the Heath, Warwicks); Ricardus Galleway, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Condicote, Gloucs); Robertus Galowey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Thomas Galway, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirkby, NR Yorks); Thomas Galaway, 1486 in *Feet of Fines*

(Bourne, Lincs); Katherin Galloway, 1552 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Doryses Galloway, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Galloway, 1611, Robert Gallowaie, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Creeton, Lincs); Peter Galloway, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Southwold, Suffolk).

### Gallup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Gallop**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Galloway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

Scottish, English: see **Galloway**.

### Gallowey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Cork, and Kerry

Scottish, Irish, English: see **Galloway**, **Galway**.

### Gally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

1 English: see **Galley**.

2 Scottish: see **Gallie**.

### Gallyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Gallier**.

### Gallyon

**Variants:** Gallion, Galleon, Galen, Gallen, Gallin, Galling, Gallon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal names *Galian*, *Galien*, *Galion* from Latin *Galianus* or *Galienus* (male) and Latin *Galiana* (female). The name was probably sometimes reduced to *Galen*, *Galín*, and *Galon*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Galionus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Galiena, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Galienus filius Willelmi, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Turstin Galien, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Galion, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Galian, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Galian, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Credon, Devon); Robertus Galyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eastwood, Essex); Thomas Galion, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middle Harling, Norfolk); Petrus Galyon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Ricardus Galian, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Johannes Galyan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johannes Galion, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Leighs, Essex); Robert Galion, 1391 in *PROB 11* (Friars Minor, Northants); John Galion, 1509 in

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*PROB 11* (Ramsey, Essex); Elizabeth Gallen, 1591 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Raph Gallion, 1609 in *IGI* (Rampton, Cambs); John Gallion, 1611 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Richard Gallen, 1616 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Thomas Gallin, 1627 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon); George Gallion, 1636 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Nicholas Gallyon, 1675, Dorothy Gallion, 1716 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Thomas Gallin, 1741 in *IGI* (Credon, Devon); Wm. Gallyon, 1783 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Galleon, 1805 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).  
2 Norman, English: see **Gallon**, with which *Gallyon* was probably confused.

## Galpin

Variants: **Gallop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 682
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 Norman, English: nickname, occupational name from Old French \**galopin*, \**galpin*, apparently a diminutive of the Old French noun *galop* or the base of the verb *galoper*, and therefore denoting 'one who gallops'. It may have been used of a gentleman who habitually rode his horse at a gallop or of a professional rider or messenger.

**Further information:** The noun *galopin* is recorded only in Modern French, with the sense 'errand boy', and in Modern English (late 16th century in *OED*) with the unexpected sense 'kitchen boy, turnspit' but perhaps also 'errand boy, page boy'. However, medieval bearers of the English surname were men of property, indicating that *galopin* was originally used of men with a considerably higher status than an errand boy.

**Early bearers:** Robert Galopin, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Galopin, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Galpin, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Galopyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rape of Chichester, Sussex); Elyas Galopyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manhood Hundred, Sussex); John Galpyn, Thomas Galpyn, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Watton, ER Yorks); Johanne Galpyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Adam Galpyn, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Kinton, Shrops); Johannes Galpyin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Johannes Galphyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Thomas Galpen, 1622 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Thomas Galpin, 1700 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); James Galpin, 1709, Moses Gallpin, 1714, Wm. Galpen, 1757 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Jane Gallpen, 1813 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Galop.

2 Huguenot: French **Galopin** or **Galpin**, with the same sense as (1).

**Early bearers:** Anne Galopin, 1713, Anne Gallopin, 1720 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street (French Huguenot), Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Galpin, 1731 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Galopin, Galpin.

## Galsworthy

Variants: **Golsworthy, Golesworthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 233
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants and Surrey
- English: locative name from Galsworthy in Buckland Brewer (Devon), recorded as *Galeshora* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Galles(h)oure, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Galeshore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham, Devon); Thomas Gallysworthy, 1524 in *Hoskins and Finberg*; Giles Galsworthy, 1542 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Thomas Galsworthie, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Hartland, Devon); Heive Golsworthie, 1577 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Willm Golsworthy, 1585 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); William Galsery, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Hartland, Devon); John Golesworthy, 1774 in *IGI* (Whimble, Devon).

## Galt

Variants: **Gault, Gaute, Gaut, Gaught, Gatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lanarks and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *galte*, *gaute*, *gault* 'boar, hog' (Old Scandinavian *goltr*, *galte*).  
**Early bearers:** England: Godfrey Galt, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Galt, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Galt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Croxtton, Norfolk); Rogerus le Galt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); John Galt, 1539 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); William Gaulte, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Robte. Galte, 1610 in *IGI* (Barton Turf, Norfolk); Mary Golt, 1635 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk); Jno. Gaught, 1767 in *IGI* (East Harling, Norfolk).

Scotland: William Galt, 1367 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perths); John Galt and Alexander Galt, 1437 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Pete Galt, 1569 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Cirsten Galt, 1617 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Galt, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); David Galte, 1680 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife).

## Galton

Variants: **Gaulton, Golton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; London

English: locative name from Galton in Owermoigne (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Constanca de Gaulton, 1279–80 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); John Gaulton, 1340 in *Place-Names of Dorset 1*, p. 305 (Dorset); William Galton, 1558 in *PROB 11* (London); Elizabeth Galton, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Samuell Gaulton, 1644 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Galton, 1664 in *Place-Names of Dorset 2*, p. 62 (Dorset); Richard Gaulton, 1720 in *IGI* (Coppenhall, Cheshire); Edith Galten, 1736 in *IGI* (Fovant, Wilts); William Galton, 1761 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset 1*, pp. 139–40.

## Galvin

Variants: **Gallivan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3012, Ireland 3337
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 642
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó *Gealbháin* 'descendant of *Gealbhán*', a personal name from *geal* 'bright' + *bán* 'white'.

**Early bearers:** James Gallwan, merchant, 1566–7 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1005 (Cork); John Galwan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5619; James Fitz Edmund Galvan,

1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309; John O'Gealvane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Ressinany); Teig O'Gealwaine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.

## Galway

Variants: **Gallwey, Gallway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 392
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish: locative name in most cases, probably a variant of Scottish **Galloway**, rather than from the city or county in Connacht. (Locative surnames are rare in Ireland.)

**Further information:** During the Middle Ages Galways were wealthy merchants on the south coast of Ireland, but now the name there is largely confined to Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James Gallwey, yeoman, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §916 (Limerick and Cork); John Galway, gent., 1560–61 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §321 (Kinsale, Cork); William Galwey, clerk of chancery, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §664 (Dublin); Andrew Galwy, alderman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1085 (Cork); Walter Galwy, merchant, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2581 (Cork); James Gallwey, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3225 (Kynsale, Cork); James Gallwaie, merchant, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5375 (Limerick); Ellen Gallwey, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Caneboye).

## Gamage

Variants: **Camidge, Cammidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan
- Norman English: see **Gammage**.

## Gaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Game**.

## Gambel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: see **Gamble**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gambell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Gamble**.

## Gambier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

Huguenot: nickname from Old French *gambier*, a Norman and Picard masculine form of Old French *jambière* 'leg armour', perhaps given to someone who wore or made leg armour.

**Early bearers:** Jane Gambier, 1598, Jan Gambier, 1613, Abraham Gambier, 1704, Lazare Gambier, 1736 in

*IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' church, Canterbury, Kent); Jesse Gambier, 1671, Samuel Gambier, 1726 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Gambier, 1737 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).  
References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Gamble

Variants: **Gambles, Gambell, Gambel**

- Current frequencies: GB 6159, Ireland 1279
- GB frequency 1881: 4248
- Main GB location 1881: Leics; also WR Yorks and Notts
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

English: see **Gammell**.

Further information: The medial [b] has developed as a transitional consonant between [m] and [l], as in *thimble* from Old English *þymel*.

Early bearers: England: Stephen Gamble, 1543 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Jhon Gambell, 1565 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); Francis Gambel, 1648 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Elizabeth Gamball, 1661 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Tho. Gambles, 1693 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs).

Ireland: George Gamble, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Hackney, Armagh); James Gambell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); Maurice Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rossorry, Fermanagh); William Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryvullan, Fermanagh); Thomas Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); William Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leckpatrick, Tyrone); Nathaniel Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Derry); Andrew Gamble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (All Saints, Donegal).

### Gamblen

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: see **Gamblin**.

### Gambles

- Current frequencies: GB 427, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 442
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Cumb
- English: variant of **Gamble**, with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Gamblin

Variants: **Gambling, Gambeln**

- Current frequencies: GB 624, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 382
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: variant of **Gamlin** with intrusive *b*.

### Gambling

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 216
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Sussex; also WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Gamblin**.

### Gambold

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; Pembrokes
- English: see **Gumble**.

### Gambon

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
- English: see **Gammon**.

### Gambrell

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 100
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Gambrill**.

### Gambrill

Variants: **Gambrell, Gumbrell**

- Current frequencies: GB 362, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 245
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: nickname, perhaps for a lame person, someone with bad legs or a bent leg, from Old French \**gamberel*; compare Middle French *gamberel*, a diminutive form of Old French *gambe* 'leg'.

Further information: In Modern English dialects *gambrel* denotes 'a bent piece of wood or iron used by butchers for hanging or stretching out carcasses' and 'the joint in the upper half of a horse's hind leg, the hock' (1547 and 1601 in *OED*). Compare Modern French dialect *gambier* and English dialect *gamber*, which have the same senses as *gambrel*, while in Normandy *gambier* also signifies 'someone with bad legs'.

Early bearers: Rogerus Gamberel, about 1190–1210 in *Dublin Guild Merchant Roll*; Launcelott Gambrill, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent); Joseph Gambrill, 1673 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); John Gambrell, 1697, Mary Gambrel, 1713 in *IGI* (Stelling, Kent); Mary Gamberel, 1710 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); George Gambriil, 1720 in *IGI* (Barfreton, Kent); Gabriel Gambrial, 1750 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Kent); Mark Gambriel, 1771 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); William Gambriale, 1821 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent); John Goodson Gambrielle, 1847 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent).

References: *English Dialect Dictionary*; E. and A. Duménil, *Dictionnaire du patois normand* (Caen, 1849, 1969).

### Gamby

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Beds

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, assuming that the association of *Gaumbey* and *de Gumby* with *Gamby* is correct. Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

Early bearers: John Gaumbey, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Robert de Gumby, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Roger de Gumby, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Empingham, Rutland); Robertus Gamby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robert Gamby, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Backford, Cheshire); William Gamby, 1683 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Matthias Gamby, 1728 in *IGI* (Felmersham, Beds).

### Game

Variants: **Games, Gaman, Gamman, Gammans, Gammon, Gammons, Gamon, Gammond**

- Current frequencies: GB 1297, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 937

- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk, Herts, and London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gamen*, *game* 'game', probably denoting someone fond of or good at games (compare **Goodgame**, of which this may also be an elliptical form), or the winner of the *gamen*, the prize in a running race: 'Men usen ofte þis gamen, þat two men . . . rennen a space for a priis, and he þat comeþ first to his ende shall have þe *gamen* þat is sett, wheþer it be spere or gloves [variant reading *gleyves*] or oþir þing þat is putt' (about 1380, *OED*). Compare **Gleawe**.

Early bearers: Richard Gamen, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Gamen, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Game, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Game, 1377 in *London Letter Books* H; John le Gamene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Hugh le Gamene, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); John Goodgame alias Game, 1549 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).  
2 English: see **Gammon**.

### Games

Variants: **Gammons, Gammans**

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Brecknocks and Monmouths

1 English: variant of **Game**, with plural or post-medieval exrescent -s.

2 Welsh, English: relationship name: an English form, with originally patronymic -s, of Welsh *gam*, lenited form of *cam* 'bent, twisted, (perhaps) squinting', borne for instance by Davy Gam, a soldier of Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt; this name is borne by many who claim to be his descendants.

Early bearers: Johan Games, 1584 in *IGI* (Withington, Herefs); Mary Games, 1783 in *IGI* (Talgarth, Brecknocks); David Games, 1795 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 66–7.

### Gameson

Variants: **Gamson, Gamston**

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs; Monmouths; also ER Yorks

1 English: see **Gamston**. The early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

Early bearers: Thomas Gamson, 1684, Benjamin Gameson, 1723 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Mary Gameson, 1775, John Gamston, 1825 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); James Gamson, 1796 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths); Thomas Gameson, 1855 in *IGI* (Bedwellty, Monmouths).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *gambeson*, *gameson* (Old French *gambeson*) 'quilted jacket or tunic usually worn under armour', denoting someone who made or wore the same.

Early bearers: William Gambeson, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Alicia Gameson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Benjamin Gameson, 1791 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Gamester

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 71

## Gami

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Cathrine Gamster, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (East Woodhey, Hants); Georg Gamster, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Andover, Hants); Ralf Gamster, 1701 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); John Gamester, 1711 in *IGI* (Haydon Bridge, Northumb); Francis Gamester, 1721 in *Parish Registers* (Woolhampton, Berks); John Gamester, 1734 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants).

## Gami

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Gamlen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 80

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Hants

English: see **Gamlin**.

## Gamlin

**Variants:** Gamlen, Gamblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 269

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Gamel* (see **Gammell**). *Gamel* and *Gamelinus* are used of the same man (1218) in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gamelyn de Cottyngwith, 1347 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Cambs).

surnames: Odo filius Gamelin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); James Gamelin, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Ralph Gamelin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Nycholaus Gamelin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Willelmus Gamelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, Hants); Johanne Gamlyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skilgate, Somerset); Johannis Gamblin, 1569 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); John Gamblen, 1603 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Edward Gamblin, 1617 in *PROB 11*; Nathaniel Gambling, 1652 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Thomas Gamblain, 1784 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).

## Gammack

**Variants:** Gammie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Banffs

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, perhaps from a personal name derived from Gaelic *gàmag* 'stride'. In the 1527 example Gawmack Molen (in the possessive case) must be a man whose wife is the subject of the record.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gawmak Molenys wif, 1527 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Strathdee, Aberdeens).

surnames: Thomas Gammak, 1571 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Gammock, 1682 in *IGI* (Strichen, Aberdeens); John Gammock, 1717 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banffs); Jean Gammack, 1757 in *IGI* (Oldmeldrum, Aberdeens); William Gammock, 1785 in *Aberdeen Testaments* (Coburty, Aberdeens).

## Gammage

**Variants:** Gamage, Gammidge, Camidge, Cammidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 418

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Norman English: locative name from Gamaches (Eure).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Gamages, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Philip de Camiges, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Alicia Gamage, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Gamage, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Gilbert Gamage, William Gamage, Ralph Gamage, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Roger Gammadge, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Robert Gamage, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Coyty, Glamorgan); William Gamedge, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Bathford, Somerset); Henry Gamidge, 1603 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Gammage, 1680 in *IGI* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Alice Gammage, 1754 in *IGI* (Hail Weston, Hunts).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

## Gamman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Game**.

## Gammans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: see **Games**.

## Gammell

**Variants:** Gemmell, Gemmel, Gemmill, Gamble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 304

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Warwicks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: relationship name from the personal name *Gamall*, *Gamal* (Old Scandinavian *gamall* 'old'). *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 91, suggests that *Gamel* may also have been used as a colloquial name for the Devil.

**Further information:** This form of the name is particularly frequent in N Ireland.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Gamel*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Gamel Auceps*, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); *Gamel* or *Gamellus*, about 1189–98 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife).

surnames, England: Simon *Gamel*, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam *Gamel*, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jordan *Gambel*, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thoma *Gamell*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimoldby and Stewton, Lincs); Johanne *Gamell*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin, Coney Street, Yorks); John *Gamyll*, 1597 in *York Freeman's Register*.

surnames, Scotland: Gabriel *Gymmill*, 1599 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages*; William *Gemmill*, 1599 in *Black* (Carrick, Fife); Issobill *Gemmell*, 1638 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Thomas *Gemill*, 1643 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); James *Gammell*, 1666 in *IGI* (Currie, Midlothian); Robert *Gamwell*, 1683 in *IGI* (Ratho, Midlothian); Margrat *Gemall*, 1703 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Jean *Gammell*, 1787 in *IGI* (Mearns, Renfrews).

surnames, Ireland: Widdowe *Gamell*, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Legacory Town, Armagh); John *Gemill*, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Holestone, Antrim); John *Gammell*, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Holestone, Antrim); John

*Gammel*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbride, Cavan).

## Gammidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; Herefs

Norman English: see **Gammage**.

## Gammie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 265

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: variant form of **Gammack**.

**Early bearers:** Geo *Gammie*, 1694, George *Gammy*, 1707 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs); George *Gamie*, 1705 in *IGI* (Forgue, Aberdeens); Robert *Gammie*, 1759 in *IGI* (Culsalmond, Aberdeens); Peter *Gamie*, 1804, John *Gammie*, 1808 in *IGI* (Chapel of Garioch, Aberdeens); James *Gammie*, 1814, John *Gammey*, 1837 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens).

## Gammon

**Variants:** *Gamon*, *Gambon*, *Game*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1844, Ireland 24

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1588

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon

1 English: nickname from a diminutive ('little leg') of *gamb*, the Norman form of *jambe* 'leg'; *mb* would be assimilated to *mm*, hence *Gammon*. Compare French *Gambet*, *Gambin*, *Gambon*.

**Early bearers:** Roger *Gambun*, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Margery *Gambun*, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Richard *Gambon*, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John *Gambon*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardus *Gambon*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Johanne *Gambon*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowell, Gloucs); Henry *Gambon*, 1534 in *PROB 11* (Winchester, Hants); John *Gammon* or *Gamon*, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Ropley, Hants).

2 English: see **Game**.

## Gammond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Worcs

English: see **Game**.

## Gammons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Games**.

## Gamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 166

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Surrey; Devon; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Game**.

2 English: see **Gammon**.

## Gamson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 99

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: see **Gamston** and compare **Gameson** (1).

2 English: see **Gameson** (2).

**Gamston**

Variants: **Gamson, Gameson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: locative name from Gamston near Eaton (Notts) or Gamston in Bridgeford (Notts). Both are recorded as *Gamelstun* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), while the former appears later as *Gameston* (1541), *Gambston* (1586), and *Gampstone* (1686), and the latter as *Gamston* (1585), and *Gamson* (1710). The Notts place-names are certainly one source of the surname *Gamson* and perhaps of *Gameson*, but their migration to the W Midlands is an unproven inference and the following post-medieval bearers in that region may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** E Midlands: Joh'es de Gamilston', 1308 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Will'o de Gameston, baker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Retford, Notts); Roger de Gameston, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Gameston, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Johannes de Gamelston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edwalton, Notts); Henry Gamston, 1600 in *IGI* (Burton Joyce, Notts); Richard Gamson, 1663, Mary Gamston, 1669, Robert Gamson, 1778, 1822 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts).

W Midlands: Juditha Gameston, 1622 in *IGI* (Wroxeter, Shrops); William Gamson, 1742 in *IGI* (Church Aston, Shrops); Thomas Gamson, 1681, Sarah Gamston, 1848 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 51 and 231.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Gameson** (2) with intrusive *-t-*.

**Gamwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: unexplained. The name has the appearance of a locative name but may be a reinterpretation of another name such as **Gammell**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Gamwell, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Gamwell, 1627 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Nicholas Gamwell, 1665 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire); William Gamuell, 1669 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Snawden Gamwel, 1726 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Thomas Gamwell, 1753 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); William Gamwell, 1754 in *Parish Registers* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

**Gan**

Variants: **Kan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Argyll; London

1 Chinese: another Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 甘 and 干. Also another Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 簡. See **Kan** (1–3).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 顏, see **Yan** (6).

3 Irish: from **Mag Gana**, see **McGann**.

**Ganatra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), based on the name of a Lohana clan.

**Ganaway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants and Berks
- English: see **Janaway**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Gandee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Gandy**.

**Further information:** This spelling is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gander**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1137, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *gan(d)er*, *gandre*, *gonder* 'gander' (Old English *gan(d)ra*).

**Early bearers:** Roger, William Gandre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk), 1327 in *London Letter Books E*; Reginald le Gandre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Gandr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Street, Sussex); Thomas Ganer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiteway hundred, Dorset); John Gandre, Richard Gandre, 1450 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gander, 1540 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Dudley Gander, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx).

**Ganderton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from Conderton (Worcs), which is recorded as *Canterton* in 1258.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Canterton, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Andrew de Canterton, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Odiham, Hants); Wilhelmus Canterton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Alexander Conderton, 1434 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Ganderton, 1577 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs); John Canterton, 1605 in *PROB 11* (East Forryate, Shrops); Bridgett Ganderton, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Kirseoe, Worcs); Richard Ganderton, 1729 in *IGI* (Persnore, Worcs); Matilda Ganderton, 1806 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

**Gandey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs; also Oxon

English: see **Gandy**.

**Gandhi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1480, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Mumbai): occupational name, Hindu (Banias, Vania, Arora, Jat), Jain, Parsi, and Sikh, from Sanskrit *gāndhika*, originally meaning 'perfume seller' (from *gandha* 'perfume'), but in Gujarati denoting 'grocer' or 'pharmacist'.

**Further information:** This name occurs chiefly in Gujarat among Vantias and Parsis. It is also found among the Oswal Bantias of Rajasthan and among the Aroras and the Jats of the Panjab.

**Gandon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also ER Yorks

1 Huguenot: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gando* or *Wando* (related to Frankish *gant* 'wild goose', from Old High German *ganazzo*).

**Early bearers:** Jacob Gandon, 1697, Estienne Gandouin, 1702, Paul Gandon, 1703 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Pierre Gandon, 1709 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Jaque Gandon, 1730 in *IGI* (Swanfields French Huguenot, Stepney, Middx).

2 English: unexplained.

**Further information:** There is evidence for an English source for the name *Gandon*, in addition to the Huguenot form given above, but it has not yet been identified. It is unlikely that it is from Ganton (ER Yorks), because there are no examples of *Gandon* from ER Yorks before the late 19th century.

**Early bearers:** Barbery Ganden, 1618 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); George Gandon, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Rushden, Herts); William Ganden, 1752 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Gandon, 1855, James Ganden, 1860 in *IGI* (Lye, Worcs); Giles Gandon, 1871 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks).

**Gandy**

Variants: **Gandey, Gandee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1342, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Hants; London

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gondi, 1287 in *Chester Eyre Rolls* (Cheshire); Lawrence Gondy, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandwich, Kent); Hugo Gondy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Gandy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pemberton, Lancs); Thomas Gandy, 1421, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Melcombe, Somerset); John Gandy, 1464 in *York Registry Wills* (Gouxhill, Lincs); Adam Gandy, 1548 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Gandy, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Rye, Sussex); Rodger Gandie, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Gandy, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Knutsford, Cheshire); John Gandy, 1594 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); William Gandey, 1609, Gandee, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Symon Gandye or Gandie, 1625 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Gane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 845
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset

English: see **Gain**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Gane, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Somerset); John Gane, 1547 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); John Gane, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); Roger Gaine, 1762 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Joseph Gayn, 1813 in *IGI* (Trevethin, Monmouths).

**Ganesh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Ganey

Indian (southern states): Hindu name from Sanskrit *ganesa* 'lord of the army' (from *gana* 'army' + *īśa*), an epithet of the elephant-headed god who is the son of Shiva. Among Tamil and Malayalam speakers who have migrated from their home states it is a variant of *Ganesan*, which has the same derivation.

**Further information:** Ganesh is found only as a male given name in India, but is used in the West as a family name among Indians from the southern states.

### Ganey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; London

Irish: from Ó *Geigheannaigh* or *Mac Géibheannaigh*, see *Gainey*.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gangat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: unexplained.

### Gange

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Hants

English: perhaps a variant of *Genge*.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Gange, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Gange, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (East Carleton, Norfolk); Johanne Gange, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleford, Leics); Willelmus Gange, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Walter Gange, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs, Yorks); Nicholas Gange, 1611 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); William Gange, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Eling, Hants).

### Ganger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *ganger* 'one who walks or goes on foot' (an agent derivative of Old English *gangan* 'to walk'), perhaps a short form of *for(e)ganger* 'forerunner, herald'. Compare *Passant*; compare also Richard Gangishider ('walks hither'), 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (London).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Gangere, 1267 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard le Ganger, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Ann Ganger, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Willmott Ganger, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth Saint Andrews, Devon).

### Ganguly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *Gangopadhyaya* 'teacher (Sanskrit *upādhyāya*) from the village of Ganga'. Compare *Banerjee*.

### Gani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Muslim, Indian: see *Ghani*.

### Ganley

**Variants:** *Ganly, Gantley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 191
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon, Longford, and Westmeath

Irish: from *Mag Sheanlaoich* 'son of *Seanlaoch*', a personal name based on *sean* 'old' + *laoch* 'hero, warrior'. See *Shanley*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Rorie karraghe McGanleie, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887 (Roscommon); Patrick Ganly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonbarry, Roscommon); Denis Ganly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumrane, Westmeath); Andrew Ganly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon). England, Wales: Hugh Ganlee, 1736 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Edward Ganley, 1798 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Jacobi Ganley, 1833 in *IGI* (Forebridge near Stafford, Staffs); Thomas Ganly, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bartholomew Ganly, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Welsh Pool, Montgomerys); Daniel Ganly, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Patrick Ganley, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Manchester, Lancs); Bridget Gantley, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John Gantley, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Michael Ganlay, 1867 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Ganly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Roscommon, and Galway

Irish: from *Mag Sheanlaoich*, see *Ganley*.

### Gann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Irish: from *Mag Gana*, see *McGann*.

### Gannaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London
- English: see *Janaway*.

### Ganner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Ganner, 1377, Johannes Ganner', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Onn, Staffs); Anne Ganner, 1594 in *PROB II* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ciyss Ganner, 1630 in *IGI* (Queenhill, Worcs); John Ganner, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

### Gannett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *ganet* 'gannet or solan' (Old English *ganot*).

**Early bearers:** John Ganet, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Glamorgan); Lucas Ganet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); William Ganet, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Walterus Ganet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cary Fitzpaine, Somerset); John Gannett, 1587 in *PROB II* (Bishop Caundle, Dorset); Edvard Gannett, 1647 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Edward Gannet, 1744 in *IGI* (Glanvilles Wootton, Dorset); Rebecca Ganett, 1799 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Hants).

### Gannev

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Gany, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*; Thoma Gany, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corfe, Somerset); Willm Gannev, 1612 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe All Saints, Lincs); Joane Gannev, 1619, Mary Ganny, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Ganny, 1696 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

### Gannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3661, Ireland 2728
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway and Mayo

Irish: from *Mag Fhionnán*, a patronymic from the personal name *Fionnán*. This name, from a diminutive of *fionn* 'white, fair', was borne by several early Irish saints. Compare *McKennon*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig McGennan, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2225; Donnell McGynnan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440 (Tillegorte, Leitrim); Daniel Gannan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo); Thady Gannon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacumys, Roscommon); Bridget Gannon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim); Denis Gannon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim).

### Ganson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Lancs

Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Gavin* + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Gawensone, 1563 in *Ancient Scottish Seals II* (Nairn); Elspet. Gaunson, 1701 in *IGI* (Olrig, Caithness); Francis Gaunson, 1764 in *IGI* (Fetlar, Shetland); Nicholas Ganson, 1838 in *IGI* (Droylsden, Lancs).

### Gant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1573, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1077
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London; Lincs and Yorks

English: see *Gaunt*.

### Ganter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

English: occupational name for a maker or seller of gloves, Middle English *ga(u)nter*, Old French *gantier*, *wantier*.

**Early bearers:** Lefwinus le Wanter, 1172 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Adam le Gaunter, 1220 in *Curia*

*Regis Rolls* (Middx); Adam le Ganter, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Alanus Ganter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Johannes Ganter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Giles Ganter, 1422 in *Patent Rolls*; Elise Ganter, 1649 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); Henery Ganter, 1662 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Samuel Ganter, 1737 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Thomas Gaunter, 1831 in *IGI* (South Kilvington, NR Yorks).

### Gantlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Gauntlett**.

### Gantley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: from **Mag Sheanlaoich**, see **Ganley**.

2 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** George Gauntley, 1590, Marie Gantley, 1591 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Roger Gantley, 1607 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); William Gauntley, 1713 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts).

### Gao

**Variants:** **Goh, Koh, Ko, Koo, Khoo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 857, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 高 (**Kao** in Mandarin romanization, **Ko** or **Kou** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘high’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Gao Yuan (高元), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from *Gao* (高), the name of a fief (located in Yuxian in Henan province) granted to Prince Gao, son of king Qi Wen Gong (died 804 BC) in the state of Qi. (iii) from the second element of the personal name Zi Gao (子高), style name of Prince Qi, son of king Qi Hui Gong (died 599 BC) in the state of Qi. (iv) borne by descendants of Yuan Jingan and Yuan Wenyao, who were endowed with the surname *Gao* (高) by the emperor Wen Xuan Di (AD 529–59) during the Northern Qi dynasty (AD 550–77). (v) adopted in place of the surname 徐 by Gao Long (高隆), who inherited his foster father’s surname during the Northern Qi dynasty (AD 550–77). (vi) adopted as a surname by the emperor Mu Rong Yun (died AD 409) in the Later Yan dynasty (AD 384–407). (vii) adopted as a surname by some families in the Xianbei and Gaoli (Korean) ethnic groups in N China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郛 (**Kao** in Mandarin romanization, **Ko** or **Kou** in Cantonese romanization): from *Gao* (郛), the name of a state (located in Chengwu in Shandong province) granted to the eleventh son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). After it was annexed by the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

### Gape

**Variants:** **Gapes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Dorset

1 English: see **Gapp**.

**Early bearers:** William Gape, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Gape, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Derby, Derbys); William Gape, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Wootton, Kent); William Gape, 1671 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

2 Norman, English: nickname, perhaps from Old French *gape* ‘weak, enfeebled’.

### Gapes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Gape** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Chrystyan *Gapes*, 1560 in *IGI* (Denton, Kent); John *Gapes*, 1665 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Thomas *Gapes*, 1742 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset).

### Gapp

**Variants:** **Gape**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *gap(pe)* (Old Scandinavian *gap*), denoting someone who lived by a chasm, breach in a wall or hedge, or (in Norfolk and Suffolk) by a gap in the cliffs. Compare John le Gaper, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard gappe, 1198–1212 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Savatus del Gap de Torp, Nicholas Gap, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas atte Gap, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Godfrey ad le Gappe, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Thomas atte Gap’, Johannes atte Gap’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halvergate, Norfolk); Elias Gapp, 1597 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Gapper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: locative name, probably a derivative of Middle English *gap(pe)* ‘opening, break, breach’, for someone who lived by a gap in a wall or some other landscape feature. Compare **Gapp**.

**Early bearers:** John Gapper, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Bridgwater Saint Mary, Somerset); Johes Gapper, 1562 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Thomas Gapper, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Bradford Abbas, Dorset); Richard Gapper, 1614 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Gara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo; Donegal

1 Irish: from **Ó Gadhra**, see **O’Gara**.

2 Irish: possibly a reduced variant of **McGeary**.

3 Indian (Gujarat, Mumbai): Hindu and Parsi, unexplained.

### Garahy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### Garard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks
- English: see **Gerard**.

### Garbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *garbe* ‘bunch, sheaf’, Old French *garbe* ‘wheatsheaf’.

Compare **Garber**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Garbe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Gabe, 1577 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Jeames Gabe, 1657 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Gabe, 1762 in *IGI* (Tockenham, Wilts).

2 German: relationship name, occupational name, variant of **Garb**, which can represent a short form of a personal name formed with Old High German *gēr* ‘spear, lance’, or alternatively from the dialect word *garb*, Middle High German *garwe* ‘tanner’. Some examples may belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** William Garbe, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Gustave Garbe, ivory turner, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Harry Garbe, commercial traveller, born in Hanover, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Herman Garbe, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Hedwig Garbe, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

3 French: nickname, Picard and southern variant of **Gerbe**, from Old French *gerba* ‘wheatsheaf’, probably denoting a reaper or harvester, or someone who collected sheaves owed in rent.

**Early bearers:** Hubert Garbe, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Cristiane Garbe, Marcel Garbe, Louis Garbe, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

### Garber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex

Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Gerber**, from Yiddish *garber*.

### Garbert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Garbet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; Lancs and WR Yorks; Glamorgan
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Garbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2362, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Worcs
- English: see **Garbutt**.



## Garbould

### Garbould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Garbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Garbutt**.

### Garbutt

**Variants:** **Garbut, Garbett, Garbet, Garbert, Garbould, Gorbould, Gorburt, Gorbett, Gorbort, Carbett, Carbert, Carbutt, Carbould, Carbott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2877, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2163
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham; WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English, Norman: relationship name from any of three Middle English personal names of Norman origin: *Gerbod* (Continental Germanic *Gerbodo*), *Gerbert* (Continental Germanic *Gerbert, Girbert*), and *Gerbold* (Continental Germanic *Gerbald, Gerbold*). All three became confused at an early date. **Early bearers:** given names: Gerbod, Gerbodo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gerbodo del Scalt, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Gerbod', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Grindleton, WR Yorks).

given names: Gerbert, Gerbertus, Gereberct, Girbertus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gerbertus de Sancto Claro, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

given names: Gerbold, Gerboldus de Curcy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Robert Gerbert, 1100–13 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Herts); William Girbertus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Gerbert, 1174 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William Gerbode, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Gerbert, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Willelmus filius Gerboud, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Grindleton, WR Yorks); Hugo filius Gerbold', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Gerebald, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); William Garbode, Garbolde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Gerbaud, 1300 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Gerbot, 1302 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Garbote, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Horsham Saint Faith, Norfolk); John Garbot, 1397 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Carbutt, 1412 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Garbat, 1578 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); James Garbutt, 1602 in *York Freeman's Register*; Matthew Garbutt, son of Robert Carbutt, 1672 in *York Freeman's Register*; Francis Carbert, 1721 in *IGI* (Healaugh by Tadcaster, WR Yorks).

**References:** Information from Tony Harris (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Garcha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Garcia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4267, Ireland 108
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from a common medieval Iberian personal name of uncertain origin. It is found in

medieval records in the Latin form *Garsea*, and may be of pre-Roman origin, perhaps akin to Basque (*h*)artz 'bear'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Garcia, boot maker, in *Census 1841* (Aldgate, London); Manuel Garcia, master of music, in *Census 1841* (Chorlton, Lancs); Miguel Garcia, born in Shadwell, in *Census 1851* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Moses Garcia, cab driver, born in Aldgate, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Juan Garcia, waiter, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Solomon Garcia, tailor, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jose Perez Garcia, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Samuel Garcia, cigar maker, born in London, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Raphael Garcia, born in Cuba, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Reuben Garcia, frame maker, born in Mile End, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Salvador Garcia, foreign correspondent, born in Seville, Spain, in *Census 1891* (Chorlton, Lancs); Diego Garcia, officer, Argentine navy, born in Argentina, in *Census 1901* (Deptford, Kent); Lewis Garcia, jewellery traveller, born in London, in *Census 1901* (Nottingham, Notts); Gregorio Garcia, born in Portugal, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Manuel Regidor Garcia, born in Madrid, Spain, in *Census 1911* (Liscard, Cheshire); Maria Arcaide Garcia, born in Andalusia, Spain, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Moss and Esther Garcia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Gard

**Variants:** **Guard, Garde, Geard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 763
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon and Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *gard(e)*, *guard(e)* 'care, custody, protection' (Old French *garde* 'guard, watchman'), for a member of a town watch or troop of guards.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Gard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John le Gard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William la Garde, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Gard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helens, Hants); Henry Garde, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Gearde, 1547 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); John Garde, Nicholas Gard, 1566 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Peter Garde, 1600 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Thomas Gird or Gyrd, 1608, Henry Geard, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Cullompton, Devon); Edward Gard or Garde, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Newport, IoW); Henry Guard, 1643 in *IGI* (Yarnscombe, Devon); John Guarde, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Geard, 1728 in *IGI* (Withycombe, Somerset).

### Gardam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Gardham**.

### Garde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon; Jersey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English, French: see **Gard**.

### Garden

**Variants:** **Gardyne, Gardine, Gordine, Gardon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Banffs, and Morays

Scottish, English: nickname, locative name from Middle English, Older Scots *gardin, garde(i)n* 'garden; enclosed area or ground for cultivation', Old French *gardin*, denoting someone who lived or worked in a garden. Compare **Jardin**.

**Early bearers:** England: William del Gardin, about 1183 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Oxon); William Gardin, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); John atte Gardyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Salkyn atte Gardyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Lawrence, Essex); Stephanus Gardeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); John Garden, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Trumpington, Cambs); Jhon Gardyn, 1577 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); William Garding, 1608 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Gardine, 1682 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Gordine, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Ann Gordine, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Peter Garden, 1734 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

Scotland: James Garden, 1625 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Alexander Gordein, 1622, Johne Gordeine, 1659 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

### Gardener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2628, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5329
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England

English: see **Gardner**.

### Gardham

**Variants:** **Gardam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Gardham in Cherry Burton (ER Yorks), recorded as *Gerdene*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and *G(h)erthum* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gerthom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); John Gerthom, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Walington, ER Yorks); Robert Garthum of Botercrame, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Buttercrambe, NR Yorks); Thomas Gartham, 1553 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); An Gardam, 1613, Thomas Gardham, 1646 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Thomas Gardham, 1714 in *IGI* (Kilnwick Percy, ER Yorks).

### Gardine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Angus
- Scottish: see **Garden**.

### Gardiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14785, Ireland 1437
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8559
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Banffs; Perths; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim

English, Scottish: see **Gardner**.

### Gardinor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o



- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Gardner**.

### Gardner

Variants: **Gardener, Gardiner, Gardinor, Gairdner, Garner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29888, Ireland 417
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20169
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England, Wales, and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *gardainer, gardener, gardinier, gardouner, cardiner* ‘gardener’, Old French \**gardinier, jardinier*. **Early bearers:** Anger gardiner, before 1166 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Lincs); William le gardinier, le Gardenier, 1199, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Walter le gardiner, fruiterer, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Willelmus Gardiner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Melton, ER Yorks); Ricardo Gardynere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerton Erleigh, Somerset); Georgio Gardinere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Richard Gardener, 1490 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, City of London); Kellam Gardinor, 1596 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); William Gardynere, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Thomas and Rose Gardiner, Gardner, 1730, 1733 in *Parish Registers* (Horringer, Suffolk).

### Gardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Angus

Scottish, English: apparently a variant of **Garden** or perhaps a metathesized form of **Gordon**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gardyne

Variants: **Gairns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from Gardyne (Angus). **Early bearers:** William Gardeyn, du Gardyn, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); Patrick Gardyne, 1450 in *Brechin Register* (Gardyne, Angus); Christian Gardyn, 1633, Issobell Gardine, 1683 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Iss. Gordyne, 1635 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); Androw Gardine, 1659, Andrew Gardin, 1688 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs).  
2 Scottish: see **Garden**.

### Gare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Northants

English: variant of **Gore**.

**Early bearers:** Alvred de le Gare, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John Gare, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William del Gare, 1343 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Willelmus de Gare, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Roberto del Gare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Gare, 1506 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Gare, 1565 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Gare, 1615 in *PROB 11*

(Saint George the Martyr Southwark, Surrey); William Gare, 1718 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

### Garey

Variants: **Gair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Ayr

English, Scottish: relationship name from a Middle English adoption of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Geiri, Geri* ‘spear’. *Gari* is probably a Norman form from the same ultimate origin. *Geri*, with /g/ (hard G, as here) is difficult to distinguish from Old French *Geri* with /dʒ/(soft G) as in **Geary, Jeary**, and also from **Gary**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gheri, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Geri, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Geri filius Gunni, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
surnames: England: Ralph Gari, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Richard, Aluredus Geri, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Richard, Tiberius B ii (Norfolk); Ralph Gary, 1249 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Roger Gairy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Mathewe Gaary, 1584 in *IGI* (Bobbingsworth, Essex); Abell Garey, 1608 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
surnames: Scotland: Henrie Gairie, 1692 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Margaret Gaerrie, 1718 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Janet Garey, 1752 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Angus).

### Garfath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Garforth**.

### Garfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Northants

1 English: locative name from Middle English *gor(e), gar(e)* ‘triangular piece’ + *feld* ‘open country, field’ (Old English *gār + feld*), for someone who lived by a triangular piece of land.

**Early bearers:** William Garfield, 1581 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Edward Garfyld, 1583 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); John Garfeilde, 1619 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); John Garfeld, 1629 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); George Garfield, 1664 in *IGI* (Quatt, Shrops).

2 Norman, English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Carville**, with exrescent final *-d*, to give some of the examples in (1).

**Early bearers:** Linewell Garvell, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Garfell, 1677 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John Garfile, 1701 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys); Ricd. Garvel, 1744 in *IGI* (Buckenham, Norfolk); John Garfill, 1769 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Garfiel, 1816 in *IGI* (Geddington, Northants).

### Garfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Garvin**.

### Garfirth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Garforth**.

### Garfit

Variants: **Garfitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: variant of **Garforth** or **Garthwaite**.

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that these names were much confused, citing Edmund Garphet or Garforth from the 1704–6 parish registers of Skipton (WR Yorks); Paul Garthwait, Garthfitt, or Garfit in the 1772–6 parish registers for Wath on Dearne (WR Yorks); and Anthony Garthwait, Garfatt, or Garforth in the 1752–7 parish registers for Slaidburn (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam Garfitt, 1579, Wm Garford, 1620 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Anthonie Garfett, 1589 in *IGI* (Spridlington, Lincs); Richard Garfit, 1649 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs); Robertus Garfitt, 1679 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Susannah Garfit, 1724 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

### Garfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Garfit**.

### Garfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Lincs; also Durham

English: see **Garforth** and **Garthwaite**, and compare **Garfit**.

**Further information:** *Garfoot* occurs much earlier in Essex and appears to be in variation with **Garford**: Johannes Garfoot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Richard Garford, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Garfoot, 1634 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex). However, its origin is uncertain, as is its survival to the present day.

**Early bearers:** Sicelly Garfoot, 1583 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Phillip Garfoote, 1651 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Anthony Garfoot, 1656 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham); Mercy Garfot, 1706 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Johannes Garfoot, 1710 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Garford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Northants, and Lincs; Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: variant of either **Garforth** or **Garthwaite**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* observes that *Garforth* had migrated to east Lancs by the 16th century, citing land granted to John Garthforth of Farnhill at a manor court held in Colne (Lancs) in 1543.

2 English: locative name from Garford (Berks). However, evidence is lacking to show that this name survived to the present day.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Garforde, 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thoma Garford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade borough, Wilts); Johanne Gareforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grove, Berks); Marie Garford, 1634 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

## Garforth

### Garforth

Variants: **Garford, Garfoot, Garfirth, Garfath, Garfit, Garthwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 781, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 838
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Garforth (WR Yorks). The name has often been confused with that in (2), and some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong there.

**Early bearers:** William de Gereford, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Garforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garforth, WR Yorks); Rycherd Garforth, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Dionis Garforthe, 1575 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Dionisus Garforthe, 1577, Richardus Garford, 1580 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Willm. Garfirth, 1585 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Nicolas Garford, 1590 in *IGI* (Uffington, Lincs); Matthiae Garfourth, 1614 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Samuëll Garfirth, 1765 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Garthwaite**.

### Garg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Bania) and Jain name which traces back to the name of an ancient Hindu sage.

**Further information:** The Agarwal Banias and the Oswal Banias both have clans called *Garg*.

### Gargan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 520
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Angus; also IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Irish: from Ó Geargáin ‘descendant of *Geargán*’ or reduced from **Mac Geargáin** ‘son of *Geargán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *garg* ‘fierce’.

**Early bearers:** John McGargan, and Murtagh mac Melaughlin O Gargan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4715 (Meath); Malaughlin mcPhilip Magargan, gent., and Shane mcBryen Magargan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4891 (Moybolge, Cavan); Philip roe McGargan, clerk, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4908 (Carrykgill, Cavan).

### Gargate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Gargett**.

### Gargett

Variants: **Gargate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *gargat(e)* ‘throat’, Old French *gargate, garguett*.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Gargate, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Gargate, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); John Garget, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh Garget, 1252 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); William Garget, John Garget, 1328 in *Patent Rolls*; Lawnce Gargett, 1586 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Jana Gargat, 1694 in *IGI* (Dufton, Westm);

John Gargate, 1721 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); George Gargat, 1787 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Gargit, 1731 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

### Gargrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Gargrave (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Geirgrauve, 1196 in *Memoranda Roll* (Yorks); Arnald de Garregrave, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William de Gairegrauve, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Gairgrave, William de Gairgrave, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Wakefield, Thorne, WR Yorks); Johannes de Gayregrave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); John Gargrave, 1446–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Cotton Gargrave, 1571, Thomae Gargraue, 1640 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Mathew Gargrave, 1618 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Randle Gargrave, 1649 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Garin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks

Huguenot: see **Guerin**.

### Garing

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: anglicized form of the French Huguenot name **Guerin**.

### Garioch

Variants: **Garrioch, Garriock, Gerrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Garioch (Aberdeens).

**Further information:** The **Leslie** family, taking their name from Leslie in the Garioch, sometimes used the surname Garioch in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Waldevus de Garviacht, about 1211 in *Caitness and Sutherland Records*; Andrew de Garuiach, sheriff of Aberdeen, 1264, 1266 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Andrew de Garwyach, 1380 in *Roths Manuscripts* (Rothienorman, Aberdeens); William Gariach, burgess of Aberdeen, 1475, James Gereaucht, burgess of Aberdeen, 1525 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Robt. Garioche, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Garioch, 1647 in *Strathbogie Presbytery Book*; Henry Garrioch, 1659 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Barbra Garriock, 1737 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney); Helen Garriock, 1765 in *IGI* (Orphir, Orkney); Andrew Garriock, 1798 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

### Garity

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Geraghty**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Garland

Variants: **Garlant, Gartlan, Gartland, Gerland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5096, Ireland 690
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3962

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Louth; Westmeath

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gerlond, ger(e)land, garlond* ‘metal chaplet, crown, coronet; wreath’, probably denoting a habitual wearer or maker of such items. Compare William Garlander, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). Some examples may belong at (2) or (3). (ii) relationship name, perhaps from the Old French personal name *Gerland* (Continental Germanic *Gareland*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Gerland, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam Garlaund, 1293 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Garland, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Richard Garland, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Johannes Garlande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Galfrido Garland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickenhall, Somerset); John Garland, 1452 in *PROB 11* (Walden, Essex); Thomas Garland, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); William Garland, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory Stoke, Somerset); Robt Garlande, 1591, Nic Garland, 1631 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *gor(e), gar(e)* ‘triangular piece’ + *lond* ‘land’ (Old English *gāra* + *land, lond*), for someone who lived ‘(at the) triangular piece of land’. Compare **Garfield**.

**Early bearers:** John de Garland’, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Winchester, Hants); John de Garlond, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Rouen, Normandy); William de Garlaund, 1284 in *Patent Rolls*.

3 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for the Norman name **Gernon**, which was gaelicized as *Gearnún*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: George Garland (alias Garnon), 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §289 (Meath); James Garlande, knight, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §381 (Louth); Edward Garland, gent., 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §542 (Drougheda, Louth); Roger Garlande, sheriff of Louth, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3486; Edward Garnon, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3887 (Killincowll, Louth); James Garlon, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5656 (Balleblagh, Monaghan); Pyrrhus Gernon alias Garland, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6274 (Aghar); John Gartlan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoynne, Monaghan); Thomas Gartland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonfeckin, Louth); Patrick Gartlan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donore, Meath); Hugh Gartland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Duleek, Meath).

England, Scotland: Patrick Gartland, 1803 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Peter Garlan, 1831 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Eliz. Gartlan, 1844 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ann Gartland, 1854 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Michael Gartlan, 1861 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Garlant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Garland**.

### Garle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Girle**.

**Garley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from South Gorley in Ibsley or North Gorley in Fordingbridge (both in Hants), recorded as *Garlega* and *Northgorlega*, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*, or perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place of similar name.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Garlye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warborough, Oxon); Thomas Garley of Scarborough, in *Patent Rolls* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Thomas Goreley, 1570 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Robert Gorly, 1572 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Racharde Gorlye, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Gorley, 1594 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Garly, 1594 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent); Rycherd Gorley, 1603 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Bartholamew Garley, 1608 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Scarbore Gerley, 1629 in *IGI* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Benet Garlee, 1678 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Gorely, 1695 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Peter Garley, 1725 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Garley, 1814 in *IGI* (Orlinsbury, Northants).

**Garlic**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Surrey
- English: see **Garlick**.

**Garlick**

**Variants:** **Garlic, Garlinge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2449, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Derbys and Cheshire

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *garlec* (Old English *gārlēac*) ‘garlic’, perhaps for a habitual eater of garlic or for a garlic seller: compare Luke le Garlekmongere, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*, and Robertus Garlickman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber boroughs, Sussex). (ii) occupational name, sometimes probably a reduction of Middle English *Garleker*. Compare Nicholas Garlicke, 1547 in *York Registry Wills* (Pontefract, WR Yorks) with Willelmus Garleker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks), and John Garlyke, 1491, with Thomas Garleker, 1387, both in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Garlec, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Gilbert garlek, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Robertus Garleke, 1377, Robertus Garlik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Willelmus Garlyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts); Rogerus Garlek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); John Garlyke, 1491 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas Garlike or Garlick, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); James Garlick, 1589 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); John Garlick, 1630 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Richd. Garlick, 1741 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Wm. Garleek, 1773 in *IGI* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); John Barwdey Garlick, 1767 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); James Gorlick, 1787 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); Martha Garlic, 1786 in *IGI* (Tideswell, Derbys).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Garling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Kent
- English: see **Garlinge**.

**Garlinge**

**Variants:** **Garling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name, presumably from Garlinge (Kent), recorded as *Grenling* in 943 and *Grenelinge* in the 13th century, but medieval evidence for a surname derived from this place is missing.

**Early bearers:** John Garlinge, 1579 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Ann Garling, 1673; John Garlinge, 1676 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent).

**Garlington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Girlington Hall (NR Yorks) or Girlington (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Girllyngton, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Barforth, NR Yorks); Nicholas Girylyngton, 1438, 1450, 1451 in *Feet of Fines*; Frauncisca Girlington, 1582 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Robart Girlington, 1591, Margar. Girlinton, 1584 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Girlington, 1642 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs); Nicholas Gerlington, 1650 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Tho. Garlington, 1677 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Hannah Gerlington, 1816 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

**Garman**

**Variants:** **Garment, Garmant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 383
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Middx
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gormund* (Old English *Gǣrmund*).
- Early bearers:** given names: Gormundus, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Gormundum de Cumpton, 1229 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames: John Gurmond, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Atherton, IoW); Agnes Garmond, 1504 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Garment, 1622 in *IGI* (Cheddar, Somerset); Richard Garmond, 1666 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); James Garment, 1735 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Ann Garmant, 1794 in *IGI* (Tottenham, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *gor(e)*, *gar(e)* ‘triangular piece of land’ (from Old English *gāra*) + *man* ‘man’, denoting a dweller at such a place. Compare **Gore**.

**Early bearers:** William Gorman, 1296, Adam Garman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Garman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Eliz Garman, 1571 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Roger Garman, 1579 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Elizabeth Garman, 1584 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Elizabeth Garman, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Willi. Garman, 1603 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics).

3 Irish: from **Mac Gormáin, Ó Gormáin**, see **Gorman**.

**Gorman.****Garmant**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Garman**.

**Garment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Garman**.

**Garmon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: from **Mac Gormáin, Ó Gormáin**, see **Gorman**. **Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Garmonsway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Surrey

English: locative name from Garmondsway in Bishop Middleham (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Garmundeswaie, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Rogerum de Garmundeswara, 1229 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Garmundeseye, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William Garmonsway, 1446 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Edwarde Garmontsway, 1615, John Garmonsay, 1622, John Garmonsway, 1657 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Franciscus Garmonsway, 1710 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Robert Garmonsway, 1827, David Garmondsway, 1833 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Garmston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Gloucs
- English: locative name from Garmston (Shrops), recorded as *Garmundeston* in 1301.

**Early bearers:** Robrt. Garmston, 1548, Thomas Garmston, 1661 in *IGI* (Waters Upton, Shrops); Thomas Garmeston, 1578 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Roberti Garmeston, 1631 in *IGI* (Wroxeter, Shrops); Thomas Garmstone, 1751 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Samuel Garmeston, 1788 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); James Combes Garmstone, 1801 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Garn**

**Variants:** **Garne, Garnes, Garon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Garn* in Westbury on Severn (Gloucs). Some of the post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Gerne, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Elyzabeth Gern, 1560 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Thomas Garn, 1569 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Margery Gern, 1563, John Garn, 1571 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Alyce Garn, 1575 in *IGI* (Coldred, Kent); Mary Garn, 1576 in *IGI* (Fritwell, Oxon); Mary Garn, 1582 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Johannis Garne, 1589 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs); John Garne, 1612 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Richard Garne, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Bishops’ Cleeve, Gloucs); Gideon Gerne, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Tho Garn, 1710 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs).

## Garnar

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 203.

2 English: relationship name, perhaps a reduced form of the Old French personal name *Geron*, the oblique case form of *Garō*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Ger-* (see **Gerald**, **Gerard**, **Garbutt**). A contracted form *Gern* would have given rise to a variant pronunciation *Garn* in late Middle English.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Geron, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Foxcote, Gloucs); Willelmo Geron', 1379, Willelmos Geroun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cranoe, Leics); Johannes Geron', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Thoma Gerown, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stathern, Leics); John Garn., 1571 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Joan Garn, 1623 in *IGI* (Maisemore, Gloucs).

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Geron.

3 English: perhaps a reduced form of **Garron**.

## Garnar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Garner**.

## Garne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Lancs
- English: see **Garn**.

## Garnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; also Lancs

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Carnell** with voicing of the initial consonant. (ii) variant of **Gornall**.

**Early bearers:** Wm Garnell, 1588 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Mary Garnell, 1636 in *IGI* (West Burton, Notts).

## Garner

Variants: **Garnier**, **Garnar**, **Gerner**, **Gurner**, **Gorner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13737, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Midlands, WR Yorks, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Garnier*; see **Warner**. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Garnerius de Nugent., 1170–83 in *Northants Charters* (Rutland).

surnames: Geoffrey Gerner, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Almaric Gerner, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert Gerner, 1334 in *MED* (Lancs); Willelmos Gerner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catton, Norfolk); William Garner, of Kyrketon in Holland, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Mgt Garner, 1544 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Richard Garner, 1547 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Steven Garner, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Helnas Gerner, 1566 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); George Garner, 1575 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Joane Gurner, 1578, Anthonie Gournier, 1619 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Martha Gorner, 1612 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Mary Girner, 1653 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Robert Gorner, 1684 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs).

2 English: locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived or worked at a granary or storehouse, Middle English *gern(i)er*, *garner*, *gurner*.

**Early bearers:** William del Gerner, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmos del Gerner, 1203, William del Gerner, 1324 in *MED*; William del Gerner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Gerner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys).

3 English: late variant of **Gardner**.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Gardner or Garner, 1706–9 in *Bardsley*.

## Garnes

Variants: **Garns**, **Garniss**, **Garness**, **Garnish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sussex
- English: (i) variant of **Garn**, with post-medieval excremental *-s*. (ii) reduced form of *Garness*, see **Garnish**.

**Early bearers:** Miles Garnes, 1682 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Lovedy Garns, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Mary Garns, 1756 in *IGI* (Melton Constable, Norfolk).

## Garness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Herefs; Lincs
- English: (i) see **Garnish**. (ii) see **Garnes** (i).

**Early bearers:** Thomes Garnes, 1576 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Ellen Garnes, 1610 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); James Garness, 1665 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Wm Garneis, 1722, Matthew Garniss, 1738, Matthew Garness, 1770 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs); John Garniss, 1704 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Thomas Garness, 1727 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

## Garnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx

English: see **Garnett**.

## Garnett

Variants: **Warnett**, **Garnet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4494, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: relationship name from Old French *guarinet*, *warinot*, a diminutive of the Old French personal name *Guarin*, *Warin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Garnet, 1409 in *Bardsley*. surnames: Ricard Gernet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Roger Gernet, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Benedict Gernet, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Warinot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Garynot (Gerynot), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Garnett, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Garnet or Garnett, 1529 in *PROB 11* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *garnet* 'T-shaped hinge' (Anglo-Norman French *garnette*; compare *Salzman, Building* pp. 297–8), perhaps for a maker of such items.

## Garneys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Garnish**.

## Garnham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2078, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1419
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk

English: altered form of **Gernon**.

**Further information:** As early as the 12th century *Gernun* is found occasionally as *Gernum*. This later became *Garnom* and *Garnam* and finally *Garnham*, as if derived from a place-name.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gernon, Nicholas Gernown, John Garnon, Edmund Garnon, 1524, identical with Nicholas Garnham, John Garnham, Edmund Garnham, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bacton, Suffolk); John Garnham in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Garnome, 1533 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; Nicholas Garnom, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Garnam, Garnham, Phillip Garnham or Garneham, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Aldeburgh, Suffolk).

## Garnier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Channel Islands: see **Garner**.

## Garnish

Variants: **Garniss**, **Garness**, **Garneys**, **Garnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex and London

English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Old French \**garnois*, \**garneis* of uncertain meaning. An adjective related to Old French *gernun* 'moustache' (see **Garnon**) is unlikely in view of the *-a-* in the Middle English forms. (ii) see **Garnes**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Garnoise, 1194 in *Charter Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert le Garneys, 1269 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Norfolk); John Garnish, 1555 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Rayment Garnishe, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholaus Garnish, 1569 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Thomas Garnes, 1631, William Garniss, 1653 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Garneys, 1636 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Susana Garnish, 1637 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Garnis, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Peter Garness, 1660 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); Mary Garniss, 1778 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex).

## Garniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

1 English: see **Garnish**.

2 English: see **Garnes** (i).

## Garnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan
- Norman, English: see **Gernon**.

**Garns**

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Garnes**.

**Garnsey**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 101
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Devon
- French, Norman: locative name from Germisay (Haut-Marne), or perhaps in some cases from Guernsey (Channel Island).
- Early bearers: Peter Garnesey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Garnsey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Garnesey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Garnsworthy**

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: variant of **Guernsey** in which a local form *Garnsery* has been reinterpreted as a hypercorrect name with *-worthy* as the second element. Compare [wulzəri], the local pronunciation of Woolfardisworthy (Devon), and the development of *Hedgeworthy* to *Hudgery* in the same parish; see *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 399–400.
- Early bearers: John Garnsey, 1668, William Garnsery, 1736 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Thos Garnsworthy, 1766 in *IGI* (Kenton, Devon); William Garnsworthy, 1798 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon).

**Garofalo**

- Current frequencies: GB 166, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Southern Italian: locative name, nickname from *garofalo* ‘carnation’, from Greek *karyophyllon*, presumably denoting someone who lived where carnations grew or who grew or sold them. De Felice notes that the Calabrese and Sicilian dialect forms, *garofalu* and *garofolo*, denote other species of plant, as well as a whirlwind or vortex, senses which could also have contributed to the surname.
- Early bearers: Agata Garofalo, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Giovanni Garofalo, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Garon**

- Variants: **Garron**
- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- 1 English, Huguenot: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Garon*, from the oblique case form of *Garō*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Gar-*. (ii) the Middle English name could alternatively be an Anglo-Norman French variant of *Geron*; see **Garn** (2).
- Early bearers: English: Johannes Garoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); John Garron, 1659 in *IGI* (Baildon, WR Yorks).
- Huguenot: Jacob Garon, 1712 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs French Huguwest, Westminster, Middx); Jacob Garon, 1695, Sarah Garron, 1775 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).
- 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Warren**, whose medieval forms sometimes have *G-* for *W-*.

**Garr**

- Variants: **Gore**
- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 44
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Gheairr**, see **McGarr**.

**Garrad**

- Current frequencies: GB 655, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 510
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Essex
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Garrahan**

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; Lanarks
- Irish: from **Mag Aracháin** ‘son of *Arachán* or *Farachán*, a diminutive of *ánrad* meaning ‘poet or noble of the second order’ or ‘hero, warrior, champion’.
- Further information: This is a rare name in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Simon Mag Archain, canon and granger of Muinntir Lesa Gabail, 1431 in *AU*; Nicol Mag Arachain, 1456 in *AU*; Owen McGarraghan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$2147 (Kern); Owen Magaran, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6693; Patrick Garragan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath); Thomas Garragan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lickbla, Westmeath); Edmond Garraghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath).

**Garrard**

- Current frequencies: GB 1577, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 1236
  - Main GB location 1881: London and E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Gerard**.

**Garrat**

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 115
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Lancs
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Garratt**

- Current frequencies: GB 4016, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 2976
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Northants; Derbys
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Garratty**

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Warwicks
- Irish: see **Geraghty**.

**Garraty**

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 134
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; WR Yorks
- Irish: see **Geraghty**.

**Garraway**

- Variants: **Garroway**
- Current frequencies: GB 608, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 389
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs, Somerset, and Berks; Middx
- 1 English: locative name from Garway (Herefs).
- Early bearers: Walter de Garewy, 1228 in *Close Rolls*; John Gorwy, Gorewy of Worcester, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Willelmo Garwy, 1379, Waltero Garwey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruyton, Herefs); Walter Garwy, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Walter Garrawaie, 1572 in *PROB 11* (London); Philipp Garroway, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Acton, Middx).
- 2 English: relationship name from the Old English *Gārwig* ‘spear-war’.
- Early bearers: Ricardus filius Garwi, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John Gorewy, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Walter Garwy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Garwy, 1236 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Essex); Thomas Garraway, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Elizabeth Garraway, 1616 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Sra Garraway, 1627 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Garraway, 1637 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); James Garraway, 1670 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Garred**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 108
  - Main GB location 1881: E Anglia
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Garret**

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 381
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Hants; Middx; Lancs; also Wigtowns and Ayr
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Garrett**

- Variants: **Garrad**, **Garrat**, **Garratt**, **Garritt**, **Garrott**, **Garrod**, **Garrood**, **Garred**, **Garret**, **Jarrett**, **Jarred**, **Jared**, **Jarrad**, **Jarrood**, **Jarrott**, **Jarratt**, **Jarritt**, **Jarret**, **Jerrett**, **Jerred**, **Jerratt**, **Gerratt**, **Gerrad**, **Gerred**, **Gerrett**, **Gorrod**, **Garwood**, **Garretts**
- Current frequencies: GB 8890, Ireland 816
  - GB frequency 1881: 6664
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. S England
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gerad*, a variant of either **Gerald** or **Gerard** with loss of *l* or *r* respectively.
- Early bearers: given names: Geraddus filius Simonis, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Gerad, 1272 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; Jaret Havelok, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*.
- surnames: John Gerad (Gerard’), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Geraud, son of Robert Gerold, 1250–1 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Thomas Gerad, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Rogerus Garret, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Peter the Great, Worcs); Agn’ Jerat, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Garad, 1540 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Thomas Jarred, 1540 in *Sussex Wills*; John Garrat, William Garrett, 1553–5 in *Rochester Wills*; Roberte Garrad, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Lawford, Essex); Robert Jarratt, 1597 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); George Jarret or Jarett alias Gerrard, 1625 in

*PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Holborn, Middx); John Garrot, 1626 in *PROB 11* (City of Westminster, Middx).

### Garretts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Garrett**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Garrety

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Staffs
- Irish: see **Geraghty**.

### Garrick

Variants: **Gerrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 Scottish: see **Garriock**.

**Early bearers:** Merierie Garrick, 1656 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); George Garik, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney); Ann Garrick, 1771 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Thomes Garrick, 1785 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

2 Huguenot: locative name, anglicized form of southern French **Garrigue**, from Old Provençal *garrigue* 'grove of holm oaks or kermes oaks', applied as a topographic name or for someone from any of various places named with this word, such as Le Garric (Tarn) and Garrigues (Hérault, Tarn).

**Further information:** Pierre Bouffard, Sieur de la Garrigue, was head of a family at Castres near Bordeaux. Following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, a member of the family fled to England and adopted the name of the family estate. His grandson and namesake, the actor David Garrick, was born at Hereford in 1716.

**Early bearers:** Francis Garrigue, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Marie Madeleine Garic, 1722 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

3 English: locative name from Garwick in Heckington (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Garrok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharow, WR Yorks); Robert Garwycke of Swyneshed, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Swineshead, Lincs); Georg Garwicke, 1566, Marrish Garick, 1568 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Henry Garrick, 1664 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Peter Garricke, 1718 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Eliz. Garwick, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Garrick, 1778 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs).

### Garrido

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from Spanish, Portuguese *garrido* 'elegant, handsome, comely'.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Garrido, 'foreign', in *Census 1841* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Manuel Ricardo Garrido, 1854 in *IGI* (Nunhead, Surrey); Manuel Firmin Garrido, 1868 in *IGI* (Camberwell, Surrey); Juan Garrido, born in Camberwell, Surrey, in *Census 1881* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Inez Garrido,

born in Camberwell, Surrey, in *Census 1901* (Streatham, Middx).

### Garrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Midlothian

1 Scottish: locative name, possibly, from Garrie near Stranraer (Wigtowns) or Garrie near Drumblair (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Garrie, 1622 in *IGI*, Edward Garrie, in *Census 1841* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Anna Garry, 1679 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Janet Garry, 1689 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife).

England: Bryan Garrie, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Long Newton, Durham); Marmaduke Garrie, 1602 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); William Garrie, 1632, John Garry, 1721 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Christopher Garrie, 1782 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks).

2 Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### Garriga

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Catalan, southern French: locative name from *garrica* 'scrub, maquis, land where only holm oaks grow'.

**Early bearers:** Berthe Garriga, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx); Francis Garriga, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); L. Garriga, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

### Garrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 198
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Midlothian; Northumb and Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth
- Irish: from **Mac Geargáin** or sometimes **Ó Geargáin**, from a diminutive of *garg* 'fierce'.

**Early bearers:** Molaughlen McGarghean, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; Philip Garrigan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Philipstown, Louth).

### Garrihy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### Garrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Durham

English: variant of **Carrington** with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** John Garrington or Garyngton, 1518 in *PROB 11* (Mundon, Essex); Arthur Carington, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Jeremiah Garrington, 1642 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Will. Carington, 1698, Willm. Garrington, 1714, Thos. Garrington, 1745 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Henry Garrington, 1821 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Garriock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Garioch**.

### Garriock

Variants: **Garrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland

Scottish: see **Garioch**.

### Garrish

Variants: **Jerrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Gerrish**.

### Garrison

Variants: **Jerrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; London

1 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Geri* (see **Geary**) + *son*. However, the early bearers below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Garrison, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Oliver Garison, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Hertford Saint Andrew, Herts); Henry Garrison, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Chichester, Sussex); Gererd Garrison, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Lymm, Cheshire); James Garison, 1651 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Joseph Garrison, 1690 in *Parish Registers* (Yardley, Worcs).

2 English, Dutch: relationship name, perhaps from the personal name **Gerard** + *son*, with subsequent loss of *-d*.

**Further information:** In some cases the name, may also have arisen from the Dutch cognate **Garritsen**, **Gerrissen**, brought to Britain by immigrants from the Low Countries: Peter Gerardson of Suthwerk, taillour, born in Seland; Gerard Gerardson, born in Harlam in Holland; Peter Gerardson, born in Seland, dwelling at Suthwerk; Isebrand Gerardson, wever, dwelling at Suthwerk, Surrey, born in Holland; William Gerardson, born in Nalewyk in Holand, also dwelling at Southwark, and Gerard Gerardson, born in Sirikse in Seland, dwelling at Norwich. All are recorded in 1436 in *Patent Rolls*, in what appears to have been an anglicized form of their family name. **Early bearers:** Ricardus Gerardson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hayton, ER Yorks); Aleyn Gerardson, 1467 in *PROB 11* (Southwark, Surrey); James Gerardson, Garardson, 1423–9 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Garratson, John Garretson, 1550 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Garritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Garrity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1397, Ireland 117
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: from **Mag Oireachtaigh**, see **Geraghty**.

### Garrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2337, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1553

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Garron

Variants: **Garn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Huguenot: see **Garon**.

### Garrood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Garrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Worcs and Staffs; IoM
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Garrould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Middx
- English: see **Gerald**.

### Garrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Morays, and Banffs
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname from the Gaelic epithet *garbh* 'rough, stout, of powerful build'.  
**Early bearers:** Donald Gerrow, Johannes Garrow, 1527 in *Chiefs of Grant*; Johne Garrow, 1613 in *Logie History*; Marget Garrow, 1631 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth); James Garrowe, 1636 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); John Garrow, 1649 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); Elizebeth Garow, 1711 in *IGI* (Inveravon, Banff); Patrick Garro, 1713 in *IGI* (Auchindoir and Kearn, Aberdeens).  
 2 Cornish: nickname from Cornish *garow* 'rough'.  
**Early bearers:** James Garrow, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Philleigh, Cornwall); Ottes Garrow, 1578, Steven Garowe, 1582 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Garrowe, 1613 in *IGI*, John Garrow, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Padstow, Cornwall); John Garrowe or Garrow, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon).  
 3 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Garway (Herefs), recorded as *Garou* in 1138, although examples would be difficult to distinguish from those for (1) and (2).  
**Early bearers:** John Garrowe, 1630, John Garrow, 1632 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops).

### Garroway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English: see **Garraway**.

### Garry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 969, Ireland 770
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Westmeath, and Kildare; Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Gadhra (see **O'Gara**), or **Mac Fhearadhaigh** (see **McGarry**).

### Garsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Garston**.  
 2 English: see **Garstang**.

### Garside

Variants: **Gartside**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4218, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4313
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs, also Cheshire
- English: locative name from Garside (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Gartside, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne de Gartside, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Hugh Garthesyde, 1498 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; James Garthside, 1553, Alice Garside, 1597 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Jane Garsid, 1679 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Daniel Garsede, 1786 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Garson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Lancs
- 1 Scottish: see **Carson**.  
**Early bearers:** Janet Garson, 1724 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney).  
 2 English: see **Garston**.  
 3 English: occupational name, possibly in some instances from Middle English, Old French *garcon*, *garchon* 'boy, page, valet'.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald Garcon, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh le Garchun, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Garson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Rogerus Garcon, 1377 in *Poll Tax*, tenant of the King (Oakham, Rutland); Willelmus Garson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irchester, Northants); Thomas Garcon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); William Garson, 1577 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); Willm Garson, 1595 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Richard Garson, 1608 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Thomas Garson, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); Roger Garson, 1638 in *IGI* (Abbey Dore, Herefs).  
 4 Scottish: see **Corston**.

### Garstang

Variants: **Garston, Garsden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Garstang (Lancs).  
**Further information:** The place-name is recorded as *Garstan* in 1577 (*Lancs Place-Names*) and was almost certainly an alternative source of **Garston**. Compare Margaret Garstand, 1629, Sisley Garstang, 1653, Henery Garston, 1662 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Gahersteng, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); John of Garstang, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Gayrstang', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Henry Gairstang, 1443–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Garstang, 1477 in *PROB 11* (City of

London); Thomas Gayrstang', 1502–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Riccall, ER Yorks); Olyur. Garstange, 1561, Richard Garstang, 1615 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Thomas Garsden, 1679, Alice Garstang, 1792 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Garston

Variants: **Garstone, Garsden, Garson, Gasson, Gaston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; Lancs
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Garston in Lancs (a place-name meaning 'the great stone'). The pronunciation was sometimes simplified to *Garson* and *Gasson*. (ii) post-medieval variant of **Garstang**. Compare Roger Garstang, 1722 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs) and Geo Garstang, 1711 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs) with the early bearers below.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Gerstan, 1264 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Willelmus de Geson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmus de Garston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); Richard Garston, 1560, Thomas Garston, 1795 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Peter Garson, 1689 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Elizth. Garstin, 1708, Margaret Garsden, 1760, Mary Garson, 1765 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Garston, 1776 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire).  
 2 English: locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived by a grassy enclosure or paddock, Middle English *garston* (Old English *gærstūn*), or who looked after the paddock in which the village cattle were kept. Occasionally it may have denoted someone from one of the places named with this word; see **Gasson** (2).  
 3 English: locative name from East Garston (Berks); compare Garson's Lane in Warfield, *Place-Names of Berks* 2, p. 116.  
 4 English: see **Corston**.

### Garstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Garston**.  
**Early bearers:** Abraham Garston, 1595, Charles Garson, 1631 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs); Eliz. Garson, 1730, Hannah Garstone, 1810 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Gartell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: apparently a variant of **Gatrell** with metathesis of *-tr-* to *-rt-*. Compare **Gatrell**.  
**Early bearers:** Anthonij Gartell, 1625 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Edward Gartell, 1800 in *Parish Registers* (South Hill, Cornwall); Robert Gartell, 1802 in *Parish Registers* (Fordington, Dorset); Mary Gartel, 1809 in *IGI* (Holwell, Dorset); Charles Gartel, 1823 in *IGI* (Caundle Marsh, Dorset).

### Garth

Variants: **Gath, Goth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks



## Garthwaite

English: locative name from Middle English *garth* (Old Scandinavian *garðr*) ‘piece of enclosed ground; garden, paddock’.

**Early bearers:** John del Garth, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Mariota del Garth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus del Garth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); William Garth, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Matfen, Northumb); Mabell Garth, 1558 in *IGI* (Edenhall, Cumb); Katherin Garth, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Isabella Garthe, 1598 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs).

### Garthwaite

Variants: **Garfit**, **Garfoot**, **Garford**, **Garforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Garfit in Helmsley (NR Yorks), recorded as *Garthwayt* and *Garthpheit* in the 13th century, but the 1379 example suggests there may have been a (lost) place of the same name in Lancs. The name was much confused with the name in (2), and some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong there. **Further information:** *Black* claims this is a ‘Dumfriesshire surname of local origin’, but offers no evidence.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Gerthwait, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Peter de Gartwayt, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bilsdale, NR Yorks);

John Garthwayt, 1545 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Richmond, NR Yorks); Richard Garthwait, 1568 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Thomas Gartwhate, 1576 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Dent, WR Yorks); Ephraim Garthwaite, 1600 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Michael Garthwaite, 1605 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls* (Durham); Jane Garthwait, 1677 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); George Garthwait, 1715 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 69; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: altered form of **Garforth**.

### Gartlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish: see **Garland**.

### Garmland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 967, Ireland 415
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Meath; Tyrone

Irish: (i) see **Garland**. (ii) reduced anglicized form of **Mac Gearnúin**, see **McGarmland**.

### Gartley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Gartly (Aberdeens), earlier the barony of *Garntuly* in Strathbogie. **Early bearers:** Simon de Garentuly, 1229 in *Moray Register* (Moray, Morays); Andrew de Garentuly, 1258 in *Moray Register* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Patricius

Garntuly, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters*; James Grantullie, 1633 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Gairtlie, 1627 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Gartlye, 1676 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); John Gartley, 1679 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Garthly, 1754 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

### Garton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1841, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1457
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs, Notts, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from Garton or Garton on the Wolds (ER Yorks), or some minor place so named.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gertuna, about 1163 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Robert de Garton, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Garton, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas de Garton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Kelk, ER Yorks); Nicholao de Garton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hive, ER Yorks); Stephen Garton, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Garton, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Genet Garton, 1545 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Anne Garton, 1620 in *IGI* (West Bridgford, Notts).

### Gartrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Gatrell**. Compare **Gartell**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Gartrell, 1609, John Gartrell, 1632, Gartrill, 1655 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Geoffry Gartrell, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Breage, Cornwall); Henery Gartriel, 1725, Hen Gartrel, 1729 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); Sarah Gartril, 1732, Lot Gartrell, 1741, Robert Gartrill, 1777, James Gartrel, 1786 in *IGI* (Holwell, Dorset); Barnard Garterell, 1782 in *IGI* (Marazion, Cornwall); Joseph Gartrell, 1802 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall).

### Gartshore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons
- Scottish: locative name from Gartshore in Kirkintilloch (Dunbartons).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Gartshore, 1591 in *Hamilton Testaments*; Marie Gartshoir, 1655, Marie Gartshoire, 1658, Marie Gartshore, 1661 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); John Gartshore, 1712 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks); Isobell Gartshor, 1740 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Gartshere, 1756 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

### Gartside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Garside**.

### Garty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

Irish: sometimes adopted for **Mag Oireachtaigh** ‘son of *Oireachtach*’. See **Geraghty**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Garty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Noughaval, Westmeath); Winifred Garty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); Peter McGarty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

Scotland: George Garty, 1861 in *IGI* (Glass, Aberdeens).

### Garven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: see **Garvin**.

### Garvey

Variants: **Garvie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2771, Ireland 1832
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1067
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Clare, and Galway; also Armagh

Irish: from **Ó Gairbhshíth** ‘descendant of *Gairbhshíth*’, a personal name from *garbh* ‘rough, cruel’ + *síth* ‘peace’. See also **McGarvey**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Garvey, chaplain, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §801 (Tipperkeven); John Garvie, dean of the cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2124 (Dublin); Nich. Garvey, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Robert Garvie, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2900 (Kilkenny); Cahill O’Garvey, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4797 (Glainn, Leitrim); Wm. Garvey, gent., 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5737 (Monaghan); Edm. O’Garvie, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6248 (Currehin, Tipperary); Hugh Garvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheross, Monaghan); Philemy Garvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh); Andrew Garvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonfeckin, Louth); Michael Garvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo); John Garvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Burriscarra, Mayo).

### Garvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 754, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 527
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Meath
- Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Garvey**.

### Garvin

Variants: **Garven**, **Garfin**, **Gervin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 323
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Cork, and Limerick; Armagh

1 Irish: from **Ó Gairbhín** ‘descendant of *Gairbhín*’, a personal name derived from a diminutive of *garbh* ‘rough, cruel’.

**Further information:** According to Woulfe, this surname is always anglicized as *Garvey* in Mayo, which may indicate that the original form of this name in that county was **Ó Gairbhithín**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Garve alias Garven, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §262 (Meath); Eugene or Owen boy O’Garvyne, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2067 (Balligrou, Tipperary); William Garvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal); Richard Garven, 1796



in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry); John Garven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Charles Garvan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmeena, Mayo); Alexander Garvan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim); Peter Garvan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); John Garven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan).

Scotland: John Garvine, 1679 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Catharine Garvin, 1692 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

2 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Gārwine* (*Tengvik*, pp. 182–3).

**Early bearers:** Godric filius Gareuinæ, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ulf filius Garuini, 12th cent. *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Garvyn, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robert Gervyne, 1372 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ed. Garvin, 1686 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics).

### Garvis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Jarvis**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Garwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place, probably in Lincs or adjacent counties.

**Early bearers:** Matilda Garwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas 'that was Hughservant Garwell', 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Hugh de Garewell, 1381, de Garwell of Lincoln, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Garwell, 1558, William Garwell, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Great Hale, Lincs); Bartholomew Garwell, 1715 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs).

### Garwood

Variants: **Jerwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2066, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1460
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; London

English: probably a variant of **Garrett**, reinterpreted as a place-name.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Garwood, 1571 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Samuell Jerwood, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Tenterden, Kent); Richard Garwood, 1627, Mary Gawood, 1645, Robertt Garwod, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gerwood, 1658 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Hugonis Jarwood, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Gary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Hants; Lancs; Devon

1 Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

2 Norman, English: see **Geary**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Garry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Radipole, Dorset); John Gary, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Edmund Gary, 1558 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); John Garye, 1575, John Gary, 1644 in *IGI*

(Rogate, Sussex); John Garye, 1588, Gary, 1590 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants).

### Gasche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French, English: see **Gash**.

### Gascoigne

Variants: **Gascoyne, Gascoine, Gaskin, Gaskins, Gascon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2224, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1372
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also central and NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: regional name from Anglo-Norman French *Gascon*, Middle English *Gascoum*, *Gascon* 'Gascon, native of Gascony' or the adjective *Gascuinz* 'of Gascony'.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Gascon', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William le Gascun, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Gascoin, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Philip le Gascoyn, 1266 in *Fine Rolls* (Shrops); Peter Gascoying, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey Gascoyne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas de Gascoigne, 1340 in *London Letter Books F*; Ricardus Gaskoyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Swithin, Worcs); William Gascoigne, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Joan Gaschoyn, 1469, William Gasquyn, 1473, John Gasqwyn, 1486, John Gascoyng, 1505, Dom. John Gascon, 1509, Mag. John Caswin, 1528 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Gaskyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholis Gascoyne, 1571 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Gaskin, 1603 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent).

### Gascoine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; London and Kent

English: see **Gascoigne**.

### Gascon

Variants: **Gascon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Gascoigne**.

### Gascoyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1150, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 688
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: see **Gascoigne**.

### Gaselee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Gazeley**.

### Gasgarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Gaskarth**.

### Gash

Variants: **Gaish, Gasche, Gache**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1101, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 615
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

French, English: nickname, perhaps from Old French *gache* 'lock' and, if so, probably denoting a locksmith. Compare Andrew Gachard, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), with the depreciative suffix *-ard*.

**Early bearers:** John Gashe, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Headley, Hants); Marie Gach, 1598 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Adam Gash, 1605 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Gach, 1627 in *PROB 11* (West Knighton, Dorset); Francis Gach, Anthony Gache, Thomas Gaich, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Daniel Gach, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Gashi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Albanian: unexplained.

### Gashion

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gasson**.

### Gask

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs; Surrey

Norman, English: locative name from Gasques (Tarn-et-Garonne), but perhaps used for someone from Gascony rather than that specific place within it.

**Early bearers:** William Gask, merchant of Gascony, 1300 in *Patent Rolls*; Guillenzonus de Gask of Noilly, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gaske, merchant, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gask, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); William Gaske, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Saltash, Cornwall); Wm. Gaske, 1589 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); David Gask, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Daniell Gasc, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Saint Anne in the Precinct of the Blackfriars, City of London); Peter Gask, 1708 in *Parish Registers* (Stockport Saint Mary, Cheshire); William Gassk, 1770 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Jno Gask, 1797 in *IGI* (Ashby Parva, Leics).

### Gaskarth

Variants: **Gasgarth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from either of two places in Cumb: Gatesgarth (Buttermere), recorded as *Gasgarth* in 1273; and Gatesgarth or Gasketh (Irton with Santon).

**Early bearers:** John Gaskerth, 1563, Jaine Gaskarth, 1571, Thomas Gaskarthe, 1611, John Gasgarth, 1648, John Gasketh, 1672 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Joseph Gaskarth, 1739 in *IGI* (Threlkeld, Cumb); Daniel Gassgarth, 1828 in *IGI* (Brigham, Cumb).

### Gaskell

Variants: **Gaskill, Gaitskill, Gastall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4423, Ireland 4

## Gaskill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3062
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, also Cheshire  
English: locative name from Gatesgill (Cumb), earlier *Geytescales*.
- Early bearers:** Benjamin de Gaytscale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Agnes de Gasegyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); William Gasgill, 1485 in *PROB 11*; Edward Gaskell, 1560, Richard Gatskell, Gaytscale, 1595–6, Richard Gaitskell, 1632 in *Lancs Wills*; William Gaytskell, 1585, Tamar Gaitskell, 1728 in *IGI* (Crossthaite, Cumb); William Gaskill, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London).

### Gaskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 534
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Gaskell**.

### Gaskin

**Variants:** Gaskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2272, Ireland 230
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; NW Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ireland: esp. Wicklow and Dublin
- English: see **Gascoigne**.

### Gaskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Gloucs; Bucks
- English: variant of **Gaskin**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Gaskins, 1586 in *IGI* (Cannington, Somerset); John Gaskins, 1601 in *IGI* (London); Wylliam Gaskins, 1612 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Gason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Dorset
- English: see **Gasson** and compare **Gaston**.
- Early bearers:** John Gaston, 1610 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Eliz. Gason, 1619 in *IGI* (Barrow upon Humber, Lincs); John Gaston, 1634 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).

### Gaspar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- See **Casper**. In this spelling, the name is often of Continental European origin.
- Early bearers:** England: Margery Gaspar, 1706 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Peter Gaspard, 1729 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Vincent Gaspar, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Bloomsbury, Middx).
- Wales: Nichola Gaspar, Loui Gaspar, Servais Gaspar, and Lambertine Gaspar, born in Belgium, in *Census 1871* (Llangafelach, Glamorgan).

### Gasper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- 1 English: nickname, according to Reaney, from Old French *gai* 'bright, showy' + Middle English *spor*

(Old English *spura*), denoting someone who wore showy spurs.

**Early bearers:** Walter Gaispor', 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); ffulco Gayspore, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Walter Gaispore, 1442 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Edward Gayspur, James Gaspur, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Rycharde Gasper, 1567 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Edward Gasper, 1628 in *IGI* (Fovant, Wilts); Grace Gasper, 1730 in *IGI* (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); Rose Gasper, 1877 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

2 See **Casper**.

### Gass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 472
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Dumfriess
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Gasse (Kirkcudbrights).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: John Gass, 1626 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Mary Gass, 1730 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Gass, 1762 in *IGI* (Troqueer, Kirkcudbrights).
- England: John Gass, 1600 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); John Gasse, 1617 in *IGI* (Coniston, Lancs); John Gasse, 1664 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb); Tho. Gass, 1690 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).
- 2 Norman, English: see **Gaze**.

### Gasser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- 1 German: locative name denoting someone who lived in a side street or alley, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *gazze*, German *Gasse*, Yiddish *gas*.
- Early bearers:** Wilhelm Gasser, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Stepney, Middx); Christian Gasser, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Otto Gasser, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Minna Gasser, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Lawrence, Kent); Max Gasser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).
- 2 English: unexplained, but it is unlikely that the examples below belong under (1).
- Early bearers:** Tho. Gasser, 1678 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Benjn. Gasser, 1774 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Gasser, 1795 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Thomas Gasser, 1847 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).

### Gassman

- Variants:** Gastman
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: (i) relationship name from a Middle English male personal name \**Gasseman*, a pet form of Old French *Gace* with intrusive *t* in *Gastman*. Compare **Wass**. (ii) status name meaning 'servant of a man named *Gass*'.
- Early bearers:** Adam Gasman, Richard Whasman, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Clara Louisa Gassman, 1856 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Johann Friedrick Wilhelm Gassman, 1873 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey).

### Gasson

**Variants:** Gason, Gashion, Gasston, Gaston, Garson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey; also Lancs

1 English: locative name, occupational name, variant of **Garston** (2). Simplified pronunciations of *-rst-* and *-st-* have turned *Garston* into **Garson** and **Gaston**, and *Gaston* into *Gasson*. *Gashion* is a further variant, showing palatalization of */s/*.

**Early bearers:** John de la Garston', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); John ate Gaston, 1327, John atte Garston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Windham, Sussex); Johannes Garston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Petrus atte Garston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Johannes atte Garston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Mary Gasten, 1561, Mary Gasson, 1752, Emma Gasston, 1787 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Henrie Gasson, 1574 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); John Gasson, 1586, Dorothy Gaston, 1597 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Ann Garson, 1599, Jean Gasson, 1607, Jane Garston, 1618 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); Mary Gasson, 1699, Katherine Gaston, 1727 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); John Gaston, 1745, George Gasson, 1834 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); John Gaston, 1806, Elizabeth Gassion, 1846, James Gasson, 1849 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Alice Gashion, 1871 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 360, at *gærstun*; *English Pronunciation 2*, §§401(c), 406.

2 English: locative name from either of the places called Garston in Hants or Herts, which are derived from Old English *gærstūn* 'grassy enclosure'.

3 English: the Lancs name is a variant of **Garston** (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Geson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Margrett Gasson, 1561 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); George Gasson, 1612 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); William Gasson, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Katherine Gasson, 1662 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall).

4 Norman, English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Old French personal name *Gason*, the oblique case form of *Gace*. These were dialect variants in Normandy of the Norman names *Wace* (see **Wass**) and **Wason**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Gason, 1498 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 34 (Kent).

### Gasston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Gasson**.

### Gast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex
- English: see **Ghost**.

### Gastall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Gaskell** with [st] for [sk].

### Gaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Gastard (Wilts). **Early bearers:** Willelmus Gastard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corsham, Wilts); Richard Gaster, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richard Gastard, 1640 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); Nicholas Gaster, 1735 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Phoebe Gastride, 1784 in *IGI* (Liddington, Wilts); John Gastre, 1814 in *IGI* (Garway, Herefs).

2 French: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Gastard*, a compound of *gast* 'host' + *hard* 'hardy, strong'

**Early bearers:** Andre Gastard, 1719 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Gastman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Gassman**.

### Gaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 837, Ireland 284

- **GB frequency 1881:** 548

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: for the Sussex name see **Gaston**.

2 English: for the Gloucs name see **Garston**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gasten, 1579 in *IGI* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Ann Gazyn, 1620 in *IGI* (Leckhampton, Gloucs); Dorrithy Garsson, 1624 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); William Garston, 1679 in *IGI* (Preston near Dymock, Gloucs); Abigail Gasten, 1689, Jno Gastan, 1725 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); John Gason, 1694 in *IGI* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs); Soloman Gaston, 1734, John Gaston, 1861 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

3 Scottish: locative name from Galston (Ayr). The /l/ has been vocalized to /u/ and the resulting diphthong /au/ simplified to /a/.

**Further information:** Black's explanation of *Gaston* as a form of *Gascon* 'native of Gascony' is not plausible.

**Early bearers:** John of Galston, 1473, Jok (of) Gauston, 1475 in *Black* (Galston, Ayr); David Gastoun, 1562, David Gaustone or Gaoustone, 1608, Thomas Gaston or Gastoune, 1652 in *Black* (Lessudden, Saint Boswells, Roxburghs); Hendrie Gastoun, 1567 in *Black* (Kelso Abbey, Roxburghs); Agnes Gastoun, 1650 in *Black* (Melrose, Selkirks); Esther Waugh Gaston, 1792 in *IGI* (Glasgow).

### Gatchell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: see **Getchell**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gatcombe

Variants: **Gatcum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Dorset

English: locative name from Gatcombe (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Gaticumbe, 1261, William de Gatecumbe, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Gatcombe, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Linton, Herefs); Maude Gatcombe, 1614, Joane Gatcombe, 1626, Tho. Gatcomb, 1647 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Henry Gatcom, 1714 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); James Gatcum, 1810 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

### Gatcum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Gatcombe**.

### Gate

Variants: **Gates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 402

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; London

1 English: nickname from northern Middle English *gate*, *gait* 'goat' (Old English *gāt*, Old Scandinavian *geitr*). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robertus le Gait, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Hugo Gat, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Gait, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gate, 1559, Edward Gayte, 1601 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Henricus Gaitte, 1575, Luce Gate, 1585 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Isabell Gate, 1589 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs); Thomas Gait, 1575, Thomas Gate, 1606 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Jane Gate, 1682 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Anne Gaitte, 1703 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *gate* 'gate' (Old English *geat*, dative plural *gatum*), sometimes occurring in the plural form, for someone who lived by a gate, possibly sometimes a gate keeper. See also **Yate** and **Agate** (1). (ii) locative name: in the northern counties, the E Midlands, and perhaps E Anglia, from Middle English *gate* 'path, road, street' (Old Scandinavian *gata*). Compare **Street**.

**Early bearers:** Ailricus de la Gata, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Overthegate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Geoffrey Gate, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); George Gate, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Teddington, Middx).

### Gatecliff

Variants: **Getliff**, **Gatliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Gatley (Cheshire), earlier *Gateclyve*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Gaytclif, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Gaytcliff, 1457 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ellen Gatlyff, 1584 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Elizabeth Gatecleife, 1601, John Gatecleiffe, 1609 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Ralph Catcliffe, 1640 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); John Gatecliff, 1663 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Anne Getlife, 1668 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); John Getliffe, 1707 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); Peter Gatcliff, 1726 in *IGI* (Ince, Cheshire); Tho. Gateliff, 1755 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

### Gatehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 663

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; S England and SW Midlands

English: locative name from Middle English *gatehouse*, for someone who lived by or worked in a gatehouse.

**Early bearers:** William de Eddingleye del Yatehouse, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Johan Gatehowse, 1585 in *IGI*

(Mere, Wilts); Samuell Gatehouse, 1594 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); William Gatehowse or Gatehouse, 1612, Abraham Gathouse or Gatehowse, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Shaston, Dorset).

### Gateley

Variants: **Gateley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: see **Gatley**.

2 Irish: from Ó Gatlaioich, see **Gately**.

### Gately

Variants: **Keightley**, **Gateley**, **Gatley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 364

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 Irish: from Ó Gatlaioich, 'descendant of *Gotlaoch*', a byname from *got* 'stammering' + *laoch* 'warrior, hero'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Gately, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rahara, Roscommon); David Keatly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyhean, Mayo).

2 English: see **Gatley**.

### Gatenby

Variants: **Gatensby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 8

- **GB frequency 1881:** 695

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Gatenby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Gaitenbi, about 1190–1212 in *Yorks Charters*; Thomas de Gaytenby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Peter de Gaytenby, 1405–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johes. Gatenby, 1571 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Fides Gatenbye, 1625 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); Robert Gatenbie, 1650 in *IGI* (Sessay, NR Yorks); Jane Gatensby, in *Census 1891* (Kirkby Wiske, NR Yorks).

### Gatens

Variants: **Gaitens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus

Scottish: much altered form of Irish *Mag Eiteagáin*, see **McGettigan**.

**Early bearers:** Constantine Gatens, 1856 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Michael Gatens, 1861 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews).

### Gatensby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Gatenby** with intrusive -s.

### Gater

Variants: **Geater**, **Gayther**, **Gayter**, **Gaytor**, **Gaiter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 768

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also London; Devon

English: (i) occupational name from northern Middle English \**gater* 'goatherd', a derivative of Middle English *gayte* 'goat' (from Old English *gāt*,

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with preservation of the unrounded northern *ā*, or from Old Scandinavian *geit*). See also **Goater**. The name is found in N England and the Midlands, and has probably also absorbed Middle English *gaythird* ‘goatherd’, as in John le Gaythirde, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), Robert Gayterd, 1466 in *York Freeman’s Register*. (ii) locative name from Middle English \**gater* ‘dweller by the town gate or gateway’, see **Gate**. This type of name, derived from a topographical term + *-er*, is mainly found in S England, especially Kent, Sussex, and Hants. **Early bearers**: Walter le Gater, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Michael le Geytere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Gater, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks); Johannes Gator, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Golder, Oxon); Margeria Gater, 1558 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Gayter, 1718 in *IGI* (Sulhamstead Abbots, Berks); Sarah Gaiter, 1760 in *IGI* (Church Lawton, Cheshire); Robert Gayther, 1787 in *IGI* (Bedstone, Shrops); James Gaytor, 1860 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

## Gaterell

- **Current frequencies**: GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 29
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex; Middx
- English: see **Gatrell**.

## Gates

- **Current frequencies**: GB 5575, Ireland 235
- **GB frequency 1881**: 4591
- **Main GB location 1881**: widespread: esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Armagh and Tyrone; Wicklow

English: variant of **Gate** with plural or excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers**: Ralph de Gates, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Custancia del Gates, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); John Gates, 1543 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Gates, 1549 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Gatewood

- **Current frequencies**: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 5
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Gatward**.

**Further information**: This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers**: Thomas Gateward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex); Henry Gatewarde, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Wicken, Cambs); Jone Gatewood, 1611, Roger Gateward, 1625 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs); John Gateward, 1720, Jno Gatewood, 1725 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Gatfield

- **Current frequencies**: GB 294, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881**: 227
- **Main GB location 1881**: Middx and Surrey; also Gloucs and Herefs

English: locative name, apparently from Middle English *gat(e)*, *got(e)* ‘goat’ + *feld* ‘open country, field’, for someone who lived near a place where goats were kept.

**Early bearers**: Geoffrey de Gatesfeld, de Gatefeld, de Gatesfeud, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willelmus de Gatefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Gatfelde, 1607 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Edmund

Gatfeild, 1628 in *IGI* (Eldersfield, Worcs); Henry Gatefeild, 1635 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Gatfield, 1676 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs).

## Gatford

- **Current frequencies**: GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 80
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Sussex and Surrey
- English: locative name from Gateford (Notts), or possibly in some instances from Gateforth (WR Yorks); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. **Early bearers**: Hugh de Gayteford, parson of Burton in Kendale, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Thomas de Gaytford’, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanne Gaytforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER Yorks); John de Gaytford’, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Little Marlow, Bucks); John Gatford, 1497 in *PROB 11*; John Gaitford’, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Gateford, Notts); Johis. Gatfoorde, 1587, Samuell Gatforde, 1604 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Jeffrey Gatford, 1569 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); John Gatford, 1616 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex).

## Gath

- **Current frequencies**: GB 288, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 258
  - **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks
- 1 English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Garth** with loss of *-r-* before the final consonant. Compare Thomas Gath, 1600, John Garth, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Nicholas Gath, 1716, Thomas Garth, 1726 in *IGI* (Saint Brevard, Cornwall). (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Goth** with unrounding of the vowel, if not vice versa. **Early bearers**: Agnis Gath, 1565 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); James Gath, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Henerie Gath, 1584, James Gath, 1667 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); James Gath, 1729 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs); Samuel Gath, 1748 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).
- 2 Irish: from Mag Eochadha, see **McGough**.

## Gathard

- **Current frequencies**: GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 52
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Herts and Beds
- English: occupational name for a goatherd, Middle English *gatheherde* (Old English *gāt-hierde*). Compare **Gothard**. **Early bearers**: Reginald le Gateherde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William the Gatherde, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Reginald le Gateherd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry le Gatherd, 1331 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Samuell Gathard, 1637 in *IGI* (Steeple Morden, Cambs); William Gatherd, 1708 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Elizabeth Gathard, 1748 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

## Gatherall

- **Current frequencies**: GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 22
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks
- English: see **Gatrell**. **Early bearers**: England: Hannah Gatherall, 1750 in *IGI* (Stalbridge, Dorset); James Gatherale, 1832 in *IGI* (Ringstead, Norfolk). Scotland: James Gatherall, 1820, Elizabeth Gatherall, 1849 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Gathercole

- **Current frequencies**: GB 807, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 604
- **Main GB location 1881**: Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambs

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *gad(e)ren* ‘to gather’ + *co(u)ld* ‘cold’, but of uncertain application. The forms with *-cole* etc. are a later development, a reinterpretation as ‘gather coal’ or ‘gather cabbage’.

**Early bearers**: William, Richard Gaderecold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Gadercold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Susan Gathercold, 1586 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); James Gathercoal, Gathercole, 1597 in *Dunwich Account* (Suffolk); Jn. Gathercoale, 1621 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); John Gathercolle, 1645 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Gathercoal, 1711 in *IGI* (Stanhoe with Barwick, Norfolk); John Gothercole, 1779, Joseph Gathercol, 1822 in *IGI* (Lakenheath, Suffolk).

## Gatherer

- **Current frequencies**: GB 137, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881**: 96
- **Main GB location 1881**: Ayr; Aberdeens and Banffs

Scottish: nickname from Middle English *gaderer(e)* ‘gatherer’. The word has a wide range of applications, such as someone who brings people together, acquires property, collects indulgences, picks fruit, or who collects taxes, rent, or tithes. **Early bearers**: England: Roger le gaderer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Gadderer, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth and Woolchurch, London); James Gatherer, 1822 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey). Scotland: Alexander Gadderar, 1539 in *Moray Register* (Talarisy, Morays); Margret Gaddyrrer, 1556 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness, Inverness); Alexander Gaderer, 1595 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Spynie, Morays); Patrick Gadderer, 1646, Thomas Gaderer, 1672 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); John Gatherer, 1655 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); John Gatherar, 1690 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); Alexander Gadderar, 1745, William Gatherar, 1749 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays).

## Gathergood

- **Current frequencies**: GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 115
- **Main GB location 1881**: Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *gad(e)ren* ‘to gather’ + *god* ‘goods, possessions, wealth’ (Old English *gaderian* + *gōd*), apparently denoting someone with acquisitive, thrifty, or miserly habits. Compare Abraham Cathermonie (‘gather money’), 1193 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; Adam Gaderpeynye (‘gather pennies’), 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo Gadergold (‘gather gold’), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tidcombe and Marten, Wilts). **Early bearers**: Thomas Gadregod, 13th cent. in *Patronymica Britannica* (Sussex); Robert Gadergood of Walton, 1346–7 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Gathergood, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Thomae Gathergood, 1618 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Robert Gathergood, 1733 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Gatherum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jannet Gatherum, 1665, John Gatherim, 1681 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife); Bessie Gatherhim, 1723, Grizel Gathram, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); David Gatherom, 1729, Nicholas Gathrom, 1763 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); Lilius Gatherem, 1786 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Fife); John Gathreme, 1815, Thomas Gathereme, 1828 in *IGI* (Largo, Fife).

**Gatiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gatis, 1647 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Gatise, 1668 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Tabitha Gatiss, 1707 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mark Gatess, 1720 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Gatiss, 1772 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Thomes Gattis, 1796 in *IGI* (Warenford, Northumb); George Gattes, 1822 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**Gatland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: locative name denoting someone who lived '(on the) land with or by a gate' or '(at the) goat land', from Middle English *gat(e)* 'gate(way)' or *got, gat(e)* 'goat' + *land, land(e)* 'land'.

**Further information:** It is suggested in *Place-Names of Sussex* that Gateland's Farm in Honey Bridge was probably the home of Christiana atte Gate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). *Place-Names of Surrey* also records Gatlands Shaw in Gattton (Surrey), although the earliest reference to it is 1770.

**Early bearers:** William Gatelond, 1327, Ralph atte Gatelond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Gatelonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balcombe, Sussex); Jone Gatelonde, 1565 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Gerard Gatland, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Edward Gateland, 1637 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 188.

**Gatley**

**Variants:** *Gately, Gateley*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Cornwall

1 English: locative name from either of two places named Gatley (Cheshire, Herefs), or possibly in some instances from Gateley (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Gateleia, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Simon de Gatle, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Henry Gateleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Gocelin de Gateleye, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); Davidis Gatley, 1564 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Gatley, 1570 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); John Gately or Gateley, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); Jeffery Gatley, 1596

in *PROB 11* (Corsley, Wilts); Margaret Gatley, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Beckford, Gloucs).

2 Irish: from Ó *Gatlaioich*, see *Gately*.

**Gatlift**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see *Gatecliff*.

**Gatling**

**Variants:** *Gedling*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gad(e)ling, ged(e)ling* 'companion, rogue' (Old English *gædeling* 'kinsman, comrade'). (ii) variant of *Catlin* with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gatelin, Joan Gatelyn, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Stephen Gadelyng, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William Gadylyng, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Radolphi Gadlinge, 1570 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Alice Gatlin, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Ric Gatling, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Johis. Gatline, 1625 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Robert Gatlinge, 1632 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Tho. Gatling, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Gatrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see *Gatrell*.

**Gatrell**

**Variants:** *Gattrell, Gatrill, Gatrall, Gaterell, Gatheral, Gartell, Gatrell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: probably a variant of *Catterall*, with voiced initial consonant and loss of medial vowel.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gatrell, 1616 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); William Gatrill, 1636 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Christopher Gaterell, 1668 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Mathew Gatrell, 1670 in *IGI* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Moses Gattrell, 1716 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); William Gatrell, 1720 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, IoW); Ann Gaterell, 1723 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Elizabeth Gatrall, 1769 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Thomas Gatrill, 1768 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**Gatrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see *Gatrell*.

**Gatsby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see *Gadsby*.

**Gatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: (i) locative name, perhaps a local name from a place in Dumfriess recorded in 1619 as *terris de Kirkpatrick de lie Gaitt* (*Black*). (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of *Galt*, under which name *Black* includes an entry for *Gat* in 1649.

**Early bearers:** Nans Gatt, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Patrick Gat, 1579 in *Dunfermline Parish Registers* (Dunfermline, Fife); Adam Gat, 1639 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Alexander Gatt, 1643 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); James Gat, 1788 in *Dumfriess Testaments* (Gretna, Dumfriess).

**Gatten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see *Gatton*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gatti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of *Gatto*.

**Early bearers:** Giuseppe Gatti, in *Census 1841* (Holborn, Middx); Carlo Gatti, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Luca Gatti, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Giuseppina Gatti, born in Genoa, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Chirton, Northumb); Carlo Gatti, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Joseph Gatti, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Kinver, Staffs); Charles Lewis Gatti, born in Rome, in *Census 1911* (London); Angelo Gatti, born in London, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

**Gattiker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Gatacre in Claverley (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William de Gatacra, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); [ . . . de] Gatacr', 1203-4, [ . . . de] Gaytacr', 1271-2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Johannes de Gattacr', Johannes de Gatacr', Johanne de Gathacre, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Condover hundred, Shrops); Thomas Gatacre, Thomas Gateacre of Clareley, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); William Gattacre, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Galtance, Shrops); Frauncis Gatacre, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Gatacre, Shrops); Thomas Gattiker, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (All Hallows Lombard Street, London); Charles Gataker, 1651 in *IGI* (Hoggeston, Bucks); Catherine Gattacre, 1650, Edward Gatacre, 1735 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Edward Gatacre, 1763 in *IGI* (Quatt, Shrops); Bridget Gattiker, in *Census 1861* (Chelsea, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 18.

**Gatto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: nickname from Italian *gatto* '(tom) cat', Late Latin *cattus*.

**Further information:** Serafino *Gatto*, born in Turin, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Mine *Gatto*, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Gatton (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Gatton', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Mabilia de Gatton', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds/Bucks); Hamo de Gattuna, 1220 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iv; Hamo de Gatton, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Chipstead, Surrey); Alicia de Gatton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxton, WR Yorks); William Gatton', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Eugene Gatton, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Mucking, Essex); John Gatten, 1604 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Thomas Gatten, 1616 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey).

### Gattrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, also IoW
- English: see **Gatrell**.

### Gatward

#### Variants: Gatwood, Gatewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: (i) occupational name for a goatherd, Middle English *gate-werde* (Old English *gātweard*). (ii) occupational name for a gate keeper, Middle English *gateward*, Old English *3eatweard*, dialect \**gātward*.

**Early bearers:** William le Gateward, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Richard le Gateward, 1262 in *Thursson* (Herts); Thomas Gateward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Camois with Wooditton, Cambs); Thomas Gateward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex); John Gateward, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Takeley, Essex); Walter Gatward, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Gatwarde or Gatward, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Royston, Cambs); William Gattwood, 1623 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Thomas Gattward, 1704 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts).

### Gatwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Gatward**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Gaubert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, also Herts

Norman English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Gaubert*, *Walbert* (from Continental Germanic *Waldberrht*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gaubert de Bovis Villa, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (York).  
surnames: Gervaise Galibert, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxenbourne, Hants); Gervase Gaubert, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs), Gauber, 1225 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas Galbard, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Walterus Galbard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, Hants); Jno. Gobert, 1582 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Peter Gaubert, 1740 in *IGI* (Saint Anne Soho, Middx); Stephen

Gaubert, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

### Gauci

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese and Italian (Sicily): regional name from Arabic *al-gawdisi*, denoting a native of the island of Gozo.

**Early bearers:** Maxime Gauci, 'foreign', in *Census 1841* (Bloomsbury, Middx); William Gauci, born in France, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Loretto Gauci, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Giuseppe Gauci, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Mich Gauci, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Gauden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Norman: relationship name from the Old French personal name **Gaudin**, Norman French *Waldin*, *Waudin*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names beginning in *Wald-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Waldinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Lincs); Gaudinus, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); surnames: Peter Gaudin, 1237 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Roger Gaudin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Waudin, 1243 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Willelmus Gaudyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); William Gawden, 1593 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Lettis Gauden, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); William Gauden, 1689 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Jos Gawden, 1762 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); George Gawden, 1806 in *IGI* (Great Witley, Worcs).

### Gaudern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Gawthorne**.

### Gaudie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- Scottish, English: chiefly Scottish variant of **Gaudy**.

### Gaudin

#### Variants: Vaudin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, Huguenot: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gaudin*, a diminutive of Continental Germanic names formed with *Wald-*, for which forms in V- are due to a dialectal difference within French. Compare **Gauden**.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Raulin Gaudin, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Charles Vaudin, sailor in *Census 1841* (Trinity, Jersey); Jean Gaudin, in *Census 1861* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Phillippe Vaudin, master quarry man, in *Census 1871* (Vale, Guernsey); Marguerite Gaudin, in *Census 1881* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Marie Louisa Gaudin, in *Census 1891* (Saint

Lawrence, Jersey); Guilbert Vaudin, in *Census 1901* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); George Pierre Gaudin, carpenter, in *Census 1911* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey).  
England: Martha Gaudin, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts); Aaron Gaudin, 1692, Louis Gaudin, 1713 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jean Gaudin, 1727, Louis Aron Gaudin, 1730 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Gracs, Westminster, Middx); Madeleine Gaudin, 1719, Jean Aaron Gaudin, 1737 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Arcade Gaudin, cook, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Marley, Worcs); Gaston Gaudin, waiter, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Gaudion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Guernsey

French: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Gaudion, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter, Jersey); John Gaudion, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Margeritte Gaudion, born in Alderney, in *Census 1861* (Saint Ann's, Guernsey); Isaac Gaudion, born in Alderney, in *Census 1861* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Edward Gaudion, born in Alderney, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Mary Gaudion, in *Census 1881* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

### Gaudy

#### Variants: Gaudie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gaudi* 'trick'. Compare William Gaude, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics), from Middle English *gaud* 'trick, fraud'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *gaudi* 'yellow, yellowish'.

**Early bearers:** England: Reginald Gaudi, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Gaudy, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Gaudy, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Phillipe Gaudye, 1579 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); Clippesby Gawdy, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Henry Gaudy, 1606 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Bassingbourne Gawdy, 1607 in *PROB 11* (West Harling, Norfolk); Robert Gaudie, 1613 in *IGI* (Bramshaw, Wilts); Henry Gaudye, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Claxton, Norfolk); Jean Gaudi, 1729 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Gervase Gaudy, 1756 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Robertt Gaudie, 1618 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Grisel Gaudy, 1689 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); William Gaudie, 1700 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Magnus Gaudie, 1740 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Anna Gaudy, 1752 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Bruce Gaudie, 1801 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland); Duncan Gaudy, 1809 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

### Gauge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs

English: see **Gage**.

### Gauger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Gager**.

**Gaugh**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: reduced form of **McGaugh**, **McGough**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gaughan**

**Variants:** **McGavigan**, **Gavaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1678, Ireland 743
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: reduced form of Ó Gáibhtheacháin or Mac Gáibhtheacháin 'descendant (or son) of Gáibhtheachán', meaning 'dangerous, terrible' or 'uneasy, anxious one'.

**Early bearers:** James Gaughagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan); Widow Gaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); William Gaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynahaglish, Mayo); Thady Gaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lackan, Mayo); Francis Gaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); Denis McGaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertcreat, Tyrone); Charles McGaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal).

**Gaughran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Irish: from Mag Eachráin, see **McGahern**.

**Gaught**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Galt**.

**Gaukrodger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Gaukroger**.

**Gaukroger**

**Variants:** **Gaukrodger**, **Gawkrodger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a minor place-name in Sowerby, near Halifax (WR Yorks), known as *Gaukroger*, probably a compound of Middle English *gawk* (Old Scandinavian *gaukr*) 'cuckoo' and Middle English (Old French) *rocher* 'rock, crag'.

**Further information:** Redmond's discovery of the 1403 form shows that Reaney's derivation of the surname from *gawk* 'fool' and the personal name *Roger* is mistaken, as is Smith's explanation of the place-name in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 151.

**Early bearers:** John de Gawkerocher, 1403 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Hugh Gaukrocher, 1415, Thomas Gaukerogger, 1450 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Rauffe, William Gawkerogger, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Ric.

Gaukroger, 1542, Robert Gaugroger, 1546, James Gaukroger, 1572, John Gaukrodger, 1750, John Gaukrodger, 1781, George Gaukrycher, 1856 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Gawkrycher, 1553 in *York Freeman's Register*; Danyell Corkroger, 1685 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Gaul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; Lanarks; Norfolk; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Scottish: see **Gall**.

**Gauld**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 779
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

Scottish: locative name from Gaelic *gallda* 'from the Lowlands'. Compare **Gall**, **Galt**.

**Early bearers:** Jas Gald, 1550 in *Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities*; John Gauld, 1686 in *Moray Testaments*; George Gald, 1635 in *IGI* (Inveravon, Banffs); Robert Gauld, 1685 in *IGI* (Botriphnie, Banffs); Thomas Gald, 1686 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens); Elspet Gauld, 1717 in *IGI* (Logie Coldstone, Aberdeens).

**Gaule**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Wexford, and Tipperary

Irish: usual Irish spelling of **Gall**.

**Gauley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs

Irish: reduced form of *McGauley*, see **McAuley**.

**Gault**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 793
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 397
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish, Irish, English: see **Galt**.

**Gaulter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

French, English: see **Gautier**.

**Further information:** *Gaulter* and *Gautier* are the longer-established Anglo-Norman forms of the name, but they are now comparatively rare.

**Gaultier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Sussex
- French, English: see **Gautier**.

**Further information:** *Gaultier* and *Gaulter* are the longer-established Anglo-Norman forms of the name, but they are now comparatively rare.

**Gaulton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Cheshire; Surrey
- English: see **Galton**.

**Gaunt**

**Variants:** **Gant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3821, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2902
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gaunt*, *gant* 'slim, slender; drawn, thin, and angular'. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Gaunt, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Maurice le Gant, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Gaunt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yarwell, Northants); Clemens Gant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, Norfolk); John Gaunt, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Standlake, Oxon); John Gawent, 1494, John Gant, 1501 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ripple, Kent); William Gaunte, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Hinton Saint Mary, Dorset); Thomas Gante, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Gaunt, 1578 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); John Gaunt, 1617 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Ghent (Flanders, Belgium).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Gand, de Gant, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gilbert de Gaunt, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Petrus de Gaunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John de Gaunt, 1418 in *PROB 11* (Austin Friars, London).

**Gauntlett**

**Variants:** **Gantlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 820, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 558
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *gaunt(e)let*, *gant(e)let* 'protective glove of mail or plate'.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Gantlet, 1559 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Dennys Gauntlet, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Downton, Wilts); Henry Gauntlett, 1584 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); Thomas Gauntlett, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Gausden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from *Gosden*, a lost place in Slaugham (Sussex) recorded as *Gosedenne* in 1347: see *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 279.

**Early bearers:** John Goseden, 1353, John de Goseden, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John Gosden, alias Janyn Gosden, 1406 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Gosdenne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham half hundred, Sussex); Matthew Goseden, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Guildford, Surrey); Valentine Goseden, 1558 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); William Gosdin, 1679 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Gausden, 1786 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent); Thomas Gausden, 1790 in *IGI* (Seaford, Sussex).

**Gausson**

**Variants:** **Gosson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Norfolk

## Gaut

1 French (Huguenot): (i) relationship name from an assimilated form of **Gaucelme**, from the Germanic personal name *Gauzhelm*, from *Gautahelm*, a compound of *gaut* ‘Goth’ + *helm* ‘helmet’. (ii) relationship name from a French form of Flemish **Goosen**, a genitival variant of *Go(o)sse*, from a short form of the Germanic personal name *Goswin*.  
Further information: David Gaussen from Lunel in Languedoc fled to Ireland in 1685, and other members of the family took refuge in England (Smiles, pp. 397–8).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Daniel Gouson, 1687 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Pierre Gaussen, 1758 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

Other: Samuel Robert Gaussen, 1792 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Robert William Gaussen, 1814 in *IGI* (North Mimms, Herts).

2 Irish: from Ó **Gusáin**, ‘descendant of *Gusán*’, a diminutive form of the word *gus* meaning ‘force, vigour, impetuosity, fierceness’.

**Early bearers:** Ruaidhri ua Gusáin, 992 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Samuel McGausen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaclone, Down).

## Gaut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Galt**.

## Gautam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, based on a given name from Sanskrit *Gautama* ‘descendant of Gotama’ (from Sanskrit *go* ‘cow, cattle’ + the superlative suffix *-tama*).

**Further information:** There have been several Indian sages named *Gotama* and *Gautama*. *Gautama* was the epithet of the Buddha; it was also the given name of the chief disciple of Mahavira, and is the name of a gotra (subdivision) of the Brahmans and some other communities.

## Gaute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Shrops
- English: see **Galt**.

## Gauthier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- French, Huguenot: see **Gautier**.

## Gautier

**Variants:** **Gaulter, Gauthier, Gaultier, Goacher, Vautier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx

French, Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Gaut(h)ier*, from Continental Germanic *Waldhari*, of the same origin as **Walter**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Gaultier, 1594 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Janet Gauter, 1607 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lincs); Nathaniell Gauter, 1660 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Madelaine Gautier, 1683; Pierre Gautier, 1693 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Henry Gaultier, 1704; Jacob

Gautiere, 1706 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Gauthier, 1707 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent).

## Gautrey

**Variants:** **Gawtreay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from *Galtres*, the name of a former royal forest in NR Yorks; see **Redmonds**, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Galtres, 1319 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Yorks); Nicholaus de Galtris, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Henricus Gaudre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fareham borough, Hants); William Gawdry, 1567 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Thomas Gawdrye, 1575 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); John Gautrie, 1579 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Lincs); Thomas Gawtreay, 1598 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks).

## Gauvain

**Variants:** **Gauvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands

French, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gauvain*. Compare **Gavin**.  
**Early bearers:** Pierre Gauvain, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Southampton Walloon, Hants); Jane Gauvain, 1606 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Guillaume Gauvain, 1676; Gauvin, 1682 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

## Gauvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands
- French, English: see **Gauvain**.

## Gavaghan

**Variants:** **Gavigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó **Gáibhtheacháin** ‘descendant of *Gáibhtheachán*’, see **Gaughan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick Gavacan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon); James Gavacan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. Marys, Westmeath); Patrick Gavaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal); Hugh Gavaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal).

## Gavan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 77
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway
- Scottish, English: see **Gavin**.

## Gaven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Scottish, English: see **Gavin**.

## Gavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Guernsey
- French, English: relationship name, probably from the female personal name *Geve*, a pet form of *Genevieve*; compare **Jeeves**.

**Early bearers:** England: Rogero Gavy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Teffont Evias, Wilts); Laurens Gavey, 1561 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Richarde Gavey, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Sawston, Cambs); Alice Gavey, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Elizabeth Gavey, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

Ireland, England: Michael Gavey, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Northwich, Cheshire); Bernard Gavey, born in Ireland, in *Census 1901* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks).

Channel Islands: Phippe Gavey, in *Census 1841* (Saint John, Jersey); Susanne Gavey, in *Census 1841* (Saint Saviour, Guernsey); James Gavey, in *Census 1861* (Saint Andrew’s, Guernsey); Leon Gavey, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); George Gavey, in *Census 1901* (Saint Saviour, Jersey).

## Gavigan

**Variants:** **McGavigan, McCavigan, Gaffikin, Gahagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 432
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kirkcudbrights
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: (i) from **Mag Eachagáin** ‘son of *Eachagán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Eachadh*, see **McCaughy**. (ii) from Ó **Gáibhtheacháin**, see **Gavaghan**.

**Early bearers:** (Mag Eachagáin): John Gavican, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); Hugh Gavaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal); Elizabeth McGavagan, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ardaravan, Donegal); Edward Gavagan, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Mulmosog or Altnagapple, Donegal); William McGavagan, 1858 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Loughneas, Tyrone).

## Gavin

**Variants:** **Gaven, Gavan, Gawne, Gawn, Gavins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4018, Ireland 2433
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1479
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lanarks; Aberdeens, Kincardines, and Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo, Galway, and Roscommon

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the personal name *Gavin*, Scottish form of English *Gawayne* and French *Gauvain*. The central French forms of the personal name, *Gawain* and **Gauvain**, are matched by the Anglo-Norman forms *Wulwain* and *Wawne* (see **Walwin**). The personal name is of Celtic origin; see (2) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gaven Richardson, 1631 in *Bardsley*.

surnames: Scotland: Andro Gavin, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Alexander Gaven, 1630 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Gavin, 1647 in *Black*; Christian Gavine, 1658 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Andr. Gavin, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Fergus, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: from Ó **Gábháin** or Ó **Gáibhín**, from diminutives of *gábhadh* meaning ‘want or need’, but here probably in the derived sense ‘danger’.



**Early bearers:** Loghelen O’Gavan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3087 (Ballyhelehan); William O’Gavan, broagemaker, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Killdune).

**3** Scottish: occupational name from **Mac Gobhann** ‘son of the smith’. Compare **Gow**, **Gowan**.

### Gavins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Gavin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Gavriel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (Cypriot), Russian: from the Biblical personal name *Gavriel*; see **Gabriel**.

### Gaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Kirkcudbrights

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim  
**1** Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Ádhaimh** ‘son of Adam’.

**2** Scottish: see **Gall**.

### Gawen

**Variants:** **Goyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gawayne*, Old French *Gauvain*. The central French forms of the personal name, *Gawain* and *Gauvain*, are matched by Anglo-Norman *Walwain* and *Wawne* (see **Walwin**). The personal name is of Celtic origin; see **Gavin**.

**Further information:** The personal name *Gawayne* was introduced into England in French versions of the Arthurian romances, where this name was borne by one of the knights of the Round Table, the brother of Galahad and Mordred and a nephew of Arthur.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gawynus de Suthorp’, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

surnames: Goseline filius Gawayne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Emma Gawyn, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Walter Gawen’, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes Gawen, 1548 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Jhon Gawen, 1552 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Thoms Gawen, 1559 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Johes Gawen, 1565 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Steven Gawen, 1566 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

### Gawkrodder

**Variants:** **Gaukrodder**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gaukroger**.

### Gawler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; also Kent

English: see **Gowler**.

### Gawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: reduced form of **McAuley**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mary Gawley, 1727 in *IGI* (Aghagallon, Antrim); Elizabeth Gawley, 1755 in *IGI* (Donaghmore, Tyrone); Margaret Gawley, 1756 in *IGI* (Aghalee, Antrim).

England: Joseph Gawley, 1785 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Gawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Manx, English: see **Gavin**.

**Early bearers:** MacGawne, 1422, Gawen, 1517 in *Moore*; John Gawne, 1561 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); Thomas Gawne, 1616 in *IGI* (Ballaugh, IoM); Samuell Gawn, 1643 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Henry Gawne, 1660 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM).

### Gawne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: see **Gavin**.

### Gawthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northants

English: see **Gawthorne**.

### Gawthorne

**Variants:** **Gawthorn**, **Gaudern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained, apparently a locative name from an unidentified place in the E or SE Midlands.

**Further information:** Perhaps in Gloucs the variant *Gaudern* merges with the French surname *Gautron*: Pierre Gautron, 1700 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Adam Gautron’, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Watton at Stone, Herts); John Gawderne, 1577, Richard Gaudorne, John Gaudern, 1605 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Robert Gawtherne, 1586 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); John Gawdrone, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); John Gautherne, 1601 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); Anthony Gawdren, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); Wm. Gaudern, 1810 in *IGI* (Wollaston, Northants).

### Gawthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gawthorpe**.

### Gawthorpe

**Variants:** **Gawthorp**, **Gawthrop**, **Gawthrope**, **Gowthrope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places called Gawthorpe in Yorks and Lancs, including Gawthorpe in Osset, Gawthorpe in Lepton, a lost Gawthorpe Hall in Harewood (WR Yorks), Gawthorpe in Bishop Wilton (ER Yorks), and Gawthorpe Hall in Hagergham Eaves (Lancs), all earlier recorded as *Goukthorpe*. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** William de Goutorp, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Sosanna de Goukethorp, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus de Gawkthorp’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); Agnes de Goukthorp’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Crystofer Gawthrop, 1541 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Gawthorp, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robte. Gawthrop, 1614 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks); William Gawthrop, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Gawthrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; WR Yorks

English: see **Gawthorpe**.

### Gawthrope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; WR Yorks

English: see **Gawthorpe**.

### Gawtreay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gautrey**.

### Gay

**Variants:** **Gaye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4417, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3983
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Cork  
**1** English: nickname from Middle English *gai(e)* ‘joyful, light-hearted’, Old French *gai*. Some of the post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Oswald le Gay, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Gilbert Gay, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes le Gay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Thomas Gay, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Dartford and Borstal, Kent); Nicholas Gaye, 1542 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Gaie, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Johis Gaie, 1580 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Raynolde Gaye, 1575 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Dorchester, Dorset).

**2** Norman English: locative name from a place in northern France called Gaye, for example Gaye (Marne).

**Early bearers:** Hilda de Gay, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William de Gaia, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

### Gaydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Warwicks

**1** English: locative name from Gaydon (Warwicks). Some examples may belong under (2).

## Gaye

**Early bearers:** Nigello Gaydun, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; Ralph de Geydon, 1269 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter Geydun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry de Geydon of Northampton, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Geydon, parson of the church of Neuport, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Newport, Shrops); Hugh Geydon, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Gaydon, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Uffcumbe, Devon); Alexander Gaydonn, Christopher Gaydon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the personal name *Gaidun*, a variant of Continental Germanic *Gaido*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gaidun filius Willelmi, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall).

## Gaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Gay**.

## Gayfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Gayford**.

## Gayfor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Gayford**.

## Gayford

Variants: **Gayfer**, **Gayfor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, or perhaps a variant of *Gayteford* (see **Gatford**) with loss of medial *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Gayford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Wilts); John de Gayford, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Grantham, Lincs); John Gayford, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (West Stow, Suffolk); Thomas Gayforthe, 1581, Thomas Gayford, 1596, Thomas Gayfur, 1640, Thomas Gayfer, 1648, John Gayfor, 1780 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Gayfford, 1631 in *IGI* (Levington, Suffolk); Richard Gayfer, 1680 in *IGI* (Fakenham Magna, Suffolk); John Gayfor, 1691 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edward Gayford, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Gaylard

Variants: **Gaillard**, **Gallard**, **Gaylord**, **Galliard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English, Huguenot: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gaillard* (Continental Germanic \**Gailhard* 'lofty' + 'hard'). (ii) nickname from Middle English *gaillard*, *galiard* 'lively, brisk; gay, spirited', Old French *gaillard*, *gaillart*.

**Further information:** The English name was reinforced by the equivalent French surname, borne by Protestant refugees fleeing persecution in France and the Low Countries during the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gaylardus, 1206 in *Patent Rolls*; Gaillard Columbi, Galliard de Solio, 1257 in *Patent Rolls*; Gailliard Noreys, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*. surnames: Robert Gaylard, 1225 in *Close Rolls*; John Galard, 1232 in *Fine Rolls*; Sabina Geylard, 1295 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Gallard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Street, Sussex); Cadogan Gyllard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); Willelmus Gailard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Alexander Galyard, 1426 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alexander Galyard, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Galliard, 1565 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Jhon Gallard, 1565 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); John Gaylard, 1572 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); John Gaylord, 1580, Samuell Gaylarde, 1618 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Ellinor Gayllerde, 1613 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); John Gallard, 1686 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); James Gayleard, 1777 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

surnames, Huguenot: Michel Gaillard, 1601, Esther Gaillard, 1693, Esther Galliard, 1725, Pierre Galliard, 1760, Daniel Gaillard, 1765 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Suzanne Gaillard, 1692, Jean Gaillard, 1706 in *IGI* (French Episcopal, Bristol, Gloucs); Nicollas Gaillard, 1693 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Jean Gaillard, 1707 in *IGI* (Tabernacle, Milk Alley, Westminster, Middx); Jean Gaillard, 1710 in *IGI* (Bell Lane and Browns Lane and Marche, Stepney, Middx); Jean Pierre Gaillard, 1710 in *IGI* (Savoye De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Susanne Gaillard, 1716 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Jacque Gaillard, 1722 in *IGI* (Le Carré, Soho Square and Berwick Street, Westminster, Middx).

## Gayle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2241, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Gale**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Gayler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Herts
- English: see **Gaylor**.

## Gayles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Gale** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

## Gaylor

Variants: **Gayler**, **Galer**, **Jailler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, and Beds

English: occupational name for a jailer, Middle English *gaioler*, *gaoler*, *gailer* (Old French *gayolierre*, *gaiolere* (northern), *jaioleur* (central)). See also **Gale**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Gaoler, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Richard le Gaylor, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard le Gayoler of Newgate, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; William le Gaoler of Nottingham, 1302 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; George Gaylor, 1539 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Vrsula Gaylor, 1539 in

*IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Mary Gaylor, 1559 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Thomas Gaylor, 1579 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johane Gaylor, 1587 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

## Gaylord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Gaylard**.

## Gaymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk and Essex

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gaimar*, Continental Germanic *Weimar*, *Waimer*, *Guaimar*.

**Early bearers:** Rannulf filius Gaimar', Gaimer, 1193–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Rannulf Gaimer, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Gaymer, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Gaymer, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Sarah Gaymer, 1594 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Robert Gaymer, 1630 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Gaymor, 1774 in *IGI* (Hinderclay, Suffolk); Robt. Gaimmer, 1778 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Gayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants

English: see **Gain**.

## Gayner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also London and Essex

1 English: see **Gainer**.

2 Irish: see **Gaynor**.

## Gaynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Gaines**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gaynor

Variants: **Gayner**, **Gainor**, **Gainer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1280, Ireland 1113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; also Meath; also Tipperary

1 Irish: from a much altered form of **Mag Fhionnbhairr** 'son of *Fionnbharr*', a personal name from *fionn* 'fair, white' + *barr* 'top, head'.

**Further information:** The **Mag Fhionnbhairr** took their name from *Fionnbharr* Ó Géaradháin who came to prominence during the 12th century in County Longford.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hubbert Mac Gynnowar, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2301 (Longford); James Magenor, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3243 (Moigullin, Westmeath); Edm. McGenura, horseman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Ballevicbrine, Longford);

Cormock Magenura, horseman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Tully, Longford); Hubert McGenury, Edm. McCormuck McGenura and Rosse mcTeige McGenury, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3855 (Tully, Longford); Rosse McCormock Magenore, husbandman, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5142 (Mentergrean, Longford); Dermot Magennure, gent., 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5599 (Montergarran, Longford); Cormock Magennore, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Tenelick, Longford); Henry Gaynor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyallen, Louth); Richard Gaynor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); James Gaynor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Horseleap, Westmeath); Marcella Gaynor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dysart, Westmeath).

2 English: see **Gainer**.

3 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh female personal name *Gaenor*, a contracted form of Welsh *Gwenhwyfar*, a compound of *gwen* 'fair, white' + (*g*)*wyf* 'smooth, yielding' + *fawr* 'large'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Gaynor, 1622 (Ludlow, Shrops), Gulielmi Gainor, 1651 (Pontesbury, Shrops), in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 110.

### Gayter

**Variants:** Gaytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Gater**.

### Gayther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Warwicks; Hants
- English: see **Gater**.

### Gayton

**Variants:** Geyton, Guyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Norfolk

English: locative name from one or more of the various places called Gayton, such as Gayton (Northants, Norfolk, Cheshire, Staffs), Gayton le Marsh, and Gayton le Wold (both Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Geiton', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henrico de Gayton', 1220–1 in *Luffield Charters* (Northants); Henry de Gayton, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johannes Geyton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Robert de Gayton, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Geyton, 1538 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk); Johannes Gayton, 1560 in *IGI* (Houghton Saint Giles, Norfolk); Robarte Gayton, 1569 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Mathewe Gayton, 1600 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); James Gayton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Gaytor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England
- English: see **Gater**.

### Gaywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name from Gaywood (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Geiwode, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard de Gaywode, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Hugo de Geywode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Norfolk); John Gaywode, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Richard Gaywoode, 1572 in *PROB 11* (London); John Gaywood, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Great Totham, Essex).

### Gazard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Gazzard**.

### Gaze

**Variants:** Gass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French male personal name *Gace*, a Parisian form of Continental Germanic *Waz(z)ō*, for which see **Wass**. The 1086 and 1224–5 names recorded below show the characteristic alternation between Parisian French *G-* and Norman French *W-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gazo, Wazo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gace de Gisorz, 1225 in *Close Rolls*. surnames: John Gace, Wace, 1224–5 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Gasce, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John Gace, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Godesman Gase, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Elia Gase, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton Abbas, Dorset); Reginald Gasse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradninch, Devon); Wat' Gasse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); James Gasse, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Gase, 1588, George Gaze, 1668 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk); Goodwife Gaze, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Heigham, Norfolk).

### Gazeley

**Variants:** Gaselee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

English: locative name from Gazeley (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Gasele, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Gayslee, 1326 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Thoma Gaysle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Richard Gaysley, 1493 in *PROB 11* (Swaffham, Cams); Thomas Gaysley, 1522 in *PROB 11* (London); John Gazeley, 1565, Rob. Gazely, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Francis Gazley, 1700 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

### Gazey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** There is a Baldus Gasy, merchant of Florence, recorded in 1308 and 1309 in *Patent Rolls*, but it does not seem likely that his surname is associated with *Gazey*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Gasy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lea, Gloucs); Robte. Gasie, 1602 in *IGI* (Sandford on Thames, Oxon); Dorothy Gazy, 1612 in *IGI* (Fritwell, Oxon); William Gasie, 1619, Eliner Gasey, 1667 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Peter Gazey, 1694 in *IGI* (Hampton

Lucy, Warwicks); Willm. Gazy, 1744, Michael Gazey, 1765 in *IGI* (Wellesbourne, Warwicks).

### Gazi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Ghāzi* 'conqueror, hero'.

**Further information:** This was an epithet of Aurangzeb (1658–1707), the sixth Mughal emperor of India.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Gazzard

**Variants:** Gazard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Gozzard**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Gasard, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Gazard, 1582 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); George Gassard, 1637 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Samuel Gasard, 1677 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); John Gazzard, 1708 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).

### Gbadamosi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): a name of unexplained origin from Oyo state in W Nigeria.

### Geach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Occasional correlation with *Gage* and *Gaige* suggests the possibility that the name is a variant of **Gage** but, if so, the change in the final consonant is difficult to explain. Correlation with *Geake*, as in Ursala Geach, 1625, and Thomasin Geake, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall), suggests the alternative possibility that it is a variant of **Geake**, but here, too, it is difficult to explain the variation in the consonant. Compare **Keech**, perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Adam and William Gach', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uplyme, Devon); Thomas Gech', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport, Shrops); Ricardus Gage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsnordley, Shrops); Thomas Geche, 1387, Thomas Gech, 1392, 1397, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Richard Gaych, 1543 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Cypryan Gayge, 1571 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Thomi Gaich, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Richard Gayge, 1576 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Gache, 1584 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); John Geach, 1588, John Gaiche, 1677, John Gaidge, 1686 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); Jane Gache, 1594 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); John Gaich, 1598 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Gaige, 1609 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Steven Gach, 1610 in *IGI* (Thuxton, Norfolk); Alice Geache, 1625 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Alice Gach, 1625 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Thomas Geache, 1639 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Edward Gaich, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Gaige, 1640 in *IGI* (Cleeve, Somerset); Margaret Gaige, 1656 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Henry Geach, 1679 in *IGI*

## Geagan

(Budock, Cornwall); Thomas Geache, 1760 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Geech, 1801 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall).

### Geagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Irish: from Mag Eochagáin, see **Geoghegan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Geake

**Variants:** Geek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: nickname, if originally pronounced with a hard *G*-, from Middle English \**geke*, *gecke* ‘fool, simpleton’, though not on record before about 1530. **Further information:** *OED* suggests that English *geck* was a borrowing of Low German *geck*, Middle Dutch *geck(k)*, Dutch *gek*, from a verb meaning ‘to mock’. The 1275 surname *Geek*, however, implies the existence of a Middle English variant with a long vowel. Perhaps *Geke*, *Gekke* are altered forms of Middle English *yek(e)* (Old English *gēac*) ‘cuckoo’, either influenced by the Middle Dutch word or by Middle English *gok(e)* (Old Scandinavian *gaukr*) ‘cuckoo’ and the derivative *goki* ‘fool’, which was borrowed early into Cornish with the additional sense ‘foolish’ (*MED*, at *goki*). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter Geek, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Henry le Geke, le Gekke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Geke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Tidworth, Wilts); John Geake, 1571, Katherine Geak, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall).

2 English: if originally pronounced with a soft *G*-, see **Jack** and **Jex**.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Geek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); John Geake, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); William Geake, 1680 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Geake, 1688 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Geake, 1818 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Arthur Geake, 1820 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

### Geal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Gell**.

### Geale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Gell**.

### Geall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Gell**.

### Gealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

• **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens

English: variant of either **Gelly** or **Jelley**.

**Early bearers:** Mart. Jeallie, 1687 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Elizabeth Gealy, 1695 in *IGI* (Harborne, Staffs); John Gealie, 1696, Daniel Geallie, 1721 in *IGI* (Rothsay, Bute); Geo Gealy, 1703 in *Parish Registers* (Faringdon, Berks); Geo Gealey, 1726 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Francis Gealey, 1830 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Gealy, 1838 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb); Moses Gealy, 1852 in *Parish Registers* (Llangendeirne, Carmarthens).

### Geaney

**Variants:** McGeeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Mac Géibheannaigh or Ó Géibheannaigh, see **Keaveney**.

### Gear

**Variants:** Geer, Geere, Geare, Geeear, Gears, Gere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1360, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon, Somerset, and Dorset; also Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: nickname from Middle English *gere* ‘sudden fit of passion; wild or changeful mood’, whence **Gerish**.

**Early bearers:** Albert Gere, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Suffolk); Joscelin Gere, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Ger’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Easter, Essex); Willelmo le Gere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); William Gere, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William Gere, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (South Molton, Devon); John Geere, 1539 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); John Geare, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Halstock, Dorset); Andrew Geare, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Heavitree, Devon); Michael Geere, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx).

### Geard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Gard**.

### Geare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Gear**.

### Gearey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; London

Norman, English: see **Geary**.

### Gearing

**Variants:** Geering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 986, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 763
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and London

1 English: nickname of uncertain origin; perhaps from Middle English *gering*, recorded twice (about 1300) apparently in the sense ‘lecher; glutton’.

**Early bearers:** William Gering, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Sewal Geryng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh, Peter le Geryng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Feba Gearing, 1617 in *IGI* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Simon Gearing, 1618 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Gearing, 1629 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); John Gearing, 1642 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Willia Gearing, 1645 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex).

2 Huguenot: anglicized form of **Guerin**.

### Gearon

**Variants:** Geron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the personal name *Geron*, a pet form of Continental Germanic compound names formed with *gar* ‘spear’ as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Geron’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranoe, Leics); Johannes Geron’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Richard Geren, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richardus Geron, 1680 in *Parish Registers* (Eastham, Cheshire); Francis Gearon, 1839 in *Parish Registers* (Moorfields, Middx); Henry Gearon, 1869 in *Parish Registers* (Newport Holy Trinity, Monmouths).

2 Huguenot: relationship name from French **Géron**, identical in origin to (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Ester Geron, 1681 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Gears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Derbys and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Gear**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Geres, 1552, Richard Gears, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Elizabeth Geares, 1561 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops); John Gear, 1762 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Thomas Geares, 1863 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Geary

**Variants:** Gearey, Geery, Jarry, Jeary, Jerry, Jary, Gary, Gerry, Gerrey, Gerrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3331, Ireland 1352
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2284
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Geri*, Continental Germanic *Geric*. Some of the early bearers listed below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gericus de Gilling, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Willelmus filius Geric, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John, Richard Geri, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Jerry, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Alan Gery, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Gery, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Ramsey, Hunts); Johannes Gerry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Stephanus Geray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); Richard Gery, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Alce Geary, 1569 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Frances Gearye, 1581 in *IGI* (Market

Bosworth, Leics); Andrye Gerrie or Gerry, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Toolies in Southwark, Surrey); Richard Geary, 1601 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Abell Gearey, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Nicholas Gerrey, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Saint Thomas, Cornwall); Sara Geary, 1660 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Geo. Geerey, 1716 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ge(e)ry* ‘changeable, giddy’. See also **Garey**.

**Early bearers:** John le Geri, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Willelmo le Gere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs).

3 Irish: anglicized form adopted for Ó Gadhra, see **O’Gara**.

4 Irish: possibly a reduced form of **McGeary**.

## Geater

**Variants:** Jeater, Jetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Berks; Suffolk; Aberdeens

1 English: (i) nickname or occupational name, possibly from Middle English *get(t)our*, *jet(t)er* ‘thrower’ (Old French *geteor*, *jeteor*) in some application: perhaps, like **Thrower**, for someone who made silk thread from raw silk; compare this name for other possible meanings. Alternatively, ‘dice-thrower, gambler’ is possible, as is also, but much less likely, ‘sorcerer, caster of spells (*jeteur de sorts*)’. The French surname *Jeteur* exists, but is not dealt with in standard handbooks. (ii) nickname from Middle English *gettour* ‘vain person, swaggerer’, agent noun from the verb *getten*, *jetten* ‘to behave or dress fashionably or ostentatiously; to strut, swagger’; of French origin, though the sense is not found in Anglo-Norman.

**Further information:** Family history suggests the first Scottish Frederick’s father came from Talaton (Devon) (<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/a/m/Marilyn-A-Hamilton/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0107.html>), but this is unverified. It is uncertain whether this family pronounced an initial ‘hard’ or ‘soft’ *g* (/g/ or /dʒ/) and some researchers have associated this name with **Gater**.

**Early bearers:** England: [ . . . ] Getour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rico le Getur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Getour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Getour, rector of Bix (Oxon), 1456–73, in *VCH* (Swyncombe, Oxon); John Jetour, churchwarden, 1499 in *Morton’s register* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Jetour the younger of Lowestoft, 1515–18 in *TNA* (C 1/421/68) (Ipswich); James Jetour, Jettour, Jetter, 1535–6, mayor of Rye, in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Alice Getter, 1569 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); John Jetter, 1574 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Francis Jeater, 1666 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Richard Geater, 1701 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Will. Geater, 1702 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks); Richd Jater, 1775 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Anthony Geter, 1787 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

**Scotland:** Frederick Geater, 1815 in *Parish Registers* (Stonehaven, Kincardines); Frederick Geater, 1837 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** Clark, Grata Jeter (1987) *The Jeter mosaic: seven centuries of Jeters*. Fort Worth: Arcadia-Clark.

2 English: perhaps in some cases a variant of **Gater**, but there is no hard evidence for this.

## Geaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex
- Norman, English: see **Jeeves**.

## Gebbie

**Variants:** Gibbie, Gibbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks

Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Gebbie*, a mainly Scottish pet form of **Gilbert**.

**Early bearers:** Jeane Gebbie, 1657 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Isobell Gibbie, 1663 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife); James Gebie, 1756 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks); John Gibbey, 1775, Andrew Gibbie, 1780 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

## Gedde

**Variants:** Geddes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gedde* ‘pike’ (the fish).

**Early bearers:** William Ged, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); John Gedde, 1296 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henry Gedde, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Ged, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Thomas Gedde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wickersley, WR Yorks); John Gedde, 1672 in *IGI* (West Cranmore, Somerset); Martha Ged, 1714 in *IGI* (Tresmeer, Cornwall).

2 Scottish: locative name, possibly from Geddes (Nairns).

**Further information:** Black records *Ged(d)* as a Scottish surname but does not give an explanation. It could have the same derivation as (1).

**Early bearers:** Laurence Ged, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles, Peebles); James Ged, 1536 in *Arbroath Register* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Katherine Ged, 1597 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Isbell Gedde, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

## Geddes

**Variants:** Gaddis, Gaddes, Geddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4974, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3538
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens; Lanarks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Geddes (Nairns).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Geddes, 1452 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Matthew Geddas, 1470 in *Scotland Calendar* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Geddes, 1595, Alexander Gedess, 1785 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Geddes, 1611 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Gedde**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. However, the modern family name appears to be entirely Scottish in origin.

**Early bearers:** William Gedes, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

## Geddie

**Variants:** Gaddie, Gaddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133

- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays

Scottish: see **Keddie**.

**Further information:** John Gedy was Abbot of Arbroath 1384–1410.

## Geddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 384
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Dumfriess
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- Scottish: see **Geddes**.

## Geden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

English: variant of **Gidding** (see **Giddings**), as in Richardus Geedon, 1674, Anne Gidding, 1682, Hannah Geedin, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx). **Further information:** The following presumably adopted the name on becoming a subject of the English king: John Gedon alias Janyn Deye of Southlenne, born in France and residing in England for nearly fifty years since the age of twelve, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (South Lynn, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Jone Geden, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Chatham, Kent); Matthew Gedden, 1620 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); John Gedon, 1628 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); William Geden, 1753 in *IGI* (Bloxham, Oxon); John Gedon, 1774 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Thomas Geden, 1778 in *IGI* (Tysoe, Warwicks).

## Gedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *gegge*, a derogatory term used for both men and women, though the present pronunciation, rhyming with *ledge*, is unexplained.

**Further information:** Compare ‘Thus arraied goop þe gegges, And alle wip bare legges’ (1387, *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Geg, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter le Geg, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Hunts); William Gegge, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alice la Gegges, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Robertus Gege, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); William Gegge of Pynchebek’, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Robert Gedge, 1531 in *PROB 11* (London); John Gedge, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Gedling

**Variants:** Gelding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Westm

1 English: locative name from Gedling (Notts). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Gedlyng, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Robert de Gedelyng, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes Gedlyng’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Roberto de Gedling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); William Gedelyng, 1541 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); James Gedlinge, 1669, Robert Gedling, 1705 in *IGI*

## Gedney

(Grindon by Stockton on Tees, Durham); John Gedding, 1816 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).  
2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Gatling**.

### Gedney

**Variants:** **Gedny**, **Gidney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Gedney (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard of Gedeneye, 1258 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Godfrey de Geddeney, 1345 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas de Gedeneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creak, Norfolk); Thomas de Gedney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Gedeneý, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Gedney, 1555 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Gedny, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Gidney, 1645 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Gedny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Gedney**.

### Gedye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Giddy**.

### Gee

**Variants:** **Ghee**, **Jee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8985, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7587
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and N Midlands; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Laois; Longford and Meath

1 English: pronounced with a soft *g*, /dʒ/, this is generally a variant of **Jay**. Compare John Jee, 1611, John Jaye, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts), though these might be different names. *Jay* has a history in Saint Albans from at least the early 14th century. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Gee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Richard Gee, 1403, Richard Jee, 1410 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Thomas Gee, 1546 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Agnes Gee, 1557 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Thomas Gee, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Margrett Gee, 1562 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Rycharð Jee, 1563 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); John Gee, 1564 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Elizabeth Gee, 1567 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Wm. Gee, 1586 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics); John Gee, 1586 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Nichi Gee, 1587 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Etherop Gee, 1596 in *IGI* (Church Lawford, Warwicks); Richard Gee, 1600 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); George Gee, 1608 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Robtus Gee, 1624 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Gee, 1647 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts).

2 Irish: pronounced originally with a hard /g/, though nowadays the pronunciation with soft [g] /dʒ/ is often heard in English contexts: an anglicized reduced form of Irish **Magee** (**Mac Aodha**) 'son of Aodh'.

**Early bearers:** William Gee, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 季, 吉, and 紀, see **Chi** (3, 4, and 11).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 葛, see **Ko** (2).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 朱, see **Chu** (1).

### Geear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Gear**.

### Geek

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Geake**.

### Geekie

**Variants:** **Geggie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Gagie in Murroes (Angus).

**Early bearers:** William Geky, 1453 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Coupar Angus, Perth); Patrick Geky, 1468 and 1473 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Coupar Angus, Perth); William Geiky, 1589 in *Clan Campbell* (Dundee, Angus); Janet Geikie, 1663 in *Brechin Testaments*; Elspet Geggie, 1709 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); Agnis Geiky, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Perth); John Geeky, 1721 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Perth); Thomas Geggie, 1751 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs).

### Geelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Gialláin, from a personal name based on a diminutive of *giall* 'hostage'.

**Early bearers:** Edmund O'Gellain, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Vicarstown, Laois).

### Geen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Glamorgan

English: see **Jean**.

### Geer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 338
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Gear**.

### Geere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Gear**.

### Geering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Gearing**.

### Geery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Geary**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Geeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and WR Yorks; also Hunts

English: see **Jesson** and compare **Gee**.

### Geeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Beds Norman, English: see **Jeeves**.

### Geffen

**Variants:** **Giffin**, **Giffen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Geff*, a pet form of *Geoffrey* (see **Jeffrey**), with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.

**Early bearers:** Peter Geffen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rose Geffen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus Geffen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badby, Northants); Nycolas Gyffen, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Giffen, 1660 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 30 (Kent); Elizabeth Jeffen, 1793 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks).

### Geffers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Jefferies**.

### Gegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Lanarks
- English: see **Gagg**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Gegge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waterstock, Oxon); Thomas Geg', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); Robertus Gege, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); William Gegge, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Gegge, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Anne Gegge, 1540 in *IGI* (Areley Kings, Worcs); Georgius Jegg, 1584 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Gegg, 1623 in *IGI* (Siddington, Gloucs).

### Geggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Berwicks and Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Geekie**.

### Geier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

German: see **Geyer**.

**Geldard**

Variants: Gelderd, Geldart, Gildert, Geldert, Gelder

• Current frequencies: GB 705, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 600

• Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *gelde* 'sterile, barren', used as a noun to denote 'gelded cattle', + Old English *hierde*, hence 'herdman who tends the gelded cattle'.

Early bearers: William le Geldehyrde, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Geldhyrd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Robertus Geldhyrd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Petrus Geldhird', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); John Gelderd, 1494 in *York Guild Register*; John Geldert, 1511 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Geldart, 1551, James Geldert, 1654 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Richarde Gelderte, 1616, Thomas Geldard, 1713 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Willm. Geldert, 1693 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); William Geldherd, 1804 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Francis Gildert, 1737 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**Geldart**

• Current frequencies: GB 435, Ireland 1

• GB frequency 1881: 470

• Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: see **Geldard**.

**Gelder**

• Current frequencies: GB 1236, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 830

• Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

1 English: in N England usually a variant of **Geldard**, partly perhaps through association with the sense implied by (2). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes the following alias: Rachel Gelder otherwise Geldard, 1764 (Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 English: occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *gelder(e)* 'gelder, castrator' (of livestock).

However, the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

Early bearers: John Gelder, 1357 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Gelder', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); John Gelder, 1446 in *Patent Rolls* (Boxted, Essex).

3 English: see **Gilder**.

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic), Dutch: locative name from the Dutch province of Gelderland or from Geldern in north-western Germany.

Early bearers: Benjamin Gelder, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (Camden, Middx); Aron van Gelder, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Gelder, general dealer, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Isaac van Gelder, cigar manufacturer, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph van Gelder, teacher of Hebrew religion, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Gelder, baster (tailoring), born in Galicia, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Gelder, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**Gelderd**

• Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 137

• Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Geldard**.

**Geldert**

• Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 87

• Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Geldard**.

**Gelding**

Variants: Gilding, Guilding

• GB frequency 1881: 77

• Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: (i) locative name; the Notts name is possibly a metathesized form of **Gedling**, from Gedling near Nottingham (Notts). (ii) nickname; alternatively it may be from Middle English *gelding*, *gilding* 'castrated man, eunuch' (Old Scandinavian *geldingr*), or from the same notion applied to horses or pigs. For a possible occupational association compare Roberto Gyldhog ('geld pig'), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds).

Further information: McKinley notes that in the 1332 subsidy for Catsfield, Sussex, Thomas Gelding is listed in the same order as Thomas Gelsing in the equivalent roll for 1327 (*Surnames of Sussex*, p. 400). If *Gelding* is a genuine variant of **Golding**, it may have been modelled on the Middle English interchange of *golden* 'golden' with the synonymous *gilden*, *gulden*, or *gelden* (Old English *gylden*). However, *Gelding* in this and similar instances might just be copyists' misreadings of *Golding*.

Early bearers: Geoffrey Geldyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoo, Sussex); Thomas Gelding, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Catsfield, Sussex); Thoma Gildyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crouchston, Wilts); Bridgett Gilding, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johlippus Gelding, 1646 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Gemima Gelding, 1703 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Alfred Gelding, 1799 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); William Gelding, 1822 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon).

**Gell**

Variants: Gelle, Jell, Geal, Geale, Geall, Jeal

• Current frequencies: GB 1033, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 724

• Main GB location 1881: IoM; widespread in N England

1 Manx: see **Gill**.

2 English: (i) relationship name from Middle English *Gelle*, a pet form of *Gerard*, as shown in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing Gelle Quintyn of Stanley, identical with Gerald Quintyn of Stanley, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). *Gerard* in Middle English was indistinguishable from *Gerald*, of which *Gelle* was a syncopated form. (ii) relationship name; occasionally, a variant of **Gill**, from a pet form of *Jelion* or *Gillian*. These are Middle English versions of *Julian*, found mainly as a female name, occasionally as a male name.

Early bearers: given names: Gelle Bakur, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Gelle Winter, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: John Jelle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bine, Sussex); John Gelle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sand Hutton, NR Yorks); Willelmus Gelle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Graveley, Cambs); Johannes Gele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Johannes Gele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Johannes Gelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(North Elmham, Norfolk); Simon Gell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ribston, WR Yorks); Johanne Gelle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Gele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eudon Burnell, Shrops); Christofer Gell, 1547 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Roberte Jeale, 1555 in *IGI* (Catherham, Surrey); Johes. Geell, 1556 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); John Geale, 1559 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); John Gell, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Willim. Gele, 1587 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Rowland Gell, 1590 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); John Gell, 1593 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); Xpofer Gell, 1597 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Geale, 1599 in *PROB 11* (West Drayton, Middx); Thomas Geale, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Cliffe, Kent); Thomas Jeal, 1635 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Surrey); Ric Geal, 1651 in *IGI* (Buckland, Surrey); Margaretta Gell, 1696 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Thomas Jeall, 1722 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Ann Geell, 1780 in *IGI* (Addington, Surrey).

**Gellan**

• Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 67

• Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Gellan, near Towie (Aberdeens).

Early bearers: Scotland: Cristen Gellane, 1577, Johnne Gellane, 1664, William Gellan, 1675 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Gellan, 1700 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

England: Adam Gellan, 1797 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Eliza Gellan, 1838 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Gellatly**

• Current frequencies: GB 458, Ireland 2

• GB frequency 1881: 410

• Main GB location 1881: Perth and Angus

Scottish: see **Gallatly**.

**Gelle**

• Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 0

1 See **Gell**.

2 See **Gill**.

**Gellender**

• Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 39

• Main GB location 1881: Jersey; also Northumb

Scottish, English: probably a late variant of **Callander**, although another explanation might be required for the instances in Jersey.

Early bearers: Peter Gallander, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Gallender, 1827 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); James Gallender, 1837 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Jane Gellender, 1851 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Cowan Gallander, 1863 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); James Gallender, 1887 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**Geller**

Variants: Gellman, Gelman

• Current frequencies: GB 158, Ireland 0

• GB frequency 1881: 26

• Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs

1 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic), German: (i) locative name, variant of **Heller**, denoting someone from the

## Gelletly

Swabian town of Schwäbisch Hall. The form of the name reflects Russian influence, since Russian, having no *h*, alters *h* in borrowed words to *g*. (ii) nickname from the strong form of Yiddish *gel* 'red-headed' (Middle High German *gel* 'yellow'). There has been considerable confusion with German *gelb* 'yellow', since the meaning change from 'yellow' to 'red' took place only in Yiddish and only with reference to people's complexion or hair colouring. **Early bearers:** Marks Geller, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Abraham Geller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); David Geller, painter, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Nathan Geller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Isaac Geller, born in Brody, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx); Harris Geller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Surbiton, Surrey); Abraham Lewis Geller, born in Lutsk, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**2** German: (i) locative name from the North German town of Geldern or the Dutch province of Gelderland, earlier *Geler*, *Gelre*. (ii) occupational name for a town crier, Middle High German *gellære* (from *gellen* 'to shout or yell'). (iii) nickname, reduced form of **Gelhaar**, denoting someone with fair hair, from Middle High German *gel* 'yellow' + *har* 'hair'. **Early bearers:** John Geller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Frederick Geller, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); Frederica Geller, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Carl Geller, commercial clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**3** English: probably a variant of **Giller**.

**Early bearers:** Margeret Geller, 1605 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Sussex); Thomas Geller, 1639 in *IGI* (Barrow, Cheshire); John Mark Geller, 1761 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Robert Geller, 1811 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Gelletly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Gallatly**.

## Gelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Gelly**.

## Gellibrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gillibrand**.

## Gellie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Gelly**.

## Gelling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 477
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- Manx: Gaelic Ó **Gealán** 'descendant of Gealán', a personal name derived from a diminutive form of

Gaelic *geal*, Manx *gial* 'bright'. The personal name is also attested in Mag Gelain 'son of Gealán' (1222), cited in *Moore*, but *Kneen* argues that the 1515 form below suggests that the modern Manx surname is an Ó- name.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Gellen, 1515, Gellyne, 1540, Gellin, 1611, Gellin, Gelling, 1622 in *Kneen*; Charles Gelling, 1627 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Paul Gelling, 1750 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: Donell O'Gillin, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Umerbane, Antrim); Dan O'Gellinge, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Omaghbane, Antrim).

## Gellion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- English: see **Gillian**.

## Gellman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Gloucs

English: variant of **Gillman**. Compare Jane Gillman, 1596, Mary Gellman, 1582 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Alles Gellman, 1620, John Gillman, 1655 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs). However, in 1881 the Kent surname was a recent arrival from E Anglia. John and Lydia Gellman, both born in Yarmouth, Norfolk, resided in Charlton Next Woolwich (Kent) in *Census 1881*. Compare Willmus. Gillman, 1594, Will Gillman, and Sarah Gellman, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gillman, 1863 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Gellner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from Old French *gelinier* 'poulterer'.

**Early bearers:** Richard gelinier, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Richard le Geline, 1242 in *Fransson* (Leics); John le Gelyner, 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Hugh Geline, 1595 in *IGI* (Saxby on Humber, Lincs); Joan Gillnor, 1642 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset); Robert Gilliner, 1647 in *IGI* (Tusley, Derbys); Jenet Gelner, 1681 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Edmund Guilner, 1797 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).

## Gelly

**Variants:** **Gelley**, **Gellie**, **Gealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English, Scottish: relationship name from a pet form of the female personal name **Gellion** (see **Gillian**). **Early bearers:** Gelleia (f), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Richard Gelee, 1209 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); Robert Gely, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; David Gely, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gely, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Appledore, Kent); Laurence Gelley, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Elizabeth Gellie, 1578 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); David Gellie, 1635 in *Brechin Testaments* (Brechin, Angus); Alexander Gellie, 1653 in *Retours, Scotland* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Gelly, 1733 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Gelman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Geller**.

## Gelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gelle* or *Gell* (see **Gell**). See also **Gilson**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Gellesson', 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Nicholaus Gelson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby, Warwicks); William Gelson', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Selby, WR Yorks); Thomas Gelson, 1562 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); John Gellson, 1612 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

## Gelsthorpe

**Variants:** **Gilthorpe**, **Giltrap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Gelsthorpe in Whixley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Christiana de Gelsthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Gelsthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Green Hammerton, WR Yorks); Robert Gelsthorp, 1397, Robert Gellesthorp', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Henry Gelstroppe, 1589 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ciscillay Gelstrap, 1620, Dorothe Gelsthorp, 1635, Thomas Gelstorp, 1711, Thomas Gelsthorp, 1727, Thomas Gelstharp, 1778 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Robert Gilthorp, 1626 in *IGI* (East Hatley, Cambs); Wmi. Gilstrop, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); Francis Gilstropp, 1640 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Gilstrap, 1813 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Henry Giltrap, 1851 in *IGI* (Colwich, Staffs).

## Gelston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: locative name from Gelston (Lincs), recorded as *Geueleston* in 1202.

**Further information:** It is possible that this name has been adopted for Irish **Mac Giolla tSeanáin**, see **Gilsenan**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Geueleston', 1219, William de Geueleston', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Gelston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); William Gelston', 1476, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Robert Gelston, 1503 in *PROB 11* (London); George Gelston, 1600 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); John Gelston, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Lambeth, Surrey); Isaac Gelston, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Gelston, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Saint Breed, Cornwall); Margaret Gelston, born in Scotland, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Gelston, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Mary Gelston, born in Scotland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Neil Gelston, born in Wigtowns, in *Census 1891* (Glasserton, Wigtowns).



**Gem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Gemme*, *Gimme*, also spelled *Jemme*, *Jimme*. The Wakefield examples show that it was certainly a pet form of the male personal name *German* (see **Jarman**). Though direct evidence is lacking, they were probably also Middle English pet forms of **James**, also found in Middle English as *Jemes*, *Jeme*, and *Jame*. See also **Gimson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gemme, brother of Gilbert, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Jimme Balder, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Gemme the Gardiner, 1306, identical with German le Gardiner, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; Gemme Campion (and wife Magge), 1306, identical with German Campyon (and wife Margery), 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*.

**surnames:** Semannus Gemme, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Gimme, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Jemme, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Gem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Alice Gem, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thomas Gem, 1692 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 46. 2 English: relationship name from a Middle English female personal name *Gemme*, *Jimme*, latinized as *Gemma*, *Jemma*. It is possibly an Old French pet form of Continental Germanic names like *Germenberga* and *Germentrada*, but more likely a female use of the male name *Gemme*, *Jimme* in (1) above.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gemma, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jemma, 1283 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jimme, wife of Robert Feysant, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

**surnames:** Alan Gemma, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Walter Gemma, 1301 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Yorks); Robert Gem, 1692 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Richard Gem, 1747 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Gem, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Charles Edwin Gem, 1801 in *IGI* (Harborne, Staffs); Hannah Gem, 1802 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks).

**Gemmel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: see **Gammell**.

**Gemmell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2736, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1800
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Gammell**.

**Gemmill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: see **Gammell**.

**Gemson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Gimson**.

**Gendall**

**Variants:** **Gendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs Unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Gendall, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Launceston, Cornwall); Peter Gendell, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Poundstock, Cornwall); John Gendell, 1574, Phillip Gendle, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Birford Gendle, 1621, Henry Gendall, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Lamerton, Devon).

**Gender**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Ginder**.

**Genders**

**Variants:** **Ginders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: relationship name, variant of **Ginder**, with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Beatrice Gyndours, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Edward Genders, 1683 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); Anna Genders, 1709 in *IGI* (Walton on Trent, Derbys); William Genders, 1739 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Jos. Genders, 1761 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Henry Genders, 1789 in *IGI* (Threakeingham, Lincs).

**Gendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Cumb, also IoM
- See **Gendall**.

**Genery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Gennery**.

**Genever**

**Variants:** **Ginever**, **Jennifer**, **Juniper**, **Enever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs; Essex

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Gweniver*, *Genever*, *Jenever*, *Juniver*. It was an Anglo-Norman borrowing of Welsh *Gwenhwyvar* (*gwen* 'fair, white' + (*g*)*wyf* 'smooth, yielding'), which became widely known through the name of King Arthur's wife in French and English medieval romances. Withycombe records it as *Gwenhevere* in 1431 in Shrops, and as *Jenefer* in 1554 and *Junipher* in 1691, both in Cornwall. (ii) nickname from Middle English *janiver*, *jenever*, *geniver* (Old French *geniver*), the name of the month January. Compare **January**, **Gennery**, and **Feaviour**. Spellings of the surname beginning in *Jan-*, *Gen-*, and *Jen-* below could relate to this explanation, or to explanation (i), but spellings beginning in *Jun-* below can only belong with (i).

**Early bearers:** John Genever, 1269 in *Patent Rolls*; Mabilia Jeneuer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pagham, Sussex); Henry Jeneuer, 1327, Henry Juneuyr, 1332 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Selsey, Sussex); Willelmus Jeneuer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henfield, Sussex); John Janyver, 1442 in *PROB 11*; Elizabeth Junyver, 1575 in *IGI* (Coldred, Kent); Thomas Junyver, 1578 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Genever, 1585 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Barbara Jenefer, 1636, Johes Jenniver, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Alce Jenever, 1593, John Jenifer, 1631 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Janyvere, 1603, Robert Jennifer, 1664 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Joshua Junefer, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Jeane Junever, 1629 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent); John Juniper, 1634 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Francis Juniper, 1646 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Frances Junifer, 1655 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex); Edward Ginever, 1694 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); John Genever, 1724, William Geniver, 1797 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Margaret Jennever, 1749 in *IGI* (Cotheridge, Worcs); Joseph Junipher, 1794, Samuel Junipper, 1825 in *IGI* (Hempstead with Eccles, Norfolk); John Jennifer, 1795 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

**Geng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Southern German: nickname for a lively, alert person, from Middle High German *genge* 'sprightly'. 2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 耿 and 庚, see **Kang** (2) and (3).

**Genge**

**Variants:** **Gange**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset

English: locative name from East or West Ginge (Berks), recorded as *Gæging* and *Gaing* in 959 (*Charters of Abingdon*, pp. 341–8).

**Further information:** Some early records may derive from medieval spellings of one of the places called *Ing* in Essex, i.e. Ingestone, Fryerning, Mountnessing, or Margaretting; compare **Ing**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Ginge, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Gynge, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Willelmus Ginge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Genge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catcott, Somerset); Thomas Genge, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Bradwell next the Sea, Essex); Henry Genge, 1620 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

**Genn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cambs
- English: see **Jean**.

**Gennard**

**Variants:** **Gainard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gaganhard*. **Early bearers:** Johannes Gaignard, clerk, 1228, Johanni Gainard, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Newton, IoW); William Gaynard, 1247 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); William Gaynyard, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Ralph Ganard, monk, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Bath, Somerset); Adam Gaynnard, knight, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Robert Gaynarde or Gaynard, 1490 in

## Genner

*PROB 11*; George Gennard, 1608 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Philip Gaynard, 1704 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Gennard, 1726 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); William Gaynard, 1740, John Gainard, 1813 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Gannard, 1781 in *IGI* (Barham, Suffolk); Anthony Gennard, 1838 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

### Genner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; also Sussex

English: see **Jenner**.

### Gennery

Variants: **Genery**, **Jennery**, **Guinery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Lincs
- English: see **January**. *Gennery* and *Jennery* correspond to post-medieval dialect forms of *January* (see *OED*). See also **Genever**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Gennery, 1547 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Wm. Ginnery, 1627 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Thos. Jennery, 1664 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Genery, 1709 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Thomas Gennery, 1790 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Gabriel Guineary, 1792 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Genovese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: locative name (southern) denoting someone from Genoa in Liguria. In medieval times the Genoese were regarded as clever individuals, and it is possible that the surname was derived in some instances from a nickname with this sense.
- Early bearers:** Dago Genovese, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Andrea Genovese, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glamorgan).

### Genower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Jenner**.

### Gent

Variants: **Jent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3542, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2570
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and N Midlands: esp. Lancs; Durham; Notts and Derbys; also Norfolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gent(e)* 'high-born, noble', hence 'noble of character or conduct, courteous' (Old French *gent*). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Gent, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Gent, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Gent of Newcastle, 1342 in *Patent Rolls*; Robertus Gent', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heyshott, Sussex); Thomas Gent, 1446 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); William Gent, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Pirton, Herts); Philipp Gent, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Wittiston, Monmouths); Cuthbert Gent, 1540 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Jent, 1546 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex); Richard Gent,

1610 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Edward Jente, 1770 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

2 Flemish, English: locative name, apparently a variant of **Ghent**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Gent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Arnould de Gent, king's esquire, 1423, Arnald de Gent, 1431 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Gentile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dunbartons
- English: see **Gentle**.

### Gentill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Gentle**.

### Gentle

Variants: **Gentles**, **Gentile**, **Gentill**, **Jentle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1219, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 805
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Cambs
- English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *gentil* 'high-born, noble'.

**Early bearers:** Osbert le Gentil, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John (le) Gentil, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Galfridus Gentile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garveston, Norfolk); Johannes Gentill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Roberto Gentil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); James Gentill, 1513 in *PROB 11* (London); William Gentle, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Bumpstead, Essex); Anne Jentle, 1566, Christofar Gentle, 1572 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Allex Gentell, 1600, John Jentell, 1623, in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

### Gentleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Clackmannans
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- English: status name from Middle English *gentilman* 'man of gentle birth'.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas Gentilman, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds), William Gentilman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Gentilman, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Trowle, Wilts); Henricus Gentilman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elsham, Lincs); Willelmus Gentilman', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Thomas Gentleman, 1563 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Gentleman, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Southwold, Suffolk); Susan Jentilman, 1614, Joan Jentleman, 1628 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Stephen Gentelman, 1739 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent). Scotland: Elspet Gentleman, 1622 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Gentleman, 1681 in *IGI* (Culross, Perths); Izabal Jentelman, 1695 in *IGI* (Carnock, Fife); William George Jentilman, 1845 in *IGI* (Hutchesontown, Lanarks).

### Gentles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: variant of **Gentle**, with post-medieval exrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** John Gentles, 1673, Thomas Gentles, 1690 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Margaret Gentles,

1680 in *IGI* (Denny, Stirlings); Andrew Gentells, 1693 in *IGI* (Denny, Stirlings).

### Gentry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 966
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- French, English: nickname from Old French *genterie* 'nobility of birth or of character'.
- Early bearers:** Richard Gentry, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus Gentry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebmarsh, Essex); John Gentre, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Gentre, 1548, Robert Gentree, 1553 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Thomas Gentry, 1561 in *IGI* (Whatfield, Suffolk); An Jentrie, 1587, Henry Gentry, 1803 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thomas Gentry, 1603 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Thomas Jentry, 1609, Jeffrey Jentrie, 1615 in *IGI*, Richard Jentrey, 1636, Mary Gentry, 1636 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Bartholomew Gentry, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Genway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Janaway**.

### Geoffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Mayo
- English: see **Jeffrey**.

### Geoffroy

Variants: **Jeoffroy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Huguenot: relationship name, French **Geoffroy**, **Jeoffroy**, from the Old French personal name *Geuffrei*, *Geffroi*. See **Jeffrey**.

**Early bearers:** Gabrielle Geoffroy, 1750 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Louisa Geoffroy, 1808 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Geogh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McGough**.

### Geoghagan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish: from **Mag Eochagáin**, see **Geoghegan**.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is more numerous in the USA.

### Geoghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Tipperary
- Irish: from **Mag Eochagáin**, see **Geoghegan**.

### Geoghegan

- Variants: **McGeoghegan**, **Geoghagan**, **Geoghan**, **Geagan**, **Gagan**, **Gagen**, **Keoghan**, **Keoghane**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1284, Ireland 2111
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Westmeath; Galway

Irish: from **Mag Eochagáin**, a patronymic from the personal name *Eochagán*, a diminutive of *Eochaidh* 'horseman'. Compare **McCaughey**.

**Early bearers:** Concobur Ruadh Mag Eochagan, 1339 in *AU*; Ferghal Mag Eochagan, 1351 in *AU*; Cú Coigrichi Og Mag Eochagan, 1369 in *AU*; Niall Mag Eochagáin, 1386 in *AU*; Diarmait Mag Eochagáin, taisech Chenel Fiachaigh, 1392 in *AU*; Semus mac Connla, mic Aedha Buidhe Mag Eochagáin, 1493 in *AU*; Conlanus or Conle McGeogheane, gent., 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §307 (Cnockhycoskiro); Neill mKedagh Magoughegan, husbandman, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2648 (Pase, Westmeath); Brian McGoghegan, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2728; Dono mHewe mcWilliam Magoughegan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1308 (Kurke aste, Westmeath); Hugh boye McGoghagan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1422 (the Palishe in Kenaliaghe, Westmeath); Conly MacGoghegan, gent. and chief of his name, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1603 (Dunowre, Westmeath); Brian McGeoughegan, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3388 (Robinston, Westmeath); Hugh McGeoghegan, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3494 (Lora, Westmeath); Tho. MacGeoghegan, gent., 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3726 (Laghrae); Feryegh McGoghegan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3999; Conlanus Mageoghegan, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4086 (Downoire, Westmeath); Margery Mageoghegan alias Nugent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4086; Ferrall McGeoghegayne, soldier, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4778 (Roscommon); Donogh mcTeig McGoigan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4598 (Roscommon); Murtho oge and Felim McGegan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6726; John McGeoghagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal); Anne Geoghegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Nobber, Meath); William Geogan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathgarve, Westmeath); Hugh Keoghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killasnet, Leitrim).

## George

**Variants:** **Georges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25690, Ireland 598
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17324
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout: esp. London; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Down

English: relationship name from the personal name *George*, French *Georges*, Latin *Georgius*, from Greek *Geōrgos*, based on a word meaning 'land worker or farmer', a derivative of *gē* 'land'. The personal name was introduced into England in the Middle Ages by the Crusaders. In more recent years it has been adopted as an anglicization of various European cognates, including derivatives of Greek *Geōrgos*. **Early bearers:** given names: Georgius Grim, 12th cent., in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); George de Dovor, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); George Bygod, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agn' ux' Georgii de Coupmanthorpe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints North Street, Yorks).

surnames: Hugo filius Georgii, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus George, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Wick, Somerset); Cecilia Georg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodham, Norfolk); William George, 1412 in *London Letter Books I*; Thomas George, 1488 in *PROB 11*

(Saint Mary Virgin Wisbech, Cambs); William George, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Newmarket, Suffolk); Manship Georg, 1612 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk).

## Georges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: relationship name, variant of **George**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Wynnifer Georges, 1591 in *IGI* (Southampton); William Georges, 1606 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys); Robert Georges, 1616 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); George Georges, 1624 in *IGI* (Tirley, Gloucs).

2 French: from the French personal name *Georges*, equivalent of English **George**.

## Georgeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 597
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- English: relationship name from the personal name **George** + the patronymic marker -son.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Georgeson or Jeorgison, before 1471 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Cuppar Angus, Perth); Donald Georgeson, 1712 in *IGI* (Orlrig, Caithness); James Georgeson, 1715 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney); John Georgeson, 1734 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland); Magnus Jorgeson, 1749 in *IGI* (Bressay, Shetland); Gilbert Gorgson, 1788, Gilbert Georgson, 1791 in *IGI* (Nesting, Shetland).

England: Richard Georgeson, 1578 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lincs); Robert Georgson, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, City of London); Catherine Georgson, 1623 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); William Georgeson, 1690 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); Elizabeth Jorgeson, 1817 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire).

## Georghiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: see **Georgiou**.

## Georgiades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Greek: relationship name from the personal name *Georgios* (see **George**) + -ades, a variant of the classical patronymic suffix -ides, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

## Georgiou

**Variants:** **Georghiu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3558, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Geōrgios*, see **George**.

## Gepp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Gipp**.

## Geraghty

**Variants:** **Gerrity, Gerety, Geraty, Gerity, Garrity, Garrety, Garratty, Garraty, Garity, McGarrity, McGarity, McGarty, McGerty, McGurty, Garty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2324, Ireland 3290
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo and Galway

Irish: from **Mag Oireachtaigh** 'son of *Oireachtach*', a personal name meaning 'member of the assembly' or 'frequenting assemblies'.

**Early bearers:** Donn óg Mag Oireachtaigh, 1230, in *AU*; Flann Mág Oireachtaigh, 1256 in *AU*; Tommaltach Mhag Oireachtaigh, 1274 in *AU*; Henri Mag Oireachtaigh, bishop of Connor, 1297 in *AU*; Daibid Mag Oireachtaigh, 'successor of Saint Patrick', 1346 in *AU*; Thomas McGirraght, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3997; Farsy bane McGerighty, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4014; Donogh mcRory McGireightie, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4370; Mannes oge McGerreghty, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Newtowne, Roscommon); John McGerraghty, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; Patrick modder McGerrety, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Brian oge McGirraty, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Patrick modder McGerrety, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fews, Armagh).

## Gerald

**Variants:** **Gerals, Gerold, Jerrold, Jarrold, Garrould, Garrett, Garrod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lincs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gerald*, *Girald*, a name introduced by the Normans. It was fairly common, but less so than **Gerard**, with which it was early confused: Adam Gerold, Girardus, Gerard, 1219–46 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Nicholas Garolde alias Garard, 1535 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk). The name commonly developed to **Garrett**. Garrett Fitzgarret, 1586 (in *State Papers Domestic*) is for *Fitzgerald*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Geroudus filius Radulfi, 1166–75 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Robertus filius Gerald, Geroldi, Giroldi, Girold, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Wilts); Philippus filius Geroldi, 1119 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Geroud, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Jeroldus, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert Gerold, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); John Jerald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Gerald, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Johanne Gerald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Herefs); John Gerald', 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Jerold', 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex, Suffolk); Thomas Garold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Garrod, 1568 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Maria Jarrold, 1621 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Katherine Gerald, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Drayton Bassett, Staffs); Elizabeth Jarrald, 1730 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

## Gerals

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Gerald** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

## Gerard

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Gerard

**Variants:** **Gerrard, Jerrard, Jarrard, Garrard, Garard, Garrett, Girard, Jellard, Gillard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gerart*, *Girart*, Continental Germanic *Gerard*, *Girard*. See also **Garrad, Gerald**. **Early bearers:** given names: Gerardus, Girardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gerardus, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk), 1149–62 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jerard filius archidiaconi, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents*.

urnames: John Gerard 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugo Gerard, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Willelmus filius Gerardi de Kiluington, identical with William Gerard', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Gerart, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Jerard, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Garrard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); John Gerrard, 1412, Thomas Garard, 1429, William Garrarde, 1458 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert Garard, 1521 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Gerrarde or Gerrard, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Geraty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Mag Oireachtaigh, see **Geraghty**.

### Geraud

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Giraud**.

### Gerber

**Variants:** **Garber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, WR Yorks
- German, Swiss, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a tanner, Middle High German *gerwer* (from Old High German (*ledar*) *garawo* 'leather preparer'), German *Gerber*.

**Early bearers:** Blasing Gerber, clock maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Gurton Garber, ivory turner, born in Gorlitz, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Otto Gerber, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Peter Gerber, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Hammersmith, Middx); Richard Gerber, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Altrincham, Cheshire); Edward Gerber, born in Saxony, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Middx); Charles Gerber, commercial traveller, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Harris Gerber, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Morris Gerber, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Prestwich, Lancs); Simon and Annie Garber, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Garber, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, WR Yorks); Louis Garber, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Woolf Garber, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx);

Pincus Gerber, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Gere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- English: see **Gear**.

### Gerety

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- Irish: from Mag Oireachtaigh, see **Geraghty**.

### Gerish

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gerrish**.

### Gerity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mag Oireachtaigh, see **Geraghty**. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gerken

**Variants:** **Gerkin, Jerkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from a short form of a Middle English personal name such as *Gerald* or *Gerard* + the diminutive suffix *-kin*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gerkin, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; Jevan Jurkyn of Roosse, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Ross, Herefs); John Gerkin, 1441 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes Gerkin, 1567 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); John Gerken, 1644 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Girken, 1693 in *IGI* (Baddiley, Cheshire); John Girkin, 1745, Gerkin, 1746 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Thomas Gurkin, 1790 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); George Nicholas Gerken, 1799 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Gerkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Gerken**.

### Gerlach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; otherwise scattered

German: from the personal name *Gerlach*, composed of *gēri*, *gāri* 'spear' + *lach*, a cognate of Old High German *leich* 'sport', 'play'.

**Early bearers:** Derrick Gerlach, 1810 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Peter Conrad Gerlach, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elisabeth Gerlach, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Alfred Gerlach, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Paul Gerlach, born in Dresden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Edward Gerlach, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Philip Gerlach, born in Germany, in *Census*

1891 (Hornsey, Middx); Frederick Gerlach, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Epsom, Surrey); Amandus Gerlach, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Romford, Essex); Carl Gerlach, born in Weimar, in *Census 1911* (East Ham, Essex); Alfred Gerlach, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

### Gerland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lancs

English: see **Garland**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gerling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Girling**.

### Germain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Hants

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Norman, English: see **German**.

### Germaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Wicklow

Norman, English: see **German**.

### German

**Variants:** **Germann, Germain, Germaine, Germing, Germon, Gurmin, Jerman, Jermyn, Jermin, Jermine, Jermain, Jarmain, Jarman, Jarmon, Jarmin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1370, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1395
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Germanus* (Latin *Germanus* 'German'). Compare **Jermey**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Germanus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jerman filius Willelmi, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex). surnames: John Jarman, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Philippus Germani, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); William Jermain, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Nicholas Germeyn, 1292 in *London Letter Books A*; Richard Germeyn, Jermin, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas German, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barleythorpe and Oakham, Rutland); Agn' Germayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Robertus Germen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Ricardus Gurmyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Shelford, Cambs); William Germyn, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk, Norfolk); John Germyn', 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Margery Jerman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Germayn or Jermayn, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Tower of London, Middx); William Gurmon, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Alkerton, Oxon); Mary Gurmyn, 1599 in *IGI*

(Tonbridge, Kent); Adriana Germain, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph Bishopsgate, City of London); Margaret Gurmine, 1688, Thomas Gurmin, 1694 in *IGI* (Moreton on Lugg, Herefs).

2 Norman, English: ethnic name from Old French *German(e)*, meaning ‘the German’.

**Further information:** The usual term in Middle English for a speaker of German or Dutch was *alemaun(d)* or *alemain*; see **Allman**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert le German, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Germaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Germany**.

### Germann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **German**.

### Germany

Variants: **Germaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Kent, and Lincs
- English: locative name from Middle English *Germanie*, denoting the parts of Continental Europe inhabited by Germanic peoples.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Germani, merchant of Chastelville, 1224 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephen Germani, burghess of Limoges, 1263 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Germyen, king’s clerk, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Germiny, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald de Jermyen, knight, 1296 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Jermanee, 1563 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Elizabeth Germany, 1586, John Germany, 1721, James Jarmany, 1733, Hannah Jermyen, 1813 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Germany, 1614 in *IGI* (Wicken, Cambs); Ann Germany, 1686 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Benjamin Jarmany, 1779 in *IGI* (Salhouse, Norfolk); James Jermany, 1812 in *IGI* (Cantley, Norfolk); Thomas Germaney, 1825 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); John Garmany, 1832, John Jarmenny, 1855 in *IGI* (Helhoughton, Norfolk).

### Germing

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **German**.

### Germon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- Norman, English: see **German**.

### Gerner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx
- English: see **Garner**.

### Gernon

Variants: **Grennan**, **Garnon**, **Garnham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; also Dublin
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *grenom*, *gernon* ‘moustache’.
- Further information:** Amongst Normans a moustache must have been a distinctive feature; all the Normans in the Bayeux Tapestry, for example, are represented as clean-shaven. Some of the early examples above are prepositional, ‘with the moustache(s)’. This nickname, in the form *Algernon*, was ultimately adopted as a personal name. This name has been in Ireland since 1170, when a Roger de Gernon arrived in the company of Richard de Clare (Strongbow). The name was gaelicized as *Gearnún* and has commonly been anglicized as **Garland**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gernon, Gernun, Greno, Grenon, Grino, Grinon, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; William de Perci cognomento Asgernuns, ove les gernuns, 1066–87 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Willelmus cum grinonibus, 1104 in *Ekwall, ELPN* p. 159; Adam as Gernuns, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Asgernuns, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Perci Ohtlesgernuns, about 1180 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Alexander Gernum (bis), 12th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Richard gernun, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Abel Agernun, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Bought called Gernon, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; John Gernon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Henry Garnon, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); James Garnons, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Treloughe, Herefs); John Gernon, 1749 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

### Gerold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gerald**.

### Geron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Gearon**.

### Gerrad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Gerrans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Gerrans (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** George Gerrance, 1613 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Thomas Gerrens, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Merther, Cornwall); George Gearrens, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Redruth, Cornwall); Thomas Gerrance, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Merther, Cornwall); Nic. Gerrans, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Thomas Gerans, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Benjamin Gerrans, 1715 in *IGI* (Merther, Cornwall).

### Gerrard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5171, Ireland 153
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin
- English: see **Gerard**.

### Gerratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Gerred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Wilts; Middx
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Gerrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Gerrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; Durham
- Norman, English: see **Geary**.

### Gerrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: apparently a variant of **Garrick**.

### Gerrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- 1 Scottish: from a short form of **Garioch**; see *Black*.  
2 Irish, Scottish: sometimes a variant of **Geary**.

### Gerring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gerin*, *Jerin*, from a short form of a name with *Ger-* as the first element + the suffix *-in*, or, occasionally, *-un* (*Forssner* gives an example of *Gerin* as a pet name of *Gervasius*). The name was subsequently reinterpreted as an English name ending with *-ing*. Some of the post-medieval examples may belong at (2).
- Early bearers:** given names: Gerinus, Girinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks, Hants).  
surnames: Serlo filius Gerini, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Henry Girun, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Gerrun, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); John Geryn, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Robert Jeryn, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Richard Geroun, Geround, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Gering, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Norfolk); John Geryn, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Bexley, Kent); Martin Gerin, 1562 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); John Gering, 1595 in *IGI* (Upton, Berks);

## Gerrish

Anthony Geringe, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Brinkworth, Wilts); Robert Gerring, 1631 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Gironde in Gascony.

**Early bearers:** Turstinus de Giron, de Girunde, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Walter de Gyrunde, Gerun, de Gerunde, Gerunde, 1279–92 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

## Gerrish

**Variants:** Garrish, Gerish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 641
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *gerysshe* ‘changeful, wild, wayward’. Compare ‘Madnesse that doth infest a man ones in a mone the whiche doth cause one to be geryshe, and wavering witted, not constant, but fantasticall’ (1547, *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Umfrey le Gerische, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Girisse, 1370 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Geryssh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Widhill, Wilts); Johannes Geryssh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts); John Geriss, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Congham, Norfolk); William Gerische, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); John Gerish or Geerish, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Bromham, Wilts); Thomas Gerrish, 1682 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Christopher Garrish, 1724 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

## Gerrity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Mag Oireachtaigh, see **Geraghty**.

## Gerry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 574
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Geary**.

## Gershon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

Jewish: from the Hebrew personal name *Gershon*, *Gershom*, of uncertain origin. It may mean ‘exile’, but is usually interpreted as ‘sojourner’, from Hebrew *ger sham* meaning ‘a stranger there’.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Gershon, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Gershon, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Michael and Amelia Gershon, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Aldgate, London); Elkan Gershon, born in Yorks, in *Census 1891* (Prestwich, Lancs); Jacob Gershon, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Joseph Gershon, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Harris Gershon, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Louis Gershon, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Zackariah Gershon, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Gervase

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Norman, English: see **Jarvis**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Gervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Scottish: locative name from Girvan (Ayr), see **Girvan**.

2 Irish: from Ó Gairbhín ‘descendant of *Gairbhín*’, see **Garvin**.

## Gervis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Jarvis**.

## Gessey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: see **Jessey**.

## Getchell

**Variants:** Gatchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Gatchell Farm or House in Trull (Somerset). It is not clear whether the Scottish bearers belong with this name.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Gatchell, 1576 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Agnis Corbin Gachell, 1603 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Christofer Gatchill, 1624 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Hen. Gatchell, 1643 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Edwd. Gashall, 1723 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Peter Gashell, 1734 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

Scotland: Rose Getchen, in *Census 1881* (Blackfriars, Lanarks); Thomas Getchell, in *Census 1901* (Coatbridge, Lanarks).

## Gethin

**Variants:** Gething, Getting, Getten, Gitten, Gitton, Gitting, Gethins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Gethin*, perhaps from *cethin* ‘dusky, swarthy’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Gethin, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Holyhead, Anglesey); Eynon Gethin, 1332 in *Chirkland Extent*; Eynon ap Jevan Gethyn, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Bryn-mawr, Montgomerys); John Morton, alias John Gethin, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*; Maurice ap Jehan Gythyn of Oswastre, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Oswestry, Shrops); Roger Gethen, 1562 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Edward Gethine, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Melverley, Shrops); Thomas Gethin, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Chapel Hill, Gloucs); James Gething, 1621 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Gethinge, 1627 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Gethen, 1708

in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Getting, 1756 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Thomas Githin, 1776 in *IGI* (Albrighton, Shrops).

## Gething

- **Current frequencies:** GB 573, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 484
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Gethin**.

## Gethings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Yorks; Pembrokes
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

## Gethins

**Variants:** Gethings, Gettins, Gettings, Gettens, Gittins, Gittens, Gittings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 Welsh, English, Scottish: (i) variant of **Gethin**, with English genitival or excrescent *-s*. (ii) possibly also a variant of **Gitton** (1) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gettyns, 1500 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Thomas Gittons, 1544 in *PROB 11* (London); Reginaldus Gittins, 1564 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Frannces Gittens, 1589 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Elizabetha Gettins, 1592 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Elizabeth Gettings, 1598 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Als Gittings, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); John Gethings, 1632 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Gittinges, 1654 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Ann Gethings, 1723 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Anne Gethins, 1781 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Elizabeth Gettens, 1822 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 Irish: if not the Welsh name in Ireland, this name may have been adopted as a shortened form of **Mag Eiteagáin**, see **McGettigan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Richard Gethin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff, Sligo); John Gettins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal).

## Getliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Gatecliff**.

## Getson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Jutson**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Getten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Welsh: see **Gethin**.

## Gettens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

### Getting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs Welsh: see **Gethin**.

### Gettings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

### Gettins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Sligo Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

### Getty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 315
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish, Irish: locative name from Dalgety, a parish in Fife, see **Dalgetty**.

**Further information:** This name is mainly found in the counties of Antrim and Down and is gaelicized in Ireland as **Mag Eitigh**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Getty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry); Archibald Getty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim); Robert Getty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim); Jennat Getty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Finvoy, Antrim).

### Gevaux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: nickname from **Jouveau**, a derivative of *jouve*, a southern form of *jeune* ‘young’, probably used originally to distinguish between the younger of two female bearers of the same given name.

**Early bearers:** Claudine Jouveau, 1714, Jean Jouveau, born in Gascony, 1746, Louis Jouveau(x), later known as Lewis Gevaux, 1747, Joseph Jouvau, later known as Joseph Gevaux, 1754 in *Huguenot Society Quarto Series* (Spitalfields, Middx); John Jouvau, later known as John Gevaux, 1770 in *Huguenot Society Quarto Series* (Shoreditch, Middx); Lewis Gevaux, 1773 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Ewer Gevaux, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Francis Gevaux, 1807 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).  
**References:** www.gevaux.org.uk.

### Geyer

Variants: **Geier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Stirlings
- German: (i) nickname for a greedy or rapacious person, from Middle High and Middle Low German

*gīr(e)* ‘large bird of prey; vulture’. Some early examples may belong with (ii). (ii) locative name for someone who lived at a house bearing the sign of a bird of prey or from Geyer near Zwickau (Saxony), which is probably named with the same word.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Geyer, 1617 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Roger Geyer, 1690 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Ursula Geyer, 1745 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); Marie Geyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bessingby, ER Yorks); William Geyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Geyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Devon
- English: see **Gayton**.

### Ghaffar

Variants: **Gaffar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ghaffār*, ‘much-forgiving’, an attribute of Allah also seen in the compound name ‘*abd-ul-ghaffār*, ‘servant of the All-forgiving’. Compare **Ghafoor**.

### Ghafoor

Variants: **Ghaffar**, **Gaffar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1284, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ghafūr*, ‘forgiving’, also an attribute of Allah and seen in the compound personal name ‘*abd-ul-ghafūr*, ‘servant of the All-forgiving’. Compare **Ghaffar**.

### Ghag

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Ghai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Ghalib

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ghālib* ‘victor’.

### Ghanchi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): unexplained.

### Ghani

Variants: **Gani**, **Goni**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1225, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ghāni* ‘rich, prosperous’; *al-ghani*, ‘the All-sufficient’, is one of the attributes of Allah.

### Ghant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, Scottish: variant of **Ghent**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gharu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Sikh, unexplained.

### Ghauri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: unexplained.

### Ghazi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ghāzi* ‘attacker’, ‘raider’.

**Further information:** This was a title borne by the sixth Mughal emperor Aurangzeb (1658–1707).

### Ghedia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

### Ghee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lanarks

Irish: variant of **Gee** (2), pronounced with a hard /g/.

### Ghelani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Ghel-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).  
**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Ghent

Variants: **Ghant**, **Gent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Warwicks; Lincs

English: locative name denoting someone from Ghent in Flanders, Belgium.

**Early bearers:** Henery Ghent, 1691 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey); Francis Ghent, 1692 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); William Ghent, 1697 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwicks).

### Ghose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Indian: see **Ghosh**.

### Ghosh

Variants: **Ghose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1225, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

## Ghost

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: occupational name, Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *ghosa* ‘cowherd’.

### Ghost

Variants: **Gast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *gost*, *gast* ‘spirit, angel, demon, soul, ghost’ (Old English *gæst*, *gāst*).

**Early bearers:** Aluiet Gast, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition* (Cambs); John le Gast, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard le Gust, 1323 in *Patent Rolls*; Bartholomew (le) Gost, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmo Gast’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiard Millicent and Shaw, Wilts); Adam Gost, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knighton, Hants); Tho. Ghost, 1596 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); William Gast, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Kenilworth, Warwicks); Jone Ghoste, 1606 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Gast, 1617 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); John Ghost, 1618 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Henry Ghost, 1620 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Catherin Ghost, 1629 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Gost, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hiendley, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Goste, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys).

### Ghulam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Ghulam* ‘boy, youth, servant’.

References: *Ahmed*.

### Ghuman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Ghumra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: unexplained.

### Giannini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Giannino*, a pet form of *Gianni* ‘John’.

**Early bearers:** Andrea Giannini, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (London); Dominick Giannini, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Beckenham, Kent); Riccardo Giannini, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Salvatore Giannini, born in Switzerland, *Census 1901* (London); Ottavio Giannini, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Penge, Surrey).

### Gibb

Variants: **Gibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5760, Ireland 150
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5263
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens and Angus

English: relationship name from the personal name *Gibb*, a pet form of *Gilbert*. See also **Gipp**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gibbe de Huckenhale, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Gibbe, 1183 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, England: Winc’ Gibbe, 1290 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Norfolk); Nicholas Gybbe, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Facombe, Hants); Walterus Gibbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple, Essex); Henricus Gibbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colkirk, Norfolk); Thomas Gybbe, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Poltimore, Devon); Else Gib, 1540 in *IGI* (Herstmonceaux, Sussex); John Gibb, 1549 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Tomas Gybb, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Anthony Gib, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

surnames, Scotland: Daudid Gyb, 1521 in *Fife Court Book* (Cupar, Fife); Richard Gib, 1564 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Margaret Gib, 1590, Andro Gibb, 1590 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); James Gibb, 1617 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); James Gibbe, 1643 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife).

### Gibbard

Variants: **Giberd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 709
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Northants; also Bucks

English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gebehard*, *Gibard*, or possibly sometimes from the personal name **Gibb** + (*h*)ard.

**Early bearers:** Robert filius Giberti 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gislebert Gibart, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Reiner Giberd, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gybard, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Giberd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Katern Gyberde, 1590 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks); Thomas Gyberde, 1603 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Gibart, 1605 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Hester Gibbard, 1610 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Gibbard, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Bearley, Warwicks); Dennis Gybart, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Gibard, 1789 in *IGI* (Charlton on Otmoor, Oxon).

### Gibben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Gibbon**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Gibb** + the genitival suffix *-en*, characteristic of the West Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gibben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); William Gibben, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Joseph Gibben, 1697 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Gibbens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Gibbons**.

### Gibberd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Gibbard**.

### Gibbes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gibbs**.

### Gibbeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

1 English: see **Gibbison**.

2 English: see **Gibson**.

### Gibbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

English: see **Gibby**.

### Gibbie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: see **Gibby**.

### Gibbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Gibbon**.

### Gibbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Gibbins** with intrusive *-g*.

### Gibbins

Variants: **Gibblings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3450, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2278
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim

English: see **Gibbons**.

### Gibbinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the personal name *Gibbin* (see **Gibbon**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Gybonson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Thomas Gibbinson, 1590 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Elizabeth Gibbinson, 1602 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Agnes Gibbinson, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); James Gibbinson, 1681 in *IGI* (Newbiggin by the Sea, Northumb); Kate Eliza Gibbinson, 1863 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Gibbison

Variants: **Gibbeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: (i) relationship name ‘son of *Gibby*, *Gibbe*, or *Gibon*’, Middle English and Older Scots pet forms of *Gilbert*. See **Gibby**, **Gibb**, and **Gibbon**. (ii) see **Gibson**. Further information: *Gibbeson* and *Gibsonson* would easily have developed to *Gibbison*. For *Gibsonson* compare Ricardo Gibonson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton



in Makerfield, Lancs), Rogerus Gibonson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorp Arch, WR Yorks), and Robert Gibonson, 1484 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**Early bearers:** England: Robert Gybbysson, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Metfield, Suffolk); Edmund Gibbison, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); George Gibbyson, 1706 in *IGI* (Long Houghton, Northumb).  
 Scotland: Patrik Gibbisoun, 1613, James Gibbisoune, 1616, Christan Gibbisone, 1658 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Margaret Gibbyson, 1730 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Gibble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: form of *Kibble* (see **Keeble**) with voiced initial consonant.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gibbon

**Variants:** *Gibben, Gibbin, Gibbons*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2747, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3022
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Dublin; Galway

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Giboin* (Continental Germanic *Gebawin*), which is preserved in the affix of the place-name Marsh Gibbon (*Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 54).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Gibiun (Gibbewin), 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey Gibewin, Gibwin, Gibeuin, Gubewin, 1196, 1208, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset, Northants, Bucks); Robertus Gybon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Avon, Wilts); Johannes Gybons, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Geoffrey Gebon', 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey, Hants); Robert Gybbon, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Richarde Gibbon, 1537 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Thomas Gibbon, 1565 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire).

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Gibb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gebon, Gilbert Peke, 1466–7 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

surnames: Vitalis Gibun, about 1176 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital*; Richard Gibun, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Gibon, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent).

3 Scottish, Irish: see **McGibbon**.

### Gibbons

**Variants:** *Gibbens, Gibbins*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14806, Ireland 2612
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9539
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: variant of **Gibbon**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

2 Irish: in Ireland, the name is frequent and has been Gaelicized as **Mac Giobúin**. It is also found as a variant of **Fitzgibbon**.

**Early bearers:** England: Will. Gibbons, 1539 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); James Gibbons, 1541 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs).

Ireland: David Gibbon (Fitz Philip), 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1056 (Clonbryen); Gerald Gibbon (Fitz Philip alias Gerald balef), 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§1056 (Cork, Michelton); John reagh fitz Edmond Gebon, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1694 (Myltowne); Onorina og ny Gibbon, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2252.

### Gibbs

**Variants:** *Gibbes*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18683, Ireland 210
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14542
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England, Midlands, and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Offaly; Kilkenny

English: relationship name, variant of **Gibb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Gibbes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Gibbes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robertus Gibbes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hawkeridge, Wilts); Radulphus Gibbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Willelmus Gibbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); John Gybbes, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Gibbes, 1456 in *PROB 11* (London); John Gybbes, 1546 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Gybes, 1649 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

Ireland: John Gibbs, yeoman, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4103 (Waterford and Tipperary); Thomas Gibbs, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathgarve, Westmeath).

### Gibby

**Variants:** *Gibbey, Gibbie*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

English: relationship name from a Middle English pet form of the personal name **Gilbert**.

**Early bearers:** England: Matilda Gybbey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Willelmus Gibby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coton (Hall), Warwicks); Richard Gebbey, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Gibby, 1587 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Jas. Gibbey, 1807 in *IGI* (Samblesbury, Lancs).

Wales: Margaret Gibby, 1819 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Monmouths).

### Giberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: possibly a variant of **Gibbison**.

**Early bearers:** John Gibberson, 1824 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Madglen Smith Gibberson, 1824 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Gibert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Huguenot: relationship name from a contracted form of the personal name **Gilbert**.

**Further information:** Etienne Gibert arrived in England in 1771. He became minister of the French church of La Patente in Berwick Street, Spitalfields, in 1776, and later of the Chapel Royal of Saint James (*Smiles*, p. 399).

**Early bearers:** Thomae Gibert, 1629 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

Huguenot: Rene Gibert, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Elizabeth Gibert, 1711, Marie Gibert, 1719 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Marie Montagu Gibert, 1782 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Giblett

**Variants:** *Gibling, Giblin*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name from the personal name *Gibelot*, a double diminutive of **Gibb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gibelinus serviens, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants).

surnames: Dera Gibelot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Gebelot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Matilda Giblot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, WR Yorks); William Gyblott, 1464 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Gyblot, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Giblet or Giblett, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Mere, Somerset); Henrie Giblet, 1593, John Giblett, 1624 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset).

### Giblin

**Variants:** *Gibling*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1575, Ireland 456
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Roscommon and Sligo

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Gibelin* or *Gibelun*, double diminutives of **Gibb**.

**Early bearers:** Segerus *Gibelin*, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cornwall); Simon *Gibeloun*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger *Gybelyn*, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Mawfield in Allensmore, Herefs); Gulielm *Giblin*, 1578, Georgii *Gibline*, 1614, Mary *Gibling*, 1743 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); John *Giblin*, 1740 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Mary *Gibblin*, 1849 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

2 Irish: from Ó **Gibealláin**, 'descendant of *Gibeallán*', a personal name of uncertain meaning.

**Further information:** The Ó **Gibealláin** were a prominent ecclesiastical family in County Roscommon during the 13th to 14th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Giolla Iosa Ua Gibellain, monk and anchorite, 1234 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Oilén na Trinoide (Trinity Island), Roscommon); Aodh Ua Gibelláin, 1236 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Floirint O Gibellan, archdeacon of Elphin, 1283 in *AU*; Muiris O Gibealan, 1325 in *AU*; Moriash O'Gibbellayne, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4478 (Oyewlla, Roscommon); Brian O'Gibbelan, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887 (Clonulrian, Roscommon); Henry Giblan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killerry, Sligo); John Giblan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clooncraff, Roscommon); William Giblin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); Laurence Giblon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltrustan, Roscommon).

### Gibling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: variant of **Giblin**.

### Gibney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 1114
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan
- Irish: from Ó **Gibne** 'descendant of *Gibne*', a byname meaning 'a lock or curl of hair'. It is worth noting

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that early Irish glossaries interpret the word as possibly meaning 'hound'. See also **McGibney**.

**Early bearers:** Ferrald O'Gibney, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §97 (Meath); Feroll moyle O'Gibne, horseman, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §711 (Balrathe, Meath); Dionysius Gibny, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2399 (Loughcrewe, Meath); John O'Gibney, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3304 (Kilalona, Meath); Tho. Gibney, soldier, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3460; Patr. O'Gibney, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3915 (Killalon, Meath); Moriortagh O'Gibney, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6621 (Harteston, Meath); Nich. Gibnie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6661 (Killalona, Meath); Thomas Gibney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killare, Westmeath); Philip Gibney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crosserlough, Cavan); Widow Gibney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbride, Cavan); Peter Gibney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardraccan, Meath); Matthew Gibney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughcrew, Meath).

## Gibson

**Variants:** Gibbeson, Gibbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49430, Ireland 4463
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36206
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name **Gibb** (a pet form of *Gilbert*) + *son*, hence 'son of *Gibb*'.  
**Further information:** The name is very common in Ireland, having arrived in that country in the 17th century. It is also occasionally adopted for *Ó Gibealláin*, see **Giblin**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Gibsone, 1311 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Richard Gibbeson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Gibesson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Togston, Northumb); Adam Gibbeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Willelmo Gibbesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton on the Wolds, Leics); Joane Gibson, 1538 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Johis Gibson, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Marion Gibson, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Edwrđi. Gibson, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Barthus. Gibson, 1548 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Tho. Gibson, 1550 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Gibson, 1551 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Gibson, 1561, Bartrum Gibbeson, 1652 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: James Gibson, 1568 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Margrat Gibson, 1621 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Gibson, 1645 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Alexr. Gibson, 1688 in *IGI* (Foveran, Aberdeens).  
Ireland: Wm. Gibson, soldier, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3569 (Clondolcan, Dublin); James Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Hillsborough, Down); Widow Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kinawley, Fermanagh); Elias Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Benjamin Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyclog, Tyrone); Joseph Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Samuel Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford, Longford); Patrick Gibson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Skerry, Antrim).

## Gidda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Gidden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

English: see **Giddings**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Giddens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Middx, Herts, Surrey, Norfolk, and Hants

English: see **Giddings**.

## Giddings

**Variants:** Giddens, Giddins, Gidden, Gitting, Geden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2346, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Cambs

English: locative name from Great, Little, or Steeple Gidding (Hunts), Giddinge (Kent), or Gedding (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Geddinges, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Henry Geddyng, 1337–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert de Geddyng', 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Robert de Geddyngg', 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Easton Maudit, Northants); William Geddyng, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex, Suffolk); William Gydyng, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Wantage, Berks); Francis Giddings, 1600, William Giddings, 1609 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Roger Giddens, 1635 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent); John Giddins, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Giddins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: see **Giddings**.

## Giddy

**Variants:** Gedye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *gidi*, *gedi* 'mad, crazy; possessed by an evil spirit', Old English *gydig*, *gidig*. Compare William Gidyheved, 1347 in *London Letter Books F*, 'foolish head'.

**Early bearers:** Herbert Gidi, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Walter le Gidye, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Geddy, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Gidy, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Sampford Brett, Somerset); Barbara Giddy, 1571 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Margaret Giddy, 1590 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jane Giddy, 1603, Reabaco Gidey, 1688 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Richard Gedy, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Trebursy, Cornwall); John Gedy, 1641 in *PROB 11* (South Petherwin, Cornwall).

## Gidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 522
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Gidleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Godelegh, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Horsington, Somerset); Hamelin de Godelegh, parson of Halghewylle, 1297 (Halwell, Devon), identical with Hamelin de Godele, 1303, and Hamelin de Godelee, 1307 in *Patent Rolls*; Elias de Godelegh, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Milverton, Somerset); Thomas Gidelegh, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Markus Gidlye, 1594 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall); John Gidligh, 1602 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Gidlie, 1614 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Archelai Gidley, 1628, Othniel Gidly, 1766 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

## Gidlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Gidlow in Wigan (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Gudelawe, 1246 in *Lancs Place-Names*; Adam de Godelaw, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Adam Gydlaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westhoughton, Lancs); John Gidlawe of Aspull, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Aspull, Lancs); Tho. Gydlow, 1545 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Ralph Gidlow, 1570 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Thomas Gidlowe, 1616 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 103.

## Gidman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Goodman** with fronting and unrounding of the vowel. Compare Symo Goodman, 1627, Elisabeth Gedman, 1706 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Euerardus Goodman, 1695, Mary Gidman, 1721 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire), and Thomas Goodman, 1731, James Gidman, 1762 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Hugonis Gidman, 1613, Thomas Gidman, 1774 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Thos Gidmon, 1732 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Thos. Giddeman, 1737 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Joseph Gidman, 1787 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Gidney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Gedney**.

## Giff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: variant of **Jeff**, now found chiefly in Ireland.

## Giffard

**Variants:** Gifford, Gafford, Jefford, Jefferd, Jeffords, Guiver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Jersey

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gifard*.

(ii) nickname, perhaps sometimes from Old French *giffard* ‘chubby-cheeked, bloated’.

**Further information:** Some bearers of this name can trace their descent from Osbern de Bol(e)bec, a Norman who married into the family of Richard I, Duke of Normandy (died about 966). Osbern’s grandson, Walter Giffard, received 107 lordships and manors in England following the Norman Conquest. Variation between *Giffard*, with initial /g/, and *Geffard* or *Jeffard*, with initial /dʒ/, reflects a dialectal difference between Normans from northern Normandy and those from southern Normandy, along with Frenchmen from elsewhere in France (*From Latin to Modern French*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gifardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Walter Gifard, 1084 in *Geld Roll*; Walter Gifhard, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Walter Giffart, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; William Giffard, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes filius Giffard’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Camsb); Reginald Gifford, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Camsb); Philip called Giffard, 1311 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Robertus Giffard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Hanningfield, Essex); Thomas Gyfford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Oxon); William Gifford, 1490 in *PROB 11* (Cheriton, Hants); Thomas Giffarde, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Twyford, Bucks); Rycharde Gefferd, 1577 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Georgei Gafford, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Wymondley, Herts); John Giffard, 1606 in *IGI* (Monkleigh, Devon); Will. Jefferd, 1609 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Joseph Gyfforde, 1623 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hants); James Gifferd, 1749 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

**References:** *From Latin to Modern French*, part 2, chapter 6, and part 5, chapter 2.

## Giffen

**Variants:** Giffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; also London, Herts, and Camsb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Irish: from Mag Dhuibhfinn, see **McGaffin**.
- 2 English, Scottish: see **Geffen**.

## Giffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh; Kildare
- 1 Irish: from Mag Dhuibhfinn, see **McGaffin**.
- 2 English: see **Geffen**.

## Gifford

**Variants:** Gafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2781, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent; Camsb; Somerset; Shetland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Giffard**.

## Gift

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *zift(e)*, *gift(e)* ‘gift’. The name may have been used as a personal name in the sense ‘gift of God’, with reference to a child; compare **Theodore**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard Gyft, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); John Gyft of Exon, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Exeter, Devon); John Gyft’, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Maulden, Beds); Robert Gift, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Marnhull, Dorset); Martin Gift, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); David Gift, 1673 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

## Gigg

**Variants:** Giggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *gigge*, denoting a flighty, giddy girl.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Gigge, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Gygg, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ludwell, Oxon); Willelmus Gyges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arthington, WR Yorks); Radulphus Gygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Necton, Norfolk); Thomas Gigges, 1497 in *PROB 11*; Elizabeth Gigge, 1576 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); John Giggs, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Muchelney, Somerset); Phillip Gigg, 1687 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Geggis, 1772 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

## Giggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey, Middx, and Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Gogyng, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Camsb); Johannes Gyggyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Podimore, Somerset); Robertus Gyggon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rockland, Norfolk); John Gygoun, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William Gyggyns, 1536 in *PROB 11* (London); Gumfrey Giggins, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts); William Giggins, 1602 in *IGI* (Barlings cum Langworth, Lincs); Richard Giggons, 1605 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Camsb); Henry Giggins, 1628 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); James Giggins, 1687 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London).

## Giggle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Beds
- Breton, English: see **Jeckell**.

## Giggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: relationship name, variant of **Gigg**, with excrement -s.

## Gil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Morays; Surrey
- 1 Spanish: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Egidio* (Latin *Aegidius*).

**Early bearers:** Jose Manoel Gil, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Poplar, Middx); Juan Gil, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Joseph V. Gil, born in Malaga, Spain, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Carolos A. Gil, in *Census 1901* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Benjamin Gil, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Chorlton, Lancs); Nicanor Gil, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Nottingham, Notts); Julius Gil, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx); Anita Valderrrama Gil, in *Census 1911*.

2 Irish, Scottish: see **Gill**.

## Gilani

**Variants:** Jilani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from Persian and Arabic *Jilāni*, adjective meaning ‘from Gilan [or Jilan]’, a province of Iran.

**Further information:** The most notable bearer of this name was Abdul Qadir Gilani, a celebrated Sufi preacher and scholar (AD 1077–1166), widely revered by Sufis in the Indian subcontinent.

**References:** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdul-Qadir\\_Gilani](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdul-Qadir_Gilani).

## Gilbank

**Variants:** Gillbank, Gillbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name, perhaps from Gilbank (Spout) in Underbarrow (Westm), as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, rather than from Gill Bank in Beverley (WR Yorks), as suggested by Reaney and Wilson.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gylbank, 1489 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); William Gylbank, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gawine Gilbanck, 1582, Mary Gillbanck, 1708 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Richard Gilbancke, 1599 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Frances Gilbank, 1604 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Tho. Gillbanks, 1669, John Gilbancks, 1708, Tho. Gilbanke, 1725 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm).

## Gilbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Worcs
- English: see **Gillbanks**.

## Gilbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent
- English: see **Gilbert**.

## Gilbart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Gilbert**.

## Gilbert

**Variants:** Guilbert, Gilbart, Gilbert, Gillbard, Gilbard, Jelbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23351, Ireland 662
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16764

## Gilberthorpe

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin; Antrim; also Limerick

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gislebert*, *Gil(l)ebert* (*Guilbert*), Continental Germanic *Gisilbert*, *Gislebert* (composed of elements meaning ‘pledge or hostage’ + ‘bright’).

**Further information:** Reaney’s suggestion that *Gilberd* and *Gilbard* sometimes derived from the rare Middle English personal name *Goldbert* (Old English \**Goldbeorht*), is unlikely, partly because of the unmotivated change in the vowel but also because there is no evidence that the name gave rise to a hereditary surname. See **Goldbart**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gislebertus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Gilbertus presbiter, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Gibertus le Vag’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey). surnames, England: Willelmus Gilberti, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Gylebert, 1235 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Norfolk); Robert Gilberd, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); William Gilbert, 1290 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); John Gilbard, 1304 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Margery Gilberdes, 1330 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Wilts); Henry Gylbart, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Otes Gylbert, 1459, probably identical with Ottes Ghilberd’, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Jelbert, 1604 in *IGI* (Stock Gaylard, Dorset); Charles Jelbert, 1757 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall). surnames, Ireland: John Gilbert, gent., 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5170; Edmond Gilbert, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447.

## Gilberthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from a lost *Gilberthorpe* near Sheffield.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Gilbailthorp, de Gilbarthorp, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Kimberworth, WR Yorks); Petrus de Gilberthorpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kimberworth, WR Yorks); Robertus de Gilberthorp’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Joane Gilberthorpe, 1600, Tho. Gilberthorpe, 1659 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Francis Gilbertharpe, 1701, Franniss Gilberthorp, 1709 in *IGI* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts); Johannes Gilberthorp, 1723 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 188.

## Gilbertson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1213, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 876
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Shetland

English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name **Gilbert** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Gilbertson, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbertus Gilbertesson’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Northumb); Nicholao Gilberdson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yokefleet, ER Yorks); Gilbert Gilbertson, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Margaret Gilbertson, 1539 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Hugh Gilbertson, 1577 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

Scotland: Andrew Gilbertson, 1702 in *IGI* (Olrig, Caithness); Willm Gilberdson, 1748 in *IGI* (Bower,

Caithness); Thomas Gilbertson, 1787 in *IGI* (Nesting, Shetland).

## Gilbey

**Variants:** **Gilby**, **Gillbee**, **Gilbie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1591, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 706
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: locative name from Gilby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gilbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard Gilby, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gilby, clerk, 1411, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (York, Lincs); John Gilby, 1414 in *Yorks Wills*; William Gilby, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); George Gylby, 1561 in *Patent Rolls*; Anne Gylbye, 1561 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); William Gilbie, 1596 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Samuell Gilby or Gilbie, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Staple Inn, Middx); Elizabeth Gylbie, 1611 in *IGI* (Bishop Norton, Lincs); Sarah Gilbey, 1670, Nicholas Gilbee, 1710 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

## Gilbie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Gilbey**.

## Gilbody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Adam Gilbodie, 1574 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Reignold Gilbody, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Rodger Gilbodye, 1604, Thoma Gilbody, 1607 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Thomas Gilbodye, 1612, Gilbodie, 1613, Martha Gilbody, 1627, Joseph Gylbody, 1678, John Gilbodye, 1712 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); John Gillbody, 1711, Henery Gillbodye, 1717 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Gilboy

**Variants:** **Ogilby**, **Ogilvie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 Irish, Scottish: from Ó **Giolla Bhuidhe** ‘descendant of the yellow-haired lad’, from *buidhe* ‘yellow’. This is a Connacht surname, for which Scottish **Ogilvie** and **Oglesby** have sometimes been adopted. Compare **McKelvey**, **McEvoy**.
- 2 Scottish, Irish: see **Bowie**.

## Gilbraith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Midlothian

Scottish: see **Galbraith**.

## Gilbreath

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Galbraith**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gilbreth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: see **Galbraith**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is extremely rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gilbride

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Fermanagh

Scottish: see **Kilbride**.

## Gilburt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gilbert**.

## Gilby

**Variants:** **Gillbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and Middx

English: see **Gilbey**.

## Gilchrest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Gilechrist**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gilchrist

**Variants:** **Gilchrist**, **Gillcris**, **McGilchrist**, **Gilchrest**, **Gilerest**, **Gilgryst**, **Gillgrass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5144, Ireland 587
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4385
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from *Mac Giolla Chríosa*, *Mac Gille Chríosa* ‘son of the servant of Christ’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gillecrist, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames, Scotland: Kilschyn Gilcrist, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Gilchrist, 1540 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

surnames, Ireland: Loughlen McGillechreaste, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719 (Clares, Longford); Morgho McGillechrist, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3855 (Tully, Longford); Shane MacGillechrist, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4153 (Monescrevagh, Longford); Laughlen McGillechrist, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Coullany); Shane duffe McGillechrist, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5374 (the Carr, Westmeath); Cahill McGillachrist and Dearnmot duf McGillacrist, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5442 (Dristenan); Twoell McGillechry, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Dromgowly); Teige McGillechrist, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Cullcorra, Longford).

## Gilcrest

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Gilchrist**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is very rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gilday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Dhé**, see **Gildea**.

### Gildea

**Variants:** **Gilday, Guildea, Kildea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 474
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Mayo and Sligo

Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Dhé** ‘son of the servant of God’, from *Dia* ‘God’. The name originated with a monastic family in Donegal in the 11th century and has always been, more or less, confined to NW Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edm. McGillegea, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Ulster); Shane McGildea, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Creevelea, Monaghan); Peter Gildea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilalla, Mayo); Martin Gildea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagh, Mayo); Edmond Gildea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); Thomas Kildea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaspugbrone, Sligo); Andrew Kildee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); Owen Kildea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo).

### Gilder

**Variants:** **Guilder, Gilders, Gelder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 763
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: occupational name for a goldsmith or gilder, Middle English *gilder, gelder, guldar*, a derivative of Old English *gyldan* ‘to gild’. Compare **Golder**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Gelder, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*; John le Gilder, 1306 in *London Letter Books C*; John Gylder, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (East Sutton, Kent); William Gilders, 1583 in *PROB 11* (London); William Gilder or Gylder, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Chelmsford, Essex); Thomas Gilders, 1626 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Susannah Guilder, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Gilderdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, probably from Gilderdale (Forest) in Alston (Cumb), as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, rather than from Gildersdale in Warter (ER Yorks), as suggested by Reaney and Wilson.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Gilderdale, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Cumb); Geoffrey de Gildresdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Gilderdale, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Gilderdale, 1698 in *IGI* (Luddington, Lincs); Robert Gilderdale, 1704, John Gilderdall, 1728 in *IGI* (Hook, WR Yorks).

### Gildernew

**Variants:** **McElnea, Forde, McElnay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: reduced form (with intrusive *d* and *r*) of **Mac Giolla na Naomh** ‘son of *Giolla na Naomh*’, a personal name meaning ‘servant of the saints’. It was sometimes heard as *Giolla na nAth* ‘lad of the fords’, and the surname was thus ‘translated’ as **Forde**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William and Patrick McGilleneuf, yeomen, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2256; Brian McGillernowe, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2986 (Longford); Donogh McGillernewe, kern, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Lakill); Donogh liegh McGillineave, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734 (Limerick); Brien McGillerna, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4874 (Castelboy).

### Gilders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Gilder**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** Reaney’s speculation that it may be derived from Middle English *gildhus* and thus denote the caretaker of a guildhall is implausible.

### Gildersleeve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: see **Gildersleve**.

### Gildersleve

**Variants:** **Gildersleeve**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *gilden, gu(i)lden* ‘golden’ (Old English *gylden*) + *sleve* ‘sleeve’, denoting ‘(the man with) the golden sleeve’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Gyldenesleve, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Gildeneslewe, Alexander Gildenslewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); John Gildensleve, Jeffrey Gildsleeve, Robert Geldyngsleffe, Richard Gyldersleve, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joan Gildersleve, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Mathew Gildensleeve, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Gildert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Geldard**.

### Gilding

**Variants:** **Guilding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk

1 English: see **Gelding**.  
2 English: variant of **Gildon**.

### Gildon

**Variants:** **Gilding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, Lincs, NR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *gilden, gu(i)lden* ‘golden’ (Old English *gylden*), perhaps denoting someone with golden hair. Compare Johanne Gyldenhedd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Addingham, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Wlgar se Gildene, about 945 in *Tengvik*; Walterus Gulden’, 1212, Walterus le Gelden’, 1214, Godwinus le Gelden, 1218, in *MED*; Henry le Gulden, Gilden, 1325 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Dorset); Simon le Geldene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Gilden’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milborne Port, Somerset); Thomas Gyldyn, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Wrangle, Lincs); Gilbertus Gildene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Thomas Gulden’, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset, Dorset); Xpor Gilding, 1543 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwick); Thomas Gilden, 1593, Bridgett Gilding, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martin Gildon, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Upper Toynton, Lincs).

### Gildroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: variant of **Gilroy** with intrusive -d-.

### Gilduff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Duibh**, see **Kilduff**.

### Gile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Gill**.

### Giles

**Variants:** **Gill, Gyles, Gills, Jiles, Jellis, Jelliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15172, Ireland 663
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11306
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales: esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Cork, and Waterford

1 Norman, English: relationship name from Middle English *Giles* or *Gile*, a borrowing from Old French *Gil(l)le(s)* after the Norman Conquest. This is from Latin *Egidius*, which was once thought to derive from Greek *aigidion* ‘kid, young goat’ but is now believed to be a late Latin formation from the Latin personal name *Eggius* + the suffix *-idius*.

**Further information:** The personal name was widely used in France and the Low Countries, partly through veneration of Saint Gilles de Provence, supposedly a hermit of the 6th or 7th century near Arles. He was patron saint of cripples, hence the dedication of Saint Giles Cripplegate in London, though the personal name itself was less common in England than on the Continent. Fewer than one in a thousand men had the first name *Giles* in late 14th-century England. This was the common Middle English version of the name but *Gile* also occurs as an early Middle English forename, and *Gille* is recorded as a surname, though this has several

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alternative origins (see **Gill**). In 12th-century records *Giles* sometimes appears as *Gisel*, *Gisle*, and *Gilo*, which suggests some confusion with pet forms of Germanic names in *Gi(s)i*-, such as *Gi(se)lbert*. However, in general clerks recognized its true origin in *Egidius*, which they used as the usual Latin form of the name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gilo, Ghilo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gisle, Egidius, Gilo, Gile de Gousle 1154–89, 1183–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gile de Costeshal, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Gilo Hose, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts).

surnames, England: Wido filius Gisel, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ailward Gile, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Godfrey Gile, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Gyles, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Gilis, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas Gisel, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); George Giles, 1574 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Thomas Gyles, 1589 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Elizebeth Jeles, 1603 in *IGI* (Englefield, Berks).

surnames, Scotland: Robert Geliss, John Gelis, 1527 in *Caldwell Family Papers*; Andrew Jeeles, 1681 in *Lauder Testaments*.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Glaisne, a Louth surname based on *glas* 'greyish blue-green'.

### Gilfeather

Variants: **Gilfedder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Gille Pheadair**, see **Kilfeather**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Bridget Gilfeather, 1867 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews); Catherine Gilfedder, 1891 in *IGI* (Anderston, Lanarks).

### Gilfedder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Giolla Pheadair**, see **Gilfeather**.

### Gilfillan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1216, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from a personal name *Gille Fhaolain* 'servant of (Saint) Fillan', possibly a patronymic without *mac* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Gillefalyn, about 1214 in *Kelso Register*; Gilfolan, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cardross, Dunbartons); Ewin Gilfillane, 1516 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; John Gilfillan, 1701 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McClelland**.

### Gilford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Staffs; Surrey
- English: see **Guildford**.

### Gilfoyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Phóil**, see **Guilfoyle**.

### Gilgryst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish: see **Gilchrist**.

### Gilham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1279, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 869
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Gillam**.

### Gilhespie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Irish, Scottish: see **Gillespie**.

### Gilhespy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Irish, Scottish: see **Gillespie**.

### Gilhooley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus; Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Limerick
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ghuala**, see **Gilhooly**.

### Gilhoolie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian
- Scottish, Irish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Gilhooly**.

### Gilhooly

Variants: **Gilhooley**, **Gillooly**, **Gilhoolie**, **Gillooley**, **Gilluley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 176
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Leitrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ghuala**, possibly meaning 'son of the gluttonous lad', from a nickname based on *gola* 'gullet, gut'. Woulfe suggests that *Mac Giolla Shúiligh* (*súileach* 'sharp-eyed'), as in Muircertach Mac Giolla Shúiligh, 1243 in *Annals of the Four Masters*, is a variant; if so it is the likely origin of anglicized spellings containing *h*.

**Early bearers:** Shane McGilgowlye, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5009 (Boare, Roscommon); Manus McKellegulie and Ferdorragh McKellogullie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5427 (Clon Iragh, Roscommon); Shane McGillekolle, Cormack Brian Gilleguly, Teig roe McGillecole, and Meylle McGillyole, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Connacht); Margaret ny Gillegooly, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5808 (Clonyragh).

### Gilkerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Northants
- Scottish: see **Gilkison**.

### Gilkes

Variants: **Gilks**, **Jilks**, **Jelks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 986, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gilke*, *Gelke*, a contracted form of *Gilkin*, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** *Gilkin* was a pet form of either the common female name *Gillian* or the less common male name *Giles* (see **Gillian**, **Giles**); compare Johanne Jelkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scalford, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Adam Gylke, 1483 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Camsb); Thomas Gylks, 1547 in *PROB 11*; Richard Gilkes, 1611 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); William Gilks, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Swalcliffe, Oxon); Robert Gelkes, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon); Anne Jelkes, 1640, Henry Jilks, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Gilkesson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Scottish: see **Gilkison**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gilkinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Scottish: probably a variant of **Gilkison** with intrusive *-n-*. *Gilkison*, also spelled *Gilkerson*, may have been re-formed as *Gilkinson* by a false analogy with northern surnames like *Wilke(r)son*, a reduced form of **Wilkinson**.

**Early bearers:** Grizzal Gilkinson, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirkcinner, Wigtowns); James Gilkinson, 1752 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr); Jean Gilkinson, 1807 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr); John Gilkinson, 1811 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

2 Scottish: (i) relationship name, possibly an English patronymic 'son of *Gilkin*'. With a hard pronunciation of initial *G-*, the personal name might be a pet form of *Gilbert*. With a soft pronunciation of initial *G-*, it would be a borrowing into Middle English of *Gilquin*, the French version of Middle Dutch *Gilkin* (as in the 1296 citation), which was the common Flemish pet form of *Giles*. Many Flemings settled in England after the Norman Conquest. It may have given rise to the now lost surnames *Gilkin* and *Gilkins*, as in Richard Gylekyn, 1317–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Richard Gylkyns, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs). Compare **Gill**. (ii) relationship name: alternatively the English surname (if it has a soft *G-*) might be based on a pet form of the Middle English female personal name **Gillian**. Compare **Gill**.

**Further information:** English evidence for *Gilkinson* is very slight, however, and post-medieval bearers of the name with hard initial *G-* may be descendants of Scottish migrants. See sense (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gilkinus de Braban, 1296 in *York Freeman's Register*.

surnames: John Gilkinson, 1662, John Gilkinson, 1672 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Gilkenson, 1746 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Gilkison

**Variants:** Gilkinson, Gilkeson, Gilkerson, McGilchrist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus

1 Scottish: relationship name, an anglicization of Gaelic *Mac Giolla Chriod* 'son of Gille Chriod' (see **Gilchrist**), evidenced by James Mcilchrist, 1658 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings), which was taken to Ulster by Scottish settlers. Compare **Mylchreest**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Gilchristson, 1499 in *Protocol Book Simon*; William Gilkerson, 1559 in *Highland Papers*; Agnes Gilchrison, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspeth Gilkerson, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Gilchreissoun, 1616 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Gilkerson, 1647 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Jonet Gilchristson, 1665, Jonet Gilcrison, 1667 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); James Gilkison, 1672 in *Highland Papers*; John Gilchryson, 1677 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Gilchristson, 1729 in *IGI* (Dalry, Ayr); John Gilchriston Or Gilkerson, 1736 in *IGI* (Dalziel, Lanarks); James Gillkison, 1747 in *IGI* (Glasserton, Wigtowns); Janet Gilkieson, 1768 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr).

England: Robert Gilcriston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Askerton, Cumb).

Ireland: George Gilkeson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Sarah Gilkeson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Robert Gilkinson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone); George Gilkison, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal).

2 Irish: from Mag Uilcín 'son of Uilcín', see **Culkin**.

### Gilks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 513
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon
- English: see **Gilkes**.

### Gill

**Variants:** Gell, Gelle, Jell, Gil, Gile, Gyle, Guile, Gills, Gilliard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36370, Ireland 2626
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21009
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo and Galway; Donegal

1 English: (i) relationship name in N England, sometimes from Middle English *Gille*, Old Scandinavian *Gilli*, which is of Irish (Gaelic) origin (see (3) below). It is found as a personal name in *Domesday Book* and in 12th-century records but not certainly thereafter. Whether it survived into modern times as a hereditary surname is unknown. This distinctively northern name is pronounced with a hard *g*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Gille*, a variant of **Giles**. (iii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gille*, a pet form of **Gillian**, usually a female name but occasionally male. It gave rise to the surnames *Gill*, *Jill*, *Gell*, and

*Jell*, and was pronounced with a soft *g*, hence the spellings with *J*-. Compare **Gell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ghille, Ghile, Ghil, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks).

surnames: Gamel filius Gille, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Henricus filius Gilli, 1200 in *Danelaw Documents*; Henricus filius Gille, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Gille, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Samuel Gille, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Roger Gille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes filius Gille, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Gylle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Jylle, 1312 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Robert Gille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Gille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington, WR Yorks); Rogerus Gyle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Willelmus Gile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); Johannes Gyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Hampnett, Sussex); Thomas Gylle, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Gile or Gyle, 1550 in *PROB 11* (London); Willyam Guyle, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx); Richard Guile, 1615 in *PROB 11* (London).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *gille* 'deep glen, ravine' (Old Scandinavian (Norwegian) *gil*), pronounced with a hard *g*. The topographical term is found mainly in north-west England, where Norwegian Vikings settled.

**Early bearers:** England: Elias de la Gyle, 1269 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas del Gile, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Michael del Gill, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus de Gyll', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Silsden, WR Yorks); Johannes del Gill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Johannes del Gill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes del Gyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Magota del Gylle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morton, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Patrick del Gyle, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles).

3 Irish, Manx, Scottish: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Gille** (Irish **Mac Giolla**), see **McGill**. It is also a Manx surname, meaning 'son of the lad (i.e. servant)'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Harald Gille, an Irishman in the Isle of Man, 1103 in *Moore*; MacGylle, 1430, McGell, 1504, McGill, Gell, 1511 in *Moore*; Jo Gell, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); Gillbert Gill, 1665 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

4 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Ghoill** or **Mac an Ghaill**, see **Gall**.

### Gillam

**Variants:** Gilham, Gillham, Gilliam, Gillum, Gillem, Gillim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1753, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Worcs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gill(i)am*, *Gillem*, Old French *Guillaume*, a Parisian form of *Will(i)am* (see **William**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Giliaum Spysyer, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

surnames: Peter Gillame, 1276 in *London Letter Books B*; Arnold Gilleme, 1283 in *London Letter Books A*; William Giliam, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Gylham, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Gylham, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Guyllam, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Willm. Gilliam, 1540 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Phillip Gillum or Gwilym,

1553 in *PROB 11* (Cwmyoy, Monmouths); Gilbert Gillam, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Field, Sussex); Marye Gillum, 1650 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Richard Gillim, 1669 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Robert Gillyam, 1753 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Gillan

**Variants:** Gillen, Gillin, Gillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2284, Ireland 418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1036
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Antrim, and Derry; Sligo; also Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Giolláin, from a diminutive of *giolla* 'lad, servant, devotee'. Compare **Gill**.

**Early bearers:** Donel roe O'Gilan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5474 (Grange); Teige O'Gillian, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Cloghan, cottier).

### Gilland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham; also Renfrews

Irish, Scottish: see **Gilliland**, of which this is a reduced form.

### Gillanders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland

Scottish: from **Mac Gille Aindreis** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Andrew'. See also **McAndrew**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Scotland: Gillendrias mac Matni, 1139–53 in *David I Charters* (Aberdeens); Gilandrias dapifer, 1124–53 in *Holyrood Register* (Lothian); Gillandris filius Oggu, about 1141 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Clerkington, Midlothian); Gilanders filius Alfwin, about 1165 in *Scone Charters* (Perths).

surnames, Ireland: James Gillanders, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monaghan); Edward Gillanders, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monaghan).

surnames, Scotland: Johannes McGillandris, 1502 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, (Ross and Cromarty); Finlay MacGillandris, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cowie, Stirlings); John Gillanders, 1601 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Forres, Morays); Alexr. Gillanders, 1707 in *IGI* (Laurencekirk, Kincardines).

### Gillard

**Variants:** Gilliard, Jillard, Jellard, Giller, Gillatt, Gillett, Gilleard, Gilyard, Kellard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3641, Ireland 122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2598
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; London

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gillard*, \**Jillard*, with initial soft *g* (/dʒ/), a borrowing of Old French *Gillard*, a pet form of *Gille* (see **Giles**). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gillard* which, with a hard *g* (/g/), would be from Old French *Guilard*, corresponding to the Norman form **Willard**.

**Early bearers:** Cadogan Gyllard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); Johanna Gilard, 1381 in *Poll Tax*



## Gillaspie

(Chichester, Sussex); Margaret Gillard, 1539 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Bettris Gillard, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Phillip Jellard, 1560, Owen Gyllard, 1603 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Jone Gellard, 1566 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); George Gellard, 1573 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); John Gellard, 1599 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Thomas Jillard, 1601 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon); William Gillard, 1615 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Walter Gellard, 1606, Peter Jyllard, 1608, Nicholas Jellard, 1624 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon); Willm Gillard, 1625 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

2 English: sometimes perhaps an altered form of **Gillett**.

3 English: sometimes perhaps an altered form of **Gerard** (Middle English *Girard*) with *r/l* substitution.

### Gillaspie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish, Scottish: see **Gillespie**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gillaspy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish: see **Gillespie**.

### Gillatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Gillett**.

2 English: see **Gillard**.

### Gilbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Gilbank**.

### Gilbanks

Variants: **Gilbanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; also Westm

English: variant of **Gilbank**, with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Gilbanks, 1581 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); Adrian Gilbanks, 1585 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); Tho. Gillbanks, 1669 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm).

### Gilbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Gilbert**.

### Gillbee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gilbey**.

### Gilchrist

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Midlothian; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **Gilechrist**.

### Gilicrist

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic: see **Gilechrist**.

### Gilleard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: variant of **Gilliatt** (from Middle English Gilyot, see **Gilliett**) or of **Gillard**.

### Gilleece

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Irish: see **Gillies**.

### Gilleland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Gilliland**.

### Gillem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Gillam**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 1362
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; also Antrim

- 1 Irish: see **Gillan**.
- 2 Irish: see **McGillion**.

### Giller

Variants: **Guyler**, **Geller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs; Lancs

1 English: (i) occupational name for a fishmonger, from Middle English *giller*, \**gilour*, \**gelour* ‘gutter of fish’, a derivative of Middle English *gil(e)* ‘fish gill’ + the agent suffix *-er* or *-our*. (ii) see **Guyler**. It is unclear whether *Guyler* and *Guiler* (with a long vowel or diphthong) ever interchanged with *Giller* (with a short vowel). Spellings with single *-l-* may belong here or with (i).

**Further information:** In 1313 William le Gelour, alias le Gylor (1311) and Gillour (1315), owed money for purchase of a sail cloth (*Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*). He may therefore have been a fisherman, though that does not exclude the possibility that he was also a fraudster.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Gilur, 1242 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Johannes le Giller, 1251 in *Close Rolls of Henry III*; Nicholas le Gilor, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Gylur, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Gilur, 1302 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes le Gillar, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol,

Gloucs); Andrew Gilour of Wimbotsham, and William Gylour, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Gylour, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Henry Gylour of Fenstanton (Hunts), 1451 in *Patent Rolls*; John Giller, 1577 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moor, Cheshire); Margeret Giller, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); John Gyler, 1578 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Richard Giller, 1584 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Robt. Giller, 1583, Wilhelmi Giller, 1702 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Margrett Gillar, 1612 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jenett Giler, 1630 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); Mary Giller, 1748 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); William Giller, 1815 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *McClure, Occupational bynames 2*, pp. 218–19.

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Gillard** or vice versa.

### Gilleran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac Giollaráin** or **Ó Giollaráin**, formerly **Mac Giolla Éanáin** ‘son of the servant of (Saint) *Eanáin*’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maol-Íosa mac Giolla Eráin, 1199 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Ulster); Gilla Arnain h-Ua Martain, ollam of Ireland in jurisprudence, 1217 in *AU*.

sumames: Ua Giollaráin, abbot of Trinity Church, 1256 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Tuam, Galway); Edmond Gilleran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Elphin, Roscommon); Michael Gilleran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcooley, Roscommon); Mary Gilleran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath); Patrick Killeran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim); Patrick Kilrain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim).

### Gilles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness and Argyll; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Gillies**.

### Gillespie

Variants: **Gilhespy**, **Gilhespie**, **Gillaspy**, **Gillaspie**, **Glasby**, **Gillispie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8939, Ireland 3115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4720
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Irish, Scottish: from Irish **Mac Giolla Easpaig**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Easbuig**, ‘son of the servant of the bishop’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gillescop de Cletheueys, about 1175–99 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Clavage in Dunning, Perth); Gillescop de Cletheveys, 1220–40 in *Lennox Cartulary*.

sumames, Scotland: Ewan filius Gillaspeck, 1175–99 in *Lennox Cartulary*; Kattrin Gillespy, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johne Gillaspie, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Isbell Gilhespie, 1640 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); Ritchard Gillespy, 1652 in *IGI* (Ochiltree,



Ayrs); Agnes Gillespick, 1677 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); John Gillespie, 1730 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Marrion Gillespi, 1816 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian).

surnames, England: Jone Glasby, 1571 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Andrew Gilhespy, 1680, Thomas Gillespey, 1710, Thomas Gilhespye, 1757 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Mary Gilhespey, 1707, Nicholas Gillespy, 1710 in *IGI* (Stannington, Northumb); Tho Gilhespi, 1722 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Mary Gillasp, 1771 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); James Gillespie, 1782 in *IGI* (Harbottle, Northumb); Jacobi Gillespee, 1791 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Benjamin Gillaspe, 1818 in *IGI* (Paulton, Somerset).

2 Irish: see **McAnespie**.

## Gillet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Beds
- English: see **Gillet**

## Gillett

**Variants:** Gillet, Gillette, Gillatt, Gillott, Gilliatt, Gilliot, Gilyatt, Gilyott, Jellet, Jillett, Guilliatt, Gilliat, Gillard, Gilliard, Gilleard, Gilyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4165, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3096
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Gloucs

1 English: relationship name; when pronounced with a soft *G* (/dʒ/), it is usually from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Gillet*, *Gilot*, *Giliot*, *Geliot*. These are diminutives of *Gille* or *Gilly*, which are commonly pet forms of the (often female) name *Gilian*, *Gelian* (see **Gillian**). *Gilot* and *Gillet* are also probably pet forms of **Giles**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gillota, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Gilot de Lackenby, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Gilot de Paris, 1280 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Gelotus Webster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Gilot', wife of Robert Lyster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

surnames: John Gilet, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Peter Gylot, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Gillote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Gilot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Gilote, 1324 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); Simon Gylot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beckford, Gloucs); Richard Gillot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dartmouth, Devon); Peter Giliot, 1333 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Willelmus Gylyot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bulwick, Northants); Galfridus Gylot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Wilts); Willelmo Gylotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greenoak, Eastrington, ER Yorks); Henrico Geliot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Alicia Gylot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Willelmus Geliot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, WR Yorks); Johanne Gylet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Over Stratton, Somerset); Ricardus Gylot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashen, Essex); Johannes Gylot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Henry Gilliot, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); John Gillyot, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishophorpe, York); Robert Jelott, 1512 in *York Guild Register*; John Gillett, 1555 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Anne Gillett, 1596 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Miriam Gillett, 1734 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John Gillett, 1737 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: relationship name; when pronounced with hard *G*, it is more likely from the Middle English personal name *Gilot*, a borrowing of Old French *Guillot*, a pet form of *Guillaume* (*William*) and a doublet of **Willett**. *Gilot* de Portesmue, 1292, and Guylotte Belebouche, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), are both also called William (1290 in *London Letter Books* G, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Guillotus, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Guylot le Sautreour, 1309 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (London); Guillotus le Hauberger, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames: Theobald Guilot, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; John Guillot, purveyor of the household of the Duke of Brittany, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; Joseph Guiliat, 1690 in *IGI* (Clixby, Lincs); Tho. Guilliatt, 1835 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs).

3 English: locative name from one or other of the numerous minor places called Gillhead, such as those in the parishes of Matterdale, Moresby, Castle Sowerby, and Westward (all Cumb), formed from Middle English *gil(le)* 'ravine, narrow valley' (Old Scandinavian *gil*) + *hed*, *heved* 'head'. This would become *Gillett*, with hard *g*.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Gilheued, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farlam, Cumb); William Gillett, 1567 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Marye Gillett, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Willm. Gillett, 1577 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); Richard Gillett, 1582 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 223, 247, 331, and 422.

4 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Gillard**.

## Gillette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Gillett**.

## Gilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Durham; Devon

1 English: see **Gilly**.

2 Scottish, English: sometimes perhaps an English variant of Scottish **Gillie**; see **Gillies**.

## Gillgrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

1 Scottish, Irish, English: variant of **Gilchrist**. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** John Gilgrace, 1650 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Gilgresse, 1657 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); John Gilgrise, 1681 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Gillgrass, 1690, Francis Gilgrace, 1697, Thos. Gilgrass, 1718 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Willm. Gilgrass, 1745, John Gillgrass, 1748, William Gillgras, 1795 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); William Gillgrass, 1796 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *gelden* 'to castrate' + *gris*, *grice* 'young pig', for a castrator of pigs and other animals.

**Early bearers:** John Gelgrys, Geldgrys, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Gillgrass, 1690 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); John Gillgrass, 1747 in *IGI* (Ellel, Lancs); Ann Gillgrass, 1824 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); James Gillgrass, 1827 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Gillham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1098, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Middx

English: see **Gillam**.

## Gillian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey

English: see **Gillam**.

## Gillian

**Variants:** Gillion, Gillyon, Gellion, Gillions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lanarks; London; Hants; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French male and female personal names *Gillian*, *Gilion*, *Jilian*, *Gelian*, all vernacular forms of Latin *Julianus* and *Juliana* (see **Julian**). **Further information:** Juliana de Scaccario (1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls*) is also called Giliana, as is Juliana, wife of Henry Escrop (13th century in *Whitby Cartulary*). The seal of Juliana, wife of Robert de Vendore, is inscribed *Sigill' giliane* (12th century in *Danelaw Documents*), and a deed of Osbert Cirotecarus and Juliana, his wife, has a seal with the same form of the wife's name (1230 in *Oseney Cartulary*).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Jilianus filius Geroldi, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Gilianus de Levekenore, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks). given names (female): Giliana, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Jeliana Falcard, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); Giliana Damyhan, 1315 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Northants).

surnames: Adam filius Jelion', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Gilion, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Gilian, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Margareta Gylion', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hockering, Norfolk); Matilda Jeliane, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Gilian, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Maulden, Beds); John Jelyon, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willyam Gillyon, 1590 in *IGI* (Fishtoft, Lincs).

2 Irish: from **Mac Gileáin** 'son of *Gileán*', a variant of the personal name *Gealán*, from a diminutive of *geal* 'bright, white'.

**Early bearers:** Henry McGillion, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dysertlyn, Derry); Robert McGillian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal); James Gillian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal); Francis McGillan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); George Gillian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

## Gilliand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Irish, Scottish: see **Gilliland**.

## Gilliard

### Gilliard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; ER Yorks

Norman, English: variant of **Gilliatt** (see **Gillett**) or **Gillard**.

### Gilliatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Gillett**

### Gilliatt

Variants: **Gilliard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Gillett**.

### Gillibrand

Variants: **Gellibrand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 608
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gillibrand*, a Norman borrowing of Continental Germanic *Giselbrand*.

**Further information:** In Suffolk, this name became Gillibrowne, 1576, and Gillibourne, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Little Saxham, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William Gilebram, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Gilibronde, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus Gelebrond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Lancs); Ralph Jellebronde, 1469, Ralph Jerebrond, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Edmund Gylybrand, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Richard Gelybrond, 1562 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Gellybrande, 1563 in *PROB 11*; Edward Gillibrond, 1609 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Jeffery Gillibrand, 1755 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 319.

### Gillick

Variants: **McGillick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 293
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Meath
- Irish: from **Mag Uilic** ‘son of *Uilic*’, a Gaelic diminutive of the personal name *Will* (see **William**). **Early bearers:** given names, Ireland: Mac Uilliam Clainni Ricaird, i. Uilleag, mac Uilleag, 1487 in *AU*; Mac Uilliam Clainni Ricaird, i. Uilleag, mac Uilleag, mic Uilleag, 1495 in *AU*; Mic Uilliam Cloinne Ricaird, i. Ricard, mac Uillec, mic Uillec, 1522 in *AU*. surnames, Ireland: Michael Gillick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killallon, Meath); Terence Gillick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Munterconnaught, Cavan); Laurence Gillick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath); John Gillick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Castlerahan, Cavan). surnames, England: Nicholas Gillick, 1715 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Roger Gillick, 1843 in *IGI* (West Rainton, Durham); Peter Gillick, 1877 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

surnames, Scotland: Bridget Gilick, 1861 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); John Gilick, 1872 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Gillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks
- Scottish: see **Gillies**.

### Gillies

Variants: **Gillis**, **Gilliss**, **Gilleece**, **Gilles**, **Gillie**, **Gilley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5245, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4252
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Argyll and Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: nickname from Scottish Gaelic *Gille Iosa*, Irish *Giolla Íosa* ‘servant of Jesus’, or reduced from *Mac Gille Íosa* or *Mac Giolla Íosa* ‘son of the servant of Jesus’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gillise, about 1128 in *Holyrood Register*; Gylis, son of Angus the shoemaker, 1264 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Dull, Perth).

surnames, Scotland: John Gyllis, 1521 in *Holyrood Register*; Issobell Gilleis, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Jhone Gillies, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hellein Gilley, 1650 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Euphan Gilies, 1658 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Gillie, 1658 in *IGI* (Longformacus, Berwicks); William Gillees, 1712 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); Isobel Gilice, 1799 in *IGI* (Roths, Morays).

surnames, England: Willm. Gilley, 1564 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Willm Gillies, 1589 in *IGI* (Stainfield near Lincoln, Lincs).

### Gilligan

Variants: **McGilligan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1870, Ireland 1405
- **GB frequency 1881:** 762
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Offaly, and Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac Giollagáin**, a double diminutive of *giolla* ‘lad’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: David O’Gyllygayne, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2729; John O’Gillygayne, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2729; Dermot O’Gilgan, soldier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6536; Thomas O’Gillegan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4654.

England, Scotland: Nancy Gilligin, 1814 in *IGI* (Overton, Lancs); Thoma Gillagan, 1845 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Anne Gillagan, 1851 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Mary Gillagan, 1856 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Gillilan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Gilliland**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gilliland

Variants: **Gilleland**, **Gillilan**, **Gilliand**, **Gilland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 563
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Gille Fhaolain* (Scottish) or *Mac Giolla Fhaoláin* (Irish) ‘son of the servant of Saint Faolán (Fillan)’. Compare **McClellan**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige boy McGillallen, husbandman, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Keologelieghe); Shane McGillallien, kern, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; David Gillilan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); William Gilliland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry); Thomas Gilliland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Muckno, Monaghan); Robert Gilliland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); John Gilliland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); James Kilfillen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Thomas Gilleland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone).

### Gillim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Gillam**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish: see **Gillan**.

### Gilling

Variants: **Gillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Somerset

English: locative name from Gilling in Rydale or Gilling near Rochdale (both NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Grim de Gilling, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Gilling, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Gilling, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Moor, Somerset); Rogero Gyllyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Street, Sussex); John Gilling, 1392 in *The Church in London*; John Gyllynge, 1399–1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jane Gillinge, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Mark, Somerset); Nicholas Gyllynge, 1568 in *PROB 11* (South Brent, Somerset); Edward Gilling, 1633 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Gillingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1629, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Middx

English: locative name from any of three places called Gillingham (Dorset, Kent, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gillingham, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Adam de Gillingham, 1298 in *London Court Rolls*; Johannes Gillynham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); Nicholas Gyllynham, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Gyllynham, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Wormshill, Kent); Thomas Gelynham, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robart Gillingam, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Peter

Westcheap, London); William Gillingham, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Canford, Dorset).

### Gillings

Variants: **Jellings, Jillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 706
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk and Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: (i) variant of **Gillions**, reinterpreted as an *-ing* suffix with an intrusive *-g*. (ii) variant of **Gilling** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Gillings, 1624 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Richard Gillings, 1631 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Izaak Gillings, 1640 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rich. Gillings, 1665 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Gillings, 1730 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks).

### Gillingwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name apparently denoting someone who lived '(by the) yellow stream', Middle English *golden, golding + wat(t)er*, or possibly from a lost or unidentified place in Norfolk named with Old English *gylden + wæter*.

**Early bearers:** Clement Gyldenewater, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Goselin Gildenewater, 1287 in *Norwich Deeds I*; John Gildingwater, 1569 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); John Gillingwater, 1608 in *IGI* (Buckenham, Norfolk); John Gildenwater, 1617 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); Matthew Gillingwater, 1644 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman* (Norfolk); Will. Gillingwater, 1719 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Aurther Gildenwater, 1724 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Gillion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gillian**.

### Gillions

Variants: **Jillions, Gillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: variant of **Gillian** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willm Gillians, 1574 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); William Gilians, 1596, Agnes Gillians, 1599 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Daniel Jellings, 1599 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); George Gillions, 1620, Ralph Jillions, 1714 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Alice Jellings, 1634, Alce Jillings, 1668 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Edward Gillions, 1683 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds).

### Gilliot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Gillett**.

### Gillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 229
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599

- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Inverness; Northumb; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan and Armagh

Scottish, Irish: see **Gillies**.

### Gillison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Scottish, Irish: relationship name from the personal name **Gillies** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** James Gillisone, 1615, Robert Gilliesone, 1657, John Gillisone, 1704 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Janet Gillison, 1625 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Robert Gillisone, 1695 in *Retours of Heirs* (Dumfries); Jean Gillieson, 1804 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess).

2 English: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Gille* (see **Gill**) + *-son*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Gilly** + *son*. **Further information:** Some of the examples given under (2) may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** John Gilleson, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Appleton, Yorks); Alexander Gelleson, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Willelmus Gillesone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tugby, Leics); Robertus Gilleson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); John Gillisone, 1603 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Richarde Gillisonne, 1612 in *IGI* (Hayton, ER Yorks); William Gillison, 1769 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Gillispie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; also Perths

Irish, Scottish: see **Gillespie**.

### Gilliss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

Scottish: see **Gillies**.

### Gilliver

Variants: **Gilvear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *gylofre*, *gilliver* 'clove' (Old French *girofle*, *gilofre*), of uncertain application. The term could denote not only the spice, but also various herbaceous plants, also known as gillyflowers, that bear flowers with a clove-like scent.

**Early bearers:** William Girofre, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Gylofre, 1275, William Gelofre, 1327, John Golafre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Golafre, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Willelmo Gelofry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Johannes Gylyfour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); John Golafre, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Bignell in Bicester, Oxon); Christian Gelofre, 1437 in *Feet of Fines*; Radulphus Gilliver, 1598 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys); John Gullofer or Gullofurr, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); Mathew Gilliflower, 1681 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Giliver, 1748 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Gillivray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### Gillman

Variants: **Gilman, Killman, Kilman, Gellman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 831
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: from the Old French personal name *Guillemin*, a diminutive of *Guillaume*, the Central or Parisian French form of **Willman** (see **Gillam**). For the Norman French form see **Willman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gylemino de Wollouere, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Gilmyn de Perham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Anketinus filius Gilmyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Ghylemyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); William Gillemyn, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Matilda Gelemyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*; William Gilman, 1542 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); William Gylman son of William Gylmyn, 1549 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Gillman, 1563 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds); Alice Gilman, 1571 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Jane Gillman, 1584 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Gillman, Mary Gillman, 1605 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); John Gillman, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Gillmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: see **Gilmore**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Gillmor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Sligo

Irish: see **Gilmore**.

### Gillmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London; Somerset; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Sligo
- Irish, English: see **Gilmore**.

### Gillogly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Irish: from **Mac an Ghallóglagh**, see **Gallogly**.

### Gillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1373, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 759
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 Irish: see **Gillan**.

## Gillooley

2 French, English: locative name, perhaps from Guillon in Burgundy, with French refugees reinforcing the name in the early modern period. **Early bearers:** Johannes Gyllen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Willelmus Gyllon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Willelmo Gylon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Thomas Gillon, 1558 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); Thomas Gyllon, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Gylon, 1620 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Michael Gyllon, 1627 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Thomas Gillon, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury Saint Paul, Kent); Philip Gylon, 1776 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). Huguenot Riquier Gillon, 1595 in *IGI* (Canterbury Walloon or Strangers Church, Kent); Jacques Gillon, 1606, Pierre Gilon, 1633 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Gillooley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Ghuala, see **Gilhooley**.

### Gilooly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Aberdeens; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Leitrim
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Ghuala, see **Gilhooley**.

### Gillott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1384, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1072
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Gillett**.

### Gillow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: locative name from Gillow Manor in Hentland (Herefs) or perhaps Gillow Heath in Biddulph (Staffs). **Early bearers:** Willelmus Gillowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Gyllow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Thomas Gyllowe, 1402 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Gillowe, labourer, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Bromley, Kent); Henry Gillowe, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (East Drayton, Notts); Nycholas Gyllow, 1545, Richard Gilloe, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); James Gillow, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Gillow, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Walmer Saint Mary, Kent).

### Gilloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: reduced form of **McGilloway**, see **McKelvey**.

### Gills

Variants: **Jellis**, **Jelliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also London

English: (i) variant of **Gill**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) if pronounced with soft *G-*, possibly a variant of **Giles**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gills, 1549 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Roger Gills, 1557 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); Michael Gills, 1560 in *IGI* (Brough under Stainmore, Westm); Thomas Gills, 1579 in *IGI* (Wensley, Yorks).

### Gillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: see **Gilson**.

### Gilluley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks and Midlothian

Irish: from Mac Giolla Ghuala, see **Gilhooley**.

### Gillum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Dorset
- English: see **Gillam**.

### Gilly

Variants: **Gilley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name recorded in Latin as *Gilia*, either a feminine form of **Giles**, or a pet form of **Gillian**. **Early bearers:** given names: Gilia Fontisbraldi priorissa 1154–89, in *Danelaw Documents* (Warwicks). surnames: Adam Gylly, 1237, canon of Saint James's, Northampton, in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas filius Gyly, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Nicholas Gyly, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Gyli, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Gilly, 1379, Gylly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, Norfolk); John Gilley, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Gyllye, 1563, Robart Gilly, 1569, Nicholas Gylly, 1600 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Marten Gyllye or Gillie, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Belstead, Suffolk); Martin Gilly or Gylly, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln Inn, Middx); James Gilley, 1733 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Samuel Gilly, 1771 in *IGI* (Ilington, Devon).

### Gillyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Gillian**.

### Gilman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 877, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 896
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Gillman**.

### Gilmartin

Variants: **Kilmartin**, **Martin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1348, Ireland 1050
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Leitrim Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Giolla Mhártain 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Martin'. See also **McMartin**.

**Early bearers:** Bean Midhe (ingen h-Uí Glennain), ben Gilla Tigernaigh Mic Gilla Martain, 1415 in *AU*; Seann Mac Gilla Martain, doorkeeper of The Maguire, 1436 in *AU*; Donald more McGilmarten, horsekeeper, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §346 (Downemory); John MacGillemartyne, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3827; Owen McBrien McGilmarten, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5009 (Corney, Roscommon); Connor McGillemartine, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432; Coochonaght roe mcTho. McGillemartin, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5724; Convie roo mcTho. McGilmartin, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5783; Owen McGillemartin, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Ardneglasse, Sligo); Dorby McGilmartin, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389.

### Gilmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs; Glasgow; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh; Mayo and Roscommon
- Irish, English: see **Gilmore**.

### Gilmore

Variants: **Gillmore**, **Gilmour**, **Gillmor**, **Gilmer**, **Gillmer**, **Claymore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3650, Ireland 2394
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1752
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; also Galway

1 Irish: from Mac Gille Mhoire (Irish Mac Giolla Mhuire) 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (the Virgin) Mary'. Compare **McElmurray**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillechad Gillamor, 1304 in *Black*.

2 Irish: in Sligo, from Mac Giolla Mhir 'son of the spirited lad'.

3 English: locative name from Gillamoor in Rydale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Gyllingmor, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Richard Gilemor, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Richard de Gillyngmore, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirkby Moorside, NR Yorks); Agn' Gylamour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Edward Gillmore, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Froxfield, Wilts); Andrew Gilmore, 1695 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Margrett Gilmoore, 1726 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Gillemoor, 1785, William Gillymore, 1786 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

### Gilmour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6884, Ireland 516
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Derry

Scottish Gaelic: the usual Scottish spelling of **Gilmore**.

### Gilmurray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Kilmurray, McElmurray**.

### Gilmurruy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish, Scottish: see **Kilmurray, McElmurray**.

### Gilooley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ghuala**, see **Gilhooley**.

### Gilpatrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Phádraig**, see **Kilpatrick**.

### Gilpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1191, Ireland 294
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 858
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- 1 English: unexplained.
- Further information:** A family of this name is said to be well recorded in the 13th century in south Westmorland and apparently gave its name to the R. Gilpin there (*Place-Names of Westm*, pp. 7, 158).
- Early bearers:** N England: William Gilpyn, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm and Lancs); Jane Gilpin, 1558, Allen Gilping, 1592, William Gylpin, 1595, Wm Gilphin, 1782 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Johanes Gylpin, 1555 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Cuthberti Gyllpin, 1566 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Gilpinge, 1587 in *Lancs Wills*; Isachi Gillpin, 1634 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Wilia. Gilpin, 1677 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Mary Gilping, 1714 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Gilpine, 1768 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).
- SE England: Jho. Gylpyn, 1569, Wm. Gylpen, 1627, Sara Gillpine, 1631 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Gylpin or Gilpin, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Saint Benet Paul's Wharf, City of London); Joshua Gylpyn or Gilpyn, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Vedast, London); Richard Gylpin, 1604 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Joseph Gilphin, 1617 in *IGI* (Snargate, Kent); George Gylpen, 1627 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Thomas Gillpin, 1642 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- SW England: Ralph Gilpen, 1387 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Hughe Gilpine, 1602, Francis Gylpin, 1607 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Gilpin, 1741 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Gilpin, 1781 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon).
- 2 Irish: (i) from **Mac Giolla Finn** 'son of the fair-haired lad'. (ii) in Ulster, the name may be of northern English origin, see (1).
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige McGilleffin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6549 (Ballinckan, Laois); William Gilpin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim).

### Gilroy

- Variants:** **Gildroy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2159, Ireland 628
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs; Midlothian and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Fermanagh, and Cavan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Giolla Rua** and Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Ruaidh**, see **McIlroy**.

### Gilsenan

- Variants:** **Gilson, McGilton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Seanáin** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Senan'. Gilsenan has sometimes been anglicized as **Gilson**, and a northern Irish variant *Mag Uinseanáin*, formerly anglicized as *McGunshenan*, has now been replaced by **Nugent. Leonard** has also sometimes been adopted as equivalent.
- Early bearers:** John Gilshinan, clerk, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §340; Mahowne duff Macgilsynan, horseboy, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1040 (Testilkeran, Meath); Owen boy McGilshenan, horseman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1539 (Roberteston, Meath); Patrick Gilsenane, husbandman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3304 (Kenecheme, Meath); Donill O Gillahinain, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4694 (Tarmon tanain, Tipperary); Bren ballagh Magulsenan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6489 (Tyrone); James McGilton, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (BallymcElduffe, Antrim).

### Gilson

- Variants:** **Gillson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 71
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 923
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English: relationship name, 'son of *Gill*', from a pet form of the female name *Gillian* (Latin *Juliana*), as the Wakefield instances show. Compare **Gill**. However, the 1332 example of *Gilleson* might belong under (2). See also **Gelson**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Gilleson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Gilleson 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Gilson, 1547 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Johannis Gilson, 1548 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Richard Gilson, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Gilson, 1564 in *IGI* (Normanby le Wold, Lincs); Henry Gilson, 1568 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks).
- 2 English: relationship name, 'son of Giles', from the personal name **Giles** + the patronymic marker *-son*.
- Early bearers:** John Gylesson(e), 1348 in *London Letter Books F*, 1372 in *London Pleas*.
- 3 Irish: also adopted for **Mac Giolla Seanáin**, see **Gilsenan**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Matthew Gilson, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Allenvollane, Munster).

### Gilston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Kirkcudbrights
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Gilston in Newburn (Fife).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Gilstoun, 1445 in *Cambuskenneth Register*.

England, Wales: Johannes de Gilston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiat, Lancs); Edward Gilston, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Gresford, Denbighs); Hugh Gilston, 1779 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Gilston (Herts), recorded as *Gedeleston* in 1198 but as *Guilston* in 1648: see *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 192.

**Early bearers:** John de Gedeleston, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Gedeleston', 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Gelston', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (North Muskham, Notts).

### Gilthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Gelsthorpe**.

### Giltrap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Wicklow

English: variant of **Gelsthorpe**.

**Further information:** From the 16th century onwards the place-name, well attested in the medieval period as *-t(h)orp(e)*, frequently occurs as *-t(h)rop(pe)*, whence this variant. Loss of the medial *-s-* also appears to have occurred first in the post-medieval period.

**References:** Paul Cullen, Richard Jones, and David N. Parsons, *Thorps in a Changing Landscape*, University of Hertfordshire Press, 2011, p. 34 (n. 33); *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Giltrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Giltrow, 1738, Richard Giltro, 1778 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Thomas Giltro, 1773 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); William Giltrow, 1787 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); William Gilthrow, 1806 in *IGI* (Hockliffe, Beds).

### Gilvarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Bhearaigh** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Barry'. Compare **Mulberry** (2).
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Donogho Comin alias Giluhery, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Grellagh). England: Mary Gilvary, 1848 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Gilvear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Stirlings
- English, Scottish: see **Gilliver**.
- Early bearers:** John Gillver, 1794 in *IGI* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Janet Gillvear, 1825 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Ann Gilver, 1837 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); John Gilvear, 1837, Ann Eliza Gillvear, 1867 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Gilyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0

## Gilyatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: variant of **Gilliatt** (see **Gillett**) or **Gillard**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

## Gilyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Gillett**.

## Gilyott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Gillett**.

## Gilzean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish Gaelic: nickname from *Gill'Eòin* 'servant of (Saint) John'. The *z* is pronounced *y*.
- Early bearers:** Aexr. Gilzeam, 1611 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); James Gilzean, 1649, Gilzeane, 1650 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); James Gilzean, 1696 in *Moray Testaments* (Trows, Roxburghs); Issabell Gilzian, 1697, Gilziean, 1701, George Gilzen, 1737 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays); James Gilzan, 1748 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); Donald Gilzion, 1757 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

## Gimber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also Northants

English: nickname from Middle English *gimber* 'young female sheep, ewe lamb'. Compare **Lamb**.

**Further information:** There is a Gimburs End Farm in Kimbolton (Hunts) but this is more likely to be named from the surname than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Henry Gymer, clerk, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Gymer, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Doyle, Northants); Henry Gymbere, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); William Gymer, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); William Gimber, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Bramfield, Herts); Thomas Gimber, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Hertford All Saints, Herts); James Gimber, 1604 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); John Gymbar, 1628 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent).

## Gimbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; also Cambs

Norman, English: relationship name, apparently from the rare Continental Germanic personal name *Gimbert*, *Gembert*, although the earliest examples may instead derive from *Gombert*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gumbert, 1243 in *Patent Rolls*; Karliun Gumbert, merchant of Florence, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gumbart, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); Henry Gymbert, 1467 in *PROB 11* (Dodington, Hunts); William Gimbert, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Grantchester, Cambs); Robt Gimbert, 1649

in *Parish Registers* (Wentworth, Cambs); Philip Gimberd, 1742 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); James Gimbert, 1758 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs).

**References:** E. Förstemann, *Altd deutsches Namenbuch. Erster Band: Personennamen*, Bonn, 1900, 641–2, 691; *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Gimblett

**Variants:** **Gimlette**, **Gimblette**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset; Glamorgan

English: relationship name from the personal names *Gimelet*, *Gimelot*, diminutives of *Gemme*, *Gimme* (see **Gimson**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Gymlot, 1420 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Gimblet, 1624 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Clement Gimblett, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Coggeshall, Essex); Thomas Gimblett, 1629, Dorothy Gymlet or Gymlett, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Saint Decuman, Somerset); Robert Gimlett, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset); Mary Gimblatt, 1745 in *IGI* (South Petherwin, Cornwall); William Gimblott, 1805 in *IGI* (Skilgate, Somerset).

## Gimblette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Gimblett**.

## Gimlette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Gimblett**.

## Gimpsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac Dhíomasaigh**, see **McGimpsey**. Irish D followed by i is pronounced like English /j/.

## Gimson

**Variants:** **Gemson**, **Jempson**, **Jimpon**, **Jemson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: (i) relationship name, 'son of *Jimme* or *Gemme*', from Middle English pet forms of the male (and possibly female) personal names *German* and *Jemes*, a variant of *James* (see also **Gem**). If this medieval surname survived into early modern times it will have become indistinguishable from (ii). (ii) relationship name; late Middle English and early Modern English variant of **Jameson** 'son of *James*'. **Further information:** Some bearers of this name pronounce with a hard /g/.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gimson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Mariota Gimson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Robertus Gemson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Jemson, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gimson, 1611 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); John Gimpson, 1612 in *IGI* (Foxton, Leics); John Jimpon, 1617 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Thomas Jemson, 1621 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Anthony Jemson, 1627 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Jempson, 1656 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Richard Jempson, 1692 in *IGI* (Whatlington, Sussex); William Gemson, 1698 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs).

## Gin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Ginn**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Ginder

**Variants:** **Ginders**, **Gender**, **Genders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent

English: (i) relationship name from Middle English *gendere*, *gendrer* 'parent, procreator; producer', a derivative of *gendren* 'to bring forth', from Old French *gendrer*. (ii) relationship name, perhaps also from the related Old French *gendre*, *gindre* 'son in law', which according to *Dauzat* (and also *Morlet, Dictionnaire*) denoted a son-in-law who had inherited the house of his father-in-law. Compare Banancus le Gendre, Jew of York, 1275 in *Patent Rolls*. **Early bearers:** Peter Gindur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); [ . . . ] Gyndere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Foregate, Shrops); John Gendor, 1482 in *Kent Wills*; Alexander Jender, 1572, Richard Gender, 1611, Afra Gindre, 1618 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Henrie Ginder, 1579 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Rycherd Jinder, 1608, James Jender, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Samuel Gendre, 1714 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jeremiah Gindor, 1744 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); Mary Gender, 1817 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Ginders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lincs
- English: see **Genders**.

## Ginever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Genever**.

## Ging

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kildare and Meath

Irish: from **Mag Fhionn**, see **McGinn**.

## Gingell

**Variants:** **Gyngell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1383, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 869
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The original pronunciation is uncertain and the name may now vary between initial /dʒ/ and /g/. Note Betty Guingall, 1764 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts), suggesting initial /g/; and Jeremiah Ginjal, 1733 in *IGI* (Great Somerford, Wilts) and Ann Gingeall, 1829 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset), casting doubt on the medial consonant also. The Gingell website notes that in 1273 Michael de Gingedale (*Bardsley*) had tenure of lands owned by the monks of Glastonbury (Somerset) that remained in

the family until 1664, but a firm connection with this obscure early name has not been established.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gengell, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robart Gingell, 1576 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Walter Gyngell, 1651 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); John Gingle, 1674 in *IGI* (Yatton Keynell, Wilts).

**References:** TNA, STAC 4/5/43; J. E. Jackson, ed. (1862), *The Topographical Collections of John Aubrey for Wiltshire*, Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, Devizes; www.gingell.com.

## Ginger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *gingivere*, *gyngure*, *gingere* 'ginger', denoting a dealer in spices, or possibly for someone with a hot temper or reddish hair.

**Early bearers:** Roger Gingiure, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William Gyngueur, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Ginger, about 1280 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Godfrey Gingeure, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Galfridus Ginger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Margaret Gynger, 1548 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Ginger, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Henry Ginger, 1605 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Gynger, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Thame, Oxon).

## Gingles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from the hybrid name **Mac Inglis** (Gaelic and English), meaning 'son of the English speaker', from Scottish *Inglis*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Ginley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal
- Irish: from **Mag Fhionnghaile**, see **McGinley**.

## Ginn

**Variants:** Gynn, Gin, Ginns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 772
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Herts, Middx, and Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *gin*, *ginne* (an aphetic form of Old French *engin*) 'skill, ingenuity' or 'snare, trap'. Compare **Jenner**.
- Early bearers:** Henry Gin, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Gin, 1221 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Walter Gynn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rogerus Gynne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); John Gynne, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Ware, Herts); Water Gynne, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Ware, Herts); Wilfrid Gyn, 1604 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Lombard Street, London); Thomas Gynne or Gynn, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Huntingdon, Hunts).
- 2 Irish: from **Mag Fhionn**, see **McGinn**.
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).

## Ginnelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from **Mag Fhionnghaile**, see **McGinley**.

## Ginner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Jenner**.

## Ginnever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys

English: locative name denoting someone from Geneva in Switzerland.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Genevre, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Ham, Surrey); Ebulo de Genevere, 1255 in *Patent Rolls*; John Genever, 1269 in *Patent Rolls*; Eleanor de Genevre, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirkby in Asfield, Notts); William Genever, 1585 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Sam Genever, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edward Ginever, 1694 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); John Genever, 1724; John Ginnever, 1738 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Ginnever, 1764, Saml. Ginnevar, 1768 in *IGI* (Ollerton, Notts).

## Ginns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

English: relationship name, variant of **Ginn** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Gynnes, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London); George Ginns, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Ginns, 1763 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Thos Ginns, 1803 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics).

## Ginsberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; London

Jewish: locative name from Günzburg in Swabia.

## Ginty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 331
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo
- Irish: from **Mag Fhionnachaigh**, see **McGinty**.

## Giordano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Giordano*, Italian equivalent of **Jordan**.
- Early bearers:** Adolfo Giordano, born in Formia, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Cambridge, Cambs); Francesco Giordano, born in Corino, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Romolo Giordano, born in Florence, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Cambs); Costantino Giordano, born in Rome, in *Census 1911* (Camden,

Middx); Alexandra Giordano, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Elswick, Northumb).

## Giot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Channel Islands: see **Guyatt**.

## Gipp

**Variants:** Gepp, Gipps, Gypp, Jepp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Gipp*, a pet form of *Gilbert*. Compare Gilebertus filius Gippe de Cheyle, 1216–72, Gilebertus de Cheiles, 1256 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs). See also **Gibb** pronounced with a soft *g*, a variant of **Jepp**. Robertus Gepp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex) is perhaps an ancestor of William Gippe of Navestoke, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Navestock, Essex).
- Early bearers:** given names: Gippa de Neuhus, 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gippe filius Ailsi, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gippe Gouc, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).
- urnames: Walter Gippe, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Edmund Gippe, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Adam Gippe, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Gippe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Willelmus Gippe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denver, Norfolk); John Gip, 1622 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); James Gypp, 1697; James Gipp, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); William Gyp, 1787 in *IGI* (Stradishall, Suffolk).

## Gipps

**Variants:** Gypps, Jepps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent
- English: variant of **Gipp** or **Jepp** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Agnes Gyppes, 1352 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard Gyppes, 1444 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gipps, 1561 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Thomas Gypps, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk); Rose Gips, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Saxham, Suffolk); Thomas Gipps, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edmond Gipps, 1602 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Gipps, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Roger Gipps, 1639 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent).

## Gipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk
- English: relationship name, see **Jeppson**.
- Early bearers:** Stephanus Gypson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Robert Gipson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margareta Gipson, 1562 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Thomas Gipson, 1567 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Gipson, 1576 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Rose Gipson, 1591 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Gipson, 1672 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Arthur Jipson, 1713 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs).



## Girach

### Girach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Bangladeshi: unexplained.

### Girard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- French, Huguenot: variant of *Gérard*, see **Gerard**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Moyse Girard, 1637, Pierre Girard, 1690, Marie Girard, 1809 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Francoise Girard, 1689 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Jerry Girard, 1689 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' church, Canterbury, Kent); Marie Girard, 1694 in *IGI* (La Patente, Westminster, Middx); Ester Girard, 1698 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Elie Jaques Girard, 1732 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).  
Scotland: Elspet Girard, 1732 in *IGI* (Ordiquhill, Banff); George Girard, 1757 in *IGI* (Forglen, Banff).  
Channel Islands: Perre Girard, 1841 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Amélie Maria Girard, 1859 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Thomas Henri Girard, 1897 in *IGI* (Guernsey) (Castel, Guernsey).

### Giraud

#### Variants: **Geraud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

French, Huguenot: relationship name from the personal name *Giraud*, a variant of *Géraud*, itself a southern variant of *Gérald* (see **Gerald**).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Elizabeth Giraud, 1686 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Thorney, Cambs); Magdelaine Giraud, 1696 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Jaques Girot Giraud, 1706 in *IGI* (Rider Court Chapel, Saint Anne's, Westminster, Middx); Jean Giraud, 1718 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Antoine Louis Giraud, 1737 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Jean Etienne Giraud, 1765 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).  
**Other:** Richard Herve Giraud, 1791 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Thomas Giraud, 1800 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); George Henry Giraud, 1813 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent).

### Girdler

#### Variants: **Gurdler, Gurtler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Berks
- English: occupational name for a girdle maker, Middle English *gird(e)ler*, *gurdler*, *gerdler*, an agent derivative of Old English *gyrdel* 'girdle'.  
**Early bearers:** Luke le Gerdler, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*; William Gurdeler, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henry le Girdeler, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Heanton, Devon); Henry le Girdlere, 1295 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Johanna Girdeler', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ricardus Girdler', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eydon, Northants); John Gydeler, 1420 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Girdler, 1552 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Annas Gyrdeler, 1541 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); William Girdler, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk); Gyles Gurdler, 1619 in *IGI* (Great

Yarmouth, Norfolk); Fortane Girdlar, 1624 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Richd. Girdler, 1702 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks).

### Girdlestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 368
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name, apparently from a lost place called *Girdleston* or *Girdleston* in Norfolk.  
**Early bearers:** Theophilus Girdleston, 1624 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Margeret Gyrlston, 1637, Thomas Gyrlston, 1640 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Thomas Girdlestone, 1672 in *IGI* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Thomas Gridlestone, 1708 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Thomas Gurdlestone, 1802 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Samuel Girdlestan, 1850 in *IGI* (Welborne, Norfolk).

### Girdley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: probably a metathesized variant of **Gridley**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Jennat Girdley, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Haxey, Lincs); Isacke Girdley, 1617 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Stephen Girdley, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Girdley, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts); Wm Gerdley, 1683, Joshua Girdley, 1684 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).

### Girdwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 376
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from Girdwood at Carnwath (Lanarks).  
**Early bearers:** James Girdvod, 1524 in *Carnwath Court Book* (Carnwath, Lanarks); Robert Girdwod, 1575, James Girdwood, 1596, Sara Girdwode, 1627, Agnes Girdwoode, 1650 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Girdwood, 1622, in *Lanark Testaments* (Kerse in Carnwath, Lanarks); Adam Girdwood, 1675 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Girle

#### Variants: **Garle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: nickname from Middle English *girle*, *gurle*, *garle* 'child (of either sex); young woman', apparently used to denote an attractive but effeminate young man.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gurle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Cecilia Garle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William (le) Gurle, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Garle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William Garl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmo Girle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); John Gourle, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Henrye Girle, 1580 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Tho Garle, 1606 in *IGI* (Sharnford, Leics); John Girle, 1618 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); William Gurle, 1700 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Gurl, 1802 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex).

### Girling

#### Variants: **Gerling, Gurling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2213, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1899
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Gerling*, \**Girling*, recorded as the name of a Norman in *Domesday Book*. It is related to Continental Germanic *Gerlo*, *Girlo*, and is a pet form of Germanic names in *Ger-* (compare **Gerard**, **Gerald**, and **Garbett**).

**Further information:** Reaney explains *Girling* as a reduced form of *Girdelion*, attested only in Adam Girdelyon, Girdelion, 1296–7 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). This appears to be a variant of Old French *cœur-de-lion* (see **Codling**), but there seems to be no evidence to link *Girdelion* with the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gerling, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset).  
surnames: William Gerlyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Gerling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Bartholomeus Gyrling', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Guntun, Norfolk); Wyllyam Gyrlinge, 1547 in *The East Anglian* (New Series) ii (Suffolk); Hary Gerlynge, 1563 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); John Girling, 1571 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Johan. Gurling, 1583 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Feililtzen*, p. 260; *Debrabandere*, at Geerling.

### Giron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Geron*, *Giron*, from Continental Germanic *Gero*.

**Further information:** The name was present in England in the 14th century (note, for example, William Gyron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmo Geron', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranoe, Leics)) but appears to have died out and been reintroduced by immigrant bearers in the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** Jeanne L. Giron, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (London); Francoise Giron, Marie Y. Giron, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Jersey).

### Girt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

1 Irish: from **Mac Cuairt**, see **McCord**.

**Early bearers:** Anna Girt, 1761 in *IGI* (Dalmeny, W Lothian).

2 English: unexplained. Neither an association with the surname **Gurd** nor one with the Old Scandinavian personal name *Gyrth* seems likely on present evidence.

**Early bearers:** William Gurt, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Girt, 1686 in *Parish Registers* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); Thomas Girt, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Old Newton, Suffolk); Jeremiah Girt, 1725 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk).

### Girton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Gretton**.



**Girvan**

Variants: **Girvin, Gervin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1133, Ireland 467
- **GB frequency 1881:** 470
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Scottish: from Girvan (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew Girvane, 1529 in *Black* (Irvine, Ayr); Jonet Girvane, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); James Girvane, 1721, Katharine Girvain, 1753 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); James Girvin, 1769 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Janet Girvan, 1790 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); James Girvin, 1795, John Girvan, 1799 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

Ireland: Hugh Girven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Jane Girvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); John Girvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh).

**Girvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Armagh

Scottish: see **Girvan**.

**Gisbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Gisby**.

**Gisborne**

Variants: **Gisbourne, Gisburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Worcs, Warwicks, and Leics

English: locative name from Gisburn (WR Yorks), recorded as *Gisilburn* in 1285, *Gisebourgh* in 1301.

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Giseburn', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Giseburn', 1265 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Hugh de Giseburn, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmus de Gisburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rathmell, WR Yorks); Thomas de Gysburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); John Gisbourne, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Gisburn', 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Danby, NR Yorks); Thomas Gisborne, 1539 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Gysburne, 1577 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Frances Gisborne, 1569 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Elisabeth Gysbourne, 1610, Henry Gisburne, 1650 in *IGI* (Lea Marston, Warwicks); Katherin Gisborn, 1627 in *IGI* (Heather, Leics); Henry Gisburne, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Kingham, Oxon); Anthony Gisburne, 1667 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs); Thomas Gisboorn, 1707 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks*.

**Gisbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: see **Gisborne**.

**Gisburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks

English: see **Gisborne**.

**Gisby**

Variants: **Gisbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Giseby, 1326 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Gisseby, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Haseley, Oxon); Walteri Gisby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); Walter Gisby, merchant of Bristol, 1399 in *TNA* (Gloucs); Thomas Gysby, 1517 in *TNA* (Watford, Herts); Robert Gysbye, 1567 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); James Gisby, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Wickham Market, Suffolk); Thomas Gisby, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Shepperton, Middx); Peter Gisbie, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Otley, Suffolk); Edward Gisbey, surgeon [surgeon] of Brentford, 1654 in *TNA* (Middx); John Gisby, 1663 in *Parish Registers* (Minster in Thanet, Kent).

**Gise**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: see **Guise**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gislam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Gisleham (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Giselham, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Walter de Gislham, 1327, Richard Gislam, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Gysilham, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Gislam, 1560, Matthew Gisleham, 1660 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); John Gisleham, 1624 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk); Ann Gislam, 1764 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Gislam, 1814, Sarah Ann Gislem, 1837 in *IGI* (Winterton, Norfolk).

**Gissing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Gissing (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Gissing', 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John de Gissyng', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Edmund Gissyng, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus de Gyssing, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halvergate, Norfolk); Robertus Gyssyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); Robert Gissyng, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Gissyng', 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (East Norton, Leics); Humfre Gising, 1576 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); James Gyssing, 1585 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Robert Gissing, 1646 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

**Gist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *giste*, which could denote a supporting timber or joist, or (in Cornwall) a beam of any kind. The surname possibly denotes a strong, well-built individual.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gyste, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Old Newton, Suffolk); Alueredus Gyst', 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Gist, 1458 in *PROB 11*; Johes. Gyste, 1539, Richardus Gyst, 1560 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Thoms Gist, 1578, Thomas Giste, 1654 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Edwarde Giste, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Littleham, Devon); Israell Gyst, 1647 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall).

**Gitsham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Gittisham (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Gydesham, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Fordington, Dorset); Ralfe Gitsham, 1612 in *IGI* (Upton Pyne, Devon); Ralfe Gittsome, 1616 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Oliver Gitsom, 1655 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); William Gitsham, 1696 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Samuel Gittisham, 1727 in *IGI* (Poughill, Devon); Thomas Gytsham, 1779 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon).

**Gitten**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants

Welsh, English: variant of **Gethin** or **Gitton**.

Compare **Gitting**.

**Early bearers:** Franciscus Gitten, 1590 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Mathew Gitten, 1616 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Gitten, 1616 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Henrie Gitten, 1636 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Matthew Gitten, 1720 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Gitten, 1794 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**Gittens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 789, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

**Gitting**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

Welsh, English: variant of **Gethin** or **Gitton**.

Compare **Gitten**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Gitting, 1611 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Sarah Gitting, 1664 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); William Gitting, 1716 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Great, London); Wm. Gitting, 1757 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); John Gitting, 1764 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire).

**Gittings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** West Midlands: esp. Staffs

Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

**Gittins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2808, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1845

## Gittoes

- **Main GB location 1881:** West Midlands: esp. Shrops; Montgomerys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Welsh, Irish, Scottish: see **Gethins**.

## Gittoes

Variants: **Gittos, Gittus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors

Welsh: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Gruffudd* (see **Griffith**) or perhaps **Gethin**.

**Early bearers:** William Gittowes, 1562 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); John Gittose, 1563 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); William Gittos, 1567 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Richard Gittoes, 1617 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Humphry Gittus, 1632 in *IGI* (Stock and Bradley, Worcs).

## Gitton

Variants: **Gitting, Gitten, Gethins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gitoun* ‘military or guild banner’ (Anglo-Norman French *guidon*), though the post-medieval bearers may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** William Gitun, before 1290 in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Northants); Maud Gydown, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gitton, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Wm. Gitton, 1760 in *IGI* (Bitterley, Shrops).

2 Welsh: see **Gethin**.

## Gittos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

Welsh: see **Gittoes**.

## Gittus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Welsh: see **Gittoes**.

## Givan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Dhuibhín** or **Mag Dhuibhfhinn**, see **Given, McGiffin**.

## Givans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish, Scottish: see **Givens**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Given

Variants: **Givan, Givens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 277
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Fife

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Derry

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Dhuibhín** or **Mag Dhuibhfhinn**, see **McGiffin**.

## Givens

Variants: **Givans, Givins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Northumb and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Tyrone

Irish, Scottish: variant of **Given** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Givens, 1656 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Givans, 1765 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Charles Givins, 1777 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); John Givens, 1829 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

## Givins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Irish, Scottish: see **Givens**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Giwa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Hausa): locative name from the town of Giwa in Kaduna state, Nigeria.

## Gizzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

Italian: relationship name, probably a patronymic from *Gizio*, a reduced form of the personal name *Egizio*, which is from an ethnic name denoting (supposed) association with Egypt.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Gizzi, born in Italy in *Census 1881* (Saffron Hill, Middx); Luigi Gizzi, born in San Guiseppe, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Dominic Gizzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Andrew Gizzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Angelo Gizzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Norfolk).

## Glace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Glass** (1) and compare **Glaze**.

## Glackin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 387
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from **Ó Glacáin** ‘son of *Glacán*’, from a personal name based on a diminutive of *glac* ‘grasp’.

**Early bearers:** Manus ballowe O’Glackane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); Eleanor Glacken, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); James Glackin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal).

## Gladden

Variants: **Gladding, Gladen, Gladdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

1 English: probably in most cases a reduced form of **Gladwin** with final *-in* assimilated to *-en*, *-on*, and *-ing*. Compare Elizabeth Gladwyn, 1573, Robert Gladen, 1577 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); John Glading, 1693, Geo. Gladwin, 1775 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Saml. Gladding or Gladwin, 1761 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Gladden or Gladwin, 1882 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham). Some examples below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gladden, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Eynsford, Kent); Willm. Gladden, 1587 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Edward Gladin, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Gladdin, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); William Glading, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Lidlington, Beds); Richd. Gladden, 1636 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); John Gladin, Gladding, 1636 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Glading, 1658 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Robert Glading, Susan Gladden, Stephen Gladin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Ursillah Glading, 1684 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Mary Gladdon, 1704 in *IGI* (Congham, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Gladding**.

## Gladders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *glader(e)* ‘someone who gladdens, cheers, rejoices’, with post-medieval excrescent *-s* added later, although there is a notable discontinuity between the medieval and modern forms and their locations.

**Early bearers:** Richard Gladiere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice le Galdier, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Gladiere, Gordiere of Tisho, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Tysoe, Warwicks); Richard Gladyer, chaplain, Gladyer, king’s clerk, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanne Gladyer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yattendon, Berks); William Gladders, 1745 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Henry Gladers, 1755, William Gladders, 1765 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

## Gladding

Variants: **Glading, Gladden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Suffolk

1 English: in most instances probably a variant of **Gladden** with *-ing* substituted for *-en*.

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the rare Middle English personal name *Glading* or *Gleding* (Old English \**Glæding*), which may have been a pet form of Old English \**Glæd* (see **Glade**) or of Old English names beginning in *Glæd-* such as **Gladwin, Gladman**, or it may have been a transferred use of an unrecorded Middle English nickname \**glading* ‘the cheerful one’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gledingus, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls*.

## Gladdish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Gladwish**.

### Gladdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Gladden**.

### Glade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name denoting someone who lived '(in the) glade', Middle English *glade* 'forest clearing; bright, open space'. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard in the Glade, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Glade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderbury, Wilts); William Glade of Arnall, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Arnold, Notts); Thomas Glade, citizen and goldsmith of London, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Willia Glade, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Suffolk); Peter Glade, 1591 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Anne Glade, 1595 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); William Glade, 1646 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Alice Glade, 1655 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Glad*, Old English \**Glæd*; compare the extended forms **Gladding** and **Gladwin**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Glade, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John filius Glad', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thurlby with Obthorpe, Lincs); George Glad, 1652 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

3 Irish: from Mag Léid, see **McGlade**.

### Gladen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Gladden**.

### Gladhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: see **Gledhill**.

### Glading

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London

English: see **Gladding**.

### Gladish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Notts

English: see **Gladwish**.

### Gladman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gladman*, Old English \**Glædmann*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Glademanus, 1086 in

*Domesday Book* (Suffolk).

surnames: Walter Glademan, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bengeo, Herts); Amicia Glademan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Horkesley, Essex); William Gladman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne Glademan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); William Gladman, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Wellingborough, Northants); Thomas Gladman, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Tetsworth, Oxon); Thomas Gladman, 1443 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Gladman, 1550 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts).

### Gladney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: possibly adopted for **Mac Gleadra** or **Ó Gleadra**.

**Early bearers:** Martha Gladney, 1836 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Gladney, 1862 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Samuel Gladney, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Lancs); John Gladney, born in Wexford, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Stoke Newington, Middx); John Gladney, born in Belfast, in *Census 1881* (Broughton, Lancs).

### Gladson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish, English: see **Gledson**.

### Gladston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish: see **Gladstone**.

### Gladstone

**Variants:** **Gladston**, **Gledstone**, **Gledson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1126, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

Scottish: locative name from Gledstanes (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Herbert de Gledstan or Gledestane, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); William de Gledstanes, about 1354 in *Kelso Register*; Andrew de Gledstan, 1364 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Amere Gledstansy, 1454 in *Maxwells of Pollok*; Walter Gledstouns, 1625 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Bessie Gladstone, 1644 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); William Gledstones, 1653 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

England: Rolandi Gledston, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret, York); James Gledstones, 1686 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John Gladstain, 1769 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); John Gladstane, 1775 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Gladstanes, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Gladwell

**Variants:** **Gradwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 925, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 811
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London

English: apparently a locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place called *Gladwell*, perhaps in East Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Judith Gladwell, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Phillip Gladwell, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Linton, Cambs); William Gladwell, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Nathan Gladwell, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Chelmsford, Essex); Henry Gladwel, 1619 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Abraham Gladwell, 1640 in *Parish Registers* (Nayland, Suffolk).

### Gladwin

**Variants:** **Gladwyn**, **Gladden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1853, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1120
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; Essex and Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Glad(e)wine*, *Gledwine* from an Old English \**Glædwine*, unrecorded in Old English but attested in the 11th and 12th centuries.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gladuin(e), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Staffs); Glad(e)wine, about 1113 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs), about 1180 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi, 1207 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds).

surnames: Henry Gladewine, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Peter Gladewine, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Gladewyn, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tyttenhanger, Herts); Robert Gledewyne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roberto Gladewyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ramsey, Essex); Sampson Gladewyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great and Little Wakering, Essex); Alex. Gladewyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hempsted, Gloucs); Johanne Gladewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Semington, Wilts); John Gladewyn', 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Maria Gladwyn, 1560 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Robti. Gladwin, 1576 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Howell Gladwin, 1627 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Elizabetha Gladwin, 1628 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Francis Gladwin, 1758 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks).

### Gladwish

**Variants:** **Gladdish**, **Gladish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Glydwish in Burwash (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Gledewysse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); [ . . . de] Glodewish, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Gladyshe, 1572 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); William Gladdish, 1598 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); Petar Gladyshe, 1603, Robert Gladdishe, 1608 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Gladwish, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Gladwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Gladwin**.

### Glaffey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Irish: see **Claffey**.

2 Irish: see **McCleave**.

**Glaisher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Glazier**.

**Glaister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 966, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Scottish: locative name from Glaster Law (Angus), Glaister (Ayr), or Glaisters (Kirkcudbrights).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Eustace de Glasletter, 1254 in *Arbroath Register*; Beel de Glacelester, about 1256 in *Panmure Register*; Gilbert de Glassester, 1368 in *Panmure Register*; Gilbertus de Glascestre, 1374 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Glacestre, Argyll); Murthacus Glastre, 1444 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Glaister, 1589 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Glaister, 1631 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).  
 England: Alexander Glaster, 1522 in *PROB 11* (London); Mgat Glayster, 1584, Robert Glaister, 1690, Thomas Glaystor, 1772 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Jennat Glaister, 1606 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Jo. Glaster, 1669, Francis Glaister, 1718 in *IGI* (Bowness, Cumb); John Glaistor, 1831 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

**Glancey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish: from Mag Fhlannchaidh, see **Clancy**.

**Glaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1045, Ireland 309
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; also Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Leitrim
- Irish: from Mag Fhlannchaidh, see **Clancy**.  
**Early bearers:** Boesius Glanchy, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Knockfinne).

**Glanfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Glanfield**.

**Glanfield**

- Variants:** Glandfield, Glenfield, Clanfield, Clanville
- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Suffolk
- English: (i) locative name from any of various places earlier recorded as *Glanefeld*, such as Glanvill Farm in Offwell (Devon), Clanfield and Clanville (both Hants), Clanvill (Somerset), Clanville (Wilts), and Glenfield (Leics). (ii) locative name, see **Glanville**, with which there has been much confusion.  
**Further information:** Glandfield's Farm in Felsted (Essex), recorded as *Glaunvylles* in 1360, is found as *Glandfield* in 1593; conversely, Ann Glanvill, 1706, is

recorded as Glanfield in 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Shotley, Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** William de Glaunvilla, 1200 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Bartholomeus de Glanvill, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Richard de Clanefeld, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Glanefeld, 1302 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas de Glenfeld, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Groby, Leics); Johannes Glanvyl', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Huish, Devon); Jacobus Glanvyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Willelmus Glannvill', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney, Suffolk); Richard Glanffelde or Glanffeld, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Paignton, Devon); John Glanville, 1580, Francis Glanvill, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Tavistock, Devon); Henrie Glandfielde, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Ashbury, Devon); John Glanvyle, 1612, Oliver Glanvill, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Launceston, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 629; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 423.

**Glanton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Glanton (Northumb).  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Glanton, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Whittington, Northumb); John de Glanton, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Horsley, Northumb); Adam Glenton 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Robt Glanton, 1571 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Francis Glanton, 1613 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Mary Glanton, 1778 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

**Glanvill**

- Variants:** De Glanville
- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; London
- Norman, English: see **Glanville**.

**Glanville**

- Variants:** Glanvill, De Glanville, Glanfield, Glenville
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1975, Ireland 90
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English: locative name from Glanville (Calvados).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Glamuilla, de Glanuill', de Glauilla, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); William de Glanvile, 1127–34 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Rannulf de Glanville, 1144–54 in *Domesday Descendants* (Suffolk); James Glanfylde, 1583 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Thomas Glanfil, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Andrew Glanvell, 1644, Thomas Glanville, 1709, Peter Glenvil, 1799 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Glenville, 1751 in *IGI* (Otterham, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Tengvik, Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Glas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Scottish: see **Glass**.

**Glasby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- Scottish: contracted form of **Gillespie**.  
**Early bearers:** Jone Glasby, 1571 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joane Glasbey, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robart Glasbie, 1617 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jacobus Glasby, 1630 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); John Glasbee, 1746 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**Glascock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Glasscott**.

**Glascoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Glasscott**.

**Glasscott**

- Variants:** Glasscock, Glascock, Glasscoe, Glassco, Glascoe
- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: locative name from Glascode in Tamworth (Warwicks), recorded as *Glascode* 1154–89, and *Glascocke* 1667, in *Place-Names of Warwicks*.  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Glascode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Glascock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Canfield, Essex); Andrew Glascocke, 1538 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); John Glascot, 1548 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); John Glascock or Glascock, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Bobbingworth, Essex); Willia Glasscock, 1568, Edward Glascocke, 1580 in *IGI* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); John Glascocke, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Roxwell, Essex); Josephe Glascocke or Glascock, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Grewell, Hants); John Glasscock, 1666 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Glascoate, 1694 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Charles Glasco, 1713 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Glasscott, 1718 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Thomas Glasecock, 1727 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Henry Glasscoe, 1845 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 26.

**Glaser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Glazier**.

**Glasford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Glassford**.

**Glasgow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1648, Ireland 312
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Glasgow, the city on the Clyde (first recorded in 1116 as *Glasgu*), or from either of two minor places with the same name in Aberdeens.

**Early bearers:** John de Glasgu, 1258 in *Aberdeens Court Records*; Andrew de Glasgow, 1289 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John of Glasgow, 1299 in *Scotland Calendar* (Holyrood, Midlothian); John de Glasgu, 1343 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; James Glasgow, 1605 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); George Glasgow, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Glasgow, 1658 in *IGI* (Polwarth, Berwicks); Hellen Glasgow, 1669 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Jean Glasgow, 1671 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayrs).

2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidhe** ‘son of *Bloscaidh*’, see **McCloskey**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hubert Glassey, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6406.

3 Irish: altered from the English family name **Glasscock**, which was once common in Kildare.

### Glashan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGlashan**.

### Glashen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGlashan**.

### Glasier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: occupational name, see **Glazier**.

### Glason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London; Lancs
- English: see **Glasson**.

### Glasper

**Variants:** **Clasper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Glassborow** or **Glassford**.

**Early bearers:** Isabel Glasper, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Earsdon, Northumb); Mgt Glasper, 1689 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Rob Glasper, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Lamesley, Durham); Ann Glasper, 1714 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Glasper, 1793 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); Elizabeth Glasper, 1795 in *IGI* (East Cowton, NR Yorks).

### Glaspole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Glasspool**.

### Glaspool

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Glasspool**.

### Glass

**Variants:** **Class**, **Glas**, **Glasse**, **Glac**, **Glaze**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3886, Ireland 677
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3093
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian; London; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *glas(se)* (Old English *glæs* ‘glass’ (perhaps for a glass maker) or perhaps from Old French *glas*, *clas* ‘clash of arms, noise, tumult (of battle)’).

**Early bearers:** Roberto Glasse, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Snape, in Well parish, NR Yorks); Robert Glas, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Glas, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Diptford, Devon); Walter Glaas, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton Saint Mary, Devon); Robert Glas, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Chapel Lee in Ermington, Devon); Robert Glasse, 1543 in *PROB 11*; Johis Glas, 1560 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Thomas Glass, 1589 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); Nicholas Glass, 1606 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Thomas Glasse, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Shorncote, Wilts); Humphrey Glasse, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Bampton, Devon); William Glase, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Thomas Glasse, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Welsh, Cornish: nickname from Gaelic, Welsh, and Cornish *glas* ‘slate-coloured, grey’, presumably alluding to hair. **Further information:** The Welsh example of 1339 is too early to have given rise to a hereditary surname in Wales, but Welsh use of *glas* as a distinguishing epithet in the 16th century may be the source of the surname *Glaze* in 17th-century Shrops and adjacent counties in the W Midlands; see *Morgan and Morgan*, at Glas. The Cornish name is probably not the source of any modern examples of *Glass* unless it lies behind the name in Devon, by migration. However, the Devon name is more likely English in origin; see (1).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Henry Glass, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Glass, 1614 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Daudi Glass, 1647 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); John Glass, 1674 in *Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records* (Elgin, Morays); William Glas, 1681 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth); Alexander Glass, 1616 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross); Janet Glass, 1623 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Johne Glass, 1626 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); James Glass, 1678 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); Alexander Glass, 1693 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute).

Ireland: Donell Glasse, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6303; Teig Glasse, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576. Wales: Lewel ap Gruff Glas, Mereduc ap Gruff Glas, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (South Wales).

Cornwall: John le Glas, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William Glas, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Penryn, Cornwall); Clemens Glas, 1442 in a *Cornish Court Rolls* (Lanhadron, Cornwall).

### Glassborow

**Variants:** **Glasper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Glazebury in Newchurch-Kenyon parish (Lancs). (ii) locative name, occasionally perhaps from Glasbury (Brecknocks, Radnors).

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Glasburgh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint John del Pike, York); Hugh Glasebury, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Glasbrough, 1615 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Solomon Glasebury, 1633, Anne Glasebury, 1638 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Ann Glasborrow, 1646, Tho. Glasborough, 1681 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Jane Glasebrough, 1658 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Glasborow, 1784 in *IGI* (Rotherhithe, Surrey).

### Glassbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Glazebrook**.

### Glassco

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens
- English: see **Glasscott**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Glasscock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Herts
- English: see **Glasscott**.

### Glasscoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; IoW
- English: see **Glasscott**.

### Glasse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Glass**.

### Glassey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh
- English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *glasi* ‘glass-like’, often used to refer to a person’s eyes and particularly those dulled by drunkenness. **Early bearers:** Hy. Glassey, 1694 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Saml. Glassey, 1791, Susannah Glassee, 1802 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire); Thomas Glassy, 1815 in *IGI* (Weston and Wixhill, Shrops).

### Glassford

**Variants:** **Glasford**, **Glasper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- Scottish: locative name from Glassford in Strathaven (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Glasfrith, 1289–90 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alan de Glasfrud, about 1300 in *Paisley Register*; John de Glassrith, 1328 in *Exchequer*

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*Rolls of Scotland*; John of Glasfurde, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Glasford, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Glassfuid, 1672, Helen Glassfurd, 1787 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adam Glassfoord, 1683 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); Robert Glassfourd, 1685 in *IGI* (Dalmeny, W Lothian); John Glasfoard, 1783 in *IGI* (Dalziel, Lanarks).

### Glassman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: occupational name for a dealer in glassware, from Middle English *glas(se)*, *glace + man(ne)* ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Glasmon, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Gower, Wales); Richard le Glasmon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Peter le Glasemon, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Haywood, Staffs); Clare Glasman, 1595 in *IGI* (Somersby, Lincs).

### Glasson

**Variants:** Glason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 607
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Cornish: locative name from Old Cornish \**glasen* ‘greensward, verdure’ (a derivative of *glas* ‘green, blue, grey’; see **Glass** (2)), presumably for one who lived by a notably grassy area.

**Early bearers:** William Glasen, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Helston, Cornwall); Thomas Glasen, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Crowan, Cornwall); Thomas Glason, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall); William Glasson, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Camborne, Cornwall); Martin Glasan, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 104.

2 English: locative name from Glasson in Cockerton (Lancs), Glasson in Bowness (Cumb), or Glazen, now Glazenwood in Bradwell juxta Coggeshall (Essex); see *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 171.

**Early bearers:** Richard Glazoun, 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Rogerus de Glassen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas Glassan<sup>r</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); John Glasyn, 1435, Thomas Glasien, 1501, John Glasyn son of Thomas Glayson, 1545 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Glasspell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Glasspool**.

### Glasspole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Glasspool**.

### Glasspool

**Variants:** Glasspoole, Glaspool, Glasspole, Glaspole, Glasspell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from a lost place called *Glasspool* (with Old English *pōl*, Middle English *pol(e)* ‘pool’ as the generic element). The place was apparently in southern Hants, to judge from the fact that one William Hacket de Glaspole, 1516 in *Plea Rolls* (Hants), was a co-defendant of the John Glaspole de Botley cited below.

**Further information:** A *Glaspelmull*, apparently ‘Glasspool mill’, or perhaps ‘Glasspill mill’, with *pill* ‘creek’, was recorded in 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** John Glaspole de Botley, 1516 in *Plea Rolls* (Botley, Hants); Richard Glaspole of Quablie, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Quobleigh in Bishopstoke, Hants); John Glaspoll, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fareham hundred, Hants); John Glaspole, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Farnham, Hants); John Glaspole, 1605 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Glasspoole, 1659 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Mary Glaspill, 1681 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Joseph Glaspool, 1681 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); J. Henry Glaspol, 1688 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); James Glaspell, 1715 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); John Glasspole, 1715, William Glaspell, 1813 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Sarah Glaspel, 1782 in *IGI* (Bishopstoke, Hants); George Glaspel or Glasspoole, 1790 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); George Glaspoll, 1811 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

### Glasspoole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Hants

English: see **Glasspool**.

### Glaston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Glaston (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Glaston, son and heir of Robert de Glaston, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Andover, Hants); Emma de Glaston, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Glaston and John de Glaston, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (North Luffenham, Rutland); John de Glaston<sup>r</sup>, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashley, Northants); John Glaston, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Newton Longville, Bucks); James Glastone, 1699 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Nicholas Glaston, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Glastonbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Glastonbury (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Glastenbury, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Laurencius Glastyngbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Glastyngbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Nicholas Glastenbury, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); Thos Glastonbury, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Congresbury, Somerset); Phillip Glassenbury, 1678 in *IGI* (Newnham, Gloucs); John Glastonbury, 1739, Philip Glasonbury, 1764 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); Elizabeth Glastonbury, 1775 in *IGI* (IoW).

### Glave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gleave**.

### Glaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Gleaves**.

### Glavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: from Mag Laithimh or Ó Gláimhín, see **Glavin**.

2 Irish: from Mac Fhlaithimh, see **Claffey, McCleave**.

### Glavin

**Variants:** Glavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 336
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork and Kerry

1 Irish: from Mag Láimhín, formerly Mag Fhlaithimhín, from *flaitheamh* ‘ruler’. The Irish name has sometimes been anglicized as **Hand** on account of its resemblance to *lámh* ‘hand’. See **McCleave**.

2 Irish: from Ó Gláimhín, ‘descendant of *Glámhín*’, a diminutive byname which appears to mean ‘satirist’ or ‘satirical one’ from *glám* ‘satire, lampoon’.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght Ó Gláimhín is now rarely found outside the counties of Kerry and Cork.

**Early bearers:** John juvenis O’Glavine, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3036 (Clonecuile, Cork); Darby Glavy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balaghale, Westmeath).

### Glaysher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: see **Glazier**.

### Glazer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Essex
- English: see **Glazier**.

### Glaze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

Welsh, English: see **Glass**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Glace, 1590 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Thome Glaze, 1613 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Christopher Glaze, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Stokesay, Shrops); William Glaz, 1711 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Elizabeth Glaz, 1756 in *IGI* (Cound, Shrops).

**Glazebrook**

Variants: **Glassbrook, Glasper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts; Sussex

English: locative name from Glazebrook in Warrington (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Glasebroc, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Geoffrey de Glassebrok, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); William de Glasbruk, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); William de Glasebrok, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Emma de Glasbrok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salford, Lancs); Richard Glasbroke, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Glasbroke, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Thomas Glassbrooke, 1605 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); James Glazebrooke, 1694 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Robert Glazebrook, 1702 in *IGI* (Hindley, Lancs); Elizabeth Glazebrook, 1709 in *IGI* (Hoveringham, Notts).

**Glazer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Glazier**.

**Glazier**

Variants: **Glaysher, Glaisher, Glayzer, Glasier, Glaser, Glazer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *glazier*, *glas(i)er*, *glac(i)er* ‘glassmaker; glazier’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le glasyer, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert le Glasiere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardo Glasier, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Street, Sussex); Adam Glasere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); William Glasyer, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs); John Glasyer, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Richard Glasier, 1507 in *PROB 11* (London); John Glasier or Glasyer, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Glazier, 1641 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Josiph Glaiser, 1718 in *IGI* (Aubourn, Lincs); Mary Glazyer, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre Newgate, London); Sarah Glaysher, 1760 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants).

**Glazzard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Glasard, 1625 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Georg Glazzard, 1601 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); John Glazzard, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (Ribbesford, Worcs); John Glassard, 1703 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Moses Glazzard, 1707 in *IGI* (Lindridge, Worcs).

**Gleadall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gledhill**.

**Gleadell**

Variants: **Gleadle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Gledhill**.

**Gleadhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Gledhill**.

**Gleadle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Gledhill**.

**Gleadow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Gledhow (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Johannes Gledhowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Henricus de Gledehow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Allexander de Gledow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Henry Gledowe, 1397 in *Patent Rolls*; Anne Gleadow, 1603, Thos Gleadow, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Sibell Gleadow, 1605, Mary Gledhow, 1751 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Gleadowe, 1725 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Joseph Gledow, 1821 in *IGI* (Ellerton by Bubwith, ER Yorks).

**Gleason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- Irish: from Ó Glasáin, see **Gleeson**.

**Gleave**

Variants: **Gleaves, Glave, Glaves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1838, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: nickname from Middle English *gleyve*, *gleve* ‘lance’ (Old French *glave*, *gleive*), used for a spearman or for the winner in a race in which the lance set up as a winning post was given as a prize. See also **Game**. **Early bearers:** William Glaiue, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Gleiuie, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Gleue, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Gleyve, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Friskney, Lincs); Hisabella Gleue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); Johannes Gleve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); John Gleue (or Glene), 1489, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Margery Gleave, 1572 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Alice Gleaves, 1579 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Edmund Glave, 1580 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Catherine Gleave, 1602 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Samuel Glaves, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); George Gleave, 1678, Aaron Gleaves, 1739 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

**Gleaves**

Variants: **Glaves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Staffs; also Cambs
- English: variant of **Gleave** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Gledall**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Gledhill**.

**Glede**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Glead**.

**Gledhill**

Variants: **Gleadhill, Gleadall, Gleadell, Gleadle, Gledall, Gladhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3920, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4443
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Gledhill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Gledehyll, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Gledhill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainland, WR Yorks); John Gledhill, 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Robert Gledall, Gledhell, Gleydell, 1571–1603, Launcelot Gleadell, Gleadall, 1600–10 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edmond Gledhill, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Cuddington, Oxon); Johes. Gleadhill, 1598, Willmi. Gladhill, 1607 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Will. Gleadle, 1696 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); William Gladell, 1772 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

**Gledson**

Variants: **Gladson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish, English: (i) probably a variant of **Gladstone**. (ii) relationship name; formally the name could be from an Old English personal name \**Glæd* (see **Glade**) + *son*, but the evidence for the personal name is scant and no medieval examples of *Gled(e)son* or *Glad(e)son* have been found.

**Early bearers:** John Gladson, 1675 in *IGI* (Elsdon, Northumb); James Gladson, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Elsdon, Northumb); Elias Gledson, 1708 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); George Gladson, 1729, Thomas Gledson, 1730 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); William Gledson, 1776, Gilbert Gladson, 1779 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb);

**Gledstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb
- Scottish: see **Gladstone**.

**Glead**

Variants: **Glyde, Glide, Glede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 966, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *glede*, *glide* ‘kite; bird of prey’ (Old English *glida*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Glide, 1225, Thomas le Glede, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Glyde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus le Glyde, 1377 in

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*Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts); Radulphus Glede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kenninghall, Norfolk); Willelmo Glyde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); Henry Glide or Glyd, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Dallington, Sussex); Ambrose Gleede, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Highworth, Wilts).

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Variants: **Gleason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2786, Ireland 4178
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Glasáin, from a personal name based on a diminutive of *glas* ‘greyish blue-green’.

**Early bearers:** Derby Glassan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4535 (Kahrigillewoyre); Dermot Fitz Phillip Glassan, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2510; John McDonnell Y Gilsane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5697 (Killonyne).

## Glegg

Variants: **Gleig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines; Stirlings; Midlothian

1 Scottish: see **Clegg** (2).

2 English, Scottish: nickname, alternatively from Middle English and Older Scots *leg* (Old Scandinavian *gløggr*) ‘sharp-sighted’.

## Gleghorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: see **Cleghorn**.

## Gleig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Glegg**.

## Glen

Variants: **Glenn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3532, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2943
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Glen in Traquair (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Colban del Glen, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Duncan de Glene, 1368 in *Ayr-Galloway Collections*; John de Glene, about 1377 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; William Glen, 1452 in *Paisley Register* (Paisley, Renfrews).

2 English: locative name from Glen (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Gregory Glen, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam, William de glen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Glene, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Roberto de Glen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Henricus de Glen, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); William de Glen, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Bulwick, Northants); Silvester Glen, 1560 in *IGI* (Willoughby Waterless,

Leics); Elizth Glenn, 1565 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Alice Glene, 1611 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics).

## Glencorse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: (i) see **Glencross**. (ii) from Glencorse (Midlothian)

## Glencross

Variants: **Glencorse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess
- Scottish: locative name from Glencorsh, near Moniaive (Dumfriess), earlier recorded as *Glencros*, *Glencrash*, and *Glencorse*, or possibly from Glencorse, (Midlothian)
- Early bearers:** Thomas Glencors, 1480 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Glencors and James Glencors, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Homer Glencorse, 1621, William Glencros, 1654 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); Elspeth Glencrosse, 1672 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Archibald Glencross, 1711 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks).

## Glenday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Glendy (Angus).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: William Glendy, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; James Glendey, 1634, James Glendy, 1637, Margaret Glendie, 1683 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); James Glendye, 1707 in *IGI* (Fordoun, Kincardines).
- England: Geo Glenday, 1797 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs); James Glendey, 1869 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Glendening

Variants: **Glendinning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Glendinning**.

## Glendenning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 430
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Glendinning**.

## Glendinging

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Northumb and Durham
- Scottish: see **Glendinning**.

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- Variants: **Glendenning**, **Glendening**, **Glendinning**, **Glendenning**, **Glendenning**, **Glendennen**, **Glendinging**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1827, Ireland 333
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1143

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Dumfriess and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from Glendinning in Westerkirk (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Glendonwyn, before 1286 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Symon of Glendonwyn, 1408 in *Scotland Calendar*; William de Glendonwyn, 1467 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Bartholomew Glendunwyne, 1504 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; George Glending, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Glendinin, 1648 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Glendinning, 1688 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

England: Elizabeth Glending, 1575, Christopher Glendinning, 1584 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Glendening, 1612 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Jane Glending, 1657 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Elianor Glendenning, 1663, James Glendinin, 1668 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Glendon

Variants: **Glindon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from Glendon (Northants), recorded as *Clenedone* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Clendon', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Glendon, merchant of Lucca, 1273 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Glendon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Ralph de Glendon and John de Glendon, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Glendon, Northants); Alicia Glendon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Marmaduke Glendon, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Dunchurch, Warwicks); John Clendan, 1641 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Martha Glendon, 1738 in *Parish Registers* (Wellingborough, Northants).

2 Irish: adopted for Mac Giolla Fhionntáin, see **McLinden**.

## Glenfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: see **Glanfield**.

## Glenholmes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from a place recorded as the barony of *Glenquhym*, now in the parish of Kilbucho (Peebles).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Nicholas de Gleynwim or Glenwim, about 1233 in *Glasgow Register*; Stephen of Glynwhym, 1293 in *Rotuli Scotiae*; Steven de Glenwhym, 1296, Peter de Glynquym, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar*; Robert of Glenquhym, 1451 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; James Glenquhum, 1535 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Adame Glenhome, 1603 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Glenwholm, 1672 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); James Glenholme, 1673, James Glenholm, 1682 in *IGI* (West Linton, Peebles); John Glenwhome, 1687 in *Lanark Testaments* (Symington,



Lanarks); William Glenhom, 1721 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian). John  
 England: William Glenwhome, 1657 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); John Glenholm, 1788 in *IGI* (Glanton, Northumb); Samuel Glenholmes, 1862 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

### Glenister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1066, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Bucks  
 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Glenister, 1543 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); John Glenister, 1550 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); John Glenester, 1687 in *IGI* (Rushden, Herts); James Glenister, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Susannah Glenestar, 1750, Edward Glenestor, 1760 in *IGI* (Wheathampstead, Herts); John Glenester, 1788 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); John Gleneaster, 1828, Charles Glenerster, 1834 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

### Glenn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1970, Ireland 603
- **GB frequency 1881:** 933
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lancs, and WR  
 Yorks; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; also Galway  
 1 English: see **Glen**.  
 2 Irish: from Mag Fhloinn, see **McGlynn**.

### Glennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- 1 Irish: from Mag Leannáin, see **McGlennon**.
- 2 Irish: see **Glennon**.

### Gleney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Glennie**.

### Glennie

**Variants:** Glenny, Glenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 693
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Gleney or Glennie in Braemar (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Gleny, 1398–9 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Angus Gleny, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Glennay, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Glenny, 1611, George Glennie, 1615 in *IGI* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Georg Glenie, 1672 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

England: John Glenney, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Joseph Glenney, 1793 in *IGI* (Islington, Middx).

### Glennon

**Variants:** McGlennon, McGlennan, Glennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1074, Ireland 1262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Roscommon; Laois

1 Irish: reduced form of **Mag Leannáin**. ‘son of *Leannán*’, a personal name possibly based on *leann* ‘cloak’. See also **McGlennon**, which is now the less common form.

**Early bearers:** James Glennan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); Charles Glennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathconnell, Westmeath); Thomas McGlennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Patrick McLenna, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Trough, Monaghan); John McKlenon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Street, Westmeath).

2 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Gille Fhinnein**, see **McLennan**.

### Glenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down  
 Scottish : see **Glennie**.

### Glenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

1 English: locative name of uncertain origin.

Medieval bearers of the surname occur in Lincs and Westm, but no places with this name can be identified in those counties or elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** John de Glenton, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Glenton, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Belton, Lincs); Johanne de Glenton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough Sowerby, Westm); Johannes de Glenton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Adam de Glenton, 1400, Ralph Glenton, 1505 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Adam Glenton, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Glenton, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Edmundi Glenton, 1560 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Robert Glenton, 1575 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Henry Glenton, 1589 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Robart Glenton, 1620 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Richard Glenton, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); John Glenton, 1643 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); William Glenton, 1663 in *IGI* (Wykeham, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name, possibly an altered form of *Glenthām* (from Glenthām, Lincs) which, like *Glenton*, appears in late 14th-century Yorks, but which otherwise seems not to have survived into the modern era. However, apart from the superficial linguistic similarity, there is no evidence that *Glenthām* and *Glenton* are related.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Glenthām, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Johannes Glenthām, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Glenthām, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks).

### Glentworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Glentworth (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Glentworth of Fylyingham, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Fillingham, Lincs); John de Glenteworth, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs);

Johannes de Glentworth’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton Gate, ER Yorks); Bisman Glentworth, 1598 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs).

### Glenville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 Norman, English: see **Glanville**.

### Glenwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham  
 N English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Marie Gleneright, 1589 in *PROB 11* (London); Mgt Glenwright, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Hexham, Northumb); Gi[l]bert Glenwright, 1655 in *IGI* (Haydon Bridge, Northumb); Margaret Glenwright, 1669 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Cuthbert Glenwright Or Wright, 1711 in *IGI* (Medomsley, Durham); Albany Gleenwright, 1715 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb).

### Glew

**Variants:** Glue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 655
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs  
 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *gleu*, *gleaw* ‘wise, prudent; skilful’, Old English *glēaw*, occasionally used as a personal name.  
**Early bearers:** Radulfus filius Gleu, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Gleu, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rannulf Glowe, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Glew, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Glewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Clemens Glew, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Robertus Glew, 1543 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Williamus Glew, 1546 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Christopher Glew, 1585 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Roberti Glew, 1598 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Bennett Glew, 1603 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Glibbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from *glibbery* ‘slippery’ (corresponding to, and perhaps borrowed from, Dutch *glibberig*), generally having the sense ‘shifty, untrustworthy’.

**Early bearers:** John Glibbery, 1646 in *Parish Registers* (Saffron Walden, Essex); John Glibbery, 1663 in *Parish Registers* (Wantage, Berks); Richard Glibbery, 1680 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joseph Glibbery, 1732 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); James Glibbery, 1796 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Glick

**Variants:** Glickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London  
 Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Gluck**, from Yiddish *glik*.

**Early bearers:** Morris Glick, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Mark Glick, born in Syaki, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Lincoln,

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Lincs); Morris Glick, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Marks Glick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Aaron Glick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx); Harris Glick, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Glickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Jewish (Ashkenazic): elaborated form of **Glick**.

**Early bearers:** Louis Glickman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Gateshead, Durham); Myer Glickman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Glickman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Daniel Glickman, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Glickman, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs); Morris Glickman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Glidden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Gliddon**.

### Gliddon

Variants: **Glidden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in Cornwall. There is a Gliddon in Hambleton (Hants), but this does not appear to be the source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** John Gledon, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (South Petherwin, Cornwall); John Glydon, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tanners Muster Roll* (Rillaton in Linkinhorne, Cornwall); John Gleddon, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Thomas Glyden, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Trevalga, Cornwall); Loar Gliddon, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Lezant, Cornwall); James Glidden, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Dartmouth Saint Saviour, Devon); Thomas Gliddon, 1589, William Glidden, 1591 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Walter Gliddon, 1590 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon).

### Glide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Somerset

English: see **Gleed**.

### Glidewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name, probably from a lost or unidentified place. Compare **Gladwell**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Glidwell, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Bowers Gifford, Essex); George Glidwell, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); William Glidewell, 1636 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Henry Glidwell, 1654 in *IGI* (North Crawley, Bucks); William Glidewell, 1711 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks).

### Glindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name, probably from Glington (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Michaelis Glynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); John Glynton', 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Edmund Glington, 1561, Richard Glington, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Wisbech, Cambs); Peter Glindon, 1752 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); William Glindon, 1791 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Frederick Glinden, 1797 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 Irish: from **Mac Giolla Fhionntáin**. See **Glendon** (2).

**Early bearers:** Edward Glindon, born in Glasgow, in *Census 1881* (Aylestone, Leics); Patrick Glendon, born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Bridges Glendon, born in Meath, Ireland, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Glinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Lancs

Cornish, Welsh: see **Glyn**.

### Glisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Glisson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bradmore, Notts); Johannes Glysson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); William Glysson' of Bradmere, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Bradmore, Notts); Jhon Glysson, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); Robert Glisson, Glysson, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Hillingdon, Middx); Walter Glisson, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Marnhull, Dorset); Walter Glisson, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (Chew Magna, Somerset).

### Glister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Glister, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Glister, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Worstead, Norfolk); Frauncis Glyster, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Martock, Somerset); Gilbert Glister, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Sandy, Beds); Marmaduke Glister, 1639 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); William Glister, 1669, Judeth Glyster, 1673 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk).

### Glithero

Variants: **Glitherow**, **Glitheroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Clitheroe** with voiced initial consonant.

### Glitheroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Glithero**.

### Glitherow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex
- English: see **Clitheroe**.

### Gloag

Variants: **Gloak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Perth and Angus

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Janet Glook, 1565 in *Black* (Perth, Perth); James Glook, 1612 in *Retours, Scotland* (Vindiage, Angus); Patrik Gloack, 1615 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); Grisall Gloag, 1665 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); Ninian Gloag, 1670 in *Hunter, Dunkeld* (Annatland, Perth); James Gloak, 1700 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Francis Gloak, 1757 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus).

### Gloak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Gloag**.

### Glock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

German: (i) locative name from Middle High German *glocke* 'bell' (Old High German *glocka*), denoting someone who lived by the bell tower of a church, or at a house distinguished by the sign of a bell. (ii) nickname from the same word, used to denote a sexton, who among other duties was responsible for ringing the church bell, or a town crier, who used a handbell to draw attention.

**Early bearers:** William Glock, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); George Glock, 1714 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John George Glock, 1813 in *Parish Registers* (Bath, Somerset); Philip Glock, 1820 in *IGI* (Lee, Kent); George Glock, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); John Glock, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); Jacob Glock, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); Carl Glock, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Christian Glock, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kirkdale, Lancs).

### Gloss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *glose*, *gloce* 'falsification, deceit; flattering speech', Old French *glose* 'flattery'.

**Early bearers:** Reiner Gloz, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Glosse, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Glos, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Brading, Hants); William Glos, 1442 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Glosse, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Bampton, Devon); Andrew Gloss, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Morpeth, Northumb); William Glosse, 1628 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex); John Gloss, 1653 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Richard Glos, 1712 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs).

### Glossop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1325, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name from Glossop (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Glossopp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Robert Glossopp, 1546 in *PROB 11* (London); Margret Glossopp, 1550 in *IGI* (Trusley, Derbys); Richard Glossoppe, 1562 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Nicolai Glossop, 1609 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Jho Glossap, 1620 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Georgius Glossup, 1634 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Robert Glossop, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Wormhill, Derbys); Joseph Glossop, 1695 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Hannah Glossope, 1754 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Harriott Glossip, 1805 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Gloster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Clare, and Limerick

English: locative name from Gloucester (Gloucs).  
**Early bearers:** Durandus Gloecestre, de Glouuecestre, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; William de Glocestria, 1242 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes de Gloucestr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Gloucestr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); John Gloucestre, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Evenlode, Worcs); John Gloster, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomae Gloster, 1608 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Glostar or Gloster, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); Robert Glouster, 1785 in *IGI* (Kington, Warwicks).

### Glover

**Variants:** Glovier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16971, Ireland 678
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12692
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Middx; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Roscommon; Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *glover*, *gloifer* 'glover; maker or seller of gloves', a derivative of Old English *glōf* 'glove'.  
**Early bearers:** Gilbertc le Glouere, 1250 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); William le Glouere, 1278 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Surrey); Rondolphus le Glover, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stone, Staffs); Walterus Glover, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Guido Gloverer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beaminster, Dorset); Henricus Glover, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Roger Glover, 1409 in *PROB 11* (Bath, Somerset); Jerome Glover, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Saint Faith, London); Willi. Glouuer, 1621 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Walter Glouer, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Ilchester, Somerset); Anne Gloverier, 1717 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey).

### Glovier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Glover**.

### Glow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

Irish: reduced form of **McGlow**, itself an altered form of **McCloy**.

### Gloyn

**Variants:** Gloyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Gloyne, 1582 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); Etheldred Gloin, Humphrey Gloine, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Tetcott, Devon); Thomas Gloyn, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Constantine, Cornwall); Alexander Gloyn, 1659 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); Stephen Gloyne, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Whitstone, Cornwall).

### Gloyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks and Lancs; Hants

English: see **Gloyn**.

### Glozier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name, nickname from *gloser*, *glosour* 'glossator; flatterer, sycophant', an agent derivative of Middle English *glosen*, Old French *gloser* 'to make glosses upon, expound, interpret'.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Glosere, William Glosur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Gloser, 1578 in *IGI* (Downham, Cams); Roger Glozier, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Nicholas Glosier, 1639 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Norfolk); Robert Glosier, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Gluck

**Variants:** Glick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German: nickname (also Glück), from Middle High German *g(e)lücke* 'luck' (of uncertain origin, not attested before the late 12th century).  
**Early bearers:** William Gluck, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Albert Gluck, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx).  
 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the German vocabulary word *Glück* 'luck'.  
**Early bearers:** Jacob Gluck, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Gluck, born in Russia (Poland), in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs); Maurice Gluck, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

### Glue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Glew**.

### Gluyas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Saint Gluvias (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Gluvias, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); William Gluvias, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Christian Gluyas, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Wendron, Cornwall); William Gluias, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Penryn, Cornwall); George Gluvias, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Wendron, Cornwall); Gorge Gluyas, 1670 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

### Glyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Gleed**.

### Glyn

**Variants:** Glinn, Glynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Dorset

Cornish, Welsh: locative name from Cornish *glin*, Welsh *glyn* 'valley', or from a place named with this word, for example Glynn (Cornwall).  
**Further information:** A number of bearers of this name can be traced to Glynn (Cornwall), where a Hubert de Glin is said to have lived in 1100.  
**Early bearers:** John de Glin, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Ralph de Glin, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Henricus Glyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cardinham, Cornwall); John Glyn, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Glyn, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); William Glyn, bishop of Bangor, 1504–58 in *Dictionary of Welsh Biography*; Rachell Glyn, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Glynn, 1552 in *Chirkland Extent*.

### Glynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3638, Ireland 2686
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1321
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; also Welsh Marches
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: from *Mag Fhloinn*, see **McGlynn**.  
 2 Cornish, Welsh: see **Glyn**.

### Goacher

**Variants:** Goucher, Gocher, Goatcher, Goutcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also WR Yorks, Derbys, and Leics

1 French, English: anglicized form of French **Gautier**.

**Further information:** It is possible that many Sussex bearers descend from Nicholas Gowghtier, a French immigrant ironworker who is mentioned in the Westminster Denization Roll in July 1544.  
**Early bearers:** Katherine Gotyar, 1575; Alice Gotyer, 1583 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); George Gotier, 1588,

## Goad

George Gotyere, 1589 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Jone Goter, 1588 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); James Gochier, 1626, Jane Goachier, 1629 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Jane Gotcher, 1646 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Elizabeth Goacher, 1657 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

**References:** Goacher One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/goacher/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/goacher/).

2 English: nickname, perhaps also from Middle English *gode* 'good' + *chere* 'face' (Old French *chier*), for someone with a pleasant or cheerful appearance.

**Early bearers:** England: William Godcher of Esingwold, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Benedictus Gochure, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashurst, Sussex).

Scotland: Willelmus dictus Godechere, 1343 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*.

## Goad

**Variants:** Goth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 611
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Kent; also Lancs and Westm

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Gode*, see **Goode**. Compare John Good, 1746, William Goad, 1763 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon). (ii) nickname from Middle English *go(u)de* 'goad for driving oxen, spike' (Old English *gād*); compare **Gadd**. Definite medieval examples are scant because spellings such as (*le*) *Gode* cannot be distinguished from those for **Goode**.

**Early bearers:** Rich. Goade, 1571 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Thomas Goad, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Stretham, Cambs); Genet Goad, 1591 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Christofer Goade, 1596 in *PROB 11* (New Windsor, Berks); Bartholomew Goad, 1624 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Goad, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Otterton, Devon); Fr. Goad, 1644 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Robert Goade, 1650 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); George Goad, 1709 in *IGI* (Preston Patrick, Westm); Alice Goad, 1753 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).

## Goadby

**Variants:** Godby, Godbee, Goodby, Gooby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Goadby or Goadby Marwood (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Godeby, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks), Hugh de Goudeby, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Robertus de Goudby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rolleston, Leics); Roger Goudeby, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Goadbye, 1565 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Prudence Godebye, 1574 in *IGI* (Sibson, Leics); John Goadby, 1597 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Thos. Goadbie, 1639 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Christopher Godby, 1677 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Richard Godbey, 1688 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Worcs).

## Goalby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Gaulby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** William de Galby, parson, 1361, 1367, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Epworth, Lincs); Nicholao de Galby, 1379, Philippus Galby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fenny Drayton, Leics); John Galby, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Galby, fisher, 1451 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); John Golebee, 1629 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); William Golbe, 1666 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks); Henry Goulby, 1704 in *IGI* (Intwood, Norfolk); Richard Goalby, 1704 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); George Goalby, 1797 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

## Goaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx

English: see **Gommon**.

## Goan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Irish: from Ó Gobhann or Mac an Ghobhainn, see **Gowan**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 管, see **Kwan** (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 阮, see **Yuen** (5).

## Goar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: (i) nickname, possibly from Old Scandinavian *gor* 'filth'. (ii) see **Gore**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Gor, tacksman of Pretty, 1490 in *Orkney Records*; John Goar, 1736, Margarat Gore, 1774, James Gore, 1797 in *IGI* (Sanday, Orkney); Peter Goar, 1748 in *IGI* (Stronsay, Orkney).

**References:** *Lamb, Surnames of Orkney and Orkney Farm-Names*.

## Goard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *gourd(e)*, *gord(e)*, *gurd(e)* 'gourd, a plant of the Cucurbitaceae family, or its fruit; a drinking vessel or water container made from the dried skin of the fruit', possibly used for a grower or seller of these.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gorde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Plymstock, Devon); Thomas Gurde, 1462 in *Patent Rolls* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); John Gorde, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Gurde, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Halstock, Gloucs); Richard Gourd, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Hartfield, Sussex).

## Goat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Cheshire

English: see **Goate**.

## Goatcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English, French: see **Goacher**.

## Goate

**Variants:** Goat, Goates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Cambs; Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Middle English *gote*, occasionally *got(te)* 'watercourse, channel, stream' (Old English \**gota*), denoting someone who lived by a watercourse, or someone from a place so named, such as East Goit (ER Yorks), Goat Farm in Ringmer (Sussex), or Goat Farm in Streat (Sussex). This element is widely found in minor place-names in N England, where it survives as dialect *gote*, *goit*. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Gote, 1288 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, Peter atte Gote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), John de la Gote, 1329 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmus Gote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrave, Oxon); Johanna atte Gotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarshe, WR Yorks); Johannes atte Got', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Magota del Gote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Willelmus atte Gote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Streat, Sussex); Ricardus de Gote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, Sussex); Kristiana Gote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Claricia Gote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mundesley, Norfolk); Simon Gote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Wyllyam Goate, 1565, Joan Goat, 1568 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Edmond Goat, 1575 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); Johannes Goat, 1579 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Elizabeth Gote, 1761 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 1, p. 206; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 6; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 304, 356.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *got(e)* 'goat' (Old English *gāt*). The name may have denoted someone who looked after goats (compare **Gathard**), or someone who resembled a goat in some way; the animal was associated with lascivious behaviour.

**Early bearers:** Suein Got, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Edwinus le Got, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John le Got, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Wyllyam Goate, 1565 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Agnes Goate, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Goate, 1598 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Goate, 1608 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Christopher Goate, 1615 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk).

## Goater

**Variants:** Gothard, Goddard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a stream or ditch, from Middle English *gote* 'watercourse' + the agent suffix *-(e)r*. This type of formation is characteristic of Hants, but the name there may alternatively belong with (2) or (3), or may later have been confused with them.

**Early bearers:** John le Gotere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Andrewe Goater, 1589, George Goater, 1717 in *IGI* (Arreton, Hants); Jane Goater, 1629, John Goater, 1744, George Goater, 1831 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

2 English: variant of **Goddard**, or alternatively confused with it.

**Early bearers:** Cesly Goddard, 1590, William Goater, 1610 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Willm Goater, 1635, Darrity Godart, 1639 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW).

**3 English:** (i) occupational name from Middle English *goter* 'goatherd', an agent derivative of Middle English *got(e)* 'goat' (Old English *gāt*). Compare **Gater**. (ii) reduced form of Middle English *gotherd* 'goatherd', see **Gothard**. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (i) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Goter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Goter, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Tomasin Goater, 1622, Jos. Gother, 1657, Robert Gotherd, 1658 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Thurresson*, p. 69.

## Goates

**Variants:** **Goats**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx; also Hunts
- English: variant of **Goate** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Gotes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Jacamon Goates, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich Saint Peter, Kent); James Goates, 1583 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); William Goats, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Lincoln, Lincs); Edward Goates, 1601 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Christopher Goats, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Longstanton, Cambs).

## Goatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Gotham**, perhaps mainly from Gotham in Bexhill (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Goatham, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Bredgar, Kent); Thomas Goatham, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (West Meon, Hants).

## Goatley

**Variants:** **Goatly**, **Gotelee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey

English: locative name from Goatley in Northiam (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gotele, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Goda de Gotelye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Gotlee, 1412 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections* x; John Goatly, 1578, Sarles Goately, 1601, Thomas Goatlye, 1629 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent); Thomas Goatelie, 1617 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Goatly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Goatley**.

## Goatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: occupational name for a goatherd, from Middle English *got(e)*, *gat(e)* 'goat' + *man* (Old English *gāt* + *mann*). Compare Osbert Gotenecherl,

1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks), Reiner le Gotegorm, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Gateman, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert Gatman, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Goteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Nicholas Gooteman, 1455 in *York Guild Register*; Kateryne Gootman, 1570 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); Anne Gatman, 1575 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Walter Gotman, 1634, John Goatman, 1686 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Goatman, 1747 in *IGI* (Forthampton, Gloucs).

## Goats

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Herts
- English: see **Goates**.

## Gobat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: see **Godbold**.

2 English: see **Gobbett**.

## Gobb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; Essex; Northants
- English: see **Gubb**.

## Gobbett

**Variants:** **Gobet**, **Gobat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Middx and Suffolk

1 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *gobet* 'lump, morsel' or from Middle English *go bet* 'go better'; compare Walter Gobiforn ('go before'), 1212 in *Pleas* (Yorks); John Gobisid' ('go beside'), 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*, and **Golightly**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gobet, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Gobet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Elizota Gobett', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Agn' Gobet', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Robertus Gobet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horringer, Suffolk); Robte. Gobbett, 1554 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); William Gobett, 1566 in *Norwich Depositions*; John Gobett, 1681 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

2 English: variant of **Godbold**.

## Gobble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Goble**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Gobel

**Variants:** **Gobell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Goble**.

## Gobell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Gobel**.

## Gobert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Godbert**.

## Gobet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Gobbett**.

## Gobey

**Variants:** **Goby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *gobi* 'gudgeon', a species of small freshwater fish that is easily caught, hence perhaps a gullible person.

Compare **Gudgeon**.

**Early bearers:** Nigel Gobey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Goby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Juliana Goby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harting, Sussex); Robert Gobye, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Harry Goby, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); Francis Gobye, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Eareth, Hunts); William Gobie, Nicholas Gobye, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); James Gobey, 1676 in *IGI* (Rendcombe, Gloucs).

## Gobin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Gubbin**.

## Goble

**Variants:** **Gobel**, **Gobell**, **Gobble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 862
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent and Hants

English: nickname from Old French *gobel* 'cup', possibly denoting a maker or seller of cups.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Gobel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Gaillardus Gobel, 1318 in *Patent Rolls*; John le Gobel, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter le Gobel, 1327, Henry Gobill, Thomas Goble, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephano Gobell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); John Gobell, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Goble, 1561 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Thomas Gobull, 1638 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

## Goby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Gobey**.

## Goch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Gotch**.

## Goche

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Gotch**.

**Gocher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Sussex English, French: see **Goacher**.

**Godard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London Norman, English: see **Goddard**.

**Godart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London 1 Norman, English: see **Goddard**. 2 Huguenot: French **Godart**, identical in origin with (1). **Early bearers:** Abigart Goddarte, 1604, Abigail Goddard, 1610 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

**Godball**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk English: see **Godbold**.

**Godbear**

- Variants:** **Godsave**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon English: see **Godber**.

**Godbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London English: see **Godby**.

**Godbeer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon English: see **Godber**.

**Godbehear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx English: see **Godber**.

**Godbehere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys English: see **Godber**.

**Godber**

- Variants:** **Godbehere**, **Godbehear**, **Godbeer**, **Godbear**, **Goodbehere**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 627
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys 1 English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *goed(e)*, *gud(e)* ‘good’ + *b(i)er* ‘beer’. Compare **Goodall**. Some examples may belong at (2). **Early bearers:** Robert Godebere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joan Godbere, 1493 in *PROB 11* (London);

Lorance Godbeere, 1603 in *IGI* (Ingham, Lincs); Thomas Godbeare, 1620 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); James Godbere, 1631 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Richard Godbere, 1631, Elizabeth Godber, 1652 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); John Godbeer, 1715 in *IGI* (Morchard Bishop, Devon). 2 English: nickname from either *God be her(inne)* ‘May God be in this house’ or *Göd be her(inne)* ‘May it be well in this house’, perhaps bestowed on someone who habitually used either expression. Such phrasal names were common but most have now died out; compare Gilbert Godbiemidus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), and **Godsafe**. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey Godbeherinne, 1277 in *London Letter Books B*; Robert Godbeherinne, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Shustoke, Warwicks); John Godbehere, 1433 in *Patent Rolls*; John Godbehere, 1456 in *Close Rolls* (London); John Godbere, 1557, John Godbehere, 1570 in *IGI* (Besford, Worcs).

**Godbert**

**Variants:** **Gobert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Go(de)bert*, a French borrowing of Continental Germanic *Godebert*. The form *Godebrich* (rare) suggests the possibility of an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Godbeorht*. **Early bearers:** given names: Godebert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex). surnames: Robertus filius Godeberti, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ricardus filius Godebert, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Roger Godberd, Godbert, 1200–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks, Notts); William Godebert, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); John Gobard, 1335 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thoma Godbert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Richard Godberd, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Shewsbury, Shrops); Jno. Gobert, 1582 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Henry Godbert, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Joseph Godbert, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Betty Godbert, 1755 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**Godbold**

**Variants:** **Godbolt**, **Gobat**, **Godball**, **Gobbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 896, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Godebald*, *Godbaud*, *Gobold*, a French form of Continental Germanic *Godebald*. **Early bearers:** given names: Godeboldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. surnames: Adam filius Goboldi, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); William Godebald, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Henry Gobaud, Gubaut, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John Gobaut, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Warwicks); John Godebold, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Godball, 1485 in *Rochester Wills*; John Godbold, 1550 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk).

**Godbolt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk and Suffolk; London English: see **Godbold**.

**Godby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Gloucs English: see **Godby**.

**Goddard**

**Variants:** **Godart**, **Godard**, **Gothard**, **Goater**, **Goodard**, **Goodworth**, **Gwyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16145, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11976
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, and Derbys; Berks, Wilts, Hants, and Surrey; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Godard*, Continental Germanic *Gotahard*, *Godhard* (from \**god-* ‘God’ or \**göd-* ‘good’ + \**hard-* ‘bold, hardy’). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** given names: Godardus de Clakesbi, about 1160–6 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Robert God(d)ard, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Wlfrich Godard, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Symon Godhard, 1299 in *London Letter Books C*; William Godard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westbourne, Sussex); Willelmus Goddard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Soham, Cambs); Johanne Godard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Godard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Galfridus Godard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardley and Yaverland, Hants); Willelmus Godard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsham, Norfolk); Henricus Godard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwick, Sussex); Johannes Godard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmus Goderd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Godard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Robertus Godard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Simon Godard, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Hawkhurst, Kent); John Godarde, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Enfield, Middx); John Goddard, 1539 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); Christopher Goddard, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Thomae Goddard, 1543 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Mathew Goddard, 1548 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Stevyn Goddard, 1556 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Henrye Goddard, 1561 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Goddard, 1583 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Tho. Goddard, 1583 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thome Goddard, 1605 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys). 2 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of the occupational names **Goater** or **Gothard**. The three surnames may have been much confused.

**Godden**

**Variants:** **Goddin**, **Gooden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3095, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2057
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent English: locative name from Godden, a lost place in Tenterden (Kent). **Early bearers:** John Godden, 1338, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Pernilla Goddin, 1541 in *IGI* (Trottscliffe, Kent); Richard Godden, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Eastgate of Rochester, Kent); Agnes Goddine,

1600 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Walter Goddin, 1637, Edward Godden, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Ryars, Kent).  
References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 357.

### Goddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Godden**.

### Godding

Variants: **Goding**, **Goodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Berks; Middx and Kent

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Gōding*; compare **Gooding**, with which there has been confusion.

**Early bearers:** Peter Godding, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Godding, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxborough and Caldecote, Norfolk); Thomas Goddyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); John Godding, 1562 in *IGI* (Hinton Ampner, Hants); John Godding, 1578 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Thomas Godding, 1590 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Robert Godding, 1599 in *IGI* (East Hatley, Cambs); Richard Godding, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

### Goddman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Goodman**.

**Early bearers:** John Goddman, in *Census 1841* (Littleport, Cambs).

### Godel

Variants: **Godell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Godilo*, *Godila*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Godel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent).

urnames: Daniel Godel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrico Godel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coulston, Wilts); William Godell, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Southwold, Suffolk); Robert Godell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

References: *Feilitzen*, p. 263.

2 French: relationship name from *Godel*, a pet form of personal names such as *Godaud* formed with the element *god*; see *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Godell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: see **Godel**.

### Godfery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Godfrey**.

### Godfray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Jersey
- Norman, English: see **Godfrey**.

### Godfree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Godfrey**.

### Godfrey

Variants: **Godfree**, **Godfray**, **Godfery**, **Godfry**, **Gotfrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12308, Ireland 431
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8654
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Kerry, and Limerick; Mayo

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *God(e)frey* (Old French *Godefroi*, *Godefroi(s)*, Continental Germanic *Godefrid*).

**Further information:** There is an Irish family of this name who originated in Romney (Kent). Colonel John Godfrey was the first of them to settle in Ireland, after being granted land in Kerry in 1653 as a reward for his services in the Irish Rebellion of 1641.

**Early bearers:** given names: Godefridus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Godefridus filius Baldewini, 1138 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs).

urnames: Symon Godefroi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Alan Godefroi, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Maud Godfrey, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes Godfrey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); William Godfray, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Johannes Godfery, 1541 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Edward Godfry, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Cathrine Godfree, 1559 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); Thomas Godfre, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Wrabness, Essex); Willi. Gotfrey, 1605 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Thomas Godfrey, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Maidenhead, Berks).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac Gothraidh** or **Ó Gothraidh**. Compare **Gohery**.

### Godfroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French, Huguenot: relationship name, cognate of **Godfrey**, apparently brought to Britain in the 16th century by Protestant refugees from France.

**Early bearers:** Marie Godfroy, 1720, Jeanne Godfroy, 1730 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Anne Godfroy, 1772 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Godfry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Godfrey**.

### Godhania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from Sanskrit *go* 'cow' + *dhan(a)* 'wealth' + the Gujarati adjectival suffix *-ia* 'possessing', i.e. 'one who has cattle wealth'.

### Godin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal names *Godin*, *Godun*, diminutives of Continental Germanic names formed with *God-*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Godun le Bere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

urnames: Philip Guodun, Guodin, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walterus Godyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Henry Godyn, 1386 in *London Letter Books H*; John Godyn, 1463 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); John Godyne, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Portbury, Somerset).

### Goding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset

English: (i) see **Gooding**. (ii) see **Godding**. (iii) in some cases possibly a variant of **Godin**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Godyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Henricus Godyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); John Goding or Godyng, 1456 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Godinge, 1587 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).

### Godkin

Variants: **Goodkin**, **Goodkind**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts, Leics, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godekin*, a diminutive of Old English *Goda* or *Gode*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Godekin de Coufeld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Godekin de Revel the elder, 1322, Godekin de Revele the younger, 1333 in *Patent Rolls*; Godkin Berdewyk, 1415 in *Patent Rolls*.

urnames: Walter Godekin, before 1272 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); John Godekyn, 1298, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Thanet, Kent); Jone Godkin, 1548 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Henry Godken, 1605 in *Place-Names of Derbys*; Sara Goodkin, 1668 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 469.

### Godleman

Variants: **Godliman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Godalming (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Godelmings, 1243 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); Philip Godalmyn, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Godelmyngge, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Thomas Goddman, 1613, Samuel Goddleman, 1614 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Richard Godleman, 1617, Richard Goddleman, 1686 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Godley

Variants: **Goodley**, **Godly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1165, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 944
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Godly, in Rishworth (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** This surname has been in Ireland since the late 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Henry Godley, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Godlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); Matill' Godelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Johannes and Henricus Godlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rishworth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Godley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); William Godley, 1564 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Dorothy Godley, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Barlborough, Derbys); John Godley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Rishworth, WR Yorks); Jer. Goodley, 1729 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 72; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 189; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 306; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 539; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**2** English: locative name, perhaps from Godley Bridge (Surrey), which was the home of Geoffrey de Godelegh (1228 in *Feet of Fines*) and William de Godelegh (1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*), but the place may have been named from this family, as was Godley's Green in Sussex. *Godley* was the name of a hundred in Surrey but it was not a settlement, and the Surrey and Sussex families may have originated outside the county, from Godley in Cheshire, for example, or from Goodleigh, in Uffculme (Devon), both of which are known to have given rise to surnames.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Goddeley, about 1220 in *Additional Charters, British Library* (Cheshire); Richard de Goddeley, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Godely, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petworth, Sussex); Robert de Godeligh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parham and Greatham, Sussex); Edward Godlie, 1549 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Richard Godlie, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Crowhurst, Surrey); Harry Godly, 1580 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richd. Godley, 1583 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); George Goodley, 1594 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); John Godlee, 1796 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Godliman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Bucks, and Middx

English: see **Godleman**.  
**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Godliman, 1716 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks).

### Godlin

**Variants:** Godling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal names *Godelin* (m) or *Godelina* (f).

**Early bearers:** given names: Godelina, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); surnames: Simon filius Godelini, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); William Godelin, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Ralph Godeling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Godeling', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trewwhitt, Northumb); Thomas Godlin, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Westcheap, London); Alice Godling, 1622 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); William Godlin, 1663 in *Parish Registers* (Bath Abbey, Somerset); Ann Godlin, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Godlin, 1798 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk).

### Godling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: variant of **Godlin**.

### Godly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Godley**.

### Godman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 327
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: see **Goodman**.

### Godolphin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: locative name from Godolphin (Cornwall), recorded as *Wulgholgan* in 1194.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander de Woldholgan, 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); Edward de Gudolgan, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Penpol, Cornwall); Daudi Godolghan, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); John Godolghan of Godolghan, 1508 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Anne Godolgha, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Pilsdon, Dorset); William Godolphin, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Finchley, Middx); Frauncis Godolphin, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Breaage, Cornwall).

### Godrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Leics
- English: see **Goodrich**.

### Godridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, Warwicks, and Staffs
- English: see **Goodrich**.

### Godsafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Godsave**.

### Godsal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Godsell**.

### Godsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Godsell**.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Godsall, 1544 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); Joan Godsall, 1596 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs); John Godshall, 1604 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Thomas Godsholl, 1608 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); Mary Godsel, 1783 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs); James Gotsal, 1788 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Nicholas, Herefs).

### Godsalve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Godsave**.

### Godsave

**Variants:** Godsaf, Godsiff, Godsolve, Gotsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English (*on*) *Godes half* '(on) God's behalf, (for) God's sake', applied to someone who frequently used this expression.

**Further information:** *On Godes half* was generally reduced to a *Godes half* (or a *Godesolve*), which was sometimes misinterpreted as a weak pronunciation of 'of God's half'. Compare William of Godeshalve, 1323 in *Patent Rolls*. This was rendered by some medieval clerks as *de Godesolve*, giving it the false appearance of a locative name.

The seal of Matthew son of Robert a Godeshalf (1202–16 *Ekwall, ELPN*) bore the legend 'Sigill. Mathei *ex parte Dei*'. This shows that already at the beginning of the 13th century the surname had become hereditary in London. A similar name of Old French origin is **Pardoe**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Agodeshalf, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Alexander Agodeshalve, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Hugo Ogodishalve, Ongodishalve, 1264, 1271 in *Leicester Borough Records*; William a Codeshalf, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Henry Godsolve, 1337, John Godeshalf, 1376 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Godsaldi, knight, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Benet Paul's Wharf, London); Johannes Godeshalf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Johanne Godesolve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hive, ER Yorks); Johanne de Godesolve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barkwith, Lincs); Thoma Godeshalf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers and Easton, Wilts); George Godsaufe, 1563 in *IGI* (Apley, Lincs); Tho Godsaf, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Edmund Godsolve, 1599 in *IGI* (Caister Saint Edmund with Markshall, Norfolk); Thomas Godshalfe, 1608 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); John Godsave, 1615 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); Eustace Godsaf, John Godsaff, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); William Godsaf, 1749 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); William Godsolve, 1761 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Jane Godsaf, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Godsell

**Variants:** Godsall, Godsai, Gotsell, Godsil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Herefs; Middx; also IoW and Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary
- English: locative name from Godsell Farm (Wilts), Godshill (Isle of Wight), or Godshill (Hants). See also **Goodsell**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Godeshill, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh de Godeshull', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Godeshulle, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Woschester, Hants); Johannes Godeshull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton, Hants); Thomas of Godeshell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Agnes Godsall, 1587 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Abelle Godsalle, 1626 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Margret Godsalle, 1634 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Godsel, 1670 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Godsill, 1724 in *IGI* (Chippenhams, Wilts); Thomas



Gotsal, 1770 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Joseph Gotsell, 1856 in *IGI* (Yatton Keynell, Wilts).

### Godsiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Godsave**.

### Godsil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: usual spelling in Ireland of **Godsell**.

### Godsill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Gotsell**.

### Godsman

**Variants:** **Goodsman, Goodisman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Inverness
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Godesman* 'the man of the god', or 'the man of God'. Compare Willelmus homo dei, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), Richard Homedeu, 1216 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon). **Early bearers:** given names: Godesman, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Godesman de Spalding, 1158 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Godesman de Pincebec, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Pinchbeck, Lincs). surnames, England: Astin Godesman, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Godesman, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Godesman, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Walter Goddesman, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Laurance Godsman, 1540 in *PROB II* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); Johannes Godsman, 1552 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); John Goodsman, 1771 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Margaret Elizabeth Goodsman, 1855 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham). surnames, Scotland: Patrik Godsman, 1620 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Cristian Godisman, 1635 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); Alexander Godisman, 1640, Alexr. Goddsman, 1648, Alexander Goddisman, 1650, Jeane Godsmane, 1654 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Goodsman, 1779 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

### Godsmark

**Variants:** **Graysmark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: nickname from Middle English *God* 'God' (genitive case *Godes*) + *mark* 'mark', for someone who bore 'God's mark', i.e. someone who had survived the plague. Compare 'He also was full of Godys markys', 1531, and 'the markes of the plague, commonly called Goddes markes', 1558 in *OED*. **Early bearers:** Henr' Godesmerk, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fishergate half-hundred in the Rape of Bramber, Sussex); Willo Godesmark, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southwick, Sussex); Ricardus Godesmark, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southwick, Sussex); Reginald Godesmark, 1407 in *Patent Rolls*; Susanna Godsmark, 1575,

Mathew Godsmarke, 1608 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Gosmark, 1689 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Sarah Gosmark, 1724 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Hannah Gosmark, 1728 in *IGI* (Ferring, Sussex); John Godsmark, 1768 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent).

### Godson

**Variants:** **Goodson, Gosson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 538
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godsone*, representing Old English *Godsunu*, of various origins. It may be composed of Old English *god* 'God' or *gōd* 'good' + *sunu* 'son', or it may be an original patronymic 'son of *God*' used as a given name. *God* was a pet form of names like *Godric* and *Godwine*, and substitution of their other Middle English pet form *Gode* (Old English *Goda*) may account for the alternative Middle English spelling *Godesone*; compare Alwinus Gode sunu, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset). The Old English female names *Goda* and *Gode* could also have contributed to Middle English *Godesone*. Alternatively some instances of the surname may derive from Middle English *godson* (Old English *godsunu*) 'godson'. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (2) or (3). See also **Goodson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Godsune, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex), 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Godeson le Megucyer, 1235 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London). surnames: William Godsune, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Benedict Godsone, 1298 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Richard Goddesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Godeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Godeson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Jurdano Godeson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Alexander Godeson', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ursley Godson, 1570 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Thomas Godson, 1573 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs); Guilielmus Godson, 1606 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Frances Godson, 1635 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Worcs).

2 English: relationship name from Middle English *Godessone* 'son of *God(e)*'. This easily became confused with *Godesone* in (1) and (3). Adam Godesone or Godessone, 1294–1305 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, was a son or descendant of Godeson le Megucyer (1235), who may also have been known as Gode, hence perhaps the variation between *Godesone* and *Godessone* in Adam's surname. It is likely in any case that the final *s* of *Godes-* would have become assimilated to the initial *s* of *-sone*. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (1) or (3). **Early bearers:** Roger Godessun', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William Godesone, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Adam Godesone, 1294, Adam Godessone, 1303 in *London Letter Books A*; Thomas filius Gode, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Godesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Choseley, Norfolk); Johanne Godeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Deptford, Wilts); Alicia Godessone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); Jone Godson, 1559 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Godsson, 1563 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Godson, 1563 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

**References:** *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 41.

3 English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)* + *sonne* 'good son' (Old English *gōd* + *sunu*). In the York Mystery Plays, *Gud sonne* 'good son' is a common term of address. Compare William Goodefader, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex). Some of the following early bearers may belong under (1) or (2). **Early bearers:** Ralph le Godesone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newtimber and Pyecombe, Sussex); Sarra Godesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Walderton, Sussex); William le Godesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worth, Sussex); Robert Goodson, 1377 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Herefs); Johannes Godesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Johannes Godeson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Allensmore, Herefs); Joana Godson, 1562 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Henry Godson, 1568 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Philipp Godson, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York).

4 Ghanaian: literal translation of Akan *Nyameba* 'son of God' (compare sense(2)), in the case of bearers of West African, e.g. Fante, origin.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–35, at p. 230.

### Godstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: locative name from Godstone (Surrey). **Early bearers:** Robertus Godeston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Minster Lovell, Oxon); John Godstone, 1397 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Godeston, citizen and mercer of London, alias John Godiston, merchant of London, alias John Godston of the county of Essex, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; Gosther Godstone, 1590 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

### Godward

**Variants:** **Goodworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey; Notts
- English: relationship name from the late Old English personal name *Godweard* (composed of the elements *god* 'god' or 'good' + *weard* 'protector'). **Early bearers:** Wlmarus filius Godwardi' 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Alicia Godward, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John Godward, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Gedney, Lincs); Walter Godeward, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Jonne Godward, 1563 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Godward, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Amos Godwarde, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Godwin

**Variants:** **Godwyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5035, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3872
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Gloucs, Wilts, and Hants; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway
- 1 English: relationship name from the common Old English personal name *Godwine*, a compound of *god* 'god' + *wine* 'friend, protector, lord', which survived the Conquest. Compare **Goodwin**, with which it has most probably been confused and under which some examples may belong. **Early bearers:** Ailmar filius Goduini, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ricardus filius Godwini, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Godwin', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk);

## Godwyn

Nicholas Godwyn, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John Gudwyn, 1388 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Godwin, 1568 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Nicholas Godwine, 1616 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name; on the evidence of these two forms, occasionally from an Old English female personal name \**Godwynn*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Godwynn, 1296 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Gudwen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Godwin, 1564 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Winefred Godwin, 1570 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Alice Godwin, 1573 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); John Godwin, 1579 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW).

### Godwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Godwin**.

### Goel

Variants: **Goyal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Bania) and Jain, based on the name of a clan in the Agarwal Bania community.

### Goff

Variants: **Goffe**, **Gough**, **Gove**, **Goves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2652, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1889
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: relationship name; if originally pronounced with a soft *G-*, this is from the Middle English personal name *Goff(e)*, *Joff(e)*, a short form of *Geoffrey* (see **Jeffrey**). Examples originally pronounced with a hard *G-* may belong under (2), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** Bertram Goffe, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Nicholas Goffe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Goffe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Goue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Goff, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Gof, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon and Northants); Thomas Gove, monk, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Ricardo Goff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eardisland, Herefs); Andrew Goffe, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Nonington, Kent); John Goeff, carpenter, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Polruan in Lanteglos, Cornwall); Thomas Goff, 1556 in *PROB 11* (London); John Gove, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Woodberry, Devon); John Goffe or Gough, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Merriott, Somerset); William Goff, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Wapping, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 94–5.

2 Breton: occupational name from Breton and Cornish *gof* 'smith'. Compare **Angove**.

**Further information:** Breton followers of William the Conqueror settled in many parts of England, especially in SW England, Lincs, and East Anglia.

3 Welsh, Cornish: nickname, variant of Welsh or Cornish *coch*, *goch* 'red(-haired)'; see **Gough**.

4 Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McGough**.

### Goffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Hants
- English: see **Goff**.

### Goffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 457
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Goffin*, a diminutive of **Goff**. Compare **Geffen**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Goffyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Gofyn, 1300 in *Patent Rolls*; David Goffyn, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Bedford, Beds); George Goffyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Maria Goffin, 1609 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Alexander Goffin, 1705 in *IGI* (Rollesby, Norfolk).

### Goforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname from the Middle English phrase *go fair* 'travel safely', later altered to *Goforth*, perhaps through confusion with **Garforth**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Gofair, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Gofayr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Hayling, Hants); William Goforth, 1584, Rich Gofar, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Howden, ER Yorks); Edward Goforth, 1662 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Gofton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. ER Yorks; Northumb

English: locative name from Gofton in Simonburn (Northumb), recorded as *Goffedene* in 1279.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Gofton, 1563 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Anthony Gofton, 1579 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Gofton, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Seamer, NR Yorks); Edwardi Gofton, 1604, Henricus Goftonn, 1615 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); John Gofton, 1604, Wm. Goften, 1609 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); William Gofton, 1609, Jerrett Goften, 1643 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); James Gofton, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 94–5.

### Gogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Irish: from **Mac Cogadháin**, see **Coogan**.

**Early bearers:** William Gogan, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Bernehele, Cork); Edmund Gogan, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3013 (Ballyadyne, Cork); Thomas Gogan (Fitz Edmund), gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3013 (Ballyadyne, Cork).

### Gogarty

Variants: **Gogerty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 20

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Louth, and Dublin

Irish: from **Mag Fhógartaigh** 'son of *Fógartach*', a personal name based on the word *fógartha* 'outlawed', compare **Fogarty**.

**Early bearers:** Ruaidhri mac Foghartaigh, lord of South Breagh, 1027 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Owen Gogerty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Girley, Meath); Mary Gogarty, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Stumpa, Louth); Henry Gogerty, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cruicetown, Meath).

### Gogerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin
- Irish: from **Mag Fhógartaigh**, see **Gogarty**.

### Gogger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name denoting a 'dweller in the swamp', from an agent derivative of Middle English *gogge* 'swamp'.

**Early bearers:** Petrus le Gogger, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimsby, Lincs); Walter le Goggar, 1277 in *Court Rolls* (Wilts); Peter le Gogger, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Ralph Goggere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John Gogger, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Lexden, Essex); Willelmus Goggere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Jacob Goger, 1665 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Goggin

Variants: **Goggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 649
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from **Mac Cogadháin**, see **Coogan**.

### Goggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 303
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Mayo

Irish: see **Goggin**

### Goggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; Surrey

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gogo*, with genitival *-s*. (ii) nickname; alternatively, the base could sometimes be from Middle English *gog(ge)* 'bog, swamp' (compare **Gogger**) or *gog(ge)* 'calf'; note Thomas le Gogge, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph Gog, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Gogge, 1275, William Gogge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Goges, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gogges, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Mary's, York); Willelmus Gogge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liston, Essex); Thomas Goggs, 1623 in *IGI* (Harpley, Norfolk); George Goggs, 1653 in *IGI* (Syderstone, Norfolk).

**Gogna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu, unexplained.

**Goh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 吳, see **Wu** (1). This pronunciation is found in E Guangdong province, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and other parts of SE Asia.
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 伍, possibly based on its Teochew or Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Wu** (2).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 高, possibly based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Gao** (1).
- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 葛, see **Ko** (2).

**Gohel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Gohil**.

**Gohery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Gothraidh ‘descendant of *Gothfrith*’, an Old Scandinavian personal name, often anglicized as **Godfrey**. Compare **McGorry**, **McCaffrey**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Gogherie O’Dalie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487. surnames: Mahown O’Goherye, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4535 (Limerick); Mahowne O’Gogherie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6504 (Tipperary); Rich. O’Goherie mcShane, labourer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Ballyvodyne, Limerick); James Godfrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon).

**Gohil**

Variants: **Gohel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1760, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

**Going**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: see **Gowing**
- 2 Irish: from Ó Gobhann, see **Gowan**.

**Goins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Cornwall
- 1 English: see **Gowings**.
- 2 Irish: from Ó Gobhann, see **Gowan**.

**Gok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 嶽, see **Yue** (1).

**Gokani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Gok-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

**Golay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Irish: from Gaelic Ó Gabhlaigh, see **Gooley**.

**Golborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Goulbourne**.

**Golbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

**Golby**

Variants: **Goldby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 545
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Northants

English: locative name from Gaulby (Leics). **Early bearers:** William Galby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William de Galby, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Epworth, Lincs); Alicia Golby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Street, Sussex); Roberto de Galby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Illston on the Hill, Leics); John Galby, 1430 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Goldby, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Agnes Golby, 1589 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Janne Gaulby, 1627 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); John Gouldby, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); John Golby, 1658 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); Johis Goldby, 1670 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Hester Golbey, 1769 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

**Gold**

Variants: **Gould, Goold, Golds, Goult**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2901, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1697
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks; Lanarks; Angus

1 English: relationship name from either the Old English masculine personal name *Golda* or the feminine personal name *Golde*. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Golde Bassat, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs). surnames, England: Hugo filius Goldæ, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Ralph filius Golde, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Walter Golde, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Ralph Golde, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Gulde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall*

*Accounts*; Willelmus Gold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecton, Northants); Walter Gold’, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Graveney, Kent); Thomas Gold, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thoms Gold, 1552 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); William Golde or Goulde, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London).

surnames, Scotland: Adam Gold, bailiff of Montrose, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alexr. Gold, 1637 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *go(u)ld* ‘gold’, probably for someone with fair hair.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Gold of Romeseye, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Romsey, Hants); Hamo le Gold, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas le Gold, 1327, John le Goulde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *go(u)ld* ‘gold’, presumably denoting a rich person.

**Early bearers:** Thomas withe Gold, 1220 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs).

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout or ornamental adoption from modern German *Gold*, Yiddish *gold* ‘gold’. It is often a reduced form of one of the many compound names formed with *Gold* as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Hyman Gold, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Israel Gold, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Gold, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Barnet Gold, grocer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

**Goldbart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): apparently from a nickname for someone with a ‘gold beard’, German *Gold + Bart*.

**Further information:** Reaney assumes that this in an English surname, suggesting an origin from the Middle English personal name *Goldbright* or *Goldbert* (Old English \**Goldbeorht*), attested in *Goldbrict’ de Dunewic*, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk). The surname of Richard Goldberd, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks), might derive from this name, but more likely it is a nickname ‘gold(en) beard’. Compare William Gulberde, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), and Richard Geldeberd, 1296, Odin Goldeberd, 1327, Othyn Guldebert (*sic* for Guldebert), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rodmell, Sussex), where the first part of the name is alternatively a reduced form of Middle English *gulden* and *gelden* (Old English *gylden*) ‘golden’. However, none of these native English surnames appear to have survived into modern times.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Goldbert, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Abraham Goldbert, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Aron Goldbart, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Barnett Goldbart, born in Plock (Poland), and Tauba Goldbart, born in Warsaw (Poland), in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

**Goldberg**

Variants: **Goldburg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1056, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and London

## Goldblatt

Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Gold* 'gold' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill', acquired by Jewish bearers as a locative name from any of the numerous places so named, or as an ornamental or handout name.

**Further information:** Although Goldberg is also found as a German locative name, evidence of its having been brought to Britain by German bearers is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Goldberg, 1847 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Simon Goldberg, pawnbroker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Louis Goldberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Levi Goldberg, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Leopold Goldberg, 1846 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Woolf Goldberg, 1859 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Jacob Goldberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Sunderland, Durham); Israel Goldberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Goldblatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name, composed of German *Gold* 'gold' + *Blatt* 'leaf'.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Goldblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Goodman Goldblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Julius Goldblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Lewis Goldblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Monmouths).

## Goldborough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Goldsbrough**.

## Goldbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

## Goldbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Goldsbrough**.

## Goldburg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably an anglicized spelling of the like-sounding family name **Goldberg**. **Early bearers:** Levi and Rachel Goldburgh, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Abraham and Leah Goldburgh, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Harris Goldburgh, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Emmanuel Goldburgh, born in London, in *Census 1911* (Prittlewell, Essex).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Goldburg* (Old English \**Goldburh*, composed of the elements *gold* 'gold' + *burh* 'fortress'). However, although this name appears to have survived into the modern period, the evidence is sparse, and the 17th-century example below may belong at **Goldsbrough**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Goldburg, about 1179 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Richard Goldburc, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Johanne Goldburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER

Yorks); Marie Goldburgh, 1609 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

## Goldby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Notts
- English: variant of **Golby**. The place-name was recorded as *Galdbye* in 1527: see *Place-Names of Leics* 4, p. 62.

## Golden

**Variants:** **Goulden, Gouldin, Goolden, Gulden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1640, Ireland 873
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1259
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gilden* or *golden* 'made of gold; golden in colour'. Compare Richard Guldenheved, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*. **Early bearers:** Walter Guldene, le Gelden', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Hilde Golden', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Alicia Golden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Reginaldus Goldene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Thomas Gulden', 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset, Dorset); Stephen Golden, 1541 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Amy Goolden, 1548 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Henry Goulden, 1610 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Petri Gouldin, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mag Ualghairg**, see **McGoldrick**.

**Early bearers:** Lady Jenet Goldyne, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1801 (Ballycutlane, Kildare); Mary Golden, 1714 in *IGI* (Dublin).

3 Irish: adopted for **Ó Gabhláin**, 'descendant of *Gabhlán*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *gabhal* 'fork'.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Golden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cong, Mayo); Edmund Golden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killummod, Roscommon), Patrick Golden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiladoon, Sligo); Hugh Golden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Estersnow, Roscommon).

## Goldenberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental or handout name, a compound of German *golden* 'golden' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill', or possibly in some instances a locative name from Goldenberg in Zurich (Switzerland).

**Early bearers:** Morris John Solomon and Rebecca Lucy Goldenberg, 1873 in *IGI* (Hull, ER Yorks); Abraham Goldenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Maurice Goldenberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Samuel Goldenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

## Golder

**Variants:** **Goulder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 813
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Kent; also Norfolk; Lanarks

1 English: relationship name from an Old English personal name \**Goldhere* (composed of elements meaning 'gold' + 'army'). Some of the early bearers below may belong at (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Henricus filius Golder, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John, Adam Golder(e), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Golder', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Golder, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Golder, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Thomas Goulder, 1562 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); Robert Golder, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Windsor, Berks).

2 English: locative name from Golder Manor (Oxon), recorded as Goldore in 1375, or topographic for someone who lived '(at the) bank where marigolds grow' (Old English *golde* + \**ōra*).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Goldore, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); Richard de la Goldore, 1295 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); William Goldoore, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts, Berks).

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *golder* 'gilder', an agent derivative of Middle English *gold*.

## Goldey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Goldie**.

## Goldfinch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from the bird, Middle English *goldfinch*, *golfinc*, *golfinge* 'goldfinch' (Old English *goldfinc*).

**Further information:** For possible senses of the nickname see McClure in *Nomina* 5 (1981), p. 99.

**Early bearers:** William Goldfing, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Goldfynch, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Philip le Goldfynch, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Goldfinch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Sussex); John Goldfinch, 1471 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Elham, Kent); Stephen GOLFYNCH, 1473 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Folkestone, Kent); Thomas Goldfinch, 1475 in *Kent Wills* (Wootton, Kent); John Goldfynshe, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Faversham, Kent).

## Goldfoot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): translation of the German family name **Goldfuss**, acquired by Jewish bearers as a nickname or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Goldfoot, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Crickhowell, Brecknocks); Sylvia Goldfoot, 1904 in *Merthyr Tydfil Jewish Burials*; Bella Goldfoot, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Willesden, Middx); George Goldfoot, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

## Goldhawk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: relationship name from the late Old English personal name *Goldh(e)afoc* 'gold hawk'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Goldhac, 1154–89, Goldhauek, 1212 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Goldhevek de Lond(on), 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).

surnames: Robert Goldhauek, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Swein Goldhauc, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Goldhauek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cocking, Sussex); John Goldhauk, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Edward Goldhawke, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Abraham Goldhawk, 1789 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts).

### Goldhill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 39

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably an anglicized form of **Goldberg**.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Goldhill, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint Botolph Aldgate, London); Max and Rebecca Goldhill, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx); Rachel and Charles Goldhill, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

2 English: locative name from any of several places so called, such as Gold Hill in Shoreham (Kent), Goldhill in Halam (Notts), Goldhill House in Hadlow (Kent), or Goldhill in Muggleswick (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Goldhull, burgess, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas de Goldhill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Crosland, WR Yorks); Thomas Goldhille, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Roger Goldhull, Goldhill, vicar, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts) Henry Goldhulle, 1386 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Gyles Goldhill, 1577 in *IGI* (Hinxhill, Kent).

### Goldicott

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: locative name from Goldicote House in Alderminster (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Goldocot', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Goldicott, 1709 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); John Goldicott, 1764 in *IGI* (Batsford, Gloucs).

2 English: alternatively, a variant of **Caldicott**.

### Goldie

**Variants:** **Goldey, Goldy, Gowdy, Goudie, Goudy, Gouly, Goodie**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2760, Ireland 26

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1862

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English and Older Scots personal name **Gold**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Goldy, 1567 in *Moray Register* (Moray, Morays); Gawain Gadie, 1576 in *Orkney and Zetland Oppressions* (Dunrossness, Shetland); Magge Goodie, 1577 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johne Goldie, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Gady, servitor to Magnus Loutfute of Fleck, 1603 in *Orkney-Shetland Records*; Robertt Gaudie, 1618 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Gayn Gadie, 1629 in *Scottish Antiquary*; Robert Gowdie, 1643 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Goudie, 1653 in *IGI* (Dalkeith,

Midlothian); Issabell Gowdy, 1649 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Alexander Goldy, 1698 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess); Edward Goldie, 1718 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers*; John Goodie, 1750 in *IGI* (Kilmaurs, Ayr).

England: Robert Goldy, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Tilney, Norfolk); Thomas Goldy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denver, Norfolk); Johanna Goldey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joanna Goddey, 1589 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); Anne Goldey, 1602 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Richard Gowdie, 1609 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Sarah Gowdy, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Wm. Goudy, 1762 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); William Goldy, 1805 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mag Ualghairg**, see **McGoldrick**.

### Golding

**Variants:** **Goulding, Goolding, Gelding**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 7373, Ireland 158

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5213

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Golding*, from a late, unattested Old English \**Golding*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Goldinc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Golding Aldred, before 1224 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx).

surnames: William Golding, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Golding, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); William Gulding, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Goldyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Green Hammerton, WR Yorks); Henrico Goldyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Lovell, Wilts); Robert Gooldyng, 1456 in *PROB 11*; Henry Goldinge, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Little Birch, Essex); Gabriell Gouldinge, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Clare, Suffolk).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mag Ualghairg**, see **McGoldrick**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Goldinge, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §153; Michael Goldinge, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §770 (Tartain); Edmund Gouldinge, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311; Jane Golding, 1703 in *IGI* (Dublin).

### Goldingay

• **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 54

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Goldney**.

### Goldingham

• **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 25

• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs

English: locative name from Goldingham Hall in Bulmer, or Goldingham Farm in Braintree (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Goldingham, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Alan de Goldingham, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Goldyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); John Goldyngham or Goldingham, 1422 in *PROB 11* (Belstead, Suffolk); Alexander Goldingam, 1595 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Mary Goldingam, 1679 in *IGI* (Aston,

Warwicks); Martha Goldingham, 1773 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

### Goldman

**Variants:** **Goldmann**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 380

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Golde* (see **Gold** (4)).

**Early bearers:** Hyman Goldman, glass cutter, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Plymouth, Devon); Gershon Goldman, 1855 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Aaron Goldman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Marks Goldman, slipper maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Simeon Goldman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Israel Goldman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Abraham Goldman, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Meyer Goldman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Levi Goldman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Goldman, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Ruben Goldmann, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Judah Goldman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

2 English: locative name from an Old English personal name *Goldmann*, first recorded on an Essex coin, about 1066.

**Early bearers:** Adam Goldeman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Goldman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Johannes Goldman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Maud Goldman, 1393 in *London Pleas*; Thomas Goldman, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robart Goldman, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Goldman, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); Emmanuel Goldmann, 1860 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

3 German: anglicized spelling of **Goldmann**.

### Goldmann

• **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2

German; Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Goldman**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Charles Goldmann, 1864 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); George Goldman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Henry Goldman, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks); August Goldmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lewisham, Kent); Margarete Charlotte Goldmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

### Goldney

**Variants:** **Goldingay**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 117

• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *golde(i)n*, *golding* 'golden' + *eye*, *eigh(e)* 'eye'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Goldeneghe, 1345 in *London Letter Books F*; Willelmo Goldeneye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); William Goldeney, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Chinnor, Oxon); Henry Goldney alias

## Goldrich

Farnewell, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Chippenham, Wilts); [...] Goldingay, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Aston, Warwicks); Alexander Goldney, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Over, Gloucs); Thomas Goldingay, 1621 in *IGI* (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks); Sarah Goldney, 1646 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Henrye Goldnye, 1656 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Edward Goldny, 1676 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Henry Goldney, 1723 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks).

## Goldrich

Variants: **Goldridge**, **Goldrick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Goldric* 'gold ruler'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Goldrich, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Golricus de Skegeness, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: William Goldrych, 1344 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); William Gildryche, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Wylliam Goldrege, 1544, Jhoan Goldridge, 1575 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Nicholas Gildredge, 1605, Thomas Gilrege, 1645 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); James Gildridge, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Eastbourne, Sussex); James Goldrick, 1746 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Goldrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim, and Cavan

1 Irish: from Mag Ualghair, see **McGoldrick**.  
2 English: see **Goldrich**.

## Goldridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

1 English: see **Goldrich**.  
2 Irish, English: from a reduced and reinterpreted form of Mag Ualghair, see **McGoldrick**.

## Goldring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, and Dorset

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gold* + *ring*(ge), presumably for someone wealthy enough to wear a gold ring. (ii) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Goldring*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Goldring, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Goldryng, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Hugh Goldryngge, 1376 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Johannes Goldryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); Ricardo Goldring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); John Goldryng, clerk, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston, IoW); Laurence Goldryng, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Willingham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Richard Goldring, 1565 in *IGI* (Stenigot, Lincs); John Goldringe, 1580 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); William Goldring, 1600 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); John Goldring, 1634 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Hants).

## Gold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Gold** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Alicia Goldes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Matil' Goldes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arreton, Hants); Robert Goldes, 1547 in *IGI* (Witnesham, Suffolk); Joane Goldes, 1597 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex).

## Goldsack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 German, English: nickname, probably from an anglicization of German **Goldsak**, brought by early Jewish or, more likely, German immigrants.
- Early bearers:** William Goldsack, 1668 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Petter Goldsacke, 1703 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent).

**References:** *Brechenmacher*.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Gold* 'gold' + *Sack* 'bag, sack', acquired by Jewish bearers as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Solomon Goldsack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Surrey); Israel Goldsack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Barnet Goldsack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Hannah Goldsack, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Goldsberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Goldsbrough**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Goldsborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Goldsbrough**.

## Goldsbrough

- Variants: **Goldsborough**, **Goldsberry**, **Goldsbury**, **Gouldsbury**, **Gouldesborough**, **Gouldsbrough**, **Goulsbra**, **Gooldsbury**, **Goldborough**, **Goldbrough**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 388
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: locative name from either of two places named Goldsbrough (NR Yorks and WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Goldsburc, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Goldesburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); Johanne Goldesburgh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hotham, ER Yorks); William Goldesburgh', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Joane Goldesborough, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Stratford, Middx); John Goldesburge or Goldisburge, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Gouldesburge or Goldesburge, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Little Shelford, Cambs); Elizabetha Goulsbrough, 1599, Thomas Gouldsbrough, 1632, John Goldbrough, 1761 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Goldsborough, Lawrence Goldesberry, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Goldsbury, 1691 in *IGI* (Norton, Norfolk); John Goldsbrow, 1784 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Goulsbrough, 1809, Elizabeth Goulsbra, 1822 in *IGI* (Great Smeaton, NR Yorks).

## Goldsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Goldsbrough**.

## Goldsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Gildesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Croxton, Leics); Matilda Gouldsby, 1595 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); William Goldsby, 1700 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Goldsby, 1726 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Ann Goulsby, 1749 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks).

## Goldsamid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *goldshmid*, German *Goldschmied* 'goldsmith'.

**Early bearers:** Albert Goldsmid, 1793 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Stamford Hill, Middx); Aaron Goldsmid, general merchant, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Lipman Goldsmith, pawnbroker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Ross, Herefs); Morris Goldsmith, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Samuel Goldsmith, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Shmuel Goldshmid, also Samuel Goldsmith (London), in *Jonava*.

## Goldsmith

Variants: **Gouldsmith**, **Goldsmid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6671, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, Sussex, and Surrey; Suffolk; also IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: occupational name for a goldsmith, Middle English *goldsmith*, Old English *goldsmið* 'goldsmith'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Goldsmiz, 1250 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Thomas Goldsmith, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John le Goldesmethe, 1309 in *London Letter Books* D; Radulfus Goldesmyth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Arnaldus Goldesmyth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Adam Goldsmyth', 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Arthur Goldesmyth or Goldesmith, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Goldsmith, 1619 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Wm Gouldsmythe, 1626 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of various cognate surnames, including in particular Jewish (Yiddish *Goldshmid*) and German (*Goldschmidt*), borne by immigrants and refugees from continental Europe. See also **Goldsmid**.

## Goldson

Variants: **Gouldson**, **Golson**, **Gulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Goldē* (m., f., see **Gold**).

**Early bearers:** John Goldesone, 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Goldeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Touston, WR Yorks); Peter Goldeson, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Peter Goldsone, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Goldson, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Goldsonne, 1571 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Elizabeth Goldson, 1576 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Margery Gouldson, 1630 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Jeffrey Goldson, 1663 in *IGI* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Tho. Gouldson, 1679 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire).

### Goldspink

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: nickname from a dialect term for the goldfinch (compare Old English *pinca* 'chaffinch'; see **Pink**); see **Goldfinch**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Goldspynk, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Lid Goldspink, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Barsham, Suffolk); Robert Goldspink, 1687 in *Parish Registers* (South Elmham Saint Peter, Suffolk); Hillary Goldspink, 1722 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Elizabeth Gouldspink, 1759 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Benjamin Goldspinek, 1755 in *IGI* (Billingford near Diss, Norfolk); Benjamin Goldspinck, 1775 in *IGI* (Roydon near Diss, Norfolk); Ann Goldsping, 1825 in *IGI* (Lakenham, Norfolk).

### Goldstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 874, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 612
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Gold* 'gold' + *Stein* 'stone', acquired by Jewish bearers as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Goldstein, 1809 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Harris Goldstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Joseph Goldstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Stroud, Gloucs); David Goldstein, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Goldstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Canterbury, Kent); Deborah Goldstein, 1899 in *IGI* (West Bar Synagogue, Sheffield, WR Yorks); Marks Goldstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

2 German: relationship name, nickname from a medieval personal name or nickname from Middle High German, Middle Low German *golste(i)n* 'gold stone', 'precious stone' (probably chrysolite or topaz, which was used as a testing stone by alchemists).

**Early bearers:** George Goldstein, born in Danzig, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Martin Goldstein, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Franz Goldstein, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Goldston

**Variants:** Goldstone, Gouldstone, Goulstone, Goulston, Gulston, Golston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London

1 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Goldstān*. Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Goldstan, Golstan, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent, Essex).

surnames: Wulfric filius Goldston, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard Golstan, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Robert Goldstan, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Walter Goldstan, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Goldstone, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; John Goldson', 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Totteridge, Herts); Thomas Golston, Golson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Goulstone, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Alicia Gulston, 1600 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); James Gouldstone, 1623 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); John and Mary Goldson, Goldston, 1795, 1798 in *Parish Registers* (Horringer, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Goldstone (Kent), earlier *Goldstaneston*, or Goldstone (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Goldeston, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); John de Goldeston, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ambrose Golson, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Goldstone**.

### Goldstone

**Variants:** Goldston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Lancs

1 English: see **Goldston**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Goldstein**.

**Early bearers:** Philip Goldstone, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Abraham Goldston, 1860 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); Nathan Goldstone, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Harris Goldstone, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); David Goldstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Jacob Goldstone, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Louis Goldstone, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Nottingham, Notts); Sarah Goldstone, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Hyman Goldstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Dalton, WR Yorks); Isaac Goldstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Edgbaston, Worcs); Rose Goldstone, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Goldstraw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name, perhaps from a metathesized and reinterpreted form of Gladestry, the English name of Llanfair Llythynwg (Radnors).

**Early bearers:** Martha Goldstraw, 1738 in *Parish Registers* (Bosley, Cheshire); Benjamin Gouldstraw, 1782 in *IGI* (Grindon, Staffs); Aaron Goldstraw, 1788 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Isaac Goldstraw, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Sawley, Derbys); William Goldstrew, 1845 in *IGI* (Oakamoor, Staffs); Danl. Goldstrow, 1855 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Goldswain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: occupational name from the Middle English personal name **Gold** + the genitival suffix *-es* + *swein(e)*, *swain(ne)* 'attendant, squire, retainer, servant', signifying the 'attendant of a man called *Gold*'. Compare **Goodswen**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Goldeswayne, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (East Greenwich, Kent); Rychard Goldswayne, 1577 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); John Goldswain, 1727 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); James Goldswaine, 1772 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks).

### Goldsworthy

**Variants:** Goldworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1495, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset

English: locative name from Goldworthy in Parkham (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Goldsworthy, 1618 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Adam Gouldsworthy, 1641 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Thomas Gooldsworthey, 1669, Charles Goldsworthy, 1696 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Daniell Goldworthy, 1700 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); John Goldsworthy, 1703 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall); John Goldworthy, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes near Truro, Cornwall).

### Goldthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 455
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Goldthorpe**.

### Goldthorpe

**Variants:** Goldthorp, Gouldthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1124, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 720
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Goldthorpe (WR Yorks), also recorded as *Go(u)lthorp* in the 13th century (*Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 83–4).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Goldtorp, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Gollthorp', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grindale, ER Yorks); Thomas Goldethorpe, 1463 in *York Registry Wills* (Shipley, WR Yorks); John Goldthorpe, rector, 1504 in *York Registry Wills* (Barmbrough, WR Yorks); Thome Goldthorpe, 1541, James Golthorp, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); William Goulthorpe, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Peter Gouldthorp or Gouldthorpe, 1590 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Goldup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gold* 'gold' + *hop(p)e* 'trust, confidence', with various interpretations possible. (ii) locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from Middle English *golde* 'marigold, marsh marigold' + *hop(p)e* 'enclosure in marshy land, remote enclosed place'.

**Further information:** There was a place called *Goldhap* in Haverford (Pembrokes), mentioned in 1422 in *Patent Rolls*, but there is no evidence to suggest that this is the source of the surname.



## Goldwasser

**Early bearers:** Johanne Goldhope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hampstead Norris, Berks); Thomas Goldhop', clerk, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks, Oxon, and Wilts); Robert Goldhoppe, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Chideock, Dorset); Johis Goldhope, 1623 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Anne Goldup, 1624 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); John Goldup, 1684 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Henry Goldap, 1733 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent).

### Goldwasser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Goldwater**.

### Goldwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Goldwasser**, from German *Gold* 'gold' + *Wasser* 'water', acquired by Jewish bearers as an ornamental or handout name. **Early bearers:** Joseph Goldwater, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Saint Botolph, Aldgate, London); Mark Goldwater, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Birmingham, Middx); Myers Goldwater, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Barnett Goldwasser, Morris Goldwasser, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harriss Goldwater, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abraham Goldwater, boot maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Harris Goldwasser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Isaac Goldwasser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Rachel Goldwater, born in Golen, Poland, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx); Simon Goldwater, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Isaac Goldwater, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1911* (Broughton, Lancs); Leah Goldwater, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Goldwell

**Variants:** Gulwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Yorks

1 English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *golde* '(marsh) marigold' + *wel(le)* 'stream, water source', such as Goldwells in Horndon on the Hill (Essex) or Goldwell Farm in Charlton Abbots (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** William de Goldewell, 1251 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford, Oxon); John de Goldewell, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Canewdon, Essex); [...] Goldewelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes Goldwelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); John Goldwelle, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Bethersden, Kent); Nicholas Goldewell, 1478 in *Paston Letters*; William Goldewell', 1507 in *Patent Rolls* (Ospringe, Kent); John Goldewell or Gouldewell, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Bexley, Kent).  
2 English: variant of **Coldwell** (see **Caldwell**) with voiced initial consonant. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in Holmfirth, WR Yorks, Nicholas Coldwell (1664 in *Parish Registers*) is probably identical with Nicholas Gouldwell (1664 in *Hearth Tax*). **Early bearers:** Roger Goldwell, 1517 in *York Registry Wills* (Skeckling, ER Yorks); John Goldwell, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Burstwick, ER Yorks).

### Goldwin

**Variants:** Goldwyn, Gulvin, Golvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Goldwin* (Old English *Goldwine*). See also **Juden**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Golduinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Goldewinus, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk).

surnames: William Goldwyn, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Goldwyne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Magota Goldewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Johannes Goldwin', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Etheldreda Goldwyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); William Goldewyn, 1480 in *PROB 11*; John Goldwyn, 1552, John Goldwin, 1592 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Tho. Goldwine, 1596, John Goldwine, 1609, Edw. Goldwin, 1634 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Elizabeth Gulvin, 1662, Martha Gulwyn, 1756 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Thomas Goldwyn, 1711 in *IGI* (Cowley, Middx); Samuel Gulvin, 1729 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent).

### Goldworthy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; NW England

English: see **Goldsworthy**.

### Goldwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Goldwin**.

### Goldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Goldie**.

### Golesworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey
- English: see **Galsworthy**.

### Goley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: from Gaelic Ó Gabhlaigh, see **Gooley**.

### Golf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

Norman, English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *go(u)lf, gulf* 'abyss, deep cavity; belly', Old French *golf*, hence a topographic name for someone who lived by an abyss or a nickname for someone with a fat belly. The examples in the last group could belong to either sense. **Early bearers:** Robert Golf, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Walter le Golf, 1252 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Ralph del

Golf, Bernard del Golf, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Alexander Gulf, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Stortford, Herts); Lucia Golf, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk); William Golfe, 1622 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent); John Golfe, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Golph, 1681 in *IGI* (Hanley William, Worcs); Richard Goulf, 1694 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mary Golf, 1700 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

### Goligher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from Ó Gallchobhair, see **Gallagher**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Goligher, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (New Accrington, Lancs); Peter Goligher, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Wednesbury, Staffs); James Goligher, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Saint George, York); John Goligher, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham).

### Golightly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 665
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: nickname from Middle English *go* (imperative singular of *gon* 'to walk, go') + *lightli* 'nimble, without difficulty' and hence 'go lightly', probably used for a messenger.

**Early bearers:** Rannulf Golictli, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cams); Adam Golictli, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Howe Golichtly, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Golightly of Stretton en le Clay, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Adam Golyghly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Earsdon with Tritlington, Northumb); Christopher Golightly, 1577 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Margaret Golightlie, 1579 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Thomas Golightley, 1655, John Angus Golighthy, 1856 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

2 Scottish, English: altered form of Scottish **Galletly**.

### Goll

**Variants:** Golle, Goul, Gulle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *golle, gole, goul, gulle* 'unfledged bird; silly individual'. There is occasional confusion between this name and **Gull**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Golle, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Gol, 1327 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas Gole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Radulphus Golle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Johannes Gulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Nicholaus Goule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); Margareta Goll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashen, Essex); John Golle, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Goll, 1575 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); John Golle, 1587 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name, possibly in some instances from the Middle English female personal name *Golla*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Golla filia Ulf, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).



**Gollan**

Variants: **Gollon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty, Inverness

1 Scottish: locative name from Golland (Kinross).

There may have been some confusion with **Gullen**.

**Early bearers:** William Gollan, bailie of Linlithgow, 1359 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John Gollane, 1437 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Tullibody, Clackmannans); Gilbert Gollan, burgess of Inverness, 1536 in *Inverness Records*; Margaret Gollan, 1674 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Ann Gollon, 1761 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

2 Norman, Scottish: see **Jolin**.

**Golland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

Norman, English: variant of **Jolin** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Jolland**.

**Golle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Goll**.

**Golledge**

Variants: **Gullidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Wilts; Monmouths

English: probably a variant of **Colledge** (from Colwich, Staffs), as indicated by the co-occurrence of John Colledge, 1561, William Colledge, 1576, William Golledge, 1578 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Edward Golledge, 1594, Stephen Colledge, 1600 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts). Compare Richard Colewich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Badminton, Gloucs), which suggests that the surname could have migrated to Wilts and Somerset from Gloucs.

**Further information:** Waltero Golleygh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts), looks like a potential early bearer but his name's origin is obscure and he may be irrelevant to the explanation of *Golledge*. Wilson derives *Golledge* from Middle English, Old French *galoche, galogé*, denoting a shoe with a wooden sole and leather thongs. Such a name is apparently attested in Godfrey Galoch, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs) and possibly in Richard Golache, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs), though the reversing of the vowels is not recorded in the word. The evidence seems too slender to safely connect this word with the Somerset and Wilts surname.

**Early bearers:** William Colledge, 1576, William Golledge, 1578, James Golegge, 1610, John Golledge, 1644 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Joane Golledge, 1585 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Stephen Golledge, 1599 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset); Gratia Gollege, 1600 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Gullidge, 1787 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset).

**Golley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Gully**.

**Gollin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Jolin**.

**Gollings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs; Warwicks

English: see **Gollins**, **Jolin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gollins, 1616 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Edward Gollings, 1619 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); William Gollins, 1621 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); William Gollings, 1659 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset).

**Gollins**

Variants: **Gollings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Shrops; Lincs

English: variant of **Jolin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Gollogly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from Mac an Ghallógláigh, see **Gallogly**.

**Gollon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays

Scottish: see **Gollan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Gollop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; London

English: see **Gallop**.

**Golly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Gully**.

**Golphin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; also Cumb

Unexplained.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Elinor Golfin, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Anne Golfin, 1719, Joseph Golphin, 1735 in *IGI* (Thorverton, Devon); Daniel Golfin, 1732 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Mary Golphin, 1733 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Joseph Golphin, 1798 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

**Golson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Goldson**.

**Golston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlothian
- English: see **Goldston**.

**Golsworthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Galsworthy**.

**Golt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Goult**.

**Golton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Hants

1 English: locative name from Goulton (in Whorlton, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Gouton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seamer, NR Yorks); John de Goweton, 1409 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Christopher Golton, 1549 in *York Registry Wills* (Hutton Rudby, NR Yorks); Issabell Golton, 1666 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Samuelis Golton, 1675 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Issabel Golton, 1693 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 176.

2 English: see **Galton**.

**Early bearers:** John Golton, 1744 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**Golvin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of **Goldwin**.

**Goman**

Variants: **Goaman**, **Gommon**, **Gowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon and Somerset; also Guernsey

English: relationship name, perhaps from an unattested Old English personal name \**Gumman*.

**Further information:** The Old English name element *guma* 'man' was rare but is attested in the name *Gumweald*: see *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 124.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gomanus sutor, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: John filius Goman, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Alan Gomman, 1202–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Goman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Gommen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Guman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burwell, Hants); Johanne Goman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Johanne Goman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wellsborough, Leics); Robert Goman, 1428 in

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*Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard Gowman, 1534 in *PROB 11* (London); Jhon Goaman, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anstice Gowman, 1596 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Goman, 1600 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Thomas Goman, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Prudence Gomman, 1759 in *IGI* (Poundstock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Goman, 1732, Thomas Goeman, 1776 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Philip Gommon, 1821 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Gomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan; Kent  
English: see **Gummer**.

### Gomersal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: see **Gomersall**.

### Gomersall

Variants: **Gomersal, Gummersall, Gumersall, Gummerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 728
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: locative name from Gomersal (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Gumersale, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Gommersal, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus de Gomersall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Johannes Gomersale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); Hugh de Gomersall, 1382 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Thomas Gommersall, 1559 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Richarde Gomersall, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Moses Gomersal, 1699 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Edwd. Gommershall, 1739 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thomas Gummersall signs as Gumerson, 1765 in *WR Yorks Surnames*; Daniel Gummersil, 1797 in *IGI* (Rawdon, WR Yorks).

### Gomery

Variants: **Gummery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herefs  
English: late variant of **Montgomery**, with loss of the initial element.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Gomerye, 1564 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Sibill Gomerye, 1582 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Charles Gomery, 1620 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Elizabeth Gomery, 1644 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Richard Gumry, 1655 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Henry Gumery, 1655, John Gomery, 1663 in *IGI* (Rochford, Worcs); Margaret Gummery, 1713 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Michael Gomrey, 1737 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Gommery, 1795 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex).

### Gomes

Variants: **Gumbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2412, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs

1 Portuguese: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Gomes*, probably Visigothic in origin, from *guma* ‘man’ (compare **Gomm**).

**Further information:** This name is also common in former Portuguese territories, notably the west coast of India.

**Early bearers:** Domingos Gomes, 1755 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Jose Gomes, born in Vizen, Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Ardwick, Lancs); Antonio Francisco Gomes, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Norwood, Middx); Stephen Gomes, born in Cape Verde Islands, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Candid Gomes, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); John Joseph Gomes, born in Saint John’s, Antigua, in *Census 1911* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Bernard Gomes, born in Aporto, Portugal, in *Census 1911* (Sculcoates, WR Yorks); Bissanly James Henry Gomes, born in Bengal, in *Census 1911* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Antonio Gomes, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Salvador Gomes, born in Goa, in *Census 1911* (Thurrock, Essex).

2 English: variant of **Gomm** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. The 1327 example may have named the servant of a man surnamed *Gume*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Gumes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Augustyne Goomes, 1563 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Charles Gomes, 1586 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Goms, 1705 in *IGI* (Aisholt, Somerset); William Gumes, 1819 in *IGI* (Abbots Ripton, Hunts).

### Gomez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2105, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish: relationship name (**Gómez**), from a medieval personal name, probably of Visigothic origin, from *guma* ‘man’. In some cases this may be a respelling of the Portuguese cognate **Gomes**.

**Early bearers:** Gabriel Isidore Gomez, 1825 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Gomez, 1837 in *IGI* (Edge Hill, Lancs); Roberto Gomez, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Pedro Gomez, born in Cadiz, Spain, in *Census 1881* (Standon, Herts); Francis Gomez, born in Barcelona, Spain, in *Census 1911* (Sunderland, Durham); Manuel Gomez, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx); Ignacio Gomez, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1911* (East Ham, Essex); Jesus Gomez, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Partington, Cheshire).

### Gomm

Variants: **Gomme, Gomes, Goom, Gum, Gumm, Gumb, Gumbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1094, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *gome*, *gom(me)*, *gum(e)* ‘man’ (Old English *guma*).

**Early bearers:** Simon Gomme, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Henry le Gome, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Gom, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Gomme, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John (le) Goom, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Thoma Gom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); William Gom, John Gom, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Henry Gumbe, 1585 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Alice Gome, 1600 in *PROB 11*

(Conington, Cambs); Wybra Goome, 1627 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); Thomas Gumme, 1648 in *IGI* (Manfield, NR Yorks).

### Gomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon  
English: see **Gomm**.

### Gommo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Gloucs  
Cornish: see **Gummow**.

### Gommon

Variants: **Goaman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London  
English: see **Goman**.

### Goncalves

Variants: **Gonsalves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1383, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese: relationship name (**Gonçalves**), patronymic from the personal name *Gonçalo*, of Visigothic origin.

**Early bearers:** Baltazar Gonsalves, 1588 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon), probably identical with Barthoser Gonsalvis, 1594 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Gonsalvus, 1592 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Jerymie Gonsalvis, 1594 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joseph Gonsalves, 1840 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Gondal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab, northern states): (i) Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan. (ii) Hindu (Banias), based on the name of an Agarwal Banias clan.

### Gong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 江, see **Kong** (1).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 龔, 鞏, 宮, 公, 弓, and 貢, see **Kong** (3–8).

### Goni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: variant of **Ghani**.

### Gonnella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Italian: nickname from Italian *gonnella* ‘tunic, cloak, mantle’, probably used to denote a maker or a habitual wearer of such garments.

**Early bearers:** Louis Gonnella, 1861 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Antonio Gonnella, born in Lucca, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Chester, Cheshire); Emico Gonnella, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Luis Gonnella, in *Census 1881* (Forfar, Angus); Pietro

Gonella, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Bristol, Gloucs); Palmiro Gonnella, 1891 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Giovanni Gonnella, in *Census 1891* (Hutchesontown, Lanarks); Francesco Gonnella, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Brighton, Sussex); Raffaello Gonnella, in *Census 1911* (Portsmouth, Hants); Adelno Gonnella, born in Bargo, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Millom, Cumb); Giovanni Gonnella, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Gonsalves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Portuguese: see **Goncalves**.

### Gonzales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Spanish : relationship name, see **Gonzalez**.

### Gonzalez

**Variants:** **Gonzales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2055, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Spanish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Gonzalo*, which is of Germanic origin, probably from a word meaning 'battle'. **Early bearers:** Fernando Gonzalez, in *Census 1841* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Gonzalez, in *Census 1871* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Ceazar Gonzalez, born in Argentina, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Juan Gonzales, born in Mexico, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Augustin Gonzalez, born in Argentina, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx); Ricardo Gonzalez, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Coulsdon, Surrey); George Gonzalez, born in Santiago, Spain, in *Census 1911* (Pendleton, Lancs); Cristobal Gonzalez, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham).

### Gooby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: probably a variant of **Goadby**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Goobie, 1659 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Jeremiah Gooby, 1663, Philip Goodyby, 1680 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Goobey, 1787 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs).

### Gooch

**Variants:** **Gouch, Googe, Goodge, Goudge, Gouge, Gudge, Gutch, Cooch, Couch, Couche, Gotch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3867, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2610
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

1 English: (i) relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Goche* (also found as *Joche*). It was current in the King's Lynn area from the early 12th to the early 13th century as a variant of Anglo-Norman French *Go(s)ce, Jo(s)ce*, a pet form of Old French *Goscelin*. Compare *Jocel* 'de flet, 12th cent. in *Castle Acre Cartulary*, identical with *Iosce de Flet*, 1183–5, who was father of *Ricardum filium Iosce*, 1162–4 in *Lincoln Episcopal Acta* (Fleet, Lincs, near King's Lynn). See also **Goss** and **Joslin**. (ii) nickname from Anglo-Norman French \**gouge* (Latin *gōbiō*), the nominative form of Old French *goujon* (Latin *gōbiōnem*) 'gudgeon', perhaps a name

for a gullible person. Compare **Gudgeon**. This is not a likely source of the personal name, which is the prime candidate as the source of the E Anglian surname.

**Further information:** The derivation in Reaney and Wilson from Welsh *goch* 'red(-haired)' is implausible for the E Anglian surname. The vowel in the later Middle English and Modern English spellings *Gouch(e)*, *Gooch(e)*, *Gocche*, *Guch*, *Gugge*, and *Gotche* shows an East Anglian dialectal development to Middle English close /o:/, which was sometimes shortened to /u/ or became /u:/ in Modern English, as in the modern pronunciations of **Gooch** and its variants. The final consonant sometimes becomes voiced, e.g. in Middle English *Goge*, *Gugge*, and Modern English *Goodge*.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Gothe* (perhaps an error for *Goche*) *fabrum* ('smith'), 1136–43, 1150–3, identical with *Goge fabrum*, 1152–73, *Goche fabrum*, 1152–73, 1192–3 in *Stoke by Clare Cartulary* (Crimpleham, Norfolk); *Goche*, 1165–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); *Goche* 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Potter Heigham, Norfolk); *Goche Bulehert*, 1190, *Goche West*, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); *Goche palmarus*, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); *Goch de Len*, about 1210–20 in *West Dereham Cartulary*, (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Robert son of *Gotcche*, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs).

sumames: *Willelmus filius Goci*, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); *Wluardi filii Gochi*, 25–35 in *Eye Priory Cartulary* (Playford, Suffolk); *Radulfo filio Goche* [also *filio Coche*], about 1146–50 in *Norwich Cathedral Priory Charters* (Norfolk); *Hugo filius Gochi*, 1165–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); *Ricardum filium Iosce*, son of *Iosce de Flet*, 1162–4 in *Lincoln Episcopal Acta* (Fleet, Lincs, near King's Lynn); *Hugo filius Goche de Lenn*, identical with *Hugo filius Goce*, early 13th cent. in *Walsingham Cartulary* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); *Willelmi filii Goche de Trowse*, 1235–57 in *Norwich Cathedral Priory Charters* (Trowse, Norfolk); *Alano Gouche*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clopton, Suffolk);

*Gilberto Gooche*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Withersfield, Suffolk); *Manser Guche*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); *Basilio Gocche*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mendham cum Metfield, Suffolk); *John Guch*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Writtle, Essex); *William Gugge*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Liston, Essex); *Robert Joce*, *John Goche*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatfield Peverel, Essex); *John Gooch*, 1374 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); *Rogerus Gotche*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); *William Gotche*, 1483 in *Suffolk Release* (Knettishall); *Thomas Goche*, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); *Nicholas Gooche*, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Metfield, Suffolk); *Thomas Googe*, 1557 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); *Arthur Gooche*, 1593 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk); *Bridget Goodge*, 1603 in *IGI* (Sutton, Norfolk); *John Gooch*, 1613 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); *Edward Gouche*, 1602, *Thomas Gooch*, 1604 in *IGI* (Heddingham Castle, Essex).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 131–2; Keith Briggs, 'The surname Gooch and the name *Goche*', *Notes and Queries*, 57.4 (2010), pp. 492–5; Richard Coates 'The surname(s) Gooch, Gutch, Goodge, Goudge', *Notes and Queries*, 56.3 (2009), pp. 347–9.

2 Welsh: (i) nickname in SW and W England, possibly an anglicization of Welsh *coch*, *goch* 'red(-haired)', though the sound change is irregular. Compare **Gough**. Migration of Welshmen to SW England may partly account for the appearance

there of *Gooch* and its variants, and their seeming interchangeability with **Couch** and **Cooch**. (ii) nickname: in SW and W England, perhaps a variant of **Couch** (1), with voicing of the initial consonant.

**Further information:** The anglicization of Welsh *Goch*, pronounced /go:χ/, to English *Gooch*, pronounced /gu:tʃ/, has puzzled scholars. Welsh *-ch*, like Middle English *-gh*, represents the voiceless velar fricative /χ/, as in Welsh *bach* 'little'. By the early 16th century, the English had problems pronouncing /χ/, for which they usually substituted /f/ in words like *cough*. Welsh *Goch* was therefore normally anglicized to **Gough**, pronounced /gɒf/. The alternative substitution of /tʃ/ (the final sound in the word *such*) to produce *Gooch* is unexpected, but it is paralleled in *Batch*, *Beach*, and *Beech* as anglicized forms of Welsh *Bach*, alongside the more usual **Baugh**. One theory is that the English re-interpreted the pronunciation of the Welsh spelling *-ch*. That does not explain why the vowels in *Gooch*, *Beach*, and *Beech* are also different from their Welsh originals. A more likely explanation is that the Welsh names were being roughly equated with unrelated but similar-sounding English ones.

**Early bearers:** *Johanna Gouche*, 1558 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); *Tho[mas] Goych*, 1575 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); *Theodose Gouch*, 1603 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shropshire); *Samuell Gouche*, 1625 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); *Richard Gouch*, 1628 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shropshire); *Marget Gouch*, 1711 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall, Cornwall).

**References:** *Morgan*, at *bach*, *coch*.

### Good

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4330, Ireland 498
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3711
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Goode**.

### Gooda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Gooder**.

### Goodacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts

1 English: locative name from Middle English *god(e)*, *gu(o)d* 'good' + *aker* 'piece of arable land, field', for someone who lived by or owned a notably productive piece of land.

**Early bearers:** *Richa. Goodacre*, 1580 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); *John Goodaker*, 1602 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); *Thomasine Goodakers*, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); *Joseph Goodacre*, 1670 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics).

2 English: locative name, possibly from Goodacre in Bridestowe (Devon), recorded as *Gotaker* in 1249 (see *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 180), or from some other place similarly named from Middle English *got(e)*, *gat(te)* 'goat' + *aker* 'field'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] *Gotaker*, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); *Thomas de Gatacre*, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); *Thomas Gatacre*, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops).

## Goodair

### Goodair

#### Variants: Gooder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gu(o)d* 'good' + *heir(e)*, (*h*)*air(e)* 'heir'.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that this name was at times confused with, and perhaps even interchangeable with, **Goodall** and **Goodyear**.

**Early bearers:** John Godayre, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Eva Godayr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Henry Goodere, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Polesworth, Warwick); William Goodare, 1651 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Grace Goodaire, 1658, Thomas Goodair, 1668 in *IGI* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Mary Goodaere, 1710 in *IGI* (Leire, Leics); James Goodayre, 1724 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Goodale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia

English: see **Goodall**.

### Goodall

#### Variants: Goodhall, Goodale, Goodayle, Goodell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8851, Ireland 219
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6392
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks; N Midlands; Hants and Berks; also E Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: nickname 'good ale', from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *ale*, *ail(e)* 'ale'. It was possibly sometimes given to a taverner but more usually perhaps to an ale taster, as *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows, citing Robert Godale, ale taster, 1332 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Horbury, WR Yorks). Compare **Drinkall**, which may have had a similar application. *Redmonds* also provides evidence that in WR Yorks the name was confused with **Goodair** and **Goodyear** from an early date.

**Further information:** An ale taster was a manorial or borough court official appointed to regulate the quality of ale sold by taverners and ale wives, especially to prevent the sale of sour or watered-down ale.

**Early bearers:** England: Toka Godala, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Godhal', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William Godale, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Johannes Goodale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Godale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Davington, Kent); Simon Godale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blakesley with members, Northants); Johannes Godale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, Leics); Alanus Godeale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Slaitwaite, WR Yorks); Ricardo Godale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johanne Gudhall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks); Johannes Godale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Johannes Godhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Johannes Godhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corsham, Wilts); Ricardus Gudale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ferry Fryston, WR Yorks); Johannes Godhalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus

Godhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sefton, Lancs); Adam Godeale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Binweston, Shrops); Johannes Godhall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hawstead, Suffolk); Richard Godale, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Goodeall, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Burrington, Herefs); Dennis Goodale, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Margaret Goodall, 1542 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Elizabeth Goodall, 1544 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Ursula Goodall, 1551 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Richard Goodale, 1558 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Johis Goodall, 1563 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Johes. Goodall, 1566 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Jone Goodall, 1584 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Alice Goodall, 1587 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Edmnd Goodall, 1589 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); John Goodall, 1592 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Elizabeth Goodayle, 1593 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mary Goodhall, 1621 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Bennet Goodall, 1641 in *IGI* (Darlton, Notts); Beatrix Goodhall, 1688 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

Scotland: William Guidell, 1598 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); William Gudeale, 1604 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Laurence Goodell, 1618 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Guidaill, 1657 in *Retours, Scotland* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Elspet Guiddall, 1662 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Goodell, 1666 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus); Andrew Goodall, 1726 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Sibilla Goodayle, 1732 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); John Goodhall, 1765 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian).

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from from Gowdall, near Snaith (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Goldal, 1369, John de Goldale, 1438 in *Yorks Deeds* (Gowdall, WR Yorks); Mary Goodall, 1769 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Goodanew

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Goodenough**.

### Goodard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Warwicks

English: see **Goddard**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Goodard, 1614 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Goodard, 1618 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Richard Goodard, 1622 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Wittim Goodard, 1651 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks).

### Goody

#### Variants: Gooday, Goodenday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Suffolk

English: see **Goodey**.

### Goodyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Goodall**.

### Goodban

#### Variants: Goodband, Goodburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *barn* 'child'. Compare **Goodchild**.

**Early bearers:** William Godbarn, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Gudbarn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Robert Godebarn, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Haxby, NR Yorks); Christopher Goodbarn, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Godmersham, Kent); Elizabeth Goodbarne, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Goodbarne, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Foston, Lincs); Edward Goodban, 1673 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Goodband, 1727 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent).

### Goodband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: variant of **Goodban** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Chadband**, **Osband**, **Rathband**, and **Tichband**.

### Goodbehere

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys
- English: see **Godber**.

### Goodbody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Meath
- English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *bodi*, *boddy*, *bode* 'body, person' (Old English *gōd*, *bodig*), used as a courteous term of address, and also in a literal sense equivalent to French *Beaucorps* and to *Goodman*.

**Further information:** A Quaker family of this name went from Yorks to King's county [Offaly] in Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard Godbodi, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Godbody, 1308 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Goodbody, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, Suffolk); Simon Godebodi, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Goodbody alias Goodman, 1468 in *Ewen, History* (Norfolk); John Goodbodye, 1553 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds).

### Goodbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Goodburn**.

### Goodboy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* + *boie* 'good boy, servant'.

**Early bearers:** William Godeboie, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Bonus Puer, 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Robert Godeboye, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Godeboye, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Fordington, Dorset); Thomas Goodboy, 1394 in

*Patent Rolls* (Bray, (?)Berks); Tho. Goodboye, 1551 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Anne Goodboye, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

### Goodbrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs

Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Guðbrand*.

**Early bearers:** James Goodbrang, 1716 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Jean Goodbrant, 1766 in *IGI* (Keith, Banffs); George Goodbrand, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

### Goodburn

Variants: **Goodbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: probably a variant of **Goodban** (see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*), with the second element reinterpreted as Middle English *bourne(e)* 'stream, watercourse'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Godborne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kesteven, Lincs); Robt Goodburne, 1572 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); William Goodborne, 1598 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); George Goodburn, 1655 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Eliz Goodbun, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Jane Goodbon, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); George Goodborn, 1670 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); John Godborn, 1694 in *IGI* (Morton, Derbys); Tho Godbourn, 1717 in *IGI* (Marnham, Notts); Robert Godbourne, 1732 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

### Goodby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs; WR Yorks

English: see **Goadby**.

### Goodchap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *chep(e)* 'barter, price', used to denote a state of the market advantageous for the purchaser, when prices were low, and hence 'someone who gives a good bargain', or perhaps from a vendor's cry.

**Early bearers:** Walter Godchep, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Gudchep, 1236, Hamo Godchape, 1315 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Alicia Godchep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Willelmus Godechep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warkton, Northants); Richard Godechepe, 1446 in *Patent Rolls* (Old Jewry, London); Elizabeth Goodcheap, 1565 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Elinor Goodcheape, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Chadshunt, Warwicks); Joseph Goodcheap, 1729, Phillip Goodchip, 1774 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Irene Eliza Goodchap, 1825 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Goodchild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3863, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2906

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *god*, *guid* 'good' + *c(h)ild* 'child' (Old English *gōd* + *cild*). Compare **Goodban**. The first example suggests that the source may occasionally be 'godchild'.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Goddechil'd, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Robert Godchild, 1237 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Bonus Puer, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Richard Godechild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Gilbert Goodchilde, 1366 in *London Letter Books G*; Henrico Gudchild, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Godechylde, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Goodchyl'd, 1587 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); Jane Goodchild, 1598 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Goodyay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex
- English: see **Gooday**.

### Goody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Goodey**.

### Goode

Variants: **Good, Goad, Goude, Gude, Gudd, Le Good, Legood, Leegood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5467, Ireland 294
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Galway and Roscommon

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gode*, Old English *gōd* 'good'. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gode*, representing either Old English *Goda* (male) or *Gode* (female), or perhaps a pet form of Old French names in *God-* such as **Godfrey**.

**Further information:** This name has been in Ireland, in Queen's county [Laois], since the 16th century.  
**Early bearers:** given names: God; Goda, Gode (male); Gode, Goda (female), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent, Sussex, Wilts); Goda de West Wicumbe, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).  
surnames, England: Odo se Gode 960 in *Tengvik*; Æilgyuu Gode, 1050–71 in *Tengvik*; Edwardus bonus, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Gilbert le Gode, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Gode, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William Goude, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thomas le Goude, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter GodeSenior, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Werrington, Devon); Robertus Gode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Billingley, WR Yorks); Nicholao Gode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leics); Johannes Gode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Earsham, Norfolk); Ricardus Gode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton (near Newbold), Warwicks); Agn' Gode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Painswick, Gloucs); Robertus Gode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); William Gode, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Wrotham, Kent); Andrew Gude, 1537 in *York Freeman's Register*; Matthew Good, 1639 in *PROB 11* (London); Robertus Legood, 1639 in *IGI* (Hempnall,

Norfolk); Edward Leegood, 1806 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk).

surnames, Ireland: William Goode, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1544 (Clonmyne, Queen's county [Laois]); Wm. Goode, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5824 (Clonmyne, Queen's county [Laois]); David Good, clerk, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6715 (Kilkenny).

### Goodell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: see **Goodall**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Goodell, 1592 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Goodell, 1665 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

### Gooden

Variants: **Goodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey and Middx; also Somerset

1 English: (i) locative name from Gooden in Hopwood (Lancs). (ii) variant of **Goodden**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Goodene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Totham, Essex); Edmund Gooden, 1565 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); James Goodden or Godden, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Stokenchurch, Oxon); John Gooden, 1594 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); William Goodden, 1599 in *PROB 11* (East Farleigh, Kent).

2 English: sometimes a late variant of **Goodwin**.  
**Early bearers:** William Gooden or Goodwin, 1684 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

### Goodenday

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Goodey** (1).

### Goodenough

Variants: **Goodanew, Goodnough, Goodner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1402, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 858
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: London; Berks and Hants

1 English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *inough* 'abundant; sufficient, adequate, satisfactory'. Compare Robert Welynogh, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs), William Welynough (Welynou), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Alan Godinogh, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William Godinogh, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alan Godinogh', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Godinowe, 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Johannes Goodenow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulsham, Essex); John Godenowe, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* Robert Gooddenowe or Goodenough, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Kingston, Somerset).

2 English: nickname from Old English *gōd* 'good' + *cnafa* 'boy, servant'.

**Further information:** Under *knave*, *OED* gives the forms *knaf*, about 1375, *knaffe*, 1481, and *knawe*. With the loss of *k*, *Godenaf* would easily be confused with *Goodenough*, and *God(e)nawe* with *Goodnow* and *Goodanew*, which preserve *enow* (now in dialectal use only) for *enough*. The synonymous Old English *cnapa*, 'boy, servant', also gave rise to a surname:

Ernald le Godeknape, 1308 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Suffolk); Martin Godeknape, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Goodknape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Snoring, Norfolk), which, however, has not survived. **Early bearers:** Roger Godecnaue, 1220 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Hervicus Godcnaue, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Hugo Gudknave, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Goddeknawe 13th cent. in *Sheffield and Rotherham Catalogue* (Yorks); Addam Goodenough, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Edith Goodenough, 1621 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Anthoni Goodenough, 1635 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Hugh Goodenough, 1639 in *IGI* (Wrington, Somerset); Sara Goodenough, 1639 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

## Gooder

**Variants:** Goodere, Gooders, Gooda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godere* (Old English *Gōðhere*). (ii) variant of **Goodair**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*

**Early bearers:** given names: Godere, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex, Suffolk).

surnames: John Godere, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard Gooder, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Chelsfield, Kent); Thomas Godeheire, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thome Goodheir, 1559 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Samuell Goodere, 1562 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Gooder, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Henry Gooddere, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Tintern, Monmouths); Thomas Goodeare, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Hatfield, Herts); Henry Goodere, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Hatfield, Herts); Elizabeth Gooders, 1721 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Willm. Gooda, 1723 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk).

## Goodere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Gooder**.

## Goodered

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx
- English: see **Goodread**.

## Gooderham

**Variants:** Goodrum, Goodram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 492
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Guðormr*, from Old Scandinavian *guð* 'battle' + *ormr* 'snake'. The form *Guðrum*, *Gudram*, the name of the first Danish king of East Anglia, is preserved in the York street-name Goodramgate. There may also have been some confusion with the Old Scandinavian female name *Guðrún*, the Continental Germanic male name *Godram*, and the Old English female name *Gōdrūn*. But in all cases except *Guðormr*, the evidence for these as surnames is slight. **Early bearers:** given names: *Guðrum*, 12th cent. in *Whitelock*.

surnames: Gerard filius Gudram, *Guðram*, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Brictiu filia Guderam, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Guderam Gleve, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh Godrum, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Guderam, *Godram*, 1283, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholaus Goodram, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdbrook, Essex); Thomas Goodrum, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); George Goodram, 1623 in *IGI* (Runhall, Norfolk); Margarete Gooderham, 1638 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); Widow Guderum, *Goddram*, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Godfrey Gooderham, 1681 in *Norwich Depositions*; John Goodrum, 1710 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Geoffrey Goodrum, 1765 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*. **References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 289

## Gooderick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Durham

English: see **Goodrick**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Gooderidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; also Dorset

English: see **Goodrich**.

## Gooders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: variant of **Gooder** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Gooderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godere* (see **Gooder**) + *son*, hence 'son of *Godere*'. **Early bearers:** Robert Goderson', 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Lissington, Lincs); Wm. Gooderson, 1562 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Mary Goderson, 1611 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs).

## Goodes

**Variants:** Goodess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Middx
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Godise*, Old English *Godhise*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** given names: *Godise*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks), and *Godehese*, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).  
surnames: William Goudese, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Robertus Godes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burgh, Norfolk); William Godis, 1717 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Sarah Goodess, 1742 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Godus*, a pet form of Old English names beginning in *God-*, such as

*Godgýð* and *Godgifu* (see **Goodey**, **Goodeve**). Compare **Aldous**, **Edis**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Godusa*, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); *Godusa*, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: *Johannes filius Goduse*, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Godhus, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Godhous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Johannes Godus*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington, WR Yorks); Thomas Gudus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Joane Goodes, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Goodes, 1573 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Ann Goodes, 1590 in *IGI* (Eyeworth, Beds); Thomas Goodes, 1625 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks); Joell Goodes, 1659 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

## Goodess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys
- English: see **Goodes**.

## Goodeve

**Variants:** Goodiff, Goodey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Godyeve*, *Godive*, *Godif* (Old English *Godgifu*, latinized as *Godiva*). It became confused with another Middle English female personal name *Godith* (Old English *Godgýð*); see **Goodey**, and compare *Godyf* widow of John Clare, alias *Goditha Clare de Strode* in *Assize Rolls* (Kent). (ii) status name, nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *godwif* 'virtuous woman; mistress of a household', often used as a courtesy title for married women of relatively humble social status. Compare **Hussey** (3) (from *hus(e)wif*) and **Goodman**. For obvious reasons it was mainly borne by women, such as *Nota Godwyf*, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*, and *Margaret Godewyf*, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts). The bearing of the name by a man, such as *John Godewyf*, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Glatton, Hunts), can be explained either as an ironic nickname or perhaps through being surnamed from the mother's title. Alternatively, because *godwife* was generally reduced to *goody(f)*, the relationship name in (i) may have re-etymologized as 'goodwife', and *Godewyf* and *Goodwife* as hereditary surnames are hypercorrections of *Goodiff* and *Goodeve*. **Early bearers:** given names: *Godgeua*, *Godiaua*, *Godeue*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Godiuua*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).  
surnames: *John Godyf*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); *Thomas Godif*, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pockthorpe, in Nafferton, ER Yorks); *William Godyeue*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Willelmus Godyeue*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ranworth, Norfolk); *Walterus Godeyeue*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cound with parcels, Shrops); *John Godeeve*, 1494 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); *Edward Godyf*, 1527 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); *Susan Goodeve*, 1579 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); *Edmond Goodeve*, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); *Richard Goodif*, 1681 in *IGI* (Earnley, Sussex); *Ann Goodeve*, 1668 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); *James Goodive*, 1696 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); *John Goodwife*, 1710 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); *John Goodiff*, 1728 in *IGI* (Buriton, Hants).

**Goodey**

Variants: **Goody**, **Gooday**, **Goody**, **Goodie**, **Goodenday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1196, Ireland 21

- **GB frequency 1881:** 702

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

1 English: (i) nickname from the Middle English salutation *godne dæie*, about 1205, *godun dai*, about 1250, *god dai* after 1300 (*OED*), ‘(have a, God give you a) good day!’ Compare **Haggerty** (2) and the salutation ‘good morrow’ in Walter Godemorwe (Godemorwen), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2), (3), or (4). (ii) nickname, occupational name, possibly in some instances from Middle English *god(e) day(e)* (or *dey(e)*) ‘good dairy man’ (see **Day**). **Early bearers:** Stephen Godeday, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nappa, in Aysgarth, NR Yorks); Edo Goday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chadnor, Herefs); [ . . . ] Gody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Wylliam Goodday, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Parnell Gooday, 1561 in *IGI* (Chevington, Suffolk); John Gooday, 1564 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Ric Goody, 1594 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Richard Goody, 1615 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Eliz Goodey, 1627 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Robert Goodey, 1627 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Mary Godday, 1657 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Thomas Goodie, 1725 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *god(e) ‘good’ + hei(e) ‘enclosed plot, field’* (Old English *gōd + (ge)hæg*), for someone who lived ‘(at the) good enclosure’. Compare **Goodacre**, **Goodfield**.

**Early bearers:** John de Goday, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thoma Goodhey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Trull, Somerset); Marie Goodie, 1647 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks).

3 English: status name, variant of **Goodeve**, whether from the Middle English female personal name *Godive* or from the word *goodwife*, *goody*.

**Further information:** Compare Goody Wilkes, alias Goodwyff Wylkes, 1559 in *OED*, at *goody*, n. 1, illustrating its use as a courtesy title prefixed to the surname of a married woman of humble social status.

4 English: relationship name from a reduced form of the Middle English female personal name *Godith*, Old English *Godgȳð*. Compare Johanne Godithson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick with Hurlston, Lancs). It was sometimes confused with **Goodeve** in (3), as in William Godith(e), Godyth, Gwodyf, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent). Godyf, widow of John Clare, is also called Goditha Clare de Strode in *Assize Rolls* (Kent). Examples of *Goody* and *Goodie* below may alternatively belong with (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Godithe, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Thomas Godet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Godeth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Andrew Goody, Thomas Goody, 1569 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elizabeth Goody, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Goodie, 1599 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Nicholas Goodie, 1674 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

**Goodfellow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3093, Ireland 123

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2631

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Cumb and Northumb; Staffs; Wilts

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh English: nickname from Middle English *god felawe* ‘good fellow; good companion’. Compare John Trewfelagh, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Godfelage, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Roger Godfelawe, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Godfelaghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Methwold, Norfolk); Ricardo Godefelow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); John Godefelow, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Peter Goodfellow, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Bartyll Goodfellow, 1590 in *IGI* (Scaleby, Cumb).

**Goodfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 131

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *god(e)*, *gu(od)* ‘good’ + *feld* ‘flat open country; field’, for someone who lived by or owned a notably fertile or productive area of land. Compare **Goodacre**, **Goodey**. (ii) locative name from the Middle English personal name *Gode* (from Old English *Gōda*; see **Goode**) + *feld* ‘flat open country; field’, for someone who lived at a place so named. (iii) locative name, perhaps from Middle English *God* ‘God’ + *feld* ‘flat open country; field’, for someone who lived at a place known as ‘God’s field’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Godesfeld and Gilbert de Godesfeld, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John de Godesfeld of London, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Godefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ardington, Berks); Soloman Goodfield, 1703 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret’s Westminster, Middx); William Goodfeild, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Goodfield, 1794 in *IGI* (Hartley Wintney, Hants); George Goodfield, 1817 in *Parish Registers* (Westport, Wilts).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from **Gutfeld**, a compound of German *gut* ‘good’ + *Feld* ‘field’, probably acquired by Jewish bearers in central Europe as a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Levi Goodfield, born in Hawkesbury Upton, Gloucs, in *Census 1881* (Alkington, Gloucs); Sarah Goodfield, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Joseph and Rachael Goodfield, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Solomon and Sarah Goodfield, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Louis Goodfield, born in Poland in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Goodgame**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)* ‘good’ + *gamen* ‘sport’ (see **Game**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Godgame, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Bernard Godgame, 1251 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Godgamen, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter Godgamen, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John Goodgame, 1521 in *PROB 11*; Richard Goodgame, 1669 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Goode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 194

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Surrey, and Cornwall

English: (i) variant of **Gooch**. (ii) variant of **Couch**. **Early bearers:** John Goodge, 1580 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Beniamin Goodge, 1606 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Ellin Goodge, 1655 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Goodge, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

**Goodger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 593

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Kent and Sussex

English: late variant of **Goodyear**.

**Goodhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 868

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs

English: see **Goodall**.

**Goodhand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 267

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)* ‘good, skilled’ + *hand*. Compare Henry Goudenhand (probably ‘golden hand’), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Aluric Godhand, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Andrew Goodhand, 1432, Andrew Gudhand, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Dorithi Goodhand, 1568 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Henrye Goodhande, 1606 in *IGI* (Old Bulingbroke, Lincs); Anne Goodhand, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Binbrook, Lincs).

**Goodhart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Goodheart**.

**Goodhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 346

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

1 English: nickname from Middle English *godhede* ‘goodness’. Compare Richard Godnesse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). Some post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Godhed, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Godhed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heacham, Norfolk); Rebeckah Godhed, 1777 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Henry Goodhed, 1805 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* + *hed(de)*, *heved* ‘head’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmum Godheved, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); John Godheved, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Wood Newton, Northants); John Goodhead, 1565 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Luke Goodhead, 1688 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Mariam Goodhead, 1701 in *IGI* (Wychnor, Staffs); Thom Goodhead, 1726 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Henry Goodhead, 1732 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).



**Goodheart**

Variants: **Goodhart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* ‘good’ + *hert(e)*, *hart(e)*, *hirt* ‘heart’. **Early bearers:** John Godhierte, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John Goudhert, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Godhert of Islep, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Islip, Northants); Jul’ Godhert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Semington, Wilts); Richard Godeherte, labourer, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Streatham, Surrey); Michael Goodhart, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Olave, Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Goodheart, 1621 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Goodhart, 1642 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Goodhew**

Variants: **Goodhugh**, **Goodhue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 674, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 479
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) occupational name, nickname from Middle English *god* ‘good’ + *hewe* ‘servant’ (compare Old English *hiwan* ‘members of a household’). Compare **Goodhind**. (ii) relationship name from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Gudhugi*, from *guð* ‘god, God’ + *hugi*, *hugr* ‘mind, memory’. **Further information:** Reaney says that Old Scandinavian \**Gud(h)ugi* is ‘no doubt the opposite of Ill(h)ugi, Illhuge, 11th cent. in *Saga-Book* 12, p. 137, Radbode filius Illhuge, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk)’, but *guð* means ‘god’, not ‘good’. **Early bearers:** given names: Got hugo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Godhuge, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk). surnames: Robertus filius Godhu, 1181, Robert Godhuge, 1222 in *Saint Paul’s Domesday*; Roger Godhou, about 1240 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Robert Godhewe, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard Godhowe, William Godhewen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Godhiwe, 1327, John Goudhywe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Godhewyn, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Godhewe, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seasalter, Kent); Johannes Godhewe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hernhill, Kent); William Goodhewe, 1383 in *London Letter Books G* (London); Richard Goodhew, 1462 (Hernhill, Kent); Henrye Goodhew, 1576 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent); Katheryn Goodhugh, 1585 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**Goodhind**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Somerset; Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* ‘good’ + *hine* ‘lad, boy, stripling’ (from Old English *hiwan* ‘member of a household’). See also **Goodhew**. **Early bearers:** William Godhine, before 1224 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Geoffrey Godhine, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Johannes Gudehyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); William Godehyne, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Godehyne, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Saltford, Somerset); Mysache Goodhine, 1608 in *IGI* (Williton, Somerset).

**Goodhue**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Goodhew**.

**Goodhugh**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and SE England
- English: see **Goodhew**.

**Goodie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- 1 English: see **Goodey**. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.  
2 English, Scottish: see **Goldie**.

**Goodier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1157, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1071
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Goodyear**.

**Goodiff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent
- English: see **Goodeve**.

**Goodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx; Durham
- 1 English: variant of **Gooding** or **Godding** with loss of final -g.  
2 English: see **Gooden**.

**Gooding**

Variants: **Goodinge**, **Goodings**, **Goodin**, **Goding**, **Godding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3651, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Devon and Somerset; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Goding*, *Godding*. Compare **Godding**, with which there has been confusion and where some of the examples below may belong. **Further information:** In 1208, in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk), Goding occurs as an alternative for Godmer, and so a pet form of names in *God*-. **Early bearers:** given names: Godinc, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Goding, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Goding, about 1113 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs). surnames: Robert Goding, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Elias Goding, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Stephen Godyng, John Godyng’, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Havering atte Bower, Essex); John, son of Gilbert Godyng’, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (East Peckham, Kent); Richard Goodying, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); John Goodinge, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Lucton, Herefs); Robert Goodinge, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Halse, Somerset).

**Goodinge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Gooding**.

**Goodings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Gooding** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** Hughe Goodings, 1604 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Agnes Goodings, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Goodings, 1615 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); William Goodings, 1617 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thomas Goodings, 1621 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Miles Goodings, 1629 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Goodinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Goodison** with intrusive n. **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Goodisman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Godsman**.

**Goodison**

Variants: **Goodson**, **Goodinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 611
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Wexford

1 English: relationship name ‘son of *Godith*’, from the Middle English female personal name *Godith*, *Godit*, *Gody* (Old English *Godgyð*) + *son*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** given names: Godit, 1199 in *Charter Rolls*; Godith, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Gudytha Foloufast, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks). surnames: Nicholas Godithson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Godythson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Robertus Guditson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stutton, WR Yorks); Johannes Godyeson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tankersley, WR Yorks); Johannes Godyson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Johannes Godythson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Richard Godissone, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Edward Goodison, 1600 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Goodison, 1668, Anne Goodinson, 1732 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).  
2 English: relationship name, perhaps occasionally from the Middle English female personal name *Godus* (see **Goodes**) + -son.

**Goodjohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: reinterpreted form of *Gudgeon*; see **Gudgeon**.

**Goodkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Godkin**.



**Goodkind**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Gutkind**, from German *gut* 'good' + *Kind* 'child', acquired as a nickname or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Fanny Goodkind, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Sam Goodkind, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Goodlad**

Variants: **Goodlet**, **Goodlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud* + *lad(de)* 'servant; youth'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Godelad, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Godlad, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Goodlad, 1464 in *York Guild Register*; Robert Guidlett, mariner, 1574 in *Collectanea de Rebus Albanicis* (Kinghorn, Fife); John Guidlat, 1602 in *Retours, Scotland* (Uphall, W Lothian); John Goodlet, 1640 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

**Goodlake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon

English: see **Gullick**.

**Goodland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godland* (Continental Germanic *Godland*).

**Early bearers:** Gilebertus filius Godland', 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugo Godlond, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Goodlande, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Ilminster, Somerset); Edw. Goodland, 1677 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *god(e)*, *gu(o)d* 'good' + *lond*, *laund(e)* 'land', for someone who lived '(by the) good land'. Compare **Goodacre** and **Goodfield**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Godland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Clemens Goodland, 1568 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); William Goodland, 1591 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Ann Goodland, 1602 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs); Joane Goodland, 1605 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); John Goodland, 1656 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**Goodlass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name, apparently from a lost location in Burton Agnes (ER Yorks) called *Godalehou*, either 'good ale house' or the house of someone surnamed **Goodall**. Redmonds notes John Godalhows of Thornholme in Burton Agnes in a document dated 1476.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *gode* + *lass* 'good lass', as suggested in *Reaney, Origin*, p. 258, is not supported by any medieval evidence.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Gooddailhous, 1505, Richard Goodhalus, 1551, Michael Goodeles, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks); Robert Goodales, 1600 in *York Registry Wills* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); George Goodlas, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks); Wm. Goodlass, 1707 in *IGI* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Goodlet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Angus

English: mainly Scottish variant of **Goodlad**.

**Goodlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Surrey

English: see **Goodlad**.

**Goodley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and Cambs

1 English: reduced form of **Goodliffe**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Godly, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Stillborn Goodley, 1657, Thomas Goodly, 1737 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); Henerie Godley, 1661 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Thomas Goodly, 1695 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants); Charlotte Gudley, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Goodley, 1777 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

2 English: see **Godley**.

**Goodliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hunts and Northants

English: see **Goodliffe**.

**Goodliffe**

Variants: **Goodliff**, **Goodley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and E Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godlif*, if male from Old English *Godlēof*, if female from Old English \**Godlēofu*.

**Early bearers:** Gothlif, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition* (Cambs); Godelief, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Maud Goodleef, 1272 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); John Godelef, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Godeloues, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Godelif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton Saint Mary, Norfolk); Thomas Godelef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby with members, Northants); John Godlef, chaplain, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Marget Goodliff, 1565 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Franc Godlyff, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Thomas Goodlyff, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Gretton, Northants); Michael Goodlife, 1712 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

**Goodluck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Gullick**.

**Goodlud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *lord(e)*, *lhord*, *lorte* 'lord', although some of the later examples may be variants of **Goodlad**.

**Early bearers:** John Godlord, 1332 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Warwicks); Ralph Goodlord, 1387 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Barthom Goodlord, 1606 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs); Dorothy Goodlud, 1676 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Ann Goodludd, 1794 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**Goodman**

Variants: **Godman**, **Goddman**, **Gutman**, **Gidman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10521, Ireland 419
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Bucks; Leics, Northants, and Beds; also Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *God(e)man* (Old English *Godmann* or Continental Germanic *God(e)man*). Some of the following surname bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Godman(nus), Godeman (us), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Godeman de Waledena, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Godman de Offenchurch, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Offchurch, Warwicks). surnames: Astcelinus Godeman, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Nicholas Godman, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Nicholas Godeman, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Henry Godman, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willms Goodman, 1539 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Thomas Goodman, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Richard Goodman, 1541 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Stephen Goodman, 1541 in *IGI* (Carlton, Suffolk); Margaret Goodman, 1546 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *godman* denoting a 'good man', or 'master of a household; master of a craft guild; burgess'. Compare **Bonham**. Examples without the definite article may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry le Godman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Gerard Gudman, 1352 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Goodman, 1365 in *Colchester Court Rolls*.

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gudmund*, *Godmund* (Old Scandinavian *Gudmundr*, Old Danish *Guthmund*, or Old English *Gūdmund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Guthmund, Gudmund, Godmund, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gudmund del celer, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames: William Gudmund, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh Gothemund alias Gutmund, 1265 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); John Gotemund, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Richard Guthmund, Godmund, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam

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Guthmond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Gooteman, 1466, Goteman, 1467, Godman, 1472 in *York Guild Register*.

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: anglicization of Jewish **Gutman** or German *Gut(h)mann* (see **Gutmann**).

**Early bearers:** Philip Goodman, 1776 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Harris Goodman, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Hyman Goodman, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Plymouth, Devon); Lewis Goodman, jeweller, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Lazarus Goodman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Bela Goodman, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Goodner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Goodenough**.

**Further information:** This form of the name appears to have died out in Britain but it continues to thrive in the USA.

### Goodnough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Goodenough**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Goodram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; E Anglia
- English: see **Gooderham**.

### Goodread

**Variants:** **Goodred, Goodreds, Goodered**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

English: (i) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Guðrøðr*, possibly in some cases a nickname from Middle English *god rede* 'good counsel'. Compare Scottish Meiklereid and Robert Smalred, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gudret, Godred, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Yorks); Gudred de Cnappewelle, 1102–7 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Godred, 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).  
surnames: Rageremus filius Gutred, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Guthred, about 1214 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); John Godred, Ysabell Godrad, Godrid, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Alexander Godered', 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Goodrede, 1460 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Goodred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx
- English: see **Goodread**.

### Goodreds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of *Godred* (see **Goodread**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Goodrich

**Variants:** **Goodridge, Goodricke, Goodrick, Godridge, Godrich, Gooderidge, Goodwright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 611
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Leics; Suffolk
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godrich*, Old English *Godric* (composed of elements meaning 'good or god' + 'ruler'). See also **Cutteridge**. Some of the post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Godric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Godrich le Pastur, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Goderic de Neusum, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Gaufridus filius Godrici, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Ambrosius filius Godrige, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Godric', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Hugo Godriche, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John Godrige, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); James Goodrich, 1341 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; William Godright, 1363 in *London Letter Books G*; Margareta Goodriche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Johannes Guderych', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manston, Dorset); Simon Goderich, 1388 in *London Letter Books H*; John Guddrig, 1477 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Goodridge, 1575, Henry Goodrich, 1607 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Eliz Goodridge, 1582 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks); Robert Goodrich, 1617 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Thomas Goodridge, 1637 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Gutteridge, Goodritch, 1659, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk, Horryng); John Goodridg, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

2 English: locative name from Goodrich (Herefs).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Goderigge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Roger de Castro Goderich, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; Annes Goodridge, 1538 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Richard Goodridge, 1572, Elizabeth Goodrick, 1644 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Goodrick

**Variants:** **Goodricke, Gooderick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: variant of **Goodrich** with final /k/ substituted for /tʃ/.

**Early bearers:** given names: Godric de Pahil, 1249 in *Yorks Inquisitions and Wills* (Otrringham, ER Yorks).  
surnames, Yorks: John Goderyk, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Goderyk, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); William Guderyk, 1475 in *York Guild Register*; John Goderyk, 1500 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Guderyk, 1515 in *York Registry Wills* (Brafferton, NR Yorks); Robert Gooddryke, 1538 in *York Registry Wills* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Jhone Goodrick, 1601 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Willm. Goodrick, 1614 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Gooderick, 1683, Heneryita Goodrick, 1691 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks).  
E England: John Godryk, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Goodricke, 1565 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Walter Goodrick, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Lyon Goodrick, 1579 in *IGI* (Horryng,

Suffolk); Thomas Goodrick, 1581 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Susanne Goodricke, 1582 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); John Goodrick, 1611, Elizabeth Gooderick, 1639 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Moses Goodrick, 1693 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Goodricke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Goodrick**.

### Goodridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1540, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 990
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; Middx; Pembrokes

English: see **Goodrich**.

### Goodrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 976, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Gooderham**.

### Goodsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Goodsell**.

### Goodsell

**Variants:** **Goodsall, Gutsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

1 English: locative name from Gadshill (Kent). This name may have been confused with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Godeshelle, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; James Gutsell, 1615 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Christopher Gutselle, 1634 in *IGI* (Frittenden, Kent); James Gudsell, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Speldhurst, Kent); Henry Goodsell, 1640 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Goodsoal, in Burwash (Sussex). Godshill Farm in Cowfold (Wyndham half-hundred, Sussex) could be another source, but the farm name may have been derived later from the Burwash family name, or the surname in (1), or **Godsell**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Gotershull, Godeshull, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de Godeshulle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ewhurst in Wyndham half-hundred, Sussex); Adam Goossole, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Godesolle, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Netherfield, Sussex); Margareta Goodsall, 1573 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 210, 462; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 400–1.

### Goodship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *goods(c)hip(e)* 'goodness' (Old English *gōdscīpe* 'kindness').  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Godshep, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); Eliz Goodship, 1623 in *Parish*

*Registers* (Saint Olave, Southwark, Surrey); Joane Goodshipp, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Southill, Beds); Joseph Goodshipp, 1648, Roger Goodshipp, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Roger Goodshipe, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Colne, Hunts); Thomas Goodship, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Waterbeach, Cambs); Wm. Goodship, 1712 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds).

### Goodsir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Midlothian

Scottish: nickname from Older Scots *gudsyr*, *gudschir*, Middle English *gudsire*, *goodsir* 'grandfather', probably used as a form of address. Compare **Godson**, **Sweetser**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William dictus Godeschere, 1343 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Crail, Fife); James Goodsire, 1680 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife); Isobel Goodsire, 1745 in *IGI* (Flisk, Fife).

England: Robert Godsire, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Goudsyr, 1375 in *London Pleas*; Adam Godeser, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Ogwell, Devon); Thomas Goodsire, 1384 in *London Letter Books H*; Thos. Godsir, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Goodsman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Kincardines

English, Scottish: see **Godsman**.

### Goodson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1629, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Leics; Beds, Herts, and Bucks

1 English: see **Godson**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Goodson, 1543 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Alice Goodson, 1551 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Rychard Goodson, 1573 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Michaelis Goodson, 1576 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Thomas Goodson, 1613 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); John Goodson, 1698 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); William Goodson, 1754 in *IGI* (Armley, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Goodison**.

### Goodspeed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *god spede* 'God speed (you)', possibly for a habitual user of the expression.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Godsped, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); Walter Godspede, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Godespede, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Northleach, Gloucs); Robert Godsped of Tring, Herts, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Edgware, Middx); Eve Goodspeede, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Edlesborough, Bucks); William Godspeed, 1652 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Richard Goodspeed, 1748 in *Parish Registers* (Shenley, Herts).

### Goodswen

**Variants:** **Goodswin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *god* 'good' + *swain* 'servant' (Old Scandinavian *sveinn*, *sven*). Compare Roger Godyoman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Herbert Godsuaín, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Godswein, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Godswayn, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Stainsby, Lincs); Nicholas Godsweyn, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Exmouth, Devon); Johannes Godsweyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); Ricardo Goodswayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marten and Fosbury, Wilts); William Godeswayn, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Woldingham, Surrey); Roger Gudswen, 14th century in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); John Goodswayn, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Horning, Norfolk); Thomas Goodswayne, 1607 in *IGI* (Limpenhoe, Norfolk).

### Goodswin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk

English: see **Goodswen**.

### Goodway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Gloucs; London

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Godwig* 'good or god strife'.

**Early bearers:** Goduui, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Godwi, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Henry Godwi, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); William Gudeway, 1448 in *York Freeman's Register*; Jno Goodway, 1717 in *IGI* (Shipton Oliffe and Shipton Sollars, Gloucs).

### Goodwill

**Variants:** **Goodwillie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 531
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)*, *gud(e)*, *goud(e)* 'good' + *wil(le)* 'will, volition'.

**Early bearers:** John Godewyll, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Godewyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gowdall, WR Yorks); Johannes Godewil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Toby Goodwill, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robart Goodwill, 1655 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Henry Goodwill, 1709 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Gudwill, 1773 in *IGI* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks).

### Goodwillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish: (i) nickname, perhaps a variant of **Goodwill** in which the element *-will* was thought to represent a short form of *William*, which was then elaborated as the pet form *Willie* (see **Willie**). (ii) nickname; alternatively, perhaps an independent coinage from Middle English *god(e)*, *gu(o)d* 'good' + the personal name *Willie*, as *Weekley* suggests and which he

compares with *Pruguillun*, from *Preux-Guillaume* in *Feet of Fines*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Issobell Goodwillie, 1619 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife); Michael Goodwillie, 1633 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Marie Goodwilly, 1666 in *IGI* (Auchtermuchty, Fife); Mitchell Goodwilly, 1703 in *Dunblane Testaments*; David Goodwilliam, 1705 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife); Elizabeth Goodwylie, 1722 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife).

England: Francis Goodwillie, 1675, Ja Goodwilly, 1688 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Goodwin

**Variants:** **Goodwyn**, **Gooden**, **Goodwins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21706, Ireland 629
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15576
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and NW Midlands; SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Meath, and Fermanagh

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godwin* (Old English *Gōdwin*). Compare **Godwin**, with which there has been some confusion, and see also **Juden**.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Godewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); William Godewyn, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Ellesborough, Bucks); Robert Goodwin, 1540 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Grace Goodwin, 1666 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent).

2 Irish: adopted in Mayo for Ó Goidín, a variant of Ó Godáin, 'descendant of *Godán*', a diminutive personal name from *got* 'stammering, lispings'. **Further information:** According to MacLysaght, **Goodwin** is adopted for Ó Deaghaidh in Connacht, see **O'Dea**, and for Mag Ualghair in Tyrone, see **McGoldrick**.

### Goodwins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name, variant of **Goodwin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Goodwins, 1566 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Alice Goodwins, 1572, Edward Goodwins, 1601 in *IGI* (Ranworth, Norfolk); Thom. Goodwins, 1607 in *IGI* (Bacton, Norfolk).

### Goodwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: locative name from Goodwood in Boxgrove (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Willelmum de Godivewud 1226 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Geoffrey de Godenywode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Godywode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Godwode, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Thomas Goodwood, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Beccles, Suffolk).

### Goodworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Goddard** or **Godward**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. Compare **Goodard**.

## Goodwright

**Early bearers:** Willi. Goodworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Goodworthe, 1604, William Gudworth, 1642 in *IGI* (Winterringham, Lincs); William Goodworth, 1648, Wittim Goodard, 1651 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks).

### Goodwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: apparently a late variant of **Goodrich**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Goodrythe or Goodtrith, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Thomas Goodright, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Richard Goodright, 1715 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Goodwright, 1775 in *Parish Registers* (Ealing, Middx); Thomas Goodwright, 1798 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent).

### Goodwyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Middx

English: see **Goodwin**.

### Goody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 949, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 860
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Middx
- English: see **Goodey**.

### Goodyear

**Variants:** **Goodyer**, **Goodier**, **Goodger**, **Gudger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2200, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1565
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants

English: nickname for someone who habitually used the expression ‘good year’, in Middle English used as an intensifier in questions, e.g. ‘What the good year?’, and as a euphemistic oath. Possibly also elliptical for ‘as I hope to have a good year’.

**Early bearers:** Cest’ Godyer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Henry Godyar, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Henry Godyer, 1295 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); John Godhyer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ann’ Godyar, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); William Godeyer, Maud Godeyere, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Goudhier, William Godier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agnes Goudyer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Godyer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Down Thomas, Devon); Robertus Godyer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Finchley, Middx); Nicholao Godyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Harcourt, Leics); Thomas Godyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easenhall, Warwicks); Ricardus Godyer’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warrington, Lincs); John Goodyer, 1456 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Godeyere, 1467 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Middx); Robert Gudyere, 1513 in *York Guild Register*; William Goodeare, 1566 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert Gudger, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Jeremiah Goodyear, 1682 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Joseph Goodger, Goodyer, 1738, 1760 in *Parish Registers* (Wordwell, Suffolk).

### Goodyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 687

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks; Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Goodyear**.

### Googan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Mac Guagáin, see **McGoogan**.

### Googe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Lincs

English: see **Gooch**.

### Gook

**Variants:** **Gouck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *goke*, *gowke*, Old Scandinavian *gaukr* ‘cuckoo’.

**Early bearers:** England: Alan Gok, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Gouk’, Richard Gouc, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Gouke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coningsby, Lincs); Johannes Gok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellingborough, Northants); Thomas Gauke, 1424 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Gook, 1432 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Dorotheia Goke, 1582 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Robert Gouke, 1597 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Eliz. Gook, 1695 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Gooke, 1738 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk); John Gauke, 1767 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Alexr. Gouk, 1649 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); Margrat Gouke, 1662 in *IGI* (Lunan, Angus).

### Gookey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *goki* ‘fool’, derived from *gok* (Old Scandinavian *gaukr*) ‘cuckoo’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Goki, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Ralph Goky, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Goky, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturthill in Shipton Gorge, Dorset); Petrus Goky, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marshwood, Dorset); Anthony Gookey, 1641 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

### Gookin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from Mac Guagáin, see **McGuigan**.

### Goold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 523
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Somerset; Suffolk; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Gold**.

### Goolden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs
- English, Irish: see **Golden**.

### Goolding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Surrey
- English: see **Golding**.

### Gooldsbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **Goldsbrough**.

### Goole

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; E Anglia
- English: see **Goule**.

### Gooley

**Variants:** **Goley**, **Golay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys

Irish: reduced anglicized form of Gaelic Ó Gabhlaigh, from *gabhlach* ‘forked’.

### Goom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, Middx, and Bucks

English: see **Gomm**.

### Goonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick; Mayo and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Gamhnáin ‘son of *Gamhnán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *gamhna* ‘calf’. Compare **Gaffney**.

**Further information:** This name has been anglicized as **Gunning** in County Clare, and occasionally as **Caulfield** in Connacht.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conghor O’Gawnane, clerk, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* (Kilcomane, Carlow); Maurus O’Gawnane, clerk, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* (Kyltegan, Carlow); Donagh O’Gawnan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2944 (Killochia, Limerick); Wm. O’Gownane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5616 (Coynkyne, Roscommon); Joseph Goonane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcullane, Limerick); Thady Goonin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon).

### Goose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *gos* ‘goose’ (Old English *gōs*), see also **Goss** and compare **Wildgoose**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo, Richard Gos, 1176, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs, Yorks), 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh le Gos, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Hamo le Gous, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Alice Gous, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Cicilia Gous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Goos, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Leybourne, Kent); Wyllm. Goos, 1573 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Gregory Goose, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Gooseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *gos* 'goose' + *man* 'goose herd' (Old English *gōs* and *mann*). Compare **Gossard**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Gosman, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Gosman, bailiff, 1331–2 in *Court Rolls* (Pennard, Somerset); Thomas Goosman, 1598 in *IGI* (Immingham, Lincs); Richard Gooseman, 1602 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Elizabeth Gosman, 1692 in *IGI* (Anstruther Easter, Fife); Robert Gousman, 1709 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Ralph Gooseman, tanner, 1719 in *ER Yorks Archives*.

**Goosey**

**Variants:** Goozee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gos* 'goose' + *eie* 'eye'. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Compare John Gosebody, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*, Roger Gosefot, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Berks), Gocelin Gosethrote, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Gosege, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Peter Goseie, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Henry Goseye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agn' Goseye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); Thomas Gosey of Abendon, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Berks); Mary Goosy, 1547 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Edward Goosey, 1574 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Goosey (Berks), or perhaps from Goose Eye (Cottage) in Handborough (Oxon), recorded as *Goseye* in 1278–9 (see *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 269).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Gosey, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Robert de Gosey, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Berks); John de Goseye, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Goosey, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edmund Goosey, 1677 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Robert Goosey, 1691 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Goosey, 1711 in *IGI* (Stow Longa, Hunts).

**Goostree**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Goostrey (Cheshire).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Goozee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: late variant of **Goosey**.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Goozee, 1788 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Thomas Goozee, 1790 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

**Gopal**

**Variants:** Gopaul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *gopāla* 'cowherd' (from *go* 'cow' + *pāla* 'protector'), an epithet of the god Krishna.

**Further information:** It is found only as a male given name in India, but in the West it has come to be used as a surname among Indians from the southern states.

**Gopaul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Caribbean: variant spelling of **Gopal**, found among people of Indian origin in the Caribbean.

**Gopsill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from Gopsall (Leics), recorded as *Gopeshille* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Isabel de Gopeshull, 1265, Simon de Gopshull, 1303, Simon de Gopeshull, 1304, Robert de Gopishill, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Gopeshul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nailstone, Leics); Roberto Gopsul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, Leics); Roberto de Gupsille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swepestone, Leics); Willm. Gopsyll, 1579 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Willia. Gopsill, 1607 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); William Gopsell, 1713, Ann Gopsil, 1714 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); William Gopsall, 1783 in *IGI* (Curdworth, Warwicks); Joseph Gopsal, 1785 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Mary Gopsell, 1823, Thomas Gopsil, 1860 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

**Gor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

**Gora**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Polish: locative name from Polish *góra* 'mountain, hill'.

2 Muslim: unexplained.

**Gorasia**

**Variants:** Gorsia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *gorasa* 'milk' (from *go* 'cow' + *rasa* 'juice, milk') + the agent suffix *-ia*, i.e. 'provider of milk'.

**Gorbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Garbutt**.

**Gorbett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Glamorgan

English: see **Garbutt**.

**Gorbold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds

English: see **Garbutt**.

**Gorbutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

English: see **Garbutt**.

**Gorby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; London

English: perhaps a late variant of **Corby** with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** William Gorbye, 1593 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Robert Gorby, 1704 in *Parish Registers* (Cavenham, Suffolk); John Gorby, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Maiden Newton, Dorset); John Fite Le Gorby, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Middx); Thomas Gorby, 1720 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Wm Gorbey, 1746 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); James Gorby, 1773 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

**Gordan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Sligo

Irish: adopted as anglicization of **Mag Mhuirneacháin**, see **Murnaghan**.

**Gorden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Staffs

1 Irish: much altered anglicization of **Mag Mhuirneacháin**, see **Murnaghan**.

2 English: from *Gordan*, the name of a valley in N Somerset preserved in the place-name Gordano and recorded as *Gordeyn* in 1270, *Gordon* in 1293, and *Gordene* in 1343; see *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 140, 666.

**Early bearers:** Henry Gordon, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Richard Gordon, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johanne Gordon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Willelmus Gourdon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Osmington, Dorset); Water Gorden, 1611 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

3 Norman, English: see **Gordon**.

**Gordge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *gorge*, *corge* 'throat', Old French *gorge*, probably in at least some cases a reduced form of Middle English *gorgerer*, Old French *gorg(i)ere*, an occupational term for a maker of gorgers or gorgets, armour for the throat (compare Simon Gorget, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs)), and possibly also for a maker of cloths or wimples for covering the neck and bosom, Middle English *gorger*.

**Early bearers:** Herveus Gorge, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Osbert Gorge, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Alexander le Gorgerer, 1220 called also le Gorgeur, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Andrew le Gorgerer, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Agn' Gorge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Edward Gorge, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Edward Gorge, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Wraxall, Somerset).

## Gordine

### Gordine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Scottish: see **Garden**.

### Gordon

**Variants:** **Gurden, Gorden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31701, Ireland 3442
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18698
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Lanarks and Midlothian; Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down

1 Scottish: locative name from Gordon (Berwicks). **Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan associated with Strathbogie, Aberdeens, members of which have held various titles including Lord of Strathbogie, Duke of Gordon, Earl of Aboyne, and Earl and Marquess of Huntly; the head of the clan is the Marquess of Huntly. There have been Gordon links with Ulster since the 17th-century Plantation. **Early bearers:** Richer de Gordun, lord of the barony of Gordon in the Merse (1150–60) and his son Thomas de Gordun in *Kelso Register*; Adam de Gurdun, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Scotland); Kattrin Gordon, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from any of several French places named Gourdon, most probably the one in Saône-et-Loire.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Gurdun, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Margarete Gordon, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gordon, 1589 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Johne Gordon, 1595 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jane Gordon, 1598 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs).

3 Norman, English: nickname said to be from a diminutive of Old French *gourd* ‘dull, stupid, boorish’. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gurdun, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Adam Gordon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Gordon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Willelmus Gourdon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Osmington, Dorset); John Gurdon, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

4 Jewish (from Lithuania): locative name, probably from the Belarusian city of Hrodna.

**Further information:** Various suggestions, more or less fanciful, have been put forward as to the origin of *Gordon* as a Jewish name. There is a family tradition among some bearers that they are descended from a son of a Duke of Gordon who converted to Judaism in the 18th century, but the Jewish surname was in existence before the 18th century; it goes back at least to 1657. Others claim descent from earlier Scottish converts, but this is equally implausible.

**Early bearers:** Michael Abraham Gordon, born in London, in *Census 1851* (London); Reuben Gordon, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Israel Gordon, born in Poland in *Census 1891* (Prestwich, Lancs); Harris Gordon, born in Russia in *Census 1911* (Stockport, Cheshire); Israel Gordon, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

5 Irish: adopted as anglicization of **Mag Mhuirneacháin**, see **Murnaghan**.

### Gore

**Variants:** **Gare, Goar, Gurr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5282, Ireland 238

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo; Leitrim

English: locative name from Middle English *gor(e)*, *gar(e)* ‘triangular piece of land’ (Old English *gāra*), or from one or more of the many places named with this word, such as Gore Court in Tunstall (Kent) and Gore Farm in Hannington (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de la Gare, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John de Gore, 1257 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 3 (Kent); Alan de Gore, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Richard de la Gore, 1279 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Willelmo Gor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Watte atte Gore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wethersfield, Essex); Walter atte Gore, 1425, Thomas Gore, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Jon. Gore, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Gore, 1577, John Goare, 1580 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Ann Goar, 1606 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Thomas Gore, 1775, Thomas Goar, 1782 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 271; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 25.

### Goree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Irish: see **Gorey**.

### Goreham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Gorham**.

### Gorey

**Variants:** **Goree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 247
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants (Southampton, Portsmouth); Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Meath and Kildare

Irish: from **Mac Gothraidh**, see **McGorry**.

### Gorfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Gorvin**.

### Gorges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in France called Gorges, such as Gorges (Manche).

**Further information:** Thomas de Gorges was warden of the manor of Powerstock (Devon) during the reign of Henry III.

**Early bearers:** Thome de Gorges, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Gorges, 1237 in *Fine Rolls* (Powerstock, Dorset); Ralph de Gorges, 1254 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Radulphus de Gorgges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knighton, Hants); John Gorges, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Tamerton Foliot, Devon); Theobald Gorges, 1434

in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset, Dorset); Thomas Gorges, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Langford, Wilts).

### Gorham

**Variants:** **Goreham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 600
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: locative name from Gorham Wood in Bicknor (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Gorham, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Giles of Gorham, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Hugh de Gorham, 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Hugh de Gorham, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Ralph de Gorham, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Rowney, Herts); Johanne Goram, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Lazars, Leics); Thomas Gorham, 1564 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); John Gorham, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Ashford, Kent); Nicolaus Goreham, 1604 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Jonas Gorham, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Salehurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 232, note 1.

2 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from an Old Breton personal name \**Goron*, cognate with Welsh *gwrn* ‘valiant’.

**Early bearers:** William nempne filius gorham, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Suffolk); Nicholaus Gorham, 1585 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); James Gorham, 1594 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); William Gorham, 1606 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Regnald Gorham, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs).

3 Irish: anglicized form of **Ó Guairim**, an Irish surname explained by Woulfe as derived from the Norman surname **de Gorham**, gaelicized at first as *de Gúram*.

**Further information:** The name in Galway appears to be of native, Irish-speaking origin but its presence in Kerry is more likely Norman or English.

### Gorin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Goring**.

### Goring

**Variants:** **Gorringe, Goringe, Gorin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1127, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 890
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Staffs; Lancs

English: locative name from either of two places called Goring (Oxon, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Garinges, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Orvietus de Goringes, 1255 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Goring, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Goryngg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Johanne Goryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); John Goryng, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Goringe, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Henry Gorringe, 1584 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Chrystofor Goringe, 1623 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Gregory Goring, 1634 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Tho Gorin, 1720 in *IGI* (Beckford, Gloucs).

### Goringe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Goring**.

### Gorley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Devon
- English: see **Gourlay**.

### Gormally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Gormghaile, see **Gormley**.

### Gorman

Variants: O'Gorman, Garmon, Garman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7319, Ireland 3990
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary; Kilkenny and Laois

Irish: from Mac Gormáin and Ó Gormáin 'son (or descendant) of Gormán', a personal name from a diminutive of *gorm* 'dark blue, noble'.

**Early bearers:** Oenghus Ua Gormain (abbot of Bangor), 1123 in *AU*; Flann Ua Gormain, arch-lector of Ard-Macha, 1174 in *AU*; Richard Gorman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1864.

### Gormley

Variants: Gormally, Gumley, Gormly, Gromley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2276, Ireland 2060
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Gormghaile 'descendant of Gormghal', a personal name from *gorm* 'noble, dark blue' + *gal* 'valour'.

**Early bearers:** Gilla na Naemh h-Ua Gormgaile, priest of Ratha Luraigh, 1219 in *AU*; Muiredach h-Ua Gormghaile, prior of Indsi mic n-Erind, 1229 in *AU* (Church Island [Inis Mac nEirinn], Roscommon); Mael Issu h-Ua Gormgaile, prior of Innsi mic n-Erín, 1234 in *AU* (Church Island [Inis Mac nEirinn], Roscommon); John Gormole, 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §134 (Moyclare, Meath); William Gormoyll alias Gormuyll, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §554; Cormock O'Gormaly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468 (Moyhedden, Roscommon); Rich. O'Gormooly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468 (Moyhedden, Roscommon); Conchor O'Gormoule, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6560 (Letherim, Dublin), Shane O'Gormowle, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6560 (Letherim, Dublin); Samuel Gormly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); James Gormley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Shankill, Roscommon); Patrick Gormly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Widow Gormly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Patrick Gormoly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); Rodger Gromley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Hugh Gromly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonmaguirk, Tyrone).

### Gormly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Irish: from Ó Gormghaile, see **Gormley**.

### Gornall

Variants: Gornell, Garnell, Gurnell, Gurnhill, Grunwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1384, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 855
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Corney** from the Cumb place so named, which is not far either from Lonsdale in Lancs, where some of the medieval bearers below are recorded, or from Sedbergh and Kendal, where post-medieval bearers of *Corney* are well documented. Compare Nicholas Corney, 1607, Thomas Gurnal, 1716 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm). The voicing of initial /k/ to /g/ in the first element (Old English \**corn*, \**cron* 'crane, heron?') is recorded for the place-name in 1291 (*Gornay*). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes James Gorner, 1792 in the parish registers of Ingleton (WR Yorks), by Lonsdale, which is evidence of an altered pronunciation of final *-ey* identical to that seen in Corney, Lancs, in (2). In the medieval forms Middle English *-ey* (Old English *ēg*) 'island, land by a river' may have been substituted by *hill* (Old English *hyll*) 'hill', or by Middle English *hal(e)* (Old English *halh*) 'a stretch of flat, alluvial land near a river'. It is likely that this surname sometimes overlapped geographically with that in (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Gornell', 1379, Robertus Gornell', 1379, Willelmus Gornell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Gronnell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ness, in Hovingham, NR Yorks); Willelmus Gronnell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks, now NR Yorks); Robert Gurnell of Clapham (WR Yorks), 1392 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnes Gurnell, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Gurnell, 1572 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Robti. Gurnell, 1593 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Gurnell, 1601 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Robert Gurnel, 1605 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Marmaduke Gornell, 1607 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); William Gurnell, 1616 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Anthonius Gurnell, 1629 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Gurnill, 1633 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Gornall, 1706, Richard Gornill, 1753 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Gurnell, 1714, John Gornall, 1739 in *IGI* (Windermere, Westm); Nathl. Gurnal, 1761 in *IGI* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); Ann Gurnell, 1795 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 364.  
2 English: alternatively a variant of **Corney** or **Cornall**, from Corney in Kirkham (Lancs), with voicing of the initial consonant. For the voicing, compare Mary Gorney, 1625, Robert Gorner, 1691 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs), Robart Gorner, 1684, Thomas Gornel, 1762 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs), and Ann Corney, 1800, William Gorney, 1830 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs). In Kirkham parish are recorded Richard Cornay (1545) and Richard Gornall (1639) in *IGI*. From the late 17th century there is fuller evidence for the surname variation in parishes close to Kirkham: Henery Cornall, 1663, Christofer Gurnall, 1675, Thomas Cornal, 1726, John Corney, 1727, John Cornah, 1739, Nathanael Gornall, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); and Hugh Gurnall, 1650, Ric. Cornay, 1678, John Corney, 1720, Thomas Gornal, 1750, John Cornah, 1762, Mary

Cornal, 1772, John Cornell, 1781, Annas Gornah, 1824 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

**Further information:** There seems to be no evidence to derive this surname from Gornal (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ellen Gornall, 1588 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Nathaniel Gurnall, 1702, John Garnall, 1773, Nathanael Gornall, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Richard Gernall, 1800 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 154.

### Gornell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Gornall**.

### Gorner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Garner**.

### Gorney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Norman, English: see **Gurney**.

### Goronwy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Gronow**.

### Gorrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- English: see **Gorrell**.

### Gorrell

Variants: Gorrill, Gorrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gorrell* 'person with a large paunch', from Old French *gorel* 'pig'. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** William Gorel, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Henry Gorel, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); William Gorel, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Walterus Gorel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Leighs, Essex); William Guruyll', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Elizabetha Gorrell, 1564 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); Jhon Gorrill, 1572 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Roberte Gorryll, 1618 in *PROB 11*; John Gorrill, 1675, Sarah Gorril, 1709 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); William Gorrel, 1724 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); John Gorril, 1764 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

2 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Gār-wulf* (composed of elements meaning 'spear' + 'wolf'). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may belong under (1) or (3). **Early bearers:** Margeria Gorulf, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Goroulf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus Gorrell, 1582 in *IGI* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); Thomee Gorrell, 1583 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Frauncys Gorrell, 1595 in *IGI*



## Gorrie

(Chippenham, Wilts); Mary Gorrell, 1625 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

3 English: locative name from Gorrel (Devon), Gorwell (Essex), or Gorrel Farm (Bucks) (earlier recorded as *Gorhale*), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) muddy spring', '(by the) muddy hill', or '(at the) muddy nook', from Middle English *gire*, *gure* (Old English *gyr(e)* 'mud, filth') + Middle English *wel(le)* 'spring, fount' (Old English *well*, *wyll*); Middle English *hil(le)* 'hill' (Old English *hyl*); or Middle English *halgh* 'nook' (Old English *halh*), respectively.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Gorewell, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Cecily de Gorhull, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

### Gorrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 638
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gothraidh** 'son of *Gothradh*', a personal name of Scandinavian origin, equivalent to English *Godfrey*. Compare Irish **McGorry**.
- Early bearers:** Andrew Gorrie, 1593 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Newmilns, Ayr); Donald Gorrie, 1637 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Logie-Almond, Perth).

### Gorrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Gorrell**.

### Gorringe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Goring**.

### Gorrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Aberdeens
- English: see **Garrett**

### Gorry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 254
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- Manx: from **Mac Gothraidh**, see **McGorry**.

### Gorse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Gorst**.

### Gorsia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Gorasia**.

### Gorski

Variants: **Gorsky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name from Polish **Górski** denoting someone from any of numerous places called Góra, Górka, or Górki, from *góra* 'mountain, hill'.

**Early bearers:** with *-ski*: Adolph Gorski, in *Census 1861* (Northampton, Northants); Stanislas Gorski, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); Gustav Henry Gorski, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Greenwich, Kent).

with *-sky*: Hyman Gorsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Hannah Gorsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Israel Gorsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fanny Gorsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Solomon Gorsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Gorsky

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Gorski**.

### Gorst

Variants: **Gorse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 653
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Middle English *gors(t)* 'furze, gorse', for someone who lived '(at the) gorse'.
- Early bearers:** Thom. de la Gorste, 1275 in *Löfvenberg*; Roger de la Gorste, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agn. del Gorstes, Ralph in le Gorstes, 1281 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Adam Gorst, 1304 in *MED*; Radulphus Attegorstes, 1327 in *MED*; Anne Gorst, 1546 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Udenricus Gorse, 1549 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Valentyne Gorse, 1619 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Nathanyell Gorse, 1674 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts); Edward Grost, 1697 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Gorstige

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Gossage**.

### Gorstridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Gossage**.

### Gorsuch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants; Sussex; Lancs

English: see **Gossage**.

### Gort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: perhaps from a metathesized form of Middle English *grot*, *grut* (Old English *grēot*) 'gravel'; see **Grote**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Gorta, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rame parish, Cornwall); Agn' Gort, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); William Gurt, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Marie Gort, 1632 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); Thomas Gorte, 1722 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts);

John Gorte, 1762 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Gurt, 1758 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Charity Gort, 1816 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

### Gorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1859
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Gorton (Lancs), or occasionally from Gortonhill in Bishop's Nympton (Devon), recorded as *Gorton* in 1524.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Gorton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John de Gorton, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Rogero de Gorton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lancs); Thomas Gorton, citizen and fishmonger of London, 1405 in *Patent Rolls*; Lawrence Gorton, 1560 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Gorton, 1563 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); John Gorton, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Gorvett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon; Surrey; Gloucs

English: perhaps a variant of **Govett** with intrusive *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Gorvett, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Littleham, Devon); John Gorvet, 1697 in *IGI* (Frithestock, Devon); John Gorvet, 1723 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Gorvin

Variants: **Gorfin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Devon
- English: locative name from Gorvin in Hartland (Devon), recorded as *Garfin* in 1204, *Gorfenne* in 1249.
- Early bearers:** John Gorefenne, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Walter Gorfyn', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Cheshunt, Herts); Walter Gorfen, Watkyn Gorfen, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); John Gorvin, 1688 in *IGI* (Shillingford Saint George, Devon); Richard Gorfin, 1761 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon).

### Gorwood

Variants: **Gurwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: of uncertain origin. The medieval forms suggest it might be from a place-name ending in Old English *wald* 'woodland district', or from an Old English personal name ending in *-wald* ('power'), but nothing suitable has been identified. The Old English personal name *Gārweald* may have survived into the 13th century as Middle English *\*Garwald*, *\*Gorwald*, or *\*Gorwold*, but this is an improbable source of *Gorwood* in view of the early spellings with *Gur-* and *Grewe-*.
- Early bearers:** William Gurwald, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Anston, WR Yorks); Ricardus Greweald', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Henry Gurwold, 1509 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Gurwold, 1560, Christopher Gurwood, 1585 in *York Registry Wills* (Norton, ER Yorks); Margarye



Gorwood, 1588 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Peter Gurwoode, 1607 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Rich. Gorwood, 1609 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Anne Gurwood, 1636 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Francis Gorwood, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Gosai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *gosvāmi* 'lord of cows' (Sanskrit *go* 'cow' + *svāmī* 'lord'), i.e. 'holy man'.

### Gosal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Gosbee

Variants: **Gosby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Gosseby, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Glen Parva, Leics); Thomas Gosbye, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Wickhambreux, Kent); Thomas Gosbee, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Downham, Essex); Francis Gosby or Gousbye, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Queenhithe, London); William Gosbie, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury Saint Paul, Kent); Luke Gosby, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Chislet, Kent); Ann Gosbee, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John in Thanet, Kent).

### Gosby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Gosbee**.

### Gosden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and IoW

English: locative name from a lost *Gosden* in Slaugham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Gosedenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Goseden, 1364 in *Place-Names of Surrey*; John Goseden, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Willelmus Gosdenne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); William Gosedenne, 1409 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas Goseden, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Gossedden, 1549 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Valentine Goseden, 1558 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Jane Gosdeane, 1597 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Henery Gossden, 1636 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 226.

### Gosford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks

English: locative name from any of the places named Gosford (Oxon, Warwick, Devon, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Goseford, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gosseford of Gernemuth, 1268, identical with Robert de Goseford, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Stephen de Goseford, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Bartholomew de Gosford, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Kenton, Devon); William de Gosford, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Bodham, Norfolk); Robert Goseford, 1346 in *Hylle Cartulary*; John Goseford, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks, Devon); Eliz. Gosford, 1592 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Mary Gossford, 1797 in *IGI* (Orton Waterville, Hunts).

### Goshawk

Variants: **Gosshawk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *goshawk* 'goshawk' (Old English *gōshafoc*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Goshauk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); William Goshauk, 1400 in *Yorks Wills*; Henry Goshauke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thom Goshauke, 1612 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs); John Goshawk, 1729 in *IGI* (Nowton, Suffolk); Robert Gosshawke, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Gosshorke, 1772 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Joseph Gosehork, 1779 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint George, Suffolk); John Goshark, 1792 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Gosland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Devon

English: variant of **Joslin** with excrescent *-d*.

### Goslin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster; Cork

English: see **Joslin**.

### Gosling

Variants: **Gostling**, **Gossling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5733, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4658
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Suffolk and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 English: nickname from Middle English *goslyng* 'gosling'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Goseling, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Goseling, Maud Gosselyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Edward Gosling, 1542 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Joane Gosling, 1549 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Elizabeth Gosling, 1561 in *IGI* (Thornton by Horncastle, Lincs); John Gosling, 1562 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk); Margret Gosling, 1565 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

2 English: relationship name, variant of **Joslin**.

### Gosnay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gosney**.

### Gosnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: (i) from an Irish adaptation, **Góiséir**, of English **Hosier**, the name of a family in Munster in the late 16th century. (ii) variant of **Gosnold**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Gosnall, appointed Queen's Principal Attorney at Laws in Munster, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6021.

### Gosney

Variants: **Gosnay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Dorset

English: locative name from Middle English *gos(se)* 'goose' + *ei* 'island' (Old English *gōs* + *ēg*). The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived '(at the) goose island', or, more probably, toponymic, for someone from a lost or as yet unidentified place so named. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** John Gosnay, 1447 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Gosnie or Gosney, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Stower Estouer, Dorset); Willm. Gosney, 1591 in *IGI* (Carlby, Lincs); Margret Gosnay, 1602 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Robert Gosney, 1621 in *IGI* (Haydon, Dorset); Margaret Goseny, 1733 in *IGI* (Compton Chamberlayne, Wilts).

### Gosnold

Variants: **Gosnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England, esp. Middx and Gloucs

English: locative name, unexplained. A defective record, Margareta de Gosenhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (beginning of membrane 2, Suffolk), suggests the possibility of a lost place-name in East Anglia perhaps with the second element *-hale* 'nook', whilst some of the more westerly bearers suggest a place-name with an etymology in *-hull* 'hill'. Two similar names may have fallen together.

**Further information:** The final *-d* is a late medieval or post-medieval excrescent consonant originating in an eastern English county.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gosenyle, 1337, de Gosenile, 1339 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)*; William Gosenol of Euesham, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Willelmus Gosenhull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Condoover with parcels, Shrops); John Gosnale, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandwich, Kent); John Gosnold, 1488 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)*; Alen Gosnell, 1548 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Gosnold, 1550 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Richard Gosnald, 1564 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Susanna Gosnolde, 1575, Richard Gosnall, 1576 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); John Gosnell, 1581 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); John Gosnold, 1583 in *IGI* (Holton Saint Mary, Suffolk); Mary Goosnell, 1588 in *IGI* (Condoover, Shrops); Elizabeth Gosnold, 1605 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Andrew Gosnell or Gosnoll, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Cann, Shrops); Robert Gosnell alias Gosnold, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Abchurch, City of London); John Gosnal, 1699 in *IGI* (Edwardstone, Suffolk); Mary Gosnel, 1731 in

*IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Ann Gozna, 1735 in *IGI* (Stroxton, Lincs).

**References:** A 19th-cent. pedigree from 1369–1888 of the Gosnold or Gosnall family of Bentley is held at *Suffolk Record Office* (Ipswich), HD 1688/1.

### Gospel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: (i) perhaps a metathesized form of **Gopsill**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *gospel(le)* 'Gospel', for one who habitually used a phrase such as *all is not gospel*: see *MED*.

**Early bearers:** John Gospel, 1611 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Gospel, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); William Gospel, 1784 in *IGI* (Barmby Moor, ER Yorks).

### Goss

**Variants:** **Gosse, Joyce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3315, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; also Lancs; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Carlow; Louth

English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Gosse* (Continental Germanic *Gozzo, Gauz*), latinized as *Gocius*. It was frequently used as a short form of the double diminutive pet form *Goscelin*. Compare *Gosse* or *Gocelin de Mealtun*, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

**Further information:** *Gosse* frequently appears in an alternative Old French form *Joce*, and was probably much confused with another name *Joce* of quite different etymology. See **Joyce**, and for *Gocelin* see **Joslin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gotso dapifer, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Gocius de Huptuna, 1154–89 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Gocius, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, Midlands and E Anglia: Hugo Gosse, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Goce, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Gosse, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walterus Gosse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Gosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); Willelmus Gosse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flempton, Suffolk); Thomas Gosse, 1539 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Susanna Gosse, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Xpofor Gosse, 1594 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); Thomas Goss, 1672 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

surnames, S and SW England: Rogerus Gosse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chawleigh, Devon); Johannes Gosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melbury Osmond, Dorset); Johannes Gosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Water Gosse, 1544 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); William Goss, 1579 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Benjamin Gosse, 1623 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Gosse, 1659 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).  
surnames, N England: Johannes Gosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fockerby, WR Yorks); Henry Gosse, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

### Gossage

**Variants:** **Gorsuch, Gostage, Gorstige, Gostridge, Gorstridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; also Northants

English: locative name from Gorsuch in Scarisbrick (Lancs), recorded as *Gosfordesich* in about 1200 and *Gorsiche* in 1519.

**Early bearers:** Adam of Gosfordesiche, about 1260 in *Lancs Record Office* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); John de Gosefordsik, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Gilbert of Gosfordesech, 1371 in *Lancs Record Office* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); Gilberto de Gosfordsiche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); William Gossage, 1444 in *Leics Record Office* (Helmdon, Northants); William Gorsage of Helmeden, John Gorsuche, Richard Gorsuch, 1478 in *Derbys Record Office* (Helmdon, Northants); John Gossage, 1534 in *Solihull Parish Book* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas Gorsuche of Gorsuche, gent., 1541 in *Lancs Record Office* (Gorsuch, Lancs); Thomae Gossage, 1542 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Henry Gorsuch, 1542 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Elizabeth Gorsutch, 1561 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); William Gorsuch, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Thomas Gossage, 1572 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Robart Gosiche, 1579 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Ralph Gorsuch, 1579, Thomas Gorsage, 1619, William Gorsitch, 1625 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Nicolas Gorsiche, 1581 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Arthure Gorstiche, 1605 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Willmi. Gorstich, 1617, Robtus Gorstick, 1617, Gulielmi Gorstach, 1628, Roberti Gorstage, 1662 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Roger Gossage, 1638 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); John Gostage, 1751 in *IGI* (Farndon, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 124; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 144; Gossage One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/gossage/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/gossage/).

### Gossard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics

English: see **Gozzard**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Gosse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: see **Goss**.

### Gosselin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Guernsey Channel Islands: see **Joslin**.

### Gosset

**Variants:** **Gossett, Gozzett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Jersey

English, Huguenot: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Gosse, Josse* (see **Goss**).

**Further information:** The long gap in the examples suggests that the medieval name died out and was later reintroduced by Huguenot immigrants.

**Early bearers:** Robert Josset, Isabella Josset, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Benjamin Gosset, 1641, David Gosset, 1646 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jacob Gossett, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); William Gosset, 1696 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Gozzett, 1784, Wm Gozzet, 1794 in *IGI* (Woodham Walter, Essex).

### Gossett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English, Huguenot: see **Gosset**.

### Gosshawk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Goshawk**.

### Gossip

**Variants:** **Gossop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Aberdeens

English: nickname from Middle English *godsib*(*be*), *godsip*, *gossib*(*be*), *gossip*(*pe*), *goseppe* 'godparent', later 'familiar acquaintance; friend' (Old English *godsibb*), also used as a form of address.

**Further information:** As a vocabulary word, *gossip* is not recorded in its modern sense denoting a newsmonger, someone who indulges in tittle-tattle, until the mid-16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Ulfketil Godsib, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); William Godsip, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Norfolk); John le Gossib, Gossyp, 1319 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholaus Gossybbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leven, ER Yorks); Willelmus Gossip, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Maud Gossip, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Pattishall, Notts); Elizabeth Gossippe, 1618 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); Sarah Gossup, 1694, Richard Gossip, 1706, Thomas Gossop, 1709 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); George Godsip, 1770 in *IGI* (Ospringe, Kent).

Scotland: James Gossip, 1750 in *IGI* (King Edward, Aberdeens); George Gosip, 1775 in *IGI* (Logie Buchan, Aberdeens).

### Gossling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 English: see **Gosling**.

2 English: variant of **Joslin**.

### Gosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Meath, and Dublin

1 English: assimilated form of **Godson**; compare 'Godson or gosson, Filiolus', about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. Some of the examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Gosson', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Edus Gossone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Westgate with vills, Norfolk); Francis Gosson, 1555 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Gosson, 1588 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts); Martha Gosson, 1616 in *IGI*

(Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); William Gosson, 1686 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name, assimilated form of *Gotteson* from the Middle English personal name *Got(te) + son*. See **Gott**.

**Early bearers:** William Gotson, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks), probably related to Alan and Nicholas 'son of Gotte', 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Petro Gotson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus Gotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Johannes Gotson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Richard Gotson, 1587 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); James Gotson, 1612 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Joseph Gotson, 1764 in *IGI* (Attercliffe, WR Yorks).

3 Irish: from Ó Gusáin; see **Gausen**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Gosson, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Gossop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Gossip**.

### Gostage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Berks and Wilts

English: see **Gossage**.

### Gostelow

**Variants:** Costelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Bucks

English: locative name from Gorstella in Lower Kinnerton (Cheshire), recorded as *Gorstilowe* in 1339.

**Early bearers:** Roger Gorstilowe, 1391 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Gorstillowe, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Helenae Gorstelowe, 1560 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Edward Gorstellowe, 1570 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); Marie Gostelow, 1588 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Jane Gostelowe, 1609 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); William Gorstellow, 1610 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire); Katharine Gostelow, 1621 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Thomas Gorstellowe, 1635 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Merry Gostelow, 1752 in *IGI* (Grendon Underwood, Bucks); William Gorselow, 1777 in *IGI* (Hognaston, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 159–60.

### Gostick

**Variants:** Gostwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Northants

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in the E Midlands.

**Early bearers:** John Gostwyk' 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts, Beds); Robert Gostwyky', 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John Gostwyk', 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Gostwyck, 1540 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Gostwyke or Gostwick, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Willington, Beds); Jane Gostick, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Gostick, 1783 in *IGI*

(Harrold, Beds); Jonathan Gostick, 1786 in *IGI* (Brigstock, Northants).

### Gostling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: see **Gosling**.

2 English: see **Joslin**.

### Gostridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics

English: see **Gossage**.

### Gostwick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Gostick**.

### Goswami

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *gosvāmī* 'lord, religious mendicant', from Sanskrit *go*, a word with many meanings, including 'earth' and 'cow', + *svāmī* 'lord'.

### Goswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

1 English: locative name, probably from *Goswell*, a lost place whose name is preserved in that of Goswell Road and Lane in Windsor (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Gossewell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Littlestoke and Checkendon, Oxon); John Goswelle of Gildeford, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Guildford, Surrey); Bartholomew Goswell', 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Goswell', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Eversley, Hants); Ann Goswell, 1604 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Christopher Goswell, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Gillingham, Kent); George Gosswell, 1677 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Thomas Goswel, 1706 in *IGI* (Arborfield, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 27.

2 English: locative name from Goosewell in Plymstock (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Maria Gooswell, 1603 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Margaret Goosewill, 1616 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); William Goswell, 1683 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon).

### Gotch

**Variants:** Goch, Goche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants

1 English: probably a variant of **Gooch**; compare **Gutch**. It does not appear to relate to the dialect word *gotch* 'large earthenware pot; corpulent person', which is not recorded before the 17th century.

2 Welsh: nickname from Welsh *goch* 'red'.

**Early bearers:** Cadogan Goch, a Welshman, 1294 in *Patent Rolls*; Llewellyn Goch, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; David Goch, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Ruabon,

Denbighs); James Goch, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Montgomery, Montgomerys).

### Gotelee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx

English: see **Goatley**.

### Gotfrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: see **Godfrey**.

### Goth

**Variants:** Gath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: variant of **Goad**. Compare James Goad, 1711, Betty Goth, 1810 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Goth, 1739, Jane Goad, 1741 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Goad, 1780, John Goth, 1789 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Joseph Goad, 1831, John Goth, 1839 in *IGI* (Orton, Westm).

2 English: alternatively a late variant of **Gath** (see **Garth**), if not vice versa. Compare Isabella Garthe, 1598, Roger Garth, 1733, William Goth, 1742 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Ambrose Garth, 1724, Ramez Goth, 1730, James Gath, 1792 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Hannah Gath, 1744, Joshua Goth, 1786 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

3 Irish: from Mag Eochadha, see **McGough**.

### Gotham

**Variants:** Goatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Gotham (Notts), Gotham in Bexhill (Sussex), or Gotham in Tiverton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Gotham, 1291–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de Gotham, 1301, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford); John de Gotham, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Rotherham, Mexborough, WR Yorks); Henry de Gotham, about 1320 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Peter Gotham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); William de Gotham, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Walter de Gotham, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Wymeswold, Leics); John de Gotham, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Benedict Gotham, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); John Gotham, 1560 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Richard Gotham, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Chartham Saint Mary, Kent); John Gotham, 1698 in *IGI* (Newton on Trent, Lincs); Thomas Gotham, 1733 in *Parish Registers* (Norbury, Staffs).

### Gothard

**Variants:** Goater, Goddard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 570
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs and Midlands

1 English: commonly a local pronunciation of **Goddard**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing Humphrey Godard, Humphrey Godthard of Sheffield (1664–72), and John Goddard, John Gothard of Austonley (1731). In some parish registers the name also appears

alongside *Goater*, which may be another variant of this name, unless *Gothard* is a variant of *Goater*. Some of the following bearers may otherwise belong with (2) or (3); the names were probably much confused.

**Early bearers:** George Gotherd, 1560, Anne Gotard, 1785, Elizabeth Goddard, 1797 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Gotharde, 1582, Hugh Goddard, 1628 in *IGI* (Winston, Hants); Tho. Goddard, 1583, Margreta Gotherd, 1649, Maria Gothard, 1688 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Henrici Goddard, 1600, Doritee Goddard, 1606, Benjamin Gothard, 1674 in *IGI* (Frankton, Warwicks); Tomasin Goater, 1622, Susan Goddard, 1632, Jos. Gother, 1657, Robert Gotherd, 1658 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Goddard, 1638, Richard Gothard, 1724 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); Edward Gotherd, 1643, Richard Gothard, 1651 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Martha Goddard, 1648, Elizabeth Gothard, 1679 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Dorothy Goddard, 1670, William Goater, 1693, William Gother, 1697 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Doratey Gothard, 1672 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Thomas Gothard, 1681, John Goddard, 1683, John Gotard, 1714 in *IGI* (Thorpe Langton, Leics); Ann Goddard or Gothard, 1749 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *got(e)* 'goat' + *herd(e)*, *h(i)erd* 'herd' (Old English *gāt* + *hyrde*). This name may have developed to, or was confused with, *Goater* and *Goddard*; see (1) and (3), where some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong. Compare **Gathard**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gothirde, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey le Gotherde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury, Sussex); John le Gotherde of Hokenhale, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Hucknall, Notts); Thomas Gothird, 1365–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Hugo Gotherd', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Desford, Leics); John Gotherde, 1545 in *IGI* (Bassingthorpe, Lincs); George Gotherd, 1560 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Henry Gothard, 1606 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Agnes Gother, 1639 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); John Gothard, 1705 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

3 English: variant of **Goater** with an excrescent *-d*.

### Gotheridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- English: see **Gutteridge**.

### Gotobed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *go(e)* + *to* + *bed(de)*; compare Serle Gotokirke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs), John Gobiside, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*, Johannes Gotoreste, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Nicholas Gabyfore, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees*.

**Early bearers:** John, Richard Gotobedde, 1269 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs), 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); William Gawetobedde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Gotobedde, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John Gotobedde, vicar of the church of Swaffham, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Henrie Gottobed, 1599 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Charles Godbed, 1760 in *Bardsley*.

### Gotsell

**Variants:** **Godsill, Godsall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Wilts

1 English: nickname from Middle English *god(e)* 'good' + *soul(e)*, *sol(e)* (Old English *sāwol*) 'soul', i.e. 'good soul', 'good fellow'. Twelfth-century *sa(u)le* became *so(u)le* in most of England in the 13th century but remained as *sa(u)le* in much of N England.

**Further information:** The name may sometimes have been confused with Middle English *Godes(h)all*, *Godsale*, weak pronunciations of Middle English *Godeshalf* ('(on) God's behalf'). See **Godsave**, and compare Ricardus Godeshall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oulston, NR Yorks), and Johannes Godsale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Constable, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** E England: Godwin Gotsaule, 12th cent. *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); William God saule, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Amicia Godsol, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas Godsowle, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); William Godsoule, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Alyce Godsall, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Alicia Godsall, 1618, Johanis Gotsell, 1666, Jacobus Godsell, 1669 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Gotsell, 1717 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Anna Godsell, 1677, William Godsill, 1743, Celia Gotsall, 1790 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Gotsell, 1800 in *IGI* (Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk).

N England: Johanne Godesawle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brackenhholme, ER Yorks); Radulphus Godsale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Thomas Godsalle, 1518 in *York Freeman's Register*; An Godsall, 1636 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Margret Godsill, 1699 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks).

2 English: for the Wilts name see **Godsell**.

### Gott

**Variants:** **Gotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1493, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Leitrim

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gotte*. In some cases this was a pet form of **Godfrey**. In the proceedings relating to Ossett (WR Yorks) in *Wakefield Court Rolls*, William son of Godefrey de Dewysbiry (1307) is almost certainly identical with William son of Gotte de Dewsbiry (1309), as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. It may also have been a pet form of other names beginning in *God-*, such as **Goddard** and **Godwin**. (ii) relationship name; Middle English *Gotte* was also a simplified pronunciation of the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Goz, Gots* (Continental Germanic *Gozzo*), often used as a pet form of the Old French personal name *Gocelin*, which was pronounced *Gotselin*; see **Joslin**. In 1319 Gocelin Bouer and Thomas Gotsone Bouer were accused of assaulting Gilbert de Lyndeseye (*Patent Rolls*, Hunts). In Middle English usage *Gotsone Bouer* means 'son of *Got Bouer*', which seems to confirm that *Got* is a short form of *Gocelin*. (iii) relationship name from the unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Gutte*, \**Gotte*, representing Old Scandinavian *Gutti*, a pet

form of *Guðþormr* (*Guttormr*) or perhaps of Old Swedish *Gudhfast*.

**Further information:** The more usual English development of Old French *Goz* was to **Goss**. For the reduction of /ts/ to either /s/ or /t/ compare *Jort, Jors, Jorz* under **Joyce** (2). For *Gotson* as a patronymic surname see **Gosson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gotte filius Wulfrici, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gutti le Cuper de Berton' [Barton Bendish], early 13th cent. in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (West Dereham, Norfolk); Gotte Fader, merchant, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: Godui Gott, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Gilbertus filius Gotte, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Haldan' Gotte, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas and Alan son of Gotte, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Walter Gotte, 1318, John Gotte, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannes Got, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Gotte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Amotherby, NR Yorks); Rogerus Gott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Willelmus Gotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willingham, Norfolk); John Gott, 1559 in *IGI* (Eriskney, Lincs); Johannis Gott, 1577 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Gotte, 1567 in *IGI* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Sara Gotte, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 168.

2 English: see **Gut**.

### Gotter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Gutter**.

### Gottlieb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal name *Gottlieb*. As a German personal name this is for the most part a translation of Greek *Theophilos* ('one who loves God') that became very popular in the 17th and 18th centuries with the rise of the Pietist movement. Independently from German Christians, it was used from the Middle Ages by German Jews.

**Early bearers:** Harris Gottlieb, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Dora Gottlieb, Nathan Gottlieb, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Samuel Gottlieb, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Somerset).

2 German: relationship name from the personal name *Goteleib*, based on Old High German *god*, *got* 'god' + *leiba* 'offspring, son'. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Gottlebe, 1610 in *IGI* (Treyford, Sussex); Georg Gotlib, 1632 in *IGI* (Minety, Wilts); Wllm. Gotleib, 1635 in *IGI* (Oxwick, Norfolk); Valentine Gottlieb, 1778 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Andreas Gottlieb, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); John Gottlieb, 1813 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

### Gotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 490
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name, perhaps a variant of **Gott** with genitival *-(e)s*. *Got(te)* is also found in medieval Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Gottes, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Norfolk); Henry Gottes, chaplain, John Henryservant Gottes, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Clippesby, Norfolk); Johannes Gottes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Henry Gottes, 1390 in *Norwich Wills* (Clippesby, Norfolk); John Gottys, 1429 in *Norwich Wills* (Eccles on Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Gottys, 1502 in *Norwich Wills* (Walsingham Magna, Norfolk); John Gotts, 1569 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Nicholas Gottes, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Little Ryburgh, Norfolk).

**References:** Gotts One-Name Study at <http://www.gotts.org.uk/>.

### Goubert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands
- Huguenot, French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gobert* (Continental Germanic *Godebert*).

**Early bearers:** England: Jean Goubert, 1703, Pierre Goubert, 1715 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Francois Goubert, 1720 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

Channel Islands: Bon Goubert, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Constant Goubert, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

### Gouch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: see **Gooch**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gooch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Adam Gouche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Francis Gouch, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Winsford, Somerset).

### Goucher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, Staffs, and Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare
- English, French: see **Goacher**.

### Gouck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- English: see **Gook**.

### Goude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Northants, and Lincs

English: see **Goode**.

### Goudge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Cornwall
- 1 English: variant of **Gooch** (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Goudge, 1624 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Margaret Goudge, 1643 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex).

2 English: variant of **Couch**.

**Early bearers:** Loveday Goudge, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); William Goudge, 1806 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Goudie

**Variants:** **Godwy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1079, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 940
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Lanarks, Argyll, and Renfrews

Scottish: see **Goldie**.

### Goudman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Dutch: occupational name from Middle Dutch *goltman*, *gultman*, *goudman* 'goldsmith'.

**Early bearers:** Saml. Goudman, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### Goudy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish, Irish: see **Goldie**.

### Gouge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants
- 1 English: variant of **Gooch**.  
2 English: variant of **Couch**.

### Gough

**Variants:** **Goff**, **Goffe**, **Cough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13395, Ireland 1279
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8722
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Waterford; Dublin

1 Welsh: nickname from Welsh *coch*, *goch* 'red (-haired)'. The mutated form *goch* is normal after a personal name. The final consonant, spelled *-ch*, was the voiceless velar fricative /x/, as in Welsh *bach*. This frequently became /f/ after back vowels in Modern English, hence the anglicized spellings *Gough* and *Goff*. In England, where the surname occurs from Welsh migration, it may have become hereditary in medieval times but this development was probably much later in Wales. Compare **Gooch** (2) and **Couch**, which may sometimes derive from the same source.

**Early bearers:** Wales: David Gouch ap Iereward, 1292 in *Celtic Studies Bulletin* 13, p. 216; Eyner Gooch, 1295 in *Celtic Studies Bulletin* 13, p. 143; Edenoweyn Gogh, 1325 in *Celtic Studies Bulletin* 4, p. 160; William Gough, son of Thomas Gough, 1813 in *IGI* (Llanbister, Radnors); Richard Gough, son of Richard Gough, 1816 in *IGI* (Meifod, Montgomerys); David Gough, son of John Gough, 1835 in *IGI* (Llanidloes, Montgomerys).

England: Robert Goch, 1203 in *Pleas* (Shrops); Griffin Gogh, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Felicia Goch,

1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robert Gogh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Goughe, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Catherine Goffe, 1593 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Elizabeth Goff, 1613 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); David Gough, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Martin's, Shrops); Richard Goff, 1669 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire); Elizabetha Gough, 1680 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Edward Gough, 1705 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); James Gough, 1736 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Henry Gough, 1759 in *IGI* (Ryton, Shrops); Thomas Gough, 1791 in *IGI* (Chepstow, Monmouths).

2 English: see **Goff**.

3 Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McGough**.

### Goul

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Goll**.

### Goulborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

### Goulborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

### Goulbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

### Goulbourne

**Variants:** **Goulbourn**, **Goulborn**, **Goulborne**, **Golbourn**, **Golborn**, **Goldbourn**, **Gouldbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Golborne (Lancs), Golborne David in Handley (Cheshire), or Golborne Bellow in Tattenhall (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Goldburn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Goldeborne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fobbing, Essex); Elizabeth Golbourn, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Golborn, 1561 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Goulborne, 1577 Anne Golborn, 1711 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Golborne, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Westchester, Cheshire); Richard Goulborne, 1622 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); George Gouldborne, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Westcheap, London); Richi. Goldbourn, 1654 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire).

### Gould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14980, Ireland 550
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10757
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Somerset and Devon; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Gold**.

### Gouldbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

## Goulden

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Goulbourne**.

### Goulden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1531, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1056
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English, Irish: see **Golden**.

### Goulder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 420
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Norfolk
- English: see **Goldler**.

### Gouldesborough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Goldsbrough**.

### Gouldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Golden**.

### Goulding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5057, Ireland 662
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2922
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; also Gloucs; Lincs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: see **Golding**.  
2 Irish: adopted for **Mag Ualghairg**, see **McGoldrick**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Gouldinge, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2321.

### Gouldsbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Goldsbrough**.

### Gouldsbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- Irish: see **Goldsbrough**.

### Gouldsmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Kent, and Surrey
- English: see **Goldsmith**.

### Gouldson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Goldson**.

### Gouldstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Goldston**.

### Gouldthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Goldthorpe**.

### Goule

#### Variants: Goole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gul* ‘yellow’ (Old Scandinavian *gulr* ‘yellow, pale, wan’ or *gull* ‘gold’). (ii) nickname from Middle English *goule* ‘gullet; greed’ (Old French *goule*). (iii) locative name from Middle English *goule* (regional modern English *gool*) ‘watercourse, channel’, or from a place named with this word such as Goole (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** John Goule, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John le Goul, 1341 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); John Goule, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Nicholas Goole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Robt Goole, 1549 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Johan Goule, 1572 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Wm. Goole, 1582 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Goole, 1615 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Goole, 1741 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs); Samuel Goule, 1748 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk).

### Goulsbra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Goldsbrough**.

### Goulston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Goldston**.

### Goulstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Goldston**.

### Goult

#### Variants: Golt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: variant of **Gold** with devoicing of final *-d*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Golt, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Newport, IoW); Jone Goult, 1572 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); William Goult, 1618 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Mary Golt, 1635 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk).

### Goultly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: probably a variant of **Goldie**, either with devoicing of the medial *-d-* or else similarly formed as a diminutive of the personal name *Go(u)lt* (see **Gold**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Golt, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Debach cum Boulge, Suffolk); Edward Goulty, 1591 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); William Goulty, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Orford, Suffolk); Mary Golt, 1675 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); Susanna Goulty, 1729, Henry Golt, 1739 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Goundry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Gundry**.

### Goupil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English, French, Huguenot: nickname, relationship name from Old French *goupil*, *goupil* ‘fox’, also used as a personal name. It is likely that this name did not survive the medieval period but was reintroduced in the 16th century by Protestant refugees from France.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Gupill’, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Gupyl de Gelverton, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames, Norman, English: Godfrey Gupill, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Thomas le Gupil, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Compton, Hants); Alan le Gopil, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Gopyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Gopyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Beatrice Gopill, 1411 in *Patent Rolls*.  
surnames, Huguenot: Jean Goupil, 1696 in *IGI* (Artillery church, Spitalfields, Middx); Magdeleine Goupill, 1702 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Samuel Goupil, 1716 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street church, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Gourd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Hants
- English: see **Gurd**.

### Gourdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Perth
- Scottish: locative name from Gourdie (Angus).  
**Early bearers:** David Gourdie, 1656 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); John Gourdie, 1710 in *IGI* (Fowlis Easter, Perth).

### Gourlay

#### Variants: Gourley, Gorley, Gourlie, Gurley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2718, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1650
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Fife; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish, Norman: locative name, either from North or South Gorley (Hants), or, in some cases, from an unidentified location in France.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ingelram de Gourlay, about 1174 in *Chalmers, Caledonia*; Hugh Gurle, William Gurle, 1254 in *Sources of Scottish History* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); William, son of William Gurlay, 1293 in *Newbattle Register*; Roger Gourlay, William de Gurleye, Huwe de Gurlghe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alexander Gourley, 1400 in *Feet of Fines*; Archibald Gourlay, 1580 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife);

William Gourley, 1607 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Margaret Gourlay, 1644 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Gourlae, 1669 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Gourlee, 1768 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

N England: Eustace de Gurleye, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Gourley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Katherina Gorley, 1724 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Thomas Gorlay, 1733 in *IGI* (Hornsea, ER Yorks).

S England: Henry Gorly, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Elisabetha Gorle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Subedge, Gloucs); John Gourle, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Gorly, 1572 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); William Gourley, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); John Gorley, 1594 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Laurence Gorley, 1603 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Anne Gorlye, 1611 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); David Gourlay, 1789 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); David Gorlay, 1798 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era; Black*

### Gourley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 822, Ireland 731
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr; Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Tyrone

Scottish: see **Gourlay**.

### Gourlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Gourlay**.

### Gout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in France named La Goutte (or variants thereof), such as Les Gouttes (Burgundy); see *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Early bearers:** Master Bertrand del Gouth, archdeacon of Agenois, 1290 identical with Bertrand del Gout, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Aquitaine, France); John del Goute, merchant of Gascony, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gout, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Aquitaine, France); Roberto Gout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swithland, Leics); Johannes Gout', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales, Staffs); Isabella Goute, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Yeldham, Essex); John Gout, 1590 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Thomas Baliston Gout, 1675 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Goute, 1778 in *IGI* (East Wretham, Norfolk).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *gut(te)*, *gout* 'stomach, belly', or perhaps from *goute*, *gute* 'gout'.

**Early bearers:** Edward le Gute, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (New Forest, Hants); John Gout, 1623 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks); James Gout, 1707 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); John Gout, 1725 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset).

### Goutcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, French: see **Goacher**.

### Gouveia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: locative name from any of various places so called, in particular one in the province of Beira Baixa. The place name, first recorded in the Latin forms *Gaudela* and *Goudela*, is of obscure origin.

**Early bearers:** Accacis Gouveia, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Govan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews

1 Irish, Scottish: from **Ó Gobhann**, see **Gowan**.

**Early bearers:** Loghelen O'Gavan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3087 (Ballyhelehan).

2 Scottish: locative name from Govan (Lanarks/Renfrews), near Glasgow.

**Early bearers:** Christian, widow of Symon de Govane, 1283 in *Scottish Arms* (Govan, Lanarks/Renfrews); John de Govane, about 1325 in *Scottish Arms* (Glasgow), John de Govane, 1447–56, Patrick de Govane 1471–76 in *Scottish Arms*, priors of the house of the Friars Preachers (Glasgow); Thomas Govan, 1654 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jhon Govan, 1661 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Gove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines and Angus; also Devon

1 Scottish: variant of **Gow**.

**Early bearers:** Coilin Goba, 1278 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Tarradale, Ross and Cromarty); Johne Gove, 1656 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Jonat Gove, 1668 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll).

2 English: variant of **Goff**, perhaps especially in SW England: compare **Govett** and **Govey**.

### Govender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Sanskrit *gopendra* 'chief of cowherds', an epithet of the god Krishna.

**Further information:** Cows are revered in Hinduism as a symbol of life and source of food.

### Gover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 765
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset, Hants, and Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *go(e)* + *faire* 'beautifully; gently, quietly'. Compare Margerie Gangefeyr, 1451 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs). Some of the post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Gofar', 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Gilbert Gofaire, 1240 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Gofaire, 1260 in *London Husting Wills*; Geoffrey Gouayre, 1242 in *Court Rolls* (Hants); William Gofeyr, 1270 in *Patent Rolls*; James Gafaire, 1327 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ricardo Gofair', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Willelmus Gofayr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Hayling, Hants); Simon Gofayre of London, 1421 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Gover, 1545 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Jone

Gover, 1551 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Robert Gover, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset).

2 English: variant of **Govier**, which is unexplained.

### Govern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Irish: from **Mag Shamhradháin**, see **McGovern**.

### Goves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: variant of **Gove** with post-medieval excrescent -s; see **Goff**.

**Early bearers:** John Goves, 1603 in *IGI* (Stratton with Grimstone, Dorset); Henry Goves, 1684 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Hannah Goves, 1766 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

### Govett

Variants: **Gorvett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Cornwall, and Devon; Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name, probably from the Middle English personal name *Gove* (see **Goff**) + the diminutive suffix -et.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Govett, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (East Looe, Cornwall); Roger Govet, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Harry Gowett, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Govyett, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Thomas Govet, 1557 in *Parish Registers* (Stringson, Somerset); Chrestofer Govet, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Richard Govet, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Stogursey, Somerset).

### Govey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name, probably from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Gove* (see **Goff**); compare **Govett**.

**Early bearers:** John Govie, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Compton Martin, Somerset); Susan Govey, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Cuthbert, Wells, Somerset); John Govie, 1621 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset); Jeffrey Govie, 1626, Govey, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Govey, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Easton Little, Essex).

### Govier

Variants: **Gover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon and Somerset

English: of uncertain origin and derivation. It cannot be the East Anglian dialectal *goave* 'to store grain', as suggested by Weekley and Harrison, for that word derives from Middle English *golfe* and retains its *l* until the 16th century. These surnames, too, are southern and western which dissociates them also from Harrison's alternative suggestion, Middle



## Govind

English *gofe* ‘to stare stupidly’, which is a Scottish word.

**Early bearers:** Walter gouyere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Gouere, William Gover, Richard le Gofiar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Gover, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thoma Gover, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richardi Govier, 1584 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Richard Govier, 1614 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Thomas Govier, 1725 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Christopher Govier, 1729 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Thomas Govier, 1776 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Govind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, from a personal name from Sanskrit *govinda* ‘keeper of cows’, an epithet of the god Krishna.

## Gow

**Variants:** Gove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2397, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus; Midlothian; Lanarks

1 Scottish Gaelic: (i) occupational name from *gobha* ‘smith’. (ii) relationship name, reduced form of **Mac Gobhann** and **Mac a’ Ghobhainn**, ‘son of the smith’. See also **McGow**

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Coilin Goba, 1278 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Tarradale, Ross and Cromarty); Gilchrist Gow, 1556 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Ross and Cromarty?); George Gow, Henry Gow, 1580 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); Johnn Gow, 1585 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Michael Gow, 1595 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Johnne Gow, 1618 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

England: Thomas Gow, 1572 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Gow, 1621 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Jane Gowe, 1788 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 Irish: from **Mac an Ghobha**, a variant of **Mac an Ghabhann**, see **Gowan** and **McGowan**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, **Smith** is used as a synonym for **Gow** in the counties of Cavan and Meath.

**Early bearers:** Shane Mac Gowe, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; John Gowe, smith, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Moriertagh O’Gowe alias Smythe, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4867 (Phillipston, King’s county [Offaly]); Malaghlin mcConor Gowe, smith, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4891 (Dromrada, Cavan); Philip Gowe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5611; James Gowe alias Smith, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5806 (Finter, King’s county [Offaly]); Alson ny Gowe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Creggenston); Gillpatrick mcShane Gowe, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6565.

## Gowan

**Variants:** Gowen, Govan, Goan, Going, Gowin, Gowans, Gowens, Goins, Gow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: Midlothian and Lanarks; Cumb; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Dublin

Irish, Scottish: from Scottish Gaelic Ó Gobhann, **Mac Gobhann**, Irish **Mac Gabhann** ‘descendant (or son) of the smith’. This name has often been translated into English as **Smith**. Compare **McGowan**.

**Early bearers:** Chahill O’Gawen, 1587–8 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5145 (Rosse, footman); Caiell O’Gawin, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497; Cormock O’Gawin, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497.

## Gowans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 963
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Midlothian; Lanarks

Irish, Scottish: from Ó Gobhann, see **Gowan**.

## Gowar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Essex
- Norman, English: see **Gower**.

## Goward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

French, English: variant of **Gower** with an excrescent *-d*. Compare Catherine Gower, 1576, Richd. Goward, 1644 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex), and Rachell Gower, 1648, Mary Gouard, 1684 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Further information:** Derivation from the Old French personal name *Gouard*, a variant of *Godard* (see **Goddard**), is a formal possibility but there is no evidence of its use in England. See *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Gouhard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heacham, Norfolk); Robert Goward, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Weald South, Essex); Thomas Goward, 1627 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Stephen Goward, 1641 in *IGI* (Runhall, Norfolk); Edward Gouard, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, Northants); John Gowerd, 1662 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); John Goward, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Acle, Norfolk).

## Gowdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 292
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish: see **Goudie**, **Goldie**.

## Gowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *go wel* ‘go well’. Compare **Dowell** (1), **Farwell** (1), **Gover**, and **Meanwell**.

**Early bearers:** William Gowel, 1206 in *Pleas* (Wilts); Richard Gowel, 1217 in *Earldom of Gloucester Charters*; William Gawell, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Isabella Gowel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brettenham, Norfolk); Edward Gowell, 1561 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs).

## Gowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 80

- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Gloucs and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 English: see **Gowing**.

2 Irish: (i) from Ó Gobhann or **Mac Gobhann**, see **Gowan**. (ii) from a reduced form of **Mag Eoghain**, see **Keown**.

## Gowens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- 1 Irish: from Ó Gobhann, see **Gowan**.
- 2 English: see **Gowings**.

## Gower

**Variants:** Gowar, Gurr, Goward, Gowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4260, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, Sussex, and Essex; also E Anglia; also Glamorgan; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Go(h)ier*, Continental Germanic *Godehar*. Some of the examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Goerus Pellipar’, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chinting, also Seaford, Sussex). surnames: Willelmus filius Goer, about 1160 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Goer, 1150, Guer, about 1187 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Alan Goier, 1176, Guher, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Jordan Guer, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Gouwer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wormington, also Didbrook, Gloucs); Johanna Gouer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Gower, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Lawrence Gower, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Annas Gower, 1539 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Wm. Gower, 1543 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Georg Gower, 1552 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Susanna Gower, 1565 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Catherine Gower, 1576 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Robert Gowar, 1589 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Prudence Gower, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Gilbert Gower, 1601 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Gowar, 1608 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Peter Gower, 1611 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Gower, 1648 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Mary Gowar, 1685 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Anglo-Norman French \**Goier*, \**Joier*, denoting a man from any of several places in Normandy and Picardy called Gouy, Joué, or Jouy (derived from the Latin personal name *Gaudi*, Old French *Goi*, *Joi* + *-acum*). William de Goiz is also called le Goer, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Guwer, le Goher, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Stephen Gower (le Goher), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Jour, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); William Jour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Goier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Jour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Johannes Jour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stisted, Essex); Augustinius Jour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); Willelmus Jour, 1381 in *Poll Tax*



(Godalming, Surrey); Robert Jower, William Jowyr, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

3 Norman: locative name from *Gohiere*, the Old French form of what is now known as Goelle, an area north of Paris.

Early bearers: Walter de Guher, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Carmarthens).

### Gowers

Variants: **Jewers, Jowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 811
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Suffolk
- English: variant of **Gower** with post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Juer**. Some examples of *Jewers* below may be orthographical variants of **Ewers**.

Early bearers: Aveye Gowers, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); George Gowers, 1579 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Awdrie Gowers, 1584 in *IGI* (East Horndon, Essex); Thomas Jewers, 1604, William Gowers, 1623, Edward Ivers (for Juers), 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Jowers, 1650, Nathaniell Jewers, 1652 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Daniell Jewers, 1672, Philip Gowers, 1684 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Gowin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- 1 Irish: from Ó Gobhann, see **Gowan**.  
2 English: see **Gowing**

### Gowing

Variants: **Going, Gowin, Gowen, Gowings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 100
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 736
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gowyn*, Old French *Gouin*, a contraction of Continental Germanic names formed with *Gudin-*, or perhaps from Breton *gwen* 'fair'.

Early bearers: given names: Gowin de Martun 1154–89 *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Gowinus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Henricus Gowyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton, Lancs); Johannes Gowene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Henry Gowyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Gowin, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary at Hill, City of London); Richard Gowing, 1730 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*.

### Gowings

Variants: **Gowens, Goins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants
- English: variant of **Gowing** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Gowland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1526, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 981
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- 1 English: locative name, perhaps from Gowlands in Moor Monkton (WR Yorks).  
Early bearers: Anthony Gowland, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Durham Saint Nicholas, Durham);

Johanes. Gowlande, 1561 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); John Gowland, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Auckland, Durham); John Gowland, 1583 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Gowland, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Bagby, NR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 258.  
2 English: perhaps a variant of *Golland*; see **Jolin**.

### Gowler

Variants: **Gawler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs
- English: occupational name from Middle English *gaveler*, *goveler*, *gouler* 'usurer', from Old English *gafol* 'tribute, rent, interest'.

Early bearers: Ralph Gaelelere, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William le Gavelere, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry le Gauler, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Armston, Northants); John Gaeuler, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Gilbert Gaveler of Bristol, 1411 in *Patent Rolls*; Ann Gouler, 1571 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Avice Gawler, 1604 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); John Gouler, 1624, Richard Gowler, 1688 in *IGI* (Keysoe, Beds); Joseph Gaulor, 1789, John Gauler, 1791 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

### Gowlett

Variants: **Gullett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: locative name from Wealdgullet (Essex), recorded as *Le Golet* in 1373, The Gullet in Whittlebury (Northants), recorded as *le Golet* in 1337, or possibly some other minor place named with Middle English *golet*, *gulet*, *colet* 'gullet; oesophagus; ravine'.

Early bearers: John Golet, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirkby in Asfield, Notts); Willelmo Golet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmo Gulot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Lambourn, Berks); Egidius Golet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Margaret Gowlett, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Pentlow, Essex); Abigail Gowel, 1600 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Robert Gowlett, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Kertlings, Cambs); Peter Gullett, 1632 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Edward Gullet, 1713 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Richard Goulett, 1741 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).  
References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 86; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 46.

### Gowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Durham
- Norman, English: perhaps a variant of *Gollin* or *Golling(s)*; see **Jolin**.  
Early bearers: John Gollyng, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks); John Gollinge, 1600 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Ann Gowling, 1609 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edward Gowling, 1651 in *Parish Registers* (Hexham Saint Andrew, Northumb); Robt Gowling, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

### Gowman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon
- English: see **Goman**.

### Gowrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from *Gowrie*, an ancient name for eastern Perthshire.  
Early bearers: Scotland: Morielle Gowrie, 1546 in *Treasurer Accounts*; Janit Goorie, 1713 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Georg Gourie, 1723 in *IGI* (Lintrathen, Angus).  
England: Janet Gowrie, 1732 in *Parish Registers* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Gowthorp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Gowthorpe**.

### Gowthorpe

Variants: **Gowthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Gowthorpe in Blacktoft (ER Yorks). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).  
Early bearers: Alexander de Gouthorpe, 1295 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); William de Gouthorp, 1394 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Gouthorp', 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); John Gowthorpe, 1535 in *York Registry Wills* (Full Sutton, ER Yorks); Christopher Gowthrop, 1598 in *York Registry Wills* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Christopher Gowthrop, 1651, Christopher Gowthorpe, 1654 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Gowthorpe, 1663 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks).  
References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
2 English: see **Gawthorpe**.

### Goy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 388
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: locative name from any of the places called Gouy (Aisne, Pas-de-Calais, Seine-Maritime).  
Early bearers: Robert le Goiz, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Roger de Gouiz, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Nicholas de Goys, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John de Goy, merchant of Rouen, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Goys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Goys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Biggleswade, Beds); Johannes Goye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Goys, 1404 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Goy, 1582 in *IGI* (Wood Enderby, Lincs).

### Goyal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Goel**.

### Goyen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Goyne**.

**Goymer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Guymer**.

**Goyne**

Variants: **Goyen**, **Goyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Norman, English: see **Guyan**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Goiouin, Goion, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Burnham, Bucks); Robertus Goion, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Goyne, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Henry, Thomas, John Gyon, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Henry, Thomas Guyans, John Gyon, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); John Goyne, 1542 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); John Gyon, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Lelant, Cornwall); Harry Geyne, [ . . . ] Gayan, George Gyen, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Lelant, Cornwall); Christopher Goyne, 1667 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Francis Goyen, 1737, William Goyan, 1816 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall).

2 English, Welsh: from a Welsh variant of the Middle English personal name *Gawayne*; see **Gawen**. **Further information:** Castell Gwalchmai, the Welsh name of Walwyn's Castle (Pembroke), may be associated with the personal name *Gawayne* (see *DPN Wales*, p. 489) and occurs as *Chastel Guyon*, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*. For the English form of the name, see **Walwin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Yonou ap Guion, Guyon ap Thom, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Rhuddlan, Flints).

**Goynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Goyns**.

**Goyns**

Variants: **Goynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Durham; also IoW

English: variant of **Goyne** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Goyns, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Goynes, 1789 in *IGI* (Pendock, Worcs).

**Gozzard**

Variants: **Gossard**, **Gazzard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *gos(se)herd* 'one who tends a flock of geese' (Old English *gōs* + *hierde*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Goseherd, 1236 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John le Goshurde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Goseherde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes Gosherd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pailton, Warwicks); Thomas Gossard, 1566 in

*IGI* (Newport, IoW); Edward Gossard, 1647 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Gozard, 1709, Thomas Gozzard, 1751 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Benjamin Gossard, 1826 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Gozzett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Gosset**.

**Graham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Durham

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Grobham*, apparently in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Grobbehame, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunwear, Somerset); Walterus Grobham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Goathurst, Somerset); Richard Grobham, 1425–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Combe Florey, Somerset); John Grobham, drover, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Grobehame, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Enmore, Somerset); Margerie Grobham, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset); John Grabham, 1629 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Grabham, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Cossington, Somerset); John Grobham, 1669 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

**Grabowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Polish, E German, Jewish (E Ashkenazic): locative name from any of various places named with Slavic *grab* 'hornbeam' (the wood of which was used for making yokes), for example Grabów, Grabowa, Grabowo.

**Early bearers:** Meyer Grabowski, Aaron Grabowski, in *Census 1851* (Lancs); Johann Herman Christian Grabowski, 1865 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Adolph Grabowski, 1867 in *Parish Registers* (Dartford, Kent); Herman Grabowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Warwicks); Anton Grabowski, 1874 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Mayer Grabowsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Walter Grabowski, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hartlepool, Durham); Jadwiga von Grabowski, Hedwig von Grabowski, 1912 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George Hanover Square, Westminster, Middx).

**Grace**

Variants: **Gras**, **Grass**, **Crace**, **Crass**, **Craise**, **Crase**, **Crace**, **Grays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5724, Ireland 1703
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3915
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

1 Norman, English, Irish: nickname from Old French *cras*, *gras* 'fat, big' (Latin *crassus*, Anglo-Latin *grassus*). Pronunciations with *Cr-* and *Gr-* are interchangeable well into the post-medieval period. Compare the synonymous **Gross**. Some examples of *Grace* may belong under (2), (4), or (5).

**Further information:** Great Graces in Little Baddow (Essex) owes its name to Nicholas le Gras, 1275 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 235. This Norman French name has been established in Ireland since the 12th century; it has been gaelicized as **Grás** and has also been adopted for the Norman name **Gernon**.

**Early bearers:** England: Normannus Crassus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Hervey le Cras, 1130–2 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Staffs); Roger le Gras, Rogerus Crassus, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Rogerus Crossus, Crassus, Grassus, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Rogerus Crassus, Roger le Cras, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Hugo Grassus, Crassus, 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); William le Gras, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Grace, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Robert Krase, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Adam Grace, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Grace, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William Grace, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Grace, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chenies, Bucks); Johanne Graas, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Street, Sussex); Willelmo Cras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER Yorks); Johanne Grace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Petro Gras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walkington, ER Yorks); Willelmo Gras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Osgathorpe, Leics); Johanne Cras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Willelmus Grasce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaxton and Auckley, WR Yorks); Roberto Cras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nettleton, Wilts); Thomas Crase, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); Marg' Gras, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, Gloucs); William Grace, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Chesham, Bucks); John Grace, 1548 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Thomas Grace, 1549 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Willmi Grace, 1562 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Edward Grace, 1596 in *IGI* (Newton Toney, Wilts); Simon Grace, 1607 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Wm. Grace, 1607 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richardi Grace, 1643 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

Ireland: James Grace, constable of Kilkenny, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1180; Oliver Grace, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2117 (Gracescourt); James Grace (Fitz Oliver), 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2739 (Rathville, Carlow); Edmund Grace, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3727 (Walterston); Geoffery caragh Grace, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3888.

2 English: locative name, from Middle English *gras* 'grass, pasture' (Old English *græs*).

**Early bearers:** William atte Grase, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Gresse, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

3 Scottish: in some instances, it is probably a variant of **Gracey** (1).

**Early bearers:** Mary Grace, 1719 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

4 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the rare Middle English female personal name *Grace*. See **Gracey** (2).

5 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *grace* 'grace, favour, goodwill', also 'goodness, beauty, charm', but evidence to confirm this possibility is lacking.

**Gracey**

Variants: **Gracie**, **Grace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 500
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout Scotland and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Armagh

1 Scottish: variant of **Grassick**.

2 English: relationship name, perhaps occasionally from the rare Middle English female personal name *Gracy* (Latin *Gracia, Grecia*), which in late medieval England was more commonly rendered as **Grace**. **Further information:** The origin of the Middle English personal name appears to be Latin *gratia* 'grace, favour', but *Withycombe* suggests that it may otherwise have been an altered form of (Latinized) *Grecia* and *Gricia*, which are occasionally recorded as women's names in 12th- and 14th-century England. These could derive from Old French *gris*, Middle English *grece*, *greyce* 'grey' or, as *Morlet, Noms de Personne* argues, from an Old French form of Latin *Grecia* ('Greek').

**Early bearers:** given names: *Grecia*, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); *Gracia*, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); *Grecia*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); *Gratia*, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); *Gracia de Saleby*, 1232–5 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); *Gracia*, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); *Gricia*, 1346 in *Feudal Aids*.

urnames, England: Robertus filius *Grecie*, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Gilbert *Gracye*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleham, Sussex); Rogero *Gracy*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Gloucs); Anne *Gracey*, 1691, John *Gracy*, 1710 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Mary *Gracie*, 1731 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk); John *Gracy*, 1739 in *IGI* (Repps with Bastwick, Norfolk); Mary *Gracey*, 1765 in *IGI* (Lessingham, Norfolk).

urnames, Scotland: Samuel *Gracey*, 1749 in *IGI* (Douglas, Lanarks); Elezabeth *Gracey*, 1754 in *IGI* (Glencairn, Dumfriess); John *Gracey*, 1765 in *IGI* (Dalry, Kirkcudbrights).

### Gracie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 622
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Angus
- Scottish: see **Gracey** (1).

### Grad

Variants: **Grade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) adopted as an anglicized short form of *Winogradsky*. The element *grad* is a Slavic word meaning 'castle'. (ii) from German *gerade* 'upright', acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Isaac *Grad*, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Benjamin *Grad*, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Benjamin *Grad*, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Solomon *Grad*, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Gradage

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Grattage**.

### Graddage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants
- English: see **Grattage**.

### Graddon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 124

• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon  
English: locative name from *Graddon* in Black Torrington (Devon), recorded as *Gratedon* in 1244. **Early bearers:** John *Grodon*, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robart *Graddon*, 1560 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Alexander *Graddon*, 1564 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon).

### Grade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Grad**.

**Further information:** The impresario *Lew Grade* (1909–94) was born *Baruch* (russianized as *Boris*) *Winogradsky* in Ukraine.

### Graden

Variants: **Gradon, Graydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; Northumb

Scottish: locative name from *Graden* near Coldstream (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Peter de *Grayden*, about 1288 in *Edmonstone of Duntreath Manuscripts* (*Grayden*, Berwicks); *Wautier de Greydene*, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; *Elspet Gradone*, 1651 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian).

England: William *Graydon*, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Bambrugh, Northumb); *Agnes Gradon*, 1564 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); John *Graydon*, 1619, Robert *Gradon*, 1621, Samuel *Graidon*, 1621, Richard *Grayden*, 1797 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Robert *Graidon*, 1669 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); Robert *Greydon*, 1708 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Sam. *Graden*, 1751 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

### Gradidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Hants

1 English: see **Grattage**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Willm. *Gradidge*, 1631 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); *Johannis Gradidge*, 1640, John *Gradige*, 1707, George *Graddage*, 1748 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from *Graddage Farm* in Clayhidon (Devon), recorded as *Gratediche* in 1566.

**Early bearers:** William *atte Graddich*, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clayhidon, Devon); *Johannis Gradidge*, 1640 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); William *Gradidge*, 1786 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William *Colson Gradidge*, 1825 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Amy *Gradidge*, 1898 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 611.

### Gradon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Graden**.

### Gradwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: locative name from a unidentified place which is called *Gradale* in medieval documents, apparently lying in Blackburn hundred (Lancs). Compare the derived place-name *Gradalehals*, 1232–40 in *Lancs Place-Names*. In the same document as the Adam de *Gradale* cited below (1345 in *Patent Rolls*) there appears one Nicholas de *Neuhouses* of *Gradale*, alongside numerous bearers of locative Lancs surnames.

**Early bearers:** NW England: William de *Gradale*, Richard de *Gradele*, 1324–5 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de *Gradale*, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Margaret *Graddel*, 1607, Wylm. *Graddell*, 1617 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Roger *Graddell*, 1630 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Wm. *Gradwell*, 1636 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Hanna *Gradwel*, 1695 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs); Will *Graddel*, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Anne *Gradwall*, 1760, Clarissa *Gradwile*, 1820 in *IGI* (Newton Heath, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 249, note 3.

2 English: it is unclear whether or not the southern bearers have any connection with the Lancs surname in (1). They may rather be variants of **Gladwell** with dissimilation of *l-l* to *r-l*.

**Early bearers:** SE England: John *Gradwell*, 1607 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Rebecka *Gradwell*, 1622 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry *Graddell*, 1628 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Richard *Gradwell*, 1643 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Gradwick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Gratwick**.

### Grady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3122, Ireland 635
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1971
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht and Munster: esp. Mayo, Galway, Limerick, Tipperary, and Clare

Irish: from *Ó Grádaigh* (see **O'Grady**) or *Mag Bhrádaigh* (see **McGrady**).

### Graeme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Graham**.

### Graf

Variants: **Graff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: status name, nickname from Middle High German *grāve, grābe*, which was used as a title denoting various more or less aristocratic dignitaries and officials. In later times it became established as a title of nobility equivalent to the Romance *Count*. The vocabulary word also denoted a variety of different minor local functionaries in different parts

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of Germany. In the Grand Duchy of Hesse, for example, it was used for the holder of the comparatively humble office of village headman. The surname could have originated from any of these senses or as a nickname for a servant or retainer of a count, or for someone who gave himself airs and graces.

**Early bearers:** John Ulric Graf, 1841 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Anton Graf, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1881* (Hougham, Kent); Herman Graf, born in Lübeck, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Albertine Graf, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Andreas Graf, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Joseph Graf, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Nottingham, Notts).

## Graff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: respelling of **Graf**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the German title **Graf**, acquired by Jewish bearers as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Herman Graff, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Becky Graff, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Haris Graff, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Marks Graff, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Graff, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

3 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *grafe* 'stylus, pencil', a derivative of Old French *grafa* 'to write'; compare Thomas Graffard, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), Rogero Graffard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint John (Ouse Bridge End), Yorks), from the Norman term for a public scribe or scrivener. **Further information:** It is uncertain whether the English name survived the medieval period or whether the early 17th-century bearers were in fact of German origin.

**Early bearers:** Robert Graf, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Graff, 1414 in *York Freeman's Register*; Morgan Graffe, 1584 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Edward Graff, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Bodfari, Flints); Thomas Graf, 1636 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Amy Graff, 1644 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Matthias John Graffe, 1754 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Graffham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Grafham**.

## Graffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Mac Crábháin 'son of Crábhán', a personal name meaning 'pious one'. See **Craven**.

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Variants: **Grafham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx English: locative name from Graffham (Sussex) or Grafham (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Grafham, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Gocelin de Grafham, 1296, in Robert de Grofham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Grofham, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Weekley, Northants); James (alias Jaket) de Grofham, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John Grofham of Letherhede, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Leatherhead, Surrey); Johana. Graffam, 1564 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Jane Graffham, 1595 in *IGI* (Heyshott, Sussex); William Graffam, 1667 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Tho Grafham, 1695 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex).

## Grafton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 818
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Grafton.

**Early bearers:** William de Graftona, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); John de Grafton', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Grafton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Robertus de Grafton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); John Grafton, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Grafton, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Hardwicke, Gloucs); William Grafton, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Ratcliffe, Middx); Mary Grafton, 1657 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

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Variants: **Grahame, Graeme, Grayham, Graham, Grime**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56576, Ireland 8434
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, Durham, and Northumb; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Grantham (Lincs), which is found in *Domesday Book* as both *Grantham* and *Graham*, the latter being the Norman French form.

**Further information:** The first of the Grahams in Scotland was a Norman baron, a follower of King David I by the name of William de Graham (about 1127 in *Black*). The chief of Clan Graham is the Duke of Montrose.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Graham, 1583 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); James Graham, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Graham, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marjory Graeme, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jhon Grahm, 1653 in *IGI* (Kinglassie, Fife); Jannet Grayhame, 1705 in *IGI* (Denny, Stirlings); Michall Graehm, 1750 in *IGI* (Foulden, Berwicks); William Graehme, 1765 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth).

England: Thomas Greame, 1588, Phillis Graham, 1660 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Margaret Gream, 1591 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Greame, 1599 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); John Grayham, 1657 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Magdaline Grahme, 1646 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Gulielmus Graham, 1664 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward Grayham, 1673 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Grahme, 1674 in *IGI* (Wath by Ripon, NR Yorks); Thomas Graham, 1720 in *IGI*

(Folkton, ER Yorks); Thomas Graeme, 1784 in *IGI* (Ireshopeburn, Durham).

2 Irish: In Ireland *Graham* is generally the Scottish name, but it has additionally been adopted as an anglicized form of both Ó Creacháin (see **Crehan**) and Ó Gormghaile (see **Gormley**).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Moses Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghabog, Monaghan); Rose Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Muckno, Monaghan); Philip Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); William Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumreilly, Leitrim); Henry Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killukin, Roscommon); Samuel Graham, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcree, Armagh).

## Grahame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 783
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Lanarks and Ayr; Ross and Cromarty

Scottish: see **Graham**.

## Grahamslaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Midlothian; Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Grahamslaw in Eckford (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** John of Grynslawe, 1361 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Grymslaw, 1464 in *Cavers Manuscripts* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Adam Grahamslaw of Newton, 1530 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

## Graham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lanarks

Scottish: see **Graham**.

## Grain

Variants: **Grein**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics and Notts, WR Yorks; Kent

1 English: locative name from Old Scandinavian *grein* 'inlet; fork in a river', or from some place with that or a similar name, such as Grain (Kent). Some examples, those without a preposition (*de, del, atte*), may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** England: William del Greyn, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John atte Greine, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William del Greyne, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Grayne, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Grayne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hazelwood, WR Yorks); Willelmus del Greyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, WR Yorks); Johannes Greyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Croxtan Kerrial, Leics); Walterus de Grayne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); John Grayne, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Priory of Sixill, Lincs); Katerin Greyn, 1539 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); William Greyne, 1588 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Rowland Graine, 1624 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Wyllm. Greine, 1561 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Peter Grain, 1716 in *IGI* (Alkham, Kent).

Scotland: Nicol Grein, 1578 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Elspet Grein, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

2 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Grein*, literally 'branch', but also 'discord' or 'discernment', found in 13th-century records in Yorks (*Lindkvist, Scandinavian*, pp. 55–6): compare Robertus Grayneson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks) and Thomas Graynebarne 'Grein's child', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks).

3 English, Huguenot: nickname from Middle English *grain* 'bud; spot, pustule' (Old French *grain*), possibly for a person with facial marks. From the late 16th century the name was augmented, or possibly superseded, by Protestant refugees from France and the Low Countries whose family name, identical in form, derives directly from Old French *grain*.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Grayne, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John le Grayne of Moston, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

Huguenot: Elizabeth Grain, 1690 in *IGI* (La Patente, Westminster, Middx); Pierre Grain, 1722, Jean Grain, 1761 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Grainge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx and Bucks

English: see **Grange**.

### Grainger

**Variants:** **Granger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8305, Ireland 355
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kildare

Norman, English: occupational name for a farm bailiff, from Middle English, Old French *gra(u)ng(i)er* 'person in charge of a grange'. See **Grange**.

**Early bearers:** William le granger, about 1100 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Reginald le Granger, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter le Graunger, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Thoma Granger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurleigh, Beds); Adam Graunger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hanbury, Staffs); John Grainger, 1422–61 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Worcs); Grace Granger, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Johan. Grainger, 1615 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

### Graley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Greasley**. Some 19th-century bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Grely, de Grelly, de Grely, seneschal of Gascony, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter de Grely, parson of Mammecestre, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Manchester, Lancs); Percy de Greyley, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (Manchester, Lancs); Auwis' de Grely, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Portslade, Sussex); Joane Graile, 1592 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Edmund Grayle, 1621 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Francis Graley, 1706 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); George Graley, 1716 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Henry Grailey, 1722 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); William Graly, 1752, Elizabeth Graily, 1768 in *IGI* (Durrington, Sussex);

Sarah Grealy, 1791 in *IGI* (Patching, Sussex); Mary Grealy, 1794 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Thomas Graley, 1795 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

2 Irish: see **Greally**.

### Grammer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: occupational name, status name from Old French *gramaire* 'grammarian, scholar, astrologer'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus le Gramaire, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Gramaticus ('Robertus clericus et persona est' in the margin), 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Gramarie, le Gramary, le Gramayre, William Gramayre, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus le Gramaire, 1223, Andrew Gramare, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Johannes Gramor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Elizabeth Grammer, 1617 in *IGI* (Calverton, Notts); Clement Grammar, 1628 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); William Grammor, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Alison Gramare, 1783 in *IGI* (Shotts, Lanarks).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 180.

### Gramshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex
- English: see **Grimshaw**.

### Granahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Mac Reannacháin 'son of *Reannachán*'; see **McGranahan**.

### Granby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from Granby (Notts).

**Early bearers:** William de Grenebi, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Graneby, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Graneby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); William Granby, 1455 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Matilda Granby, 1573 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Fran Granby, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Nottingham, Notts); Ann Granby, 1785 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

### Grand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Grant**.

### Grandage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Grandidge**.

### Grande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Monmouths Norman, English: see **Grant**.

### Granderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: see **Grandison**.

### Grandfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Granville**

### Grandidge

**Variants:** **Grandage, Grandorge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *grein de orge* 'ear of barleycorn', used figuratively for an object of little worth. It may have been given to someone who used the expression as a term of contempt.

**Early bearers:** William Grain de Or (Graindorge), 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); William Grayndorge, 1293 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Nicholas Grayndorge, 1378 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (WR Yorks); Thomas Grandag', Nicholaus Grandage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Roger Grandorge, 1459 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford, Oxon); Christopher Grandege, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Humfrey Grandorge, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Austyne Grandidge, 1569, Richard Grandorge, 1708 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); John Grandidge, 1581 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Richard Grandiche, 1586 in *PROB 11* (London); William Grandage, 1589 in *York Registry Wills* (Earby, WR Yorks); Widow Grandish, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Henry Grandorge, 1735 in *IGI* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Betty Grandage, 1805 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Grandin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Channel Islands: nickname from a diminutive of **Grand** 'big, tall'.

### Grandison

**Variants:** **Granderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Fife

Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Granson on Lake Neuchâtel (Switzerland).

**Further information:** The first known bearer of the surname is Rigaldus de Grancione (fl. 1040). The name was taken to Britain by Otes de Grandison (died 1328) and his brother. They were among a group of Savoyards who settled in England when Henry III married a granddaughter of the Count of Savoy. The place-name Stretton Grandison (Herefs) derives its suffix from the family of one William de Grande Sono, recorded in 1303.

## Grandorge

**Early bearers:** England: Otho de Grandissono, 1280 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Peter de Grandisson, 1335 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Otto de Grandissono, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Graunson, bishop of Exeter, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Eaton Tregoz, Herefs); John de Grandson, late bishop of Exeter, Otto Graunson, knight, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Roger Graundisson, 1397 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); George Grandison, 1665 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); Hugh Granderson, 1762 in *Parish Registers* (Alverstoke, Hants); Robert Grandson, 1773 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

Scotland: Thomas Grandson, 1736 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian); Robert Mccraken Grandisson, 1814 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Agnes Maltman Grandieson, 1843 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Grandorge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: see **Grandidge**.

### Grandy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Wicklow
- English: probably a variant of **Grundy**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Grandy, 1599 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Grandye, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Gislingham, Suffolk); John Grandye, 1654 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Thomas Grandee, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Diana Grandy, 1709 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset).

### Graney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Cork and Kerry

Irish: from **Mag Raighne** ‘son of *Raighne*’, a pet form of *Raghnaill*. It has sometimes been changed to **Grant**. See also **Rainey**.

**Early bearers:** Shane Granye, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3229; John McWilliam Granagh, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4285; Teig Grana, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4860; Donanahir, Mahown Grany, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569.

### Granfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Granville**.

### Grange

Variants: **Grainge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1989, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1722
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English, Old French *gra(u)nge* ‘a granary or barn, or a small farm where a feudal or monastic lord stored their grain’. The surname denoted someone who lived or worked at a grange, especially the farm

manager, perhaps. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that this name was interchangeable with **Grainger**.

**Early bearers:** William de la Graunge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Laurence atte Grange, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Graunge, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Thornbury, Bucks); Johannes del Grange, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Johanne de Grang<sup>2</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Hugone atte Graunge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Goadby Marwood, Leics); Thoma of the Grange, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton on the Wolds, Leics); John Graunge, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Gravesend, Kent); John Grainge, 1582 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Leonardus Graing, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); Gregory Grainge, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Bawdeswell, Norfolk).

### Granger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2723, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3059
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Staffs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Antrim
- English: see **Grainger**.

### Grannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- Irish: see **Grannon**.

### Grannell

Variants: **McGrandles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from *Mag Raghnaill*, a form of **Mac Raghnaill**, see **Randall**.

**Early bearers:** Michael Grannell, born in Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs); Patrick Grannell, born in Wexford, Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: William McGrannel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); Hugh McGranel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry).

### Grannis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Crannis**.

### Grannon

Variants: **Grannan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: (i) from *Mag Raghnaínn*, a form of *Mag Raghnaill*, see **Randall**. (ii) from *Ó Grianáin*, see **Greenan**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, the anglicized form **Grannon** is found primarily in Mayo.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Michael Grannan, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Tinnacross, Offaly); Bryan Grannan, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Bellanagare, Roscommon). England: John Grannan, 1772 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Marylebone, Westminster, Middx); John Grannan, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Grannan,

born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Thomas Grannan, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Brightside Bierlow, WR Yorks); James Grannan, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); James Grannan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1891* (Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Grannon, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Todmorden, WR Yorks); John Grannon, born in Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Margret Grannan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1911* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

### Gransden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Little Gransden (Cambs) or Great Gransden (Hunts), both earlier recorded as *Grantesden(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Grantesden, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Henry de Grantesden, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); William de Grantesden, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* Robert Grandysdene, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk, Norfolk); William Gransden, 1564 in *IGI* (Impington, Cambs); Henry Gransden, 1590 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Gorge Gransdon, 1601 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs); John Gransden, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Wrotham, Kent).

### Granshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Grimshaw**.

### Grant

Variants: **Grand, Grande, Legrand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43802, Ireland 3881
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29503
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Armagh; Kilkenny

1 Norman, Scottish, Irish: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *graund, graunt* ‘big, tall’ (Old French *grand*), used to denote a tall person or in some instances to distinguish the older of two people with the same personal name: William grandis or le grant was a son of Wlfrin Graunt, Grand, grant (about 1108–60), whose byname he inherited, his father evidently having acquired it in order to distinguish him from Wulwinus juvenis ‘junior’ (*Ekwall, ELPN*). Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Scottish Grants are in most cases descended from a Norman family from Notts. From the 15th to the 20th century the ancestral seat of this family was Castle Grant at Grantown on Spey.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo Grandis, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Gilbert Grant, Grandus, 1183, 1192 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William le grant, 1189–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Thomas le Graunt, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Grant, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Adam le Grant, 1248 in *Lacock Charters* (Wilts); David le Graund, 1295 in *Patent Rolls* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Robert Grond, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Holbeach, Lincs); Johanne Grand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs);

Ricardo le Graunt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Berks); Alicia Grande, 1379 in *Poll Tax*; William Gronde, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Graunt, 1487 in *PROB 11* (London); William Gronde, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Aldenham, Herts); Thomas Grand, 1561 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Grant, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

Scotland: Thomas Grant, merchant of the king of Scotland, 1252 in *Black* (York); Laurentius et Robertus dictus Grant, 1258 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Inverness); Sir Laurence Grant, sheriff of Inverness, 1266 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; William Grant, 1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Grant, 1617 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Henry Le Grande, 1833 in *IGI* (Whitekirk, E Lothian).

Ireland: William le Graund, 1241 in *Patent Rolls* (Dublin); James Graunt, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §228 (Monche Ballyfinnock, Wexford); Patrick Grant, labourer, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3086 (Waterford); Walter Graunt, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3859.

2 English: relationship name from the rare Middle English (and Old English) personal name *Grante* or *Grente*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Grante le Chapman, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon).

surnames: Petrus filius Grente, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Grent, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Robert filius Grante, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert Grente, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 Irish: in Ireland this is usually the Norman Scottish name, but it was also adopted for Irish Mag Raighne, see **Graney**.

### Grantham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2765, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1835
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: locative name from Grantham (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Grantham, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Willelmus de Granthame, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas de Grantham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ryhall, Rutland); William Grantham, 1416 in *PROB 11* (Saint Vedast, City of London); Bartholomew Grantham, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Kirtton, Lincs); Thomas Grauntham, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Andrew Granthum, 1590 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

### Grantland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Grantland in Poughill (Devon).

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Granteland', 1242, [... de] Grauntelond, 1281 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Grantland, 1563 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Robert Grantland, John Grantlande, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 415–16.

### Grantley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Grantley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Elias de Grantelay, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Petronilla de Grantlay, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); John Grantly, 1759 in *Parish Registers* (Brant Broughton, Lincs); Fletcher Grantley, 1789 in *Parish Registers* (Wonersh, Surrey).

### Granton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Ayr; Durham; Somerset

1 Scottish: locative name from Granton (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Janet Granton, 1709 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Alexander Granton, 1823 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Grantham**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Grantom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arnesby, Leics); Willelmus Granteham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Nicholas Grantam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); Frances Granton, 1588 in *IGI* (Sherfield upon Loddon, Hants); Robert Grantom, 1598 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Agnes Granton, 1605 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Granville

**Variants:** Grandfield, Granfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 727, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Norman, English, Irish: see **Grenville**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that this name was derived from Granville (Manche), Grandville (Aube), or Grandville-Gaudeville (Eure et Loire).

### Grapes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *groupe*, *groupe* 'ditch, drain, trench' (Old English *grōp*), with plural or post-medieval inflection -s.

**Early bearers:** R. de le Grop, 1283 in *East Anglian Bynames* (Suffolk); Alex del Gropes, 1338 in *Kristensson, Topographical* (Cumb); Johannes Grape, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Robert Grape, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Brumstead, Norfolk); Robert Grope, thresher, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunsdon, Herts); Willyam Grapes, 1568 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Martha Grapes, 1596 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Richard Grape, 1625 in *PROB 11* (London); Edmund Grapes, 1644 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); Robert Grapes, 1675 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

**References:** *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 53; *Kristensson, Topographical*, p. 28.

### Gras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Grace**.

### Grasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Grassy**.

### Grason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Grayson**.

2 English: see **Graveson**.

### Grass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Norfolk

1 English: see **Grace**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Grace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); Jana Grasse, 1633 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk); Elizebeth Grass, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Scottish: see **Grassick**.

### Grassyby

**Variants:** Grasby, Greasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Grasby (Lincs), which is recorded as *Grosebi* in 1086, *Greseby* in 1212.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Gresby 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Ælfward de Grassebi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Grossebi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William de Grasseby, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Thornton, Lincs); Herbert de Gressby, Richard de Gressby, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Benedict de Gresby, 1393, probably identical with Benedict de Grysby, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gresby, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Sutton Prior, Devon); William Gresby, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Glamforde Brigge, Lincs); William Gresby or Gresbie, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Louth, Lincs); William Grasby, 1662 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Richard Graseby, 1696 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); Mary Greasby, 1714 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mary Grassby, 1723 in *IGI* (Thimbleby, Lincs); John Greasby, 1727 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); William Greasby, 1745 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts).

### Grassi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Grasso**.

**Early bearers:** Haman Grassi, 1770 in *IGI* (London); Stephen Grassi, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Pietro Grassi, born in Milan, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Putney, Surrey); Carlo Grassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Grassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Paolo Grassi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

### Grassick

**Variants:** Gracey, Grass, Grassie, Gracie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: occupational name from Gaelic *greusaich*, *griasaich* 'shoemaker'. The name often appears as *Graissie*, *Grassie*, or *Gracy* (see **Gracey**) and occasionally in the reduced forms *Grasse* and *Grace*



(see **Grace**). Compare Alexander Greoschich, 1669 in *Alford Records*, with Peter Gracie, 1759 in *IGI*, both residents of Towie, Aberdeens.

**Further information:** *Cordonar* in the 1539 example is the Older Scots word for a cordwainer or shoemaker.

Black notes that the name was also translated into Older Scots **Souter**.

**Early bearers:** John Grasse alias Cordonar, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* 17, p. 658; Donald Grasycht, 1548 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; John Graissie or Grecie, 1632–3 in *Dunblane Testaments*; John Gracy, 1663, Elspet Grasick, 1761 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Janat Grashie, 1668, Mariorie Grassach, 1686, Alaster Grassech, 1688, John Grassack, 1741 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); Janet Grassich, 1695 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); Robert Gracy, 1718 in *IGI* (New Abbey, Kirkcudbright); John Grassiach, 1737 in *IGI* (Glenbuchat, Aberdeens); Samuel Gracey, 1749 in *IGI* (Douglas, Lanarks); Peter Gracie, 1759 in *IGI* (Towie, Aberdeens); Isobel Grassick, 1783 in *IGI* (Towie, Aberdeens); John Grasswick, 1819 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

### Grassie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Grassick** and compare **Gracey** (1).

### Grasso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: nickname from *grasso* 'fat' (Latin *crassus*).  
**Early bearers:** Pietro Grasso, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey); Luigi Grasso, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx).

### Grater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *gratour*, *grater* 'grater' (Old French *grateor*, *gratour*, \**gratier*), either 'a person who grates' (perhaps a furbisher; compare Robert le Rubbare, 1275 in *Fransson* (Worcs)) or 'an implement for grating bread, spices, etc.'

**Early bearers:** John the Grater, 1223 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Stephen le Gratier, 1305 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Juliana la Gratour, 1327 in *Fransson* (Hants); Roger Graters of Lynn, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Richard Grater, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Burwell, Cambs); William Grater, 1556 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Lewes Grater, 1649 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Greater, 1743 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 151.

### Gratton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Yorks WR

1 English: see **Grayson**.

2 English: see **Graveson**.

### Gratrix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Greator**.

### Grattage

**Variants:** **Grattidge**, **Gradidge**, **Gradage**, **Graddage**, **Greatwiche**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Gratrix in Staffs, recorded as *Gretewyz*, 1236, 1242 in *Book of Fees*. The final element is occasionally *-wick* but mostly *-wich*, weakened to *-age* and *-idge* in the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Gretewic, witness, late 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Rogerde Gretewith (read Gretewich), 1253 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 9, p. 86 (Hanley, in Stretton, Derbys); Robert de Gretwik, before 1262, in *Welbeck Cartulary* (Owlecotes, Derbys); Willus Gretwiche, 1561 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Allys Gratrix, 1568 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richarde Greatwyche, 1578 in *IGI* (Bearley, Warwicks); John Gratrix, 1601, John Gratrix, 1738 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Jacobi Gratrix, 1605 in *IGI* (Barlaster, Staffs); Hugo Gratrix, 1660 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); Thomas Grattidge, 1749 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); John Gratrix, 1750, Mary Grattage, 1756, Charles Grettage, 1792, Dorothy Gretwiche, 1794 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); William Greatwiche, 1762, Willm Greatwiche, 1829 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

**References:** *Tooth* 1, p. 159; *Thurgarton Cartulary*, p. clv.

### Grattan

**Variants:** **Gratten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 291
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kildare, Dublin, and Offaly

1 Irish: of uncertain origin. The Irish form of the name is said to be **Mag Reachtain**, a variant of **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**, but MacLysaght casts doubt on this.

**Early bearers:** John Graton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ematris, Monaghan).

2 English: see **Gratton**.

### Gratten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Gratton in Alwington or Gratton in High Bray (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Grattone, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William Gratten, 1687 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Thomas Gratten, 1735 in *IGI* (Highampton, Devon); John Gratten, 1803 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 57, 86.

2 English: see **Gratton**.

3 Irish: see **Grattan**.

### Grattidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Grattage**.

### Gratton

**Variants:** **Grattan**, **Gratten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1946, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

Irish: from Gratton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gratton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William de Gratton, 1337 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John de Grattone, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Margaret Graton, 1566 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Agnes Gratton, 1567 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Rose Gratton, 1620 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Katharina Gratten, 1691 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); John Gratten, 1718 in *IGI* (Brassington, Derbys).

### Gratwick

**Variants:** **Gradwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: locative name from Greatwick Farm in Cowfold (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Gratewyk, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Grauetwyk, 1327, John de Grautwyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Willelmus and Johannes Gratrix, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Rafe Grateweeke, 1549 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Roger Gratrix, 1558 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Mary Gratrix, 1559, John Gratrix, 1636 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Margery Gratrix, 1562 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Wyllyam Gratrix, 1572 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Henry Gratrix, 1579 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); William Gratrix, 1590 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Willi Gradwick, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Elizabeth Gratrix, 1712 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Henry Gratrix, 1768 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Thos. Gradwick, 1791 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

### Gravatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: see **Gravett**.

### Grave

**Variants:** **Graves**, **Grieve**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; also Norfolk

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *greve*, *grayve*, *greve* 'steward, bailiff, manorial officer who managed the lord's demesne farm, headman of a town or village', a borrowing from Old Scandinavian *greifi* 'earl, count'. Compare the synonymous **Grieve** and **Reeve**. Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Robert Greyue, 1255 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Walter Greyue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Hubert le Greyve, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); Thomas le Greyve, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Grayue, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Robert Greve, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Richard Greif, 1529 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Ric. Greeve, 1549 in *IGI*



(South Creak, Norfolk); John Greve, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Grave, 1571 in *IGI* (Crowthwaite, Cumb); John Greave, 1586 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Robert Grave, 1579 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Thomas Greave, 1584 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Thuresson*, pp. 100–1.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *grave* 'pit' (Old English *græf*).

**Early bearers:** Adam atte Graue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); John de la Grave, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robertus del Grave, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shilbottle, Northumb).

**References:** *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 51.

3 English: relationship name (in Norfolk), possibly from the rare Middle English personal name *Gre(y)vy*, *Gre(i)ve*, Old Scandinavian *Greifi*, \**Grefe*, originally a nickname meaning 'earl, count'. See also **Greavey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Greue, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Greive de Pincebec, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs), surnames: Turstin' filius Greue, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Lefsi filius Greiue and Æthewold filius Greui, 1161–77 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Adam filius Graiue, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs).

## Gravel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Gravell**.

## Graveley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Sussex
- English: see **Gravelly**.

## Graveling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: locative name from Gravelines (Nord).

**Early bearers:** John de Grauelinges, 1205, in de Grauelingges, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Sarah de Graveling, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Calais, Pas-de-Calais); Margeria Graveling, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Maurice, Winchester, Hants); Dorcas Graveling, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Padstow, Cornwall); Johannis Graveling, 1678 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Thomas Gravelin, 1798 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

## Gravell

**Variants:** **Gravel, Gravil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens

1 Norman, English, Welsh: locative name, probably from one or more of the places in France so named, such as La Gravelle in La Mayenne and Saint-Hilaire-la-Gravelle in Loir-et-Cher.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Gravill, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Perin de Gravell, 1342 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gravill, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Bletchington, Oxon); John Grauele, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (London); John Gravell, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Gravel or Gravell, 1563 in *PROB 11*

(Rhaeadr, Radnors); John Gravell, 1678 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Giles Grauill, 1710 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Gravel, 1731 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs).

2 French: see **Gravelle**.

## Gravelle

**Variants:** **Gravell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French: from a diminutive of *Grave*, a topographic name for someone who lived on a patch of gravelly soil, from Old French *grave* 'gravel' (of Celtic origin).

**Early bearers:** Luis Gravelle, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1871* (London); Dominic Gravelle, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Massimo Gravelle, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Yorks).

## Gravelly

**Variants:** **Graveley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Gravelye in Lindfield (Sussex) or either of two places called Gravelley (Cambs, Herts).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Grauelea, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey de Grauele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Grauele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Gravele, 1339–40 in *London Coroners Rolls*; John Gravelly, 1567 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); James Gravelie, 1582 in *IGI* (Graveley, Herts); John Gravelly, 1614 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 128.

## Gravenell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Graveney**.

## Gravener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London
- Norman, English: see **Gravenor**.

## Graveney

**Variants:** **Gravenell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Surrey, Hants, and Kent

English: locative name from Graveney (Kent), which is recorded as *Grafon aea* in the 9th century, *Gravenel* in 1086, *Grauenell* in 1202, *Graueine* in 1402. The place-name means 'river of the ditch', from Old English \**grafa* 'ditch' (genitive \**grafan*) + *ea* 'river'. **Further information:** The manor of Tooting Graveney (Surrey) was held by Richard de Gravenel in 1215 (*Close Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** Hamo de gravenel, 1189 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Kent); Richard de Grauenell, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Graveney, Kent); Alard de Gravenni, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Graveney, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John Gravenel alias Gravenal, 1272 in *TNA* (Kent); Thomas de Gravene, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Faversham hundred, Kent); John Graveneye, 1376 in

*Assize Rolls* (London); Thomas Gravene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Graueneye, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Roger Graveny, 1634 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); James Graveney, 1707 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); Elizabeth Gravenell, 1764 in Borthwick Institute (Aston, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 117; *Feet of Fines*; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 260; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 35.

## Gravener

**Variants:** **Gravener**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys and Shrops; Monmouths

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *grand* 'great' + *veneor* 'hunter'. Compare **Grosvenor**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Grant Venur, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Gravener, 1486 in *PROB 11* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); John Gravener, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh Gravener, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Nicholas Gravener, 1550 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Gravener, 1568, William Gravenour, 1684 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Thomae Gravenour, 1583 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Mary Gravenar, 1645 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey).

## Graver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *graver(e)*, *grafaer(e)*, *gravo(u)r* 'engraver, carver, sculptor', Old English *grafere*, *græfere*, Old French *graveur*. Compare Robert le Orgraver (gold engraver), 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks) and Adam le Selgraver (seal engraver), 1332 in *Fransson* (London). (ii) occupational name from Middle English *graver(e)* 'miner, digger', from Old English *grafan* 'to dig'. Piers le Graver was killed by the collapse of the coalpit in which he was working at Silkstone (Derbys) in 1290 (*Salzman, Industries*).

**Early bearers:** William le Grevere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger le Graeuer, 1279 in *Thuresson* (Surrey); Peter le Graeuer, 1293 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Willelmus Graver, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Wat le Graver, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton, Lancs); John Grafour, carver, 1414 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willus Graver, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Graves

**Variants:** **Greaves, Greeves, Grieves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5967, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cumb; also E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Derry

1 English: variant of **Grave** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Graves, 1540 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Graves, 1574 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); William Graves, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Greaves, 1600 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John Graves, 1604 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Henry Graves, 1672 in *IGI* (Doddington, Essex); William Graves, 1673 in *IGI* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); John Graves, 1690 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

## Graveson

2 English: see **Greaves**.

3 English: see **Grieves**.

### Graveson

**Variants:** Greavison, Grieveson, Greeson, Greson, Grason, Grayson, Grayshan, Grayshon, Gration, Graveston, Grayston, Grievson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 161

• **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, Cumb

English: relationship name, 'son of the steward, farm bailiff, or village headman', largely confined to northern England. From the north Midlands through Yorks to the north-west, the source is Middle English *greyve*, *grayve*, *greve*, a borrowing of Old Scandinavian *greifi*, see **Grave**. In Durham and Northumb the source is Middle English *greve*, from Old (Northumbrian) English *græfa*, see **Grieve**. The two forms are difficult to tell apart, except that the post-medieval spelling *Grieve*- usually reflects the Northumbrian term. Pronunciation developments have sometimes obscured the origin of the name. *Grayveson* frequently lost the *-v-*, becoming *Gra(y)son* and *Greeson*; see **Grayson**.

**Further information:** The development of an intrusive *-t-* in *Graveston* and *Grieveston* gives a false impression that they are locative names in *-(s)ton*. They have nothing to do with the important medieval abbey of Grestain or Grestein (French *Abbaye Notre-Dame de Grestain*) near Fatouville-Grestain, Eure, since they are a late development.

**Early bearers:** Will's le Grayveson of Walkeringham, 1297 in *Gringley Extent* (Notts); Richard Grayveson, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Graiveson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Graveson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Emma Grefeson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Hugh Greyveson of Pinxton (Derbys), 1390 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Grayfson, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Robert Greveson, 1498 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Greaveson, 1632 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Robert Grieveston, 1792 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

### Gravestock

• **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 248

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Beds and Cambs

English: probably a variant of **Graystock**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Gravestock, 1565 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Alce Gravestocke, 1604 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Elizabeth Grauestocke, 1676 in *IGI* (Hempstead, Gloucs); John Grauestock, 1733 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); James Gravestoke, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Graveston

• **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 38

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm

English: probably an altered form of **Graveson**, hypercorrecting the process seen in **Urmson** from **Urmston**, Lancs.

### Gravett

**Variants:** Gravette, Gravatt, Grevatt

• **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 304

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *gravet*, *grevet*, meaning either 'small wood' or 'trench'. The true sense is uncertain as *gravet* could be a diminutive of Old English *grāf* or *græfe* 'grove' or of Old English *graf* or *græfe* 'dug place, trench, ditch'. The term is found chiefly in Hants, Sussex, and Surrey.

**Further information:** The family name has a long history in Easebourne (Sussex), where it is still recalled in the farm name Grevatts. The alternative forms *Grevatter* or *Grevatour*, which have now died out, are derivatives of *gravet* with the suffix *er* or *our* which express the same sense as *atte Gravet*.

Compare Johanne Greuattour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex) and see *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 163–4.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Grauette, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ascelina de Lagravate, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); William de la Gravette, 1241 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John atte Grevette, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne de Greuette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easebourne); Willelmo de Greuette, Ricardo and Roberto de la Greuett', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wiggenholt, Parham, and Nyetimber, Sussex); Stephano de Granet (misreading of de Grauet), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyndham in Shermanbury, Sussex); Hugone atte Greuette, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Amberley, Sussex); Ricardo Greuat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bersted, Sussex); John Gravett, 1576 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex); William Gravette, 1624 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Grevatt, 1633, Anth. Gravett, 1651, Willm. Grevatt, 1749 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Ralph Grevatt, 1654 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey); Mary Gravette, 1679 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 17; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 240; *Löfvenberg*, p. 81.

### Gravette

• **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Gravett**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in North America.

### Gravil

• **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 51

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Gravell**.

### Gray

**Variants:** Grey, Grays

• **Current frequencies:** GB 64655, Ireland 4077

• **GB frequency 1881:** 42396

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland and England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. E Ulster

1 Norman, English, Scottish, Irish: nickname from Middle English *grei* 'grey', probably denoting someone with grey hair. Compare Adam Graybeyrd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This Norman and English surname is well established in Ireland, where it may have absorbed some native Irish forms. It is sometimes adopted for the Irish surname **Mac Giolla Riabhaigh**.

**Early bearers:** England: Baldwin Grai, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William Grei, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); William le Greie, Sewyn le Gray, Philip le Grey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Grey, knight, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Rotherfield Grey, Oxon); Johannes le Grey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chapmanslade, Wilts); Dunkan Gray, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yetlington, Northumb); Alicia Greie, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harnhill and Driffild, Gloucs); Thomas Gray, citizen and grocer of London, 1419 in *Feet of Fines*; Joannes Gray, 1536 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); John Graie, 1548 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

Scotland: William Gray, 1219 in *Paisley Abbey* (Newton upon Ayr, Ayr); John Gray of Ayton, 1253–70 in *Dryburgh Register* (Berwick, Berwicks); Robert Gray, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar* (Banff, Banff); Jhone Gray, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Besse Gray, 1563 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jon. Grey, 1579 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

Ireland: John de Gray, 1199 in *CDI* §104; R. de Grey, 1229 in *CDI* §1762; Leonard Gray, knight, 1538 in *Fiants Henry* §71 (Carlow); Leonard Gray, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §150 (Eneslawnaghe, Waterford); Richard Gray, chaplain, 1543 in *Fiants Henry* (Drogheda, Louth); Edward Grey, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5915; Edward Gray, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5991 (Limerick).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Graye (Calvados).

**Further information:** A family of this name, which held the earldom of Stamford from 1628 to 1976, can be traced to Henry de Grey, who was granted lands at Thurrock (Essex) by Richard I (1189–99). One of his descendants, Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk (1517–54), was the father of Lady Jane Grey.

**Early bearers:** Anschitill Grai, de Grai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Oxon); Roger de Grai, 1166 in *Domesday Descendants*; Henry de Gray, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Simon de Gray, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks, Northants); Roger de Grey, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Flitton, Beds).

### Grayburn

• **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 79

• **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *grei* 'grey' + *barn*, *bern* 'child, offspring'. Compare **Whitbourn** (2). In the later examples the second element has been reinterpreted as *bourne*, *burn* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Graybarne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Grabarne, 1396 in *York Registry Wills* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks); Thomas Greybarn, chaplain, 1434, identical with Thomas Graybarn, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Greyberne, clerk, 1471, identical with William Greybarne, 1493, William Greybarn', 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); John Graibarn, 1472 in *York Registry Wills* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Tho. Grabarne, 1585, Thoms. Grabarne, 1642 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Greyburn, 1723 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Graybourn, 1742 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); William Grayburn, 1748 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Elisabeth Greybourn, 1751 in *IGI* (Mappleton, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Graydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Dublin and Wicklow

Scottish: see **Graden**.

**Grayer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; also Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *grei* ‘grey’ (see **Gray**) + *her* ‘hair’. Compare Johannes Greylok, 1250 in *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names* (Norfolk), i.e. ‘grey lock(s) of hair’, and compare **Fairer**.

**Early bearers:** Alanus Grayhare, mercer, 1337–8 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Nicholaus Greyhare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Alexander Grayer, 1693 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Grayer, 1740 in *IGI* (Whitestone, Devon); Joseph Greyer, 1769 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); James Grayhair, 1809 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 103; *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names*, p. 27.

**Graygoose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *grei* ‘grey’ + *gos(se)*, *goce*, *g(o)us* ‘goose’ (Old English *græggōs* ‘wild goose’).

**Further information:** Compare Thomas Graydere (‘grey deer’), 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Grehound (‘greyhound’), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). **Early bearers:** Richard Graigos, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Bartholomew Gregos, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iii; John Greygoose, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Graygoose, 1545, Archelaus Greygoose, 1571, Mary Graigoose, 1595 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); William Graygoose, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Orsett, Essex); Mary Graygoose, 1662 in (Essex); Mary Graggiss, 1771 in *Parish Registers* (Denham, Suffolk).

**Grayham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Kent

Scottish: see **Graham**.

**Grayland**

**Variants:** **Grayling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwickshire

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Graelent*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Graelanð de Marisco, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Graelandū, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Graelant Templarius, 1224 in *Patent Rolls*; Graeland de Runchamp, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Wainfleet, Lincs).

**surnames:** Robert Greyland, 1290–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Greyland, 1314–15 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); John Greyland, 1338 in *Coroners’ Rolls*

(London); William Greyland’, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Weldon, Northants); Willelmus Greyland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Tho Grayland, 1608 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); John Greyland, 1750 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Ann Graylen, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Susanna Graland, 1802 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**Grayley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 Irish: from Mag Raoghallaigh, see **Greally**.  
2 English: see **Greasley** and **Graley**.

**Grayling**

**Variants:** **Greyling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Middx, Essex, and Kent

Norman, English: see **Grayland**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Graelencus de Runcamp, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gralang filius Willelmi, 1206 in *Placs* (Essex).

**surnames:** Richard Grailing, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robert Greyling, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo Grailling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); John Graylyng, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Alexander Grayleinge, 1597 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Margaret Grayling, 1600 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Joseph Graylin, 1698 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); John Greyling, 1718 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

**Grays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- 1 English: variant of **Gray** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
2 English: see **Grace**.

**Grayshan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Grayson**.  
2 English: see **Graveson**.

**Grayshon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Grayson**.  
2 English: see **Graveson**.

**Graysmark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: a late remodelling of **Godsmark**, with loss of *-d-* (evidenced by the *Gosmark* forms) followed by insertion of *-r-* in the first syllable.  
**Early bearers:** John Grasmark, 1728 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); John Grasemark, 1765, John Gracemark, 1769 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Richard Gracemark, 1779 in *Parish Registers* (Angmering, Sussex); Mrs Grazemark, 1785 in *West Sussex Land Tax* (Ferring,

Sussex); John Greasmark, 1785 in *West Sussex Land Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Annae Grassmark, 1794 in *IGI* (Burton, Sussex); Elizabeth Graysmark, 1810 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex).

**Grayson**

**Variants:** **Grason**, **Grayshan**, **Grayshon**, **Gratian**, **Grayston**, **Greyson**, **Greson**, **Greeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3566, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2233
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh, Armagh, and Monaghan

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Graveson** ‘son of the steward, farm bailiff, or village headman’. The *-s-* was sometimes palatalized, hence *Grayshan* and *Grayshon* (Yorks, Lancs), *Gratian* and *Gratation* (Derbys). Occasional development of an intrusive *-t-* has led to confusion with the locative name **Grayston**. Compare **Graveston**.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Greyeson, 1333 in *Postles, The North* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Grayson, 1426 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Grason, 1542 in *York Guild Register*; William Grason, 1585 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Jane Grayson, 1609 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Grayson Hall, Penrith); John Gratian, 1621 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); John Greason, 1637 in *Bardsley* (Lancs).

**References:** *Postles, The North*, p. 81.

2 English: locative name, sometimes possibly from Greysouthen (Cumb), recorded as *Graysone* in 1505, but any surname from this source would be indistinguishable from that in (1).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 397.

**Graystock**

**Variants:** **Greystock**, **Greystoke**, **Gristock**, **Gravestock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name, from Greystoke (Cumb), recorded as *Graystock* in 1291.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Greystok, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Graistok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Greistoke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley, Leics); Agn’ de Graystok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough Sowerby, Westm); William Graystoke, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Margery Graystocke, 1566 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Maria Graistocke, 1580, Rodolphus Graistock, 1610 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); William Graystock, 1618 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); Janne Graistocke, 1627 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); John Greystock, 1718 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks).

**Grayston**

**Variants:** **Graystone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Lancs

1 English: locative name: in Suffolk, it may represent a pronunciation of the place-name Griston (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Griston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Suffolk); John Grayston, 1697 in *IGI* (Wickham Market, Suffolk); Thomas Greyston, 1700 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk).

## Graystone

2 English: in Lancs, it may sometimes be a variant of or confused with **Grayson**, a name recorded in for example Ormskirk, where *Grayston* is also found.

3 English: locative name from Middle English *grai* ‘grey’ + Middle English *ston* (northern *stain*) ‘stone’, or from a place so named, as for example Greystones in Haughton (Durham), which is recorded as *Greystone* in 1380.

**Further information:** Grey stones were a common landmark on the Cumb fells; compare Gray Stone in Hayton, Graystone in Ennerdale, Graystone House in Millom, and Gray Stones in Above Derwent.

**Early bearers:** N England: William Graistaine, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus Graystone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks); William de Graystones, 1380 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William Grayston, 1784 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); William Grayston, 1816 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

S England: Robert Greyston, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Grayston, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Thorney, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 89, 372, 387, 418.

4 English: see **Graveson**.

## Graystone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Grayston**.

## Graziano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Graziano*, Latin *Gratianus*, a derivative of *gratus* ‘welcome, pleasing’.

**Early bearers:** Bertus Graziano, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Nottingham, Notts).

## Grazier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: occupational name for someone who grazed cattle, from an agent derivative of Old English *grasian* ‘to graze’.

**Early bearers:** William le Grasiere, le Grazur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks), 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Richard le Grasiere, 1325 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard le Grasier, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford, Oxon); Willelmo Graser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton on the Wolds, Leics); Roberti Grayser, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Grazier, 1617 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Mary Grasier, 1677 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs).

## Greader

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *gredere* ‘crier, town crier’.

**Early bearers:** Wluerd Legredere, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Robert le Gredere, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Greder, 1360 in *Carshalton Court Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Gredere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Waltero Greder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Wraxall, Wilts); John Gredere, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Janne Grider, 1584 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Daudis

Greeder, 1618 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Joseph Greader, 1812 in *IGI* (Didmarton, Gloucs).

## Greedy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Lancs; also Stirlings

1 English: see **Greedy**.

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

## Grealey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Irish: from **Mag Raoghallaigh**, see **Greally**.
- 2 English: see **Greasley** and **Graley**.

## Grealis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Grealish**

## Grealish

Variants: **Grealis**, **Grellis**, **Rellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from **Mag Riallghuis**, a variant of **Mac Niallghuis**, see **McNelis**.

**Early bearers:** England: Margaret Grelish, 1855 in *IGI* (Altrincham, Cheshire).

Scotland: Andrew Grellis, 1860 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Greally

Variants: **Grealey**, **Grealy**, **Greeley**, **Greely**, **Graley**, **Grayley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from **Mag Raoghallaigh** ‘son of *Raoghallach*’, a variant of *Raghailleach*; compare **O’Reilly**.

**Early bearers:** England: Mathew Greely, 1790 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); Maria Greely, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Grealey, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Salford, Lancs); John Greeley, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Withington, Lancs); Patrick Graley, born in Galway, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Patrick Greally, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Kidderminster, Worcs); James Grayley, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Hunslet, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Thady Magrawley, husbandman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3243 (Monoley, Westmeath); Donogh McGrally, kern, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5447 (Ballaghduffe, Galway); Laughlen glasse McGrawlie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Killin, Galway); James Greally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); Michael Grealy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lickmolassy, Galway); Lackey Grawley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonbarry, Roscommon); Andrew Grawly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bekan, Mayo); Andrew Greely, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford).

## Grealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish: from **Mag Raoghallaigh**, see **Greally**.

## Greaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 975
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Galway

1 Irish: from **Ó Gráinne** or possibly **Mag Gráinne** ‘descendant (or son) of *Gráinne*’, a female personal name.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John O’Granie, labourer, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Ballivornie, Cork); John O’Graine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6486 (Cloghleigh, Cork); Donell Granie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498 (Dungwale); John O’Granie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Knockrawre); James Greany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tuam, Galway); Patrick Greany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilconduff, Mayo).

England: Mariae Greany, 1831 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

2 Irish: from **Mac Raighne**, see **McGrane**.

## Grear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Northumb

Scottish: see **Greer**.

## Greasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Grassby**.

## Greasley

Variants: **Gresley**, **Gresly**, **Gridley**, **Grisley**, **Graley**, **Grayley**, **Grealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1121, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Notts and Derbys

1 English: locative name, usually from **Greasley** (Notts) but possibly also from **Gresley** (Derbys). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2), particularly the Lancs examples. **Further information:** The de Gresley family of **Greasley**, Notts, held extensive estates and founded and patronized monastic houses in Notts, Lancs, Staffs, Warwicks, Lincs, and Leics, and at various times acted as sheriffs of Staffs and of Notts. A Rainald of **Gresley** (Derbys) is recorded in 1166, *Book of Fees*, but it is unclear whether he founded a family of this name. Variant spellings like *Grel(l)ey* and *Gredley*, where *-s-* has either been assimilated to the following *-l-* or dissimilated to *-d-*, occur only for the surnames and not the place-names. This may reflect confusion between this name and that in (2).

**Early bearers:** Will’s de Griseleia, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts or Derbys); William de Greseleia, about 1130 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Robert Gresle, de Gredlei, 1196–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), Gredlei, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Nigel de Greseleg, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts or Derbys); Nigel de Greseleia, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Lancs); Robert de Gresley, Gresle, Grelle, de Grellay, Gredlegh, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Notts, Lancs, Suffolk, Lincs, Oxon); Henry Gredle, Greslei, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Robert Greley (Gresle), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Greley, Graley (son of Robert), 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Thomas Greyley, Grayly, Gresley, 1235, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs, Oxon, Suffolk); Thomas Gredley alias Grelley, 1271 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Rutland); Barth'o de Griseley, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Greasley, Notts); Peter de Greleye, 1297 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cotgrave, Notts); Robert de Greley, 1302–3 in *Feudal Aids* (Bilsthorpe, Notts); Robert de Gresley, 1303 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bilsthorpe, Notts); Ricardus Gredle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Joh's de greslay, baker, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*; Willelmo Griseley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leicester, Leics); Thoma de Gresley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alrewas, Orgreave, Fradley and Edingale, Staffs); John Gresley, 1445–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Gresley, alias Gryseley 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Willm Gresley, 1559 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Edwarde Gresley, 1572 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Grisley, 1601, Valentine Greasley, 1627 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Humfry Greasly, 1608 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Issabell Gresley, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Greasley, 1625 in *IGI* (Weston upon Trent, Derbys); John Greasley, 1668 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Notts); Maria Gresly, 1676 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); Christian Greasley, 1686 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); James Grisley, 1705 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Tho Gresley, 1708 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 486–7, 997.  
 2 Norman, English: nickname, either from Old French *greslet* 'marked as by hail', i.e. pitted or pock-marked, or Old French *greslet*, *gresli*, *graillet* 'thin, slim'. In early forms, the nickname has sometimes been confused with the place-name in (1). Compare **Le Gresley** in Jersey and **Greslé**, **Grêlé** in France.  
**Early bearers:** Albert Greslet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire); Robertus Greslatus, 1127 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Lancs); Robert Greslet, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Greilli, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Alexander Grisle, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Albert Gresley, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Albert Gresle, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Albert Grelli, about 1200 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Margaret le Grele, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams); William Greasley, 1618 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Valentine Greasley, 1627 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); William Greasley, 1632 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 317.

## Great

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Greet**.

## Greatbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Shrops

English: variant of **Greatbatch**.

**Early bearers:** Smyth Greatbank, 1726, William Greatbanks, 1746 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); John Greatbank, 1743 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

## Greatbatch

**Variants:** **Greatbanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Gradbach in Quarnford (Staffs), which is recorded as *Gratebache* in 1374.

**Early bearers:** Johne Greatbach, 1566 in *IGI*

(Caverswall, Staffs); Thomae Greatbatch, 1569 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); William Greatbatch alias Poole, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Wappenham, Northants); Rowlande Greatbathe or Greatbatch, 1607 in *PROB 11*

(Whitechurch, Shrops); Thomas Greatback, 1669 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 282.

## Greated

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Greathead**.

## Greathead

**Variants:** **Greated**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *gret(e)* 'big' + *hed(de)* 'head' (Old English *græt*, *hæafod*), literally rather than metaphorically.

**Early bearers:** John Gretheved, 1278 in *London Letter Books B*; Thomas Grethved, 1351 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Thomas Gretheued' 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Johanne Grethved, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heather, Leics); Willelmus Grethved', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morley, WR Yorks); Thomas Grethede, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Isabella Greatehead, 1573, Alexander Greated, 1595 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Willm. Greateade, 1599 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Tho. Greathead, 1606 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Greateheade, 1629 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

## Greatorex

**Variants:** **Greatrex**, **Greatrix**, **Gratrix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 907
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Great Rocks Farm in Wormhill (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Gretrokes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Willelmus de Greterakes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Thomas Greatrax, 1589 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Roberte Gretrakes, 1598 in *IGI* (Carsington, Derbys); William Grettax or Gretrax, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Brassington, Derbys); Thomas Greatorix, 1670 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Richard Gretrix, 1678 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys); William Gretorex, 1743 in *Parish Registers* (Bisham, Berks); Hannah Greatorox, 1792 in *IGI* (Elkstone, Staffs); John Gratix, 1825 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 179.

## Greatrex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Greatorex**.

## Greatrix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Greatorex**.

## Greatwiche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Grattage**.

## Greatwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Devon; London

1 English: locative name from Greatwood, the name of a former tract of heathland near Little Wyrley in Staffs, on record from about 1250 until 1719 when the land was enclosed. The place-name (or its derived surname) is preserved in Greatwood Farm and Greatwood Lodge in Croxton (Staffs).

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from Greatworth (Northants) is also formally possible, with *-wood* substituted for *-worth*; compare Richard Gretword, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts), and Gilbert de Gretewurthe, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants). However, the concentration of the post-medieval surname in Staffs fits better with a Staffs origin.

**Early bearers:** Alice Gratewoode, 1546 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); William Gratewood, 1573 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Gratewod, 1582 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); Richardus Gratewood, 1591, Richardi Gratewood, 1624 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Robert Gratewood, 1592 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Jane Gratewod, 1625, Susan Gratewood, 1625, Elinor Gratewood, George Gratewood, 1775 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts); Marcie Gratewood, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Sarah Gratewood, 1758 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Ann Greetwood, 1784 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, at Greatwood (Farm).

2 English: locative name; the Devon name might alternatively be from Greatwood (Farm) in Potheridge (Merton parish, Devon), but since no early evidence has been found there for the place-name or the surname, the Devon farm may have been named after a tenant whose family migrated from the W Midlands.

## Greaves

**Variants:** **Grieves**, **Greeves**, **Greves**, **Graves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10954, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8766
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from the plural of Middle English *greve* 'wood, thicket' (Old English *græfe*), or from a minor place so named. The WR Yorks name is from *The Greaves* in Beeley (Derbys), now known as Beeley Hilltop. The Lancs name may alternatively be from Greaves in Preston (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard del Greues, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Greves, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Adam del Grefes, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Agn' de Greves, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); John Greaves, 1568 in *IGI*

## Greavey

(Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Greaves, 1633 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Ralph Grieves, 1670 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** George Redmonds, personal communication.

2 English: variant of **Greve**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

3 English: see **Graves**.

4 English: see **Grieves**.

## Greavey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 8

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **Greedy**.

## Greavison

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Graveson**.

## Greavy

• **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 14

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **Greedy**.

## Grebbly

**Variants:** Grigsby

• **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 90

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys

English: locative name from Grebbly in Scrembly (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Grebbly, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Laurence Grebbly, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Ralph de Grebbly, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ranulph Grebbly, chaplain, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Greby, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs, Yorks); Thomas Grebbly, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Cudham, Kent); Thoms Grebbly, 1562 in *IGI* (Croft, Lincs); John Grebbly, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Grebye, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Ruan Lanihorne, Cornwall).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 53.

## Grech

• **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7

• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 Welsh: from *grach*, the lenited form of *crach* 'scabs, skin blemishes'.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Griffith Grach, Thlewelyn Grach, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Merioneths); Mereduk Grach ap Thlaward, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Caernarvons); Ros Grach, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Cardigans).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 75.

2 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Grech', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Robert Gredg, 1558 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Andrew Greech, 1732 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Grattdge, 1786 in *IGI* (Scropton, Derbys); Joseph Grech, 1837 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

3 Maltese: from Italian *Greco* 'Greek'.

**References:** *Cassar*, p. 185.

4 Polish, German: relationship name from the Polish or Sorbian personal name *Grech*, a vernacular

pet form (in Silesia and elsewhere) of the Latin personal name *Gregorius*, see **Gregory**.

## Greco

• **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: ethnic name from *Greco* 'Greek' (Latin *Graecus*).

**Early bearers:** Francis Greco, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Newport, Monmouths); Raselo Greco, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Kensington, Middx); Palma Greco, in *Census 1911* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

## Gredley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 13

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Gridley**.

## Greear

• **GB frequency 1881:** 17

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: see **Greer**.

## Greechan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: perhaps from Ó Gréacháin, see **Grehan**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Greechan, 1858 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Bridget Greechan, 1869 in *IGI* (Old Monkland, Lanarks).

## Greed

• **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 167

• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *grede* 'greed'. According to *OED*, this is a back-formation from *greedy* (earliest citation 1609), but surname evidence suggests this process took place much earlier.

**Early bearers:** William Grede, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Grede, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John Grede, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Grede, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Lothar, Dorset); John Greed, 1653 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon).

## Greedy

**Variants:** Greaddy

• **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 346

• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *gredi(e)*, *gradi* 'ravenous, voracious, gluttonous' (Old English *grædig*).

**Early bearers:** Matildis Gredi, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Helyas le Gredie, 1269 in *Leicester Borough Records*; Johnis Greedie, 1596 in *IGI* (Nether Compton, Dorset); Agnes Greedy, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Bradford, Somerset); Thomas Gredy or Gredye, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Sampford Arundell, Somerset); Robert Greedy, 1770 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Somerset).

## Greef

• **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 60

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Grieve**.

## Greeff

• **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Grieve**.

## Greek

• **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o

• **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: ethnic name for someone from Greece, Middle English *grek*, *greik*. There seems also to have been some confusion with **Gregg** and its variants.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Grek, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robertus Grek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eprington with Hidcote Boyce, Gloucs); William Greeke, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Grek, 1632 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); Thomas Greeke, 1646 in *IGI* (Carlton cum Willingham, Cambs); Bernard Greek, 1701 in *IGI* (Monkleigh, Devon).

## Greeley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 14

• **GB frequency 1881:** 28

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Warwicks and Staffs

Irish: from Mag Raoghallaigh, see **Greally**.

## Greely

• **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 18

• **GB frequency 1881:** 65

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Irish: see **Greally**.

## Green

**Variants:** Greene, Grene

• **Current frequencies:** GB 114774, Ireland 2618

• **GB frequency 1881:** 83566

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp.

Down and Antrim; Cork and Tipperary; Longford

1 English: locative name from Middle English *grene* 'green' (Old English *grēne*), denoting someone who lived by the village green. Some of the Tudor examples below may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Grene, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard de la Grene, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Attegrene, 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walter ad Grenam, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William del grene, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); John en le grene, Robert Othergrene, Henry on the grene, 1274–99 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); John super le Grene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Geoffrey atte Grene, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johannes othe Grene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wombourn, Staffs); Henricus super le Grene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Beeby, Leics); Henrico dil Gren, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Willelmus in le Grene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Margery Grene, 1538 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Hewe Greene, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); John Greene, 1538 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Edward Grene, 1539 in *IGI* (Bushley, Worcs); Edmond and John Green, 1540 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); William Green, 1546 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Tho. Green, 1548 in

*IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Alicia Green, 1551 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Mary Green, 1556 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

2 English: nickname from the Middle English adjective *grene* 'green' (Old English *grēne*), probably in the sense 'young, immature'.

**Early bearers:** John the Grene, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes le Grene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Hugone the Grene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sewstern, Leics).

3 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Grene*. Compare Godwin Gressoness, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants), Peter filius Grenii, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), Matthew filius Grene, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Grene, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Grene, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); Willelmo Gren, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); Richard ap Grene, chaplain, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Dolgellau, Merioneths).

4 Irish: (i) adopted for Ó hUainín 'descendant of Uainín', a personal name from a pet form of *uaine* 'green', see **Honan**. (ii) adopted for Ó Fathaidh or Ó Fathaigh through erroneous association with *faithche* 'lawn', see **Fahey**.

**Early bearers:** Paul Grene, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §859 (to hold the custody of the house of Kilmaynan); Roger Grene, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1354; William Grieghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Tibburd).

5 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of German **Grün** or Yiddish **Grin**, ornamental or handout names meaning 'green', or a short form of any of the numerous compounds formed with this element; see **Greenberg**, **Greengross**, **Greenstein**, for example.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Green, 1808 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Levy Ephraim Green, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (London); Ephraim Green, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Green, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Green, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Aaron Asher Green, synagogue minister, 1892 in *Anglo-Jewry* (Hampstead, Middx); Hubert Green, 1899 in *United Synagogue Members* (Hampstead, Middx); Israel Green, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Green, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Moses Wolfe Green, born in S Wales, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Greenacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *grene* 'green' + *aker* 'field, piece of arable land' (Old English *æcer*), or from some lost or unidentified place so named.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Grenacres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Grenacr, 1335 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Robert de Greneacres, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Gilbert de Greneacre, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John Greneacre, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Locking, Somerset); Richarde Greneacres, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Walthamstow, Essex); Marye Greneacre, 1607 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); William Greenaker, 1644 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Sarah Greenackers, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Deborah Greenacre,

1670 in *IGI* (Hunworth, Norfolk); Will Greenakers, 1693 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

### Greenalgh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Greenhalgh**.

### Greenall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1869, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 909
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Greenhalgh**.

2 English: see **Greenhill**.

### Greenan

**Variants:** Grennan, Grannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland

Irish: from Ó Grianáin 'descendant of Grianán', a personal name probably derived from a diminutive of *grian* 'sun', *grianach* 'sunny, cheerful'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Grenan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6378 (Castlerickard, Meath); Teige roe O Greenane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577; Cahill O Greynan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Lysenoan).

Scotland: James Greenan, 1855 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Mary Greenan, 1859 in *IGI* (Dundonald, Ayr).

### Greenaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3952, Ireland 289
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1869
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx, Surrey, Berks, and Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- English: see **Greenway**.

### Greenbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Westm

English: locative name, mainly from Greenbank (Lancs) or Green Bank in Barnoldswick (WR Yorks), but there are many minor places with this name in N England, Lincs, and Cheshire, which may have contributed to this surname.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Grynbank of Lancaster, 1484 in *York Freeman's Register*; Rich. Grenebanck, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Walter Greenbank, 1576 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Egidij Greenbancke, 1604 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Joannae Grenebanke, 1607 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Joane Grenebancke, 1626 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Greenbaum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): part-anglicization of **Grünbaum**. As a German name, this denoted someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a tree in leaf, while the Jewish name, a compound of German *grün* 'green' + *Baum* 'tree',

was probably acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Henry Greenboom, 1691 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Juda Greenbaum, retired silversmith, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Samuel Greenbaum, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Israel Greenbaum, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Greenbaum, Hebrew teacher, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lazarus Greenbaum, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Shimon Greenbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Pinkus Greenbaum, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac and Esther Greenbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Greenberg

**Variants:** Grunberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic) : part-anglicization of **Grünberg**, a handout or ornamental name from German *grün* 'green' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill', or in some cases a locative name from any of the numerous places in Germany named Grünberg. **Early bearers:** Moses Greenberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Solomon Grunberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Harris Greenberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Barnet Greenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Samson Grunberg, born in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Lewis Greenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Greenberry

**Variants:** Greenbury, Greenburgh, Greenburg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 English: locative name from Greenberry, in Bolton upon Swale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Greneberge, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Grenebergh, 1384, Edward Grenebury, 1545 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robt. Greenbury, 1623 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edmund Greenberry, 1718 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Grandborough in Warwicks or Bucks, earlier recorded as *Greneberge*. Some of the later bearers below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Turstan de Greneberge, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); John de Grenberwe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Greneburgh', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Staverton, Northants); Katerina Grenborough', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Cutberte Greneberry or Greenberry, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Stamford, Lincs); Thomas Greenberrie, 1606 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Anne Greenbrough, 1693 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); John Greenberry, 1769 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Edward Greenburg, 1815 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk).



## Greenburg

### Greenburg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Greenberry**.

### Greenburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Greenberry**.

### Greenbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lincs
- English: see **Greenberry**.

### Greene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4324, Ireland 4110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. E Anglia and SE England; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down; Clare, Galway, and Roscommon

Irish, English: see **Green**.

### Greenep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Greenop**.

### Greener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1524, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 872
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name, perhaps from Greenhaugh in Thorneyburn (Northumb). Compare **Greenhalgh**. **Early bearers:** William Grenar, 1621 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Tho. Greener, 1675, Rob. Grener, 1679, Mary Greenor, 1758 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Greener, 1688 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham). **References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 96.

### Greeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: nickname from Middle English *grene* 'green' + *ie* 'eye' (Old English *grēne* + *ēage*). Compare **Blackie** (2), **Brunyee**, and **Whitty** (2). **Early bearers:** Robert Greeneye, 1588, Thomas Greney, 1612 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); John Greeney, 1608 in *IGI* (Stonegrave, NR Yorks); Mary Greeny, 1768 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Thomas Greeney, 1780 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire).

### Greenfield

Variants: **Grenfell**, **Grenville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4434, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, Surrey, and Middx; WR Yorks and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English: locative name from any of various minor places named Greenfield, for example in Beds, Lincs,

Oxon, Sussex, and WR Yorks, or denoting someone who lived by a green field, from Middle English *grene* + *feld* 'field, plain'. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Grenefeld, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); John de Grenefeud, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manwood hundred, Sussex); Agn' de Grenefeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Johanna Grenefeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Thomas Grenfelde, 1549 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Wyllyam Grenefeld, 1558 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Greenfield, 1560 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Anne Grenefelde, 1567 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Grenefeld, 1592 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); William Greenefeld, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Capel, Surrey); John Greenefeld or Grenfeild, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Leigh, Surrey); William Greenfeeld, 1761 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); John Greenfield, 1662 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Scarah Greenfield, 1695 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

2 English: locative name from Green Field in Buckden (WR Yorks), recorded as *Grenefel* 'green fell or mountain' in 1190.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Grenefel, 1355 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Settle, WR Yorks); William de Grenefell, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ricardus Grenfell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Johannes de Grenfell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Grenfell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Henry Greenfeld, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Eline Grenfeild, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Grac. Grenfeld, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes Greenfell, 1617 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Henry Greenfeild, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Newby with Clapham, WR Yorks); George Grenfield, 1681 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: altered form of **Grenville**.

### Greenford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name from Greenford (Middx). **Early bearers:** John Greneford, de Greneford, 1259 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Thomas Greneford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); John Greneford', 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Greenford, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Ely, Cambs); Ane Greenford, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Selborne, Hants); Ann Greenford, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Greenford, Middx).

### Greengrass

Variants: **Greengross**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Middx

1 English: locative name for someone who lived at a green, grassy spot, from Middle English *grene* 'green' + regional *gres* 'grass' (sometimes from Old Scandinavian *gres*).

**Early bearers:** Richard, Alice de Grenegres, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Wilhelmus Grenegres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham, Norfolk); Abraham Greengrass, 1601 in *IGI* (Harty, Kent); Thomas Greengrass, 1671 in *IGI* (Rushford,

Norfolk); William Greengress, 1828 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): part-anglicization of **Grün(e)gras** or **Grönegräs**, from Low German *grön* + *gras*, probably acquired as a handout or ornamental name or possibly in some instances as a locative name for someone who lived by a meadow or pastureland.

**Early bearers:** Harris Greengrass, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Deborah Greengross, born in Russia, Morris Greengross, born in Russia, David Greengrass, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Greengross

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): part-anglicization of **Grün(e)gras** or **Grönegräs**, see **Greengrass**.

### Greenhalf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Oxon
- English: perhaps an altered form of **Greenhill**. Compare **Greenhall**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Greenhalf, 1706 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks); Rebeccah Greenhalf, 1712 in *IGI* (Eastleach Martin, Gloucs); Robert Greenhalf, 1761 in *IGI* (Broughton Poggs, Oxon).

### Greenhalgh

Variants: **Greenhough**, **Greenalgh**, **Greenall**, **Greenhall**, **Greenhouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5597, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Greenhalgh in Kirkham or Greenhalgh Castle in Garstang (both Lancs). Compare **Greener**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Grenhal', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); William de Grenol, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Matill' de Grenehalgh, William de Grenolf, de Grenholl', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Grenehalgh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tottington, Lancs); Henricus Grenehalgh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); James Grenehalgh, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Robert Greenall, 1565 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Ralph Grenhalghe, 1594 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Greenalgh, 1610 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Grenhall, 1615 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 116–18; *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 154, 164.

### Greenhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks and Worcs

1 English: see **Greenhalgh**.

2 English: see **Greenhill**.

### Greenham

Variants: **Grinham**, **Grenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 582
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, IoW, and Dorset;
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Laois



English: locative name from Greenham (Somerset, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Gryndham, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph de Greneham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Greneham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Thomas Greneham, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Edmund Greenham, 1566, Edmund Greneham, 1597 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics).

### Greenhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Greenhead in Haltwhistle (Northumb), possibly also from Greenhead in Innerleithen (Peebles) or Greenhead (Roxburghs); otherwise topographic for someone who lived '(on the) green high ground, summit', from Middle English *grene* + *hed*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Geneheved, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Adam del Greneheved, Richard del Greneheved, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Waltero Grenehed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulton, Wilts); Robert Greenhead, 1578 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Greneheade, 1580, Henry Greenheed, 1628 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Greenhead, 1681 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Greenhead, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx). Scotland: Robert de le Greneheved, 1290 in *Scotland Calendar*; Cristiane del Grenehevede, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Selkirks); Aymer del Greneheued, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (Selkirk, Selkirks); William Greenhead, about 1340 in *Great Seal of Scotland*, (Selkirk, Selkirks).

### Greenhill

**Variants:** Greenhall, Greenall, Greenhalf, Grennell, Grinnell, Grinnall, Grindle, Grunnill, Gurnhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1643, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1286
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England and SE England; Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from any of numerous places called Greenhill, or for someone who lived '(by the) green hill', from Middle English *grene* + *hill* (*hull* in some western dialects, *hell* in Kent dialect).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Grenehill<sup>1</sup>, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Richard de Grenehull<sup>1</sup>, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Symon de la Grenehell, 1270 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* v; Gilbert ate Grenehelle, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William atte Grenhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Richard Grenehill<sup>1</sup>, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kenton, Devon); Thomas de Grenehill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Thomas de Grenehul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cheswell, Shrops); John Grenehell<sup>1</sup>, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Grenehille, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Grenhill, 1540, Rycharde Greenhill, 1552 in *IGI* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); John Grennell, 1552, Robert Grynnell, 1564, Thomas Greenhill, 1855 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Grynell Grynnell, 1561 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); John Greenhill, 1562, Ezechiell Grenehil, 1620 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Nicholas Greenhill, 1565 in *IGI* (Pinvin, Worcs); Thoma Grinill, 1588, Thomae Grinnell, 1595, Anna Greenhill, 1614 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Johne Grennell, 1591 in *IGI* (Bicknor, Kent); Elizabeth Grynnell, 1621 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); John

Grynell, 1625 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); Mathew Grinill, 1630 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); William Grinnel, 1780 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs).

Scotland: Bryce of Grenehill, 1478 in *Acts of Council, Scotland*; John Grenhil, 1521 in *Maxwells of Pollok*; Bessie Greenhill, 1669 in *IGI* (Falkland, Fife).

### Greenhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and W Lothian

Scottish: locative name from Middle English *grene* 'green' + *hirn(e)*, *heorne* 'nook, corner, hidden place'.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Greenhorn, 1657, Marion Grenhorn, 1669 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); James Greenhorn, 1696 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

### Greenhough

**Variants:** Greenough, Greenow, Greenhowe, Greenow, Greeno, Greenhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

1 English: (i) locative name from Greenhow Hill in Bewerley (WR Yorks) or Greenhow in Ingleby Greenhow (NR Yorks). (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be variants of the Lancs name **Greenhalgh**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Grenhou, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Greenhowe, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seamer, NR Yorks); John de Greenhowe of Kildale, 1372 in *Patent Rolls* (Danby, NR Yorks), Johannes Greenhow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Richard Grenow, 1512 in *York Registry Wills* (Lockton, NR Yorks); Jacobi Greenhough, 1577 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Greenhough, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Hart Street, City of London); Richard Greenhow, 1673 in *Hearth Tax* (Catterick, NR Yorks); John Greenough, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Greenhoe, 1711 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks). **References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 118; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 143; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 168; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
2 English: see **Greenhow**.

### Greenhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops, Herefs, and Staffs; also Lancs

1 Welsh: anglicized form of Welsh **Gronow**, with English genitival -s.

**Early bearers:** James Greenhouse, 1703 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ann Greenhouses, 1758 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, at Goronwy.

2 English: in Lancs perhaps a variant of **Greenhow**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Greenhouse, 1632 in *IGI* (Walmsby, Lancs).

3 English: locative name for someone who lived '(in the) house on the village green', Middle English *gren* + *hous*. The name is found occasionally in medieval data, but its survival as a hereditary surname is unknown.

**Early bearers:** William de Grenhous, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Elizabeth Greenhouse, 1631 in *IGI*

(Flixton, Lancs); John Greenhouse, 1679 in *IGI* (Upper Beeding, Sussex); Mary Greenhouse, 1707 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Mary Greenhouse, 1717 in *IGI* (Staunton on Arrow, Herefs).

### Greenhow

**Variants:** Greenhouse, Greenhough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Cumb

1 English: locative name from Green How in Matteredale (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Grenhou, 1285 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Robert de Grenehowe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bromfield, Cumb); Thomas Greenhow, 1566 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Jane Greenhow, 1669 in *IGI* (Matteredale, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 222.

2 English: see **Greenhough**.

### Greenhowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Greenhough**.

### Greenidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

West Indian: (i) locative name, originally from Greenhedge Farm in Aslockton (Notts). (ii) possibly, alternatively, from *Greenwich*, Kent.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados, and in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Grenehegge, 1289 in *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 220.

### Greening

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2083, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1641
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Dorset

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**grening*, a derivative of *grene* 'green' (Old English *grêne*), i.e. 'the green one', whether physically or metaphorically 'green'. Compare **Green** (2). (ii) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Grening*, a derivative (originally patronymic) of the Middle English personal name *Grene*. See **Green** (3).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Grenyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Avicia Grenyng<sup>2</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gretton, Gloucs); John Grenyng, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Grenyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Awre, Gloucs); Thomas Greening, 1578 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Abraham Greening, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); John Greening, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset).

### Greenland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 939
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) green meadow', Middle English *grene*, *grein* + *land*, or from a minor place so named.

**Early bearers:** John Greenland, 1400 in *Yorks Wills*; Alexander Greenland, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Greenland, 1549 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux,

Sussex); John Greneland, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Eliz Grenland, 1668 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Saray Greenland, 1722 in *IGI* (Odcombe, Somerset).

### Greenlaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens; Midlothian; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: locative name from Greenlaw (Berwicks).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Grenlaw, about 1180, Roland de Grenelaw, about 1200 in *Kelso Register*; William de Granlau, 1221 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William de Grenlaw, 1361 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Thomas de Grenlaw, 1439 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Grenelaw, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helene Grenlaw, 1603 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Elspeth Greenlaw, 1664 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elizabeth Greenlawe, 1675 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).  
 England: Richard Greenlaw, 1730 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); James Greenlaw, 1732 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Ann Greenlaw, 1737 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Greenleaf

**Variants:** Greenleaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *grene* ‘green’ + *lef* ‘leaf’, but the motivation for the nickname is not known. Compare William Leafgrene, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Adam Grenelef, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henricus Grenelef, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John Grenelefe, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Richerd Grenleaf, 1575 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Thomas Grenelefe, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Water Greenleafe, 1579 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); John Greneleafe, 1583 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Robert Greneleife, 1626 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs).  
 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Grünblatt**, **Gruenblat**, or **Grunblat(t)**, possibly acquired as a locative name for someone who lived at the sign of ‘(the) green leaf’, or as an ornamental or handout name.  
**Early bearers:** Maurice, Israel, and Fanny Greenleaf, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Greenleaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

Scottish, English: apparently a 17th-century modification of **Greenlees** (rather than of **Greenleaf**), which appears to have originated in E Lothian.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Janet Greenleaves, 1658 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Alexander Greenleaves, 1705 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); James Greenleaves, 1713 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian).  
 England: John Greenleaves, 1744, Samuel Greenleaves, 1773 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

### Greenlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish: (i) locative name from Greenlea (Dumfriess). (ii) variant of **Greenlees** with loss of final -s.  
**Early bearers:** James Greenlay, 1710 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Grenlay, 1725 in *IGI* (New Abbey, Kirkcudbrights); George Greenlee, 1745 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Jean Greenlee, 1757 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Greenlees

**Variants:** Greenleaves, Greenlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from Easter Greenlees (Lanarks).  
**Early bearers:** John Greynleis, 1574 in *Black*; William Greenlees, weaver, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdeen); Margaret Greinleys, 1636, Richard Greinlies, 1701 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Greinleyes, 1648 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); John Greenlees, 1679, Jean Greinlees, 1801 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); William Greenlies, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley, Renfrews); James Grenlies, 1782 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).  
 2 English: locative name from Middle English *grene* ‘green’ + *lese* ‘pasture’.  
**Further information:** As an English name this is now rare or may even have died out entirely; most if not all modern bearers are Scottish.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Grenelese, 1460 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Robert Greneles, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Greenleese, 1584 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 35 (Kent); Acon Greenleese, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs); Elizabetha Greenlees, 1632 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Alice Greenlees, 1673 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Greenley

**Variants:** Greenly, Grinley, Grindley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Little Gringley (Notts), which is recorded as *Grenlay* in 1225, or from Grindley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Grenleg* in 1251.  
**Early bearers:** William de Grenlay, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); William de Grinle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh de Greneley, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Margeria de Grenleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricardus de Gryngelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton, WR Yorks); John de Grenle, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Hughe Grinley, 1573 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); John Greenlie, 1604 in *PROB 11* (London); Phillip Greeneley or Greenly, 1639 in *PROB 11* (London); Alice Greenly, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Staunton upon Arrow, Herefs); Peter Greenlay, 1736 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 59.

### Greenly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Greenley**.

### Greenman

**Variants:** Greenmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Middle English *grene* ‘a green’ + *man* ‘man’, for someone who lived by the village green. Compare **Green**, and for the formation compare **Bridgeman**.  
**Early bearers:** John Greneman, 1357 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Grenman, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Philippo Greneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badbury, Wilts); Radulpho Greneman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); John Grynman, 1560, David Greenman, 1581 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Gabriell Grinman, 1638 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

### Greenmon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Greenman**.

### Greeno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) see **Greenhough**. (ii) see **Gronow** and compare **Grenow**.

### Greenop

**Variants:** Greenup, Greenep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm

English: locative name from Greenup Edge in Borrowdale (Cumb), which is recorded as *Grenehope* in the 13th century.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Grenepp, 1523, William Greneope, 1552 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Anne Greenupp, 1591 in *IGI* (Algarkirk, Lincs); Thomas Greenhope, 1616, Agnes Greenup, 1667 in *Lancs Wills*; Richard Greenop, 1672, Thomas Greenope, 1691, Anna Greenep, 1700, Tho Greenhop, 1708 in *IGI* (Isel, Cumb); William Greenopp, 1718 in *IGI* (Lorton, Cumb).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 350.

### Greenough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 750
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks

English: see **Greenhough**.

### Greenow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks and Monmouths

English: see **Greenhough**.

### Greenroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: locative name from a locality in Rochdale parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Grenerode, 1559 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Richarde Grenerode, 1599 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Grace Grenerode, 1602, James Grinrode, 1628, Edmund Greenrod, 1646 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Greenroyd, 1733 in *IGI* (Sowerby Bridge, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 150; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Greenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: see **Grimshaw**.

### Greenshields

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Ayr

Scottish: locative name from Greenshields in Liberton (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Grenescheill, 1600, Elspet Greinshields, 1616, James Greinscheilds, 1638 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Greensheills, 1624 in *Hamilton Testaments*; Thomas Greenshells, 1640 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); John Greinshiells, 1681, Samuel Grinshilds, 1743 in *IGI* (Carstairs, Lanarks); Samuel Greinshields, 1741 in *IGI* (Liberton, Lanarks). England: Jane Greenshields, 1684 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Hugh Greenshelds, 1826 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Greenside

**Variants:** **Grenside**, **Greensides**, **Greensitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: locative name, perhaps from Greenside in Waverton (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Oswould Greensids, 1589 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Brian Grenesydes, 1599 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Greenside, Thomas Grenesyde, 1609 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, Yorks); William Greenside, 1613 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Robt Greensides, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Ellen Grenesyde, 1626 in *IGI* (York); Sara Grenesydes, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York); Martha Grenesyde, 1746 in *IGI* (Kirby in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 159.

### Greensides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Greenside**.

### Grinsill

**Variants:** **Grinsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Grinshill (Shrops), which is recorded as *Grineleshul* in 1242, *Greneshull* in 1334.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Gryneleshull, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Clive, Shrops); [ . . . ] Greneleshil, 1291–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Edward Grinsill, 1545 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Jsabill Greensill, 1586, Fredrick Greensile, 1860 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Grynseil, 1600 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Grinsel, 1683, Edward Greenesel, 1669 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Edward Greenell, 1671 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Mary Ann Grensill, 1859 in *IGI* (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 139–40.

### Greensit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Greensitt**.

### Greensitt

**Variants:** **Greensit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks

English: perhaps a variant of **Greenside**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Grunset, 1379 *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Greensitt, 1707 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Greensit, 1731 in *IGI* (Dalton le Dale, Durham); Dorothy Greensit, 1790 in *IGI* (West Tanfield, NR Yorks); William Greensitt, 1835 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ann Grinsett, 1811 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Greenslade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2317, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Greenslade in North Tawton (Devon), or topographic for someone who lived '(in the) green valley', Middle English *grene*, *grein* + *slad(e)* (Old English *grêne* + *slæd*).

**Early bearers:** William Grenslade, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Johan Grenslade, 1556 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Grenslade, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Bicknoller, Somerset); James Grenslad, 1611 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon); John Greeneslade, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Wellington, Somerset); Elizabeth Greenslade, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Bampton, Devon); Thomas Greeneslade, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; John Greenslade, Grinslade, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Greensmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1503, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 804
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, and Derbys; also Lincs

English: occupational name for a coppersmith, from Middle English *grene*, *grein* + *smith(e)*, *smede*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Grenesmyth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Robert Greensmyth, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Grenesmyth, 1523 in *Rochester Wills*; Thomae Greensmyth, 1553 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); William Grenesmithe, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Hampton upon Thames, Middx); Thomae Grensmith, 1575 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Greensmythe, 1591 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); John Grensmith, 1744 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Greensted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Grinstead**.

### Greenstein

**Variants:** **Greenstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): part-anglicization of **Gru(e)nstein**, an ornamental or handout name from German *grün* 'green' (Yiddish *grin*) + *Stein* 'stone'. **Early bearers:** Abraham Greenstone, born in Odessa, Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx); George Greenstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Esther Greenstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Barnett Greenstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Lewis Greenstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Woolf Greenstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Esther Greenstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Harris Greenstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Greenstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Greenstock, 1718, George Greenstick, 1784 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); John Greenstock, 1782 in *IGI* (Stalbridge, Dorset).

### Greenstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Gru(e)nstein**, see **Greenstein**.

**Further information:** This form is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Greenstreet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from *Greenstreet* in Teynham (Kent). The name survived onto early 20th-century Ordnance Survey maps but has now been lost.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Grenestrete, 1257 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii (Kent); Thom' de Grenstrete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teynham hundred, Kent); Peter atte Grenestrete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephano Grenestret', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Grenestrete, 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Grenestrete, 1494 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Lynsted, Kent); Tomsyn Grenestrete, 1563, Joseph Greenstreet, 1602, Margaret Greenstreet, 1634 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); Robert Grenstret, 1574 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 279.

### Greentree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Sussex

## Greenup

English: locative name from Middle English *grene* 'green' + *tre* 'tree'.

**Early bearers:** Edward Grenetree, 1561 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Elizabetha Grenetre, 1566 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Thomas Greentree, 1585 in *IGI* (Milland, Sussex); Thomas Greentre, 1615 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); Elizabeth Greentree, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Froxfield, Hants).

### Greenup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cumb
- English: see **Greenop**.

### Greenway

**Variants:** Greenaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2956, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) green way', from Middle English *grene*, *grein* + *wei(e)*.

**Early bearers:** William de Greneweie, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Robert Grenewey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John atte grenewey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Grenewey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ufton, Warwicks); Thomas Genewey, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Stokenchurch, Oxon); William Greenwaye, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Woolhampton, Berks).

### Greenwell

**Variants:** Grunwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1253, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 982
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb

English: locative name from Greenwell (Cumb) or Greenwell in Wolsingham (Durham). The name may sometimes have been confused with **Grindle**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Grenewell, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Gilbert de Grenewell of Aukland, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Auckland, Durham); John Grenewell, 1562 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Greenwell, 1566 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Robert Grinwel, 1639 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); William Greenwele, 1793 in *IGI* (Alston, Cumb).

### Greenwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20728, Ireland 209
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23231
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 English: locative name from Greenwood Lee in Heptonstall (WR Yorks), possibly also occasionally denoting someone who lived '(by the) green wood'.

**Early bearers:** John del Grenewode, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johanne Grenewod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johanne de Grenewod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilpshire with Dinkley, Lancs); Ricardus de Grenewod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Grenewode, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Nether Silton, NR Yorks); Robert Grenewoodd, 1564 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); John Grenewode, 1620 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of *Grünholz*, an ornamental compound of German *grün* 'green' + *Holz* 'wood', probably also of German *Grünwald*, a locative name from any of various places in Germany named Grünwald or Grünewald.

**Early bearers:** Isidore Greenwood, 1922 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Willesden Jewish Cemetery, London).  
**References:** [www.cemeteryscribes.com](http://www.cemeteryscribes.com).

### Greenyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Grinyer**.

### Greep

**Variants:** Gripe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *gripe* 'trench, ditch'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Gripe, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edmund Grip, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Benington, Herts); Johe atte Grype, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easebourne hundred, Sussex); Hugh atte Grippe, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Crowland, Lincs); Walterus de Grypp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Grype, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Widford, Essex); Richard Greepe, 1585, John Grype, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Grippe, 1611 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent); Francis Greip, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon); George Greep, 1667 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 83–4; *English Place-Name Elements*, at *grype*.

### Greer

**Variants:** Grier, Grear, Greear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3232, Ireland 1887
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1004
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Scottish: relationship name from the medieval Scottish personal name *Grier*, a vernacular form of **Gregor** (see **Gregory**). Compare **Grierson**, with which some variation is evident among the early bearers, and compare **Gregor** and **McGregor**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland as well as Scotland. A Scottish family by the name of *Grierson* claim descent from Gilbert, son of Malcolm MacGregor (died 1374), 11th Lord of MacGregor. Gilbert was known as both *MacGregor* and *Gregorson*. In 1400 he was granted lands by the Earl of March in the name *Grierson*. The numerous northern Irish bearers of the name *Greer* claim descent from this same Gilbert.

**Early bearers:** John Greer, 1616, Euphame Greer, 1642 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marioun Grier, 1636 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Gilbert Greir, Gilbert Greirson, 1676–7 in *Retours, Scotland* (Dumfries); James Grier or Grierson, 1675 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries).

### Greeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs, Lincs, NR Yorks

1 English: see **Grayson**.

2 English: see **Graveson**.

### Greest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Grist**.

### Greet

**Variants:** Great

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Leics

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gret(e)*, *grette*, *gert*, *grat(e)* 'big, stout', Old English *grēat*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Æðelwold ðes Greta, about 900 in *Tengvik*; Æðelmaeres Greatan (gen.), 1017 in *Tengvik*; Philippus filius Grete, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Maud Grete, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William Grete, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry, Gilbert le Grete, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks), 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Alicia le Grete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Johanne Grate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kegworth, Leics); Silvester Grate, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Saint Thomas the Martyr Salisbury, Wilts); Jane Greet, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Willyam Greete, 1560 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Ester Greet, 1633 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); Richard Greatt, 1733 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Greta*, probably short for *Margareta*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Greta, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks), 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs).

3 English: locative name from Greet (Gloucs, Kent, Worcs) or Greete (Shrops), or a topographic name from Middle English *gret(e)*, *greet(e)*, *grit* 'gravel, grit', possibly denoting someone who lived near or worked at a gravel pit; compare Alexander de la Grete, 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Grete, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Rannulf de Grete, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Peter de Grete, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes de Grete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robertus Grete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Naunton with Baunton', Gloucs); Jhon Greet, 1555 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Wylyyam Greet, 1566 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Greet, 1567 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Allen Greet, 1594 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent).

### Greetham

**Variants:** Gretham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Greetham (Lincs, Rutland).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Gretham, 13th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Hugh de Gretham, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Alice de Gretham, 1363 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Amicia Greteham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shangton, Leics); William Greetcham or Greetham, 1592 in *PROB 11* (New Windsor, Berks);

Agneth Greetham, 1593 in *IGI* (Spilsby, Lincs); Wm. Greatham, 1616 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

### Greethurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from a lost place *Greethurst* in Yardley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Gruthurst, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes de Gruthurst, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Barr, Staffs); Thomas Grehurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); Henry Greethurst, 1542, John Grethurst, 1580 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Thomas Greethurst, 1669, Philip Greethurst, 1706 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Greeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Tyrone, and Fermanagh

- 1 English: see **Greaves**.
- 2 English: see **Graves**.

### Greevy

**Variants:** Greavy, Greavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **McGreavy**. Compare Scottish Gaelic Mac Riabhaich.

**Further information:** It has been suggested that this may be a northern English name, from the Middle English personal name *Greyvy* (Old Scandinavian *Greifi*), but the modern surname is mostly if not always of Irish origin.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Greavie, 1645 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Greavy, 1694 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Greavey, 1725 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Hellen Greavey, 1733 in *IGI* (Holmesfield, Derbys); John Greevey, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Greg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Gregg**.

### Gregan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Clare; Leinster

Irish: from Mag Riagáin, see **Regan**.

### Gregg

**Variants:** Greg, Greggs, Greig, Cregg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3044, Ireland 1082
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2096
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N and E Ulster: esp. Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Greg*, a pet form of **Gregory**; compare **Grigg**.

**Early bearers:** William Gregge, 1234 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); John Gregge, 1282 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Gregge, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Rogerus Greg, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Reepham, Lincs); Thomas Gregge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Ralph Greg, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Hugo Grege, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Greggor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: see **Gregor**.

### Greggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Surrey and Middx; Lancs

English: variant of **Gregg** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Greggez, 1504 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Gregs, 1562 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Alys Greggs, 1558 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Grego

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Italian, Spanish, Portuguese: ethnic name from *Grego*, *Greco* 'Greek'.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Grego, in *Census 1841* (Holborn, Middx); Legulas Greco, in *Census 1841* (Holborn, Middx); Nevo Grego, in *Census 1871* (Perth, Perth); Andrew Grego, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Shoreditch, Middx); Angelo Grego, in *Census 1911* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Feluccia Grego, in *Census 1911* (Watford, Herts); Benedetto Grego, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

### Gregoire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French (Huguenot): relationship name from the personal name *Grégoire*, French form of **Gregory**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Gregoire, 1600 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Elizabeth Gregoire, 1603 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' church, Norwich, Norfolk); Isaac Gregoire, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Gregor

**Variants:** Greggor, Grigor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Midlothian; Aberdeens

English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Gregor*, a vernacular form of **Gregory**. Compare **Greer**.

**Early bearers:** England: John son of Gregor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Richard Gregour, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Gregor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); Nicholas Gregore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); John Gregour, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Jamys Gregore, 1583 in *IGI*

(Binfield, Berks); Francis Gregor, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Truro, Cornwall).

Scotland: Robert son of Gregor, about 1240 in *Scotland Calendar* (Coldingham, Berwicks); Archibald Gregor, 1632 in *IGI* (Banff, Banff); Archibald Gregor, 1644 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Elspet Grigor, 1667 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays).

### Gregori

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Gregorio* (see **Gregory**).

**Early bearers:** L. Gregori, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Agostino De Gregori, born in Italy, Guiseppa De Gregori, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Giovanni Gregori, born in Italy, Carlo Gregori, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey).

### Gregoriou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Grégorios*, a medieval Greek borrowing of Latin *Gregorius*; see **Gregory**.

### Gregory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30773, Ireland 675
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20741
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Britain: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Louth and Armagh; Donegal

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gregory*, from Old French *Gregoire* (Latin *Gregorius*, from Greek *grēgorios* 'watchful man', a derivative of *grēgoreō* 'to be watchful').

**Further information:** The personal name is often taken to be a derivative of Late Latin *gregarius* 'shepherd', a derivative of *grex*, *gregis* 'herd, flock'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gregorius, about 1150 in *Glasgow Register*; Grigarius de Bristwic, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Grigori de Bertune, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks).

surnames, England: Willelmus filius Gregorii, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Peter Gregory, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John Grigory, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Gregory, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Gregorius, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Johanne Gregori, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Harwood, Lancs); Edmundus Gregory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk); Willelmus Gregory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribston, WR Yorks); Nicholas Gregore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Edward Gregory, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Kimcote, Leics); Richard Gregory, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Margara Gregory, 1540 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Gregory, 1546 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Will. Gregory, 1551 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Edward Gregory, 1558 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Robert Gregorie, 1561 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Richard Gregory, 1567 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Jacobi Gregorie, 1573 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Anthony Gregorye, 1574 in *PROB 11* (London); Rogger Gregory, 1583 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

## Gregson

surnames, Wales: Thomas Gregory, 1608 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints); Elizabeth Gregory, 1813 in *IGI* (Llanrhidian, Glamorgan).

surnames, Scotland: Issobell Greigorie, 1654 in *IGI* (Balmerino, Fife); John Gregorie, 1656 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Greigorie, 1657 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); David Gregorie, 1694 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); John Gregory, 1699 in *IGI* (Dunnottar, Kincardines); Anna Gregory, 1710 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

References: *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 316.

## Gregson

Variants: **Grigson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3977, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Greg* or *Grig* (see **Gregg**) + the patronymic marker *son*.

**Early bearers:** William Griggesson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Richard Gregson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Rogerus Gregson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Hugo Gregson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morley, WR Yorks); William Gregeson of Newby, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; Isable Gregeson, 1541 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Gregson, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Over Thurstaston, Derbys); Evan Grigsone, 1647 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

## Grehan

Variants: **Greechan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Mayo, Roscommon, and Galway

Irish: from Ó Gréacháin, a form of Ó Creacháin, see **Crehan**.

## Greif

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Grieve**.

## Greig

Variants: **Grieg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5569, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, Fife, and Midlothian

Scottish: mainly Scottish variant of **Gregg**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Grige, 1488 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Paul Grege, 1567 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Leith, Midlothian); Abraham Greig, 1567 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elspeth Grieg, 1633 in *IGI* (Balmerino, Fife); John Griegg, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Monance, Fife).

## Grein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Grain**.

## Greirson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland
- Scottish: see **Grierson**.

## Grieve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Angus and Fife

Scottish: see **Grieve**.

## Greives

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Grieves**.

## Grellis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Irish: see **Greallish**.

## Grendon

Variants: **Grindon, Grundon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth
- English: locative name from Grendon (in Witheridge and in Tavistock, Devon), Grendon (Northants, Warwicks), Grendon Underwood (Bucks), Grendon Bishop, Grendon Warren (Herefs), or Grindon (Durham, Northumb, Staffs).
- Further information:** This surname is now more common in Ireland than in England.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Grendune, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Ranulf de Grendon, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Adam de Grendon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witheridge, Devon); Roger Grededon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Robert de Grendon', 1345–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Richard de Grendon', in *Feet of Fines*; Agn' de Grendon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Low Buston, Northumb); Johannes Grendon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Vastern, Wilts); Willelmus de Grendon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weeford and Thickbroom, Staffs); Warino Grenden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledbury foreign, Herefs); Johanne de Gryndon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); John Grendon, 1432 in *PROB 11* (Hamilden, Bucks); Johis. Grenden, 1560 in *IGI* (Hope Mansell, Herefs); Thos. Grindon, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds); William Grindon, 1578 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs); Richard Grendon, 1580 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Edward Grendon, 1607 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Philip Grindon, 1691 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Ralph Grendon, 1696 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham).

## Grene

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish, English: see **Green**.

## Grenfell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 499
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- 1 Norman, English: see **Grenville**.  
2 English: see **Greenfield**.

## Grenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: chiefly Irish variant of **Greenham**.

## Grenier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

1 English: see **Grinyer**.

2 French: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a granary (from Latin *granarium*) or a metonymic occupational name for someone who supervised or owned one. (ii) occupational name for a grain merchant (from Latin *granarius*).

## Grennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 603
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Westmeath; also Down

1 Irish: from Ó Grianáin, see **Greenan**.

2 Norman, English: see **Gernon**.

## Grennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Greenhill**.

## Grenow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; London
- Welsh: see **Gronow**.

## Grenshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Grimshaw**.

## Grenside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Greenside**.

## Grent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Grint**.

## Greter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Grinter**.

## Grenville

Variants: **Greenfield, Grenfell, Granville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex, Devon, Gloucs

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Grainville-la-Teinturière (Seine-Maritime). The name was sometimes altered by folk etymology to *Greenefeld, Greenfield, Grenfell, Granville*, and *Grandfield*.

**Early bearers:** England: Gerard de Grenvill', 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Eustace de Greinuill', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Essex); Eustace de Grenvill, 1223 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas de Grenewille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Grenefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton, Devon); William Grenuill', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burrington, Devon); William de Greynule, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Greyneyle, 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Isotta Greenfield, 1562 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); George Grenfeld, 1579 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); John Grenville, 1591 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Roger Grenvile, 1603, Richard Granville, 1621 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Richard Grenevile, 1612 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); William Grenfield, 1620, Robart Grenfell, 1640, Robart Granfell, 1643 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richarde Grenville, 1621, Bevill Grenvile, 1632 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Anne Granfield, 1621 in *IGI* (Ravensden, Beds); Guilielmi Granfield, 1666 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Richard Grandfield, 1669 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds); Katherine Grenfell, 1672, Henry Grenvill, 1760 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Bernard Granvill, 1706 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Grenville, 1715 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); Jone Grandfill, 1738 in *IGI* (Chivelstone, Devon); Rachel Granvil, 1751 in *IGI* (Fowey, Cornwall).

Ireland: Richard Greinville, esquire, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1330.

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families; Domesday Descendants*, pp. 484–5.

2 English: altered form of **Greenfield**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Grenfeld, 1569, Jane Grenvill, 1712 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); James Grenville, 1778 in *IGI* (Duncton, Sussex).

### Grenyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Grinyer**.

### Gresham

**Variants:** **Grisham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Gresham (Norfolk).
- Early bearers:** William de Gresham, 1199 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Edwardus de Gresham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodham, Norfolk); Thomas Gresham, 1446 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Gressam, 1551 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Gressham or Gresham, 1558 in *PROB 11* (South Repps, Norfolk); Willm Gresham, 1575 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Mary Grisham, 1678 in *IGI* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Anna Maria Grissam, 1750 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Gresley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Greasley**.

### Gresley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Greasley**.

### Greson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- 1 English: see **Grayson**.  
2 English: see **Graveson**.

### Gresswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: probably a variant of **Cresswell**.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Gresswell, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Gryswell, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Martyn Gresswell or Gresswell, 1532 in *PROB 11* (Walkesokin, Norfolk); John Gresswell, 1569 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs).

### Gresty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 733
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Gresty (Cheshire), recorded as Greysty in 1312.

**Early bearers:** William Gresty, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Elizabeth Gresty, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Tarpoley, Cheshire); Annam Gresty, 1642 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Mary Grestey, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Over, Cheshire); Samuell Grestey, 1709 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Gristey, 1715 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Gretham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Greetham**.

### Gretton

**Variants:** **Gritton, Gritten, Gurton, Girton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 703
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs, Notts

English: locative name from Girton (Notts, Cambs), both earlier recorded as *Gretton(a)*, or Gretton (Gloucs, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Godmarus de Grettona, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Engenulfus de Grettona, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard de Grittone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes de Gretton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wing, Rutland); William Gretton', 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts, Derbys); John Gretton, 1544 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Sarah Girton, 1603 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Thomas Gritton, 1636 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Grevatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Gravett**.

### Greve

**Variants:** **Greaves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

1 English: locative name from Middle English *greve* 'wood, thicket' (Old English *græfe*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de la Greue, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Walter in the Greve, 1220 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Alexander del Greue, 13th cent. in *Whalley*

*Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Rog. in the Greue, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henr' in the Greoue, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John del Grayfe, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Anna Greve, 1538 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Jone Greve, 1549 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Radulphy Greve, 1557 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Jane Greve, 1562 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Roger Greve, 1565 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

2 English: see **Grieve**.

### Greves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Norfolk; Lancs; Durham
- English: see **Greaves**.

### Greveson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham; Derbys and WR Yorks

English: relationship name from Middle English *greve* 'steward, farm bailiff, principal officer of a town' (see **Grieve**) + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** John le Greveson, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Adam Greveson, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Grayveson of Egton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Richard le Greveson, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Newton, WR Yorks); Robert Grayveson, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Sutton, WR Yorks); John Greveson, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Stockton, Wilts); Agnes Greveson, 1571 in *IGI* (Grindon by Stockton on Tees, Durham).

### Greville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Longford and Westmeath

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Gréville (Manche), common in Ireland.

**Further information:** A family of this name, who have held the earldom of Warwick since 1759, can be traced to John Grevill, whose grandson William Greville made a loan to Richard II in 1397. His descendant Fulke Greville was granted Warwick Castle by Elizabeth I in 1604.

**Early bearers:** William de Greuill', 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmo Grevyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syston, Leics); Edward Grevile or Grevyll, 1436 in *PROB 11* (Charlinch, Somerset); John Grevyll or Grevill, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Milcote, Warwicks); Robert Greville, 1578 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs).

### Grew

**Variants:** **Grew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Fermanagh

1 Norman, English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *grue* 'crane'.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Grue, 1230 in *Memoranda Roll* (Somerset); Gerard la Grue, 1246 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Gru, 1363 in *Feet of Fines*

## Grewal

(Blyth, Notts); Roberto Grew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Johanna Grewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Robert Grewe, 1524 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willm. Grew, 1576, Samuëll Grewe, 1613 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Groue, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Hagley, Worcs).  
2 Irish: shortened form of **Mulgrew**.

### Grewal

Variants: **Grewel**

- Current frequencies: GB 2267, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Grewar

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 120
- Main GB location 1881: Angus

Scottish Gaelic: see **McGrouther**.

### Grewcock

Variants: **Groocock, Grocock, Growcock, Growcott, Grocutt, Grocutt, Groucutt, Groucott**

- Current frequencies: GB 436, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 304
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: nickname from Middle English *grew* ‘crane’ + *cock* (see **Cock**). Compare *Peacock*.

Early bearers: Margeria Groucok, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Grucock, 1312 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Dinnis Groucok, 1571 in *IGI* (Knossington, Leics); Thomas Growcocke, 1589 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Richard Grewcock, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Lidia Groocok, 1622 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Thomas Groocott, 1740 in *IGI* (Whetstone, Leics); Emma Growcoate, 1817 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Sarah Grewcott, 1823 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); John Groucutt, 1841 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops).

### Grew

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English, Irish: see **Grew**.

### Grewel

Variants: **Grewell**

- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gruel*(le), *gruwel*, *grouel*(le) ‘meal, flour’, Old French *gruel*, possibly applied to a miller or a baker.

Early bearers: Thomas Gruel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Grewell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramcote, Warwicks); Elizabeth Grewell, 1623 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); Georg Gruell, 1625 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Edward Gruel, 1628 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent); William Grewell, 1691 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent).

2 Indian: see **Grewal**.

### Grewell

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Grewel**.

### Grey

- Current frequencies: GB 5341, Ireland 467
- GB frequency 1881: 6421

- **Main GB location 1881**: widespread throughout Scotland and England; esp. Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Antrim; Longford; Sligo

English, Scottish, Irish: see **Gray**.

### Greyling

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Grayling**.

### Greyson

- Current frequencies: GB 88, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Grayson**.

### Greystock

- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Graystock**.

### Greystoke

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Graystock**.

### Gribbell

- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

1 English: see **Gribble**.

2 English: see **Grimble**.

### Gribben

Variants: **Gribbon, Gribbin, Gribbin, Gribbon, Cribbin, Crippin, Gribbins, Crebbin, Crippen**

- Current frequencies: GB 896, Ireland 795
  - GB frequency 1881: 219
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Glasgow; IoM; also Wigtowns; Cornwall; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Antrim and Down
- Irish, Manx: relationship name from **Mac Roibín** (in Ulster **Mag Roibín**) ‘son of Robin’, a pet form of *Robert* introduced to Ireland by the Normans. Compare **Robert**. Irish migration accounts for its appearance in SW Scotland, NW England, and Cornwall, where Saint Agnes was a thriving tin-mining area.

Further information: Pawley White explains *Gribbin, Gribben* as a native Cornish name, associating it with the coastal feature known as Gribbin Head (perhaps from Cornish *cribyynn* ‘little ridge’). This is recorded as *Grebin*, 1699 in Padel’s *Cornish Place-Names*, and replaces an earlier name *Pennarthe* ‘headland’ (1525). Padel compares Thomas son of Robert Grobbin, living nearby at Polridmouth, about 1260 in *Cornish Place-Names*, but doubts that either surname, *Grobbin* or *Gribben*, has any connection with the uninhabited headland.

Early bearers: England: Jane Gribben, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Mickaell Gribben, 1692, Edward Gribbyn, 1778, Elisa Gribbin, 1843 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Edward Gribbin, 1810 in *IGI* (Scots Church, Woolwich, Kent).  
Scotland: James Gribben, 1794 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Janet Gribbon, 1813 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Michael Gribbon, 1836 in *IGI* (Inch, Wigtowns).

Ireland: Donogh McRobyn kytty, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §878 (Ballebrake, Carlow); Morogh more McRoben, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1747 (Kyllane, Louth); Morgh more McRobyn, kern, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2324 (Dunlere, Louth); Susan Gribbin, 1726, Jackson Gribbin, 1763, Hugh Gribben, 1820 in *IGI* (Antrim); James Gribbin, 1777, Patrick Gribben, 1866 in *IGI* (Downpatrick, Down); Widow Griben, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Down).  
References: *MacLysaght; Ulster Surnames*; O. J. Padel, personal communication.

### Gribbin

- Current frequencies: GB 750, Ireland 220
- GB frequency 1881: 326
- **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs and IoM; also Glasgow; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Down, Derry, and Antrim

Irish, Manx: see **Gribben**.

### Gribbins

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 66
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Cumb; Cornwall; Renfrews
- Irish: variant of **Gribben** with excrescent *-s*.

### Gribble

Variants: **Gribbell**

- Current frequencies: GB 888, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1056
- **Main GB location 1881**: Devon and Cornwall

1 English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) crabtree or blackthorn’, Middle English *gribbele*. Some examples may belong under (2).

Early bearers: Walter atte Gribbele, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Gribbel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clannaborough, Devon); John Gribbell, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Grybell, 1426 in *Patent Rolls* (Tenterden, Kent); Richard Gribble, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Dartmouth, Devon); William Gribble, 1694 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

2 English: see **Grimble**.

### Gribbon

- Current frequencies: GB 318, Ireland 168
- GB frequency 1881: 170
- **Main GB location 1881**: Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Down

Irish: see **Gribben**.

### Grice

Variants: **Grise, Griss, Le Grice, Le Gry**s

- Current frequencies: GB 4610, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 3079
- **Main GB location 1881**: widespread in Midlands: esp. Staffs; N England; E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Kerry

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *grise*, *grice* ‘pig’ (Old Scandinavian *griss*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *gris*, *grice* ‘grey’ (Old French *gris*), perhaps used for someone with grey hair or a greyish complexion.

Early bearers: Richard Gris, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Eustace Gris, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert le Gris, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John le Gris, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Leticia Grise, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Gryes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Griss, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls*;



Matilda Grys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Richard Grice, 1413 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richardus Grice, 1539 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Wylliam Grice, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); Thomas Grise, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Henry Legrice, 1684 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Humphrey Griss, 1685 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs).

### Gricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Grix**.

### Gridland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset; Monmouths
- English: see **Cridland**.

### Gridley

Variants: **Gredley**, **Girdley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 479
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk

English: (i) locative name, see **Greasley**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *greithli*, *gritheli* 'good, pleasant, noble' (Old Scandinavian *greiðligr*), the source of modern northern dialect *gradely* 'decent, honest, good-looking, kind'. In the absence of medieval surname forms this is conjectural. **Early bearers:** Joane Gridlye, 1563 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Margery Gredly, 1566 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Tymothie Gridley, 1610, Ann Gredle, 1692 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Richard Gridly, 1637, Elizabeth Gredley, 1651 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Samll Gredley, 1700 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Wilma Gridly, 1710 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Grief

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Grieve**.

### Grieff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Grieve**.

### Grieg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Fife, and Angus
- Scottish: see **Greig**.

### Grier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 205
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Antrim; also Longford

Scottish: see **Greer**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland as well as Scotland.

### Grierson

Variants: **Greirson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1962, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1664
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- Scottish: relationship name from the medieval Scottish personal name *Grier*, a vernacular form of **Gregor** (see **Gregory**), + the patronymic marker *son*. Compare **Greer**, with which some variation is evident among the early bearers, and compare **Gregor** and **McGregor**.

**Further information:** A Scottish family by the name of *Grierson* claim descent from Gilbert, son of Malcolm MacGregor (died 1374), 11th Lord of MacGregor. Gilbert was known as both MacGregor and Gregorson. In 1400 he was granted lands by the Earl of March in the name Grierson. The numerous northern Irish bearers of the name *Greer* claim descent from this same Gilbert.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Geresoun, 1411 in *Celtic Monthly*; William Grerson, 1451 in *Scotland Calendar*; Gilbert Greir, Gilbert Greirson, 1676–7 *Retours, Scotland* (Dumfries); James Grier or Grierson, 1675 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries); [ . . . ] Grierson alias McGregor, 1704 in *Black*.

### Grieve

Variants: **Greeff**, **Grieff**, **Grief**, **Greif**, **Grieves**, **Greef**, **Greive**, **Greve**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4334, Ireland 240
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3467
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S and E Scotland: esp. Midlothian; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *greve* 'steward, farm bailiff, principal officer of a town' (Old (Northumbrian) English *græfa*). Compare **Greveson**. The name is characteristic of north-east England and Scotland. Compare **Reeve**, the usual southern equivalent.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Greve, 1576 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); George Greave, 1647 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Wm. Grieve, 1701 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Grieve, 1710 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

Scotland: John Greve, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Grefe, 1470 in *Prestwick Records*; Lawrence Greif, 1493 in *Laing Charters*; Andro Greiff, 1521 in *Fife Court Book* (Cupar, Fife); Johanness Grieff, 1605 in *Retours, Scotland*; Alexander Grieve, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: see **Grave**.

### Grieves

Variants: **Greaves**, **Greives**, **Graves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1111, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 750
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: variant of **Grieve**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Greives, 1705 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Robert Greaves, 1757 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); John Grieves, 1744, George Greaves, 1758 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: William Grieves, 1633 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Greeves, 1738 in *IGI* (Fala and Soutra, Midlothian).

2 English: see **Greaves**.

**Early bearers:** John Grieves, 1643 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

3 English: see **Graves**.

### Grieveson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb
- English: see **Graveson** and compare **Grieve** and **Grieves**.

### Grievson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Graveson**.

### Griff

Variants: **Griffe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs; Durham

1 English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *grif* 'pit, hollow, narrow valley' (Old Scandinavian *gryfja*), or toponymic from one or more of the places named with this word, such as Griff in Chilvers Coton (Warwicks), Griffe Grange in Hopton (Derbys), and Griff Farm in Rievaulx (NR Yorks). The post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Griff, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Griff, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brompton, NR Yorks); Thomas of Gryf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); John del Gryf, 1383 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Elizabeth Gryff, 1626 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Elizabeth Griffe, 1712 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 80; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 378; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 73.

2 Welsh, English: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Gryff*, a short form of *Gruffudd*. See **Griffith**.

**Early bearers:** Eyvon ap Gryff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Shrops); Walteri Griff, 1557 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Henry Griff, 1612 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Richard Griff, 1615 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops); John Griff, 1652 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Alice Griff, 1654 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Griffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Griff**.

### Griffee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Irish: from Ó Griobhtha, see **Griffin**.

### Griffen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 126
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 977
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Middx; Wilts and Somerset; Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: see **Griffin**.

**Griffett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Griffith**.

**Griffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 85
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Kent and Middx; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Griobhtha, see **Griffin**.

**Griffin**

Variants: **Griffen**, **Griffey**, **Griffie**, **Griffy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23596, Ireland 7619
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13993
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Gloucs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Kerry

1 Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Gruffin*, *Griffin*, a pet form of Middle Welsh *Gruffudd*. In the Welsh border counties it was introduced directly from Welsh, and in the eastern counties by the Bretons who came over with the Conqueror and were numerous there.

**Early bearers:** given names: Griffin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire, Cornwall, Staffs, Warwicks); Griffin filius Gurgan, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Pembroke); Griffinus Bret 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Osbertus filius Griffini, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Gruffin son of Oweyn, 1285 in *Charter Rolls* (Radnors); Robert Griffin, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Godfrey, Robert Griffin, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Griffen, about 1230 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Johannes Griffyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Nicholas Gryffyn, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Margaret Griffin, 1549 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Edward Griffin, 1551 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Peter Griffin, 1561 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Agnes Griffin, 1562 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Nicholaws Gr Griffin, 1582 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons).

2 Irish: in Ireland sometimes adopted for Ó Griobhtha ‘descendant of *Griobhtha*’, a personal name based on *griobh* ‘gryphon’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Griffene, 1574–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2549; Humfrey Griffin, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3400; William mcShane I Griffin, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3553; Daniel mcDermod Y Griffin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575; Donogh mcGiollo Grifen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Maurice mcShane Griffin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Shean mcTeig Griffin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.

**Griffith**

Variants: **Gruffydd**, **Griffett**, **Kerfoot**, **Gittoes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5746, Ireland 647
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9737
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales; esp. Caernarvons; also Lancs, Cheshire, W Midlands, and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster; Kilkenny

Welsh: relationship name from the Old Welsh personal name *Grip(p)iad*, Middle Welsh *Gruffudd*, noted in Wales in 1150, composed of an unexplained first element + *iud* ‘chief, prince’. Compare Griffinus seu Griffith Kynaston, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Shrops). Compare **Griff**, and see **Kerfoot** for a possible English variant of the name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gruffyd ap Madog Vnyon, 1392 in *Chirkland Extent*; Gruffith Reynold, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames: Joruueth ap Gruffud, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Hoel ap Gruffud, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Machen, Monmouths); Thomas Gryffith, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Jone Gryffyth, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Lowry Griffith, 1544 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Katherine Griffiths, 1570, Maurice Griffithes, 1618 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Piers Gruffith, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Caerwys, Flints).

**Griffiths**

Variants: **Griffiths**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71059, Ireland 451
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48883
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Wales: esp. Glamorgan; also Lancs and Staffs

Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh patronymic (*ap*) *Gruffudd*, from Old Welsh *Grippiud* (see **Griffith**).

**Further information:** Many other bearers from Wales and the Welsh Marches are given in *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 102–5.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Griffiths, 1558 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Marget Griffiths, 1559 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Isabell Greeffethes, 1598 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Katherine Griffiths, 1605 in *IGI* (Worthenbury, Flints).

**Griffy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: from Ó Griobhtha, see **Griffin**.

**Griffiths**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, W Midlands, and coastal Wales

Welsh: see **Griffiths**.

**Grigg**

Variants: **Griggs**, **Gricks**, **Grix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2154, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1940
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Grig*, a pet form of *Gregory* (compare **Greg**). John Grygges was the son and heir of Gregory le Bacer, 1345 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Herts).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gricge, Grigge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Grigge Suel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: William Grig, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Warin Grygge, 1282 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Gregge, 1343, Grigge, 1345 in *London Letter Books F*; Robert Gryggye, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Edmude Gryge, 1538, William Grygg, 1575 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Patience Grygg, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall).

**Griggs**

Variants: **Gricks**, **Grix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3216, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, Essex, and Suffolk

English: variant of **Grigg** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Griggs, 1341 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Hunts); Johanna Griges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Hants); Henry Gryges, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Presteigne, Herefs).

**Grigor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Morays
- Scottish: see **Gregor**.

**Grigsby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from a lost or unidentified place called *Gregby*, apparently in Lincs. (ii) perhaps a variant of the Lincs surname **Grebbby**. **Further information:** Although it is not certain that the surname in Kent is connected with the early bearers in Lincs and Norfolk, it seems plausible. A locative name with the Scandinavian generic -*by* (Old Danish *by* ‘settlement, village’), while typical of the Danelaw, is an impossible coinage in the south-east.

**Early bearers:** E Midlands and E Anglia: Ralph Gregby, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Leake and Wrangle, Lincs); Genet Gregby, 1573 in *IGI* (Binbrook, Lincs); Wyllyam Grigby, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Grigbie, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). SE England: Alexander Grygby, 1559, Alexander Gryggsby, gent., 1562, Alexander Gryggsbye, 1567, Alexander Grygby, gent., 1571, Alice Griggsbury, 1687 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Grigsby, 1589 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Thomas Grigseby, 1624 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Hannah Grigsbee, 1661 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Stephen Grigsbey, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Strood, Kent).

**Grigson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Gregson**.

**Grill**

Variants: **Grylls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *grill(e)* ‘fierce, cruel’ (compare Old English *gryllan* ‘to gnash the teeth, to rage’).

**Early bearers:** John Grylle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Grille, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Willelmus Grylle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); John Gryll’, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Exeter, Devon); William Grylle, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Tavistock, Devon); Elizabeth Grill, 1617 in *IGI* (Denton, Kent); Juliana Grille, 1636 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

**Grilli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: (i) relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Grillo**. (ii) nickname, possibly a reduced form of the compound name **Mazzagrilli**, meaning 'kill the crickets', i.e. an ironic nickname for an idler. **Early bearers:** Atiglio Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Donato Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Domenico Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Dover, Kent); Pompeo Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey); Maria Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx); Antonio Grilli, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Pontypridd, Glamorgan).

**Grillo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: nickname from *grillo* 'cricket' (Late Latin *grillus*), denoting a cheerful person.

**Early bearers:** Francesco Grillo, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Mattia Grillo, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Giuseppe Grillo, shoemaker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx).

**Grills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: see **Grylls**.

**Grim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx

1 English: see **Grime**.

2 German: see **Grimm**.

**Grima**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian and Maltese: relationship name from the Germanic female personal name *Grima* (from *grīm* 'mask, helmet').

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Grima, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**Grimaldi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cornwall and Devon

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Grimaldo*.

**Further information:** This name is also found in Greece, Corsica, and elsewhere. It is the name of the ruling family of the principality of Monaco, who went to Monaco from Genoa in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Grimaldi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); Constantine Grimaldi, born in Greece, in *Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Julius Grimaldi, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Hypotia Grimaldi, born in Turkey, in *Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Angelo Grimaldi, in *Census*

*1901* (Brighton, Sussex); Umberto Grimaldi, in *Census 1911* (Bridgend, Glamorgan).

**Grimason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English, Scottish: apparently a variant of either **Grimson** or **Grimston**, with preservation of the medial syllable.

**Early bearers:** England: Alice Grimisson, 1611, Richard Grimson, 1637 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Sarah Grimeson, 1815 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Grimson, in *Census 1851* (Greenwich, Kent); Ann Grimason, 1870 in *Parish Registers* (Daventry, Northants).

Scotland: Richard Grimason, *Census 1891* (Partick, Lanarks).

**Grimble**

**Variants:** Grumble, Gribble, Gribbell, Grimmett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 243

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Grimbald*, from *grim* 'fierce' + *bald* 'brave'. *Grimbald* became *Gribald* through assimilation of *mb* to *bb*: compare Gribaut, Guido Gribaud, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). See also **Gribble**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Grimbald, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Grimbaldus, Grumbaldus Pancefot, 1272 in *Forssner*; Grimbald Pauncefot, 1280 in *Patent Rolls*; Grymbald Fraunceys, 1310 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). surnames: Robert, William Grimbald, 1153–63 in *Templars Records* (Oxon), 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Radulfus Grumbaldus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Warin Grimboll, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Martin Grumbold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Grimauld, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Beaumont, Cumb); Willelmus Grymbald, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Nicholas Grymbaud', 1390, Nicholas Grembaude, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Ware, Herts); Richard Grymbyll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Wyllm. Grumball, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Daud Grimble, 1611 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Grimble, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Phyllis Grumble, 1629 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Grimbald, 1715 in *IGI* (Wellingore, Lincs); Mary Grimbald, 1744 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Grimbleby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Grimoldby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Grymaldeby, 1352 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Gremoldby, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Louth, Lincs); John Grimblebie, 1583 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Thos. Grimblebye, 1599 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); William Grimolbie, 1623, Robert Grimmolbie, 1626, Robert Grimbleby, 1666 in *IGI* (Clee, Lincs); Elizabeth Grimoldby, 1728 in *IGI* (Kirmington, Lincs).

**Grimbley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Grimley**.

**Grimbly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 76

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon

English: see **Grimley**.

**Grime**

**Variants:** Grim, Grimes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1004, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1572

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Yorks and N Midlands

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Grim* (Old Scandinavian *Grimr*, originally an epithet of the god Óðinn). Some of the earliest bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Grim, Grimus, Grimmus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Grim de Leuertona, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts).

surnames: Alan Grime, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Grym, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Gryme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Grym, 1329 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robertus Grim, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coleorton (Saucey), Leics); Johannes Gryme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Simon Gryme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Robert Gryme, 1476 in *PROB 11* (London); Harry Gryme, 1542 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Agnes Grime, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); George Grime, 1560 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Francis Grime, 1568 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Charles Gryme, 1575 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Henry Grime, 1584 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Leonard Grime, 1586 in *IGI* (Aswardby, Lincs); Richard Grime, 1591 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Victor Grym, 1591 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Henrie Grime, 1592 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); John Grime, 1600 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Tho. Gryme, 1606 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 316–7.

2 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *grim* 'fierce, grim' (compare **Grimm**) or from *grim* 'grime'. The latter would be impossible to distinguish from sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Edricus Grim, Grinna, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Peter le Grim, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Grym, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Grime, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harbridge, Hants); Richard Gryme, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants); John Grym, 1575 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Joha Grim, 1578 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

3 Scottish: variant of **Graham**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1) or (2).

**Further information:** Black quotes the following rhyme from a Scottish ballad: 'I'm damned if I will sail with you, Sir Graham, | Though I may seem uncivil, | But Graham is Graeme, and Graham is Grim, | And Grim, sir, is the Devil. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that Thomas Greyham signs himself Thomas Grime, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Emley, WR Yorks). In *IGI* the surname *Graham* is recorded in

## Grimes

Emley from 1741 to 1860 and the variant form *Grime* from 1763 to 1836.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Cuthbert Grym, 1488 in *Lanark Records*; Betie Grim, 1605 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Johne Grim, 1616, Johne Grime, 1633 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Isabell Grim, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

England: Dorothy Greyme alias Grime, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

## Grimes

**Variants:** Grymes, Crimes

• **Current frequencies:** GB 6112, Ireland 1870

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3431

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Norfolk; Gloucs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim; Dublin; Mayo

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Grime** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Grymes, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); John Grimes, 1580 in *IGI* (Boothby Pagnell, Lincs); Elizabeth Grimes, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Warley, Essex); Frances Grymes, 1592 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs); Dorytha Grimes, 1592 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Amphillis Grimes, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Thomas Grimes, 1619 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomas Grimes, 1620 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Hamfrydi Grymes, 1621 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Sarah Grimes, 1624 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); William Grimes, 1624 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); John Grimes, 1686 in *IGI* (Kirkby, Lancs).

2 Irish: adopted occasionally in Ireland for **Gormley**, **Grehan**, and even **Houlihan**.

**Early bearers:** Donogho O'Huolighan alias Donogh Gruomy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Coligh).

## Grimley

**Variants:** Grimblly, Grimbley, Grimsley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1087, Ireland 387

• **GB frequency 1881:** 632

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Staffs; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; also Dublin

1 English: locative name from Grimley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Grimeslea, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls*; Iuo de Grimesl', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Grymely, 1329 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Grymleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin, Worcs); Symon Grymley, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Agnes Grymeley, 1588 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); William Grimley, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Caythorpe, Lincs); Susanna Grimley, 1611 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Thomas Grimsley, 1634 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Richard Grimsly, 1725 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Joseph Grimbley, 1758 in *IGI* (Austrey, Warwicks); Richard Grimblly, 1765 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

2 Irish: altered form of **Gormley**.

**Early bearers:** Conley Gromley, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; Edmond Gromly 1587–8 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5155 (Couraghston).

## Grimm

**Variants:** Grim

• **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 69

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: (i) nickname from Old High German *grim* 'stern', 'severe'. (ii) relationship name from a Germanic personal name from *grīma* 'mask, helmet'.

**Early bearers:** Pancratz Grimm, in *Census 1841* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Diederick Grimm, in *Census 1851* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Eugen Leo Grimm, *Census 1871* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Emilie Grimm, born in Germany, John Diederick Grimm, in *Census 1881* (Holdenhurst, Hants); Louis Grimm, born in Saxony, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Ludwig Grimm, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Theodor Grimm, born in Germany, Oswald Ludwig William Grimm, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Wilhelm Grimm, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bromley, Kent); James Grimm, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Deptford, Kent).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *grim* 'fierce, grim'. Some of the earliest bearers may belong with **Grime**.

**Early bearers:** England: Edricus Grim, Grimma, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Godwin Grim, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Bernard Grim, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Peter le Grim, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Grymme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Grym, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); John Grimm, 1607 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Grimm, 1650 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Mary Grimm, 1821 in *IGI* (Kilsby, Northants).

Scotland: Elizabeth Grimm, 1666 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Wm. Grimm, 1674 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Elspet Grimm, 1720 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

## Grimmer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 385

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a relationship name, either from the Norman personal name *Grimier*, composed of the Germanic elements *grim* 'mask, helmet' + *hari*, *heri* 'army', or from a Middle English form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Grimarr*.

**Further information:** The place-name Great Plumstead (Norfolk) is recorded with an earlier alternative affix (Grymmer Plumstede, 1319–20 in *Feet of Fines*, Grymmere Plumstede, 1325 in *Patent Rolls*) which may well be a personal name. Whether a personal name or not, it should probably be compared with the Norfolk surname *Grimmer*, for which we have no other medieval evidence.

**Early bearers:** Iohannes Grymare, 1384–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Redmarley d'Abitot, Gloucs); Edward Grymer, 1576, Edward Grymmer, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anna Grimer, 1593 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); William Grimer, 1675 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); John Gremer, 1758 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Grimmet

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Grimmett**.

## Grimmett

**Variants:** Grimmet, Grimmitt, Grummett, Grummitt, Grummit, Grumitt, Crummett

• **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 323

• **Main GB location 1881:** W and SW Midlands

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Grimbald* (see **Grimble**) becoming, through French, *Grimaud*, *Grimet*. (ii) relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Grimwald* representing Old Scandinavian *Grimólfr* 'fierce' + 'wolf' through the substitution of the French suffix *-aud*, as in the Lincs place-name Grimoldby. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Godric Grimulfi filius, 1087–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thomas Grimuld, William Grimald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Gromet, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Overton, Hants); Thomas Grymet, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Swalcliffe, Oxon); Bartholomewe Grymmot, 1569 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Elizabeth Grimmitt, 1617 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Giles Grimmett, 1624 in *IGI* (Lugwardine, Herefs); Christopher Grimmet, 1631 in *IGI* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); Richard Grimmett, 1633 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Robert Grimmett, 1637 in *IGI* (Hill Croome, Worcs); John Grymett, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); John Grimmet, 1661 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Perigrine Grummett, 1665 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Thomas Grymet, 1674 in *IGI* (Bishampton, Worcs); Eliza Grumit, 1711 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 143–4; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 263.

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive of *Grim*, a pet form of *Grimbald* (see **Grimble** and compare (1)).

**Early bearers:** Roger Grymet, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Grymet, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Vyncent Grumet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts).

3 English: relationship name, apparently also from the Middle English female personal name *Grim(h)ild* (Old Scandinavian *Grimhildr* from *grīmr* 'helmet, mask' + *hildr* 'battle').

**Early bearers:** Johannes Grymyd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawood, WR Yorks), the same as John Grymyld, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

## Grimmitt

• **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 57

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Grimmett**.

## Grimmond

• **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 180

• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form, with excrescent *d*, of **McCrimmon**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Griman, 1534 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Perth); Anna Grimen, 1657, John Grimmond, 1665 in *Dunblane Testaments*, William Grimond, 1684 in *IGI* (Moneydie, Perths); John Grymman, 1705 in *IGI* (Clunie, Perths).

England: John Grymmond, 1567 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); John Grimmond, 1767 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

## Grimond

• **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McCrimmon**.

### Grimsdale

Variants: **Grimsdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: locative name from Grinsdale (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Grimesdal, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Alan de Grymmsdale, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb, Westm); Adam de Grimsdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Payn de Grymesdale, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Grimsdale, 1573 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Abraham Grimsdell, 1618 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Henry Grinsdall, 1658 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Grimsdal, 1708 in *IGI* (Henley on Thames, Oxon); Henry Grinsdale, 1779 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Mary Grinsdale, 1789 in *IGI* (Garton on the Wolds, ER Yorks).

### Grimsdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Grimsdale**.

### Grimsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey
- English: locative name from Grimes Hill in Kings Norton (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Grimeshull, 1185 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); Robert de Grimeshull, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Tomsyn Grimsell, 1581 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); William Grinsell, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Walk Mill, Staffs); Anne Grimsill, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Darlaston, Staffs); Thomas Grinsell or Grinsill, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Astley, Shrops); John Grimsill, 1776 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 353.

### Grimsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 336
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Essex
- English: locative name, probably from Grimshoe hundred (Norfolk), or rather from the site (whose location is uncertain) which gave its name to the hundred.  
**Early bearers:** Edw' de Grimeshó, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Robert Grymsey, 1515 in *PROB 11*; Robt. Grymsey, 1568 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Richard Grimsey, 1579 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk); Richard Grymsy, 1598 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Henricus Grymsey, 1605 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Susan Grimsy, 1656 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Elizt. Grimsee, 1672 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).  
**References:** *English Hundred-Names 1*, p. 75.

### Grimshaw

- Variants: **Gramshaw, Granshaw, Grunshaw, Greenshaw, Grenshaw**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4704, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4988
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 English: locative name from Grimshaw in Eccleshill or Grimshaw in Cliviger (both Lancs). Some of the bearers cited here may belong at (2).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Grymeschagh, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henry de Grimeshawe, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Cicillia de Grymeschagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mellor with Eccleshill, Lancs); Henry de Grimeschagh, 1400 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Grymshaw or Grymshawe, 1544 in *PROB 11*; Johnes. Grimshaw, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Nicholas Grymshey, 1605 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); George Grunshaw, 1620 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Christopher Grimeshey, 1638 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Richard Grimeshay, 1653, Josh. Grimeshawe, 1659 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); John Gramshaw, 1666 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Law. Grymshaw, 1687 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); William Grinshaw, 1718 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 76, 84.  
 2 English: locative name from Green Shaw Head in Beamsley (WR Yorks), or another place similarly named with Middle English *grene* 'green' + *shaghe* 'copse' (Old English *grêne* + *sceaga*). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (1).  
**Early bearers:** Robertus Greneschawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Amotherby, NR Yorks); Hugh de Greneshagh, 1393 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Agnes Greneshagh, 1400 in *Yorks Wills*; William Greneschawe, 1400–1 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Greenshaw, 1541 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); William Greenshawe, 1611 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Hannah Greensha, 1723 in *IGI* (Lissett, ER Yorks); Robert Grenshaw, 1767 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 5*, p. 72.

### Grimasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: locative name see **Grimley**.

### Grimson

Variants: **Grimason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Grim* (see **Grim**) + the patronymic marker *son* 'son'.  
**Early bearers:** Arne Grimsune, 1087–99 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Johannes Grimessone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); Cecilia Grymeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); Wilyam Grimson, 1577 in *IGI* (Leaveland, Kent); Edmond Grimson, 1672 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).  
 2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Grimston** with loss of *-t*.

### Grimstead

Variants: **Grimsted, Greensted, Grimster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: (i) locative name from Grimstead (Wilts).  
 (ii) locative name, occasionally from Grinstead

(Sussex), as for example Thomas de Grimstede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); see **Grinstead**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Grimstede, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Andrew de Grymsted, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Exbury, Hants); John de Grymstede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimstead, Wilts); John Grimsted, 1591, John Grimstead or Grimsteede, 1627 in *PROB 11* (West Pennard, Somerset); Thomas Grimstead, 1640 in *IGI* (Winsham, Somerset).

### Grimsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Kent
- English: see **Grinstead**.

### Grimster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Grinstead**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Grimster, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Street, Somerset); John Grymster, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Martock, Somerset); Mary Grimster, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Plympton, Devon); Mary Grimster, 1722 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Elizabeth Grinster, 1727 in *Parish Registers* (Croscombe, Somerset).

### Grimston

Variants: **Grimstone, Grimson, Grimason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Grimston in Kirkby Wharfe (WR Yorks), Grimston in Dunnington, Grimston Garth in Garton with Grimston, Hanging Grimston in Kirby Underdale, and North Grimston (all ER Yorks), Grimston in Gilling (NR Yorks), Grimston (Norfolk), Grimstone End in Pakenham (Suffolk), Grimston Hill in Wellow (Notts), Grimston (Leics), Grimstone in Stratton (Dorset), and Grimston in Blackawton (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Henr' de Grimeston, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Grimeston, 1186–90 in *Mowbray Charters*; Thurstanum de Grimeston, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Grimston, Norfolk); Sissota de Grimmestone, 1291 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johanne Grymmyston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horndon on the Hill, Essex); Thomas de Grymeston, 1332 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Johannes de Grymeston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kelleythorpe, ER Yorks); Johannes de Grymston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Allerton Bywater, WR Yorks); Ricardo Grymston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); John de Grymeston, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Robert Grymston, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Anne Grimston, 1562 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Susan Grimstone, 1628 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 4*, p. 68; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 58, 130, 141, 273; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 54; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 206; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 65; *Place-Names of Dorset 1*, p. 373; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 316.

## Grimstone

### Grimstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham; London

English: see **Grimston**.

### Grimwade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Grimwood**.

### Grimward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Grimwood**.

### Grimwood

Variants: **Grimward**, **Grimwade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1809, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Grimward* (composed of elements meaning 'helmet' + 'guard').
- Early bearers:** given names: Grimward de Cuthmund, 1199 in *Fine Rolls*; Grimwardus, 1222 in *Close Rolls*. surnames: Robert Grimward, 1247 in *Fine Rolls* (Lincs); Bernard Grymward, merchant of Gascony, 1318 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Grymward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Grymwade, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Grymwood, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Grymwade, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Bildestone, Suffolk); Edmund Grimwood, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Grindal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: see **Grindle**.

### Grindale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Gloucs
- English: see **Grindle**.

### Grindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cumb
- English: see **Grindle**.

### Grindel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Grindle**.

### Grindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Gloucs
- English: see **Grindle**.

### Grinder

Variants: **Grinter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex
- English: occupational name from Middle English *grinder* 'grinder of corn, miller' (Old English *grindere*). The term may also have been applied to someone who sharpened tools or weapons using a grindstone or who ground minerals for colouring paints.
- Early bearers:** William le grindere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Stephen le Grindar, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Stephen Le Gryndere, 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Thomas Gryndere, 1346 in *Fransson* (Essex); John Grynder, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Walterstone, Herefs); Johannes Grinder', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Walterus Grinder, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Thomas Grynder, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Robert Greyndour, 1485 in *Somerset Wills* (Somerset); Richard Grinder, 1580 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); Robart Grinder, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London).
- References:** *Fransson*, p. 58.

### Grindey

Variants: **Grindy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Derbys and Cheshire

English: probably a variant of **Grundy**.

**Early bearers:** Cassander Grindey, 1579, Willm. Grindy, 1603, Willm. Grindy, 1606, Nicholas Grindy, 1631 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Edward Grindy, 1640 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Derbys); Jacobi Grindey, 1641 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Margaret Grindey, 1715 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

### Grindlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Grindley**.

### Grindle

Variants: **Grindal**, **Grindall**, **Grindale**, **Grindel**, **Grindell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Gloucs; also Durham

1 English: (i) locative name from Grindale (ER Yorks). (ii) locative name, alternatively from a place called *Grendale* (1254), *Gryndale* (1395) in Loftus (NR Yorks), possibly identical with modern Grinkle in nearby Easington. This may be the source of the Durham surname which, however, may have been confused with **Greenwell**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Grededala, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen de Grindale, 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Grendale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ebberston, NR Yorks); John de Grendale, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Ingleby Arncliffe, NR Yorks); Rogerus Gryndall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Anlaby with Wolfraton, ER Yorks); Johannes Gryndall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Walter Gryndall, 1473 in *York Registry Wills* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Esabella Grindall, 1601 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Anna

Grindall, 1612 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Anthony Grindall, 1626 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Will. Grindal, 1705 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); William Grindle, 1784 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name, perhaps from an unidentified place in the E Midlands named from Old English *grêne* + Old English *dæl*, *dell*, or Old Scandinavian *dalr* 'green valley'. Alternatively the following bearers may belong with (1), but evidence for this is lacking and the geographical distance from Yorks is considerable. Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (5).

**Further information:** The Cambs name might alternatively be associated with Grindle or Grinnel Hill in Melbourn (Cambs), originally *Grenelawe* 'green hill' (1228). However, there is no evidence to make a safe connection between the surname and the place-name.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Grendale, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Johannes Gryndel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Ricardus Gryndell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Thomas Grendale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Thomas Gryndle, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Thrapston, Northants); James Gryndell, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Burrough, Cambs); Elizabeth Grindall, 1577 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Elizabeth Grindall, 1556 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs).

3 English: from Greendale, in Nether Wasdale (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Grindale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willms Grindall, 1559, Johnis Grindale, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); John Grindal, 1713 in *IGI* (Brigham, Cumb); Thomas Grindel, 1723 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

4 English: locative name from Greendale, in Clyst Saint Mary (Devon), recorded as *Grendel* (about 1180, 1314, 1454) and probably derived from the name of the stream there, Grindle Brook.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Grindel, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Adam and Henry Grendel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clyst Saint Mary, Devon); Edward Grendel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teignmouth, Devon); Robertus Gryndel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clyst Saint Mary, Devon); Henry Grendale, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); John Grindall, 1559, John Grindell, 1566 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Robert Grindle, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Otterton, Devon); Benjamine Grindal, 1687 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 586.

5 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes a variant of **Greenhill**, with an intrusive *-d-*, as illustrated by the place-name Grindle, in Ryton (Shrops), which appears as *Grenehull* in Middle English but as *Grendull* and *Grendle* in the 16th century.

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 39.

### Grindley

Variants: **Grindlay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1023, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 834
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: variant of **Greenley** with intrusive *d*.

**Early bearers:** Joan Grindleye, 1582 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Tho. Grindley, 1589 in *IGI* (Marbury,

Cheshire); Edward Grindley, 1602 in *IGI* (Conover, Shrops).

### Grindon

Variants: **Grundon**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 72
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Staffs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin
- English: see **Grendon**.

### Grindrod

- Current frequencies: GB 825, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1201
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name, apparently from a lost place named *Greneroad* in Rochdale (Lancs) named with Middle English *grene* 'green' + *rode* 'clearing' (Old English *grēne* + \**rodu*).

**Early bearers:** John Grenerode, 1559 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Richarde Grenerode, 1599 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Rici Grindrod, 1625, Thomas Grindrode, 1627, John Grenrod, 1649, John Grindrode, 1706, Samuel Grindroad, 1714, James Grindroid, 1738, James Grindroyd, 1741 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Ann Grendrod, 1780 in *IGI* (Goodshaw, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 150; H. Fishwick (1913), *Survey of the Manor of Rochdale*, Manchester: Chetham Society 2nd Series, p. 105.

### Grindy

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 119
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Grindey**.

### Grinham

- Current frequencies: GB 489, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 266
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and IoW; Middx
- English: see **Greenham**.

### Grinley

- GB frequency 1881: 62
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Greenley**.

### Grinnall

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Worcs
- English: see **Greenhill**.

### Grinnell

- Current frequencies: GB 411, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 179
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Gloucs
- English: see **Greenhill**.

### Grinsell

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 101
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny
- English: see **Greensill**.

### Grinstead

Variants: **Grinsted, Greensted, Grimstead**

- Current frequencies: GB 340, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 351
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
- English: locative name from Grinstead (Sussex) or Greenstead (Essex). See also **Grimstead**.
- Early bearers:** William de Grenested', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Sewal de Grenstede, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Aveley, Essex); William de Grinstede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Grynstede, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Grynsted, 1567 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Grigorie Greensted, 1599 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Katherine Grinstede, 1629 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Grensted, 1631 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex).

### Grinsted

- Current frequencies: GB 242, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 133
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and Middx
- English: see **Grinstead**.

### Grint

Variants: **Grent**

- Current frequencies: GB 466, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 178
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; also Suffolk
- English: nickname, apparently a derivative of Middle English *grinten* 'to growl, grunt, roar, or groan; to grind or gnash the teeth'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Grynt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Burlingham, Norfolk); Robertus Grynte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton Saint Mary, Norfolk); Johannes Grinte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beechamwell, Norfolk); John Grint, 1539, Richard Grinte, 1559 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Anne Grynte, 1563 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Quinten Grent, 1575 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Steven Grynte, 1609 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); John Grent, 1625 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Edward Grinte, 1637 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); Rejoyce Grint, 1639 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Thomas Grent, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); William Grent, 1690 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk).

### Grinter

Variants: **Grenter**

- Current frequencies: GB 555, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 351
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Dorset
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *grinter* 'official in charge of a granary or grange' (Anglo-Norman French *grenetier*). (ii) perhaps a variant of **Grinder**.

**Early bearers:** Agnis Grinter, 1621 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); Roberti Grinter, 1626, Georg Grenter, 1671 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Joseph Grinter, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Hawkchurch, Dorset).

### Grinyer

Variants: **Grenyer, Grenier, Greenyer**

- Current frequencies: GB 238, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 130
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English \**gren(i)er* 'dweller by the (village) green'. Compare **Green** (1), and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** William le Grenar, 1327 in *Fransson* (Hants); John le Grener', 1332 in *Fransson* (Surrey);

Willelmus Grenere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Edward Grinyer, 1579 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Robert Greenyer, 1604 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); William Grenyer, 1611 in *IGI* (Stanmer, Sussex); Willm Grener, 1612, Elizabeth Grenier, 1629 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Thomas Grenior, 1632 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Joanna Greenyear, 1790 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); James Gryner, 1805, William Grynyear, 1829, John Thomas Grinyer, 1830 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 197.

### Gripe

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Greep**.

### Gripton

- Current frequencies: GB 319, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 214
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops
- English: apparently a locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Gripton*.
- Early bearers:** Richus Gripton, 1618 in *IGI* (West Kirby, Cheshire); Thomas Gripton, 1624 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); James Gripton, 1665 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Jane Gripton, 1684 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops); John Cripton, 1763 in *IGI* (Wroxeter, Shrops); Thomas Grepton, 1814 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Grisdale

Variants: **Grisedale**

- Current frequencies: GB 394, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 513
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cumb, and Westm
- English: locative name from Grisdale (WR Yorks), recorded as *Grisedale* in 1307.
- Early bearers:** Simon de Grisdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William de Gresdale, 1359 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Grisdaill, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Scotby, Cumb); John de Grysedale, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); John de Grisdale, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Grysedale, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); William Grisedayle, 1526 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Grisdalle, 1631 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Thomas Grisdale, 1688 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Will Grisdell, 1696 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Dorothy Grizedale, 1759 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

### Grise

Variants: **Griss**

- GB frequency 1881: 52
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Grice**.

### Grisedale

- Current frequencies: GB 207, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 95
  - Main GB location 1881: Westm, Lancs, and Cumb
- English: see **Grisdale**.

### Grisham

- GB frequency 1881: 2
- English: see **Gresham**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.



## Grisley

### Grisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Greasley**.

### Grisman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs
- Welsh, English: locative name from Grosmont alias Y Grysmwnt (Monmouths), which is recorded as *Grosmund* in 1161–2, *Grosmund* in 1164–5, *Grusmond* in 1348, *Grismond* in 1586. The place-name means ‘big hill’, deriving from French *gros* + *mont*.
- Early bearers:** Philip de Grosemond, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Agn’ Grosemond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastleach Turville, Gloucs); William Grussemond, Thomas Grussemond, 1539, Thomas Grysmonde, 1542, Hen. Grismond, 1663 in *Muster Rolls* (Kingsland, Herefs); William Gryseman, 1547 in *Herefs Chantry Valuations* (Kingsland, Herefs); Robert Grismand, 1550, William Grismond, 1642 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Tobias Grismond, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Aegydius Grysmond, 1672 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Hill, Herefs); Ben Grisman, 1691 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Peter, Powick, Worcs); Henry Grismon, 1722 in *IGI* (Kington, Herefs); Henry Grisman, 1727 in *IGI* (Letton, Herefs); John Grisman, 1749 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Mary, Burghill, Herefs); Elizabeth Grismond, 1821 in *IGI* (Roggiet, Monmouths).
- References:** *Morgan, Gwent*, p. 102.

### Griss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Grice**.

### Griszell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; IoW
- English: see **Grizzle**.

### Grisin

**Variants:** **Grisson**, **Grisson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, English: nickname from Old French *grison* ‘grey’.
- Early bearers:** John Grisun, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Grissin, 1614 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Mary Grissin, 1626 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Grissin, 1647 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Jane Grissin, 1660 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Francis Grissin, 1682 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk).

### Grisson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Grisin**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Grisson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Grisin**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Grist

**Variants:** **Greest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1812, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1449
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Wilts, and Somerset; London

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *grist*, *grest* ‘grain (for grinding); grist’, perhaps a nickname applied to a miller.

**Early bearers:** John Grystes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Umphridii Griste, 1559 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Agnes Grist, 1567 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Robert Gryste, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Greest, 1615 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Thomas Greast, 1615 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); John Grist, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Ann Grist, 1761 in *IGI* (Nunney, Somerset).

### Gristock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: apparently a variant of **Graystock**.

**Early bearers:** Margery Gristock, 1665 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Abraham Gristock, 1687 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Elizabeth Grisstock, 1760 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Gristwood

**Variants:** **Griswood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Herts

English: possibly a variant of **Griswold**.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Gristwood, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Samuel Gristwood, 1724 in *IGI* (Denham, Bucks); Wm. Gristwood, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jane Griswood, 1797 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

### Griswold

**Variants:** **Gristwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Griswolds Farm in Snitterfield (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Grusewald, 1216–72, [ . . . ] Gruswolde, 1299 in *Place-Names of Warwicks* (Warwicks); William de Grousewold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Solihull, Warwicks); Rogerus Grysewold’, 1381–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Groswood’, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Gresewold’, 1412 in *King’s Bench Cases* (Bucks); Thomas Greswold, 1418–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); George Greswoolde, 1577 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas Griswold, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Solihull, Warwicks); William Griswoud or Grishold, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saltley, Warwicks); Edward Griswald, 1721 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 223–4.

### Griswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gristwood**.

### Gritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *grith*, *grit* ‘peace; protection, shelter’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Grith, 1222 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Grit, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Gryth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treyford, Sussex); Richard Grith, 1505, Thomas Grythe or Grithe, 1542 in *PROB 11* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); John Grythe, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Amizole Gritt, 1666 in *IGI* (Churchstanton, Devon); John Grit, 1758 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

### Gritten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- English: see **Gretton**.

### Gritton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Gretton**.

### Grix

**Variants:** **Gricks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Griggs**, with devoicing of /g/ to /k/. **Early bearers:** Thomas Grix, 1541 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Edwin Gricks, 1616 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Willm. Gricks, 1777 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk).

### Grizzell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; Surrey
- English: see **Grizzle**.

### Grizzle

**Variants:** **Grizzell**, **Griszell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: (i) nickname, generally from Middle English (Old French) *grisel* ‘grey(-haired)’, also used as a term for an old man. (ii) relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Grisil(d)* (perhaps of Continental Germanic origin), but it is attested very rarely in medieval England and probably too late to be the source of a surname in the English Midlands. It was made familiar through the heroine of Chaucer’s *Clerk’s Tale*, a rewriting of an Italian folk tale in versions by Boccaccio and Petrarch, but the given name below is earlier than the publication of Chaucer’s work.

**Further information:** The following examples attest to a locative name, of uncertain origin, but there is no evidence that this gave rise to an English surname: John de Griscel, 1276 in *Patent Rolls*; Bernardus de Grisil, merchant of Bayonne, 1300 in *Patent Rolls*.

This surname is frequent in Jamaica.



**Early bearers:** given names: John de Wyntercote and Grisil his wife, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Leominster, Herefs).  
 surnames: Alan Grissell of Lancaster, 1319 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Grisell' 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Gresele, clerk, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Grysell', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Silvester Grysell, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); William Grissill, 1667 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); George Grissel, 1691 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Joh. Grizzle, 1745 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Mark Grizzle, 1752 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

### Groarke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mag Ruairc**, a patronymic from a personal name derived from Scandinavian *Hrothrekr*, see **Roderick**. Compare **O'Rourke**.

**Early bearers:** Cormock McGroirke, kern, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2212 (Westmeath); Ouin McGroirk, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3822 (Derynora); Thomas Magroirke, kern, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5138 (Ballihowghter, Roscommon); Murtagh buye O'Naughten mcOwen Gorke, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848 (Lymgar, Roscommon); Rich. McGroirke, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6550; Patrick Groark, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oran, Roscommon); James Groark, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunamon, Roscommon); Owen Groark, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bohola, Mayo).

### Groat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Caithness

1 Scottish: nickname from Old Scandinavian *grautr* 'porridge'. Compare **Groat**.

**Further information:** The word assumed a special meaning in Orkney and Shetland best shown in the use of the word *grot*, which means 'sediment of oil from fish livers or any thick mess'.

**Early bearers:** John Grot, 1496 in *Black* (Duncansbay, Caithness); Walter Grote, 1527 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Shetland); Hugo Grot, 1530 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Wick, Caithness); William Grot, 1632 in *Retours, Scotland* (Orkney); Findlay Groat, 1654 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Isobell Groat, 1658 in *IGI* (South Ronaldshay, Orkney); Katherine Grote, 1747 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

**References:** *Lamb, Surnames of Orkney*.

2 Scottish: alternatively, see **Grote**.

**Early bearers:** Cristinn Grott, Walter Grote, 1545, Henricus Grot, 1571 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); Jonet Groat, 1627 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); William Groat, 1679 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife).

### Grobbelaar

**Variants:** Grobler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

South African: Afrikaans, from the German family name **Grobler** or **Grübler**, which is either (i) a locative surname from some minor place or (ii) a nickname for a worrier or brooder, from *grübeln* 'to think hard'.

**Further information:** According to the genealogical website <http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/dpreezg/mygroblerhistory/grobler.htm>, bearers of this surname are descended from Johann Grobler (born 1678 in Grobleben, Tangermunde in Germany), who arrived in South Africa in 1708.

**References:** *Brechenmacher; Duden Familiennamenbuch*.

### Grobler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South African: see **Grobbelaar**.

### Groce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall  
 Norman, English: see **Gross**.

### Grocock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454

• **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs  
 English: see **Grewcock**.

### Grocott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1574, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 858

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire  
 English: see **Grewcock**.

### Grocutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: see **Grewcock**.

### Grody

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: reduced form of **MacGrody**, an anglicized form of Gaelic *Mac Rodaigh* 'son of *Rodach*', a personal name derived from *rot* 'strong'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick McCroddy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); Hugh McRuddy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Culdaff, Donegal).

### Grogan

**Variants:** Grugan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2705, Ireland 1683
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo; Offaly

Irish: from Ó **Gruagáin** 'descendant of *Gruagán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *gruag* 'hair'. The patronymic form **Mac Gruagáin** (anglicized **McGrogan**) is rarer.

**Early bearers:** Meanes mcEanes mcEa I Grugogayne, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4611; Edmund mcMoenis mcHeug mcQuyene I Gruogane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183; Katherine Nyne Tyaung alias Katherine ny Gruogaine, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183.

### Gromley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Lanarks

Irish: perhaps a metathesized form of **Gormley**.

### Gronow

**Variants:** Goronwy, Grenow, Greenhouse, Greeno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Goronwy* (also found as *Gronow* and *Gronow*, from Old Welsh *Guorgonui*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gorgonow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops).

surnames: Owen son of Gronow, 1280 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2/xi; Adam Wronow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Kenwrig ap Grono, 1393 in *Chirkland Extent*; Robertus Gronow, 1540 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Raphe Gronowe, 1563 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs); Walter Grenowe, 1582 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs); William Gronnowe, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; Joane Gronow, 1644 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs); Hannah Gronow, 1654 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs); Elias Goronwy, 1858 in *IGI* (Llanwonno, Glamorgan).

### Grooby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Lincs, and Notts

English: locative name from Groby (Leics), recorded as *Groubi* in about 1140.

**Early bearers:** Richard Groby, 1289 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Groby, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Hockliffe, Beds); Johanne de Groby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrusington, Leics); John Groby, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Down, Devon); John Grooby, 1589 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Henry Grobie, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Woodford, Northants); John Grooby, 1620, John Groobie, 1634 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); John Grouby, 1627 in *IGI* (Howell, Lincs).

### Grocock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Grewcock**.

### Groom

**Variants:** Grooms, Groome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4832, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4041
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Norfolk; Northants; also Shrops and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: occupational name from Middle English *grom(e)* 'manservant, herdsman', often applied to shepherds.

**Further information:** Compare Richard le Gotegrom, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk), John Lambegrom, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs), John Schepgrom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex), and Richard Plougrom, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Grom, about 1100 in *Douglas Book* (Norfolk); Ernard le Grom, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert Groum, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger le Groom, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes le Grom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brockley with Rede, Suffolk); Matilde Groome, 1464 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Willm Groome, 1563 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); William Groome, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Wem, Shrops).

## Groombridge

### Groombridge

Variants: **Grumbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 756
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Groombridge (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John Grombrige, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Penshurst, Kent); William Grumbridge, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); Henry Groombridge, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Abraham Grumbridg, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Lewisham, Kent).

### Groome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 714, Ireland 164
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: variant spelling, especially in Ireland, of **Groom**.

### Groomes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: see **Grooms**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Grooms

Variants: **Groomes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Beds and Herts

English: variant of **Groom** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gromes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hensall, WR Yorks); Eliz. Grooms, 1564 in *IGI* (London); George Grooms, 1580 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Gross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Gross**.

### Gros

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Gross**.

### Grose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 886, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Northants

Norman, English: see **Gross**.

### Groser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: occupational name from Old French *grossier* 'wholesale dealer, grocer'.

**Early bearers:** John Grocer, 1350 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Elizabeth Groser, 1543 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Robte. Groser, 1592 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Groser, 1634 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent).

### Gross

Variants: **Grosse, Grose, Gros, Groos, Groce, Le Gros**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1175, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 558
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Northants

1 Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *gros, grosse, groce* 'coarse; heavy; simple, plain', Old French *gros* 'big, fat' (Latin *grossus* 'thick'). See also **Crass, Grace**, and compare **Fatt**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Grossus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Adam le Groos, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William le Groos, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Groce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lockeridge, Wilts); Richard Groos, 1407 in *PROB 11* (Saint Cuthbert Wells, Somerset); James Grose, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants); Wm Grose, 1549 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); William Grose, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Groce, 1606 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gros(se)*. This is the word *gros* 'big, fat', as in (1), used occasionally as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius grosse, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Suffolk); Gerardus filius Grossi, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Gross, 1538 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Jhon Gross, 1579 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Nycholas Gross, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Edward Gross, 1621 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Edward Gross, 1628 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Grossart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: nickname from a derivative of Middle English *gros, grosse, groce* 'coarse; heavy; simple, plain', Old French *gros* 'big, fat' (see **Gross**). Compare **Grossett**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Grosart, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marrione Grossart, 1684 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Alexander Grosard, 1700 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Walter Grosert, 1714 in *Black* (Alloa, Clackmannans); James Grossard, 1808 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

### Grosse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Norman, English: see **Gross**.

### Grosset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Grossett**.

### Grossett

Variants: **Grosset, Grossette**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

English, Scottish: nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *gros, grosse, groce* 'coarse; heavy; simple, plain', Old French *gros* 'big, fat' (see **Gross**). Compare **Grossart**.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica.

**Early bearers:** England: Peter Grosset, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Grosset, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Jerome Grossett, 1736 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); James Grosett, 1757 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Horatio Nelson Grosette, 1806 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey). Scotland: Ann Grossat, 1768 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings); Thomas Groset, 1773 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons).

### Grossette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English, Scottish: see **Grossett**.

### Grossi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of the nickname *Grosso*, from Italian *grosso* 'big, large' (Late Latin *grossus*).

**Early bearers:** Anthony Grossi, in *Census 1851* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William John Thomas Grossi, 1855 in *IGI* (Over, Cheshire); Maria Grossi, in *Census 1861* (Chelsea, Middx); Antonio Grossi, Peetro [sic] Grossi, born in Belmonte, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Carlo Grossi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Biagio Grossi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ferdinando Grossi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Grossi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Spiridiona Grossi, in *Census 1911* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Grossman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Northumb

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *gross* 'large' + *Mann* 'man', Yiddish *man*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gusta Grossman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Grossman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Warwick, Warwicks); Gala Grossman, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Lazarus Grossman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lazarus Grossman, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Golda Grossman, born in Russia, Abraham Grossman, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Grossman, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Grossman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

2 German: respelling of **Grossmann**, from Middle High German *grōz* 'large' + *man* 'man'. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Johann Henry Grossmann, 1772 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Julius Grossmann, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Leopold Grossmann, born in Germany, Marie Grossmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Wilhelm Grossman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx); Karl Grossman, born in Berlin, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Ludwig A. Grossman, India rubber

merchant, in *Census 1891* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Gustav Grossman, student at law, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Fritz Grossmann, commercial traveller, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Grossmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Henry Grossmithe, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alresford, Hants); John Grossmith, 1637, John Grossmith, 1682 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Sara Grossmith, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Great Baddow, Essex); John Grossmith, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Ann Pinnick Grossmith, 1754 in *Parish Registers* (Fawley, Hants); Robert Grassmith, 1787 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Francis Grose-Smith, 1805 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Grosvenor

Variants: Grovenor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1357, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 660
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks; Middx

English: nickname from French *gros* 'big, great' + *veneur* 'huntsman', perhaps as a nickname echoing the Biblical 'mighty hunter' (Nimrod).

**Further information:** This is the name of one of the wealthiest families in Britain, which holds the title Duke of Westminster. They have been long established in Cheshire, with strong links with the city of Chester. One of the earliest recorded bearers of the name was Robert le Grosvenor of Budworth, who was granted lands by the Earl of Chester in 1160. The family's fortunes were founded by Thomas Grosvenor (born 1656), who in 1677 married an heiress, Mary Davies, whose inheritance included Ebury Farm (Middx). This now forms an area of central London that includes Grosvenor Square and Belgrave Square.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Gros Venour, about 1200 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Warin le Grovenur, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Warin le Grosvenour 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Wettenhall, Cheshire); Robert Grosvenour, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon, Warwicks); Robert le Grosvenour, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Grosvenour, knight, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; Randolph Grosvenor, 1582 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); William Grosvenor, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); George Grosuener, 1629 in *IGI* (Doddleston, Cheshire).

### Grote

Variants: Groat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *grot* 'groat, a denomination of coin' (Middle Dutch *groot* 'great', as in (2) below, being an elliptical use of the adjective, i.e. 'thick (coin)'). In English use, from the 14th to 17th centuries, a groat was a silver coin equivalent to four pence. Compare **Farthing**, **Halfpenny**, **Penny**, and **Shilling**. (ii) nickname from

Middle English *grot* 'fragment, speck, trifle, tiny thing' (Old English *grot, grotā*). (iii) locative name, perhaps from Middle English *grot, grut* (Old English *grēot*) 'gravel', as illustrated by Thomas de la Grotte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Molland, Devon), where the reference is to a place now called Gourt, in Molland. For possible later forms of the Devon and 1524 Suffolk name (below) see **Gort**.

**Early bearers:** William Grote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Emma Grote, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albury, Herts); Willelmus Grote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thropton, Northumb); Simone Grote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Alicia Grot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne, Berks); Christina Grote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); William Grote, 1428 in *London Letter Books K* (London); Phyllypp Grote, Jerneseyman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Peter Grote, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Grot, 1605 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 343.

2 Dutch: nickname, rarely perhaps from Dutch *groot* 'great', as for example the Flemish merchants Ambrose de Grote and Peter de Grote, whose denization appears in 1510 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters*. However, there is currently no evidence that either man founded an English-born family of this name.

### Groucott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs

English: see **Grewcock**.

### Groucutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Grewcock**.

### Ground

Variants: Grounds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Lincs

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English *ground*, *grund* 'ground, land; basis, foundation; bottom; background; battleground'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Grund, 1287 in *MED*; Richard, John, and Robert Grond of Fleet, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Holbeach, Lincs); Johannes Gronde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hinxton, Cambs); Johanna Ground, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwinckle, Northants); Nicholas Ground, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); William Gronde, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (London, Herts); Anne Gronde, 1545 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Laurentius Ground, 1590 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); George Grunde, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Gislingham, Suffolk); Robert Ground, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Wittlesey Saint Mary, Cambs).

### Grounds

Variants: Grownns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire

English: variant of **Ground** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Grounds, 1618 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Eliz Grounds, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Grounds, 1642 in *Parish Registers* (Cambridge, Cambs); Mary Grownds, 1704 in *Parish Registers* (Gret Budworth, Cheshire); Betty Grownds, 1784 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Groundsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; London

English: see **Grounsell**.

### Groundwater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Groundwater in Orphir (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Grundwater, 1658, Marable Grundwatter, 1663, Christian Grundwatter, 1689 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Alexander Grundwater, 1686 in *Old Lore Miscellany* (Orphir, Orkney); Kathren Grundwater, 1699 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); Barbara Grundwatter, 1751 in *IGI* (Firth and Stenness, Orkney); Alexander Grundwater, 1774 in *IGI* (Orphir, Orkney).

England: James Grundwater, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Grundwater, 1763 in *Parish Registers* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Groundwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Grunwell**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Groundwell, 1616 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Elizabeth Groundwell, 1760 in *IGI* (Acomb, WR Yorks).

### Grounsell

Variants: Groundsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb; Kent; Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *groundsel*, *groundeswilie*, *gronswalle*, *grunsel* 'groundsel' (*Senecio vulgaris*), which was used as a medicinal plant in the Middle Ages. Thus, possibly a nickname for an apothecary.

**Early bearers:** John Groundshall, 1495 in *PROB 11* (London); Johis Grounsell, 1605 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); Thomas Groundsell, 1643 in *IGI* (Sherfield English, Hants); Nathaniel Groundsil, 1703 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); George Grounsill, 1782 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex).

### Grout

Variants: Grut, Crout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 773
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *grout* (Old English *grūt*) 'crushed or peeled grain used for making malt', 'infusion of malt, wort', 'a kind of thick, dark ale'; compare the Old Scandinavian personal name *Grautr* from *grautr*

## Grove

'porridge'. *Grut(e)* may be from the related word *grutta* 'bran, coarse meal'. (ii) perhaps in some instances a variant of **Croud**, via **Crout**, with voicing of the initial consonant. See **Grute**.

**Early bearers:** Edwin, Geoffrey Grut, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex), 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Groute, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Grout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunton with Doughton, Norfolk); Robert Groute, 1447–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Grout, 1561 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Thomas Grout, 1582 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Alis Grout, 1602 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 376.

## Grove

**Variants:** Groves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4111, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3471
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the grove)', Middle English *grove*, *grave*, or from any of various places so named.

**Further information:** A Huguenot family with the name *Grove* have ancestors of the name *Le Greux* or *Grou(x)*, who fled from Tours in France in the 17th century, and settled in Spitalfields (London).

Compare Marie Grou, 1640, Marie Madeleine Grew, 1722 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London) with Sara Grove, 1770 in *IGI* (La Patente French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Graua, 1119–27 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Osbert de la Graua, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John de la Grove, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert ate Groue, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Grove, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus de Grove, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Granby, Notts); Willelmus atte Grove, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worth, Sussex); Johanne in le Grove, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grove, Berks); Ralph Groue, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (East Sutton, Kent); Phillip or Philipp Grove, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Groue, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Hagley, Worcs).

## Grovenor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Grosvenor**.

## Grover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2495, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1854
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: locative name for '(the) dweller by the grove', from Middle English *grove*, *grave*, *grof*, *graf* + the agent suffix *-(e)r*.

**Early bearers:** William Grouer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Grover, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Rogero le Grovere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ince in Makerfield, Lancs); Thomas Grouer, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Grover, 1524 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Grover, 1600 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

## Groves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10861, Ireland 349
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8345

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Kerry; Monaghan

English: variant of **Grove** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hogonis Groves, 1556 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Herici. Groves, 1565 in *IGI* (Priors Dean, Hants); Robert Groves, 1570 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Growcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics
- English: see **Grewcock**.

## Growcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: see **Grewcock**.

## Growden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Crowden** with voiced initial consonant.

**Further information:** This form appears to have arisen from the place in Devon, 40 of the 43 bearers listed in the 1881 British census having been born in Cornwall.

## Growney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glamorgan

Irish: from Gaelic Ó **Gramhna**, which MacLysaght describes as a corrupt form of **Mac Carrghamhna** 'son of *Corrghamhain*' of Westmeath (see **McCarron**).

## Growns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: apparently a variant of **Grounds**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Growns, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Plympton, Devon); Ann Growns, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Cathrine Growns, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Growns, 1807 in *IGI* (Frittenden, Kent).

## Grozier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian and Midlothian

Scottish: variant of **Crozier**, with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Isobell Grozer, 1695 in *IGI* (Temple, Midlothian); Ann Grozier, 1820 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: John Groysier, 1620 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Robart Grosier, 1626 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Edward Groysier, 1632 in *IGI* (Waltham, Lincs); Eiz. Grozier, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on

Wyre, Lancs); John Grozer, 1734 in *IGI* (Raughtonhead, Cumb).

## Grubb

**Variants:** Grubbe, Grubbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2294, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1849
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwick; Herefs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Waterford

English: nickname, probably from Middle English *grub*(be), *grob*(be), *crubbe* 'grub', used in the 15th century to denote a short person.

**Early bearers:** Richard, John Grubbe, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks), 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Grubbe, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes Grubb', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Rogero Grobbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shobdon, Herefs); John Grubbe, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Charing, Kent); Roger Grob, 1593 in *IGI* (Bockleton, Worcs); John Grub or Grubb, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Ledbury, Herefs).

## Grubbe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Wilts
- English: see **Grubb**.

## Grubbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Grubb** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Gubbes, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Jane Gubbs, 1615 in *IGI* (Zeal Monachorum, Devon).

## Gruber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name for someone who lived in a depression or hollow, from Middle High German *gruobe* (German *Grube*) 'pit, hollow' + the agent suffix *-er*.

**Further information:** As a Jewish name it may have been acquired as a handout name, one of the names that were randomly distributed by government officials when surnames became obligatory in various states of central and eastern Europe during the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Charles Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey); Hermann Gruber, born in Tyrol, Austria, in *Census 1881* (Prescot, Lancs); George Gruber, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); John George Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Ludwig Gruber, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Friedrick Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Rudolph Gruber, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Uxbridge, Middx); Wilhelm Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Ervin Gruber, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname, possibly from an inflected form of Yiddish dialect *grub* 'rude,

impolite'. Some, perhaps all, examples may rather belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Hyman Gruber, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Samuel Gruber, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Salford, Lancs); Harris Gruber, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Abraham Gruber, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).  
3 English: occupational name from Middle English *grubbere* 'digger'. However, it is not certain whether this name survived beyond the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Grubber, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William le Grobber, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Grubur, 1375 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardus Grubber, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); Robert Grubber, 1391 in *Patent Rolls*; Radus Grubber, 1566 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Tomison Grober, 1585 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Katharyne Grober, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Gruber, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Trent, Somerset); Humperis Grober, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Plympton, Devon).

### Gruchy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: locative name from Gruchy in Gréville-Hague (Manche), or from one of the minor places similarly named elsewhere in France (Calvados, Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Abraham De Gruchy, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Douce De Gruchy in *Census 1841* (Trinity, Jersey).

England: Richard Gruchy, 1688 in *Parish Registers* (Southwark, Surrey); Charles Grucie, 1709 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Bridget Gruchy, 1736 in *Parish Registers* (Peper Harrow, Surrey).

### Grudgings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Grudgins, 1671 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics); Benjamin Grudgins, 1750 in *IGI* (Markfield, Leics); Dorothy Grudgings, 1803 in *IGI* (Ratby, Leics).

### Gruffydd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Welsh: traditional spelling of **Griffith**.

### Grugan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Gruagáin, see **Grogan**.

### Grumble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Leics

English: see **Grimble**.

### Groombridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Surrey
- English: see **Groombridge**.

### Grumitt

**Variants:** Grummett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- English: see **Grimmett**.

### Grummett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Grimmett**.

### Grummit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Grimmett**.

### Grummitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 233
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Grimmett**.

### Grunberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Greenberg**.

### Grundey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys
- English: see **Grundy**.

### Grundon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of *Grindon*, see **Grendon**.

**Early bearers:** Mgrit Grundon, 1567 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); John Grindon, 1582, Ann Grundon, 1612 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Elizabeth Grundon, 1639 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks); Robert Grundon, 1658 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham). Mary Grundon, 1712, Ann Grindon, 1717 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

### Grundy

**Variants:** Grundey, Grandy, Grindey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6268, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Grondi*, *Grundi*, which is probably a metathesized form of Old French *Gondri* (Continental Germanic *Gundric*). See **Gundry**.  
**Early bearers:** Aicusa filia Grundi, 1204 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Robert Grundy, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Reginaldo Grundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Walterus Grundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthrop, Wilts); Reginald Grundy, 1410 in *Patent Rolls*; John Gronndy, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon);

Anne Grundy, 1573 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); William Grundy, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Hugh Grundie, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Llangendeirne, Carmarthen); James Grundy, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Grunnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Grunnill**.

### Grunnill

**Variants:** Grunnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: in Lincs a metathesized variant of **Gurnhill**.

**Early bearers:** Daniell Grunnill, 1663 in *IGI* (Miningsby, Lincs); John Grunnell, 1687 in *IGI* (Asgarby near Horncastle, Lincs); John Grunnell, 1690 in *IGI* (Hareby, Lincs); John Grunnill, 1722 in *IGI* (High Toynton, Lincs).

2 English: elsewhere a variant of **Greenhill**, alias **Grinnell**, with substitution of *-u-* for *-i-*, and occasionally with metathesis of the *-r-* to give forms like *Girnill* and *Gurnall*. Compare Mary Grynell, 1614, Sarah Greenhill, 1651, Robert Grunell, 1657 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Mathew Grinill, 1630, Henry Girnill, 1633 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); Millycent Girnill, 1681, John Greenhill, 1696 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Thos. Grunnell, 1726, Thomas Greenhill, 1751 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); John Grunnell, 1781, John Greenhill, 1793 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Gurnall, 1565 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts); John Grunnell, 1567, Agnes Grunnell, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Grunshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Grimshaw**.

### Grunwell

**Variants:** Groundwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Gornall**, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing William Gurnall (1588), William Grunnell (1606), William Gurnell (1685, Kirkgate), Samuel Grunwell or Groundwell (1746–55, Kirkgate) in the parish registers for Leeds (WR Yorks). (ii) the 1658 example may alternatively be a variant of *Grinwell*, see **Greenwell**.

**Early bearers:** James Grunwell, 1658 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham); Samuell Grunwell, 1697 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks).

### Grut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Grout**.

### Grute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0

## Grylls

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: probably a variant of **Crute** (see **Croud**) with voicing of the initial consonant.
- Early bearers:** Robert Grute, 1587, Martha Groot, 1629 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Grut, 1723 in *IGI* (Kingston near Ivybridge, Devon).

## Grylls

Variants: **Grills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: variant of **Grill** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Williame Grills, 1563, Agnes Grylls, 1569 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Samson Gryles, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Launceston, Cornwall); Radulphus Gryles, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Nathannyell Grylles, 1671 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall).

## Grymes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Grimes**.

## Guan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 關, 管, and 官, see **Kwan** (1–3).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 阮, see **Yuen** (5).

## Guard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 396
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Gard**.

## Guarino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Guarino*, derived from the Germanic element *war(n)* ‘guard, protect’.
- Early bearers:** Maria Guarino, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

## Gubb

Variants: **Gobb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: relationship name, possibly from a pet form of Middle English personal names such as *Govert* (see **Godbert**) and *Gobald* (see **Godbold**), or perhaps *Gubewin* (see **Gibbon**).
- Early bearers:** Robert Gubbe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hailsham, Sussex); Richard Gubbe, 1319 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Henricus Gubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); Johanne Gubb’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Langton, Leics); Johanne Gobbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); William Gobbe, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Hugh Gub’, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); William Gubbe, 1598 in

*IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Margery Gubb, 1600 in *IGI* (Catcott, Somerset); Nicholas Gobb, 1606 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Willm Gub, 1629 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon).

## Gubbay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Gubby**.

## Gubbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see **Gubby**.

## Gubbin

Variants: **Gubbins, Gobin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Norman, English: nickname for a gullible person, from Anglo-Norman French \**gobiun* ‘gudgeon’, a partly latinized form of Anglo-Norman French *goujon* (Latin *gōbiōnem*). See also **Gudgeon**, and compare **Gobey**, **Gooch**.
- Further information:** Compare the early forms of the place-name Gubeon (Morpeth, Northumb), named from a member of the Gobyon, Gubium, or Gubbins family: *Gobyon*, about 1220, *Gudgeon*, 1663, *Gubeon alias Gudgeon*, 1668 in *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*. The name was modified to *Gub(b)in* and to *Gubbins*, as in *Gubbins Hill*, a field name in Potters Pury, next to Yardley Gobion (Northants); see *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 108.
- Early bearers:** Hugo Gubiun, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Hugo Gubiun, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Gubiun, Gubyun, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Henry Gubyun, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Yardley Gobion, Northants); Hugo Gobyon, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Thomas Gubin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Ralph Gobyon, citizen of London, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Navenby, Lincs); John Gobyon’, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Jhon. Gubben, 1567 in *IGI* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Sicelie Gubbins, 1586 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Leonard Gubbyun, 1610 in *IGI* (Boyton, Cornwall); Thomas Gubbin, 1629 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Gubbins, 1634, in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Nathanaell Gubbings, 1655 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

## Gubbings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Essex
- Norman, English: variant of **Gubbins** with intrusive -g-.

## Gubbins

Variants: **Gubbings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 240
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 511
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks; Middx; also IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Donegal
- Norman, English: variant of **Gubbin**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland.

## Gubby

Variants: **Gubbay, Gubbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, Middx
- English: variant of **Guppy** with voiced medial consonant.
- Early bearers:** Darcus Gubby, 1584 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Johane Gubby, 1612 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Eliz. Gubbey, 1733 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Anne Gubbay, 1852 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey).

## Guckian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuckin**.

## Gudd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Goode**.

## Gude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- English: see **Goode**.

## Gudge

Variants: **Gush**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; also Middx and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Couch**. Compare **Gutch** (3).
- Early bearers:** SW England: Margaret Gudge, 1591 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Thomas Gudge, 1627 in *IGI* (Modbury, Dorset); Richard Gudg, 1635 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); John Gudge, 1809 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).
- 2 English: variant of **Gooch** (1). Compare **Goode**, **Goude**, **Gouge**.
- Early bearers:** SE England: William Gugge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ellin Gudge, 1597 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); John Gudge, 1623 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex).

## Gudgeon

Variants: **Gudgin, Goodjohn, Scutchings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1261, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 698
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- English: nickname from Old French, Middle English *gojo(u)n* ‘gudgeon’. Compare **Gooch**, **Gubbins**, **Gobey**.
- Further information:** The gudgeon is a species of small freshwater fish which has a large head and is easily caught. The nickname may have been applied to someone with a large head but more likely to someone who was easily duped; the word is recorded in *OED* with the sense ‘gullible person’ from 1584.
- Early bearers:** Peter Guggun, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Guiun, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Gojun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Goion, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Gogayn, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Robert Gogeon, 1408 in *Feet of Fines*

(Gamston, Notts); John Gudgeon, 1579 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Thomas Goodgeon, 1613 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Goodjohn, 1643 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Thomas Gudgen, 1693 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Gudgeon, 1750 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).

### Gudger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: late variant of **Goodyear**.

### Gudgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts
- English: see **Gudgeon**.

### Gudka

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania?), unexplained.

### Guerin

Variants: **Gearing, Garing, Garin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 593, Ireland 740
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish, Huguenot: occupational name from French *guerin* 'guard'.

**Further information:** This was the name of several Huguenot families who came to England as refugees at different times in the 16th and 17th centuries. Some of them settled in Rye, Sussex, where the name was anglicized as *Gearing* or *Garing*. The surname became established as a family name in Ireland as early as the 16th century. It is also the name of a family in Guernsey, descendants of Daniel Guerin, a native of Clairac in Agenois (Guienne), who fled to the Channel Islands after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

**Early bearers:** England: Marie Guerin, 1632, Pierre Guerin, 1672, Pierre Guerin, 1679, and Pierre Guerin, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Francis Guerin, 1699 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

Ireland: John Gwerrine, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5840 (Trym).

### Guernsey

Variants: **Gurnsey, Garnsworthy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex; Gloucs
- English: locative name from the island of Guernsey (Channel Islands).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Luke de Gernesey, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Robert G[a?]rnesey, mariner, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Plymouth, Devon); Geoffrey de Rothario alias de Gernesey, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Holy Trinity priory, Lenton, Notts); Roberti Garnesey, 1560 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Richardi Gernsey, 1675 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); Robert Guernsey, 1754 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Mary Guernsey, 1742, Mary Gernsey, 1804 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Guerra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Spanish, Portuguese, Italian: nickname from *guerra* 'war', perhaps a nickname for a soldier or a belligerent person. In some cases the Italian name may represent a short form of various compound personal names containing this element, for example **Vinciguèrra**, while the Iberian name may in some cases reflect a misinterpretation of the Basque base *ezquerria*, *esquerria*, from *esker* 'left-handed'.

**Early bearers:** without 'del' or 'de la': Antonio Guerra, in *Census 1841* (Westminster, Middx); Joas Evangelista Guerra, born in Spain, in *Census 1851* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joas E. Guerra, born in Portugal, in *Census 1871* (Hampstead, Middx); Giuseppe Guerra, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Angelo Guerra, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Edgardo Guerra, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

with 'del' or 'de la': Alexandro del Guerra, and Menoth del Guerra, both born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Oreste del Guerra, born in Wales, in *Census 1881* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Genoëffa de la Guerra, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Basque: locative name denoting someone who lived in a break or depression in a range of hills, from Basque *guerri* 'waist'.

**Early bearers:** Fernando de la Guerra, born in Cuba, in *Census 1911* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Guerrero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish, Portuguese, Italian: nickname for a bellicose person or a soldier, from an agent derivative of *guerra* 'war'. Compare **Guerra**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Guerrero, in *Census 1841* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Manuel Guerrero, in *Census 1841* (Basingstoke, Hants); Maria Guerrero, born in Sapin, in *Census 1901* (Kensington, Middx); Virginia Guerrero, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Julian Guerrero, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx); Juan Guerrero, born in Spain, *Census 1911* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Guerrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: occupational name, nickname from Old French *guer(r)ier* 'soldier', an agent derivative of Old French *guerre* 'war', probably also used as a nickname for an aggressive person. Compare **Warrior**.

**Early bearers:** Judith Guerrier, 1688, Mathieu Guerrier, 1704 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Francoise Guerrier, 1693 in *IGI* (French Episcopal, Bristol, Gloucs); Pierre Francois Guerrier, 1717 in *IGI* (Savoye de Spring Gardens and des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); David Guerriere, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

### Guess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Bucks and Beds

English: probably a variant of **Guest** with loss of final *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Gues, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Hawarden, Flints); Roger Guess, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Will Gess, 1632 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Elizabeth Guess, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Marbury, Cheshire); Isbell Guess, 1675 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Sarah Guese, 1703 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Thomas Guess, 1709 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); William Gues, 1714 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Jonathan Ges, 1724 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Guest

Variants: **Guess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10159, Ireland 192
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6366
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: nickname, status name from Middle English *gest* 'guest, stranger'.

**Early bearers:** Benwoldus Gest, about 1100 in *Tengvik*; Richard le Gest, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Middx); Thomas le Gest, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Gest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drighlington, WR Yorks); Robertus le Gest, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bedford, Lancs); Richard Gest, 1407 in *PROB 11* (Friars Minors, City of London); Ellene Guest, 1560, Mary Guess, 1818 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Guest, 1612 in *IGI* (Warehorne, Kent); John Guest, 1692 in *IGI* (Thornborough, Bucks); John Guess, 1745, William Guest, 1824 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Guffey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee**; a reduced form of the variant **McGuffey**. **Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Guffie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee**.

### Guffogg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McGuffog**.

### Guha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *guhā* 'cave', or 'heart, mind'.

### Gui

Variants: **Kwei, Kwai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 桂 (**Kui** in Mandarin romanization, **Kwai** or **Kuai** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Gui* (桂), the name of an ancient state (located in Hunan province). (ii) from the first element of the personal

## Guichard

name Gui Yi (桂奕), the first son of Ji Gui whose brother Ji Zhen was killed by the emperor Qin Shi Huang (259–210 BC). To protect his sons, Ji Gui ordered them to change their original surnames.

**2** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 歸 (**Kui** in Mandarin romanization, **Kwai** or **Kuai** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Gui* (歸), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province). (ii) from *Gui* (歸), the name of a state (located in Anhui province) annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 魏, possibly based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Wei** (i).

### Guichard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Wichard*, composed of *wīg* 'battle, combat' + *hard* 'hardy, strong'.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Guichard, 1700 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Francois Guichard, 1745 in *IGI* (Savoye de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Louise Guichard, 1750 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Guider

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: see **Guidera**.

### Guidera

Variants: **Guider**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: of uncertain origin. It has been suggested that it may be from Irish **Mac Giodaire**, a personal name or byname based on *giodar* 'haste'. It has also been suggested (MacLysaght, *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 84), that it may derive from **Mag Fhuadaire**, a personal name meaning 'wanderer'. However, it seems more likely that it is an immigrant name from Sicily, of Albanian origin. There is a large Albanian community in Sicily, and according to Carcausi, *Guidera* is recorded in documents relating to the Albanian-speaking community of Sicily from the 18th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** Eliza Guidera, 1842 in *IGI* (Parsontown, Kings county [Offaly]); Honoria Guidera in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Ushers Quay, Dublin); Daniel Guidera in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Kildellig, Queen's county [Laois]); Kate Guidera, in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Timoney, Tipperary); Patrick Guider in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Mountrath, Queen's county [Laois]); Johanna Guider in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Templetouhy, Tipperary).

### Guidi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Guido*.

**Early bearers:** Giuseppe Guidi, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Samuel Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881*

(Leicester, Leics); Carlo Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Medes Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Raffaello Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Rinaldo Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Scipione Guidi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Guigan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuigan**.

### Guilbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: see **Gilbert**.

### Guild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 649
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth

Scottish: of uncertain derivation and meaning; apparently a nickname for someone who played a prominent part in a medieval guild. It may, however, be a Scottish variant of **Gould**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Gulde, 1421 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Stirling, Stirlings); Henry Guld, 1491 in *Panmure Register* (Scone, Perth); Thomas Guld, 1512 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). England: Thomas Gylde, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Copston Magna, Warwicks); Susan Guild, 1675 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Guildea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Dhé**, see **Gildea**.

### Guilder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Dunbarton

English: see **Gilder**.

### Guilford

Variants: **Gilford**, **Guilford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Surrey

English: locative name from Guildford (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Guildeford, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Robert de Guldeford, 1307 in *London Letter Books D*; Thomas Gyldeford, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas Guldeford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Thomas Gildefford or Guildford, 1427 in *PROB 11* (Kemesey, Worcs); Robert Gylford, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Guiding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Gilding**.

## Guile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Gill**.

## Guiler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Durham; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: see **Guyler**.

## Guilford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs; Lancs; also Sussex, Wilts
- English: see **Guildford**.

## Guilfoyle

Variants: **Gilfoyle**, **Kilfoyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 759
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Laois, and Kilkenny

Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Phóil**, 'son of *Giolla Phóil*', a personal name meaning 'servant (or devotee) of (Saint) Paul'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ouin roe McGillephoile, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4033 (Sheineroyne); Cughogrithy duff McGillaphoill, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4694 (Limerick or Tipperary); Tho. McGillfoile, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5376 (Kings county [Offaly]); Grany Duff ny Gulfoll, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6197 (Tipperary and Kilkenny); Shane bane McKillphoill, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6338; Donell mcOwen McGilliffoole, gent., and Owen oge McGilleffoole, horseman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6627 (Syenrone); James Kilfoyle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmorgan, Sligo).

## Guillaume

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Jersey

Huguenot, French: relationship name from the personal name *Guillaume*, French form of **William**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Guillaume, 1668 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Thomas Guillaume, 1671 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Mathieu Guillaume, 1687 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Charles Louis Guillaume, 1836 in in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London). Channel Islands: Jean Guillaume, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Clement Guillaume, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Marie Guillaume, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Peter, Jersey).

Other: John Guillaume, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants); Peter Guillaume, 1727 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Robert Deall Guillaume, 1815 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Francois Ami Guillaume, 1820 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Guille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231



• **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Sark  
Channel Islands: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gille*, see **Giles** and compare **Gill**.

### Guilliatt

• **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 21  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
English: see **Gillett** (2).

### Guinan

Variants: **Guinane**, **Guinnane**, **Kinnane**, **Kinane**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 727  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 41  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Tipperary and Kilkenny

Irish: from **Ó Cuinneáin** ‘descendant of *Cuinneán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *conn* ‘chief’, and **Ó Cuineáin** ‘descendant of *Cuineán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *cana* ‘whelp’.

**Further information:** Anglicized forms of **Ó Cuinneáin** and **Ó Cuineáin** cannot be distinguished from one another.

**Early bearers:** David O’Kynnan, priest, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §260 (Limerick and Tipperary); Teige O’Kynnyne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3827 (Carrick); Mulrony O’Kinain, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Killmolaishy); Shane O’Kinane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Armagh); Ony O’Kinane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Armagh); Peter Guinan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmacnoise, Offaly); Thomas Guinan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Gallen, Offaly); William Kinnan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryoose, Armagh); John Kinneane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); John Kinan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone).

### Guinane

• **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 4  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick

Irish: from **Ó Cuinneáin**, see **Guinan**.

### Guinee

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
Irish: see **Guiney**.

### Guinery

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: see **Gennery**.

### Guiness

• **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 74  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow  
Irish: from **Mag Aonghusa** or **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**.

### Guiney

Variants: **Guinee**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 641  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 10  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down

Irish: from **Mac Géibheannaigh**, see **Keaveney**.  
Woulfe explains Guiney in counties Kerry and Cork as ‘possibly a corruption of *Ó Géibheannaigh*’.  
**Early bearers:** Brian O’Gwyne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6556 (Antrim).

### Guinn

• **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 8  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 85  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lincs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath  
1 Welsh: see **Gwynne**.  
2 Irish: reduced form of **McGuinn**.

### Guinnane

• **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 6  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick  
Irish: from **Ó Cuinneáin**, see **Guinan**.

### Guinness

• **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 15  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 87  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway  
Irish: from **Mag Aonghusa** or **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**.

### Guire

• **GB frequency 1881:** 31  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Durham; Lincs; Kent; Gloucs  
Irish: reduced form of **Maguire**.

### Guiry

• **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick  
Irish: from **Mag Uidhir**, see **Maguire**.  
**Early bearers:** Maurice fitz Edmund Gwerr, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §108 (Clonsyre); Nicholas Gwere, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §977 (Clonphillip); Edmund Gwerre, 1574–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2545; Onory ny Gwyer, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3102 (Kylnymonagh); Redmund Gwyre, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6564 (Kilcrone).

### Guise

Variants: **Guyse**, **Gise**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 423  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs  
Norman, English: locative name from Guise (Aisne).  
**Further information:** Nicholas de Gyse received the manor of Elmore (Gloucs) in 1262.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Guuiz, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Gyse, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Willelmus Gys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Ancelmus de Gyse, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Aspley Guise, Beds); Rychard Guyse, 1582 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Raphe Guyse, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Sherbourne, Gloucs); Thomas Guise, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

### Guite

• **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 112

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: see **Gyte**.

### Guiver

Variants: **Guyver**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 290  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx  
English: (i) nickname, apparently from Middle English *giver* ‘giver, donor, bestower’. (ii) variant of **Giffard** with voicing of /f/ to /v/ and loss of final *-d*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Gyure, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); John Gyvar, 1511 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, City of London); Robertus Gyver, 1564 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Gyver, 1574 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Giver, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Walden, Essex); Thomas Guyver, 1611, Jane Guiver, 1613 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts).

### Gujral

• **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of an Arora clan and also on the name of a Jat clan.

### Gul

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1328, Ireland 10  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 10  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 Turkish: nickname from *gül* ‘rose’ (the flower), ultimately from Persian.  
2 English: see **Gull**.

3 Welsh: relationship name, apparently from a male personal name *Gul*, but no other evidence for this has been found.

**Early bearers:** William ap Gul, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Manafon, Montgomerys); Gul Gul, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Holywell, Flints); Maria Gul., 1726 in *IGI* (Mamhilad, Monmouths).

### Gulati

• **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community.

### Gulden

Variants: **Goulden**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
1 English, Irish: see **Golden**.  
2 German: (i) nickname, status name from the name of the coin (English *guilder*), from Middle High German *guldin* ‘golden’; it was probably applied as a nickname, or a status name with reference to a medieval tax obligation. (ii) nickname, locative name for someone who lived near a cesspool, a euphemistic application of Middle Low German *gülden*, *gulden*, Middle High German *guldin* ‘gold, golden’.  
**Early bearers:** Fred and Regine Gulden, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Frederick [*sic*] Gulden, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hans Anton Gulden, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx).

## Gulick

### Gulick

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Gullick**.

### Gull

Variants: **Gulle**, **Gul**

- Current frequencies: GB 553, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 315
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gulle* 'gull'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *gull* (Old Scandinavian *gulr*) 'yellow, pale, wan'. Compare **Gulling**.

**Early bearers:** Alured, Geoffrey Gulle, 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard le Gul, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Emma Gulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Johannes Gulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Thomas Gulle, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Meopham, Kent); Joan Gull, 1560 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Gulielmi Gull, 1601 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex).

### Gulland

- Current frequencies: GB 116, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 185
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Fife

Scottish: variant of **Gullen** with excrement *-d*.

### Gulle

- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 English: see **Gull**.

2 English: see **Goll**.

### Gullen

Variants: **Gullon**, **Gulland**, **Gulling**

- Current frequencies: GB 196, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 109
- Main GB location 1881: London; Fife

Scottish: locative name from Gullane in Dirleton (E Lothian). There may have been some confusion with **Gollan**.

**Early bearers:** William de Gulyne, 1211–26 in *Midlothian Charters*; William de Golin, about 1216–24 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Fife); Osmund de Golyn, about 1220 in *Dryburgh Register*; John de Golyn, 1330 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; John de Guling, 1405 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alisoun Guland, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alisoun Gulane, 1611 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); George Gullen, 1627, John Gullon, 1688 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Elizabeth Gullond, 1782 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Gullett

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 158
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Gowlett**.

### Gulley

- Current frequencies: GB 331, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 285
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Gully**.

### Gullick

Variants: **Gulick**, **Goodluck**, **Goodlake**, **Cutlack**

- Current frequencies: GB 389, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 275
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset, Gloucs

English: relationship name from the northern form of the Old English personal name *Gūðlāc* (Old English *gūð* 'battle' + *lāc* 'play'), or the partly related Old Scandinavian *Gūðleikr*, where the first element means 'god, God'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gotlac, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire).

urnames: Robertus filius Guthlach, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Symon Goddeloc, Godeloc, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Hosebert Gotloc, Guzloc, John Gudloc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Isabella Gullake, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Joh Godlak', 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Henry Cutlake, 1538 in *Norwich Wills*; Alce Goodluck, 1570 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Nicolas Gullick, 1631 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Jacob Gullick, 1694 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Gullick, 1694 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts).

### Gullidge

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: see **Golledge**.

### Gulliford

- Current frequencies: GB 781, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 499
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

Norman, English: see **Gulliver**.

### Gulling

- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *\*gulling* 'the pale one'. Compare **Gull**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roger Gulling, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Charles Gulling, 1668 in *IGI* (Egloshayle, Cornwall); Quintine Gulling, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Ann Gulling, 1734 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); Thomas Gulling, 1767 in *IGI* (Shimpling, Suffolk); Robt. Gulling, 1768 in *IGI* (Arksey, WR Yorks).

2 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Gullen**.

### Gullion

- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Orkney

Irish: reduced form of **Magullion** or **Mac Gullian**, anglicized forms of Gaelic **Mac Gilleáin**, a diminutive of *gile* 'brightness', *geal* 'bright', or *giolla* 'lad'.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Gullis

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Somerset; also Monmouths

English: see **Gully**.

### Gulliver

Variants: **Gulliford**, **Galliford**, **Galliver**

- Current frequencies: GB 1566, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1009
- Main GB location 1881: Hants and Wilts; Warwick and Northants

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *goulafre* 'glutton'. In SW England the pronunciation of the name may have been influenced by **Colliver**.

**Early bearers:** William Gulafra, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Philip Golafre, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Rogerus Gulivar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Shrops); William Golefer, 1459 in *Close Rolls* (Middx); Thome Gulliver, 1573 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Joseph Golifer, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Henry Gullifer, 1654, Henry Gulliford, 1670 in *Bardsley*; Clement Gulliver, 1663 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); Richd. Golliver, 1748 in *IGI* (Fenny Compton, Warwick); Elizabeth Galiford, 1752 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset); William Galliver, 1780 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Peter Gollifer, 1788 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Samuel Gullivar, 1794 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Gullon

- Current frequencies: GB 124, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 104
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb; E Lothian

Scottish: see **Gullen**.

### Gully

Variants: **Gulley**, **Golley**, **Golly**, **Gullis**, **Gullyes**

- Current frequencies: GB 346, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 518
- Main GB location 1881: Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Munster: esp. Clare  
English: nickname from Middle English *goliás*, *golie*, *gulie* 'giant' (n.), from the Hebrew *Goliath*.

**Further information:** Both *Goliath* and *Golie* are found in Wycliffe; Chaucer and Shakespeare have *Golias*.  
**Early bearers:** John Gulias, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Gulias, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh Golie, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Jordan Gulie, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Goliás, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Golye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Gulias, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sicklinghall, WR Yorks); Franc Gullye, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Rainold Gully, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Milborne Port, Somerset).

### Gullyes

- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan

English: see **Gully**.

### Gulson

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Goldson**.

### Gulston

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Herts

English: see **Goldston**.

### Gulvin

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 101

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Goldwin**.

### Gulwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Goldwell** with loss of *-d-*.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Golwell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); William Golwell, 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Roberte Gulwell, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Beverstone, Gloucs); Elizabeth Gulwell, 1626 in *IGI* (Beverstone, Gloucs).

### Gulzar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a female personal name based on Persian *Gulzār* ‘rose garden’

### Gum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx
- English: see **Gomm**.

### Gumb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Durham
- English: see **Gomm**.

### Gumbel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Gumble**.

### Gumble

- Variants:** **Gumbel**, **Gambold**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gombaut*, Continental Germanic *Gumbold*, *Gombald* (earlier *Gundbald*, formed from elements meaning ‘battle’ + ‘bold’).
- Early bearers:** given names: Gumbald de Fonganant, 1243 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Emillion, Gascony); Gumbald de Burgo, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*.
- urnames, England: Durandus Gumboldus, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William Gumbald, about 1216 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Reydon, Suffolk); Andrew Gumbald, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Gombold, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Portsmouth, Hants); Simon Gumbold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helens, IoW); Rychard Gumbold, 1599 in *IGI* (Peckleton, Leics); Mary Gumble, 1657 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Elisab. Gumbell, 1672 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ester Gombaude, 1692, Anne Gombaud, 1698 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); John Gambold, 1743 in *IGI* (London).
- urnames, Wales: Luce Gambold, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Nevern, Pembrokes); William Gambold, 1813 in *IGI* (Rudbaxton, Pembrokes).

### Gumbleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork

English: locative name from Gomeldon (Wilts), recorded as Gombleton, Gombleton in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Gomeldon, 1332, John de Gomelden, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Waltero Gomeldon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Porton, Wilts); John Gomelton, 1579, John Gombleton, 1646 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Gumbleton, 1582 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Roger Gomeldon, 1618 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Gumbley

- Variants:** **Gumley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: locative name from Gumley (Leics), earlier recorded as Guthmundeley (1109), Gomondeley (1416), and Gomeley (1517).
- Early bearers:** Elias de Gumundel, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Essex); Johanne de Guthmundle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Agn’ Gomondeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Phillipus Gomoundle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); Henricus Gomundal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Robertus Gumley, 1559 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Elyzabeth Gomley, 1596 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Gumlye, 1609 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); John Gumbley, 1654 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Isaac Gumbley, 1686 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Leics*, IV, p. 87.

### Gumbrell

- Variants:** **Gumbrill**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: possibly in some cases a variant of **Gumbrill**, but otherwise unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Mary Gumbrell, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Yeardeley Hastings, Northants); Daniell Gumbrel, 1619, Daniell Gumbrell, 1621 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Thomas Gambrell, 1646, James Gumbrill, 1833 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Rebekah Gumbrill, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Ropley, Hants); Jane Gumbrell, 1695, Henry Gambrell, 1773 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); George Gumbril, 1718, Eliza Gumbrill, 1743 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex).

### Gumbrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Gumbrell**.

### Gumbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Variant of **Gomes**.

### Gumersall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Gomersall**.

### Gumley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- English: see **Gumbley**.

### Gumm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Middx
- English: see **Gomm**.

### Gummer

- Variants:** **Gomer**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Guthmer*, *Gumer* (Old English \**Gūðmǣr*, formed from *gūð* ‘battle’ + *mǣr* ‘famous, great’). Some examples may belong at (2).
- Early bearers:** given names: Gumer, 1091–1102 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Guthmarus clericus, about 1170 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).
- urnames: Johannes filius Gudemer, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Abraham filius Gumari, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Gumer, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Simon Gumer, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Wllm Gumer, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset); Thomas Gummer, Samuël Gummer, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Easling, Kent); John Gummer, 1618 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Thomas Gumer, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Frant, Sussex); John Gummer, 1661 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).
- 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Godmar* (Old English *Gōdmǣr*, formed from *gōd* ‘good’ + *mǣr* ‘famous, great’).
- Early bearers:** given names: Godmarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Godmarus, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Godmarus, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).
- urnames: Willelmus filius Gomer, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Colin Godmar, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert Gomar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Godmer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Gomer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exbourne, Devon).

### Gummersall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Gomersall**.

### Gummerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Gomersall**.

### Gummery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: see **Gomery**.

### Gummoie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Gummoie**.

## Gummow

### Gummow

Variants: **Gummoe**, **Gommo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Gummow in Probus (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Gommow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); John Gommow de Reskelyan, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Peter Gommowe, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Thomas Gomowe, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Golant, Cornwall); Richard Gummo, 1592, Cristiantine Gummo, 1594, Osithies Gummow, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Henery Gommo, 1655 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Daniel Gumow, 1691 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Henry Gummow, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); John Gummow, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); John Gummow, 1735 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 268.

### Gun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Kent; also Sutherland and Orkney

1 English: see **Gunn**.

2 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 阮, see **Yuen** (5).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 管 and 官, see **Kwan** (2) and (3).

### Gunbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Gunby**.

### Gunby

Variants: **Gunbie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Gunby (Lincs, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Oliver de Gunby, 1194–1204 in *Yorks Charters*; Thomas of Goneby, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Gunby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Candlesby and Gunby, Lincs); Thomas de Gunby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); John Gunby, 1422 in *Yorks Wills*; Walter Gunby, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Whaplode, Lincs); Rcdus. Gunbye, 1574, Rbte. Gunbie, 1586 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); George Gunbee, 1633 in *Leics Transactions* 23.

### Gundrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Gundry**.

### Gundry

Variants: **Gundrey**, **Goundry**, **Grundy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Dorset and Hants

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gundric*, *Gundrey* (Continental Germanic *Gundric*, formed from \**gund* 'battle' + \**ric* 'ruler'). The personal name does occur in England in its Continental Germanic form, as in the case of Gundricus, 1100–13 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Herts), but the surname reflects the Old French development to *Gondri* which was introduced to England by the Normans.

**Early bearers:** William Gundrey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Gundray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); William Gundray, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Goundrey in *Patent Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Henry Gundrye or Gundry, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Rampisham, Dorset); John Gundrey, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Wimborne, Dorset).

### Gundy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths; Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gundi*.

**Early bearers:** William Gundi, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Gondy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Gundy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Street, Sussex); Thomas Gundy, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Sessay, NR Yorks); Richard Gundy, 1541 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Walter Gundy, 1642 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Gunes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Turkish : relationship name from the given name *Güneş*, from *güneş* 'sun', perhaps representing Arabic *šams* as in the given name *Shamsuddin* 'sun of faith'.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Gunnis**.

**Early bearers:** William Gunes, 1574, Willm. Gunes, 1580 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Margrett Gunes, 1584 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); John Gunes, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lincs); Phillip Gunes, 1688 in *IGI* (Spilsby, Lincs).

### Gunhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: see **Gunnis**.

### Gunion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **Mac Gille Gunnin** 'son of the devotee or servant of *Finnén* (Saint Finnbarr)'.  
**Early bearers:** John Gunnion, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns); Agnes Gunnion, 1697, Janet Gunnion, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns); William Gunnion, 1745 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Grace Gunien, 1824 in *IGI* (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns).

### Gunn

Variants: **Gun**, **Gunnis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8958, Ireland 360
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7304
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. N Scotland, central Scotland, and Orkney
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Monaghan

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Gunnr* (based on a word meaning 'battle'), or perhaps from *Gunne*, a pet form of the Old Scandinavian female personal name *Gunnhildr* (see **Gunnell**).

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan or family associated principally with Caithness and Sutherland. It claims descent from a certain Gunni or Guinn who lived in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gunne, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs); Gun, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

sumames, England: Warin Gun, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Gun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Gunn, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Walterus Goune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Thoma Gun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Clawson, Leics); Simone Gunne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Agnes Gunn, 1565 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Prudens Gunn, 1615 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); Joane Gunn, 1668 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Martha Gunn, 1786 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

sumames, Scotland: Wm. Gun, 1647 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Cristaine Gun, 1660 in *IGI* (Shapinsay, Orkney); James Gun, 1688 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); James Gun, 1748 in *IGI* (Golspie, Sutherland); Christian Gunn, 1798 in *IGI* (Halkirk, Caithness).

### Gunnell

Variants: **Cunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Gunnild* (Old Scandinavian *Gunnhildr*), from *gunnr* + *hildr*, both elements meaning 'battle'. Compare **Gunnnett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gunnild, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Gunnild, about 1172–80 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gunnilla, 1214, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey, Lincs).

sumames: Robert Gunnilt, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Stephen Gunnild, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); John Gunnild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Gunel, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Gounhild, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Croxtan, Cambs); Thomas Gunnyld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Johannes Gunnyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Saling, Essex); William Gunnell, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Godmanchester, Hunts); Thomas Gunnell, 1592 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mag Congail**, see **McGonigle**.

### Gunner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1302, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 979
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian female personal name *Gunvor*, *Gunwōr*, *Gunnor*, also a common Norman name, usually latinized as *Gunnora*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gunneuare, Gunnor, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gunware 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Gunnora, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset, Northumb).

surnames: William Gunnore, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Gunnore, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Gunwar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Margareta Gunnere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodham, Norfolk); Thomas Gonnore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Quarley, Hants); Robert Gonore, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Ringstead, Northants); William Gonner, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Simon Gunnore, 1456 in *Feet of Fines*; Eliz Gunner, 1550 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Alyce Gunner, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Gunner, 1588 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *gonner* ‘gunner’ (recorded from 1391 in *MED*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le gonner, 1285 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 21.

### Gunnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Gunnnot*, a diminutive of *Gunne* (see **Gunn**). Gunnilda, daughter of Fulco, is also called Gunnota, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gunnota, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Gunneta, 1463, Gonnet’, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

surnames: William Gonnote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Martin Gunnnett, 1622 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon); Paul Gunnet, 1705 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Gunning

**Variants:** Conning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2091, Ireland 906
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1091
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Roscommon, Galway, and Sligo; Tyrone

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Gundewin* (Continental Germanic *Gund(e)win*).

**Further information:** In Corton (Suffolk), in the reign of King John (1199–1216), Gundewyn’ de Nethergate held land which later (1275) came to be held by Gerald Gunwine, alias Gundwyne, by heredity (*Hundred Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gundewinus cortinarius, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey).

surnames: Thomas Gundewin, 1228 in *Close Rolls*; Willmo Gundewyne, 1296, Willmo Gondwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Thomas Gundewyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Morden, Cams); Willelmus Gunwyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Johannes Gunyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warkton, Northants); Agnes Gunning, 1569 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Elionor Gunning, 1588, Martin Gunwin, 1608 in *IGI* (Swainswick, Somerset);

John Gunwin, 1617, Robert Gunwyn, 1619, William Gunning, 1810 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Jo. Guninge, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 Irish: from Ó Conaing ‘descendant of Conaing’, a personal name borrowed from Old English *cyning* ‘king’.

**Further information:** In Clare sometimes adopted for Ó Gamhnaín, see **Goonan**.

**Early bearers:** Matha Mag Conaing, 1490 in *AU*; Widow Gunning, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford); John Gunning, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); Thady Gunning, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilvarnet, Sligo).

### Gunningham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Scottish, Irish, English: apparently a local variant of **Cunningham**, with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** William Gunningham, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Cannington, Somerset); Willm. Gunningham, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Stogursey, Somerset); Elizabeth Cunningham, 1629 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Katherine Gunningham, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Spaxton, Somerset); William Gunningham, 1662 in *IGI* (Kilton, Somerset); John Gunningham, 1713, Samuel Cunningham, 1754 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset).

### Gunnis

**Variants:** Gunes, Gunhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Gunness (Lincs), recorded as *Gunhouse* in 1571.

**Early bearers:** Herveus de Gunnesse, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Gunnas, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants, Sussex); Johannes Gunneys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Gunnys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint Peter, Norfolk); Henry Gunnes, 1585 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Margaret Gunnas, 1655 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Robert Gunnis, 1627 in *IGI* (East Keal, Lincs); Jo Gunhouse, 1707 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lincs).

### Gunns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Gunn**, with genitival or excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gunnys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint Peter, Norfolk); William Gunns, 1616 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Gunnes, 1803 in *IGI* (Stalham, Norfolk).

### Gunson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: relationship name ‘son of Gunn’, from the Middle English personal name **Gunn** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Gunneson, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Eustace Gunson, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Johannes Gunson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Willelmus Gunson’,

1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faxfleet, ER Yorks); Percival Gunson, 1576 in *Durham Wills* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Katherina Gunson, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Percival Gunson, 1583 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Aismunderby, WR Yorks); Thomas Gunsson, 1571 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Anthony Gonson, 1590 in *PROB 11* (London); Nicholas Gunsson, 1614 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

### Gunston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Oxon and Gloucs

English: see **Gunstone**.

### Gunstone

**Variants:** Gunston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Gunstone in Brewood (Staffs), or possibly Gunstone in Crediton (Devon). **Early bearers:** Bigod de Goneston, about 1184 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Hugh de Gonestone, 1320 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Gunston’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Gunston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Hugone Gonston’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Bartholomew Gunston, 1547, Johes Gonston, 1556 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); John Gunston, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Bottisham, Cams); Johannis Gunstone, 1561 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Bridget Gonstone, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 288; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 405.

### Gunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1555, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1046
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Gloucs; also Herefs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gontier*, Continental Germanic *Gunter* (composed of elements meaning ‘battle’ + ‘army’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gunterus, 1094–1100 in *Northants Charters* (Northants), 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Guntier filius Herberti, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: William Gunter, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks), 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robertus Gunter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Willelmus Gunter’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Surrey); John Gunter, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Alicia Gunter, 1499 in *PROB 11*; William Gunter, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Caerleon, Monmouths); Bryante Gunter, 1573 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Edward Gunter, 1639 in *IGI* (Warnham, Sussex); Anne Gonther, 1640 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Richard Guntar, 1708 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).

### Gunther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

## Gunthorp

German: relationship name from the Germanic personal name **Gunter**.

**Early bearers:** Hans Gunther, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Adolph Gunther, in *Census 1871* (Oldham, Lancs); Wm. Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Charles Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); August Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Hermann Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Richard Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Chorlton, Lancs); Albert Charles Lewis Gotthilf Gunther, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Richmond, Surrey); Edward Gunther, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Witney, Oxon); Theodore Gunther, born in Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Birkenhead, Cheshire).

### Gunthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lincs and WR Yorks

English: see **Gunthorpe**.

### Gunthorpe

**Variants:** **Gunthorp**, **Guntrip**, **Guntripp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: locative name from any of the places named Gunthorpe (Lincs, Notts, Rutland, Northants, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Yvo de Gunethorp, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Simon de Gunthorp', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Willelmus Gunthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); Alanus de Gonthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); William de Gunthrop', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John de Gunthorp', 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Gunthorp' of Epworth, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Gunthorpe, Lincs); John Gunthorpe, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); John Gunthorpe, 1545 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Lawrence Gunthorpe, 1631 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); Edward Guntrip, 1697 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); Nicholas Guntharpe, 1722 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); William Gunthripe, 1735 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks).

### Gunton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 672
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, Essex, and Middx

English: locative name from either of the places named Gunton (Norfolk, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Guneton, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Matthew de Guneton', 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Gunton, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; Thomas de Gunton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); John de Gunton, citizen of Norwich, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph Gunton, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Edward Gunton, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Sutton, Cambs).

### Guntrip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon
- English: see **Gunthorpe**.

### Guntripp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Gunthorpe**.

### Guo

**Variants:** **Kuo**, **Ko**, **Kee**, **Koay**, **Quay**, **Ker**, **Kok**, **Kwok**, **Quach**, **Quek**, **Kwouk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郭 (**Kuo** in Mandarin romanization, **Kwok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'rampart' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Guo* (虢, also written as 郭 in ancient Chinese), the name of two ancient states during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). One was called *Eastern Guo* (东郭) (located in Henan province). It was granted to Guo Zhong, brother of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC), and annexed by the state of Zheng in 765 BC. The other was called *Western Guo* (西郭) (originally located in Shaanxi province) and was granted to Guo Shu, another brother of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang; see **Zhou** (1). During the reign of Zhou Ping Wang (c. 781–720 BC), the Western Guo was moved to present-day Henan and Shanxi provinces, and eventually annexed by the state of Jin in 655 BC. The original place of the Western Guo was also annexed by the state of Qin in 687 BC. After the annihilation of these states, *Guo* (郭) was adopted as a surname. (ii) from *Guo* (郭), the name of another ancient state (located in Liaocheng in Shandong province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Cao during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (iii) adopted as a surname by residents who lived outside a city, because *Guo* (郭) means 'rampart, outer wall of a city' in ancient Chinese.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 國 (**Kuo** in Mandarin romanization, **Kwok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'state' or 'country' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Guo Ai (國哀), who is believed to have been a teacher of Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of certain nobles in the state of Qi who lived during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the second element of the personal name Zi Guo (子國), the style name of Fa, a prince in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) borne by descendants of certain nobles who lived in the state of Wei (衛) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 過 (**Kuo** in Mandarin romanization and in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'pass' in Chinese: from *Guo* (過), name of an ancient state (located in Yexian in present-day Shandong province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). After its king Jiao was killed, the name of the state was adopted by some as a surname.

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 果 (**Kuo** in Mandarin romanization and in

Cantonese romanization), meaning 'fruit' in Chinese: (i) possibly borne by descendants of the state of Ba Zi (located in Ba county in Chongqing) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) a surname from Manchu ethnic group in N China.

### Guppy

**Variants:** **Gubby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1087, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: locative name from Guppy (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Gupehegh, 1253 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas Gopheye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Guppey, 1392 in *London Pleas*; Robert Guppay, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Kilburn, Middx); John Goppelay, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Guppie, 1553 in *PROB 11* (South Perott, Dorset); Richard Gupppey, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Halstock, Dorset); Alice Gubby, 1577 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Johannis Guppie, 1581 in *IGI* (Halstock, Dorset); Richard Guppy, 1583, John Guppey, 1654 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); George Guppay, 1739 in *IGI* (Mosterton, Dorset).

### Gupta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3761, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Banias) and Jain, from Sanskrit *gupta* 'secret, protected'.

**Further information:** This is a well-known name of ancient India; the two greatest empires of ancient northern India were both founded by persons named Chandragupta. The founder of the Maurya empire in the 4th century BC was Chandragupta Maurya. In the 4th century AD, the Gupta empire was founded by another Chandragupta, and a long line of Gupta kings ruled India for about 200 years.

### Gupwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks

English: locative name from Guphill (Devon), recorded as *Gopewille* in 1291.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Gopewell, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Williame Gupwill, 1567 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); William Guppill, 1581 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willim Gupwell, 1586 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); John Gupwell, 1611, John Gupwill, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Thos. Gupwell, 1777 in *IGI* (Wappenbury, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 336.

### Gurd

**Variants:** **Gourd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *gourd(e)*, *gord*, *gurd* 'gourd; the dried shell of a gourd used as a drinking vessel; any kind of bottle or cup' (Old French *gourde*), applied probably to a rotund person or a maker of bottles and cups; compare Henry Gourdemaker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gorde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Plymstock, Devon); Thomas Gurde, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Ames Gourd, 1546 in

*IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); Edward Gorde, 1553 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Goorde, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Donhead Saint Mary, Wilts); John Gorde, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Gurde, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Halstock, Gloucs); Edith Gord, 1611 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Richard Gourd, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Hartfield, Sussex); Nathaniel Gurd, 1715 in *IGI* (Ashmore, Dorset).

### Gurden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- English: see **Gordon**.

### Gurdler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Girdler**.

### Gurgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Geargáin, see **McGurgan**.

### Gurley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Gourlay**.

### Gurling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- Norman, English: see **Girling**.

### Gurmin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- Norman, English: see **German**.

### Gurnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts
- 1 English: see **Gurnhill**.  
2 English: see **Gornall**.

### Gurner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Gloucs; Middx
- English: see **Garner**.

### Gurnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey and Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- English: nickname from Middle English *gurnard*, *gurnade* 'gurnard or gurnet', a marine fish of the family *Triglidae*, which has a large spiny head and mailed cheeks.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Gurnard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Robert Gurnard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Gurnet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashcott,

Somerset); John Gurnnet, 1492 in *PROB 11* (London); Rabige Gurnarde, 1572 in *PROB 11*; Peter Gornet, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Brian Gurnett, 1612 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Martha Gurnet, 1672 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex).

### Gurney

**Variants:** **Gorney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3521, Ireland 131
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2821
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx, Surrey, Herts, Beds, and Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Norman, English: locative name from Gournai-en-Brai (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Gurnai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex, Somerset); Adam de Gurnay, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Gournay, 1352 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Roberto Gorneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Mandeville, Bucks); William Gurney, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Stone, Bucks); James Gorney, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence, London).

### Gurnhill

**Variants:** **Gurnell**, **Grunnill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

English: (i) locative name of uncertain origin, perhaps from an unidentified place in Lincs. (ii) leaving aside the 1297 example, alternatively a variant of **Greenhill**, though this name has not been found at an early date in Lincs. (iii) alternatively a variant of **Gornall**, but there is no evidence to link this NW England surname with Lincs.

**Early bearers:** William de Gurnall of Grymesby, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimsby, Lincs); Ralfe Gurnell, 1604 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); William Gurnel, 1663 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts); John Gurnell, 1673, Robt Gurnhill, 1691 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thomas Gurnill, 1733 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Ann Gurnel, 1761 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Jane Gornhill, 1816 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Hinery Gornill, 1804 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs).

### Gurnsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Gloucs and Wilts
- English: locative name, see **Guernsey**.

### Gurr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1149, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1014
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: apparently a variant of both **Gower** and **Gore**. See separate early bearer sections below.
- Early bearers:** John Gurr, 1549, Thomas Gower, 1871 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Elizabeth Gurre, 1564 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); Robert Goure, 1578 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Joan Gurr, 1597 in *Assize Rolls* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Moises Gower, 1608, Anne Goure, 1617, Joseph Gurr, 1802 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Edmon Goure, 1629, Thomas Gurr, 1664, John Gower, 1675 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Susan Gower, 1634, Richard Goure, 1637, Henry Gurr, 1796 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Paul Gower, 1656, Leonard Gurr, 1766 in *IGI* (Westwell, Kent); Thomas Gower, 1709, John Gurr, 1795 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent); Thomas Goure, 1720, Edward Gower, 1738,

Rose Gurr, 1867 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Joseph Gour, 1802, Sarah Gurr, 1843 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

Jan Gore, 1574, Elinor Gurr, 1629 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Mary Gore, 1578, Thomas Gurr, 1826 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Johanna Gore, 1580, William Gurr, 1866 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Nicholas Gore, Maria Gurr, 1619 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent).

### Gurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon; Meath

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Gurry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johannes Gurry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthingborough, Northants); Mary Gurry, 1628 in *IGI* (Woodhall, Lincs); Francis Gurry, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Robert Gurry, 1638, Francis Gurry, 1648, and Susan Gurry, 1682 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts); Richard Gurry, 1650 in *IGI* (Bolnhurst, Beds).

2 Irish: from Mac Gothraidh, see **McGorry**.

### Gurtler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Girdler**.

### Gurton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Gretton**.

### Gurung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5135, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nepalese: ethnic name for a member of the Gurung people, mainly living in Nepal. About 15% of all people of Nepalese origin bear this name.

### Gurwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Gorwood**.

### Guscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from either of two places called Guscott, in Hunshaw and Bratton Clovelly (Devon), earlier recorded as *Godescote* (1386) and *Godiscote* (1303) respectively.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Guscot(e), 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas de Godescote, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); William Godescote, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Guscott, Devon); John Guscott, 1558 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Guscot, 1630 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 116, 175.

### Gush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset

English: probably a variant of **Gudge** (1). Compare **Gutch** (3).

**Early bearers:** Mary Gush, 1616 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Jane Gushe, 1622, James Gush, 1625 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); John Gudge, 1750, John Gush, 1811 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

## Guss

**Variants:** **Gush**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Old Swedish personal name *Guse*, *Gusse*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gusa de Butrewich 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Arnulf filius Gusse, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; John Gusse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Guse, 1363 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alicia Gusse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Thomas Gusse, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); Richard Guss, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London).

## Gustafson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

Scandinavian: relationship name from Swedish **Gustafsson**, **Gustavsson**, or Danish and Norwegian **Gustavsen**, **Gustafsen**, patronymics from the Old Swedish personal name *Götstaf*, of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Maria Gustafson, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Lussi Gustafson, in *Census 1871* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Emanuel Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Chatton, Northumb); Carl Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Hans Gustafson, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Sunderland, Durham); George Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Osker Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Dartford, Kent); Axel Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (South Shields, Durham); Johann V. Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Clebury Mortimer, Shrops); Charles Oscar Gustafson, born in Finland, in *Census 1911* (Hull, ER Yorks); Carl Gustafson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Peter Gustafson, born in Finland, in *Census 1911* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

## Gustar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Gustard**.

## Gustard

**Variants:** **Gustar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: variant of **Coster**, with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gustard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashey liberty, Hants); Willelmus Gustard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butts Ash, Hants); John Gustard, 1568 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Robert Gustard, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Dorrington, Lincs); Henry Gustar, 1685 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Hannah Gustar, 1782 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

## Gusterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk

English: variant of **Custerson** with voicing of the initial consonant.

## Gut

**Variants:** **Gutt**, **Gott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *gut(te)*, *got(te)* ‘gut, intestine, belly’, denoting a greedy or corpulent person.

**Early bearers:** Ædwin Gut, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset or Somerset); William le Gut, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Thomas Gut, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Gut, apothecary, 1269 in *London Letter Books C*; John Gutt’, 1338–9 in *London Coroners Rolls*; Alexander Gutt, 1775 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Guth**.

## Gutch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; Worcs; Kent

1 English: see **Gooch** (1).

**Early bearers:** SE and E England: John Guch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Guch, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Gutch, 1673 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks).

2 English: see **Gooch** (2).

**Early bearers:** W Midlands: Jane Guch, 1615 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

3 English: see **Couch**. Compare **Gudge** (1).

**Early bearers:** SW England: Robert Gutch, 1743 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); John Gutch, 1775 in *IGI* (Cumnor, Berks).

## Guth

**Variants:** **Gut**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, status name from modern German and Yiddish *gut*, Middle High German *guot* ‘good’ or ‘capable’. This may be a nickname, but in the Middle Ages the term also denoted a freeman or a vassal of noble birth, and the surname may be a status name from this sense. The Jewish surname is often ornamental. Compare **Gutmann**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Guth, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); George Gut, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Louise Gut, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, London); Ernst Gut, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Luke, London).

## Gutherie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Aberdeens; Lanarks; Northumb; WR Yorks

Scottish: see **Guthrie**.

## Guthery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Scottish: see **Guthrie**.

## Guthridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Gutteridge**.

## Guthrie

**Variants:** **Gutherie**, **Guthery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4214, Ireland 310
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3737
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from Guthrie (Angus).

**Further information:** Roger de Carneille was lord of Guthrie 1195–1200 (*Lindores Chartulary*); his family took the name of their lordship (*Barrow, Kingdom of the Scots*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Guthrie, 1348 in *Bamff Charters* (Dundee, Angus); Richard Guthrie, abbot, in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); David Guthrie, 1465 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Kincaidrum, Angus); John Guthrie, 1541 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Brechin, Angus); Alexander Guthrie, 1560 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Elgin, Morays). Ireland: James Guthray, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); Samuel Guthrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); William Guthrie, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry); John Guthry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryvullan, Fermanagh).

2 Scottish: in some cases it may be an anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic **Mag Uchtre** ‘son of *Uchtre*’, a personal name of uncertain origin, perhaps akin to *uchtlach* ‘child’.

3 Irish: in Ireland, adopted as an equivalent of **Ó Fhlaithimh** ‘descendant of *Flaitheamh*’, a byname meaning ‘prince’. This is the result of an erroneous association of the Gaelic name (*Fh* being silent) with the Gaelic word *lathigh* (*lathach*) ‘mud’, and of mud with gutters, and an equally erroneous association of the Scottish surname *Guthrie* with the word ‘gutter’ (i.e. ‘muddy gutter’). Compare **Laffey**.

## Gutierrez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name, **Gutiérrez**, a patronymic from the medieval personal name *Gutierre*, from a Visigothic personal name of uncertain form and meaning, perhaps a compound of the elements *gunþi* ‘battle’ + *hairus* ‘sword’.

**Early bearers:** Adolphe Joseph Gutierrez, 1825 in *IGI* (London).

## Gutman

**Variants:** **Gutmann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: (i) from German, Yiddish *gut* ‘good’ + *man(n)* ‘man’, probably a handout or ornamental adoption; however, it was



also used as a male personal name, which in some cases may be the source of the surname. (ii) anglicized spelling of the German cognate **Gutmann**. **Early bearers:** Harris Gutman, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Mark Gutman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Hyman Gutman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Johann Gutman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Solomon Gutman, born in Poland, Sholom Gutman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Gutmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

German: status name from Middle High German *gūt* 'good' + *man* 'man', a term for the master of a household.

**Early bearers:** August Gutmann, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Wilhelm Gutmann, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Adolph Gutmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Eva Gutmann, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Christchurch, Hants); Heinrich Gutmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx); Alfred Gutmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Enfield, Middx).

### Gutridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Berks; Kent; Norfolk; Durham

English: see **Gutteridge**.

### Gutsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Goodsell**.

### Gutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Gut**.

### Gutter

**Variants:** **Gotter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Guthere*, from Continental Germanic *Gothari* or Old English *Gūðhere*. The post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2). **Early bearers:** Ralph filius Guttere, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Guthere, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Guttere, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Jonas Gutter, 1562 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); William Gutter, 1594 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts).

2 English: variant of **Agutter**.

### Gutteridge

**Variants:** **Guttridge**, **Gutridge**, **Gotheridge**, **Guthridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2224, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; London

English: variant of **Cutteridge**, due to confusion with **Goodrich**.

**Early bearers:** Johannis Gutrich, 1568 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Gutheridge, 1597 in *Place-Names of Herts*; Walter Guthrige, 1601 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Thomas Gotharidge, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Stapleton, Gloucs); Alice Guttridge, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Thurmaston, Leics); John Gothridge, 1657 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Marten Gutteridge, Henry Guttrage, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Guttery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: of uncertain origin: perhaps a variant of Scottish **Guthrie**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Guttery, 1563 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); William Guttray 1617 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Bowtown, East Lothian); Issobell Guttray, 1662 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Richard Guttrey, 1690 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Richard Guttery, 1708 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Guttridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 583
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Middx; Notts; Lancs
- English: see **Gutteridge**.

### Guy

**Variants:** **Guye**, **Gye**, **Wye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9953, Ireland 501
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6538
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; Middx; Sussex, Hants, and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Tyrone, and Derry

1 Norman, English: relationship name from Old French *Guy* (Continental Germanic *Wido*), a common Old French name, usually latinized as *Wido*, occasionally as *Guido*. *Guy* was the central French form; the usual Norman form was *Wy* (see **Wye**). Some examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Guido de Hathfeld', 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Why de la Haie, about 1200 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex).

surnames: Willelmus filius Widonis, Guidonis, Turstanus filius Witdo 1086 in *Domesday Book*; John Gy, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent), 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Richard Guy, 1384 in *London Pleas*; Robert Guye, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Johannes Gye, 1538 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); William Guy, 1597 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, London); John Guye, 1601 in *IGI* (West Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Henry Guy, 1716 in *IGI* (Ingleton, Yorks).

2 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *gui* 'guide'.

**Early bearers:** John le Gy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

### Guyan

**Variants:** **Guyen**, **Goynne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines

Norman, English, Scottish: locative name for someone from Guyenne (Aquitaine).

**Further information:** In *Patent Rolls*, the Robert de Guyen of Bristol (Gloucs) recorded in 1336 is also referred to as Robert Guyen in an inspeximus of 1399, and a later reference to him in 1425 determined 'that the said Robert Gyen, and the said Robert Guyen, are one and the same'.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Gianne, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Gyen, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Nicholas Gyan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert de Guyen, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Peter Guyoun, king's serjeant, 1358, Gyouin, 1371, Guyon, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey); Thomas Gyan, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Guyan, 1692 in *IGI* (Stepney, London).

Scotland: Alexander Guyan, George Guyan, 1678, George Guyan, 1683, George Guyan, 1784 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines).

### Guyat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
- Huguenot: see **Guyatt**.

### Guyatt

**Variants:** **Guyat**, **Guyett**, **Gyatt**, **Guyot**, **Giot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English, Huguenot: relationship name from *Guyot* or *Guyet*, diminutives of the Old French personal name **Guy** (latinized as *Guido*). Compare **Wyatt**.

**Further information:** The form *Guyot* was augmented or possibly reintroduced in the 16th century by Protestant bearers fleeing persecution in France and the Low Countries.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gwiot, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Giot de Kemesinge, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent), also recorded as Guydo Formage.

surnames: Richard Quiet, 1141–51 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Thomas Guyot, 1295 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Guyot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Gyott', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Wynifride Gyatt, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Samuel Gyat, 1591 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Mary Gyett, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Molly Gyot, 1783 in *IGI* (Michelmersh, Hants).

surnames, Huguenot: Jaques Guyot, 1621, Ester Guyott, 1650 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Francois Guyot, 1714, Francois Guyot, 1741 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Charle Guyot, 1722 in *IGI* (Swanfields, Stepney, Middx).

### Guye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Guy**.

### Guyen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Norman, Scottish: see **Guyan**.

### Guyer

**Variants:** **Gyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 1

## Guyett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *guyour*, *guieor* 'guide'.  
**Early bearers:** Henry le Gyur, 1271 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Gaiour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Gyour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Hants); Symond Gyer, 1458 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Gyer, 1572 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Edward Guyer, 1634 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); William Guier, 1640 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts).

## Guyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- Huguenot: see **Guyatt**.

## Guyler

Variants: **Guiler**, **Giller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *gilour* (Old French *guileor*) 'cheat, fraudster'. (ii) see **Giller**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Sarah Guiler, 1769, George Guyler, 1812 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts).  
Scotland: Agnes Guyler, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Margaret Guyler, 1658 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jeane Guiler, 1675 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Guiller, 1725 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

## Guymer

Variants: **Gymer**, **Goymer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Guimar* (Continental Germanic *Wigmar*). Compare **Wymer**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gyomarus, 1101–16 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Robertus filius Guimer, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Guiomarus filius Warnerii, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Guimerus senescallus, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk and Suffolk).

surnames: Robert Guymer, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); William Guymer, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Sundridge, Kent); Gilbertus Goymer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stradishall with Denston, Suffolk); Galfridus Gymer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sloley with Stone Riston, Norfolk); Willelmus Gymere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington, Norfolk); Nicholas Gyomer, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Sutton in Holland, Lincs); Thomas Gymmour, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (West Firle, Sussex); Agnes Gymer, 1546 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); William Goymer, 1587 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Will. Guimer, 1691 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Thos. Guymer, 1727 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Gymore, 1737 in *IGI* (Snailwell, Cambs).

## Guyon

Variants: **Wyan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kincardines

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Guyon*, a pet

form of **Guy**. Compare **Wyan**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Gyon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); William Guyon, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Stisted, Essex); Dorothe Guyon, 1625 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Guyon, 1673 in *IGI* (Great Yeldham, Essex).

Scotland: Anne Guyon, 1775 in *IGI* (Knockando, Morays); Elizabeth Guyon, 1820 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Guyon**, with the same etymology as (1).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Guyon, 1690 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Guillaume Guyon, 1708 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

## Guyot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx
- Huguenot: see **Guyatt**.

## Guyse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Guise**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Guyton

Variants: **Gyton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: probably a variant of **Gayton**.

**Early bearers:** Gryffyth Gyton, shoemaker, 1539–40 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Gyton, 1591 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Rebecca Gyton, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Norfolk); Saml. Gytton, 1647, Sam Guyton, 1676 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Guyver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Guiver**.

## Gwatkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths

Welsh: from the Welsh form of the personal name **Watkin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Gwatkyn, 1570 in *IGI* (Little Birch, Herefs); John Gwatkin, 1588 in *IGI* (Wellington, Herefs); Henricus Gwatkyne, 1621 in *IGI* (Little Birch, Herefs); John Guatkin, 1624 in *IGI* (Grimley, Worcs).

## Gwillam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Pembrokes

Welsh: see **Gwilliam**.

## Gwilliam

Variants: **Gwilliams**, **Gwillim**, **Gwilym**, **Gwillam**, **Gwillym**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1816, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Shrops; also Pembrokes

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Gwilym*, a form of Old French *Guillaume* (see **Gillam** and **William**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Gwylim, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths).

surnames: Raymund Gwilliam, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thoma ap Gwylm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford hundred, Herefs); Gyffyt ap Gwylm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snodhill, Herefs); Rees ap Gwilleim, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Merthyr, Carmarthens); Hova, Jankyn ap Gwilym, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbighs); Johis Gwillam, 1538 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Rowlandi Gwillim, 1561 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); William Gwilliam, 1575 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Myles Guillim, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Lewis Gwillam, 1630 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2, iv (Shrops); Daniell Gwilyam, 1714 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Robert Gwilym, 1866 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths).

## Gwilliams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Herefs
- Welsh: variant of **Gwilliam** with excrescent -s.

## Gwillim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Brecknocks, and Monmouths

Welsh: see **Gwilliam**.

## Gwilym

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and SE Wales
- Welsh: see **Gwilliam**.

## Gwilt

Variants: **Quilt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys
- Welsh: from Welsh *gwilt* 'wild'.

**Early bearers:** Edwardus Gwilt, 1551 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs); John Gwilt or Gwilt, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Brimfield, Herefs); Jane Gwilt, 1659 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops); Richard Gwilt, 1755 in *IGI* (Church Stoke, Montgomerys); John Gwilt, 1771 in *Parish Registers* (Llanarth, Cardigans).

**References:** *Surnames of Wales*.

## Gwilym

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Carmarthens

Welsh: see **Gwilliam**.

## Gwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Welsh: see **Gwynne**.

**Gwinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- Welsh: see **Gwynne**.

**Gwinnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh: unexplained. The distribution suggests that it might be for the Welsh male personal name *Gwynlliw*, best known as that of the saint to whom the ancient church, now cathedral, of Newport (Monmouths) is dedicated (*Saint Woolos* in English), but any connection is unproven.

**Early bearers:** John Gwenell, 1583 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Thomas Gwinnell, 1627 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Gwinnell, 1638 in *PROB 11*; Henry Gwinnel, 1739 in *IGI* (Eastington and Alkerton, Gloucs); William Gwinnall, 1750 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Gwinnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Gloucs

Welsh: (i) locative name for someone from the ancient Welsh principality of Gwynedd. (ii) relationship name, possibly from the female personal name *Gwyneth*, although this is not recorded before the 16th century and is of uncertain derivation; possibly also from the name of the principality or alternatively a metathesized form of Welsh *gwenith* 'wheat', a term used in poetry in the sense 'favourite, pick of the bunch'.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Jno. Gwyneth, provost of Clynnog Fawr, 1533 in *Morgan and Morgan*; John Guynett, 1556 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Morice Gwynneth, 1584 in *Morgan and Morgan*.

England: Launset Gwyneth, 1575 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Elisabeth Gwinet, 1738 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Thomas Gwynnet, 1741 in *IGI* (Eccleston, Cheshire); Theodore Gwinett, 1797 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Samuel Gwineth, 1811 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Richard Gwynett, 1857 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Henry Gwinit, 1865 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*.

**Gwyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Wilts
- French: (i) possibly from Gohier, a place in les Ponts de Cé (Maine-et-Loire). (ii) possibly from *Gohier*, an ancient form of *Godard*, see **Godard**.

**Early bearers:** Randoll Gwyer, 1569, Wm. Gwyre, 1605 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Henry Gwire, 1631, Henry Gwyre, 1653 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); Christopher Gwyer, 1663 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Grace Goir, 1755 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); Christopher Gwyre, 1765 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 468.

**Gwyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Welsh, Irish: see **Gwynne**.

**Gwynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** Welsh Marches and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim; Cork

Welsh, Irish: see **Gwynne**.

**Gwynne**

**Variants:** **Gwyn, Gwinn, Gwynn, Gwin, Guinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1476, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 751
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan and Brecknocks; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry and Tyrone; Cork; Kilkenny

1 Welsh: from *gwyn* 'fair, white', also sometimes 'white-headed; favourite'. Compare **Wynne**, with which it has a complex philological relationship. When it was used as an epithet or by-name, *wyn* is the expected form in Welsh after male given names and *wen* after female ones. When it comes to be used as a surname, the non-lenited form *Gwyn, Gwynne*, is often substituted, as illustrated by Hugh Gwyn, son of Hugh Wynn of Tower (Flints), 17th cent. in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 117. However, this process was inconsistent.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Leuelyni ap gwyn, 1320 in *Morgan and Morgan*; gwyn ap gwyn ap gronou, 1326 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Daudi ap Gwyn, medieval in *Morgan and Morgan*; Jenken Gwynne, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Llanlois, Montgomerys); Gulielmi Morice Gwin, 1607 in *IGI* (Llanbadoc, Monmouths); Richard Gwynne, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Chapel Hill, Monmouths); David Gwynne or Gwyn, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Clocenog, Denbighs); Charles Gwynn, 1704 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); William Gwynne, 1756 in *IGI* (Penrhos, Monmouths).

England: Thomas Guyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milford, Wilts); Elizabeth Gwynn, 1541 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Phelipe Gwynne, 1566 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Gwin, 1580 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Isabell Gwyne, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Owin Gwynne, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Castle of Bristol, Gloucs); Nicholas Gwyne, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Gwyne, 1639 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops).

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, pp. 104, 164; *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 116–18.

2 Irish: possibly reduced from **Mac Coinn**, see **McGuinn**, variant of **McQuinn**. However, it is far more likely the Welsh name, established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Gwyne, soldier and ancient bearer, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1826 (Saint Michan's, Dublin); John Gwynne, gent., 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5077 (Longford).

**Gwyther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 749, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 538
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh male given name *Gwythur, Gwythyr*, derived from an oblique case form of Latin *Victor*.

**Further information:** This name may appear in England as **Wither**.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Heylin ab Goythur (Glamorgan), Mad' ap Gwithir (Caernarvons), Morgan Harry David Weither (Kidwelly, Carmarthens), Roger Gwithur (Tenby, Pembrokes), all undated, George Gwithur, c. 1632 (Oxwich, Glamorgan), all in *Morgan and Morgan*.

England, Scotland: Ricardus Gwytyr, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lelant, Cornwall); Gilbt. Gwithere, 1575 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Gwithur, 1654 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon); Eliz. Gwyther, 1711 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jane Gwithur, 1796, Stephen Gwyther, 1801 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); George Gwythir, 1818 in *IGI* (Burton, Pembrokes).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 119.

**Gyamfi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Gyatt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Huguenot: see **Guyatt**.

**Gyde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx, Kent
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French male personal name *Gide*, ultimately of Germanic origin.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Gydde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); John Gyde, 1570 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Agnis Gide, 1595 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs).

**Gye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Wilts

1 English: see **Guy**. Some of the examples may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Simon Gye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); William Gye, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Launceston, Cornwall); Ellis Gye, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Thomas Gye, 1664 in *IGI* (Liskeard, Cornwall).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a salt-water ditch, Old French *guie*.

**Early bearers:** Roger del Gye, 1327, Roger de la Gye, 1332 in *Kristensson, French*; Johannes Gye, 1538 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Thomas Gye, 1543 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Thomas Gye, 1548 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Edwardi Gye, 1550 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Hary Gye, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**Gyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Guyer**.

**Gyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Gill**.

### Gyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Cornwall

English: see **Giles**.

### Gymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: see **Guymer**.

### Gyngell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** central S England: esp. Berks

English: see **Gingell**.

### Gynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Ginn**.

### Gypp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Essex

English: see **Gipp**.

### Gypps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Gipps**.

### Gyte

**Variants:** **Guite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: locative name, perhaps from the R. Goyt (Derbys), recorded as *Guyt* (1244), *Guyot*, *Gouyt* (1300) and, according to *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 6, in the surname *Goyt*, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys). The Goyt Valley is not far from Chelmsorton, where the modern surname has had a long history since at least the 17th century.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* speculates that the surname might derive from the Middle English (Old French)

personal name *Gyot*, a pet form *Guy* (see **Guy** and compare **Wyatt**), citing Johannes Gyott', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks), and also Henry Guyt, 1333 in *Sallay Cartulary* (Oxton, WR Yorks), and Nicholas Guyte, 1436 in *York Registry Wills* (Ripon, WR Yorks). However, the locations of these WR Yorks surnames are probably too far distant from NW Derbys for them to be considered as early evidence of the Derbys surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Guite, 1580 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Thomas Gyte, 1678 in *IGI* (Chelmsorton, Derbys); Peter Guite, 1776, George Gyte, 1788 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Gyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; WR Yorks

English: see **Guyton**.

### Gyves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Irish: mainly Irish spelling of **Jeeves**.

**Ha****Variants: Xia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 夏 (Xia or Hsia in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'summer' in Chinese: (i) borne by some descendants of royal families from Xia (夏), the name of a Chinese dynasty (2070–1600 BC). In some cases it is a shortened form of the compound surname *Xia-Hou* (夏侯). (ii) from the second element of the personal name Zi Xia (子夏), style name of Zi Xi, son of Chen Xuan Gong (died 648 BC). (iii) from the first element of the personal name Xia Wu (夏戊), the given name of the nephew of an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 哈: originally a surname from the Hui people, a Muslim ethnic group in China, also traced back to other minority ethnic groups in N and NW China such as Mongolians.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 何 and 賀, see **Ho** (1) and (2).

4 Korean: (하); Chinese character 河, meaning 'river' borne by descendants of Ha Kong-jin (河拱辰), an official of the Koryŏ period who settled in the Chinju area of Kyŏngsang South province in the 11th century.

5 Vietnamese: Hà or Hạ, both of unexplained origin.

6 Korean: (하); Chinese character 夏, meaning 'summer' borne by descendants of Ha Hum (夏欽), who settled in Talsŏng county near Taegu in Kyŏngsang North province after immigrating from Song China some time in the early part of the 12th century.

**Haas****Variants: Haase, Hase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Dutch, Huguenot, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle Dutch, Middle High German *hase* 'hare', generally denoting either a swift runner or a confused or timid person. (ii) locative name, house name for someone living '(at the sign of) the hare'. (iii) as a Jewish name, it was used both as a nickname and as a handout or ornamental name. (iv) as a Huguenot name, it is a translation into Dutch or German of the French surname *Le Lièvre* 'the hare': Jean Haas, recorded in 1798 in the baptismal records of Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London, was the son of Catherine le Lievre.

**Early bearers:** Augustus Haas, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Joseph Haas, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Taunton, Somerset); William Haase, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Hendrik Haas, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Morris Haas, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Limehouse,

Middx); Nathan Haas, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx); Emanuel Hase, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Winchester, Hants); Richard Hase, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Julius Haas, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Haase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

German, Dutch: see **Haas**.

**Haberfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Monmouths

English: see **Haberfield**.

**Haberjam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Habergham**.

**Haberley****Variants: Haverly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: locative name from Haberley (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Howelus Haberley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Anne Haberley, 1566 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Margrett Haberley, 1572 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

**Habbershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

1 English: variant of **Habergham**.

**Further information:** See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: occupational name from Old French *haubergier* 'maker of coats of mail (hauberks)', though it is doubtful if this name has survived.

**Early bearers:** William le Haubergier, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Reginald le Haubeger, le Haubeger, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Reginald le Habeger, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*.

**Habbeshaw**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Habbershaw**, see **Habergham**.

**Habbijam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Habergham**.

**Haberer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from Middle English *herberger* 'lodging-house keeper' (Old French *herbergeor*, *herbergour*, or an agent derivative of Middle English *hereberzen* 'to provide lodgings').

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Edric le Herbergor, 1184 in *Thuresson* (Worcs); Geoffrey le Arbrer, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Richard le Erbrer, 1315 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Augustine le Herberer, 1319 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Sewallo Herberger, Johanne Herbergour, Henrico Herberiou, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Orsett, Essex); Edward Haberer, 1797 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Emma Haberer, 1819 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Martin Haberer, 1824 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 90.

**Haberfield****Variants: Habberfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Haberfield Park Farm near Abbots Leigh (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Catherine Haberfylde, 1559 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Margaret Haberfield, 1560 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**Habergham****Variants: Habberjam, Habbijam, Habershon, Habbershaw, Habbeshaw, Habishaw, Habeshaw, Abbishaw, Abershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Habergham Eaves (Lancs). The modern pronunciation is *Habbergam* (*Ekwall, DEPN*), but was once *Habberjam*, which as a surname underwent many changes in pronunciation, including *Haberjon*, *Habershon*, *Habbersher*, and *Habbershaw*.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Habercham, 1269 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Lawrence Haberjam, 1551 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Lawrance Haberghame, 1566 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Edward Haberjon, 1565 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); Elizabetha Haberjam, 1581 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Elizabetha Haberiambe, 1585, Mary Habbishaw, 1769, William Habershon, 1771, James Habberjam, 1792, Mary Habbijam, 1816 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Hannah Habbershaw, 1674 in *IGI* (Ross, ER Yorks); George Habersham, 1719 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Habishaw, 1720 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); William Haberjamb, 1735 in *York Freeman's Register*; James Habersham, 1733, Edward Habishaw, 1742 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); George Habberjam, 1751 in *IGI* (Whittington, Derbys); Richard Habbersham, 1755, David Habershaw, 1765, David Habbersher, 1786 in

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*IGI* (Wawne, ER Yorks); Izat Abershaw, 1798 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.*

## Haberlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

German: occupational name from **Häberlin**, denoting a grower or seller of oats.

**Early bearers:** Mary Haberlin, 1818 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Michael Haberlin, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Hulme, Lancs).

References: *Brechenmacher.*

## Habershon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Habergham**.

**Further information:** Reaney derived this name from Middle English, Old French *haubergeon*, a diminutive of *hauberc*, either for a maker of habergeons (sleeveless coats or jackets of mail or scale armour, worn also as a rough garment for penance) or for a wearer of a habergeon. The following early bearers, from outside WR Yorks, could come from this source, if they are not from branches of the Lancs and WR Yorks families called *Habergham* that migrated south: Edmund Habirgent, 1416 in *Norwich Wills*; John Habberjohn, 1569 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Rose Habergyn, 1572 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Haberdejohn, 1592 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 48; Francis Haberion, 1623 in *IGI* (Finchampstead, Berks). However, no medieval evidence for this word as a surname has been found, and it is certainly not the source of the current name in WR Yorks.

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.*

## Habeshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Habbershaw**, see **Habergham**.

## Habgood

Variants: **Hapgood, Hawgood, Hopgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 587
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname from Old English *habban* + *gōd* ‘may he have good’, applied as a nickname for someone who habitually used this expression.

Compare John Havejoy ‘may he have joy’, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Havelove ‘may he have love’, 1259 in *Henry III Building Accounts*.

**Early bearers:** John Hauegod, 1280 in *King’s Bench Cases* (Somerset); John Habbegod, 1343 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Abgod, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Joane Hapegood, 1567 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset).

## Habib

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1536, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Jewish (Sephardic): from an Arabic personal name based on *ḥabīb* ‘beloved’, used by both Muslims and Jews.

**Further information:** *Habib-ullah*, ‘beloved of God’, is an epithet of the Prophet Muhammad.

**Early bearers:** Manahem Habib, born in Turkey, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Mohamed Ben Habib, born in Morocco, in *Census 1891* (London); Menachem Habib, born in Sahpali [Sahali, Tunisia], in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Rebecca Habib, born in Turkey, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Raphael Ben Habib, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

## Habishaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: variant of **Habbershaw**, see **Habergham**.

## Hack

Variants: **Hake, Hakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1350, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 981
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Hants; Leics and Rutland; Beds

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hake* (Old Scandinavian *Haki, Hake*, originally a nickname meaning ‘hook’). **Early bearers:** Turkil Hako, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Leuiua filia Hacke, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert Hake, 1257 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Hakke, 1375 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Thomas Hacke, 1539 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).  
2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hak* ‘unsparing, ruthless’.

## Hacken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hacking**.

## Hacker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1201, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1111
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *hacken* ‘to hack’, probably denoting a woodcutter or perhaps a maker of *hacks*, a Middle English term for agricultural tools such as mattocks and hoes.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Hakkere, 1262 in *Thuresson* (Herts); John Hakyere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus Hacker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warborough, Oxon); Elizabeth Hacker, 1542 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Mary Hakker, 1589 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

## Hacket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; also Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Hackett**.

## Hackett

Variants: **Hacket, Acket, Acketts, Haggett, Haggitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6566, Ireland 1766
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3505
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Midlands

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Waterford; Tyrone

1 Norman, English: relationship name from a Norman French personal name, *Haket*, a pet form of Old Scandinavian *Haki, Hake*. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Haket de Ridefort, about 1160–66 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Haket filius Clac, 1193 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).  
sumames: Walter Achet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Ralph Hacget, 1131 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Rolland’ Haget, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Rolland’ Haket, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey Haget, Hachet, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Haket, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Britwell Salome, Oxon); Emma Haget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Haket, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (IoW, Hants); Phillippe Hacket, 1561 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); John Haggett, 1676 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Catherine Acket, 1708 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

2 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *hacaed* (*haket*), denoting a kind of fish, mentioned in a 14th-century copy of the foundation charter of the Abbey of Ramsey; but possibly referable to the name seen in Willelmo Hakehod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barford, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John Hakede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Hakat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

3 Irish: the Norman surname is also common in Ireland, where it has been gaelicized as **Haicéid**. It has also sometimes been adopted as an anglicization of **Mac Eachaidh**; see **McCaughy**.

**Further information:** A family of this name were established in Ireland by William de Haket, who was granted land in Tipperary by King John in the early 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Ullig mcTybbot Hacket (alias Mackhacket), 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1360; Richard Hacket, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1846 (Fydderth, Tipperary); Nicholas Hackett, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3139 (Tipperary); Thomas Hacket, chaplain, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3514 (Casshell); William Hacket, burgess, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3514 (Casshell).

## Hackford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Hackforth (NR Yorks) or Hackford (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hacforð, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Walter de Hakeford, 1262 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Willelmus Hakeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); John Hakfurth, 1472 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Thomas Hackforthe, 1575 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Elizabeth Hackford, 1677 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Hackin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Hacking**.

2 English: see **Hacon**.

## Hacking

Variants: **Hackin, Hacken, Hagin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1092, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1416

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: locative name from Hacking (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** William de Hakkyng, about 1283 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Jurdano del Hakkyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balderstone, Lancs); Johanne del Hackyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Johanne del Hackyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilpshire with Dinckley, Lancs); Grace Hacking, 1570 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Hackin, 1622 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Moses Hacken, 1634 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Christopher Hacking, 1704 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Mathew Hagin, 1773 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

### Hackland

Variants: **Hagland, Agland**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 43  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Lancs and WR Yorks; Orkney; Midlothian  
 1 English: locative name from Hackland (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Hakelond, 1281 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 561; John Hackland, 1660 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon).  
 2 Scottish: locative name from Hackland (Orkney).  
**Early bearers:** Barbra Hacland, 1747 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

### Hackleton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 41  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Yorks  
 English: locative name from Hackleton (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Haculton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus Hagelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Gylbert Heckleton, 1545 in *IGI* (York); Anne Hacleton, 1566 in *IGI* (North Kilworth, Leics); William Hackleton, 1680 in *IGI* (Ashley, Northants); William Hackleton, 1704 in *IGI* (Burton Dassett, Warwicks).

### Hackley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 90  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs  
 English: see **Hagley**.

### Hackling

Variants: **Ackling, Haclin, Acklin**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 50  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
 English: relationship name from *Hakelin*, a French double diminutive of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Haki*. Compare **Hackett**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hakelinus, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Hakelinus filius Jurneth, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Suffolk).  
 surnames: John Hakelyn, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Edmon Hacklyn, 1563 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Catsfield, Sussex); Edmund Hacklyn, 1608 in *IGI* (Long Compton, Warwicks); Nathaniell Hacklin, 1731 in *IGI* (Nympsfield, Gloucs).

### Hackman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 12  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 293  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: occupational name, status name for the servant (Middle English *man*) of someone called *Hake* (see **Hack**).  
**Early bearers:** William Hakeman, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William Hacman, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Clement Hakman, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Stephanus Hackman, 1630 in *IGI* (Minster in Thanet, Kent).

### Hackney

Variants: **Hakeney, Hakney**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1661, Ireland 23  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1304  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs and Cheshire; Lincs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
 1 English: locative name from either of two places called Hackney (in Derbys and Middx).  
**Early bearers:** Benedict de Hakeneye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London).  
 2 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *hakenei*, Old French *haquenée* ‘ambling horse or mare, especially one suitable for ladies to ride on’; in some cases possibly a metonymic occupational name for a breeder or keeper of such horses. Compare **Palfrey** and **Palfreyman**. Some examples may belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam called Hakenay, 1316 in *Black*.

England: John Hakeney, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex), 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Margareta Hackeney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); John Hackney, 1574 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs); Peter Hackney, 1594 in *IGI* (Swettenham, Cheshire); Thome Hackney, 1599 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks).

### Hackshall

• **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 10  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Essex  
 English: see **Haxell**.

### Hackshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 78  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hackinsall (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John de Hacunsho, 1264 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); John de Hacschawe, 1379 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Humfrey Hackshawe, 1577 in *IGI* (London).

### Hackwell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 97  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; also Gloucs and Worcs

English: locative name, possibly from Hockwill in Newton Saint Petrock (Devon), or Hawkwell in Sutcombe (Devon), for neither of which there are early records, or from one of several other farms or hamlets called Hawkwell, e.g. in Dulverton (Somerset) or Pembury (Kent).  
**Further information:** The spellings, but not the distribution, suit Hawkwell in Essex best; this is *Hakewell, Hakewelle*, in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Hackwell, 1564 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Elnor Hackwyll, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomasin Hacwell, 1710 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 186.

### Hackwood

• **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 140  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: occupational name for a woodcutter, from Middle English *hakken* ‘to chop’ + *wode, wud(e)* ‘wood’.

**Further information:** According to *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 460, Hackwood Farm in Salehurst (Sussex) takes its name from the family of Jacobus Hakkewode, 1392 in *Court Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John Hackewude, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Hackewode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); Joanna Hacwodde, 1544 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); John Hackwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Hackworth

• **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 11  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 134  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb  
 English: variant of **Ackworth** with prosthetic *H-*.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hackworthe, 1562 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs); Georgius Hackworth, 1580 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); James Ackworth, 1610, Thomas Hackworth, 1645, Ann Ackworth, 1656 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Robert Hackworth, 1639 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

### Hackworthy

• **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 44  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
 English: locative name from Great and Little Hackworthy near Tedburn Saint Mary (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Johane Hackworthey, 1560 in *IGI* (Coffinswell, Devon); Robert Hakworthy, 1717 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon).

### Haclin

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
 English: see **Hackling**.

### Hacon

Variants: **Hackin, Hagan**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 151  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hacun* (Old Scandinavian *Hákun*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hacun, Ralph Paganel’s man, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Hacun decano, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hacunus sacerdos, 1155–66 in *Yorks Charters*; Hacon de Crokestun, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hacun filius Ede, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).  
 surnames: Rogeri filii Hacun, about 1220 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Robert Hacun, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Semann’ Hacon, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Hakun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Marefield with North Marefield, Leics); Egidius Hakim (misreading of Hakun), 1379 in *Poll Tax*

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(Cantley, Norfolk); Johannes Hacon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Limpenhoe with Southwood, Norfolk); Johannes Hakoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); Radulphus Hakon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sloley with Stone Riston, Norfolk); Margareta Hakim (misreading of Hakun), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Johannes Hakon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolston, Warwick); Johannes Hacun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Robertus Hakoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); John Hakin, 1567 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Robert Hakon, 1568 in *IGI* (Wramplingham, Norfolk); Stephani Hakin, 1568 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Fransis Hackon, 1587 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); John Hakin, 1593 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

2 English: variant of **Hagan** (2), with which the name was early confused.

## Hacquoil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Channel Islands: relationship name from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Askúlfr*, perhaps confounded with *Hǫskuldr*. The traditional Jersey Norman French form of the surname is *Hâcou*. **Further information:** G.R. Balleine, in *Bulletin of the Société Jersiaise* (1940), reports early spellings *Hascouf* in 1331, *Hasculfus* 14th century, and the name is found as *Hascoul* in the 14th century, according to Frank Le Maistre, *Dictionnaire jersiais-français* (Saint Helier, 1976). It is traditionally associated with Saint Ouen parish.

## Hadaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Hathaway**.

## Hadcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, and Notts
- English: see **Adcock**.

## Hadcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: variant of **Aldcroft** with vocalization and loss of /l/ (compare **Adercroft**) and addition of prosthetic *H*-.  
**Early bearers:** Sarah Hadcroft, 1617 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); George Hadcroft, 1790 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Haddacks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Haddock** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Haddad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim, and Jewish (Sephardic): occupational name from Arabic *ḥaddād* 'blacksmith'.

**Early bearers:** Abdala Haddad, born in Lyre [?], in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

## Haddan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs; Ayr; Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Hadden**.

## Haddaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Hathaway**.

## Haddelsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Haddlesey**.

## Hadden

**Variants:** **Haddan**, **Haddon**, **Haldane**, **Heden**, **Hedden**, **Headen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1717, Ireland 205
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Hadden, Halden, or Haulden (Roxburghs). Some of the later examples may belong under (4).

**Early bearers:** Ulkill de Hauden 1165–71 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Bernard de Hauden 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Haulden, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lanark, Lanarks); Robert Hadden, 1574 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Begie Hadden, 1597 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Jhone Haden, 1609 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Walter Haden, 1639 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs).

2 English: see **Haddon**.

3 Irish: anglicized form adopted for Ó hEidín, (also *Heddan*); see **Hayden**.

4 Scottish: see **Haldane**.

**Early bearers:** James Hadden, 1541 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Gleneagles, Perth); James Hadden, 1573 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Haddenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Surrey
- English: see **Hadingham**.

## Hadder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx; Somerset
- 1 English: variant of **Haddow**.  
**Further information:** It seems likely that the name of James Haddard, 1721 in *IGI* (Papworth Saint Agnes, Cambs), is a rationalization of the reduced form *Hadder*.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander and James Hadder, mariners, 1513 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Nicolas Hadder, 1580 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); James Hadder, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Effie Hadder, 1639 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Thomas Hadder, 1687 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs).
- 2 Scottish: nickname from Scots *hadder* 'heather'.

## Haddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: see **Haddock**.

## Haddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Lanarks and Midlothian
- 1 English: locative name from Haddington (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** England: Walter de Hadyngton, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; John de Hadyngton, 1303 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Richard de Hadyngton, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Haddington, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); John Hadington, 1754 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks).
- 2 Scottish: locative name from Haddington (E Lothian).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Rannulfus de Hadintun, about 1177–99 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber*, p. 235 (Glasgow); Malcolm de Hadingtouna, burgess, 1317 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* 5, p. 11 (Aberdeens); Thomas de Hadington, vicar, 1332 in *Papal Letters* 2, p. 508 (Markinch, Fife); Janet Haddington, 1736 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

## Haddison

**Variants:** **Hadson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Durham; Warwick

English: variant of **Addison** with prosthetic *H*-.  
**Early bearers:** Willm. Haddison, 1768 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Richard Haddison, 1803 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Matthew Haddison, 1836 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

## Haddlesey

**Variants:** **Haddelsey**, **Addelee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Chapel Haddlesey and West Haddlesey (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Hedlesia, 1191, [. . . de] Hadlesia, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Hadelsey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Olave and Saint Giles, York); Thomas Hadilsey, 1402 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Jenet Haddlesay, 1542 in *IGI* (Skelton, Yorks); Thomas Haddlesay, 1612, Edward Adelsey, 1616, Gertrude Haddlesey, 1620, Anne Adlsey, 1683 in *IGI* (Doddington, Lincs); Edward Haddesly, Robert Hadgslly, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); John Addeley, 1686 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Elizabeth Adley, 1686, Grace Addeley, 1692 in *IGI* (Sutton on Trent, Notts); John Addeley, 1757 in *Lincs Archives* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, vol. 4, p. 18.

## Haddleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Addleton** with prosthetic *H*-.



**Haddock**

Variants: **Haddick, Haddacks, Haddow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2295, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1916
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, and Armagh

English: (i) locative name, variant of **Haydock**, reflecting the local pronunciation. (ii) nickname for someone thought to resemble the fish. (iii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Addoc*, a pet form of Old English *Æddi*, with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Addoch de Eselinton, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Addoc, about 1220 in *Durham Priory Fees*.

urnames: Richard Haddoc, 1208 in *Charter Rolls* (Suffolk); William Haddoc, 1228 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); William Addoc, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Haddock', 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Doryte Haddock, 1543 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); William Haddock, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Rbt. Hadock, 1552 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Margaret Haddock, 1553 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Willi Haddock, 1559 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Thomas Hadock, 1574 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); William Addock, 1697 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs).

**Haddon**

Variants: **Haden, Hadden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2045, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1981
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Warwicks, Leics, and Northants; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone
- 1 English: locative name from any of several places called Haddon (Derbys, Northants, Hunts), or from Haddon in Shute (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Ailwin de Haddun', 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; Philip de Haddon, 1267 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus de Haddon', 1302 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Northants); John de Hadden, 1323 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Haddun, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); Christian Haddon, 1569 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Sara Hadden, 1622, Nicholas Haddon, 1660 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks).

2 Scottish: see **Hadden**.

**Haddow**

Variants: **Hadder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1715, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 889
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- 1 Scottish: locative name, a variant form of **Haddock**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Archibald Haddow, 1603 in *Hamilton Testaments* (Overquarter, Lanarks); Andrew Haddow, 1646, Thomas Haddou, 1658, James Haddoe, 1667 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Robert Haddo, 1651 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Hughe Haddowe, 1667 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr).

England: Richard Haddow, 1592, Haddoe, 1600 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); John Haddo, 1627 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Haddowe, 1632 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

References: *Black*.

2 Scottish: locative name from any of several small places in Aberdeens called *Haddo*, or perhaps sometimes from *Haddock* (Morays, Aberdeens).

*Black* states that the 1382 early bearer 'derived his surname from Haddo in the parish of Forgeue, Aberdeenshire'.

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Haldawach, 1382 in *Black* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); James Haddow, 1706 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banff); Margt. Haddo, 1712 in *IGI* (Banff, Banff).

**Haddrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: see **Hatherall**.

**Early bearers:** Morgan Haddrell, 1606 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Haddrel, 1701 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

**Hadrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Lancs
- English: see **Hatherall**.

**Haddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English, Cornish: perhaps a variant of **Addy** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** John Haddy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Reynold Hady, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey*; Reynold Hade and Henry Hady, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Margaret Haddy, 1576 in *IGI* (all in Quethiock, Cornwall); William Haddye, 1598 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**Haden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 954
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: see **Haddon**.

2 Irish: from Ó hÉidín, see **Haydon**.

**Hadenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; IoW

English: see **Hadingham**.

**Hadfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4422, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hadfield (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Wido de Hadfeld', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Matthew de Hadefeld, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Emma de Hadfield, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Richard Hadefeld, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Humfrey Hadfeilde, 1572 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Suk Hadfield, 1621 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys).

**Hadgkiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hodgkins**.

**Hadgraft**

Variants: **Hargrave, Hodercroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

(i) locative name, perhaps a Dutch name from *Hooggraaf*, (1) a place near Poperinge, Flanders, Belgium, or (2) *Hoograven*, in Utrecht, Netherlands; or some other place in the Low Countries with a similar name. It is not clear whether it is related to the current Dutch surname *Hoogreef* or *Hoogreef*. (ii) alternatively, a topographical name from regional Dutch *hoofdgraft* 'head (main) dyke'.

**Further information:** In the late 17th to 18th century, this name with its many variants is restricted to Ipswich (Suffolk). John Hadgraft and Sarah, his wife (1688), are the same persons as John Hogrofe and Sary, his wife (1690), and John Hoggraft and Sary, his wife (1691), in Saint Matthew's parish. It has sometimes been confused with **Hargrave**, presumably influenced by the Suffolk place of that name.

**Early bearers:** John Hoggrave, 1585 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Hudgroeff, 1605, John Hadgraft, 1688, Mary Hadgroeff, 1689, Thomas Hogrofe, John Hudgraeff, Mary Huggraf, 1690, Sary Hoggraft, 1691, and John Hagroft, 1734 in *Parish Registers* (Ipswich Saint Matthew, Suffolk); Thos. Hadgrave, 1713, Samuel Hadgraft, 1722, Mary Hograft, 1724, and Bethiah Hadgraft, 1765 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Susan Hargrave or Hadgraft, 1761 in *Parish Registers* (Ipswich Saint Matthew, Suffolk).

**References:** Extracts from Saint Matthew's parish registers are to be found at <http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~phadgraft/Parish%20Registers/Baptisms.htm> (author Paula Hadgraft).

**Hadham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Much Hadham, Little Hadham (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Hadeham, 1238–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Hadham 1324–5, Thomas de Hadham, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Thomas Hadham, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Hunts).

**Hadi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *hādī* 'leader, guide', or its compound 'Abdul-hādī, 'servant of the Guide (Allah)'.  
**Further information:** *Al-hādī* is also a title given to 'Ali ibn Muhammad Naqī, tenth imam of the Shiites (died 868).

**Hadingham**

Variants: **Haddenham, Hadenham, Hadman, Adnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Haddenham (Cambs), which is recorded as *Hadnam* in 1580.

## Hadkins

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Hadyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); John Hadenham, Hadman, William Hadnam, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Hadingham, 1627 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Jn. Hadingham, 1673 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, possibly also from Haddenham (Bucks), which is recorded as *Hadnam* in 1474, *Adnam* in 1670.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Hadenham, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Thomas Hadingham, 1709 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Hadingham, 1769 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); Thomas Mayhew Hadingham, 1799 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Elizabeth Ann Hadingham, 1812 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Esther Hadingham, 1833 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Hadkins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Atkins** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hadland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 486
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwick, and Northants

English: unexplained. Possibly topographical, a form of Middle English *hed-land*, *-lond* 'headland, strip of land at the edge of a field where the plough was turned', or 'promontory'; or from a minor place with such a name, e.g. Headland in Dilwyn (Herefs). But the name **Headland** is found mainly in E England.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Hadland, 1563 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Georgius Hadland, 1628 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwick); Hugh Hadland, 1739 in *IGI* (Bloxham, Oxon).

## Hadlee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hadley**.

## Hadler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: probably a variant of **Hadlow**.

**Early bearers:** Xtofer Hadler, 1580 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Susanna Hadler, 1687 in *IGI* (Leeds, Kent).

## Hadley

Variants: **Hadlee**, **Addley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6966, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4054
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs, Staffs, and Warwick

English: locative name from Hadley in Ombersley (Worcs) or Hadley in Wellington (Shrops), or, less probably, from Hadley in Whitchurch (Shrops), Monken Hadley (Middx), or either of two places called Hadleigh (Essex, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Hadlega, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Warin de Hadlai, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Hadlege, 1311–12 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls* (Kent); John Hadley, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margerye Hadley, 1560 in *IGI* (Halesowen,

Worcs); Anne Hadley, 1592 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margret Haddley, 1642 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 270; *Place-Names of Shrops*, vol. 1, p. 141, vol. 5, p. 272; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 75.

## Hadlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Staffs

English: variant of **Adlington** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Hadlington, 1702 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Joseph Haddlington, 1777 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

## Hadlow

Variants: **Addley**, **Hadler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Hadlow (Kent).

**Further information:** Wilson also proposes derivation from Hadlow in Skircoat (WR Yorks), but the 1881 distribution argues for Kent alone. *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 112, has no early data for the Skircoat name.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Hadlo, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Hadlo, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Robert Hadloo, 1460 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Herne, Kent); Adam Hadlow, 1489 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Fordwich, Kent).

## Hadman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts

English: (i) metathesized form of *Hadnam*; see **Hadingham** and compare **Adnam**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Adman** with prosthetic *H-*. Compare Henricus Adman, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Ann Hadman, 1602 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); William Hadman, 1733 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Ann Hadman, 1772 in *IGI* (Alconbury, Hunts); Ann Hadman, 1824 in *IGI* (Lutton, Northants).

## Hadridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Haderich* (Old English *Æðelric*).

**Early bearers:** John Haderich, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hadridge, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Hadrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts and Somerset

English: see **Hatherall**.

## Hadsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Adsley** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hadson

Variants: **Hatson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; W Midlands; Durham

English: probably a variant of **Haddison**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hadson, 1581 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); Ann Hadson, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Math. Hadson, 1686 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

## Hadwen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: see **Hadwin**.

## Hadwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; also Gloucs

English: (i) chiefly a variant of **Adwick**. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Hardwick**.

**Early bearers:** Frances Hadwike, 1587 in *IGI* (Sixhills, Lincs); Thomas Haedwick, 1651 in *IGI* (York).

## Hadwin

Variants: **Hadwen**, **Adwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and Cumb

English: possibly a form, with prosthetic *H-*, of Audoin, the continental spelling of the name of the 7th-century bishop of Rouen more generally known as Saint Ouen. The reason for the appearance of such a form in NW England is unknown.

**Further information:** Forms with initial *A-* appear to be all modern.

**Early bearers:** Margery Hadwin, 1572 in *IGI* (Areley Kings, Worcs); Christopher Haudwen, 1572 in *IGI* (Warton, Lancs); Henery Hadwin, 1658 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs); Richard Hawdwaine, 1682 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, Yorks); John Hadwin, 1715 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Leonard Hadwen, 1728 in *IGI* (Burton in Kendal, Westm); Mary Adwin, 1815 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

## Hady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Haddy**; see **Addy**.

## Hafeez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥafīz* 'guardian'.

**Further information:** *Al-ḥafīz* 'the Guardian' is one of the names of Allah, seen in the compound 'abdul-ḥafīz' 'servant of the Guardian'

## Hafejee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Indian: see **Khafaji**.

**Hafeji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Indian: see **Khafaji**.

**Hafey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from Ó hEachaidh, see **Haffey**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Haffenden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 719, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from a lost place called *Heffinden*, recorded as such in 1222 (*Feet of Fines*), apparently in or near Hawkhurst (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Heffinden, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Heffyniden, 1473, Moyses Haffenden, 1551, Dunston Haffenden, 1558 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Harry Heffyniden, 1505, John Heffenden, 1514, Joan Haffyniden, 1523 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Rolvenden, Kent); Thomas Haffyniden, 1525 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Tenterden, Kent); Alice Haffenden, 1546 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Haffenden, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Heathfield, Sussex); George Haffenden, 1669 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Henry Heffenden, 1789 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex).

**Hafferty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Ó hÁbhtaigh, see **Haverty**.

**Haffey**

**Variants:** Hafey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from Ó hEachaidh, see **Haughey**.

**Haffner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

German: occupational name from Middle High German *hafner* ‘potter’.

**Further information:** This German name became established in London in the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** John Haffner, 1741 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, London); Regina Haffner, 1746 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, London).

**Hafford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English, Irish: variant of **Harford**, see **Hereford**.

**Early bearers:** England: Christopher Hafford, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Hafford, 1607 in *IGI* (Barkham, Berks); Richard Hafford, 1612

in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); John Hafford, 1639 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs).

**Hafiz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name or honorific from Arabic *ḥāfiẓ*, a term denoting someone who has memorized the Qur’an.

**Hafter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: occupational name for a maker of handles for tools, Middle English *hafter(e)*, an agent derivative of *haft(e)* ‘handle’ (Old English *hæft*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Haftere, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii; Robert le Haftere, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Sussex); Johannes Hafter, 1640 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Josephi Hafter, 1667 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Hanna Hafter, 1733 in *IGI* (Lowick, Northumb); Mary Hafter, 1757 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Henry Peoper Hafter, 1858 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

**Hagan**

**Variants:** Hagen, Hagin, Hagon, Haggan, Hagans, Hayne, Fagan, Hacon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3054, Ireland 1449
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Armagh, and Derry

1 Irish: reduced form of **O’Hagan**.

2 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hagan*, *Hagen*, mostly representing Old Danish *Hagħni*, especially in Norfolk, where the name is well attested in the 12th and early 13th centuries. It may have been reinforced by Norman use of Continental Germanic *Hagano*, *Hageno*, *Hagino*, but there is no certain evidence for this in Anglo-Norman England. In Norfolk the name was confused with the Middle English personal name *Hakun* (see ii). It also developed to *Hane* and *Hayne*; see **Hayne** (1). (ii) relationship name, variant of **Hacon** with voicing of the intervocalic consonant.

**Further information:** For the range of name forms in 12th- and early 13th-century Norfolk see *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 174–80, 182–6, where he cites the following aliases from the Bromholm Priory Cartulary: Henricus filius Hagonis, identical with Henrici filii Hagne, Henricus filius Hane de Norton, and Henrici filii Hahene de Wodenorton; Rogerus filius Roberti Hagne, alias filius Roberti Hane, alias filius Roberti Haene de Wodenortone; Henrici Hakun, and Roberti filii Haconis de Wodenortone. All are mid-13th century and relate to Wood Norton (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hagene, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Hagana, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Hagena Jgement, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Hagne, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hagan(us), 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Hagene, 1200, Hahen’ de Bernham, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Hagen filius Rauen, 1218–19 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Hagan(us), 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).

surnames: Alanus filius Hagene, 1169–70 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogerus filius Hane, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Hagan, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Hagyn, 1304 in *London Court Rolls* (London); Johannes Hagan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Buckminster and Sewstern, Leics); Andreas Hagan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton, Oxon); Johanne Hagon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crouchston, Wilts); Willelmo Hagon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wymondham, Leics); Emma Hagon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Samuel Hagan, 1636 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Hagans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb
- Scottish, N English: variant of **Hagan** with excremental -s.

**Hagar**

**Variants:** Agar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Kent and Sussex

1 English: variant of **Hagger**.

2 English: alternatively a variant of **Agar**.

**Hagard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Haggard**.

**Hagarty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow; also Middx

Irish: from Ó hÉigceartaigh, see **Hegarty**.

**Hage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: locative name from Heage (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Hage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Jamys Hayge, 1548 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Godfridus Hage, 1582 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Rowland Headge, 1599 in *IGI* (Winkburn, Notts); John Heage, 1630 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts); Thomas Hage, 1686 in *IGI* (Marnham, Notts).

**Hagen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Yorks; also Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Louth
- Irish, English: see **Hagan**.

**Hager**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Hagger**.

2 English: see **Agar**.

## Hagerty

### Hagerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Lancs; also Glamorgan; Gloucs; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: from Ó hÉigceartaigh, see **Hegarty**.

### Hagg

Variants: **Agg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Agg(e)*, *Hagg(e)* (Old Scandinavian *Aggi*). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Roger filius Hagge, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon filius Agge, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Agge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Hag, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cawthorpe, Lincs); Gilberto, Johanne, Willelmo Agg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Adam, Johannes, Radulphus, Ricardus, Robertus Agge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Stephanus Hag', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Thomas Hag, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tankersley, WR Yorks); Alanus Agg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Elizabeth Agg, 1603, Elizabeth Hagg, 1680, Richard Hagg, 1748, Hillgess Agg, 1796 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English *hagg* (Old Scandinavian *hogg*) 'woodland clearing', 'woodland set aside for cutting'. This may be an alternative source of the surname in Yorks but as yet there are no medieval examples there with a preposition to confirm this, and the following early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hagge, 1588 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Roger Hagg, 1590 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Dyones Hagg, 1595 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Willielmi Hagg, 1602 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Thomas Hagge, 1604 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks); Marke Hagg, 1645 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks).

### Haggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 277
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Lanarks and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: see **Hagan**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Janet Haggan, 1714 in *IGI* (Dollar, Clackmannans).  
England: Terence Haggan, 1773 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Haggard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, Herts, and London
- 1 English: see **Haggard**.  
2 English: see **Agar**.

### Haggard

- Variants: **Hagard**, **Haggart**, **Haggar**, **Agard**, **Agger**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Wilts; London
- 1 Norman, English: (i) nickname from Middle English, Old French *hagard* 'wild, untamed'. (ii) possibly a variant of **Hatchard**, with voicing of the medial consonant.  
**Early bearers:** Alice Haggard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Haggard, 1567 in *IGI* (London); Samuel Haggard, 1660 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Alexander Haggard, 1665 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Hanah Haggard, 1718 in *IGI* (Kington, Worcs).  
2 English: possibly a variant of **Agar** with prosthetic *H-* and excrescent *-d*. Compare **Agger**.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Haggard, 1560 in *IGI* (Ketteringham, Norfolk).

### Haggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 723
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Perth
- 1 Scottish: relationship name; according to Black, an altered form of **McTaggart**.  
**Early bearers:** John Haggart, 1595 in *Black* (Perths); John and William Haggart, 1618 in *Black* (Caputh, Perths); Christen Haggart, 1675 in *IGI* (Tibbermore, Perths); John Haggart, 1750 in *IGI* (Glamis, Angus).  
2 English: see **Haggard**.

### Haggarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 842, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 568
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland; NE England and Cumb; also Devon; Monmouths; London

Irish: from Ó hÉigceartaigh, see **Hegarty**.

### Haggas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 Scottish, English: see **Haggis**.  
2 English: see **Agass**.

### Hagger

Variants: **Agger**, **Agar**, **Hagar**, **Hager**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1376, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 883
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Cambs, Herts, and Essex

English: (i) occupational name, evidently from an agent derivative of Middle English *haggen* 'to cut, chop', possibly denoting a woodcutter. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that William Hagger was keeper of the wood in Methley (WR Yorks) in 1469. (ii) Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with **Agar** or **Agger**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hager, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Robert hagger', 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Hagger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Juliana Haggar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poston, Herefs); Henry Hagger, 1544 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Hagger, 1568, John Hager, 1703 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Willm. Hagger, 1570, John Hager, 1628 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Hagar, 1570, William Hager, 1576, Elizab. Hagger, 1676 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Joane Hagar, 1635 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); John Hagar, 1645, Thomas Agar, 1821 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); William Hagger, 1651 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Anne Hagar, 1656 in *IGI*

(Wadworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Hagger, 1699 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Alice Hager, 1715, Ann Agar, 1728 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Mary Hagar, 1723, Maryann Agar, 1802 in *IGI* (Wotton at Stone, Herts); Richard Hagger, 1736, William Hagar, 1745 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

### Haggerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1626, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; NE England, Lancs and Cumb; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- 1 Irish: from Ó hÉigceartaigh, see **Hegarty**.  
2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English salutation *have god daihagoday* 'have a good day', as illustrated in the 1379 example. For a reduced form of the same expression see **Gooday**. However, post-medieval spellings with *-er-* are of doubtful relevance before the mid-18th century, when medial /r/ ceased to be pronounced in Standard English and *-er-* could be used as a spelling of unstressed *-a-* or *-o-*. It is possible, therefore, that all modern examples of *Haggerty*, even that of 1614 below, are Irish and belong with (1).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Hagoday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Briggett Haggerty, 1614 in *IGI* (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk); John Hagerday, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Ann Haggady, 1774, Elizabeth Haggaday, 1791 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); James Haggerty, 1823 in *IGI* (Wragby, Lincs).

### Haggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset, Gloucs, and Worcs; also Monmouths
- English: variant of **Hackett** with voicing of the intervocalic consonant.

### Haggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; W Lothian; Caithness

Scottish: see **Heggie**.

**Further information:** Black states that *Haggie* is a different name from *Heggie* but gives no reason and offers no explanation apart from Harrison's guess that it was 'a double diminutive of one of the Hag(g) names' (see **Hagg**), which is improbable.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Hagy, 1395 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Lochore, Fife); Andrew Haggie, 1557 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings); Walter Hagy, 1579 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Fife); Isobell Haggie, 1641 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); George Haggie, 1777 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Haggins

Variants: **Hagins**, **Haggis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Glasgow
- Scottish: Scottish variant of Irish **Higgins**.

### Haggis

Variants: **Haggas**, **Agass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; also WR Yorks

1 English, Scottish: (i) locative name from Middle English *hag-house*, perhaps denoting a woodcutter's hut, or a house in a clearing where wood felling took place. Compare **Hagg**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). (ii) locative name: the Scottish name is from one of the many places in central Scotland called *Haggis*, evidently from *hag-house* 'a shed or outhouse' (*Dictionary of the Scots Language*), 'a place for storing firewood' (*OED*), though it may also have denoted a woodcutter's hut. This surname is no longer found in Scotland but may have reinforced the English name through migration.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard del Haghous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Hagas, 1401 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Richard Haggas, 1486 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Christopher Haghous, 1532 in *Lincoln Wills* (Lincs); Robert Haggis, 1590 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Lincs); Laurenti Haggis, 1624 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

Scotland: Gilbert of Haggehouse, 1394 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Haggus, 1427 in *Arbroath Register*; John Haggis, 1547 in *Moray Register* (Elgin, Morays).

2 English: see **Agass**.

### Haggitt

Variants: **Hagyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs

English: see **Hackett**.

### Hagin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Irish: see **Hagan**.

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Hacking**.

### Hagins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: see **Haggins**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hagland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hackland**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Hadglond, 1597 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); George Hagland, 1696 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon).

### Hagley

Variants: **Hackley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Worcs

English: locative name from Hagley Bridge Farm (Somerset) or Hagley (Worcs, Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Haggel', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Hagley, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Adderbury, Oxon); Thomas Haggley, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Adderbury, Oxon); William Hagley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Hagon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk; Durham

English, Irish: see **Hagan**.

### Hague

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5338, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: see **Haigh**.

### Hagues

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs, and Notts

English: post-medieval variant of **Haigh** or *Hague*, with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Hagues, 1699 in *IGI* (Edinburgh).

England: John Hagues, 1675 in *IGI* (South Muskham, Notts).

### Hagyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, NR Yorks

1 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English \**hag-yard* 'yard adjacent to woodland marked out for cyclical felling', or from a place so called.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hagyard, 1754 in *IGI* (Nunburnholme, ER Yorks).

2 English: possibly a rationalization of **Haggitt**, which is also found characteristically in ER and NR Yorks.

### Hahn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *hane* 'cockereel', denoting a flamboyant, conceited, or sexually active man. (ii) relationship name, patronymic from a reduced form of the personal name *Johannes*.

**Early bearers:** Heinrich Hahn, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Otto Gustav Hahn, born in Oberstein, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Hermann Hahn, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout name or ornamental name from German *Hahn* 'cockereel'. **Early bearers:** Gitel Hahn, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Samuel Hahn, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Hai

Variants: **Chi**, **See**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 奚 (**Xi** or **Hsi** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'slave' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of *Xi Zhong* (奚仲), the style name of an official on whom the title *Che Zheng* (車正) 'carriage officer' was bestowed by Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), because of his contribution to making carriages. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Tuo Ba, Bo Xi (薄奚), and Da Xi (子奚) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 海 (**Hoi** or **Hoy** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'sea' in Chinese: (i) possibly from the second element of the place-name *Nan Hai* (南海 'South Sea') (located in Guangdong province), said to have been the residence of a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Hai Chun (海春), an official who lived during the reign of king Wei Ling Gong (died 493 BC) in the state of Wei.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 解, see **Xie** (1).

4 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *hayy* 'alive'.

**Further information:** *Al-hayy* 'the Living' is one of the attributes of Allah; hence the compound *abdul-hayy* 'servant of the Living one'.

### Haidar

Variants: **Haider**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *haidar* 'lion'.

**Further information:** This was an epithet of 'Ali ibn Abi Talib, fourth of the 'rightly guided' khalifs (ruled 656–61), the first imam of the Shiite Muslims.

### Haider

Variants: **Heider**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1503, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

1 German: locative name denoting someone from any of the many places named Haid, Haide(n), Heid, or Heide(n), of which there are many in Germany, including 74 Haid, Haide(n) in Bavaria alone.

**Early bearers:** Chas. Haider, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

2 Muslim: see **Haidar**.

### Haig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1375, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1176
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. in SE Scotland and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 Norman, Scottish, Irish: locative name from any of several places in northern France named with Old Scandinavian *hagi* 'enclosure'. Compare **Hay**. **Further information:** The Haigs of Bemersyde derive their name from the district of La Hague in Manche.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Petrus del Hage, 1162–6 in *Diplomata Scotiae*, de la Haga, 1162–90 in *Anglo-Norman Families*; Haig, from 1412 in *Haigs of*

## Haigh

*Bemersyde*; Andro Haig, 1618 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

References: *Haigs of Bemersyde*.

2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: adopted for **Mac Thaoig** and **Mac Thaidhg**, see **McCaig**.

## Haigh

Variants: **Hague**, **Hagues**

• **Current frequencies**: GB 8924, Ireland 32

• **GB frequency 1881**: 10318

• **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Dublin

English: locative name from any of several minor places called Haigh in WR Yorks and Lancs (Middle English *hagh* ‘enclosure’, from Old English *haga* or Old Scandinavian *hagi*), but especially that in Quarmby, between Huddersfield and Halifax. The name is regularly pronounced /heɪg/ and often came to be spelled *Hague* in S Yorks and E Lancs. **Haig**, a name of the Scottish Borders, is distinct, though the word it derives from comes from the Scandinavian source just mentioned.

**Early bearers**: Jollan de Hagh’, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Yorks); William del Haghe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes del Hagh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Howsham, ER Yorks); Henricus del Hagh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kexbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas del Hagh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Thomas del Hagh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tankersley, WR Yorks); Robertus del Hagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Henricus del Hagh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Johannes del Hagh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Hage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Hagh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Johannes de Hagh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); James Haigh, 1561 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Edmund Haigh, 1591 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Suzanna Hagh, 1600, Wm. Haigh, 1799 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Ann Hague, 1607 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Francis Hague or Haigh, 1629 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Johannis Hague, 1641 in *IGI* (Longstone, Derbys); John Hague, 1644 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Haight

• **Current frequencies**: GB 20, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 15

• **Main GB location 1881**: London

1 English: possibly a variant of **Height**.

**Further information**: This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers**: John Haight, 1582 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); William Haight, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 English: nickname, perhaps sometimes for Middle English *hait* ‘merry; revelry’.

## Haighton

• **Current frequencies**: GB 140, Ireland 30

• **GB frequency 1881**: 88

• **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs

English: locative name from Haighton (Lancs).

**Early bearers**: Anne Haighton, 1575 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Hugh Haighton, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).

## Hail

Variants: **Haile**, **Hail**

• **Current frequencies**: GB 168, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881**: 183

• **Main GB location 1881**: Gloucs; Stirlings and Ayr

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English, Older Scots *heil*, *hail* ‘healthy’ or ‘health’ (Old Scandinavian *heill* ‘healthy’) or from the latter used as a salutation; or from *hail* ‘hail(stones)’. This surname may well have become confused with the much more frequent **Hale** or, especially in Gloucs, with **Hailes**. (ii) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Hægel*, which may have survived into Middle English.

**Further information**: The seal of Michele de Hale from 1296 reads *S’ Michael D’ Hail*.

**Early bearers**: England: Ralph Hayl, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Heyle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hayl, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johannes Hayle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Swithin, Worcs); Johannes Haile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewlish, Dorset); John Hayle, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Hayle, 1545 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Griffith Hayle, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); William Haile or Hailes, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Hail, 1662 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Thomas Hail, 1702 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); James Hayl, 1720 in *IGI* (Longhope, Gloucs).

Scotland: Michele de Hale, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Hail, 1720 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

## Haile

Variants: **Hayle**

• **Current frequencies**: GB 691, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 302

• **Main GB location 1881**: Gloucs; Cumb and Durham

1 English: locative name; northern or occasional form of **Hale** or from a place named with this word, such as Haile (Cumb) or the frequent Hale (for example, in Cheshire, Hants, Kent, Lincs).

2 English, Scottish: see **Hail**.

## Hailes

• **Current frequencies**: GB 727, Ireland 6

• **GB frequency 1881**: 414

• **Main GB location 1881**: Durham; Suffolk

1 English: see **Hayles**.

2 Scottish: locative name from Hailes in Colinton (Midlothian).

**Early bearers**: William de Halis, 1189–98 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; John de Halis 1398 in *Holyrood Register*, (Newbattle, Roxburghs); John Hayles, 1408 in *Scotland Calendar* (Balmerino, Fife).

## Hailey

• **Current frequencies**: GB 641, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 486

• **Main GB location 1881**: SE England: esp. Herts and Bucks

English: see **Haley**.

## Hailing

• **Current frequencies**: GB 37, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881**: 49

• **Main GB location 1881**: Gloucs, Warwicks

Welsh, English: see **Hayling**.

## Hail

• **Current frequencies**: GB 70, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 89

• **Main GB location 1881**: scattered

English: (i) see **Hayles**. (ii) see **Hail**.

## Hails

• **Current frequencies**: GB 404, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 370

• **Main GB location 1881**: Northumb and Durham; Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Hayles**.

## Hailstone

Variants: **Hailstones**

• **Current frequencies**: GB 604, Ireland 9

• **GB frequency 1881**: 534

• **Main GB location 1881**: Wilts, Hants, and Surrey; E Anglia; Yorks

1 English: relationship name from *Ailstan*, a variant of the Old English personal name *Æðelstān*, with prosthetic initial *H-*. The first element of the Old English name developed from *Æðel-* to *Ægel-* and then to *Ail-* (see *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 85); it was often further reduced to *Al-* (see **Alston**).

**Early bearers**: Walterus Aylstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); John Hailstone, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Wicken, Cambs); Ralphe Hailstone, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Stephen Hailstone, 1628 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Edwardus Hailston, 1603 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs).

2 English: locative name from Hailstone Hill (Wilts) or Hailstone Farm (Gloucs).

## Hailstones

• **Current frequencies**: GB 192, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 90

• **Main GB location 1881**: central Scotland

Scottish: variant of **Hailstone** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers**: James Hailstones, 1701 in *IGI* (Chirnside, Berwicks); Andrew Hailestones, 1703 in *IGI* (Carriden, W Lothian); Agnes Hailstones, 1734 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); David Hailston, 1732 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Barbara Hailston, 1737 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian);

## Hailwood

• **Current frequencies**: GB 359, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881**: 187

• **Main GB location 1881**: Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Halewood**.

## Haily

• **GB frequency 1881**: 28

• **Main GB location 1881**: Lanarks

English: see **Haley**.

## Haim

Variants: **Hames**

• **Current frequencies**: GB 94, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881**: 3

1 English: in most cases an alternative spelling of **Haime**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: (i) relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Yiddish personal name *Khayim*, from Hebrew *chayim* ‘life’.

(ii) alternatively from Old High German *Haimo*, etymologically the same personal name as in (1). **Early bearers:** Amile Haim, born in Frankfurt, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, London); Nessim and Leon Haim, born in Asian Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Rochford, Essex).

### Haime

**Variants:** Haim, Hame, Haimes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts and Dorset; also Monmouths

1 Norman, English: from the Old French personal name *Haim*, Continental Germanic *Haimo*, often latinized as *Hamo*. *Heimes* is an alternative Old French nominative form. Compare **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hamo, Haimo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Haim de Branzton', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Heimes de Henford', 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Richard Haym, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmo Haym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gillingham, Dorset); John Haym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Heym, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sithney, Cornwall); Richard Hayme, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Stephen Haym, 1398–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Johna. Hame, 1553 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); John Hame, 1579 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); Bevis Heyme, 1595 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Robert Haym, 1668 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts); Margaret Haime, 1731 in *IGI* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Thomas Haime, 1776 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset).

2 English: see **Hame**.

### Haimes

**Variants:** Haymes, Hames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Somerset; Cornwall

English: variant of **Haime** with genitival or post-medieval crescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Haimes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Haymes, 1584 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Tho. Haimes, 1627 in *IGI* (Welwyn, Herts); Betye Haimes, 1742 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Henry Haimes, 1759 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics).

### Hain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Somerset

Scottish, English: see **Hayne**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Hain, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Hain, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Agnes Hayn, 1667 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife); Margrat Hain, 1657 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Christian Heine, 1827 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife).

### Haine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 424
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Hayne**.

### Haines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9551, Ireland 79
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6890
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; Gloucs, Berks, Wilts, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English, Irish: see **Haynes**.

### Hainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Ayr; also Northumb; Lancs

Irish, Scottish: variant spelling of **Heaney**.

### Haining

**Variants:** Hanning, Haning, Henning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish and N English: locative name from one or more of numerous places in S Scotland and N England called Haining (from Middle English *haining* 'enclosure'), e.g. The Haining near Selkirk (Selkirks), Haining Mains in Riccarton (Ayr), a lost place called *Haining* in Livingston (W Lothian). Possible sources of the surname in N England are Haining in Elsdon (Northumb), Haining in Monkwearmouth (Durham), Hinning House in Bootle (Cumb), and Hainings Gate in Kirkandrews on Eden (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Agnes Haning, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); William Hanyng, 1630, John Hayning, 1655 in *Black* (Holywood, Dumfriess); John Hanning, 1777 in *IGI* (Penpont, Dumfriess).

England: Ricardum del Heyning de Bothill, 1357 in *Carlisle Wills* (Bootle, Cumb); Robertus Hayning', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); John Haynyng' 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (West Matfen, Northumb); Margaret Hayning, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); John Haininge, 1638, Michael Haning, 1641 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anne Haning, 1693 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); James Haning, 1706 in *IGI* (Warkworth, Northumb); James Hanning, 1750 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of West Lothian*, p. 79; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 98–9; *Durham Place-Names*, p. 52; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 142, 346.

### Hains

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts; also W Midlands; Norfolk

English: see **Haynes**.

### Hainson

**Variants:** Ainson, Henson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Durham
- 1 English: relationship name 'son of *Hayne*'; see **Hayne**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Balle Heyneson, 1304 in *Close Rolls*; Johannes Heyneson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney with Broadholme, Notts); Alicia Heyneson, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Stonton Wyville, Leics); Robertus Haynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Robert Haynesson alias Hayn, 1398 in *York Freeman's Register*; Simon Haynson', 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Grimsby, Lincs); Robert Hainson, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirkby cum Osgodby, Lincs); Myles Ainson, 1581 in *IGI* (Barlow, Derbys); Johes. Ainson, 1625 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Gulielmus Ainson, 1699 in *IGI* (Hauxwell, NR Yorks); Hannah Ainson, 1739 in *IGI* (Siddington, Cheshire).

2 English: variant of **Henson**, or *Henson* may be a variant of *Hainson*; the names were probably confused. Compare Margaret Henson, 1669, Peter Hainson, 1752 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Leonard Hainson, 1620, John Henson, 1662 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Hainsworth

**Variants:** Ainsworth, Answorth, Hainworth, Henworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1486, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1904
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Hainworth in Keighley (WR Yorks), which had acquired an intrusive -s- by the late 15th century, probably through false association with the Lancs surname *Ainsworth* in (2). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes a reference to the manor of *Haynsworth* in a will of 1485. The early bearers can be difficult to distinguish from those for **Hanworth**.

**Early bearers:** William de Hagenewrth, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Johannes Haneworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chapel Allerton, WR Yorks); Robert Haynsworth, 1489 in *York Registry Wills* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Samuell Hainworth, 1585, Abraham Hainsworth, 1661 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Hayneworth, 1607 in *IGI* (Bradford, Yorks); William Hanworthe, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Stephani Hainsworth, 1713 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 4.

2 English: see **Ainsworth**.

### Hainworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx; NR Yorks
- English: see **Hainsworth**.

### Hair

**Variants:** Haire, Hayre, Hare, Ayre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1262, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1165
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England

1 Irish, Scottish: relationship name, mainly Scottish form of Irish *Ó hÍr*, *Ó hÉir* 'descendant of Ír'. The usual Irish anglicization is **O'Hare (Hare)** or **Haire**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Hare, 1366 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh); Patrick Ahayr(e), Ahaire, Ahar, Hayre, Hair, Hare, 1415–38 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland and Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *her*, *har* (Old English *hær*), presumably denoting someone with luxuriant or otherwise noteworthy hair.

Compare **Beard**, **Head**.

**Early bearers:** Godefridus cum capillo, about 1200 in *Dublin Documents*; Henry Mytehare, Mytthere ('with the hair'), 1253–4 in *Ekwall, ELPN*

## Haire

(London); Thomas Hair, 1588 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Thomas Hair, 1600 in *IGI* (Authorpe, Lincs); Annas Hair, 1601 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Susanna Hair, 1643 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Anne Hair, 1647 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

3 Scottish: see **Ayre**.

### Haire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 317
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; ER Yorks, Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Fermanagh
- Irish: from Ó hÁir, Ó hÉir, see **O'Hare**.

### Hairon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English, Scottish: probably a variant of **Hearn**.

### Hairsine

Variants: **Haresign**, **Harrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Huguenot: locative name, perhaps, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, an anglicized form of French **Hersin**, probably derived from **Hersin-Coupigny** (Pas-de-Calais), recorded as **Hersign** in 1152.

**Further information:** *Redmonds* suggests that the ER Yorks families called **Hairsine** came from the region served by the French Protestant church in Sandtoft, Lincs. This name may sometimes have been absorbed by **Harrison**, an exceptionally common surname which unsurprisingly occurs in every parish where **Hairsine**, in all its different spellings, has been found. **Hairsine** may also have been confused with **Hearson** or **Harsant**; compare Dan Hearson, 1733 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Susanne Heressin, 1663 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 7 (French Protestant Church, Sandtoft, Lincs); Abraham Hersin, 1655–6, *Matthieu Hersain*, 1678, *Mathieu Hersein*, 1681 in *Huguenot Society Quarto Series* (French Church, Thorney, Cambs); Dan. Haresine, 1717 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jacob Hairsine, 1734, Sarah Haresine, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Isaac Hairsine, 1724, Anne Haresign, 1742 in *IGI* (Whittlesey, Cambs); Abraham Hairsign, 1757 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Isaac Hairsine, 1758 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Susan Haresine, 1750 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Esther Hairsine, 1759 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Eliz. Hearsign, 1763 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Ann Hairsine, 1765 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thos Haresign, 1793 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); John Hairsine, 1796 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at **Hersin-Coupigny**; *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at **Hersin**.

### Haiselden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haisell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Hazell**.

### Haisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Haseley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Haisman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Heasman**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Hayesman, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Sutton Bassett, Northants); Anthery Haisman, 1591 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent); Georg Haisman, 1609 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex).

### Haith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Heath**.

### Haithcock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Heathcock**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Haithwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Haithwaite (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Leonard Haythwat, 1574 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Robertus Haythwaite, 1672 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, NR Yorks).

### Haizelden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Hajat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: perhaps a variant of **Hayat**, although this would not represent a normal development in Arabic.

### Haji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a title denoting someone who has undertaken the *Hajj*, the pilgrimage to Mecca enjoined on all Muslims as the fifth pillar of Islam.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Hake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Dorset

English: see **Hack**.

### Hakeem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Hakim**.

### Haken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Hakin**.

**Early bearers:** John Haken, 1561 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Bernard Hacken, 1693 in *IGI* (Church, Lancs).

### Hakeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Hackney**.

### Hakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Hack** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Blyth Hakes, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Hakes, 1562 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Hakes, 1584, in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Hakim

Variants: **Hakeem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: (i) from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥakīm* 'learned, wise', and thence 'physician'. (ii) It may also be a status name from the related Arabic noun *ḥākīm* 'governor, judge, ruler'.

**Further information:** *Al-ḥakīm* 'the All-Wise' and *Al-ḥākīm* 'the Judge' are attributes of Allah. In the Indian subcontinent the name generally denotes a physician, in particular one specializing in traditional herbal remedies.

### Hakin

Variants: **Haken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Yorks, and Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Haykin**, itself a variant of **Hawkin**, related in the same way as **Daykin** and **Dawkin**.

**Early bearers:** James Hakin, 1567 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Elizabetha Hakin, 1570 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Thomas Hakin, 1619 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Frances Hakin, 1629 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Haykin, 1697 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Helen Haykin, 1736 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Margaret Hakin, 1764 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lancs).

### Hakki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: nickname from *hakki* 'truth'.



**Hakney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Hackney**.

**Halahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: from Ó hÁilleacháin, see **Hallahan**.

**Halai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1098, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

**Halbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

1 Scottish: probably a variant of **Hulbert**.

**Further information:** Black suggests that the name derives from *halberd*, *halbert*, the medieval weapon, but there is no clear evidence for this.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Halbert, 1639 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Halbert of Dallblair, 1677 in *Black*; Mari Halbert, 1700 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayr); David Halbert, 1736 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks).

England: Jone Halbert, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Halbert, 1775 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

2 Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Halbert* (Continental Germanic *Halbehrht*).

**Early bearers:** Jaques Halbert, 1711, Susanne Halbert, 1711 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Halbrook**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Merioneths; London

English: see **Holbrook**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Halcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Gloucs
- English: see **Holcombe**.

**Halcroft**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Holcroft**.

**Halcrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 490
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Halcro (South Ronaldsay), which, according to Black, was named after Halcro in Bower (Caithness).

**Early bearers:** David Haucrow, 1492 (Qwybrown, Ronaldsay), Nycoll Haucro or Haldraye, 1534, 1539 in *Orkney Records* (Orphir, Orkney).

**Haldan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also ER Yorks

1 Scottish, English: see **Haldane**.

2 Irish: see **McCalden**.

**Haldane**

**Variants:** **Halden, Haldin, Haldan, Alden, Howden, Hadden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1137, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

1 Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Haldan* (Old Scandinavian *Halfdanr*, *Half(f)dan*, Anglo-Scandinavian *Healfdene*, literally 'half Dane').

**Early bearers:** given names: Haldein, Haldanus, Halde(in), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Haldeynus, 1109–31 in *Miller, Ely* (Cambs); Halden filius Eadulf, before 1124 *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Haldane de Hemingburgh, 1208 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). surnames, Scotland: Roger Haldane, 1255 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Hauldyn, bailie, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lanark, Lanarks); George Haldane, 1572 in *IGI* (Glencairn, Dumfries); Martha Haldane, 1622, Margaret Haldane, 1698 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Haldane, 1636 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth).

surnames, England: Goduinus Haldein, Halden, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Robert Haldein, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Halden, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Simon Holdeyn, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Halden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Bridgford, Notts); Willelmus Haldan' 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Haldane, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Scottish: locative name, see **Hadden**.

**Further information:** According to Anderson in *Scottish Nation*, a younger son of the family of Hadden (Roxburghs) married an heiress of the estate of Gleneagles some time before 1296, and Haldane is a variant of that name.

**Early bearers:** James Hadden, 1541 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Gleneagles, Perth); James Hadden, 1573 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

3 Scottish: see **McCalden**.

**Halden**

**Variants:** **Haldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Renfrews; also Staffs

1 Scottish: relationship name, see **Haldane**.

2 English: locative name, from High Halden (Kent). **Early bearers:** John atte Haldon, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roger Halden, 1539 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Dionysia Halden, 1543 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); John Halden, 1564 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Susanna Halden, 1580 in *IGI*

(Cottenham, Cambs); Thomas Halden, 1580 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

**Haldenby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Haldenby (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Gundr' de Haldeneby, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard de Haldenby, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robertus de Haldanby, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Haldenby, Yorks); John Haldenby, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Halder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: variant of **Alder** with prosthetic *H*.

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Halder, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); Frances Halder, 1707 in *IGI* (York).

**Haldin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Herts

English: see **Alden, Haldane**.

**Haldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb
- English: see **Halden**.

**Hale**

**Variants:** **Hales, Hayles, Attale, Haile, Ale, Hallows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13387, Ireland 316
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10646
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; Gloucs, and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Down, Louth, and Armagh

1 English: locative name for someone who lived 'at the hale' or who came from a place so named, such as Hale in Cheshire, Hants, Lancs, Lincs, Holme Hale (Norfolk), Hale Street (Kent), and Haile (Cumb). Middle English *hale* is the dative case of Old English *halh*, which in the South and Midlands denoted a nook of land (a recess or remote valley) and in the North a stretch of flat, alluvial land near a river. See also **Haile, Heal**.

**Early bearers:** Morus de la Hale, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John del Hale, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Nicholas en la Hale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John in the Hale, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Inthehale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Minety, Gloucs); Robertus atte Hale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); John Hale, 1539 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Thomas Hale, 1541 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John Hale, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Jo Hale, 1541 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Margret Hale, 1559 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Jeffere Hale, 1562 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Gilbertus Hale, 1562 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Blase Hale, 1569 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Agnis Hale, 1573 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Thomas Hale, 1581 in *IGI* (Evedon, Lincs); Richard Haile, 1586 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb).

2 Irish: from **Mac Céile**, see **McHale**.

## Haler

**Early bearers:** Richard Haylle, 1570, sovereign of Kylmohalock, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1484 (Limerick); James Hale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dundalk, Louth); Richard Hale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh).

## Haler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1847–64:** Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Hayler**.

## Hales

**Variants:** **Hayles, Heales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5309, Ireland 117
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 English: (i) locative name from one of the places called Hales, for example in Norfolk, Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs (now Halesowen). (ii) variant of **Hale**, with Middle English plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William de Hales, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); William de Hayles, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard de Hayles, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William de Hales, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ricardo Hales, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas de Hales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Heyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaxton and Auckley, WR Yorks); Stephanus Hales, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); William Hayles, 1456 in *York Freeman's Register*; Xpofer Hayles, 1539 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); John Hales, 1559 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Rejoyse Hales, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Katharin Hayles, 1570 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Robts. Hayles, 1571, George Hales, 1581 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johes. Hayles, 1573 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); John Hales, 1609 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops).

2 English: locative name from Hailes (Gloucs).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Hales, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brockhampton with Sevenhampton, Gloucs); Nicholas Hailles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beckford, Gloucs); Alicia Hales, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Robert Hales, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Susan Hales, 1546 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Margaret Hales, 1548 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Hales, 1562 in *IGI* (Little Steeping, Lincs).

3 Irish: from **Mac Céile**, see **McHale**.

## Halesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Halesworth (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** John de Halesworth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus de Halesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham, Norfolk); George Halesworth, 1595 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Margaret Halesworth, 1632 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Danyell Halesworth, 1649 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Thomas Halesworth, 1759 in *IGI* (Mugginton, Derbys); Abraham Halesworth, 1761 in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk).

## Halewood

**Variants:** **Hailwood, Hallwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Halewood (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Edvardus Halewoodd, 1591 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Henry Hailwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Aughton, Lancs); Mary Halewood, 1710 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

## Haley

**Variants:** **Haly, Hayley, Hailey, Haily, Ayley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4192, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *hei(gh)* 'hay' + *lei(e)* 'clearing'. The name may be topographic, denoting a dweller '(at the) hay clearing', or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Haley in Northowram (WR Yorks) or Hailey (Oxon); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** William de Hayleg', 1251–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Roger de Hayleye, 1328 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johannes Haily, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harmondsworth, Middx); Johannes de Haylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Heylelee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowling, WR Yorks); Ricardus Haylegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Haley, 1420–1 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Alce Hayley, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Weston, Herts).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Céile**, see **McHale**.

**Early bearers:** Morghe McRory Y Haly, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1289.

## Halfacre

**Variants:** **Halfacree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

English: locative name for someone who lived on a homestead consisting of a half acre or from Halfacre in Northill (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Henry Halfacr', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); Alexander atte Helfakere, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Edmond Halfacre, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Phillope Halfacre, 1597 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Willimi Halfacre, 1609 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); Richard Halfacre, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sarah Halfacre, 1736 in *IGI* (Heckfield, Hants).

## Halfacree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Halfacre**.

## Halferty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from **Ó hAilbheartaigh**, see **Hilferty**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Halfhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- English: see **Halfhide**.

## Halfhide

**Variants:** **Halfhead, Halhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name from Half Hyde (Herts) or Half Hides (Essex), or topographic name for someone who lived on a homestead consisting of half a hide, Middle English *h(e)alf + hid(e)* (Old English *healf + hid*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Halvehid', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Roger atte Haluehyde, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); John de Halfhyde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Walter Halfhyde, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds, Herts); William Halfhed, 1536 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon).

## Halfknight

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Halfnight**.

## Halfnight

**Variants:** **Halfknight**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: status name from Middle English *half(e), halve* 'half' + *cniht, knig(h)t* 'knight', probably denoting someone who held half a knight's fee, that is, someone who held his land by service of paying half the cost of providing a knight or armed horseman in the army for forty days. Compare **Hawtin**.

**Further information:** Reaney and Wilson observe that such compounds were not uncommon: Godfrey le Halveloverd, Halvelaverd ('half lord'), 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex) was a lord to whom only half a man's service was due. Compare also Simon Halvedievel, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); William Halfhond ('half hound'), 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Michael and Roger Halfpflow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), who probably each owned a half-share in a plough.

**Early bearers:** William Halfchniet, Halfchnigt, 1169–70 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Asce Halvecniht, Ace Dimichevaler, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Thomas le Halveknicht, 1327 in *Ancient Deeds* (Hants); Willelmus Halfknyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Willelmus Halknyht, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); William Halfknight, 1584 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Mary Halfknight, 1686 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Halfnight, 1708 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Halfnight, 1728 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk).

## Halford

**Variants:** **Hallford, Alford, Hefford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3237, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2225
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Halford (Shrops, Warwicks, Devon), or the

lost place *Haleford* in Pembury, Kent (*Kent Place-Names*, p. 187). Some of the following examples may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Haleford, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert de Halford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Is Halford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Robert Halford, 1500–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Maria Halford, 1541 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); John Hawforde, 1570, Margrett Halford, 1577, Anna Hawford, 1579 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Richard Halford, 1585 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Wm. Hawfford, 1600 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); William Hawford, 1659, William Halford, 1669 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); William Halford, 1682 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); William Halford, 1690 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Ricd Halford, 1747 in *IGI* (Broadclyst, Devon).

2 English: variant of **Alford**. Compare John Alford, 1661, John Aweford, 1673, Richard Halford, 1774 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Elizabeth Alford, 1723, Benjamin Halford, 1794 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs). Cambs examples may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Katherine Halford, 1660 in *IGI* (South Witham, Lincs).

### Halfpenny

**Variants:** Halpenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1056, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 653
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Meath

1 English: nickname, probably for someone who was obliged to pay a regular halfpenny charge of some kind such as rent. The tenants of Halfpenny Field in Elm (Cambs), for example, had to pay a halfpenny per acre for the maintenance and repair of nearby Needham Dyke (*Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 268).

Compare **Farthing**, **Grote**, **Penny**, and **Shilling**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Halpeni, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Halfpany, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Halepeny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Roger Halfpenny, 1571 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Joseph Halfpenny, 1603 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Nicholas Halfpenny, 1604 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Nicholas Halfpenny, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Anne Halfpenny, 1640 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex).

2 Irish: from Ó hAilpín, see **Halpin**.

### Halfyard

**Variants:** Aveyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name, status name for someone who lived on a homestead consisting of half a yard of land, Middle English *h(e)alf + yerd* (Old English *healf* 'half' and *gierd* 'yard').

**Further information:** The yard or virgate was a substantial measure of land that varied in size from place to place. In Great Waltham (Essex), for example, a *yard* consisted of 30 acres and was divided into halves and quarters. Compare *Camyshalfeyerde* (1497 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 580). **Early bearers:** Stephen atte Halvezerd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Halefyerd, 1580, Caroline

Halfyard, 1822 in *IGI* (Honiton upon Otter, Devon, Somerset).

### Halhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Halfhide**.

### Haliburton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Selkirks; Renfrews and Argyll; also Staffs

Scottish: see **Halliburton**.

### Holiday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Halliday**.

### Halifax

**Variants:** Hallifax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Chiefly Lincs; Suffolk

English: locative name from Halifax (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Halifax, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William de Halifax, 1382 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Halyfax, 1454 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Halil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: from the Turkish personal name *Halil*, from Arabic *khalil* 'dear one, friend; spouse'; see **Khalil**.

### Halim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥalīm* 'patient, tolerant, forgiving', or the compound 'abdu-ḥalīm, 'servant of the Forgiving'

**Further information:** *Al-ḥalīm* 'the Forgiving' is an attribute of Allah.

### Halker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Surrey

1 Scottish, English: locative name, perhaps from an agent noun based on Middle English *halk* 'nook, corner, recess' (Old English *healc*, *healuc*, a derivative of *healh*, for which see **Hale**), denoting someone who lived in or by a nook.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is still thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Roberto Halkar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastleach, Gloucs); William Halker, 1603, and Gilles Halker, 1619 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Edward Halker, 1633 in *IGI* (Swingfield, Kent); William Halker, 1690 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); William Halker, 1736 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

Scotland: Isoble Halker, 1739 in *IGI* (Edrom, Berwicks); George Halker, 1747 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

2 English: variant of **Hawker**. Lands at Halkerston (Midlothian) were held by the king's falconer.

**Early bearers:** John de Hawkerstone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Halkerstonis, Scottish factor in Dieppe, 1512 in *Treasurer Accounts*.

### Halket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland

Scottish: see **Halkett**.

### Halkett

**Variants:** Halket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: locative name, possibly, according to Black, from Halkhead (Renfrews) or alternatively from Hawkwood (Lanarks), *-et*, he suggests, sometimes representing *-wood*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Haket, 1259 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Dumfries); Thomas Haket, 1415–27 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); Robert Hacet, 1463 in *Dunfermline Register* (Stirling, Stirlings); Isobel Halkett, 1601 in *IGI* (Dunfermline); James Halket, 1709 in *IGI* (Banff).

### Halksworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Hawksworth**.

### Halkyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hawkyard**.

### Hall

**Variants:** Halle, Halls, All, Alle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114771, Ireland 3595
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87529
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked at a hall, Middle English *hall(e)*.

**Further information:** This very common English name has been established in Ireland since the 14th century and became common in Ulster in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Warin de Halla, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robert de la Hall', 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Hants); Alan atte Halle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger de Hall, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard in the Halle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanne atte Alle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Johannes ofte Alle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilncote, Warwicks); Robert Hall, 1538 in *IGI* (Little Bromley, Essex); Anne Hall, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Joane Hall, 1539 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Hall, 1539 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs).

Ireland: Thomas Hall of Balfadoke, yeoman, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1751; William Hall, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2785 (Ballynerrmartin).

## Halladay

### Halladay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Halliday**.

### Halladey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Halliday**.

### Hallahan

Variants: **Halahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 384
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford
- Irish: from Ó hÁilleacháin ‘descendant of Áilleachán’, a personal name from a diminutive of *áille* ‘beauty’. There has been some confusion of this Cork surname with **Halligan**, an Ulster surname. **Early bearers:** Edmund Hallighan, husbandman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §265 (Waterford, Coulhostye); John Hallighan, husbandman, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §265 (Waterford, Coulhostye); William O’Hellehan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4553 (Fantstowne); Awlie oge O’Helligane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4715; Joan ny Hallaghane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4932 (Kilkenny); Henry O’Heleghane (fitz Philip), 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Naishtown); Conoghor roe McMahowne Healghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558 (Cloynomine); Donogh McDonell Y Hallahane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Castletown).

### Hallam

Variants: **Hallum**, **Hallums**, **Hallan**, **Hallen**, **Allam**, **Allams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7794, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5578
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Notts, Leics, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name from Halam (Notts) or from Kirk or West Hallam (Derbys), all named with the Old English dative plural *halum* ‘(at the) nooks or corners of land’. The modern pronunciation of the Notts place-name as *Haylom* (arising from a lengthening of the short *a* in the first syllable) is not found in the modern surname. However, spellings like *Hallum* (1280), *Halm* (1352), and *Hallam* (1632) show that alternative pronunciation of the place-name with a short vowel continued into the 17th century. It is this pronunciation that has survived in the Derbys place-name and in the modern surname. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Halum, 1230 in *Pipe Roll*, *Chancellor’s Copy* (Derbys); Henr’ de Halum, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Halam, Notts); Richard de Halom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Henry de Halom, 1392 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William Hallam, 1695 in *IGI* (Croxtton Kerrial, Leics); John Hallam, 1717 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 167–8.

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Hallam in Sheffield (WR Yorks), named from an Old English dative plural *hallum* ‘(at the) rocks’. This surname is difficult to distinguish from (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Hallum, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Hallum, 1328 in *Whalley Abbey*

*Coucher Book* (Lancs); Robart Hallam, 1543 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Marioria Hallam, 1544 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Jhon Hallam, 1562 in *IGI* (Burton Coggles, Lincs); Thomas Hallam, 1562 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Hallam, 1566 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent).

3 English: some post-medieval examples of the name may represent a variant of **Allam** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hallan

Variants: **Hallin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Warwicks

1 English: locative name, variant of **Hallam**.

Compare **Hallen**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Hallan, 1580 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Edward Halan, 1610 in *IGI* (Barnby in the Willows, Notts); Robert Hallan, 1786 in *IGI* (‘West Hallan’, i.e. Hallam, Derbys).

2 English: relationship name, variant of *Allan* with prosthetic *H-*; see **Allen**.

3 Huguenot: locative name from a place in Nord, France, recorded as *Haluin* in 1066, *Halewin* in 1109. **Early bearers:** Marie Halluin, 1592 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ church, Canterbury); Dauid Haluin, 1603 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Charles Hallin, 1627 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, French Huguenot church, London); Jean Hallin, 1630 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, French Huguenot church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Hallard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England, from Lancs to Dorset; also Kent

1 English: variant of **Allard** with prosthetic *H-*.

2 English: see **Hallward**.

3 English: variant of **Hellard**. See also **Hilliard** (2).

### Hallas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hallows**.

### Hallatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Allatt** with prosthetic *H-*. For the etymology of the relevant Middle English personal name, see **Allard**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Hallatt, 1575 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts); John Hallatt, 1661 in *IGI* (Honiton on Otter, Devon); Joshua Hallatt, 1773 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Hallaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Sussex; also Cumb

English: variant of **Allaway** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hallowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Halliwell**.

### Hallchurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Allchurch**.

### Halle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hall**.

### Halleday

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Halliday**.

### Hallen

Variants: **Hallin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- English: (i) variant of **Allen** with prosthetic *H-*. (ii) variant of **Hallam**. Compare **Hallan**. **Early bearers:** Johanna Halen, 1540 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Hugh Hallen, 1755 in *IGI* (Hindley, Lancs).

### Haller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: occupational name for someone who worked at a hall, from an agent derivative of Middle English *hall*. Compare **Hall**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Haller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Hallere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Hampnett, Sussex); John Haller, 1636 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks).

### Halleran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: see **Halloran**.

### Halleron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Glamorgan

Irish: relationship name from Ó hAllmhuráin, see **O’Halloran**.

### Hallet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London; Staffs
- English: see **Hallett**.

### Hallett

Variants: **Hallet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5508, Ireland 44

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3667
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Somerset and Dorset

English: variant of **Allatt** with prosthetic *H-*. For the etymology of the relevant Middle English personal name, see **Allard**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Hallett, 1589 in *IGI* (Weymouth, Dorset).

### Hallewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Gloucs

English: see **Halliwell**.

### Halley

**Variants:** Hally, Hawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1054, Ireland 233
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1124
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Perth; scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Waterford

1 Scottish: (i) locative name from a place, the location of which is disputed. Black gives two options, the first an unknown location probably near Dunkeld (Perth), the second being Halley in Deerness, Orkney. (ii) Modern Scottish bearers are more likely to have got the name from Irish; see **Hally**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hally, described as ‘Inglishman’ groom to the Queen, 1506 in *Treasurer Accounts*; Thomas Halley, 1509 in *Retours, Scotland* (Deerness, Orkney); John Hally, died in 1700 in *Dunkeld Testaments*, (Balbrogo, Perth)

2 English: locative name from Hawley (Hants), or ‘dweller at the clearing with a hall’, Old English *heall, lēah*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hallai, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); John Hally, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Christopher Halley, 1454–5 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts).

### Halleybone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hallybone**.

### Halford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: see **Halford**.

### Hallgarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

English: locative name, toponymic from either of two places called Hallgarth (ER Yorks, Durham). **Early bearers:** Henry de Hallegarth, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johanna Hallegarth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Robert Hallgarth, 1655 in *IGI* (Mavis Enderby, Lincs); John Hallgarth, 1681 in *IGI* (Farlesthorne, Lincs); Richard Hallgarth, 1748 in *IGI* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); William Hallgarth, 1768 in

*IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Elizabeth Hallgarth, 1801 in *IGI* (Rowington, Warwicks).

### Hallgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name for a dweller by a path or gateway leading to a hall, from Middle English *hal(le)* + Old Scandinavian *gata* ‘path, way’ or Old English *geat* ‘gate’.

**Early bearers:** William atte Hallegate, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Stephen atte Halleyate, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Hallegate, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Agnes Halgate, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Buxted, Sussex); Abraham Hallgate, 1723 in *IGI* (Whorlton, NR Yorks).

### Hallibone

**Variants:** Hollebon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Alban**.

### Halliburton

**Variants:** Haliburton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Berwicks; Cumb

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Haliburton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Sir Henry de Haliburton, about 1200 in *Cambuskenneth Register*, (Dunipace, W Lothian); Philip de Haliburton, about 1260 in *Kelso Register*, (E Lothian); Walter de Halyburton, 1362 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catharin Halliburton, 1660 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); John Halliburton, 1662 in *IGI* (Anstruther Easter, Fife); Jean Halliburton, 1664 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

England: Henry de Haliburton, about 1200 in *Pipe Rolls*; Henry Haliburton, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Jaymes Halliburton, 1606, Wm Halliburton, 1607 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Halliburton, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

### Halliday

**Variants:** Haliday, Halladay, Halladey, Halleday, Hallidie, Holiday, Holladay, Holliday, Holyday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8485, Ireland 569
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6163
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and S Scotland

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *halidai, holiday* ‘holy day, religious festival’ (Old English *hāligdæg*). As a personal name, it may have been given to one born on such a day, including Sunday. Compare **Christmas**.

**Early bearers:** England: Reginald Halidei, 1179–94 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Beds); Suein Halidai, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Haylydaye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Thomas Halyday, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Haliday, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Sleaford, Grantham, Lincs); Thomas Holidaie, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Halladay, 1666 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John

Holliday, Robert Holladay, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

Scotland: John Halliday, 1439 in *Antiquaries of Scotland* (Hoddum, Dumfriess); Ambrose Haliday, merchant, 1479 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Halliday, 1506 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Halyday, burgess, 1570 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Grissell Holiday, 1624 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfriess); John Holiday, weaver, 1668 in *Lauder Testaments* (Polwarth, Berwicks).

### Hallidie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish, English: see **Halliday**.

### Hallier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London; also Glamorgan; Lanarks

English: occupational name from Middle English *halier* ‘haulier, porter’ (a derivative of Old French *haler* ‘to pull, drag’). In Gloucs there has been some confusion with **Hollier**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Halyer, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Joh. le Halere, 1294 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); Willelmus le Haliere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Anne Haliere, 1580 in *IGI* (Rangeworthy, Gloucs); Daniell Hallier, 1618 in *IGI* (Haresfield, Gloucs); Sarah Hollier, 1684, William Hallier, 1688 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs).

**References:** *Thursson*, p. 97.

### Hallifax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Notts; Cumb; Devon

English: see **Hallifax**.

### Hallifield

**Variants:** Hollifield, Hollyfield, Holyfield, Holifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: locative name from a minor place named as ‘the holy field’ (Old English *hālig* ‘holy’ and *feld* ‘open country’), perhaps Holyfield in Waltham Holy Cross (Essex), or, less likely for linguistic reasons, Hellifield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Halifeld, 1178 in *Cartae Antiquae*; John de Halifeld, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Helifeld, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Necolys Halifelde, 1562 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Morrice Hollyfeild, 1575 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Valentini Holifield, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); Jane Hallifield, 1695 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); Thos. Holyfield, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Halligan

**Variants:** Holligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1409, Ireland 1056
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Kildare, Armagh, and Meath; Mayo

## Hallin

Irish: from Ó hÁilleagáin ‘descendant of *Áilleagán*’, a personal name from a double diminutive of *áille* ‘beauty’. As a common noun it means ‘trinket’. There has been confusion between this Ulster surname and the similarly derived Cork name **Hallahán**.

**Early bearers:** William O’Halegan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6188 (Kildare); Owen Halligan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Trough, Monaghan); Thomas Holligan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyallen, Louth).

### Hallin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Hants

English: variant of **Hallan** or **Hallen**.

### Hallinan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 473
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Clare, and Cork

Irish: from Ó hÁilgheanáin ‘descendant of *Áilgheanáin*’, pet form of a personal name based on Celtic elements meaning ‘mild’ or ‘noble’.

**Early bearers:** Loughlen O’Hallinan (fitz John), 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1075; Cormock Allen alias Cormock og O’Hallynan, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2272; Richard O’Hallynan, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2284; Donoghe beg O’Hallenan, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3364; Brien O’Helenan, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4567 (Benemully); Owen McCormock I Hallinan, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466; Shane O’Hullian (McWilliam), 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6524.

### Halling

**Variants:** **Hawling**, **Alling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Hawling (Gloucs), recorded as *Hallinge* in *Domesday Book*, or possibly from Halling (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Carlo de Halling’, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Ralph de Halling’, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de Halling, 1288 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Halling, 1539 in *IGI* (Staverton, Gloucs); Richard Hawling, 1598 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Gloucs).

### Hallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Allis** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hallisey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs

Irish: from Ó hÁilgheasa, see **Hallissey**.

### Hallison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: variant of **Allison** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hallissey

**Variants:** **Hallisey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from Ó hÁilgheasa ‘descendant of *Áilgheasa*’, a personal name based on *áilgheas* ‘eagerness’.

**Early bearers:** Connoghor rowe O’Hallishy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Castlemahowny, Cork); Donogh O’Hallyse, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576.

### Halliwell

**Variants:** **Hallewell**, **Hallawell**, **Hallowell**, **Holliwell**, **Hollowell**, **Hollywell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4009, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Halliwell (Lancs), Holywell (Hunts, Northumb), or perhaps any of various other places named as a ‘holy spring’, Middle English *hali*, *holi* + *wel(le)*. Compare **Helliwell**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Haliwell’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Halwewoll, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); Martin de Halgewelle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Editha atte Holywelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Halewel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stour Provost, Dorset); William Haliwell, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Halywell, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Metheley, WR Yorks).

### Hallman

**Variants:** **Halman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: occupational name for someone who worked at a hall, from Middle English *hal(le)* + *man*. Compare **Haller**.

**Early bearers:** Æluric Halleman, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Gilbert le Halleman, 1301 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Johanne the Halleman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shackerstone, Leics); John Hallman, 1593 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Hallman, 1604 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Edward Hallman, 1612 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Jeremy Hallman, 1612 in *IGI* (Lower Halstow, Kent); James Hallman, 1718 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived in a nook, recess, or remote valley, from Middle English *hale* (see **Hale**) + *man*.

**Early bearers:** William Haleman, 1327 in (Essex); John Haleman, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex).

### Hallmark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Allmark** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hallock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Leics

English: see **Haylock**.

**Early bearers:** Elisebeth Hallock, 1656 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Hallock, 1674 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizebeth Hallock, 1685 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); Elizabeth Hallock, 1718 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Halloran

**Variants:** **Halleran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 601
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Galway; Cork

Irish: from Ó hAllmhuráin, see **O’Halloran**.

### Halloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Allaway**.

### Hallowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Halliwell**.

### Hallowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Hallows**.

### Hallows

**Variants:** **Hallas**, **Hallowes**, **Hollas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Hale**. The final *-s* may indicate an original plural, but in some cases it is likely to be excrescent, a post-medieval modification of the surname.

**Early bearers:** William in le Halowe, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon del Halghe, 1337 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Thomas Hallowes, 1446 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York).

### Halls

**Variants:** **Alls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2869, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and East Anglia; also Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of **Hall**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus atte Halls, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Lewes Halls, 1563 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Umfrye Halls, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Halls, 1585 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Dennis Halls, 1587 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); John Halls, 1594 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex).

### Hallstead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Halstead**.

### Hallsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 553

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Lancs
- English: see **Holdsworth**.

### Hallum

Variants: **Hallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants; Lancs
- 1 English: variant of **Allam** with a prosthetic *H-*.  
2 English: see **Hallam**.

### Hallums

Variants: **Allams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent
- 1 English: post-medieval variant of **Hallam** or **Allam** with excrescent *-s*.  
2 English: locative name, possibly from Hallams Farm or The Hallams in Wonersh (Surrey), recorded as *Hullehammes*, 1418, *Hullhams*, 1647 in *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 254.

### Hallward

Variants: **Hallard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, and Herts
- English: occupational name meaning 'keeper of the hall', Middle English *hal(le) + ward(e)* (Old English *heall + weard*).  
**Early bearers:** Ricardus Halwardus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwick); Gervase le Halleward, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Hallward, 1715 in *IGI* (Avenbury, Herefs); Thomas Hallward, 1756 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Mary Hallward, 1785 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Thos. Hallward, 1787 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Hallward, 1821 in *IGI* (Ridley, Kent).

### Hallway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Allaway**.

### Hallwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: probably a late variant of **Halewood**.

### Hallworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 741
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Holdsworth**.

### Hally

Variants: **Halley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 365
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** mainly Scotland: esp. Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary
- 1 Irish: (i) from Ó hÁille 'descendant of Áille', a personal name apparently based on *áille* 'beauty'.

(ii) perhaps a variant of Ó hÁinle, see **Hanley**. (iii) from Ó hAilche 'descendant of Ailche', which is possibly based on the byname *Ailchú*, meaning 'gentle hound'. (iv) in some cases in Ireland, **Halley** has been adopted for Ó Maolchathail, see **Mulhall**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Hally, Sovereign of the town of Kilocia or Kilmohalloke, 1569–70 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1469 (Limerick); Nicholas Haly, holy student, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2308 (Cashell); Teig O'Hallie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4716; Thomas McConoghor O'Hallie of Casletown, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505.  
2 English: see **Halley**.

### Hallybone

Variants: **Halleybone, Hollebon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: locative name from Holybourne (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Stephen de Haliburn', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Nicolas Hollybone, 1577 in *IGI* (East Blatchington, Sussex); Thomas Halybone, 1742 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).  
2 English: see **Hollebon**.

### Halman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hallman**.

### Halmshaw

Variants: **Holmshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: (i) most probably a variant of **Hampshire**. (ii) possibly a variant of **Armishaw**.  
**Early bearers:** Hugh Hamshaw, 1589 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Anne Halmshaw, 1645 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

### Halpenny

Variants: **Halfpenny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Halfpenny**.  
2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted by folk etymology for Ó hAilpín; see **Halpin**.  
**Early bearers:** James Halpeny, yeoman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; John Halpenny or Harpenny, horseman, 1581–92 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3826 (Clongell); Conor Halfepeny, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3430 (Dromonragh); Hugh Halfepeny, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3430 (Syddan); Molaghlin Halfepeny, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3420 (Rathraynoll); Patrick Halfepeny, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3430 (Riseston); Tirelagh Halfepeny, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3430 (Julyanston).

### Halpern

Variants: **Heilbron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from the city of Heilbronn in Württemberg, which had a large and influential Jewish population in medieval times, which spread widely throughout Europe.

**Early bearers:** Simon Halpern, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Henry Halpern, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Warwick); Heyman Halpern, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Simon Halpern, draper, clothier, and house furnisher, 1893 in *Directory of UK Jews* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Halpern, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Moses Halpern, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Morris Halpern, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Halpin

Variants: **Halpenny, Halfpenny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2129, Ireland 1994
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 535
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Clare; Dublin and Meath
- Irish: from Ó hAilpín 'descendant of Alpin', an ancient personal name which Woulfe and MacLysaght propose to link with *alp* 'lump'. Compare **McAlpine**.  
**Early bearers:** John Halpine, smith, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495.

### Halsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2153, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Halsall (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Haleshal, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Hallesale, 1335 in *York Freeman's Register*; Gilbertus de Halsale, 1381 *Poll Tax* (Halsall, Lancs); Richard of Halsall, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

### Halse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 438
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall

1 English: locative name from either of two places called Halse (Devon, Somerset) or topographic name for a dweller '(at the) neck of land', from Old English *heals*, Middle English *hals* 'neck'. The last two examples below may belong at (2).  
**Early bearers:** Sampson Attehalse, Athalse, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Halse, 1545 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Nycholas Halse, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall).  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *hals*, denoting someone with a distinctive neck. Compare **Shorthose**.  
**Early bearers:** Alfric Hals, about 1100 in *Tengvik*; Robert Hals, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert Hals, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); John Halse, 1545 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Richard Halse, 1606 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Martha Halse, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts); Willm. Halse, 1648 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Halse, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London).

### Halsey

Variants: **Holsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1768, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, Bucks, and Beds
- English: locative name, probably from Halsey Farm in Sharnbrook (Beds), whose medieval spellings lack

## Halson

*H-* but which has been influenced by the adjacent wood, which was once called *Haselho* but is now also called *Halsey*. However, the early examples suggest that another as yet unidentified place (or places) may also have been a source.

**Early bearers:** Reginald, Geoffrey de Halseye, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs and Warwicks); Willelmus Halseye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Longdon, Staffs); Johannes Halsy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Otherey, Somerset); William Halsy, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richarde Halsey, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); James Halsey, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Studham, Beds); Robert Halsey, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Flamsted, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 41.

## Halson

**Variants:** Hasson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; also SE England

English: relationship name, 'son of *Hal*' (pet form of **Harry**), or possibly a variant of **Hallison**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Grisell Halson, 1650 in *IGI* (Anstruther Easter, Fife).

England: Johan Halson, 1583 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Thomas Halsen, 1718 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Halson, 1779 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Halstead

**Variants:** Halsted, Alstead, Holstead, Hallstead, Hasted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2272, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2492

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs  
English: locative name in N England from High Halstead in Lancs (Middle English *hal(le) + sted(des)*, *stud(es)* 'hall buildings'), but elsewhere from any of several places called Halstead (Leics, Essex, Kent) or Hawstead (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Halsteda, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry de Alsted, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Willyam del Hallested, del Hallstudes, 1340 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Ann Halstead, 1561 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Alyce Halstead, 1574 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Jane Halstead, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); John Halstead, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); George Halstead, 1629 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 209.

## Halsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex; IoW; also Lancs

English: see **Halstead**.

## Halston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys

1 English: locative name from Halston (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** John de Halston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Arthur Halston, 1734 in *IGI* (Deuxhill, Shrops); Harriett Halston, 1807 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Halstein* (Old Scandinavian *Halsteinn*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Halstein, 1227 in *Close Rolls* (Cambs); John Halsteyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Halsteyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Barbira Halston, 1643 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Halt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *halt* 'limping, lame' (Old English *healt*).

**Early bearers:** Leowerd Healte, 1051–71 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Richard le Halt, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John le Halte, 1310 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xx (Essex); Ivo Halte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John Halt, 1562 in *IGI* (Stixwoud, Lincs); Joh Halt, 1564 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); John Halt, 1620 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); John Halt, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Sarah Halt, 1626 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Halter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname for a maker or seller of halters, Middle English *haltrere*. In 1301 Henry le Haltrehere was owed 62s. by the Commonalty of London for halters for horses (*London Letter Books C*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Haltreere, 1296 in *London Letter Books B*; Johanna Halter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Admington, Gloucs); Wm Halter, 1621 in *IGI* (London).

## Halton

**Variants:** Holton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 240
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1143
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Westmeath, and Cavan

1 English: locative name from any of the many places called Halton (Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, Northumb, Lincs, Shrops, and Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Algar de Haltona, 1084 in *Geld Roll*; Walter de Halton, 1270 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William de Halton, about 1295 in *Access to Archives* (Lancs); Richard de Halton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Henry Halton, 1407 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Halton', 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs).

2 Irish: spelling adopted to anglicize Ó hUltacháin 'descendant of *Ultachán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *Ultach* 'Ulsterman'. This surname is sometimes also anglicized as **Nolan**.

**Early bearers:** Magonius O Houlltughan, stud[ent], 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Maghary Skaffanagh, Fermanagh); Patrick Hultaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Owen Halton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moybolgue, Meath); William Holton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilteely, Limerick); James Holton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford).

## Halvey

**Variants:** Holvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Clare, and Limerick

Irish: from Ó hAilmhich 'descendant of *Ailmhac*', a personal name meaning 'noble son'.

## Haly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Cork

English: see **Haley**.

## Ham

**Variants:** Hamm, Hamme, Hams, Hame, Home, Sian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2007, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 English: locative name for someone who lived at a place named from Middle English *ham(me)*, *hom(me)* (Old English *hamm*), which meant 'land in a river bend', 'land hemmed in by marshland', 'wet land hemmed in by higher ground', 'river meadow', or 'cultivated plot on the edge of woodland or moor'. The topographical term is mainly found in the S Midlands and S England. There are many farmsteads with this name in Devon and Sussex, five more substantial settlements called Ham or Hamp in Somerset, as well as East and West Ham in Essex, and places called Ham in Gloucs, Hants, Kent, Surrey, and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Hamme, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Ham, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Hamme, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert atte Hamme, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh in the Hamme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Galfridus de Hamme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Lawrence and Nettlecombe, Hants); Lodovicus Ham, 1544 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Rebecca Ham, 1553 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johis Ham, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Ruben Ham, 1569 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Jone Ham, 1571 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Thos. Ham, 1572 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); John Hamme, 1581 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Rychard Hamm, 1582 in *IGI* (Postling, Kent); John Hamm, 1592 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Gulielmus Hamm, 1595 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Richard Ham, 1633 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Thomas Ham, 1647 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); George Ham, 1675 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 咸 (**Xian** or **Hsien** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'salty' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the personal name Wu Xian (巫咸), an astrologer during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of certain deposed nobles during a coup plotted by Li Ji, the favoured concubine of Jin Xian Gong (died in 651 BC) in the state of Jin. (iii) from *Xian* (咸), the name of an ancient state (possibly located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 關, see **Kan** (4).



**Hamar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Lancs
- English: see **Hamer**.

**Hambelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Hambleden**.

**Hambidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Gloucs
- English: probably a variant of **Hambridge**. If this is right, it is the result of a 17th-century clerical error. **Early bearers:** Francis Hambidge, 1682 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Hambidge, 1684 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs); George Hambidge, 1752 in *IGI* (Buscot, Berks); Thomas Hambidge, 1759 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon).

**Hambleden**

Variants: **Hambelton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hambleton**.

**Hamblen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Hamlin**.

**Hamblet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Worcs and Gloucs
- English: see **Hamblett**.

**Hambleton**

Variants: **Hambelton**, **Hambleden**, **Hamilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1580, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, and Derbys

English: locative name from any of numerous places: Hambleton (Lancs, WR Yorks), Hambleton Hill, Black Hambleton (NR Yorks); Upper Hambleton (Rutland), Hambleden (Bucks), Hambledon (Hants, Surrey), Hambledon Hill (Dorset), Great Hameldon (Lancs), or Hamilton (Leics), earlier Hameldon 1220–35.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Hameleden', 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William de Hameldon', 1227 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Thomas de Hameldone, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Agnete de Hombleton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas de Hameldon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eggleton, Rutland); Willelmus de Hamelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, WR Yorks); William Hamelden', 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Hamylden', 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts, Beds); John Hambleton, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

**Hamblett**

Variants: **Hamblet**, **Hamlet**, **Hamlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 921, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Worcs, and Gloucs

English: relationship name from the personal name *Hamlett*, a double diminutive (*Ham-el-et*), of *Hamo* (see **Haim**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ham(b)lett Asshelos, 1622, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Hamlett Clarke, 1651 in *Essex Record Office*.

urnames: Philipp Hamblet, 1549 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Willm Hamlet, 1561 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Anne Hamlett, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); George Hamblett, 1581 in *IGI* (Albrighton, Shrops); George Hamlett, 1630 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Hambley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also NR Yorks

English: see **Hamby**.

**Hamblin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2182, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Gloucs, Somerset, and Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman, English: see **Hamlin**.

**Hambling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Hamlin**.

**Hamby**

Variants: **Hambley**, **Hamley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1015, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 974
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name, apparently from Hamly Bridge in Chiddingly (Sussex), though the surname is now associated mainly with Devon and Cornwall. **Early bearers:** Henry de Hambeleg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Hamelee, 1305 in *London Letter Books B*; Osbert Hameley, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Hamely, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants, Surrey); Agnes Hamblie, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Columb, Cornwall); Diggory Hamley, 1718 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**Hamblyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Hamlin**.

**Hambridge**

Variants: **Hambidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England

English: locative name from Hambridge (Somerset). **Early bearers:** Wm. Hambridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); John Hambridge, 1611 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Hambridge, 1736 in *IGI* (Eaton Hastings, Berks).

**Hambro**

Variants: **Hamburgh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts

1 English: locative name, possibly from Handborough (Oxon), recorded with *Hanebrew* among its many medieval variants. Some bearers may illustrate senses (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hambir', Robert de Haneberg', 1279, 1281 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Hambruck, 1629 in *IGI* (Denton, Kent); Mary Hambrow, 1691 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Marie Hamborough, 1719 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Jno Hambrough, 1727 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 268–9.

2 English: possibly an occupational name for a maker or seller of horse collars (Middle English *ham-berwe*); compare Richardus Hamborghmaker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants).

3 Jewish: possibly from *Hamborg*, the Danish name for Hamburg, from the German *Hamburg* itself, or the anglicization *Hamb(o)rough*.

**Further information:** Charles Hambro was a banker of Danish Jewish origin, later Christian (named and baptized Carl Joachim). It is not clear whether Mary Hambro (baptized 1759) was of similar origin, or whether she belongs with others from Kent in sense 1; compare also Thomas Hambrook, 1608 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent) and many other Kentish Hambrooks, and Marie Hamborough, 1719 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Mary Hambro, 1759 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Charles Hambro, 1864 in *IGI* (Milton Abbas, Dorset).

**Hambrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: locative name from Hambrook in Chidham (Sussex), for which the 14th-century bearers cited below constitute the medieval evidence.

**Early bearers:** Rado Hambrok, 1327, Matild Hambrouk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chidham, Sussex); John Hambrook, 1486 in *Kent Wills* (Wootton, Kent); Sisceley Hambroke, 1519 in *Kent Wills* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Thomas Hambroke, 1528 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Northbourne, Kent); Gilbert Hambrooke, 1561 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Mary Hambroke, 1662 in *IGI* (Stelling, Kent); John Hambrook, 1751 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 60.

2 English: locative name, possibly also from Hambrook in Winterbourne (Gloucs), though there is very little post-medieval evidence for the surname in south-west England.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Hambrok(e), 1322 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); John de Hambrok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hambrook in Winterbourne, Gloucs); [ . . . ] Hambroke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lawrence Weston in Henbury, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 124.

**Hamburger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name denoting someone from the city of Hamburg in Germany.

**Early bearers:** Wilhelm Heinrich Hamburger, 1798 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Conrad Frederick Hamburger, 1832 in *IGI* (London); Heinrich Hamburger, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Lancs); Marcus Hamburger, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (London); Mark Hamburger, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Hamburger, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Simon Hamburger, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Emanuel Hamburger, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Durham).  
**References:** *DAFN*.

**Hamburg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: locative name from Hamburg, Germany, in the spelling typical in England in the 18th century Compare **Hambro** (2).

**Hambury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; W Midlands
- English: see **Hanbury**.

**Hamby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Suffolk
- English: see **Hanby**.

**Hamden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Berks
- 1 English: variant of **Hampden**.  
2 English: from Hamden in Smarden (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** [...] de Hamdenne, 1313 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Simon de Hamden, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calehill hundred, Kent); John Hamden, 1540 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Mabell Hamden, 1632 in *IGI* (Sutton at Hone, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 399.

**Hame**

- Variants:** **Haime**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Suffolk; ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name, in S England a variant of **Ham**, in which the double consonant of *atte hamme* has been simplified to give *atte hame*, with lengthening of the vowel in the resulting open syllable. Compare Dan Ham, 1577, Kath Hame, 1628 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey), and see **Home** for a similar development of *hom(me)*, the W Midland form of the same word. Some post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes ate Hame, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sandhurst, Kent); Johanne atte Hame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Willelmus atte Hame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Joan Hame, 1543 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Jeremias Hame, 1552 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Rychard Hame, 1590 in *IGI* (East Marden, Sussex); Richard Hame, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerses, London).  
2 English: see **Haime**.

**Hamed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Muslim: see **Hamid**.

**Hameed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1283, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Hamid**.

**Hamel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- Norman, Scottish, English: see **Hamill**.

**Hamell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham
- Norman, Scottish, English: see **Hamill**.

**Hamer**

- Variants:** **Hamar, Hammer, Haymer, Aymer**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 6086, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5607
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Montgomerys
- 1 English: locative name from Hamer in Rochdale (Lancs), named from a nearby hill (Old English *hamor* ‘cliff’).

**Early bearers:** Robertus le Hamor [error for de Hamor] 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield in Rochdale, Lancs); Henricus de Hamor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Lancs); John of the Hamore, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alice Hammer, 1571 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); Anne Hamer, 1573 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Grace Hamar, 1588, Johes Hamer, 1590 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Thomas Hamer, 1591, Jeremy Hamar, 1611 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); An Hamer, 1608 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); Simon Hammer, 1688 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas Hamer, 1718 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Hammer, 1726 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Ann Hammer, 1760 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 153.

2 Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Aymer** with prosthetic *H*.  
**Early bearers:** Joseph Hamar, 1772 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Rebecca Hamer, 1789 in *IGI* (Church Stoke, Montgomerys); Moses Hamer, 1790 in *IGI* (New Radnor, Radnors).

**Hamersley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London; Lancs
- English: see **Hammersley**.

**Hamerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hamerton**.

**Hames**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 842
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and S England

1 English: locative name from Hames Hall in Papcastle (Cumb). Some bearers may belong with sense (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Hames, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Agneta Hames, 1543 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Ales Hames, 1559 in *IGI* (Alresford, Hants); John Hames, 1576 in *IGI* (Burton Overy, Leics).  
2 English: see **Haimes**.

**Hamid**

- Variants:** **Hamed, Hameed**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2814, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: (i) relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥamid* ‘praised or praiseworthy’. (ii) (less frequently) from a personal name based on the cognate Arabic *ḥamid* ‘praising or praiser (i.e. of Allah)’.

**Further information:** *Al-Hamid* ‘the All-Laudable’ is an attribute of Allah, and gives rise to the compound name ‘*Abd-ul-Hamid*’ ‘servant of the All-Laudable’. The root *ḥ-m-d* ‘praise’ is one of the most common elements in Arabic name-forming; in addition to this name, it also lies behind names such as *Ahmad* and *Muhammad*.

**Hamil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Meath
- Norman, Scottish: see **Hamill**.

**Hamill**

- Variants:** **Hammill, Hamil, Hamel, Hammel, Hammell, Hamell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2804, Ireland 2445
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Haineville or Henneville in Manche.  
**Early bearers:** William de Hameville, 1194–1211 in *Holm Cultram Records*; Alexander Homil, 1497 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Archibald Hammill, 1618 in *IGI* (Glasgow).

2 Irish: from Ó hÁdhmail ‘descendant of Ádhmail’, a personal name from *ádhmail* ‘active’.  
**Early bearers:** Murtagh O Hamill, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dryen, Clonfeakle, Tyrone); Patrick O’Hamill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilraghts, Antrim); Owen Hamel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone); Cornelius and Sylvester Hamil, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan).

**3** English: nickname from Old English *hamel* 'scarred, mutilated'.

**Early bearers:** Aldan Hamal, about 1055 in *Tengvik*; Gregory Hamel, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Johannes Hamull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); William Hamill, 1716 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Hamill, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London); Philip Hamill, 1733 in *IGI* (Puncknowle, Dorset); Rose Mrs Hamill, 1734 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); James Hamill, 1760 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks).

### Hamilton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38401, Ireland 7155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22335
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Scottish: (i) locative name from Hamilton, a deserted village in the parish of Barkby (Leics). (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Hambleton**; compare Johannes de Homilton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Walterus Homylton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks). (iii) locative name from Hamilton (Lanarks). The name was originally transferred from the English place of this name (see (i)) by the landholding family, but some later bearers took their surname from the Scottish place.

**Further information:** The town of Hamilton (Lanarks) near Glasgow was originally called Cadzow. It was changed to Hamilton in the 1450s in honour of the first Lord Hamilton, whose predecessor Walter fitz Gilbert de Hameldone, of a family from Hambleton in Leics, had been awarded the barony of Cadzow by Robert I. The same family hold or have held many titles, including the Marquessate and Dukedom of Hamilton, the Marquessate of Douglas, the Dukedom of Abercorn, and the Earldom of Haddington. In the north of Ireland, where many Hamiltons settled in the 17th century, this surname may sometimes have been adopted for **Hamill**. It has also been adopted as an anglicization of southern Irish **Ó hUrmholtaigh**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert de Hameldun, clerk, 1272 in *Paisley Register* (Paisley); Walter Fitz Gilbert de Hameldone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); David de Hamyltone, 1375 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Cadzow, Lanarks); John de Hamyltone, lord of Cadzow, 1390 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Cadzow, Lanarks); George Hammiltoun, 1563 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); James Hamiltoun, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Grisel Hamilton, 1582 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife).

England: Richard de Hamelton', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); William de Hamil'ton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thoma de Hamulton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Thoms. Hamilton, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Claudius Hamilton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Archibald Hamilton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryvullan, Fermanagh); Moses Hamilton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoyne, Monaghan); Davison Hamilton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone); William Hamilton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynacourty, Kerry).

### Hamlen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Hamlin**.

### Hamlet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs; also Lancs
- English: see **Hamblett**.

### Hamlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 827, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 355
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Shrops; Gloucs
- English: see **Hamblett**.

### Hamley

**Variants:** **Hambley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 378
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English: see **Hamby**.

### Hamlin

**Variants:** **Hamling, Hamlen, Hamlyn, Hamblin, Hambling, Hamblyn, Hamblen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Norman French and Middle English personal name *Haimelin, Hamelin*, a pet form of Continental Germanic *Haimo*.

**Further information:** In Ireland, this was the name of a prominent family in Meath in the 13th to 18th centuries, but it is now rare there.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hamelin, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks), 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs). surnames, England: Robertus filius Hamelin, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Walter Hamelin, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Hamelin, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams); Willelmus Hanelyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, Somerset); Thomas Hamblyn, Bartholomew Hamling, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames, Ireland: John Hamlen, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2117 (Smytheston); Robert Hamlen, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5083 (Clonrawud); Robert Hamlyn, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5263; Thomas Hamlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumshallon, Louth).

### Hamling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; ER Yorks; Jersey
- Norman, English: variant of **Hamlin**.

### Hamlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 704
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Hamlin**.

### Hamm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Ham**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is comparatively frequent in Ireland.

### Hammacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: locative name from Hummacott in King's Nympton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Morice Homacott, 1571 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); William Hammacote, 1667 in *IGI* (Morchard Bishop, Devon).

### Hamman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: see **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** John Hamman, 1666 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Samuel Hamman, 1770 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

### Hammand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** John Hammand, 1649 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

### Hammans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of **Hammonds**.

**Early bearers:** Toby Hammans, 1573 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Henrie Hammons, 1589 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Anne Hammans, 1757 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks).

### Hammant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hammant, 1624 in *IGI* (Ickworth, Suffolk); Charles Hammant, 1639 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Hamme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Ham**.

### Hammel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Ayr; also N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath
- Norman, Scottish : see **Hamill**.

**Hammell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Durham and Yorks

Norman, Scottish, English: see **Hamill**.

**Hammer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 English: locative name denoting a dweller in an enclosure, meadow, or water meadow, from a derivative of Middle English *ham(me)* (see **Ham**) + *-er*. Names composed of a topographical term + *-er* are characteristic of southern England, especially Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Hants.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *ham(m)er*, *hamor* ‘hammer’ (Old English *hamor*) is formally possible, either as an occupational nickname or as a locative or occupational name taken from a shop sign or inn sign. Compare Geoffrey wythe Hameres, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*, and An Brewer atte Hamere, 1426 in *London English*, p. 191. However, there is no evidence that such appellations became hereditary surnames.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hamer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Hammer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes and Willelmus Hammer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Johannes Hammere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Elyzabeth Hamer, 1584 in *IGI* (Chillenden, Kent); Isaac Hammer, 1603 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Hammer, 1666 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 164.

2 English: for the name in N England see **Hamer**.  
3 English: possibly also a variant of *Hammer*.

**Hammersley**

**Variants:** **Hamersley**, **Homersley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1506, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 942
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Limerick and Tipperary

English: (i) locative name, probably from Ombersley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Ambresley* in the 12th century. It is not certain that the early Worcs bearers are to be connected with the surname, which appears in Staffs from the 15th century onwards. (ii) alternatively, if the later bearers with no preposition are not connected with the earlier locative forms, perhaps a nickname from a Middle English descendant of Old English \**hamor-slege* ‘hammer blow’; compare *sweord-slege* ‘sword stroke’.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Aumbresleg, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Sir Simon de Aumbresley, 1280 in *Charter Rolls* (Worcs); Roberto de Aumbresleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Elya de Ambresleye, 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broughton Hackett, Worcs); Ricardo de Ambresleye, 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grafton Flyford, Worcs); [ . . . de] Ombersleye, about 1300 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); John de Aumbresley, priest, 1315 in *Registrum Ricardi de Swinfield* (Herefs); Willelmi Ombersley, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Bretforton, Worcs); Thomas Aumbresleye, 1372 in

*Birmingham Archives* (Coleshill, Warwicks); John Ombersley, 1449 in *Worcester Charters* (Worcs); William Homersley of Hardewyke, 1468 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Sandon, Staffs); Richard Hamersley of Stafford, draper, also Homersley in endorsement of same document, 1535 in *Staffs Archives* (Staffs); Wylliam Omersley, 1539 in *Muster Rolls* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Thomas Homersley, 1565 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Thomas Hammerslay, 1566 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); Maria Hamersley, 1586 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Florence Hammerslye, 1605 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Hammersley, 1607 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Johnis Hommersley, 1621 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Hugh Hamersley, 1636 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Walterij Hambersley, 1688 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Joseph Hombersley, 1753 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 268.

**Hammerton**

**Variants:** **Hamerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1072, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 777
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places called Hammerton or Hamerton, especially Hammerton Green in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Fulk de Hammertona 1142–54 in *Mowbray Charters*; John de Hamerton, 1255 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Hamerton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Green Hammerton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Hamyrton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); James Hamyrton, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Christopherus Hamerton, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); Francis Hammerton, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Hatfield, WR Yorks).

**Hammett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1543, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hamet*, a pet form of Continental Germanic *Hamo*.

**Early bearers:** William Hamet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); John Hamott, 1551 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); William Hamatt, 1567 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); George Hamett, 1771 in *IGI* (Luxborough, Somerset).

**Hammick**

**Variants:** **Hammock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Hemyock (Devon), pronounced /hemik/ ‘Hemmick’ in modern times, though the persistent *-a-* is hard to account for.

**Further information:** Forms from outside SW England may have another, unascertained origin. The modern dialect word *hommock* ‘heap, untidy mess; awkward person’ appears as *hammick* in Devon, *hammock* in Lincs, and *hommack* in Shrops.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hammok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); George Hammock, 1582 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Troth Hamock, 1586 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Dunnet Hammock, 1634 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall);

Dorcas Hamicke, 1650 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); John Hammack, 1708 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Nicolas Hammick, 1726 in *IGI* (Marldon, Devon); Mary Hemmick, 1809 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Devon).  
**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*.

**Hammill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- Norman, English, Scottish: see **Hamill**.

**Hamming**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English: locative name from Old English \**hamming* ‘dweller in the *ham(me)*’ (see **Ham**). The surname appears side by side with *atte hamme*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hammyg, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); James Hammyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Hommyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Joane Hamming, 1564 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Willmi Hamming, 1615 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Edward Hamming, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); Ann Hamming, 1718 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Jos. Hamming, 1749 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

**Hammock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hammick**.

**Hammon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: see **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Hammon, 1549 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent).

**Hammond**

**Variants:** **Hammonds**, **Hamond**, **Hamon**, **Hammon**, **Hamman**, **Hammand**, **Hammant**, **Hawman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22883, Ireland 652
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16965
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; esp. Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Dublin; Limerick; Down

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Hamon*, *Haimon*, also sometimes appearing as *Hawman* in Middle English. It frequently developed an excrescent *-d*, giving *Hamond*, *Haimund*, and *Hawmond*.

**Further information:** *Hamon* is the oblique case of Old French *Haim*, from Continental Germanic *Haimo*; see **Haime**. Although the grammatical variants of the personal name were interchangeable in Anglo-Norman French, they developed separately as Middle English hereditary surnames, becoming modern *Haime* and *Ham(m)on(d)* respectively.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hamon, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Haimund’ Peccatum, 1121–48, identical with

Hamo Pecce, 1156–60, in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hamon de Hauton, about 1135 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hamundus Cocus, 1140–5 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Hamo or Hamundus elemosinarius, 1146–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hamund Tusard, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Hamonem de Hemestede, Haimun de Hamstede, and Hamund de Hemsted' (all referring to the same man), 1209 in *Pleas* (Norfolk). surnames: Willelmus filius Haymundi, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Walter Hamund, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Roger Haymund, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); John Hemund 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John Hamon', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Hamond, 1327, Richard Hamon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Heymond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Hamond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rayleigh, Essex); Alexander Hamond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Hamond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell and Leesthorpe, Leics); Johannes Hawmond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Johannes Hamon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Nicholaus Hamund', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Johannes Hawmund', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Georgius Hammond, 1541 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Hammond, 1543 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Margaret Hammond, 1545 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); John Hammond, 1547 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Rich. Hammond, 1557 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); William Hammond, 1559 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs); Joane Hammond, 1562 in *IGI* (Nacton, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hamund* (Old Scandinavian *Hámundr*), which may have been used in Normandy and in 12th-century E England, although it is likely that most, if not all, of the examples there of *Hamund* are from the French name in (1).

References: *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 132–3; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 193–4.

3 English: in Bradford (WR Yorks) a reduced form of **Ormondroyd**, formerly *Hamondesrode*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, shows the development of the surname in Horton (WR Yorks) from *Hawmunrode* (1379) to *Hawmound* (1571) and *Hamond* (1672).

4 Irish: sometimes adopted for Mac Ámoinn, see **McCammon**.

## Hammonds

Variants: **Hammons, Hammans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 782
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Hammond** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Joyce Hammonds, 1611 in *IGI* (Dowles, Shrops); Johannes Hammonds, 1639 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Jacobi Hammonds, 1693 in *IGI* (Cheddleton, Staffs); James Hammonds, 1810 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths).

## Hammons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales and Gloucs; Northants, Bucks, and Middx

English: see **Hammonds**.

## Hamner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Welsh: metathesized form of **Hanner**.

## Hamnett

Variants: **Hannett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 468
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hamunet*, a double diminutive of *Hamo*. See **Haim**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hamonet de Waltham, 1180–99 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Hamnet Legh, 1517 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Warwicks).
- 2 English: locative name from Hampnett (Gloucs) or East Hampnett and Westhampnett (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Hamptonet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Hamenet, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Amnettes, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

## Hamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 590
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Channel Islands: see **Hammond**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Hamon, in *Census 1841* (Sark); Elizabeth Hamon, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Nancy Hamon, in *Census 1841* (Forest, Guernsey).

## Hamond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Anglia
- English: see **Hammond**.

## Hamp

Variants: **Hemp, Hamps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** central S England: esp. Bucks

1 English: apparently a locative name from Hamp in Bridgwater (Somerset). There may have been confusion with (3), and some bearers may belong there.

**Early bearers:** James Hemp, 1574 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Willmi. Hampe, 1586 in *IGI* (Burton on Trent, Staffs); John Hempte, 1587 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Hannae Hompe, 1628 in *IGI* (Lillingstone Lovell, Bucks); Johannis Hamp, 1635 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Johannis Hamp, 1719 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks).

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of the very common S English topographical word *ham* 'hemmed-in land, riverside meadow' or a place-name deriving from it, of which Hamp in (1) may be one; Ham in Gillingham (Dorset) is recorded as *Hampe* in 1461, and Ham (Wilts) as *Hampne* in the 14th century.

References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 13; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 348.

3 English: nickname from Middle English *henep* 'hemp', a much cultivated plant in the Middle Ages. Compare **Hempseed**.

## Hampden

Variants: **Hamden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Gloucs; Cornwall; also Lanarks

English: locative name from Great or Little Hampden (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Hamden, 1274 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Alexander de Hampeden, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Edmund Hampden, 1413 in *Goring Charters* (Oxon); Griffidi Hampden, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Benjamyn Hamden, 1620 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Euphemia Hampden, 1831 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus).

## Hamper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: occupational name for a maker or seller of hanaps or goblets, from Middle English *hanaper*, *heneper*, Old French *hanapier*.

**Early bearers:** John le Hanaper, 1236–41 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); John Hanapier, about 1260 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Geoffrey le Hanaper, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert and Walter le Henepere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sompting, Sussex); William Haneper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancing, Sussex); Thomas Hamper', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Nycolace Hamper, 1570 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Hamper, 1580 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Katherine Hamper, 1616 in *IGI* (Brading, Hants).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 266–7.

## Hamps

Variants: **Amps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Warwicks.

English: variant of **Hamp** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Hamps, 1770 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Hampsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish, N English: perhaps a variant of **Hancy**.

**Early bearers:** England: Elizabeth Hempsey, 1691 in *IGI* (West Acre, Norfolk); John Hampsey, 1704 in *IGI* (London).

Scotland: John Hampsey, 1837 in *IGI* (Rutherglen, Lanarks); Agnes Hampsay, 1860 in *IGI* (Rutherglen, Lanarks).

## Hampshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hampshire**.

**Hampshire**

Variants: **Hamshere, Hamsher, Hamshar, Hampshaw, Hamshaw, Hanshaw, Halmshaw, Hancher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2199, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1696
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey and Kent

1 English: locative name from the district of Hallamshire in WR Yorks, which comprised the manors of Hallam (now in Eccleshall), Sheffield, Attercliffe, and part of Bradfield.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hallumschire, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Halumpschyre, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* (Derbys) 36; John Hamshaw, 1506, John Hampshawe, 1555 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Hamschyer, 1507 in *York Guild Register*; Elizabetha Hampshire, 1628 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, 1., p. 101.

2 English: locative name from the county of Hampshire in southern England, formerly called *Southamptonshire*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hamptessire, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Hamshere, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Elizabeth Hampshire, 1638 in *IGI* (Falmer, Sussex).

**Hampson**

Variants: **Hamson, Hanson, Hanton, Henson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6735, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; also Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the personal names *Hamo* or *Hamon(d)* + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Hammonson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Hamsone, 1354 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robertus Hameson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); John Hamson, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Henry Hampson, 1540 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Hampson, 1607 in *PROB 11* (London); Francis Hompson, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Broughton Poggs, Oxon).

2 Irish: from Ó hAmhsaigh 'descendant of Amhsach', a byname meaning 'mercenary soldier' or 'messenger', from the adjective *amhsach* 'aggressive'.

**Early bearers:** Shane ne Carge Hushey, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569; Robert Humpston, 1601–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6595.

**Hamstead**

Variants: **Hamstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. London

English: locative name from any of various places: Hamstead (Middx, IoW); Hamstead Marshall, Hamstead Norris (Berks); or Hamstead (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Emma de Hamesteda, 1130, Simon de Hamstede, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Michael Hampstead, 1724 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Henry Hampstead, 1730 in *IGI* (Hindolveston, Norfolk); James Hampstead, 1740 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Hampstead, 1788 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Benjamin Hampstead, 1791 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Hampton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5522, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4706
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and E Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Tyrone

English, Scottish: locative name from any of the many places of this name.

**Early bearers:** England: Philip de Hamtona, 1166 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Edith de Hampton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Hampton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thos de Hamptone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Hampton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Johannes Hampton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); George Hampton, 1538 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Henry Hampton, 1539 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Johane Hampton, 1539 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Wm. Hampton, 1539 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Johane Hampton, 1540 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

Ireland: Richard Hampton, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5778 (Kildare); Dudley Hampton, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cloghan, Armagh); Dudley Hampton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

**Hams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Kent

English: variant of **Ham** with plural *-s* or post-medieval *excrement -s*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Hammes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longnor with parcels, Shrops); Cecilia Hams, 1562 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Martinus Hams, 1571 in *IGI* (Postling, Kent).

**Hamshar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Somerset

English: see **Hampshire**.

**Hamshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hampshire**.

**Hamsher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Hampshire**.

**Hamshere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Hampshire**.

**Hamson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics

English: see **Hampson**.

**Hamstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Hampstead**.

**Hamza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *hamza* 'lion'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Han**

Variants: **Hon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 956, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

1 Chinese: Mandarin pronunciation of the Chinese surname 韩 (**Hon** in Cantonese romanization): (i) it is said that the surname is borne by descendants of Han Liu (韩流), grandson of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) shortened form of *Han Yuan* (韩原), the name of a fief (possibly present-day Hejin in Shanxi province or Hancheng in Shaanxi province) granted to Bi Wan, also known as Han Wan (韩万) or Han Wuzi (韩武子), a politician in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited the name of the fief as their surname. (iii) from *Han* (韩), the name of a state during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). The state was established in 403 BC and annexed by the state of Qin in 230 BC. Descendants of nobles from this state inherited it as their surname. (iv) From the Chu Da Han (出大汗) family of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who adopted the surname *Han* (韩) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 杭, see **Hong** (2).

3 Korean: (한; Chinese character 韓) (i) said to be one of the oldest surnames in Korea. Although some sources list as many as 130 different Han clans, only one, the Han family of Ch'ongju, can be validated. This surname is borne by the descendants of Han Ran (韩 兰), one of the men who assisted King Wang Kōn in establishing the Koryō kingdom in AD 918. (ii) borne by descendants of U-p'yōng (友平), a fortieth-generation descendant of the (semi-mythological) founder of the ancient Chosōn Kingdom, Kija (箕子).

4 English: variant of **Hann**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Han, 1560 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); John Han, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**Hanafin**

Variants: **Hannafin, Hanniffy, Hanifin, Hanifan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Ó hAinbhtín (modernized as Ó hAinifin) 'descendant of Ainbhtín', a personal name derived from *ainbhíoth* 'non-peace, storm'. **Early bearers:** Manus and William O'Hanfy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Clonmor).

**Hanagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Monmouths; London

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

**Hanaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

**Hanahan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is quite numerous in the USA.

**Hanaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó hAinbhith, see **Hannaway**.

**Hanberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Hanbury**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Hanbury**

**Variants:** **Hanberry, Handbury, Hambury, Hansbury, Ainsbury, Ansbro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 77
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 527
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; also Galway
- 1 English: locative name from either of two places called Hanbury (Staffs, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** William de Haneberge, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Euler' de Hambir', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Philip de Hannbir', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); John de Hambury, 1327 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Geoffrey de Hambury, 1364–5, in *Feet of Fines* (Hanbury, Worcs); Walterus Honbery, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); John Hambury, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Rochester, Kent); George Hanbury, 1547, John Hansbury, 1750 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Robert Hanbury, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Richard Ainsbury, 1812 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hAinmhire, see **Hennebry**.

**Hanby**

**Variants:** **Hamby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Suffolk

English: locative name from Hanby (Lincs), recorded as *Hambi* in 1212.

**Early bearers:** William de Hamby, about 1150–80 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Jollan de Hanby, about 1240, de Hamby, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Geoffrey de Hanby, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johes Hanby, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Issabella Hanby, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks);

Christoferi Hanby, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Hanby, 1572 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); William Hanby, 1576 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Hance**

**Variants:** **Hancey, Haunch, Hans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: (i) relationship name, see **Hanns**. (ii) see **Hands**. **Further information:** There is no evidence to support a derivation from Middle English *hanse* 'member of a guild or of the Hanse (Hanseatic League)'. **Early bearers:** Johannes Hannes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windley Pool in Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Robertus Honce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowle, Warwicks); Robert Hannes, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts and Berks); George Hance, 1546 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Ezekiel Hanns, 1560 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Hester Or Ester Haunce or Hance, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon) Thomas Haunes, 1594 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Daniel Hance, 1602 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); Johane Hanse, 1604 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk).

**Hancell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Ansell** with prosthetic *H*.

**Hancey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: perhaps a local pronunciation of **Anstey**.

**Further information:** This name is now more common in the USA than in England.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Handsey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury borough, Wilts); Christopher Hancey, 1557 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John Hansie, 1633 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Joane Hansie, 1669 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); William Hancey, 1704 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Mary Hancy, 1770 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Michael Hansey, 1812 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk); William Hancey, 1862 in *IGI* (Stansfield, Suffolk).

**Hanchard**

**Variants:** **Hancher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: a French surname for a person with well-developed hips, derived from *hanche* 'hip' with the pejorative suffix *-ard*.

**Early bearers:** Antoine Hanchard, 1706 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jaques Hanchard, 1745 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 496.

**Hancher**

**Variants:** **Hanchard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: possibly a late variant of **Hanchard**.

**Early bearers:** Susanna Hancher, 1711 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Jane Hancher, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thos Hancher, 1752 in *IGI* (Wednesfield, Staffs).

**Hanchett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Hanchett Hall in Haverhill (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hanchet, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Richard Hanchett, 1526 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Hanchett, 1554 in *IGI* (Great Parndon, Essex); Elizabeth Hanchet, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Rhoda Hanshot, 1592, and Mary Hanchet, 1598 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Edward Hanchett, 1608 in *IGI* (Broome, Norfolk).

**Hancliff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: a form of **Antcliff** with excrescent initial *H*- but without the intrusive *-t*.

**Hancock**

**Variants:** **Handcock, Ancock, Hancox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17685, Ireland 180
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13543
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Staffs; also SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Hann**, short for *Johan* (John) or *Hanry* (Henry). Hannecock le Nunne (1297 *Wakefield Court Rolls*) is also called Henricus, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hanecok Birun, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Thomas Hancoc, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Hancocks, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne Hanecok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Hancokke, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Laurencius Hancocke, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Thomas Handcocke, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**Hancocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks, Worcs, and Shrops

English: see **Hancox**.

**Hancox**

**Variants:** **Hancocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3470, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

English: variant of **Hancock**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Hancocks, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edgcote, Northants); Ricardo Hancocks, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Calmsden, Gloucs); John Hancox, 1570 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Gedion Hancocks, 1578 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks).

## Hancy

### Hancy

Variants: **Hampsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: possibly a locative name from Handside, Bishops Hatfield (Herts), but it is widespread and other origins are likely.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Hancey, 1557 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Robart Hansey, 1592 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Handsye, 1649 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Joane Hansie, 1669 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); John Hancy, 1698 in *IGI* (Newmarket, Suffolk); Catharine Haunsey, 1778 in *IGI* (Louth, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 127.

### Hand

Variants: **Hands, Hance, Hond, Hant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4821, Ireland 1471
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3551
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Meath, Dublin, and Louth

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hond(e)*, *hand(e)*, no doubt with reference to some peculiarity or deformity of the hand or perhaps to skill in its use. Compare **Foot**, **Goodhand**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Johannes cum manu, about 1200 in *Dublin Documents*.

England: Richard Hand, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Robert Hond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilberto Hand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Leics); Henricus Hand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bilney, Norfolk); Johannes Hand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letwell, WR Yorks); Johanne Hand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Ricardo le Honde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Thomas Hande, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Thomas Hand, 1563 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Alls. Hand, 1569 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Hugonis Hand, 1622 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Hand*, a possible rhyming pet form of *Randal*, though it could also be a variant of *Han* (a pet form of *Johan*, John) with excrescent *-d*. For potential early bearers see under (1). Compare Adam Handson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 130.

3 Irish: adopted for surnames such as Ó **Fhlaithimh** (see **Flahive**, also **Guthrie**) and Mag Láimhín (**Mac Fhlaithimhín**) (also anglicized as **Glavin**) as a result of erroneous association with the Irish word *lámh* 'hand'. See also **Claffey**, **McClave**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Sr. and Patrick Jr. Hand, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappoge, Louth).

### Handa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, probably from Panjabi *hānda* 'cooking pot'. It is based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Handbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Hanbury**.

### Handcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway; Derry

English: variant of **Hancock**, with intrusive *-d*.

### Handel

Variants: **Handle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name (also **Händel**), from a pet form of the personal name *Hans* (itself a short form of *Johannes*) or sometimes of *Heinz* (a pet form of *Heinrich*). (ii) as a Jewish name, it is also found as an occupational nickname for a merchant, from German *Handel* 'trade, commerce'.

**Early bearers:** German: Christian Handel, bootmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Anton Handel, traveller, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Carl Handel, cabinet maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); William Handel, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hammersmith, Middx); Fritz Händel, yarn salesman, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Ludovica and Wilhelmina Handel, born in Bradford, in *Census 1901* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Hans Handel, music engraver, born in Leipzig, in *Census 1911* (Harlesden, Middx).

Jewish: Rebecca Handel, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Handel, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Josep Handel, milk carrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Handford

Variants: **Hanford, Handforth, Anforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1103
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon; Derbys, Cheshire, Leics, and Notts

English: locative name from places called Hanford (Staffs, Dorset), Handforth (Cheshire), or Hannaford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Hanford', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John de Hondford, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Honford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Richard Hanford, 1468–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert Hanforde, 1525 in *PROB 11* (London); William Handforth, 1591 in *PROB 11*; John Handford, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Swimbridge, Devon); Hughe Handforde or Handford, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Swimbridge, Devon); Anne Hanford, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Wollashall, Worcs); John Handford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Handforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs; Cheshire, Derbys

English: see **Handford**.

### Handside

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Handyside**.

### Handisyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlothian
- Scottish, English: see **Handyside**.

### Handle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Lancs 1
- English: nickname from Middle English *handel*, *hondel* 'handle' in some unascertained application; compare William de Handlesettare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Handle, 1583 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Tho. Hendall, 1600 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Robert Handle, 1621 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset).

2 Presumably an early anglicized form of the German and Dutch name **Handel**.

### Handley

Variants: **Hanley, Hanly, Handly, Hendley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7192, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5028
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs

1 English: locative name from any of the many places called Handley (in Cheshire, Derbys, Dorset, Northants) or Hanley (in Staffs, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Hanlega, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Laurence de Hanlaye, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Handlegh, 1314 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Alicia Hendeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); John Hanley, 1426 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Hanley, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Bewdley, Worcs); Rychard Handley, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Jane Hanley, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Hanley Castle, Worcs).

2 Irish: from Ó hÁinle, see **Hanley**.

### Handlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Hanlon**.

### Handlon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hanlon**.

### Handly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Handley**.

### Handrahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: see **Hanrahan**.



**Hands**

Variants: **Hance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3498, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2973
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick

English: variant of **Hand**, perhaps a plural form if a nickname or with genitival *-s* if a relationship name. In most instances it is probably a post-medieval variant with excrescent *-s*. Compare **Hance** and **Hanns**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Handes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwick); Eustachius Handes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stow with Quy, Cambs); Willelmus Handes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); John Handes, alias Hondes, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); Robt Hands, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Saint All Saints, Hertford, Herts).

**Handscomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

English: variant of **Hanscombe** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Handscombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs

English: variant of **Hanscombe** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Handsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Ansley** with prosthetic *H-* (compare **Hansley**) and intrusive *-d-*.

**Handslip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Hants

English: see **Hanslip**.

**Handson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hanson** (2).

**Early bearers:** John Handson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Hondesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholaus Hondesone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Conover, Shrops); John Faden alias Handeson, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Wavendon, Bucks); George Handson, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Stamford, Lincs); John Handson, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Nassington, Northants).

**Handy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1638, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1026
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Mayo, and Galway

English: nickname from Middle English *hondi* ‘skilled with the hands’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hondy Williams, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwick).

surnames: Thomas Hondy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Hondy, 1391–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwick); Jul Hondy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Robert Handy, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Alicia Handy, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Badsey, Worcs); John Handy, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Farringdon, Berks); Peter Handy, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Handyside**

Variants: **Handisyde**, **Handiside**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; central Scotland: esp. Midlothian

Scottish, English: locative name from Handyside near Berwick.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richard de Hanggandsid, Adam Hangalsyde 1398, in *Kelso Register* (Little Newton, Berwick); William Hangitsyde 1494 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Alisone Handyside, 1668 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margaret Handiside, 1676 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Ann Handyside, 1669 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); George Handiside, 1672 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

**Hane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; London

English: variant of **Hayne**.

**Hanes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Norfolk
- English: see **Haynes**.

**Haney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; Lanarks; Surrey

Irish: relationship name, probably a Scottish and English form of Irish **Heaney** (where the spelling *ea* originally indicated pronunciation as [e:]).

**Hanford**

Variants: **Anforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Devon and Glamorgan

English: see **Handford**.

**Hang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 South German and Swiss German: variant of **Hanke** (also see **Hanks**), with voicing of /k/ to /g/. Compare Thomas Edwards Hank, 1835 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Frederick Hang, 1845 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 幸, see **Hing** (3).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 洪. Mandarin form of the Chinese

surname 杭. Also Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 項. See **Hong** (1–3).  
4 Vietnamese, Cambodian, or Laotian: unexplained.

**Hanger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Northants

English: locative name from Middle English *hangre*, *hanger* ‘wood on a steep hillside’ (Old English *hangra*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hangre, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); John Hanger, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Riseley, Beds); Richard atte Hanger, after 1399 in *Close Rolls*; Mary Hangar, 1639 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Hanger, 1787 in *IGI* (Rockingham, Northants).

**Hanham**

Variants: **Hannum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset

English: see **Hannam**.

**Hanif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3027, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥanīf* ‘upright, honourable’, used by Muslims to denote a true believer in Islam.

**Hanifan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: see **Hanafin**.

**Hanifin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

Irish: see **Hanafin**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Hanigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; London

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

**Haning**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: see **Haining**.

**Hanke**

Variants: **Hang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

English: see **Hanks**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Henke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoby, Leics); Anne Hanke, 1579 in *IGI* (Lower Hardres, Kent); Roger Hanke, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Saml. Hanke, 1759 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Thomas Hanke, 1774 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Margaret Hanke, 1815 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Hanken

### Hanken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Hankin**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hankes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hanks**.

### Hanke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 872, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 712
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Hanke**.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus Ankey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); James Hankie, 1586 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Hankey, 1790 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Hankin

Variants: **Hanking, Hanken, Ankin, Annakin, Hankins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1439, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 910
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London and Herts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hankin*, a pet form of **Hann**, short for *Johan* (John) or *Hanry* (Henry). Compare **Henkin** and **Hanks**. Some of the bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hankynus, 1285 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Hanekyn de London, 1300 in *London Letter Books C*.

surnames: Hugh Hankyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Alexandre Hanekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Hankyn, 1549 in *PROB 11* (West Sherbourne, Hants); Thomas Hankyn, 1552 in *PROB 11*; William Hankyn, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Bruntingthorpe, Leics); Agnes Hankin, 1565 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Humphrye Hankin, 1567 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Alc Hankin, 1569 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Guilhelmus Hankin, 1569 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Margareta Hankin, 1569 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Elizabeth Hankin, 1570 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); Richardus Hankin, 1578 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); John Hankyn, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Chester, Cheshire); Treamore Hankyne, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Penderome, Somerset); Roger Hankyn, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Stratford Bow, Middx).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English pet form of the personal name *Hand*, *Hond* (see **Hand**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hondekin the Barbur, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Handekyn Starky, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hamekin*, a pet form of *Hame* (*Hamo*). See **Haim**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Hamekin, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Hamekyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Hanking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs; Middx
- English: variant of **Hankin**.

### Hankins

Variants: **Hunkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 570
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England

English: relationship name, variant of **Hankin** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Hankynes, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Matilda Hanekynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); Alys Hankins, 1545, and John Hankins, 1554 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Thomas Hankins, 1564 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Abraham Hankins, 1576 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Thomas Hankins, 1588 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Vsseley Hankins, 1591 in *IGI* (Preston near Dymock, Gloucs); William Hankins, 1598 in *IGI* (Aston Flamville, Leics); Eleanor Hankins, 1607 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Richard Hankins, 1615 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); John Hankins, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London).

### Hankinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1277, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 984
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hankin** + *-son*; ‘son of Hankin’.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Hankinson, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Annes Hankinson, 1543 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Thomas Hankinson, 1575 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

### Hanks

Variants: **Hankes, Hanke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2232, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare; Tyrone

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hanke*, with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s; this personal name is identical with the Middle Dutch short form **Hankin** ‘young John’, introduced to England by Flemish and Picard settlers after the Conquest. In England it was probably also used as a short form of **Hancock**, which could alternatively be a pet form of *Hanry* (Henry).

**Further information:** Reaney suggests that an alternative source was the Old Scandinavian male personal name *Anki*, a diminutive of names such as *Arngrim* and *Arnketill*. *Anke* is recorded in a number of Lincs documents of the 12th and early 13th centuries (see *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*), but there is no evidence that this was the basis for a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hank’ carpentarius, 1280 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

surnames: Joan Hankes, 1538 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Henry Hanks, 1575 in *IGI* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Margaret Hancke, 1579 in *IGI* (Stratton, Gloucs); Mary Hanks, 1598, Anthony Hankes, 1657 in *IGI*

(Malmesbury, Wilts); Roger Hanckes, 1603 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Anne Hancks, 1621 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Sarah Hanks, 1623 in *IGI* (Naunton, Gloucs).

### Hanlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham

Irish: from Ó hAnluain, see **Hanlon**.

**Early bearers:** Fynyn McDermody O’Hanglin, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4618; Margaret ny Dermody O’Hanglyn, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4619; Teig O’Hangelen, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5508 (Listarnile); Dermod bane O’Hanglin, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465; Neavan McDermody O’Hangelen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Ballincourse).

### Hanley

Variants: **Hanly, Hally, Handley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4672, Ireland 3099
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2458
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Tipperary; also Limerick and Cork

1 Irish: from Ó hÁinle ‘descendant of Áinle’, a personal name meaning ‘champion’. This is the name of a former ruling family in Connacht; it is now common throughout southern Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Hanley, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §840; Richard Hanley, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §840; Ferrall O’Hanley, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714 (Trym); Richard Hanley, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714; Hugh O’Hanleyne (alias Hanley), yeoman, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5390 (Powerscourt, Dublin); Una ny Hanley, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5611.

2 English: see **Handley**.

### Hanlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó hAnluain, see **Hanlon**.

### Hanlon

Variants: **O’Hanlon, O’Hanlan, Hanlan, Hanlin, Handlon, Handlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4263, Ireland 2200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Armagh and Louth; Cork

Irish: from Ó hAnluain ‘descendant of Anluan’, a personal name from the intensive prefix *an-* + *luan* ‘light, radiance’ or ‘warrior’. Occasionally *Hanlon* has been adopted for **Hallinan**.

**Early bearers:** Gilpatrick rowe O’Hanlan, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §967; Glasne, John, and Manus O’Hanlon, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2485; Conon O’Hanlon, shoemaker, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2683; Turlagh roe O’Handlon, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3270; Bryan O’Hanlon, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5041 (son of below); Oge O’Hanlon, gent., chief, and captain, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5041; Robert Handlon, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5110 (Moyné).

**Hanly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 607
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Limerick, Galway, and Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó hÁinle, see **Hanley**.

**Early bearers:** Cormuck O'Hanly, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §661; Edmund O'Hanly, 1581–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844; Hugh O'Hanly, 1581–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844; Dermot dorcho McLoughlen carragh O'Hanly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3934; Farringham McRory boy O'Hanly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3934; Ferganonym O'Hanly, of the office of seneschal of the Country of Tohahanly Roscommon, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3917; Rory grana McLoughlen O'Hanly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4022; Gillernew McDermot I Hanly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4645; Leygayne Hanly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4645 (Roscommon).

2 English: see **Handley**.

**Hanman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks; Middx

English: see **Henman**.

**Hanmer**

Variants: **Hanmore, Hanner, Hamner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Denbighs; Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs

Welsh, English: (i) locative name from Hanmer (Flints). (ii) locative name from Anmer (Norfolk) or possibly Anmore (Hants), with prosthetic *H-*.

**Further information:** A daughter of Sir David Hanmer, a Welsh judge in the 14th century, was married to the Welsh ruler Owen Glendower, who led the revolt against Henry IV's rule in Wales.

**Early bearers:** John de Hanmore, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ranulph Hanmer, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Hanmer, 1464 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk reference); Roger Hanmer, 1560 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); John Hanner, 1575 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Charles Hanmer, 1583 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margaret Hanmer, 1593 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Edward Hanmore, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Elleoner Hanmore, 1632 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

**Hanmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Hanmer**.

**Hann**

Variants: **Han, Hanns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2071, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1366
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset

1 English: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Hann*, a reduced pet form of *Johannes* 'John': compare Thomas filius Han, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs). Reduction to the second

syllable is paralleled by the various forms of *Nicholas* like *Col(le)*. *Hann*, *Hancock*, and *Hankin* are usually described as Flemish forms of *John*, but they are probably English formations, sometimes from *Johan* 'John'. Henecoc Cotun is probably identical with John de Coton, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). Hanne was a very common given name in 13th-century Yorks (1274–97, in *Wakefield Court Rolls*). Some early bearers may belong under (2). (ii) *Hann* is in some instances a pet name for the more common *Henry* (compare *Harry*): compare Hanne or Henry de Leverpol, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests*. Richard Hannesone, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Records*, is identical with Ricardus filius Henrici, 1365 in the same records. (iii) Camden takes *Hann* to be a pet form of *Randolph*, a rhyming form of *Rann*, which is linguistically possible, though *Randolph* was not among the more frequent given names in medieval England.

**Early bearers:** John Hann, 1543 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Jone Hann, 1557 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Han, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Julian Hann, 1601 in *IGI* (Over Compton, Dorset).

**References:** *Camden's Remains*.

2 English: locative name from an unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Sibilla of Han, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Webton, Herefs); Editha atte Han, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Lambourn, Berks); Johane Hann, 1559 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon); William Hann, 1591 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Richard Hann, 1618 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Thomas Hann, 1622 in *IGI* (Overton, Cheshire).

**Hanna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2457, Ireland 3623
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, see **Hannah**.

**Early bearers:** John Hanny, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723; Brian O'Hanny, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Techbuy); Donagh O'Hanee, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190.

**Hannabus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: possibly from a local variant of **Hannibal** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Further information:** *Hannibal* and its variants are predominantly E Anglian, but note Johannes Hanable, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langford Budville, Somerset); Rachel Hanyball, 1595 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Philip Hannibus, 1616 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Emlin Hanibus, 1705 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); William Hannabus, 1747 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon).

**Hannaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints and Denbighs; Staffs

English: locative name, unexplained. *Notts Archives* holds a record of 1680 to 'Sir Marke Milbanke of Hannaby [Y[orks]], bart.', but the place has not been traced. There is no reason to link it with Hanby

in Lenton (Lincs), whose name is a 19th-century development of *Hanbeck*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hanaby, 1700 in *IGI* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Anthony Hannaby, 1792 in *IGI* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Mary Hannaby, 1794 in *IGI* (Gresford, Denbighs); Edward Hannoby, 1827 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); John Hannowby, *Census* 1841 (Staffs).

**Hannafin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó hAinbhthín, see **Hanafin**.

**Hannaford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1388, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one of three places called *Hannaford* in Devon: in Swimbridge, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, and Kenn. *Hannaford* in Widecombe is recorded in the surname *Haneworthi* in 1333, but this place is later recorded as *Hannaford* in 1671.

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Hanaford, 1571 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Richard Hannaford, 1689 in *IGI* (Widecombe, Devon); Gregory Hanneford, 1702 in *IGI* (Broadhempston, Devon); Thomas Hanniford, 1735 in *IGI* (Dunster, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 351–2, 499, 529.

**Hannagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London; Staffs

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

**Hannah**

Variants: **Hanna, Hannay, Hanney, Henney, Hanny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5833, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3859
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Lancs, Cumb, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Ó hAnnagh 'descendant of *Annach*', a personal name of uncertain origin, or from Ó hÉanna 'descendant of *Éanna*, also unexplained but well attested. See also **Hannan**. Black suggests that it may derive also from *Sheanaigh*, a genitive case form of the Gaelic personal and saint's name *Seanach*, but this is untenable.

**Further information:** Much of the confusion over this surname stems from the 'false locative' name of Gilbert 'de' Hannehe, the earliest Galloway bearer in 1296. However, it is clear from his appearance elsewhere as Gilbert Hahanith (*Scotland Calendar*) that this was merely caused by the lack of Gaelic literacy on the part of Edward I's clerks at his 1296 Berwick parliament. This was one of very few 'Ó' surnames to be used in Scotland, a phenomenon which was confined to the Galloway and Carrick region.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert De Annethe, Gilbert de Hannehe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Wigtowns), from *Ragman Rolls*; John Hanay, 1477 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Ahannay of

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Sorbie, 1499 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Sorbie, Wigtowns); John Ahannay 1511 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Wigtown, Wigtowns); Margaret Hannay, 1515 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); John Hanna, 1583 in *Kirkcudbright Town Records* (Kirkcudbrights); John Hanna, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkdail, Wigtowns); Issobell Hanney, 1653, Margrat Hana, 1666, Androwe Hannae, 1667 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Georg Hannah, 1672 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

References: *Black; MacLysaght.*

2 English: locative name from Hannah (Lincs).

**Further information:** The 1304 surname could be evidence that the first element of this place-name varied between Old English *hana* 'cock' and *henn* 'hen', with reference to wild birds, although there are no *-en-* spellings for this N Lincs place-name in *Lincs Place-Names*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Henney, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Barton on Humber, Lincs); Johanis. Hannay, 1587, Judith Hannah, 1641, Catherine Hanney, 1643 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Robert Hannie, 1598 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Ralfe Hannah, 1613, Francis Hanney, 1626 in *IGI* (North Kelsey, Lincs); Judith Henny, 1637 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs).

3 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Henney**, which is evidenced in E Anglia, though it is also possible that the following bearers belong with (2) by migration.

**Early bearers:** Joane Hannah, 1595 in *IGI* (Corton, Suffolk); Sara Hanney, 1662 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Hannam

Variants: **Hanham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1635, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 914
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs; Somerset, Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: locative name from Old Scandinavian *afnám* 'newly enclosed plot taken from common or undeveloped land', a frequent minor place-name in northern counties, e.g. Avenham Park in Preston (Lancs) and Aynhems in Rimington (WR Yorks), sometimes with prosthetic *H-*, as in Haynholme in Draughton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willm Annam, 1581 in *IGI* (Brindley, Lancs); Nicholas Hannum, 1617 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Humphrei Hannam, 1679 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs); Sarah Hannom, 1683 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Ann Annam, 1807 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Hanham (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Hanam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Hanam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Hanham, 1437–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Edmond Hannam, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

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Variants: **Hannon, Hannen, Hanon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2536, Ireland 330
- **GB frequency 1881:** 948
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork; Antrim; Sligo

Irish: from Ó hAnnáin 'descendant of Annán', a personal name from a contracted diminutive of *annadh*, of uncertain meaning.

**Early bearers:** John Hanyne, shoemaker, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2358 (Casshell, Tipperary); Thomas O'Hanene, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2789; Teige O'Hanyyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3820; John O'Hanyyn, priest, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4613 (Kilcoyer, Galway); Daniel O'Hanyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4637; Grany ny Hanyyn, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5423; John O'Haneene fitz William, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173; John O'Hanone, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6305; Morrish fitz David Hannyne, gent., 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6407 (Kilmallock).

## Hannant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1004, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Scandinavian: variant of **Annand**, from the Middle English descendant of the Old Scandinavian male given name *Anundr* with prosthetic *H-*. *Anundr* is very well represented in medieval Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Martinus Hanone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk); Gulieli Hannond, 1563 in *IGI* (Glensford, Suffolk); Anne Hannant, 1602 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); Gulielmus Hannent, 1710 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk).

References: *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 13–15.

## Hannath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Hannah (Lincs).

Compare **Hannah**.

## Hannaway

Variants: **Hanaway, Hanway, Hanvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish: from Ó hAinbhíth 'descendant of Ainbhíoth', a personal name meaning 'un-peace', i.e. 'stormy'. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Manus and Wm. O Hanfy, cottiers, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Clonmor); James Hanvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballee, Down).

## Hannay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns, Kirkcudbrights, Lanarks; Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: variant of **Hannah**.

## Hannegan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

## Hannel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- English: see **Hanwell**.

## Hannell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Northants

English: see **Hanwell**.

## Hannen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

Irish: from Ó hAnnáin, see **Hannan**.

## Hanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Renfrews

Scottish, English: possibly a variant of **Hanner**.

## Hannett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs and Notts

English: see **Hannett**.

## Hanney

Variants: **Hanny, Henney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 479
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Glamorgan; London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: locative name from Hanny Combe (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hannie, 1586 in *IGI* (Chedzoy, Somerset); Elizabeth Hanny, 1620 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Edward Hanny, 1656, James Hanney, 1774 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Charles Hanney, 1705 in *IGI* (West Chinnock, Somerset); Mary Hany, 1750 in *IGI* (Aberavon, Glamorgan).

2 English: from East and West Hanney (Berks). Early spellings of the place-name with *-en-* and *-an-* account for similar variation in the surname form.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Henney, parson, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Longworth, Berks); Elizabeth Hanye, 1568 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Tho Hannie, 1623, John Hannie, 1628 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Hanny, 1719 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts); Richard Henney, 1727 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Ezekiel Hanney, 1740 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks); Freelove Hanny, 1750 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); James Hanney, 1807, Mary Henney, 1832 in *IGI* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts).

3 English: see **Henney**.

**Early bearers:** William de Hanney, 1234–35 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas de Hanneye, 1339 in *London Pleas*; John Hannay, 1339–40 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Sara Hanney, 1662 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

4 Scottish, English: see **Hannah**.

## Hannibal

Variants: **Honeyball, Honniball, Hunnibal, Hunneyball, Hunnibell, Hunneybell, Hunnable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs and Leics

English: (i) relationship name, a post-medieval variant of **Annable**, from Middle English *Amabil*, *Annabel*. See **Amable**. This female personal name fell out of fashion in the late Middle Ages, and the source of the surname was no longer recognized. It was reinterpreted in the 16th century by classically educated gentlemen as being the name of the Carthaginian general, Hannibal (247–182 BC). The surname was later sometimes re-etymologized as *honey + ball or bell*, hence spellings such as **Honeyball** and **Hunnibell**. In this new guise, it coincided with an established variant of *Annable* with initial *H-*: compare Johannes Hanable, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langford Budville, Somerset), and note Henrico Hanabulsone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thringstone, Leics). (ii) there is no evidence for the use of *Hannibal* as a given name in England before 1619, when Hannibal Gammon was rector of Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall (*Withycombe*). As a medieval surname, it was borne by Matthew Hanibal (1255, *Close Rolls*) and Peter Haniballus (*Bardsley*, quoting from an undated Patent Roll), both described as ‘civis Romanus’, and obviously Italians. A Roman surname from the Carthaginian Hannibal is somewhat surprising, but in any case it is unlikely that either of these Italian merchants or moneylenders founded an English family.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hanable, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langford Budville, Somerset); Thomas Hannyball, 1513 in *Oxford University Register*; John Anyable, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Hunnyball, 1588 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Moses Hunnibal, 1590 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Sara Hannibal, 1635 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Thomas Honnibal, 1674 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Benjamin Hannibal, 1747 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Thomas Hannibal, 1759 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Simon Honeyball, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Thomas Hannibal, 1799 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Elizabeth Hunnibal(d), 1821, 1824 in *Parish Registers* (Shotley, Suffolk); Elizah Honeybill, 1845 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire).

### Hanniffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó hAinbhthín, see **Hanafin**.

### Hannigan

**Variants:** **Hannegan**, **Hanigan**, **Hannagan**, **Hanagan**, **Hanaghan**, **Hanahan**, **Hennegan**, **Henigan**, **Heenan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1217, Ireland 1185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Limerick

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin ‘descendant of *Annagán*’, a pet form of the personal name *Annach*, see **Hanna** and **Hannan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conor mcShane Y Haneghan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3093 (Clonlare); Donald O’Henechan, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3155 (Rosse); Donell oge O’Honeghane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6122; Donogh O’Honnaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Glancyronie); Hugh O’Haneghan, labourer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Donowre); Donogh O’Hanagan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; Mahowne O’Hoengan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624.

### Hanning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Dumfriess
- 1 N English, Scottish: see **Haining**.  
2 S English: variant of **Anning**.

### Hannington

**Variants:** **Hannyngton**, **Hennington**, **Henington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, Surrey, Sussex; Durham

English: locative name from any of three places called Hannington (in Hants, Wilts, and Northants).

**Early bearers:** Alfuuin de Hamingetuna, de Haningatuna, de Hanningetuna, 1086 in *Tengvik*; John de Haninton’, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Simon Hanyngton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wing, Rutland); Cristofyre Hanyngton, 1461 in *Paston Letters*; John Hannington, 1524 in *IGI* (Preston Candover, Hants); Kathern Hannington, 1562 in *IGI* (Irthlingborough, Northants); John Hannington, 1606 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Mary Hanington, 1706 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Elizabeth Hannington, 1801 in *IGI* (Chester-Le-Street, Durham).

### Hannis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

English: variant of **Annis** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** John Hannys, 1548 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Alyce Hany, 1577 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Richard Hannis, 1607 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs).

### Hannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2319, Ireland 2870
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork; Sligo and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó hAnnáin, see **Hannan**.

### Hanns

**Variants:** **Hance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: variant of **Hann** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Hannum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Hanham**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hanny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and SW Scotland

1 English: see **Hanney**.

2 Scottish: see **Hannah**.

3 Irish: anglicized form of Ó hAnnaigh; see

### Hannah

**Early bearers:** John Hanny, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723; Brian O’Hanny, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Techbuy); Donagh O’Hanee, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190.

### Hannyngton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Hannington**.

### Hanon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- Irish: from Ó hAnnáin, see **Hannan**.

### Hanrahan

**Variants:** **O’Hanrahan**, **Handrahan**, **Haran**, **Hourihan**, **Hourihane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 1688
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Munster and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó hAnradháin ‘descendant of *Anradhán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *ánrad(h)* ‘hero, warrior, champion’, a title denoting a nobleman next in rank to a king in medieval Ireland. The title was also used to denote court poets of the second rank. Later pronunciation in central Ireland as Ó *hArracháin* or Ó *hArragáin*, resulted in alternative anglicized spellings **Haran**, **Hargan**, and **Horgan**. **Early bearers:** Connor oughe Hanrohayne, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §432 (Wexford); David Hanrighane, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Richard Hanregane, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2058 (Knocktogether); Patrick Hanraghane, weaver, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Conoghor mcTeig O’Hanreighaine, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069; Shane mcTeige Y Honraghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Cork).

### Hanratty

**Variants:** **Henretty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 872
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan

Irish: from Ó hIonnraichtaigh ‘descendant of *Ionnraichtach*’, (also spelled *Annrachtach*), a personal name meaning ‘marauder’. Compare **Enright**.

**Early bearers:** Aedh H. Innrechtaiigh, king of Uí Meith, 1020 in *AU*; Gairbeith hUa Innrechtaiigh, king of Uí Meith, 1076 in *AU*; Imhar hUa Innrechtaiigh, erenagh of Muckno, once king of Uí Meith, 1161 in *AU*; Dermot Hyingerty, merchant, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1224 (Waterford); Owne ny Hanratt, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4017 (Tyrow, Louth); Hugh O Hanraghtie mcEvicker, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Patrick O Hanraghty, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fues, Ulster).

### Hanry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Hanri*, an

## Hans

Anglo-Norman French form of **Henry**. In English pronunciation *Henry* was usually altered to **Harry**. Pet forms include **Hann**, **Hankin**, and **Hancock**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hainric de Cornhull, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (London); Hanry Wade, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).  
surnames: Willelmo filio Hanrici, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willowes, Leics); Henricus Hanry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Mallet, Somerset); Margaret Hanry, 1713 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Charles Hanry, 1854 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Hans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 English: see **Hance**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hans, 1551 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Hans, 1580 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs); William Hans, 1599 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Humphrey Hans, 1607 in *IGI* (London).

2 German, Dutch: from the personal name *Hans*, vernacular form of *Johannes* 'John'.

3 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh name, a derivative of Sanskrit *hamsa* 'swan or goose'; the name of an Arora clan.

## Hansard

Variants: **Hazard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French (originally Continental Germanic) personal name *Ansard* with prosthetic *H-*. In Anglo-Norman French *-n-* and *-l-* were often interchangeable, hence *Halsard*. *Hausard* is probably an error for *Hansard*. The reduced form *Hasard* may have contributed to **Hazard**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for Reaney's suggestions that *Halsard* derived from Old and Middle English *hals* 'neck' + the pejorative suffix *-ard*, perhaps a nickname for someone with some peculiarity of the neck; or that *Hansard* derived from Old French, Middle English *hansard* 'cutlass, poniard'. As Reaney pointed out, the Norman surname is too early to denote a Hanseatic merchant, a sense first recorded in 1453 (*MED*). Nor is it likely to have an earlier supposed sense, 'a member of a merchant guild' for, although Old French *hanse* 'merchant guild' is recorded in Middle English by 1135, the surnames cited by *MED* as sole evidence for *hansard* 'a member of a merchant guild' are examples of the Old French personal name used as a patronymic.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Hansard, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks), identical with Gilbert Halsart, 1155–85 in *Durham Liber Vitae* (Yorks); Hugo Hasard, 1167, 1170, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Halsard, Hasard, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Halsart, Hausard, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Geoffrey Hasard, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Willelmus Haunsart, 1185–1215 in *Durham Liber Vitae* (Durham); Gilbert Hausard (son of Gilbert Hansard), 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), identical with Gilbert Haunsard, 1185–1215 in *Durham Liber Vitae* (Yorks); William Haunsard, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Roger

Hansard, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Johanne Haunsard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mary and Saint Margaret, Walmgate, York); Willimus Hansard, 1562 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs);

**References:** *Durham Liber Vitae*, p. 270; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1004.

## Hansberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: adopted for Ó hAinmhire, see **Hennebry**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Hansbury

Variants: **Hansberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: adopted for Ó hAinmhire, see **Hennebry**.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Hanbury**.

## Hanscomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx

English: see **Hanscombe**.

## Hanscombe

Variants: **Hanscomb**, **Handsome**, **Hanscomb**, **Ansecomb**, **Ansecombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Surrey, Middx

English: locative name from Hanscombe End in Shillington (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Hanscombe, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Elizabeth Hanscombe, 1557 in *IGI* (London); Jone Ansecombe, 1564 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Matthew Hanscombe, 1566 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Marye Hanscome, 1575 in *IGI* (Holwell, Herts); Frances Aynscombe, 1622 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Robte Aynscombe, 1626 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Anthony Ansecombe, 1666, John Aynscombe, 1708 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey).

## Hansel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Hants
- English: variant of **Ansell** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hansell

Variants: **Hansel**, **Hancell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; NR Yorks and Durham; also Hants; also Staffs

English: variant of **Ansell** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hansen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2593, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham and Northumb

Danish, Norwegian, Dutch, North German: patronymic from the personal name *Hans*, a form of *Johannes* (*John*).

**Early bearers:** John Hansen, 1576 in *IGI* (Rastrick); William Hansen, 1616 in *IGI* (Flixton); Grundy Hansen, 1799 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne).

## Hansford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1910, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1475
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Hansford Barton in Ashreigny, or from one of two other places named *Hansford* or *Handsford* in Chawleigh and Bondleigh (all Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Hantesforde, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Richard Hansford, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Elynore Hansford, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); William Hansford, 1640 in *PROB 11* (South Perrott, Dorset); Ro Hansford, 1690 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Robert Hansford, 1752 in *IGI* (Loders, Dorset).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 355–6.

## Hanshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Surrey; WR Yorks

English: see **Hampshire**.

## Hansley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Ansley** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** John de Hannelsley, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Ann Hanslye, 1570 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

## Hanslip

Variants: **Handslip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Hanslope (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Winemarus de Hanslepe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); John de Hannslap, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Nicholaus Hamslape, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Roberto Hanyslap, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Easton, Leics); John Hanslape, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Nicholas Hanslap, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Southam, Warwicks); Francis Hanslip, 1646 in *IGI* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Elizabeth Honslop, 1722 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Hanslep, 1727 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk).

## Hanslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Middx and Kent

English: variant of **Anslow** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Hansloe, 1647 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Hanna Hanslow, 1729 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Thomas Hanslow, 1738 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs).

**Hansom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and Durham

1 English: see **Hanson**. *Hanson* seems to have been readily confused with *handsome*, see sense (2).

**Further information:** No medieval bearers have been found.

**Early bearers:** Thos Hansom, 1568 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics); Arthure Hansom, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Thomas Handsome, 1581 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Johis. Hansome Or Paynter, 1586 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Johes. Hansome, 1590 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); John Hansom, 1606 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thos. Hansom, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); John Hansom bricklayer, 1659 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Hanson son of John Hansome, bricklayer, 1664 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Jane Handsome, 1707 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *handsom*, originally 'tractable, clever, courteous, magnanimous'. The sense 'good-looking' appears only in the late 16th century Its use in surnames is supported by Jeremiah Handsombody, 1766 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** The Middle English word is in *OED* but not *MED*.

**Hanson**

**Variants:** **Handson, Hansom, Anson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12878, Ireland 193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9653
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Armagh, and Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hann** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** John Hanson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ralph Hanneson, 1350 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Lancs); Eliz. Hanson, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Hanson, 1541 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); John Hanson, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Robert Hanson, 1551 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Hellen Hanson, 1552 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs).

2 English: relationship name meaning 'son of *Hann*'; see **Hand** (2).

3 Irish: from Ó hAmhsaigh, see **Hampson**.

**Hanspal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, denoting a 'gooseherd', from Sanskrit *hamsa* 'goose' + *pāla* 'caretaker'.

**Hanstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: see **Anstead**.

**Hansted**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Anstead**.

**Hanstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: variant of **Henstock**.  
**Early bearers:** William Hanstock, 1722 in *IGI* (Crambe, NR Yorks).

**Hant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; WR Yorks

English: possibly a variant of **Hand** with devoicing of final *-d*; compare **Lant, Lunt**.

**Early bearers:** Humfrey Hant, 1641 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); John Hant, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Hant, 1663 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Robert Hant, 1663 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Elizabeth Hant, 1664 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Hant, 1686 in *IGI* (Kempsey, Worcs); Ardilla Hant, 1706 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs).

**Hanton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 Scottish: locative name, evidently from a lost place named *Hantestoun* in Angus, recorded in 1661 (*Black*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Hantoun, 1500 in *Black*; Johne Hantoun, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Hanton, 1600 in *Brechin Testaments* (Montrose, Angus); David Hantoun, 1652 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Christian Hantin, 1701 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

2 Unexplained; possibly an adaptation of French *Hanotin*, a double diminutive of *Je(h)an* 'John'. Possibly some bearers in (1) belong here.

**Early bearers:** John Hantin, 1613 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Ellsabeth Hanton, 1629 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ann Hanton, 1639 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Willam Hanton, 1664 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Hanten, 1684 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); Jh. Hanton, 1718 in *IGI* (Corpusty, Norfolk).

**Hanvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 214
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó hAinbhith, see **Hannaway**.

**Hanway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Carlow; Sligo

Irish: from Ó hAinbhith, see **Hannaway**.

**Hanwell**

**Variants:** **Hannell, Hannel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants, Oxon, and Bucks; WR Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called Hanwell (Middx, Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hanewell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swalcliffe, Oxon); Johanne Hanewell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shotteswell, Warwicks); Johannes Hannell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Newton, Northants); Thomas Hanwell, 1393 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Hanewell, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Hanewell, 1425–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Hanell', 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Richard Hanwell, 1546 in *IGI* (Cropredy, Oxon); Jane Hannell, 1560 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Geo Hanwell, 1569 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); Elizabeth Hanwell, 1570 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); Richarde Hannell, 1570 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Mary Hannel, 1692 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts).  
**References:** Information from Rosalind Dunning (Guild of One-Name Studies).

**Hanwood**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Middx; also Cheshire; Herefs

English: locative name from Hanwood (Shrops) or Henwood Green in Willesborough (Kent). Compare **Henwood**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hanewode, 1209 in *Forest Pleas* (Shrops); John de Hanewode, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam de Hanewod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Hanewode, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunsden, Berks); Alicia Hanwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rumwell, Somerset); Johan Hanwood, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Wheldwich, Kent).

**Hanworth**

**Variants:** **Henworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Cold Hanworth or Potter Hanworth (both Lincs) or Hanworth (Norfolk). The early bearers can be difficult to distinguish from those for **Hainsworth**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Hanewurð', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Haneworth', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Hanneworth', 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Waddingworth, Lincs); William Hanworth', 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Earlham, Norfolk).

**Hapgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Habgood**.

**Happe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks

English: nickname for a fortunate person, from Middle English *happ(e)* 'prosperity', 'favour' (from Old English *gehaep* 'fit').

**Early bearers:** Aldwin' Happe, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John le Hap, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Hap', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); Isabell Happe, 1562 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs).

**Happer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks; Durham
- English: perhaps from Scots *happer*, a variant of *hopper* 'basket; hopper of a mill', as used in the Scots and N Country expression *happer-*, *hopper-arsed* 'having fat buttocks'. Bearers in S England may also indicate a variant of **Hopper**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Happour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Alen Happer, 1614 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Arther Haper, 1644 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); James Happer, 1790 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Northumb).  
 Scotland: Bessie Happer, 1644 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Happer, 1650 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs).

**Happs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Apps** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

**Happy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish, English: apparently from Middle English or Scots *happi* 'prosperous, lucky; skilful'. The modern London distribution suggests it may sometimes be a recent translation or adaptation, in the sense 'happy', of an immigrant surname such as **Gluck**, **Glick**, or *Lheureux*, but there is no clear evidence for this.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Elspeth Happy, 1652 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Isobel Happy, 1719 in *IGI* (Cromdale, Inverness); Elizth. Happy, 1732 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); James Happey, 1803 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Haped**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent
- English: see **Apted**.

**Haq**

**Variants:** **Haque**, **Hoque**, **Huq**, **Ul-haq**, **Ulhaq**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2029, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: (i) from a personal name based on Arabic *haqq* 'true', 'truth, reality'. (ii) *Al-Haqq* 'the truth' is an attribute of Allah. The name is also found in combinations, for example *Abdul-Haqq* 'servant of the truth', *Nūr-ul-Haqq* 'light of the truth'.

**Haque**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3295, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Muslim: see **Haq**

**Hara**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 223
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish: from Ó hEaghra, see **O'Hara**.

**Haralambous**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: relationship name. See **Charalambous**.

**Harald**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Harold**.

**Haran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 326
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo; Donegal
- 1 Irish: (i) (in Clare and Connacht) from Ó hEaghráin 'descendant of *Eaghrán*', a diminutive of *Eaghra*, as in **O'Hara**, a personal name of unexplained origin. (ii) (in Fermanagh) from Ó hAráin 'descendant of *Arán*', a personal name of unexplained origin. (iii) (in Armagh) via Ó hEaráin from Ó hEaradháin, see **Herron**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Heron, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §325 (Kildare); Rory O'Haran, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4697 (Fay, Galway); Philip O'Haran, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466; John oge O'Hageran, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302.  
 2 Irish: it is also found in central Ireland as a reduced form, via Ó hArracháin, of **Hanrahan**.

**Harbach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs
- English: see **Harbidge**.

**Harbage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs
- English: see **Harbidge**.

**Harbard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks
- English: see **Herbert**.

**Harben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs
- English: see **Harbon**.

**Harber**

**Variants:** **Harbour**, **Harbor**, **Arber**, **Arbour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1303, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 677
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; W Midlands

English: nickname, locative name for someone who kept or lived at a lodging house, from late Old English *herebeorg* 'shelter, lodging'; compare **Harbisher**.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey, John Herbour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Catherine Harbour, 1564 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Johannes Herbere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Norfolk); Agnes atte Herbere, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Harber, 1575 in *IGI*

(Canterbury, Kent); Agnes Harbyre, 1595 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Elenara Harbar, 1618 in *IGI* (Lighthorne, Warwicks).

**Harberd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, and Berks
- English: see **Herbert**.

**Harbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Middx
- English: see **Herbert**.

**Harbertson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Herbertson**.

**Harbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Staffs; London
- English: see **Harby**.

**Harbidge**

**Variants:** **Harbage**, **Harbach**, **Herbage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: nickname from Middle English *\*herbe(r)ge* (Old French *herberge* 'hostel, shelter'); compare the derived noun form **Harbisher**.  
**Further information:** There are documentary references (*Northants Record Office*) to an apparent place called *Herbage* in or near Everdon (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** Marie Harbage, 1556 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Henricus Harbage, 1569 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Jane Harbidge, 1613 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs); John Herbage, 1687 in *IGI* (Forthampton, Gloucs); Thomas Herbage, 1724 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ann Arbidge, 1746 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths).

**Harbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Harbon**.

**Harbinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 569
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Herbertson**.

**Harbird**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Herbert**.

**Harbisher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60



• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks  
 English: occupational name from Middle English, Old French *herbergeor* ‘host, lodging-house keeper’. It could also denote someone who organized lodgings for the guests of a nobleman or for soldiers in a military encampment. Compare **Habbeshaw**.  
**Early bearers:** Edric (le) Herberg(e)or, 1184–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas le Harbergur, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William le Herbejour, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Derbys); William le Herbyour, 1343 in *Derbys Charters*; Mary Harbisher, 1785 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks).

### Harbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 89
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry; Down

Scottish: see **Herbertson**.

### Harbolt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Harebald*, *Herbaud*, Continental Germanic *Haribald*, composed of elements meaning ‘army’ + ‘bold’.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert, Ralph Harebald, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Elizabeth Harbolt, 1815 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Robert Harbolt, 1823 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Harbon

**Variants:** Harbin, Harben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of **Harborne** with loss of the second *r*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Herbyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alton Pancras, Dorset); John Harbon, 1542 in *IGI* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); William Harbin, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Glanville Wootton, Dorset); William Harbon, 1634 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); Francis Harben, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Dorchester, Dorset); Edward Harbon, 1697 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs).

### Harbor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Harber**.

### Harbord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also London

English: see **Herbert**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Harberd, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); John Harberd, 1548 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Agnes Harbord, 1548 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Raphe Harbart, 1589 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); Ales Harbord, 1620 in *IGI* (Woodbridge,

Suffolk); Margett Harberd, 1622 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

### Harborne

**Variants:** Harbourne, Harbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Harborne (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Horborne, 1318/19 in *Birmingham Archives*; Ellenor Harborne, 1567 in *IGI* (Rous Lench, Worcs); Elizabeth Harbourne, 1599 in *Wigtownshire and Minningaff* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs); John Harborn, 1606 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Margaret Horborne of Evesham, 1672 in *Birmingham Archives* (Evesham, Worcs).

### Harbot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Herbert**.

### Harbott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics

English: see **Herbert**.

### Harbottle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative name from Harbottle (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Herbotell, 1323 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alicia Harbotul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); Robert Herbotill, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Elford, Northumb); Thomas Hardebotyll, 1513 in *Rochester Wills*; Anne Harbattle, 1542 in *IGI* (York); John Harbottle, 1543 in *Annals of Ipswich* (Suffolk); Dorothy Arbotle, 1569 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

### Harbour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: London; Hants; Norfolk; Northants

English: see **Harber**.

### Harbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs; Lancs; Middx

English: see **Harborne**.

**Further information:** In Ireland there was some confusion between this name and derivatives of **Herbert**.

### Harbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Surrey; W Midlands

1 English: locative name, possibly from Harbridge (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Henry Harbridge, 1624 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Arbridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Ewhurst,

Surrey); Samuel Harbridge, 1734 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: possibly from a Middle English *\*herberge* ‘(temporary) dwellings, lodging, inn’ (Anglo-Norman French *herberge*).

### Harbron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks

English: metathesized variant of **Harburn**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Harbron, 1736 in *IGI* (Sadberge, Durham); John Harbron, 1781 in *IGI* (Guisborough, NR Yorks).

### Harbud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx

English: see **Herbert**.

### Harburn

**Variants:** Harbron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Hartburn (Durham) or, less probably, Hartburn (Northumb) or Harburn (W Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Richard Harburn, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Redmarshall, Durham); Allyson Harburn, 1561 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Isabell Hartbourn, 1564 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham).

### Harbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Herbert**.

### Harbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Leics; WR Yorks

English: see **Herbert**.

### Harby

**Variants:** Harbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts

English: locative name from Hareby (Lincs) or Harby (Leics, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Coleman de Harebi, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Harebi, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Duneward de Herdeby, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Harby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Simon Herby, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Nicholas Harbee, 1559 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics); Abigill Harebye, 1572 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Thomas Harbie, 1576 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Jeffry Harby, 1579 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

### Harcombe

**Variants:** Hurcombe, Hurcomb, Harkcom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs; Lancs

## Harcourt

English: locative name from Harcombe in Chudleigh (Devon), Sidmouth (Devon), or Hurcombe in Hemyock (Devon); the latter is recorded as *Hertecombe* in 1330.

**Further information:** Two places in Gloucs called Harcombe Farm (in Syde and Marshfield) are both first recorded only in 1830; they are unlikely to be the source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Harecumbe, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . de] Hertecombe, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Robert Harcomb, 1596 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Thomas Harcomb, 1597 in *IGI* (South Cerney, Gloucs); Anthonius Harcombe, 1601 in *IGI* (Beer Crocombe, Somerset); Mary Hurcomb, 1632 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Rebecca Hurcombe, 1711 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 490, 597, 618.

## Harcourt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 659
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx, Warwicks, Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down 1 Norman, English: locative name from Harcourt (Eure, Calvados). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Harewcurt, 1055 in *Tengvik*; Philip de Harecourt, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Sussex); Johanne Harecowrt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Foxton, Leics); Willelmo Harcourt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Richard de Harecourt, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Richard Harecourte or Harecourt, 1486 in *PROB 11* (Wigtham, Berks); Richard Harecourt, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Abingdon, Berks); John Harcourt, 1565 in *IGI* (Plumstead, Norfolk); Simon Harcourt, 1589 in *IGI* (Wormleighton, Warwicks); Robert Harecourte, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Staunton Harcourt, Oxon).

2 English: locative name from either of two places in Shrops named Harcourt. The one near Cleobury Mortimer, recorded in *Domesday Book* (1186) as *Havekercot*, is named with Old English *heafocere* 'hawker, falconer' + *cot* 'hut, cottage'; the other (*Harpecote* in *Domesday Book*), near Wem, has as its first element Old English *hearpere* (see **Harper**).

**Early bearers:** Egidius Harecourt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shavington, Shrops); Willelmus Harecourt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cound with parcels, Shrops); Robert Harecourte, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Ranton, Staffs); Elizabeth Harecourte, 1616 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Hannah Harcourt, 1791 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

## Harcup

**Variants:** Hartcup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname, perhaps from a Middle English *\*hert-cop* 'crown of a hart's head'. For the sense, compare Magota Herteshueued, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edlington, WR Yorks), 'hart's head' and Willelmus Hertheyd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks), 'hart head', and therefore also the place-name *Hartshead* (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Harcoop, 1693, Mary Hartcops or Harcop, 1694, Catherine Hartcop or Harcop, 1696, Ann Harcope or Harcop, 1698, Henry Hardcop, 1736 in *IGI* (Medomsley, Durham); Jeremiah Harcop,

1712, Mary Hartcup, 1721 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Harcop, 1738 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Harcup, 1755 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

## Harcus

**Variants:** Harkus, Harkess, Harkes, Hercus, Herkes, Arcus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Harcarse in Fogo (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Adam of Harcarres, 1216 in *Newbattle Register*, (Melrose, Roxburghs); John de Harkers, 1325 in *Papal Letters* (Auldham, E Lothian); William, 1440 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Alexander Harkass, 1547 in *Black*; Jhone. Hercas, 1611 in *IGI* (Inversk, Midlothian); Katherin Hercus, 1616 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Agnes Herkes, 1634 in *IGI* (Laswade, E Lothian); Janet Arcus, 1668 in *Orkney Testaments*; Jean Harkes, 1734 in *IGI* (Garvald, E Lothian); Kathrine Hercus, 1735 in *IGI* (Rousay and Egilshay, Orkney).

## Hard

**Variants:** Hards, Hardes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon; Cambs; Lancs

1 English: occupational name, variant of **Heard**. Compare **Hardman**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2), (3), or (4), though none of these other senses were anything like as common.

**Early bearers:** John Hard, 1556 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Robtus Hard, 1568 in *IGI* (Long Ditton and Tolworth, Surrey); Lettis Hard, 1569 in *IGI* (Alvingham, Lincs); Thoms. Hard, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Karen Widow Hard, 1579 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Kynten Hard, 1591 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Hard, 1621 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Willyam Hard, 1634 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Roger Hard, 1642 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Elizab. Hard, 1684 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Eliz. Hard, 1702 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *hard* (Old English *heard*) 'harsh, callous' or 'brave, hardy'. The late 14th-century bearers below may alternatively represent late Middle English *harde*, a variant of *herde*, and belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hard, Hardi, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Roger Hard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Henrico Harde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilpshire with Dinckley, Lancs); Alicia Harde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, Leics); Bartholomeus Hard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterden, Norfolk); Walterus Harde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Mallet, Somerset).

3 English: locative name denoting a dweller on hard, firm ground, from a transferred use of the adjective in (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert del Hard, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).

4 English: relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English survival of an unrecorded Old English personal name *\*Heard*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hardo de Acolt, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Hardacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 710
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

English: see **Hardaker**.

## Hardaker

**Variants:** Hardacre, Hardicker, Hardiker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1241, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1034
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Hardacre in Clapham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Hardaker, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); Alles Hardacre, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Tarvin, Cheshire); William Hardiker, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Widow Hardacree, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

## Hardaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: probably a variant of **Hathaway**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Hardcastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2930, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2628
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Hardcastle in Beverley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hardcastell, 1480, Agnes Herdecastell, Henry Herdcastell, 1511 in *Fountains Abbey Lease Book* (Fountains Earth, WR Yorks); John Hardcastell, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); George Hardcastle, 1557 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Hardcastle, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Hardcastell, 1657 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks) vol. 5, p. 147.

## Hardee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London
- English: see **Hardy**.

## Hardell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

French, English: nickname from Old French *hardel* 'rope, noose'; by extension 'young good-for-nothing, rascal', or 'group of hounds on a single leash'; most likely the former application.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for this word in Anglo-Norman French.

**Early bearers:** William Hardell', 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (London/Middx); Robert hardel, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); William Hardel, 1350 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas Hardell', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Brackley, Northants); Mary Hardell, 1593 in *IGI* (Colsterworth, Lincs).

**Hardeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Flints
- 1 English: see **Hardman**.  
2 English: see **Hardiman**.

**Harden****Variants:** Hurden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1166
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Harden*.

**Early bearers:** Adam filius Harden, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas Harden, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Harden, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ellyn Harden, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Harden, 1545 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Agnes Harden, 1547 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from Harden (WR Yorks), Haredene Wood or in East Tisbury (Wilts). In some instances the name may be from Hawarden (Flints), pronounced 'Harden' (compare **Hewerdine**), or alternatively it may be a variant of **Arden** with prosthetic *H-*. The examples lacking prepositions may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Hardene, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Richard de Harden, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Richard de Hareden', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Harden, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam de Hardeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradford, WR Yorks); Adam de Harden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); Raw de Hardene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Lancs); John Hareden, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Ugborough, Devon); John Harden, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Sandwich, Kent); Willimus Harden, 1567 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire).

3 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Harden (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** John de Hardene, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*, (Roxburghs); Richard de Harden, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); William of Harden in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dundee, Angus); Catharine Harden, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Beatrix Harden, 1722 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); William Harden, 1742 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian); Elspet Harden, 1773 in *IGI* (Kincardine O'Neil, Aberdeens); James Harden, 1782 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

4 Irish: adopted for **Mac Giolla Deacair**, see **Hardy**.

**Harder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; Durham
- English: occupational name from an agent noun derived from Middle English *hardenen* 'to make hard' (Old English *heardian*), denoting a hardener of metals (used by Chaucer) and elsewhere a baker who hardened dough with heat.
- Early bearers:** John Harder(e), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); William Harder(e), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Margaret Harder, 1549 in *IGI* (Yarcombe,

Devon); Ann Harder, 1672 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants).

**Hardern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: variant of **Arden** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Hardes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent
- English: see **Hards**.

**Hardesty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks
- English: see **Hardisty**.

**Hardey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; NR Yorks; London
- English: see **Hardy**.

**Hardgrave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: variant of **Hargrave** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Hardham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: locative name from Hardham (Sussex), recorded as *Heringham* in 1189. Apparently the place had two entirely different names, as indicated by *Herynham al. dicta Herdham* 1399 (see *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 128).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Herynham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Matilda Herdham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Margaret Hardham, Richard Hardam, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Hardham, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Chichester, Sussex).

**Hardick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Glamorgan
- English: see **Hardwick**.

**Hardicker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hardaker**.

**Hardie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5032, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3882
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Midlothian; also Northumb, Lancs
- Scottish: see **Hardy**.

**Hardiker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hardaker**.

**Hardiman**

Variants: **Hardyman**, **Hardeman**, **Hardman**, **Hardiment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1661, Ireland 513
- **GB frequency 1881:** 880
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Wilts; also Kent; Lancs; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hardi*, *herdi* 'hardy, bold' + *man* 'man'; see **Hardy**. The name has sometimes been confused with **Hardman** (1).

**Early bearers:** Waltero Herdyman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leigh in Colehill, Dorset); Walter Hardiman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); Radulfus Hardyman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Margeria Hardieman, 1551 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); John Hardiman, 1571 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Willm. Hardieman, 1582 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); William Hardiman, 1583 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Ann Hardeman, 1582, Elizabeth Hardyman, 1616 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Elizabethae Hardyman, 1619 in *IGI* (Evenlode, Gloucs); Robarti Hardiman, 1624 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Hardiman, 1637 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Tho: Hardyman, 1658 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); William Hardiman, 1661 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); George Hardiman, 1715 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Elizabeth Hardyman, 1799 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: (i) adopted for **Mac Giolla Deacair**, see **Hardy**. (ii) adopted for **Ó hArgadáin**, see **Hargadon**.

**Hardiment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Hardiman** with excrescent *-t* (see **Ashment**).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Hardymment, 1752 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Sarah Hardiment, 1753 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); William Hardymment, 1787 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Hardiment, 1789, Ruben Hardiment, 1812 in *London Met Archives* (Westminster, Middx).

**Hardin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; ER Yorks

English: see **Harding**.

**Harding**

Variants: **Hardinge**, **Arding**, **Hardin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28697, Ireland 958
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21508
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Tipperary, and Kilkenny

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Harding* (Old English *Hearding*).

## Hardinge

**Further information:** The surname was first taken to Ireland in the 15th century and more families of the name settled there 200 years later in Tipperary and surrounding counties.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hardingus, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ardingus, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).  
surnames, England: Roger Harding, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard Harding, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh Arding, 1244 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Agnes Hardyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); William Hardyng', 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Normanby, NR Yorks).  
surnames, Ireland: Thomas Hardinge, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1396; Richard Hardinge, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4655 (Kilkenny).

### Hardinge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Harding**.

### Hardingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 742, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Middx
- English: locative name from Hardingham (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** William de Hardingeham, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls*; Elizabeth Hardingham, 1545 in *IGI* (Eyworth, Beds); Thomas Hardingham, 1572 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Nicholas Hardingham, 1605 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs).

### Hardington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: probably a variant of **Hartington** with the voicing of /t/ to /d/ between a voiced consonant and a vowel.  
**Further information:** Either or both Hardington (near Yeovil, Somerset) and Hardington Mandeville (near Frome, Somerset) gave rise to a homonymous surname: compare Jordan de Herdyton, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset), Willelmus de Herdyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catcott, Somerset), and Richard Hardington, 1591 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts). However, these are less likely sources of the Leics name, which is recorded there since the late 14th century.  
**Early bearers:** Johanna Herduntun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Edward Hartynghdon, 1570 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); Elizabeth Hartington, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Bowden, Leics); John Hardington, 1754 in *IGI* (Hugglescote and Donington, Leics).

### Hardisty

- Variants:** **Hardesty**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 859
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb
- English: locative name from Hardistys in Nesfield or Hardisty Hill in Fewston (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** John de Hardolfsty, 1379 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Hardosty, 1450 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Hardesty, 1659 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Hardley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: locative name, apparently from one or more of the minor places of this name in Hants, Norfolk, and Derbys, but there are none in Cheshire.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Hardeley, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); John Hardley, 1570 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Richard Hardley, 1609 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); John Hardley, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Hardley, 1613 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Michaelis Hardley, 1632 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Elisabeth Hardley, 1651, and Job Hardley, 1656 in *IGI* (Bobbington, Staffs); Francis Hardley, 1658 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys); Samul Hardley, 1678 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ann Hardley, 1684 in *IGI* (Whittlesey, Cambs); Jose. Hardley, 1707 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Tho. Hardley, 1709 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire).

### Hardman

- Variants:** **Hardeman, Heardman, Herdman, Hirdman, Hurdman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 6986, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6020
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *herdeman*, *herdemon*, *hirdeman*, *hurdeman* (Old English *hierdeman*, *heordman*) 'herdsman, one who tends sheep, goats, cattle, etc.' In early Modern English *Herdman* and *Heardman* often came to be pronounced *Hardman* or were respelled *Hurdman* and *Hirdman*. Compare the synonymous **Heard**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Osbert Hirdman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon le Hyrdeman, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Henry Erdman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John le Herdman, Walter Herdman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Herdeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Willelmus Hurdman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Portslade, Sussex); Edward Hurdeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Alanus le Hyrdmon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Thomas le Herdeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs); Willelmus le Herdemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanton upon Hine Heath, Shrops); Thomas Hardman, 1540 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Francisci Hardman, 1552 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Sebyll Hardman, 1554, Marget Hardeman, 1569 in *IGI* (South Littleton, Worcs); Johannis Hardeman, 1570 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Hardman, 1577 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); George Hardman, 1586 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 261–3.  
2 English: relationship name, occasionally from the Middle English personal name *Hardman* (Old English \**Hardmann*, literally 'hard man', a late formation with *-mann*, a type common in the eastern counties).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hardman(nus), about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk), 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Robert Hardman, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Susan Hardman, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).  
3 English, Irish: reduced form of **Hardiman**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Hardman, yeoman, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2057.

### Hards

- Variants:** **Hardes**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 679
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- 1 English: locative name from Upper and Lower Hardres (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Peter de Hardres, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Hardres, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Margery Hardres, 1499 in *Kent Wills* (Upper Hardres, Kent); Philip Hardes, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Cowden, Kent); Agnes Hards, 1566 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Marye Hardres, 1577 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Hardes, 1577 in *IGI* (Denton next Wootton, Kent); Anne Hards, 1581 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).  
2 English: a post-medieval modification of **Hard**, with excrescent *-s*.

### Hardstaff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Hardstoft in Ault Hucknall (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Mary Hardstafe, 1625 in *IGI* (Heanor, Derbys); George Hardstaffe, 1716 in *IGI* (Annesley, Notts); Thomas Hardstoft, 1735 in *IGI* (Heath, Derbys).

### Hardware

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: occupational nickname for a dealer in hardware and metal goods, from Middle English *hardware*.  
**Further information:** Compare Lambert Hardwareman, 1473 in *York Guild Register*.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Hardware, 1544 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Worcs); Robert Hardware, 1551 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 42 (Kent); James Hardware, 1657 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs); Samuel Hardware, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).

### Hardway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hardwy* (Old English *Hardwig*).  
**Early bearers:** Robert filius Hardwy, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Hugh Hardwy, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Rycharde Hardway, 1588 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

### Hardwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon
- English: locative name from Hardwell Farm, a moated site in Compton Beauchamp (Berks).  
**Early bearers:** Henrico Hordewell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sparsholt, Berks); Johanne Hordwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westbrook, Berks); Thomas Hardewell, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Lockinge, Berks); Jone Hardwell, 1540 in

*IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); John Hardewell, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Backwell, Somerset); Richardus Hardwell, 1581 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); William Hardwell, 1613 in *Parish Registers* (Little Wittenham, Berks); The widow Hardwell, 1648 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Sandwich, Kent); Christopher Hardwell, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Bourne, Hants); Gulielmus Hardwell, 1723 in *Parish Registers* (Burnham on Sea, Somerset).

### Hardwich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset
- English: see **Hardwick**.

### Hardwick

Variants: **Hardwicke**, **Hardwich**, **Hardwidge**, **Hadwick**, **Hardick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5636, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4478
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name from Hardwick Hall in Ault Hucknall (Derbys) or any of the numerous other places named *Hardwick* (e.g. WR Yorks, Warwicks, Cambs, Oxon, Shrops, Northants) or *Hardwicke* (e.g. Gloucs, Shrops).

**Further information:** Many early bearers are from Ault Hucknall in Derbys, the parish in which Hardwick Hall lies (*Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 269).

**Early bearers:** Anketill' de Herdewic', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard de la Herdewyk, 1243 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johannes de Hardewyk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Thomas Hordewyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stottesdon, Shrops); William Herdewyk', 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Chirk, Chirkland, Shrops); John Hardewik' 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Islip, Oxon); Agnes Hardwicke, 1569 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Richard Hardwick, 1604 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Elinor Hardwick, 1664 in *IGI* (Ault Hucknall, Derbys).

### Hardwicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Hardwick**.

### Hardwidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Hardwick**.

### Hardy

Variants: **Hardie**, **Hardey**, **Hardee**, **Le Hardy**, **Hardiman**, **Harden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24508, Ireland 635
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17903
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh; Galway

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French, Middle English *hardi* 'bold, courageous', also found as *herdi* through the influence of Middle English *hard*, *herd* 'bold' (Old English *heard*).

**Early bearers:** William Hardi, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William le Hardy, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William

le Hardy, 1220 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks); Matill' Herdy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Emma Hardey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Robert Hardy, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Empingham, Rutland).

2 Irish: in Ireland, in addition to being an importation of the English name, this is also found as an anglicized form (by partial translation) of **Mac Giolla Deacair** 'son of the hard lad'.

### Hardyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Leics

English: see **Hardiman**.

### Hare

Variants: **Heir**, **Hares**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5875, Ireland 519
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4421
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Armagh; Galway

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hare* 'hare' (Old English *hara*), presumably denoting someone who could run fast or was timorous, or possibly bearing some similarity to a hare in appearance.

**Early bearers:** Walter (le) Hare, 1166, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); John le Hare, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes le Heyr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Johanne the Har', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sparkenhoe hundred, Leics); Johannes the Heyr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilbury iuxta Clare, Essex); Robertus le Hayr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dalton, Lincs); John Hare, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs and Leics).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived on stony ground (Old English *hær*). See **Ekwall**, **DEPN** (at *här*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Hare, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); John Hare, 1538 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Agnes Hare, 1542 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Humphrey Hare, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Michael Hare, 1544 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Jenet Hare, 1548 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).

3 English: variant of **Ayre** with prosthetic *H-*.

4 English: possibly also a variant of **Hair**.

5 Irish: (i) from Ó hAichir, see **O'Hare**. (ii) from Ó hÍr, see **O'Hare**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh mcTumultie Hare, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4782.

### Hares

Variants: **Heirs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 627
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and W England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Hare**, with post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hares, 1539 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Thomas Hares, 1596 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Sampeson Hares, 1599 in *IGI* (Badgworth, Somerset).

2 English: locative name, relationship name from Middle English *atte* 'at' + (*h*)*eir* 'heir', denoting someone who lived or worked at the house of an heir; see **Ayre**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus atte Heyres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex).

### Haresign

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hairsine**.

### Harewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Harwood**.

### Harfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 770, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants and Sussex

English: locative name from Harefield (Hants, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Hebert de Herefeld, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Herefeld, de Herefeld, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); Hen Herefeld, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Robertus de Herefeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timble, WR Yorks); Rogerus Herefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rettendon, Essex); Elizabeth Harffield, 1571 in *IGI* (Kingston, Kent); James Harfeld, 1586 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Hants); Marie Harfield, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Breadman, Canterbury, Kent).

### Harfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname for a swift runner, from Middle English *har(e)* 'hare' + *fof* 'foot' or Old Scandinavian *harfötr* (the source, no doubt, of the byname of Harold, son of Cnut). *MED* has a citation saying: 'Harald, Godwyne sone; He was cleped Harefot, For he was urnare god' (about 1330).

**Early bearers:** Harold Haranfot, 1038 in *Tengvik*; Robert Harefot, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), Samson Harefot, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Harefote, 1577 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Degorie Harfot, 1684 in *IGI* (Altarnun, Cornwall).

### Harford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1252, Ireland 364
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 963
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wilts and Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Dublin
- English: see **Hereford**.

### Hargadon

Variants: **Harmon**, **Hardiman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from Ó hArgadáin 'descendant of *Argadán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *argad* 'silver'. In Galway the traditional form **O'Hargadan** has been replaced by **Hardiman**, and elsewhere in Ireland by **Harman** and **Harmon**.

**Early bearers:** Brian O'Hardagane, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Killglasse).

## Hargan

### Hargan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 195
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; also Donegal
- Irish: via Ó hArgáin from Ó hAnradháin, see **Horgan**.

### Hargate

#### Variants: Hargett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name, probably from Hardgate in Bishop Thornton (WR Yorks); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. (ii) locative name, sometimes perhaps from Hargate (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hardgate, Hardgat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Robt Hargate, 1574, Syslye Hargett, 1581 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Christopher Harget, 1589 in *IGI* (Moulton, Suffolk); Edward Hargate, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Harger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Har(e)gar* (Continental Germanic *Hariger, Harger*). **Early bearers:** given names: Hardgarus, 1112 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames: Willelmus filius Hargari, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thomas Hardgare, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Baldewynus Haregar, Rogert Hargar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Harghar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Janet Hargar, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Martha Harger, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Hargest

#### Variants: Hargis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Brecknocks, Radnor, Glamorgan

English: locative name from Upper or Lower Hargest (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** England: Florencia Hargest, 1555 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Edwardus Hergest, 1597 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs).

Wales: Margaret Hargast, 1618 in *IGI* (Pembrokes); John Hergest, 1692 in *IGI* (Glasbury, Brecknocks).

### Hargett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Hargate**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Hargis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Hargest**.

### Hargood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *herigaut, hergaut, hargaut*, denoting a kind of upper garment or cloak worn by both men and women in the 13th and 14th centuries. The surname presumably denotes someone either who habitually wore such a garment or one who made or sold them.

**Early bearers:** Colin Harrengod, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Heryngaud, Herigod, Heringod, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John Harigod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Hargood, 1570 in *IGI* (West Thorney, Sussex); Richard Hargood, 1572 in *IGI* (West Thorney, Sussex); Richard Hargood, 1606 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Edward Hargood, 1683 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts); William Hargood, 1715 in *IGI* (Deritend and Bordesley, Warwicks).

### Hargrave

#### Variants: Hargreave, Hargreaves, Hargrove, Hartgrove, Hardgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1490, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 959
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from any of the places called Hargrave (Cheshire, Northants, Suffolk), a lost Hargrave(s) in Lancs, Hargreave in Little Neston (Cheshire), or from Hartgrove in East Orchard (Dorset), which is recorded as *Haregrave*, 1254 in *Feet of Fines*. The first three places are probably named with Old English *hār* 'hoar; boundary' + *grāf* or *grāf* 'grove'

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Haregrau, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Henry de Hargreue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Josep de Hardegrave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardworth, Northants); John Haregroue, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); Blanche Hargrave, 1556 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Margery Hardgrave, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Johannes Hargreave, 1575 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Anthonye Hargreave, 1579 in *IGI* (Royston, Yorks).

2 English: occasional variant of or error for

#### Hadgraft.

### Hargraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1044
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Lincs, and Leics

English: see **Hargreaves**.

### Hargreave

#### Variants: Hargreaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Hargrave**.

### Hargreaves

#### Variants: Hargreves, Hargraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11791, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12478
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Hargreave** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John de Haregreves, 1317 in *Pudsay Deeds* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Ada del Hargreves, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); Thomas Hargreaves, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Hargreaves, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 219–20.

### Hargreves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Hargreaves**.

### Hargrove

#### Variants: Hargroves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: see **Hargrave**.

### Hargroves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: variant of **Hargrove** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Haria

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Bhatia), unexplained.

### Harington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Harrington**.

### Haris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English, Welsh: see **Harris**.

### Harison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Harrison**.

### Harji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Hark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Somerset

English: of uncertain origin, perhaps from a given name such as that evidenced in an undated medieval

document in *Dorset History Centre*, '[l]and formerly held by Aylmund and Herke (Minchun, de Stikellane)'.  
**Early bearers:** Francis Harke, 1570 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Skolastica Harke, 1587 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Margaret Hark, 1593 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margaret Harke, 1593 in *IGI* (Chirton, Wilts); Francis Hark, 1706 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Samuel Hark, 1726 in *IGI* (Broad Hinton, Wilts).

### Harkcom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Harcombe**.

### Harkell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Arkell**.

### Harker

Variants: **Yarker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3405, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, Durham, and Cumb

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: nickname for an eavesdropper, from an agent derivative of Middle English *herkien* 'to listen'.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Herkere, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Elena Harker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downholland, Lancs); Ralph Harka, 1479 in *York Guild Register*; Katherin Harker, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Bagby, WR Yorks).

### Harkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; also Durham and Northumb

Scottish, N English: see **Harcus**.

### Harkess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Durham and Northumb

Scottish, N English: see **Harcus**.

### Harkin

Variants: **Harkins, Arkins, Harkiss, Horkan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1821, Ireland 2484
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham and Northumb; also Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Irish, Scottish: from Ó hEarcáin 'descendant of Earcáin', a byname or personal name formed from a diminutive of *earc* 'red, bloody'; also meaning 'pig'.

**Early bearers:** Manus O Hurkoy, husbandman, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Bonnenedane, Sligo); Donell O Hurkchan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Mackerneske); Donell O'Harkan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; John Herkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Mary Harkan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Manus

Harkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal); James Horkan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilconduff, Mayo); John Arkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumlumman, Cavan).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hardekin*, a diminutive of **Hard**.

**Early bearers:** Edwinus, Rogerus filius Hardekin, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Hardekyn, Herkyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Hardekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mistley with Manningtree, Essex); Thomas Hardekyn', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Briget Harkin, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (Barkway, Herts); William Harkin, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Lamerton, Devon); Jane Hardekin, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx).

### Harkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1813, Ireland 122
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó hEarcáin (see **Harkin**) with excrescent English -s.

### Harkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Harkin**.

### Harkness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2574, Ireland 572
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Lanarks; Cumb, Durham, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; Tyrone

Scottish: locative name, if the form of 1280 is reliable, from an unidentified place perhaps in Annandale (Dumfriess), with which the surname is connected in early records.

**Further information:** The surname is also established in northern Ireland, where it was taken in the 17th century by settlers from Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: [Thom] de Hardekneys, 1259–86 (probably 1280) in *POMS*; James Harkness, 1607 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bessie Harkness, 1640 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Margaret Herkness, 1676 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs).

Ireland: Thomas Harkness, 1654 in *IGI* (Killashandra, Cavan); Edward Stewart Harkness, 1698 in *IGI* (Crumlin, Antrim); William Herkness, 1782 in *IGI* (Dublin).

England: James Harknes, 1597 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Alicia Harknes, 1602 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Barbara Harkness, 1617 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumberland); Thomas Harknesse, 1640 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham).

### Harknett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts

English: possibly a pet form of the given name *Hardekin* seen in the surname of Robertus

Hardekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mistley with Manningtree hamlet, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Harknett, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Parndon, Essex); William Hacknet, 1642 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Lydia Harknett, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Harknet, 1799 in *IGI* (Wormley, Herts).

### Harkus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- N English: see **Harcus**.

### Harlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Northumb

English: see **Harland**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Harland

Variants: **Harlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3312, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

English: locative name from any of several minor places named in Old English with *hār* 'grey', *hara* 'hare', or *hær* 'rock, tumulus' + *land* 'tract of land, estate, cultivated land', notably Harland in Kirkbymoorside (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** This surname has been present in northern Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Herland', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam Herlond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); William Herlond', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Harland, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Harle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 915, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic H-.

### Harler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained. Possibly an agent noun for a flax worker, formed with *harl*, an obsolete word for a filament of flax or hemp, + the suffix *-er*.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Harler, 13th cent. in *Shakespeare Centre* (Milborne in Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Johannes Herler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hacombe, Devon); William Harler, 1573 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); John Harler, 1615 in *National Library of Wales*; Elizabeth Harler, 1623 in *IGI* (Osbaldwick, NR Yorks); Mary Harler, 1654 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Catrin Harlor, 1705 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Harlar, 1728 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Harley

Variants: **Harly, Herley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5630, Ireland 330

## Harlin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3833
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Fife; Staffs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: locative name from either of two places called Harley (Shrops, WR Yorks); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Juhel de Harelea, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Hareleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Harley, 1379 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Harleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langley, Shrops); Joan Harley, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Gulihelmus Harly, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Stevenage, Herts).

2 Irish: from Ó hEarghaile ‘descendant of Earghal’, a variant of the personal name *Fearghal* without the initial *F-*, and a long genitive, see **Farrelly**.

Sometimes earlier anglicized as Harrily, it has also become **Herley** and **Hurley**. Compare **Arrell**, **Harrell**, and **Harrahill** from Ó hEarghail.

**Early bearers:** James Herreley, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Balmascloock, Kildare); Conor og O Hirly, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5448 (Galway); Shane oge O’Harely, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5532 (Rosmelan, Galway); Wm. O Hirrely, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Clonberne, Galway); Awillif O Herelagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Oghto, Kerry).

3 Scottish: locative name from one of several places called Harlaw in Midlothian, Peebles, and Berwicks, this alternative pronunciation of the now rare or extinct surname Harlaw seems to have predominated in Fife, Clackmannans, and S Perth. **Early bearers:** William Harlau, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); William Harlaw, 1528 in *Newbattle Register* (Midlothian); James Harley, 1626 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Anna Harlawe, 1644 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Jannet Harley, 1666 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife); Elspeth Harley, 1686 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Margaret Harlie, 1694 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

## Harlin

**Variants:** Arling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth

1 English: see **Harling**.

**Early bearers:** Robti. Harlin, 1632 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Alice Harlin, 1646 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Sarah Harlin, 1749 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: see **Urlwin**, and compare Agnis Harlin, 1616 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs) with Clemens Herlewyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs). The example cited below, with *-ing* instead of *-in*, is located not far from Pinchbeck, but it might otherwise belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Arling, 1860 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

3 English: for the name in Sussex see **Harling** (3).

## Harling

**Variants:** Harlin, Arling, Hurling, Hurlin, Urling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Kent

1 English: locative name from Harling in Norfolk. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Herlyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harling, Norfolk); Robertus Herlyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Robert Harlyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Harlinge, 1569 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Anible Harling, 1580 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Olyver Harling, 1597 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Mary Herlinge, 1645 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Elizabeth Harline, 1566 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Charles Harlin, 1729 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Arling, 1787 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Sarah Arling, 1819 in *IGI* (Mildenhall, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name (*H)erlin*, (*H)arlin*, Continental Germanic \**Erlin*, a pet form of names in *Erl-*, such as *Erlewin* in (2).

**Early bearers:** William Harlyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westbourne, Sussex); Henry Harling, 1559 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Joane Harlinge, 1562, Frances Harlin, 1696 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Roger Harling, 1611 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Harling, 1643, William Arling, 1787 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Ann Harlin, 1696 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 79.

3 Norman, English: relationship name, variant of **Urlwin** (Middle English *Herlwin*, *Harlwin*), with loss of /w/ after /l/ producing *Harlin*(g).

4 English: of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of (1), (2), or (3).

**Early bearers:** Agn’ Herlyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Margret Harling, 1539, Richard Herlinge, 1571, Johis. Harlinge, 1573, Elizabeth Harline, 1650 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Joan Harline, 1586 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Jennett Harling, 1613 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Robti. Harlin, 1632, Mary Arling, 1760 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

## Harlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Hunts, and Cambs

English: see **Horlock**.

## Harlow

**Variants:** Harlowe, Arlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2071, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1613
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England (esp. Kent); also Derbys and Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

English: locative name from Harlow (Essex), Harlow in Mayfield (Staffs), or possibly Harlow Hill (Northumb, WR Yorks). There seems also to have been some confusion with **Hurlow**.

**Early bearers:** Osbern de Herlaue, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Thomas de Herlaue, 1205 in *Pleas* (Herts); Walter de Harlow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Philip Herlowe, 1364, Richard Herlowe, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Thomas Harlowe, 1442 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Thomas Harlow, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Innocents, Adisham, Kent); Alicea Herlowe, 1607 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Anne Harlaw, 1623 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys).

## Harlowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English, Irish: see **Harlow**.

## Harly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Harley**.

## Harm

**Variants:** Harms, Arm, Arme, Armes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Devon and Cornwall

English: (i) nickname apparently for an evildoer, from Middle English *harm* ‘evil, hurt, injury’. This word could appear in the plural in set phrases like *don harmes* to ‘to do harm to, to wrong (somebody)’, which might sometimes account for the variant in *-s*. Otherwise the final *-s* is post-medieval and excrescent. Some instances with a vowel between *-r* and *-m* may be for **Aram**. There may have been confusion with (ii). (ii) nickname from Middle English *arm* ‘arm’, for somebody with a noteworthy, for example damaged, arm. Compare **Legg**. There may have been confusion with (i).

**Early bearers:** Walter Harm’, about 1150–6 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Richard Harm, 1234–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Harm, William Arm, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Alice Haram, 1549 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Joana Armes, 1560 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); John Arm, 1590 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Thomas Armes, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Susan Harm, 1682 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Harm, 1753 in *IGI* (Ancroft, Northumb); Elizabeth Harrom, 1763 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

## Harman

**Variants:** Harmon, Harmond, Herman, Hermon, Hearmon, Hurman, Arman, Horman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6406, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4457
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in SE England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Longford

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French and Middle English personal name *Herman*, adopted from Continental Germanic *Hariman*, *Her(e)man*. The 1296 form *Heremond* is probably a variant of this name, but it could alternatively represent an Anglo-Norman French and Middle English version of Continental Germanic *Heremund*. **Hurman** may be a modern spelling of **Herman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hermannus dapifer (‘steward’), 1101–25 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Willelmus Hermannus, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Alexander filius Hermannii, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Hereman, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Heremond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Harman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Leticia Herman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); John Harman, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Westerham, Kent); John Hearman, 1572 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex);



Robert Harmon, 1578 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); John Herman, 1579 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Thomas Herman, 1595 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); William Harman, 1598 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Richard Harmand, 1631 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey).  
 2 Irish: adopted for Ó hArgadáin, see **Hargadon**.  
 Early bearers: Nicholas Harman, 1589–90 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5400.

### Harmar

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset; Sussex and Surrey; WR Yorks

English: see **Harmer**.

### Harmer

Variants: **Harmar**, **Hermer**

- Current frequencies: GB 3403, Ireland 23
  - GB frequency 1881: 2956
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent; Norfolk
- 1 English: locative name from Haremere Hall in Etchingam (Sussex). Some examples may belong under (2).

Early bearers: William de Hermer', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Simon de Haremere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margareta Hermere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Stephen Hermere, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); William Harmere, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Joane Harmer, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Weston, Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 456.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hermer*, Continental Germanic *Her(e)mer* (composed of elements meaning 'army' + 'famous').

Early bearers: given names: Heremerus de la Bolde, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs).

surnames: Willelmus filius Hermeri, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Hermer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Hermer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, WR Yorks); Nicholas Hermer of Bedeford, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Bedford, Beds); Richard Harmer, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Harmes

- Current frequencies: GB 465, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 191
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Harms**.

### Harmison

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

English: variant of **Armson** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Harmon

- Current frequencies: GB 830, Ireland 682
- GB frequency 1881: 381
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Staffs; Middx, Surrey, and Hants
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth; Kerry; Carlow

1 Norman, English: see **Harman**.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hArgadáin, see **Hargadon**.

### Harmond

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 53
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Surrey; Glamorgan; ER Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Harman**.

### Harms

Variants: **Harmes**

- Current frequencies: GB 328, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 186
- Main GB location 1881: London and SE England

English: variant of **Harm** with excrescent post-medieval *-s*.

### Harmston

- Current frequencies: GB 225, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 248
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs, WR Yorks

English: locative name from Harmston (Lincs).

Early bearers: William de Hermedeston', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey de Hermoston', 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Hermistone, 1297 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Alice Harmston, 1545 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Harmston, 1545 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Thomas Harmston, 1693 in *IGI* (North Collingham, Notts); Joseph Harmston, 1730 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Joseph Harmston, 1743 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Harmsworth

Variants: **Armsworth**

- Current frequencies: GB 770, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 457
- Main GB location 1881: Hants, Surrey, Middx, and Berks

English: locative name from Harmondsworth (Middx), recorded as *Hermodsworth* in 1233.

Early bearers: Robert de Hermodsworth, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Jane Harmsworth, 1605 in *IGI* (Sulhampstead Abbots, Berks); Georg Harmsworth, 1611 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

### Harn

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 121
- Main GB location 1881: London; Durham

English: see **Hearn**.

### Harnan

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: London

1 Irish: see **Hartney**.

2 Irish: see **Hernon**.

### Harnden

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 240
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Devon

English: locative name from Heronden in Tenterden (Kent).

Early bearers: Wm. de Herindenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Vincent Harnden', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (High Halden, Kent); John Herenden', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Harenden', 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Stanford, Kent); Agnis Harnden, 1544 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Harnden, 1663 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); John Harnden, 1831 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon).

### Harne

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 53
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London; WR Yorks and Notts; Gloucs

English: see **Hearn**.

### Harnell

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 107
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; WR Yorks; London

1 English: see **Hartnell**.

2 Norman, English: see **Arnold**.

Early bearers: Johanne Harnhell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Roberto Harnell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); John Harnell, 1599 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); William Harnell, 1664 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Tho Harnell, 1683 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics); James Harnell, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Matthew Harnell, 1706 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds).

### Harness

Variants: **Arness**, **Ernest**, **Arney**

- Current frequencies: GB 846, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 371
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Erneis*, *Herneis* (Continental Germanic *Arn(e)gis*).

Early bearers: given names: Herneis, about 1127 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Gloucs); Hernis de Neuella, Arnisius de Neuille, 1154–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Ernise de Besebia, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Hamo filius Erneis, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Geoffrey Erneis, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Roger Arneis, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Herneys, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Philip Harneis, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Harneys, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robertus Harnays, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton Roebuck, WR Yorks); John Herneys, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Conisholme, Lincs); Christopher Harness, 1584 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); Sarah Harness, 1696, Matilda Harness, 1814 in *IGI* (Wainfleet Saint Mary, Lincs).

2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English, Old French *harnais* 'harness, equipment, gear, tackle (especially body armour and horse trappings)', and used to denote a maker of harnesses or other equipment, or to someone who wore a distinctive suit of armour. Compare William le Hernesemaker, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*, William Duple Harneys, saddler, 1276 in *London Letter Books* A. Some of the early bearers in (1) could belong here, but it is more likely that they are derived from the personal name.

### Harnett

- Current frequencies: GB 1228, Ireland 545
- GB frequency 1881: 558
- Main GB location 1881: Kent, Surrey, Hants, and IoW
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry; also Cork

1 English: see **Arnold**.

2 Irish: from Ó hAirtnéada, see **Hartnett**.

## Harney

### Harney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 744
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary; Roscommon

Irish: from Ó hAthairne ‘descendant of Athairne’, a personal name based on *athair* ‘father’. The surname was sometimes also anglicized as **Hartney**.

**Early bearers:** Philip O’Harney, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1304 (Gragerushe); Meolaughlen O’Harney, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4721.

### Harniman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Herniman**.

### Harnott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; London

1 English: see **Arnold**.

2 Irish: possibly also an altered form of Irish **Hartnett**.

### Harnwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, London; Lancs
- English: locative name from Herringswell (Suffolk), in which the *-s-* is a late addition.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Harnwell, 1747 in *IGI* (Kenninghall, Norfolk); Sarah Harnwell, 1785 in *IGI* (Worham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Harnwell, 1790 in *IGI* (Bressingham, Norfolk).

### Harold

Variants: **Harrold, Harrauld, Harald, Harrod, Harrad, Harral, Harrell, Harrall, Harrel, Harrild, Herald, Herrall, Herrell, Horrod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1122, Ireland 255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 642
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick; Down and Louth

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Harold* (Old Scandinavian *Haraldr*). *Harrod* is from Middle English *Haroud*, with Anglo-Norman French vocalization of the *l*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Harwold*, *Harold* (Old English *Hereweald*), particularly in Suffolk, where there was also post-medieval confusion with *Hurrell*. See also **Herald**. **Early bearers:** given names: Haraldus, Haral, Haroldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Haraldus, Harold, Horoldus, Haral, Haraldus, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents*, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Ralph Harold, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Radulfus Haroud’ . . . predictus Radulfus Harold’, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); David Harwald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Harwold, 1331 in *London Letter Books E*; Lawrence Horold, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Philip Harald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Harrauld, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas and Dorathy Harwold, Harrold, 1664, 1666 in Great Welnetham *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); George and Elizabeth Hurrell, Harrold, 1780, 1782 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Harrold (Beds). See **Yarrell**.

3 Irish: a family of this name has been established in Ireland since at least the 12th century, while spellings (usually without final *d*) have been adopted as the anglicized form of the Gaelic Ó hEarghail, see **Harrell**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Fergonanyim Harrold, horseman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §670; Walter Harroll, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Richard Harrold, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311; Richard Harroell, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Walter Harold, gent. (of the office of second engrosser of the Exchequer), 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3976; Richard Harrole, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5778 (Dublin); James Horrell 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6432 (Dublin).

### Haroon

Variants: **Harron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim : from the personal name *Hārūn*, Arabic form of the Biblical **Aaron**, and mentioned thus in the Qur’an, Sura 19:53.

**Further information:** It is also found as a Jewish Sephardic name: a handful of bearers of this surname in the records of UK births, marriages, and deaths have Jewish given names such as *Menahim, Judah Moses, and Ben-Zion Menshe*.

### Harp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Staffs

English: (i) locative name from any of several minor places called Harp, for example South Harp in South Petherton (Somerset) or Harp House in Eastwood (Essex). The 1361 example of *atte Harp* in London probably denoted someone who lived at a house bearing the sign of a harp. (ii) occupational name for a harpist or perhaps someone who made harps. Compare **Harper**.

**Further information:** The Middle English word *harp(e)* denoted the musical instrument, but also a harp-shaped implement for sifting and cleansing salt.

**Early bearers:** Ralf Harpe, 1241 *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Elnor Harp, 1543 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); George Harp, 1549 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Margaret Harp, 1551 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ann Harp, 1553 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Harp, 1558 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex).

Locative examples: Roger *atte Harp*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John *atte Harpe*, 1361 in *London Letter Books G*.

### Harper

Variants: **Harpour, Harpur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27585, Ireland 1362
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19019
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *harper(e)* ‘harper’ (Old English *hearpere*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Harpur, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Reginald le Harper, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Isabella Herpour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Willelmus le Harpere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Robert Harpour, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Harpur, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (West Tilbury, Essex); George Harpere, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Weston, Herts).

2 Irish: see **Harpur**.

**Early bearers:** John Harpper, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5381 .

### Harpham

Variants: **Harpum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Harpham (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Harpham, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hervey de Harpham, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas de Harpam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Robert de Harpeham, 1390 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Harpam, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Thame, Oxon); Radcliff Harpum, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence, Snaith, WR Yorks).

### Harpin

Variants: **Arpin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs; Beds and Herts

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *harpin* ‘harper’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Harpin 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Harepin, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); William Harpin, 1231 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks), 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Margota Harpyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, ER Yorks); Wyllelmus Harpyn, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Robert Arpin, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Harple

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Harpole**.

### Harpley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from either of the places called Harpley (Norfolk, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Harpele, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); John Harpeley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus de Harpelee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Ralph Harpeley, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Harpley, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk).

### Harpole

Variants: **Harple**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: from either of the places named Harpole (Kent, Northants).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Horpol, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Robert Harpol of Slauston', 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Slawston, Leics); Thomas Horpol of Briklesworth, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Brixworth, Northants); John Harpole, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Blisworth, Northants); Alice Harpoll, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints' Northampton, Northants).

### Harpour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: variant of **Harper**, from Anglo-Norman French *harpeur*, Old French *harpeor*, the common form in early sources.

### Harpum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Harpham**.

### Harpur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Derbys and Leics; also Glamorgan; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, English, Irish: variant spelling of **Harper**, common in Ireland. The origins are both Norman (*le Harpur*) and Gaelic (*Mac Chruiteir*) 'son of the harper', from Gaelic *cruit* 'harp'.

### Harrabin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Harrowven**.

### Harrad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs, Warwick; Devon

English: see **Harold**.

### Harraden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire

English: see **Harradine**.

### Harradence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Essex

English: see **Harradine**.

### Harradine

Variants: **Harridine**, **Harraden**, **Harradence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 411

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, and Herts; also London

English: locative name from either of two places called Harrowden (in Beds and Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Harewedon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Petrus Haradyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); William Harwedon, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Rycharde Haradine, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Modwen, Burton on Trent, Staffs); Alice Haradine, 1613, John Harradine, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Hitchin, Herts).

### Harrahill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó hEarghail, see **Harrell**.

### Harral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Harold**.

### Harrald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Leics
- English: see **Harold**.

### Harrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs
- English: see **Harold**.

### Harrap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Harrop**.

### Harratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwick, and Staffs
- English: see **Herriott** (1).

**Early bearers:** Ellinor Harratt, 1583 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Sarah Harratt, 1763 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Thomas Harratt, 1796 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwick).

### Harroway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Harroway Farm in Langrish (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Robert Harraway, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (East Tytherley, Hants); John Harrawaye, 1592 in *IGI* (Salisbury); Thomas Harrawaie, 1628 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); William Harraway, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Whiteparish, Wilts).

### Harre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey

1 English: nickname from Middle English *herre* 'chief, lord' (Old English *hēarra*). Some examples may belong with sense (2).

**Early bearers:** Ailwin Herre, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset and Somerset); Richard le Harre (Herre), 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Henry le Harre, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Roger Harre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Herre of Braytoft, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes Herre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow (infra mercar'), Essex); Robert Harre, 1564 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds); William Philip Harre, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Herre*, a pet form of *Herebert* (see **Herbert**). Compare Here (Herebertus) de Oxhei, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs). This sense cannot be reliably distinguished from (1), but note Thomas Herreson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks). There may have been some confusion with **Herry**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Herre de Camera, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

### Harrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Harrell**.

### Harrell

Variants: **Harrel**, **Harrill**, **Harrahill**, **Arrell**, **Herrell**, **Horrrill**, **Horrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; Norfolk; Lancs

1 English: see **Harold**.

2 Irish: from Ó hEarghail 'descendant of *Earghal*', a variant of the personal name *Fearghal*; see **Farrell**. The spelling Harrahill reflects the pronunciation of an epenthetic vowel between *r* and *gh*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patr. O Herrell, gunner, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2433 (Grangemillon, Kildare); Patr. O Herrell, kern, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3375 (Ballysonan, Kildare); Teige O Hirriall, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5533 (Callone, Roscommon); Tyrlagh O Heyriell, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232 (Ballinecor, Dublin); Nich. O Hirrell, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Balleowen, King's county [Offaly]); Morryshe mcGyllpatrick O Hyrrell, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Clonemullin); John O Hirrille, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Killaha).

### Harrex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Horrex**.

### Harrhy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- English, Welsh: see **Harry**.

### Harridge

Variants: **Arridge**, **Harwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Harwich (Essex) or less probably Harwich Street in Whitstable (Kent).

## Harridine

**Early bearers:** Mariane Harache, 1693 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Harwich, 1701 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Harrage, 1717 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Sarah Harridge, 1786 in *IGI* (Southchurch, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 339; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 507.

2 English: see **Horwich**; this is a Lancs name.

## Harridine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; London; Northants
- English: see **Harradine**.

## Harrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Harry**.

## Harrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Northumb; Lancs; Hants

Scottish, English: (i) nickname from Middle English and Old French *erier*, *hairer* 'small hunting dog, harrier', a breed of small foxhounds (similar to beagles) used in hunting hares, of which the earliest surviving record is in the 15th century. The word was also used to denote the master of a pack of harriers. The name may have denoted a hunter of hares. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Harrower**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Harrier, in *Census 1841* (Strathmiglo, Fife); Thos Harrier, in *Census 1841* (Tranent, E Lothian); James Harrier in *Census 1841* (Logierait, Perth).

England: James Haryour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Edward Herryer, 1570 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Aryer, 1668 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Mary Aryer, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Herrier, 1751 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Isabella Harrier, 1815 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); James Harrier, in *Census 1841* (Claughton, Garstang, Lancs).

## Harries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5220, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5630
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes, Carmarthen, Glamorgan

English: see **Harris**.

## Harrigan

**Variants:** Arrigan, Hourican, Hourigan, Horigan, Horrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

Irish: from Ó hArragáin, a variant spelling of Ó hAnradháin, see **Hanrahan**.

**Early bearers:** Shane O'Horigan, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; John mcDermody O'Horrogan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4673 (Cork); Brian O'Harragan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6638.

## Harrild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Harold**.

**Early bearers:** Horton Harrild, 1777 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

## Harrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Harrell**.

## Harriman

**Variants:** Harryman, Herriman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 768
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands, Yorks, Lancs; Cumb and Durham

English: occupational name, status name from the personal name *Henry* + Middle English *man* 'manservant', i.e. 'servant of Henry'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Henrیمان, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ricardus Henryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillam, WR Yorks); Thomas Harriman, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, West Tarring, Sussex); Elizabeth Herriman, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx).

## Harrington

**Variants:** Harington, Arrington, Herington, Herrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9729, Ireland 3598
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5645
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Harrington (Cumb, Lincs, Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Harinton', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Harington, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Harington', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Cristiana de Haryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillbeck, Westm); John Haryngton', 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Exton, Rutland).

2 Irish: adopted to anglicize Ó hArrachtáin 'descendant of *Arrachtán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *arrachtach* 'mighty, powerful'.

**Early bearers:** Mael-Isu hUa hArrachta[i]n, 'successor of Saint Ailbhe', 1092 in *AU*; Henry Harington, knight, seneschal, and chief ruler of O'Birnes country, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3266 (Dublin); Donoghó oge O'Harightane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4555 (Kerry).

3 Irish: in Kerry, this name was adopted for Ó hIongardail, later Ó hUrdáil, 'descendant of *Iongardaí*', a personal name of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John mcTiege O'Hengerlyte alias Harrengton, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3080 (Downebane); Donell O'Hegerdell, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5559 (Crookehaven); John O'Higirdell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Tipperary); John Hingardell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571.

4 Irish: *Harrington* has also sometimes been adopted for Ó hOireachtaigh, see **Herrity**.

## Harriott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Herriott**.

## Harris

**Variants:** Harries, Harriss, Haris, Herries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110306, Ireland 2814
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75153
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the personal name **Harry** + genitival -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmo Harries, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Willelmo Herys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Isabella Harreis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); William Harrys, 1406 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Lawrence Harryes, 1468 in *Fine Rolls* (Herts); John Harys, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Sandwich, Kent); George Haris, 1554 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwick); Ralfe Harris, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Isle of Sheppey, Kent).

Wales: Stephen Harris, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (New Radnor, Radnors); Richard Harris, 1709 in *Parish Registers* (Beguildy, Radnors); Esther Harys, 1788 in *Parish Registers* (Y Bettws, Carmarthen).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): this surname has also been adopted by Ashkenazic Jews in the English-speaking world, perhaps as an anglicized form of *Aaron*. It is found frequently as a given name among Jews in Britain.

**Early bearers:** Julia Harris, 1811 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Solomon Harris, 1814 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); Hyman Harris, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Marks Harris, jeweller, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Israel Harris, draper, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Hyman Harris, slipper maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Lazarus Harris, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Nottingham, Notts); Barnett Harris, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Herman Harris, pawnbroker, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Tredegar, Monmouths); Samuel Harris, born in Prussia, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Harrison

**Variants:** Harison, Harrison, Herrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88391, Ireland 2433
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66159
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Harry* or *Herry* + -son. These were the common pronunciations of *Henry* (see **Harry** and **Herry**). *Henrison* is also on record but is now rare or extinct: Henry Hennerissone, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); William Henryson, 1376 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Harriesone, 1355 in *London Pleas*; John Herryson, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johanne Harrison, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Thomas Herrison, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Hugone Herrison', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkby, Leics); Radulpho Harrisone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxelby, Leics); Robertus Herryson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Willelmus Herrison',

1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Herryson, Harryson, 1445 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); Robert Harrison, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Warmington, Cheshire); Thomas Harrison, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Margaret Harrison, 1540 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Thomas Harrison, 1540 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Christopher Herrison, 1545 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Thomas Harison, 1542 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Wlm. Harrison, 1543, Rob. Harison, 1549 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Agnes Harrison, 1543 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Henry Harrison, 1544 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Margaret Harrison, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Harrison, 1547 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Elizabeth Herrison, 1559 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Willm. Herrison, 1562 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Robert Harrison, 1597 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Edward Harrison, 1584 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent).  
2 Huguenot: see **Hairsine**.

### Harriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1937
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks and Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Harris**.

### Harrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 476
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare; Roscommon and Mayo
- English: see **Harrison**.

### Harrity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Peebles
- Irish: from Ó hOireachtaigh, see **Herrity**.

### Harrocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Horrocks**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Harrockes, 1581 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Catharine Harrocks, 1630 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); John Harrocks, 1636 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs).

### Harrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1382, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 984
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk; Essex

English: see **Harold** and compare **Herod**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Harrod, 1571 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Isaack Harrod, 1572 in *IGI* (Trimingham, Norfolk); Agnes Harrod, 1596 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Richard Harrod, 1637 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Harrold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1840, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1344

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also Scotland: esp. Orkney, Caithness, Morays
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Kerry, and Cork

1 English, Scottish: see **Harold**.

2 English: see **Yarrell**.

### Harron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 333
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks; London

1 Irish: from Ó hEaráin, see **Herron**.

2 Arabic, Muslim: see **Haroon**.

### Harrop

**Variants:** Harrap, Harrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3513, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3404
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: locative name from Harrop, Harrop Dale, Harrop Hall (WR Yorks), or Harehope (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard, Hugh de Harop, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); William de Harrope, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William Harrop, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Hayrop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Harop, 1476, John Herrop, 1478 in *Close Rolls* (London); Elizabeth Harrup, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Harrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Surrey

English: see **Herriott**.

### Harrow

**Variants:** Arrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent; also Fife; Aberdeens; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: locative name from Harrow on the Hill (Middx).

**Early bearers:** William de Harrewe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Hugh de Harhou, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Harowe, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Tenterden, Kent).

2 Scottish: locative name from Harrow near Mey (Caithness).

**Early bearers:** John Harrow, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Harrowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, Bucks, and Middx

English: locative name, probably from Harwell (Berks), found as *Harewell*, *Harewelle* in the Middle Ages. Compare **Harwell**.

**Early bearers:** John Harrowell, 1609 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Harrowell, 1633 in *IGI* (Stantonbury, Bucks); Elizabeth Harrowell, 1634 in

*IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks); Elizabeth Harrowell, 1659 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks).

### Harrower

**Variants:** Harrier, Harwar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Clackmannans

1 Scottish: relationship name, variant of **Harward** with loss of final *-d* (compare **Harwar**) and the development of an *-o-* between *-r-* and *-w-*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** William Harower or Herwart, 1341–71 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Crail, Fife); Robert Harwar, 1440 in *Dunfermline Register* (Perths); Thomas Harrowar, 1506 in *Aberdeen Register*; Katherine Harrower, 1581, Janet Harawar, 1770 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johnne Harrower, 1601, Agnes Harawar, 1771 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bessie Harrower, 1615 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Margret Harawar, 1685 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans).

2 Scottish: nickname; theoretically the Scottish name could have originated in a derivative of Middle English *herwen*, late Middle English *harwe*, *harowe*, a side-form of Middle English *herian* (Old English *herzian*) ‘to rob, harry, plunder’. It would have the same sense as early modern English *harrier*, Older Scots *herrier* ‘one who harries, ravages, or lays waste’, also derived from Middle English *herian*. See **Harrier**.

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *harwere* ‘one who cultivates with a harrow’ or ‘maker of harrows’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Haruer, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey le Harewere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph le Harwere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Philippus Harowar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bozeat, Northants); Johannes Harower, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steeeton, WR Yorks); John Harrower, 1561 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds).

### Harrowing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: of uncertain origin; apparently from a Middle English reflex of an Old English given name *Herewine*, influenced by the agricultural word *harrow*. Some bearers may have variants of the NW English name **Harrabin**.

**Early bearers:** John Harrwine, 1607 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Lucia Harrowing, 1657 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Joda Harowen, 1693 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Harowin, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rebecca Widow Harrowin, 1711 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Harrowbin, 1732 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk); John Harrabone, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Harrowin, 1794 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); Alfred Harrowen, 1861 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk).

### Harrowsmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant of **Arrowsmith** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Harrowven

### Harrowven

Variants: **Harrabin, Arabin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: apparently a survival in Middle English surname form of the Old English male given name *Herewine*, based on elements meaning 'army' + 'friend'. The first syllable has been influenced by the agricultural word *harrow*, and the final one by a variety of words or word elements, such as *bone*, *fen*, and *-ing*. It may sometimes have been confused with **Harrabin**.

**Early bearers:** John Harrwine, 1607 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Lucia Harrowing, 1657 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Jacob Harrewin or Harrewyn, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Saint Magnus the Martyr, City of London); Mary Harrowing, 1695 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Thomas Harrowen, 1730 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); John Harrowbin, 1732 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk); John Harrabone, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Harabin, 1736 in *IGI* (Walpole Saint Andrew, Norfolk); Alfred Harrowven, 1861, and Sarah Harrowven, 1863 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk).

### Harrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs; Bucks

English: see **Harrop**.

### Harry

Variants: **Harrhy, Harrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2253, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2168
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; Cornwall and Devon; London

English: relationship name from the personal name *Harry*, a common form of **Henry** with assimilation of *-nr-* to *-rr-*.

**Further information:** In S Wales the surname is generally a post-medieval coinage, in most cases not hereditary until the 18th or 19th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Harry Haket, 1270 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 5; Hary de Kent, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames, England: Johanne Harry, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hamworthy in Polle, Dorset); Walter Harry, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Budshhead, Devon); Richard Harry, 14th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); Hamone Harry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newchurch, Kent); Fulco Harry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote, Oxon); Willelmus Harry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); Johanne Harry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pewsey, Wilts); Robertus Harry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Johannes Harry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greinton, Somerset); Johannes Harry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Johannes Harry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Johanne Harry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); Hugh Harry, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Robertt Harry, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Petronilla Harry, 1559 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); John Harry, 1566 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

surnames, Wales: Ricd. Harry, 1550 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); John Harry, 1588 in *IGI* (Llanbadoc, Monmouths); Richard Harry, 1590 in *IGI*

(Llantrithyd, Glamorgan); Edward Harry, 1798 in *IGI* (Penmark, Glamorgan); Keziah Harry, 1800 in *IGI* (Trevethin, Monmouths); Isaac Harry, 1813 in *IGI* (Mydrim, Carmarthens); Frances Harrhy, 1815 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Harryman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Harriman**.

### Harsant

Variants: **Hersant, Harsent, Hassent, Harsum, Hearsom, Herson, Harson, Hearson, Hurson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Hersent, Harsant*, Continental Germanic *Herisint*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hersent, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Norfolk); Hersent, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs).

surnames: Roger Harsent, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Herseynt, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Hersaunt, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellerby, NR Yorks); John Hersent, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John, William Arsent, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Harsand, 1440, Henry Harshand, 1493 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); William Areson, 1520 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Elizabetha Hearson, 1564 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); John Hurson, 1627 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Nicholas Harsum, 1758 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk); John Harsom, 1786 in *IGI* (Denham, Suffolk); Thomas Hearsom, 1792 in *IGI* (Copdock, Suffolk); Jacob Hearsom, 1800 in *IGI* (Great Wenham, Suffolk).  
2 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Hersant**, with the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** Marie Herson, 1627, Elizabeth Charlotte Hersan, 1682, Elizabeth Charlotte Hersant, 1683 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Harse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Hearse**.

### Harsent

Variants: **Herson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Middx
- English: see **Harsant**.

### Harsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish: variant of Irish **Hershey**.

**Early bearers:** Jesper Horsey, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1468 (esquire, seneschal of Imokille); Jasper Horsey, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2406 (esquire of the commandery of Clonhall alias Clonnall in the diocese of Cashell).

### Harshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: of uncertain origin, perhaps a variant of **Archer**.

### Harsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks
- English: locative name, see **Horsley**.

### Harson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs

1 English: see **Harsant**.

2 English: see **Hearson**.

3 English: see **Harston**.

### Harston

Variants: **Harson, Hearson, Herson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Harston in Leics. (ii) locative name some of the following bearers take their name from Harston in Cambs (recorded as *Herleston, Harleston, Herston*, and *Harston* in medieval records), but it is unclear if this name has survived to the present day.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Herleston, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert de Harestan, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmo de Harston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton, Leics); Johes. Harston, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Benington, Herts); Thomas Harston, 1609 in *IGI* (West Allington, Lincs); Wm. Harson, 1610 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Richard Harston, 1634 in *IGI* (Flintham, Notts); John Herson, 1664 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

### Harsum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex
- Norman, English: see **Harsant**.

### Hart

Variants: **Harte, Hartt, Heart, Hurt, Hort, Harts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33499, Ireland 767
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25199
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Sligo

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hert* 'hart' (Old English *heorot*). In Middle English *heorot* became *hurt* west of a line running roughly from Dorking to Birmingham, and this has occasionally survived, though often replaced by the standard *hart* from *hert*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Hert, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald Hurt, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Simon le Hert, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Godrich' le Hurt, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Richard Hort, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Hert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Jul Hertes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Faulston, Wilts); Thomas Herte, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Jn. Hart, 1473 in *Parish*

*Registers* (Ilstington, Devon); Richard Hart, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Saint Nicholas, Gloucs); Alice Heart, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Puddletown, Dorset); John Hurt alias Hart, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey).

2 Irish: from Ó hAirt, see **Harte**.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German or Yiddish *hart* 'hard', either a nickname or an ornamental adoption.

**Early bearers:** Mary Hart, 1775 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Martha Hart, 1810, Louisa Hart, 1816 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); Abraham Hart, 1822 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Hackney Jewish Cemetery, Middx); Benjamin Hart, 1827 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Brady Street Jewish Cemetery, Middx); Hyman Hart, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Hart, 1887 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Middx).

4 Irish: see **McCart**.

## Hartas

**Variants:** Hartis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

N English: variant of **Hartis**.

**Early bearers:** John Hartas, 1590 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Radi. Hartas, 1594 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Anne Hartas, 1653, Willm. Hartas, 1655, Althea Hartas, 1656, Clare Hartas, 1657, and George Hartas, 1659 in *IGI* (Ulrome, ER Yorks).

## Hartcup

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Harcup**.

## Harte

**Variants:** Hart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2028, Ireland 3347

- **GB frequency 1881:** 191

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Sligo; Cork; Galway

1 Irish: from Ó hAirt 'descendant of Art', a byname meaning 'bear' or 'hero'.

**Early bearers:** John Harte, yeoman, 1559–60 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §235 (Trym); Barnaby O'Hart, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2124 (Jurist, official of Meath); Hugh O'Harte, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3160; John Harte, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3063 (Tipperary, Cashell, Merchant).

2 English: see **Hart**.

3 Irish: see **McCart**.

## Hartell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 170

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs and Worcs; also Lancs

English: see **Harthill**.

## Harten

**Variants:** Hartin, Harton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 159

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from Ó hArtáin 'descendant of Artán', a personal name formed from a diminutive of *Art*, a byname meaning 'bear' or 'hero'.

**Early bearers:** Art O'Hartan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Killenoghohan); Philip ro O'Hartan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (of Mogely); Donoghó McKnoghó Hortayne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575.

## Harter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 163

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: nickname from Middle English \**herter* 'one who encourages, consoles, or inspires' (from *herthen* 'to encourage, etc.').

**Early bearers:** Johannes Herter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Johane Harter, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Jane Harter, 1566 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Raphe Harter, 1579 in *IGI* (Bedale, WR Yorks); Thomas Harter, 1697 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs).

## Hartery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: see **Hartree**.

## Hartfield

**Variants:** Heartfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 202

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Hartfield (Sussex), recorded as Hertevell in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Hertfeld, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Henry de Hertfeld, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Relicta atte Hertefeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephen Hartefeld, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Bradpole, Dorset); Catharin Hartfield, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Bexhill, Sussex); Joseph Heartfield, 1745 in *Parish Registers* (Cam, Gloucs).

## Hartford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 78

- **GB frequency 1881:** 80

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs, WR Yorks; Wilts

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin

English: locative name from East and West Hartford (Northumb), Hartforth (NR Yorks), Hartford (Cheshire), or Hertford (Herts); less probably from Hartford End in Felsted (Essex) or Hartfordbridge in Elvetham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Magister Robert de Hertford, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Nicholas de Hertford' of Sc'o Albano, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Gracia Harthfoorth, 1580 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Roberte Harteford, 1632 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Hartforth, 1788 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

## Hartgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Essex

English: see **Hargrave**.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Hartgrove, 1700, and John Hartgrove, 1739 in *IGI* (Bellingham, Northumb);

Ann Hartgrove, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Hartgrove, 1731 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds).

## Harthill

**Variants:** Hartill, Hartell, Hartle, Hartles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103

- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs; Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Harthill (Cheshire, Derbys, and WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Herthil, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Nicholaus Herthill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Robertus de Herthill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Edus de Herthill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Herthill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Johannes de Herthull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broughall, Shrops); Willelmus Herthull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Hugo de Herthull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broughall, Shrops); Robert Harthill, 1665 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Benjamin Harthill, 1679 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Tho Harthill, 1717 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); Susanna Harthill, 1732 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Harthill, 1745 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 Scottish: locative name from Harthill near Inverurie (Aberdeens) or, less likely, from the barony of Harthill (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** William Harthill, 1671 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens); Alexander Harthill, 1753 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines); Barbara Harthill, 1756 in *IGI* (Midmar, Aberdeens).

## Hartigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 652

- **GB frequency 1881:** 113

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó hArtagáin 'descendant of Artagán', a personal name from a double diminutive of *Art*, a byname meaning 'bear' or 'hero'.

**Early bearers:** William O'Hartigane, merchant, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3259 (of Cashell, Tipperary); Laghlin O'Hartigan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (of Adare).

## Hartill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 797, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 516

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Harthill**.

## Hartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 176

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs; Renfrews

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó hArtáin, see **Harten**.

2 English: see **Harting**.

## Harting

**Variants:** Hartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Kent; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Harting (Sussex).

## Hartington

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hertyngges, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William de Herting, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Hertyng, 1326 in *Patent Rolls*; Hermonell Hertinge, 1562 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Annis Harting, 1572 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

### Hartington

**Variants:** **Hardington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Hartington (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Hertyngton, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Katerina de Hertynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Richard Hertyngton, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Richardus Hartington, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Werburgh, Kingsley, Staffs); Alice Hartington, 1604 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

### Hartis

**Variants:** **Hartas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent and London

English: see **Hartas**.

### Hartland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1672, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1315
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Hartland (Devon). **Further information:** The source is unlikely to be Hartland(s) in Westbury on Severn (Gloucs), which was earlier *Hurland*, 1414 in *Assize Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hertlond, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Walter Hertlaund of Carswell, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Carswalls Manor in Newent, Gloucs); Peter Hertlaund, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants and Herts); William Hertlond, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); John Hertlond, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (South Milton, Devon); Johis Hartland, 1541 in *IGI* (Taynton, Gloucs); Thomas Hartland, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Goathurst, Somerset); Mylberow Hartland, 1561 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs).

### Hartle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 455
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: see **Harthill**.

### Hartlebury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs

English: locative name from Hartlebury (Worcs), which is recorded as *Heortlabyrig* in 817, *Hertlebery*, *Hurtlebery* in the 12th century. The place-name means 'Heortla's stronghold', from an Old English personal name \**Heortla* (genitive \**Heortlan*) + Old English *burh* 'stronghold, fortified place' (dative *byrig*).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Hurklebery, 1271 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); Ricardo de Hertlebur, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartlebury, Worcs); William de Hertlebury, 1283, William de Hertillebury, William

de Hertillebiry, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; [ . . . ] Hurtlebury, 1349 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); John Hertlebury, prior of Worcester, 1444 in *VCH* (Worcs); Johannes Hartylbury, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Forthampton, Gloucs); Elinor Hartlebury, 1658 in *National Burial Index* (Saints Peter and Paul, Birtsmorton, Worcs); Walter Hartlebury, 1718 in *TNA* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 242–3.

### Hartles

**Variants:** **Hartless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs; Lancs
- English: variant of **Hartle** (see **Harthill**) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Hartless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- 1 English: nickname from Old Scandinavian \**hjartrleysi* 'heartlessness', i.e. 'the state of being disheartened (*hjartrlauss*)'.

**Further information:** It does not appear to be from Middle English *herteles* 'heartless', despite later forms, though this may have influenced it.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Herteleyes, 1575 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Christopher Hartleis, 1576 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Elline Hartles, 1586, John Hartleys, 1597 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Hartlis, 1617 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Thomas Heartliss, 1750 in *IGI* (Ashton upon Mersey, Cheshire); Edwd Heartless, 1786 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

2 English: see **Hartles**.

### Hartley

**Variants:** **Artley, Heartley, Hartly, Hurtle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18770, Ireland 350
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18755
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cavan
- 1 English: locative name from any of several places called Hartley (Berks, Devon, Dorset, Hants, Kent, Northumb, Westm), or from Hartleigh in Buckland Filleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hertlay, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Hertlegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Hertlay, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Hertle, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Hartley, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Hexton, Herts); William Hartley, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

2 Irish: from Ó **hArtghaile** 'descendant of *Artghal*', a personal name based on *art* 'bear, hero' + *gal* 'valour'.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Hartley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annageliff, Cavan); Thomas Hartley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath).

### Hartly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Hartley**.

### Hartman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Lancs

Dutch, German: relationship name from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *hard* 'hardy, strong' + *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** John Hartman, 1565 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robt Hartman, 1641 in *IGI* (Hepponstall, WR Yorks).

### Hartmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

German: from an ancient Germanic personal name composed of the elements *hard* 'tough, strong' + *man* 'man'.

### Hartnell

**Variants:** **Hartnoll, Harnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 836, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 712
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; also London; Hants

English: locative name from Hartnoll in Marwood (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Isabel de Hurtknoll, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitefield in Marwood, Devon); John Hartknoll, Hortknoll, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richard Hartnoll, 1552 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Felix Harknoll, 1574 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Calen Hartnell, George Hartnoll, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Hartness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Durham

English: locative name from the former district of *Hartness*, which is centred on Hart (Durham).

**Further information:** For the lost district of Hartness, see *Place-names of Durham*, vol. 1, p.6.

**Early bearers:** Umphreds Hartness, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Leonard Hartnesse, 1630 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Hartnes, 1654 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Thomas Hartness, 1660 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham).

### Hartnett

**Variants:** **Harnett, Harnott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 1312
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó **hAirtnéada** 'descendant of *Airtnéad*', a personal name based on *art* 'bear, hero'. **Early bearers:** Conoghor McDonell I Harnett and Donell McShane Harnet, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4617; Shane O'Harnedie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Conor and Shane mcTeige O'Hartnedy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (Knockville); Conoghor bane O'Harnett, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Shane meriaghe O'Harnett, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555.



**Hartney**

Variants: **Harnan, Hernan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó hAthairne, ‘descendant of Athairne’, a personal name based on *athair* ‘father’, originally of three syllables. The English *t* is intrusive and the surname was earlier anglicized as **Harney**.

**Early bearers:** possibly Phillip O Hirtaine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Munster).

**Hartnoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hartnell**.

**Hartnup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: locative name from Hartenoak in Hawkhurst (Kent), which is recorded as *Herpynhope* and *Hartenope* in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Herpinop, 1346, [ . . . ] de Herpinhope, 1348 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Simon Hartnope, 1514 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Laurence Herttenoppe, 1517, Marion Hartenhope, 1522, Thomas Hartenoppe, 1542 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Joan Hartnupe, 1564 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent); Mary Hartnop, 1570 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Mary Hartnoppe, Mary Hartknopp, 1585 in *Assize Rolls* (Pembury, Kent); Frances Hartnap, 1595 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 339.

**Harton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; W Midlands and N England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Cavan  
1 English: locative name from any of three places called Harton (in Durham, NR Yorks, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Hartone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes de Harton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dalby, NR Yorks); Ricardus de Herton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton and Wilbrighton, Staffs); John Arton, 1414 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Stephen Harton, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants, Berks).

2 Irish: from Ó hArtáin, see **Harten**.

**Hartop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; WR Yorks

English: see **Hartup**.

**Hartopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Hartup**.

**Hartree**

Variants: **Hartrey, Hartery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from East and West Harptree (Somerset).

**Further information:** It is not clear if Roger de Hartre, cooper, 1365 in *Patent Rolls*, refers to the Somerset place or implies the existence of a lost or as yet unidentified place that could be another source for the surname.

**Early bearers:** Johannis de Harpetre, 1219 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); Thomas Harpetre, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Titchfield, Hants); Richard Haretre, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset, Somerset, and Northants); Joan Harptree, 1558, William Hartree, 1563, Elizabeth Hartre, 1566, Edith Hartrey, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Bruton, Somerset); Andrew Hartree, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Rockbourne, Hants); Edith Hartry, 1580 in *National Burial Index* (Saint John the Baptist, Tisbury, Wilts); Richard Hartery, 1607 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Bartholomew, West Cranmore, Somerset); Thomas Hartrey, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (West Camel, Somerset); Thomas Hartry, 1642 in *IGI* (Edvin Loach, Herefs); Simon Harttree, 1731 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Hartery, 1756 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); George Harptree or Hartrey, 1825 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset).

**Hartrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs

English: see **Hartree**.

**Hartrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Dunbartons

1 English: see **Arkwright**.

2 Scottish: locative name from Heartrig (Roxburghs), recorded in 1700.

**Early bearers:** John Hartrig, 1579 in *Black*.

**Hartridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Hartridge in Cranbrook (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Wm. de Hartheregg, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Hartregge, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Marden, Kent); Matthew Harterege, 1517 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Agnes Hartrige, 1560 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); William Hartrige, 1562 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); John Hartredge, 1579 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Hartridge in Ashampstead (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Anne Hortridge, 1677 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Hartridge, 1855 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks).

**Harts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

English: variant of **Hart** with excrescent -s.

**Hartshorn**

Variants: **Hartshorne, Hartson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1728, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: locative name from Hartshorne (Derbys), Hartshorn (Northumb), or topographic from Middle English *harteshorn* ‘swine cress’.
- Early bearers:** John Hierteshorn, 1165–71 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); William de Herteshorna, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Bertram de Herteshorne, 1226 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Herteshorn, 1355 in *Luffield Charters*; Henricus Herteshorn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); John Hertishorn, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Christopher Hartshorne, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Utttoxeter, Staffs).

**Hartshorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1284, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: see **Hartshorn**.

**Hartson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Brecknocks; London

English: see **Hartshorn**.

**Hartt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hart**.

**Hartup**

Variants: **Hartop, Hartopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Bucks, and Northants

English: possibly a nickname from a Middle English *\*hart-top* (*hart* ‘hart’ + *top* ‘uppermost part of a deer’s antlers’; *OED top*, noun 1, sense 4b). Compare John Hertheved ‘hart head’, 1330, in *Löfvenberg*, p. 113; Johannes Herteshorn ‘hart’s horn’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cadeby, Leics).

**Further information:** Roberto Hertlope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent), may really be an early Herthope.

**Early bearers:** Sir Thomas Hartopp, 1548/9, in *Leics Record Office*; Alice Hartop, 1586 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Richard Hartope, 1640 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Hortop, 1671 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); Thomas Heartup, 1717 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Edmund Hartopp, 1788 in *IGI* (Merevale, Warwicks).

**Hartwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1760, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1144
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from any of several places called Hartwell (in Staffs, Northants, Bucks, and

## Hartwright

Sussex), Hartwell in Lamerton (Devon), or Hartwells in Maidenhead (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Hertwelle, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Worcs); Jordan de Hertwelle, 1259 in *Oseney Cartulary*; John Hertwell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Hertwell, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Richard Hartwell, 1570 in *Place-Names of Berks* vol. 1, p. 56; Francis Hartwell, 1585 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Xtofer Hartwell, 1612 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Hartwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Arkwright**.

### Harty

Variants: **Hearty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 921
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick and Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó hAthartaigh, Ó hÁrtaigh 'descendant of Athartach or Artach', variants of the personal name *Faghartach*, which is probably a derivative of *foghartach* 'noisy', compare **Faherty**. **Early bearers:** Diermod O'Harty, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4679 (Ardath, Kerry); Philip O'Harty, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Curryneviagh, Cork); John O'Hartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465 (Templetowne, Cork); Philip O'Hartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466; Dermot O'Hartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Ballinenehunty); Hugh O'Hartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Cornellogstowne); Teige mcOwen O'Hartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (the Downinges, Cork); Dermond Heartie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Philip O'Harty, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (Tymoleig, Cork).

2 English: (i) locative name from the Isle of Harty (Kent). (ii) locative name, possibly, in N England, from the lost *Hertey* (*Heruteu* in Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*), the site of the Anglo-Saxon monastery at Hartlepool (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Hertey, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Domino yvon de herty, 1266 in *Leics Record Office* (Yorks); Manuesimus de Herty, 1272 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Herty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Roberts, WR Yorks); Humphrey Herty the elder, esquire, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Margareta Harty, 1622 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Mary Harty, 1791 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

3 English: nickname, perhaps sometimes from Middle English *herti* 'stout-hearted'. Some of the early bearers in (2) may belong here.

### Harvard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Welsh, English: see **Havard**.

### Harvatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Worcs

English: variant of **Havard**, which itself has *Harvard* as a variant. Note especially John Harvard or Harford, 1576 in *IGI* in Little Wittenham (Berks).

**Early bearers:** William Harvat, 1597 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); James Harvet, 1683 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); John Harvat, 1763 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs).

### Harvell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Harefield (Middx), which is recorded as *Hereveld* in 1311, or from Harvel near Rochester (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Harvell, 1610 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs); Cutbert Harefield, 1639 in *IGI* (Weeke, Hants); John Herfeild, 1718 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Mary Hervall, 1743 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thos. Harvell, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Harvell, 1747 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Joannae Harvell, 1810 in *IGI* (East Lulworth, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 35; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 244.

### Harverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey; Suffolk

English: relationship name, apparently from a local Middle English descendant or adaptation of *Harvey* (Medieval French *Hervé*) + *-son*. Compare **Harvison**. **Early bearers:** Hannah Harverson, 1760 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Thomas Herverson, 1763 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk).

### Harvest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs and Warwicks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Herefast* (Old English *Herefaest*), or Old Danish *Armfast*. (ii) nickname, sometimes, perhaps, a metonymic occupational name for a harvester; compare Cecilie Harvester, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** given names: Herefast, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

surnames: Geoffrey Harevest, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Juliana Heruest, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Haruest, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Anthony Harvest, 1565 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); John Harvest, 1595 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Elizabeth Harvest, 1620 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); John Harvest, 1640 in *IGI* (Etchilhampton, Wilts); John Harvest, 1679 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Harvey

- Variants: **Harvie, Hervey, Herve, Harvy, Havey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 46838, Ireland 2255
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31802
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 Norman, Breton, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Hervé*, Old Breton *Aeruiu*, *Haeruiu* 'battle worthy', a name introduced by Bretons at the Conquest, or occasionally from

Continental Germanic *Herewig*, *Herewicus* 'army-war'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Herveus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Herueu de berruarius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Heruei de Castre, 1157–63 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Herui de Burc, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

surnames: Willelmus filius Hervici, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); William Hervi, Herevi, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar*, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hervy, 1232 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Herfu, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Herv, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Papworth Saint Agnes, Cambs); Henricus Harveyes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Alan Hervy, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Algakirk, Lincs); Thomas Haruye, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Gopsall, Leics).

2 Irish: (i) from Ó hAirmheadhaigh 'descendant of Airmheadhach', a personal name probably meaning 'esteemed'. It seems to be a derivative of *Airmheadh*, the name borne by a mythological physician. (ii) adopted for Ó hEarchaidh 'descendant of Earchadh', a personal name of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** George Harvey, constable of the castle of Mariborough, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4161; George Harvie, esquire of Mariborough, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6269; Philip Harvie of Mariborough, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6269; Teige O'Harvey, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6538 (Killerowlagh).

### Harvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 967
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; also Devon
- Scottish: see **Harvey**.

### Harvison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: relationship name 'son of *Harvey*' (Medieval French *Hervé*).

### Harvy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Harvey**.

### Harwar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics
- English: (i) see **Harward**. (ii) see **Harrower**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Harwar, 1574, Marie Harward, 1577 in *IGI* (Braunstone, Leics); Willm Harwar, 1581 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Margret Harwar or Harrower, 1591, Grace Harwar, 1621 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thomas Harwar, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London).

### Harward

Variants: **Hereward, Harwar, Harrower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hereward*, usually representing Old English \**Hereward* but possibly in some cases

Continental Germanic *Hariward*, *Heriward* through Norman introduction.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hereuard, Heruart, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Herewardus de Barneby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

urnames: Walter Hereward, 1156–80 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alexander Hereward, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Sarra Herward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); Edmundus Heraward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, Leics); Hugh Hereward<sup>7</sup>, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Reynold Harward, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Jno Harward, 1539 in *IGI* (Morrow, Surrey); John Harward, 1542 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs).

### Harwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Aberdeens

English: locative name from either of two places called Harwell (Berks, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Cecilia de Harewella, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas de Harwell, 1325–6 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johannes Harewell<sup>7</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); John Harwell, 1496–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

### Harwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lincs; Worcs

English: perhaps a variant of *Harwich* (see **Harridge**).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Herwyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton by Toft, Lincs); Thomas Harwick<sup>7</sup>, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Somercotes, Lincs); John Harwick, 1563 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Wm Harwick, 1587 in *IGI* (Wootton, Lincs).

### Harwin

**Variants:** Herwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hard(e)win* (Old French *Harduin*, Continental Germanic *Hardwin* 'firm friend').

**Early bearers:** given names: Harduuinus, Haruinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Hardeuinus, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts).

urnames: Walter Hardwin, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Lucas Hardwyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Henry Harwyn, 1456 in *Norwich Wills*.

### Harwood

**Variants:** Harewood, Hurwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9100, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7967
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: locative name from any of several places called Harwood (Lincs, Northumb, NR Yorks, Devon), Harewood (Cheshire, Hereford,

WR Yorks), or Horwood (Devon), the latter being recorded as *Harewde* in 1219.

**Early bearers:** Hubert de Harewda, 1176 in *Yorks Charters*; Bernard de Harewode, 1242 in *Book of Fees*; Alice Harewode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus de Harwodde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Harwode, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Elyner Harewood, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Hernhill, Kent).

### Harworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Harworth (Notts).
- Early bearers:** John de Harewordh<sup>7</sup>, 1208, of Hareworth, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Hugh of Hareworth, 1283–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Simon de Harwort, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Mathew Harworth, 1633 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Marie Harworth, 1642 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Thos. Harworth, 1645 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Robert Harworth, 1664 in *IGI* (Strubby, Lincs); Elizabeth Harworth, 1715 in *IGI* (Altham, Lincs).

### Hasan

**Variants:** Hassan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2548, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Arabic, Muslim: from the widespread personal name based on Arabic *ḥasān* 'good, handsome'.
- Further information:** Hasan (c. 625–69) and his brother Husain were sons of the khalif 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib (see **Alī**) and, through their mother Fatima, grandsons of the Prophet Muhammad. Shiite Muslims regard Hasan and his brother Husain as the true successors of Muhammad. The name is popular among Sunni Muslims as well as Shiites.
- Early bearers:** Hisain [*sic*] Hasan, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Lincs); Shaikl Sadiq Hasan, born in India, in *Census 1911* (London); Ahmed Hasan, born in Egypt, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Hasbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-* and prosthetic *H-*.

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Hasbury (Worcs), although this is recorded as *Haselburi* in 1270 and *Halesbury* in 1544.

**Early bearers:** Marget Hasbury, 1578 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 294.

3 English: variant of **Ashbury** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hasdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Staffs

English: variant of **Astle** or **Astill**.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Hastall, 1577 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Thomas Hastill, 1581 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Alexander Hasdell, 1774 in *IGI* (London).

### Hasle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: see **Hayes**.

**Further information:** Reaney's explanation, from 'Old English *hās* 'a hard, hoarse, raucous voice', used also as a personal name', is implausible.

2 English: see **Ace**.

3 German, Dutch, Huguenot, or Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Haas**.

### Hasel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Hazell**.

### Haselden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haseldene

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haseldine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands; Lincs
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haseler

**Variants:** Hasler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks
- English: locative name from Haselour (Staffs) or Haselor (Warwicks, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Heselhour<sup>7</sup>, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Haselore, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardo Haselour<sup>7</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haslemere, Surrey); John Haselhore, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Nicolas Haseler, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Broadway, Worcs); Thomas Hasler, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx).

### Haseley

**Variants:** Haisley, Hasley, Hazley, Hazeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: relationship name from Haseley (Warwicks), Great Haseley (Oxon), or North Heasley in North Molton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Hasele, 1295 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Berks); John de Hasleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Haseleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitnash, Warwicks); Roberto and Willelmus Haseley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kempford, Gloucs); Thomas Haseley, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Edmund Hasley, 1599 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Wm Haseley, 1601 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); Rychard Haseley, 1613 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Ciceley Hasley, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Michael Hasley, 1620 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Mary Hasley, 1635 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Thomas Hasley, 1646 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Edward Hasley, 1656 in *IGI* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Martha Haseley, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph

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without Aldgate, London); John Haseley, 1687 in *IGI* (Ellesborough, Bucks); John Haseley, 1716 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Benjamin Haisley, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London).

### Haselgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, London, and Sussex; Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Hazelgrove**.

### Haselhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Hazlehurst**.

### Hasell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs; Middx
- English: see **Hazell**.

### Haseltine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haselton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also E Anglia
- English: see **Hazelton**.

### Haselup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Heslop**.

### Haselwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Scotland: esp. Midlothian
- English: see **Hazelwood**.

### Hasham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: (i) locative name in N England, perhaps from Heysham (Lancs). (ii) locative name in S England, perhaps sometimes for *Asham*, from a place in Beddingham (Sussex) or one in Ham, Wellington (Somerset).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Hesham, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Hesham, Lancs); [ . . . ] Heyssam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helen, Worcs); Laurence Heysham, chaplain, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Isleworth, Middx); Johannes Hesem, Robertus de Hesham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas Hesham, merchant, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Alexander Heysham, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Prestbury, Cheshire); James Hashame, 1606 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Hasham, 1663 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John in Thanet, Kent); Alice

Hashome, 1665 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Margery Hesham, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Hasham, 1740 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset).

2 Muslim: see **Hashim**.

### Hashemi

**Variants:** **Hashmi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: Arabic surname indicating descent from the clan of *Hāshim* (see **Hashim**), great-grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad.

**Further information:** The royal family of Jordan has this descent, hence the country's official name 'the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan'

### Hashim

**Variants:** **Hasham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Hāshim*, literally 'crusher'.

**Further information:** This was the byname of the great-grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad, who provided for pilgrims coming to the Ka'ba (the holy temple) in Mecca each year. Hāshim, whose original name was 'Amr, initiated a twice-yearly caravan (trading expedition) to Yemen and the Levant. The story goes that he returned from one such expedition, bringing with him bread which he crushed into pieces and distributed, earning him the nickname *hāshim* 'crusher'. The Kingdom of Jordan is known as *Hashemite* because its rulers are descended from this Hashim.

### Hashmi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 862, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Hashemi**.

### Haskayne

**Variants:** **Haskin, Askin, Heskin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Haskayne (Lancs), recorded as *Hasken* in 1329 and 1530, *Haskeen*, 1366, *Haskyn*, about 1540, *Haskeyne*, 1598; see *Lancs Place-Names*. There may have been some confusion with **Heskin, Askin, Haskin**, and **Axon**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Hasken, 1329, [ . . . ] de Haskeen, 1366 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); Jenet Ascon, 1567 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Jane Askane, 1575 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Gabriel Haskeine, 1589, Thomas Haskeyne, 1666 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margret Ayscon, 1622, Elizabeth Heskeine, 1669, Alice Haskaine, 1801 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Ellen Ascon, 1646 in *IGI* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Margaret Askin, 1721 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Askin, 1787 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Haskel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset
- English: see **Haskell**.

### Haskell

**Variants:** **Haskel, Haxell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 765
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Dorset, and Wilts
- 1 English: variant of **Askell** with prosthetic *H-*.
- 2 English: variant of **Axtell**.

### Hasker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

1 N English: locative name from Hoscar Moss, Lathom, Ormskirk (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Horschar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby, Lancs); Richard Horsker, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Hosker, 1569 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Nicholas Hosker, 1671 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Thurston Hasker, Haskar, 1799 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).

2 English: there is clearly also an unidentified southern source, perhaps to be associated with Willelmus Hascher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex), and Johannes Haschere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toppesfield, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Water Hasker, 1566 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Katherin Haskar, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Hasker, 1592 in *IGI* (Bramley, Hants); Thomas Hasker, 1626 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex); George Hosker, 1660 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

### Haskett

**Variants:** **Heskett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name, in SW England possibly a variant of **Arscott** or **Ascott** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** George Hasket, 1538, John Hasketh, 1618 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Elizabeth Haskett, 1567 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); William Hasket, 1595 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); John Haskett, 1596, Jonathan Haskett, 1699 in *IGI* (Marnhull, Dorset); Lydia Askett, 1599 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Susan Haskett, 1622 in *IGI* (Henstridge, Somerset).

2 English: locative name in NW England, a variant of **Hesketh**.

### Haskew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: variant of **Askew** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Derbys; also Middx

English: variant of **Askey** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haskin

**Variants:** **Haskins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: in N England, a variant of **Askin** with prosthetic *H-*.

2 English: in S England, a post-medieval variant of **Hoskin** with unrounding of the vowel.

3 English: in N England alternatively a variant of **Haskayne**.

4 English, Irish: in Lancs alternatively an occasional variant of **Heskin**.

5 Jewish (from Ukraine): metronymic from the Yiddish female personal name *Khaske*, a pet form of *Khane*, + the Slavic possessive suffix *-in*.

**Early bearers:** Barnett Haskin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Hasking

**Variants:** **Haskings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; also Lancs; Sussex

1 English: in S England probably a post-medieval variant of **Hosking** with unrounding of the vowel.

2 English: in N England probably a variant of **Askin** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haskings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: variant of **Hasking** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Haskins

**Variants:** **Heskins, Huskins, Eskins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1387, Ireland 169
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Cork

1 English: variant of **Haskin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Haskings**.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hUiscín ‘descendant of *Uiscín*’, from a diminutive of *uisce* ‘water’ (and thus the Irish surname has also been anglicized as **Waters**). More probably, however, it is an altered form of a diminutive of *Fuarghus*, a personal name meaning ‘cold vigour’.

**Early bearers:** John Hasquine, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5840.

### Haskow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of **Askew** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haslam

**Variants:** **Aslam, Haslem, Haslum, Haslen, Hasleham, Heslam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5343, Ireland 185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4528
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, Notts, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Offaly

English: locative name denoting someone who lived by a clump of hazels (Middle English *hasel*), or someone from Haslam, Lancs; from Old English *hæsel* or Old Scandinavian *hesli* in the dative plural form (*-um*). The record of 1246 could show that names from both languages of origin might be confused early.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Haslum, de Hesellum, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Haslum, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); George Haslam, 1560 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Humffrid Haslam, 1586 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Haslum, 1614 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Ruth Heslam, 1614 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Benjamin Aslin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); James Haslam Or Aslam, 1832 in *IGI* (Westhoughton, Lancs).

### Hasleden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Haslegrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Hazelgrove**.

### Hasleham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: elaborated variant of **Haslam**.

### Haslehurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: see **Hazlehurst**.

### Haslem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: see **Haslam**.

### Haslen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: see **Haslam**.

### Hasler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

English: see **Haseler**.

### Haslett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 280
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Sussex, Hants, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry

1 English: locative name from Middle English *haslett* (Old English *\*hæslett*) ‘hazel copse’. The name denotes a dweller by a hazel copse or someone from a place so named, such as Haslett Copse in Up Marden (Sussex), or any of several minor place-names in Essex, Kent, and Surrey.

**Early bearers:** England: John Haselette, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William atte Haselette, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Simon Haselet, 1400 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Teynham, Kent); John Haslet, 1565 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); John Haslett, 1567 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent); Thomas Haslett, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Reading, Berks); John Haslett, 1637 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Joseph Haslett, 1641 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants); Jonas Haslett, 1672 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jas. Haslett, 1794 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

2 English: for the Irish name see **Hazlett**.

### Haslewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London

English: see **Hazelwood**.

### Hasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. W Midlands; London

English: see **Haseley**.

### Haslin

**Variants:** **Hasling, Heslin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Alselin*, from Continental Germanic *Anselin*, with assimilatory change of *n* to *l*. Compare **Ansell**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Alselin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); William Haslin, 1148–56 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Lincs); Radulfus Halselinus, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Roger Haucelin, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Hauselin, Hanselin, Halselin, 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Halselyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Asselyn’ 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Nicholas Haslin, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Wrotham, Kent).

### Hasling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Heslin**.

### Haslip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Heslop**.

### Hasloch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Haslock**.

### Haslock

**Variants:** **Hasluck, Hasloch, Ashlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Aslac*, *Asloc* (Old Scandinavian *Áslákr*, *Aslak*).

## Haslop

**Early bearers:** given names: Aslac, Aseloc, Haslec, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk); Haselac molendinariarius, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

**surnames:** Ricardus filius Aslac, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Radulfus filius Oselach', 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Aselach', 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Aslac, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Petronill Oslok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Aslak, 1426–7 in *Paston Letters*; Richard Hasloke, 1536 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Thomas Ayshlocke, 1545, Thomas Aysshelock, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Jeremy Hasluck, 1620 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); John Ashlock, 1639 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

### Haslop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London; Lancs
- English: see **Heslop**.

### Hasluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. NR Yorks; also Middx
- English: see **Haslock**.

### Haslum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Haslam**.

### Hasnip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Heslop**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Hasnupp, 1591 in *IGI* (London); William Hasnip, 1697 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Lewis Hasnip, 1816 in *IGI* (Thornton le Fen, Lincs).

### Hason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: see **Hasson**.

### Haspery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Asprey**.

### Haspineall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Aspinall** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haspray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-*, addition of prosthetic *H-*, and unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

### Hasprey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Astbury** with loss of *-t-*, addition of prosthetic *H-*, and unvoicing of *-b-* to *-p-*.

### Hassack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Hassock**.

### Hassal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Hassall**.

### Hassall

**Variants:** **Hassell, Hassalls, Hassal, Hassel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2966, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1864
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Hassall (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John de Hassell, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de Hasshal, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cheshire); Thomas Hassall, 1540 in *IGI* (Warrington, Cheshire); Robert Hassell, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hassalls

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Hassall** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Hassam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Horsham**.

**Early bearers:** Brigit Harsham, 1559 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Edward Hassam, 1606 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Thomasin Hassam, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Robert Harsham, 1724 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Mary Hassam, 1787 in *IGI* (Stowupland, Suffolk).

### Hassan

**Variants:** **Hasson, Hassin, Hessian, Hassen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11241, Ireland 328
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Irish: from Ó hOsáin ‘descendant of Osán’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *os* ‘deer, fawn’. A similar surname Ó hOisín was used in the south of Ireland, see **Hession**.

**Early bearers:** George Hassan and Barny Hasson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Teague Hessian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry); John Hasson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

2 Scottish: see **Hasson**.

3 Jewish: see **Hasson**.

4 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥassān* ‘beautifier’.

**Further information:** From the same root as **Hasan** but in an intensive form and stressed on the second syllable.

**Early bearers:** Syed Mahmood Ul Hassan, born in India, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Hassanali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the compound personal name *Hassan-Ali*, see **Hasan, Hassan, Ali**.

### Hassard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 137
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan
- English, Irish: see **Hazard**.

### Hasse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Lancs

English: locative name denoting a dweller by coarse grass, Old English \**hasse*, or from a minor place named with this word, such as The Hasse in Soham (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** John de Hasse, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roger atte Hasse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gracia del Hasse, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Hasse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Launditch hundred, Norfolk); Margaret Hasse, 1543 in *Parish Registers* (Madingley, Cambs).

### Hasseck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Hassock**.

### Hassel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Berks; Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs
- 1 English: see **Hassall**.  
2 English: see **Haxell**.

### Hasselby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Exelby**.

### Hassell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1238, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 938
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Staffs
- 1 English: see **Hassall**.  
2 English: see **Haxell**.

### Hassen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 See **Hasson**.  
2 See **Hassan**.

**Hassent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Herefs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Harsant** or **Hearson**.

**Hassett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 909
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare
- 1 Irish: from Ó hAiseadha ‘descendant of *Aisidh*’, a personal name meaning ‘discord, strife’ (*an-* ‘non’- + *síodh* ‘peace’).  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot O’Hassy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §936 (Killinormody); John oig O’Hassey, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4521 (of Athare); Donne O’Hassie, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Limerick Fyned); Teig moeil O’Hesedy, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4937 (Castlemoell).  
 England: Thomas Hassett, born in Cork, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Patrick Hassett, born in Tipperary, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, London).  
 2 English: locative name from Hessem (Suffolk).  
**Further information:** There is no evidence that this is a late form of **Hazard**, as suggested by Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson*.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Hessem, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Hessem, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Jane Hassett, 1473 in *Paston Letters*; William Hassett, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Matthew Hassett, 1613 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

**Hassin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- See **Hassan**.

**Hassock****Variants: Hasseck, Hassack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) coarse grass’, Middle English *hassok* (Old English *hassuc*), or toponymic from Haske in Upper Hellions (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Hassoc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Robert Hassok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Matill Hassok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan, Lancs); Robert Hasok, 1439 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Elizabeth Hassock, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Rainworth, Norfolk).

**Hasson****Variants: Hassan, Hassen, Hason, Hazan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 395
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Scottish, English: variant of **Halson** or **Hawson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hawson, 1493 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Pittenweem, Fife); William Hasson or Hawson, 1635 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Anstruther Easter, Fife); Andro Hasson, 1653 in *IGI*

(Anstruther Easter, Fife); Isabel Hasson, 1794 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife).

2 Irish: from Ó hOsáin, see **Hassan** (1).

3 Jewish (Sephardic): nickname, relationship name from a personal name based on Hebrew *chason* ‘strong’ or perhaps from *chasan* ‘cantor’.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Hassan, 1805 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Moses Hassan, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1851* (Bishopsgate, Middx); Isaac Hassan, tailor, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Hasson, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Moses Hassan, diamond polisher, born in Leghorn [Livorno], Italy, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Jacob Hassan, jeweller’s apprentice, born in Leghorn [Livorno], Italy, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx).

4 Arabic, Muslim: see **Hassan** (4).

**Hast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Warwick

English: see **Haste**.

**Hastain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Hastings**.

**Haste****Variants: Hast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *haste* ‘(roasting) spit’, perhaps metonymic for a turnspit; compare **Haster**.

**Early bearers:** William le Haste, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agnete Haste, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Dalby, Leics); Petrus Hast, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burley, Hants); Roberto atte Hast, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hampnett, Gloucs); Johannes Haste, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Good Easter, Essex); Willelmus Hast, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Ric Hast, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Hasted****Variants: Haystead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

1 English: variant of **Histed**.

**Early bearers:** George Haysted, 1544 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Margerey Hasted, 1563 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Mary Heysted, 1571 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent); Elisabeth Hasted, 1579 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Thomas Haysted, 1758 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

2 English: a late development of **Halstead**.

**Early bearers:** Rosa Hasted, 1560 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Henry Hawsted, 1560 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Cathren Hasted, 1605 in *IGI* (Washam le Willows, Suffolk); William Halstead, Thomas Hawstead, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames*, pp. xi–xii.

**Hastelov**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Hastilow**.

**Haster**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Essex; Durham; Argyll

English: occupational name for a turnspit, from an agent derivative of Old French *haste* ‘(roasting) spit’.

**Early bearers:** Gutha Haster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); John Haster, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Haster, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**Hastey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwick

English: see **Hasty**.

**Hastie****Variants: Hasty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2732, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1894
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Berwicks; also Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Monaghan

1 Scottish: nickname from Older Scots *hastie*, Middle English *hasty*, *hastif* ‘speedy, quick’, also ‘impetuous, hot-tempered’ (Old French *hastif*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert and John Hasty, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Thom Hasti, 1478 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts*; Thomas Haistie, 1543 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Beaul, Ross and Cromarty).

England: Robert Hastif, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Hasty, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard le Hastie, 1326 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Margaret Hastie, 1592 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Andrews Hastie, 1603 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Norman French personal name *Asti*, a reduced form of *Astin*, a pet form of *Asketin*, see **Astin** (2). *Hasti* has a prosthetic *H-*.

**Further information:** Compare Hasti de Bolebi, 12th century in *Danelaw Documents*, who is identical with Asketinus de Bolebi.

**Early bearers:** Picot filius Asti, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Asti, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William Asty, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Isabella Asty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Willelmo Asty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton Grandison, Herefs); Willm. Asty, 1594 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Margaret Astey, 1595 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk); Francis Asty, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Hastilow****Variants: Hastelov**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: locative name from a lost place in Warwicks recorded as *Hastelowe* in about 1150, perhaps surviving as a field-name in Dunchurch parish, recorded as *Arsley* in about 1720.

## Hasting

**Early bearers:** Dorothea Hastelow, 1599 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Anne Hastelow, 1746 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 357.

## Hasting

**Variants:** **Hastain, Haston, Hastings**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 183

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Hastang*, *Hastenc*, *Hasten* (Old Scandinavian *Hásteinn*). See also **Hastings**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hastinc, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Aitrop Hasteng, 1194 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Hamo Hasting', 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Willelmus Hasting', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Croxtan Kerrial, Leics); William Hastyng', 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Dewdon, Devon); Zachary Hasting, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew's, Plymouth, Devon).

## Hastings

**Variants:** **Hastain**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 5339, Ireland 599

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3790

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs and WR Yorks; Norfolk; Warwicks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Limerick and Clare

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Hastings (Sussex). In the latter part of the 12th century, at the time of William the Lion, the surname was taken to Scotland, where it assimilated instances of the native Scottish surname *Harestane*.

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Earl of Huntingdon since 1529. They can be traced back to Sir Henry de Hastings (died 1268). A member of this family, John Hastings, 1st Baron Hastings (1262–1313), was one of the claimants to the Scottish throne in 1290.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Hastings, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, Hugh de Hasting, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Thomas de Hastyng', 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Sutton Scotney, Hants); Ralph de Hastynges, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Alice Hastings, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); John Hastings, 1550 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); Thomas Hastings, 1566 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Hastings, 1571 in *IGI* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Edward Hastings, 1572 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks). Scotland: John de Hasting, about 1178 in *Brechin Register*, (Dun, Angus); David de Hastings, 1242 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Angus); William de Hastings, 1233 in *Glasgow Register*; John Hastings, 1661 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

2 English: in some cases, a variant of **Hasting** with Middle English genitival *-s*. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hastyngs, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); John Hastynges, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Burnby, ER Yorks); William Hastynges, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó hOistín, see **Histon**.

## Hastler

• **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 36

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx English: occupational name for a turnspit or the officer of a great kitchen who superintended the roasting of meat, from Anglo-Norman French *\*hasteler*, from *\*hastele*, a diminutive of *haste*, French *hâte* 'a spit'. Compare **Haster**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le hasteler, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Agneta Hastiler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rearsby, Leics); John Hasteler, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Hasteler, 1527 in *Parish Registers* (Rawreth, Essex); Edward Hasteler, 1662 in *Parish Registers* (Bishops Stortford, Herts).

## Haston

• **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 245

• **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian and Midlothian; Lancs; Middx

1 English: locative name from Haston (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** England: Philip de Haston', 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Alexandre de Haston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton, Leics); Francis Hasten, 1585 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Geffry Haston, 1587 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

Scotland: John Haston, 1654 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Alexander Hasten, 1674 in *IGI* (Kirknewton and East Calder, Midlothian).

2 Scottish: locative name from Hestan in Rerrick (Kirkcudbrights).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hastan, William Hastine, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* 3, series 9, p. 569 (Senneck, Kirkcudbrights); Janet Hasten, 1712 in *Torphichen Records* (Torphichen, W Lothian); Jennet Haston, 1720 in *IGI* (Torphichen, W Lothian).

3 Norman, English: from the Norman personal name *Hasten*: see **Hasting**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Hasteyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); John Haston or Hasting, 1788 in *IGI* (Kirknewton and East Calder, Midlothian).

## Haswell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 94

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Durham, and Northumb

English: probably a variant of **Haswell**.

## Hasty

**Variants:** **Hastie, Haste**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 11

• **GB frequency 1881:** 123

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan; Galway and Mayo

1 English: see **Hastie**.

**Early bearers:** Roberte Hastye, 1572 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Margareta Hastie, 1605 in *IGI* (Farnworth, Lancs); Mary Astey, 1762, Benjamin Hastie, 1803 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name, possibly from Ashday in Southowram (WR Yorks), recorded as *Astey* in 1275 and 1309, and *Asdaie* in 1570 (*Place-Names of WR Yorks*). The 1377 example may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry son of Adam de Haste, 1275, William de Astey, 1275, John de Astey, 1297, de Hastay, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme); Johannes Hastie, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rempstone,

Notts); Margret Hasty, 1544 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); William Hasty, 1595 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Margareta Hasty, 1597 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Willia Hasty, 1635 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mabel Hasty, 1656 in *IGI* (Newton Reigny, Cumb).

## Haswell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1396, Ireland 6

• **GB frequency 1881:** 958

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham English: locative name from Haswell (Durham) or, less probably, Haswell (Somerset) or Haswell in North Huish (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Tiedewi de Haswella, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); John de Haselwell, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William de Haselwell, 1342 in *London Pleas*; Sir Patrick de Hasewell, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Patrick de Haselwell, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Margaret Haswell, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Merstham, Surrey); Willyam Haswell, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Durham, Durham).

## Haszard

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hazard**.

## Haszeldine

• **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hazeldine**.

## Hatch

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3304, Ireland 124

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2567

• **Main GB location 1881:** London and Hants; also Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Meath, and Dublin

English: locative name from Hatch (Beds, Hants, Somerset, Wilts), or topographic from residence near a hatch, a gate leading to a forest or sometimes a sluice, Middle English *hacche*, *ha(t)ch(oe)*, *hech(e)* (Old English *hæcce*).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert ad Hacce, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Adam del Hach, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Henry Hache, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter ate Hacche, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Nicholao de Hatch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Galfridus atte Hatche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Stephen atte Hacche, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Hatch', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Chevening, Kent); Thomas Hatch, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich, Kent).

## Hatchard

**Variants:** **Ashard, Achard, Haggard**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 5

• **GB frequency 1881:** 395

• **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, Sussex, Surrey, and London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Acard*, *Achart*, *Aquart*, *Echard* (Continental Germanic *Aghiard*, *Akihart*). The initial *H-* is prosthetic.

**Early bearers:** given names: Acardus de Lincolnia, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Achardus de Sproxton', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Simon



filii Echardi, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Ecard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).  
 surnames: William Achard, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William Achart, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus Achardi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William Hachard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Achard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Thomas Acard, 1401 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks).

### Hatchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Hants; Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Monaghan

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hakele* (*e*), *hacel* 'hide, plummage, finery'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hakele, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Simon Hakell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chetton, Shrops); Katherine Hatchell, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Chaddleworth, Berks); William Hachell, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Belstead, Suffolk); George Hatchell, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Waldon Saint Paul, Herts); Arthur Hatchel, 1715, Richard Hatchell, 1729 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops).

### Hatcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2484, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1752
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: locative name for someone who lived by a gate, from Middle English *hacher(e)*, a derivative of *hacche*; see **Hatch**.

**Early bearers:** John Hetchere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Hacher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilbarston, Northants); Andrew Hatcher, 1560 in *Sussex Wills*; William Haccher, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Roberte Hatcher, 1540, Johanna Hacher, 1549 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Hatchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Herts; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

English: nickname from Middle English *hachet(te)* 'small axe', Old French *hachete*, evidently an occupational name for a hatchet maker or user.

**Early bearers:** William Hachet, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Hachet, 1334 in *London Letter Books E*; Willelmo Hachet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Adam Hachet, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirkbymoorside, NR Yorks); John Hachet, 1599 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); William Hachit, 1665 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); John Hatchett, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Hatchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx, Surrey, Kent; Wilts

English: locative name from Middle English *hacche* + *man*, denoting a keeper of or dweller by a gate

leading to a forest, or perhaps an occupational name for a keeper of a sluice gate.

**Early bearers:** William Hacheman, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs/Hunts); John Hachman, 1361 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Thoma Hacheman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleford Abbots, Essex); Ric Hatchman, 1539 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Francis Hachman, 1659 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Hatcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hatcliffe**.

### Hatcliffe

**Variants:** **Hatcliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hatcliffe (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Hadecliu, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Peter de Hadcliff, 1312 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Nycholas Hatclyff, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hateley

**Variants:** **Hately**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Worcs

English, Scottish: locative name from Hateley Heath, West Bromwich (Staffs), or less likely Heightley in Chirbury (Shrops). However, Hateley Heath may take its name from a family originating at Heatley (Staffs), which has medieval spellings of the type *Hayteley*, and that is a possible source. William Aleyn of Hateley is associated with land in Heatley, 1380 in *Staffs Archives*.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found of a place-name in the eastern Borders to account for the medieval northern distribution of *Hately*, so the name is assumed to originate further south in England.

**Early bearers:** Sir Robert dictus de Hattley, about 1230 in *Black*; Robert de Hetley, 1270 in *Black*; William de Hetley, 1335 in *Black*; Robertus de Hetlegh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); William de Hateley, 1407 in *Staffs Archives*; William Hatle, 1412 in *Black*; Thomas Hateley, 1619 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Jeane Hatelie, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Hately, 1660 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Humphry Hately, 1673 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Andrew Hatelie, 1692 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks); John Hateley, 1697 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); William Heightley, 1736 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Edward Heightley, 1749 in *IGI* (Great Witley, Worcs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 303, 309.

### Hately

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham; Berwicks, Midlothian

English: see **Hateley**.

### Hatfield

**Variants:** **Hatfull, Hatful**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3002, Ireland 34

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2132
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Yorks; also London

English: locative name from any of various places called Hatfield (ER and NR Yorks, Notts, Worcs, Hereford, Herts, Essex), or Heathfield (Sussex, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Tata æt Hæðfelda, about 1050 in *Tengvik*; William de Hatfeld, 1119–27 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Robert de Hattefeld, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Elizabetha de Haytefeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Thomas Hatfeld, 1412 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Stephen Hatfeld', 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts).

### Hatful

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hatfield**.

### Hatfull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, Surrey
- English: see **Hatfield**.

### Hathaway

**Variants:** **Hathway, Hadaway, Haddaway, Adaway, Hattaway, Hardaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2723, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Oxon, Warwicks, and Staffs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hatewi* (Old English *Heaðuwig*), or from Continental Germanic *Hathuwic, Hadewic*. Some bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hadeuui, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Hathewi, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs). surnames: William Hatewi 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William Hadewi, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William Hathewi, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Nigel Haðewi, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Hatheway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Thomas Hatheweve, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Hathaway, 1559 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Hathaway, 1574 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Bridget Hathaway, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived at or near a road across a heath, Middle English *he(a)th + wei(e)* (Old English *hæð + weg*).

**Early bearers:** William de Hathewy, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Hather

**Variants:** **Heather**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Heather (Leics).

**Early bearers:** John de Hethre, chaplain, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johannes atte Hathere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Amersham, Bucks); Johanne Hether, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarestone, Leics); Matthew Heather, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Robert Hather, 1562 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); Joseph Hather, 1661 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); Mark Hather, 1691 in *IGI* (Grassthorpe, Notts).

2 English: see **Heather**.

## Hatherall

### Hatherall

Variants: **Hatherell**, **Haddrell**, **Hadrill**, **Hadrill**, **Hathrell**, **Hathrill**, **Hatherill**, **Attrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Athelwald*, *Athelwold*, with prosthetic *H-*, probably representing Old English *Æþelweald* or possibly Norman use of the cognate Continental Germanic *Adalwald*. *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 245, notes that the surname *Atherwold* (1327) appears as *Atholwold* in 1340, *Adderwolde* in 1546, and *Adderall* in 1618, and that it is commemorated in Atherall's Farm in Fletching. The Wilts surname could have the same etymology, but absence of medieval evidence for the name there makes it difficult to assess its probability.

**Early bearers:** given names: Athelwold', Adelualdus, Adelold, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk, Somerset, Kent); Adhelwold Blund', 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk, Suffolk).

surnames, S England: Thomas Atherwold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maresfield, Sussex); John Adewald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sheffield in Fletching, Sussex); Jane Hatrell, 1568 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Thomas Atherall, 1645 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex). Elizabeth Haterel, 1717 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex).

surnames, SW England: Edward Hatherell, 1575 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Susan Hatherall, 1595 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Thomas Hatherill, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Willia. Hathrill, 1613 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Hatherill, 1628 in *IGI* (Norton, Gloucs); Allen Hathrell, 1662 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs).

2 English: alternatively perhaps a variant of **Attrill** (1) or (2) with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hatherell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: see **Hatherall**.

### Hatherill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Hatherall**.

### Hatherley

Variants: **Hatherly**, **Heatherley**, **Atherley**, **Heatherly**, **Hidderley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Notts; Hants  
English: locative name from Hatherleigh in Bovey Tracey (Devon), Up Hatherley, Down Hatherley (Gloucs), or Hatherly Farm in Hilton (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hatherleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Up Hatherley, Gloucs); Geoffrey Hatherlegh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburton, Devon); Ricardi Hatherley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Hatherley, 1566 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Richard Hatherley, 1622 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Henry Hatherly, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Gulielmi Heatherley, 1637, Richardi Hetherlye, 1643, Hetherley, 1647 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Simon Hatherly, 1698 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 77

(Dorset); Sarah Venus Hatherley, 1772 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Joseph Hatherley, 1792 in *IGI* (Stanton on the Wolds, Notts).

### Hatherly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants; Gloucs; Notts

English: see **Hatherley**.

### Hathi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: nickname from Hindi *hathi* 'obstinate'.

### Hathorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish: see **Hawthorn**.

**Early bearers:** Daude Halthorn, 1455 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kirkcinner, Dumfriess); Margaret Hathorn, 1602 in *Lanark Testaments* (Lanarks); John Hathorn, 1726 in *IGI* (Glasserton, Wigtowns).

### Hathorne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Hawthorn**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Hathrell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Monmouths

English: see **Hatherall**.

### Hathrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Wilts

English: see **Hatherall**.

### Hathway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: see **Hathaway**.

### Hatley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, London, Surrey, Hants; Staffs; Northumb, Durham
- English: locative name from East Hatley (Cambs), Hatley Saint George (Cambs), or Hatley Cockayne (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Arnold de Hateleia, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Agnes de Hatleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus de Hayteleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); John Hayteley, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Robart Hatley, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Hatrick

Variants: **Hatrick**, **Hetrick**, **Hetrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 24

- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 Scottish: locative name from Hatrick Farm, Kilmacolm (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Hatrick, 1650 in *Black* (Kilmacolm, Renfrews); Andro Hatrick, 1671 in *IGI* (Ochitree, Ayr); Jonet Hatrick, 1674, James Hatrick, 1679 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).

2 English: variant of **Arkwright**.

### Hatry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Hawtreay**, pronounced *hay-tree*.

### Hatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Kent

English: perhaps a variant of **Hadson**.

**Early bearers:** Alles Hatson, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Hatson, 1620 in *IGI* (Newnham, Kent); Henry Hatson, 1704 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).

### Hatswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon

English: locative name from Hatchwell in Widdecombe in the Moor (Devon), which is earlier *Hatteshull* (1352), *Hatteshill* (1478). The forms without *-w-* represent survivals of the earlier pronunciation, which has been affected by the frequent *well*, (local) *will*, 'stream'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Hatteshull, 1352 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . ] Hatteshill, 1478 in *Court Rolls* (Devon); Sidwell Hatswell, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Cornwall); Elyzabeth Hatswill, 1619 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Henrie Hatsell, 1641 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Lawrence Hatswell, 1657 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Henry Hatsell, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Hattsell, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Moses, London); Robert Hatswell, 1729 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Nicholas Hattswell, 1790 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Hatt

Variants: **Hatts**, **Hett**, **Hitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1122, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Aberdeens

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hat(te)* 'hat'; perhaps a nickname for someone who habitually wore a distinctive hat, or perhaps an occupational name for a maker or seller of hats. Some examples may belong under (2)

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Hat, 1148–67 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN*; Randulf Hat, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); John Hat, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Semley, Wilts); Johanne Hat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Edwarde Hatte, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts). Scotland: Thomas Hatmaker, 1487 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); William Hatt, 1633 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Brounhill, Aberdeens); Thomas Hatt, 1675 in *IGI* (Forglen, Banffs); Georg Hatt, 1676 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *hat(te)* ‘(wooded) hill’, denoting someone who lived on or by such a hill, for example at Hatchich Farm (Worcs) or Hathouse Farm (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Hat, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard atte Hatte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Hattam

**Variants:** Hattem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained. This was formerly a fairly widespread name. There may be some connection with Hotham (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Hothom* in 1285 and also appears rarely in surnames as *Hothom* and *Hothon* and commonly as **Hotham**; or with ‘lands . . . called Hattom Bakelowe’ in Brewood (Staffs), 1588 in *Staffs Archives*. In Cornwall, possibly related to **Hotten**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hattam, 1565 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Richard Hattam, 1592 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Thomas Hattem, 1660 in *Poll Tax* (Mabe, Cornwall); Thomas Hattum, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Mabe, Cornwall); Wm. Hattam, 1683 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Hannah Hottom, 1690 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

### Hattan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; also scattered in England

English, Scottish: see **Hatton**.

**Early bearers:** England: Elizabeth Hattan, 1581 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Hattan, 1790 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Helen Hattan, 1747 in *IGI* (Cambeltown, Argyll).

### Hattaway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Hathaway**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hattem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Hattam**.

### Hatten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon; Suffolk; Hants; also Argyll
- English: see **Hatton**.

### Hatter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: occupational name for a maker or seller of hats, from Middle English *hatter(e)*, *hettere*.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Hattere, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); William le Hattere, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Ricardo Hatter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Robertus Hetter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent);

Richard Hatter, 1457 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nycolas Hatter, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Flixton, Lancs).

### Hattersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1345, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 855
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Hattersley (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Ralph de Hattresleia, 1211–25 in *Cheshire Charters*; Richard de Hattersleg, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Amicia Hattirslay, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Langsett, WR Yorks); Ralph, Richard, Robert, and John Hattersley of Langside, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Hattersley, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Baradford, WR Yorks).

### Hattie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McHattie**.

### Hattle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: nickname from Middle English *hatel*, *heatel*, *hetel* ‘hostile, cruel, dangerous; hateful’.

**Early bearers:** Agn’ Hetal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Millow, Beds); Christopher Hettle, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Tho. Hattle, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Hettle, 1698 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Sarah Hattell, 1704 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Martha Hatell, 1729 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Phebe Hattle, 1784 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Hattel, 1785 in *IGI* (Spittal, Northumb); John Hattle, 1810 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

### Hatto

**Variants:** Atto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: (i) variant of **Attoe** with prosthetic *H-*. (ii) variant of **Eatough**, a Lancs name that may have migrated south. Compare **Ayto**, **Hayto**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Hatto, 1738 in *IGI* (Swallowfield, Berks); Robert Hatto, 1755 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks).

### Hatton

**Variants:** Hatten, Hattan, Atton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8222, Ireland 332
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5837
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Hatton (Cheshire, Derbys, Lincs, Middx, Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks), or Hatton Hall (Cheshire), or Cold and High Hatton (Shrops). **Early bearers:** England: Joseph de Hattun, before 1193 in *Yorks Charters*; Simon de Hatton, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robertus de Hatton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hawkstone, Shrops); William Hatton, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Hatton, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Lower Peover, Cheshire).

Ireland: Sir Christopher Hatton, 1589 in *Fiants*

*Elizabeth* §5346 (of the castle of Knockmoane).

2 English: variant of **Atton** with prosthetic *H-*.

3 Irish: relationship name, reduced form of **Mac Giolla Chatáin**, see **McHatton** and **McElhatton**.

### Hattrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx; Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *haterel* ‘dress, attire’ (probably a derivative of Old English *hæteru* ‘clothes’), used to denote a tailor.

**Further information:** Compare Elias le Hatermongere, 1251 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon), a dealer in clothing. **Early bearers:** Vilein Haterel, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John Haterel, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Nathaniell Hattrell, 1661 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Henerey Hattrell, 1733 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Ann Hattrell, 1770 in *IGI* (Sutton, Surrey); William Hattrell, 1816 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Hattrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Renfrews
- English, Scottish: see **Hatrick**.

### Hatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks

English: variant of **Hatt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Hatwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Attwell**.

**Early bearers:** Alisia Hatwell, 1559 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); George Hatwell, 1609 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); Henry Hatwell, 1619 in *IGI* (Dodderhill, Worcs); Thomas Hatwell, 1635 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Oxon); James Hattwell, 1677 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks).

### Hau

**Variants:** Hou, Haw, How, Howe, Ho, Hoh, Kok

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 侯 (**Hou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Hao** in Cantonese romanization), a title approximately equivalent to ‘marquis’: (i) borne by descendants of Jin Ai Hou (晉哀侯) (reigned 717–709 BC) and Jin Min Hou (晉閔侯), both of whom were killed by Duke Wu, ruler of the state of Jin. Their descendants fled to other states and adopted the name of the peerage rank as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Hou* (侯), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shaanxi province) granted to descendants of Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) from *Hou* (侯), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iv) borne by descendants of Hou Xuan Duo (侯宣多) and Hou Yu (侯羽), officials in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) adopted as a surname by families

## Hauff

from minority ethnic groups in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534), in particular *Hu Gu Kou Yin*, *Hou Nu* (侯奴), *Ke Hou* (侯), *Gu Yin*, and *Si Fu Hou* (侯伏侯).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 后 (**Hou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Hao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘empress, queen’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the title *Hou Tu* (后土), borne by Gou Long, an official in charge of lands during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) simplified form of the place-name *Hou* (厚), also written as 厚), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) granted to Gong, son of King Lu Xiao Gong (died 769 BC) in the state of Lu. (iii) borne by descendants of Hou Zang (后臧), younger brother of Ye Gong (about 550–470 BC), a noble in the state of Chu. (iv) borne by descendants of Yin, an official historiographer in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who was endowed with the surname *Hou* (后, meaning ‘wife of the king’), because Yin’s daughter became the wife of king Qi Xiang Wang (died in 265 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 後 (**Hou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Hao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘back’ in Chinese: said to be borne by descendants of Hou Zhao (後照), grandson of the legendary king Tai Hao, who lived even before the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郝 (**Kok** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Hao* (郝), the name of a fief (located in Taiyuan in Shanxi province) granted to Zi Qi, a person during the reign of king Di Yi (died 1076 BC) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) traced back to the Wu Huan ethnic group in ancient E China. (iii) traced back to a minority ethnic group in ancient S China.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 胡, see **Wu** (6).

6 Vietnamese: unexplained.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Hough**.

## Haugh

Variants: **Hough**, **Hawe**, **Howe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 731
- **GB frequency 1881:** 444
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Ó hEachach ‘descendant of *Eochu*’, a personal name which is probably a pet form of *Eochaidh*, see **Haughey**.

**Early bearers:** Moriortagh O’Hagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Cnocklongy); Deirmod O’Haghe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6706.

2 Scottish, English: locative name from any of several places in Scotland and N England called Haugh, or a topographic name denoting a ‘(dweller by) the enclosure’, Middle English *hauē*, *hagh(e)* (Old English *haga*).

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas del Haugh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lorbottle, Northumb); Nicholas Hauē, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paston, Norfolk); John Haugh, 1483 in *Feet*

*of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Haugh, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

Scotland: John de Hawhe, 1409 in *Paisley Register* (Glasgow).

3 English: possibly also a variant of **Hough**.

## Haughan

Variants: **Hawkins**, **Haughton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 Irish: from Ó hEacháin ‘descendant of *Eachán*’, a pet form of the personal name *Eachaidh*, as in **Haughey**. Another pet form Ó hEachaidhín gives **Haughian**.

**Early bearers:** Gilleduff and James O’Haghen, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5709 (Antrim).

2 English: unexplained. Although some of the examples below may belong under (1), the dates and distribution of them strongly suggest that an as yet unidentified English source also exists.

**Further information:** A possible N English source might be *Hougou*, a lost manor at or near Millom (Cumb), but more evidence would be needed; see *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 414–15. Some late examples show confusion with Haugham (see **Hougham**).

**Early bearers:** Edward Haughan, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Agnes Haughen, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Sutton, Suffolk); Willm Houghon, 1600 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Daniell Haughan, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Philip Haughen, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Hasketon, Suffolk); Robert Haughan, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Faith under Saint Paul, London); Jane Houghan, 1753, Francis Houghen, 1756, Houghon, 1766, Alexr Haughon, 1783, William Haughan, 1796, Haugham, 1808 in *IGI* (Bewcastle, Cumb).

## Haughey

Variants: **Haffey**, **Aughey**, **Hoey**, **Hoy**, **Huey**, **Howey**, **Haughian**, **Hooey**, **Haughe**, **Howe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 948, Ireland 1105
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from Ó hEachaidh ‘descendant of *Eachadh*’, a personal name meaning ‘horseman’, see **McCaughey**.

**Early bearers:** Gillernowe O’Haghy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533; One oge O’Haghie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Shane O’Haghie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735.

## Haughian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from Ó hEachaidhín ‘descendant of *Eachaidhín*’, a pet form of the personal name *Eachaidh*, as in **Haughey**. A variant diminutive appears in **Haughan**.

**Early bearers:** Gilleduff and Donald O Heighen, horsemen, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1806 (Balliloghmesk, Connacht); Conor mcMoriortagh O Hehine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4585 (Arrenbegg).

## Haughe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Haughey**.

## Haughney

Variants: **Aughney**, **Hockney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: reduced from **Mac Fhachtna**, a patronymic from the personal name *Fachtna*, meaning ‘malicious, hostile’. The similar surname Ó *Fachtna* was Anglicized by adopting English **Faulkner**, while Ó *Fachtnáin* became **Faughnan**.

**Early bearers:** Rory McFaghney, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §930 (Queen’s county [Laois]); Turlagh Mac Faghna, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3884 (Kings county [Offaly]); Perce duf McFaughtne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3959 (Clonmolaghlín); Peirce duf McFaghny, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4559; Gillernewe O Faghny or mcFaghny, esq., captain and chief, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5199 (Rathclyne, Longford, territory of Calloe); Gerald McFaghney, husbandman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5398 (Tang, Westmeath); Irell mcGillernyff McFaghna, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Callow, Longford); Lysagh roe McFaghna, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Moynylagane, Connacht).

## Haughton

Variants: **Houghton**, **Hawton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2266, Ireland 323
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1522
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, Warwicks; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Wexford, and Wicklow; Cork

1 English: locative name from Haughton (Cheshire, Lancs, Northumb, Shrops, Staffs), or Haughton le Skerne (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Haleghton, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne de Hawghton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garthorpe, Leics); Isabella de Hoghton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn, Lancs); William de Houghton’, 1402, George Houghton, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Edwarde Haughton, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Diocese of Chester); Simon Haughton, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); James Haughton, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hEacháin ‘descendant of *Eachán*’, see **Haughan**.

3 Irish: adopted for Ó hEachtair ‘descendant of *Eachtair*’, a personal name of uncertain origin, see **Hocter**.

## Hauke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Yorks; Worcs; Kent
- English: see **Hawke**.

## Hauman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: variant of **Hawman**.

2 German: (i) from German *Haumann*, which is most probably from Middle High German *hau*, *hou*

(a measure of woodland) + *man* ‘man’, denoting a settler on such a unit of land, especially one that had been cleared and changed to agricultural use. (ii) the German name could also be an occupational name from Middle High German *houwen* ‘to chop’ + *man* ‘man’, denoting a butcher, a woodcutter, or a stonemason.

### Haunch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: perhaps a variant of **Hance**.

**Early bearers:** James Hanche, 1564 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Simon Haunch, 1597 in *IGI* (Kirkby upon Bain, Lincs); Elizabeth Hanch, 1625 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Stephen Hanch, 1715 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Thos Haunch, 1777 in *IGI* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks).

### Haupt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: nickname, locative name from Middle High German *houbet*, German *Haupt* ‘head’, generally descriptive for someone with a big head, or possibly a designation of the head of a guild or other group. It is also recorded in the Upper Rhineland as a locative name from a house sign.

**Early bearers:** Carl Friederich, son of Caspar Diederich Haupt, 1758 Caspar Ziegel Haupt, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); George Ludewig Haupt, 1836 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Johann Heinrich Haupt, 1851 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Hauser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname, locative name, agent noun from Middle High German *hūs* ‘house’ (German *Haus*), in some cases denoting someone who gives shelter or protection. (ii) locative name, denoting someone from any of the various places in central and southern Germany called Hausen.

**Early bearers:** German: Matthias Hauser, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Leics); Adolf Hauser, born in Stuttgart, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Wilhelm Hauser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).

Jewish: Israel Hauser, born in Staffs, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman Hauser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan).

### Hauxwell

**Variants:** Hawkswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks; Sussex

English: locative name from Hauxwell (NR Yorks), or Hawkswell (which survives only as a field-name) in Sevington (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Daniel de Haukeswell, 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Alexander de Haukeswelle, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de

Haukeswelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); John Haukeswell, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmo Hawkswelle, 1447 in *Dover Charters* (Kent); An Hauxwell, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Pickhill, NR Yorks).

### Havard

**Variants:** Harvard, Harvatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 774
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks and Glamorgan

1 Welsh, English: locative name from Haverfordwest (Pemb), earlier simply *Haverford*, duplicating a variant of the name of Hereford. Compare John Harfordshire, 1543, Willm Harvordsheire, 1598 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Harvard, 1541 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); John Harvard, 1548 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Simon Harvard, 1572 in *IGI* (East Lavington, Sussex); John Havard, 1575 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Harvard or Harford, 1576 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Annas Harvard, 1589 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); John Havard, 1598 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Georgius Havard, 1604 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs); John Harvard, 1605 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset); Robert Harvard, 1606 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Joane, 1610, and Willm Harvard, 1615 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johannis Havard, 1608 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs); John Havard, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Havard, 1620 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

2 English: see **Hereford**.

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 108.

### Havell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London
- English: see **Havill**.

### Havelock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Haveloc* (anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Hafleikr* ‘sea-play’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Haveloc, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Cornwall).

surnames: William Havelok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert Havelok, 1369 in *London Pleas*; Robt. Havelock, 1578 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Alce Havelock, 1655 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Haven

**Variants:** Heaven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) harbour’, Middle English *haven* (Old English *hæfen* ‘haven’).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Hauen’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Philip atte Hauene, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Hevyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Heuene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Overhevene, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert atte Hauen, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Swaby, Lincs); Ricardo Haven, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Thomas del Hauen’, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas de Hevyn’, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Ralfe Haven, 1598 in *Parish Registers*, (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon)  
2 Welsh: variant of **Evan**.

### Havenhand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: nickname from French *avenant* ‘fitting; comely, pleasant’, with prosthetic *H-*; compare **Avent** and **Davenant**.
- Early bearers:** Godfrey Havenhand, 1721 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Thomas Havenand, 1759 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Derbys); Ann Havenhand, 1796 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Samuel Hevenhand, 1810 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joseph Avenhand, 1837 in *IGI* (Beighton, Derbys).

### Havens

**Variants:** Havins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- Irish: see **Heaven**.

### Haver

**Variants:** Havers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs; Hants
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *haver* ‘oats’ (Old Scandinavian *hafri*), perhaps for a seller of oats. This is a likely source of the name in Norfolk, Lincs, and the northern counties. (ii) nickname from Middle English *haver* ‘billy goat’ (Old English *hæfer*). Some post-medieval examples cited below may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Hauer, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Hauer, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Adam Hauere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); John Hauer, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); James Haver, 1551 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Jane Haver, 1596 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Alice Haver, 1562 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Anne Havere, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Thomas Havere, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Haver, 1706 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Justice Haver, 1787 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Andw. Haver, 1804 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Henry Haver, 1812 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 English: variant of **Heaver**.

### Havercroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Havercroft (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Liulf de Havercroft, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Havercroft, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Walterus Havercroft’, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

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(Havercroft, WR Yorks); Chr'ofer Havercroft, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Crowle, Lincs).

### Haverfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England

English: (i) locative name, possibly an altered form of *Auberville*, the name of a 12th-century Norman family with lands in Suffolk. This Norman surname derives from either Auberville-sur-Eaulne (Seine-Maritime) or Aubeville-sur-Yère (Seine-Maritime). For the change of *-ville* to *-field* compare English surnames such as **Dangerfield**. The post-medieval name is recorded only in SW England, however, and must therefore either reflect unrecorded early migration from SE England or have a different origin. (ii) locative name, possibly from Middle English *haver* 'oats' (Old Scandinavian *hafri*) or perhaps Middle English *haver* 'he-goat' (Old English *hæfer*) + Middle English *feld* 'open country'. This is, however, an improbable source for the 1327 Suffolk name, borne by a woman of some wealth.

**Early bearers:** E Anglia: Matilda de Hauberuill, 1196–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Hugo de Auberuill, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Matilda de Hauerfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worlingham and Cove, Suffolk). SW England: Willelmo Habervyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestone, Wilts); Martin Haverfield, 1707 in *IGI* (Tilshhead, Wilts); Marton Haverfield, 1715 in *IGI* (Tilshhead, Wilts); William Haverfield, 1781 in *IGI* (Lyng, Somerset); William Haverfield, 1788 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*, p. 6; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 268.

### Havering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Havering atte Bower (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Haveryng, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger de Havering alias atte Sele, 1343 in *London Pleas* (London); Ricardo Haveryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East and West Grafton, Wilts); Richard Haveryng, 1468 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 180 (Dorset); James Havering, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Mistly, Essex).

### Haverly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Middx
- English: see **Habberley**.

### Havern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from Ó hAmhráin, see **Haveron**.

### Haveron

**Variants:** Havern, Havron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 195
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Ó hAmhráin 'descendant of *Amhrán*', a personal name that is a diminutive of *amhra* 'eminent, noble'. The *a* vowel in the first syllable distinguishes it from Ó hEimhrín, see **Hefferon**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Rory O Heawrine, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6189 (Munster); Donell O Hawrane, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477 (Kerry). England: Catherine Haverion, 1760 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Haverne, 1804 in *IGI* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Patrick Haveron, 1860 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Havers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: variant of **Haver** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Havers, 1570 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Havers, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Haverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

English: locative name from Haversham (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Haversham, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Nicholas de Haversam, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Ellianor Haversham, 1701 in *IGI* (London).

### Haverty

**Variants:** Hafferty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 312
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó hÁbhartaigh 'descendant of *Ábhartaigh*', a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** William O'Havorta, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4474 (Galway); Thady Haverty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moylough, Galway).

### Havery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham; Lancs

English: see **Avery**.

**Early bearers:** George Havery, 1653 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Luke Havery, 1720 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham).

### Havey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Harvey**.

### Haviland

**Variants:** Havilland, De Havilland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx, Surrey

1 English: locative name from Haveland in Membury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** . . . Haverlond, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Membury, Devon); Richard Haverlond of Ipswich, 1364, 1367 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Havelond, 1451 in

*Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Joseph Haverland, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Leonard, Downham, Cambs); Anthony Haviland, 1622 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Arthur Haviland, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); John Havyland, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset); John Haviland, 1710 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 646.

2 French, English: This name may also be a variant of **De Havilland**.

### Havill

**Variants:** Havell, Hovell, Hovil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London

Norman, English: locative name from Hauville (Eure), recorded as *Alsvilla* and *Hasvilla* in the 11th century, or from Hauteville la Guichard (Manche), earlier *Hautteville*. Both became *Hauvill* and *Havill*, the former also developing into *Hovell*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Halsuilla, 1086 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts), de Haluile, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Ralph de Hauvill' 1154–89 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk), de Alta Villa, de Havill', 1198 in *Book of Fees*; Henry de Hautvill', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Lucas de Houyle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Havell, 1464 in *Norwich Wills*.

### Havilland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Haviland**.

### Havins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: variant of **Evans**.

### Havis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, Norfolk

1 English: variant of **Avis** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** William Havis, 1552 in *IGI* (London); Elisabeth Haves, 1612 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint George, Suffolk); Edmund Havis, 1655 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs).

2 French: nickname from a Walloon form of French **Havet**, perhaps a derivative of Old French *havet* 'small pick'. Compare Sigerus dictus Haves of Kortrijk, 1248 in *Debrabandere*, at Havet. **Early bearers:** Jacque Haves, 1665 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Pierre Haves, 1666 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Jean Haves, 1674 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich).

### Havlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Bute

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish (Donegal): apparently an anglicized form of an unidentified Gaelic name.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Havlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry).

**Havron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó hAmhráin, see **Haveron**.

**Haw**

Variants: **Hawes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 863, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny; Derry and Tyrone

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Haw(e)* which, like *Daw(e)*, was probably a rhyming pet form of Middle English *Raw* (Ralph). Similar rhyming pet forms of other Anglo-Norman male personal names beginning in *R-* are found in *Hick* and *Dick* for *Rick* (Richard) and *Hob* and *Dob* for *Rob(ert)*. See also **Hawkin**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hawe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks), 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Hawe de Bolinton, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire). surnames: William Hawe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Hawe, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus Hawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Thomas Hawe, 1494 in *Feet of Fines* (Yardley, Worcs); Agnes Haw, 1555 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Haw, 1555 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Joanna Haw, 1562 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by an enclosure, Middle English *hawe* (Old English *haga* or Old Scandinavian *hagi*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Haga (de Haga), 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger de la Hagh, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Peter in le Hawe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Margery del Hawe, Caterina Hawe, John atte Hawe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Hawe, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 侯 and 郝, see **Hau** (1) and (4).

**Hawa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ḥawwā*, 'Eve'

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Haward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and London; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Haward* (Old Scandinavian *Hávarðr*, *Hawarþh*, *Havarðh* 'high or chief warden or guardian'), cognate with and occasionally confused with Continental Germanic *Howard*; see **Howard** (1) and (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hauuart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Haward de Wihton, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: William Haward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Stephen Haward, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thos Haward, 1524 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Rici Haward, 1541 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk);

Margaret Haward Or Howard, 1613 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire).

**Hawarth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Haworth**.

**Hawcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Holeroft**.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Hawcroft, 1569, John Hawcrofte, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Robte. Hawcroft, 1606 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Hawdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
- English: locative name from Hawden in the chapelry of Newburgh (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Hawdene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Preston, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Haweden', 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Christopher Hawdon, 1566 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Catherine Hawden, 1566 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** Hodgson, John (1840): *A history of Northumberland*. Newcastle, part 3, vol. 2, p. 398.

**Hawe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó hEachach, see **Haugh**.

**Hawes**

Variants: **Haws, Hawse, Hawyes, Hewis, Hewes, Howis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5601, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3654
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French and Middle English *Haueis*, *Hawis*, an Old French form of the Continental Germanic female personal name *Hadewidis*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hawis, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Hawisia, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Hawisia, 1215 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds). surnames: Robert Hawyse, William Hawys, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Hawys, Margery Hawis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Hawys, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Bottesford, Leics); Robert Hawes, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas Hewes, 1538 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Edward Hewis, 1581 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Willm Hewis, 1654 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); Joseph Hewis, 1740 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts).

2 English: relationship name, variant of **Haw** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. The cited forms may also belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hawes, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); William Hawes, in *IGI* (Lamas, Norfolk).

3 English: locative name from Hawes in Wensleydale (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Haws, 1621 in *IGI* (Thornton Steward, NR Yorks).

**Hawgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; Northants

English: variant of **Habgood** with vocalization of /v/ to /u/.

**Early bearers:** John Hawgood, 1575 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Richard Hawgood, 1689 in *IGI* (Whittlebury, Northants).

**Hawick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

Scottish: locative name from Hawick (Roxburghs) or, less likely, Hawick in Kirkharle (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Hawick, 1234 in *Brechin Register* (Guthrie, Angus); John de Hawewyk, 1380 in *Rotuli Scotiae* 2, p. 20; Robert de Hawyk, 1425 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* 4 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andrew Hawick, 1578 in *Dysart Records*, p. 39 (Shetland); James Hawik, 1645, Hawick, 1659 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Ann Hawick, 1719, Robert Hawick, 1757 in *IGI* (Deltling, Shetland).

England: Adam de Awic, 12th century in *Durham Priory Fees*; Walter de Hauwyke, 1279 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Walter de Hawyk, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; Johis Hawicke, 1606 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks).

**Hawk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; WR Yorks

English: see **Hawke**.

**Hawke**

Variants: **Hawk, Hauke, Hawks, Hawkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1526, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: nickname from Middle English *havoc*, *havek*, *hawk*, 'hawk or falcon' (Old English *hafoc*). It may have been given to a professional falconer, to someone of a savage or cruel disposition, to someone who held land by providing hawks for his lord, as in the 1130 instance, where Ralph Hauoc owed the royal Exchequer two 'girfals' (i.e. gyrfalcons or hawks). Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Hauoc, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls*; Roger Hauuech', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Hawk, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Walter le Hauke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alan Hauke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Haweke, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Redeswell in Great Horstead, Herts); John Hauke, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Chalke, Kent).

2 English: relationship name, possibly a patronymic from a survival into Middle English of the Old English personal name *Hafoc*, which was originally a nickname from the word 'hawk, falcon'. It seems to have died out of use as a personal name by about 1250.



## Hawken

**Early bearers:** given names: Hauok, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

surnames: Osbertus filius Hauoc, probably identical with Osbern Hauoc, about 1115 in *Tengvik* (Oxon); Willelmus filius Hawoc, 1240–5 in *Black*.

**3** English: locative name for a '(dweller in) the nook or corner', Middle English *halke*.

**Early bearers:** William del Halk, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Adam de Halk, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William atte Halk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Hawken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 777
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Hawkin**.

## Hawker

**Variants:** **Halker**, **Howker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2967, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2284
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in W England

English: occupational name for someone who trains hawks or engages in the sport of hawking, from Middle English *hawker* 'falconer, hawker' (Old English *hafocere*).

**Further information:** *Hawker* in the sense 'someone who goes from place to place selling things, crying them in the street' is first recorded in *OED* in 1510. It is probably from Dutch and is too late to be the source of any English surnames.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Haukere, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Mabil' Hauker, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert le Hauker, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Regnal Hauker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cow Honeybourne, Gloucs); Andrew Haweker, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Hawker, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Hawkes

**Variants:** **Hawks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6966, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4720
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in central and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1** English: variant of **Hawke** with excrescent *-s*, a development very common in the Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Nicholao Hawkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tipton, Staffs); Johannes Hawkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halesowen, Staffs); Thomas Haukes, 1460 in *York Freemen's Register*; Robert Hawkes, 1558 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Edmund Hawks, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Breadman, Canterbury, Kent).

**2** English: variant of **Hawkins**, with partial ellipsis of the final syllable.

**Early bearers:** William Hawkys or Hawkyns, 1539 in *Oxford University Register*.

## Hawkesford

**Variants:** **Hawksford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

**1** English: locative name, perhaps from Hawkesworth (Notts), which is recorded as *Hawksforth* in 1535 in

*Valor Ecclesiasticus*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Hawkesford 'subballiv[us]', 1477, proctor, 1480 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Hauxford, 1567 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Walter Hawkesford, 1607 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Ann Hawkesford, 1613, Mary Hawksford, 1641 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Richard Hawksford, 1643 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Dovey Hawkesford, 1722 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs).

**2** English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place of this name, probably in Warwick or Staffs. It is clearly originally *Hawkford*, with an excrescent medial *-s-*, and may be from Halford (Warwicks), recorded as *Halgford*, *Halchford*, 1232 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Henry Hauckford, 1591 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Richard Hauckford, 1642, Mary Hawksford, 1648, Jane Haucksford, 1655 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Geo. Hawkford, 1725 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks).

## Hawkeswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwick

English: locative name from Hawkeswood (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hoxwood, 1592 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs); John Hauxwood, 1693 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Mary Hawkeswood, 1751 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

## Hawkesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants

English: see **Hawksworth**.

## Hawkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

**1** English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Havekot*, a pet form of the Old English personal name *Hafoc* (*Havek* + *ot*). Compare **Hawkin**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Havekot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Hauket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Sara Hawkit, 1619 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Frances Hauket, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Hawket, 1817 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Kent).

**2** English: It may also be a variant of **Alcott**.

**Early bearers:** George Haukott, 1621 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds). Compare Mary Holcote, 1577 in *IGI* in the same place.

## Hawkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Hawksey** with loss of the medial genitive *s*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hawkey, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Gabriel Hawkey, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

## Hawkhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, probably from either of two places called Hawkshead (Lancs, Cumb), though the dropping of the *-s-* in the surname is surprising.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Haukesheved', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ouseburn, WR Yorks); John de Haukeshead, chaplain, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Jane Hawkhead, 1607 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Richard Hawkhead, 1708 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx).

## Hawkin

**Variants:** **Hawking**, **Hawken**, **Hawkins**, **Hawkings**, **Haykin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 628
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Cornwall and Devon; London

English: relationship name from Middle English *Haw*, a rhyming pet form of *Raw* (Ralph), + the diminutive suffix *-kin*. *Hawkyn* or *Haukyn* mean 'young Ralph'. However, in 13th- and 14th-century handwriting *-u-* and *-n-* are often written identically. Some examples of *Haukyn* below may therefore belong under **Hankin**, but equally some of those under **Hankin** may belong here. Compare **Haw** (2), **Rawkin**, and **Dawkin**.

**Further information:** In *The Vision of William concerning Piers the Plowman* (written before 1387?) Langland named his fictional everyman figure 'Haukyn the actyf man', which strongly implies that in the late 14th century *Haukin* was a recognizable pet form of an everyday personal name, as *Ralph* undoubtedly was (see **Ralph**).

There is no basis for the common explanation of this name as a variant of *Hal*, a pet form of *Harry*. *Hal* is not recorded as a pet form of *Harry* before the 16th century. Nor could an earlier *Hal* have become vocalized to *Haw* much before about 1400, a century later than the earliest examples of *Hawkin*.

Reaney (*Reaney and Wilson*) suggested that all examples of Middle English *Haukin* derived from a pet form of the Old English personal name *Hafoc* + the Old French diminutive suffix *-in*. This seems unlikely, given that *Hafoc* was rare compared to *Ralph*, and may have been obsolete as a personal name by about 1250 (see **Hawk**). A Middle English *Havekin* may nevertheless have existed, and with /v/ often vocalized to /u/ (as in Old English *hafoc* becoming Middle English *hawk* 'hawk'), it could have contributed in a minor way to the modern surname *Hawkin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Haukynus le cotoler, 1313 in *York Freemen's Register* (York); Haukyn Skinner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: Richard Haukyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon or Berks); Alexander Haukyn, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; William Haukyn, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Codsheath hundred, Kent); Radulphus Haukyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rawridge, Devon); Thomas Haukyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Iwade, Kent); Roberto Hawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Twycross, Leics); Willelmus Hawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Johannes Hawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hailey, Oxon); Johannes Hawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Henrico Hawkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax*



(Martin, Wilts); Henricus Hawkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warmfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Hawkyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); John Hawekyn', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Margareta Hawkin, 1541 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richard Hawkin, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Thomas Haukin, 1560, Elizabeth Hawkin, 1580 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire); Johannis Hawkin, 1581 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Hawkin, 1592 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Stephen Hawkin, 1613 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); William Hawkyne, 1650 in *IGI* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Jinney Hawkin, 1764 in *IGI* (Wrightington, Lancs).

### Hawking

Variants: **Hawkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Hawkin**. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** John Hawkyng, 1570 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Hawking, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Rychard Hawking, 1619 in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall); Richard Hawking, 1652 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Hawkinge (Kent). See also **Hawkins**.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Haukyngg', 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Folkestone hundred, Kent); Humph. Hawking, 1605 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent).

### Hawkings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 553
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; London

English: see **Hawkins**.

### Hawkins

Variants: **Hawkings, Hawkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28843, Ireland 827
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21354
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; Staffs; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Wexford, and Wicklow; Galway; Cork

1 English: variant of **Hawkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hawkyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton and Wharton, Herefs); Willelmo Hawkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Gloucs); Willelmus Hawkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); Johanne Hawkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Editha Hawkyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Waldron, Dorset); Thomas Hawkyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyle Cop, Shrops); Johannes Haykyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); William Hawkyne, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Wenlock, Shrops); Grace Hawkins, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Robarte Hawkins, 1539 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Thoms Hawkins, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); John Hawkins, 1560 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Susanne Hawkins, 1564 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Johanis Hawkins, 1575 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Tamsen Hawkins, 1585 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Thomas Hawkins, 1596 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Jespar Hawkins, 1604 in *IGI* (Cold Overton, Leics); Stephen Hawkins, 1608 in *IGI*

(Fewston, WR Yorks); Thomas Hawkins, 1619 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Hawking** (a locative name from Hawkinge in Kent) with excrescent -s, assimilated to the patronymic surname in Devon.

**Further information:** Sir John Hawkyne (1532–95), victor against the Spanish Armada (1588), was a member of the Devon family of Hawkins, a branch of a Kentish family from the village of Hawkinge. They held land in Plymouth as long ago as 1480.

**Early bearers:** Anthonye Hawkyne, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); John Hawkyne, 1592 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Silvester Hawkins, 1595 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó hEacháin, see **Haughan**.

### Hawkinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name, 'son of Hawkin'.

**Early bearers:** Will Hawkinson, 1631 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Peter Hawkinson, 1654 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys); Dorothy Hawkinson, 1692 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Elizabeth Hawkinson, 1694 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants); Samuel Hawkinson, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Hawkinson, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Elizabeth Hawkinson, 1720 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Thomas Hawkinson, 1722 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Hawkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Leics; Monmouths; London; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hawkley Farm in Pensax (Worcs) or, less probably, from Hawkley (Hants) or Hawkley in Pemberton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Haucleia, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh de Hauckelegh, 1346 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus Haukelye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckford, Gloucs); Sara Hawkley, 1631 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Tobyas Hawkley, 1670 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Ann Hawkley, 1679 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); William Hawkley, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Hawkley, 1729 in *IGI* (Gateacre, Lancs).

### Hawkrige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; also Middx; Devon

English: (i) locative name; in most cases probably from one of four places called Hawkrigg in Westm. (ii) in some cases it is more likely to be from Hawkrige in Coldridge (Devon) or, less probably, from any of several other places in S England with this name (e.g. Hawkrige in Berks or Somerset; Hawkrige in Heywood, Wilts; Hawkrige Farm in Hellingley, Sussex). In the 16th century the surname was quite numerous in Devon, but it has now almost died out in that county.

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas Haukeryg, 1516 in *York Freeman's Register*; Muriall Hawkrige, 1636 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Martin Hawkrige, 1699, and John Hawkrige, 1705, in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

S England: Nicholas de Haukrieg, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Willelmus Haukrig, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coldridge, Devon); Nicholas Haukeryg, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Sudborough, Northants); William Hawkrige, 1575 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Wm Hawkrige, 1575 in *IGI* (Fritelstock, Devon); Simon Hawkrige, 1601 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); John Hawkrige, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Hawks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 782
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent and London

English: see **Hawkes**.

### Hawksby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name, variant of **Haxby**.

### Hawksey

Variants: **Hawkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hawkeseye* 'hawk's eye'.

**Early bearers:** William Haukesesga, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Haukesesey, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Margreta Hauksey, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Plemonstall, Cheshire).

2 English: the Manchester surname Hawksey preserves an old form of **Hawkshaw**, recorded as *Hawksey* in 1527 (*Lancs Place-Names*, p. 63).

### Hawksford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Hawkesford**.

### Hawkshaw

Variants: **Hawkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Monaghan; Dublin; Tipperary

English: locative name from Hawkshaw (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Haukesheye, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Haukshawe, 1375 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Warwicks), possibly identical with Thomas Haukeshaw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tamworth in Arden, Warwicks); Susanna Hawkshaw, 1597 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Richard Hawkshaw, 1607 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thomas Hawkshaw, 1676 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire); John Hawkshaw, 1679 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Hawkshaw, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London).

### Hawksley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts

## Hawkswell

English: locative name from Hawkesley Hall in King's Norton (Worcs) or some other similarly named place.

**Early bearers:** William de Haukesle, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Haukeslowe, 1321 in *Worcester Cartulary*; John Hawksley, 1605 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Rogeri Hawksley, 1609 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Johis Hawksley, 1639 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Roger Hawksley, 1667 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Hawksley, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

### Hawkswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Hauxwell**.

### Hawksworth

Variants: **Hawkesworth, Halksworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2074, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1344
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lancs, Derbys, Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: locative name from either of two places called Hawksworth (in WR Yorks, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Houkeswurda, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Haukeswrth, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Haukesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Hawkesworth', 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Haukesworth, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Ricus Hawksworth, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Alban's, Wickersley, WR Yorks); George Halksworth, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Hawkwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from some minor place named as 'the hawk wood', e.g. Hawkwoods in Sible Hedingham or Hawkwood's Farm in Gosfield (both Essex).

**Early bearers:** John de Haukwode, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Hawkwod, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Haukwode, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Padbury, Bucks); Alicia Haukwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); Samuel Hawkwood, 1812 in *IGI* (Bacup, Lancs); Martha Hawkwood, 1821 in *IGI* (Farningham, Kent).

### Hawkyard

Variants: **Halkyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs

English: locative name from Hawk Yard in Saddleworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Hawkyeard, 1582 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Raph Hawkyard, 1615 in *IGI* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Philip Haggard alias Halkyeard, 1633 in *ER Yorks Archives* (Pocklington, ER Yorks) Alexander Hauckyeard, 1649 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Enoch Hackyard, 1655 in *IGI* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Hagyard, 1754 in *IGI* (Nunburnholme,

ER Yorks); Elizh. Hagyard, 1781 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robt Halkyard, 1784 in *IGI* (Mossley, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 314.

### Hawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3742, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2907
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

1 English: locative name from either of two places called Hawley (Kent, Hants) or a lost place called Hawley in Sheffield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Hauleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Hawlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes and Adam Hauleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almeley, Herefs); Stephanus de Hauly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Walter Hawelee, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Haweley, knight, in *Feet of Fines*; John Hawleye, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Prestbury, Cheshire); George Hawley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

2 English: see **Halley**.

### Hawling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lincs
- English: see **Halling**.

### Hawman

Variants: **Hauman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

1 English: relationship name, variant pronunciation of **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** Georgius Hammond, 1541, Thomae Hammond, 1556, Margareta Hawmonde, 1626, Henry Hawmon, 1637 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Margareta Hamond (daughter of Anthony), 1588, Henricus Hawman (son of Anthony), 1593 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); George Hammond, 1646, William Hauman, 1672 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); William Hawman, 1699 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); George Hammond, 1794, John Thomas Hawman, 1864 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

2 N English: locative name for a dweller by an enclosure, from Middle English *hagh(e)*, *haue* 'enclosure' + *man* 'man'. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (3), while the 1729 example may belong with (1), since *Hammond* is well evidenced in Gloucs since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Alan Hagheman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Johannes Hawemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Camden, Gloucs); Nicholau Haweman, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Checkendon, Oxon); Hanna Hauman, 1729 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs).

3 English: occupational name, status name 'servant of someone named **Haw**'.

### Haworth

Variants: **Hawarth, Howarth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4673, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Haworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hawrth, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Otes de Haworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Haworth', 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Abraham Haworth, 1597 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Haws

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 334
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia
- English: see **Hawes**.

### Hawse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Norfolk; Staffs

English: see **Hawes**.

### Hawson

Variants: **Haysom, Hayson, Hasson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Haw*') from a rhyming pet form of the Middle English male personal name *Raw* (see **Ralph**).

**Early bearers:** Simon Haweson, 1331 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Haweson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Richard Haweson, 1424 in *Derbys Charters*; Samuella Hawson, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Richard Hawson, 1677 in *IGI* (Tuxford, Notts).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 130.

### Hawthorn

Variants: **Hawthorne, Hathorn, Hathorne, Haythorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1559, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1723
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Staffs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Scottish: locative name from Hawthorn (Durham) or topographic name for someone who lived by a hawthorn, Middle English *hagh(e)thorn*, *haw(e)thorn*, *hau(e)thorn* 'hawthorn' (Old English *haguþorn*).

**Early bearers:** William de Hagethorn, 1155 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Henry atte Hawthorn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Hawethorn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton and Newington, Oxon); Robert Horethorne, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Wheatley, Oxon); Allexandr Hawthorn, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret's, Westminster, Middx).

### Hawthorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2421, Ireland 916
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 692
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- English, Scottish: locative name, see **Hawthorn**.

### Hawthornthwaite

Variants: **Haythornthwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Northumb

English: locative name from Hawthornthwaite (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Laurence Hawthornthwayt, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); James Hawthornthwaite, 1620 in *IGI* (Lancaster).

### Hawtin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *half + thein* (Old English *þegn*) ‘thane’, sometimes ‘man of knightly rank’ but also ‘servant’. It may have been given to one who held half a tenure or half a position. Compare Richard Halfcarl, about 1277 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions*, and Thomas Halfsweyn, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). See also **Halfnight**. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3). In fact all three names were probably confused in medieval times, and also with **Alden**. McKinley notes that Robert Alfthein (1241) was probably identical with Robert Haldein of Banbury, Oxon (1221), and that Richard Halfthein (about 1250), perhaps Robert’s brother, may be the same person as Richard Aldeyn (1278–9) and Richard Hauteyn (1241), all associated with Epwell, Oxon.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Alfthein, 1241 in *Placitorum abbreviatio* (Banbury, Oxon); Jane Hawten, 1558, John Hawtyn, 1654, John Hawtayne, 1665 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); William Hawten, 1572 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Thomas Hawten, 1590, Thomas Hawtin, 1719 in *IGI* (Epwell, Oxon); Jane Hawtin, 1737 in *IGI* (Gaydon and Chadshunt, Warwicks).

**References:** *Surnames of Oxon*, pp. 265–9.

2 English: status name for a hall servant or retainer, from Middle English *hal(le) + thein* ‘hall thane’ (Old English *heall-þegn*). The following examples could alternatively represent variant pronunciations of *Halfthein* in (1), *Hautein* in (3), or *Haldein* (see **Alden**).

**Early bearers:** Walter Halteyn, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Eborard Halthein, 1146–75 in *Douglas Book* (Suffolk); Theobald Hauthein, Halþein, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Agnes Hawtin, 1595 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Joseph Hawtin, 1628 in *IGI* (Shenington, Oxon); An Hawtin, 1630 in *IGI* (Chetwode, Bucks); Joane Hawtin, 1660 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks); William Hawtin, 1675 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *hautein* ‘proud, haughty’ (Old French *hautain*). The following examples could alternatively represent forms of the names in (1) or (2), influenced by false association with *hautein*.

**Early bearers:** Theobald Hautein, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Hauteyn, Auteyn, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Walter Haweteyn, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*.

### Hawton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; London; Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Hawton (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Steffan de Houtune, about 1175 in *Newark Documents*; William Hawton, 1454–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Simon Hawton, 1518 in *York Freemen’s Register*; Raphe Hawton, 1547 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke Climsland, Cornwall); Robert Hawton, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Neot, Cornwall).

2 English: variant of **Houghton**.

### Hawtrey

**Variants:** Hatry, Austry, Attree, Altree, Haytree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks
- Norman, English: (i) locative name, variant of **Dawtrey** without the fused preposition. (ii) locative name from Middle English *hau(e)-tre* ‘hawthorn tree’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hawtry, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joan Austry, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clayhidon, Devon); Thomas Hawtree, 1578, Dorothy Hatry, 1580 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); John Hawtree, 1625, Edward Hatree, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Richarde Austry, 1628, Edward Hawtrey, 1782 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Hawtry, 1655 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Mary Hautrey, 1669 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Hawtrey, 1686, Mildred Hawtrey, 1860 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Thomas Hawtree, 1694 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Hawyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs

English: see **Hawes**.

### Haxby

**Variants:** Hawksby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Haxby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Haxby, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Cisotta de Haxby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); William John Haxby, 1533–8 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Heslington, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Hacksbee, 1571 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Agnes Haxbee, 1598 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, NR Yorks); Thomas Hauxbey, 1647 in *IGI* (York); Peter Hawkesby, 1685 in *IGI* (Pudsey, WR Yorks); Henry Haxby, 1795 in *IGI* (Brotherton, WR Yorks).

### Haxell

**Variants:** Hackshall, Hassel, Hassell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Askell**. (iii), with metathesis of /sk/ to /ks/ and the addition of prosthetic *H-*. (ii) relationship name, variant of **Axtell**. (iii) locative name, variant of **Ashwell** with prosthetic *H-*, perhaps from Ashwell Hall in Finchingfield (Essex), recorded as Axswell, Aswell, 1250 in *Book of Fees*, or from Ashwell (Herts) with a similar substitution of *-x-* for *-sh-*. If so, there has probably been confusion with **Askell** or **Axtell**.

**Early bearers:** John Haxsall, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk) (Clare); Daniel Haxoll, 1623, Sarah Hacksall, 1701 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Robert Haxell, 1636 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Elizabeth Hackshall, 1676 in

*IGI* (London); Mary Haxall, 1752 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Haxter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Hexter**.

### Haxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 441
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: locative name; according to Black, a reduced form of *Halkerston(e)*, originally *Hawkerton*, the name of lands in the Mearns (Kincardines) held by the king’s falconer.
- Early bearers:** Alexr. Haxtone, 1656 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); David Hackstone, 1797 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife).

### Hay

**Variants:** Haye, Hays, Hayes, Hey, Heyes, Heighes, Delahaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11981, Ireland 226
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10904
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland; widespread in England: esp. London; Lancs; Northumb, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Antrim and Down

1 Norman, Scottish, N English: locative name from one of many places in Normandy called *La Haie* or *La Haye* (Old French *haie* ‘hedged, enclosure’, a borrowing of the Germanic word *haga*).

**Further information:** Robert de Haia or de la Haye is known to have come from La Haye-du-Puits in Manche; he was founder of Boxgrove Priory in Sussex (1123), and holder of the Honour of Halnaker (Sussex) and (by marriage) the barony of Kolswein (Lincs). The Scottish Hays, close relatives of the **Soules** family, came from La Haye-Bellefonds, formerly La Haye-Hue, near Saint-Lô, also in Manche. The principal Scottish family with this surname can trace their descent from William de la Haye, Butler of Scotland in the reign of Malcolm IV (1153–65) and lord of Errol (Perths) by gift of William the Lion about 1178–82. The Norman name was also taken to Ireland, where it has since flourished in the county of Wexford as *Hay* and **Hayes**. Elsewhere in Ireland the name usually has a native Irish origin, see (5) below.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey de la Haye, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Beds); Ranulf de Lahaia, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Richard de Hay, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de la Haie, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Robt. Hay, 1545 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs).

Scotland: William de Haya, about 1170–1200 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; David de Haia, sheriff of Forfar (Angus), about 1200–14 in *Arbroath Register*; John de Haye, witness to charter by Alexander II, 1228 in *Paisley Register*; Edmund de la Haye and Thomas de la Haye of Perth, and Huwe de la Haye of Fife, rendered homage, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas del Hay, one of the hostages for ransom of David II, 1363 in *Scotland Calendar*; Christiane Hay, 1553 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Andro Hay, 1567 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johnie Hay, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Henry Hay, 1573 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); David Hay, 1577 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife);

Jonet Hay, 1588 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Alison Hay, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Heleine Hay, 1606 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); John Hay, 1616 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Hay, 1640 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr); George Hay, 1658 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney).

Ireland: Walterus de la Haye, King's Escheator for Ireland, 1303–4 in *Dublin Documents*; Matthew Haye, sheriff of Wexford, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §33 (Tacumshane); Stephen Hay, vicar of St. Patrick's church, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §417 (Wexford).  
References: *Domesday Descendants*, p. 496; *Anglo-Norman Families*; *Black*, at Hay.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *hay(e)*, *heye*, *heghe* 'enclosure' (Old English (*ge*)*hæg*) or 'forest fenced off for hunting' (Old French *haie*); or from a place so named, such as Hay (Herefs, Westm) or Hey in Scammonden (WR Yorks). It was no doubt sometimes synonymous with **Hayward**. Some of the following bearers may belong under (1), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** Henry del Haye, Richard del Heye, Stephen in the Haye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John del Haye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Simon atter Hegg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barcombe, Sussex); Peter atte Hegg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mountjoy in Battle, Sussex); Thomas atte Heye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William att Hegg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chitcombe, Sussex); Alan del Heye, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Scammonden, WR Yorks); Thoma atte Hay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Ricardi del Heye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricardus de la Hegg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Galfridus atte Heye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Constable, Norfolk); Robertus del Heye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Willm. Hay, 1540 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Thomas Hay, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); Richard Hay, 1543 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Hay, 1543 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Richard Hay, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); William Hay, 1559 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Elizab. Hay, 1593 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Thoma Hay, 1609 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); John Hay, 1617 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Patrick Hay, 1627 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Sarah Hay, 1636 in *IGI* (Doulting, Somerset); George Hay, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Scammonden, WR Yorks).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hai(e)*. The 12th- and early 13th-century surnames may represent either an Anglo-Norman French or a native English name. Old French *Hai* is recorded in the Latin form *Haius* in 11th/12th-century Paris. It is a pet form of Continental Germanic male names like *Hagabert* (Old French *Haiebert*) and \**Hagabern*, which appears as *H[a]ghebernus* in *Domesday Book*.

Alternatively, these early surnames may be pet forms of a native Middle English male name like *Heymund* (Old English *Hēahmund*), which is evidenced in early 13th-century Norfolk, or a female name like *Hehild* (Old English *Hēahhild*), attested in the surname of Walter filius Hehilde, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs). In the late 13th and 14th centuries, however, it is possible that *Hay* was a variant of *Haw*, which, like *Daw* and *Day*, was used as a rhyming pet form of *Ralph*. Compare **Dawkin** and **Dakin**, and see **Haycock**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Hai, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Ricardus filius Haye, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*

(Norfolk); Robert Hai, 1150 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger Hai, 1163–6 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Sussex).

References: *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 1, at Haius; Forssner, p. 138; Seltén (1979), p. 94; *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 130.

4 English: nickname, see **High**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Hay, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert le Heye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roger le Hay, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Matthew le Hay, 1296, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Telham in Battle, Sussex); Gilbert le Hey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton in Pagham, Sussex); William le Hay, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Slinfold, Sussex).

5 Irish: adopted for **O'Hea**, Irish **O hAodha**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Haye, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1310 (Kilkenny, Pollsallghae).

## Hayat

Variants: **Hajat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Pakistani, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *hayât* 'life'.

References: *Ahmed*.

## Hayball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset

English: unexplained; perhaps from Middle English *hei*, *hai* 'hay' + *bale*, *ball* 'bale', used as a nickname for a fat person, or possibly from *hei*, *hai* + *ball* 'rounded hill, hillock'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hayball or Heyball, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Chard, Somerset); John Hayball, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Crewkerne, Somerset); John Haiball, 1605 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Steeven Hayball, 1666, Thomas Haiball, 1698 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Peter Hayball, 1756 in *IGI* (Broadwindsor, Dorset); Thomas Hayball, 1807, Heybull, 1810, Robert Haybull, 1821 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

## Haybittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *hei*, *hai* 'hay' + *bit(t)il* 'beetle' (Old English *hæg* + *bētl*).

**Early bearers:** William Heybetyll, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Heybittle, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Ann Haybeetle, 1746 in *Parish Registers* (Lewisham, Kent).

## Hayburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Surrey and Kent; also Bute

English: see **Heyburn**.

## Haycock

Variants: **Heacock**, **Heycock**, **Haycox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2387, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1672
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands, Leics, and Northants; Lincs and WR Yorks; London, Kent

English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Hai* + *coc*; see **Hay** (3). (ii) post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with **Heacock** (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry Haycok, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Robert Heykok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Haycok, 1311 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Haycok', 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Lutterworth, Leics); Robertus Heycock, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calthorpe, Norfolk); Henrye Heycock, 1547 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Dunchurch, Warwicks); Johs Heycock, 1583 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Ann Heycock, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Hellenae Haycock, 1624 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Phillip Heycock, 1631 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); John Haycock, 1638 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Robert Haycock, 1729 in *IGI* (Penketh, Lincs); Thomas Haycock, 1790 in *IGI* (Wales, WR Yorks).

## Haycocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs; Flints; Lincs

English: see **Haycox**.

## Haycox

Variants: **Haycocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Derbys

English: variant of **Haycock**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Hickox**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Heycocks, 1586 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Johanns Haycox, 1630 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); John Haycocks, 1681 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

## Haycraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Dorset; London

English: see **Haycroft**.

## Haycroft

Variants: **Hayeraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: locative name for a dweller '(by the) hay croft', from Middle English *hai*, *hei* 'hay' (Old English *hæg*) + *croft* 'croft'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de la Heycroft, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Heycroft, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard atte Haycroft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Haycrofte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardworth, Northants); William Heycroft', 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks and Wilts); Mary Haycrofte, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Bruton, Somerset); James Haycraft, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Columb, Cornwall).

## Hayday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *hei(g)h*, *hæh* + *dai* ‘day of high celebration, a solemn or festal day’ (Old English *hēah-dæg*). Compare **Haliday**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Hechdai, Hegday, Heagday, 1180–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Alicia Hedei, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edmond Hayday, 1565 in *Wigtownshire and Minnigaff* (Weston, Herts).

### Hayde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: see **Hyde**.

### Hayden

**Variants:** Haydon, Hadden, Headen, Headon, Heden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5484, Ireland 2137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2328
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. London; Cambs; also Hants and IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Carlow, Kildare, and Tipperary

1 Irish: anglicized spelling adopted for Ó hÉideáin and Ó hÉidín ‘descendant of Éideán’ or ‘descendant of Éidín’, personal names apparently based on diminutives of *éideadh* ‘clothing, armour’.

Alternative spellings are **Headon** or **Hadden**.

**Early bearers:** James Haydon, provost marshal of Munster, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2183; John Hayden, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5378 (Croghan); William Heidon, clerk, treasurer, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5943.

2 English: see **Haydon**.

### Haydock

**Variants:** Haddock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 977, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 944
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Haydock (Lancs), traditionally pronounced *Haddock*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Haidoc, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Adam de Haydok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Thomas de Haydok, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Nicholas Haydock, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalen, London).

### Haydon

**Variants:** Heydon, Heyden, Hayden, Haden, Headon, Heiden, Hyden, Hydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1756, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1857
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Haydon (Dorset, Wilts, Somerset, Gloucs), Heydon (Cambs, Norfolk), or Hayden (Gloucs, Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Haiden, 1200 in *Pleas* (Essex); William de Heydon, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Walter Haydon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Haydon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodbury, Devon); Robertus de Heydone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); John Heydon, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Spalding, Lincs); Thomas Heydon, 1496, John Haydon, 1528 in *Quarr Charters* (IoW); John Haydon, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Fanway, Devon); Simon Hydon, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Uffculme, Devon).

2 Irish: see **Hayden**.

### Haye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Hay**.

### Hayer

**Variants:** Hoyer, Heyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: variant of **Ayre** with prosthetic *H*-.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hayer, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Eliza. Hayer, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Willm. Heyer, 1582 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Willm. Hayer, 1614 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

### Hayers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: variant of **Ayres** with prosthetic *H*-.

### Hayes

**Variants:** Hays, Heys, Heyes, Hase, Heighes, Hease, Aze, Ace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31348, Ireland 9501
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18502
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Cork

1 English: variant of **Hay** with post-medieval excrement *-s*. Compare John Hey, 1602 in *IGI* with John Heys, 1679 in *IGI* (both of Dronfield, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** England: Cealiae Heyes, 1542 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Haise, 1546 in *IGI* (Evercrech, Somerset); Maude Hayes, 1549 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Heyes, 1572 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Henrie Hayes, 1572, Agnes Heyes, 1573 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Peter Heyes, 1603 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); William Hayes, 1610 in *IGI* (South Scarle, Notts); John Heys, 1668 in *IGI* (Aintree, Sefton, Lancs); William Hayes, 1747 in *IGI* (Worcester); John Hays, 1793 in *IGI* (Cowbridge, Glamorgan).

Ireland: Griffith Hayes, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6748.

Scotland: Catheren Hayes, 1654 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Rebacca Hayes, 1660 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name from a plural form of Middle English *hay(e)*, *heye*, *heghe* ‘enclosure’ (see **Hay**), sometimes used as a collective noun for a farm, especially in Devon, where it is a frequent minor place-name. Compare **Hayne**. However, the post-medieval surname is impossible to distinguish from (1) above, in which the surname *Hay* (also found in Devon) has acquired an excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Heghes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Stoke, Sussex); Thomas Hayes, 1560 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); John Haies, 1640 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

3 English; Norman, English: (i) locative name for someone from either of two places called Hayes (Middx, Kent), hence the particular frequency of the surname in the London area. Or, a topographic name for someone who lived near land overgrown with brushwood or underwood, especially young oak or beech. The etymon in each case is Old English

*hāsehēse*, Middle English *hese*, which is also the source of the lost minor place-name Heys in Hellingly (Sussex), Northeast (Farm) and Southeast (Sussex), and Heys Wood (Kent). (ii) locative name from one of the French hamlets named *La Haise* (Eure, Ille-et-Vilaine, Sarthe). The original sense, like that of Old English *hāse*, was ‘land overgrown with brushwood or underwood’, and the Norman and English names are difficult to tell apart. The French surname was reintroduced to England after 1685 by Huguenots.

**Early bearers:** Norman and English: Hugh de la Heise, 1197 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Ad’emund de la Heise, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de Hese, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Heyse, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Roger del Heys, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Hayes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Michael atehese, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loxfield Hundred, Sussex); Walter de la Hese, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Heys in Hellingly, Sussex); John Hayes, 1535 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Johnes Hayes, 1560 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Hayes, 1562 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Olyver Hayes, 1563 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Edith Heyes, 1576 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Francis Hayes, 1608 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex).

Huguenot: Marie de la Haize, 1703 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 440; *Löfvenberg*, p. 98; *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 58.

4 English: relationship name, variant of **Ace** (with hypercorrect initial *H*-) which, if it survived as a hereditary surname, would have become absorbed by *Hayes*.

**Early bearers:** Arnulf Hase, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger filius Hase, William Hase, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys).

### Hayesman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Heasman**.

### Hayfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: locative name from Hayfield (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Arthur Hayfield, 1591 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John Hayfield, 1704 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks).

### Hayford

**Variants:** Heaford, Heafford, Heyford, Hefford, Heffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Nether and Upper Heyford (Northants), Lower and Upper Heyford (Oxon), Hayford in Buckfastleigh (Devon), or from unidentified minor places in other counties called *Hayford*.

**Further information:** *Tooth 1*, p. 171, suggests that *Hayford* and *Heyford* may sometimes derive from Halfhead, near Chebsey (Staffs), citing Thomas Heyford, resident in Seighford (Staffs) in 1689, and Leonard Halfehed, resident in Coton, near Seighford in 1539. The change in pronunciation is linguistically

## Haygarth

possible but the 150-year gap in the evidence is too great to be confident about the derivation.

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Haiford, 1195 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard de Heyford, 1262–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Simon de Heyford, 1297–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John de Heyford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Hayford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartland, Devon); Thomas Hayford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Radbourne, Warwicks); Johanna Heiforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meyse Hampton, Gloucs); John Hayford, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Hollym, ER Yorks); Mary Hayforth, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Whitstable, Kent); Thomas Heaford, 1622 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset); Ann Hayford, 1645 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Thomas Heaford, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Northampton, Northants).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Hawford** (for **Halford**, well evidenced in Leics) with the common dialect pronunciation of *-aw-* as *-ay-* or *-ey-*. Compare **Hefford**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Heyford, 1591 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); William Heyford, 1657 in *IGI* (Foxton, Leics).

## Haygarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 287
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Haygarth (Westm).  
**Early bearers:** Johis. Haygarth, 1562, Willi. Haygarth, 1564, George Haygarth, 1575, and Thome Haygarth, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Wm Haygarth, 1587 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); George Haygarth, 1612, Nicholaus Haygarth, 1619, and Edward Haygarth, 1627 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks).

## Haygreen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex
- English: locative name from any of several places called Hay Green (in Norfolk, Essex, Herts).  
**Early bearers:** Amy Hagreen, 1699 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk); William Haygreen, 1799 in *IGI* (Whepstead, Suffolk).

## Hayhoe

- Variants:** **Heyhoe**, **Hayhow**, **Heigho**, **Higho**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 309
  - **Main GB location 1881:** East Anglia
- English: locative name for a dweller '(by the) high ridge', Middle English *heigh*, *high(e)* + *hough*, *hogh(e)*, *heu* (Old English *hēah* + *hōh*).  
**Early bearers:** Sarra Hiho, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Johannes Hihoo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); John Heyhowe, John Hihoo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hayhow, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Robert Heyhoo, 1613 in *PROB 11* (London); Edmund Heigho, 1782 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs).

## Hayhow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** East Anglia
- English: see **Hayhoe**.

## Hayhurst

- Variants:** **Heyhurst**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1383, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name for a dweller '(by the) high wood or grove', from Middle English *heigh*, *high(e)* + *hirst(e)*

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hayhurst, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas de Heyhurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alicia de Hayhirst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dutton, Lancs); Agnes Heyhirst, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Edmond Heyhurst, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Haykin

- Variants:** **Hakin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Durham
- English: variant of **Hawkin**.

## Hayland

- Variants:** **Ayland**, **Heyland**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: locative name for someone who lived at a place known as 'the hay land' or 'the enclosed land'. Middle English *hai*, *hei* can represent either Old English *hæg* 'hay, mown grass' or Old English *gehæg*, *geheg* 'fence, enclosure'. The 1255 example below is apparently formed with Middle English (Old French) *la(u)nde* 'open space in woodland, woodland pasture', but the term is sometimes difficult to tell apart from Middle English (Old English) *land* 'piece of land'. The 1279 Surrey name refers to Haylands Farm in Lingfield. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Haylaund, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); [ . . . de] la Heyland, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Jane Hayland, 1717 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joshua Hayland, 1738 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Hayland, 1739 in *IGI* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks); John Hayland, 1757 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Susannah Hayland, 1787 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

2 English, Welsh: perhaps sometimes an altered form of **Hayling**. Compare Thomas Hailing, 1799 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham), but the example below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John Hailand, 1830 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

3 English: see **Hyland**.

4 English: see **Ayling**.

## Hayle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: see **Haile**.

## Hayler

- Variants:** **Haylor**, **Hayllar**, **Haler**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 489
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *haler*, denoting someone who lived in a nook of land, i.e. a remote valley or secluded spot. Thus, the name is equivalent to Middle English *atte Hale* '(dweller) at the nook'; see **Attale**. Names of this type, composed of a topographical term + the suffix *-er*, are particularly frequent in Sussex, Hants, Surrey, and Kent. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *heyler* 'roofer', a variant of **Heller**. For other examples, see **Hiller**.

**Early bearers:** John Haler, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Margerie Halar, 1543 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Hayler, 1555, Elizabeth Haler, 1556 in *Sussex Wills* (Sussex); John Hayler, 1564 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Gervise Haler, 1581 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Elizabeth Hayler, 1625 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Henricus Haler, 1644, Henry Haylor, 1721 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex).

## Hayles

- Variants:** **Hailes**, **Hails**, **Ayles**, **Hail**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 764
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; also London

English: (i) see **Hales**. (ii) variant of **Ayles** with prosthetic *H-*.  
**Early bearers:** Ralfe Hayles, 1564 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Hayles, 1685 in *IGI* (Shorwell, IoW); Charles Hales, 1737 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW).

## Haylett

- Variants:** **Haylott**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 521
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: relationship name from a double diminutive of the personal name *Hai* (see **Hay**): *Hai* + *el* + *ot*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hegelot, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Heylot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).  
surnames: Robert Heylot in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Emma Heylot in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Heylot, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Sporle, Norfolk); Thomas Heylett, 1559 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Jeffery Haylett, 1631 in *IGI* (Cambridge).

## Hayley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 302
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Shrops; Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Haley**.

## Hayling

- Variants:** **Hailing**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Gloucs; Berks, Sussex
- 1 Welsh: relationship name from Old Welsh *heilyn* 'cup-bearer', used as a personal name; occasionally found with post-medieval excrement *-s*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).  
**Early bearers:** Robert, Philip filius Heilin, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Yorwerth fil Heilyn, 1283 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Uuaf ab Heilyn, 1292 in

*Morgan and Morgan*; William ap Heilyn ddu, 1406 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Richarde Heylyn, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Felton, Herefs); John Hailings, 1724 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Martha Haylin, 1746 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Henry Hailing, 1772 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); William Hailing, 1779 in *IGI* (Newent, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from Hayling Island (Hants), although the 1330 Shrops example seems to point to an alternative but unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Haylyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de Hailyng, 1330 in *Close Rolls* (Colemere, Shrops); Willelmus Haylyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Margaret Hayling, 1587 in *IGI* (Carlton le Moorland, Lincs); Leah Hayling, 1715 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Phobe Hayling, 1769 in *IGI* (Cocking, Sussex); John Hayling, 1771 in *IGI* (Canon Frome, Herefs); Joseph Hayling, 1772 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

3 English: variant of **Ayling** with a prosthetic *H*.

### Hayllar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Hayler**.

### Haylock

**Variants:** Hallock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 811
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England

English: relationship name from \**Hægluc*, a diminutive of \**Hægel*, an Old English personal name found in the place-names Hailsham, Hayling, and Hazeleigh but not recorded independently.

**Early bearers:** given names: Heiloc, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

surnames: Nicholas Heiloc, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Heylok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Galfridus Heylok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blything hundred, Suffolk); William Haylok, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Brightling, Sussex); William Haylock, 1565 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Edward Haylock, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); John Haylock, 1592 in *IGI* (Westley Waterless, Cambs); Barb Haylock, 1604 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).

### Haylor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Hayler**.

### Haylott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Haylett**.

### Hayman

**Variants:** Heyman, Heaman, Highman, Hyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2993, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: (i) locative name, nickname, probably from Middle English *hai(e)*, *hei(e)* 'enclosure' (Old English *(ge)hæg*), denoting a dweller by an

enclosure, equivalent to *atte Hay* (see **Hay**), or a 'keeper of the enclosure' (compare **Hayward**).

However, the first element of the surname is of uncertain origin and there are other possible senses.

(ii) occupational name for a seller of hay, from Middle English *hai*, *hei* (Old English *hæg*, *hig*); compare Henry Heimongere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). (iii) nickname for a tall man, from Middle English *heigh*, *high(e)* (Old English *hēah*); see also **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** William Hayman, 1312 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Devon); Walter Heyman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus Haymon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Stephanus Heyman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tollesbury, Essex); John Hayman, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robert Hayman, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Chart, Kent).

2 Jewish: see **Hyman**.

### Haymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: (i) see **Aymer**. (ii) see **Hamer**.

### Haymes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Devon
- English: see **Haimes**.

### Hayne

**Variants:** Haine, Heyne, Haynes, Hanes, Heynes, Hane, Hein, Hain, Hain, Hain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hain* or *Heyn*. Like *Deyn* this may be a rhyming pet form of *Reynald* (Reginald) or other names of Norman origin beginning in *Rein-* such as *Reyner* and *Rainbert*. See **Dean** and compare *Hick* and *Dick* for *Richard*, and *Dobbe* and *Hobbe* for *Robert*. For the name in N England compare Agnes Hayndoghtre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs). Many of the surname bearers listed here, when not preceded by Latin *filius* 'son', may alternatively belong under the other senses. (ii) relationship name, variant of **Hagan** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Heyne le Forester of Sowerby, 1274, Hayne the Forester, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames, E Anglia: Jone Hane, 1558 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

surnames, E Midlands: Walter Hein, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Hayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flitwick, Beds); Thomas filius Heyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Willelmo Hayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Johanne Heyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Elizabeth Heine, 1583 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Hane, 1586 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); William Haine, 1589 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

surnames, S England: Peter Hain, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Ancelinus Hayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gillingham manor, Dorset); Willelmus Hayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Robertus Heyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewhurst, Sussex); John Hane, 1549 in *IGI*

(Rye, Sussex); Thomas Hane, 1581 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent).

surnames, W Midlands: Amfridus Hane, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Heyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thomley, Oxon); Alicia Heyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Willelmus Hayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmscote, Warwicks); Radulphus Heyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); Johannes Hayne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Hugo filius Heyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alkington, Shrops); Margaret Hain, 1544, Simon Haine, 1561 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Nicholai Heine, 1578, Radulphi Heyn, 1695 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); Johanes Hane, 1592 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

surnames, N England: Adam filius Hayne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus Hayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedness, WR Yorks); Robert Haynesson alias Hayn, 1398 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willm. Hane, 1561 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John and Robert Hane, 1586 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham). 2 English: locative name for someone who lived at a farm (Middle English *hayne*, a weak plural form of *hay* 'enclosure') or came from one of the many places in Devon named from this word. Compare **Hay**. Some of the following forms without a preposition may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Heghen, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Hayne in Tiverton, Devon); William atte Heyene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Martin de la Heghen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (High Hayne, in Beaworthy, Devon); Johannes Hayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton on the Fosse, Somerset); Johanne Hayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Thomas Hayne, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Liss, Hants); John Haine, 1538, Martin Hane, 1579 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); John Hayne, 1540, Mary Heine, 1623, Samuel Heyn, 1632 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Aliciae Haine, 1547 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Gulielmus Haine, 1596, William Hayn, 1608 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 129–30, 544. 3 English: nickname from Middle English *heyne*, *haine*, *hayn* 'mean wretch, niggard'. It is possible, however, that any of the following Middle English forms could alternatively represent a spelling (not a pronunciation) of *hi(g)ne* 'servant' (see **Hine**), with the inverted spelling *-ey-* for *i*.

**Early bearers:** William le Heyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johanna le Heyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Thomas le Heyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adgestone and Kern, Hants); Rogerus le Heyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorley, Hants); Dattus le Heyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops).

### Haynes

**Variants:** Hayns, Hains, Haines, Hanes, Heynes, Aynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15237, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10446
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. the Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: variant of **Hayne** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The medieval women cited below as early bearers may have been widows of men surnamed *Hayne*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Alice Heynes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Margery Haynes, 1352 in *Essex Record Office*; Johannes Heynes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton



and North Newton, Oxon); Johanne Heynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Ricardus Heynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilborough, Norfolk); Johannes Haynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edington, Somerset); Rogerus Heynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Alicia Hayns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Stephano Haynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackland, Wilts); Roberto Haynes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodchester, Gloucs); William Heynes, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Evenlode, Gloucs); Richard Heynes, 1541 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Willia. Haynes, 1560 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Homfridi Heynes, 1564 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Robert Heynes, 1568 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Rose Heynes, 1567 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Alexander Hanes, 1571 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Anne Hanes, 1571 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); John Heynes, 1573 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); John Heynes, 1585 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Eliza. Haynes, 1616 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name from Haynes (Beds). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Haynes, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Whitchurch, Bucks); Henricus Haynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodford, Northants); Richard Haynes, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Haynes, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Heynes, 1541 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Johannes Haynes, 1542 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Ursala Haynes, 1564 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Catherine Heynes, 1571 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds); Thomas Haynes, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

3 Welsh: relationship name; *Morris, Welsh Surnames* derives the name in English counties bordering Wales from the Welsh personal name *Einws* (a pet form of Welsh *Einion*) with a prosthetic *H-*; see also **Enos**. While this is linguistically possible there is no evidence yet to show that it was the origin of the surname, and it is more likely that the following bearers belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Waltero Heynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bellimore, Herefs); Johannes Heynes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Walter Heynes, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Clehonger, Herefs); William Heynes, 1541 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Elizabetha Heynes, 1556 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Thomas Haynes, 1603 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Lusy Haynes, 1570, Roger Heenes, 1618 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 94–5.

4 Irish: see **Hynes**.

## Hayns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Haynes**.

## Hayre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Hair**.

**Early bearers:** Hendery Hayre, 1573 in *IGI* (Ludborough, Lincs); Andrew Hayre, 1597 in *IGI* (Calverley, Yorks); Thomas Hayre, 1796 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

## Hays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- English: see **Hayes**.

## Hayselden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Sussex

English: see **Hazeldine**.

## Haysham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Haysom**.

## Haysom

**Variants:** Haysum, Hayson, Ayson, Haysham, Heysham, Hyson, Izant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Haysend in Tamerton Foliot (Devon), recorded in the surname of John de Hayeshende, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon). The alteration of *-send* to *-som* and *-son* would be unexceptional. (ii) alternatively it might, like **Heesom**, be an altered form of **Eastham**, but the evidence is inconclusive. (iii) possibly a variant of **Hayson** (2), but medieval names in *-son* are rare in SW England, where this surname is mainly found. **Early bearers:** Mary Haysom, 1580, Martha Hayson, 1635 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Richarde Haysome, 1582 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Joane Ayson, 1652 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Thomas Haysom, 1675 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Haysom, 1685 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Haysham, 1737 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); John Hayson, 1722, Christopher Haysham, 1753 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Richard Heesom, 1806 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

## Hayson

**Variants:** Heeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs; Durham

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hey* (see **Hay**) + *son*. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John Heyson, 1300 in *London Letter Books C*; Thoms Hayson, 1604 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Henry Hayson, 1622 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Luke Hayson, 1722 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 English: see **Haysom**, **Heesom**, **Easton**, or **Esson**.

## Haystead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Hasted**.

## Haysum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Haysom**.

## Haytack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Eatough** with prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Haytock**.

## Hayter

**Variants:** Haytor, Heater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2387, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2197
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Wilts, and Dorset

1 English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Old French word, *\*hait(i)er*, *\*haitour* ‘entertainer, merry-maker’, a derivative of Old French *haitier*, Anglo-Norman French *heiter* ‘to make glad, please, entertain’. Compare the synonymous Middle English surname *Makehayt* ‘make joy’ (see **Mackett**). (ii) locative name, perhaps, as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson*, from Middle English *\*heyter* ‘dweller at the hill top’, an agent noun from Middle English *heyt* ‘height, top, summit’ + *-er*. Compare **Height**. Middle English topographic surnames in *-er* are mostly found in S England, less commonly in the Midlands, and not at all in N England. However, this sense is not certainly evidenced in the southern surname. In the 1296 and 1332 examples from Sussex and Dorset it would require the substitution of Old French *-(o)ur* for Old and Middle English *-er(e)*, which would be uncharacteristic of this type of name. The apparent absence of the synonymous *atte Heyt* in the medieval records of the south-coast counties is also counter-indicative (see *Fransson*, pp. 192–4).

**Early bearers:** William Haytere, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Reginald le Heytur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmo Haytour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hillfield, Dorset); Johanne Haytur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Knowlton in Woodlands, Dorset); Willelmus Heyter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ufton Robert, Berks); John Haytour, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Plumpton, Sussex); Edithe Hayter, 1569, Melior Hill Haytor, 1697 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); John Heiter, 1605 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); James Hayter, 1670 in *IGI* (Martin, Hants); Edward Hayter, 1676 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Anthony Hayter, 1685 in *IGI* (Cranborne, Dorset); Sarah Hayter, 1698, Ann Hayter, 1828 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); John Heater, 1770 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Wm. Heater, 1790 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Haytor, 1805 in *IGI* (Tangmere, Sussex).

2 English: in N England it may alternatively be a variant of the Lancs surname **Eatough** with prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Hayto**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Hayter, 1694 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Cumb); James Hayter, 1770 in *IGI* (Hartley Row, Cumb).

## Haythorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109



- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Devon
- English: see **Haythorne**.

### Haythorne

Variants: **Haythorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *haythorn* (Old English *hægþorn*) or from a place named with this variant of the Old English term, e.g. Haythorn (Devon) or Haythorne (Dorset). See **Hawthorn**.

**Early bearers:** Philip Haythorn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Haythorne, 1556 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Ruth Haythorne, 1701 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Haythornthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Hawthornthwaite**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Haythornthwaite, 1686 in *IGI* (Tarnbrook, Lancs); Sarah Haythornthwaite, 1694 in *IGI* (Whitewell, WR Yorks).

### Hayto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics
- English: variant of **Ayto** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Haytock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Eatough** with prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Haytack**.

### Hayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2332, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
- English: locative name from any of four places called Hayton (Cumb, ER Yorks, Notts, Shrops).
- Early bearers:** William de Haitun, about 1147–54 in *Yorks Charters*; Adam de Hayton, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Henry de Heyton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johannes de Hayton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bockenfield, Northumb); Robert Hayton, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Hayton, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Oswald, Chester, Cheshire).

### Haytor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey; also Lincs
- English: see **Hayter**.

### Haytree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Hawtreay**.

### Hayward

Variants: **Heyward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18455, Ireland 91

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12695
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and W England: esp. Kent; Gloucs and Wilts; Shrops; Suffolk

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *hayward* 'keeper of the hedges and enclosures' (Old English *hægweard*), a manorial officer in charge of the common fields, who protected corn and hay from cattle and from theft or damage, and supervised the harvest.

**Early bearers:** Godric Heiuuard, Brihtmer Haiuuard, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Richard Haiward, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Heiward, about 1179 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Roberto Heyward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Hayward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Haxton, Wilts); Rogerus Heyward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Ricardus Hayward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Alicia Haiward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Robertus le Haywarde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Child's Ercall, Shrops); Johannes Heyward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hawstead, Suffolk); Rogerus le Haywart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edgmond, Shrops); William Heyward, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Ospringle, Kent); Margaret Hayward, 1508 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); Edm Hayward, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Hayward, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Hayward, 1549 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); Eliz Hayward, 1555 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Edward Hayward, 1563 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Hayward, 1565 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs).

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Howard**.

### Haywood

Variants: **Heywood, Heawood, Highwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8360, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6260
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. in WR Yorks, Lancs, and Midlands

English: locative name from any of several places called Haywood (Notts, Staffs, Shrops, Herefs) or Heywood (Lancs, Wilts), or any of many other minor places so named.

**Early bearers:** Anselm de Haiwod, about 1199 in *Saint Thomas Priory Cartulary* (Staffs); Adam de Heyuode, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Arnold de Hewode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Johanna de Haywode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appleby Parva, Leics); Radulpho Hayword, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Leics); Robertus Haiwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); John Heywode, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Oliverus Heawood, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Barrow, Cheshire); Robert Haywood, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence, Godmersham, Kent).

### Hayworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Kent; Stirlings
- English: see **Heyworth**.

### Hayzelden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Hazeldene**.

### Hazan

Variants: **Hasan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish: status name for a cantor in a synagogue, Hebrew *chazan*.

2 See **Hasson**.

### Hazard

Variants: **Hazzard, Hassard, Haszard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Norman, English: (i) Anglo-Norman French variant of **Hansard**. (ii) nickname from Middle English (Old French) *has(s)ard, haz(z)ard* 'a game of dice', perhaps given to a player at hazard, i.e. a gambler, trickster, or rascal. Compare John Hasardour, 1366 in *Colchester Court Rolls*, whose name is from Middle English *hasardour* 'dicer, gambler'. (iii) possibly in some instances of Flemish origin, a nickname from Middle Dutch *hasart* 'hare'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's suggestion that the name might derive from an unrecorded Middle English *hasard* 'grey-haired' (Old English *hasu* 'grey' + Old French *-ard*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Hassard, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Sybil Hasard, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Hasard, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls*; William Hasard, 1304 in *London Letter Books C*; Robertus Hasard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rocombe (Hugh), Devon); Alicia Hasard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury borough, Wilts); Johanne Hassard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Willelmo Hasard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Willelmus Hassard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Thomas Hasard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Leticia Hasard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shawbury, Shrops); Edwardus Hazzard, 1547, Edwardi. Hazard, 1569 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Wm. Hazard, 1569 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Robert Hazzard, 1582 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Richd. Hazard, 1600 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Sollomon Hazzard, 1622 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

**References:** *Debrabandere*, at Hazaert, de Haze.

### Hazel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1246, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 957
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Hazell**.

### Hazelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lincs
- English: see **Exelby**.

### Hazelden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs
- English: see **Hazeldene**.

### Hazeldene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

## Hazeldine

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Staffs and Leics; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Hazeldine

Variants: **Hazledine, Haszeldine, Haseldine, Hazzledine, Hazeltine, Haseltine, Hazeldene, Haseldene, Haizelden, Hayselden, Hayzelden, Haiselden, Hasleden, Haselden, Hazeldon, Hazelden, Hesleden, Heselden, Hesselnden, Heseldin, Heseltine, Hesselatine, Aseltine, Hazleton, Heselton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1020, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops; Notts; Northants

English: locative name, chiefly from Heselden (in Halton Gill, Durham), though Haselden (Sussex), Haslingden (Lancs), and Hazledon Farm (Wilts, recorded as *Heseldene* in about 1130) are alternative possibilities. There has been some confusion with *Hazelton*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Heseldene, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Alexander de Haselindene, 1258 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Reginald de Haselden', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William de Heseldenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jeppe de Hesilden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Nicholas de Haselden', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longslow, Shrops); William Haseldene, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey, Sussex); Francis Hasilden' 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Knaptoft, Leics); Richard Hesselatine, 1632 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Hazeldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Kent
- English: see **Hazeldine, Hazelton**.

### Hazeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Haseley**.

### Hazelgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hazelgrove**.

### Hazelgrove

Variants: **Haselgrove, Hazelgrave, Heselgrave, Haslegrave, Hesselgrave, Hesselgreaves, Heaselgrave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: (i) locative name; as a southern name, a topographic name for a person who lived in or near a place where hazels grew, from Old English *hæsel* 'hazel' + Old English *grāf* 'grove'. (ii) locative name; as a northern name, it is more likely to be from a lost place called Hesselgreave in WR Yorks or Hazel Grove in NR Yorks, or a topographic name for a person who lived in or near a place where hazels grew, from Old English *hæsel*, Old Scandinavian *hesli* 'hazel' + OE *græfe* 'grove, thicket'. But the

NR Yorks place-name contains a Middle English form of Old Scandinavian *gryfja* 'hole, pit'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hasilgref, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Haselgrove, 1565 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); Thomas Hazelgrove, 1617 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); William Hazlegrove, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Nathiniell Hazlegrave, 1678 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Edward Hesselgrave, 1682 in *IGI* (Garforth, WR Yorks); Catharin Hazlegrove, 1729 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); George Heaselgrove, 1773 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Mary Ann Hesselgrave, 1807 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York).

### Hazlehurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Hazlehurst**.

### Hazelip

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Heslop**.

### Hazel

Variants: **Hazel, Hazle, Haisell, Hasell, Hasel, Heazell, Heazel, Hessel, Hessel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4311, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2322
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name from a place named with Old English *hæsel* or Old Scandinavian *hesli* 'hazel tree', for example Hessele (ER Yorks and WR Yorks), or from residence near a hazel tree.

**Further information:** There is no evidence supporting Reaney's suggestion that it comes from a place in Devon, e.g. Heazille Barton or Heazle Farm.

**Early bearers:** Alured del Hesel, about 1182 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Gamel Hesel, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh de Hesill, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William atte Hasele, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hasyll, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Henry de Hessel, 1341 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmo de Hesel', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Rogero Hesel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); Edus de Hesel', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Ricardo Hasele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); John Hasell', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx, Herts); Willya[m] Hazel, 1563 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); James Hessel, 1565 in *IGI* (Mareham on the Hill, Lincs); John Heazel, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Badingham, Suffolk); John Hesel, 1678 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks).

### Hazelman

Variants: **Hazleman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived by a hazel tree, Middle English *hasel, hasle*; see **Hazel**. **Early bearers:** John Hasleman, 1566 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

### Hazlerigg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Hazlerigg**.

### Hazeltine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Hazelton

Variants: **Haselton, Heselton, Hazleton, Hazeldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also NW England; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

English: locative name from Hazelton Wood (Essex), Hazelton Bottom (Herts) (both originally *Haselden*), Hesselton (NR Yorks), Hazelton (Gloucs), or some other similarly named place elsewhere. See also **Hazeldine**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Haselton, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Geoffrey de Heseleton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Hesilton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, WR Yorks); Johanne Haselton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yanworth, Gloucs); John de Heselton, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Thomas Haselton, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Ardleigh, Essex); Henry Hazleton, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Wingham, Kent).

### Hazelwood

Variants: **Hazlewood, Hazzlewood, Haslewood, Haselwood, Aizlewood, Heselwood, Hesselwood, Heslewood, Heaslewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Suffolk; Middx; Warwicks

English: locative name from any of several places called Hazlewood (Suffolk, Surrey, Devon, Derbys, WR Yorks), Hesselwood (ER Yorks), or Hazelwood in Buildwas (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Ernald de Heselwude, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); [ . . . ] de Heselwode, [ . . . ] de Heselwode, 1271–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Stottesdon hundred, Shrops); John Haselwod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Haselwode, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus de Heselewod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Draughton, WR Yorks); Thomas Hesywode, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Marden, Kent); Thomas Haselwode, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Edgcote, Northants); Edmund Hasilwode, 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (Towcester, Northants); Johnne Hazelwood, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 103.

### Hazle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Essex, Berks, Gloucs; Ayr

English: see **Hazell**.

### Hazledine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; W Midlands

English: see **Hazeldine**.

**Hazlehurst**

Variants: **Haslehurst, Haselhurst, Hazelhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 754, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from any of three places called Hazelhurst (in Lancs, Surrey, Sussex) or topographic name for a dweller ‘(by a) hazel wood’, Middle English *hasel*, *hasle* + *hirst(e)*, *hurst(e)*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Haselhurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John de Haselhurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes de Hasilhrst, 1391 in *Poll Tax* (Haigh, Lancs); Robert Hasulherst, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Joane Haslehurst, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Lymm, Cheshire).

**Hazleman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Hazelman**.

**Hazlerigg**

Variants: **Hazlerigg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from any of several places in N England called Hazlerigg (in Lancs, Cumb, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Hesilrig, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb).

**Hazleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: see **Hazleton**.  
2 English: see **Hazeldine**.

**Hazlett**

Variants: **Haslett, Hazlitt, Heaslett, Hezlet, Hezlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent; Renfrews and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Donegal

1 English, Irish: locative name from Middle English *hesle*, *hasel* (Old Scandinavian *hesli*, Old English *hæsel*) ‘hazel’ + Middle English *he(ve)d* (Old English *hēafod*) ‘hill, head(land)’. There are several minor places with this name in WR Yorks as well as Hazelhead in Lancaster, but the only one known to have produced a hereditary surname is Hazlehead in Rimington (WR Yorks), which is not far from Slaidburn and the border with Lancs. The name was taken to Ulster, possibly before 1700 in Derry. It is partly or wholly through later Irish migration that the name appears so strongly in 18th- and 19th-century Lancs and SW Scotland, as well as in other parts of England, including Kent, where it may have been confused with the name in (2).

**Further information:** William Hazlett, the English literary critic (1778–1830), was born in Maidstone (Kent), but his father, a Presbyterian before becoming a Unitarian pastor, came from an Irish family, first of Antrim, then of Tipperary.

**Early bearers:** N England: Roger de Heselheyed, 1258 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Nicholas de Heselheved, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; Robertus Heselheved, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johannes de Hesyheued’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); William Heselheued, 1421 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Hesselhead or Heslett, 1529 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); John Hesehead, 1677 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Thos. Haslett, 1735 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Jane Haslet, 1818 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ann Hazlitt, 1824 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); James Hazlett, 1839 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); James Hazlitt, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841*, Daniel Hazlett, born in Belfast, Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Bury, Lancs); Rebecca Hazlett, 1864 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Hazlett, born in Down, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Thornton in Fylde, Lancs).

SE England: William Hazlett, 1778 in *IGI* (Earl Saint Presbyterian, Maidstone, Kent); William Hazlett, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (St Mary Northgate, Kent).

Ireland: Joseph Haslit and William Hazlett, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); Samuel Haslet and George Haslett, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry); William Hazlet, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); George Hazlit, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donegal); James Hazlett and Anne Hazelett, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Andrew Heazlet, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal).

Scotland: Mary Haslett, 1701 in *IGI* (Kilbirnie, Ayr); John Hazlitt, born in Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Paisley Middle Church, Renfrews); Catherine Ann Hazlett, 1865 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); John Hazlett, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Greenock West, Renfrews).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 177; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 166; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Haslett**.

**Hazlewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Hazelwood**.

**Hazley**

Variants: **Heasley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Haseley**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, **Hazley** and **Heasley** when in Ulster are synonymous with **Haslett**.

**Hazlitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hazlett**.

**Hazzard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset, Wilts, and Hants; also Notts

English: see **Hazard**.

**Hazzledine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: see **Hazeldine**.

**Hazzelewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hazelwood**.

**He**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1408, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form, pronounced ‘her’, of the Chinese surnames 何, 贺, 和, see **Ho** (1–3).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

**Hea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Irish: from **O hAodha**, see **O’Hea**.

**Heacock**

Variants: **Haycock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herefs; Warwicks; Lancs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hicock*, *Hecock*, a pet form of **Hick**, itself a rhyming pet form of **Rickard** (Richard), and equivalent to **Hitchcock**. In *Hecock* the vowel has been lowered and lengthened in the open syllable (a typical development in N England and the N Midlands), hence the later spelling *Heacock*. *Hicock* has generally survived in the variant **Hickox**. (ii) relationship name; post-medieval spelling of **Haycock** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hikoc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Hecoc de Par, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs). surnames: William Hecoc, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Hikok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherington, Shrops); Elizabetha Heacock, 1582 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Edward Heacock, 1586 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Wyllm. Heacock, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Katherin Hickock, 1611 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomae Heacock, 1626, Anna Haycock, 1630 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); William Hickock, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Fritwell, Oxon); Thomas Heacock, 1642 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thos Hickcock, 1720, George Heacock, 1875 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); James Heacock, 1722 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Eliza Heacock, 1820 in *IGI* (Coddington, Herefs).

**Head**

Variants: **Heed, Heads**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8193, Ireland 36

## Headden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7189
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Tipperary

1 English: nickname from Middle English *heved*, *hed* 'head' (Old English *hēafod*). Some of the post-medieval examples may belong with (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Hubertus cum testa, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Ralph Heued', 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Hede, about 1246 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Johannes Hed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Johanne Hed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shornocote, Wilts); Thomas Hefd, 15th cent. in *Bilsington Cartulary* (Kent); Annys Heade, 1604 in *IGI* (Kirby Bedon, Norfolk); Abraham Head, 1711 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Tho. Head, 1730 in *IGI* (Sheffield, Yorks).

2 English: locative name from the same word, Middle English *hed(de)*, denoting someone who lived at the top ('head') of a promontory or hill, or near the source of a stream or river or the head of a valley.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Heved, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Roger Byheved, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Walter Othehede, 1331 in *Derbys Charters*; Etheldreda Head, 1540 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); John Head, 1563 in *IGI* (Yattendon, Berks); Parnell Head, 1564 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Roger Head, 1565 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); John Head, 1567 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

## Headden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Headen**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Headen

**Variants:** Heddon, Hedden, Headden, Heading

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Devon; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Sligo

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Hedon (ER Yorks), Headon (Notts), Black Heddon (Northumb), Heddon in Filleigh (Devon), or Headon Hill (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Peter de Hedun, about 1214 in *Arbroath Register* (Aberdeens); Nicholas de Hedun or Hedon, 1254 in *Arbroath Register* (Morays); Stephen de Hedun, 1249–86 in *Scone Charters* (Perths); Robert de Hedun, 1450 in *Glasgow Register*

England: Ailwin de Heddon, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls*; Thomas de Heden, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Hedone, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Heddon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shotton, Northumb); Walter Heddon', 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Agnes Headon, 1563 in *IGI* (Goodleigh, Devon); John Headen, 1703 in *IGI* (Barnsley, Yorks).

2 Scottish, English, Irish: see **Hadden**.

3 Irish, English: see **Hayden**.

## Headford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name, perhaps from Hatford (Berks), which is recorded as *Hauedford* in 1220, *Hautford* in 1294. The place-name apparently derives from Old English *hēafod* 'head' + *ford* 'ford, crossing-place', i.e. 'ford at a headland or hill'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Hauetford, 1176 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); Robertus de Havford', 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks); Susan Headford, 1668 in *IGI* (Broomfield, Somerset); John Headford, 1784 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 390–1; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 224.

## Heading

**Variants:** Headings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in E central England: esp. Cambs and Hunts

English: (i) possibly a medieval survival of a reconstructed Old English given name \**Heddin*, a derivative of *Headda*, proposed to explain certain place-names like *Hednesford* (Staffs), with the final syllable assimilated to the verbal element *-ing*. Is 'Heden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Turf, Norfolk), may not be an example of this name. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a variant of **Headen**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hedding, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burradon, Northumb); Katren Heding, 1544 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Daniell Headinge, 1605 in *IGI* (Tadlow, Cambs); Jn Hedding, 1684 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Wm Heading, 1764 in *IGI* (East Challow, Berks).

## Headings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Heading** with excrescent post-medieval *-s*.

## Headington

**Variants:** Heddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Berks; Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name from Heddington (Wilts), or from Headington (Oxon), which is however more often found with *-don* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** William de Hedyngdon, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Imber, Wilts); Katerina Hedyngdon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); William Heddington, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Joanna Heddington, 1628 in *IGI* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Thomas Headentonne, 1673 in *IGI* (Berrow, Worcs).

## Headlam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Durham

English: locative name from Headlam (Durham).

**Early bearers:** John de Hedlum, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John de Hedelam, 1356 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Hedlam, 1461 in *Yorks Wills*; Alice Hedlam, 1641 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

## Headland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs; Northants

English: locative name for a dweller '(by the) headland', Middle English *hed(de)*, *hefed* + *lond(e)*.

**Early bearers:** John del Hevedlond, 1275 *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Headland, 1633 in *IGI* (Nocton, Lincs); Elizabeth Headland, 1760 in *IGI* (Newton Bromswold, Northants).

## Headley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1301, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and NE England

English: see **Hedley**.

## Headly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Leics; London; Durham; Lanarks

English: see **Hedley**.

## Headman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and London
- English: status name denoting a 'head man, leader', Middle English *hed(de)*, *hevod* + *man* (Old English *hēafod* + *mann*).

**Early bearers:** John Hauedman, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Heuedman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Headman, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Headon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: see **Haydon**.

**Early bearers:** John Headon, 1540 in *IGI* (Goodleigh, Devon); Loveday Headon, 1739 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

2 Irish: from Ó hÉideáin, see **Hayden**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Heding, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §100 (Kilkenny); Philip Hedian, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1458 (Meath); James Heden, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3096 (Rosscarebrey, Cork); Thomas O'Hedyan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4022 (Loughclea, Roscommon); Teige ro O'hedian, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240; Henry Headen (fitz Melaghlen), 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4877; Bryen O'Headin, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5009 (Tryennecreva); Richard Headin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6565 (Kilkenny).

## Headrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, Perths, and Fife

Scottish: locative name from Heatherwick (Northumb), Heatherwick (Aberdeens), Hedderwick (E Lothian) or Hedderwick near Montrose in Angus.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Headrick, 1764 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb); Rob. Hedderick, 1808 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Heatherwick, 1828 in *IGI* (Stannington, Northumb). Scotland: Grissell Hedrig, 1621 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); Kathrine Hedrigg, 1763 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth); William Hedridge, 1778 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); Cathrine Hedderick, 1768 in *IGI* (Muthill, Perth).

### Heads

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Head** with post-medieval excremental -s.

### Heady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *hevedi*, *hedi* 'impetuous'.
- Early bearers:** Ricardus Hedy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Robert Hedy, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Melton, Suffolk); Elizabeth Heady, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Chattisham, Suffolk); Solomon Heady, 1719 in *IGI* (Mentmore, Bucks).

### Heafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Gloucs
- English: see **Hayford** and compare **Heaford** and **Hefford**.

### Heafield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, Warwicks, and Leics
- English: see **Highfield**, of which it is either a dialectal variant, or descended from an oblique case form.

### Heaford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops; Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Hayford** and **Halford**.
- Early bearers:** Jone Heaford, 1644 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); Agnes Heiforde, 1546 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Richard Heaford, 1727 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Heagarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon; Middx
- Irish: see **Hegarty**.

### Heagerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Northumb
- Irish: from Ó hÉigceartaigh, see **Hegarty**.

### Heagney

#### Variants: Hegney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary; Tyrone

Irish: from Ó hÉignigh, 'descendant of Éigneach', a byname meaning 'forceful'. The spelling of the Irish name was often simplified to Ó hÉinigh; the name has then been anglicized as **Heaney** or 'translated' as **Bird**, the latter because of a perceived similarity to *éan* 'bird'.

**Early bearers:** Donell O'Hegane, mason, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2031 (Irishtone of Kilkenny); Donough O'Hegane, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4622 (Queen's county [Laois]).

### Heal

#### Variants: Heale, Hele, Heel, Hell, Heales, Heels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1882, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1589
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; IoW

1 English: locative name for someone who lived in or by a nook or hollow or at a place named with this word (from Middle English *hele*, Old English *heale*, dative singular of *healh* 'nook or hollow'). It is a SW England and Kentish equivalent of **Hale**. Hele in Somerset derives from this word, but the surname derives chiefly from one or more of the many minor localities named Heal(e) or Hele in Devon. Henry de Hele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleton, Devon) probably took his name from Heale which, like Middleton, is in Parracombe parish. The surname was very common across Devon in 1332.

**Early bearers:** William de Lahela, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William in Thehele, 1234 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Roger de Hele, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Richard de Hele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Guestling, Sussex); Hugh Attehele, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Ralph Inthe Hele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kentisbeare, Devon); John atte Hele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham, Devon); William atte Hele, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Alyce Hele, 1545 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Margaret Heale, 1559 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); John Hele, 1562 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Anthonie Hele, 1582 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Dorothe Heal, 1607 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Giles Heal, 1635 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Phillip Heale, 1637 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Anne Heale, 1650 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Robert Heal, 1663 in *IGI* (East Harptree, Somerset); Mary Heal, 1704 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

2 English: locative name, in the SE Midlands perhaps a variant of **Hell** (2).

**Early bearers:** Edward Heale, 1637, John Heal, 1665 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); John Heale, 1641 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks); John Heal, 1680 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Susan Heal, 1707 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

3 English: variant of **Eele** with a prosthetic *H-*.

### Healan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó hAoileáin, see **Heelan**.

### Heald

Variants: **Hield**, **Hields**, **Held**, **Hild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2121, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1859
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from residence near a slope, Middle English *helde*, *hilde*, *hulde*.
- Early bearers:** Adam de Helde, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard del Helde, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hamon Attehelde, about 1260 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 34; Eustace ater Hylde, Matthew atte Hulde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Magota del Held, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oldham, Lancs); Nicholas Hylde, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Doyle, Northants); Katherine Heald, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Robert Heild, 1605 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Hield, 1706 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Heale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 718
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Heal**.

### Healer

#### Variants: Heeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham, NR Yorks; Midlothian
- English: probably an occupational name for a roofer, from \**helere*, a variant of Middle English *heliere*, derived from *helen* 'to cover, put a roof onto'. Compare **Hellier**.
- Early bearers:** Kesya Heeler, 1580 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); John Healer, 1587 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Agnis Healer, 1670 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon); Edward Healer, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Cuthbert, York); Hannah Heeler, 1728 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Hugh Healer, 1766 in *IGI* (Heddon on the Wall, Northumb); Thomas Healer, 1797 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire).

### Heales

#### Variants: Eales, Heels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Devon
- English: (i) variant of **Heal** or **Heel** with post-medieval excremental -s. (ii) variant of **Hales**.
- Early bearers:** Wm. Heales, 1577 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Mary Heales, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Thomas Heales, 1673 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon).

### Healey

#### Variants: Heeley, Heley, Hely, Heely, Ely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7773, Ireland 143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4851
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Cheshire; Lincs, Leics, Warwicks, Worcs; Middx, Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Cork, and Tipperary; also Meath

1 English: locative name from Healey (Lancs, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, Northumb), Heeley (WR Yorks), or Healaugh (NR Yorks, WR Yorks). The main origin in WR Yorks was Healey (in Shelley) but the Yorks name has also probably been confused with **Haley**.

## Healing

**Early bearers:** Adam de Heley, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Shelley, WR Yorks); John de Hely, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robertus de Helay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Ellota de Helagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks); William Heley, 1439 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Edmd. Healey, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Healey, 1549 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Franniscus Healey, 1563 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Joseph Healey, 1583 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Margarette Healey, 1599 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
2 Irish: see **Healy**.

## Healing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks; London; Lancs

1 Irish: see **Heelan**. The examples below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Edward Healing, 1592 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Thomas Healing, 1604, Heeling, 1635 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Healing, 1668 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); John Healling, 1703 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 English: see **Helling**.

## Healion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from Ó hAoiiléain, see **Heelan**.

## Healy

**Variants:** Healey, Heeley, Hely, Heley, Heely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7171, Ireland 10454
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1977
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; also Kerry; Sligo; Galway

Irish: from Ó hÉilidhe or Ó hÉalaihthe, from a personal name possibly related to the word for 'claimant'. Both forms more likely derive from 'descendant of *Éaladhach*', a personal name probably based on the adjective *ealadhach* 'learned, ingenious'.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Helye, clerk, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §748 (Geshill, Kildare); John Helly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972 (Tymocho, Kildare); Thomas O'Healy, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4826 (Cahirdoneask, Cork); Hugh O'Hely, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805; Connor Healy, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190; Edmund moare O'Haylie, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232; Honor ny Hyallyhy, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6431; Dennys Helie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Downm'neeny).

## Heaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hayman**.

## Heames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Eames**.

## Heams

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Eames**.

## Heane

**Variants:** Heanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and E Midlands; Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *hen(e)*, *heine* 'poor, needy, wretched' (Old English *hēan*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Heen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, Sussex); William Heyne, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Edward Heane, 1543 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Thomas Hene, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

## Heanes

**Variants:** Eanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

English: variant of **Heane** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Henes, 1560 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); John Heanes, 1574 in *IGI* (Billingborough, Lincs); Luse Eanes, 1629 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Heanes, 1655, Robert Hene, 1660, Heanes, 1669 in *Leics Transactions* 23; Elizabeth Eanes, 1806 in *IGI* (Tichborne, Hants).

## Heaney

**Variants:** Heeney, Heney, Henny, Heanue, Henney, Hainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2414, Ireland 2082
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Armagh; Meath; Mayo

Irish: from Ó hÉanna and Ó hÉinne, 'descendant of *Éanna*', a very common personal name of uncertain meaning. It was borne by various early saints, most notably Saint Éanna of Aran. The name has been erroneously understood as containing the element *éan* 'bird' and as a result the surname was sometimes anglicized as **Bird**. Some of the examples below may be from Ó hÉanáin or Ó hÉidhin, see **Hynes**.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius O'Heaney, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2545 (Crokane, Waterford); Richard Heynie, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2986; John Heynie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Dingle); Richard O'Heany, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Ballybraddow, Tipperary); Owen O'Heany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dungiven, Derry); Elanor Heany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Patrick Heeney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullary, Louth); Ann Heeny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughart, Louth); John Hainey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

## Heanue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó hÉanadha 'descendant of *Éanadha*', a personal name of uncertain origin, possibly a variant of *Éanna* (see **Heaney**).

**Further information:** This name is peculiar to north-west Connemara (Galway).

**Early bearers:** Mary Heanue, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Attyrowerty, Galway); Darby Heanue, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Lettergesh East, Galway); Ellen Heanue, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Cloonluane, Galway).

## Heap

**Variants:** Heape, Heep, Heaps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3468, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5078

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
English: locative name, usually from *Heap*, a lost place in Bury (Lancs), although some instances may be topographic from Middle English *hep*, *heip(e)* 'heap, pile' (Old English *hēap*), for someone who lived by a small hill or rock pile.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Hepe, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Holwell, Herts); Johanne de Heype, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oswaldtwistle, Lancs); Willelmus Heep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); John Hepe, Richard of the Hepe, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Edmund Heap, 1564 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Thomas Heape, 1570 in *PROB 11* (London); Willmi. Heap, 1602 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 61–2; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Heape

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys; Staffs

English: see **Heap**.

## Heaphey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó hÉamhthaigh, see **Heaphy**.

## Heaphy

**Variants:** Heaphey, Heavey, Hevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Tipperary, and Waterford

Irish: from Ó hÉamhthaigh 'descendant of *Éamhthach*', a personal name from the adjective *éamhthach* 'swift'.

**Early bearers:** Derbie O'Heafegh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6475 (Cowlisil, Waterford).

## Heaps

**Variants:** Heeps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: variant of **Heap** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Heaps, 1572 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Heapes, 1577 in *IGI* (Prestbury).

## Heapy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs
- English: locative name from Heapey (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hepay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Hepay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Oliver Hepy, 1527 in *Canterbury Wills* (Probate).

### Hear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: see **O'Hare**.

### Heard

**Variants:** **Hard, Herd, Hird, Hirt, Hord, Hurd, Hourd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4453, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; London and Essex; also Lancs; Selkirks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: occupational name from Middle English *herd(e)*, *hird(e)*, *hierde*, *hord(e)*, *hurd(e)*. Older Scots *herd*, *hird* 'herdsman', i.e. one who looked after cattle, sheep, or goats (Old English *heorde*, *hierde*, *hiorde*, *hyrde*). Compare the synonymous **Hardman**. **Early bearers:** England: William Lehird 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Hord', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Reginald le Herd, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Hurde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Hurde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pickwell, Devon); Willelmus Hurd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stockleigh Pomeroy, Devon); Robertus Heerde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Alicia Herde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Hord, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Adam Herde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Johannes Herde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashorne, Warwicks); Johanne Hurde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Willelmus Hird', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Batley, WR Yorks); Hugo Hyrd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Simon le Hierd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kelvedon Hatch, Essex); Robertus Hyrde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Johanna Hierdes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bobbingworth, Essex); Johanne Hurd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Thomas Hoorde, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Hugh Heard, 1538 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Hearde, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Killhampton, Cornwall). Scotland: Jean Heard, 1614 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Thomas Heard, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Androw Heard, 1639 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Thomas Heard, 1643 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Catharine Heard, 1657 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Header

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Herder**.

### Heardman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Hardman** (1). **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Heardman, 1577 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); George Heardman, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); Tho Heardman, 1584 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Heardman, 1590 in *IGI*

(Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edwardi Heardman, 1609 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Heare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb
- English: see **Here**.

### Hearfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Durham
- English: from Harefield (WR Yorks; *Hearyfeald* in 1570) or Heathfield in Stonebeck Down (WR Yorks; *Hearfeld* in 1630), whose early modern spellings are hard to distinguish. **Early bearers:** Christopher Hearfelde, 1580 in *IGI* (Leeds, Yorks); Heber Herfield, 1736 in *IGI* (Ripponden, Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 149, 215; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hearing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Herring**.

### Hearl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Surrey, Cornwall
- English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic *H*-.

### Hearle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic *H*-.

### Hearmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- Norman, English: see **Harman**.

### Hearn

- Variants:** **Hearns, Hearne, Hern, Herne, Hurn, Hurne, Harn, Harne, Horn, Horne, Hairon, Heron**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5426, Ireland 85
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3925
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Devon; London; Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Kilkenny

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *herne*, *hirne*, or *hurne*, representing three different pronunciations of Old English *hyrne* 'nook or corner of land' (i.e. an out-of-the-way, secluded place) or 'bend of a river'. In post-medieval English pronunciation the three forms have converged and the spellings have become interchangeable. **Hurn** may sometimes have been pronounced and spelled the same as the surname **Horn**. Some of the following post-medieval examples of *Hearn(e)*, *Hern(e)*, and *Harn(e)* may alternatively belong with (2). (ii) locative name from Herne (Kent), Hurn

(Dorset), or Hirn (Hants), all of which are derived from the topographic term in (i).

- Early bearers:** Gunnora de la Hurn', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Walter Atehurne, 1267 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry en le Hurne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Ralph in þe Hurne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William del Herne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John ate Hirne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter atte Hurne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halberton, Devon); William Inthehurne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paignton, Devon); John atte Herne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John at Hern', 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Wiggerhall, Norfolk); Robert Herne, John Harne, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Hern, 1557 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Roberte Hearne, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bride, London); Katharine Hearn, 1643 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); Phillip Hern, 1644 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon).  
2 English: see **Heron**.  
3 Irish: see **Hearne**.

### Hearnden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, Surrey
- English: locative name from one of several small places in Kent called *Heronden*. **Early bearers:** Annes Hernden, 1543 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Nicolas Hernden, 1656 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); David Hearndon, 1756 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent).

### Hearne

**Variants:** **Hearn, Hearns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2029, Ireland 650
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 995
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Bucks; also S Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- 1 English: see **Hearn**.  
2 Irish: from Ó hEachthighearna, see **Aherne**.

### Hearns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 151
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb; Lancs; Berks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Kildare
- English: variant of **Hearn** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Hearnshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name see **Earnshaw**.

### Hearon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Heron**. **Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA. **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hearse

**Variants:** **Herse, Harse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0

## Hearsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Monmouths; Middx

English: from Middle English *herse* ‘framework to bear funerary candles; hearse’, in some undetermined application.

**Further information:** *Harse* is historically the normal form in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hirs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Herse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Anny's Herse, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Rye, Sussex); Danyell Herse, 1584 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Geoffrey Herse, 1584 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); An Hearse, 1608 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Johes Harse, 1618 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Herse, 1657 in *IGI* (Saint Swithin London Stone, London); Ephra Hearse, 1740 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Ann Hearse, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Edward Hearse, 1794 in *IGI* (Weston super Mare, Somerset); Sarah Hearse, 1796 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Hearsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants
- Norman, English: see **Hersey**.

## Hearson

Variants: **Herson**, **Hersom**, **Hurson**, **Harson**, **Hassent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx, Surrey; Devon

1 English: locative name from Hearson, in Swimbridge (Devon), recorded as *Heringeston* (1249), *Hereston* (1501).

**Further information:** Wilson's derivation from Old French *hérisson* ‘hedgehog’ is linguistically possible but the Devon surname is undoubtedly from the place-name.

**Early bearers:** William Herisson, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert Herison, 1292 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Willelmus Herson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Trull, Somerset); Ricardo Hersun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Herston', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Boringdon, Devon); Ric. Hursone, 1566 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); William Hearson, 1595, Richard Herson, 1649 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); William Harson, 1685 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

2 English: see **Harsant**.

3 English: see **Harston**.

## Hearsun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Harsant**.

## Heart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx; Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Hart**.

## Heartfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Lancs
- English: see **Hartfield**.

## Heartley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Hartley**.

## Hearty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 117
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from Ó hAghartaigh, see **Harty**.

## Heary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster
- Irish: from Ó hÍoruaidh, see **Heery**.

## Hease

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Hayes**.

## Heaselgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hazelgrove**.

## Heaseman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Heasman**.

## Heaslett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hazlett**.

## Heaslewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Hazelwood**.

## Heasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 259
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth
- Irish: see **Hazley**.

## Heaslip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland. See **Heslop**.

## Heasman

- Variants: **Heaseman**, **Heaysman**, **Hayesman**, **Haisman**, **Easman**, **Easeman**, **Eastman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1358, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 781
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name for a dweller ‘(in the) brushwood’ (compare **Hayes**). *Hayesman* and *Easeman* are found side by side in Kent.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Heysman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Heseman, 1549 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Jhoan Haseman, 1561 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Francis Heaseman, 1619 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Charles Heaseman, 1705 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Heasman, 1750 in *IGI* (Yalding, Kent).

## Heaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Durham
- English: variant of **Easter** with prosthetic *H*-.  
**Early bearers:** John Heaster, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Impingham, Cambs).

## Heater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Sussex

English: (i) in N England, possibly a locative name from one of several small places in WR Yorks called *Heater*, apparently from a local variant of *hawthorn*. (ii) variant of **Hayter**.

**Early bearers:** Henrie Heater, 1621 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); William Heater, 1762 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 170.

## Heath

Variants: **Haith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19593, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14811
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Staffs

English: locative name for a dweller ‘(on the) heath’, Middle English *he(a)th*, *haith*, or from any of the numerous places named or named with this word (Old English *hæð*), for example Heath (Derbys), Hethe (Oxon), etc.

**Early bearers:** John de la Heth, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Laurence atte Hethe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter del Heth, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Othethe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus atte Heythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Thomas del Heth', 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Sylvester Heith, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Stevenage, Herts); William Heath, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Henry Haith, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs).

## Heathcoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Heathcote**.

## Heathcock

Variants: **Haithcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *hethcok* ‘heathcock, black grouse’.



**Early bearers:** Walter Hathecok, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Hethecok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Adam Hethcok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Quantoxhead, Somerset); Hugh Hethcock, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans Abbey, Herts); Nicho Heathcoke, 1645 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

### Heathcote

**Variants:** Heathcoat, Heathcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3313, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2417
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs

English: locative name from Heathcote (Derbys, Warwick). In Yorks, this name is pronounced *Hethkett*.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Hetcota, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Ralph de Hethcote, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Emma de Hethekote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); William Hethcote, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); William Heathcott, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Modwen, Burton on Trent, Staffs); Robert Heathcote, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Joseph Heathcoat, 1649 in *Parish Registers* (Netherseal, Derbys).

### Heathcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs

English: see **Heathcote**.

### Heather

**Variants:** Hether, Hather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2036, Ireland 75
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1587
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Cornwall
- 1 English: locative name denoting a 'dweller on the heath', an agent derivative of Middle English *heth*; compare **Heath**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Hether, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Hethere, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William Hether, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); John Hether, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Micheldever, Hants).

2 English: see **Hather**.

### Heatherington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: see **Hetherington**.

### Heatherley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Leics, and Warwick

English: locative name, see **Hatherley**.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Hetherlegh, 1246 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Rich. Heatherley, 1630 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); Richard Heatherley, 1633 in *IGI* (Marchington, Staffs); Edward Heatherley, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Ethelburga within Bishopsgate, London); Ann Heatherley, 1745

in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Heatherley, 1768 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

### Heatherly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: see **Hatherley**.

### Heathfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Beds

English: locative name from Heathfield (Sussex) or topographic for a dweller 'on the heathland', from Middle English *heth*, *ha(i)th*, *hoth* + *feld* (Old English *hæð* + *feld*).

**Early bearers:** Livesa de Hethfeld, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam atte Hethfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Rogerus atte Hethfelde, 1379 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Japser de Hathfeld, earl of Pembroke, 1452 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Hethfield, 1599, Amos Heathfield, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Heathfield, Sussex).

### Heathman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, and Cornwall

English: locative name denoting a dweller 'on the heath', Middle English *he(a)th* + *man(ne)*. Compare **Heather**.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Heathman, 1578 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Hufry Heathman, 1597 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Elizabeth Heathman, 1715 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

### Heathorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name, origin uncertain; possibly a variant of **Eathorne**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Heathorne, 1657 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Thomas Heathorn, 1705 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey).

### Heatley

**Variants:** Heatlie, Heatly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1106, Ireland 277
- **GB frequency 1881:** 713
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; also Northumb, Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Armagh; Wicklow

English: locative name from either of two places called Heatley (in Cheshire and Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Heateley, 1582 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Hanna Heatley, 1673 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops).

### Heatlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks, Midlothian, and Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Heatley**.

**Early bearers:** William de Hatteley, about 1230 in *Kelso Register* (Mellarston, Roxburghs); William de Hetley, 1335 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Henry Haitlie, 1507 in

*Treasurer Accounts*, (Mellarston, Roxburghs); Leonard Haitlie, 1610 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Haliburton); James Heatlie, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Swinton, Berwick).

### Heatly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Heatley**.

### Heaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7374, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of various places named or named with Heaton: Heaton (WR Yorks, Northumb); Heaton Norris, Heaton under Horwich, Heaton with Oxcliffe, Great Heaton, Little Heaton (Lancs); Capheaton, Kirkheaton (Northumb); Cleckheaton, Hanging Heaton, Kirkheaton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Vincent de Heton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Heton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Heton, 1374 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Johanne de Heeton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); John Heton, 1460 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Anne Heaton, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

### Heaume

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Channel Islands: nickname from Old French *helme* 'helmet'.

### Heaven

**Variants:** Heavin, Haven, Heavens, Havens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 Welsh: see **Evan**.

2 English: see **Haven**.

3 Irish: from Ó hEimhín 'descendant of Eimhín', a personal name probably based on a diminutive of *éimh* 'swift', 'prompt, ready'.

**Early bearers:** Teig O'Carban alias O'Heavene, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §950; Grany Hevyne, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6106.

### Heavens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Berks

1 English, Welsh: see **Evans**.

2 English: see **Heaven**.

### Heaver

**Variants:** Hever, Haver, Evers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: (i) locative name from Hever (Kent), named from Old English *hēah* 'high' + (Kentish) Old English *\*ēfre* 'edge or brow of a hill'. (ii) from some

minor place in SE England named with Old English \*ȝfre, (Kentish) Old English \*ēfre, Middle English *evere* ‘edge or brow of a hill, tip of a promontory’, with the addition of a prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Iver**. **Further information:** No evidence has been found to corroborate Reaney’s derivation from an unrecorded Middle English \**hevere* ‘porter, carrier’, a hypothetical derivative of Middle English *heven* ‘to lift, raise’. His only example, Geoffrey Heuere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*, almost certainly represents Middle English *heuere* ‘hewer, woodcutter’; see **Hewer**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Hevre, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); William de Eure, 1296, identical with William atte Eure, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury Hundred, Sussex); Ralph de Heure, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Drayton and Grave, Sussex); Elysabth Hever, 1545 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edwarde Heaver, 1551 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Rogar Hever, 1574, and Elyzabeth Hever, 1590 in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex); Jane Heaver, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Robarte Hever, 1597 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Eliz Heaver, 1627 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Elizabeth Heaver, 1644 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

2 Irish: reduced and altered anglicized form of Ó hÍomhair ‘descendant of *Ivarr*’. Compare **McIvor**.

### Heaversedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hithersay**.

### Heavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 668
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Westmeath, and Galway

Irish: from Ó hÉamhaigh, see **Heaphy**.

**Early bearers:** Dermot O’Hevie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533; Patrick O’Hevie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533.

### Heavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 Irish: from Ó hEimhín, see **Heaven**.

**Early bearers:** John O’Hevine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6504.

2 Welsh: variant of **Heaven**; see **Evans**.

### Heavyside

**Variants:** Heavisides, Heavyside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and WR Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called *Heavyside*, in Biggar (Lanarks) or between Hownam and Morebattle (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Anthony Heviside, 1582 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Richard Hevisyde, 1590 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Heavisides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, WR Yorks; Lanarks

English: variant of **Heavyside** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Hevisydes, 1552 in *IGI* (Leconfield, Yorks); Richard Hevisids, 1584 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

### Heavrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó hUidhrín or Ó hÉimhrín, see **Hefferon**.

### Heavyside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Heavyside**.

### Heaward

**Variants:** Heaword

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Devon; Kent; Worcs; Cheshire

English: see **Howard** (1), and for post-medieval early bearers see **Heward**.

### Heawood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; Suffolk; Kent

English: see **Haywood**.

### Heaword

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: alternative spelling of **Heaward**; for early bearers see **Heward** and for sense see **Howard** (1).

### Heaysman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Heasman**.

### Heazel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hazell**.

### Heazell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Hazell**.

### Hebard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Hebbert**.

### Hebb

**Variants:** Hebbes, Ebbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NE Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hebb*, *Ebb*, pet forms of *Herbert*. The 1218 Lincs given name *Ebbi* is an interlineation for the cancelled *Herebertus*. See **Herbert**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ebbi le Estreis, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Hebbe Capell, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Alicia Relicta Ebbe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Herberdus Hebbe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Juliana Hebbe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus filius Johannis (filius) Hebbe de Carbirton, 1316 in *Mansfield Court Roll*; Johannes Hebb’, 1390 in *Edwinstowe, Thoresby, and Carburton Court Rolls* (Notts); Joanna Hebbes, 1567 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Dorothy Heb, 1570 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); George Heb, 1572 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs); Thomas Eb, 1576 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); Richard Hebb, 1612, Elizabeth Hebb, 1794 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Ann Eabes, 1710 in *IGI* (Broughton, Lincs); Gabriell Hebb, 1595 in *IGI* (Rempstone, Notts); Thomas Hebbe, 1605, Sarah Hebb, 1742 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics).

### Hebbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx
- English: see **Hebbert** and compare **Hebberd**.

**Early bearers:** William Hebard, 1785 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall).

### Hebberd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Hebbert** and compare **Hibberd**.

**Early bearers:** Enoch Hebbert, 1640 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Moses Hebberd, 1688 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants).

### Hebbert

**Variants:** Hebbard, Hebberd, Hebard, Hibbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NW Midlands; Surrey, Sussex, and Kent

1 English: variant of **Hibbert**, which was probably confused with and used interchangeably with (2).

2 English: variant of **Herbert**, with assimilation of the first *r*. Compare **Hebb**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Hebert, Reginald Hebert, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Hebert in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Alicia Hebbert, 1568 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Roberti Hebbert, 1580 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Wm. Hebbert, 1600 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks); Mathes Hebbert, 1605 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); John Hebbert, 1625 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Hebbes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: see **Hebb** and **Ebbs**.

**Hebblethwaite**

Variants: **Hebblewaite**, **Hebblewhite**, **Hepplewhite**, **Ebblewhite**, **Ablewhite**, **Applewhite**, **Ablett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Hebblethwaite near Sedbergh (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Agn de Hebetwayt, Ricardus Hebletwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); John Ebyllthwayte, 1455, Johanna Hebbylewhayt, 1526 in *York Guild Register*; Alexander Hebylthwat, 1528 in *York Freeman's Register*; Elizabeth Hebblethwaite, 1608 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Faith Hebblewhite, 1617, Thomas Ebblewhite, 1618 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Christabel Hebeltwhitt, 1624 in *Lancs Wills*; William Ablewhite, 1693, Mary Applewhite, 1696 in *IGI* (Aswardby, Lincs); William Hepplewhite, 1671 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); John Ablewhite, 1780, Henry Applewhite, 1793 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

**Hebblewaite**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hebblethwaite**.

**Hebblewhite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Hebblethwaite**.

**Hebborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Hepburn**.

**Hebbron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Northumb, and Durham
- 1 English: see **Hebron**.  
2 English: see **Hepburn**.  
3 English: see **Eburne**.

**Hebburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: see **Hepburn**.

**Hebden**

Variants: **Hebdon**, **Hepton**, **Hepden**, **Ebden**, **Epton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 937
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Hebden or Hebden Bridge (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Roger de Mowbray granted the manor of Hebden to Uctred de Hebden, a descendant of Uctred Earl of Northumberland (died 1016), in 1120.

**Early bearers:** Elias de Heppedon, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William de Hebeden, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Hybeden, 1453 in *Feet of Fines*

(Brinsop, Herefs); Johnis. Ebden, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); George Ebden, 1573 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Xpoferi Hebdon, 1585 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Wyllyam Hebton, 1599 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); William Hebden, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Hepton, 1662 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Edmond Hebden, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**Hebdige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Hebditch**.

**Hebditch**

Variants: **Hedditch**, **Hebdige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Middx; WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Hebditch* in Bishops Caundle (Dorset), which is recorded as *Hepedich* in 1332, *Hebdychelane* in 1538. The place-name derives from Middle English *hepe* 'hip of) the wild rose' + *dich* 'ditch' (Old English *hēopa* 'dog rose, bramble' or *hēope* 'hip, fruit of the wild rose' + *dic*).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hebedich, 1327, Johanne Hebbedych, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Folke, Dorset); Richard Hebdidge, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Queen Camel, Somerset); Joanna Hebdich, 1605 in *IGI* (South Barrow, Somerset); William Hebditch, 1622 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Sampson Hepditch, 1631 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Richard Hebditch, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Robert Hebditch, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset); Anna Hedditch, 1676 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset); Barnard Hebdedge, 1687 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Richard Hepditch, 1740 in *IGI* (Kington Magna, Dorset); Ann Hebdige, 1756 in *Parish Registers* (North Stoneham, Hants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 315.

**Hebdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: see **Hebden**.

**Hebenton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: of uncertain origin; perhaps from Abington (Lanarks), which is, however, recorded as *Albintoune* in 1459.

**Early bearers:** James Habinton, 1697 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Elizabeth Habbington, 1735 in *IGI* (Skene, Aberdeens); George Habbington, 1756 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus); Margaret Hebbenton, 1788 in *IGI* (Fern, Angus); Robert Hebenton Or Ross Or Christie, 1858 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** W.F.H. Nicolaisen, *Scottish Place-Names*, 2nd edn. Edinburgh: John Donald (2004), p. 95.

**Heberden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Hibberdine**.

**Hebert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset; Lincs
- Huguenot : from the French surname *Hébert*, derived from the personal name **Herbert**.  
**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Louis Hebert, 1589 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton); Mathieu Hebert, 1675 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street); Jean Baptiste Hebert, 1773 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street).

**Hebron**

Variants: **Hebronn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Hebron (Northumb), but see also **Hepburn**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Hebron, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Island, Northumb); Marke Hebron, 1643 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Alexander Heburn, 1657 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Hebson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb

English: relationship name, 'son of **Hebb**'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hebson, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Ebsen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Hebson, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Rowland Hebson, 1543 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Henry Hebson, 1567 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Hebson, 1574 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); John Hebson, 1594 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).

**Hecht**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

1 German, Dutch: nickname, locative name from Middle High German *hech(e)t*, Middle Dutch *heect*, *hecht* 'pike', generally a nickname for a rapacious and greedy person, or in some instances for a fisherman. Sometimes it may be a locative name from a house distinguished by a sign depicting the fish.

**Early bearers:** Alis Hecht, 1578 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Charles Hecht, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Edward Hecht, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Withington, Lancs); Max Hecht, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout or ornamental name from German *Hecht* or Yiddish *hekht* 'pike', one of the many Ashkenazic names taken from vocabulary words denoting wildlife.

**Early bearers:** Davies Hecht, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (London); Solomon Hecht, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Morris Hecht, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Hyman Hecht, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Heck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

## Heckford

English: locative name from Heck (WR Yorks) or topographic name for a ‘dweller by) the gate’, from *heck*, a northern form of **Hatch**.

**Early bearers:** John del Hek, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Hecke, 1242 in *Book of Fees*; Henricus de Hek’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Simon Hek of Hek, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Heck, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

### Heckford

Variants: **Hickford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk; Dorset; Warwicks, WR Yorks

English: locative name from Heckford, now Heckfordbridge, in Stanway (Essex).

**Early bearers:** England: [ . . . ] Hekford, Hekkeford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Abell Heckford, 1577 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); Daniell Heckford, 1687 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

Scotland: Alexander de Hecford, about 1208 in *Black*; Thomas Heckford, 1654 in *IGI* (Innerleithen, Peebles).

### Heckingbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Higginbotham**.

### Heckle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Heckles** with loss of final -s; this is itself a variant of **Eccles**.

**Early bearers:** Dinnis Heckel, 1707 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Dennis Heckle, 1711 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Willm. Heckle, 1751 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); James Heckle, 1786 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Heckler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Yorks; Somerset

English: occupational name for a heckler or dresser of flax or hemp, from an agent derivative of Middle English *hekel* ‘to heckle’.

**Further information:** In the process of producing fabric (linen) from flax or hemp, the stems were first soaked (retted) and then dragged through metal combs (heckled) to separate the fibres for spinning into thread.

**Early bearers:** William le Hekeler, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomae Heckler, 1666 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Jane Heckler, 1669 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); Tho. Heckler, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); James Heckler, 1738 in *IGI* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks); Mary Heckler, 1792 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).

### Heckles

Variants: **Heckle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Eccles** with prosthetic *H*-.

**Early bearers:** John Heckles, 1675 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Luke Heckles, 1767 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Hector

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1238, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Hector*, adopted for the Gaelic personal name *Eachann* (earlier *Eachdonn*, composed of the elements *each* ‘horse’ + *donn* ‘brown’). This was confused from an early date with the Scandinavian name *Haakon*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hector, medicus, 1369 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Forfar).

surnames: Robert Hector, 1525 in *Black* (Northmavine, Shetland); David Hector, 1749 in *Black* (Aberdeen).

2 English: relationship name from the personal name *Hector*, name of the Trojan hero in Homer’s *Iliad*, which was brought to England from the Greek via French.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hector, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Hector de Hilleg’, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Richard Ector, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Peter Ectour, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Hector alias Jaques, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hedden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: see **Headen**.

2 Scottish, English, Irish: see **Hadden**.

### Hedderman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare

Irish: from Ó hEadromáin ‘descendant of *Éadromán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *éadrom* ‘light, nimble’.

**Early bearers:** Mariam Hedderman, 1827 in *IGI* (Rathkeale, Limerick); Bridget Hedderman, 1839 in *IGI* (Donaghmore, Limerick).

### Heddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Headington**.

### Hedditch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: variant of **Hebditch**.

### Heddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Heddle (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** William in Heddal, 1424 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); William Haldell, about 1500 in *Orkney Records* (West Mainland, Orkney); Wylle Heddle, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Heddle, 1810 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Heddon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall; Northumb

English: see **Headen**.

### Heden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Warwicks; Hants

1 Irish: Anglicized form adopted for Ó hEidín, see **Hayden**.

2 English: see **Hadden**.

### Hedgecock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex, Kent, and Hants

English: see **Hedgecock**.

### Hedge

Variants: **Hedges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 724
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: locative name from Middle English *hegge* ‘hedge, fence’, for someone who lived ‘(by a) hedge or enclosure’.

**Early bearers:** Ailmar Hegge, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert atte Hegge, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger in the Hegg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Reginaldus atte Hege, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newington, Oxon); Thomas Hegge, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Colchester, Essex); Steaphan Hedge, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Sandwich, Kent).

### Hedgecock

Variants: **Hedgecock**, **Hedgecoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: variant of **Hitchcock**.

**Early bearers:** John Hehecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Katherine Hedgecock, 1617 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Hellen Hedgecock, 1648 in *IGI* (Acrise, Kent); Johannes Hedgecock, 1698 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Hedgecock, 1725 in *IGI* (East Preston, Sussex); Mary Hedgecock, 1737 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey).

### Hedgecoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hedgecock**.

### Hedger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 978, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey, Sussex, Hants

English: occupational name, locative name from Middle English *heg(g)er* ‘hedger, a maker or repairer of hedges’, or perhaps in some cases a locative name for a ‘dweller by the hedge’; compare **Hedgman** and **Hedge**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Hagger, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Brighstone, IoW); Henry le Hegger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Heggere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Hegere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Walter Hegger, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Margaret Hedger, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Dorking, Surrey).

## Hedges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5461, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Oxon, Berks, Surrey, Bucks, Wilts, and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Hedge**, from the plural or with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hegges, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert del Hegges, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Heges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxton, Oxon); Thomas Hegges, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Roger Hegges, 1556 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Francis Hedges, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Hedges, 1584 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks).

## Hedgman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(by the) enclosure’, from Middle English *hegge*, *heg(e)*, *hedge* + *man*; compare **Hedger**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Hegman, about 1240 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); John Heg(ge)man, 1305 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stephanus Hegeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); Ralph Heggeman, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Ralph Hedg(e)man, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Hedley

**Variants:** **Headley**, **Headly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4208, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3056
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English, Scottish: locative name from Hedley (Durham), Hedley on the Hill (Northumb), Headley (WR Yorks, Hants, Surrey, Worcs), or Headley Hall in Bramham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** England: Siward de Hedeleia, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Stephen de Hedleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus de Hedelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bramham, WR Yorks); Percival Hedley, 1540, John Hedley, 1542 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Headley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks). Scotland: Schero or Saer de Hedley, about 1234–40 in *Midlothian Charters*; Robert de Hedleye, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Midlothian); John Hedley, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar* (Linthgow, W Lothian); William Hedley, 1787 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights).

## Hedworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lincs
- English: locative name from Hedworth (Durham).  
**Early bearers:** Cicilye Hedworth, 1571 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Hedworth, 1657 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Hedworth, 1757 in *IGI* (Bassingthorpe, Lincs).

## Hee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

## Heed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; London

English: (i) see **Head**. This form preserves the original Middle English long vowel. (ii) possibly, in principle, a nickname from Middle English *hed* ‘care; anxiety’.

## Heekin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks (Hull)

Irish: from Ó hAodhagáin, see **Egan**.

## Heeks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Hicks**.  
**Early bearers:** Rychard Heeks, 1558 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); Edward Heekes, 1574 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Hernye Hekes, 1579 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

## Heel

**Variants:** **Heales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Northants

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Hell** (1) with a lengthened vowel. Compare Samuel Heale, 1610, William Hell, 1787 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Anne Heel, 1720 in *IGI* (Skelton by York, NR Yorks); James Heel, 1801 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Hell** (2) with a lengthened vowel.

**Early bearers:** Henry Heel, 1705 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Arthur Heel, 1813 in *IGI* (Pattishall, Northants).

## Heelan

**Variants:** **Healion**, **Helen**, **Healan**, **Healing**, **Hillan**, **Hyland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from Ó hAoileáin, from a variant of *Faolán*, a personal name from a diminutive of *faol* ‘wolf’. The

alternative form Ó *Faoláin* has been anglicized as

**Phelan** or **Whelan**.

**Early bearers:** James O’Helan, yeoman, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1180 (Straffan, Kildare); Cormac O Helynn, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §449; Teige O Heylan, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Balmascollock, Kildare); Nicholas and Karoll O Helan, cottier, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Balmascollock, Kildare); Melaghlen O Helane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §555 (Grauntstown); Laghlin O Helan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Queen’s county [Laois]); Thomas O Helane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Munster); James fitz Walter Hiellan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6478.

## Heelas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Hellis**.

## Heeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Cheshire; Warwicks

English: see **Healer**.

## Heeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2151, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1314
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs, Warwicks, Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

1 English: see **Healey**.

2 Irish: from Ó hÉilidhe or Ó hÉalaignthe, see **Healy**.

## Heelis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hellis**.

## Heels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: see **Heales** and compare **Heal** and **Heel**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Heels, 1670 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Thomas Heels, 1681 in *IGI* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Isaac Heels, 1789 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks).

## Heely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Healey**.

2 Irish: from Ó hÉilidhe or Ó hÉalaignthe, see **Healy**.

## Heenan

**Variants:** **Henigan**, **Henegan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 853, Ireland 284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Down; also Offaly

## Heaney

Irish: from Ó hEidhneáin, ‘descendant of Eidhneán’, a personal name meaning ‘little one of the ivy’, or a contracted form of Ó hEidhneacháin, see **Heneghan**. Since the variant Ó hÉanáin (like Ó hÉanna whence **Heaney**) appears to contain the Irish word *éan* ‘bird’, both surnames have sometimes become **Bird** by folk translation.

**Early bearers:** Wm. O’Henayne, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1701 (Castelle, Queen’s county [Laois]); Melaghlin rowe McDonell O’Haynyn, footman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5006 (Pobleghreny); Soeibina Hinayn, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602; Mahon O Heanyne and Donogh O Hanyne, husbandmen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Garranevelly).

### Heaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 374
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Donegal
- Irish: from Ó hÉanna, see **Heaney**.

### Heap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Cornwall; Jersey
- English: see **Heap**.

### Heeps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Northants
- Scottish, English: see **Heaps**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Heaps, 1795 in *IGI* (Carriden, W Lothian); John Heeps, 1817 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Elizabeth Heeps, 1825 in *IGI* (Polmont, Stirlings).

### Heer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1081, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- 1 Dutch, North German: nickname from *heer* ‘master’, no doubt applied to someone who behaved in an overbearing or lordly manner. Some of the examples may belong at (2).
- Early bearers:** Henry Heer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Cristura Heer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Carl Heer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891*; Theophile Heer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891*.
- 2 Frisian: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Hero*, a short form of compound names with the first element *hari*, *heri* ‘army’, such as *Hermann*.
- 3 English: see **Here**.

### Heera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Hira**.

### Heery

**Variants:** **Heary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Angus; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Cavan

Irish: from Ó hÍoruaidh ‘descendant of Íoruadh’, a personal name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Patrick O’Heyry, kern, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §856; Rorie O’Herrye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3962; Gilduf O’Heare, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401; Derby O’Hiery, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (Leinster); John Heerey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Donegal); Patrick Heery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilskeer, Meath); James Heery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathkenny, Meath).

### Heesom

**Variants:** **Heeson, Hayson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Eastham**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hesam, 1580, Recardus Heesum, 1663, Edwardus Heesom, 1715 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); George Heesham, 1651 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Mary Easom, 1662, Edwd. Heysum, 1714, Edward Heesham, 1748 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Elizabeth Heeson, 1673 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Georg Heesum, 1687, George Heesom, 1697 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Ann Heeson, 1692 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Heeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: see **Heesom**.
- 2 English: see **Hayson** perhaps.

### Heffer

**Variants:** **Hepher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk and Cambs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *heifer*, *heifor* (Old English *hēafore*, *hēafre*) ‘heifer, young cow’, apparently attested in the 1327 example. Some of the following bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Further information:** An alternative post-medieval origin in a Dutch surname, perhaps an occupational name from *heffen* ‘to lift’, has been suggested, but no evidence has been found to support the suggestion.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Hayfour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Francys Heffer, 1577 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Agnes Heffer, 1578 in *IGI* (Addington, Surrey); Williame Heiffer, 1587 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Johis Heaffer, 1590, Richard Heifer, 1669 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); William Heafer, 1598 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Alice Heffer, 1605 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Valentyne Heifer, 1658 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Hefford** with loss of final *-d*. However, the word *heifer* in (1) also appears from the 16th century as *heckforde*, *heckfurthe*, *heffarth*, and *hefforth* (*OED*), so there may have been confusion between several different names, which only genealogical research can disentangle.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Heafer, 1600, Leonard Heyfer, 1604 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs); William Heiforth, 1626, Gulielmi Heffer, 1632, William Heifer, 1639, William Heiforth, 1644 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); John

Heffer, 1703 in *IGI* (Marlesford, Suffolk); Robert Hephher, 1790 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

3 English: locative name in SW England, alternatively perhaps from Heiffers in Witheridge (Devon), with later loss of final *-s*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Heweferse, 1238 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Henry de Heaufors, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witheridge, Devon); Andrew Heiffers, 1586, Andrew Heyfers, 1599 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); John Heffers, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Nympton, Witheridge Hundred); Alexander Heifers, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Heyffers, 1658 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Bishops Nympton, Devon).

### Hefferan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hUidhrín or Ó hÉimhrín, see **Hefferon**.

### Hefferman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: anglicized altered form of Irish **Heffernan**.

### Heffern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cumb; Glamorgan; Middx; Sussex

Irish: from Ó hUidhrín or Ó hÉimhrín, see **Hefferon**.

### Heffernan

**Variants:** **Hefferman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1786, Ireland 3743
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; also Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Limerick

Irish: from Ó hÍfeárnáin ‘descendant of *Ifearnán*’, a personal name possibly from a diminutive of *ifreann* ‘hell’ and thus meaning ‘demon’. The surname has sometimes been contracted to **Hernon**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund Hyffernan, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §293; Grany ny Hiffernany, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4744 (Rahin ny goer); William McDonogh Hiffernane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734 (Brenchie, Tipperary); Feragher mcGilleneiff and Teig mcHugh Hiffernan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531 (Kilshane).

### Hefferon

**Variants:** **Hefferan, Heffron, Heverin, Heffern, Heavrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 55
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; Glasgow
- Irish: (i) from Ó hUidhrín ‘descendant of *Uidhrín*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *odhar* ‘dun, sallow’. Compare **McGivern**, in which the *dh* of *Uidhrín* has also been anglicized by a bilabial rather than a dental fricative. Where the fricative is lost there has been some confusion with **Hearne**. There

may also have been some confusion with **Heffernan**. (ii) from **Ó hÉimhrín** ‘descendant of *Éimhrín*’, a diminutive of the legendary personal name *Éimhear*. This was the name of a Mayo family. The *e* vowel of the first syllable distinguishes it from **Havron** (which is from *Ó hAmhráin*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh O’Hewryn, husbandman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1388 (Farynomorphane, King’s county [Offaly]); Eugene and Patrick A Hewryn, gents., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1398 (Kilcormucke, next King’s county [Offaly]); Moroghe oge O’Hewryne, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2650; Roger and Ferrall O Heveryn, kerns, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3346 (Kings county [Offaly]); Mahowne O Hifferan, husbandman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3567 (Immelid, Waterford); Denis Heffron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conry, Westmeath); Michael Heveran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lackan, Mayo); John Hevern, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killursa, Galway); Mathew Heveron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo).

### Hefford

**Variants:** Heffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 470
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Northants, Leics, and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Hayford**. This is sometimes a dialect pronunciation of **Hawford** or *Hawforth* (see **Halford** and **Alford**), as suggested by William Hefford, 1610, Elizab Hawford, 1617 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Robert Heyford, 1627, Nathaniel Halford, 1629, Samuell Heferd, 1675, Ann Heford, 1733 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Nathaniel Halford, 1702, John Hawford, 1706, John Heffer, 1719 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants). The variation in the vowel would have arisen from the common change of *-aw-* to *-ay-*, shortened to *-e-*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Heyford, 1591, Tho Hefford, 1634 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); Edward Hefford, 1621, William Heyford, 1657 in *IGI* (Foxton, Leics); Ellin Heyford, 1663, Eline Heford, 1690 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); Robert Heford, 1730 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); William Heyford, 1726, Richard Hefford, 1736 in *IGI* (Welford, Northants).

### Heffron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 97
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Waterford
- Irish: from **Ó hUidhrín** or **Ó hÉimhrín**, see **Hefferon**.

### Hegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from **Ó hÁgáin**, see **O’Hagan**.

### Hegarty

**Variants:** Heggarty, Heagarty, Heagerty, Hagarty, Haggarty, Hagerty, Haggerty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2973, Ireland 4708
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Donegal

Irish: from **Ó hÉigceartaigh** ‘descendant of *Éigceartach*’, a nickname meaning ‘unjust’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Deirmod O’Heagirtie (alias Heagtie), 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; Donell O’Heagirtie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; James O’Hegerte, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577; Katherine ny Heagirtie of Girrane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; Donell O’Hegertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; Murtagh O’Hegertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655.

England: Jno Hagarty, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Heagerty, 1772, Michael Hagarty, 1844, Jeremiae Hagerty, 1830 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Randall Haggerty, 1798 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Nancy Hagarty, 1806 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Haggarty, 1813 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); Patrick Heagarty, 1828 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Edward Haggerty, 1832 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Charles Hagarty, 1853 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

Scotland: Agnes Hagarty, 1804 in *IGI* (Edrom, Berwickshire); Margaret Hagarty, 1840 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Helen Hagarty, 1855 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Catherine Hagarty, 1856 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catherine Hagarty, 1863 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Heggarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; Durham; Lancs; Midlothian and Lanarks; Angus

Irish: from **Ó hÉigceartaigh**, see **Hegarty**.

### Heggie

**Variants:** Haggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1264, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 827
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: relationship name, reduced form of **McKeggie** ‘son of Adam’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donal Hegy, ‘pypar’, 1546 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Argyll); Patrick Hegy, in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perths); James Heagie, merchant burgher, 1617 in *Black* (Stirlings); Barbara Heagie, 1617 in *Black* (Stirlings); John Heggie, schoolmaster, 1670 in *Black* (Forfar, Angus).

### Heggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Higgs**.

### Heginbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Higginbotham**.

### Heginbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Higginbotham**.

### Hegney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 19

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- Irish: see **Heagney**.

### Hehir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 744
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from **Ó hAichir**, see **O’Hare**.

### Heiden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- English: see **Haydon**.

### Heider

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- German: see **Haider**.

### Heighes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Hayes**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Heighes, 1642 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants).

### Heighington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Heighington (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henry Heighintone, 1575 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); John Highinton, 1786 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

### Heigho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; WR Yorks

English: see **Hayhoe**.

### Height

**Variants:** Hight, Hite, Haight, Eite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, and Cambs

English: locative name for a dweller ‘(at the) height or hilltop’, Middle English *heyte* ‘height, top, summit’ (Old English *hiehpū*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Heyt, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Robert atte Heyte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walterus of the Heht’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Waltero Hyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Felicia at’ Heght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury [unidentified hundred]); John Height, 1624 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Margreat Hight, 1675 in *IGI* (Leighton Bromswold, Hunts); Johan Hight, 1678 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Matthew Height, 1708 in *IGI* (Thursford, Norfolk); Thomas Height, 1711 in *IGI* (Keysoe, Beds); Elizabeth Hite, 1756, Jn. Height, 1761, Thos. Hight, 1783 in *IGI* (Renhold, Beds); William Height, 1762 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); William Hite, 1790 in *IGI* (Offord Cluny,

## Heighton

Hunts); Amelia Height, 1813 in *IGI* (Braunston, Northants); James Height, 1836 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs).

### Heighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Highton**.

### Heighway

Variants: **Highway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Highway in Hilmarton (Wilts) or Highway in Keele (Staffs), the latter recorded in 1331. One of three small places in Herefs called Highway might be considered, but all are recorded only late.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Heghweye, 1324 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas Heighweye, 1361 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Willelmo Heyway, Margareta Heyweye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calne hundred, Wilts); Ricardus de Hegwey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shelve, Shrops); John Heighway of Stepulton, 1492 in *Shrops Archives*; Thomas Heighway, 1549 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Rych. Heighway, 1591 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Richard Highway, 1607 in *IGI* (Upton Magna, Shrops); Roger Highway, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Smethcott, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 269; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 315.

### Heil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey

1 German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Heinrich*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Jacob Heil, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Heil, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Middx); Eberhardt Heil, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Charles Heil, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); George Heil, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Dutch and North German: relationship name from a short form of the Germanic female personal name *Heila* (from *hail* 'whole').

### Heilbron

Variants: **Heilbronn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: from the city of Heilbronn in Württemberg, see **Halpern**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Heilbron, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Edgbaston, Warwicks); Moses Heilbron, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Lehmann Heilbronn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Heilbronn

Variants: **Heilbrunn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: see **Heilbron**.

### Heilbrunn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: see **Heilbronn**.

### Heim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

German: from the Germanic personal name *Haimo*; compare **Hammond** (2).

**Further information:** In Continental Europe Heim is also found as an Ashkenazic Jewish name, from the Yiddish personal name *Hayim*, which is from Hebrew *chayim* 'life'. However, evidence of Jewish bearers in Britain is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Heim, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Konrad Heim, baker, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Southwark, Surrey); Hans Heim, beer merchant, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Croydon, Surrey); Hans Friedrich Wilhelm Heim, bank accountant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Purley, Surrey).

### Hein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: variant of **Hayne**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Hein, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Humphry Hein, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Isobel Hein, 1735 in *IGI* (Kennoway, Fife).

2 German, Dutch, Danish, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): from a short form of the Germanic personal name *Heinrich* (see **Henry**).

**Early bearers:** Christian Hein, 1834 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras old church, Middx); Franz Hein, born in Königsberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Diedrich Hein, born in Prussia, *Census 1881* (Middx); Samuel Hein, born in Poland, Simon Hein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Heinrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

German: relationship name from the personal name *Heinrich* (composed of the elements *haim*, *heim* 'home' + *ric* 'power').

**Early bearers:** Christian Heinrich, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Hermann Heinrich, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Finchley, Middx); Giese Heinrich, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Otto Heinrich, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Somerset).

### Heinz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from a pet form of the German personal name *Heinrich*.

### Heir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham; Herefs

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *heir(e)*, *heier* 'heir'. Compare **Ayre**.

**Early bearers:** Joan la Heire, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Byfield, Northants); William le Heyr, 1331, William le Heir, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Alicia Heier', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes the Heir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Joan Heir, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Alexr Heir, 1595 in *IGI* (Cornhill, Northumb).

2 English: see **Hare**.

### Heirs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Northants
- Scottish, English: see **Hares**.

### Held

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Derbys
- English: see **Heald**.

### Helden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: see **Eldon**.

**Early bearers:** John Helden, 1564 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

### Helder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Holder**.

2 English: locative name denoting a 'dweller at the slope', an agent derivative of Middle English *helde*, *hilde* 'slope' (Old English *hylde*); compare **Heald**.

**Early bearers:** Willo le Hilder', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Robert Helder, 1580 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Nicolas Helder, 1588 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Helder, 1596 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Robert Helder, 1605 in *IGI* (Steeple Morden, Cambs); Jane Helder, 1625 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 198.

### Heldon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk
- English: see **Eldon**.

### Hele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Heal**.

### Helen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down

1 English: see **Hellen**.

2 Irish: from Ó hAoieláin, see **Heelan**.



## Heley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Bucks and Beds
- 1 English: see **Ely**.  
2 English: see **Healey**.

## Helin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 Norman, English: see **Hellen**.  
2 English: see **Ellen**.

## Hell

**Variants:** Heel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- 1 English: relationship name, probably in many cases a variant of **Ell** with prosthetic *H-*. Compare **Eele**, **Heel** (1), and **Heal** (3), and note Samuel Heale, 1610, William Hell, 1787 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham). Some of the following examples may alternatively belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Hel', Fulco filius Hel', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Wulfwin Helle, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Roger Helle, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Emma Helle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterden, Norfolk); William Hell, 1598 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Hell, 1630 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Febey Hell, 1690 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Martin Hell, 1789 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).  
2 English: locative name, variant of **Hill**, preserving the south-eastern form of the Middle English word, found in Kent, Sussex, Essex, Herts, and E Anglia, for example.  
**Early bearers:** William atte Helle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Imberhorne, Sussex); William ate Helle, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Flamstead, Herts); Richard atte Hel, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Little Hadham, Herts); Semanius atte Hel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); Harry Hell, 1567 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Elen Hell, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); John Hell, 1572 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).  
3 English: locative name; in SW England alternatively a variant of **Heal** with shortening of the vowel. Compare **Heales**.  
**Early bearers:** Margeret Hell, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Hell, 1723 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon).

## Hellard

- Variants:** Hillard, Hallard
- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Heller** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Hilliard** (2).

## Hellawell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 488
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Helliwell**.

## Hellen

- Variants:** Hellens, Helen, Helin, Hellin, Hellon, Helling, Elen, Ellen, Elin, Elion, Hillen, Hilling
- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Helléan in Morbihan (Brittany).  
**Further information:** Helion Bumpstead (Essex), recorded as *Bumpstede Elyns* (1544), *Heleyns* (1554), *Hellyn* (1570), and locally known as *Helen's* Bumpstead, was held in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) by Tihel de Herion, called also Tihel Brito 'the Breton', who came from Helléan. A farm in the parish is known as *Helions*, recorded as *Hyllyons in Bomsted* in 1535. The family also had land in Haverhill in Suffolk, where Andrew de Helin' held a fee in 1275 (*Hundred Rolls*) and John Elioun half a fee in 1346 (*Feudal Aids*). Bumpstead and Haverhill are near the Essex–Suffolk boundary. The same family (in the person of Hervey de Helion, a Norman whose English lands were held by his widow in 1086) has also left its name in Upton Helliions in Devon, where the attribute occurs as *Hylium* (1270), *Hylon* (1385), and *Helling* (1557); it was also known as *Crydihelyhun'* (1242), *Cridrehellyun* (1244), and *Hylioun Cridia* (1303). This branch of the family also had property in 14th-century Gloucs.  
**Early bearers:** Essex and E Anglia: Robert de Helion, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robert de Helun', 13th cent. in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Suffolk); Henrico de Helyon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex); Rogerus Helin, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Helon, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edward Hellynge, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Hellon, 1640 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).  
SW England: Hervei de Helion, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); William de Elyon, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William, Robert de Helihun, about 1242 in *Book of Fees*, p. 762 (Upton Helliions, Devon); Peter Helioun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Edgeworth, Gloucs); Peter de Helioun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lassington, Gloucs); John de Helioun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wygthfield and Apperley, Gloucs); Peter Hilion, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Budleigh, Devon); William Helling, 1650 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Charles Hellen, 1737 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall).  
2 English: see **Ellen**. From the medieval period onwards there has been confusion with **Helen** and with the name in (1).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 509–10; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 419; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 510–11.

## Hellens

- Variants:** Ellens, Ellins, Ellings
- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Northumb
- English: variant of **Hellen** or **Ellen** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** William Helyns, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Hellens, 1591 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Hester Hellens, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London).

## Heller

**Variants:** Hellard, Hillard, Hayler, Eller, Hilliard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Middx and Surrey
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *heler*, *heyler* 'roofer, slater, tiler', a derivative of Middle English, Old English *helan* 'to cover'. The name was interchangeable with the synonymous **Hellier**, **Hillier**, **Hiller**, and **Huller**.  
**Early bearers:** Alice Ilard, 1539 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Robert Heler, 1541 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Hellarde, 1582 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Elizabeth Heller, 1591, Wilmot Heller, 1673, Mary Hellard, 1704 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Alice Heller, 1596 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Humphrie Heller, 1623 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Elizabeth Hellard, 1691 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); Elizabeth Hellar, 1796 in *IGI* (Mariansleigh, Devon).  
2 English: locative name, in some cases from Middle English *heller* 'dweller on the hill'. Some examples of *Heller* and *Hellard* in (1) may belong here. Compare **Hiller** (2), **Huller** (2).

## Hellery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Hillary** and compare **Ellery**.

## Hellewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 747
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Helliwell**.

## Helley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Ely**.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Helly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint Peter, Norfolk); Joyce Helley, 1575 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Thomas Hellye, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Dawlish, Devon); Ann Helley, 1662 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Andrew Helley, 1708 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon).

## Helliar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Hellier**.

## Hellier

- Variants:** Helliar, Hellyar, Hellyer, Helyar, Helyer, Hilliar, Hillyar, Hillyer, Hilyer, Hilliard
- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Dorset
- English: occupational name from Middle English *helier* 'roofer, slater, tiler', a derivative of Old English *helian* 'to cover'. Compare Walter Helier, also called Tiler, about 1450 in *OED*. The name was interchangeable with the synonymous **Heller**, **Hiller**, **Hillier**, and **Huller**. Compare also **Healer**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert le Heliere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert le Helyere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Michel le Helier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset);

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Elya le Helyere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newland in Sherborne, Dorset); John le Heliere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); Robertus Heliar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Gulielmus Helier, 1540 in *IGI* (Priors Dean, Hants); Joan Hellyer, 1544 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); William Hellier, 1561 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Edith Hellier, 1573 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Richard Hellyar, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Erney, Cornwall); Richard Hellyer, 1580 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Thomas Hellier, 1597 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Maximilian Hellier, 1678 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

## Helliker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jone Helliker, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Horningsham, Wilts); Christopher Helliker, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Frome, Somerset); George Helleker or Hillaker, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Axbridge, Somerset); Nich Hellaker, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Decumans, Somerset); Roger Hilliker, 1709, William Hillaker, 1713, Jane Helleker, 1736, James Helliker, 1739 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts); Phillip Hellicar, 1745 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Hillacre, 1825 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

## Hellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) probably a variant of **Hellen** (1). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Ellen**.

**Early bearers:** Hanna Hellen, 1662 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Ann Hellin, 1715 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Helling

**Variants:** **Hellings, Healing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

1 English: see **Hellen** and **Ellen**, and compare **Hellon**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Helling, 1567 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Agnes Helling, 1598 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb).

2 English: locative name from Healing in Lincs, but its survival as a modern name is doubtful.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Helling', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Heilyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimsby, Lincs); Richard Helling, 1639 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomae Helling, 1673 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Mary Helling, 1681 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

## Hellings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall

English: variant of **Helling**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Nathaniell Hellings, 1605 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Richard Hellings, 1669 in *IGI* (East Newlyn, Cornwall).

## Hellis

**Variants:** **Heelas, Heelis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Ellis** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** John. Hellis, 1542, Agnes Helis, 1544 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Agnes Helys, 1547 in *IGI* (London); Henrici Hellis, 1601 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); Sampson Heelas, 1609 in *IGI* (York); Alice Heelous, 1634 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Heelas, 1733 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Edward Heelis, 1754 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Helliwell

**Variants:** **Hellewell, Hellawell, Hellowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2153, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2757
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name, as shown in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, from Holywell Green in Stainland (WR Yorks), rather than from Hellywell Syke in Hipperholme or Holly Well in Rastrick, which were most likely named after members of the family. The place-name is a compound of northern Middle English *heli* + *welle* 'holy well'. Compare **Halliwell**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Heliwelle, 1285, Richard de Heliwall, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry de Sacrofonte, no date, Henry de Hellywell of Hellywell, 1326 in *Yorks Deeds* (Stainland, WR Yorks); John de Heliwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Hellewell', 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs, Rutland); John Helliwell, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johes. Hellewell, 1543 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Hellywell of the Hellywell, 1589 in *Yorks Deeds* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Gracia Helliwell, 1607, Joseph Hellowell, 1759 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Helliwell, 1619, Elizabeth Hellowell, 1645 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); James Helliwell, 1681, Mary Hellawell, 1709 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Hannah Helliwell, 1727, Joseph Hellowell, 1769 in *IGI* (Slaithwaite, WR Yorks); Hanna Hellowell, 1742 in *IGI* (Ovenden, WR Yorks).

## Hellman

**Variants:** **Hillman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Helman**.

## Hellon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Ellen**.

**Early bearers:** John Hellin, 1565 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Jhn Hellin, 1596 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); John Hellon, 1702 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Joseph Hellon, 1768 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).

## Hellowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Helliwell**.

## Hellyar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Hants
- English: see **Hellier**.

## Hellyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, Hants, and Sussex

English: see **Hellier**.

## Helm

**Variants:** **Helme, Helms, Elm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1862, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Old English *helm* 'protection, covering' (in later N English dialects, 'cattle shelter, barn'). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by or worked at a barn, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Helme in Meltham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Helm, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); William Helmis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Hugh del Helm, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard ate Helme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Helme, chaplain, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Holborn, Middx); Laurencio de Helm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); John Helme, baker, 1458 in *York Registry Wills* (York Saint Trinity, Yorks); John Helme, 1510 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard Helm, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Warton, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Elm** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne le Helme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribchester, Lancs); Esabell Helm, 1569 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); Thomas Helm, 1582 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Helm, 1603 in *IGI* (Bempton, ER Yorks); William Helm, 1607 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Nestor Helm, 1655 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

## Helman

**Variants:** **Hellman, Hillman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, Gloucs; Kent, Surrey

English: locative name denoting a dweller on a hill, Middle English *hil(le)*, *hel(le)* + *man*; compare

**Heller, Hillman**.

**Early bearers:** William Helman, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Heleman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hempstead, Norfolk); Thomas Helman', 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Osprunge, Kent); Rychard Helman, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Swalecliffe, Kent).

## Helme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Helm**.

## Helmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent; NR Yorks

English: variant of **Elmer** with prosthetic initial *H-*.  
**Early bearers:** Peter de Helmere, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Johannes Helmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Halice Helmer, 1540 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Ralph Helmer otherwise called Raufe Tyler, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Helmer, 1576 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Peter Helmer, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Wapping, Middx).

### Helmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: probably a variant of **Elmore** (see **Aylmer**) with prosthetic initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Helmore, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Landbeach, Cambs); John Helmore, 1603 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Richard Helmore, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Cornwall); James Helmore, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Exeter Saint Sidwell, Devon).

### Helms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants

English: variant of **Helm**, from the plural, or in some cases a post-medieval variant with exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William del Helmes, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Anthonie Helms, 1617 in *IGI* (Sea Palling, Norfolk); Anne Helms, 1663 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Helms, 1705 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); James Helms, 1709 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Thomas Helms, 1716 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs).

### Helmsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and central Engand: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Hemsley**.

### Help

**Variants:** **Helps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Hjalpi*. Some surname early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Helpe Arbalistarius, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Walter Help, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Gilbert Helpe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walterus Help', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Elz. Help, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Wedmore, Somerset); Robert Helps, 1634 in *IGI* (Wilsford near Pewsey, Wilts); Joana Help, 1646 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Elizabeth Helps, 1699 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *help(e)* 'aid, assistance'.

**Further information:** Compare Simon Helpusgod 'may God help us', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Helphathichemay 'help me to . . .', 1334 in *Pilkington*.

**Early bearers:** Alnoit le Help, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Kent).

**References:** Pilkington, *English Compound Nouns of the Type Used in Personal Descriptions* (University of London MA thesis, 1920); microfilm available to *MED*.

### Helps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 577
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, Wilts
- English: relationship name, variant of **Help** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Helsby

**Variants:** **Elsby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 801, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Helsby (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Ales Helsbie, 1561 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henricus Helesby, 1636 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); William Helsbey, 1765 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire).

### Helsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

English: locative name from Hellesdon (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Heylisdon, cordwainer, 1326–7 in *Norwich Freeman*; Johannes de Heylesdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caton, Norfolk); John Heylesdon, citizen and mercer of London, 1409 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Heylisdon', 1501–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Lamas with Little Hautbois, Norfolk); Christopher Helsdon, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement, Cambridge, Cambs); Eliz Helsdon, 1606 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); James Hellesdon, 1820 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Helson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Helle* (see **Hell**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** John Hellesone, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Sowe, Warwicks); Ricardo Helson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); Marke Helson, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); William Helson, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Morval, Cornwall); Nichols. Helson, 1574 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Richard Hellsone, 1663 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); John Hellsion, 1693 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); John Helson, 1708 in *Parish Registers* (Lifton, Devon).

### Helston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs; Midlothian

English: locative name from either Helston in Kerrier or Helstone in Trigg (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Helleston', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Matthew de Henleston, 1284 in *Cornish Place-Names* (Cornwall); Richard de Hellestone, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Michael de Helestone, parson of Wordi Mortimer, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Headbourne Worthy, Hants); John Helston, brewer, 1394, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Helston, goldsmith, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Henry Helston, 1552 in *IGI* (Kirkham,

Lancs); Nicolaus Helston, 1561 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

### Helstrip

**Variants:** **Elstrop**, **Elthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs  
 English: locative name from Elsthorpe (Lincs). The name in NR Yorks must have migrated from Lincs, unless it has a more local, but unidentified source.

**Early bearers:** Francisci Elstrop, 1616 in *IGI* (Waddingham, Lincs); Margt. Helstrop, 1713 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Helstrop, 1737, William Elstrop, 1745 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Edw Elstrophe, 1738 in *IGI* (Dorrington, Lincs); John Helstrop, 1741 in *IGI* (Great Smeaton, NR Yorks); Ann Elstrup, 1758 in *IGI* (Sowerby by Thirsk, NR Yorks); Mary Elstrup, 1770, Mary Ann Elstrop, 1811, Hannah Helstrip, 1822, Thomas Elstrip, 1827 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Wm. Elstrop, 1777 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Robert Helstrop, 1777 in *IGI* (Yafforth, NR Yorks); George Helstrip, 1778 in *IGI* (Hornby near Bedale, NR Yorks); Henry Helstrip, 1789 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); John Helstrip, 1792 in *IGI* (Saint Martin cum Gregory, York); Ellianer Helstripe, 1796 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Helton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Helton (Westm).

**Early bearers:** William de Helton, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Matilda de Helton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Gilberto de Helton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winton, Westm); Johanne de Helton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandford, Westm); William Helton', 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); John Helton, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Joane Helton, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Fobbing, Essex).

### Hely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Waterford and Kilkenny

1 English: see **Ely**.

2 English: see **Healey**.

3 Irish: for Ó hÉilidhe or Ó hÉalighthe, see **Healy**.

### Helyar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Hellier**.

### Helyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey

English: see **Hellier**.

### Hemans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Derbys; Lancs
- English: see **Hemmings**.

## Hembery

**Early bearers:** Robert Hemans, 1572 in *IGI* (Christon, Somerset); Kateryne Hemans, 1581 in *IGI* (London); John Hemans, 1618 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Hembery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hembling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: variant of **Embling** with excrescent initial *H-*.

### Hembra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hembrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Somerset
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hembrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Yorks
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hembrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English, see **Embery**.

### Hembry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hembury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English, see **Embery**.  
2 Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hemenway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English, see **Hemingway**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Hemery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London Norman, English, see **Amery**.

### Hemes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs
- English, see **Eames**.

### Hemesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English, see **Hemsley**.

### Heming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Gloucs
- English, see **Hemming**.

### Hemingley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: altered form of **Hemingway**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Hemingley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Mary Hemingley, 1721 in *IGI* (Wistow, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hemingray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: altered form of **Hemingway**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Hemmingway, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Hemingray, 1735 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Hemingray, 1773 in *IGI* (South Normanton, Derbys).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hemings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English, see **Hemmings**.

### Hemingsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English, see **Heminsley**.

### Hemington

- Variants:** **Hemmington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts; also Cambs
- English: locative name from any of three places called Hemington (Leics, Northants, Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** John de Hemyngton, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Reginald de Hemyngton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus de Hemyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lockington, Leics); Agnet' de Emyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkby Thorpe, Leics); Katherine Hemynton', 1455 in *Feet of Fines*

(Hemington, Northants); Dorothy Hemington, 1637 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Will. Hemmington, 1676 in *IGI* (Holywell, Hunts).

### Hemingway

**Variants:** **Hemmingway, Hemenway, Hemingray, Hemingley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2698, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2007
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare
- English: locative name from an unknown place, recorded only in the surname, but which *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests was probably in Southowram (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Hemmyngway, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Johannes de Hemyngway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cleckheaton, WR Yorks); Johannes, Willemus Hemyngway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southowram, WR Yorks); Thomas Emyngway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston, WR Yorks); John Hemingway, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Hemmyngwaye, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Annys Hemingway, 1568 in *IGI* (Aspenden, Herts); Alice Hemingway, 1569 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Abell Hemenway, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshunt, Herts); Elizth. Hemingway, 1762 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Heminsley

**Variants:** **Hemingsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place.  
**Early bearers:** William Hemensley, 1735 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Ann Heminsley, 1746, William Hemingsley, 1747 in *Parish Registers* (Foleshill, Warwicks); Wm. Hemensly, 1756, Sarah Heminsley, 1764 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Michael Hemmingley, 1757, Hemminsley, 1761 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Edward Hemingsley, 1766, William Heminsley, 1771 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

### Hemley

**Variants:** **Emley, Emly, Elmy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: (i) variant of **Embley**. (ii) locative name from Hemley (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Hemlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Katherine Hemley, 1543 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Jo. Hemley, 1573 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Richard Hemley, 1669 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Frances Hemley, 1722 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Hemmens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English, see **Hemmings**.  
**Early bearers:** Gregory Hemens, 1626 in *IGI* (London); Bartholomew Hemens, 1656 in *IGI* (Stepney, London).

**Hemmett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; also WR Yorks

English: variant of **Emmett** with a prosthetic *H*-.

**Early bearers:** John Hemmett, 1737 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Hemmett, 1785 in *IGI* (Devonport, Devon).

**Hemming**

**Variants:** Hemmings, Heming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3289, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2638
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Warwicks, Worcs, Gloucs, Staffs; Middx, Surrey; also central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Hem(m)ingr*, *Hem(m)ing*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hemmingus, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition*; Hemming de Welega, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Walter Hemming, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Hemming, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Emmyng, John Hemmyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberto Hemmyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Norton, Leics); Simon Hemmyng, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Enmore, Somerset); Parnell Hemming, 1541 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Nycholas Heman, 1579 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

**Hemmings**

**Variants:** Hemmins, Hemmens, Hemans, Emmings, Emmins, Hemings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4983, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2532
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Middx and Surrey

English: (i) variant of **Hemming** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) some later examples may be variants of **Emmins**.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Hemmings, 1596 in *IGI* (Haselor, Warwicks); Richard Hemans, 1613 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Hemmins, 1651 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Emings, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Edward Hemmens, 1676 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

**Hemmington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Lincs

English: see **Hemington**.

**Hemmingway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs

English: see **Hemingway**.

**Hemmins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent; Gloucs

English: see **Hemmings**.

**Early bearers:** Samuell Hemmyns, 1604 in *IGI* (London); Pet. Hemmins, 1630 in *IGI* (Bedford); Robert Hemins, 1630 in *IGI* (London).

**Hemp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: see **Hamp**.

**Hempenstall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English, Irish: probably a variant pronunciation of the Yorkshire surname **Heptonstall**. With the 1627 example below compare Elizabeth Heppenstall, 1627 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs). This form of the name seems to have migrated as far as E Anglia and Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Willm Hempenstall, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Hempenstall, 1627 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Thomas Hempenstall, 1628 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

**Hemphill**

**Variants:** Hemple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 170
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- Scottish: locative name from Hemphill near Galston in Ayr.

**Further information:** This name is also common in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Hemphill, 1645, and James Hemphill, 1646 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); John Hemphill, 1651, and Margret Hemphill, 1653 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

Ireland: James Hempell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); James Hemphel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); James Hemphil, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tamlaghtard, Derry); Andrew Hemphill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cleenish, Fermanagh).

**Hemphey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cambs; Surrey
- English: see **Henfrey**.

**Hemple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lanarks; also Surrey
- Scottish: see **Hemphill**.

**Hempshall**

**Variants:** Hempshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hempshall in Nuthall (Notts), recorded as *Hemstull* in 1376, *Hemsell* in 1478. There may be some late confusion with **Hampshire** (1), and *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks*

*Surnames*, points to occasional confusion with

**Empsall**

**Early bearers:** William Hemsell, 1490 in *Hempsall, One-Name Study* (Notts); Thomas Hemsall, 1555 in *Hempsall, One-Name Study* (Goltho, Lincs); Katherin Hempshall, 1577 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); William Hempshaw, 1624 in *IGI* (Nottingham); John Hemshaw, 1687 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Jonathan Hemsall, 1723 in *IGI* (Sutton on Trent, Notts); George Hamshall, 1765 in *IGI* (Scarrington, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 150; [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/hempsall/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/hempsall/).

**Hempseed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Glasgow
- English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hemp* 'hemp' + *sed(e)*, *seid(e)* 'seed', perhaps used in a pejorative sense with reference to size, although the sense 'gallows-bird, rogue' (referring to the use of hemp rope for the noose) is also recorded from 1597 (*OED*).

**Further information:** Black suggested that John Hempseil, 1597 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Cullen, Aberdeens), might represent another form of this name, but no strong evidence has been found to support this suggestion.

**Early bearers:** England: John Hempseed, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Hempseed, 1691 in *IGI* (Normanton on Trent, Notts); Wm. Hempseed, 1728, James Hempseed, 1741 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Hempseed, 1797 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

Scotland: Janet Hempseed, 1611 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Nether Ardoch, Stirlings); George Hampseid, 1639 in *The Scotch-Irish* 2, p. 497 (Cullen, Aberdeens); Jonet Hempseed, 1642 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth); John Hempseed, 1797 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Helen Hempseed, 1803 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Hempshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Hempsall**.

**Hempson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Lincs
- English: variant of **Empson** with prosthetic *H*-. Compare Rowland Hempson, 1541, Richard Empson, 1725 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Hempson, 1580, Wyllyam Empson, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Hempstalk**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hemstock**.

**Hempstead**

**Variants:** Hempsted, Hemsted, Hemstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk; Surrey

## Hempsted

English: locative name, chiefly from Hempstead in Essex or from either of two places called Hempstead in Norfolk. The Kent surname is from Hempstead in Gillingham, Hemsted in Benenden, or Hemsted in Lyminge (all in Kent). It is unclear whether (Hemel) Hempstead in Herts or Hempstead in Gloucs also lie behind the modern surname. See also **Hampstead**. **Early bearers:** Hamo de Hemstede, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Hemsted, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon de Hemstede, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thom' de Hempstede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lyminge, Kent); Johannes de Hempstede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiveton, Norfolk); John Hempstead, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Wye, Kent); Reinold Hempsted, 1589 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); William Hempstead, 1635 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent); John Hemstead, 1626 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Hempstead, 1643 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Obediah Hempstead, 1653 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Richard Hemstead, 1685 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Jane Hemstead, 1748 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Hempsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Hempstead**.

### Hempstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, Derbys
- English: see **Hemstock**.

### Hempton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry

English, Scottish, Irish: locative name from Hempton in Oxon (Old English *hēan + tūn* '(at the) high estate') or Hempton in Norfolk (Old English *Hemma + tūn* 'Hemma's estate'); both place-names developed a transitional *p* in Middle English.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Hempton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Worton, Oxon); Richard Hempton', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Pavenham, Beds); Cataryn Hempton, 1579 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Elizabetha Hempton, 1637 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Philip Hemton, 1700 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Ireland: Charles Hempton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bodoney Upper, Tyrone).

### Hems

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Worcs; Lincs; London

English: (i) locative name from Hem in Westley, Westbury (Shrops), or one of several other small places so called in Shrops, or from Hem (Montgomerys), with excrescent *-s* added in post-medieval times. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a border, Middle English *hem(e)*, *hemme* 'hem, edge, boundary'. The final *-s* may derive from an original plural.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Hemma, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de la Hemme, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John en le Hemme, 1300 in *Assize Rolls*

(Staffs); Willelmo Hem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubeham, Leics); Gylles Hems, 1694 in *IGI* (Daglingworth, Gloucs); John Hemms, 1772 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 2, p. 71; Richard Morgan, *A Study of Montgomeryshire Place-Names*. Llanrwst: Gwasg Carreg Gwalch, p. 102.

### Hemsley

**Variants:** Helmsley, Hemesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2284, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1490
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Helmsley (NR Yorks), recorded as *Elmeslac* in *Domesday Book*, *Helmesley* in the 12th century, and *Hemesley* in 1548.

**Early bearers:** William de Helmeslac, about 1160–83 in *Yorks Charters*; Walter de Helmeslay, 1260 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Helmeslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johanne de Hemelsay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Hemsley, 1477 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Joan Hemsley, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Herstmonceux, Sussex).

### Hemson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: variant of **Empson** with prosthetic *H-*.

Compare Ellen Hemson, 1554, Marmaduke Emson, 1563 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Emson, 1584, John Hemson, 1650 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Hemstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Norfolk and Lincs; Northumb

English: see **Hempstead**.

### Hemsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Hempstead**.

### Hemstock

**Variants:** Hempstock, Hempstalk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys

English: nickname; this form is found in a number of very local names, e.g. field-names, unlikely to be the source of the surname. Probably therefore from *\*hemp-stock*, with some allusion to the useful fibre which can be got from the stalk of the hemp plant or to its upright growth. *Hempstalk* appears in the relevant area, but later than *Hem(p)stock* (note Thos. Hempstalk, 1746 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts)), suggesting that the older sense of *stock* 'trunk, hard stem of a plant' was sometimes replaced by the similar sounding but more transparent *stalk*. Compare **Hempseed**.

**Early bearers:** Gartret Hempstocke, 1594 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Francis Hempstocke, 1639 in *IGI* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts); Eliza Hemstock,

1727 in *IGI* (Shirland, Derbys); Wllm Hempstock, 1743 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs).

### Hemsworth

**Variants:** Himsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Galway

English: locative name from any of the places named Hemsworth, (WR Yorks, Derbys, Dorset), but primarily the one in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Himeswurth', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus Hemmesworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farnham Royal and Seer Green, Bucks); Margaret Hemsworth, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Henry Hemsworthe, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Hemsworth, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Hemus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: perhaps for Middle English *heigh messe*, *masse* 'high mass'; compare the surname of Willelmo Maseday, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls*, and the Middle English expression (*heigh*) *messe dai* '(solemn) feast day'. Compare also **Hymas**, of which it may be explained as a dialect variant.

**Further information:** *Hemas* or *Hemus*, presumably from the surname, was being used as a given name among Independents in Nottingham in the later 18th century. Herbert Spencer, *Letters*, ch. 1, implies that bearers of this name were Huguenots, and speculates that they came from Bohemia to Stourbridge.

**Early bearers:** surnames: Margaret Hemmas, 1544 in *IGI* (Offenham, Worcs); Roger Hemas, 1593 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); John Hemus, 1618 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); John Hemus, 1622 in *IGI* (Cofton Hackett, Worcs); Richard Heimas, 1641 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs).

**References:** *MED*, at *messe*.

### Henaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Warwicks; Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó hEidhneacháin, see **Heneghan**.

### Henbest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Huguenot: probably from the French surname *Hennebise*, which is perhaps a locative name from Henneveux in Pas-de-Calais. The name is borne by Huguenots from Hannapes, Aisne, and Picardy in the late 17th and 18th century, but a connection between the surname and this place-name has not been established.

**Early bearers:** Joane Hembisse, 1589 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); Henry Henbist, 1599 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Thomas Henbest, 1720 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Robert Hinbest, 1745 in *IGI* (Bramshaw, Wilts).

References: <http://www.geneanet.org/genealogie/fr/hennebise.html>; <http://huguenots.picards.free.fr/donnees/poulain/html/idx480.htm>

## Hence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Durham; also Ayr

English; Scottish: variant of either **Ennis (Hennis)** or **Hince**.

## Henchcliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

## Henchcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; ER Yorks
- English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

## Hencher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Middx; Lincs
- English: see **Henshaw**.

## Henchey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: see **Henchy**.

## Henchy

**Variants:** Henchey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare; Louth; Galway

Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**. Compare **Hinchy**.

## Hend

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *hende* (Old English *gehaend*) ‘courtly, courteous, refined’. (ii) relationship name, perhaps occasionally a variant of **Henn** (a pet form of Henry) with an excrescent *-d*. Compare the pet form *Hendekin* (see **Henkin**) and the patronymic surname **Henderson** for *Henryson*. **Early bearers:** Henry Hende, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Hende, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes the Hende, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Alicia Hende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herts); Willelmo Hende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarstone, Leics); Walterus Hende, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Robert Hende, 1613 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); Thomas Hend, 1707 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 English: variant of **End** with a prosthetic *H*.

## Hende

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hend(e)* ‘courtly, refined; handsome; valiant’ (Old English *(ge)hende*).

**Early bearers:** Henry Hende, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Hende, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes the Hende, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); John Hende, 1440, probably identical with John Hend’, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gresilda Hend, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Essex).

## Henden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Staffs
- English: see **Hendon**.

## Hender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon
- Cornish: see **Hendra**.

## Henderson

**Variants:** Enderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40652, Ireland 2736
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32419
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Durham and Northumb; Lanarks; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Antrim

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from Middle English and Older Scots *Hener(i)son* ‘Henry’s son’, with an intrusive *-d-*. Compare **Hendrie**. (ii) relationship name from Middle English *Hendeson* ‘son of *Hen*’, a pet form of *Henry*, with an intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robertus Henderson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ledston, WR Yorks); John Hendessone, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Edward Henderson, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Henderson, 1581 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Susan Henderson, 1584 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Cuthe Henderson, 1585 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Lyncyllot Henryson, 1598 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Dorothy Henderson, 1599 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

Scotland: William Henrison, 1374 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lochmaben, Dumfriess); David Hennerson, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Casteltoun, Argyll); James Hendirsoune, 1553 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Christian Henderson, 1563 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Agnes Henderson, 1565 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Daud Henderson, 1570 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Andro Henderson, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johne Henrysoun, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Hendey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see **Handy**.

## Hendley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 79
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 498
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; Hants and Sussex
- English: see **Handley**.

## Hendon

**Variants:** Henden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey; Wilts, Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Hendon (Middx), Henden in Sundridge, Handen in Aldington, and a lost *Henden* in Woodchurch (all Kent), a lost *Hendon* in Hellingly (Sussex), and Hendon in Luffincott (Devon). There is also a place of this name in Durham, which is probably not the source of the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Hendon’, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Gilebertus de Hendon, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Rico de Hendene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); Hamo de Hiendeñe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Blackbourne hundred, Kent); Will’s de Heandeñe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyhorne hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] Heaundone, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); [ . . . ] de Handenne, 1332 in *Kent Place-Names* (Somerden hundred, Kent); Hamon de Hendenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bircholt hundred, Kent); John Hendon, 1397 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Henry Hendon, 1494 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Woodchurch, Kent); John Hendon, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Sandwich, Kent); Symon Henden, 1559 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); John Hendon, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Francis Hendon, 1569 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Robert Henden, 1636 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); William Hendon, 1664 in *IGI* (Dauntsey, Wilts); William Henden, 1670 in *IGI* (Marksbury, Somerset); Mary Hendon, 1704 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 56; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 70, 365, 464; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 440; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 152.

## Hendra

**Variants:** Hender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one of several places in Cornwall named Hendra, Cornish *hen dref* ‘old homestead’.

**Early bearers:** John del Hendre, 1370 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Hendra, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Enoder, Cornwall); John Hendra, 1566 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Phillip Hender, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Dyonyse Hender, 1614 in *IGI* (Clawton, Devon); William Hendra, 1674 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

## Hendren

**Variants:** Hendron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; Cumb; Cheshire; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish, English: unexplained. Possibly a nickname from the character Hind Horn in Scottish and English ballads and romances, whose antecedents date back to the early Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** John Hendren, 1670 in *IGI* (Pardshaw, Cumb); James Hendren, 1758 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske,

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NR Yorks); Margaret Hendron, 1819 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr); Jane Hendron, 1867 in *IGI* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Thomas Hendring, 1868 in *IGI* (Tarbolton, Ayr).

### Hendrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; WR Yorks; Durham; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Hendry**.

### Hendrick

#### Variants: Hendricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 632
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Staffs and Worcs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Dutch, Danish, Norwegian: relationship name from *Henrik*, the Dutch, Danish, and Norwegian form of the personal name **Henry**.
- Further information:** In Ireland, this is the surname of a family primarily located in the county of Wexford, said to be a branch of McMurrrough. The Irish (gaelicized) form of the name is **Mac Anraic**.
- Early bearers:** John Hendrich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Henricke, 1550 in *IGI* (London); Richard Hendricke, 1577 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Hendrick Hendrick, 1630 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London).

### Hendricks

#### Variants: Henricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Dutch: relationship name, patronymic from **Hendrick**.
- Early bearers:** Samuel Henricks, 1577 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Katherine Henricks, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Hendricks, 1604 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Olevier Hendrix, 1646, and Pieter Hendrix, 1685 in *IGI* (Dutch Church, Colchester); Jacob Henricks, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London).

### Hendrickson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England
- English: relationship name from the personal name **Hendrick** + the patronymic marker *-son*. This form of the name appears to be a 16th- or 17th-century importation from the Netherlands, reinforced in the 20th century.
- Early bearers:** Hendrick and Jannetje Hendrickson, about 1605 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); Cornelius Hendrickson, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint James, London).

### Hendrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1192, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 734
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish: see **Hendry**.

### Hendron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 165

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish, Irish: see **Hendren**.

### Hendry

#### Variants: Hendrey, Hendrie, Hindry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7556, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4729
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and NE Scotland; also Norfolk; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

English, Scottish: relationship name, variant of **Henry** with intrusive *d*. This form of the name was particularly common in Norfolk and in Scotland.

**Further information:** The seal of Alice daughter of Henry de Sandford, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* v (Essex), reads *S ALIS FILIA. HENDRICI*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hendricus, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Hendricus Prid, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Hendrie Ralstoun, 1519 in *Black*; Hendrye Stanford, 1593 in *The East Anglian* (original series) ii (Suffolk).

sumames, England: John Hendre, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); Edwardus Hendr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stithians, Cornwall); Elis' Hendr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Norfolk); Ricardus Hendre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brailes with members, Warwicks); Johannes Hendry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashill, Norfolk); Johannes Hendry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardingham, Norfolk); Isabel Hendre, 1399–1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thome Hendry, 1551, Willm. Hendrey, 1733 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Hendry, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); John Hendry, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Humphrey Hendrey, 1644 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Merial Hendrey, 1679 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

sumames, Scotland: Hendyre Hendry, 1562 in *Stirling Burgh Records*; Jhone Hendry, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Janet Hendry, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); George Hendry, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mart. Hendry, 1635 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Walter Hendry, 1640 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); James Hendry, 1668 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings); James Hendry, 1676 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banff); Agnas Hendrey, 1680 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings); William Hendrey, 1706 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

### Hendry

#### Variants: Hendey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2151, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1505
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Kildare; also Dublin

English: nickname from Middle English *hendy* 'courteous, valiant, humble', used also as a personal name (unless that is a pet form of *Henry*; see **Henon**). The name was taken to Ireland.

**Early bearers:** William Hendi, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Robert le Hendy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henricus filius Hendy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Hendy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Melcombe Regis, Dorset); Thomas Hendy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henricus Hendy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); Johannes Hendy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acle, Norfolk); Rogerus Hendy, 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Marsh Baldon, Oxon); Henrico Hendy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Walterus Hendy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rollington, Dorset); Nicolaus Hendy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gretton, Gloucs); John Hendy, clerk, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Hendy, 1546 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); John Hendy, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Elizabeth Hendy, 1580 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Anne Hendey, 1601 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johan Hendey, 1616 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Willia Hendy, 1622 in *IGI* (Hartpury, Gloucs); William Hendy, 1675 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

### Henegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Lincs; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- Irish: from Ó hEidhneacháin, see **Heneghan**.

### Heneghan

#### Variants: Henaghan, Henegan, Hennigan, Hinnigan, Henigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 1112
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish (Mayo): relationship name from Ó hEidhneacháin 'descendant of *Eidhneachán*', a personal name apparently based on the word *eidheann* 'ivy'. A shortened form has been anglicized as **Heenan**.

**Early bearers:** Mallache Howneghan, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1024 (Kilkenny); Donald O'Henechan, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3155 (Rosse); Shane O'Henigane, priest, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5451; Philip and Shyheghe O'Heanegane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6658.

### Henery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon
- English, Scottish: see **Henry**.

### Henessey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

### Henesy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

### Heney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 English: locative name from Great and Little Heny (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Heneye, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Edmund de Heney, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Margareta Henay, 1379 in *Poll*



*Tax* (Pudding Norton, Norfolk); John Henney, 1380–1 in *Salisbury Clerical Poll Taxes*; John Henny, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Henney, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Skirbeck, Lincs).

2 Irish: from Ó hÉanna, see **Heaney**.

## Henfrey

**Variants:** **Hemphrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, Derbys, Lincs, and WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Hainfroi*, Continental Germanic *Hainfrid*, *Heinfrid*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Heinfrid' de Colecestr', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Hemfridus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants).

urnames: Walter Hemfrey, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Frindsbury, Kent); Margareta Henfrey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholao Henfrey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Broughton, Leics); Wylliam Hemffrey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Heng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 王. The dialect is found in E Guangdong province, from where people migrated to SE Asian countries such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. See **Wong** (1).

2 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surnames 邢 and 幸, see **Hing** (2) and (3). The dialect is found in E Guangdong province, from where people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand.

3 Cambodian or other SE Asian: unexplained.

4 German: relationship name from a short form of the personal name *Heinrich*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Heng, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London).

## Henham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Henham (Essex, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Henham, 1307 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*; Richard de Henham, 1336/7 in *Herts Archives*; Richard Henham, 1403 in *Bristol Record Office*; Christian Henham, 1581 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); William Henham, 1645 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Iden Henham, 1717 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); William Henham, 1752 in *IGI* (Loughton, Essex).

## Henigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham; Warwicks

Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

## Henington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Notts

English: see **Hannington**.

## Henkin

**Variants:** **Hinkin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Henekin*, *Hendekin*, a pet form of **Henry**. Compare the synonymous **Hankin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hanekin, Henekin le Rede, 1299 in *London Court Rolls*.

urnames: William Henekin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Hendekyn, 1337 in London Letter Books F; Julia Hendekyn', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Wollaston, Northants); Johannes Henkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); William Henkyn, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Hargrave, Northants); Willm. Henkin, 1609 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Frederick Henkin, 1859 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Henley

**Variants:** **Henly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2699, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2243
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Sussex; Devon; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork; Mayo

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Henley (Surrey, Oxon, Somerset, Warwicks, Shrops, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Henlega, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Henlay, 1270 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Heneley, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Henley, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Hadlow, Kent); Thomas Henley, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Gregory and Martin, Wye, Kent).

2 Irish: from Ó hIonnghaile, see **Hennelly**.

## Henly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Sussex; Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English, Irish; Scottish: see **Henley**.

## Henman

**Variants:** **Hinman**, **Hanman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Northants, Oxon, Middx

English: (i) occupational name, probably for the keeper of the hens, Middle English *hen(ne) + man*. (ii) occupational name, status name, possibly in some instances for the servant (Middle English *man*) of a man called *Hann* or *Henn* (see **Hann**).

**Early bearers:** John le Henman, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Swarraton, Hants); William Henman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Heneman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Henman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwicks); John Henman, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Rodmersham, Kent).

## Henn

**Variants:** **Hend**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Henn*, like *Hann* a pet form of **Henry**.

Compare **Henkin**. *Henna* is the corresponding feminine form. Forschner cites *Henrica* (without date). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Henna Curi, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Henn Hayman, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Ugborough, Devon).

urnames: Johannes filius Hen, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Euerard Henne, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Hen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); Jn. Henn, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Great Burstead, Devon).

2 English: nickname for someone thought to resemble a hen in some way, Middle English *hen(ne)*.

**Early bearers:** Colemannus, Thomas le Hen, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Henna

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Hennah**.

## Hennah

**Variants:** **Henna**, **Eno**, **Ennis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Hennowe (in Saint Ewe Cornwall, adjacent to Goran and Mevagissey), spelled *Hennah* in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Anthonie Eno, 1596 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Dan Hennow, 1599, Edward Henna, 1704, Eliz Hennah, 1740, Edw Hennah, 1774 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Walter Eno, 1605 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Robert Hennowe, John and Richard Hennoe, William Hennowe 1641, in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Goran, Cornwall); Martha Hennowe, 1664, Kathern Henna, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Goran, Cornwall); James Enoe, 1703 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Robert Hennah, 1717 in *IGI* (Lanteglos by Fowey, Cornwall); Richard Hennah, 1740 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); William Enno, 1814 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).  
**References:** O. J. Padel, personal information.

## Hennebry

**Variants:** **Hanbury**, **Ansbro**, **Hansbury**, **Hansberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó hAimhíre 'descendant of *Aimhíre*', a personal name meaning 'wild, warlike'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Henebry, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §89; Edmund Hynebrye, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1065; David Hennebry, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2085; Maurice Henebry, kern, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2041 (Portroane); Philip Henebry, groom, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2043; David Henbury, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3073 (Ballevrasshell); David Henebry (Fitz William), 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6441; Thomas Hunbery, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511.

## Hennegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

## Hennell

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó hAnnagáin, see **Hannigan**.

## Hennell

Variants: **Hennells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent; also Northants and Lincs

English: locative name from Hempnall (Norfolk), recorded as *Hemenhala*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and as *Hemmale*, 1415 in *Cambridge University Library*.

**Further information:** A manor called *Hemhaleshalle* is also recorded, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Thornham, Suffolk), presumably named from the family.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hemenhale, 1276 in *Patent Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); Henry de Hemenhale, parson, 1294 *Patent Rolls* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Ralph de Hemenhale, knight, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robert Hemnale, 1370 in *Suffolk Record Office* (Bury); Johannes Hemenhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Ricardus Henhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shellow, Essex); Ralph, Robert Hemnale, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Nicholas Hennell, 1538 in *Parish Registers* (London); Thomas Hennell, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Daniell Hennell, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joseph Hennal, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Anth Hemnel, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Homersfield, Suffolk); William Hennell, 1714 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Samuel Hennell, 1780 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

## Hennells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Hennell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Hennelly

Variants: **Henley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Galway

Irish: from Ó hIonnghaile, from a variant of the personal name *Fionnghal*, which gave rise to Ó Fionnghaile, see **Fennelly**. The surname is common in Mayo.

**Early bearers:** Fariagh mcHugh O’Henly, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Deran); Shane O’Henyll, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5403 (Carlow); Teig mcMelaghlin O’Hannyle, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6479; Richard Henely, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6538 (Kilkenny); Richard Hennelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway).

## Henner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Shrops and Cheshire

English: locative name from Hennor in Leominster (Herefs), Heanor (Derbys), or Hennor (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** William de Henner, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry de Henouere, 1272–1307 in *Derbys Charters*; Henry Henner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Radulpho Henour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fenny

Drayton, Leics); William Hennore, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Hennor, 1588, Anne Henner, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Henner, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Elsborus Hennor, 1667, Charoli Henner, 1709 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs).

## Henesey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

## Hennesey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1824, Ireland 340
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Tipperary, Cork, and Kerry; Carlow

Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

## Hennessy

Variants: **Hennessey**, **Hennessy**, **Henesey**, **Henesy**, **Hinsey**, **Henchy**, **Hinchy**, **Henessey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3120, Ireland 5050
- **GB frequency 1881:** 584
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Tipperary, Limerick, and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó hAonghusa ‘descendant of Aonghus’; see **Angus** and compare **McGinnis**.

**Early bearers:** Rory McThomas O’Henese, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2146; Rory O’Huysa or O’Henessa, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2348; John y tlea O’Heniessey, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3095 (Farryelli); Perce O’Honnysse, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223; Dormit ouer McRory O’Henese, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3959; Thomas fitz Richard E Henesie, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4256; Peter O’Henesay, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4867; Thomas Henesie, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465 (weaver); Brian McShane O’Hennessy, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762.

## Henesy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

## Henney

Variants: **Henny**, **Hannah**, **Hanney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lancs and Cumb; Glasgow; also London

1 English: locative name in E England from Henny in Soham (Cambs), Great and Little Henny (Essex), or (less likely) *Henney*, a lost place in Cambridge (Cambs). Some of them have early spellings alternating between *-en-* and *-an-*, which will account for *Henney* and *Hanney* as variant surname forms. The early occurrence of the surname in Staffs, where the surname is largely concentrated in modern times, implies migration of the Cambs or Essex name westward, unless there is another but unidentified source for it in Staffs or a nearby

county. Alternatively see (2) and (3), which are from Somerset and Berks place-names.

**Early bearers:** E England: Richard de Heneye, 1227 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Ely, Cambs); Edmund de Heney, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John de Henney, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Hennay, king’s clerk, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Havering, Essex); Johanen Henney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); John Henny, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Hennay, spicer, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Scoulton, Norfolk); Thomas, John Henney, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Henney, gent., 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Skirbeck, Lincs); John Henny, 1572 in *IGI* (Bobbingsworth, Essex); Mathewe Henney, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Henny, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx).

W Midlands: Latard de Heny, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Henney, 1366 in *Assize Rolls* (Hatherton, Staffs); Richd. Henny, 1560 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Henry Henny, 1570 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Henney, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Sampson Henny, 1615 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Trew Henny, 1675, Addey Hannah, 1716, Jno Heny, 1723, Mary Henney, 1738 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Henney, 1775 in *IGI* (Newton Regis, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 45, 199; *Tooth* 3, p. 223.

2 English: see **Hanney**.

3 Scottish, English: see **Hannah**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hanney, 1691, William Hannah, 1707, James Henney, 1826 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Henry Henney, 1710, Henry Hannah, 1736, Dorothy Hanney, 1794 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

4 Irish: see **Heaney**.

## Hennigan

Variants: **Heneghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 480
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo
- Irish: from Ó hEidhneacháin, see **Heneghan**.

## Henniker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: locative name for a dweller ‘(by the) hen field’, Middle English *hen(ne) + aker, acre* (Old English *henn, æcer*).

**Early bearers:** John Hennacre, 1474 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Robert Hennaker, 1531 in *Kent Wills*; Charles Henicar, 1660 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* p. 30.

## Henning

Variants: **Hennings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 868, Ireland 267
- **GB frequency 1881:** 437
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Dorset; London; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down

English: probably a variant of **Haining**. Compare Foxley Henning in Castle Sowerby (Cumb): see *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 245.

**Early bearers:** Parnel Henning, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); Rob Henninge, 1578 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Samuel Henning, 1601 in *Parish*

*Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Harry Henning, 1717 in *IGI* (Alton Pancras, Dorset).

### Hennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon

English: variant of **Henning** with a plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Henynghes of Skydbrok, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Skidbrooke, Lincs); Edmund Hennings, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx).

### Hennington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants
- English: see **Hannington**.

### Hennion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: see **Ennion**.

### Hennis

Variants: **Hence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

English: see **Ennis**.

### Henry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs; Glasgow

1 English: see **Henney**.

2 Irish: from Ó hÉanna, see **Heaney**.

### Henretty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
- Irish: see **Hanratty**.

### Henry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- English, Scottish: see **Henry**.

### Henrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Henrik*, a variant of **Henry**.

2 Irish: from **Mac Anraic**, a patronymic from *Henrik*, a Scandinavian personal name cognate with **Henry**.

**Early bearers:** Dalliagh McDermod O'Henrike, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5605.

### Henricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Dutch: variant of **Hendricks**.

### Henrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Warwicks; Selkirks and Midlothian

Scottish, English: see **Henry**.

### Henriksen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Danish and Norwegian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Henrik* (see **Henry**).

### Henriques

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

Jewish (Sephardic), Portuguese: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Henrique*, Portuguese form of **Henry**.

**Early bearers:** Portuguese: Joao Gomes Henriques, 1824 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Gordeiaiva Henriques, born in Costa Rica, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx).

Jewish: Isaac Senior Henriques, 1700 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Moses Henriques, 1731 in *IGI* (London); David Henriques, 1743 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Abraham Henriques, 1786 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Moses Quixano Henriques, publisher, 1834 in *Gloucs Hebrew Community* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Isaac Henriques, bookseller, in *Census 1841* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Abraham Henriques, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Henry

Variants: **Hanry**, **Hendry**, **Henery**, **Henrey**, **Herry**, **Henrys**, **Henrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16644, Ireland 4365
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7500
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Tyrone; Sligo and Mayo

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Henri*, an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Haimric*, *Heinric*, *Henric*, and one of the most popular of the names introduced to England following the Norman Conquest. In English pronunciation *Henry* was sometimes altered to **Henry**, with assimilation of *-nr-* to *-rr-*. Compare **Harry**, from the alternative form *Hanry*. Pet forms include **Henn** and **Herriott**. In S Wales the surname was a post-medieval coinage, modelled on the English surname, but it was often not hereditary until the 18th or 19th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Henricus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Heinric, Henric, 1115–45 in *Durham Liber Vitae*. surnames, England: Thomas Henery, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Henry, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John Fitz Henrie, 1346 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; Robertus Henry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holton, Oxon); Henricus Henry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Maurucius ap Henry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Garway with hamlets, Herefs); Johannes Henry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fairfield, Kent); Hugo Henry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, Hants); Johannes Henry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norlington,

Sussex); Johanne Henry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); Johannes Henry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Robertus Henry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); George Henry, 1509 in *IGI* (Ashill, Norfolk); Joan Henry, 1538 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); William Henry, 1552 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); John Henry, 1560 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Margaret Henry, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Henry, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Barbary Henry, 1604 in *IGI* (Newbiggin, Westm); Guilielmi Henry, 1630 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Joseph Henry, 1655 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Dorothy Henry, 1663 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks).

surnames, Scotland: Mathow Henry, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); David Henry, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Henry, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jenot Henry, 1605 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Robert Henry, 1607 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); William Henry, 1632 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); Robert Henry, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); Jeane Henry, 1649 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Lilius Henry, 1649 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Joane Henry, 1651 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); John Henry, 1661 in *IGI* (Dalziel, Lanarks).

surnames, Wales: Richard Henry, 1572 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Gwilliam Prichard Henry, 1601 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); Thomas Henry, 1607 in *IGI* (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan); Dorothy Henry, 1631 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Margareta Henry, 1638 in *IGI* (Kerry, Montgomerys); Henry Henry, 1774 in *IGI* (Llangeview, Mommouths); Joseph Morgan Henry, 1796 in *IGI* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hInnéirghe 'descendant of *Innéirghe*', a byname based on *éirghe* 'arising'.

**Early bearers:** James Hynery, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3498; Thomas O'Henry (alias Uhenry), 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4585 (Arrenbegg); Cormack oge O'Henry, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5770.

3 Irish: from **Mac Éinrí** or **Mac Anraoi**, patronymics from the personal names *Éinrí*, *Anraoi*, Irish forms of *Henry*. It is also adopted for **McEnery**.

**Early bearers:** James ny glahoge alias McHanry, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2254 (Curaghmchanry); Edm.moyle McHanry, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2512; Edm. McHanry, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3547; Owen grane McEnree, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848 (Terre); Morris McHenrie, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6479 (Clonlehard, Limerick); Morchoe mcEdm. McHanrye, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517; Wm. McHenrie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6550 (Lissnoyd, Westmeath); Shane McHenrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6660 (Balleboy, Dublin); Walter McHenrie, pikeman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6663 (Donemony, Westmeath).

### Henrys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts

English: relationship name, variant of **Henry** with genitival *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Henris, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henrie Henrys, 1659 in *IGI* (London); William Henrys, 1680 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Kent); Lewis Henrys, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, London).

## Hensall

### Hensall

Variants: **Henzell**, **Hensell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hensall (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Alan de Hethensal', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Dionisius de Hensale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Simon Hensell, clerk, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Homfridus Hensall, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Lower Peover, Cheshire); Jacob Henzell, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Hensby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk

English: locative name from Hemsby (Norfolk), with assimilation of [m] to the following alveolar [s].  
**Early bearers:** John Hensby, 1589 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elisabeth Hemsbye, 1601 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Hensby, 1672 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Sarah Anne Hemsby, 1794 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Hensell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- English: see **Hensall**.

### Hensher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks; Middx
- English: variant of **Edensor** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Henshey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.  
**Early bearers:** Cocogery A Hunyes, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1398.

### Henshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1553, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1452
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Staffs
- English: see **Henshaw**.

### Henshaw

Variants: **Hencher**, **Hensher**, **Henshall**, **Hinshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3810, Ireland 104
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2543
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Henshaw in Prestbury (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Henneshagh, 1365 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Thomas Henshaw, 1549 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Hughe Henshaw, 1562 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Sysley Henshall (Henshawe), 1570 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Henrie Henshall, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); William Henshaw, 1621 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).  
2 English: locative name from Henshaw (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Henschal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Henshaw, 1545 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Margaret Henshaw, 1563 in *IGI* (Thornton by Horncastle, Lincs); Elizabeth Henshaw, 1580 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

3 English: locative name from Hensall in Snaith (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Dionisius de Hensale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 19.

### Hensher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: possibly a variant of **Henshaw** via its variant *Henshall*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hensher, 1666 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Richard Henshere, 1678 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); John Hensher, 1739 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds); Jane Hensher, 1766 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics).

### Hensley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs, Warwicks, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: locative name from Hensley (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Henselay, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Hensleigh, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Hensman

Variants: **Hinckesman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, Beds, and Leics; also London

English: occupational name for a groom, later a squire or page of honour; also a carrier, from Middle English *hengestman* (Old English *hengest* 'stallion' + *mann*).

**Early bearers:** William Henxman, 1413 in *Close Rolls*; Thomas Hengysman, 1460 in *Rochester Wills*; John Hengestman, 1473 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; Thomas Hensman, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Hinchman son of Thomas Henchman, 1674 in *Bardsley*.

### Henson

Variants: **Hainson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5175, Ireland 106
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3499
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and WR Yorks; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Hen*, *Hend(e)*, or *Hendy* (pet forms of **Henry** or **Hendry**) + *son*; compare **Henderson**. *Hendy* may also have been derived from Middle English *hendy* 'courteous' used as a personal name (see **Hendy**).  
**Early bearers:** William Hendisson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogerus Henson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Philippo Henson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shackerstone, Leics); Johannes Henson', Nicholaus Hendeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Bromswold, Northants); Willelmus

Hendson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brearton, WR Yorks); Thomas Hendeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fairburn, WR Yorks); Willelmus Henson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Willelmus Henson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Williamus Henson, 1544 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Jane Henson, 1562 in *IGI* (Barkston, Lincs); Richerds Henson, 1589 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Susan Henson, 1591 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Elizabetha Henson, 1598 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Henson, 1603 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Ellen Henson, 1609 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Hainson**.  
3 English: in Devon, where patronymics in *-son* rarely originated, it is perhaps a variant of **Hingston**, as suggested by Thomas Henson, 1562, Rebecca Hingston, 1611 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon), and less clearly by Robert Hinson, 1707, Robert Henson, 1711 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Walter Henson, 1582 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Humfridi Henson, 1613 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon).

4 Irish: from Ó hAmhsaigh, see **Hampson**.

### Hensor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Edensor** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Henstock

Variants: **Hanstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hinstock (Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hinstok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worthen with parcels, Shrops); John de Hynstok, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (grant of the manor of Romford (Essex)); Thomas Henstock, rector, 1458 on memorial inscription (Saint Thomas, Melton Abbas, Dorset); Gratia Henstocke, 1566 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); George Henstocke, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Revesby, Lincs); Robert Hinstock, 1650 in *Shrops Archives* (Puleston, Shrops); William Hinstock, 1706 in *IGI* (Stoke upon Tern, Shrops); Joannes Henstock, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Anamiryah Hinstock, 1749 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

### Henstridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset
- English: locative name from Henstridge (Somerset) or perhaps Henstridge in Hartland (Devon); there is also a Henstridge in Berryarbour (Devon), but this is not on record before the 19th century and is unlikely to be a source for the surname.  
**Early bearers:** John Henxstrich, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Walter Henstrygge, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Wyke in Gillingham, Dorset); Wolston Henstridge, 1573 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Stephen Henkstridge, 1609 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Somerset); William Henstridge, 1622 in *IGI* (Tarrant Crawford, Dorset); Jane Henschtridge or Henstridge, 1630 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Hinstridge, 1720, Henry Henstridge, 1752 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Abraham

Henstretch, 1746 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Thomas Hinstridge, 1752, Hinstrech, 1770, James Hinstretch, 1778 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Thomas Henstretch, 1757, John Henstridge, 1764 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); John Henstrech, 1849 in *IGI* (Ansty, Wilts).

References: [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/henstridge/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/henstridge/).

### Henthorn

Variants: **Henthorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Henthorn in Whalley parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Ann Henthorn, 1585 in *IGI* (Manchester); John Henthorne, 1630 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Hannah Henthorn, 1763 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 77.

### Henthorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Henthorn**.

### Henton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 562
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts and Leics

English: locative name from either of two places called Henton (Oxon, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Henton, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Laurence de Henton, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Henton, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus de Henton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marnham, Notts); Johannes Henton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Emmington, Oxon); John Henton, clerk, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon, Bucks); Thomasina Henton, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Chislet, Kent).

### Henty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent

English: locative name from Antye Farm in Wivelsfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert, John de Hentye, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Radulphus Hentye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Robert Antye, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robert Henty, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Patcham, Sussex).

### Henwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Middx, Hants, and Berks

English: locative name from Henwood (Cornwall), Henwood (Berks), or possibly Henwood Green (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Robert Henwood, 1554, Alys Henwood, 1565, Kathryn Henwood, 1566, and Nicholas Henwood, 1569, in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Steeven Henwood, 1565, and John Henwood, 1568 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); John Henwood, 1588 in *IGI*

(Landrake, Cornwall); Oliver Henwode, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Henwad, 1655 in *IGI* (Ufton Nervet, Berks); Alice Hinwood, 1782 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent).

### Henworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: probably a variant of **Hanworth** or **Hainsworth**.

**Early bearers:** William de Henworth of Pemberton, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Henworde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upwey, Dorset); John Henworth, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (White Notley, Essex); Wllm Henworth, 1574 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); James Henworth, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Burton on Trent, Staffs); Thomas Henworthe or Henworth, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Henzell

Variants: **Hensell**, **Hensall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham

English: see **Hensall**.

**Further information:** According to *Smiles*, pp. 401–2, this was the name of a Huguenot refugee who settled in Newcastle upon Tyne after the Massacre of Saint Bartholomew's Day. With two other refugees, called Tysack and Tittory, he started a glassworks there. But the surname is not French.

### Hepburn

Variants: **Hebburn**, **Hebborn**, **Hebbron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4097, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2602
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Perth, Aberdeens; also Durham

1 English: locative name from Hepburn (Northumb), Hebron (Northumb), or Hebburn (Durham). Some of the early forms of these place-names were easily confused.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Hepburne, 1271 in *Black*; Johnne Hepburn, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobel Hepburn, 1580 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Isbell Hebrone, 1587 in *Black* (Monifieth, Angus); James Hebburn, 1635 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marion Hepburn, 1642 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perth); William Hebrone, 1681 in *Black* (Perth).

England: Thomas de Heburn, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Maurice de Heburn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hebron, Northumb); Nicholas de Hybburne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hepburn, Northumb); Cleria de Heburn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Tossion, Northumb); John Hebburn, 1407 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Peter Hebborn, 1562, Christophorus Hebburn, 1661 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Jno. Hepburn, 1621 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Ralph Hebburn, 1724 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); Timothy Hebron, 1757 in *Black* (Ryton, Durham).  
2 English: see **Eburne**.

### Hepden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Hebden**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Hepdeyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markington, WR Yorks); Nicholas Hepden, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Stephen Hepden, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Bartholomew, Burwash, Sussex); Sara Hebden, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks).

### Hepher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: see **Heffer**.

### Heppel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: see **Hepple**.

### Heppell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 820, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Hepple**.

### Heppenstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Heptonstall**.

### Hepper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; WR Yorks; Anglesey

English: (i) see **Hipper**. (ii) locative name, reduced form of *Hepperay*, apparently an unidentified place: see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. (iii) variant of **Hepworth**: see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hepper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Poppleton, WR Yorks); Emm Hepper, 1562 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Henry Hepper, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Layston, Herts); Thomas Heppar, 1618 in *IGI* (Rylstone, Yorks); Henry Heper, 1730 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); William Hepper, 1798 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset).

### Heppinstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Heptonstall**.

### Hepple

Variants: **Heppel**, **Heppell**, **Hepples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1115, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Hepple (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Heppal, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Alice Heppell, 1540 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Robart Heppell, 1605 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Heppell, 1792 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Hepples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0

## Heppleston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: variant of **Hepple** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Heppleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hepplestone**.

### Hepplestone

Variants: **Heppleston, Epplestone, Eppleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Cheshire
- English: locative name, local pronunciation of **Heptonstall**.

**Early bearers:** John Heplston, 1698 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Sarah Hepplestone, 1743 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Ann Heppleston, 1776 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Hepplewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Hebblethwaite**.

### Heptinstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Heptonstall**.

### Hepton

Variants: **Epton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Hebden**.

### Heptonstall

Variants: **Heptinstall, Heppenstall, Heppinstall, Hepplestone, Hemenstall, Heppleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: locative name from Heptonstall (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** The two [t]s and the sequence of [n] and [l] in *Heptonstall* caused difficulties for speakers and for parish clerks, who rendered the name in a variety of ways. From WR Yorks parish registers, *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes George Hepplestall (1574, Ripon), Mary Heppenston, (1736, Cantley), Richard Heptonston, (1746, Methley), and Hannah Hepplestall or Heppleston (1797–1805, Acomb). To these may be added Richard Heppinstall, 1562, Jane Heppleston, 1697 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joseph Hepplestall, 1695 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Tho. Heptenston, 1739 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Heppenstone, 1786 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Heptonstall, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Heptonstall, 1554 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Catherina Heptonstall, 1559, Anne Heptinstall, 1608, William Heppenstall,

1631 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Jane Heppenstall, 1568 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); William Heptinstall, 1558, Matthew Hepinstall, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Matthew Heppenstall, 1791 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Hepwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, Lancs
- English: see **Hepworth**.

### Hepworth

Variants: **Hipworth, Epworth, Hipwood, Hepwood, Hepper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3791, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3413
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs

English: locative name primarily from Hepworth (WR Yorks); less likely from the place so named in Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Eadward de Heppeworde, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Essex); Stephen de Heppeworth', 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alicia de Hepworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Richard Hyppeworthe, 1387 in *Petre Documents* (Essex); John Hepworth, 1414 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Hepwood, 1574 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Robert Hepworthe, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); John Hipwood, 1611 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Thomas Hipwood, 1682 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); John Hepwood, 1705 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Heraghty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó hOireachtaigh, see **Herrity**.

### Herald

Variants: **Herrald, Herold, Herod, Herrold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 75
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Herold*, representing either Old French *Hairold*, *Herold*, *Heraud* (Continental Germanic *Hariwald*), Old English *Hereweald*, or Old Scandinavian *Haraldr* (see **Harold**). The names were probably used interchangeably. In *Domesday Book*, *Harald* and *Herald* sometimes name the same man, and in Wace's Anglo-Norman poem, *Roman de Rou*, King Harold is named as *Heraut*.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *heraud*, *herault*, *herode*, *haraude*, Old French *heraut*, *herault* 'herald' is formally possible, but it is doubtful if it was ever used as a surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Herouldus, Hairaudus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Heraldus, Heral, Eral, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hereuoldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).

surnames, England: Adam Herwald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Heraud, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Herwald, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Symone Herold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Johanne Herowd, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Market Harborough, Leics); Johannes Herald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rockland, Norfolk); Edmond Herold, 1590 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Nicholas Herald, 1677 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); Thomas Herold, 1686 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Benj Herral, 1786 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); John Herral, 1821 in *IGI* (Balderstone, Lancs); Jenny Herald, 1892 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

surnames, Scotland: Helen Herald, 1646 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); Lucrece Herald, 1723 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus).  
2 Irish: see **Harold**.

### Heraty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó hOireachtaigh, see **Herrity**.

### Heraud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: relationship name, French **Héraud**, **Hérault**, with the same Old French derivation as for **Herald**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Herault, 1696 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jaques Heraud, 1742 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Herbage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: see **Harbidge**.

### Herbert

Variants: **Herberts, Hebbert, Harbard, Harberd, Harbert, Harbird, Harbord, Harbot, Harbott, Harbud, Harbut, Harbutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14202, Ireland 752
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11052
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry; Dublin

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Herbert* (Continental Germanic *Hariberct*, *Her(e)bert*). A medieval pet form survives as **Hebb**.

**Further information:** This Norman surname has been established in Ireland since the 12th century; it was further reinforced by incomers from England during the late 16th century. It was gaelicized as **Hoireabárd**, **Hoibeárd**, and **Mac Hoireabáird** and subsequently re-anglicized as **McHerbert**. See also **Fitzherbert**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Herbertus, Hereberd, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Herebertus capellanus, 1148–56 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames, England: William Herebert, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Herbert, Herebert, Herberd, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Herberty, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Herbert, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shoreham, Sussex); Reginald le Fitz Herbert, 1347 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Herberd', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks and Oxon); Edmund Herbert, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Sharpenhoe, Beds); Christopher Harbart, 1550 in *York Freeman's Register*; Philip Herbert son of John Harbert, 1609 in

*York Freeman's Register*; William Harbatt son of Richard Harbart, 1626 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Harbort, 1626 in *Bardsley*.  
 surnames, Ireland: John Harbarde, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §639 (Dunshaghelene, Meath); Nicholas Harbarde, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §691 (Portlester); Shane Mac Harbard, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §449; William ne boyne McHerbert, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §661; Francis Herbert, knt., 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §542 (Laois); Edward Herbert, esq., 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5100; William Herbert, knt., 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5312 (Kerry); Gerald Herbert, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6446 (Ballibayine); Katherine Herbert, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6461 (Castlematrasse); Edw. Herbert, knt., 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6780 (the Dorow, Laois).

### Herberts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans

Welsh: variant of **Herbert** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Herbertson

Variants: **Herbison**, **Herbinson**, **Harbertson**, **Harbison**, **Harbinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Northumb

Scottish: relationship name, patronymic from the Older Scots and Middle English personal name **Herbert**. *Herbison* is found in Glasgow in 1551 and the development is shown in *Harberson*, *Harbeson*, *Harbison*, 1706 in *Black*. An intrusive *n* in the latter name gave *Harbinson*.

**Early bearers:** Archibald Herbertson, 1525 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Herbesone, 1555 in *North Berwick Charters* (Berwicks); Richard Harbertson, 1605 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Herbinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Scottish: see **Herbertson**.

### Herbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Herbertson**.

### Hercoc

Variants: **Hirecock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Rutland, Leics, Lincs, and Cambs

English: relationship name from the Middle English pet name *Hercok*, a compound of *Her* (a short form of *Herbert* or *Herman*) + the hypocoristic element *cock*. Compare *Here* (Herbertus in *Pipe Roll*, *Chancellor's Copy*) de Oxhei, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts).  
**Early bearers:** John Hercoc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Hercoc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edward Hercoc, 1717 in *IGI* (Cottingham, Northants); Henry Hercoc, 1764 in *IGI* (Wing, Rutland); John Hirecock, 1765 in *IGI* (Laxton, Northants); Jane Hirecock, 1773 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Hercules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant, by folk etymology, of **Argles**. See also **Arkless** and **Arculus**.

**Further information:** Wilson's proposed derivation from the personal name *Hercules* (*Reaney and Wilson*) is implausible, as this was not used as an English given name until the 16th century, and then only among families with an education in Classics, who would already possess hereditary surnames.

**Early bearers:** surnames: John Harklyes, 1569 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxford); Liddia Harcluse, 1665 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs); Elizabeth Hercules, 1799 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Hercus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Harcus**.

### Hercy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Norman, English: see **Hersey**.

### Herd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2603, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2190
- **Main GB location 1881:** E and central Scotland: esp. Fife; Lancs; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish, English: see **Heard**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicolas Herd, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Herd, 1558 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Margaret Herd, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Tomas Herd, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Katherine Herd, 1622 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs).  
 Scotland: Thomas Herd, 1637 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Andrew Herd, 1653 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); David Herd, 1653 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife); John Herd, 1669 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus).

### Herder

Variants: **Header**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: occupational name for a herdsman, from an agent derivative of Middle English *herden*, *hurden* 'to take care of, to tend', from Old English *hierde* 'herd'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Herder, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Hurder, 1333 in *Thuresson* (Somerset); Johan Herder, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Henricus Herder, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Hennrie Herder, 1609 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); Eva Herder, 1737 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham); Ann Herder, 1738 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Herdman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1126, Ireland 157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 754
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Lancs, and Cumb; Midlothian, Lanarks, Fife, and Perth

English, Scottish: see **Hardman** (1). *Herdman* has largely overtaken *Hirdman* as a common spelling.  
**Early bearers:** England: Ursula Herdman, 1542, Thomas Hirdman, 1552 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Olyfer Herdman, 1558 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Chateren Hirdman, 1579 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Grace Herdman, 1602 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Bessie Hirdman, 1617 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Northumb); Mary Hirdman, 1642 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Johannis Hirdman, 1646 in *IGI* (East Rounton, NR Yorks); Dorothy Herdman, 1657, Jane Hirdman, 1657 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

Scotland: Symon Hirdeman, 1321 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alexander Hirdman, chaplain, 1479 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Dunblane, Perth); Jonet Herdman, 1625, Patrick Hirdman, 1695 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Myrebell Hirdman, 1638 in *IGI* (Brechtin, Angus); Janat Hirdman, 1671, Margarat Herdman, 1677 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); John Herdman, 1719 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Elspet Hirdman, 1666, Katharine Herdman, 1722 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Herdsmen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: occupational name enshrining a late Middle English variant *herdsman* (ancestor of the modern word) of an earlier *herde-man* 'shepherd, tender of animals'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Herdesman, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Herdsman, 1633 in *IGI* (Swaton, Lincs); William Herdsman, 1737 in *IGI* (Sneaton, Yorks).

### Herdson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: relationship name 'son of the herdsman', from Middle English *hirde*, *herde* (see **Heard**) + *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Hirdson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Hirdson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Gilbert Herdson, 1415 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Preston, Lancs); Thomas Herdson, 1522 in *PROB 11*; Jenet Herdson, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).

### Here

Variants: **Heer**, **Hear**, **Heare**, **Hire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *here* 'gentle, mild, pleasant' (Old English *hære*, *hýre*).

**Early bearers:** Simon le Here, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Alan Here, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Heer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbridge hundred, Wilts); Henricus le Here, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Alice Heare, 1542 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Here, 1567 in *IGI* (Bisland, Cornwall); Dygory Heare, 1621 in *IGI* (Quethiok, Cornwall); Grace Heer, 1707 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon).

### Hereford

Variants: **Herford**, **Harford**, **Havard**, **Hurford**, **Hafford**



## Hereward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Herefs; Cheshire

English: locative name from Hertford (Herts) (in which the *t* was early lost as in the modern pronunciation *Harford*), Hereford (Herefs), or Harford (Devon, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** England: Ilbert de Hertford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); de Hereforda, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition* (Herts); Walter de Hereford, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard de Herfordia, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Simon de Hereford', 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (West Rasen, Lincs); Johannes Herford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Exton, Somerset); Cristina Hereford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); John Herford', 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon, Northants); Thomas Hereford', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Bexley, Kent); Henry Harford, 1524 in *IGI* (Boyton, Wilts); William Hereford, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Harford, 1622 in *IGI* (Bristol); George Harford, 1712 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon).

Ireland: James Harford, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Kilkenny Cantwellscore).

### Hereward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Harward**.

### Herford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Somerset
- English: see **Hereford**.

### Hering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Herring**.

### Herrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- 1 English: see **Harrington**.  
2 English: see **Herrington**.

### Heriot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Herriot**.

### Heritage

**Variants:** **Herrtage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1586, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon; London
- English: status name from Middle English *heritage* from Old French *eritage*, *heritage* 'property, especially land, which devolves by right of inheritance'; used in 1390 of heirs collectively and in these examples, perhaps, to denote an heir.  
**Early bearers:** John Heritag', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Erytage, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts);

William Heritage, about 1280 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Willm. Heritage, 1538 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Annis Heritage, 1540 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); John Heritage, 1562 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Samwell Heritage, 1581 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Alexander Heritage, 1584 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Herkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian, Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Harcus**.

### Herley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Hants
- 1 English, Irish: see **Hurley**, probably via **Herlihy**.  
2 English: see **Harley**.

### Herlihy

**Variants:** **Hurley**, **Herley**, **O'Herlihy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 902
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hIarfhlatha 'descendant of Iarfhlath', a personal name meaning 'lord of the west', sometimes anglicized as *Jarlath*.

**Early bearers:** David og mcDa O Hierlyhy and Conogher mcDavidand Shane mcDa O Hiherly, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Ballyvickdy); Morghe O'Hirley, footman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045; Donald mcDa Y Erlyhy, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3083 (Rw, Cork); Shane mcDonald Y Hierlithie, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3100 (Balyburney, Cork); John O Herlehey ny baghley, yeoman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3103 (Baneduff, Cork); Donald O Hierlyhy, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3539 (Balleavourney, Cork); Donell mcDa O Hierlihy, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4467 (Balleborny, Cork); Ellen ny Hierlehy, wife of Donogh mcDermody Cartie, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6431 (Currynoedy, Cork); Shane mcRanel I Hirleighey, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Iloinnasaghe, Cork); Wm. O Hiarlighie, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Ballyvuerny, Cork).

### Herman

**Variants:** **Hermon**, **Hurman**, **Hessel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1383, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 541
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Somerset, Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Harman**.  
2 English: see **Herniman**.  
3 English: see **Hurman**.  
4 German, Jewish: see **Hermann**.

### Hermann

**Variants:** **Herrmann**, **Herman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *heri*, *hari* 'army' + *man* 'man'. Among Jews it was probably acquired as an adoption of the German surname.

**Early bearers:** Anna Hermann, professor of singing, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Caspar Herman, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Southwark, Surrey); Joseph Herman, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Christian Hermann, baker, born in Hamburg, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Hyman Herman, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Otto Herman, tailor's presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Abraham Herman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Adolph Herman, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Gustav Hermann, cook, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Brighton, Sussex); Fritz Herman, builder, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs); Marks Herman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Hermer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; NR Yorks
- English: see **Harmer**.

### Hermiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Roxburghs, Selkirks, and Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Hermiston in Lilliesleaf (Roxburghs) or Herdmanston (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Hirdmanestun, about 1177–99, 1202 in *Paisley Register*; David Hermiston, 1567 in *Kelso Register*; John Hermiston, 1751 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs).

### Hermitage

**Variants:** **Armitage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Middx

1 English: locative name for someone who lived near a hermitage or at a place so called, named from Middle English (Old French) (*h*)*ermitage*. The 1259 bearer probably took his name from Hermitage, in Cranage (Cheshire), and the 1296 bearer is associated with Hermitage Farm, Little Packington (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Ermitage, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Hugh del Hermytage, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Hermitage, 1576 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Elizabeth Hermitage, 1646 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Anne Hermitage, 1715 in *IGI* (Southwick, Sussex); Wm. Hermitage, 1744 in *IGI* (Hinckhill, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 224; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 67.

2 English: the Kent name is alternatively, through folk etymology, perhaps an altered form of **Emptage**, a surname that flourished on the Isle of Thanet, where the following early bearers are recorded.

**Early bearers:** Sibilla Emtage, 1632, Sarah Hermitage, 1812 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Thomas Hermitage, 1772 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Hermon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 13



- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 English: see **Harman**.  
2 English: see **Hurman**.  
3 English: see **Herniman**.

### Hern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 543
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- English: see **Hearn**.

### Hernaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs; Kent
- English: see **Herniman**.

### Hernan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- 1 Irish: see **Hernon**.  
2 Irish: see **Hartney**.

### Hernandez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1253, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Jewish: variant of **Fernandez**.

### Herne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 356
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- English: see **Hearn**.

### Herniman

Variants: **Hernaman**, **Harniman**, **Horniman**, **Hurman**, **Herman**, **Hermon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset

English: locative name for a 'dweller (in a) nook or corner of land', from Middle English *herne*, *hirne*, or *hurne* + *man*. See also **Hearn**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hurneman, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Devon and Cornwall); Thomas Hurneman, 1306 in *Close Rolls*; Robertus Herneman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colebrooke, Devon); Hugo Herneman, 1428 in *Feudal Aids*; John Hernaman, 1547 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Devon and Cornwall); William Hurnaman, Richard Hornaman, 1668 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Devon and Cornwall).

### Hernon

Variants: **Harnan**, **Hernan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Offaly
- 1 Irish: from Ó hIarnáin, Ó hEárnáin, 'descendant of Iarnán or Earnán', a personal name possibly from *iar* 'iron'.

**Early bearers:** Moriertagh O Hirnan, husbandman, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2729 (Cahirkeynlys); Conoher roe O Hernan, landholder, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2873 (Balenvestellandon, Tipperary); Murrhirtagh mcRory and Ee mcMwrihirtig O Hirnan, kerns, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3097 (Sronell, Limerick); Faraghell mcMeolmory, Mac Crah, and Aherny O Hernane, rhymours, and Teig O Hernane, clerk, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3102 (Sronyll, Tipperary); Moriertagh mcMahoun O Hernan, yeoman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4853 (Ballenecorr, Dublin).

2 Irish: a contracted form of **Heffernan**.

### Hernshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics
- English: see **Earnshaw**.

### Herod

Variants: **Herrod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Leics; Lancs, Cheshire; Norfolk, Suffolk; Middx

English: (i) relationship name, usually a variant of **Herald** (Middle English *Herald*, *Heraud*, *Heroud*). (ii) nickname, occasionally perhaps in allusion to the Biblical King Herod, played as a bragging tyrant in medieval mystery plays, but evidence to support this possibility is lacking.

**Early bearers:** William Herode, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Peter Herodes, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harpham, ER Yorks); Seman Erode, Harrod, Herodes, 1297 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* x; Johannes Heirod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dalton, WR Yorks); Georg Herod, 1574 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Richard Herod, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Willus Herrod, 1670 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Barbara Herrod, 1692 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Herod, 1711 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk).

### Herold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Herald**.

### Heron

Variants: **Herron**, **Hearon**, **Hearn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4902, Ireland 677
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2842
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim and Armagh

1 English: locative name from Harome (in Ryedale, NR Yorks), recorded in *Domesday Book* as *Harun*, *Harem*, *Harum*. There was early confusion with the nickname in (2) and possibly with the locative name in (3). The place-name only has spellings in *-a-*, not *-ai-* or *-e-*.

**Further information:** The Scottish families are descendants of an Anglo-Norman, Jordan Hairun, who witnessed a charter of King David of Scotland in 1144, and held lands in Timble and in Kepwick (NR Yorks) in 1166. His son was Jordan Herum or Hayrun, who appears in the *Rievaulx Cartulary*, so his

own father may have been Drogo de Hairum, who is recorded in the same cartulary in 1131. The 13th-century Northumb family called Herun or Heyrun is probably related.

**Early bearers:** England: Drogo de Hairum, de Harum, 1131 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks), Drogo Hairun, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Harum, about 1150, William de Herun, about 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Herun, Heyrun, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Jordan Herum, 1232, Jordan Hayrun, 1234 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Roger Heroun of Ford (Northumb), 1311 in *Yorks Deeds* (North Cave, ER Yorks); Ricardus Herun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Bretton, WR Yorks); John Heron, knight, 1412 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Hessle, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Heron, 1564 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); George Heronn, 1587 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas Heron, 1589 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Edward Heron, 1591 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); John Heron, 1657 in *IGI* (Gorton, Lancs).

Scotland: Jordan Heyrun, about 1150 in *Glasgow Register*; Walterus de Hayroun, about 1178–80 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); Robert Heyrun, parson of Ford (Northumb), 1292 in *Rotuli Scotiae*; Thomas le (sic for de) Heron, knight, 1329 in *Laing Charters* (Langton, Berwicks); John Herrowne, burgess, 1505 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Marion Heron, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jhone Heron, 1605 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Alexander Herowne, 1607 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; Beigs Heroun, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cristiane Herone, 1645 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Allexander Herowne, 1671 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 70; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1003.

2 English, Scottish: nickname, probably for a tall, thin man with long legs, from Old French *hairon* 'heron', Anglo-Norman French *heron*, Middle English *heiroun*, *heyron*, *herne*, *heron*. Compare **Hern**. This appears to be the origin of the 1307 example cited below, which has the definite article, but examples without the article may alternatively belong with (1) or with (3), and post-medieval examples additionally with (4).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Hairun, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Herun, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Roger Heirun, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey le Heyrun, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatfield, Herts); William Hayron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldsworth and Woodmancote, Sussex); Nicholas Heron', 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Stokenchurch, Oxon); John Heron', 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Bexley, Kent); Stevyn Heron, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Jhoannes Heron, 1551 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); John Heron, 1551 in *IGI* (East Barming, Kent); Annas Heron, 1565 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs).

3 Norman, English: locative name from (Le) Héron (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Hairun, witness to a charter of Geoffrey de Mandeville, about 1086 in *Westminster Abbey Charters*; Ralph de Heyron, Robert de Heyrun, grantors of lands in Edmonton (Middx), 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds*; John Heroun, 1298 in *London Letter Books B* (London); John Heron, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**References:** *Domesday People*, p. 333; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 497–8; Vincent B. and Lilian J. Redstone, 'The Heyrons of London: a study in the

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social origins of Geoffrey Chaucer', *Speculum* 12 (1937), 182 ff.

4 English: sometimes probably a variant of **Hearn** (1).

5 Irish: see **Herron**.

### Herrald

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Middx English, Scottish: see **Herald**.

### Herrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Harold**.

### Herratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs
- English: see **Herriott** (1).

### Herrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Harold**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 Irish: from Ó hEarghail, see **Harrell**.

### Herrera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from villages so called (Seville, Badajoz).  
**Early bearers:** Santiago Herrera, born in Santiago, Chile, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Samuel Herrera, born in Chile, in *Census 1911* (Northumb); Jose Herrera, born in South America, in *Census 1911* (Durham); Anthony Herrera, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).  
2 French: locative name from the Gascon form of Ferrière (Pyrénées-Atlantique).

### Herrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys; London
- English: see **Herriott** (1).

### Herrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 435
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Eiríkr*, Old Danish, Old Swedish *Erik*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Eiric, Eric, Erich, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
surnames: Siwate filius Airic 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John Eirich, 1211 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Nicholas Heyryke, 1524 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Jone Herick, 1565 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics); John Eryke, 1568 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Robart Herrick, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London);

Edward Hericke, 1620 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics).

2 Irish: from Ó hEirc 'descendant of *Er*', a personal name meaning 'speckled, dark red', or 'salmon'. In Munster and Ulster it has been changed to **Harkin**.  
**Early bearers:** William O Herke, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6706 (Drome); Owen O Herrick, smith, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Ballyne Courtie, Waterford); John Herrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcree, Armagh).

### Herridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1204, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks, Hants, and Dorset

English: locative name from Herridges (Pauntley, Gloucs), in which the -s is a late addition, or perhaps from Highridge in King's Nympton (Devon).

**Further information:** Neither of two places called *Herridge Farm* (Thorncombe, Dorset (previously Devon), Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts) is recorded early.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Heyreche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Elizabeth Herridge, 1595 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset); Thomas Herridge, 1671 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Will. Herridge, 1733 in *IGI* (Lower Swell, Gloucs).

### Herries

**Variants:** **Herris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

1 Norman, Scottish, English: locative name from Hérils in Trévières (Calvados). The name in England may have died out before the end of the medieval period, but survived into the modern period in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: Willemus de Heriz, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Henry Heriz, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Willelmo de Heriz, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (half a knight's fee, Wiverton, Notts); Nicholas le Herice [sic], 1296 in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Northants); Joh'e de Heriz, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Widmerpool, Notts); Ricardo de Heriz, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (one knight's fee, Stapleford, Notts).  
Scotland: William de Heriz, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); David de Herice de Dery, 1461 in *Arbroath Register* (Conveth, Perth); Jonat Hereise, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Hereise, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Herries, 1669 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dumbartons); Margaret Herries, 1695 in *IGI* (Dalry, Kirkcudbrights).  
**References:** *Black; Domesday People*, pp. 376–7; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 513–14.

2 English: variant of **Herry** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s. Compare **Harris**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Heries, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minsterley, Shrops); John Herryys, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); George Herryys, 1536 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Herryys, 1540 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); John Herryys, 1557 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Nicholas Herryys, 1562 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Annamarya Herryys, 1573 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Willms Heris, 1586 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Charles Herries, 1666 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Herrise, 1704 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Thomas Herriss, 1728 in *IGI* (Edstaston, Shrops).

### Herriman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Shrops, Staffs, Cheshire

English: see **Harriman**.

### Herrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Worcs

English: see **Herring**.

### Herring

**Variants:** **Hering, Hearing, Herrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3358, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3057
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London
- English: nickname, probably for a dealer in herrings, or perhaps for someone who habitually ate the fish. The early examples are from Old French *hareng* 'herring'; the later ones are Middle English *hering*, from Old English *hæring*, *hëring*. The spelling *Hering* is common in Suffolk in the 1327 *Subsidy Rolls*.  
**Further information:** Compare Theobald le Heryngmongere, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Symon Haryng-bredere, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Walter le Heringman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Hareng, 1166 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Peter Harang, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Nigel Haring, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Roger Hering, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Hering, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Roseden, Northumb); Roberto Heryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Willelmus Herryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Heryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); Willelmus Heryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swinton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Herin, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shellow Jocelyn with Shellow, Essex); John Heryng', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingsclere, Hants); Simon Heryng', 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Hereford, Herefs); William Herring, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Martha Hering, 1563 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); John Hering, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Francisci Hering, 1624 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks).

### Herringshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: from a lost place in Lincs called Herringshaw.

**Early bearers:** John Herringshaw, 1711 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs); Audarey Herringshaw, 1721 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs).

### Herrington

**Variants:** **Herington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1641, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1126
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and S England

1 English: locative name from Heronden in Tenterden (Kent) or Herrington (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Herindenn, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 6 (Kent); Thomas de Heringtone, 1291 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Ricardus de Heryngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Heryngton, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Edmond Herrington, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Stapleford, Cambs).

2 English: see **Harrington**.

### Herriot

**Variants:** Heriot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Heriot (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Herryhot, 1221–38 in *Midlothian Charters*; Walter Heriot 1503 in *Treasurer Accounts*; Patrick Heriot, 1503 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: see **Herriott**.

### Herriott

**Variants:** Herriot, Heriot, Heryet, Harriott, Harrott, Harratt, Herrett, Herratt, Herrits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: relationship name from the medieval personal names *Henriot* and *Herriot*, pet forms of **Henry** and **Herry**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Henriot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Henryot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Cecilia Herriot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scoulton, Norfolk); Johanne Hariot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Goosey, Berks); William Heryotte, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Wollaston, Northants); Percival Herriot, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Limpsfield, Surrey).

2 English: locative name from Herriard (Hants).

**Early bearers:** German de Heriet (de Herierð), 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard de Heriet, 1197–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard de Herierd, 1197–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Nicholao Herierd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pusey, Berks); William Herriott, 1620 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); George Herriott, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Herriott, 1633 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Sarah Herriott, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Herriott, 1689 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent).

### Herriis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Lincs; London; Cornwall; Somerset;

English: see **Herries**.

### Herrison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Harrison**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Herrison, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johes Herrison, 1579 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

### Herrits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

• **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors English, Welsh: variant of **Herriott** (1), with exrescent -s.

### Herrity

**Variants:** Heraghty, Heraty, Harrity, Errity, Harrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs

Irish: from Ó hOireachtaigh ‘descendant of Oireachtach’, a personal name meaning ‘member of the assembly’ or ‘frequenting assemblies’. Compare **Geraghty**. English **Harrington** has also been adopted for this Irish name.

**Early bearers:** Colman hUa hAireachtaigh, ‘successor of Saint Comgall’, 1058 in *AU* (Down); Donogh bane O’Heraght, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682; Donell Hyraghtie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6693.

### Herrmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: see **Hermann**.

### Herrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Lancs, WR Yorks

English: see **Herod**.

### Herrold

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Herald**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Herron

**Variants:** Heron, Haran, Harron, Hearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2277, Ireland 1181
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1065
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Armagh

1 English: see **Heron**.

2 Irish: reduced form of Ó hEaráin ‘descendant of Earán’, a byname from a diminutive of *earadh* ‘dread, distrust’.

**Early bearers:** Fearghall O’Herine, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §642.

### Herrtage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Heritage**.

### Herry

**Variants:** Herries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk

English: relationship name, variant of **Henry**, from a common Middle English pronunciation *Herry*, with assimilation of *-nr-* to *-rr-*. See also **Harry**. There may have been some confusion with **Harre**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Herri de Merlowe, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Herry, 1500–30 in *Durham Liber Vitae*.

surnames: Nicholas Herri, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Herry, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Herry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Ricardus Herry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rushton, Northants); Willelmo Herry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardus Herry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Robertus Herry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Herry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Wyllm Herry, 1555 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Robert Herry, 1582 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Also Herry, 1593 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); An Herry, 1608 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Margareta Herry, 1617 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk).

### Hersant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Harsant**.

### Herschell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Cheshire

German: nickname, regional variant of *Hirsch* ‘stag’ + diminutive suffix *-(e)l*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Herschell, 1783 in *Parish Registers* (Walcot Saint Swithin, Somerset); William Herchell, 1813 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Herse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Hearse**.

### Hersee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Hersey**.

### Hersey

**Variants:** Hearsey, Hersee, Hercy, Hershey, Hursey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex Norman, English: locative name from Hercé or Hercy (Mayenne).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Hersy, 1201 in *Memoranda Roll*; Richard Herci, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard le Hercy, 1351–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Hersey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Hersy, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Standlake, Oxon); Elizabeth Hersye, 1566 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Henry Herrsey, 1750 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey).

### Hershey

**Variants:** Harsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: see **Hersey**.

### Hersi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ethiopian: unexplained.

## Hersom

### Hersom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Harsant**.

### Herson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northants; Essex; WR Yorks and Derbys
- 1 English: see **Harsent**.  
2 English: see **Hearson**.  
3 English: see **Harston**.

### Herst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Lancs; Hants; Lanarks; Middx
- English: see **Hurst**.

### Herve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- 1 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Hervé**, from the Breton personal name *Haerveu*; see **Harvey**.  
**Early bearers:** Henriette Magdelaine Hervé, 1728 in *IGI* (Savoye Spring Gardens French Huguenot church, London); Perre Daniel Hervé, 1752 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Saint French Huguenot church, London).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.  
2 English: variant of **Harvey**.  
**Early bearers:** John Herve, 1560 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Richard Herve, 1791 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Hervey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 384
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also SW Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Harvey**.

### Herwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Harwin**.

### Heryet

- Variants:** **Heryett**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Herriott**.

### Heryett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Heryet**.

### Herzog

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 German, Dutch: nickname from Middle High German *herzoge* ‘duke’ (Old High German *herizoho*), a calque of the Byzantine Greek title *stratēlatēs* ‘general, commander’. The surname is unlikely to denote descent from an actual duke; it was more probably applied as a name for a retainer of a duke or for someone who put on the airs and graces of a duke.  
**Early bearers:** Eberhard Herzog, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Hackney, Middx); Augustus Chas. Herzog, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey); Wilhelm Herzog, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).  
2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Herzog* ‘duke’, as in (1).  
**Early bearers:** Joel Leib Herzog, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Esther Herzog, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Heselden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Heseldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Heselgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey
- English: see **Hazelgrove**.

### Heseltine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1202, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 654
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Heselton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks
- 1 English: see **Hazelton**.  
2 English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Heselwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Hazelwood**.

### Hesford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: unexplained; apparently a locative name, but, if so, the place has not been identified.  
**Early bearers:** John Hasforth, 1564 in *IGI* (Nottingham); John Hasford, 1598 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Hugh Hesford, 1661 in *Parish Registers* (Warburton, Cheshire); John Hasforth, 1664 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Thomas Hesford, 1670 in *IGI* (Newchurch

Kenyon, Lancs); Mary Hasford, 1671, George Hesford, 1704 in *Parish Registers* (Flixton, Lancs).

### Hesketh

#### Variants: Heskett, Haskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3429, Ireland 96
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2864
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Hesketh (Lancs, NR Yorks) or Heskett (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Heskeythe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John de Hesketh, 1338 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henricus Hiscoth’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grimsbury, Northants); Thomas Hesketh, 1390 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas de Hesketh’, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Strickland, Cumb); Willms Haskatt, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Robte Heskett, 1592 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Hesketh, 1616 in *IGI* (York); Alicia Heskith, 1634 in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); Thomas Hesketh, 1697 in *IGI* (Wath near Ripon, WR Yorks); Ann Hesketh, 1737 in *IGI* (Bretherton, Lancs).

### Heskett

#### Variants: Haskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- English: see **Hesketh**.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Heskett, 1564 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Ellis Heskett, 1595 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Thomas Heskett, 1606, Robert Haskett, 1771 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs).

### Heskin

#### Variants: Haskin, Askin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Heskin (Lancs). The name has probably sometimes been confused with **Haskayne** and **Haskin**.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Heskyn 1257, [ . . . ] de Eskin, 1260 in *Lancs Place-Names*; Thomas Heskine, 1582, Ellen Heskin, 1649 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); James Heskin, 1615, Thos Heskin, 1765 in *IGI* (Wigan); Nancy Hesken, 1788 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).  
2 Irish: from **Ó hUiscin**, from a personal name of uncertain origin. Compare **Hiskey**. The Irish surname has also been anglicized as **Waters**, because of its supposed resemblance to the word *uisce* ‘water’.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Askin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh); Matthew Askin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killybegs Upper, Donegal); Patrick Haskin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Donegal); Peter Heaskin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); Connell Haskin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal).

### Heskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: variant of **Haskins**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Heskins, 1577 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); William Heskynes, 1589 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Elizabeth Heskins, 1695 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**Heslam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Haslam**.

**Hesleden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Hazeldine**.

**Heslep**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Heslop**.

**Heslewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Hazelwood**.

**Hesley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of several minor places called Hesley (Notts, Cumb, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** George Hesley, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Hesley, 1746 in *IGI* (Louth, Lincs); Ann Hesley, 1749 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Hesley, 1756 in *IGI* (Great Smeaton, NR Yorks); Mary Hesley, 1761 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks).

**Heslin**

**Variants:** **Hesling**, **Hasling**, **Haslin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 286
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; E Lothian, Midlothian, and W Lothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Leitrim

1 Irish: from Ó hEislin, a reduced form of older Ó hEisleánáin ‘descendant of *Eisleánán*’, a byname probably derived from *éislínn* ‘unsafe, weak’.

**Early bearers:** Toumultagh O’Hiselunane, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4699; Connor, Cormock, and Farrall O’Hislenan, husbandmen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4800 (Gromyn, Leitrim).

2 English: variant of **Haslin**.

3 English: locative name for a dweller ‘(by the) hazel copse’, Old English *\*hæsling*, or from any of various minor places named with this word. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hasling, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter atte Haselyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter atte Heselyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Haselynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsh, Sussex); Thomas Hasling, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Haddenham, Cambs); John Hesling, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**Hesling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Heslin**.

**Heslington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: locative name from Heslington (ER Yorks) or Haslingden (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Heselington’, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Heselington’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Haselingden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne de Heselyngton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Peter de Heslyngton of York, skinner, 1406 in *Patent Rolls*; John Heslington, 1538 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Richard Heslington, 1726 in *Parish Registers* (Christchurch, Tynemouth, Northumb).

**Heslip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Heslop**.

**Further information:** In this spelling, the name is found mainly in N Ireland.

**Heslop**

**Variants:** **Hislop**, **Hyslop**, **Heslip**, **Heslep**, **Heaslip**, **Haslop**, **Haslip**, **Hazelip**, **Haselup**, **Hasnip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3551, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2559
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb

N English: locative name for someone from Hislop, on Hazelhope Burn, in Roxburghs; or possibly for a person who lived in a deep enclosed valley (Middle English *hop(e)*) marked with hazels (Middle English *hasel* ‘hazel’), which is also the origin of the place-name *Hislop* and that of the Burn.

**Early bearers:** John Heslop, 1414 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas Heslop, 1506 in *TNA* (Norfolk); Agnes Heslopp, 1563 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Heslip, 1574 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Heslop, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Stainton, Durham); William Haslop, 1593 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Charles Heslop, 1597 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adame Hyslop, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); George Heslope, 1600 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Alisone Hislop, 1606 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Francis Haslup, 1624 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Grissell Heslip, 1655 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); John Haslop, 1673 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Helen Hislop, 1688 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); John Haslip, 1691 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr); John Hyslop, 1692 in *IGI* (Hownam, Roxburghs); Cuthbert Haslip, 1734 in *IGI* (Haydon Bridge, Northumb); Thomas Hyslop, 1750 in *IGI* (New Abbey, Kirkcudbrights); James Hyslop, 1759 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr); Archibald Hyslop, 1764 in *IGI* (Carlaverock, Dumfriess); Robt Heslip, 1770 in *IGI* (Croglin, Cumb); Mary Heslip, 1810 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Hesmondhalgh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs

English: locative name from a place called ‘Asmund’s *haugh*’ (river meadow), presumably in

central Lancs, although no such place has been identified.

**Further information:** Very strongly associated with Ribchester (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Jenet Hesmondhalgh, 1618 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); Mary Hesmondhaugh, 1621 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); John Hesmondhalgh, 1660 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Titus Hesmenough, 1676 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Ellice Hesmanhalgh, 1696 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); David Hesmondhalgh, 1727 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); Richard Hesmondhalgh, 1783 in *IGI* (Longridge, Lancs); William Hesmondalgh, 1841 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); William Hesmondhalgh, 1846 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**Hesp**

**Variants:** **Hespe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks

English: variant, by metathesis and with excrescent initial *H-*, of **Apps**. Compare **Happs**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hesp, 1664, Christopher Hesp, 1768 in *IGI* (West Heslerton, ER Yorks).

**Hespe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Hesp**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Hespe, 1622 in *IGI* (West Heslerton, ER Yorks); Ricardus Hespe, 1671 in *IGI* (Whitby, ER Yorks).

**Hess**

**Variants:** **Hesse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

1 German, Huguenot: (i) locative name, regional name from the territory of Hesse (German *Hessen*). (ii) relationship name from the German and Dutch personal name *Hess* (Germanic *Hesso*). (iii) relationship name, South German patronymic from a pet form of the personal name *Matthäus* (German equivalent of **Matthew**).

**Early bearers:** German/English: Jerome Hess, 1555 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Richard Hesse, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, London); Radolph Hesse, 1675 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); John Hess, 1686 in *IGI* (South Elmham, Suffolk).

Huguenot: Jacques Hesse, 1682, Pierre Hesse, 1683, and Isaac Hesse, 1695 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London); Jean Hesse, 1708 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Westminster, London); Salomon Hess, 1710 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

2 English: variant of **Esse** with prosthetic initial *H-*; see **Ash**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hesse, holding land at Esse, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Ash, Kent); Margeria de la Hese, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts); Rogerus atte Hese, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex).

**Hessan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

## Hesse

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks Irish: see **Hassan**.

### Hesse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs German: see **Hess**.

### Hessel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

1 English: see **Hazell**.

2 German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Hermann*; see **Herman**.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Hessel, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); George F Hessel, bag manufacturer, born in Dresden, Saxony, in *Census 1891* (Croydon, Surrey); Robert Hessel, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx); Heinrich Hessel, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Hesselden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Hesselgrave

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks English: see **Hazelgrove**.

### Hesselgreaves

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of *Hesselgreave* (see **Hazelgrove**) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Hessell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks; Essex English: see **Hazell**.

### Hesseltine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs; Durham English: see **Hazeldine**.

### Hesselwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks English: see **Hazelwood**.

### Hessey

Variants: **Hissey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Notts; Berks, Wilts, and Surrey

English: locative name from Hessay (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hessey, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks), de Hessay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks);

Henrico de Hessay, cordwainer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Hesay, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Annas Hessey, 1559 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Agnes Hesey, 1564 in *IGI* (Kingston Lisle, Berks); John Hessey, 1723 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); Charles Hesey, 1795 in *IGI* (Chobham, Surrey).

### Hession

Variants: **Hesson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 713
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish: from Ó hOisín ‘descendant of *Oisín*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *os* ‘deer, fawn’. A similar surname Ó hOsáin was used in Ulster, see **Hassan**.
- Early bearers:** Connor O Hussin, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465 (Munster); Shane O Hussine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Ballikerly, ?Kerry); Mahowne O Hushin, husbandman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Ballynehin, Munster); Gilbert Hessian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cong, Mayo); James Hession, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmainemore, Mayo).

### Hesson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Staffs
- Irish: from Ó hOisín, see **Hession**.

### Hester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1578, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx, Surrey, and Bucks

1 English: variant of **Easter** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus Hester, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darton, WR Yorks); William Hester, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Sydenham, Oxon); Agnes Hester, 1572 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); William Hester, 1583 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks).

2 Irish: according to Woulfe, this is from Ó hOistir ‘descendant of *Oistir*’, a personal name of unknown meaning, but without any early bearers in Gaelic sources, it may simply be the English name in Ireland. **Early bearers:** James Hester, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltrustan, Roscommon).

### Heston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: locative name from Heston (Middx) or Histon (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** William de Hestone, 1321 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Middx); Adam de Heston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Annes Heston, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Heston, 1799 in *IGI* (Worcester).

### Hether

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Heather**.

### Hetherington

Variants: **Heatherington**, **Hetherton**, **Etherington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5160, Ireland 694
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3732
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Fermanagh, and Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Hetherington in Wark (Northumb).

**Further information:** This English surname has been established in Ireland (Leix, Tyrone) since the mid-16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Annes Hetherington, 1585 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Luke Etherington, 1620 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); John Heatherington, 1652 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Wm Hetherington, 1689 in *IGI* (Benfield Side, Durham).

Ireland: Patrick Hethermerton, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §500 (Towloughe, Queen’s county [Laois]); Jeynkyn Hetherton, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1173 (Ballyrone, Queen’s county [Laois]); Jenkin Etherington, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1326 (Ballerone, Queen’s county [Laois]); David Hetherington, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3353 (Ballerone, Queen’s county [Laois]); George and Patrick Hetherington, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5927 (Tullye, Queen’s county [Laois]); Henry Hetherington, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan); George Hethernton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Mary Hetheron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Foyran, Westmeath).

2 English: locative name from Harrington (Northants), recorded as *Hetheringtone*, *Hetherinton(e)*, *Hetheryngton* (12th–14th centuries), *Harrington alias Hethryngton* (1564).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hetherington, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Edmund de Hetherynton, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); John Hetherington, 1727, Elizabeth Ethrington, 1777 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants). **References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 113.

### Hetherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Scottish: see **Hetherington**.

### Hetrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Hatrick**.

### Hett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Mayo

1 English: locative name from Hett (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Het, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Willyam Hette, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Hart, Durham); Richard Hette, 1576 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Abigall Het, 1688 in *IGI* (Wilford, Notts); Christopher Hett, 1708 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Jonathan Hett, 1756 in *IGI* (Harthill, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Hatt**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hette, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bray with Whipsnade, Beds); Marie Hett, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Rodmersham, Kent); Robert Hette, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Chailey, Sussex); Agn. Hett, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Columb, Cornwall).

### Hetterley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; Kent
- English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place. The distribution for all but the first example of the name appears distinct from those for **Hatherley**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hetterley, 1587 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Thomas Heterley, 1612 in *IGI* (Rearsby, Leics); Tho. Hetterly, 1680 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Leics); Thomas Hetterley, 1699 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Robert Heterley, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Hetterly, 1733 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); William Hetteley, 1871 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Hettrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Hatrick**.

### Heugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lincs; Lanarks; Berwicks

Scottish: Scottish and N English variant of **Hough**.

### Heung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 向 (**Xiang** or **Hsiang** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'direction' or 'towards' in Chinese: (i) from *Xiang*, the name of an ancient state (located in Shandong province), annihilated in the early Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from *Xiang*, the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province), annihilated in the late Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) from the first element of the personal name Xiang Fu (向父), the style name of Bi, son of the king Song Huan Gong (died in 651 BC) in the state of Song.
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 香 (**Xiang** or **Hsiang** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'fragrant' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Xiang Ju (香居), an official during the reign of king Qi Xuan Wang (died in 301 BC). (ii) from *Xiang* (香), the name of an ancient state in NW China and central Asia. (iii) said to have been adopted as a surname by certain families in place of the Chinese surname Zha (查) in order to escape persecution.

### Hever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- English, Irish: see **Heaver**.

### Heverin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Irish: from Ó hUidhrín or Ó hÉimhrín, see **Hefferon**.

### Hevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Leinster: esp. Meath

Irish: from Ó hÉamhthaigh, see **Heaphy**.

### Hew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Oxon; Somerset; Lincs

1 English: see **Hugh**.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *hewe* 'domestic, servant', a back formation from Middle English *hewen* 'members of a household, domestics' (Old English *hīwan*). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Dyonisia le Hewe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas le Heue, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hew, 1683 in *IGI* (Skidbrooke, Lincs); Mary Hew, 1739 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Isaac Hew, 1756 in *IGI* (Paulton, Somerset).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

### Heward

**Variants:** **Heaward**, **Hewart**, **Huart**, **Heaward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Durham; also Leics

English: see **Howard** (1).

**Early bearers:** Edm Heward, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joane Heward, 1544 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Margaret Heward, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); John Heaward, 1553 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); John Heward, 1554 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Alyce Heward, 1558 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Heward, 1563, John Heaward, 1587 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Ceccele Heward, 1563 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Howard, 1568, Tamsin Heward, 1579 in *IGI* (Coffinswell, Devon); George Heward, 1570 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); Johannis Heward, 1572 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Heaward, 1585, George Heaward, 1681 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); Jacob Heaward, 1609 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Agnes Heward, 1620 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Zacrye Heward, 1636 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Will. Hewart, 1659 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Mary Hewart, 1690 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); James Heaward, 1776 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

### Hewart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Howard** and for early bearers see **Heward**.

2 English: see **Ewart**. There may also have been confusion with **Hewitt**.

### Hewartson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hewertson**.

### Hewat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Norman, Scottish: see **Hewitt**.

### Hewatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Hewell

**Variants:** **Hoile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hu(g)hel*, a pet form of *Hugh*. Compare **Hewlett**, **Hewlins**, **Ewell**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Huhel, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Sampson Hugheles, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Hughele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Hugone Hewell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurleigh, Beds); John Hewell, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Agnes Hewell, 1554 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); James Hewell, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London).

2 English: variant of **Ewell** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hewer

**Variants:** **Hower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1092, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 592
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs and Wilts

English: occupational name for a wood- or stonecutter, from Middle English *heuere* 'hewer, cutter' (from *heuen* 'to hew, cut' + agent suffix *-ere*). Since *heuen* also meant 'to dye', it is theoretically possible that some examples may mean 'dyer'; compare also Richard le Heustere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops), Richard le Heuster, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Margaret Hewster, 1580 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Alwinus Heuere, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Hugh le Hewer, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Benedict le Huwere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Geoffrey Heuere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Hewere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsh Baldon, Oxon); Willelmus Hewar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oddington, Gloucs); Francis Heward, 1559 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Catherin Hewer, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Baldock, Herts).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 234.

### Hewerdine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics

English: from the toponymic name *Hawarden* (Flints), recorded as *Hawurdin* in 1250. This origin may be reflected in the name of Margerie Hawarden,

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1565 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs) and John Hawarding, 1636 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Augustyne Hewardyne, 1572 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); John Hewardyne, 1583/4 in *ER Yorks Archives* (Anlaby); Elizabeth Hewardine, 1596 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Thomas Hewardine, 1732 in *IGI* (Goadby Marwood, Leics).

### Hewertson

**Variants:** **Hewartson**, **Huartson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Monmouths

English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of Huard') from the Middle English personal name *Huard*; see **Howard**.

### Hewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 621, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Essex
- 1 English: see **Hughes**.  
2 English: see **Hawes**.

### Hewet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Norman, English, Scottish: see **Hewitt**.

### Hewetson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: see **Hewitson**.

### Hewett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2847, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3456
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Norfolk; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Leitrim
- Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Hewgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; esp. Durham
- English: see **Hugill**.

### Hewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Bridge Hewick and Copt Hewick (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Hewic', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes de Hewyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Hewik', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Givendale, WR Yorks); John Hewyk', 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Acaster, WR Yorks); Rich Hewick, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Anthony Hewicke, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Hewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewen** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

### Hewing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London and Kent; Notts

Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewen** with prosthetic initial *H-* and formed as if it were a patronymic ending in *-ing*.

### Hewings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs and Warwicks

Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewens** with prosthetic initial *H-* and formed as if it were a patronymic ending in *-ing*.

### Hewins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks

Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewens** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

### Hewis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Hawes**.

### Hewish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Huish**.

### Hewison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 716
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England
- English: see **Hewitson**.

### Hewit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland

Norman, English, Scottish: see **Hewitt**.

### Hewitson

**Variants:** **Hewetson**, **Huetson**, **Huitson**, **Huison**, **Hewison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2107, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1770
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Derry
- English: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Hewet*; see **Hewitt**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Hwetsone, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Huetson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Hewetson, 1489 in *London Letter Books L*; John Hewyttson, 1544 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Hewitt

**Variants:** **Hewit**, **Hewett**, **Hewet**, **Huett**, **Huet**, **Huitt**, **Huot**, **Hewat**, **Howat**, **Howatt**, **Howitt**, **Howett**, **Hewatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22622, Ireland 1218
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14482
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hewet*, *Huet*, *Howet*, a pet form of *Hugh* (Middle English *Hewe*, *Hue*; see **Hugh**). Compare **Huggett**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This Norman surname has been established in Ireland since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Roger Huet, 1182, Roger Huiet 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Heuet, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Hughet, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Howet, 1316 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Roger Howat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricot Huot, Thomas Huwet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephano Hewette, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybroke, Leics); William Howit, 1444 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Hewet, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Margaret Huett, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Marbury, Cheshire); Alisoune Hewat, 1662 in *Black*.

2 English: locative name from Hewitts in Chelsfield or Hewitts in Willesborough (Kent), so named from Old English *hiewett* 'cutting', denoting a place where trees had been cut down. Here there lived families called de la Hewatte (1270), de la hewett (1301), and atte Hewete (1338) (*Kent Place-Names* pp. 16, 421). As in the example below, this also occurs as a topographic name.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de la Hewet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); Elizabeth Hewitt, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Isane Hewitt, 1561 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); John Hewitt, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Susan Hewitt, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); John Hewitt, 1562 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks).

### Hewkin

**Variants:** **Hukin**, **Huckin**, **Howkins**, **Huckins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Hew* or *How* (see **Hugh**).  
**Early bearers:** John Hukyn, 1337 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Hukyn, 1337 in *Barking Antiquarian Transactions* ii (Essex); Thomas Howkyn, 1378 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford, Oxon); John Hukyn, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Houkyn, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxford, Oxon); Ann Hukin, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Walton on Trent, Derbys); William Hukins, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Huckins, 1684 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Willm. Huckin, 1748 in *IGI* (Steeple Barton, Oxon); Joshua Hewkin, 1775 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).



## Hewlett

Variants: **Hewlitt**, **Hullett**, **Hulett**, **Huleatt**, **Hulatt**, **Howlett**, **Hollett**, **Howlet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2467, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1823
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hu(gh)elot*, a double diminutive of *Hugh*, *Hue* (see **Hugh**) with the suffixes *-el* + *-ot*.

**Early bearers:** John Huelot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Hughelot, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Norfolk); Thomas Huwelot, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard Hulot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Howlot, 1310, Walter Hughlot, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; John Hoghlot, 1357 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Willelmus Hewlotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bedworth, Leics); Thomas Hoghelet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Robert Hulatt, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Hulot, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics and Notts); Ives Howelot, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Stephen Howlet, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Chilham, Kent); Jane Hollet, 1568 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Susan Hewlett, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Milborne Saint Andrew, Dorset); Frizwith Hulatt, 1594 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Thomas Hewlett or Hewlet, 1621 in *PROB 11* (East Pennard, Somerset); Henery Hollard, 1617, John Hollet, 1618 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Katherine Hollard, 1696 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

## Hewlings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- English: see **Howlings**.

## Hewlins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Howlings**.

## Hewlitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hewlett**.

## Heworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Heworth in Osbaldwick (NR Yorks) or Heworth in Aycliffe (Durham). Occasional confusion with **Haworth** cannot be ruled out.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Heworthe, 1284, Hamon de Heworth, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmo de Heworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Crux Pavement, Yorks); Lawrence de Heworth, 1396 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); William Heworth, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Robert de Heworth', gent., 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Heworth, 1506 in *York Registry Wills* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Johannis Heworth, 1566 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richerd Heworth, 1613 in *IGI* (Boldon, Durham).

## Hews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Essex, Sussex, Middx
- English: see **Hughes**.

## Hewson

Variants: **Hughson**, **Huson**, **Hooson**, **Howson**, **Houson**,

### Husson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3076, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2420
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N, central, and E England: esp. Lincs and ER Yorks

1 English: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Hugh*, *Hue* (see **Hugh**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Wlfric Hugo sune, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Lincs); Richard Hughson, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; William Huggesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Howsone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Michael Hwesone, 1378 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Hughesson, 1389, William Hewson, 1437 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Hewson, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirham, Lincs); John Hughson, 1556 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Annas Hewsson, 1563 in *IGI* (Spilsby, Lincs); Richard Hueson, 1589 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Henry Hooson, 1635, Thomas Hueson, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Allen Huson, 1742 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs); Jno. Hueson, 1755, Hannah Youson, 1825 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Ralph Hughson, 1799, John Youson, 1815 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs).

2 Irish, Scottish: the name in this spelling has also been adopted for Irish and Scottish Gaelic **Mac Aodha**, see **McCoy**.

## Hewston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal and Derry

English: see **Houston**.

## Hext

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *hext* 'highest, tallest' (Old English *hēhst*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Hexte, Nicholas Exte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Petter Hext, 1564 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon).

## Hextall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Hextall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Margery Hextill, 1621 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Thomas Hextoll, 1621 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); William Hextall, 1786 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Notts).

## Hexter

Variants: **Haxter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset
- English: variant of **Exeter** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1765, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2653
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Hay**.

## Heyburn

Variants: **Hayburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in S England. However, in Ulster, *De Bhulbh* considers it a variety of Scottish **Hepburn**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Heybourne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Friern Barnet, Middx); Thomas Heyburne, 1549 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Christopher Heiborne, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Sara Haybourne, 1562 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Edward Heyburne, 1575 in *IGI* (Lower Winchendon, Bucks); Johis Hayburne, 1629 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); William Heyburne, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Thame, Oxon); John Heyborne, 1656, Thomas Heyburne, 1663, James Heyburne, 1685 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex); Francis Heyburn, 1754, Heybourn, 1757, John Heyburn, 1770, Fanny Hayburn, 1783 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

Scotland: James Hayburne, 1613 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross); James Heyburn, 1781, John Hayburn, 1793 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); William Heyburn, 1827 in *IGI* (Kilmallie, Argyll). Ireland: John Hayburn, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Alexander Heburn, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

## Heycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Haycock**.

## Heyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cornwall; Lincs
- English: see **Haydon**.

## Heydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 303
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: see **Haydon**.

## Heyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London
- 1 English: see **Hayer**.  
2 German: (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *heu* 'hay'. (ii)

## Heyes

occupational name, South German variant of *Hauer* 'woodcutter'.

**Early bearers:** Ernst Wilhelm Heyer, 1857, Louise Friederike Heyer, 1865, and Wilhelmine Heyer, 1879 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Heyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3252, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hayes**.

### Heyford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Hayford**.

### Heyhoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Lincs

English: see **Hayhoe**.

**Early bearers:** William Heyhoe, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Edward Pawlett Heyhoe, 1740 in *IGI* (Hardingham, Norfolk).

### Heyhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Hayhurst**.

### Heyland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Hyland** and compare **Highland**.

2 English: see **Hayland**.

### Heyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Hayman**.

2 Jewish : see **Hyman**.

### Heyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

English: see **Hayne**.

### Heynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwick, Shrops; Cornwall

English: see **Haynes**.

### Heys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1324, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Hayes**.

2 English: see **Hyson**.

### Heysham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cumb

1 English: see **Hayson**.

2 English: see **Hyson**.

### Heyward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Lancs

English: see **Hayward**.

### Heywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5958, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5953
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales

English: see **Haywood**.

### Heyworth

**Variants:** **Hayworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1380
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: perhaps to be associated with **Hayward**, **Haywood**, and **Haworth**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, rather than being from Haywards Heath (Sussex) as suggested by Wilson.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Heywrthe, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Heyworth, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Thomas de Hayworthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Beatrix Hayworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Johannes Haywerthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balcombe, Sussex); William Heyworth, 1625 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Agnes Hayworth, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

### Hezlet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hazlett**.

### Hezlett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hazlett**.

### Hiam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, Worcs; also Cambs

English: see **Higham**.

### Hiatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Hyatt**.

### Hibbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 873
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; also WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Hibbert** and compare **Hibberd**.

### Hibberd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2661, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1833
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts; also WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Hibbert**.

**Early bearers:** Rogero Hybard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Robt Hibbert, 1548, Willm Hibberd, 1574, Marian Hibbard, 1593 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Ane Hibbert, 1572 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Alice Hibbard, 1582, Richard Hibbert, 1610, Thomas Hebbberd, 1633, Robert Hebbert, 1694 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannis Hibberd, 1583 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Thomas Hibbard, 1588 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); John Hibbard, 1622 in *IGI* (Farrington Gurney, Somerset).

### Hibberdine

**Variants:** **Heberden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Middx

English: locative name from a lost place called *Heberden* in Madehurst (Sussex), last recorded in 1795.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Iburgedenn, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); William de Hyburdenn, de Hyburgdenn, de Hybourghedene, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Matthew Hiberden, Henry Hiberden, 1507 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections xl*; Richard Hyberden, John Hyberdyn, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Heberden, 1525 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Hibberdine, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Hibberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Ibbotson**.

2 English: see **Ibson**.

### Hibbert

**Variants:** **Hibbard**, **Hibberd**, **Hebbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6130, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Norman, English: (i) variant of **Hilbert** with assimilation of *lb* to *b(b)*. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Hibbett**. (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be variants of **Hebbert**. The two surnames were probably much confused and sometimes used interchangeably. The following post-medieval bearers include both forms, some of which appear in the same parish.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Hiberti, 1163 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Willelmo Hibart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anstey, Leics); Nicholas Heberd', 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alicia Hebbert, 1568, Francisc Hibbert, 1570, Isabella Hibberd, 1611 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Heebarde, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Raph Hibberd, 1575 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Roberti Hebbert, 1580 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Elizabeth Hibbert, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Ann Hibbard, 1619 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Jane Hibbart, 1575, Nycholas Hibbert, 1607 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Nathaniell Hibberd, 1609 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Ales Hibbart, 1610, Isabel Hibbard, 1616, John Hebbert, 1625 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John Hibbert, 1612 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Willm. Hibberd, 1617 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Hibbert, 1664 in *IGI*

(Mattersey, Notts); Lidia Hebbert, 1677 in *IGI* (Clifton with Glapton, Notts); Elizebeth Hebard, 1706 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey).

### Hibbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Rutland and Lincs

English: see **Ibbott**. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Hibbert**.

### Hibbin

Variants: **Hibbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Hibb*, a variant of **Hebb**.

**Early bearers:** Loarde Hibben, 1588 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Thomas Hibbin, 1596 in *IGI* (Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey); Richard Hibbin, 1613 in *IGI* (Kent).

### Hibbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: variant of **Hibbin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Jone Hybbens, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elynor Hybbyns, 1551 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Hybbyns, 1555 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Hebins, 1560 in *Bardsley*.

### Hibbit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Ibbott**.

### Hibbitt

Variants: **Hibbitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Lincs

English: see **Ibbott**.

### Hibbitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Hibbitt** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Hibble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey and Middx
- English: variant of **Ibell** with prosthetic initial *H*-.

### Hibbott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; Lincs
- English: variant of **Ibbott** with prosthetic *H*-.

### Hibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1033
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Dorset; Gloucs

English: variant of **Ibbs** with prosthetic *H*-.

### Hibell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Essex

English: variant of **Ibell** with prosthetic initial *H*-.

### Hible

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant of **Ibell** with prosthetic initial *H*-.

### Hichens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Hitchens**.

**Early bearers:** Joes Hichens, 1541 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Rafe Hichens, 1579 in *IGI* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Roger Hichens, 1583 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall).

### Hichisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name (patronymic) 'son of *Hitch* or *Hitchen*'.

**Early bearers:** John Hichsone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); John Hichenson, 1535 in *Kent Wills*.

### Hick

Variants: **Icke, Higg, Hicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 916, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1392
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Cornwall

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hikke*, a rhyming pet form of *Ricard*, a Norman-Picard form of **Richard**. Compare **Hitch**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hikke de Sauteby, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Hyk serviens, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). surnames: Richard Hick', 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cayton, Osgodby, and Killaby, NR Yorks); Johannes Hycke Coyswyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gwinear, Cornwall); William Hikke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Litel Hykke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Hick', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeth, Kent); Johannes Hyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hedley on the Hill, Northumb); Johannes Hicke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Edwardo Hik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Norton, Leics); Henricus Hick', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snetterton, Norfolk); Johanna Hick', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Willelmus Hikke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ufton, Warwicks); Johanne Hikk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilmark, Wilts); Adam Hyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); John Hykke, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Elizabeth Hick, 1549 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Raffe Hick, 1559 in *IGI*

(Bodmin, Cornwall); Johani. Hicke, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Henry Hicke, 1564 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); John Hicke, 1565 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Agnes Hick, 1566 in *IGI* (Nunnington, NR Yorks); Alyce Hick, 1567 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Alice Hicke, 1567 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Robert Hick, 1574 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

### Hicken

Variants: **Hickens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 388
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hick**, with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.
- Early bearers:** Isabella Hicken, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus Hikene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Luston, Herefs); Petronilla Hicken, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merton hundred, Warwicks); Ricardus Hickon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Admington, Gloucs); Ricardus Hikkun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adney, Shrops); Margaret Hickens, 1563 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Frauncis Hicken, 1564 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops); Isabella Hicken, 1590 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Thomas Hicken, 1603 in *IGI* (Barston, Warwicks).

### Hickenbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Higginbottom**.

### Hickenbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Higginbottom**.

### Hickens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Hicken** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Hickerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Higginson**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hickes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Hicks**.

### Hickey

Variants: **Hickie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5143, Ireland 6844
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1858
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

## Hickford

1 Irish: from Ó *hÍceadh* ‘descendant of *Ícidhe*’, a common byname meaning ‘doctor, healer’.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Hicky, leche [doctor], 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §303 (Kahir, Tipperary); Donoghe O’Hikey and Edmund Hickey, kerns, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §453 (Glaishane); Maurice Hickeye, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260 (Kildare); Hugh Hickeyfitz Donell, kern, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §296 (Brittas, Kilkenny); Ferdorogh Hickey, gent., 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2568; James Hyky, gent., 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2569; Conor Hekey, gent., 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2570; Wm. fitz Edm. Hyky, and Fardoragh O’Hickeye, footmen, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2840; John O’Hickey, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3974 (Ardine, Cork); Gillecully O’Hickey, physician, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734 (Dromnolor, Tipperary); Donill Hickey, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5211 (the Garrane, Tipperary); Dermond O’Hickeye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5562 (Renany, Limerick); Margaret Hicky, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522 (the Grange); John Hickeyfitz Wm., yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6706 (Cronevone, Tipperary).

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English *Hick*, a pet form of *Ricard* (see **Richard**).

**Early bearers:** John Hicci, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Hykeys, 1394 in *London Letter Books* H; Derby Hickey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Hickford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: (i) variant of **Heckford**, possibly influenced by the name of Hinckford hundred in the same county. (ii) locative name in the Midlands, perhaps from Higford in Stockton (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Clement Hickford, 1566 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Leonard Hickford, 1599 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Sara Hickford, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Henry Hickford, 1611 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Henry Hickforde, 1630 in *IGI* (London); John Hickford, 1748 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

## Hickey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Limerick, and Clare

Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Hickey**.

## Hickin

**Variants:** **Hicking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Hicin* or *Hicun*, diminutives of the personal name **Hick**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hekyn de Wath, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

surnames: David Hicun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Alicia Hykyn, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Alice Hickin, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Acon, London); Elyzabeth Hickin, 1578 in *IGI* (Acton Trussell and Bednall,

Staffs); Thomas Hickin, 1584 in *IGI* (Uffington, Shrops); Richardus Hickin, 1591 in *IGI* (Walton on Trent, Derbys); Margareta Hickin, 1600 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire).

## Hickinbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Higginbottom**.

## Hickinbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs, Leics, and Derbys

English: see **Higginbottom**.

## Hicking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: variant of **Hickin**.

## Hickingbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Derbys, and Leics

English: see **Higginbottom**.

## Hickingbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys

English: see **Higginbottom**.

## Hickinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

English: see **Higginson**.

## Hickley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; Leics

English: locative name from Hickley in South Stoneham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hickley, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (West Buckland, Somerset); Franncis Hickley, 1589 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Wm Hickley, 1609 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); John Hickley, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Durley, Hants); Richard Hickley, 1624 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Anne Hickley, 1686 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Richard Hicley, 1723 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); William Hickeley, 1743 in *IGI* (Radwell, Herts).

## Hicklin

**Variants:** **Hickling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs

1 English: see **Hickling**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hikelin*, a double diminutive (*Hik-el-in*) of *Hick*. The *Hikeling*-forms may be early examples of loss of *de*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hikeling, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); John Hykelyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Hykelyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Izabella Hicklin, 1582 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Phillip Hicklin, 1623 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Hicklin, 1625 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Richardi Hicklin, 1636 in *IGI* (Costock, Notts); John Hicklin, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

## Hickling

**Variants:** **Hicklin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Derbys; Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Hickling (Notts, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Iuo de Hickelinge, 1163–6 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William de Hikelyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Hikelyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irstead, Norfolk); Johannes de Hykelyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johanne Hikelyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); Robertus Hekilyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); John Hykkelyng’, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Agnes Hickling, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Melton, Suffolk).

2 English: see **Hicklin**.

## Hickman

**Variants:** **Higman**, **Hitchman**, **Hickmans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8434, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5010
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Hikeman*, *Hicheman*, and (in the W Midlands) *Hikemon*, *Hichemon*, pet forms of *Hike* and *Hiche* (i.e. Richard) with the hypocoristic suffix *-man* or *-mon*. See **Hick** and **Hitch**. The identity of Hike and Hikemon is confirmed by two references to the same man in the Billesley entries of the Warwicks *Subsidy Rolls*: in 1327 as Walt. Hyken (with the W Midlands dialect genitive *-en*) and in 1332 as Walt. Hykemon (with the usual Middle English genitive *-es*). For the suffix compare **Bateman**, **Human**, **Pateman**, and **Potman**. (ii) occupational name, status name; in some instances *Hikeman* and *Hicheman* might alternatively denote ‘servant of *Hike* or *Hiche*’. Compare Philippo Hycyksmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford, Herefs).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hykeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hykemon Smert, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Worcs).

surnames: Richard Hicheman, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Hykemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Hicheman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Hikeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henrico Hikeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shotteswell, Warwicks); Henricus Hikeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Robertus Hikemanns, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); Thoma Hychman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westoning, Beds); Robertus Hykeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); Henricus Hykeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Henricus Hykemon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wishaw, Warwicks); Johannes Hychemon, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Witton, Warwicks); Roberto Hykeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); Thoma Hikeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minety, Gloucs); Willelmo Hicheman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fairford, Gloucs); Thomas Hekeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Bois, Essex); Johannes Hychman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Rissington, Gloucs); Thomas Hykman', 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Hykman or Hickman, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Christian Hickman, 1544 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Josias Hickman, 1552 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Richard Hickman, 1576 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); William Hickman, 1576 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Hickman, 1590 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent); William Hickman, 1616 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Alis Hickman, 1634 in *IGI* (Granby, Notts); Jeames Hickman, 1657 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks).

References: *McClure, Jack I*, p. 109.

### Hickmans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: variant of **Hickman**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Hickmott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 822, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hick** (a pet form of Richard) + *mawth* 'male in-law' (compare northern dialect *maugh*), meaning 'brother-in-law of *Hick*'. Compare **Hitchmough**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hikemot, 1460 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Stephan Hickemote, 1566 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Francis Hickmot, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Thomas Hickmott, 1601, Hickmote, 1602, Hickmot, 1603 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); William Hickmoate, 1620 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabeth Hickmatt, 1664, John Hickmate, 1666 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edw Hichmoth, 1725 in *IGI* (Pluckley, Kent); Rich Hichmott, 1755 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent).

### Hickox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Middx; Herefs

English, Scottish: relationship name, variant of *Hicock* (see **Heacock**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Hithecox**; both derive from rhyming pet forms of *Richard* and may have been interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hikokes, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Fawley, Herefs); Briggitt Hickox, 1548 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); William Hycoxe, 1555 in *Patent Rolls*; William Hickcocks, 1558 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Francis Hickcocks, 1561 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Jone Hickcocks, 1581 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Walter Hickox, 1586 in *PROB 11*; Nicholas Hekkox, son of Abraham Heskock, 1636 in *Bardsley* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Richard Hickox, 1749 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); Phebe Hickox, 1769 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex).

### Hicks

**Variants:** **Hix, Hicces, Higgs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15733, Ireland 383
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12464
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Cornwall; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

English: variant of **Hick** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Hickys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Hugo Hikkes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambridge, Somerset); Humfredo Hicces, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Willelmus Higgses, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cruyton, Dorset); Henry Hix, 1484 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Hicces, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Yatton, Somerset); William Hix, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Alice Hicces, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Burstock, Dorset); Thomas Higgses, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Halford, Shrops); Roger Hygges or Higgs, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Hartlebury, Worcs).

### Hickson

**Variants:** **Hixson, Hixon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2552, Ireland 130
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2051
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Cheshire, Lancs; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hick** + *son*.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland (Kerry) since the early 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hicson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ribston, WR Yorks); Alanus Hikson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Stephanus Hykson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Johannes Hicceson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Higgson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); Willelmus Hikessone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wattlesborough, Shrops); John Hixon, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cams); Moode Hicceson, 1564, William Hickson, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Tarvin, Cheshire).

### Hickton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Notts and Derbys

English: see **Higton**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Heketon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Wm. Hickton, 1580 in *IGI* (Stenigot, Lincs); Katherine Hickton, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); Bridgit Hickton, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ellen Hickton, 1632 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Bridgett Hickton, 1706 in *IGI* (Christ Church, York).

### Hidden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Berks and Middx

English: locative name from Hidden in Hungerford (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hiden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Washington, Sussex); Anthony Hidden, 1568 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Thomas Hidden, 1576 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Anthony Hidden alias Glidesdale, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Hungerford, Berks).

### Hidderley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire

English: probably a variant of **Hatherley**.

**Early bearers:** Helen Hetherley, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Mortlake, Surrey); J. Hedderley, 1681 in *Derbys Record Office*; Jn. Hitherly, 1729 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics); Wm. Hitherley, 1748 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Elizabeth Hidderley, 1781, Ann Hidderley, 1783, and Thomas Hidderley, 1785 in *IGI* (Waterfall, Staffs); William Hidderley, 1785 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Ellen Hitherly, 1786 in *IGI* (Onecote, Staffs).

### Hiddleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: see **Huddleston**.

**Early bearers:** John Hiddleston, 1690 in *IGI* (Holywood, Dumfriess); James Hiddleston, 1724 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); William Hiddleston, 1755, Jane Huddleston, 1762 in *IGI* (Kirkmahoe, Dumfriess); Janet Hiddleston, 1788 in *IGI* (Buittle, Kirkcudbrights).

### Hide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1028
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Sussex

1 English: see **Hyde**.

2 English: see **Ide**.

### Hider

**Variants:** **Ida**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Hyder**.

### Hides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts

English: see **Hydes**.

### Hie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **High**.

### Hieatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Hyatt**.

### Hield

**Variants:** **Hields**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Heald**.

## Hields

### Hields

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb
- English: variant of **Hield** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Hier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Pembrokes
- Welsh: nickname from Welsh *hir* 'long'; in medieval times also 'tall'.
- Early bearers:** Mad' Hier, 1320 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Cricieth, Merioneths); Willelmi Hire, 1326 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Katherine Gryffyth alias Heyre, 1553 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Montgomerys); Robert Hier, 1583, and George Hier, 1584 in *IGI* (Staunton, Gloucs); Ann Hier, 1619 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Mary Hier, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Will. Hier, 1687 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Hierons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hirons**.
- Early bearers:** Williams Hierons, 1632 in *IGI* (London); Mary Hierons, 1692 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Hiett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs
- English: see **Hyatt**.

### Hiew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 晔 and 晔, see **Yau** (4) and (5).
- 2 Chinese: see **Chiu**.

### Higate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Highgate**.

### Higbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Higby**.

### Higby

- Variants: **Higbee**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Ralph Hykebyd, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Ralph Hikebidde, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Hykeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); John Hykebyd', 1434, Thomas Hykebyd', 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); John Hicby, 1556 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Thomas Higbed, 1571 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks);

Richard Hicbyde, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Thomas Higbye, 1577, Edward Higbie, 1583 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Thomas Higbed, 1589, John Higby, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Highbedd, 1599 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); George Higbid, 1605 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Richard Higbye, 1609 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Thomas Higbee, 1635, Tho Higby, 1676 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

### Higdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hikedun*, a diminutive of *Hick*, a pet form of *Ricard* (see **Richard**) + the Old French hypocoristic suffix *-dun*. Compare **Rigden**.
- Early bearers:** Richard son of Hykedon, 1313 in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts*; John Hikedun, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs), 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Hykedon, Thomas Hekedon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Higdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Robertus Hekedon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); Petrus Hicdon', Robertus Hicdoun', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockerston, Leics); John Hykedon', 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcester, Worcs); Agnes Higdon, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Higenbottam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Higginbottom**.

### Higg

- Variants: **Higgs**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; WR Yorks; Worcs
- English: relationship name, variant of **Hick** with voicing of the final consonant.
- Early bearers:** Richard Higge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Hygge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Waltero Hig', 1379, Walterus Hygge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics); Willelmus Hig', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Puttenham, Surrey); John Higge, 1571 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Rogeri Higge, 1591 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Elinour Higge, 1598 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Mary Higg, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London).

### Higgins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Higgins**.

### Higgenbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Higginbottom**.

### Higgins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Kent
- English: see **Higgins**.

### Higgerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Higginson**.

### Higgett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England: esp. Staffs; Notts
- English: see **Higgett**.

### Higgin

- Variants: **Higgins**, **Higgon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 718
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Higgin*, a diminutive of *Higg*, a voiced form of **Hick**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Hygyn de Bowland, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.  
surnames: John Hygyn, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Hygyn, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Giles, Cripplegate, London); John Higon', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunton, Beds); William Hygyn, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Leon Higgin, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Ulverston, Lancs); Arthur Higgen or Higgin, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Havant, Hants).

### Higginbotham

- Variants: **Heckingbottom**, **Heginbotham**, **Heginbottom**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 791, Ireland 123
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 772
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin
- English: see **Higginbottom**.

### Higginbottom

- Variants: **Hickinbottom**, **Hickenbottom**, **Hickingbottom**, **Heckingbottom**, **Heginbottom**, **Higenbottam**, **Higinbotham**, **Heginbotham**, **Hickinbotham**, **Hickenbotham**, **Hickingbotham**, **Higgenbotham**, **Higginbotham**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1501, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1940
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Derbys, Cheshire, and Lancs
- English: locative name from Oakenbottom in Bolton le Moors (Lancs), probably originally called \**æcenbotme* 'oaken valley', becoming *Eakenbottom*, *Ickenbottom*. This was then associated with *hickin* or *higgin*, a Lancs and Cheshire dialect word for the mountain ash.
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Akinbothun, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas Hichinbothome, 1579 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Mary Higginbotham alias Hickabotham, 1695 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41.

### Higgings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Kent; Devon; Midlothian
- English: see **Higgins**.

### Higgins

- Variants: **Eggins**, **Higgins**, **Higgings**, **Higgons**, **Higgans**, **Kiggins**, **Haggins**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 25259, Ireland 7441

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14978
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Connacht; also Cork

1 Irish: from Ó hUiginn, see **O'Higgins** and compare **McGuigan**.

2 English: variant of **Higgin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** David Hygyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Sampson Girdlergate, York); Ricardus Higenes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chirbury, Shrops); John Hygyns, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); John Hygyns, 1452 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Worcs); Anna Higgins, 1539 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Willia Higgins, 1541 in *IGI* (Farlington, Hants); Margerie Hyggins, 1545 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Margery Higgins, 1547 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Rici Higgon, 1557 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Willia. Higgins, 1582 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Jane Higgins, 1585 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Alice Higgins, 1598 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Robart Higgins, 1620 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Alice Higgins, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Wolford, Warwicks); Wm Higgins, 1641 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Higginson

**Variants:** Higgerson, Hickinson, Hickerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3901, Ireland 243
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2986
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: relationship name, 'son of *Hickin* or *Higgin*.'

**Early bearers:** Alan Hygginson or Hickynsone, 1552 in *Oxford University Register*.

### Higgitt

**Variants:** Higgett, Higgott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Worcs
- English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Hick**, with late voicing of *k*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hyket, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: John Hykot, Hicoth, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thoma Hycot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromley, Herefs); Edward Higgitt, 1664 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); William Higgitt, 1666 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Mary Higgitt, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Humphry Higgitt, 1764 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mary Higgitt, 1798 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Higgon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- English: see **Higgin**.

### Higgon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Higgins**.

### Higgott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Higgitt**.

### Higgs

**Variants:** Heggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6637, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5332
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands, S Midlands; also Lancs and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Laois  
English: (i) variant of **Hicks** with voicing of *-k-*. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Higg** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*, but the sense is the same as (i).

**Early bearers:** John Higgs, 1538 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); John Higgs, 1539 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Nicholai Higgs, 1558 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Giles Higgs, 1564 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Yvan Higgs, 1574 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Elizabeth Higgs, 1579 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Agnes Higgs, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Richardi Higgs, 1601 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Francis Higgs, 1615 in *IGI* (Dymchurch, Kent); Thomas Higgs, 1619 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Wm Higgs, 1754. George Heggs, 1756 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

### High

**Variants:** Highe, Hie, Hye, Hay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1591, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1352
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Norfolk; NW England: esp. Lancs; E Scotland: esp. Angus

1 English: nickname for a tall man, from Middle English *heigh*, *hey*, *high* 'high, tall' (Old English *hēah*). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert le High, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary High, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Hugh High, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Handley, Cheshire); John High, 1585 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Hye, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Christchurch, City of London); Thomas Hy, 1617 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Nicholas High, 1642 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anne High, 1643 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Ann High, 1689 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

Scotland: Williame High, 1642 in *IGI* (Kingshorn, Fife); Thomas High, 1664 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived '(on the) height or hill', Middle English *heigh* 'height, hilltop' (Old English *heah*). Compare **Height**.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Heghe, 1327, Richard atte High, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heighton, Sussex); Stephanus atte Heyghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Midhurst borough, Sussex); Andreas atte Heghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Thomas de Heghe, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

**References:** *Läufenberg*.

### Higham

**Variants:** Hyam, Hiam, Hyams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4396, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3050
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northants; Kent

English: locative name from any of the places named Higham (in Lancs, WR Yorks, Derbys, Leics, Northants, Beds, Warwicks, Essex, and Kent) or from Heigham in Norfolk and Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Oswald de Hecham, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Hugo de Hegham, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent);

Willelmo de Hyham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potters Marston, Leics); Robertus de Hegham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Galfridus de Heigham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Johannes Higham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthingborough, Northants); Johannes Hegham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); John Hyham, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); Margaret Higham, 1541 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Wmi Higham, 1543 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); Robert Higham, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Higham, 1557 in *IGI* (Denham near Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Agnes Higham, 1566 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex); Edmond Higham, 1578 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent); Edward Higham, 1588 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Elizabeth Higham, 1629 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Francis Higham, 1713 in *IGI* (Welton, Northants).

### Highcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Haycock**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hycok, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Watford, Northants); Thomas Hikok, Hycok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherington, Shrops); Thomas Hycocke, 1548 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); John Hycocke, 1695 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Willm Highcock, 1723 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Charles Hiecock, 1729 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Samuel Highcock, 1750 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs).

### Highe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **High**.

### Highet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: see **Hyatt**.

### Highfield

**Variants:** Heafield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1157, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 836
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from one of numerous minor places named Highfield, for example, in Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire, or topographic from Middle English *heigh* 'high' + *feld* 'flattish open country; field, pasture'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Heghefeld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); John de Hefeld, William de Hefefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robertus de Heghefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan borough, Lancs); Adam de Heghefeld, chaplain, 1400 in *Lancs Record Office*; Ann Highfield, 1577 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); William Heafield, 1718 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs).

### Highgate

**Variants:** Higate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Lanarks

## Highland

English: locative name from Middle English *heigh(e)* 'high' + *gat(e)* 'gateway' (Old English *hēah* + *geat*). The name may be topographic, denoting a dweller '(by the) high gate', or toponymic for someone from a place so called, such as Highgate (Middx). Compare **Hyatt**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Heyghgate, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Petworth, Sussex); Johannes Heghegate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hammerton, WR Yorks); Johanne del Heghgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); John Heygate, 1425 in *Patent Rolls*; Dionisia Highgate, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); Daniell Higate, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Leiston, Suffolk); Robert Hiegate, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Bradwell near Coxall, Essex).

## Highland

**Variants:** **Heyland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish, English: see **Hyland**.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Highland, 1722, Susannah Heyland, 1729 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent).

## Highlands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English, Irish: see **Hylands**.

## Highley

**Variants:** **Hiley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from High Lee in Luddenden Foot (WR Yorks). This is the main source of the name (see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*), although in some instances the source may be another place of similar name, such as High Legh (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Hugh del Hilylee, 1331 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Thomas Hilele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Georgii Hylyle, 1540, Wm. Hylelyly, 1574, Hylelylye, 1576, Thoms. Hylelylighe, 1582, James Hylelyligh, 1583 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johis Hiley, 1583 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ailse Highley, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Durham, Durham); Jacobi Hileley, 1645 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Edward Highly, 1657 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Henry Hyley, 1672 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Thomas Highley, 1668 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); Robert Hihleigh, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); David Hyley, 1721 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks); William Highlee, 1767 in *IGI* (Illingworth, WR Yorks); John Highley, 1778 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks).

## Highman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Surrey, Gloucs

English: see **Hayman**.

## Highmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Surrey and Middx; Cumb

English: locative name from Highmoor in Wigton (Cumb), or perhaps sometimes from one of several other places so named.

**Early bearers:** Robert Heghmore, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Highmore of Allredale, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Allerdale, Cumb); Alexander Hieghmore, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Roland Heyghmore, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Alexander Heighmore, 1576 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Robert Highmore, 1622, Anna Heighmore, 1624 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); William Highmore, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Benson Highmore, 1701 in *IGI* (Bassenthwaite, Cumb); Edward Highmoor, 1747 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Richard Highmore, 1757 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

## Highnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: locative name from Highnam (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Hynam, 1222 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Richard Hynam, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Henry Highnam, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Highnam, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Susanna Highnam, 1703 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); William Highnam, 1706 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Thomas Highnam, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Higho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hayhoe**.

## Highstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Histed**.

## Highsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Histed**.

## Hight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Northants, and Cambs

English: see **Height**.

## Highton

**Variants:** **Heighton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and N Midlands

English: (i) locative name from Heighton Street in West Firle or South Heighton (both in Sussex). (ii) perhaps a variant of **Huyton**, as the name of Huyton in Blackrod (Lancs) is also recorded as Highton; see *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 45.

**Early bearers:** John atte Heghetun, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon de Heghton, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Doddington, Northants); John de Heghton, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henry Hegheton, clerk, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Robert Heighton, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Fyfield, Essex); Richard Highton, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Lenham, Kent); Henricus Heighton, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Johnes Highton, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); James Highton, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Wigan, Lancs); Robertus Heighton, 1681 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

## Highway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: see **Heighway**.

## Highwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Haywood**.

## Higinbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: see **Higginbottom**.

## Higley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs and Shrops; London

English: locative name from Highley (Shrops), recorded as *Hugelei* in *Domesday Book* and later as *Hig(g)ley*. The modern form *Highley* is probably due to folk etymology: see *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 151–2, and compare **Highley**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Huggel', 1203–4 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); John de Huggleley, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Clun, Shrops); Thomas de Huggleley, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Huggleley, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Andrew Hubbard, London); Gabriell Higley, 1566 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); Henricus Higgeley, 1601 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); Hugh Higley, 1625 in *PROB 11* (London); John Higgly, 1672 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Roger Higly, 1680 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Robert Higgley, 1726 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops).

## Higman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Hickman**.

**Early bearers:** John Higman, 1621 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); Benjamin Higman, 1687 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).



**Hignell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: relationship name, perhaps from a diminutive of the personal name **Higgin**; compare **Hignett**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hignell, 1588 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); John Hignell, 1613 in *IGI* (Drifffield, Gloucs); John Hignell, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Leahill, Oxon); Edward Hignel, 1675 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts); Stephen Hignel, 1693 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); John Hignall, 1696 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Robart Hignill, 1744 in *IGI* (Ampney Saint Peter, Gloucs).

**Hignett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1002, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 603
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Higgin**, itself a diminutive of *Higg* (a voiced form of **Hick**).

**Early bearers:** Radulphi Higgnett, 1582 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Jo. Hignet, 1599, James Higgonett, 1611, Thomas Hignitt, 1632, Katherine Higginet, 1637 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Samuel Hignot, 1641 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Raph Hignett, 1658 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Higson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1772, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1915
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Higg*') from the personal name *Higg*; see **Higgs** and compare **Hickson**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Higson, 1487 in *London Letter Books L*.

**Higton**

**Variants:** **Hickton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Heketon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Adam Hikton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); Helena Higton, 1569 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Wm. Hickton, 1580 in *IGI* (Stenigot, Lincs); Thomas Higton, 1591 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Johannis Higgtton, 1618 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Jhon Hickton, 1622 in *IGI* (Toynton All Saints, Lincs); John Higton, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Rowsley, Derbys).

**Hilary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- English: see **Hillary** and compare **Ellery**.

**Hilbert**

**Variants:** **Ilbert**, **Hibbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire; Kent

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal *Hilbert*, *Hibbert*, a borrowing of Old French (*H*)*ilbert*, from Continental Germanic *Hildeberht* (composed of elements meaning 'battle' and 'glorious').

**Early bearers:** given names: Ylebertus, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Hildebertus, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ilbert de Betelintun', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Walter Ilberd (Hilbert), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

sumames: Estmundus filius Hilbert, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Martin Yllebert, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Margaret Hilbert, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Hileberd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Ylbert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Burlingham, Norfolk); Stephanus Ilberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); Katerina Ylberd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Purley Parva (Westbury), Berks); William Hilbert, 1561 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Roberti Hilbert, 1576 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Wm. Ilbert, 1594 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); Anna Ilbert, 1598 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); James Hilbert, 1735 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Josiah Hilbert, 1740 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Isaac Hilbert, 1774 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

**Hilborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Kent; Somerset

English: see **Hilborne**.

**Hilborne**

**Variants:** **Hilborn**, **Hillbourne**, **Hillborne**, **Hilburn**, **Hillburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: reduced form of the Middle English personal name **Hildebrand**.

**Early bearers:** John Hylbrond, 1457 in *Ancient Deeds* (Bridport, Dorset); Nicolas Hylbrond, 1524, Nicolas Hylborne, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Wootton, Dorset); Symon Hilborne, 1573 in *IGI* (Owermoigne, Dorset); Willm. Hilborne, 1589, Thomas Hilburn, 1615 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Eliz Hilbourne, 1680, Rich Hillbourn, 1716 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

**References:** Information from Robert Hilbourne (Guild of One-Name Studies).

**Hilburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Somerset

English: see **Hilborne**.

**Hilda**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Hilda*, a short form of a name formed with *Hild-*, e.g. Continental Germanic *Hildigard* or Old English *Hildgyð*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Hilda de Tidintun 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hilda de Gay, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon).
- sumames: Hereward Hilde, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Arnald Hilde, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Henry

Hilde, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (East Hendred, Berks); John Hilde, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Hilde, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Iberie, Northants); Thomas Hild, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Woodnesborough, Kent); Valentine Hild, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Augustine, Northbourne, Kent).

2 English: see **Heald**.

**Early bearers:** Isabella de la Hilde, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Fittleton, Wilts); Ricardus atte Hilde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

**Hildebrand**

**Variants:** **Hilderbrand**, **Hilderbrandt**, **Hildebrandt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London; also Suffolk; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hildebrand* (Continental Germanic *Hildebrand*, *Eldebrand*, Old Scandinavian *Hildibrandr*). Some post-medieval early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hildebrand lorimarius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Hildebrand Barre, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Hilbrand Elwell of London, 1427 in *Patent Rolls*.

sumames: Brand filius Hildebrand, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Adam filius Heudebrand, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Hildebrant, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Gregory Hildebrand, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Heldebrond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Hildbrand, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardo Hyldebrond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coleorton, Leics); Thomas Hilbrond, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Christian Hildebrand, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Katherine Hildebrand, 1699 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Mary Hilderbrand, 1730 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

2 German: relationship name from the personal name *Hildebrand*, with the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** Sarah Hilldebrandt, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Friedrich Carl Hildebrand, 1835 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); August Hildebrand, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Hildebrandt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire
- German: see **Hildebrand** (2).

**Hilden**

**Variants:** **Hylden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Staffs

English: locative name from Hildenbrough (Kent), recorded as *Hyldeinn* in 1240.

**Early bearers:** William de Hyldeinn, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Penshurst, Kent); Derick Hilden, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (London); Robert Hylden, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Luddenham Saint Mary, Kent); Robart Hilden, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Anstey, Herts); Valentine Hylden, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Deal Saint Leonard, Kent).

## Hilder

### Hilder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 686
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: locative name for a dweller on a slope, from an agent derivative of Middle English *hilde* 'slope' (Old English *hylde*). Compare **Heald**.
- Early bearers:** William le Hilder, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Hildere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Sussex); Laurence Hildere, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Hilder, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Hilder, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Ipswich, Suffolk); John Hilder, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Chiddingfold, Sussex); Zachary Hilder, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Wonersh, Surrey).

### Hilderbrand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hildebrand**.

### Hilderbrandt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- German: see **Hildebrand**.

### Hildersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name, perhaps from Hillsley in Hawkesbury (Gloucs), recorded as *Hildeslei* in *Domesday Book*.
- Early bearers:** John de Hildeslegh, parson, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Pentney, Norfolk); John de Hildesle, 1332 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Hildysle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Harcourt, Leics); Robertus Hyldysley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); John Hildisley, clerk, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Colwall, Herefs); Thomas Hildesle, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Baughurst, Hants); Walter Hildesley, 1596, William Hildesley, 1622 in *PROB 11* (East Ilsley, Berks); Francis Hildersly, 1714 in *IGI* (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey); Thomas Hildersley, 1788 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

### Hilditch

- Variants:** **Hildith**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1360, Ireland 126
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 865
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Cheshire and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: locative name, apparently a variant of **Illidge**. Compare Georgii Hildych, 1600, Richard Illidge, 1682, Robert Hildiche, 1727 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Samuelli Hildich, 1672, Richard Illidge, 1730, Thomas Hillidge, 1732 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); and John Hillidge, 1761, Ellen Hildage, 1798 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). The development of an intrusive *-d-* may have arisen through confusion with **Hildith**, also found in Cheshire and Shrops. However, *Hildith* is late and rare there and may be an altered pronunciation of *Hilditch*. Compare Thos. Hillditch, 1691, Ralph Hildith, 1702 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); John Hildith, 1764, Mary Hildich, 1766 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Willmus Hildiche, 1593, Randulphus Hildych, 1718 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Elizabeth Hildiche, 1608 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Elizabetha Hildiche, 1612, Margreta Hilditch, 1628 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Ales Hildiche, 1631 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Thomas Hilditch, 1665 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Thos. Hillditch, 1691 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); John Hillditch, 1722 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Ann Hildage, 1746 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

### Hildith

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Hildith* (Old English *Hildgyð*).
- Early bearers:** given names: Hildith, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Hilditha, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds). surnames: Hugh filius Hildithe, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Walter Hildich' (for Hildith'), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chignall, Essex); John Hildyth, 1360 in *Ancient Deeds* vi; Ricardus Hildich, Johannes Hildich (for Hildith), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chignall Saint James with Chignall Smealy, Essex); Richard Hildith, 1662 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ralph Hildith, 1702 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops).
- 2 English: see **Hilditch**.

### Hildred

- Variants:** **Hildreth, Hildrew**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Lincs
- Norman, English: relationship name from the male personal name *Hildred* (Continental Germanic *Hild(i)rad*, from *hild* 'battle' and *rāt* 'counsel').
- Early bearers:** Doethie Hildred, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint George, Suffolk); Gulielmus Hildred, 1665 in *IGI* (Utterby, Lincs); Civil Hildred, 1724 in *IGI* (Strubby, Lincs).

### Hildreth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- Norman, English: variant of **Hildred**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hildrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Norman, English: probably a variant of **Hildred**.

### Hildyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, NR Yorks
- English: see **Hilliard**.

### Hile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Dorset and Devon; Lancs; London
- English: variant of **Hill**.
- Early bearers:** Johanne in le Hyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Lovell, Wilts); Matilda Hile, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Pewsey, Wilts); Waltero atte Hyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Peeter Hile, 1577 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Peter Hile, 1581 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Jane Hile, 1605 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Anne Hile, 1608 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Michaelis Hile, 1633 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

### Hiles

- Variants:** **Hyles**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 677
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks; Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: variant of **Hills**.

### Hiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1046, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 763
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and W Midlands: esp. WR Yorks; also Monmouths; London
- English: see **Highley**.

### Hilferty

- Variants:** **Halferty**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó hAilbheartaigh 'descendant of *Ailbeartach*', a personal name or byname probably derived from the adjective *ilbeartach* 'accomplished'.
- Early bearers:** John Hilferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); James Hilferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killymard, Donegal); William Helverty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgall, Armagh).

### Hilger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ilger*, Continental Germanic *Hildegere, Hilger* (composed of elements meaning 'battle' and 'spear').
- Early bearers:** given names: Ilgerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ilgerus, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ilger' de Wilberfoss', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Walter Ylger, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John Ilger, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Emma Hilger, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanne Ylger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Garston, Berks); Maria Hilger, 1664 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Eliza Hilger, 1822 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants); John Hilger, 1830 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex).
- 2 English: relationship name from the Old Danish personal name *Hildiger*, found in East Anglia.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Hildegari, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Hildegard, 1267–85 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Julian Hildegard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Geoffrey Hildegore, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk).

### Hill

- Variants:** **Hille, Hile, Hills, Hell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 98443, Ireland 3464
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75615
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *hill*, *hell*, *hull* ‘hill’ (Old English *hyll*). Compare **Hiller** (2). **Early bearers:** Gilbert del Hil, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William atehil, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William o the hil, 1313 in *Additional Charters, British Library* (Cambs); Rogerus onthe Hil, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Preswold, Leics); Willelmus atte Hell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Henny and Little Henny, Essex); Thoma del Hylle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Johannes atte Hyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); Rogerus of the Hil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas atte Hul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Surrey); Robert Hylle or Hill, 1422 in *PROB 11* (Spaxton, Somerset); John Hille, 1457 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard Shoreditch, Middx); Johes Hill, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Banbury, Oxon); Avis Hill, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Tangmere, Sussex).
- 2 English: relationship name; in some cases, possibly, from a personal name *Hille*, a pet form of some such name as *Hilger* or *Hillary*. Some of the following examples may belong with (1). **Early bearers:** Rogerus filius Hille, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Simon Hille, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Edmund Hill, 1538 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Henry Hill, 1538 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Alce Hill, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); John Hill, 1539 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Margaret Hill, 1539 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

### Hillaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Hillerby**.

### Hillage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Illidge**.

### Hillam

Variants: **Hillum, Hilliam, Hillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name, usually from Hillam in Monk Fryston (WR Yorks), occasionally perhaps from Hillam in Cockerham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert in Hillum, about 1050 in *Tengvik* (Yorks); John de Hillum, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Hillum, 1302 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henricus de Hyllom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parlington, WR Yorks); Roger Hillum, 1401–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Uppingham, Rutland); John Hillam, 1560 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); William Hillum, 1672 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Peter Hillam, 1677 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); Catherine Hillam, 1710 in *IGI* (Ayston, Rutland); Hannah Hillam, 1817 in *IGI* (Sancton, ER Yorks).

### Hillan

Variants: **Hillen, Hillon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 Irish: from Ó hAoleáin, see **Heelan**.
- Early bearers:** England: John Hillon, 1764 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs).
- Ireland: Widow Hillan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyman, Tyrone); Thomas Hillane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmainemore, Mayo).
- 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Hillam**. Compare Roger Hillum, 1401–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Uppingham, Rutland).
- Early bearers:** Rogerus Hillon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Henry Hillon, 1667 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).
- 3 English: see **Hilling**.
- 4 English: see **Hilland**.

### Hilland

Variants: **Hillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: variant of **Hyland**. Compare Ann Hyland, 1683, Eliz. Hilland, 1720, William Highland, 1753 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); John Hilland, 1611, Thomas Highland, 1762 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); and with the Cornwall examples below compare John Hyland, 1589 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall). **Early bearers:** Anthony Hilland, 1586, William Hillan, 1591, William Hyland, 1795 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Hilland, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Joseph Hilland, 1674 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Hillond, 1770 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

### Hillard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin; Kerry

English: variant of **Hiller**. Compare **Hellard** and see also **Hilliard**.

### Hillary

Variants: **Hilary, Hillery, Hellery, Ellery, Allery, Hilliarey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and NR Yorks; also Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French male or female personal name *Hilari(e)*, *Ilari(e)*, and *Elari(e)*, from Latin *Hilarius* and *Hilaria* (‘joyful’). It was the name of several saints, in particular Saint Hilarius of Poitiers (d. 368). Although quite popular in France, it was only occasionally used in England, where it was confused with the following personal name. (ii) relationship name from the rare Middle English, Old French male or female personal name *Eulari(e)*, an altered form of Latin *Eulalius* and *Eulalia*, which were derivatives of the Greek male name *Eulalos* ‘sweetly speaking’. The latinized forms in English documents imply Middle English variants such as *Eilari(e)*, which is exclusive to this name, *Elari(e)*,

*Hillari(e)*, and *Illari(e)*, which are shared by the name in (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: (i) Hilarius, 1100–30 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Hilarius Brunus, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Illaria, Ilaria, Hillaria, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). given names: (ii) Eularia, Eilaria, Yllaria Trussebut, 1200, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Eularia de Hulle, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Illarius, Hillarius de Bechamton, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset), identical with Eylarius de Bachamton, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Eularia, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Elaria, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Eularie de Hegge, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Eularius de Syre, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey). surnames: Richard Ilarie, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Hillar’ (Ylarius), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Hillari, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Hillari, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Hillary, Illore, 1308–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Hillory, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Robert Hyllary, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Minchington, Dorset); Phillis Hillorie, 1549 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Hillarie, 1561 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Ambrose Hillarie, 1627 in *IGI* (York); Gregory Hillery, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Hillary, 1667 in *IGI* (Broughton, Hants); Ruth Hilary, 1767 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks).

### Hillas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hillhouse**.

### Hillborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Hilborne**.

### Hillbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Hilborne**.

### Hillburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx; also Northants
- English: see **Hilborne**.

### Hillcoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks, and Argyll; also Durham
- English, Scottish: variant of **Elecoat**.

### Hilcock

Variants: **Elecoat, Hillcoat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: (i) variant of **Elcock** with prosthetic *H*-. Compare Thomas Elcock, 1583 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire) with Elizabetha Hilcocke, 1622, Alexander

## Hille

Ellcock, 1663, Anna Hillcock, 1694 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire). (ii) relationship name, perhaps alternatively from an unrecorded pet form of the Middle English personal name *Hilary* (see **Hillary**) + the hypocoristic suffix *-ok*.

**Early bearers:** John Hilcocke, 1605 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); Jane Hilcocke, 1654 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Elizabeth Hilcock, 1669 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Hilcock, 1724 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Sarah Hillcock, 1785 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Hille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: variant of **Hill**.

### Hilleard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Hilliard**.

### Hilleary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Hillary**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 278
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster
- 1 English: see **Hilling**.

2 English, Irish: in Lancs and in Ulster, a variant of **Hyland**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Hillen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyman, Tyrone); Patrick Hillen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down).

### Hiller

**Variants:** **Hillard**, **Heller**, **Huller**, **Hullyer**, **Hulyer**, **Hillier**, **Hilliard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *hil(l)er*, *hull(i)er* ‘roofer, slater, tiler’, agent nouns from the Middle English verb *hil(i)en*, *hul(i)en* ‘to put a roof on; cover with a roof’. See also **Hilliard**. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Hulyere, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Robertus Hulyere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Peter Hiller, 1432 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas Hyllare, 1679 in *IGI*; Ric. Hiller, 1547 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Tho. Hiller, 1671 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); Anne Iller, 1672 in *IGI* (Sessay, WR Yorks); Thomas Iler, 1769, James Hullar, 1777 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*hiller*, *\*heller*, *\*huller* ‘dweller on the hill’. See **Hill** and compare **Knoller** and **Mounter**. This type of formation, where the suffix *-er* is added to a topographical term, is mostly found in S England,

especially in Sussex, Surrey, and Kent. See also

### Hayler.

**Early bearers:** Rad. le Hullere, 1327, Alex. Heller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ric. le Huller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Sam. le heller’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Rog. le Hullare, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); William Hiller, 1548, Thomas Hillar, 1690 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Paretta Hylar, 1589 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Arther Hiller, 1598 in *IGI* (Elstead, Sussex); Marie Hiller, 1620, Isacke Heller, 1630 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Anthony Hiller, 1636, Sarah Heller, 1690 in *IGI* (Great Bookham, Surrey); John Hular, 1639 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex).

### Hillerby

**Variants:** **Hillaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: unexplained; apparently from a lost or unidentified place-name, probably in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Mark Hillaby, 1734 in *IGI* (Lowthorpe, ER Yorks); Robert Hillerby, 1769 in *IGI* (Hornsea, ER Yorks).

### Hillery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- English: see **Hillary**.

### Hilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: from Ó hÍcheallaigh, Ó Fithcheallaigh, see **Feeley**.

**Early bearers:** John Henry Hilley, 1872 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

### Hillhouse

**Variants:** **Hillas**, **Hillis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; scattered in England

1 English, Scottish: locative name from several places of the name in Ayr and elsewhere in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Hilhou, 1657 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); William Hillhou, 1680 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); William Hillhouse, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* 3, p. 722 (Irvine, Lanarks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English or early Modern English *hill* + *house* ‘house on the hill’. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records a Richard del Hilhou of Clitheroe (Lancs) in 1425, but suggests that the WR Yorks surname is possibly a separate, later formation from the name of a farm in Fartown, in Pudsey (WR Yorks). *Redmonds* notes that it was tenanted by the Brook family from before 1532 and conjectures that *Hillhouse* may have been used in the local community as an alternative surname, citing Edmond Brooke alias Hillhouse (1609, Huddersfield Parish Registers). The name generally survives as *Hillas*, occasionally as *Hillis*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Hylhouse, 1513 in *York Registry Wills* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Nicholas Hillhouse, 1579 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Johannis Hillas, 1675 in *IGI* (Riccall, ER Yorks); Daniel Hillhouse, 1683, William Hillas, 1707 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Hillis, 1781, John Hillas, 1783 in *IGI* (Pudsey, WR Yorks).

### Hilliam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

English: perhaps a variant of **Hillam**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hilliam, 1689 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willm. Hilliam, 1731 in *IGI* (Lowthorpe, ER Yorks); John Hilliam, 1816 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Hilliar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset

1 English: see **Hellier**.

2 English: see **Hillier**.

### Hilliard

**Variants:** **Hildyard**, **Hillyard**, **Hilleard**, **Hillier**, **Hilyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1334, Ireland 477
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Fermanagh

1 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Hildiard*, *Holdiard*, Anglo-Norman French forms of Continental Germanic *Hildigard*, *Hildiardis*. The family name was brought to Ireland from Yorks in the 17th century. The Northants and Beds family names may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hildiard’ de Trule, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Hyldeiard, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

surnames, England: Robert Hildyard, Hildyerd, Hiliard, bailiff of the Countess of Aumale in Holderness, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (ER Yorks); Peter Hildeyard’, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston, ER Yorks); Christofer Hilyearde, 1579, William Hildyard, 1715 in *IGI* (York); Christopher Hildyard, 1599 in *IGI* (Winestead, ER Yorks); Lawrence Hillyard, 1611 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Robert Hilliard, 1624, Thomas Hilliard, 1779 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Richard Holliard, 1637 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Robert Hilliard, 1638 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Elizabeth Hilliard, 1686 in *IGI* (Collyweston, Northants).

surnames, Ireland: Thomas Hillard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumkeeran, Fermanagh); Guy Hillard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Trory, Fermanagh); Matthew Hillard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tallanstown, Louth); James Hilliar, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); John Hilliard, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford).

2 English: variant of **Hillier**, **Hiller**, **Hellier**, and **Heller**, especially in SW England. Compare **Hellard**. **Further information:** Nicholas Hilliard (about 1547–1619), goldsmith and painter of miniature portraits to Elizabeth I, was the son of Richard Hilliard, an Exeter goldsmith. He may have been related to

Grace Hiller or Hilliar, first wife of Theophilus Eaton, the co-founder of the New Haven Colony in America.

**Early bearers:** Marye Hallard, 1558, Marye Helliard, 1620, Mary Hilliard, 1664, Elezebeth Heller, 1671, Hanna Hillerd, 1672 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Anne Hellyard, 1605 in *IGI* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Mary Hilliard, 1641, James Helliard, 1645 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Mary Hilliard, 1705 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts).

### Hillick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlothian English, Scottish: see **Hillock**.

### Hillidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Illidge** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

### Hillier

**Variants:** Hilyer, Hillyer, Hilliar, Hillyar, Hilliard, Hillyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6043, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4005
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Surrey

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *hil(l)ier* 'roofer, slater, tiler'. The name was interchangeable with **Hiller** (1).

**Early bearers:** S England: Steven Hillier, 1562 in *IGI* (Brancombe, Devon); Richard Hyllyar, 1572 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Hilliar, 1611 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Humphrey Hillier, 1697 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Richard Hillier, 1799 in *IGI* (Chale, Hants).

S Midlands: Robert le Hillier, 1347 in *Close Rolls* (Beds); William Hillier, 1566, William Hilliar, 1701 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); Edward Hilliar, 1628 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Thomas Hylliar, 1642 in *IGI* (Courteenhall, Northants).

2 English: in the S Midlands post-medieval examples may sometimes be variants of **Hilliard**.

### Hilling

**Variants:** Hillings, Hillan, Hillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Hellen**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Illing** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hillen, 1578 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Isabell Hillon, 1624 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Johannes Hillen, 1646 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anna Hilling, 1697 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); John Hilling, 1708 in *IGI* (Reedham, Norfolk); Oliver Hillan, 1746 in *IGI* (Rockland Saint Mary, Norfolk); Sarah Hillen, 1746 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Thos. Hillen, 1774, Jonathan Hellen, 1777 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived on a hill, Middle English *\*hilling*, Old English *\*hylling*. The name is found early in Devon, where this type of formation is common, but it seems not to have survived there much beyond the 17th century. Some of the post-medieval early bearers below may

otherwise be variants of *Helion* and belong under (1, i).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Hillyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Pool, Devon); Thomas Hilling, 1556 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Grace Hilling, 1577, Elizabeth Hillen, 1623 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Richard Hilling, 1624 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Joshua Hillan, 1701 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset).

**References:** *Surnames of Devon*, p. 23.

### Hillings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: post-medieval variant of **Hilling** with excrescent *-s*.

### Hillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 304
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Scottish, English: see **Hillhouse**.  
2 English: see **Hills**.

### Hillman

**Variants:** Hilman, Illman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4088, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2566
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Sussex; London; also SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Middle English *hil(le)* 'hill' or *helde* 'slope' + *-man*, for someone who lived or perhaps worked on or near such a place; compare **Helman**.

**Early bearers:** John Hildman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Hilman, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Furlong in Drewsteignton, Devon); Harrye Hilman, 1554 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Walter Ilman, 1562 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); John Illman, 1576 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Andrew Illman, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Calbourne, IoW); Margaret Hildman, 1593 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); John Hillman or Hilman, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Foulston, Wilts).

### Hillock

**Variants:** Hollick, Hillick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) small hill', from Middle English *hillock*, a diminutive of *hille* (Old English *hyll* 'hill').

**Early bearers:** Ragher Hilloc, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Hillock, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Hillock, 1517 in *Black* (Glasgow).

### Hillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Kent
- English: see **Hillan**.

### Hills

**Variants:** Hiles, Hillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9903, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8119

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Durham and Northumb

English: variant of **Hill** with genitival *-s* if a relationship name, attested in Matilda Hilles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), where the genitival form may signify widowhood; or with plural *-s* if locative, attested in Johanne de Hyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs), and Ricardo del Hyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Eccleston, Lancs); or with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, probably mostly the latter in the following examples.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hilles, 1426, John Hillys, 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Rochester, Kent); John Hyles, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Aspenden, Herts); Cristofer Hiles, 1553, Robert Hills, 1600 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Lawrence Hills, Anne Hiles, 1587 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); Margeret Hillis, 1566, Theophilus Hills, 1593 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Agnes Hills, 1562 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Hills, 1571, Arthure Hiles, 1606 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Anthonye Hills, 1582, George Hiles, 1723 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Elisabeth Hills, 1609 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henrie Hiles, 1613 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, Yorks); Thomas Hills, 1627 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Hills, 1684, John Hiles, 1766 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Hillsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and Middx
- English: see **Hilsdon**.

### Hillson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Northants, Hunts, and Beds

English: see **Hilson**.

### Hillstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name, probably from Helsted in Boxley (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John Hilstead, 1733, Richard Hilsted, 1739, James Hillstead, 1764 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Henry Bigg Hilsted, 1800 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent).

### Hillum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hillam**.

### Hillyar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and Sussex; also WR Yorks

1 English: see **Hillier**.

2 English: see **Hellier**.

### Hillyard

**Variants:** Hillier, Hilyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1030, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621

## Hillyer

- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands, SE England; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Hilliard**.

### Hillyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 852
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Hants; Bucks; Northants
- 1 English: see **Hillier**.  
2 English: see **Hellier**.

### Hilman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex; also Devon; Monmouths
- English: see **Hillman**.

### Hilmi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: relationship name from a personal name derived from Arabic *hilmi* ‘mild, gentle’.

### Hilsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Essex
- English: see **Hilsdon**.

### Hilsdon

- Variants:** **Hilsden**, **Hillsdon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and Middx
- English: from Hillesden (Bucks).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Hildisdone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Hilsdon, 1599 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); John Hilsdon, 1613 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Christopher Hilsdon, 1638 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Wm. Hilsdon, 1641 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); John Hilsdon, 1706 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

### Hilson

- Variants:** **Hillson**, **Hillson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp Roxburghs; Beds; Devon
- 1 Scottish, English: relationship name, ‘son of *Hild*’ (see **Hild** (1)).  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Hildson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Hilson, 1583 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Anne Hilson, 1610 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon); William Hilson, 1616 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Alice Hilson, 1626 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Hilson, 1637 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset).  
2 English, Scottish: relationship name, ‘son of *Hille*’ (see **Hill** (2)). Some bearers may belong with (1).  
**Early bearers:** Walter Hillssone, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Hillson, 1611 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Archbald Hillson, 1644 in *IGI* (Kirknewton and East Calder, Midlothian); Georg Hilson, 1658 in *IGI* (Westruther, Berwicks).

### Hilt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hilte*, ultimately from Continental Germanic *Helto*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Helte de Boisdele, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: William filius Helte, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Ralph filius Hilt, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Hilte, 1297 in *Suffolk Record Office* (Ipswich); Hugh Hilte, 1391 in *Notts Archives* (Tickhill); Elizabeth Hilt, 1707 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Hilton

- Variants:** **Hylton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 12602, Ireland 101
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 English: locative name from any of various places called Hilton (in Derbys, Staffs, NR Yorks, and elsewhere). Some examples may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Hiltun, 1132 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; Robert de Hilton, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Alicia de Hilton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rivington, Lancs); John Hilton, 1393–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Robert Hilton, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Nicholas Hylton, 1488 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Giles Hilton, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Eccles, Lancs); Henry Hilton, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hilton, Durham).  
2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from *Hilton* as a personal name, as in the case of Ralph filius Hilton, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

### Hilyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Notts
- English: see **Hilliard**.

### Hilyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- 1 English: see **Hillier**.  
2 English: see **Hellier**.

### Himsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Hemsworth**.

### Hince

- Variants:** **Hence**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, and Warwicks; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Hints**.  
2 English: see **Ince**.

### Hinch

- Variants:** **Inch**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 340
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: probably a reduced form of **Hinchcliffe**.  
**Early bearers:** Katherina Hinch, 1588 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Jhoannes Hynch, 1598 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs); Ric. Hinch., 1612 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Thomas Hinch, 1627 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hinchliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 354
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hinchliffe

- Variants:** **Hinchcliff**, **Hinchliff**, **Hinchliffe**, **Hinchsliff**, **Hinchsliffe**, **Hinchliffe**, **Hinchley**, **Hinch**, **Hincliff**, **Henchliff**, **Henchcliffe**, **Hinchey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1665, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1824
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from a locality in Holmfirth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Heynchecliff* (‘steep cliff’) in 1307 (*Wakefield Court Rolls*).  
**Further information:** Redmonds points out that Hinchcliffe Mill in Cartworth (Kirkburton) was a fulling mill that was called after the family that tenanted it, not the cliff itself (as implied in *Place-Names of WR Yorks*).  
**Early bearers:** John de Hengeclif, 1324, Agnes de Hingecliff, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardus de Hynchecliff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Adam de Hyncheclyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); John Hynchecliffe, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Thomas Hyncliffe, 1474 in *York Registry Wills* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); William Hynseclif, 1485, Henry Henseclyf, 1552 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Charles Hinchcliff, 1530 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); John Hinchliffe, 1633 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 237; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hinchey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Tyrone
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Hinchcliffe**; compare **Hinch** and **Hinchley**.  
2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from a reduced and altered form of **Mac Aonghuis** ‘son of **Angus**’, see **McInnes**.

### Hinchley

- Variants:** **Hinchly**, **Hinsley**, **Inchley**, **Insley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Notts; Staffs
- English: variant of **Hinchcliffe** with development of *-cliff* via *-liff* to *-ley*.  
**Early bearers:** Alace Hynchly, 1558 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Margaret Hinchley, 1571 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Hinchlye, 1596 in *IGI* (London); Grace Henslyfe, 1598, Martha Hinsliff, 1755 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Hinchley, 1600 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Dorothea Hinchley,

1665, Maria Hinchcliff, 1729 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks); Alice Hinchley, 1676 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Elizabeth Hinchly, 1768 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

### Hinchliff

- Current frequencies: GB 299, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 473
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hinchliffe

- Current frequencies: GB 3554, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 2581
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hinchly

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs

English: see **Hinchley**.

### Hinchsliff

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Cheshire; Lincs

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hinchsliffe

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hinchy

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**. Compare **Henchy**.

### Hinckesman

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops

English: see **Hensman**.

### Hinckley

Variants: **Hinkley**, **Hingley**, **Inkley**

- Current frequencies: GB 216, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 332
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England; esp. Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from Hinckley (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Anfred de Hinkelai, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Roger de Hinckele, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Henry de Hinkle, 1265, John de Hyncl, syfker, 1379–80 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); John de Hynkeley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Hynkeleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Hynkeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes Hynkele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); Johannes de Hynkley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); William Hinkley, 1567 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Emma

Hinckley, 1579 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); George Hinkley, 1595 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Hincks

- Current frequencies: GB 432, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 354
- Main GB location 1881: Midlands: esp. Leics
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny and Wexford

English: see **Hinks**.

### Hincliff

- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hincliffe

Variants: **Hinechey**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Hinchcliffe**.

### Hind

Variants: **Hinde**, **Hynd**, **Hinds**

- Current frequencies: GB 4252, Ireland 27
- GB frequency 1881: 3765
- Main GB location 1881: widespread throughout N England: esp. Notts
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

1 English: occupational name, post-medieval

variant of **Hine** ‘servant, farm labourer’ with excrescent *-d*, found especially in N England.

2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English, Old English *hind* ‘female deer’, presumably alluding either to timidity or to fleetness of foot.

**Early bearers:** Cristiana Hynde, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Henry Hynde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Cicilie Hinde, 1589 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Notts); Tho. Hinde, 1615 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Edwarde Hinde, 1686 in *IGI* (Kirkandrews upon Eden, Cumb).

### Hinde

- Current frequencies: GB 1623, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 1222
- Main GB location 1881: NW England; also Midlands; Dorset
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry

English: see **Hind**.

### Hindell

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 53
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Hindle**.

### Hinder

Variants: **Inder**

- Current frequencies: GB 606, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 333
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Gloucs
- English: nickname from Middle English *hinder* ‘crafty, treacherous’.

**Early bearers:** William le Hynder, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Johanne Hynder, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, Gloucs); Richard Hynder, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Botolph Aldgate, London); Richarde Hinder, 1582 in *IGI* (Lattou, Wilts); Robt. Hynder, 1601 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); John

Hinder, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Briavels, Gloucs); Benjamin Inder, 1749 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Samuel Hindor, 1773 in *IGI* (Lydiard Millicent, Wilts); Noah Inder, 1808, Indor, 1814 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

### Hindes

- Current frequencies: GB 252, Ireland 76
- GB frequency 1881: 297
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

1 English: see **Hines**.

2 Irish: see **Hynes**.

### Hindhaugh

- Current frequencies: GB 458, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 198
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

English: locative name from Hindhaugh (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hindhaugh, 1616 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Richard Hindhaugh, 1631 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ralph Hindhaugh, 1652 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Ralph Hindhaugh, 1671 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb).

### Hindle

Variants: **Hindell**

- Current frequencies: GB 4020, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 4204
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Hindle in Altham Chapelry, Lancs, or probably Hindle Fold in Great Harwood, named with Old English *hind* + *dæl*, ‘valley or pit frequented by hinds’. Most early-modern bearers are in Great Harwood. (ii) locative name from Hendal in Withyham (Sussex) or Hendall in Buxted (Sussex), each with the same meaning as **Hindle** (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Hindal, 1205 in *Pleas* (Sussex); John de Hyndale, 1255–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John de Hyndedale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Hindle, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Mathie Hendle, 1563 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Barnardi Hindle, 1578 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).

### Hindley

Variants: **Hyndley**, **Hinley**

- Current frequencies: GB 2815, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 2463
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Hindley (Lancs) or possibly Hiendley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Hindelay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Hindeley, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Hyndley, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Robertus de Hindley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aspull, Lancs); Nicholas Hyndley, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Wallington, Herts); Hughe Hindley or Hindleye, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Wigan, Lancs); Robert Hindly, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); Anne Hinley, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 118–21; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Hindman

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 78

## Hindmarch

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Hyndman**.

### Hindmarch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 578
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Hindmarsh**.

### Hindmarsh

Variants: **Hindmarch**, **Hymas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1422, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place called *Hindmarsh*, probably in NE England; or for someone who lived or came from 'behind (beyond) the marsh'.
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Hidmers, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alwinton, Northumb); Robert Hynmerssh, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham, referring to places in Northumb); Catherine Hyndmers, 1541 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Margaretae Hyndmersh, 1573 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Hyndemarsh, John Henmarche, 1578, John Hydemarsh, 1580 in *Assize Rolls* (Ardleigh, Essex); Wedow Hinemers, 1580 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Wallsend, Northumb); Margery Hindmarsh, 1582 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Thomas Hindmarsh, 1584 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Kellam Hindmarch, 1605 in *IGI* (Thurlby by Newark, Lincs); Willm Hynemers, 1601, Margery Hymers, 1611, Ouzwin Hymars, 1646, George Hindmarch, 1677 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Hyndmarsh, 1617 in *IGI* (Aubourn, Lincs); William Hindmarsh, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech, Cambs); Janet Hindmarsh, 1632 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Margret Hymass, 1698 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Hymarsh, 1712 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Hindmoor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham
- English: locative name, unexplained. The distribution could indicate a connection with **Hindmarsh**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hindmore, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); Joseph Hyndmer, 1695 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); Francis Hindmore, 1689, Hindmoor, 1692, Hyndmer, 1696 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Thomas Hindmer, 1708, Hindmor, 1714 in *IGI* (Great Musgrave, Westm).

### Hindochoa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Hindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; Wilts; Notts
- English: locative name from Hindon (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Giles de Hynedon, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Sewyn de Hynedone, 1331 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William de

Hynden', 1342–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Hale, Hants); John de Hyndon, 1353 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Waltero Hindon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flitwick, Beds); John Hynden, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Alice Hindon, 1574 in *Parish Registers*, Aldred Hindon, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Dunster, Somerset).

### Hindry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Scottish, English: see **Henry**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Hindry, 1611 in *IGI* (Buckingham, Bucks); James Hindry, 1692 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Marie Hindry, 1692 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); William Hindry, 1692 in *IGI* (Wood Dalling, Norfolk); Susannah Hindry, 1697 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Janet Hindry, 1699 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); Janet Hindry, 1702 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

### Hinds

Variants: **Hindes**, **Hynds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3541, Ireland 271
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2059
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Fermanagh
- English, Scottish: post-medieval variant of **Hind** with excrescent *-s*.

### Hindsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Hinsley**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### Hindson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham, Cumb, and Westm
- English: post-medieval variant of **Hinson**. Compare **Hind**, **Hine**.

### Hine

- Variants: **Hines**, **Hyne**, **Hynes**, **Hind**, **Ion**, **Hayne**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2899, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- English: occupational name from Middle English, Old English *hine* 'servant, member of a household', also 'farm labourer' (such as a herdsman or shepherd). In early Modern English it commonly appears as *hind*. The Notts evidence shows that some bearers of the name were wealthy freemen, which suggests that their eponymous ancestors were not farmhands but senior members of a lord's household. From the late 15th century onwards in W England, from south to north, a *hine* or *hind* also denoted a farm steward or manager, a sense that may be relevant to the surname in NW England, where hereditary naming had not been fully established by the 16th century.
- Early bearers:** N England: Robert le Hyne, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Isabel Hynde, 1582 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Hugh Hynde, 1577, in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); William Hinde, 1582 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Elizabeth Hind, 1642 in *IGI* (Chester le Street,

Durham); Dorothy Hynd, 1648 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

S England: William le Hyne, 1240 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert le Hyne, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne le Hyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Galfrido le Hine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chute with Conhold and Shaw, Wilts); Robert Hyne, 1443 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Lewes Hyne, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Salehurst, Sussex); Richard Hind, 1595, Margery Hine, 1721 in *IGI* (Epwell, Oxon); Alice Hinde, 1605 in *IGI* (Long Burton, Dorset); Jn. Hine, 1614, Rob. Hine, 1715 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Nicholas Hyne, 1617, Joan Hind, 1687, William Hine, 1769 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon); William Hinde, 1736 in *IGI* (Portland, Dorset).

Midlands : Jordanus Hyne, free tenant, 1297 in *Gringley Extent* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Robert le Hyne, 1320 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts), identical with Robert Hyne, cousin and heir of William Hyne, 1326–7 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Cecil' le Hyne, assessed at 4 shillings, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clifton, Notts); John Hyne, 1540 in *IGI* (Alstonfield, Staffs); Joseph Hind, 1671, 1825 in *IGI* (Wellow, Notts); Franciscus Hind, 1675 in *IGI* (Burton on Trent, Staffs).

### Hiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: occupational name of uncertain origin; possibly from a term denoting an agricultural labourer, a variant of **Hine** with the addition of the agent suffix *-er*.
- Early bearers:** Susannah Hiner, 1781 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); Jacob Hiner, 1784 in *IGI* (Dalham, Suffolk); John Hiner, 1789 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Elizabeth Hiner, 1791 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); John Hiner, 1797 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk).

### Hines

- Variants: **Hynes**, **Ions**, **Hynds**, **Hindes**, **Ince**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4026, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2471
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; also Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- 1 English: post-medieval variant of **Hine** with excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** N England: Mary Hinds, 1706, Richard Hints, 1730, Elisabeth Hinns, 1770 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Edward Hines, 1754, Mary Hinds, 1785 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- Midlands: Izabella Hynes, 1566, Elizabeth Hinds, 1701, Joseph Hinds, 1801 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Hindes, 1568 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); George Hines, 1575 in *IGI* (Corley, Warwicks); Edward Hindes, 1673, Elizabeth Hynes, 1701 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Mary Hines, 1693, Mary Hinds, 1761 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).
- E England: Susan Hins, 1586, Samuel Hindes in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Francis Hindes, 1652 in *IGI* (Teston, Kent); Ruth Hins, 1690, Mary Hinds, 1741 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Edward Hines, 1692, Edward Hinds, 1744 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).
- SW England: Thomas Hynes, 1700 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Fresset Hindes, 1705 in *IGI* (Throwleigh, Devon).
- 2 Irish: see **Hynes**.



**Hinett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hine* ‘servant’ (see *Hine*) + the diminutive suffix *-et*.
- Early bearers:** Johne Hynett, 1540 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Thomas Hinet, 1596 in *IGI* (Thurlaston, Leics); Willm Hynett, 1609, Hynet, 1634 in *IGI* (Sharnford, Leics); Johanns Hinett, 1719 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk); James Hinett, 1817 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

**Hiney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Angus; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Westmeath

Irish: from Ó **hEidhneach** ‘descendant of *Eidneach*’ or Ó **hAdhnaigh** ‘descendant of *Adhnach*’, a personal name perhaps derived from *adhain* ‘kindle, inflame, ignite’.

**Early bearers:** Patrick O’Heynney, tailor, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §355 (Cowley, Kilkenny); Joan ny Hynie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537 (Killedaton, Kilkenny); Donell mcMurtagh O’Heynee, horseman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537 (Dorrelaskan, Tipperary).

**Hing**

**Variants:** **Hinge**, **Hang**, **Heng**, **Shing**, **Shin**, **Sing**, **Ing**, **Ying**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks; Kent
- 1 English: probably a variant of **Ing** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Ales Hyngge, 1541 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Sybell Henge, 1565 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Margearye Henghe, 1565 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Henry Hing, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, Jewry, London); Edward Hinge, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Hitchin, Herts); William Hinge, 1632 in *IGI* (Otford, Kent); John Hing, 1659 in *IGI* (Addington, Kent); William Hing, 1677 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Robt. Hing, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, London); Geo. Hing, 1734 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); Elizabeth Hing, 1735 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs); Mary Hing, 1745 in *IGI* (Whipsnade, Beds); Francis Hing, 1754 in *IGI* (Little Braxted, Essex).

2 Chinese: Hokkien, Taiwanese, and Teochew form of the Chinese surname 邢 (**Xing** or **Hsing** in Mandarin romanization, **Ying** or **Ing** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Xing* (邢), the name of an ancient state (located in Xingtai in Hebei province) granted to the fourth son of Zhou Gong Dan (the younger brother of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC)). After the state was annexed by the state of Wei (衛) (located around present-day Hebi, and Xinxiang in Henan province) in 635 BC, people kept the name of the state as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Xing* (邢), the name of a fief (located in Wenxian in Henan province) granted to descendants of Han Xuan Zi (died 541 BC), a revered official in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province).

**Further information:** This form is found in Taiwan, Fujian province, and E Guangdong province, from where people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 幸 (**Xing** or **Hsing** in Mandarin romanization, **Hang** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘gaining imperial favour’ in ancient Chinese: possibly borne by descendants of those people who gained favour from the emperors or nobles.

4 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 王, see **Wong** (1). This form is found in E Guangdong province, from where people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

**Hinge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Somerset
- English: see **Hing** (1).

**Hingham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Hingham (Norfolk), recorded as *Hengham* in 1158.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Hengham, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph de Hengham, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Hingham, 1542 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Edwrdi. Hingham, 1543 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Anne Hingham, 1621 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Peter Hingham, 1698 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Robert Hingham, 1699 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

**Hingle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: variant of **Ingall** with prosthetic *H-*.

**Hingley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 983, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 693
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: probably a variant of **Hinckley**, with voicing of /k/ to /g/ between voiced consonants.
- Early bearers:** Willm Hingley, 1572 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Isabell Hingley, 1600 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

**Hingston**

**Variants:** **Hinkson**, **Inkson**, **Henson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Hingston (in Bigbury, Devon) or Hingston Down (in Moretonhampstead, Devon), but not Hingston Down (Cornwall), which was not an inhabited place. Hinxton (Cambs) is a possible alternative source for the surname in E England.

**Early bearers:** Michael de Hengesdon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); John de Heyngesdon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chudleigh, Devon); John de Hyngeston, 1343 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; Richard Hyngston, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Yealmpton, Devon); Rafe Ingson, 1578 in *IGI* (Newgate, London); Roger Hingston, 1604, Anne Hingston, 1720 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); John Hingston, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Robert Hingston, 1628 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Andrew Hingston, 1629, Peggy Inkson, 1785, Ann Robins Hingston, 1805 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); Gillian Hinckston, 1629 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Frances Hingson, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomasyn Hingson, 1637 in *IGI* (Kingston near Ivybridge, Devon); John Hinkson, 1637, Temperance Hingson, 1669, Malachi Hingston, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); William Hinckson, 1662 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon).

**Hinkin**

**Variants:** **Hinkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also Cambs

English: post-medieval variant of **Henkin**.

**Early bearers:** John Hinkine, 1574 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Richard Hinkyn, 1597 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Tho. Hinkin, 1723 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); David Hinkin, 1849 in *IGI* (Rhymney, Monmouths).

**Hinkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: variant of **Hinkin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joanna Hinkins, 1561 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); William Hinkings, 1668, George Hinkins, 1669 in *IGI* (Sherbourne, Dorset); William Hinkins, 1707 in *IGI* (Longstanton, Cambs); Elizabeth Hinkings, 1795 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

**Hinkley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Warwicks

English: see **Hinckley**.

**Hinks**

**Variants:** **Hincks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1730, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1182
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of **Hink** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Hynks, 1381 in *Suffolk Poll Tax*; Elizabeth Hincks, 1560, Mary Hincks, 1640 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); John Hynkes, 1562 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Humfrey Hynckes, 1570, in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); John Hynkes, 1562 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Margret Hinkes, 1576 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Hinckes, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Mary Hynkes, 1598 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Elizabeth Hinckes, 1584, Thomas Hinks, 1817 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Dorathy Hinkes, 1601 in *IGI* (Twycross, Leics); Francis Hinckes, 1613 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Francis Hincks, 1648, Samuel Hinckes, 1767 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Andrew Hinkes, 1669, Mary Hinks, 1832 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Thomas Hincks, 1746 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs).

## Hinksman

### Hinksman

Variants: **Hinxman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: occupational name, status name ‘servant of Hinke’; for this given name see **Hinks**, and compare **Hinkson**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hinxman, 1593 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Francisci Hinxman, 1596 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs); William Hinksman, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Edwardi Hinksman, 1637 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); William Hinkesman, 1663 in *IGI* (Redmarley D’Abitot, Worcs); Sarah Hinksman, 1681 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Hinkson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name, see **Hingston**.

### Hinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Hindley**.

### Hinman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics

1 English: variant of **Henman**.

2 English: variant of **Inman** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hinnigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; Lincs
- Irish: from Ó hEidhneacháin, see **Heneghan**.

### Hinsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Leics, and Cheshire
- Irish: from Ó hAonghusa, see **Hennessy**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is no longer found in Ireland and Britain but continues to thrive in the USA. Compare **Hinchy**, **Henchy**.

### Hinshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: variant of **Henshaw**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Kentigern Hynshaw, 1563 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Heindshaw, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Kilmarny, Fife); James Hindschaw, 1648 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andrew Hinchaw, 1654, James Hinshaw, 1693, Robert Hinshae, 1716 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

England: Thomas Hinshaw, 1588 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Thomas Hinshewe, 1599 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Elizabeth Hinshawe, 1607 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Water Hinshew, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Hinshaw, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Hinshelwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Henshilwood in Carnwath (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** John Hinchelwood, burgess of Lanark, 1625 in *Black*; Agnes Hinschilwood, 1660 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Agnes Henchelwood, 1689 in *Black* (Craigend); James Hinshelwood, 1695 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks); James Hinchilwood, 1703 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Jannet Hinchelwood, 1711 in *IGI* (Carluke, Lanarks); James Hinshieldwood, 1725 in *IGI* (Libberton, Lanarks).

### Hinsley

Variants: **Hindsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 808, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Staffs and Warwicks; also Norfolk

1 English: in Staffs and Warwicks, a variant of **Insley** with prosthetic *H-*.

2 English: in Yorks and Norfolk, a variant of **Hinchley**.

### Hinson

Variants: **Hynson**, **Hindson**, **Ineson**, **I’Anson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs and Cambs

English: relationship name from Middle English *hine* ‘household servant or farmworker’ + *son*.

Compare **Hine**, and for additional bearers see **Ineson** and **I’Anson**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas Hyneson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorp Arch, WR Yorks); Johannes Hynson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Johanne Hynson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ormside, Westm); Margerie Hynson, 1578, Luke Hindson, 1619 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Margery Hindson, 1584 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Richard Hyneson, 1611 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Thomas Hyneson, 1621, John Hyndeson, 1631, Richard Hinson, 1642, William Hindson, 1646, Thomas Hineson, Hiendson, 1705, 1754 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Stephen Hinson, 1644 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Hinson, 1681 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lincs); William Hineson, 1739, Ann Hindson, 1787 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks); Thomas Hinson, 1754, James Hindson, 1797 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Francis Hindson, 1776, William Hineson, 1787 in *IGI* (Helmshley, NR Yorks).

Midlands and E England: Roberto Hynesson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bagworth, Leics); John Hyndson, 1493 in *London Letter Books L*; Stephen Hinson, 1567 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Hynson, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robti Hindson, 1579 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Hindsen, 1579 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Johanna Hinson, 1581 in *IGI* (Fordham, Cambs); Nathaniell Hinson, 1598, Elizabeth Hinson, 1814 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Edward Hinson, 1609 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Mary Hinson, 1616, Robert Hinson, 1697, Hannah Hinson, 1835 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Hindson, Hinson, 1816, 1819 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Hinsull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Insall**.

### Hint

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Kent

English: see **Hints**.

### Hinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5572, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4005
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs; also Wilts; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Hinton, for example in Shrops, Herefs, Gloucs, Somerset, Hants, and Northants.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hintona, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition*; Thomas de Hyneton’, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Hynnton, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannis Hinton, 1541 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Richard Hinton, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Hinton, 1560 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Willim Hinton, 1561 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Christofer Hinton, 1563 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

### Hints

Variants: **Hince**, **Hint**, **Ince**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from either of two places called Hints (Staffs, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Hyntes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hints, Staffs); Lucia Hyntes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fenny Drayton, Leics); Philip Hyntys alias Hynce, 1553 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Thomas Hynce, 1588 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Hince, 1599 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Tho Hints, 1621 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Jana Hints, 1621 in *IGI* (Yazor, Herefs); John Hints, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; John Hints, 1664 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Mary Hince, 1743 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops).

### Hinwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants

English: locative name from Hen Wood in Wootton (Berks), recorded as *Hynewode* in the 12th century

**Early bearers:** Guy Hinwood, 1603 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Gulielmi Hinwood, 1628 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); William Hinwood, 1678 in *IGI* (Wylye, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 463.

### Hinxman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central S England
- English: see **Hinksman**.

### Hiorns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon  
 English: variant of **Hirons** with metathesis of *r*.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Hiorns, 1698 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Hiorns, 1751 in *IGI* (Barford, Oxon); Joseph Hiorns, 1759 in *IGI* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Joseph Hiorns, 1763 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

### Hipgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name from a place in Weston (Herts) recorded as *Yppegrave* in 1307 and later called *Weston Park*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Hypegraua, about 1245 in a privately held deed (*Place-Names of Herts*, p. 146); Elizabeth Hipgrave, 1733 in *IGI* (Edmonton, Middx); Willm. Hyppgrave, 1736 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

### Hipkin

Variants: **Hipkins**, **Hipkiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs

English: relationship name from the personal name *Hipkin*, a diminutive of *Hyppe*, which is an unvoiced form of *Hibb*, from **Hebb**. Compare *Hyppe*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Lefsius Hippe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Hipecock, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Gualter Hipkin, 1611 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); John Hipkin, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Westbourne, Sussex); Thomas Hipkin, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Hipkins

Variants: **Hipkiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: variant of **Hipkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joane Hipkins, 1570 in *IGI* (London); John Hipkins, 1584 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Lawrance Hipkins, 1591 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs).

### Hipkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1198, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: see **Hipkins**.

### Hipper

Variants: **Hepper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname for a dancer, from an agent derivative of Old English *\*hyppan* ‘to hop’.

**Further information:** Compare Henry Hyphup (‘hop up’), 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William le Hyppere, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Hipper, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John Hipper, 1443 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Hipper, 1591 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk);

Margaret Hipper, 1595 in *IGI* (Trunch, Norfolk); William Hipper, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Hipperson

Variants: **Hibberson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Ibbotson**.

2 English: see **Ibson**.

### Hipsley

Variants: **Hipsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs

English: locative name from Ipsley (Warwicks), with prosthetic *H-* (recorded as *Hipesle* in 1203).

**Further information:** The surname without *H-* existed in Somerset in 1881 but is now extinct.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hipsley, 1598 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Judith Hippisley, 1606 in *IGI* (West Harptree, Somerset); Ambrose Hipsley, 1632 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Gregory Ipsley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); George Hipsley, 1672 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Hippisley, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Sarah Hipsley, 1680 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Hipsley, 1682 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Gabriel Hipsley, 1683 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 213–14.

### Hippolyte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

French: relationship name from the personal name *Hippolyte*, from Greek *Ippolytos*. See also Italian *Ippolito*.

**Further information:** This name occurs frequently in slave registers as a sole or first name, especially in Mauritius, suggesting that it may sometimes have a French colonial origin.

**Early bearers:** Lesoun Hyppolyte, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Sussex); Darren Hyppolyte, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Devon).

### Hipps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

English: variant of **Ibbs** with devoicing of the consonant and prosthetic *H-*.

### Hipsley

Variants: **Hippisley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; London; Northumb

English: locative name, see **Hippisley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hyppe*, *Hibb* (a variant of **Hebb**; see **Hipkin**) + *son*. (ii) relationship name, perhaps from the rare Middle English female personal name *Ibbe* + *son*. Compare **Hipperson**.  
**Early bearers:** Joan Hippson, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Willm. Hipson, 1582 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Edward Hibsonne, 1590 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Willm. Hibson, 1604 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Hipson, 1632, Wm. Hippson, 1680 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Hypson, 1841 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

### Hipwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: locative name from Hipswell (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland (Leix) since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Hiseswell, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Heppeswell, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Hypeswelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Edward Hipwell, 1638 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Hipwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics and Northants

English: possibly a variant of **Hepworth**.

### Hipworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hepworth**.

### Hira

Variants: **Heera**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Gujarat, Panjab, Mumbai): Sikh in the Panjab; Hindu, Parsi, and Muslim in Gujarat and Mumbai, from Sanskrit *hiraka* ‘diamond’.

### Hirani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1957, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Muslim, from *Hira-* (reduction of an ancestral name such as *Hirananda*) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Hircock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Cambs

English: see **Hercocok**.

### Hird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2749, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2305

## Hirdman

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Lincs; Aberdeens and Angus

English: see **Heard**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholai Hyrde, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margrett Hird, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Johan Hyrde, 1563 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Willm. Hyrde, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Willm Hird, 1577 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Elizabetha Hird, 1577 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Margaret Hird, 1585 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Janet Hird, 1592 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Daudid Hird, 1603 in *IGI* (Tetney, Lincs).

Scotland: Jonet Hird, 1581 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Alexander Hird, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cait Hird, 1601 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Jon. Hird, 1641 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); John Hird, 1735 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens).

## Hirdman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Hardman** (1) and compare **Herdman**.

## Hire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also London
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Here**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Hire, 1621 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Edward Hire, 1645 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
2 Irish: perhaps from Ó hÍr, Ó hÉir, see **O'Hare**.

## Hireland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Ireland**.

## Hirji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: unexplained.

## Hiron

Variants: **Hirons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Warwicks; London

English: see **Iron**.

**Early bearers:** John Hiron, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Wilhelmi Hiron, 1588 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Hiron, 1606 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Ankeri Hiron, 1619 in *IGI* (Honeybourne, Worcs); Sarah Hiron, 1625 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Thomas Hiron, 1625 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks).

## Hirons

Variants: **Hierons**, **Hiorns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1320, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 961
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Hiron** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richd. Hirons, 1580 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); George Hirons, 1596 in *IGI* (Bugbrooke, Northants); James Hirons, 1611 in *IGI* (Hook Norton, Oxon); Obadiah Hirons, 1713 in *IGI* (Banbury,

Oxon); Wm. Hirons, 1722 in *IGI* (Whitnash, Warwicks).

## Hirsch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: nickname, locative name for someone thought to resemble a deer or stag, Middle High German *hir(t)z*, or alternatively for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a stag. **Early bearers:** Richard Hirsch, 1573 in *IGI* (Duntisborne Rouse, Gloucs); Henry Adolphe Hirsch, 1854 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Karl Hirsch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Ludwig Hirsch, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) from German *Hirsch* or Yiddish *hirsh* 'deer', probably acquired as an ornamental or handout name. (ii) from the Yiddish male personal name *Hirsh* 'deer', which is common because of the association of the deer with the Hebrew personal name *Naftali*, deriving from the blessing by Jacob of his sons (Genesis 49: 21), in which Naftali is referred to as 'a hind let loose'. **Early bearers:** Susman Hirsch, warehouseman, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Manchester, Lancs); Solly Hirsch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Samuel Hirsch, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Moses Hirsch, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Edgbaston, Warwicks).

## Hirst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11114, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9711
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: see **Hurst**.

## Hirt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Leics
- English: rare devoiced form of **Hird**, see **Heard**.  
**Early bearers:** Hanah Hirt, 1785 in *IGI* (Newtown Linford, Leics).

## Hiscock

Variants: **Hiscocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2259, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset
- English: variant of **Hitchcock**.

**Early bearers:** William Hiscock, 1561 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); George Hiscock, 1607 in *IGI* (Alvediston, Wilts); Mary Hiscock, 1666 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Thomas Hiscock, 1666 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset).

## Hiscocks

Variants: **Hiscox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 384
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset
- English: variant of **Hiscock** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.

## Hiscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Monmouths
- English: variant of **Hiscock**, see **Hitchcock** and compare **Hiscutt** and **Hiskett**.

## Hiscox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 546
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Gloucs, Wilts, Somerset, and Devon
- English: see **Hiscocks**.

## Hiscutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Hiscock**, see **Hitchcock**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hiscutt, 1728 in *IGI* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Will Hiscutt, 1734, and Silas Hiscutt, 1736 in *IGI* (Abbots Bickington, Devon).

## Hiskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Somerset
- English: variant of **Hiscock**, see **Hitchcock**.  
**Early bearers:** James Hiskett, 1721 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Hiskett, 1752 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Joseph Hiskett, 1755 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); Wm. Hiskett, 1759 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks).

## Hiskey

Variants: **Waters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Irish: from Ó hUisce, which would literally mean 'descendant of the water'. It is probably a reduced form of Ó Fuiruisce, see **Whoriskey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Lois Hiskey, 1800 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Matilda Hiskey, 1805 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Hiskey, 1826, and Harriet Hiskey, 1830 in *IGI* (Elmsett, Suffolk); John Hiskey, 1837 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).  
Ireland: Gilladuf O'Hiskey, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Dirsert Kellye, Galway).

## Hislop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1630, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1801
  - **Main GB location 1881:** lowland Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Midlothian, Selkirks, and Roxburghs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Scottish: see **Heslop**.

## Hissey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: perhaps a variant of **Hessey**.

**Early bearers:** Henrie Hizie, 1592 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Richard Hissie, 1624 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Hizzzey, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Great Farringdon, Berks); Henry Hyssey, 1745 in *IGI* (Peasemore, Berks); Robert Hyssy, 1650 in *IGI* (Longworth,

Berks); John Hissey, 1674 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); William Hissey, 1695, George Hiszey, 1734 in *IGI* (Beedon, Berks).

### Histeadd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Histed**.

### Histed

**Variants:** Highstead, Hysted, Histeadd, Highested, Hasted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: locative name from Highstead in Sittingbourne (Kent), which is recorded as *Egsted* in 1200, *Hegestede* in 1278.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hecsted, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Ric's de Heysted', borsholder of Sittingbourne, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Helewis' de Heghsted, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Hegstede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Thomas Hyghstede, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Hythe, Kent); Thomas Highstede, 1473, Lawrance Histed, 1494 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 41 (Kent); Thomas Histed, 1580 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent); Ane Highsted, 1613 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Elizabeth Highsted, 1627 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 265.

### Histon

**Variants:** Hastings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Mayo
- 1 Irish: from Ó hOistín 'descendant of Oistín', Irish form of the personal name *Augustine*, see **Austin**. As Hastings was adopted for Ó hOistín in Ireland, some of the early bearers from *Flaxgrowers Ireland* below are of English origin and may belong with **Hastings** (1) and (2).

**Early bearers:** John Hustyne, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Magherie Odorne, Kerry); Thady O'Hustyne, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Clare); Ea McDonagh Ihustin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Brohill); Ea O'Hustin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Courtmatruske, Limerick); Richard Hesteen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Islandeedy, Mayo); Darby Hesten, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kibelfad, Mayo); Peter Hastings, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); Margaret Hastings, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); John Hastings, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunaghy, Antrim).

2 English: locative name from Histon (Cambs), recorded as *Huston* in 1188.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Histon, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Ralph de Huston', 1202 in *Pleas* (Cambs); John Histon, 1559, and Thomas Histon, 1561 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Histon, 1642 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); George Histon, 1643 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Histon, 1752 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); John Histon, 1763 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Susanah Histon, 1763 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Hitch

**Variants:** Hytch, Hitches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 794
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hich*, a rhyming pet form of *Richard*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hiche de Sadinton, 1198 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Hicche uenator, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts).

surnames: Walter Hicch, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Stephen Hiche, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); Willelmus Hiche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belmesthorpe, Rutland); Willelmus Hiche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Waltero Hiche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bittesby, Leics); William Hyche, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Jone Hitch, 1560, John Hytch, 1626 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); William Hych, 1563 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Hitch, 1594 in *PROB 11* (London); Andrew Hitch, 1611 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Dorothy Hytch, 1624 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Hitcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from either of two places called Hitcham (Suffolk, Bucks), recorded as *Hecham* and *Hucheham* respectively in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Hucham, 1227 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Robert de Hicham, 1257–9 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Roger de Hecheham, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Hicham, Hugh de Hecham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Hicham, 1557 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Wargrave, Berks); Peter Hitcham, 1572 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Robert Hitcham, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Joseph Hitcham, 1683 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk).

### Hitchcock

**Variants:** Hitchcox, Hitchcott, Hiscock, Hiskett, Hiscott, Hiscutt, Hedgecock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3095, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London; also Derbys

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Cork  
English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Hitch**, itself a pet form of **Richard**. Compare **Heacock**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hichecoc, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Hichecok, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Higeccok Trente, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*. surnames: John Higeccok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William Hygeccok, 1329, William Hichecok, 1360 in *Ancient Deeds*, vi (Dorset); Robertus Heghco'k, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Johanne Hichcok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton and Dalingworth, Gloucs); Hugh Hychecok', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Willm Hitchcock, 1566 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Edward Hitchcock, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Francis Hitchcock, 1681 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Mary Hitchcock, 1681 in *IGI* (Chaffcombe, Somerset).

### Hitchcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Hitchcock**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hitchcott, 1664 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Hitchcott, 1727 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Wilts); Anne Hitchcott, 1752 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Hitchcott, 1777 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Elizabeth Hitchcott, 1786 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

### Hitchcox

**Variants:** Hiscox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Northants

English: relationship name, variant of **Hitchcock** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hichecokes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hellen Hitchcox, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Roger Hitchcox, 1609 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Isaac Hitchcox, 1617 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); John Hitchcox, 1629 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Joane Hitchcox, 1633 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

### Hitchen

**Variants:** Hitchin, Hitching, Hitchins, Hitchens, Hichens, Hitchings, Hitchon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2514, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Hichun*, a diminutive of *Hich* (see **Hitch**). Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hichoun, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: John Hichun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Hitchon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meon, Gloucs); Johannes Hichon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bold, Lancs); Roger Hitchen, 1563 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Hitchin, 1588 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Grace Hitchin, 1599 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Robert Hitchin, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Hitchon, 1612 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Elizabeth Hitchen, 1616 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Rychard Hitchen, 1617 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Robte Hitchen, 1630 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Joseph Hitchen, 1689 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hich* (see **Hitch**) with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.

**Early bearers:** John Hychen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Joanna Hichen, 1593 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

3 English: locative name from Hitchin (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Hichen, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey de Hicchen, 1321 in *London Letter Books E*; John de Hychen, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); John Hitchen, 1585 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Thomae Hitchin, 1601 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Mary Hichen, 1614 in *IGI* (Northaw, Herts); William Hitchen, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Alice Hychen, 1655 in *IGI* (Offley, Herts).

## Hitchens

### Hitchens

Variants: **Hichens**, **Hitchins**, **Hitchings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 720
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Hitchen** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Hitchens, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

### Hitches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks and Staffs; Hants; Somerset

English: variant of **Hitch** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Hyches, 1319 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Hunts); Walterus Hitches, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadway, Dorset); Thomas Hyches, 1546 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Henry Hyches, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John Hitches, 1569 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey); John Hitches, 1584 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Anne Hitches, 1587 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Steuene Hitches, 1591 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); Robert Hitches, 1604 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Hitchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 724
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hitchen**.

### Hitching

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Hitchen**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Hitching, 1575 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Robt. Hitching, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Thomas Hitching, 1613 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Margaret Hitching, 1644 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Edward Hitching, 1765 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex).

### Hitchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1313, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 920
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; Pembrokes; Glamorgan

English: see **Hitchens**.

**Early bearers:** Georgius Hitchings, 1564 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Walterus Hitchings, 1580 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); John Hitchings, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall).

### Hitchins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Warwicks; also Glamorgan

English: see **Hitchens**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hitchins, 1548 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Pasko Hitchins, 1561 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Elenor Hitchins, 1601 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Willm. Hitchins, 1607 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Edmond Hitchins, 1620 in *IGI* (Meysey Hampton, Gloucs); John Hitchins, 1633 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); Henry Hitchins, 1635 in *IGI*

(Ludlow, Shrops); John Hitchins, 1658 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Thomas Hitchins, 1758 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Hitchinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cheshire; Warwicks

English: see **Hutchinson**.

### Hitchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1231, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 961
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Oxon

English: see **Hickman**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hitchman, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); John Hitchman, 1601 in *IGI* (Rendcombe, Gloucs); Johannes Hitchman, 1607 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Richard Hitchman, 1648 in *IGI* (Fulbrook, Oxon).

### Hitchmough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hich* (see **Hitch**) + *maugh*, *mough* 'male in-law', denoting 'male in-law of *Hich*'.

Compare **Hickmott**, **Watmough**.

**Early bearers:** Ric. Hichmough, 1545, Robt. Hichmoughe, 1575 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Hichmughe or Hytchmoughe, 1584 in *Oxford University Register* (Lancs); Tho. Hitchmough, 1592 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Richardi Hitchmoughe, 1627 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

### Hitchon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hitchen**.

### Hite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: see **Height**.

**Early bearers:** William Hite, 1624 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thome Hite, 1632 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Ric. Hite, 1634 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Rachell Hite, 1653 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Hithersay

Variants: **Heaversedge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Leics

English: locative name from Hathersage (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Hauersege, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Matthew de Hathersich', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Matthew de Hathersage, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thoma, Eva, and Willelmus de Hathelsay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Duffield, ER Yorks); Johanne Hathelsay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks); Thomas Hethersay, 1549 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Alice Hathersey, 1620 in *IGI*

(Chesterfield, Derbys); Samuel Hithersay, 1728 in *IGI* (Calverton, Notts).

### Hitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: apparently a variant of **Hett**; see **Hatt**. Hitt's Farm in Clyst Saint Lawrence (Devon) was associated with the family of Michael Hett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls*; see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 579.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hitt, 1503 in *PROB 11*; John Hytt, 1589 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Wylliam Hitt, 1592 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); William Hitt, 1660 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Nicholas Hitte, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas by Launceston, Cornwall).

### Hives

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks; Bucks and Berks

English: (i) locative name from Hive in Eastrington (ER Yorks), with post-medieval excrescent -s, earlier *Hythe*, for which spellings with -v- first appear in 1511; or from the word *hythe* 'landing stage, wharf'. (ii) from Middle English *hive* '(bee-)hive', with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** Not from the skin disorder *hives*; this word is mainly Scots.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Heive, 1539 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); John Hyve, 1551 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Henry Hyves, 1576 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Frances Hives, 1596 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks).

### Hix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; also Cambs

English: see **Hicks**.

### Hixon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; also Durham

English: see **Hickson**.

### Hixson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Kent; also Glamorgan

English: see **Hickson**.

### Ho

Variants: **Hoo**, **Hoe**, **Hoh**, **How**, **Ha**, **He**, **Vo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4512, Ireland 146
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 何 (**He** in Mandarin pinyin), which meant 'ask' or 'what?' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the surname *Han* (韓), the name of a state during the Warring States period. In 230 BC the state of Han was annihilated by the state of Qin. Some of the descendants of Han Wang An (韓王安), the last king of Han, fled to the area around the Yangtze and Huai (淮) rivers, where the surname Han (韓) had a

similar pronunciation to that of the Chinese character 何 (*he*) in the local dialects, so they adopted the surname 何 (*He*). (ii) from one of the 'Nine Sogdian Surnames', in Chinese also known as 'nine surnames of Zhaowu', because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China.

During the Sui and Tang dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *He* (何) in Chinese. Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong (唐高宗) of the Tang dynasty. The people from this state and their descendants acquired the surname *He*. (iii) from the name of He Miao (何苗), who changed his original surname *Zhu* (朱) to *He* (何) during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). (iv) For some families, this surname is traced back to Suo Ming (锁铭), the son of an ambassador (Suo Nan, 锁南) from Tibet in the 12th century AD. Suo Ming was appointed to a post in Hezhou (in present-day Gansu province) and endowed with the surname *He* by the emperor Zhu Yuanzhang of the Ming dynasty in AD 1371. (v) a surname of the Tuyuhun (吐韩浑) ethnic group, originating in the Wudai period (AD 907–60).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 贺 (*He* in Mandarin), meaning 'celebrate, congratulate' in Chinese: (i) a semantic variant of *Qing* (庆), which can be traced back to Qing Feng (庆封), the great-grandson of Qi Huan Gong (齐桓公, died 643 BC). In the Eastern Han dynasty, a descendant of the Qing family, Qing Chun (庆纯), a well-known official, changed his surname to *He* (贺), which has the same meaning as *Qing* (meaning 'celebrate'), because his surname *Qing* happened to be the given name of Liu Qing (刘庆), the father of the emperor Han An Di (汉安帝) (AD 94–125), which was a taboo that Qing Chun wanted to avoid. (ii) shortened form of disyllabic surnames such as *He Lan* (贺兰), *He Lai* (贺赖), *He Dun* (贺敦), which were surnames from the Xiebei (鲜卑) ethnic group, shortened to *He* through cultural fusion with the Han people during South and North dynasties (AD 420–589). This name is common in Henan province.

3 Chinese: Taiwanese and Hokkien form of the Chinese surname 和 (*He* in Mandarin, *Wo* or *Woh* in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'peace' in Chinese: (i) for some families, this surname is traced back to Xi He (羲和), an official in charge of astronomy during the reign of the legendary king Yao (尧), or the Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC). His descendants He Zhong (和仲) and He Shu (和叔) took his given name *He* (和) as their surname. (ii) for other families, it is traced back to Bian He (卞和), a person from the state of Chu (楚) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who discovered a gem known as He-shi Bi (和氏璧). (iii) from Su *He* (素和), a disyllabic surname from the Xiebei (鲜卑) ethnic group.

4 Chinese: *Ho* is also used outside China to represent certain other Chinese surnames, namely 侯, 后, 後, and 郝, see **Hau** (1–4); also 霍, see **Fok** (1).

5 Korean: (Hō, 호; Chinese character 韩); all bearers of this surname in Korea are descended from the same ancestor. According to the legend associated with this name, in AD 48 a sixteen-year-old Indian princess arrived on the shores of Ch'angwŏn county in Kyŏngsang South province by boat. The Karak Kingdom's King Suro married her and out of respect

for her origins allowed the second of their ten sons to take his mother's surname, *Hō*. Four clan seats in Korea are associated with this surname.

6 Vietnamese: Hố, unexplained. Probably from one or other of the Chinese names listed above.

## Hoad

Variants: **Hoath, Hodes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1514, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1085
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name for someone who lived on a heath (Middle English *hoth* 'heath', Old English \**hāð*, a byform of Old English *hæð*) or from a place so named, such as Hoath in Kent. Compare **Heath** and **Hoather**.

**Early bearers:** John del Hoth, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon atte Hothe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus atte Hoth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Galfridus atte Hothe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, Sussex); Johannes atte Hothe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Hoath, 1573 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Joane Hoad, 1583 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Anthony Hoath, 1600 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Steven Hoad, 1600 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Tho Hoath, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Hoath, 1707 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

## Hoadley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey

English: locative name from Hoathly (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Hodlegh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Efyryp Hoadley, 1594 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Bridget Hoadley, 1626 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Thos Hoadley, 1644 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Thomas Hoadley, 1665 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ann Hoadley, 1723 in *IGI* (Oxted, Surrey).

## Hoang

Variants: **Huynh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1281, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黄, see **Wong** (3).

2 Vietnamese: **Hoàng**, representing Chinese 黄, for which see **Wong** (3). In southern Vietnam in the 16th century *Hoàng* was ordered to be changed (with the single exception of the Hoàng Trọng family) to *Huỳnh*, in order to achieve taboo avoidance of the name of the Lord Nguy n Hoàng (1525–1613).

## Hoar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1179
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Hants

English: see **Hoare**.

## Hoard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: occupational name, variant of **Heard**: occupational name for a tender of animals, normally

a cowherd or shepherd, from Middle English *herde* (Old English *hi(e)rde*).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hoard, 1608 in *IGI* (East Horndon, Essex); Richard Hoard, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Thorrington, Essex); Thomas Hoard, 1685 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); William Hoard, 1725 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon); James Hoard, 1775 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

## Hoare

Variants: **Hore, Hoar, Dore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6643, Ireland 787
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5818
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork; Roscommon; Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hor(e)* 'grey- or white-haired' (Old English *hār*). Some early bearers without the definite article may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the late 13th century and was gaelicized **de Hóir** and **de Hóra**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Hore, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Robert le Hore, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William le Hore, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Warin le Hore, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Henrico Hor', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pewsey, Wilts); Robert Hore, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Waldridge, Bucks); Roger Hoore, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Hore 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Brasted, Kent); Thomas Hore, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Standlake, Oxon); William Hoare, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Alphage, London); William Hoore, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, London).

Ireland: Geoffrey le Hore, 1278 in *CDI* §1482; John le Hore, 1294 in *CDI* §139; Gregory le Hore, 1299 in *CDI* §551; Nicholas le Hore, earl of Connacht, 1305 in *CDI* §436; Thomas le Hore, 1307 in *CDI* §662; Nicholas Hoare, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §852 (Harperston, Wexford); Nich. Hoare, kern, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2527 (Polhoare, Wexford); Jovan Hoare, spinster, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036 (Ballyhackbeg, Wexford); Michael, Peter, and John Hoare, burgesses, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Patrick Hoarefitz Edm., fisherman, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Patrick Horie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5457 (Kerry); Patrick Horie, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Ballyloghran, Kerry); James Hoare, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484 (Balliberghin); James Hoare, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6727 (the Horetowne, Wexford).

2 English: locative name, toponymic from Ore (Sussex) or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) bank', Middle English *or(e)* 'brink, edge' (Old English *ōra*). See **Noar**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Hore, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de la Hore, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robertus de Hore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brinkworth, Wilts).

## Hoath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Hoad**.

**Hoather**

Variants: **Hother**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived at the *hoath* or *heath*, from Middle English *hoth* 'heath' (see **Hoad**) + *-er*. McKinley notes that George Athhoth alias Hother held land in Wivelsfield (Sussex) in the 17th century. Compare **Heather**. **Early bearers:** John Hother., 1586 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Jane Hoather, 1647 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey). **References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 158.

**Hoban**

Variants: **Hobin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1078, Ireland 691
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Mayo and Galway

Irish: from Ó hÚbáin 'descendant of Úbáin', a personal name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** David O'Hubane, clerk, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4565 (Burrishoole, Mayo); Shane O'Howbane, carpenter, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Togher, Mayo); Dominick Hoban, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyhean, Mayo).

**Hobart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Kent and London

1 English: most probably a variant of **Hubbard**.  
2 English: relationship name, alternatively, Middle English *Hobert* and *Hoberd* could represent Anglo-Norman French forms of *Osbert*, with loss of *-s-*. Compare **Opie**, which was certainly a pet form of this name, and perhaps **Hobby** and **Hoblyn**, which might sometimes have been. *Osbert* is mostly an Old French borrowing of Continental Germanic *Osberht*, though the cognate Old English *Ósbeorht* is indistinguishable from it and may have contributed to its use in post-Conquest England.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hobertus de Lakenham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Johannes Hobert and Ricardus Hoberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hainford, Norfolk); Matill' Hobert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Marg' Hoberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe next Norwich with Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Henricus Hoberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kelling, Norfolk); Johannes Hoberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litcham, Norfolk); Thos Hobart, 1560 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Ellen Hobart, 1589 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Maria Hobart, 1604 in *IGI* (Lindsey, Suffolk); Thomas Hobart, 1634 in *IGI* (London); Tho. Hobart, 1711 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Gallant Hobart, 1787 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Hobart, 1793 in *IGI* (Gislingham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, p. 126.

**Hobb**

Variants: **Hobbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Devon and Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hobb(e)*, a rhyming pet form of *Robert*. See also **Hobbs**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hobbe Litel, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Hobb(e), 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants), *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hobb(e), 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs).  
surnames: Osbert Hobbe, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Ralph Hobbe, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Hobbe, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Whitstable, Kent); Hugo Hobb', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); John Hobbe, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Orchard, Cornwall), William Hobbe or Orchard, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephens next Aishe, Cornwall); Michell Hobb, 1556, William Hobb, 1642 in *Parish Registers* (Lanreath, Cornwall).

**Hobben**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Hogben**.

**Hobbes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Warwicks

English: see **Hobbs**.

**Hobbins**

Variants: **Hobbis**, **Hobbiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Galway

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hobb**, a pet form of *Robert*, with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*, to which has been added an excrescent *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Hobben, 1327 and 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upton, Warwicks); William Hobben, 1327 and 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Henry Hobben, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Margeria Hobben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Willelmo Hobbins, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Wilts); John Hobbins, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Peter and Paul, Aston, Warwicks); Richardus Hobbins, 1561 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Hobbins, 1731, John Hobbins, 1739 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hobb*, a diminutive of **Hobb**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Hoby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes Hoby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Pennard, Somerset); Nicholaus Hoby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, Herefs); Johanne Hoby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwell, Leics); Johannes Obyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Richard Hobbins, 1408 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 53; William Hobbins, 1579, Thomas Hobbins, 1770 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Edward Hobbins, 1684 in *IGI* (Hainton, Lincs).

**Hobbis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Worcs and Warwicks

1 English: see **Hobbs**.

2 English: see **Hobhouse**.

3 English: locative name from Great or Little Hautbois (Norfolk), with 12th-century spellings like *Hobosse*, *Hobuisse*, and 14th-century *Hobesse*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hobbys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); John Hobbis, 1669 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, pp. 81, 92.

**Hobbiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: see **Hobbs**.

2 English: reduced form of **Hobbins**.

**Hobbs**

Variants: **Hobbes**, **Hobbis**, **Hobbiss**, **Hopps**, **Hubbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14153, Ireland 347
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10713
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Cork and Waterford

English: relationship name, variant of **Hobb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Hobbis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Isabella Hobbes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Hobbis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fritham, Hants); Johanne Obbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Thomas Hobbes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blewbury, Berks); Thomas Hobbes, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Martock, Somerset); Cicely Hopps, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Thos Hobbis, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Harborne, Staffs); Phoebe Hobbis, 1781 in *Parish Registers* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

**Hobby**

Variants: **Hoby**, **Hobey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Gloucs and Herefs

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hoby*, a reduced form of *Hobin*, which was a rhyming pet form of *Robin*; see **Hobbins** and compare **Hoblyn**. (ii) nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *hobi* 'a small species of hawk, or a small horse', probably derived from the personal name in (i).

**Early bearers:** Richard Hobi, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset/Somerset); William Hobey, Ralph Hobay, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Hobay, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Riseley, Beds); Willelmo Hobay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatford, Berks); Richard Hoby, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Phillipp Hobbye or Hobby, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Bissham, Berks); John Hobbye, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Corfe Mullen, Dorset); Richard Hobby, 1665 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Mary Hoby, 1702 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); Johanni Hobby, 1667 in *IGI* (Brobury, Herefs); Ursula Hobby, 1720 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); James Hoby, 1747 in *IGI* (Dinedor, Herefs).

2 English: relationship name, possibly from a Middle English personal name \**Oby* with prosthetic *H-*. It would be identical in origin with **Opie**, a Cornwall



and Devon pet form of *Osbert* (see **Hobart**) or *Osbern* (see **Osborne**). In the 1390 example, it is tempting to suppose that Osbert was named after his father, and that the surname is the pet form by which his father was generally known. However, all the surnames cited below could equally well belong under (1); compare **Hoblyn**, also a Cornwall name and probably from a double diminutive of *Hobbe*. Alternatively some of the examples cited in (1) could belong here.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Hoby, 1390 in *Cornish Manorial Accounts* (Lanherne, Cornwall); Ricardus Oby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ruan Major, Cornwall); Thomas Oby, 1451–64, Robert Oby, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Winnington in Gunwalloe, Cornwall).

**3 English:** locative name from Hoby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Hobi, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Philip of Hoby, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Petro Hoby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoughton, Leics); Adam de Hoby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Abram, Lancs); John Hobbeye, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hobcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hopcroft**.

### Hobcroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Hopcroft**.

### Hobday

**Variants:** **Hobdey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1208
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands; also Kent

English: occupational name denoting ‘servant of *Hobb*’ or ‘*Hobb* the servant’; see also **Day**.

**Early bearers:** William Hobday, 1469 in *Kent Wills*.

### Hobdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Kent
- English: locative name from a Middle English topographical expression *hobbe del* ‘goblin valley or pit’; compare the various small places called *Hobhole*, *Hob’s Hole*, *Hobb’s Arse*, and the like.
- Early bearers:** Anne Hobdall, 1614 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Abraham Hobdale, 1615 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elisabeth Hobdell, 1714 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Sarah Hobdell, 1775 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London).

### Hobden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1192, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 701
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: nickname, perhaps a variant of the typically Sussex surname **Hobgen**, earlier *Hobjohn*, literally ‘goblin John’. Compare **Hobben**.
- Early bearers:** Anne Hobden, 1622 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Hobden, 1705 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 399.

### Hobdey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hobday**.

### Hobell

**Variants:** **Hobill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- 1 Norman, English: see **Hubbold**.
- Early bearers:** Edwd. Hoball, 1737, William Hobell, 1736, Ralph Hobill, 1761 in *IGI* (Bruntingthorpe, Leics).
- 2 English: relationship name, alternatively perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name (*H)obel*, which is either a diminutive form of **Hobb** (pet form of *Robert*) or a pet form of *Osbert* or *Osbern* (see **Osborne**). Compare **Hoby** and **Hoblyn**.
- Early bearers:** Robertus Obell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ufton, Warwicks); Johannes Hobell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Copmanthorpe, WR Yorks); Margaret Hobell, 1622 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joseph Hobell, 1788 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Hobell, 1791 in *IGI* (Northallerton, NR Yorks); George Hobell, 1811 in *IGI* (Daventry, Northants).

### Hobey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hobby**.

### Hobgen

**Variants:** **Hobden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname, a combination of Middle English *hobbe* and *John*, literally ‘goblin John’.

**Early bearers:** John Hobjohn, 1526 in *Sussex Wills*; John Hobiohn, 1572 in *IGI* (Eastergate, Sussex); Thomas Hobjohn, 1594 in *IGI* (Coldwaltham, Sussex); Ralph Hobgen, 1713 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Thomas Hobgen, 1771 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

### Hobhouse

**Variants:** **Hobbis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Wilts, Notts, Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Hobhouse in Drewsteignton (Devon), or from a place named from an expression with the same etymology: ‘*Hobbe*’s house’ or ‘goblin house’ (Middle English *hobbe* ‘goblin’, from a derivative of the given name *Robert* or *Robin*). For such a name, compare Johannes Hobbecastel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bremhill, Wilts). (ii) possibly a nickname from the very variable Middle English *hobbe-thurs* ‘hobgoblin’. No actual use of the term as a personal nickname has been found. But *hobbe-thurs* shows up in forms to some extent suggestive of *Hobhouse* and its variants in the *Paston Letters* (1489), ‘Mayster Hobbe Hyrste Robyn God-felaws brodyr’, and also in late forms collected by antiquarian writers such as ‘Hob Thrush, or ‘Hob o’ th’ Hurst’ (1867); and in the name of the Peak District sprite *Hob Hurst* seen in *Hob Hurst’s House*, a Bronze Age barrow on Beeley

Moor, Peak District, near Bakewell (Derbys).

Compare perhaps **Hopthrow**, **Hoptroff**.

**Further information:** *Hobhouse* is strongly associated with the Bristol area in the 18th century. It is a moot point whether the now extinct *Hobes*, with a not dissimilar distribution, is also a variant, though this may have since been assimilated to **Hobbs**, **Hobbes**. In the 19th century, *Hobhouse* is found in Sheffield, Mansfield, and Belper Poor Law Unions, i.e. around the edge of the Peak District.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Hobbehouse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Drascombe, in Drewsteignton, Devon); John Hobhouse, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon), 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Edward Hobbis, 1666 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Caleb Hobhouse, 1668 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Petarnill Hobbis, 1673 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Tho Hoppus, 1692 in *IGI* (Curdworth, Warwicks); Bethulia Hoppus, 1694 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Reuben Hobbis, 1712 in *IGI* (Long Itchington, Warwicks); Charlotte Hobhouse, 1787 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); James Hophouse, 1834 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 433; Charles P. G. Scott (1894), English Words which hav Gained [sic] or Lost an Initial Consonant by Attraction, *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 85, pp. 82–139, esp. pp. 102–7 [on the variability of the word *hob-thurse*]; P. R. Cavill, *The English Parliaments of Henry VII, 1485–1504*, OUP (2009), pp. 195–6 [for the *Paston Letters* reference].

### Hobill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- 1 English: see **Hobell**.
- 2 Norman, English: see **Hubbold**.

### Hobin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Perthshire
- Irish: see **Hoban**.

### Hobkinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hopkinson**.

### Hobkirk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Durham, and Scotland: esp. Roxburghs
- English: see **Hopkirk**.

### Hobley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: variant of **Hopley** with voicing of *p* to *b*.

### Hoblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent
- English: relationship name, see **Hoblyn**.

## Hobling

### Hobling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Hoblyn**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hobling, 1672 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Rebecca Hobling, 1748 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

### Hoblyn

**Variants:** **Hoblin**, **Hobling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name (*Hobelin*). Usually this is a double diminutive of *Hobbe*, a pet form of *Robert* (see **Hobb**), but it might occasionally be a pet form of *Osbert* or *Osbern* with loss of *s* before *b*. See **Osborne** and compare **Osborne**, **Hobart**, **Hobby**, and **Opie**.

**Further information:** Compare William Hobelyn, 1374 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hobelyn Flemyng, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: John Obelyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ilstington, Devon); Roger Obelyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Otterton, Devon); Joan Hoblyn, widow, 1566 in *Cornish Lands* (Milltown in Cardinham, Cornwall); Edward Hoblyn, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Hoblin, 1704 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall); Carew Hoblyn, 1708 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon).

### Hobman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Hobb(e)* (see **Hobb**) + *man*, signifying 'man(servant) of someone named *Hobb(e)*'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Hobman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); William Hobman, 1586 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Nic. Hobman, 1612 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).

### Hobourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk
- English: see **Holborn**.

### Hobson

**Variants:** **Hopson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9691, Ireland 445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7756
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Hob*') from the personal name, *Hobb(e)* (see **Hobb**). **Early bearers:** John Hobbessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Hobsone, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Alarus Hobbysson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough Green and Westley Waterless, Cambs); Petrus Hobbesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Hobson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aughton, Lancs); Thomas Hobson' 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Robert Hobson, 1504 in *PROB 11* (London); Lawrence Hopson, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Cosmus and Damian, Blean, Kent); John Hobson, 1592 in *PROB 11*

(Hackenthorpe, Derbys); John Hobson, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Spalding, Lincs); Thomas Hopson, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Oswald, Chester, Cheshire).

### Hobster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *hoppstre* '(female) dancer'.

**Further information:** For the phonological variation, compare *lobster* and Middle English *loppstre*.

**Early bearers:** Petronilla Hoppestre, 1333, in *Thursson*, p. 189; Idunia Hopster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Jone Hopster, 1561 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Symond Hobster, 1561 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Lancelote Hobster, 1609 in *IGI* (Candlesby, Lincs).

### Hoby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks

English: see **Hobby**.

### Hoch

**Variants:** **Hoh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

German: (i) locative name from Middle High German *hōch* 'high'; either a toponym from any of various places with this word or a topographic name for someone who lived in an area of high land. (ii) nickname for a tall man, from Middle High German *hōch* in the sense 'tall'.

**Further information:** Although this is also found elsewhere as an Ashkenazic Jewish name, from German *hoch* 'tall', Yiddish *hoykh*, evidence of Jewish bearers in Britain is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Adolph Hoch, watchmaker's assistant, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); John Hoch, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Felix Hoch, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Albrecht Hoch, butler, born in Austria-Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Strathblane, Stirlings); Gustave Hoch, clockmaker, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Wenzeslave [*sic*] Hoch, lithographic printer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Erhardt Hoch, cabinet maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Willesden, Middx); George Hoch, boot maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Hochkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Hodgkins**.

### Hock

**Variants:** **Hocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Kent; Staffs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hocke* (Old English *Hocca*). (ii) locative name, sometimes a variant of **Hook**, with

a shortened vowel: compare Simon del Hock, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Ranulf Hocke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Hock of Tyveresholt, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon Hok, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Osgodby, Lincs); John Hock, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Hocke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shernbourne, Norfolk); Robert Hocke, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Thomas, Framfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Hock, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Littleton, Hants); Richard Hockes, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Hockaday

**Variants:** **Hockerday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *Hocedei*, *Hokedey* 'Hockday', the second Tuesday after Easter Sunday. Compare **Pentecost**, **Christmas**, **Midwinter**.

**Further information:** Hockday was an important term day, when rents were paid etc., and from the 14th century it was also a popular festival.

**Early bearers:** John Hokede3, 1154–89 in *Suckling, Suffolk* (Suffolk); Simon Hochede, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Henry Hokedey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Hokkeday, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Langford Budvill, Somerset); Willelmus Hokkeday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton, Dorset); Richard Hockaday, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Ashwater, Devon); Andrew Hokeday, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Philip Hockday, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (North Petherwin, Cornwall); Ann Hockerday, 1782 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Hocken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Hockin**.

### Hockenhull

**Variants:** **Hocknell**, **Hocknull**, **Hucknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Hockenhull (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Gibbe de Huckenale, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Hamo de Hukenelle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hockenale, 1345, William Huckenale, 1378 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Matthew de Hokenhale, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Beeston, Notts); Robertus Hokenayle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ann Hockenhull, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Tarvin, Cheshire); Raphe Hockenhull, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Saint Augustine, City of London).

### Hocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: (i) relationship name (**Höcker**), from a Germanic personal name composed of *hugi* 'mind, spirit' + *ger* 'spear'. Some examples may belong under (2). (ii) nickname, occupational name, N German (**Höcker**), variant of **Haack**, from Middle

Low German *hake* 'hook', with the addition of the agent suffix *-er*.

**Early bearers:** Alyce Hocker, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edward Hocker, 1600 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Phillip Hocker, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Hocker, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Hooker**.

### Hockerday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Hockaday**.

### Hockett

**Variants:** **Hoggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Essex

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hoket*, a diminutive (*Hocc-et*) of Old English *Hocca*.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Hoket, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Berenger Hoget (Hoket), 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Hoket, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Hoket, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William Brounyng, alias William Hoket, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Whaddon, Cambs); John Hocket or Hockett, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Saint Osyth, Essex); Jarvis Hockett, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Rotherhithe, Surrey).

2 English: variant of **Hoggett**.

### Hockey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1152, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 909
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset

English: relationship name, probably from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Hocke* (see **Hock**); compare **Hockett**, and also **Hobby**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hockey, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); George Hockey, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Hockey, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Yeovil Saint John, Somerset); John Hocky alias Chelton, 1589 in *PROB 11* (London); John Hockey, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth Saint Andrews, Devon); John Hockey, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Mudford, Somerset).

### Hockham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Great Hockham (Norfolk). There may have been some confusion with **Holkham** and **Hookham**.

**Early bearers:** John de Hockham, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Hertford, Herts); Peter de Hochum, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Radulphus Hockham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Springfield, Essex); William Hockham, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Judyth Hockham, 1568 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Katherine Hockam, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandringham, Norfolk); Thomas Hockham, 1680 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Hockin

**Variants:** **Hocking**, **Hockings**, **Hockins**, **Hocken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Old English personal name *Hocca*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hokyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Hokyn, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchelsea, Sussex); John Hokyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Phillep Hocken, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Franucys Hocken, 1591 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Hockin, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Frithelstock, Devon); John Hockin, Abel Hocking, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Hocking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2897, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Hockin**.

### Hockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hockins**.

### Hockins

**Variants:** **Hockings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; also Glamorgan

English: variant of **Hockin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hokekyns, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornend, Wilts); Isabella Hockyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Catherine Hockins, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Christ Church, Newgate Street, London); Richard Hockins, 1562 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Henrey Hockings, 1620 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Christopher Hockins, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Frances Hockings, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); William Hockings, 1695 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

### Hockley

**Variants:** **Hockly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1902, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1603
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: locative name from either of two places named Hockley (Essex, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** SE England: Michael de Hockele, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugone de Hockelegh', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barking, Essex); Adam de Hokkele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berden, Essex); Willelmo Hokkele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Layer Breton with Virley, Essex); Johannes Hockele, Johannes Hokelee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); Johannes Hokele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berners Roding, Essex); Christiana Hokkelay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Hockele, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (South Farnbridge, Essex); Alicia Hockley, 1562 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Gyles Hockley, 1578 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Katherine Hockley, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edward

Hockley, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

Midlands: Henry de Hockeleye, 1323 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam de Hockele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas de Hockelaye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hokeleye, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Ricardus Hockley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merton hundred, Warwicks); Ambrose Hockley, 1624 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Thomas Hockley, 1752 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Hockliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Beds
- English: locative name from Hockliffe (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hocklefe, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Ann Sarah Hockliffe, 1825 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Harriet Hockliffe, 1827 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Alfred Hockliffe, 1860 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants); Thomas George Hockliffe, 1872 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey); Laura Jessie Hockliffe, 1878 in *IGI* (Oughtrington, Cheshire).

### Hockly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Essex
- English: see **Hockley**.

### Hocknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs; also Lincs

English: see **Hockenhull**, **Hucknall**.

### Hockney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks
- 1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hocny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edgefield, Norfolk); Roger Hockney, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Ixworth, Suffolk); George Hockny, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (London); Thomas Hockney, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Croxby, Lincs); Anson Hockney, 1760 in *IGI* (Owersby, Lincs); Thomas Hockney, 1783, Hocknea, 1791 in *IGI* (Bonby, Lincs).  
2 Irish: perhaps an anglicized form of **Mac Fhachtna**, see **Haughney**.

### Hocknull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Hockenhull**, **Hucknall**.

### Hockold

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

English: locative name from Hockwold (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Hockewald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

### Hockridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150

## Hocks

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Glamorgan

English: locative name from Hawkrigge (Kent), named with Old English *hōc* 'hook or corner of land', or from Hawkeridge (Devon, Wilts) or Hawkrigge (Devon), named with Old English *hafoc* 'hawk'. Hawkrigge in Morebath is recorded as *Hockerige* in 1596.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Hokeregge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Maurice de Haukerigge, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 365; Roger Hockridge, 1597 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Honour Hockridge, 1627 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Hockridge, 1740 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Harriet Hockridge, 1822 in *IGI* (Bidborough, Kent); Lewis Richard Hockridge, 1884 in *IGI* (Bishopston, Gloucs).

## Hocks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; also Glamorgan

English: variant of **Hock** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Hockton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: locative name, variant of **Houghton**; probably from Houghton (Northants). **Early bearers:** William de Hoctona, 1131 in *Pipe Rolls*; Robert de Hockton, 1256–9 in *Close Rolls*; Walter de Hoketon, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Montgomerys); Thomas Hoketon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Muskhams, Notts); Stephen Hockton, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Joseph Hockton, 1786 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Hocotor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

Irish: from Ó hEachtair 'son of *Eachtar*', a personal name of unknown origin. Compare **Haughton**. **Early bearers:** Dermot O'Haghtir and John moyle O'Haghtir, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4680 (Ballengarry, Tipperary).

## Hodcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- See **Hadgraft**.

## Hodd

**Variants:** **Hodds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hod(e)*, a variant of *Ode* or *Odd* with a prosthetic *H-*; see **Odd** and **Oates**, and compare **Hodson** and **Hodds**. (ii) see **Hood**.

**Early bearers:** Wenifrithe Hodd, 1579 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); John Hodd, 1587 in *IGI*

(Shoreham, Kent); Joan Hodd, 1657 in *IGI* (Horsell, Surrey); Richard Hodd, 1726 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk).

## Hoddell

**Variants:** **Hodde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Middx

1 English: (i) relationship name, probably from the diminutive of a Middle English personal name *Hodd*; see **Hood** and compare **Huddle**. (ii) nickname, possibly from a late Middle English adjective *\*hodel* 'secretive', if that can safely be inferred from the noun *hodelnesse* 'secrecy'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert, Richard Hoddel, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Surfleet, Lincs); Michael Hoddel, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (North Crawley, Bucks); Laurence Hodel, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Gosberton, Lincs); Willelmus Hodell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Elena Hodele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorstone, Herefs); Johannes Hodel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston Deverill, Wilts); William Hodell, 1397, Hodel, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); John Hoddell, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Goldington, Beds); Salomon Hoddle, 1587 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Nicholas Hodell, 1593 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); John Hoddel, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Stephen Hoddel, 1670 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Hoddell, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (New Radnor, Radnors); Thomas Hoddel, 1778 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); James Hodell, 1808, Hoddell, 1813 in *IGI* (Clodock, Herefs).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Odell (Beds), with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hoddel, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Susan Hoddell, 1629 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Eliz. Hoddell, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Hoddell, 1718 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Ann Hoddell, 1767 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); John Hoddell, 1769 in *IGI* (Houghton, Hunts).

## Hodder

**Variants:** **Hoder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2056, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1461
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *hod* 'hood' (Old English *hōd*), used for a hood maker. Compare **Hodd**, **Hotter**. John Hoder (1361 *Colchester Court Rolls*) is also called Hodmaker and Hodman.

**Early bearers:** John le Hoder, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William Hudere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Godwin le Hoder, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Peter le Hoder, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Lawrence Jewry, London); John Hodder, 1511 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); William Hodder, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Whitchurch, Dorset); Katheren Hodder, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Whitechurch, Dorset); John Hoder, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Potterne, Wilts).

## Hoddes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Hodds**.

## Hoddinot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Hodnett**.

## Hoddinott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset

English: see **Hodnett**.

## Hodde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Hoddell**.

## Hodds

**Variants:** **Hoddes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: post-medieval variant of **Hodd** (*Odd* with prosthetic *H-*) + excrescent *-s*. Compare Robertus Hoddesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crostwight, Norfolk), possibly the same man as the 1379 bearer in Ridlington and Crostwight below.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Oddis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington and Crostwight, Norfolk); Thomas Hoddes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk); Ranulphus Hoddes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Roger Hoddes, 1438 *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Hoddes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); James Hoddes, 1563 in *IGI* (Lessingham, Norfolk); Thomas Hodds, 1583 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Sarah Hoddes, 1613 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Godfry Hods, 1695 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Hoddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: nickname from the dialect adjective *hoddy*, defined in Forby's *Vocabulary of East Anglia* as 'pretty well in health and spirits; in tolerably good case'; possibly an adjective derived from Old Scandinavian *hodd* 'treasure'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hody, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boltby, NR Yorks); Matilda Hody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoughton, Leics); Johannes Hody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Scorpion, Warwicks); William Hody or Hoody, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Pilsdon, Dorset); William Hody or Hoddy, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Brixham, Devon); Robert Hoddy, 1579 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Susanna Hoddie, 1649 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); John Hoddy, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Hoddy, 1732 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Hodey, 1798 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Oddy** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Hoder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Hodder**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Hodes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: post-medieval variant of **Hoad** with excrescent *-s*.

**Hodge**

Variants: **Hodges**, **Hodgin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8676, Ireland 182
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry; Monaghan

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hogge*, a rhyming pet form of *Roger*. Chaucer's cook, 'highte Hogge of Ware', is invoked 'Now tell on, Roger . . . '.

**Further information:** Middle English spellings of the personal name are impossible to distinguish from the nickname *Hog(ge)* 'hog', so some of the early bearers cited here may alternatively belong with **Hogg**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hogge, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs), 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb). surnames: William Hogge, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard Hoge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton Prior, Plymouth, Devon); Ricardo Hoge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sparkenhoe hundred, Leics); Alicia Hogg, 1379, Marg' Hog', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint John, Norfolk); Nicholaus Hogge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badby, Northants); Willelmus Hog, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ixworth Thorpe, Suffolk); John Hodge, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); Robert Hogge, 1501 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Hodge, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Joane Hodge, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Hodge, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Highgate, Middx); Rafe Hogge, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Buxted, Sussex); Richard Hodge, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); John Hodge, 1778 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Hodgeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Hodgman**.

**Hodgen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 114
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English: see **Hodgin**.

**Hodgens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Down; Tipperary

English: see **Hodgins**.

**Hodgeon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hodgin**.

**Hodges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10488, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8726
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: variant of **Hodge** with genitival or post-medieval *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Hogges, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Alicia Hogges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badby, Northants); Johannes Hogges, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Priestend, Oxon); Petrus Hogges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marshwood, Dorset); Johannes Hogges, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hockleton, Shrops); John Hogges, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Anne Hodges, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Coggeshall, Essex); William Hodges, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Hodges, 1542 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Thomas Hodges, 1547 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Elsab. Hodges, 1554 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Catherine Hodges, 1563 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Robert Hodges, 1601 in *PROB 11* (East Barming, Kent).

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps for someone who lived or worked at the house of someone named Hodge or Roger.

**Early bearers:** Johannes atte Hogges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Ann Hodges, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); John Hodges, 1550 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops).

**Hodgeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and Lancs; also Jersey

English: see **Hodgson**.

**Hodgett**

Variants: **Hodgetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Hogge* (see **Hodge**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Hogett, 1561 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Alice Hoggitt, 1565 in *IGI* (Fiskerton cum Rolleston, Notts); Agnes Hodgett, 1577 in *IGI* (London); Richard Hodgett, 1582 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex).

**Hodgetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2436, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1392
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of **Hodgett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Hogettes, 1408 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

**Hodgin**

Variants: **Hodgen**, **Hodgeon**, **Hodgon**, **Hodgins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; Lancs

1 English: reduced form of **Hodgson** with assimilation of /s/ to the preceding consonant.

Compare William Hodgson, 1602, Elizeus Hodgeon, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** George Hodgeon, 1571 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Grace Hodgson, 1579 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); John Hodgeon, 1592 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Hodgson, 1627 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Margett Hodgeon, 1594 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); James Hodgeon, 1647 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Lorrant Hodgin, 1665 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the rare Middle English personal name *Hogin*, a diminutive form of **Hodge** (Roger), but this has not yet been found in N England.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Hogyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Staffs); Ricardo Hogyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Etchilhampton, Wilts); Richard Hodgin, 1689 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Jane Hodgin, 1697 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Hodgin, 1709 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Ann Hodgin, 1715 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs).

3 English: relationship name, variant of **Hodge** with the Middle English genitival ending *-en* instead of *-es*, a common feature of the West Midlands dialects. Compare the synonymous **Hodges**.

**Early bearers:** John Hoggen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saltley, Warwicks).

**Hodgins**

Variants: **Hodgens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: variant of **Hodgin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The name was taken to Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Hodgins, 1604 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Bazell Hodgins, 1605 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Humfridi Hodgins, 1613 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks); Anne Hodgins, 1616 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); Tho. Hodgins, 1705 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Anne Hodgins, 1710 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); Mary Hodgins, 1792 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs); Elizabeth Hodgins, 1773 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: Adam Hodgins, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lackenavorna, Tipperary); John Hodgins, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (CloghJordan, Tipperary); Deborah Hodgins, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Knockanacree, Tipperary); Hannah Hodgins, 1860 *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Antrim).

**Hodgiess**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Hodgkins**.

**Hodgkin**

Variants: **Hodgskin**, **Hotchkkin**, **Hodgkiess**, **Hodgkiss**, **Hadgkiss**, **Hotchkis**, **Hotchkiss**, **Hodgkins**, **Hodkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 391
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; also Kent
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ho(d)gkin*, a pet form of **Hodge** (+*-kin*), itself a rhyming pet form of *Roger*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hochekeyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henricus Hochekeyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

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(Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); William Hogekeyn, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Felmersham, Beds); Richard Hoggekynes, 1445 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Norfolk); John Hogekeyn, 1453 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Pembroke); Robert Hodgekin, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Isabell Hogekeyn, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Codicote, Herts); Ralphe Hodgskin, 1569 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Geo. Hodgskin, 1573, Wm. Hodgkin, 1606 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); John Hodgkin, 1595, Robert Hodgskin, 1611 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Hannannell Hodgskin, 1605, Daniel Hodgkin, 1655 in *IGI* (Melchbourne, Beds); Thomas Hodgekin, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Lamberhurst, Kent); John Hodgskine, 1653 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### Hodgkins

**Variants:** Hochkins, Hodgskins, Hodgkiess, Hodgkiss, Hotchkiss, Hotchkis, Hadgkiss, Hodgins, Hoggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2126, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1327
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: relationship name, variant of **Hodgkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Johanne Hochekeynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinedor, Herefs); Katerina Hogekeyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Reynold Hoiggekynes, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Hochekeyn, 1470 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Shrops); Thomas Hoggekynes, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Rainham, Kent); Christian Hodgens, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Edward Hochkins, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Antholin, London); Jhon Hoggins, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); Sara Hodgkiss, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Richard Hodgkins, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Rowington, Warwicks); Anne Hotchkiss, 1688 in *Parish Registers* (Halesowen, Worcs); John Hotchkis, 1690 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Shrops); John Hodgens, 1765 in *Parish Registers* (Titchfield, Hants); Robert Hodgkiess, 1855 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul, Stalybridge, Cheshire).

### Hodgkinson

**Variants:** Hodgkinson, Hodkinson, Hodskinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6317, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, and Staffs; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ho(d)gkin* (see **Hodgkin**) + *son*.
- Early bearers:** Willelmo Hogekeynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Thomas Hoggekynson, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Moreton, Cheshire); John Hogkynson, 1459 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Agnes Hogekeynson, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Godfrey Hodgkinson, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Ashover, Derbys); Ewan Hodg(e)kynson, 1582 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Henricus Hodkinson, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, South Wingfield, Derbys); Henrye Hodskinson, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); Hanna Hodgkison, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Hulme, Cheshire).

### Hodgkison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Bucks
- English: see **Hodgkinson**.

### Hodgkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2134, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: variant of **Hodgkins** with loss of *-n*.

### Hodgman

**Variants:** Hodgegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; NR Yorks
- English: (i) relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Hoggeman*, a pet form of *Hogge* (rhyming pet form of *Roger*) with the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. See **Hodge** and compare **Bateman**, **Hickman**. (ii) occupational name, status name denoting 'servant of *Hodge*'.
- Early bearers:** John Hoggeman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hoggeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Hoggeman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Hoggeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farlington with West Lilling, NR Yorks); Johannes Hoggeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts); Stephano Hoggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flitwick, Beds); Johanne Hoggeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hendred, Berks); Johannes Hoggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petersham, Dorset); Johanne Hoggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); Johanna Hoggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Johannes Hoggeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Baddow, Essex); Willelmus Hoggeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Isaac Hoggeman, 1570 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Steven Hodgman, 1595 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Susannah Hodgman, 1828, Thos. Hodgeman, 1830 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

### Hodgon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Hodgin**.

### Hodgshon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Northumb
- English: see **Hodgson**.

### Hodgskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Hodgkin**.

### Hodgskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Hodgkins**.

### Hodgson

**Variants:** Hodgeson, Hodgshon, Hogson, Hodson, Hodgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25470, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20682
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hodge**, a rhyming pet form of **Roger**, + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry, William Hoggesson(e), 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus Hoggesson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Watford, Northants); Patrike Hogeson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yeavinger, Northumb); Willelmus Hoggesson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Thoma Hoggesson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm); Johannes Hodgeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Johannes Hoggesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Willelmus Hoggesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Robertus Hoggesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); William Hogeson, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Swinton, WR Yorks); John Hodgeson, 1525, Thomas Hodshon, 1528 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); William Hodgshon, 1535 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Anna Hodgson, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Robert Hodgson, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Joh. Hodgson, 1543 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Thoms Hodgeson, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Westcheap, London); John Hodgson, 1547 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Hodgshon, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Ricis. Hodgson, 1550 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Johis. Hodgeson, 1551 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Peter Hodgson, 1559 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Henry Hodgshon, 1561 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elisabeth Hodgshon, 1561 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thomas Hodgson, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Emanuell Hodgson, 1566 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); James Hodgshon, 1591 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); William Hodgson, 1602 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).  
Ireland: Richard Hodgson, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3618 (Oxmanton, Dublin).

### Hodkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hudkin*, a double diminutive of *Hugh*. Compare **Hudd**. Some examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** given names: Huddekyn, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*.  
surnames: Leticia Hodkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Leics); William Hodkin, 1667 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Ann Hodkin, 1746 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks).
- 2 English: relationship name, variant of **Hodgkin**. Compare the pairing of **Hodgkinson** and **Hodkinson**.

### Hodkinson

**Variants:** Hodskinson, Hodkison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2543, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2113
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs and Cheshire

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hodkin*, a variant of *Ho(d)gkin* (see **Hodgkin**) + the patronymic marker *-son*. (ii) variant of **Hodgkinson**, which has the origin given in (i).  
**Further information:** The difference between the two explanations hinges on whether the name was

constructed out of *Hodkin* + *-son*, or whether it is simply a development of *Hodgkinson*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Hodgkinson, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Anne Hodgkinson, 1613 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire); Ellen Hodgkinson, 1626, and Richard Hodskinson, 1661 in *Lancs Wills*.

### Hodkison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hodkinson**.

### Hodnett

**Variants:** **Hoddinott**, **Hoddinot**, **Hudnott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Hodnet (Shrops).

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Paulinus de Hodenet, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Odo de Hodynet, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Eudes de Hodynet, 1355–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas de Hodenet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Robert Hoddinot, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Nunney, Somerset); Marcus Hoddinott, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Gillingham, Dorset); John Hodnett, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Upper Sapey, Herefs); Henry Hoddynott, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Humphrey Hodnett, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; Rachel Hodnott, 1708 in *Parish Registers* (Teffont Evias, Wilts); John Hudnott, 1709 in *Parish Registers* (Fulham, Middx).

### Hodsdon

**Variants:** **Hodson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Bucks and Middx

English: locative name from Hoddesdon (Herts).

The name was probably confused with **Hudson**.

Compare William Hudson, 1720 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts) and Robert Hudson, 1587 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks) with the early bearers below.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Hoddesdon, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodhall, Herts); Alyce Hoddesdon, 1560, Edward Hodsdon, 1572, Thomas Hodson, 1647 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Susanna Hoddesdon, 1601, John Hodsdon, 1608, Jone Hodson, 1610 in *IGI* (Chesham Bois, Bucks).

### Hodsell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Leics

English: see **Hodsoll**.

### Hodskinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Hodgkinson**.

### Hodsoll

**Variants:** **Hodsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Kent

English: locative name from Hodsoll (Staffs) or Hodsoll Street in Ash (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Maurice de Hodsell, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Hudsoll, 1512 in *Kent Place-Names* 37.

### Hodson

**Variants:** **Hotson**, **Hotston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7659, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6187
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs; Staffs; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 English: variant of **Hudson**.

**Early bearers:** Janet Hudson, 1541, John Hodson, 1553 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Agnes Hodson, 1550, Tho. Hudson, 1612 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Willm Hodson, 1559, John Hudson, 1561 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hod(e)*, a variant of *Ode* (see **Hodd**, **Odd**, **Oates**), + *-son*. There has probably been a good deal of confusion with *Hudson* in (1) and with **Hodgson**, see (3).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hodeson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wyton, ER Yorks); Robertus Hodson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Hodson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Robertus Odeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Robertus Hoddesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crostwight, Norfolk); Henricus Oddeeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); John Hodesone, 1385 in *London Letter Books H*; Richard Hoddesson, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Wrangle, Lincs); Randolph Hodson, 1503 in *PROB 11*; Willm. Hodson, 1540 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Roger Hodson, 1540 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); William Hodson, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

3 English: variant of **Hodgson**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hodson, 1582, William Hodgson, 1602 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Henry Hodson alias Hodgeson, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Heybridge, Essex).

4 English: see **Hodsdon**.

5 English: see **Hotston**.

### Hoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and central England; esp. Yorks and Notts

1 English: see **Howe**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 何 and 賀, see **Ho** (1) and (2).

### Hoes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Howes**.

### Hoey

**Variants:** **Hooley**, **Howe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1920, Ireland 1748
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see **Haughey**.

### Hoff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lincs; Dorset

English: (i) variant of **Hough**. (ii) possibly a locative name from Hoff (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hoff, 1589 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Thomas Hoffe, 1697 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Mary Hoff, 1720 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Robert Thomas Hoff, 1789 in *IGI* (Compton Abbas, Dorset); Joseph Hoff or Hough, 1809 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Hoffman

**Variants:** **Hofman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1447, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 635
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic), English: variant (Jewish) or anglicized spelling of **Hoffmann**.

2 Dutch: occupational name denoting a farm labourer or a gardener, someone who worked at a *hof* 'manor farm'.

### Hoffmann

**Variants:** **Hoffman**, **Hofmann**, **Hofman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): status name from German *Hoff(f)* 'manor farm' + *Mann* 'man' denoting the steward of a farm or estate.

**Further information:** Originally, this was a status name for a farmer who owned his own land as opposed to holding it by rent or feudal obligation, but in the early modern period the name came to denote the manager or steward of a manor farm, in which sense it is extremely frequent throughout central and eastern Europe; also as a Jewish name, since many Jews held managerial positions on non-Jewish estates. This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe, not only in German-speaking lands.

**Early bearers:** William Frederick Hoffman, 1726, Erasmus Christian Hoffman, 1746 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Carsten Peter Hoffman, 1826 in *Parish Registers* (Christ Church, Spitalfields, Middx); Edward Hoffman, oil and colourman, born in London, in *Census 1851* (London); Conrad Hoffman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town); Peter Hoffman, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Jersey); Martin Hoffman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (North Meols, Lancs); Frederick Hoffmann, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Lazarus Hoffman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Jacob Hoffman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Ephraim Hoffman, born in Russia, *Census 1911* (London).

### Hofford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Offord** with prosthetic *H-*.



## Hofman

**Early bearers:** Raff Hofferford, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Hofman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic), English: variant (Jewish) or anglicized spelling of **Hoffmann**.

### Hoffmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Hoffmann**.

### Hofton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English: probably a variant of **Houghton**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Hofton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); John Hofton, 1710 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Thomas Hofton, 1755 in *IGI* (Halton Holegate, Lincs); Elizabeth Hofton, 1803, Henry Hofton, 1817 in *IGI* (Lambley, Notts); James Hofton, 1805, Hoftan, 1829 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys); Thomas Hofton, 1815 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Junior, York); George Houfton, 1851 in *IGI* (North and South Hykeham, Lincs).

### Hogan

**Variants:** Fagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7533, Ireland 7326
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3003
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

Irish: from Ó hÓgáin ‘descendant of Ógáin’, a personal name from a diminutive of óg ‘young’, also meaning ‘young warrior’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas O’Hogan alias Thomas Blacke, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §204 (Killehyrnagh, Tipperary); Dermot O’Hogane, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1021 (Meylerston); Donald Hogan, gent., 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1071 (Villa Donnaghill, Limerick); Cornelius O’Hogane fitz Denyse, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §837 (Limerick); Mortagh O’Hogan, footman, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2417 (Grenagh); John Hogane, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3273 (Lurhoe, Tipperary); Donogh O’Hogaine, clerk, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4620 (Carrig madyne, Limerick); Onora ny Hogaine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4620 (Mosse, Limerick); William Hogaine, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4620 (Killalowe, Limerick); John O’Hogaine, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5006 (Kwyllynigon, Limerick); Conoghor O’Hogane, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5406 (Waterford); Donell O’Hogaine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Beerehaven, Cork); Grany ny Hogane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Hospitall, Limerick).

### Hogarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2741, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1948
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Durham; also Scotland
- N English, Scottish: see **Hoggard**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Hoggarth, 1564 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Willm. Hogarth, 1629 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Jane Hogarth, 1719 in *IGI* (Shotley, Northumb); John Hogarth, 1733 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks).

Scotland: Jane Hogarth, 1701 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

### Hogarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare; Mayo

Irish: from Ó hÓgartaigh, a variant of **Fogarty**.

### Hogben

**Variants:** Hogbin, Hobben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1349, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1008
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: nickname from Middle English *huck-bone* ‘hip bone, haunch bone’.
- Further information:** The origin of *huck* is obscure, but it is probably from a Germanic root \**huk-* ‘to be bent’. Compare Old Scandinavian *huka* ‘to crouch, sit bent, sit on the haunches’ and *huck-backed* ‘hump-backed, hunched’.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Hucklebone, 1479, Robert Hucbone, 1500, Peter Hugbone, 1549, John Hogben, 1588 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 39 (Kent); John Hokbyn, 1489 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hythe, Kent); Thomas Hokbyn, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Hobben, 1543 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); John Hugben, 1581 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Hogbone, 1601 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Hubben, 1621 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); George Hobben, 1664 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent).

### Hogbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Hogben**.

### Hogg

**Variants:** Hogge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13304, Ireland 795
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10777
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Down

English: nickname from Middle English *hog(ge)* (Old English *hogg*), denoting either a pig, especially a castrated one, or a young sheep before its first shearing. The latter sense is most likely in N England. Medieval examples below, without the definite article, may alternatively be spellings of **Hodge**.

**Early bearers:** England: Ailmer Hog, William Hog, 1079 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts), 1174–80 in *Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters* (London); Alice le Hog, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William le Hog, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam le Hogge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Stephanus Hog, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Johannes le Hogge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton, Lancs); William Hogge, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Watton at Stone, Herts); William Hogge,

1548 in *IGI* (Little Ilford, Essex); William Hogge, 1560 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Christian Hogge, 1562 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Rychard Hogge, 1564 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Agnes Hogg, 1569, Winkefelde Hogge, 1588 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Allison Hogg, 1575 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thomas Hogg, 1576 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Tho. Hogg, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Alice Hogg, 1584 in *IGI* (Patrinton, ER Yorks); Thomas Hogge, 1588 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Clarisse Hogg, 1591 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

Scotland: Helen Hogg, 1554 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Jonett Hogg, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Hogg, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Jonet Hogg, 1631 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Helene Hogg, 1636 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jean Hogg, 1664 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr).

### Hoggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 431
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland; Fife
- Irish, Scottish: relationship name from Ó hÁgáin, see **O’Hagan**.

### Hoggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Hogger**.

### Hoggard

**Variants:** Hoggart, Hoggett, Hogarth, Hoggarth, Hoggatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks
- English: occupational name from Middle English *hog(ge)* (see **Hogg**) + *herd(e)*, *hird* either ‘swineherd’ or in N England more likely ‘one who looks after the hogs or young, unshorn sheep’ (see **Hogg**).
- Early bearers:** William Hoggehirde, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard le Hogherde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Hoggerde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); Willelmus Hoghyrd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hetton, WR Yorks); John Hoggard, 1461 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Hoggerde, 1509 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Elizabeth Hoggard, 1572 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); John Hoggard, 1572 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Hoggard, 1576 in *IGI* (Stanningfield, Suffolk); John Hoggard, 1581 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); John Hoggard, 1588 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); John Hoggard, 1611 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Mabell Hoggard, 1620 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).

### Hoggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- N English: see **Hoggard**.

**Early bearers:** James Hoggart, 1566 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Lancelott Hoggart, 1574 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Edward Hoggart, 1577 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Richard Hoggart, 1607 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Elizab. Hoggart, 1616 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).



**Hoggarth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 727
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

N English: see **Hoggard** and compare **Hogarth**.

**Hoggatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

English: see **Hoggard**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Hoggatt, 1618 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Hoggatt, 1672 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Jane Hoggatt, 1789 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**Hogge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; IoW

English: see **Hogg**.

**Hogger**

Variants: **Hoggar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: occupational name, probably from an agent derivative of Middle English *hog(ge)* ‘pig’ (Old English *hogg*), and used for a swineherd.

**Early bearers:** John le Hoggere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Hogir, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrico Hogger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); James Hogger, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Stanford, Kent); John Hogger, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London).

**Hoggett**

Variants: **Hockett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: see **Hoggard**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Henry Hogget, Hogged, 1627 in *Bardsley*; Meriell Hoggett, 1651 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Daniell Hoggett, 1700 in *IGI* (Cundall, NR Yorks); George Hogette or Hogett, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Lingfield, Surrey).

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive form of *Hogge*, a Middle English pet form of Roger.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hoget, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Alexander Hoget, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Hoggett, 1602 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Roger Hoggett, 1603 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Nicholas Hoggett, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Mary Hoggett, 1677 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs).

3 English: see **Hockett**.

**Hoggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; also Northumb; London

English: probably a variant of **Hodgkins**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Hogynes, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Hope Bowdler, Shrops); Thomas Hoggins, 1543 in

*IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Arnold Hoggins, 1558 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Shrops).

**Hoghton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Houghton**.

**Hogley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ogley**.

**Hogsden**

Variants: **Hogston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Hoxton (Middx), earlier, e.g. 1546, *Hogsdon*.

**Early bearers:** John Hoxson, 1629 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Hoxston, 1659 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Hogsden, 1718 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Hogsdon, 1733 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Jonathan Hogsdon, 1735 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London).

References: *Place-Names of Middx*, pp. 146–7.

**Hogsflesh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *hog(ge)* ‘hog, pig’ + *flesh, fles, flech* ‘flesh’ (Old English *hogg + flæsc*). Perhaps it was given to someone who was as fat as a pig or to a pork butcher.

**Early bearers:** Robert de [*sic*] Hoggesfles, 1327, Robert Hoggesflech, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easebourne, Sussex); Johannes Hoggesflesch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Sarah Hoggesflesch, about 1405 in *Fitzalan Surveys* (Sussex); William Hoggisflesh, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jhon Hogsflesh, 1588 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); Peet Hogsfleshe, 1590 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Hoggefleshe, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Bramshott, Sussex); Geo. Hogsflesh, 1606 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Thomas Hogsfleshe or Hoggesflesh, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Rudgwick, Sussex).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 252.

**Hogson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks

English: see **Hodgson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Hogson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Thomas Hogson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Branxton, Northumb); Thoma Hogson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nailstone, Leics); Henrico Hogson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribchester, Lancs); Mgaret Hogson, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Gilbert Hogson, 1554 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ezabella Hogson, 1560, Thomae Hodgson, 1562 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Jane Hogson, 1563 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Margreta Hogson, 1573 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Patience Hogson, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the

Wardrobe, London); Allison Hogson, 1620 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

**Hogston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: variant of **Hogsden**.

**Hogwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey

English: locative name, apparently from Middle English *hog(ge)* ‘swine’ + *wode* ‘wood’. The name is probably topographic, for someone who lived by or worked in a wood in which pigs were herded or which produced mast for them. If the name is instead toponymic, for someone from a place called *Hogwood*, then that place has not been identified, although note Hogshaw Wood in Milsted (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Hogwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Johannes Hogwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwick, Sussex); Mary Hogwood, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Hogwood, 1708 in *Parish Registers* (Arrow, Warwicks); Wm. Hogwood, 1742 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent).

**Hoh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 German: topographic name or nickname from Middle High German *hōch, hō* ‘high’ or ‘tall’ (see **Hoch**).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 何 and 賀, see **Ho** (1) and (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 霍, see **Fok** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郝, see **Hau** (4).

**Hoile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Hoyle**.

**Hoiles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Warwicks

English: see **Hoyles**.

**Hoit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Hoyste**.

**Holah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: perhaps a variant of **Hollas**.

**Early bearers:** George Holah, 1764 in *IGI* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Robert Holah, 1766 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Joseph Holah, 1778 in *IGI* (Skipwith, ER Yorks).

## Holahan

### Holahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

### Holbeach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London
- English: see **Holbeche**.

### Holbech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: see **Holbeche**.

### Holbeche

Variants: **Holbech, Holbeach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: locative name from Holbeach (Lincs) or Holbeche in Kingswinford (Staffs).

**Further information:** Another possible source might be Holbeache in Kidderminster (Worcs), but no early forms for this place are given in *Place-Names of Worcs*. **Early bearers:** Ailfric de Holebeche, 12th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Thomas de Holebech', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Holebeche, 1340 in *London Letter Books F*; Thomas de Holbec, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Henricus de Holbeche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Richard Holbeche, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Withcote, Leics); William Holbeche, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Bartholomew, Great Gransden, Hunts); John Holbeach, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Barnaby Holbach, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Warwick, Warwicks); William Holbech, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Birchley Hall, Warwicks).

### Holben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *hol(e)* 'hole' + *be(a)m*, *beim* 'tree', with the common confusion between final *-m* and *-n*; compare Holbeanwood in Ticehurst (Sussex), recorded as *holanbeames (meorce)* in 1018 and *Holbem (Wode)* in 1479 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 452). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by a hollow tree, or toponymic, for one from a place so named, such as Holbeam in Stalisfield (Kent) or Holbeam in Wogwell (Devon).

**Further information:** Holbein's Farm in Great Eversden (Cambs) is probably named from the surname Holben (*Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 160), and Holban's Farm in (Sussex) is probably named from the family of Richard Holbeme, 1562 in *Court Rolls (Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 467).

**Early bearers:** William de Holebem, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Walter de Holbeme, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Holben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); Ricardus Holben, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mitton, Staffs); John Holbeme, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Holborn, Middx); Francis Holben, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); John Holbeame, 1567

in *PROB 11* (Holbeme, Derbys); John Holbeane, 1608 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); William Holben, 1611 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Nicholas Holbeane, 1614 in *PROB 11* (London); John Holben, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Conington, Cambs); Elizabeth Holbeane, 1620 in *IGI* (Arrington, Cambs); William Holben, 1626 in *PROB 11* (North Stoke, Somerset); Abraham Holbean, 1648 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Holben, 1675 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

### Holberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Horbury**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Holbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hulbert**.

### Holbird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hulbert**.

### Holborn

Variants: **Holbourn, Holbourne, Holburn, Hobourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London; Yorks and Durham

1 English: locative name from Holborn (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Bald' de Holeborn', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); John de Holeburne, 1296–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Stephen de Holbourne, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Holbourn, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Holborne, 1427 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael le Querne, London); [ . . . ] Holborne, 1547, Dorothe Holborne, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret's, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Holburn, 1631 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Plympton, Devon).

2 English: see **Holburn**.

### Holborow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: see **Holbrow**.

### Holbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Holborn**.

### Holbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Holborn**.

### Holbrook

Variants: **Holbrooke, Houlbrook, Houlbrooke, Holdbrook, Halbrook, Holbrooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2948, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2156
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Gloucs and Somerset; Lancs and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Kildare, Laois, and Tipperary

English: locative name from any of several places called Holbrook (Derbys, Dorset, Suffolk), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) brook in the hollow', Middle English *hol(e)* 'hollow' + *brok* 'brook, stream' (Old English *hol* + *broc*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Holebroc, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; William atte Holebrok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Holebrok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Waltero de Holbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Margeria Holbrokes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Godshill and Stenbury, Hants); Richard Holbroke, 1457 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Holbroke, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Roger Holbroke, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Chew, Somerset); John Holbrooke, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Compton, Somerset); Widdow Holdbrooke, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Walter Holbrooke, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Holdbrook, 1684 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs).

### Holbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: IoW; Kent; Cheshire, Notts, and Derbys

English: see **Holbrook**.

### Holbrooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Holbrook** with excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Holbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Holbrow**.

### Holbrow

Variants: **Holborow, Holbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; also London

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place named with Middle English *hol(e)* 'hole, hollow' + *burgh* 'stronghold'. Formally this could be Holbury in Fawley (Hants), but there does not appear to be any direct relation between that place and the examples of the surname recorded below, although note Agnes Holbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Holburg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Holborow, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Bumpstead, Essex); Thomas Holboroughe, 1551 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Joannis Holbrough, 1568, Holbrowghe, 1584 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Holborow, 1573 in *IGI* (Luckington, Wilts); Richard Holborow, 1590, Elnor Holborow, 1601, Ric. Holbrowghe, 1603, Margaret Holbrowe, 1605 in

*IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Holborowe, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Grittleton, Wilts); Robert Holborough, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Little Cornard, Suffolk); Thomas Holbrow, 1639 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Willi Holbrowe, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Holborowe, 1655, William Holboroughe, 1663, Laurence Holborow, 1665, Rice Holbrow, 1685, Cornelius Holborough, 1695, Anne Holboro, 1731 in *IGI* (Luckington, Wilts).

## Holburn

Variants: **Holborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; central Scotland; esp. Ayr; also Kent

1 English: locative name from Holburn (Northumb).

2 English: see **Holborn**.

## Holby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained; apparently a locative name, possibly a variant of *Holtby*, which occurs twice in N Yorks (probably named with the Old Scandinavian personal name *Holti + býr* 'farmstead, settlement'). **Early bearers:** Johannes Holbye, 1564 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex) John Holbey, 1604 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Daborah Holbye, 1615 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); Thomas Holbe, baxter, 1636–7 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Elizabeth Holby, 1654 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Holbey, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Holby, 1777 in *IGI* (Eskdaleside, NR Yorks).

## Holcomb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Holcombe**.

## Holcombe

Variants: **Halcomb, Holcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from any of several places called Holcombe (Devon, Dorset, Gloucs, Lancs, Oxon, Somerset) or Halcomb (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Brihtmer æt Holacumbe, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik*; Adam de Holecumb, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Holcomb, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dawlish and East Teignmouth, Devon); Johanne Holcombe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kington Priory, Wilts); John Holcombe, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Weston, IoW, Hants); John Holcombe, Thomas Holcombe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Andrew Holcombe, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Symondsburry, Dorset); William Holcombe, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Bridgwater, Somerset).

## Holcroft

Variants: **Houlercroft, Holdercroft, Houldercroft, Holdcraft, Halcroft, Hawcroft, Howcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire, Staffs, and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: relationship name from Holcroft (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Robert de Holecroft, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Holecroft, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Holecroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pudsey, WR Yorks); Johannes de Holcroft, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Culceth, Lancs); Hugh de Holcroft, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks and Worcs); Thomas Holcrofte, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Vale Royal, Cheshire); Anthony Houlcroft, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Katherina Holdcroft, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Witton cum Tambrooks, Cheshire); Josiah Halcroft, 1769 in *Parish Registers* (Flixton, Lancs).

## Hold

Variants: **Hould**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; Leics and Northants

English: status name, Middle English descendant of late Old English *hold* (Old Scandinavian *hōldr*) 'nobleman in rank beneath a *jarl*'.

**Early bearers:** Ysopa Hold, 905 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle A*; Aluredus Holde, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Elyas Lehold, 1205 in *Charter Rolls* (Wilts); Caterina le Holde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Phillippo Hold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrusington, Leics); Thomas Holde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Warwicks); John Holde, 1413 in *Patent Rolls*; Joan Holde, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Hertford, Herts); Edward Hold, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Forden, Montgomerys).

## Holdam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Holdham**.

## Holdaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 553
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Holloway**.

## Holdbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; W Midlands

English: variant of **Holbrook** with intrusive *-d-*.

## Holdcraft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Holcroft**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Holdercroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: see **Holcroft**.

## Holden

Variants: **Houlden, Houldin, Holdin, Howlden, Holding, Houlding, Holdon, Olding, Howdle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17555, Ireland 1049
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16344

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs; Suffolk and Norfolk; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Antrim

1 English: locative name from one or more of the various places so named, especially Holden in Haslingden (Lancs), but also Holden in Bolton by Bowland and Holden in Silsden (both WR Yorks), Holedean Farm in Henfield and Holden in Rotherfield (both Sussex), Holding Farm in Cheriton and Woolding Farm in Whitchurch (Hants, both of which are recorded as *Holedene* in medieval records), and Holden in Southborough (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Holedene, 1254 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Robert de Holden, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Holeden, William Holeden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Holdene, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willelmus Holdenne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Isle of Sheppey, Kent); Margota de Holdene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Walterus Holdene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henfield, Sussex); Henricus de Holden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Lancs); Thomas Holden', 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Leake, NR Yorks); Agnes Holding, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Henry Holden, 1545 in *PROB 11* (New Windsor, Berks); Thome Holden, 1545 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Elyn Holden, 1548 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Holden, 1553 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Willm Holding, 1563 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); Robert Holdin, 1572 in *IGI* (Eyeworth, Beds); Henry Holden, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Aston upon Trent, Derbys); Thomas Holding, 1699 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 91; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 20, 186; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 219, 379; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, pp. 68, 157; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 180.

2 Irish: if not the English name in Ireland, it has been erroneously adopted for **Howlin**.

**Early bearers:** John Holden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Skerry, Antrim); Susanna Holding, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Monaghan).

## Holder

Variants: **Houlder, Helder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6596, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and W Midlands; Sussex, Surrey, and Kent; also WR Yorks

1 English: status name, occupational name from Middle English *holdere*, *haldere*, *heldere* 'tenant; servant, retainer; labourer', an agent derivative of *holden* 'to hold' (Old English *healdan*)

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Holder, 1262 in *Thuresson* (Herts); Robert le Holdere, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Petro Holdar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Johannes Holderre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Swell, Gloucs); Henricus Helderer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Abbess Roding, Essex); William Holder, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Yardley, Worcs); Roger Holder, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Longstanton, Cambs); John Holder, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Lettiss Helder, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Hitchin, Herts); Nicholas Holder, 1593 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Giles Holder, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Pipe, Herefs).

2 English: in WR Yorks a local pronunciation of **Holdsworth**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites William Holder otherwise Holdsworth, 1764 in *Pudsey parish registers*, and John Holdsworth alias Holder, 1775 in *WR Yorks Quarter Sessions*.

## Holderness

### Holderness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lincs and ER Yorks, Lancs

English: locative name from the district of Holderness in ER Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Holdernes, about 1220–30 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Rogerus de Holdernesse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); John Holderness, 1414–15 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Holdernes, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Louth, Lincs); Elz. Holderness, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk) Elizabeth Holdernesse, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Holdesworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Holdsworth**.

### Holdford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx

English: see **Holford**.

### Holdforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Durham

English: see **Holford**.

### Holdgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

1 English: see **Holgate**.

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Holdgate (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** James Holdgate, 1590 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs).

### Holdham

**Variants:** **Holdom**, **Holdam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Oldham** with prosthetic initial *H*-.

**Early bearers:** Robert Holdom, 1477 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Holdich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, and Lincs

English: locative name from any of several places called Holditch in Devon, Dorset, and elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hol(e)dich, 1256 in *Patent Rolls* (Knutton, Staffs); Roger de Holdiche, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Bradninch, Devon); Richard Holdich', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Didlington, Norfolk); Johannes Holdych', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easton Maudit, Northants); Johannes Holdych, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Littleton with Kimpton, Hants); John Holdich of

Holdich, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Holditch in Thorncombe, Devon); Thomas Holdych, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Wallington cum Thorpland, Norfolk); Robarte Holdych, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Rannellorth, Norfolk); Henry Holditch or Holdich, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Ranworth, Norfolk); Thomas Holditch, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Shropston, Northants).

### Holdin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, English: see **Holden**.

### Holding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3058, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2635
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- English: see **Holden**.

### Holdman

**Variants:** **Oldman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Herts

English: (i) status name denoting 'servant of the noble' (see **Hold**). (ii) variant of **Oldman**. Aldman and Holdman interchange in 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Holdeman, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Nicholas Holdman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); Tho. Holdman, 1569 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Holdman, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Holdom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds; Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Holdham**.

### Holdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Holden**.

### Holdridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Aldridge**.

**Early bearers:** Anna Holdridge, 1670 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Jon. Holdridge, 1725 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ann Holdrige, 1747 in *IGI* (Broome, Suffolk); Thomas Holdridge, 1785 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Richard Holdrige, 1803 in *IGI* (Skipwith, ER Yorks).

### Holdroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Oldroyd** with prosthetic *H*-.

2 English: see **Holroyd**.

### Holdship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Bucks and Surrey; Essex

English: nickname from Middle and Old English *holdscipe* 'loyalty'.

**Early bearers:** William Holshep, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Holdshippe, 1579 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Arnel Holdship, 1581 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs); John Holship, 1654 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Charles Holdshipp, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Edward Holdship, 1721 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

### Holdstock

**Variants:** **Holstock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably named from Middle English *hol(e)* 'hole, hollow' + *stok* 'tree-trunk, post' (Old English *stocc*).

**Early bearers:** William Holstok', 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Holstok, 1540, An Holstoke, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Holdstocke, 1558, Edward Holdstoke, 1558 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Ismael Holstock, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (London); Xpofer Holdstock, 1564 in *IGI* (Willingham by Stow, Lincs); Gregory Holestock, 1589 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Edward Holdstock, 1599 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Gregory Holstocke, 1633, John Holstock, 1637, James Holdstock, 1669 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent).

### Holdsworth

**Variants:** **Houldsworth**, **Holsworth**, **Holesworth**, **Hallsworth**, **Hallworth**, **Holdworth**, **Holdesworth**, **Holder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4835, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5020
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from Holdsworth in Ovenden (WR Yorks) or, less likely, from Holdsworth in Bradfield (WR Yorks), both earlier recorded as *Haldeworth*. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** John de Haldeworth, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); John de Halworth, Richard de Haldeworthe, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Joshua Houldsworth, 1593 in *Oxford University Register* (Yorks); Robert Haulsworth or Holdsworth, 1595 in *Oxford University Register*; Thomas Haldsworth, 1616, Jenetta Halsworth, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Holdsworth, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Holdway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants; Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** There is a Holdaway's Farm in Brimpton (Berks), but *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 240,

provides no early forms. It presumably derives from the surname.

**Early bearers:** John Holdeway, corveiser, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Holdewy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Tilbury, Essex); John Holdwaie, 1556, William Holdway, 1566 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Willm. Holdwaie, 1579, John Holdway, 1605 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); James Holdway, 1580 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); William Houldwaie or Houldeway, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Newbury, Berks); Edward Holdway, 1652 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); William Houldway, 1695, Houldwy, 1708 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants).

### Holdworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Holdsworth**.

### Hole

**Variants:** Holes, Houle, Hoyle, Holl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2889, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2564
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: locative name for someone who lived in a hollow, Middle English *hol(e)* (Old English *hol*, *holh*, dative *hole*) or from some minor place so named.

**Early bearers:** William de la Hole, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Alice Attehole, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh del Hole, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Gregorius atte Hole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell, Devon); Johannes de Hole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); John Houll, 1433 in *York Freeman's Register*; Christopher Hole, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Budeaux, Plymouth, Devon); William Hole, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Hornblotton, Somerset).

### Holehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, and Notts
- English: locative name from Holehouse (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Tho. Holehouse, 1589 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Grace Holehouse, 1681 in *IGI* (Bonsall, Derbys).

### Holeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Holman**.

### Holer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Holler**.

### Holes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: post-medieval variant of **Hole** with excrescent *-s*, or possibly from an original plural, 'at the hollows'.

### Holesworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Holdsworth**.

### Holey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Holley**.

### Holeyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Holyman**.

### Holford

**Variants:** Houlford, Holdford, Holdforth, Hulford, Olford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1332, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 960
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Staffs; Gloucs
- English: (i) locative name from Holford (Somerset), Holford Farm in Chailey (Sussex), or Holford in Plumley (Cheshire). (ii) locative name from Holdforth Farm in Fishburn (Durham).
- Early bearers:** Jordan de Holeford, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John de Holeford, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Holeforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovel Barn, Sussex); Johanna Holford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Barr, Staffs); William Holford late of Holford Esq., 1465 in *Cheshire Record Office*; Thomas Holford, 1559 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Bryan Holford, 1560 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Willm Holford, 1569 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Nicholas Holdforth, 1600 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Katherine Holdford, 1628 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Maria Houlford, 1630 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); Joane Oldford, 1652 in *IGI* (Dowlish Wake, Somerset); Jacob Holdford, 1654 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); William Oldford, 1686, Thomas Olford, 1773, George Holford, 1788 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robt. Olford, 1699 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Tho. Hulford, 1706 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Roberti Holdforth, 1712 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); John Hulford, 1727 in *IGI* (Selworthy, Somerset); Hannah Houlford, 1783 in *IGI* (Gayton, Staffs); Elizabeth Holdforth, 1785 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

### Holgate

**Variants:** Holdgate, Houlgate, Howgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2354, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2474
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *hol(e)* 'hollow' + *gat(e)*, *gate* 'path, road'. The name may be for someone who lived by a 'hollow road', or who came from any of several places so named, such as at least three places called Holgate in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** John de Holegate, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gommer de Holgate, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Magota Holgate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Thomas Holgate, 1429 in *York Registry Wills* (York); John Holgate, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Houlgate, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Jana Holgate, 1648 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Richard Houlgate, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Junior, York).

### Holgreaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Houlgrave** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Holian

**Variants:** Holland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Mayo
- Irish: anglicized form of Ó hÓileáin, a variant of Ó hAileáin; see **Whelan** and compare **Heelan**.
- Early bearers:** Peter Holian, born in Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Holian, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Bilston, Staffs); Patrick Holian, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Holiday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 832
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Halliday**.

### Holfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; Glamorgan and Monmouths
- English: see **Hallfield**.

### Holihan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

### Holister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs
- English: see **Hollister**.

### Holker

**Variants:** Houlker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Holker (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Holcar, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; John Holker of Grafton' iuxta Craneford', 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Arnald Holker, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Bensham in Croydon, Surrey); Arnaldus Holker, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Hinckley, Leics); Edmund Houlker, 1542, Jacob Holker, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Whalley, Lancs).

### Holkham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name, apparently from Holkham (Norfolk), although all the evidence points to a

## Holl

Sussex origin for the modern surname. It may be from one of the many places called Holcomb(e), mainly in S England, or from Halcomb (Sussex), which is recorded as *Horecumbe* in 1087–1100 and *Horcombe* in 1612.

**Early bearers:** William de Holcham, 1177, in Thomas de Holcham, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Holkham, 1778 in *IGI* (Westhampnett, Sussex); Henry Holkham, 1781 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 324

## Holl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Norfolk; also Herefs

English: from Middle English *hol(le)* 'hole, hollow', and therefore a variant of **Hole**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh atte Holle, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntercombe, Oxon); Willelmus de Holl', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Witton, Northumb); Rogero, Johanne Holle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonsall, Herefs); Thomas atte Holl', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ralph Holl alias Hole, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Holl, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Presteign, Radnors); Thomas Holl, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Heigham, Norfolk).

## Holladay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Halliday**.

## Hollamby

Variants: **Hollingsbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also Surrey

English: unexplained. It has the appearance of a locative name but early forms are lacking and no such place has yet been identified.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Hollamby, 1588 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); George Hollamby, 1589, Holambye, 1591 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); John Hollambie, 1636 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); John Hollamby alias Nicholas, 1653 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Geo Hollanby, 1678, John Hollamby, 1688 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

## Hollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: see **Hollin**.

## Holland

Variants: **Hollands**, **Howland**, **Hulland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29536, Ireland 2525
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21173
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Downholland or Upholland (Lancs), both recorded as *Holand* and *Hoiland*, or similar, before *Down-* and *Up-* began to

be used from the 13th century in order to distinguish between the two.

**Further information:** Robert de Holand of Upholland was made 1st Baron Holand while in the service of the Duke of Lancaster, and his son Thomas de Holand inherited the Earldom of Kent in 1352 by right of his wife, after the death of her brother.

**Early bearers:** William de HOLAUND, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Hoyland, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus de Holand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downholland, Lancs); Johannes de Holond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Lancs); Hugh Holland, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Holland, 1603 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Richard Holland, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Macclesfield, Cheshire).

2 English: variant of **Hoyland**, especially in southern WR Yorks.

3 English: from Hulland (Derbys). Examples of *Holland* in N Derbys may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Rycherd Holland, 1544 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Geffray Holland, 1569 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Robti Holland, 1583 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Hulland, 1630 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Winifred Holland, 1640, Thomas Hulland, 1707 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

4 English: locative name from the Parts of Holland, one of the three administrative subdivisions of Lincs. Compare **Kesteven** and **Lindsay** (1). Examples of the surname in N Lincs may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Radulfus de Hoiland', 1204 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Iordanus de Hoylaund, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Hoyland, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Swineshead, Lincs); Hugo de Holand, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Holland, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worlaby, Lincs); John Holand', 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Swineshead, Lincs); Agnes Holland, 1561 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Jhon Holland, 1564, Robart Howland, 1594 in *IGI* (Stubton with Fenton, Lincs); Thomas Holand, 1565 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Anne Holland, 1587 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

5 English: locative name either from Hoeland (Farm), in Bury (Sussex), recorded as *Hawland* and *Howland*, 1553–4 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, or from Holland's Barn, in Albourne (Sussex), earliest recorded in references to ten' atte Holonde, 1327, and Presbiteris atte Holonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albourne, Sussex).

**Further information:** It is unclear whether any of the bearers of this name recorded in Kent, Surrey, or Sussex might alternatively have been members of the Lancs family of de Holand, who became Earls of Kent from 1352; see (1).

**Early bearers:** Petrus Houlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halnaker, Sussex); John Hulland, 1489 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 39 (Kent); John Holland, 1542 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Edward Holand, 1558 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Holland, 1559 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Mathew Holand, 1564 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Houland, 1667 in *IGI* (Aldington, Kent).

6 English: locative name, perhaps from Great and Little Holland (Essex), but it is difficult to be sure in the absence of post-Conquest evidence for a hereditary surname. The post-medieval name in Essex could alternatively result from migration of a family originating elsewhere, S Lincs for example; see (4).

**Early bearers:** Begmundus de Holande, about 975 in *Book of Ely* (Essex); An Holland, 1569 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Philip Howland, 1632, William Holland, 1708 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex).

7 English: locative name from one or other of the minor places named Holland in Devon, especially that in Bradstone, where *Place-Names of Devon* records *Holond(e)* as a surname in 1281 and 1318.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Holland, 1573 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johan Holland, 1578 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Roger Holland, 1589 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Margery Hulland, 1612, Christian Holland, 1629 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); John Hulland, 1636, Richard Holland, 1638 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Richard Holland, 1662, Hester Hulland, 1684 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall).

8 Dutch, English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Holland, a province of the Netherlands, but definite evidence remains to be found.

9 English: possibly an occasional variant of **Oldland**, although *Oldland* in the following instance may be a hypercorrect pronunciation of *Olland*, for the Lincs surname *Holland* in (4): John Oldland, 1639, Tho Holland, 1689 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs).

10 Irish: in Ireland, occasionally adopted for **Ó hÓileáin**, see **Holian**. However, the early bearers in Ulster may all be English and belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** James Holand, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); Terence Holland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheross, Monaghan); Thomas Holland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyman, Tyrone); James Holland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunany, Louth); Terence Holland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh).

## Hollander

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

Jewish: German, English, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Dutch, and Swedish, regional name for someone from Holland.

**Early bearers:** German: Sigmund Hollander, born in Cologne, Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Peter J. Hollander, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex).

Jewish: Abraham Hollander, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Samuel Hollander, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Hollander, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Hollands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2085, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1559
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

English: variant of **Holland**, especially (5), with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Hollands, 1575 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Katherin Hollands, 1592 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

## Hollas

Variants: **Holah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Hallows**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Jherom Hollas, 1536 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Robt. Hollas, 1591 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Thomas Hollas, 1659 in *IGI* (Elland, Yorks).

### Hollaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Devon

English: see **Holloway**.

### Hollebon

**Variants:** **Hollobone, Hallybone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: variant of **Hallibone**, which is itself a variant of **Alban**, or of **Hallybone**, with the last syllable interpreted as if from the English word *bone*.

**Early bearers:** John Hollibone, 1579 in *IGI* (East Blatchington, Sussex); Johannes Hollybone, 1617 in *IGI* (Rodmell, Sussex); Elisabeth Hollebon, 1617 in *IGI* (Pevensey, Sussex); John Holibone, 1624 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); John Halibone, 1675 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Grace Hallybone, 1686 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Hollabone, 1726, John Holybone, 1748, John Hollebone, 1780 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Mary Hollowbone, 1729 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex); John Hollebon, 1799 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex); Charles Hollobone, 1801 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

2 English: from Middle English *holi bon* 'holy bone, saint's relic' (earlier *hali*), perhaps used as a nickname from a favourite oath, as in the recorded *goddes banes* and *corpus bones*. In surnames, compare the oath-names **Goodyear** and **Purday**. *Holi bon* also translates the term *os sacrum*, the bone in the lower back, though this is unlikely to have produced a surname.

3 English: possibly also an altered form of the surname seen in Johannes Hollobole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk), 'hollow bole'.

### Holledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; also Norfolk

English: see **Hollidge**.

### Holleman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Holyman**.

### Hollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: see **Hollin**.

### Hollens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

English: see **Hollis**.

### Holler

**Variants:** **Holer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *holere* 'one who bores holes', perhaps used for a carpenter. (ii) locative name from an agent derivative of Middle English *hole* 'hollow', denoting someone who lived '(in the) hollow'.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Holare, William le Holare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Peter le Taverner called Holer, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Ricardus Holere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Thomas Hollere, 1454 in *Paston Letters*; Thomas Holler, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Kingston upon Thomas, Surrey); James Holler, 1604 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops).

### Holleran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Cork and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó hAllmhuráin, see **O'Halloran**.

### Hollern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó hAllmhuráin, see **O'Halloran**.

### Holles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: see **Hollis**.

### Hollest

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Hollist**.

### Hollett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hewlett**.

### Holley

**Variants:** **Holly, Holey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2327, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1083
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey

1 English: nickname from Middle English *hol* 'hollow' + *eie*, *egh(e)* 'eye' (Old English *hol* + *ēage*). **Early bearers:** Leouuine Holege, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alfwinus Holege, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Hologhe, 12th cent. in *Ekwall, ELPN*; John Holey, Holley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Margaret Holley, 1570 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); John Holley, 1576 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Holley, 1603 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Annae Holley, 1619 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Edward Holley, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a 'clearing in a hollow', Middle English *hol* + *lei(e)*.

**Early bearers:** William de Holleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam atte Holye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

3 English: variant (singular) of **Hollis**.

### Holleyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey
- English: see **Holyman**.

### Hollick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 944, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx and Essex; also Wilts and Hants

English: see **Hollock**.

### Holliday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5704, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3922
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England; London
- English: see **Halliday**.

### Hollidge

**Variants:** **Holledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Surrey

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) holly hedge', Middle English *hollin*, *holli* + *hegge* (Old English *holegn* + *hecg*).

**Early bearers:** John Holynhege, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Johannes Holynghege, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John Holynhege, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Thomas Hollinghedge, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Kimbolton, Hants); Richard Hollidge, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); William Hollenhedge or Hollinhedge, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Walsoken, Norfolk); Samuel Hollidge, 1763 in *Bardsley*.

### Hollie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: variant of Irish or English **Holly**.

### Hollier

**Variants:** **Hollyer, Holyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; W Midlands

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *holer*, *holier*, *holour* 'adulterer, fornicator; brothel keeper' (Old French *holier*). In Gloucs there has been some confusion with **Hallier**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Holare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Holyere, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Adam le Holyer, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Adam Holiere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas le Holer of Chedestan, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Chediston, Suffolk); John Holer of Stoke Ferie, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Stoke Ferry, Norfolk); John Holyer, 1374 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Thomas Holyer', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johanna Holier', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbourn, Wilts); Waltero Holyer', 1379 in

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*Poll Tax* (Cudworth, Somerset); Robert Holiar, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Henricus Holiar<sup>r</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Robertt Hollyer, 1547 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Agnes Hollyer, 1551 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Christofer Hollyer, 1566 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Hollier, 1576 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs).  
**References:** Information from Peter Walker (Guild of One-Name Studies): see <http://www.hollyer.info/>.

### Hollies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Hollis**.

### Hollifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Monmouths
- English: see **Hallifield**.

### Holligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs, Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare
- Irish: from Ó hÁil(l)eagáin, see **Halligan**.

### Holliman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Bucks
- English: see **Holyman**.

### Hollin

**Variants:** **Hollen**, **Hollan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Middle English *holin* ‘holly’ (Old English *holegn*); see **Hollis**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas del Holyn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Holyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scriven, WR Yorks); John Holyn, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs); Agnes Hollin, 1573 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Grace Hollin, 1602 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Christover Hollin, 1607 in *IGI* (Little Bytham, Lincs); James Hollin, 1617 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Francis Hollin, 1626 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Hollindrake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hollinrake**.

### Holling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 303
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of a singular form of **Hollis**.  
**Early bearers:** William Holling, 1649 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

### Hollingdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name, probably from Holmdale in Rye (Sussex), formed from Middle English *holin* ‘holly’ + *dale* ‘valley’.  
**Early bearers:** William de Holyndale, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Limborne in Havant, Hants); Richard Hollingdale, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Westmeston, Sussex); Edward Hollingdale, 1603 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Edward Hollingdale, 1618 in *IGI* (Pyecombe, Sussex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 537.

### Hollingdrake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hollinrake**.

### Hollinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 118
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks and Ayrs; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Scottish: of uncertain origin. Perhaps a variant of *Hollingworth* (see **Hollingsworth**), an English surname that was taken to Ireland in the 17th century. The distribution of *Hollinger* suggests that it may be an introduction into Scotland from Ireland, in a form which shows the same development of the final syllable as seen in **Abinger**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Margaret Hollinger, 1606 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Holinger, 1676 in *IGI* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Will Hollinger, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Offley, Herts); James Hollinger, 1800 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops).  
Ireland: Maggie Hollinger, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Carneed, Antrim); James Hollinger, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Loonburn, Antrim); Agnes Hollinger, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Movilla Street, Down); John Hollinger, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Boyher, Monaghan).

### Hollinghurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *holin* ‘holly’ + *hurst(e)*, *hurst(e)* ‘wood, grove’, such as Hollinhurst in Sitlington (WR Yorks), Hollinghurst in Turnditch (Derbys), Hollinhurst in Stanley (Staffs), or Hollin Hurst in Honley (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Hollinhurst, 1608 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); George Hollinghurst, 1666 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Richard Holinhurst, 1670 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); Edmond Holinghurst, 1673 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

### Hollings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Hollis**.

### Hollingsbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: perhaps a variant of **Hollamby**, either with intrusive *-s-* or from an earlier spelling.

### Hollingshead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Shrops
- English: see **Hollinshead**.

### Hollingshed

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- English: see **Hollinshead**.

### Hollingsworth

- Variants:** **Hollinsworth**, **Hollingworth**, **Hollinworth**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3231, Ireland 120
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1975
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; also Down
- English: locative name from *Hollingworth* (Cheshire), *Hollingworth* in *Butterworth* (Lancs), or possibly *Hollinworth Head* in *Charlesworth* (Derbys). The surname has developed a variant with an unexplained medial *-s-* which has not been noted in any of the place-name forms. Compare **Hollinger**.  
**Further information:** The surname was taken to Ireland in the 17th century.  
**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Holinewurthe, 1211–25 in *Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters*; Thomas de *Holingworth*, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Johannes de *Holinworth*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Johannes de *Holynworth*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Laurence *Holyngworth*, 1451 in *Yorks Wills*; Johanna *Hollingworth*, 1558 in *IGI* (West Hallam, Derbys); Joseph *Hollingsworth*, 1565 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Byniamen *Hollinworth*, 1572 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Johanis *Holinworth*, 1586 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Andrewe *Hollenworth*, 1612 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Elizebeth *Holinworth*, 1679 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs); Elizabeth *Hollensworth*, 1713 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); James *Hollandsworth*, 1774 in *IGI* (Messingham, Lincs).  
Ireland: Vallentine *Hollinsworth*, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballemccrannell, Armagh).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 309; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 56; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 71.

### Hollington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Worcs
- English: locative name from *Hollington* (Staffs, Derbys, Sussex, Hants).  
**Early bearers:** William de Holynton, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Ravenscar, NR Yorks); Hugone *Holyngton*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tugby, Leics); Willelmo de *Holynton*, in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Agnes *Hollington*, 1546 in *IGI* (Wooton Wawen, Warwicks); Will. *Hollington*, 1639 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); George *Hollington*, 1767 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, London).



**Hollingworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2517, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, Derbys
- English: see **Hollingsworth**.

**Hollinrake**

Variants: **Hollindrake, Hollingdrake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from a lost minor place, perhaps in Stansfield in Todmorden (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Adam del Holirakes, 1275, John of Holynrakes, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); 1376 John de Hollinrake, 1376 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); Johis. Hollinrake, 1604 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Willia. Hollingrack, 1630 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Hollindrake, 1639 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Anna Hollenrecke, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Hollingdrake, 1737 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); David Hollinrake, 1777 in *IGI* (Wheatley Carr Booth, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 175.

**Hollins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1795, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1569
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks; N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places called Hollins (Staffs, Lancs, WR Yorks), or as a topographic name; see **Hollis**.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Hollins, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Holynges, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woolley, WR Yorks); Hugh, William, and John de Holyngs, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Holyngs, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs); Johan Hollins, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Marbury, Cheshire); Peter Hollins, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Willoughby, Warwicks).

**Hollinshead**

Variants: **Hollingshead, Hollingshed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1509, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 775
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Hollinset in Sutton Downes (Cheshire), Holmside in Lanchester (Durham), or Hollingside in Whickham (Durham). **Early bearers:** Richard de Holineside, about 1220 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Adam de Holynside, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John del Holynshede, 1408 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); William Holynshede, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Sutton, Cheshire); Christopher Hollinshedd or Hollingshed, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Blakeney, Norfolk); Raphael Hollinshed, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Bromcote, Warwicks).

**Hollinsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. Lancs and Lincs
- English: see **Hollingsworth**.

**Hollinworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Hollingsworth**.

**Hollis**

Variants: **Hollies, Holles, Holliss, Hollens, Hollins, Hollings, Holling, Holly, Holley, Hollen, Ollis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5886, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) holly or hollies' or '(by the) holm oak or oaks', Middle English *holi(e)*, *holin* (Old English *holegn*, *holen*). See also **Hollin** and **Holley**. **Early bearers:** Adam atte Holies, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John in the Holis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard del Holyes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Mauricus in the Hollis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs); Thomas Hollys, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Densell Hollis, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Ewerby, Lincs); Irechvill Holles, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Great Grimsby, Lincs).

**Holliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; also Surrey

English: see **Hollis**.

**Hollist**

Variants: **Hollest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name from Hollist House in Easebourne (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Alice de Holhurst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Hollist, 1569 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Thoms Hollist, 1572 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); William Hollist, 1572 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); John Hollist, 1672 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Hollist, 1803 in *IGI* (Danby, NR Yorks).

**Hollister**

Variants: **Hollister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 381
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs
- English: nickname from a derivative of Old French *holier* 'adulterer, lecher'. **Early bearers:** Robert Ollister, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Holliwel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Halliwell**.

**Hollman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Holman**.

**Hollobone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Hollebon**.

**Hollock**

Variants: **Hollocks, Hollick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk and Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *holk(e)* 'cavity, hollow' (Old English *holc(a)*, *holoc*), for someone who lived '(by the) hollow'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Holoc, 1208 in *Charter Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Hollock, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John ate Holock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Adam atte Holke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Thomas Hollock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Thomas Hollock, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Winchester, Sussex).

**Hollocks**

Variants: **Hollox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; also Shrops

English: see **Hollock**: apparently a post-medieval modification of the surname, with excrement -s, or possibly from an original plural, 'at the little hollows'.

**Early bearers:** John del Hollokes, 1549 in *Sussex Wills*.

**Holloman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Holyman**.

**Hollomon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Holyman**.

**Holloran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare
- Irish: from Ó hAllmhuráin, see **O'Halloran**.

**Hollow**

Variants: **Hollows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Middle English *holgh*, *holwe*, *holou3* 'hole, hollow, burrow' (Old English *holh*), for someone who lived in or by a hollow.

**Early bearers:** Peter in le Holwe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas de Hollowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmo Holowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Margaret Holowe, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); William Hollowe, 1563

## Holloway

in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); Walter Hollow, 1590 in *IGI* (Hartpury, Gloucs); Daniell Hollow, 1715 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Holloway

**Variants:** **Holoway, Hollaway, Hollway, Hollwey, Holway, Holdaway, Holvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12113, Ireland 189
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9113
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; esp. Worcs; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster

English: locative name from Middle English *hol(g)h* ‘hollow’ + *weie* ‘way, road’ (Old English *holh* + *weg*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived ‘(by the) sunken road’, or toponymic from any of the numerous places so named, such as Holloway (Middx) or Holway (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Holeweia, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John de la Holeweye, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Holewey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John del Hollewey, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh atte Holewey, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Digerus Holowey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Arley, Staffs); Waltero Holaway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); Rosa Holway, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading liberty, Berks); John Holeway, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Charleton, Devon); John Hollowaye, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Editha Holdaway, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Selborne, Hants); Frances Holloway, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Newbury, Berks); Robert Hollwey, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Kingsclere, Hants); William Hollaway or Holloway, 1609 in *PROB 11* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); Henry Holloway, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Over Aweley, Staffs).

### Hollowbread

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *holi bred* ‘holy bread’, perhaps used for the baker who made the host or for the cleric who carried it at Mass. Compare Richard le Halywaterclerc, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William Halibred, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); John Halibred, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Katheryn Hollibreade, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk); [ . . . ] Hollibred, Widdow Hollowbred, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Hollowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: from Hollowell in Northants. The place-name has the same origin as **Halliwell**.

### Hollowood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Cheshire

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *hol(e)* or *holgh* ‘hole, hollow’ (compare **Hole, Hollow**) + *wod(e)*, for someone who lived by a wooded hollow. (ii) variant of **Hollywood**.

**Further information:** Hollowood Farm in Tabley (Cheshire) is a modern reinterpretation of an earlier

name *Hall o’ Wood* and is not likely to be a source for the surname; see *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 61. **Early bearers:** Friens Holwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heydon, Norfolk); Adam de Holewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); Phillip Hollowood, 1634 in *IGI* (Iford, Sussex); Moses Hollowwood, 1694 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Thomas Hollowood, 1756 in *IGI* (Audlem, Cheshire).

### Hollows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 586
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hollow**: apparently a post-medieval modification of the surname, with excrescent *-s*, but perhaps from an original plural, ‘by the hollows’.

### Hollox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hollocks**.

### Holloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Holloway**.

### Hollowey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Holloway**.

### Holly

**Variants:** **Hollie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 231
- **GB frequency 1881:** 726
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Somerset, Wilts, and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry; Derry

1 English: see **Holley**.

2 Irish: sometimes adopted by translation for **Mac Cuilinn**, see **McCullen**.

### Hollyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Caernarvons

English: see **Hollier**.

### Hollyfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Hallifield**.

### Hollyhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: see **Holyhead**.

### Hollyhock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Holyoak**.

### Hollyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs, Glamorgan; Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Holyman**.

### Hollyoak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Holyoak**.

### Hollyoake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Bucks

English: see **Holyoak**.

### Hollywell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Surrey; Denbighs

English: see **Halliwell**.

### Hollywood

**Variants:** **Hollowood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 511
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Norman, Irish: locative name, possibly from Hollywood, Dublin.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey of Holywood, 1278 in *CDI* §1509; Adam Holywood, 1285 in *CDI* §149; Adam de Holywood, sheriff, 1302 in *CDI* §72 (Dublin); Nicholas Holywood, 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §134 (Agholy); Thomas Holywodde, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1151.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Ó Cuileannáin** ‘descendant of *Cuileannán*’, a personal name apparently based on a diminutive of *cuileann* ‘holly tree’. The name is more commonly anglicized as **Cullinane**.

3 English: locative name from any of various farms or hamlets in England named Hollywood, for instance one in Sandon and Burston (Staffs), but that is not on record before 1775, and all Hollywoods appear to be late. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hollywoodd, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Reculver, Kent); Richard Hollywood, 1781 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Alexr. Hollywood, 1807 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Holm

**Variants:** **Holmes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty; also Lancs

Scottish, English: see **Holme**.

### Holman

**Variants:** **Hollman, Holeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5147, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4232

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Cornwall; Sussex, Kent, and Surrey; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: locative name for a 'dweller in the hollow', from Middle English *holh* + *man* (Old English *holh* + *mann*). Compare **Holler**.

**Early bearers:** John Holman, Holeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Holeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wethersfield, Essex); Walter Holman, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Larkworthy, Devon); Willyam Hollman or Holman, 1532 in *PROB 11* (Merstham, Surrey); Thomas Holeman, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Herne, Kent); Robert Hollman, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Marshwood, Dorset).

## Holmden

**Variants:** Homden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: locative name from Hollingden in Woldingham (Surrey), with the common development of Middle English *holin* 'holly' to *holm(e)*; compare East Holme (Dorset).
- Early bearers:** Joane Mrs Holmden, 1562 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent); John Holmden, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Edenbridge, Kent); Anthony Holmeden, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Lingfield, Surrey); Richard Holmedon, 1633 in *IGI* (Tortington, Sussex); Michael Holmeden, 1682 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent); John Holmden, 1785 in *IGI* (Sevenoaks, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 340; *Place-Names of Dorset 1*, p. 82.

## Holme

**Variants:** Holm, Holmes, Home, Homes, Hulme, Hulmes, Hume, Humes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1223, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *holm* 'islet', 'raised land in a marsh', 'piece of land partly surrounded by water' (Old Scandinavian *hólmr*, *hólmi*); or from one of the many places named with this word, e.g. Holme (Beds, Cumb, Hunts, Notts, Yorks), Holm (Dumfriess, Orkney, Aberdeens), or Hulme (Cheshire, Lancs, Staffs); the word is also common in farm names. The spellings with *-u-* are characteristic of Lancs, Cheshire, and adjacent areas in modern times. Assimilation of /l/ to the following /m/ led to the spellings *Home* and *Hume*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Turstinus de Hulmo, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Roger de Holm before 1186 *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Leics); Geoffrey de Hulm, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Walter de Hulmo (Humo), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert del Houme, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Hulm, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henricus de Holm', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatley and Long Sandall, WR Yorks); Henricus del Holme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Sandall, WR Yorks); Johannes in the Holme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Willelmus de Holm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paythorne, WR Yorks); Matil' in le Holm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Ricardus de Hulm, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Maghull, Lancs); Robert Holme, 1465, probably identical with Robert Howme, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Anna Holme,

1538 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Thomas Holme, 1538 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Anne Holme, 1539 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Georgii Holme, 1540 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Thomas Holme, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Holme, 1550 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Alexander Hulme, 1562, Elizabeth Holme, 1583 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Johannis Hulme, 1565 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Thomas Hulme, 1569 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire).

2 English: from Middle English *holm*, *holin* 'holly (tree)', or, especially in S England, from a place named with this word, such as East and West Holme (Dorset) or Holne (Devon).

**Further information:** It is sometimes said that the word (and therefore the name) may mean 'holm oak, evergreen oak (*Quercus ilex*)', but this tree was not introduced to Britain till the 17th century

**Early bearers:** John atte Holme, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Holm, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham, Devon); John Holm, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); John and William de Holne 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clayhidon, Devon); Adam atte Holme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Thomas Holm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Holme, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).

3 English: see **Home** (3) and (4).

## Holmer

**Variants:** Homer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Warwicks; Lancs; Durham

1 English: locative name for a dweller by a holly bush, from Middle English *holm* (Old English *holen*) + the agent suffix *-er*, a type of formation characteristic of Hants and Sussex.

**Early bearers:** John Holmar', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stopham and Barlavington, Sussex); Richard le Holmer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Richard le Holmare, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus Holmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield Archbishop, Sussex); Johannes Holmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Portslade, Sussex); William le Holmere, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Richard Holmere, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Owen Holmer, 1588 in *PROB 11* (New Shoreham, Sussex); Bridget Holmer, 1589 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

2 English: locative name from Holmer (Herefs), Holmer Green (Bucks), or Homer (Devon), or from other unrecorded place-names formed with Middle English *hol(g)h* (Old English *holh*) + Middle English (Old English) *mere* 'pool by or in the hollow'.

**Early bearers:** Andrew, Robert de Hol(e)mere, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Holmor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dodington, Shrops); Robertus Holmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Closworth, Somerset); Margaret Holmer, 1545 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Holmer, 1555 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Mary Holmer, 1556 in *IGI* (Warleggan, Cornwall); John Homer, 1594, John Holmer, 1606 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Francis Holmer, 1708 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robert Holmer, 1770 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Jenny Holmer, 1791 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

## Holmes

**Variants:** Holms, Homes, Hulmes, Humes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50083, Ireland 2775
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; also SE England; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- 1 English: locative name from a plural form of **Holm**. There appear to be several minor localities so named in N England in the medieval period but *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that the modern surname is especially prolific in the Bradford and Keighley area, and suggests that its main progenitor may have been Robert de le Holmes, who appears in the court rolls of Bradford in 1342.
- Early bearers:** Urkell' de Holmes, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William del Holmes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William del Holmes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus de Holmes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Quenyld dil Holmes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aughton, Lancs); Rici. Holmes, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Gabriell Holmes, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Maude Holmes, 1562 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); John Holmes, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); John Holmes, 1599 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Holme** or **Home** with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Andrue Holmes, Richard Homes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Patricii Holmes, 1538 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); Thomas Holmes, 1545 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Marciall Holmes, 1556 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); James Holms, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs).

3 Scottish: locative name, probably from Holmes near Dundonald (Ayr), or possibly from another place so called in the barony of Inchestuir (Angus).

**Early bearers:** John Holmes, chaplain 1460 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); Gilbert Holmys, 1513 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perths); James Hoomes, 1668 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness).

4 Irish, Scottish: *Holmes* has also been adopted for Scottish Gaelic and Irish **Mac Thómais**, see **McComish**. Early bearers below are probably immigrants from Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Robert Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Moses Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Eliza Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry); Richard Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff, Sligo); Giffy Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Samuel Holmes, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh).

## Holms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 844
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; also WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Holmes**.

## Holmshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Halmshaw**.

## Holmwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex. Kent, and Surrey
- English: see **Homewood**.

**Holness**

**Variants:** Honess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1380, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost *Holmherst* in Smarden (Kent), which is recorded as *Holenhurst* in 1292, *Holnherst* in 1313.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to connect this surname with the place-name Holnest (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Holmherst, about 1415 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 68 (Smarden, Kent); Stephen Holnest, 1474 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 42; Leonard Holnest, Holneherst, 1527 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Agnes Holness, 1548 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Thomas Honess, 1705, Thomas Hollness, 1711 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 248; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 400; *Saint Augustine and Shipway*, p. 80.

**Holohan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 992
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

**Holloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Holloway**.

**Holpin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Olpin**.

**Holroyd**

**Variants:** Holroyde, Holdroyd, Howroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3119, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3329
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Howroyd in Thornhill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Galfridus de Holrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); William Hollrodd, 1565 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Holroide, 1565 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); John Hollyred, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Halifax, Yorks); James Holroyd, 1584 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Houlroide, 1596, Joseph Holdroyd, 1667 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Abraham Howroyd, 1633 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); George Holroyd, 1709 in *York Freeman's Register*; James Howroyde, 1755 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks).

**Holroyde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: see **Holroyd**.

**Holsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: perhaps a variant of **Halsey**.

**Early bearers:** John Hollsey, 1581 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); John Holsey, 1598 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); John Holsie, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); James Holsey, 1798 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Holsy, 1803 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk).

**Holsgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Devon; Middx

English: locative name, perhaps from Halsgrove in Withypool (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Jacob Holsgrove, 1695, George Holesgrove, 1700, William Holsgrove, 1716, John Holesgrow, 1741, George Holsgrow, 1780 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); William Hollsgrove, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Fenwick Holsgrave, 1796, Holsgrove, 1799 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); George Holsgrove, 1877 in *IGI* (Fence, Lancs).

**Holstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb

English: see **Halstead**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Holstead, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

**Holstock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Holdstock**.

**Holston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Sussex

English: locative name, possibly a variant of Halston, which is partly a topographical name from Halston in Shrops, possibly named with the Old English personal name *Ealh + tūn* 'settlement', and partly derived from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Halsteinn*. Alternatively, it may be a locative name from Holstone in Durham (from Old English *hol* 'hollow' + *stān* 'stone') or from a lost or unidentified place so called.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Halstone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belchamp Saint Paul's, Essex); Gregorie Holston, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Richard Holston, 1687 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Joseph Holstone, 1706 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Samuel Holston, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

**Holsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; WR Yorks

English: see **Holdsworth**.

**Holt**

**Variants:** Houlty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20293, Ireland 300
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19881

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Kildare
- English: locative name from Holt (Leics, Staffs, Warwicks, Norfolk, Dorset, Hants) or topographic for someone who lived in or near a wood or grove. Middle English, Old English *holt*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Holte, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Simon del Holt, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter in the Holte, 1260 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Hugh atte Holte, 1268 in *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 175; Alicia de Holt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ayston, Rutland); John Holte, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Northbourne, Kent); John Holt, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Puddletrenthide, Dorset); Edmonde Holte, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Bury, Lancs); Anthony Holt or Holte, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Mortlake, Surrey).

**Holtam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, and Gloucs

English: see **Holtham**.

**Holtby**

**Variants:** Houltyby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, NR Yorks, and Lincs

English: locative name from either of two places named Holtby in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** William de Holtebi, 1208 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Geoffrey de Holteby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Redmire, NR Yorks); Nicholas de Holteby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holtby, NR Yorks); William de Holteby, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus de Holtby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Alicia Holtby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hayton, ER Yorks); John de Holteby, 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Holteby, mercer of York, 1438 in *Patent Rolls*; Thos Holtby, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Joane Houltyby, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Radegund, Scruton, NR Yorks); James Houltyby, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Stockton, Durham); Mary Houltyby, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Market Rasen, Lincs).

**Holten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Holton**.

**Holter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for a 'dweller by the wood', from an agent derivative of Middle English *holt* 'grove, wood'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Holtar', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Holtere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Richard Holter, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Lewes, Sussex); Marie Holter, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Thomas à Becket, Lewes, Sussex).

## Holtham

Variants: **Holtom, Holtum, Holttum, Holtam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Gloucs and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from a place so named or for someone who lived '(at the) enclosure in the wood', Middle English *holt* 'wood, grove' + *ham* 'enclosure' (Old English *holt* + *hamm*).

Further information: Richard de Holtham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants) came from Holtham in East Tisted (Hants).

Early bearers: Matilda de Holtham, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alan de Holtham, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Johannes Holtham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willicote, Gloucs); Edmund Holtham, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Wellinborough, Northants); George Holtam, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); John Holtam, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Ebrington, Gloucs); Richard Holtham, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Hanbury, Worcs); Mattw Holtum, 1709 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anne, Soho, Westminster, Middx).

2 English: see **Hotham**.

## Holtom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 860, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Worcs

English: see **Holtham**.

## Holton

Variants: **Houlton, Holten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1985, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1527
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands: esp. Northants and Bucks; Wilts; also Surrey and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Leitrim, and Cavan

1 English: locative name from Holton (Oxon, Suffolk, Dorset, Somerset).

Early bearers: Jordan de Holton', 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); John de Holton, 1310, William Holton, 1352 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Holton, 1540 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Holton, 1561 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Elizabeth Holton, 1562 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Wm. Holton, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Martha Holton, 1566 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent).

2 Irish: from Ó hUlthacháin 'descendant of the Ulsterman', see **Halton**.

## Holttum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cambs
- English: see **Holtham**.

## Holtum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Holtham**.

## Holvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Monmouths; Lincs

1 English: see **Holloway**.

Early bearers: Willelmo Holueye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); Thomas Holvey, 1723 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey); James Holvey, 1792 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); John Holvey, 1803 in *IGI* (Publow, Somerset).

2 Irish: see **Halvey**.

## Holway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Holloway**.

## Holwell

Variants: **Holwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Derbys; Devon and Somerset; Middx and Essex

English: locative name from Holwell (Dorset, Leics, Herts, Oxon), or from one of the numerous minor places of the name in Devon.

Early bearers: Leofric æt Holewelle 963 in *Tengvik* (Herts); Roger de Holewell', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Holewell, 1323–4 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Robert Holewell, 1364 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Willelmus Holewill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Mallet, Somerset); Richard Holewell', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Holwell, 1521 in *PROB 11*; George Holwill, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Cricket, Somerset); Walter Hollwill, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon).

## Holwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Holwell**.

## Holyday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Halliday**.

## Holyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Hollier**.

## Holyfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Middx
- English: see **Hallifield**.

## Holyhead

Variants: **Hollyhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *holihed(e)* 'holiness'.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Hollihead, 1515, Thomas Hollihead, 1591 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Nicholai

Holyhead, 1629 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks); Richard Hollyhead, 1677 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Joseph Holyhead, 1732 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Esther Holihead, 1809 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

## Holyland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *holie lond*, *holy lond* 'Holy Land, Palestine', presumably denoting one who had gone there on pilgrimage. (ii) locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from Middle English *holie*, *holli* 'holly' + *lond* 'land'.

Early bearers: Richard Holyland, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Edward Hollyland, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Henry Holyland, 1574 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); John Holyland, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); Thomas Holliland, 1615, 1629, Holyland, 1644 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics).

## Holyman

Variants: **Holeyman, Hollyman, Holleyman, Holleman, Holliman, Holloman, Hollomon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Staffs; Kent  
English: nickname from Middle English *holi* 'holly' + *man* (Old English *halig* + *mann*), probably pejorative. Compare Richard Holifader, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), Roger Holymoder, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Herts).

Early bearers: Roger Haliman, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); William Holyman, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Halymanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Walterus Halymon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whatcote, Warwicks); William Holyman, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Holyman, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Coddington, Bucks); Roberte Hollyman, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Marden, Kent); Thomas Holyman, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Hunton, Kent); Oliver Hollyman, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent).

## Holyoak

Variants: **Holyoake, Hollyoak, Hollyoake, Hollyhoack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics

English: locative name, toponymic from Holy Oakes (Leics) or topographic from residence near a 'holy oak' (or 'gospel oak'), an oak marking a parish boundary where, during the beating the bounds on Rogation Days, a halt was made for a Gospel reading.

Early bearers: Godric de Haliac, 1154–89 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Suffolk); Gerard de Haliach, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Peter de la Holyok, 1300 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Johannes Halyok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edith Weston, Rutland); Coll Halioc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tur Langton, Rutland); Thomas Holyoak, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

## Holyoake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 6

## Hom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Worcs
- English: see **Holyoak**.

## Hom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Homme** and **Home**.

## Homán

Variants: **Homans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 167
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare; Cork and Limerick

English: see **Human**.

**Further information:** Wilson's derivation from Old Scandinavian *há* + Old English *mann* 'tall man' is implausible.

## Homans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: post-medieval modification of the surname **Homan** with excrescent -s.

## Homden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Holmden**.

**Early bearers:** John Homden, 1542 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey).

## Home

Variants: **Homme**, **Hom**, **Homm**, **Holme**, **Holmes**, **Homes**, **Hume**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Berwicks; also Midlothian; Durham; SE England; Devon; Shrops

1 English, Scottish: locative name from the barony of Home or from Hume (or Home) in Berwicks, from which the barony took its name.

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the Earldom of Home since 1605.

**Early bearers:** Aldan de Home, 1172 in *Scots Peerage*; William of Home, 1268 in *Black*; Geoffrey de Home, 1292–6 in *Ragman Rolls*; Alexander de Hume, 1408 in *Black*; Lord Home, title created 1473 in the peerage of Scotland, in *Scots Peerage*; Alexander Home, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Meg Home, 1598 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

2 English: see **Holme**.

**Early bearers:** John Home, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Holme, 1539, Elizabeth Home, 1561 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Henrie Home, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); William Home, 1560 in *IGI* (Norbury, Shrops); Willm. Home, 1566 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Georgii Holme, 1540, Emma Home, 1574 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs).

3 English: locative name from Home in Clifton on Teme or in Feckenham (Worcs) or from a minor place similarly named, a variant of **Ham** (Middle English *ham(me)*, with rounding of the vowel before

the nasal consonant to give *hom(me)*). Compare **Hame**. Through loss of /l/ before /m/, some of the following post-medieval examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Homme, Alan de Home, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Home, William Home, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter of the home, John atte Home, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alys Hom, 1546 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); Edwardus Home, 1567 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Thome Homme, 1613 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Jane Homme, 1620 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs).

4 English: locative name from Holme in Newton Saint Cyres (Devon), recorded as *Westhome* in 1497, though the etymology of this place-name is uncertain. The 1377 bearer may alternatively belong with **Holme** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Home, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lustleigh, Devon); Marcial Holmes, 1556 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon).

## Homer

Variants: **Holmer**, **Omer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4740, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

1 English: probably in most cases a variant of **Holmer**.

2 English: occupational name, occasionally perhaps for a maker of helmets, Old French *heumier*, *heumier*, but it is uncertain that this name became hereditary.

**Early bearers:** John le Heaumer, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (London); Richard le Heumer, 1284 in *London Letter Books A*; Mannekin le Haumer, 1298 in *London Letter Books B*; Jhon Homer, 1556 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Homer, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Agnes Homer, 1573 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Willmus Homer, 1576 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Joan Homer, 1581 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds).

## Homersham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: locative name from Homersham in Smarden parish, Kent.

**Early bearers:** Th. Homersham and Joh. Hamersham, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Headcorn, Kent); Raphe Homersham, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent); Alice Homersham, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Thomas Homersham, 1760 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent).

## Homersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hammersley**.

## Homes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Devon; Durham; also Norfolk

English: see **Holmes** and **Home**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Homes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Homes, 1539 in *IGI*

(Colyton, Devon); Margaret Homes, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Homes, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Christoferus Homes, 1548 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Johannes Homes, 1549 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Isabell Homes, 1611 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Thomas Homes or Holmes, 1626 in *PROB 11* (East Wittering, Sussex).

## Homeward

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: locative name for someone who lived at a place named as 'the homestead by the river meadow' (Old English *hamm* + *weorð*).
- Early bearers:** Peter de Homewerth, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Homewerthe, Robert Homworth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Katherine Homeward, 1596 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Rob Homeward, 1615 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Robert Homeward, 1684 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex).

## Homewood

Variants: **Holmwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1462, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 940
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) manor-house wood', from Old English *\*hām-wudu*, a place-name that survives in various locations as *Home Wood* and *Holmwood*, and probably also as the surname **Homeward**.

**Early bearers:** William atte Homewode, 1279 in *Place-Names of Surrey* 331; Simon atte Homwode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Homewood, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Johane Homewood, 1565 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Homewood, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Homewood, 1584 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); James Homewood, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Homfray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Humphrey**.

## Homm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Homme** and **Home**.

## Homme

Variants: **Homm**, **Hom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Home** (3).

## Hon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hon, 1581 in *IGI* (Preston, Rutland); Richard Hon, 1629 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); George Hon, 1725 in *IGI* (Ippollitts, Herefs); Thomas Hon, 1771 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Amos Mace Hon, 1835 in *IGI* (Brigstock, Northants).

2 Chinese: Cantonese pronunciation of the Chinese surname 韩 (pronounced *Han* in Mandarin), see **Han** (1).

### Honan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: (i) from Ó hEoghanáin, a diminutive of the personal name *Eoghan*, compare **Owen** (3). (ii) from Ó hUainín ‘descendant of *Uainín*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *uaine* ‘green’.

**Early bearers:** William Honan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacduane, Clare); Patrick Honan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmovee, Mayo).

### Hond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish, English: see **Hand**.

### Hone

**Variants:** Hones, Honess, Hoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1309, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1015
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London; also Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Donegal and Derry

English: locative name for someone who lived by a prominent stone, esp. a boundary marker, from Middle English *hone* (Old English *hān* ‘stone’).

**Early bearers:** Walkelin de Hone, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William de Hone, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (East Meon, Hants); John Hone, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks), Thomas Hone, 1279 *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Godfrey de la hone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manhood, Sussex); Elya atte Hone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); James atte Hone, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Simone Hone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarstone, Leics); Willelmus Hone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willingale, Essex); John Hone, 1538 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Hone, 1552 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Margaret Hone, 1578 in *IGI* (Rendcombe, Gloucs); John Hone, 1591 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 107.

### Honer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Sussex; also Midlands

English: (i) occupational name for a sharpener of tools, a grinder or honer, from a derivative of Middle English *hone* ‘whetstone’ (Old English *hān* ‘stone’) + *-er*. (ii) locative name, perhaps in Surrey, Sussex, and Hants, for someone who lived by a prominent rock or by a boundary stone, from a Middle English derivative of **Hone** + *-er*, and synonymous with Middle English *atte Hone*.

**Early bearers:** Robert le honer, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Roger Honner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southover, Sussex); John Honner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringmer, Sussex); Johannes Honere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); Johannes Honere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Northney, Hants); Alice Honer, 1561 in *IGI*

(Dunstable, Beds); Arthur Honer, 1562 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Henry Honer, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Richard Honer, 1581 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Agnes Honer, 1583 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Jno. Honer, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 193.

### Hones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Surrey and Middx

English: variant of **Hone** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hones, 1577 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Ann Hones, 1668 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); James Hones, 1746 in *IGI* (Horsell, Surrey).

### Honess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Hone**; see also **Hones**.

### Honey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2456, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent and London; also Oxon, Berks, and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: nickname from Middle English *honi(e)* ‘honey’ (Old English *hunig*), perhaps given to someone with a sweet nature, or who kept bees, or who had a partiality for honey. The word was also used in Middle English as a term of endearment with the sense ‘sweetheart’, which could be another source of the nickname.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Hony, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Honey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert le Hony, Gilbert Huny, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chitcombe and Northiam, Sussex); William and Ralph Hony, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maresfield, Sussex); Richero Hony, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harrold, Beds); Johannes Honnay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston Jabbett, Warwicks); Christiana Hony, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Willelmo Hony, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Hony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); Johannes Hony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mottistone, Hants); Ricardo Hunnay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Hugo Hony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stibbard, Norfolk); Johannes Hony’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); John Hony, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Peter Honey, 1572 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Michael Hunny, 1600 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Thomas Hunnye, 1612 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Richarde Honey, 1604 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); James Honey, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Honey, 1720 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Bernard Honey, 1736 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Robert Honey, 1737 in *IGI* (Culham, Oxon).

### Honeyball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Hannibal**.

### Honeybone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, Hants, and Wilts

English: see **Honeybourne**.

### Honeyborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Honeybourne**.

### Honeybourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; Warwicks

English: see **Honeybourne**.

### Honeybourne

**Variants:** Honeybone, Honeybun, Hunnybun, Honeybourn, Honeyborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs; also Hants, IoW, and Dorset

English: locative name from Cow Honeybourne (Gloucs) or Church Honeybourne (Worcs), adjacent villages traditionally pronounced *Hunnybun*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hunuburn’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Walter de Honyburn, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Evesham, Worcs); William de Honyburn’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Honyborne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Agnes Honyborn, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Newbold on Stour, Worcs); Thomas Honnybourn or Honnyborne, 1569 in *PROB 11* (London); Dorety Honybourne, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Burstock, Dorset); Nicholas Honeybourn, 1714 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Winterbourne Kingstone, Dorset); Thomas Honeybunn, 1802 in *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 55.

### Honeybun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also IoW; Somerset

English: see **Honeybourne**.

### Honeychurch

**Variants:** Honychurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Honeychurch in Sampford Courtenay (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Margery de Hunichurche, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); William Honychurche, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John Honychurch, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Honeycombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx; Jersey; also Kent

1 English: nickname from Middle English *honicomb* ‘honeycomb’, either referring to the comb itself (and

## Honeyfield

hence perhaps to a beekeeper) or used as a term of endearment, or referring to a pimple on the scalp. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John Honycombe of Bromlegh', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Bromley, Kent); John Honicombe, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); Daniell Honicombe, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Maker, Cornwall); Thomas Honycombe, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Stonehouse, Devon); Robert Honeycombe, 1681, Sam. Honicomb, 1699 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall).

**2 English:** locative name from Middle English *honi(e)* 'honey' + *coumb* 'valley' (Old English *hunig* + *cumb*), for someone who lived '(in the) pleasant, fertile valley' or in a valley from which honey was gathered.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Honicomb', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Honeycombe, 1681 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall).

## Honeyfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: perhaps a variant or, as *Honyfold*, a precursor of **Honeyford**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Honeyfold, 1563 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Richard Honifold, 1597 in *IGI* (Eastwell, Kent); James Honyfeild, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Gabriell Honyfeild, 1668 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Honeyfield, 1736 in *IGI* (Buckhorn Weston, Dorset); Stephen Honeyfield, 1801, James Honneyfield, 1804, Grace Honeyfield, 1805 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset).

## Honeyford

**Variants:** **Hunniford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English, N Irish: locative name; the lack of early bearers before the 17th century suggests that it may be a euphemistic variant of **Hungerford**. The *Honeyfield* examples are also late and those for *Honyfold* only slightly earlier, but these names are clearly related to Honeyford.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Honeyford, 1652 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Honeyford, 1794 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Honeyford, 1799 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Honeyman

**Variants:** **Honeyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1327, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 979
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife; also NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

**1 Scottish, English:** occupational name for a beekeeper or honey seller, from Middle English *honi* + *man* (Old English *hunig* + *mann*). Compare Richard Honymanger, 1382 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Wilts). Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Hwnymane, Johne Hwnymane, jurors on an inquest at Cupar, 1522 in *Fife Court Book*; Andrew Hunyman of Over Carnye, 1549 in *Black*; Robert Hinniman, 1661 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife).

England: Robert Huniman, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Everard Huniman, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Osbert Honiman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Honyman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Hunymon', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Marey Honeyman, 1655 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); William Honeyman, 1655 in *IGI* (Willenhall, Staffs).

**2 English:** relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Honeman* (Old English *Hūnmann*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hunman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Hunemannus, 12th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs).

surnames: Gillebertus filius Honemann', 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Huneman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Honeman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Honeysett

**Variants:** **Hunnisett, Honisett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: unexplained. Given the lateness of the examples, it may represent a reinterpretation of some other name.

**Early bearers:** William Honiset, 1669, Adrian Honniset, 1676 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Thomas Honysett, 1719, Samuell Honyset, 1725 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); David Honyset, 1731, Ann Honeysett, 1735, Richard Honysett, 1748, Hunniset, 1759, John Honeyset, 1767, Hunnisett, 1777 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

## Honeywell

**Variants:** **Honywill, Honywill, Honiwell, Honeywill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one or other of the various minor places of this name in Devon.

**Early bearers:** William Honeywill, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Joshua Honiwell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Honeywill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Honeywell**.

## Honeywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk

English: locative name from Honeywood in Postling (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Huniwude, 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William de Honywod, 1325 in *Patent Rolls*; James Honywode, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Wye, Kent); John Honywode, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Stowting, Kent); Jhon Honywood, 1564, Thomas Honiwode, 1584, Honneywood, 1596, Priscilla Honeywood, 1610 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); John Honiwood or Honywood, 1639 in *PROB 11* (London).

## Hong

**Variants:** **Hung, Hang, Han, Ang, Aung, Ung, Khong, Kang, Kwong, Kuang, Fong, Fung, Wang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**1 Chinese:** Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 洪 (**Hung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'vast' in Chinese: (i) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, 共 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin). In some families, this surname is traced back to Gong Gong (共工), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). In other families, it is borne by descendants of people from the state of Gong (共) (located in present-day Huixian in Henan province), which was granted to Ji He, known as Gong Bo, an earl during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). For other families, it is borne by descendants of Shen Sheng, a prince in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who was given Gong as a posthumous title. His descendants inherited this title as their surname. Later, some of his descendants changed the surname to 洪 in order to escape persecution by their enemies. Thus, the surname 洪 shares some of the same ancestors as the surname 龔; compare **Kong** 3. (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, 弘 (see sense 5 below), which originated in Yuzhang (present-day Nanchang in Jiangxi province) and Qu'e (present-day Danyang in Jiangsu province). 弘 was the given name of crown prince Li Hong (李弘) (AD 652–75) in the Tang dynasty. In ancient China it was taboo to bear the same name as a member of the royal family, so in Yuzhang and Qu'e people with the surname 弘 changed it to 洪, which has the same pronunciation.

**2 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 杭 (**Hang** in Mandarin pinyin), adopted in place of another Chinese surname 抗 (**Kang** in Mandarin pinyin), which can be traced back to San Kang (三抗/杭/抗), a noble official in the state of Wei (卫) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). The two Chinese characters 抗 and 杭 were interchangeable in ancient Chinese. During the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127), many people with the surname 抗 changed it to 杭 (which has a different meaning and pronunciation in modern Chinese).

**3 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 項 (**Xiang** or **Hsiang** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'nape' in ancient Chinese: from *Xiang* (項), the name of an ancient state (in present-day Xiangcheng in Henan province), said to have been annexed by the state of Qi or the state of Lu in 647 BC.

**4 Chinese:** Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 匡 (**Kuang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'rectify' or 'assist' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Kuang* (匡), the name of a fief (in present-day Yutai in Shangdong province) in the state of Lu, which was granted to Gou Xu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Kuang* (匡), the name of a fief (in present-day Changyuan in Henan province) in the state of Wei (卫) during the Spring and Autumn period. (iii) from the place-name *Kuang* (匡), the name of a fief (in present-day Suixian in Henan province) in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period. (iv) from the



place-name *Kuang* (匡), the name of a fief (in present-day Fugou in Henan province) in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period.

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 弘 (**Wang** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'great' in Chinese: from the second element of the personal name Hong Yan (弘演 or 弘延), style name of an official in the state of Wei (衛) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

6 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 康, see **Kang** (1).

7 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 方, see **Fong** (1).

8 Chinese: Hokkien, Taiwanese, and Teochew form of the Chinese surnames 封, 豐, and 鄴, see **Fung** (2–4).

9 Chinese: another Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 熊, see **Hung** (3).

10 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 湯 and 唐, see **Tang** (1) and (2).

11 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 王 and 黃, see **Wong** (1) and (3).

### Honiatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Onyett**.

### Honick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hunwick**.

### Honisett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Honeysett**.

### Honiwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Honeywell**.

### Honner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Honour**.

### Honeyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: see **Honeyman**.

### Honnibal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Wilts

English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

### Honner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx

English: see **Honour**.

### Honywill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Honeywell**.

### Honor

**Variants:** Honour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Surrey

English: see **Honour**.

### Honour

**Variants:** Honnor, Honor, Honner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 931, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, Middx, and Herts

English: locative name from Honor End Farm in Hampden (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Richard Honnere, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Mount Sorrel, Wilts); Roger Honnere, John Honner, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Honere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); Mawde Honor, 1547 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Roger Honnor, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Mr Honner, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Honychurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Honeychurch**.

### Honywill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Honeywell**.

### Hoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: see **Hu**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 何 and 賀, see **Ho** (1) and (2).

### Hood

**Variants:** Hodd, Hoods

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10334, Ireland 300
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8237
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hod*, *hood*, *hodde* 'hood', for someone who wore a hood (like the medieval folk hero Robin Hood) or who made and sold hoods, as apparently with Hamo Hode, alias Hodere 'hood maker', 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent). In Kent and Sussex the name may sometimes have been confused with **Hoad**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** S and W England: Osbernus Hod, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Gilbert Hodde, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willeame Hood, 1320 in *Merton Muniments* (Oxon); Johanne Hod, 1381 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Upper Lambourn, Berks); John Hood', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Witney, Oxon); Joane Hode, 1547 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Tho. Hoode, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Milton, Oxon); Lewes Hoode, 1592 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Richard Hood, 1617 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Johannis Hood, 1677 in *IGI* (Cheddleton, Staffs); Alexander Hood, 1726 in *IGI* (Butleigh, Somerset); Anne Hood, 1733 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Wilts). E England: Walter Hod, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 6 (Kent); Hamo Hode, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Hoode, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); Dorkas Hoode, 1582 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Marie Hoode, 1586 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). N England: Robert Hood, alias Hod, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto Hod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); John Hode, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Hartlepool, Durham); Alicia Hode, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robert Hood, 1592 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Edward Hode, 1632 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Isabella Hoode, 1637 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, Yorks); John Hood, 1654 in *IGI* (York); Robert Hood, 1671 in *IGI* (Scarborough, Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hod(e)*, a variant of *Ode* or *Odd* with a prosthetic *H-*; see **Odd** and **Oates**, and compare **Hodson** and **Hodds**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.

3 Scottish, English: relationship name, variant of **Hudd**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers listed here may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robertus Hud of Leith, about 1220–6 in *Inchcolm Charters* (Midlothian); Robert Hude, 1225 in *Moray Register* (Morays); John Hude, vicar of Abernyte, 1467 in *Black* (Perths); Michael Hud, 1567 in *Black* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William Hood, 1674 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); James Hood, 1729 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Hood, 1725 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Robert Hood, 1724 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); John Hood, 1729 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Alexander Hood, 1729 in *IGI* (Dron, Perths).

Ireland: Margaret Hood, 1711 in *IGI* (Millrow Presbyterian Church, Antrim); Andrew Hood, 1782 in *IGI* (Belfast).

4 English: locative name from Hood in Ratterly (Devon). The 1592 Devon example under (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Jurdan de Hode, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon).

5 Irish: an anglicized form of Ó hUíid 'descendant of Ud', a personal name of uncertain derivation. This was the name of an Ulster family who were bards to the O'Neills of Clandeboy. See also **Mahood**. Some of the following early bearers may belong under (1), (2), or (3).

**Early bearers:** Brian h-Ua h-Uid, 1485 in *AU*; James Hoode, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1282; Rob. Hudd, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Viall); William Hood, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal); John Hood, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Charles Hood, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killymard, Donegal).

### Hoodlass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hoodless**.

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Variants: **Hoodlass**, **Huddless**, **Hudlass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Cumb

English: nickname for someone who did not wear a hood, Middle English *hodless*. Compare **Hood**.

Further information: Middle English *hodles* also meant 'circumcised' but whether this was ever implied in the nickname is questionable.

**Early bearers:** William Hodeles, 1292, Robert Hudelesse, 1545, William Hudlass, 1713 in *York Freemen's Register*; Thomas Hoodles, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robti Hoodless, 1614 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Jo. Hoodless, 1678 in *IGI* (Farlam, Cumb).

### Hoods

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: post-medieval variant of **Hood** with excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Esther Hoods, 1766 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Wilts).

Scotland: John Hoods, 1727 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian).

### Hooy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see **Hoey**, **Haughey**.

### Hoof

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Hough**.

### Hooff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Hough**.

### Hook

Variants: **Hooke**, **Delahooke**, **Hookes**, **Hooks**, **Huk**, **Huke**, **Huck**, **Hucke**, **Hucks**, **Hock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5595, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4412
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Hook (Surrey, Wilts, Hants, Lancs, WR Yorks), Hooke (Dorset), or from residence near a bend in a river or a hill spur, Middle English *hoc(k)* (Old English *hōc*). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hoke, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert de Huc, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey de la Hoke, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John atte Hok, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John atte Houke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus atte Hoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Galfridus at Hok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Adam inthe Hok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); William Hooke, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William

Hoke, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Barking, Essex); Nicholas Hooke, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Beeston by the Sea, Norfolk); John Hooke, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Bramshott, Hants).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *hoc* 'hook', perhaps for someone with a hooked or crooked nose or bent back, or in some instances for a maker of hooks. (ii) relationship name from the Old English personal name \**Hōca*, or Old English *Hōc*, from *hōc* 'hook', probably originally a nickname for a man with a hook nose or bent figure.

**Early bearers:** Halwun Hoce, 1050–71 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Hervicus Hoc, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Hoc, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); John Hook, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Adam Huke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Hook**.

### Hooker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2757, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2526
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent, Surrey, Sussex, and Hants

English: (i) occupational name for a hook maker, Middle English, Old English *hōcere*, possibly also for an agricultural labourer who used hooks. In some cases *Hooker* may have become **Hooker**. (ii) locative name for a 'dweller by a hill spur or bend'.

**Early bearers:** Osmundus cognomento Hocere, about 975 in *Book of Ely*; William, Osbert Hoker(e), 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John le Hoker, 1327, John le Houker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Osbern le Hokar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Nicholas Hoker, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Headcorn, Kent); Richard Hooker, 1558 in *Sussex Wills*; Francis Hooker, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Headcorn, Kent).

### Hookes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs and Flints

English: see **Hooks**.

### Hookey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, Surrey, and Dorset

English: probably a variant of **Hookway**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hooke, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Hampstone, Dorset); Robert Hookey, 1673 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Stephan Hookey, 1685, Samuell Hookey, 1716 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); William Hookey, 1716 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); William Hookey, 1762 in *IGI* (Yaverland, IoW).

### Hookham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Gloucs; Lincs

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or unidentified place named from Middle English *hoc* 'hook, hook-shaped' + *ham(me)* 'meadow, hemmed-in land' (Old English *hōc* + *hamm*). However, the distribution of examples suggests a possible connection or confusion with either **Hockham** or, less likely, **Holkham**, although these names have different etymologies.

**Early bearers:** John Hookum, 1592 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Cristyan Hookam, 1616 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Tho Hookeham, 1624, Edward Hookham, 1626 in *IGI* (Hundleby, Lincs); Roger Hookham, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Hookings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Howkins** with intrusive -g.

### Hookins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Howkins**.

### Hooks

Variants: **Hookes**, **Hucks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down; Sligo

1 English: post-medieval variant of **Hook** with excrescent -s.

2 English: locative name for someone residing at or near some bends in a river or track (plural of Middle English *hoc* 'hook').

**Early bearers:** Gervase ad Hokys, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Richard del Hokes, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Theoppelus Hooks, 1577 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Thomas Hooks, 1590 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Willm. Hooks, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Thomas Hooks, 1619 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Mary Hooks, 1622 in *IGI* (Frinted, Kent).

### Hookway

Variants: **Hookey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Hookway in Crediton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hokewey, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Kersford in Crediton, Devon); Thomas Hokewaye of Criditon, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Crediton, Devon); Nicholas Hookewaye, 1554 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Hookway, 1663 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon).

### Hool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Derbys; Lancs

English: see **Hoole**.

**Hoolahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Derbys; Kent; Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry  
Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

**Hoole**

Variants: **Hool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1162, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 958
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Hoole (Cheshire). Most early forms are indistinguishable from those for **Hole**: see *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 129.

**Early bearers:** William Barnard Hoole, 1492 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Hoole, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Thome Hooll, 1540, Ricus. Hoole, 1542 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henrie Hoole, 1589 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); George Hoolle, 1634 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Saml. Hool, 1650 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

**Hooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1549, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary  
English, Irish: see **Howley**.

**Hoolihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

**Hooman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: see **Human**.

**Hoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- 1 Dutch: locative name from Hoon in Holland (note Luke James, born at Hoon in Holland, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*). Some examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Robert Hoone, 1543 in *PROB 11*; Agnes Hoone, 1585 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys); Edward Hoone, 1605 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Henr. Hoon, 1683 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).
- 2 English: variant of **Hone**.
- 3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 雲, see **Wan** (4).

**Hooper**

Variants: **Hoper**, **Hopper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14913, Ireland 198
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12628
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SW England: esp. Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Carlow

English: occupational name for a cooper, barrel-maker, Middle English *hoper*, an agent derivative of *hop* 'hoop'.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Hoper(e), 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Wilts); Philip le Hoper(e), 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William le Houper, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Hoper, couper, 1367 in *York Freeman's Register*; Ralph Hooper, 1444 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Devon).

**Hoople**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: variant of **Uphill** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Huppehulle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willmon Huppell, 1621 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Hoople, 1773, Robert Hoopel, 1783 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); William Hoopell, 1802 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Thomas Hupple, 1821 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent).

**Hoose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

English: (i) see **House**. (ii) see **Howes**.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Hoose, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Will. Hoose, 1596 in *IGI* (Handley, Cheshire); Johannis Hoose, 1664 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs).

**Hooson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, N Midlands, and N Wales: esp. Flints

English: see **Hewson**.

**Hooton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1519, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1017
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Lincs, Notts, and Northants; also Lancs

English: locative name from Hooton Levitt, Pagnell, and Roberts (WR Yorks), or Hooton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Hooton', 1464 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandhurst, Kent); John Hooton, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Appleby, Lincs); Thomas Hooten, 1591 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Alexander Hootton, 1609 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Robert Hooton, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Baine Brigg Hooouton, 1705 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts).

**Hopcraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Northants, and Bucks

English: see **Hopcroft**.

**Hopcroft**

Variants: **Hoberoft**, **Hopcraft**, **Hobcraft**, **Upercraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Worcs, Warwicks, Oxon, and Berks

English: locative name, probably from a minor place in Oxon called *Hobcroft*, the exact location of which has not been identified. It is possibly represented by the 19th-century field-names *Hopcroft Road* and *Hopcroft Close* in Sydenham (Oxon), but these names seem more likely to incorporate the surname. The place-name means 'Hob'scroft', deriving from a pet form of the personal name *Robert* (see **Hobb**) + Middle English *croft* 'enclosure, small field'. The development of *Hob-* to *Hop-* appears to have taken place in the 17th century (though a 14th-century example, of uncertain relevance, is cited under **Upercraft**).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Wilson's derivation from Hopcroft Spinney in Orlingbury (Northants), which is not recorded before the 19th century (*Place-Names of Northants*, p. 130). The word *hop* (the plant used for making beer) is not recorded in English before 1440 in *MED* and is unlikely to have played a part in the development of this surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hobcroft, 1436 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thomas Hobcrofte, 1559, Jhon Hobcrafe, 1608, Millisent Hopcraft, 1648, Robert Hobcraft, 1779, William Hopcroft, 1807 in *IGI* (Fritwell, Oxon); Thomas Hobcrosst (in error for Hobcroft) 1561, Robart Hobcraft, 1776 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Richard Hopcraft, 1667 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Hopcraft, 1678 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Samuel Hopcroft, 1725 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); John Hopcroft, 1733 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts); Richd. Hopcroft, 1786 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Elizabeth Hopcraft, 1813 in *IGI* (Tiffield, Northants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 115.

**Hope**

Variants: **Hopes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13320, Ireland 266
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10158
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Westmeath; also Mayo

English, Scottish: (i) locative name from residence in or near a *hop* 'a remote enclosed place' (Middle English and Older Scots *hop(e)*, from Old English *hop*); or from one of several places named Hope in Cheshire, Devon, Derbys, Herefs, Kent, Lancs, Shrops, and NR Yorks. A *hop* was most often a distant, secluded valley, especially in the W Midlands, N England, and S Scotland, but in Essex, Kent, and Sussex it usually denoted an enclosed piece of land or a promontory in a marsh or in wasteland. Compare **Hoper**. (ii) locative name from residence at a small landlocked bay or inlet, or a place so named, such as Stanford le Hope in Essex, Middle Hope in Somerset, and Hope by Bolt Head in Devon (Middle English *hop(e)*).

**Further information:** Hoop Farm in Clyst Hydon (Devon) bears the family name of John atte Hope, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

**Early bearers:** N England: Robert del Hope, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Low Swinston, NR Yorks); Alicia de Hope, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baildon, WR Yorks); Matilda de Hope, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipley, WR Yorks); Ricardus del Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton, Lancs); Ricardus de Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); Ricardus del Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs);

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Robert Hope, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Hope, 1629 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Isabell Hope, 1630 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Richard Hope, 1664 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb).  
W Midlands: Robert de Hope, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John de Hope, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Rogerus de Hope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ledbury, Herefs); Nicholaus de Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Johannes de Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Willelmus de Hope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wilmington, Shrops); Edmund Hope, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Johannes Hope, 1559 in *IGI* (Etwell, Derbys); Robert Hope, 1562 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Anne Hope, 1630 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

S England: John atte hop, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joh. atte Hope, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Joh. atte Hope, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne de Hope, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Martley, Worcs); Andrew atte Hope, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Willelmus atte Hop', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Thomas de Hope, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Adam atte Hope, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Halden', Kent); Denys Hope, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Hope, 1547 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Reynold Hope, 1578 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Judith Hope, 1609 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

Scotland: John Hope, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Symon de la Hope, 1321 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Hope, 1478 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Hope, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jenot Hope, 1634 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

References: *Landscape of Place-Names*, pp. 133–40.

## Hoper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Sussex; Devon
- 1 English: for the Kent and Sussex name see **Hopper**.  
2 English: for the Devon name see **Hooper**.

## Hopes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 409
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Meath
- English: variant of **Hope**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Anna Hopes, 1568 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Robt. Hopes, 1627 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Lambert Hopes, 1630 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Ann Hopes, 1636 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); William Hopes, 1676 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Richard Hopes, 1714 in *IGI* (Luccombe, Somerset); Stephen Hopes, 1727 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

## Hopewell

Variants: **Hopwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 711
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. Notts and Leics

English: locative name from Hopwell (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Aluric de Hopewella, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Roger de Hopwell, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Roger de Hoppewelle, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henricus de

Hopewell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Strelley, Notts); Edward Hopwell, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent); Ellen Hopwell, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Stockport, Cheshire); George Hopewell, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Hucknall Torkard, Notts).

## Hopgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 784
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Berks, and Wilts

English: see **Habgood**.

## Hopkin

Variants: **Hopkins, Hopkyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1535, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2307
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English and Welsh: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Hobb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hobekinus, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs), 1231 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Hopkyn, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*.  
surnames: William Hobkyn, Richard Hobkyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Hopkyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Avelyna Hobekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Singleton and East Dean, Sussex); Robertus Hopkyn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton, Dorset); John Hopkeyn, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Whitstaple, Kent); William Hopkynne, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Hopkyn', 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Sandhurst, Kent); Gabriell Hopkin, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Mickleover, Derbys).

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Variants: **Hopkyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25747, Ireland 1389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17788
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Roscommon; also Wicklow

English and Welsh: relationship name, variant of **Hopkin** with genitival or excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** In Ireland, where the name is also frequent, it is sometimes gaelicized as **Mac Oibicín**.  
**Early bearers:** England, Wales: John Hopkynes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Agnes Hopkinnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiveton, Norfolk); Willelmus Hobkyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Barrington, Gloucs); William Hobkyns, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwick, Warwicks); Henry Hopkyns, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johane Hopkins, 1532 in *PROB 11* (Kingsdon, Somerset); John Hopkynnes, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Thomas Hopkyns, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Baglan, Glamorgan); Thomas Hopkyns, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wrighton, Somerset).

Ireland: Hobigan, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 452 (Rathcleane, Longford); Benjamin Hopkin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanunshin, Donegal); Solomon Hopkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim); Francis Hopkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); Mary Hopkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); Michael Hopkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); Edward

Hopkins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford).

## Hopkinson

Variants: **Hobkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5337, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4878
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Derbys, and Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hobkin* (see **Hopkin**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hobkynson, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Partington, ER Yorks); Richard Hobbekynessone, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); John Hoppekynson', 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (South Leverton, Notts); John Hopkynson, 1469 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Hopkynson, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Kirmington, Lincs); Agnes Hopkynson, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Alexander Hobkynson, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Mary Hobkinson, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Hilary, Wallasey, Cheshire).

## Hopkirk

Variants: **Hobkirk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Midlothian; Ayr; N England: esp. Durham

Scottish: locative name from Hopekirk (Roxburghs), pronounced *Hobkirk*.

**Early bearers:** James Hopkirk, 1574, James Habkirk, 1690 in *Black* (Edinburgh); William Hopkirk, 1690 in *Black* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

## Hopkyns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English, Welsh: see **Hopkins**.

## Hopley

Variants: **Hobley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1229, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 933
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from Hopley in Hodnet (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Ada Hopeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aimeley, Herefs); Roberto Hopley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Johannes de Hopley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kenstone, Shrops); John Hobley, 1440 in *Birmingham Archives* (Coleshill, Warwicks); William Hobley, 1511–12 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); Walter Hopley, 1512 in *Worcs Record Office* (Worcs); William Hopley, 1564 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thoms. Hopley, 1589 in *IGI* (Morville, Shrops); Margaret Hopley, 1610 in *IGI* (Harthill, Cheshire); Hugh Hopley, 1618 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Sybilla Hobley, 1624 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Shrops); Willm. Hopley, 1635 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Shusanna Hopley, 1672 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Willm Hoply, 1673 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of Shrops*, vol. 5, p. 151.

## Hopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Durham
- English: a variant of either **Hobbs** or **Hope**.

### Hoppe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- English: nickname, apparently from early modern English *hop* in the sense 'a leap or step in dancing' (first recorded in *OED* in 1579), so perhaps a nickname for a dancer. Compare **Hopper**.

**Further information:** Compare Robert Hopperobyn, 'hop Robin', 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Walter Hoppe, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John le Hoppe, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Alice Hoppe, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willm Hoppe, 1544 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Edward Hoppe, 1552 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Arthur Hoppe, 1553 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Andrew Hoppe, 1563 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Hoppe, 1569 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Hopper

**Variants:** Hoper, Happer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4989, Ireland 194
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4266
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham; also Kent; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Sligo

1 English: occupational name for a dancer, from an agent derivative of Middle English *hoppen* 'to dance, hop, leap' (Old English *hoppian*). Some of the examples below may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Waldr' le Hoppere, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Edric le Hoppere, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph le Hoppere, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Edm' le Hopper', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex); Ricarus Hoppere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hornsea, ER Yorks); Christopher Hopper, 1565 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomasine Hopper, 1556 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*hoper*, *\*hopper*, in Sussex and Kent denoting someone who lived at a remote place, probably an enclosed piece of land in a marsh. The name is derived from Middle English *hop* (see **Hope**) + *-er*, and was interchangeable with (*atte*) *hope*. In the Sussex *Subsidy Rolls* of 1524–4, Thomas Hope is also called Thomas Hopper, but some examples of *Hopper* below may belong under (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Ric'o le Hoppere, 1327, probably identical with Ric'o Hoper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barcombe Hundred, Sussex); Johannes Hoper', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barcombe, Sussex); Salomon Hopper, 1567 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Clement Hopper, 1570 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 165.

3 English: possibly a variant of **Hooper**.

### Hopperton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Kent

English: locative name from Hopperton in Allerton Mauleverer (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Galfrido de Hopterton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William de Hopterton', 1420 in *Feet of Fines*

(Long Marston and Whixley, WR Yorks); William Hopterton, 1445 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; Edmund Hopterton', 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (South Duffield, ER Yorks); Harry Hopperton, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Frances Hopperton, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Patching, Sussex); John Hopperton, 1737 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Hilda, Hinderwell, NR Yorks).

### Hoppin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hopping**.

### Hopping

**Variants:** Hoppin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx and Kent

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hopping(e)* 'dancing, dance', used for a dancer. Compare **Hopper** (1). (ii) locative name, perhaps from an Old English *\*hoping* 'dweller in a hop, or remote place'. Compare **Hopper** (2).

**Early bearers:** William Hopping, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Hoppynng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); John Hoppin alias Holwill or Hoppyn, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Woodbury, Devon); Charles Hoppinge, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Elvetham, Hants).

### Hopps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone

English: variant of **Hobbs** with unvoicing of the consonant.

**Early bearers:** Johanes Hopps, 1589 in *IGI* (Wensley, Yorks); Cicely Hopps, 1598 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Hopps, 1633 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Yorks).

### Hopson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1388, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: see **Hobson**.

### Hopthrow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: perhaps a variant of **Hoptroff**.

**Early bearers:** John Hopthrow, 1675 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); John Hopthrow, 1733 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Jno. Hopthrow, 1752 in *IGI* (Misterton, Notts); Mary Hopthrow, 1766 in *IGI* (Bishop Norton, Lincs).

### Hopton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Gloucs, Herefs, and Radnors

English: locative name from Hopton (WR Yorks, Derby, Herefs, Shrops, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hopeton', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Hopton, 1250 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Hopton', 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Halmond's Frome, Herefs); Rogerus Hopton', 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Chedglow, Wilts); Adam de Hopton', 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Lepton, WR Yorks); Stephanus de Hopton', 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (North Elmham, Norfolk); William Hopton, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomasyn Hopton, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Hockingford, Suffolk); Raphe Hopton, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Witham, Somerset); Jane Hopton, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Hope Bowdler, Shrops).

### Hoptroff

**Variants:** Hoptrough, Hoptrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent; also Cheshire and Derbys

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place, apparently named from Middle English *hob*(*be*) 'hobgoblin' (or the personal name *Hobb*) + *trough* 'valley, trough' or perhaps *through* 'coffin' used in some topographic sense.

**Early bearers:** Joannis Hobtrofe, 1689 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); An Hoptrof, 1679, John Hobtrofe, 1718 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Thomas Hoptroff, 1745 in *IGI* (Holybourne, Hants); George Hobtrough, 1764 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Edward Hopthro, 1786 in *IGI* (Wymering, Hants); Fanny Hobtroe, 1791, William Hoptrough, 1850, Harry Hobtroff, 1858, Emily Hobtrough, 1864 in *IGI* (Odiham, Hants); James Hoptroff, 1812 in *IGI* (Windlesham, Surrey); Georgina Rachel Hoptrough, 1850 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Fanny Hoptroft, 1852 in *IGI* (Buglawton, Cheshire).

### Hoptrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London
- English: see **Hoptroff**.

### Hopwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Hopewell**.

### Hopwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3933, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3396
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Cheshire and Staffs; also Flints; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hopwood (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Hopwod, de Hopwode 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus de Hopwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East /Keswick, WR Yorks); James Hopwode, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Hopwood, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Water Willoughby, Lincs); John Hopwood, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (March, Cambs); John Hopwood, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Elizabeth Hopwode, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Hoque

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2189, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Haq**.

## Hora

### Hora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey

Irish: from Ó hEaghra, see **O'Hara**.

### Horabin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Horrobin**.

### Horace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: relationship name, see **Orriss** and compare **Horridge**.

### Horam

Variants: **Oram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Horam in Herstmonceux (Sussex) or Horham (Suffolk). (ii) variant of **Oram** with prosthetic initial *H*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Horum, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas de Horham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Horehem, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Horum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); John Horam, 1545 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Adrian Horham, 1632 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Horam, 1738 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Horan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2311, Ireland 2668
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Mayo, and Galway

Irish: from Ó hOdhraín ‘descendant of Ódhrán’, a personal name (borne, according to legend, by Saint Patrick’s charioteer) based on *odhar* ‘dun-coloured’. **Early bearers:** Dermond duffe A Horane, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223 (Kings county [Offaly]); Donell mcDonogh Y Howrane, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4469 (Moccrompy, Cork); William oge O’Howrane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4555 (Kerry); Donogh O’Horane, dean of Kyllalowe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Clare); Melaughlen mcTeige O’Horane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5611 (Clare); Patrick Horan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killummod, Roscommon); Andrew Horan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tisaran, Offaly); James Horan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); James Horan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lickmolassy, Galway).

### Horberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant spelling of **Horbury** or **Aubrey**.

**Early bearers:** Susan Orbery, 1818 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Louisa Horberry, 1868 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Thomas Horberry, 1881 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); James Horberry, born in Misterton (Notts), in *Census 1881* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

### Horbury

Variants: **Horberrry**, **Aubrey**, **Holberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Horbury in Wakefield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Hordbir’, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Horbiry, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Ralph de Horbyr’, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shitlington, WR Yorks); Robertus Horbery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Horbyry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); William de Horbury, 1393 in *PROB 11* (Eynesham Abbey, Oxon); John Horbery, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Horberye, 1575 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Aberford, WR Yorks); William Horbery, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke by Neyland, Suffolk); William Horbery, 1644 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Horbury, 1731 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Hord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Durham; London

English: see **Heard**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hord, 1612 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Tobias Hord, 1676 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Charles Horde, 1794 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Horden

Variants: **Hurden**, **Hordon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lancs; Northumb and Durham

1 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Hordwine*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hardewin’, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Hordwyne, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Hardewyn, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Hardewyne, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Mears Ashby, Northants).

2 English: locative name from Horden (Durham).

**Early bearers:** John de Horredene, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks); John of Hordene, 1408 in *Black*; Adam Horden, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Horder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *horder(e)* ‘keeper of provisions, treasurer, steward’ (Old English *hordere*).

**Early bearers:** Ordric hordere, Ordric þe hordor, 1042–66 in *Anglo-Saxon Charters* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Simon le Horder, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walter le Horder, burgess, 1272, John le

Horder, clerk, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Adam le Horder’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wylve, Wilts); Petro Hordere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Deptford, Wilts); Walter Horder, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Compton Abbas, Dorset); Robert Horder alias Taylor, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Tarent Hinton, Dorset).

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 119; *Anglo-Saxon Charters*, p. 220.

### Hordern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Leics

English: locative name from Horderne (Cheshire), Horderns in Chapel en le Frith (Derbys), or Hordron in Langsett (WR Yorks), or topographic for someone who lived ‘(by the) storehouse’, Old English *hord-ern*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Horderne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Hordron, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Robert Hordron, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Eltham, Kent); George Horderne, 1586 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Edwardi Hordern, 1610 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs).

### Hordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; ER Yorks

English: see **Horden**.

### Hore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1028
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Hoare**.

### Horey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London

English: nickname from Middle English *hor(e)* ‘grey’ + *eie*, *egh(e)* ‘eye’ (Old English *hār + ēage*).

**Early bearers:** William Horege, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Alan Horegh, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Waltors Horey, 1665 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Robert Horey, 1723 in *IGI* (Kylloe, Northumb); John Horey, 1744 in *IGI* (Westwell, Kent); Robert Horey, 1766 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Horey, 1791 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Horgan

Variants: **Hargan**, **Horkan**, **Organ**, **Horrihan**, **Horigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1550, Ireland 3131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry

Irish: (i) from Ó hArgáin, a contracted spelling of Ó hArragáin, see **Harrigan**. (ii) from Ó hArragáin, a variant spelling of Ó hAnradháin, see **Hanrahan**.

**Early bearers:** Philip O’Hargan, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §255 (Tullo, Carlow); Dermot O’Horgan, weaver, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1046 (Waterford); James O’Haregan, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2034; Teige O’Horgaine, weaver, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514

(Castlemahowny, Cork); Teige O'Horgane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Cowlkorkiran, Kerry); Shane O'Horgan alias Igarran, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529; John O'Horgane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Reighill).

### Horgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Middx

Irish: from Ó hArgáin or Ó hArragáin, see **Horgan** and **Harrigan**.

### Horkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: (i) from Ó hArgáin, see **Horgan**. (ii) from Ó hEarcáin, see **Harkin**.

### Horler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *hurlere* 'someone who contends or strives; someone who creates a disturbance'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Hurlere, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Richard Horler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Edward Horlor, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset).

### Horley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 647
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Warwick; also Beds

English: locative name from Horley (Oxon, Surrey), or Horley Green Farm in Mayfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Horelee, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwick); John de Horle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Horle, 1305–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Joane Horley, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Peter Horley, 1560 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Horley, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Wm Horley, 1594 in *IGI* (Wilstead, Beds); Elisabethe Horley, 1599 in *IGI* (Burton Coggles, Lincs).

### Horlick

Variants: **Horlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: see **Horlock**.

### Horlock

Variants: **Horlick**, **Harlock**, **Hurlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset; Middx and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *hare*, *hor* 'hoar, grey' + *lok* 'lock' (Old English *hār* + *locc*), for someone with a distinctive lock of grey hair.

**Early bearers:** Borewoldus Horloc, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Edwardus Horloch, Harloch,

1187–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Richard Horloc, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Johanne Horlok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Alice Horloke or Holok, 1541 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Horlocke, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Horman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Gloucs; Cumb

Norman, English: (i) variant of **Harman**. (ii) perhaps from Middle English *horeman* 'man who consorts with whores or adulterous women'.

**Early bearers:** John Horman, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Channel Islands); Johannes Horman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex); John Horman, 1549 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Horman or Hurman, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Weston in Zoyland, Somerset); John Horman, 1677 in *IGI* (Newton Blossomville, Bucks); John Horeman, 1701 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

### Horn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5456, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6519
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. NE Scotland and E England; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Offaly and Tipperary

English, Scottish: see **Horne**.

### Hornabrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Hornibrook**.

### Hornagold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hornigold**.

### Hornblow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; Wilts; also Lancs

English: see **Hornblower**.

### Hornblower

Variants: **Hornblow**, **Horniblow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: occupational name from Middle English *hornblawere*, *hornblower*, 'one who blows a horn'. **Further information:** In the Middle Ages hornblowers were community watchmen, whose job was to warn villagers and townsfolk of any emergency, to sound the beginning and end of the town curfew, and to announce the arrival of dignitaries. In towns they also provided entertainment (along with other instrumentalists). Workmen were called to work by the ringing of bells or by a horn being blown. In 1320, at Caernarvon, Walter de la Grene was paid a penny a week 'for blowing the horn' (*Salzman, Building*, p. 60). See also **Horn** and **Horner**.

**Early bearers:** John le Hornblawere, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey le Hornblawere, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Adam Horneblawer, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellington, NR Yorks); George Horneblower, 1793 in *IGI* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks).

### Hornbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Hornibrook**.

### Hornbuckle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Leics and Notts

Scottish, English: see **Arbuckle**. The place-name *Arbuckle* (Lanarks) appears in 1499 (*Black*) as *Arn buckle*, and the form with *Horn-* is a folk-etymological alteration of this.

References: *Black*.

### Hornby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4016, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks

English: locative name from any of the places named Hornby (Lancs, Westm, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Horneby, 1205 in *Pleas* (Yorks), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); John Hornby, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas de Hawneby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Hauneby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (York); George Hornby, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Whaplode, Lincs); Isabel Horneby, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkham, Lancs).

### Horncastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

1 English: locative name from Horncastle in Hemsworth (WR Yorks). The name expanded in S Yorks, and probably accounts for the post-medieval surname in north Notts. Medieval bearers in Nottingham, however, have been allocated to (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horncastel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Walterus Horncastell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johanna Hornecastill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wrangbrook, WR Yorks); Margar Hornecastell, 1539 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); John Horncastle, 1577 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Jane Horncastle, 1608 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); Richard Horncastle, 1609 in *IGI* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); Samwell Horncastell, 1666 in *IGI* (Badsworth, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Horncastle (Lincs). This is probably the source of the name at various times in Lincs, ER Yorks, Norfolk, the Midlands, and the London area.

**Further information:** The 1262 bearer, or a descendant of his, gave his name to Horncastle (Farm) in North Crawley (Bucks); see *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 34.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Horncastel, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Yardely, Bucks); Robert de Horncastell, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannem de Hornecastell, 1364 in *Nottingham Borough Records*;

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Johannes Horncastel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Horncastel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Nicholas Horncastell, 1406–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Elizabeth Horncastle, 1538 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Andrew Horncastell, 1570 in *IGI* (Skidbrooke cum Saltfleet Haven, Lincs); Richard Horncastle, 1570 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Wm Horncastle, 1608 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Alice Hornecastle, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); John Horncastle, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Horne

Variants: **Horn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10545, Ireland 101
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6433
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English *horn* (Old English, Old Scandinavian *horn*) ‘horn (of cattle, sheep, goat), antler’. It might allude to someone with a prominent nose, or possibly to the Middle English expression *havent an horn* ‘to be a cuckold’, or it might be elliptical for **Hornblower** or **Hornier**. Some of the following examples may alternatively belong with (2). (ii) relationship name, possibly in some cases from the Middle English personal name *Horn* (Old Scandinavian *Horn*).

**Early bearers:** England: Lifwine Horn, 1066–86 in *Tengvik*; Aluinus Horn, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Middx); Wolmer Horn, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Herui Horn, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Robert Horn, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls*; Stephanus le Horne, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Johannes Horn, 1269 in *Close Rolls*; Will. Horn, about 1311 in *MED* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henr’ Horn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Gervase Horne, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Biddenden, Kent); John Horne, 1568 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Elizabeth Horne, 1575 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Horne, 1588 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Gedeon Horne, 1609 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Thomas Horne, 1615 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: John Horn, 1279 in *Scotland Calendar*; Alan Horne, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lochmaben in Annandale, Dumfriess); John Horn, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); David Horne, 1456 in *Panmure Register* (Cupar, Fife); James Horne, bailie of Haddington, 1567 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (E Lothian); Janet Horn, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Horne, canon of Ross, 1584 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ross and Cromarty); John Horne, 1623 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Horn, 1679 in *IGI* (Moul Head, Deerness, Orkney); John Horn, 1687 in *IGI* (Kinross); Adam Horn, 1708 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness).

2 English: locative name from any of three places called Horne (Rutland, Somerset, Surrey), or from Horn Hill, in Fulstone (WR Yorks), or topographic for someone who lived on or near a projecting, horn-shaped piece of land (such as a river bend) or a horn-shaped hill. Some post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Horne, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); William de la Horn, 1261 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 379; Richard de Horn, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Thomas atte

Horne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Adam de Horne, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Fulstone, WR Yorks); Henrici Horne, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Alys Horn, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richard Horn, 1580 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Nicholas Horne, 1591 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Joan Horne, 1620 in *IGI* (Seavington Saint Michael, Somerset).

3 English: possibly a variant of *Hurn*, see **Hearn**.

### Hornor

Variants: **Hornor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6768, Ireland 525
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5655
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *hornere* denoting a worker in horn. (ii) *Hornor* was also sometimes used synonymously with **Hornblower**. Adam le Horner, also called le Harpour, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), was evidently a musician.

**Further information:** In the Middle Ages whole horns were used for many purposes: as drinking vessels, as containers, as wind instruments for sounding an alarm and for signalling to others (e.g. when hunting; see also **Hornblower**). Pieces of horn were used to make spoons, buttons, combs, handles, decorative tips for rods, and other things. The horner’s craft could include making musical horns and sheets of translucent horn for windows and for covering books. Thomas Hornar of Petergate in York, was paid for ‘hornyng et naillyng’ the superscribed covers of books in York Minster library in 1421 (*MED*).

**Early bearers:** William le Hornare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Matilda le Hornere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Clement le Hornere, 1302 in *London Letter Books C*; William Horner, 1602 in *IGI* (York).

### Hornett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, Surrey, and Essex; also Somerset

1 English: locative name from Middle English *hornet* ‘hornet, beetle’. Compare **Wasp**.

**Early bearers:** William Hornet, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Lofthouse, WR Yorks); Henry Hornet, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); John Hornett, 1542 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Hornet, 1545 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Benjamin Hornett, 1689 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Benjamin Hornet, 1700 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts).

2 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Hornete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackfriargate, ER Yorks); Judeth Hornett, 1624 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Margaret Hornett, 1656 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Susan Hornett, 1685 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

3 Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Arnold**.

### Horney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Horney, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (Elmsted Saint James the Great, Kent); Roger Horney, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Willm. Horney, 1613 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Richard Hornye, 1614 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Andrew Horny, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Richard Horney, 1714 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent).

### Horniblow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Hornblower**.

### Hornibrook

Variants: **Hornabrook**, **Hornbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Hornbrook in Kelly (Devon).

**Further information:** The surname has been established in Ireland (Cork) since the early 17th century.

**Early bearers:** John Hornabrook, 1621, and Peter Hornabrook, 1626 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); John Hornabrooke, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Oliver Hornabrook, 1654 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Cicilia Hornbrooke, 1679, in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*; John Hornbrook, 1686 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Peter Hornabrooke, 1798 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

### Hornigold

Variants: **Hornagold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Horninghold (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hornyngwold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); John Hornyngwold, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); John Hornyngold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Widow Hornigold, Hornegold, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Horniman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Berks and Surrey

English: see **Herniman**.

### Hornor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Hornor**.

### Hornsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2879, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1920
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Hornsby in Cumwhitton (Cumb), recorded as *Ormesby* in about 1210 (compare **Ormsby**) but later acquiring the prosthetic initial *H*-.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Hornesby, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Dartmouth, Devon); Paule Hornesby, 1561 in *IGI*



(Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Robert Hornesbye, 1587 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); William Hornesbye, 1594 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Robti Hornesbee, 1607 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Richard Hornesbie, 1613 in *IGI* (South Ferriby, Lincs); Michael Hornesby, 1675 in *IGI* (Dalton le Dale, Durham).

References: *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 79.

### Hornsey

Variants: **Hornshaw**

- Current frequencies: GB 922, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 655
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks, Northants, and Lincs; London

English: locative name from Hornsea (ER Yorks). The modern form of the place-name of Hornsey (Middx) only developed in the 16th century but is perhaps a possible source for some late forms of the surname; see *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 121; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

Early bearers: John de Hornse, 1330 in *Yorks Deeds* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Roberto de Hornsee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); John Hornesee, burgess and merchant, 1398 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Hornsy, vicar, 1465 in *York Registry Wills* (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); Robarte Hornse, 1561 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Thomas Hornsay, 1620 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Edmund Hornesey or Hornsey, 1634 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Hornshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 207, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Hornsey**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Horobin

- Current frequencies: GB 832, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 578
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Derbys, and Warwicks

English: see **Horrobin**.

### Horrabin

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 102
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks

English: see **Horrobin**.

### Horrell

- Current frequencies: GB 728, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 430
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Harrell**.

### Horrex

Variants: **Horrix**, **Harrex**

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 194
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: variant of **Horrock** with post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Horrocks** and **Harrocks**. Early bearers: An. Horex, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Horrix, 1718 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Horrex, 1693 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk);

Daniel Horrix, 1756, John Harrex, 1770 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk);

### Horrey

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 47
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Urry**.

### Horridge

Variants: **Horwick**, **Orridge**

- Current frequencies: GB 705, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 747
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and Derbys

1 English: locative name from Horwich (Lincs); see **Horwich**.

Early bearers: Wyllyam Orridge, 1604 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Thomas Horridge, 1621 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Horwich End in Fernilee (Derbys), recorded as *Horwyck* and *Hor(e)wich(e)* in 1285, and *Horridge* in 1640.

Early bearers: Thomas de Horewich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Joseph Orridge, 1701 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys); Esther Horridge, 1783 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 99.

3 English: locative name, perhaps in rare cases from any of the five places in Devon named Horridge, but evidence that this surname survived into modern times has not been found, except perhaps in the altered form *Orange*. Compare Johan Orange, 1541 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon).

Early bearers: Richard de Horugg, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Horrigge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Romansleigh, Devon); James Horridge, 1620 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lincs); Georgij Horridge, 1659 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Jacob Horridge, 1732 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Richard Horridge, 1742 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Roger Horridge, 1745 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Horrigan

- Current frequencies: GB 596, Ireland 177
- GB frequency 1881: 164
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; also Kerry

Irish: from Ó hArgáin or Ó hArragáin, see **Horgan** and **Harrigan**.

### Horriell

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset

English: see **Harrell**.

### Horris

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Warwicks

English: see **Orriss**.

### Horrius

- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Norfolk

English: see **Orriss**.

### Horrix

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6

English: see **Horrex**.

### Horrobin

Variants: **Horobin**, **Horabin**, **Horrabin**

- Current frequencies: GB 517, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 339
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Derbys and Staffs

English: nickname meaning 'grey Rabin or Robin', Middle English *hor(e)* 'grey' (Old English *hār*) + a pet form of *Robert*. Compare Jolyrobin, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Agnes Greyadam, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*.

Early bearers: Henrie Horerobyn, 1596 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*; William Horabin, 1783 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

### Horrock

Variants: **Horrocks**, **Horrex**

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 121
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

1 English: (i) locative name, perhaps from a lost locality on the River Ribble called *Hurroc*, alluded to in *Hurrocford* (about 1330), modern Horrocksford in Clitheroe (Lincs). *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 78, links *Hurroc*- to modern northern English dialect *hurrock* 'piled up heap of stones or rubbish'. There is no evidence so far for a Middle English surname \**atte hurroke*. (ii) alternatively a variant pronunciation of *Horwick*; see **Horwich** and compare **Horrocks**. (iii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of Scottish **Orrock**. Migration of Scots into N England might explain the lateness of the evidence for this name in Lincs and its alternative forms *Harrock* and **Harrocks**. Compare **Orrick**.

Early bearers: John Harrock, 1606, Thomas Horrocke, 1615 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lincs); Jane Horrock, 1640 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ellen Horrock, 1679 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs).

2 English: unexplained.

Further information: Wilson's derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Middle English *horrok* 'part of a ship next to the stern', a nickname for a shipwright or sailor, is extremely unlikely.

Early bearers: John Horroc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Hurroc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steyning, Sussex); Johannes Horrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coombes, Sussex); Ricardo Hurrok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alrewas, Orgreave, Fradley and Edingale, Staffs); George Horrock, 1551 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Wm. Horrock, 1600 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Sarah Horrick, 1747 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Horrick, 1783 in *IGI* (West Stoke, Sussex).

### Horrocks

Variants: **Horrex**, **Harrocks**, **Horrox**

- Current frequencies: GB 3756, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 3678
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: variant of **Horrock** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Elyn Horrocks, 1580 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lincs); Margret Harrockes, 1584, Elizabeth Horrockes, 1586 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs); James Horrokes, 1637 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lincs); James Horrex, 1670 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lincs); Roger Horrocks, 1674,

## Horrod

Alice Horrax, 1711 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Richard Horrex, 1705 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

### Horrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Middx and Surrey

1 English: see **Harold** and compare **Harrod**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *hor* ‘grey’ + *hod* ‘hood’ (Old English *hār* + *hōd*), perhaps for the habitual wearer of a grey hood.

**Early bearers:** Richard Horhod, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Nathanaell Horrod, 1633 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Herts); Henry Horrod, 1638 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); William Horrod, 1646 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Horrod, 1651 in *IGI* (Ellesborough, Bucks); Peter Horrod, 1658 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants).

### Horrox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Horrocks**.

### Horry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Urry**.

### Horsbrugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

Scottish: see **Horsburgh**.

### Horsburgh

Variants: **Horsbrugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1314, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 735
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Horsburgh in Innerleithen (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Symon de Horsbroc, 1214–49 in *Melrose Register*; William de Horsebroch, cleric, 1283 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); William de Horsbrok, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Peebles); Alexander Horsbruik, 1550 in *Retours, Scotland*.

### Horscraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Horscroft**.

### Horscroft

Variants: **Horsecroft**, **Horscraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at the ‘enclosure for horses’, Middle English *hors* + *croft*.

**Early bearers:** John de Horscrofte, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John atte Horscrofte, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John Horscroft, 1624 in *IGI* (Kingston

Gorse, Sussex); Joane Horscroft, 1628 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); Peter Horscroft, 1733 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); James Horscroft, 1797 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Hannah Horscroft, 1801 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

### Horse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

English: nickname from Middle English, Old English *hors*, either for someone thought to resemble a horse in some way or for someone who kept or worked with horses.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hors, 1148–79 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Gilbert Horse, 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); Henry le Hors, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Wyllyam Horse, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Horsecroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Kent

English: see **Horscroft**.

### Horsefall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Horsfall**.

### Horsefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks, WR Yorks, Cheshire, Lancs, and Westm

English: see **Horsfield**.

### Horsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Horsehall in Little Bedwyn (Wilts) or Horsell (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horshall, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chisbury, Wilts); John Horshall, 1562 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Walter Horsell, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre, City of London); Thomas Horsill, 1609 in *IGI* (East Blatchington, Sussex); Bartholomew Horsel, 1644, Horsell, 1652 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Reuben Horsell, 1699 in *IGI* (Avebury, Wilts).

### Horseman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Gloucs and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Louth
- English: see **Horsman**.

### Horsenail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Horsnell**.

### Horsepool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: see **Horspool**.

### Horsewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Horswold, 1602 in *IGI* (Anderby, Lincs); Edward Horswood, 1639 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Will Horsewood, 1654 in *IGI* (Grainthorpe, Lincs).

### Horsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 548
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and S coast: esp. Dorset and Hants

English: locative name from Horsey Pignes (Somerset), Horse Eye (Sussex), or Horsey (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Horseia, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William de Horseye, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Horsee, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Gabriel Horsey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Horsfall

Variants: **Horsefall**, **Horsfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2303, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3017
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Horsfall in Todmorden (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horsfall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus del Horesfall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); John Horsfall, 1456 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Isab. Horsfall, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Joes Horsfall, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Huddesfield, WR Yorks); William Horsfall, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Haworth, WR Yorks); Abram Horsefall, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Elland, WR Yorks).

### Horsfield

Variants: **Horsefield**, **Hosfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2383, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2003
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lancs

English: variant of **Horsfall** with folk-etymological substitution of *-field* for *-fall*. From the WR Yorks Quarter Sessions *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites a Mr John Horsfall alias Horsfield (1710) and a Halifax watchmaker, named as Richard Horsefield otherwise Horsfall in 1784.

**Early bearers:** John Horsfeilde, 1541 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Nycholas Horsfeild, 1570 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); John Horsfield, 1613 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); James Horsfield, 1672 in *IGI* (Petham, Kent); Samuel Horsefeld, 1786 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Horsford

Variants: **Hosford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. Devon; IoW; London; Hunts

English: locative name from Horsford in East Worlington (Devon), Horsford (Norfolk), or Horsforth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Horsford', 1209 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John de Horsesford, 1287–8 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Robertus de Horesford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Thomas Horsford, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Horsham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, mainly from Horsham (Devon), but possibly also from Horsham (Sussex), Horsham Saint Faith (Norfolk), or Horsham in Martley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Horsham, 1255–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Geoffrey de Horsham, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Thomas Horsham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tamerton Foliot, Devon); William Horsham, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johanna Horsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coombes, Sussex); John Horsham, 1560 in *IGI* (Duntisbourne Rouse, Gloucs); Richard Horsham, 1577 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Anne Horsham, 1628 in *IGI* (Eldersfield, Worcs); Elizth. Horsham, 1738 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk).

### Horsler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Ostler**.

### Horsley

Variants: **Harsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2794
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Yorks and NE England

English: locative name from Horsley (Derbys, Staffs, Gloucs), Long Horsley (Northumb), East, West Horsley (Surrey), or Horseley Hills Farm in Wolverley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Fulcho de Horselega, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Roger de Horsleye, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John de Horsley, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Laurencius de Hauseley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Horsley 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Horsley, 1554 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

### Horsman

Variants: **Horseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1368, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1047
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Warwicks; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: occupational name for a mounted soldier, rider, groom, or horse dealer, Middle English *horsman* (Old English *hors + mann*). Compare Adam Horsdriuere ('horse driver'), 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Thomas Horsknave ('stable boy'), 1401 in

*Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Leo le Horsmongere ('horse dealer'), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Horsman, 1226–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John le Horsman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Horseman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burcot, Oxon); Hugo le Horsmon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elkstone, Staffs); Henrico le Horsmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn, Lancs); Willelmus Horsman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Ricardo Horseman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Musgrave, Westm); Willelmus Horesman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); William Horsman, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Dennis Horsman, 1547 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Alice Horseman, 1556 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); William Horsman, 1562 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Thomas Horsman, 1565 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); John Horseman, 1567 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Gabriell Horsman, 1581 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Ingrams Horsman, 1582 in *IGI* (Barton on the Heath, Warwicks); Margaret Horsman, 1605 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Horsnail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Horsnell**.

### Horsnail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, Notts; Essex

English: see **Horsnell**.

### Horsnell

Variants: **Horsnall, Horsnail, Horsenail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname for a farrier, from *horsenail*, 'horseshoe nail', frequently mentioned in medieval accounts.

**Early bearers:** Henry, Richard Horsnail, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops), about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Berks); Adam Horsnail, 1379 in *MED*; Ann Horsnell, 1581 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Walter Horsnell, 1602 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Barbara Horsnell, 1628 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Henry Horsnell, 1646 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Horsnell, 1707 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

### Horspool

Variants: **Horsepool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics

English: locative name from Horsepool Grange in Standon under Bardon parish, Leics.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horspoll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litchborough, Northants); Elizabeth Horspoole, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Simon Horspoole or Horspole, 1602 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Lombard Street, City of London); Richard Horspool, 1694 in *IGI* (Hawksworth, Notts); William Horspole, 1722 in *IGI* (Orton Waterville, Hunts); Augustus Horsepool, 1756 in *IGI* (Clifton with Glapton, Notts).

### Horst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Hurst**.

### Horstead

Variants: **Horsted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and Northants

English: locative name from Horstead (Norfolk), Horsted (Kent), or Horsted Keynes, Little Horsted (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Horsted', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); William de Horsted, 1287 in *Norwich Deeds I*; Alan de Horstede, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannis Horstead, 1679 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Elizabeth Horstead, 1789 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk); Elizabeth Horstead, 1821 in *IGI* (Glapthorn, Northants); Jane Horstead, 1838 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Horsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Horstead**.

### Horswell

Variants: **Horswill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Horswell House or Horswell Farm (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horswill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Down Thomas, Devon); Richard Horswill, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Horswell, 1583 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Willm Horswell, 1587 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Jackmin Horswell, 1595 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Isaack Horswell, 1608 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

### Horswill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Horswell**.

### Hort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Hart**.

### Horten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Horton**.

### Horth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

## Hortin

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hor(u)the* ‘filth’ (Old English *horu*, but sometimes confused with *horh* ‘phlegm, mucus’), although the precise application is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Horthe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwey, Dorset); Robert Horth, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Southolt, Suffolk); William Horth, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Horthe, 1620 in *IGI* (Bobbington, Kent); Thomas Horth, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Beccles, Suffolk); Tho. Horth, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Hortin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Warwicks
- English: see **Horton**.

## Horton

Variants: **Horten, Hortin, Hurton, Whorton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13954, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10990
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name, in Herefs, Shrops, Staffs, Gloucs, Wilts, Somerset, Dorset, Berks, Bucks, Northants.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Hortun, about 1160–80 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Richard de Horton, 1255 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); William Hortone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus de Horton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mowsley, Leics); John Horton, 1443 in *PROB 11* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Horton, 1541 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs); Elizabeth Horten, 1599 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx).

## Hortop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *hor(e)* ‘grey, white’ + *top* ‘top, tuft of hair, head’, for someone with grey or white hair. Compare **Blacktop**.

**Further information:** The name could perhaps also have a locative sense, for someone who lived by a place named or named from ‘grey top’, but no certain evidence for this has been found.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hortop, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Henricus Hortop, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Buckland, Devon); Roberto Hortop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Walter Hortopp, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Buckland Dinham in Georgeham, Devon); William Hortop, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Dunchurch, Warwicks); Robert Hartop or Hartopp, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Foster Lane, City of London); Willi. Hortupp, 1569, Wills. Hortup, 1574, Guilielmi Hartoppe, 1599 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Simon Hartoppe, 1602, Thomas Hortop, 1604, John Hortoppe, 1606 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

## Horvath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1545, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Hungarian, Jewish: Hungarian (**Horváth**) and Jewish (from Hungary), ethnic name for a Croat, from Hungarian *Horvát* (Croatian *Hrvat*).

Additionally, this is found as a nickname for a Hungarian who lived in Croatia, who had dealings with Croatia, or who often travelled there. As a Jewish name, this indicates provenance from Croatia.

**Further information:** The Croats were one of the Slavic peoples who settled in what was then the Roman province of Pannonia in the 7th century AD. From 1091 to 1526 Croatia was under Hungarian rule.

**Early bearers:** John Horvath, furrier, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Selma Horvath, widow, born in Perna, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); Joseph Horvath, tailor, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Sandor Horvath, musician, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Stefan Horvath, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Philipp Horvath, financial agent, born in Austria-Hungary, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx).

## Horwell

Variants: **Horwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Staffs

English: locative name, toponymic from a lost *Horwell* in Severn Stoke (Worcs), or topographic for someone who lived ‘(by the) muddy stream’, Middle English *hor(e)* ‘mud, slime’ + *wel(le)* ‘stream, spring’ (Old English *horh* + *wiella*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Horewell, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Nicholas de Horewelle, 1314 in *London Letter Books D*; John Horwell, 1390 in *King’s Bench Cases* (Ireland); Richi. Horwell, 1549 in *IGI* (Lanulph, Cornwall); Jone Horwell, 1552 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Cipio Horwell, 1553 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Anne Horwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Beniamyn Horwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

## Horwich

Variants: **Horwick, Horrock, Horridge, Harridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Horwich (Lancs), recorded as *Horewyth* (1254), *Horwyge* (1539), and *Horridge* (1641). In pronunciation of the surname the main vowel in *Horridge* was sometimes unrounded to give *Harridge*. *Orridge* is a spelling of the modern local pronunciation of the place-name as /ɔːrɪdʒ/.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Horwich, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); James Horwich, 1604, Peter Horwich, 1743 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Jacob Horweche, 1614, Jacob Horwich, 1693, Elizabeth Harridge, 1777 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); James Horridge, 1620, Anthonye Horwydye, 1622, James Horwich, 1629 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Ralph Harridge, 1658 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Jane Orridge, 1667 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Horriage, 1726 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); James Horrodge, 1770, William Horwich, 1783 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 44.

## Horwick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: locative name from a lost place in Sussex named from Middle English *hor(e)* ‘muddy, slimy’ + *wik(e)* ‘dairy farm’ (Old English *horh* + *wic*).

**Further information:** The sparse evidence for *Horwick* in post-medieval records makes it difficult to assign the modern name confidently to this source or to those in (2) and (3).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Horewyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Mundham, Sussex); William Horewyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selsey, Sussex); Peter Horwick, 1743 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Catharine Horwick, 1820 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Robert James Horwick, 1845 in *IGI* (Surfleet, Lincs); John William Thomas Horwick, 1889 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey).

2 English: see **Horwich**.

3 English: see **Horridge**.

## Horwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Horwell**.

## Horwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2104, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Bucks, Oxon, and Gloucs

English: locative name from either of two places called Horwood (in Bucks, Devon), or some other minor place so named.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Horwude, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); William del Horewode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Bartholomew Horwood, 1540 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); John Horwood, 1542 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); Joan Horwood, 1551 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Horwood, 1558 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Horwood, 1559 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts).

## Hosack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
- Scottish: see **Hossack**.

## Hosburn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Osborne** or perhaps **Husband**.

## Hose

Variants: **Hoose, Huse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts; Lancs; Ayrs

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *hose* (Old English *hosa*) ‘legging(s), stocking(s)’, perhaps for someone who wore distinctive hose. Any of the examples below may alternatively belong with (2) or (3), or represent spellings of *Hosé* ‘wearing boots or gaiters’, and so belong with **Hussey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Hose, 1154 in *Mowbray Charters*; Henrico Hose de Aegrum, before 1189 in *Danelaw Documents* (Averham, Notts); Walter Hose, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Hose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks);

Thomas Hose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Henricus Hose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Ricardo Hose, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); Robert Hose, 1575 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Mathew Hose, 1622 in *IGI* (Queniborough, Leics); Edvardi Hose, 1637 in *IGI* (Sutton on Trent, Notts).

Scotland: James Hose, 1665 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Hose, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); John Hose, 1700 in *IGI* (Carmylie, Angus); Margaret Hose, 1732 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Hose, 1797 in *IGI* (Auchinleck, Ayr).

2 English: nickname, perhaps for someone with a croaky or husky voice, from Middle English *hos(e)* 'hoarse', but the examples below are more likely spellings of Old French *housé* 'booted' and belong with **Hussey**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Hose, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger le Hose, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

3 English: locative name from a place called 'the Hose', probably from an unrecorded Middle English *\*hose*, Old English *\*hās*, a side-form of Old English *hāse*, *hēse* 'underwood, especially of young beech or oak'.

**Further information:** This derivation seems to be borne out by the fact that William atte Hese, 1327, and William atte Hose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brightling, Sussex) are probably the same man (*Surnames of Sussex*, p. 267). For the etymology see *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 64, and **Hayes**. For alternative hypotheses about Middle English *hose* as a topographical term, see *Reaney and Wilson*, at *Hose*, *English Place-Name Elements*, pp. 263 and 278, at *hys(s)e*, and *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 463–4.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de la Hose, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas de la Hose, 1254 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Willelmus Hoose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Green, Sussex); Adam atte Hose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex).

4 English: see **Howes**.

5 English: see **House**.

6 English: possibly a reduced form of **Hosey**, **Hussey**.

### Hosea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Scotland
- English: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Hosea*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Hosea, 1633 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Agnes Hosea, 1757 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Hoseason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

Scottish: relationship name from Old Scandinavian *Asason* 'son of Ási', or its Norn or Norwegian descendant, altered as if from the Old Testament prophet's name *Hosea*.

**Further information:** Early spellings are said to include *Aassiesen*, *Osison*, *Hosison*. In printing records relating to the family in Aywick, Yell, from the 17th century onwards, Francis J. Grant, *The County Families of the Zetland Islands* (Lerwick, 1893), pp. 140–6, has only *Hosea* and *Hoseason*. The surname migrated to East Anglia, and the name of the modern holiday

and travel firm established there, formerly /hou'zi:snz/, is currently pronounced /'housi:znz/. **Early bearers:** John Hoseason, 1734 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland); Hosea Hoseason, 1735 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland).

**References:** *Black*, p. 366.

### Hosegood

**Variants:** **Hosgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: relationship name from the Anglo-Scandinavian personal name *Osgod* (see **Osgood**) with the inorganic *H* frequently added by Norman scribes.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hosegood, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Hosegod, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Beds); Elyzabeth Hosegood, 1544, Hugh Hosegood, 1585 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Cristopher Hosgood, 1579 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Luke Hosegood, 1678 in *IGI* (Thelbridge, Devon).

### Hosein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

### Hosey

**Variants:** **Hose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 221
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: see **Hussey**.

### Hosfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Horsfield**.

### Hosford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; also IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: probably a variant of **Horsford**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland (Cork) since the 17th century. **Early bearers:** Henrie Hosford, 1613, Timothy Hosforde, 1614 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Jacob Hosford, 1631 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Henorey Hosford, 1755 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, IoW).

### Hosgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan
- English: see **Hosegood**.

### Hosick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwickshire

Scottish: see **Hossack**.

### Hosie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1004, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 633
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus; also Glasgow
- Scottish: Scottish form of Irish **Hussey**.

### Hosier

**Variants:** **Ozier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Herts; Oxon

English: occupational name from Middle English *hos(i)er*, *hus(i)er* 'maker or seller of stockings or leggings', a derivative of Middle English *hose* 'hose' (Old English *hosa*, reinforced by Old French *hose*, *huese*). Compare **Hose** and **Hussey**.

**Further information:** Some examples of Middle English *Hus(i)er*, *Hos(i)er* may alternatively be spellings of (*h*)*ussher*, *husser* 'usher' (see **Usher**), a ceremonial office performed by high-ranking men in service to a greater lord. Compare *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 268–9, where McKinley notes confusion between *Hose*, *Hussee*, *Husier*, and *Hosier* in what appears to be the same land-owning family.

**Early bearers:** William Husier, 1180 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John le Huser, 1182–7 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Nicholas le hosier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Yuo le hosier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alexander le Hoser, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo Hosier', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Willelmus Hosier, hosier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Johannes Hosiere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roberto Hosiar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); Hugo Hosiar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thoma Hosier, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Anne Hosier, 1546 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willia Hosier, 1561 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Jude Hosier, 1563 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); Willm. Hosier, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Shefford, Berks); Elizabeth Hosier, 1600 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Hosier, 1698 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts).

### Hosken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Hoskin**.

### Hosker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hoseger*, Old English *Ösgār* ('god-spear').

**Early bearers:** given names: Osgar de Bedeford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds).

surnames: Robert Hoseger, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); William Hosker, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Thomas Hosker, 1569 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Rich. Hosker, 1626 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); George Hosker, 1660 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Thurston Hosker, 1710 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Richardi Hosker, 1724 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks).

**Hoskin**

Variants: **Hosken, Hosking, Hoskins, Hoskyns, Hoskings, Haskin, Haskins, Hasking, Haskings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1577, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Osekin* with prosthetic *H-*. It was a pet form of Anglo-Norman French names beginning in *Os-* (particularly *Osbert*, as well as *Osbern*, and *Osmund*) + the Flemish diminutive suffix *-kin*. All three personal names were current in medieval Cornwall or Devon; see **Osborne, Osmond**, and **Opie** (a pet form of *Osbert*). Old English *Osbeorn*, *Osbeohrt*, and *Osmund* may also have contributed in a minor way to Middle English usage. Middle English **Oswald** is another possible source, but the name was extremely rare in the late 14th century. **Early bearers:** given names: Osekin, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London).

surnames, England: Robert Osekin 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Peter Osekyn, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Hoskyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Levan, Cornwall); Thomas Osekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Leighs, Essex); Johannes Osekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Roding, Essex); William Hoskyn, 1472 in *Kent Wills*; Thomas Hoskin, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Charitas Hoskin, 1626, Honour Hoskin, 1707 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Thomasine Hoskin, 1708 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); James Hoskin, 1723 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

surnames, Wales: Elizabeth Hoskin, 1813 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

References: *Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 8.

**Hosking**

Variants: **Hoskings, Hasking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1805, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: variant of **Hoskin**.

**Hoskings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lancs
- English: variant of **Hosking** with excrescent *-s*.

**Hoskins**

Variants: **Hoskyns, Hoskings, Huskins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3838, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2915
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and S Wales; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: relationship name, usually a variant of **Hoskin** with Middle English genitival *-s* in W England or post-medieval excrescent *-s* elsewhere. **Early bearers:** Rogero Hoskyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Ricardus Hoskyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cannock with members (Staffs)); Thomas Hoskyns, 1463 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Berks).  
2 English: see **Askin**.

**Hoskinson**

Variants: **Hoskisson, Hoskison, Huskinson, Huskisson, Huskison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Hoskin** + *son*.  
**Early bearers:** William Hoskinson, 1642 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Elizabeth Huskinson, 1666 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts); Jas Hoskinson, 1704, Wm Hoskisson, 1712 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Matthew Hoskison, 1712 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire).

**Hoskison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lincs
- English: see **Hoskinson**.

**Hoskisson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hoskinson**.

**Hoskyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Berks
- English: see **Hoskins**.

**Hosler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and E England
- English: see **Osler**.

**Hosmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Osmer**.

**Hossack**

Variants: **Hosack, Hosick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 659
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish: locative name, probably from a lost or unidentified place in N Scotland.  
**Early bearers:** John Hossok, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Castletoun, Argyll), Alexander Hossack, 1508 in *Black* (Inverness); Cristiane Hosack, 1652 in *Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records*; James Hossack, 1692 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Agnes Hosick, 1790 in *IGI* (Hutton, Berwicks).

**Hossain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2025, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

**Hossell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

English: nickname for an innkeeper, from Old French *ostel, hostel* 'lodging, inn'. Compare **Ostler**.  
**Early bearers:** William del Hostel, del Ostel, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); John del Hostell, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Hossell, 1593 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Neckles Hossel, 1730 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Mary Hossell, 1740 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Hossell, 1761 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Hossell, 1788 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); William Hossell, 1796 in *IGI* (Wylye, Wilts); Robert Hossell, 1824 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London).

**Host**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Ost**.

**Hoste**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk
- English: see **Ost**.

**Hoster**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks and Lincs; Staffs and Warwicks

English: occupational name for a hood maker, a feminine form of **Hodder**. Compare **Baxter**.  
**Early bearers:** Stephen Hodestre, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robt. Hoster, 1608 in *IGI* (Wooburn, Bucks); Th. Hoster, 1631 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Robert Hoster, 1678 in *IGI* (Croxtton, Lincs); Johannes Hoster, 1680 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Dorethy Hoster, 1689 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Hostler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Ostler**.

**Hosty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway
- Irish, Welsh: from **Mac Oiste** or **Mac Coiste**, patronymic from a gaelicized form of the English personal name **Hodge**, which was borne originally by a Welshman, Hodge Merrick, who lived in Mayo in the 13th century.  
**Further information:** Members of this family settled in the area of *Gleann Hoiste* (Glenhest), Mayo, which retains the gaelicized form *Hoiste* for **Hodge**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Oidsi Mac Mhebric [Hodge Merrick], 1272 in *AU* (West Connacht).  
surnames: Sherrone McQuist, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4582 (Clonyne, Galway); Moyler McCoisht, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5155 (Galway); Richard boye McHoste and Hubert oge McHostie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5449 (Gortiwargye); Sherowne McCoiste, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5451 (Killskowaghe, Galway); Shurdan mcRedmond McCosty, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§5712 (Congilta); Walter oge McCosty, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5800 (Rossemeran, Mayo); Honora Hosty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tuam, Galway).

### Hotchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Hutcheon**.

### Hotchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Hutcheon**.

### Hotchkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Hodgkin**.

### Hotchkis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: see **Hodgkins**.

### Hotchkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1146, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 712
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops
- English: see **Hodgkins**.

### Hotham

Variants: **Holtham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name, usually from Hotham (ER Yorks), but occasionally perhaps from Holtham or Hougham (Lincs). See also **Holtham**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hotham, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walter de Hothum, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Hotham, 1381 in *London Pleas*; John Hotham, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Henry Hotham, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Hotham, 1646 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks); John Hotham, 1648 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Hotham, 1660 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Hother

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Hoather**.

### Hothersall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Hothersall in Ribchester (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** William de Hudersal, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Richard son of Hugh de Hudirsale, 1279 *Close Rolls*; Roberto de Hodersale, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Samlesbury, Lancs); Thomas de Hudressale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stirton, WR Yorks); John Hodersall, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Legbourne, Lincs); Alexander Hothersall, 1593 in *PROB 11*; Ryc. Hothersall, 1602 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); John Hothersale, 1791 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

### Hothi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Hotson

Variants: **Hotston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in E England: esp. Lincs; also Scotland: esp. Dumfriess
- 1 English, Scottish: (i) see **Hudson**. (ii) see **Hodson**. **Early bearers:** England: Peter Hudson, 1551, Isabelle Hotson, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Ales Hotson, 1599, Agnes Hudson, 1617, Oliueri Hodson, 1633 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Willm Hotson, 1709 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs).

Scotland: Robert Hotson, 1644 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Jaet Hotson, 1677 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles). 2 English: see **Hotston**.

### Hotston

Variants: **Hodson, Hudson, Hotson, Hutson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from a lost place in Harting (Sussex), recorded as *Hoddeston* in 1350. It may survive in the name *Hudsons Copse* in that parish, in which case it could be a source of the surnames *Hotson, Hodson, Hudson, and Hutson* in Sussex. Compare John Hudson, 1565 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex). (ii) relationship name, alternatively a variant of either **Hudson, Hodson, Hotson**, or **Hutson** with *-son* replaced by *-ston*. Any of these names may have migrated from northern counties to Sussex in the post-medieval period. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hudson, 1715, John Hodson, 1716, Mary Hotston, 1781 in *IGI* (Up Marden, Sussex); John Hotson, 1771, Ann Hotston, 1778 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Charlotte Hotston, 1777, Sarah Hotson, 1779, Sarah Hodson, 1788, James Hudson, 1803 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); George Hotson, 1792, Willm Hotston, 1794, Moses Hutson, 1823 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Harriet Hotston, 1793, Harriet Hotson, 1814, Robert Hutson, 1834 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 36.

### Hott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: nickname from Middle English *hot(t)e*, *hutte* 'basket, pannier' (Old French *hotte*), presumably used for a basketmaker; compare **Hotter** and **Bannister**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Hot, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Hot, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Hotte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henrye Hott,

1565 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Hott, 1584 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susanna Hott, 1585 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sara Hott, 1599 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops); Rodger Hott, 1623 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Hotten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Middx
- English: apparently locative; possibly related to **Hattam**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Hoten, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandford, Westm); Constance Hotten, 1612 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Edw. Hotten, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Goran, Cornwall); Elizabeth Hotten, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

### Hotter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Yorks

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *hotte* 'basket, pannier', used for a basketmaker. Compare **Hott**.

**Further information:** Hotters (*hottarii*, 1284, *hottatores*, 1295) were also carriers of wicker panniers (*hottarii*, 1208, *hottes de wekere*, 1441) full of sand for making mortar. See *Salzman, Building*, pp. 353–4.

**Early bearers:** William le Hottere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Hottere, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Hutton, WR Yorks); John le Hottere, 1331 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Richard Hotter, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin Dover, Kent); Edward Hotter, 1685 in *Parish Registers* (Bowdon, Cheshire).

### Hotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Hutton**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hotton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecton, Northants); John Hotton, 1525 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Hotton, 1564 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent).

### Hottot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: locative name from Hottot-les-Bagues or Hottot-en-Auge (Calvados). See *Tengvik*. **Early bearers:** Hugo de Hotot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cams); William hotot, de hotot, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

### Hou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 侯, 后 and 後, see **Hau** (1–3).  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 霍, see **Fok** (1).

### Houchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Hutcheon**.

**Houchin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Hutcheon**.

**Houfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Hough**.

**Hough**

Variants: **Hughff, Hughf, Heugh, Houfe, Hoof, Hooff, Heugh, Haugh, Hauff, Howe, Hoff, Huff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7194, Ireland 398
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5109
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Clare; also Limerick; Galway

1 English: locative name from Hough (Cheshire, Derbys), usually pronounced *Hoof* or *Huff*, or a topographic name for someone who lived by a spur or ridge of a hill (Middle English *hōȝ*, Old English *hōh*). This name has the same origin as **Howe**: *Hough* is from the nominative case, Old English *hōh*; *Howe* is from the dative singular. See also **Howes**.

**Early bearers:** William de Huff, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Hough, 1564 in *Bardsley*; Thomas Hoofe, 1626 in *York Freeman's Register*; Arthur Houfe, 1743 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Hoof, 1768 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops).

2 Irish: from Ó hEachach, see **Haugh**.

**Hougham**

Variants: **Huffam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Hougham (Kent) or, less often, Hougham (Lincs).
- Early bearers:** William de Huham, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert de Hugham, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Hawkinge, Kent); Robertus Hughame, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ham, Kent); John Hougham, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Huffam, 1567 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Henerici Hougham, 1603 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Stephen Hufam, 1608 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Thomas Hougham, 1617 in *IGI* (Hougham, Kent); Henry Hugham, 1716 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Hugham, 1828, Solomon Huffam, 1838 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Houghland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from a lost place, Houghlands in Cheshire.
- Early bearers:** Rauph Houghland, 1561 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Elizabeth Houghland, 1617 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); John Houghland, 1708 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 285.

**Houghton**

Variants: **Howton, Hoghton, De Hoghton, Hockton, Hofton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15091, Ireland 68

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10273
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Cheshire; Midlands; also Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from any of the numerous places called *Houghton* or *Hoghton*.

**Early bearers:** William de Hoctona, de Hohton', 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William de Hohton', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Symon de Howtone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas de Hoghton', 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William de Houghton', 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Richard Houghton, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, Chester, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Haughton**.

**Houlahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Waterford and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

**Houlbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; WR Yorks
- English: see **Holbrook**.

**Houlbrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Flints and Cheshire
- English: see **Holbrook**.

**Houlcroft**

Variants: **Houlderoft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Holcroft**.

**Hould**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hold**.

**Houlderoft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks
- English: see **Holcroft**.

**Houlden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 789, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 583
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lincs
- English: see **Holden**.

**Houlder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Holder**.

**Houldershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Oldershaw**.

**Houldey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Holdway**.
- Early bearers:** John Holldy, 1684 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Ralp Houldy, 1701 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); William Houldway, 1703, Thomas Howldy, 1746 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Holdy, 1705 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Willm. Houldey, 1785 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs).

**Houldin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Holden**.

**Houlding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and W Midlands: esp. Shrops; also Essex
- English: see **Holden**.

**Houldsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 843, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 594
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Holdsworth**.

**Houle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Hole**.

**Houlford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Holford**.

**Houlgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Holgate**.

**Houlgrave**

Variants: **Holgreaves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Hollingreave in WR Yorks.
- Early bearers:** Roger de Holingref, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Grace Houlgrave, 1554 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); William Houlgrave, 1616 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Elizabeth Houlgrave, 1629 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs); Edward Houlgrave, 1770 in *IGI* (Birmingham),



Warwicks); Edward Houlgrave, 1776 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Houlihan

Variants: **Houlahan, Hoolahan, Holohan, Wolohan, Hoolihan, Holahan, Holihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 1683
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** N London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare, Tipperary, and Cork

Irish: from Ó hUallacháin ‘descendant of Uallachán’, a personal name from a diminutive of *úallach* ‘proud, arrogant’.

**Early bearers:** Domnall hUa hUallacha[*i*]n, archbishop of Munster, 1182 in *AU*; Gulleghoddy O Howlighane, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2932 (Bearly, Cork).

### Houliston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders: esp. Berwicks; Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Howliston in Heriot (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richard Huliston, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Adam Houliston, 1701 in *IGI* (Westruther, Berwicks); Alison Houlieton, 1801 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks).

England: Josias Hulliston, 1707 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); John Hulestone, 1845 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs).

### Houlker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Holker**.

### Houlston

Variants: **Hulston, Hulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Houlston in Myddle (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hulston, 1614 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); Edward Houlston, 1690 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); Thomas Houlston, 1696 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Maria Hulston, 1696 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops); William Hullson, 1709 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); Wm. Hullstone, 1721 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); John Hulston, 1721 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, pp. 92–3.

### Hoult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1346, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 764
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands, Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- English: see **Holt**.

### Houltyby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Holtby**.

### Houlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Lancs, and Yorks; also Berks, Surrey, and Middx

English: variant of **Holton**, perhaps most often from Holton cum Beckering or Holton le Moor (Lincs).

### Hound

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: nickname from Middle English *h(o)und* ‘hound, dog’ (Old English *hund*).

**Early bearers:** Bonde Hund, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice le Hound, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margrett Hound, 1656 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Mildreth Hound, 1712 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Radulphium Hound, 1715 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); John Hound, 1717 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Hound, 1721 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb).

### Hounsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 505
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Hunsele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); John Hounsell, 1588, Ismaell Hownsell, 1602 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edmund Hounsell, 1612, Geo Hounsell, 1661 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Richard Hounsell or Hownsell, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx); John Hounsel, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London).

### Hounslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Middx, and Bucks

English: locative name from Hounslow (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Houndeslowe, parson, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Roger de Houndeslowe, chaplain, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Candlesby, Lincs); John Howndeslowe or Hownedeslowe, 1486 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); George Hounslow, 1669 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Edward Hounslow, 1701 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

### Hounsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Sussex

English: see **Hounsomsome**.

### Hounsomsome

Variants: **Hounsom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *hound(es)-swan* ‘dog handler’, with dissimilation of [n] . . . [n] to [n] . . . [m]. For the loss of *w*, compare Thomas Boatson, 1699 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire), from *boatswain*.

**Early bearers:** Harry Hounsom, 1562 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Mary Hounsomsome, 1620 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Peter Hounsom, 1681 in *IGI* (Bramshott,

Hants); John Hounsomsome, 1748 in *IGI* (Chithurst, Sussex).

### Hourd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: see **Heard**.

### Hourican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó hArragáin, see **Harrigan**.

### Hourigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 755
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary and Limerick

Irish (Limerick): from Ó hArragáin, see **Harrigan**.

### Hourihan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 251
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó hAnradháin, see **Hanrahan**.

### Hourihane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Irish (Cork): from Ó hAnradháin, see **Hanrahan**.

### Hourston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Hourston (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Issobell Hourston, 1659 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); Magnus Hourstone, 1729 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

### Housam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Howsham**.

### Housby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: variant of **Ousby** with prosthetic initial *H-*. **Early bearers:** Elisabeth Housby, 1585 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Elizabeth Housby, 1613 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Thomas Housby, 1657 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Housby, 1726 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb).

### Housden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and Middx
- English: locative name from Ousden (Suffolk), with prosthetic initial *H-*.

## House

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Howsden, 1564 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Robertus Housden, 1582 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Edward Howsden, 1590 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); William Housdon, 1603 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Sarah Ousden, 1651 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Houseden, 1725 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

## House

**Variants:** **Howse, Hoose, Hows, Hose, Huse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5809, Ireland 75

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3879

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

1 English: nickname for someone employed at 'the house', Middle English *hous(e)* (Old English *hūs*), probably a religious house such as a convent.

**Early bearers:** Simon Hus, 1226 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Geoffrey de la House, Richard Hous, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Hous, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter del Hus, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William atte House, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willelmus Hoose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Green, Sussex); Roger del Hous, 1374, Roger Hous, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Leake, Lincs); Nicholas Howse, Robert Howes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John House, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Chard, Somerset).

2 English: variant spelling of **Howes**, either in its locative or relationship sense.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Howes, 1743, James House, 1776 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk).

3 English: locative name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*huse*, a south-west dialect form of Old English *\*hyse* 'place overgrown with (water) plants', a derivative of Old English *hos* '(water) plant' (see **Hose**). It is possible, however, that *Huse* is a spelling of *House* and belongs under (1).

**Early bearers:** Alexander atte Huse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buttinghill hundred, Sussex); Richard atte Huse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lullington, Sussex); Peter de la Huse, 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Walton, Sussex); William House, 1551 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Katherine House, 1555 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Margeret House, 1562 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); John House, 1563 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Wyllya House, 1563 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon).

## Houseago

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: variant of **Housego**.

## Housego

**Variants:** **Houseago, Howgego**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 103

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name, apparently from a place-name deriving from an Old Scandinavian form like *haug-skogr* 'mound or tumulus wood', but no such place-name has been located.

**Early bearers:** Rob Howsego, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joane Howsigo, 1557 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Henrici Howsigoe, 1572 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Marye Housigoe, 1595 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); John Howsego, 1600 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Nicolas Housego,

1626 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Thomas Housegoe, 1636 in *IGI* (Loose, Kent); Stephen Houssegoe, 1648 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Tho. Houseagoe, 1758 in *IGI* (Reydon, Suffolk); Richard Housego, 1775 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Howgego, 1776 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); James Howgegow, 1783 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); William Houseago, 1800 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk); Robert Housigo, 1832 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Household

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Northants; also SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *houshold* 'household', perhaps in the sense of being a householder (someone who occupies a house as his own dwelling), or for a member of a particular retinue or household.

**Early bearers:** William Housold, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Housold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Agn' Houshold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Simon Howsolld or Housold, John Howshold or Howsehold, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles, Cambs); John Howshold or Houshold, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Emmeth, Norfolk); Geo Household, 1723 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs).

## Houseley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 110

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: see **Housley**.

## Houseman

**Variants:** **Housman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 691

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks, Lincs, and Lincs

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *hous* 'house' + *man* 'man', denoting someone employed at 'the house', probably a religious house or convent. Compare **House**.

**Early bearers:** John Houseman, 1365 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Houseman, 1377 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Richard Housman, minister, 1462–6 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Gisburn, WR Yorks).

2 English: altered form of **Oulsnam** (itself a variant of **Wolstenholme**), with metathesis of final *-nam* to *-man* and development of inorganic initial *H-*.

## Houser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *housere* 'builder'.

**Early bearers:** Adrian Houser, 1706 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Charles Houser, 1815 in *IGI* (Cheam, Surrey).

## Housham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Howsham**.

## Housley

**Variants:** **Houseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1313, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 728

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: locative name from Housley Hall in Ecclesfield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Houselay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John de Houseley, 1440, William Houseley, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Thomas Howslaie of Howslaie Hall, 1558 in *York Registry Wills*; Caroli Houseley, 1609 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jane Housley, 1637 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Richardi Housley, 1643 in *IGI* (Hartington, Derbys); Francis Housley, 1657 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Samuel Housley, 1702 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

## Housman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 148

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: see **Houseman**.

## Houson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 180

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Hewson**.

## Houssein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

## Houston

**Variants:** **Houstoun, Hewston, Huston, Hueston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6986, Ireland 2065

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3798

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Fife and Midlothian; also Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; also Mayo

1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Houston (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Finlay of Huwitston, alias Finlawe de Hustone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Howistone, 1406 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Paisley); Patrick de Huyston, 1415 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Alexander Houstoun, 1460 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Renfrews).

England: Symond Houston, 1577 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); David Hueston, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this name has been adopted as an anglicized form of Mac Uisdein or Mac Uistein, see **McCutcheon**.

## Houstoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: see **Houston**.

## Hovel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Scottish, English: see **Hovell**.

**Hovell**

**Variants:** Hovel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Suffolk

1 English: probably usually a variant of **Howell**, but sometimes, perhaps a locative name for a '(dweller in) the hut or cottage', Middle English *hovell*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Houel, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Hovel, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Houel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Hovell, 1560 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Alice Hovell, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jone Hovell, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Richard Hovell, 1569 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); James Hovell, 1587 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs).

2 Norman, English: see **Havill**.

**Hover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent and Middx

English: variant of **Over** with prosthetic initial *H*-. Compare George Hover, 1541, Anthony Over, 1637 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Isbell Hover, 1572 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); John Hover, 1588 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Hover, 1628 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

**Hoverd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: nickname from Middle English *hoverede*, *houeret* 'humpbacked', presumably for someone with a hunchback.

**Early bearers:** Joan Hoverd, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Lewes, Sussex); John Hoferd, 1659 in *IGI* (Souldrop, Beds); Soldier Hoverd, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); James Hoverd, 1838 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

**Hovey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Kent; Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Hovey, 1565 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Robert Hovey, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Hovey, 1620 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Hovey, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Shocklach, Cheshire).

**Hovil**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: see **Havill**.

**How**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1331, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1877
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Herts, Bucks, and Beds; also Devon and Somerset

1 English: see **Howe**.

2 English: see **Hugh**.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 侯, see **Hau** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 胡, see **Wu** (6).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 何 and 賀, see **Ho** (1) and (2).

**Howard**

**Variants:** Howerd, Huart, Hayward, Heward, Heaward, Hewart, Heaward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40520, Ireland 2309
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29078
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Cheshire; E Anglia and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Limerick, Clare, and Cork

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Huward* (also spelled *Howard*) and *Heward*, from Old French *Huard*, Continental Germanic *Hugihard*. As *Hugh* appears in Middle English as both *How* and *Hew*, this is the origin of *Heward* and a source of *Howard*. However, there has been confusion with Middle English *Howard*, see (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Huardus, Houart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs, Leics, Suffolk, Wilts); Huardus, Huardus de Bikeleg', 1214–19 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Huart de Noerel, 1216 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Heward de Horewell, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: Willelmus filius Huward, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Geoffrey Hohard, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Huard, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Huward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Heward, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Heward, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Walterus Heward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Robertus Howard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Thomas Howard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Maugersbury, Gloucs); John Howard, 1552 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Joan Howard, 1560 in *IGI* (Swainswick, Somerset); Ric. Howard, 1586 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Kathern Howard, 1593 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margareta Howard, 1604 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Haward* or *Howard*. This is usually an anglicized form of Old Danish *Hāwarth* (Old Scandinavian *Hávarðr*) and is perhaps a substantial source of the surname in Lincs and Norfolk, but (1) above is also found in Lincs and E Anglia and some of the following early bearers could belong there. *Howard* could alternatively represent Continental Germanic *Howard*, but it is uncertain to what extent this was in use among the Normans. The normal phonetic development would be to a modern pronunciation rhyming with the words *lowered* or *lord*, but it seems to have fallen together with (1) above, rhyming with the word *coward*. Alternation between *Haward* and *Howard* occurs in 12th-century Lincs and Norfolk, and later in the aristocratic Norfolk family, for which Bardsley notes 'my Lord Haward' (1503), and 'Henry Hawarde, Esq., son of Sir Thomas Hawarde, Viscount Bindon', who succeeded as Viscount Howard of Bindon (1565–6). It may have led to confusion with **Hayward**. Reaney points out that in the Parish Register of Horringer (Suffolk), about 1670–80, *Hayward* is regularly

written *Howard*, and in the Walthamstow Toni court rolls from 1678 to 1882 the 'marshbaley' is often called the *hayward* or *howard*, so that some Howards may have been Haywards and vice versa. **Further information:** The house of Howard, the leading family of the English Roman Catholic nobility, was founded by Sir William Howard or Haward of Norfolk (died 1308). The family acquired the dukedom of Norfolk by marriage. The first Duke of Norfolk of the Howard line was created Earl Marshal of England by Richard III in 1483, and this office has been held by his succeeding male heirs to the present day. They also hold the Earldoms of Suffolk, Berkshire, Carlisle, and Effingham. Henry VIII's fifth queen, Catherine Howard (?1520–42), was a niece of Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hauuard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Houardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Howard (a sokeman), 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Westwick, Norfolk); Haward de Wihton, 1165–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wighton, Norfolk), identical with Oward' de Wicton, 1165–6 in *Pipe Roll, Chancellor's Copy*; Houward Lomb, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Witchingham, Norfolk); Owardus, Houwardus, Howardus (identical), 1221–2 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Willelmus filius Howard, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Gilbertus filius Howard', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ranulphus filius Howard, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Saxlingham, Norfolk); Geoffrey Houward, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus filius Hawardi, 1220–34 in *Rolls of Hugh of Wells* (Honington, Lincs); Robert Howard, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); William Howard, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Ricardus Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mundesley, Norfolk); Thomas Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); Johannes Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Ricardus Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Rogerus Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Broomholm with Keswick, Norfolk); Johannes Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Robertus Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); Johannes Howard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Gylbertus Howard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Joana Howard, 1541 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Agnes Howard, 1558 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Rici Howard, 1566 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 197–9.

3 English: in a few cases it may be a variant of **Ewart**.

4 Irish: in Ireland, it was in some cases adopted for Ó hÓghairt, a shortened form of Ó hÓgartaigh, a name derived from a lenited form of Ó Fógartaigh, see **Fogarty**.

5 Irish: also adopted in Ireland for Ó hÍomhair, which was also anglicized as O'Hure, and Hever, see **Ivers**. Compare **Melvor**.

**Howarth**

**Variants:** Howorth, Howourth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13416, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14370
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Howarth in Rochdale (Lancs). There may be confusion between

## Howat

early examples derived from this name and those related to **Haworth**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. (ii) variant of **Haworth**.

**Early bearers:** John Howorthe, 1518, Roger Howorth, 1525 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Roberte Howarthe, 1571 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs); Robert Howerth, 1626, Abraham Howarth, 1626 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Howat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 870
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Norman, Scottish: see **Hewitt**.

### Howatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: Ayr, Lanarks, and Dumfriess

Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Howet(t)* (**Hewitt**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Jok Howatson, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; George Houatstone, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

### Howatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Worcs; Lancs
- Norman, Scottish, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Howbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Owbridge**.

### Howbrigg

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Owbridge**.

### Howchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, London, and Sussex
- English: see **Hutcheon**.

### Howcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 971, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 950
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: probably a variant of **Holcroft**: see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- Early bearers:** John Howcrofte, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Wylliam Howcroft, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Wickham, Hants); John Howcrofte, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Havant, Hants); Thomas Howcroft, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Howcroft, 1669 in *IGI* (Over Hulton, Lancs).

### Howden

Variants: **Howdon**, **Howdle**, **Howlden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2107, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1518
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Midlothian and E Lothian; also Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Longford, and Fermanagh

1 English: locative name from either of several places called Howden (ER Yorks, Durham, Northumb), Howdon (Northumb), or Howden Clough (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Houedona, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thorstan of Houeden, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Houdan', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John de Houeden, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Ellen Howden, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Howdon, 1661 in *Parish Registers* (Lower Peover, Cheshire).

2 Scottish: (i) locative name from Howden

(Midlothian, Dumfriess). (ii) see **Haldane**.

**Early bearers:** William Howdene, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Midlothian); Williame Howden, 1643 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Agnis Howden, 1645 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Jhon Howden, 1650 in *IGI* (Queensferry, W Lothian).

### Howdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Staffs

English: variant of either **Howden** or **Holden**: see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Howdell, 1541 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Johannes Howdall, 1565 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Howdell, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech within the Isle of Ely, Cambs); Thomaes Howdel, 1695 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Thomas Howdle, 1726 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Robert Howdle, 1795 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Howdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Howden**.

### Howe

Variants: **How**, **Hoe**, **Hoo**, **Howes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17407, Ireland 675
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11586
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; Suffolk; Somerset and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Cork

1 English: (i) locative name pronounced to rhyme with *hoe*, *who*, or *how*, this name is from Middle English *hoze* 'spur of a hill, steep ridge, or slight rise' and denoted someone who lived in such a place. *Hoze* is from a late variant, *hōge*, of the dative case of the Old English root word, *hōh*. This literally meant 'heel (of a person) or hock (of an animal)'; in a transferred sense it was a common place-name element. The regular Old English dative singular, *hō*, is the source of the place-names *Hoo* and *Hoe*. The surname may also be from a place-name consisting of this word, for example *Hoe* (Norfolk), *Hoo* (Kent), or *Hooe* (Devon, Sussex). *Hose* (Leics) is named with the plural form of the word (see **Howes**), although early bearers apparently named from this place alternate between singular and plural forms. See also **Hough**, **Dellow**. (ii) locative name; *Howe* may also be from Old Scandinavian *haugr* 'mound, hill'. Without other evidence, this cannot be distinguished from *howe* 'spur of a hill'. It is certainly the origin of *Howe* (Norfolk) and of *Howe Hill* in Kirkburn (ER Yorks), where there is a tumulus beside which lived

Robert atte Hou in 1333 (*Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 166).

**Early bearers:** William de Ho, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Essex); Eustace de Hou, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Alured de la Ho, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Benedict de Ho, de Hoes', de Howe, Marjoria de Howes (his wife), 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Walter de Howes, de Hou, de Hoes, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Herebertus Alahoge, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); John and Gilbert ate How, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Hoo, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Howe, 1401, Joan Hoghe, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Howe, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Hornchurch, Essex); Robert Hoo, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Hoe, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Stanninge, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name; pronounced to rhyme with *who* or *how*, it is alternatively a variant of **Hugh**.

3 Irish: from Ó hEachach, see **Hough**, **Haugh**.

4 Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see **Hoey**, **Haughey**.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 侯, see **Hau** (1).

### Howel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and England

Welsh, English: see **Howell**.

### Howell

Variants: **Howel**, **Howels**, **Howl**, **Howle**, **Howells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16432, Ireland 448
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12563
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. S Wales and Welsh Marches; also Norfolk and Suffolk; Surrey and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 Welsh, English: relationship name, in the Welsh border counties, from the Welsh male given name *Hywel* 'eminent'. Some bearers mentioned may belong with (2) or (3). See also **Powell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hoelus de Charlion, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Glamorgan); Howel' filius Ade (Walensis), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops). surnames, England: Morganus filius Hoel, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Geffrei Hoel, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Bald' Hoel, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Gryff ap Howel', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakemere, Herefs); Johannes Howel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mucklewick, Shrops); John Howell, 1539 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johan Howel, 1559 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs).

surnames, Ireland: Walter ap Howell, gent., 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1020 (Wony, Limerick); Hugh ap David ap Howell, soldier, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1691 (Knockfergus); John mcPhilip McHowell, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309.

2 English: relationship name; in the eastern counties of England, where Bretons were numerous, it is normally from the cognate Breton personal name *Houuel*, *Huwel*, *Huwal*, *Howael*.

**Early bearers:** William Hoel, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); John Howel, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John Howell, 1539 in *IGI* (Wendling, Norfolk).

3 English: locative name from Howell in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Huwella, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alfredus de Howella, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

**Howells**

Variants: **Howels, Howles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11762, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7623
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W Midlands: esp. Glamorgan

English, Welsh: relationship name, variant of **Howell** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent English -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Howeles, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John Houeles, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Houeles, 1325, Howels, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Lawrence Howels, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Astley, Shrops); Willi. Howles, 1506 in *IGI* (Drummer, Hants); Thomas Howells, 1553 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); John Howells, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin Hereford, Herefs).

Wales: Richard Howells, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Guildfield, Montgomerys); Alicia Howels, 1699 in *IGI* (Llanbadoc, Monmouths); William Howells, 1736 in *IGI* (Dixon Newton, Monmouths).

**Howels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Pembrokes
- Welsh, English: see **Howells**.

**Howen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; Surrey and Middx

Welsh, English: variant of **Owen** with prosthetic initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Howen son of Maddoc, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Montgomerys); Owen, Howen ap Gruffyth, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Cardigans). surnames: Gilbert Howen, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Stourton, Staffs); Amicia Howen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cotes, Leics); Willmi. Howen, 1586 in *IGI* (Omersley, Worcs).

**Hower**

Variants: **Howers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. SE England

English: perhaps a variant of **Hewer**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Howere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Henry le Howere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Isabella Hawer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); Johannes Hawer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Eliz Hower, 1640 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent).

**Howerd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Berks; Lancs
- English: see **Howard**.

**Howers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

English: variant of **Hower** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Isabell Howers, 1612 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Mary Howers, 1661 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); John Howers, 1773 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

**Howes**

Variants: **Hoes, Hose, House, Howse, Hows, Hoose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7952, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk; Northants and Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name; pronounced to rhyme with *hose*, it is a variant of **Howe** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s. *Hose* (Leics), recorded as *Howes* in 1086, is named with the plural form of Old English *hōh* 'hill spur'; early bearers named from this place alternate between singular and plural forms.

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Ho, de Hoes', de Howe, Marjoria de Howes (his wife), 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Walter de Howes, de Hou, de Hoes, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); William ate Howes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Johannes Howes, 1540 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Thomas Howes, 1541 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Joane Howes, 1542 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); William Howes, 1550 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); William Howes, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London).

**References:** Information from Paul Howes (Guild of One-Name Studies).

2 English: relationship name; pronounced to rhyme with *cows*, it is variant of **Howe** (see **Hugh**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Howett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Midlands
- Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

**Howey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 482
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- 1 Scottish, N English: see **Howie**.
- 2 Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see **Haughey**.

**Howgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Holgate**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Howgego**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Kent
- English: variant of **Housego**.

**Howgill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Yorks, Durham
- English: see **Hugill**.

**Howick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- English: locative name from Howick Farm in Lodswoth (Sussex), Howick Farm in Rudgwick (Sussex), or, less probably, Howick (Northumb). **Early bearers:** Richard de Howic, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); Cecil' de Houwyke, 1296, William de Howike, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Howick, 1610 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); Richard Howick, 1617 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); John Howick, 1689 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Sarah Howick, 1712 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Mary Howick, 1721 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).

**Howie**

Variants: **Howey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3863, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2891
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and NW Scotland: esp. Ayr and Renfrews; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: unexplained, probably from the personal name *How*, an early form of Hugh.

**Early bearers:** William Howye, 1526 *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); David Howie, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Archibald Howie, 1625 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow).

**References:** *Black*.

**Howieson**

Variants: **Howison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Lanarks, Midlothian; also Clackmannans

1 Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *How(i)e*, a pet form of *How* (see **Hugh**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Howison, 1406 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Martin Hoveson, 1546 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Inverness); Alexander Howieson, burgess, 1596 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdeen).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps occasionally from the Middle English personal name *Howet* (see **Hewitt**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Howetson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cridling Stubbs, WR Yorks); Robertus Howetson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frickley, WR Yorks); Robertus Howetson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Henricus Howesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Altofts, WR Yorks); Johannes Howesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Alan Howesson, 1474 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk).

**Howis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; SE England; Glamorgan; Notts

1 Norman, English: variant of **Hawes** with rounding of *-a-*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Howys, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Stoke, Oxon); Johannes Howys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashcott, Somerset); Gilbertus Howis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Thomas Howys, clerk, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Runham, Norfolk); William Howis, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London).

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Huish**.

## Howison

### Howison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Midlothian  
Scottish: see **Howieson**.

### Howitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1716, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1070
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. E Midlands

Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Howker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Hawker**.

**Early bearers:** John Howker, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Richard Howker, 1572 in *PROB 11* (East Greenwich, Kent); John Howker, 1593 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Howkins

Variants: **Hookins, Hukins, Hookings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, Northants, and Oxon

English: variant of **Hewkin** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Howl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- Welsh, English: variant of **Howell**.

### Howland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1376, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1019
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, Bucks, and Essex; also IoM

English: variant of **Holland**. Note William Deconysone alias Deconson alias Dyconson of Holand alias Houland, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Houlond', 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Albury, Herts); Matilda de Houlonde, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Chewton, Somerset); John Howland, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret Moses, City of London); Abigail Howland, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Howland, 1622 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Patrick Howland, 1703 in *IGI* (Bride, IoM); Thos. Howland, 1760 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks).

### Howlden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of either **Howden** or **Holden**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Howle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

Welsh, English: variant of **Howell**.

### Howles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- English: see **Howells**.

### Howlet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Oxon
- Norman, English: see **Hewlett**.

### Howlett

Variants: **Owlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5796, Ireland 250
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3991
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, English, Irish: see **Hewlett**.

**Further information:** This Anglo-Norman name has been established since the 13th century in Ireland (Wexford), where it has been gaelicized as **Húiléid**.

### Howley

Variants: **Hooley, Wholey, Whooley, Wholley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1439, Ireland 731
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo; Clare

1 English: from Howley in Warrington (Lancs) or Howley in Morley, near Batley (WR Yorks). The Lancs name also appears as *Hooley* and *Wholey*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Houelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Reedness, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Houelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardsley, WR Yorks); Thomas de Houelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); Johannes de Houlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shelley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Houelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Thomas Howley, 1543 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); John Hooley, 1547 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Margaret Hooley, 1569, John Howley, 1627 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Thomas Howley, 1587 in *York Registry Wills* (Ardsley); Grace Howley, 1572 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); John Howley, 1574, Joane Hooley, 1587 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Willm Howly, 1577 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); Willm. Howley, 1591 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Howley, 1609 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

2 Irish: from Ó hUallaigh 'descendant of *Uallach*', a personal name meaning 'proud, boastful'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John O'Howlig, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4751 (Clonnyne, Cork); Hugh O'Howley, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Keologelighe, Mayo); Michael Howly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacteige, Sligo); Philip Howley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); Mark Howley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathreagh, Mayo).

England: Thomas Howley, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Howley, born in Galway, Ireland, in *Census 1881* Pennington in Leigh, Lancs); Martin Hooley, born in Waterford, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Castleton, Lancs); Edward Hooley, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Howlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Hulin**.

**Further information:** This is a common form of the name in Ireland, where it has been gaelicized as **Húilín**.

### Howling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Hulin**.

### Howlings

Variants: **Hulings, Hulance, Hewlins, Hewlings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Hulin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Howman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Shrops; Warwicks and Gloucs
- English: see **Human**.

### Howorth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 797, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Howarth**.

### Howourth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Howarth**.

### Howroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Holroyd**.

### Hows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs; also Bucks

1 English: see **Howes**.

2 English: see **House**.

### Howsam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Howsham**.

### Howse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1297, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1150
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S England: esp. Oxon

1 English: see **House**.

2 English: see **Howes**.

## Howsham

**Variants:** Housham, Housam, Howsam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk

English: locative name from Howsham (Lincs, ER Yorks). See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. **Early bearers:** Nicholas Housum, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Housum, de Howsum, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Mattersey, Notts); Robertus de Howsom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Roberto de Housom', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, Yorks); Thomas Howsam, 1577 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Humfrey Howsham, 1583, Willia Housham, 1612 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs).

## Howson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2827, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1865
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see *Hewson*.

## Howton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Kent
- English: see *Houghton*.

## Hoy

**Variants:** Hoys, Hoye, Hoyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2798, Ireland 443
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1710
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Essex; Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Longford
- 1 Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see *Haughey*.  
2 English: nickname for a sailor, from Middle Dutch *hoey* 'cargo ship'.

**Early bearers:** John le Hoy, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Hoye, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Hoy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Edmudus Hoy, 1570 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Elizabeth Hoy, 1570 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Richard Hoy, 1587 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cams); Mary Hoy, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robt. Hoy, 1602 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

## Hoye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Herts, Essex, and Cams
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see *Hoy*.

## Hoyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see *Hayer*.

**Further information:** Reaney treats the name as (Parisian) Old French (*h*)*oir* 'heir', a variant of Norman French *heyr* (see *Ayre*), citing William Hoyre, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). However, *Hoyre* may be a scribe's or transcriber's misreading of *Heyre*, and so may be Johannes Hoyre, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Neatishead, Norfolk). The absence of any other evidence for this name until the late 18th century (in the London area) raises doubts about an English origin for the modern name. Some examples of the name in transcriptions of the 19th-century censuses are either misreadings of names like *Hoyes* and *Heyer* or may be similar miscopyings by the enumerators from their original householders' schedules.

**References:** *DAFN*.

## Hoyes

**Variants:** Hoys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see *Hoy*, a post-medieval modification of the surname, with excrement -s.

## Hoyland

**Variants:** Holland, Howland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1581, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name from any of the four places of this name in southern WR Yorks, Nether and Upper Hoyland (in Wath upon Dearne), High Hoyland (in Barnsley), and Hoyland Swaine (in Penistone).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Hoyland, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholaus de Holand, 1377, Robertus de Holande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); John Hoiland, Holland, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Elyzabethe Hoyland, 1562 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Henrici Howland, 1587, Anne Hoyland, 1664 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Willmi Hoyland, 1603 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Williams Hoyland, 1630 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Hoyland, 1644 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Hoyle

**Variants:** Hoile, Hoiles, Hoyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5517, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Antrim

1 English: variant of *Hole*, reflecting the South Yorks and SE Lancs dialectal pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Alicia del Hoyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Alicia in le Hoyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Maria Hoyle, 1559 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Margareta Hoile, 1573 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Josua Hoyle, 1599 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

2 Irish, Manx: from Gaelic *Mac Giolla Choille*, see *McElhill*.

**Early bearers:** Hoyle, 1659 in *Kneen*.

3 Irish: from *Mac Giolla Chomhghaill*, see *McCool*.

4 English: in southern counties of England the name is of uncertain origin. In some instances it could be the name in (1) by migration, but it is tempting to associate Margerie Hoyle, 1553 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon), with the place called Hole in the same parish, and where William atte Hole is recorded in 1330 *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 170. *Hole* is a common minor name and surname in Devon, but the surname *Hoyle*

is not recorded in Devon earlier than the mid-16th century and would be an irregular phonetic development.

**Early bearers:** Jervis Hoyle, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alphington, Devon); Thomas Hoyle, 1575 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Augustin Hoyle, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Eliz Hoyle, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Alice Hoyle, 1661 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Hoyle, 1718 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Samuel Hoile, 1788 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); William Hoile, 1795 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall).

## Hoyles

**Variants:** Hoiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

English: post-medieval variant of *Hoyle* with excrement -s, or possibly from an original plural, 'at the hollows'.

## Hoyne

**Variants:** Hoynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó hEoghain, see *Owen*.

## Hoynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó hEoghain (see *Hoyne*), with excrement English -s.

## Hoys

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex
- English: see *Hoyes*.

## Hoyt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see *Hoyte*.

## Hoyte

**Variants:** Hoyt, Hoit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *hoit* 'long stick'.

**Early bearers:** John le Hoit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stephen Hoyte, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Hsiao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蕭 (or 肖), see *Siu* (1).

## Hsu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Hu

1 Chinese: an alternative Mandarin romanization of the Chinese surnames 徐, 韩, 胥, and 纘, see **Xu** (1–4).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 蘇, 宿, 舒, and 束, see **Su** (1–4).

## Hu

**Variants:** Hoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 945, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 胡, see **Wu** (6).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 傅, 付, 符, and 扶, see **Fu** (1–4).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

## Hua

**Variants:** Wah, Wat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 華 (Wa or Wah in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘prosperous, splendid’ in Chinese: (i) possibly from *Hua* (華), the name of a hill (located in Shaanxi province), also called West Yue, possibly dating back to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Hua* (華), the name of a fief (located in Huayang county in Shaanxi province) granted to Kao Fu, the son of Song Dai Gong (died 766 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 花 (Fa in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘flowers’ in Chinese: (i) possibly adopted in place of the Chinese surname 華, see (1) above. (ii) adopted in place of the surname *Fan* (范) by Fan Yongji during the Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 滑 (Wat in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘slippery’ in Chinese: from *Hua* (滑), the name of a state (located in Yanshi in Henan province). After the state was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

5 Vietnamese: unexplained; probably from one of the Chinese names above.

## Huan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 宦, see **Wan** (5).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 范, see **Fan** (1).

## Huang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2341, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 黄, see **Wong** (3).

## Huard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Jersey: see **Huart**.

## Huart

**Variants:** Huard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 Jersey: relationship name as a Channel Islands name, from the Old French personal name *Huart*, which is either identical in origin with **Howard** (1) or a pet form of Old French *Hue* (Hugh).

**Early bearers:** John Huart, born in Jersey, Channel Islands, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands); John Huard, born in Saint Peter, Jersey, Channel Islands, in *Census 1891* (Saint Aubin, Saint Laurence, Jersey, Channel Islands).

2 English: variant of **Heward**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Huart, 1641 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); James Huart, 1718 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Thos. Huart, 1781 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb); Edward Huart, 1798 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

## Huartson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hewertson**.

## Huban

**Variants:** Huband, Huben

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English, Irish: relationship name from the personal name *Hugh* (Old French *Hue*, Middle English *Hewe*; see **Hugh**) + Middle English *barn* ‘child’. Compare **Goodban**.

**Early bearers:** John Huebarne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Anne Huban, 1706 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); James Huban, 1749 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); George Huban, 1824 in *IGI* (Handsworth, Staffs).

## Huband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: variant of **Huban** with excrescent *-d*.

## Hubball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: see **Hubbold**.

## Hubbard

**Variants:** Hubbard, Hubbert, Hubert, Hobart, Hubber, Obbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9034, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7245
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk; Leics; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Hubert* (Continental Germanic *Hugibert*, composed of elements meaning ‘mind’ and ‘bright’).

**Early bearers:** surnames: Eudo filius Huberti, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Roger Hubert, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Huberd (Hubert), 1230 in

*Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Hoberd, 1291 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Roger Hubard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Hobart, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Thomas Hobard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Thomas Huberd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Ricardo Hobbar’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Nicholas Huberd’, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); James Hubert, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Henry Hubberd, 1457 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); John Huberd or Hubberd, 1476 in *PROB 11* (Stowe cum Quoy, Cambs); William Hubberd, 1517 in *PROB 11* (Rolvynnden, Kent); John Hobbard, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Little Baddow, Essex).

## Hubbart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Hubbard**.

## Hubbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Norman, English: see **Hubbold**.

## Hubber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Hubbard**.

## Hubberstey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Hubbersty, a lost place in Cockerham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Hubersty, 1452 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Hubbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork
- English: see **Hubbard**.

## Hubble

**Variants:** Hobill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 711
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also W Midlands

Norman, English: see **Hubbold**.

**Early bearers:** Mildred Hubble, 1582, Thomas Hubble, 1689 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); William Hubble, 1753 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs).

## Hubbold

**Variants:** Hubball, Hubble, Hobell, Hobill, Hubbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hubald* (Old French *Hubaut*, Continental Germanic *Hugibald*), introduced to England by the Normans.



**Early bearers:** given names: Hubald de Bereford, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs).

surnames: Hugo Hubald, Hubolt, 1086 in *Domesday Book, Cambs Inquisition* (Beds); Bernard Hubold, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry Hubaut, Hubald, Hubalt, 1199, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus and Henricus Hobald, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eardington, Shrops); Richard Hubald, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Feckenham, Worcs); William Hubbold, 1562, William Hubbold, 1731 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Thomas Hubball, 1606, Jacobus Hubball, 1642 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Richard Hubbold, 1631, William Hubbold, 1749 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs).

### Hubbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: probably a variant of **Hobbs**.

### Hubbuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: possibly a locative name from the late-recorded Hudbeck in Castle Sowerby (Cumb), or from the Hope Beck in the same county, which is *Hobbecke* in 1578.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Hubbock, 1576 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Robert Hubbock, 1591 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Susan Hubback, 1634 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Jane Hubbock, 1672 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mariae Hubbick, 1795 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

### Hubby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: probably a variant of **Huby**.

### Huben

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks
- English: possibly a variant of **Huban**.

### Huber

Variants: **Hubner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German: status name (also **Hüber**, **Hueber**), from Middle High German *huobe*, a measure of land, varying in size at different periods and in different places, but always of considerable extent, appreciably larger than the holding of the average peasant. The surname denotes a holder of this amount of land, who would have been a prosperous small farmer and probably one of the leading men of his village. **Further information:** This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** German: George Huber, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hermann Huber, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Reinhold Hubner, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Stepney, Middx); Jacob Hubner, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Anton Huber, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout name or ornamental name from a southern Yiddish pronunciation of Yiddish *hober* 'oats'.

3 Dutch: variant of *Hubert*; see **Hubbard**.

### Hubert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

Norman, Huguenot, English: from the French personal name *Hubert* (see **Hubbard**), which was brought to England both by the Normans and the Huguenots.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hubert de Bissoppesgate, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). surnames: Johannes Hubert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Casterton, Rutland); Eliseus Hubert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Willelmo Hubert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Johannes Hubert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Robertus and Willelmus Hubert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Gilbertus Hubert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Amelia Hubert, 1561 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Rice Hubert, 1586 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Abraham Hubert, 1598 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Hubert, 1602 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); John Hubert, 1605 in *IGI* (Kingsdown near Milsted, Kent); James Hubert, 1613 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Pierre Hubert, 1614 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Rafe Hubert, 1618 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Franchois Hubert, 1626 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Hubery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Hubery, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Wrappingham, Norfolk); Ffrancis Hubery, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich Saint Peter, Kent); William Hubery, 1721 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Middx); James Hubbiry, 1825 in *IGI* (Ovington, Norfolk); George Hubray, 1841 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); James Hubry, 1885 in *IGI* (Wednesfield, Staffs).

### Hubling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name, *Hubelyn*. This is a pet form (a double diminutive) of *Hub(b)* (as in Amyas and Thomas Hubbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk)), which itself is a short form of some other name: **Hubbard**,

**Hubbold**, or **Hubert**.

**Early bearers:** William Hubelyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Hubelyn, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; William Hubelin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Hubeline, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; James Hubling, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Hubling, 1801 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Hubling, 1827 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Hubner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

German: from **Hübner**, a variant of **Huber**.

### Huby

Variants: **Hubby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called Huby (NR Yorks, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Hoby, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Huby, 1381 in *London Pleas*, 1430 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Huck

Variants: **Hucke**, **Hug**, **Hucks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hucke* or *Hugge*. Some examples (especially in N England) may represent Old English \*(*H*)*ucca*, a pet form of Old English *Uhtreād*. Compare Uctredus pater Henrici et Ugge avus suus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks), and see **Oughtred**. By the late 13th century, however, this personal name had probably fallen out of use and *Hukke* and *Hug(ge)* will usually have been variant pronunciations of *Hugh* or reduced forms of its pet forms *Hukin* (see **Huckin**) and *Hugin* (see **Huggin**). See also **Hugh**, **Huckman**, **Hugman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hucke, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk).

surnames: Gamel filius Hucca, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Huctredus filius Ucke, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); William Hukke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Hugge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Galfridus filius Hugge, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Alicia Ukke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Agn' Ukke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Rogerus Hucke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Thomas Huck, 1580 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); John Huck, 1593 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Rici. Huck, 1619 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm).

2 English: see **Hook**.

3 German: relationship name, probably a pet form of the personal name *Hugo*; compare **Hugh** and (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Henry Huck, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### Hucke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Huck**.

### Huckel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds and Cambs

English: see **Huckle**.

### Huckell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Huckle**.

### Hucker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 0

## Huckerby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon

English: occupational name for a hawker, pedlar. Middle English *hukker*, *huckere*, an agent derivative of *hukken* ‘to peddle, sell’. Compare **Huxter**.

**Early bearers:** John le Hukker’, 1307 in *Fransson* (Somerset); John le Hucker’, 1333 in *Fransson* (Somerset); John Hucker, 1544 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Elizabeth Hucker, 1570 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Richard Hucker, 1587 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Thomas Hucker, 1588 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Hucker, 1653 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

## Huckerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Uckerby (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Robert de Hucherbi, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*; Ralph de Huckerby, 1252, Ranulph de Huckerbi, 1333 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; Robertus de Ukkyrby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); James Huckerby, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Thomas Huckerby, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henrye Huckerby, 1607 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); Allixandria Huckerbie, 1609, Katharina Huckerbye, 1620, Thomas Ockerby, 1762 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Roger Occarby, 1627, Elizabeth Occkerby, 1665, William Ockerby, 1693 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Jane Huckerby, 1649 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Huckerby, 1664 in *IGI* (Cotgrave, Notts); William Ockerby, 1766 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

## Huckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Leics
- English: relationship name, probably from a pet form of the rare Middle English personal names *Hucche* (see **Hutch**) or *Hucke* (see **Huck**), formed with the diminutive suffix *-et*. Compare Rogero Hughet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grove, Berks). **Early bearers:** William Huchet, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Huckett, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Durley, Hants); Thos Huchett, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth Saint Andrew, Devon); Wm Hucket, 1623 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Thomas Huckett, 1651 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Huckett, 1689 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); John Huckitt, 1791 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

## Huckfield

**Variants:** **Huckvale**, **Huckwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- Norman, English: locative name from Heuqueville in Seine-Maritime or in Eure, Normandy. **Further information:** *Huckvale* represents most closely the historical form. The surname *de Houqueville* was still found in France in the 16th century **Early bearers:** Thome Huckvale, 1639 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Cuthbert Huckvale, 1670 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); James Huckfield, 1727 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks); Mary Huckfield, 1754 in *IGI* (Todenham, Gloucs); Joseph Huckwell, 1773 in

*IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Benjamin Hookfield, 1798 in *IGI* (Bishopampton, Worcs).

## Huckin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Hewkin**.

## Huckins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: variant of **Hewkin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Huckle

**Variants:** **Huckell**, **Huckel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1634, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 646
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Cambs
- English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Huck**. **Early bearers:** Reginald Huckel, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Jocelin Huckel, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Hokell’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hessle, ER Yorks); John Hucle, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Hitchin, Herts); Richard Huckell, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Bloxham, Oxon).

## Hucklesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts
- English: unexplained. Possibly a late variant of **Huckerby**; compare Mary Huckerby, 1812 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts) with the 1808 bearer below. **Early bearers:** William Hucklesby, 1782 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts); James Hucklesby, 1808 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts); Hanna Hucklesby, 1810 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

## Huckman

**Variants:** **Hugman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Essex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Huk(e)man* or *Hug(e)man*, representing either an unrecorded Old English \**(H)ucmann*, \**(H)ugmann*, a pet form of Old English names in *Uht-* such as *Uhttræd*, or a variant of Middle Dutch *Hugheman*, a pet form of *Hugh*. See **Human** and compare **Huck** and **Hug**. **Further information:** Wilson’s suggestion that it may sometimes have denoted a pedlar or hawker (Middle English *hukken* ‘to bargain’ + *man*) is unlikely, since occupational names in *-man* usually have a noun, not a verb, as the base of the compound. **Early bearers:** William Hukeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Uggeman, Huggeman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus Hokeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eudon George, Shrops); Joannis Huckman, 1561 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Rebecka Hugman, 1603 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Henry Hugman, 1636 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

## Hucknall

**Variants:** **Hocknull**, **Hocknell**, **Hucknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: from Ault Hucknall (Derbys) or Hucknall Torkard (Notts), which have the same etymology as **Hockenhull** (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** John Hocknull, 1687 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Hucknull, 1780 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

## Hucknell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Hockenhull**, **Hucknall**.

## Hucks

**Variants:** **Huges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- 1 English: see **Hooks**.  
2 English: variant of **Huck**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** William Huckles, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Huckstep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Huckstepp**.

## Huckstepp

**Variants:** **Huckstep**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Hucksteep Wood in Mountfield (Sussex). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Huckelstepe, 12th cent., [ . . . de] Hokstepe, [ . . . de] Hogstepe, 13th cent., [ . . . de] Houcstepe, 1340 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; Willmo de Hucstepe, 1327, Johe de Hukstepe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mountfield, Sussex); Joane Huckstepp, 1617 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Mary Huxstep, 1719 in *IGI* (Ickham, Kent). **References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 475.

## Huckvale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, Oxon
- English: see **Huckfield**.

## Huckwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon
- English: see **Huckfield**.

## Huda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *huda* ‘right guidance’. **References:** *Ahmed*.

**Hudd**

Variants: **Hood**, **Hutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 656
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset; Glamorgan

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hudde*, *Hutte*. This could represent Old English *Hud(d)a* or its Continental Germanic equivalent *Hud(d)o*, but Anglo-Norman French *Hud(de)*, a pet form of *Hugh*, is probably the usual source. Compare Hugo filius Johannis . . . Johannis pater ipsius Hudde (Hugh son of John . . . John father of the same Hudde), 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks). Similarly Hudde Sturdi, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks) appears as Hugo Sturdy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

**Further information:** Reaney, following Bardsley, cites Ricardus dictus Hudde de Walkden, 1346 in *Close Rolls*, as evidence that *Hudde* was also used as a pet form of *Richard*. However, this would involve some implausible phonetic substitutions, and it is safer to assume that Richard was alternatively known as Hugh.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hude de Rafningeham, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Hudde de Bosco, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Hudde de Pesefurlang, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hutte, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

urnames: William Hudde, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Reginald Hudde, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Philip Hodde, Hudde, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Johannes Hudde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Jo. Hudd, 1583 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); James Hudd, 1585 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Michael Hudd, 1586 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Willm Hudd, 1590 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Thomas Hudd, 1595 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

**Huddart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
- English: see **Woodard**.

**Huddelston**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Huddleston**.

**Huddle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herts and Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Huddel*, a diminutive of *Hudde* (see **Hudd**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Huddle, 1560 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts); William Hudell, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Aldenham, Herts).

**Huddleson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Huddel* (see **Huddle**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Huddelson, 1730 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Huddlesone, 1792 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

**Huddless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hoodless**.

**Huddleston**

Variants: **Huddlestone**, **Hudleston**, **Huddelston**, **Hiddleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 142
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, Lincs; Cumb and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Huddleston (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hudelesdun, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus de Hodilston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garforth, WR Yorks); Henry Hodilstone, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Selby, WR Yorks); Henry Hudelston, 1489 in *PROB 11* (Cumb); Ralph Hodilston, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Constance Huddleston, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); John Huddylston or Huddilston, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Sawston, Cambs); George Hudleston, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Arksey, WR Yorks); Mary Huddleston, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (March, Cambs).

**Huddlestone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and E Midlands

English: see **Huddleston**.

**Huddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Dorset

1 English: relationship name, probably from the Middle English personal name *Hudde*, a pet form of *Hugh*, + the diminutive suffix *-y*. See **Hudd**. The name seems to have migrated from Devon to Cornwall, where it may have been confused with Cornish **Udy**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Huddy, 1583, Luce Hudy, 1689 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Anne Hudy, 1590 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Elizabeth Huddy, 1595 in *IGI* (Allington, Dorset); Henry Huddy, 1610, 1704, Charles Huddy, 1773 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Eliz. Huddie, 1611 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Huddie, 1676 in *IGI* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Henry Huddy, 1690, Catherine Huddy, 1780, John Huddy, 1830 in *IGI* (Ladock, Cornwall); William Huddy, 1719 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Henry Huddy, 1735 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

2 Irish: from Ó hUada 'descendant of *Uada*', apparently a Munster variant of Ó Fuada, see **Foody**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Huddy, 1750 in *IGI* (Kilshannig, Cork); William Hudy, 1802 in *IGI* (Inishmacsaint, Donegal).

**Hudgell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Guilielms Hudgewell, 1599 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); George Hudgewell, 1654 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Eliza: Hudgell, 1670, Tho Hudgel, 1706 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Samuel Hudgell, 1732, William Hudgel, 1794, John Hudgal, 1826 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); James Hudgill, 1836 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts).

**Hudgins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Derbys
- English: see **Hutchins**.

**Hudlass**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Hoodless**.

**Hudleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- English: see **Huddleston**.

**Hudlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: relationship name from a double diminutive (*Hud-el-in*) of **Hudd**, a pet form of *Hugh*. **Early bearers:** William Hudelin, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Hudelin, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Jordan Hudelin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds).

**Hudman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: occupational name, status name denoting 'servant of *Hudde*' (see **Hudd**).

**Early bearers:** Roger Hudman, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Dorset); Edmund Hudman, 1660 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Hudman, 1663 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Marie Hudman, 1673 in *IGI* (Winterslow, Wilts); Richard Hudman, 1696 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Hudman, 1716 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs).

**Hudnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Hodnett**.

**Hudsmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name meaning 'Hudd's son-in-law', from the personal name *Hudde* (see **Hudd**) + Middle English *mog*, *mo(u)gh* 'son-in-law'. See also **Watmough**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Huddemogh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Hudmogh, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Huddesmath, 1464 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Cuthbert Hodgemaght, Hodgemaughthe, 1545–6 in *Norwich Wills*; Ralph Hudsmyth, 1582 in *Preston Guild Rolls*.

## Hudson

### Hudson

Variants: **Hutson**, **Hodson**, **Hotson**, **Hotston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32215, Ireland 943
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24268
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and E Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow, Dublin, and Wexford; Cork; Sligo; Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hudde* (see **Hudd**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Hudstone, 1323 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thoma Huddesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Johanne Hudson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Petrus Hudesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus Hudeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Thomas Hutson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); Thomas Huddeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Johannes Hudson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Nicholaus Hudson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Hutson, 1565 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); John Hutson, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund Hudson, 1528 in *PROB 11* (London); Rychard Hutson, 1583 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Anne Wid Hutson, 1654 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Hudspeth

Variants: **Hudspith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Hudspeth in Elsdon (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hudespath, 1364, de Hodyspathe, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Corbridge, Northumb); Robertus Hodespach', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Styford, Northumb); Robert Huddespath the younger, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Raby, Durham); Thomas Hudspeth, 1571 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); James Hudspeth, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Cuthbert Hudspith, 1618 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Hudspith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Cumb and Durham

English: see **Hudspeth**.

### Hudswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Hudswell (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Huddeswell', 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Michael Hudswell, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Hudswell, 1583 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Elizabeth Hudswell, 1592 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Jeremiah Hudswell, 1675 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Robert Hudswell, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London).

### Hue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; IoW; also ER Yorks and Northumb

1 Channel Islands, English: see **Hugh**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

### Huelin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French (Channel Islands): see **Hulin**.

### Huen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 禩, see **Xuan** (1).

### Hueston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Houston**.

### Huet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered across England
- English: see **Hewitt**.

### Huetson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lincs; London
- English: see **Hewitson**.

### Huett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Huey

Variants: **Hughey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 148
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 Irish: from Ó hEochaidh, see **Haughey**.

2 English: relationship name from a pet form of **Hugh**.

**Early bearers:** Christabell Huie, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Grimsby, Lincs); Bathsheba Hewey, 1703 in *IGI* (Gloucester); George Hughy, 1724 in *IGI* (Frinstead, Kent).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 韩 (see **Xu** (2)) and 惠 (see **Hui** (1)).

### Huff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Gloucs
- English: see **Hough**.

### Huffam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant of **Hougham**.

### Huffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Shrops; SE England: esp. Herts

English: possibly a variant of *Hufford*, which is itself a variant of *Ufford*.

**Early bearers:** Edwarde Huffer, 1588 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Astine Huffer, 1664 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Gorge Huffer, 1673 in *IGI* (Pulverbatch, Shrops); Matthew Huffer, 1755 in *IGI* (Wentnor, Shrops).

### Huffington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: locative name from Uffington (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Uffynctun, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Uffynctun', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pilton, Rutland); Charles Uffington, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Peterborough, Northants); Martin Huffington, 1722 in *IGI* (Felixkirk, NR Yorks); John Huffington, 1815 in *IGI* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks).

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Ufton Court in Tunstall or Uffington Farm in Goodnestone by Sandwich (both Kent).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Huffintone, about 1270 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 34 (Kent); Margery Uffington, 1553 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 37 (Kent); Joseph Huffington, 1633 in *IGI* (Thanington, Kent); John Huffington, 1635 in *IGI* (Wickhambreux, Kent).

### Hufford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: variant of **Ufford** with inorganic *H-*.

### Hufton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Derbys

English: locative name, probably from Houghton (Derbys); compare **Houghton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Hufton', 1271 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); Johanes Hufton, 1633 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); John Hufton, 1702 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Edward Huffton, 1760 in Shipley local records, *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 502.

### Hug

Variants: **Hugg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Warwicks; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: relationship name, variant of **Huck**, with voicing of /k/to /g/.

**Early bearers:** Mary Hugg, 1653 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon).

### Huges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Yorks; Warwicks; Middx; Angus

English: variant of the Middle English personal name *Hugge* with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*: see **Hucks**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholao Hugges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eardisland, Herefs); William Hugges, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Huggys, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); John Huges, 1546 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon).

### Hugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Devon

English: see **Hug**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Huggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders: esp. Roxburghs; also N England

Scottish Gaelic: possibly a pet form of **Hugh** (*Black*). **Early bearers:** John Huggoun, 1545 in *Protocol Book Gaw* (Perths); John Huggon, 1579 in *Dunfermline Parish Registers* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elizabeth Huggan, 1669 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); John Huggan, 1721 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfries).

### Huggard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 80
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Norman, English: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Hugard*, a variant of *Huard*; see **Howard**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Huggard, 1535 in *Lincoln Wills*.

### Huggens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks

1 English: see **Huggins**.

2 English: see **Huggons**.

### Huggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1700, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1371
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Huget*, a diminutive (*Hug-et*) of **Hugh**.

**Further information:** Huggett's Lane in Willingdon (Sussex) owes its name to Helwis' Hugot or Huwet, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), and Huggett's Farm in Heathfield (Sussex) to William Hughet, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). The latter is *Huggetts* in 1614 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 425, 467).

**Early bearers:** Michael Hughet, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); William Hughet, 1503 in *Kent Wills* (Canterbury, Kent); Alice Huggett, 1633 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent).

2 English: locative name, possibly in some cases from Huggate (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hugat', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Isabel Hugate, Hugitte, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks).

### Huggill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Berks

English: see **Hugill**.

### Huggin

**Variants:** **Huggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Hugin*, a diminutive of *Hugh*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hugyn, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: Reginaldus filius Hugin, 1100–35 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Robert Hugyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Hugyn, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Thomas Hugyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Polden, Somerset); Hugh Huggin, 1564 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); John Huggin, 1569 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Roberte Huggin, 1581 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Hellen Huggin, 1584 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); John Huggin, 1595 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name, possibly sometimes a development of the Middle English personal name *Huggen*, from **Hugh**, with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Huggen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Huggen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bordesley, Warwicks); Elizabeth Huggen, 1673 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs).

### Huggins

**Variants:** **Huggens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3722, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2502
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Cavan

English: relationship name, variant of **Huggin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Huggins, Amisia Huggines, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Huggins, 1544 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Huggins, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Triamor Huggins, 1565 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); John Huggins, 1566 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Christian Huggins, 1568 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

### Huggon

**Variants:** **Hugon**, **Huggons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Westm

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hugun*, a diminutive of *Hug* (*Hugh*). For the series *Hugun*, *Hugin*, *Huget*, compare that of *Burdun*, *Burdir*, *Burdat* at **Burden**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hugon filius Ricardi, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

surnames: Hugh Hugune, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Hugon, 1432 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Huggons

**Variants:** **Huggens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name, variant of **Huggon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Huggons, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Huggons, 1566 in *IGI* (Hackney,

Middx); John Huggons, 1644 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Wm Huggons, 1652 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); James Huggons, 1712 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); Mary Huggons, 1733 in *IGI* (Goltho with Bullington, Lincs).

### Huggonson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hugun* + the patronymic marker *-son*.

### Hugh

**Variants:** **Hue**, **Hew**, **How**, **Howe**, **Hugo**, **Huck**, **Hughes**, **Howes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 792
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Fife; Carmarthens; Cornwall

Norman, English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Hue*, from Continental Germanic *Hugo*, a very popular name after the Conquest. It is usually found in the Latin form *Hugo*, the vernacular forms being *Hewe* and *Howe*, all of which survive as surnames.

**Further information:** The popularity of *Hugh* as a given name is clearly shown by its many variants in modern surnames and by numerous derivatives in *-in*, *-on*, *-et*, *-ot*, *-kin*, *-son*, *-man*, and by double diminutives in *-el- + in*, *-el- + et*, and the French double diminutive *Huchon*. Of these derivatives there are some 90 different modern forms and the list is probably not complete. In Scotland and Ireland *Hugh* is frequent for an original Gaelic *Aodh*, in Argyll for *Èghann* and in north and north-west Scotland for *Uisdeann*. In Ireland, Hughes and MacHugh are regarded as equivalent to MacKay. In Wales it has become *Pugh*. **Hew**, **How**, and **Howes** have alternative origins.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hugo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts, Suffolk); Howe Golightly, Howe caretarius, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Hwe purte, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Hue de Clopham in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Huwe, 1353–4 in *Colchester Court Rolls*. surnames: Willelmus filius Hugonis, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Reginaldus le fiz Hugonis, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Edde filius Hugh, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Rogerus Hugo, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Derbys); Ralph Howe, Robert Howe, William Howe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Hue, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Huwe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Hewe, 1291 in *London Letter Books A*; John Hugh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Hugh (Huwe), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Hughes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Fitz Huwe, 1344 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; John Hughe or Hugh, 1522 in *PROB 11* (Branscombe, Devon).

### Hughan

**Variants:** **Hughen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights

1 Scottish: relationship name from the personal name **Hugh** with the Gaelic diminutive suffix *-an*.

## Hughen

**Early bearers:** Alexander Hughan, 1773 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Creetown, Kirkcudbrights).  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hughan*, a pet form of **Hugh**.  
**Early bearers:** Geo. Hughan, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Hughen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Hughan**.

### Hughes

**Variants:** Hughs, Hewes, Hews, Huws, Hows, Howse, Howes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120505, Ireland 12661
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83571
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales; W Midlands; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Armagh, Tyrone, and Monaghan; Mayo

1 English, Welsh: relationship name, variant of **Hugh** with genitival or excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Constance Huwes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Houwes, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Somerset); Walter Huwes, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Madley, Herefs); Gilbertus Heues, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); William Howes, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstable, Beds); Elysabeth Hewes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

2 Irish, Scottish: in Ireland and Scotland this name has been widely adopted as an equivalent of Gaelic surnames based on the personal name *Aodh* 'fire', e.g. Ó hAodha, see **O'Hea**, **Mac Aodha**, see **McCoy**. Compare **McHugh**.

### Hughey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Glasgow

English, Irish: see **Huey**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### Hughf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Hough**.

### Hughff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Hough**.

### Hughill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Hugill**.

### Hughman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Human**.

### Hughs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Hughes**.

### Hughson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 547
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hewson**.

### Hugill

**Variants:** Huggill, Hughill, Hewgill, Howgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1125, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 751
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: locative name from Hugill (Westm), Howgill in Sedbergh (WR Yorks), or Howgill in Aysgarth (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Hogyll, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Cilla de Hogill, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Johannes Hogill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Annes Hewgill, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Ralph Hugill, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Cuthbert, Darlington, Durham); George Hugall, 1642 in *IGI* (Durham); Robert Howgill, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Willington, Beds).

### Huglin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Hulin**.

### Hugman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Surrey
- English: see **Huckman**.

### Hugo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 392
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Hugh**.

### Hugon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs
- English: see **Huggon**.

### Hui

**Variants:** Wai, Huey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 惠 (**Wai** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'kindness' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Hui Lian (惠連), son of Lu Zhong, a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from *Hui* (惠), posthumous title of the emperor Zhou Hui Wang (周惠王) (died 652 BC). (iii) a surname from Manchu ethnic group in China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 回, meaning 'come back' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name *Hui* (回), style name of Wu Hui (吳

回), a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Fang Hui (方回), an official who lived during the reign of the legendary king Yao, or the Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC). (iii) from *Hui* (回), the name of a minority ethnic group in China (who are Muslims by tradition), located mainly in NW China, particularly in the Ningxia Hui autonomous region.  
3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 韓, see **Xu** (2).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 費, see **Fey** (2).

### Huish

**Variants:** Huyshe, Hewish, Howis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 453
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs; S Wales

English: locative name from Huish (Somerset, Wilts, Devon, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hiwis, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de Hewis, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); John de Hewish, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Hewyssch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Huish, Devon); Nicholas Hiwisch, 1433 in *Poll Tax* (Herts); Alice Hewish, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Bremhill, Wilts); Joan Huish, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset); Willm Huyshe, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon).

### Huison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; WR Yorks; Norfolk
- English: see **Hewitson**.

### Huitson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; Lancs
- English: see **Hewitson**.

### Huitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Hants
- Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Huk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Huq**.

### Huke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Hook**.

### Hukin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Hewkin**.

**Hukins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Howkins**.

**Hulace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset
- English: see **Howlings**.

**Hulands**

Variants: **Hullands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Hulland** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Hulatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Hewlett**.

**Hulbert**

Variants: **Halbert, Holbert, Holbird, Hulburd, Hulburt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1919, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1642
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs

English: relationship name from the Middle English given name *Holbert*, probably from an unrecorded Old English form, \**Holdbeorht*. Old English names in *Hold-* are rare and late, only *Holdburh* and *Holdfrið* (both female), and *Holdwine* being recorded in independent use.

**Early bearers:** given names: Holbertus venator, 1168 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 5.

surnames: William Huldebert, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); John Huldebert, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Hulberd, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Hulburd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Hulbert**.

**Hulburt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Hulbert**.

**Hulcoop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Gloucs

English: locative name from Holcot (Beds), Hulcote in Easton Neston (Northants), or less likely, to judge by the record of spellings, Hulcott (Bucks).

Uncertainty about the form of the name is evident even in the 17th century

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hulcot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodford, Northants); Johannes Holcotte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boarhunt Herbelyn, Hants); John

Hulcotte, 1482 in *PROB 11* (Northants); Richard Hulcot, 1549 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Thomas Holcott, 1551, Elisabeth Hulcotte, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Ashbury, Berks); Mary Hullcock or Hullcote, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Richard Hulkope, 1705 in *IGI* (Charney Bassett, Berks); Sarah Hulkup, 1716 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Joseph Hulcupp, 1730 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Thos. Hulcoop, 1800 in *IGI* (Cron dall, Hants).

**Huleatt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Hewlett**.

**Hulett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered across England
- English: see **Hewlett**.

**Hulph**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ulph**.

**Hulford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Wilts
- English: probably a variant of **Holford**.

**Hulin**

Variants: **Hullin, Huelin, Huglin, Howlin, Howling,**

**Howlings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Hugelin, Huelin, Hulin*, from Continental Germanic *Huglin*, a diminutive of *Hugo*. (ii) relationship name, possibly in some cases from the feminine form of this personal name. See the 1219 'given names' early bearer and the 1185 'surnames' early bearer

**Early bearers:** given names: Hugelyn Bourpeyn, Hugelinus cubicularius, 1052–65 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Hychelinus parcherius, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Hugolina, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks), 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Huelinus de Fednes, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: Galfridus filius Hugelini, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Tomas filius Hugolinae, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cams); Robert Huelin, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Hugo hugelini, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*; William Hugelin, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Huhelyn, 1267 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Hulin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Huwelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Howelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Hoghelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Hullyng, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Peter Howelyn, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Howlinge, 1549 in *Norwich Wills* (Essex); James Huglin, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Herhill, Kent); Edward Hulin, 1602 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Hulin, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Alvington, Gloucs).

**Hulings**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Howlings**.

**Hulks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: nickname, locative name, variant of *Hulk* with post-medieval exrescent -s. The now extinct *Hulk* may either mean 'very big man' (compare Simon Hulkebon, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*), or be from Middle English *hulk* 'shed'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Hulke, 1332 in *Patent Rolls*; John Hulke, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Bures Saint Mary, Suffolk); Judythe Hulkes, 1551 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Marten Hulk, 1577 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Jone Hulks, 1590 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Sarah Or Mary Hulks, 1597 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Josephi Hulk, 1688 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Henrici Hulks, 1707 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Streynsham Hulk, 1716 in *IGI* (Herne, Kent); Job Hulkes, 1721 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Richard Holke, 1784 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**Hull**

Variants: **Hulls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8775, Ireland 673
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5990
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hulle*, a pet form of *Hugh* or of its common diminutives *Hulin, Hulot*.  
**Further information:** In 1380 John Hulle sone Rudde held a tenement formerly Hugh Rudde's (*Ancient Deeds* 5). John was the son of Hulle or Hugh Rudde. Some bearers may belong with sense 2.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Hulle le Bule, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Hulle son of Stephen, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Hulle de Alperam, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).  
surnames: Henry Hulle, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Simon Hulle, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Hull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Hull, 1540 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Hull, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Ann Hull, 1542 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey).

2 English: (i) locative name from *Hull*, a lost place in Great Budworth (Cheshire), or *Hull*, a lost place in Inkpen (Berks). (ii) locative name, perhaps sometimes from Kingston upon Hull in ER Yorks, as early as the 13th century, sometimes referred to as *villa de Hul'*. (iii) locative name for someone who lived on or by a hill (Middle English *atte hulle* in the south and west Midlands), or from a place with this name, though this word will have usually assumed the standard form **Hill** in modern times, as in the case of Hill (Gloucs), which was usually spelt *Hull* or *Hulle* during the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Hull, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John ate Hulle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Middx); Robert in le hull, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johanne of le Hull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shotteswell, Warwicks); Robertus atte Hull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Johannes de Hull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Radulphus dil Hulle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe,

## Hullah

Lancs); Willelmus Hull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 96; *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 310.

## Hullah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Ulley**.

## Hulland

**Variants:** **Hulands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also W Midlands: esp. Derbys

English: locative name, see **Holland**.

## Hullands

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Hulands**.

## Huller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Kent 1 English: in Yorks, a late variant of **Hulley**; see **Ulley** and compare **Hullah**.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *huller*, denoting someone who lived on a hill. See **Hiller** (2) and compare **Hull**, **Heller**. Some of the examples below may belong under (3).

**Further information:** This type of topographic name formation with *-er*, equivalent to *atte Hull*, is common in S England and absent from N England.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Hullere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Huller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Huller, 1662 in *IGI* (Itchingfield, Sussex); Sarah Huller, 1684 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent).

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *huller* 'roofer', found in W England and in S England as far east as Sussex, a variant of **Hiller** (1).

## Hullett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey; otherwise scattered

English: see **Hewlett**.

## Hulley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 888, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 697
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, see **Ulley**.

## Hullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

1 Norman, English: see **Hulin**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hulle* (see **Hull**) with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*. **Early bearers:** Richard Hullen, Thomas Hullen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Hullen, 1582 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs).

## Hullock

**Variants:** **Ullock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb

English: locative name from Ullock (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** John Ullayk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus de Ullayke, Johanna Ullok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Ambrose Hullock, 1563 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk); Thomazen Hullock, 1563 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk); John Hullock, 1566 in *IGI* (Little Wilbraham, Cambs); John Hullock, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ralph Hullock, 1584 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops).

## Hulls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and central England: esp. Leics; Gloucs

English: (i) variant of **Hull** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) locative name from one of several minor places referred to as *hills* or called *Hills*. (iii) from Hulse in Witton (Cheshire), which appears as *le Hules* in 1359; see **Hulse**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus atte Hules, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Hughe Hulls, 1621 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Timothie Hulls, 1640 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 185.

## Hully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Westm, Derbys

English: see **Ulley**.

## Hullyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Hiller**.

## Hulm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks; Essex; Denbighs

English: see **Hulme**.

## Hulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs

1 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Hulle* (see **Hull**) + *man*, denoting '(man)servant of *Hulle(e)*'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Hul(le)man, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Somerset); Johanne Hulleman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); Edward Hullman, 1638 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *hul(le)* + *man*, for a 'hill man, dweller by a hill'.

## Hulme

**Variants:** **Hulm**, **Hume**, **Hulmes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6832, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Holme**.

## Hulmes

**Variants:** **Humes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Hulme** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See also **Holme**, **Holmes**.

## Hulse

**Variants:** **Hulls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2721, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1894
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

English: locative name from Hulse in Witton (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Parnell Hulse, 1542 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Phillip Hulse, 1582 in *PROB 11*; Thome Huls, 1596 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire).

## Hulson

**Variants:** **Hulston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops 1 English: relationship name 'son of *Hull(e)*'; see **Hull**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hull(e)son, 1308, 1333 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomae Hulson, 1639 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Hulsone, 1577 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Dionisia Hulson, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Houlston** with the not uncommon loss of *-t-* after *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** John Hulson, 1705 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops).

## Hulston

**Variants:** **Hulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Worcs

1 English: see **Houlston**.

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Hulson** with epenthetic *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Isobell Hulstone, 1576 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Richard Hulston, 1655 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Ann Houlston, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

## Hulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 592
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- English: locative name from Hulton (Lancs, Staffs). **Early bearers:** Jelvorth de Hulton', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Hulton, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Hulton, 1418–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rbti. Hulton, 1543 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); William Hulton, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).



**Hulyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Hiller**.

**Human**

**Variants:** **Huckman, Hughman, Hooman, Homan, Howman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hugheman*, also spelled *Hugeman, Hiweman, Hueman, Howeman, Homan, and Huweman*. It is a Middle Dutch pet form of *Hugh* with the hypocoristic suffix *-man*, and was probably introduced to Britain by Flemings after the Norman Conquest. For the suffix compare **Bateman, Hickman, Pateman, and Potman**. (ii) occupational name, status name denoting 'servant of Hugh'.

**Further information:** Reaney suggests derivation from an unrecorded Old English \**Hygemann*, but this would not account for the Middle English forms in *Hugh-, Huw-,* etc. in N and E England. Similarly it is unlikely that *Human* or *Howman* derived from Old English *Hygemund*. Johannes Howmund', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawood, WR Yorks) is perhaps an altered form of *Howman*, influenced by other names in *-mund*, such as *Edmund* and *Hammond*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Huckeman, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hukeman de Moricebi, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Hugeman de Assinton, 13th cent. in *Cotton Appendix xxi* (Suffolk); Hucmon riding, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surames: Matill' filia Hiweman, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Nicholaus filius Howemanni, filius Huemanni, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Willelmus filius Howman, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Hiweman, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Humfrey Hueman, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); John Human, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Homan, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); William Huweman (Howeman), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Tey, Essex); Simon Huweman (Hugheman), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Bardfield, Essex); John Homan, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alicia Human, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Homan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleford Abbots, Essex); Johannes Homan, Willelmus Howman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brook, Rutland); Thoma Howman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markfield, Leics); Johannes Howman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snetterton, Norfolk); Roberto Homan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Camel, Somerset); Thomas Howman, 1541 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Johanni Howman, 1558 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); John Howman, 1560 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Stephi. Howman, 1583 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Nicholas Human, 1611 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Robart Howman, 1617 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Jeremiah Human, 1641 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); John Human, 1746 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs).

**References:** *Debrabandere*, at Hugemans; *McClure, Jack I*, p. 110.

**Humar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Kumar**.

**Humber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 486
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Notts and Leics; also Somerset and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: locative name from Humber (Herefs) or Humber in Bishopsteignton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Humbre, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Humbre, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Edward Humber, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax*, Dorset.

**Humberston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name, see **Humberstone**.

**Humberstone**

**Variants:** **Humberston, Hummerston, Hummerstone, Humblestone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 898, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics; also London

English: locative name from Humberstone (Leics, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Humberstein, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus de Humberstan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Reston, Lincs); Willelmo Humberston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Robert Humberston', 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincoln, Lincs); William Humberston', 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Elisabeta Humberstone, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Stevenage, Herts); Frauncys Humberston, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London); John Hummerstone, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Bengeo, Herts); George Humberstone, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Stevenage, Herts).

**Humble**

**Variants:** **Humbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1667, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1417
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks; Scotland
- English: nickname from Middle English (*h)umble, humel* 'humble, meek', a borrowing of Old French *umble*, ultimately from Latin *humilis* 'lowly'. **Further information:** For etymological and distributional reasons this name cannot be from West Humble (Surrey), whose form results from a modern reinterpretation of the earlier form *Wistumble*, apparently a compound of Middle English *wiche* 'witch elm' + *stumble* 'tree-stump' (*Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 82).

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Homel, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Humble, 1562 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Roger Humble, 1590 in *IGI* (Lawhead, Durham); Robert Homble, 1662 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: Schir John Hummil, about 1562 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Thomas Humble, 1633 in *Black* (Auchinchrie).

**Humbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: probably a post-medieval variant of **Humble**, with excrescent *-s*, especially in north-east England, where **Humble** is chiefly found. But the early distribution of the name (predominantly south Midlands) is so far distant from that of **Humble** that it may sometimes have a different origin, perhaps a nickname from Middle English (*h)umbles*, a variant of *noumbles* 'a stew or soup made from the innards of animals or fish'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Humbles, 1596 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Anthony Humbles, 1599 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Henry Humbles, 1673 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

**Humblestone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name, see **Humberstone**.

**Humby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 563
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English, Welsh: locative name, apparently from Humby (Lincs) or Hanby in Welton (Lincs); the latter is recorded as *Humbi* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Hunby, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Robertus Humby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Willelmo Humby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Croxton Kerrial, Leics); Thomas Humbye, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Cristofer Humby, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

**Hume**

**Variants:** **Humes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5249, Ireland 373
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. N England and Lowland Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Donegal
- Scottish, English: (i) variant of **Hulme**, with loss of *l* before the bilabial consonant /m/, as in the vocabulary word *calm*. Compare **Holme** and **Home**. (ii) in the Scottish Borders, a variant of **Home**. **Early bearers:** Walter de Hulmo (Humo), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph de la Hume, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Hume, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); David Hume, 1581 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jhone Hume, 1603 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Clement Hume, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Humes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Hume, Hulmes, Holmes**.

**Humfress**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- N English: see **Humphreys**.

## Humfrey

### Humfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and S England

English: see **Humphrey**.

### Humm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex Norman, English: nickname from Old French *homme* ‘man’. Compare **Man**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Om, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ernald Hum, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Humme, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey le Home, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joseph Humm, 1656 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Elizh. Humm, 1674 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Thomas Humm, 1712 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); George Humm, 1720 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susan Humm, 1728 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex).

### Hummel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

German, Dutch: (i) relationship name from a pet form of *Humbert* or *Humbold* (a compound name with the same first element + *bald* ‘bold, brave’). (ii) nickname from Middle High German *hummel*, Middle Dutch *hommel* ‘bee’, of imitative origin. Compare English humblebee, which in modern English has become bumblebee.

**Early bearers:** August Hummel, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Portsea, Hants); Fredrick Hummel, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Chelsea, Middx); David Hummel, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Putney, Surrey); Joseph Hummel, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Hans Hummel, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Nottingham, Notts); Gustav Hummel, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

### Hummerston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: locative name, see **Humberstone**.

### Hummerstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Essex

English: locative name, see **Humberstone**.

### Humpage

**Variants:** **Huntbach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: locative name from Humpage Green in Staffs.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Humpage, 1636 in *IGI* (Holborn, London); Walt. Humpage, 1723 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Wm. Humpage, 1756 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs).

**References:** *Redmonds, King, and Hey*.

### Humpherson

**Variants:** **Humpherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: relationship name from the personal name **Humphrey** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Humpherson, 1663 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire).

### Humpherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Humpherson**.

### Humphery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England: esp. Kent

English: see **Humphrey**.

### Humpherys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex; W Midlands

English: see **Humphreys**.

### Humphres

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs

English: see **Humphreys**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Humphress

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Flints

English: see **Humphreys**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Humphrey

**Variants:** **Humfrey, Humphry, Humphery, Homfray, Humphreys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9340, Ireland 160
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7903
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- English: relationship name from the Middle English and Norman French personal name *Humfrey*, from Continental Germanic *Hunfrid, Humfrid*, composed of the Germanic elements *hūn* ‘bear cub’ + *frid, fred* ‘peace’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hunfridus, Humfridus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Humfridus, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

urnames: William Humfrey, about 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); William Humfray, Umfrey, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Houmfrey, 1311 in *London Letter Books B* (London); John Umfray, 1355 in *Feet of Fines Tax* (Moulsoe, Bucks); Johannes Homfray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Magdalen Laver, Essex); William Humfrey, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey and Kent); Thomas Humfrey, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Abingdon, Berks); Henry

Umphray, 1547 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Christover Umfrey, 1570 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Thomas Umfraye, 1571 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); John Homfrey or Homfrie, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Frant, Sussex); Alice Humfry or Humfrey, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Humphrey or Humfrie, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Umphray, 1688 in *IGI* (Keith, Banffs).

### Humphreys

**Variants:** **Humphries, Humphryes, Humphrys, Humphris, Humphriss, Humfress, Humphreys, Humphress, Humpherys, Humphres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15929, Ireland 558
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10479
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. N Wales; also Cheshire and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; also Cavan; Cork

English, Welsh: variant of **Humphrey** with genitival or excrescent *-s*.

### Humphries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11518, Ireland 581
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6669
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Down

English: see **Humphreys**.

### Humphris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 722
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

English: see **Humphreys**.

### Humphriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon

English: see **Humphreys**.

### Humphry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 917
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Humphrey**.

### Humphryes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Humphreys**.

### Humphrys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 550
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English, Welsh, Cornish: see **Humphreys**.

### Humpleby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Umpleby** with prosthetic *H-*.

## Humphreys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Merioneths; Northants

English: see **Humphreys**.

## Hundal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Hundley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs

English: possibly a variant of *Huntley*, from Huntley in Gloucs or Staffs; or from a lost Midland place-name *Hundley* as the form of 1379 suggests.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Hundele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Richardi Hundley, 1604 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Wm Hunley, 1621 in *IGI* (Cotheridge, Worcs); Henry Hundlye, 1637, Henry Hundley, 1643 in *IGI* (Broadwas, Worcs).

## Hung

Variants: **Hong, Yung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 熊 (*Xiong* or *Hsiung* in Mandarin pinyin, *Hong* in another Cantonese romanization), meaning 'bears' in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC), who is said to have established his capital in You Xiong (有熊), in present-day Xinzheng in Henan province, and to have earned the title You Xiong Shi (有熊氏). The surname *Xiong* (*Hung*, 熊) is the second element of the title. (ii) traced back to Yu Xiong (鬻熊), who is said to have been the teacher of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). Yu Xiong's great-grandson Xiong Yi (熊绎) was granted lands in Danyang (in present-day SE Zigui in Hebei province) by Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC) and established the state of Chu. Kings and their descendants from the state of Chu adopted 熊 as a surname.

2 Chinese: another Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 洪. See **Hong** (1).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 孔, see **Kong** (2).

## Hungate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Durham

English: locative name from the street name Hungate, Middle English *hundegate* 'street where hounds are kept'. Streets with this name are recorded in medieval York, Methley (near Leeds, WR Yorks), Sawley (near Ripon, WR Yorks), and Market Weighton (ER Yorks). The latter two are associated with medieval men bearing the surname in Sawley and nearby Grantley and Ripon, and in Market Weighton and nearby Nunburnholme and Burnby. **Further information:** There appears to have been Lincs and Norfolk surnames with a similar origin: Vlf de Hundegate, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de

Houndegate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxham with Salhouse, Norfolk). They may not have become hereditary or survived into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Hundegate, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (Sawley, near Ripon, WR Yorks); Henry de Hundegate, 1254 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Nunburnholme, ER Yorks); Thomas de Hundegate, 1293 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 11 (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Thomas de Hundegate, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Burnby, ER Yorks); Matilda de Hundgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, near Ripon, WR Yorks); Robertus Hundgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Hungate, 1402 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Roger Hungate, 1513 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Hungate, 1600 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks); Ursula Hungate, 1638 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); Thomas Hungate, 1640 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 230; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 188.

## Hunger

Variants: **Unger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hungar* (Old English \**Hungār*, composed of the elements *hūn* 'bear cub' + *geri*, *gari* 'spear').

**Early bearers:** given names: Hungar Cofrich, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Hunger, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: Ricardus filius Hundger, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Turstinus Hunger, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Hungere, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Herbert Hunger, 1259 in *Patent Rolls*; John Hunger, 1593 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Richard Hunger, 1785 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); William Hunger, 1788 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Hunger, 1817 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks).

## Hungerford

Variants: **Honeyford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from Hungerford (Berks). **Early bearers:** England: Robert de Hungerford, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Edward de Hungrefford, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Thomas Hungerford, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Thomas Hungerford, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edmond Hungerford, 1560 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Elizabeth Hungerford, 1563 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Margery Hungerford, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Hungerford, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London). Ireland: Catherine Hungerford, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardfield, Cork).

## Hunjan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found among Jats and Ramgarhia Sikhs.

## Hunkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Hunne* (see **Hunna**); compare **Hankin**, **Henkin**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Hunkyn, 1574 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); John Hunkyn or Hunkyne, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Liskeard, Cornwall); William Hunking, 1628 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); John Hunkin, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Gatherley, Devon).

## Hunkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hankins**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Hunkins, 1772 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon).

## Hunn

Variants: **Hunns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Cornwall

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hunne* (Old English *Hun(n)a*).

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Hunne, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Bricimerus filius Hunne, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Hunne, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Elwin Hunne, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; Thomas Hunne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Hunn, 1561 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); William Hun, 1592 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Elizabeth Hun, 1608 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk).

2 English: possibly, given the eastern distribution of the early examples, a nickname from Old Scandinavian *hunn* 'young bear', later combined with (1).

**Early bearers:** Seman' le Hunne, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Martin le Hunne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert le Hunne, 1288 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Ales Hunn, 1554 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Henry Hunn, 1562 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Thomas Hunn, 1565 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Johanes. Hunn, 1587 in *IGI* (Croft, Leics).

## Hunnable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

## Hunnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Hunnam, 1707 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); William Hunnam, 1750, Hunnam, 1754 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Robert Hunnam, 1772, Hunnom, 1779 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Robert Hunnam, 1803, Hunnum,

## Hunnex

1816, William Hunnen, 1856 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Hunnex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hunwick**.

### Hunneyball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

### Hunneybell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

### Hunnibal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

### Hunnibell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Hannibal** and **Amable**.

### Hunniford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 77
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: variant of **Honeyford**.

### Hunnings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N London
- English: relationship name from Old English *Hun(n)ing*, ‘son of *Hun(n)a*’. The final *-s* appears to be a post-medieval addition.
- Early bearers:** given names: Huning, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hunningus de Cliva, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops). surnames: Alexander Hunning, 1269 in *Ancient Deeds* iv; William Hunning, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Hunnyng’, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Algarkirk, Lincs); Gregorje Hunnings, 1617 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Hunnings, 1624 in *IGI* (Fosdyke, Lincs); John Hunnings, 1626 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); Mary Hunnings, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Hunnings, 1775 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Hunnisett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Honeysett**.

### Hunns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: variant of **Hunn**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.
- Early bearers:** John Hunns, 1583 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Henrie Hunnes, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Paxton, Hunts); Elizabeth Hunnes, 1610 in *IGI*

(Swaffham, Norfolk); Robert Hunns, 1626 in *IGI* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs).

### Hunnybun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; E Anglia; Oxon; Derbys
- English: see **Honeybourne**.

### Hunsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- English: locative name from Hunsley in Rowley (ER Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Ralph de Hundesley, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Riplingham in Rowley, ER Yorks); Adam Hundesley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsley, ER Yorks); Simon de Hundesley, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Wyton, ER Yorks); Richardus Hundesleye, 1552, Robert Hunsley, 1560 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Hunsley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Hunston

- Variants:** **Hunstone**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Hunston (Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** Henry Hunston, 1560 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Edward Hunstone, 1585, Anne Hunston, 1604 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Richeard Hunston, 1605 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Anna Hunstone, 1677, Robert Hunston, 1679 in *IGI* (Tideswell, Derbys).

### Hunstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- English: see **Hunston**.

### Hunsworth

- Variants:** **Unsworth**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: from Hunsworth (WR Yorks). Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Robertus Hunsworgrth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); William Hundesworth, Henry Hundesworth, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Hundisworth, 1472 in *Fasti Parochiales* (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); John Hunsworth, 1555 in *York Registry Wills* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Hunsworth, 1563 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Hellen Hunsworth, 1580 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Thomas Hundesworthe, 1585 in *York Registry Wills* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Jenet Hunsworth, 1586 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- 2 English: see **Unsworth**.

### Hunt

- Variants:** **Hunte**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 50233, Ireland 2000
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39487

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo; Munster: esp. Waterford

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *hunte* ‘hunter, huntsman’ (Old English *hunta*). **Early bearers:** Humphrey le Hunte, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Ralph Hunte, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William le Hunte, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Alicia Hont, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Richard Hunte, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Hunt, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Lyme, Dorset); Thomas Hunte, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Chittlehampton, Devon).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for various Irish surnames containing or thought to contain the element *fiadhach* ‘hunt’, for example Ó Fiaich (see **Fee**) and Ó Fiachna (see **Fenton**).

### Huntbach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

English: see **Humpage**.

**Early bearers:** Phillipp Huntbach, 1575 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); John Huntbach, 1598 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); Edward Humpatch, 1610 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

### Hunte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Hunt**. The surname in this spelling is common in the West Indies (especially Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago).

### Hunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42923, Ireland 3558
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30635
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry
- 1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *hunter(e)* ‘huntsman’.
- Further information:** A Scottish family of this name have been established at Hunterston (Ayr) since the 13th century.
- Early bearers:** England: Simon Huntere, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Juliana la Hunter, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Adam Hunter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); William Hunter, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey). Scotland: Adam Hunter, 1259 in *Black* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Thomas le Huntere, 1269 in *Scotland Calendar*; Archibald Hunter, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).
- 2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Fiaich (see **Fee**) because of confusion with the word *fiadhach* ‘hunt’. Many of the early bearers below may belong with sense (1) above.
- Early bearers:** Widdow Hunter, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cordroman, Armagh); William Hunter, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Skreene, Sligo); John Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbreda, Down); John Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); James Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff,

Sligo); Robert Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); Elizabeth Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); William Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Derry); John Hunter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim).

### Hunting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk and Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hunting*, a derivative of Old English *hunta* 'hunter'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hunting, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hunting filius Hanuse, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Geoffrey Hunthing, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Roger Hunting, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William Untyng', 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Margaret Hunting, 1564 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Bartholomei Hunting, 1598 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); Thomas Hunting, 1605 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); John Hunting, 1607 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Harman Hunting, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London).

### Huntingdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cheshire
- English: see **Huntington**.

### Huntingford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: locative name from Huntingford (Dorset, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Jhon Huntingeforde, 1562 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Jhon Huntingford, 1568 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Thomas Huntingfourd, 1652 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Timy. Huntingford, 1689 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey).

### Huntington

**Variants:** **Huntingdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 856
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Huntington (Cheshire, NR Yorks, Staffs, Herefs, Shrops) or Huntingdon (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Eustace de Huntedune, de Huntendone, 1086 in *Tengvik*; Humphrey de Huntendun', 1202 in *Select Pleas* (Beds); William de Huntinton', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Huntynghdon, 1375 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Elesabeth Huntington, 1561 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Peter, Lincs); Elizabeth Huntington, 1562 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Jane Huntington, 1567 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robte. Huntington, 1568 in *IGI* (Bourton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Henry Huntington, 1571 in *IGI* (Stanford, Kent).

### Huntley

**Variants:** **Huntly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3097, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks; Kent and Sussex; Durham and Northumb; E Lothian

1 English: locative name from Huntley in Gloucs. The Surrey, London, Kent, and Sussex bearers cited below may alternatively belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Huntelega, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas de Hunteley, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Hunteleye, 1374–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johanne Hunteleygh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Elena Hunteleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Didbrook with Hailes, Gloucs); Elizabeth Huntley, 1539 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Willm Huntley, 1562 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Margaret Huntley, 1562 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Thomas Huntley, 1599 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Thomas Huntley, 1602 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Robert Huntley, 1606 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Marjory Huntly, 1628 in *IGI* (Winsley, Wilts); John Huntley, 1696 in *IGI* (Sherfield English, Hants); Mary Huntly, 1790 in *IGI* (Inkpen, Berks).

2 Scottish: locative name from the now lost Huntlie in Berwicks.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Hunteleghe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); Helen Huntly, 1655 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); James Huntley, 1689 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian); Thomas Huntley, 1698 in *IGI* (Earlston, Berwicks).

England: Elizabeth Huntley, 1574 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Katherine Huntly, 1574 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Elizabeth Huntley, 1575 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

3 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from Huntley in Preston on Wye (Herefs), first recorded in 1290 as a surname, (de) *Huntelaw*.

**Early bearers:** Isolda Huntlowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston on Wye, Herefs); Adam, Thomas de Huntelawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); John Huntley, 1561 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas Huntley, 1576 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Richard Huntley, 1702 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*.

4 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Huntley in Staffs, but there is no medieval evidence that it gave rise to a surname, unless the following bearers took their name from there, rather than from the Gloucs place in (1), the Herefs one in (3), or perhaps the Berwicks one in (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Huntley, 1377, Rycardo, Johanne, Willelmo Huntele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tugby, Leics); Johannes Huntele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Katheryne Huntley, 1565 in *IGI* (Stroxtton, Lincs); Joseph Huntley, 1725 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

### Huntly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; Durham and Northumb; Wilts and Hants

Scottish, English: see **Huntley**.

### Huntman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Huntsman**.

### Hunton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Hunton (NR Yorks). This could be the source of the name in Norfolk, by migration down the east coast via the sea trade.

**Early bearers:** Roger of Hunton, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Honton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Healey in Masham, NR Yorks); William de Hunton, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Ellen Hunton, 1556 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Jana Hunton, 1568 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Rychard Hunton, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Marie Hunton, 1596 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Alice Hunton, 1730 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Hunton (Hants).

**Further information:** There is another place named Hunton in Kent, but it is unknown if it produced a surname.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Hunton, 1542 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Joane Hunton, 1544 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Phellepe Hunton, 1575 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants).

### Huntsman

**Variants:** **Huntman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

1 English: occupational name from a compound of Middle English *hunte* 'the act of hunting' (or Old English *hunta* 'huntsman') + *man*, either in the sense 'hunter' or 'servant of the hunter'.

**Early bearers:** John Hunteman, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); John Hunteman, 1347, John Huntzman, 1348 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Thomas Huntsman, 1620 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Robrti Huntsman, 1628 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Richard Huntsman, 1639 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Huntsman, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); John Huntsman, 1653 in *IGI* (Brantingham, ER Yorks).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally possibly from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Huntmann*, a compound of *Hunta* + *-mann*, an addition to these late compounds in *-mann*. It is found in Suffolk in 1199 (*Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iv).

### Hunwick

**Variants:** **Hunwicke, Honick, Hunwicks, Hunnex**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name for someone who lived '(at the) honey farm', or in some instances an occupational name for a beekeeper, from Middle English *honi* 'honey' + *wik(e)* 'outlying farm, specialized farm' (Old English *hunig* + *wic*).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Honewyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de Hunewyke, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus Honewick, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Peter Hynewyk', clerk, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Blatherwycke, Northants); Robert Huntwike, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); William Hunwicke, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Halsted, Essex); Joan Honick, 1570 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Maldon, Essex); Parnell Hunwick, 1597 in

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*Parish Registers* (Saint Michael and All Saints, Maldon, Essex); Thomas Hunnex, 1684 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Sundbourne, Suffolk); Mary Hunwicks, 1753 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Mary and Eanswith, Folkestone, Kent).

### Hunwicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Hunwick**.

### Hunwicks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: post-medieval modification of the surname **Hunwick**, with excrescent -s.

### Hunwin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Unwin**.

### Huo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 火 (Fo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'fire' in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of an official in charge of using fires during ceremonies and preventing destructive fires. (ii) borne by descendants of Huo Ji (火濟), king of an ethnic group in SW China during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–80).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 霍, see **Fok** (1).

### Huot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Hewitt**.

### Hupton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Upton** with inorganic *H-*.

**Further information:** Nearly half the 1881 bearers appear to relate to Upton in Upton with Fishley parish, Norfolk.

### Huq

Variants: **Huk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Haq**.

### Hurcomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Oxon

English: see **Harcombe**.

### Hurcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Harcombe**.

### Hurd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1655, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1342
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands; SW England

English: see **Heard**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hurde, 1539 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); John Hurde, 1546 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Nicolai Hurd, 1551 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes Hurd, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jonne Hurd, 1570 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Mark Hurd, 1571 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Anthonius Hurd, 1579 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Roberti Hurd, 1584 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Wyllm. Hurd, 1584 in *IGI* (Nettleham, Lincs); Mary Hurd, 1589 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Annes Hurd, 1605 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Hurden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Wilts and Dorset

English: see **Harden**.

### Hurdidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- English: probably a SW English variant of **Hurdiss**. **Early bearers:** John Hurdidge, 1630 in *IGI* (Wick Saint Lawrence, Somerset).

### Hurdis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Staffs

English: see **Hurdiss**.

### Hurdiss

Variants: **Hurdis**, **Hurdidge**, **Hurditch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: from Middle English *hurdis* (Old French *hordëiz*), 'framework made of wattles, hurdle, object e.g. palisade constructed of hurdles', perhaps for a maker of hurdles.

**Early bearers:** Wlm. Hurdesse, 1586 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); Tho. Hurdis, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); John Hurdisse, 1604 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lincs); James Hurdish, 1630, Thomas Hurdis, 1632 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Thomas Hurdes, 1633 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lincs); Thomas Hurdus, 1656 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lincs); Richard Hurdiss, 1716 in *IGI* (Barford, Warwicks); James Hurdus, 1803 in *IGI* (Fulford, Staffs).

### Hurditch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: probably a SW English variant of **Hurdiss**.

**Early bearers:** John Hurditch, 1580 in *IGI* (Christon, Somerset).

### Hurdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Dorset, and Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *hurdel*, *hirdel* 'hurdle', probably for a maker of hurdles. Compare the extinct *Hurdler*: William Hurdeler', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes le Hurdelere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Wraxall, Wilts); Henry Hurdler, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

**Further information:** This may sometimes be a locative name from Hordle (Hants), found as *Hurdhill* in 1331, since the surname *Hordle* itself appears only late and has now disappeared. But that cannot be shown for certain. Compare Mary Hordle, 1777 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Ann Latour Hordle, 1812 in *IGI* (Corfe Castle, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** John Hurdle, 1642 in *IGI* (Langley Burrell, Wilts); Mary Hurdle, 1721 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset).

### Hurdley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys

English: locative name from Hurdley in Church Stoke (Montgomerys).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hurdelee, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Cogges, Oxon); William Hurdeley, parson, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Elm, Somerset); Elizabetha Hurdley, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); George Hurdley, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thos Hurdley, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Westbury, Shrops); Thomas Hurdly, 1742 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops).

### Hurdman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, Staffs

English: see **Hardman**.

### Hurford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1204, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 816
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Hereford**.

### Hurkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Hurdcott in Winterbourne Earls (Wilts), recorded as *Herdicote* in *Domesday Book* and as *Hurkett* in 1606, or perhaps from Hurdcott in Barford Saint Martin (Wilts), recorded as *Hurcott* in 1659. Early examples are difficult to distinguish from other places similarly named from Middle English *herde* 'herdsman' + *cot(e)* 'cottage'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hurcot, 1579 in *IGI* (Clent, Worcs); Arthur Hurkett, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); William Hurcot, 1724 in *IGI* (Enford, Wilts); Elizabeth Hurkett, 1753 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Samuel Hurcot, 1797, John Hurket, 1801, Samuel Hurcott, 1805, William Hurkett, 1808 in *IGI* (Enford, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 212, 384.

### Hurl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants and Surrey; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hurlbatt

Variants: **Hurlbutt**, **Hurlbut**, **Hurlbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname from a medieval game called *hurlebatte*. It took its name from 'short battes of a cubit long and a halfe, with pykes of yron, and were tied to a line, that when they were throwne, one might plucke them again' (1565–73). Compare 'Pleying at þe two hande swerd, at swerd and bokelere, and at two pyked staf, at þe hurlebatte' (about 1450 in *MED*).

**Early bearers:** John Hurlebat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert Hurlebat, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Robert Hurlebatte, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Anna Hurlebut, 1547 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Willielmi Hurlbatt, 1598 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Richard Hurlibutt, 1614 in *PROB 11* (London); Joseph Hurlbert, 1736 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

### Hurlbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Hurlbatt**.

### Hurlbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Hurlbatt**.

### Hurlbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics and Flints

English: see **Hurlbatt**.

### Hurle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset

English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hurles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Earls** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hurlestone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Middx; Cheshire; Gloucs

English: see **Hurlston**.

### Hurley

Variants: **Hurly**, **Herley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6808, Ireland 4333
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3479

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Somerset; also London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Hurley (Somerset, Warwicks, Berks).

**Early bearers:** John de Hurleia, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Richard de Hurleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hurleye, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); John Hurley, 1544 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); John Hurley, 1559 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Ryc. Hurley, 1569 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); John Hurley, 1584 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Thomas Hurley, 1586 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

2 Irish: from Ó hUrthuile 'descendant of Urthuile', a personal name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor mcDonoghe YHurrylye, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §935; Kuonaghur O'Hurley, English liberty, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1187 (Waterford); Donill duffe O'Hurrilie, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1204 (Kilkeise, Tipperary); Thomas Hurryly, merchant, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1470 (Kilmallocke, Limerick); Tho. Hurley, horseman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1765 (Knocklongie, Limerick); Donyll duf O'Hurilly, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2033; Cornelius O Hurlye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3037 (Knockmone, Waterford); Maurice Hurley, delegate learned in the law, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3354 (Lymericke); Wm. oge Hurely, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3767 (Lickadowne, Limerick); David, Maurice, and Conoghor O Hurley, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3960 (Knocktofer, Kilkenny); Dermod mcShane McHurryly, and Donell row mcTeige mcQuyne Y Hurrily, kerns, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4421 (Bealnecariggie, Cork); Morris Hurley mcTho., 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4475 (Knocklongey, Limerick); Ranell oge O Hurley, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4489 (Ballanycarrigy, Cork); Onory Hurley, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4508 (Tipperary); Maurice David I Hureley, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4639 (Tyrone); Tho. Hurley, horseboy, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4815 (Cork).

3 Irish: from Ó hIarfhlatha, see **Herlihy**.

4 Irish: adopted for Ó Murthuile, see **Morley** (3).

### Hurlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Norman, English: see **Urlwin**.

2 Norman, English: see **Harling**.

### Hurling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London

1 Norman, English: see **Urlwin**.

2 Norman, English: see **Harling**.

### Hurll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Dorset

Scottish, English: variant of **Earl** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hurlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants

English: see **Horlock**.

### Hurlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also S Wales: esp. Pembroke

English: locative name, probably from Hurdlow (Derbys). There may also have been some confusion with **Hurlow**.

**Early bearers:** Margreta Hurlow, 1684 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Charles Hurlow, 1774 in *IGI* (Harthill, Cheshire).

### Hurlston

Variants: **Hurlestone**, **Hurlstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Hurleston (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Henry Hurleston, 1474 in *Bardsley*; Philip Hurlestone, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Hurleston, 1613 in *IGI*, (Plemonstall, Cheshire); Elizabeth Hurleston, 1706 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

2 English: variant of **Huddleston**, found side by side with *Hurlston* in Bradford (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Huddilston, Hudelston, Hodelston, Hudelston, or Hurleston, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters*.

### Hurlstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks; also Dorset

English: see **Hurlston**.

### Hurly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hurley**.

### Hurman

Variants: **Herman**, **Herman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Beds

1 English: possibly a variant of **Herman**, see **Harman**.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Herniman**.

3 English: possibly an occupational name from Middle English *hir(e)man*, *herman*, or *hurmon* 'hired servant or retainer', though medieval examples of the surname have yet to be found.

### Hurn

Variants: **Horn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1023, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 774
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and SE England: esp. Middx, Surrey; Wilts, Gloucs, and Monmouths

English: see **Hearn**.

### Hurne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Durham

English: see **Hearn**.

## Hurr

### Hurr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robarte Hurr, 1579 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Peter Hurr, 1665 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Silas Hurr, 1710 in *IGI* (Enford, Wilts); Hanah Hur, 1732 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Thos. Hurr, 1737 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk).

### Hurran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Hurren**.

### Hurrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2562, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1773
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. E Anglia; also Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: nickname from a diminutive of Old French *hure* 'hair', presumably denoting someone with shaggy or unkempt hair. Compare **Hurran**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Roger Hurrell, 1154 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks), 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Susan Hurrell, 1552 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); William Hurrell, 1559 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Arthur Hurrell, 1561 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Elizabeth Hurrell, 1576 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Priscilla Hurrell, 1581 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

2 Irish: possible anglicized form of Ó hEarghail 'descendant of Earghal', a variant of Fearghal, see **Farrell**, **Arrell**, and **Harrell**.

### Hurren

**Variants:** **Hurran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: nickname for someone with shaggy or unkempt hair, Old French *hurand*, *hurant*, from *hure* 'hair' + the suffix *-and*, *-ant*.

**Early bearers:** William Hurant, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William Hurand, 1245 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Edmund Hurryng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Hurrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

English: see **Urry**.

### Hurrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines and Angus
- Scottish: see **Urie**.

### Hurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 608
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England; esp. Cambs; also Scotland

1 English: see **Urry**.

2 Scottish: see **Urie**.

### Hursey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey

1 Norman, English: see **Hersey**.

2 English: locative name from Hursey (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** John Hursey, 1664 in *IGI* (Compton Beauchamp, Berks); William Hursey, 1697 in *IGI* (Thorverton, Devon).

### Hurson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Hurston, in Chagford (Devon). However, the 1691 example may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Hurteston, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Hurson, 1691 in *IGI* (Hittisleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 426.

2 English: see **Hearson**.

3 English: see **Harsant**.

### Hurst

**Variants:** **Horst**, **Herst**, **Hirst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13599, Ireland 324
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10631
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone; also Mayo

1 English: locative name for someone who lived near a wood or wooded hill, Middle English *hirst(e)* (Old English *hyrst*) or from one of the places so named, such as Hurst Green (in Mitton, Lancs), Hirst (Northumb), Hurst (Berks, Kent, Warwicks), or Hurstpierpoint (Sussex), earlier *Herst*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that in WR Yorks (especially the Huddersfield area) the principal source was Hirst in Longwood (formerly in Quarmby), though Hirst in Wadsworth, Hirst Courtney, and Temple Hirst may also have contributed.

**Further information:** The variant forms are due to different developments in Middle English of Old English *y* which, in general, became *e* in the south-east (east Sussex, Kent, Essex, and E Anglia), *i* in the north and the east Midlands, and *u* in the west and central Midlands and the southern counties.

However, due to sound changes in early Modern English, these spellings later became interchangeable in all parts of England.

**Early bearers:** S England: Thomas de Herst, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Walter del Hurst, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Robert de la Hurste, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Henry Attehurst, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William ater, Robert ate, Peter de la Herst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Herst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Finchingfield, Essex); Joan uppe the Hurst, Geoffrey uppe the Hurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Herst, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hothfield, Kent); Walterus atte Hurst, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Middx); Johannes atte Hurst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnford, Hants); John Herst, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashwell, Herts); John Herst, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Aylesford, Kent); Rose Hurst, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Agnise Herst, 1590 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent).

Midlands and E Anglia: Nicholas Horst, 1220 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes del Hyrst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Agn' atte Hurst', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tipton, Staffs); Johannes Herst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Clare Hurst, 1547 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Margaret Hurst, 1565 in *IGI* (Chevington, Suffolk); Ri Hurst, 1566 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johis Hurst, 1569 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Richardus Hurst, 1569 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Angnes Hirst, 1597 in *IGI* (Toft next Newton, Lincs); John Horst, 1656 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

N England: Helias de Hirst, 1177 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); William del Hirst, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Dionisia de Hurst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Willelmo atte Hyrst', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylestone, Leics); Ricardus de Hirst', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes del Hyrst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes del Hirst', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Willelmus del Hirst', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Alisia dil Hurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Lancs); Thomas Hurst, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Wilfred, Cantley, WR Yorks); Omfray Herst, 1552, Robert Hurst, 1557, Edward Hirst, 1593 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margret Hurst, 1561 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Arthur Hirst, 1580 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); John Hirst, 1640 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Isacke Horst, 1647 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

2 Irish: adopted for **de Horsaigh**, gaelicized form of the English surname **Horsey**, established in Ireland since the 13th century.

### Hurstfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Hurdsfield (Cheshire), recorded as *Hursfeud* in 1560 and as *Hurstfield* in 1724.  
**Early bearers:** Charles Hursfeld, 1584 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Richard Hurdsfeild, 1586 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Willmus Hurdsfeild, 1613, Johis Hursfield, 1635 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Mary Hurstfeild, 1664 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Francis Hursfield, 1670, Thomas Hurtsfield, 1685, Mary Hurdsfield, 1703, James Hursfild, 1717, Hannah Hurstfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); George Hurstfield, 1754 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 106–7.

### Hursthouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name, perhaps from Hurst House in Ashover (Derbys), although earlier examples of both the place-name and the surname would be needed to make the identification secure.

**Further information:** Note also John Hurthouse or Hurthowse, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Maxey, Northants), which may represent a related name.

**Early bearers:** John Hursthouse, 1586 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Mathew Hursthouse, 1622 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); John Hursthouse, 1632 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys).

### Hurston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Worcs

English: locative name from any of three places called Hurston in Devon (two) or Sussex, although the 1881 distribution does not correspond to these. **Early bearers:** Ricardo de Herstyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Berks); Richard Herston, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Boringdon, Devon); Richard Hurston, 1570 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Agnes Hurston, 1626 in *PROB 11* (North Curry, Somerset); Rich. Hurston, 1669 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops).

### Hurt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 780
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and WR Yorks

English: see **Hart**.

### Hurtley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: nickname, perhaps from Anglo-Norman French *hurter* 'to strike' + *lo(u)ve*, *leue* 'wolf', used for a wolf-hunter: see *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* and compare **Catchlove** and **Trussler**.

**Early bearers:** William Hurtley, husbandman, 1440 in *York Registry Wills* (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); John Hurtlow, 1446–58 in *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Malham, WR Yorks); Thomas Hurtloo, 1577 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); John Hurtlay, 1598 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Hurtley, 1602 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks).

2 English: sometimes confused with or a variant of **Hartley**.

### Hurton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: see **Horton**

### Hurwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: probably a variant of **Harwood** or perhaps **Horwood**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hurwood, 1574 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Roger Hurwood, 1582 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Henrie Hurwood, 1615 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Hurworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Hurworth on Tees (Durham), earlier recorded as *Hurdeworde* (about 1190), *Hurthwerth* (1252), and *Hortheworth* (1311). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Hurthwrth, 1292, de Hortheworth, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John de Hordeworth, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Knaresborough,

WR Yorks); John Hurtheworth, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Skelton, Cleveland, NR Yorks); Robert Hurworth, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Sedgefield, Durham).

### Husain

**Variants:** **Hosein, Hossain, Houssein, Hussain, Hussein, Husseyin, Huseyin, Hussan, Hussian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *husain*, a diminutive of *hasan* 'good, handsome' (see **Hasan**).

**Further information:** Husain (c.626–80) and his elder brother Hasan were sons of the caliph 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib and, through their mother Fatima, grandsons of the Prophet Muhammad. The death of Husain in a massacre at Karbala signalled the beginning of a long period of internecine strife in the Muslim world. Shiite Muslims regard Hasan and his brother Husain as the true successors of Muhammad, and observe the day of his death as a day of mourning. The name is widespread among Sunni Muslims as well as Shiites.

### Husband

**Variants:** **Hosburn, Osband, Osbond, Husbands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1921, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1744
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Yorks; Cornwall and Devon; Fife; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English, Scottish: status name from Middle English *housbond(e)* 'householder; farmer, husbandman'.

**Early bearers:** England: Ernald Husebond, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Husebond, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Robert le Hosebonde, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Petrus Husbonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodrising, Norfolk); Johannes Husband, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); John Husband, 1500 in *PROB 11* (Lyford, Berks); Richard Husbande, 1555 in *PROB 11* (London).

Scotland: Alexander Husband, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar* (Invernairn, Nairns); Andrew Husband, 1667 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dundee, Angus); John Husband, in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Perths).

### Husbands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Shrops; Notts
- English: variant of **Husband** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Huscroft

**Variants:** **Hutcheroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Huscroft* or *Housecroft*, apparently in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Hus(e)croft, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Osgoldcross wapentake, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Huscroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Audlin, WR Yorks); Hugo de Huscroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); John Huscroft, 1477 in *York Registry Wills* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Willm. Huscrofte, 1538 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Huscroft, 1543 in *IGI*

(Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Roger Huscrofte, 1592 in *IGI* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); William Housecroft, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Housecroft, 1765, Joseph Huscroft, 1795 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

### Huse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: (i) see **House**. (ii) possibly a reduced form of **Hussey**.

**Early bearers:** Izabell Huse, 1542 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Rychard Huse, 1562 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Oliuer Huse, 1610 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks).

### Husey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Hussey**.

### Huseyin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name which is an anglicization of the male given name *Hüseyin*, the normal Turkish spelling of the Arabic name **Husain**.

### Hush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England and SE Scotland: esp. Northumb

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Adam Hush, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*; John Hush, 1573 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); John Hushe, 1596 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jane Hush, 1622, George Hushe, 1629 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Robert Hush, 1667 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb).

### Husher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset, Sussex
- English: see **Usher**.

### Husk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. Shrops; Devon; London

English: nickname from Middle English *husk*, *huske* 'nutshell, rind, husk'. The early distribution is heavily in E England, which is consistent with possible Dutch or Flemish origin. Compare **Hudd** for the meaning.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Husk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Brigett Husk, 1587 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Geremiah Husk, 1688 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Richard Husk, 1697 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Nechlas Husk, 1718 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); Ann Husk, 1815 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Huskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks

## Huskinson

- 1 English: variant of **Haskins**.
- 2 English: variant of **Hoskins**.

### Huskinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Hoskinson**.

### Huskison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Hoskinson**.

### Huskisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Hoskinson**.

### Huson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Norfolk
- English: see **Hewson**.

### Hussain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56223, Ireland 118
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim : see **Husain**.

### Hussan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

### Hussein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4292, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

### Husselbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: perhaps a variant of **Exelby**; compare **Hasselby**.

**Early bearers:** John Husselby, 1731 in *IGI* (Church Eaton, Staffs); Thomas Husslebee, 1759, Hussleby, 1789 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Richard Husselby, 1798, Joseph Husselbee, 1809 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

### Hussell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Worcs
- Norman, English: perhaps a variant of **Uzzell** with prosthetic initial *H*-.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Hussell, esquire, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; Metcalfe Hussell, 1683 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Hussell, 1726 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Hussell, 1768 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Thomas Huzzel, 1792 in *IGI* (Kempford, Gloucs).

## Hussey

**Variants:** **Husey, Huse, Hussy, Huzzey, Hosey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4084, Ireland 999
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3016
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and W England: esp. Dorset; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Galway and Roscommon

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *hosed, hoset, housé, hosé*, Anglo-Norman French *hu(s)sé*, Middle English *hosey, husee, hus(s)y* 'booted, gaitered' (Latin *hosatus*). Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** England, medieval: Walter and William Hosed or Hosatus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Henry Hoesé, Huse, 1153, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Geoffrey Hoset (Hose), 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William Hose, Huse, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard le Hose, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Husey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Roger le Hose, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Hussee 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Richard Hussi, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Lord Henry le Hose, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Harting, Sussex); Rogero Husee, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moreton, Dorset); Robertus Husse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Johannes Hosey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); Henricus Husee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); Willelmo Huseye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); Johannes Husee, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwick, Hants); Johannes Husey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops).

England, post-medieval: Joan Hussey, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Elizabeth Hussey, 1540 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Jn Hussey, 1547 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); Johanis Hussey, 1549 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Henrye Hussey, 1564 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Hosey, 1565 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Margaret Hosie, 1578 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Thoms. Hussey, 1583 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Jane Hussey, 1584 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Hussy, 1591 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Daniel Housey, 1620 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Jane Hussey, 1632 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Margaret Hussy, 1636 in *IGI* (Woolverton, Somerset); William Hossy, 1787 in *IGI* (West Knighton, Dorset).

Ireland: Meiler Hussey, martial law keeper, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §56 (Kildare); Sir Patrick Husseye, baron of Galtrim, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260 (Meath).

**References:** *Domesday People*, pp. 457, 492.

2 Irish: from **Ó hEodhusa** 'descendant of *Eodhus*'.

This was the name of a bardic family associated with the Maguire of Fermanagh. *Hussey*, an English surname settled in Meath (see 1), was adopted as equivalent for the Irish surname, which was also anglicized as **Oswell, Oswald**.

**Early bearers:** Aenghus mac Seaain hUi Eoghusa, poet and teacher, 1480 in *AU*; Athairne Ua hEoghusa, poet and teacher, 1489 in *AU*; Cithruadh mac Aitheirne I Eoghusa, learned poet, teacher, and guest-house keeper, 1518 in *AU*; Aghye O Hossye, of Baelle Lossey, and Cherwoy O Hoghssy, of Balyoshye, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Fermanagh).

3 English: status name, nickname from Middle English *hus(e)wyf* 'mistress of a family; wife of a

householder'. Though originally a woman's name, it is often found as a male surname, presumably in a derogatory sense.

**Further information:** The vocabulary word became *hussie*, with the meaning 'disreputable woman', in the 16th century; the surname, however, is not associated with this meaning.

**Early bearers:** Richard Husewif, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Rose Husewif, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Margeria Hosewyf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne, Willelmo Housewyff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley borough, Leics); Johannes Hosewyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Johannes Huswyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Ricardus Hosewif, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tibberton, Shrops); Roger Huswyffe, 1435 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Herts).

### Husseyin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

### Hussian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Husain**.

### Husson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; London

English: see **Hewson**.

### Hussy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Hussey**.

### Hustings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset
- English: nickname from Old Scandinavian *hús-ping* 'law court', probably for someone employed in such a place. The final *-s* is excrement, a post-medieval modification of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Robert Husting, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Hustyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Hustings, 1768 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset).

### Hustler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 525
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ostler**.

### Huston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 156
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Scottish, Irish: see **Houston**.

### Hustwayte

**Variants:** **Hustwitt, Hustwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- 1 English: relationship name from Husthwaite (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Husthayt, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); 1254 Ingald of Hustwayt, 1254 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Petrus de Husthwayte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Winton, NR Yorks); Emmota de Hustewayte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas de Husthwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks); Robert Hustwoode, 1604 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks); Isabell Hustwaite, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirby Hill by Boroughbridge, NR Yorks); Esther Husthwaite, 1844 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name, perhaps a variant of **Huthwaite** with an intrusive -s, a surname particularly associated with Notts. However, all the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Hustwait, free tenant, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Stoke Bardolph, Notts); Thomas de Husthwhey, former rector of Gedling church, 1309 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Hustwood, 1544 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); John Hustwitt, 1589, Isabell Hustwayt, 1640 in *IGI* (Riby, Lincs); Anne Hustwhat, 1594 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); Valentine Hustwayte, 1599 in *IGI* (Cabourne, Lincs); Thomas Hustwaite, 1607 in *IGI* (Brington, Hunts); Mary Hustwaith, 1623 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); Elizabeth Hustwaite, 1629 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Benjamin Hustwayte, 1709 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Dymock Hustwayte, 1819 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Hustwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Hustwayte**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hustwick, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); George Hustwick, 1718 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Wm. Hustwick, 1723 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

### Hustwitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Hustwayte**.

### Hutch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Hucche*, a reduced form of *Huchon*, an Old French pet form of *Hugh*; see **Hutchin** and compare **Huck**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hucche purs, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Johanne Huche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Matilda Houche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Rychard Hutche, 1570 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Helen Hutch, 1620 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Oliver Hutch, 1626 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Robert Hutch, 1699 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Hutchby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English: see **Hutsby**.

### Hutchcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Kent
- English: see **Hutchcroft**.

### Hutchcroft

**Variants:** **Hutcheraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Huscroft**.

**Early bearers:** John Hutchcroft, yeoman of Bridlington, about 1720 in *ER Yorks Archives*; Francis Hutchcroft, 1750 in *IGI* (Hook, WR Yorks); Mary Hutchcraft, 1790 in *IGI* (Cringleford, Norfolk); Jane Hutchcraft, 1821 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Hutchence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Yorks

English: see **Hutchins**.

### Hutchens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Hants

English: see **Hutchins**.

### Hutcheon

**Variants:** **Hutchin, Hotchin, Hotchen, Houchen, Houchin, Howchin, Hutching, Hutchings, Hutchins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 990, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus

Norman, Scottish: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Huchon*, a double diminutive of *Hue* (Hugh), common in Picardy, corresponding to Old French *Hueçon*, *Huesson*, modern French *Husson*. Black records that it was used as a given name in Scotland, where it also became a surname and was adopted in Gaelic as *Huisdean* or *Uisdean*; see **McCutcheon**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Huchun Aleyn, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Hucohun le Cumb, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Hucheon Fraser, 1422 in *Black*.

surnames, England: Gilbert Huchun, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Huchon, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Howchoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Huchin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rogero Hochoun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brookland, Kent); Johannes Hochun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Richard Hochon', 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Ware, Herts); John Hochyn, 1482 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); John Howchyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Howchin, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Mottisfont, Hants); Humfrey Huchin, 1598 in *PROB*

*11* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Cuthbert Hutchen, 1622 in *PROB 11* (New Windsor, Berks).

surnames, Scotland: John Hutching, 1525 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirlings); Helen Huchown, 1547 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirlings); Patrick Hutchone, 1612 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen).

### Hutcherson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Hutchinson**.

### Hutcheson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1311, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1527
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus; also Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim
- Scottish: variant of **Hutchinson**.

### Hutchieson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks

Scottish: see **Hutchison**.

### Hutchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 347
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Herts
- English: see **Hutcheon**.

### Hutching

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Hutcheon**.

### Hutchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7318, Ireland 76
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5567
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Devon and Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: variant of **Hutchins**.

### Hutchingson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Hutchinson**.

### Hutchins

**Variants:** **Hutchings, Hutchence, Hutchons, Hutchens, Hudgins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3753, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2963
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Berks; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name, variant of **Hutcheon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Hutchins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edith Huchenes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Huchouns, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Huchons, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants);

## Hutchinson

Cecily Howchyngs, 1523 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Hutchines or Hutchins, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset).

### Hutchinson

Variants: **Hutchingson**, **Hutcherson**, **Hutchison**, **Hutcheson**, **Hitchinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23756, Ireland 2602
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16899
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Antrim; also Laos

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Hucheon* (see **Hutcheon**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Isota Huchonson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Hucheson, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); John Huchynson, 1475 in *York Guild Register*; Tomasine Hutcherson, 1674 in *The East Anglian* (OS) i (Suffolk); Abell Hutchison, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: in Ireland and Scotland, also adopted for **Mac Uisdein**, **Mac Uistin**, see **McCutcheon**.

### Hutchison

Variants: **McHutchison**, **Hutchieson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7472, Ireland 170
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4904
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Fife and Midlothian) and NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh, Antrim, and Derry

Scottish, English: see **Hutchinson**.

### Hutchons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Hutchins**.

### Huth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *hith(e)*, *huth(e)* 'landing place, inland port' (Old English *hȳð*), for someone who lived or worked '(at the) landing place'; compare Robert le Huthereve, 1321 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Ralph le Huthward, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), both denoting 'keeper of the landing place'. The name may sometimes be toponymic from Hythe (Kent, Hants, Surrey, Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Huthe, merchant, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Robert atte Huthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Huth, 1352 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus atte Huthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashurst, Sussex); John Huth, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Huth, 1678 in *Parish Registers* (Holwell, Herts).

### Huthwaite

Variants: **Hustwayte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; also NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Huthwaite (now Hucknall under Huthwaite) in Notts.

**Early bearers:** John de Outhweyt de Sutton, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); Walterus filius Johannis de Hothwayt de Hokenal, 1316 in *Mansfield Court Roll* (Notts); Isabell Huthwaite, 1635 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Eliz. Huthwait, 1707 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

2 English: from Huthwaite (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Huthwaite, 1591 in *IGI* (York); Margaret Outhwhayt, 1620 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Johanes Outhwaite, 1625 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Willyam Huthwaite, 1687 in *IGI* (Ingleby Arncliffe, NR Yorks); William Huthwaite, 1701 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Swale, NR Yorks); Dorothy Hewthwaite, 1738 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

3 English: locative name from Howthwaite (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Hothwayt, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas de Hothuait, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Huthwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Henery Huthwaite, 1694 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

### Hutley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 423
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also WR Yorks
- English: (i) variant of **Uttley** with prosthetic *H-*. (ii) alternatively, the strong presence of the name in Essex suggests the possibility that it might also be an altered form of **Outlaw**, a name well evidenced in Cambs and Suffolk, and recorded at least once in medieval Essex. Compare Anna Hutly, 1630, Thomas Outlaw, 1645 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Tobias Hutley, 1605 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex) and John Outlay, 1657 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex). However, these may be unrelated names.
- Early bearers:** Nic Hutley, 1581 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Margrett Hutly, 1646 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); Richard Hutley, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Richard Junr. Hutley, 1719 in *IGI* (Great Warley, Essex).

### Hutsby

Variants: **Hutchby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hutsby, 1763 in *Parish Registers* (Bilston, Staffs); Thomas Hutsby, 1783 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Hutchby, 1804 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

### Hutson

Variants: **Hotston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2086, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1155
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. Lincs, Norfolk, and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: see **Hudson**.

2 English: see **Hotston**.

### Hutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1926, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon, Berks, and Warwicks; also Fife

English: relationship name, probably a variant of **Hudd**, with devoicing of the *d*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hutt son of Thomas, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: Osbert Hut, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Simon Hutte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Hutte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus Hutte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Richard Hutt, 1442 in *York Registry Wills* (Shelford, Notts); Danyell Hutt, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, City of London).

### Hutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Hotter**, an occupational name for a basketmaker, Middle English *hottere*; the same term also denoted someone who carried baskets of sand for making mortar. (ii) alternatively it may have denoted someone who lived in a hut or shed, from a derivative of Middle English *hotte*, *hutte* 'hut, shed'.

**Early bearers:** James Hutter, 1556 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Robert Hutter, 1692 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Mary Hutter, 1780 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts).

2 German: (i) occupational name for a hatter from an agent derivative of Middle High German *huot* 'hat'; Yiddish *hut*, German *Hut* 'hat'. (ii) nickname (**Hütter**), for a hut dweller, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *hütte* 'hut', typically a reference to the accommodation of someone engaged in iron smelting, brickmaking, or similar.

**Early bearers:** Herman Hutter, cabinet maker, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Shoreditch, Middx); Nicklaus Hutter, born in Germany, *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Joseph Hutter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Louis Hutter, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Wandsworth, Surrey); John Hutter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).

References: *Brechenmacher*.

### Huttley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Uttley** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Huttly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: variant of **Uttley** with prosthetic *H-*.

### Hutton

Variants: **Hotton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10720, Ireland 846
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8891
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Lancs; also E and central Scotland: esp. Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Down and Armagh; Derry

English: locative name from one or other of the many places named or named with Hutton.

**Early bearers:** Ernewi de Hotttona, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Hutune, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Hutton, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Huttun, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**Hutty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name, unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willmus. Utty, 1558 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); John Hutty, 1723, Ann Utty, 1790, James Hutty, 1797 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Hutty, 1807 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Huws**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Welsh: see **Hughes**.

**Huxford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Hants, and Surrey; Devon

English: locative name from Huxford in King's Nympton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Huxford, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Edward Huxford, 1635 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); John Huxford, 1672 in *IGI* (Cullompton, Devon); Henry Huxford, 1707 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**Huxham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Huxham (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Hokesham, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Huxham, 1606 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); John Huxham, 1637 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Robert Huxham, 1804 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Huxham, 1842 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Thomas Huxham, 1867 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Huxley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2293, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, S Lancs, W Midlands, and N Wales coast
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: locative name from Huxley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Huxeleg', 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Thomas de Huxeley, 1332–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Huxley, 1530 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**Huxster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Huxter**.

**Huxtable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1484, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, Gloucs; also Glamorgan

English: locative name from Huxtable in East Buckland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Hokestaple, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 35; James Huxtable, Richard Hucstable, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Huxter**

**Variants:** **Huxster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Dorset

English: occupational name from Middle English *huckstere*, feminine of *hucker* (see **Hucker**), 'pedlar, hawkler', used chiefly of women.

**Early bearers:** Lecia la hucstere, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Amable la Hukkester, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; William le Hukester, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Huxster, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

**Huynh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Vietnamese: see **Hoang**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黄, see **Wong** (3).

**Huyshe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Huish**.

**Huyton**

**Variants:** **Highton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: locative name from Huyton (Lancs), Hyton in Bootle (Cumb), or, less likely, Huyton in Blackrod (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Huyton, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John de Huyton', chaplain, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (North Mimms, Herts); Robert de Huyton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus de Huyton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huyton, Lancs); Adam Huyton, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Huyton, 1561 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 45, 113.

**Huzzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also Gloucs and Berks

English: see **Hussey**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Huzzey, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); John Huzzey, 1756 in *IGI* (Beenham, Berks); Elizabeth Huzzey, 1778 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Samuel Huzzey, 1821 in *IGI* (Mynyddislwyn, Monmouths).

**Hwang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Korean: (황); Chinese character 黄, meaning 'yellow' borne by descendants of Hwang Nak (黃洛), a Chinese Confucian scholar. In AD 23, when travelling to Vietnam, he encountered heavy seas and put ashore in Uljin county, Korea (part of Kyöngsang North province), to wait out the storm. Rather than continuing his voyage to Vietnam,

however, he decided to settle in Korea. Each of his three sons established a clan. Although some sources suggest there are over 160 clans, only about twenty can be documented.

**Hyam**

**Variants:** **Hyams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 471
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex

1 English: see **Higham**.

2 Jewish: see **Hyman**.

**Hyams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London

1 English: variant of **Hyam**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

2 Jewish: variant of **Hyam** (see **Hyman**) with excrescent -s.

**Hyatt**

**Variants:** **Hyett**, **Hiatt**, **Hieatt**, **Hiett**, **Highet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1481, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Gloucs; also Somerset

English: locative name denoting a dweller '(by the) high gate', Middle English *heigh(e)*, *high(e)* + *yat(e)*, *gat(e)* (Old English *hēah* + *geat*).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Heghet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lancs); Philip Hyette, 1474 in *Bristol Wills*; James Hyet, 1514 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (London); John Hyett, 1539 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Margaret Hyeat, 1584 in *IGI* (Staunton, Gloucs); William Hiatt, 1599 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert Highat, 1608 in *PROB 11* (London); Luke Hayat, 1615 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Hyatt, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**Hyde**

**Variants:** **Hide**, **Hydes**, **Hayde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11613, Ireland 552
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8924
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Armagh

English: locative name from any of various places named as 'the hide' (Middle English *hide*, Old English *hid*) 'hide (of land)', an amount of land considered adequate for the support of one free family, or toponymic from any of the various places named with this word (in Beds, Cheshire, Hants, Middx). Compare **Hyder**.

**Further information:** The Hyde family has been in Leinster, Ireland, since the early 13th century. One family has been established in the county of Cork since the 16th century. The name was gaelicized as both *Dalaithid* and *de hÍde*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de la Hyda, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Avice atte Hyde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John of then hyde, 1299 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Jesebella atte Heyde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Stoke, Oxon); Johannes de la Hyd', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Johanne Hid, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aldsworth, Gloucs); Ricardus de Hide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Johannes atte Hide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Philippo Hide, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

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(Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Thomas Hide, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Epworth, Lincs); William Hyde, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Buckingham, Bucks); Thomas Hyde, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Hyde, in South Stoke, Oxon); Nicholas Hide, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Huish, Wilts). Ireland: Roger de Hida, 1228 in *CDI* §1597; Roger de la Hyde, 1234 in *CDI* §2136 (Leinster); Robert de Hyde, 1238 in *CDI* §2441; John de la Hyde, 1243 in *CDI* §2653 (Balibadan [Balimadon]); Richard de la Hyde, chief justice of the Common Bench, 1532 in *Fiants Henry* §29; Christopher Delahyde, 1533 in *Fiants Henry* §34; Richard Delahide, 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §272 (Loghchynney, Dublin); Walter De la hide, knight, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1267 (Kildare); Laurence Delahid, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2909 (Miglare, Meath); Arthur Hyde, (second son of William Hyde, of Hyde, in the parish of Denchwoorth, Berks), 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5291 (Cork); James Delahoide and Joan Delahide alias Hussey, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6314 (Coolcleagh).

### Hyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Somerset
- English: see **Haydon**.

### Hyder

Variants: **Hider, Ida**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name, status name for one who lived on or possessed a hide of land, from Middle English *hide* + *-er*. This is a characteristically south-eastern English name, synonymous with Middle English *atte Hide* elsewhere (see **Hyde**).

**Further information:** Compare the medieval surname **Hydeman**, now extinct: Roger Hydeman, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walterus Hydman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worth, Sussex); Henrico Hideman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harnhill and Driffield, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Hider, 1309 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Hugh Hyder, 1389 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Dorset); Phebe Hyder, 1573 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Hyder, 1581 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Wm. Hyder, 1583 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Judith Hyder, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Anne Hyder, 1624 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

### Hydes

Variants: **Hides**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lincs

English: variant of **Hyde** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Hydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Haydon**.

### Hye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex; Lancs
- English: see **High**.

### Hyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 983, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 652
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Hyatt**.

### Hylan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish, English: see **Hyland**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hyland

Variants: **Hylands, Hylan, Highland, Highlands,**

**Hilland, Hillan, Hillen, Hayland, Heyland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3432, Ireland 2556
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kildare; Mayo

1 Irish, English: (i) relationship name from Ó hAoleáin, see **Heelan**, a variant of Ó Faoláin, see **Whelan**. Exrescent final *-d* is often added to names anglicized from Irish, especially when this brings them closer to an English word, as here. (ii) locative name, alternatively perhaps from Hillam (Farm) in Flixton (Lancs), recorded as *Hylland* (1548) in *Lancs Place-Names*. This name was taken to N Ireland, where it appears in the 18th century as *Hillan, Hillen*. **Early bearers:** England: James Heyland, 1772 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Thomas Hyland, 1789, Thomas Heyland, 1798, Mary Hilland, 1803 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Highland, 1816 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

Ireland: John O Hilane, shoemaker, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cloghyn); Anthony Hyland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmainemore, Mayo); William Hyland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullingar, Westmeath); Thady Hyland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Neal, Mayo).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived either on a piece of enclosed land or a piece of high land. Middle English *he(i)gh, hege, hey(e)* can represent either Old English *gehæg, geheg* ‘fence, enclosure’ or Old English *hē(a)h* ‘high’. The 1332 and 1381 Surrey names probably refer to a location known as Highlands Cottages in Capel, near Dorking.

**Early bearers:** Wulford atte Heghelonde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Thomas de Heyeland, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Robert ate Heghelond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Capel, Surrey); Radulphus atte Hegelond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Anthonie Hyland, 1560, Thomas Highland, 1602 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Anthony Hyland, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Dallington, Sussex); Thomas Highlande or Highland, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Waldron, Sussex).

### Hylands

Variants: **Highlands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 195
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: variant of **Hyland** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** George Highlands, 1759, Lucy Hylands, 1787 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex).

### Hylden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Hilden**.

### Hyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants

English: see **Hiles**.

### Hylton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1319, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Hilton**.

### Hyman

Variants: **Heyman, Hyam, Hyams, Hayman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1087, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics

1 English: see **Hayman**.

2 Jewish : from the Jewish personal name *Khayman*, a variant of *Khayem*, from Hebrew *chayim* ‘life’.

**Early bearers:** Elias Isaac Hyman, 1770, Leah Hyams, 1817 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Fanny Hayman, 1838 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Finsbury, Middx); Henry Heyman, 1848, Lewis Hyam, 1850 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Jacob Hyman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Portland Jews Convalescent Home, Croydon, Surrey); Moses Hyman, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Phillip Hyman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Wolf Hyman, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Samuel Hyman, bookbinder, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

### Hymas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Yorks

English: probably an Essex variant of **Hindmarsh**. It cannot be formally ruled out that it is for Middle English *heigh messe, masse* ‘High Mass’; compare the surname of Willelmi Maseday, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls*, and the Middle English expression (*heigh*) *messe dai* ‘(solemn) feast day’. Compare also **Hemus**.

**Early bearers:** Alesia Hymes, 1562 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Jeremie Hymas, 1581 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Essex); Ales Hymas, 1604 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Hymers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Roxburghs; also Caithness

Scottish, N English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: Samson Hymers, 1609, Anthony Hymas, 1658 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne); Leonard Hymers, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

Scotland: John Hymers, 1663, Agnes Hymers, 1694 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Bessie Hymer, 1704 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

### Hynam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Highnam (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Harry Hynam, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Cameley, Somerset); John Hynam, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Hockworthy, Devon); Hendrie Hinam, 1658 in *IGI* (Staunton, Gloucs); Joane Hynam, 1699, John Hynam, 1726 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

### Hynard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Hynard, 1582 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Haynard, 1618 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); John Hynard, 1658, Elizabeth Heynard, 1755 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Stephen Hynard, 1710, Hinard, 1715 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Henry Hynard, 1761, Heynard, 1766, Haynard, 1768 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk).

### Hynd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1325, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Hind**.

### Hyndley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Hindley**.

### Hyndman

Variants: **Hindman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 367
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry

Scottish: (i) occupational name from Scots *hind*, *hynd* ‘farm labourer’ + *man* ‘man’ or variant of *hyreman* ‘hired farm labourer’. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *hende* ‘courteous’ (see **Hendy**) + *man* ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** William Hyndman, 1534 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Hector Hyndman, 1553 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lunderstown, Renfews); John Hyndman, 1662 in *Highland Papers* (Bute).

### Hynds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 330
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 Irish: see **Hynes**.

2 English: see **Hines**.

### Hyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Hine**.

### Hynes

Variants: **Hines**, **Hinds**, **Hindes**, **Haynes**, **Haines**,

#### Hynds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3320, Ireland 3605
- **GB frequency 1881:** 717
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; also Devon and Cornwall; also central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway and Clare

1 Irish: from **Ó hEidhin** ‘descendant of *Eidhin*’, a personal name of uncertain origin. It may be a derivative of *eidhean* ‘ivy’, or it may represent an altered form of the place-name *Aidhne*.

**Further information:** The principal family of this name is descended from Guaire of Aidhne, King of Connacht. From the 7th century for over a thousand years they were chiefs of a territory in east County Galway. There appears to have been another branch of the family located in east County Limerick.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mael Ruanaigh H. h-Eidhinn, king of Aidhne, 1014 in *AU*; Donnchadh h-Ua h-Eidhin, 1213 in *AU*; Eone O’Heyne, Flannany buy Y Heine and Eone O’Heine, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §869 (the Digane, Galway); Patrick O’Hayne, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1615; Donald O’Heine, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2873 (Cahercline, Limerick); Teige and Coguill O’Heyne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3851 (Kings county [Offaly]); Johanna O’Heine, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4443 (Cahirhely, Limerick); Tirlagh O’Heine, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5065 (Desertt, Clare); Hugh boy O’Heyne, son and heir of One Heyne, of the name and title of O’Heyne, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5236 (Leidigan, Galway); Thomas fitz John O’Hayne, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6623 (Ballenlae); Bridget Hynes, 1865 in *IGI* (Ennistimon, Clare); Celina Teresa Hynes, 1877 in *IGI* (Belfast). Scotland: Bridget Hynes, 1821 in *IGI* (Glasgow).

2 English: see **Hines**.

### Hynson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Hinson**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Hyslop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1766, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1718
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish : see **Heslop**.

### Hyson

Variants: **Heys**, **Izant**, **Heysham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; Somerset
- 1 English: locative name from Heysham (Lancs), recorded as *Heghsham* in 1323, *Hyseham* in 1557 in *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 178. The alteration of *-(h)am* or *-som* to *-son* seems to have occurred quite late.

**Early bearers:** Gyles Highsame, 1603, Edward Highson, 1605 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Edward Highsam, 1617, Martha Highsom, 1690 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Ellen Heysham, 1700 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Hiyson, 1813 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Ison** with a prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Hyson, 1595 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Eliz. Hysson, 1623, Sara Hisson, 1638 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); George Hyson, 1744 in *IGI* (Atherstone on Stour, Warwicks).

3 English: possibly a variant of the Somerset name

**Haysom**. Compare **Izant**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Hyson, 1720 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset).

### Hysted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Histed**.

### Hytch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Hitch**.

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## Iacono

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Italian: nickname, southern Italian, from *iacono*, southern dialect form of *diacono* ‘deacon’, hence a nickname for someone in the service of a deacon or for someone thought to resemble a deacon in some way.

**References:** *Caracausi*.

2 Italian: relationship name, southern Italian, possibly from an augmentative of *Giaccio*, a short form of the personal name *Giacomo*.

## Iago

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Jago**.

## Ian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Nairns; Cheshire

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, reduced form of Mac Gille Sheathain ‘son of the servant of *Iain*’, the Gaelic form (earlier *Eoin*) of *John*.

2 Chinese: alternative variant of the form **Yan**, see **Yan** (1–11).

## I'Anson

**Variants:** **Ianson**, **Ineson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: relationship name, perhaps a de-aspirated form of *Hyanson*, which appears to be a variant of **Hinson**; compare **Ineson** and **Hindson**. *Hyanson* might alternatively be for \**Highamson* ‘son of someone surnamed **Higham**’; this is unrecorded but *Higham* is a common Lancs surname and the addition of *-son* to a locative surname is characteristic of post-medieval Lancs, where *Hyansone* occurs in 1605. The early spelling *Janson* is for *Ianson*. The apostrophe was added to make the pronunciation clear. The shift of stress from *I-* to *An-* in the modern pronunciation is in imitation of Irish names in *O'*. Compare *I'Ons* for **Ions**, seemingly a variant of **Hines**.

**Further information:** Reaney's identification of *I'Anson* with **Janson** mistakes the value of the letter *J* in the *York Freeman's Register* examples. In early handwriting *i* and its capital letter form *J* were used indiscriminately for the vowel and for the consonant /dʒ/ (as in *jay*). Printers similarly used capital *I* for both vowel and consonant, making it even more difficult to tell which of the two surnames was meant. One solution for *Ianson* was to insert an apostrophe to show that the *I* was pronounced as a separate syllable, and was therefore the vowel. Another solution was to use a phonetic spelling, as in the 1632–9 example *Ayansonne*, [ai] having become

a northern dialectal pronunciation of Middle English long *i* by 1600; see *English Pronunciation*, p. 662.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Janson, 1564, James Janson, 1644 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); John Janson, 1569, Nehemiah Janson, 1615, John I'anson and Nehemiah I'anson, 1673 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Hianson, 1575 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Thomas Ineson, 1585 in *IGI* (Birstal, WR Yorks); William Hyanson, 1588 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks), perhaps identical with William Janson, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Hyansone, 1605 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); George Ayansonne, 1632–9 in *Parish Registers* (Burnley, Lancs); James Ianson, 1657, constable of Batley township in *Batley Records* (WR Yorks); Christopher Eyonson, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Temple Hirst, in Birkin, WR Yorks); John Ineson (of Batley), 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Birstal, WR Yorks); Ro. Ineson, 1659, William Janson, 1689 in *IGI* (Addingham, WR Yorks); Joseph Ineson, 1714 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Benjamin Ineson, 1762 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Thos. I'Anson, 1789 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs).

## Ianson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **I'Anson**.

## Iball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

English: see **Ibell**.

## Ibberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Ibbotson**.

2 English: see **Ibson**.

## Ibbertson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ibbotson**.

## Ibbeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Ibbotson**.

2 English: see **Ibson**.

## Ibbetson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ibbotson**.

## Ibbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; also London
- English: see **Ibbott**.

## Ibbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: see **Ibbotson**.

2 English: see **Ibson**.

## Ibbitson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ibbotson**.

## Ibbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; WR Yorks

English: see **Ibbott**.

## Ibbotson

**Variants:** **Ibotson**, **Ibbottson**, **Ibbetson**, **Ibbitson**, **Ibbertson**, **Ibberson**, **Ibbeson**, **Ibeson**, **Ibison**, **Ibbison**, **Ebbatson**, **Hipperson**, **Hibberson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2471, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2044
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ibbot*, usually a pet form of the female personal name *Isabel*, + *-son*. Compare **Hibbitt** and **Ebbutt**. The *-t-* was sometimes absorbed into the following *-s-*, giving rise to *Ib(be)son*, (*H*)*ibberson*, *Ibbison*, etc., but these may alternatively derive from the simplex pet form *Ibbe* and belong with **Ibson**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Ibbotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); John Ibotessone, 1392 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Georgius Ibeson, 1580 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Anthony Ibbison, 1596 in *York Freeman's Register*; Roger Ipperson, Ibbatson, 1611–14 in *Bardsley* (Clerkenwell, Middx); John Ibbitson, 1623 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Richard Hibberson, 1629 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); Elizabeth Hibberson, 1638 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Dorothy Ibeson, 1673 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Henry Hipperson, 1675 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); George Ibberson, 1695 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Dinah Ibbetson, 1712 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Ibbison, 1728 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Geo. Hibberson, 1731 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Mary Ibbison, 1731 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); Robert Ibbeson, 1743 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Eliz. Ibotson, 1752 in *IGI* (Manchester); Robert Hibberson, 1788 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Abraham Ibbotson, 1798 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).



**Ibbott**

Variants: **Ibbett, Ibbitt, Hibbett, Hibbit, Hibbitt, Hibbott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Beds, and Hunts
- English: relationship name from Middle English *Ibbot*, *Hibbot*, a diminutive of *Ibb*, which is usually a pet form of the female personal name *Isabel*, but may occasionally be a pet form of the male name *Hilbert* or *Ilbert* (see **Hilbert, Hibbert**).

**Early bearers:** given names (female): Ybot, 1286, Ibbota, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ibot Bot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eardisland, Herefs); Ibbota Wylkyndoghter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornley with Wheatley, Lancs); Ibot Golsmyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes borough, Sussex); Ibbota de Qwale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wharton, Westm); Hibota de Buskeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Ibbota Nalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys).

urnames: Roger Ybott, 1415 in *London Letter Books I*; John Hybbot, 1550 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanni Ibbott, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Willm Ibbot, 1582 in *IGI* (Pertenhall, Beds); Robert Ibbett, 1591 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Elisabeth Ibbat, 1618 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Robert Ibbot, 1632, Jerremy Ibbit, 1635 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Henry Hibbett, 1678 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); George Hibbit, 1710 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Ann Hibbitt, 1711 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Matthew Hibbitt, 1778 in *IGI* (Exton, Rutland).

**Ibbottson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ibbotson**.

**Ibbs**

Variants: **Hibbs, Ebbs, Hipps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ibb* or *Ebbe*, pet forms of *Isabel*, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Ebbs, Hipps**, and **Nibbs**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ibbe, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*. surnames: Adam Ibbe, 1334 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Ibbys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blickling, Norfolk); Katherin Ibbes, 1574 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs); Margerie Ibbs, 1624 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs).

**Ibe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Nigerian (Igbo): apparently from Igbo *ibe* 'kinsfolk'.

**Ibell**

Variants: **Hibble, Hible, Hibell, Iball, Ible**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Oxon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ibel*, a pet form of *Isabel*. Compare **Ibbs** and John Ibelsone, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Hible, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brockley with Rede, Suffolk); Edmund Hibble, 1538 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); James Ible, 1563 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Roger Ible, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Boreham, Essex); Edward Ibell, 1598 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); William Hible, 1617 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Hibell, 1689 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Iball, 1697 in *IGI* (Bistree, Flints); Thomas Hibel, 1771 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jno. Ibel, 1787 in *IGI* (Guilden Sutton, Cheshire).

**Ibeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Ibbotson**.  
2 English: see **Ibson**.

**Ibison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Ibbotson**.  
2 English: see **Ibson**.

**Ible**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Herefs
- English: see **Ibell**.

**Ibotson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Ibbotson**.

**Ibrahim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6114, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim: from the personal name *Ibrāhīm*, Arabic form of *Abraham*.  
**Further information:** In Islam, *Ibrāhīm* is identified as a prophet, the ancestor of all the Semitic peoples, both Hebrew and Arab, and the father of Ismā'il (see **Ismail**) and Ishāq (see **Isaac**).

**Ibson**

- Variants: **Ipsen, Ibbeson, Ibeson, Ibison, Ibberson, Hibberson, Hipperson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ibb*, probably a pet form of *Isabel*, + *-son*. Compare **Ibbott**. (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be reduced forms of **Ibbotson**.

**Early bearers:** William Ibbeson, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; John Ibbeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johanne Ibesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syston, Leics); Thomas Ibson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Elena Ybson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsley, ER Yorks); Xpofor Ibson, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York).

**Iceeton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: locative name, perhaps to be associated with Iselstone in Bamburgh (Northumb), but more evidence and early examples would be needed to confirm this.
- Early bearers:** Lyonell Iceeton, 1663 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb); William Iceeton, 1693 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Thomas Iceeton, 1741, Iseton, 1807 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham).

**Icke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: probably a variant of **Hick** with loss of initial *H-*.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Icke, 1594 in *IGI* (Wickhambreux, Kent); Wylliam Icke, 1595 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); Anna Icke, 1603 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**Ickeringill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from a lost place in Skipton (WR Yorks), recorded as *Ecornigill* in 1329, and *Ickering-Gill* in 1822 (*Place-Names of WR Yorks v*, p. 71).  
**Early bearers:** Icornegill', 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Benjamin Ickeringill, 1670 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Ickeringale, 1679 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Hickeringill, 1700 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Ida**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: perhaps a variant of **Hyder**.

**Iddenden**

- Variants: **Iddenten, Iddenen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Iddenden Farm in Hawkhurst (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Godleue Ydendene, 1442 in *Archaeologia Cantiana xi*; Stephen Iddenden, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Winchelsea, Sussex).

**Iddenten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Iddenden**.

**Iddins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: variant of **Iddon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Ideson, Ison**.

**Iddison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

## Iddles

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: relationship, name variant of **Eddison**. Compare Elizabeth Iddyson, 1694, Thomas Eddison in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks). See also **Ideson**.
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Iddles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs
- English: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh personal name **Ithell**, with English genitival or excrescent **-s**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Idhel [prepositus], 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Idellus, 1202–7 in *Black* (Glasgow).
- surnames: Wrennus filius Ydel, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); John Idolls, 1567 in *IGI* (Oldbury on the Hill, Gloucs); Edythe Idolles, 1600 in *IGI* (Oldbury upon Severn, Gloucs); Edwarde Iddolls, 1612 in *IGI* (Langley Burrell, Wilts); Mary Iddles, 1703 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs).

## Iddon

- Variants:** **Iden, Iddins**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1121, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 756
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ideyn*, *Idon*, *Idony* (Old French *Idone*, Latin *Idonea* 'suitable'). See also **Ideson**.
- Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation from a Scandinavian female personal name *Idunn* or *Iduna*, which is not recorded in medieval England.
- Early bearers:** given names: Idonea 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Idone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Idonie vidua, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton on Trent, Notts). surnames: Willelmus filius Ydeneye, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholaus filius Ydon', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Idony, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Robert Ydany, 1300 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Kent); Robert Ydeyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Rob' fil' Idonie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton on Trent, Notts); Thomas Idon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Anna Iddon, 1630 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); Thomas Iddon, 1649 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); Robert Iddon, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); Thomas Iddon, 1822 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Hugh Iddon, 1830 in *IGI* (Aston by Sutton, Cheshire).

## Ide

- Variants:** **Hide**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Ide* (Old French *Ide*, Continental Germanic *Ida*, latinized as *Ida*). Compare **Ideson** and **Idle**. The name sometimes appears with a prosthetic *H-*. Compare Gilbert Hidecock, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** given names: Ida, 1175 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Middx); Ida, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Hida

de Knapwell, 1255 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts). surnames: Gilbert filius Hide, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); William Ide, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Yde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rosa Ide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chevington, Suffolk); Margaret Ide, 1560 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Rychard Ide, 1562 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Margaret Ide, 1567 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Henry Ide, 1569 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); William Ide, 1582 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk).

## Idel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Idle**.

## Idell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Idle**.

## Iden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Iden Green in Benenden (Kent) or Iden Manor in Staplehurst (Kent).
- Early bearers:** Osbert de Idenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Iden, 1551 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Iden, 1563 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); James Iden, 1569 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Henry Iden, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Samuel Iden, 1730 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon).
- 2 English: for the Lancs name see **Iddon**.

## Iddenen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Iddenen**.

## Ideson

- Variants:** **Iddison**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: variant of **Eddison**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that William Edeson also appears as Ideson, 1583–6 in the Rothwell Parish Registers, and that in Skipton Parish Registers Humphrey Edson or Eedson, whose son Humphrey was baptized in 1695, was the ancestor of a succession of Humphreys, whose surname appears as Ideson from 1724. The name is correctly pronounced /ɪdəsən/. Compare **Iddison**.
- Early bearers:** William Ideson, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); George Ideson, 1609 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Richardi Ideson, 1622 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs).
- 2 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Idē** + *son*. It may also have been used as a pet form of *Idon(y)*, see (ii). (ii) relationship name, alternatively perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Idon(y)*, *Ideyn* (see **Iddon**) + *son*, with reduction of *Idonson* or *Ideynson* to *Ideson*. However, it is uncertain if either

name in (i) and (ii) gave rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Idonson', 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Idoynson' (error for Ideynson'), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxton, Catterton with Ouston, WR Yorks); Richard Ideson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Idle, WR Yorks).

## Idle

- Variants:** **Idel, Idell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 468
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Surrey and Middx
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Idle (in Calverley, WR Yorks). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Further information:** For the name in Scotland see **Yule**.
- Early bearers:** Ailsie de Idla, about 1190 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Idill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Idill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Idill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); John Idle, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Worlabye, Lincs); Isabella Idle, 1543 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Mabell Idle, 1553 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Idle, 1574 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Rychard Idle, 1576 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *idel* 'lazy, idle'. (ii) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Idele* (Old French *Idèle*, Continental Germanic *Idela*). It was a pet form of *Ide* (Old French *Ide*, see **Idē**). Compare Thoma Idelot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bratton (in Chitterne), Wilts), illustrating a similar pet form with the Old French double diminutive *-elot*.

**Early bearers:** William Idel(e), 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Idel(e), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Is' Idell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fawsley, Northants); Thomas Idel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Preston, Northants); Ellen Idle, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Steeven Idle, 1598 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); William Idell, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

3 Norman: locative name from residence on an island, Anglo-Norman French *idle*, Old French *isle*. It is a variant of **Isle** (see **Lisle**) but it is not known if this form of the name survived.

**Early bearers:** John del Idle, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John dil Idle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

## Idowu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from a Yoruba *àmùtòrunwá* or circumstance name *Ìdowú* traditionally given to any child, male or female, next-born after a set of twins.
- References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 86.

## Idrees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Idris**.

## Idris

**Variants:** **Edris, Idrees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Idris*, the name of a prophet mentioned in the Qur'an, identified by Muslim scholars with the Biblical Enoch.

**Further information:** Idris ibn-Abdullah (died 793) was founder of the Idrisid dynasty, which ruled Morocco AD 789–926.

### Ife

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk; London

Norman, English: see **Ive**.

### Ifield

**Variants:** Ifill, Ivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from either of two places called Ifield (Kent, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Scorland de Yfeld, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de Ifeld, 1259 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John de Ifeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Ifield, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

### Ifill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Norman, English: see **Ivill**.

2 English: see **Ifield**.

### Ifould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: locative name from Ifold (Sussex) or Upper Ifold (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Ifold, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Ifould, 1637 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey).

### Iftikhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *iftikhār* 'pride', popular in Pakistan.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Ige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: locative name, probably from Eyke (Suffolk), spelt *Ike* in 1605 and pronounced /aik/.

**Early bearers:** John Ige, 1744 in *IGI* (Ryhall, Rutland); William Ige in *Census 1841* (Norfolk); James Ige in *Census 1861* (Suffolk).

2 Nigerian (Yoruba): nickname from a Yoruba *àmútorunwá* or circumstance name *Ìgè*, with no known Yoruba etymology, traditionally given to any baby born feet first.

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 85.

### Iggleden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Igglesden**.

### Igglesden

**Variants:** Iggulden, Iggleden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from Ingleden (Kent), spelled as indicated in 1250. The excrescent -s- appears late.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ]de Igoluyndenne, 1250 in *Feet of Fines*; John Igoldynen', 1400 in *Feet of Fines*; Richard Igoldynen, 1475, in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 31; Stephen Igolenden, bailiff, 1490–1 in *East Sussex Record Office*; John Igulden, 1536 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 31; Stephen Igglesden, 1704 in *IGI* (Speldhurst, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 358.

### Iggulden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Igglesden**.

### Iglesias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Spanish: locative name from a place called *Iglesias* (from the plural of *iglesia* 'church'), in particular the one in Burgos province.

### Igo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Igoe**.

### Igoe

**Variants:** Igo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 329
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Westmeath

Irish, Norman: perhaps from **Mac Igó** 'son of *Igou*', from the (Norman) Old French given name *Igou* (Continental Germanic *Igwulf*), or from Gaelic **Mac Iagó**, 'son of *Iagó* or *Iagóg*', perhaps a gaelicized form of the Welsh given name *Iago* (Latin *Jacobus*), equivalent to English *James*. Parallels for such a structure are **McGriffin** and **McHale** (2).

**Further information:** This name is associated with the O'Hanley family in Roscommon. Welsh *Iago* is attested in Jago filius Ytel, 1185 in Pipe Rolls (Herefs) and William Jeago, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Scotland, England: William Igo, 1692 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); Donald Igo, 1725 in *IGI* (Crathie and Braemar, Aberdeens); John Igoe, 1750 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Igoe, 1827 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Igo, 1834 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

Ireland: Diermod boy McKieigo, husbandman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1255 (Frevan, Westmeath); John McKigo, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Roscoman, Roscommon); Cahill McKigog, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4566 (Beallahoghter, Roscommon); Ferrall McEgoe and Connor McEgo, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5427 (Clon Iragh, Roscommon); Donald mcDonkaha Makigo, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants*

*Elizabeth* §5542; Dermot McKigo, kern, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Kargine, Roscommon); Connoghoro McKeogoe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577.

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Igou.

### Ijaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan): relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *ījāz* 'miracle'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Iken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; W Midlands
- English: see **Ikin**.

### Ikin

**Variants:** Iken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

1 English: relationship name from a pet form of the female personal name *Ida* (see **Ide**).

**Early bearers:** Richard Idekyne, 1324 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Thomas Iken, 1591 in *PROB 11* (London); Randolphus Ikin, 1606 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); George Ikyn, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Marchamley, Shrops).

2 English: locative name from Iken (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Ikene, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; Alicia Iken, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Margaret Ikin, 1575 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Isabelle Ikin, 1606 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Mary Ikin, 1652 in *IGI* (Condoover, Shrops); Katharine Ikin, 1707 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Jonathan Ikin, 1764 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Ikram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the personal name *Ikrām*, based on an Arabic word meaning 'honour, glory'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Ilbert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: see **Hilbert**.

### Ilderton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Ilderton (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ilderton, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Robert Ilderton, 1686 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Robt Ilderton, 1708 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Dorothy Ilderton, 1775 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Hannah Ilderton, 1811 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Margaret Ilderton, 1817 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Ile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: see **Isle**.

**Iles**

Variants: **Illes, Isles, Eyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3434, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; also WR Yorks

English: locative name, variant of **Isle** (see **Lisle**) with excrescent -s.

Further information: For the Scottish name note

Alisaundre del Ile or Ille of Perth, 1296 in *Black*.

Early bearers: England: Johannes de Iles, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Timble, WR Yorks); Johannes Eyles, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Alice Iles, 1548 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Briget Eyles, 1550 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Eyles, 1559 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Ralph Iles, 1560 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnes Iles, 1560 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Willm. Eyles, 1562 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs); Agnes Eyles, 1591, John Isles, 1604 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); Edmonde Iles, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Tottenhamwyke, Wilts); Edwardi Illes, 1592 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Joseph Isles, 1600 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); John Illes, 1629 in *IGI* (Kingswood near Dursley, Gloucs).

Scotland: Alexander Isles, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); John Isles, 1671 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Elizabeth Isles, 1684 in *IGI* (Bo'ness, W Lothian); Alexr. Isles, 1720 in *IGI* (Kirriemuir, Angus).

**Ilett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Notts; Cambs and Hunts

English: see **Ilett**.

**Iley**

Variants: **Eyley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: (i) locative name from Brent or Monks Eleigh (Suffolk), or perhaps Illey (Worcs). (ii) see **Ely**.

Early bearers: William de Eylee, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Simon de Eylee of Whathamstede, 1346, de Eyle, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Wheathampstead, Herts); Johannes Iley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Johanne Eyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Johanne Yely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Willelmus de Illeye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Illey, chaplain, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard de Eyle, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Wheathampstead, Herts); William Eyley, 1556 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); John Iley, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); John Iley, 1587 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Thomas Ily, 1619 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); William Eyley, 1622 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbs).

**Ilford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from Ilford (Essex).

Early bearers: Robert de Ilford, 1232–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Laurence Ilford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Ilic**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian: relationship name, from Ilić patronymic from the personal name *Ilija* (see **Elias**).

**Ilieve**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Iliffe**.

**Iliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands; Durham

English: see **Iliffe**.

**Iliffe**

Variants: **Iliff, Ilieve, Ellif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ilif* (Old Scandinavian *Ilifr*).

Early bearers: given names: Æillovus, identical with Illivus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb, Northumb); Ilyf de Wyn, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*. surnames: Richard Iliffe, 1626 in *IGI* (Arnesby, Leics); Elizabeth Iliffe, 1663 in *IGI* (Sheresby, Leics); William Ilive, 1663 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); Mary Iliffe, 1715 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics).

**Illes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Iles**.

**Illidge**

Variants: **Ellidge, Elledge, Hillage, Hillidge, Hilditch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: locative name, perhaps from Illidge Green in Brereton (Cheshire), recorded as *Yelegge* in 1519, *Ilich(brook)* in 1619. However, there are no extant medieval forms for the place-name, and it is uncertain if it would have given rise to a surname. The medieval surname occurs many miles away in Warwicks, from where it appears to have spread into Shrops, Staffs, and eventually Cheshire.

Early bearers: Thomas Illage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); John Illage, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Illage, 1551, Johannis Elledge, 1559 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); John Elidge, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Frauncis Illedg, 1599, Francis Illedge, 1602 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); Richard Elleg, 1617 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); George Illidge, 1637 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Richard Illidge, 1730, Thomas Hillidge, 1732 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Edward Illage, 1749, Edward Elledge, 1773 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); John Hillidge, 1761, Richard Elledge, 1770 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 276.

**Illing**

Variants: **Hilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Illing*, *Hilling*, Old English \**Illing*.

Early bearers: Richard Illing, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics/Warwicks); Robert Hilling, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Richard Illing, 1206–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Richard Hilling, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Walter Illing, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); Robert Illing, 1561 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Robert Illing, 1563 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

**Illingsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Illingworth**.

**Illingworth**

Variants: **Illingsworth, Ellingworth, Ellingsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2978, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3386
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Illingworth (WR Yorks).

Early bearers: Alice de Illingworth, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John de Illyngworth', 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Richard Illyngworth, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Abraham Elynworthe, 1568 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Jane Ellinworth, 1599 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland).

**Illman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

English: variant of **Hillman** with loss of initial *H*.

**Illesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 533
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England: esp. Berks and Hants

English: see **Illesley**.

**Illeston**

Variants: **Ilston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Illston on the Hill (Leics).

Early bearers: Edward Illston, 1606 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Brian Ilston, 1609 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Charles Ilston, 1610 in *IGI* (Beeby, Leics); Anne Ilston, 1681 in *IGI* (Loddington, Leics).

**Ilott**

Variants: **Ilett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Berks and Oxon

English: possibly a variant of **Aylett**, influenced perhaps by Standard English pronunciation of *eye* as

/ai/ in variation with dialect /ei/ in the Midlands and S England.

**Early bearers:** Andrewe Illett, 1558 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Willm Ilett, 1582 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Thomas Ilott, 1602 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); George Ilett, 1685 in *IGI* (Abington Pigotts, Cambs).

### Ilsley

**Variants:** Illsley, Insley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants; Middx; also Warwicks

English: locative name from East and West Ilsley (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholai de Uldesl', 1238 in *Close Rolls* (Berks); Johannes de Ildesleya, 1284 in *Reading Abbey Cartularies* (Berks); Isabella de Ildesle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Illeslee, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Roger Ilsley, 1570 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs).

### Illston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Illston**.

### Ilyas

**Variants:** Alyas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic: from the personal name *Ilyās*, Arabic form of the Biblical name **Elias** (**Elijah** in the King James version of the Old Testament).

**Further information:** In use in both Muslim and Christian communities

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Im

**Variants:** Lim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Korean: (임; Chinese character 任, meaning 'to entrust'). Borne by descendants of either of two individuals: (i) Im Ho (任灝), founder of the Changhüng clan, fled to Korea's Chölla South province due to political instability in China at some point during the Koryö period (AD 935–1392), and founded a clan there. (ii) descendants of the other founding ancestor, Im On (任溫), settled in the P'ungchön area of Hwanghae province. Im On's sixth-generation descendant (some sources say fifth-generation) was assigned by the Mongolian court to escort the Koryö king's bride to Korea. After his arrival, he decided to stay in Korea.

### Image

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; London

French: nickname from Old French *image*, *ymage* 'image; pictorial representation; sculpture', so perhaps used to describe an artist, sculptor, or carver.

**Further information:** Compare the obsolete surname *Imager*, e.g. Alexander le Ymagour, 1305 in *London Letter Books B*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Image, 1558 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); John Image, 1635 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Elias Image, 1737 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs).

### Imam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: status name from Arabic *imām*, literally 'one who leads the way', an honorific title for one who leads prayers in a mosque, also applied to the founders of Islamic law schools.

**Further information:** Among Shiite Muslims the title *imām* is applied to the spiritual leaders descended from Fatima, daughter of the Prophet Muhammad, and her husband Ali, the fourth and last of the 'rightly guided' khalifs (see **Ali**).

### Imber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts

English: locative name from Imber (Wilts), recorded as *Immemer* in 1198.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Immer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Imber, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Imbery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs

Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### Imbrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: see **Amery**.

### Imery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs
- Norman, Scottish: a Scottish form of **Amery**. Compare **Imrie**.

### Imeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: relationship name; pronounced /iməsən/, it is a variant either of *Emmeson* (see **Empson**) or of **Emmerson**. Compare Johannes Emson, 1575, Matthew Imeson, 1767 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks). A direct connection with *Emmerson* ('son of Amory') has been noted by Redmonds in Methley (near Wakefield, WR Yorks), citing John Amoryson (1446), William Amerson (1493), John Amerson (1642), Matthew and Bettris Emerson or Imerson (1642–71), and William Imeson (1679).

**Early bearers:** Willim. Imeson, 1681 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Jno. Imeson, 1714 in *IGI* (Hemsworth near Wakefield, WR Yorks); Mary Imeson, 1729 in *IGI* (Well, NR Yorks); Edward Imeson, 1745 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Hannah Imeson, 1748 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Mary Imisson, 1770, John Imeson, 1784 in *IGI* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks);

William Imisson, 1806, Ann Imeson, 1808 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Imlach

**Variants:** Imlay, Imlah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Banffs
- Scottish Gaelic: locative name, perhaps from Gaelic *imleach* 'marginal or marshy' land, for someone who lived in such a place.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Imlach, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); John Imlach, 1440 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Alexr. Imlach, 1651 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Issobell Imlach, 1668 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banffs).

### Imlah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: see **Imlach**.

### Imlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: see **Imlach**.

### Imm

**Variants:** Ims, Imms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name, see **Emm**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Imm, 1622 in *IGI* (Stretton Grandison, Herefs); Elenor Imm, 1702 in *IGI* (Lydney, Gloucs).

### Immanuel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish, Welsh: see **Emanuel**.

### Immins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Emmins**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Immynes, 1707 in *Bardsley*.

### Imms

**Variants:** Ims

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; W Midlands
- English: relationship name, see **Imm**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Impett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in SE England.

## Impey

**Further information:** Compare Impett's Lane in Fulbourn (Cambs), recorded as *Ympey* in 1435, *Ympies* in 1806, and perhaps from Middle English *impe* 'sapling' + *hei(e)* 'fence, enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** John Impet, 1586, in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Richard Impett, 1601 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Steven Impett, 1611 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Katharine Empet, 1636 in *IGI* (Lyminge, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 40–1, 143.

## Impey

**Variants:** **Empy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1036, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, Cambs, Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *imphage*, *imphey* 'hedge of saplings' (Old English \**imphaga*, \**imphæg*), denoting someone who lived by such a hedge.

**Further information:** This vocabulary element is found in place-name elements, for example at Emphy (Surrey), Empty (Northants), and Imphy Hall (Essex).

**Early bearers:** John atte Imphage, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Impey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Impey, 1612 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Samuell Impey, 1613 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Elizabeth Impey, 1622 in *IGI* (Coton, Cambs); George Impey, 1628 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); Dorothea Impey, 1645 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks).

## Impson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Empson**. Compare John Empson, 1582, Sarah Impson, 1757 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

## Imran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1406, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *ʿImrān*.

**Further information:** Like **Umar**, *Imran* comes from an Arabic root ʿ-m-r, with the sense of 'life', 'growth'. In the Qur'an this name is borne by the father of Maryam, mother of 'Isa (Mary, mother of Jesus).

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Imray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Norman, Scottish: a Scottish form of **Amery**. Compare **Imrie**.

## Imrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1491, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife
- Norman, Scottish: a Scottish form of **Amery**. **Early bearers:** Walter Ymery, 1513, John Imbrie, 1611 in *Black*.

## Imns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Imms**.

## Imtiāz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Imtiāz*, 'privilege, distinction'.

## Ince

**Variants:** **Hince**, **Inch**, **Ines**, **Inns**, **Innes**, **Innis**, **Ennis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2464, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1490
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 English: locative name from Ince in Makerfield (Lancs), Ince (Cheshire), or Ince Blundell (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Richard de Ins, 1324 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Lancs); Stephanus Ins, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, Wilts); Ricardo de Ines, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ince in Makerfield, Lancs); Willelmo de Ins, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs); Isabella Ins, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolston, Warwicks); John de Ines, de Ince, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry de Ines, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Ince, merchant, 1487 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); Radulph Ince, 1565 in *IGI* (Church Minshall, Cheshire).

2 English: the post-medieval W Midlands name may also be a variant of **Hints**; compare Roberti Hints, 1673, Robertus Ince, 1703 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs). But some of these early bearers could belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hince, 1599 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Thomas Ince, 1601 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Ann Ince, 1635 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Marjery Ince, 1749 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks).

3 English: perhaps a variant with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s* of *Inn*, from residence at an inn or inns, Middle English *in* (singular) or *innes* (plural) 'tavern, lodging(s), tenement(s)'. Compare Waltero atte Inne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fingrith Hall, Blackmore, Essex); Willelmo del In, clerk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Writtle, Essex); Rogerus atte Ynne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lashbrook, Oxon); Agnes atte Ine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex). On the other hand, the spelling *Ynce* for such a name, as early as 1379, would be unusual, and Ines (1379) might be a misreading of Iues (i.e. Ives), so the name in E Anglia and the counties around London may alternatively belong with (1) or (2) by migration.

**Further information:** There seems also to have been some confusion with Scottish **Innes**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Plumstead, Norfolk); Johannes, Alicia Ines, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Edmund Ins, Ince, 1474 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Lewes Hince, 1554 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Elizabethes Ines, 1571 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Anthony Ince, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Hugh Ince, 1583 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Rowland Inns, 1594 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); Ann Hince, 1646 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Ince, 1666 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Thos Ines, 1682 in *IGI* (Great

Yarmouth, Norfolk); Martha Hince, 1747 in *IGI* (Old Newton, Suffolk).

## Inch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 849
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps, at least in some cases, a variant of **Ince**. Compare Thomas Inch or Ince, 1652 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Bridget Inch Or Ince, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

**Early bearers:** John Inche, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Ollever Inch, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Phillip Inche, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall).

2 Scottish: see **Innes**.

**Early bearers:** James Inch, 1584 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexr. Inche, 1588 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Donald Inche, 1613 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Grissel Inch, 1792 in *IGI* (Kilbucho, Broughton, and Glenholm, Peebles).

3 English: variant of **Hinch**.

## Inchbald

**Variants:** **Inchbold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Norman French personal name *Engebald*, *Ingebald* (Continental Germanic *Engelbald*, *Ingilbald*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Hengebaldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Ingelbald, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Ingebouldus (Engebald', Ingelbold') filius Karlonis, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs). surnames: Willelmus Ingelbald', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flaxby, WR Yorks); Johannes Inchebald', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Emma Inchebald', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Margaret Inchbald, 1607 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Peter Inchbald, 1690 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); William Inchbald, 1731 in *IGI* (Topcliffe by Thirsk, NR Yorks).

## Inchbold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Inchbald**.

## Inches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: see **Innes**.

## Inchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

English: (i) see **Insley**. (ii) see **Hinchley**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Inchley, 1590 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Will. Inchley, 1704 in *IGI* (Scropton, Derbys); Susanna Inchley, 1782 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Inclledon**

Variants: **Ingleton, Ingledon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Inclledon Farm in Braunton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Hingledon, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John de Incleden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lobb in Braunton, Devon); Wilmot Inclledon, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).

**Ind**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **End**.

**Inder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Somerset

English: variant of **Hinder** with loss of initial *H*.

**Inderwick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish, English: see **Enderwick**.

**Indge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Beds

English: see **Ing**.

**Ines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also WR Yorks

English: see **Ince**.

**Ineson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 555
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name, variant of **I'Anson**, though the bearers below could be misreadings of *Iueson*, i.e. **Iveson**.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from Middle English *Idonson* 'son of Idonea' is unlikely on phonological grounds.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Ineson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Hagonis Ineson, 1559 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

**Inett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: relationship name from the male personal name *Inet* or the female personal name *Inetta*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walter son of Inetus, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx).

surnames: Richard Ynet, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Joyse Innett, 1549, Richard Inett, 1610 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Gregory Inet, 1621 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks).

**Infield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts

English: locative name from Middle English *infeld* 'land near the homestead or village', which occurs frequently as a minor name or field-name.

**Early bearers:** Rogero Infeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keysoe, Beds); Thomas Infelde, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Horne, Surrey); Tomeson Infeld, 1577 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); Robert Infield, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Bolnhurst, Beds); Willm. Infield, 1619 in *IGI* (Great Paxton, Hunts).

**Ing**

Variants: **Inge, Indge, Hing, Ying, Ings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

1 English: locative name from the district of *Ing* (Essex), recorded as *Gynge*s in 1230, which is now represented by the place-names Ingrave, Ingatstone, Fryerning, Margaretting, and Mountnessing, as well as earlier alternative names of Fouchers (in East Hornden) and Buttsbury.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Inga, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Ralph de Ging, 1245 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); John de Inges, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam Inge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aveley, Essex); Petrus atte Inge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blickling, Norfolk); William Ynges, 1393 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 159, 161, 242–4, 253–4, 258–9, 260–1.

2 English: (i) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian female personal name *Inga*. (ii) relationship name from the Scandinavian male personal name *Inge*, which is a pet form of such names as Old Scandinavian *Ingirǫðr*. Some of the surname early bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Inga, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Inga filia Thore, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Inga of the Hull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: John Ing', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); William Ingge, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Letitia called Inge of Longedon, 13th cent. in *Birmingham Archives* (Longdon, Staffs); William Inge, 1317 in *Lincs Archives* (Rippingale, Lincs); Johanne Inge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); Simon Ing, 1600 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Avis Ing, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Francis Ing, 1634 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); Barthol. Ing., 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Elizabeth Ing, 1658 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 應 (**Ying** in Mandarin pinyin and in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'respond' or 'should' in Chinese: from *Ying* (應), the name of a state (located in Henan province) granted to the fourth son of Zhou Wu Wang (c.1087–1043 BC).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 邢, see **Hing** (2).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 吳, see **Wu** (1).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 殷, see **Yan** (2).

**Ingall**

Variants: **Inggall, Ingalls, Ingold, Ingell, Ingle, Hingle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ingel*, *Ingald*, *Ingold* (Old Scandinavian *Ingialdr*, *Ingeld*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ingold, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks), about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ingoldus, 1114–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Ingald Ledbater, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ingol Textor, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

surnames: Edmund Ingold, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Ingall, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Emma Ingel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Peter Ingold, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; William Ingel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Agn' Ingold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wing, Rutland); Walterus Ingald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); Johannes Ingold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Sarra Ingold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); Willelmus Ingell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Roger Hyngholl, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Ingle, 1561 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Ingle, 1563 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Anna Ingold, 1563 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Thomas Ingall, 1595 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Faith Ingals, 1622 in *IGI* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Sarah Ingle, 1682 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ingulf*, representing either Old Scandinavian *Ingólfr*, *Ingulf* or its Continental Germanic cognate, *Ingenwulf*, introduced to England by the Normans. As a surname it either died out or was absorbed by *Ingall* and its variants.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ingulf, Ingolf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Engenulfus, Ingenulf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ingenolf, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Engenolfus, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds).

surnames: Adam Ingulf, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Ingolf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Ingolff, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Hinton, Wilts); Margeria Ingolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston Meysey, Wilts); Willelmo Ingolf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Berks); Radulphus Ingolf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Thomas Ingolf, 1391 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Ingalls**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Ingall** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Ingamells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative from Ingoldmells in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ingoldmeles, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ellenar Ingamells, 1664 in *IGI* (Covenham Saint Mary, Lincs); Ann Ingamells, 1756 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs).

**Ingarfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0

## Ingate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: locative name, see **Englefield**.

### Ingate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: relationship name from Ingate (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Matilda de Endegate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Brian Ungot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashill, Norfolk); Thomas Ingot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Robert Ingate, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Inge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Ing**.

### Ingell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Ingall**.

### Inger

#### Variants: Inker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Inger* (Old Scandinavian *Yngvarr*, *Ingvar*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Ingeuuar, Imgarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
surnames: Roger Inger, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richardus Inger, 1580 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); John Inger, 1605 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Elizabeth Inger, 1675 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts).

### Ingersoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex
- English: see **Inkersole**.

### Ingerston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Inger** + *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Peter Ingarson, 1546 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Ingerston, 1574 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Ingerstonne, 1626 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); William Ingerston, 1669 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Ingerston, 1678 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon).

### Ingall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Ingall**.

### Ingham

#### Variants: Engeham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6647, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7444
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cavan
- 1 English: locative name from any of the places called Ingham (Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk).

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in WR Yorks this name was sometimes confused with **Bingham** in the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Alwinus de Ingham, 1049–52 in *Tengvik* (Oxon); Roger de Ingham, 1162–8 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Oliver de Ingham, 1254 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes de Ingham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Firsby, Lincs); Stephen Ingham, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Georgii Ingham, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Ingam, 1549 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Robert Ingham or Ingam, 1557 in *PROB 11* (London).

2 Norman, English: variant of the obsolete Norman surname *Engaine*; see **Gain**.

### Ingilby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Ingley**.

### Ingle

#### Variants: Ingles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1517, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. WR Yorks; Lancs; also Cambs
- English: relationship name, see **Ingall**.

### Ingleyby

#### Variants: Ingilby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 601
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: locative name from any of several places called Ingleyby (Lincs, NR Yorks, Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Goslanus de Engelby, 1157 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas de Ingelby, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Ingelby, 1370 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Walterus Engylby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weaverthorpe, ER Yorks); John Ingleyby, 1569 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs); John Ingleyby, 1573 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs); Isabella Ingleyby, 1593 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Raiph Ingleyby, 1601 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Ann Ingleyby, 1608 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks).

### Ingleden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Cumb; Staffs; SE England

English: locative name, see **Ingleton**.

### Ingledew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: variant of **Engledow**. It should be noted that the name is recorded earlier in NR Yorks than in Norfolk, where *Engledow* is the commoner form.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Yngledewe, 1546 in *York Registry Wills* (Seamer, NR Yorks); Marye Ingledew, 1585 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Xpofer Ingledue, 1586 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Thomas Ingledewe, 1593 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); John Ingledue, 1618 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); William

Ingledew, 1639 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Ingledew, 1674, John Ingledew, 1710 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ingledon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: see **Ingleton** (2).  
2 English: variant of **Incedon**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Ingleden, 1462 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Thamosin Ingledon, 1729 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Martha Ingleton, 1725, John Ingledon, 1739 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall).

### Inglesfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also SE England

English: locative name from Englefield (Surrey), recorded as *Ingfeld* in 1282, or Englefield (Berks).  
**Further information:** Inglesfield Cottage in Bebington (Cheshire) is probably named from the surname.  
**Early bearers:** William de Englefeld, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William de Ingelfeld, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip de Ingelfeld, 1355 in *London Letter Books G*; Radulphus Ingelfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); John Ingelfeld', 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Harpsden, Oxon); Stephen Ingylfeld, 1407 in *London Letter Books I*; Thomas Ingelfeld', 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Ingelfeld, 1562 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Thomæ Ingelfelde, 1605 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 246.

### Ingles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 906
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland; also Gloucs and W Midlands

1 Scottish: ethnic name, see **English, Inglis**.

**Early bearers:** England: Willmi Ingles, 1546 in *IGI* (Exhall and Wixford, Warwicks); William Ingles, 1551 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Wm Ingles, 1601 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs); Elizabeth Ingles, 1753 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

Scotland: Johan le Engleys, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Phellipe le Engleys, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Mawcolum le Engleys, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Willelmus dictus Ingles before 1321 in *Great Seal of Scotland, Black* (Moffat); John Ingles, 1620 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); John Ingles, 1784 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

2 English: variant of **Ingale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Inglesant

#### Variants: Inglesent, Ingleson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Inglesant*, Continental Germanic *Ingilsind(is)*. The surname appears to have originated in or near Clint and Thruscross (WR Yorks, now NR Yorks), from where it spread to neighbouring villages such



as Fewston and Hampsthwaite, to York, and to neighbouring counties. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that the surname often came to be pronounced *Ingleson*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Ingelsent', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Ingelsant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Johannes and Thomas Ingelsant, 1379, Willelmus Ingelsant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); William Inglessent, 1447, Thomas Ingleson, 1458 in *York Freeman's Register*; Raph Inglesant, 1586, Robert Ingleson, 1616 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Stephen Inglesant, 1608, Willm. Ingleson, 1683 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); Miles Ingleson, 1611, Stevene Inglesant, 1614, Francis Inglesant, 1753, Faith Ingleson, 1810 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Joseph Inglesent, 1707, John Inglesaint, 1748, Mary Ingleson, 1818 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richd. Inglesent, 1780 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Inglesent, 1799 in *IGI* (Mountsorrel, Leics).

### Inglesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; also scattered in England

Scottish, English: see **Ingoldby**.

### Inglese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: ethnic name meaning 'Englishman'.

### Inglesent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Inglesant**.

### Ingleson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name, variant pronunciation of **Inglesant**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name, perhaps 'son of *Ingle*' (see **Ingall**). However, the name is attested only in the 1379 example below, which may be another example of the altered name in (1). Even if genuine, there is no evidence that it survived into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Agn' Ingilson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langthwaite, in Adwick le Street, near Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Ingleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Ingleton** with intrusive -s.

**Further information:** Ingleton (WR Yorks) was recorded as *Inglestume* in *Domesday Book*, although subsequent forms do not show the -s-: see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 242.

**Early bearers:** Henry Inglestone, 1649 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Jonathan Inglestone, 1694 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); William Ingalston, 1739 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Thomas Ingleston, 1789 in *IGI*

(Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas William Inglestown, 1833 in *IGI* (West Rudham, Norfolk).

### Ingleton

**Variants:** **Ingleden, Ingledon, Ingleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Sussex; Lincs and WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: locative name, probably from Ingledon (Kent), with variation in the final syllable between -ton and -den.

**Early bearers:** Robert Ingilton, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edwd. Ingelton, 1593 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); John Ingleton, 1596 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); John Ingleden, 1625 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Ralf Ingleton, 1632 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Elizabeth Ingleden, 1772 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Ingleton (WR Yorks) or Ingleton in Staindrop (Durham), very likely the former in most cases given its proximity to Lancs, Westm, and NR Yorks, but the name in Durham, though recorded rather late, could be from the Durham place. The Lincs surname presumably reflects migration from Yorks but it could alternatively belong with (1). There is occasional variation in the final syllable between -ton, -don, and -den.

**Early bearers:** John de Ingelton', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Adam de Yngelton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sawley near Ripon, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Ingleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thoma de Ingleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ormside, Westm); Ellota de Ingelton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Ingelton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Ingleton, 1571 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Isabell Ingleton, 1577 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Edward Ingleton, 1605, George Ingleden, 1647 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); William Ingleton, 1636 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Thomas Ingledon, 1738 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Kings Court, York); John Ingleden, 1799 in *IGI* (Wolviston, Durham).

### Inglett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Engelard* (Continental Germanic *Engel(h)ard, Ingilard* 'Angle-hard').

**Early bearers:** Engelardus de Stratton, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Shrops); Robertus filius Ingelard', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Isabella, John Ingelard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Rychard Inglett, 1568 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); John Inglett, 1569 in *IGI* (Brenzett, Kent); William Inglett, 1574 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); William Inglett, 1641 in *IGI* (Hemingford Abbots, Hunts); Ellen Inglett, 1762 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ingelot*, a diminutive of *Ingel(d)* or of Anglo-Scandinavian names as *Ingelbald* and *Ingelbert*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Ingelot, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William, Reginald Ingelot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

### Ingleswood

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
English: locative name from Ingleswood (Berks) or Ingleswood Forest (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** John de Ingelwode, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; John Ingleswode, 1401 in *King's Bench Cases*.

### Ingley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Ingrey**.

**Early bearers:** Laurencius filius Ingelieth, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Peter Inglyth, 1395 in *The East Anglian* (OS) i (Cambs); John Ingley, 1580 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Maria Ingley, 1629 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); John Ingley, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susanna Ingley, 1684 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs); Thomas Ingley, 1688 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Inglis

**Variants:** **Ingles, English, Angles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5950, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4985
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847-64:** Dublin

Scottish: ethnic name from Scots *Inglis* 'English'.

Compare **English** and **Ingles**.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Inglis, about 1194-1211 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Inglis, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); John Inglis, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Nicoll Inglis, 1575 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Cristan Inglis, 1579 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Williame Inglis, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Inglis, 1632 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Johne Inglis, 1640 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles).

### Inglish

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Ayr

English: see **English, Inglis**.

### Ingman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints and Denbighs

English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ingimund*.

**Further information:** The current main distribution, NE Wales and Chester, is close to the Wirral where Ingimund the Viking invaded in 902.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ingemundus, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs).

surnames: Alan filius Yngemundi, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Ingemunt, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Leticia Ingman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hornington, Norfolk); Thomae Ingman, 1558 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mark Hingman, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Martha Ingman, 1817 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Ingmire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

## Ingo

English: locative name from Inglemire in Kingston upon Hull (ER Yorks), also sometimes known as Igglemire.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Ingmire, 1648 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); William Ingmire, 1704 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); William Ingmire, 1731 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Frederic Ingmire, 1799 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 213.

## Ingo

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Ingoe**.

## Ingoe

**Variants:** **Ingo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Ingoe in Stamfordham (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** John Yngoo, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Ingoe, 1699 in *IGI* (Kirkwhelpington, Northumb); John Ingo, 1699 in *IGI* (Hartburn, Northumb); Robert Inggo, 1714 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Ingold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Leics
- English: see **Ingall**.

## Ingoldby

**Variants:** **Ingoldsby**, **Inglesby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Ingoldsby (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Nigel de Ingoldebi, 1208–9 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph de Ingaldesby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William de Ingoldesby, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Ingoldesby, 1439–40 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

2 Irish: adopted for Mac an Ghallóglaiigh (see **Gallogly**) by mistranslation of *gallóglach* ‘foreign warrior’ or ‘galloglass’ as ‘English’. This gave rise to **English** and **Englishby** to form **Ingoldsby** by assimilation.

## Ingoldsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Louth
- English, Scottish: see **Ingoldby**.

## Ingen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Inkpen**.

## Ingraham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Ingram**.

**Further information:** This name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

## Ingram

**Variants:** **Ingrem**, **Ingrams**, **Ingraham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12701, Ireland 483
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8924
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Fermanagh

Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman personal name *Ingeram* (Old French *Enguerran*, *Engerran*; Continental Germanic *Engelramnus*, *Ingelramnus*, *Engelrammus*, *Ingelrammus*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ingelram de Sayl, about 1140 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Ingelrannus tanurus, 1148–66 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Engelrannus clericus, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Ingeram de Helesham 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ingerannus capellanus, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts). surnames: Radulphus filius Engelram, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Engelram, 1132 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); John Ingelram (Ingeram), about 1138 in *Whitby Cartulary* (Yorks); John Ingeram, about 1150 in *Whitby Cartulary* (Yorks); Robert Engram, about 1220 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Richard Ingram, about 1250 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Radulphus Yngram, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton and North Newington, Oxon); Thoma Ingram, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Bishop, Wilts); Johannes Ingram, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); John Ingram, 1540 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); Simon Ingram, 1540 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Jhoes. Ingram, 1541 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Parnell Ingram, 1543 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); William Ingram, 1552 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts).

## Ingrams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Ingram** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

## Ingrem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Norman, English: see **Ingram**.

## Ingrid

**Variants:** **Ingley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Anglo-Scandinavian female personal name *Ingrid*. Old Danish *Ingrith*, Old Swedish *Ingridh*, and Old Norse *Ingriðr* have all contributed to this name, the first being perhaps a little more common.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ingreda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Ingreda, 1101–16 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Ingerithe, 1154–89, and Ingeride, 1163 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ingerid, Ingrith', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: Alexander Ingerith', 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Thomas Ingrid, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Hunts); Thomas Ingre, about 1320 in *Layer*; Edward Ingreth, Inгры, 1558, 1563 in *Layer*.

## Ings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Ing** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Inges, about 1436 in *Paston Letters*.

## Inions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: variant of **Ennion** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ive Inions, 1592 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Hugh Inniones, 1622 in *Bardsley* (London); Alice Inions, 1708 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Ann Inions, 1770 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops).

## Inker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; Monmouths and Gloucs

English: see **Inger**.

**Early bearers:** Rogero Inker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sewstern, Leics); John Inker, 1723 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

## Inkersole

**Variants:** **Ingersoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Inkersall (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Hynkersul, 1321 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Mary Inkersole, 1610 in *IGI* (Stevington, Beds); William Inkersole, 1612 in *IGI* (Stevington, Beds); Anne Inkersole, 1620 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Anne Inkersole, 1649 in *IGI* (Hardmead, Bucks); Joseph Inkersole, 1766 in *IGI* (Market Harborough, Leics).

## Inkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, perhaps a de-aspirated variant of **Hinckley**.

**Further information:** Inkley's Farm in Sutton Saint Edmund (Cambs) presumably takes its name from the surname.

**Early bearers:** John Inkley, 1612 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); William Inckley, 1785 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Inckly, 1792 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

## Inkpen

**Variants:** **Inkpin**, **Ingen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Kent

English: locative name from Inkpen (Berks), which is recorded as *Yngelpenne* in 1235–6.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Ingelpenn, 1252 in *Charter Rolls* (Inglewood, Berks); Richard de Ingepenne, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roger de Ingepenne, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Johannes Inkepen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chislehampton, Oxon); Willelmo Inkepene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury hundred, Wilts); Henry Ingepenne, steward of the Bishop of Winchester, 1388–96 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Waltham, Hants); Henry Yngepenne, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Cardington, Beds); John Ingepenne, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Richard Inkepenne, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Woolston, Hants); Robert Inkepenne, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas Inkpen, gent., 1518–29 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Woolston, and Itchen Ferry, Southampton, Hants); Richard Inkpenne, 1522 in *Kent Wills* (Benenden, Kent); Nicholas Inkpen, 1562 in *IGI* (Marnhull, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 309.

### Inkpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Inkpen**.

### Inkson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Aberdeens
- 1 English: locative name, de-aspirated variant of **Hingston**.  
2 English, Scottish: relationship name, possibly a reduced form of *Hinkinson*, a surname recorded in Lancs (compare Edmund Hinkinson, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkham)), though now extinct in England. It is probably a variant of *Henkinson* 'son of young Henry'. Compare **Hink** and **Hinks**.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Inkson, 1771 in *IGI* (Auchindoir and Kearn, Aberdeens); Thomas Inkson, 1777 in *Black* (Morays); Lewis Inkson, 1777 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays).

### Inkster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Orkney
- Scottish: locative name from Inkster in Gorseness (Orkney).  
**Early bearers:** Lionell Inkster, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Inksitter, 1684 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Robert Ingsiter, 1716 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney); Magnus Inkseter, 1737 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland); Thos. Inkster, 1751 in *IGI* (Orphir, Orkney); Arthur Inketer, 1755 in *IGI* (Fetlar, Shetland); James Ingseter, 1755 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland).

### Inman

**Variants:** **Hinman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2433, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2036
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: occupational name from Middle English *inn* 'abode, lodging' + *man*, denoting a lodging-house keeper.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Inman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Inman, 1547 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Roberte Inman,

1552 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Willim Inman, 1553 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Andrew Inman, 1561 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Annes Inman, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London).

### Innerarity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Inverarity**.

### Innes

**Variants:** **Inniss, Inness, Innis, Inch, Insch, Inches, Ennis, Inns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6932, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Banff; also Durham; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish Gaelic: from Gaelic *Mag Aonghuis* 'son of Aonghus'. See also **Angus** and **McGuinness**, and compare Irish **Ennis** and **Hennessy**.  
**Early bearers:** Johnie Innes, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Johnne Innes, 1609 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Anna Innis, 1631 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Catherin Insch, 1646 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Jeane Innes, 1643, and Patrik Innes, 1650, in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Thomas Inches, 1697 in *IGI* (Caputh, Perth).  
2 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Innes in Urquhart (Morays).  
**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan or family claiming descent from Berowald, a Flemish knight to whom the barony of Innes in Morays was granted by King Malcolm IV in 1160.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ineys, 1226 in *Moray Register*; William de Inays, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*, (Aberdeen); Robert de Innes, 1389 in *Moray Register* (Morays); Elspait Innes, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Ellin Innes, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

3 English: see **Ince**.

### Inness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: see **Innes**.

### Innis

**Variants:** **Inniss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Down; Kilkenny

1 Scottish: see **Innes**.  
2 English: see **Ince**.

### Inniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Aberdeens; also Warwicks
- Scottish: see **Innis**.

### Innocent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: nickname from Old French, Middle English *innocent* 'innocent, holy, saintly'.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Innocent, 1727 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Inns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 466
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Beds, Northants, and Bucks; also N England
- 1 English: see **Ince**.  
2 Scottish, English: possibly an English variant of Scottish **Innes**.

### Insall

**Variants:** **Insull, Insole, Insoll, Inseal, Hinsull, Ensoil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Oxon, and Worcs

English: locative name from a place called *Insoll* in Elmley Lovett (Worcs), no longer on the map, first recorded as *Inerdeshell* in 1275 and most recently as *Insoll* in 1642 (*Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 241).  
**Further information:** The Middle English place-name is 'Inard's hill', where *Inard* is from a Continental Germanic personal name *Isenhard* 'iron + hard'; a historical person with this unusual name is known in Worcs in the 12th century.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Inneshal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Insale, 1341 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Worcs); Philip Insoll, 1603 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Insch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Innes**.

### Inscoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** This name is more common in the USA than Britain.

**Early bearers:** John Inscow, 1652 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Francis Inscow, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Edward Inscow, 1744, Thomas Inscow, 1782 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); James Insko, 1819 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Inseal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Herefs
- English: see **Insall**.

### Inskoop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Inskip**.

### Inskip

**Variants:** **Inskipp, Inskeep**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland 0

## Inskipp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Beds
- English: locative name from Inskip (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Inskip, about 1226 in *Dieulacres Chartulary*; Margery de Inskip, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus de Inskipp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); John Inskip, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alice Inskippe, 1540 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); John Inskip, 1560 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elisabeth Inskippe, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Frances Inskepe, 1583 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Edmund Inskip, 1590 in *IGI* (Old Warden, Beds); Jane Inskip, 1597 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); William Inskkeep, 1640 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); Ellena Inscip, 1678 in *IGI* (Stoke upon Trent, Staffs).
- References:** Information from Jennifer Inskip Kirkby (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Inskipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Inskip**.

## Inasley

- Variants:** **Hinsley**, **Inchley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 860, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, Warwicks, and Leics
- 1 English: locative name, possibly from *Ingestre* (Staffs), which is recorded as *Ingestrent* in the 12th century, *Inglystre* in 1373, *Inglestre* in about 1540. The place-name, which clearly gave rise to a medieval surname, shows various irregular developments over the centuries, an intrusive *-l-* being one of them. This may have produced surname forms such as the 17th-century *Ingesley* cited below, though a definite connection has not yet been demonstrated.
- Early bearers:** Hugo de Ingestre, about 1158–65 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Adam de Ingestre, 1304 in *Assize Rolls* (Stafford, Staffs); Silvester de Ingustre, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); William Ingestre, king's clerk, 1349 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Ingestre, 1371 in *Register of Robert de Stretton* (Staffs); John Ingestre, 1384 in *Staffs Members of Parliament* (Stafford, Staffs); George Ingsley, 1616, William Ingesly, 1654, John Ingesley, 1668 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).
- References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 335.
- 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Ilsley**, with dissimilation of *l-l* to *n-l*.
- 3 English: alternatively, perhaps, a variant of **Hinchley**.

## Insole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Insall**.

## Insoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Insall**.

## Instance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Cornwall; also Hants
- English: variant of **Instone**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, reinterpreted as the common English word.
- Early bearers:** John Instance, 1620 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Edvardus Instons, 1712 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Johis. Instones, 1727 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Edward Instance, 1772 in *IGI* (Morville, Shrops).

## Inston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Instone**.

## Instone

- Variants:** **Inston**, **Instance**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: locative name from Innerstone (Worcs).
- Early bearers:** Sibilla de Inardeston', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Instone, 1670 in *IGI* (Upton Warren, Worcs); Thomas Instone, 1676 in *IGI* (Upton Warren, Worcs); Petrus Instone, 1677 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Instone, 1678 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Maria Inston, 1681 in *IGI* (Stanton, Gloucs); John Instant, 1696 in *IGI* (Church Lench, Worcs); John Instone, 1725 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs).

## Insull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Insall**.

## Inverarity

- Variants:** **Innerarity**, **Rarity**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Inverarity in Angus.
- Early bearers:** Jean Inverarity, 1701 in *IGI* (Lunan, Angus); James Innerarity, 1777 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

## Inward

- Variants:** **Inwards**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Essex
- English: locative name from Inworth in Essex, recorded as *Inward* in 1467.
- Further information:** *Inward* and *Inwood* have been confused: Sarah Inward, daughter of Richard Inwood, died in 1685 (*Weekley*).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Ynewrðe, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard Inward, 1605 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Elizabeth Inward, 1607 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Sara Inward, 1618 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Charles Inward, 1626 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Herts); Catherine Inward, 1636 in *IGI* (Tilsworth, Beds).

## Inwards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: variant of **Inward** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Inwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 696
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and S Midlands: esp. Middx and Surrey
- English: locative name from Middle English *in* + *wōde* 'in wood'; the surname may be topographical, denoting one who lived or worked in a wood (or perhaps at the 'in wood' or 'home wood', as opposed to the 'out wood'), or toponymic, from a place so named such as Inwood in Lacock (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Inwode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johan Inwood, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); John Inwode, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Godalming, Surrey); Thomas Inwood, 1615 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants); Willeam Inwod, 1672 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

## Ioannides

- Variants:** **Joannides**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: relationship name, patronymic from the Greek personal name *Ioannēs* (see **John**) + the classical patronymic suffix *-ides*, which was revived by Greeks from Asia Minor in particular.

## Ioannou

- Variants:** **Joannou**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1317, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Ioannis*, see **John**.

## Ion

- Variants:** **Ions**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: probably a variant of *Hine* with the loss of initial *H-*. The source of the glide vowel is uncertain. It could be Middle English, if Willelmo Yon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pleasington, Lancs), and Henricus Yon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks) are examples of this name, but they could have different origins. Compare **Ineson** and **I'Anson**.
- Further information:** It is possible that some 16th- and 17th-century examples of *Ian* and *Ion* should be read as *Jan* (see **Jan**) and *Jon* (see **John**), but the distributional evidence suggests that they are early examples of modern *Ion*.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Ian, 1558 in *IGI* (Westm); Thomas Ion, 1584 in *IGI* (Hilton, Westm); William Ieon, 1622 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Michael Ion, 1676 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); William Ion, 1716 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); James Ion, 1743 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Ions

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham  
English: variant of **Ion** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See also **Hines**, and for the forms with an apostrophe see **I'Anson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ions, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint John Lee, Northumb); John I'Ons, 1773 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas I'Ons, 1787 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

## Ip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 682, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Chinese: alternative romanization of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**.

## Ippolito

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: from the personal name *Ippolito* (classical Greek *Hippolytos*, composed of the elements *hippos* 'horse' + *lyein* 'loose, release'). Compare English **Pollitt**.

**Further information:** This was the name of various minor early Christian saints. (In classical mythology Hippolytus was a young man who rejected the incestuous advances of his stepmother Phaedra.)

## Ipsen

**Variants:** **Ipson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Ibson**.

**Further information:** *DAFN* suggests possible derivations from from Ipstones (Staffs) or Ipsden (Oxon); note William de Ipstone, 1220 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Edward Ipson, 1544 in *PROB 11*; Michael Ipson, 1619 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Ipson, 1636 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs).

## Ipson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

English: see **Ipsen**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Iqbal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14817, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim (widespread, especially in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh): from a personal name based on Arabic *iqbāl* 'prosperity, success'.

**Further information:** Muhammad Iqbal (1873–1938) was a noted Indian poet, and religious and political thinker.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Irani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian: ethnic name for a person of Iranian origin, in particular a member of a Zoroastrian community in India, from Persian *irāni* 'of or relating to Iran'.

**Further information:** This name is particularly common in Gujarat and Mumbai city.

## Irby

**Variants:** **Erby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London

Irish: from any of several places called Irby (Cheshire, Lincs, NR Yorks) or possibly Ireby (Cumb, Lancs), all named in Old English as 'the Irish settlement'.

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Baron Boston since 1761. Their surname appears to derive from Irby in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Yrebi, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ails de Yrebi, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); William de Irby, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Yrby, 1341 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Ricardus de Hirby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); William Irby, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Erby, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Simon Herby, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Anthony Irby or Irbye, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Gosberton, Lincs); William Erby, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Bidstone, Cheshire); Anthony Irbye, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Sutterton, Lincs); Jenney Irby, 1711 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

## Iredale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 977
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb

English: locative name, apparently from an unidentified locality in Westm or Cumb called Iredale (Old Scandinavian *Íradalr* 'valley of the Irish'). The earliest record of the surname (1597) occurs in Crosthwaite, near Kendal (Westm), through which Arndale Beck runs. Perhaps the beck name is a corruption of *Iredale* but it is recorded so late (19th century) that it is impossible to judge. The surname is also found in Cumb from the 1630s, between Keswick and Cockermouth, particularly in Lorton and Loweswater, where Iredale Place in Waterend, Loweswater, is named after the family.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Iredell, 1597, John Iredaile, 1702 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Issabel Iredell, 1631, Anne Iredale, 1718, Hannah Irdell, 1800 in *IGI* (Loweswater, Cumb); Rich Iredall, 1683 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Sarah Iredale, 1696, Tho Iredel, 1728 in *IGI* (Lorton, Cumb); Ann Iredall, 1708 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Joseph Irdall, 1758 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Betty Iredeal, 1772 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Hanks and Hodges*, at Iredale; Diana Whaley, *Dictionary of Lake District Place-Names*, Nottingham, 2006, p. 188; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Ireland

**Variants:** **Irland, Earland, Hireland, Yearling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8864, Ireland 492
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6880
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: ethnic name denoting a man from Ireland. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Ibernia, 1200, de Irlande, 1210 in *Oseney Cartulary*; John Yberniens, de Fretun 1288 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Perths); Patrick of Ireland, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Forfar, Angus); Robert de Irlonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas

Irlaunde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton, Devon); Gilbertus de Irlonde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ayston, Rutland); Willelmus Hirelond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington, Oxon); Johannes Erlond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); John Ireland, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); George Erland', 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashford, Kent); David Irland, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Earland, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Francis Ireland Earland, 1628 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Elizabetha Earland, 1643 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).

## Iremonger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks
- English: see **Ironmonger**.

## Ireson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1048, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 608
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Northants

English: relationship name, probably from the Middle English personal name *Ira* + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** George Ireson, 1570 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Richard Iresonne, 1570 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Ireson, 1725 in *IGI* (Yarwell, Northants); William Irson, 1765 in *IGI* (Emneth, Norfolk).

## Ireton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow

English: locative name from Kirk Ireton (Derbys) or Irton (Cumb, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard, Henry de Irton', 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Yrton', 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Xpofer Ireton, 1567 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Anna Ireton, 1580 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Penelapah Ireton, 1674 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); William Ireton, 1765 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Mary Ireton, 1774 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks).

## Irfan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *'irfān* 'knowledge, learning'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Irish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 869
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: from Old French *Ireis* or English *Irish* 'Irish'. **Early bearers:** Richard Ireis, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); William le hyreis, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert le Irish, 1356 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Hirisch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington, Oxon); William Erysshe, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Irysshe, Walter Irysshe, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset and Hants); Alys Irysshe, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret's, Westminster); Grace Yeryshe, 1560 in

## Irlam

*IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Henry Irish, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Over Weare, Somerset).

## Irlam

Variants: **Erlam, Earlam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Irlam (Lancs), recorded as *Irwelham* in 1259. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Irwillam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Thomas Irwylham, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Alexander Irlam, parson, 1518–29 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Belchamp Otten, Essex); Jeffrey Irlam, 1574 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Richard Earlam, 1597 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Jno. Erlham, 1723 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Rich'D Irlam, 1762 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); Thos. Earlham, 1795 in *IGI* (Aston by Sutton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 39.

2 English: locative name from Earlham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Erleham, king's falconer, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph de Erlham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Erasmus Erlam, 1641 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk).

## Ireland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Ireland**.

## Iron

Variants: **Irons, Hiron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *iron*, the name of a bird, possibly a variant of Middle English *ern* 'eagle' (Old English *earn*) or of Middle English *heroun* 'heron' (Old French *heirun*).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Irone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); Henr' le Irone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Stoke, near Chichester, Sussex); Johannes Iron, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harmondsworth, Middx); Thomas Yrown, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex); Galfridus le Hirne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Thomas Iron, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); Edward Or Edmond Iron, 1583 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Nicholas Iron, 1584 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds); Richard Iron, 1584 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); John Iron, 1646 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); John Iron, 1656 in *IGI* (Harston, Cambs).

## Ironmonger

Variants: **Iremonger, Isemonger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England; esp. Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *irinmongere* 'dealer in iron'. Early forms in *Ern-* and *Yern-* in Yorks, Lincs, and Staffs are from the Old Scandinavian cognate *járn* 'iron'. Forms in *Ise-*, *Ice-* derive from the Old English variant *īsen* (Middle English (*h*)*isen*, *izen*).

**Early bearers:** Ailred Ismangere, 1165–72 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard Yermonger, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Hervey le Ismongere, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John le Irmongere, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Irinmongere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Elyas le Ironmongere, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger le Ernmongere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John le yremongere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John le Yernemanger, 1332 in *Fransson* (Yorks); William Iremonger, 1555 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Joane Isemonger, 1590 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); John Iremonger Or Ironmonger, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); John Ismonger, 1636 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants); John Ironmonger, 1729 in *IGI* (Wyham cum Cadeby, Lincs).

## Irons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2149, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1558
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Northants; London and Kent; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: variant of **Iron** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Hirons**.

**Early bearers:** Wyllyam Irons, 1569 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Irons, 1598 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Margerie Irons, 1603 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Elizabetha Irons, 1618 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Samuel Irons, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

2 Scottish: locative name from an unidentified place called *Irmys* in 1398–9. The identification in *DAFN* with the Norman place-name Airaines (Somme) is phonologically unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Osbernus de Yrnis, dominus de Thornton' 1398–9, unidentified source in *Black* (Thornton, Angus); David Yrnis, 1485 in *Arbroath Register* (Baldovy, Angus); Johannes Irnys, 1535 in *Arbroath Register* (Kynclune, Angus); Sir James Irnis, 1546 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Perth, Perth); David Irons, 1644 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perth); Jean Irons, 1654 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

## Ironside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1157, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1007
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English or Older Scots *irnside* or (preserving the adjectival inflection) *irnside*, which according to *OED* was 'a name given to a man of great hardihood or bravery'. (ii) locative name from Ironside, New Deer (Aberdeens).

**Further information:** The first and most famous bearer of this nickname was Edmund Ironside, who in 1016 was briefly king of England before his early death. He acquired his nickname on account of his doughtiness: '*Irensid* was geclypod for his snell-scipe', according to *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* (1057). **Early bearers:** England: Hugh Irninside, Thomas Irnside, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Lincs); John Irenside, 1333 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Ironside, 1586 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Robert Ironside, 1591 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Raph Ironside, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Longbridge, Dorset); John Ironside, 1669 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

Scotland: Mage Irynsyd, 1570 in *Aberdeen Council Register*, (Aberdeen); Patrick Irnesyde, 1597 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Tarnehill, Aberdeens); James Irnesyde, 1627 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Foveran, Aberdeens); John Ironside, 1672 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens); Marg. Ironside, 1719 in *IGI* (Banchory Devenick, Kincardines).

## Irshad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Irshād* 'guidance'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Irvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 878
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs, Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Scottish: see **Irvine**.

## Irvine

Variants: **Irvin, Irving, Irwin, Ervin, Ervine, Erving, Erven, Erwin, Arvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9764, Ireland 2305
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6557
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Fermanagh; also Tyrone

1 Scottish: locative name from Irvine (Ayr) or Irving (Dumfriess). There has been confusion with **Erwin**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Reginald de Irvine, 1245–68 in *Glasgow Register*; Henry of Irvine, 1267 in *Glasgow Register*; Simon de Irwyn, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William de Irwyne, 1331 in *Aberdeen Register* (Drum, Aberdeens); Adam Irvine, 1455 in *Black*.

Ireland: William Irvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathmullan, Down); George Irvine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); Gerard Irvine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Trory, Fermanagh).

2 Irish: from Ó hEireamhóin 'descendant of Eireamhón', a personal name of uncertain origin. See also **Irwin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Eiremhon m. Aedho, half-king of Ulster, 886 in *AU*.

sumames: Aodh Ua h-Eremhoin, bishop of Kildare, 1100 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Philip O'Hervan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6442 (Kiltollaghan, Kilkenny).

3 English: a variant of **Erwin**.

## Irving

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9284, Ireland 101
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6646
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Dumfriess
- Scottish Borders: see **Irvine**.

## Irwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5537, Ireland 3671
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2514
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Tyrone

1 English: see **Erwin**.

**Further information:** The suggestion in *Morgan and Morgan* that the name may sometimes be from the Welsh personal name *Urien* is theoretically possible but difficult to substantiate. See **Urion**.

2 Irish: from Ó hEireamhóin, see **Irvine**.

### Irwine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Sligo
- English: see **Erwin**.

### Irwing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England
- English: see **Erwin**.

### Isa

**Variants:** Issa, Essa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic: from the personal name *ʿĪsa*, Arabic form of Hebrew *Yeshua*, Greek *Iēsous* (see **Jesus**).

**Further information:** This name is borne predominantly by Christian Arabs but also by Muslims. In Islam *ʿĪsa* is regarded as a prophet, ‘a messenger of Allah and his word’ (Qur’an 4:171).

### Isaac

**Variants:** Issac, Isacke, Isaacs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4485, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan and Carmarthen; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Tyrone

Jewish, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical Hebrew personal name *Isaac*. This is from Hebrew *yishāq* ‘he laughs or smiles’ or ‘may He (i.e. God) smile on him’, and was the name of the son of Abraham (Genesis 21:3) by his wife Sarah. The personal name was widely used in medieval Europe among Christians as well as Jews, hence its emergence as a gentile surname in the medieval and early modern periods. Adoption of surnames in Wales and in the Jewish community generally occurred much later than elsewhere in Britain. In Wales the personal name was particularly popular among Nonconformists in the 17th–19th centuries, and this probably accounts for its frequency as a Welsh surname. It is also found as a surname, derived from the given name, among families from southern India.

**Early bearers:** given names: Isac, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Willelmus filius Ysac, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

surnames, England: Henry Isaac, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Isak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thoams Isaac, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thurlestone, Devon); Robertus Isak, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Charles, Devon); Johannes Isaak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldrington, Sussex); Johannes Isaac, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); John Isaak, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Isaac, 1565 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Katherine Butcher alias Isaak, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich, Kent); Hugo Isaac, 1590 in *IGI*

(Quethiock, Cornwall); Mary Isaac, 1705 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

surnames, Wales: Rachel Isaac, 1775 in *IGI* (Nantcwnlle, Cardigans); Elinor Isaac, 1762 in *IGI* (Llangain, Carmarthen); Anne Isaac, 1813 in *IGI* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

surnames, Jewish: Marian Isaacs, 1793, George Isaac, 1820 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Abraham Isaac, hawker, born in Russia, in *Census 1851* (Birmingham, Warwicks); David Isaac, Hebrew minister, born in Friesland, Holland, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Morris Isaac, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Abraham Isaac, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Sarah Isaacs, drapery dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bedwelty, Monmouths); Mark Isaac, jewellery dealer, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Isaacs, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Isaacks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Jewish, English: see **Isaacs**.

### Isaacs

**Variants:** Isaacs, Isaacks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3091, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2575
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Somerset

Jewish, English: relationship name, variant of **Isaac** with patronymic *-s*. This surname is now borne mainly by Jews, but it was also adopted as a surname among Christians (mainly Nonconformists in around the 17th century).

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Aaron Isaac Isaacs, 1791 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Alderney Road Jewish Cemetery, Tower Hamlets, Middx); Esther Isaacs, 1816 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Barnet Isaacs, 1839 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samuel Isaacs, in *Census 1881* (Smithfield, Middx); Moses Isaacs, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Solomon Isaacs, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Warwicks).

Christian: Jone Isaacks, 1627 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Ann Isaacks, 1683 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Jennett Isaacs, 1690 in *IGI* (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan).

### Isaacson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; London

Jewish, English: relationship name from the Old Testament personal name **Isaac** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** English: Johannes Isakson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timble, WR Yorks); Edward Ysacson, 1541 in *IGI* (London); Christopher Isackson, 1611 in *IGI* (Teversham, Cambs); Antonius Isaacson, 1626 *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Robert Isaacson, 1670 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Will Isaacson, 1670 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Will Isaacson, 1673 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Henry Isaacson, 1674 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Jewish: Aaron Isaacson, 1839 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Brady Street Jewish Cemetery, Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Isaacson, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Joseph Isaacson, born in Poland, in

*Census 1911* (London); Hyman Isaacson, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Isabel

**Variants:** Isabell, Isabelle, Isbell, Isbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- French, Spanish, English: relationship name from the personal name *Isabel*, an Occitan and Spanish variant of **Elizabeth**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Isabel, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Isabel, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

surnames: William Isabelle, 1202–16 in *Saint Paul's Manuscripts* (London); William Isabel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Isbel, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Richard Isbell, 1493–1500 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Acle, Norfolk).

### Isabell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent

English: see **Isabel**.

### Isabelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Isabel**.

**Further information:** This form of the surname is more common in North America than Britain.

### Isacke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London; Hants
- Jewish: see **Isaac**.

### Isard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Izzard**.

### Isbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex; Middx; also Cornwall

English: see **Isabel**.

### Isbill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Isabel**.

### Isbister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 401
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Shetland
- Scottish: locative name from Isbister (Orkney), or sometimes from Isbister (Shetland).
- Early bearers:** Adam Isbister, 1660 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Rot. Isbuster, 1646 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); James Isbister, 1736 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland); Peter Isbistar, 1751 in *IGI* (Holm and Pappay, Orkney); Wisala Isbaster, 1765 in *IGI*

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(Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Isbuster, 1797 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

### Isdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Clackmannans
- Scottish: see **Easdale**.

### Isdell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Easdale**.

### Iseard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Izzard**.

### Isemonger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Guernsey
- English: see **Ironmonger**.

### Isgar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English form of the Old Scandinavian name *Esgar* or *Ásgeirr*.
- Further information:** An Esgar held Worle (Somerset) in 1066, according to *Domesday Book*.
- Early bearers:** Hervey Isgere, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Esgar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); John Isgar, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Brent, Somerset); Giles Isgar, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Luckington, Wilts); William Isgar, 1617 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); Nicholas Isgar, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Cheddar, Somerset).

### Isham

**Variants:** **Issom, Isom, Ison, Izon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: locative name from Isham (Northants).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Isham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Isham, 1620 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); Eluseby Isham, 1634 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Thomas Isom, 1675 in *IGI* (Little Dalby, Leics); John Isom, 1713 in *Leicester Freemen Register* (Leics).

### Ishaq

**Variants:** **Ishaque**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from the personal name *Iṣḥāq*, Arabic form of the Biblical name **Isaac**.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

### Ishaque

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (subcontinental Asia): see **Ishaq**.

**Further information:** This spelling is typically of Indian or Pakistani origin.

### Isherwood

**Variants:** **Usherwood, Esherwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2933, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from a lost place in Bolton, Lancs.
- Early bearers:** William de Yserwude, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Esherwode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Issherewood, John Ussherwood, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Abraham Isherwood, 1601 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Ishfaq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ishfāq* ‘compassion, pity’.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

### Ishmael

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Ismail**.

### Ishtiaq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ishtiāq* ‘desire, yearning’.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

### Isitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands and WR Yorks; also London

English: see **Izzard** and compare **Issett**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Isitt, 1721 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Leics); Mary Isitt, 1779 in *IGI* (Brigstock, Northants).

### Islam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9274, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *islām* ‘peace’, the Arabic name of the religion of Muslims.

### Isle

**Variants:** **Ile, Iles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: a mainly Lincs variant of **Lisle**. Compare **Lill**.
- Early bearers:** Joanna Isle, 1546 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); James Isle, 1731 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Isles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth; WR Yorks and Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Iles**.

### Isley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hunts; London; Wilts

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, apparently in the east or south of England. There is no clear connection with Isley Walton (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Galfrido de Isileye, about 1228, cited 1341 in *Patent Rolls*; William Isley, 1277 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Bertram Isilye of Little Sechith, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Tilney, Norfolk); John Isely, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Edenbridge, Kent); John Isley, squire, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Maidstone); Edward Isley, 1528 in *PROB 11*; Henry Isley, 1533–8 in *Chancery Proceedings* (East Farleigh, Kent); Roasse Isley, 1575 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Rici Isley, 1592 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Adryan Islye, 1595 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Henry Isley, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Sundridge, Kent); Ralph Isly, 1688 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

### Islip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, Warwicks, Leics, and Lincs

English: locative name from Islip (Northants).

**Further information:** Islip in Oxon is theoretically a possible source, but there is no evidence of a link between this surname and the Oxon place.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Ystlape, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Adam de Yslep, 1255 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); William Islep, 1381 in *The Church in London*; Agnes Islip, 1602 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); George Islip, 1619 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Oliver Islip, 1625 in *IGI* (Bolnhurst, Beds); William Islip 1630 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Thomas Islip, 1633, and Jane Islip, 1657, in *IGI* (Edith Weston, Rutland); Thomas Islip, 1662 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

### Ismael

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Ismail**.

### Ismail

**Variants:** **Ismael, Ishmael, Esmail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4507, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name, *Ismā'il*. This is the Qur'anic form of the Biblical *Ishmael*, a son of **Ibrahim** (Abraham), who is regarded as a prophet in Islam, and traditionally held to be the founder of the Arab peoples.

**Further information:** The term *Ismaili* is of much more recent origin; it refers to a sect of Shiite Muslims headed by the Aga Khan, who claim descent from the Fatimid dynasty that ruled Egypt and North Africa from 909 to 1171. They take their name from Ismā'il al-Siddiq (699–765), son of the sixth Shiite Imam.

### Ismay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb



English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Isemay*, of uncertain origin, but since the lady in the 1227 example is also called Isemeine (see **Emeney**), it may have a Continental Germanic origin, an unrecorded \**Ismagi* perhaps. **Further information:** Compare the Middle English female personal name Idemay la Frye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** given names: Isemay, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Ysemay de Mult', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Ralph Isemay, Hyssmaye, 13th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); William Ysmay, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Avic Ismay, 1596 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Ambrose Ismay, 1607 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Richard Ismay, 1690 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Margrett Ismay, 1702 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Robert Ismay, 1711 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Issom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Isham**.

### Ison

Variants: **Izon**, **Hyson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1092, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 878
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Warwicks and Leics

English: probably a variant of **Isham**, rather than of **Ideson**, as suggested by Reaney. See **Izzard**.

**Early bearers:** Jo. Ison, 1586, Micheall Izon, 1636, Mary Ison, 1816 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Johis Izen, 1638, Sarah Izon, 1640 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); John Isonn, 1645 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Elizabeth Izen, 1645 in *IGI* (Ansley, Warwicks); Elizabeth Ison, 1666 in *IGI* (Syston, Leics).

### Israel

Variants: **Isreal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Glamorgan

1 Jewish: relationship name from the Hebrew male personal name *Yisrael*, said to mean 'fighter for God'.

**Further information:** In the Bible Israel was a byname of Jacob, acquired after he had wrestled with an angel at the ford of Jabbok (Genesis 32: 24–28). The name was widely adopted by Jews with reference both to the ancient kingdom of Israel, which was destroyed by the Assyrians in 721 BC, and to the concept of Jewish nationhood in general.

**Early bearers:** Jonah Israel, 1785 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Barnard Israel, 1797 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Marks Israel, 1798, Moses Israel, 1838 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Aaron Israel, born in Poland, 1874 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Exeter Jewish Cemetery, Devon); Nathan Israel, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Morris Israel, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Abraham Israel, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Myer Israel, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lincs); Lewis Israel, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lincs).

2 English: This Biblical name was used as a personal name among Nonconformists from the 17th century onwards in Wales and S England.

**Early bearers:** England: Jennings Israel, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Eval, Cornwall); Mary Israel, 1737 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Francis Israel, 1779 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx). Wales: Thomas Israel, 1684, Lewis Israel, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Clears, Carmarthens); John Israel, 1730 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Rowland Israel, 1735 in *IGI* (Penrice, Glamorgan); Evan Israel, 1812 in *IGI* (Betws Bledrws, Cardigans).

### Isreal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Jewish: see **Israel**.

### Issa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic (mainly Lebanon and Syria): see **Isa**.

### Issac

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan; Hants

1 Jewish: see **Isaac**.

2 Arabic, Muslim: see **Ishaq**

### Issacs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish, English: see **Isaacs**.

### Issard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Izzard**.

### Issatt

Variants: **Iszatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Izzard** and compare **Issett**, **Issott**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Isat, 1576 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Alice Izat, 1584 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Isatt, 1724 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Thos. Isat, 1728 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lincs); Joseph Izzat, 1754, John Iszatt, 1772, Joseph Issatt, 1774 in *IGI* (Campsall, WR Yorks).

### Issett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Midlands

English: see **Izzard** and compare **Issatt**, **Isitt**, **Issott**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Issett, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Jno Issett, 1719 in *IGI* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); George Issett, 1722 in *IGI* (Stonton Wyville, Leics); Thomas Issett, 1767 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants).

### Issitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

English: see **Izzard** and compare **Issett**.

**Early bearers:** Nathaniell Issitt, 1625 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Lincs); Will. Issitt, 1658 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Mary Issitt, 1675 in *IGI* (East Norton, Leics); Robert Issitt, 1763 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; James Issitt, 1806 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants).

### Issom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Isham**.

### Issott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Izzard** and compare **Issett**, **Issatt**.

**Early bearers:** Edwardi Issott, 1585 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Thomas Isott, 1655 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Jno. Izot, 1719 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Joseph Isot, 1748 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Isot, 1758 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

### Isted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 877, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place, probably in Sussex, with Middle English *sted(e)* 'place, site' as the second element. **Further information:** There is an Istead Rise near Gravesend (Kent) but this seems to be of recent coining (perhaps from the surname), and too distant from the main cluster (W Sussex) to be the source. **Early bearers:** Richard Isted, 1542, Joanne Istede, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Mayfield, Sussex); Rycharde Istedde, 1584 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Richard Isted, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Hastings, Sussex); Samuel Istead, 1664 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey).

### Iszard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Izzard**.

### Iszatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Issatt**.

### Ithell

Variants: **Ethell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Ithell*, Middle Welsh *Ithael*. See also **Iddles**, **Bithell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Itel Karlo, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Ithel de Landinab, 1215 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs).

surnames: Wrennus filius Ydel, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Ralph Ithel, 1336 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Jena ap Ithel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); David ap Ithel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton Say, Shrops); Edward Ithell,

## Ivanov

1577 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Abraham Ithell, 1798 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Ivanov

- **Current frequencies:** GB 890, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Bulgarian and Russian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Ivan*, an eastern Slavic equivalent of **John**.

### Ivans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Oxon
- English: see **Evans**.

### Ivatt

Variants: **Ivatts**, **Ivett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Iva*, feminine form of *Ivo*. Compare **Ive**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Iuetta, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs), 1175 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).  
surnames: Richard filius Iuotte, 1270 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs); John Ivette, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Ivet, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas*; John Iuot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Ivet', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylsham, Norfolk); James Ivatt, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Ivatt, 1599 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Thomas Ivatt, 1609 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Murthwaite Ivatt, 1709 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); John Ivatt, 1730 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Ivatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx

English: variant of **Ivatt** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Ivytes, 1561 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas Ivatts, 1579 in *IGI* (London); William Ivatts, 1625 in *IGI* (Westminster); William Ivatts, 1653 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks).

### Ive

Variants: **Ives**, **Ife**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Ive*, *Yve(s)*, *Ivon*, which was common among the Normans and Bretons.

**Early bearers:** given names: Iue de Verdun, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Iuo, Hiue de Gausla, 1155–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
surnames: Herbertus filius Iuonis, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Roger Yuo, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Ive, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Ive, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Ives, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Ive, 1460–5 in *TNA* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Ive, 1540 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Edmund Hyffe, 1545 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds); Williamus Ive, 1551 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts);

Gawin Ive, 1554 in *IGI* in Bardwell (Suffolk); John Ife, 1564 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk).

### Ivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Ivill**.  
2 English: see **Ifield**.

### Ivens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Evans**.

### Iver

Variants: **Ivers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Westm
- 1 English: locative name from Iver (Bucks) named from Old English \**yfre* 'edge or brow of a hill, tip of a promontory', or from a minor place named with the same word.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Iver', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Mandeville, Bucks); Wm. Iver, 1539 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Ann Iver, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Rich. Iver, 1642 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Mary Iver, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).  
2 Scottish: (i) relationship name, reduced form of Irish and Scottish Gaelic **Mac Íomhair**, see **McIvor**. (ii) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ivar*; see **Ivor**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Elizabeth Iver, 1654 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Isabel Iver, 1740 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); John Iver, 1745 in *IGI* (Dunoon and Kilmun, Argyll).  
England: Reginald Iver, 1702 in *IGI* (Hutton Magna, NR Yorks); Mary Iver, 1797 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Ivers

Variants: **Eivers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 452
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Mayo; Kildare

1 Irish: from **Ó hÍomhair**, 'descendant of *Íomhar*', Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ívarr* with excrement English *-s*. It is occasionally anglicized as **Howard**.

**Early bearers:** Odo O'Hawrde, priest, 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §293 (Diocese of Killaloe); Morris mcDavid O'Hour, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6479 (Rathcannan); Donegh oge O'Hiur, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Loughlen O'Hyver, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558 (Kilballane); Connoghor mcTeige ny bowly O'Hewer, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617 (Clonecoll).

2 English: variant of **Iver** or **Ivor** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

3 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Íomhair** 'son of *Íomhar*', with excrement English *-s*. See **McIvor**.

### Iversen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

Danish, Norwegian: Danish and Norwegian spelling of **Iverson**.

### Iverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: relationship name from the personal name **Ivor** with patronymic *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Iverson, 1625 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Ivery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Gloucs; Cornwall; Hants; Oxon
- English: see **Ivory**.

### Ives

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4864, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. SE England and E Anglia; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Norman, English: variant of **Ive** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Iveson

Variants: **Ivson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1257, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 852
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks and Durham

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name **Ive** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Iveson, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Iveson, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Allonby, Cumb); Adam Iveson, 1383 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); John Iveson, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Mary Iveson, 1565 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Francisca Iveson, 1639 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Iveson, 1658 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); John Ivison, 1660 in *Cumbria Record Office (Carlisle)* (Kingmoor, Cumb); Thomas Iveson, 1682, John Ivison, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Bridgett Iveson, 1684 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Dorothy Ivison, 1724 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

2 English: perhaps in some cases a variant of **Iveston**.

### Iveston

Variants: **Ivson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: locative name from Iveston in Lanchester (Durham), pronounced /'aɪstən/. It is recorded as *Yuestan* in 1153–95, *Ivestone* in 1475, *Iseton* in 1637.  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Ivestan, 1243 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cartington, Northumb); Matthew Iueston, 1655, Mary Iveston, 1685, Thomas Iviston, 1691 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); William Iveston, 1689 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 123.

### Ivett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- English: see **Ivatt**.

### Ivey

Variants: **Ivy, Ivie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 844
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: locative name from Ivoy (Cher) in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Iuoi, de Iuei, 1161–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Iuye, esquire, 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Henry Ivy, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Braughing, Herts); John Ivie, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Martin by Looe, Cornwall); George Ivye or Ivy, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Bath, Somerset); John Ivye, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Wendron, Cornwall).

### Ivie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: see **Ivey**.

### Ivill

Variants: **Ifill, Ivell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Iva*, feminine form of *Ivo*. Compare **Ive**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Ivel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holton, Oxon); John Ivell, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Winchester, Hants); Richard Effill, 1588 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Nycholas Effell, 1618 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); George Ivell, 1694 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); John Ivill, 1745 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Thomas Ivil, 1758 in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); Edwd. Ivel, 1790 in *IGI* (Ringley, Lancs); John Ifill, 1803 in *IGI* (Malling, Kent); John Ivill, 1815 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

### Ivin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Wilts

1 Norman, English: relationship name from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Iva*, feminine form of *Ivo*. Compare **Ive**.

**Early bearers:** Henrie Ivin, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Faversham, Kent); Stephen Ivin, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Ivin, 1702 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs).

2 Welsh, English: perhaps a variant of **Evan**; compare **Ivinson**.

### Ivins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Somerset; also Glamorgan

English: see **Evans**.

### Ivinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Evanson**.

### Ivison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Iveson**.

### Ivor

Variants: **Iver, Ivers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: (i) relationship name from Old Scandinavian *Ívarr, Iwar, Ivar* 'yew-army'. (ii) relationship name, possibly from the Welsh male given name *Ifor*; if so, it is not clear that it survives today.

**Early bearers:** given names: Juuar, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Iware diaconus, 1140–53 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Iuor paruuus, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs).

surnames, England: Robert Yuor, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Anne Ivor, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Abraham Ivor, 1786 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

surnames, Wales: William Evor, 1670 in *Hearth Tax* (Glamorgan).

### Ivory

Variants: **Ivery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1036, Ireland 408
- **GB frequency 1881:** 614
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts; also Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Kildare

1 Norman, English: locative name of Norman origin, from Ivry-la-Bataille (Eure), earlier *Ibreium*. Some early bearers, except those from 1086 and 1215, may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Iuri, de Iueri, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); G. de Iverio, Matillis comitissa de Ibreio, 1215 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Henry Ivory, 1569 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Ivory, 1572 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); Sara Ivory, 1586 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ivory*, a pet form of **Ivor**. **Early bearers:** given names: Ivory Malet, 1270 in *Bardsley*. surnames: Thomas son of Ivorie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alice Yuory, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Ivory, 1364 in *London Letter Books G*; Germanus Ivory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Shoreham, Sussex).

### Ivy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Ivey**.

### Iyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu (Brahman), *aiyar* in Tamil, composed of the noun stem *ayya* (from Sanskrit *ārya* 'Aryan; master, preceptor; father-in-law') + the honorific plural suffix *-r*.

**Further information:** The Iyer Brahmans are a prominent community from Tamil Nadu.

### Izant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London; Cheshire; Somerset

English: locative name, apparently a variant of **Hyson** with loss of initial *H-* and the addition of an excrescent *-t*. In Cheshire *Hyson* probably derives from Heysham (Lancs) but in Somerset *Hyson*, like **Hayson**, is likely to be a variant of **Haysom**: compare Mary Haysom, 1580, Martha Hayson, 1635, Lucy Izant, 1788 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset), and Betty Izant, 1775, Mary Hyson, 1780 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts). There is no evidence to suggest that it is a variant of **Izzard**, as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson*.

**Early bearers:** Betty Izant, 1775 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Lucy Izant, 1788 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); John Izant, 1799 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Izard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Izzard**.

### Izat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: see **Izatt**.

### Izatt

Variants: **Izzett, Izzet, Izat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Izzard**.

**Early bearers:** Issobell Izat, 1672 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Margaret Isott, 1692 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Margt. Izat, 1705 in *IGI* (Tulliallan, Perth); Helen Izat, 1709 in *IGI* (Crail, Fife); John Isat, 1735 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elizam Izzet, 1770 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Jno. Isat, 1743 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Izzet, 1743 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Margaret Izzet, 1799 in *IGI* (Dalgety, Fife); Margaret Izzet, 1828 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

### Izod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; Worcs and Gloucs

English: see **Izzard**. Compare Luce Izard, 1539, William Issod, 1632 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts).

**Early bearers:** Francisci Izod, 1617 in *IGI* (Stanton, Gloucs); Johanni Issod, 1619 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Thomas Izod, 1654 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Anthonye Izod, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Thomas Izod, 1707 in *IGI* (Church Lench, Worcs).

### Izon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Ison**.

**Izzard**

**Variants:** Izard, Isard, Iszard, Issard, Iseard, Issatt, Issett, Isitt, Issitt, Issott, Izatt, Izod, Ezard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1294, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 796
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and SE Midlands

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Iseld*, *Iseut*, *Isalt*, *Isaut*, *Isolde*, *Isoud*, a French adaptation of Old Cornish *Eselt* 'looked up to, admired'. Its currency in post-Conquest England derived from the legend of Tristan and Isolde, Cornish versions of which gained huge popularity in medieval Europe through romantic retellings by German, French, and Anglo-Norman writers. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Isot*, a pet form of *Iseld*, *Isold*.

**Further information:** *Iseld* or *Isold(e)* was formerly but incorrectly identified as a hypothetical Continental Germanic \**Ishild(is)*, developing to *Isheld*, *Ishaut*, and *Isholt*; see *Forssner*, pp. 164–5, referring to *Iseldis* in *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 1, p. 147, are simply the latinized form of the romance name. The common surname form *Izzard* shows post-medieval substitution of *-ard* in the final syllable of Middle English *Iso(u)d* or *Isot*, influenced by the pattern of variation in names like *Gillard*, *Gillett*, *Gillott*, and *Gillatt*, or *Garrard*, *Garrod*, and *Garrett*, where in many instances the final *-ard* is original.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Iseldis*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); *Ysoude*, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); *Hysode*, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); *Ysout*, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); *Isolda*, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); *Isolda*, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); *Isolda*, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); *Ysolt*, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); *Isouda*, *Iseuda*, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex, Leics); *Isota Holebrook*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); *Isolda Warde*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); *Isolda Hode*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sileby, Leics); *Isoud Vicoryus*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hawling with Roel, Gloucs); *Isolda dil Crosse*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); *Isouda Craule*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ockley, Surrey); *Isolda de Lancastr'*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helen Stonegate, York); *Isata*, 1459 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); *Izota*, 1603 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

**urnames:** Thomas *Isolde*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert *Isaud*, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas *Isoude*, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmo *Isowde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Willelmo *Isold*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Willelmo filio *Isolde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sileby, Leics); Thomas *Isaud*, 1377, Margareta *Isod*, Johannes *Isot*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Matill' filia *Isolde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johanna filia *Isolde*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Johannes *Isold*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Willelmus *Isoud*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Luce *Izard*, 1539 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); John *Isard*, 1574 in *IGI*

(Watton at Stone, Herts); Margaret *Isard*, 1574 in *IGI* (East Sutton, Kent); Edward *Izard*, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Susan *Issard*, 1587 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Elenora *Issard*, 1607 in *IGI* (Fladbury, Worcs); William *Izard*, 1609 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Robert *Izzard*, 1613 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); Benell *Issard*, 1613, Sarah *Ezard*, 1724 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Johannes *Izzard*, 1617 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts); Henry *Izord*, 1627 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John *Isard*, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John *Iszard*, 1668 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Mary *Issard*, 1674 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John *Izzard*, 1699 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Anne *Iszard*, 1700 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); William *Iseard*, 1753 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** O. J. Padel, 'The Cornish background of the Tristan stories', *Cambridge Medieval Celtic Studies* 1 (1981), pp. 53–81.

**Izzet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see *Izatt*.

**Izzett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: see *Izatt*.

**Jaap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Japp**.

**Jabbar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jabbār* 'powerful, mighty', or the compound form 'abdu<sup>l</sup>-jabbār 'servant of the All-powerful [Allah]'

**Jabeen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1044, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Muslim): from an Arabic personal name based on *jabi* meaning either 'forehead' or 'fortune'.

**Jablonski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Polish *Jabłoński*, denoting someone from Jablonka, Jablonna, or Jablonica, all places named with *jabłoń* 'apple tree'.

**Further information:** The name is sometimes recorded as *Yablonski*, reflecting the usual Polish pronunciation. **Early bearers:** S. Lewis Jablonski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Poplar, Middx); Moses Jablonski, born in London, in *Census 1891* (Poplar, Middx); Jos. Yablonski, grocer, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Annie Yablonski, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Jack**

**Variants:** **Jacka, Jagg, Jacks, Geake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7268, Ireland 201
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6332
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal; Antrim

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Jak, Jakke, Jagge, Jake, Jeke, Jegge*, a Picard-Flemish denasalized variant of Old Picard and Middle Dutch *Janke*, a pet form of *Jan* (John). It was introduced by Flemings and Picards into Norman and Anglo-Norman usage, whence it became a common English pet form of *John*. Compare John or Jacke le Warner, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John or Jakke de Bondec, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Jake or John de Couentre, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London) and 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Adam Jac, alias Adam Jake, 1296, alias Adam filius Johannis, 1297 in *Wheatley Court Rolls* (Notts). Although the surname is mainly Scottish in distribution, it occurs in England, too, but the more common surname form there is **Jackson**. (ii) relationship name, occasionally perhaps from a Middle English borrowing of the Old French personal name *Jacque(s)* (James). Jacolin Hugelin

(1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London)) is also called both James and Jack (1291 in *London Letter Books A*), but he is a Frenchman and it is uncertain whether English *Jack* was ever used as an alternative to *James*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jake Heriel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Jak del Thorp, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Jak Jonson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Tosson, Northumb); Joly Jac, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haigh, Lancs); Jakke Jolifers, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Jak Donaldson, 1453, Jak Richardson, 1469 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Angus).

sumames, England: Petrus, Andreas filius Jake, 1195–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Normannus filius Jacce, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Jake, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus filius Jake, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Jakke, 1302 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes filius Jake, about 1315 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); John Jak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Jeke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolley, Hunts); Robert Jakke, Adam Jeke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Jake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Benedictus Jakke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Johannes Jak, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Osmotherley, NR Yorks); Willelmo Jake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grobby, Leics); Willelmus Jake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); Johannes Jakke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Bampton, Oxon); Johannes Jake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Nicholao Jak', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grittleton, Wilts); Juliana Jake, 1565 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Margaret Jack, 1571 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Johan Jack, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); John Jake, 1584 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Alyce Jake, 1594 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Jake, 1617 in *IGI* (Ashill, Norfolk); Andrew Jakke, 1651 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Roger Jake, 1684 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops).

sumames, Scotland: Duncan Jak, 1480 in *Highland Papers* (Dundee, Angus); John Jak, before 1498 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Katherine Jak, 1545 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings); William Jak, burgess of Aberdeen, 1554 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Wilyem Jaike, deacon of the kirk of Aberdeen, 1554, Andro Jaik of Aberdeen, 1577 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; John Jack, 1580, James Jake, 1619 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Thomas Jack, 1587 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Isbell Jack, 1600 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Gideon Jacque, 1692 in *Scott, Fasti* (Liberton, Midlothian); George Jacc, 1721 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs).

**References:** McClure, *Jack I*, pp. 100–2; J. Lindemans, 'Haket en andere oude diminutiefvormen van Johannes', *Mededelingen van de Vereniging voor Naamkunde*, 32 (1956), pp. 105–112.

**Jacka**

**Variants:** **Jacko**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English, Cornish: relationship name, Cornish form of **Jack**, in which pronunciation of the final *-e* of

Middle English and early Modern English *Jakke* is preserved and written as *-a*. *Jacko* appears to be a reinterpretation of *Jacka* as a variant of *Jack* + the Cornish hypocoristic suffix *-o(w)*, though this specifically Cornish pet form of *Jack* is not otherwise recorded.

**Early bearers:** John Jakke, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Lanherne, in Saint Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall); Robert Jakke, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Winnington, Cornwall); Harry Jacka, 1571 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Richard Jacko, 1662, Samuel Jackah, 1766 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Jtty Jaco, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Allen, Cornwall).

**Jackaman**

**Variants:** **Jackman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- Norman, English: relationship name from Old French *Jaquemin* and *Jacquemon*, pet forms of *Jacqueme*, a Picard form of *James* (Latin \**Jacomus*). Jakemin de Sessolu, 1302 in *London Court Rolls* is also called James. *Jacqueme* is also found as a female name. The surname was probably also spelled *Jakeman* and *Jakemon*; see **Jackman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jakemyn le Hatter, 1314 in *London Letter Books D*; Jakemina, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jacomyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cold Newton, Leics).

sumames: Johannes Jakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Suffolk?); Ambrose Jackaman, 1566 in *IGI* (Mendelsham, Suffolk); Rachaell Jackaman, 1580 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Maria Jackaman, 1665 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk).

**Jackes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey

English: see **Jacks**.

**Jacket**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent
- English: see **Jackett**.

**Jackets**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent
- English: see **Jacketts**.

**Jackett**

**Variants:** **Jacket, Jacquet, Jacketts, Jacquot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jaket*, perhaps a diminutive of *Jack* (from **John**) but more likely a borrowing of Old French *Jacquet*, a pet form of *Jacques* (James),

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used for men and women alike. Compare Jaketta alias Jakemina, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*. Forms of the name with *-qu-* either imitate French spelling (fashionable from the 16th century) or belong with (2). See **Jack**, **Jacks**, **Jacques**.

**Early bearers:** William Jaket, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seaford, Sussex); Willelmo Jaket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Johannes Jacket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Waldron, Dorset); Elizabeth Jacket, 1563, Hatwell Jackett, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Henry Jackett, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Arthur Jackett, 1570 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Henry Jackette, 1588 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Margaret Jackett, 1589 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Abraham Jacket, 1622 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Adam Jaquet, 1597 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Jaquet, 1713 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Sarah Jacquet, 1804 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall).

2 Huguenot, French: anglicized spelling of French **Jacquet**.

## Jacketts

**Variants:** **Jackets**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Jackett**, with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Jacketts, 1564 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Wm. Jackets, 1765 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall).

## Jacklin

**Variants:** **Jackling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 800
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Cambs

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Jacquelin*, a double diminutive pet form of *Jacques* (James). Jacolin Hugelin (1292 *Subsidy Rolls* (London)) is also called both *James* and *Jack* (1291 *London Letter Books* A).

**Early bearers:** given names: Jakelinus, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks); Jakelinus de Bouele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mundham, Sussex).

surnames: Elias Jakelyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sullington cum Thakeham, Sussex); Edmund Jakelin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Jakelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Adam Jakelyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poynings, Sussex); Willelmus Jakelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fakenham, Suffolk); Robert Jacklin, Thomas Jackling, 1566 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); William Jacklin, 1567 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

## Jackling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Jacklin** reinterpreted as having the common suffix *-ing*.

## Jackman

**Variants:** **Jakeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3097, Ireland 329
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2764
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; IoW and Hants; WR Yorks; also Bucks and London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp.

Kilkenny, Wexford, and Laois

English: (i) variant of **Jackaman**. (ii) occupational name, status name from the personal name **Jack** + *man*, signifying ‘man(servant) of Jack’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Jakeman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Jakeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loxwood, Suffolk); Johannes Jakeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Devon); Johannes Jacman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Misperton, NR Yorks); Robertus Jakeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wigginton, Oxon); Johanne Jakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sketchley, Leics); Henrico Jakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Galhampton, Somerset); Johannes Jakemon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Stratford, Warwicks); Thoma Jakemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frilford, Berks); Johannes Jakeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Johanne Jakeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); William Jakeman, 1548 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Bryan Jackman, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Joan Jakeman, 1561 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Jackman, 1572 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); Johes Jackman, 1578 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Peter Jackman, 1581 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Alisse Jackman, 1584 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Thomas Jakeman, 1586 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Edmond Jakeman, 1599 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Willia. Jakeman, 1607 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Jackman, 1623 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW).

## Jacko

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Glamorgan
- Cornish: see **Jacka**.

## Jacks

**Variants:** **Jackes**, **Jakes**, **Jacques**, **Jaggs**, **Jex**, **Jax**, **Jecks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: (i) variant of **Jack** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*. (ii) relationship name, alternatively from a Middle English borrowing of the Old French personal name *Jacques*, the common form of *James* (Latin *Jacobus*) in France, where the personal name was far more popular than it was in England. The only certain examples in England appear to be names of French merchants: Jacobus or Jakes Amadur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Jakes or James Flinthard, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), 1300 in *London Court Rolls*. However, English use of this name cannot be ruled out. See also **Jacques** (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Jakes, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Agnes Jakkes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Jakes, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Jekes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanton cum Hilton, Hunts); William Jakkes, 1366 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Walter Jekkes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willm Jakes, 1539 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Rob Jecks, 1539, in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Thomas Jakes, 1541 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thos Jaks, 1562 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Edrus. Jakes, 1564 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Art Jex, 1566 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Francis Jakes, 1567 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Thomas Jagges, 1568 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Jakes, 1601 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Francis Jakes, 1612 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Mathew Jaggs, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Jackson

**Variants:** **Jaxon**, **Jaeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109086, Ireland 4071
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82991
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Armagh

English: relationship name from the personal name **Jack** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Jackessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Jakson, 1353 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rogerus Jeckesson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runton, Norfolk); Willelmus Jakson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); John Jakeson, 1438 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Lincs); Robert Jakson or Jackson, 1533 in *PROB 11* (London); John Jaxson, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Benton, Devon).

## Jacob

**Variants:** **Jacobs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3517, Ireland 594
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2327
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Waterford; Laois

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Old Testament personal name, Hebrew *Ya'aqob*.

The pronunciation with initial ‘jay’ reflects anglicization of Continental ‘ya’. See also **Jacoby**, **Jacobs**, and **Jacobson**.

**Early bearers:** Israel Jacob, 1777 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Barnett Jacob, brush maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lewis Jacob, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Julius Jacob, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hyman Jacobs, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Aaron Jacobs, tailor’s presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lincs).

2 Welsh, English: relationship name from the Modern English Biblical personal name *Jacob*. After the Reformation, the name of the Old Testament patriarch was increasingly favoured as a Christian name by Nonconformist Protestant families, especially in south Wales, where it gave rise to a number of surnames in the 18th and 19th centuries. See also **James**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Jacob, son of Jacob Harry, 1709 in *IGI* (Llanbadarnfawr, Cardigans).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jacob*, the name of two of Jesus’s disciples in the New Testament, who were known in post-Conquest England both as *Jacob* and as *James* (the Old French form of the name, see **James**). Medieval clerks latinized both as *Jacobus*, so it is difficult to tell how common each of the two vernacular forms was.

**Further information:** Middle English use of *Jacob* survives in the place-name *Jacobstow(e)* ‘(holy) place dedicated to Saint James’ (Devon, Cornwall) and in the modern English surname (in Cornwall and Norfolk especially). See also **Jacoby** (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter Jacob, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Jacob, 1297, Elyas filius Jacobi, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lockington, ER Yorks); Alan Jacob, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Emma Iacop, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Jacob, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton by Dover, Kent); Alicia Jacob, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Stoke, Oxon); Henricus, Nicholaus, Ricardus Jacob, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Johanne, Thoma Jacob, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langley Michael, Wilts); Willelmus Jacob, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Johannes Jacob, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwell, Hants); Nicholao Jacob, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Berks); Stephanus Jacob, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Margaret South Elmham, Suffolk); Johannes Jacob, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Johannes Jacob, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); John Jacob, 1549 in *IGI* (Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon); John Jacobe, 1572 in *IGI* (IoW); John Jacob, 1610 *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ralph Jacob, 1613 in *IGI* (East Newlyn, Cornwall); Nicholas Jacob, 1629 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); John Jacob, 1766 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

### Jacobi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- German, Dutch, Jewish: see **Jacoby**.

### Jacobs

#### Variants: Jacubs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10934, Ireland 105
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Jewish: relationship name 'Jacob's (son)', equivalent to **Jacob** (1) and **Jacobson** (2).

**Early bearers:** Zebulen Jacobs, 1780 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Nathan Jacobs, 1793 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (Whitechapel, Middx); Berend and Aaltee Jacobs, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elias Jacobs, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Leopold Jacobs, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Moses Jacobs, jeweller, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Abraham Jacobs, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End New Town, London); Eva Jacobs, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Michael Jacobs, rag dealer, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwick).

2 English: variant of **Jacob** with genitive or post-medieval excrescent -s. The 1244 example probably names a widow and would not have given rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Jacobes, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); John Jacobs, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich); Barthomew Jacobs, 1726 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Hants); John Jacobs, 1727 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Thomas Jacobs, 1738 in *IGI* (Longcot, Berks); John Jacobs, 1740 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); William Jacobs, 1781 in *IGI* (Bramford, Suffolk); John Jacobs, 1768 in *IGI* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

### Jacobson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Middx, Lancs
- Scandinavian, English: see **Jacobson** (3).

### Jacobson

#### Variants: Jacobsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Shetland

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jacob* + *son*. See further under **Jacob** (3).

**Early bearers:** William Jacobson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Peter Jacobbesson, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Jacobson, 1719 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); James Jacobson, 1782 in *IGI* (Harbottle, Northumb); Thomas Jacobson, 1822 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the patronymic, 'Jacob's son'. Compare **Jacob** (1) and **Jacobs** (1).

**Early bearers:** Isaac Jacobson, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, London); Abbram Jacobson, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, London); Morris Jacobson, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, London); Nathan Jacobson, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs).

3 Scandinavian: relationship name from Danish and Norwegian **Jacobsen**, Swedish **Jacobsson**, denoting 'Jacob's son'. The 1881 Census of British ports and harbours frequently lists Scandinavian seamen, some of whom are recorded as naturalized British subjects with families resident in Britain.

**Early bearers:** Rudolph B. Jacobsen, naturalized British subject, born in Copenhagen, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Henry Jacobson, British subject, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); William Jacobson, British subject, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Crawcrook, Durham).

### Jacoby

#### Variants: Jacobi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

1 German, Dutch, Jewish: relationship name from Latin (*filius*) *Jacobi* '(son) of Jacob or James'.

**Further information:** From the 16th century onwards in some parts of northern Europe, men with a classical education sometimes dignified their surname (in this case **Jacobs** or **Jakobs**) by translating it into Latin. The surname was borne by Ashkenazic Jews, who had adopted the German surname before migrating to Britain in the late 19th century. Most settled in and around London, where the surname is still most common. For them it represented a patronymic from the Old Testament name *Jacob* (Hebrew *Ya'aqob*). For Continental Christians *Jacob*, pronounced with initial 'ya', stood for both Old Testament *Jacob* and New Testament *James* in British usage. See further under **Jacob**, **James**. Pronunciation with initial 'jay' reflects anglicization.

**Early bearers:** Dederick Jacoby, 1735 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Conrad Jacoby, 1763 in *IGI* (Spitalfields Christ Church, Stepney, London); Frederick Jacoby, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, London); Abraham Jacoby, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, London).

2 English: relationship name; although the evidence is slight and ambiguous, it is possible that *Jacoby* and

*Jacobi* occasionally derive from a native English patronymic, a pet form of Middle English *Jacob* using the diminutive suffix -y. However, it is impossible to distinguish Middle English \**Jacoby* from an elliptical form of *filius Jacoby*, a clerk's ad hoc Latin translation of *Jacobs* or *James*, meaning '(son) of Jacob or James'.

**Further information:** The Latin form is unlikely to have been used in speech as a hereditary surname in medieval England. In the 16th century and later it may have been adopted as a learned version of **Jacobs** or **James**, similar to the practice in N Germany and the Low Countries, but there is little evidence to support this. The 19th-century Suffolk surname may alternatively have a Continental origin and belong under (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Jacoby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Piers Jacoby, 1338 in *London Pleas*; Henry Jacobi, 1818 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Jacoby, born in Great Yarmouth, Suffolk, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, London).

### Jacocks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Jaycocks**.

### Jacomb

#### Variants: Jacombe, Jacombs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from the Old French personal name *Jacqueme*, the Picard form of *James* (Latin \**Jacomus*), but evidence of English use of the name is lacking. The -b- in the name would be intrusive; otherwise the name looks like a place-name in -comb but none has been found.

**Early bearers:** Matilda Jacombe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Richard Jacam, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Elston, perhaps for Aylestone, Leics); Agnes Jacham, 1568 in *IGI* (Aylestone, Leics); Johannes Jacombe, 1627 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Francis Jacom, 1676 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwick); Thomas Jacomb, 1682 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Josiah Jacomb, 1684 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Hannah Jacombe, 1706 in *IGI* (Aylestone, Leics).

### Jacombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Jacomb**.

### Jacombs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwick

English: variant of **Jacomb** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Jacombes, 1734, Saml Jacombs, 1743 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwick); John Jacombs, 1750 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Jaconelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: nickname from a diminutive of **Iacono**.

**Jacot**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English, French: see **Jacquot**.

**Jacox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Jaycocks**.

**Jacques**

Variants: **Jaques, Jaquiss, Jaquess, Jaquest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4372, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2533
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Midlands and N England: esp.Lancs; also London

1 English: an alternative spelling of **Jacks** and **Jakes**, in imitation of French *Jacques*. Camden notes the fashion in the 16th century ‘which some Frenchified English, to their disgrace, have too much affected’. Compare John Jakes alias Jaques, 1605 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Early bearers:** Joyes Jaques, 1551 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Edwardus Jaques, 1559 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Sybell Jaques, 1561 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); John Jaques, 1566 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Roberti Jaques, 1571 in *IGI* (Willingham by Stow, Lincs); Elizabeth Jaques, 1575 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); John Jaques, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); Susan Jaques, 1615 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); George Jaques, 1625 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); Richard Jaquess, 1629 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Richard Jaques, 1644 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); John Jaquest, 1679 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Charles Jaques, 1718 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); John Jaquiss, 1773 in *IGI* (Austrey, Warwicks).

2 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Jacques**, from Old French *Jacques*; compare **Jacks**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Jaques, 1685 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

**Jacquest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- French, English: see **Jaquest**.

**Jacquet**

Variants: **Jaquet, Jackett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Jersey; also Glamorgan

1 English: see **Jackett**.

2 Huguenot, French: relationship name **Jacquet**, a pet form of Old French *Jacques* (James), identical in etymology with (1).

**Early bearers:** Marie Jaquet, 1698 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Jacquet, 1715 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Marie Jacquet, born in Jersey, in *Census 1881* (Jersey, Channel Islands); Emma L. Jacquet, born in Falmouth (Cornwall) in *Census 1881* (Holdenhurst, Hants).

**Jacquot**

Variants: **Jacot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 French: relationship name, an Old French pet form of *Jacques* (James). Compare **Jacquet**.

**Early bearers:** Victor Louis Jacot, 1850 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Louis Aristide Jacquot, 1865 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Victoire Jacquot, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); F. Jaquot, born in Epinal, France, in *Census 1881* (Twickenham, Middlesex).

2 English: (i) relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Jacot*, identical in etymology with (1). (ii) alternatively, an altered form of **Jackett**, a well-attested name in medieval England.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Jacot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Elizabeth Jacot, 1787 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk); Thomas Jacot, 1819 in *IGI* (Priors Marston, Warwicks).

**Jacson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Jackson**.

**Jacobs**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Jacobs**.

**Jadav**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Yādava*, ‘descendant of *Yadu*’. It is a title of the god Krishna, who was born in the Yadava community.

**Jade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Indian (Gujarat): relationship name, probably from Hindu *Jade*, a derivative of the personal name *Yadu*. Compare **Jadeja**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *jade*, *chade* ‘carthorse, hack’.

**Early bearers:** Simon Jade, 1258 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Walterus Jade, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Euston, Suffolk); Jone Jade, 1564 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Christopher Jade, 1665 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Jadeja**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), comprising *Jade-*, which must be from *Yadu*, the name of the ancestor of the clan, + the suffix *-ja* ‘descended from’.

**Jaeger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; ER Yorks
- 1 German: occupational name from an anglicized form of *Jäger* (‘hunter’).
- 2 English: see **Jagger**.

**Jafar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Jaffer**.

**Jaffa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Cheshire
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Jaffe**.

**Jaffar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Jaffer**.

**Jaffe**

Variants: **Jaffa, Joffe, Yaffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Hebrew *yafe* ‘beautiful, pleasant’, a surname recorded in Prague as early as the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Martin Jaffe, solicitor, 1865 in *Jews of Ireland* (Belfast, Antrim); Meier Joffe, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Lancs); Abraham Jaffe, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Jaffe, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Kalman Jaffe, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Nathan Joffe, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London); Manshe Joffe, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Solomon Tobias Jaffe, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Jaffer**

Variants: **Jaffar, Zafar, Jafar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ja’far* ‘spring, source, rivulet’.

**Further information:** The warrior Ja’far ibn-Abi-Tālib is said to have died heroically at the Battle of Mota (629), holding aloft the Muslim banner proclaiming ‘Paradise!’

**Jaffray**

Variants: **Jaffrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Jeffrey**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Gaffry, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Jaffrey, 1450 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Jafery, 1499 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Eliz. Jaffrey, 1691 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); George Jaffrey, 1704 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

Scotland: Elspaitt Jaffray, 1579 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Jaffrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Renfrews
- English, Scottish: see **Jeffrey**.

**Jafri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0



Muslim: (i) from the adjectival form of **Jaffar**, meaning ‘of the family of Jaffar’ (ii) alternatively, denoting someone associated with the school of Muslim law founded by Ja’far as-Sadiq (699–765), sixth Imam of the Shiite Muslims.

### Jaganathan

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): see **Jagannathan**.

### Jagannathan

Variants: **Jaganathan**, **Jeganathan**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, derivative of *Jagannath* ‘lord of the universe’ (Sanskrit *jagata* ‘world, universe’ + *nātha* ‘lord’), an epithet of the Hindu god Vishnu or his avatar Krishna, + the masculine suffix *-an*.

Further information: The divine name is the source of the English word *juggernaut*.

### Jagatia

- Current frequencies: GB 217, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Jagdev

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from Sanskrit *jagat* ‘world’ + *deva* ‘god, lord’.

### Jager

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: London; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Jagger**.

### Jagg

- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk, Cambs, and Lincs

English: perhaps a variant of **Jack** with voicing of /k/ to /g/.

Early bearers: William Jagge, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Jegge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holywell cum Needlingworth, Hunts); James Jage, 1654 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs); Edward Jagg, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Jagg, 1729 in *IGI* (Little Cornard, Suffolk); Eliz. Jagg, 1790 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).

### Jaggard

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 254
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Jagger**.

### Jaggard

Variants: **Jagger**

- Current frequencies: GB 553, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 466
- Main GB location 1881: Cambs, Essex, and Suffolk

English: relationship name from the personal name *Jackard*, a pet or possibly pejorative form of **Jack**. Early bearers: Aldred, William Jagard, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs);

John Jakard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Jagard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); Thomas Jaggard, 1560 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Thomas Jaggarde, 1592 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Robert Jaggard, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Jagger

Variants: **Jaggers**, **Jaggar**, **Jager**, **Jaeger**

- Current frequencies: GB 2423, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 2365
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *jagger* ‘pedlar, carrier, carter’.

Further information: The byname was used specifically in the Derbys lead-mining district for ‘the man in charge of horses carrying ore from the mine to the smelting-mill’.

Early bearers: Thomas le Jager, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Little Longstone, Derbys); Johannes Jagger, 1379, Jagher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Thomas Jager, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Katerina Jeggar, 1480 in *York Guild Register*; John Jagger, 1485 in *Notts Archives* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Robt. Jaggard, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Wylm Jager, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Richardi Jagger, 1560 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johis Jager, 1585, Thomas Jaggard, 1754 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 88–9.

2 English: occasionally, possibly a variant of **Jaggard**, with loss of *d*.

### Jaggers

- Current frequencies: GB 367, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 202
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: variant of **Jagger** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Grace Jaggars, 1599 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); Willm. Jaggers, 1637 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); Simon Jagers, 1733 in *IGI* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex).

### Jaggs

- Current frequencies: GB 304, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 201
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Essex

English: variant of **Jacks**.

### Jago

Variants: **Iago**, **Jagoe**, **Jeggio**, **Igoe**

- Current frequencies: GB 1563, Ireland 71
- GB frequency 1881: 1141
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

1 Cornish: relationship name of uncertain origin. It cannot be from the Old Cornish given name \**Iagū* (from Latin *Iacobus*, i.e. James). This is recorded in place-names, but as with all native Cornish given names, it appears to have died out by the period of family-name formation (12th–15th centuries). Given the frequency and wide distribution of *Jago* as a surname in Cornwall, it is likely to derive from a relatively common Middle English given name and belong to the group of late medieval names having Cornish *-ow* as a hypocoristic suffix, such as **Clemo**. It could perhaps be a variant of **Jacko** (see **Jacka**), a Cornish form of the common Middle English given name *Jakke*, a pet form of John (see **Jack**).

Alternatively it might be a pet form of the less common Middle English *James* or *Jacob*, both latinized as *Jacobus*, which is recorded as a given name in medieval Cornwall. In either case *Jago* will have arisen by Middle English voicing of /k/ to /g/ between vowels, as seen in **Diggins** for **Dickens**. However, no examples have been found of *Jago* alternating with *Jaco*, apart from Verdinando Jaco or Jago, 1729 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon), which could equally be evidence of later unvoicing of /g/ to /k/. Early bearers: Johannes Jagowe, 1428 in *Feudal Aids I* (Probus, Cornwall); John Jagowe, 1463 in *Cornish Lands* (Rescorla, in Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Simon Jagowe, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Liskeard, Cornwall); William Jagoo, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rockbeare, Devon); Mary Jago, 1546 in *IGI* (Sydenham Damerel, Devon); Jellian Jago, 1568 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); Tho. Jagowe, 1575 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Walter Jagoe, 1638 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Hy Iago, 1684 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

2 Breton, Huguenot: relationship name, (Breton **Jago**, *Jagou*) from the Old Breton given name *Iacu*, *Iagu*. The family name was brought to Cornwall in the 16th century by Breton migrants and later to other parts of England by Huguenot refugees. This is an occasional rather than the usual origin, for the family name is too widespread across Cornwall and parts of Devon at too early a date for a Breton origin to be likely.

Early bearers: Martin Jago, alien, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingstreignton, Devon); Anne Jago, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Jagoe

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork
- Cornish: see **Jago**.

### Jagpal

- Current frequencies: GB 302, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from Sanskrit *jagat* ‘world’ + *pāla* ‘protector’.

### Jahan

- Current frequencies: GB 513, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Iran): from a personal name based on Persian *jahān* ‘world’. Further information: Shah Jahan (1592–1666; reigned 1628–58) was one of the greatest Mughal emperors, who presided over a golden age in art and architecture. He was an abiding influence on culture and society (including personal names) in the Indian subcontinent.

References: *Ahmed*.

### Jahangir

- Current frequencies: GB 585, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Iranian, Pakistani, Indian: from a personal name based on the Persian epithet *jahangir* ‘world conqueror’.

Further information: Nur-ud-din Salim Jahangir (1569–1627), son of Akhbar the Great, was Mughal emperor

## Jahn

in India from 1605 to 1627, noted for his enlightened and tolerant rule.

### Jahn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Dutch: relationship name from a North German and Dutch personal name, a variant of *Johannes* and *Jan*; see **John**.

### Jailler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Gaylor**.

### Jain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1636, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Indian (Rajasthan and Gujarat): nickname, Jain name, from Sanskrit *jaina* meaning ‘derived from *Jina*’ or ‘follower of *Jina*’.

**Further information:** *Jina*, meaning ‘triumphant’, is an epithet for a saint of the Jain religion.

### Jaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Jane**.

### Jakeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1279, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 814
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Oxon; also WR Yorks

English: see **Jackman**.

### Jakens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Jakins**.

### Jakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 554
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cambs

English: see **Jacks**.

### Jakeway

Variants: **Jakeways**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: nickname, unexplained. Perhaps from Middle English *jak(ke)* ‘Jack, person’ (rather than the personal name *Jack*) + *wei* ‘road, way’, used as a nickname of similar sense to *Jack of the road* ‘homeless person, vagrant’.

**Early bearers:** Wylliam Jakeway, 1606 in *IGI* (Tilbrook, Hunts); John Jakeway, 1677, John Jackway, 1710 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Richard Jackaway, 1746 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey).

### Jakeways

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Jakeway** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Jakeways, 1745 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Hugh Jackways, 1815 in *IGI* (Winscombe, Somerset); Edward Jakeways, 1859 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Jakhu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): ethnic name, Sikh name, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Jakins

Variants: **Jakens, Jeakins, Jeakings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs

English: relationship name from the personal names *Jakun*, *Jakin*, diminutives of *Jak* (see **Jack**), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jakin de Lagefare, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

surnames: Robert Jacun, 1216–72 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Claritia Jagun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Jakyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Jakyn, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willelmus Jakyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shadoxhurst, Kent); Henery Jeakins, 1617 in *IGI* (Great Paxton, Hunts); William Jeakins, 1614 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds).

### Jakubowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name (from Poland), patronymic from the personal name *Jakub* (see **Jacob**).

**Early bearers:** Israel Jakubowski, traveller (stationery and cigars), born in Austria, in *Census 1861*; Isaac Jakubowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Joseph Jakubowski, tailor, born in W Germany, in *Census 1901* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 Polish: locative name denoting someone from Jakubów, Jakubowo, or Jakubowice in Poland, all places named with *Jakub*, vernacular form of Latin *Jacobus* (see **Jacob**).

**Early bearers:** Wladyslaw Jakubowski, 1881 in *BMD* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Tadeusz Jakubowski, 1910 in *BMD* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Jalal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jalāl* ‘majesty, splendour’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Jalil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jalīl* ‘great, exalted, magnificent’, or its compound ‘*abdul-jalīl*’ ‘servant of the Exalted [Allah]’

### Jalland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: probably variant of the Old French personal name *Galand*; see **Gallant**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Jalland, 1573 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); John Jalland, 1635 in *IGI* (Whatton, Notts); William Jaland, 1674 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); Samuel Jalland, 1681 in *Parish Registers* (Newark, Notts); Thomas Jallant, 1730 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Jalloh

Variants: **Diallo, Jallow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

West African: of Fula origin, often from Sierra Leone, also found in the French-mediated form *Diallo* from nearby countries. Its origin is unexplained; possibly a derivative of the Arabic male given name **Jalīl**.

**Further information:** Mary Jalloh, born about 1859, is recorded in the *Census 1911* as having been born in ‘Bridgefort’.

### Jallow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

1 English: probably a back-formation from a surname originating in Middle English *jelous* ‘jealous, amorous’ (from Anglo-Norman French *gelous* ‘greedy, jealous’); compare John Gelous, 1372 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Willelmus Jelus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Robart Jellowes, 1575 in *IGI* (Langtoft, Lincs); Alexand Jellous, 1595 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Audrye Jellous, 1609 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); James Jellus, 1753 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Jalaw, Jalow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Jellowe, 1570 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elias Jellow, 1628 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); George Jallow, 1804, Willm Jellow, 1820 in *IGI* (Minster, Cornwall).

2 West African: see **Jalloh**.

### Jama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1601, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a derivative of Arabic *jāmi* ‘author, writer’ (literally ‘gatherer [of texts]’). **Further information:** Nur-ud-Dīn Abdur Rahman Jāmi’ (1414–92) was a Persian Sufi poet.

### Jamal

Variants: **Djemaal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jamāl* ‘beauty, grace’.

**Further information:** This name is also found in compounds such as *Jamāl ud-Dīn* ‘Beauty of Religion’.

### Jameel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Jamil**.

### Jamerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: variant of **Jameson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## James

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85940, Ireland 968
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58533
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow; also Sligo

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English and Modern English personal name *James*. Introduced to England by the Normans, it is an Old French form of late Latin *Iacōmus*, from Latin *Iacōbus*, which is a latinization of Hebrew *Ya'aqob*, the name of an Old Testament patriarch, progenitor of the 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 49). It is also the name of two of Jesus's disciples in the New Testament. The medieval Latin (Vulgate) Bible distinguished between the Old Testament and New Testament names by rendering the first as uninflected *Iacob* (modern *Jacob*) and the second as *Iacobus*; only the latter developed to Old French and Middle English *James*. The distinction was carried over into the English Bible, including the King James Bible of 1611, and *Jacob* and *James* remain as separate names in English usage. Most European languages, however, make no such distinction, so that *Iacob(us)* and other derived forms, such as French *Jacques*, stand for both the Old and the New Testament names. Compare **Jacob**, **Jack**, and **Jago**. In the Latin records of post-Conquest England, *Iacobus*, often written *Jacobus*, may sometimes be a latinization of *Jacob*, but mostly represents *James* or one of its Old French or Middle English variants such as *Jame* (without the nominative case ending -s), *Jeme*, and *Jemes*, sometimes spelled *Gemes*, giving rise to *Gemme*, *Jemme*, and perhaps *Jimme* as Middle English pet forms. As a modern surname, *James* is most strongly associated with S Wales, where it is a comparatively recent coinage. See also **Gem**, **Gimson**, **Jameson**.

**Further information:** In spite of the popularity of the cult of Saint James the Greater, whose shrine at Compostela in Spain was a major centre of pilgrimage, *James* was not a particularly common personal name in medieval England. In the late 14th-century Poll Tax Returns *Jacobus* (probably representing both *James* and *Jacob*) was borne by about two men in every thousand. In 15th-century Wales, however, *James* was borne by about one per cent of men.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Jacobus*, 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jam' de Sancto Hylario, 1173–6 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); *James* or *Jacobus* de Audithleg', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops). surnames: *Walter James*, Emma *James*, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); *Cristiana Jemes*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Will'o fil' *Jacobi*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selston, Notts); *Thomas Jemes*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); *John James*, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); *John Jamys*, 1563 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); *Robert James*, 1591 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Shrops); *William James*, 1695 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); *Thomas James*, 1757 in *IGI* (Llantrisant, Glamorgan).

## Jameson

**Variants:** **Jamison**, **Jamieson**, **Gimson**, **Jamerson**, **Jamson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3697, Ireland 653
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3305
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Derry

1 English: relationship name from Middle English and Scots *Jami(e)son*, *Jameson*, *Jem(i)son*, 'son of *James*.' See **James**, and compare **Gimson** (2). *Jameson* and *Jamison* are mainly found in northern England, especially in Northumb and Durham, while in Scotland the more usual form is **Jamieson**, but all three versions occur on either side of the border.

**Early bearers:** England: *William Jamesson*, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; *John Jameson*, 1440 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); *John Jamson*, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); *Richard Jamieson*, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; *John Jameson*, 1676 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); *William Jamison*, 1698 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: *Alexander Jemison*, 1445 in *Scotland Calendar*; *John Jamyson*, 1465 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); *William Jamyson*, 1472 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Pollock, Renfrews); *John Jamesone*, 1472 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr).

2 Scottish: see **McCamish**.

## Jamie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: relationship name from a Scots pet form of the personal name **James**.
- Early bearers:** *Robert Jame*, burgess, 1537 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); *David Jamie*, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); *Gilbert Jamie*, 1623 in *Lanark Testaments* (Crawfurdjohn, Lanarks).

## Jamieson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11587, Ireland 348
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8277
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Shetland; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish: mainly Scottish variant of **Jameson**.

*Jamieson* probably originated in the pronunciation of *James* as *Jamis*, but the Scottish preference for this version of *Jameson* will have been reinforced by association with *Jamie*, the Scots pet form of *James*.

## Jamil

**Variants:** **Jameel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1500, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jamil* 'handsome, good-looking'.

## Jamison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 926
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Scotland: esp. Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Armagh

Scottish, English: see **Jameson**.

## Jamson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb

English: see **Jameson**.

**Early bearers:** *Jane Jamson*, 1561 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); *Thomas Jamson*, 1605 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Jan

**Variants:** **Yim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2859, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Dutch, Danish, North German, Polish, Czech, and Slovak: relationship name from the common north European personal name *Jan*, a vernacular short form of Latin *Johannes* (see **John**).

**Further information:** This is also found, but rarely, as a native English name. Compare *Johannes Janne*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch with members, Warwicks); *Mary Janne*, 1574 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); *William Jan*, 1664 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex). In England it is more common in hypocoristic derivatives such as *Jankin* (see **Jenkin**).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 冉 (**Ran** in Mandarin pinyin, **Yim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'drooping tenderly' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Ran* (冉), the name of a fief (located in present-day Kaifeng in Henan province) granted to Ji Zai, one of the sons of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). (ii) from Shu Shan Ran (叔山冉), an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited 冉, part of his name, as their surname.

3 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 詹, 占, 湛, 展, and 戰, see **Chan** (2–6).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).

## Janaway

**Variants:** **Jannaway**, **Jennaway**, **Jennerway**, **Janeway**, **Janway**, **Genway**, **Gannaway**, **Ganaway**, **Jenvey**, **January**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks

1 English: locative name from Genoa (Middle English *Geneweie*, latinized as *Geneva*) or from Middle English *Januei*, *Geneweie* (Old French *Genueise*) 'a citizen of Genoa, a Genoese'.

**Further information:** Genoa was an independent maritime republic in the Middle Ages, in important trading partner of London and other seaports in S England.

**Early bearers:** *Gilbert Genewy*, 1218–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); *Peter de Geneva*, 1249, *de Geneweie*, 1251 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); *Philippo Genewye*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourn, Berks); *Robert Jenowaie*, 1563, *William Jenoway*, 1638 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); *John Jeneway*, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); *Andrew Janeway*, 1609 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); *William Janaway*, 1674 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); *Elizabeth Janeway*, 1702 in *IGI* (Wendy, Cambs); *Rich Ganaway*, 1726 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks); *Henry Jennaway*, 1769 in *IGI*

## Jandu

(Letcombe Bassett, Berks); James Jennaway, 1771 in *IGI* (Misterton, Leics).  
2 English: see **January**.

## Jandu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): unexplained. Sikh, found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

## Jane

Variants: **Jayne, Jaine, Janes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1193, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 862

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon  
English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Jan(e)*, from Old French *Jehan*, a variant of the *Johan* which gives rise to the common alternative **John**. (ii) relationship name from the SE Welsh variant \**Jeun* of Welsh *Jeuan*, also equivalent to **John**; see **Evan**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Ianes, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Jan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Janne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Jane, 1548 in *Oxford University Register*; Alys Jayne, 1595 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Janes

Variants: **Jaynes, Jeynes, Jans, Janse, Jannis, Janis, Janice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2757, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1628
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Beds and Bucks

English: variant of **Jane** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Jannes, John Janys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Jans, Jance, 1539–40 in *Bardsley*.

## Janet

Variants: **Jannet, Jannett, Janett, Jennett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal names *Janot, Jenet, Jonet, Jonot*, diminutives of *Jan, Jon*, from *Johan, John*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Jonet, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Jonot, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Inonet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert Janot, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Simon Janot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Janet, Janut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Johannes Janot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Garnon, Essex); Roger Janot, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Bexley, Kent); Foulke Jennett, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Joshua Janet, 1709 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Jannett, 1738 in *IGI* (Humber, Herefs).

## Janett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Northants

English: see **Janet**.

## Janeway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Janaway**.

## Janey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London

English: see **Janney**.

**Further information:** This surname is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Jang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 張 and 章, see **Cheung** (1) and (2).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, see **Yang** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

5 Korean: see **Chang**.

## Jani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): nickname, Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *jñāni* 'knowing, learned'.

## Janice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Janes**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Janicki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name denoting someone from Janice in Plock voivodeship, named with the personal name *Jan*.

## Janin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Janin*, a diminutive of *Jan, Jon*, or *Jen* (see **John**). Compare John or Janyng Nichol(e), 1413–17 in *London Letter Books I*. See also **Jenning**.

**Early bearers:** Laurencius Janyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sundridge, Kent); Thoma Jannyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pewsey, Wilts); Richard Janin, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

## Janion

Variants: **Jennion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Welsh, English: probably a variant of **Jenning** (Middle English *Janin, Jenin*). The development of an intrusive *-i-* may have been influenced by the occurrence of **Ennion** in the same counties.

**Early bearers:** John Janion, 1564, Ellen Jenion, 1571 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Hugh Janion, 1572 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Jannion,

1587 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Robt. Jenion, 1594 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); William Jannyon, 1614 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Richard Jennion, 1645 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Janis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx

English: see **Janes**.

## Janjua

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Pakistani, Indian: from the name of a Rajput clan, whose members are found mainly in Panjab, also elsewhere in Pakistan.

**References:** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janjua>

## Jankowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 839, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name denoting someone from Janków, Jankowo, or Jankowice, places named with the personal name *Janek*.

**Further information:** This name is sometimes recorded as Yankowski, reflecting the pronunciation in Polish.

**Early bearers:** Michael Jankowski in *Census 1841* (Hants); William Jankowski in *Census 1861* (Yorks); Frederick Jankowski, ship broker's clerk, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Peckham, Surrey); Julian Yankowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Gillingham, Kent); Eleaza Jankowski, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex); John Jankowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Southampton, Hants); Vincent Jankowski or Yankowski, bootmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Janks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Jenks**.

## Janman

Variants: **Jenman, Jinman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) occupational name, status name from Middle English *Jan(e)man*, \**Jen(e)man* 'servant of *Jan* or *Jen*', common pronunciations of *Johan* and *Jehan*, Old French forms of Latin *Johannes* (John). Compare **Jan, Jenkin**. The variant *-mon* is a West Midlands dialect pronunciation. (ii) relationship name from a pet form of Middle English *Jan* or *Jen* + the hypocoristic suffix *-man* or *-mon*. Compare **Hickman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Janeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Wyote Janemon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Janeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeding, Sussex); John Jenman, 1576, Robert Jinman, 1650 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Edward Jenman, 1578 in *IGI* (West Dean near Chichester, Sussex); William Jinman, 1672 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Elizth. Janman, 1788 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex).

**Jannohamed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India): from a personal name based on Persian *jān* 'life' and **Muhammad**, meaning 'life of Muhammad'.

**Further information:** This name originated among Muslims in India, but is now found mainly in Britain, Canada, and the USA.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Jannaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW
- English: see **Janaway**.

**Jannet**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Janet**.

**Jannett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey
- English: see **Janet**.

**Jannetta**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: from a feminine diminutive of *Gianni*, a contracted form of *Giovanni* 'John'. The name gave rise to a word *giannetta*, used to translate (*spinning*) *jenny* (a machine invented in England in the 1760s), but it is not clear whether such a late adaptation of a name as a word influenced the development of an Italian surname.

**Further information:** The name has been reinforced numerically by recent immigration.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Janetta in *Census 1861* (Warwicks); Fred Jannetta, in *Census 1881* (Bedwardine, Worcs); Isabella Janetta, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Devon); Giuseppe Jannetta, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Devon); Eugenio Jannetta, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Devon).

**Janney**

**Variants:** **Janey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English male personal name *Jan(e)* (see **Jane**).

**Early bearers:** John Janny, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; William Janny, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Janny, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rondle Janney, 1580, Thomas Janey, 1625, Martha Janey, 1630 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); William Janney, 1699 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs).

**Jannings**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Jennings**.

**Jannis**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Janes**.

**Jans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

English: see **Janes**.

**Janse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Janes**.

**Jansen**

**Variants:** **Janssen, Janssens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 822, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

Scandinavian: relationship name; Danish, Norwegian, North German, and Dutch equivalent of **Johnson**.

**Further information:** On the execution of his father by the Duke of Alva, Theodore Janse(n), youngest son of the Baron de Hees, fled to France and thence to England. His descendants became London merchants and bankers, one of them becoming Lord Mayor of London in 1755 (*Smiles*, p. 403).

**Janson**

**Variants:** **Jenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks, Durham, and Lancs; also Middx, Surrey, Kent, Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Jan**, a common form of *John*, + *son*. The 16th- and 17th-century northern examples of *Janson* may alternatively be spellings of *Ianson* or vice versa; see **I'Anson**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Jannesonne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Simone Janson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Willelmo Janson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Wroughton, Wilts); Jacobus Janson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Golborne, Lancs); John Janson, 1561 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Fraunces Janson, 1562 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Margrett Janson, 1571, James Ianson, 1608 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); James Janson, 1754 in *IGI* (Catterick, Yorkshire).

**Janssen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Scandinavian: see **Jansen**.

**Janssens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Dutch: variant of **Jansen**.

**Jansson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Swedish: relationship name, Swedish equivalent of **Johnson**.

**Janzs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Jan*.

**Early bearers:** John Jansz in *Census 1901* (Essex).

**January**

**Variants:** **Gennery, Guinery, Janaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

1 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *Januarie*, *Janewarie*, *Jeneuere* (Latin *Januarius*), the name of the month and also a Roman cognomen and later an occasional Christian given name in medieval Europe, borne by several saints. If used at all in medieval England, the given name would have been rare. As a nickname it may have been given to someone who resembled the time of year in some way. In the *Merchant's Tale*, January is the symbolic name Chaucer gives to the elderly white-haired bachelor who foolishly marries a young wife. For a similar nickname usage see **Feaviour**. See also **Gennery** and **Genever**.

**Early bearers:** Edward January, 1684 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Bucks); Ann January, 1767 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

2 English: the name may occasionally have been confused with **Janaway**.

**Early bearers:** John January, 1713, Andrew Jennaway, 1768 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Janeway, 1714, John January, 1724 in *IGI* (Malden, Surrey).

**Janway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Janaway**.

**Japp**

**Variants:** **Jaap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Angus; also scattered in England

Scottish: relationship name from the Older Scots personal name *Jap(p)*, a pet form of **Geoffrey**; compare **Jepp**, **Job**.

**Early bearers:** John Jape, skinner and burgess, 1584 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; Alexander Jaip, feltmaker, 1672 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages*; Eliz. Japp, 1685 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Jaap, 1687 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Andrew Japp, 1711 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

**Jappy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the male personal name *Jap(p)* (see **Japp**).

**Early bearers:** Beatrix Jappie, 1667 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banffs); Alexander Jappy, 1736 in *IGI* (Rathven, Banffs).

**Jaques**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1744, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Yorks; also Warwicks
- English: see **Jacques**.

**Jaquess**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Jacques**.

**Jaquest**

Variants: **Jaquest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants and Beds

English: variant of **Jacques** with excrescent *-t*.  
**Early bearers:** John Jaquest, 1679 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Jaquest, 1813 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

**Jaquet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, English: see **Jacquet**.

**Jaquin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Huguenot: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Jacques*, French form of *James*.  
**Early bearers:** Jean Jaquin, 1702 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Threadneedle St, London); Jacques Jaquin, 1741 in *IGI* (The Artillery French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, London).

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

2 English: relationship name, in some cases possibly a refashioning of *Jakin* (see **Jakins**) after the French.

**Jaquiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English, Huguenot: see **Jacques**.

**Jaram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: possibly a variant of **Yarham** (from Yarm, NR Yorks) with substitution of *J-* for *Y-*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites the following examples from York: Hugh de Jarum (1322), John de Jarum (1384), John de Jarum (1401), John Jarom (1456), and William Jarrom (1527).

**Early bearers:** Petrus Jaram, 1604 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); William Jaram, 1624 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks).

2 English: alternatively a variant of **Jerome**.

**Jardim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: from *jardim* 'garden'.

**Jardin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland: esp. Kirkcudbrights; Lancs

Norman, Scottish, English: see **Jardine**.

**Jardine**

Variants: **Jardin, Jerdan, Jerden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4088, Ireland 226

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2775
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Dumfriess; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Norman, Scottish, English: locative name, nickname from Old French *jardin* 'garden', for someone who lived near or worked in a garden. Compare **Garden**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Winfredus de Jardine, before 1153 in *Black* (Kelso); Humphrey del Gardin, 1194–1211 in *Holm Cultram Records*, p. 35; William Jardine, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Linlithgow, West Lothian); John Jardin, 1476 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Applegarth, Roxburghs); Jon Jerdein, 1563 in *Newbattle Register*, p. 326; George Jarden, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andrew Jerdon, 1659 in *Melrose Records* 1, p. 244; Thomas Jerdan, 1663 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); John Jardin, 1687 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Jardine, 1692 in *IGI* (Wiston and Robertson, Lanarks); David Jardine, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Mungo, Dumfriess).

England: Matilda atte Jardin, Mabilia Jardyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Jardyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ellerby, ER Yorks); Ester Jardin, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); John Jerdan, 1740 in *IGI* (Alwinton, Northumb).

**Jared**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarmain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see **German**.

**Jarman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4116, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2782
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. London; Cambs; Kent; Montgomerys

Norman, English: see **German**.

**Jarmay**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Jermy**.

**Jarmey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Hants

English: see **Jermy**.

**Jarmin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **German**.

**Jarmon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

Norman, English: see **German**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Jarmy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Kent
- English: see **Jermy**.

**Jarosz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: (i) from a short form of the Polish personal name *Jarostaw* (composed of the elements *jaro-* 'young', 'robust' + *-staw* 'glory'), or from some other personal name formed with *jaro-*. (ii) possibly also from a dialect form of the personal name *Hieronim*, Polish form of Greek *Hierōnymos* (see **Jerome**).

**Jarrad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Jerome**.

**Jarrard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Surrey

English: see **Gerard**.

**Jarratt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Middx and Surrey; Midlands

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

Norman, English: variant of **Jarrold** with loss of final *-d*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Jarret**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent; Glamorgan

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5058, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2732
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarrold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarrold**

Variants: **Jarrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Gerald**.

**Jarrott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Garrett**.

**Jarry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Geary**.

**Jarvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- English: see **Jarvie**.

**Jarvie**

Variants: **Jarvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1191, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks

English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Jarvey*, *Jarvie*, a diminutive of **Jarvis**. **Early bearers:** Thom Jarva, 1527 in *Stirling Burgh Records*, p. 31 (Stirlings); Robert Jarvie, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); John Jarvie, 1784 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings).

**Jarvill**

Variants: **Jarville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: locative name from Gerponville (Seine-Maritime). Compare Gerpins in Rainham (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 128). **Early bearers:** William de Iarpuuill', 1173 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls*; John, Laurence (de) Jarpe(n)ville, Charpeneuill, 1258, 1285, 1296 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 128; Alice Jarpenvil, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Jerpeville, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*; John Gardeuill', 1376 in *Assize Rolls*; Gerald de Charpeuile 14th cent. in *Petre Documents*; John Gerdevyle, 1423 in *Petre Documents*; John Jardevelde, 1473 in *Essex Record Office*; Richard Jard(e)feld, 1507, 1527 in *Feet of Fines*.

**Jarville**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Jarvill**.

**Jarvis**

Variants: **Jervis**, **Jervois**, **Garvis**, **Gervis**, **Jerves**, **Gervase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19394, Ireland 151
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Gervais(e)*, Old German *Gervas*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Geruasius Paineil, 1158–66 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Garvasius Godihalt, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

surnames: John Geruas', 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Geruais, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Gerveys, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Jerfeys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Jerveys, 1360 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmus Gerveyse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Plumstead, Norfolk); Johannes Garveys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham on Crouch, Essex); Willelmus Gerwys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington with Launde, Leics); William Gerueys, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Daventry, Northants); John Jarvis, 1559 in *IGI* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); Thomas Gerves or Gervis, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Hatley Saint George, Cambs); Joseph Jarves, 1643 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon).

2 English: locative name in Yorks, sometimes from Jervaulx (N Yorks), earlier recorded as *Gervaus*, 1200, *Jervax*, 1400, *Gerveis*, 1530, *Gervis*, 1577 (*Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 250), which was formerly pronounced *Jarvis*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Gerewall', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Gerveux, 1360 in *York Freeman's Register*; William de Gervaux, 1370 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Gerveys, 1395 in *York Freeman's Register*; John and Richard Gervas, 1435 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Jarvis, 1713 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Jary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Geary**.

**Jasinski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish (Jasi(e)ński): locative name denoting someone from Jasiień, Jasionna, or Jasionka in Poland, all of which are named with *jasień* 'ash tree' (later *jesion*).
- Further information:** The names *Jasiński* and *Jasiński* were borne by many Polish noble families and can be traced back to the 14th century.

**Jason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: probably a variant of **Jesson**. Compare Elizabeth *Jason*, 1688, William *Jesson*, 1692 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs). See also **Jay** and **Gee**.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Jason, 1567 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Katherina Jason, 1574 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); George Jason, 1609 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Elizabeth Jason, 1623 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Agnes Jason, 1628 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Wilfred Jason, 1654 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk).

**Jaspal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): nickname, Sikh, from Sanskrit *yashapāla* meaning 'one who maintains his good name or reputation'.

**Jasper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1645, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 972
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; W Midlands; SE England

English: relationship name from the personal name *Jasper*, the usual English form of *Caspar* or *Gaspar*, the traditional name of one of the three Magi. The name has always been rare in England.

**Early bearers:** Jasper Pen, 1522 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters*; Edward Jasper, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Henry Jesper, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edmund Jasper, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

**Jassal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh ethnic name, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Jassi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh ethnic name, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Jaswal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): unexplained. Muslim and Sikh name of unknown etymology. The Sikh name is found among Jats.

**Jauncey**

Variants: **Johnsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks

French, English: locative name from Gency in Cergy, Val d'Oise, or Janzé, Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

**Early bearers:** William Jauncey, 1538–44 in *TNA*; Jacobi Jansie, 1560 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Richard Janncey, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Ric Jaunce, 1580 in *IGI* (Yarkhill, Herefs); Elizabeth Jonsie, 1608 in *IGI* (Weston Beggard, Herefs); John Jauncey, 1610 in *IGI* (Stretton Grandison, Herefs); Gulielmus Jancey, 1611 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Jane Jancy, 1627 in *IGI* (Westhidge, Herefs); Thomas Jansey, 1657 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); Susanna Johnsey, 1704 in *IGI* (Alfrick, Worcs); John Johncy, 1743 in *IGI* (Mathon, Herefs).

## Jaundrill

### Jaundrill

Variants: **Jodrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- Norman, English: nickname from Middle English \**jaunerel* (*jaune* ‘yellow’ + suffix *-erel*, of Anglo-Norman origin), for someone with a yellowish complexion, possibly suffering from jaundice. For the *-d-*, compare the word *jaundice*, from Old French *jaunice*. The variant *Jod(e)rell* may have arisen through misreading *Jandrell* as \**Jaudrell*. Note William Jawdrell, 1448 in PROB 11, whose name may be an early form of *Jodrell* or a misreading of *Jaundrell*.

**Further information:** The name of John Gandrill, in *Census 1841* (Shropshire), may be a scribal variant of *Jaundrill*. It might, if it also represented a pronunciation variant, explain the obscure Welsh name of Hay-on-Wye, Brecknocks, *Y Gelli Gandryll*, ostensibly ‘the shattered grove’. Alternatively the surname might simply be from Welsh *candryll* ‘furious’.

**Early bearers:** John Jandrell, 1545 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Abraham Jaundrell, 1575 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Ralph Joderell, 1594 in *PROB 11* (London); Jane Jodrell, 1597 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Raphe Jodrell, 1624 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Tho. Jodrell, 1648 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Mary Jondrell, 1687 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Jone Jandrell, 1703 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Sarah Jandrill, 1725, William Jaundrill, 1725 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Elisabeth Joddrill, 1773 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); James Johndrels, 1826 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Hannah Iandrell, born Ruyton, Shrops, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Arthur Jondrell, in *Census 1881* (Kerry, Montgomerys).

### Javaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Javed**.

### Javed

Variants: **Javaid, Javid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2612, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *jāved* ‘eternal’.

**Further information:** This name is especially common in Pakistan.

### Javens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- Norman, English: see **Jeavons**.

### Javid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Javed**.

### Javins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Jeavons**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Jawad

Variants: **Jawaid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jawwād* ‘generous, liberal’.
- Further information:** *Jawad* was an epithet of Taqi, the ninth Imam of the Shiites.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

### Jawaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Jawad**.

### Jaworski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name denoting someone from any of numerous places named Jawory or Jaworze, named with Polish *jawor* ‘maple, sycamore’.

**Early bearers:** Antoni Jaworski, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Portsea, Hants); Mary Ann Jaworski, 1870 in *BMD* (Portsea, Hants); Charles Jaworski, 1876 in *BMD* (Edmonton, Middx); Isaac Jaworski, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Jax

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lincs

English: see **Jacks**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Jaxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Jackson**.

### Jay

Variants: **Jaye, Jayes, Gee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3642, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2606
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; E Anglia; SW Midlands

1 English: nickname from Middle English *jai*, *jei*, occasionally *gay* (Anglo-Norman French *gay*, Parisian Old French *geay*, *jai*) ‘jay’, perhaps given to a chatterer, to someone absurdly dressed, or to a simpleton (see *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Peter le iai, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Gilbert Jai (Gai), 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter le Jay, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Jay, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); John le Jay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rustington, Sussex); Willelmus Jay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Hamon Jay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Earsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Jaye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilcote, Oxon); Johannes Jay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Amesbury (Countess), Wilts); Walterus Jeye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Litcham, Norfolk); Johanna Jay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); Johannes Jay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Isabella Jaye, 1538 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); John Jaye, 1539 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Jaye, 1540 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Roger Jaye, 1541 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Herefs); Ane Jaye, 1545 in *IGI* (Rye,

Sussex); Jon Jaye, 1547 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Robt. Jay, 1563 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Marie Jaye, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Harry Jay, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Agn. Jaye, 1579 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Margaret Jaye, 1627 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

2 English: relationship name from the unrecorded Middle English personal names \**Jay* or \**Gee*, which may have been pet forms of several names in *J-*, such as **Jack**, **James**, and **Jeffery** (Geoffrey). For a long vowel in *Jeffery* compare Henry Jeeffery, 1685 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent). See also **Jeacock**, **Jakins**, **Jason**, and **Jesson**.

### Jayasinghe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan (Sinhalese): nickname from *Jaya*, the name of a Hindu demigod, one of the Dvarapala ‘gatekeepers’ of Vishnu, or Sinhalese *jaya* ‘victory’, + Sinhalese *singhe* ‘lion’.

### Jayasuriya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan (Sinhalese): a Sanskrit-derived Sinhalese dynastic name based on *Jaya*, the name of a Hindu demigod (one of the Dvarapala ‘gatekeepers’ of Vishnu), or Sinhalese *jaya* ‘victory’, + *surya* ‘sun’.

**References:** [http://karava.org/family\\_names/surya\\_clans](http://karava.org/family_names/surya_clans).

### Jaycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Bucks and Oxon

English: see **Jeacock**.

### Jaycocks

Variants: **Jacox, Jacocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Jeacock** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Jecokes, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Dorthy Jeacocks, 1552, Leonard Jeacock, 1583 in *IGI* (Lighthorne, Warwicks); Richard Jeacockes, 1604 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Martha Jacox, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Jaycocks, 1799 in *IGI* (Hatton, Warwicks).

### Jaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Jay**.

### Jayes

Variants: **Jays, Jeyes, Jeayes, Jeays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: variant of **Jay** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** George Jayes, 1587 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Johis Jayes, 1598, Johis Jeyes, 1602 in *IGI*



(Eaton Socon, Beds); Margrett Jays, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Jayes, 1623 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Robert Jayes, 1711 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); John Jayes, 1762 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

### Jayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Gloucs Welsh, English: see **Jane**.

### Jaynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs
- English: see **Janes**.

### Jays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- English: see **Jayes**.

### Jayson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: variant of **Jesson**; compare **Jason**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Jeacock

Variants: **Jeacocke**, **Jaycock**, **Jaycocks**, **Jacox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, Northants, and Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jacok* or *Jecok*, a pet form of certain names in *J-*, especially **Jack**, though **James** and **Jeffery** might also be involved. Compare **Jay** and **Jakins**.

**Early bearers:** William Jacok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Jecok, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Rogero Jacock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); Cristina Jaycok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johes. Jeacocke, 1565, Jobus Jecocke, 1609 in *IGI* (Radford Semele, Warwicks); Ed. Jaycock, 1731 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); John Jaycock, 1732 in *IGI* (Cuxham, Oxon).

### Jeacocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey
- English: see **Jeacock**.

### Jeaffreson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey
- English: see **Jefferson**.

### Jeakings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Jakins** with intrusive *g*, probably because of association with the common suffix *-ing*.

### Jeakins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds; Middx; WR Yorks
- English: see **Jakins**.

### Jeal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 790, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 542
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
- English: see **Gell**.

### Jealous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs; Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *jelous(e)*, *jelus* 'jealous, amorous, ardent' (Old French *gelos*).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph Jelus, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Adam Gelus, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Jelous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Gelous, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Willelmus Jelus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Wm Jealous, 1617 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); John Jellus, 1635 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Lemuel Jealous or Jellis, 1791 in *IGI* (Flitwick, Beds).

### Jean

Variants: **Jenn**, **Jenne**, **Jeanne**, **Geen**, **Genn**, **Jeans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- 1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Jen*, a variant of *Jehan* (see **John**).

**Early bearers:** William Gene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Genne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbertus Gene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Respryn, Cornwall); Thomas Geene, 1378 in *York Freeman's Register*; Rogerus Jene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Azerley, WR Yorks); Nycholas Jenne, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Lewes, Sussex); Avis Geene, 1592 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Jacobus Jean, 1594 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops); Phyllyp Geen, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Richard Jeane, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Foxley, Wilts); James Jenn, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Saint George Southwark, Surrey).

2 English: locative name denoting someone from Genoa in Italy; compare **Janaway**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Gene, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Staffs); Francis de Gene, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; Roland Jean, 1615 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Samuel Jean, 1629 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Randill Jean, 1680 in *IGI* (Aldford, Cheshire).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 简, based on its Mandarin pronunciation. See **Kan** (3).

### Jeanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 484
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset
- English: see **Jeans**.

### Jeanne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Surrey
- French: see **Jean**.

### Jeans

Variants: **Jeanes**, **Jeens**, **Jenns**, **Jeness**, **Jennis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 995, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 996
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset; also Morays

1 English, Scottish: variant of **Jean** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Agnes Jenis, 1510 in *Arbroath Register* (Kynclune, Angus); Jon. Jeans, 1670 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); William Jeans, 1712 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays).

England: Thomas Gennes, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Willelmus Jenes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton and Herringston, Dorset); Edmond Jeanes, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Martock, Somerset); Charles Jeenes, 1653 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Jno. Jennis, 1676 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Jenns, 1677 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

2 Scottish: locative name; according to Black, in some cases possibly from a local place called Geanies, earlier recorded as Genes, or from Guines near Calais, as, he suggests, in the case of Ingeramous de Genes, recorded as a witness at Berwick in 1275.

### Jeapes

Variants: **Jeeps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from a late form of *Gepp*, a pet form of *Geoffrey*, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Jeeps, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Francis Geapes, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); William Jeapes, 1813 in *Parish Registers* (West Stow, Suffolk).

### Jearum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Jerome**.

### Jeary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Geary**.

### Jeater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Geater**.

### Jeavons

Variants: **Jevons**, **Javens**, **Javins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1408, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 779
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: variant of **Jevon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*; compare **Evans**.

## Jeayes

**Early bearers:** Richard Yevanes, 1406 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Thomas ap Thomas Jeuan, 1564 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Owen Yeavans, 1620 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Joseph Jeavens, 1662, Jeavons, 1673 in *IGI* (Wolverley, Worcs); Richard Jevons, 1615 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs).

### Jeayes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: see **Jayes**.

### Jeays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland
- English: see **Jayes**.

### Jebb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 371
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- English: see **Jepp**.

### Jebson

**Variants:** **Jibson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: variant of **Jepson**.
- Early bearers:** Robert Gebbesson, 1442, Robert Gebisson, 1453 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks).

### Jeckell

**Variants:** **Jekyll**, **Jockel**, **Jiggle**, **Giggle**, **Jeckells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Breton, English: relationship name from the Old Breton personal name *Iudicael*, which became *Iedecael*, modern *Gicquel*, *Iezequel* (*Loth, Bretonne*) and survives in French as *Jézéquel*. The name is found at Bodmin (about 1000) as *Gydiccœl* (*Feilitzen*). In England the personal name was particularly common in Yorks and Lincs and in districts where Bretons settled after the Conquest. See also **Joel**, **Goss**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Judichel uenator, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Judicaelis, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Iuichel', Iuchel presbiter, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Gykel de Jertheburc, about 1170, Jukel de Jertheburc, 1182 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Jukel Brito, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Gigelle Belle, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Johannes filius Jokell', Jukell', 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Ikel (Iukel), 1174 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Gikel, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Jokel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Jekel, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margt Jekyll, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Newington Green, Middx); Robert Jeckle, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Rici Jeckill, 1608 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); Edward Jiggle, 1617 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Petrus Jeckell, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk); William Jeckyll, 1753 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk); Conrad Jockel, 1856 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Jeckells

**Variants:** **Jickells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks
- Breton, English: variant of **Jeckell** with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** John Jeckils, 1676 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Benjamin Jeckells, 1804 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Watson Jeckles, 1822 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Susan Jeckyls, 1828 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); Richard Jeckylls, 1834 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk);

### Jecks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Jacks** and **Jex**.

### Jee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- 1 English: see **Gee**.
- 2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 池, 季, 吉, 計, 薊, 嵇, 冀, 姬, 暨, and 紀. See **Chi** (1, 3–11).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 朱, see **Chu** (1).

### Jeens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Jeans**.

### Jeeps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Jeapes**.

### Jeeson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Jesson**.

### Jeeves

**Variants:** **Geeves**, **Geaves**, **Jeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 898, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

Norman, English: relationship name from the female personal name *Geve*, a pet form of *Genevieve*, with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. *Geneviève* was a favourite name in France, where Saint Geneviève is the patron saint of Paris. Its use in England in the 12th–14th centuries seems to have escaped notice. A 12th-century Lincs deed of a woman named Geua has attached to it her seal, with the legend: *Sigill' Geneveve f' Arnald (Danelaw Documents)*. Geva, wife of Segar, is also called Eva (1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Geua, 1120–3 in *Stenton, Feudalism*, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Geva Mullyng, 1313 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (London).

surnames: Willelmus filius Geue, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Geves, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Geues, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Geue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Jeve, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Edvardus Jeves, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Wymondley, Herts); Edwarde Jeve, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London); John Jeaves, 1612 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Raphe Jeeves, 1627 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).

### Jefcoat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

### Jefcoate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

### Jefcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; ER Yorks
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

### Jeff

**Variants:** **Jeffe**, **Giff**, **Jeffs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and N England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name from the personal name *Geff*, a pet form of *Geoffrey*. Compare Alicia Gefraywif, Alicia Gefdoghter, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Geffe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: Ralph Jeffe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); William Geffe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Geffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Warwicks); Robertus Gyffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanne Geff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Geffe, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Tenterden, Kent); William Jeffe, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); George Giffe, 1604 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Geffe, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Longney, Gloucs); William Giff, 1698 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); John Geffe, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirby Hill by Boroughbridge, NR Yorks); Joseph Jiff, 1772 in *IGI* (Little Wymondley, Herts).

### Jeffares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

English, Irish: see **Jefferies**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is found mainly in Ireland.

### Jeffcoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Northants
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

**Jeffcoate**

- Current frequencies: GB 230, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: Bucks and Surrey
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

**Jeffcock**

Variants: **Jeffcott**, **Jefcott**, **Jephcott**, **Jefcoat**, **Jeffcoat**, **Jefcoate**, **Jeffcoate**, **Jeffcote**, **Jephcote**

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 135
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Geff* (see **Jeff**) + the Middle English diminutive suffix *-cock(e)*. Compare Thomas Gepcok, 1360 in *Close Rolls* (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Geffecoke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Gefcok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Emota Jeffecokes, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs), presumably identical with Emota Jeffecock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Agnes Jeffcott, 1616 in *Bardsley*; Margreta Jeffcock, 1623 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from a diminutive of *Geva*, a pet form of *Geneviève* (see **Jeeves**). *Jevcok* became *Jevcok*, and was then assimilated (with devoicing of /v/ to /f/) to *Jeffcock*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Geuecok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Jevcok, 1454 in *Rochester Wills*.

**Jeffcote**

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: see **Jeffcock**.

**Jeffcott**

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 165
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; also IoM

English: see **Jeffcock**.

**Jeffe**

- GB frequency 1881: 6
- English: see **Jeff**.

**Jeffels**

- Current frequencies: GB 238, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 108
  - Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks and Durham
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Geff* (see **Jeff**) + the Middle English diminutive suffix *-el* + post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Jane Jeffels, 1630 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); John Jeffels, 1668, Jeffles, 1696 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

**Jefferd**

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Middx
- English: see **Giffard**.

**Jefferey**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 133
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Surrey, Kent, and Middx
- English: see **Jeffrey**.

**Jefferies**

Variants: **Jefferis**, **Jefferiss**, **Jefferyes**, **Jefferys**, **Jeffries**, **Jeffreys**, **Jeffryes**, **Jeffress**, **Jeffers**, **Geffers**, **Jeffares**, **Jeffres**, **Jeffrys**

- Current frequencies: GB 5436, Ireland 57
- GB frequency 1881: 3211
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: variant of **Jeffrey** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Geffreys, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo Jafres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Geffreys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Symon Geffris, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Jeffereys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Philip Jeffereyes, 1566 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Robert Jeffers, 1689 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Jefferys, 1723 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Jefferis**

- Current frequencies: GB 416, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 388
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs, Wilts, and Hants
- English: see **Jefferies**.

**Jefferiss**

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs, Hants, and Wilts
- English: see **Jefferies**.

**Jeffers**

- Current frequencies: GB 1260, Ireland 410
- GB frequency 1881: 258
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; Wexford; Mayo; Armagh

English: see **Jefferies**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is strongly associated with Ireland.

**Jefferson**

Variants: **Jeaffreson**

- Current frequencies: GB 4248, Ireland 117
- GB frequency 1881: 3240
- Main GB location 1881: N England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

English: relationship name from the personal name *Jeffery* + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Geffreysone, 1344 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alice Geffrason, 1488 in *York Guild Register*; John Jeffrason, 1528 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Jeffery**

- Current frequencies: GB 9707, Ireland 69
  - GB frequency 1881: 6448
  - Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Devon and Cornwall
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh
- English: see **Jeffrey**.

**Jefferyes**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Northumb; Lancs
- English: see **Jefferies**.

**Jefferys**

- Current frequencies: GB 477, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 559
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England
- English: see **Jefferies**.

**Jeffes**

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Worcs; Monmouths; Essex; Beds

English: see **Jeffs**.

**Jefford**

- Current frequencies: GB 644, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 417
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon and Dorset; London; Notts
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork
- English: see **Giffard**.

**Jeffords**

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs; Derbys
- English: variant of **Jefford** (see **Giffard**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Jeffords, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); An Jeffords, 1626 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); John Jeffords, 1780 in *Parish Registers* (Hockliffe, Beds).

**Jeffray**

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 159
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens; WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Jeffrey**.

**Jeffree**

- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Sussex; Monmouths; Cornwall; also Cambs
- English: see **Jeffrey**.

**Jeffres**

- GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Jefferies**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Jeffress**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: see **Jefferies**.

**Jeffrey**

Variants: **Geoffrey**, **Jefferey**, **Jeffery**, **Jeffray**, **Jeffree**, **Jeffry**, **Jaffray**, **Jefferies**, **Jaffrey**, **Geoffroy**

- Current frequencies: GB 6976, Ireland 198
- GB frequency 1881: 5492

## Jeffreys

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Glasgow; Northumb and Durham; WR Yorks; London and SE England; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Scottish: relationship name from the common Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Geffrey*, a borrowing of Old French *Geuffrei*, *Jeufrei*, *Jefrei*, *Gosfrei*, *Jofrei*. The principal source of the Old French forms was probably Continental Germanic *Gautfrid*. It was commonly latinized in early documents as *Gaufridus* or *Galfridus*, but also as *Goisfridus* or *Gosfridus*.

**Further information:** Anglo-Norman French *Jofreith*, *Jofrei* lies behind the English surnames *Joffrey* and *Joffray*, which are recorded in *Census 1881* but may now be extinct. Early forms include: Cecilia Joffrey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Gilbertus Joferay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Benington, Lincs); and Johannes Jofferay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs). A short form *Joff(e)* is attested in Willelmus Joffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks), and Willelmus Joff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics).

**Early bearers:** given names: Goisfridus, Gaufridus, Gosfridus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Galfridus, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Iofreth, 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*.

surnames, England, Wales: Walter Geffrei, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon filius Gosfrei, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Gefray, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Geoffray, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Geffrey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joan Jeffrey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Geffre, 1333 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Northants); Roger Jeffray, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Margarita Jeffrey, 1541 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Margaret Jeffery, 1544 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Jeffery, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Myldred Jeffery, 1559 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Jeffery, 1560 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Jane Jeffrey, 1561 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Rycharde Jeffrey, 1563 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Richard Jeffery, 1562 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Agnes Jeffrey, 1583 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Geoffrey, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Jeffrey, 1709 in *IGI* (Chillingham, Northumb); Elizabeth Jeffrey, 1760 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

surnames, Scotland: William Jeffrey, 1698 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); Isobel Jeffrey, 1710 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Jeffrey, 1728 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); William Jeffrey, 1759 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Robert Jeffrey, 1775 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr).  
**References:** *Forssner*, pp. 101–2, 125–6; *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, pp. 53–4.

### Jeffreys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1956, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1769
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Jefferies**.

### Jefferies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4791, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3679
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- English: see **Jefferies**.

### Jeffry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Cornwall
- English, Scottish: see **Jeffrey**.

### Jefferies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Jefferies**.

### Jeffrys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Jefferies**.

### Jeffs

**Variants:** **Jeffes**, **Juffs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2763, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

English: variant of **Jeff** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Geffes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); William Jeffs, 1540 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Thomas Jeffs, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Willm. Jephes, 1618 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); William Jeffes, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Walton, Warwicks); Thomas Juffs, 1653 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon).

### Jeganathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): see **Jagannathan**.

### Jegede

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): from *Jégédé*, a traditional nickname for a boy or man whose given name is *Akinpèlú*; literally ‘of slender stem and inconsiderable height’, i.e. ‘weakly growing tree’. *Akinpèlú* itself is from Yoruba *Akin pèlú* ‘Akin (a heroic name) joins or accompanies (me)’. The connection between the nickname and the given name is no longer understood.

### Jeggo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Cornish, Breton, Huguenot: apparently a variant of **Jago**, a surname which may have migrated to E England from Cornwall or more likely from France.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Jagoo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Jeggo, 1741 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex).

### Jehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

French, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Jehan* (see **John, Jean**).  
**Early bearers:** Roland Jehan, 1622 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Griff Jehan, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Blaenporth, Cardigans); David Thomas Jehan, 1876 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Jehu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; also Lincs; Glamorgan

Hebrew, Welsh: relationship name from the Hebrew Biblical name (‘Jehova is he’).

**Further information:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales* notes that worldwide families bearing this name have been traced to a single bearer, Jehu ap Richard (about 1575–1647), a carpenter and joiner from Llanfair Caereinion (Montgomerys), whose sons adopted his name as their surname.

**Early bearers:** Evan Jehu, 1670 in *Parish Registers* (Llanfair Caereinion, Montgomerys); Tho. Jehu, 1720 in *IGI* (Wistanstow, Shrops); Evan Jehu, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs); David Jehue, 1827 in *IGI* (Welshpool, Montgomerys).

### Jekyll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; ER Yorks; Lincs

Breton, English: see **Jeckell**.

### Jelbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Gilbert**.

### Jelf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Warwicks

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Jelyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); John Jelyffe, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Stockbury, Kent); Willia. Jelfe, 1556 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); Richard Jelfe, 1569 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Anthony Gelf, 1591 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs); William Jelfe, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Ripple, Worcs); Henry Jelfe, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Frindsbury, Kent).

### Jelfs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Early bearers:** Philipp Jelfes, 1595 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Symon Jelfs, 1635 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs).

### Jelks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: see **Gilkes**.

**Jell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- 1 English: see **Gell**.  
2 English: see **Gill**.

**Jellard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English: see **Gillard**.  
2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Gerard** with *r/l* substitution.

**Jellett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Gillett**

**Jelley**

Variants: **Jelley**, **Gealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1333, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Surrey

English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Giles**. Compare Gillygate (York), *Saintgeligate*, 1356, *Giligate*, 1373, taking its name from the church of Saint Giles, which has long since disappeared. (ii) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Gelle* (see **Gell**), itself a pet form of **Gerard**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Gely, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Jely, 1472 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); Robert Gely, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Jely, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Jelye, Richard Gellye, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Edwarde Jellie or Jellye, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Hitchin, Herts); Samuel Jelly or Gelly, 1638 in *PROB 11*; John Jelley, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Elisabeth Jelley, 1699 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics).

**Jellicoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: relationship name from *Jellicoe*, a diminutive of **Jelley** (with the diminutive suffix *-cock(e)*). Compare *Alcoe* for *Alcock*.

**Early bearers:** John Dawson alias John Jellicoe, 1553 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); James Jellicoe, 1648 in *Chester Diocese Wills*; John Jellicoe, 1677 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Jellicoe, 1713, Jellicorse 1730, William Jellicoe, 1733 in *IGI* (Patshull, Staffs); Thomas Jellicoe, 1745 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2, 11.

**Jellings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Gillings**.

**Jellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Northants, and Bucks
- English: (i) see **Giles**. (ii) see **Gills**.

**Jelliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: (i) see **Giles**. (ii) see **Gills**.

**Jelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 866
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; also Surrey, Middx, and Hants; Somerset; Lancs; IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Jelley**.

**Jellyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **Jelley** + *man*, probably denoting ‘man(servant) of *Jelley*’.
- Early bearers:** John Jelliman, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); Jno Jellyman, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Basalael Jellyman, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Jelleyman, 1781 in *IGI* (Adderbury, Oxon); William Jellyman, 1790 in *IGI* (Burmington, Warwicks).

**Jemison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Jem*, a pet form of *James*, + *son*. Compare **Jameson**.
- Early bearers:** Cornelius Jemson, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Willim Jemeson, 1565, Jemsonn, 1598 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Margreat Jemson, 1635 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); James Jemeson, 1724 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Jemmson, 1875 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Jemmett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Oxon and Berks
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Jemet*, a diminutive of *Jem*, a pet form of *James*.
- Early bearers:** Alice Jemett, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); John Jemmett, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

**Jemmott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: relationship name from the personal name *Jemot*, a diminutive of *Jem*, a pet form of *James*.
- Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Lucia.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Jemot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holcombe, Oxon); Thomas Jemot, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Jemmott in *Census 1871* (Kent); Robert Jemmott in *Census 1871* (Berks); Benjamin Jemmott in *Census 1901* (Kent).

**Jempson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Gimson**.

**Jemson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Gimson**.

**Jeneson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; ER Yorks
- English: relationship name see **Jennison**.

**Jeng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

**Jenings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Jennings**.

**Jenison**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks
- English: see **Jennison**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Jenkerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Jenkinson**.

**Jenkin**

Variants: **Jenkyn**, **Jenking**, **Jenkins**, **Jenkyns**, **Jenkings**, **Jinkin**, **Junkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1717, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; esp. Cornwall; Glamorgan
- English: nickname, relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Jankin*, *Jenkin*, and *Jonkin*, pet forms of *Jan*, *Jen*, and *Jon* + the hypocoristic suffix *-kin*. The variation in the vowel arose from different Old French developments of Latin *Johannes* to *Johan* and *Jehan* (see **Jean**, **John**). *Jankin* was a specifically Flemish formation using Middle Dutch *-kin*, and was introduced to England by Flemings and Picards after the Norman Conquest. Compare John nicknamed Janekin de Bocking, 1327–77 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 461.
- Further information:** In Middle English, names in *-kin* were often used to name the younger of two family members with the same forename. Compare Henry Janekynesmon Hastang (‘servant of John Hastang junior’), 1319 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). His father was alive and his servants were Henry Jonespaneter Hastang and Richard Jonesprest Hastang, so that *Janekyn* clearly means ‘young John’.
- Early bearers:** given names: Janekyn de sancto Iohanne, 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Jonkin the Turnur,

## Jenking

1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Jenkin le persones, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).  
surnames: Richard Janekyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Jonkyn, 1297 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Dorset); Mariona Jankyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Easton, Leics); Editha Janekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers and Easton, Wilts); William Junkin, 1469, George Jonkyng, 1530 in *York Freemen's Register* (York); Pascat Jenkin, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

### Jenking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: variant of **Jenkin**.

### Jenkings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales
- Welsh, English: variant of **Jenkins**.

### Jenkins

Variants: **Jenkyns, Jenkings, Jinkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46633, Ireland 919
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35086
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Welsh, English: variant of **Jenkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Jankins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Jenkins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Jenkyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Thomas Jankynes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford, Shrops); Robert Jankyns, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); William Jenkines, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Cannington, Somerset).

### Jenkinson

Variants: **Jinkinson, Jinkerson, Jenkerson, Jenkison, Junkison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7506, Ireland 341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5224
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone; Wicklow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Jankin, Jenkin*, or *Jonkin* (see **Jenkin**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Jonkynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); William Jenkynson, 1484 in *York Freemen's Register*; John Jenkenson, 1519 in *PROB 11* (All Saints Oxford, Oxon); Johane Jinkinson, 1562 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lancs); William Jenkinson or Jinkinson, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Market Harborough, Leics); Henerie Jenkison, 1662 in *IGI* (Hemsworth near Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Junkisone, 1679 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Samuel Jenkisson, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Martin Jinkerson, 1724 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk); James Junkinson, 1828 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

### Jenkison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Midlothian; WR Yorks
- English: see **Jenkinson**.

### Jenks

Variants: **Jinks, Janks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1022
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Shrops

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jenke* (a contraction of the personal name *Jenkin, Jankin*; see **Jenkin**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Jenkys, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Munslow, Shrops); Walter Jenks, 1542 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thomas Jenkes, 1548 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); John Jincks, 1565 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Georgius Jenks, 1580 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Alice or Alice Jenks, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Ludlow, Shrops); James Jinks, 1633 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Samuel Janks, 1666 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Humphry Jynks, 1668 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Richard Jinkes, 1687 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Jenkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Jenkin**.

### Jenkyns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

Welsh, English: see **Jenkins**.

### Jenman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Janman**.

### Jenn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English: see **Jean**.

### Jennaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Berks
- English: see **Janaway**.

### Jenne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Jean**.

### Jennens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Jennings**.

### Jenner

Variants: **Genner, Genower, Jenoure, Ginner, Engineer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4634, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3551
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Sussex, Kent, and Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *enginour* 'engineer, maker or designer of military machines', Old French *engineour, enginior*.

**Further information:** In the 12th century *ingeniator* was used to denote someone who combined the duties of master mason and architect. Ailnoth ingeniator, a military architect, was surveyor of the king's buildings at Westminster and the Tower, 1157, and was in charge of building operations at Windsor 1166–73. He repaired Westminster Abbey after a fire and superintended the destruction of the castles of Framlingham and Walton (*Salzman, Industries*, p. 108).  
**Early bearers:** Richard lengignur, lenginnur, 1191–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Enginur, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk), probably identical with William Lenginnur, 1202 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); John le Enguigniur, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le enguigniur, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Ginnur, 1229–30 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); William le Enginur, 1251–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Ralph Gynnour, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William le Genour, 1324 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls*; Robert Jenour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Jenner, 1564 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex).

### Jennerway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Janaway**.

### Jennery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Gennery**.

### Jeness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Jean**.

### Jennett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Louth; Dublin
- English: see **Janet**.

### Jenney

Variants: **Jenny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs; also Middx

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Jen* (from *Jehan*; see **John**).

**Early bearers:** John Jenney, 1533 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk); John Jennye, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph

without Aldgate, London); John Jenney, 1580, Jenny, 1582 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Christopher Jenny, 1584 in *PROB 11* (London); Edmond Jenney, 1591 in *IGI* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Arthur Jenney or Jenye, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Theberton, Suffolk); Rychard Jenny, 1615 in *IGI* (Aby with Greenfield, Lincs).

### Jennifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Genever**.

### Jenning

Variants: **Jennings, Janion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Warwicks and Staffs; Wilts; Dumfriess

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jenin, Janin*, pet forms of **John**, with *-in* altered to *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Janyn le Breton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Jenyn de Fraunce, 1379 in *York Poll Tax*.

surnames: John Ianin, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Janyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Jannen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Janyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilcot, Wilts); Willelmo Jenyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langley Michael, Wilts); Johannes Jenyngg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Cristofer Jenyng, 1532 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Jennings

Variants: **Jenings, Jennins, Jenyns, Jennens,**

**Jannings, Jouning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20401, Ireland 2499
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15094
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Galway

English: variant of **Jenning** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Janyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Janyns, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Hardwick, Bucks); John Jenyns, clerk, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Willm. Jennings, 1555 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Nycolas Jennyns, 1559 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Rogerus Jennynges, 1566 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Thomas Jennins or Jennyns, 1580 in *PROB 11* (London); William Jannings, 1605, Janniges, 1608 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk).

### Jennins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Jennings**.

### Jennion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Janion**.

### Jennis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: see **Jeans**.

### Jennison

Variants: **Jeneson, Jenison, Jensen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 863, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 520
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Janyn* (see **Janin**) + *-son*. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jen* (see **Jean**) + *-son*.
- Early bearers:** William Geneson, 1346 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Jeneson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Johannes Janneson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilley, Shrops); William Jenyson, 1495 in *PROB 11* (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); Robert Genyson, 1491 in *York Guild Register*; William Jenyson, 1518 in *York Freeman's Register*; Raph Jenison, 1564 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire); John Jenson, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Christopher Jenesonne, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Newark upon Trent, Notts); Arnold Jensen, 1647 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Richard Jennison, 1689 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks).

### Jenns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; Middx
- English: see **Jeans**.

### Jenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, WR Yorks, and Lincs
- English: see **Jenney**.

### Jenoure

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Jenner**.

### Jensen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2038, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs
- 1 Scandinavian, German: relationship name from the patronymic form of the Danish (also Norwegian, North German) male personal name *Jens*.
- 2 English: see **Jennison**.

### Jenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; N England; also Warwicks
- English: see **Janson**.

### Jent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent and London
- English: see **Gent**.

### Jentle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Gentle**.

### Jenvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Janaway**.

### Jenyns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Jennings**.

### Jeoffroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Huguenot: see **Geoffroy**.

### Jephcote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

### Jephcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Jeffcock**.

**Further information:** Bearers of this name are apparently all descended from John Jecfott, who died at Ansty (Warwicks) in 1561.

### Jephson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Geff*. (see **Jeff**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.
- Early bearers:** Hugh Geffesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Elisha Jephson, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Guilielmi Jephson, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Phillip Jephson, 1664 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); John Jephson, 1678 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Petris Jephson, 1703 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks).

### Jepp

Variants: **Jepps, Gepp, Jebb, Gipp, Gipps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jep(p)*, *Gep(pe)*, a pet form of *Geoffrey*. Compare **Jupp**. (ii) pronounced with a hard g, alternatively a variant of **Gipp**, a pet form of *Gilbert*. **Early bearers:** given names: Geppes Werri, 1228 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Geppes filius Hugonis, 1258 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Jep le Wyte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton, in Eastbourne, Sussex). surnames: William Jep, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; William Geppes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William

## Jepps

Gebbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Geppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Lucas Jebbe, 1508 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Jepp, 1670 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Jepp, 1675 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Jane Gepp, 1742 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex).

### Jepps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Jepp** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*. Compare **Gipps**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Jepps, 1612 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Elizabeth Jepps, 1614 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Edmund Jepps, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Jepps, 1671 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Charles Geps, 1768 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex).

### Jepson

Variants: **Jebson**, **Jibson**, **Gipson**, **Jipson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3264, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2922
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts

English: relationship name, 'son of *Jepp* or *Gipp*', Middle English pet forms of *Geoffrey* or (if the *G-* is pronounced hard) *Gilbert*. See **Jepp** and **Gipp**.

**Early bearers:** John Gepstone, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Geppesone, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Gepson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Robertus Jeppeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Adam Jepson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Robertus Gepson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); Johis. Jepson, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes Jepson, 1550 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Arthur Jepson, 1564 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Robert Jepson, 1572 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Elizabeth Gepson, 1575 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Jeram

Variants: **Jerams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Jerome**.

### Jerams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Jeram** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Jerdan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and Northumb

Norman, Scottish, English: variant of **Jardine**.

### Jerden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: variant of **Jardine**.

### Jeremiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; also Cardigans

Hebrew, Welsh: relationship name from the Hebrew personal name *Yirmeyahu* (meaning 'appointed by God'), borne by a Biblical prophet of the 7th to 6th centuries BC.

**Early bearers:** Willimus Jeremiah, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Conway, Caernarvons); Jeremiah Jeremiah, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); William Jeremiah, 1738 in *IGI* (Henllys, Monmouths).

### Jeremy

Variants: **Jermyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Carmarthens

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jeremy*, Latin *Jeremias*, a latinization of the Greek form of Hebrew *Jeremiah*, said to mean 'Jehovah has raised'. See also **Jermey**. **Early bearers:** given names: Iheremias de Tornhill', 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geremias, Jeremias Banastre, about 1200 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs); Gereminus de Ecclefeld', Jeremias de Ecclesfeld', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Johannes Jheremie, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Jeremye, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; William Germin, 1253 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Chas. Jeremy, 1679 in *IGI* (Tottenham, Middx); John Jeremy, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); William Jeremy, 1714 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); William Jeremy, 1716 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Samuelis Jeremy, 1717 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths).

### Jerez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: locative name from either of the places called Jerez in the provinces of Badajoz and Cadiz.

### Jerkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Gerken** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Jerkins, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Alis Peter Jerkins, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Chippenham, Wilts); Mary Jerkins, 1729 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); John Jerkins, 1766 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Jermain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **German**.

### Jerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449

- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; also Devon

Norman, English: see **German**.

### Jermey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Jermey**.

### Jermin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

Norman, English: see **German**.

### Jermine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Pembrokes
- Norman, English: see **German**.

### Jermey

Variants: **Jermey**, **Jarmy**, **Jarmey**, **Jarmay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the personal names *Jeremy* (compare *Jeremye*, 1617, or *Jermy Gooch*, 1652 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk)) or *Jermey*, a vernacular form of *Germain* (compare Sir John Germyn or *Jermey*, 1300). See **Jeremy**, **German**.

**Early bearers:** Johanna Germey, 1303, Johanna Jermye, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Thomas Jarmy, 1652 in *Bardsley* (Norfolk).

### Jermyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 English: see **Jeremy**.

2 Norman, English: see **German**.

### Jerome

Variants: **Jerrone**, **Jerrom**, **Jerram**, **Jerrim**, **Jearum**, **Jeram**, **Jaram**, **Jarram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1032, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Berks

English: relationship name from either of two distinct given names which became confused in Middle English: Continental Germanic *Ger(r)am* (*Gerrannus*) and Greek *Ierōnymos*. The latter is the source of Italian *Geronimo*, French *Jérôme*, English *Jerome*, and other cognates. The former would certainly be assumed to be the given name of Geram de Curzun were it not for the fact that he is also recorded as Jeronimus and Geronimus. The name *Gerrannus* may also have become **Gerrans**; see also **Gerring**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Geram, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Geram de Curzun, 1206 in *Fine Rolls* (Bucks); Jeronimus, Geronimus, Gerarmus de Curzun, 1206–11 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks, Staffs); Jerom' de Ponte Burgi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jeronimus de Normaneby, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: William Geran', 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Geram, 1333 in *Ancient Deeds* ii



(Leics); Peter Jerrome, 1604 in *York Freeman's Register*; Joseph Jerram, 1729 in *Bardsley*.

### Jerram

Variants: **Jerrams**

- Current frequencies: GB 604, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 369
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Notts; Hants and Wilts

English: see **Jerome**.

### Jerrams

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57

• Main GB location 1881: Northants and Bucks  
English: variant of **Jerram** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Jerrard

- Current frequencies: GB 274, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 276
  - Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Dorset
- English: see **Gerard**.

### Jerratt

- GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Stirlings; Lancs
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Jerred

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Wilts
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Jerrett

- Current frequencies: GB 194, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 173
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Garrett**.

### Jerrim

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: see **Jerome**.

### Jerrison

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 71
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English, Dutch: see **Garrison**.

Early bearers: Thomas Jerrison, 1596 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Jervis Mar Jerison, 1723 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Sam'L. Jerrison, 1732, Robert Rickett Jerreson, 1782 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Elizabeth Jerrison, 1785 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys).

### Jerrold

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Middx, and Kent
- English: see **Gerald**.

### Jerrom

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83

- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Jerome**.

### Jerrome

Variants: **Jerromes**

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 79
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Berks

English: see **Jerome**.

### Jerromes

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: variant of **Jerrome** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Jerry

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; London; Durham; Somerset

English: variant of **Geary**.

Early bearers: Johis. Gerry, 1573 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Johes Jerry, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Guilsfield, Montgomerys); John Jerrie, 1612 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); James Jerry, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (London); Joseph Jerry, 1744 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); James Jerrey, 1775 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Jerry, 1776 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Elizabeth Jerry, 1800 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

### Jerves

- GB frequency 1881: 15

English: see **Jarvis**.

### Jervis

- Current frequencies: GB 2648, Ireland 74
  - GB frequency 1881: 2296
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal; also Down
- English: see **Jarvis**.

### Jervois

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- Norman, English: see **Jarvis**.

### Jerwood

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Garwood**.

### Jesney

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 76
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: possibly for *jessamy*, a regional variant of *jasmine* recorded from E Anglia. Compare Edward Jessome, 1718 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs), perhaps to be read like *jessamy*, and **Jessiman**.

Early bearers: Edward Jesney, 1762 in *IGI* (Skendleby, Lincs); Edward Jesney, 1815 in *Parish Registers* (Huttoft, Lincs); Fred Jessney, 1896 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Jess

Variants: **Jesse**

- Current frequencies: GB 650, Ireland 478
  - GB frequency 1881: 215
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Wigtowns; also Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; also Kerry
- English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Jessup*, a variant of *Joseph* that represents the usual pronunciation of the name in the Middle Ages; see **Jessop**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *ges, jese* 'strap fastened to a hawk's leg', used for a maker of jesses for hawks. Compare Robert le Jesemaker, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

Early bearers: Ralph Jesse, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Gesse, 1549 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Edward Jess, 1568 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts); William Jesse, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomasina Gess, 1589 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Nicholas Jess, 1599 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Wm. Jesse, 1641 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); Philip Jesse, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Joseph Jess, 1764 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); George Jess, 1803 in *IGI* (Portpatrick, Wigtowns).

### Jesse

- Current frequencies: GB 250, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 191
  - Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Hants and Surrey
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- English: see **Jess**.

### Jessel

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Gloucs
- English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from an English, German, and/or Yiddish pet form of the personal name *Joseph* (German, Yiddish *Josef*). See also **Jessop**.
- Early bearers: Rosse Jessell, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Odiham, Hants); [ . . . ] Jessel, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Clewer, Berks); Mary Jessell, 1707 in *IGI* (Grainthorpe, Lincs); John Jessel, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Jessep

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Middx
- English: see **Jessop**.

### Jessett

- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 194
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks
- English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name **Jess**.
- Early bearers: Thomas Jessett, 1593 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Thomae Jessett, 1607 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); William Jessett, 1614 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Jessett, 1640 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Charles Jessett, 1650 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Elizabeth Jessett, 1653 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Thomas Jessett, 1654 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

**Jessey**

Variants: **Jessie, Gessey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Jess**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob or James Jessey, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Daud Jessee, 1664 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Jessey, 1746 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); John Jessie, 1760 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Gessey, 1779 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Gessey, 1796 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

**Jessie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Stirlings; Lancs
- English: see **Jessey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Jessiman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

English, Scottish: (i) locative name, possibly from Jesmond (Northumb), as suggested by Black, and as partly supported by medieval spellings such as *Jessementh* for this place. (ii) alternatively, the several rare variants with a front vowel in the final syllable, for example *Jessimine, Jessimen, Jessamin*, the almost universal medial syllable as in these and *Jessaman*, and the complete lack of a final *-d-* or *-th* in the record suggest a nickname from Early Modern English *gessemine*, regional *jessamy* 'jasmine' or a form close to these. Compare also **Jesney**.

**Early bearers:** John Jesseman, William Jessieman, 1600 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 4, pp. 262, 265 (Huntly, Aberdeens); James Jessimen, 1654 in *Strathbogie Presbytery Book* (Westeroun, Aberdeens); Will. Jessieman, 1761 in *IGI* (Glass, Aberdeens); William Jessimane, 1689 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 124; *Black*, p. 384.

**Jesson**

Variants: **Jeston, Jeelson, Geelson, Jason, Jayson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 907, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 659
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Jefson* 'son of Geoffrey', with *-f-* assimilated to the following *-s-*. See also **Gee** and **Jay**, which may derive from other personal names beginning in *J-* besides *Jeffery*, and could also be sources of *Jesson, Jeelson*, and *Jason*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Gesson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sharnford, Leics); Thomas Gesson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Creaton, Northants); Willelmus Geson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lynford, Norfolk); Johannes Gesoun, 1379, Willelmus Gesson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Agnes Gesson, 1568, Bridgett Jesson, 1601 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); George Jesson, 1581 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Nichus Jesson, 1598, Henricus Geelson, 1604 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Anthony Geelson, 1610 in *PROB 11*

(Mildenhall, Suffolk); Roger Jeston, 1617, William Jeston, 1772 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Isabell Geston, 1627 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Mary Geason, 1682 in *IGI* (Ewell, Surrey); Elizabeth Jeason, 1773 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs).  
2 English: see **Jutson**.

**Jessop**

Variants: **Jessep, Jessup, Jessopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3442, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3542
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin; Longford

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jessop, Jessup*, which represents the usual medieval pronunciation of the name **Joseph**.

**Early bearers:** William Josep, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Josep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Johannes Jesop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Josep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Waltero Jesop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton and Daglingworth, Gloucs); Joan Josopp, Jesopp, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Jesoppe, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Chilcombe, Dorset); Joseph Jesop or Jesopp, 1599 in *PROB 11* (London); Jasper Jessopp or Jesopp, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Penshurst, Kent); John Jesup, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Conesby, Lincs).

**Jessopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Dorset

English: see **Jessop**.

**Jessup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, E Anglia, and Lincs

English: see **Jessop**.

**Jester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *gester* 'mimic, buffoon; professional reciter of romances'.

**Early bearers:** Laurencius Gester, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Johannes Gestour, 1377 in *Colchester Court Rolls*, probably identical with Johannes Gestour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Gestour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); John Jester, 1618 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Ann Jester, 1656 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Thomas Jester, 1695 in *IGI* (East Molesey, Surrey); Rebecca Jester, 1738 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Jester, 1740 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs); Thos. Jester, 1765 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex).

**Jestice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish, English: see **Justice**.

**Jeston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands

English: variant of **Jesson** with an intrusive *-t-*.

**Jesty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: probably a form of *Jestice*, a variant of **Justice**, with hypercorrect loss of final */s/*.  
**Early bearers:** Ann Jesty, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Robert Jesty, 1751 in *Parish Registers* (Yetminster, Dorset); James Jesty, 1798 in *IGI* (Yeovil, Somerset).

**Jesus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English, Spanish, and Portuguese: either directly from the personal name *Jesus*, taken in honour of Christ, or from a shortened form of any of various Spanish or Portuguese compound names consisting of a personal name + *de Jesús*. It is not clear whether the first few bearers are English or (descended from) early immigrants.

**Further information:** The name *Jesus* is, via Latin, from the Greek form, *Iêsous*, of Aramaic *Yeshua*, from Hebrew *Yoshua*, a byform of *Yehoshua* (English *Joshua*) 'may Jehovah help him'.

**Early bearers:** William Jesses, 1650 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edmund Jesus, 1687 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Moses Jazus, 1697 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs); Elizabeth Gessus, 1707 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Marimina de Jesus, born in Portugal, in Census 1891 (Paddington, Middx).

**Jetha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, see **Jethwa**.

**Jethwa**

Variants: **Jetha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): nickname, Hindu (Rajput), meaning 'elder', from Sanskrit *jyeṣṭha* 'first, pre-eminent'.

**Jetson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English: see **Jutson**.

**Jetter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Geater**.

**Jeune**

Variants: **June, Lejeune**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from French, including Channel Islands French, *jeune* ‘young’. Compare **Jevon**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard le Jeune, 12th cent. in *Lichfield Muniments* (Staffs); Matilda Jun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le June, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Jun, 1551 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Nicholas June, 1583 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

Channel Islands: [ . . . ] Jeune, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Jersey); Collas and Johan Jeune, Jacques and Louys Le Jeune, 1550 in *Jersey Chantry Certificate*; George Jeune, in *Census 1841* (Channel Islands); Philip Jeune, in *Census 1871* (Jersey).

### Jeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Jeeves**.

### Jevon

**Variants:** **Jeavons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *juven*, *juvin* ‘young’ (Anglo-Norman French *joefne*, Latin *juvenis*), used to distinguish between two bearers of the same personal name. Compare **Jeune**.

**Further information:** Bardsley cites Jevan or Evan Thomas, 1600 (Glamorgan) as evidence that modern *Jevon* is a variant of Welsh **Evan**, but in this instance the initial *J* is an alternative way of writing *I*, and represents a semi-vowel glide before another vowel, more conventionally spelled *Y*, as in *York* and *yew*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander le iouene, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John le Jofne, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Bartholomew le Joevene, le Juvene, 1254–69 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Robert le Jeofne, le Jevene, 1242–55 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Thomas le Geven’, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Ieuane, 1436 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Jevanne, 1459 in *Oseney Cartulary*; William Jevon, 1585 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); John Jevan, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Brill, Bucks); Richard Jeven, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Jevons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: see **Jeavons**.

### Jew

**Variants:** **Jull**, **Joll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English given name *Jewe*, also found as *Julle*, *Gelle*, *Golle*, *Jowe*, and *Juwe*. It was a pet form of the male name *Julian* or the female name *Juliane* (also *Gellian*). See **Julian** and compare **Gill** from **Gillian**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Golle, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks, female); Gewe de Sumerkotes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Jowe, 1227

in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames: Tomas filius Golle, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Juwe, 1288 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); John Jowe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard Jue, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Julle, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Julle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Jolle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Goll, 1421 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Stephen Jew, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Jacobs Jew, 1617 in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall); John Jew, 1633 in *IGI* (Upton Snodsbury, Worcs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *Jeu* ‘Jew’, applied to someone (whether Jewish or not) who was suspected of usury or who drove a hard bargain. In medieval England only Jews could legally lend money for profit, but they were expelled in 1290 and were not officially allowed to return and settle until the late 17th century, well after the main period of English surname creation. Post-1290 bearers of the surname are therefore most unlikely to be Jews, as are bearers with Christian forenames, such as *Thomas* in the 1275 example.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Jeu, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Willelmo le Jeu, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shilvinghampton, Dorset); Nicholas le Jeu, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Peters Marland and Crediton, Devon); Roger le Jew, le Jeu, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton and Ringmore, Devon); Hug’ le Jeu, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hindley, Lancs); Hugo le Jowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haigh, Lancs).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 周, see **Zhou** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1).

### Jewel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Joel**.

### Jewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3813, Ireland 55
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Joel**.

### Jewels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Cornwall
- English: see **Joels**.

### Jewers

**Variants:** **Juer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Suffolk

1 English: see **Gowers**.

2 English: alternatively perhaps a variant pronunciation of **Dewhurst**.

3 English: alternatively a variant of **Jewhurst**.

4 English: alternatively a variant of **Dewis**; compare **Jewess**.

### Jewesbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Dewsbury**.

### Jewess

**Variants:** **Jewis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Kent

1 English: variant of **Dewis** with palatalization of *Dew-* to *Jew-*.

**Early bearers:** William Gewyes, 1566 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Ann Jewes, 1587 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Wm Jewis, 1716 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Jewess, 1780 in *IGI* (Curdworth, Warwicks); Edward Jewis, 1782 in *IGI* (Hints, Staffs); Thos. Jewess, 1792 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs).

2 English: see **Jewhurst**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Jewis, 1586 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Ann Widow Jewess, 1781 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Jewesson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Jewson**.

### Jewett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Durham; ER Yorks

N English: see **Jowett**.

### Jewhurst

**Variants:** **Jewers**, **Jewess**, **Jewis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

1 English: locative name, probably from one of the three places called Ewhurst (‘yew wood’) in Sussex, or possibly one of those in Surrey or Hants.

**Further information:** Pronunciation of *Ewhurst* with initial /dʒ/, as in *jew*, could have arisen from an Anglo-Norman French substitution of /dʒ/ for /j/, the initial sound in *yew*, but more likely it was a post-medieval spelling pronunciation from misinterpretation of the letter *J-* (an alternative form of capital *I*), which was used to represent both initial /dʒ/ and /j/. Ewhurst in Shermanbury (Sussex) is recorded as *Jewhurst* alias *Ewhurst* in 1599. The same usage appears in early forms of the Sussex place-name Jevington (*Yevinton* in 1439, *Jevington* in 1491). Refashioning of the name as *Jewess* and *Jewish* suggests that pronunciation with /dʒ/ was current by the late 17th century. Alternative pronunciation with initial /j/ was still in use in the 19th and early 20th centuries; compare Samuel Youhurst, 1805 in *IGI*, Horsham, Sussex) and Wesley Yewhurst (born in Brede, Sussex) in *Census 1911* (Eastbourne, Sussex). **Early bearers:** William de Iuehurst, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Ewhurst Place in Ifield, Sussex); Robert de Ywenesherst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirdford and Woolavington, Sussex); John Jewhurst, 1596 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Elysbeth Jewhurst, 1612 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Stephen Jewurst, 1660 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Richard Youhurst, 1662 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Jane Jewess, 1692

## Jewis

in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); George Jewhurst, 1706 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex); John Jewish, 1727 in *IGI* (Thurnham, Kent); Samuel Jewest, 1731 in *IGI* (Rainham, Kent); John Jewhorse, 1746 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Elisabeth Jewhurst 1762, Edward Jewhurst, 1792 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 208, 213, 518.  
2 English: locative name; alternatively it may be a variant of **Dewhurst**; compare **Jewsbury** for **Dewsbury**. *Dewhurst* is historically located in N England, especially Lancs and WR Yorks, and a small number of surnames from these counties appear in mid-17th-century Sussex (*Surnames of Sussex*, p. 118). However, *Dewhurst* does not occur in Sussex, Kent, and Surrey before the 19th century, whereas *Jewhurst* occurs already in 16th-century Sussex and is not found in N England until the 19th.

### Jewis

- GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs; also Kent.
- English: see **Jewess**.

### Jewison

- Current frequencies: GB 112, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 96
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: relationship name, see **Jewson**.

### Jewiss

- Current frequencies: GB 225, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Jewhurst** and compare **Jewess**.

### Jewitt

- Current frequencies: GB 1766, Ireland 21
  - GB frequency 1881: 998
  - Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. ER Yorks; also Lincs
- N English: see **Jowett**.

### Jewkes

- Current frequencies: GB 652, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 375
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs
- English: see **Jukes**.

### Jewry

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon and Somerset; London
- English: see **Jury**.

### Jewsbury

- Current frequencies: GB 278, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 193
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys, Leics, and Warwicks; Lancs
- English: see **Dewsbury**.

### Jewson

Variants: **Juson**, **Dewson**, **Jewison**, **Jewesson**

- Current frequencies: GB 321, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 256
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Jew(e)*, *Julle*, or *Jouet* (all pet forms

of the the male name *Julian* or the female name *Juliane*) + *-son*; see **Jew**, **Jowett**, **Julian**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Juwesone, 1327, Jullesone, 1341 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Julleson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johanne Juwetson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wymondham, Leics); Henry Jewetson, 1533 in *York Guild Register*; Margaret Dewson, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Jewson, 1596 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); John Jusson, 1624 in *IGI* (Hayton, ER Yorks); Robertt Jewisson, 1656 in *IGI* (Hemingborough, ER Yorks); Thomas Jeuesonn, 1683 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Jewson, 1687 in *IGI* (Warter, ER Yorks); William Dewson, 1716 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Juson, 1725 in *IGI* (Outwell, Norfolk); Robert Jewison, 1729 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Jex

- Current frequencies: GB 498, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 341
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Jacks**.

### Jeyakumar

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Hindu), Sri Lankan: from *Jaya*, the name of a Hindu demigod, one of the Dvarapala 'gatekeepers' of Vishnu, or Sinhalese *jaya* 'victory', + *kumar* 'child, son, prince', 'chaste', in several Indian languages, or *kumara* in Sinhalese (all from Sanskrit *kumārah*).  
**Further information:** Though some Sri Lankan sources take *jaya* as Sinhalese for 'victory', the name is also borne by Tamils.

### Jeyes

- Current frequencies: GB 313, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 137
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants; also Warwicks, Staffs, and Leics
- English: see **Jayes**.

### Jeynes

- Current frequencies: GB 737, Ireland 10
  - GB frequency 1881: 315
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs, Gloucs, and Herefs
- English: see **Janes**.

### Jha

- Current frequencies: GB 298, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (northern states): from a much reduced form of Sanskrit *upādhyāya* 'teacher'.

### Jhalli

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Jheeta

Variants: **Jhita**

- Current frequencies: GB 244, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Jhita

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Jheeta**.

### Jia

- Current frequencies: GB 273, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 賈 and 郟, see **Chia** (1) and (2).

### Jian

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 簡, see **Kan** (3).

### Jiang

Variants: **Chiang**, **Chang**, **Cheung**, **Chung**, **Thong**, **Kwong**, **Keung**

- Current frequencies: GB 976, Ireland 17
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蔣 (**Chiang** in Mandarin romanization, and **Cheung**, **Cheong**, or **Tseung** in Cantonese romanization): from *Jiang* (蔣), the name of an ancient state (probably located in present-day Henan province), which was granted to Bo Ling, a grandson of the king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After this state was annexed by the state of Chu, people kept the name of the state as their surname.  
2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 姜 (**Chiang** in Mandarin romanization, **Keung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'ginger' in Chinese: the surname is traced back to the legendary Yan Di, the 'Yan Emperor', who ruled approximately from 3216 to 3077 BC. He was born near *Jiang Shui* (姜水), a river in present-day Shaanxi province. He and his descendants acquired 姜 (*Jiang*), part of the place-name, as their surname. A famous descendant, Jiang Shang, known as Jiang Ziya or Jiang Tai Gong (c. 11th century BC), an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), was granted the state of Qi, which is located mainly in present-day Shandong province.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 江, see **Kong** (1).

### Jiao

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 焦, see **Chiu** (1).

### Jibson

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Jebson**.

### Jickells

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- Breton, English: see **Jeckells**.

### Jiggens

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex, Middx, and Surrey
- English: see **Juggins**.

### Jiggins

- Current frequencies: GB 452, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 229
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Juggins**.

### Jiggle

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs
- Breton, English: see **Jeckell**.

### Jilani

- Current frequencies: GB 192, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Gilani**.  
Further information: This is the normal Arabic spelling of Persian *Gilani*.

### Jiles

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 110
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Hants; Devon
- English: see **Giles**.

### Jilks

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; London
- English: see **Gilkes**.

### Jillard

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Gillard**.

### Jillett

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Gillett**

### Jillings

- Current frequencies: GB 273, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 176
  - Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Gillings**.

### Jillions

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Gillions**.

### Jim

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- 1 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 詹, see **Chan** (2).  
2 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 金, see **Chin** (2).  
3 Chinese: Teochew romanization of the Chinese surname 任, see **Yam** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 嚴, 閻, and 閻, see **Yan** (3–5).

### Jimenez

- Current frequencies: GB 642, Ireland 14
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- Spanish: relationship name from *Jiménez*, a patronymic from the medieval Spanish personal name *Jimeno*.

### Jimpson

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Gimson**.

### Jin

- Current frequencies: GB 567, Ireland 16
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 金, 靳, and 晋, see **Chin** (2–4).  
2 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).  
3 Korean: variant of **Chin** (4).

### Jinadu

- Current frequencies: GB 209, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Nigerian: locative name from the town of Jinadu in Oyo state, Nigeria.

### Jines

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs
- English: see **Joynes**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Jinkerson

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Suffolk
- English: see **Jenkinson**.

### Jinkin

- GB frequency 1881: 52
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; also Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Jenkin**.  
Early bearers: Emlyn Jinkin, 1565 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent); Hugh Jinkin, 1574 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Robt. Jinkin, 1589 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent).

### Jinkins

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 283
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Pembrokes
- Welsh, English: see **Jenkins**.  
Early bearers: William Jinkins, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Miles Jinkins, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Jinkins, 1596 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Walter Ginkins, 1618 in *IGI* (Cranborne, Dorset).

### Jinkinson

- Current frequencies: GB 48, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 81
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Jenkinson**.

### Jinks

- Current frequencies: GB 1776, Ireland 104
  - GB frequency 1881: 1243
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo
- English: see **Jenks**.

### Jinman

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: variant pronunciation of *Jenman*, see **Janman**.

### Jipson

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 62
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Jepson**.

### Jivraj

- Current frequencies: GB 175, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): nickname, Hindu and Muslim, meaning 'king of life', from Sanskrit *jīva* 'life' + *rāja* 'king'.

### Jiwa

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: ultimately from Sanskrit *jīva* 'soul' through one or more northern Indian languages.

### Joachim

- Current frequencies: GB 123, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 45
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Gloucs
- Jewish: relationship name from the Biblical name, Hebrew *Yoyakim* 'God has granted (*sc.* a son)'. (Nehemiah 12: 10).  
Early bearers: Thomas Jocham, 1601 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Agnes Joachim, 1606 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Samuel Jocham, 1662 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Joan

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Catalan: relationship name from the personal name *Joan*, the Catalan form of **John**.

### Joanes

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey; Lancs; Lincs
- English: see **Jones**.

### Joannides

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Greek: see **Ioannides**.

### Joannou

- Current frequencies: GB 429, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): see **Ioannou**.

## Job

### Job

Variants: **Jobe**, **Jobes**, **Joep**, **Jopp**, **Jubb**, **Jupp**, **Jupe**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 823, Ireland 12

• **GB frequency 1881:** 904

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Warwicks; Carmarthens and Glamorgan; Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Fermanagh

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English given name *Jop(e)*, *Joppe*, or *Job(be)* (perhaps also *Jubbe*). It may have more than one source, but like *Jepp* and *Jebbe* (see **Jepp**) it was certainly a pet form of *Geoffrey*. This is shown by Geoffrey [son of] Joppe of Wardley, who is also named as Geoffrey son of Geoffrey, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*. *Joppe* was originally a pet form of *Joffrey*, an Old French side-form of *Geoffrey* (see **Jeffrey**). A short form *Joff(e)* is attested in Willelmus Joffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks), and Willelmus Joff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics). The change of final /f/ to /p/ is the same as that in *Jeff(e)* to *Jepp(e)*. The voicing of final /p/ to /b/ and variation in the length and quality of the vowel have led to possible confusion with other names, and some of the following name bearers may alternatively belong under (2), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** given names: Jop serviens Osulf, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Joppe filius Hardekin, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Jubbe de Donewiz, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Joppe Winter, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*. surnames, Devon and Cornwall: William Jobbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Lucus Job, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin, Cornwall); Henry Jobe, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Thomasin Jope, 1553 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); William Jobe, 1593, Temperance Job, 1595 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jonathas Joppe, 1595 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Jobb, 1616 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); John Job, 1645 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall). surnames, E England: Rogerus Juppe, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); William Job, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Elyas Jubbe, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmo Jop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littel Oakley, Essex); Lucy Joppe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wood Walton, Hunts); Johannes Joppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); Walterus Jubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxlingham, Norfolk); Thomas Jobbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Johannes Jubbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); Willelmus Joupe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); James Job, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Margaret Job, 1588 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Willm. Job, 1589 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs).

surnames, W England: Walter Jobbe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Jop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Alexander Joep, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Crowmarsh Gifford, Oxon); Ricardus Joep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolston, Warwicks); Willelmo Jobbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cranham, Gloucs); Walterus Job, Johannes Jop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Andrew Jobb, 1565 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Alicia Joppe, 1573 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Edmon Job, 1628 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Richard Joppe, 1631 in *IGI* (Norbury, Shrops). surnames, Scotland: Robert Jop, 1353 in *Scone Charters* (Perth); John Joip, tenant of the Earl of Huntly, 1600 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Strathbogie); Malcolme Job, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Androw Jope, 1618 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); James Jobb,

1640 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Alison Jopp, 1686 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Hew Jopp, 1694 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English pet form of Old French *Jobert*. See **Jobber** and compare **Jobin** and **Jobborn**.

3 English: relationship name, perhaps also from *Job*, *Joppe*, Middle English forms of *Job*, a Hebrew name borne by the long-suffering central character of the Book of Job in the Old Testament. Evidence for its use as a Christian name in pre-Reformation Europe is scanty, however, and the commonly held beliefs (for example in *Bardsley*, *Weekley*, and *Reaney and Wilson*) that Job was a (frequent) character in the medieval mystery plays, and that this gave rise to a popular Middle English given name, are without foundation.

4 English: nickname from Middle English *joppe* (Medieval Latin *joppus*) ‘fool’, perhaps related to 16th-century French *jobe* ‘simpleton’. Compare Middle English *jobard* and *jobet* ‘blockhead, fool’.

**Early bearers:** Eudo le Joep, 1290 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Matthew le Jop, 1327–77 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 387, at Jupeshill Farm.

### Jobanputra

• **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Jobber

Variants: **Jubber**, **Juba**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 73

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from a reduced form of the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Jo(i)bert*; compare **Joubert**. This is suggested by the Staffs location of modern *Jobber*, where other variants of *Jobert* may survive in the names of Mary Jobet, 1718 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs), Samuell Jobett, 1730 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys), Thomas Jobbitt, 1774 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs), and Sarah Jobbard, 1822 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs). See also **Jobin** and **Jobborn**, which have Staffs associations and may be pet forms of *Jobert*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Ernaldi Joberti (in the genitive case), 1230 in *Close Rolls*; John Joyberd, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Robert Joyberd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Joberd, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon); Johanne Joyberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Richard Jobber, 1565 in *IGI* (Blymhill, Staffs); Joanne Jobber, 1584 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Jobber, 1683 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Thomas Jober, 1684, Thomas Jobber, 1691 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Sarah Jubber, 1703 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Sarah Jubber, 1737 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *jobber*, of uncertain meaning. Richard le Jobbere (1277–8, in a copy dated 1662) was a carpenter, paid for working and making huts at Vale Royal Abbey near Northwich, Cheshire. The name might be a derivative of *job* ‘a piece of work’, though the word is not recorded in *OED* before the mid-16th century;

hence ‘piecemaker’ perhaps. Other examples of the name might be derivatives of Middle English *jobben* ‘to peck or poke (something)’ (with a mattock perhaps) or of Middle English *jubbe*, *jobbe* ‘a large vessel for holding liquids’, hence ‘maker and seller of jubb’s’.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Jobbere, 1277–8 in *Vale Royal Abbey Ledger Book* (Cheshire); Roger Jubber, 1298 in *Close Rolls*; Alan Iober, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Jobour, 1356, Robert Jober, 1369 in *London Letter Books G*; Thomas Jobber, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

3 English: nickname, perhaps from a reduced form of Middle English *jobard* ‘fool’.

### Jobbins

• **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 294

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: variant of **Jobin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Ales Jobbyns, 1548 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Ambrose Jobbins, 1567 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Sarah Jobins, 1672 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Rebecca Jobbins, 1762 in *IGI* (Sherston, Wilts).

### Jobborn

Variants: **Joberns**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 17

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: perhaps a variant of **Jobin**, with *-bin* reinterpreted through hypercorrection as the common place-name element *-burn*. *Jobin* is recorded as a given name in 13th-century Staffs but evidence of *Jobin* as a Staffs surname has not yet come to light.

**Further information:** Reaney speculates that *Jobin* might be a variant of Old French *Jobert* (see **Joubert**) with Middle English substitution of *-bern* for *-bert*, and draws the parallel of Middle English *Ketelbern* as an attested variant of *Ketelbert*. However, there is no medieval evidence for *\*Jobern*. It is worth noting that *Jobert* may have given rise to **Jobber** and the now extinct surnames *Jobbard* and *Jobet* which, like *Jobborn*, have a post-medieval Staffs distribution. **Early bearers:** William Joburne, 1615 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Joborne, 1649, Abrahami Jobourne, 1681 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Solomon Jobborn, 1756 in *IGI* (Whittington near Lichfield, Staffs); Moses Joborn, 1757 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs); Thos. Jobborne, 1753, Thos. Jobern, 1764 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs).

### Jobe

Variants: **Jobes**, **Juby**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 5

• **GB frequency 1881:** 35

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Northumb and Durham

English: see **Job**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Jobe, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Jobe, 1807 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Susan Jobe, 1875 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Samuel Jobe, 1861 in *IGI* (Walker, Northumb).

### Joberns

• **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Jobborn**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Mary Joberns, 1781 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); John Joberns, 1802 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Jobs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: variant of **Job** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Jobe**.
- Early bearers:** Andrew Jobs, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); James Jobbs, 1696, John Jobes, 1826 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Joseph Jobes, 1726 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Charles Jobbs, 1772 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Jobs, 1806, John Jobes, 1808 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); James Jobes, 1840 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Jobey

Variants: **Joby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Joby*, a pet form of *Jop* or *Job*. See **Job** and compare **Jobin**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Jobi, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); William Joby, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Joby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Joby, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Joby, 1642 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Joby, 1650 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Benjamin Jobey, 1797 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Martha Ann Joby, 1843 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Mary Joby, 1853 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Jobin

Variants: **Jobbins**, **Jobborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jobin* or *Jopin*, either a diminutive of *Job* and *Jop*, which are probably pet forms of *Geoffrey* (see **Job**), or perhaps, especially in the case of the 1379 Wilts example, of Old French *Jobert*, Middle English *Jo(y)berd* (see **Jobber**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Jobin Don, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas*.

surnames: Ern' Jobin, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Henry Jobyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Goda Jopyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bircham Tofts, Norfolk); Johanne Joybyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderbury, Wilts); James Jopin, 1795 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); Morris Jobin, 1843 in *IGI* (Hulme, Lancs).

### Joblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and ER Yorks; also IoW

English: see **Jobling**.

### Jobling

Variants: **Joblin**, **Joplin**, **Jopling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1954, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1143

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and ER Yorks

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Jopelin*, a pet form of *Jop* (see **Job**) + the double diminutive suffix *-elin*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Joplyn, 1473 in *Durham Wills* (Durham); Agnes Joplyng, 1470–1500 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Thomas Joplin, 1564 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Eleanor Joblin, 1575 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Henry Jopline, 1596, Henry Jopling, 1601, John Joppling, 1712 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Elinor Joblyn, 1599, Elizabeth Jopling, 1625, Michell Jobling, 1625 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Joblin, 1624 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Rich. Joplin, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Abraham Joblin, 1652 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Joblin, 1684 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); John Joplin, 1698, Thomas Joplin, 1802 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Joblin, 1746 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Jobson

Variants: **Jopson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2272, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: relationship name 'son of *Jop*', from the Middle English personal name *Jop* (see **Job**).

**Early bearers:** N England: Joppe Joppeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ricardus Jopson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brandon, Northumb); Johannes Jopson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Reaveley, Northumb); Willelmus Jopson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton Bridge, Cundall and Lecky, NR Yorks); Henricus Jopson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Jopson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks); Johannes Jopson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Ralph Jopson, 1382 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); Richard Jobson, 1491 in *York Freeman's Register*; Michael Jopson, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Jobson, 1564 in *IGI* (Scarcho, Lincs); Agnes Jopson, 1562 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); William Jopson, 1566, Anthony Jobson, 1614, Robert Jobsonne, 1648 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Xpoferi Jobson, 1579 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); George Jobson, 1582 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Jane Jobson, 1588, John Jopson, 1686 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Willi. Jobson, 1596 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); John Jopson, 1632, Thomas Jobson, 1665 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs).

SE England: John Jobson, 1540 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thome Jobson, 1567 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thomas Jobson, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Roger Joppson, 1596 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Mathewe Jobson, 1602 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex); Phillip Jobson, 1603 in *IGI* (Carlton cum Willingham, Cambs); Edmund Jopson, 1614 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Hannah Jopson, 1782 in *IGI* (Woodham Mortimer, Essex).

### Joby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; WR Yorks
- English: see **Jobey**.

### Joce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Joyce** and compare **Goss**.

### Jocelyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; Essex and Herts; also Devon

English: see **Joslin**.

### Jockel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian Breton, Scottish: see **Jeckell**.

### Jodrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire
- English: see **Jaundrill**.

### Joel

Variants: **Joell**, **Jowle**, **Joule**, **Jowell**, **Jewell**, **Dewell**, **Jewel**, **Duell**, **Joels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 822, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; Middx and Bucks; also Cardigans

Breton, English: relationship name from the Old Breton personal name *Iudhael*. Compare **Jeckell**. The personal name was common in Devon and Cornwall and the Breton districts of Yorks and the eastern counties.

**Early bearers:** given names: Joel, Jool, Jol de Lincolnia, about 1051, Johol de Lincolnia, 1334 in *Ramsey Cartulary*; Judhel de Totenais, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Johel de Helsam, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Juhel de Harelea, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Joel de Creton, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Juel(us) de Vautort, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cornwall).

surnames: Richard Juel, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Alan Joel, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Johannes Juel, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary*; Robertus Juwel, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls*; Thomas Jouwel, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Jool, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Juwel, 1358 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Beds); Johannes Douwill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ugborough, Devon); Isabella Dewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarby, WR Yorks); Roger Juylle, 1383 in *Close Rolls* (Cornwall); John Jewell, 1462 in *York Freeman's Register*; Margerett Jewell, 1563 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); William Jewel, 1575 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Thomas Dewell, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Joule, 1579 in *Bardsley*; Joan Jewel, 1633 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Joane Jule, 1704 in *Bardsley*; Samuel Joel, 1709 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Jacobi Joel, 1713 in *IGI* (Ashford, Derbys); Elezabeth Joel, 1717 in *IGI* (Scawby, Lincs).

### Joell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Joel**.

**Joels**

Variants: **Joules, Jewels, Jules**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and IoW

English: variant of **Joel**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Joules, 1563 in *IGI* (Milton Bryant, Beds); John Jowles, 1566 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Jewels, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Augustine Jowles, 1650 in *Bardsley*.

**Joelson**

Variants: **Jolson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the personal name *Iudhael* (see **Joel**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Joes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Jones**.

**Joesbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Dewsbury**.

**Joester**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Juster**.

**Joffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): variant of **Jaffe**, reflecting an Ashkenazic pronunciation of the Hebrew word.

**Jogee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Jogia**.

**Jogia**

Variants: **Jogee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): occupational name, Hindu, meaning 'yogi, ascetic'.

**Johal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3928, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Sikh, based on the name of a tribe in the Jat community.

**Johansen**

Variants: **Johansson, Johnsen, Johanson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb

Danish, Norwegian, North German: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Johan* (Scandinavian), *Johann* (German), vernacular forms of *Johannes* (see **John**).

**Early bearers:** Nils Lauritz Johansen, 1859 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Vaidemare Johansen, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Alfred Johansen, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Chatton, Northumb); Augustus Johansen, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Tranmere, Cheshire); Maria Johansen, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); John August Johansen, 1884 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Svanheld Margrete Johansen, 1909 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Johanson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

Swedish, Danish: (i) English respelling of **Johansson** or perhaps sometimes of **Johansen**. (ii) variant of **Johnson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Johanson, 1543 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Barnarde Johanson, 1562 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Johan Leander Johanson, born in Abo, Finland, in *Census 1881* (Lincs); Matilde Kristine Johanson, 1891 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Johansson**

Variants: **Johanson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London

Swedish: see **Johansen**.

**John**

Variants: **Jone, Jon, Jones, Johns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17737, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10816
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and England: esp. Pembrokes, Carmarthens, and Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *John* (Old French *Johan*, *Jehan*, *Jean*, from Hebrew *Johanan* 'Jehovah has favoured'), usually latinized as *Johannes* in early documents.

**Further information:** By the beginning of the 14th century *John* rivalled *William* in popularity and has always been a favourite name. The feminine *Joan*, latinized as *Johanna*, was also common and had the same forms and pronunciation as *John*. The surname may derive from either. *Johan* became *Jan* and *Jon*, and *Jehan* became *Jen*, with diminutives *Janin*, *Jonin*, *Jenin*; *Janet*, *Jonet*, *Jenet*; *Jankin*, *Jonkin*, *Jenkin*. A pet form was *Han*, with diminutives *Hancock*, *Hankin*. *Jack* is sometimes for *John*. The Welsh form was *Ieuan*, *Evan* (see **Jevon, Evans**). The form *Ioan* was adopted for the Welsh Authorized Version of the Bible, hence the frequency of the Welsh patronymic *Jones*. For *Joynes* see **Johnson**; see also **Jack, Jenkin, Hankin, Hancock, Hann, Jinkin, Jennings, Jenkin, Jean, Jan**. Compare **Littlejohn**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Johannes, about 1140 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jon, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Johan, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*. surnames: Petrus Johannis, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Alanus filius Jene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Gene, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Walterus filius Jone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Hunts); Thomas John, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Arnold Johan, 1280 in *London Letter Books A*; Robert Jhoun, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams); Thomas fiz Jon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Jon, Robert Jone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Fitz Joan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Joyne, June, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Johncock**

Variants: **Johncocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the personal name *Johncock*, a Middle English diminutive of **John**.

**Early bearers:** John Johncock, 1525 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 30; Thomas Johncock, 1576 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); Bartholomew Johncocks, 1622 in *IGI* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Thomas Johncocks, 1636 in *IGI* (London).

**Johncocks**

Variants: **Johncox**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Johncock** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Johncox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Johncocks**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Johnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. London

English: see **Jones**.

**Johnman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Kinross, Fife, and Angus

English: (i) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **John** + *man*, probably signifying 'the man(servant) of someone named *John*'. (ii) relationship name; according to Black, it may also represent an anglicized form of the name *Maclan*. See **McKean**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Johnman, 1717 in *IGI* (Dunning, Perths); Robert Joneman, 1855 in *IGI* (Muiravonside, Stirlings); John Johnmon, 1861 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

England: Ricardus Johanman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Elias Joneman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Micklefield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Jonman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Daniel Johnman, 1814 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Johnman, 1815 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**Johns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10120, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7701



- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall and Devon; S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin; Wexford

English: see **Jones**.

**Further information:** The surname is common in Cornwall and Devon, and also in south Wales, the west Midlands and Lancs, where it is an alternative spelling of the Welsh surname **Jones**, as well as a variant of Welsh **John**.

### Johnsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- Danish, Norwegian, and North German: see **Johansen**.

### Johnsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon
- French, English: see **Jauncey**.

### Johnson

**Variants:** Jonson, Joynson, Jonsson, Johanson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151518, Ireland 2307
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99902
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and central England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down

English: relationship name from the personal name **John** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Jonesone, 1287 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Surrey); Wautier Jonesone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); John Jonesone, 1321 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Surrey); William Johnson, Robert Johanson, Jonson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Johnson, 1517 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Rychardus Johnson, 1535 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Alicia Johnson, 1538 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Cambs); Annes Johnson, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Myles Johnson, 1539 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).

### Johnston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36062, Ireland 10872
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24072
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian; Cumb and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down; Fermanagh

1 Scottish: see **Johnstone**.

2 English: locative name from Johnson Hall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Johanneston* in about 1233 and *Joneston* in 1347.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Johannestun, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Peter de Jonestone, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Etheldrede Johnston, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Johnston, 1548 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Elizabeth Johnston, 1561 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Bryan Johnston, 1571 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Phillip Johnston, 1572 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*.

### Johnstone

**Variants:** Johnston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16760, Ireland 273

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13416
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Dumfriess, Lanarks, and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Antrim; also Down

Scottish: locative name from Johnstone in Annandale (Dumfriess).

**Further information:** According to *Black*, p. 385, the place was named from the eponymous John who received his lands shortly after 1174. His son Gilbert appears both as 'son of John' and as de Jonist(o)une in charters of 1194–1215: see *Scots Peerage* 1, pp. 230–1; *Annandale Family Book* 1, pp. 2–3.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Jonistoune, 1195–1215 in *Scots Peerage* 1, p. 231; Iohis de Ionestone, Gilberti de Ionestovn, Thomas de Jonestone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, pp. 185, 200, 202, 549; John Johnston alias Jonston of Jonston, 1463 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, 1335; Richard Johnstone, 1539 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); John Jonston, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); Alexander Johneston, 1595 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Patrik Johnestone, 1607 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Johnestoune, 1646 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Johnys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Jones**.

### Joice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Norfolk

English: see **Joyce**.

### Joicey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Jowsey**.

### Joiner

**Variants:** Joyner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1117, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1063
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Midlands, Bucks, and Herts; Dorset; NE Scotland: esp. Banffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *join(o)ur* 'joiner', Anglo-Norman French *joignour* (Old French *joigneor*).

**Early bearers:** John Joinur, 1195–1215 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); William le juinnur, Joinier, Joyner, 1204, 1218–33 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; John le Jeynuur, 1296 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Joiner, 1566 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); John Joiner, 1579 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Elizabeth Joiner, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabetha Joiner, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Thomas Joiner, 1603 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Joines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: see **Joynes**.

### Joinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Joynson**.

### Joint

**Variants:** Joynet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from the Middle English noun *joint(e)* 'joint, limb', or the adjective *joint* 'united, joined'. The application is uncertain but *Fransson*, pp. 159–60, notes Joh. le Joyntur, 1286 in *Assize Rolls*, with the sense 'joiner, carpenter'.

**Early bearers:** Louelyn Joynte, 1282 in *King's Bench Cases* (London); Willelmus Joynt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsford, Norfolk); William Joynte, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*; John Joint, 1573 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Henrie Joynte, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Joint, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Joicee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Joyce**.

### Joliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, and Sussex; Middx; Glamorgan; Cornwall

English: see **Jolliffe**.

### Jolin

**Variants:** Jolland, Jollands, Gollin, Gollins, Gollings, Gollan, Golland, Gowland, Gowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

• **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey, Kent, Cornwall

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Joelin*, a diminutive of *Joel*. For the suffix and development, compare **Jocelyn**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jollanus, Joelinus, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Goillanus, Gollanus de Aute(r)barg(e) in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jollein, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Iolanus, Joelinus de Nouilla in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gollinus (Joelinus) de Pomereia, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Joelus, Joelinus, Jollinus, Jollanus, Joylin de Sowe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Warwicks); Juelinus (Joelus) de Wic, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon). surnames: Alexander Jolleen, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William Geolin, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Joelan, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Adam filius Jollein, Joulen, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Jollein, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey Joelin, Jolin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Joylin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Gollayn, 1408 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Gollan, 1412, Thomas Golland, 1481 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomasa Jolin, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham).

**Jolivet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English, French: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jolif* + the diminutive suffix *-et* (see **Jolliffe**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Reginald son of Jolivet, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey).  
 surnames: William Jolivet, 1270 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Adam Joliuet, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Jolyvet, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

**Joll**

**Variants:** **Jolles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: from the Middle English given name *Julle*, see **Jew**.

**Jolland**

**Variants:** **Jollands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks

English: variant of **Jolin** with excrescent *-d*.

**Jollands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Jolland** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** William Jollands, 1590 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Daniell Jollands, 1619 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

**Jolles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: variant of **Joll** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Jolley**

**Variants:** **Jolleys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2696, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Northants; E Anglia

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jolleys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Jolley** (see **Jolliff**), with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Jollys, 1543 in *IGI* (Harbrough, Lincs); Jn. Jollys, 1554 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Wm. Jolleys, 1657 in *IGI* (Amphthill, Beds).

**Jollie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jolliff**

**Variants:** **Jolleys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jolliffe**

**Variants:** **Jolliff**, **Joliffe**, **Jolly**, **Joly**, **Jollie**, **Jolley**, **Jollye**, **Juleff**, **Juliff**, **Jelf**, **Jelfs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1338
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, IoW, and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English, Old French, *jolif*, *joli* ‘gay, lively’.  
**Early bearers:** John le Goly, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Jolif, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter Jolyf, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*; John Joly, 1415 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Hugh Joly, 1466 in *PROB 11* (Saint Ellen Worcester, Worcs); Johannes Jolliffe, 1570 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

**Jolly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4915, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also E Anglia; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin; Roscommon

English, Scottish: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jollye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jolson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Joelson**.

**Joly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English, Channel Islands: see **Jolliffe**.

**Jon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **John**.

**Jonas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; SE England: esp. Cambs and Norfolk; also Cheshire and Lancs

English: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Jonas*, from Hebrew *Yona*.  
**Early bearers:** Agnes Jonis, 1559 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Elizabeth Jonas, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Bowden, Leics); Henry Jonas, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall).

**Jonathan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan; also London; Lancs

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical name *Jonathan* (Hebrew *Yonatan*, *Yəhonatan* ‘God has given’), often traceable to Wales.

**Further information:** It seems rarely if ever to be unambiguously Jewish, but compare the derived name of Isaac and Esther Jonathanan, 1794 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Mary Jonathan, 1671 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Sarah Jonathan, 1675 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Jonathan Jonathan, 1768 in *IGI* (Llanvihangel Llantarnam, Monmouths); Henry Jonathan, 1787 in *IGI* (Beaumaris, Anglesey)  
 Jonathan Jonathan, in *Census 1881* (Carmarthens).

**Jone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **John**.

**Jones**

**Variants:** **Joanes**, **Joens**, **Johnes**, **Johnys**, **Joynes**, **Johns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422023, Ireland 6518
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337940
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wales, W Midlands, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin; Cork

1 English, Welsh: variant of the Middle English personal name *Jon(e)* (see **John**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. It began to be adopted as a non-hereditary surname in some parts of Wales from the 16th century onwards, but did not become a widespread hereditary surname until the 18th and 19th centuries. Some early bearers may belong under (2), but most surnames are likely to belong here.

**Early bearers:** England: Petrus Johannis, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Matilda Jones, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Roger Jonis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Johns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Jacobus Jonnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hempstead, Norfolk); Ricardo Johnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Edwardo Jones, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Turkdean, Gloucs); Thomas Jones, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Jones, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Adam Johnes or Johns, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Welsh Newton, Herefs); George Jones, 1566 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Amy Joens, 1586 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Davye Joanes, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Shrewsbury Saint Chad, Shrops); Henry Johns or Jones, 1638 in *PROB 11* (South Cerney, Gloucs).  
 Wales: Elizabeth Jones, 1574 in *IGI* (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan); William Johnes, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Burton, Pembrokes); Anne Jones, 1613 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints); John Jones, 1626 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Hen Jones, 1726 in *IGI* (Llanfihangel Aberbythych, Carmarthens); Cath Jones, 1728 in *IGI* (Holyhead, Anglesey).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived or worked ‘at John’s (house)’.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus atte Jonys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics).

**Jonson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. N England; also Monmouths and Glamorgan

English, Welsh: see **Johnson**.

**Jonsson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Swedish: (i) relationship name from the male personal name *Jon*, Scandinavian equivalent of *John*, + Swedish *son* 'son'; compare **Johansson**. (ii) in some early bearers perhaps a variant of **Johnson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Jonsson, 1579 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Bridget Jonsson, 1656 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Johan Olaf Jonsson, seaman, born in Russby, Sweden, in *Census 1871* (Jarrow, Durham); Olof Jonsson, ship broker, born in Miellby, Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Carl Jonsson, tailor's cutter, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Hornsey, Middx); Axel Jonsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Hebburn, Durham); Gustaf Robert Jonsson, woolen draper, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Bloomsbury, Middx).

**Jope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Job**.

**Joplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks; also Norfolk
- English: see **Jobling**.

**Jopling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Jobling**.

**Jopp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- English: see **Job**.

**Jopson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Cumb, and Lancs; also Essex and Cambs
- English: see **Jobson**.

**Jordain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Jordan**.

**Jordan**

Variants: **Jorden**, **Jordin**, **Jordon**, **Jordens**, **Jordain**, **Jourdain**, **Jourdan**, **Jourdon**, **Judden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24430, Ireland 4417

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13058
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jordan*, taken from the name of the river in which John the Baptist baptized people, including Christ himself. Returning Crusaders brought back with them vials of Jordan water for the baptism of their children, and as a result the name became quite frequent.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jordanus presbiter, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Jurdanus de Brakenberge, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Robert Jurdan, before 1182 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Yorks); John Jorden, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Walter Jourdan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Jurdain, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Jurdan, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Jourdan, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Walter Jorda[n], 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Jurdon', 1457, George Jurdan', 1465, Geoffrey Jurden', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

**Jorden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 458
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Devon
- English: see **Jordan**.

**Jordens**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Jordan** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Jordin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Jordan**.

**Jordison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb

English: relationship name from a Middle English pet form, \**Jordi*, of the male given name *Jordan* + the patronymic marker -*son*, or directly from a phonetic reduction of \**Jordanson*: compare John Jordinson, 1770 in *IGI* (Kirklevington, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** James Jurdison, 1573 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Cuthbert Jordeyson, 1608 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Richd. Jordeson, 1770 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks).

**Jordon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: mainly Sligo
- English: see **Jordan**.

**Jorey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Jory**.

**Jorge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Spanish and Portuguese: from the Spanish personal name *Jorge*, equivalent to French (and English) *George*.

**Jorgensen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- Danish, Norwegian, North German: from Danish, Norwegian (**Jørgensen**), North German (**Jörgensen**), patronymics from the personal name *Jörgen*, a vernacular form of Greek *Geōrgios* (see **George**) + *son* 'son'.

**Jory**

Variants: **Jorey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 382
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Norman, English: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Jore*, the northern French form of **George**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Jory, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); William Jory, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Jory, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Charles Jory, 1559 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Thomas Jory, 1560 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Johannes Jory, 1561 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Samuel Jory, 1620 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Jory, 1622 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds).

**Joscelyn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; Middx
- English: see **Joslin**.

**Joscelyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Joslin**.

**Jose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1935, Ireland 74
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 542
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: spelling variant of **Joce**; see **Joyce** and compare **Goss**.

**Joseland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Joslin**.

**Joselin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Joslin**.

**Joseph**

Variants: **Josephs**, **Josephson**

## Josephs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11771, Ireland 235
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Joseph*, Hebrew *Yosef* ‘may He add (another son)’. See also **Jessop**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Josephus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Joseph, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk), 1187 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames, England: Umfridus filius Josep, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Henry Joseph, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Joseph, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Josepp’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Godshill and Stenbury, Hants); Johannes Joseph, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Sussex); Agnes Joseph, 1643 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

surnames, Wales: Amy Joseph, 1799 in *IGI* (Saint Edrens, Pembrokes); David Luther Joseph, born in Llangennech, Carmarthens, in *Census 1881* (Llangennech, Carmarthens); Llewelin Joseph, born in Llandisaint, Carmarthens, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

surnames, Jewish: Lazarus Joseph, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Eli Joseph, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Ystradyfodwg, Glamorgan); Isaac Joseph, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Mozer Joseph, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

## Josephs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Joseph** with genitival or post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Josephs, 1687 in *IGI* (Duke’s Place, Westminster, Middx); Lettice Josephs, 1762 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks). England (Jewish): Abraham Josephs, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Moses Josephs, born in Turkey, in *Census 1881* (London); Moses Josephs, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx).

Wales: Richard Josephs, born in Hope, Flints, in *Census 1881* (Gwersyllt, Denbighs); John Josephs, born in Radnors, in *Census 1881* (Lllysworney, Glamorgan).

## Josephson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English, Scottish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal name **Joseph** + the patronymic marker *-son*; sometimes originating in Shetland, and sometimes from the corresponding Jewish name.

**Further information:** This name is also found as an anglicization of cognates in various other European languages.

**Early bearers:** John Josepstone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Andw. Josephson, 1777 in *IGI* (Unst, Shetland); Henry Josephson, born in Scotland, in *Census 1841* (Stepney, Middx); Bernard Josephson, cabinet maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Abraham Josephson, dealer in jewellery [*sic*], born in ‘Rufoiam’, Poland, in *Census 1861* (Shoreditch, Middx); Gustave Josephson, merchant, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); Isaac

Josephson, shoemaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Hjalmar Josephson, merchant, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Altrincham, Cheshire); Samuel Josephson, greengrocer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Morris Josephson, pedlar, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jack Josefsohn, tailor, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Harris Josephson, born in Warsaw, in *Census 1911* (Edgbaston, Warwicks).

## Josey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Bucks, and Middx

English: relationship name from \**Josi*, an unrecorded Middle English pet form of **Joseph**.

**Further information:** Not a form of *Josiah*, which does not appear in England until after the Reformation.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Jose, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, ER Yorks); Marg’ Josy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Margaret Josey, 1575 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Josey, 1581 in *IGI* (Sydmonton, Hants); Thomas Josee, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Ewhurst, Hants); Timothy Josee, 1779 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks); Richd. Josie, 1794 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bourne, Hants).

## Josh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; ER Yorks

Unexplained; perhaps a relationship name, a variant of the pet form *Joce* of the given name

## Jocelyn

**Further information:** The pet name *Josh*, short for *Josiah*, was used in the Wedgwood family, but no connection between them and Norfolk is known.

**Early bearers:** Wm Josh, 1741 in *IGI* (Weston Longville, Norfolk); Ann Josh, 1795 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk).

## Joshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4148, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *jyotisi* ‘astrologer’.

## Joshua

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Monmouths and Carmarthens

Jewish, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical name, Hebrew *Yehoshuah* (‘God is my salvation’), borne by the Israelite leader who took command of the children of Israel after the death of Moses and led them to take possession of the Promised Land. It is found as a Jewish and Gentile name from northern Europe to southern India. In Britain it was a popular given name among Nonconformists from the 17th century onwards; as a result, it is a typically Welsh surname, since Welsh surnames were comparatively late in formation. It is also used as a personal name among Christians in India, and among immigrant families from southern India has come to be used as a family name.

**Early bearers:** England, Wales: Josua Joshua, 1616 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Elnor Joshua, 1617 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Benjamin Joshua, 1697 in *IGI* (Lampeter, Cardigans); Isaac Joshua, 1714 in *IGI* (Llanelwedd, Radnors); Levi Joshua, 1790 in *IGI* (Narberth, Pembrokes); Thomas Joshua, 1720 in *IGI* (Kerry, Montgomerys); Morgan Joshua, 1810 in *IGI* (Myddfai, Carmarthens).

Jewish: David Joshua, 1847 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records*; Abraham Joshua, fishmonger, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx); John Joshua, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

## Josiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Biblical name *Josiah*, ‘God heals’ in Hebrew.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Josiah, 1738 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Emanuel Josiah, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, London); David Josiah, 1813 in *IGI* (Verwick, Cardigans); Davis Josiah, born in Wales, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); David Josiah, born in Ebbw Vale, Monmouths, in *Census 1881* (Bedwellty, Monmouths).

## Josland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Joslin**.

## Joslen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Suffolk; Lancs

English: see **Joslin**.

## Joslin

Variants: **Joslyn**, **Josling**, **Joslen**, **Joselin**, **Josselyn**, **Jocelyn**, **Joscelyn**, **Joscelyne**, **Josolyne**, **Josland**, **Joseland**, **Gosling**, **Goslin**, **Gosselin**, **Gossling**, **Gostling**, **Gosland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Devon

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Goscelin*, *Gosselin*, *Joscelin* (Continental Germanic *Gautselin*, *Goz(elin)*), diminutives of compound names formed with *Gos-* or *Goz-*. (ii) relationship name, alternatively, it may be from the Old French personal name *Josse* (Old Breton *Judoc*). See also **Goss**, **Gosling**, **Gott**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gozelinus, Goselinus, Goscelinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Joscelinus, Gotcelinus, Goscelinus de Stalham, 1149–66 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Goslanus, Goslein, Goslinus, Joslanus de Engelby, 1154–84 in *Gilbertine Charters*, *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Joslinus 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Joslenus But, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Willelmus filius Jocealini, Jocelini, Gosceami, Josealmi, 1208–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Goselin, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Walter Joslein, Joslani, Goslein, 1195–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Jocelin’, 1198 in *Curia Regis*

*Rolls* (Norfolk); Edrich Gocelin<sup>c</sup> (Goscelin<sup>c</sup>), 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Joscelin, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William Joclenne, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Gosselyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Gostelen, Gosteleyn, 1462 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Gostlyng, 1526 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk).

### Josling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex; also Devon

English: see **Joslin**.

### Joslyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Devon

English: see **Joslin**.

### Josolyne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Joslin**.

### Joss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

1 Scottish: see **Joyce**.

**Early bearers:** Margarat Joss, 1682, Margaret Joyce, 1673 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Joice, 1731 in *IGI* (New Machar, Aberdeens).

2 English: relationship name, possibly from a Middle English pet form of *Joseph*, but medieval evidence is needed.

### Josse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

See **Joyce**.

### Josselyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Joslin**.

### Jotcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Jutson**.

### Joubert

Variants: **Jubert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent

Huguenot, French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Joubert* (Continental Germanic *Gautbert*). Compare **Jobber**.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Joubert, 1708 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Roger Jubert, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Jouce

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps from Middle English *juce*, *jouce* (Old French *jus*), 'a liquid extract obtained by boiling herbs', although this seems an unlikely origin for a nickname, even for an apothecary, as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson*. Whatever its etymology, it is not certain that the medieval name has survived. Rare post-medieval examples of *Jouce* may be scribal errors for **Joyce**, while *Juce* is likely to be a mistaken transcription of **Ince**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Jouce, 1253–4 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); Richard Jouce, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Roberto Jouce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whatton, Leics); John Jouce, 1572 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Jn. Jouce, 1727 in *IGI* (Roxton, Beds).

### Joughin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: relationship name, Manx *Mac an Deachain* 'son of the deacon'.

**Early bearers:** Charles Joughin, 1672 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM); Ann Joghyn, 1740, Joughyn, 1744 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM).

### Joule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 266
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire
- English: see **Joel**.

### Joules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cheshire; Warwicks

English: see **Joels**.

### Jouning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: relationship name, probably from a Middle English personal name \**Jonin*, a pet form of **John**, with *-in* altered to *-ing*. Compare **Jenning**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Jonyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Elsted, Sussex); William Jonyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bepton, Sussex); Robert Jouning, 1618 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex).

### Jourdain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys

English: see **Jordan**, with French-influenced spelling.

### Jourdan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Jordan**.

### Jourdon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Jordan**.

### Journeaux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Jersey

French, Channel Islands: nickname from the plural of *journal* 'amount of plough-work that can be done in one day' (from *jour* 'day, day's work'). Compare Jersey Norman French *journalyi* 'day-labourer'. **Further information:** It may have appeared earlier in Scotland, in the singular form; compare Robert Journaw, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Philip William Journeaux, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Josephine Jemima Journeaux, 1819 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); James Journeaux, in *Census 1841* (Channel Islands). **References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Jovanovic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Serbian, Croatian: relationship name from **Jovanović**, patronymic from the personal name *Jovan*, a vernacular form of Greek *Iōannēs* (see **John**).

**Early bearers:** William and Natalie Jovenovich, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Jowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Joel**.

### Jowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: see **Gowers** and compare **Juer**.

### Jowett

Variants: **Jowitt**, **Jewitt**, **Jewett**, **Juett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2664, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3262
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the female personal name *Jouet*, *Jouot*, *Juet*, diminutives of *Juwe*, *Jowe*, *Jue*, *Jewe*, all variants of *Jull*, a pet form of *Julian* (Latin *Juliana*). Juetta de Locton<sup>c</sup>, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs), is twice called Juliana. See **Jew**, **Julian**. **Early bearers:** given names: Juetta, 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs), 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics), 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Juheta Vidua, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Joetta, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Juwete, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Juhota, 1329 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks).

surnames: Ludowycus Gouet, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); William Juet, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Iuwet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Jouet, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Jouot, 1300 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Guet, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Jowet, 1379 in *Poll Tax*; Lawrence Jewet, 1458

in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Thomas Jewitt, 1488 in *York Guild Register*.

### Jowitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 555
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Jowett**.

### Jowle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Joel**.

### Jowsey

Variants: **Joiccy, Joysey, Joycey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Josy* (also *Joisy*), a pet form of *Jo(i)ce* (male or female) with the hypocoristic suffix *-y*. See **Joyce**.

**Early bearers:** Marg' Josy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Robert Joysy, 1533 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Elizabetha Joiccy, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Thomas Jowsey, 1574 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Merialis Jowsey, 1585 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Joiccy, 1740 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb).

### Joy

Variants: **Joye, Joyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3944, Ireland 436
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2422
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Waterford

English: (i) relationship name from the female personal name *Joia* or occasionally from the male equivalent, *Joie*. (ii) nickname from *joy* 'joy'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Joia, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Joie, husband (vir) of Joan de Lalleford, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: Manser filius Joie, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Ioie, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Lefwin Joie, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardo Gaudio, about 1176 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (Kent); Thoma Joy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donington le Heath, Leics); Thomas Joie, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Isabella Joy, 1551, Ralph Joy, 1551 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); Wm Joy, 1557 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Thoma Joy, 1564 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Ales Joy, 1566 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Joyce

Variants: **Joice, Joisce, Choyce, Chose, Joce, Jose, Joss, Josse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13957, Ireland 4882
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7231
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway and Mayo

1 English: (i) relationship name principally from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Joce*, *Josse*, *Joice*, a Romance form of Old Breton *Iudoc*, a pet form of a name in *Iuð-* with the hypocoristic suffix *-oc*. *Joce* became popular as a given name, especially in medieval Picardy, Artois, Normandy, and Flanders, through the cult of Saint Josse.

According to legend, he was the brother or son of the 7th-century Breton king Judhael, and gave up his inheritance to become a hermit in the place recorded in the 8th century as *Sanctus Jodocus*, now Saint-Josse-sur-Mer, near Étaples in Pas-de-Calais. The cult was promoted in the second half of the 8th century by the Frankish king Charlemagne, and was brought to England (Winchester) in the early 10th century by refugees from Saint-Josse, the centre of the cult, but use of the given name in England is not known until after the Norman Conquest. Middle English *Joce* also was sometimes used as a female name (as *Joyce* is in modern times) and this may have also given rise to a surname. In Norman usage *Joce* was inextricably confused with the name in (ii) and some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong there. In their male forms both names could be latinized as *Joceus* and *Jocius*. (ii) sometimes a variant of **Goss**, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Gozzo*, *Gauz*, which often became *Joce*, *Joice*, *Joss(e)* in Old French. It was frequently used as a short form of *Goscelin* or *Joscelin* (see **Joslin**), as in Jose or Jocelinus de Baillol, 1164–6 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

**Further information:** Two farms in Essex called Joyce's Farm derive respectively from Robert and John Joce (1353, 1398 in *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 303, 309).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Josce, Iocius, about 1140–50, Joce de Brunna, 1195 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Jorse or Joice, 1313, 1320 in *London Letter Books* D, E.

given names (female): Jocea, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Juicia, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Juicia, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts).

surnames, Midlands and E Anglia: Isaac filius Joscei, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Johannes filius Jocey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Josse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Johannes Joce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Thomas filius Joce', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Margeria Joys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Agnes Joce, 1547 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Parnell Joyce, 1548 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Marie Joice, 1574 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Mary Josse, 1587 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Edmond Joice, 1589 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Richard Joyce, 1606 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Bridgit Joyce, 1614 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

surnames, S and SW England: Robert Joce, John Joyte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Thomas Joce, William Josse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elia Joce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Joce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Teffont Evias, Wilts); Joan Joyce, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Pascoe Joyce, 1549 in *Cornish Lands* (Pengelly, in Crowan, Cornwall); Katheren Joyce, 1567 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Marion Joice, 1568 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Joce, 1606 in *PROB 11* (West Buckland, Devon); Richard Joice, 1619 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); John Josse, 1632 in *IGI* (Landkey, Devon). surnames, N England: Thomas Jose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks); Jane Joyce, 1683 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*; *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 3, at Judocius; *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Josse; *Debrabandere*, at Joos; *Oxford Dictionary of Saints*.  
2 Norman, English: locative name from Jort in Calvados. It is not certain that this surname survived into the modern period.

**Further information:** Burton Joyce (Notts), recorded as *Birton Jorce* (1327), *Byrton Joce* (1433), and *Burton Joys* (1535), takes its affix from Geoffrey de Jorz, 1235 in *Book of Fees*.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Jortz of Ratcliffe, 1313, Reginald le Jort, 1315 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Ratcliffe on Soar, Notts); Rob'to le Jorce, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cropwell Butler, Notts); Robert Jort of Kingston, 1357 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Kingston on Soar, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 157.

3 Huguenot: from French *Josse*, identical in origin with (1).

**Early bearers:** Abraham Josse, 1704 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Joycey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Jowsey**.

### Joye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: see **Joy**.

### Joyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Joy** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Joyner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1252, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 687
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and W Midlands; also Dorset; Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- English: see **Joiner**.

### Joynes

Variants: **Joines, Jines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 520
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands
- English: see **Jones**.

### Joykson

Variants: **Joinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1066, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 693
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name, variant of **Johnson**, from the personal name *Jeyn* (see **Jane**).

**Early bearers:** Margeria *Joynson*, 1543 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Richard *Joinson*, 1561, Raffé *Joynson*, 1577 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert *Joynson*, 1582 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Jone *Geynson*, 1595, Thomas *Jeynson*, 1667 in *Bardsley*; Thomas *Jeynson*, 1630 in *IGI* (Tarporely, Cheshire).

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**Joynt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English: see **Joint**.

**Joysey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Jowsey**.

**Ju**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 茹 and 汝, see **Yu** (9) and (10).
  - 2 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 朱, 諸, 祝, 竺, 鞠, and 居, see **Chu** (1–4,11–12).
  - 3 Korean: variant of **Chu**.

**Juba**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: probably from a variant of **Jobber**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Jubb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1620, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1486
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs

1 English: see **Job**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Jub, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Jubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Elyzabeth Jubbe, 1547, Thomas Jub, 1563 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Chrystofer Jubb, 1569 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); James Jubbe, 1586 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Willm. Jubb, 1660 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Phillip Jub, 1676 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Edward Jubb, 1692 in *IGI* (Whitburn, Durham).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *jubbe*, *jobb(e)*, a large vessel for liquor, holding 4 gallons, possibly denoting a maker of such vessels or a man who resembled one.

**Jubber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Jobber**.

**Jubert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Huguenot, French: see **Joubert**.

**Juby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: variant of **Jobe**.

**Juckes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Jukes**.

**Jud**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants
- English: see **Judd**.

**Judah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Jewish: relationship name from the Hebrew personal name *Judah*, which was borne by a son of Jacob; see also **Jude**.

**Early bearers:** Moses Judah, clothes dealer, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Bishopsgate, London).

**Judd**

**Variants:** **Jutte**, **Jude**, **Jud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4298, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3830
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Surrey; Hants and Wilts; also Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Judde*, *Jutte*, a pet form of *Jordan*.

Compare **Judden**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Judde Rampe, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Judde Clubbe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Judde de Halifax, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Hugo Judde, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Alan Jutte, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Judde, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Judd, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Jutte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Joudde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robertus Judde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ranton, Staffs); Ricardo Judde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Ricardo Judd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Galfridus Judd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Johannes Judd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus Judde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ightfield, Shrops); Rowland Judd, 1539 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); William Judd, 1544 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Thomas Judd, 1549 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); William Judd, 1567 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Katherine Jutt, 1573 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Margery Judd, 1588 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Ann Judd, 1604 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

**Judden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Judd** (a pet form of *Jordan*) + the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*. (ii) alternatively, sometimes a variant of *Jurden* (see **Jordan**) with assimilation of *-rd-* to *-dd-*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Judden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Judden, William Judden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Jude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 553

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Norfolk, and Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Cork
- English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Judd**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively (but probably rarely) from the Middle English personal name *Jude*, an Old French vernacular form of the Biblical name, Greek *Judas* (Hebrew *Judah*), which was borne by a son of Jacob in the Old Testament and by the apostle Jude in the New Testament. The learned form is attested in Herueus Judas, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs), and John Judas, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Hugo filius Jude, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Jude, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Reyne Jude, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Simon Jude, 1327, Simon Judde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex); Robrt Jude, 1539 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Jude, 1563 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Thomas Jude, 1584 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willyam Jude, 1600 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs); William Jude, 1607 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex).

**Juden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Goldewin*, which was introduced to England by Normans in their Old French forms *Golduin*, *Goudwin* (with a hard g), and *Jolduin*, *Geldewin*, *Jeldwin*, and *Jeudwin* (with a soft g). When pronounced with a hard g the surname was probably confused with the native English names **Goldwin** and **Goodwin**. When pronounced with a soft g, it may have been confused with **Judden** but no evidence has been found to derive this name from it, as Reaney supposed. The Sussex surname probably goes back to a single ancestor, the man of Norman descent named in the late 12th-century Pipe Rolls as Jeldewin or Joldewin son of Savari. In the late 17th or early 18th century the equivalent French surname *Jeudwin(e)* was brought to England by Huguenots such as Estienne Jeudwin, 1712 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London), but this name seems to have died out since the 1881 census.

**Further information:** In post-Conquest records, Continental Germanic *Goldewin* is impossible to distinguish from Old English *Goldwine* (see **Goldwin**), except when it occurs as an alias of French pronunciations with initial *J-* for (hard) *G-*, or *-ou-* and *-eu-* for *-ol-*. Richard Goldwyne, recorded in Poling (Sussex) in the late 13th century, is therefore probably the same man as Richard Jeudewyn, recorded there in the early 14th century, while Ricardus Goudwyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pagham, Sussex) is probably related to William Goldewyne or Joldewyne, a 13th-century tenant of Pagham. See *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 338. Here may also belong William Goudwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex), Walterus Goudwyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Washington, Sussex), and Johanne Goudewyn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haslemere, Surrey), but they could alternatively represent spellings of *Godewin* (see **Goodwin**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Iuldwyn, 1115–45 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Jeldewinus, Joldewinus filius Savarici, 1157–8, 1158–9 in *Pipe Rolls* (Midhurst, Sussex).

## Judge

urnames: John Jeldewyne, 1327, John Geldewyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chington, in Seaford, Sussex); Willelmus Joldwyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Johannes Jouldewyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Roberto Juldewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); Jane Judin, 1576 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Henry Juden, 1590 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Walter Judine, 1672 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); Richard Judan, 1729 in *IGI* (Upper Beeding, Sussex); John Judin, 1772, John Juden, 1776 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex).  
**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 956; *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 56.

## Judge

**Variants:** **Judges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4561, Ireland 1229
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: occupational name, from Middle English *juge* ‘judge’.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Juge, 1309 in *Thureson* (Worcs); Marye Judge, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Margarat Judge, 1581 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Mary Judge, 1589 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Jarves Judge, 1591 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Edward Judge, 1607 in *IGI* (Onibury, Shrops).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac an Bhreitheamhain** ‘son of the judge’. See **Brain**.

## Judges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Judge** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Judges, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Judkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: relationship name, probably from *Jukin*, a diminutive of **Jordan**, with intrusive *d* and genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

## Judson

**Variants:** **Jutson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1365
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands; esp. Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Judd** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Judson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Juddessone, 1370 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Cheshire); Robertus Juddesone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Teversal, Notts); Willelmus Juddeson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Follifoot, WR Yorks); Adam Judson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Willelmus Judson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Willelmus Juddeson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhouse, Shrops); Jane Judson, 1539 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margaret Judson, 1552 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Roberti Judson, 1561 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Judson, 1572 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm);

Edmund Judson, 1573 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Drusilla Judson, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Isabel Judson, 1617 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); Anne Judson, 1620 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Ann Judson, 1636 in *IGI* (Cotgrave, Notts).

## Juer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: perhaps a reduced form of **Jewers**. Some examples in the censuses may, however, be mistranscriptions of **Iver**.

**Further information:** Reaney’s derivation from Old French *jour* ‘day’, ‘perhaps for a journeyman’, is doubtful.

**Early bearers:** Henry Juer, born in Surrey, in *Census 1841* (Battersea, Surrey); John Juer, born in West Wickham, Kent, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx).

## Juett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London; Cheshire

English: see **Jowett**.

## Juffs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Jeffs**.

## Jugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: relationship name from a pet form of *Jukel*, *Jokel*, from Breton *Judicael* (see **Jeckell**).

## Juggins

**Variants:** **Jiggins**, **Jiggens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; esp. Worcs

English: relationship name from the personal names *Jekun*, *Jukin*, *Jokin*, diminutives of *Jok* or *Juk*, a pet form of Breton *Judicael*, with its variants *Juk-*, *Jok-*, *Jek-*, *Gik-*. Compare Thomas Juket, 1296, John Joket, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). See also **Jeckell**, **Jukes**. *Jowkyn* suggests also a derivation direct from *Jull*; compare Robert Julkynesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). See also **Jowett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Jecun de Sutton, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Jukin le Walshe, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

urnames: William Jokin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Jokyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Jokyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Joukyn, 1303 in *Ancient Deeds* v (Wilts); Thomas Jukyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Gygoun, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Jowkyn, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Jeggon, 1590 in *Bardsley* (Essex); Thomas Juggins, 1650 in *Bardsley*; William Jiggins, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

## Juggler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *jo(u)glere*, *jougelour* ‘juggler’. Compare **Tredgett**.

**Early bearers:** William le Gugelour, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Lucy Jugeler, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs).

## Jukes

**Variants:** **Juckes**, **Jewkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3284, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1804
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; esp. Staffs
- English: relationship name from a pet form of *Jukel*, *Jokel* (from Breton *Judicael*; see at **Jeckell**), with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Adam Jock, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Jokke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Iucke, Iukkes, 1360 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Jokes, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Jukes, 1541 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Edmund Jukes, 1542 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Katherin Jukes, 1558 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Thomas Jukes, 1565 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); John Jukes, 1570 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Jewkes, 1602 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs).

## Juleff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Jolliffe**.

## Jules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. London; also Monmouths

English: see **Joels**.

## Julian

**Variants:** **Julians**, **Julyan**, **Julien**, **Jullens**, **Jullion**, **Jullings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1517, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Cork and Kerry

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Julian*, which in the medieval period was both masculine and feminine. Latin *Julianus*, from *Julius*, the name of a Roman gens, and *Juliana*, the feminine form, were both names of saints, and both names were popular, the latter particularly as *Gillian*.

**Further information:** See also **Julier**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Julian de Horbelinghe, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Juliana de Haketoren, 1185–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
urnames: Hugo filius Juliani, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Gunnilda filia Juliane, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Walter Julien, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Juliane, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Julian, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Julion, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Julyoun, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Robert Julian, 1560 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Joan Julian, 1564 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); John Julian, 1564 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Johannes Julian, 1584 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Alice Julian, 1590 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).



**Julians**

Variants: **Jullens, Jullings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: relationship name, variant of **Julian** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Julie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: possibly for the month-name *July*; compare **Averill**.

**Further information:** Other surnames apparently derived from month-names have different or ambiguous origins; see for example **January**. Some early spellings similar to *July* in SW England may represent a locative name from Uley (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Gregorie Julie, 1575 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Mary Julie, 1616 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Mary July, 1654 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); George July, 1694 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Julie, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); William Julie in *Census 1841* (Middx).

2 German: unexplained; possibly a vernacular form of *Julius*, but no such German surname has been found.

**Early bearers:** John Julie, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

3 French: possibly from the female given name *Julie*, or from the Occitan word *julh* 'July'.

**Early bearers:** Jules Julie, foreign subject, France, tinplate worker, in *Census 1881* (Cornwall).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Julien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, French: see **Julian**.

**Julier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

Unexplained.

**Further information:** A surname of this form is known from Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, Germany, in the 17th century but no connection has yet been demonstrated. If it is German, it may be for *Jülicher* 'person from Jülich'. One family bearing this surname now uses the spelling *Julien*; see **Julian**.

**Early bearers:** William Julier, 1578 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Samuel Julier, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Philip Juliers, 1747 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); William Julier, in *Census 1841* (Norfolk).

**References:** <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=385187.0>.

**Juliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Jolliffe**.

**Julius**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey  
Relationship name, a re-latinization of any of the European vernacular forms of the Latin personal name *Julius*.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Julius, 1696 in *IGI* (Holborn, London); Simon Julius, 1722 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Robert Edwards Julius, 1757 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks).

**Jewish:** Moses Julius, carpenter and glazier, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Julius, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Max Julius, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Grimbsy, Lincs); Harris Julius, slipper maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Samuel Julius, hairdresser, born in Poland, *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Julius, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Aaron Julius, box maker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Davis Julius, butcher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Woolf Julius, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitchurch, Glamorgan).

**Other:** Frederic Julius, surgeon, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Richmond, Surrey); Ernest Julius, watch maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Aldgate, London); Henry Julius, general dealer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Micael Julius, glazier, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Aldgate, London); Franz Julius, mariner, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Bernard Julius, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Ehrenfried Julius, professor of music, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); Peter Julius, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bow, Middx).

**Jull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name, see **Jew**.

**Jullens**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Julians**.

**Jullings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Cornwall
- English: see **Julians**.

**Jullion**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- English: see **Julian**.

**Julyan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Julian**.

**Juma**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *jum'a*, 'assembly', or by extension to a person born on *yawm al-jum'a* 'the day of assembly', i.e. Friday, the main day of prayer in Islam, held for this reason to be an auspicious day of the week.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Jump**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: possibly a nickname from the north-country adjective *jump*, a variant of the more widespread *jimp* 'neat, slender; tight (of clothing)'. But these are not recorded before the 19th century in England and *OED* implies they are originally Scots; *English Dialect Dictionary* is non-committal. A.H. Smith suggests that there may have been a north-country word *jump* denoting steep hills, exemplified in some Yorks place-names, of which the earliest is *The Jumps* in Todmorden, WR Yorks, and that, close to the Lancs boundary, is the most likely source.

**Early bearers:** Adam Jumpe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Meols, Lancs); Mgeret. Jump, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Elizth. Jump, William Jumpe, 1560 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Jompe, 1595 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Marget Jomp, 1596 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

**References:** Information from Graham Jump (Guild of One-Name Studies); *English Dialect Dictionary*; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 183.

**Jumper**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English, French: perhaps to be associated with the name of Martyn Jumbard or Jombard, 1488 in *PROB 11* (London), who was a gold embroiderer (*Gilda Aurifabrorum*, p. 39), and apparently of French or perhaps Flemish extraction.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Vincent Jumper, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Hale, Hants); Henry Jumper, 1589 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Thos Jumper, 1597 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); William Jumper, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Marie Jumber, 1635 in *IGI* (Ickham, Kent); William Jumper, 1659 in *IGI* (Weybridge, Surrey).

**June**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

French, English: see **Jeune**.

**Juneja**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, unexplained.

**Further information:** The name is found among people who migrated from Sind, Pakistan.

**Jung**

Variants: **Wing, Yong, Yung, Young, Wayne, Yon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 容 (**Rong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Yung** or **Iong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'tolerate' or 'appearance' in Chinese: (i) from *Rong* (容), the name of an ancient state (location unknown). (ii) from *Rong* (容), the name of a post in ancient China held by officials in charge of the management of rituals, ceremonies, and music. (iii) from the personal name of Rong Cheng (容成), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC), who was said to be the inventor of the first Chinese calendar. (iv) from the personal name of Zhong Rong (仲容), an official during the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (v) from Zi Rong (子容), the style name of Nan Rong Shi (南容適), also called Nan Rong (南容), one of the students of Confucius during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 榮 (**Rong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Wing** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'thriving', 'prosperous', or 'glorious' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Rong Yuan (榮援), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC), who made twelve large bells. (ii) from the place-name *Rong* (榮), the name of a fief (located in Huxian in Shaanxi province) granted to Rong Bo (榮伯), an official during the reign of Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). (iii) from the place-name *Rong* (榮), the name of a state (located in present-day Henan province) granted to Rong Yi Gong (榮夷公), an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iv) from the personal name of Rong Cheng Bo (榮成伯), a member of the royal family of the state of Lu (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) from the personal name of Rong Ji (榮季), also called Rong Huang (榮黃), an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 戎 (**Rong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Yung** or **Iong** in Cantonese romanization), referring to 'weapons, military' or 'tribes in W China' in ancient Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Song Wei Zi, founder of the state of Song during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from *Rong* (戎), the name of a small state (located in Caoxian in Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from Jiang *Rong* (姜戎), the name of a vassal state (located in present-day Shanxi province) of the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 鐘 and 仲, see **Chung** (1) and (2).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, see **Yeung** (1).

## Juniper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 556
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Genever**.

## Junkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: see **Jenkin**.

## Junkison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Jenkinson**.

## Junor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland
- Scottish: probably the Scots cognate of **Joiner**; compare *the iunying of ane battel* 'the joining of a battle' (*Dictionary of the Scots Language*).
- Further information:** The scattered earlier instances, e.g. Andrea Junour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Crux (Pavement), Yorks), are all in England and unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Nathaniell Junier, 1701 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Duncan Junier, 1723 in *IGI* (Croy, Inverness); David Juner, 1755 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); Christian Junar, 1785 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

## Jupe

### Variants: Jupp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 291
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, and Wilts
- 1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jop(e)*, *Job(e)*, *Jubbe*. See **Job**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *jop(e)* 'fool', a variant of **Job** (4).
- Further information:** The spellings *Joop* and *Joup* indicate a lengthening and raising of the vowel in Middle English *Jop(e)* to /o:/. and by early Modern English to /u:/. This appears to be a dialect feature of Sussex, Hants, Dorset, and Wilts. See the additional evidence under **Jupp**, where variation in the same Sussex parishes between *-o-*, *-oo-*, and *-ou-* occurs widely. Compare *Rubin, Sussex Dialect*, pp. 148–54, and *Survey of Middle English Dialects* 4, pp. 67–81, although their interpretation of *-ou-* spellings differs from this.
- Early bearers:** Henry Joppe, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardo Joop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farnham, Dorset); Geoffrey Jop, 1327, Geoffrey Joep, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorchester, Dorset); Walterus Jop', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough borough, Wilts); Thoma Jubbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coulston, Wilts); Johanne Joep and Roberto Jop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); Frannces Joupe, 1598, Elner Joupe, 1607 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); John Joupe, 1634, Francis Joope, 1679 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Jane Jupe, 1683 in *IGI* (Mottistone, IoW); Betty Jupe, 1732, Elizabeth Jupp, 1813 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).
- 2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English (Old French) *jube*, *jupe* 'long woollen garment for men', given to a maker or habitual wearer of such. For possible post-medieval bearers see (1), but the medieval spellings *Jop(pe)*, *Jope*, and *Joop*, do not fit this explanation, which remains somewhat doubtful.

## Jupp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2011, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1670
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
- English: relationship name, nickname see **Jupe** and **Job**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Job Molendinar', 1296, Jop Wallecock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willingdon, Sussex). surnames: Thomas Job and Robert Jop, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willingdon, Sussex); Walter Joop, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Hale in Eastbourne, Sussex); Gilbert Jopp, 1296, Richard Joup, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parrock, Sussex); Richard Jop, 1296, Robert Joup, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadwater, Sussex); Roger Jop, 1296, Thomas Joup, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worminghurst, Chiltonington, and Dishenhurst, Sussex); Richard Joop, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton, Sussex); Willelmus Jop', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woolwich, Kent); Thomas Joop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Johannes Jop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Johannes Joup, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dishenhurst, Sussex); Jhon Jobe, 1546, Lawrence Jupe, 1554, Rowland Jup, 1565, Thomas Juppe, 1576, Thomas Jupp, 1579 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Joupe, 1565, Richard Joope, 1561 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); John Joppe, 1573 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); Alexander Job, 1620, John Jobe, 1625 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Jupp, 1644 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Solomon Jupp, 1658 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

## Jurd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Jurd(e)*, a pet form of **Jordan**.
- Early bearers:** Jurdy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Jorde, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John, Robert Jurd(e), 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts), 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); James Jurd, 1669 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Anne Jurd, 1671 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Mary Jurd, 1728 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Eliz Jurd, 1750 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Edw. Rook Jurd, 1755 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

## Jury

### Variants: Jewry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1428, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 961
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Kent and London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Norman, English: locative name from Middle English and Anglo-Norman French *juerie* 'Jewry, Jewish quarter' (Old French *juerie*, *jurie*). Many of the larger English boroughs had a Jewish population until the expulsion of the Jews in 1290. Evidence of their former presence was sometimes preserved in the name Jewry for the quarter where they once lived, though after 1290 it was naturally inhabited by non-Jews.
- Early bearers:** Richard ate Jewerye, 1327, atte Giwerye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donnington, Sussex); William Jury, 1495 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 42; Thomas Jury, 1572 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); William Jury, 1579 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Johis. Jury, 1580 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Mary Jury, 1588 in *IGI*

(Fletching, Sussex); John Jury, 1602 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Richard Jury, 1680 in *IGI* (Shevioc, Cornwall); Patience Jury, 1701 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 195.

### Juson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: see **Jewson**.

### Jussab

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Indian: relationship name from *Jusab*, a given name of unexplained origin.

### Just

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; Norfolk; Yorks and Westm; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the male given name *Juste* (from *Justus*, Latin *justus* 'just'), rare in England, which gave rise to a hereditary surname near Ipswich in the 13th century.

**Further information:** *Justus*, the name of a 4th-century bishop of Lyons, gave rise to the French surnames *Just*, *Juste*, and *Jux* and the derivatives *Juteau*, *Jutot* (Dauzat). Some of the English bearers with an apparently suffixed name may really represent **Justice**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Justus de Thurlestun(e), 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii, iii (Suffolk). surnames: Gilebertus filius Juste, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Martin Justuse of Thurleston 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii, iii (Suffolk); Martin and Roger Justus of Thurlestone (brothers), 1292 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Suffolk); Johannes Juste, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); Tho Just, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: occasionally perhaps from a nickname, whether French or English, meaning 'the just'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Guste, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

### Juster

Variants: **Joester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey
- Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *juster(e)* 'joust' (about 1400, *MED*; from Anglo-Norman French *justour*, Old French *justeor*, *justeur* 'joust').

**Further information:** To give young knights practice in deeds of arms and their elders excitement, tournaments or jousts were held. They sprang up in France in the 12th century and were popular with the Anglo-Norman knights. These early tournaments were very rough affairs, in every sense, quite unlike the chivalrous contests of later days; the rival parties fought in groups, and it was considered not only fair but commendable to hold off until you saw some of your adversaries getting tired and then to join in the attack on them; the object was not to break a lance in the most approved style, but frankly to disable as

many opponents as possible for the sake of obtaining their horses, arms, and ransoms.' William the Marshal, later Earl of Pembroke and regent of England during the minority of Henry III, the most brilliant jousting of his day, 'made a very good income out of his tournaments' (*Salzman, Life*, p. 202).

**Early bearers:** John le justur, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Robert le Gustur, 1255 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); John Justere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Justour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Juster, 1600 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Richard Juster, 1732 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

### Justham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Devon
- English: see **Jutson**.

### Justice

Variants: **Justis**, **Jestice**, **Jesty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1285, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 733
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland; also S England: esp. Oxon and Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Scottish, English: occupational name from Middle English *justice*, *justis(e)* 'judicial officer; judge' (Old French *justise*, *justice* 'uprightness; equity; vindication of right; court of justice; judge'). Compare William Justyse then constable, 1253 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk). Sometimes it may be a shortening of or metonym for Old French *justiceor*: John, Tiphina le Justiser, 1322 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Devon). According to Reaney, the variation between *le* and *la* in the evidence may point to the use of the abstract noun *justice*. More likely *la Justice* is a reduced form of Anglo-Norman French *de la Justice* 'of the court of justice', just as *la Waite* for *de la Waite* 'of the watch'; see **Waite**.

**Further information:** *Weekley*, p. 221, note, suggested that such abstract-noun names as *Verity*, *Mercy* or *Marcy*, *Justice*, and *Peace* may derive from their use as character names in medieval mystery plays such as the Chester cycle; but this is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** England: William la Justis, cent. in 12th *Ancient Deeds* iii (Suffolk); Thomas Justic', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert la justice, 1220 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Peter, Roger le Justice, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Johanne Justice, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); William Justes or Justyce, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); George Justisse, 1562 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Doryty Justis, 1570 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Hannah Jestice, 1781 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants).

Scotland: Patrik Justice, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Elspotte Justice, 1572 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths).

### Justin

Variants: **Justins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Cork

English: relationship name from the personal name *Justinus*, which can represent either a derivative of Latin *justus* 'just', or a latinization of the Old

Scandinavian personal name *Iósteinn*, which is found in *Domesday Book* (1086) as *Justen*, *Justan*, and *Justinus* (*Feilitzen*). The association of the name with *clericus* and the existence of *Justina*, which must be associated with the 4th-century martyr Saint Justina, patron saint of Padua, suggest that *Justinus* was in occasional use in England.

**Early bearers:** given names: Justinus Clericus, 1175–80 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Justina, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Justinus filius Wakerild, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Ralph Justyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Justyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Justeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Johannes Jursteynes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs); William Justin, 1680 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Thomas Justence, 1720 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Mary Justin, 1748 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs).

### Justins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Surrey

English: variant of **Justin** with genival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Justis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Justice**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but still exists in the USA.

### Jutla

Variants: **Juttla**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Jutson

Variants: **Jutsum**, **Justham**, **Jotcham**, **Jetson**, **Getson**, **Jesson**, **Geeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent

1 English: locative name, probably from Jurston, in Chagford (Devon), recorded as *Jordaneston* (1238), *Jurdeston* (1443), and *Jesson* (1765) in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 425. In the surname, *Jurdeston* has been reduced to *Jutson*, where the final syllable has sometimes become *-som*, spelled *-sham*. The vowel change in *Geston*, *Jetson*, *Jetsham*, and *Jesson* is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Geston, 1564 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Gilbert Jesson, 1583, John Gesson, 1632, Agnes Geston, 1634 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); George Getson, 1616, Charles Jetson, 1618, Robert Jutsome, 1640 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Jutsham, 1640, Mary Jetsham, 1714 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); William Juttson, 1650 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Anthony Jutson, 1663 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); John Jutsum, 1732 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Samuëll Jotcham, 1721 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Jetsom, 1733 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: the Kent name is probably a variant of **Judson**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Jutson, 1668 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); James Juttson, 1731, John Jutsen, 1778 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent).

## Jutsum

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### Jutsum

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Jutson**.

### Jutte

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 German: relationship name, anglicized form of German **Jütte**, from a derivative of the female

personal name *Juditha*, a variant of the Biblical name *Judith*.  
2 English: see **Judd**.

### Juttla

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): see **Jutla**.

### Juxon

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: relationship name from the personal name *Juke* (see **Jukes**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Juxon, 1573 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections* 40; John Juxon, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Kabir**

- Current frequencies: GB 929, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *kabīr* 'great'.

Further information: *Al-Kabir* 'the Most Great' is an attribute of Allah.

**Kaczmarek**

- Current frequencies: GB 702, Ireland 24
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Polish: relationship name from a diminutive or patronymic form of *kaczmaz* 'innkeeper'.

**Kader**

- Current frequencies: GB 520, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadir**.

**Kadir**

- Current frequencies: GB 993, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadir**.

**Kadiri**

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadri**.

**Kadri**

- Current frequencies: GB 358, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadri**.

**Kadwell**

Variants: **Kedwell**, **Kadwill**

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: apparently a variant of **Cadwell**.

Early bearers: Henry Cadwell, 1524 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Newington, Kent); John Cadwalles, 1552 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Benenden, Kent); Margret Kadwell, 1560, George Kedwell, 1565 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Thomas Kadwell, 1581, Felix Kadwel, 1697 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); James Kedwell, 1634 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Mary Ann Kadwill, 1816 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**Kadwill**

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Kadwell**.

**Kahan**

- Current frequencies: GB 214, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 3

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): from Hebrew *kohen* 'priest', one of the many forms of **Cohen**.

Further information: Families bearing the name in this spelling very often originated in eastern Europe, especially Russia.

**Kahlon**

- Current frequencies: GB 410, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Kahn**

- Current frequencies: GB 455, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 70
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

1 Jewish: variant of **Cohen**.

Early bearers: Isaiah Kahn, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Aaron Kahn, boot and shoe manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Morris Kahn, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Solomon and Esther Kahn, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Moses and Hannah Kahn, in *Census 1911* (London).

2 North German: (i) nickname from Low German *kane* 'boat', probably denoting a bargee. (ii) relationship name from a short form of the Germanic personal name *Cagano*, itself a short form of a personal name formed with *gagan*, *gegen* 'against'.

Early bearers: William Kahn, bookmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Adolph Kahn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Hannchen Kahn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Augustus Kahn, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Sigismund Kahn, in *Census 1901* (London).

**Kaid**

- Current frequencies: GB 180, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9

1 Irish: from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**.

2 Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *qā'id* 'leader, commander'.

Further information: *Qaid-i-Azam* 'great leader' was an epithet applied to Muhammad Ali Jinnah (1876–1948), founder of Pakistan.

Early bearers: Abdullah Kaid, 1924 in *BMD* (Glamorgan); Mahomed Kaid, 1928 in *BMD* (Glamorgan).

**Kaighan**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Manx: see **Kaighin**.

**Kaighin**

Variants: **Kaighan**

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 157
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Manx, Scottish: relationship name, Manx **Mac Eachain** 'son of *Eachan*', a personal name meaning 'horse-lord'. Compare Scottish **McGahan**.

Early bearers: MacCaighen, 1422, Kaighin, 1611 in *Moore*; Gilbert Kaighin, 1613 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); Jane Kaighan, 1822 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM).

**Kail**

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114

• Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: see **Call** and compare **Cale**.

**Kaila**

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Kain**

- Current frequencies: GB 571, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 601
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs; SW Scotland

Scottish: see **Kane**.

**Kaine**

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. London; Glasgow; Staffs; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary; Antrim
- Irish, Scottish: see **Kane**.

**Kaines**

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 78
- Main GB location 1881: Guernsey; Hants and Dorset

Norman, English: see **Caines**.

**Kainth**

- Current frequencies: GB 740, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Kaiser**

Variants: **Kaysar**, **Keyzor**, **Keysor**, **Keyser**

- Current frequencies: GB 420, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: London

1 German: from Middle High German *keiser* 'emperor', from the Latin imperial title *Caesar*. This was the title borne by Holy Roman Emperors from Otto I (962) to Francis II (who relinquished the title in 1806). Later, it was borne by the monarch of Bismarck's united Germany (1871–1918). It is very common as a German surname, originating partly as an occupational name for a servant in the Emperor's household, partly as a nickname for someone who behaved in an imperious manner, and partly from a house sign. Compare **Cayzer**.

## Kakad

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Kaiser* ‘emperor’, as (1) above, adopted (like *Graf*, *Herzog*, etc.) because of its aristocratic connotations.

3 Muslim: from Arabic *qaysar* ‘emperor’, which, like (1), is of Latin origin, from the imperial title in the Roman Empire.

## Kakad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Kakar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan of the Bahri subdivision. The same clan is also called Seth.

## Kalam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim, perhaps mainly subcontinental: from a personal name based on Arabic *Kalām*, ‘speech’.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Kale

**Variants:** *Kail*, *Cale*, *Keal*, *Keale*, *Keall*, *Cailes*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

1 English: locative name from East and West Keal (Lincs), recorded as *Cale* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Kale, William de Kele, 1154–89, Gilbert de Cheiles, 1256 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William de Kale, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Alan de Keles, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Keel, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Keel, Lincs); John Kale, 1550 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Johis. Kale, 1632 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks).

2 English: see *Call*.

## Kaleem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *kalīm* ‘speaker, interlocutor’. Sometimes this is used as an epithet of Musa (Moses), because according to the Qur’an Musa spoke with Allah or is a spokesman of Allah.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Kalen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: (i) locative name from a place so named in Mecklenburg, of Slavic origin. (ii) altered spelling of German *Kahlen*, which is either a variant of *Kahl* (a nickname from Middle High German *kal* ‘bald’) or a locative name from one or other of two places so named in northern Germany.

## Kaler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

German: variant spelling of *Kahler* or *Köhler* (see *Kohler*).

## Kaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Bucks
- English: see *Caley*.

## Kalia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Brahman) and Muslim name of unexplained etymology.

## Kalirai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Kalker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see *Chalker*.

## Kallam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see *Calam*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Kalli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the genitive case of the personal name *Kallis*.

**Early bearers:** Eustratuis Kalli, born in Middx, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

## Kalman

**Variants:** *Kolman*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Hungarian: from the old Hungarian given name *Kálmán*, meaning ‘remainder’. This was an apotropaic name given to infants to ward off evil and harmful spirits. In medieval times the name became particularly popular because it was confused with a Christian name of Irish origin; Saint Colmán (see Coleman) was an influential Irish missionary to Central Europe in the early 7th century.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Yiddish given name *Kalmen*, a derivative of *Kalanimos*, which is from Greek *kalos* ‘lovely’ or *kallos* ‘beauty’ + *onyma* ‘name’. This Jewish name is first recorded in the Talmud and has been used continuously since then. Among Hungarian Jews it was sometimes confused with (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Judah Kalman, 1867 in *BMD* (Hackney, Middx); Lewis Kalman, 1876 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leah Kalmen, 1902 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Woolf Kalman, 1908 in *BMD* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Jacob Kalman, 1915 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx).

## Kalra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh name, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community, of unexplained etymology.

## Kalsi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1560, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Kalton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English, Scottish Gaelic, or Irish: see *Calton*.

## Kalu

**Variants:** *Kanu*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): abbreviated or derived from *Kamalu* or *Kamanu*, the name of the traditional Igbo god of thunder and dispenser of justice.

**References:** [www.onlinenigeria.com/nigeriannames](http://www.onlinenigeria.com/nigeriannames); <http://www.kwenu.com/afamefune/afamefune.htm>

## Kalyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *kalyāṇa* ‘good, auspicious’.

**Further information:** *Kalyan* often occurs as a given name, and the family name has probably developed from an ancestral personal name.

## Kam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 金 and 琴, see *Chin* (2) and (6).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 甘, see *Kan* (1).

## Kamal

**Variants:** *Kamel*, *Kamil*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Muslim, Arabic: from a personal name based on Arabic *kamāl* ‘perfection, integrity’.

**Further information:** This name is also found in compound names such as *Kamāl ud-Dīn* ‘perfection of religion’.

2 Indian: Hindu, found among people from Sind, Pakistan, from the personal name of an ancestor, derived from Sanskrit *kamala* ‘lotus’.

**Further information:** The personal name is common in India, and has become a family name in the West among South Indians.

## Kamali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: adjectival derivative of *Kamal*, meaning ‘pertaining to perfection’ or ‘descended from someone called Kamāl’.

## Kamara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1961, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sierra Leonean: unexplained. The name of a ruling family of the Valunia traditional chiefdom (among

others), possibly ultimately from Arabic *qamar* ‘moon’, adapted to Mende phonology. Compare the family name *Gibrilla*, possibly related to the Arabic male given name *Jibril*, and *Lamina* from *al-Amin*. The local account is that this chiefdom traces its origin to the warrior Hindowa Ngandi who expelled a people called the ‘Kamaranos’ from the area, and the local interpretation of *Kamara* is ‘someone who does not eat baboon’.

**References:** Tristan Reed and James A. Robinson (2012) *The Chiefdoms of Sierra Leone*. Harvard University, unpublished MS.

### Kamau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Kenyan: Gikūyū (Kikuyu), of uncertain meaning, name of a traditional ‘regiment set’ in the 18th century, perhaps established as a Western-style surname and popularized through being the given name of Jomo Kenyatta, first president of independent Kenya.

### Kambo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Kamel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Kamal**.  
2 German and Dutch: locative name, nickname from *kamel* ‘camel’ (Latin *camelus*, Greek *kamēlos*). This was a common house sign in central Europe in the later Middle Ages, and the surname generally denoted someone who lived in a house bearing this sign. It may also have been a nickname for someone thought to resemble a camel, i.e. an ill-tempered or clumsy person.

**Early bearers:** William Kamel, 1704 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Jane Kamel, 1834 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Adelard Kamel, born in London, in *Census 1891* (London); Alphonse Kamel, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Kamil

**Variants:** **Kamel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *kāmil* ‘perfect, complete’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

2 Arabic, Muslim: see **Kamal**.

### Kaminski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Polish: locative name from *Kamiński* denoting someone from any of more than 60 villages and towns named *Kamień*, from Polish *kamień* ‘stone, rock’.

**Early bearers:** Oscar Kaminski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name from any of the places mentioned at (1) or from places in

Ukraine named *Kamiń*, from Ukrainian *kamiń* ‘stone’.

3 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name for someone from any of various places named *Kamionka* in Polish or *Kaminka* in Ukrainian.

### Kamran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim, Indian: from a personal name based on Persian *kāmran* ‘lucky, happy; success’.

### Kan

**Variants:** **Jean, Kam, Gan, Ham, Jian, Chien, Kang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 甘 (**Gan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘sweet, pleasant’ in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Gan Pan (甘盤), a high official during the reign of King Wu Ding (died 1192 BC), in the Shang dynasty. (ii) from *Gan* (甘), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Shaanxi province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) from *Gan* (甘), the name of a fief (located in present-day Luoyang in Henan province) granted to Dai, who was known as Gan Zhao Gong (甘昭公), son of king Zhou Xiang Wang (died 619 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 干 (**Gan** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kon** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘shield’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Gan Chou (干棼), an official in the state of Song (located in present-day Shangqiu in Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Gan* (干), the name of an ancient state (originally in present-day Henan province, then moved to present-day Jiangsu province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from the place-name *Gan* (干), the name of a fief (located in present-day Yangzhou in Jiangsu province) that was granted to the son of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). When the place-name was adopted as a surname, people simplified the Chinese character 干 to 干, which has the same pronunciation. (iv) from the place-name *Gan Sui* (干隧) (located in present-day Wuxian in Jiangsu province), which was well-known for forging good swords. (v) from the He Gan (紇干) family, of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 干 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (vi) from the compound surname *Gan-Lei* (干類), said to be originally the name of an ancient state (unknown location) prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 簡 (**Jian** or **Chien** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘simple’ or ‘bamboo slips used for writing in ancient times’: (i) from the personal name of Jian Shifu (簡師父), an official during the Eastern Zhou dynasty (770–256 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Jian Shu (簡叔), an official in the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Jian (簡), posthumous title of Hu Juju, also known as Xu Jianbo (续简伯), a noble official in the state of Jin (located mainly in

present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from the personal name of Jian Yong (簡雍), a person in the state of Shu (located mainly in present-day Sichuan province) during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–80), who changed his original surname (耿, Kang 2) to 簡 since these two Chinese surnames shared similar pronunciations. (v) from another surname, *Jian* (檢), meaning ‘procurator’ in ancient China. People changed their surname from *Jian* (檢) to *Jian* (簡) during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25), probably in order to avoid persecution. 4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 關 (**Ham** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘overlook’ in ancient Chinese: from the place-name *Kan* (闕), the name of a fief (located in present-day Wenshang in Shandong province) granted to Zhi, an official in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 斬, see **Chin** (3).

6 Czech: nickname, **Kaň**, denoting a gossip, from *kanit* meaning ‘to slobber or slaver’ and by extension ‘to gossip’.

**Early bearers:** William Kan, 1689 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Francis Jockim Gram Kan, 1733 in *IGI* (London); Robert Kan, 1796 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

7 German: relationship name from a reduced form of the personal name *Konrad*.

8 Jewish (Ashkenazic): one of the many variants of **Cohen**.

9 Dutch: nickname denoting a potter or a pewterer, from Middle Dutch *kan(ne)*, *can(ne)* ‘tankard, flagon’, ‘pitcher’.

10 Dutch: reduced form of *van de Kan*, denoting someone from De Kan in Veurne, or possibly some place in the Netherlands called Kanne.

### Kanabar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Kanagaratnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Sri Lankan (Tamil): relationship name from a Tamil given name of unexplained etymology.

### Kanani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Kan-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Kanbi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Kanda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

## Kandasamy

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan; *kəndā* means ‘thorn’ in Panjabi.

### Kandasamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): anglicized spelling of Tamil *Kantacāmi*, derived from Sanskrit *skanda*, apparently from a verb meaning ‘to attack’, + *svāmī* ‘master’, a term of reverence for a yogi or ascetic.

### Kandiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): relationship name from a Tamil male given name of unexplained origin.

### Kandola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Kane

Variants: **Kaine, Kayne, Kain, Camm, Cane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11094, Ireland 6097
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2405
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Derry and Antrim; Galway

1 Irish (also Scottish Gaelic): relationship name from Ó Catháin or Mac Catháin ‘descendant (or son) of Cathán’, a personal name meaning ‘warrior’. Compare Manx *Cain*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Kane, 1601 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); David Kane, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr).

Ireland: Edmund O’Cahan, yeoman, 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §333 (Castletown of Delyvn); Henry O’Cahane, labourer, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §977 (Waterford); Teig reagh O’Cahan, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4779 (Kilcroan, Roscommon); Donell McCahane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Glanbehy, Kerry); Dermot McCahan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Bearhaven, Cork); Donald alias Daniel O’Cahan, chief of his name, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Kryue alias O’Cahan’s country); Owen McCahane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617 (Lishyneghane, Fermanagh); Edm. McCahan, gent., 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Killeraghe, Clare).  
2 English: see *Cane*.

### Kaneen

Variants: **Kneen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from *Mac Cianain* ‘son of *Cianan*’.

**Early bearers:** Kynnyne, 1422, Kaneen, 1666, Kaneen, 1740 in *Moore*; Michael Kaneen, 1746 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM).

### Kaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Lancs
- Scottish: perhaps a variant of *Caney*.

## Kang

Variants: **Khang, Khong, Kong, Geng, Hong, Han**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2113, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 康 (**Hong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘healthy’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of Kang Shu (康叔), the posthumous title of one of the sons of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). Kang Shu was the first king of the state of Wei (卫) (which is located mainly around present-day Hebi and Xinxiang in Henan province). (ii) from the first element of *Kang Ju* (康居), the name of a state in Central Asia during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). People from this state adopted 康 as their surname. (iii) from *Kang* (康), the Chinese name of the state of Samarkand in Central Asia. Immigrants from Samarkand in China acquired 康, the Chinese name of their state, as their surname, known as one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’. (iv) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, 匡 (see **Hong** (4)). Some people with the surname 匡 changed their surname to 康 during the reign of Zhao Kuangyin (赵匡胤), known as Song Tai Zu (AD 927–976), the first emperor of the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127), because 匡 happened to be part of the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 耿 (**Geng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘bright’ or ‘upright’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Geng* (邢, sharing the same pronunciation with 耿 in ancient Chinese), the name of one of the capital cities (in present-day Wenxian in Henan province) during the reign of Zu Yi, the 14th king in the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). During the reign of Pan Geng, the 20th king in the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), the capital was moved to Hao (in present-day Shanqiu in Henan province). The nobles who still resided in the original capital adopted *Geng* (耿) as their surname. (ii) from *Geng* (耿), the name of a state (located in present-day Hejin in Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), which was annexed by the state of Jin.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 庚 (**Geng** or **Keng** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘age’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of nobles from the state of Zhu Lou or Zhu (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the second element of the personal name Zu Geng (祖庚), one of the kings of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) Possibly from the first element of the place-name *Geng Zong* (庚宗), a place in the state of Lu (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 亢 (**Kong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘high’ or ‘haughty’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Kang Fu* (亢父), the name of a vassal state (in present-day Jining in Shandong province) in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, 抗 (**Kang** in Mandarin pinyin), also sharing the same origin of another two Chinese surnames 抗 (**Kang** in Mandarin pinyin) and 杭 (pronounced the same as 抗 in ancient Chinese, **Hang** in today’s Mandarin pinyin, **Hong** in Cantonese romanization), which

can be traced back to San Kang (三伉/抗/杭), a noble official in the state of Wei (卫) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

5 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 江. This pronunciation is found in Eastern Guangdong province, Fujian province, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to other parts of South-East Asia. See **Kong** (1).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 簡, see **Kan** (3).

7 Korean: (姜; Chinese character 姜). Borne by the descendants of Kang I-shik (姜以式), a military official in the ancient Koguryō kingdom. Kang I-shik valiantly defended the Koguryō kingdom against invasions from China. Subsequently, his descendant, Kang Chin (姜縉), was enfeoffed with Chinju in Kyōngsang South Province. Chinju henceforth became the clan seat for the Kang family.

8 Korean: (姜; Chinese character 康). This surname is borne by the descendants of Kang Ho-kyōng (康虎景). His 14th-generation descendant, Kang Chi-yōn (康之淵) attended the Koryō king Kojong when he fled to Kanghwa Island during the Mongol invasions. Kang Chi-yōn was subsequently enfeoffed with Shinch’ōn in Hwanghae Province. There are two other clans of this Kang family, but both descend from Kang Chi-yōn.

### Kania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish and Jewish (Ashkenazic): Polish nickname or Jewish ornamental name, from Polish *kania* ‘kite’.

### Kanji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, unexplained.

### Kannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Indian: see **Krishnan**.

### Kansara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Kanter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Kantor**.

### Kantor

Variants: **Kanter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name denoting a cantor, an official of a synagogue whose duty is to sing liturgical music and lead prayers, from Latin *cantor* ‘singer’, a derivative of *cantere* ‘to sing’.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Cantor, 1835 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Jacob Cantor, pen cutter, in *Census 1851* (London); Louie Cantor, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the



East, Middx); Aaron Kantor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Abraham Kantor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Israel Kantor, born in Wilna [Vilnius, Lithuania], in *Census 1891* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Harris Kantor, born in Poland (Russian subject), in *Census 1901* (West Derby, Lancs); Abraham Cantor, rabbi, 1901 in *Second City Jewry* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Aaron Cantor, tailor's assistant, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 German, Czech, Slovak, Croatian, Hungarian: occupational name for a choirmaster or village schoolmaster, from German, Czech, Slovak, and northern Croatian *Kantor*, Hungarian *Kántor*.

**Early bearers:** Ludwig Cantor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Kanu

**Variants:** Kalu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): see **Kalu**.

### Kanwar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *kumāra* 'prince, son'.

### Kapadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan, Gujarat, Mumbai): Hindu (Bania, Vania) and Parsi, meaning 'cloth merchant' in Gujarati, from *kapadē* 'cloth' (Sanskrit *karpātā*) + the adjectival suffix *-ya*.

### Kapasi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): occupational name from a Gujarati word meaning 'cotton dealer'.

### Kapila

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *kapila* 'brown'.

### Kaplan

**Variants:** Kaplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): adopted as a translation of **Cohen**, from German *Kaplan* or Polish *kaplan* 'chaplain, curate'.

**Early bearers:** Noah and Phillips Caplin, furriers, born in Minsk, Russia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Chaim Kaplan, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Harris Caplin, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Mendel Kaplan, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Newman Kaplan, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Myer Kaplan, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

2 Polish, Hungarian, Swedish, Czech, Slovenian: German, Swedish, Czech, and Slovenian (**Kaplan**);

Polish (**Kaplan**); Hungarian (**Káplán**); status name for a deacon, chaplain, or curate (ultimately from Late Latin *capellanus*), or a nickname for someone thought to resemble a clergyman in some way.

3 Turkish: nickname from *kaplan* 'tiger'.

### Kaplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Kaplan**.

### Kapoor

**Variants:** Kapur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1491, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, the name of a clan in the Khatri community, whose ancestor is said to have been called Kapoor Chand. The derivation is from a personal name meaning 'camphor' (Sanskrit *karpūra*).

**Further information:** In Sanskrit literature, it is quite common as a personal name, and there is also a feminine form, *karpūrikā*. Many compound names are also found with *karpūa* as the first element: masculine names such as *Karpuravarsha*, *Karpurasena*, as well as feminine names such as *Karpuratilaka* and *Karpuramanjari*.

### Kapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *kappe* 'hooded cloak'. (ii) nickname from Middle High German *kappe* 'capon', perhaps for a man with a high voice. (iii) relationship name from the personal name *Kapp*, a variant of *Kaspar* (compare **Casper**).

### Kapur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Kapoor**.

### Kar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), probably from Sanskrit *kara* 'doer, hand'.

2 Scottish: according to Black, this is a variant of **Kerr**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gelis Kar, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Allexr. Kar, 1670 in *IGI*, (Forfar, Angus); Robart Kar, 1740 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Charles Kar, in *Census 1841* (Stirlings); David Kar, born in Scotland, in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

England: George Kar, 1625 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Kar, 1652 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Marmaduke Kar, 1685 in *IGI* (Crambe, NR Yorks).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 賈, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Chia** (1).

### Kara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1124, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Bhatia), unexplained.

2 Czech, Slovak, Hungarian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal names *Karel* (Czech and Slovak) or *Károly* (Hungarian), vernacular forms of *Carolus* (see **Charles**).

**Early bearers:** Murice Kara, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Michel Kara, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Adalbert Kara, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Karadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

### Karam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *karam* 'generosity, bounty'. Also seen in the compound *Karamullah* 'bounty of Allah'.

### Karavadra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Karck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English, German: see **Kark**.

### Kareem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Karim**.

### Karen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Irish or Manx: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Henry Karen, 1600 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Francis Karen, 1629 in *IGI* (East Newlyn, Cornwall); John Karen, 1784 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM); Mart Karen in *Census 1841* (IoM); Edward Karen in *Census 1851* (Renfrews); Patt Karen, born in Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Staffs); Patrick Karen, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1901* (London).

2 The rapid increase in frequency of this name during the second half of the 20th century may be due to immigration, but if this is right, the source is unidentified: perhaps the Karen people from SE Burma.

### Karey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, Irish: see **Carey**.

### Kargbo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sierra Leonean: unexplained. This ruling house traces its lineage to Foday Kargbo, the man who founded the traditional chiefdom of Gbendembu, among others.

### Karia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 912, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

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### Karim

Variants: **Kareem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4430, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *karīm* 'kind, generous'.

**Further information:** *Al-Karīm* 'the Generous' is an attribute of Allah. The word is also found in the compound name '*Abd al-Karīm* 'servant of the Most Generous'.

### Karimi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: adjectival derivative of **Karim**, meaning 'relating to Karim'.

### Karir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained; it is found in the Chhimba community.

### Kark

Variants: **Karek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

1 English: nickname from Middle English *carke* 'a load, a dry measure, a weight of three or four hundredweights' (Anglo-Norman French *kark(e)*, a northern French form of *carche, charche*), perhaps used as a nickname for a carrier. Compare **Charker**. **Early bearers:** John Carke, 1561 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Siprian Carck, 1561 in *IGI* (London); Ann Kark, 1695 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

2 German: perhaps a variant spelling of German *Karg* or *Karch*, a nickname from Middle High German *karc* 'clever, crafty, sly; strong, violent; mean, barren'.

### Karl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset
- English: see **Carl**.

### Karle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Carl**.

### Karlsen

Variants: **Carlson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Norwegian: relationship name; Norwegian, Danish, North German, and Dutch, patronymic from the personal name *Karl* (see **Charles**).

**Early bearers:** Anders Karlsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1871* (Yorks); Allatte Karlsen, born in Frederickstadt, Norway, in *Census 1881* (Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Karlsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1891* (Cornwall); Olaf Karlsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Charles Karlsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Glamorgan); Peder Karlsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Kent).

### Karlson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

German, Scandinavian: see **Carlson**.

### Karlsson

Variants: **Carlson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Swedish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Karl* (see **Charles**).

**Further information:** This name is frequent in Finland as well as Sweden. From the 12th century to 1809 Finland was part of the Swedish empire.

**Early bearers:** Frans Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Adolf Karlsson, born in Finland, in *Census 1891* (London); George Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Glamorgan); Karl Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Herts); August Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Oskar Karlsson, born in Finland, in *Census 1901* (Northumb); Axel Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Norfolk); Knut Karlsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Hants).

### Karn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Gloucs
- Cornish, English: see **Carn**.

### Karne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Cornish: see **Carn**.

### Karney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; London
- Irish: see **Carney**.

### Karolia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Karpinski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Polish (Karpiński): locative name denoting someone from either of the places named Karpin, in the voivodeships of łódź and Ostrołka, or from some other place named with *karp* 'carp'.

### Karran

Variants: **Carine, Carran, Caren, Carn, Carron, Crain, Craine, Crane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic **Mac (Giolla) Ciaráin** 'son of (the devotee of) *Ciarán*', a personal name based on a diminutive of Gaelic *ciar*, Manx *keir* 'black'. The surname is the source of the farm name Ballacarine (Arbory, IoM). Compare Irish **McCarron**.

**Early bearers:** Mac Ciarain, 1136 in *Moore*; Mac Carron, 1417, Mac Carrayne, 1422, Mac Carrane, 1430, Mac Carren, 1504, Kerron, 1504, Mac Kerron, 1511, Mac Karron, 1540, Karne, 1611, Karran, 1625, 1711, Keran, 1626, Kerren, 1636, Carrane, Carrine, 1643, Carran, Carron, 1650, Kerran, 1667 in *Kneen*.

**References:** *Kneen; Broderick, Manx Place-Names*.

### Karsan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

### Karslake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Kerslake**.

### Karunakaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from a personal name meaning 'ocean of compassion', from Sanskrit *karu-ṇā* 'compassionate' + *ākara* 'ocean' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** In southern India this is a personal name; outside the Indian subcontinent it has become established as a family name among immigrant communities.

### Karunaratne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: Sinhalese surname whose first element derives ultimately from Sanskrit *karu-ṇā* 'compassion', + the characteristic surname-forming element *-ratne*, literally 'gem', from Sanskrit *ratna*.

### Karwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Kary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English, Irish: see **Carey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London; Glamorgan

Irish: see **Casey**.

### Kashem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Bangladesh): from a Bengali Muslim personal name based on Arabic **Qasim**.

### Kashmiri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Muslim, from the place-name *Kashmir*.

**Kasim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qasim**.

**Kaspárek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Czech: from *Kašpárek*, a pet form of the personal name *Kašpar* (see **Casper**).

Further information: *Kašpárek* is the Czech name of the marionette character known as Punch in English.

**Kassam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qasim**.

**Kassell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Cassell**.

**Kassim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Qasim**.

2 Arabic, Muslim: see **Cassim**.

**Kataria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

**Kate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Herefs

English: (i) relationship name, probably from a pet form of the female personal name *Catherine*, *Catelin*, though *Cate* or *Kate*, unlike *Kitte*, is not found till the 16th century, and the long vowel is not easy to explain. Compare **Catt** (2). (ii) relationship name, perhaps in E England from a Middle English reflex of the Old Scandinavian male given name *Káti*, *Kati*, *Kate* (from *kátr* ‘merry’), for which compare **Cates**.

**Early bearers:** Thurstan Cati, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Osbert Kate, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Ricardus Kate, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broomfield, Somerset); Edward Kate, 1573 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Morganus Kate, 1643 in *IGI* (Llantillio Crossenny, Monmouths); Robert Kate, 1660 in *TNA* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Kate, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); John Kate, 1708 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Anne Kate, 1747 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants); Joseph Kate, 1798 in *IGI* (Aston Tirrold, Berks).

**Katechia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**Kater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
- Scottish: see **Cater**.

**Kates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Cambs; Somerset

English: see **Cates**.

**Katin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Catin*, a diminutive of *Cat* (a short form of *Cateline*, i.e. *Catharine*, see **Catlin**).

**Early bearers:** Richard Catin, 1177, Walter Catin, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robertus Catyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); Nicholaus Catyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks); Dorit Catin, 1638 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); William Catin, 1859 in *IGI* (Saffron Walden, Essex).

**Katte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Catt**.

**Kattenhorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

North German: locative name from a farm called Kattenhorn in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, north of Bremen, Germany.

**Early bearers:** Henry Kattenhorn, 1761 in *IGI* (London); Peter Kattenhorn, 1767 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Deidrick Kattenhorn, 1820 in *IGI* (London); William Ditherrick Kattenhorn, 1840 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Thomas Kattenhorn, born in Middx, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Richard Kattenhorn, born in Middx, in *Census 1861* (Middx).

**Katz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): acronym from the Hebrew phrase *kohen tsedek* ‘priest of righteousness’ (see **Cohen**).

**Early bearers:** Solomon Katz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Isaac Katz, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Marks Katz, stick maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Ydel Katz, plumber, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Victor Katz, boot and shoe manufacturer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 German: nickname from *Katz(e)* ‘cat’. Compare English **Catt**.

**Early bearers:** Leopold Katz, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Siegmund Katz, musical instrument dealer, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1901* (Lewisham, Kent); Josef Wilhelm Katz, 1906 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb).

**Kaufman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: (i) from the personal name *Kaufman*, Yiddish *koyfman* (‘merchant’). (ii) respelling of **Kaufmann**.

**Early bearers:** Ermen Koffman, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Jacob Koffman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Solomon Kaufman, born Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lipman Kaufman, cigar sorter, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Kauffman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Louis Koffman, cabinet manufacturer, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Kaufman, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

2 German: respelling of German **Kaufmann**.

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**Variants:** **Kaufman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a merchant or wholesaler, from Middle High German *koufen* ‘to do business, buy’ + *man*, German *Kaufmann*.

**Early bearers:** German: William Coffman, 1606 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Thomas Kaufman, 1662 in *IGI* (London); Wilhelm Ernst Kauffman, 1866 in *IGI* (Beckenham, Kent); Christian Kauffmann, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Johan Kaufmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx).

Jewish: Isaac Kaufmann, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Morris Kaufmann, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Hyman Kaufmann, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Kaul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Indian (Kashmir): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *kaula* ‘well-born’ (from Sanskrit *kula* ‘family’).

**Further information:** According to Koul (1994), the surname *Kaul* is derived from *Mahakaul* meaning ‘the great Kaul’, which is an epithet of the god Shiva. Kashmiri Hindus are votaries of Shiva.

2 German: (i) locative name from any of three places in Rhineland named Kaul. (ii) locative name (Westphalian) from *Kaul* ‘pit, pond’.

**Early bearers:** Franz Kaul, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Henry Kaul, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); Adam Kaul, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Carl Kaul, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Kaur**

**Variants:** **Kour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35595, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): term used by Hindu and Sikh women either as the final element of a compound personal name or as a last name. It cannot be regarded as a true surname or family name. It goes back to Sanskrit *kumāri* ‘girl, daughter’, which was

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reduced to *kuar* and then became *kaur* by metathesis.

**Further information:** Among Sikhs, female names are often derived from male names by the addition of *Kaur*: e.g. *Mahinder Kaur*, from the male name *Mahinder*.

## Kaura

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatra) and Sikh, unexplained. Also, there is among the Jats a clan called *Kaura*.

## Kausar

**Variants:** *Kausar*, *Kouser*, *Kosar*, *Kousar*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2331, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (India, Pakistan): from a personal name based on Arabic *kawthar* 'abundance'; given in the Qur'an as the name of a spring in paradise.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 3136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (India, Pakistan): see **Kausar**.

## Kaushal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab, Rajasthan): Hindu (Brahman, Rajput), from Sanskrit *kaushala* 'good fortune; skilfulness'.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from *Mac an Mhanaigh*, see **McCavana**.

## Kavanagh

**Variants:** *Kavanaugh*, *Cavanagh*, *Cavanaugh*, *McKavanagh*, *McCavanagh*, *Cavanah*, *Cavener*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7727, Ireland 11745
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp Leinster: esp. Wexford; also Galway

Irish: from *Mac Caomhánach* 'son of *Caomhán*', a personal name meaning 'beautiful'. Etymologically, this is the same name as **Kevin**. There has been some confusion between this name, **Cavana**, and **Keaveney**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Kavanagh, abbot, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §348 (Duske, Kilkenny); Dermot Kavanagh, dean, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §348; Maurice boy Kavanagh, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1744 (Bollydorogh, Carlow); Denis Cavanagh, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2041; Donogh Kavanagh, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2298 (Kilkenny); Mylis Cavanagh, gent., 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Deran, Roscommon); Myles Cavanagh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4362 (Saint John's, Roscommon); Gerald mc Brien Kavanagh boy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4712; Onoria fitz Art Kavanagh, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4712; Murtagh Kavanagh, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6636 (Dublin).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- Irish: from *Mac Caomhánach*, see **Kavanagh**.

## Kave

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- 1 English: see **Cave**.  
2 Indian: unexplained.

## Kaveney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- Irish: from *Mac Géibheannaigh*, see **Keaveney**.

## Kavia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Kawa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Indian: unexplained.  
2 Polish: nickname from *kawa* 'jackdaw'.

## Kay

**Variants:** *Kaye*, *Cay*, *Caie*, *Quay*, *Keay*, *Key*, *Keye*, *Keys*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17557, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15516
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Kildare, and Kilkenny

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *kei*, *ka* 'left-handed' or 'clumsy' (Old Scandinavian *kei* 'left-handed'). The word, in the sense 'left (hand or foot)', survived in Lancs and Cheshire dialect until at least the 19th century, and must formerly have been widespread in counties further south. Compare Thomas Kafot, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs), Matilda Cafot, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), Willelmus Cayfote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs), John Kayfot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornbury, Gloucs), and the 1296 Sussex example le Kay cited below. For the spelling *key*, note the translation of French *gauchier* as 'left-handed, key-fisted' in Cotgrave's *Dictionary of French and English Tongues* (1611). (ii) nickname from northern Middle English *ka*, *kae*, *kay* 'jackdaw' (Old Scandinavian *ká*). *Reaney*, *Dictionary* notes that in *York Freeman's Register* the surname occurs as Kaa (1433) and Caa (1461), and is apparently interchangeable with *Cay* and *Kay*. This derivation is restricted to the northern counties and perhaps N Lincs, for in the Midlands and southern English counties *ka* became *co(o)* by the 13th century (see **Coe**). It is probably also not a source of *Key(es)*, unless by confusion with (i). (iii) nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *kai(e)*, *kei(e)* 'key', applied to a maker of keys (compare **Kear**), or alluding to the office of keeper or bearer of keys, but clear evidence for this is wanting.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ka, Adam Kay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Kai, 1224–41 in *Coupar Angus Charters*; Adecok Kay, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William le Kay, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Findon, Sussex); Benedict Cay, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Alicia Ka, Kay, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks);

Stephen Kay, Edmund Kay, Hugh Kegh, William le Keye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Kay, 1331 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Kay, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Kaye, 1542 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Johni Kaye, 1559 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Elley Key, 1561 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Frannces Key, 1583 in *IGI* (Strensham, Worcs); Roger Key, 1591 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Thomas Key, 1758 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

2 Irish, Manx, Scottish: reduced form of Gaelic **O'Kea**, **McKee**, or **McKay**. Some of the following Scottish bearers may alternatively belong with (1). **Early bearers:** Ireland: Richard O'Kea, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Dwynaghe). **IoM:** [ . . . ] Key, 1603, [ . . . ] Kay, [ . . . ] Kee, [ . . . ] Kie, 1610, [ . . . ] Keay, 1637, [ . . . ] Keigh, 1779 in *Kneen*; Bahy Quay, 1647 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); Thompson Kay, 1765 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM); Elinor Quaye, 1793 in *IGI* (Ramsey, IoM). Scotland: Donald Ka, 1399 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Thomas Kay, 1552 in *Black*; David Kay, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Agnes Kay, 1563 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Alexr. Kay, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Caie, 1761 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines).

3 English: locative name from Middle English *kay(e)*, *key(e)*, *keay* 'quay' (Old French *kay*, *cay*), for someone who lived near or worked at a wharf or quay. Compare **Atkey**. The 1600–1 bearer may alternatively belong with (2), and some post-medieval bearers under (1) could belong here. **Early bearers:** Cecilia de Kay, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John del Cay, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William atte Keye, 1372 in *London Pleas*; John Quaye, 1600, John Quay, 1601 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey). 4 Norman: relationship name from the Breton personal name *Cai* (Latin *Caius*), but it is unknown if this survived as a hereditary surname. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey Cai, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Britius filius Kay, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls*. 5 Jewish (Ashkenazic): adopted for any of various Jewish names beginning with the letter *K-*. **Early bearers:** Abraham Kutchinsky, later Kaye, tailor, 1914 in *Preston Jewish Community* (Preston, Lancs). 6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 凱 and 凱, see **Chi** (11) and (12).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 987, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name, nickname from *kaya* 'rock', used either as the personal name *Kaya*, or as a nickname for a strong or obstinate person.

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**Variants:** *Kiani*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 885, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Muslim: from the Persian adjective *Kiyani*, denoting membership of a widespread clan that originated in Iran.

**References:** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kayani\\_clan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kayani_clan)

## Kaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6255, Ireland 118
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4478
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- English, Irish: see **Kay**.

**Kayes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Tipperary, and Limerick; Antrim
- English, Irish: see **Keys**.

**Kayley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 Manx: see **Caley**.  
2 English: see **Cayley**.

**Kayll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London; IoM
- Irish: see **Call** (3).

**Kaylor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- Scottish: see **Keillor**.

**Kayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish, Scottish: see **Kane**.

**Kays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Lancs
- See **Keys**.

**Kayser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Yorks
- English, German: see **Cayzer** and **Kaiser**.

**Kayton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Caton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Kazi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Pakistan, India, UAE): from a Persian and Urdu form of Arabic *qāḍī* 'judge'. Compare **Qazi**.

**Kazim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *kāzīm*, 'one who controls his anger'; an attribute of Musa, the seventh Imam of the Shiites.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Kazmi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from an Arabic name denoting a follower of Mūsā al-Kāzīm (died 1183), the seventh Imam of the Shiites. Compare **Kazim**.  
**Further information:** *Kāzīm* means 'one who controls his anger'.

**Keable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 678, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Keoble**.

**Keach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Keech**.

**Keady**

**Variants:** **Keedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 330
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: reduced from **Mac Céadaigh** 'son of *Céadach*', a personal name based on *céad* 'hundred'. See **McGeady**.

**Early bearers:** Kallough McKedee, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Wm. McKedagh, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4980 (Garvagh, Longford); Moreny Kedagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6565; Shane McKedough, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6684 (Mareborough, Queen's county [Laois]); Moses Keady, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Alexander Keady, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Turlough, Mayo).

**Keahey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: abbreviated from **Mac Eochaidh**, see **McCaughy** and **Keogh**. This anglicized form preserves the two syllables of *Eochaidh*.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Keal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Kale**.

**Keale**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England
- English: see **Kale**.

**Kealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 389
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe, see **Kealy**.

**Keall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Kent
- English: see **Kale**.

**Kealy**

**Variants:** **Kealey**, **Keely**, **Keeley**, **Queally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1032
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Carlow
- Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe 'descendant of *Caollaidhe*', a personal name based on *caol* 'slender, graceful'.  
**Early bearers:** Ferreaghe O'Kealle, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §140 (Aredristin); Melaghin O'Keally, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2348; Maurice McDavid Y Keely, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2782; Honory yny Keally, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3113 (Kilfielec); Dermot O'Keale, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4612 (Dunmoylyn); Thomas O'Kealla, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4668 (Ballychappill); Conoghor duf O'Keely, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Kildina); Teig McDermody I Keelly, kern, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734; Katherine ny Keally, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Rousk); Rorie mcPhilip I Kealy, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Ballynymoyntreagh).

**Keam**

**Variants:** **Keem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Kent
- English: locative name from Keyham (Leics), which is recorded as *Cayham* in 1220, *Kayme* in 1502, and *Keame* in 1576.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kayham, 12th cent., [ . . . de] Cayham, 1247 in *Place-Names of Leics* (Leics); Henry Keym, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Arkendale, WR Yorks); Robert de Kayham, 1329–30, Henry de Kayham, tanator, 1332–3 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); John Keame, 1563 in *IGI* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); Johne Keyme, 1567 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Keme, 1569 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Ruthe Keyme, 1588 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Willia. Keeme, 1602, Mary Keem, 1715 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); Michael Keme, 1612 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Henrie Keame, 1615, William Keme, 1652, Will Keeme, 1664, John Keem, 1689 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Ann Keame, 1618 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Tho. Keeme, 1626, Esther Keame, 1686 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Edmond Keem, 1633 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Dorcas Keym, 1640 in *IGI* (Revesby, Lincs); John Keem, 1677 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Mary Keam, 1682, Jane Keme, 1687 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent); William Keam, 1685 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Edw Keam, 1687 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon); Humphrey Keam, 1705 in *IGI* (Lanivet, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 157.

**Kean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1887, Ireland 60
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2026
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow, Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Clare; Mayo; Derry
- Irish: from Ó Catháin or Ó Céin, see **Keane**.

## Keanan

### Keanan

- GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Cianáin, see **Keenan**.

### Keane

Variants: **Kean**, **O'Keane**

- Current frequencies: GB 5608, Ireland 9648
- GB frequency 1881: 690
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht; esp. Galway; Munster: esp. Clare; Waterford

1 Irish: from Ó Catháin 'descendant of Cathán', a personal name from a diminutive of *cath* 'battle'. Compare **Kane**. Some of the early bearers listed here may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Dermot O'Cahan, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1061 (Tyentober, Wexford); Patrick Kene, husbandman, 1562–63 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §503 (Laditon, Kildare); Margaret Kene, gentlewoman, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1748 (Waterford); Philip O'Cahan, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2066; Thady O'Keane, husbandman, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2131 (Rathbegan, Meath); Teig reagh and Tho. O'Cahan, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4779 (Kilcroan, Galway); Marris O'Keane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6192 (Dublin).

2 Irish: from Ó Céin 'descendant of Cian', a personal name meaning 'distant, long'. Compare **Kane**.

**Early bearers:** John Kean, farmer, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3651 (Rathbegan, Meath); Teige Kean, farmer, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3651 (Rathbegan, Meath); Farrall O'Keyne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4023 (Ballenkeyne).

### Keaney

Variants: **Keany**, **Keeney**, **Keeny**

- Current frequencies: GB 609, Ireland 602
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim

1 Irish: from Ó Cianaigh, from a personal name based on *cianach*, a derivative of *cian* 'distant, long'.

2 Irish: from Ó Caoinnigh, a variant of Ó Coinnigh, see **Kenny**.

### Keany

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim and Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Cianaigh or Ó Caoinnigh, see **Keaney**.

### Kear

Variants: **Keer**, **Kier**, **Care**

- Current frequencies: GB 1059, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 507
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *keyer*, *kayer* 'key-maker, locksmith' (Old English \**cægere*, a derivative of *cæg* 'key'). The earliest bearer cited below, Adam filius Cheigher, is probably 'son of the key-maker'.

**Early bearers:** Adam filius Cheigher, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Robert le Keyere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard le Kayer, 1287 in *Fransson* (London); William le Keer, 1307 in *Fransson* (Leics); Richard le Kayer, 1287 in *London Letter Books A* (London);

Richard Kere, 1322 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Kayer, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorsington, Gloucs); Henry Keyre, Thomas Kere, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clearwell, Gloucs).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 146.

2 Scottish: see **Keir**.

### Kearey

- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Irish: see **Keary**.

### Kearin

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5

Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kearins

- Current frequencies: GB 48, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6

Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kearl

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Curl**.

### Kearle

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 42
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: see **Curl**.

### Kearley

- Current frequencies: GB 490, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 176
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset and IoW; Middx and Bucks

English: see **Kerley**.

### Kearn

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 152
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London; Glamorgan; also Devon and Cornwall

1 Irish: from Ó Céirín, see **Kearns**.

2 Irish: possibly also a variant of **McCarron**.

### Kearnes

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kearney

Variants: **Kerney**, **Carney**, **Carnie**, **Cairney**, **Cairnie**, **McKearney**

- Current frequencies: GB 4705, Ireland 6917
- GB frequency 1881: 1386
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Cork; Mayo; Louth

Irish: (i) shortened from Ó Catharnaigh 'descendant of Catharnach', a personal name meaning 'warlike'. Phonetically, this name is more likely to be anglicized as **Carney**. (ii) from Ó Cearnaigh or Mac

**Cearnaigh**, from *cearnach* 'victorious'. Phonetically, this name is also anglicized as **Cairney**. (iii) shortened from Ó Ceithearnaigh 'descendant of Ceithearnach', a personal name meaning 'foot soldier'. Phonetically, this name is more likely to be anglicized as **Kerney**. In Roscommon the family were also known as **Mac Ceithearnaigh**, anglicized as **McKearney**.

**Further information:** The head of a Meath family of this name is traditionally known as *An Sionnach* 'the Fox', an epithet first borne by Tadhg Ó Catharnaigh, who was killed in battle in 1084. The family name is therefore sometimes anglicized as **Fox**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland (O Ceithearnaigh, Ó Catharnaigh or Ó Cearnaigh): Cairpri hUa Ceithernaigh, bishop, 1095 in *AU* (Ui-Ceinnsealaigh or Ferns); Eogan hUa Cernaigh, erenagh, 1096 in *AU* (Derry); Philip Kearnye, clerk, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §568 (Killochia, Limerick); John Kearney, burgess, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3514 (Cashell); James O'Kearney, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743 (Killtilly); Gilleduff O'Kearney, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; Mellaghlen mcDonogh duffe O Carna, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5808 (Ballenlaghy, Connacht); Anstace Carny, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6446 (Killmallock, Limerick); Dermod mcPhilip O Keherne, weaver, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Gracescastle).

Ireland (Mac Ceithearnaigh): Cormac Mac Ceithernaigh, 1316 in *AU*; Cathal Mac Ceithernaigh, 1338 in *AU*; Shane grana McKeherne, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5616 (Cloynscoike, Roscommon).

Ireland (Mac Cearnaigh): Cu-Uladh Mac Cearnaighi, 1485 in *AU* (Ulster); Teig McCarny, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Tireconnell, Ulster).

### Kearns

Variants: **Kearnes**, **Kearins**, **Kerrins**, **Kearn**, **Kearin**, **Kerrin**, **Kerrane**, **Kerran**, **Keran**, **Kieran**, **Kerans**, **Kerns**

- Current frequencies: GB 3498, Ireland 3352
- GB frequency 1881: 929
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Galway

1 Irish: from Ó Céirín 'descendant of Céirín', a personal name from a diminutive of *ciar* 'dark, black', a variant of *Ciarán*, see **Kieran** and **Kearon**. Subsequently, English patronymic *-s* has been added to the anglicized form.

**Early bearers:** Patrick O'Kerine, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Laghlen O'Keryne, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2405; Moriertogh O'Kearane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2650; Moriertagh O'Keryn, yeoman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077 (Insheolaghta, Clare); Gilleduff O'Keryn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4569 (Clare); Mortagh lieth O Kerrin, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5065 (Ballychassae, Clare); Brien O Kerin, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Moyhell, Connacht); Nicoll O'Kearne, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Clontough); Ellenor ny Kearne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Srahy); Terence Keran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carlingford, Louth); John Kerin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Emlaghfad, Sligo); Thomas Kerns, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Robert Kearns, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down); James Kearns, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumachose, Derry).

2 Irish: possible variant spelling in Ulster of **Cairns**.

**Kearon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Ciaráin, see **Kieran**.

**Kearsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Kersey**.

**Kearsley**

Variants: **Kersley, Keasley, Carsley, Cursley, Caseley, Casley, Cassley, Caselaw, Carslaw, Caisley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Kearsley (Lancs) or Kearsley in Stamfordham (Northumb), or from Keresley (Warwicks) which is pronounced *Carsley*. **Early bearers:** Simon de Caresle, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); Henrico de Keresley, 1379, Henricus de Kerysley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lancs); Johannes de Keresley, Ricardus Keresleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Henrie Kersley, 1562, James Kersley, 1564 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Robart Caslay, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Caselaw, 1737 in *IGI* (Illderton, Northumb); William Caselaw, 1817 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks).

**Kearton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Kearton in Melbecks (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Kerton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Reeth, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Kerton, 1577 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); Briani Kearton, 1599 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Deborah Kearton, 1648 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Margt. Keerton, 1726 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 271.

**Keary**

Variants: **Kearey, Carr, Keery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 277
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Irish: from Ó Ciardha, from a personal name based on *ciar* 'dark, black'. It is sometimes anglicized as **Carey**.

**Early bearers:** Donell Kearighe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (of the Downinges); Diernmot Keare, mason, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Horetowne); Morish Keare, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762.

2 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Chéire**, a widespread name meaning 'son of *Giolla Céire*' or 'the servant of Saint Ciar'. *Ciar* 'dusky' was the name of a female saint, of Kilkeary (*Cill Chéire* 'Ciar's church'), Tipperary. A longer version of the surname was *Kilkeary*. See also **Carr**.

**Early bearers:** Morogh McGillekirre, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5460 (Cork); Bryen McGillekeyre, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5616 (Roscommon); Edm. mcEoyne McGillakier, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6198 (Munster);

Nyell mcDonell McGillekier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Owen mcEdm. McGillekyer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566; Donnogho mcMorroghowe McGullekierie, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Kil [banere]).

**Keasey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- Irish: see **Casey**.

**Keasley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- English: see **Kearsley**.

**Keast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 877
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: unexplained.

**Further information:** A nickname from an unrecorded Cornish \**kest* 'paunch, receptacle', cognate with Welsh *cest* 'belly, paunch; basket, pannier' and Breton *kest* 'beehive', is a formal possibility but a Cornish-language nickname is improbable in east Cornwall after 1200, during the period of surname formation, and the surname's earliest record is in neighbouring Devon, where only English had been spoken for several hundred years. If it is a nickname, it is more likely to be English or Anglo-Norman French in origin but no convincing etymon can be suggested. An alternative possibility is that *Keast* derives from an unrecorded personal name of obscure origin. Evidence for it, however, is doubtful and only tentatively identified in place-names such as Kersworthy in North Petherwin, Devon (*Casteswurth*, 1228, *Keastesworthi*, 1330), and Keason in Saint Ive parish, Cornwall (*Kestyngtun*, 13th century in a document dated 1348).

**Early bearers:** William Kesta, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meavy, Devon); Juliana Keyst 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Prieford, in Marwood, Devon); John Keste 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); William Kest 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (South Petherwin, Cornwall); Thomas Keste 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewannick, Cornwall); William, Stephen Keest 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); Jeremy Kiste, 1575 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Eliz. Keste, 1582 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Blanch Keast, 1588 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Mathew Keast, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Nicholai Keest, 1619 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Francis Keaste, 1620 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 159, at Kersworthy; *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, at \*kest.

**Keat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Kite**.

**Keate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also scattered in S England
- English: see **Kite**.

**Keates**

Variants: **Keats**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1594, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 975
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also scattered in S England

English: variant of **Keate** (see **Kite**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Keats, 1612 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Lawrence Keats, 1660, Mathew Keates, 1671 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Gulielmus Keates, 1695, Mary Keats, 1705 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs); Thomas Keats, 1733 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset).

**Keath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs
- Scottish: see **Keith**.

**Keating**

Variants: **Keeting, McKeating, Keatings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4860, Ireland 4366
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

1 Irish: anglicized form of **Céitinn** and **Mac Céitinn**, a gaelicized derivative of **de Ketyng**, a surname that was taken to Wexford in the 12th century by Anglo-Norman settlers. It has not been possible to identify the implied English place to which the early surname forms allude. The preposition may have been added to the name in (2) to reinforce the appearance of gentility.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Keting, 1275 in *CDI* §1163 (Tipperary); Elias Keating, 1282 in *CDI* §1912; Robert de Keting, attorney in Ireland, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*; William Keting, 1543 in *Fiants Henry* §364; William Ketinge, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §308 (Tarseston); Balthazar Keting, kern, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1231 (Downecanan, Wexford); Edmund Ketyng, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §515; Richard Ketinge, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §534; Walter Keatinge, Rector of Tecomshane, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §713; Teige roe O'Keytyn, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2621; Ferdorogh Keting, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3973; Thomas Keatinge, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4502; Shane O'Keaten, tailor, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (Robertstown).

2 English: relationship name, possibly from a Middle English personal name \**Keting*, \**Kiting* (Old English \**Cýting*). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Ketingg, prisoner in Norwich castle, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Keting, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Twyning, Gloucs); Waltero Kytynge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Quenington, Gloucs); Robert Ketyng, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Woolwich, Kent); William Ketyng', 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Ketyng, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Ketyng, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Keating, 1672 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Katherine Keeting, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West,

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London); Izabella Keating, 1710 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Richard Keating, 1767 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Matthew Keating, 1774 in *IGI* (Church Lawton, Cheshire).

3 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Keaton**.

Early bearers: Mary Keaton, 1603, Cadogan Keating, 1720 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs

English: variant of **Keating** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: James Keetins, 1860 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

### Keatley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 181
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: see **Keighley**.

### Keaton

Variants: **Keyton**, **Caton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: variant of the Lancs name **Caton**.

2 English: locative name from Keaton, in Ermington (Devon), recorded as *Cauton* in 1332, *Keaton* in 1424, and *Keyton* in 1504. This surname is rare in 1881, appearing in Devon as *Caton* and *Keaton*.

Early bearers: Matthew de Cauton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ermington, Devon); John Keyton, 1618 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); John Keaton, 1683 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Uriah Cayton, 1753 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Mary Ann Caton, 1794 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 272.

3 English: see **Ketton**.

4 English: see **Keeton**.

### Keats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset; also Staffs

English: see **Keates**.

### Keattch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Keech**.

### Keaveney

Variants: **Keaveny**, **Caveney**, **McKeaveney**, **Guiney**, **Caveny**, **Kaveney**, **McGeeney**, **Geaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 820
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó (or Mac) **Géibheannaigh** ‘descendant (or son) of *Géibheannach*’, a personal name based on *géibheannach* meaning ‘bound, or captive one’. There has been some confusion between this name and **Kavanagh**.

**Further information:** **Mac Géibheannaigh** is primarily found in Connacht and Ulster, whereas **Ó Géibheannaigh** is mainly found in Munster.

Early bearers: England: Micoll Geney, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); John Geaney, 1793 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey).

Ireland: Wm. Ogiany, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3039 (Kenelmek, Cork); William McKeaven, kern, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5227 (Cargin, Leitrim); Molmory McKeaveny, yeoman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Iskrowne, Sligo); Wm. O’Geany, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6117 (Cork); John oge O’Geyne, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Dingle, Kerry); Denny Keavanegh (alias Donogh reogh McDermod), 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Wm. O’Geane, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Ardart, Kerry); Hugh McGeeny, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Duffernagh, Armagh); Patrick Keaveny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killukin, Roscommon); Widow Keaveny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killukin, Roscommon).

### Keaveny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Sligo, and Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Géibheannaigh**, see **Keaveny**.

### Keay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1670, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1271
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Kincardines and Perth; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

Irish, Scottish, English: see **Kay**.

### Keays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- Manx, Irish: see **Keys**.

### Kebbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Keeble**.

### Kebell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Keeble**.

### Keber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants

1 English: see **Keeber**.

2 Slovenian: nickname from the colloquial word *keber* ‘beetle, chafer’, of German origin.

### Keble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Kent
- English: see **Keeble**.

## Keck

Variants: **Keek**, **Kick**, **Kicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) nickname, apparently from the Middle English reflex of the Old Scandinavian name *Keikr* (from *keikr* ‘bent backwards’), or *Kekkja*. (ii) locative name, if *Keek* is truly a variant; note Marg’ de Keek, 1381 in Poll Tax (Freiston, Lincs). (iii) nickname, possibly from \**keck*, backformed from *kex*, used through much of S England as the name of a range of umbelliferous plants having a hollow stalk when dried, for instance cow parsley, cow parsnip, and hemlock, as well as teasel (with parallels in Scandinavia).

Early bearers: Walter Kek, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); John Keck, 1330 in *TNA* (Chislet, Kent); John Kek, 1352 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Keek, 1370 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Hugone Kek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Johanne Keeck, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers and Easton, Wilts); Thomas Keck, 1583 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Kecke, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Newnton, Oxon); Robertus Keck, 1701 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); John Keck, 1741 in *IGI* (Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucs); Thomas Keck, 1817 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

### Keddie

Variants: **Keddy**, **Kiddie**, **Kiddy**, **McKiddie**, **Geddie**, **Keedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 896
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Adaigh** ‘son of little Adam’, a Scots diminutive of the Biblical personal name. Compare **McAdie**, **McAdam**.

Early bearers: Scotland: John Kady, 1577 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); Margaret Keddie, 1623 in *Lanark Testaments* (Roberton, Lanarks); Robbie Keddie, 1641 in *Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book* (Dysart, Fife); Donald McKeddie, piper, 1647 in *Epitaphs of North-East Scotland* (King Edward, Aberdeens).

Ireland: Kallough McKedee, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Faghny McKede, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; James McKede, horseman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §605; Gerald McKeaday, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108.

### Keddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; WR Yorks; Dorset
- English: see **Kiddle**.

### Keddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England; also Lanarks

Irish, Scottish: see **Keddie**.

### Kedge

Variants: **Ketch**, **Cadge**, **Catch**, **Keech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Norfolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English \**kegge*, *kigge* ‘cheerful, pleasant, agreeable, merry’. Compare



‘Kygge, or ioly: Jocundus, hillaris, vernosus’, about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*, an E Anglian English-Latin glossary. Modern East Anglian dialect has *kedge* ‘brisk, lively’, corresponding to Danish and Norwegian *kiæk*, Swedish *käck* ‘bold, brisk’. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Alured Keg’, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alexander Kech, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); William Kigge, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Richard le Keg’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wadhurst and Mayfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Ketch, 1551 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Robert Ketch, 1564 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Kedge, 1576 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); John Ketch, 1594 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Francis Ketch, 1623 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Ketch, 1623 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Nicholas Kedge, 1628 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); James Kedge, 1647 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); William Ketch, 1648 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); John Kedge, 1752 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Mark Ketch, 1754 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

2 English: nickname, perhaps for a pot-bellied person, from an unrecorded Middle English \**kegge* ‘belly’. Compare 19th-century dialect *kedge* ‘stomach’, ‘glutton’.

3 English: see **Keech** and compare **Catch**. Early forms of these names are difficult to distinguish from one other.

### Kedward

**Variants:** **Kedwards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Brecknocks
- English, Welsh: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Kedward, 1539, Rowland Kedward, Thomas Kedwarde, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Eardisley, Herefs); Wyllyam Kedward, 1547 in *Herefs Chantry Valuations* (Hereford, Herefs); Edward Kedward, 1575, Thoms Kedwarde, 1577 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); James Kedwarde or Kedward, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Holmer, Herefs); Marye Kedward, 1608 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); John Kedward, 1622 in *IGI* (Alfrick, Worcs); Johane Kedward, 1632 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs); James Kedward, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Eardisley, Herefs); William Kedward, 1821 in *IGI* (Cwmyoy, Monmouths).

### Kedwards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: variant of **Kedward** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Kedwardes, 1560 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); William Kedwards, 1693 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Charles Kedwards, 1821 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs).

### Kedwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Kadwell**.

### Kedzior

**Variants:** **Kendra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname, Polish **Kidzior**, from *kidzior* ‘lock of hair’, hence a nickname for someone with long hair.

### Kee

**Variants:** **Kees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 465

- **GB frequency 1881:** 79

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; IoM

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 Manx, Irish: from **Mac Aodha**, **Mac Aoidh**, see **McKee**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund cam McHenry Key, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Craig a turlio); Katherine ny Kee, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036 (Clonkeine); Katherine ny Kye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5612 (Carryignownroe).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ke* ‘jackdaw’.

**Early bearers:** John Kese, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Kee, 1481 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 計, 薊, 嵇, 冀, 姬, 暨, 紀, and 祁, see **Chi** (5–12).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1).

### Keeber

**Variants:** **Keber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Kebur, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brixworth, Northants); John Keaber, 1824, Charlotte Keiber, 1842 in *IGI* (Pitsford, Northants).

### Keeble

**Variants:** **Kibel, Kibble, Kibbel, Keble, Kebell, Kebbell, Keable, Gibble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3305, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2054

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *kibble* ‘cudgel’ (possibly from an Old English \**cybbel*), perhaps a nickname denoting a maker or seller of cudgels, or used of someone of stout and stocky build.

**Early bearers:** Æluric Chebbel, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Kebbel, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Salomon Kebbel, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Kibel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Kybbel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Kebyll, Richard Kebull, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Keech

**Variants:** **Keitch, Keattch, Keach, Keetch, Catch, Kedge, Cage, Kitch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 466

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants; Dorset

1 English: nickname for an excessively fat person, from Middle English \**cach*, \**caiche*, \**cage*, \**kech*, a word of unknown origin but presumably the

antecedent of Modern English dialect *keech* (variant *catch*) ‘a lump of congealed fat; the fat of a slaughtered animal rolled up into a lump’ (in preparation for sending to the chandler or tallow maker to make wax). Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under **Kedge** or **Cage**. Compare **Geach**.

**Further information:** The sense is not certainly recorded until the 18th century in *OED* but is probably implied in Shakespeare’s reference to ‘goodwife Keech the butchers wife’ (*Henry IV*: 2 ii. i. 96) and to Cardinal Wolsey as ‘a Keech [that] can with his very bulke Take vp the Rayes o’ th’ beneficial Sun, And keepe it from the Earth’ (*Henry VIII*: i. i. 55). The word is recorded in the 19th-century dialects of Northants, Gloucs, Somerset, and Dorset (*English Dialect Dictionary*), counties where the Middle English surname also occurs. There is no reason to believe that *keech* ever denoted a butcher (as Reaney inferred), though it might be a particularly apt nickname for a fat one.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Keche, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Hugo Keche, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Godfrey Cacch’, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Gervase Cage, 1211 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Matilda Cage, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard le Kech, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longbridge, Sussex); Margery Cach, 1326 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Caiche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellington, Hunts); John le Kage, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Gransden, Hunts); John Cach, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lillyngton, Dorset); Robert Kache, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grimstone, in Stratton, Dorset); Walter Kech, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alvington, Gloucs); William Kech, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morton, Gloucs); John Cach, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Stephanus Kech’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waldon, Somerset); Johannes Kech’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadmayne, Dorset); Hugo Keche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston Capes, Northants); Johanne Keche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland and Barcote, Berks); John Keech, 1573 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); George Keach, 1592 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Roberti Keetch, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Keetch, 1615 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Jefferie Catche, 1606, Jeffry Keach, 1615, in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Johis Keech, 1617 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Emanuell Keech, 1637 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John Keach, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Francis Cache, 1661 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Nicholas Keech, 1674 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Elizabeth Keach, 1706 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds).

2 English: see **Kedge**.

### Keed

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Kidd**.

### Keedwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: see **Kidwell**.

### Keedy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks

## Keef

Irish, Scottish: (i) see **Keady**. (ii) see **Keddie**.  
**Early bearers:** James Keedy, 1718, Tho. Keddey, 1747, James Keddy, 1773, George Keady, 1819 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Keef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; London; Glamorgan and Monmouths; Lincs

Irish: see **O'Keeffe**.

### Keefe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1713, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1288
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork

Irish: from Ó Caoimh, see **O'Keeffe**.

**Early bearers:** Ouin Keigh, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3901 (Wexford).

### Keeff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Irish: see **O'Keeffe**.

### Keeffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread in S Ireland: esp. Cork

Irish: from Ó Caoimh, see **O'Keeffe**.

### Keegan

**Variants:** **McKeegan**, **McEgan**, **Kegan**, **Keggan**, **Keegans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3734, Ireland 3207
- **GB frequency 1881:** 992
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Meath, and Dublin; Leitrim

Irish: from **Mac Aodhagáin** 'son of **Aodhagán**'. **Aodhagán** is a double-diminutive pet form of the ancient Irish personal name **Aodh** 'fire'. See also **Egan**.

**Early bearers:** Gilla-na-naem Mac Aedhuga[i]n, sage for Connacht and Ireland, 1309 in *AU*; Aedh mac Concobuir Mic Aedhaga[i]n, sage in jurisprudence, 1359 in *AU*; Brian Mac Aedhaga[i]n, sage in jurisprudence for Breifni, 1390 in *AU*; Concobur Mac Aedhaga[i]n, sage for Clann Ricaird in jurisprudence, 1438 in *Fiants Elizabeth* iii 142; Gyllernewe McKegan, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; Moriertagh O'Kegan, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; William Kegane, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §699; Cormoke O'Kegane, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1747; William O'Kegane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6628; John Keigane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6755; Kitty Keegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim); Patrick Kegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. Feighins, Westmeath).

### Keegans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: variant of **Keegan** with excrescent Scots or English -s.

### Keehan

**Variants:** **McKeegan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Caocháin or **Mac Caocháin**, from a personal name or byname derived from *caoch* 'blind or purblind'.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O'Keghane, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Walter O'Kehane, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1046 (Ballykanavan); Donogho riough O'Keighane, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4482 (Robertstowne); Dermot McMoroughe O'Keyghan, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4612 (Dunmoylyn); Cormock O'Kehane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1046 (Clonne).

### Keek

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- See **Keek**.

### Keel

**Variants:** **Keele**, **Keell**, **Kell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England (esp. Wilts); also Yorks

1 English: locative name from East and West Keal (Lincs) or Keele (Staffs). Some of the bearers cited here may belong rather to (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Kele, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Keel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph de Kele, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (West Keal, Lincs); Richard Kele, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Bledlow, Bucks); Agn' de Kele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Adam de Kele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lancs); Johannes Kele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gresham, Norfolk); Thomas Keel, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Keal, Lincs); Robert Keell, 1481 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robert Keele, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Lewknor, Oxon); John Keele, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Keale, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Rougham, Suffolk); Robti. Keel, 1657 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); William Keel, 1661 in *IGI* (Reepham, Lincs).

2 English: perhaps, in Wilts at least, a variant of **Keevil**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Keel, 1598, Robert Keele, 1599 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); John Keele, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Katherin Keele, 1621 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Keel, 1628 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

### Keelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Monaghan; also Cavan

1 Irish: from Ó Céileacháin, from *céileachán*, a diminutive of *céile* 'companion'.

**Early bearers:** Donoghe O'Kaylan, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Donnell A Kellaine, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223; Shane Kellin, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4019; Patrick O'Kealain, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§4614; Katherine Kellen, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6133; David roe O'Kellane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6524; Dermot mcIrelegh O'Kealghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499.

2 Welsh: locative name from any of various townships in Wales called Cilan, especially one in Llanbedr Dyffrin Clwyd (Denbighs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Keelan, 1563, Richard Kilane, Richard Kellan, 1602 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Oswestry, Shrops); Thomas Kilan, 1591 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Whittington, Shrops); Anne Keelan, 1615 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops); Hugh Killen, 1667 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 70.

### Keele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London; Staffs
- English: see **Keel**.

### Keeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1463, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 883
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: occupational name, probably from Middle English *keler* 'keelman, bargeman', an agent derivative of Middle English *kele* 'flat-bottomed ship, barge, lighter' (from Middle Dutch *kiel*). The sense would seem to be 'crewman of a keel' rather than 'shipwright'; compare 'seruientes in bargia qui dicuntur kelers', 1332 in *MED* (Northumb). The surname has not been noted in medieval documents, and the post-medieval bearers show some evidence of confusion with **Keller** in both Kent and Norfolk. **Early bearers:** John Keeler, 1564 in *IGI* (Pampisford, Cambs); Fryset Keeler, 1572, Thomas Keller, 1590 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Richard Keeler, 1592 in *IGI* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); Elyzabeth Keeler, 1603 in *IGI* (Scottow, Norfolk); Johan Keeler, 1620, Martha Keller, 1649 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

### Keeley

**Variants:** **Quealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2700, Ireland 565
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe, see **Kealy**. There has been some confusion with **Kiely**.

### Keelin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Keeling**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Keeling

**Variants:** **Keelin**, **Killing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4080, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *keling*, *kiling* (probably of Old Scandinavian origin) ‘young codfish’, perhaps for a fishmonger or for someone with staring eyes. This seems to be borne out by a single example of the surname with the definite article: Richard le Kylynge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Audley, Staffs), noted in *Tooth*. Compare Sara Keeling, 1701 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs). The surname is found fairly widely across the Midlands and E England, as the examples below illustrate, but as *Tooth* shows the modern surname is largely Staffs in origin, later migrating into Derbys and WR Yorks (see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*). Some of the following early bearers in E England may, however, belong with (2). (ii)

relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Kel(l)ing*, attested only by the place-name Kelleythorpe (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Kelington* (1280–90). Smith (*Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 155) suggests it is a derivative (a pet form, perhaps) of Old Scandinavian personal names in *Ketil-*, such as *Ketilbjorn*, and presumably *Ketill* itself (see *Kettle*), but *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, and *Fellows Jensen*, *Yorkshire* are probably on firmer ground in supposing it to be a transferred use of the nickname in (i).

**Further information:** The name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century. It is not to be confused with Irish **Keelan**.

**Early bearers:** Ælfrine Celung, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Grim Chelyng, 1150–61 in *Yorks Charters*; Henry Keling, about 1170–80 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Morcher Keling, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Serlo Keling, 1200 in *Tooth* (Tutbury, Staffs); Rob. Keling, 1269 in *Leicester Borough Records* (Leics); Robert Kelyng, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Joh’ Kelyng, 1296 in *Wheatley Court Rolls* (Notts); Hugh Keling, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ravenser, ER Yorks); William Kelyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tunstall, in Stoke on Trent, Staffs); John Kelyng, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William Keling, 1458 in *York Registry Wills* (Bridlington ER Yorks); Thomas Keling, 1543 in *York Registry Wills* (Filey ER Yorks); Henrici Keeling, 1542 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); John Keeling, 1552 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Elizabeth Keeling, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); An Keeling, 1611 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Keeling, 1641 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); William Keeling, 1665, Richard Keelin, 1698 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Keeling, 1666, Tho Keelin, 1708 in *IGI* (Shirley, Derbys); Samuel Keeling, 1717 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Thomas Keeling, 1769 in *IGI* (Ruddington, Notts).

2 English: see **Killing**.

### Keell

- GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Keel**.

### Keelty

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks and Lancs; Warwicks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Roscommon; also Down

Irish: from Ó Caoilte, see **Kielty**.

### Keely

- Current frequencies: GB 244, Ireland 310

- GB frequency 1881: 304
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also London; Norfolk
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Galway; Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe, see **Kealy**.

### Keem

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Keam**.

### Keen

**Variants:** Keene, Keens, Kine

- Current frequencies: GB 8322, Ireland 31
- GB frequency 1881: 5945
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. London, Bucks, Oxon, and W Midlands

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kene*, a short form of Old English names formed with either *Cēn-* (from *cēn* ‘keen’) or *Cyne-* (from *cyne-*, combining form of *cynn* ‘kin, family’), such as survive in *Kenward*, *Kenway*, *Kerrich*, etc. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) or to **Kine** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Kene, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Alexander filius Kene, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Kene, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo Kene, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Kyne, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Kene, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Kyne, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Friskney, Lincs); Henry Kyne, 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Staplehurst, Kent); Robert Kyne, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Michinhampton, Gloucs); Ralph Keen, 1572 in *IGI* (Ufford, Suffolk); Radulphi Keen, 1599 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *kene* ‘wise, brave, proud, keen’.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Kene, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Alexandre la Kine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Ealse Keen, 1577 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Thomas Keen, 1588 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Elizabeth Keen, 1589 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Anne Keen, 1590 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey).

### Keena

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 276
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Westmeath

Irish: from Ó Caoinnigh, a variant of Ó Coinnigh, see **Kenny**.

**Early bearers:** Derby Kynne, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §840 (Limerick, Killymallock); One O’Kynay, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Cloghregrenan); Gillabride O’Kina, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ballykyna); Ferdorcha O’Keney, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618; Patrick O’Kynnye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5685.

### Keenaghan

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Westmeath; Kilkenny and Laois

Irish: from Ó Coinneacháin, see **Kinahan**.

### Keenan

**Variants:** Keenen, Keanan, Kenan

- Current frequencies: GB 7917, Ireland 5178
- GB frequency 1881: 2514
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Monaghan, Down, and Tyrone; also Laois

Irish: from Ó Cianáin ‘son of *Cianán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *cian* ‘distant, long’, or possibly of *Mac Fhinghin* ‘fair offspring’.

**Early bearers:** Philip Kenane, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; Matthew Keynan, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1310; Mulrony O’Kinan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805; Connor O’Kenan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6192; Sawe ny Kenyn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Moynett); Shane O’Kinane (McBren McConnochor O’Kinane), 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Teige O’Kinane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735.

### Keene

- Current frequencies: GB 1759, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 1763
  - Main GB location 1881: London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- English: see **Keen**.

### Keenen

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Cianáin, see **Keenan**.

### Keener

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Keenor**.

### Keenes

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex; Beds
- English: see **Keens**.

### Keeney

- Current frequencies: GB 382, Ireland 196
  - GB frequency 1881: 90
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- Irish: from Ó Cianaigh or Ó Caoinnigh, see **Keaney**.

### Keenleyside

**Variants:** Keenlside, Keenlyside, Kinleyside, Kindleyside

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 77
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Keenleyside in Allendale (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Frances Kenlside, 1632 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Anthony Keenlside, 1635 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Agnes Keenlysyde, 1654 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Robert Kenleyside, 1665, Mary Keenleyside, 1714 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 125.

**Keenlside**

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: see **Keenleyside**.

**Keenlyside**

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 89
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Keenleyside**.

**Keenor**

Variants: **Keener**

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name, apparently from Keynor in Sidlesham (Sussex), though it is by no means certain that the medieval and post-medieval bearers are connected.

**Early bearers:** Johem de Kynore, 1304 in *Feet of Fines* (Keynor in Sidlesham, Sussex); Richard Keyner, 1607 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Peter Keyner, 1620 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); James Keener, 1684 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent); George Keynor, 1698, Philip Keenor, 1709 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Elizabeth Keener, 1716 in *IGI* (Martinhoe, Devon); Susan Keynor, 1796 in *IGI* (Langton Long Blandford, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 86.

**Keens**

Variants: **Keenes**

- Current frequencies: GB 380, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 167
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England
- 1 Norman, English: see **Caines**.  
2 English: variant of **Keen** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Keeny**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Cianaigh or Ó Caoinnigh, see **Keaney**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Keep**

- Current frequencies: GB 1340, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 972
- Main GB location 1881: Berks; Beds; London

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *kepe*, possibly in the sense 'keep of a castle' though this is not otherwise recorded until the late 16th century (perhaps a translation of Italian *tenazza* 'that which keeps'), or in the sense 'lookout place' (Old English \**cēpe*, from *cēpan* 'to watch, look out for').

**Early bearers:** Petr' de la Koype (read Keype), 1296, Thom' ate Kepe, 1327, Thom' atte Kepe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Robert de Kepe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes atte Kepe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Ricardo Kepe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grove, Berks); Johannes Kepe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fratton, Hants); Ralph de Kepe, 1384, John Kepe, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Jane Keepe, 1540 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Ayles Keepe, 1555 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds); Alce Keepe, 1558 in *IGI*

(Claypole, Lincs); John Keep, 1632 in *IGI* (Peasmore, Berks); Robert Keep, 1653 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); George Keep, 1676 in *IGI* (Doddington, Lincs).  
**References:** *OED*, at keep n.; *Löfvenberg*, pp. 31–2; *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*, at \*cape.

**Keepax**

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: see **Kippax**.

**Keepen**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset; London

English: see **Kipping**.

**Keeper**

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 53
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *keper* 'guardian, warden, custodian'. (ii) locative name from Middle English \**keper*, either 'dweller by the castle keep' or 'dweller by the lookout place'. See **Keep** for the senses, and see **Waterer** for the formation.

**Early bearers:** William le Kepere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Simone Kepere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex); John Kepere, 1367 in *Thureson* (Essex); Johannes Kepere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Willelmo Kepere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); Anne Keeper, 1586 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Agnes Keper, 1591 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Richarde Keeper, 1618 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex).

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 72.

**Keepin**

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Wilts

English: see **Kipping**.

**Keeping**

- Current frequencies: GB 639, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 614
- Main GB location 1881: Hants, Surrey, and Dorset

English: see **Kipping**.

**Keer**

- Current frequencies: GB 202, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 202
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Suffolk; Lanarks
- 1 English: see **Kear**.  
2 Scottish: see **Keir**.

**Keers**

- Current frequencies: GB 370, Ireland 83
  - GB frequency 1881: 104
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish: see **Keirs**.

**Keery**

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 205
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Westmeath
- Irish: from Ó Ciardha, see **Keary** (1).

**Kees**

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Essex; also Dunbartons

English, Scottish,: variant of **Kee** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Keeshan**

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Casáin, see **Kissane**.

**Early bearers:** Shane McWilliam McThomas I Keshan, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4600.

**Keet**

- Current frequencies: GB 258, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Lancs; London

English: see **Kite**.

**Keetch**

- Current frequencies: GB 214, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 111
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Somerset

English: see **Keech**.

**Keeting**

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 93
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs
- Irish, English: see **Keating**.

**Keetley**

- Current frequencies: GB 518, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 194
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: see **Keighley**.

**Keeton**

Variants: **Keaton**, **Ketton**, **Keyton**

- Current frequencies: GB 889, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 490
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Kiveton, in the parish of Wales (WR Yorks), close to the borders of Derbys and Notts, and recorded as *Kiveton* and *Keveton* in the 13th century, *Keton* in the 15th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Keton or de Kyueton, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Kiveton, also Harthill, WR Yorks); John de Keueton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Robert de Keton, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes de Keton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denaby, WR Yorks); Thomas Keeton, 1603 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Alexandri Keeton, 1616 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Alexander Keeton, 1619, Elizabetha Keyton, 1637 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); John Ketton, 1637 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); George Keyton, 1688 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts); James Keeton, 1696 in *IGI* (Owston, WR Yorks); Sarah Keaton, 1732 in *IGI*

(Winkburn, Notts); Thos. Keeton, 1767 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
2 English: variant of **Caton** or **Ketton**.

### Keevan

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6

1 Irish: from Ó Ciabháin ‘descendant of *Ciabhán*’, from a personal name meaning ‘long-haired’.

2 Irish: from Ó Caomháin, see **Cavan**.

### Keeve

- GB frequency 1881: 5

English: perhaps a variant of **Cave**. Compare **Keeves**.

Early bearers: Sir Reginald Keyve, 1541 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Keeve, 1635 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Keeve, 1681 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); William Keeve, 1768 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Mary Keeve, 1775 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks).

### Keever

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 9

Irish: reduced form of **McKeever**, see **McIvor**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Keeves

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks and Middx

English: probably a variant of **Caves**. Compare **Keeve**.

Early bearers: Jeremy Keeves, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); William Kieves, 1738 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Damaris Keeves, 1748 in *IGI* (Wolverton, Bucks).

### Keevil

Variants: **Keevill**, **Kevil**, **Keel**, **Kewell**, **Kivell**, **Kivel**

- Current frequencies: GB 342, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 247
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Keevil (Wilts), which is recorded as *Kivele* in 1211, *Cuvel* in 1242, *Keveleye* in 1289.

Early bearers: Hugh de Chiuiilli, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William de Keuill, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Elias de Kivili, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Rogeri de Kevilli, burgess of Bristol, 13th cent. in *Beaulieu Cartulary* (Gloucs); Nicholas Kivel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); John de Kyvelee, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Keevil, Wilts); Johanne de Kyueley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bere Regis, Dorset); John de Kyveleye, 1337, John de Kyvele, 1347, Ralph Kyvele, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Agnes Keevill, 1550 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Thomas Kevell, 1562 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Henrici Kevell, 1609 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Elinor Keeuell, 1628 in *IGI* (Hilperton, Wilts); Samuell Keewell, 1659 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Keevell, 1669 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Thomas Keuell, 1669, Margret Keewell, 1674, Elizabeth Kevel, 1700 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 142.

### Keevill

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: see **Keevil**.

### Keelys

- Current frequencies: GB 97, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: SE England

English: see **Keys**.

### Kefford

Variants: **Kifford**

- Current frequencies: GB 335, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 225
- Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Beds

English: apparently a locative name from an unidentified or lost place called *Kefford* or *Kifford*, which seems to be somewhere in or near Cambs.

Early bearers: John Keffurthe, 1556, Thomas Kefforde, 1606 in *IGI* (Arrington, Cambs); John Kefforde, 1565 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); Laurentius Kefford, 1586 in *IGI* (Longstowe, Cambs); John Kifford, 1599, John Kefford, 1600 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Catherine Kefford, 1607 in *IGI* (Astwick, Beds); Richard Kefford, 1673 in *IGI* (Norton, Herts); Thomas Kifford, 1686 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts).

### Kegan

- GB frequency 1881: 127
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

Irish: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Keegan**.

### Kegg

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 132
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Manx: variant of **Keig**.

### Keggin

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 63
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Irish, Manx: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Keegan**.

### Kegley

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: Dunbartons

Irish: from Ó Coighligh, see **Quigley**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kehelly

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: see **Cloughley**.

### Kehilly

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: see **Cloughley**.

### Kehinde

- Current frequencies: GB 214, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from an *àmútorunwá* or circumstance name *Kéhindé*, (Yoruba *kó èhìn dé* ‘(he or she) who comes last’), bestowed on the younger of twins.

References: *Oduyoye*, pp. 55, 86.

### Kehoe

- Current frequencies: GB 1844, Ireland 2878
- GB frequency 1881: 443
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

Irish: from Mac Eochaidh, see **Keogh**.

### Keig

Variants: **Kegg**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 171
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Manx: Manx *Mac Taidhg* ‘son of *Tadg*’, a personal name or byname from a word meaning ‘poet’ or ‘philosopher’; compare Irish **Tighe**, Scottish Gaelic **McCraig**.

Early bearers: Muirheartach Mac Taidhg, 1159 in *Moore*; Mac Keg, 1511, Kegg, 1630, Keige, 1653 in *Moore*.

### Keighley

Variants: **Keighly**, **Keithley**, **Keightley**, **Keatley**, **Keetley**, **Kightley**, **Kightly**, **Keitley**, **Ketley**, **Kitley**

- Current frequencies: GB 1181, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 1601
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; Derry

English: locative name from Keighley (WR Yorks).

Further information: It has been claimed that most bearers of this surname are descended from Sir Henry de Kygheley (probably the same person as the 14th-century and 1300 early bearer), who held the manor of Keighley in 1305.

Early bearers: Henry de Kythelay, 14th cent. in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Henry de Kygheley, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Gythlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, WR Yorks); John de Kyghley, clerk, 1390, John Kyghley of Salmonby, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gilbert de Kyghlay, knight, 1408, Gilbert Kyghley, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Wm. Keighley, 1576 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); William Keighley, 1597 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Henrie Keighley, 1616 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lincs); John Keighley, 1633 in *IGI* (Thrumpton, Notts).

### Keighly

- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Keighley**.

### Keight

- Current frequencies: GB 240, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: see **Kight**.

### Keightley

- Current frequencies: GB 1111, Ireland 63
- GB frequency 1881: 675
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in N and central England: esp. Lincs and WR Yorks

1 English: see **Keighley**.

2 Irish: from Ó Gatlaovich, see **Gately**.

### Keil

Variants: **Keill**

- Current frequencies: GB 336, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 136

## Keiley

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Morays and Banffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- 1 Scottish: unexplained, possibly from a place called Keil or Keill in Scotland.
- Early bearers:** John Keill, 1615, Thomas Kyill, 1624 in *Black* (Dundee, Angus); Janet Keil, 1644 in *IGI* (Currie, Midlothian); Jonet Kyill, 1649 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Keil, 1683 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth); Jean Keil, 1790 in *IGI* (Knockando, Morays).
- 2 German: nickname from Middle High German *kil* ‘wedge, wooden peg’.

## Keiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- 1 Irish: from Ó Cadhla, see **Keily**.
- 2 Irish: see **Kiely**.

## Keill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Keil** (1).

## Keiller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth
- Scottish: see **Keillor**.

## Keillor

- Variants:** Keiller, Caylor, Kaylor
- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth
- Scottish: locative name from Keillor in Newtyle and Kettins parishes in the old county of Angus, but now in Perth and Kinross.
- Early bearers:** Randolph of Kelor, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls* (Angus), of Keler, 1306 in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Kelore, 1383 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Keillor, Angus); Jannet Keillor, 1661 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); Margarit Keillour, 1684 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); Isobel Keilor, 1726 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); James Keillar, 1796 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); James Keillir, 1799 in *IGI* (Panbride, Angus).

## Keilty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Down
- Irish: from Ó Caoilte, see **Kiilty**.

## Keily

- Variants:** Keiley
- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Cork, and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Cadhla, see **Kiely**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas mcTeig I Keyly, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2931; Teig mcDermody I Keyly, kern, 1585

in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734; Rowrie O’Moell fitz John Keallie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6552.

## Keir

- Variants:** Kier, Keer, Kear, Keirs
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1606, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1489
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish: locative name from Keir in Dunblane (Perth).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew del Ker, 1296 in *Black* (Stirlings); William Ker, 1366 in *Black* (Stirling, Stirlings); William of Keir, 1462 in *Black*; Thomas Kere, 1558 in *Black* (Forfar, Angus); Bessie Keire, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Keir, 1634 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); William Kier, 1641 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Patrick Keire, 1700 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).
- England: David Keir, 1678 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Keirl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Curl**.

## Keirle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Curl**.

## Keirs

- Variants:** Keers
- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish: variant of **Keir** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Keit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Kite**.

## Keitch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Keech**.

## Keith

- Variants:** Keath
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3914, Ireland 151
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Cavan
- Scottish: locative name, relationship name from the lands of Keith in E Lothian. This locative name has also been adopted as a Scottish and Ulster Scots personal name, whence the surname **McKeith**.
- Further information:** This is the name of a family who held the title Marischal of Scotland or Earl Marischal from the 12th to the 18th century. They have also held the title Earl of Kintore since 1677.

**Early bearers:** Malcolm de Keth, 1182–1202 in *Kelso Register* (Innerwick, East Lothian); Bernard de Keth, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* Robert Keith, 1579 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elspet Keith, 1582 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Robert Keith, 1598, Alexander Keath, 1626 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Keithley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: see **Keighley**.

## Keitley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Keighley**.

## Kekewich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Kekwick**.

## Kekwick

- Variants:** Kekewich
- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: locative name from Keckwick (Cheshire).
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kecwyk, 1287, [ . . . de] Kequik, 1288 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Richard de Kekwike, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Kekewiche, 1526 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Mary Kecwich, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Emlin Keckwicke, 1562 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Keckwicke, 1585 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); George Keckwich, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Sarah Kecquick, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); Rachel Kekwick, 1772 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, pp. 151–2.

## Kelbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness
- English: see **Kelby**.

## Kelby

- Variants:** Kelbie
- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs and WR Yorks; Lanarks
- English: locative name from Keelby (Lincs). There may have been some confusion with **Kilby**.
- Early bearers:** Peter de Kelesby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Keleby, 1305 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Hugh de Kelby, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert de Kelby, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Walter de Keleby, 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Keleby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keelby, Lincs); Ricardo de Kelby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cartington, Northumb); Ricus Kelbie, 1593 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Kelbye, 1615 in *IGI* (Great Steeping, Lincs); Richard Kelby, 1631 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Georg Kelby, 1640 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); John Kelby, 1784 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs).

**Kelcey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks
- English: see **Kelsey**.

**Keld**

Variants: **Kell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Middle English *keld* 'spring' (Old Scandinavian *kelda*), or from one of the several places named with this word, such as Keld in Westm, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks.
- Early bearers:** William Attekeld, 1296 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Edmund Attekeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam del Keld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Beatrice Kelde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hotham, ER Yorks); Dionis' del Kell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Sandall, WR Yorks); Nicholas Keld, 1432–70 in *Chancery Proceedings* (York); George Keld, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margret Keld, 1550 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Thomae Keld, 1600 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); John Keld, 1689 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); Matthew Keld, 1750 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

**Keleher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Céileachair, see **Kelleher**.

**Kelf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: probably a variant of **Calf**.
- Early bearers:** Jeffery Kelf, 1792 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Kelham**

Variants: **Kellam**, **Kellum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics; Notts
- English: locative name from Kelham (Notts).
- Early bearers:** Peter de Kellum, 1204 in *Pleas* (Notts); William Kelom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Kellom, 1447 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Kelham, 1569 in *IGI* (West Allington, Lincs); Mary Kellam, 1578 in *IGI* (Branston, Leics); Jhon Kellam, 1565 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Elizabetha Kellam, 1669 in *IGI* (Egmanton, Notts).

**Keliher**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish: from Ó Céileachair, see **Kelleher**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kelk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs
- English: locative name from Great and Little Kelk (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert Kelk, 1296 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Stephanus Kelke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John de Kelke, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Kelk', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnoldby le Beck, Lincs); Roger de Kelk', 1411 in *King's Bench Cases* (Yorks); Robert Kelke, 1540 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Wyllm Kelk, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Joannis Kelk, 1582 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Mary Kelk, 1661, Edmund Kelke, 1666 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks).

**Kell**

Variants: **Kells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1515, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Yorks; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Leitrim
- 1 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name \**Kel*, *Kæl*, shortened from *Áskell* (from *Ásketil*), *Ulkel* (from *Ulfkil*), or similar, rather than from the single-element name *Ketil* or its descendants, the shortening of which in Scandinavia occurs later.
- Early bearers:** given names: Chel filius Mabillae, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Camsb).  
surnames: Reginaldus filius Chelle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ansfredus Kelle, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Isabella Kelle, 1311 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Simon Kelle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Copgrove, WR Yorks); Elizabethhe Kell, 1563 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); John Kell, 1565 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Margaret Kell, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Roberte Kell, 1573 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jhon Kell, 1578 in *IGI* (West Heslerton, ER Yorks).
- 2 English: see **Keel**.
- 3 Irish: see **O'Kell**.
- 4 English: sometimes a variant of **Keld**.

**Kellam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, Northants, Lincs, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Kelham**.

**Kelland**

Variants: **Kellond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 532
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, apparently in Devon. It is not clear whether or not the *Coll-* forms cited below belong here.
- Early bearers:** forms with -e- or -a-: Thomas Kellande, 1555, Gregory Kelland, 1560 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); John Kellond, 1575, John Kelland, 1603 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Walther Kellonde, 1592, Johane Kelland, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Totnes, Devon); Walter Kelland, 1594 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Richard Kelland, 1602 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Christopher Kelland, 1615, John Kalland, 1784 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Elizabeth Kalland, 1646, Sarah Ann Kelland, 1834 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon).  
forms with -o-: Richard Collond', 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Holbeton, Devon); Judyth Colland, 1558 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon).

**Kellar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish: variant of **Keller**.

**Kellard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: probably a variant of *Gellard* with devoicing of the initial consonant; see **Gillard** (1, ii).
- Early bearers:** Willimus Kellard, 1543 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Agnes Kellard, 1761 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Ann Kellard, 1762 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); John Kellard, 1779 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Edward Kellard, 1785 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**Kellas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
- Scottish: locative name from Kellas in Dallas (Morays).
- Early bearers:** Duncan Kelles, 1671, John Kellas, 1693 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); John Kellas, 1767 in *IGI* (Mortlach, Banffs).

**Kellaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 639
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Devon, and Hants
- Norman, English: see **Callaway**.

**Kelleghan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

**Kellegher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Leitrim
- Irish: from Ó Céileachair, see **Kelleher**.

**Kelleher**

Variants: **Keleher**, **Keller**, **Kelliher**, **Kellegher**, **Kellar**, **Keliher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2101, Ireland 4490
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Céileachair or Mac Céileachair 'descendant (or son) of *Céileachar*', a personal name meaning 'companion-dear', i.e. 'lover of company'.
- Early bearers:** John O'Kellegher, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6475 (of Cowl Isell); Connoghor McWilliam O'Keallgher, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514; Donogh O'Kellegher, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Balleleider); Knoghor O'Kelagher, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Killnehemny); Teig O'Kelighar, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Glandine); Thomas boy O'Keleher, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Clonty); Rorie McKellecher, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699.

**Keller****Variants:** Kellar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 878, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants; Lancs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *keller* ‘maker of cauls or kells (women’s close-fitting caps or headdresses)’, a derivative of Middle English *calle*, *kelle*. This form of the Middle English name was the usual one in the Midlands and N England; in S England it was **Caller**. See also **Keeler** for some evidence of apparent confusion.

**Further information:** Wilson’s suggestion in *Reaney and Wilson* that *Keller* may derive from Middle English *queller*, Old English *cweller* ‘killer, executioner’ is unlikely on phonetic grounds.

**Early bearers:** Michael Keller, 1296 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Nicholas Keller, 1317, Symon le keller, 1322 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Robert le Kellere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard le Keller, 1332 in *Fransson* (Lancs); William Keller, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Johannes Kellar’, 1377, Johannes Keller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wike, WR Yorks); Willelmus Keller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nidd, WR Yorks); Adam Keller’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Edith Keller, 1595 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Alice Keller, 1596 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 117.

2 German: occupational name from Middle High German *kellaere* ‘cellarman’ or ‘cellar master’ (Latin *cellarius*), an office in medieval households roughly equivalent to English steward or butler.

**Early bearers:** Emil Keller, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey); Julius Keller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); John Keller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Frida Keller, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Undermillbeck, Westm).

3 Irish: from Ó Céileachair, see **Kelleher**.

**Kellet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 643
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Cavan
- English: see **Kellett**.

**Kellett****Variants:** Kellitt, Kellet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3285, Ireland 389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2604
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath

English: locative name from Nether and Over Kellet in Bolton le Sands (Lancs) or Kelleth in Orton (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Kellet, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); [ . . . de] Keldelith, 1256 in *Place-Names of Westm* (Westm); Robert de Keldelet, 1260 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Kellet, 1279 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Mariota Kelitt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William de Keldelith, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Orton, Westm); Johanne de Kellet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ormside, Westm); Gilbertus de Kellet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Kelett’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); Elena

de Kellet, Thoma Kelet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Kelet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Thomas Kellett, 1564 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Jacobus Kellett, 1568 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Kellett, 1593 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 186–7; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 43.

**Kelleway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- Norman, English: see **Callaway**.

**Kelley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1912, Ireland 67
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- Irish, English: see **Kelly**.

**Kellie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
- Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Kelly**.

**Kelliher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 871
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants (Portsmouth)
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Céileachair, see **Kelleher**.

**Kellington****Variants:** Killington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: locative name from Kellington (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Alicia de Kelyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Edward Killington, 1587, Margaret Kellington, 1601 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Anne Kellington, 1601 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); James Killington, 1667 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Roger Killington, 1705 in *IGI* (Reedham, Norfolk); William Killington, 1738 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).

**Kellitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Kellett**.

**Kellman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Kelman**.

**Kello**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Kellow**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kellock****Variants:** Killock, Killough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Lancs; also Essex

1 Scottish: (i) locative name from the lands of Killoch (Ayr). (ii) locative name, alternatively from Keiloch in Braemar (Aberdeens); see **Kiloh**.

**Early bearers:** Anna de Keloche, 1372 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Stirling); David Kellocht, 1495 in *Laing Charters* (Fife); Alexander Kellock, burgess, 1581 in *Pitfirrane Writs* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Killock, 1649 in *Black* (Caldwell); Robert Killocke, schoolmaster, 1662 in *Black* (Falkland).

2 English: see **Kellogg**.

3 English: relationship name, probably from the Middle English female personal name *Ketelog*, *Kellok* (Old Scandinavian *Ketillaug*). It could alternatively represent the Old Scandinavian male name *Kiallakr*, a borrowing of Old Irish *Cellach* (see **Kelly**), but this Hiberno-Norse name is not particularly likely in Norfolk or Lincs and is not recorded as a given name anywhere in medieval England.

**Early bearers:** given names: Chetelog (female), 1100–30 in *Durham Liber Vitae*.  
surnames: Robert Chelloc, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Radulfi Kellok, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Alexander Kellok, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Kellok, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Kelloke, 1565 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); Henricus Killock, 1611 in *IGI* (Swaby, Lincs); William Killock, 1739 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); Elizabeth Killock, 1814 in *IGI* (Walesby, Lincs).

**Kellogg****Variants:** Kellock, Killock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname for a pig-slaughterer, Middle English *kille* + *hog*(ge).

**Further information:** The family name is commemorated in Killhogs Farm (Shalford, Essex). Daniel Kellogg (1630–88), from Great Leighs (Essex), migrated to N America, settling in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1656.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Kylehog, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Kelehoog, 1369 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Shalford, Essex); John Ryche alias Kelhoge, 1541 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Martin Kellogg, 1595, Elizabeth Kellok, 1815 in *IGI* (Great Leighs, Essex); Henry Kellogg, 1676, Eleanore Kelock, 1773, Thos. Killock, 1824 in *IGI* (Braintree, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 456.

**Kellond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Kelland**.

**Kellough**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Kellow**.

**Kellow****Variants:** Kellough, Kello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 524



• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Wilts  
 1 Cornish: locative name from Kellow in Lansallos or Kellow in Saint Martin by Looe (both Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** William Kelowe, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Helston, Cornwall); Roger Kellowe, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); John Kelow, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Phillip Kellow, 1564 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); Isabell Kelow, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Alice Kellow, 1577 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Robert Kello, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Lewes Kellow, 1650 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 47, 273.  
 2 English: locative name, occasionally from Kelloe (Durham). There may well have been some confusion with **Kelly** (3).

**Further information:** Richard Kellow was bishop of Durham 1310–16.

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Kellawe, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Willelmus de Kellawe, 1256, Robertum de Kellawe, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Kellawe, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus Kellow, 1437–8 in *York Visitations* (Durham); William Kellow, 1643 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); George Kellow, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Eliz Kello, 1735 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham).

### Kelloway

• **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 77  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Hants  
 Norman, English: see **Callaway**.

### Kells

• **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 274  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 109  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Midlothian and Lanarks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Fermanagh and Monaghan

1 English: variant of **Kell** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

2 Irish, Scottish: topographic from a personal name based on Old Scandinavian *ketill* ‘cauldron’, with post-medieval exrescent English -s. In Scotland, it may also be of topographic origin, from a place named as ‘the cauldron’.

**Early bearers:** John Kells, 1513 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Wigtown, Wigtowns).

### Kellum

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Northants  
 English: see **Kelham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kelly

**Variants:** Kelley, Kellie, Killey, Killy, O’Kelly, McKelly

• **Current frequencies:** GB 73371, Ireland 50345  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 32693  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout the UK: esp. Glasgow; Lancs; London  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway, Roscommon, and Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Ceallaigh or, in some areas, **Mac Ceallaigh** ‘descendant (or son) of *Ceallach*’, an ancient Irish personal name, originally meaning ‘bright-headed’, subsequently interpreted as meaning ‘frequenting churches’ (Irish *ceall* ‘church’).

**Further information:** *Kelly* is also found as a surname in IoM from an early date.

**Early bearers:** Tadhg Ua Ceallaigh, 1014 in *AU*; Flannacan Ua Ceallaigh, king of Bregia, 1028 in *AU*; David Mhag Cellaigh, 1253 in *AU*; son of Méc Cellaigh, 1522 in *AU*; Fergonany O’Kelly, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §171; Katherine Kally, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1024 (Kilkenny); Mallaghlin McDonell O’Kellie, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1306 (Tharaght, Connacht); Molaghlen mc en Abb O’Kelly, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1474 (Knockmoy, Connacht); Dionysius Kalle, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; Dermot mcDavid I Kely, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2516; Ellena ny Kally, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3500 (Kilkenny); Edmund Kelle, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6622 (Shaneballeduffe).

2 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Kelly, near Arbroath (Angus).

**Early bearers:** John de Kelly, 1373 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Arbroath, Angus); William Kelle, 1498 in *Aberdeen Register* (Kyntore, Aberdeens); Jonett Kelly, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

3 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Kelloe in the barony of Hume (Berwicks). There may well have been some confusion with **Kellow** (2).

**Early bearers:** Cuthbert Kelle, 1559 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Alexander Kellie, 1590 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dunbar, E Lothian); Margrat Kello, 1661 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Nicol Kellie, 1688 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Berwicks).

4 English: locative name from Kelly (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Chelli, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*; Warin de Kelly, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey Kelli, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitchurch, Devon); Henry Killy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Thomas Kelley, 1551 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Kelly, 1565 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Anthony Kelly, 1576 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Margaret Kelly, 1584 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Kelman

**Variants:** Kellman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 944, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 481  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs  
 Scottish: locative name from Kelman Hill in Cabrach (partly Aberdeens, partly Banffs).

**Early bearers:** James Kelman, 1576, Thomas Kelmane, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Kelman, 1591, Isobel Kelmane, 1621 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Barbara Kilmaine, 1603 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Lachlan Kelman, 1671 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Bessie Kelman, 1684 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Agnes Kelmane, 1736 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays).

**References:** *Black*.

### Kelner

• **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 30  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and Lancs  
 English: see **Kilner**.

### Kelsall

**Variants:** Kilshaw, Kelshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2342, Ireland 11  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1507  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Kelsall (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kelsale, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Johannes Kelesall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johanna Kelsall, 1539 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Isabell Kelsall, 1567 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Kelsall, 1600 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).

2 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Kelsale (Suffolk) or Kelshall (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Kellesale, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Johannes Kelshale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Marg. Kelsall, 1670 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Margaret Kelsall, 1677 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys).

### Kelsey

**Variants:** Keleey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2683, Ireland 17  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 2199  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; London; Warwicks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from North and South Kelsey (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kellesea, 1179–84 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); William de Kelesey, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Kelsey, 1394 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Edward Kelsey, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Robert Kelsey, 1541 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Dorothea Kelsey, 1561 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Alice Kelsye, 1579 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Isabell Kelsey, 1594 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

### Kelshaw

• **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 254  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
 English: see **Kelsall**.

### Kelso

**Variants:** Kelsoe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 912, Ireland 274  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 686  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Bute; Lancs; also Northumb and Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down  
 Scottish: locative name from Kelso (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Peter de Kelso, about 1200 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Richard of Kelchow, about 1220 in *Duke of Athole Charters*; Thomas Kelso, 1589 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Bessie Kelso, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hugh Kelso, 1651 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); James Kelsoe, 1676 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Archibald Kelso, 1693 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); Elizabeth Kelso, 1742 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

England: Thomas de Kelsou, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); David Kelso, 1741, Thomas Kelsoe, 1747 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Kelso, 1751 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

## Kelsoe

### Kelsoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish: see **Kelso**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; London

1 English: locative name from Kelston (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Calston, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas Calston, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts and Dorset); Humfrid Kelson, 1564 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Joannes Kelson, 1592 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); George Kelson, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Glastonbury, Somerset); William Kelston, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Wellow, Somerset); Johannes Kelson, 1607 in *IGI* (Farmborough, Somerset); William Kelson, 1617 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

2 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Kelstern (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Kelsterne, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes de Kelstern, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Henrico de Kelstern, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Henrico de Kelstern, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Rogerus Kelston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Mathew Kelson, 1561 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Kelson, 1589 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Agnes Kelson, 1594 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs).

### Kelt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb

Scottish: locative name from East and West Kelt (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** Vilelmus Kelt, 1521 in *Black*; Jeane Kelt, 1648 in *IGI* (Trinity Gask, Perth); Margaret Kelt, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); William Kelt, 1648 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Keltie

Variants: **Kelty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Kinross; Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Kelty in Beath (Fife) or from the lands of Keltie near Callander (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Niman Kelty, 1579 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); James Keltie, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Keltie, 1609 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross); Thomas Keltie, 1628 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); George Keltie, 1634 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Christain Kelty, 1687 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 1, pp. 173–4.

### Kelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Cumb

Scottish: locative name from Kelton

(Kirkcudbrights).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richert Keltoune, 1608, Jhanet Keltoun, 1617, Elizabeth Kelton, 1658 in *IGI*

(Dumfries, Dumfriess); William Kelton, 1718 in *IGI* (Colvend, Kirkcudbrights); Agnes Kelton, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirkmaiden, Wigtowns).

England: Thomas Kelton, 1710 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm).

### Kelty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland (esp. Aberdeens and Banffs) and England (esp. Lancs)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Wexford

Scottish: see **Keltie**.

### Kelvey

Variants: **Kelvie**, **Kelvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McKelvey**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Kelvie, 1692, John Kelvey, 1809 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Robert Kelvy, 1708, Janet Kelvie, 1715 in *IGI* (Tongland, Kirkcudbrights); Elizabeth Kelvie, 1717 in *IGI* (Wigtown, Wigtowns); Grisal Kelvie, 1777 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); John Kelvy, 1796 in *IGI* (Whithorn, Wigtowns).

England: Leabiden Kelvey, 1710 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Olive Kelvey, 1762, Charles Kelvy, 1767 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Charles Kelvey, 1769 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thos. Kelvey, 1772 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Mary Ann Kelvie, 1797 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Henry Kelvey, 1816 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

IoM: [ . . . ] Kelwy, 1659, [ . . . ] Kealwey, 1660 in *Kneen*; Jon Kelvie, 1697, Esther Kelvin, 1743 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Margt Kelwy, 1674, Jon Kelvie, 1738, Tho Kelvy, 1742 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM).

### Kelvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Scottish: see **Kelvey**.

### Kelvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Northumb

1 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Kelvey** (a reduced form of **McKelvey**), for the two names appear in the same parishes in SW Scotland and IoM; compare Jon Kelvie, 1697 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Grisal Kelvie, 1777 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews). However, the acquisition of additional *-n* is difficult to explain. It may in fact be a reduced form of **McKelvin**, for which there is little historical evidence. There is no known connection with the River Kelvin or with the modern settlement of Kelvinside in Glasgow.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Kelvin, 1734 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Janet Kelvin, 1760 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

IoM: Esther Kelvin, 1743 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); John Kelvin, 1767 in *IGI* (Ramsey, IoM).

2 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Kelvyn, 1565, Thom Kelvin, 1599, Edri Keluin, 1623 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Edward Kelvin, 1607 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Edvard Kelvinn, 1628 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs).

### Kelway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Kent Norman, English: see **Callaway**.

### Kemal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: relationship name corresponding to **Kamal**, from Arabic *kamal* 'perfection, integrity'.

### Kemball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent; Essex

English: see **Kemble**.

### Kember

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *kember* 'person who combs wool or flax' (a derivative of Old English *cemban* 'to comb'). Compare **Kempster**.

**Early bearers:** Rogero le Kembar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easebourne, Sussex); Peter le Kembre, 1333 in *Fransson* (Hants); Nicholas le Kembre, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thoma le Kember, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Willelmus Kembre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Galfrido Kembre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hill Deverill, Wilts); John Kember or Kembre, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Boxley, Kent); John Kember, 1543 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Sylvestre Kember, 1570 in *IGI* (Chillenden, Kent).  
**References:** *Fransson*, p. 83.

### Kembery

Variants: **Kembry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs Norman, English: see **Cambray**.

### Kemle

Variants: **Kemball**, **Kemple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 674, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Devon; Wilts

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kinebald*, *Kenebald*, *Kembald* (Old English *Cynebeald*, composed of the elements *cyne* 'family, kin' + *beald* 'bold'), a name which does not seem to be recorded after the 9th century but which probably continued in use. There seems to have been some confusion with the locative name **Kimble**; the spelling of John Kenebelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), matches exactly a 12th-century spelling of this place-name.

**Early bearers:** Turbet filius Chembel, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Cembel, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Roger Cumbel, Chimbel, Kymbel, Kimbel, 1191–3 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Kinebald, 1215–21 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Somerset); Ralph Kenebold 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* ii (IoW); William Kembald, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Kenebold,

Nicholas Kembold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmo Kembald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, ER Yorks); Thomas Kemble, 1616 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Eyrieres Kemble, 1621 in *IGI* (Stratton Saint Margaret, Wilts); Samuel Kembull, 1621, Susan Kemball, 1638 in *Buxhall History* (Suffolk); George Kemble, 1740 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); John Kemble, 1778 in *IGI* (Stowupland, Suffolk).

### Kembry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Kembery**.
- 2 Norman, English: see **Cambray**.

### Kemish

Variants: **Kemish, Kemmis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *kemes* 'chemise, smock, long shirt'.

**Early bearers:** John Kemys, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon and Somerset); Thomas Kemmys, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Newport, Monmouths); Henry Kemys, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Kemys, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Cannington, Somerset); Richard Kemis, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Andover, Hants); David Kemis, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Llanvair, Monmouths); William Kemish, 1626 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); Joane Kemmise, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Anne Kemmish, 1704 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Kemlo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- Scottish: locative name from an unidentified place in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Walter Kemblock, 1280 in *Black*; Nicholas Kemloc, 1348 in *Black* (Ayr, Ayr); John Kemlok, 1472 in *Black* (Brechin, Angus); James Kemloe, 1636, Joseph Kemloh, 1638 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Andrew Kemlow, 1676 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Elspeth Kemloe, 1739 in *IGI* (Craig, Angus).

### Kemm

Variants: **Kemme, Kimm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Wilts; also Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Kimme*, *Kemme* (Old English \**Cymme*, perhaps a pet-form of Old English *Cyneburh*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Kima, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Kemma Scriuener, 1311 in *Fransson* (Essex); Kemma matre [ . . . ] Andr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts).  
surnames, England: John Kymme, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Kemme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Roberto filio Kem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Twyford, Leics); Ricardus Kem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Agn' Kemme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Willelmo Kemme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Thome Kem, 1570,

Guilielmus Kembe, 1635, Isabell Kemb, 1643, Margaret Kemm, 1690 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Arthur Kembe, 1623 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Sarah Kem, 1641, William Kimm, 1643, Robert Kym, 1645 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); William Kem, 1644, Henry Kemm, 1649 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Kemm, 1680 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); William Kimme, 1729 in *IGI* (Upavon, Wilts).  
surnames, Scotland: Mariorie Kym, 1613 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Kym, 1721 in *IGI* (Kelton, Kirkcudbrights).

### Kemme

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Kemm**.

### Kemmery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Cambray**.

### Kemmet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- English: see **Kemmett**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kemmett

Variants: **Kemmet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joane Kemmett, 1576 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Margeret Kemmet, 1608 in *IGI* (Kempsey, Worcs); Richard Kemmett, 1622 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Kemmet, 1626 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Gloucs); Robt. Kemmett, 1626 in *IGI* (North Piddle, Worcs).

### Kemmis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Kemish**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kemmish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Kemish**.

### Kemp

Variants: **Kempe, Skemp, Camp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21396, Ireland 244
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16395
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England; E Anglia, Lincs and Yorks; Cornwall and Devon; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Cork
- English, Scottish: from Middle English *kempe* 'warrior, champion, fighter', also 'athlete, wrestler' (Old English *cempa*). Compare **Champion**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Kempe, about 1100 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Ralph le Kemp, 1296 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Heene, Sussex); Richard Kempe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lynton, Devon); Johannes Kempe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Owsthorpe, ER Yorks); Willelmus Kemp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rosedon, Northumb); Thomas Kemp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hartlington, WR Yorks); Rogero le Kemp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lancs); Adam Kemp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratby, Leics); Edmundus Kempe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); Stephano Kempe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dipford, Somerset); Thomas Kempe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes borough, Sussex); Willelmus Kemp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Willelmus Kempe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Johannes Kemp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Walterus Kempe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Robertus Kempe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westcott, Surrey); Thomas Kempe, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johanes Kempe, 1540 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Agnis Kemp, 1540 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Christen Kempe, 1544 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Katheryne Kemp, 1545 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Ellin Kempe, 1545 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Kempe, 1544 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Janeta Kempe, 1554 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thome Kempe, 1559 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Steven Kempe, 1560 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Thomas Kemp, 1564 in *IGI* (Welbourn, Lincs); Apolin Kempe, 1567 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

### Kempe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Cornwall; WR Yorks; London
- English: see **Kemp**.

### Kempen

Variants: **Kempin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

1 German: locative name from any of various places in Germany called Kempen (such as those in Rhineland, in the Ruhrgebiet, and in Schleswig-Holstein), or from Kempno in Poland (Polish *Kępn*o).

2 Belgian: regional name for someone from Kempen, a region in Brabant.

### Kempin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- German, Belgian: variant of **Kempen**.

### Kempe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English, Irish: see **Kemble**.

### Kempsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; London
- English: see **Kemshall**

**Kempsey**

Variants: **Kimsey, Kemsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Kempsey (Worcs). **Early bearers:** John de Kemesie, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John de Kemeseye, 1207 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Boidin de Kames', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardo de Kemeseye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Willielmo de Kemes', clerico, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kempsey, Worcs); Richard Kemesey, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moreton Morrell, Warwicks); Thoma Kemeseye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford, Herefs); Elnor Kemsey, 1577 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Kemsey, 1620 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); John Kimsey, 1635 in *IGI* (Sherbourne, Warwicks); Richard Kemsey, 1660 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Henry Kempsey, 1738 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Kempshall**

Variants: **Kempsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Lincs

English: apparently, despite the chiefly southern current distribution, a variant of **Camsell**, from Campsall (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Cam(p)shale* in the 12th century, *Camesale* in 1264, *Kempsall* in 1547. The Notts and Lincs examples certainly belong with **Camsell**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Kemsale, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Beckenham, Kent); William Kempshall, 1529 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Upchurch, Kent); John Kempshall, 1563 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Thomas Kempshall, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Beckenham, Kent); Joan Kempshall, 1618 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Henry Kempshall, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Battersea, Surrey); Mary Kempshall, 1673, John Kempshall, 1675 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); Mary Kempshall, 1693 in *IGI* (Farnborough, Kent); William Kempshall, 1731 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts); Elizabeth Kemsale, 1789 in *IGI* (Apley, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 45–6.

**Kempson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1115, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 574
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Oxon; Beds
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: variant of **Kempston** with loss of *-t-*.

**Kempster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1572, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 968
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Beds; Lancs; Shrops and Montgomerys

English: occupational name from Middle English *kembestere* 'person who combs wool or flax', originally a feminine form of Middle English *kember*. See **Kember**. **Early bearers:** Agnes Kembestere, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John le Kembestere, 1275, Richard Le Kemester', 1307 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Dionisia le Kemstere, 1317 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Agnes Kempster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus

Kembester', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broome, Wilts); Roberto Kembster', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Johanna Kempster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witherley, Leics); Agn' Kempstere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); Christiana Kembstere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Robert Kempster, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk); Rycherd Kemster, 1590 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Kempster, 1693, Richard Kemster, 1698 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks). **References:** *Fransson*, p. 83.

**Kempston**

Variants: **Kempson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Beds; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath; Derry

English: locative name from Kempston (Beds). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kembeston, 1176 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts* (Beds); Peter de Keston', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Simon de Kempston, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Radulfo de Kempstone, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bedford, Beds); Waltero de Kempston, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilstead, Beds); Richero de Kempston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilden, Beds); Symond Kempston, 1426 in *Paston Letters*; Thomas Kempston, mayor of Bedford, 1457 in *Beds Wills (Prerogative)* (Beds); William Kempstone, 1543, Samuel Kempson, 1831 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Awdrie Kempson, 1589 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Richard Kempson, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Bilston, Staffs); Anne Kemson, 1662, Elizabeth Kempson, 1704 in *IGI* (Milton Bryan, Beds); Elizabeth Kempston, 1737, John Kempson, 1751 in *IGI* (Harlington, Beds); Mary Kempson, 1746, Peter Kempston, 1772 in *IGI* (Flitwick, Beds). **References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 75.

**Kempthorn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Kempthorne**.

**Kempthorne**

Variants: **Kempthorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Kempthorne in Clawton (Devon). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kymethorne, 1238 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William Kemethorne, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Kempthorn, 1562 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Richard Kempthorne, 1584 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Hunffre Kempthorn, 1660 in *IGI* (Mullion, Cornwall). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 139.

**Kempton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 861
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx; Cambs; also Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry
- 1 English: see **Kimpton**.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Kempton in Clunbury (Shrops). **Early bearers:** Robert de Chenipetona, about 1132 in *Staffs Chartulary*. **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 165.

**Kemsey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Kempsey**.

**Kemsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Kemsley Street in Bredhurst (Kent). **Early bearers:** Elfric de Kemesle, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Detling, Kent); [ . . . ] de Kemeslegh', 1254, [ . . . ] de Kemesle, 1313 in *Kentish Place-Names* (Kent); Symon de Kemesle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rainham, Kent); Henry de Kemesle, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Isabella Kemysley, 1495 in *Kent Wills* (Bredhurst, Kent); John Kemsley, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Gillingham, Kent); Henry Kemsley, 1559 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Johnis Kemsley, 1594 in *IGI* (Bredhurst, Kent). **References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 143; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 209.

**Ken**

Variants: **Kenn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Midlothian; also Middx

1 Scottish: of uncertain origin but it might be a reduced form of **Kenna**. **Early bearers:** Margaret Ken, 1721 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks); Alexander Ken, 1726 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); James Ken, 1729 in *IGI* (Carstairs, Lanarks); James Kenn, 1732 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Joseph Kenn, 1744 in *IGI* (Maryculter, Kincardines); William Kenn, 1762, Elizabeth Ken, 1795 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens). 2 Norman, English : nickname from Anglo-Norman French *ken, chen*, Old French *chien* 'dog' (Latin *canis*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Chien (Chen), 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Willelmus Chen, Canis, 1212, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); Thomas le Ken, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Henry le Kenne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashurst, in West Grinstead, Sussex); Johannes Kenne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeding, Sussex); Johannes Kenne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); Johannes Kenne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Johannes Kenne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, Leics); Ann Kenn, 1587 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ann Ken, 1713 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); William Ken, 1721 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

3 English: locative name from either of two places called Kenn (Devon, Somerset). **Early bearers:** Sewulf de Ken, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John de Ken, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Kenn, 1596 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Edmund Kenn, 1629 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Marie Kenn, 1637 in *IGI* (Winscombe, Somerset); Patience Ken, 1669 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon); Eustice Kenn, 1733 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**Kenan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Cianáin, see **Keenan**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: see **Kinch**.

**Kenchington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Kensington**.

**Kendal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Westm, and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- English: see **Kendall**.

**Kendall**

**Variants:** Kendal, **Kendle**, **Kendell**, **Kindell**, **Kindall**, **Kindle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9870, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6338
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb; also Cornwall, Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 English: locative name from Kendal (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Kendale, 1314–15 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); John de Kendale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Edwardo de Kendale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Luton, Beds); Robertus Kyndell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Willelmo de Kendale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm); Henricus de Kendal, Thomas de Kendle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas de Kendal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Henricus Kyndal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); Ricardo de Kendall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belleau and Aby, Lincs); John Kendall, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Elizabeth Kendall, 1542 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Johis. Kendall, 1561 in *IGI* (Bacton, Norfolk); William Kendal, 1576 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Gylbert Kendell, 1584 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Tho. Kendle, 1641 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm).

2 Welsh, English: relationship name from an anglicized form of the Welsh male given name *Cynddelw*, which was borne by a famous 12th-century Welsh poet. Some post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (1).

**Further information:** Numerous other undated medieval Welsh forms are given by *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 77–8.

**Early bearers:** Yorward fil Kyndelw, 1283 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Iorwerth ap Kendalo ap Eignon, 1326 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Johannes Kendal, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Nicholas Kendall, 1540 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Richard Kendall, 1545 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Gulielmi Kendle, 1575

in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Johan. Kendell, 1606 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); John Kendle, 1626 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Zachariae Kendle, 1628 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); John Kindle, 1691 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Kendell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 422
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Kendall**.

**Kenderdine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Kenworthy**.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Kenworthin, 1286 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Margeria Kenwarden, 1548 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Willms. Kenderdyne, 1563, Agnese Kenderdine, 1578 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Kenderdyne, 1569 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Marston, Staffs); John Kenderdine, 1571, Margery Kendadine, 1653, Robt. Kinderdine, 1661 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); John Kenordyne, 1627 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 235–6.

**Kendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Kendall**.

**Kendra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 English: see **Kendrew**.

2 Polish: variant of **Kedzior**.

**Kendray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Kendrew**.

**Kendrew**

**Variants:** **Kendra**, **Kendray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kinrowe, 1458 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Skerne, ER Yorks); Thomas Kenrowe, 1475 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Worsall, NR Yorks); Richard Kennerhugh, 15th cent. in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thornton le Beans, NR Yorks); Thomas Kenrow, 1574 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Margerye Kenrowe, 1578 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Caroli Kendray, 1616 in *IGI* (East Rounton, NR Yorks); John Kendra, 1646 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Ann Kendrew, 1699 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Thomae Kendrah, 1715 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks).

**Kendrick**

**Variants:** **Kendricks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4532, Ireland 150
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2867
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; Flints and Denbighs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 Welsh: see **Kenrick**.  
2 Scottish, Irish: reduced form of **McKendrick**.  
3 English: see **Kerridge**.

**Kendricks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Welsh, Scottish, English: variant of **Kendrick** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kenealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cork
- Irish: from Ó Cionnfhaoilaidh, see **Kenneally**.

**Kenedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; London

Irish, Scottish: see **Kennedy**.

**Kenefick**

**Variants:** **Kennefick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Welsh, Irish: locative name from **Cinipheic**, from **Cynffig** (Kenfig) in mid-Glamorgan, Wales. The name was taken to Ireland by Norman settlers in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard Kenyfect, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1816 (Cork, Ballykenyfeck); James Kenyfeke, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4110 (Cahirmony); John Kenefeige (fitz Edmund), 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4494; Edmund Kenefeck, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Rekenfecke).

**Kenewell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics
- English: see **Kenewell**.

**Kenfield**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Kentfield**.

**Further information:** This form of the name, without intrusive -t-, is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kenington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Kennington**.

**Kenion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76

## Kenison

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Kenyon**.

## Kenison

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland

English: see **Kennison**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Keniston

Variants: **Kenniston**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 74
- Main GB location 1881: SW England: esp. Somerset

English: of uncertain origin: perhaps a variant of **Kinson**.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Keniston, 1605 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Marmeducke Kenniston, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Willm. Keniston, 1619 in *IGI* (Abbas Combe, Somerset); Lancelot Keniston, Richard Kenniston, 1629 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Gabriell Keniston, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); David Kenniston, 1707 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs).

## Kenley

Variants: **Kinley**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 66
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland

1 Scottish: reduced form of a variant of **McKinley**.  
2 English: locative name from Kenley in Coulsdon (Surrey).

Early bearers: Thorold de Kynely, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); [ . . . de] Kenele, 1255 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Walter de Kenele, 1347–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Beddington, Surrey); Henry Kenley, 1678 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Andrew Kenley, 1710 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Richard Kenley, 1723 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Anne Kenley, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Kenley, 1752 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 45.

3 English: locative name from Kenley (Shrops).

Early bearers: William de Kenleg', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas de Kenleye, 1306, Roger Kynley, weaver, 1524, Roger Kingley, weaver, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas de Kenleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); John de Kenlay, 1410 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Kenley, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Richard Kinley, 1561 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Timothy Kenley, 1801 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops).

## Kenmare

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Scottish: see **Kenmuir**.

## Kenmir

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

Scottish: see **Kenmuir**.

## Kenmore

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

Scottish: see **Kenmuir**.

## Kenmuir

Variants: **Kenmare**, **Kenmir**, **Kenmore**, **Kennemore**

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish: possibly from the village of Kenmuir (Wigtowns).

Early bearers: Janet Kenmuir, 1726 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Kenmuir, 1791 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

## Kenn

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 106
- Main GB location 1881: Kincardines and Aberdeens; also WR Yorks

Scottish, English: see **Ken**.

## Kenna

Variants: **Kinna**

- Current frequencies: GB 697, Ireland 815
- GB frequency 1881: 283
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; Pembrokes
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Laois, Tipperary, and Kildare

1 Manx, Irish: from Ó Cionaoith 'descendant of Cionaoth', an old Irish personal name, anglicized in Scotland as **Kenneth**. Compare (2).

Early bearers: Ireland: Molaghlín O'Kenna, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4386 (husbandman); Awe O'Kyna, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ballykyna); Gillabride O'Kina, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ballykyna); Donogh O'Kena, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517.

2 Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McKenna**.

## Kennady

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 103
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cumb, and WR Yorks

Irish, Scottish: see **Kennedy**.

## Kennan

Variants: **McKennon**, **Kennen**, **McKennon**

- Current frequencies: GB 185, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 210
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; also Kirkcudbrights
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh, Monaghan, and Tyrone

Irish: reduced from **Mac Fhionnáin**, a patronymic from *Fionnán*, a personal name from a diminutive of *fionn* 'white'. McKennon represents the fuller form. Compare **Gannon**.

Early bearers: Ireland: James Kennyn, serving man, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2818 (Ballentire); John McKenane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4338 (Tobertkoule, Westmeath); Moriortagh McKenane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5606; Conla mcShean Y Kennan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617 (Kilmean); Donogh mcDonell McKenan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576.

## Kennard

Variants: **Kenwood**

- Current frequencies: GB 1779, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 1453
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent; also Devon

1 English: see **Kenward**.

2 English: see **Kinnard**.

3 English: perhaps a variant pronunciation of **Kenwood** but the following bearer may belong with (1).

Early bearers: Elizabeth Kennard, 1665 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon).

## Kennaugh

- Current frequencies: GB 188, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 303
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

Manx: Gaelic *Coinneach* (from a Celtic personal name *Cannicos* 'fair one').

Early bearers: Keneagh, 1511, Keneaigh, 1636, Kennaugh, 1668 in *Kneen*; Margt Kennaugh, 1742 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM); Kath Kennaugh, 1756 in *IGI* (Saint Anne, IoM); Jno Kennaugh, 1781 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

References: *Kneen*.

## Kennaway

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Kenway**.

## Kenneally

Variants: **Kenealy**, **Kennelly**, **Kennealy**

- Current frequencies: GB 416, Ireland 1334
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Waterford; Limerick

Irish: from Ó Cionnfhaoilaidh 'descendant of Cionnfhaoiladh', a personal name derived from *ceann* 'head' + *faol* 'wolf'.

Early bearers: Diermod Y Kennelly, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4611; Teige O'Kynyloe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4085; Thomas oge O'Kynilly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4707 (Galway); Conoghor McShane I Kenela, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487; Moore ny Kennella, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (of Mynive).

## Kennealy

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Cionnfhaoilaidh, see **Kenneally**.

## Kennedy

Variants: **Kenedy**, **Kennady**

- Current frequencies: GB 35719, Ireland 16763
- GB frequency 1881: 17846
- Main GB location 1881: widespread throughout Scotland and N England; also London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Tipperary

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Ó Cinnéide 'descendant of Ceannéidigh' (from *ceann* 'head' + *éidigh* 'ugly'); or from the Scottish Gaelic **Mac Cinnéidigh** consisting of *mac* 'son' with an equivalent name.

**Further information:** The Scottish Kennedys were widespread in Carrick, Lennox, and Galloway. They had their traditional seat at Dunduff Castle, Carrick, Ayr. David Kennedy of Dunure was created Earl of Cassilis in 1509. Equally important are the Irish Kennedys, who claim descent from a nephew of Brian Boru.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert mac Kenedi, about 1180 in *Melrose Register*; Alexander Kenedy, 1290 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Huwe Kenedi, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Kennedy of Dunure, 1346 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Ayr); Gilbert Kennedy, 1563 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Barbara Kennedy, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Patrik Kennedy, 1594 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Issobell Kennedy, 1602 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Kennedy, 1604 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

Ireland: Mughron, mac Cinnéitigh, 915 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Mathghamhain, mac Cinnéitigh, 967 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Munster); Célechair Ua Cinnéitigh, 1081 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Lughaidh mac Domhnaill Uí Briain, dá Ua Cinnéidigh, 1151 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Giolla Ciaráin Uí Cinnéitigh, 1159 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Brian Ua Cinnedigh, lord of Ormond, and Emann Ó Cinnedigh, 1371 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; John O'Kynneddy (fitz William), chaplain, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §300 (Thebraght); Philip Kendy, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §594 (Donnore, Waterford); Thomas Kennedy, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311 (Dublin); Odo Kenedigh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4509 (Rappallaghe); Shily ny Kennedy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4700; Shane mcTieg O'Kynneddy, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075. England: William Kennedy, 1623 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); Mary Kennedy, 1625 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); Silvester Kennedy, 1642 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Kenefick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Welsh, Irish: see **Kenefick**.

### Kennel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hunts
- English: see **Kennell**.

### Kennell

**Variants:** Kennel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; Warwick

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Keneld* (Old English *Cýnehild*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Kenell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Johannes Kenel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Norfolk); Johannes Kenele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); Johannes Kenell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Petrus Keneld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney, Suffolk); Agnes Kennell, 1544, Margeria Kennel, 1587 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwick); Alice Kennell, 1561 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Bartylmewe Kennell, 1568 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); John Kenell, 1605 in *IGI* (Freshwater,

IoW); Edwardus Kennel, 1613 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); John Kennell, 1797 in *IGI* (Brome, Suffolk).

### Kennelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 601
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Warwick
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- Irish: from Ó Cionnfhaoilaidh, see **Kenneally**.

### Kennemore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- Scottish: see **Kenmuir**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kennen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- Irish: from Mac Fhionnáin, see **Kennan**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kennerdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: altered form of **Kenworthy**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that it occurs along with *Kenorthey* and *Kenerly* (known variants of *Kenworthy*) in the Parish Registers of Huddersfield (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Edwardus Kennerdale, 1636, Mary Kennerley, 1685 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Margaretta Kennerdall, 1637, Dorothea Kennerley, 1677, Joseph Kennerdale, 1708 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Kenorthey, 1661, Robert Kenordale, 1706, Sarah Kenworthy, 1720 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

### Kennerley

**Variants:** Kennerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- 1 English: see **Kenworthy**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites William Kenworthy vulgo Kennerley, 1718, in the Parish Registers of Lingards (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Anne Kennerley, 1582 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Jacobi Kennerley, 1615 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).  
2 English: locative name, occasionally from Kennerleigh (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Kenardel', 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walter de Kenewardeslegh, Walter de Kynewardeslegh, 1335–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); Mary Kennerly, 1739 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 408.

### Kennerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Kennerley**.

### Kennet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Kennett**.

### Kenneth

**Variants:** Kynoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Glasgow; London
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the personal name *Coinneach*, from a word meaning 'handsome', now generally anglicized as *Kenneth*. The latter was originally the anglicized form of Gaelic *Cionaoth* (see **McKinney**), ultimately of Pictish origin. Etymologically, this surname is equivalent to **Kenny** (which can arise from either personal name) and **McKenzie** (which is from *Coinneach*).

### Kennett

**Variants:** Kinnett, Kennet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2219, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1661
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: locative name from East and West Kennett (Wilts) or Kennett (Cambs).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Kenette, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Thomas de Kenete, 1270 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Henrico Kenet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Marston, Wilts); Alicia Kennet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Thomas, Oxon); John Kennet, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Kennewell

**Variants:** Kenewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from an unidentified or lost place called *Kenewelle*, apparently in or near Norfolk.  
**Early bearers:** Mariora de Kenewelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Norfolk); Johan Kennewell, 1593, Anne Kenewell, 1619 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Edward Kennewell, 1605 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Kennewell, 1658 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Faith Kenewell, 1699 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

### Kenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1780, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1640
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Coinnigh or Ó Cionaotha, see **Kenny**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Kenay, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §737 (chaplain to the vicarage of Banno, Diocese of Ferns); Hugh O'Kenay, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4667 (Rachara, farmer); Meaw ny Kanny, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484; David O'Kennay, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6742.

### Kennie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- Irish: from Ó Coinnigh or Ó Cionaotha, see **Kenny**.

## Kenning

### Kenning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 458
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: probably from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Cēning*, Middle English *Kening*.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald Kenyng, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas Kenyng, 1348 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johis. Kenning, 1589 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); John Kenning, 1616 in *IGI* (Harlington, Beds); Edward Kenning, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret at Cliffe, Kent); Susanne Kenning, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Kenning, 1674 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

### Kennington

#### Variants: Kenington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Kilkenny
- 1 English: locative name, perhaps from Kennington Farm in Willoughton (Lincs), which is recorded as *Kenyngton* in 1515–18. However, as no medieval forms for this place-name are available and as the surname has not been noted in Lincs earlier than the 16th century, it is possible that all the bearers cited here belong rather to (2).  
**Early bearers:** John Kennington, 1566, Emme Kenington, 1575 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Katherine Kennington, 1572 in *IGI* (Scartho, Lincs); Jhon Kinnington, 1584 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Edward Kenington, 1587, Anna Kinington, 1596 in *IGI* (Scrivelsby, Lincs); Willia Kenington, 1597 in *IGI* (Grainsby, Lincs); John Kennington, 1606 in *IGI* (High Toynton, Lincs); Joseph Kennington, 1623 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); William Kennington, 1784 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, p. 213.

2 English: locative name from one or more of the places in southern England named Kennington (Berks, Kent, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Kenington', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Maud de Kenintun, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Kennington, Kent); Richard de Kenyngton, 1291 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas de Kenyngtone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boughton hundred, Kent); Adam de Kenyngton, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Thoma Kenynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Marg' Kenyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Thomas Kenyngton', 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Marie Kennington, 1612 in *IGI* (Sandford on Thames, Oxon).

### Kenmion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Bucks
- English: see **Kenyon**.

### Kennish

#### Variants: Kinnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from *Mac Aenghuis* 'son of Angus'. Compare Irish *Mag Aonghuis* (see **McGuinness**).  
**Early bearers:** McInesh, 1511, Kynnish, 1626, Kenish, 1649 in *Moore*.

### Kenison

#### Variants: Kenison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants; Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Juhan Kenison, 1576 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); John Kenison, 1632 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Keniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx

English: see **Keniston**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kennon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb, and Lancs; Glasgow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhionnáin**, see **McKennon**.

### Kenny

#### Variants: Keaney, Keena, Kenney, Kennie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10700, Ireland 10079
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway and Roscommon

Irish, Scottish: (i) from **Ó Coinnigh** 'descendant of *Coinneach*', an Old Irish personal name that later came to be treated as equivalent to Scottish **Kenneth**. (ii) from **Ó Cionaodha** 'descendant of *Cionaodh*', a personal name of unexplained etymology, likewise anglicized as **Kenneth**.

**Early bearers:** Irish: Robert Kenny, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1057 (Bellaragad, Kilkenny); Maurice McRory I Kenny, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2511; Nicholas Kenny, gent. of the office of clerk, 1579–80 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3639.

### Kenrick

#### Variants: Kenwick, Kendrick, Kenwright, Kerrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs and Flints
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Cynwrig*, from *cyn* 'chief, first' + an uncertain second element. See also **Kerrich**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Kenwrec Walensis, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Kenrig de Gretewurth', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Kenericus de Horton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broughall, Shrops); Kenwrig ap Madog Duy, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Kendrick Eyton, 1602 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Kenrick Evans, 1613 in *Bardsley*.

surnames: Hugo filius Chenwrec, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Ennian filius Kenewrec, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Shrops); Ade ap Kendric, late 13th cent., Eynon ab Kenewreik, 1304, Iorwerth ap Kenwric, 1352 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Nicholas Kenewrec, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Margaret Kendrick, 1568 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); Jana Kenrick, 1591 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Richard Kendrick, 1593 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Rich. Kenwrick, 1605, Ellen Kenwright, 1610 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); John Kenrick, 1818 in *IGI* (Wrexham, Denbighs).  
**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 79–80.

### Kensett

#### Variants: Kensit, Kinzett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kynsett, 1610 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); Bassill Kenset, 1611, Roger Kinset, 1614, Rob: Kensett, 1704 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); John Kinzett, 1710 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); John Kinzet, 1726 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks); Willm. Kensart, 1754, William Kinset, 1771 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); Henry Kensit, 1767 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Sally Kinsett, 1791 in *IGI* (Cornwell, Oxon).

### Kensington

#### Variants: Kenchington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Kensington (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Kensington, 1276 in *London Eyre* (London); William de Kensingtone, 1311 in *London Letter Books D* (London); Thomas de Kensington, 1325–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Kensington, Middx); Thomas Kensington, 1608 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts); Alice Kensington, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Ann Kensington, 1670, Francis Kenchington, 1781 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

### Kensit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Kensett**.

### Kent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16890, Ireland 722
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12510
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Cork and Tipperary

English, Irish: regional name from the county of Kent.

**Further information:** English bearers of this name settled in Meath, Ireland, in the 13th century. The name has been gaelicized as **Ceannt**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas de Kent, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); William Kent, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John a Kent, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). Ireland: John of Kent, 1278 in *CDI* §1496, John of Kent, keeper of the King's demesnes in Ireland, 1281 in *CDI* §1784; Hugh of Kent, 1282 in *CDI* §1907 (Galway); Henry Kente, 1284 in *CDI* §2210; Ralph de Kent, 1287



in *CDI* §309; Nicholas Kent, gent., 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2098 (Daneston, Meath); Patr. Kente, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522 (Gragnegraunte); Edm. Kente, labourer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cahir, Tipperary).

### Kentell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: locative name from Kentwell (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kentewelle, about 1165 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Gilbert de Kentewelle, 1207–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Gilbert de Kentewell, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); John Kentell, 1791 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex).

### Kentfield

Variants: **Kenfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from Kenfield in Petham (Kent). The *-t-* is a late intrusive development.

**Early bearers:** Gregorio de Kenefelde, 1153–67, Simeone de Keningefelde, 1163–7 in *Angevin Canterbury* (Canterbury, Kent); Walter de Kenefeud, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Thanington, Kent); John de Kenefeld, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petham hundred, Kent); Nicholas Kenefeld, 1448 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Stourmouth, Kent); William Kenfield, 1589 in *IGI* (Pangbourne, Berks); William Kenfield, 1618, Susan Kentfield, 1627 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); John Kenfield, 1667, Henry Kentfield, 1685 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); John Kenfield, 1719, Elisabeth Kentfield, 1727 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 546; *Saint Augustine and Shipway*, p. 415.

### Kenting

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: regional name from Middle English \**Kenting* ‘a person from Kent’.

**Early bearers:** William Kenting, 1198–1212 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); William Kentyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Kentyng, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Uffington, Lincs); William Kentyng, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Barholm, Lincs); John Kentyngg, 1378–80 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Simon Kentyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wendling, Norfolk); Johannes Kentyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Roger Kentyng, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Kentyng, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Kentyng, 1537 in *PROB 11* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); John Kenting, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Kenting, 1736 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks); Robert Kenting, 1750 in *IGI* (Haveringland, Norfolk).

### Kentish

Variants: **Kintish, Cantes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: regional name from Middle English *Kanteis*, *Kenteis* ‘Kentish (man)’ (Old French *Kanteis*, *Kenteis*, influenced by Old English *Centisc*).

**Early bearers:** William Canteis, about 1165 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Richard (le) Kenteis, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Ralph Canteis, le Kenteis, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Kentissh,

1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Barbara Kentish, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Francis Kentish, 1597 in *IGI* (Codicote, Herts).

### Kenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London

English: locative name from one or more of the places called Kenton (Middx, Suffolk, Devon, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Yvo de Keneton, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter de Kenton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Nicholaus de Kenton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Alicia Kenton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Kenton, 1563 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Elizabeth Kenton, 1577 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Kenton, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London).

### Kenward

Variants: **Kenwood, Kenworth, Kennard, Kinnard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 950, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 766
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Keneward*, *Kennard* (Old English *Cēnward*, formed from *cēn* ‘keen’ + *ward* ‘keeper, guardian’). The name has been confused with Old English *Cyneward* and *Cyneheard*; see **Kinnard**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Keneward lingedraper, 1198–1212 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London).

urnames: Walterus filius Kenewardi, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas Kenward, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Reginald Keneward, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hove, Sussex); John Keneward, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Perching, Sussex); John Keneward, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rochester, Kent); Hamon Keneward, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoo hundred, Kent); Jurdyn Keneward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sheldwich, Kent); Willm. Kenwood, 1545 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Kenworth, 1561, Henry Kennard, 1565, Mary Kenward, 1568, Mary Kinnard, 1595 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Maria Kenwood, 1577, Richard Kenward, 1620 in *IGI* (Dymchurch, Kent); Francis Kennard, 1579 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Marye Kennard, 1588, Elisabeth Kenward, 1599 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

### Kenway

Variants: **Kennaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kenewi* (Old English *Cēnwig* or *Cynewig*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Kenewi, 12th cent. in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Kenewi, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

urnames: Robertus filius Kenewi, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); William Chienewe, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ralph Kenewi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Kenway, 1693 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Thomas Kenway, 1731 in *IGI* (Wootton Fitzpaine, Dorset).

### Kenwood

Variants: **Kennard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Kenwood in Kenton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Rauði de Kenewode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Adam de Kenewode, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Kenewode, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Gilbti Kenwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon).

2 English: see **Kenward** and **Kennard**.

### Kenworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: variant of **Kenworthy** with loss of the final syllable.

2 English: see **Kenward** and **Kennard**.

### Kenworthy

Variants: **Kenworth, Kennerley, Kenderdine,**

**Kennerdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1616, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1991
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Kenworthy in Northenden (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Kenworthin* in the 13th century, *Kenworthy* in 1371, *Kenderley* in 1602, *Kenderden* in 1644. The final *-n* of the place-name’s generic element (Old English *wordign* ‘enclosure, farmstead’) is preserved in the variant **Kenderdine**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kenworthy, 1276, [ . . . de] Keneworthei, 1287, [ . . .] Kenworthay, 1370, [ . . .] Kynworthe, 1553 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Thomas Kenworthy, 1572, Ralph Kennarley, 1601 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Ann Kenerlie, 1578 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Jacobi Kennerley, 1615, John Kenworthy, 1724 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); John Kenorthe, 1661 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Jane Kenworth, 1682, Martha Kenworthy, 1693 in *IGI* (Dukinfield, Cheshire); Johannes Kenworth, 1683, Jacobi Kenworthy, 1687 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Sara Kenworthy, 1690, Robert Kenworth, 1707 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 235–6.

### Kenwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Welsh: see **Kenrick**.

### Kenwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Welsh: see **Kenrick**.

### Kenyon

Variants: **Kennon, Kenion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6571, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

## Kenzie

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Kenyon (Lancs).

**Further information:** Jordan Kenyan (see the 1260 early bearer) was lord of the manor of Kenyon.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kenien, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Jordan Kenyan, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas Kynion, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henry Kenyon, 1542 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Roger Kenyon, 1580 in *IGI* (Scrivelsby, Lincs); Thomas Kenyon, 1597 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Mary Kenyon, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Nicholas Kenyon, 1667 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Coinín** ‘son of *Coinín*’, a byname based on a diminutive of *cano* ‘wolf’, also anglicized as **Cunneen**. The similarity to *coinín* ‘rabbit’ has also caused this name to be anglicized as **Rabbitte**.

## Kenzie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Lancs

Scottish: see **McKenzie**.

## Keogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath
- Irish: from *Mac Eochagáin*, see **Keoghan**.

## Keogh

**Variants:** **Keough**, **Kehoe**, **Keahey**, **McKeough**, **McKeogh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3960, Ireland 6193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Wexford, and Wicklow

Irish: from a reduced form of **Mac Eochaidh** ‘son of *Eochaidh*’, a personal name based on *each* ‘horse’. Compare **McCaughy**. In another set of variants, *Mac* has become *Mag*, see **McGough**.

**Early bearers:** Conchor O’Keo, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §615; William Keggio, clerk and vicar of Ossory, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §768; Thomas oge mcGillernewe O’Keoghe, horseboy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §879 (Keryghthomas, Wexford); David mac William mcWalter Keogh, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §957 (Carlow or Wexford); Donald and Thomas Keogho, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Ennes roo O’Kohee, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045; Murtagh gare Keggio, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995; Donald McKeogho, son of McKeogho, rymor, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4372; John mcRichard roe Keeough, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075; Anable ne Keyghe, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Correaghe); Moyler mcPhilip Keugh, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5458 (Ahena); Hugh mcConchor Keoghe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4652; Oen boy McKeogh and Donogh cam Makeogh, husbandmen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4695 (Killmacclastery); Donogh oge mcDonogh Kyoghe, surgeon, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4832; Mulmory mcTeige and Rorie mcShane O’Keagho, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232; Patrick Keegoe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Shane Keaho, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6534.

## Keoghan

**Variants:** **Keogan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Waterford; Leitrim, Cavan, and Meath

1 Irish: from **Mac Eochagáin**, an Ulster form of **Mag Eochagáin**, ‘son of *Eochagán*’, a diminutive of *Eochaidh*, see **Geoghegan**.

2 Irish: from **Mac Eocháin**, see **Keohane**.

## Keoghane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: see **Geoghegan**.

## Keohane

**Variants:** **Keoghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 936
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; Devon and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from a reduced form of **Mac Eocháin** ‘son of *Eochán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Eochaidh*, see **Keogh**.

**Early bearers:** Donnogh mcShane McKeoghan, horseboy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743 (Cahirkenlis, Limerick); Patrick Keohane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmeen, Cork); Mark Keohane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacabea, Cork); Catherine Keohane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertserges, Cork).

## Keough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary
- Irish: abbreviated from **Mac Eochaidh**, see **Keogh**.

## Keown

**Variants:** **Gowen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Eoghain** (in Connacht) ‘son of *Eoghan*’, a personal name meaning ‘well born’, and **Mac Eoin** (in east Ulster), meaning ‘son of John’. The anglicized forms of both of these names are indistinguishable from one another. See **McEwen**.

**Further information:** This name has also been associated with **Ó Ceotháin** in Fermanagh.

**Early bearers:** Michael Keown, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunsfort, Down); John Keowne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down); Henry McKeown, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone); John McKeown, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down); Bernard McKeown, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killevy, Armagh).

## Keppel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Dutch: from a Dutch pet form of the personal name *Jakob* (see **Jacob**).

**Further information:** Arnold Joost van Keppel (1670–1718), 1st Earl of Albemarle, was a close friend and adviser of King William III (William of Orange). Born in the Netherlands, he had many prominent descendants in England.

**Early bearers:** George Keppel, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Keppel, 1764 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Gardiner Keppel, 1785 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Joseph Keppel, 1787 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

## Keppey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Keppie**.

## Keppie

**Variants:** **Keppy**, **Kepey**, **Kippie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Kippo in Kingsbarns (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Keppie, 1675, John Keppey, 1833 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Margaret Kerie, 1697 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Keppie, 1712 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); John Keppie, 1741 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Helen Kepey, 1768 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); George Kippie, 1808, Alison Kepy, 1813 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 3, pp. 376–7.

## Kepping

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Kipping**.

## Keppy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Keppie**.

## Ker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 624
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan

1 Scottish, English: see **Kerr**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 寇, see **Koh** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 柯 and 葛, see **Ko** (1) and (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1).

## Kerai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Keran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish: see **Kearns**.

## Kerans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: see **Kearns**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kerbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: see **Kirby**.

### Kerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 545
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: see **Kirby**.

### Kercher

Variants: **Kircher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *kevercher*, *kercher* 'kerchief, headdress, handkerchief'.

**Early bearers:** Robtt Kercher, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Wm. Kircher, 1564, Elisabeth Kercher, 1617 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Elizabeth Kercher, 1608, John Kircher, 1781 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Gabriell Kercher, 1630, Richard Kircher, 1637 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Kereseey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Kersey**.

### Kerfoot

Variants: **Kerfott**, **Kerford**, **Kirfoot**, **Carefoot**, **Carfoot**, **Careford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire

English: (i) of uncertain origin. It looks like a locative name from Carefoot, near Myerscough (Lancs), but there is an absence of historical forms to prove the antiquity of the place-name, which could be a recent transference from the surname. McKinley, noting that *Kerfoot* first appears in Lancs in the mid-15th century, suggests that it is a variant (with *-foot* for *-ford*) of the now extinct surname *Keresford*, from Keresforth in Silkestone (WR Yorks), though spellings without *-s-* are rare and occur only in the 12th and 13th centuries. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Griffith**, according to Redmonds, who cites Jane Griffethe alias Griffotte, 1570, Hugh Griffett alias Kirfoot, 1583 in in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks). Compare Walter Kerfoot, 1663, Ann Griffith, 1681 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire), but these could be unrelated family names, and the apparent identity of *Griffett* and *Kirfoot* could have been by confusion of the two names.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kirfoot, 1541, Ellen Kerfoot, 1579 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thomasin Kerfoote, 1549 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Alicia Kyrfoote, 1566 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Gowther Kerfoote, 1565, Gualther Kerford, 1620 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Carefoot, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx);

Richardi Carfoot, 1678 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Richard Carefoot, 1698 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 302–3; *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 372–3; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Kerford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Kerfoot**.

### Kerfott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Kerfoot**.

### Kerin

Variants: **Kerins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó Ciaráin, see **Kieran**.

### Kerins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 690
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: variant of Irish **Kerin** (Ó Ciaráin) with English excrement *-s*.

### Kerk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Kirk**.

### Kerkham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Norfolk

English: see **Kirkham**.

### Kerle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Curl**.

### Kerley

Variants: **Kerly**, **Kearley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 863, Ireland 283
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

1 English: variant of **Kirkley**.

2 Irish: from **Mac Thoirdealbhagh**, see **McCurley**.

### Kerlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 196
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Cearbhalláin, see **Carolan**.

### Kerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; also Cambs

1 English: see **Kirkley**.

2 English: see **Kerley**

### Kermack

Variants: **Kermath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Kermuck near Ellon (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Willilmus dictus Kermaghe, 1382 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Williame Kermuck, 1634, Archbald Kermucke, 1656, Eliz. Keruik, 1698, Margaret Kermuch, 1764 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); William Kermock, 1665 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Tho. Kermach, 1680 in *IGI* (Cortachy and Clova, Angus); Andrew Kermuck, 1692 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Jo. Kermonth, 1741 in *IGI* (Kirkriemuir, Angus); John Kermack, 1810 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

### Kerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Kirkman**.

### Kermath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Kermack**.

### Kermeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: of uncertain origin. Kneen suggests it is a reduced form of Gaelic \***Mac Eireamóin** 'son of Eireamón'.

**Early bearers:** Mac Ermyn, 1429, Mac Urmen, 1511, Mac Cormyn, 1521, Curmin, 1603, Kirmeene, 1608 in *Kneen*; Jo Kermeene, 1630 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Jon Kermeene, 1689, Wm Kermeen, 1729 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); Anthony Kermeen, 1715 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM).

**References:** *Broderick, Manx Place-Names*, at Ballakermeen.

### Kermode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx, Irish : from **Mac Dhiarmada**, see **McDermott**. **Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Kermott, 1430, Mac Cormot, 1511, Kermod, 1586 in *Moore*.

Ireland: Teige mcMahowne mcOen I Kermode, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3089 (Meaghill, Kilbreakin); Benvon ny Kyermoda, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4022; Donell O'Karymody, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562 (Moyhill).

### Kern

Variants: **Kurn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Middx

## Kernachan

English: nickname from Middle English *kern*, *kirn*, *kurn*, a side-form of *chern* 'churn' (see **Churn**).

Compare **Kerner**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Kern, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Thoma Kerne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerton Foreign hundred, Somerset); Agn' Kern, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Hary Kern, 1591 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Kern, 1636 in *IGI* (Turville, Bucks); Nicholaus Kern, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Kern, 1653 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Larrance Kurn, 1722 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Henry Kurn, 1796 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk).

### Kernachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Cearnacháin, see **Kernaghan**.

### Kernaghan

Variants: **Kernahan**, **Kernachan**, **Carnahan**,

#### Kernoan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 340
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Cearnacháin 'descendant of *cearnach* 'victorious' + the diminutive ending *-án*. Compare **Kearney**.

**Early bearers:** John Kernan, clerk, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2428 (Newton by Trym, Meath); John Kernane, farmer, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2951 (Kiltale, Meath); John Kernane, sub-sheriff of county Westmeath, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3997; Melaghlynn Kernan, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4597 (Longford); John Kernan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4924 (Purcelston, Meath); Adam Kernaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Newry, Down); James Kernahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Trory, Fermanagh); Peter Kernan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathconnell, Westmeath); James Carnaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); Fanny Carnan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); James Carnaughan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcronaghan, Derry).

### Kernahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down
- Irish: from Ó Cearnacháin, see **Kernaghan**.

### Kernan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 286
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Dublin, Cavan, Monaghan, and Armagh
- Irish: from Mac Thighearnáin, see **Kiernan**.

### Kerner

Variants: **Kurner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English \**kerner*, a side-form of *cherner*, *churner* 'churner, one who churns butter'. Compare **Churn** and **Kern**.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] le Kerner, 1332 in *Fransson* (London); Simon le Churner', 1332, William le Cherner, 1359 in *Thuesson* (Surrey); Thomas Kerner', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Kerner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Kernere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Hugo le Kerner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); John Kerner, 1615 in *IGI* (Thursley, Surrey); Edward Kerner, 1619 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs).  
**References:** *Fransson*, p. 68; *Thuesson*, p. 199.

### Kerney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Catharnaigh, Ó Ceithearnaigh, or Mac Ceithearnaigh, see **Kearney**.

### Kernick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: locative name from one or more of the eight places named Kernick in Cornwall.  
**Early bearers:** William Kernicke, 1566 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Thomas Kernicke, 1569, Johes Kernick, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall); Grace Kernick, 1682 in *IGI* (Advent, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 55, 273.

### Kernoan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 400
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Cearnacháin, see **Kernaghan**.

### Kernot

Variants: **Kernutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants; Lancs

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, perhaps in Hants, or perhaps in N France.  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Kernet, 1221, John Kernet', 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Johannes de Kernet, Johannes de Kernet, about 1240, Robertus de Kernet', 13th cent. in *Beaulieu Cartulary* (Hants); Geoffrey Kernet, about 1300 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Mary Kernut, 1638 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Elizabeth Kernet, 1718 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); John Kernut, 1734, John Kernott, 1769 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Joseph Kernet, 1764 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

### Kerns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kernutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Kernot**.

## Kerr

Variants: **Ker**, **Carr**, **McKerr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26083, Ireland 5073
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16192
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim, Tyrone

1 Scottish, English: locative name for someone who lived by a marsh or swampy woodland, Middle English *kerr* 'brushwood, wet ground' (Old Scandinavian *kjarr*). Some bearers may belong under (3).

**Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Marquess of Lothian since 1701, and were also Earls of Lothian and Earls of Ancram in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johannes Ker. about 1190 in *Glasgow Register* (Soonhope [near Oxton], Berwicks); John Kerr, 1357 in *Black* (Attonburn [near Kello], Roxburghs); Janet Car, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Agnes Kerr, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Kerr, 1635 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jonat Kerr, 1645 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Andro Kerr, 1673 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elizabeth Kerr, 1696 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Margaret Kerr, 1720 in *IGI* (Portpatrick, Wigtowns).

England: Osbert de Ker, about 1200 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Robert Ker, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); William Carre, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John del Car, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Atteker, 1375 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Johannes Kar, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Northumb); Johannes in le Ker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Riccald, ER Yorks); Jaine Kerr, 1605 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Johes Kerr, 1633 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Henry Kerr, 1703 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb).

2 Irish: from Ó Carra, or Mac Carra, see **Carr**.

3 Scottish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, reduced form of Mac Gille Chéir 'son of the dusky lad', formerly anglicized in Arran as *McGilker*.

### Kerran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kerrane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Ciaráin, see **Kieran**.

2 Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kerrell

Variants: **Croyle**, **Kriell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: locative name from Criel-sur-Mer (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cruel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Simon de Crieil, 1170, Bertram de Crieil, 1221 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); Bertram de Crioille, 1252 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); William de Kiriel, 1287 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John Kyriel,

1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Kyrrell, Edward Kerrell, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Kerrich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Kerridge**.

### Kerrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: see **Kerridge**.  
2 Welsh: see **Kenrick**.

### Kerridge

Variants: **Kirrage, Kerrich, Carriage, Kerrick, Kendrick, Kindred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1509, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1092
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk and Essex

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kenrich* (Old English *Cyneric*, formed from *cyme-* (combining form of *cynn*) 'kin, family' + *\*ric* 'ruler'). The surname might also have been refashioned as **Courage**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Kenricus, Chenricus, Chericus (identical), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Chenric, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); Cenric, Chenrich, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames: John Kendrick, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Kerrych, 1297, John Kenrich, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); Thomas Kerrick, 1299, John Kerrick, 1330 in *Dunwich Account* (Suffolk); John Kenrich, John Kerrick, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Kerysche, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Susannah Carriage daughter of Thomas Kerridge, 1632 in *Bardsley*; Eliz Kerridge, 1648 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Thomas Kirrage, 1689 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); George Kirrage, 1775 in *IGI* (Stonham Aspell, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name, occasionally from Kerridge Copse in Washfield (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Keaurigge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Budleigh hundred, Devon); [...] Keaurigge, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); James Keridge, 1603, John Kerridge, 1608 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Keridge, 1722 in *IGI* (Lympstone, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 421.

3 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Kerridge in Bollington by Macclesfield (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [...] Cayrugh, [...] Kerug, 1286, [...] Cayrugge, 1341–55, [...] Kayryche, 1363 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 188.

### Kerrigan

Variants: **Kirgan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2560, Ireland 1419
- **GB frequency 1881:** 539
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim; Mayo and Galway

Irish: from Ó Ciaragáin 'descendant of Ciaragán', a byname from a double diminutive of *ciar* 'black, dark'.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Kerrieghan, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; John Kerryghan, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; Thomas Kerreyghan, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; William O'Kierregain, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5087 (Rossely, Donegal); Katherine ny Keregan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6379 (Ballicollwy, Westmeath).

### Kerrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kerrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kerrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Kari*, *Kare* (see **Kerry**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** William Carison, 1461 in *Cheshire Record Office* DCH/D/6 (Bickerton, Cheshire); John Kerryson 1481 in *Cheshire Record Office*, DCH/C/366 (Malpas, Cheshire); Marie Kereson, 1618 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Kerrison, 1630 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk); William Kerrison, 1718, Roger Kerrison, 1802 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Kerrison, 1845 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

### Kerruish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: reduced form of Gaelic \***Mac Fhearghúis** 'son of Fearghús'; see **Fergus** and compare **Ferguson**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Fergus, 1422, Mac Kerrous, 1515, Kerruish, 1643 in *Kneen* (IoM); Will Kerush, 1650, Robt Kerruish, 1724, Ann Keruish, 1730 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); John Keruish, 1711 in *IGI* (Bride, IoM); Ann Kerwish, 1873 in *IGI* (Patrick, IoM).  
England: John Kerruish, 1784 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); John Kerruish, 1802, William Keruish, 1806, Daniel Kerwish, 1832 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Kneen*.

### Kerry

Variants: **Carey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3897, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1998
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Derbyshire and Notts; also E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered within Leinster

1 English: from the rare Middle English personal name *Kari* (Old Scandinavian *Kári*). The post-medieval pronunciation of the surname sometimes kept the vowel long (hence *Carey* and *Cary*) but with shortening of the vowel it developed to *Kerry*. Compare **Marie** and **Merry**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Cari, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk or Suffolk); Ralph Kerry, 1623 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); John Kerrie, 1664 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); Sarah

Cary, 1668, Charles Kerry, 1695 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Inslay, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 249–50; *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 161.

2 Irish: from Ó Ciardha, 'descendant of Ciardha', a personal name meaning 'the black one'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Kerrys, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1460; John Kerry, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3419; Margery ny Kerrye, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6407; Wm. O'Kirry, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551.

### Kersey

Variants: **Carsey, Kearsay, Keresey, Kiersey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Kersey (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Karesay, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam de Kersey, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholous Kersey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Kerseye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); Ricardus Keresey, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nicholous Kersey, 1566 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jane Kersey, 1573 in *IGI* (Melton Ross, Lincs); John Kersey, 1636 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); Robertus Kersey, 1674 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk).

### Kersh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name, occupational name, locative name from Yiddish *kirsh* 'cherry (tree)' (German *Kirsche*, Middle High German *kirse* 'cherry (tree)'). It may have been chosen as an ornamental name, but also could have been a metonymic occupational name for a grower or seller of cherries or a nickname for a man with a ruddy complexion.

### Kershaw

Variants: **Kirshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7795, Ireland 173
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9641
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from Kershaw in Middleton (Lancs) or some other similarly named place, named as 'church wood'.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Kyrkeschawe, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey del Kyrkeshagh, 1390 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); Ane Kershaw, 1574 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Mary Kershaw, 1595 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Thomas Kershaw, 1616 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 417–19.

### Kerslake

Variants: **Karslake, Carslake, Keslake, Caslake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1281, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 998
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Gloucs and Dorset

English: locative name from Castlake in Stogumber (Somerset), which is recorded as *Carslake* in 1597 (*Somerset Archives*) and as *Carslake Farm* on 19th-century Ordnance Survey maps.

**Early bearers:** Hervey de Kerselake, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Tiverton hundred, Devon); Ranulph de Carselak', 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Carselak,

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1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); John Carsalake, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Carslake, 1545, William Karslake, 1628 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Willyam Karslake or Karslack, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Knowstone, Devon); Margaret Caslake, 1575 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); William Kerslake, 1611 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Karslake, 1622 in *IGI* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); William Kerslake or Kirslake, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); Arther Keslake, 1656 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon).

### Kersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs
- English: see **Kearsley**.

### Kerswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Cresswell**.

### Kerswill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Cresswell**.

### Kerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 English: see **Kirton**.  
2 English: see **Cureton**.

### Kervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: probably a variant in England of Irish **Kirwan**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew fitz David Kyerryvan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753.

### Kerwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Rutland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary; Kerry

Irish: from Ó **Garmhaic** ‘descendant of *Cíarmhac*’, a personal name meaning ‘dark son’. It is more commonly anglicized as **Kirby**.

**Early bearers:** Morice O’Keyrvick (McDerby), carpenter, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4714; Teige O’Keyrvig, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Killmochove); Edmund Keyervick, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6475 (Waterford, Cowlisill); Diermod O’Kiervicke, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558.

### Kerwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó **Ciardhubháin**, see **Kirwan**.

### Kerwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Sussex and Hants
- 1 English: see **Curwood**.  
2 Scottish: see **Kirkwood**.

### Kesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Lincs
- English: see **Kisby**.

### Keshwala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, meaning ‘one with long hair’.

### Keslake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Kerslake**.

### Kessel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Kessell**.

### Kessell

- Variants:** **Kessel**, **Kestell**, **Kestel**, **Kestle**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Cornish: locative name from one or more of several places in Cornwall whose names derive from Middle Cornish *castell*, *kestell* ‘castle, village, tor’, such as Kestle in Saint Columb Minor, Kestle in Egloshayle, and Kestal in Saint Hilary.

**Early bearers:** Iohanne de Kestel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Kerrier, Cornwall); Geffry Kestell, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Penryn, Cornwall); Richard Kestall, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Landewednack, Cornwall); James Kestell, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Egloshayle, Cornwall); John Kestell, 1564, Tho Kestle, 1609, Richard Kessell, 1644 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Marye Kestell, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Sidwell Kessell, 1577 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Anne Kessel, 1694, Lawrence Kestel, 1720 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 102; *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 42–3.

### Kessen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Kesson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Kessler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London and SE England

German, Dutch, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a maker of copper cooking vessels, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *kezzel* ‘kettle, cauldron’, Middle Dutch *ketel*, modern German *Kessel*.

**Early bearers:** Letitia Sarah Kessler, 1858 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Kesson

**Variants:** **Kessen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Cessán*, a side-form of *Cessóg*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Kessan filius Senane, about 1270, Kessanus, clericus, 14th cent., Kessanus dictus McGhillecharrik, 1360, Kessan de Nentbolg, 1398, Kessane Williamsoun, 1530 in *Black*.

sumames: Evgenius filius Kessani, 1308, George Kessane, 1562 in *Black*; William Kessane, 1562 in *Black* (Ayr, Ayr); Thomas Kessane, 1650 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings); Margaret Kessane, 1661 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margaret Keson, 1696 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margt. Kessan, 1747, Janet Kessean, 1758 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Martha Keson, 1786 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Lillias Kessan, 1793, William Keson, 1819 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).

**References:** *Black*, at Kessan and Kessog.

### Kestel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Kessell**.

### Kestell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Glamorgan
- Cornish: see **Kessell**.

### Kester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Caster**. Caistor in Lincs is recorded as *Kester* in 1536 (*Place-Names of Lincs* 2, p. 87).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Kester, 1576 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Richard Kester, 1614 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Thomas Kester, 1621 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); John Kester, 1625 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); John Kester, 1632 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

### Kesterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Staffs, Shrops, and Worcs
- English: variant of **Casterton**.

### Kesteven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from the Parts of Kesteven, one of the three administrative subdivisions of Lincs. Compare **Holland** (1) and **Lindsay** (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Kesteuene, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Iohannes de Kestueu' de Waragholm', 1381–8 in *Assize Rolls* (Grainthorpe, Lincs); Ralph de Kesteuene, clerk, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Emma Kesteven, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Egleton, Rutland); Johannes de Kesteven, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stancill, WR Yorks); Hugo Kesteven, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Ricardus Kesteven', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Cave, ER Yorks); Elyn Kesteven, 1576 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Johannes Kesteven, 1629, James Kestaven, 1755 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Gulielmi Kesteven, 1683 in *IGI* (Scarcliffe, Derbys); William Kesteven, 1755 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Kestle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Kessell**.

### Keston

Variants: **Keyston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Keyston (Hunts), which is recorded as *Ketelestan* in 1172, *Keston* in 1255.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Ketstan, 1227 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts* (Hunts); Geoffrey de Keston, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johanne Keston, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Riseley, Beds); William Keston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kimbolton, Hunts); William Keston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Cecilia de Keston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Luton, Beds); Hugone de Keston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shelton, Beds); Thomas de Keston', 1333, Roger Keston', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Henricus Keston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Alicia [de] Keston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Rogerus Keston', 1383–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Ann Keston, 1605 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Keyston, 1814 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 243.

### Ketch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London: Warwicks and Oxon; Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Kedge**.

### Ketchell

Variants: **Kitchell**, **Kitchel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *kechel*, *kichel* 'a small cake of a kind given as alms in the name of God'. Godfathers and godmothers would commonly give such cakes to their godchildren when they asked for a blessing. Compare Chaucer's 'A Goddes *kechel*' (variant reading *kichel*).

**Early bearers:** William Kechel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Kechel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Kechel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Casterton, Rutland); Hugh Kechill', 1426, John Kechyll', 1468 in

*Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Kitchell, 1593 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); Jane Kitchell, 1604 in *IGI* (Addington, Kent); William Kitchel, 1692 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks); Eliesebeth Kichel, 1745, Richd Kitchell, 1747, James Ketchall, 1852 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex).

### Ketchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Kitchen**.

**Early bearers:** James Ketchen, 1655 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian); Margaret Ketchen, 1685 in *IGI* (Heriot, Midlothian); James Ketchen, 1713 in *IGI* (Newlands, Peebles).

### Ketcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey
- English: see **Catcher**.

### Ketchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Peebles, and Roxburghs; also Lancs; Lincs

Scottish, English: see **Kitchen**.

### Ketley

Variants: **Kettley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: apparently a variant of **Keighley** with shortening of the first vowel. Compare **Kitley**.

**Early bearers:** John Kitly, 1564, Elisabeth Kightly, 1621 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Ellen Kightley, 1568 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); Thomas Kightly, 1578 in *Assize Rolls* (Grays, Essex); Michaeli Kightlie, 1598 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thomas Keightley, 1600 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Mary Kettley, 1636 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Ketley, 1658 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Anne Kettle, 1665 in *IGI* (Cuxton, Kent); Ric Ketley, 1759 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Ketley in Wellington (Shrops), though the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Cattelega, [ . . . de] Kettelea, 1177 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Thomas Kightley, 1552 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Thomas Ketley, 1574, John Kightley, 1582 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Humfrey Kettley, 1576 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Elizabeth Ketley, 1604 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Alice Kitley, 1615 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); Benjamin Ketley, 1794 in *IGI* (Dowles, Shrops); William Kightley, 1831 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, pp. 61–2.

### Kett

Variants: **Kitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare

1 English: see **Kite**.

2 Irish: from Ó Ceit 'descendant of *Ceat*', a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cett mac Flaithbertaigh, king of Corcu Mruad, 919 in *AU* (Corcu Mruad, Clare). surnames: Philip and John Kett, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §913; Nicholas and Cornelius Kytt, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §914.

### Kettel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Kettle**.

### Kettell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks; Cheshire

English: see **Kettle**.

### Ketteridge

Variants: **Kittredge**, **Kitteridge**, **Kettridge**, **Kittridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name, probably an Anglo-Scandinavian hybrid personal name \**Cytelric*, a compound of Old Scandinavian *Ketill* and the common Old English second element *-ric*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Keteryche, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Shalford, Essex); Roger Keterych, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard Ketrych, 1447 in *PROB 11* (Saint Paul, City of London); Thomas Kederych, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Blannche Ketteridge, 1580 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Richard Keterich, 1621 in *PROB 11* (South Mimms, Middx); William Kitteridge, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Sarah Ketteridge, 1727 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Saml. Kittredge, 1764 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Kettering

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Kettering (Northants). **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmi de Ketering, 13th cent. in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Irthlingborough, Northants); William de Ketering, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oundle, Northants); Walter de Keteryng', 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John de Keterynge, 1352 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Alicia Keteryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Johannes Keteryng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); William Keteryng', 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Kettering, 1762 in *IGI* (Dalham, Suffolk); William Kettering, 1801 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks).

### Ketteringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Ketteringham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Agn' Keteryngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Willelmo Keteryngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Jonne Kettringham, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Ketteringham, 1673 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead,

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Norfolk); Thomas Keteringham, 1695 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk).

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Variants: **Kettel**, **Kettell**, **Kittle**, **Kittel**, **Kettles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2868, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2610
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and E England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Armagh; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ketel*, *Kitel* (Old Scandinavian *Ketill*, meaning ‘cauldron’, anglicized in Old English as *Cytel*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Chetel (Hants), Chitel (Cornwall), Ketel (Gloucs, Lancs, Norfolk, Suffolk, Yorks), Kitel (Norfolk, Somerset), all 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ketel filius Eutret, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Ketel, 13th cent. in *White Book of Peterborough* (Lincs).

surnames: Grym Kytel, 972 in *Cartularium Saxonicum* no. 1130 (Northants); Roger Chetel, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Hulf Ketel, 12th cent. in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Norfolk); William Kitel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Kytle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Girton, Cambs); Johannes Ketyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Adam Ketyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints South Elmham, Suffolk); Anne Kettle, 1548 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Henry Kettle, 1562 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Raph Kettle, 1563 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); John Kettle, 1565 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Willm. Kettle, 1565 in *IGI* (White Ladies Aston, Worcs); Joseph Kittell, 1775 in *IGI* (Great Willbraham, Cambs).

2 Irish: In Ireland, this generally is the English name, but in some cases it may also be an anglicization of **Mac Thorcaill**, see **McCorkell**.

### Kettleband

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ketelbern* (late Old English *Cytelbearn*, *Ketelbern*, from Old Scandinavian *Ketilbjörn*, formed from *ketill* ‘cauldron’ + *björn* ‘bear’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ketelbern, Chetelbern, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Norfolk, Notts, Worcs); Chetelbernus, 1142–70 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Welton, Northants); Ketelbern 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ketelbern, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Ketelberni, 13th cent. in *Blyth Cartulary* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Willelmus filius Ketelber’, 1100–89 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Willybrook hundred, Northants); Roger Ketelbern, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Ketelbern, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Ketelbern’, William Cutelbern, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Bucks); Willelmo Ketylberne, about 1260, Willelmo Ketyilberne, 1265–70 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Welton, Northants); Robert Ketelbarn, 1324 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Willelmo Ketylbane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Jane Kettleborne, 1610 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Michael Kettlebern, 1714 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); Humphry Kettleburne, 1726, Ann Kettleband, 1727 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Hannah Kettleban, 1778 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics).

### Kettleborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Kettleburgh (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Master Stephen de Kettelbergh, clerk, 1320, Master Stephen de Kettelbury, 1343 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas son of John de Keteberge, 1341, Thomas de Ketebergh, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes de Ketilbergh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Rychard Kettelborow, 1586 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); William Kettelborow, 1680 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Kettelborrow, 1753 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs). **References:** *East Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 133; *Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 64; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 274; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 342.

### Kettles

Variants: **Kettless**, **Kittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Kincardines
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English, Scottish: variant of **Kettle** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Kettill, 1573 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Tullibardine, Perth); Ann Kethel, 1750 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Alexr. Kettles, 1752 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); John Ketles, 1768 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); Alexander Kettles, 1770 in *IGI* (Kilmalcolm, Renfrews); Anne Kettles, 1801 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth). England: Dorithy Kettles, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Gideon Kettles, 1654 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Kettles, 1727 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Jane Kettles, 1808 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Kettleson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Northumb
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ketel* (see **Kettle**) + *son*. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kettless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Kettles**.

### Kettlety

Variants: **Kittlety**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: late variant of **Kitley**, with intrusive -t-.

**Early bearers:** Hester Kittlety, 1809 in *IGI* (Winsley, Wilts); Maria Kittlety, 1810 in *IGI* (Holt, Wilts).

### Kettlewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 933, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 910
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Kettlewell (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Richard de Ketelwel, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Ketilwelle, 1327 in *York Freeman’s*

*Register*; William Kettlewell, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Kettley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Ketley**.

### Ketton

Variants: **Keeton**, **Keaton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; Lancs

1 English: locative name from Ketton (Rutland), which is recorded as *Ketene* in 1174, *Ketone* in 1322, *Ketton* in 1519. Some of the bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (3).

**Early bearers:** Iohanne de Keten’, 1296–7 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Northants); Henricus de Keten, late 13th cent. in *Peterborough Cartulary* (Rutland); Willelmus Keten, Johannes de Kettun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Willelmus de Ketyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barrowden, Rutland); Johannes de Ketyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, Rutland); Alicia Keton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus Keten’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Alicia de Ketene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caton, Norfolk); Rycardo de Keton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ragdale, Leics); Henry Keton, 1423 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Dorothy Ketton, 1577 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Agnes Keeton, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); John Keeton, 1598 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Robte Keaton, 1606 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Richard Ketton, 1634 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs). **References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 150.

2 English: locative name from Ketton in Aycliffe (Durham), but it is uncertain that this surname survived into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Nicholai de Ketton, 1364–5 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Aycliffe, Durham); Johannes de Keton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Henricus Ketton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farnham, WR Yorks); Henricus de Ketton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coppgrove, WR Yorks); Tomae Ketton, 1579 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Ketton, 1637 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); Charles Ketton, 1661 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics). **References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 68.

3 English: for the Notts name see **Keeton**.

4 English: for the Lancs name see **Caton**.

### Kettridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Ketteridge**.

### Keung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 姜, see **Jiang** (2).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 强, see **Chiang** (1).

### Kevan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Caoimhín, see **Kevin**.



**Kevern**

Variants: **Keverne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Saint Keverne (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Keveren, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Thomas Keveryn, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); John Keveryn, about 1535 in *Cornwall Timmers Muster Roll* (Germoe, Cornwall); Oliver Keverne, 1582 in *IGI* (Landewednack, Cornwall); Margaret Keveryn, 1599, John Keverne, 1599, Geny Kevern, 1614, James Keveren, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); John Keverine, 1617, William Keverne, 1672, Ralph Keveren, 1791 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall).

**Keverne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Kevern**.

**Kevil**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cheshire and Lancs; Wilts and Dorset

1 Irish: from Ó Cibhil, see **Keville**.

2 English: see **Keevil**.

**Kevill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Cibhil, see **Keville**.

**Keville**

Variants: **Kevill, Kevil, Kivell, Kivel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Galway

Irish: from Ó Cibhil ‘descendant of *Cibhil*’, a personal name of unexplained origin. This seems to be the same as **Keevill**; if so, it is an English locative name that has been falsely identified as an Irish personal name. Compare **Kivlehan**.

**Kevin**

Variants: **Kevan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Mayo; Waterford

Irish: from Ó Caoimhín ‘descendant of *Caoimhín*’, the personal name *Kevin*, a byname derived from a diminutive of Gaelic *caomh* ‘comely, beloved’. This was the name of a 7th-century saint who is one of the patrons of Dublin.

**Early bearers:** Dionysius Kevan, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311; Denis Kevan, Dublyn merchant, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1717; William Kevan, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1665 (Kildare, Athy); Denis Kevan, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3570.

**Kevlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Cibhlín, a shortened form of Ó Cibhleacháin, see **Kivlehan**.

**Kew**

Variants: **Lequeux, Le Keux**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1310, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *queu, keu, kieu, cu* ‘cook’, i.e. one who sold cooked meat, keeper of an eating house.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Cu, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Kue, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); William le Keu, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Hugh le Kew, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Kew, 1586 in *IGI* (South Willingham, Lincs); Johne Kew, 1603 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Jony Kew, 1608 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Barbara Kew, 1610 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Thomas Kew, 1622 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

2 Norman, English: see **Keyho**.

3 Irish: Ulster variant of **McHugh**.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 晁 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

**Keward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Keyworth**.

**Kewell**

Variants: **Cuell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: perhaps a variant of **Keevil**, with vocalization of /v/ to /w/.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Kywel, about 1257, William Kywel, Walter Kyvel, 1300 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Roger Kywele, John Kywel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Martin, Wilts); Willelmo Kywele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); Christopher Cuell, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Sidnam, Oxon); Richard Kewell, 1584 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Anderow Kewell, 1591 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); Rich Cuell, 1655 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); John Kewell, 1659 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Johne Cewell, 1683 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); William Cewell, 1690 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); William Cuell, 1714, Cuel, 1715 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Robert Kuell, 1760 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

**Kewen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Cumb

Manx: see **Kewin**.

**Kewin**

Variants: **Kewen, Kewn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from *Mac Eoin* ‘John’s son’. Compare

Scottish **McEwan**.

**Early bearers:** McJon, 1417, McKewne, 1504, Kewyne, 1540 in *Moore*.

**Kewish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from *Mac Uais* ‘the noble’s son’.

**Early bearers:** Kewish, 1618 in *Moore*; Kathrin Kewish, 1610 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Patrick Kewish, 1663 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Joney Kewish, 1664 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); Yene Kewish, 1666 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

**Kewley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 851
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs

1 Manx: cognate of Scottish Gaelic **Macaulay**, Irish **McAuley**.

**Early bearers:** Flann MacAulay, 1178 in *Moore*; MacCowley, 1504, Cowley, 1587, Kewley, 1611 in *Moore*.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Cully-le-Patry in Calvados.

**Early bearers:** Hunfridus de Cuelai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Hugh de Cuilly, de Cully, 1313–14 in *Bardsley*; Tho Kewley, 1627 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Abram Kewley, 1710 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Judith Kewley, 1753 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Kewley, 1802 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Thomas Kewley, 1803 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Kewn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also IoM

Manx: see **Kewin**.

**Key**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5096, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4118
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Tipperary; also Donegal

English, Irish: see **Kay**.

**Keye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English, Irish: see **Kay**.

**Keys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 888, Ireland 867
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

See **Keys**.

**Keyho**

Variants: **Keyhoe, Kew**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

## Keyhoe

Norman: locative name from *Caieu*, a lost town in the vicinity of Boulogne-sur-Mer (Pas-de-Calais), which is recorded as *Cahu*, *Kaeu*, *Kaio*, *Kayhou*, *Keu* (*Book of Fees*).

**Further information:** Sir John de Caiho, also recorded as Caio and Cai, was a sheriff in London in 1202–3.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Cahou, Robert de Cayho, Robert de Kaiho, 1195–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William de Kehou, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); William de Caihou, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de Kayu, Wilkin de Keu, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Mary Keyhow, 1781 in *IGI* (Stansfield, Suffolk); Thomas Kayhoe, 1787 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Sarah Keyhoe, 1788 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk); Dianah Kayhoe, 1788 in *IGI* (Little Melton, Norfolk); Elizabeth Keyhoe, 1817 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Ekwall*, *ELSR*.

## Keyhoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Norman: see **Keyho**.

## Keylock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: unexplained. The evidence of the early forms is conflicting. Despite the resemblance, it seems clear that this is not a variant of **Kellock**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Kenelok (or Keuelok), 1327, John Keylocke, 1524, Nicholas Kedyloke, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); John Keylock, 1524, John Keyvelocke, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); Jacobuz Kelok, 1524, Jacobus Keyvelock, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hardwicke, Gloucs); Humfridus Kelock, 1524, Humfridus Keyvelock, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longney, Gloucs); John Keylok, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colesbourne, Gloucs); Richard Keilocke, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Colesbourne, Gloucs); John Keylock, 1592 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); William Keyvelocke, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); Richard Keylock, 1679, James Kaylock, 1779 in *IGI* (Latton, Wilts).

## Keymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Kenemere* (Old English *Cynemær*), with loss of *-n-*, though it is by no means certain that the medieval and post-medieval bearers cited here are connected.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Chinemeri bouarii, before 1183 in *Stenton, Feudalism*.  
surnames: Richard Kenemer, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); John Kenemer, Thomas Kenemere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbert Kymere, clerk, 1438, Nicholas Kymer, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Keymer, 1591 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); George Keymer, 1648–9 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Keymer, 1662 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Dionis Keimar, 1681 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); William Keymer, 1694, Robert Keymour, 1727 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Keynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- Norman, English: see **Caines**.

## Keys

**Variants:** **Keyes**, **Keyse**, **Keeyes**, **Keays**, **Kays**, **Kayes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2052, Ireland 672
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Limerick; also Laois
- 1 English, Irish, Scottish, Manx: variant of **Kay**, of various origins, mostly with excrescent *-s*. The 1275 English example is unusually early for such a variant, and might represent a genitival form of the personal name *Cai* or more likely of the surname (perhaps denoting ‘servant of a man surnamed *Key*’).  
**Early bearers:** England: William Keys, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Keys, 1444 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Berks); George Keys, 1561 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Keyes, 1565 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Willm. Keys, 1573 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Thoms. Keyes, 1578 in *IGI* (Clayton with Frickley, WR Yorks); Wm Keyes, 1590 in *IGI* (Langtoft, Lincs); John Keyes, 1608 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Jane Keys, 1676 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Will Keys, 1694 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Martha Keeyes, 1701 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Thomas Keys, 1738 in *IGI* (Chebsey, Staffs).

Ireland: Richard Keies, 1585–6 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4822.  
Scotland: Patrick Keys, 1703 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Mary Keys, 1748 in *IGI* (Loudoun, Ayr); Anna Keys, 1750 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Henry Keys, 1818 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks).  
IoM: Mold Mac Quayes, 1502, [ . . . ] Keys, 1772 in *Kneen*; Joney Keys, 1741 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).  
2 Norman, English: in some cases this may be a variant of **Guise**. It is claimed in *Hanks and Hodges* that some English bearers of the name *Keyes* can be ‘traced to the Norman family of *Guiz* or *Giye*’.

## Keyse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, and Monmouths

See **Keys**.

## Keyser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, German, Jewish: see **Cayzer** and **Kaiser**.  
**Early bearers:** Jacob Keyser, 1700 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Moses and Esther Keyser, in *Census 1861* (Finsbury, Middx).

## Keyzor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English, German: see **Cayzer** and **Kaiser**.  
**Further information:** This spelling has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Keyston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Keston**.

## Keyte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 554
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs
- English: see **Kite**.

## Keyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Lancs
- English: variant of **Caton**, **Keaton**, or **Keeton**.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Keaton, 1773 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Ferdinand Keyton, 1842 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

## Keywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Keyworth**, originally a Notts surname. The following early bearers from SE England may alternatively have a different but unidentified source.  
**Early bearers:** Laurence Keywood, 1602 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Jonathan Keywood, 1690, John Kewood, 1693 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Keywood, 1777 in *IGI* (Treyford with Didling, Sussex).

## Keyworth

**Variants:** **Keywood**, **Keward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 831, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: locative name from Keyworth (Notts).  
**Further information:** It is uncertain whether the 1379 spelling *Keyward* belongs here. It could alternatively represent an unrecorded Middle English \**keyword*, perhaps ‘keeper of the key(s)’ or ‘one who guards the quay or wharf’. However, neither sense has an obvious fit with residence in the Leics village of Burton on the Wolds. Also compare Steven Keward, 1615, Thomas Keyward, 1616 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk), which seem unlikely to derive from the Notts surname unless by long-distance migration.  
**Early bearers:** Simone de Kewurda, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Keyworth, Notts); Gervasio de Keworth, 1297 in *Lenton Priory Accounts* (Keyworth, Notts); Joh’e de Keuworth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Keyworth, Notts); Willelmo Keyward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton on the Wolds, Leics); Joseph Keywood, 1581, George Keward, 1591 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Keyworth, 1608 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts); Anne Keworth, 1623, Thomas Keywood, 1680, Mary Keyward, 1772, Richard Keward, 1790 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts); Tho Keyward, 1684 in *IGI* (Pilham, Lincs); Lionell Keyworth, 1727 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); William Kewarth, 1743 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs); Samuel Keward, 1797 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts).

## Keyzor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English, German: see **Cayzer** and **Kaiser**.

## Khafaji

**Variants:** **Hafeji**, **Hafejee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Indian: locative name from the former city, now archaeological site, of Khafajah al-Basha, Iraq, with the suffix *-i* used for derived adjectival forms.

### Khagram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Khaira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): nickname (Sikh), based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Khakh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Khaled

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Khalid**.

### Khalid

Variants: **Khaled**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3083, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a widespread personal name based on Arabic *khālid*, ‘eternal, enduring’.
- Further information:** Khālid ibn-al-Walid (d. 642) was the Muslim military leader who brought about the defeat of the Byzantine Empire and its expulsion from Syria. The Prophet Muhammad called him *Sayfullah* ‘sword of Allah’.

### Khalifa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1419, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: status name or honorific title from Arabic *khalīfa* ‘successor, regent, viceroy, khalif’.
- Further information:** This was the title adopted after the death of Muhammad in 632 by his successor Abu-Bakr. The khalifs ruled in Baghdad until 1258, and then in Egypt until the Ottoman conquest (1517). The title was then held by the Ottoman sultans in Istanbul until the sultanate was abolished by Kamal Atatürk in 1924.

### Khalil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1838, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *khalīl* ‘friend’.
- Further information:** *Khalīl-ullah* ‘friend of Allah’ is an honorific title given to the Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham). See the Qur’an 4:125: ‘Allah took Abraham as his friend.’

### Khaliq

- Variants: **Khalique**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1913, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *khalīq*, ‘fit, suitable’.
- References: *Ahmed*.

### Khalique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Khaliq**.
- Further information:** This spelling is indicative of an origin on the Indian subcontinent.

### Khambhaita

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): locative name, Hindu (Brahman), meaning ‘from Khambat’.

### Khan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70402, Ireland 314
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cheshire and Lancs
- 1 Muslim (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh): relationship name from a personal name or status name originally based on Mongolian *xaan* ‘ruler, nobleman’, its cognates, or its descendants.
- Further information:** This was originally a hereditary title for leaders of Tartar and Mongolian tribes (in particular Genghis Khan, 1162–1227), but is now very widely used in the Muslim world as a personal name. In the Indian subcontinent it is widely used as an honorific title after a person’s given name and has come to be interpreted as equivalent to a surname.
- Early bearers:** India: Hamid Ali Khan, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Mirza Ali Ackbar Khan, born in London, in *Census 1881* (Old Windsor, Berks); Sheer Khan, born in India, in *Census 1891* (London); Samar Shah Khan, born in India, in *Census 1901* (Middx); Nar Khan, born in India, in *Census 1911* (London)(London); Nasir Ali Khan, born in India, in *Census 1911* (London).
- Persia: Malcom (Prince) Khan, born in Persia, in *Census 1881* (Holland Park, Middx); Ghabbar Khan, born in Persia, in *Census 1911* (London); Ghabba Khan, born in Persia, in *Census 1911* (London).
- 2 Jewish: occasional variant of **Kahn** (see **Cohen**).
- Early bearers:** Lev S. Khan, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham and Fanny Khan, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Khanam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Iran, Pakistan) : see **Khanom**.

### Khang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: see **Kang**.

### Khangura

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Khanna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 994, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan found in the Khatri community,

who are said to be descendants of a certain Khan Chand.

### Khanom

- Variants: **Khanum, Khanam**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3019, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Iran, Pakistan): from Persian *khānum* ‘princess, noblewoman’. This is not actually a surname, but a female honorific, the feminine of **Khan**.

### Khanum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 917, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Iran, Pakistan): see **Khanom**.

### Khatkar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Khatoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1293, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Khatun**.

### Khatri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a prominent mercantile community in the Panjab. It is from Sanskrit *ksatriya*, which originally meant ‘member of the warrior caste’, derived from *ksatra* ‘dominion, power’.
- Further information:** As their name suggests, the Panjabi Khatri claim to be of Kshatriya origin. They have been prominent in civil administration from the time of the Mughal emperors. Several well-known Sikh gurus, including Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion, have come from the Khatri community. The vast majority of the Khatri are, however, Hindus.

### Khattak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Afghan: from the name of a Pashtun tribe.

### Khatun

- Variants: **Khatoon**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 6257, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from an honorific title for women in Turkic languages.
- Further information:** This is not a surname; it is a title equivalent to ‘Lady’.

### Khaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, see **Xu** (2).

### Khawaja

- Variants: **Khwaja**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 982, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Khela

Muslim: from an honorific title based on Persian *khawāja* 'lord, master, man of distinction'.

### Khela

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Khera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Khetani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, from *Khet-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Khetia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Khimji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Jain, unexplained.

### Khiroya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Kho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 柯, see **Ko** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 柯, see **Xu** (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 寇, see **Koh** (1).

### Khokhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Muslim, unexplained.

### Khong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 孔, see **Kong** (2).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 康, see **Kang** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 洪, see **Hong** (4).

4 Vietnamese, Cambodian: unexplained.

### Kho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 古, 顧, and 辜. See **Koo** (1–3).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘. The dialects using this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia. See **Yau** (4) and (5).

3 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 韓. The dialects using this pronunciation are found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia. See **Xu** (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 高, see **Gao** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 柯, see **Ko** (1).

### Khor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 柯, see **Xu** (2).

### Khosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Khosla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan which belongs to the Sarin subgroup of the Khatri community.

### Khoury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic (Lebanon and Syria): from Levantine Arabic *khūrī* 'priest', in particular a Christian priest.

### Khunti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Khurana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Arora community.

### Khurshid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *khūrshīd* 'sun'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Khwaja

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Khawaja**.

### Kiani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian, Muslim: see **Kayani**.

### Kibbel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Keeble**.

### Kibbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: see **Kibby**.

### Kibble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 898

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx and Essex

English: see **Keeble**.

### Kibbler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *kib(b)le* 'cudgel' or *keble* 'bucket' (modern dialect *kibble*), for a maker or seller of such items.

**Early bearers:** Alce Kibler, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Wickham Market, Suffolk); William Kibler, 1631 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Mary Keebler, 1664 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Robertus Kebler, 1714 in *IGI* (Moreton Morrell, Warwicks); Richard Kibler, 1729 in *IGI* (Wasperton, Warwicks); Wm. Kibbler, 1766 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks).

### Kibblewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The name appears to have Middle English *keble* 'bucket' (modern dialect *kibble*) or *kib(b)le* 'cudgel' as the first element (or perhaps a personal name related to Old English \**Cybbel*). The second element may be from *wight* 'living creature, person' (often with a pejorative sense) or the adjective *wight* 'brave'; but, if so, the sense of the compound remains obscure. *Redmonds*,

*Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that *Kebblewhite* could be from Hebblethwaite in Sedburgh (WR Yorks), with interchange of *K* and *H* as evidenced in Killingbeck and Hillingbeck, but the name Kibblewhite appears to have been rare in Yorks. Given that the surname occurs early in Blewbury (Berks), another possibility might be to associate it with Kibble Ditch in some way (see *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 12).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Keblewhyte or Keblewhite, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Blewbury, Berks); John Kibblewhit, 1566 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); John Kiblewhite, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Ablington, Gloucs); William Keblewhit or Kebullwhit, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Purton, Wilts); William Kibblewhite, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Blewbury, Berks); Johan Keeblewhit, 1597 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Francis Kiblewhite, 1628 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks).

**Kibby**

Variants: **Kibbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, Warwicks, and Gloucs; London

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Further information:** The earliest examples occur in the E Midlands, but examples in SW England predominate from the 15th century onwards. This is probably an instance of early migration.

**Early bearers:** John de Keby, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Alicia Kybby', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton iuxta Twycross, Leics); Henricus Kebby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bold, Lancs); Robert Keby, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Child Okeford, Dorset); Jennett Kibbye, 1571 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); William Kibbie, 1585, Alexander Kybbye, 1586 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Kibbye, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Kebbye or Kebby, 1629 in *PROB 11* (North Curry, Somerset); Thomas Kibbie, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Bartholomew Kibby, 1667 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Edward Kebby, 1695, William Kibey, 1725 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Jos. Kibby, 1698 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Thomas Kibbey, 1729 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon).

**Kibel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Keeble**.

**Kick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Middx; Glamorgan and Monmouths

English: variant of **Keck**.

**Early bearers:** John Kyk, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Wembdon, Somerset); John Kyk', 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Johannes Kyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Solomon Kick, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Kent); William Kick, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Mark, Somerset).

**Kicker**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname meaning 'watcher', a derivative of Middle English *kiken* 'to watch, spy'.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Sibald Kiker, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph le Kicur, 1212–23 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Nicholas Kyker, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John Kicker, 1741 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Kicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; also Essex; Lincs

English: variant of **Keck** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Kix, 1636 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Francis Kicks, 1705 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent).

**Kid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Renfrews

English: see **Kidd**.

**Kiddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: unexplained. Although this has the appearance of a locative name, no early examples have been found and no such place has been identified; it may be a reinterpretation of some other name, such as **Kiddy**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Kidby, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Groton, Suffolk); William Kidby, 1654 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); William Kidbey, 1697 in *IGI* (Monksleigh, Suffolk); Will. Kidbie, 1724 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

**Kidd**

Variants: **Kydd, Kyd, Kid, Kidde, Keed, Kidds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8150, Ireland 855
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5997
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England, Scotland, and E England: esp. Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *kidde*, *kide*, *kede* 'kid, young deer or goat'. (ii) relationship name, sometimes from a voiced variant of the Middle English personal name *Kytte*, a pet form of *Christopher*. See **Kitt**. (iii) nickname from Middle English *kid(de)* 'faggot, bundle of twigs', presumably for a cutter or seller of faggots; compare **Kidder**.

**Early bearers:** England: Unfrei cide, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Kide, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph Kide, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry Kede, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Kede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Kyd of the Scales, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Adam Kydd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Kydd, 1440 in *York Registry Wills* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); William Keed, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henr. Kydd, 1547 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Roger Keed, 1584 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); John Keed, 1585 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Jeremy Kyde or Kydd, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Soham, Cambs); Edward Kidd, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hawton, Notts).

Scotland: Robert Kyd de Dundee, 1357 in *Edinburgh Charters*, 6; Alexander Kyd, 1492 in *Aberdeen Register* 1, p. 331 (Aberdeens); Andrew Kidd, 1636 in *IGI* (Arbirlot, Angus); James Kydde, 1648 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); Laurence Kidde, 1665 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Fife); David Kydd, 1751 in *IGI* (Carmylie, Angus).

**Kidde**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Kidd**.

**Kiddell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk; Somerset

English: see **Kiddle**.

**Kidder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kent and London
- English: see **Kidger**.

**Kiddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish, Irish: see **Keddie**.

**Kiddier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Kidger**.

**Kiddle**

Variants: **Kiddell, Keddle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Somerset, Hants, and Dorset; London

1 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *kidel*, *kedel* 'fishing weir of stakes, wattles, and nets' (Anglo-Norman French *kidel(l)*, *kydel(e)*, Old French *quidel*, *cuidel*), for someone who lived by, worked at, or had charge of such a weir. Compare Katharine Kydelman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). **Early bearers:** Simon Kidel, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Henry Kidel, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Rochester, Kent); John Kydell', 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Bozeat, Northants); Robert Kiddle, 1612 in *IGI* (Caundle Marsh, Dorset); James Kiddell, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Holwell, Somerset); William Kiddle, 1664 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); John Kiddell, 1705 in *IGI* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Samu: Kiddell, 1708, Kiddell, 1711, Kiddle, 1716 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Kiddal in Barwick in Elmet (WR Yorks), although *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the surname from this source may have died out in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Keddell, 1258 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas de Kidale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks); William Kyddall, 1554 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

**Kidds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Kidd** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Lawrence Kides, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Lichfield, Staffs); Eleaxander Kidds, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Kids, 1711 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs).

**Kiddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255

## Kidgell

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Suffolk
- 1 English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Kid*, *Kydd*, a voiced variant of *Kit*, *Kytte*; see **Kidd**.
- Early bearers:** Alicia Kydey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); John Kiddy or Kyddye, 1602 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Kiddy, 1623 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Rudulphus Kiddey, 1629 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Will'm Kiddy, 1731 in *IGI* (Haverhill, Suffolk).
- 2 Scottish, Irish, English: variant of **Keddie**; see *Black*.

## Kidgell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants

English: locative name, probably from a variant spelling of Middle English *cuggel* 'club, cudgel' (Old English *cygel*), perhaps for a maker or seller of cudgels, or for a stocky or blunt person. Compare **Keeble**.

**Early bearers:** Godwin Kiggel, Siger Kigel, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk, Norfolk); Henry Kiggel, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Kegghel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Kyggel, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Johannes Kyggel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); Margery Kedgell, John Kegel, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); George Kidgell, 1589 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); Nicholas Kidgell, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Chiddingfold, Surrey).

## Kidger

Variants: **Kiddier**, **Kidder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: occupational name, probably from an assimilated version of Middle English \**kiddier* 'pedlar'.

**Further information:** Fransson explains this as 'kiddier, hawker, badger', of obscure origin, and compares Middle Dutch *keeder* 'one who announces or proclaims', first recorded in *OED* in 1552. However, the first examples are early for a Dutch loanword and we may have a derivative of Middle English *kidde* (of unknown origin) 'a faggot or bundle of twigs, brushwood, etc.' (about 1350, *MED*), a woodman, a cutter or seller of faggots. Compare *Kidberers*, 1477 in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Ailric (le) Chidere, 1190–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Roger Kidere, 1233 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Thomas le Kidere, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Kedere, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Roberto Kiddere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Johannes Kyddyer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Collyweston, Northants); Elizabeth Kidear, 1574 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Kyddier, 1584 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Thames Street, City of London); Hamlett Kiddier, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Long Whatton, Leics); Elizabeth Kiddier, 1668 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); James Kidger, 1713 in *IGI* (Packington, Leics); John Kidear, 1716 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); Hannah Kidger, 1799 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

## Kidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: locative name from Kidley in Ballingham (Herefs), and perhaps also from a lost or as yet unidentified place of similar name in central England.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kidley, 1561 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs); Willm. Kidlye, 1594 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Henry Kidley, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Willian, Herts); Richard Kidleye, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Bromley, Herefs); Samll. Kidley, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London).

## Kidman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 553
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; London

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *kid(d)e* 'kid, young deer or goat' + *man*, denoting a goatherd or someone who had charge of young livestock. (ii) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Kid*, *Kydd* (see **Kidd**) + *man*, denoting the 'man(servant) of someone called *Kid*'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Kideman, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Alan Kydeman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Kydeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingworth, Norfolk); John Kidman, 1540, Robert Kydman, 1548 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Kidman, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Brinkley, Cambs).

## Kidner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *kid(e)mere* 'kidney'; but, if so, then the sense is obscure.

**Early bearers:** Richard Kidner, 1563 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Thomas Kydner, 1579 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Richard Kidner, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Spaxton, Somerset).

## Kidney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 402
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; WR Yorks; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from a mistranslation of Gaelic Ó *Dubhán* 'descendant of *Dubhán*', a byname from a diminutive of *dubh* 'black', see **Devine**. This was confused with the Irish word *dubhán* 'kidney', which is in fact a derivative of *dubh* 'black'.

**Early bearers:** William Kidney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracross, Fermanagh); Thomas Kidney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghavea, Fermanagh).

## Kidson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: relationship name, 'son of *Kid*', a voiced variant of **Kitson**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Kiddeson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); John, Richard Kydson, 1522 in *York Freeman's Register*, 1531 in *York Guild Register*; Jo. Kidson, 1569 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Kidson, 1626 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

## Kidwell

Variants: **Keedwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Glamorgan; also Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *kid* 'kid, young goat' + *wild* 'wild', i.e. 'frisky as a kid'.

**Further information:** The name of the earliest bearer is mistranscribed as Walterus de Kydewyld' in F. H. M. Parker, ed. (1905), *The Pipe Rolls of Cumberland and Westmorland, 1222–1260*, Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society Extra Series 12, p. 38. This hint of a locative origin can be ignored as there is no preposition *de* in the original document: [http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT4/H3/E372no075/bE372no75dorses/IMG\\_3781.htm](http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT4/H3/E372no075/bE372no75dorses/IMG_3781.htm)

**Early bearers:** Walterus Kydewyld', 1231–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); William Kydewild, 1303, Rob. Kidewyld, 1216–1307 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Walter Kitewild, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Stephens in Saint Albans, Herts); Willelmus Kytewilde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cotwall, Shrops); Willelmus Kitwild, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); John Kytwell, 1495 in *Saint Albans Wills* (Saint Stephens in Saint Albans, Herts); Abraha. Kidwell, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Christoferi Ketwell, 1583 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Sare Kydwell, 1594 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Kidwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Henrie Kidwell, 1638 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Mary Ketwell, 1691 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); William Kidwell, 1713 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Ann Keedwell, 1739 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); James Kidwill, 1746 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Kidwell, 1756 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); William Kitwell, 1899 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 117.

## Kielty

Variants: **Keelty**, **Keilty**, **Kilty**, **Quilty**, **Kiltie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 321
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; also Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Caoilte, 'descendant of Caoilte', a personal name probably based on *caol* 'slender', though *cailte*, a form of *calad* 'hard, stingy' has also been suggested.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius O'Cailte, 1557 in *Fiants Mary* §157 (Any, Limerick); Melaghlen duff a Kiltie, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Knockneshy, Roscommon); Owin O'Kiltagh mcRory, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4566 (the Vogh, Roscommon); Edmund O'Kilt (McDermott), 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4647 (Carikbege); John O'Kilt, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4647 (Ballintober); Brien mcShane O'Kiltie, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777 (Ballintober, Roscommon); Ferogh Kiltagh, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5256 (Bolusk, Clare); Andrew Keelty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumrat, Sligo); Patrick Kielty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clooncraff, Roscommon).

## Kiely

Variants: **Keily**, **Keiley**, **Kiley**, **Killey**, **Quealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1807, Ireland 3554
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork and Waterford

Irish: from Ó Cadhla ‘descendant of *Cadhla*’, a personal name meaning ‘graceful’. There has been much confusion with **Keeley**.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor O’Keyley mcShane, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2930 (Mountaynecastell, Waterford); Conoghor mcDonogh O’Kially, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571; Donogh O’Kially, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571.

### Kier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Ayr and Lanarks; Middx

1 Scottish: see **Keir**.

2 English: variant of **Kear**.

### Kieran

**Variants:** Kierans, Kearon, Kerin, Kerins, Kerrane, Kirrane, Cairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; also Monaghan

1 Irish: from Ó Ciaráin ‘descendant of *Ciarán*’, a byname from a diminutive of *ciar* ‘dark, black-haired’.

**Further information:** The personal name *Ciarán* was borne by two Irish saints, a hermit of the 5th century and the founder of the monastery at Clonmacnoise (died 547).

**Early bearers:** William Keerine, chaplain, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1657; David Kyrin, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Moriortogh O’Kearane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2650; Manus O’Kearyne, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5818 (Ballidderdaowen); Dermot O’Kearane, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6303; Philip O’Kearne, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6303; Donogh O’Kearin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529.

2 Irish: see **Kearns**.

### Kierans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Louth

Irish: variant of Irish **Kieran** (Ó Ciaráin) with English excrement -s.

### Kiernan

**Variants:** Kernan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2142, Ireland 2794
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Cavan

Irish: from Mac Thighearnáin, see **McKiernan**. Compare **Tiernan**.

**Early bearers:** Matthew fitz Derby Kyrnan, 1585–6 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4828; Gyles ny Keyrnane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6664.

### Kiersey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- Norman, Irish: Anglo-Norman name in Ireland, Gaelicized as **Ciarasach**, **de Céarsaigh**, probably from Kersey in Suffolk and so a variant spelling of the English name **Kersey**.

**Further information:** This name has been established in the county of Waterford since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Kerseye, 1279 in *CDI* §1570 (Dublin).

### Kiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Devon

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The modern distribution suggests that there has been some confusion between this name and **Kift**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Kiffe, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Kiffe, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Portland, Dorset); William Kiffe, ship-master, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; Jermanus Kyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stedham, Sussex); Johannes Kyff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Robert Kyf, carpenter, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey and Middx); John Kyffe, 1560 in *IGI* (Christon, Somerset); Anthonie Keiffe, 1601, William Kiffe, 1636, Katherine Kiffe, 1667 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Wm Kiff, 1740 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andrew Kiff, 1742, Kife, 1761, James Kiffe, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Kifford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs
- English: see **Kefford**.

### Kift

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Somerset and Devon

Welsh: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in S Wales.

**Further information:** The modern distribution of **Kiff** suggests that there has been some confusion between the two names.

**Early bearers:** John Keft, sailor, 1276, Kift, 1276, Kyfft, ship master, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Philip Kyft, 1295 in *Patent Rolls* (Merthyr, Carmarthens); John de Kyft, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (S Wales); John Kyft the elder, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Cardigans); Richurd Kift, 1611 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); John Kyft, 1618 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Robert Kifte, 1639 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Charles Kift, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Henery Kyft, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Devereux, Herefs); Andrew Kift, 1721 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); William Keiff, 1785 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon); Robert Kift, 1819 in *IGI* (Lyng, Somerset).

### Kiggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish, Manx: from Mag Uiginn, see **Higgins**.

### Kight

**Variants:** Keight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Wilts and Gloucs; Lancs

English: perhaps a variant of **Kite**.

**Early bearers:** John Kight, 1582 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Kight, 1622 in *PROB 11* (High Holborn, Middx); William Kight, 1624 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Keight, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); George Kighte, 1630 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Henery Keighte, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Richd. Keight, 1766 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs).

### Kightley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Keighley**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Kightly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Keighley**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Kilbane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 349
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Roscommon

Irish: reduced from **Mac Giolla Bháin** ‘son of the fair-haired lad’, also anglicized as **McIlwaine** or ‘translated’ as **White**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund mcPhilip mcThomas O’Killewaine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6504 (Karigognill); Connor Gillibane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Calry, Sligo); Connor Kilbane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilglass, Roscommon); Michael Kilbaine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilglass, Roscommon).

### Kilbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Kilby**.

### Kilborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Kilburn**.

### Kilbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Leics

English: see **Kilburn**.

### Kilbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103

## Kilbride

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys  
English: see **Kilburn**.

### Kilbride

Variants: **Gilbride**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 348
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Leitrim and Sligo

1 Irish, Scottish: from Irish **Mac Giolla Brighde**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Brighde** ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Brigit’, also often anglicized as **McBride**. The name *Brigit* means ‘exalted’.

**Further information:** Brigit was originally a pagan goddess, many of whose attributes, such as a sacred fire, became attached to the historical figure of Saint Brigit of Kildare (452–523), founder of the first Irish convent.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ghilebrid, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Gilbryde Macgideride, 1147–60 in *Black*.

surnames, Scotland: Colanus McGilbride, 1363 in *Black*; Nigel McYlwyrd, Makkilbreid, 1476–8 in *Black*.  
surnames, Ireland: Dermot McGilbride, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4944 (Kiltrustan); Owen and Patrick McGilbride, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616.  
surnames, England: James Kilbride, 1781 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Annae Kilbride, 1795 in *IGI* (Bishopsc Caundle, Dorset); Bernard Gilbride, 1837 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

2 Scottish: locative name from any of the various places named in Gaelic as *Cill Brighde* ‘church of Saint Brigit’, for example Kilbride (Lanarks). Some post-medieval bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John de Kilbrid, 1202–7 in *Paisley Register*; Gilbert de Kilbride, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Catherine Kilbride, 1856 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); James Kilbride, 1857 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Catherine Kilbride, 1859 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); Patrick Kilbride, 1860 in *IGI* (Bonhill, Dunbartons); Susan Kilbride, 1871 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian).

### Kilburn

Variants: **Kilbourn**, **Kilborn**, **Kilbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1437, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1538
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Middx and Essex

English: locative name from any of three places called Kilburn (NR Yorks, Derbys, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Killeburne, 1284 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas de Kilburn, 1305 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johanne de Kilburn’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Clement, Yorks); Walterus Kilborn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Thomas Kilburn, 1444 in *York Registry Wills* (Catton, ER Yorks); John Kylberne, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Kilborne, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Wood Ditton, Cambs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Kilby

Variants: **Killby**, **Kilbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2072, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1575

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and S Midlands: esp. Hunts, Beds, Leics, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Wicklow; Galway

English: locative name from Kilby (Leics). There may have been some confusion with **Kelby**.

**Early bearers:** William de Kilebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Kylby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johanne Kilby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Johannes de Kilby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, Leics); Johanne Kilby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Richard Kylby, 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Willim. Kilby, 1556 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Elisabeth Kilby, 1576 in *IGI* (Harpending, Herts); Roberti Kilby, 1570 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Richard Kilby, 1593 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Gulihelmi Kilbey, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Thos. Kilbey, 1602 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); John Kilby, 1616 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John Kilby, 1636 in *IGI* (Queniborough, Leics).

### Kilcar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Irish, Scottish: see **Carr**.

### Kilcooley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chúille**; see **Cooley**.

### Kilcourse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: of uncertain etymology. MacLysaght gives it as a possible anglicization of **Mac Giolla Gheáir**, see **Kilgore**.

### Kilcoyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 410
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chaoín** ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint *Caoin*’ or ‘son of the gentle lad’, *Caoin* being a personal name or adjective meaning ‘gentle’.

**Early bearers:** Edm. McGillychyna, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4164 (Dublin); Brian McGillekyne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Killmyne, Leitrim); Luke Kilcoyne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo).

### Kilcullen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Coileáin** or **Mac Giolla Cuilinn**, both of which Woulfe believes originally referred to Saint Caillin, i.e. ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Caillin*’. Compare **Kilgallon**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Kilcullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacshalgan, Sligo); Michael Kilcullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Skreen, Sligo); Mark

Kilcullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dromard, Sligo).

### Kilday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirlings; Midlothian; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Dhé**, see **Kildea**.

### Kildea

Variants: **Kilday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Donegal
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Dhé** ‘son of the servant of God’, from *Dia* ‘God’, see **Gildea**.

### Kilduff

Variants: **Gilduff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 335
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Duibh** ‘son of the black-haired lad’, from *dubh* ‘dark, black-haired’. Compare **Duff**.

**Early bearers:** Neall McGylduf, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §509 (Rathniry, Meath); Terence McGilleduffe, butcher, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1121 (Dublin); Edm. McGullydud, galloglas, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2577 (Kilbarry, Cork); Owen McGullyduffe and Tyrrelagh McGullyduff, kerns, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3070 (Awallvoicke, Cork); Rory oge McEgilledud and Conoghor Mac Egilledud, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077 (Lyssynlenly and Ange, Clare); Tirlagh mCren boy McGilledud, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3935; Mellaghlyn McGilleduff, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4076 (Clonfynlaghe, Roscommon); Donogh McGilleguffe, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4779 (Araghty, Roscommon); Phelym McGilduffe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5668 (Mullaghcoran, Monaghan).

### Kiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex; Monmouths; Glamorgan; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary and Waterford

Irish: from **Ó Cadhla**, see **Kiely**.

### Kilfeather

Variants: **Gilfeather**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Pheadair**, a patronymic from the personal name *Giolla Pheadar* ‘servant (or devotee) of (Saint) Peter’.

### Kilford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282



- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants
- English: see **Kilvert**.

### Kilfoyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Phóil**, see **Guilfoyle**.

### Kilgallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo
- Irish: see **Kilgallon**.

### Kilgallon

Variants: **Kilgallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 244
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chaillín** ‘son of the servant (or devotee) of Saint *Caillin*’. Compare **Kileullen**. **Early bearers:** Donell McGillechallyn, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Tyrell, Sligo); Murragh McGillagallen, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cooga, Sligo); Cahall McGillagallen, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ardneglasse, Sligo); Michael Kilgallon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. John’s, Sligo); Daniel Kilgallon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilconduff, Mayo); Andrew Kilgallon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilconduff, Mayo).

### Kilgannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Galway

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ghannáin** ‘son of *Gannan*’, a personal name of unidentified origin.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius Kilginane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aughyart, Galway).

### Kilgariff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ghairbh** ‘son of the rough lad’, from *gharbh* ‘rough’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Conoghor alias Gillegarraffe O’Hogan, gent., 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765. surnames: Patrick Kilgariff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway); William Kilgariff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo); Loughlin Kilgarive, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

### Kilgore

Variants: **Kilcourse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Gheáirr** ‘son of the short lad’, from the adjective *geárr* ‘short’. In Scotland there has been some confusion with **Kilgour**.

**Early bearers:** Phellim mcEdm. McGullygar, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Castlemahowny, Cork); William Kilgore, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Joseph Kilgore, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); William Kilgare, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone).

### Kilgour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1204, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Kilgour near Falkland, Fife.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kilgour, 1528 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Falkland, Fife); John Kilgour, 1540 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); David Kilgour, 1555 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Lathrisk, Fife); Michael Kilgour, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Kilham

Variants: **Killham, Killam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; Sussex
- English: locative name from Kilham (ER Yorks), Kilham in Cantley (WR Yorks), or Kilham in Kirknewton (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Killum, about 1160–9 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Everard de Killum, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Kilham, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes de Kyllom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton on the Forest, NR Yorks); Henricus de Kilholm, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Robert Killom, vicar, 1464 in *York Registry Wills* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Richard Kilham, 1604, John Killam, 1623 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); George Killham, 1693 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

### Kilic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: nickname from *kılıç* ‘sword’, perhaps representing the Arabic name found as **Zulfıqar**.

### Kilkelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Ceallaigh** ‘son of the servant (or devotee) of (Saint) Ceallach’, see **Kelly**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh mcDonogho McGillakellye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Ballimore, Galway); John mcOwney McGillakellye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Mulcrugg, Galway); Morogho mcWm. McGillakellye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Ballinderen, Galway); Edm. darraughe McKillekelly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4588 (Cloneghballimore, Mayo); Patrick Kilkelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Musickfield, Galway).

### Kilkenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 483
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Galway and Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chainnigh** ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Cainneach’.

**Early bearers:** Shane and Owen mcHenry McGilleconnye, gallowglasses, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4747; Donnell McGillekennie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Kilfegh); Dermott McGillekene, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6403; William Kilkenny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); Peter Kilkenny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan); Robert McElhenny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Thomas McIlhinney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal); Thomas McElhinney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); William McElhinny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); John McAleny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal).

### Kill

Variants: **Kille**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; also Lancs

English: relationship name, perhaps from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Killi*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cille, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Godwine filius Chille, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs).

surnames: Robert Kille, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert Kyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Kille, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmo Kyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Foliat, Wilts); James Kille, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Plemonstall, Cheshire); Gulielmi Kill, 1605 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); William Kill, 1622 in *IGI* (Vernham Dean, Hants); John Kille, 1749 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 216.

### Killalea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Leith**, see **Killilea**.

### Killam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Middx

English: see **Kilham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Killan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and W Midlands: esp. Lancs; also Ayr and Lanarks

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Killen**.

### Killby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Beds

English: see **Kilby**.

## Kille

### Kille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Kill**.

### Killeen

Variants: **Killian**, **Killion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1244, Ireland 1423
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, and Offaly

Irish: from **Ó Cillín**, ‘descendant of *Cillín*’, a pet form of the personal name *Ceallach*, for which see **Kelly**.

**Early bearers:** Oney O’Killyn, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2600; Morgh O’Kyllyn, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3423 (Ballybrack); Rowry O’Kilen, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972 (Swordwalston); John McDonogh McDonaldell I Killan, 1584–5 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4616; Conoghor O’Killane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5686 (Ranegh); Gilleduff O’Killane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5686 (Beallaghduff).

### Killelea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Leith**, see **Killilea**.

### Killen

Variants: **Killan**, **Killens**, **Killin**, **Killing**, **Skilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 642
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 413
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Coilín** ‘son of Colin’. MacLysaght says that this was the name of a Scottish galloglass family, brought to Ireland by the O’Donnells.

**Early bearers:** John O’Kilyne, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4174.

### Killens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish, English: variant of **Killen** with English post-medieval excrement *-s*.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Killer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 English: nickname from Middle English *killer* ‘one who kills or slaughters’, perhaps used for a butcher; compare Gilbert Killebole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics) ‘kill bull’.

**Early bearers:** Siward le Killere, 1216–72 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Henry le Kyller, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Andover, Hants); Ranulph le Kyllere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Killer’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Jacobi Killer, 1604 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Kilner** with assimilation of *-ln-* to *-ll-*; see *Fransson*, p. 183.

### Killerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Killerby in Cayton or Killerby in Catterick (both NR Yorks), a lost *Kilwardby* in Ashby de la Zouch (Leics), or Killerby in Heighington (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kilwardeby, archbishop of Canterbury, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Killerby, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John de Killerby, clerk, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Kylwardby, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Raiph Killerby, 1635 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Samuel Killerby, 1665 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Killey

Variants: **Killy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs
- 1 Irish, Manx: (i) perhaps a variant of Irish **Kiely** or **Kelly**. (ii) perhaps a variant of **McGill**. Kneen notes that the Manxman Charles Gell (died about 1870) was better known as Chalse y-Killey (where *y-* is a shortening of Gaelic *mac*) and that Manx **Gell** and **Gill** were reductions of *McGill*.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane ne Kily, kern, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §660 (Killnefreiske); Donnogh ne Kille, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2060 (Kildough in Kill); Gerald mcArte ne Killye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2976; Mohowne O’Killie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5686 (Meane); Morris fitz David Kille, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624.
- IoM: [ . . . ] Killey, 1610 in *Kneen*; Thomas Killy, 1629 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Jane Killey, 1648 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).
- 2 English: see **Kelly** (4).

### Killham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Sussex
- English: see **Kilham**.

### Killian

Variants: **McKillian**, **McKillion**, **Killion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 335
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford, Westmeath, and Roscommon; Kildare

Irish: from **Ó Cilleain** or **Mac Cilleain**, variant of **Ó Cillín** (*Mac Cillín*), see **Killeen**.

### Killick

Variants: **Killwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2404, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Lincs

English: locative name from Kilnwick, or Kilnwick Percy (ER Yorks), both spelled *Killingwik* in the medieval records and the latter spelled *Kyl(l)wike* in 1539. Kildwick (WR Yorks) is another formal possibility. The strong presence of the surname in post-medieval Surrey and Sussex may be explained

by initial migration to London in the 15th century, perhaps.

**Early bearers:** N and E England: Daniel de Killingwic, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Killyngwyk, Thoma de Killyngwyk’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Thomas Kilwick, 1596 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Robert Kilwick, 1677 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks); William Kelwick, 1624, Joseph Kilwick, 1706, Willm. Kilwich, 1732 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Susannah Kilwich, 1750 in *IGI* (Barnetby le Wold, Lincs); Jno Kilwick, 1756 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); Elizabeth Killich, 1783 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs). London, Surrey, and Sussex: John Kylyk, 1433 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Kylyk, 1540 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Catheren. Kyllicke, 1564 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Alice Kellicke, 1565, Robert Killicke, 1566 in *IGI* (Nutfield, Surrey); Margret Kellick, 1591 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Harry Killick, 1568 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Robert Killicke, 1596 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Nicholas Kellick, 1611, Nich Killicke, 1611, George Killy, 1622 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Ishmael Kilwick, 1758 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Thos. Killich, 1780 in *IGI* (Shiple, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 179; *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 426.

### Killigrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Cornish: locative name from Killigrew in Saint Erme (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John de Kelligreu, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Thomas Kylygorwe, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Penryn Burgh, Cornwall); James Killygrewe, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Budock, Cornwall); Henry Killigrew, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Saint Christopher Le Stock, City of London); Charles Killigrew, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Thornham Magna, Suffolk); Mary Killigrew, 1761 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk).

### Killilea

Variants: **Killalea**, **Killelea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Leith** ‘son of the grey-haired lad’.

**Early bearers:** Muryrtagh McGylilegh and Terelagh McGylilegh, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2497; Connor carrogh McGilla Ley, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Kilcuayn); Rory McGillagh Leigh and Thomas meol McGilla Leigh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4081 (Clanrickard, Galway); Teighe McGillalea, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805 (Fomorde, Galway and Roscommon); Rerery McDermody oge O’Killilly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Dingle, Kerry).

### Killin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Killen**.

### Killing

Variants: **Keeling**, **Skilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Kelling (Norfolk), recorded as *Kelling* (1242–3) and *Kylling* (1275), or Nunkeeling (ER Yorks), recorded as *Killing* (12th century) and *Kelyng* (1543). Some of the following examples with no preposition may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Kellinges, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam de Killing', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John de Kylling, 1355 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Willelmus de Killyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Newton and Ringbrough, ER Yorks); Robert Kylling, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Keeling, 1608 in *IGI* (Bobbingsworth, Essex); Robt. Killing, 1665 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Elizabeth Killing, 1803 in *IGI* (Sutton on Hull, ER Yorks).

2 English: (i) variant of **Keeling**. (ii) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Killing*, Old English \**Cylling*, a pet form of Old English *Cylla*. However, the absence of Middle English examples of the name makes this explanation quite uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Killing, 1550 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Willm Killing, 1578 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Robert Killing, 1597 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Thomae Killing, 1692 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

3 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Killen**.

### Killingback

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Killingbeck**.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks*

*Surnames* suggests that the migration of this surname into south-eastern counties may be through a land-owning family of the name in Leeds in the 16th and 17th centuries.

### Killingbeck

**Variants:** **Killingback**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Killingbeck in Seacroft (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Kylyngbek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seacroft, WR Yorks); John Killingbeck, 1566 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); William Killingbecke, 1580 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Xpofor Killinbecke, 1628 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); John Killingback, 1662 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Samuel Killenbeck, 1779, Mary Killenback, 1781 in *IGI* (East Harling, Norfolk).

### Killingworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Killingworth**.

### Killington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- English: apparently a variant of **Kellington**.

### Killingworth

**Variants:** **Killingworth**, **Killworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 119

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs  
English: locative name from North and South Killworth (Leics), which often has medial *-ing-* in medieval spellings (such as *Killingworth*, about 1291 in *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*), or from Killingworth (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kyvelingwrth, parson of Kyvelingworth, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Kilworth, Leics); John de Killyngword' the elder, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Killingworth in Longbenton, Northumb); Petro Killyngworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Oxon); John Killyngworth', 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Easton Neston, Northants); Josiah Killyngworth, yeoman, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Clement Killingworth, 1558 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 5, pp. 155–6.

### Killion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Killian**.

### Killip

**Variants:** **Killips**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Philib** 'son of *Philip*'; see **McKillop**.

**Early bearers:** McKillop, 1430, Killop, 1540 in *Moore*.

### Killips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Manx, English: variant of **Killip** with English post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Killips, 1838 in *IGI* (Castletown, IoM); Samuel Killips, 1876 in *IGI* (Birkenhead, Cheshire).

### Killman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: possibly a variant of **Gillman**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Killman, 1676 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey).

### Killner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; WR Yorks; also Glamorgan

English: see **Kilner**.

### Killock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Ayr; Lancs; Suffolk
- 1 Scottish: see **Kellock**.  
2 English: see **Kellogg**.

### Killoh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Kiloh**.

### Killops

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Philib** (see **McKillop**), with excrement English patronymic *-s*.

### Killoran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 224
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Luaighrinn** 'son of the devotee of (Saint) *Luaighreann*'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gillelorin, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 602 (Correnn, Sligo); Mullronny duffe McGillaloren, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Trienmore and Morhy, Sligo); Hugh McGilloran, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballimoate, Sligo); Thomas Killoran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo); Michael Kiloran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Toomour, Sligo).

England: Patrick Killoran, 1833 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bridgitta Killoran, 1835 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); James Killoran, 1850 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomas Killoran, 1857 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Hugonis Killoran, 1859 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Killough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish: relationship name, locative name probably a Northern Irish variant of **Kellock**, from the place-name Killoch in Ayrshire (*DAFN, De Bhulbh*), although some earlier spellings suggest a possible connection with **McKellie**.

**Early bearers:** Edm. McKellagh, horseman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Augharne, Ossory); Shane McKellagh, freeholder, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6733 (Cahir, Tipperary).

### Killpack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

English: locative name from Kilpeck (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Hugone de Kilpec, 1219 in *Patent Rolls* (Kilpeck, Herefs); Edward Kilpecke, 1604 in *IGI* (Cattorpe, Leics); Mary Killpeck, 1645, Edward Killpack, 1650 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Thomas Killpack, 1650, Stephen Kilpeck, 1655 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Killpartrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants (Portsmouth); Kent (Sheppey)

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Phádraig**, see **Kilpatrick**.

## Killwick

### Killwick

- GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Kent
- English: see **Killick**.

### Killworth

- Current frequencies: GB 106, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Warwicks; Essex
- English: from North and South Kilworth (Leics); see **Killingworth**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Kylworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Guilsborough, Northants); Ricardo Kilworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poultney, Leics); William Kilworth, vicar, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Wolston, Warwicks); Thomas Kilworth, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London).

### Killy

- GB frequency 1881: 55
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland; also IoM
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Manx: see **Kelly**, **Killey**.

### Kilman

- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Kent and Middx

English: variant of **Gillman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kilmartin

Variants: **Gilmartin**

- Current frequencies: GB 514, Ireland 458
- GB frequency 1881: 194
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo and Roscommon; Tipperary

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) from Irish **Mac Giolla Mhártain** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Mártainn**; see **Gilmartin**. (ii) from the place-name Kilmartin (Argyll).

**Early bearers:** Sophia Kilmartin, 1851 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Kilminster

Variants: **Kilmister**

- Current frequencies: GB 479, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 302
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Wilts

English: locative name, apparently from a reinterpretation or variant form of some other place-name, perhaps Kilmeston (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Robart Kilmuster, 1593, Henrie Kilmaster, 1621 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Samuel Killmister, 1633 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); John Kilminster, 1673 in *IGI* (Rodbarton, Gloucs); Joseph Kilmister, 1676 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs); Amos Killmester, 1722, Robt Killminster, 1763 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs); James Kilminstir, 1793 in *IGI* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs).

### Kilmister

- Current frequencies: GB 287, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English: see **Kilminster**.

### Kilmurray

Variants: **Gilmurray**, **Kilmurry**, **Gilmurry**

- Current frequencies: GB 189, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Ayr
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Leinster: Westmeath and Offaly

Irish, Scottish: reduced form of Irish **Mac Giolla Muire**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Muire**; compare **McElmurray** and **Murray**. The Gaelic surname was also further shortened to **Gilmore**.

**Further information:** In Scotland this name was sometimes anglicized as **Morrison**.

**Early bearers:** Owen mcEdmund Gilmurr, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3220 (great Arde in Ulster); Mannema McGilleworry, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483 (Donegal); Gillpatrick McGillawoyre, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Longford).

### Kilmurry

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

Irish, Scottish: see **Kilmurray**.

### Kilner

Variants: **Killner**, **Kelner**, **Killer**

- Current frequencies: GB 1344, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 1250
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

English: occupational name from a derivative of Middle English *kilne* 'kiln, oven, furnace' (Old English *cylene*), presumably used for someone in charge of a kiln or a lime burner; see *Fransson*, p. 183. **Early bearers:** Will. le Kylner, le Kilner, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Rob. Kilner, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Kilner, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Sleaford, Lincs); Thomas Kylner, cardmaker, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Derby, Derbys); Roger Killner, 1562 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); John Kilner or Kelner, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

### Kiloh

Variants: **Kellock**, **Killoh**

- Current frequencies: GB 80, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 118
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

1 Scottish: locative name from Keiloch in Braemar (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Robert de Kellok, 1343, in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Aberdeens); Anna de Keloche, 1372 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Stirling); Janet Kiloh, 1689 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Kiloh, 1809 in *IGI* (Banchory Devenick, Kincardines); James Kiloh, 1839 in *IGI* (Alvah, Banffs); Susan Kiloh, 1862 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 Irish, Scottish: see **McKelly**.

### Kilpatrick

Variants: **Killpartrick**, **Gilpatrick**

- Current frequencies: GB 2487, Ireland 648
- GB frequency 1881: 1521
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; also Fife
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 Irish: from **Mac Giolla Phádraig** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Patrick'. See also **Fitzpatrick**, **McIlpatrick**.

**Early bearers:** Fercunanym McGillepatricke, 1548 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §243 (Ballenoure); Famulus niger McGillaphadraike, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §642. 2 Scottish: locative name from any of various places named in Gaelic as *cill Padraig* 'church of (Saint) Patrick'. Compare **Kirkpatrick**.

**Early bearers:** Stevene de Kilpatric, 1296 in *Black*; Nigel Kilpatrick, 1302 in *Black*; Thomas de Kylpatrik, 1468 in *Black*.

### Kilpin

- Current frequencies: GB 180, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114
- Main GB location 1881: Middx, Bucks, and Northants

English: (i) locative name from Kilpin (ER Yorks). (ii) in the S Midlands post-medieval examples may alternatively be variants of **Culpin**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kilpin, about 1190–1207 in *Yorks Charters*; John Kypine, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne de Kypyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cavil, ER Yorks); Johanna Kypyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Helen Kypyn, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Robtus Kilping, 1561, Margeret Kilpinge, 1580 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); John Kilpine, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Woolstone, Bucks); Guilielmj Kilpin, 1608 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); William Kilpin, 1614 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); John Kilpine, 1617 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Willia. Kilpin, 1619 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks).

### Kilroe

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Shrops
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Roscommon; also Offaly

Irish: see **Kilroy**.

### Kilroy

Variants: **Kilroe**

- Current frequencies: GB 764, Ireland 473
- GB frequency 1881: 507
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht: esp. Mayo and Roscommon

Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Rua** 'son of **Giolla Rua** or **Gilroy**', see **McIlroy**. Compare **Gilroy** and also **Roy**, which may be used as an abbreviation in Ireland.

### Kilsby

- Current frequencies: GB 480, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 294
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants; also London
- English: locative name from Kilsby (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Kyldesby, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Robertus Kyldesby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); Hugh Kilsby, 1635 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Kilshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 658, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 398
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Kelsall**.

**Kiltie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Caoilte, see **Kielty**.

**Kilton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx; Durham
- 1 English: locative name from any of three places called Kilton (NR Yorks, Notts, Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** William de Kilton', 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Kilton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen de Kelton, yeoman, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Kilton, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Richard Kilton, 1639 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); William Kilton, 1791 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Kilvington**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Kilty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Caoilte, see **Kielty**.  
**Early bearers:** Moris O'Kylt, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4728 (Knockleaghe).

**Kilvert**

- Variants:** **Kilford, Clilverd**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, and Staffs; Lancs
- English: relationship name from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Ketilfrøðr*, \**Ketilfrith*, anglicized as \**Cytelferð* which became \**Cylferð*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Kilvert filius Ligulfi, about 1015 in *Feilitzen* (Yorks); Chiluert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Lincs).  
 surnames: Geoffrey Culverd', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Culuert, 1211 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Culuert, John Kiluerd, 1283–4 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford); Richard Kylford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Willielmus Kilferd, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longney, Gloucs); John Kylford, 1569 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Kilford, 1592 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Thomas Kilvert, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Heath, Shrops); George Kilvart, 1599 in *IGI* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops); William Kilvert, 1599 in *IGI* (Grinshill, Shrops); Edward Cilford, 1718 in *IGI* (Newton Toney, Wilts); Robert Kilford, 1759 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); John Killford, 1819 in *IGI* (Wyllye, Wilts).  
**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 215.

**Kilvington**

- Variants:** **Kilton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: locative name from North or South Kilvington (NR Yorks), or Kilvington (Notts).  
**Early bearers:** John de Kylvyngton, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Kiluyngton', 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Kilvington, Notts); Richard de Kilvyngton, parson,

1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Gateshead, Durham); William Kilvyngton' of Stebenhith', esquire, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Stepney, Middx); John Kilvyngton, rector, 1439 in *York Registry Wills* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Thomas Kilvington, 1596 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks).

**Kim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2670, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- 1 Korean: (김; Chinese character 金, meaning 'gold'). The most common Korean surname, comprising about 20 per cent of the Korean population. There are about a hundred different Kim family clans, each with its own founding ancestor. The two largest Kim clans, the Kimhae Kim and the Kyōngju Kim, claim descent from mythological characters who lived about 2,000 years ago.  
 2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 金, meaning 'gold', see **Chin** (1). This name is mainly found in other parts of SE Asia, to which Chinese people migrated from Taiwan, Fujian province, and eastern Guangdong province.

**Kimball**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Kimble**.

**Kimbel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Kimble**.

**Kimbell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Warwicks, and Leics; also London; Sussex
- English: see **Kimble**.

**Kimber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3596, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2837
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: locative name from East, West Kimber in Northlew (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Kymbeare, 1336 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Thomas Kember, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arreton, Hants); Willelmus Kembere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Nicholas Kymbere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); John Kymber, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); John Kymbere, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Kymbeare, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (North Lew, Devon); John Kember or Kembere, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Boxley, Kent); Nicholas Kember, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Kimber, 1563 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Nicholas Kimber, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Little Bedwin, Wilts); John Kimber, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Kimberely**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Kimberley**.

**Kimberlee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Kimberley**.

**Kimberley**

- Variants:** **Kimberlee, Kimberely, Kimberly, Kimbley, Kimberlin, Kimbrell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1934, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs
- English: locative name from Kimberley in Kingsbury (Warwicks), Kimberley (Notts), or Kimberley (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** William de Chineburlei, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls*; Richard de Kyneburle, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Kynmerley, 1300 in *Forest Pleas* (Notts); Thomas de Kymberle, 1338 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Robertus de Kymmerley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kimberley, Notts); William Kymberlee, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Radwell, Herts); John Kymberley, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Henry Kimberley, 1562 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); John Kimberly, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles without Cripplegate, City of London).

**Kimberlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Worcs; Lancs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Kimberley**, influenced by comparison with **Chamberlain**.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Kimberlin, 1664 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Kimberlin, 1767, Joseph Kimberlain, 1770, William Kimberline, 1821, Caroline Kimberling, 1851 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

**Kimberly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Kimberley**.

**Kimble**

- Variants:** **Kimbell, Kimbel, Kimball, Kimmel**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 377
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: locative name from Great and Little Kimble (Bucks). There has been some confusion with the relationship name **Kemble**.  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Kenebell', 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Roger de Kinebelle, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas de Kymble, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Martha Kimble, 1699 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Kimble, 1705 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Kimble, 1705 in *IGI* (Broad Hinton, Wilts); William Kimble, 1710 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs); John Kimble, 1725 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Kimbley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs and Warwicks; also Durham; WR Yorks
- English: from a reduced form of **Kimberley**.

## Kimbrell

### Kimbrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Derbys

English: probably a variant of **Kimberley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Susannah Kimbrill, 1714 in *IGI* (Dadlington, Leics); Joseph Kimbrell, 1727, Kimbrel, 1730 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampond, Cornwall); Jos Kimbrell, 1745, Kimbrel, 1746 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); John Kimbrel, 1778 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Kimbrell, 1790 in *IGI* (Dadlington, Leics).

### Kimbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Kynborough* (Old English *Cyneburg*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Kynborough, 1592 in *Moulton's Catalogue* (Suffolk); Kimberrow Herbert, 1609 in *The East Anglian 4* (Suffolk); Kinbarrow Wray, 1633 in *The Essex Review* 62.

surnames: Elizabeth Kimborough, 1716 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk).

### Kime

**Variants:** **Kimes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from North and South Kyme (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Philippus de Kyme, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William de Kyme, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Burwell, Lincs); Thomas de Kyme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); Petrus de Kyme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Kyme, 1407 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Kyme, 1539 in *IGI* (Denham, Suffolk); Thomas Kyme, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Benyworthe, Lincs); Thomas Kime, 1574 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Matthew Kyme or Kime, 1793 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs).

### Kimes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Kime**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Kymes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Taverham, Norfolk); John de Kymes, chaplain, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants).

### Kimm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; also scattered in England

English: see **Kemm**.

### Kimmel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Kimble**.

### Kimmings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex; also NR Yorks

Irish, Scottish Gaelic, English: see **Kimmins**.

### Kimmins

**Variants:** **Kimmings, Kimmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. SE England; also Lanarks; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim; Dublin

Irish, Scottish Gaelic, English: from **Mac Shiomóin** 'son of Simon' (Gaelic *Sh-* is pronounced as *H-*). The *K-* in this name represents a trace of the Gaelic patronymic *Mac*, while the English patronymic ending *-s* has been added superfluously.

**Further information:** No English source for this name has been found, so it appears that its widespread distribution in England represents early migration from Scotland or perhaps Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Johne Kymming, 1598 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Stephane Kymming, 1601 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); George Kymmin, 1630 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); John Kimmin, 1661 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); John Kimmins, 1672 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Jeoffry Kimmens, 1673, Joseph Kimmons, 1684, Jeffery Kimmins, 1692 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Richard Kimmons, 1722, James Kimmings, 1737 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); William Kimmins, 1767 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Kimmins, 1776 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon).

### Kimmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

Irish, Scottish Gaelic, English: see **Kimmins**.

### Kimpton

**Variants:** **Kempton, Kinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Cambs, and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Kimpton (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kemeton, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry de Kimeton, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Edmund de Kymiton, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Graveley, Herts); Waltero de Kymton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Hugh de Kymton', 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Houghton Regis, Beds); John Kympton' of Kympton', 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Kimpton, Herts); Edmund Kympton, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Weston, Herts); William Kempton, 1560 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Elizabeth Kempton, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Robert Kemton, 1608 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); James Kimpton, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Yardley, Herts); John Kimton, 1646 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts).

2 English: locative name from Kimpton (Hants).

**Early bearers:** John Kinton, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thrupton, Hants); John Kempton, 1612 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); James Kimpton,

1683 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Joseph Kemton, 1690 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts).

3 English: variant of **Kinton**.

### Kimsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Kempsey**.

### Kin

**Variants:** **Kinn, Kinns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs; Lanarks and Midlothian

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kin*, a shortened form of any of several Old English names formed with *Cyne-* (from Old English *cynn* 'kindred'), such as *Cynegifu* (female) or *Cynesige* (male).

**Early bearers:** given names: Kyn Pestell, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Kinna vidua, 1271 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs).

surnames: Saxe filius Kin, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Lefwin Kinne, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Adam Kyne, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Galfridi filii Kynne, 1316 in *Fleet Terrier* (Lincs); William Kyn, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Kyn, 1492 in *PROB 11* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Edward Kyn or Kynn, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Pitchcomb, Gloucs); Thomas Kin, 1629 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Giles Kinn, 1809 in *IGI* (Cargill, Perth).

### Kinahan

**Variants:** **Keenaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Coinneacháin, from the personal name *Coinneachan*, pet form of *Coinneach*, see **Kenneth**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O'Kenigham, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3954; Dermot O'Kynnaghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Balleowen); Teige O'Kineghan, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484.

### Kinane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan
- Irish: from Ó Cuinneáin, see **Guinan**.

### Kincade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham; Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down  
Scottish: see **Kincaid**.

### Kincaid

**Variants:** **Kinkead, Kincade, Kincaide, Kinkade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 213
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Stirlings

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone; Down
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Kincaid in Campsie (Stirlings), recorded in 1238 as *Kincaith*. **Early bearers:** Robert de Kyncade, 1451 in *Glasgow Register*, p. 365 (Stirlings); David de Kyncade, 1467 in *Newbattle Register*, p. 299 (Edinburgh); Thomas Kyncayd, 1545 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* 5, p. 308 (Stirlings); Niniane Kinkaid, 1615 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Kincade, 1669 in *IGI* (Linthgow, W Lothian).

### Kincaide

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Kincaid**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kincannon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from Ó Con Cheanainn, see **Concannon**.

### Kincey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Derbys
- English: see **Kinsey**.

### Kinch

Variants: **Kench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 286
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 585
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England: esp. Hants, Berks, Oxon, and Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- 1 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *kinche*, *kenche*, a metathesized side-form of *kniche*, *kneche* 'bundle, bunch, sheaf, parcel'. See *MED*, at *knicche*, for evidence of such forms, citing *Kenches* (before 1325) and *kynch* (15th century).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Kinich, 1300 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johannes Kench', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bledington, Gloucs); John Kynche, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bledington, Gloucs); John Kenche, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs); Richardus Kench, 1572 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); Johanes Kench, 1582 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Robert Kench, 1589 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Marye Kinch, 1612, John Kench, 1618 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Margaret Kinch, 1583 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Elizabeth Kinch, 1615 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Kench, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Horley, Oxon); William Kench, 1632 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Elizabeth Kench, 1661 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks).
- 2 Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from a reduced form of **Mac Aonghuis** 'son of **Angus**', see **McInnes**.  
**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Kinch, 1771, and James Kinch, 1774 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

### Kinchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Midlands; Kent
- English: see **Kinchin**.

### Kinchin

Variants: **Kinchen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Berks, Worcs, and Oxon
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Anys Kencham, 1548 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Kinchin, 1569 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Thomas Kencham, 1577 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); John Kincham, 1625 in *IGI* (Newenden, Kent); Charles Kinchen, 1652, Susan Kinchent, 1655, Giles Kinchin, 1676, Giles Kinching, 1703 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Willielmus Kinchin, 1668 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Thomas Kinchen, 1683 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Ann Kinchen, 1748 in *IGI* (Lighthorne, Warwicks).

### Kind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 353
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Leics; also SE England
- English: nickname from Middle English *kind(e)*, perhaps in the sense 'legitimate'.  
**Early bearers:** Johanne Kynde, Roberto Kynde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); John Kynde, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Knighton, Radnors); John Kind, 1594 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Adam Kinle, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Guil. Kind, 1617 in *IGI* (Earl Shilton, Leics).

### Kindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Kendall**.

### Kindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Kendall**.

### Kinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1386, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Kinder (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Philota de Kender, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Hugo de Kyndor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Hugh Kynder, 1419 in *London Letter Books I*; William Kynder, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Warehorne, Kent); Fraunces Kinder, 1593 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Christopher Kinder, 1606 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); Franncis Kinder or Kynder, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Bildous, Shrops).

### Kindersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; Middx and Essex; Midlothian
- English: see **Kinnersley**.

### Kindle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Middx

English: see **Kendall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kindleyside

Variants: **Kindleysides**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: variant of **Keenleyside** with intrusive *-d-*.  
**Early bearers:** John Kindlyside, 1732 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Joseph Kindleyside, 1798 in *IGI* (Milburn, Westm).

### Kindleysides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: variant of **Kindleyside** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** John Kindleysides, 1804 in *IGI* (Milburn, Westm).

### Kindness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Androwe Kyndnes, 1615 in *Elgin Records* 1, p. 142 (Banff); Henry Kindness, 1703 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Kindnes, 1719 in *IGI* (Tyrie, Aberdeens); James Kyndness, 1779 in *IGI* (Auchterless, Aberdeens).

### Kindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Surrey
- English: variant of **Kingdon**.  
**Early bearers:** Humfrey Kindon, 1549 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); John Kyndon, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Franc. Kyndon, 1591, Kindon, 1602 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs).

### Kindred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 233
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk; also N England
- English: perhaps, like **Kendrick**, a variant of **Kerridge**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Kyndred, 1589 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomazin Kindred, 1589 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Henry Kindred, 1615, Henry Kyndred, 1619 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Kindrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish, Irish: reduced form of **McKendrick**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs; Devon

## King

1 English: see **Keen**.

2 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thoma atte Kyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sketchley, Leics); Thomas Kine, 1566 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Agneta Kine, 1567 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Henry Kine, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Christofer Kine, 1576 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Jone Kine, 1577 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon).

3 Irish: perhaps an anglicization of **Coyne**.

## King

Variants: **Kinge**, **Kings**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 91413, Ireland 7237

• **GB frequency 1881:** 63796

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway

1 English: nickname from Middle English *king* 'king' (Old English *cyning*, *cyng*), perhaps acquired by someone with kingly qualities or as a pageant name by someone who had acted the part of a king or had been chosen 'king' of an event such as a tournament or in some folk ritual such as King of the May or King of Misrule. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey King, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Wuluricus, Gaufridus le King, 1182–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Henry called le King, about 1280 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs); Johannes King, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); Willelmus Kyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Bois, Essex); Johannes Kyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Johannes Kyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tormohan, Devon); Johannes Kyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hainford, Norfolk); Matheo Kyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sompting, Sussex); Henricus Kyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwick); Willelmus Kyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney, Suffolk); Willelmus Kyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crockerhill, Hants); Christian King, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Thomas King, 1551 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Edwarde Kinge, 1565 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Margerie Kinge, 1583 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

Scotland: Agnes King, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *King*, originally an Old English nickname from the vocabulary word *cyning*, *cyng* 'king'.

**Early bearers:** given names: King', 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs), 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).

surnames: Mariota filia King, William King, 1259 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts).

3 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for a variety of names containing the syllable *ri* (which means 'king' in Irish).

**Early bearers:** Matthew Kynge, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §261; Laghlen O'Kynge, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2128; Sollo O'Kinge, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2210; Carbery O Kynge, Cormok O Keinge and Sowell O Keing, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3775 (the Rouskoughke, King's county [Offaly]); Tirlagh O'Kinga, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Loghreagh); Donnogh O'King, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6266 (Covle Tower).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 荆, 景, and 敬, see **Ching** (2–4).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 金, see **Chin** (2).

## Kingaby

• **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 43

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Kingerby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William Keneyerby and John Keneyerby the younger, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Manby, Lincs); Thomas Kingerby, 1555 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Richard Kingerbie, 1565, Thomas Kingerbe, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Sturton, Lincs); James Kingerbee, 1598 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Charles Kingaby, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Kingaby, 1769 in *IGI* (Ashtead, Surrey); Andrew Kingebbee, 1773 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey).

## Kingan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 22

• **GB frequency 1881:** 59

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kirkcudbrights

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

1 Scottish: see **Kinghorn**.

2 Irish, Scottish: Scottish derivative of Irish Ó Cuineáin, see **Queenan**.

## Kingdom

• **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 696

• **Main GB location 1881:** SW England and S Wales: esp. Devon

English: see **Kingdon**.

## Kingdon

Variants: **Kindon**, **Kingdom**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1343, Ireland 5

• **GB frequency 1881:** 930

• **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; also London; Glamorgan

English: locative name from Higher Kingdon in Alverdiscott or Kendon in North Bovey (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Kingdon, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John de Kyngdone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton, Devon); Isabella Kyngdom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Water Kyngdon, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Penkridge, Staffs); Beaton Kingdonn or Kingdonne, 1630 in *PROB 11* (North Molton, Devon); John Kingdone, Thomas Kingdome, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 113, 470.

## Kinge

• **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 160

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **King**.

## Kingett

Variants: **Kinggett**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 77

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Kinget*, *Kingot*, diminutives of the personal name **King**. Compare the double diminutive William Kyngelot, 1328 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 33.

**Early bearers:** Robert Kynget, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Kynget, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Kyngot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Galfridus

Kynget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston, Hants); John Kyngyot, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Bredicot, Worcs); William Kynget, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert Kyngett, 1489 in *PROB 11*; John Kinggett, 1588 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Thomas Kingett, 1612 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex).

## Kingford

• **GB frequency 1881:** 19

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Kingsford**.

## Kinggett

• **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 25

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: see **Kingett**.

## Kingham

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1412, Ireland 89

• **GB frequency 1881:** 961

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Bucks, and Beds

English: locative name from Kingham (Oxon) or Keyingham (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de la Kyngham, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John de Kengham, 1282 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Kayngham, chaplain, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks and Lincs); Johannes de Kayngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); John Kyngham, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Aston, Bucks); John Kyngham, labourer, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Kingham, 1595 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); John Kingham, 1608 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon).

## Kinghan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 143

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: see **Kinghorn**.

## Kinghorn

Variants: **Kinghorne**, **Kinghan**, **Kingan**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 16

• **GB frequency 1881:** 858

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Northumb

Scottish: from the barony of Kinghorn (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Kyngorn, de Kynghorn 1204–11, 1357 in *Arbroath Register*; William de Kyngorn, 1292 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Kinghorne, 1597 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Kingarn, 1679 in *Dunfermline Register* (Kirkcudbrights); John Kinging, 1684 in *Dunfermline Register*; Andrew Kingan, 1689 in *Dunfermline Register* (Kirkcudbrights).

## Kinghorne

• **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Surrey

English, Scottish: see **Kinghorn**.

## Kingman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 320



- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset
- English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *king* 'king' + *man(n)* 'man', denoting a servant of the king, a member of the king's household. Compare **Kingsman**.

**Early bearers:** William Kyngman, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholaus Kyngman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sidbury, Devon); Johannes Kingman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Perrott, Dorset); John Kyngeman, 1426 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Kingmann or Kingman, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Wilton, Wilts); William Kingman or Kyngman, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Donyatt, Somerset).

### Kings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: variant of **King** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-(e)s*.

**Early bearers:** Juliana la Kinges, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs), 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas le Kynges, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Doddington, Kent); Willelmus Kynges, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grendon Warren, Marston Stannett with Stanford, Herefs); William Kinges, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Worcester, Worcs).

### Kingsberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Kingsbury**.

### Kingsbury

**Variants:** Kinsbury, Kingsberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 676
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: locative name from Kingsbury (Middx, Warwicks), Kingsbury in Saint Albans (Herts), or Kingsbury Episcopi, Regis (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John de Kingesberi, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); William de Kynnesbir', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Theobaldi de Kingesbiry, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John de Kyngesbiry of Walcote, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Walcot in Barnack, Northants); Thomas de Kyngesbury, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Kyngesbury, burgess and merchant, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Kingesburye or Kingesbury, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Great Cornard, Suffolk).

### Kingscote

**Variants:** Kingscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Kingscote (Gloucs).

**Further information:** The manor of Kingscote was acquired by Nigel FitzArthur on his marriage to the daughter of Robert FitzHarding, Baron of Berkeley (Gloucs) in the 12th century. Nigel FitzArthur's son, Adam de Kingscote, acquired the manor in 1188.

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Kingscote, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Kingscote, 1294, de Kyngescote, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John

Kyngescote, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Anthony Kingscot, 1611 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Arthure Kingscott, 1614 in *IGI* (Shipton Moynes, Gloucs); Anthony Kingscote, 1617, Katherin Kingscotte, 1664 in *IGI* (Kingscote, Gloucs).

### Kingscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Kingscote**.

### Kingsfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Kingsford**.

### Kingsford

**Variants:** Kingsfield, Kingsworth, Kingford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

English: locative name, chiefly from a lost place in Mersham (Kent), alluded to in Kingsford Street in Mersham, and recorded as *Kyngesfeld* in the 13th century according to *Titford*. Places called Kingsford and Kingford in Devon, Essex, Warwicks, and Worcs are alternative possible sources of this surname in other parts of England.

**Early bearers:** Edwin de Kingesford, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); John de Kyngesford', de Kyngesford, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Jordan de Kyngford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradworthy, Devon); John Kyngesforthe, 1575, Margarete Kingesford, 1610, Williad Kingford, 1611 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Thomas Kingford, 1579 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Mary Kingford, 1589 in *IGI* (Dymchurch, Kent); William Kingsfeild, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Anne Kingford, 1722 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Kingford, 1794 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

### Kingshott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, Hants, and Middx

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in S England.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Kyngesolte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); Mary Kingshott, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (Liss, Hants); Rich. Kingshott, 1704 in *IGI* (Send and Ripley, Surrey); Richard Kingshot, 1747 in *IGI* (Morden, Surrey); Stephen Kingshott, 1801, James Kingshatt, 1804 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Charles Kingsholt, 1866 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey).

### Kingsland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Devon

English: locative name from any of several places called Kingsland, such as Kingsland in Westwell (Kent), Kingsland in Hackney (Middx), or Kingsland in South Molton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Kyngeslonde, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Kyngeslonde', 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Robt Kingsland, 1557 in *IGI*

(Braunton, Devon); Robert Kingslande, 1570 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); James Kingsland, 1603 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Kingsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1574, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 512
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Surrey; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: locative name from Kingsley (Cheshire, Hants, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** William de Kingesle, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Kyngesleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Kyngeslegh, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Callaughton, Staffs); John Kyngesley, 1421–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Kyngeslay, butcher, 1443 in *York Registry Wills* (York, Yorks); William Kingsley, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Rosehall, Herts).

### Kingsman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *king* 'king' + the genitival inflection *-(e)s- + man(n)* 'man', denoting one who had commended his services to the king and not to some baron. Compare Walter Kingesbonde, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb), Godwin Kingesreive, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Godwin Kingesman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Kingesman, 1184–1215 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (London); Robert, Peter le Kingesman, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert le Kingesman, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Johanne Kyngesman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); William Kyngesman of Wolaston', 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Leonard Kingsman, 1608 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex).

### Kingsmill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Middle English *king* 'king' + the genitival inflection *-es- + milne* 'mill'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by or worked '(at the) king's mill', or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as King's Mill in Marnhull (Dorset) or King's Mill in Barton (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Kyngesmulne, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Hugh de la Kingesmill, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); John de Kyngesmulle, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Rockbourne, Hants); John Kyngesmyll', serjeant at law, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon and Berks); John Kyngesmyll or Kingesmyll, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Freefolk, Hants); Edmond Kingsmill, 1596 in *IGI* (Denton, Kent).

### Kingsnorth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Kingsnorth (Kent), recorded as *Kyngesnode*, 1254 in *Assize Rolls*.

## Kingson

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kyngesnode, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Kyngessnode, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Sutton Valence, Kent); John Kyngesnoth, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Kyngesnoth, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Pluckley, Kent); John Kingsnorth, 1510 in *IGI* (Pluckley, Kent); John Kingsnoath, 1663, Anne Kingsnorth, 1670 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 416.

### Kingson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **King** + *-son*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Kingessone, 1224–46 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Thomas Kyngeson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Willelmo Kyngesson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Kingson, 1581 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thomas Kingson, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Jana Kingson, 1667 in *IGI* (Kirby in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

Scotland: John Kingsoun, 1532–75 in *Black* (Orkney).

2 English: variant of **Kingston**.

**Early bearers:** William Kingson, 1575 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Kingson, 1578 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joanne Kingson, 1592 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Thomas Kingson, 1594 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Kingston

**Variants:** Kingstone, Kingson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4263, Ireland 1240
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2712
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Kingston(e), such as Kingston on Thames (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** England: Alan de Kingistona, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Kyngeston, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Willelmus de Kyngeston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington, Northumb); Henrico Kynggeston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Thomas Kyngeston, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph Kingstone or Kingston, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Wendover, Bucks); Thomas Kingston or Kingeston, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Morton Pinckney, Northants). Scotland: John Kingstoun, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Orkney).

2 Irish: see **McClaghry**.

### Kingstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Somerset and Wilts; Northants; Staffs

1 English: see **Kingston**.

2 Irish: see **McClaghry**.

### Kingswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: locative name from the lost place-name *Kingeswelle* in Newchurch (IoW), which is recorded thus in about 1258 (the location being now represented by Duxmore Farm), and probably also from King's Well in Wartling (Sussex), which is recorded as *Kyngiswell* in 1553. Both place-names mean 'the king's spring', from Middle English *king* 'king' (genitive *kinges*) + *well* 'spring, stream' (Old English *cyning*, genitive *cyninges*, + *wella*).

**Further information:** The source is unlikely to be Kingswell in Whitestone (Devon); see **Kingwell**.

**Early bearers:** William de Kyngeswelle, about 1258 in *Quarr Charters* (IoW); Robert de Kyngeswell of Hampstede, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Hampstead, Middx); Thomas Kyngeswell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shanklin, IoW); Johannes Kyngeswell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rookley, IoW); Richard Kyngeswell, 1463, William Kyngeswelle, 1508 in *Quarr Charters* (Newport, IoW); Agnes Kingswell, 1566 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Richard Kingswell or Kinswell, 1604 in *Oxford University Register* (Hants); Leonard Kingswell, 1605, Thomas Kingswell, 1631 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Henry Kingswell, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Rookley, IoW); John Kingsell, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Godshill, IoW); Henry Kingswell, 1689 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW).

**References:** *Quarr Charters*, pp. 97–8 (item 395); *IoW Place-Names*, p. 47; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 484–5.

### Kingswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lincs

English: locative name from one or more of the many places so named, such as Kingswood in Broomfield and King's Wood in Wye (both Kent), Kingswood (Surrey), Kingswood in Findon (Sussex), Kingswood and Kingswood by Bristol (both Gloucs), Kingswood in Lapworth and a lost Kingswood in Wilnecote (both Warwicks), and King's Wood in Himbleton (Worcs). The surname in Lincs and Norfolk may be from an unidentified place in either county.

**Early bearers:** Wlmer de Kingeswde, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); William de Kingeswode, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Kingeswode, 1330 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Findon); Adam Kynggeswod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Johanne Kyngeswod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoke, Wilts); Katherine Kingswood, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Esau Kynswood, 1578 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Ralphe Kynwood, 1595 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Nicolas Kingswoode, 1615 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Kingswood, 1658 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Richard Kingswood, 1672, Henry Kingswold, 1697 in *IGI* (Benniworth, Lincs); John Kingswood, 1672 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 209, 386; *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 190–1; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 199; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 28, 289–90; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 137.

### Kingsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

English: see **Kingsford**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Kingsworth, 1626 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent); Elisabeth Kingsworth, 1733 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Kington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and SW Midlands; SE England

English: locative name from Kington Saint Michael or West Kington (both Wilts), Kington (Worcs), Kington in Thornbury (Gloucs), Kington in Claverdon (Warwicks), Old Kington (Herefs), or any of three places called Kington in Dorset.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kyngton, 1261 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas de Kyngton, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Kington, Worcs); Thoma Kyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Covenhope, Herefs); Johannes Kyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bidford, Warwicks); Thomas Kyngton, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Maidstone, Kent); William Kyngton, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Atworth, Wilts); John Kingeton or Kington, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Corsham, Wilts).

### Kingwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in Devon.

**Further information:** There are three places called Kingswell in Devon, of which the earliest on record is Kingswell in Whitestone, but none of these has recorded early forms without the medial *-s-* (*Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 191, 224, 459); furthermore, there is no evidence to suggest that any of these places were a source for the surname **Kingswell** (except perhaps for the solitary example of John Kingswill in 1642). By contrast, examples of the surname *Kingwell* (without the medial *-s-*) are consistently Devonian. The matter requires further investigation.

**Early bearers:** Johnis Kingwill, 1562, Thomae Kingwell, 1570 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Gwyn Kingwyll, 1566 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Kingwell, 1567, Jasper Kingwel, 1580 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Kingwill, 1590 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Gyles Kingwyll, 1603, Giles Kingwill, 1606 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Kingswill, William Kingwell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Robertt Kingwel, 1659 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Johannis Kingwall, 1689 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).

### Kiniry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from a reduced form of **McEneary**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kinkade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs

Scottish: see **Kincaid**.

### Kinkead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 130
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Antrim
- Scottish: see **Kincaid**.

### Kinlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; NR Yorks; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan
- Irish: from Ó Caoindealbháin, see **Quinlan**.

### Kinlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Midlothian; Fife
- 1 Scottish: see **McKinlay**.  
2 English: see **Kinley**.

### Kinley

Variants: **Kinlay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Manx: from *Mac-Cinfaolaidh* 'son of *Cinfaoladh*', a personal name meaning 'wolf-head'.  
**Early bearers:** Kinley, 1604 in *Moore*; Kathrin Kinley, 1622 in *IGI* (Ballalough, IoM); Mary Kinley, 1661 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).  
2 English: variant of **Kenley**.  
3 Scottish: reduced form of **McKinley**.

### Kinleyside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Westm
- English: see **Keenleyside**.

### Kinloch

Variants: **Kinlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 663
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Dunbartons

Scottish Gaelic: locative name from Kinloch in Collessie (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Murinus de Kindelouc(h), about 1202–52 in *Saint Andrews Charters*, pp. 256–7, 272; John de Kyndelouch, about 1250 in *Scottish Historical Review* 2, p. 173 (Fife); Johannes de Kyndelouch, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland* 1, p. 221 (Fife); John Kyndeloch, 1438 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, p. 1117; Besse Kinlouch, 1578 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Dauid Kinloche, 1595, Peter Kinloch, 1602 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isock Kinloche, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Kinlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: see **Kinloch**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

### Kinman

Variants: **Kynman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; Middx; WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kineman*, *Keneman* (Old

English *Cynemann*). (ii) occupational name, perhaps from Middle English \**kineman* 'herdsman' (Old English *cýna*, genitive plural of *cū* 'cow', + *mann* 'man').

**Early bearers:** given names: Cynemann, about 700 in *Searle, Onomasticon* (Worcs); Keneman, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).

urnames: Richard Kineman, 13th cent. in Register of Binham (Norfolk); Robert Kynemon, Richard Kenemon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Joane Kynman, 1545 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Kinman, 1564 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Mathew Kinman, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph Aldgate, London); Elisha Kineman, 1667 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** British Library MS Cotton Claudius D 13, Register of the Benedictine priory of Binham (Norfolk).

### Kinmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Kinmont in Methven (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kinmont, vicar, 1440 in *Dunfermline Register*, p. 300 (Cupar, Fife); Robert Kynmont, 1552 in *Dundee Municipal History*, p. 327 (Dundee, Angus); Andrew Kinmont, burgess, 1634 in *Brechin Testaments* (Dundee, Angus); Jonat Kinmond, 1653 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Alexander Kinmund, 1685 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); John Kinmound, 1691 in *IGI* (Glamis, Angus).

### Kinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Herts; Derbys
- English: see **Kin**.

### Kinna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Manx, Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **Kenna**.

### Kinnair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Angus
- Scottish: see **Kinnear**.

### Kinnaird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1039, Ireland 109
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: locative name from Kinnaird (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kinnard, 1204–14 in *Ancient Scottish Seals* 3; Rauf de Kynnard, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, pp. 184, 214 (Fife); William de Kynard, burgess, 1428 in *Great Seal of Scotland* 2, p. 109 (Perth, Perths); Erche Kin3erd, 1567 in *Kelso Register*, p. 524 (Kelso, Roxburghs); Patrik Kinnaird, 1620 in *IGI* (Inchtute, Perths).

### Kinnan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland; also London

Irish: see **McKennon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kinnane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Cuinneáin, see **Guinan**.

### Kinnard

Variants: **Kennard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London; also Worcs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kinnard*, representing either Old English *Cyneheard* or a reduced form of Old English *Cyneward*. (ii) see **Kenward**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Kynnard Delabere, 1590 in *Ancient Deeds* v (Gloucs).

urnames: Agnes, Walter Kyneward, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Walterus Kyneward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freethorpe, Norfolk); Willelmus Kynnard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loxley, Warwicks); William Kinnard, 1595 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Willus Kinnard, 1633 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs).

### Kinnear

Variants: **Kinnair**, **Kinner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1635, Ireland 244
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Fife; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Monaghan, and Armagh

Scottish: locative name from Kinnear near Wormit (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Simon son of Simon de Kyner, 1216 in *Saint Andrews Charters*, pp. 292, 294 (Fife); Reginald de Kener, about 1250 in *Arbroath Register* 1, p. 266 (Fife); Petrus Kynior, 1477 in *Edinburgh Guildry*, p. 189 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John, David Kynnier, 1543 in *Retours, Scotland* (Fife); Henry Kinner of Kinner, 1574 in *Black* (Balmerino, Fife); Nicoll Kinner, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Kinneare, 1640 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); William Kinnere, 1655 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Williame Kinnear, 1657 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); Benjam Kinner, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Andrew Kinnair, 1762 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Kinnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Kinneil (W Lothian) or Kinneil (Angus).

**Early bearers:** William de Kynell, 1359 in *Black* (Montrose, Angus); John Kinnell, 1619 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Kynnell, 1623 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* 13, p. 181 (Inverkeithing, Fife); Alexander Kinnell, 1663 in *IGI* (Leith,

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Midlothian); Margaret Kinneill, 1690 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Kinner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx
- Scottish: see **Kinnear**.

### Kinnerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: locative name from Kinnerley (Shrops).  
**Further information:** Some forms of the place-name occur with medial *-(e)s-* (see *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 166–7), raising the possibility of confusion between this surname and **Kinnersley**.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kynardel', 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); William de Kynardleye, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Kynardeley the younger, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thos. Kinnerley, 1646 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); William Kinnerly, 1688 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); John Kinnerley, 1816 in *IGI* (Normanton, Derbys).

### Kinnersley

- Variants: **Kynnersley**, **Kindersley**, **Kinnersly**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S Wales: esp. Herefs
- English: locative name from Kinnersley (Herefs, Shrops, Surrey, Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Kinardelesg, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Hugh de Kinardeles, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Kinardeles of Abberlenevy, 1234 in *Patent Rolls* (Aberllynfi, Brecknocks); Simon de Kynardesleye, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Stortford, Essex); Thomas Keynersley, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks, Oxon, Gloucs, and Northants); John Kindersley, 1539, Robart Kyndersley, 1553 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Walteri Kinersley, 1565, Kinnersley, 1568 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); John Kynnersley, 1596 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs); Nicholas Kynnersley, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Nottingham, Notts); Gulielm Kinersly, 1639 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs); Gulielmi Kinnersly, 1668 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Thomas Kynnersly, 1713 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Kinnersly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Herefs
- English: see **Kinnersley**.

### Kinnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Kinet*, *Kinot*, diminutives of **Kin**, a short form of several Old English names formed with *Cyne-*. (ii) in some cases, perhaps a variant of **Kennett**.  
**Early bearers:** Michael Kinnet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Kynot, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent);

Johannes Kynot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bonnington, Kent); Johannes Kynet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Jacobus Kynnett, 1546 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Richard Kinnet, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Franncis Kinnett, 1610 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Kinnett, 1795 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts).

### Kinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 199
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish, Scottish: from a reduced form of **McKinney**.

### Kinniburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Dunbartons
- English, Scottish: locative name from Conisbrough (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Cuningesburg* in 1086, *Kunningburg* in 1180–9, *Cuniburgh* in 1242, and *Conesburg* in 1271.  
**Early bearers:** England: [ . . . de] Cunesburg, 1202–8 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Johannes Conesborgh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johannes de Connesburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Robertus Connesburg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garforth, WR Yorks).  
Scotland: Galfridus de Coningesburg, 1164 in *Scone Charters*; William de Cunig(ge)burc, 12th cent. in *Kelso Register*; William de Cuningburcht, about 1249 in *Annandale Family Book*; Thomas de Cunynburgh, 1261 in *Aberdeen Register*; Gilbert de Cuningysburg', 1284 in *Paisley Register*; Gilbert de Conyburke, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Ayr); William of Cunigburgh, 1468, William Cunnyburgh, 1554 in *Black* (Bute); Christiane Kinibrugh, 1673, James Kinniburgh, 1750 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); John Kinibrugh, 1693, John Kiniburgh, 1695 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); James Kinnibrough, 1694, Elizabeth Kinniburgh, 1707 in *IGI* (Livingston, W Lothian); Marion Kinniburgh, 1713 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks); Janet Kineburgh, 1731 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Robert Keneburgh, 1782, Archibald Kinneburgh, 1789 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 125–6.

### Kinnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Ayr
- Scottish: from a reduced form of **McKinney**.

### Kinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 English: unexplained; perhaps an anglicization of Welsh *Cynon*.  
**Further information:** This is unlikely to be a preservation of an older form of the word *king* (Old English *cyning*).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Kymyng' [for Kynnyng'], 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Willelmo Kynning, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); John Kynning, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Blackawton, Devon);

Henry Kinning, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret at Cliffe, Kent); [ . . . ] Kynning, 1703 in *Herts Archives* (London); Jn Kinning, 1756 in *Beds Record Office* (Colmworth, Beds).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhionghuin**, see **McKinnon**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Patrick Kinning, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841*, *Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Heugie Kinning, railway labourer, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Castleton, Roxburghs).  
Ireland: Mary Kinning, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Newport, Mayo); Margaret Kinning, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballymacarret, Down); James Kinning, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisnasharragh, Down).

### Kinnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: from *Mac Aenghuis*, see **Kennish**.

### Kinnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhionghuin**, see **McKinnon**.

### Kinns

- Variants: **Kins**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: variant of **Kin** with post-medieval excremental *-s*.

### Kinrade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: Gaelic \**Mac Con Riada* 'son of *Cu Riada*' (Riada's hound).  
**Early bearers:** Kinread, 1507, Mac Kanrede, Mac Kynrede, 1515 in *Kneen*; Thomas Kinread, 1618, Donald Kinred, 1658 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Phil Kinrade, 1716, Joney Kinreade, 1721 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Thos Kinreid, 1798 in *IGI* (Ramsey, IoM); William Kinraid, 1814 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).  
**References:** *Kneen*.

### Kinross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Midlothian; Durham
- Scottish: locative name from the lands and later parish of Kinross (Kinross).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Kinros, around 1170 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; John de Kinros, 1266 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kinross); Gilbert de Kynros, 1398 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); James Kinross, 1587 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Kins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Kinns**.

**Kinsbury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Surrey
- English: see **Kingsbury**.

**Kinsella**

Variants: **Kinsley, Kinsler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3208, Ireland 4497
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow

Irish: from Ó Ceinnsealaigh ‘descendant of *Cinnsealach*’, a personal name meaning ‘chief warrior’.

**Early bearers:** Knoghur McMoraghe oge O’Kynsillage, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §778; Teig Kinsellagh, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1887; Arthur Kinsalaghe (McDonoghe), 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2233; John McGerot Kynselaghe, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2405; Shan Kenshelagh, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; Bran McDonnough Kenschellaugh, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6647 (Ballincowlane).

**Kinsey**

Variants: **Kynsey, Kinsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2733, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1958
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kynsey* (Old English *Cynesige*).

**Early bearers:** William Kynsei, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); George Kynsey, Kyngsey, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Kensaye, 1558 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); James Kinsey, 1564 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); John Kinsie or Kynsie, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Llandinam, Montgomerys); Joseph Kinsey, 1648 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*; Thos. Kinsay, 1719 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Charles Vernon Kynsey, 1794 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs).

**Kinsler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; IoM

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of the German family name *Künzler*, originally from an agent derivative of Middle High German *künzen* ‘to flatter’.

**Early bearers:** Marks and Rebeka Kinsler, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abram Kinsler, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Christian Kinsler, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Onchan, IoM); Mark and Rebecca Kinsler, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb); Aaron Kinsler, cabinet maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Salaman Kinsler, furrier, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Maurice Kinsler, boot repairer, born in Poland in *Census 1911* (Plaistow, Essex).

2 Irish: perhaps occasionally an anglicized variant of **Kinsella**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Kinsler, born in Roscommon, Ireland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Kinsley**

Variants: **Kynsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Kinsley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Kineslea, 1191 in *Pleas* (Essex); John de Kyneslay, 1244–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Robert Kynslay, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: in Ireland sometimes adopted for Ó Ceinnsealaigh, see **Kinsella**.

**Kinslow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Kingslow in Worfield (Shrops), which is recorded as *Kyngeslowe* in 1524 (*Subsidy Rolls*), *Kynslowe* in 1650. The place-name means ‘king’s tumulus’, deriving from Old English *cyning* ‘king’ (genitive *cyninges*) + *hlāw* ‘tumulus, burial mound, hill’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kynggeslowe, 1327 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); John de Kyngesloue, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Kyngeslowe, 1453 in *Gloucs Archives* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); William Kinslow, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Pembroke, Pembrokes); Amey Kinslow, 1776 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Kinslow, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, pp. 77–8.

**Kinsman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 594
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cornwall and Devon; Middx and Surrey; also Fife
- English: nickname from Middle English *kinnesman* ‘male blood relation; compatriot, friend’.

**Early bearers:** William Kinesman, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Cunesmon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William, John Kynesman, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Simon Kynnsman, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Petri Kinsman, 1542 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); John Kinsman, 1580 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); William Kinsman, 1604 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

**Kinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

1 English: locative name from Kinson in Stoke Saint Milborough (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Kinstaneston, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; [ . . . de] Kynstanton, 1292–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Kinson, 1546 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Jana Kinston, 1580, Joseph Kinson, 1822 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Guilielmis Kynston, 1628 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Kinson, 1693 in *IGI* (Sandon, Staffs); Jn Kinston, 1720 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Susannah Kynson, 1778 in *IGI* (Wistanstow, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 214; *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, pp. 22–3; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 105.

2 English: locative name, perhaps in some cases from Kinson in Canford Magna (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kunestonston, 1244 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Ellen Kinson, 1570 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); William Kinson, 1647 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**Kintish**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Kentish**.

**Kinton**

Variants: **Kimpton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: locative name from Kineton (Warwicks), Kinton (Herefs), or Kyneton in Thornbury (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Kinton, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William de Kynton, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); Nicholas de Kinton, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Geoffrey de Kyntone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Kynton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bromkinthorpe, Leics); John Kynton of Rauenston, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Ravenstone, Leics); John Kintone, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Kingsland, Herefs).

2 English: variant of **Kimpton**.

**Kinvig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: reduced form of Gaelic \**Mac Con Bhig* ‘son of Cu Beag’ (‘little hound’).

**Early bearers:** Mac John (scribal error for Con) beg, 1515, Kenvig, 1560, Kinvig, 1643 in *Kneen* (IoM); Sylvester Kinvigg, 1734 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM); John Kinvig, 1725 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); John Kinvig, 1818 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).

**References:** *Kneen*.

**Kinzett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; Middx

English: apparently a variant of **Kensett**.

**Kipling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1032, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Kiplin (in Bolton on Swale, NR Yorks), recorded as *Chipeling* in 1086, *Kyppling* in 1184, and *Kyplin* in 1576.

**Early bearers:** Robart Kiplin, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Kiplin, 1600 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); John Kiplin, 1610 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Brian Kiplin, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirby Hill by Boroughbridge, NR Yorks); Edward Kiplin, 1619 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Elizabeth Kiplin, 1783 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Swale, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 278.

**Kipp**

Variants: **Kipps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

## Kippax

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Leics and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kipp* (Old English \**Cyppe*). Compare **Kipping**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Ulwardus Cheppe, about 1057 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Wolberne Kippe, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Kippe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Esger Kyppe, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Kenton, Devon); Richard Keppe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Wilyam Kippe, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Thornbury, Gloucs); William Kipp, 1665 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics).

## Kippax

**Variants:** **Keepax**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Kippax (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Alan de Kipais, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Kippax, 1347 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Kypax, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorner, WR Yorks); Adam Kypas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Kypas, 1441 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Thomae Kippax, 1631 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Richardus Kippax, 1638 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Samuel Keepax, 1737 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

## Kippen

**Variants:** **Kippin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Kippen (Stirlings).  
**Early bearers:** Harrie Kippin, 1631 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Thomas Kippen, 1652 in *IGI* (Aberdalgie, Perth); Harry Kippen, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dunning, Angus).  
2 English: see **Kipping**.

## Kippie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Fife; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Keppie**.

## Kippin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- 1 Scottish: see **Kippen**.  
2 English: see **Kipping**.

## Kipping

**Variants:** **Kippin**, **Kippen**, **Keeping**, **Keepin**, **Keepen**, **Kepping**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kipping*, from Old English *Cypping*, originally perhaps a nickname for a fat or rotund person.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Kipping de Burehamton', 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

sumames: Alwinus filius Cheping, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Mafrei filius Kipping, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); John Kipping, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Kipping, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Henry Keppyng, 1301–2 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (East Meon, Hants); William Keppyng, 1327 in *New Forest Documents* (Minstead and Bartley, Hants); Richard Kyppyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Cuppyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Downton, Wilts); Willelmus Keppyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Hoe, Hants); John Keppyng', 1409–10 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Downton, Wilts); William Keppyng, yeoman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Benenden, Kent); Elizabeth Kipping, 1559 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Edward Kipping, 1560 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Anne Kipping, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Henry Keepinge, 1564, Frances Kepinge, 1618, Ann Keepen, 1698 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Galfredus Kyppin, 1567, Reinoldi Keepinge, 1588 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Robart Kyppinge, 1570 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elizabeth Kyppyng, 1578, Thomas Kippin, 1634, Thomas Kippen, 1661 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Henry Kippinge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringwood, Hants); James Kyppin, 1764 in *IGI* (Aston Clinton, Bucks).

## Kipps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- English: variant of **Kipp** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Ric. Kipps, 1584 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Stephen Kipps, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Hartley, Kent).

## Kirby

**Variants:** **Kerby**, **Kerbey**, **Kirkby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16046, Ireland 1328
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick
- 1 English: locative name from any of the many places in N and E England named Kirkby or Kirby.  
**Early bearers:** Godebold de Kirkebi, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ketellus de Kerkebi, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Kyrkeby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Smeaton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Kyrkeby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leicester, Leics); Johanne Kyrkeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs); Willelmus de Kyrkeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tockwith, WR Yorks); Johannes de Kyrkeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Kirtby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Ricardo Kirby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Rogerus de Kirby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nidd, WR Yorks); Johannes Kyrby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tibthorpe, ER Yorks); Richard Kyrby, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).  
2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Garmhaic ‘descendant of *Ciarmhac*’, a personal name meaning ‘dark son’. Compare **Kerwick**.  
**Early bearers:** John Kirbe, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4116 (Dublin); John Kirbie, 1582–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; Thomas Kerby, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §651.  
3 Irish: from **Mac Geirble** ‘son of *Geirble*’, a personal name of uncertain origin. The name is preserved in the townland name of Carrowkeribly in County Mayo.

**Early bearers:** Philip McKerbrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Portnelligan); Rorie Kerbrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Portnelligan).

## Kircher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Kercher**.

## Kirchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, and Warwicks; also Beds
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Kirchan, 1603 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Robert Kirchen, 1618 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Willimi Kerchin, 1619 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Richard Kirchin, 1620 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Johann Kerchin, 1631 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Kirchin, 1686 in *IGI* (Twyford, Leics).

## Kirfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Kerfoot**.

## Kirgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Fife; Kirkcudbrights
- 1 Irish: perhaps from Ó Ciaragáin, see **Kerrigan**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew Kirgan, 1857 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr); James Kirgan, 1863 in *IGI* (Kelton, Kirkcudbrights).  
2 Irish: see **McKirkgan**.

## Kirk

**Variants:** **Kirke**, **Kerk**, **Kyrke**, **Kirt**, **Kurk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18296, Ireland 1570
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12923
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Armagh; Louth
- English: locative name for someone who lived by a church, Middle English *kirk* ‘church’ (Old Scandinavian *kirkja*).  
**Further information:** This name has also been established in Ireland since the 16th century or earlier.  
**Early bearers:** England: Reginald Attekireke, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Attekirk, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Ofthekirke, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John be ye kyrk, 1438 in *Derbys Charters*; Christofer Kirk, 1541 in *IGI* (Grimby, Lincs); John Kirke, 1541 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Edward Kyrke, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Mary Kyrke, 1575 in *IGI* (Ludford, Lincs); Susanne Kerk, 1576 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Christean Kirk, 1590 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Elizabeth Kirk, 1652 in *IGI* (Glentworth, Lincs); Samuel Kerk, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

Scotland: Patrick Kyrk, 1456 in *Arbroath Register* (Perth, Perth); William Kirk, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Kirk, 1636 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans). Ireland: Thomas Kirke, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2244 (Clogher); William Kyrke, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2244 (Clogher); Dermot O'Keurke, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3042 (Clare, Inchequin); Dermot O'Kircke, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764.

### Kirkaldie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Scottish: see **Kirkcaldy**.

### Kirkaldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Angus, Midlothian; also Durham
- Scottish: see **Kirkcaldy**.

### Kirkam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Kirkham**.

### Kirkbride

Variants: **Kirkbright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1539, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 882
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Kirkbride (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Kirkebryd, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); Richerd Kirkbride, 1601 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Stephen Kirkbride, 1629 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

### Kirkbright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Kirkbride**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Kirkbright, 1709 in *IGI* (Hundleby, Lincs); Thomas Kirkbright, 1719 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Isabel Kirkbright, 1761 in *IGI* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks); Alexander Kirkbright, 1768 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks).

### Kirkby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2234, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1690
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs

English: see **Kirby**.

### Kirkcaldy

Variants: **Kirkaldy**, **Kirkaldie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from Kirkcaldy in Fife.

**Early bearers:** John de Kirkcaldy, 1331 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Andrew Kirkcaldy, 1535 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); Janet Kirkaldy, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Kirkcaldy, 1636 in *IGI* (Ferryport on Craig, Fife); Elspeth Kirkaldy, 1641 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Andrew Kirkaldy, 1665 in *IGI*

(Leuchars, Fife); Alexander Kirkaldy, 1671 in *IGI* (Dunbog, Fife).

### Kirke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Kirk**.

### Kirker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- 1 German: occupational name from Middle High German *kirchner* 'minister, sexton'.  
**Early bearers:** Edmon Kerker, 1638 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); James Kirker, 1797 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Jabez Giles Kirker, 1813 in *IGI* (Roker, Durham); Quintin Kirker, 1832 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr).  
 2 Scottish: perhaps from a reduced form of **McKerracher**.

3 English: locative name, perhaps from a derivative of Middle English *kirk* 'church' (Old Scandinavian *kirkja*), for someone who lived by a church; compare **Churcher**.

### Kirkham

Variants: **Kerkham**, **Kirkam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6003, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs
- English: locative name from Kirkham (ER Yorks, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Kirkeham, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Kirkham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviour, York); Willelmus de Kirkham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lancs); James Kirkham, 1558 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Thomas Kirkham, 1568 in *IGI* (Denham near Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Will Kirkham, 1568 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Anne Kirkham, 1569 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Robert Kirkham, 1571 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs).

### Kirkhope

Variants: **Kirkup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from Kirkhope (Selkirks).  
**Early bearers:** John Kirkhup, 1610 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Waterhead, Selkirks); Thomas Kirkhup, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Tweedhopfoot, Selkirks); Jennet Kirkhope, 1683 in *IGI* (Tweedsmuir, Peebles); William Kirkhope, 1708 in *IGI* (Wiston and Robertson, Lanarks); Jennet Kirkhope, 1717 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

### Kirkhouse

Variants: **Kirkus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glamorgan and Brecknocks

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *kirk* 'church' (Old Scandinavian *kirkja*) + *hous* 'house, dwelling', used for someone who lived

or worked '(at the) church house'. Compare

### Churchouse.

**Early bearers:** Robertus del Kirkhouce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Emma Kirkus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckford, Gloucs); John Kirkhou, 1446 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Kirkhouse, 1545 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); John Kirkehouce, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Downham, Cambs); Petrus Kirkhus, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Roberte Kirkus, 1590 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Kirkhous, 1600 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Kirkhouse, 1614 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Kirkland

Variants: **Kirtlan**, **Kirtland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2775, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2650
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Derbys; Lanarks and Ayr; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Tyrone

English: locative name from any of several places named Kirkland (Cumb, Lancs; Ayr, Dumfriess, Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Kerkeland', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); John de Kyrkeland, about 1280 in *Black* (Berwick); Nicholas, William de Kirkelond, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Kirkland, 1550 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); John Kirtland, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Ryt. Kirtlande, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Williame Kirkland, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Nathaniel Kirkland, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Kirklande, 1667 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayr); John Kirtland, 1705 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Tho. Kirtlan, 1719 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Thomas Kirklan, 1776 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

### Kirkley

Variants: **Kirtley**, **Kirley**, **Kerley**, **Kerly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: locative name from Kirkley (Northumb, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Kirkelee, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam de Kyrkele, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Yarmouth, Suffolk); Johannes de Kirkele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Johannes de Kyrkeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Kirkley, 1561 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Bryan Kirtley, 1598 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); George Kirkley or Kirkly, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Orpington, Kent); Robart Kirklye, 1670 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

### Kirkman

Variants: **Kerman**, **Kirman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1667, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1913
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *kirkman* 'clergyman; churchwarden; lay official responsible for church finances'. Compare **Churchman**, of which Kirkman is the northern form.  
**Early bearers:** England: Robert Kirkeman, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger le Kirkeman, 1259 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Robert Kirman, 1549 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Ellin Kirkman, 1562 in *IGI* (London); Willm. Kirkman, 1566 in *IGI*

## Kirkness

(Lockington, Leics); Wyllyam Kirkman, 1589 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Thomas Kirkman, 1595 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lincs); Margaret Kirman, 1595 in *IGI* (Aylesby, Lincs).

### Kirkness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Kirkness (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Kirknes, 1391 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kirkwall, Orkney); John of Kirkness, 1438 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Orkney); John Kirkness, 1678 in *Scottish Historical Review* (Sandwick, Orkney); Jonnet Kirkness, 1684 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Kirkness, 1690 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); David Kirkness, 1728 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

### Kirkpatrick

Variants: **Gilpatrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3721, Ireland 1012
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2577
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Kirkcudbrights, and Lanarks; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from either of two places in Dumfriess called Kirkpatrick or any of various other places in Scotland, all so named from the dedication of their church to Saint Patrick. The Scottish word *kirk* sometimes replaced Gaelic *cill* ‘church’ in place-names; compare **Kilpatrick**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ivo de Kirkpatrick, about 1190 in *Annandale Family Book* (Eskdale, Dumfriess); Humfridus and Roger de Kirkpatrick, before 1245 in *Scotland Calendar* (Locharwood); Daniell Kirkpatrick, 1607 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

Ireland: William Kirkpatrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Isaac Kirkpatrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Donegal); Anne Kirkpatrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); Moses Kirkpatrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Samuel Kirkpatrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

### Kirkton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

Scottish: locative name from any of numerous places in Scotland so called, named as ‘church settlement’.

**Early bearers:** William de Kirketon, 1243 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Adam de Kirketon, 1243 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Richard of Kirketon, 1361 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Thomas de Kirkton, 1393 in *Moray Register* (Aldrochty, Morays); William Kyrkton, 1498 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Adam Kirkton, 1607 in *Retours, Scotland* (Stewartfield, Jedburgh).

### Kirkup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1051, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

Scottish, English: see **Kirkhope**.

### Kirkus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Kirkhouse**.

### Kirkwood

Variants: **Kerwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3802, Ireland 335
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2671
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry; Mayo

Scottish: locative name from any of at least three places in Scotland called Kirkwood (Ayr, Dumfriess, Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** John Kirkwood, 1476 in *Stirling Burgh Records*; and Alexander Kirkwod, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*.

### Kirlew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Kirlawe, Johanna de Karlawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Kirlew, 1479 in *Parish Registers* (Barlby, ER Yorks); Edward Kirlow, 1615, William Kirlew, 1646, Thomas Kirliew, 1679 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).

### Kirley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Durham

English: variant of **Kirkley**.

### Kirman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Kirkman**.

### Kirrage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Kerridge**.

### Kirrane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish: from Ó Ciaráin, see **Kieran**.

**Early bearers:** Mahound McDonnagh Kirrane, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1862.

### Kirsch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: locative name, nickname from Middle High German *kirse* ‘cherry (tree)’, used for someone who lived near a distinctive cherry tree, or for a

grower or seller of cherries, or for someone with a ruddy complexion.

**Early bearers:** William Henry Kirsch, 1859 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Kirshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Staffs

English: see **Kershaw**.

### Kirsop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Kirsopp**.

### Kirsopp

Variants: **Kirsop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and Cumb

English: locative name from Kershope (Cumb), recorded as *Creshop* in 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*. **Early bearers:** Adam de Creshop, 1296 in *Patent Rolls*; William Cressop of Ebor, chaplain, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (York, Yorks); Anthony Kirsop, 1589, Johan Kirsopp, 1590, Cuthbt Kirsipp, 1690 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Kersop, 1724 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb); George Kirsopo, 1778 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Kirstie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Christie**.

### Kirsty

Variants: **Kirstie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Christie**.

### Kirt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: variant of **Kirk**. Compare **Kirkland** and **Kirtland**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kirtlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Kirkland**.

### Kirtland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx

English: see **Kirkland**.

### Kirtley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 861, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Kirkley**.



## Kirton

Variants: **Kurton, Kerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2501, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lincs and WR Yorks; Aberdeens; London

English: locative name from Kirton (Lincs, Notts, Suffolk), or Kirton in Lindsey (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Lambert de Kirketon', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Kyrcton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Agnete de Kyrton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes de Kyrton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johannes de Kirkton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Kyrton, 1492 in *PROB 11* (London); William Kirton, 1508 in *York Freeman's Register*; Jhon Kerton, 1562 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); William Kirton or Kyrton, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Mathew Kurton, 1654 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); John Kurton or Kirton, 1835 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

## Kirvan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Ciardhubháin, see **Kirwan**.

## Kirven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Ciardhubháin, see **Kirwan**.

## Kirvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb

Irish: from Ó Ciardhubháin, see **Kirwan**.

## Kirwan

Variants: **Kirwin, Kerwin, Kirvan, Kirven, Kirvin, Kirgan, Kervin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1952, Ireland 3287
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Tipperary, and Galway; Leinster: esp. Wexford
- Irish: from Ó Ciardhubháin 'descendant of *Ciardhubháin*', a personal name based on *ciar* 'dark' + *dubh* 'black' + the diminutive suffix *-an*.
- Early bearers:** Peirs Kirwan (fitz Edmund), 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5570; Richard O'Kervan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6137; Robuck Kirwan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5570.

## Kirwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 183
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois
- Irish: from Ó Ciardhubháin, see **Kirwan**.

## Kisby

Variants: **Kesby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cambs, and Hunts

English: locative name from Keisby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Kisebi, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William Keseby, 1327, William de Keseby, Thomas de Kisby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fletton, Hunts); Willelmus de Keseby, 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Kisbye, 1594 in *IGI* (Alwalton, Hunts); Edward Kisby, 1597 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); John Keisbey, 1600 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Catherine Kisby, 1635 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Edward Kisby, 1636, John Kesby, 1694 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Tho. Keisbey, 1679 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Griffin Kesby, 1686 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

## Kish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks
- Hungarian: see **Kiss**.

## Kiss

Variants: **Cuss, Cusse, Kish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Worcs and Warwicks

1 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *cuisse* 'thigh', perhaps denoting a maker of leather armour for the thighs; compare **Kisser**.

**Early bearers:** Amice Kisse, John Kisse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William Kysse, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Rogerus Kysse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thomas Kysse, 1430 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*; John Cusse, 1545, Edmond Cusse, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Laurence Kyshe, 1573, Sarah Kish, 1765 in *Bardsley*.

2 Hungarian: nickname from *kis* 'small', denoting the younger of two bearers of the same personal name or a person of small stature.

## Kissack

Variants: **Kissock, McKisack, Kissick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 421
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Manx, Irish: from *McIsaac* 'Isaac's son'.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert McIssack, 1418, Kissack, 1599 in *Moore*; Ewan Kissack, 1683 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); Micheall Kissack, 1685 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM).

## Kissane

Variants: **Keeshan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 461
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Ó Casáin 'descendant of *Casán*', a diminutive of *cas* 'curly', or of Ó Ciosáin, which Woulfe believes to be a variant. See also **Cashman**.

**Early bearers:** Donell McTeig I Kissane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576; John O'Kysyn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Moretown); Shane O'Kissane, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Muke Rush).

## Kisser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *kissere* (of uncertain derivation) 'leather-dresser, dealer in leather', perhaps sometimes synonymous with *cordwainer* 'shoemaker' (see **Cordiner**).

**Further information:** John Tilli, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London) is alternatively styled 'kisser' and 'cordwainer'. For further evidence of the association of kissers with the leather trade see *Ekwall, ELSR*, p. 356. Derivation from Anglo-Norman French *cuissier, quisser* 'hose; thigh-armour' (from *cuisse* 'thigh') is also theoretically possible (for a maker of such garments) but evidence is lacking.

**Early bearers:** William Kisere, 1224–46 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary*; Ricardum Qwisser, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard le Kissere, 1288, Hugh le Cussere, 1294 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Hugh le Kysser, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Margaret Cusser, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Hugh le Kisehere, 1307 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Richard Kysser, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (London); James Kisser, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (London); John Kisser, 1698 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

## Kissick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; IoM; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Manx, Irish: see **Kissack**.

## Kissock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Kissack**.

## Kit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 揭 (*Jie* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'raise, hoist' in ancient Chinese: shortened form of the place-name *Jie Yang* (揭陽) (located in present-day E Guangdong province), possibly borne by descendants of the governor of Jieyang, originally called Shi Ding, also known as Jie Yang Ling (揭陽令) during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 9).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 吉, see **Chi** (4).

## Kitch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 220
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Keech**.

## Kitchel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ketchell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Kitchell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Middx
- English: see **Ketchell**.

## Kitcheman

### Kitcheman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Kitchingman**.

### Kitchen

Variants: **Ketchin, Ketchen, Kitching, Kitchin, Kitchens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5114, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5076
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Derry and Antrim

1 English: occupational name for someone who worked in a kitchen, Middle English *kichene* (Old English *cycene*).

**Early bearers:** Henry atte Kychene, 1311 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Sussex); Nicholas atte Kechene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert del Kychin, 1359 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes Kechene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Adam Kechyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton Husthwaite, NR Yorks); Willelmus de Kechyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Thomas del Kichyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belthorpe, ER Yorks); John de Kychin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heatherslaw, Northumb); Willelmus del Kychyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Johannes del Kechyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Kechyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Kechyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Kytchyng, 1513 in *York Guild Register*.

2 Scottish: adopted, on account of phonetic resemblance, as an anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic *Mac Uisdein*, see **McCutcheon**.

### Kitchener

Variants: **Kitchiner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1693, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 876
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *kychener* 'someone employed in (or in charge of) a kitchen, especially the kitchen of a monastery'.

**Early bearers:** William le Cuchener, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Surrey); Thomas Kytchener, tapiter, 1472 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Kitchynner, 1494 in *York Guild Register* (York).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 124.

2 English: locative name from Kitchenour in Beckley (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Kechenor', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); [... de] Kichinore, about 1220 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Willmo de Kechenor, 1296, Johe de Kychenor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goldspur hundred, Sussex); John de Kechenore, 1343 in *Book of Bartholomew Bolney* (Sussex); Joane Kitchener, 1562 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Elizabeth Kitchener, 1563 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Richard Kitchener, 1588 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Richard Kitchener, 1591 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Mary Kitchener, 1660 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 527.

### Kitchenham

Variants: **Kitchingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Kitchingham (in Etchingham, Sussex) or Kitchenham (in Peasmarsh, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Kechenham, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Adam de Kechenham, 1296, Robert de Kechenham in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoathly, Sussex); Elias de Kechenham, 1296, John de Chechehamme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburnham, Sussex); William de Kechenham, 1296, Agnes de Kechenham, 1327, John de Kechenhame, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heghton, Sussex); Thomas Kitchingham, 1625 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Stephen Kitchenhame, 1666, John Kitchingham, 1746 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Ellinor Kitchenhame, 1669 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Anne Kitchenham, 1670 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

### Kitchenman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Kitchingman**.

### Kitchens

Variants: **Kitchings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Kitchen** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Kitcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: from an agent derivative of Middle English *kichen*, a variant of *cacchen* 'to catch'; see **Catcher**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Kychare of Leverton, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Leverton, Lincs); Walterus Kycher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westover, Hants); John Kitcher, 1687 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants).

### Kitchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 830, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 624
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Kitchen**.

### Kitchiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

English: see **Kitchener**.

### Kitching

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3628, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1735
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Kitchen**.

### Kitchingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Kitchenham**.

### Kitchingman

Variants: **Kitchman, Kitcheman, Kitchenman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name for someone who worked in a kitchen. See **Kitchen, Kitchener**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Kychynman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Robertus Kychynman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingham, WR Yorks); Johannes Kychynman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingham, WR Yorks); Thomas Kechynman, 1475 in *York Guild Register*; Jenet Kycheman, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Kitchingman, 1583 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Kitchings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northumb

English: see **Kitchens**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kitchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Kitchingman**.

### Kite

Variants: **Kyte, Keit, Keyte, Keet, Keat, Keate, Kett, Kight, Keates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1782, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1684
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and W Midlands: esp. Middx and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: nickname from Middle English *kete*, *kyte* 'kite' (the bird of prey), perhaps a nickname for a rapacious person.

**Early bearers:** Ailnoð Kete, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Kete, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert Chet, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Richard Kyte, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Ket, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Peter le Kyte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joh'nes le Kete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lyminge, Kent); John Kette, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Richard Kite, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Richard Kite, 1579 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Michael Kite, 1589 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); Richard Kite, 1594 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Robert Kite, 1599 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from one or more of the minor places with names deriving from Old English *cýte*, \**cýte* 'cottage, hut, shed', such as Kite Farm in Swalecliffe (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ralph atte Kete, 1292, Anselm Kete, 1332 in *Kent Place-Names* (Whitstable hundred, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 493; *Studia Neophilologica*, p. 17.

### Kiteley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Middx

English: see **Kitley**.

**Kitley**

Variants: **Kittley**, **Kettlety**, **Kiteley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: apparently a variant of **Keighley** with shortening of the first vowel. Compare **Ketley**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Kettle, 1567 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Wm. Kettle, Wm. Keightly, 1636 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Edward Kettle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Phillip Kitley, 1689 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts); Mary Kitley, 1711 in *IGI* (Doulting, Somerset); Hannah Kitley, 1768 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

**Kitney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John Kitney, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts); Edward Kitney, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Munden, Herts); Thomas Kitney, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Great Munden, Herts); John Kitney, 1673 in *Parish Registers* (Harrow Saint Mary, Middx); William Kitney, 1754 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); William Kittney, 1756 in *IGI* (Bredhurst, Kent); Thomas Kitney, 1787, Abraham Kytney, 1804 in *IGI* (Stockbury, Kent).

**Kitson**

Variants: **Kidson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2832, Ireland 228
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 English: relationship name, 'Son of *Kit*', a pet form of **Christopher** and **Christian**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Kittesson, 1340 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Thomas Kytson, 1357 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Abraham Kitson or Kytson, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Faith, City of London).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Ceit** or **Ó Ceit**, see **Kett**.

**Kitt**

Variants: **Kitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Limerick, Cork, and Waterford

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Kytte*, a pet form of the male name *Christopher* and the female names *Katharine* and *Christina*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Kytte the Soper, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Kytte Gase vidua, Cristina Gase vidua, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics).

surnames: Wigar Kittle, 1173–9 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Amfridus Kittle, 1190 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger son of Kytt, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Walter Kytte, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Hamon Kytte, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

2 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *kittle* 'wooden vessel made of hooped staves'.

Compare **Kitter**.

3 Irish: from **Ó Ceit**, see **Kett**.

**Kittel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Kettle**.

**Kitter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *\*kitter* 'maker or seller of tubs or milking pails', a derivative of *kitte* 'wooden vessel made of hooped staves' (see **Kitt** (2)). Compare Richard le Kittewritt', 1275 in *Fransson* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Kittere, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Holbe Kittere, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); James Kitter, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); George Kitter, 1803 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs).

References: *Thursson*, p. 233.

**Kitteridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Warwicks

English: see **Ketteridge**.

**Kittermaster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Warwicks
- English: locative name from Kidderminster (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Ida de Kidministre, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Walerand de Kydermenistre, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Kinver, Staffs); William Kedirmystre, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Symond Kytermyster, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ursula Kithermister, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Hampton, Herefs); Oliffe Kiddermister, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Kittermaster, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Coleshill, Warwicks).

**Kittle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, London, and Kent; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: see **Kettle**.

**Kittler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *kit(t)el* 'smock, shirt-like garment', hence 'smock-maker'.

**Kittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Kettles**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kittlety**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: see **Kettlety**.

**Kittley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Kitley**.

**Kitto**

Variants: **Kittow**, **Kittoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 464
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: relationship name from a pet form of Middle English *Kit* (a pet form of *Christopher*) + Cornish *-ow*. Compare **Kitt**, which is also predominantly Cornish.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation, 'a Cornish diminutive of *Griffith*', probably thinking of Welsh *Guto*, is implausible since *Griffith* is not found in Cornwall and the unvoicing of initial G- to K- would be irregular.

**Early bearers:** William Kyttou, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Michaelstow, Cornwall); William Kyttow, 1413 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Warbstow, Cornwall); John Kyttowe, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Duloe, Cornwall); Simon Kytowe, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); William Kitto, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); James Kittowe, 1607 in *PROB 11* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Robert Kitto, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Chelmsford, Essex); Henry Kitto, Tristram Kittoe, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

References: O. J. Padel, personal communication.

**Kittoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Cornish: see **Kitto**.

**Kittow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: see **Kitto**.

**Kittredge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Ketteridge**.

**Kittridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex

English: see **Ketteridge**.

**Kitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Devon; London; Derbys

English: variant of **Kitt** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Gennit Kitts, 1617 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Samuel Kitts, 1736 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

**Kivel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

## Kivell

- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; also Durham

1 Irish: from Ó Cibhil, see **Keville**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 English: see **Keevil**.

## Kivell

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 78
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; IoM and Lancs

1 English: see **Keevil**.

2 Irish: from Ó Cibhil, see **Keville**.

## Kivlehan

Variants: **Kivlichan**, **Kivlin**, **Kevlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 22
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo

Irish: from Ó Cibleacháin ‘descendant of Cibleachán’, byname for a bandy-legged man.

Early bearers: Maelruanaigh Ua Ciflichain, coarb of Fore, 117 in *AU* (Westmeath); Dyeremott O’Kiveleghan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Balliassedarre, Sligo); John Kivlehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo); Thomas Kivelin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal); Patrick Kivlaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo); Michael Kivlahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff, Sligo); James Kivil, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilshalvy, Sligo).

## Kivlichan

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Selkirks and Roxburghs
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó Cibleacháin, see **Kivlehan**.

## Kivlin

Variants: **Kevlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Ó Cibhlín, a shortened form of Ó Cibleacháin, see **Kivlehan**.

## Klair

Variants: **Kler**

- Current frequencies: GB 205, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained; it is found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

## Klaus

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
- Dutch and N German: see **Claus**.

## Kleanthous

Variants: **Cleanthous**

- Current frequencies: GB 167, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Greek: relationship name from the genitive of the personal name *Kleanthis*, a medieval Greek name of uncertain etymology.

## Klee

- Current frequencies: GB 97, Ireland 4

- GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Worcs
- German: locative name, nickname, apparently from Middle High German *klē* ‘clover’, either topographic for someone who lived near a field of clover or perhaps an occupational nickname for someone who grew clover to feed cattle.

Early bearers: Theodore Klee, born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Fritz Klee, 1861 in *IGI* (Malvern Link, Worcs); Jacob Klee, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leigh, Worcs); John Klee, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leigh, Worcs); Konrad Klee, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Klein

Variants: **Kline**, **Cline**

- Current frequencies: GB 1473, Ireland 38
- GB frequency 1881: 360
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German, Dutch, German *klein* ‘small’, or Yiddish *kleyn*. This was a nickname for a person of small stature, but was also often used as a distinguishing name for a junior male, usually a son, in names such as **Klein hans** and **Klein peter**.

Further information: The Dutch name is also found as **de Klein**(e).

Early bearers: Augustus Kline, 1722 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Motyse Kleine, smallware dealer, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Deiderick Klein, 1852 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Davies Cline, tailor born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Moses Klein, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camden Town, Middx); Jacob Kline, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Moses Klein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Klein, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Mathias Klein, born in Merzig, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Huntington, Staffs); Conrad Klein, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hunstanton, Norfolk); Augusta Kline, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Joe Cline, laundry proprietor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Barnett Cline, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Pontypridd, Glamorgan); Albricht Klein, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Finchley, Middx); Goodman Klein, master tailor, born in Poland, *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Kleinman

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *Kleinmann* ‘small man’, denoting someone of small stature.

Further information: Although this is also a German name (**Kleinmann**), there is little evidence of its having been brought into Britain by German bearers.

Early bearers: Barnet Klineman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Myer Keinman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Isaac Kleinman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Kler

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Absell Kler, 1635 in *IGI* (East Farleigh, Kent); Willaiem Kler, 1743 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset).

2 Indian: see **Klair**.

## Kline

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Dutch, German, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Klein**.

Early bearers: Casper Kline, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Albert Kline, born in Germany, Casper Kline, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marlebone, Middx); Lewis Kline, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Leah Kline, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Phillip Kline, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Wolf Kline, born in Hungary, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

## Klinger

- Current frequencies: GB 106, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 3

1 German: locative name from an agent derivative of **Klinge**, which has various origins: a locative name for a dweller by a stream, from Middle High German *klinge* ‘babbling brook’, or, in north Germany for a dweller by a ford or on boggy moorland, from Low German *klinge* ‘ford, muddy heath’, or from *Klinge* (Schleswig-Holstein), *Klingen*, or any of several other places named with *klinge* ‘ford’. Some examples may belong under (2).

Early bearers: Anna Klinger, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Catherine Klinger, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Wavertree, Lancs); George Klinger, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Northants).

2 German, Danish: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *klinge* ‘metal blade, sword’ (a later imitative derivative of *klingen* ‘to ring or clatter’), denoting a cutler or swordsmith.

3 German: locative name, occupational name, nickname, variant of **Klingler**, which has various origins: in southern Germany and Austria, a topographic name from the field-name *Klinge*, a diminutive of Middle High German *klinge* ‘murmuring brook’; in south-western Germany, an occupational name for a town crier or a nickname for a beggar, from an agent derivative of *klingeln* ‘to ring a bell’; or a nickname for a gossip, from Middle High German *klingelen* ‘to chatter’.

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout or ornamental adoption of the German name in any of its senses.

Early bearers: Hyman Klinger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Barnett Klinger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Noah Klinger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Klotz

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname denoting a clumsy, awkward man, from Middle High German *klotz* ‘lump, block’ (Yiddish *klots*), cognates of

modern English *clot*, which is similarly used in a transferred sense to denote a stupid person but has not given rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** John Freadrick Klotz, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx) August Frederick Wilhelm Klotz, 1851 in *IGI* (London); Adolphus Klotz, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Ike Klotz, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Morris Klotz, born in Russia in *Census 1911* (London); Heinrich Karl Klotz, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Knagg

**Variants:** Knaggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Knag* (Old Danish, Old Swedish *Knag*).

**Early bearers:** Henry Knag, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Richard Knag, 1442 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnes Knagg, 1544 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Robert Knagg, 1591 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Francis Knagg, 1635 in *IGI* (Esh, Durham).

### Knaggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 981, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Tipperary

English: variant of **Knagg** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Simond Naggs, 1552 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Robert Knaggs, 1588 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Robert Knaggs, 1588 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); John Knagges, 1598 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robart Knaggs, 1602 in *IGI* (West Heselton, ER Yorks); Rich. Knaggs, 1606 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas Naggs, 1780 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Knape

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Norfolk
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *knape* 'boy, youth; servant' (Old English *cnapa*). Compare **Nave**, with which it sometimes interchanges.

**Early bearers:** John le Knape, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Norfolk); Johannes Knape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); John Knape of Possewyk, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Postwick, Norfolk); Richard Knape, 1544 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); John Knape, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Knapp**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Knape or Knappe, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Froxford, Wilts).

### Knapman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *knap(pe)* 'knob, hillock' (Old English *cnæpp* 'hilltop') + *man*, denoting someone who lived or worked by a hilltop or hillock. Compare **Knapp** and **Knapper**.

**Early bearers:** John Cnappeman', 1449–57 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Judith Knapman, 1589 in *IGI* (Exeter,

Devon); James Knapman, 1594 in *PROB 11*; Alexander Knapman, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Throwley, Devon).

### Knapp

**Variants:** Knappe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2586, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2037
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England: esp. Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *knap(pe)* 'knob, hillock' (Old English *cnæpp* 'hilltop'). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived 'at the hilltop or hillock', or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Knapp in Christchurch (Hants) or Knapp Farm in Iping (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John Knappe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William atte Knepe, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Henry de Cnappe, 1301 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 81 (Devon); Geoffrey Knappe, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Knappe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Purley, Berks); William Knapp, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Knapp, 1526 in *PROB 11* (London); Nicholas Knapp, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

### Knapper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name from Middle English \**knap(per)(e)*, an agent derivative of *knap(pe)* 'knob, hillock', for someone who lived by a hilltop or hillock; compare **Knapp** and **Knapman**.

**Early bearers:** William Knapper, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Andrew Knapere, 14th cent. in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Suffolk); Thomas Knapper', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Thomae Knapper, 1669 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Knappett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Surrey, Essex, and Middx

English: nickname, perhaps from a diminutive of Middle English *knape* 'boy, youth; servant' (see **Knape**) or, less likely, *knap(pe)* 'knob, hillock' (see **Knapp**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Knapet, 1378 in *London Letter Books H* (London); John Nappett, 1473 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Cornelius Knappett, 1701 in *IGI* (Hollisley, Suffolk); John Knappett, 1760 in *IGI* (Little Bealings, Suffolk); Thos Knappitt, 1774 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Knapton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Knapton by York (WR Yorks) or Knapton near Malton (ER Yorks). There may have been some confusion with **Napthine**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Knapeton', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus de Knapton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rufforth, WR Yorks); Agn' Knapton', 1381 in

*Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Johanne de Knapton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Nicholas de Knapton', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (York); John Knapton', clerk, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Helena Knapton, 1600 in *IGI* (Bramham, WR Yorks).

### Knatchbull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Somerset; Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *knetchen* 'to knock (on the head), fell' (a variant of *knacken* 'to strike') + *bole* 'bull', hence 'knock bull', probably referring to a butcher or slaughterer (a knacker).

**Further information:** The solitary reference to de Knecheboll in 1381 is probably an error, with the common confusion of *de* and the definite article *le*, and does not imply a lost or unidentified place as the source of the name.

**Early bearers:** Clement Nechebol, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Aloesbridge hundred, Kent); William Knechebole, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aloesbridge hundred, Kent); John Knechebole, John Knetchebole, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robert de Knecheboll, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Thomas Knechboll, 1481, John Knachbull, 1504 in *Kent Wills* (Lympne, Kent); Richard Knechebull', 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Brabourne, Kent); John Knechebull or Knachebull, 1541, Richard Knatchbull, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Mersham, Kent).

**References:** <http://bdespain.org/gencol/famhis/sketches/K-bio.htm>

### Kneafsey

**Variants:** Bonar, Crampsie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Cnáimhsighe 'descendant of *Cnáimhseach*', which, according to Woulfe, is an old female personal name. It has been anglicized in Donegal as **Bones** and **Bonner**, by erroneous association with the Irish word *cnámh* 'bone'.

**Early bearers:** Scannlán Ua Cnáimhsighe, anmchara Lis Mhóir [confessor of Lismore], 1095 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Waterford); Philip mcShane Y Neasy, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4488 (Downnacha, Cork); Ó Knawsie, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 64 (Enishowen, Donegal); John Neasy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Haynestown, Louth); John Cramsay, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Neal Cramsey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); James Cramshay, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanunshin, Donegal); William Cramsie, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim); Owen Crampsay, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); Patrick Crampshy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilsaran, Louth); John Boner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

### Kneal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: see **Kneale**.

## Kneale

### Kneale

Variants: **Kneal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 710
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: reduced form of *Mac Niall* 'Niall's son'. See **Neal, O'Niell**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: McNelle, 1408, MacNeyll, 1430, Kneal, 1598 in *Moore*; Bessy Kneale, 1618 in *IGI* (Ballalough, IoM); Evan Kneale, 1685 in *IGI* (Ballalough, IoM); Ewan Kneale, 1697 in *IGI* (Bride, IoM).

### Knee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *kne(i)* 'knee' (Old English *cnēow*). The reference would most likely be to someone with a limp or a distinctive aspect to their knee(s), but the word was also used to describe a (missed?) step in a generation or pedigree. (ii) locative name; alternatively, 'knee' could have a topographic sense and denote someone who lived by a sharp bend (see *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Knee, 1567 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Christopher Kne, 1607 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); John Knee, 1644 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs).

### Kneebone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *kne(i)* 'knee' + *bon* 'bone' (Old English *cnēow* + *bān*). Compare **Knee**.

**Early bearers:** William Knebon, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); John Knebone, 1469 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Middx); Johanis Knebone, 1550 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Jinkinge Kneebone, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); John Knebone or Kneebone, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Tregose, Wilts); Lucreatia Knebone, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent); Gilbert Kneebone, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Kneeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Kneen

Variants: **Creen, Neen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: (i) reduced form of **Kaneen**. (ii) reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Naoimhin*, see **Niven**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Jenkin McNyve or Mac Nevyne, 1429, 1430 in *Moore*; Jon Kneen, 1613 in *IGI* (Ballalough, IoM).

England: James Kneen, 1778, Jno. Neen, 1793 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); James Neen, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Kneeshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name, probably from Kneesall (Notts); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. **Early bearers:** Robert de Kneshale, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Brinkley, Cambs); William Kneshawe, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Willelmo de Knesale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Ricardus Knesall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allerton Bywater, WR Yorks); Josephe Kneshaw, 1607 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Richard Kneeshaw, 1654 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

### Knell

Variants: **Nel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name, 'dweller by the knoll', Middle English *knelle, knille* (Old English \**cnyll(e)*), as at Knell House (Sussex). Compare **Knill, Knoll**. **Early bearers:** Alvredus de Knelle, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William atte Knelle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Knell, 1559 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); William Knell, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Knell, 1563 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Abigaill Knell, 1566 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Thomas Knell, 1572 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Nehemias Knell, 1590 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Zafirah Knell, 1593 in *IGI* (Aldington, Kent); Henry Knell, 1594 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex).

### Kneller

Variants: **Neller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a knoll (see **Knell**).

**Early bearers:** William Kneller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Kneller, 1548 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex).

2 German: nickname for a noisy person, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *knellen* 'to cause to explode' or 'snap one's fingers'.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey Kneller (Gottfried Kniller), portrait painter, 1676, born in Lübeck, Germany, in *DNB* (London); Frederica Sophia Kneller, 1814 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Knevelt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Suffolk
- English: see **Knivett**.

### Knibb

Variants: **Knibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Warwicks

English: unexplained. Perhaps related to **Knapp** or **Nobbs**, and compare **Knipe**.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Knybbe, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugo Knybbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Soudley, Shrops); William Knybbe, 1573 in *IGI* (Stockton, Warwicks); Eliz. Knibe, 1585 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); Wilhelmi Knibbe, 1593 in *IGI*

(Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Henrie Knebbs, 1613 in *IGI* (Wainfleet Saint Mary, Lincs); Francis Knibb, 1626, Thomas Knib, 1641 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Magaret Knibe or Knib, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Moreton Morrell, Warwicks); Thomas Knibbs, 1651 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Isaac Knibs, 1672 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

### Knibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 732
- **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Oxon and Warwicks

English: variant of **Knibb** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Knife

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *knif* 'knife, dagger' (Old English *cnif*), perhaps used for a cutler. Compare **Cutler, Naismith**.

**Early bearers:** Alwyne Knyf, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); John Knif, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walterus Knyf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Littlemore, Oxon); Johanne Knif, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Gloucs); Thomas Knyf, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Dorset); Francis Knyff or Knyfe, 1541, Felix Knyffe, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the East, City of London); Richard Knife, 1590 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks).

### Knifton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics
- English: see **Kniveton**.

### Knight

Variants: **Night, Knivett, Knights**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48053, Ireland 534
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36457
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S, W, and central England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Mayo and Galway

1 English, also Scottish: status name, occupational name, nickname from Middle English *knight, knicht, knyht(h)* (Old English *cnicht*). The Old English word meant 'lad' or 'servant', and the sense 'servant, attendant, or retainer' survived into early Middle English. By the 13th century the sense 'landholding member of the ruling class' had become established. A medieval knight was a man of honourable rank, a feudal tenant of the king or other noble, holding land from his lord on condition of providing military service, fighting on horseback. However, the hereditary surname belonged to non-knightly families and was probably originally given in the sense 'lad, servant' or as a nickname for someone who aped the behaviour of a knight or played the role in a folk play, tableau, or ceremony. Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Walter le Knit, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William Knicht, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Knyght, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Knyght, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Kingskerswell, Devon); Johannes Knyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knighton, Hants); Willelmus Knyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Walterus Knyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Gervasius Knyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Graffham, Sussex); Willelmus Knyht, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Johannes Knyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Adam Kneyth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Ricardus Knyt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Thomas le Knith', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Alexander Knight, 1539 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Johes. Knight, 1539 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Stephen Knight, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); James Knight, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Joonne Knight, 1543 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Agneta Knight, 1546 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Katherin Knight, 1550 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Humble Knight, 1560 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Alex. Knight, 1561 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); John Knight, 1565 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); William Night, 1579 in *IGI* (Brewham, Somerset); Gregorie Knight, 1583 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Joane Knight, 1589 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants).

Scotland: Robert dictus Knycht, burgess, 1331 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); John Knycht, 1435, canon of Brechin, in *Brechin Register* (Finavon, Angus); James Knight, 1563 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Arthur Knight, 1659 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Old and Middle English personal name *Cniht* or *Knicht*, derived from the word in (1).

Early bearers: given names: Chenicte, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks).

surnames: Johannes filius Cniht, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Gamell' filius Cniht, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

3 Irish: in Ireland, sometimes adopted for **Mac an Ridire** 'son of the knight'. See also **McKnight**.

Early bearers: Ralph Knight, 1560–1 in *Fiant Elizabeth* §319.

### Knighthen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Knighton**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Knighthley

Variants: **Knighlly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Knighthley (Staffs).

Early bearers: Jordan de Knitteleg', 1207 in *Pleas* (Staffs); Robert de Knyghteyley, 1351 in *Ronton Chartulary* (Staffs); Richard Knyghtley, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Francis Knighthley, 1553 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Aaron Knighthley, 1559 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); William Knighthley, 1560 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Susan Knighthley, 1582 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Knighthley, 1591 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); William Knighthley, 1598 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); William Knighthley, 1617 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs).

### Knighlly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: see **Knighthley**.

Further information: This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland, where it has been established since the 17th century.

### Knighton

Variants: **Knighthen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1046
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Northants

English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name.

Early bearers: Alexander de Cnichteton', 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph de Knichton, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh de Knyghton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Knyghton, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Knights

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4658, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2600
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: variant of **Knight** with post-medieval excrement -s.

Further information: In the case of medieval women bearers such as Beatrix Knictes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts), and Alicia Knyghtes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), the sense is 'wife or widow of a man surnamed *Knicht*'. Such names are unlikely to have developed into hereditary surnames.

Early bearers: William Knyghts, 1545 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Jo. Knights, 1567 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk).

### Knightsoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English, Scottish: relationship name, 'son of the knight', or possibly from the uncommon Middle English personal name **Knicht** + -soun.

Early bearers: England: Robert Knyhteson, 1271 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Margery Knightsoun, 1584 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Knightsoun, 1603 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Edmond Knightsoun, 1664 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks).

Scotland: William Knightes sone of Eaglesham, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Renfrews); Francis Knythsoun, 1464 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh); Thomas Knychtsoun 1531 in *May Records*.

### Knill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name for someone who lived by a knoll, as in the place-names Knill (Hereford) and Kneela (Devon), see **Knell**.

Early bearers: Gilbert de Knille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Katheryne Knill, 1544 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Mathew Knill, 1544 in *IGI* (Braunton,

Devon); Clement Knill, 1579 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon).

### Knipe

Variants: **Snipe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 191
- **GB frequency 1881:** 444
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs, Lincs, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh; Cavan; Derry

English: locative name from High and Low Knipe in Bampton (Westm).

Early bearers: Roger de Gnypp, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Westm); Clemens Nippe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Thomas Knipe, 1399 in *Thoresby Society* 35 (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Thomas Knype, chaplain, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Greenhead, Westm); Christopher Knipe, 1559, Jennett Knype, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Knype, 1586, Margaret Knipe, 1588 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Robert Nipe, 1600 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Christopher Knipe, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Saint Katherine Coleman, City of London); John Nipp, 1670 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); John Nipe, 1691 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); John Nipe, 1724 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 191; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Kniveton

Variants: **Knifton**, **Nifton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188

• **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs

English: locative name from Kniveton (Derbys) or Kneeton (Notts).

Early bearers: Robertus de Cniueton', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts and Derbys); Matthew de Knyveton, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Edmund de Knyveton, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); John de Kneueton', chaplain, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Galfrido de Knyfton, 1422, Galfridum Kneton, 1431, Galfrido Knyveton, 1446, Willelmi Knyveton, 1463–4, Willelmo Kneton, 1473 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Gervis Kniveton, 1560 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Thomas Kniveton, 1576, Thomas Knifton, 1617 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Francisci Knifton, 1608 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Mary Nifton, 1833 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Knivett

Variants: **Nevitt**, **Nevett**, **Knevett**, **Knyvett**, **Nevard**, **Nevatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: from a Norman French pronunciation of **Knicht**, resulting from the Norman French difficulty with the *h* of Old English *cniht*.

Early bearers: Leuricus Cnivet, 1087–97 in *Robinson, Gilbert Crispin* (Middx); William Knivet, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Nicholas Cnivet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Osbert Knivet, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ernald Knikt, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Knifet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Walter le Knift, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Knyft, 1311, John Knyvet, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Rogero Neuard, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Layer de la Haye, Essex); Ricardo Neuard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Mersea, Essex); Rogerus Nevard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Nevard, 1567 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); Thomas Nevard, 1569, John Neverd, 1576 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Elizabeth Nevard, 1630 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Robert Nevatt, 1676 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts); Mary Neobard, 1770, Ann Nebard, 1813 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); John Nebbord, 1778 in *IGI* (Barningham, Suffolk); Sarah Nevard, 1794, Fanny Neobard, 1833 in *IGI* (Bures Saint Mary, Suffolk); Thomas Nevatt, 1797 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex); Wm. Charles Nubburt, 1861 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Knobbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: see **Nobbs**.

### Knock

Variants: **Knocke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 660, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 568
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk

English: locative name from Middle English *\*kno(c)k* 'hill, hillock' (Old English *\*cnoc*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by a small hill, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Knock Farm in Stone cum Ebony (Kent) or Knock Hatch in Arlington (Sussex). See *Vocabulary of English Place-Names*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Knocke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Knok, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Felicia, Thomas atte Knock, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Thoma Knok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Birt, Gloucs); Johannes Knoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); William Knoc of Stapilherst', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Staplehurst, Kent); John Knok, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Ralf Knocke, 1545 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Andrew Knock, 1561 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk).

### Knocke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Knock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Knocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 104
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *knokken*, *knocken* 'to hammer, knock (at a door), strike (someone)', perhaps referring to a smith, a porter, or a fighter. Examples without the definite article *le* may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Henry le Knocker, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Stamford, Lincs); Reymond Knokker, chaplain, 1384, Knocker, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Llyn, Caernarvons); William Knokker, smith, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (East Peckham, Kent); Richardi Knocker, 1584 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Knocker, 1614 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Knoker, 1707 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent).

2 English: locative name from an agent derivative of Middle English *\*kno(c)k* 'hill, hillock' (see **Knock**), denoting someone who lived by a small hill.

### Knoles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Knowles**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Knoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Knowles**. Compare **Knell**, **Knill**.

### Knoller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: see **Nolloth**.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*knoller* 'dweller on the hill'. See **Knoll** and compare **Hiller** and **Mounter**. This type of formation, where the suffix *-er* is added to a topographical term, is mostly found in S England, especially in Sussex, Surrey, and Kent.

**Early bearers:** Rycherd Knoller, 1553 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Thoms Knoller, 1567 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Edward Knoller, 1602 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Knolles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Devon
- Scottish; English: see **Knowles**.

### Knollys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Knowles**.

### Knopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: see **Knopp**.

### Knop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Knopp**.

### Knope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Knopp**.

### Knopp

Variants: **Knope**, **Knopp**, **Knop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *knopp*, *knope* 'a small rounded protuberance, knob' (Old English *\*cnoppa*), used topographically. (ii) nickname from the same word, Middle English

*knopp*, *knope* 'a small rounded protuberance, knob', used of the knope of the knee and the elbow-joint.

**Early bearers:** Osgod Cnoppe, 1086 in *Tengvik* (Essex); William Knop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Knop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Knopp, 1561 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Knopp, 1616 in *IGI* (Impington, Cambs); Sarah Knopp, 1707 in *IGI* (Alphamstone, Essex); John Knopp, 1726 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Christina Knopp, 1731 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

2 English: see **Nobb**.

### Knot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Knott**.

### Knott

Variants: **Knot**, **Nutt**, **Knotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6625, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5886
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Leitrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Knotte*, from *knotte* 'knot', related to, possibly confused with, but not historically identical with *Cnut* (Old Scandinavian *Knútr*, *Knut*, originally a nickname from Old Scandinavian *knútr* 'knot'), found latinized as *Canutus*. Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Cnut, Cnud, Canut, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Knot pater Alani, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

urnames: Randulfus filius Cnut, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Alanus filius Knod, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Radulfus filius Knut, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Cnot, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Cnot, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); William Knotte, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); William Knotte, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Knotte, 1260 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Hugo Knout', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Knot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downholland, Lancs); Stephen Knott, 1540 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Ursula Knott, 1543 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Richard Knott, 1548 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Jo. Knotts, 1583 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Anthoney Knotts, 1591 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Johann Knotts, 1601 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); John Knotts, 1791 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

2 English: nickname, perhaps for a short, thick-set person, or for a person with a prominent tumour, wart, or boil, from a transferred use of Middle English *knote(te)* 'a hard or firm mass, such as that formed by a knot tied in a string'.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus le Knotte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *OED*.

3 English: locative name for someone who lived on or by a small, rocky hill, Middle English *knot(te)*, or came from a place named with this word such as one of those in Westm or Cumb or Knott End in Lancs. **Early bearers:** Emma del Knot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

4 English: a modern spelling of **Nott**, with which the name may have been confused.



**Knotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: variant of **Knott** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Knowland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx
- English, Irish: anglicized form of Irish Ó Nualláin, see **Nolan**.
- Further information:** This spelling of Irish *Nolan* evidently originated in Stepney, London, in the 17th century. The association with Gloucs (mainly Bristol) is of 19th-century origin.
- Early bearers:** Jane Knowland, 1635, Richard Knowland, 1637, and Ann Knowland, 1730 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Knowland, 1648, Nathaniel Knowland, 1651, in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks).

**Knowlden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey
- English: locative name, either from a variant form of Knowlton (Kent, see **Knowlton**), unrecorded by *Kentish Place-Names* or *Saint Augustine and Shipway*, or else from a lost or as yet unidentified place perhaps named from Old English *cnoll* 'hilltop' + *denn* 'wood pasture'.
- Early bearers:** Laurence, John Knoldane, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); George Knoldan', 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Newchurch, Kent); Joan Knowlden, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Bletchingley, Surrey); John Knowlden, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Knolden, 1575, Knowlden, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury Saint Dunstan, Kent); Margeret Knolden, 1578 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); William Knowlden, 1599 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent); Thomas Knowlden, 1608, Marie Knoulden, 1628, John Knowldon, 1708 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Knowlden, 1723, Joseph Knowlding, 1745, Thos. Knowldin, 1766 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey).

**Knowle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Knowles**.

**Knowler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name for someone who lived by a knoll or hilltop. This name is found in the Sussex *Subsidy Rolls* (1296) side by side with *atte Knolle*, see **Knoll**.
- Early bearers:** John, Walter le Knollere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Knollere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Georgis. Knowler, 1548 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Johannes Knowler, 1549 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Henry Knowler, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Mary Knowler, 1596 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Mary Knowler, 1723 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Knowles**

- Variants:** Knowls, Knolles, Knollys, Knoles, Nowles, Naulls, Knoll, Knowle, Noel, Nowell, Nowill
- **Current frequencies:** GB 19009, Ireland 616
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15896
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; also Aberdeens and Kincardines
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Laois; Cork
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *knol(le)* 'knoll, hilltop' (Old English *cnoll*) or from any of the many places (some lost) named with this word, for example Knowle (Devon, Dorset, Lancs, Somerset, Warwick, and WR Yorks) and Knole (Kent, Sussex). The final -s form is often found in the medieval records, either as a plural or, in Lancs especially, as an early instance of the excrescent -s that became widespread with surnames from the 16th century. With loss of initial K- in pronunciation, derivatives of this name may sometimes have been absorbed by **Noel** (1), and some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** surnames without -s, S England: Robert de la Cnolle, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Theobald de Chnolle, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); William atte Knolle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ewhurst and Sedlescombe, Sussex); Henrico atte Knolle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Lullworth, Dorset); Walter atte Knolle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadhempston, Devon); Thomas Knolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); Adam Knolle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Johannes ate Knolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Agn' atte Knolle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denmead, Hants); Phillip Knowell, 1581 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Thomas Knowell, 1633 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Willyam Knowll, 1679 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent).
- Midlands and E Anglia: Thomas Knolle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam del Knol, 1318 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Knol, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Audley, Staffs); Thomas Knol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Willelmus en le Knolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windley Pool in Sutton Coldfield, Warwick); Simon de Knoll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Katherin Knole, 1589 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); Sara Knoll, 1675 in *IGI* (Glossop, Derbys).
- N England: Gregory 'of Knoll', 1234, Ellis de Knol, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Thom' de Knoll, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornley, Lancs); Agn' de Knoll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Thomas de Knoll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Henricus del Knol', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heaton with Halliwell, Lancs); Robertus dil Knoll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tarbock, Lancs); Willm. Knolle, 1550 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Henry Knowell, 1582 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).
- surnames with -s, S England: Roberto Knolles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerford Keynes, Wilts); Petrus Knolles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Jhone Knowles, 1543 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Alexandrin Knowles, 1556 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Evans Knowles, 1570 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Willm. Knowles, 1573 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Joan Knowles, 1578 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); John Noles, 1611 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).
- Midlands and E Anglia: Ricardo Knolles, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warwick); Rogerus Knolles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Willelmus Knollus, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

- (Tideswell, Derbys); Willm. Knowles, 1541 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Robert Knowles, 1572 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwick); Nycholas Knowles, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Peter Knollys, 1573 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Jhon Knolles, 1575 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Anne Knowles, 1580 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Sara Knolles, 1589 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).
- N England: Willelmus de Knolles, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Rogero de Knolles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Christopher Knolles, 1407 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elsab. Knowles, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Elena Knowles, 1559 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Henry Knolles, 1634 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs).
- Scotland: Margaret Knowles, 1717 in *IGI* (Durriss, Kincardines); John Knowles, 1738 in *IGI* (Midmar, Aberdeens).
- References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 200–1; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- 2 English: relationship name, variant of **Noel**, often with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- 3 Irish: anglicized form of Ó Tnúthghail 'descendant of Tnúthgal', a personal name based on *tnúth* 'desire, envy' + *gal* 'valour'. Compare **Newell**.
- Early bearers:** Frances Knowles, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1539 (knight, Dublin); Henry Knollis, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2349; Oliver Knolls, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6541.

**Knowing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Middle English, Old English \**cnolling* 'dweller on the hilltop'. Compare **Knowler**.
- Early bearers:** William Knollyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Cassandra Knowling, 1610 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Knowling, 1645 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon).

**Knowlman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English: locative name for someone who lived by a knoll. See **Knoll**.
- Early bearers:** William Knowlman, 1605 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Theophilis Knowlman, 1635 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

**Knowls**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Knowles**.

**Knowlson**

- Variants:** **Nolson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; Gloucs; also London
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Noel** + *son*. The spelling *Kn-* was borrowed from words like *know* in which /kn/ was reduced to /n/ by the 17th century. Compare **Knowles**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Nalson**, with rounding of -a- to -o-. Compare Grace Nalson, 1573,

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Ed *Nolson*, 1605 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); James Nolson, 1610, Mary Nolson, 1634 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Nolson, 1626, Martin Nolson, 1644 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); John Nolson, 1674, Frances Nolson, 1686 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs). **Early bearers:** Richard Nolsone, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Bromholm, Norfolk); Robert Nolson, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Southorpe in Kilnsea, ER Yorks); Jenett Nolson, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Thomas Knowlson, 1667 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Rich. Knolson, 1673 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); John Knowleson, 1706 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.*

## Knowlton

**Variants:** Knowlden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from either of two places called Knowlton, one in Dorset, the other in Kent.

**Early bearers:** Alice Knowlton, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Johannis Knowlton, 1591 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Silvester Knowlton, 1594 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Richard Knowlton, 1600 in *IGI* (Oakley, Hants); Richard Knowlton, 1618 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent).

## Knox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7797, Ireland 1325
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5102
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Mayo; Tyrone

1 Scottish : toponymic from any of the places in Scotland named with Gaelic *cnoc* 'hill', for example Knock in Renfrews. It is not possible to disentangle this from the family name derived from the English etymon mentioned in 2.

**Further information:** A family of this name can trace their descent from Adam, son of Uchtred, who was granted lands at Knock in Renfrews in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Cnoc, 1260 in *Paisley Register* (Ingliston, Renfrews); Hugo Cnox, about 1272 in *Ross, Aberdour and Inchcolm*; Alan de Knockis, alias Alan del Cnoc, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Uchtred Knox of the Cragyns and John of the Knok of that Ilk, 1408 in *Paisley Register*.

2 Scottish, English, Northern Irish: locative name from a genitive or plural form of Old English *cnoc* 'round-topped hill', hence a topographic name for someone who lived on a hilltop.

**Early bearers:** England: [...] Knokes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Thoma Knok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Birt, Gloucs); Johannes Knoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); John Knok, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

Ireland: John Knock, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §913 (Faithlyk).

## Knuckey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from the Early Middle English dative-case form of a word borrowed from Cornish *cnogh* 'hillock, mound'.

**Further information:** The surname was known proverbially in Cornwall. In *English Dialect Dictionary*, we find: 'When a boy is asked what he will be, it is sometimes answered on his behalf, "I'll be like Knuckey, be as I am."'

**Early bearers:** Richard Knoky, 1525, William Knoky, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Duloe, Cornwall); Richard Knowky, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Robert Knucky, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Edward Knuckey, 1626 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Richard Knowkey, 1733 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

## Knuckles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname, probably from Middle English *knokel(le)s* 'knuckles', used for a fighter, for someone with noticeable knuckles, or for someone who was able to crack his knuckles loudly.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Knockels, 1671 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Cuthbert Knockells, 1690, Ann Knockles, 1697, Jacob Knokels, 1707, John Knockels, 1710 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Eliz. Knuckles, 1739 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Knuckles, 1745 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Knudsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb

Danish: relationship name from the Danish male given name *Knud*, Norwegian *Knut*, + *-sen* 'son', perhaps arriving via northern Germany. Compare **Knott**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Nodson, 1566 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Anna Newton, 1634 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Matthias Christian Knutzen, 1789 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edward Nutson, 1812 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Oskar Frederick Otto Knudsen, 1873 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs); Niels Christian Knudsen, 1875 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

## Knutton

**Variants:** Nutton, Nuton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Knutton (Staffs). There seems to have been some confusion with **Noton**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Knotton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edgmond, Shrops); Willmus Knutton, 1565 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Robarte Knutton, 1603 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Georgij Nutten, 1608 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Alice Nutton, 1609 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

## Knyvett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Berks; Sussex

English: see **Knivett**.

## Ko

**Variants:** Goh, Koh, Ker, Gee, Khoo, Kho, Quah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 柯 (**Ke** in Mandarin pinyin, **Or** or **O** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'bough, stalk' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Ke Lu (柯廬), the given name of a prince of the state of Wu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the first element of the place-name *Ke Ze* (柯澤), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) traced back to the Qiang ethnic group in ancient W China and the Xianbei ethnic group in N China. (iv) adopted as a surname by the Ke Ba (柯拔) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 葛 (**Ge** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kot** in Cantonese romanization), referring to 'a type of herbal plant': (i) said to be from Ge-Tian (葛天), the name of an ancient tribe in China living prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from *Ge* (葛), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Hong Ge Lu (洪葛廬), also known as Hong Pu Lu, who offered support to the emperor Guang Wu Di (6 BC–AD 57) and made great contributions to the establishment of the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220). He later transferred the title that had been conferred on him by the emperor to his brother, and migrated to Gou Rong (in present-day Jiangsu province). Some of his descendants inherited Ge (葛), part of his given name, as their surname. (iv) adopted as a surname by the He Ge (賀葛) family, members of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 戈 (**Ge** in Mandarin pinyin), referring to 'a kind of weapon' in ancient China: from *Ge* (戈), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 高 and 郛, see **Gao** (1) and (2).

5 Chinese: variant Mandarin romanization of the Chinese surnames 郭, 國, and 過, see **Guo** (1–3).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 古, 顧, and 辜, possibly based on their Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Koo** (1–3).

7 Korean: (甘; Chinese character 高, meaning 'high') there are ten different Ko clans, but all are descended from the Ko clan of Cheju Island. There is no historical information regarding the founder of this clan, but there is a legend that tells of three men who appeared from a cave on the north side of Cheju Island's Halla Mountain. These three men were the founders of the Yang family, the Pu family, and the Ko family, the latter being named Ko Ū-la (高乙那). Some days after the three men emerged from the cave, a box was washed up on the shore of the island. In the box were three women, horses, cows, and agricultural seed. From these beginnings, the three established Cheju Island's T'amnaguk kingdom and ruled peacefully. *Ko* is a common surname found throughout the Korean peninsula. Approximately ten per cent of Cheju Island's present-day population consists of members of the Ko family.

**Koay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1).

**Koc**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Turkish: nickname from *koç* ‘ram’ (animal), perhaps for a headstrong person.

2 Polish: nickname from *koc* ‘blanket’ or possibly from the verb *kocić sif* ‘to behave like a kitten’.

**Koch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from German *Koch* ‘cook’.

**Further information:** This name is widespread throughout eastern and central Europe, and is also well established in Denmark.

**Early bearers:** Carl Heinrich Koch, 1865 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Wilhelm Koch, born in Leipzig, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Sigismund Koch, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Rebecca Koch, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman Koch in *Census 1901* (London); Simon Koch, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Hermann Koch, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London); Siegfried Koch, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Kochhar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri), unexplained.

**Kocsis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian: occupational name for a coachman or coachbuilder, from Hungarian *kocsi* ‘coach, wagon’, originally *kocsi szekér* ‘Kocs cart’, from the village of *Kocs*, where in the 15th century this type of conveyance (a cart with springs) was first made.

**Further information:** The modern English word *coach* and French *coche* are derived from the Hungarian word *kocsi*, as well as German *Kutsche* and Czech *koči*.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomeus Kocsis, born in Cornwall, in *Census 1871* (London); Alexander Kocsis, born in Northumberland, *Census 1871* (London); Alexander Kocsis, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Koenig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: see **Konig**.

**Koh**

**Variants:** **Kou, Kho, Ker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 寇 (**Kou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kau** or **Kao** in Cantonese

romanization), meaning ‘invader’ in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the post name Si Kou (司寇), the title of an official in charge of penalties during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), and in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Gu Kou Yin (古口引) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 甘 (**Gou** or **Kou** in Mandarin romanization, **Kau** or **Kao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘careless’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of the legendary emperor Huang Di, or ‘the Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Gou* (甘), the name of a fief granted to an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Xun (荀) by an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC) in order to escape persecution. (iv) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Gou (句) during the reign of the emperor Song Gao Zong (AD 1107–87), since the surname happened to share similar pronunciation with the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China. (v) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Jing (敬) during the reign of the emperor Jin Gao Zu (AD 892–942), since the surname happened to form part of the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China. (vi) adopted as the surname by the Ruo Gan (若干) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 柯 and 葛, see **Ko** (1) and (2).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 高 and 郛, evidently based on their Cantonese pronunciation. See **Gao** (1) and (2).

5 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 古, 顧, and 辜, see **Koo** (1–3). The dialects using this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

6 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 韓, see **Xu** (2). The dialects using this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong province, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

**Kohler**

**Variants:** **Kaler, Koller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

German: occupational name for a charcoal burner, from Middle High German *kol* ‘(char)coal’ + the agent suffix *-er*. The form **Kohler** is South German; elsewhere it is usually written **Köhler**.

**Early bearers:** Maria Kohler, 1671 in *IGI* (Great Stainton, Durham); George Lodolph Kohler, 1731 in *IGI* (London); Ernst Kohler, 1817 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Gottfried Kohler, 1856 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Kohli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community.

**Kohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Jewish: see **Cohen**.

**Early bearers:** Moses Kohn, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Kohn, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 North German: relationship name (also **Köhn**), from the personal names *Kohn* or *Köhn*, Low German short forms of *Konrad* (see **Conrad**).

**Early bearers:** Christian Ludwig Kohn, 1751 in *IGI* (Fetter Lane Moravian, London); Christoph Kohn, 1856 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Herman Kohn, born in Breslau Silesia, in *Census 1881* (Reddish, Lancs); Charles L.F.W. Kohn, born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Colchester, Essex).

**Kok**

**Variants:** **Chi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 郤 (**Xi** or **Hsi** in Mandarin romanization): from *Xi* (郤), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 韓, see **Koo** (4).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 郝, see **Hau** (4).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 郭 and 國, see **Guo** (1) and (2).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 曲, see **Chu** (8).

6 Dutch: occupational name from Dutch (*de*) *kok* ‘(the) cook’.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Alblas Kok, in *Census 1891* (Cheshire).

**Kokkinos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: nickname from Greek *kokkinos* ‘scarlet’, usually denoting someone with a fair complexion or with fair or red hair.

**Kolawole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Kóláwólé* (Yoruba *kó olá wọ ilé*, ‘(he) who brings high estate into the house’).

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 22.

**Kolb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: from Middle High German *kolbe* in various meanings. The main sense is ‘mace’ or ‘cudgel’, which was both a weapon and part of an official’s

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insignia, in some cases the insignia of a jester. It may also be a house name: there is also record of a house named *zum Kolben* in Strasbourg. In Silesia the term denoted a shock of hair or a shorn head. Any of these senses could have given rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Adolphus *Kolb*, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

German: (i) see **Kohler**. (ii) nickname from Middle High German *kolli(e)r* 'leather harness, horse collar, neck piece of garment or armour', perhaps used for a harness-maker or armourer. (iii) locative name for someone from Cologne (German *Köln*), *Kölle* being the Rhenish dialect form of the place name.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Koller, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Kolman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) see **Kalman**. (ii) alternatively, a Jewish adoption of (2).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 German: (i) occupational name for **Kohlmann**, from Middle High German *kol* 'coal' or *köl* 'cabbage' + *man* 'man', probably denoting a coal miner or a cabbage farmer. (ii) relationship name from the given name *Koloman*, a Germanic form of Old Irish *Colmán*; see **Coleman**.

### Kong

**Variants:** **Khong, Kung, Kang, Kwong, Gong, Jiang, Chiang, Chang, Hung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 945, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 江 (**Jiang** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kang** in Teochew romanization), meaning 'river' in Chinese: (i) from *Jiang* (江), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Zhengyang in Henan province) in the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC) and Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu in 623 BC, the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the name of Jiang Chugong (江处恭). In the earlier Northern Song Dynasty (AD 960–1127), in Quanzhou in Fujian province, Weng Qianlu had six sons and gave different surnames to each of them. His second son, Weng Chugong, was given the surname Jiang. Thus, he was also called Jiang Chugong. He and his brothers all became celebrated officials, known as 'the Six Laureates'.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 孔 (**Hung** or **Hong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'a hole' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Kong Fu (孔父), the style name of Kong Fu Jia (孔父嘉), an official in the state of Song who was murdered in 710 BC. His son then fled to the state of Lu and inherited 孔 (Hung or Kung) as his surname. The philosopher Confucius (551–479 BC) was one of his descendants. (ii) from the first element of the personal name Kong Kui (孔悝), the style name of an official in the state of Wei (卫) (located mainly around present-day Hebi and

Xinxiang in Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the first element of the personal name Kong Ning (孔宁), the style name of an official in the state of Chen (mainly in present-day E Henan province and NW Haozhou in Anhui province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from the second element of the personal name Zi Kong (子孔), the style name of a prince from the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese, Hokkien, Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 龔 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'showing respect for elders or guests' in ancient Chinese: adopted in place of another Chinese surname 共 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin). For some families, the surname is said to be traceable back to Gong Gong (共工), an official during the reign of the legendary King Huang Di (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). Other families with this name are from the state of Gong (共), located in present-day Huixian (in Henan province), which was granted to Ji He, known as Gong Bo, an earl who lived some time during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). For other families, the surname is borne by descendants of Shen Sheng, a prince in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), with Gong as his posthumous title. His descendants inherited this title as their surname. Later, some descendants with the surname 共 changed their surname to 龔 in order to escape persecution by their enemies.

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鞏 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'to consolidate' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Gong* (鞏), the name of a fief or state (located in present-day Gongxian in Henan province), which is said to have been granted to Gong Jian Gong (鞏簡公) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), later annexed by the state of Jin. (ii) traced back to a family from the Qiang minority ethnic group in ancient China.

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宮 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'royal palace' in Chinese: (i) from Gong Men (宮門, literally meaning 'palace gates'), the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) in charge of repair and cleaning of the gates of the palace. (ii) from the personal name Gong Zhi Qi (宮之奇), an official in the state of Yu (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) shortened form of other ancient compound Chinese surnames including Dong-Gong (東宮, literally meaning 'the east of the palace'), Nan-Gong (南宮, literally meaning 'the south of the palace'), Xi-Gong (西宮, literally meaning 'the west of the palace'), and Bei-Gong (北宮, literally meaning 'the north of the palace').

6 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 公 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'Duke': from *Gong* (公), the Chinese equivalent of the peerage 'Duke'. Some people inherited the name of the peerage of their ancestors as their surname.

7 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 弓 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'a bow' in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Hui, grandson of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor'

(traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). Hui was given the title Gong Zheng (弓正), denoting an official in charge of making bows. (ii) from the second element of the personal name Shu Gong (叔弓), the style name of an official in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

8 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 貢 (**Gong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Kung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'paying tribute to the emperor by subjects or vassal states' in ancient Chinese: from the second element of the personal name Zi Gong (子貢), the style name of Duan-Mu Ci, a student of Confucius (551–479 BC).

9 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄺, see **Kwong** (1).

10 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 亢, see **Kang** (4).

### Konig

**Variants:** **Koenig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, status name from Middle High German *künic* 'king', German *König*. As a German name it was a nickname for a servant or retainer of a king (for example, a farmer on a royal demesne); or alternatively a status name for the head of a craftsmen's guild, or of a society of sharpshooters or minstrels. As a Jewish surname, it was a handout or ornamental name, one of several such Ashkenazic names based on European titles of nobility or royalty.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Mendel Konig, machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Emmanuel Konig, cigar maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Emanuel Konig, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Israel Konig, traveller, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx).

Other: Paul Hinrick Herman Konig, 1798 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Albert Herman Konigh, 1842 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Hermann Koenig, artist, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Chelsea, Middx); Charles Julius Konig, 1868 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Philipp Bismarck Konig, 1874 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Koenig, fur and skin merchant, born in Leipzig, Saxony, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Ludwig Koenig, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Franz Konig, leather travelling bag maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Hans Konig, merchant banker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Fritz König, waiter, born in Berne, Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Konteh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Sierra Leonean: see **Conteh**.

### Koo

**Variants:** **Khoo, Ko, Koh, Kok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 古 (also **Gu** or **Ku** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'ancient' in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Gu Gong (古公), the title of Dan Fu, grandfather of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). (ii) from *Gu* (古), also written as *Ku* (苦), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Gu-Cheng (古成), which is a mispronounced form of another Chinese compound surname, Ku-Cheng, the name of an unidentified fief (possibly located in present-day Henan province). (iv) adopted as a surname by the Tu Xi family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 顧 (**Gu** or **Ku** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'attend to' or 'look at' in Chinese: (i) from *Gu* (顧), the name of a state (probably located in Henan province or in Shandong province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), annexed during the early Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Gu Yu Hou (顧餘侯), a title conferred by the King of Dong Ou on his son during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25).

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 辜 (**Gu** or **Ku** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'crimes' or 'guilt' in ancient Chinese. This surname was adopted by descendants of people who acknowledged that they were guilty of committing crimes.

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 韓 (**Gu** or **Ku** in Mandarin romanization, **Kuk** or **Kok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'valley' or 'cereal crops' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name Qin *Gu* (秦韓), the name of a fief (located in Gansu province) granted to Qin Fei Zi (died around 858 BC), the founder of the state of Qin. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Gu Hui (韓會) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) adopted in place of the compound surname Gu Na (韓那) by descendants of Gu Na Lü (韓那律), an erudite official of Japanese origin during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907). (iv) simplified form of another Chinese surname, Xi (郤), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Shu Hu, an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

5 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4–5). The dialects of this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

6 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 韓, see **Xu** (2). The dialects of this pronunciation are found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 高, see **Gao** (1).

8 Vietnamese: probably from the Chinese surname 邱 (see **Yau** (4)), borne by emigrants to Vietnam from Eastern Guangdong and Fujian provinces, romanized in accordance with their dialectal pronunciation.

## Koon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 管 and 官, see **Kwan** (2) and (3).

## Kooner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Kopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset

1 German: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Köpp*, a North German pet form of *Jakob*. (ii) nickname from Low German *Kopp* 'head', perhaps for someone with a noticeable peculiarity of the head. (iii) nickname from the South German dialect word *Kopp* (also *Kapp*) 'young cock, capon', perhaps used for a young upstart or for a keeper or breeder of poultry or game cocks. (iv) locative name from places so named in Germany and Hungary.

2 English: variant of **Copp**.

**Early bearers:** Laurence Kopp, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Wynbunbury, Cheshire); Katherine Kopp, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Frome, Somerset).

## Koranteng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: apparently an Akan name in the Akuapim dialect, of unknown meaning. *Korang* by itself is Denkyira Akan.

## Koria

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

## Korn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

1 German: nickname from Middle High German *korn* 'grain', perhaps used for a dealer in grain or for a peasant.

2 Dutch, German: relationship name from a short form of the personal name *Cornelis* or *Cornelius*.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Korn* (Yiddish *korn*) 'grain', either adopted as an ornamental name or in the same sense as (1).

4 Czech: relationship name from a short form of the personal name *Kornel*, a vernacular form of *Cornelius*.

## Koroma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sierra Leone, Gambia: unexplained.

## Kosar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Turkey, Pakistan): mainly Turkish spelling of **Kausar**.

## Koser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

German: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle High German *kösen* 'to talk or discuss'; later 'to chat up, to caress'; possibly a nickname for a talker but more likely for a smooth-talker, a lady's man.

**Early bearers:** Nanes Koser, 1648 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); John Koser in *Census 1851* (Roxburghs); James Koser in *Census 1861* (Notts); Henry Koser in *Census 1881* (Worcs); Henry Koser in *Census 1881* (Hull, WR Yorks); Henry Koser, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Davis and Rachel Koser, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Yorks).

## Kosky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): unexplained, possibly a shortened form of a longer name of Polish origin ending in *-(w)ski*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Possima Kosky, 1811 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rebecca Kosky, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks) Hyman Kosky, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Isador Koskie, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Samuel Kosky, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Harris Kosky, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Morris Koskie, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Koster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from an agent derivative of German *Koster* 'provisions, foodstuffs', presumably for a grocer or provisioner.

2 Dutch, German: occupational name from Middle Dutch *coester(e)* 'sexton'.

3 German: status name from Middle Low German *koster* (from *kossater* 'cottager'), for a day labourer who owned no land.

4 German: occupational name from an agent derivative of *kosten* 'to taste', used for a wine taster.

## Kotak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Kotecha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1691, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Kothari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan): Hindu (Bania, Vania) and Jain, from *kotha* 'granary', 'store' (Sanskrit *kosthaka*), hence 'storekeeper' in Gujarati.

**Further information:** Several Bania communities have clans called *Kothari*.

## Kou

### Kou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 寇 and 甘, see **Koh** (1) and (2).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 韩, based on its Teochew romanization, see **Xu** (2).

### Koumi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name, probably from a reduced form of the personal name *Yiakoumis*, Greek form of the Italian name *Giacomo* (Late Latin *Iacomus*; see **James**).

### Kour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Kaur**.

### Kousar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India): see **Kausar**.

### Kouser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim (Pakistani): see **Kausar**.

### Kovacevic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Serbian, Croatian: relationship name, Serbian and Croatian *Kovačević*, patronymic from *kovač* 'smith'.

### Kovacs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian: from *Kovács*, an occupational name for a blacksmith (Hungarian *kovács*, a loanword from Slavic).

### Kowal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: occupational name from Polish and Sorbian *kowal* 'blacksmith'. The name can also be Jewish (from Poland), and German (of Slavic origin).

**Early bearers:** Wicety Kowal, 1883 in *BMD* (West Ham, Essex); Tedor Kowal, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Kowalczyk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: from a derivative of *kowal* 'smith'.

### Kowalski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1896, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Polish: locative name denoting someone from Kowalskie in Poznań voivodeship or a place called Kowale. Some examples may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Joseph Kowalski, clerk, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Saint Alphage, London); Bronislawa Kowalski, in *Census 1861* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Kowalski, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Saint Stephen, London); Andrew Kowalski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Stanislaus Kowalski, barrister at law, born in London, in *Census 1881* (Saint Stephen, London); Wladyslaw Kowalski, wood machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

2 Polish, Jewish (from Poland): relationship name, patronymic from **Kowal** 'smith', with the addition of the common surname suffix *-ski*.

**Early bearers:** Newman Jacob Kowalski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leicester, Leics); Samuel Kowalski, presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Simon Kowalski, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Kowalski, shoe machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Kowalski, sewing machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Kozak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Slavic and Hungarian: ethnic name, nickname for a Cossack, also used as a nickname for a blusterer; the Hungarian form is *Kozák*.

**Further information:** The Cossacks are a people descended from a group of runaway serfs who set up a semi-independent military republic in Ukraine in the 15th and 16th centuries. They became noted for their military prowess.

**Early bearers:** Franz Kozak, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (London).

2 Polish, Czech: occupational name from Polish and Czech *kozák* 'goatherd'.

### Kozłowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 933, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Possibly also a variant of *Koziol*: (i) locative name denoting someone from any of various places named *Kozłów* + *-ski*, suffix of surnames. (ii) a nickname for a goatherd or for someone thought to resemble a goat in some way, from *koziol* 'billy goat', with the addition of the common surname ending *-owski*.

### Kraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Essex

German, Danish, Swedish, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname for a strong man, from German *Kraft* 'strength, power' or a cognate in a related language. The Swedish name probably originated as a soldier's name. The German and Danish names may also derive from a late survival of the same word used as a byname (Old High German *Chraft(o)*, Old Scandinavian *Kraptr*).

**Early bearers:** Anna Katharina Margaretha Kraft, 1867 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles A. Kraft, born in Württemberg, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth,

Durham); Charles Kraft, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Franz Kraft, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Workington, Cumb); Augusta Kraft, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (London); Hannah Kraft, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Lazarus Kraft, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Lewis Kraft, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Kramer

**Variants:** **Cramer, Kremer, Crammer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 745, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a shopkeeper, merchant, or pedlar, from an agent derivative of Middle High German, Middle Low German *kram* 'trading post, booth'.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Barrett Crammer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Bernard Cramer, cabinet maker, born in Alsace, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Simon Cramer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Nottingham, Notts); Aron Kremer, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Jacob Kramer, born in Romania, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Crammer, jewellery traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Prestwich, Lancs); Rueben Kramer, born in Poplar, in *Census 1891* (Enfield, Middx); Solomon and Samuel Kremer, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Pontypool, Monmouths); Barnett Cramer, cabinet maker, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (West Derby, Lancs); Samuel Cramer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Prestwich, Lancs); Abraham Kramer, watch maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Kremer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

**Other:** Eberhart Cramer, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Derrick Cramer, 1729 in *IGI* (London); John Matthias Kramer, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ernst Kramer, 1749 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Conrad Kramer, fur skin dresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Gottfried Kramer, master baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Otto August Kramer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stranton, Durham); George Cramer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Colchester, Essex); Franz Kremer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Cornelis Cramer, fisherman, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Fylde, Lancs).

### Krasniqi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 678, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Albanian: nickname, ultimately from the Slavic root exemplified by Serbian *krasni*, Czech *krásný*, Russian *krasnyj*, or similar, meaning variously 'red' or 'handsome'.

### Kraus

**Variants:** **Krausz, Kruse, Krause**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname denoting someone with curly hair, from Middle High German *krūs*, German *kraus*.

**Early bearers:** German: Daniel Kraus, 1755 in *IGI* (London); Conrad Behrend Kraus, 1805 in *IGI* (London).

Jewish: Richard Krauss, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); David Krauss, born in Poland, *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Krause

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, variant of **Kraus**.

**Early bearers:** Heinrich Carl Krause, 1836, and Adolph Wilhelm Krause, 1837 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Franz Krause, born in Berlin, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Fritz Krause, born in Ingleheim, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Syssmind Krause, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Woolf Krause, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Hyman Krause, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Krausz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): Hungarian spelling of **Kraus**.

### Krawczyk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 828, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: occupational name from a diminutive of *krawiec* 'tailor', possibly in the sense tailor's apprentice.

### Kray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; WR Yorks and Lancs; also Worcs

English: variant spelling of **Cray**.

### Krebs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

German, Swiss German: nickname, occupational name from German *Krebs* 'crab', nickname for a catcher or seller of crabs or shellfish or for someone thought to resemble a crab, perhaps because they had a peculiar gait. The name was standardized from older variants like *Krevetes* or *Krebiss*, which reflect Middle Low German *crevet* 'crab, shrimp', as well as Middle High German *krebez*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Krebs, 1725 in *IGI* (London); John or Johannes Krebs, 1773 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

### Krelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Peter Krelle, 1776 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Krelle, 1803 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Krell, 1804 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Kremer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Kramer**. Compare Yiddish *kremer* 'shopkeeper'.

### Krieger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname for a quarrelsome person, from an agent derivative of Middle High German, Middle Low German *kriec* 'strife, conflict' (German *Krieg*, Yiddish *krig*). Some of the examples may belong at (3) below.

**Early bearers:** German: Maxilimian Krieger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Penarth, Glamorgan); Gustave Krieger, born in Saxony, in *Census 1881* (Charlton near Woolwich, Kent).

Jewish: Abraham Krieger, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Harris Krieger, born in Poland (Russian subject), in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Isreal [*sic*] Krieger, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Krieger, bootmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

2 Jewish: variant of **Kruger**.

3 German, Dutch: occupational name, Swiss German, German, and Dutch, for a mercenary soldier, Middle High German *krieger* (possibly from Late Latin (*miles*) *gregarius* 'common soldier', from *grex* 'herd, flock, crowd').

**Further information:** This name, in various spellings, is found throughout western and central Europe.

**Early bearers:** Bernhard Phillip Vermeulen Krieger, 1872 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

### Kriel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Kerrell**.

### Krips

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Crisp**.

### Krishan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *kr̥ṣṇa* 'black', an epithet of the eighth incarnation of the god Vishnu. See **Krishna**.

### Krishna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *kr̥ṣṇa* 'black', an epithet of the eighth incarnation of the god Vishnu. Among Tamil and Malayalam speakers who have migrated from their home states it is a variant of Krishnan.

**Further information:** Krishna is found only as a male given name in India but used a family name in the West among South Indians.

### Krishnan

Variants: **Kannan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *kr̥ṣṇa* 'black' (see **Krishna**) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is found only as a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name in the West.

### Kristall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Kristall* 'crystal'.

**Early bearers:** Markus Jacob Kristal, 1902 in *IGI* (East London synagogue, Stepney, Middx).

### Kristensen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norwegian, Danish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Kristen* (see **Christian**).

**Early bearers:** Anna Halvarda Justine Kristensen, 1882 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Harl Kristensen, clerk, born in Norway, in *Census 1891* (Portland, Dorset); Anten Kristensen, labourer, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Limehouse, Middx); Bar. Kristensen, nurse, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Littleham, Devon); Helga Kristensen, nurse, born in Norway, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham); Barne Kristensen, mariner, born in Norway, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Kristiansen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norwegian, Danish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name Kristian (see **Christian**).

**Early bearers:** Martinus Kristiansen, born in Norway, in *Census 1871* (London); Anton Kristiansen, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Julius, Martinus, and Olaf Kristiansen, all born in Norway, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Karl Kristiansen, born in Norway in *Census 1901* (Norfolk).

### Krol

Variants: **Kroll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 710, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (from Poland): nickname from Polish *król* 'king', for someone with a superior manner or for a leader in a community, or for someone who worked in a royal household. As a Jewish name it would have been an ornamental adoption. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Rebecca Krol, 1866 in *BMD*

(Whitechapel, Middx); Nathan Kroll, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Kroll, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Kroll, tailor, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Charles Krol, labourer, born in Bermondsey, in *Census 1901* (Bermonsey, Surrey); Francis Krol, waiter, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Marylebone, Middx); Benjamin Krol, 1910 in *BMD* (West Derby, Lancs); Benjamin Leon Kroll, watchmaker, born in Cape Colony, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname from Polish *król* 'rabbit'. The Jewish name could alternatively be ornamental and from Ukrainian *krol*.

## Kroll

### Kroll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- 1 German, Dutch: nickname for someone with curly hair, from Middle High German *krol* ‘curly’, Middle Low German *krulle* ‘ringlet, curl’, Middle Dutch *croel*, *crul*. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).
- Early bearers:** Ernst Carl Ferdinand Kroll, Heinrich Edward Kroll, 1848 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx); Wilhelm August Kroll, 1854 in *BMD* (London); Anton Jacken Kroll, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Ernst Kroll, hotel proprietor, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Saint Olave, London); Johann Kroll, butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Charles Kroll, shipwright, born in Danzig, in *Census 1891* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Ludwig Kroll, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); Johan Kroll, groom, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Newmarket, Cambs); Fritz Kroll, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx).
- 2 German, Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Krol**.
- 3 German: (also **Kröll**) from the Germanic personal name *Rollo*, based on *hrōd* ‘renown, victory’.
- Early bearers:** William Kroell, clerk, born in Baden, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Theodore Kroell, 1902 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx).

### Kroupa

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Czech: see **Krupa**.

### Kruger

Variants: **Krieger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also ER Yorks
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a maker or seller of stoneware mugs and jugs, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *kruc* ‘pitcher, jug’, German *Krug*.
- Further information:** A variant of the German name is **Krüger**.
- Early bearers:** Jewish: Jacob Kruger, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).
- 2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from *Krüger* ‘innkeeper’, an agent derivative of *Krug* ‘inn, tavern’ from Middle Low German *krüch*, *kröch*, probably a different word from (1), with which it has fallen together.
- Further information:** In German-speaking countries the usual form of the German name is **Krüger**.

### Krupa

Variants: **Kroupa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Polish and eastern German (of Slavic origin): nickname for a dealer in barley, from Polish, Sorbian *krupa* ‘barley’.
- 2 Czech: nickname, from *kroupa* ‘pearl barley’, probably applied for someone who worked in a mill or for a grain dealer.

### Kruise

Variants: **Krause**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *krüse* ‘pitcher, ceramic drinking vessel’, used to denote a maker or seller of jugs or for a heavy drinker. (ii) nickname for someone with curly hair, a Low German variant of **Kraus**.
- Early bearers:** Johann Wilhelm Kruse, 1843 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Kuan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Chinese: variant of **Kwan**.

### Kuang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 鄺 and 廣, see **Kwong** (1) and (2).
- 2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 匡, see **Hong** (4).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 關, 管, and 官, see **Kwan** (1–3).

### Kubiak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Kuba*, a pet form of *Jakub* (see **Jacob**).
- Early bearers:** Francis Kubak, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Lancs).

### Kudhail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Hindu, unexplained.

### Kuhn

Variants: **Kun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- 1 German: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Kuno*, a short form of *Kunrat* (compare the German surname *Konrad*; see **Conrad**). The vocabulary word *kühn*, meaning ‘bold’, may have influenced the popularity of this short form, but is not necessarily the immediate source of it. (ii) relationship name, nickname, German **Kühn(e)**, from a short form of any of the medieval German names formed with Old High German *kuoni* ‘bold, daring, experienced’ or *chunni* ‘tribe, race, people’ as the first element. The distinction became blurred at an early date, and in some cases it would have been a nickname derived directly from Middle High German *küehne* ‘bold’.
- Early bearers:** Henrych or Heurich Kuhn, 1799 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Johann Kuhn, 1866 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Kuhn, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); George Kuhn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).
- 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *kühn* ‘bold’, but in some cases an altered spelling of *Cohn* or *Kohn*; see **Cohen**.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Kuhn, born in Walsdorf, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Kukadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Kular

Variants: **Kullar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Kulik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Polish: nickname from Slavic *kulik* ‘curlew’.
- 2 Czech (Kulík): relationship name from a short form of the personal name *Mikuláš*, Czech form of **Nicholas**.

### Kulkarni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Maharashtra, Karnataka): Hindu (usually Brahman), from Marathi *kulkarni* ‘village clerk’ (from Sanskrit *kula* ‘family, community’ + *karana* ‘writer’ or *karnī* ‘helmsman’).
- Further information:** The *kulkarni* was a village official under the patel or village headman; he kept the accounts of the cultivators for the government and also the public records. The office of *kulkarni* was hereditary. As a rule, a Brahman was appointed to this office. He received some land rent-free and was paid an annual salary.

### Kullar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Kular**.

### Kum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 金 and 琴, see **Chin** (2) and (6).

### Kumar

Variants: **Humar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9034, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: Hindu, found in several communities, from Sanskrit *kumāra* ‘child, son, prince’.
- Further information:** Kumar is also an epithet of the god Kartikeya, the son of Shiva. It commonly occurs as the final element of compound given names, and sometimes as a personal name in its own right.

### Kumaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Kumāra* ‘boy, son, prince’ + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.
- Further information:** *Kumāra* is an epithet of the god Kārtikeya (son of Shiva).



**Kumari**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1127, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Hindu): from Sanskrit *kumārī* ‘girl, daughter’.

**Further information:** In India this is not a hereditary family name; it can be added to a female given name. It is sometimes used as a last name by women who lack a family name. Compare **Kaur**.

**Kun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 管 and 官, see **Kwan** (2) and (3).

**Early bearers:** Ah Kun, born in Hong Kong, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 靳, see **Chin** (3).

3 Hungarian: ethnic name for a member of the Turkic people known in English as the Cumanians (Hungarian *kún*).

**Kundi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Kundu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Kung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 龔, 鞏, 宮, 公, 弓, and 貢. See **Kong** (3–8).

**Kuntz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: see **Kunz**.

**Kunz**

**Variants:** **Kuntz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: from the old Germanic personal name *Chunizo*, based on Old High German *kuni* ‘bold, brave, experienced’, or possibly *chunni* ‘race, people’.

**Early bearers:** Henry Kunz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); John Kuntz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Kuo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of Chinese surnames 郭, 國, 過, and 果, see **Guo** (1–4).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄺, see **Kwong** (1).

**Kurk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Northants

English: see **Kirk**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Kurn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Kern**.

**Kurner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Kerner**.

**Kurt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 German, Dutch: relationship name from the personal name *Kurt*, a reduced form of *Konrad* (see **Conrad**).

**Early bearers:** Joane Kurt, 1631 in *IGI* (London); Daniel Kurt, 1689 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

2 Turkish: nickname from Turkish *kurt* ‘wolf’, ‘experienced, cunning’.

**Kurton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs

English: see **Kirton**.

**Kusi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: a traditional Akan *mmrane* (usually translated ‘accolade’), of unknown meaning, associated with the name **Appiah**.

**Kutner**

**Variants:** **Kuttner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (from Poland): locative name from Kutno in central Poland.

**Early bearers:** Harry Kuthner, hawker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Coventry, Warwicks); Benjamin Kutner, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Rebecca Kutner, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey).

2 South German: nickname from Middle High German *kuttener* ‘robe wearer; monk’.

**Further information:** Also found as **Küt(t)ner** in German-speaking countries.

**Kuttner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; also ER Yorks

German: see **Kutner** (2).

**Kwai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 桂 and 歸, see **Gui** (1) and (2).

**Kwakye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: probably from Akan (Twi or a related dialect) *kwakie*, ‘a byname for the vulture’ (compare **Sackey**); or less likely, an altered form from an Akan (Twi or a related dialect) day-name *kwaku* ‘male child born on a Wednesday’.

**References:** J.G. Christaller (1881) *A dictionary of the Asante and Fante language*. Basel: Evangelical Missionary Society, p. 271.

**Kwan**

**Variants:** **Quan**, **Kuan**, **Kuang**, **Kun**, **Koon**, **Gun**, **Guan**, **Goan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 關 (**Guan** or **Kuan** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘forts’ in ancient Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Guan Long Feng (關龍逢), an official who lived during the reign of Xia Jie, the last king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from the first element of the post-name Guan Ling Yin (關令尹) or Guan Yin (關尹), said to have been held by a man called Xi, who was in charge of garrisoning forts at one stage during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 管 (**Guan** or **Kuan** in Mandarin romanization, **Kun** or **Koon** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘manage, administer’ in Chinese: (i) from *Guan* (管), the name of a state (located in Zhengzhou in Henan province) which was granted to Guan Shu Xian (管叔鮮), the third son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). Guan Shu Xian was later killed because he participated in a rebellion against the king. The name of the state was subsequently adopted as a surname. (ii) borne by descendants of Guan Zhong (管仲), also called Guan Yiwu (管夷吾), an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the place-name *Guan* (管), the name of a fief (thought to have been located in Shandong province), granted to an official in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 官 (**Guan** or **Kuan** in Mandarin romanization, **Kun** or **Koon** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘official’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the post-name Guan Shi (官師), head of officials, hosted by Liu Ding Gong, an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) borne by the Guan Zu (官族), i.e. descendants of those officials who had made such great contributions to the state that their granted fiefs and titles would be kept forever.

**Kwei**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 桂 and 歸, see **Gui** (1) and (2).

**Kwiatkowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name from any of various places called Kwiatków, Kwiatkowo, or Kwiatkowice, named with Polish *kwiatek* ‘flower’.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Kiatkowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Lincs); Horace Kiatkowski, born in Norfolk, in *Census 1871* (Lincs); Leon Kiatkowski, born in Staffs, in *Census 1871* (Staffs); Theodore [*sic*] Kiatkowski, stickmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Kiatkowski, born in Staffs, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Peter Kiatkowski, in *Census 1901* (Yorks); Roman Kiatkowski, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

**Kwok**

Variants: **Kwok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 郭 and 國, see **Guo** (1) and (2).

**Kwon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Korean: (권, **Kwŏn**; Chinese character 權, meaning ‘authority’) there are two Kwŏn clans. The largest of these clans is descended from a Shilla kingdom aristocrat named Kim Haeng (金 幸), who rendered assistance to the founding king of the Koryŏ kingdom, T’aejo (太祖) Wan Kŏn (王建). King T’aejo described Kim as ‘adept at understanding the subtle key points of an issue and applying whatever means are necessary to accomplish a worthy end’, bestowing on him the surname *Kwŏn* and appointing him as a high official in the Andong area of Kyŏngsang North province, which became the clan seat for his descendants. The printed genealogy of the Andong Kwŏn family is one of the two oldest extant genealogies in Korea. The other clan is descended from the now extinct Hŭn (昕) family, which settled in Yech’eon county of Kyŏngsang North province.

**Kwong**

Variants: **Kong**, **Kuang**, **Kuo**, **Fong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鄺 (**Kuang** in Mandarin pinyin): from *Kuang* (鄺, also written as 曠), the name of an ancient state (probably located in present-day Anhui province).
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 廣 (**Guang** or **Kuang** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘wide, vast’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Guang Cheng Zi (廣成子), a person who lived during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Gao Jia Guang Hou (高佳廣厚), an official who lived during the Qing dynasty (AD 1616–1911).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 江, see **Kong** (1).
- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 匡, see **Hong** (4).

**Kwouk**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: variant romanization of the Cantonese surnames 郭 and 國, see **Guo** (1) and (2).

**Kybert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Norfolk English: unexplained. It has the appearance of deriving from a personal name, perhaps a reduced form of Old English *Cūðbeorht* (see **Cuthbert**) or a hypothetical Old English \**Cybbeorht*, but more early evidence is needed. A derivation from Middle English *kibrit* ‘sulphur’ is unlikely.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Kybyte, 1379, Thomas Kybite, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John Kybert, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Mathews Kibbet, 1563 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); Thomas Kybbatt, 1574 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Joannes Kibbatt, 1588 in *IGI* (Chignall, Essex); Richi. Kiberd, 1589, Richardus Kybert, 1624, John Kibird, 1709, John Kibert, Sarah Kyberd, 1748, Henry Kybird, 1761, Susanna Kiburd, 1763, Jn. Kibbott, 1781 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Harry Kibet, 1779, Thomas Kibett, 1795, Frances Kybert, 1796, Kybart, 1806 in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk).

**Kyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus English, Scottish: see **Kidd**.

**Kydd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus English, Scottish: see **Kidd**.

**Kyffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Lancs
- Welsh: locative name from Gyffin (Caernarvons), recorded as *Kyffyn* in 1284, or perhaps *Cyffin* (Montgomerys). The name derives from Welsh (*y*) *cyffin* ‘border land’; see *DPN Wales*, p. 185. **Further information:** Madoc ap Madoc of Cyndleth, living in 1530, assumed the name of Kyffin; see *Morris, Welsh Surnames*, p. 134. **Early bearers:** Richard Gyffon, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); John de Gyffon, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Hoel ap Madog Kyffin, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Howel Kyffen, Kiffen, 1401, Kyffyn, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Asaph, Denbighs); Geoffrey Kyffyn’, esquire, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Thomas Kyffin, 1477 in *Petre Documents A*; Edward Kyffen, 1582 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Kyffin, 1624, Rogeri Kiffin, 1640, Edward Kyffyn, 1721 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Thomas Keffin, 1660 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops). **References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 77.

**Kyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3365, Ireland 812
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1642
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Durham and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Scottish: (i) locative name from a district in Ayr called Kyle, named after the British chieftains who ruled it in the 5th century, the *Coel Hen*. (ii) locative name from any of several places in Scotland called

Kyle, named with Gaelic *caol* ‘narrow’ or *caolas* ‘narrows, strait’. Compare **Kyles**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter of Kyle, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*; Margaret Kile, 1428 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow); George Kyle, 1538 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Kile and Thomas Kile, 1538 in *Irvine Muniments*; Robert Kyle, bailie of Irvine, 1572 and 1590 in *Irvine Muniments*; Mark Kyll, 1662 in *Melrose Records*(Lessudden); Laurance Kyll, 1682 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register* (Perth). Ireland: Dermod McDae I Keyle, Rorie McShane Nycull I Keyle, and Thomas McDae I Keyle, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6480.

**Kyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; also Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from any of various minor places in Scotland named with Gaelic *caolas* ‘narrows, strait’. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Kyles, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Boswells, Roxburghs); Allan Kyles, 1723 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Kyles, 1726 in *IGI* (Kilspindie, Perth); Janet Kyles, 1748 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Hellen Kyles, 1750 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

**Kyme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Lancs; also Oxon
- English: locative name from North or South Kyme (Lincs). **Early bearers:** William de Kime in Kyme and Nortkime, 1252 in *Patent Rolls* (South and North Kyme, Lincs); Philip de Kyme, 1277 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Kyme, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Burwell, Lincs); Petrus de Kyme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Kyme, burgess, 1407 in *York Registry Wills* (Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Kyme, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Benyworthe, Lincs).

**Kynaston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 938, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 564
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Lancs, Denbighs, and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Kynaston in Kinnerley (Shrops), Kynaston in Hentland, or Kynaston in Much Marcle (both Herefs). **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Kynfriston, 1292, [ . . . de] Kynmereston, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Walter de Kynwardeston’, about 1295 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); [ . . . de] Kynyatestone, 1308 in *Herefs Place-Names* (Herefs); Willelmus de Kyneston’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ingthorpe, Rutland); William Kynastone, 1418 in *London Letter Books I* (London); Roger Kynnaston’, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Bicester, Oxon); Francisci Kynaston, 1546 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Edward Kynaston, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Hordley, Shrops); Thomas Kynaston, 1604 in *IGI* (Hammer, Flints). **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 168–9; *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 100, 142.

**Kyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Mayo
- Irish: alternative anglicization of any of the Irish names mentioned at **Coyne**.

**Kynman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Kinman**.

**Kynnersley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Kinnersley**.

**Kynoch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Irish, Scottish: variant of **Kenneth**.

**Early bearers:** William Kinzeoch, 1588 in *Methven Provostry Records* (Perths); Nathani Kynoch, 1621 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); James Kynnoch, 1657 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays); William Kynock, 1693 in *IGI* (Drumoak, Aberdeens).

**Kynsey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Kinsey**.  
2 English: see **Kinsley**.

**Kyprianou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Kyprianos*, which means 'from Cyprus'.

**Kyriacou**

- Variants:** **Kyriakou**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1597, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Kyriakos* 'of the Lord' (i.e. 'dedicated to the Lord').

**Kyriakides**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: from *Kyriakidēs*, patronymic from the personal name *Kyriakos* 'of the Lord'.

**Kyriakou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: see **Kyriacou**.

**Kyrke**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Somerset; Lincs
- English: see **Kirk**.

**Kyte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1256, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 509
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England and central S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Kite**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Vietnamese: representing Chinese 羅, see **Luo**.

## Laban

**Variants:** **Laben, Labin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: apparently a variant of **Laybourne** with loss of *-r-*. Compare **Laband**.

**Early bearers:** Margery Laban, 1600, Eliz. Labon, 1615 in *IGI* (Upton in Overchurch, Cheshire); Grace Laban, 1678 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Elis Laban, 1681 in *IGI* (Tutbury, Staffs); Ann Labon, 1728 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Eliz. Labin, 1764 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thos. Laben, 1771 in *IGI* (Meriden, Warwick).

## Laband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Warwick and Leics

English: a variant of **Laybourne**. Compare **Laban** for the loss of *-r-*, and note the similar subsequent development of final *-d* in **Chadband, Goodband, Osband, and Tichband**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Laband, 1605 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Margery Leyband, 1613 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Anna Leyband, 1618, Mary Layband, 1733 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Elizabeth Laybond, 1663 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Lucy LaBond, 1832 in *IGI* (Bloxwich, Staffs).

## Labbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Channel Islands: nickname from French *l'abbé* 'the priest' or 'the abbot'.

## Labbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Abbott** with fused French definite article.

**Early bearers:** Fridiswyd Labbet, 1549 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Thomas Labbette, 1586 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon).

## Laben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Laban**.

## Labern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Laybourne**.

## Labey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Channel Islands, English: (i) locative name; as a Channel Islands name, and perhaps also as an English name, this is the French surname **Labaye**, a reduced form of Old French *del abbeie* 'of the abbey'. Otherwise, the English name might be a survival of medieval English use of the equivalent Anglo-Norman French name, a variant of **Abbey** (i). (ii) nickname; alternatively the Channel Islands surname, and perhaps the English name, is the French surname **Labbé**, a nickname from Old French *l'abbe* 'the abbot'. Otherwise, the English name might be a survival of medieval English use of the Anglo-Norman French *l'abbé*, with fused French definite article. Compare the Devon example cited under **Abbey** (2).

**Early bearers:** England Elizabeth Labye, 1540 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); William Labye, 1582 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sarah Laby, 1738 in *IGI* (Avington, Berks); Emanuel Laby, 1781 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds).

Channel Islands: Jean Labey, about 1618 in *IGI* (Jersey); Marie Labey, about 1735 in *IGI* (Jersey); Thomas Labey, in *Census 1841* (Saint Belade, Jersey).

## Labin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Laban**.

## Labram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Laybourne** with metathesis of *-r-*. **Early bearers:** Giles Labram, 1604 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Ann Labram, 1646 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds); Thomas Labram, 1649 in *IGI* (Wootton, Northants); Thomas Labram, 1658 in *IGI* (Cheapside, Berks).

## Labron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: a variant of **Laybourne** with metathesis of *-r-*.

## Labrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Bucks

English: a variant of **Laybourne** with metathesis of *-r-*.

## Lace

**Variants:** **Lass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also Lancs and Cumb; S England

1 Manx: relationship name, a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Giolla Chais*, Manx *Mac Guilley Chass* 'son of Guilley Cass' (curly-haired youth). Compare **Leece**.

**Early bearers:** IoM Mac Gilhacosse, Mac Gilhaws, 1430, Mac Gilhast, 1515, McGylhaste, 1539, McElhast, 1559, McIlhast, 1577, Mac ilhaste, Mac ileast, 1577, Laste, 1579, 1580, Mac Laste, Mac Layse, Mac ylhaste, 1579, Mac Lace, 1582, Mac ylhast, 1582, Mac a Lace, 1603, Lace, 1611, 1643, 1693 in *Kneen*; John Lace, 1650 in *IGI* (Andreas); Juney Lace, 1657 in *IGI* (Jurby). England Mundick Lace, 1697, James Lace, 1794 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Edward Laise, 1792 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: nickname, probably for someone who wore braided silken laces (for tying clothing, shoes, or armour) or a braided silken belt or buckle, Middle English, Old French *las, lace* 'lace, cord, belt, clasp, buckle', especially one made of interwoven strands of silk, threads of gold, etc. Compare **Brownless**. Alternatively it may have been a nickname for a *lacer*, a maker of such articles; compare Richard le Lacir, 1278 in *London Letter Books B*, and William le Lacer, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), and William le Lacer, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Henrico Lasur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syston, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Las, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Adam Lace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keysoe, Beds); Johannes Las, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickney, Essex); Jhon Lace, 1540 in *IGI* (Morcott, Rutland); Joane Lace, 1560 in *IGI* (Herne, Kent).

## Laceyby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Lacey (Lincs), recorded as *Leysebi* about 1115, from the Old Scandinavian male given name *Leifr*, *Leif* in the genitive case with *-s + by-* 'village'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Lessebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walter de Leissebi, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Laycebye, 1562 in *IGI* (Old Clew, Lincs); John Laceyby, 1575 in *IGI* (Old Clew, Lincs).

## Lacey

**Variants:** **Lacy, Leacy, Lassey, Lessey, De Lacy, De Lacey, Delacey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9614, Ireland 1542
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5455
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim: esp. Westmeath; Tipperary; Galway

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Lassy (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Ilbert de Laci, Roger Laci, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Henry de Lasci, 1185 in *Templars*

*Records* (Lincs); Thoma Lacy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Roberto Lacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allensmore, Herefs); Johannes Lacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Roberto Lasy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); Is' Lassy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); Ricardo Lascy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarshe, ER Yorks); Willelmus Lescy 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Lessy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southeast with Telscombe, Sussex); Ricardus Lessy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Norfolk); Simon Laci, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Willelmus Lessy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fotheringhay, Northants); Johanne Lessy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winstone, Gloucs); Johannes Lacey, 1543 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Davy Lacey, 1567 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Lacher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**lacher* 'latch maker', a derivative of Middle English *lacche* 'fastening for a door or window'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Latcher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwicks); John Lacher, 1736 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Francis Lacher, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Catharina Lacher, 1774 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Robert Lacher, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); James Lacher, 1814 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Lachlan

**Variants:** Laughlan, Laughland, Lauchlan, Laffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Lochlainn, see **McLachlan**. Compare Irish **Laughlin**.

### Lack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 948
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, Cambs, and Norfolk; also Middx

English: (i) see **Lake**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *lak* 'fault, blame', also 'at fault, blameworthy'.

**Early bearers:** John Lacke, 1550 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Margery Lacke, 1567 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Eliz. Lacke, 1583 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Jane Lack, 1583 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Thomas Lacke, 1596 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); Alice Lacke, 1615 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

### Lackenby

**Variants:** Leckenby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Lackenby (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Gilbert de Lackenby, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Beatrice de Lackynby, 1304, William de Lakenby, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Mathew Lakenbey, 1581 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Francis Leckenby, 1592 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Robert Leckinbie, 1593 in *IGI* (Chester le

Street, Durham); Gulielmus Lackenby, 1618 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks).

### Lackey

**Variants:** Lackie, Lakey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Down
- Irish, Scottish: Irish form of Scottish **Leckie**. **Early bearers:** Ireland Teige bane McThomas I Laghkey, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3093. England Christoffer Lackey, 1616 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); William Lakey, 1679 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Lackford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Lackford (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lackford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Rycharde Lackforthe, 1561, John Lackforde, 1589 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); William Lackford, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Easton, Essex); Richard Lackford, 1723 in *IGI* (Challock, Kent).

### Lackie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines

Scottish: variant of **Lackey** or **Leckie**.

**Early bearers:** Alexr. Laky, 1661 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); John Lackie, 1734 in *IGI* (Fordoun, Kincardines).

### Lackland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Durham

English: see **Lakeland**.

### Lacklison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Scottish: relationship name, anglicized and altered form of Scottish Gaelic **McLachlan** 'son of Lachlan'. **Early bearers:** Scotland William Lauchlanesone, 1497 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Dumfriess).

### Lacock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk

English: see **Laycock**.

### Lacon

**Variants:** Laken, Lakin, Laking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Staffs; WR Yorks; London

1 English: locative name from Lacon in Wem (Shrops). This name has probably been confused with or absorbed by **Lakin** (1), especially in counties adjoining Shrops, such as Staffs.

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Lakun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Richard Lakoun, 1428 in *Close*

*Rolls* (Shrops); William Laken, 1569 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); John Lakin, 1573 in *IGI* (Montford, Shrops); Judith Laken, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Francis Lacon, 1575 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops).

2 English: while the name in Yorks could be that in (1) through migration, its appearance in late 14th-century Clint in the north-west of WR Yorks, and the persistent final *-can* in most early forms of the surname, suggest that it may have had a different but unknown origin.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites men named Laykan(e), Laycan, Lacan, Lakin, and Laykin in Birstwith (WR Yorks) in the 15th and 16th centuries and in York from the early 16th to the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Adam Laycan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); William Lakan, 1491 in *York Registry Wills* (East Harlsey, NR Yorks); Robert Laykan, 1557 in *Ripon Memorials* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Lakan, 1565 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkby Moorside, NR Yorks); Barth. Lakin, 1570 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Bartholomew Lacon, 1586, Jane Lacane, 1590 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Jennet Lacon, 1588, Lidea Laking, 1660, Richard Laykon, 1663 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Thomas Laken, 1610 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); William Laykon, 1614 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Laykon, 1658 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Frances Laykin, 1691 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Jacobus Laking, 1695 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

### Lacour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Huguenot, French: see **De la Cour**.

### Lacy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 169
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1942
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Lacey**.

### Lad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1486, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- 1 Indian (Gujarat): locative name, Hindu (Vania), said to be from Sanskrit *lāta*, denoting an area of southern Gujarat.

2 Indian (Maharashtra): clan name, Hindu (Brahman, Maratha), possibly of the same origin as the Gujarati name. There is a Maratha clan called Lad.

### Ladak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kashmir): Buddhist, based on the name of the mountainous region of Ladakh in Kashmir. The place-name is of Tibetan origin.

### Ladbrook

**Variants:** Ladbrooke, Ledbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs; Essex, Suffolk, and Kent

## Ladbrooke

English: locative name from Ladbroke (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Hlodbroc* in 998, *Lodebrok* in 1279, and *Ladbrok* in 1320.

**Early bearers:** Midlands John de Lodbroc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Lodbrok, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Ladbroke, Warwicks); John de Lodbrok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ladbroke, Warwicks); Thomas de Lodbrok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton Dassett, Warwicks); Willelmo Lodobrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swithland, Leics); William de Lodbrok, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Alice Ladbrooke, 1555 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Rallffe Lodbrooke 1561, in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); Anna Ladbroke, 1583 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Sara Ladbrooke, 1625 in *IGI* (Rous Lench, Worcs); Elizabeth Ledbrook, 1651 in *IGI* (Burton Dassett, Warwicks); Elizabeth Ladbrooke 1653, in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks).

S & E England Elisabeth Lodbroke, 1539 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); Mary Ladbrooke, 1562 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Annes Ladbrooke, 1585 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); David Laddbrook, 1601 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Ladbrooke, 1674 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Susanna Ladbrooke, 1714 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 135–6.

## Ladbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Warwicks
- English: see **Ladbrook**.

## Ladbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: see **Ledbury**.

## Ladd

**Variants:** **Ladds, Lade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 966, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Surrey, Middx; Wilts; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: nickname, occupational name, status name from Middle English *lad(de)* ‘lad’, of obscure origin, used as an occupational name for a young male attendant, servant, a status name for a man of low birth, or a nickname for a rogue or ruffian.

**Further information:** Compare ‘to make lordes of laddes’ (*Piers Plowman*) and ‘A ladde . . . Borne he was of pouere lynage’ (Robert of Brunne) in medieval literature.

**Early bearers:** Godric Ladda, about 1100 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Richard Ladde, about 1175 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Northants); Walter le Ladd, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Thoma Lad, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Hugo Ladde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hanging Houghton, Northants); Henricus Lad, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Denton with Newbiggin, Northumb); Johanne Ladde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knook, Wilts); Jordanus Ladde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Richard Ladde, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Wokingham, Berks); John Ladde, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Elham, Kent); Thomas Ladd, 1577 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent).

## Ladds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Northants, Cambs, and Lincs; also Kent

English: variant of **Ladd** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Laddes, 1574 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Grace Ladds, 1605 in *IGI* (Barham, Hunts); Johne Ladds, 1611 in *IGI* (Hawkinge, Kent); Thomas Laddes, 1614 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Anna Lads, 1638 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizabeth Ladds, 1649 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

## Lade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) possibly a variant of **Loade**. If so, the form with *a* is not easy to explain; *o* is expected. The source word, Middle English *lade* ‘river crossing; watercourse’ (Old English *gelād* ‘difficult river crossing’ or *lād* ‘canal, dyked watercourse’), sometimes turns up as *-lade* in the unstressed syllable of place-names containing it, such as *Cricklade*, though such a form has not so far been discovered in Sussex. (ii) possibly a variant of **Ladd**, but that also poses phonological difficulties.

## Ladell

**Variants:** **Ladle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *ladel* ‘ladle’ (Old English *hlædel*). Compare **Laidler**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Ladel, 1187–9 in *Ekwall, Variation*; William Ladyl, 1337 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Walterus Ladyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newchurch, Hants); Jn. Ladell, 1543 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Alice Ladle, 1547 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Robert Laddell, 1596 in *IGI* (York); Franciscus Ladle, 1618 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Will. Ladle, 1649 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Robert Ladel, 1664 in *IGI* (Tatterford, Norfolk); Henry Ladle, 1756 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Laidle, 1801 in *IGI* (Hoyland, WR Yorks).

## Laden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lanarks
- 1 English: see **Latham**.  
2 Irish: from Irish Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

## Lader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Leader** (1).

## Ladha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistani) : regional name from Ladha, a division of South Waziristan.

## Ladipo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): see **Oladipo**.

## Ladkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: unexplained. It looks like a pet form of a Middle English personal name in *-kin*, but there is no obvious candidate.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Ledekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Thomas Ladkyns, 1587 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Ladkins, 1601 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Ladkin, 1650 in *IGI* (Burton Hastings, Warwicks); Joshua Ladkin, 1673 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Richard Ladkin, 1691 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics).

## Ladle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Ladell**.

## Ladler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Laidler**.

## Ladley

**Variants:** **Ludley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and Lancs

Scottish, English: a northern English development of **Laidlaw** (itself a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladlow, Laidler, Laidley, Laidlow, Leadley**.

**Early bearers:** William Ladlaye, 1544, Robert Ladley, 1563 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Isabell Ladlye, 1548 in *IGI* (North Burton, NR Yorks); Edward Ludley, 1587 in *IGI* (Donington on Bain, Lincs); John Ladlay, 1587 in *IGI* (Holme on Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Jhon Ludley, 1592 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Dorithye Ladley, 1600 in *IGI* (Cumberworth, Lincs); John Ladley, 1604 in *IGI* (York); Jane Ladlay, 1632 in *IGI* (Bilsby, Lincs); Ralph Ludley, 1680 in *IGI* (York); William Ludley, 1718 in *IGI* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Ladley, 1745 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

## Ladlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Scottish, English: a local English development of **Laidlaw** (itself a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladley, Laidler, Laidley, Laidlow, Leadley**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Ladlow, 1664 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Lincs); David Ladlow, 1764 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs).

## Ladner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall  
 English: unexplained; possibly a regional variant of **Latner**. Compare Sylvester Ladimore, 1624 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon), for **Latimer**.  
**Early bearers:** Pawell Ladner, 1614 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Tomazina Ladner, 1634, Richard Ladnor, 1662 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Elizabeth Ladnar, 1782 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall).

### Ladson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 45  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs  
 English: relationship name from Middle English *lavedi* (Old English *hlæfdige*) + *son*, ‘the lady’s son’. Compare Richard the Levedybrother, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks), and compare **Ladyman**.  
**Early bearers:** William the Levedysonne, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Ladisson’, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Bingham, Notts); Elisabeth Ladson, 1662 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Daniel Ladson, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Ladson, 1673 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Barthol. Ladson, 1716 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Jane Ladson, 1725 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); Elizabeth Ladeson, 1768 in *IGI* (Mepal, Cambs).

### Ladva

• **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Indian: see **Ladwa**.

### Ladwa

Variants: **Ladva**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

### Lady

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: nickname from Middle English *lavedi*, *levedi*, *ladi* ‘lady, female head of a household, woman, wife’ (Old English *hlæfdige*). As a man’s name it may have been used in mockery, or be short for occupational names such as **Ladyman**. Compare Johanne Ladyknave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics).

**Further information:** Though rare in modern Britain this name is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Emma la Levedy, 1257 in *Close Rolls*; David Lady, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Ricardus Lady, Thomas Lady, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Johanna Lady, Robertus Lady, Henricus Lady, smith, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hensall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Laddy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Willelmo Laddy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Thomas Lady, 1693 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Ladyman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 167  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Lancs, and Cumb  
 English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *lavedi*, *levedi*, *ladi* ‘lady’ (Old English *hlæfdige*) + *man* ‘man’ (Old English *mann*), i.e. ‘the lady’s servant’. Compare **Ladson**.

**Further information:** Compare John the Levedy chapman, 1334, William Levedychapman, spicer, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Rannulf (le) Lauediman, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs), 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey le Leuediman, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Roger Ladyman, 1296 in *Thuresson* (Herts); John le Levedyman, 1313, William le Lavedyman, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Ladiman, 1571 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Robart Ladyman, 1578 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Elizabeth Ladyman, 1742 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Lafave

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Huguenot: see **Lefevre**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Laferty

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow  
 Irish: from Ó Fhlaitbhheartaigh or Mac Fhlaitbhheartaigh, see **Lafferty**.

### Laffan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 69  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Limerick, Wexford, and Kilkenny  
 Irish: from Ó Láimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

### Laffer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 19  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see **Laver**.

### Laffere

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
 English: see **Laver**.

### Lafferty

Variants: **Laferty**, **Laverty**, **McLafferty**, **McLavery**, **McClafferty**, **McClaverty**, **McClarty**, **McLarty**, **McLardy**, **McLardie**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 2537, Ireland 803  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 668  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Donegal  
 Irish: from Ó Fhlaitbhheartaigh or Mac Fhlaitbhheartaigh ‘descendant (or son) of *Fhlaitbhheartach*’, a personal name based on *flaith* ‘prince, ruler’ + *beartach* ‘doer of valiant deeds’. See also **Flaherty**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard O’Layffertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Donell O’Laffertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; Felim O’Laffertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Donegal); Patrick O’Layffertie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Loughlen O’Laffarty, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); Shane Grome O’Laharty, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Roger McClafferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Patrick McLafferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); Patrick Lafferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon);

Murty Lafforty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Donegal).

### Laffey

Variants: **Lahiff**, **Flahive**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 236  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 111  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Lancs; Staffs; Lanarks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo  
 1 Irish: from Ó Laithimh, earlier Ó Flaithimh, from *flaitheamh* ‘ruler’.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: William O’Flahiff, chaplain, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §937; Richard Lacie alias Lahif, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3139; Melaughlen Leffa, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4214; David Flabagh (alias Dagan arde), yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4673 (Blantry); Richard Lahive, 1585–6 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4828; Shane O’Flahiff, 1591–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Inshyquin, Clare); Donnell mcShane O’Laffie, husbandman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6440 (Tipperary), Donogh O’Flahie, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6742 (Kilkevan, Wexford).  
 England: Bridget Lahiff, 1838 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Maria Laffey, 1856 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).  
 2 Irish: see **Leahy**.

### Laffin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 132  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 49  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick  
 Irish: from Ó Láimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

### Laffling

• **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk  
 English: anglicized form (in Suffolk) of Irish **Laughlin** or possibly Scottish **Lachlan**. Compare **Laffin**.

### Laffoley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 92  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey  
 French: nickname from French *l’affolé* ‘the deranged or crazy one’.  
**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: ... Le Affole, 1274 in *Extente de Jersey*; Jeanne Laffoley, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Margueritte Laffoley, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).  
**References:** Frank le Maistre, *Dictionnaire Jersiais-Français* (Jersey, 1976), at *affolé*.

### Lafford

• **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 88  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary  
 English: variant of **Lawford**.

### Laffin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 135  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

## Laforest

English: relationship name, anglicized form (in Suffolk) of Irish **Laughlin** or possibly Scottish **Lachlan**.

**Early bearers:** William Lafflin, 1777 in *IGI* (Ringshall, Suffolk).

## Laforest

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

French, Huguenot: locative name, nickname denoting someone who lived in or near a royal forest, or a nickname for a keeper or worker in one, from Old French *forest*, with the definite article *la*. Unlike modern French *forêt*, *forest* was not simply a word for extensive woodland, but referred specifically to large wooded areas reserved by law for the king and his nobles to hunt in.

**Further information:** Though rare in Britain, this name is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Paul La Forest, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); James John Laforest, 1789 in *IGI* (London); Charles Christian Laforest, 1795 in *IGI* (London); Edward Laforest in *Census 1871* (Surrey); Edward Laforest in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey).

## Lagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 584
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Tyrone
- 1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Logan**.
  - 2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Gille Adhagain**, see **McLagan**.
  - 3 Scottish Gaelic: see **Laggan**.

## Lagar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts; Cornwall

Norman: see **Ledger**.

## Lagden

Variants: **Lagdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained; apparently a locative name from an unidentified place in or near Essex.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Lakedon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helions Bumpstead hamlet, Essex); Robert Lagden, 1534 in *Leics Record Office* (Wimbish, Essex); John Lagden, 1570 in *IGI* (Panfield, Essex); Jane Lagdan, 1603, Robertus Lagdon, 1604 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); James Lagden, 1638 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Lackden, 1666 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

## Lagdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and Middx
- English: see **Lagden**.

## Lager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys
- English: see **Ledger**.

## Laggan

Variants: **Lagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Durham and Northumb

Scottish Gaelic: (i) from **Mac Gille Adhagain**, see **McLagan**. (ii) possibly sometimes from the frequent place-name *Laggan* (e.g. Morays, Ayr, Stirlings, Dumfriess), from Scottish Gaelic *lagan* 'hollow'.  
**Further information:** Early bearers might be for the other names of which *Lagan* is a variant.

**Early bearers:** Issobel Lagan, 1650 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Barbara Lagan, 1697 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); William Laggan, 1716 in *IGI* (Lesbury, Northumb); John Laggan, 1728 in *IGI* (Kennethmont, Aberdeens).

## Lago

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Lagowe, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Rogerus Lagew, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spoonley, Shrops); Richard Lagow, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Richd Lagoo, 1450 in *Leics Record Office* (Lubenham, Leics); Ralph Lago, 1530 in *Staffs Archives* (Wigginton, Staffs); William Lagoo, 1546 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Ales Lagoe, 1552 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Agnes Lago, 1564 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Mychaell Lagoe, 1573 in *Faversham Muster Rolls* (Faversham, Kent); John Lago, 1576 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Marie Lago, 1589 in *IGI* (Sweepstone, Leics); William Lagoe, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Dadlington, Leics); Henry Leygo, 1617 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Thomas Lagow, 1653 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); William Lagoe, 1675 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

## Laher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian: Muslim, unexplained.

## Lahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Laochdha, see **Leahy**.

## Lahiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Laithimh, see **Laffey**.

## Lahy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Kent

Irish: see **Leahy**.

## Lai

Variants: **Lay**, **Lye**, **Rai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2007, Ireland 77

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 賴, meaning 'depend on' in Chinese: from *Lai* (賴), the name of a state (located in Henan province), which was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 來, meaning 'to come' in Chinese: (i) simplified form of the place-name *Lai* (邾), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname *Lai* (萊) in order to escape persecution. (iii) a surname of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534)

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 黎, 厲, and 鄺, see **Li** (2), (5), and (6).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).

5 Vietnamese: this surname is also found in Vietnam, where it is most probably from one of the Chinese surnames above.

## Laidlaw

Variants: **Laidlow**, **Laidler**, **Leadley**, **Laidley**, **Ladley**, **Ladlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3007, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2636
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders (esp. Roxburghs) and Midlothian; also Northumb and Durham

Scottish: a Scottish development of **Ludlow**.

Compare **Ladlow**, **Laidler**, **Laidley**, **Laidlow**, **Leadley**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William of Lodelawe, 1296 in *Black*; James Laidlaw, 1617 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Williame Laidlaw, 1639 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs); William Ladlaw, 1650 in *Black* (Newton, Roxburghs); John Laidlaw, 1674 in *Black* (Lauder, Berwicks); Thomas Laidlaw, 1682 in *Black* (Haugh, Peebles); Helen Laidlaw, 1686 in *IGI* (Roberton, Selkirks); Margaret Laidlow, 1759 in *IGI* (Bowden, Roxburghs).

England: Jno. Laidlow, 1747 in *IGI* (Longhorsley, Northumb); Robert Laidlaw, 1752 in *IGI* (Birdhope Craig, Northumb); Joseph Laidlow, 1773, Walter Laidlaw, 1806 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb).

## Laidler

Variants: **Ladler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1698, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 Scottish, English: a north-eastern English development of **Laidlaw** (itself a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladley**, **Ladlow**, **Laidley**, **Laidlow**, **Leadley**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Ladler, 1565 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Allis Laidler, 1646 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *ladeler* 'a maker or user of ladles' (Old English *hlædel* + *-er*). Compare **Ladell**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Ladelere, 1278 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Warwicks); John le Ladeler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Ladelere, 1377 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Hunts); Henry Laidler, 1642 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Dorothy Laidler, 1660 in *IGI*



(Newburn, Northumb); Thomas Laidler, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Thos. Laidler, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Laidler, 1746 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Laidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish, English: a north-western English development of **Laidlaw** (itself a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladley**, **Ladlow**, **Laidler**, **Laidlow**, **Leadley**.

**Early bearers:** George Laidley, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Laidlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Scottish: a north-western English development of **Laidlaw** (itself believed to be a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladley**, **Ladlow**, **Laidler**, **Laidley**, **Leadley**.

### Laidman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham, Cumb, and Northumb

English: see **Loadman**.

### Laight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks

English: see **Lait**.

### Lailey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and Wilts
- English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Lilley**, seeing that the word *lily* appears as *lali* in an Anglo-Norman French Bible and *leli* elsewhere (*Anglo-Norman Dictionary*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Laly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burdett, Somerset); Essey Layly, 1565, Sibyll Laylie, 1574, William Layley, 1643 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Edmund Layley, 1594 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Jeneuer Layly, 1608 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Richard Layly, 1626 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Mary Lailey, 1743 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks).

### Lain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Durham and WR Yorks

1 English: see **Layne**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 連 and 練, see **Lin** (2) and (4).

### Lainchbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Gloucs
- English: see **Launchbury**.

### Laine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

1 English: variant of **Lane**.

2 Scottish: reduced form of Scottish **McLean** (Gaelic **Mac Gille Eáin**).

### Laing

#### Variants: Leng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8088, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5904
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens, Fife, and Midlothian; also NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Scottish: variant of **Lang**. Compare **Layng**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Laing, 1357 in *Black* (Dumfriess); Cuthbert Laing, 1562 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Elizabeth Laing, 1564 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Kirstene Laing, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Hellein Laing, 1588 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Walter Laing, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: John Laynge, 1545 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Nathaniel Lainge, 1596 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Lancelot Laing, 1643 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Lainton

#### Variants: Laynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Loynton in Norbury (Staffs), which is recorded as *Levintone* in 1086, *Leyntone* in 1380, *Laynton* in 1686.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Levynnton, 1293, Robert de Levynnton, 1304 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Levynnton, 1314 in *Staffs Archives* (Loynton, Staffs); John Laynton, 1609 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Lainton, 1630 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Anne Lainton, 1646 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Sabne Laynton, 1686 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); John Loynton, 1813 in *IGI* (Stoke upon Tern, Shrops).

### Laird

#### Variants: Leard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5297, Ireland 609
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3297
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Renfrews; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Antrim

Scottish: status name from Scottish *laird* 'landlord, landowner'. Compare **Lord**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Roger Lawird, Lauird, 1257 in *Kelso Register* (Berwick, Berwicks); Thomas Lairde, 1552 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Lairde, 1552 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow); Thomas Laird, 1588 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Robert Laird, 1607 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus).

England: Robert Laird, 1568 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Mary Leard, 1757, Elisabeth Laird, 1766 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Leard, 1788 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

### Laishley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Lashley**.

### Laister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Leicester**.

### Lait

#### Variants: Laite, Laight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Gloucs and Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *lat(e)* 'slow, sluggish'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lat', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Thoma le Leyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Landford, Wilts); Johannes Late, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bordesley, Warwicks); Johannes Lat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); William Layght, 1543, Elisabeth Layte, 1584 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Christian Layte, 1547 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Marye Leyte, 1548 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Mary Leyte, 1558 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Tristrem Leyght, 1560 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anthonye Leyght, 1576 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); John Leytte, 1578 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Margeret Leyt, 1579 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Susan Late, 1583 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Joyce Late, 1624 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Elizabeth Laighte, 1628 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Richard Layt, 1725 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Laite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lait**.

### Laithwaite

#### Variants: Lethwaite, Lathwaite, Lathwood, Leathwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Laithwaite in Pemberton or Laithwaite in Cockerham (both Lancs).

**Further information:** Laithwaite in Cockerham (Cumb) is not a viable alternative source of the surname, as early forms are *Leycheld* and similar until *Lythwaite* appears as late as 1737.

**Early bearers:** Henrico de Laythwayth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Henricus de Laythwat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pemberton, Lancs); Hugo de Laythewat', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan, Lancs); Margaret Laithwait, 1533 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Cheshire); Elizabeth Laythwate, 1559 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Richard Leathwoodd, 1578, George Laithwoodd, 1582 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Leathwood, 1591 in *IGI* (Little Bolton, Lancs); Isbell Lethwaite, 1598 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Robertus Laithwayt, 1604 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Elinora Lethwoodd, 1606 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Marye Lathwoode, 1617 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Margareta Lathwood,

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1641 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); James Laithwait, 1728 in *Wigan Archives* (Wigan, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 104, 167; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 362.

## Laity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one of seven places in Cornwall called *Laity* (Middle Cornish \**lety* 'milk-house, dairy'), perhaps that in Lelant parish, which is recorded as *Lahitty* and *Layty* in 1200.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Laytye, 1562 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Henrye Laytye, 1563, Wilyam Leaytie, 1606 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Susana Laythaye, 1564 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Bernard Laity, 1649 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 148; *Place-Names of West Penwith*, p. 56.

## Lake

**Variants:** **Lack**, **Lakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8970, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6598
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon; Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: (i) locative name, usually for someone who lived by a streamlet (Middle English *lak(e)*, Old English *lacu*) or who lived at or came from one of the places so named, such as Lack in Church Stoke (Shrops) and Lake in Wilsford near Amesbury (Wilts). *Lake* is a common minor place-name in Devon. Compare **Lakeman**, **Laker**. (ii) locative name, occasionally perhaps for someone who lived by a lake or pool (Middle English, Old French *lake*), though it is uncertain that this word was current in ordinary vocabulary during the main period of surname formation (1250–1400).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Lake, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Attelake, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); William de Lake, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Martinus at Lake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clayhidon, Devon); Johannes Lake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aisby, Lincs); Johannes Lake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Ricardus at the Lake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); Radulphus atte Lake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gatcombe, Hants); Waltero Lake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Elianora de Lake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyle Cop, Shrops); Willelmus de Lake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cannock with members, Staffs); Thomas Lake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); John atte Lake, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Lake, 1544 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Susan Layke, 1561 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Alice Lake, 1580 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Hugh Lake, 1611 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent).

**References:** *Landscape of Place-Names*, pp. 19–20; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 169; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 372.

## Lakeland

**Variants:** **Lackland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Lawkland (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Laukeland, 1189–99 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Thomas de Laukeland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johannes de Laukeland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easington, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Laukland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Laukland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); Johannes de Lawkland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Ric. Lawkland, 1543–4 in *Lancs Record Office* (Horton, WR Yorks); Grace Laukelande, 1624 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Robert Lakeland, 1635 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Thomas Lawkland, 1718 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 226.

## Lakeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from either Middle English *lak(e)* 'stream' (Old English *lacu*) or Middle English *lake* 'lake' (Old French *lake*, Latin *lacus*), and *man*, denoting a dweller by such a feature. Compare **Lake**.

**Early bearers:** John Lakeman, 1320 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Philip Lakeman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadclyst, Devon); John Lakeman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ermington, Devon); Joan Lakeman, 1560 in *IGI* (Cambridge); Joha Lakeman, 1573 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Wm Lakeman, 1724 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

## Laken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs; also London.

- 1 English: see **Lakin**.
- 2 English: see **Lacon**.

## Laker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1467, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English \**lak(i)er*, signifying one who lived by a streamlet (from Old English *lacu*); compare **Lake**, **Lakeman**. Topographic names in *-er* were especially common in Surrey, Sussex, and Hants.

**Early bearers:** William le Lakere, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Ricardus Laker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton Maybank, Dorset); Robertus Laker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chillerton, Hants); Adam Lakyare, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Robert Laker, 1545 in *Sussex Wills* (Sussex); Wyllm. Laker, 1553 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Joane Laker, 1569 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); John Laker, 1589 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: nickname from Middle English \**leyker* (Old Scandinavian *leikari*) 'one who plays or competes'. The precise meaning is uncertain but 'actor', 'sportsman', 'gamester', 'fighter', and 'entertainer' are all possible, reflecting the various senses of the corresponding Middle English verb *leyken* (Old Scandinavian *leika*) and the noun *leyk* (Old Scandinavian *leikr*). Compare Richard Leyk, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), from Middle English *leyk* 'pleasure, revelry, play, game, sport, lovmaking'. Compare **Layker**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Laycar, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John le Leykere, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds);

John le Leykere, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Harry Laker, 1539 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Phenyas Laker, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Wilyam Laker, 1583 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Dorothy Laker, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

## Lakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 117
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks
- English: variant of **Lake** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Lakes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Dean and Chilgrove, Sussex); John Lakes, 1560 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); Grace Lakes, 1577 in *IGI* (Adisham, Kent); Johannes Lakes, 1640 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).

## Lakey

**Variants:** **Leakey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Northumb and Durham; Norfolk

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Johannes Leky, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greinton, Somerset); Robert Lekey, 1569 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Harry Lykeye, 1598 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Andrew Leykye, 1600 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Alice Lakey, 1605 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Leky, 1613 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Hannibal Leky, 1625 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Sara Tucker alias Lakey, 1648 in *Devon Wills* (Tiverton, Devon); Johanns Lekey, 1699 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Ann Lakie, 1780 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall).

E England: Richard Lakeie, 1574 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk); Anne Leakey, 1581 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); John Lackey, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Scottish: see **Leckie**.

3 Irish: see **Lackey**.

## Lakha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat, Panjab): Hindu, Muslim, and Sikh, unexplained.

## Lakhani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1275, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat), Pakistani (Sind): Hindu and Muslim, from *Lakh* (probably a reduction of an ancestral name, such as *Lakhman*, going back to Sanskrit *lakṣmaṇa* 'one who has auspicious marks') + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').
- Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

## Lakhanpal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Brahmin), from Sanskrit *lakṣmaṇa* 'endowed with auspicious marks, fortunate' + *pāla* 'protector'.

**Further information:** In the Sanskrit epic *Rāmāyaṇa*, *Lakṣmaṇa* is the name of Rāma's brother, who is extremely devoted to Rāma.

### Lakin

**Variants:** Laken, Laking, Lakins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2559, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1741
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Staffs, Warwicks, and Derbys

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Lawkin*, a diminutive of *Law-* (a pet form of the personal name *Laurence*; see **Lawrence**). Compare **Larkin**. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lawkyn, 1568, Margerie Lakin, 1604, John Laken, 1607 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Anna Lakin, 1579 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); George Lakin, 1604, Dorety Leakin, 1610, Mary Laken, 1677 in *IGI* (Orton on the Hill, Leics); Robert Lawkin, 1622, William Lakin, 1642 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Laking, 1717 in *IGI* (Twycross, Leics); Joseph Laykin, 1739 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics).  
2 English: variant of **Lacon**.

### Laking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Lincs and WR Yorks

English: see **Lacon** and **Lakin**.

### Lakins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Somerset

English: variant of **Lakin** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Georgii Lakins, 1608 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); Richard Lakins, 1615 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Allener Lakins, 1621 in *IGI* (East Brent, Somerset).

### Lal

**Variants:** Lall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2236, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu, found in several communities, from a word meaning 'darling', from Sanskrit *lāla* 'cajoling' (related to Sanskrit *lālana* 'caressing'). In several modern Indian languages *lāl* is a term of endearment for a child; it is also an epithet of the god Krishna.

**Further information:** In Hindi there is also a homonymous word, *lāl* 'ruby, red', from Persian, which may have influenced the popularity of this epithet. It occurs commonly as the final element in compound personal names, for example *Brajlāl* (Braj being the name of the place where the god Krishna is supposed to have lived as a child) and *Motilāl* (Hindi *motī* 'pearl').

### Lala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Bania, Kayasth), from Hindi *lālā*, a term of respect used especially for members of Vaisya and Kayasth communities. Traditionally bearers of this name were typically

bankers, merchants, tradesmen, schoolmasters, and clerks. It is probably related to **Lal**.

### Lalani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Bangladeshi: adopted by followers of the mystic philosophy of the Bengali poet and mystic Lalan (died 1890), whose given name is from a term of endearment meaning 'darling'. Compare **Lal**.  
2 Indian (Gujarat), Pakistani (Sind): Muslim and Hindu, from *Lal* or *Lala* (the name of an ancestor) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). Compare **Lal**.  
**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Lale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Lal**.

### Lalji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Vania) and Jain, from **Lal** + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

### Lall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian: see **Lal**.

### Lalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: see **Lally**.

### Lalli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Lally

**Variants:** Lallely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2389, Ireland 1392
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; also Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maolalaidh, see **Mullally**.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Lealy (alias O'Mullaly), clerk, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §287 (dioceses of Annaghdone, Tuam, and Elphin); James Lally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyovey, Mayo).

England: Harriott Lally, 1779 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire); Isabel Lally, 1810 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Mary Ann Lally, 1831 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Lalor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 1041
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Lancs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois  
Irish: from Ó Leathlobhair, see **Lawlor**.

### Lam

**Variants:** Lum, Lamb, Lan, Nam, Nan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4172, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 藍 (**Lan** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'blue' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Lan Tian* (藍田), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shaanxi province) granted to a noble from the state of Qin during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (ii) from the place name *Lan* (藍), the name of a fief (located in Hubei province) granted to a noble in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

3 Vietnamese: **Lâm**, representing the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

### Lama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name denoting someone who lived by a marsh, *lama*. The Italian and Spanish names may also be from any of numerous places named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Ester, daughter of Moses Lama, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent); John Lama, 1703 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Hannah Lama, in *Census 1841* (Adlington, Cheshire); John Lamma, warehouseman, in *Census 1841* (Southwark, Surrey); Dominic Lama, 1858 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx), probably identical with Domenico Lama, photographer, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Robert Lama, in *Census 1861* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Joseph Lama, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Cheshire).

2 Tibetan, Nepali: Buddhist, from Tibetan *blama* 'priest, monk'.

### Lamacraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Lambercrofts in Kenn parish (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Peter Lomecroft, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Walter Lamacraft, 1570 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Jane Lamacraft, 1576 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Michael Lamacraft, 1582 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Mychaell Lamacrofte, 1602 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 499.

### Lamb

**Variants:** Lamm, Lambe, Lamp, Lomb, Lumb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19226, Ireland 358
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15581
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Louth, and Armagh

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lamb*, a pet form of

## Lamba

**Lambert.** This is probably the most common source of the surname. Compare **Lambson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lamb dispensator, 1161 in *Monasticon Anglicanum* v, p. 421; Lambe de Harewude, 1290 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks).

urnames: Ædward Lamb, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Wulmar Lamb, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Lambe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury forest, Northumb); Margaret Lamb, 1542 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Robt. Lamb, 1543 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Rychard Lamb, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Lamb, 1558 in *IGI* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Margery Lamb, 1561 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *lamb* 'lamb'.

**Early bearers:** William le Lamb, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger le Lamb, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 English: locative name from an inn sign, i.e. from residence or occupation at a tavern called *The Lamb*.

**Early bearers:** William atte Lamme, 1320 in *London Letter Books E* (London).

4 Irish: adopted for Ó Luain (see at **Loan**), in preference to the more normal anglicization **O'Loan**, which is now rare. MacLysaght comments: 'The form *Lamb(e)*, which results from a more than usually absurd pseudo-translation (*uan* "lamb"), is now much more numerous than **O'Loan** itself.' **Early bearers:** Charles Lamb, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3667.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 藍 (see **Lam** (1)) and 林 (see **Lin** (1)).

## Lamba

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Hindu (Jat, Khatri), meaning 'tall'.

## Lambard

**Variants:** Lambert, Lampard, Lamperd, Lampert, Lampport, Lombard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; Middx

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *lambherd*, *lambhird*, *lambhur* 'lamb-herd' (Old English *lamb* + *hierde*).

**Early bearers:** William Lambbhyrde, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robert le Lambhurde, 1288 in *Court Rolls* (Hants); Hugh (le) Lambehird, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Lambeherde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Petro le Lompherde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Lambherde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Lambhurde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Thomas Lambherd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanna Lambhyrd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haughley, Suffolk); John Lambard, 1549 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Jeffray Lambard, 1553 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); John Lambard, 1554 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); Cryston. Lambard, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Rueth Lambard, 1558 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex).

2 English: see **Lambert**.

## Lambart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also SE England

English: see **Lambert**.

## Lambarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Northumb

English: see **Lambert**.

## Lambat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Malay or Indonesian: from Malay, Indonesian *lambat* 'slow'.

## Lambden

**Variants:** Lamden, Lamdin, Lambdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: locative name from the Lambdens in Ufton Nervet (Berks) or Lambden in Pluckley (Kent).

**Further information:** There is a place called Lambden in Greenlaw (Berwicks, Scotland), mentioned in *Black*, but it has not survived into the modern period as a surname.

**Early bearers:** William Lambeden', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John de Lambedenne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo Lamberdenne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Lamden, 1545 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); Alice Lambden, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Danyell Lambden, 1582 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Richard Lamden, 1597 in *IGI* (Odiham, Hants); Marye Lambdon, 1615 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Elisabeth Lambden, 1619 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants); George Lambdin, 1626 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 226; *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 197, 201.

## Lambdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts
- English: see **Lambden**.

## Lambe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1135, Ireland 1477
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Derry
- English: see **Lamb**.

## Lambell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
- English: see **Lamble**.

## Lambert

**Variants:** Lambert, Lambart, Lambard, Lampard, Lamperd, Lampert, Lampart, Lampport, Lamputt, Lampitt, Lambirth, Lamberth, Lambarth, Lammert, Limbert, Lombard, Lammers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21678, Ireland 1068
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16225
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; also Galway

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lambert* (Old French *Lambert*, Continental Germanic *Lambert*, *Lanbert*), probably introduced from Flanders, where Saint Lambert of Maestricht was highly venerated. The variants *Lamberd*, *Lambard*, and *Lampard* may alternatively belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lambertus, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs); Lambertus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Lambertus, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Lambard, 1296 in *Black*.

surnames: Gozelinus filius Lamberti, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Yorks); Richard lambert, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Simon Lamberti, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Peter Lambert, Lamberd', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Lambard, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Sussex); Thomas Lamparde, 1544 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Jenet Lambert, 1545 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Lambert, 1546 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); Anna Lampport, 1551, Elizabeth Lampart, 1623 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Lambert, 1552 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Martin Lampport, 1558, Martin Lampart, 1585 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Frances Lambert, 1591 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Jacob Lampord, 1612, John Lampert, 1613, Mary Lampport, 1776 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

2 English: see **Lambrick**.

3 English: see **Lambard**.

## Lamberth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Lambert**.

## Lamberton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; also Kent

1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Lamberton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Lamberton, about 1136 in *Dunfermline Register*; John de Lambertoune, about 1200 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; William de Lambirtoun, 1300 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; David Limbertoune, 1658 in *Kilbarchan Marriages*; James Lamberton, 1753 in *IGI* (Kilmaurs, Ayr); Janet Lamberton, 1764 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Gavin Lamberton, 1772 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); David Lamberton, 1798 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); Catharine Lamberton, 1826 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks).

England: Robert Lamberton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

2 English: see **Lamerton**.

## Lambeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Staffs and Warwicks

English: locative name from Lambeth (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lomheth, 1315 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Alicia Lambeth, 1545 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Alice Lambyth, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Addam Lambith, 1639 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Lambeth, 1710 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 22.

## Lambie

**Variants:** Lammie, Lamie, Lamey, Lammey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 968
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayrs, and Renfrews

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Lambi*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Lambi, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Elizabeth Lamby, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thos. Lampey, 1748 in *IGI* (Chideock, Dorset).

Scotland: Henry Lambi, 1281 in *Black* (Dundee); Mariora Lammie dothyr, 1527 in *Black* (Strathdee); Agnes Lammie, 1607 in *IGI* (Rattray, Perth); George Lammie, 1628 in *Black*; Agnes Lamby, 1675 in *IGI* (Galston, Ayrs).

## Lambirth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

English: see **Lambert**.

## Lambkin

**Variants:** Lamkin, Lampkin, Lumpkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Flemish personal name *Lambkin*, a pet form of the personal name **Lamb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lambekyn Flandrensis, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Lamekin filius Beatricis, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames, England: Nicholas Lambekyn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Lambekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cattal, WR Yorks); John Lamkyn, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Rogerus Lambkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Hugo Lambkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Naburn, ER Yorks); William Lamkyn', 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Mercye Lampkine, 1570 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Jone Lamkyn, 1572 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

surnames, Ireland: Nicholas Lamken, 1545 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451 (Thomastrete, Dublin); John Lampken, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3825.

## Lamble

**Variants:** Lambell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The second syllable appears reduced too early for the name to derive from Middle English *lomb-wol* 'lambswool'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lambel, 1328 in *Patent Rolls*; Rogerus Lammel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts);

Andreas Lamball, 1542, Richarde Lambell, 1548 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Julyan Lambole, 1562 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Lambole, 1563 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Amy Lamboll, 1577 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); John Lamble, 1630 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall).

## Lambley

**Variants:** Lamley, Lampley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Lincs; also Gloucs

English: locative name from Lambley (Notts) or Lambley (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Lambelay, 1367 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johanne Lambley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Leics); Johanne de Lamblay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Lamlay, 1412 in *York Freeman's Register*; Margeria Lamley, 1566 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Joane Lambley, 1569 in *IGI* (Nacton, Suffolk); Richard Lamley, 1573 in *IGI* (Whattton, Notts); John Lamley, 1613 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Richard Lambly, 1620 in *IGI* (Shenington, Gloucs).

Scotland: Robert de Lambeley, before 1248 in *Black*.

## Lamborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, Berks, and London

English: see **Lambourne**.

## Lamborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Lambourne**.

## Lambourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, Berks, and London

English: see **Lambourne**.

## Lambourne

**Variants:** Lambourn, Lamborn, Lamborne, Lamburn, Lamburne, Lampon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1560, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 792
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and SE England: esp. Berks

English: locative name from Lambourn (Berks) or, less probably, Lambourne (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lamborne, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alice de Lamborne, 1278 in *Court Rolls* (Wilts); Jacobo de Lamborne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lambourne, Essex); Willelmo de Lamborne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chignall, Essex); Thoma Lambourne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); John Lambourn, 1451 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Arthur Lamburne, 1575 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks).

## Lambrick

**Variants:** Lambert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lambricht* (Old English *Landbeorht*). The name mostly developed to **Lambert**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lambrichthus, Lambrihtus, 1196–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: Ricardus filius Lambricht, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Constantinus filius Lambrichti, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Lambryt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Lambrygt, Lambrith, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Lambrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Peter Lambrick, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Peter Lambrick, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Ann Lambrick, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Abel Lambrick, 1692 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minories, London); Betty Lambrick, 1744 in *IGI* (Harescombe, Gloucs).

## Lambrou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Lampros* 'shining, brilliant'.

## Lambshhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname meaning 'lamb's head', Middle English *lamb(e)*, *lomb* + *hed*, *heved*.

**Further information:** Compare John Lomesfot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), 'lamb's foot'.

**Early bearers:** Suetman Lambesheved, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Agnes Lambesheved, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Elizabetha Lamshed, 1556 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Richard Lambeshed, 1558 in *IGI* (Ilington, Devon).

## Lambson

**Variants:** Lamson, Lampson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Lamb** (a pet form of *Lambert*) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Lambeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Lambeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Thomas Lamson, 1464 in *Close Rolls*; William Lampson, 1558–1603 in *Bardsley*; Joyce Lamson, 1629 in *IGI* (South Cerney, Gloucs); Richard Lambson, 1636 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs).

## Lambton

**Variants:** Lampton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Lambton (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Lambeton', 1366, Percival Lambton', 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); William de Lambeton, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb and Durham); Ralph Lambton, 1565 in *IGI* (Lambton, Durham); Margaret Lambton, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Margaret Lampton, 1606 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Lamburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0

## Lamburne

- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks, Oxon, and Gloucs English: see **Lambourne**.

### Lamburne

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
- English: see **Lambourne**.

### Lamden

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 83
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and Berks
- English: see **Lamden**.

### Lamdin

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Hants and Wilts
- English: see **Lamden**.

### Lamerton

Variants: **Lamberton**

- Current frequencies: GB 334, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 258
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- English: locative name from Lamerton (Devon), which is recorded as *Lambertone* in 1232. **Early bearers:** John de Lamerton, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Marye Lamerton, 1560 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Harye Lambertson, 1581 in *IGI* (All Hallows Honey Lane, London); Jone Lamerton, 1590 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon).

### Lamey

Variants: **Lamy**, **Lampey**

- Current frequencies: GB 341, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 81
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Middx
- 1 Norman, English: variant of **Amey** with fused French definite article *l'*. Compare **L'Amie**.  
2 Scottish: variant of **Lambie**.

### L'Amie

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; WR Yorks
- Huguenot: nickname meaning 'the friend' in French, introduced to Britain and Ireland by the Huguenots in the 17th century. The form ending in *-e* is feminine, but this does not necessarily imply descent from a female forebear. Compare **Amey**, **Lamey**.

### Lamie

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and W Lothian
- 1 Scottish: see **Lambie**.  
2 Huguenot: variant of **Lamy** (French *ami* 'friend, lover') with fused French definite article. **Early bearers:** Susanne Lamie, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Lamin

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 88
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Lammin**.

### Laming

- Current frequencies: GB 721, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 614
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs; also Kent
- English: see **Lammin**.

### Lamkin

- Current frequencies: GB 213, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 114
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Kent; also Lancs
- English: see **Lamkin**.

### Lamley

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 67
  - Main GB location 1881: E Midlands: esp. Notts; also Northumb
- English: see **Lambley**.

### Lamm

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- English: see **Lamb**.

### Lammas

Variants: **Lammers**

- Current frequencies: GB 525, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 246
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Oxon; Worcs; also Norfolk
- English: locative name from Lamas (Norfolk) or Lamarsh (Essex), both recorded as *Lamers* in 1086. **Early bearers:** Briccius (de) Lammasse, 1190–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Lammers, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Lammesse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprowston, Norfolk); Joan Lammas, 1559 in *IGI* (Willingham, Cambs); Thomas Lammas, 1607 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Lammas, 1639 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk).

### Lammers

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- 1 Dutch, North German: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Lambert* (see **Lambert**).

**Early bearers:** Louis Lammers, tailor, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (Cheadle, Staffs); Peter Lammers, interpreter, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Bernard Lammers, bootmaker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Poplar, Middx); Robert Lammers, master bootmaker, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Poplar, Middx); Gys Lammers, tailor and draper, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).  
2 English: see **Lammas**.

### Lammert

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Lambert**.

### Lammey

Variants: **Lammie**

- Current frequencies: GB 5, Ireland 38

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Scottish: see **Lambie**.

### Lammie

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 146
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Ayr; also Lincs and Northants
- 1 Scottish: see **Lambie**.  
2 Scottish: see **Lammey**.

### Lammiman

Variants: **Lamyman**

- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: occupational name, status name 'servant of *Lambie* or *Lambin*'. See **Lammin**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Lamaman, 1463 in *York Freemen's Register*; Richard Lambeyman, 1521 in *York Guild Register*; John Lamyman, 1525 in *York Freemen's Register*.

### Lammin

Variants: **Lamin**, **Lamming**, **Laming**, **Lampen**, **Lampin**

- Current frequencies: GB 334, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lamb-in*, a diminutive of *Lamb* (Lambert). Lambert de Langham, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), is also called Lambinus. Compare **Lammiman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lambinus Frese, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Lambinus, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Lambinus, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs). surnames: Robert Lambin, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John Lambyn, 1302 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Lambyn, 1305 in *London Letter Books B*; Willelmus Lambyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brookland, Kent); Willelmo Lampine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Mabilia Lambyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); Henry Lambin, 1473 in *Kent Wills* (High Halden, Kent); Vynsen Lampen, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); John Lampyn, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); Edmund Lammin, 1562, Alice Lamin, 1613 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Mare Lammynge, 1562, Willm Laming, 1593 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs); Thomas Laming, 1582 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Willia Lamin, 1602 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Lamming

- Current frequencies: GB 536, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 284
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Lammin**.

### Lammon

- GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English, Scottish: variant of either **Leamon** or **Lamont**.

### Lammond

- Current frequencies: GB 101, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 59
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland and N England
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Scottish: see **Lamont**.

**Lamon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Lamont**.

**Lamonby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Lamonby in Skelton (Cumb), which is recorded as *Lambeneby* in 1267. **Early bearers:** [... de] Lambeneby, 1257, [... de] Lambenby, 1285, [... de] Lambineby, 1278, [... de] Lambynyb, [... de] Lambinby, 1286, [... de] Lamenby, 1301 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); William de Lambenby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dacre, Cumb); John Lamonby, 1573 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Cathrine Lambinby, 1788 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb). **References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 240–1.

**Lamond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1095, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 997
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus and Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Antrim
- Scottish: see **Lamont**.

**Lamont**

Variants: **Lamond, Lammond, Limond, Lemond, Lemont, Lamonte, Lemon, Lamon, Lammon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4019, Ireland 763
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2605
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Argyll
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Scottish personal name *Laomain* (Middle Irish *Lagmand*), Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian byname *Lögmaðr* (oblique stem \**Lagmann-*, *Lögmann-*), meaning 'law-man'. The name is traditionally pronounced with stress on the first syllable. See also English **Lawman**.

**Further information:** The Scottish clan Lamont claims descent from a 12th-century Irish prince called Ánrothán Ua Néill, a descendant of the legendary Irish king, Niall of the Nine Hostages. Ánrothán and his followers settled on the Cowal peninsula, which came to form the ancestral lands of Clan Lamont. However, over time the clan's lands were greatly reduced, mainly due to raids and massacres carried out by their neighbours of Clan Campbell (*Adam*). **Early bearers:** given names: Laumannus filius Malcolmi, 1230–46 in *Black*; Molmure filius Lagman, 1290 in *Paisley Register*; Lawemund McGreghere, 1292 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*. surnames: John Lawmond, 1456 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Cowal, Argyll); Margaret Lamont, 1607 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Lamont, 1643 in *IGI* (Anstruther Easter, Fife); Agnes Lawman, 1697 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth); Isabel Lawmont, 1771 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).

**Lamonte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Lamont**.

**Lamotte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Sussex; Durham
- Huguenot: locative name, variant of **Delamotte** with loss of the preposition. **Early bearers:** Francis La Motte, a refugee from Ypres, settled in Colchester in about 1562 as a manufacturer (*Smiles*, p. 416, *DNB*); David La Mott, 1626 in *IGI* (London).

**Lamp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London

1 English: variant of **Lamb**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus, Johannes Laumpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glandford, Norfolk); John Lamp, 1676 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); William Lamp, 1678 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); Henry Lamp, 1705 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Edn. Lamp, 1746 in *IGI* (Barford Saint Martin, Wilts); Joseph Lamp, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Morris Lamp, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Lampard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 918, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 722
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts

1 English: see **Lambert**.

2 English: see **Lambard**.

**Lampart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: see **Lambert**.

**Lampen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Lammin**.

**Lamper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Lamperd** with loss of *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Margret Lamper, 1576 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); John Lamper, 1598, Elizabeth Lamperd, 1606 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Henry Lamper, 1608 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

**Lamperd**

Variants: **Lamper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

1 English: see **Lambert**.

2 English: see **Lambard**.

**Lampert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

1 English: see **Lambert**.

2 English: see **Lambard**.

**Lampeter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Welsh, English: locative name from Lampeter (Cardigans) or Lampeter Velfrey (Pembrokes). **Early bearers:** Johanne Lampodar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pembridge, Herefs).

**Lampey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Middx

Norman, English: variant of **Lamey** with intrusive *-p-*.

**Lamphier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: possibly a variant of **Lampier**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Lampier**

Variants: **Lamphier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Not of Cornish-language origin; possibly to be compared with **Lanfear**, with which some or all of the later bearers spelled with *-ph-* may belong.

**Early bearers:** Michael Lampier, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Phillippa Lampire, 1620, Michaelis Lampier, 1631 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Alice Lamphier, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx); John Lamphire, 1685, William Lanpear, 1769 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); William Lampeere, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); An. Lampiar, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Erme, Cornwall); Thomas Lamphire, 1738, Joseph Lanphier, 1740 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Lydia Lamphier, 1777 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts); Jno. Lamphire, 1792 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Henry Lamphier, 1806 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**Lampin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Lammin**.

**Lampitt**

Variants: **Lamputt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *lam-pit* 'loam-pit, clay-pit'.

**Early bearers:** John de Lampet, Agnes Lampit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William atte Lamputte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Anthony Lampet, 1584 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs).

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Lambert**.

Compare **Lamputt**.

**Lampkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0

## Lampley

- GB frequency 1881: 69
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Lancs
- English: see **Lambkin**.

### Lampley

- GB frequency 1881: 3
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Lamplough** or, possibly, **Lambley**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lamplough

- Variants: **Lamplugh**, **Lampley**, **Vamplew**
- Current frequencies: GB 227, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 196
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Lamplugh (Cumb).  
Early bearers: Robert de Lamplo, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Cristiana de Lamploch', 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas de Landplough', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (unlocated); Thomas Lamplugh, 1432, Elizabeth Lamplough, 1437 in *Yorks Wills* (York); Richard Lamplugh, 1584 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); William Lamplough, 1614 in *IGI* (York); Eliz. Lamplugh, 1633 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).

### Lamplugh

- Variants: **Vamplew**
- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 115
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Lamplough**.

### Lampon

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Lambourne**.  
Early bearers: John Lampon, 1792 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey).

### Lamport

- Current frequencies: GB 407, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 303
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Hants
- 1 English: see **Lambert**.  
2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from one of several places called 'long market' (Old English *lang* + *port*), such as Langport (Somerset), Lamport (Northants), and Lamport in Stowe (Bucks).  
Early bearers: Johanne Langeport, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Ann Langport, 1819 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).  
3 English: see **Lambard**.

### Lamprell

- Current frequencies: GB 240, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Middx
- English: perhaps a diminutive of Middle English *lampreie* 'lamprey', with the suffix *-erel* seen, for example, in *pickereil* 'young pike' (compare **Pickerill**), and with reduction of *\*-prerel* to *-prel*.  
Early bearers: George Lamprell, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edmond Lamprell, 1618 in *IGI* (Sawston, Cambs); Henry Lamprell, 1623 in *IGI* (London).

## Lamprey

- Variants: **Launchbury**
- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 114
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon and Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *lamprey* 'lamprey' (Old English *lamprede*), an eel-like fish which was a highly prized food among the upper classes in medieval England, especially in pies, and required as payment of rent by some lords of manors. The nickname may have been given to someone who provided lampreys for the lord's table or who resembled a lamprey, perhaps a slippery fellow or a lecher.  
Early bearers: Richard Lampređa, 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); Lucy Lampreya, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas Lampray, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William Lamprye, 1539 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Richard Lampery, 1567 in *IGI* (Isle Abbots, Somerset); Elizabeth Lamprey, 1713 in *IGI* (Oddington, Gloucs).

## Lampshire

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 128
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- English: locative name from south-western Middle English *land-share* 'boundary' (Old English (specifically West Saxon) *land-scearu*).  
Early bearers: Gilbert de la Landsare, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de la Landschare, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Humphry Lampsheare, 1630 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Lampshire, 1676 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Michael Lampshire, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Michael Landshear, 1774 in *IGI* (Gerrans, Cornwall).

## Lampson

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Lambson**.

## Lamptey

- Current frequencies: GB 360, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

## Lampton

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 72
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Kent, and Notts
- English: see **Lambton**.

## Lamputt

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Herefs
- English: local variant of **Lambert** or **Lampitt**.  
Early bearers: Tho. Lambert, Lampott, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Thrupton, Herefs); Elizabeth Lampett, 1681, Maria Lambert, 1683, John Lampert, 1781 in *IGI* (Thrupton, Herefs); Phillipus Lampot, 1711, Anne Lampert, 1737, Mary Lambird, 1789 in *IGI* (Allensmore, Herefs).

## Lamsdale

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 70

- Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: variant of **Lonsdale**.

## Lamson

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon and London
- English: see **Lambson**.

## Lamy

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 45
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- Norman, English: see **Lamey**.

## Lamyman

- Current frequencies: GB 118, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 57
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Lammiman**.

## Lan

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蘭, meaning 'orchid' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name *Lan* (蘭), which was the given name of king Zheng Mu Gong (648–606 BC) in the state of Zheng. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Wu Luo Lan (烏落蘭) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) traced back to a family of the Southern Xiongnu (known in Europe as the 'South Huns'), a nomadic tribe located in ancient northern China.  
2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 藍, see **Lam** (1).  
3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 樂, see **Loan** (3).

## Lanagan

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 146
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: see **Lanigan**.

## Lanaghan

- Current frequencies: GB 190, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: IoM; Lancs; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Manx, Irish: see **Lanigan** and **Lenihan**.

## Lanahan

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: see **Lenihan**.

## Lanaway

- Current frequencies: GB 179, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 156
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: locative name from Llanaways in Godalming (Surrey), which is recorded as *Lanways Cross* in 1680.



**Early bearers:** Johanne Laneweye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Godalming, Surrey); Elizabeth Lanaway, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Anna Lanawaie, 1579 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 201.

### Lancake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Longcake**.

### Lancashire

**Variants:** **Lankshear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 710
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name from the county of Lancashire. **Early bearers:** Henrico Lanceltrecheir, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwick, Leics); Richard de Lancastreschire, 1387 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); James Lancashire, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Issable Lankesher, 1547 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Robart Lankesher, 1568 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Robert Lancashire, 1604 in *Chester Diocese Wills*; Richardi Lankeshire, 1643 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Lankshere, 1754, Anne Lankshier, 1781 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon).

### Lancaster

**Variants:** **Lankester, Langcaster, Loncaster, Lancastle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9175, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7299
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon; Wexford

English: locative name from Lancaster (Lancs). **Early bearers:** William de Loncastre, 1175 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); John de Lancaster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas de Langcastre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Lancaster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks); Alice Longcaster, 1494 in *York Guild Register* (York); Ales Lankester, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Lancaster, 1566 in *IGI* (Farnworth, Lancs); Alice Lanceltere, 1595 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Lancastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Durham

English: variant of **Lancaster**.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Lancastel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); John Langcastell, 1549, George Lancastell, 1550, Andrewe Langcaster, 1558 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johanna Lancastle, 1563, Thomas Lancaster, 1565 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Elyzabeth Lankester, 1641, Mary Landcastle, 1803 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Lancassell, Joseph **Lancaster**, 1771 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Lance

**Variants:** **Lanch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

1 English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Lanzo*, a pet form of names in *Land-*. Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lance Bliaut, 1185 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Lance prepositus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: Alice Lance, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Lance, 1237 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Caterina Lance, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denver, Norfolk); Florence Lance, 1547, Grace Lance, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Anys Lance, 1554 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Jhon Lance, 1581 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Lance, 1600 in *IGI* (West Harnham, Wilts).  
2 English: nickname either for someone who resembled a lance or for a soldier armed with a lance, from Middle English, Old French *la(u)nce*. It could also be a contraction of a longer phrasal nickname such as Middle English *Shakelance* or *Lancelevé* ‘(with) lance raised’.

**Early bearers:** John le Launce, son of William le Launce, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Lancefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from the lost manor of *Lambesfeld* in Crundale and Waltham (Kent). **Early bearers:** Ralf de Lambesfeud, 1285 in *Court Rolls* (Crundale, Kent); Richard de Lombesfeld, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wye hundred, Kent); Johannes Lambysfelde, 1453 in *Survey of Wye* (Crundale, Kent); Henry Lambisfeld, 1478 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Crundale, Kent); Richard Lambisfelde, 1488 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hythe, Kent); John Lancefield, 1522, Anne Lansfield, 1595, Elisabeth Launcefield, 1633 in *IGI* (Crundale, Kent); George Lansfeild, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Crundale, Kent).

### Lancel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Lansell**.

### Lanceley

**Variants:** **Lansley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lancelin* (Continental Germanic *Lancelin*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Launcelinus de Thorp, 13th cent. in *Peterborough Cartulary*.  
surnames: William Lancelin, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Henry Launcelyn, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Launcelyn, 1341 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); Johannis Launcelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ricardus Launceleyn, Robertus Launcelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helions Bumpstead, Essex); Nicholas Launcelyn, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Lissington, Lincs); Alis Landesley, 1626 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Lansley, 1659 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); Elizabeth Lanley, 1663 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Lansly, 1696 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Mary Lansley, 1717 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); Sarah Landslay, 1772 in *IGI* (Preston Candover, Hants).

### Lancelot

**Variants:** **Lancelott, Lancelotte, Laslett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lancelot* (Old French *Lancelot*, a double diminutive pet form of Continental Germanic *Lanzo*). Compare **Lance**, **Lancett**. **Early bearers:** England: Rauff Lancelott, 1506 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Agnet Lancelet, 1562 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Jacobe Launcelote, 1564 in *IGI* (Bekebourne, Kent); Robert Launcelot, 1584, Richard Lanclot, 1628, William Lanslet, 1664 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).  
Wales: Anne Lancelot, 1628 in *IGI* (Holt, Denbighs).

### Lancelott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Warwicks; Surrey

English: see **Lancelot**.

### Lancelotte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Lancelot**.

### Lancer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: occupational name, nickname, perhaps from Middle English *launceour* ‘one who throws (incendiary darts)’ or *launcere* ‘a lance’, though neither word is well evidenced (see *MED* at *launceour*).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Lancer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Ricardus Launcer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Prescote, Oxon).

### Lancett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Shrops

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English, Old French personal name \**Lancet*, a pet form of Continental Germanic *Lanzo*.

Compare **Lance**, **Lancelot**

**Early bearers:** Johanne Lanset, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Katherin Lancett, 1564 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Joyce Launcett, 1570 in *IGI* (Stottesdon, Shrops); Thomas Lancet, 1599 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops); Richard Lancett, 1647 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Margaret Lancett, 1668 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Lancey

**Variants:** **Lancy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Glamorgan
- French: possibly a locative name from Lancey (Isère), France, the same source as the more recent **Delancey**.

## Lanch

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Launsey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stow Maries, Essex); George Launcie, 1549, Eme Launicy, 1557, George Lancy, 1617 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Wylliam Lansye, 1549, John Lancey, 1631 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

Wales: John Lancey, 1817 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

### Lanch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: probably a variant of **Lance**.

**Early bearers:** Is Launche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Henricus Launsche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adingfleet, WR Yorks); Mary Ann Lanch, 1809 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Elizabeth Lanch, 1816 in *IGI* (Hunslet, WR Yorks); Samuel Lanch, 1821 in *IGI* (Kingston, Cambs).

### Lanchbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs
- English: see **Launchbury**.

### Lanchester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Durham and Northumb; SE England

English: locative name from Lanchester (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Heruis de Langecestre, about 1150 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Walter de Lancestre, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Anna Lanchester, 1562 in *IGI* (Alvingham, Lincs); Marierey Lanchaster, 1623 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); Isabel Lanchester, 1642 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); William Lanchester, 1709 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

### Lancing

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London
- Dutch: see **Lansing**.

### Lancy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs; Glamorgan

French: see **Lancey**.

### Land

**Variants:** **Lawn**, **Lant**, **Lands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2740, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2146
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, Lancs; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *launde* ‘glade’ (Old French *land*) or toponymic from a place named with this word, such as *Launde* (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Lande, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); James de la Launde, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henricus Launde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Richard de la Laund’, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Gosberton, Lincs); Willm Lant, 1562 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics); John Lant, 1585 in *IGI* (Wanlip,

Leics); Anne Land, 1618 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Lant, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Stukeley, Hunts); Widdow Lawne, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Landa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): variant of **Landau**.

**Early bearers:** David Landa, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Solomon Landa, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Hyman Landa, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Landale

**Variants:** **Landles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks; Lancs and WR Yorks

Scottish, English: see **Landells**.

### Landau

**Variants:** **Landa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from either of two places called Landau, one in the Palatinate, the other in Alsace. According to family history, the Jewish family name originated in the Palatinate.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Landau, glazier, born in Germany in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Landau, 1865, Frederick Landau, 1865, and Ernest Landau, 1866 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Frederick Landau, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Isaac Landau, Jewish minister, born in Krakow, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Westgate, Northumb); Jacob Landau, minister of Jewish synagogue, born in London, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Martin Landau, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Joseph Landau, bookseller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Morris Landau, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Landay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

Norman, English: see **Landy**.

### Landeg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Welsh: nickname from the soft-mutated form of *glandeg* ‘handsome’.

**Early bearers:** David Landegg, 1583 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Thomas Landage, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); John Landecke, 1650 in *Morgan and Morgan*; David Landeg, 1686 in *IGI* (Bishopston, Glamorgan); Alice Ann Landeg, 1714 in *IGI* (Llangyfelach, Glamorgan); Roger Landeg, 1766 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Rees Landeg, 1793 in *IGI* (Magum, Glamorgan); John Landeg, 1798 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 100.

### Landel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Scottish, English: see **Landells**.

### Landell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and London
- Scottish, English: see **Landells**.

### Landells

**Variants:** **Landels**, **Landles**, **Landless**, **Landel**, **Landell**, **Landale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; S Scotland: esp. Lanarks

Scottish, English: locative name from the district of Landelle(s) (Manche), recorded in the place-names Saint-Martin-de-Landelle and Saint-Brice-de-Landelles. The Norman surname appears with and without final *-s*.

**Further information:** The family was given the lordship of Hownam (Roxburghs) by William I of Scotland (1165–1214).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Landeles, 1165–74 in *Kelso Register* (Broxmouth, East Lothian); William de Landeles, 1227 in *Melrose Chronicle* (Howan, Roxburghs); Johannes de Laundellis, 1270–90 in *Melrose Register* (Howan, Roxburghs); William Landallis, 1390 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Oxnam, Roxburghs); Ellen Landels, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Beigs Landells, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elizat. Landells, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Landell, 1617, Christian Landale, 1689 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Landell, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); George Landell, 1645 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayr); Jean Landles, 1674, Margaret Landless, 1713 in *IGI* (Chirnside, Berwicks); Henery Landale, 1683 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife); Rosina Landles, 1768 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

England: Robert de Landeles, 1192–1205 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); John Laundel, 1326 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Robert Laundelles, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); James Landell, 1631 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Isabell Landale, 1642 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Johannis Landale, 1716 in *IGI* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs); Thomas Landless, 1718 in *IGI* (Doddington, Northumb); Alexander Landell, 1722 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Bethia Landels, 1723 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Landells, 1786 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); William Landles, 1768 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); James Landale, 1779 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Robert Landale, 1799 in *IGI* (Hunslet, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Landless, 1806 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

**References:** *Barrow, Kingdom of the Scots*.

### Landels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Berwicks, and Northumb

English, Scottish: see **Landells**.

### Landen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 13

- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also ER Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Landon**.

### Lander

Variants: **Landor**, **Landers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2627, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2029
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall; Staffs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Wexford
- English: variant of **Lavender**.

### Landers

Variants: **Launders**, **Landry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 589
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Cork

1 Norman, Irish: locative name from Norman French *de Londres* 'of London', gaelicized in Ireland as *de Londras*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas duf fitz Edmund Launder, 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2083; Gerrott Fitz Edmond Londry, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2587; William Duff Londrey, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Koylmore, kern); Edmund O'Lawndeyr, 1586, horseboy, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4867; John Launder, 1597, yeoman, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5095; Gerrott McThomas Londragh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498 (Kynard); Gerrott oge O'Londragh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498 (Kynard); Peirs Londres, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521.

2 English: variant of **Lander** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Christperus Landers, 1564 in *IGI* (York); An Landers, 1572 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Katherina Launders, 1595, William Landers, 1599 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); John Landers, 1632 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

### Landi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

Italian: relationship name, patronymic, or plural form of the personal name *Lando*, a short form of *Orlando* or similar.

### Landimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Landymore**.

### Landing

Variants: **Lending**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Middle English *landing*, Middle English, Old Scandinavian *lending* 'landing place, quay'. The Scandinavian form is frequently found in the names of landing places in medieval York, surviving in an altered form in Lendal Bridge. **Further information:** *Landing* is rare in Britain but occurs more numerous in the USA (*DAFN*).

**Early bearers:** Thoma del Lendying', 1377, Thoma atte Lendying, webster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Anthony Landyn, 1588 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Samuell Landing, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 292–3.

### Landles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Midlothian, Lanarks, and Renfrews

English, Scottish: variant of **Landale** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Landless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, and thinly scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: variant of **Landells**.

### Landman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Brecknocks, Monmouths, Herefs, and Somerset; also WR Yorks

English: nickname, status name from Middle English *londman*, \**landman* 'peasant'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Landman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Johannes Landman, cultor (cultivator, ploughman), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Johan Lanman, 1540 in *IGI* (Hacheston, Suffolk); John Landman, 1541 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Marie Landman, 1579 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Catherina Landman, 1594 in *IGI* (York); Johannes Lanman, 1612 in *IGI* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Hannah Landman, 1739 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

### Landon

Variants: **Laundon**, **Landen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 558
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Bucks; Staffs; Lancs; also Herefs
- English: locative name from Lavendon (Bucks), which is recorded as *Laundone* in 1232 and *Lavenden alias Launden* in 1639.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Laundon', in 1377 *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); John Launden', 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Horton, Northants); Thomas Lauenden', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Toddington, Beds); Alice Landen, 1559 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Landon, 1562 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Edward Landen, 1575 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Edward Landen, 1596 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); John Landon, 1625 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Tho. Landon, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Vowchurch, Herefs); Rebecka Launden, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); Sarah Laundon, 1733 in *IGI* (Sherington, Bucks); Mary Landen, 1734 in *IGI* (Cloughton, NR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 9.

### Landor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Lander**.

### Landray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex
- Norman, English: see **Landry**.

### Landreth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Berwicks; Lancs

English, Scottish: unexplained.

**Further information:** There is a lost place-name *Landraith* in Saint Blazey, Cornwall, and the surname may originate in a similar lost name (Brittonic *lann* 'enclosed cemetery' + *traith* 'ferry; beach') in the Borders.

**Early bearers:** England: George Landreth, 1667 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Tho. Landreth, 1668 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); George Landereth, 1715 in *IGI* (Kylloe, Northumb).

Scotland: Mairone Landreth, 1656 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Margrat Landreth, 1668, Wiliam Landereth, 1676 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); Lancelot Landreth, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Coldstream, Berwicks); George Landreth, 1690 in *Stitchill Court Records* (Coldstream, Berwicks).

### Landrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Landry**.

### Landricombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Irish: perhaps an altered form (in SW England) of **Landrigan**, which is itself an anglicized form of **Ó Longargáin**, see **Loneran**. The name may have been influenced by the many Devon place-names and surnames in *-combe*, and by the Devon dialectal 'composition-vowel' seen in forms like *Dartymoor*. **Early bearers:** Mary Landracome, 1793 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Jenny Landricomb, 1799 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon).

### Landrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cornwall
- English: see **Lundrigan**.

### Landry

Variants: **Landray**, **Landrey**, **Laundry**, **Lantry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Lancs

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Landri* (Continental Germanic *Landric(us)*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Landri, Landric(us), 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Gerard Landri, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus filius Landrei, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Landrye, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon).

## Lands

2 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *lavendrie* ‘wash house’. The surname may be either occupational for a worker in a wash-house or locative for a dweller at a wash house.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de la Lavendaria, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Robert de la Lauendrie, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Stephen Landry, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); Ann Landry, 1703 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent); Christopher Landry, 1706 in *IGI* (Crondall, Hants); Elizabeth Landry, 1720 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Nicholas Landry, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Lands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey and Sussex

English: variant of **Land** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Rebbecka Landes, 1547 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Jhon Lands, 1563 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex).

## Landsborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Ayr and Kirkcudbrights

English, Scottish: variant of **Londesborough**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Landsborough, 1795 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); James Lansborough, 1807 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Margaret Landsborough, 1813 in *IGI* (Tongland, Kirkcudbrights).

England: Richard Landsbrough, 1647 in *IGI* (London); William Henry Lansbrough, 1790 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Mary Lansbrough, 1795 in *IGI* (Brigham, Cumb).

## Landseer

**Variants:** **Lancer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Huguenot: probably a locative name from Lanchères, Somme, France.

**Early bearers:** Jonas Landshear, 1582 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Sacarias Lansere, 1610 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John George Landseer, born in Lincoln, 1762/3 in *DNB*; Thomas Landseer, 1765 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Landy

**Variants:** **Laundy, Landay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 355
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny; Dublin

Norman, English, Irish: variant of **Laney** with an intrusive *-d-*. In Ireland it has been gaelicized as **Leaindi**.

**Further information:** MacLysaght derives the Irish name from Anglo-Norman French *de la Launde* (Old French *laund* ‘glade’), which is found in Ireland since the 13th century. This is unsatisfactory unless the additional *-y* can be explained.

**Early bearers:** S England: John Landaye, 1541 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Jone Landey, 1562 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Alice Laundry, 1563 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Robert Lannndye, 1580 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Lvke Landie, 1591 in *IGI* (Titchfield, Hants); Tho. Landay, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall). N England: Elizabeth Landey, 1774 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: Donell McConoghor I Launy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540.

## Landymore

**Variants:** **Landimore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Landermere in Thorpe le Soken (Essex), which is recorded as *Landimer* in 1211.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Landimere, 1230, [ . . . de] Landemare, 1254 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); John Landimer, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Marie Landamer, 1632 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 353.

## Lane

**Variants:** **Laine, Layne, Lone, Loan, Leen, Lanes, Lyne, Lyons, Laney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27280, Ireland 2657
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20398
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Middle English *lane*, *lone* ‘lane’. Compare **Loyn**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de la Lane, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Osbertus in Lane, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Adam Ithelane, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Walter atte Lane, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas atte Lone, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger de la Lone, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Bartholomew Lane, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas in le lone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Hawkyn del Lane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Robertus Lone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Johan Lane, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); John Lane, 1539 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Margaret Lane, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Anne Lane, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Lane, 1540 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts).

2 Irish: from Ó **Laighin** ‘descendant of *Laighean*’, a byname meaning ‘spear, javelin’.

**Early bearers:** Dermicius or Derby Leyn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §115 (Litle llande, Waterford); Conncor mcShane I Leyne, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2511; John O’Leine, yeoman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3031 (Cloghmullige); Branne McAwly I Leyne, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152; Molaghlyn mcEe O’Leyn, gallowglass, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3442; Moriertagh O’Lein, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4628 (Carrigenassy, Cork); John O’Leyn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Melaghlin O’Leyn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Mahowne O’Leigne, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Kilkrea).

## Laner

**Variants:** **Lanner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English, Old French *lanour*, *lan(i)er* ‘woolmonger’. (ii) locative name from Middle English *laner* ‘one who lives in a lane’, a derivative of Middle English *lane* (Old English *lanu*) + *-er*. Topographical names in *-er* are mostly found in S England, especially Hants, Sussex, and Surrey.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Layner, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Hugo le Layner, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Lanour, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Joh’ le Laner’, 1309 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Lanour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmo Lanour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); Mary Laner, 1551 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants).

## Lanes

**Variants:** **Lones**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts; also Kent

English: variant of **Lane** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Susan Lanes, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabetha Lanes, 1563 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); William Lones, 1568 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Frannycs Lanes, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Lanes, 1588 in *IGI* (Wainfleet All Saints, Lincs); Bennet Lanes, 1595 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Benjamin Lanes, 1723 in *IGI* (York); Joseph Lones, 1803 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

## Laney

**Variants:** **Leaney, Landy, Laundy, Delaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 Norman, Irish, English: locative name from any of the many places in northern France called *L’aulnai* (Latin *alnetum* ‘alder grove’), including Launay (Eure), Launoy (Aisne), Laulne (Manche), or without the definite article Annay (Pas-de-Calais), and Aunay (Calvados, Eure-et-Loire, Seine-et-Oise, etc.). The name is synonymous with **Dawnay** and possibly **Dando**. It may also have developed to **Delaney**.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Aunei 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Henry de Launei, 1159–85 in *Templars Records* (London); William del Alnei, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William del Aune, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Jordan del Aunney, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Stephanus Lanye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilney, Norfolk); Robertus, Matilda, Willelmo, and Thomas Lawney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glaston, Rutland); Stephanus Laney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Hill, Cornwall); Johannes Laney, 1381, in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Elyzbeth Lani, 1563, Reynold Lany, 1579 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Elizabeth Lanye, 1577 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Roberte Lanye, 1586 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Elizabethethe Lanye, 1591 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Thomas Leany, 1602 in *IGI* (Aldington, Kent); Nycollas Leanie, 1613 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at Annay.

2 Irish: (i) reduced form of **McLaney**, see **McElhinney**. (ii) from Ó **Laighin**, see **Lane**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Laney, born in Cashel, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Spotland, Lancs).

**Lanfear**

Variants: **Lanphier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Monmouths, Gloucs, and Berks

Welsh, English: (i) locative name from any of the many places in Wales called *Llanfair*, for example Llanfair Caereinion (Montgomerys), from which the rare, and now lost, surname *Karynion* also derived. It appears here in an anglicized form with *-f-* for the Welsh [v] sound (spelled *f*) by spelling-pronunciation. Compare perhaps **Lampier**. (ii) The distribution of the name suggests an undiscovered alternative source. **Early bearers:** Joan Lanfrie, 1541 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Thomas Lanfere, 1585 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Edmund Lanfear, 1628 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Joseph Lanphier, 1740 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); James Lanfear, 1762 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Lanford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Langford**.

**Lang**

Variants: **Lange, Long, Lung, Laing, Layng, Leng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8947, Ireland 306
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6635
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs and WR Yorks; Devon and Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; also Cavan
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *lang*, *long* 'long, tall' (Old English *lang*, *long*).

**Early bearers:** England: Berard Long, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Godfrey Lunge, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Nicholas le Long, le Lung, 1290–2 in *London Letter Books C* (London); Adam ye Langge, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Langa, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Torrington, Devon); Reginald Lange, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Johannes Layng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Robertus Lange, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Polden, Somerset); Edi. Lang, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Wyllyam Lang, 1540 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Lang, 1574 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Christian Lange, 1636 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); James Lang, 1789, Frances Laing, 1829 in *IGI* (North Petheton, Somerset).

Scotland: William Lange, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Margaret Lang, 1606 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Mareoun Lang, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 冷 (**Leng** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) mispronounced form of the two Chinese surnames, 冷 and 伶 (*Ling*), which are said to be traceable back to Ling Lun (伶伦), a musician during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Kangshu, the ninth son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郎, see **Long** (5).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

**Langan**

Variants: **Langin, Long, Longan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1590, Ireland 1117
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Dublin and Meath

Irish: from Ó Longáin 'descendant of *Longán*', a personal name probably derived from *long* 'tall', or possibly from the homonymous *long* 'ship' and thus a byname for a seafarer. Sometimes anglicized as **Leonard**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Diermott O'Langán, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5610; Donogh O'Langán, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

England: Michael Langan, 1819 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Langbridge**

Variants: **Longbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs; Devon; WR Yorks; also Lanarks

English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *lang*, *long* + *brigge* 'long bridge' (Old English *lang* + *brycg*) or toponymic from a place so called.

**Early bearers:** William de la Langebrigge, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Langbrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); Johanne Langebrigge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chitterne, Wilts); Willelmus Longebregge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Langbrige, 1577 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Richard Longbrige, 1583 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Joh Langbridg, 1727 in *IGI* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Mary Langbridge, 1766 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**Langcake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Cumb

English: see **Longcake**.

**Langcaster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Lancaster**.

**Langdale**

Variants: **Langdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 523
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks and NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Langdale in Wykeham (NR Yorks) or more likely Langdale End in Hackness (NR Yorks), recorded in the stream name *Langedalebek* about 1265–72, and the home of one branch of the Langdale family since at least the 16th century.

**Further information:** For the history of this name see *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 11, pp. 372–431.

**Early bearers:** Patrick de Langedale, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Elena, Willemus Langdale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); John Langdale, 1402 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Alice Langdaile, 1541, John Langdale, 1554 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR

Yorks); Richardi Langdayle, 1559 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Richard Langdalle, 1573, Zacharias Langdale, 1588, Tho. Langdale, 1706 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Philip Langdale, 1673 in *Hearth Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Henry Langdell, 1709, Mary Langdale, 1756 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 99, 113; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Langdale in Orton (Westm). It is not known if it contributed to the Yorks surname or whether it survived at all into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Langdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); [ . . . de] Langedale, 1337 in *Place-Names of Westm*; Thoma, Johanne de Langedale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 43.

**Langdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Langdale**.

**Langden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Longden**.

**Langdon**

Variants: **Langdown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2507, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2314
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: locative name from Langdon (Devon, Dorset), Laindon (Essex), or Langdon (Kent). See also **Longden**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice de Langedun, 1201 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes Landone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Henricus Langdon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puddletown, Dorset); Henricus Langedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catcott, Somerset); Johan Langdon, 1544 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Wm Langdon, 1560 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Johane Langdon, 1568 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Edmund Langdon, 1585 in *IGI* (Ketteringham, Norfolk).

**Langdown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Langdon**.

**Lange**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Lancs

English: see **Lang**.

**Langer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Middx

1 German, Dutch, Danish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname for a tall man, from an inflected form of *lang*; see **Lang**.

## Langfield

2 English: see **Longer**.

3 English: locative name from Langar (Notts).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Langare, about 1190 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Richard de Langar, 1219–20 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Henry de Langhar, 1337, Robert de Langar, 1347 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert de Langar of London, girdler, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 227.

## Langfield

**Variants:** Longfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Sussex; Gloucs

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Longfield in Todmorden (WR Yorks), Longfield (Kent), Longfield Wood in Laughton (Sussex), and Longfield House in Hornchurch (Essex). In Yorks the name was occasionally confused with

**Longfellow.**

**Early bearers:** Robert de Langefeld, 1207–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John de Langefeld, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); [ . . . ] Langfeld, 1309 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); John de Longefeld, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roger de Longefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Langefeld, 1367, William Longefeld, 1393 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Henricus de Langfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Agnes Langfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langfield in Todmorden, WR Yorks); Agn' de Longfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Livesey, Lancs); William Langfeld, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Langfyld the weaver, 1549 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Rychard Langfyld, 1550 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Lawrence Langfield, 1630 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Anne Longfeild, 1684 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 175; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 403; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 115; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Langford

**Variants:** Longford, Lankford, Lanford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6935, Ireland 195
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4680
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick

English: locative name from any of several places called *Langford* (Norfolk) or *Longford* (Derbys, Gloucs, Hereford, Middx, Shrops, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Osm' de Langeford', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry de Longeford', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Blanche Langford, 1540 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants).

## Langham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1734, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1303
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: locative name from Langham (Dorset, Norfolk, Rutland, Suffolk), Langham Row (Lincs), or Longham (Norfolk), which was *Langham* in 1254.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Langham, 1201 in *Pleas* (Dorset); William de Langham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Langham, 1392 in *Highworth*

*Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Langham, 1540 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); John Langham, 1543 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alicia Langham, 1553 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Joane Langham, 1567 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Margrett Langham, 1574 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

## Langhorn

**Variants:** Langhorne, Longhorn, Longhorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and Westm

English: (i) nickname, apparently from Middle English *lang* 'long' + *horn* 'horn', later modified to Standard English *Langhorn*. Perhaps the nickname alluded to a long fingernail or toenail, one of the senses of *horn* in Middle English. (ii) locative name, perhaps from Longthorn Hill in Soulby (Westm), although the earliest record of this place (*Longhorne-crooke*, 1693 in *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 23) is very late; it may have been so called after the surname. John de Langhorn, king's sergeant, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*, who was killed on the king's service at Barnard Castle (Durham), is the earliest known bearer of the surname, but the preposition is not repeated in a subsequent reference to the killing and may be a scribal error.

**Early bearers:** John de Langhorn, Langhorn (deceased), 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas and John Langhorn, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); John Langhorne, citizen and brazier, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Langhorne, 1433 in *York Registry Wills* (Stainton, Cleveland, NR Yorks); John Langehorne, 1546 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Langhorne, 1557 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Dorthy Langhorn, 1567 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Thomas Langhorn, 1572 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Margaret Langhorn, 1584 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Richard Longhorne, 1596 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); David Langhorne, 1605 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Guliel Longhorn, 1652 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds); Edward Longhorn, 1657 in *IGI* (Caldbeck, Cumb); Rowland Langhorn, 1694 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Henry Longhorn, 1710 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); William Longhorn, 1715 in *IGI* (Little Driffeld, ER Yorks).

## Langhorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Langhorn**.

## Langhurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Longhurst**.

## Langin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Langan**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Langlais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

French, Huguenot: see **Langlois**.

## Langland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Northumb; Angus

1 Scottish: see **Langlands**.

2 English: see **Longland**.

## Langlands

**Variants:** Langland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 695
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Midlothian, Lanarks, and Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Langlands in Guthrie (Angus). There has probably been some confusion with the English surnames **Langland** and **Langlands**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Langland, 1364 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Charles Langlandis, 1531 in *Black*; Jamie Langland, 1567 in *Kelso Register*; James Langlands, 1576 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Matie Langlands, 1596 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Alexander Langlands, 1603 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Langlands, 1624 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margarit Longlands, 1635 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); James Langlands, 1666, John Longlands, 1668 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Jean Langlands, 1678 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus).

## Langler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Langaller in Bovey Tracey (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Emmanuel Langoller, 1565, Henry Langler, 1631 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); John Langleere, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Elizabeth Langaller, 1566, John Langler, 1577 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Nicholas Langelier, 1583 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 469.

## Langley

**Variants:** Longley, Longly, Lungley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9856, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6480
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places called Langley or Longley (in Kent, Sussex, Herts, Norfolk, Somerset, Shrops, Lancs, Durham, and many other counties). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Langelega, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Simon de Longelay, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto Langele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes de Langele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Ricardus Langelegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Johannes de Langlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snydale, WR Yorks); Henricus Langele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton,

Sussex); Thomas Langley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby, Warwicks); Johannes Langley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxall, Hants); Thomas de Longlegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Johannes Longeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Willelmus Langeleygh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Panfield, Essex); Robertus del Longlegh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reddish, Lancs); John Longley, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Langley, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Elizabeth Langley, 1517 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); William Langley, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Marg. Langley, 1540 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); George Langley, 1541 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Thos. Langley, 1541 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Rosse Lungley, 1549, Jho Lunglea, 1593, Zophonie Longley, 1597 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Annes Langley, 1551 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Christopher Langly, 1556 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Elizabeth Longley, 1562, Francis Lungley, 1607 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Ursula Langley, 1578 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Alicia Langlei, 1589 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Langlif* (Old Scandinavian *Langlif* 'long' + 'life' or 'body'). **Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Lanlif, 1209 in *Assize Rolls* (Witchingham, Norfolk); Ricardus filius Langlif, 1222 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannes Langlif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creak, Norfolk); Willelmi Langlyf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowmarket, Norfolk). **References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 286–7.

### Langlois

**Variants:** Langlais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; thinly scattered elsewhere

French, Huguenot: ethnic name from French *l'anglais*, Old French *l'anglois* 'the Englishman'. This is a common surname in the Channel Islands. In mainland Britain it is a Huguenot name. **Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Francoise Langlois, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Jean Langlois, 1641 in *IGI* (Jersey); Abraham Langlois, 1653 in *IGI* (Guernsey). England: Gedeon Langlois, 1614 in *IGI* (West Street French Huguenot church, London); Nichollas Langlois, 1629 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

### Langmaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Langmead**.

### Langman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 452
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Longman**.

### Langmead

**Variants:** Langmaid, Longmead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: locative name from Langmead in Sampford Courtenay (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Langmede, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); John Langmede, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Exeter, Devon); William Langmede, 1514 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Willus Langmaide, 1540 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); James Langmeade, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 200; *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 29.

### Langmuir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Longmuir**.

### Langner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: locative name from any of several places called Langen or Langenau in Germany and former German-speaking parts of E Europe (Silesia, Bohemia).

**Further information:** Reaney connects *Langner* with the now extinct English locative surname *Longnor*.

However, the very late appearance of the form *Langner*, exclusively in Middx, suggests that it is a recent introduction to England rather than a development of an extinct Shrops or Staffs name.

**Early bearers:** Julius Langner, in *Census 1871* (London); Joseph Langner, born in Derbys, in *Census 1871* (Derbys); Berthold Langner, born in London, in *Census 1871* (London); Joseph Langner, born in Valayne, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Simeon Langner, born in Leeds, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Myer Langner, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Louis Langner, born in London, in *Census 1891* (London); Nathan Myer Langner, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (London); Carl Langner, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Langran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Middx

English: unexplained; possibly from a Middle English *\*lange rane* 'frog's tongue', parallel to *lange serpent* 'snake's tongue', 'a tongue-shaped stone having the property of detecting poison'. In *MED*, *ranula*, *ranule* 'abscess under the tongue' is exemplified in about 1425 thus: 'Ranula..is a maner carnositee oblong vnder þe tonge lettynge þe acte of it to þe fourme of a rane, i. froske.' The surname may therefore be a nickname for someone with such an abscess.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Langran, 1592 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Dorithie Langran, 1607 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Lincs); Robertus Langram, 1621 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); John Langran, 1703 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs).

### Langrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Long Drax in Drax (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Langrak* in 1208 and *Lang(e)rick* in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Langrake, 1384 in *Patent Rolls*; Jenetae Langracke, 1580 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Langrick, 1665 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Matthew Langrick, 1683 in *IGI* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Ann Langrick, 1685 in *IGI* (Brantingham, ER Yorks); Joseph Langrick, 1723 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 11–12.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Langrick near Boston (Lincs), which is recorded as *Langrake* in 1260.

**Early bearers:** John Langrack, 1560 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Edmond Langracke, 1628 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 77.

### Langridge

**Variants:** Longrigg, Longridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2484, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1753
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: locative name from Langridge in West Hoathly (Sussex), and perhaps also from Longridge (Lancs), Langridge (Somerset), or other places so named.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Langgerugge, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Miche de Langeregg', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Simon' de Langeregg', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chailey, Sussex); Johan Langrig, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johannes Longeregge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burleigh, Sussex); Robertus Longerugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Willelmus Longerugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chailey, Sussex); Ricardo Langerugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); George Langrege, 1474 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Sandwich, Kent); Maria Langredge, 1568 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); John Langridge, 1612 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Francis Langridge, 1722 in *IGI* (Salesbury, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 273.

2 English: a variant of **Langrish**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Langridge, 1671, Nicolas Langrish, 1732 in *IGI* (Colemore, Hants); Ann Langrish, 1811, William Langridge, 1814 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants).

### Langrish

**Variants:** Langrishe, Langridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Surrey

English: locative name from Langrish in East Meon (Hants).

**Further information:** Reaney's suggestion that the surname may occasionally be a nickname from a derivative of Old French *langueuer* 'lassitude, inertia' (compare Robert le Langerus, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*) is unnecessary given the tellingly restricted distribution in 1881 (east Hants, west Sussex and west Surrey) and the consistency of the spellings in forms of *-ish*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Langerisce, 1199 in *Pleas* (Hants); Ralph de Langris, 1222 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Hugone Langrisc'h', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Elizabeth



## Langrishe

Langerissh, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Anthony Langrish, 1560 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Anne Langrishe, 1574 in *IGI* (Rogate, Surrey); Henrye Langrish, 1581 in *IGI* (Mid Lavant, Sussex); Nicholas Langrishe, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Meon, Hants).

### Langrishe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Langrish**.

### Langsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Lonsdale**.

### Langsford

Variants: **Lanksford, Lansford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: locative name from Langsford in Petertavy (Devon), which is recorded as *Lanxford otherwise Lanxharford otherwise Langsford* in 1785.
- Early bearers:** Jana Lanxford, 1597 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Agnes Lanxford, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Anne Langesford, 1607 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Judeth Langsford, 1622 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); John Lansford, 1688 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon); Charles Lanksford, 1720 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall).
- References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 232.

### Langshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Longshaw**.

### Langson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Langston**. This name has been altered by folk etymology as if from Middle English *lang son* 'tall son'.

### Langstaff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Longstaff**.

### Langstaffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Longstaff**.

### Langston

- Variants: **Langstone, Lanxon, Langson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1529, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 834
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; also Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name, perhaps from one of several places in SW and S England called *Langstone* (Devon, Cornwall, Hants), though the post-medieval distribution is mainly in the S and W Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Berengar de Langestan, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls*; Richard de Langeston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); John de Langeston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lamerton, Devon); Nicholas de Langeston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringmore, Devon); Thomas de Langeston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); John Langston', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Duns Tew and Cropredy, Oxon); John Langston', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludgershall, Bucks); John Langeston', 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Spetchley, Worcs); John Langeston, 1459 in *Birmingham Archives* (Caversfield, Oxon); Edmund Langeston, 1469 in *Birmingham Archives* (Kempsey, Worcs); John Langston', 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Stewkley, Bucks); Thomas Langston', 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Haddenham, Bucks); Joan Langston, 1535 in *IGI* (Stowe, Bucks); Anne Langson, 1555 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Jacob Langston, 1564 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Agnes Langstone, 1566 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon and Wheatley, Oxon); Crystyan Langston, 1574 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Mary Lanxon, 1578 in *IGI* (Gerrans, Cornwall); Samuel Langston, 1695 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Philip Lanxton, 1720 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Langstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Bucks; Essex
- English: see **Langston**.

### Langstrath

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Langstroth**.

### Langstroth

- Variants: **Langstrath**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Langstrothdale in Buckden (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Adam Langstra, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Ricardus Langstroye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Xpopher Langstroth, 1560, Anthony Longstrothe, 1568 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Gawine Langstrath, 1568 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Mathew Langstroth, 1639 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Annae Langstrath, 1715 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Christopher Langstroth, 1747 in *IGI* (Tatham Fell, Lancs).
- References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 117.

### Langthorn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Longthorn**.

### Langthorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Longthorn**.

### Langthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Longthorp**.

### Langthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Longthorp**.

### Langton

Variants: **Lanton, Longton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3652, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Leics; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois; Sligo

1 English: locative name from one or more of the many places called Langton or Lanton, including Langton Hall in Kirkby in Ashfield (Notts), Langton Lodge in Hendon (Middx), Langton (ER Yorks), Great and Little Langton (NR Yorks), East and West Langton (Leics), Langton by Horncastle, Langton by Spilsby, and Langton by Wragby (all Lincs), and Lanton (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Langeton', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John de Langeton, 1321 in *Place-Names of Middx* (Middx); Thomas de Langeton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); Henricus Langeton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Katheryn Langton, 1546 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Anne Langton, 1560 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Langton, 1564 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Katheren Langton, 1565 in *IGI* (Misterton, Leics).

References: *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 121; *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 60.

2 English: a variant of **Longton**.

**Early bearers:** Jenet Longton, 1567, Agnes Langton, 1570 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Elizabeth Langton, 1582, Betty Longton, 1767 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

### Langtree

Variants: **Langtry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Langtree in Standish (Lancs), and perhaps occasionally from Langtree (Devon).

**Early bearers:** NW England: Siward de Langetre, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Helen Langtree, 1565 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Samuel Langtre, 1764 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Samuel Langtry, 1785 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

SW England: Adam de Langhetre, 1331–4 in *Totnes Gild Rolls* (Devon); John Langetre, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Nicholas Langtrewe, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Thos. Langtree, 1539 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Annis Langtry, 1666 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 127.

### Langtry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants



- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Antrim
- English: see **Langtree**.

### Langwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman: see **Longville**.

### Langworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Durham; London
- 1 English: variant of **Longworth**.  
 2 English: locative name from one of three places called Langwith in ER Yorks, Notts, and Derbys, or from one of two places called Langworth in Lincs. All are recorded in Middle English as *Langwath* (Old Scandinavian *langa* + *vað* 'long ford') but the final element was later altered to *-with* or *-worth*.  
**Early bearers:** Rogerus Langwath', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Thomas Langworth, 1463 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

### Langworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Langworthy in Widecombe in the Moor or Langworthy in Bratton Clovelly (both Devon).  
**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Langewrthi, 1244 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Geoffrey de Langeworthi, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ipplepen, Devon); Robert Langeworthi, 1430 in *Bath Record Office* (Somerset); John Langworthy, 1561 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Hugh Langworthy, 1570 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Johanna Langeworthi, 1579 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Hyllery Langworthie, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 176, 529.

### Lanham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 758
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Hants and Wilts
- 1 English: locative name from Lavenham (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Lavenham alias Lanham*, 1583 in *Ancient Deeds*.  
**Early bearers:** Herbertus de Lavenham, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Lavynham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Thomas Lanham, 1558–79 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Peldon, Essex); Joane Lanham, 1577 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Thomasin Lanham, 1578 in *IGI* (Worlingworth, Suffolk); Ellyn Lanham, 1584 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Tomasin Lanum, 1635 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); William Lanham, 1641 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex).  
**References:** *Ancient Deeds* 6, p. 411; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 322.  
 2 English: locative name, perhaps from Upper and Lower Lanham in Old Alresford (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Lanham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); Edmond Lanham, 1606 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, IoW); William Lanham, 1641 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts); Thomas Lanham, 1654 in *IGI*

(Heytesbury, Wilts); James Lanham, 1683 in *IGI* (Broughton, Hants).  
**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 79.  
 3 English: locative name from Laneham (Notts).  
**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Lanum, 1191–1207 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Thomas de Lanum, 1323, John de Lanum, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Lanum, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Dorothea Lanham, 1581 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 53–4.

### Lanier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- French, English: occupational name, 'a dealer in wool', Old French *lanier*.  
**Early bearers:** William Lanyers, 1146 in *York Freeman's Register*; Terricus Lanier, about 1195 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*; Thomas Lanier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Lanier, 1562 in *IGI* (London).

### Lanigan

- Variants:** Lannigan, Lanaghan, Lanagan, Lenigan, Lonigan, Lorigan, Lonergan
- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 768
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Lonagáin 'descendant of Lonagán', a personal name that is apparently a double diminutive based on *lon* 'blackbird', although it may in fact be a variant of **Flanagan** with lenited initial *F*.  
**Early bearers:** John O'Lanagan, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §208 (gallowglasse); Dermot ower O'Lanecan, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §856 (Connaghe); Nicholas O'Lanegane, horseboy, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1305 (Kilkenny); Dermot mcConoghor I Lanegain, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077; William O'Lanegane (alias Lanegane), shoemaker, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1362 (Callan, Kilkenny).  
 2 Irish: see **Lenihan**.

### Laning

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- English: see **Lanning**.

### Lank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland, Lincs, Cambs, and Essex
- English: nickname from Middle English *lank* 'skinny, lean' (Old English *hlanc* 'long, narrow').  
**Further information:** The nickname also occurs as a personal name: Lanc Delere, about 1057 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Lanc, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Winterbourne, Berks).  
**Early bearers:** Avice Lanke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Lank, 1294 in *Close Rolls* (Fleet, Lincs); Richard le Lank, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); William Lank, chaplain, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Wellington, Herefs); Henricus Lank, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Kenelme Lanke, 1593 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Ann Lanke, 1628 in *IGI* (Gunby near Grantham, Lincs); John Lanke, 1684 in *IGI* (Willingham, Cambs).

### Lankester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Lancaster**.

### Lankford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Surrey and Hants; Staffs
- English: see **Langford**.

### Lanksford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Surrey
- English: see **Langsford**.

### Lankshear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Lancashire**.

### Lanman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Longman**.

### Lannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: see **Lennon**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Lannen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham; London; Lancs; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford; Mayo
- Irish: see **Lennon**.

### Lanner

- Variants:** Laner
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- 1 Huguenot: occupational name, perhaps from French *lanier* 'woolmonger'.  
**Early bearers:** William Laneire, 1618, Clement Laneere, Robarde Laneare, 1647 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Laneere, 1638 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).  
 2 English: see **Laner**.  
 3 English: locative name from Lanner in Gwennap (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** John Lannargh, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Robart Lanner, 1566 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Mary Lanner, 1573 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Mary Lanner, 1682 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Mary Lanner, 1839 in *IGI* (Saint Day, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Cornish Place-Names*, pp. 106–7.

## Lanni

### Lanni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name, Southern Italian, variant of **Landi**, which is a patronymic or plural from the personal name *Lando*, a reduced form of *Orlando* or *Rolando*.

**Early bearers:** Lorenzo Lanni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Paolo Lanni, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Lannie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (Glasgow)

Scottish: variant of **Lennie** (2).

**Early bearers:** Adam Lannie or Lennie, 1718, Adam Lannie, 1744 in *IGI* (Evie, Orkney); Christian Lannie, 1751 in *IGI* (Evie, Orkney); Elisabeth Lannie, 1771 in *IGI* (Dalry, Ayr).

### Lannigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: see **Lanigan**.

### Lanning

Variants: **Laning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset, Hants, and Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Lanyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harting, Sussex); Rychard Lanyng, 1602 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); William Lanning, 1617 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); Gabriel Lanning, 1699 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Thomas Lanning, 1799 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).

### Lannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Roscommon; Carlow

Irish: see **Lennon**.

### Lanphier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Welsh, English: see **Lanfeair**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lansberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants

English: see **Launchbury**.

### Lansbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and London; Oxon
- English: see **Launchbury**.

### Lansdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Lonsdale**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes Tobias Lonsdale or Lansdall, 1675–84 in *Parish Registers* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

### Lansdall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and NR Yorks

English: see **Lonsdale**.

### Lansdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, Middx, and Sussex; also Norfolk

English: see **Lonsdale**.

### Lansdown

Variants: **Lansdowne**, **Lanston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Oxon; London

English: locative name from Lansdown in Langridge (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Launtesdon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bitton, Gloucs); Johanne Lantesdoune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Johanne Lanston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swallowcliffe, Wilts); John Lansdown, 1544 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Judith Launson, 1570 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Agnes Lansdon, 1570, Johane Lawnsdowne, 1599 in *IGI* (Backwell, Somerset); Annes Lansdon, 1575 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Brydgett Launsonne, 1580 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Launson, 1608 in *IGI* (Camerton, Somerset).

### Lansdowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London

English: see **Lansdown**.

### Lansell

Variants: **Lancel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Huguenot: perhaps from Old French *ancel* 'servant', with fused French definite article.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Lansell, 1654 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps also a contracted form of the Middle English personal name *Lancelin*, see **Lanceley**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lansel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Launcel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Turf, Norfolk); Elizabeth Lansell, 1787 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Lansford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

English: see **Langsford**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lansing

Variants: **Lancing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Dutch: relationship name, patronymic from the Dutch personal name *Lans* (Germanic *Lanzo*).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Lansing, 1598 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Rejoyce Lansing, 1683 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizbth. Lansing, 1735 in *IGI* (Swallow, Lincs).

### Lansley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: see **Lanceley**.

### Lanston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Lansdown**.

### Lant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England (esp. Lancs; Hunts; Leics); also Aberdeens

English, Scottish: variant of **Land** with devoicing of the final consonant.

### Lanton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Langton**.

### Lantry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Norman, English: see **Landry**.

### Lanxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Langston**.

### Lanyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Lanyon in Madron (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John de Linyeun, 1244 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); John Lanyeyn, 1463, John Lanyeen, 1480, John Lanyen, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Baldwin Lanyon, 1561 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Jane Lanyne, 1561 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); John Lanion, 1562 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Steven Lenien, 1570 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Richard Lanyon, 1585 in *IGI* (Sancreed,

Cornwall); Thomas Lanyon, 1596 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); John Lanyen, 1652 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall).  
References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 138, 149; *Place-Names of West Penwith*, p. 56.

### Lanza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian (variant of Lancia): relationship name, nickname, or Spanish, from *lancia*, *lanza* 'lance', a nickname, perhaps from some fancied resemblance to a lance, or an occupational nickname for a lancer (a cavalry soldier armed with a lance) or a lance maker.

**Early bearers:** Guesualdo Lanza, 1810 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Aurora and Amelia Lanza, 1812 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Rosalia Lanze in *Census 1881* (Weston super Mare, Somerset).

### Lao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 婁 and 樓. Also alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 勞 and 老. See **Lau** (1–4).

2 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 劉 and 柳, see **Liu** (1) and (2).

### Lapage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lappage**.

### Lapham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: locative name, probably from Lopham (Norfolk).

**Further information:** The name in Kent appears to come from the extinct form **Lopham**, a locative name from Lopham (Norfolk), through unrounding of /o/ to /a/; compare the forms below with John Lopham, 1625 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Robertus de Lopham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Norfolk). John Lopham was appointed king's serjeant-at-arms in Bristol in 1395 *Patent Rolls*. His family may also have come from Lopham in Norfolk and he may be connected with the families in SW England, in which case this name has the same origin as that of the Kent name.

**Early bearers:** SW England: John Lapham, 1549 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Henrie Lapum, 1601 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Edith Lapham, 1605, William Lappam, 1617 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Somerset); Drew Lapum, 1604, Lapham, 1618 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Lappam, 1638 in *IGI* (Dilton, Wilts); Thomas Lapam, 1702 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Henry Lappham, 1717, Mary Loppam, 1757 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Somerset).

E England: Agnice Lappam, 1575, Elizabeth Lappeham, 1618, John Lappham, 1621 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

### Lapidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Devon

English: see **Lappage**.

### Lapish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Lappage**.

### Laporte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and London

Huguenot: locative name from French *la porte* 'the gate', e.g. of a walled town.

**Early bearers:** Jean La Porte, 1701 in *IGI* (Crispin Street French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, Middx); Madelaine Laporte, 1735 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Elizabeth La Porte, 1746 in *IGI* (Upper Gravenhurst, Beds).

### Lappage

Variants: **Lapage, Lapidge, Lapish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Staffs

English: occupational name from the Middle English personal name **Law** (a pet form of *Laurence*) + Middle English *page* 'page, servant' (compare **Page**).

**Early bearers:** John Lawpage, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Alice Lapage, 1539 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Julyan Lapege, 1562 in *IGI* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); Robert Lappadge, Thomas Lappage, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jo. Lawpage, 1587 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Bethia Lapage, 1595, Anna Lappadge, 1609 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Anne Lawpage, 1623 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts); Ed. Lappidge, 1632 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Anne Lawpidge, 1691 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Katharine Lapish, 1707 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks).

### Lapper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs

1 English: unexplained, but possibly an agent noun from the Middle English verb *lapen* 'to lap'. Compare Henry Lapewater, 1275–6 in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Laper, 1577 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Anne Lapper, 1673, Thomas Lappar, 1688, in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon); Thomas Lapper, 1697 in *IGI* (Dowdeswell, Gloucs).

2 English: possibly sometimes a reduced form of **Lapworth**.

### Lappin

Variants: **Lapping, Delap, Delapp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 582
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh

1 Irish: from Ó **Lapáin**, 'descendant of *Lapán*', perhaps a nickname from *lápán* 'mire, dirt' (used figuratively of a poor man) or from *lapán* 'little paw'. Sometimes anglicized as *Delap* or *Delapp* in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen O'Lappan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483; Donell O'Lapane and Patrick oge O'Lapane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portinuligan, Armagh); Edward Delap, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyaughnish, Donegal);

William Delap, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Street, Westmeath); Peter Lappan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Armagh); James Lappan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgall, Armagh).  
England: Patrick Lappin, 1812 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Mary Lappin, 1822 in *IGI* (Neilston, Renfrews).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lapin*, of unknown origin, though probably continental. Compare Lapin le Lumbard, 1327 in Patent Rolls (former Master of the Mint in the Tower of London).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lapinus Roger, 1317, Lapin Roger, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent and Essex); Lapin atte Chaunge, Lapin Kyngehamme, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent).

surnames: Robert Lapyn, 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Lapyn, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Lapyn, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Agnes Lapping, 1613 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Lappin, 1729 in *IGI* (Milton, Berks).

3 English: unexplained. It may be a derivative of Old English *læppa*, *lappa*, Middle English *lappe* 'lap (of a garment)', 'sleeve', 'small strip of cloth or hide', 'person's lap or bosom', 'flap of flesh', 'piece of land at the edge of an estate', but what sense the derived term might have when used as a surname is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Lappying, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newton le Willows, Lancs); Beatrix Lapyn, 1481 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Margery Lappinge, 1582 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Lapping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Lanarks; Lancs, WR Yorks, and scattered in S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

Irish, English: see **Lappin**.

### Lapsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, Lanarks, W Lothian, and Renfrews; also Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone

Scottish: unexplained. Possibly locative, though no source has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Colin Lapslie, 1571 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Lapslie, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Blairskaith, Dunbartons); Katherine Lapslie, 1607 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Collein Lapslie, 1642 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings); Alexander Lapslie, 1682 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

### Lapthorn

Variants: **Lapthorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Lapthorne in Modbury, Lapthorne in Dittisham, or Lophthorne in Thornbury (all in Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Loppedethorn, 1330, [ . . . de] Loppethorn, 1366 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Walter de Loppidethorne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornbury, Devon); Helewise de Loppedathorn',

## Lapthorne

1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Robert Lapthorne, 1560 in *Devon Record Office* (South Milton, Devon); William Lapthorne, 1594 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon); Mildred Lapthorne, 1601 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Steaven Lapthorne, 1603 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Mathew Lapthorne, 1612 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Ann Lophthorn, 1700 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 169–70, 281, 323.

## Lapthorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Lapthorn**.

## Lapwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: variant of **Lapworth**.

## Lapworth

Variants: **Lapwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 584
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Gloucs, Oxon, and Leics

English: locative name from Lapworth (Warwicks).  
Early bearers: John de Lappeworth, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas de Lapworth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Lapworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Rogerum Lapworth, 1381–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Eathorpe, Warwicks); Margaret Lapworth, 1547 in *IGI* (Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Thomas Lapworth, 1547 in *IGI* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Margareth Lapworth, 1570 in *IGI* (Eastleach Martin, Gloucs); Walter Lapworth, 1572 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs); William Lapworth, 1605, Wm. Lapwood, 1727 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Elizabeth Lapworth, 1620 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Mary Lapwood, 1641 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Martha Lapwood, 1809 in *IGI* (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks).

## Larard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Larrett**.

## Larbalestier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: variant of **Alabaster**, with a fused form of the Old French definite article *le*.  
Early bearers: Channel Islands: Jean Larbalestier, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey).

## Larbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Larby**.

## Larby

Variants: **Larbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey; also Northumb

English: unexplained; possibly a French locative name from *Lherbé*, *Lherbet* ‘grassy place’, which appears as a surname in France, with regular English lowering of [e] to [a] before [r] + a consonant.

Further information: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

Early bearers: SE England: Joyce Larbey, 1584 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Bartholmew Larby, 1591 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Christopher Larby, 1591 in *IGI* (Bramshot, Hants); Elizabeth Larby, 1597 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants); Robert Larbee, 1620 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Abraham Larby, 1681 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Anne Larby, 1686 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); William Larbey, 1731 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

NE England: John Learbie, 1578 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Elizabeth Larby, 1779 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

## Larcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, Huguenot: variant of **Archer**, with fused Old French definite article *le*.

Early bearers: Joshua L’Archer, 1749 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Marie Marthe L’Archer, 1750 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot church, London).

## Larcom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Larcombe**.

## Larcomb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Larcombe**.

## Larcombe

Variants: **Larcomb**, **Larcom**, **Larcum**, **Larkham**, **Lavercombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1419, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 932
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Dorset and Devon

English: locative name from Larcombe in Cutcombe (Somerset), Larcombe in Diptford or Larcombe in Blackawton (both Devon).

Early bearers: [ . . . de ] Levercumbe, 1244, [ . . . de ] Levercome, 1296, [ . . . de ] Leverkecomb, 1320 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Sonora de Lercomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harberton, Devon); William Leuercomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ugborough, Devon); Edith de Leuercomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Andrew Lercombe, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Larcombe, 1569 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); Thomas Larkham, 1575 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Richard Larcome, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Larcum, 1578 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Christian Lavercombe, 1593 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); John Larcombe, 1595 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Mariane Lavercombe, 1601 in *IGI* (Bratton Fleming, Devon); Thomas Larcumbe, 1602 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Rose Lavercombe, 1603, Agnes Lavercome, 1607 in *IGI* (Landkey,

Devon); Lawrence Larcombe, 1605 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Tamsin Larcomb, 1609 in *IGI* (Fowey, Cornwall); Roberte Larcombe, 1612 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Robt Larcombe, 1635 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset); John Larkam, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Henry Larcombe, Robert Larkham, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); William Lavercombe, 1722 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset).  
References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 301, 317.

## Larcum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Larcombe**.

## Larden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: locative name from Larden Green in Faddiley (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Laurthyn* in 1348.

Early bearers: John de Laurthyn, 1365 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Faddiley, Cheshire); Philip de Laurdyn, 1372 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Cheshire); [ . . . ] Lawrdyn, 1448 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Richardus Larden, 1564 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Hierome Larden, 1588, Anne Lardyn, 1594, Ursula Lardine, 1599, John Lardon, 1611 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Larden, 1592 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); Thos. Larden, 1640 in *IGI* (Wolford, Warwicks).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 143.

## Larder

Variants: **Larter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks; Somerset

1 English: occupational name from a simplified form of Middle English *larderer*, a derivative of Old French *lardier*, originally ‘a tub to keep bacon in’, later, ‘a room in which to keep bacon and meat’; hence ‘officer in charge of the larder’. David Larderer is identical with David le Lardener (about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*); see **Lardner**.

Early bearers: Bernard Larderer, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Alicia Lardar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Thomas Larder, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Ralph Larder, 1563 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Peter Larder, 1592 in *IGI* (South Elkington, Lincs); Damaris Larder, 1608 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs); Everold Larder, 1619 in *IGI* (South Cockerington, Lincs); Tho Larder, 1716 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, occupational name, occasionally from Middle English *larder* ‘larder’ (Old French *lard(i)er*).

Early bearers: Peter de Larder, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Thomas del Larder, 1304 in *Close Rolls*; Elizabeth Larder, 1566 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Nicholas Larder, 1576 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Andrew Larder, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Lyonele Larder, 1599 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

## Lardge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Large**.

**Lardiner**

- GB frequency 1881: 2
- English: see **Lardner**.

**Lardner**

Variants: **Lardiner, Larner, Larnder**

- Current frequencies: GB 447, Ireland 160
- GB frequency 1881: 310
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Oxon; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway

1 English: occupational name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *lardiner* ‘officer in charge of a larder’, also ‘the officer who superintended the pannage of hogs in the forest’. Compare **Larder**.

Early bearers: David Lardener, le Lardener, Lardiner, 1161–81 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Lardiner, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); John Lardyner, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Stephen Lardener, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Horncastle, Lincs); Thoma Lardyner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Lardener, 1418 in *PROB 11* (Barkby, Leics); Marian Lardner, 1602 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Simon Larner, 1610, Elisabeth Lardner, 1625 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Lorgnáin, which MacLysaght states as having a different origin from Ó Loirgneáin, see **Lernihan**.

**Lardy**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: nickname, perhaps for a fat or heavy person. The English adjective *lardy* is first recorded in the sense ‘fat, bulky, heavy’ in 1666 (*OED*) but may have existed earlier; it is derived from Middle English *lard*, Old French *lardé* ‘cured pork, bacon; pork fat’. Early bearers: Johannes Lardy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk).

**Largan**

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Cumb and Durham

Irish: see **Lernihan**.

**Large**

Variants: **Lardge**

- Current frequencies: GB 4500, Ireland 153
- GB frequency 1881: 3024
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Lancs; Norfolk; Kent
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Laois and Tipperary

English: nickname from Middle English *large* ‘generous, lavish; ample, big, broad’ (Old French *large*).

Early bearers: Geoffrey (le) Large, 1204–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William le Large, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Wargrave, Berks); Ricardus Large, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Paddlesworth, Kent); Willelmus Large, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Howsham, ER Yorks); Henricus Large, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Fransham, Norfolk); Thomas Large, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); John Lardge, 1570, Blanch Large, 1573 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); William Lardge, 1586 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Ales Large, 1593 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

**Largent**

- Current frequencies: GB 103, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and E Anglia
- English: variant of **Argent** with fused Old French definite article *le*.

Early bearers: John Largeant, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Largent, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Wigborough, Essex).

**Largey**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 117
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh
- Irish: perhaps from Ó Lairgneáin, a form of Ó Loirgneáin, see **Lernihan**.
- Early bearers: Scotland: Patrick Largey, 1858 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).  
England: Rachel Largey, 1856 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
Ireland: Patrick Largey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); James Largey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Owen Largy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcumrerragh, Offaly).

**Largue**

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens and Banffs; also Cumb

Scottish: locative name from Largue in Forgue (Aberdeens) or, less probably, Largue in Cabrach (Banffs).

Early bearers: Scotland: Isobell Largue, 1689 in *IGI* (Forgue, Aberdeens); William Largue, 1713 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs); Peter Larg, 1716 in *Black* (Dunbennan, Aberdeens); Isobel Largoe or Largue, 1742 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).  
England: Jane Largue, 1842 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

**Larham**

Variants: **Larum**

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Cambs

English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Dennys Larram, 1592 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Larum, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Robert Larham, 1655 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk); John Larum, 1718 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants); John Larom, 1722 in *IGI* (Bozeat, Northants); Sarah Larram, 1819 in *IGI* (Little Harrowden, Northants); George Larham, 1830 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Charlotte Larum, 1843, David Larham, 1852, in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

**Larimer**

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- English: see **Lorimer**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Larimore**

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
- English: see **Lorimer**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Lark**

Variants: **Larke, Laverack, Laverick, Laveric, Laverock, Loverock**

- Current frequencies: GB 563, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 651
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia (esp. Norfolk); Devon and Cornwall; scattered elsewhere

English: nickname from Middle English *larke, laverak, laverok, leverok, leverk, loverke* ‘lark’ (Old English *lāwerce, lāwerce*).

Early bearers: Juliana Laueroc, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Ralph Larke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Lauerk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Lark, 1539 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Anne Larke, 1546 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Joannes Laverock, 1565 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Richard Lark, 1566 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); William Larke, 1583 in *IGI* (Worstead, Norfolk); Marye Larkes, 1619 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Mary Laverick, 1639 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**Larke**

- Current frequencies: GB 435, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 313
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Lark**.

**Larkey**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 49
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: reduced form of **Mullarkey**.

**Larkham**

- Current frequencies: GB 192, Ireland 89
  - GB frequency 1881: 113
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants, Wilts, and Dorset; also Notts
- English: see **Larcombe**.

**Larkin**

Variants: **Larking, Lorkin, Lorking, Larkins**

- Current frequencies: GB 5612, Ireland 4005
- GB frequency 1881: 2684
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Lancs; Kent and Middx; also Durham; Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway, Offaly, Kilkenny, Wexford, and Tipperary; Dublin; also Armagh

1 English: relationship name from a diminutive of *Lar-*, *Lor-*, pet forms of the Middle English personal name *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**). Compare **Lakin**.

Early bearers: Adam Lartkyn, Thomas Lorekyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Lorkyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Lorkyn, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wingham hundred, Kent); Simon Lorkyn, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Guilsborough, Northants); Richard Lorkyn, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Herne, Kent); Robert Larkyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Lorkin, 1539 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Margaret Larkin, 1540 in *IGI* (Barnston, Essex); John Lorkine, 1563 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); John Lorking, 1609 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk).

2 Irish: from Ó Lorcáin ‘descendant of Lorcáin’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *lorc* ‘fierce, cruel’, which was sometimes used as an Irish equivalent of **Lawrence**.

## Larking

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mahowne O'Arcan, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5009 (Belleneboilly, Cottier).  
England: Hen. Larkin, 1756 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Larking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex and Middx

English: variant of **Larkin**.

### Larkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1061, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England (esp. Kent) and E Anglia

English: variant of **Larkin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Eduardi Larkins, 1601 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Richard Larkins, 1628 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Larkins, 1659 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent).

### Larkman

Variants: **Larman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: occupational name, status name, probably from Middle English *Lark* + *man* 'servant of (a person surnamed) **Lark**', a name well evidenced in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Larkeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxton, Oxon); Ela Larkman, 1570 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mathew Larman, 1578 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Robert Larkeman, 1597 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Ketteringham, Norfolk); Temperance Larkman, 1603 in *IGI* (Cringleford, Norfolk); Thomae Larman, 1609 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Philippe Larkeman, 1613 in *IGI* (Worstead, Norfolk); Robt Larkman, 1631 in *IGI* (Wooburn, Bucks); Henery Larman, 1671 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); William Larmon, 1833 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds).

### Larman

Variants: **Larmon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Beds, and Essex

English: variant of **Larkman** with loss of *-k*.

### Larmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Norman, English, Scottish: variant of **Armour**, with fused Old French definite article *le*.  
**Early bearers:** Else Larmer, 1579 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Joane Larmer, 1616 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Nathaniell Larmer, 1631 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs).  
2 Scottish, Northern Irish: see **Lorimer**.

### Larmon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Larman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Larmor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: variant of **Armour**, with fused Old French definite article *le*.

### Larmour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 476
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England (esp. Lancs) and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Norman, English, Scottish: variant of **Armer**, with fused Old French definite article *le*.  
2 Irish, Scottish: see **Lorimer**.  
3 English, Scottish: see **Armour**.

### Larn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: possibly a nickname from Middle English *laroun* 'thief' (Old French *laron*).

**Early bearers:** Richardo Larne, 1560 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Edward Larne, 1577 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Tho. Larne, 1628 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Larn, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Larnach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness, Angus, Midlothian; also Durham

Scottish: regional name from Gaelic *Latharnach* 'man from Lorne (Gaelic *Latharn*)', a region in the west of Scotland, now absorbed into Argyll.

**Early bearers:** William Larnach, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; John Larnach, 1715 in *IGI* (Watten, Caithness); Katharine Larnach, 1772 in *IGI* (Bower, Caithness); Margaret Larnack, 1853 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness).

### Larnder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: (i) metathesized form of **Lardner**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Larner** (2) with intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Larnder, 1712 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); John Larnder, 1726 in *IGI* (Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucs); Thomas Larnder, 1755 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Larner

Variants: **Lerner**, **Learner**, **Larnder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1556, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 941
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Oxon; Norfolk; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: see **Lardner**.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Lardner, 1662, Mary Larnar, 1688 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Ambrose Larner, 1669, Tho. Lardner, 1722 in *IGI* (Chadlington, Oxon).

2 Norman, English: locative name, a local pronunciation of the Suffolk name *Lawney*. This could derive from places in Normandy called *Launay* etc. (see **Laney**), but the earliest surname form, de Lauuene (1327) fits better with a different Norman place-name, Lavenay (Sarthe), with vocalization of *-v-* to *-w-*.

**Further information:** According to Reaney, Larner's Wood in Little Saxham (Suffolk) owes its name to the family of Edmund de Lauuene (1327 *Subsidy Rolls*); the wood is called *Lawners Wood* in 1638. Compare Lawney's Farm near Hesselton, Suffolk.  
**Early bearers:** Edmund de Lauuene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Lawney (ploughman), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); James Larner, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Elysabeth Larnner, 1623 in *IGI* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Mary Larner, 1635 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Norfolk); Willyam Larner, 1662 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Larner, 1705, Charlotte Larner, 1816 in *IGI* (Newmarket, Suffolk); Thomas Larner, 1777, Sarah Larner, 1858 in *IGI* (Suffield, Norfolk).

### La Roche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: variant of **Roche** with French definite article *la*.

**Further information:** *Smiles*, p.416 records 'La Roche, a refugee from Bordeaux, originally named Crothaire, whose son became MP for Bodmin in 1727. His grandson, Sir James Laroche, Bart., also sat for the same borough in 1768.'

**Early bearers:** Henry La Roche, 1697 in *IGI* (London); Madeleine La Roche, 1705 in *IGI* (Rider Court French Huguenot Church, Westminster).

### Larrad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Larrett**.

### Larrard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; WR Yorks
- English: see **Larrett**.

### Larrett

Variants: **Larrad**, **Larrard**, **Larard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, Middx, and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Laret*, *Lariet*, *Larot*, and *Lariot*, pet forms of *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**, **Larry**).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Larot', Johannes famulus Johannis Larot', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Yeldham, Essex); Richard Laryot, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Laratt, 1538 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Agnes Larratt, 1573 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Marye Larrett, 1579 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); George Larrett, 1597, Elizabeth Larrat, 1607 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Mary Larett, 1649 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Larret, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Larrott, 1711

in *IGI* (Backford, Cheshire); Elizabeth Larrard, 1746 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Larrimore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Lorimer**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Larrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

English: locative name from Leverington (Cambs), recorded in 1348 as *Luringtune*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Lorrington, 1605 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Thomas Lorrington, 1661 in *IGI* (Stonesby, Leics); Elizabeth Lorrington, 1722 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Edward Lorrenton, 1777 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Leics); Robert Lorrington, 1791, Eleanor Larrington, 1804 in *IGI* (Wisbeck, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 276.

### Larry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from the Middle English personal name *Larry*, a pet form of *Laurence*, see **Lawrence**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Larye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); William Lary, 1643 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Elyzabeth Larye, 1553 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); John Larye, 1589 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Marye Larry, 1610 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Sarah Larry, 1783 in *IGI* (Holdgate, Shrops).

### Larsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 42

- **GB frequency 1881:** 203

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. N England Danish, Norwegian: from the male given name *Lars* + the suffix *-sen* 'son'.

**Further information:** It is highly likely that names of this origin sometimes appear in the record with *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Larsen, merchant, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Lars Larsen, tailor, born in Norway, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Lars Larsen, shop porter, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Jacob Larsen, nurseryman, born in Denmark, in *Census 1891* (Enfield, Middx); John Larsen, bricklayer's labourer, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Nottingham, Notts); Anders Larsen, watch repairer, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Larson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Lar*, a pet form of *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**) + *-son*. Compare **Lawson**, **Lowson** and **Lorrison**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Larson, 1562 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Elizabeth Larson, 1610 in *IGI* (West

Wycombe, Bucks); Arthur Larson, 1613 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Margery Larson, 1613 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).

### Larsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Swedish: relationship name from the male given name *Lars* + *son* 'son'.

**Further information:** There are earlier bearers whose place of birth is either unstated or within Britain.

**Early bearers:** Petter Larsson, tailor, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Oscar Larsson, hairdresser, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Hammersmith, Middx); Gerda Larsson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Arvid Larsson, gardener, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Saffron Walden, Essex).

### Larter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 557

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Larder**.

**Early bearers:** John Larter, 1581 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Jno. Larter, 1690, James Larter, 1704 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Larter, 1729 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Fressingfield, Suffolk).

### Lartey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Larum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Cambs

English: see **Larham**.

### Larvin

**Variants:** **Lavin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 120

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; Warwicks and Staffs

English: variant of **Lavin** (1).

**Early bearers:** Cecily Larvin, 1837 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thaddeus Larvin, 1851 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Margaritae Larvin, 1863 in *IGI* (North Shields, Northumb); Georgius Larven, 1874 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Larwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 164

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from *Larwode*, a lost place-name in Horstead (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Lauerwode* in about 1260, *Larwode* in about 1350, and *Larwode Hyrne*, *Larwode Lyng Common* in 1586.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Larwode, 1299 in *Norwich Deeds* (Norfolk); William de Larwode, 1303 in *Norwich Deeds* (Horstead, Norfolk); Johannes de Larwode, Thomas Larwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); Richard Larwode, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Larwoode, 1524 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Larwode, 1546 in *IGI* (Lamas with Little Hautbois, Norfolk); Hellen Larwood, 1550 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Thomas Larwood, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Julian Lerwood, 1746 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). **References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 83; *Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames*, pp. 86–7.

### Lary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Devon

Irish: see **Leary**.

### Laryea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained name of Gã origin.

### Lascelles

**Variants:** **Lessels**, **Lessells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 331

- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. WR Yorks; scattered in S England

Norman: locative name from one of the large number of places in Normandy called *Celle*, *Celles*, *Lacelle*, *Leschelle*, or *Lachelle*, all from French *celle* 'hermitage', and at different times occurring both with and without the plural *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Lacleles, about 1150 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Pigot de Lasceles, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); John Lascel, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Wyllm. Lasselles, 1576 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Susanna Lascelles, 1598 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks).

### Lasenby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lazenby**.

### Laser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name from Middle English *laser*, Old French *laceor* 'maker of strings or laces'.

**Early bearers:** Will. le Lacer, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; Nich. le lacer, 1303, Henr. le lacer, 1311 in *York Freeman's Register*; Rich. le Lacer, 1333 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Joh. Lasur, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Rogero Lasowr', Johanne Lasur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belgrave, Leics); Giles Laser, 1619 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Henry Laser, 1622 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics); Mary Anne Laser, 1825 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Matilda Laser, 1827 in *IGI* (Croxall, Derbys); Elizabeth Laser, 1829 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset).

### Lash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 159

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

1 English: nickname from Middle English *lach(e)*, *lash*, *laish* 'lax, slow to act, lazy, cowardly, negligent' (Old French *lasche*).

## Lasham

**Early bearers:** Johannes le Lache, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*; Johannis le Lach, 1290 in *Manorial Select Pleas*; Cristiana la Lache, 1310 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Waltero Lash, 1327, Waltero Layssh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holnest, Dorset); Johannes Lache, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Lassh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whelpley, Wilts); Willelmus Lasch', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Teignharvey, Devon); Walterus Lassh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bincombe, Dorset); Richard Lash, 1554 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Juda Lashe, 1561 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Katheren Lash, 1566 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Tabitha Lashe, 1591 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Edward Lash, 1670 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

2 English: the post-medieval name may alternatively be an altered pronunciation of **Lass**.

## Lasham

Variants: **Lassam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Kent
- English: locative name from Lasham (Hants).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Lasham, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Lasham, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*; Editha Lassum, 1540 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Anne Lashame, 1576, Sara Lassom, 1603 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Oliver Lassam, 1576 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); John Lassambe, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); John Lashame, 1591 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); William Lasham, 1593 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Cathren Lassam, 1597 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Elizabeth Lasham, 1735 in *IGI* (Pembury, Kent).

## Lashbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Lashbrook in Bradford (Devon), which is recorded as *Lachebrook* in 1346.
- Early bearers:** John Lachebroke, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Joanna Lachbrooke, 1588, George Lashbroke, 1645 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Lachbrooke, 1610 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Edward Lashbrook, 1614 in *IGI* (Monk Okehampton, Devon); John Lachbrook, 1665, Richard Lachbroke, 1670 in *IGI* (Boyton, Cornwall).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 132.

## Lashford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Latchford**.

## Lashley

Variants: **Lashly, Laishley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants; Durham and Northumb; Staffs
- English: locative name of unknown origin; possibly from Latchley's Farm in Steeple Bumpstead (Essex), though it is not clear whether this name, on record from the 14th century, is rather from the surname; or perhaps from Latchley Hall in Lindsell (Essex).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Lachelegh, 1326 in *Somerset Archives* (North Molton, Devon); Waltero Lacheleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westoning, Beds); John Lashley,

1574, Robert Lasley, 1606, Isabell Lashly, 1658, Joseph Laishly, 1663 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Anne Lashley, 1591 in *IGI* (London); Christopher Lashlie, 1632 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Lashly, 1651 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Isabell Lashly, 1658, James Lasley, 1713, in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Laishly, 1683 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Thomas Lashleigh, 1687 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); David Lashley, 1693 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); James Lashly, 1693 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); James Lashley, 1793 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 420, 487.

## Lashly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Lashley**.

## Lashman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Lashmar**.

## Lashmar

Variants: **Lechmere, Lashmore, Latchmore, Lashman, Lassman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey, Middx, and Hants
- English: locative name from one or more of the many minor places called *Lachemere* or *Lechemere* ('boggy pool' in Middle English), such as Latchmere House in Ham (Surrey), Latchmoor Farm in Brockenhurst (Hants), Letchmore Heath in Aldenham and Letchmoor Green in Stevenage (both Herts). In Sussex, where the surname is most frequent (appearing in Lashmars Hall in Henfield and Lashmar Wood in Wivelsfield), the place of origin may be represented by Lashmar Road in East Preston, which is recorded as *Lachemere* in 1321 and *The Great Lashmars* in 1841.

**Early bearers:** William Lechemere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Portslade, Sussex); John Lachemer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingston by Sea, Sussex); William Lechemere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albourne, Sussex); John Lechemer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); Edward Lachemer, in 1373 *Sussex Custumals* (*Chichester*) (Henfield, Sussex); Robertus Lechemer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Georg Lashmer, 1543, John Lashmere, 1587 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Sarah Lashmer, 1548 in *IGI* (Lindfield, Sussex); Tomsen Lashmore, 1565 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex); Frances Lechmere, 1568 in *IGI* (Fownhope, Herefs); Margaret Lachmor, 1588 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); John Lachmar, 1604 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); John Lashmer, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Roger Letchmore, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Fownhope, Herefs); Edmund Lechmere, 1673 in *IGI* (Black Bourton, Oxon); Thomas Lashmer, 1715 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Richard Lashmar, 1806 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); Thomas Lashmore, 1875 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 57–8; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 207; *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 61, 139; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 217, 306–7; R.W. Standing, *Field-Names of Angmering, Ferring,*

*Rustington, East Preston and Kingston* (Nottingham: English Place-Name Society, 1984), p. 37.

## Lashmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Shrops; Gloucs; Hants
- English: see **Lashmar**.

## Lask

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- Scottish: see **Leask**.

## Laskey

Variants: **Lasky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Norfolk
- 1 English: unexplained; seemingly originating in Devon as *Loskey* or *Luskey*, and spreading into Cornwall from there in the mid-17th century, eventually appearing with both *-a-* and *-o/-u-* in both counties.
- Further information: There is no warrant for deriving it from the place-name *Lesquite* in Lanivet (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** John Laskey, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abbotskerswell, Devon); Richard, Gregory, and Alice Loskey, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chagford, Devon); Gregory Laskey, 1567, Johan Laskye, 1568 in *IGI* (Ilington, Devon); Katherine Laskye, 1576 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Francis Loskey, 1581, Julian Laskey, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Crystover Laskay, 1584, Joan Lasky, 1592, John Laskew, 1583, John Laskaye, 1596 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Lawrence Loskye, 1600 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon); Walter Lusky, 1641 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Antony, Cornwall); Henry Laskey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Mary Laskey, 1671 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Arthur Luskey, 1677 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall); Jacob Laskie, 1681 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Agnes Laskee, 1693 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).
- 2 English: unexplained, but the spread of spellings might suggest that this originates from (1).
- Early bearers:** Mary Laskye, 1662 in *IGI* (Gayton, Norfolk); Mary Lasky, 1761 in *IGI* (Hethel, Norfolk); Margaret Loskey, 1809 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); James Lusky, 1812 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

## Laskowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of various places in Poland and adjacent lands called Lasków, Laskowa, or Laskowo. As a Jewish name it was sometimes adopted as an ornamental name.
- Early bearers:** Simon Laskowski, 1862 in *BMD* (Bedminster, Somerset); Roman Laskowski, 1877 in *BMD* (Saint Giles, London); Michael Laskowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Israel Laskowski, 1899 in *BMD* (Hackney, Middx); S. Laskowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Dartford, Kent); Francesca Roxane Laskowski, 1909 in *BMD* (Fulham, Middx).

## Lasky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Laskey**.

### Laslett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: a 16th-century Kentish development, with loss of *-n-*, of the Cheshire surname **Lancelot**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Lacelett, 1586 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (living for some 40 years in Harbledown, Kent; born in Nantwich, Cheshire); Margreat Lawslet, 1560, William Lauslet, 1563, Gorge Laslet, 1581, Parnell Lacelet, 1602, Hester Laselett, 1606 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Thomas Laslet, 1668 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).  
**References:** *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*, DCb/PRC/39.

### Lasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish: see **Leslie**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Lass

- Variants:** **Less**, **Lash**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *lesse*, *lasse* ‘smaller’, perhaps ‘the younger’. There seems to be evidence for the development of the name to *Lash* in Chickney parish, Essex.  
**Early bearers:** William Lesse, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Lesse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ralph le Lasse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Las, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Hamo Laas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johannes Las, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickney, Essex); Herry Lasse, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Lasse, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); William Lash, 1731 in *IGI* (Chickney, Essex); Elizth. Lass, 1777 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).  
 2 Manx: see **Lace**.

### Lassam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Lasham**.

### Lassester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: see **Leicester**.

### Lassetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Leicester**.

### Lassey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs Norman, English: see **Lacey**.

### Lassiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Leicester**.

### Lassman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: probably a variant of the strongly Sussex name **Lashmar** arising through substitution of the familiar *-man*.  
**Early bearers:** John Lashman, 1647 in *IGI* (West Dean near Seaford, Sussex); Thomas Lashman, 1676 in *IGI* (Selmeston, Sussex); William Lassman, 1726 in *IGI* (London); John Lashman, 1727 in *IGI* (Clawton, Devon).

### Last

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2919, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2375
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *last* ‘the last, the latest (one)’. Compare **Lait**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *last*, *lest* ‘a wooden mould of the foot for a shoemaker’, perhaps used of a mould-maker (compare **Laster**) or a shoemaker.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Last, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Julia Laste, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Jane Last, 1565 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Last, 1592 in *IGI* (Morley Saint Botolph, Norfolk).

### Laster

- Variants:** **Lester**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *laster*, *lester* ‘one who makes shoemaker’s lasts’ or ‘one who shapes boots or shoes on a last’. See **Last** and compare Hugo Lastemaker, 1395 in *Nottingham Borough Records*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas le Lastur, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Laster’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Elizabeth Laster, 1562 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

### Latch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Monmouths and Glamorgan
- English: variant of **Letch** or **Leech**.

### Latcham

- Variants:** **Latchem**, **Latchman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from Latcham in Wedmore (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Lacham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wedmore, Somerset); Richardus Latcham, 1569,

Tabitha Latcham, 1573, Alice Latchem, 1592, William Latchem, 1628 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

### Latchem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Latcham**.

### Latcher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Letcher**.

### Latchford

- Variants:** **Letchford**, **Luetchford**, **Lutchford**, **Lashford**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Herts and Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry
- 1 English: locative name from Latchford (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Locheforde, 1391 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Alice de Lacheford, 1411 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Clifton, Cheshire); Henricus Latchford, 1558 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Robert Latchforth, 1562 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Grace Lachford, 1580 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Barrow, Cheshire); Alice Latchford, 1589 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 143.  
 2 English: locative name from Latchford in Great Haseley (Oxon).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lacheford’, 1207–8 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); Philip de Lecheford, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henry Lacheford’, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Talmage, Oxon); An Letchford, 1569 in *IGI* (Addington, Kent); Sarah Latchford, 1672 in *IGI* (Ridley, Kent); Joshua Latchford, 1720 in *IGI* (Kensworth, Herts); Elizabeth Latchford, 1776 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 129.

### Latchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 English: (i) possibly an occasional variant of **Lashman** or **Lassman**. (ii) apparently an irregular variant of **Latcham**, which is frequent in the records of Wedmore (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** Hannah Latchman, 1785 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).  
 2 Indian: Hindu, from Sanskrit *lakṣmana* ‘endowed with auspicious marks; fortunate’. See also **Lakhanpal**.  
**Further information:** This name is found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Latchmore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- English: see **Lashmar**.

### Lateef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Latif**.

### Lathall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0

## Latham

- GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Bucks
- English: see **Lathwell**.

### Latham

Variants: **Laytham, Lathom, Lathem, Lathan, Leatham, Laden, Ledden**

- Current frequencies: GB 9169, Ireland 89
- GB frequency 1881: 6088
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Warwicks; also Devon and Somerset
- Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered

1 English: locative name from Lathom (Lancs), occasionally perhaps from Laytham (ER Yorks). Further information: Reaney also allows origin from Latham in Hepworth or Latham in Wadsworth, both in WR Yorks but recorded much too late (1771 and 1817); see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 244, and 3, p. 206.

Early bearers: Robert de Latham, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Lathan, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Lathum, 1547 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Laytham, 1563 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Jane Latham, 1565 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Mary Lathan, 1636 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham).

2 English: locative name from either Kirkleatham or Upleatham (NR Yorks). This name is probably the main source of *Leatham, Leetham, etc.* but it is difficult to separate from that in (1). Redmonds notes William Lathom alias Lethom, 1573 in *York Registry Wills* (Nottingham).

Early bearers: Johannes de Lethom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Richard Lethom, 1418 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Lethome, 1526 in *York Registry Wills* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Thomas Lethame, 1546 in *Knaresborough Wills* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); John Leathome, 1598 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: perhaps also from an unidentified place in SW England, although migration of the Lancs and Yorks surname in (1) cannot be ruled out.

Early bearers: Walter Latham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry de Latham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Lathum, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Pyrton, Oxon); Agnes Lathan, 1542 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Thomas Lathum, 1548 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Henrie Lathum, 1579 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

### Lathan

- Current frequencies: GB 309, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 119
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Durham, Northumb, and Lancs; also Aberdeens

English: see **Latham**.

### Lathbury

- Current frequencies: GB 217, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 190
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Warwicks, Derbys, and Northants

English: locative name from Lathbury (Bucks).

Early bearers: [. . . de] Lattesbri, 1199 in *Place-Names of Bucks* (Bucks); Hugh de Letebury, 1297, Ralph de Latthebury, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ralph de Lathebury, 1307, John Lathbery, 1420 in *Derbys Record Office* (Derbys); Walter Latthebery, 1391 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Wallington, Herts); Alfred de Lathebury, chivaler, 1402, Alfred Lathebury, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Nicholas Lathbery, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Allexander Lathbury, 1558 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Johannes Lathbury, 1563 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Thomas Lathbury, 1575 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Rich. Lathbury, 1673 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); Ann Lattbery, 1691 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Lathbury, 1802 in *IGI* (Welford, Northants).

References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 8.

### Lathe

Variants: **Leathes, Leath**

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *lathe, laithe, leithe* 'barn' (Old Scandinavian *hlada*). The name could also be occupational, for somebody who worked in a barn: compare Henry Latheman, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs). (ii) locative name, alternatively possibly from Middle English *leith, laith* 'track' (Old Scandinavian *leið*).

Early bearers: Marg. atte Lathe, 1281 in *Worcs Middle English Dialect* (Worcs); Gilbert del Lathes, 1296 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard del Lathes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Adam del Laythes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Sibota at Layte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Johannes del Lethe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Richard Lath, 1572 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Eleanor Lathe, 1605 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs).

### Lathem

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 98
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; also Gloucs; Renfrews

English: see **Latham**.

### Lathey

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 111
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: unexplained; perhaps from an adjective in *-y* from the dialect noun *laith* 'ease, rest, remission of pain', a North Country word but also found in east Devon.

Early bearers: Robert Lathy, 1645 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); Dorothy Lawthy, 1669 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Lathey, 1691 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Johannes Lathy, 1681 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Edith Lathy, 1692 in *IGI* (Lyme Regis, Dorset); Elizabeth Lathy, 1696 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Thomas Lathie, 1700 in *IGI* (Wootton Fitzpaine, Dorset); Lydia Lathey, 1715 in *IGI* (Musbury, Devon).

References: *English Dialect Dictionary*.

### Lathia

- Current frequencies: GB 116, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

### Lathom

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 193
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Latham**.

### Lathrop

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Lathrope**.

### Lathrope

Variants: **Lathrop**

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Laythorpe**.

Early bearers: Margery Lathrop, 1649, Peter Lathropp, 1658 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Abigail Lathrop, 1657 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Lathwaite

- GB frequency 1881: 2
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Laithwaite**.

### Lathwell

Variants: **Lathall**

- Current frequencies: GB 274, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Beds and Bucks; also Lincs

English: unexplained. If the *-w-* is original, then from an unidentified place-name, perhaps the obscure *Ladywell* or *Leadwell* in Turvey (Beds).

Early bearers: Nicholas Lathell, gent., 1461 in *London Husting Wills* (London); John Lathwell, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willms Lathwell, 1579 in *IGI* (Grimoldby, Lincs); Richard Lathwell, 1596 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Margaret Lathwell, 1604 in *IGI* (Marsworth, Bucks); Tho. Lathwell, 1609 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Elizabeth Lathwell, 1613 in *IGI* (Billington, Beds); Sar Lathall, 1687 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Daniel Lathell, 1689 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Ann Lathell, 1710 in *IGI* (Amphill, Beds); William Laithell, 1715 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

### Lathwood

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 92
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant of **Laithwaite**, remodelled as if from a place-name with Middle English *wode* 'wood' (Old English *wudu*) as the second element. Compare **Leathwood**.

### Latif

Variants: **Lateef**

- Current frequencies: GB 3257, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *laṭif* 'kind, gentle'.

Further information: *Al-Laṭif* 'the Kind' is an attribute of Allah. This name is also found in the combination '*Abd-al-Laṭif* 'servant of the Kind'.

### Latimer

Variants: **Lattimer, Lattimore, Latimore**

- Current frequencies: GB 2222, Ireland 268
- GB frequency 1881: 1150
- Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. Lancs; Northumb and Durham; also S Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Fermanagh, Cavan, and Monaghan

English: occupational name from Middle English *latimer*, *latemer*, *latiner* 'one who can read or write Latin, a scholar, interpreter, or translator' (Old French *latinier*, *latim(m)ier*, Latin *latimarus*, *latinarius*). Compare **Lattin**. This name may sometimes have been confused with **Latner**.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo Latinarius, Interpres 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Robertus Latinus, Latinarius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent), Robertus Latimir, 1087 in *Canterbury Domesday Monachorum* (Kent); Ralph Latimarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Gocelinus le Latimer, 1102–7 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); William (le) Latimier, le Latimer, 1163–85 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Latener, 1332 in *Thureson* (Essex); John Latymer, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Desborough, Northants); Roberto Latymer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Stephanus Latemer', 1377, Stephano Latymer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Callow, Herefs); Thomas Latimer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Richard Latoner, Latomer, notary, 1485 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Mary Latimer, 1606 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Jaine Latimer, 1625 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); John Lattimore, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
Scotland: Beatrix Latimer, 1646 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Latimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Latimer**.

### Latin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Lattin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Latner

**Variants:** **Ladner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name from Middle English *latoner*, *latener*, 'worker in or maker of latten' (a derivative of Old French *laton* 'brass'). This name may sometimes have been confused with **Latimer**.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Latoner, 1306 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Richard le Latoner, 1311 in *London Letter Books D* (London); William le Latouner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Latoner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Nicholao Latoner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Latoner, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Robert Latner, 1602 in *IGI* (London).

### La Touche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

Huguenot: locative name from one of several places called *La Touche* in France, for example that in the Drôme department, and a number of smaller places in western France.

**Further information:** David de la Touche fled to Amsterdam and served in the Irish campaigns and at the Battle of the Boyne (1690). Dignes de la Touche

established a silk, cambric, and poplin factory in Dublin (*Smiles*, pp. 407–8).

**Early bearers:** Abraham La Touche, 1706 in *IGI* (La Savoye French Huguenot church, London).

### Latson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Kent
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Letson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Latson, 1706 in *IGI* (Knarsdale, Northumb).

2 English: variant of **Leston**. Compare Thomas Leston, 1617, John Thomas Latson, 1860 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

### Latta

**Variants:** **Latto**, **Lathey**, **Latty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayrs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: a Scottish form of **Lawtey** (see **Luty**).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Janet Latty, 1637, Grissell Latta, 1657 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Agnes Lattay, 1677 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); James Lattay, 1677, Lata, 1709 in *Black*; James Latta, 1726 in *IGI* (Dunlop, Ayrs).

England: Thomas Latty, 1766 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb).

### Latten

**Variants:** **Latton**, **Letton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Kent

1 English: locative name, see **Letton**.

2 English: locative name, probably from Latton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Lathon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Willimu. Latten, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Dorithie Latton, 1570 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Thomas Latten, 1605 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon).

3 English: (i) nickname from Middle English, Old French *Latin*, *Laten*, *Latein* 'Latin (-speaking, -writing)', a name for someone who could read and write Latin, a scholar (compare **Latimer**). This surname has probably become confused with (1) and any of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong there. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *latoun*, *laten*, *latin*, *latton*, *lateine* 'latten, brass', an alloy of copper, tin, etc. used in making utensils. Perhaps given to a maker of latten or latten goods; compare **Latner**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Latyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Lattyne, John Latten, 1562, Jone Laten, 1620 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); John Leton, 1569 in *IGI* (Offham, Kent); Willm Latton, 1631 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Eliz. Letton, 1641, Jane Lattayne, 1645 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Latten, 1715 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Robert Letton, 1780, Sarah Catherine Letten, 1811, George Roberts Latten, 1839 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); William Latin, 1813, Richard Letten, 1825, Joseph Latten, 1829, Thomas Letten, 1831, Edward John Letton, 1854 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent).

### Latter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 779
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent and Sussex

English: occupational name from Middle English \**latter* 'lath-maker' (a derivative of Old English *lætt* 'lath'). Compare Hugo le Lattewright, 1268 in *Fransson* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Latier, 1199 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Robert le Latthere, vintenarius, 1318 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Robert Latter, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmo Latere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Robert Latere, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Latter, 1548 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Ralph Latter, 1556 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**References:** *Fransson*, pp. 157–8.

### Latney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Latta**.

### Lattimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb; also S Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone; Meath
- English: see **Latimer**.

### Lattimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Rutland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Latimer**.

### Lattin

**Variants:** **Latin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *latin* 'Latin', used to refer to someone who could read and write Latin. Compare **Latimer**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Lattyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); Dorothie Latin, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henrici Lattin, 1625 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Wm. Lattin, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robert Latin, 1708 in *IGI* (Spixworth, Norfolk); William Latin, 1719 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); John Lattin, 1761 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb).

### Latto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Angus
- Scottish: see **Latta**.

### Latton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts; Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Letton**.  
2 English: see **Latten**.

**Latty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Latta**.

**Latus**

**Variants:** Lewtas, Lutas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *latewys*, apparently a compound of *late* + *wise* 'lately wise' or 'belatedly wise; wise after the event'. The surname has been reduced to *Latus* and through folk etymology reinterpreted as *Lat(e)house*. It may also have been confused with **Lettice** and **Letts**.  
**Early bearers:** Alan Latewis, early 13th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Jordan Latewys, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Latewys, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II* (Lancs); Thomas Latewys, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Robertus Latewys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Latewys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Culcheth, Lancs); Margrete Lathouse, 1550, William Latwis, 1552, Wm. Lewtus, 1619, John Leautis, 1653, Ann Laytus, 1791, Mary Latus, 1844 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Johes Latus, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Henrye Latus, 1591, Ferdinando Latus, 1670 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Nicholas Laytus, 1608, William Latus, 1612, Jane Latewise, 1632 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); George Latewise, 1614 in *Lancs Wills* (Myerscough, Lancs); William Lutus, 1656 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Margaret Lattus, 1669 in *IGI* (Inskip, Lancs); Richard Leutas, 1673 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); William Lettes, 1674, Elizabeth Latus, 1754 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs); John Lewtas, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); Jon Latehouse, 1703, Mary Letas, 1714 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Lancs); Elianor Lutas, 1745 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Ralph Latus, 1750, William Lettis, 1752 in *IGI* (Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Lewtass, 1763 in *IGI* (Bispham, Lancs).

**Lau**

**Variants:** Lo, Loh, Lao, Low, Lowe, Lou, Chin, Law

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4096, Ireland 149
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 婁 (**Lou** in Mandarin pinyin), a name of one of the 28 constellations in ancient Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name Zhu Lou (邾婁), the name of a state (located in Zouxian in Shandong province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), also known as the state of Zou (鄒) or Zhu (邾). (ii) from the place-name Lou (婁), the name of a fief (located in Zhucheng in Shandong province) in the state of Chu. (iii) from the Pi Lou (匹婁), Yi Lou (伊婁), Yi Na Lou (乙那婁) families from Xianbei ethnic group in ancient N China, who changed their original surnames to Lou (婁) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) said to be from the personal name of Li Lou (离婁), a legendary figure, famous for his good eyesight, during the reign of Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC).  
 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 樓 (**Lou** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'tower' or 'storey' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Dong Lou Gong (東樓公), who was granted the state

of Qi (杞) (originally located in Henan province, later moved to Shandong province) by king Zhou Wu Wang (1087–1043 BC). (ii) from the Gai Lou (蓋樓) and He Lou (賀樓) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who adopted the surname 樓 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).  
 3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 勞 (**Lo** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'consoling and rewarding' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name Lao Shan (勞山), the name of a famous hill in present-day Shandong province. It was adopted as a surname during the Western Han dynasty (202 BC–AD 9). (ii) from the official post in ancient China, who took charge of consoling citizens and provided help for them. Since the Chinese character 勞 had the meaning 'consoling and rewarding', they acquired the surname 勞.  
 4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 老 (**Lo** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the first element of Lao Tong (老童), title of the son of the legendary king Zhuang Xu (traditional dates 2514–2437 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Lao Dan (老聃), also known as Lao Tzu, founder of Taoism. (iii) from Lao (老), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province), granted to the grandson of the king Song Dai Gong (died 766 BC).  
 5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 劉 and 柳, see **Liu** (1) and (2).  
 6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 羅, see **Lo** (1).

**Lauchlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **Lachlan** and **McLachlan**.

**Laud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Cambs; also Devon; London
- English: unexplained. Perhaps from the legal term *lawed*, passive participle of a verb meaning 'to mutilate the toes (of a hunting dog to prevent its being used for poaching)', therefore perhaps 'lame' (*OED*, *law*, verb, 3., recorded from 1534); or perhaps from Middle English *laude* 'praise'.  
**Early bearers:** Joane Lawde, 1546 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Maud Laud, 1563 in *IGI* (Halham, Lincs); Agnes Laude, 1573 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Laude, 1589 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Richorde Lawde, 1594 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Alexander Laud, 1676 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

**Lauder**

**Variants:** Lawder, Lowder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1830, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1559
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, Berwicks, and Roxburghs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster; Dublin
- Scottish: locative name from **Lauder** (Berwicks). Compare **Lauderdale**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Luedre, 1249–86 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick); Robert de Lawdre, 1398 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Lauder, 1562, George Lawder, 1571 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); John Lauder,

1568, Alexr. Lawder, 1582 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Robert Lauder, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexr. Lawder, 1644 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Lauderdale**

**Variants:** Leatherdale, Leatherday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Lancs; Ayr
- Scottish: locative name from **Lauderdale** (Berwicks). Compare **Lauder**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Joh'e Lathirdale, 1472 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Charles Lauderdale, 1652 in *IGI* (Lauder, Berwicks).  
 England: John Letherdale, 1663 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Isabell Lauderdale, 1703 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb); Francis Leatherdale, 1727 in *IGI* (Swardston, Norfolk); John Letherdale, 1758 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Francis Leatherdale, 1762 in *IGI* (Hawkedon, Suffolk); Robert Leatherday, 1816 in *IGI* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Leatherdale, 1818 in *IGI* (Great Tey, Essex).

**Laufer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: nickname, occupational name meaning 'runner', an agent derivative of the German verb *laufen* 'to run' (Middle High German *loufen*). The German form of the surname is **Läufer**.  
**Early bearers:** Abe Laufer, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Gesel Laufer, old clothes dealer, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Laugharne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- Welsh: locative name from **Laugharne**, alias **Lacharn** (Carmarthens).  
**Early bearers:** Maurice Lagharn, 1381 in *Morris, Welsh Surnames*; Roland Lacharne, 1584 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Pembrokes); Frances Laugharne, 1601 in *IGI* (Robeston, Pembrokes); Jenett Laugharne, 1611 in *IGI* (Steynton, Pembrokes).

**Laugher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- Welsh, English: see **Lougher**.

**Laughlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLachlan**.

**Laughland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLachlan**.

**Laughlin**

Variants: **Loughlin**, **Loftus**, **Laffing**, **Laffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 258
- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; WR Yorks and Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish, Scottish: relationship name from Irish Ó

**Lochlainn** (see **O'Loughlin**) or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Lachlainn** (see **McLachlan**).

**Further information:** The name in E England, occurring as early as the 1560s, is perhaps more likely from Scottish than Irish migration. It has given rise to the distinctive variants **Laffing** and **Laffin**.

**Early bearers:** John Laughlin, 1604 in *IGI* (Boxford, Suffolk).

**Laughridge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Loughridge**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is common in the USA.

**Laughton**

Variants: **Lawton**, **Leighton**, **Latten**, **Letton**, **Leedham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1558, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: locative name from Laughton en le Morthen (WR Yorks), Laughton (Leics), Laughton by Gainsborough or Laughton by Folkingham (both Lincs). It may sometimes have alternated with variant spellings of **Leighton** and **Latten**, which are mostly from place-names with the same etymology, 'village or farm where leeks are grown'. Variation between *-ay-* and *-au-* is not uncommon in place-names and surnames from the 15th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** William de Lactone, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Walter de Laughton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johannes Laughton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Rob. Laghton, 1441 in *Notts Archives* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Thomas Laughton, 1541 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Marjorie Laughton, 1547 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lincs); Thomas Laughton, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunston, Lincs); Alex. Lawtone, 1564 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Symonde Lawghton, 1569 in *IGI* (Kelstern, Lincs); Robert Lawton, 1609 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Sarah Laughton, 1646 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Othiwell Laughton, 1669 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Scottish: an Orkney surname, unexplained: perhaps an importation of the English surname.

**Early bearers:** Marable Laughtan, 1660, Bernard Laughton, 1656 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney).

**Launchbury**

Variants: **Lanchbury**, **Lainchbury**, **Lansbury**, **Lansberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: local development of **Lamprey** in Oxon.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lancheprey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fifield, Oxon); Susannah Lainchbury or Lanchprey, 1568, Thomas Launchbury, 1571, Hercules Lainchbury or Lanchbrey, 1580 in *IGI* (Chadlington,

Oxon); Mary Lanceberry, 1657 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Lansberry, 1675 in *IGI* (London); John Lansbury, 1679 in *IGI* (London); John Lanshbury, 1734 in *IGI* (Sandford on Thames, Oxon); Mary Lanchbury, 1747 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Frances Lainsbury, 1764 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Martha Lainsbury, 1774 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Wm Lantsbury, 1776 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds).

**Lauder**

Variants: **Lawner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Lavender**.

**Lauders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary
- Norman, Irish: see **Landers**.

**Laundon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- English: see **Landon**.

**Laundry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Landry**.

**Laundy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- Norman, English: see **Landy**, **Laney**.

**Laurance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 775
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in England
- English: see **Lawrence**.

**Laurence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1098, Ireland 115
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Lawrence**.

**Laurens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: see **Lawrence**.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Roger Philippe Laurens, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

**Laurenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 734

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

Scottish: see **Lawrenson**.

**Laurent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: relationship name from a French vernacular form of the Latin personal name *Laurentius* (compare **Lawrence**).

**Early bearers:** Sara Laurent, 1652 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

**Laurette**

Variants: **Lorett**, **Lorette**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lauret*, a diminutive of the Latin personal name *Laura*, a short form of *Laurencia* (feminine form of *Laurencius*, see **Lawrence**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lauretta Picot, 1185 in *Rotuli de Dominabus*; Loretta, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Lauretta, recluse of Hackington, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Loreta de Motecombe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Willelmus Loret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); John Laurette, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Horncastle, Lincs); Marry Lorett, 1638 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent); John Lorett, 1657 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**Laurie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2508, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2545
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Scottish: see **Lawrie**.

**Laurison**

Variants: **Lowrison**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Durham

Scottish, English: relationship name from the Scottish personal name *Laurie* (see **Lawrie**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Lowryson, 1471 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Lowreson alias Carvour, 1511 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Lorisoun, 1551 in *Black* (Perth, Perth); Jacobina Laurison, 1747 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

England: Ralph Lowrison, 1621 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); James Laurison, 1699 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Mary Laurison, 1804 in *IGI* (Bolam, Northumb).

**Laury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall
- English: see **Lawry**.

**Laval**

Variants: **Lavelle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

## Lavan

1 Norman, Huguenot: locative name from Laval, a common place-name in France, meaning ‘the valley’.

**Further information:** Etienne-Abel Laval was a minister of the French church in Castle Street, London, in around 1730 (*Smiles*, p. 409).

**Early bearers:** John de Laval, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Gilbert de Lual, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Marie Anne Laval, 1706 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot church, London).

2 Irish: from Ó Maoil Fhábhail, see **Lavelle**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo

Irish: Ó Láimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

## Lavell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Surrey; Durham; WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Maoil Fhábhail, see **Lavelle**.

## Lavelle

**Variants:** Lavell, Laval, Laville, Mulfaul, Mulfall, McFaul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2212, Ireland 1222
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: anglicization (in a Frenchified spelling) of Ó Maoil Fhábhail ‘descendant of Maolfhábhail’, a personal name meaning ‘fond of travel’. An anglicized form closer to the Irish original is **Mulfaul**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Moroghe O’Mollalle, horseboy, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2700 (Ayclare, Kilkenny); Donal O’Mulule, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Dublin); O’Mullfoyle, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 128 (Tirkeeran, Derry); Hugh Lavel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Armagh); Peter Lavell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Islandeady, Mayo).

England: Henry Laville, 1814, Bridget Lavel, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 French: see **Laval**.

## Laven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Durham; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Láimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

## Lavender

**Variants:** Lavinder, Lander, Launder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3182, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1858
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs and Worcs; Middx, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin; Roscommon

English: occupational name from Middle English *lavender*, *launder* ‘washerman, washerwoman’ (Old French masculine *lavandier*, feminine *lavandiere*).

**Early bearers:** Ysabelle la Lauendere, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralf la Lavendere, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Launder, 1331 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Felicia Lawnder’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Elyzabeth Lander, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rich. Lavender, 1545 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Ales Lander, 1553 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Hillaria Launder, 1562 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Ede Lander, 1567 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Lavnder, 1588 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Ralph Lander, 1603 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Marrian Lavender, 1618 in *IGI* (Morville, Shrops); Katherine Lander, 1621, Robt Landor, 1708 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs).

## Laver

**Variants:** Laffer, Laffere, Lavers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1374, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Essex and Middx

1 English: locative name from High, Little, and Magdalen Laver (Essex).

**Early bearers:** E England: Eustace de Lagefara, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Reginald de Laufare, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*; John Laver, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Dennyse Laver, 1568 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Thomas Laver, 1583 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

2 English: occupational name, perhaps from a Middle English derivative of Old French \**lav(i)er*, *lavour* ‘washerman’, though this word is not recorded in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Lauer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Thomas Laffer’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meretown, Staffs); Robert Lavar, 1563, John Lavar, 1578, Orsulay Lavar, 1588, Thomas Laver, 1595 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); William Lavar, 1590, Thomas Lavar, 1625 in *Somerset Wills* (South Petherton, Somerset); John Lavar, 1596 in *Devon Record Office* (Martock, Somerset); Joanna Laver, 1615 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

## Laverack

**Variants:** Laverock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Lark**.

## Lavercombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Larcombe**.

## Laveric

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Lark**.

## Laverick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1916, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1090
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
- English: see **Lark**.

## Laverie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Lanarks
- Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Lavery**.

## Laverock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Lancs

English: see **Laverack**.

## Lavers

**Variants:** Lavis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 708
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Laver** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robtus Lavers, 1541 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

## Laverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; also Ross and Cromarty

1 English: locative name from Laverton (Somerset). **Early bearers:** John de Laverton, 1262–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Laverton, Somerset); Thomas Laverton, 1743 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Jane Laverton, 1777 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

2 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Laverton, 1815 in *IGI* (Rosskeen, Ross and Cromarty).

## Laverty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1218, Ireland 1570
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish: from Ó Fhlaitheartaigh or Mac Fhlaitheartaigh, see **Lafferty**.

**Further information:** Reaney has this as from a lost place in East Grinstead (Sussex), with early bearers Thomas de Lauerkyte, 1296, and William Lauertye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*, Sussex. These examples have nothing to do with the modern surname.

## Lavery

**Variants:** Lowry, Laverie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2866, Ireland 2523
- **GB frequency 1881:** 820
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Armagh

Irish: from Ó Labhradha ‘descendant of Labhraidh’, a byname meaning ‘spokesman’. The sept has three branches: **Baun-Lavery** (from *bán* ‘white’), **Roe-Lavery** (from *rua* ‘red’) and **Trin-Lavery** (from *tréan* ‘strong’). The third branch has sometimes been anglicized as **Armstrong** (as if from  *lámh*  ‘hand or arm’). Compare **McClory**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Philip O’Lawrey, idleman, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §161 (Carlingforde, Louth); Thady and Philip O’Lowrowe, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; Carbery O’Lowrowe, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5449 (Clownagh, Galway); Tirlagh and Murtagh

O'Lawrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Down); Hugh O'Lawry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Down); Owyn O'Lawrye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Tyrone); Murtagh O'Lawry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6724 (Eveaghe, Down); Patrick Lavery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Newry, Down); Andrew Lowrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Elizabeth Lowry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Seapatrick, Down); John Lavery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcullane, Limerick).

Scotland: Richard Lavery, 1827 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Cornelius Lavery, 1832 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

England: Michel Lavery, 1798 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Laverie, 1821 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Lavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: from Mac Con Shléibhe, see **Leavy**.

### Laville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Huguenot: locative name from French *la ville* 'the town'.

**Early bearers:** Etienne Laville, 1685 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

2 Irish: from Ó Maoil Fhábhail, see **Lavelle**.

### Lavin

**Variants:** Lavine, Laffan, Laffin, Laven, Lavan, Clavin, Larvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1597, Ireland 869
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Cornwall; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lavin*, *Lavina* (Latin *Lavinia*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lavin filia Jordani, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Lavina (fem.), 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, 1337 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Devon).

surnames: Richard Lauyn, 1340 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johane Lavein, 1552, Harrie Laven, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Lavyn, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Grace Laven, 1758 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon).

2 Irish: from Ó Láimhín, Ó Flaithimhín 'descendant of *Flaithimhín*', a personal name from a diminutive of *flaith* 'prince, ruler'. This name is sometimes translated as **Hand**, from an erroneous identification of the reduced form with *lámh* 'hand'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Henry Laffin fitz Nicholas, horseman, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §66 (Slade); James Laffan, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1103 (Greiston, Tipperary); Walter Laffan, husbandman or servant, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1103 (Tipperary); James Laffane, 1571–72 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2047 (Ballingree, Tipperary); James Laffan, prebendary of Whitchurche, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3516 (Wexford); Daniel O'Lavyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4075; Owen O'Lavyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4075 (Urdan); Kedagh O'Lavin, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§4240; Owen mcMoriertagh O'Lavine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4647 (Ballintober); James Leffan, sheriff, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4838 (Greystowne, Tipperary).

England: Ann Lavan, 1627, Hannah Lavan, 1812 in *IGI* (London); John Lavin, 1829, Catharine Laffan, 1834, Ann Laffin, 1839 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Hannah Lavin, 1834 in *IGI* (York); Mary Laven, 1835 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: James Laven, 1845 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian).

### Lavinder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see **Lavender**.

### Lavine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Láimhín, see **Lavin** (2).

### Lavington

**Variants:** Lewington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Somerset, and Wilts; London

English: locative name from Market and West Lavington (Wilts).

**Further information:** Woolavington (Sussex), alias East Lavington, might be an alternative source in Dorset and Hants, but the reduction of the name to *Lavington* is uncertainly recorded; see *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 109–10.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Lauinton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William de Lavyngtone, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); [ . . . ] de Lauyngton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradford Abbas, Dorset); William de Lavynton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cherinton, Gloucs); Thoma Lavyndon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calstone Wellington, Wilts); Johannes and Stephanus Lavynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Ricardus Lauyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes and Michaelis Lavynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Johanne Lavynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hidden, Berks); Thomas Lauyngton', 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Otterbourne, Hants); Margaret Lavington, 1577 in *IGI* (Stanton Saint Bernard, Wilts); Edith Lavington, 1579 in *IGI* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Jona Lavington, 1582 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Thomas Lavington, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bursledon, Hants); Margret Lavington, 1598, Thomas Lavinton, 1681 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Robert Lavington, 1727 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset).

### Lavis

**Variants:** Leavis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: perhaps a variant of **Lavers**.

**Early bearers:** Richardus Lavies, 1560 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Alice Lavis, 1601 in *IGI* (Stogursey, Somerset); Richard Lavys, 1620 in *IGI* (Creech Saint Michael, Somerset); George Lavas, 1637 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Johan Lavus, 1651 in *IGI*

(Yealmpton, Devon); Mary Lavis, 1652 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Lavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
- Irish: from Mac Con Shléibhe, see **Leavy**.

### Law

**Variants:** Lawe, Laws

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17481, Ireland 776
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13387
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England (esp. Lancs and WR Yorks) and Scotland (esp. Lanarks, Midlothian, and Aberdeens)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Dublin

1 English: locative name from Middle English *law* 'hill, mound' (Old English *hlāw*, which generally became *low* in the south and *law* in the north). Compare **Lowe** and **Lew**.

**Early bearers:** England: John de la Law', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); William de Lawe, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); William Law, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh del Lawe, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robertus del Lawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langfield, WR Yorks); Johannes de le Law, Willelmus del Law, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Johanne del Lawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton le Dale, Lancs); Robertus del Lawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parlington, WR Yorks); Johannes de Law, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Robertus del Lawe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salford, Lancs); Richard Lawe, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs).

Scotland: Isbell Law, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Law, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Law(e)*, a pet form of *Lawrence* (see **Lawrence**). Compare **Lawson** and **Lappage**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lawe del Park, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Lawe Robynson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 羅, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Lo** (1).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 盧, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Lu** (1).

5 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 劉, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Liu** (1).

### Lawal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1653, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Hausa and Yoruba): a Hausa name of unascertained meaning.

### Lawarne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Lewarne**.

### Lawday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: apparently from Middle English *laue-dai* 'law day, day for the meeting of the hundred court',

## Lawder

and if so perhaps a nickname for a person born on such a day.

**Early bearers:** Margrett Lawdye, 1602 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Hugh Lawdy, 1606 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); John Lawdaye, 1616, Robert Lawdey, 1622 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Lawday, 1671 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); John Lawday, 1719 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Robt Lawday, 1733 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); James Lawday, 1805 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Lawder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Lauder**.

## Lawe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Law**.

## Lawer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Lawhyre in Fowey (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Lanwoer, about 1200, Thos. Lawhyer, 1442 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Gerard de Lawheor, 1377, Gerard Lawhuer, 1408, Gerard Lawhier, 1463, Edward Lawhere, 1530 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Fowey, Cornwall); Thomasia Lawhere, 1451 in *Somerset Archives* (Somerset); Thomas Laughher, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Thomas Lawher, 1632 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Margaret Lawer, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Goran, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 145, 242.

## Lawerance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; scattered in England

Scottish: see **Lawrence**.

## Lawerence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Scottish, English: see **Lawrence**.

## Lawerson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish, English: variant of **Lorrison**.

## Lawes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2068, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; Norfolk
- English: see **Laws**.

## Lawfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Staffs; also Lancs
- English: locative name from residence at an unidentified place called 'low field', Middle English *law + feld*.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Lawfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Lancs); Anne Lawfield, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Lawfield, 1766 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); John Lawfield, 1781 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Laurence Lawfield, 1839 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

## Lawford

**Variants:** **Lafford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Church Lawford and Long Lawford (Warwicks) and Lawford (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Lalleford, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Lalleford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Church Lawford, Warwicks); Richard de Lalleford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); John de Lalleford, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodford near Thrapston, Northants); Stephanus Lalforde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Lalforde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burstall, Suffolk); Ann Lalford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bulkington, Warwicks); Robert de Lalleford, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Wymondley, Herts); Richard Lawford, 1586 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Thomas Lawford, 1589 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Katherin Lawforde, 1590 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); Henry Lawford, 1621, John Laford, 1634, Marke Lafford, 1674 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Katherine Lawford, 1636 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Lawford, 1663 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Lawford, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Bodenham, Herefs); Robert Lawford, 1708 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Anne Lawford, 1709 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

## Lawhorn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Northern Irish: reduced anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Labhrainn** 'son of *Labhrann*', see **McLaren**. **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Lawie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of *Law(e)*, a Scottish pet form of the personal name *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**).

**Early bearers:** Isobel Lawie, 1691 in *IGI* (Echt, Aberdeens); Margaret Lawey, 1706 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Elspet Lawie, 1740 in *IGI* (Banchory Ternan, Kincardines).

## Lawis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Laws** (2).

## Lawler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2406, Ireland 897
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois and Kildare; also Kerry
- Irish: from **O Leathlobhair**, see **Lawlor**.

## Lawless

**Variants:** **Lillis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2330, Ireland 2276
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1074
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin; Galway

English: nickname from Middle English *laweles*, *laghles* 'lawless, uncontrolled by the law, unbridled, licentious', applied either to one who is 'undisciplined' or to 'an outlaw' (i.e. one from whom the protection of the law had been withdrawn).

**Further information:** This name is common in Ireland, where it has been gaelicized as **Laighléis**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Edmund Lales, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §856 (Shankil); James Lales, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2594; Nicholas Lales, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3498; Patrick Lales, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3498; Donchowe Lasle, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035; Hugh Lelasse, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517.

England: Thomas Lagheles, 1360 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Lawles, 1533 in *Kent Wills*; Cornelius Lawlesse, 1570 in *IGI* (London); Dennis Lawless, 1693 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

## Lawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2033, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1800
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Shrops, and Worcs

English: locative name from Lawley in Wellington (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lauelle, 1177 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Roger de Laueleg, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Philip de Lauley, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Meole Brace, Shrops); Thomas Laweley, 1419 in *King's Bench Cases* (Hants); Richard Lawley, 1550 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Barbara Lawley, 1567 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); Edward Lawley, 1585 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Jerom Lawley, 1602 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Levina Lawley, 1606 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 170.

## Lawlor

**Variants:** **Lawler**, **Lalor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2946, Ireland 5315
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Dublin; also Kilkenny and Tipperary

Irish: from **O Leathlobhair** 'descendant of *Leathlobhar*', a byname from *leath* 'half' (i.e. 'somewhat') and *lobar* 'leprous, sick, unhealthy'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot O'Lallor, kern, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §123 (Leix); Patrick O'Lallour, kern, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §123 (Leix); Maurice or Moriortagh Leigh McLaughlen O'Lallor, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §442; Daniel Lalor, 1574 in *Fiants*



*Elizabeth* §2410 (Marebroughe, yeoman); William McMellaghlen O'Lawlare, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5588; William McCarrule O'Laghlor, 1600–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484; Neale McCarrule O'Laghlor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484. England: Thomas Lalor, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elizth. Lawlor, 1762 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Lawman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, Northants, Hunts, and London; also Lincs and Notts

English: occupational name, relationship name from Middle English *lagman*, *lagheman* 'law-man, one whose duty is to declare the law; lawyer' (Old Scandinavian \**lagmann-*, *logmann-*, oblique case of *logmaðr*). Alwold and Brictric Lageman, cited below, were 'law-men' of Lincoln in 1086. The word was also widely used as a given name, Middle English *Lagman*, *Lagheman* (compare the Old Scandinavian byname *Logmaðr*, oblique case \**Lagmann-*, *Logmann-*). See also Scottish **Lamont**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lagman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Laghemannus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Lageman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Alwold Lageman, Brictric Lageman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Radulfus filius Lachman, 1201 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Walsoken, Norfolk); Hugo Lageman, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Geoffrey Lauman, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Adam [filius] Lagheman, Adam Laweman, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Laweman, 1279 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Norfolk); Robert Lageman, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Flamstead, Herts); Alexander Lagheman, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richard Lagman, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); Johanne Laweman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); Johanne Lageman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Berks); Margarita Lawman, 1546 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Nic Lawmon, 1581 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Georg Lamont, 1588 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); John Lamond, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 143; *Feilitzen*, p. 308; *Tengvik*, p. 257; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 285–6.

### Lawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 904, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 731
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Norfolk and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Land** with loss of the final consonant. (ii) from Middle English *laun* 'lawn, fine linen' (French *laun*, from the name of the city of Laon), perhaps for a maker or trader.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Laune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiveton, Norfolk); Agnes Lawne, 1538 in *IGI* (Little Wilbraham, Cambs); Elizabeth Lawne, 1572 in *IGI* (Hedenham, Norfolk); James Lawn, 1593 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); Jane Lawne, 1615 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks).

### Lawner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Lauder**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Lawner, 1720 in *IGI* (Headington, Oxon); William Lawner, in *Census 1841* (Yorks).

2 German: very occasionally perhaps from German **Launer**, from the Bohemian town of Laun, now Louny in the Czech Republic.

**Early bearers:** Christian Launer, baker, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Charles F. Lawner, carman, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx); Ludwig Launer, master baker, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx); Franz Launer, waiter, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Bloomsbury, Middx).

### Lawrance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1298, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1912
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

English: see **Lawrence**.

### Lawrence

**Variants:** **Laurence**, **Laurens**, **Lawrance**, **Laurence**, **Lawrence**, **Lawrance**, **Lowrance**, **Lorence**, **Lorance**, **Lorenz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37756, Ireland 593
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19105
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Wicklow; Derry

English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Lorens*, *Lourence*, *Laurence* (Latin *Laurentius*), a common name from the 12th century, with pet forms *Law*, *Low*, *Lawrie*, *Laurie*, *Larry*, *Lowrie*, *Lorry*, *Larkin*, *Lorkin*, *Lar(i)ot*. Compare **Laurent**. There was also a feminine form *Laurencia* which may have given rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Laurentius cellerarius, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Laurencius molendinarius, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

given names (female): Laurencia, 1201 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Laurencia, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). surnames, England: John Lorence, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Benedict Laurenz, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John Laurens, William Lorens, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginaldo Laurence, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Horndon, Essex); William Lourance, 1374, Lucus Lowrance, 1481 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Stephano Laurens, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); John Laurence, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Headcorn, Kent); Willmi Lawrance, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Isabell Laurence, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Marye Lorence, 1599 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs).

surnames, Wales: John Lawrence, 1606 in *IGI* (Port Eynon, Glamorgan). surnames, Scotland: Robt Lowrance, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Lawrance, 1677 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banff).

### Lawrenson

**Variants:** **Lawrinson**, **Laurenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1805, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 843
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Kildare; Kilkenny

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**) + *son*. **Early bearers:** England: Andrew Laurenceson', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Somercotes, Lincs); John Lawrenson, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Isable Lawrenson, 1564 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Johannes Laurensen, 1568 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); Johanes Lawrensone, 1582 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Robert Lawrinson, 1619 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire).

Scotland: Walter Laurenceson, 1480 in *Scotland Calendar*; James Laurensen, 1686 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); Elspet Lawrenson, 1711 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Agnes Laurenceson, 1733 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland); Peter Laurensen, 1738 in *IGI* (Bressay, Shetland).

### Lawrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Lawry**.

### Lawrie

**Variants:** **Laurie**, **Lowry**, **Lourie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3979, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2812
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: relationship name from the Scottish personal name *Laurie*, a diminutive of *Laur* (a pet form of *Laurence*, see **Lawrence**). Compare **Laurison**, and the English surname **Lawry**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Lowrie, 1497 in *Black*; David Lowry, 1529 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Lanarks); Margaret Lourie, 1564 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Lawrie, 1604, Jannat Lowrie, 1648, Issobill Lourie, 1649 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Lowrie, 1613, James Laurie, 1628 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Lourie, 1619 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Agnis Laurie, 1654 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Robert Lourie, 1689 in *IGI* (Corstorphine, Midlothian). England: Robert Lowri, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Joseph Lourie, 1789 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

### Lawrinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Lawrenson**.

### Lawry

**Variants:** **Lawrey**, **Laury**, **Lowry**, **Lory**, **Lorie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name, probably from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Laury*, a pet form of *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**). Compare the Scottish surname **Lawrie**.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon filius Lari, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Larie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Laury, 1459 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall); Richard Loury, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Breock, Cornwall); Grace Lawrye, 1572, Margaretta Lawrie, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Mary Laury, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Germans,

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Cornwall); John Lowry, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall).  
Wales: Lilly Lory, 1874 in *IGI* (Newcastle, Glamorgan).

### Laws

Variants: **Lawes**, **Lawis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4402, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Norfolk

1 English: variant of **Law** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lawes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); John Lawes, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); John Lawes, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Guntton, Norfolk); Nicholas Lawes, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); Johannes Laws, 1543 in *IGI* (Milston, Wilts); Agnes Lawes, 1548 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Laws, 1578 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Mark Lawes, 1580 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Lawes, 1632 in *IGI* (Hale, Hants); Alicia Laws, 1674 in *IGI* (Heddon on the Wall, Northumb).

2 English: possibly sometimes a variant of **Lewis**.

**Early bearers:** Rob't Lawys, Will'o Leweys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Laneham, Notts); Robert Lewys, 1349–50 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Willelmus Laweys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Rogerus, Walterus Lawys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Galfridus Lawys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Johannes Lawys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Lawysse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Robertus Lawys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsley, ER Yorks); Walterus Lawysch, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); John Laws, 1546 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Rose Laws, 1555 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Laws, 1565 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Ellen Laws, 1580 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Richard Laws, 1586 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall).

### Lawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23723, Ireland 431
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17333
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England (esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Durham) and Scotland (esp. Lanarks)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; also Sligo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Law** (a pet form of *Laurence*) + *-son*. Compare **Lowson**, **Larson**, and **Lorrison**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Lawisson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Laweson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); Robert Laweson, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Laurence Lawson, 1547 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Lawson, 1571 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Agnes Lawson, 1599 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs).

Scotland: James Lawsonn, 1613, Rot. Lawsoun, 1620, Thomas Lawson, 1662 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elizabeth Lawson, 1682 in *IGI* (Walston, Lanarks).

### Lawtey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: see **Luty**.

### Lawther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 165
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- English: see **Lowther**.

### Lawton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9722, Ireland 342
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7703
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Church Lawton (Cheshire). There may have been some confusion with **Lowton**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Lauton, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Philip de Lauton, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); [. . . de] Laughton, 1288, [. . . de] Lautune, 1313 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Richard Lauton, 1465 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Church Lawton, Cheshire); Richard Lauton, 1532 in *Lancs Record Office* (Ditton, Lancs); William Lawton, 1539 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Elizabeth Lawton, 1548 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Elizabeth Lawton, 1567 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 320.

2 English: see **Laughton**.

3 Irish: adopted in Cork for Ó Lachtnáin, see **Loughnane**.

### Lawty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Luty**.

### Lax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 888, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 572
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lax*, an Old Scandinavian name derived from Old Scandinavian *lax* 'salmon'. The word itself is not recorded in England, so there is little likelihood that the surname was a nickname from the fish.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lax de Ludham, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk). surnames: Thomas Lax, 1351 in *York Freeman's Register*; Janet Lax, 1559 in *IGI* (Auckland, Durham).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 287–8.

### Laxon

Variants: **Laxson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also E Anglia
- 1 English: variant of **Laxton**.

**Early bearers:** Audrey Laxen, 1658, Maria Laxson, 1676 in *IGI* (Wolvey, Warwicks); Richard Laxon, 1663, Thomas Laxson, 1703, Elizabeth Laxton, 1751, William Laxon, 1841, Emma Mary Laxton, 1839 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name from East and West Lexham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Laxham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Abraham Lexam, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Katerine Lexam, 1565 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Jhon Laxson, 1585 in *IGI* (Barholm and Stowe, Lincs); John Laxen, 1618 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); John Lexham, 1706 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Mary Laxen, 1726, Noah Laxon, 1744 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk).

### Laxson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk; Kent
- English: see **Laxon**.

### Laxton

Variants: **Laxon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 885
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Northants, Lincs, and Hunts

English: locative name from Laxton (Northants), and perhaps also from Laxton (Notts) or Laxton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Laxton, 1166 in *Place-Names of Northants* (Northants); Robert de Laxton, about 1240–50 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Laxton, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Peterborough, Northants); Richard de Laxton, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Laxton, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Laxton, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Oundle, Northants); Margery Laxton, 1560 in *IGI* (Gretton, Northants); Elizabetha Laxton, 1563 in *IGI* (Empingham, Rutland); Robert Laxton, 1598 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Willm. Laxton, 1627 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Laxton, 1757 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 168.

### Lay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2811, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2174
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Berks and Oxon; Middx and Surrey, Essex and Suffolk

1 English: see **Leigh**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 賴, see **Lai** (1).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 黎, see **Li** (2).

### Layard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Huguenot: a Huguenot name from an ancient Albigenian family. Their original surname was Raymond, and Layaarde was the name of their estate near Montpellier. Pierre Raymond de Layaarde, born in 1666, left France on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and became a major in the army of William III. His descendant, Austin Layard, was the excavator of Nineveh (*Smiles*, p. 409).

**Early bearers:** Paul Layard, 1719 in *IGI* (La Savoye French Huguenot church, London).

### Laybourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham English: see **Laybourne**.

### Laybourne

**Variants:** Laybourn, Layburn, Leyburn, Leeburn, Lyburn, Labern, Labron, Labrum, Labram, Laban, Laband, Leybourne, Lebbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Kent

English: locative name from Leyburn (NR Yorks) or, occasionally, from High Leybourne in Godalming (Surrey), which is recorded as *Leleburne* in 1304 and *Lalleborne* in 1386, or Leybourne (Kent).

**Further information:** Roger de Leybourne (1215–71) was Sheriff of Kent in 1263 and Warden of the Cinque Ports in 1264. It is claimed that he killed one of the King's knights in a jousting tournament with a sharpened lance in 1252, before repenting by going on a religious pilgrimage, and so was pardoned by the King.

**Early bearers:** N England & Midlands: Richard de Laibrunn, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Layburne, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Flore, Northants); Henry Laburn, 1488 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Roger Laburne, 1542 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Katherine Labrum, 1563 in *IGI* (Hardingstone, Northants); Robert Laiborne, 1567 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Gilbert Labrum, 1684 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Mary Labarn, 1726 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

SE England: Robert de Leburn', 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Roger de Leiburn', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); [... de] Lelebrunne, 1235, [... de] Lalleburne, 1255 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Ada de Lalebourn', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Godalming, Surrey); Johannes Lalebourne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Paddington, Surrey); Philippus Lallebourne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Philippo Lalebourne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Roger Layborne, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Rychard Labourne, 1549 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Henric. Laburne, 1550 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); William Labourne, 1611 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); David Labern, 1779 in *IGI* (London).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 75; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 197–8.

### Layburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England (esp. Durham); also Fife

English: see **Laybourne**.

### Laycock

**Variants:** Leacock, Lacoock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3062, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4095
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Laycock in Keighley (WR Yorks) or, occasionally, Lacoock (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** N England & Midlands: Ralph de Laycok, 1247, Roger de Lacok, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Laccokk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR

Yorks); Alice Laycock, 1555 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Laycock, 1575 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Aliciam Laicoock, 1608 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Peter Laicoock, 1611 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs). S England: John Lacok, 1409 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Bitton, Gloucs); William Lacok, 1438 in *Bath Record Office* (Bath, Somerset); William Lacoocke, 1568 in *IGI* (Boyton, Wilts); Henry Lacoock, 1615 in *IGI* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Phillip Lacoock, 1640, Mirrable Laycock, 1681 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Elizabeth Laycock, 1770 in *IGI* (Rode, Somerset). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 7.

### Layden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Roscommon and Sligo

Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Laydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Laye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Leigh**.

### Layen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and NR Yorks
- English: see **Layne**.

### Layer

**Variants:** Leir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: locative name from places called Layer in Essex (Layer Breton, Layer de la Haye, and Layer Marney). The place-name is ancient, from *Leire*, the name of a small stream, thought to be from a Celtic word meaning 'mud'.

**Early bearers:** William de Leyre, 1291 in *London Letter Books A*; John de Leyre, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*

(Thundersley, Essex); Gorge Layre, 1570, Rose Layr, 1580, Susan Layer, 1599 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Rychard Layer, 1576 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Mary Lare, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

2 Scottish, English: variant of **Ayer** with fused Old French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Robert leyre, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Alice la Eyr, Leyr, Gilbert Leyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William le Eyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Marcy Layer, 1566 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Wm. Layer, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Clement Layer, 1590 in *IGI* (Wrampingham, Norfolk); Baycke Layer, 1598 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Charles Layer, 1607 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds).

3 English: occupational name, in some cases possibly from Middle English *leyer*, *leghere* 'layer', denoting someone who positioned the stones

worked by (free)masons. Compare **Ledger** (2). There may have been some confusion with **Lear** (1).

**Further information:** Reaney's alternative explanation, a locative name from *Leire* (Leics), is supported by Hugh de Leir, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs), and Johanne de Leyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ast Norton, Leics), but is an unlikely source of the modern name, whose distribution avoids Leics and the E Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Layer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Willelmus Leghere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Shere, Surrey); John Leyer, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Leyer, 1496 in *Suffolk Record Office (Bury)* (Ickworth, Suffolk).

**References:** *Salzman, Building*, p. 31; *Fransson*, p. 179.

### Layfield

**Variants:** Lyfield, Leyfield, Leighfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 546
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Durham, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Leighfield (Rutland) or one of the many minor places with similar names, such as Leyfield Farm in Coneysthorpe (NR Yorks), Leyfield in North Ripton and Leyfield Farm in Scammonden (both WR Yorks), and Leyfield in Clayworth (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Hugo Layfeld, 1442 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); William Leyfeld, 1484 in *London Letter Books L* (London); Jenet Layfeild, 1573 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Robrt Layfield, 1590 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Dorytye Laifeild, 1591 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Jone Layfeild, 1630 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Leighfield, 1765 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 305; 5, p. 46; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 29.

### Layhe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 English: see **Leigh**.

2 Irish: variant of **Leahy**.

### Layland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire, Staffs, and Worcs

English: see **Leyland**.

### Layman

**Variants:** Leyman, Lyman, Lymon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Kent

1 English: locative name for a 'dweller by a woodland clearing or meadow', from Middle English *ley* + *man*. Compare **Leigh**.

**Early bearers:** William Leyman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Layman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joan Layman, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Joan Leyman, 1541 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cams); Mary Layman, 1542 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Richard Liman, 1560 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Thome Lymon, 1567 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Agneti Lyman, 1571 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Margaret Lyeman, 1590 in *IGI*

## Layne

(Burnsall, WR Yorks); Agnes Lymon, 1593 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs); Elizabeth Lyman, 1603 in *IGI* (Ewell, Kent).

2 English: see **Lemma**.

3 English: nickname from Middle English *layman* 'uneducated person'.

**Early bearers:** Petro Layman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Dionne Layman, 1544 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Frances Layman, 1551 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Layman, 1573 in *IGI* (West Stow, Suffolk); John Layman, 1604 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Edward Layman, 1615 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Layne

**Variants:** Layen, Lain, Laynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from one or more of the minor places with names derived from Middle English *laine* 'a tract of arable land', a term found more commonly in the south of England than the north but also recorded in Lincs and Cumb.

**Early bearers:** William de la Leyne, 1275 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Henry atte Layne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agn de Layne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haldenby, WR Yorks); Robertus del Layne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinnington); Dorothe Layen, 1543 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Richard Layne, 1558 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Alles Lain, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Sara Laine, 1565 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs); Jenet Layne, 1566 in *IGI* (Saxby All Saints, Lincs); Christopherus Lain, 1590 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Isabel Lain, 1621 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Mary Lain, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Layen, 1826 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

2 English: alternative spelling of **Lane**.

### Laynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: variant of **Layne** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Layng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo
- English: variant of **Lang**. Compare **Laing**.

### Laynton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Lainton**.

### Laysell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Middx
- English: see **Layzell**.

### Layson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: of uncertain origin: perhaps a variant of **Leeson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Layson, 1609 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); John Layson, 1653 in *IGI* (Heveningham, Suffolk); William Layson, 1720 in *IGI* (London); Mary Layson, 1744 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent).

### Laytham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Latham**.

### Laythorpe

**Variants:** Lathrope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Durham; Essex
- English: locative name from *Laythorpe*, the former name of the settlement south of The Beck in Kirkby la Thorpe (Lincs), which is recorded as *Ledulftorp* in 1086 and *Leilthorp* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Lesthorp, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Kirkby la Thorpe, Lincs); Thomas Laythorpe, 1542 in *Lincs Archives* (Burwell, Lincs); John Laythorpe, 1557 in *Northants Record Office* (Torksey, Lincs); Willm Laythrope, 1576, Mary Laythorpe, 1607 in *IGI* (Greetham, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 74–5, 79.

### Layton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3430, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2384
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx and Surrey; Worcs and Warwicks; Norfolk and Cambs; Durham

English: see **Leighton**.

### Layzell

**Variants:** Lazell, Laysell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Suffolk, Middx, and Surrey

English: locative name from Lawshall (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Lawessela* in 1086 and *Lawsell* in 1478.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Laushull, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Hessett, Suffolk); Roger Lawselle, 1406 in *Corp of London* (West Ham, Essex); Martha Lasell, 1549, Edward Lazell, 1616 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Henirie Lawsell, 1557 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Bridget Lawcell, 1574 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); William Lazell, 1595, Elizabeth Lawzell, 1622, James Laysell, 1667, Hughe Layzell, 1668 in *IGI* (Twinstead, Essex).

### Lazar

**Variants:** Lazarus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 English: nickname from Middle English *lazare* 'leper', sometimes latinized as **Lazarus**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Lazur, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Lazer, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Grace Tomson Lazar, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Little Hadham, Herts); Mary Lazar, 1675 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Jone Lazarus, 1702 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); George Lazarus, 1774 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Philip Lazar, 1830 in

*Parish Registers* (Saints Mary and James, Great Grimsby, Lincs); Lazar Lazar, retired East India merchant, born in Madras, India, in *Census 1871* (Barnstaple, Devon); James Lazar, in *Census 1901* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); William Lazar, born in Norfolk, in *Census 1901* (Norfolk).

2 Jewish, German, Hungarian, Slovenian, Polish: relationship name from a personal name of Aramaic origin, a reduced form of the Hebrew male personal name *Elazar*, composed of the elements *El* 'God' + *azar* 'help'.

**Further information:** This was well established in central Europe as a Jewish name, but was also popular among Christians, because it is recorded in the New Testament. *Lazaros* is the New Testament Greek form of the name of the brother of Martha and Mary, who was restored to life by Christ (John 11: 1–44), and this appears as *Lazarus* in the Latin Vulgate. As a non-Jewish name it was also used in various European languages as a nickname for a beggar or a leper (see (2)); this use arises from the parable of Dives and Lazarus (Luke 16: 19–31).

**Early bearers:** Myer Lazar, cigar maker, born in London, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Fanny Lazar, fur sewer, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Shoreditch, Middx); Julius Lazar, caretaker, born in Budapest, Hungary, in *Census 1911* (Brentford, Middx); Paul Lazar, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Emerich Lazar, shoemaker, born in Hungary, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Lazarou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek Cypriot: relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Lazaros*, see **Lazar**.

### Lazarus

**Variants:** Lazar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 713
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: relationship name from the Biblical name *Lazarus*; compare **Lazar**.

**Early bearers:** England: Michael Laserus, 1617 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Mary Lazerus, 1685 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Robt. Lazarus, 1702 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).

Wales: Margaret Lazarus, 1699 in *IGI* (Llangattock juxta Caerleon, Monmouths).

2 Jewish, German, Hungarian, Slovenian, Polish: see **Lazar**.

### Lazell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Layzell**.

### Lazenbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset

English: seemingly a variant of **Lazenby** with intrusive -r-.

**Early bearers:** Somerset Edw. Lasenby, 1658, Samuel Lazenby, 1830 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset);

William Lazenbury, 1796 in *IGI* (Yarlington, Somerset); Samuel Lazenbury, 1816 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).

London: Ann Lazenby, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Margaret Lasenberry, 1665 in *IGI* (London); Richard Lazenberry, 1692, Charles Lazenby, 1722 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Lazenby

Variants: **Lasenby, Lazonby, Lazenbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1790, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from Lazenby (NR Yorks) or Lazonby (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Leisingeby, 1204 in *Pleas* (Yorks); John de Laysingby, 1361 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Laysyngbi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); Alicia de Lasyngby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Laysyngby, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Mary Lasyngbye, 1552 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Bowmer Lazonby, 1592 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Jania Lazenbye, 1593 in *IGI* (York); Anne Lazenby, 1605, Seath Lasenby, 1607 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks); Cuthbert Lasonby, 1619 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Susan Lazonby, 1620 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Pentrose Lasonby, 1627 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm).

### Lazonby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Lancs

English: see **Lazenby**.

### Lazzari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

Italian: relationship name, Southern Italian, from the personal name *Lazzaro*, see **Lazar**.

### Le

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1425, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Vietnamese: Lê, a royal or aristocratic name, the family name of the Lê dynasty (1428–1788) in Vietnam, representing the Chinese surname 黎, see **Li**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 李, 黎, 利, 栗, 厲, and 鄺. See **Li** (1–6).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 樂, see **Lok** (1).

### Lea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6970, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5884
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: see **Leigh**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 李 and 利, see **Li** (1) and (3).

### Leach

Variants: **Leetch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13790, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12249

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Letch** or **Leech**.

### Leachman

Variants: **Leishman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks

English: (i) occupational name, status name, 'servant of the physician', from Middle English *leche*, *lache* (see **Leech**) + *man*. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a stream or wet place, Middle English *leche*, *lache* (see **Letch**) + *man*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Lacheman, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Lacheman, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); William Lachman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo Lecheman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Leticia Leachman, 1581 in *IGI* (Spilsby, Lincs).

### Leacock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Cornwall; Lanarks; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Levecok*, a pet form of *Leve*, see **Leaf**. (ii) variant of **Laycock**.

**Early bearers:** George Leacock, 1590 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

### Leacy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- Norman, Irish: see **Lacey**.

### Lead

Variants: **Leede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs, Leics, Warwicks, and Worcs; Middx; Lancs

1 English: locative name, either toponymic from Lead (WR Yorks), or topographic from Middle English *\*lede* 'artificial watercourse, drain' (Old English *\*læd*). There may have been some confusion with **Leed**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Lede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Addingham, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Lede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamsley, WR Yorks); Esther Lead, 1589 in *IGI* (Elmbridge, Worcs); John Lead, 1700 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); James Lead, 1758 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements*, at *\*læd*.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a stream called (*the*) *Leed*, Middle English *Lede* (Old English *hlýde* 'the loud one').

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Lede, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert du Leed, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Jordan Lede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richarde Lead, 1569 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Katherine Lead, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Johannis Lead, 1624 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Rebeka Lead, 1642 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elizabeth Lead, 1667 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Leadbeater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1634, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1231
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Leadbetter**.

### Leadbeater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Leadbetter**.

### Leadbetter

Variants: **Ledbetter, Leadbeater, Leadbeatter, Leadbitter, Lidbetter, Lebeter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2030, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kildare

English: occupational name from Middle English *led-beter* 'a worker in lead' (Old English *læad* + *bēatere*).

**Early bearers:** England: Ingald' Ledbater', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter Ledbeter, Walter le Ledbetere, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Alexander Ledbetere, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Fleet, Lincs); Walter Ledebetar, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Harrold, Beds); William Ledebeter, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (New Sleaford, Lincs); Robt Leadbeater, 1569 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Leadbetter, 1577 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Ledbeter, 1578 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs); Samuel Lidbiter, 1613 in *IGI* (Botolphs with Bramber, Sussex); Jane Leadbeater, 1634 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Henry Leadbetter, 1645 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Mr Leadbutter, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Leabeter, 1723 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Dorothy Leabeater, 1760 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).

Scotland: Thomas Ledbeter, 1328 in *Black* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); James Leadbetter, 1750 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Janet Leadbeater, 1774 in *IGI* (Skirling, Peebles); William Leadbetter, 1805 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 141.

### Leadbitter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Middx

English: see **Leadbetter**.

### Leaden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Leitrim

English, Scottish: see **Ledden**.

### Leadenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Leedham** (1).

## Leader

### Leader

Variants: **Leeder, Lader, Ledder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1785, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1340
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ledere* 'leader', as in a leader of a round dance (compare Middle English *daunceledere*) or of games (compare Richard Pleyledere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset)), but most commonly 'one who leads animals', especially 'one who carries goods by horse and cart, a carter or carrier'. Some of the early bearers cited below may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** Compare Richard Bredleder, 14th cent. in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Robert Cornlader, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Laurence le Malllader, 1294 in *Thursson* (Herts); William Waterladar, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph ledere, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Henry le leeder, 1328 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); John Leader, 1564 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Jo. Leader, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: variant of **Ledder**.

### Leadham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Leedham**.

### Leadingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Ledingham**.

### Leadley

Variants: **Ledlie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- Scottish, English: perhaps a northern English development of **Laidlaw** (itself a Scottish development of **Ludlow**). Compare **Ladley, Ladlow, Laidler, Laidley, Laidlow**.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Ledley, 1602 in *IGI* (Bracebridge, Lincs); Matthew Ledley, 1606 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Alce Ledle, 1609 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); Ann Leadley, 1617 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Richard Ledley, 1634 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Ledley, 1657 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts).

### Leadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Sligo

1 English: locative name from Leadon in Bishops Frome or Upleadon in Bosbury (both Herefs), or Upleadon and Highleadon (both Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Ledene, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Ledene, 1379 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Ales Ledon, 1569 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs).

2 English: variant of **Leedham**.

3 English: variant of **Leighton**.

### Leadsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Ledsham**.

### Leaf

Variants: **Leafe, Leefe, Leef, Lief, Life, Liff, Leif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *lef, leff, lief, life* 'beloved' (Old English *lēof* 'beloved; dear one, sweetheart').

**Early bearers:** Godwin Lief, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice le Lef, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Loue þe Lef, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John (le) Leef, 1318 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Henry Lyf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Lief, Henry Leef, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Lucia le Lyf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Leof, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Leyf, 1379, Willelmus Lefe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Elyn Leefe, 1562 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Elizabeth Leaffe, 1571 in *IGI* (York); Wyllyam Leefe, 1580 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Reb Leaf, 1581 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Lef*. This could represent either Old Scandinavian *Leifr* (a short form of names ending in *-leifr*) or Old English \**Lēof* which, though unrecorded, is a very probable short form of Old English names such as *Lēofric, Lēofwine*, etc. Compare **Laycock**. Some of the surnames without the definite article listed under (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lif sacerdos, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

### Leafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: see **Leaf**.

### Leah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1171, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1060
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Leigh**.

### Leahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

Irish: from Ó Laochdha; see **Leahy**.

### Leahy

Variants: **Leahey, Lahey, Layhe, Lahy, Laffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2658, Ireland 3856
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork  
Irish: from Ó Laochdha 'descendant of *Laochdha*', a personal name based on *laoch* 'hero'. The anglicization Lahey was also used for Ó *Fhlaithimh* (see **Laffey**), which could be so pronounced.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Derby oge McDonyll O'Lahie and William McDonyll O'Lahy, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1184 (Killenegrath, Tipperary); Mortagh McDonogh Lehie, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2146; William McDonogh Y Leighie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4752 (Leatrym); Nich. Lahie, soldier, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4417 (Crauaugh, Tipperary); David O'Leighie, pike, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Rakelie); Ririe O'Leaghie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Ballinidirrie); Teige O'Leaghy, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Kilmony); Shane McDermod O Leahy, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Castlenency, Galway).

England: John Leahy, 1754 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs);

Bridget Leahy, 1837 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs);

William Leahy, 1849 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Jean Leahy, 1760 in *IGI* (Linton, Roxburghs).

### Leak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1120, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1154
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Leake**.

### Leake

Variants: **Leak, Leek, Leeke, Leck, Leeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1697, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1227
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Midlands: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Leake (Lincs), East and West Leake (Notts), Leek (Staffs), Leck (Lancs), Leak (NR Yorks), or Leak Hall in Cumberworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Lek, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph de Lek, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Leek, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Adam de Lek, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Robert de Leek, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Freiston, Lincs); Mathias Leek, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Leake, Lincs); John Leeke, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Barlestone, Leics); Adam Leake, 1559 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Anna Leeke, 1600 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Susan Leeke, 1603 in *IGI* (Halam, Notts); John Lecke, 1614 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *lek* 'leek', perhaps for a grower or seller of leeks. Compare **Leaker**.

**Early bearers:** John Leke, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Ralph Leecke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Leake, 1547 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Leake, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Bealings, Suffolk); Elizabeth Leake, 1561 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Marie Leake, 1561 in *IGI* (Holt, Norfolk).

### Leaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Devon; also Glamorgan

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**lekere* 'seller of leeks' (a derivative of Old English *lēac* 'leek'). (ii) nickname from Middle English *lekere* 'lascivious man, lecher', also a medieval nickname for the hare. Compare **Letcher** (1).

**Further information:** Support for the sense 'seller of leeks' is provided by Johannes Lekman Gardyner,

1390 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk). Compare Nicholao Lekm[o]nger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pewsey, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Adam Iekere, 1279 in *Fransson* (Yorks); William le Leker, 1293 in *Fransson*; William Leakor, 1544 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); William Lecker, 1582 in *IGI* (Norwich); Jone Leaker, 1612 in *IGI* (Stogursey, Somerset); John Leaker, 1745 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Leakey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Lakey**.

### Leal

**Variants:** Leale, Leel, Lale, Loyal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Hants; Middx English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *lele*, \**loial* 'loyal, faithful' (Old French *leial*, *loial*). Compare **Lealman**.
- Early bearers:** England: James Lale, 1549 in *IGI* (Brading, IoW); Edward Leale, 1593 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Willam Leale, 1595 in *IGI* (Ryde, IoW); Edward Leal, 1599 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Joane Lale, 1600 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Grace Loyale, 1602 in *IGI* (Bobbingworth, Essex); John Loyall, 1664 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Catteren Loyall, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Loyal, 1706 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Elizabeth Leal, 1767 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Betty Leale, 1771 in *IGI* (Whippingham, IoW); Charles Lail, 1788 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants).
- Scotland: Andrew Leal, 1479 in *Glasgow Register* (Aberdeen); Elspet Leal, 1676 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); John Leel, 1696 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

### Lealan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- See **Lealand**.

### Lealand

**Variants:** Leland, Leeland, Lealan, Lelan, Lelant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Shrops
- Perhaps of Scottish or Irish origin, see **McClelland**, though the geographical distribution of this name and its variants suggests that there may be an unexplained English origin.
- Early bearers:** Jhon Lealand, 1562 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Joane Lealand, 1572 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Johannis Lealand, 1606 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts); William Leeland, 1698 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); William Lealan, 1841 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

### Leale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Guernsey
- English: see **Leal**.

### Lealman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: nickname for a 'loyal man', from Middle English *lele* 'loyal, faithful' (Old French *leial*) + *man*. Compare **Leal**. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Lilleyman**.
- Early bearers:** William Leleman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Leleman, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Richardus Lealeman, 1585 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

### Leam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Lemm** (2) and (3).

### Leaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 695, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 636
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also SE England; Yorks; Gloucs
- English: see **Lemman**.

### Leaming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs
- English: see **Leeming**.

### Leamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Devon
- English: see **Lemmon**.

### Leamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó *Laomdha* 'descendant of *Laomdha*', a personal name which may be derived from *laomtha* 'blazing, flaming'.
- Early bearers:** Wm. O'Leamygh, yeoman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3544 (Ballybody, Tipperary); Morogh O'Leamy, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477 (Careghrony, Cork).

### Lean

**Variants:** Leane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 817, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 871
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lanarks; scattered elsewhere
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *lene* 'lean, thin, skinny' (Old English *hlæne*). Compare **Leaning**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Lene, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); John Leane, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Lene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Raynham, Norfolk); Thomas Lene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litton, WR Yorks); Johannes Lene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwick); Margaret Lean, 1580 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Jane Leane, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); John Lean, 1688 in *IGI*

(Long Ashton, Somerset); Thomas Lean, 1698 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk).

2 Scottish: reduced form of Scottish **McLean** (Gaelic **Mac Gille Eáin**).

### Leane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** SW Munster
- 1 Irish: from Ó *Liatháin*, see **Lehane**.
- 2 English, Scottish: see **Lean**.

### Leaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- Norman, English: see **Laney**.

### Leaning

**Variants:** Linnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**lening* 'lean or skinny person' (Old English \**hlæning*, a derivative of *hlæne*). Compare **Lean**.

**Further information:** The 1377 example may alternatively be read as Leuyng and belong with **Living**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lenyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cold Hanworth, Lincs); Agnes Leynnyng, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Leonard Lyenyng, 1565 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs); Chars Lenyng, 1586, William Leaning, 1727 in *IGI* (Grasby, Lincs); Robert Leninge Or Lening, 1596, Henrie Lening, 1600, James Lenning, 1858, George Leaning, 1871 in *IGI* (Barnetby le Wold, Lincs).

### Leap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- 1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a jump, leaping place, deer leap, or chasm, Middle English *lepe*, *lipe*, *lupe*, Old English \**hlēp*, *hlȳp*, *hliēp*. This word is the source of the place-name *Lipe* (Wilts, Somerset) but the distribution of the modern surname does not support its origin from either place. Some post-medieval bearers may belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Richard de la Lupe, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Roger atte Lupe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); [ . . . ] atte Lipe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thoma Lepe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Alice Leap, 1581 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Willm Leap, 1589 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); George Lpee, 1597 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Joseph Leep, 1789 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).
- 2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *lepe*, Old English *lēap* 'basket', given to someone who made or used baskets.

### Leaper

**Variants:** Leeper, Leiper, Lepper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344

## Leaphard

• **Main GB location 1881:** E England (esp. ER Yorks, Notts, Middx, and Herts); scattered in Scotland  
1 English: occupational name from Middle English *lepere* 'leaper, dancer, runner, courier' (Old English *hlēapere*). The conservative spelling indicates that this word must at least be the origin in the case of Robertus Lheapere, cited below, but other examples listed under (2) may also belong here.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Lheapere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Thomas Leaper, 1560 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Margery Leaper, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Christopher Leaper, 1585 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Thoms. Leaper, 1602 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richardi Leaper, 1603 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *lepere* 'basketmaker' (a derivative of Old English *lēap* 'basket'); compare John le Lepmaker, 1338 in *Fransson* (Norfolk), and note that tellingly Ran' le Leper, 1304, cited below, is identifiable with Ran' le Hirdeler (i.e. 'maker of hurdles') in the same document. Any of the other examples below may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Lepere, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Henry Leper, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Geoffrey Lepere, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William le Leapere, 1295 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); Ran' le Leper, 1304 in *McClure, Occupational bynames* (Notts); Anna Leaper, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Francis Leeper, 1572 in *IGI* (Beeston, Notts).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 189; *McClure, Occupational bynames*, p. 220.

## Leaphard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Leppard**.

## Leapman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Lipman** (2).

**Early bearers:** Gordon Leapman, 1872 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ettie Leapman, born in Manchester, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); William R. Leapman, born in Beer (Devon), in *Census 1881* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks).

## Lear

**Variants:** Leir, Leer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2458, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1742
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs; Gloucs; also London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ler* 'cheek, face, countenance, complexion' (Old English *hlēor*), used adjectivally to mean 'beautiful of face' (recorded in this sense before 1400 in *MED*).

Compare Middle English *lilie-ler* 'having a lily-like complexion'. A fine white skin was much admired in a world where a tanned face was a sign of inferior social status. An alternative sense 'looking sideways or askance; sly, underhand' is not recorded before 1631 in *OED* (at *ler*, adj. 2) but it may have been

current in spoken Middle English. Compare **Leary**. There may have been some confusion with **Leyer**.

**Early bearers:** Jon. Leir, 1545, Thomas Leer, 1551 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Nicholas Leere, 1560 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon); Mary Leare, 1589 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Anthony Laire, 1595 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Alice Leire, 1630 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); John Lear, Ambrose Leere, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Jacobus Layer, 1644, Robert Lyer, 1653 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); George Leere, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Giles Leer, 1666 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); William Leer, 1727 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

2 Irish: a reduced form of **Mac Giolla Uidhir**, see **McAleer**.

## Leard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish: see **Laird**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Learey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: see **Leary**.

## Learman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Notts

Scottish, English: see **Learmonth**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Learman, 1571 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Learman, 1588 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Robart Learmon, 1651 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

## Learmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Learmonth**.

## Learmont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian, Dumfriess, and Ayr; also Northumb; Lancs

Scottish: see **Learmonth**.

## Learmonth

**Variants:** Learmont, Learmond, Learmount, Learman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 483
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, W Lothian, Stirlings, Roxburghs; also Orkney

Scottish: Scottish variant of **Learmouth**, with intrusive *n*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Leirmontht, 1408 in *Swintons of that ilk* (Swinton, Berwicks), Patrick Learmont, 1672 in *IGI* (Polwarth, Berwicks); Andrea de Lermwth, 1413 in *Edinburgh Charters* no. 21, who reappears as Andree de Lermmontht, 1426 in *Edinburgh Register*, p. 46 (Edinburgh, Midlothian);

Alexander Learmonth, 1618 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Isoble Learmonth, 1652 in *IGI* (Auchterhouse, Angus); Margaret Learmont, 1659 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

England: William Leermond, 1662 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

## Learmount

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Durham
- Scottish: see **Learmonth**.

## Learmouth

**Variants:** Learmonth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lanarks; Orkney; scattered elsewhere

English, Scottish: locative name from Learmouth in Carham (Northumb), which is recorded as *Levermuth* in 1346.

**Early bearers:** England: Alan de Leuermouthe, 1311 in *Patent Rolls*; John Leuermouth', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Basingstoke, Hants); John de Lyvermouth', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); John Levermouth, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); William Lermouth, 1438 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Jane Learmouth, 1614 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); William Lairmouth, 1627, Suzanna Learmothe, 1628, Leonard Leeremouthe, 1637 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Andrea de Lermwth, 1413 in *Edinburgh Charters* no. 21 (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 132–3.

## Learner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Larner**.

## Learoyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place, in or near Halifax (WR Yorks), recorded as *le Lerode* in 1461. **Early bearers:** Thomas del Leghrode, 1326, William del Leeghrode, 1330, John del Legherode, 1332 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Alicia Leghrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby near Halifax, WR Yorks); Eliz. Leroyde, 1541, Margareta Lerode, 1542, Annes Leyroid, 1547, John Lerroid, 1551, Alice Lerroyd, 1557, Elsabethe Learoid, 1561, Mare Learoyd, 1564 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Learoyd, 1609 in *West Yorks Archives (Leeds)* (Halifax, WR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 101, 158.

## Leary

**Variants:** Learey, Lerry, Lery, Lary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2600, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2683
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan; also Lincs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry; Wexford

1 Irish: from Ó Laoghaire, see **O'Leary**.



**Early bearers:** England: Timothy Leary, born in Cork, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Bromley by Bow, Middx); Maurice Lary, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Widnes, Lancs); Thomas Leary, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs).

**Wales:** Daniel Leary, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Aberdare, Glamorgan); Cornelius Leary, born in Cork, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).  
**2** English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English word, \**lery*, a derivative of Middle English *ler*, Old English *hlēor* ‘face, countenance, complexion’. It may have been synonymous with Middle English *lere* ‘fair of face’, or there may have been Middle English senses that anticipated later uses of *leer* ‘looking askance; sly, underhand’, and *leery*, *lairy* ‘wary’ or ‘knowing’ (*OED*). Compare **Lear**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Lery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Radulphus Lery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Westgate, Norfolk); Wellm Lery, 1574 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Ceselye Lerye, 1603, Edw. Leary, 1702 in *IGI* (Withern with Stain, Lincs); Edward Leary, 1674, William Leary, 1833 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

**3** English: locative name, in Devon this surname alternatively may derive from Leary Barton in West Buckland (Devon), which is recorded as *Lery*, *Lerrey*, and *Lerey* in 1581.

**Early bearers:** John Lerye, 1581 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Johan Lerry, 1649 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Eleanor Leary, 1721, James Lerrey, 1809, William Leary, 1832 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 35.

## Leas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lees**.

## Lease

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Derbys

**1** English: see **Lees**.

**2** Irish, Scottish: possibly a reduced form of **McLeish**.

## Leask

**Variants:** **Leisk**, **Lisk**, **Lusk**, **Lask**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1413, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland, Orkney; Aberdeens; also Midlothian; Durham

Scottish: locative name from the lost place-name *Lask* in Slains (Aberdeens). The place is now called *Pitlurg*.

**Early bearers:** William of Lask, 1380, Thomas de Lask or Laysk, 1390, Amy Lowask, 1402, Henry de Laske, 1405, Johannes de Louask, 1413 in *Black*; James of Lask, 1438 in *Black* (Orkney); William de Lowask, 1445, Umfra Laysk, 1461 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Barbara Leisk, 1584 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr. Leisk, 1614 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Jhone Leask, 1615 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Jon. Leask, 1653 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Grisil Leask, 1713 in *IGI* (Orphir, Orkney); Barbara Leisk, 1742 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

**References:** *Black*, p. 421.

## Leason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Staffs and Derbys; Lancs

English: see **Leeson**.

## Leat

**Variants:** **Leatt**, **Leate**, **Leete**, **Leet**, **Leates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset and Gloucs; Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name for someone who lived by a ‘conduit or watercourse’, Middle English *lete* (Old English *gelēt*), or for someone who came from a place so named, such as Leat (Devon) or The Leete (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William Bytherlete, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Lete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bulphan, Essex); John atte Lete, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* 172; Petrus Leat, 1545 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Ellin Leat, 1555 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Leat, 1603 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); George Leat, 1611 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Mary Leat, 1622 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset).

## Leate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Leat**.

## Leates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: variant of **Leat** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Leats, 1736 in *IGI* (Sanderstead, Surrey).

## Leath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Staffs; Herefs; Middx; Lancs

English: see **Lathe**.

## Leatham

**Variants:** **Leathem**, **Leetham**, **Letham**, **Leedham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down; Cavan

English: see **Latham**.

## Leathard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Leithead**.

## Leathart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Leithead**.

## Leathead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Roxburghs
- Scottish, English: see **Leithead**.

## Leatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 352
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Donegal

**1** English: see **Leatham**.

**2** Irish: see **Lydon**.

## Leather

**Variants:** **Leathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2097, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2042
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Westm; also Middx and Warwicks

**1** English: nickname from Middle English *lether*, probably for a dealer in leather or someone who used leather in his work. Compare John Lethercarver, 1404 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Northants). *Leather dyer* was an occupation term in London in 1373 (*Thureson*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Lether, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**2** English: locative name from an unidentified place-name, recorded only in the 1377 surname.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Lethere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh, Staffs); Ales Leather, 1564 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Daniel Leather, 1582 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Mary Leather, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); John Leather, 1598 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Sara Leather, 1600 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Leatherbarrow

**Variants:** **Letherbarrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: of uncertain origin; probably a locative name from Latherbarrow in Hawkshead (Lancs), though early spellings for this place-name have not been found.

**Early bearers:** John Letherbarow, 1530 in *Lancs Record Office* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Robert Leatherbarrow, 1542, Ellen Letherbarrowe, 1543, Radulphi Letherbarowe, 1569 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Edward Letherbarow, 1556–7 in *Lancs Record Office* (Parbold, Lancs); James Leatherbarrow, 1639, Gilbert Latherbarrow, 1683, Ann Letterbarrow, 1777 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 194.

## Leatherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs; Middx

English: see **Lethaby**.

## Leatherdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 1

## Leatherday

- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: variant of **Lauderdale**.

### Leatherday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Lauderdale**.

### Leatherhead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name from Leatherhead (Surrey), which is *Ledred* in the Middle Ages.
- Early bearers:** Richard Leddred, John de Leddred, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); John Ledered, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

### Leatherland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Leics, Northants, and Warwicks

English: see **Litherland**. Compare **Letherland** for the development.

### Leathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: variant of **Leather** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Leathers, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jane Leathers, 1730 in *IGI* (Aspall, Suffolk); John Leathers, 1736 in *IGI* (Stowupland, Suffolk).

### Leathes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cumb and Westm; Suffolk

English: variant of **Lathe** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Leathes, 1579, Robart Laythes, 1595 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Adam Leathes, 1580, Thomas Laites, 1724 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Margerie Laites, 1584 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Johnis. Laythes, 1585 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); George Reading Leathes, 1779 in *IGI* (Reedham, Norfolk).

### Leathley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Leathley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Lelaia, 1189–99 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); William de Lethleia, 13th cent in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (WR Yorks); Adam Lethelay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Arthur Leathley, 1585 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Margret Leathlay, 1618 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

### Leathwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: (i) probably a variant of **Laithwaite**, remodelled as if from a place-name with Middle English *wode* ‘wood’ (Old English *wudu*) as the second element. Compare **Lathwood**. (ii) locative name, possibly from Lythwood in Condover (Shrops), which is recorded as *Lythwed*’ in 1250, *Leathwood* in 1597. Lythwood is in the township of Great and Little Lyth, and its name means ‘wood in the place called Lyth’ (Middle English *wode* ‘wood’). The name Lyth itself derives from Old English *hlið* ‘concave hillside’. There is, however, no clear evidence that this place gave rise to a surname, nor have any relevant bearers been noted in Shrops.

**Early bearers:** Andr Lethwood, 1550 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Saint Lawrence, Chorlton, Lancs); Hugh Leathwood, 1591 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Bolton le Sands, Lancs); Alizia Lethwood, 1612 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Rich. Lethwood, 1628 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); Hugh Leathwood, 1630 in *Lancs Record Office* (Lancaster, Lancs); Eliz Leithwood, 1728 in Bishop’s Transcripts (Cheshire); Samuel Leethwood, shoemaker, 1766 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Halton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 2, pp. 115–16.

### Leaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Northants
- English: see **Leighton**.

### Leatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Leat**.

### Leavens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cumb; WR Yorks

English: see **Levens**.

### Leaver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2174, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1931
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also S England
- English: see **Lever**.

### Leavers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Levers**.

### Leaves

**Variants:** **Leeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Levis**.

### Leavesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; also Staffs and Leics

English: see **Livesley**.

### Leavett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Levett**.

### Leavey

**Variants:** **Levey, Levy, Levi, Lewey, Lewy, Lovie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Wilts; also Lancs; Durham

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lefwi*, \**Lovy* (Old English *Lēofwīg*). Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Leuui, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. surnames: Ricardus filius Lefwi, 1171–2 in *Douglas Book* (Suffolk); Agnes filia Lewi, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Leui, 1228 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Levi, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Leuwy, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Editha Levie, 1623 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); William Leavey, 1665 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Richard Leavey, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); John Leavey, 1690 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Wm. Leavey, 1734 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); William Leavey, 1745 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps in some cases from the Middle English female personal name *Levive* (Old English *Lēofgifu*), with loss of the final consonant.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leueiua, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Leueua Cok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Henricus Leueue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Katerina Lewewe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Walterus Leveve, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Euston, Suffolk).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, II, pp. 109–10.

3 Irish: see **Leavy**.

### Leavis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: see **Levis**.

2 English: see **Lavis**.

### Leavitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: see **Levett**.

### Leavold

**Variants:** **Levell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: relationship name from a male personal name deriving from Late Old English *Lēofweald* (*lēof* ‘beloved’ + *weald* ‘power, ruler’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Leuot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Lewold’, Liwwooldus, Luwold’, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

surnames: Simon filius Lefwaldi, Lefwoldi, Leualdi, about 1165–80 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*

(Suffolk); William Leuald, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); John Levold, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Levald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney); John Levell, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmundi Levold, 1604 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Leavold, 1645 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk).

### Leavy

Variants: **Leavey**, **Lavy**, **Lavey**, **Levis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 720
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; Lancs; Durham; Flints
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Meath

1 Irish: from **Mac Con Shléibhe**, ‘son of *Cú Sléibhe*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the mountain’. **Early bearers:** given names: Cu Sleibe H. Ciardha, 1087 in *AU*.

urnames: Owen roo McEnleve alias McMoylek, yeoman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3243 (Westmeath); Jacob Levy, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clounes, Monaghan); Thomas O’Levy, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ardaghy Kill, Monaghan); Patrick Leavey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. Mary’s, Westmeath); Thomas Leavy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Westmeath); Margaret Leavy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford).

2 Irish: reduced form of **Dunleavy**.

### Le Ball

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: variant of **Ball**, with French definite article *le*.

### Lebbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Bell** (‘fair, good’), with fused Old French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Lebel, le Bel, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Mary Lebbell, 1704 in *IGI* (Caister Saint Edmund with Markshall, Norfolk); James Lebbell, 1800 in *IGI* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Lebbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: possibly a variant of **Laybourne**; compare John Lebourn, 1729 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rebecca Lebbon, 1742 in *IGI* (Billingford near Diss, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard Lebbon, 1711 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Robert Lebbon, 1736 in *IGI* (Burgate, Suffolk).

### Lebby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: see **Libby**.

### Lebeau

Variants: **Lebel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: from French *le beau* ‘handsome, beautiful’, with the definite article fused. *Lebel* is an archaic or regional (eastern) form.

**Early bearers:** Magdeleine Lebeau, 1706 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Timothe Lebeau, 1755 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Lebel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Huguenot: see **Lebeau**.

### Lebeter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Leadbetter**.

### Le Blond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also London
- French, Huguenot: variant of **Blunt**, with French definite article *le*.
- Early bearers:** Huguenot: Marie Le Blond, 1609 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Pierre Le Blond, 1612 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London). Channel Islands: Albert Le Blond, 1872 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

### Leboff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, English: variant of *Boff*, itself a variant of **Bough**, with fused French definite article *le*.

### Le Boutillier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: variant of **Butler**, with French definite article *le*.
- Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Catharina Le Boutillier, 1657 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey).

### Le Breton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: see **Breton**.

### Le Brocq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: apparently a nickname deriving ultimately from Breton *broc’h* ‘badger’.
- Further information:** Frank Le Maistre, the historian of Saint Ouen parish, derives this name from a ‘Viking period’ word *broc* ‘spur of land’, the existence of which cannot be confirmed, or *bro* ‘pottery receptacle’ (i.e. French *broc*). Old Scandinavian *brok* means ‘bad, black grass’ and appears in the nickname *Broki*; *brók* means ‘breeches leg’.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Benest Le Brocq, born about 1480, in de Caen (Saint Ouen, Jersey); Jean le Brocq, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey). **References:** *The Le Brocq family*, by Roland de Caen, [http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/the\\_Le\\_Brocq\\_family](http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/the_Le_Brocq_family).

### Le Brun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Guernsey
- French: nickname from French *brun* ‘brown’, with the definite article *le*. Compare **Brown**.
- Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Denize Le Brun, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Peter, Jersey).

### Leche

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Letch** or **Leech**.

### Lechmere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herefs, Radnors, and Worcs
- English: see **Lashmar**.

### Leck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England (esp. Lancs, Cumb, Durham, and NR Yorks); scattered in Scotland (esp. Lanarks and Renfrews)
- English: see **Leake**.

### Leckenby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Lackenby**.

### Leckey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 541
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Tyrone
- Scottish, N Irish: see **Leckie**.

### Leckie

Variants: **Leckey**, **Lakey**, **Lecky**, **Lackie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1531, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 934
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lowland Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Stirlings, Ayr, Renfrews, and Dunbartons; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from the barony of Leckie in Gargunnoch (Stirlings).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Murdoch Leckie, 1390–1406 in *Black*; David Lekky, 1537 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; Janet Laiky, 1599 in *Black* (Angus).
- England: Andrew Leckie, 1624 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Lecky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

## Le Clercq

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal
- Irish, Scottish: chiefly Northern Irish spelling of Scottish **Leckie**.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret fitz William O'Leaghca, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4668; William McDonnell O'Leaghca, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4668.

### Le Clercq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: occupational name from French *clerc* 'cleric, clerk', with the definite article *le*. Compare **Clarke**.  
**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Marie Le Clercq, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Jersey).

### Le Comber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: variant of *Comber* (see **Comer**), with French definite article *le*.  
**Early bearers:** David Le Comber, 1762 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Lecomber

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, English: variant of *Comber* (see **Comer**), with fused French definite article *le*.

### Le Cornu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French (Channel Islands): nickname from French *le cornu* 'the horned (one)', probably in the metaphorical sense attested in Old French of 'silly' since the meaning 'cuckolded' is attested only late.  
**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Elizabeth Le Cornu, 1616 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey); Daniel Le Cornu, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Le Count

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Middx
- Huguenot: see **Lecount**.

### Lecount

**Variants:** **Le Count**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: nickname, anglicized form of French **Leconte** or **Lecomte**, from Old French *le + conte* 'the count'. Compare **Count**.  
**Early bearers:** Daniel le Conte, 1663 in *Huguenot Society Quarto Series* (Thorney French Church, Cambs); James Lecount, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Estienne le Conte, 1714–15 in *Huguenot Society Quarto Series* (Thorney French Church, Cambs); Stephanus Lecount, 1716 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Anne Lecomte, 1720, Isaac Lecount, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Lecount, 1762 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); James Lecount, 1782 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Ledbetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Leadbetter**.

### Ledbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: variant of **Ladbrook**.

### Ledbury

**Variants:** **Ladbury, Lidbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Staffs; Somerset and Wilts

English: locative name from Ledbury (Herefs).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Ledebur', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Iohanne de Ledeburi, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Herts); John de Ledbury, 1328 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 33 (Kent); Stephen de Ledebury, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Johanne Ledbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Johannes Ledbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); William Ledbury, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Ledbury, 1567 in *IGI* (Persore, Worcs); Ogun Lydbury, 1624 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Austin Lydbury, 1629, Anne Lidbury, 1684, Eliza Ledbury, 1813 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Willim. Ledbury, 1636 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks); Richard Ladbury, 1646, John Ledbury, 1832 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Elizabeth Lidbury, 1726 in *IGI* (Berkley, Somerset); Dix Ledbury, 1749 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs).

### Ledden

**Variants:** **Leaden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- 1 Irish: see **Latham**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Ledon, 1620 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); John Leddon, 1628 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Mary Leddon, 1711 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).  
2 Huguenot: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Ledder

**Variants:** **Leader**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ledere, ledder* 'plumber' (a derivative of *led(e)* 'lead').

**Further information:** As evidence for the sense of this word, we have reference to the 'wages of a *ledder* soldering the gutters over the great gate' (1344 in *Salzman, Building*, p. 266), and the gloss '*Leedare*, or plummare: Plumbarius' (1440 in *MED*).  
**Early bearers:** Catherine Ledder, 1560 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Margaretta Ledder, 1667 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Leader**.

### Leddington

**Variants:** **Ledington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths; also Staffs

English: locative name from Ledington in Dymock (Gloucs). There may have been some confusion with **Liddington**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ledinton, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); Robert Ledington, 1540, Isabel Leadington, 1581 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); Robart Ledyngton or Ledington, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Thoms Ledington, 1590, Joane Leadinton, 1607 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Anne Leddington, 1632 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Samuel Ledington, 1670 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 169.

### Leddy

**Variants:** **Liddy, Luddy, Mulleady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 594
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134

• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Lanarks; Northumb; Lancs and Cheshire

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: apparently from Ó Lideadha 'descendant of *Lideadh*', a personal name of unexplained origin. It seems likely that this surname is a reduced form of Ó Maoileidigh, see **Melody**.

**Early bearers:** Diermott O Lyddy, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5808 (Shandangen, Connacht); Rorie reogh O'Leddy, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Shanedingen); Samuel Liddy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracross, Fermanagh); Terence Leddy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumlane, Cavan); William Leddy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crosserlough, Cavan).

### Ledford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey
- English: see **Lydford**.

### Ledgar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ledger** (3).

### Ledgard

**Variants:** **Legard, Lidgard, Ledger, Leggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English male or female personal name *Legard* (Old French *Legard*, from Continental Germanic *Leudgard*, *Liudgard*, or its female equivalent *Leudgarda*, *Liudgarda*).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Leggard Joseph, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

given names (female): Ligarda, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Legarda, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs).

surnames: Godefridus filius Leggard, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Osbertus filius Leggard, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugh Leggard, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Legard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Leggard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Leggard, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*

(Lincs); Adam Legard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh Legard, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Lyggard', Ricardus Legerde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Rafe Lidgard, 1543, Jone Lidgeard, 1554 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey); Joan Legard, 1550 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Elizabetha Legerd, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Mathewe Ledgearde, 1566, Edward Ledgearde, 1570, Robart Ledgard, 1572 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Johane Legart, 1570, Marye Lydgert, 1584, Edward Ledgert, 1604, James Ligeard, 1607 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Isabell Ledchard, 1574 in *IGI* (Walesby, Lincs); Richard Ledgard, 1575 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Thomas Ledgearde, 1585 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Ann Lidgard, 1603 in *IGI* (Claxby by Normanby, Lincs); Elizabetha Ledgeyard, 1634 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

## Ledger

Variants: **Leger, Ledgar, Lagar, Lager, Lisher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3103, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2024
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks, Notts, and Lancs; Kent and Surrey; Durham

1 Norman: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Legier* (derived from Continental Germanic *Leodegar*), common throughout France and Normandy through the memory of Saint Leger, a 7th-century bishop. Compare **Saint Ledger**. Some surnames early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Leodegar', 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants), 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Leodegarus de Dive, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Leodegario de Hampton, 1248–9 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Leodegar de Cromton, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: Adam Leger, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Leger, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Leger, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Roger Leger, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Leger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); John Leger, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Turnditch, Derbys); John Legear, 1532, Thomas Ledger, 1552, in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hernhill, Kent); William Ledgear, 1596 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Richerd Lager, 1705 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Sarah Lagar, 1730 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *legger* 'one who lays stone, a mason', a derivative of Old English *lecgan* 'to lay'. Note the occupation as mason of Willelmo le Leggere, 1381, cited below.

Compare Layer (3). Early bearers without the definite article may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Ric. Le Leger, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Leggere, 1377 in *London Letter Books* H (Surrey); Willelmo le Leggere, masson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Thelder Ledger, 1561 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); William Ledger, 1571 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Ledger, 1587 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); Suzan Ledger, 1589 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Ledger, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 179.

3 English: variant, especially in WR Yorks, of **Ledgard**, with loss of final *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Ledgard, 1599, Will. Ledger, 1601, Thomas Ledgard, 1604, Robart Ledger, 1612, Thomas Ledgerd, 1635 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR

Yorks); Mary Ledgar, 1675 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 26.

## Ledgerton

Variants: **Legerton, Lidgerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained; the northern part of its distribution suggests a possible English mutation of **Ledgerwood**.

**Early bearers:** Elyzabetha Legerton, 1606 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Ledgerton, 1633, Jane Legerton, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ferdinand Lidgertone, 1675 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Thomas Legerton, 1677 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Ralph Lidgerton, 1710 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb).

## Ledgerwood

Variants: **Ligertwood, Legerwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; also Berwicks and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: locative name from Legerwood (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Symon de Lichardeswode, Nicol de Lychardeswode, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); John de Lichardewode, 1370 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Leidgerwood, 1655 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jean Lidgertwood, 1624 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens); George Lidgartwood, 1634 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs); Jonet Legerwood, 1648 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Wm Ligertwood, 1661 in *IGI* (Foveran, Aberdeens); Issobell Ledgerwood, 1672 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Agnes Ledgerwood, 1784 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks).

England: Jane Ledgerwood, 1757, Alice Ledgertwood, 1761 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Ledgeway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Ledgeway, 1819, Mark Ledgway, 1829 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

## Ledgister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jamaican: probably English; compare John Lidgster, 1738 in *IGI* (Whitkirk, WR Yorks), whose name is unexplained, or less plausibly Thomas Lidgiter, 1667 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex).

## Ledingham

Variants: **Leadingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Banffs

Scottish: locative name from Ledikin in Culsalmond (Aberdeens), which is recorded as *Ledinghame* in 1600, *Lethinghame* in 1644.

**Early bearers:** George Ledinghame, 1574, John Liddinghame, 1603 in *Aberdeens Court Records*;

George Ledinghame, 1679, George Ledingame, 1751, George Ledegham, 1761, James Lediken, 1780, Christian Ledikin, 1784 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Margarat Ledingham, 1745 in *IGI* (Culsalmond, Aberdeens); John Leadingham, 1748 in *IGI* (Leslie, Aberdeens); Anne Leadingham, 1787 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

**References:** *West Aberdeens Place-Names*, p. 238.

## Ledington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Monmouths

English: see **Leddington**.

## Ledlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Antrim

Scottish, English: see **Leadley**. This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland.

## Ledsam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Ledsham**.

## Ledsham

Variants: **Leadsom, Ledson, Ledsome, Ledsam, Ledsom, Letson, Lettosome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Denbighs, Flints, and Lancs

1 English: locative name from either of the places called Ledsham in Cheshire and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Ledesham, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Ledsam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Ledsam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hazelwood, WR Yorks); Robertus de Ledesam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillam, WR Yorks); Radulfus de Ledsam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newthorpe, WR Yorks); Maria Ledsham, 1587 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Ledsome, 1594, John Ledsham, 1729 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Thomas Lettsham, 1625, Richard Letsome, 1639 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Raph Ledsham, 1628, John Ledsome, 1664 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richd Ledson, 1703 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Thos. Letsome, 1777 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Letson**.

## Ledsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Ledsham**.

## Ledsome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Ledsham**.

## Ledson

### Ledson

**Variants:** Letson, Lettsome, Lesson, Leston, Litson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 173

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire

1 English: principally a variant of **Ledsham**.

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from Ledston (WR Yorks) with loss of *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Ledeston, 1273, Thomas de Leddeston, 1402 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alicia de Ledeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Alicia de Ledston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); William Ledstone, 1698, William Leadston, 1716 in *IGI* (Owston, WR Yorks); Mary Leadston, 1783 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks).

3 English: see **Letson**.

### Ledster

• **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 27

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Lister**.

### Ledward

• **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 173

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; also Sussex

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elizabethæ Ledward, 1664 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Carolus Ledward, 1670 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); John Leadward, 1748 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); John Leddard, 1746 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Phoebe Ladward, 1770 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Ledwell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 17

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Oxon

English: locative name from Ledwell (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** John de Ledwell, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William de Ledewell, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Ledwell, Oxon); Robert Ledewell', 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts and Beds); Marian Ledwell, 1593 in *IGI* (Ulcombe, Kent); William Leadwell, 1626 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); John Leadwell, 1678 in *IGI* (Beckley, Oxon).

### Ledwich

• **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 35

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys

English: see **Ledwidge**.

### Ledwidge

**Variants:** Ledwich, Ledwith

• **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 40

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin

English: locative name from Ledwyche (Shrops).

**Further information:** This name is long-established in Ireland, where it has been erroneously thought to be derived from the German personal name *Ludwig*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas de Ledwich, 1302 in *CDI* §47; John Ledwitche, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §106 (Dunboyne, Meath); Oliver Ledwiche, kern, 1546 in

*Fiants Henry* §505; Donagh ryaghe Ledwyche, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §297 (Percelliston, Westmeath); Katherine Ledwiche, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3422 (Westmeath); Nicholas Ledwech, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §478 (Roscommon); Gerald, Nicholas, and Piers Ledwytche, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Ballyharney, Westmeath); James Ledwich, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mayne, Westmeath); Nicholas Ledwith, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballintemple, Cavan); James Ledwith, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyloughloe, Westmeath).  
England: Roger de Ledewich, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops).

### Ledwith

• **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 338

• **GB frequency 1881:** 59

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English: see **Ledwidge**.

### Lee

**Variants:** Leigh

• **Current frequencies:** GB 83719, Ireland 5120

• **GB frequency 1881:** 48514

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey; Devon; Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Cavan; Galway

1 English: see **Leigh**.

2 Irish: anglicized form of Ó **Laoidhigh** 'descendant of *Laoidheach*', an adjectival personal name from *laoidh* 'poem, song' (originally a byname for a poet). This was the name of a learned family, also attested as churchmen, who were for generations physicians to the O'Flahertys. There has been some confusion with *Mac an Leagha* 'son of the physician', see **McClay**, and with the English surname **Leech**.

**Early bearers:** Seoan hUa Laidhigh, bishop of Killala, 1280 in *AU*; Edward and Emericus Ley, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §557; Conoghor McDonoghe Leigh, surgeon, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897 (Croghanboy); Teige Lee, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871 (Shanganaghe); John Lee, gent., 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3782 (Clonagh, Meath); Donnell duffe O'Lye and Tho. moile O'Leighe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5612 (Tyrbuy, Munster); Edm. mcShane leigh, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Carrigenashe, Roscommon); Edm. mcLaghlin mcShane Leigh, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Queen's county [Laois]); Dermot O Leigh, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6312 (Gurran, Munster); Donogh Leigh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Carrignassy, Cork); Donell mcDonogh mcOwen Lea and Donell mcShane Leagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515; Deirmod mcGillecanne Leaghe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569.

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 李, 黎, 利, 栗, 厲, and 鄺. See **Li** (1–6).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).

5 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 呂, see **Lu** (6).

6 Korean: (ㄹ); Chinese character 李) see **Yee**.

### Leeburn

• **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 18

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Laybourne**.

### Leece

**Variants:** Leese

• **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 497

• **Main GB location 1881:** IoM, Lancs, and Cumb

1 Manx: relationship name, a reduced form of Gaelic *Mac Giolla Íosa*, Manx *Mac Guilley Yeesey* 'son of *Giolla Íosa* (devotee or servant of Jesus)'. Ballaleece ('Leece's farm') in Kirk German was the family's main seat.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac ilest, 1550, 1576, Mk Lece, 1560, Mac Leece, 1600, 1694, 1790, Leese, 1737, Mcy leese, 1749–59, McLees, 1758, Leece, 1782, Leeses, 1803, Mce leece, 1807 in *Kneen*.

England: Elianor Leece, 1757 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Kneen*; *Broderick*, *Manx Place-Names*, at Ballaleece.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French female personal name *Lece*, a pet form of **Lettice**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lecia, 1172–80 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Willelmus filius Lecie, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Godfrey Lece, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Lece, 1394 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Suffolk); Robert Leece, 1570 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Leece, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Vincentij Leece, 1578 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); Margret Leece, 1581 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Ane Leece, 1595 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb).

### Leech

**Variants:** Leche, Leach, Leitch, Latch

• **Current frequencies:** GB 5943, Ireland 671

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4849

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; also Middx; Suffolk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Galway

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *leche*, *lache* 'physician' (Old English *læce* 'leech; physician, blood-letter, surgeon'). The surname is recorded in the late 14th-century Poll Tax Returns for men whose occupation is stated as *medicus* 'physician', or occasionally *spicer* (spicers acted as apothecaries), but some men named *le Leche* have unrelated occupations including *cultor* 'cultivator, planter, farm labourer', which suggests that *leche* could refer to an amateur 'medicine man' who supplied folk remedies.

**Early bearers:** Robert Leche, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Edmund le Leche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Leech, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johanne the Leche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgehill, Wilts); Willelmo Leche, medico, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Rogerus Leche, medicus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cound, Shrops); Johannes Leche, spycer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Rogerus le Leche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Golborne, Lancs); Robert Leache, 1543 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Jeane Leach, 1575 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Johes Leache, 1581 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Solomon Leech, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal); Henry Leech, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbride, Cavan); James Leech, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilraghts, Antrim).

2 English: variant of **Letch**.

3 Irish: In Ireland, this is generally the English name, but in Galway it has also been adopted for Ó **Maol Mhaodhóg**, see **Logue**.

**Leechman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Leishman**.

**Leed**

Variants: **Leede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland: esp. Caithness; also Lancs and WR Yorks

Scottish: locative name, perhaps from Lead at Corrie, south-west of Gartmore, in Port of Menteith (Perths). There may have been some confusion with **Lead**.

**Early bearers:** William Led, 1655, Andrew Lead or Load, 1659 in *Black* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); William Lead, 1655 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Elspet Leed, 1664, Al. Lead, 1744, Robert Leid, 1799 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); William Leed, 1669 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**Leede**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Lead** or **Leed**.

**Leeder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: variant of **Leader**.

**Leedham**

Variants: **Leadham**, **Leedom**, **Leadon**, **Leadenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1263, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, Leics, and Derbys; also WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Leadenham (Lincs). (ii) sometimes a variant of **Leatham** (itself a variant of **Latham**). Compare Thomas Lethame, 1546 in *Knaresborough Wills* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks) and Anne Leedham, 1653 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks). (iii) possibly also an altered pronunciation of one of the variants of **Leighton** or **Laughton**, with *-dham* and *-don* substituted for *-ton*. Variation between *-ea-*, *-ay-*, and *-au-* is not uncommon from the 15th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Ledenham, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Margaret de Ledenham, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Bassingham, Lincs); Simon Ledenham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Spalford, Notts); Robert Ledeham, 1452, Robert Lethum otherwise callyd Robert Ledham, 1454 in *Paston Letters* (E Anglia); Robtus Leadham, 1572 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); John Ledham, 1580 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Robti. Ledham, 1582 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Elizabeth Leadham, 1609 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); William Leedham, 1611 in *IGI* (Stixwold, Lincs); Elizabeth Leedham, 1630 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Notts); William Leadham, 1665 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); William Leadenham, 1714 in *IGI* (Allington, Lincs).

**Leeding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs

English: possibly a locative name from Leedon in Eggington (Beds), but no early records of this have been found.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Leading, 1630 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); John Leeding, 1634 in *IGI* (Pevensey, Sussex); Jonathain Leeding, 1689, Thomas Leading, 1734 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Robert Leding, 1790 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts).

**Leedom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Leedham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Leeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent, Surrey, and Middx; also Yorks and Lancs; also Aberdeens

English: locative name from either of two places called Leeds (Kent, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Paulinus de Ledes, 1175–6 in *Mowbray Charters*; Peter de Ledes, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Hugh de Leedes, 1285 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Robertus de Ledes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Ledes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Johannes de Ledys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunworth, Norfolk); Rogerus de Ledes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabetha de Ledys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); John Ledys, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Elizabeth Leeds, 1574 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); John Leeds, 1574 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Edwardus Leeds, 1577 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Cambs); Ledia Leeds, 1589 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Thomas Leeds, 1594 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Leaf**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Leaf**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Leefe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Leaf**.

**Leegood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Goode** (1), with fused French definite article *le*.

**Leek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1811, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Leake**.

**Leeke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: see **Leake**.

**Leeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Suffolk), Surrey, and Kent

English: variant of **Leake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Leekes, 1604 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Elizabeth Leeks, 1608 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jane Leeks, 1665 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesand, Kent); Eliz. Leeks, 1694 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

**Leel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Leal**.

**Leeland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Leics and Derbys
- See **Lealand**.

**Leem**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Lemm**.

**Leeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 668, Ireland 139
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Yorks, Lancs, Durham, and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Lemmon**.

**Leeming**

Variants: **Leaming**, **Leemon**, **Leming**, **Liming**, **Lemin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2176, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1855
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Leeming (NR Yorks). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2). There may also have been some late confusion with **Lemmon** and its variants.

**Early bearers:** Peter Leming, 1272–1307 in *Notts Archives* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Lemyng, Thomas de Lemyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Green Hammerton, WR Yorks); Robertus Lemeng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Willelmus Lemyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Reginaldus Lemyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); John Leming, 1562 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johanis Lemyng, 1582 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Peter Liming, 1587, Mathew Lemyng, 1588 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Anna Leeming, 1630 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); James Liming, 1692 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants).

2 English: see **Limmagine**.

**Leemon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Leeming**.

## Leen

### Leen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 403
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish (Kerry): from Ó Laighin, see **Lane**.

**Early bearers:** Leaghlin O'Leien, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2617; Redmund O'Leien, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2617; Molaghlyn mcMorris O'Len, galloglass, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3432; Morish O'Lean, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Kildonoghbuy).

### Leeper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 100
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; E Anglia and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Armagh
- English, Irish: see **Leeper**.

**Further information:** This English surname was imported (in this spelling) into Ulster in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** John Leeper, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); Robert Leeper, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh).

### Leer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: variant of **Lear**.

### Lees

Variants: **Lease**, **Leas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13131, Ireland 229
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Dublin

1 English: locative name, variant (plural) of *Lee*; see **Leigh**.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Leges, de Lees, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Anna Lees, 1550 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Cicellye Lees, 1556 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Richarde Lees, 1560 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Lees, 1561 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Willm. Lees, 1561 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs).

2 Scottish, Irish: reduced form of Irish *Mac Gille Íosa*, see **McLeish**.

### Leese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2569, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: see **Leece**.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *lese* 'pasture' (Old English *læs*).

**Further information:** This name might sometimes be for the plural of Middle English *lei(e)* 'open land, field, glade', as found in place-names such as *Lees* (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de la Laese, 1276 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; Robert de la Lese, 1290 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert atte Leese, 1315 in *Lifvenberg* (Surrey); Ricardus del Lees, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Hellen Leese, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Leeson

Variants: **Leason**, **Lesson**, **Layson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2338, Ireland 234

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1709
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lece* + *son*. See **Leece** and compare **Let**, **Letson**, which derive from the same personal name.

**Early bearers:** John, Leceson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Roger Leceson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Leeson, 1572 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Thomas Leeson, 1579 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); John Leason, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Leson, 1666 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Robert Leeson, 1753 in *IGI* (Packington, Leics).

2 Irish: the English name was taken to Ireland in the 17th century, but in some cases it may be a variant anglicization of Ó Glasáin, see **Gleeson**.

### Leet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs and Suffolk; Gloucs; Middx
- English: see **Leat**.

### Leetch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Leach**.

### Leete

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Cambs, Herts, and Middx
- English: see **Leat**.

### Leeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish: see **Leith**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Leetham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: probably a variant of **Leatham**, itself a variant of **Latham**.

**Early bearers:** Percival Leetham, 1595 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); John Leetham, 1651 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks).

### Leeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Levis**.

### Le Feuvre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426

- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: Jersey, Sark, and Guernsey
- French: see **Lefevre**.

### Le Fever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- French: see **Lefevre**.

### Lefever

- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- French, Huguenot: see **Lefevre**.

### Le Fevre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey; scattered in England: esp. Norfolk
- French: see **Lefevre**.

### Lefevre

Variants: **Lefever**, **Le Fever**, **Le Fevre**, **Le Feuvre**, **Lafave**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

Huguenot: occupational name, French *Leffèvre*, *Lefevvre*, *Lefebure*, from French *le fèvre* 'the smith', sometimes with hypercorrect *-b-* for *-v-* (influenced by Latin *faber*) and with *-u-* as a spelling of *-v-*. The surname was brought to England in the 16th century by Walloons and later reinforced by French Huguenots. See **Faure** and compare **Fever**, **Faver** (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Lefebure, 1594, Mathieu le Feure, 1632, Jean le Febuer, 1674 in *IGI* (Walloon and Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Robert le Fevre or le Febure, 1652, Anthoine le Fevre, 1666 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Philippe le Fevre, 1652, Jean le Febure, 1670 in *IGI* (London); Abraham Lefebure, 1739 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, London).

### Leffek

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Levick**.

### Leffingwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Lepingwell**.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Le Fleming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: variant of **Fleming** with definite article *le*.

### Lefley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Lincs
- French: see **Leftley**.

### Lefort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44



- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Fort**, with fused French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Cesar Lefort, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Leftley

**Variants:** Lefley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Norfolk) and ER Yorks

French: unexplained, but apparently two different traditions rendering either **Laffolay**, from French *l'afolé* 'the lame (one)' or **Lafolie**, from the place-name in Normandy *Lafolie, La Folie*.

**Early bearers:** S & W: Stephanni Lifollie, 1588 in *IGI* (Windrush, Gloucs); Mary Liffolly, 1590 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Mary Liffolly, 1660 in *IGI* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Sophia Liffully, 1784 in *IGI* (Colesborne, Gloucs).

E Anglia: Thomas Leftly, 1699, Elizabeth Leftley, 1702 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Ann Laffly, 1729 in *IGI* (Wetheringsett, Suffolk); Arabella Laffley, 1798, Arabella Leftley, 1802 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Lefton

**Variants:** Lifton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *left*, *lift* 'left' + *hand* 'hand', probably for a left-handed person.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Lefthand, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Dand Lefthand, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); Galfr' Lefthand, 1303 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Johannes Lefthand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newark, Notts); Johannes Lifthand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tattersett with Broomsthorpe, Norfolk); Elizabeth Lifton, 1639, John Lefton, 1789 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); James Lefton, 1732 in *IGI* (Newark, Notts).

2 English: possibly an altered pronunciation of a locative name ending in *-ton*, such as **Leverton**.

3 English: variant of **Lifton**.

### Leftwich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs

English: locative name from Leftwich (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Leftetewich, 1321 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Robert Leftewyche, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard Leftwiche, 1505 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Cheshire); Richard Leftwyche, 1530 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Cheshire); Wm Leftwich, 1615 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, pp. 205–6.

### Legan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs

English: see **Legon**.

### Legard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Ledgard**.

### Legassick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Middx

English: unexplained, possibly Huguenot.

**Early bearers:** Richard Legassick, 1672 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); Francis Legassick, 1676 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Phillippe Legassick, 1676 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); Henry Legassick, 1679 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

### Legat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Leggett**.

### Legate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds

English: see **Leggett**.

### Leggatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Leggett**.

### Leger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Ledger**.

### Legerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Ledgerton**.

### Legerwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Scottish: see **Ledgerwood**.

### Legg

**Variants:** Legge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5158, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4908
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: nickname for someone with a defective or otherwise noticeable leg, from Middle English *legg* (Old Scandinavian *legg* 'leg'). Old Scandinavian *legg* was used as a personal name, but no examples have been noted in England. Compare Rannulf Jambe (from Old French *jambe* 'leg'), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Further information:** A family of the name *Legge* held the title Baron Dartmouth from 1682 to 1711. Since 1711, they have held the title Earl of Dartmouth. This family can trace their descent from Thomas Legge, Lord Mayor of London in 1347 and 1354.

**Early bearers:** Alueredus Leg, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Ædwardus Leg, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); John Legg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Legge in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Legg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Binbury Street, Somerset); Johannes Leg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenhams, Norfolk); Anne Legg, 1547 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); John Legg, 1553 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Nicholas Legg, 1558 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anna Legg, 1563 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Thomsyn Legg, 1564 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Leggan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London

English, Scottish: see **Legon**.

### Leggat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Midlothian; Aberdeens and Angus

Scottish: see **Leggett**.

### Leggate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Norfolk and Lincs

Scottish, English: see **Leggett**.

### Leggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex; also E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also Glasgow

English: see **Leggett**.

### Legge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2724, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1289
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; also Aberdeens and Banffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Legg**.

### Legget

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Suffolk

Scottish, English: see **Leggett**.

### Leggett

**Variants:** Legget, Leggatt, Leggat, Legatt, Legat, Leggate, Legate, Leggott, Leggitt, Leggit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3775, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2318
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

## Leggins

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *legat*, *legate* ‘delegate, ambassador, deputy’ (Old French *legat*).

**Early bearers:** England: Peter Legat, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Ralph le Legat, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Johannes Legat, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Legett’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus Leget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martons Both, WR Yorks); Willelmo Legat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Margaret Legate, 1540 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Eme Leggitt, 1550 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Ric Legat, 1560 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); William Leggit, 1565, Richardi Leggott, 1705 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Willms Leggatt, 1598 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Thomas Legwood, Benjamin Leggett, Edmund Legitt, Henry Legate, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

Scotland: Adam Legate, 1406 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Stirling, Stirlings); William Legat, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Dauid Leggat, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Leggit, 1612 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); William Leggate, 1670 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles).

2 English: variant of **Ledgard**, especially in Sussex, perhaps through confusion of the two names.

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 340.

### Leggins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Legon** with excrescent -s. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Leggins, 1737 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Leggit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Leggett**.

### Leggitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; London
- English: see **Leggett**.

### Leggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Leggett**.

### Legh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Leigh**.

### Legon

- Variants:** Legan, Leggan, Leggins
- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, Scottish: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Liggins**, itself perhaps a form derived from **Lygon**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thos. Legan, 1717 in *IGI* (Newbury, Berks); Mary Leggin, 1793 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Maria Legon, 1794 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

Scotland: James Legan, 1737 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); Sarah Leggin, 1828 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); Mary Legon, 1834 in *IGI* (Hutchesontown, Lanarks).

### Le Good

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: variant of **Goode** (1), with French definite article *le*.

### Legood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Goode** (1), with fused French definite article *le*.

### Legrand

**Variants:** Legrande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

French, Huguenot: variant of **Grand** (see **Grant**), with French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Le Grand, 1606, Jacop Le Grand, 1629, Anne Legrand, 1687 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Marie Le Grand, 1641 in *IGI* (Norwich Walloon church, Norfolk); Anthoine Le Grand, 1642 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers’ church, Canterbury, Kent); Jenne Legrand, 1672 in *IGI* (French Protestant church, Sandtoft, Lincs); Marie Francoise Le Grand, 1709, Isaac Le Grand, 1730 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Legrande

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, Huguenot: see **Legrand**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Le Gresley

- Variants:** Legresley
- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman: nickname, either from Old French *le greslet* ‘the one marked as by hail’, i.e. pitted or pock-marked, or Old French *le greslet*, *le gresli* ‘the thin or slim (one)’. Compare English **Gresley** (2).

**Early bearers:** Victoire Le Gresley, in *Census 1881* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).

### Legresley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman: see **Le Gresley**. **Early bearers:** John Legresley, 1870 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Le Grice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: variant of **Grice**, with French definite article *le*.

### Le Gros

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; scattered in England

French: variant of **Gross**, with French definite article *le*.

### Le Gry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: variant of **Grice**, with French definite article *le*.

### Lehal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Lehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Irish: see **Lehane**.

### Lehane

- Variants:** Lehan, Leane, Lyons
- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 1164
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Liatháin ‘descendant of *Liathán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *liath* ‘grey’. **Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen O’Lehane, clerk, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §634 (Ballibretys); Donoghwo mcDonell Y Leyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781; Donell O’Lehan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5508 (Carighloyne); Donell mcAwlywe I Leine, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5522; Donell McDermot I Leaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Aghelie); Shane O’Leyn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Kilbarrie). England: Judith Lehane, 1805 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); John Thomas Lehan, 1837 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Lehan, 1838 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Daniel Lehane, 1865 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Charles Lehane, 1866 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joannes Lehane, 1873 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Helena Lehane, 1875 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Le Hardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: variant of **Hardy**, with French definite article *le*.

### Lehmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: status name from Middle High German *lêhemann* denoting a ‘tenant holding a farm on feudal terms’.

**Early bearers:** John Christopher Lehman, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Rosina Lehmann, 1832 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Carl Georg Lehmann, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Frederick Lehmann, watchmaker, born in Baden, in *Census 1871* (Aylesbury, Bucks); George W[illia]m Cha[rle]s Lehmann, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Adolph Lehmann, civil engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fritz Lehmann, kitchen porter, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

## Lei

**Variants:** Lok, Lui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).
  - 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 李 and 利, see **Li** (1) and (3).
  - 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 吕, see **Lu** (6).
  - 4 Dutch: nickname denoting a lazy person, from Middle Dutch *lei* 'lazy'.
- Early bearers:** Katrina Lei, 1548 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richardus Lei, 1563 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Lei, 1815 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Lei, born in Saint Blay, Cornwall, in *Census 1881* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

## Leicester

**Variants:** Lester, Lestor, Leister, Laister, Leycester, Lessiter, Lasseter, Lassetter, Lisseter, Lassiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Leicester (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Leycester, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard de Laycestre, 1305 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Rogerus Lycester, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Ricardo Lcester, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Leycetter, 1480, Henry Lasisture, 1503 in *York Guild Register* (York); Richard Lasseter, 1550 in *Sussex Wills* (Sussex); Nicholas Lessetur, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); John Lessiter, 1668 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Lound, Notts).

## Leif

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Leaf**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Leigh

**Variants:** Legh, Leah, Lea, Lee, Ley, Leys, Lay, Laye, Layhe, Lye, Lyes, Lees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9202, Ireland 313
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6884
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wicklow

1 English: locative name from any of the many places named Leigh, Lea, Lee, or Lye, or a topographic name for someone who lived by a woodland glade or clearing. Old English *lēah* 'wood or clearing' (nominative) became Middle English

*legh*, *leigh*, and the sense developed from 'clearing' to 'meadow'. The dative *lēa* became *lee*, and the later dative *lēage* gave Middle English *ley*, *lye*.

**Early bearers:** Ailric de la Leie, 1148–66 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Liffild de Lega, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Turgod de la Lea, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Philip de Lye, 1198 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Henry del Lea, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); William de la Le, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Pagan a la Legh, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John de Leye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Simon atte Lee, Richard atte Legh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John del Lee, 1384 in *York Freeman's Register*; Hugh atte Leygh, 1392 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Cleare Leyhe, 1609 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); William Leyhe, 1764, Robert Layhe, 1766 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

2 Irish: from Ó Laoidhigh, see **Lee**.

## Leighfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Layfield**.

## Leight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Light**.

## Leightley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Lightley**.

## Leighton

**Variants:** Leyton, Layton, Letton, Lighton, Lighten, Leaton, Leadon, Leedham, Latten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5216, Ireland 246
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3184
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; Lancs; Staffs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Mayo

1 English, Scottish: locative name from a number of distinct places. In Durham the surname chiefly derives from Layton in Sedgfield (Durham), perhaps also from East and West Layton in Stanwick and Hutton Magna (NR Yorks); in north Lancs and Westm chiefly from Leighton in Yealand (Lancs); in Middx, Surrey, and Essex chiefly from Leyton (Essex); in Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs chiefly from Leighton (Shrops); in Hunts, Cambs, and Northants chiefly from Leighton (Hunts); in east Cheshire from Leighton near Nantwich (Cheshire); in Flints and south Lancs probably from Leighton near Neston (Cheshire). *Leighton* etc. may have alternated with **Laughton**, **Letton**, and **Latten**, which are mainly from place-names with the same etymology, 'village or farm where leeks are grown'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Lecton', 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Roger de Leyton', 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William de Leghton, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Johanne de Leytone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Walhamstow, Essex); John de Leghton', 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Benthall, Shrops); William Leghton', 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Warmington, Northants); John atte Layhton, 1390 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Thomas

Leyhton', 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); John Layton, 1574 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Elizabeth Leighton, 1579 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Thomas Leighton, 1580 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Rondle Layton, 1595 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints); Richard Layton, 1610 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: see **Laughton**.

## Leinster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Cavan

Irish: perhaps a translation of the rare surname Ó **Laighnigh**, 'descendant of *Laighneach*' meaning 'Leinsterman', from the province-name *Laighin*. See **Lynaugh**.

**Early bearers:** England, Scotland: Agness Leinster, 1852 in *IGI* (Kilbirnie, Ayr); Elizabeth Leinster, 1865 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

Ireland: George Leinster, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Fermanagh); Mary Anne Leinster, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Monaghanoose, Cavan); Ellen Lynster, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Antrim); James Leinster, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Hillsborough, Down).

## Leiper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines; also Lanarks and Aberdeens

Scottish: a Scottish form of **Leeper**.

**Early bearers:** George Leiper, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Edward Leiper, 1701 in *IGI* (Dunnottar, Kincardines); George Leiper, 1703 in *IGI* (Maryculter, Kincardines).

## Leir

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

1 English: variant of **Lear**.

2 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Layer**, in any of its senses.

## Leish

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Middx; Lanarks
- Scottish, English: see **Lish**.

## Leishman

**Variants:** Lishman, Leechman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1184, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, Clackmannans, Lanarks, and Midlothian

Scottish: Scottish form of **Leachman**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Leischman or Leschman, 1466, John Lecheman or Lescheman, 1560 in *Black*.

England: Roger Lisheman, 1605 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

## Leisk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Angus
- Scottish: see **Leask**.

## Leister

### Leister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Leicester**.

### Leitch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3206, Ireland 302
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2850
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll, Renfrews, Lanarks, Midlothian, and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Tyrone, and Derry

Scottish: Scots form of **Leech**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Leich(e), Lech(e), 1440–82 in *Black*.

### Leith

Variants: **Leeth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1660, Ireland 77
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1486
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens, Caithness, and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Fermanagh
- Scottish: locative name from Leith (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** John de Lethe, 1330 in *Black* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Laurence de Leth, 1388, Robert de Leitth, 1406 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Issobell Leith, 1610 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margarit Leeth, 1639, Margaret Leith, 1768 in *IGI* (Inveravon, Banffs); David Leith, 1703 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness).

### Leithhead

Variants: **Leathead**, **Leathard**, **Leathart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Selkirks; Durham

Scottish: locative name from Leithhead Farm in Kirknewton (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Leythead, 1646, John Leigthead, 1657, William Leithhead, 1676 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Leithhead, 1660 in *IGI* (Smailholm, Roxburghs); Margaret Leithhead, 1704 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks).

England: Elizabeth Leatherd, 1704 in *IGI* (Haydon Bridge, Northumb); Jane Leatherd, 1708 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb); Walter Leithhead, 1725 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Mary Leatherd, 1732 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); William Leithhead, 1753 in *IGI* (Whitburn, Durham).

### Leivers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Livers**.

### Lejeune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, English: variant of **Jeune** with fused French definite article *le*.

### Le Keux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: variant of **Kew** ‘cook’, with French definite article *le*.

### Lelan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

See **Lealand**.

### Leland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

See **Lealand**.

### Lelant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

See **Lealand**.

### Leleu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Huguenot: nickname, French surname from Old French *le Leu*, a Picard form of Old French *le loup* ‘the wolf’. Compare **Lew** and **Low**.

**Early bearers:** Piere Leleu, 1669 in *IGI* (Sandtoft, Lincs); Jacques Leleu, 1715 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Charles Leleu, 1725 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Lelliott

Variants: **Lilliott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Leliot*, \**Liliot*, possibly a pet form of *Elizabeth*. Compare **Lilley**.

**Early bearers:** Marye Lilliott, 1612 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Elizabeth Lelliott, 1640 in *IGI* (Warningcamp, Sussex).

### Lello

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: variant of **Flello**.

### Lely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lilley**.

### Lem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Lemm**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

### Lemaire

Variants: **Lemar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx

Huguenot: from French *le maire* ‘the mayor’.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Lemaire, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Marie Lemaire, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Le Maistre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Huguenot, French (Channel Islands): status name, nickname from French *le maitre* ‘the master’, in an older spelling; sometimes found also in an anglicized spelling.

**Further information:** Note Jean Francis Maistre formerly LeMaistre, 1619, <http://www.wikitree.com/wiki/LeMaistre-30> (Saint Mary, Jersey); Abrā le maistre, 1650 in *Actes des Etats de l'île de Jersey* (Saint Helier: Société Jersiaise (1897)).

**Early bearers:** Jaques Le Maistre, 1595 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); James Lemaistre, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Lemaster, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Jean Lemaitre, 1689 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jean Le Maistre, 1825 in *IGI* (Saint Mary, Jersey).

### Leman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 458
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia and SE England

English: see **Lemmon**.

### Lemar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Huguenot: possibly a variant of **Lemaire**.

**Early bearers:** Abigaill Lemar, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Samuel Lemar, 1765 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Le Marchand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: variant of **Marchant**, with French definite article *le*.

### Lemarchand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Marchant**, with fused French definite article *le*.

### Le Marchant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey; scattered in England: esp. Gloucs

French: variant of **Marchant**, with French definite article *le*.

### Le Marquand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: variant of **Marchant**, with French definite article *le*.

### Le Masurier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Sark
- Norman French (Channel Islands): from Jersey Norman French *m'suth-* 'to measure' + the agent suffix *-eux*, 'measurer', in a more standard French orthographic form, though the noun as spelt suggests the phonology of SW Jersey. Compare **Measurer**.
- Further information:** The name is also found in the form *Le Mesurier*, which is the form in general use in Guernsey and Alderney.
- Early bearers:** Clement Le Mesurier, about 1300, Symon le Masurier, 1306 in *Vale Priory Rolls* (Guernsey); Simon Le Mesurer, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Guernsey); George Le Masurier, 1788 in Census (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Peter Le Mesurier, hereditary governor of Alderney, 1803 in *DNB*; Jean Le Masurier, 1815 in *General Don's Muster* (Jersey).  
**References:** N. C. W. Spence (1960), *A Glossary of Jersey French*, Oxford: Basil Blackwell for the Philological Society; phonology inferred from section 5.7 of the introduction. Census and General Don's Muster, online at Jersey Names from the Past, <http://members.societe-jersiaise.org/lepivert/>.

### Le May

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- French: variant of **May** (3), with French definite article *le*.

### Lemay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Renfrews
- English: variant of **May** (2), with fused French definite article *le*.

### Lemin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Anglesey and Caernarvons
- English: possibly a variant of **Leeming**. This may have sometimes been confused with **Lemmon**, which confirms the possibility of a short vowel in the first syllable. The modern, strongly western distribution appears relatively recently.
- Early bearers:** George Lemin, 1600 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); John Lemmin, 1608 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); James Lemin, 1668 in *IGI* (Barnetby le Wold, Lincs); Peter Lemin, 1673 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); John Lemin, 1756 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall).

### Leming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Hants
- English: see **Leeming**.

### Lemm

- Variants:** Lem, Leam, Leem
- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; also Northumb
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lemme* (Old English *Lemme*, a pet form of *Lēofmāer* or *Lēodmāer*). Compare **Lemma**. The W Midlands surname may alternatively belong in (2).
- Early bearers:** Eustac' filius Lemme, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Lem, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardo Leme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canes and Little Wyrley, Staffs); Joan Lem, 1595 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Alicia Lemm, 1635 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs).
- 2 English: locative name from Leam in Eyam (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Walter de Leghum, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Eyam, Derbys); John de Leome, 1446 in *Derbys Charters* (Eyam, Derbys); Richardus Leame, 1592, Elizabeth Leam, 1717 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).
- 3 English: locative name from Lyham in Chatton or Leam in Corsenside (both Northumb).
- Early bearers:** Adam de Leyum, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Peter Lyam, 1580 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Mary Lemmes, 1625, George Leam, 1685 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).
- 4 English: locative name, either topographic for someone who lived by a drain or artificial watercourse (Middle English *leme*), or toponymic from a lost place in Sussex called *Leme*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Lem, 1271, in *Feet of Fines* (Willington or Jevington, Sussex); Thomas Lem, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jord. de la Leme 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warnham and Shortsfeld, Sussex); Alex' de Lem, 1327, Alex. de Leem, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willington, Sussex); Thomas de Lem, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Willelmus, Henricus atte Leme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Hellin Lemm, 1607 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); Thomas Lemm, 1686 in *IGI* (Quatford, Shrops); Thomas Lemm, 1702 in *IGI* (Kyre, Worcs); Johannis Lemm, 1707 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); John Lemm, 1719 in *IGI* (Kirmington, Lincs).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements*, at leme; *Löfvenberg*, p. 119; *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 149

5 English: locative name from a lost place called *Leem* in Beeston Saint Lawrence (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Lem, [... de] Leem, 1345–6 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk); Johannes de Leem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk); Thomas de Leem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Turf, Norfolk); Thomas Leem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); John de Leems, 1401–2 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Beeston Saint Lawrence and Barton Turf, Norfolk); Nichola[s] Leme, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Valentine Leame, 1633 in *IGI* (Palling, Norfolk); Amphillis Leame, 1711 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, pp. 144–5.

### Lemmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk; Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lemmer*, Old English *Lēodmāer* or *Lēofmāer*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lefmer, Leodmar, Ledmaer, Leomar, Lemer, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. surnames: Robertus filius Lemmer, Lefmer, 1203–4 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert, William Lemmer, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Ledmer, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Georgii Lemmer, 1663 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Samuel Lemmer, 1713 in *IGI* (Hardley, Norfolk).

### Lemmon

- Variants:** Lemon, Leman, Leaman, Leamon, Leeman, Layman, Liman, Limon, Lemons, Lammon
- **Current frequencies:** GB 890, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 536
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Hants and Sussex; Lancs; Aberdeens and Kincardines
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *lefman*, *lemman*, *leman*, 'lover, sweetheart'. This is probably the chief source of the surname: note the definite article in Robert le Leman, 1285. There may have been some late confusion with **Leeming**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leman*, Old English *Lēofmann*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Leman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Lemannus de Fordham, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk). surnames: Reiner Leman, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Wfricus Lefman, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Lemmon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Leman, 1285 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Henry Lemman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Lemman, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Bartholomew Lemmon', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Grain, Kent); Roger Leman, 1561 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk); Thomas Leaman, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Lemmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Lemons**.

### Lemon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2198, Ireland 428
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; Devon; Norfolk; Lancs; Banffs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English: see **Lemmon**.  
2 Scottish: see **Lamont**.

### Lemond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Lamont**.

### Lemons

- Variants:** Lemmons
- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Lemmon** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Lemont

**Early bearers:** Valentine Lemons, 1626 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Margaret Lemons, 1645 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Thomas Lemmons, 1665, William Lemons, 1727 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Lemont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

Scottish: see **Lamont**.

### Lemos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Galician, Portuguese: locative name from a place so called in Lugo province, Galicia.

**Early bearers:** George Leymose, 1739 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Francisco da Costa Lemos, 1754 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Robert Lemos, 1865 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey).

### Lempriere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also scattered in England: esp. Somerset

French, Channel Islands, Huguenot: nickname from French (*l'*)*empereur* '(the) emperor', a nickname or pageant-name. In England, it is sometimes of Huguenot origin.

**Further information:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire* notes that in Picardy and Burgundy, the title of emperor was bestowed on any marksman who held the title of king of the bow for three successive years.

**Early bearers:** England: Lydia Lempriere, 1679 in *IGI* (London); James Lempriere, 1729 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Pierre Louis L'Empreur, 1770 in *IGI* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Helier Lempriere, 1806 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); Philip Lempriere, 1827 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

Channel Islands: John Lemprere, 1420 in *Deputy Keeper's Report*, p. 41 (Jersey); Hugues Lempriere, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey).

Huguenot: Mary Lempereur, 1635 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk); Salomon Lempreur, 1641 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk); Jean L'Empereur, 1644 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk).

### Len

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

1 English: (i) perhaps from a shortened form of the personal name *Leonard*. (ii) perhaps, in Sussex at least, a variant of **Lynn** (1); compare Byniamen Lynn, 1593 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Agnis Linn, 1616 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Lenn, 1564 in *IGI* (Middleton on Sea, Sussex); Tho Lenn, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Willm. Len, 1584 in *IGI* (Barnham, Sussex); Stephen Len, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Len, 1616 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); Elinor Len, 1619 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); William Len, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Dorothy Len, 1704 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

### Lenaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 191
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Roscommon, and Leitrim

Manx and Irish: see **Lenihan**.

### Lenahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork; Roscommon

Irish: see **Lenihan**.

### Lenane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare, Galway, and Tipperary

Irish: see **Lennon**.

### Lenard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Leonard**.

### Lench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: locative name from one of the places named Lench in Worcs.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Lench', 1208 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); Thomas de Lench, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Lench', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); Robert de Lench, 1402–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

### Lending

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Landing**.

### Lendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: from Lendon in Dunsford (Devon), recorded as *Lyndene*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon), and therefore sometimes a variant of **Linden**.

**Early bearers:** Rychard Lendon, 1550 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); Mary Lenden, 1715 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Lendown, 1744 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

### Lendrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Fermanagh

Scottish: locative name from Lendrum (Aberdeens), and recorded as *Lendrome* in 1656 (*Black*, p. 423).

**Early bearers:** Alexr. Lendrum, 1685 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens); Jeane Jannet Lendrum, 1687 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

### Leneghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: see **Lenihan**.

### Lenehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 674
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Galway; Cork and Kerry; Dublin

Irish: see **Lenihan**.

### Leney

**Variants:** **Liney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: unexplained; it appears to derive from a place-name.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Leny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); Matilda Leney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastwell, Leics); Thomas de Leny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Anteny Leny, 1561 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Alic Leny, 1592 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Lenye, 1621 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Maria Leney, 1660 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Timothy Leney, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London).

### Lenfestey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French (Channel Islands): nickname from Old Norman French *enveis(i)é* 'playful, merry', and a range of related meanings including 'lascivious', with fused definite article *le*, typically a Guernsey name; see **Vasey**.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Lenfestey, 1661 in 'Notes on the Lenfestey's'; Hellier Lenfestey, 1740 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin Outwich, London); John Lenfestey, in *Census 1841* (Saint Saviour, Guernsey).

**References:** Lenfestey, L. d'E. (1960) 'Notes on the Lenfestey's, a Channel Islands name of Norman origin', *Review of the Guernsey Society* (Spring).

### Leng

**Variants:** **Ling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1140, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 809
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

1 English: (i) nickname, apparently from Middle English *leng(e)* 'ling' (*Molva molva*), for someone who dealt in or was thought to resemble this fish; compare **Pike**, **Tench**, **Dace**, and other fish names. However, the 1275 Norfolk example might be an irregular spelling of the Norfolk surname **Ling**. (ii) post-medieval examples in Yorks and NE England are more likely to represent English pronunciation of Scottish **Laing**.

**Early bearers:** Symon Lenge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Leng, 1517 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Leng, 1585 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomae

Leng, 1607 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks); John Leng, 1620 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 冷, see **Lang** (2).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 凌 and 寧, see **Ling** (2) and (3).

4 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 龍, see **Long** (3).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

### Lenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; ER Yorks; Northumb

English: locative name from Lenham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lenham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Lenham, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Edmund de Le(e)nham, 1306, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edmund de Leynham, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert de Lenham, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Leynham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rivenhall, Essex); Thomas Lenham, 1612 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Lenham, 1624 in *IGI* (Sutton at Hone, Kent); Anne Lenham, 1651 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); John Lenham, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Mary Lenham, 1689 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Lenigan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Lanigan** and **Lenihan**.

### Lenihan

**Variants:** **Lenehan**, **Lenahan**, **Lenaghan**, **Leneghan**, **Clenaghan**, **McClenaghan**, **McClelland**, **Lanaghan**, **Lenigan**, **Lanahan**, **Lanigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 801, Ireland 1379
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Leanacháin or Mac Leanacháin ‘descendant (or son) of *Leanachán*’, a byname based on *leanach*, adjective from *leann* ‘cloak’. There has been some confusion with **Lanigan** and its variants. **Further information:** Derivation of any of this group of names from *léanach* ‘sorrowful’ is phonologically unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Patrick O’Leneghan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; Donnogho O’Laneghan, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Duffey).

### Len

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs; Surrey and Kent

English: see **Lynn**.

### Lennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **Mac Gille Fhinnein**, see **McLennan**.

### Lennard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; SE England; Suffolk; Lancs

English, Irish: see **Leonard**.

### Lenney

**Variants:** **Lenny**, **Liney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx, Kent, Derbys, Suffolk, and Lancs

1 Scottish: (i) locative name from Lenzie, Kirkintilloch (Dunbartons). (ii) locative name from ‘the old lands of Leny’ in Callander (Perths). (iii) locative name from Linay in Grimeston, Harray (Orkney), or Linay, North Ronaldsay (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Leny, c.1270 in *Black* (Drumchastle, Perths); Robertus de Lanyn, 1381 in *Black* (Conveth, i.e. Laurencekirk, Kincardines), the same as Master Robert of Lany or Lanyne, 1408–14 in *Black* (Saint Andrews; which parish is uncertain); Mawnis Lenay, 1557 in *Black* (Harray, Orkney); Archibald Lenzeis, 1574 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Lenney, 1652 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr. Liney, 1661 in *IGI* (Holm and Papay, Orkney); Janet Lenny, 1678 in *IGI* (Drymen, Stirlings); John Linnie, 1685 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Walter Lenny, 1713 in *IGI* (Forteviot, Perths).

**References:** *Black*, p. 424.

2 English: unexplained; perhaps related to **Leney**. **Further information:** There is no proof of any relation to (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Lenny, 1617 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Thomas Lenney, 1635 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Robert Lenney, 1712 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); William Lenney, 1735 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Lennie

**Variants:** **Lannie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 630
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; widespread elsewhere in Scotland: esp. Dunbartons, Lanarks, and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Scottish: locative name from Lenzie near Kirkintilloch (Dunbartons), which was formerly pronounced *Lenyie*, or from Leny in Callander (Perths).

**Early bearers:** John de Leny, about 1270 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Drumcastle, Dunbartons); John de Lany, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); Patrick Lany, 1545 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Lany, Perths); Robert Lenny, 1652 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Scottish: locative name from Nether Linnay and Upper Linnay in North Ronaldsay (Orkney), or from a lost place called Linay in Harray (also Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Mawnis Lenay, 1557 in *Orkney Records* (Harray, Orkney); Robert Lenay, 1576 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); Alexr. Liney, 1661 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney).

**References:** *Lamb, Surnames of Orkney*, p. 38; *Black*, p. 424.

### Lennon

**Variants:** **Lenane**, **Lenon**, **Lannon**, **Lannen**, **Lannan**, **Linnane**, **Linnen**, **McClelland**, **McGlennan**, **McLennon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4867, Ireland 4269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1054
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Armagh, Down, and Louth

1 Irish: from Ó Leannáin, ‘son of *Leannán*’, a personal name probably derived from *leann*, ‘cloak, mantle’. Ó Lionnáin is an alternative form, anglicized as **Linnane**. **Leonard** was sometimes adopted as the anglicized form.

**Early bearers:** John Alenon, idleman, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §347 (Kildare); John Lennan, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5 (Kilusky, Kildare); Hamlett O’Lennan, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714; Elizabeth Lenan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972; Shane oge O’Lynnán, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4372; Connoghor rowe O’Lennan, yeoman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4997; Shane O’Lennane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190; James O’Lynnán, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232; James Lennan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Hugh Lennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyroney, Down); Margaret Lennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibret, Monaghan); Lucy Lennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Westmeath); Thomas Lennon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynagh, Galway).

2 Irish: from Ó Lonáin ‘descendant of *Lonán*’ or Ó Luinín ‘descendant of *Luinín*’, or from the rare Galway name **Mac Lonáin** ‘son of *Lonán*’, all derived from a personal name based on a diminutive of *lon* ‘blackbird’.

**Early bearers:** Rory O’Lonem, clerk, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §521 (Dromcollynn, diocese of Meath); Robert O’Lonnán, kern, 1554 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §34 (Frayneston, Dublin); Robert O’Lannan, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; James O’Luinyn, priest, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Dowymullin); Rory O’Lonyne, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Dowaite).

3 Scottish, English: (i) reduced form of **McLennon** or **McLennan**. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (2). (ii) some of the following English examples may alternatively be variants of **Linnen** (2).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Mary Lennon, 1754 in *IGI* (Coylton, Ayr); Ann Lennon, 1783 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Francis Lennon, 1818 in *IGI* (Stoneykirk, Wigtowns); Jane Lennon, 1855 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

England: Mary Lennon, 1736 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Lennon, 1744 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Christianum Lennon, 1796 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); William Lennon, 1807 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Joannes Lennon, 1810 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Lennox

**Variants:** **Lenox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2995, Ireland 610
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1771
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, Renfrews, Dunbartons, and Stirlings; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish: locative name from the district of Lennox (Dunbartons), which is recorded as *Leuenaichs* in 1174, *Levenax* in 1575.

**Early bearers:** John of Levenax, 1400 in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Lenox, 1428 in *Glasgow Saint Mary*

## Lenny

*Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); George Lennox, 1542 in *Black* (Glenluce, Wigtowns); John Lennox, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Lennox, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrik Lenox, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Lenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- English: variant of **Lenney**.

### Leno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Dorset

Huguenot: of uncertain origin; probably a locative name from any of various places in northern France called *La Noue* (Marne), *La Noë* (several), or similar. **Early bearers:** John Leno, 1580 in *IGI* (Swanbourne, Bucks); Sarra Leno, 1612 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Mary Leno, 1625 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Jocklin Leno, 1640 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ann Leno, 1654 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charls Leano, 1735 in *IGI* (Swallowfield, Berks); Susan Lano, 1756 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Ann Leno, 1769 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Matthew Leno, 1830 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts).

### Lenon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **Lennon**.

### Lenord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- English, Irish: see **Leonard**.

### Lenox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- Scottish: see **Lennox**.

### Lent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Surrey; Staffs

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English, Old French *lent* 'slow, tardy'. **Early bearers:** Thomas Lente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus Lente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southrepps, Norfolk); Willemus Lente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); Ricardus Lent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Subedge, Gloucs); Margery Lent, 1568 in *IGI* (Barnham Broom, Norfolk); Anne Lent, 1569 in *IGI* (Moulsoe, Bucks); Samson Lent, 1573 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Lent, 1574 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Dorethey Lent, 1590 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs).

### Lentell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: see **Lenthall**.

### Lenthal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Lenthall**.

### Lenthall

**Variants:** **Lentle**, **Lentell**, **Lenthal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; Derbys and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Leinthall (Herefs). **Further information:** In the early-modern period, many bearers were in Essex, Bucks, and London. **Early bearers:** William Lentale, 1369 in *London Letter Books* G; Jhon Leintall, 1594 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs); Phillip Lenthall, 1604, John Lentall, 1633 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Richard Lentall, 1639 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Humphrey Lentall, 1662 in *IGI* (Letton, Herefs).  
2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English, Old French *lentil* 'lentil', perhaps given to someone who grew or sold lentil seeds, used in cooking. **Early bearers:** Johannes Lentill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Grace Lentill, 1706 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Hen. Lenthill, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Allen, Cornwall).

### Lentle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Lenthall**.

### Lenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2085, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, Leics, and Lincs

English: locative name from Lenton (Lincs, Notts), or Lenton in King's Nympton (Devon). **Early bearers:** Clemenc' de Lenton, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Henry de Lenton, 1333 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agneta Lenton, 1543 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Thomas Lenton, 1546 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Basill Lenton, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Thomas Lenton, 1564 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Bridgett Lenton, 1565 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics).

### Lenz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- German: from Middle High German *lenze* 'spring (season)'. **Early bearers:** George Lenz, 1754 in *IGI* (Willerby near Scarborough, ER Yorks); Philipp Lenz, 1854 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Leo

**Variants:** **Leon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 130

- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Tipperary, and Clare

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leo*, Old French *Leon*, from Latin *leo*, Greek *leōn* 'lion'. See also **Lyon**. **Early bearers:** given names: Leo camerarius, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Norfolk); Leo, Leon de Romeslega, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). surnames: Ricardus Leo, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Hugo Leo, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); William Leon, 12th cent. in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Somerset); John Leon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Nathan Leo, 1559 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Maria Leo, 1666 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); George Leo, 1708 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samuel Leo, 1715 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Richard The Younger Leo, 1719 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.  
3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖. See **Liu** (1–3).

### Leon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 913, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx

1 English: see **Leo**.  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

### Leonard

**Variants:** **Lennard**, **Lenard**, **Lenord**, **Leonards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11653, Ireland 4360
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6408
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Gloucs and Monmouths; Cambs and Suffolk; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh

1 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Leonard* (Continental Germanic *Leonhard*). The given name is not as common in England as might have been expected in view of the number of churches dedicated to Saint Leonard, the patron saint of captives. **Early bearers:** given names: Leonardus de Berhedon', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland); Leonardus Skeler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex). surnames: Radulphus filius Lennardi, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Stephanus Leonardus, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Leonard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Agnes Leonard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Lenard', 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Henrico Lenard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Foliat, Wilts); Willelmus Lenard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Henry Lenard', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Agnes Leonard, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).  
2 Irish: in Ireland, in addition to being the Norman name, this was adopted for several Irish names, including Ó Lonáin (see **Lennon**), Ó Luanaigh (see **Looney**), Ó Luinigh (see **Lunny**), Ó Longáin (see **Langan**), Mac Giolla Fhinnéin (see **McAleenan**), and Mac Giolla Seanáin (see **Gilsenan**). **Early bearers:** George Leonarde, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$605 (Kings county [Offaly]); Elin Leonard,



1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2589; Alexander Leonard, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5329 (Waterford).

### Leonardi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

Italian: relationship name from the male given name *Leonardo*.

### Leonards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: variant of **Leonard** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Leone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

Italian: from Italian *leone* 'lion'.

**Early bearers:** John Leone, 1804 in *IGI* (Buxton, Norfolk).

### Leong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 龍, see **Long** (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 連, see **Lin** (2).

### Leopard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Leppard**.

### Leopold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Middx; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Middle High German male given name *Liutpolt*, usually found in later German and also anglicized as *Leopold*.

**Further information:** The name was clearly established in England by the early 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard Leopold, 1709 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Leopold, hawker, born in foreign parts, in *Census 1841* (Lancs); Louis Leopold, tobacconist, born in Fürth, Bavaria, 1877 in *Census 1851* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

**References:** *Jewish Chronicle*, 6 July 1877, p. 1, for the death of Lewis Leopold and his biography.

### Leow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 廖, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Liu** (3).

### Le Page

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 624
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey

Huguenot, French (Channel Islands): occupational name, status name from Norman French *page* 'lad, attendant, groom', with the masculine definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Le Page, 1603, Henry Le Paige, 1621 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Thomas Le Page, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Guernsey); Mary Lepage, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Nicolas le Page, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Forest, Guernsey).

### Lepard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Leppard**.

### Le Patourel

**Variants:** Pasturel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Norman, English: occupational name, nickname from Anglo-Norman French *pastorel* 'shepherd', also 'simpleton', a diminutive of *pastour* 'herdsman, shepherd'; found in the Channel Islands with the definite article *le*. Compare **Pastor**.

**Early bearers:** Ranulf Pasturellus, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ralph Pasturel, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Lincs); Alexander Pasturel, 1193–5 in *Worcester Charters*; John Pastrel, about 1265 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Arnold Pasturel, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*; William Pasturel, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Glastonbury, Somerset).

### Le Pelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: variant of **Pelly** retaining the French definite article *le*.

### Lepick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Polish *lepack* 'good head'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lepick, born in Poland (Polish refugee), in *Census 1871* (Portsea, Hants); Isaac Lepick, shoemaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Mariam Lepick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Pike** with fused definite article *le*.

### Lepine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

Huguenot: nickname, French *Lepine*, from *l'épine* 'the thorn'.

**Early bearers:** John Lepine, 1669, Guillaume Lepine, 1690 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Isaac Lepine, 1694 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Lepingwell

**Variants:** Leppingwell, Leffingwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Leppingwells in Little Maplestead (Essex), which is recorded as *Leffingwelles* in 1561 and owed its name to the possessions there of the family of Robert de Leffeldewelle (1302) who is called Leffingwell in an Elizabethan transcript of the Court Rolls. The family, *Leffingwell* in the 15th century and *Leppingwell* in the 16th, took its name from a lost place *Liffildeuella* (*Domesday Book*) which may survive in a corrupt form in Levi's Corner in Pebmarsh (Essex), into which their possessions extended.

**Early bearers:** Avina de Leffeleswell, 1258, Richard Lefende-welle, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de Lefheldewelle, 1291, William Leffingwell, 1465, John lepyngwell, 1539 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xxi (Essex); Hugone de Leffeldewelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Johanne de Leffeldewelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bulmer, Essex); Petranillam Lepingwell, 1579 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Michael Lepingwell, 1603 in *IGI* (East Donyland, Essex); Margaret Leppinwell, 1651 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Mary Lipingwell, 1658, Susan Lepingwell, 1659 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Leapingwell, 1709 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 446–7.

### Lepley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

Huguenot: perhaps for French **Le Pelley**, which however was, in that form, a later arrival in Britain. **Early bearers:** Madelaine Leplay, 1747, Jean Francois Lepley, 1786 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Le Poidevin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: variant of **Podevin**, with French definite article *le*.

### Leppard

**Variants:** Leopard, Lepard, Leppert, Lippard, Leaphard, Liburd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 764, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *leopard* 'leopard'. See also **Lepper**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lyppard, c.1275 in *Hundred Rolls*; William Lepard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Lyppard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Lepard, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Johanne Leoperd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Henry Leopard, 1577 in *IGI* (Southover, Sussex); William Leppard, 1593 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Robert Lippard, 1611 in *IGI* (Arlington, Sussex); Thomas Lepperd, 1763 in *IGI* (Newdigate, Surrey).

### Lepper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0

## Leppert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent 1 English: nickname from Middle English *lepre* 'a leper'. Hospitals for lepers were not uncommon in medieval England and the use of 'leper' as a byname is attested by the survival of **Lazar**. That this surname is now very rare is not surprising. It may well often be concealed in *Leopard*, see **Leppard**. The frequent early form *leper(e)* is often for **Leaper**. **Early bearers:** Richard le Lepor, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; John Lepper, 1547 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Humfrey Lepper, 1637 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent); William Lepper, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk). 2 English: see **Leaper**.

## Leppert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Leppard**.

## Leppington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Leppington (ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** Robertus de Lepynghon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes de Lepynghon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton Steward, NR Yorks); Johanne de Lepynghon', 1377, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Matill de Lepington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Roberti Leppington, 1553 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); John Leppington, 1560 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Leppington, 1596 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks); Laurentii Leppington, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); Willia. Leppington, 1609 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

## Leppingwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Essex
- English: see **Leppingwell**.

## Le Prevost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- French: variant of **Prevost**, with French definite article *le*.

## Le Quesne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French (Channel Islands): locative name, nickname from Norman French *quesne* 'oak', preceded by the definite article *le*. Compare **Cheney**. **Early bearers:** Gautier Le Quen, jurat, 1318 in *Pleas, Armorial of Jersey*; Colin Le Quesne, Surveyor of the King's Dues, 1331 in *Extente de Jersey*; Clement Le Quesne, 1440 in *Le Quesnes of Jersey*; Jean and Thomasse Le Quesne, 1550 in *Jersey Chantry Certificate*.

## Lequeux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: variant of **Kew**, with fused French definite article *le*.

## Lerigo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: unexplained; possibly related to the name of John Lyricock, 1326 in *Cambridge University Library* (Lakenheath, Suffolk); Johannes Lericok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Griston, Norfolk). The name was widespread; there was also a *Lyrecokkescrofte* in Banstead (Surrey) in 1370, according to H.C.M. Lambert (1912) *History of Banstead in Surrey* (Oxford University Press), p. 124, and Margeria Liricok', 1379 in *Poll Tax*, lived in Tickhill (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** George Lerigo, 1608 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); An Lirigo, 1625 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Richard Lerigo, Thomas Lerigoe, 1656 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Anne Lerigo, 1751 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Montgomery Lirego, 1752 in *IGI* (Riccarton, Ayrs).

## Lerner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *lerner* 'Talmudic student or scholar'. **Early bearers:** Mayer Lerner, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Joseph Lerner, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Barnett Lerner, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Lancs). 2 English: see **Larner**.

## Lernihan

Variants: **Largey**, **Lardner**, **Largan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: (i) metathesized version of the rarer Irish surname **Lerhinan**, from Ó **Loirgneáin** 'descendant of *Loirgneán*', a personal name probably derived from *lorga*, *lorgan* 'shin, shaft'. No doubt the metathesis is due to the influence of **Lenihan**. (ii) from Ó **Lorgnáin**, 'descendant of *Lorgnán*', another personal name probably derived from *lorga*, *lorgan* 'shin, shaft'. **Lardner** is adopted for this surname in Galway.

**Early bearers:** John Lurgan, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2491 (Wexford); Conor buy O'Lurgan and Tirelagh mcMorrough O'Lowergan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6314; David O'Lorrigan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Munster); Tho. fitz John Lurgan and Philip fitz John Lourgan, yeomen, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Moonygormy).

## Le Roux

Variants: **Leroux**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, Huguenot: nickname from Old French *roux* 'red', with the French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Jenne Leroux, 1650 in *IGI* (French Protestant church, Sandtoft, Lincs); Joseph Leroux, 1747 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).

## Leroux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Huguenot: see **Le Roux**.

## Leroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx, Lancs, Durham

French, Huguenot: nickname from the fused French words *le roi* 'the king', in a common older spelling. **Early bearers:** David Le Roy, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Ezeccias Le Roy, 1607 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Elizabeth Leroy, 1662 in *IGI* (Stowe, Bucks); Ed Leroy, 1700 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Catherine Or Caterine Leroy, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Pierre Paul Le Roi, 1733 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Lerpiniere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Huguenot: locative name from La Herpinière near Saumur, a former Huguenot stronghold whose academy was closed down in 1685 resulting in the dispersal of staff and students.

**Further information:** Daniel Lherpiniere (born 1594) was a bookseller in Saumur.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Delerpiniere, denized on 12 June 1682 (Windsor, Berks), see web-reference; Samuel Lerpiniere, 1783 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** <http://users.adam.com.au/easby/Chapter%208%20-%20The%20Lerpiniere.html#mozTocId335700>.

## Lerry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; London; WR Yorks

English: see **Leary**.

## Lerwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Lerwell in Chittlehampton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Loriwell, 1275 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Johane Lerwill, 1635 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Phillip Lerwell, 1750 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 339.

## Lery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Leary**.

## Lesbirel

Variants: **Sebire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French (Channel Islands): unexplained, but compare Anglo-Norman *saiburel* 'striped cloth', suggesting a nickname from an early bearer's clothing. Alternatively, possibly a diminutive of **Sebire**, which cannot be reconciled with the Anglo-Norman word; but the prefixed definite article speaks against this possibility.

**Further information:** The name appears to have become established in the USA as *Sebrell*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Le Sebirel, about 1506 in *BMD* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Collas, Johan, Thomas Lesbirel, 1550 in *Jersey Chantry Certificate*; Cecille Le Sebirel, about 1584 in *BMD* (Saint John, Jersey); John Daniel Lesbirel, 1804 in *BMD* (Trinity, Jersey); Ann Esbriol or Le Vesconte formerly Le Sebirel otherwise L'Esbriol of Saint Peter, Island of Jersey, 1806 in *TNA*.

**References:** <http://www.wikitree.com/genealogy/LESBIREL>; <http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Lesbirel>; [http://www.sebrell.com/Sebrell\\_History.html](http://www.sebrell.com/Sebrell_History.html)

## Lesley

**Variants:** **Leslie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lecelin*, a double diminutive of *Lece*. See **Leece**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lecelina de Clinton', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Lecelina, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts).

surnames: Ralph Letselina, 1101–16 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Adam Lestelin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Lestelin (Lessely), 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); John Leslyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Lesle, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 Scottish: variant of Scottish **Leslie**.

## Leslie

**Variants:** **Lesslie**, **Lesley**, **Lasley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6890, Ireland 570
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4757
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also Orkney and Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Donegal

1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Leslie (Fife).

**Further information:** The Scottish Clan Leslie claims descent from Bartolf, a Hungarian nobleman who came to Scotland in 1068 or 1070 in the retinue of Queen Margaret. She was an English princess who had been born and brought up in Hungary and who went on to marry King Malcolm III of Scotland. Members of the clan have held several titles in the peerage of Scotland, including Earl of Rothes (from 1437).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Leslie, 1272 in *Aberdeen Register*; Symon de Lescelye or Lesellyn, 1278 in *Dunfermline Register*; Isabel Leslie, 1590 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Alexander Leslie, 1604 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** Adam.

2 English: see **Lesley**.

## Less

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: see **Lass**.

## Lessells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- Scottish: variant of *Lessels*, itself a Scottish form of **Lascelles**.

## Lessels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks

Scottish: Scottish form of **Lascelles**.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Lascels, before 1173 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Ralph de Lasceles, 1266 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); David Lessellis, 1560 in *Black*.

## Lesser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Lancs

1 English: perhaps from Middle English *lessour* 'one who lets property out on lease' (Anglo-Norman French *lessor*, *lessour*).

**Early bearers:** Henricus Lesser, 1604 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Richard Lessor, 1648 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Richard Lesser, 1681 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Alphege, Canterbury, Kent).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): unexplained; probably adopted for a like-sounding or like-meaning name from some other European language, perhaps *Lazar* (for *Eleazar*).

**Early bearers:** Abraham Lessar, 1756 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Lesser, general dealer, born in Prussia, *Census 1851* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isaac Lesser, dealer in jewellery, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Lesser, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Lesser Lesser, fine art dealer, born in Birmingham, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Herman Lesser, tailor and outfitter, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Louis Lesser, cotton porter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lazars Lesser, tobacconist, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Lessey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Kent; Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Lacey**.

## Lessier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Sussex
- English: see **Leicester**.

## Lesslie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Orkney and Angus

Scottish: see **Leslie**.

## Lesson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 English: variant of **Letson** with assimilation of *-ts-* to *-ss-* or of **Leeson** with shortening of the vowel. Both are derived from a pet form of the Middle English female personal name *Letlice*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas fil' Alani Lessesone, 1358 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Farnfield, Notts); William Lesson, 1590 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Andrew Lesson, 1593 in *IGI* (Cubley, Derbys); Edward Lesson, 1593 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Lesson, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Thomas Lesson, 1621 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Ledson** with change of *-ds-* to *-ss-*.

3 English: perhaps a variant of **Leston** with assimilation of *-st-* to *-ss-*.

## Lester

**Variants:** **Laster**, **Lassiter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7032, Ireland 279
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4643
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, W and central Midlands, and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: see **Leicester**.

2 English: see **Lister**.

3 English: see **Laster**.

4 Norman, English: locative name from Lestre (Manche).

**Early bearers:** William de Lestra, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Thomas Lester, 1637 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

## Leston

**Variants:** **Lesson**, **Latson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Warwicks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lefstan*, *Lestan*, *Leston*, Old English *Lēofstān*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lestanus (Lefstanus) fullo, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Leoston(us), Leofstonus, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

surnames: Wlmarus Lefstan, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Aleman fil' Lefstan, 1209 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Warinus Lufstan (Lustan), 1257 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Lestan, Alanus Leston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Lestan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corpusty, Norfolk); Willelmus Leston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heydon, Norfolk); Thomas Leston, 1617 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); John Leston, 1624 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Timothy Leston, 1633 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Leston, 1664 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Wallter Leston, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

2 English: perhaps a metathesized variant of **Ledson** or **Letson**.

## Lestor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Leicester**.

## L'Estrange

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 7

## Lestrange

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Dublin
- French, Irish: see **Lestrange**.

### Lestrange

**Variants:** L'Estrange

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 French, English, Irish: variant of **Strange** (1) with fused Old French definite article *le*.

**Further information:** The spelling with the apostrophe is a fairly recent development modelled on Modern French practice.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas le Straunge, captain of Athloon, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §222 (Athloon, Westmeath); Thomas le Strange, sheriff of Westmeath, 1559 in in *Fiants Elizabeth* §116 (Loughsewdy, Westmeath); Thomas Straunge, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260; Thomas le Strange, baron of Delvyn, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1196 (Westmeath); Thomas Lestrange, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2757 (Ballymore Loughsewdie, Westmeath); Absolom Strange, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3897 (Waterford); Rich. Strange, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4093 (Waterford); Patr. Strange, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4402 (Brivers land, Waterford); Hamond le Strange, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5710; Lady Margaret Bath alias Le Straunge, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6320 (Westmeath); Rob. Straunge, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Thurles, Tipperary); Peirse mcRich. Strange, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624; Thomas Lestrange, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Gallen, Offaly).  
England: John Lestrange, 1245 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Lestrange, justice of the forest this side Trent, 1294 in *Patent Rolls*; Hamon Lestraunge, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Lestrange, 1651 in *IGI* (New Hunstanton, Norfolk); John L'Estrange, 1760 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac Conchoigchríche** 'son of *Cúchoigchríche*', a personal name meaning 'hound of the borderland'.  
**Further information:** Lestrange was adopted for **Mac Conchoigchríche** probably due to the presence of a prominent family of Lestrange, of similar meaning, who settled in Counties Westmeath and Offaly in the 16th century.

### Le Sueur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, English: occupational name from Old French *suor*, *suour*, *suur*, *seur* 'shoemaker'. See also **Soutar**.

**Early bearers:** William Suuer, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Roger le Suhur, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (London); Geoffrey le Suur, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Peter le Suour, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Letch

**Variants:** Leche, Latch, Leach, Leech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *lech(e)*, *lecche*, *lache* 'sluggish stream,

wet place' (Old English \**læcc(e)*, \**lecc(e)* 'stream'), or toponymic from a place named with this word, such as Lach Dennis and Lache (both Cheshire) and Eastleach and Northleach (both Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Richard del Lech, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Cristiana de Lech, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Ralph de la Leche, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); John Lache, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Cambs); Peter de la Lache, 1297, Henry del Lache, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robti. Letch, 1576 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Thomas Letch, 1590 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Letch, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London); Wm Letch, 1617 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Robrt. Letch, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Letcher

**Variants:** Latcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: nickname from Middle English *lech(o)ur*, *lecher* 'debauchee, glutton, rake, lecher, paramour' (Old French *lecheor*). Compare **Leaker**.

**Early bearers:** James Lecchur, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Geoffrey Lechour, 1282 in *Bridlington Cartulary* (ER Yorks); Nicholas Lechour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Lechour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Lechour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johanne Lechour, Rogero Lechur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsland, Herefs); Jane Letcher, 1693 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

2 English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a stream or wet place, Middle English *leche*, *lache* (see **Letch**) + *-er*. This type of locative name is mainly found in the most southerly counties, especially Hants, Surrey, and Sussex. Compare **Leachman**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *lecher* 'physician', a derivative of the verb *lechen* 'to cure, treat with medicines', and attested in Chaucer's translation of Boethius, *De Consolatione Philosophiae*. However, the surname cited below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Lecher, 1272 in *Fransson* (Hants); James Letcher, 1765 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Thomas Letcher, 1796 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Richard Paul Letcher, 1801 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); Rachel Letcher, 1813 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Letchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 324
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Latchford**.

### Letchworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: locative name from Letchworth (Herts).  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John de Leccheworth, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John de Lecheworth, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); John de Lichworth', 1359, John de [L]eccheworth', 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Peterborough, Northants); Nicholas Lecheworth, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John Lecheworth, 1562 in *PROB 11*

(Ashwell, Herts); Robert Letchworth, 1585 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Letchworth, 1621 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Alice Lechworth, 1622 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Letford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name, probably from Leckford (Hants), recorded as *leahforda* in a 10th-century document, and as *Lecford* or *Letford* in 14th-century *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John Letford, 1560 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); John Letford, 1601 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Elisabeth Letford, 1764 in *IGI* (Fetcham, Surrey).

### Lethaby

**Variants:** Letherby, Leatherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *lethe-bei* 'meek, obedient'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Lithebi, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Richard Lytheby, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Lithibie, 1560 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Jane Lithabye, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Roose Letheby, 1576, Richard Lethebye, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Stephen Litheby, 1597, Anthony Lytheby, 1614 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Rebecka Lithibie, 1602 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); Jone Lethebye, 1607 in *IGI* (Northover, Somerset); Edward Lethebye, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Paul, Cornwall); Sameuell Lethebye, 1627 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Henry Letherby, 1687 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Joane Latherbee, 1695, Dorothee Leightherbee, 1698, John Leatherbee, 1700 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Elizabeth Leatherby, 1709 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Lithaby, 1733 in *IGI* (Poughill, Devon); Martha Leatherbe, 1788 in *IGI* (West Buckland, Somerset).

### Letham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Scottish: (i) locative name from Leitholm (Berwicks). (ii) locative name from the lands of Letham in Dunnichen (Angus).

**Early bearers:** John de Letham, c.1210 in *Black*; Robert de Letham, 1296 in *Black*; Alexr. Letham, 1620 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth); Bessie Letham, 1639 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Black*, pp. 425–6.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Leatham**, see **Latham**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Letham, 1591 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Radolph Letham, 1604 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

### Lethbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 960, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Lydbridge in Hatherleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ludebrugg', 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Margert Lethebridge, 1554 in *IGI*

(Ugborough, Devon); Philip Lethebridge, 1565 in *IGI* (Sampford Courtenay, Devon); John Lethbridge, 1600 in *IGI* (Zeal Monachorum, Devon); Oliver Lithbridge, 1617, John Lethbridge, 1619, Sara Lithbredg, 1664, Christopher Lithbridge, 1666 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Gilliam Lethebrydge, 1633 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Elizabeth Leathbridge, 1698 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon).  
References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 143.

### Letherbarrow

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 60
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see **Leatherbarrow**.

### Letherby

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 74
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
- English: see **Lethaby**.

### Letheren

- Current frequencies: GB 173, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 116
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English *letheren* 'leathern, of leather'. Compare Elie Letherinewomb, 1271 in *Fine Rolls*.  
Early bearers: Robert Letheren, 1576 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Letherne, 1581 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Alice Lethern, 1645 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); John Letherin, 1760 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon).

### Letherland

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Litherland**. Compare **Leatherland** for the development.

### Lethwaite

- GB frequency 1881: 3
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Laithwaite**.

### Letley

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 79
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: variant of **Littley**.

### Letman

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- English: possibly from an originally southern English form (*Litman*) of **Lutman**.  
Early bearers: William Letman, 1574 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Hennery Letman, 1723 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Letson

- Variants: **Lettsome**, **Ledson**, **Lesson**, **Leston**, **Latson**, **Ledsham**
- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 55
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Renfrews

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lete*, a pet form of *Lettice*, + *son*. See **Let** and compare **Leeson**.  
Early bearers: John Letesson', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Brad Letson, 1569 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); John Letson, 1627 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts); Sarah Letson, 1693 in *IGI* (Lynton, Devon); George Leadstone, 1712 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).  
2 English: see **Ledson**.

### Let

- Variants: **Letts**
- Current frequencies: GB 553, Ireland 67
  - GB frequency 1881: 380
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Bucks, Warwicks, and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford
- English: relationship name from *Let*, a pet form of the female personal name *Lettice*.  
Early bearers: Gerardus filius Lete, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Ralph Lette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Wyllm Lett, 1561 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs).

### Letten

- Variants: **Lettin**
- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 108
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- 1 English: variant of **Litton**.  
Early bearers: William Letton of Plymmuth, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Letten, 1608, William Lettin, 1627, William Litton, 1632 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); John Letton, 1774, Emanuel Letten, 1775 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon).  
2 English: variant of **Letton**.  
Early bearers: Agnes Letten, 1553 in *IGI* (Pulloxhill, Beds); Beniamin Letten, 1574 in *IGI* (Hatton, Lincs); Hugh Lettin, 1580 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs).

### Letter

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 69
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Scottish: see **Letters**.

### Letters

- Variants: **Letter**, **Lettice**
- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 123
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from Letters (Ross and Cromarty), Letters (Perths), or any of many other minor places in Scotland named with Gaelic *leiter* 'steep slope'.  
Early bearers: Scotland: Mary Letter, 1795 in *IGI* (Kilmallie, Argyll); John Letter, 1839 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
England: James Letter, 1593 in *IGI* (London).  
References: I. A. Fraser, 'Letters from the Highlands: a toponym of steep slopes', in O. J. Padel and D. N. Parsons (eds), *A Commodity of Good Names: Essays in Honour of Margaret Gelling* (Donington: Shaun Tyas, 2008), pp. 185–6.

### Lettice

- Variants: **Letters**
- Current frequencies: GB 185, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Angus
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French female personal name *Leticia* (from Latin *laetitia* 'joy'). See also **Leece**, **Leeson**, **Let**, and **Letson**.  
Early bearers: given names: Leticia, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Leticia, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Leticia, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Leticiam Bannebury, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Letys Webb', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs).  
surnames: John Letice, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Warin Letiz, Margaret Letice, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Letis, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Over, Cams); Willelmus Letis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Johannes Letys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwicks); Johannes Letes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); Margaret Lettice, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Augustine Letters, 1576 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); Hugh Lettice, 1579 in *IGI* (Minting, Lincs); Joseph Lettess, 1641 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).  
2 Scottish: see **Letters** (1).

### Lettin

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Northants
- English: see **Letten**.

### Letton

- Variants: **Letten**, **Latton**, **Latten**
- Current frequencies: GB 160, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 122
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England; esp. Kent; also Brecknocks and Glamorgan
- 1 English: locative name from Letton (Norfolk), Latton (Essex), or possibly a variant of either **Leighton** or **Laughton**, which are chiefly from place-names with the same etymology as Letton and Latton 'village or farm where leeks are grown'.  
Early bearers: Symon de Letton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Letton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Katerene Letton, 1539 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Elizabeth Letten, 1585, Nathaniel Latten, 1620, Elyzabet Lattin, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Barbara Letton, 1606 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).  
2 English: variant of **Latten** (3).

### Letts

- Current frequencies: GB 1088, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1005
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants, Leics, Warwicks. and Staffs; also London
- English: variant of **Let** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Lettsome

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Denbighs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Ledsham** or **Letson**.  
Early bearers: Cristoferus Letsome, 1558, Anne Lettsham, 1634 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Letwin

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Slavic, Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Litwin**.

## Leu

### Leu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 呂, see **Lu** (6).

### Leuchars

**Variants:** Lewars, Lewers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Leuchars (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Patrick de Locrys, 1351, Schir Thomas of Luchers, 1388, John de Lucris, 1398, Richard de Lluchris, 1434, Helen Leuchars, 1597 in *Black*; Agnes Lewers, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jon. Lewchars, 1627, James Leuchars, 1644 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Richard Lewers, 1690 in *IGI* (Holywood, Dumfriess).

### Leung

**Variants:** Liang, Lang, Leong, Leon, Luong, Leng, Leo, Neoh, Neo, New

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2929, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 梁 (**Liang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'roofbeam' or 'bridge' in Chinese: (i) from *Liang* (梁), the name of a state (located in present-day Hancheng in Shaanxi province) which was granted to Kang, the youngest son of Qinzong (died 822 BC), because the latter made great contributions to the fight against minority ethnic groups in western China during the reign of Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC). After the state was annihilated by the state of Qin (秦) in 641 BC, some people kept the name of the state as their surname. (ii) from the second element of the place-names Jie *Liang* (解梁), Gao *Liang* (高粱), and Qu *Liang* (曲梁), the names of several cities originally within the border of the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province). In 645 BC, Jin Hui Gong (died 637 BC) ceded these cities to the state of Qin (located originally in present-day W Shaanxi province). Later, people from these cities adopted 梁 as their surname. (iii) from *Liang* (梁), also known as South *Liang*, the name of another state (located in present-day Longxi in Gansu province) which was granted to Tang, son of king Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC). After this state was annihilated by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), some people kept the name of the state as their surname. (iv) from the Ba Lie Lan (拔列蘭) family, members of an ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 梁 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

### Leuty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cornwall Norman, English: see **Luty**.

### Levack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish: possibly a nickname from Old Norse *lög-fákr* 'ship', a poetic term, literally 'sea-horse', or rather from its Norn descendant.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Levack, 1661 in *Caithness Testaments* (Strathmore, Sutherland); George Levack, 1742 in *IGI* (Latheron, Caithness); Barbara Levack, 1778 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Donald Levack, 1793 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness).

### Levell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk English: see **Leavold**.

### Leven

**Variants:** Levin, Levens, Leavens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

1 Scottish: locative name from either of two places named *Leven*, in Fife and Renfrews.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Levin, 1610 in *IGI*

(Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Lucres Levin, 1613 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Leven, 1681 in *IGI* (Tillicoultry, Clackmannans); John Leven, 1710 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife); Thomas Leven, 1720, John Levin, 1746 in *IGI* (Forgandenny, Perth).

2 English: locative name from Leven (ER Yorks) or possibly Levens (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Ketel de Levene, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); William de Leven, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto de Leven<sup>1</sup>, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Sampson, York); Ricardi Leven, 1561 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); James Leven, 1562 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Johni. Leven, 1598 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Leven, 1617 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); An Leven, 1630 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

3 Jewish: variant of *Levin*, see **Levine**.

**Early bearers:** Lekman Leven, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Abraham Leven, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Mark Leven, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Nether Hallam, WR Yorks); Saul Leven, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Levene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan; Hants Jewish: see **Levine**.

### Levenger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Lugger** with intrusive *-n-* as in **Messenger**.

### Levens

**Variants:** Leavens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs and Westm

1 English: locative name from Levens (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Brian Levens, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Levens, 1591 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Leven** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Levans, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Levenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx English: perhaps, like *Levinson*, a variant of **Livingstone**.

### Lever

**Variants:** Leaver, Levers, Leavers, Leivers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3415, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2684
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire; Wilts, Hants, and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Great or Little Lever in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Dande de Leuer, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Lever, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Lancs); James Lever, 1523 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Edwardus Lever, 1562 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Lever, 1730 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

2 English: locative name from residence near reedy ground, Middle English *laver*, *lever*, Old English *læfer* 'rush, reed, iris'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph atte Levere, 1387 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Sussex); Thomas atte Leuere, 1392 in *Hastings Court Rolls* (Sussex); Willia. Lever, 1568 in *IGI* (Fetcham, Surrey); John Lever, 1584 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); John Lever, 1584 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Ann Lever, 1675 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts); Thomas Lever, 1709 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants). **References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 121.

3 Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *levre* 'hare', denoting either a speedy or timid person. (ii) occupational name, in some instances a shortening of Anglo-Norman French *leverer* 'a hunter of the hare', 'harrier', usually applied to hounds but perhaps also to human hunters: Roger Leuerier, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams); Hugo Levere, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb). Compare **Mauleverer**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Levere, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); William le Levere, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Lever, 1579 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

### Leverage

**Variants:** Leverich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Loveridge**.

### Leverett

**Variants:** Leveritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Levered*, *Leveret*, *Lovered*, Old English *Lēofræd*. *Levered* and *Leveret* were sometimes altered to *Leverod(e)* and *Leverote*, perhaps through false association with personal names ending in the interchangeable hypocoristic suffixes *-et(e)* and *-ot(e)*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leuret, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants), *Domesday Book* (Kent). surnames: Danielis filius Lefredi, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas filius Lofridi, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Emma, Robert Luuered, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Peter Leverot, 1224 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Essex); Robert Luuered 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Leverad, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Lefred, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); William Loverede, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes, William Leverit, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Leverede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Leverode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardus Leuerote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ingatstone, Essex); Ricardus Leverod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Elisabeth Leverett, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Willi. Leverett, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jeremy Leverett, 1563 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Leverett, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); John Leverett, 1606 in *IGI* (Baltonsborough, Somerset).

2 English: nickname from Middle English; Anglo-Norman French *leveret* 'young hare' is possible, though no certain examples are on record.

### Leverich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Leverage**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Leverick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Loveridge**.

### Leveridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex and Middx

English: see **Loveridge**.

### Leverington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: locative name from Leverington (Cambs). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Leveryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmus Leveryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow Bardolph with Wimbotsham, Norfolk); Willelmus de Leryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Johannes Leverinton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Willm Leverington, 1559 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Agnes Leverington, 1608 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics); Thos. Leverington, 1634 in *IGI* (Wherstead, Suffolk); Thomas Leverington, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Mary Leverington, 1777 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Leveritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk

English: see **Leverett**.

### Levermore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Livermore**.

### Leverrier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *levrier* 'a hunter of the hare'.

**Early bearers:** Galfridum Leverer, 1229 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Leuerier, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Weston Colville, Cambs); Hugh Leverer, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); John le Leverer, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Thomas Leverer, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Weston Colville, Cambs); Richard Leverer, controller of the king's coin within the Tower of London, 1412 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Levers

**Variants:** Leavers, Leivers, Levis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Notts; also Cornwall

English: variant of **Lever** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Levers, 1569 in *IGI* (London); Willi. Levers, 1589 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Richarde Levers, 1599, Humphrey Leavers, 1617 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Alice Leavers, 1613 in *IGI* (Flintwick, Beds); Johanna Levers, 1624 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Wm Leevers, 1632, Robert Leivers, 1635 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Jonathan Leivers, 1715 in *IGI* (Annesley, Notts).

### Leversedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Liversage**.

### Leversidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Liversage**.

### Leverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

1 Jewish: anglicized form of either **Levinson** or **Levison**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Leverson, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Wolf Leverson, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

2 English: see **Leveson**.

### Leversuch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Liversage**.

### Leverton

**Variants:** Lefton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 964, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks; Cornwall and Devon

1 English: locative name from Leverton (Lincs) or North and South Leverton (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Grim de Leuertona, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); William de Leu'ton', 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Idonia de Leverton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johannes de Leverton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Henry de Leuerton', 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Leverton, Lincs); Thomas Leverton, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edward Leverton, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Rose Leverton, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London); Thoms Leverton, 1614 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Thomas Leverton, 1634 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Leverton, 1648 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Liverton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Lyverton, 1376 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Lyverton, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

3 English: for the name in Cornwall and Devon, see **Liverton**.

### Levesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs and Leics

English: see **Livesley**.

### Leveson

**Variants:** Levison, Leverson, Lowson, Lewison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leveson*, *Loveson* (Old English *Lēofsunu*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Leofsuna, Lefsune, Leuesuna, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Leuesune, 12th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

surnames: Hugo Lovesone, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Levesone, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Leveson', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Lufesone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Livesone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Levyssoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Nicholaus Leveson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Dennis Leveson, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Thomas Leveson, 1559 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); John Leverson, 1606 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Martha Leverson, 1649 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Alice Leverson, 1758 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts).

2 Scottish: see **Livingstone**.

3 Jewish: see **Levison**.

### Levet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Levett**.

### Levett

**Variants:** Levet, Levitt, Levit, Lewitt, Leavett, Leavitt, Livett, Livitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1740, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Suffolk; also ER Yorks

## Levey

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leviet*, *Luviet*, *Levet*, *Lewet*, *Livet*, *Luvet*. This can be a male name from Old English *Lēofgēat* or a female name from Old English *Lēofgȝð*. *Lev(i)et* was sometimes altered to *Lev(i)ot*, perhaps on the mistaken assumption that final *-et* was the suffix of a pet form, and therefore interchangeable with *-ot(e)*; compare the more recent relation between **Woollett** and its variant *Ullyott*. **Further information:** The name was confused with **Levick** in post-medieval Sheffield.

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Leuiet, Leueget, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Lefget, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Levetus, 1146–53 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Leuiet, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Liviet, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs). given names (female): Leued, 1066 in *Domesday Book*; Liuiitha, Liuete, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Leuiith', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Leffeda Rugfot, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Livith, Livid, 14th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

surnames: Manewine Leuiet, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Gilbert Liuet, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William Liuet (Luuuet), 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Leuet, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Lefet, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Phyllypus Leyvot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Martinsthorpe, Rutland); Stephanus Levet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlow, WR Yorks); Rogerus Levyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johannes Levyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donnington, Sussex); Alicia Levyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Oliva Levot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Radulphus Leuote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Lewete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Margoria Lewote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horringer, Suffolk); Ricardus Leuot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); John Leuet', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Levot, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Amye Levett, 1561 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); John Lewet, 1568 in *IGI* (Pipe Ridware, Staffs); Robert Levett, 1582 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Persevall Levett, 1582 in *IGI* (York); Josephus Levitt, 1618 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ed. Lewit, 1641 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts); Wilhelmus Lewitt, 1652 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

2 Norman, English: locative name from one of the places in Normandy named *Livet* (Sarthe, Eure) or *Livaie* (Orne), but whether this name survived into the modern period is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** William de Lieuet, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 554.

3 Norman: nickname; the Norman surname may sometimes have derived from Old French *leuet* 'wolf cub', a diminutive of Old French *lou*, Normanno-Picard *leu* 'wolf'. Compare **Lovett**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 727, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Longford

1 English: see **Leavey**.

2 Jewish: see **Levy**.

### Levi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 696
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; Warwicks; London

Jewish: see **Levy**.

### Levick

**Variants:** **Leffek**, **Livick**, **Livock**, **Lovick**, **Luke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 410
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys

1 English: unexplained. The name clusters in north Derbys and nearby Sheffield (WR Yorks) and is recorded in 1350 as *Lathewek* and *Lethewayk*, according to information from Dr Anne Giller cited in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. Johannes Lethewyche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks) possibly bears the same name and may be an ancestor of Benjamin Levick, 1732 in *IGI* (Tinsley, WR Yorks). Tinsley lies between Sheffield and Rotherham. In Eckington (Derbys), Redmonds notes William Leithwick, 1480, and William Levick otherwise Leathwick, 1769. In Sheffield the name was confused with **Levett**: John Levick, John Levitt, 1614–19, Francis Levick, Francis Levitt, 1615–16 in the Sheffield parish registers; see *Sheffield Surnames*, p. 42. Lethwood in the 1645 example below is probably a corruption of Lethwick.

**Early bearers:** Richard Levick, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Norton, Derbys); Edmund Lethwood, 1645, Robert Levick, 1705 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); John Levick, 1645 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Anne Levick, 1657, Ann Lethwick, 1750 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Willm. Levicke, 1659 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ann Levick, 1726 in *IGI* (Skegby, Notts); Hannah Lethwick, 1734, Geo. Leveck, 1736 in *IGI* (Holmesfield, Derbys); Willm Levick, 1800 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Levek*, \**Lovek*, Old English *Lēofeca*, a diminutive of *Lēofa*. This may also have become **Luke**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leweke de Rouington, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Lefeke Daffe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds).

surnames: Hardekin filius Leueke, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Leuke, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Amicia leueke, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Thomas Leuk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Richerd Levick, 1578 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Katherine Livick, 1599 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Richard Levick, 1614 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Levick, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

3 French: nickname from Old French *eveske*, Anglo-Norman French *eveke* 'bishop'. Compare **Bishop**. In *Levick* the article has coalesced with the noun. This was then redivided as *le Vick* and usually survives as **Veck**, **Vick**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert le Eveske, 1189 in *Monasticon Anglicanum* vi; Henry Leveske, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); George Levick, 1626 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

### Levin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Levine**.

**Early bearers:** Solomon Levien, 1806 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Israel Levien, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, London).

### Levin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Jewish: see **Levine**.

2 English: see **Lewin**.

3 English: see **Living**.

4 Scottish: see **Leven**.

### Levine

**Variants:** **Levene**, **Leven**, **Levin**, **Levien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Lancs Jewish (Ashkenazic): with at least two possible origins. Among immigrants from Lithuania, Belarus, and adjacent regions of the old Russian Empire, it is generally a slavized form of **Levy**. This fell together with a form ending in *-in* (which may be either a possessive or a pet form) of the Yiddish male personal name *Lev*, based on the vocabulary word *leyb* 'lion' (German *Löwe*, Russian *lev*).

**Early bearers:** Harris Levene, born in Poland, Wolfe Levene, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Torall Levine, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Stepney, Middx); Joseph Levin, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London, Middx); Jacob Levin, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Lewis Levine, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Barnett Levine, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Levinge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- English: see **Living**.

### Levings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Living**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Levings, 1607 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

### Levingston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Armagh; Mayo

Irish: see **Livingstone**.

**Further information:** This is a mainly Irish spelling of the name.

### Levingstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: see **Livingstone**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of this name in Ireland.



**Levins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 266
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: see **Livingston**.

**Early bearers:** Richardus Levins, 1632 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent).

**Levinson**

Variants: **Leverson, Levenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Midlothian; Northumb; Derbys; ER Yorks

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal names *Levin* or *Levy* + *son*. See **Levy** and compare **Levison**.

**Early bearers:** Morris Levinson, 1835 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Israel Levinson, rabbi, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lazarus Levinson, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

2 Scottish: see **Livingstone**.

**Levis**

Variants: **Leavis, Leaves, Leeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Levis* (Old English *Lēofhyse*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lefhese, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition* (Cambis).

surnames: Steingrim Lewis, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); John Lefhese, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Annis Levis, 1579 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Richard Levis, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Leve*, Old English *Lēofa* (male) or *Lēofe* (female), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*, since *Leve* is attested as a medieval surname. Compare **Leaf**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leue, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts); Leva vidua, about 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).

surnames: Thomas Leve, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Henericus Levis, 1587 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Jana Levis, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Refrayne Levis, 1609 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Levis, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

3 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English *lef*, *leve*, plural *leves*, possibly representing Old English *lēaf* 'leaf, foliage' in some topographical sense, or Old English *hlif* 'shelter'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Intheleves, 1322 in *London Letter Books E*; Sibilla in le Leve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby); Henricus dil Leve, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lancs).

4 Irish: reduced form of **Dunleavy** or from *Mac Con Shléibhe*, see **Leavy** (1).

5 English: occasionally perhaps a pronunciation of **Levers** or vice versa. Compare James Leavis, 1819, John Leavers, 1829 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

**Levison**

Variants: **Leveson, Leverson, Lewison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Lancs

1 Scottish: see **Livingstone**.

2 English: see **Leveson**.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal name *Levi* (see **Levy**) + *son*. Compare **Levinson**.

**Early bearers:** Myer Levison, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Simon Leveson, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Israel Levison, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Levison, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Aaron Leveson, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Leviston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish, English: see **Livingstone**.

**Levit**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs; Durham

English: see **Levett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Levitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 974
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Suffolk and Cambs

English: see **Levett**.

**Levy**

Variants: **Levi, Levey, Lowy, Loewe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4661, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3776
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Longford; Dublin

Jewish: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Levi*, which is based on a Hebrew word meaning 'joining'. This was borne by a son of Jacob and Leah (Genesis 29: 34).

**Further information:** Bearers of this name are Levites, members of the tribe of Levi, who form a hereditary caste who assist the *kohanim* (see **Cohen**) in their priestly duties.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Levi, 1819 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Meir Levy, 1849 in *Jews of Ireland* (Belfast); Harris Levey, born in Poland, Isaac Levey, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Stroud, Gloucs); Jacob Levy, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Aaron Levi, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Barne Levey, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Morris Levy, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Salford, Lancs); Simon Levy, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Canterbury, Kent); Moses Levi, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Benjamin Levi, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Levy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants; Warwicks

1 English: locative name in S and SW England denoting residence by an artificial mound (for a burial or for public meetings), from Middle English *lewe*, Old English *hlǣw*. It is a side-form of Middle English *low*, Old English (W Saxon) *hlāw*, and the surname of Robertus atte Lowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex) probably refers to the same mound as Willelmus atte Lewe, cited below. See also **Lewer**, and compare **Low** and **Lower**. The 1191 bearer may have come from Lew (Oxon), which derives from the same word.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Lewe, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Willelmus atte Lewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Thomas Lew, 1620 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey).

**References:** *Landscape of Place-Names*, pp. 178–80.

2 English: locative name in the Midlands and in E and N England, denoting someone who lived at a sheltered place, Middle English *lew*, Old English *hlēow*.

**Early bearers:** Alice ate Lewe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Katherine Lew, 1577 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joannes Lew, 1607 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire); Elizabeth Lew, 1627 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Lew, 1632 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

3 Norman, English: nickname, relationship name from Anglo-Norman French *leu* 'wolf' used either as a nickname or a personal name. Compare **Low**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Leu, 1207 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Johannes Lew, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ellerby, Thirleby, Dowthorpe, and Langthorpe, ER Yorks); Hugo Lew, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Robertus Lewe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Mary Lew, 1774 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖, see **Liu** (1–3).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 呂, see **Lu** (6).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).

**Lewandowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name denoting someone from Lewandów in Warsaw voivodeship, named with the vocabulary word *lewanda*, *lawenda* 'lavender'.

**Lewarn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Lewarne**.

**Lewarne**

Variants: **Lewarn, Lawarne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from either or both of two places called *Lewarne* in North Hill and Saint Neot (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Lawharen, 1515 in *Cornish Lands* (Liskeard, Cornwall); William Lawharne, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall);

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Stephen Lawaryn, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cardinham, Cornwall); William Lawerne, 1525, John Lawaren, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Creed, Cornwall); Stephen Lawarne, 1527–8 in *Cornish Lands* (Cardinham, Cornwall); Stephen Lawharn, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnerns Muster Roll* (Cardinham, Cornwall); Robert Lawarren, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); William Lawarne, 1650 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Lawarn, 1670 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Edward Lewarne, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall); Michael Lewarn, 1704 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall).

### Lewars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: variant of **Leuchars**.

### Lewcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Lucock**.

### Lewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English, Welsh: relationship name, apparently from Welsh \**Llywel*, a contracted form of *Llywelyn* (see **Llewellyn**), though no such form is noted in *Morgan and Morgan*. Later bearers probably belong with (2).
- Early bearers: Roger Lewel, 1251 in *Patent Rolls*; Wylín ap Lewal, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Glamorgan); JevanVaghan ap Jevan ap Lewel Voel, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; Robt Lewell, 1563 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Tabitha Lewell, 1662 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Mary Lewel, 1676 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).
- 2 English: for *Lowell*, a variant of **Lovell**.

### Lewellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more frequent in the USA.

### Lewellin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Lewellyn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Lewelyn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Brecknocks; Lancs
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Lewendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: variant of **Lewington**.

### Lewens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Lewins**.

### Lewer

Variants: **Lewers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 English: locative name denoting residence by an artificial mound (for a pagan burial or for public meetings), from a derivative of Middle English *lew* + *-er*, a formation characteristic of Sussex and Surrey. It is equivalent to *atte Lewe*, see **Lew**.
- Early bearers: Richard Lewer, 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Surrey); Joha le Lewere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albourne, Sussex); Thoma Lewere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); John Lewer, 1548 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Richard Lewer, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Lewer, 1596 in *IGI* (Fetcham, Surrey); Thomas Lewer, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); William Lewer, 1611 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).
- 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Ewer**, with fused Old French definite article *le*, but no proof of this has been found.
- Early bearers: Ricardus Lewer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thoma Lewer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York).

### Lewers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- 1 Scottish: variant of **Leuchars**.
- 2 English: variant of **Lewer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers: John Lewers, 1675 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

### Lewes

Variants: **Lewis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 704
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Lewes (Sussex).
- Early bearers: John de Leuwes, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Lewes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johanne de Lewes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Roberte Lewes, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Elnor Lewes, 1541 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Lewes, 1542 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Joan Lewes, 1544 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Fermor Lewes, 1553 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).
- 2 English: relationship name, see **Lewis**.

### Lewey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Leavey**.
- 2 Manx, Scottish: see **Lowey**.

## Lewies

- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Radnors
- Welsh: see **Lewis** (1).

## Lewin

Variants: **Lewing**, **Lewins**, **Leven**, **Levin**, **Living**, **Lowen**, **Lowin**, **Lowing**, **Lovin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3593, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Rutland, and Northants; Essex and Middx; IoM and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lewin*, *Levin*, *Lowin* (Old English *Lēofwine*).

Early bearers: given names: Leuuin, Leuinus, Lifwinus, Liuuinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Lewin, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Lowinus Rex, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops); Leowinus pater Normanni, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey). surnames: Wlfricus filius Leofwini, 1010 in *Tengvik*; Iwanus filius Lofwini, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Hugo filius Lewyn, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo filius Levine, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Lewyn, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry Lowyn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Lowen, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Lefwyne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Livene, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Leuene, Andrew Leuene, John Liuene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Lewen, 1524 in *Tudor Rutland* (Ketton, Rutland); George Lewin, 1564 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Thomas Lewin, 1603 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); James Levin, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Willmi Lewin, 1605 in *IGI*, Mary Lewen, 1757 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Frances Levin, 1663 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Edward Levin, 1681 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Elizabeth Lewin, 1691 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts).

2 Manx: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Giolla Eoin**, Manx *Mac Guilley Eoin* 'son of Giolla Eoin' (Saint John's servant).

Early bearers: IoM: Mac Gilley, 1498, Mac Gilleon, 1511, Mac Gillewn, 1540, Lewen, Lewne, 1611 in *Kneen* (IoM); Ailes Lewin, 1629 in *IGI* (Onchan, IoM); Jo Lewn, 1635 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Alce Lewen, 1651 in *IGI* (Marown, IoM).

England: Ths Lewin, 1698 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Lewen, 1771 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). Ireland: Thomas Lewin, 1847 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ranelagh, Dublin); Mary Lewins, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Rathnew, Wicklow); Henry H. Lewin, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cloghans Beg, Mayo); Peter Lewen, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyphilip, Down).

## Lewing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- 1 English: see **Living**.
- 2 English: see **Lewin**.

## Lewington

Variants: **Lewinton**, **Lewendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1664, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 793

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts, Berks, Surrey, and Middx

1 English: locative name, variant of **Levington**, but this is an E Anglian surname and the name in S and SW England must either reflect migration or have a different origin; see (2).

2 English: locative name, *Lewington* and *Levington* are perhaps variant pronunciations of the Wilts surname **Lavington**. The vowel change is not recorded in the place-name, but there is some evidence for occasional raising of late Middle English [a] to early Modern English [e]. The development of intervocalic [v] to [w] is not uncommon in Middle English dialects, and original *-ton* is often replaced in surnames with *-don* and *-den*. Compare therefore Johannes and Michaelis Lavynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks) with Mathew Lewington, 1641 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks), and Johanne Lavynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hidden, Berks) with Josias Lewendon, 1611 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Hidden is in Hungerford parish. Compare also Mary Lewington, 1640, John Laventon, 1705 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants). However, these may be different surnames.

**Further information:** There is a Lewingdon Wood in Streatley (Berks), which is possibly recorded in the name *Landoune* (1309), according to *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 532, but its earliest definite attestations are *Levington Wood* in 1750 and *Lewington Wood* in 1846, and it is more likely named from the surname. Lavendon (Bucks), now pronounced /la:mðn/, is recorded as *Lawendon*, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls*, *Lavenden*, 1201 in *Fine Rolls*. However, there is no evidence that it gave rise to a surname.

**Early bearers:** Johis Lewindon, 1572 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Johis Lewindon, 1572, John Lewingdon, 1684, Thomas Levington, 1764 in *IGI* (Aston Tirrold, Berks); William Lewenden, 1622 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Edward Lewington, 1624 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); Anne Lewington, 1638 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Mathew Lewington, 1641, Francis Lewingdon, 1653, George Levendon, 1895 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Luington, 1665, Jon. Livington, 1697, John Levington, 1769 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Richard Leuington, 1691 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); John Levington, 1696 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); John Lewinton, 1711 in *IGI* (Ashampstead, Berks); Nathaniel Leuinton, 1754 in *IGI* (Beenham, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 240; *English Pronunciation*, §59.

## Lewins

**Variants:** Lewens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

English: variant of **Lewin** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Tho. Lewens, 1567 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Roger Lewens, 1633 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Mary Lewins, 1649 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); Elizabeth Lewens, 1652, William Lewins, 1697 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Geo Lewens, 1683 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). Scotland: George Lewins, 1676 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian).

## Lewinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Lewington**.

## Lewis

**Variants:** Lewes, Lewies, Lowes, Lowis, Louis, Luis, Lawis, Laws

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112613, Ireland 2010
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales; also W England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cork, Tipperary, and Laois

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Lewis*, *Lewies*, *Lowis*, Continental Germanic *Hludwig*. This was latinized as *Ludovicus* and *Chlodovisus*, which were gallicized as *Clovis* or *Clouis*, French *Louis*. The name may also appear as *Lawis*, *Laweys*, *Lawes*, by unrounding of the vowel of *Lowis* on the analogy of the variation between *Low* and *Law* as pet forms of Middle English *Lourence* alias *Laurence*. See **Laws** (2) and compare **Lawrence**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lewis le Briton, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Lodowicus clericus, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland).

surnames: Walterus filius Lowis, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Lowis, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); William Lewys, 1267 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk), 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; Will'o Lewys de Normanton', 1316 in *Mansfield Court Roll* (Notts); Willelmus Lowys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Radulpho Lewis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington, Leics); Philippo Lewys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Madley, Herefs); Johannes Louys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Christian Lewis, 1538 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Thome Lewis, 1538 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Andrew Lewis, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Henrie Lewis, 1540 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); John Lewis, 1544 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 Welsh: relationship name adopted for the Welsh personal name *Llywelyn* (see **Llewellyn**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lewys the son of Griffin, 1277–8 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Llewelyn ap Madoc alias Lewis Rede, 1413 in *Bardsley*; Lewis Glyn Cothi, alias Llywelyn y Glyn, 1447–86 in *Morgan and Morgan*.

surnames: Morice Lewes, alias Morice ap Llewelin of Putney, 1538 in *Early Chancery Proceedings* (Merioneths); Thomas ap Lewis, alias Thomas Ll' ap D'd goz, 1530 in *Early Chancery Proceedings* (Denbighs). **References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, at Llywelyn.

3 English: variant of **Lewes**.

4 Irish, Welsh: relationship name; in Ireland, this is often the English or Welsh name, but it was also adopted for Irish **Mac Lughaidh**, see **Loy**.

**Early bearers:** John Lewes, merchant, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §648 (Waterford); Nicholas Lewes, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §648; Edward Lewes, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1694 (Tulloughofyn); Walter Lewes, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1694 (Dounkippe).

## Lewison

**Variants:** Louison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Lancs; Durham

1 Welsh, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lewis* + *son*. In Wales, *Lewis* was an anglicized form of the Welsh personal name *Llewelyn*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Leweson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton on Swale, NR Yorks); Charles Lewison, 1805 in *IGI* (Cwmyoy, Monmouths).

2 Scottish, English: in Lancs and Durham, alternatively a variant of **Livingstone** or perhaps **Leveson**.

## Lewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Levett**.

## Leworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Leworthy in Bratton Fleming, Leworthy in Woolfardisworthy near Bideford, Leworthy in Clawton, or Lowery in Walkhampton (all Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Luueworth, 1238, [... de] Loueworþe, 1256, [... de] Loveworthi, [... de] Loveworthi, 1330, [... de] Lyvaworthi, 1333, [... de] Loueworth, 1340, [... de] Loueworthy, 1417 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Loueworthy, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Leworthie, 1580, Ursula Leworthy, 1616 in *IGI* (Charles, Devon); Anne Leworthie, 1597 in *IGI* (Heanton Puncharden, Devon); Joane Luerthy, 1626 in *IGI* (Landkey, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 31, 82, 139, 245.

## Lewry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman: possibly from Anglo-Norman French *euerie* 'water office', with fused definite article *la*. Compare Roger del Eawerie, about 1380 in *Anglo-Norman Dictionary*.

**Further information:** The earliest Sussex bearer may really be for **Lever**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Lewere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Anne Lewry, 1606 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Anne Lewry, 1698 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Tho Lewrey, 1704 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Thomas Lewery, 1742 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

## Lewzey

- Variants:** Lewzey, Livesey, Lovesey, Lovesy, Lovesay
- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lefsi*, *Lovsi* (Old English *Lēofsige*). **Early bearers:** given names: Lefsius Hippe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Azor filius Lefsi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts); William Lefsi, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); John Levesy, 1447, John Leuesey, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Helena Lewsay, 1486 in *York Guild Register* (York); Isobell Lovesye, 1576 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Charles Lovesay, 1601 in *IGI*

## Lewsley

(Painswick, Gloucs); Mercie Lewsie, 1651 in *IGI* (Sturmer, Essex).

### Lewsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 105
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: variant of **Loosley**.

### Lewtas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Latus**.

### Lewtey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: see **Luty**.

### Lewthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, and Lancs
- English: locative name from Lowthwaite in Saint Johns or Watermillock (Cumb). The place of the same name in Uldale (Cumb) is another possibility, but seems to have an incompatible origin.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Lutewhite, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Richard Lewthwayt, 1616, James Lewthwait, 1657, James Lewthwaite, 1670 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Thomas Lewthwaite, 1679 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb); Chrisr Luthwaite, 1704 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Robert Lowthwaite, 1780 in *IGI* (Muncaster, Cumb).

### Lewton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Luton**.

### Lewty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Luty**.

### Lewy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Leavey**.

### Lewzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Lewsey**.

### Ley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1669, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England (esp. Devon) and Glamorgan
- English: see **Leigh**.

### Leybourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- English: see **Laybourne**.

### Leyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Laybourne**.

### Leycester

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Leicester**.

### Leyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 295
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; also Midlothian, W Lothian, and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Leydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Leyfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Layfield**.

### Leyland

Variants: **Layland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2858, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also W Midlands and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name, usually for someone who came from Leyland (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Aldulf de Leilande, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert de Layland', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Leylond, 1339 in *London Pleas*; Richard Leyland, 1418–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *del Eyland*, denoting someone who lived at Ealand (Lincs), but evidence is needed to show that this developed into the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Leilande, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), de Eiland, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Mary Leyland, 1550 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Alexander Leyland, 1551 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Christpoher Leyland, 1567 in *IGI* (Blore, Staffs); Elyzabeth Leyland, 1568 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Elnor Leyland, 1571 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

### Leyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Layman**.

### Leys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Kincardines, and Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Leys in Lonmay, Leys in Drumblade, Leys in Logie Buchan, and Leys in Logie Coldstone (all Aberdeens), Leys in Kettins (Angus), and Leys in Errol (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Marie Leys, 1623, James Leys, 1635 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Leys, 1649 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Isobel Leys, 1671 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Leys, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Fergus, Aberdeens).

2 English: variant of **Leigh** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Leyshon

Variants: **Leyson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 698
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; also Monmouths and Carmarthens

Welsh: from the male given name *Lleision*, whose form with the voiceless initial consonant is obsolete as a surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Res ab Leysan, 1292, Leyson ap Morgan, 1361, Lleision ab Owain, 1485 in *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 145.

surnames: Greffyn Leyson, 1538, doctor of the court of Arches, in *Morgan and Morgan* (Carmarthens), p. 145; Mary Leyson, 1690 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan); Jane Leishion, 1815 in *IGI* (Llancarfan, Glamorgan); Thomas Leysion, 1821 in *IGI* (Cadoxton juxta Neath, Glamorgan); Mary Leyson, 1823 in *IGI* (Malpas, Monmouths); Lewies Leision, 1831 in *IGI* (Rhyrnev, Monmouths).

### Leyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Carmarthens

Welsh: see **Leyshon**.

### Leyton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Leighton**.

### Lheureux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Huguenot: nickname from French *heureux* 'happy, fortunate (person)', with fused definite article.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jenne Lheureux, 1687 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London); Pierre Lheureux, 1707 in *IGI* (La Patente French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, Middx).

**Li**

Variants: Lee, Lai, Lei, Lea, Lay, Lye, Ly, Le

- Current frequencies: GB 9076, Ireland 225
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 李 (Lei or Lee in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'plum': (i) said to have been adopted in place of the Chinese surname 理 (also pronounced *Li*; meaning 'rules' in Chinese) by Li Zhen (利貞), son of an official called Li Zheng (理徵) in the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). It is said that Li Zhen's father incurred the displeasure of king Zhou and Li Zhen fled to a wasteland area, where he survived on plums. After his return to civilization, he changed his surname to Li (李), a word with the same pronunciation. The original surname, 理, is said to be from Li Guan (理官), name of a post of officials in charge of legislation in ancient China. Li Er (李耳), also known as Lao Tzu or Lao Zi, traditionally regarded as the founder of Taoism, is said to have been a descendant of Li Zhen. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Chi Li (叱李) family from the Xianbei ethnic group during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) in the early years of the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907), sixteen high officials with different surnames were granted the surname *Li* (李), the surname of the royal family of the Tang dynasty, by the emperor Tang Tai Zong (died 649 BC), because of their contributions to the establishment of the Tang regime. (iv) the surname can also be traced back to several minority ethnic groups in ancient China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 黎 (Lai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'black' or 'multitude' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Li* (黎), the name of an ancient state (located in Changzhi in Shanxi province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), which was annexed in the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) and later granted to Fengshu, also known as Li Hou (黎侯). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Su Li (素黎) family, members of the Xianbei ethnic group, during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 利 (Lei or Lee in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'sharp', 'fortunate', or 'benefits' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Li Zhen (利貞), son of an official called Li Zheng (理徵) in the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Li* (利), the name of a fief (located in Hubei province or in Sichuan province) granted to a prince in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) adopted as a surname by the Chi Li (叱利) family, members of the Xianbei ethnic group during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 栗 (Lut or Leot in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'chestnut' in Chinese: (i) said to be from Li Lu (栗陸), the title of a legendary emperor in ancient China. (ii) from *Li* (栗), the name of an ancient state (located in Xiayi in Henan province) during the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), which was annexed in the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 厲 (Lai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'strict, rigorous' in Chinese: (i) from Li (厲), the posthumous title of king Qi Li Gong (齊厲公) (died 816 BC). (ii) from *Li* (厲), the name of an

ancient state (located in Suixian in Hubei province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname 孫. The king Sun Hao in the state of Wu during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–80) ordered Sun Xiu's family to change their surname to Li (厲) because Sun Xiu had defected to the state of Jin. (iv) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Li (李) by the extended family of an official called Li Jin (李晉) during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907), who was killed because of his attempt to usurp the throne.

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄴 (Lai or Lik in Cantonese romanization): from the place-name *Li* (鄴), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**Lian**

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 粘, see **Chan** (7).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 聶, see **Nie** (2).

**Lian**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 連 and 練, see **Lin** (2) and (4).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 廉, see **Lim** (1).

**Liang**

- Current frequencies: GB 818, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

**Liao**

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 廖, see **Liu** (3).

**Liaquat**

- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim, subcontinental Asian: from a personal name based on Arabic *liyāqah*, 'decorum, decency'. Further information: Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan (1895–1951) was the first prime minister of Pakistan. References: *Ahmed*.

**Lias**

Variants: Lyas, Lyus

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 47
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: variant of **Elias** with loss of the first syllable. See also **Ellis**.

Early bearers: England: Anna Lyas, 1591 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Lyas, 1663, Evans Lyus, 1718 in *IGI* (London); John Lyas, 1690 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Thomas Lias, 1694 in *IGI* (Aisholt, Somerset); Eliz Lius, 1736 in *IGI*

(Marlborough, Wilts); Sarah Lias, 1816 in *IGI* (Hittisleigh, Devon).

Scotland: Jeane Lias, 1685 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens).

**Liau**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 廖, see **Liu** (3).

**Libbey**

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Libby**.

**Libby**

Variants: Libbey, Lebby

- Current frequencies: GB 506, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 391
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal names *Libbe*, \**Libby*, or \**Lebby*, probably pet forms of *Elizabeth* and perhaps also of *Isabel* (which was an Old French form of *Elizabeth*). In Devon and Cornwall, final *-e* is often written *-a* (as in the 1332 example) and sometimes develops to *-y*, which may account for *Libby* as a surname there. Elsewhere, *Libby* is more likely from *Libbe* + the hypocoristic suffix *-y*.

Early bearers: John son of Libbe, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Geoffrey Libba, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harberton, Devon); Thomas Leby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Isabell Libbey, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Joan Libby, 1564, Mary Lebye, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Nicholas Libye, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Bennet Libye, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Lansallos, Cornwall); John Libby, 1571 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); Margaret Liby, 1590 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Leby, 1617 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall).

**Liberman**

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Lieberman**.

**Liberty**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 109
- Main GB location 1881: Herts, Middx, and Surrey

English: of uncertain origin. It is likely to be an altered form of some other name, by folk etymology. If the *-t-* is intrusive it could be locative, from the Herts place-name *Libery*, *Libury*, now Liberty Hall in Great Munden. Compare Radulphi Liberi, 1547 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts), Jacobus Liberi, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts). Alternatively, it might be a nickname from Middle English *lite(l)* 'little' + *bodi* 'body, person', reduced to (an unrecorded) \**Libody*, \**Liberdy*. Compare Robert Litlebodi, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts), Katerina litlebod', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs), and Robert Litelbode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Everton, Hunts). Or perhaps, as Bardsley suggested, it might be an altered form of the occupational name **Leadbetter**, pronounced *Lebetter*, \**Lebety*, \**Leberty*.

## Liburd

Compare Richard le Ledbetere, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kimpton, Herts).

**Further information:** Bardsley's tentative derivation from Liberty, a district in Elie (Fife), is unlikely since the place-name is not recorded before 1855.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Liberty, 1609 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Elizabeth Liberty, 1619, Thomas Liberty, 1641, Danell Liberty, 1665 in *IGI* (Kensworth, Herts); Martha Libertie, 1674 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Thomas Liberty, 1741 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 135–6; *Place-Names of Fife* 3, p. 278.

## Liburd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, French: variant of **Leppard** with intervocalic voicing of /p/.

**Further information:** The name is probably extinct from this source. Modern bearers may have a locative name of French origin, often found in the slave registers of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Compare the missionary Gabriel de la Libourde in Illinois in the late 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Libard, 1660 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Ann Liburd, 1677 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Libard, 1696 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); George Libard, 1702 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); William Libard, 1771 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Licata

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (Sicilian): locative name from Licata (Agrigento province).

## Licence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Lison**.

## License

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey

Norman, English: see **Lison**.

## Lichfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys and Warwicks

English: see **Litchfield**.

## Lickard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; York

English: see **Lickert**.

## Lickert

**Variants:** **Lickard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: probably a variant of **Lockhart**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Lickard, 1859 in *IGI* (York); Annie Lickert, 1867 in *IGI* (Lye, Worcs); Maria Lickart, 1872 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

## Lickfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham

1 English: variant of **Lickfold**.

2 English: see **Litchfield**.

## Lickfold

**Variants:** **Lickfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name from Lickfold in Lodsworth (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Lykfold, 1332, Thomas Lykfold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Thomas Lykfold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lodsworth, Sussex); John Lykfold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Harry Lyckfold, 1567 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Joane Lyckfold, 1580 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); George Lickfield, 1681 in *IGI* (Graffham, Sussex); Elizabeth Lickfold, 1785 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 27; information from Gordon Lickfold (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Lickley

**Variants:** **Likely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Angus, Perth, and Aberdeens

1 Scottish: locative name from Lickleyhead Castle in Premnay (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** William Licklie, 1604 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Hendrie Liklie, 1612 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Licklie, 1646 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); James Likly, 1707 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); Agnas Likly, 1720 in *IGI* (Lunan, Angus).

2 English: unexplained. Perhaps simply (1) migrated to England.

**Early bearers:** John Leekley, 1595, Christopher Leckley, 1605, in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Margart Lickly, 1601, in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Fraunciscus Licklay, 1612, Johes Likely, 1616, Henricus Licklie, 1618 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Elizabetha Likely, 1629 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); Anne Likely, 1660 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Joan Likely, 1683 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); John Lekley, 1683 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Dinah Leeklea, 1697 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham).

## Lickorish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Liquorish**.

## Lidard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Liddiard**.

## Lidbetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Leadbetter**.

## Lidbury

**Variants:** **Lydbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Middx and Surrey

1 English: see **Ledbury**.

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Lydbury North (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Ludebir', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); John de Lydebur', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Anne Lidbury, 1684 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Francis Lidbury, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Lidbury, 1803 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Willm Lidbury, 1814 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Francis Lidbury, 1837 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Liddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lincs; Middx

English: see **Liddell**.

## Liddar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): see **Lidder**.

## Liddard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Liddiard**.

## Liddel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Stirlings; Durham and Northumb

English, Scottish: see **Liddell**.

## Liddell

**Variants:** **Liddel**, **Lidell**, **Liddle**, **Liddall**, **Lydall**, **Loydall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3134, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2737
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Stirlings; Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English, Scottish: locative name, ultimately from Liddel Water, a river which runs through Roxburghs and Cumb to join the River Esk. The proximate source of the surname is perhaps Liddel Strength in Kirkandrews on Esk (Cumb), which is recorded as *Liddel* in 1267.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richard de Lidel, 1202–34 in *Black* (Largs, Ayr); Galfridus Liddell, 1266 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Nicholas de Lyddal, 1321 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John de Lydel, 1359 in *Patent*

*Rolls* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Quintin Liddale, 1464 in *Black* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

England: William Lidel, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Christiana de Lydell, 1370 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Cuthbert Leddell, 1562, Rodger Leddayle, 1564 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Annas Lyddell, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); Bartram Liddell, 1590 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 100.

## Lidder

Variants: **Liddar**

- Current frequencies: GB 147, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from the name of a Jat clan.  
2 English: possibly a variant of **Ledder** or of **Leader**.

Early bearers: Henrie Liddor, 1608 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Lidder, 1614 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent); Nicholas Lydder, 1687 in *IGI* (Congham, Norfolk); John Lidder, 1761 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Henry John Cole Lidder, 1799 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Christopher Lidder, in *Census 1871* (Durham); Joseph Lidder, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); William Lidder, in *Census 1901* (Surrey).

## Liddiard

Variants: **Lidiard**, **Lydiard**, **Lyddiard**, **Lidyard**, **Lydyard**, **Lydiart**, **Lidard**

- Current frequencies: GB 909, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 686
- Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Berks, Wilts, Bucks, and Middx

English: locative name from Lydiard Millicent and Lydiard Tregose (Wilts) or Bishop's Lydeard and Lydeard Saint Lawrence (Somerset). The Somerset places, recorded as *Lidegeard* in 854, and *Lidiard*, *Lediart* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), are named with an uncertain first element, perhaps \**léd* 'grey' + Celtic \**garth* 'ridge', their affixes referring to the Bishop of Wells and the dedication of the church, respectively. Early bearers: Ralph de Lidiard', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Robert de Lidzard, 1276 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Nicholas Lydeyard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hill and Nympsfield, Gloucs); Geoffrey Lydyerd, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Thomas Lydyerd, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Willelmo Lydiard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hungerford, Berks); William Liddyard, 1539, Alice Lyddyard, 1542 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); Elizabeth Liddiard, 1607 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Margaret Liddard, 1643 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Marlborough, Wilts); Charles Liddiard, 1687 in *IGI* (Stogursey, Somerset); Felis Lidard, 1720 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Devizes, Wilts).

## Liddiatt

- Current frequencies: GB 88, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 102
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English: see **Lydiatte**.

## Liddicoat

Variants: **Liddicott**

- Current frequencies: GB 222, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 264
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more of several place-names in Cornwall derived from Middle

Cornish *los* 'grey' + *cos* 'wood', such as Lidcott in Laneast, Lidcutt in Bodmin, Lidcutt in Cardinham, Ludcott in Saint Ive, and Lydcott in Morval.

Early bearers: Margaret Ledcote, 1568 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); John Liddicoat, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); James Liddicott, 1694 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Liddicoat, 1731 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall).

References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 67, 153.

## Liddicott

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall; also Surrey

Cornish: see **Liddicoat**.

## Liddington

Variants: **Lidington**, **Lyddington**, **Luddington**

- Current frequencies: GB 436, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 389
- Main GB location 1881: Northants; Gloucs

English: locative name from one or more of a number of place-names with medieval *Lidin(g)ton* and *Ludin(g)ton* spellings, such as Lutton (Northants), Lidington (Beds), Liddington (Rutland), Luddington (Warwicks), and Lidington (Wilts). Compare **Luddington**. There may have been some confusion with **Loddington**.

Further information: Luddington in the Brook (Northants) is probably not a source of the surname, despite the suggestive distribution. The place-name is recorded as *Lullintone* in 1086, *Lollington* in 1264, and *Lylington* in 1316, the earliest *-d-* spelling on record being *Lodyngton in the Brooke* in 1424.

Early bearers: Robert de Lidinton', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Lodington, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Polebrook, Northants); Richard de Ludington, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hemington, Northants); Robertus Lydyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Henricus Loddyngton, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Duddington, Northants); Hughe Lyddyngton, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yardley Hastings, Northants); Thomas Lidington, 1611 in *IGI* (Old Warden, Beds); Nathanell Ludinton, 1698 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); John Liddington, 1711 in *IGI* (Heyford, Northants); Sarah Ludington, 1713 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Jasper Lidington, 1771 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 204, 213.

## Liddle

- Current frequencies: GB 4854, Ireland 70
  - GB frequency 1881: 3512
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb; Midlothian and Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Fermanagh; Antrim
- English, Scottish: see **Liddell**.

## Liddon

- Current frequencies: GB 189, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Gloucs; Middx and Surrey

English: see **Lyddon**.

## Liddy

- Current frequencies: GB 304, Ireland 379
- GB frequency 1881: 118

- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs, Surrey, and Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare
- Irish: from Ó Lideadha, see **Leddy**.

## Lidell

- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Angus; Durham

English, Scottish: see **Liddell**.

## Lidford

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts

English: see **Lydford**.

## Lidgard

- Current frequencies: GB 178, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 158
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Ledgard**.

## Lidgate

- Current frequencies: GB 98, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 111
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian, Berwicks, and Northumb

English: see **Lydiatte**.

## Lidgerton

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: see **Ledgerton**.

## Lidgett

- Current frequencies: GB 240, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 245
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Lydiatte**.

## Lidiard

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 100
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and London
- English: see **Liddiard**.

## Lidington

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 94
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Warwicks, Oxon, and Gloucs

English: see **Liddington**.

## Lidster

- Current frequencies: GB 633, Ireland 25
- GB frequency 1881: 318
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also Devon

English: see **Lister**. In Devon the surname is a late migration from counties outside SW England.

## Lidstone

- Current frequencies: GB 361, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 400
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name from Ledstone (formerly *Lidstone*) in Buckland Tout Saints (Devon), which is

## Lidyard

recorded as *Lydestone* in 1291, *Lyuedeston* in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Lyuedston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charleton, Devon); Robert Lyvediston alias Lydiston, 1433 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Dodbrooke, Devon); William Lyddeston, 1534–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Gilbert Lydston, 1545, Henry Lydstone, 1574 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Robert Lidston, 1600, John Lidstone, 1603 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 318.

### Lidyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England; also Lancs

English: see **Liddiard**.

### Lieberman

**Variants:** **Liberman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Yiddish personal name *Lieberman* ‘beloved man’.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Libberman, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Moses and Golda Liberman, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Aldgate, London); Isidor Liebermann, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Chorlton, Lancs); Philipp Liebermann, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Myer Liberman, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs); Hyman Liberman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Louis Liberman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwick).

2 German: nickname, respelling of **Liebermann**, from Middle High German *liep* ‘dear’, ‘beloved’ + *man*. **Early bearers:** Wm. Liebermann, cellerman, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Frederick Liebermann, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Joseph Liebermann, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Hilda Liebermann, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx).

### Lief

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Leaf**.

### Liell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Lisle**.

2 Scottish: see **Lyall**.

### Lien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 連 and 練, see **Lin** (2) and (4).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 廉, see **Lim** (1).

### Lier

**Variants:** **Liers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: occupational name for a bookbinder, Anglo-Norman French *liur*.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Liur, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Alan le Lyere, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard le Lyer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics).

### Liers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: variant of **Lier** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Lieu

**Variants:** **Luu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Vietnamese: **Liêu**, representing the Chinese family name 柳, see **Liu** (2).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖, see **Liu** (1–3).

### Lievesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Cheshire and WR Yorks

English: see **Livesley**.

### Liew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖, see **Liu** (1–3).

### Life

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Devon; Middx

English: see **Leaf**.

### Liff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

English: see **Leaf**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Liffen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Kent
- English: see **Living**.

### Lifford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Lyford**.

### Liford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Lyford**.

### Lifsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English, Welsh: see **Livesey**.

### Lifton

**Variants:** **Lefton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan; scattered in England

1 English: locative name from Lifton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Lyston’ [sic], 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lifton, Devon); Justinian Lyfton, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Willmote Lifton, 1602 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Pearse Lifton, 1605 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from an unidentified place in E Anglia, unless the examples below are due to early migration.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Lyfton, 1539 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Helena Lifton, 1561 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); Robarte Lifton, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Lefton, 1621 in *IGI* (Ashby, Norfolk); Richard Lifton, 1737 in *IGI* (Wissington, Suffolk).

3 English: variant of **Lefton**.

### Ligertwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Ledgerwood**.

### Liggat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Lydiate**.

### Liggatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

English: see **Lydiate**.

### Liggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 397
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Armagh

English: see **Lydiate**.

### Liggins

**Variants:** **Legon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 834, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Leics, Northants, and Staffs

English: probably a form of **Lygon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, but that name is unexplained. It was used in the family of the earls of Beauchamp.

**Early bearers:** George Lygon, 1569 in *Worcester Visitation*; John Ligan, 1569 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); William Liggins, 1581 in *IGI* (Barton, Wilts); Elizabeth Lygon, 1587 in *IGI* (Besford, Worcs); Thomas Lygins, 1597 in *IGI* (Holt, Norfolk); Frauncis Ligon, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Witcombe, Gloucs); William Liggons, 1605 in *IGI* (Wolston, Warwicks); Joseph Liggins, 1680 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna,



Warwicks); Wm. Ligons, 1732 in *IGI* (Newbold on Avon, Warwicks); Reginald Lygon, 1747 in *IGI* (Madresfield, Worcs); Joseph Ligings, 1787, Ligins, 1789 in *IGI* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks).

### Light

Variants: **Lyte, Leight**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3755, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2750
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England (esp. Hants); WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *liht* 'light, active' (Old English *lēoht*). Any of the early bearers without a definite article may belong to (2), and the post-medieval bearers may belong to (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Leht, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Lyght, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Lyght, 1377 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Light, Johanne Lyght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Rogeri Light, 1542 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Sindonie Light, 1564 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Leonard Lyght, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds); Jeyes Leight, 1567 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Gilbert Light, 1589 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Roberti Lyght, 1607 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *liht*, *leht* 'light' (Old English *lēoht*), used topographically of a 'light place, clearing, glade'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Leht, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard atte Lighte, 1317 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Alexander Light, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); John Light, 1569 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); George Light, 1572 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *lit* 'little' (Old English *lȳt*).

**Early bearers:** John le Lyt, 1266 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

### Lightband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Lightdown**.

### Lightbody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 131
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish: nickname from Middle English *liht* 'light, active' (Old English *lēoht*) + *bodi* 'body, physique; person, individual'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Leichtbody, 1552 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Dalernok, Renfrews); John Lychtbodie, 1574, John Lightbody, 1678 in *Wodrow Miscellany*; Margaret Lyghtbodie, 1610, Cristiane Lightbody, 1623 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Lightbodie, 1622 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). England: John Lightbody, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfry, York, Yorks); James Lightbody, 1711 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Lightbody, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Lightbound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Lightdown**.

### Lightbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Lightburn**.

### Lightdown

Variants: **Lightbound, Lightband, Lightburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *liht* 'light' (Old English *lēoht*) + *bond(e)* 'unfree tenant, serf' (see **Bond**), the sense of *liht* here being perhaps 'cheerful' or 'active' (compare **Lightbody**).

**Further information:** In the case of William Litebonda, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb), Reaney suggests that the first element may alternatively represent a Middle English reflex of Old English *lȳt* 'little' (*Reaney and Wilson*); however, the remainder of the evidence points consistently to *liht* 'light'.

**Early bearers:** William Litebonda, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Lyghtboun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Johannes Lightbound, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); John Lyghtbone, 1560 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Janett Lyghtbowne, 1562 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Henry Lightboone, 1568 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); Johes. Leightbone, 1573 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Joana Lightbond, 1630 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); James Lightbowne, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Frances Lightband, 1694 in *IGI* (Powick, Worcs).

### Lightburn

Variants: **Lightbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham

English: variant of **Lightdown**, with intrusive *r* as if from a place-name containing Old English *burna* 'stream'.

**Further information:** Wilson (in *Reaney and Wilson*) explains this as a locative name from Lightburne in Ulverston (Lancs), but early evidence for this place-name is wanting. It may derive from the surname rather than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Margery Lightbourne, 1572 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Eliza Lightbourne, 1584 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Rober Lightborn, 1593 in *Bardsley* (Lancs).

### Lighten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Leighton**, and note that Leyton (Essex) is recorded as *Lighton* in 1655.

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 101–2.

### Lighter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *lihter* 'lighter, boat for loading and unloading'. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *\*lihter* 'one who lights candles'.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Lyghter, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall or Devon); Pettegreen Lighter, 1654 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Francis Lighter, 1655 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Liter, 1659 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks).

### Lightfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4633, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4072
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and NW Midlands: esp. Cheshire

English: nickname from Middle English *liht* 'light' and *fof* 'foot' (Old English *lēoht* + *fōt*), used of one with a light, springy step, a speedy runner, a messenger. Compare Lyghtefote Nuncius in the Towneley Play of *Cæsar Augustus* and John Litefot, cacher', 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in the accounts of Bolton Priory, one expense in 1299 was for 'Lyhtfote pagio Celerarii' (the cellarer's page or servant), a man elsewhere referred to as Adam Lyhtfote.

**Early bearers:** William Lihfot, 1154–89 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Oxon); Hugh Lihtfott, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Lyghtfot, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Adam Lightfot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Lightefote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Johanne Lytefote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Anne Lyghtfoote, 1541, Richard Lightfote, 1544 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Katheren Leightfoote, 1585 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Lighthill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Little**, modified so as to resemble a place-name.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Lightle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Little**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lightley

Variants: **Leightley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: variant of **Little**, modified so as to resemble a place-name.

### Lightman

Variants: **Likeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *liht* 'light, active' (Old English *lēoht*) + *man* 'man', though no medieval bearers have been noted. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a post-medieval variant of **Litman**, see **Lutman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Lightman, 1572 in *IGI* (Wramplingham, Norfolk); John Lightman, 1608 in

## Lightning

*IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Likeman, 1764, Benjamin Lightman, 1791 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex). Scotland: Issobell Lightman, 1618 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Elisabeth Lightman, 1667 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife).

### Lightning

Variants: **Lightwing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: apparently from a Middle English given name \**Lightwin*, from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Lēohtwine* 'bright friend', which survives more clearly in the rarer variant. The more usual modern form arises through association with the common word *lightning*.

**Further information:** The modern *Litwin* might appear to be a direct descendant of this name, but it is absent from *Census 1881* and is probably rather a variant of **Letwin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lihtuwinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Walterus nepos Lituini, Lictwine, 1172, about 1175 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Lichwinus, 1235 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Essex); Guthmarus filius Lithwini, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).

surnames: John Lutewin, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Herveus Lightwyne, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Hugh Lithwyne, Lightwyne, 1312, 1346 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Hugh Lyztwine, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); John Lytzwyn (Lytwyne), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Litwyn, 1441 in *York Freeman's Register*; Roger Lytewyn, 1446–7 in *Colchester Oath Book*; John Lytwin, 1570 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Mary Lightning, 1692, Samuel Lightwing, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Lightening, 1703, Sarah Lightwing, 1710 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk); George Lightning, 1713, Richard Lightwing, 1823 in *IGI* (Hethersett, Norfolk).

### Lightoller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Lightowler**.

### Lighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk and Lincs; Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Leighton**.

### Lightowler

Variants: **Lightoller**, **Lightowers**, **Lytollis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 704
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Lightollers in Rochdale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Lightholres, 13th cent. in *Whitby Cartulary* (Lancs); William de Lightolres, 1322 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Ricardus Lightholres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Nicholas Lyghthollars, 1449 in *Patent Rolls*; Isabella Lyghtholler, 1573 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Johes Lyghtoulers, 1577 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks);

Jacob Lightollers, 1583 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Elizabeth Lightowler, 1596 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 58.

### Lightowers

Variants: **Lytollis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lightowler**.

### Lightwing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; NR Yorks

English: see **Lightning**.

### Lightwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks, and Northants

English: locative name from Lightwood in Norton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** John de Lightwode, about 1300 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Norton, Derbys); John Lyghtwode, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Agneta Lightwood, 1539 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops).

### Lihou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French, Channel Islands: locative name from the island of Lihou in Saint Pierre du Bois (Guernsey), whose name is of Scandinavian origin.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Rachel Lihou, 1605 in *IGI* (Castel, Guernsey); Perotine Lihou, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew, Guernsey).

### Likely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Lickley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Likeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: variant of **Lightman**.

### Lilburn

Variants: **Lilburne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Lincs; Angus and Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: locative name from East and West Lilburn in Eglingham (Northumb). Some of the bearers given here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Alexander de Lilleburna, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Robert de Lilleburn, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Northumb); John de Lilleburn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Lilleburne, 1335, Alexander Lilburn', 1431, John Lilburn', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Stephen Lylborn, 1434–5 in *Feet*

*of Fines* (Surrey); Isbell Lilburne, 1586 in *IGI* (Little Steeping, Lincs); Rowlande Lilburne, 1592 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Stephani Lilbourn, 1618 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Jo. Lilburn, 1628 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Lillburne, 1637 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

Scotland: John de Lylleburn, 1323 in *Patent Rolls*; William Lilburn, 1443 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Lilburne, 1626, Cristian Lilburn, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Thomas Lilburn, 1657 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Lilburn, 1692, Robert Lilburne, 1695 in *IGI* (Arngask, Perth).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 134.

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Lilbourne (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Lillebourne, 1336 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); James de Lilleburne, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Lillebourne, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 72.

### Lilburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Lilburn**.

### Lile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan; Devon; Fife

1 English: See **Lisle**.

2 Scottish: see **Lyall**.

### Liles

Variants: **Lyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 668, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Gloucs and Somerset; Herts and Cambs

Norman, English: variant of **Lisle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Liles, 1562 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Edward Lyles, 1570 in *IGI* (Cople, Beds); Robert Liles, 1600 in *IGI* (Stotford, Beds); Alle Liles, 1605 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Edward Mildred Liles, 1608 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Anne Lyles, 1616 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

### Liley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lilley**.

### Lill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: variant of **Lisle**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lile, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Mgarate Lyle, 1563 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Edward Lill, 1563, Henry Lyle, 1586, Jhon Lyell, 1595 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); Luce Lill, 1573, Wm Lill, 1764 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs).

**Lilleker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- Scottish: see **Lythgoe**.

**Lilley**

Variants: **Lely, Lilly, Lillie, Liley, Lily**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6971, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4082
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, central and E Midlands, SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Fermanagh

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lylie*, probably a pet form of Elizabeth. Compare Adam and Johannes Leleson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks). The diminutive *Lilian* probably occurs in Geoffrey Lilion, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds) and the modern surname **Lelliott** points to another early pet form. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that in the Mirfield area of WR Yorks this name was confused with *Lyle*, see **Lisle**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Lillie, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Hugh Lily, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Lely, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas son of Lylie, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes Lyly, Willelmus Lylye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Lilye, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Ringstead, Northants); William Lilly, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

2 English: locative name from Lelley in Preston (ER Yorks) or Lilley (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Lynleye, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (William, Herts); Nicholas de Lilleye, 1342 in *London Pleas* (London); Robertus de Lellay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Henricus de Lelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarby, WR Yorks); John Lilley, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Richard Lilley, 1577 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Thomas Lilley, 1599 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Mathew Lilley, 1609 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); John Lilley, 1617 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 40; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 18.

3 Scottish: see **Lillie**.

**Lilleyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Lilliman**.

**Lillico**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Roxburghs, Berwicks, and Durham
- Scottish: see **Lythgoe**.

**Lillicrap**

Variants: **Lillicrapp, Lillycrapp, Lillycrap, Lillycrop, Lillicropp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *lilie-crop* 'the top or head of a lily', presumably used of someone with a distinctive white head of hair. Compare **Moscrap**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Liliecrap, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Lylecrop', 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Sourton, Devon); Margaret Lilicrap, 1621 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Thoms Lillicropp, Christian Lillacrap, 1566 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Jana Lillicrap, 1566 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall).

**Lillicrapp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Lillicrap**.

**Lillicrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Lillicrap**.

**Lillie**

Variants: **Lilley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 926, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 704
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Northumb, Durham, Berwicks, Lanarks, and Aberdeens
- 1 Scottish: locative name from a lost place called *Lillock* or *Lillioche* (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Wautier Lillok, 1296, Walter Lilley, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas de Lillay, 1327 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Peebles); Thomas de Lyllay, 1305, John Lillai, about 1316, George Lely, 1359, William Lillie, 1682 in *Black*.

2 English: see **Lilley**.

**Lilliman**

Variants: **Lilleyman, Lillyman, Lulman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Northants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lilleman* or *Lulleman*, reduced forms of *Litelman* and *Lutelman*, Old English \**Lýtelman*, an original nickname 'little man'. See **Lutman** for an alternative development of the same personal name. *Lilliman* may sometimes have been confused with **Lealman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lillemannus Pastor, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Robert Litleman, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey Litleman, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Roger Lelman, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Lulleman, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Cambs); Adam Lilleman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Malina Lyleman, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Litolman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Willelmus Letilman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Richard Lillyman, 1572 in *IGI* (Harworth, Notts); Thomas Lulman, 1585 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); Alice Lillyman, 1597 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Mary Lillyman, 1713 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

**Lillingston**

Variants: **Lillystone, Lillistone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: locative name from Lillingstone Dayrell and Lillingstone Lovell (Bucks).
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Lillingestan', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Lyllingstone, 1350 in *London Letter Books F*; Robert de Lillyngstone, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johanne de Lyllingston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Radulpho Lyllingston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beds); Thomas de Lillyngston, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Anthony Lilliston, John Lillison, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Edward Lillingston, 1713 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

**Lillington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: locative name from Lillington (Dorset).
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lillinton, 1180 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Edmund de Lillington, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Sherborne, Dorset); Johanne de Lillyngton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stalbridge, Dorset); Thomas Lyllington, 1560 in *IGI* (London); Anthonius Lillington, 1584 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Christian Lillington, 1598, Elizabeth Lyllington, 1601 in *IGI* (Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); John Lillington, 1667 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants).
- References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 343.

**Lilliott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Lelliott**.

**Lillis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 531
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Staffs; Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick
- English: see **Lawless**.
- Early bearers:** England: John Lillis, 1840 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Lillistone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Lillingston**.

**Lilly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1103, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1819
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Warwick; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Antrim and Down; Sligo
- 1 English: see **Lilley**.
- 2 Irish: see **Allely**.

**Lillycrap**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Lillicrap**.

## Lillycrapp

### Lillycrapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- English: see **Lillierap**.

### Lillycrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Lillierap**.

### Lillyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Notts
- English: see **Lilliman**.

### Lillystone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Norfolk
- English: see **Lillingston**.

### Lillywhite

Variants: **Lilywhite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, Hants, and IoW

English: nickname meaning ‘white as a lily’, originally used of a woman. As a male surname, it is a nickname for one with an extremely pale and delicate complexion.

**Early bearers:** John Lyliewhyt, 1376 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Stephen Lylywythe, 1398 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford); John Lillywhite, 1637 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Elisabeth Lillywhite, 1639 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Lillywhite, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Maria Lillywhite, 1647 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Edo.E Lillywhite, 1678 in *IGI* (Hardham, Sussex).

### Lilwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Brecknocks

English: locative name from Lilwall in Kington (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Lullewall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Anne Lilwall, 1585 in *IGI* (Shobdon, Herefs).

### Lily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Lilley**.

### Lilywhite

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Lillywhite**.

### Lim

Variants: **Lian**, **Lien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2850, Ireland 47

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 廉 (**Lian** or **Lien** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) from the second element of the personal name Da Lian (大廉), the style name of the great grandson of the legendary king Zhuan Xu (2514–2437 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by Lian Xi Xian (廉希憲) because his father, Bu Lu Hai Ya, a Uyghur, had been appointed to an official post called Lian Shi (廉使) during the Yuan dynasty (AD 1271–1368).

**Further information:** One of the ancient meanings of *lian* (廉) is ‘inspecting or investigating’; inspectors with this title were charged with examining the social order and maintaining stability; also investigating charges of corruption against local government officials.

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1). The dialects in which this form occurs are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 練, see **Lin** (4).

4 Korean: see **Im**.

5 English: see **Limm**.

### Lima

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

Portuguese, Spanish: from Portuguese or Spanish *lima* ‘sweet lime’, or from the region of the Limia river (*Lima* in Portuguese and Galician). The name, which is recorded relatively early, has been reinforced by later immigration.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Lima, 1752 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Manoel Cerqueira Lima, 1830 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Inez Rodriguez Lima, 1839 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Louis de Lima, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (London); Joseph Lima, scholar, born in Pernambuco [Brazil], in *Census 1851* (Lancs); Josephine M Lima, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1881* (Hants).

### Liman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs

English: see **Lenmon**.

### Limb

Variants: **Limm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1315, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, probably based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Lin** (1).

### Limbachia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Limbada

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Gujarat): Gujarati name, frequent in Surat, of unexplained origin.

### Limberty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Derbys, Leics, and Lincs

English: altered pronunciation of **Lambert**.

Compare Johannis Lambert, 1610, Susana Lambert, 1673 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Francis Lambert, 1618, William Lambert, 1652 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Matthew Lambert, 1685, Tho. Lambert, 1707 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Mr Limbert, 1587 in *The East Anglian* (NS) ii (Norfolk); Thomas Lymbard, 1599 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Reb Limbert, 1671 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics); Abr Limbert, 1726 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ant Limbert, 1739 in *IGI* (Quadrang, Lincs).

### Limbrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds
- English: locative name from Limbury (Beds).
- Early bearers:** Gerard de Linberga, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Roger de Limberge, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Katherine Lymbery, 1548 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Limbrey, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Ann Limbrey, 1710 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds).

### Limbrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Irish: variant of **Limerick** with intrusive *b*.

### Limburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Limbourne in Havant (Hants).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lynborne, 1280 in *Gover, Hants Place-Names* (Hants); Benjamin Limborn, 1708, Mary Limburne, 1741 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 15.

### Lime

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: see **Lymn**.

### Limehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name, probably from Limehouse in Stepney (Middx), which is recorded as *le Lymhostes* in 1367 and *le Lymost* in 1421 (from Middle English *lim-ost(es)* ‘lime oast(s) or kiln(s)’).

**Further information:** No bearers of the surname have been found before the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Francis Limehouse, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Ann Limehouse, 1753 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison Chapel, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 150.

**Limer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks; also Cambs

English: see **Lymer**.

**Limerick**

Variants: **Limbrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; scattered in England: esp. Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Irish, Scottish, English: locative name from Limerick, the city and county in Ireland.

**Further information:** McLysaght says 'not from the Irish city but from a French place'. We have been unable to trace any such French place.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Limerick, 1537 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); Anne Lymbrick, 1604 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); John Limbricke, 1606 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Jacob Limerick, 1688 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Thomas Limrick, 1716 in *IGI* (North Cerney, Gloucs); Thomas Limrick, 1831 in *IGI* (Strensham, Worcs).

Scotland: Margaret Limrick, 1816 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 122, 159.

**Liming**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lanarks

English: see **Leeming**.

**Limm**

Variants: **Lim**, **Lymm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset; Warwicks

1 English: variant of **Lymm** or **Limb**.

2 English: locative name, in S England possibly from Lyme Regis (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Lym, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Melcombe Regis, Dorset); Chr Lymme, 1677, Chr Limm, 1692 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Josiah Limm, 1745 in *IGI* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); Joseph Lymm, 1751 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, probably based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Lin** (1).

**Limmagine**

Variants: **Leeming**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northants

English: (i) locative name from Lymage in Great Staughton (Hunts), which is recorded as *Lymmyng* in 1241, *Lemyng* in 1350, *Lymenge* in 1354, and *Lymmyng* alias *Lymmage* in 1544. Some of the bearers cited here may alternatively belong to **Leeming**. (ii) locative name from Lyminge (Kent), which is recorded as *Liminge* in the 9th century, *Limyng* in 1397 (*Kent Wills*). The place-name means 'district of the River *Limen*', from a lost Celtic

river-name *Limen* (perhaps meaning 'elm wood' or possibly 'marshy river') + Old English \*gē 'district'. There is, however, no evidence to connect the medieval bearers in Kent cited here with the post-medieval bearers elsewhere in England, nor is there any evidence for the development of *-ing(e)* to *-age* in the Kent place-name.

**Further information:** Lymage Farm, which lay to the north-west of West Perry in Great Staughton, is now effectively lost to Grafham Water, a reservoir created in 1965.

**Early bearers:** Will's Lymmyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruxley hundred, Kent); John Limmyng', 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shamwell hundred, Kent); Richard de Lemyng, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Towersey, Bucks); Thoma Lymenge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Rico Lemyng, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cottingham, Northants); Henry Lemyng, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Denton, Northants); Willm Lyminge, 1544 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); William Liming, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Mary Lyminge, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Axbridge, Somerset); Annis Lymmage, 1610 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); Thomas Lymage, 1616 in *National Burial Index* (All Saints, Pidley cum Fenton, Hunts); Zacharye Lyminge, 1616 in *PROB II* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Limmage, 1670 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Wrampingham, Norfolk); Thomas Lymminge, 1673 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 270–1; *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 25–6; *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 389–90.

**Limmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: occupational name from Middle English *limner* (Old French *enlumineor*, *illumineor*) 'an illuminator of manuscripts'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Liminur, Robert le Luminur, 1230, Reginald le Eluminur, 1257 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Reginald le Ylluminur, 1265 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John le Leominur, Richard Lemner, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John le Lumynour, 1282, John le Alumynour, 1291 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Surrey); Edmund le lumner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Lymnour, 1493 in *London Letter Books* L; Lawr Limmer, 1610 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Wm. Limmer, 1758 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk).

**Limon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Lemmon**.

**Limond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayrs, Wigtowns, and Lanarks; also Lancs

Scottish: see **Lamont**.

**References:** *Black*, p. 429.

**Lin**

Variants: **Ling**, **Leong**, **Lam**, **Lamb**, **Lynn**, **Linn**, **Lim**, **Limm**, **Limb**, **Lum**, **Lain**, **Lan**, **Lun**, **Lien**, **Len**, **Lian**, **Lem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2824, Ireland 81

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

1 Chinese: locative name, Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 林 (**Lam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'woods, forest' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name Chang *Lin* (長林), where Jian, son of Bi Gan, took refuge after his father was killed by Zhou, last king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). After the Shang dynasty was overthrown, he was endowed with the surname Lin (林) by Zhou Wu Wang, king of the new dynasty, the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from the first element of the personal name Lin Kai (林開), son of the king Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Lin Fang (林放), an official in the state of Lu, also a student of Confucius, during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) adopted by the Qiu Lin (丘林) family as the surname during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (v) from the personal name of Lin Fu (林父), the given name of an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), whose original surname was Sun. (vi) from the place-name Lin (林), the name of a fief granted to an official in the state of Ju during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 連 (**Lian** or **Lien** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'link, connect' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Lian Cheng (連稱), an official in the state of Qi (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the second element of the personal name Hui Lian (惠連), the third son of Lu Zhong, a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (iii) from the first element of Lian Yin (連尹) and Lian Ao (連敖), names of two official posts in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) traced back to the Lian (連) family, members of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China; possibly a shortened form of the Xianbei surname He Lian (赫連). It was also adopted as a surname during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534) by two other Xianbei families, Shi Lian (是連) and Tai Lian (太連).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蘭 (**Lun** or **Lon** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'rush (a type of plant)' in ancient Chinese: from the place-name *Lin* (蘭), the name of a fief (located in Shaanxi province or in Shanxi province) granted to Kang, who lived during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). He was descended from the Han family in the state of Jin but later went to the state of Zhao to seek an official post.

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 練 (**Lian** or **Lien** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'white silk' or 'skilled' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Lian Xiang* (練鄉), the name of a fief (located in present-day Fujian province) in the state of Min, a small state during the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (AD 907–60). (ii) from the personal name of Lian Xiang (練何), who was a general with the original surname Dong (東) during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907) but later endowed with the surname Lian (練) (meaning 'skilful, experienced') because he was highly skilled in military training.

## Linacre

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 凌, see **Ling** (2).

6 Scottish, English, Irish: variant of **Lynn** and possibly also of **Flynn**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Lin, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh); Robert Lin, 1657 in *IGI* (Dumfries); John Lin, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife).  
England: Anne Lin, 1620 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs).

## Linaker

**Variants:** Linaker, Lineker, Linneker, Liniker, Linnecor, Linnecar, Linegar, Linnegar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Linacre (Bootle, Lancs) or perhaps sometimes from Linacre Court alias Lenniker (Whitfield, Kent), or from a place described by Middle English *lin* 'flax' + *aker* 'field'.  
**Early bearers:** Godwin de Linacra, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Alan de Linacre, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne de Lynacr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdale, Lancs); Thomas de Lynacre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdley, Lancs); Johes Linacre, 1589 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johnis. Linaker, 1595 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Thomas Lineker, 1658 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Linaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: see **Linacre**.

## Lince

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Linch**.

## Linch

**Variants:** Lynch, Link, Linck, Lince

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *linch* '(dweller by or on) the hill' (Old English *hlinc*).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Linch, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Gilbert de la Lynche, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Bynithelinche, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Lincke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon atte Lynke, 1296, Robert atte Linch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sabaoth Linch, 1544 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Margaret Linch, 1581 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Roberti Linch, 1582 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Denis Linch, 1590 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Linch, 1596 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs).
- 2 Irish: from Ó Loingsigh, see **Lynch**.

## Linck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Linch**.

## Lincoln

**Variants:** Linkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3594, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2145
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Norfolk), Middx, Beds, Lincs, and Durham

English: locative name from Lincoln (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Aluredus (de) Lincolia, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Rogerus Lyncoln', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Johannes Lyncolne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gasthorpe, Norfolk); Thomas de Lyncoln', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johanne de Lincoln', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Henry Lyncoln, 1396 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Canterbury, Kent); John Lincoln, 1483 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Margate, Kent); Joanne Lincoln, 1550 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lincs); William Linkin, 1758 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent).

## Lind

**Variants:** Lynd, Lynde, Lynds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 483
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Glasgow; Aberdeens; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Scottish: probably a variant of **Lyne** with excrescent *-d*.

**References:** *Black*.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *linde* 'lime tree' (Old English *lind*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Linde, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Richard atte Lynde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Lind, 1599 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Maer Lind, 1627 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Willim. Lind, 1641 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Katherine Lind, 1658 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Anne Lind, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

3 English: variant of **Lynn** with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Lynn, 1619, Leonard Linn, 1704, Richard Linn, 1813, Anne Lind, 1819 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Linda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, ornamental name from any of numerous places, for example in Thuringia, Saxony, Silesia, named Linda or Lindau.

**Further information:** As a Jewish name, this may have been acquired sometimes as an ornamental adoption, and in some instances it may be a misreading of **Lindo**.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Moses Linda, in *Census 1891* (London); Abram and Leah Linda, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London); Barnet Linda, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Other:** David Linda, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Harriotte Augusta Linda, 1769 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Linda, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Carl Linda, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Heinze Linda, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Lindale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: see **Lindall**.

## Lindall

**Variants:** Lindell, Lindale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English: locative name from Lindal (Dalton in Furness, Lancs) or Lindale (Cartmel, Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John Lyndale, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Jane Lindall, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Elizabeth Lindall, 1571 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Elizabeth Lindall, 1578 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Alixander Lindall, 1598 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Alexander Lyndell, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Lindell, 1647 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); James Lindall, 1662 in *Lancs Wills*; Will Lindale, 1676 in *IGI* (Moresby, Cumb).

## Linders

**Variants:** Linders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- 1 English: probably a variant of **Lindhurst**, though perhaps alternatively a variant of **Linder** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Mark Linders, 1726 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).
- 2 Scottish: see **Lindores**.

## Lindberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- German, Swedish: from German or Swedish **Lindberg**, from a place-name (German *Linde*, Swedish *lind* 'lime tree', or regional Swedish *lim* 'chalk', + *berg* 'hill, mountain' in both languages).  
**Early bearers:** Ann-Amelia Lindberg, 1728 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London).

## Lindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lindall**.

## Linden

**Variants:** Lindon, Lyndon, Lendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 199
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex; also Lancs and Durham; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kilkenny
- 1 English: (i) locative name from places called Lindon (Lincs, Worcs), Lyndon (Rutland), or Linden End in Haddenham (Cambs). (ii) locative name from Lendon in Dunsford (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Lindona, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Simon de Lindon', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Lyndone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William Lyndon, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).
- 2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Fhionntain**, Irish **Mac Giolla Fhionntáin**, see **McLinden**.

## Linder

**Variants:** Lindars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 12

- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Angus

1 English: locative name for a 'dweller by a lime tree', from an agent derivative of Middle English *lind(e)* 'lime tree'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Lyndere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Linder, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Linder, 1711 in *IGI* (Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk).

2 Scottish: variant of **Lindores**.

### Linders

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Linders**.

### Lindfield

Variants: **Linfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Lindfield in Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lyndefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Joane Linfield, 1618 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); James Lindfield, 1687 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

### Lindgren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Swedish: ornamental name composed of the elements *lind* 'lime tree' + *gren* 'branch'.

### Lindhurst

Variants: **Lyndhurst**, **Linders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Lyndhurst (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Lindherst, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Lyndhurst, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Lyndherst, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Mary Lindhurst, 1746 in *IGI* (Albury, Oxon).

### Lindley

Variants: **Linley**, **Lingley**, **Lindly**, **Lindsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4406, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2858
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name chiefly from Lindley near Otley and Lindley near Huddersfield (both in WR Yorks). In other parts of England it may be from Lindley (Leics), Linley (Shrops, Wilts) or residence near a lime wood (Old English *lind* + *lēah*) or a clearing where flax was grown (Old English *līn* + *lēah*).

**Early bearers:** Siward de Lindele, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Linleia, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Matthew de Linlee, de Lindleg', 1205–6 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Martin de Lingleg', 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Richard de Linlegh', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de Lingl', 1251 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Jordan de Lynley, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Gilbertus de Lyndelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Lynlay,

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardsley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Lynley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Priestweston, Shrops); Thomas Lindley, 1564 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks).

### Lindly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lindley**.

### Lindo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 674, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): nickname from Spanish, Portuguese *lindo* 'lovely'.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Elias Lindo, mohel at Bevis Marks synagogue, 1767–85 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Eliza Lindo, 1833 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); Elias Lindo, in *Jewish Directory 1874* (London); Elias Lindo, born in Danish West Indies, secretary of Bevis Marks synagogue, in *Census 1881* (London); Theodore Lindo, physician and surgeon, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Lower Lydbrook, Gloucs); Raphael Haim Lindo, in *Census 1911* (London); Moses Albert Noisa Lindo, in *Census 1911* (London).

Other: Eustace and Fanny S. Lindo, born in Jamaica, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx).

### Lindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, Warwicks, and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Linden**.

### Lindop

Variants: **Lindup**, **Lindopp**, **Lindupp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 697
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Lindup Wood in Edensor (Derbys), which is recorded as *Lindhop* in 1306.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Lindop, [... de] Lyndope, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Johannes de Lyndop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Francisci Lindope, 1573 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Em Lindoppe, 1582 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Margareta Lindop, 1594, Thomas Lyndoppe, 1607 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Anne Lyndope, 1604 in *IGI* (Wistaston, Cheshire); Jane Lindop, 1610 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Willm Lyndopp, 1612 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Wm Lindupp, 1663 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 91.

### Lindopp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Lindop**.

### Lindores

Variants: **Linders**, **Linder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Lindores in Abdie (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Duncan de Lundoris, 1443, John Lundoris, 1459, John of Lundoris, 1487 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Linders, 1670 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian).

### Lindow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

English: locative name, probably from a settlement in the area of Lindow Moss (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

The presence of the name in the Furness district of Lancs suggests that it may sometimes be confused with **Lindall**, or perhaps even be a variant of it.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Lindow, 1582 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).

### Lindrige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from Lindridge in Lamberhurst or Lindridge in Staplehurst (both Kent).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Linderigg', 1226, [...] de Linderegge, 1232, [...] de Lynderegg', 1313 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Ric'us de Linderegge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marden hundred, Kent); Thomas de Lindregge, 1327, Thomas Lyndregge, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brenchley hundred, Kent); Thomas Leynterugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Plumpton, Sussex); Stephen Lyndregge, 1472 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Thomas Lyndrege, 1561 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Lindredge, 1568 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Lydiah Lindridge, 1610 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Mary Lindredge, 1613 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Thomas Lindridge, 1676 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 201, 329.

### Lindsay

Variants: **Lindsey**, **Linsey**, **Linzey**, **Lindsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14351, Ireland 1646
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9621
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Ayr, Angus, and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; also Tyrone

1 English, Scottish: locative name from the Parts of Lindsey, one of the three administrative subdivisions of Lincs. The others are **Holland** (1) and **Kesteven**.

**Further information:** This surname was taken to Scotland by Sir Walter de Lindissie, a retainer of the Countess of Huntingdon, in or soon after 1124, when the countess's husband succeeded to the throne of Scotland as King David I. Walter's great-grandson, Sir William de Lindsay, sat in the Parliament of 1164 and was later a justiciar. The family has been influential and powerful in Scotland ever since.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Lindsie, 1203, and Thomas de Lindsie, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Lindsey, 1564 in *IGI* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Allys Lindsay, 1570 in *IGI* (Authorpe, Lincs); Thomasine Lindsey, 1574 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Jeffrey Lindsey, 1581 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Jony Lindsay, 1606 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks). Scotland: David Lindsay, Earl of Crawford, 1576 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Bessie Lindsay, 1591 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Elizabeth Lindsay, 1596 in *IGI*

## Lindsell

(Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Lindsey, 1611 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish surnames, including Ó Loingsigh (see **Lynch**), Mac Giolla Fhionntóg (see **McClintock**), and Ó Fhloinn (see **Flynn** and **Lynn**).

**Early bearers:** Oyne O'Linsie, clerk, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5225 (Ardarta); Dermot O'Linsie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (the Downings); Donell O'Lyensy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657; Donogho O'Linsey, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466.

### Lindsell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Lindsell**.

### Lindsell

**Variants:** Linsell, Lindsdell, Linsdell, Linsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Lindsell (Essex), with later loss of *-d-* in the consonant cluster, or re-formation as if the name contained *dell*, *dale* 'small valley', or both.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Lyndesell (Alfreton in Dunmow, Essex), 1444 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Lindsell, 1593 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Eliz Lindsell, 1598 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Johis Linsell, 1601 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); William Lindsell, 1657 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Gulielmus Linsel, 1668 in *IGI* (Kirtling, Cambs); Margaret Lindzell, 1697 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Thomas Lindsell, 1704 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Daniel Linsel, 1713 in *IGI* (Widford, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 486.

### Lindsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1840, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1518
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Tyrone
- English, Irish: see **Lindsay**.

### Lindsley

**Variants:** Linsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: locative name; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* argues that it is a 16th-century blend of **Lindley** and **Lindsay** in parishes where both surnames were current (West Ayton near Scarborough in NR Yorks, Dent in WR Yorks, and Leeds in WR Yorks). He cites, for example, a Dent man named John Lindsey, Linsey or Lindsley in the Quarter Sessions of 1656.
- Early bearers:** Ann Lynsley, 1624, William Lindsley, 1639 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Tho. Lynsley, 1637 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Lindsley, 1668 in *IGI* (Skelton by York, NR Yorks); Thomas Lindsly, 1689, Thos. Linsley Or Lindsley, 1719 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

### Lindstrom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

Swedish (*Lindström*): ornamental name composed of the elements *lind* 'lime tree' + *ström* 'river'.

### Lindup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Lindop**.

### Lindupp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Lindop**.

### Line

**Variants:** Lyne, Lines, Lynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1528, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Warwicks, Bucks, and Beds

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Line* (Latinized as *Lina*), a pet form of such names as *Adeline*, *Cateline*, *Emeline*, and *Leeline*, see **Allen**, **Catlin**, **Embling**, **Lesley**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lina, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon), 1195 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset), 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

surnames: William Lyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Lyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Line, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley with Slowley, Warwicks); Thomas Line, 1562 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); William Line, 1563 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Francis Line, 1565 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); John Line, 1571 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); John Line, 1574 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

### Linegar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey
- English: see **Linacre**.

### Lineham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Beds

English: see **Lynam**.

### Linehan

**Variants:** Lynam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 1239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Laidhghneáin 'descendant of *Laidhghneán*', a personal name that occurs in Old Irish genealogies; it is perhaps a diminutive of *laidhghnein* 'snow-birth', from *ladhg* 'snow' + *gein* 'birth'.

**Early bearers:** Cond ua Laidhgnén, abbot of Fearná [Ferns], 996 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Conchobhar ua Laidhgnén, erenagh of St Mullins, 1043 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Carlow); Murchadh Ua Laidhgnén, erenagh of Ferns, 1062 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Lethlobhar Ua Laidhgnén, lord of Airghiall [Oriell], 1078 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Thomas Lynam, 1568–9 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§1311 (Dublin); Ferdoragh O'Lynam, 1570–1 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1685 (Balliedy, Castelrodry); Richard Linham, gent., 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3723 (Adamstowne, Meath); Hugh and John O'Leynam, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4023 (Moycashell, Westmeath); Moriortagh O'Leanean, 1592–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Bealyck); Rory O'Lunym, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Clonee); Patrick O'Lynan, smith, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Donowre, Westmeath); Cahall Lineaghane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clooncaldry, Sligo); Matthew Linehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon).

### Lineker

**Variants:** Linneker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derby
- English: see **Linacre**.

### Liner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Lynner**.

### Lines

**Variants:** Lynes, Lynas, Lyness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4311, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, Herts, Middx, and E Anglia

English: relationship name, variant of **Line** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Lynes, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Anne Lynes, 1562 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); John Lines, 1565 in *IGI* (Brauston, Northants); Eva Lynas, 1591 in *IGI* (Brompton, NR Yorks); Avisia Lynas, 1665 in *IGI* (York); James Lynas, 1732 in *IGI* (Upleatham, NR Yorks).

### Liney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Warwicks, and Bucks

1 English: (i) variant of **Linney**. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Leney**.

2 Scottish: variant of **Lenney**.

### Linfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Lindfield**.

### Linfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Linthwaite**.

### Linford

**Variants:** Linforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1450, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 754
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk, Hunts, Beds, and Bucks



English: from Linford (Bucks) or Lynford (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Lineford, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Margareta Lynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Diddlington, Norfolk); Bryan Linford, 1570 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk).

### Linforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Linford**.

### Ling

**Variants:** Linge, Lings, Lin, Leng, Lyng, Ning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4367, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2800
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from either of two places called Lyng (Norfolk, Somerset) or any of various minor places named from Middle English *ling* 'heather, heath(land)' (Old Scandinavian *lyng*) such as Ling Hill in Blythburgh (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** E Anglia: Bernard del Ling, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William atte Lyng, 1299–1302 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Norfolk); William atte Lyng, 1327 in *Norwich Freeman* (Paston, Norfolk); Joh. del Lyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard de Lyng, 1355, John de Lyng, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Lyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Lyng, 1578 in *IGI* (Rushbrooke, Suffolk).

SW England: Gilbert del Ling, about 1220 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Gloucs); Richard Lyng, 1541 in *IGI* (Kingsdon, Somerset); Marmeduke Ling, 1622 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

elsewhere: John Lyng, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Lyng, 1433 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Lyng, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks).

**References:** *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 73.

2 English: variant of **Leng**. Compare Henry Leng, 1585, Rachel Ling, 1791 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Leng, 1622, Thomas Ling, 1738 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Leng, 1678, George Lyng, 1772 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

3 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 凌, meaning 'ice': from the first element of Ling Ren (凌人), the post-name of an official responsible for the storage of ice cubes, a hereditary post long held by descendants of Kang Shu, the younger brother of king Zhou Wu Wang (1087–1043 BC).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 甯 (Ning in Mandarin pinyin, Ning or Neng in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'tranquil, peaceful' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Ning* (甯), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to Ji Wei, son of king Wei Cheng Gong (died 600 BC) in the state of Wei (衛). (ii) from Ning (甯), posthumous title of the great-grandson of king Qin Xiang Gong (died 766 BC).

5 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 令: (i) from the first element of Ling Yin (令尹), the name of an official post in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Ling-Hu (令狐), originally the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

### Lingard

**Variants:** Linyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1905, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1894
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: (i) locative name from Lingards Wood in Marsden (WR Yorks), or any place that could be referred to in Middle English as a *lin-garth* 'flax enclosure', from *lin* 'flax' and *garth* 'enclosure' (Old Scandinavian *garðr*), or in anglicized forms *-yard*. Forms in *-gard* are blends of the two words. (ii) locative name from Lingart (Lancs), which has the same origin as (i), but gives rise to the spelling tradition with final *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Lingarth, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Lyngard, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Lingart, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Godfridus Lingard, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Roberte Lyngarte, 1572 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Edw. Lynyard, 1628 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Linge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex
- English: see **Ling**.

### Lingen

**Variants:** Lingham, Linghorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herefs and Worcs

English: from Lingen (Herefs), recorded as *Lingeyn* in 1178, with later forms arising through confusion with English words or place-name elements.

**Further information:** Members of a family of this name were sheriffs of Herefs on a number of occasions from the 15th to 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lingein, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); John Lyngam, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Lyngeyn, Lingen, Lingoyne or Lyngham, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Herefs); Robt Lingen, 1571 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Anne Linghorn, 1744 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset).

### Linger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: occupational name from Middle English *lynger* 'maker or seller of linen cloth' (Old French *lingier*). This word is also found as *linier*; compare **Lyner**.

**Early bearers:** Ad. Le Lyngere, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); William Lynger, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Lynger, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Linger, 1569 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); William Linger, 1676 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 91.

### Lingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Lancs

English: see **Lingen**.

### Linghorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Lingen**.

### Lingley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Lindley**.

### Lings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: variant of **Ling** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Lingwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 547
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Lingwood (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Thomas of Lyngwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Laurans Lingwood, 1548, Lawrenc. Lyngwood, 1550 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Anthony Lingwood, 1586 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Elizabeth Lingwood, 1601 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Lingwood, 1605 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds).

### Linham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: probably a variant of **Lynam**.

**Early bearers:** William Lynham, 1610 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Linham, 1625 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent).

### Liniker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Linacre**.

### Linington

**Variants:** Linnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Sussex, Hants, and Dorset

English: locative name from Linnington (Somerset). **Early bearers:** William Linnington, 1633 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); Mary Linington, 1655 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Mark Linington, 1696 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Mary Lynnington, 1749 in *IGI* (Chale, IoW).

## Link

### Link

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1081, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; WR Yorks; Kent

English: see **Linch**.

### Linkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Lincoln**.

### Linklater

Variants: **Linkletter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 686
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland

Scottish: locative name from Linklater (South Ronaldsay, North Sandwick), or Linklet (North Ronaldsay).

**Early bearers:** Criste Ælingeclæt, 1424 in *Black*; Andro Lynclater, Lincletter, Linclret, 1504 in *Black*; Thomas Linkletter, 1634 in *Black*.

### Linkletter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: see **Linklater**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Linley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1395, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1063
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lindley**.

### Linn

Variants: **Len**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 682
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Glasgow; Midlothian; Angus; also N England; Essex

1 Scottish: see **Lynn**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 林, 連, 蘭, and 練, see **Lin** (1–4).

### Linnane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 713
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Galway; also Waterford

Irish: from Ó Linnáin, a variant of Ó Leannáin, see **Lennon**.

### Linnecar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Linaere**.

### Linnecor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Linaere**.

### Linnegar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Linaere**.

### Linneker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: see **Linaere**.

### Linnell

Variants: **Lionel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts

English: possibly a locative name from Lyne Hill in Penkridge (Staffs), found as *Lin hull*, 1237 in *Close Rolls* (Staffs).

**Further information:** The existence of Richard Lynehill, 1705 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs), shows that that is the way it was understood in later centuries.

**Early bearers:** Simone Lynel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylestone, Leics); Alicia Lynell, 1574 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); John Linnell, 1624 in *IGI* (Avon Dassett, Warwicks); Thomas Lynnell, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Christopher Linnell, 1655 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Henry Linehill, 1667 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs).

### Linnen

Variants: **Linning, Lennon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Dunbartons, and Perth

1 Scottish, Irish: (i) see **Linning**. (ii) see **Lennon**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Linnen, 1706 in *IGI* (Eccles, Berwicks); Alexander Linnen, 1752 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); John Linnen, 1792 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); William Linnen, 1813 in *IGI* (Leswalt, Wigtowns); Isabella Linnen, 1814 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Wilm Linnen, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Saint Quivox, Ayr); Patrick Linning, born in Ireland in *Census 1851* (Househillmuir, Paisley Abbey, Renfrews).

England: Susanna Linon, 1820 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Cheshire); Thomas Linnen, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Great Neston, Cheshire).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Lynam** with assimilation of the final /m/ to the preceding /n/ and occasional substitution of *-ing* for *-en*.

**Early bearers:** John Linen, 1606 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Thomas Lining, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Michael Lining, 1616 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent); Isabell Lyan, 1629 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Margaret Lyning, 1664 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); Mary Lining, 1741 in *IGI* (Lymphsham, Somerset).

### Linnett

Variants: **Linnitt, Linnit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Warwicks; Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Linet* or *Linot*, pet forms of names ending in *-line*, see **Line**.

**Further information:** Reaney alternatively suggests a nickname from the bird *linnet*, but this word (a borrowing of French *linette*, from its habit of eating

linseed), is not recorded in English until about 1530 (*OED*) and is unlikely to be a source of the surname. **Early bearers:** given names: Linota, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: Robert Linet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Linet, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Walter Lynot, 1389 in *London Letter Books* H; Willm Linnet, 1595 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Willm. Linnett, 1613 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); Elizabeth Linnett, 1628 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); John Linnett, 1637 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); George Linnett, 1657 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Elizabeth Linnett, 1662 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Linney

Variants: **Liney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1247, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 893
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Donegal

English: from a Middle English survival of the Old English female given name \**Lindgifu*, \**Lindgeofu* 'shield-gift'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Linnue, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts).

surnames: Eustace Linyeve, Geoffrey Lyneue, William Linyue, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Lyneue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Helie Lyney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Notts); Hugh. Linney, 1560, Margt Liney, 1604 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Elizabeth Liney, 1622 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Ledey Liney, 1721 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); Joseph Liney, 1740 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks).

### Linning

Variants: **Linnen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Scottish: of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of **Lennon**, influenced by association with the word *linen* (often spelled *linnen*, with dialect forms *linon* and *linning*, see *OED*). However, spellings with *-ynge* predate those with *-en*, and *Lennon* itself does not seem to be recorded in SW Scotland until later. Compare **Leaning**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Linnynge, 1627, Thomas Linnynng, 1631 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Richard Linnynng, 1667 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Lening, 1705 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); Jannet Lyning, 1753 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

England: Stephen Linning, 1740 in *IGI* (Widdrington, Northumb); John Lining, 1793 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: see **Linnen**.

### Linnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Dorset

English: see **Linnington**.

### Linnit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Linnett**.

### Linnitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Linnett**.

### Linscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Linscott in Moretonhampsted or Linscott in Bradworthy (both Devon).

**Further information:** The lack of records of this name before 1700 is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Linscot, 1707 in *IGI* (Lymestone, Devon); William Lynscot, 1743 in *IGI* (Talatan, Devon); Thomas Linscott, 1748 in *IGI* (Upton Helions, Devon).

### Linsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: variant of **Lindsell**.

### Linsdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

English: see **Lindsell**.

### Linsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Lindsell**.

### Linsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Lincs; WR Yorks; Lancs

English: see **Lindsay**.

### Linskell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Linskill**.

### Linskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Loingscigh, see **Lynskey**.

### Linskill

**Variants:** **Linskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name, possibly from a lost place *Linescales* in Blindcrake (Cumb), recorded in 1300 in *Assize Rolls* (Cumb) and perpetuated in the local name *Linskeldfield*, or from another lost small place with a similar name, perhaps in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Richi. Linskell, 1616 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Expoferi Linskill, 1629 in *IGI* (Barton, NR Yorks); Francis Linskill, 1655 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

### Linsky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Loingscigh, see **Lynskey**.

### Linsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 456
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: variant of **Lindsley**.

### Linstead

**Variants:** **Linsted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Linstead Magna and Parva (Suffolk), Linstead in Pleshey (Essex), or Linsted (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Linsted', early 12th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Walter de Linstede, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas de Lyndestede, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); John de Lynstede, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Lyndestede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Doddington, Kent); Richard Lynsted, 1450 in *Paston Letters*; Jhon Linsted, 1558 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Cross, Suffolk).

### Linsted

**Variants:** **Linstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Linstead**.

### Linter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: a derivative of Middle English *lynet*, *lynt* 'flax', a dresser of flax.

**Early bearers:** Robert le lynetier, 1263 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Walter le Lintere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Mary Linter, 1585 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Lintern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 453
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: nickname apparently from Middle English *linterne* 'intel for a door or window'.
- Early bearers:** Thomae Linterne, 1640 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Jane Lynterne, 1666 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Joseph Lintern, 1676 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Edward Lyntorn, 1718 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

### Linthwaite

**Variants:** **Linfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Linthwaite (Almondbury, WR Yorks), locally pronounced /'linfit/.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for derivation from Linethwaite in Hensingham (Cumb), a name of similar etymology. Modern spellings with *th* are generally from the Leics branch.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lynthwate, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Bierley, WR Yorks); John Linthwitt, 1603 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Gratia Linthwaite, 1608 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Henry Linthwaite, 1611 in *PROB II* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Linthwaite, 1617 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics); Mary Linfoot, 1692 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Linwhite, 1675 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); John Linfet, 1623, Tho. Linfit, 1703 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Anne Linfitt, 1709 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Lintin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Linton**.

### Linton

**Variants:** **Lynton**, **Lintin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3613, Ireland 594
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2433
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Derry

English, Scottish: locative name from Linton (Cambs, Derbys, Herefs, Kent, Northumb, WR Yorks), Linton Grange, West Linton (ER Yorks), Linton upon Ouse (NR Yorks), or Lynton (Devon). In Scotland from Linton (E Lothian, Peebles, Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Juliana de Linton', 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Walter de Lynton, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Lynton, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ezabella Lyntone, 1582 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); James Lynton, 1590 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); James Lynton, 1647 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles).

### Lintott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 464
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Hants
- Norman: locative name from either Lintot in the canton of Bolbec or Lintot-les-Bois in the canton of Longueville-sur-Scie (both in Seine-Maritime).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Lintot, early 13th cent. in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*; Simon Lyntot, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Lyntot, 1360, Richard Lyntott, 1529 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Horsham, Sussex); Nicholas Lintott, 1541, John Lintott, 1543, Robert Lyntot, 1561, Elizabeth Lyntott, 1566 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Elizabeth Lintot, 1585 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Judeth Lintote, 1632 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Susan Lentot, 1653 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Lentott, 1655 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Mary Lintot, 1688 in *IGI* (Odiham, Hants).

### Linwood

**Variants:** **Lynwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0

## Linyard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also ER Yorks and Kirkcudbrights

English: locative name from Linwood (Lincs, Hants). **Early bearers:** Richard de Lindwude, 1196–1203 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Lyndewode, 1334 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; Johannes Lyndwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex); Willelmus Lyndewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Lynwod, 1437 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizabeth Linwood, 1567 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs).

## Linyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Lingard**.

## Linzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Lindsay**.

## Lion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: variant of **Lyon** in one of its several senses.

## Lionel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: probably a variant of **Linnell**, to judge by its early W Midland distribution. **Early bearers:** Thomas Lionel, 1660 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

## Liow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 廖, see **Liu** (3).

## Lip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 聃, see **Nie** (2).

## Lipinski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Polish, Jewish: locative name (Polish *Lipiński*) from Lipno, Lipin, Lipiny, or Lipino, or other places named with Polish *lipa* 'lime tree'. Some examples may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Jewish: Manassah Lipinski, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Ephraim Lipinski, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); David Lipinski, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Yorks).  
2 Jewish (from Belarus): locative name from a place called Lipinki, now in Belarus.

## Lipman

- Variants: **Leapman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; London
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish personal name *Lipman* (Middle High German *liep* 'dear, beloved' + *man* 'man'). **Early bearers:** Myer Lipman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Moretz Lipman, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Byker, Northumb); Abraham Lipman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Joseph Lipman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**References:** *Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*.  
2 English: occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *lep* 'basket' (Old English *lēap*) + *man*, denoting a basketmaker. Medieval evidence for this term has not been found but compare **Leaper**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Lypman, 1567, Geffre Lipman, 1572, in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex).

## Lipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Morays
- 1 Scottish: locative name of uncertain origin, possibly from Lippe (North Rhine-Westphalia) in Germany. **Further information:** Hailes, in *Annals of Scotland*, remarks of Thomas de Lippes, taken prisoner at the Battle of Durham in 1346: "If he was not a foreigner, I know not who he was." **Early bearers:** William Lipp, 1264 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cluny, Perth); Thomas de Lippes 1329–71 in *David II Charters* (Culen, Aberdeens); John Lip, 1452 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Lipp, 1809 in *IGI* (Rhyynie and Essie, Aberdeens).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *lippe* 'lip' (Old English *lippa*). Any of the post-Conquest bearers given here may belong to (3). **Early bearers:** Ælfsinus Lippe, 958 in *Tengvik*; Edwardus Lipe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Roger Lippe, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Roger Lippe, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John Lippe, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Lypp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Mathew Lippe, 1570 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent). **References:** *Tengvik*, pp. 320–1.

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leppe*, *Lippe* (pet forms of one or more Old English names containing *lēof*- as the first element). Compare Lepsy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk), and Robert Lipsi, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall), reflecting Old English *Lēofsige*, and Lepstan, 1066 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants), reflecting Old English *Lēofstān*. See *Feilitzen*, pp. 91, 315, and compare **Lipson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leppe, about 1190 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), Leppe, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

## Lippard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Leppard**.

## Lippett

- Variants: **Lippitt**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs
- English: variant of **Lippiatt**, at least in the case of the post-medieval bearers. **Early bearers:** William Lypet, 1296, Roger Lypat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Lypat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Ralphe Lippet, 1585 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); John Lippett, 1590 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

## Lippiatt

- Variants: **Lipyeat**, **Lippiett**, **Lippett**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Monmouths
- English: locative name from Middle English *lip-yate* 'leap-gate', a low gate in a fence which can be leaped by deer, while keeping sheep from straying; or from one of the places named with this word, Lypiate (Somerset) or Lypiatt (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** Roger de la Lypiat, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas atte Lippzete, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Margaret Lyppiat, 1598 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs).

## Lippiett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Monmouths, and Somerset
- English: see **Lippiatt**.

## Lippincott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: locative name from Lippincotts in Culmstock (Devon). **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA. **Early bearers:** Johan Lippincotte, 1578 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Lippencot, 1625 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Thomazine Lippingcott, 1637 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Ely Lippingcote, 1638 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); John Lippingcot, Thomas Lippincot, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 613.

## Lippitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Lippett**.

## Lipscomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Lipscombe**.

## Lipscombe

- Variants: **Lipscomb**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1227, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 803
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants, Berks, Sussex, Surrey, and Middx; also Devon
- English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in SE England.

**Early bearers:** Edmond Lypscombe, 1548 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Robert Lypscome, 1556 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); John Lypscomb, 1565 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Thomas Lypscombe, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Bagshot, Surrey); Dorothe Lipscom, 1579 in *IGI* (Upton Grey, Hants); George Lypescombe or Lippescombe, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent); Richard Libscom, 1614 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants).

### Lipsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of Lipsitz, Lipschutz, which was brought to Ireland before the 18th century and became well established in Donegal.

**Early bearers:** Israel Lipschutz, general dealer, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Lazarus Lipschutz, in *Census 1851* (Bishopsgate, London); Solomon Myer Lipschitz, 1854 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Lewis Lipsitz, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Louis J.L. Lipsett, born in Ireland, in *Census 1891* (Bedford, Beds); Woolf Lipsitz, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Goodman Lipsitz, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Abraham Lipschutz, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Richard Lipsett, born in Sligo, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Isaac Lipsett, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Lilian Lipsett, born in Limerick, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

2 English: locative name from Lupsett in Wakefield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lopisshaved, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William de Lupesheved, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Roger de Lupsete, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus de Lipheued', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Lippishede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Emma Lipsett, 1843 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Martha Lipsett, 1843 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

### Lipson

**Variants:** Lupson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent

1 English: relationship name, from the Middle English personal name *Lippe*, *Leppe* (see **Lipp**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Lepson, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Lupson, 1738 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Lipson, 1766 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Suffolk); John Lipson, 1823 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: locative name, possibly from Lipson in Plymouth (Devon), which is recorded as *Lipston* in 1238, though no medieval bearers have been noted. The bearers given here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Lyppson, 1663 in *IGI* (Butterleigh, Devon); Richard Lipson, 1681 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Mary Lyppson, 1689 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 235.

### Lipton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 49

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks, Kent, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name, unexplained; perhaps from Lepton (WR Yorks), in which case compare Johannes de Lepton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks). The surname *Lepton* itself is now extinct. **Early bearers:** Joane Lypton, 1578 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); William Lipton, 1602 in *IGI* (Lymgne, Kent); Thomas Lipton, 1669 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); John Lipton, 1722 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Jane Lipton, 1728 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Lipton, 1881 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks).

### Liptrot

**Variants:** Liptrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 592
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English \**lippen* 'to kiss' (Early Modern English (*to*) *lip*) + *trat*, *trot* 'old woman, hag'. Compare Thomas Lovtrot, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Berks), and Robert Schaketrot, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs).

**Further information:** Spellings in final *-p* seem to be a later alteration of the form in *-t* under the influence of the word *trap*, and these all appear well away from Lancs, the area of origin.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Liptrot, 1409 in *Lancs Record Office* (Chorley, Lancs); John Liptrot, 1559 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Catheren Lyptrot, 1578 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Myles Lyptrotte, 1578 in *Lancs Record Office* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Liptrat, 1584 in *Notts Archives*; Richard Liptrott, 1591 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Jonas Liptratt, 1602, Richard Liptrapp, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Liptrat, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Belton, Rutland); Robt. Liptrott, 1640 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Joane Liptrap, 1644 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Thomas Leaptrap, 1680 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Tho. Libtrot, 1692 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Thomas Leaptrot, 1692 in *IGI* (Hugglescote and Donington, Leics).

### Liptrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Liptrot**.

### Lipyeat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Lippiatt**.

### Liquorish

**Variants:** Lickorish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Northants

English: nickname from Middle English *likerous* 'wanton, lecherous'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Lycorys, 1348 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Licorish, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Lycorish, 1626 in *IGI* (Temptford, Beds); John Licorish, 1637 in *Bardsley*; Robt. Liquorish, 1685, Amey Lickerish, 1688

in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Lickorish, 1731 in *IGI* (Leamington Hastings, Warwicks).

### Lis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French, Huguenot: locative name, nickname from French *lis* 'lily', perhaps denoting someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a lily or one who had pale features (compare **Lillierap**).

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Mathieu Lis, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London); Pierre Lis, 1706 in *IGI* (French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, London); Jean Lis, 1744 in *IGI* (French Episcopal, Stonehouse, Gloucs).

**Other:** Simon Lis, 1564 in *IGI* (Madingley, Cambs); Robbt. Lis, 1590 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Symon Lis, 1612 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); Edmundus Lis 1626 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Warwicks).

### Lisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Lancs  
Danish: possibly a locative name from Lisby, Midt-Jylland, Denmark.

**Further information:** No English source has been found. It might be from Lusby (Lincs); compare **Lusby**, but that has a different distribution. This name is rare in Britain, but is thriving in the USA where it might equally be of Danish origin.

**Early bearers:** Harry Lysbye, 1565, John Lisbye, 1579, Margaret Lisby, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Pattens, London); Ann Lisby, 1799 in *IGI* (Poole, Dorset); Sarah Lisby, 1820 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

### Lisgo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: probably a late development in N England of **Lithgow**; compare Mary Lithgow, 1849 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Ann Lisgow, 1800 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); William Lisgo, 1809 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Alice Liscow, 1814 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Lish

**Variants:** Leish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Sussex

Scottish, N English: nickname from the Scots and northern English dialect adjective *leish*, *lish* 'active, nimble, strong, supple'.

**Early bearers:** Harie Leish, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Lish, 1634, Arthur Leish, 1638 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Lish, 1656 in *IGI* (Slaughton, Sussex); Richard Leish, 1670 in *IGI* (Houghton, Hants); Agnas Leish, 1696 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays).

**References:** *Dictionary of the Scots Language*.

### Lisher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

## Lishman

English: possibly a variant of **Ledger**.

**Further information:** Surnames such as *Lyger* are found in Sussex in the 13th and 14th centuries, but have not received an explanation beyond a possible association with one or other of the sources of *Ledger*. Some instances of *Lisher* may belong with these.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Lisher, 1607 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); John Lisher, 1708 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 166–7.

## Lishman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 607
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, Westm, Yorks, and Lancs

Scottish, N English: see **Leishman**.

## Lisk

**Variants:** **Liske**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Somerset; Middx; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish: (i) in England and Wales, unexplained, unless from the same source as (ii). (ii) in Scotland, variant of **Leask**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Liske, 1630 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Mary Lisk, 1757 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset). Scotland: William Liske, 1642 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

## Liske

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Lisk**.

## Lisle

**Variants:** **Lile, Liell, Lyle, Lill, Liles, Lyles, De Lisle, Delisle, Isle, Iles, Idle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1259, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 748
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and Yorks

Norman, English: locative name from Anglo-Norman French *dél isle* (Latin *de insula*), denoting someone who lived on an island or came from a place so named. Ile, Isle, and L'Isle are common French place-names and the surname may in some cases be from Lille (Nord). However, Robert de Insula, Bishop of Durham, 1274, was an Englishman, the son of poor crofters at Lindisfarne, and took his name from Holy Island.

**Early bearers:** Hunfridus de Insula, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Peter de Isla, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); Baldwin del Ille, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John del Ile, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Jordan del Ylle, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert del Ile, 1311 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Lyle, 1319 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Andrew del Ille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Lyle, 1566 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Anna Lisle, 1598 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Philipp Lisle, 1604 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Daniel Lisle, 1628 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Tho Lisle, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Anna Lisle, 1647 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Maurity Lisle, 1690 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

## Lismore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork
- Irish: variant of **Lissaman**.

**Further information:** Despite the Celtic appearance of the name, and despite its frequency in Ireland, there is no evidence of Irish (or Scottish or Welsh) origin. Its appearance in SE Ireland seems to be due to established relations between the Cork area and the Bristol area.

## Lisney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Leseneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Elizabeth Lisney, 1570 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Richard Lissnye, 1609 in *PROB 11* (London); Ralph Lisney, 1623, Ralphe Lissney, 1640 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Richard Lisney, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

## Lison

**Variants:** **Lyson, Lysons, Licence, License**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: locative name from Lison in Calvados. The modern name usually has a post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Godfrey de Lisun, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Godefridus de Lisun, about 1135–1201 in *Glastonbury Abbey Surveys* (Somerset); Johannes Lysanne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs); Ann Lisans, 1577 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Lysons, 1659 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Thomas Licence, 1736 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

E England: Thomas Lysson', 1377, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); William Lycens, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashfield, Suffolk); Anne Lyson, 1562 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Alice Lycence, 1566 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint George, Suffolk); Katharyne Lycynce, 1570 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Thomas Licence, 1723 in *IGI* (Wootton, Lincs); Joseph Licence, 1737 in *IGI* (Cotton, Suffolk); Will. Lison, 1758 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); George Licence, 1775, Thos Lison, 1790 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Lysons, 1800 in *IGI* (Redgrave with Botesdale, Suffolk).

## Lissaman

**Variants:** **Lisseman, Lismore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: unexplained, both as regards its origin and as regards the diversification of its later forms with final *-n* and final *-r*, which have similarities in their distributions.

**Further information:** If a Yorks connection could be shown, one might compare Thomas Litsterman, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Helperby, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** forms with final *-n*: Rebeca Lissiman, 1596 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Gulielmi Lissiman, 1636 in *IGI*

(Bosbury, Herefs); Margaret Lyssiman, 1643 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Thomas Lisseman, 1668 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Henry Lissiman, 1671 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); John Lissiman, 1677 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Christopher Lissaman, 1680 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Anthony Lessyman, 1700 in *IGI* (Hollesey, Suffolk); Edward Lessiman, 1718 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Edward Lissaman, 1749 in *IGI* (Denver, Norfolk); Benjamin Lissimon, 1752 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Willm. Lyssaman, 1759 in *IGI* (Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Alice Lissaman, 1775 in *IGI* (Wyken, Warwicks); Sarah Lissimore, 1794, Joseph Lisserman, 1842 in *IGI* (Wolston, Warwicks); George Lisman, 1841 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

forms with final *-r*: Ann Lyssimore, 1690 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Lyssemore, 1711 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Lismore, 1731 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); John Lessimore, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Lissimer, 1781 in *IGI* (Newbold on Avon, Warwicks); Sarah Lismore, 1800 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Lismore, 1800 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Eliza Lissamer, 1817, Charlotte Lismer, 1849 in *IGI* (Rugby, Warwicks); John Lismer, 1833 in *IGI* (Northchurch, Herts); Edwin Lessimore, 1839, Edward Lessimar, 1844 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs).

## Lisseman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Lissaman**.

## Lissenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Lushington**.

## Lisseter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Leicester**.

## Lissett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Cambs

English: see **Lycett**.

## List

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 505
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- Danish, English: probably a locative name from the harbour town of List on the island of Sylt, now in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, but in the Middle Ages part of the Danish kingdom.
- Early bearers:** John de Liste, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Roberti List, 1570 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Gulielmus Liste, 1575 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Jane List, 1584 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Henry List, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk).

## Lister

**Variants:** **Lyster, Litster, Lidster, Lester, Ledster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9383, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8487

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, Durham, and Cumb; also Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
English: occupational name for a dyer of cloth, Middle English *li(te)ster*, a derivative of Middle English *lit(t)en* (Old Scandinavian *lita* ‘to dye’).  
**Early bearers:** England: Thom. le Litestere, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thom. le Littester, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Will. le Lister, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John le Letstere, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard le Lyster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John le Listere, Peter le lestere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Lister, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Johannes Lyster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Linby, Notts); Johanna Letistere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); Johannes Lister, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Robertus le Lister, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Alicia Lyster, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Lister, 1544 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Alicia Litster, 1558 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Robt. Lidster, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Agnes Litster, 1579 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Walter Lyster, 1608 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Robert Ledster, 1611 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); John Litster, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb); William Lidster, 1698 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Sarah Lyster, 1731 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); George Ledster, 1757 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); William Ledster, 1792 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).  
Scotland: Isbell Litster, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Gorge Litster, 1581 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Margt. Lister, 1667 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife).

### Liston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 397
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; also Lancs and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick  
1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Liston in Kirkliston (W Lothian).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Liston 1163–85, Robert de Liston, about 1260 in *Black*; Symone de Listone, 1296 in *Black* (W Lothian); Thomas de Lystoune, 1334 in *Black* (Perths); Johne Listone, 1599 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Thomas Listone, 1659 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
2 English: locative name from Liston (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Liston, 1235–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Liston, 1307–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johanne de Lystone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Liston, Essex); Robert Lyston, 1629 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Thomas Liston, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Liston, 1705 in *IGI* (Great Bradley, Suffolk).  
3 English, Irish: according to MacLysaght, In Ireland this is an Anglo-Norman name which has been in Limerick since the 13th century, originally **de Lexinton**, so presumably from Lexington in Essex.  
**Early bearers:** Garret Liston (Fitz Robert), John Liston (Fitz Robert), Richard Liston (Fitz James), 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4539; Richard Lystowne, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5610 (Kylscasnell).

### Lit

**Variants:** Low, Lye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 列 (**Lie** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) shortened form of the compound surname Lie-Shan (烈山), said to be the original living place of the legendary figure Shen Nong prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname Lie-Zong (烈宗), traced back to the nobles in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

### Litchfield

**Variants:** Lichfield, Lickfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1813, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1065
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants; Notts and Derbys; Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
English: locative name from Lichfield (Staffs).  
**Further information:** Although the surname also occurs in Hants in 1881, it is unlikely to derive from Litchfield (Hants), which was not so called until 1539 (*Lychefeld*), apparently transferred from Lichfield (Staffs), and replacing an earlier *Levesehulle*; see *Watts, Dictionary*, at Lichfield.  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Lychefeld, 1361 in *Staffs Archives* (Staffs); Adomarus de Lichefeld', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Stretton, Leics); John de Lichefeld', 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Brigstock, Northants); Edward Lychefeld', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Litchfield, 1592 in *IGI* (Amphill, Beds); Margaret Litchfield, 1600 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Maria Lichfeild, 1608 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Samuel Lickfield, 1830 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Litherland

**Variants:** Leatherland, Letherland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 679
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
English: locative name from Litherland in Sefton or Uplitherland in Aughton (both Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** John de Lytherland, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Thomas Lithirland', 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alicea Litherland, 1564 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Raphe Litherland, 1579 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ellena Letherland, 1579 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics); Elizabeth Litherland, 1582 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Elizabeth Litherland, 1591 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Edward Leatherland, 1673 in *IGI* (Burton Joyce, Notts).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 117–18, 121.

### Lithgoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
Scottish: see **Lythgoe**.

### Lithgow

**Variants:** Lisgo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 678, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings; also N England  
Scottish: see **Lythgoe**.

### Lithman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
1 English: perhaps a variant of *Litman*, itself a variant of **Lutman**.

**Further information:** Some bearers may belong with (2), if of Central European origin.

- Early bearers:** Margaret Lithman, born in Cartmeal, Lancs, in *Census 1851* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Lithman, born in Durham, in *Census 1871* (Durham, Durham); William Lithman, born in Althorpe, Lincs, in *Census 1891* (Althorpe, Lincs).  
2 German, Swedish: (i) from Swedish *lite* ‘little’ + *man* ‘man’. (ii) spelling variant of German *Littman*, from an abbreviated Slavic (e.g. Czech) male personal name like *Litomir* + *mann* ‘man’, but sometimes Jewish, according to *Bahlow*.  
**Early bearers:** Josef E Lithman, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Hammersmith, London).

### Litle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
English: see **Little**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Litman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset  
English: see **Lutman**.

### Litson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon  
English: relationship name, ‘son of *Litt*’, see **Litt**.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Lutesone, 1321 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johan Litson, 1676, Sarah Letson, 1693 in *IGI* (Lynton, Devon).

### Litster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Selkirks, E Lothian, and Midlothian; Northumb and Cumb  
Scottish, English: see **Lister**.

### Litt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb  
English: nickname, probably from Middle English *lite* ‘little’; compare **Little**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Lytt, 1576 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Litt, 1619 in *IGI* (Kingston Lisle, Berks); Toma Litt, 1621 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire); John Litt, 1687 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Cumb); John Lit, 1732 in *IGI* (Uldale, Cumb).

### Littel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
English: see **Little**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Littell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
English: see **Little**.

**Litten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Middx; Devon

English: see **Litton**.

**Litterick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish: locative name from Lettrick (Dumfriess). **Early bearers:** Robert Lipperick, 1782 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights); Thos. Litterick, 1790 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); William Littorick, 1815 in *IGI* (Kirkcinner, Wigtowns); Robert Lettrick, 1813 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Little**

**Variants:** Lyttle, Lytle, Littell, Litle, Littel, Lightle, Lightley, Lighthill, Littles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18674, Ireland 1260
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14089
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cumb and Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Fermanagh; Down

1 English: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*), for a small man (if not ironic), or as a distinguishing epithet for the younger of two bearers of the same personal name.

**Early bearers:** England: Eadric Litle, 972 in *Tengvik* (Northants); Lefstan Litle, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thomas le Lytle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Litell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lemington, Northumb); Ricardus Little, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newland, Essex); Johanne Littell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Robertus Litel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wolfeton, Dorset); Agneta Little, 1540 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Grace Lytle, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Stephen Litle, 1566 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Ed. Lightley, 1577 in *IGI* (Searby cum Owmbly, Lincs); George Lightley, 1585, Gawin Lytle, 1695 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Elenor Littell, 1592 in *IGI* (Leigh, Gloucs); John Litle, 1617, Dorothy Lightlee, 1681 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Little, 1656, Robert Lightle, 1665 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); John Little, 1670 in *IGI* (Rockcliffe, Cumb); Henry Lyghtly, 1691, Dorothy Little, 1776 in *IGI* (Longframlington, Northumb); Mary Lytle, 1723, Richardi Lightle, 1724 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

Scotland: John Litill, 1313 in *Black* (Lanark, Lanarks); Robertus dictus Lytil, 1332 in *Black*; Martin Litill, 1351 in *Black* (Fife); Elizabeth Lytle, 1610, Catharine Little, 1611, Jonet Litle, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Litle, 1685 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Beagáin 'descendant of Beagán', see **Beggan**.

**Littleboy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Middx and Bucks

English: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + *boy* 'boy, young man, servant; knave, rogue, wretch'. Compare **Boy** and **Littlepage**.

**Early bearers:** Robert litelboie, 1206 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); John Lytelboye, 1384 in *Additional Manuscripts, British Library 27671* (Hants); Rowland Littleboye, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Aylesford, Kent); John Lyttelboy, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent); John Littleboye, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Wokingham, Berks).

**Littlechild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, Herts, and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + *child* 'child'. Compare **Child**. **Early bearers:** Ralph Litechild, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Richard Litilchilde, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Littlechild, 1724 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs).

**Littlecott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: locative name from Littlecott in Hilmarton, Littlecote in Ramsbury, or Littlecott in Enford (all Wilts).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Luttelcot, 1275 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Simon de Litlecote, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John de Lyttlecote, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Hilmarton, Wilts); John Littlecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Orcheston, Wilts); Simon de Litlecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chisenbury, Wilts); Johannes Litelcote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Orcheston Saint Mary, Wilts); Margeria Litlecote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilmarton, Wilts); Willelmo Lytelcote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coate, Wilts); Johannes Lytelcote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwood, Wilts); Agn' Litelcote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chisenbury, Wilts); George Lyttelcote or Littecott, 1549 in *PROB 11* (London); Lawrence Littlecott, 1636 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); William Littlecott, 1675, Charles Littelcot, 1709 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Ann Littlecot, 1802 in *IGI* (West Tisted, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 269, 288, 329.

**Littledale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cumb
- English: locative name from Little Dale in Pickering (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Liteldale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Litildale, 1447 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Littledale, 1597 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 87.

**Littlefair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, Westm, and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English 'little' + *fere*, *feir* 'companion'.

**Early bearers:** Agn' Lutfair, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales, Staffs); Anthony Littlefare, 1574 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Littlefare, 1576 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Thomasina Littlefaire, 1587 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Littlefaire, 1621 in *IGI*

(Gateshead, Durham); Elizabeth Littlefayre, 1634 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Littlefair, 1657 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Joseph Littlefear, 1720 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**Littlefield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London

English: locative name from Littlefield Green in White Waltham (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Lutlefeld', 1238, Edmund de Littefeud, 1286 in *Close Rolls* (Bray, Berks); [. . . de] Luttlefeld, 1318 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); Avis Litlefield, 1584, John Littelfeild, 1620 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); Alice Litlefield, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Padworth, Berks); Elsiebeth Littlefield, 1613 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); James Littlefeild, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Pamber, Hants); Richard Lyttelfild, 1625 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); Amie Litlefeild, 1640 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 72.

**Littleford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Warwick

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost place called *Littleford End* in Sutton Maddock (Shrops), though this place-name (which has not been noted earlier than 1682) may alternatively derive from the surname, in which case the location of any original *Littleford* remains unidentified. There may well have been some confusion with **Littleworth**. Interchange of *-worth* and *-ford* in an unstressed syllable is a relatively common phenomenon in English place-names. Indeed, given the lack of medieval early bearers, it is even possible that the surname *Littleford* is in all cases a development of *Littleworth*. **Early bearers:** Richard Lytelford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); Nicolas Lytelford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boningle, Shrops); Johan Littleforde, 1561 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); Alyce Lytleford, 1573 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Tho. Lytleford, 1579 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Rebecca Littleford, 1586 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Litleford, 1602 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); Wm Littleford, 1609 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); Jese Littleford, 1617 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Elizabeth Littleford, 1659, Henry Littlefoot, 1661 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Mary Littleford, 1678, John Littlefoot, 1713 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Richard Littlefoot, 1741, John Littleford, 1754 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 62.

**Littlehailes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Littlehales**.

**Littlehale**

**Variants:** Lythall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: variant of **Littlehales** with loss of final *-s*.



**Littlehales**

Variants: **Littlehailes**, **Littlehale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: locative name from Little Hales in Sheriffhales (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] La Petyte Hales, 1291–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Nowell Lytelhalys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tong, Shrops); Edmundus Litolhall, 1524, Edward Lytylhale, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Roger Lytelhalye, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Rogerus Littleale, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); William Littellale, 1560 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Elyzabeth Lytlehales, 1560 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Shrops); Rafe Littlehales, 1569 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Johes Littlehale, 1588 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 6, p. 180.

**Littlejohn**

Variants: **Littlejohns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1415, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1403
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also London; Devon

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + the Middle English personal name **John**. The nickname may have been used ironically for a giant, as with the outlaw character Little John in 17th-century tales and ballads of Robin Hood (though he is no giant in 15th-century texts).

**Early bearers:** given names: Litel Jon, 1350 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex).  
surnames, England: John Lytelion, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas LytilJon, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John Lyteiohn, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Liteljohn, 1564 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Thomas Litle John, 1576 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Littlejohn, 1588 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).  
surnames, Scotland: Thomas Litlejonhe, 1489 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Donald Litiljhone, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); John Litiljone, 1574, Alexander Littlejohn, 1642 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Liteljon, 1629 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Littlejohns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 467
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: variant of **Littlejohn** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Jn. Liteljohns, 1653 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Tamzin Littlejohns, 1677 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); William Littlejohns, 1750 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall).

**Littlemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous minor places of this name, such as the lost *Lytlemore* in Malpas and *le Lyttlemor* in Tushingham cum Grindley (both Cheshire), Little

Moor in Clitheroe and Littlemoor in Oldham (both Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Ellen Littlemore, 1566 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Tho. Littlemore, 1635 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 43, 50; *Lancs Record Office*.

**Littlepage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + Middle English *page* 'page, servant'. Compare **Page** and **Littleboy**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Litelpage, 1314 in *London Letter Books* (London); Robert Littlepage, 1596 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Jane Litelpage, 1613 in *IGI* (London); Tobias Littlepage, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Little Horwood, Bucks); William Littlepage, 1642 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds).

**Littleproud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + *prude*, *prute* 'worth, value; pride, splendour' (Old French *prod*, *prud*, *prut* 'advantage, profit, worth, value'). The wife of Henry Lytilprud (1301 in *Nottingham Borough Records*) was Hawisia 'Crist a pes' whose constant cry 'Christ have peace!' suggests her husband deserved his nickname. **Further information:** A comparable medieval surname is that of Simonem Smalprut, 1221, Ric' Smalprout, 1278–9 in *Feilitzen*, Winton (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Goderun Litteprot, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry Lytilprud, 1301 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Willelmus Litelprud, 1327, Johannes Litelproud, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus Lytylproud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Matilda Lytillprowd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Robertus Lytelproud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham hundred, Norfolk); John Littleprowd, 1575, Mary Littleproud, 1605 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names*, p. 30; *Feilitzen*, Winton, pp. 212–13.

**Littler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2997, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1984
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Little Over in Over (Cheshire), where the place-name derives from Old English *ofer* 'ridge (especially one with a flat top and convex shoulder)'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Parva Overe, 1260, [ . . . de] Leyttlehour, 1333, [ . . . de] Lyttlore, 1398 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; Anne Litler, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Joan Litler, 1576 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Alis Littler, 1580 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ryc Littler, 1586 in *IGI* (Thurly near Bourne, Lincs); Henry Litler, 1613 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 172–3; *Landscape of Place-Names*, p. 199.

**Littles**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Lancs

English: variant of **Little** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Francis Littles, 1744 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Fred Littles, 1755 in *IGI* (Duddington, Northants).

**Littleton**

Variants: **Lyttleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cornwall; also Devon; Cumb; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; also Cork

1 English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name.

**Early bearers:** Driu de Litletun', 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Luttelton, 1358 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Litleton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); John Lytelton, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Littleton, 1573 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall).

2 Irish: relationship name adopted for Ó Beagáin, see **Beggan**.

**Early bearers:** Luke Littleton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonlea, Clare); John Littleton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Quin, Clare).

**Littlewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4511, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3843
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin

1 English: locative name from a lost place called Littlewood in Cartworth (Holmfirth, WR Yorks), of self-explanatory Middle English origin, listed by *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 254, at Wooldale.

**Early bearers:** Geppe de Lyttlewode, Geoffrey de Litelwode, 1274, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Littlewood, WR Yorks); Johannes de Litylwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Humfridus Littlewodde, 1562 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Littlewood, 1568 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); John Littlewoode, 1590 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from unidentified places named Littlewood in Worcs and Kent.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Lytlewode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmo Littlewode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Issabell Littlewood, 1561 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

**Littleworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Devon

1 English: locative name from Littleworth End in Middleton or Littleworth in Wootton Wawen (both

## Littley

Warwicks). There may well have been some confusion with **Littleford** (see discussion there). **Early bearers:** Hugo de Litlewurd, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); [ . . . de] Luttelworth, 1327 in *Place-Names of Warwicks* (Warwicks); Rich Littleworth, 1642, Richard Littlewort, 1665 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Graves Littleworth, 1703 in *IGI* (London). **References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 20, 246. 2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Lutterworth (Leics), with alteration of *l-r-r* to *l-l-r*. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Luttreworth, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus Lutterworth', 1377, Willelmus Lyttulworthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Iohannes de Lutterworth', Iohannem Litterworth', 1377–81 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Rich Littleworth, 1642 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Ambrose Littleworth, 1695 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Graves Littleworth, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Littleworth, 1722 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Wm Littleworth, 1723 in *IGI* (Steventon, Hants).

## Littley

**Variants:** Lutley, Letley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Middx; Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *litel* 'little' (Old English *lytel*) + *eye* 'eye' (Old English *ēage*). Compare **Mussey**. Some post-medieval bearers given here may alternatively belong to (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** Walter litel eie, 1162 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Petronell Lutley, 1568 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Edward Littley, 1574 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Nicholas Lutley, 1596 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); Tho. Litly, 1624 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Litley, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Anne Littly, 1665 in *IGI* (Newtown Linford, Leics); Aaron Litley, 1680 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Henry Littley, 1690 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Richard Lettley, 1711 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); Hannah Littley, 1712 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Henry Lettley, 1749 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); John Lettly, 1756 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); John William Henry Letly, 1813 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent). 2 English: formally it could be a locative name derived from Old English *lytel* 'little' + *ēg* 'island', but no such place-name is known. It cannot be decided whether the surname of this origin has survived or whether some bearers under (1) belong here. **Early bearers:** Hug' de Lutteleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milson, Shrops); Regin' de Lutle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meole Brace, Shrops); Ann Littley, 1706 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Elizabeth Littley, 1733 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks). 3 English: locative name from Likeley Wood in Wickham Bishops (Essex), which is recorded as *Littlehey* in 1340, or from any of the numerous other places with names deriving from Old English *lytel* + *gehæg* 'little enclosure', such as Littley Green in Great Waltham, Littley Wood in Wethersfield, and Littleys in Ashdon (all Essex), Litley in Cheadle and Little Hay in Shenstone (both Staffs). **Early bearers:** Hugh de Lutlehay, 1307 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Cheadle, Staffs); Richard Littleheye, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Much Hadham, Herts); Juliana Littleheye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); John de

Litelheghe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Willelmo de Luttlyhay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); John Littlehey, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Wolston, Warwicks). **References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 271, 313, 467, 504; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 364.

## Littman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Bucks

English: see **Lutman**.

## Litton

**Variants:** Lytton, Litten, Letten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Middx and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Litton (Derbys, Dorset, Somerset, WR Yorks), Leyton (Essex), or perhaps Liddaton Green in Bentor or Leddon in Welcombe (both Devon), which appear in medieval records as *Lydeton*. **Early bearers:** Gamel de Litton, 1175 in *Yorks Charters*; Henry de Lideton', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Thomas de Lytton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Robert Lytton, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Litton, 1540 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Rowland Litton, 1583 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Alice Litton, 1588 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs); Lionell Litton, 1616 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Edward Litten, 1690 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon). **References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 101–2; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 80, 214.

## Littrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: probably a variant of **Luttrell**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Litvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Slavic, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Litwin**.

## Litwin

**Variants:** Litvin, Letwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Slavic, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Russian or other East Slavic *litvin* 'Lithuanian', usually in Britain spelled with German- or Polish-style *-w-*. **Further information:** Other related Slavic names are sometimes found, such as **Litvak** and the patronymic **Litvinoff**. **Early bearers:** Israel Litvin, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Marcus Letwin, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Lewis Litwin, traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Letwin, boot maker, born in Minsk, Russia, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Marks Letwin, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hyman Litvin, shopkeeper, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Liu

**Variants:** Liew, Lieu, Liau, Liao, Liow, Leow, Leo, Lew, Lau, Lao, Lou, Lu, Luu, Low, Law

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6162, Ireland 105
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 劉 (**Lau** or **Lao** in Cantonese romanization), referring to 'a type of axe used as a weapon' or meaning 'kill' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Liu* (劉), the name of an ancient state (located in Tang county in Hebei province). After this state was annexed during the reign of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC; see **Zhou** (1)), some people from it adopted 劉 as their surname. Liu Bang (劉邦) (256–195 BC), the founder of the Western Han dynasty, is said to have been a descendant of one of these people. (ii) from the names of two other Western Han nobles, Lou Jing and Xiang Bochan, who were given the surname Liu (劉) by Liu Bang (256–195 BC). In addition, one of Liu Bang's daughters was said to be sent to marry Modu Chanyu (died 174 BC), the then chief of the Huns, after the campaign at Baideng in 200 BC, and some of their descendants later inherited Liu (劉) as their surname. (iii) from the place-name *Liu* (劉), the name of a fief (located in Yanshi in present-day Henan province) granted to the son of Wang Ji, a noble who lived during the reign of Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). 2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 柳 (**Lau** or **Lao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'willow' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Liu Xia* (柳下), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) in the state of Lu, granted to Zhan Qin, also known as Liu Xia Hui (柳下惠) (720–621 BC), a revered judicial official in the state of Lu. (ii) from the place-name *Liu* (柳), the name of a fief (located in Xihua in Henan province) granted to Xiong Xin (died 205 BC), the grandson of the king Chu Huai Wang (died 296 BC). 3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 廖 (**Liau** or **Liao** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'spacious, empty' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Liao Shu An (廖叔安), an official who lived during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), who is said to have been the founder of an ancient state called *Liao* (廖), located in Henan province. (ii) from the second element of the personal name Bo Liao (伯廖), name of one of the sons of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). (iii) from the personal name of another Bo Liao (伯廖), son of an official in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) adopted in place of two other Chinese surnames, Miu (繆) and Yan (顏). Some bearers of these two surnames migrated to live on the north bank of the Yellow River, where they changed their surname to Liao (廖) during the reign of Zhou, the last king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

## Liveing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Living**.

## Lively

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, and Glouc
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: nickname from Middle English *lifli* ‘active, energetic, vigorous’.
- Early bearers:** Samuel Lively, 1589 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Edward Lively, 1590 in *Lincs Archives*; Anne Lively, 1620 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); William Lively, 1670 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks).

### Livemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Livermore**.
- Further information:** Reaney offers the following: “To the question “Why do you call yourself *Livemore*? Your name ought to be *Livermore*,” a schoolboy of about 12 in the 1930s replied: “Yes, sir. My father’s name is *Livermore*, but when my mother registered my birth, the registrar left out the *r*, and my name’s *Livemore*.””

### Livens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Living**.

### Livermoore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Livermore**.

### Livermore

- Variants:** **Livermoore**, **Levermore**, **Livemore**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1282, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1010
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: locative name from Great and Little Livermere (Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** Raulf de Lieuremere, 1087–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John de Livermere, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Lyuermere, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Richard Levermore, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Levermore, 1563, Thomas Livemore, 1733 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Margery Livermore, 1573 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk); Susan Livermore, 1641 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Eliza. Livemore, 1705 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Reber Livemore, 1722 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Philip Livemore, 1733 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Liverpool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: locative name from Liverpool (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Willelmo de Lyverpull’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Lyverpole, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Clemente de Lyverpole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John of Lyverpull, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger Lyuerepole, 1417–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Ann Liverpool, 1698 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Jenny Liverpool, 1767 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Liverpool, in *Census 1841* (Cheshire); Robert Liverpool, in *Census 1891* (Norfolk).

### Liversage

- Variants:** **Liversidge**, **Liversedge**, **Leversedge**, **Leversidge**, **Leversuch**, **Loverseed**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, Denbighs, and Shrops
- English: locative name from Liversedge (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Luvereseg’, de Liverseg’, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Leversig’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liversedge, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Ledersege, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks); Thomas Liversage, 1564 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); John Liversedge, 1564 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Leversedge, 1588, John Leversidge, 1654 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Willm. Liversage, 1591 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Willm. Liversage, 1592 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elixsander Leversedge, 1601 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Willia. Leversedge, 1612, Mathew Liversage, 1630 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); John Liversage, 1671 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Roberti Leversidge, 1684 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Liversage, 1703 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Wm Liversage, 1775 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Liversedge, 1787 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

### Liversedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 544
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Liversage**.

### Liversidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1275, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 747
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Liversage**.

### Liverton

- Variants:** **Leverton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Liverton in Ilsington or Liverton in Littleham by Exmouth (both Devon).
- Early bearers:** Philip de Luueton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ilsington, Devon); [ . . . ] Luueton, [ . . . ] Lyueton, 1339 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Leverton, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Leverton, 1654, William Liverton, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); James Leverton, 1664 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Henry Liverton, 1680 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 477, 591.

### Livery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Loveridge**.

### Livesay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks
- English: see **Livesey**.

### Livesey

- Variants:** **Livsey**, **Lifsey**, **Livesay**, **Livesley**, **Lucy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3689, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2931
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Livesey (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Liuesay, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Adam de Liuesay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne de Lyvessay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Livesey, Lancs); Christopher Levesey, 1455 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Agnes Levesey, 1552 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Katheryn Lyfsaye, 1590 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Robert Livesey, 1590 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Marie Levesey, 1624 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs).
- 2 English: see **Lewsey**.

### Livesley

- Variants:** **Lievesley**, **Leavesley**, **Levesley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 393
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: probably a variant of **Livesey** with intrusive *-l-* as if representing a place-name in *-ley*.
- Early bearers:** Alicia Levesley, 1574, Johannes Livesley, 1609 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Margaret Livesley, 1580, John Livesey, 1730 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Elisabeth Livesley, 1605 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); John Leavesley, 1606 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Willi Lievesley, 1623, Richard Livesey, 1653 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Samuel Livesley, 1655 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Leavesley, 1671 in *IGI* (Belton, Leics); Johannis Livesley, 1690 in *IGI* (Cheddleton, Staffs); Benjamin Levesley, 1731, Robert Livesey, 1830 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Robt. Livesley, 1751 in *IGI* (Arksey, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Livett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, and Beds; London
- English: see **Levett**.

### Livick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Levick**.

### Livie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: of uncertain origin; perhaps a relationship name from the female given name *Livia*.
- Early bearers:** Janet Livy, 1698 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Sarah Livey, 1757 in *IGI* (Bures Saint Mary, Suffolk); John Livy, 1758 in *IGI* (Aberlemno, Angus); Mary Livey, 1791 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Living

- Variants:** **Liffen**, **Liveing**, **Living**, **Levin**, **Levinge**, **Lewing**, **Lovin**, **Loving**, **Lowin**, **Lowing**, **Lowen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leving*, *Loving* (Old English

*Lēofing, Lyfing*). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** given names: Leuing, Liuing, Louincus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Leouing', Leowing', Leuing', Lewing', Luuing', 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Levingus, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: Richard Livinge, 1259 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Lywing, 1272–80 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Robert Levinge, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Leuing', 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Leuyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus Leuyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Petro Leuyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Ricardus Lyuyng, Johannes and Jacobus Lyuing', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex); Galfridus Leuyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Lyffyn, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Clement Liffyn, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Thomas Lyffyn', 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Simon Levyng, 1561 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Marie Living, 1568 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Richard Living, 1582 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Katherine Lyffyn, 1608 in *IGI* (Thribray, Norfolk); Georg. Living, 1620 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Liffen, 1655, Priscilla Liffon, 1658 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); William Lovinge, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Edmund Liffen, 1711 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Benjamin Living, 1796 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants); William Liffin, 1818 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent). 2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Lewin** (also occurring as **Levin** and **Lowin**) with *-ing* for *-in*. The names were very likely confused.

**Living**s

**Variants:** Levings, Levins, Livens, Lowings  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 7  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 273  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts  
 English: variant of **Living** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Clemence Livings, 1594 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Elizabeth Livings, 1614 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Georg Livings, 1615 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Livings, 1720 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); John Livings, 1726 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex).

**Livingston**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1862, Ireland 210  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 2658  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh  
 Scottish: see **Livingstone**.

**Livingstone**

**Variants:** Livingston, Levingston, Levingstone, Levinson, Levenson, Leviston, Leveson, Levison, Lewison  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 5382, Ireland 658  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 2753  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry  
 1 Scottish: locative name from Livingston (W Lothian). Reduced forms of the name are confusable with **Leveson**, **Levison**, and **Lewison** from other sources.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Archibald de Levingestoune, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John Livingston, 1636 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Ann Liviston, 1738, Ann

Levingston, 1793, James Livingston, 1795 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).  
 NE England: John Levingstone, 1606, Robert Leviston, 1609, Ann Leuistone, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Lewison, 1679, George Levingston, 1702, John Leviston, 1705, Ann Levison, 1742 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Levison, 1737, Jane Leveson, 1765 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Richard Lewiston, 1745 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).  
 Ireland: Margaret Levinstone, 1796, Wm Livingstone, 1798 in *IGI* (Carnmoney, Antrim); Jane Levingston, 1845 in *IGI* (Seagoe, Armagh).  
**References:** *Black; Surnames of Derry*.  
 2 Scottish: some members of the MacLeay family of Appin anglicized their name to *Livingstone*. David Livingstone, the missionary and explorer, was a member of this family.  
 3 Irish: in Ireland, sometimes adopted for **Ó Duinnshléibhe** or **Mac Duinnshléibhe**, see **Dunleavy**.  
**References:** *MacLysaght*.  
 4 Jewish: anglicized form of Ashkenazic **Lowenstein**, an ornamental name composed of German *Löwe* 'lion' + *Stein* 'stone'.  
**Early bearers:** Moses Livingstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (London).

**Livitt**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 21  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see **Levett**.

**Livock**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 163  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
 English: see **Levick**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Lyvoke, 1369 in *London Letter Books G*; Thomasin Livock, 1700 in *IGI* (Bramerton, Norfolk).

**Livsey**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1058  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
 English, Welsh: see **Livesey**.

**Liyanage**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Sri Lankan (Sinhalese): Buddhist name meaning 'house of writing', from Sinhalese *liyana* 'writing' (Sanskrit *likhana*) + *ge* 'house' (Sanskrit *gr'ha*).

**Llewelin**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 27  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Pembrokes  
 Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

**Llewellen**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 95  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs; Pembrokes  
 Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

**Llewellyn**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 501  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also Monmouths, Glamorgan, and Gloucs  
 Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

**Llewellyn**

**Variants:** Llewelyn, Llewelin, Llewhelein, Llewellen, Llewelin, Llewlynn, Lewellyn, Lewelyn, Lewellin, Lewellen, Flewellen, Flewelling, Fluellen  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 7856, Ireland 93  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 4363  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin  
 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Llywelyn* (from British Celtic \**Lugubelinos*) but, through association with *llew* 'lion', altered to *Llewelyn*. Compare **Lewis** (2), **Lodwick**, and **Welling**.  
**Further information:** Variant spellings of the initial *Ll*- abound, normally taking the form of a voiceless fricative *F-*, *Th-*, *S-*, + *-l-*, sometimes with an intervening vowel.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Lewelinus Bochan, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Thlewelin ap Euer, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Lewelin ap Lewelin, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Llewellyn Bren, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*.  
 surnames: David son of Llewelin, 1242 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Lewelin, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Peter Lewlyn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Howel ap Thelwelin, lewelyn, leulyn, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wales); Lewelin ap Lewelin, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Tuder ab yleulin [where *yl-* is for *ll-*], 1295 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Peter Lewelyne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tunstall in Catterick, NR Yorks); Alaythap Llewellyn, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip ap Lewelin, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannis Leulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotborough, WR Yorks); Johannes Leulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Willelmus Leulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alveston, Warwicks); Llewelyn ap Llewelyn, chaplain, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Asaph diocese); Tudor ap Llywelyn, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbighs); Anian ap Llewelyn, chaplain, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (diocese of Saint Davids); Howel ap Llewellyn, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Aberffraw, Anglesey); Jenckyn Swellin alias Griffeth, 1553 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Cardigans); Edwardi Lewellinge, 1563 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs); John Llewelyn, 1565 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); Margery Llewellen, 1566 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Robert Lewellen, 1574 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Cadder Llewelin, 1575 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Maria Llen Or Llewelyn, 1576 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); Edwardi Llewelen, 1585 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Hugonis Llewelling, 1586, Margreta Lewelling, 1588 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Thomas Flewellen, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Drayton, Shrops); Thomas Llewellyn, 1604 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Flewellinge, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Rowde, Wilts); Elizabeth Lluellin, 1625 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Ric. Lewellin, 1644 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Johanns Llewelin, 1701 in *IGI* (Llanddewo Rhydderch, Monmouths); Roger Llywelin, 1702 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); Richard Lewelin, 1736 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths); Wm. Lewellyn, 1767 in *IGI* (Llantillio Crossenny, Monmouths); William Llhwhelein, 1794 in *IGI* (Newent, Gloucs); Catharine Lleolyn, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Donats, Glamorgan); Martha Llhwhelein, 1799 in *IGI* (Monkton, Pembrokes); David Llewheilyn,

1808 in *IGI* (Dinas, Pembrokes); Evan Llewellyns, 1825 in *IGI* (Aberdare, Glamorgan).  
References: Jackson, p. 414; *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 147–51.

### Llewelyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 889
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Llewhellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Llewellyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; Middx
- Welsh: see **Llewellyn**.

### Lloyd

Variants: **Lloydd, Lloyde, Loyd, Loydd, Loyde, Lloyds, Floyd, Cloyd, Lyde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47136, Ireland 704
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34862
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick; also Dublin

Welsh: nickname from Welsh *llwyd* 'grey'.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Ieuan Loyt, 1292–3, Daidid Loyd ap Ririd, 1318 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Ithell Lloit, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Ermyn Lloyd, 1601 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flint).

England: Richard Loyt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh Lloyd', 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Richard Lloyd, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Williama Lloyd, 1539 in *IGI* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Elizth. Loyd, 1544 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Robert Lloyd, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Issabell Loyd, 1581 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Elizabeth Lloyd, 1548, Anna Loyd, 1595 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire).

### Lloyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; Monmouths and Glamorgan

Welsh: see **Lloyd**.

### Lloyde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Welsh: see **Lloyd**.

### Lloyds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Welsh: variant of **Lloyd** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Lloyds, 1721 in *IGI* (Kinnerley, Shrops).

### Lo

Variants: **Lau, Loh, Loo, Luo, Law, Low, Lok, Luk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1588, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 羅 (**Luo** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'net for catching birds' or 'to collect' in Chinese: (i) from *Luo* (羅), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Hubei province). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the early Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people from the state migrated southwards and adopted Luo (羅) as their surname. (ii) from the Po Duo Luo (破多羅) and Chi Luo (叱羅) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 羅 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) from the personal name Hu Se Luo (斛瑟羅), leader of an ancient Turkic tribe who are believed to have migrated to China during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907). His descendants inherited his name Hu Se Luo (斛瑟羅) as their surname and shortened it to 羅 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) from the name of one of the seven families from the Bandun Man, an ethnic group residing in ancient SW China (located mainly in present-day Sichuan province).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 駱 (**Luk** or **Lok** in Cantonese romanization), referring to 'a white horse with a black mane' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name Luo (駱), the style name of a prince in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province). (ii) from the name of Da Luo (大駱), a descendant of an official during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). His eldest son, Cheng, established a state named after his father's name Da Luo (大駱) (location unknown). After it was annexed by a minority ethnic group in NW China during the reign of Zhou Li Wang (died 828 BC), people from the state adopted Luo (駱) as their surname. (iii) from the personal name Luo (駱), the given name of a royal member in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from the Tuo Luo Ba family (佗駱拔, also written as 他駱拔, 他駱伏, 地駱拔) from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 駱 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (v) a family name of the Tuyuhun ethnic group, originating in the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (AD 907–60).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, and 路, see **Lu** (1–4).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 勞 and 老, see **Lau** (3) and (4).

5 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 婁 and 樓, see **Lau** (1) and (2).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 樂, see **Lok** (1).

7 Vietnamese: unexplained; probably from one of the Chinese names above.

### Loach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs; Notts

English: nickname from the fish, Middle English *loche* 'loach' (Old French *loche*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Loche, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Loch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Loche, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William le Loche, 1524 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Tho Loche, 1563 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Francis Loach, 1611 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); Jno. Loach, 1664 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs).

### Load

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs and Herefs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Loade**.

### Loade

Variants: **Load, Lode, Lade, Loades**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs
- English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *lade* 'river crossing; watercourse' (Old English *gelād* 'difficult river crossing' or *lād* 'canal, dyked watercourse') or possibly toponymic from a place named with one or other of these words, such as Lower and Upper Lode in Tewkesbury (Gloucs), Long Load (Somerset), which is recorded as *la Lade* in 1285, and Load Farm (formerly *Lode Farm*) in Kingsley (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Wulfward de la Lada, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Richard de la Lade, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); [... de] la Lode, 1248 in *Gover, Hants Place-Names* (Hants); Petronilla de la Lade, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Lode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Driffield, Gloucs); John ate Lode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rogate, Sussex); John atte Lode, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); Robtus Loade, 1541 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Ursula Lade, 1564 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Antony Lode, 1566 in *IGI* (Yarhill, Herefs); Margery Lade, 1571 in *IGI* (Lyminge, Kent); Richard Loade, 1621 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Roberte Loade, 1629 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Lewis Lode, 1737 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 65; *Ekwall, DEP*; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 105.

### Loader

Variants: **Loder, Lodder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1662
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset, Hants, and Berks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *loder* 'carrier, porter; ship-loader, stevedore' (an agent derivative of Middle English *lode* 'to load').

**Further information:** The occupation seems at times to have been hazardous. One William Southam, 'loder', servant of Geoffrey Walderne of London, draper, was robbed of a pack of woollen cloths, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks), and one William Bole of Stanstede by Ware (Stanstead Abbots), 'lodere', was robbed of a black horse on the highway between Cheshunt and Waltham Cross, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Richard (le) Lodere, 1234, 1247 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Emma la Lodere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard le Lodere, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford, Oxon); Robertus Lodere, 1311–12 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls* (Kent); Simon le Loder,

## Loades

1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Petrus Loder<sup>r</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meon Stoke, Hants); Thomas Lodere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hanford, Dorset); Johanne Loder<sup>r</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Berks); John Lodere, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Nicholas Loder, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Chart, Kent); Thomas Loder, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lymington, Hants); Joseph Loder, 1656 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); William Loader, 1669 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 98.

2 English: locative name from Loders (Dorset), which is frequently recorded without the final *-s* (e.g. *Lodre* in about 1086, *Lodere* in 1324, *Loader* in 1653).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Lodere, [. . . de] Loddere, 1244 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Roberto de lodr<sup>r</sup>, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upwey, Dorset); Ricardo de Lodres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Symondsbury, Dorset); James Loader, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Symon Loader, 1575 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Edward Loader, 1577 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Loader, 1592 in *IGI* (Childrey, Berks); Hester Loader, 1598 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 481–2.

3 English: locative name equivalent to *atte Lode*, see **Loades**.

## Loades

**Variants:** **Loads**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Loade** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Maria Loads, 1585 in *IGI* (Holt, Norfolk); Wm Loades, 1630, Thomas Lodes, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henrie Lodes, 1644 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs).

## Loadman

**Variants:** **Loadsmán, Laidman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: occupational name from Middle English *lad(e)man*, *lod(e)man*, *lodesman*, either ‘pilot, guide’ or more usually ‘carrier’, a derivative of Middle English *lod(e)*, *lad(e)* (Old English *lād*) ‘way, course; load, burden’ + *man*. Compare **Loader**.

**Early bearers:** John Lademan, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barden, in Hauxwell, NR Yorks); Petronilla Lodman, 1341 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Lodessmon<sup>r</sup>, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Leydeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); John Loadman, 1600 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Loadman, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Barbaray Loadman, 1652 in *IGI* (Thornton by Pocklington, ER Yorks); Thomas Loadman, 1659 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Richard Loadman, 1662 in *IGI* (Crosby Garrett, Westm).

## Loads

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Loades**.

## Loadsmán

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Loadman**.

## Loake

**Variants:** **Loke, Loakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- 1 English: variant of **Lowick**.  
2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Lock** (2).

## Loakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Loake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Loakes, 1603 in *IGI* (Pampisford, Cambs); John Loakes, 1631 in *IGI* (Legsby, Lincs); William Loax, 1644 in *IGI* (Teigh, Rutland); John Lokes, 1734 in *IGI* (Shelton, Beds); James Loakes, 1813 in *IGI* (Wollaston, Northants).

## Loan

**Variants:** **Loane, Lan, Luan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Kirkcudbrights; Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- 1 Scottish, English: see **Lane**.

2 Irish: from Ó Luain ‘descendant of Luan’, a byname meaning ‘hound, warrior’. In Munster, **Lamb** was commonly adopted as the English equivalent of this name.

**Early bearers:** Doke O’Lowan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5823; Laleinge bane O’Lowan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5823; Rory O’Lowan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5823; Tirlagh O’Lowan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5823; William O’Lone, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555; Patrick mcMortagh O’Lowane, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734; Manus O’Loaine, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Mucrony); James Loan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanloo, Derry).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 樂 (**Luan** in Mandarin pinyin); also found as a Vietnamese name, meaning ‘golden-rain tree’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Luan* (樂), the name of a fief (located in Luancheng in Hebei province) granted to Bing, grandson of the king Jin Jing Hou (reigned 858–841 BC) in the state of Jin. (ii) from the second element of the personal name Zi Luan (子樂), the style name of Jian, son of the king Qi Hui Gong (died 599 BC).

## Loane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Fermanagh
- Irish: see **Loan**.

## Loring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset
- English: see **Loring**.

## Loasby

**Variants:** **Loseby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Lowesby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Lousby, 1332, [. . . de] Louseby, 1364 in *Place-Names of Leics* (Leics); Walter Lowesby, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Samuel Losebye, 1596, Elizabetha Loseby, 1599 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); Margerete Lowesby, 1602 in *IGI* (Creeton, Lincs); Anna Losebe, 1604 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Agnes Losbye, 1606 in *IGI* (Twyford, Leics); Elizabeth Loasbey, 1661 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Mary Lowesby, 1715 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); Robt Loosbie, 1719 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Joseph Loasby, 1815 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 168.

## Loat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Lott**.

## Loates

**Variants:** **Lotts, Lots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Lott** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Denice Lotts, 1567 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Ana Lots, 1618 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Katherine Lotes, 1647 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Loates, 1683 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Loates, 1738 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

## Lob

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Lobb**.

## Loban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Lobban**.

## Lobb

**Variants:** **Lob**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1283, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: locative name from Lobb in Braunton or Lobb Farm in Plympton Saint Mary (both Devon) or Lobb in Great Haseley (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Goderie Lobb, 1136 in *Hey, Family Names* (Braunton, Devon); Philip de Lobbe, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John de Lobbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lobb in Braunton, Devon); Willelmo atte Lobbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beamminster, Dorset); John Lobb, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Johanna Lobb, 1606 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 33, 255; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 129.

2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *lop(pe)*, *lob* ‘spider’ (Old English *loppe*, *lobbe*) or from Middle English *lobbe* ‘pollack’ (a marine fish).

**Early bearers:** Godric Lobbe, 1100–35 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Richard Lobbe, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richardo Lobbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Loppe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Robart Lobb, 1568 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Johanne Lobb, 1582 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Henry Lobb, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

## Lobban

**Variants:** Loban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307

• **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens  
Scottish: locative name, probably from an unidentified minor place named with Gaelic *làban* ‘muddy place’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Sir Charles Lowbane, 1542, William Lobane, 1560, John Loban, 1600, Jonat Lobane, 1614, Robert Lobein, 1627 in *Black*; Johnne Lobane, 1637 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr. Lobane, 1683 in *IGI* (Rothiemay, Banffs); Christen Lobbon, 1712 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Helen Lobon, 1742 in *IGI* (Marnoch, Banffs).  
England: Isabella Lobbin, 1785, Margaret Lobbon, 1804 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

## Lobley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs

English: locative name from an unidentified place, perhaps in NR Yorks. As Redmonds points out, Wilson’s derivation from Lobley Gate in Baildon (WR Yorks) is unlikely, as that place is not on record before the 18th century, whereas the surname was already current in that part of Yorkshire by the 17th century and probably gave its name to the place: John Lobley, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Simon Lobelay, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); Adam Lobley, 1493 in *York Freeman’s Register*; James Lobley, 1562 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Lobley, 1577 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); William Lobley, 1586 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Henry Lobley, 1678 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).

## Lobo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from *lobo* ‘wolf’. **Further information:** This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

## Loch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: from the Scots word *loch* (from Scottish Gaelic *loch*) ‘lake’, specifically from the lake called *Portmore Loch* in Eddleston (Peebles), according to *Black*.

**Early bearers:** Walterus de Lacu, 1230, Gillecris de Lacu, 1231, Thomas de Louch, 1448, John Loch, sergeand of the burgh of Edinburgh, 1473, Michael de

Lacu, Loch, 1505–11, all in *Black*; Katherine Loch, 1580 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

## Lochart

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Lockhart**.

## Lochead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks, and Argyll

Scottish: see **Lochhead**.

## Lochhead

**Variants:** Lochead, Loughhead, Loughheed, Lockhead, Loughhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Ayr

Scottish: locative name from any one of several places called *Lochhead* in Renfrews, Lanarks, or Dumfriess, in some cases perhaps translating an earlier *Kinloch*.

**Further information:** The name is sometimes anglicized as *Lockhead*, or in Ulster (as well as occasionally in N England) as *Lough(h)ead*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Lakenheued of Lanarks, Wautier de Lagenheuede of Aberdeens, 1296 in *Black*; Georg Lockheid, 1625 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Lochheid of Glasgow, 1626 in *Black*; Jonet Lochead, 1653 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); David Loch-Head, 1658 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Loughhead, 1713 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Thomas Loughhead, 1742 in *IGI* (Flockton, WR Yorks); George Loughhead, 1754 in *IGI* (Egglecliffe, Durham).

## Lochridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: see **Loughridge**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Lochrie

**Variants:** Lohrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 704, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name, perhaps from Lochree in Inch (Wigtowns).

**Early bearers:** George Locheri, 1601 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Christian Lochry, 1670 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Cornelius Lochry, 1800 in *IGI* (Old Monkland, Lanarks); Nancy Lochrey, 1829 in *IGI* (Kirkcowan, Wigtowns); John Lochree, 1843 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Johnstone Lochray, 1845 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights).

## Lock

**Variants:** Locke, Loake, Locks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9966, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8495
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon and Somerset

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *lok*, *locke* ‘lock of hair’ (Old English *locc*), for someone with curly or otherwise noticeable hair. Some bearers may belong with (2). (ii) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian given name *Lokki*, *Lokke* (from *lokkr* ‘lock of hair’), on record in East Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Leuric Loc, Leovric Locc, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks), 1130 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Eustace Loc, 1235 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Essex); Johannes Lok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); Johannes Lok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Beatrix Loke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Cristina Lokkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); William Lock, 1541 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Henry Lock, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Thome Locks, 1589 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *loke* ‘enclosure’, also ‘barrier in a river which could be opened or closed’. Along the River Lea it was used to denote a bridge, *unum pontem alias Lok*, 1277 (see *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 585). The surname may thus have denoted someone who lived near an enclosure or bridge or the keeper of a lock or bridge. A similar word *loke* exists in modern E Anglian dialect meaning ‘short grassy lane’, and some of the forms in (1) may belong with that.

**Further information:** Middle English forms of the name with a preposition are not well recorded, so the locative surname is probably rare compared with the nickname in (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Lok, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Robert Atteloke, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Anne Loake, 1574 in *IGI* (Bircham Newton, Norfolk).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 陸, see **Lu** (5).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 駱, see **Lo** (2).

## Lockard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish: see **Lockhart**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Lockart

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks); Lancs and Staffs

Scottish: see **Lockhart**.

## Locke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6042, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2682
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Dublin; Cork; Armagh

English, Chinese: see **Lock**.

## Locker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1075, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 749
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and N England: esp. Staffs and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name, locative name, a derivative of Middle English *lock*, either ‘lock-maker’



## Lockerbie

(equivalent to **Locksmith** and **Lockyer**), or 'dweller by or worker at the enclosure or lock', equivalent to *atte Lock* (see **Lock**).

**Further information:** Compare Sewal, William (le) Locward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex), from Middle English *loc* + *ward*, 'keeper of the lock'.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Lokkere, 1292 in *Fransson* (Lancs); William Locker, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Lokker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Anthony Locker, 1547 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Frances Locker, 1560 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Eliz. Locker, 1570 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Thomas Locker, 1576 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Caterne Locker, 1586 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

## Lockerbie

**Variants:** **Lockerby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: locative name from Lockerbie (Dumfriess). **Early bearers:** Jonet Lockerbie, 1661 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); Helen Lockerbie, 1738 in *IGI* (Dryfesdale, Dumfriess); Elspeth Lockerby, 1786 in *IGI* (New Abbey, Kirkcudbrights).

## Lockerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Dumfriess; Northumb and Durham

Scottish: see **Lockerbie**.

## Locket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Lockett**.

## Lockett

**Variants:** **Lockitt**, **Locket**, **Luckett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3562, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Luket*, a diminutive of *Luke* or *Luck* (see **Luke**).

**Early bearers:** Eudo Loket, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Loket, 1389 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Matilda Luket, 1418 in *Bardsley* (Yorks); Jane Lockett, 1562 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Robtus Lockett, 1565 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Ellen Locket, 1573 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Tho. Lockett, 1635 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

## Lockey

**Variants:** **Lockie**, **Locky**, **Lokey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 685
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Locka, in Melling (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [...] de Loghagh, 1325, [...] de Logkagh, 1326 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam,

Johannes, Rogerus de Lokkay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Isabell Lockey, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Lockie, 1563 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Franciscs Lokey, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Bartr. Lockey, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Locky, 1658 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Lockeyear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Lockyer**.

## Lockham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Lockham in Easington near Patrington (ER Yorks). There may have been some confusion with the SW England surname

## Lockham.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lockam, 1691, Thomas Lockham, 1693 in *IGI* (Paull, ER Yorks); John Lockham, 1720 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Lockham, 1767 in *IGI* (Keyingham, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 19.

## Lockhart

**Variants:** **Lockheart**, **Lochart**, **Lockard**, **Lockart**, **Lochhead**, **Lochead**, **Lockhead**, **Loughead**, **Loughhead**, **Lougheed**, **Lickert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3393, Ireland 732
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2054
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh

1 Norman, Scottish: relationship name from a Norman French personal name derived from Continental Germanic *Lochard*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Symon Locard, 1153–65 in *Kelso Register*; William Locard, about 1272 in *Paisley Register*; Alexander and Marioun Lockhart, 1591 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jonat Lockhart, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Lockhart, 1619 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Mungo Lockhart, 1636 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Robert Lockhart, 1636 in *IGI* (Kinglassie, Fife).

England: Warin Lockard, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Jordan Lokard, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Locard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, county unidentified); John Lockhart, 1643 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Walter Lockart, 1652 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Elizabeth Lockhart, 1741 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Mary Lockhart, 1789 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 English: occupational name, possibly from Middle English \**lock-herd* 'herdsman in charge of a sheepfold or cattlefold' (Old English *loc* 'enclosure, fold' and *hierde*). Compare Roger le Medherd, 1317 in *Thuresson* (Oxon), i.e. a herdsman in charge of grazing cattle.

**Early bearers:** Uruay le Lockhert, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants, Cambs).

## Lockhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 10

- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks); Lancs
- Scottish: see **Lochhead**.

## Lockheart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish: see **Lockhart**.

## Lockie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Roxburghs and Northumb

Scottish: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Scottish personal name *Lockie*, *Luckie*, a pet form of *Lucas*. (ii) see **Lockey**.

**Early bearers:** William Lokky, 1503 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Quhintene Lokkie, 1583 in *Brechin Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Lockie, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Lockie, 1659, Isobell Lockey, 1701 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs); Andrew Lockie, 1702 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks).

## Lockier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs
- English: see **Lockyer**.

## Lockin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Luckin**.

## Locking

**Variants:** **Lukins**, **Loggin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Lokking*, an Old English pet form of \**Locc* + the hypocoristic suffix *-ing*. Old English \**Locc* is thought to be the first element of the Somerset place-name in (2) and possibly of Lockington (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ranulph Locking', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Stephen Lockyng, 1317 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Orby, Lincs); Roberto Lokkyng, 1342 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Mumby, Lincs); Ricardus Lockyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Johanne Lokkyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); John Lokkyng', 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Lockyng, 1415 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Elezabeth Locking, 1562 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Thomazin Locking, 1572 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from Locking (Somerset), or possibly East and West Locking (Berks), though it is usually pronounced with final *-indge* rather than *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Lokyng', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Isabell Locking, 1582 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Nathaniel Locking, 1712 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks).



3 English: in SE England probably a variant of **Luckin**.

### Lockington

Variants: **Lockton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks; Middx
- English: locative name from Lockington (Leics) or Lockington (ER Yorks).
- Early bearers:** [. . . de] Lochintona, 1155–68 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); John de Lokyngton', 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Johannes de Lokyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes de Lokynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mansfield, Notts); Willelmo de Lokyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); Roberto de Lokyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Johanne Lokyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowley, Wilts); Is' Lokyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Ricardus Lokyngton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert de Lokyngton', 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); John Lokyngton', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Walter Lokyngton', 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Lockington, 1561 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); John Lockington, 1568 in *IGI* (Otrringham, ER Yorks); Ann Lockington, 1589 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs).
- References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 160–1.

### Lockins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Lukins**.

### Lockitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- English: see **Lockett**.

### Lockless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *lo(c)k(e)* 'lock of hair' + the suffix *-les(e)* 'free from'.
- Early bearers:** John Locles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Austen Lockeles, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Lockless, 1759 in *IGI* (Loddon, Norfolk).

### Lockley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2212, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Shrops
- English: locative name from Lockleywood in Hinstock (Shrops), sometimes recorded simply as *Lockley*.
- Early bearers:** Peter de Lockelee, 1199–1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Osbert de Lockeleg, 1226 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rogerus Lokley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meadowtown, Shrops); Alice Lockley, 1558 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs).

### Locklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from O'Lochlainn, see O'Loughlin.

### Lockney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; ER Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Lachtna, see **Loughney**.

### Lockridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Irish: see **Loughridge**.

### Locks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs
- English: variant of **Lock** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Locksley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Loxley**.

### Locksmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *lok-smith* 'locksmith' (Old English *loc + smið*). Compare **Locker** and **Lockyer**.
- Further information:** Compare William Locwright, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (London).
- Early bearers:** Walter le Loksmyth', 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Loc Smyth, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robert Locsmyth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Roger le Loksmyth', 1293 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); William Loksmyth', 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Locksmith, 1571 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Lockstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Loxton**.

### Lockton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Lincs, Notts, and Derbys
- 1 English: locative name from Lockton (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Iuette de Loctun', 1212 in *Pleas* (Lincs); Maleta de Loketon', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Locton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilton, NR Yorks); Thomas de Lokton, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Lokton, 1370 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Lokton, 1445 in *York Registry Wills* (Hutton on Derwent, NR Yorks); Anna Lockton, 1573 in *IGI* (Silk Willoughby, Lincs); John Lockton, 1586 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Suzan Lockton, 1597 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Geo Lockton, 1632 in *IGI* (Rotherby, Leics); William Lockton, 1645 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys).
- 2 English: perhaps in some instances a reduced form of **Lockington**.
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Lockwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7904, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6584
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Lincs, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Leics

1 English: locative name from Lockwood, in Crosland (WR Yorks) or Lockwood, in Stanghow (NR Yorks). The surname appears to have migrated to E Anglia, but some bearers of the name in the Midlands may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Locwode, 1236–58 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 9, p. 393 (Crosland, WR Yorks); Adam de Lokwode, 1352 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas de Lokwod, 1377, Thomas de Lockewod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Lokewod', Thomas Lokewod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Crosland, WR Yorks); Willelmus Lokwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Lokwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morton, WR Yorks); Thomas Lokwod, 1436 in *York Registry Wills* (East Harsley, NR Yorks); Richard Lokwode, 1455 in *London Letter Books* K (London); Alice Lockwood, 1551 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Lockwood, 1563 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Renonlde Lockwood, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirtun in Holland, Lincs); John Lockwood, 1566 in *York Registry Wills* (Felixkirk, NR Yorks); Willms Lockwood, 1570 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Leonard Lockwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Roger Lockwood, 1588 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); John Lockwood, 1622 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); William Lockwood, 1651 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Lockwood in Cheadle and Kingsley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Locwode, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alice de Locwode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellastone, Staffs); Matthew Lockwood, 1784 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth* 1, p. 105.

### Locky

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: see **Lockey**.

### Lockyear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon, Somerset, and Hants
- English: see **Lockyer**.

### Lockyer

Variants: **Lockier**, **Lokier**, **Lockyear**, **Lockeyear**, **Longyear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2774, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2288
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent, Middx, Hants, Somerset, and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: occupational name from Middle English *lokier* 'locksmith'. Compare **Locker** and **Locksmith**.

**Early bearers:** John le Lokier, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry le Lokier, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Simon le Lokyere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon le Lokyere, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thoma Lokier, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Richard Lokyer, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants);

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Robert Lokyer, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Jone Lockyer, 1572 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Thomas Lockyar, 1582 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Symon Lokyer, 1597 in *IGI* (Cannington, Somerset).

### Locock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Lucock**.

### Lodder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Hants

English: possibly from Old English *loddere* 'beggar', but medieval spellings such as *Lodere* cannot be distinguished from forms of Middle English *loder* 'carrier, porter'. Thus, given its distribution in S England, the surname is probably a variant of **Loader**.

### Loddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Loddington (Leics). There may have been some confusion with **Luddington**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Lodyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hannington, Northants); Johannes Lodyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scaldwell, Northants); Rogerus Lodyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Robertus de Lodynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Simon Lodyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willybrook hundred, Northants); Alice Loddington, 1776 in *IGI* (Saxby, Leics).

### Lode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Loade**.

### Loder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 554
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset, Wilts, Oxon, Surrey, and Middx

English: see **Loader**.

### Lodge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6436, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5423
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Essex; Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *loge*, *logge* (Old French *loge*) 'hut, temporary shelter, workshop, occupational cottage (for a gamekeeper, bridge keeper, etc)'. As *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows, in Yorks it referred to a herdsman's hut and by extension to the cattle farm that was managed from it. He cites from the Kirkstall Abbey records a William del Loghe, keeper or *custos* of 'unum loghe pro pastoribus' in Bowland (1366–7). Men named *de(l) Loge* evidently ran a cattle-rearing station for their lord, whether

secular or, in this instance, religious. Redmonds notes that Fountains Abbey (WR Yorks) also possessed cattle farms called 'lodges' from the 1190s to the Dissolution. Early examples of this surname in E Anglia and Wilts may alternatively have alluded to a forester's or gamekeeper's hut. Compare Lodge Copse in Chute Forest, (recorded as *le Logge coppys*, about 1490) and Lodge Wood in Heywood (recorded as *Lodgewoode* in 1626) in *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 342, 149. Reaney explains the name in terms of itinerant masons' lodges, citing *Salzman, Building*, pp. 39–40, but these were probably too transient to have given rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** N England: Nich. de la Loge, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Rogero del Loge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Emma del Loge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Johannes del Loge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard with Laverton, Missies, Lumley, Skelding, Dalla, Swetton, Dalehouses and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); Edmundus de Loge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Gilbert Loge, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Marmoduco Lodge, 1559 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Lucas Lodge, 1560 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Margaret Lodge, 1577 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Lodge, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Suttoni Lodge, 1623 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); William Lodge, 1644 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite cum Lyth, Westm).

SE England: Adam atte Logge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Logge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe next Norwich with Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Marye Lodge, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Maria Lodge, 1576 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Rachell Lodge, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex).

SW England: Rogero atte Logge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badbury, Wilts); Roberto Logge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Garston, Berks); John Lodge, 1558 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); George Lodge, 1591 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); Jerome Lodge, 1599 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset).

### Lodhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Indian: from the name of a community of agriculturalists especially numerous in Madhya Pradesh and formerly in Uttar Pradesh. Competing theories of the name's origin include a nickname from *lodh*, a tree whose bark the Lodhi of Northern India are said to harvest to make dye, and a locative name from the district of Ludhiana (Panjab), based on the belief that this is the Lodhi homeland.

### Lodhia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Soni), unexplained.

### Lodwick

**Variants:** **Ludwick**, **Lodwig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Carmarthens, and Cardigans

1 English: locative name in the case of some older forms, from Ludwick Hall in Bishops Hatfield (Herts).

**Early bearers:** William de Ludewic', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Gilbert Lodewyk, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Lodewyk, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hercules Lodwicke, 1569 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs).

2 Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of *Ludovicus*, customary Latin form of *Lewis*, used in Wales in early-modern times to represent *Llywelyn*, just as *Lewis* was from the Middle Ages onwards; compare **Lewis** (2), **Llewellyn**.

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 151.

3 German, Dutch: relationship name, in some cases for the male personal name seen in **Ludwig**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Ludwick, 1765 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Ludwic, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (London); Harriett Ludwick, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Yorks).

### Lodwig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Glamorgan

Welsh: variant of **Lodwick** (2).

### Loe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Low**.

**Early bearers:** Jhones. Loe, 1563 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Roger Loe, 1572 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Humfrey Loe, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Litchfield, Hants); John Loe or Lowe, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants).

### Loewe

**Variants:** **Lowy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name (also *Löwe*) from Middle High German *lêwe*, *lôuwe* 'lion' (modern German *Löwe*). In some cases the medieval German gentile surname may have been from a house distinguished by the sign of a lion.

2 Jewish (western Ashkenazic): variant of **Levy**.

### Loft

**Variants:** **Lofts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *lofte* 'upper chamber, attic', possibly used to denote a 'servant of the upper chamber', or someone who lived at a house with an upper floor; compare **Lofthouse**.

**Early bearers:** Matthew ad le Loft, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Hugh ate Loft, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes del Loft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Castleford, WR Yorks); Hugo Loft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snetterton, Norfolk); Rogerus at Loft, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Loft, 1545 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); John Loft, 1552 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Thomas Lofts, 1581 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

## Lofthouse

Variants: **Loftus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2600, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks (esp. WR Yorks), Lancs, and Durham

English: locative name, either topographic from Old Scandinavian *lopt-hús* 'house with an upper floor' (often found in the dative plural form *lopt-húsum*), or toponymic from any of the places in Yorks with names derived from this term, such as Lofthouse in Rothwell, Lofthouse in Harewood, Loftus Hill in Staveley, Lofthouse in Fountains Earth, Lofthouse in Sedbergh (all WR Yorks), Loftsome in Wressell (ER Yorks), and Loftus (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Lofthusum, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Lofthus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John del Lofthouse, 1365 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Loftus, 1505 in *York Guild Register* (York); Guydo Lofthowse, 1539 in *IGI* (York); Allison Loftus, 1572 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Isaac Lofthouse, 1573 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); John Loftous, 1588 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 136–7; 4, p. 181; 5, pp. 89, 203; 6, pp. 268–9; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 243; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 140.

## Lofthus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Loftus**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Lofting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name, possibly from Loughton (Essex), recorded as *Lughton* in 1331, *Lufton* in 1512, and *Laughton* in 1586. Compare **Loughton** (2).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Lofton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dalby, Leics); Jone Lofton, 1608 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Tho. Lofton, 1648 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Lofting, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Randall Loftin, 1741 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); Jane Loftin, 1785 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 64–5.

## Loftis

Variants: **Lofty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Loftus**.

## Lofts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Suffolk, Essex, and Middx

English: variant of **Loft** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Loftus

Variants: **Lofthus**, **Loftis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3309, Ireland 1251
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1626
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: see **Lofthouse**.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Lochlainn (see **O'Loughlin**) and Ó Lachtnáin (see **Loughnane**).

**Early bearers:** Adam O'Lofthouse, dean then archbishop of Dublin, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §460; Robert Loftus, gent. (of the rectory), 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §976 (Norraghe, Kildare).

## Lofty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Bucks and Middx

English: possibly derived from **Loftis**, a variant of **Loftus**, by treating the final -s as if it were the detachable post-medieval excrescent or genitival marker. Compare William Loftys, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Hoddesdon, Herts), with Zachary Lofty, 1668 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts), and Anne Loftes, 1585 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk), with Sarah Loftes, 1705 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Abraham Loftie, 1583 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); Elizabeth Lofty, 1640 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Zachary Lofty, 1668 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts).

## Logan

Variants: **Lagan**, **Lohan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11054, Ireland 2006
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7063
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks and Ayr) and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Derry

1 Scottish: locative name from Logan (Ayr) or from some other minor place of this name.

**Early bearers:** Robert Logan, 1204 in *Dryburgh Register*; Walter de Logan, 1230 in *Dunfermline Register*; Thurbrand de Logan, 1272 in *Dunfermline Register*; Radulphus de Logane, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Adem Logan, 1567 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Katherine Logan, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Effe Logan, 1589 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspet Logan, 1599 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Alesone Logan, 1606 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).

2 Irish: from Ó Leocháin 'descendant of Leochán', a personal name (earlier spelled *Lothchán*) of unexplained etymology. See also **Duck**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leocan m. Laidhgnen, king of Gailenga, 1065 in *AU*.

sumames: Eicnech H. Leogan, king of the Luighne, 993 in *AU*; Senan H. Leocain, king of Gailenga, 1013 in *AU* (Meath); Maolán, mac Ecnígh uí Leochain, 1017 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Cuan H. Lothcan, chief poet of Ireland, 1024 in *AU*; Edmund Lagan, yeoman, 1548 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §178 (Grallaugh, Tipperary); Owen O'Leghan, clerk, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §634 (Ballibretty, Queen's county [Laois]); Edmund O'Loghan, physician, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1022 (Brenaghton, Westmeath); Colman O'Loghan, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1675 (Comenston, Westmeath); David O'Leighan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2780 (Kilbeg); Shane O'Laghan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5423 (Cloghan Keyrye); Donill O'Lowhan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6622; Gilliduffe O'Lagane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Henry O'Lagane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Shane and Donogh O'Lagan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Ardboe, Tyrone).

## Loganathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan (Tamil): from *Loganath*, the Tamil form of a Hindu given name found elsewhere in India as *Lokenath* (e.g. in Bengali), *Loknath* (e.g. in Kannada); from Sanskrit *lokāḥ* 'space, worlds, universe' + *nātha* 'lord', + the Tamil masculine suffix -an.

## Loggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Morays, and Banff; Ayr and Wigtowns
- Scottish: see **Logie**.

## Loggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: see **Locking**.

2 English: see **Luckin**.

## Loggins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Lukins**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Logie

Variants: **Loggie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Fife; Orkney; Morays

Scottish: locative name from Logie (Fife, Stirlings), or another of the places so called in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Logy, 1271 in *Inchaffray Register*; Wauter de Logy, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); Alexander Logy, 1457 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jhon Logy, 1578 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Eufam Logy, 1613 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Williame Loggie, 1664 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Alexander Logy, 1643, Thomas Loggie, 1676 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Loggie, 1686 in *IGI* (Speymouth, Morays).

England: John Logie, 1687 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Logsdon

Variants: **Lugsden**, **Lugsdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: locative name from an unidentified place, apparently called something like *Lockesden*, perhaps in Beds.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Locusden', 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Francisca Logsdon, 1579 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Wilyam Logsdon, 1604 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Johanna Loggesden, 1607 in *IGI* (Roxton, Beds); Anne Logsdon, 1617 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Ann Logstone, 1614, William Logston, 1629 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Willm. Logsdon, 1694 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); John Lugsden, 1774 in *IGI* (Little Staughton, Beds); George Lugsdin, 1824 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

**Logue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1459, Ireland 1389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Tyrone, and Derry

Irish: (i) reduced from Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, Ó Maolaodhóg (pronounced o: mə'l(v)o:g), 'descendant of the servant (devotee) of Saint Maodhóg'. Compare Molloy. (ii) from Ó Laoghóg 'descendant of Laoghóg', a diminutive of laogh 'calf'. This possibly arose as a reinterpretation in Irish of the reduced form of Ó Maolaodhóg. In Galway Leech has been adopted as equivalent.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mael Maedhoic h-Ua Beollan, successor of Columcille, 1252 in *AU* (Druim Cliabh, Sligo).

surnames: Donell Olioge, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6550 (Balonolan, Westmeath); Dermot oge O'Mulvoige, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); O'Mulvog, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); O'Luog, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 59 (Inishowen, Donegal); Phelimy Logue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Michael Logue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal); James Logue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry).

**Loh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, and 路, probably based on their Cantonese pronunciation. See Lu (1–4).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 羅 and 駱, see Lo (1) and (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 勞, see Lau (3).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陸, see Lu (5).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 呂, see Lu (6).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 樂, see Lok (1).

7 North German: locative name for someone living by a wood or brushland, Middle Low German *lo*, *loge*, *lage*.

**Early bearers:** Johann Jacob Loh, 1853 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Anthon Loh, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

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**Lohan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 470
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Leocháin, see Logan (2).

**Lohrey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: see Lochrie.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Loi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 呂, see Lu (6).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雷, see Lui (1).

3 Vietnamese: unexplained; probably from one of the Chinese names above.

4 Indian (Panjab): from Manipuri *loi*, a term meaning 'outcast' or 'member of a scheduled caste'. Manipuri is a language spoken in the state of Manipur in the far north-east of India, on the border with Burma. *Loi* is a term in Manipur used to denote villages that refused to convert to Hinduism when this became the state religion there.

**Loines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs and Suffolk

English: see Loynes.

**Loizou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 857, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek Cypriot: relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Loizos* 'baptist'.

**Lok**

**Variants:** Lo, Loh, Le, Yue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 樂 (Le or Yue in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'happiness' or 'music' in Chinese: from the first element of the personal name Le Fu (樂父), the style name of Yan, son of Song Dai Gong (reigned 799–766 BC). Yan's grandson Le Ju (樂吉) inherited *Le* or *Lok* (樂) as his surname.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陸, see Lu (5).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 駱, see Lo (2).

**Loke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and S Midlands

1 Indian (Maharashtra): Hindu (Maratha), pronounced as two syllables, probably from Sanskrit *loka* 'world'.

2 English: see Loake.

**Loker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs

English: see Looker.

**Lokey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; NR Yorks

English: see Lockey.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Lokier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see Lockyer.

**Lole**

**Variants:** Loll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lolle*, a pet form of *Lorens*, *Laurence* (see Lawrence). Compare Lolley. There may have been some confusion with Lull.

**Early bearers:** William Lolle, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Lolle, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Micheldever, Hants); Ricardus Lolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crofton, WR Yorks); Alicia Lole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frisby on the Wreake, Leics); John Lolle, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Rushton, Northants); John Lolle, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks and Oxon); John Lolle, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Stevin Loll, 1603 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Robard Lole, 1607 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Jo. Lole, 1669 in *IGI* (Bulkington, Warwicks); John Loll, 1739 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Catherine Loal, 1813 in *IGI* (Nassington, Northants).

**Loll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of Lole.

**Further information:** The form *Loll* is rare in Britain but thriving in the USA.

**Lolley**

**Variants:** Lolly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: relationship name, probably from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Lolly*, a pet form of *Laurence* (see Lawrence). Compare Loll and Lawry.

**Early bearers:** Margret Lolley, 1592 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Ann Lolly, 1605 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Thomas Lolly, 1623 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Richard Lolley, 1684 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks).

**Lolly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; Worcs and Staffs

English: see Lolley.

**Loman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs

English: see Lowman.

**Lomas**

**Variants:** Lomax, Lummis, Lummus, Loomis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6654, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs

English: locative name from a lost place called *Lomax* in Heap Bridge (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Lumhalghs, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Lumhalghs, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Elizabeth Lomas, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Alicia Lommas, 1562 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Rogr Lomax, 1583 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Alice Lomax, 1591 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Richard Lumas, 1602, Richard Lumax, 1622, Geoffrey Lomax, 1642 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Sarah Lommax, 1609 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Lummis, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); David Lowmas, 1736 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); Catherine Loomis, 1771 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 62; *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 415–17.

### Lomasney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork  
Irish: from Ó Lomasna, a byname from *lom* 'bare' + *asna* 'rib'.
- Early bearers:** Donell McConoghor O'Lomansy, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764.

### Lomax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4851, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, Cheshire; Middx; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow; Dublin  
English: see **Lomas**.

### Lomb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2  
English: see **Lumb**.

### Lombard

**Variants:** **Lumbert**, **Lumbard**, **Lumber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 327
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork  
1 English, Irish: ethnic name for a Lombard, someone from Lombardy in northern Italy. In the Middle Ages Lombard immigrants were mostly moneylenders and bankers, hence the surname may sometimes mean 'banker'. Lombards came directly to Ireland in the 13th century.  
**Early bearers:** England: Peter le Lumbard', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Brankeleon le Limbard, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Pelle le Lombard, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Radulphus Lombard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber boroughs, Sussex); Margaret Lombard, 1578 in *IGI* (Postling, Kent); Peter Lombard, 1586 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Lombard, 1602 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Eliz. Lombard, 1611 in *IGI* (Wilstead, Beds); Elianora Lombard, 1612 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs).  
Ireland: Maurice called Lumbard, clerk, 1256 in *CDI* §507; Alan Lumbard, 1272 in *CDI* §891; John Lumbard, 1275 in *CDI* §1038; Alan le Lumbard, 1275 in *CDI* §1038; Adam Lumbard, 1277 in *CDI* §1389; Paganel Lumbard, 1278 in *CDI* §1509 (Waterford); Alan le Lumbard, 1281 in *CDI* §1881; Bendinus Lumbard, 1284 in *CDI* §2241; Walter le Lumbard, 1284 in *CDI* §2310; Walter Lumbardi, 1295 in *CDI* §226 (Tipperary).

2 French, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Lambert* (see **Lambard**), with the same vowel development as in **Lomb**. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lumbardus, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: William Lumbart, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Martin Lumbard', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Lumbard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Ricardus Lumbarde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Johanne Lumbard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Gyles Lumbard, 1561 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs).

### Lombardi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Lombardo**.

**Early bearers:** Lorenzo Lombardi, 1760 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Domenico Lombardi, 1838 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Salvatore Lombardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camden, Middx); Pablo Lombardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Saint James, Middx); Ferdinando Lombardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Francesco Lombardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Alfonso Lombardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Lombardo

**Variants:** **Lombardi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese: ethnic name specifically denoting someone from Lombardy (see **Lombard**), or more generally for someone from northern Italy, as opposed to the south (i.e. the area once under Byzantine rule).

**Further information:** In the form **Lombardos** it is also found as a Greek family name.

**Early bearers:** Nicolo Lombardo in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); John Lombardo, born in Constantinople [Istanbul], in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Demetrius Lombardo, born in Constantinople, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Lombardo in *Census 1861* (Northumb); Guiseppe Lombardo, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Lomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**lomer* 'loam-digger', from *lom* 'loam' (Old English *lām*) + the agent suffix *-er(e)*. (ii) locative name from one of the places called *Lomer* 'loam mere (pond)', e.g. Lomer Farm in Exton (Hants), near the site of a deserted medieval village of the same name, and in Meopham (Kent).

**Further information:** If the *le* in the 1258 form is really for *de*, the first explanation is redundant.

**Early bearers:** Richard le lomere, 1258, Henry Lomere, 1327 in *Kent Place-Names*, p. 105; John Lomer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joane Loamer, 1582 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Mary Lomer, 1589 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

### Loncaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
English: see **Lancaster**.

### Lond

**Variants:** **Lown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk  
English: locative name from Middle English *launde* 'glade', or from one of the place-names derived from it such as *Laund* (WR Yorks, Lancs, Leics), or from the abbey of this name (Leics). Ashby de la Launde (Leics) was held by the de la Launde family in the 14th century.

**Further information:** The name may have been reinforced by those of Huguenot immigrants such as Nicolas De La Lande, 1592 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Esterre De Laune, 1608 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Londe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Willelmus de le Londe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coton (Hall), Warwicks); Willelmus atte Londe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Willelmus Londde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamminster, Dorset); Robt. Lond, 1568 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Robert. Launde, 1570 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Johis Laund, 1589 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Lond, 1594 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Willm. Londe, 1570 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); Johis Londe, 1620 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

### Londesborough

**Variants:** **Lownsbrough**, **Lonsborough**, **Lonsbrough**, **Landsborough**, **Lounsbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Londesborough (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Oswald de Launeburc', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Lownesburgh, 1354 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Frances Lounsbrough, 1567 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Thomas Lownsbrough, 1603 in *IGI* (Norton by Malton, ER Yorks); Ralph Lonsbrough, 1655 in *IGI* (Wykeham, NR Yorks); Thomas Loundsbrough, 1717 in *IGI* (Pickering, NR Yorks); John Lonsbrough, 1753 in *IGI* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); William Lonsborough, 1794 in *IGI* (Millington, ER Yorks).

### London

**Variants:** **Lundon**, **Lunnon**, **Lonnon**, **Lunn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1684, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1481
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Waterford, and Cork; Laois; Derry

English: locative name from London. Compare William Londoneman, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds).  
**Early bearers:** Ælfstan on Lundene, before 988 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Leofsi de Lundonia, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Bernardus Lundonie, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; John de London', 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ricardus de Lundyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Johanne London', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Thomas London', 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William London', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Peter

## Londrigan

London, 1538 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); John London, 1542 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Constancia London, 1544 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Margery London, 1560 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex).

### Londrigan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **Lonergan**.

### Londsdale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Lonsdale**.

### Lone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Lane**.

### Lonergan

Variants: **Lundergan**, **Londrigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 1518
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Longargáin ‘descendant of Longargán’, a personal name based on *lonn* ‘strong’ + *garg* ‘fierce’ + the diminutive suffix *-án*. Reduced forms of the surname may be confused with **Lanigan**.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O’Lonaragayn, butcher, §1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §177; Shane mcDavid O’Lannergane, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §585 (Grangenemanaghe, Tipperary); Kenedy O’Lonergane, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §950 (Sangganaghe); Thomas oig O’Lonnergane, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §900; Philip Fitz Rory Fitz John O’Loneregan, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1044 (Knockeratten); Kynedie fitz David Lonregan, horseman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2776 (Reghill); Brian mcPhilip Lonergan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495; William fitz John Lonergane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495.

2 Irish: see **Lanigan**.

### Lones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Lanes**.

### Loney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 180
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Angus; Lanarks; Hants; Somerset; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish, Manx: from Ó Luanaigh, see **Looney**.

### Long

Variants: **Longe**, **Lung**, **Lang**, **Leong**, **Loong**, **Leng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25761, Ireland 4563
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary
- 1 English: see **Lang**.

2 Irish: from Ó Longáin, see **Langán**. As an Irish name, this is often spelled *Longe*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Long, husbandman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2233 (Knocken); Robert Longe, constable and keeper of Limerick Castle, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3660; Bartholomew Longe, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3883 (Derre, Kildare); Dermod Longe alias (O’Longe), 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467.

3 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 龍, meaning ‘dragon’ in Chinese: (i) from Long (龍), the name of an official during the reign of the legendary emperor Shun Di (reigned 2162–2110 BC), in charge of communications between the ordinary people and the emperor. (ii) from the surname Huan Long (夔龍, meaning ‘feeding dragons’). A certain Dong Fu is said to have been endowed with this surname by the legendary emperor Shun Di (reigned 2162–2110 BC). Liu Lei, who is said to have learned to feed dragons from one of Dong’s descendants, was endowed with the surname Yu Long (御龍, meaning ‘driving dragons’) by one of the kings of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) the surname is borne by some families from the Zang Ge ethnic group in ancient China, who lived in what are now Yunan and Guizhou provinces. (iv) the surname is also borne by members of the royal families of the states of Qiemi and Yanqi, located in present-day Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

4 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 隆, meaning ‘prosperous, thriving’ or ‘grand, magnificent’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name Long (隆), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) the surname is borne by some families from the Huns during the early Western Han dynasty (202 BC–AD 9).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 郎 (Lang in Mandarin pinyin), an ancient term to refer to one’s lover or son: (i) from the place-name Lang (郎), the name of a city where Fei Bo, the grandson of Lu Yi Gong (reigned 815–807 BC), lived. Some of his descendants later changed their original surname Fei to Lang (郎). (ii) the surname is also borne by some families from the state of the South Huns (AD 48–216, located in N China).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 農 (Nong or Nung in Mandarin pinyin and Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘agriculture’ in Chinese: (i) said to be from Shen Nong (神農), legendary ruler of China some 5000 years ago. He is credited with introducing the practice of agriculture and the use of herbal drugs to ancient China. (ii) from an official post in ancient China called Nong Zheng (農正) ‘agriculture officer’.

### Longair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Lungair**.

### Longan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; London
- Irish: see **Langán**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Longbone

Variants: **Longbones**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Northumb
- English: nickname for a tall man. Some of the earliest forms derive from the Old Scandinavian nickname *Langabeinn* ‘long bone’ or rather ‘long leg’, occasionally used as a personal name, and occurring in those parts of eastern and northern England that had once been under Viking rule. The equivalent words in Old English were *lang* and *bān*, which became *long* and *bone* in all Middle English dialects except parts of northern England, especially Yorks, where *lang* and *bane* commonly retained the Old English vowel sounds. These northern forms were at first partly and then wholly modified to Standard English *Longbone*. Compare its antonyms, **Smallbone** and Johanne Lyllebon (i.e. ‘little bone, little leg’), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset).
- Early bearers:** given names: Langabeinun, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Langebeyn, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).
- nicknames: William Longebayn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); John Langebayn, 1300–3 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Cumb); Adam Langban, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crossthwaite, NR Yorks); William Langbayn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lythe, NR Yorks); John Langebayne, 1306 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Robert Langebayn, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); John Langebayne, 1364 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Johannes Langbayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribston, WR Yorks); Ralph Langbayne, 1533, Richard Longbayne, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Skerne, ER Yorks); Joan Longbone, 1555 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Robert Longbone, 1615, William Longbones, 1768 in *Parish Registers* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Christofer Langbayne, 1672 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Abednigo Langbone, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Abednigo Longbone, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Hessle, ER Yorks); Elis Longbone, 1761 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Longbones

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: variant of **Longbone** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Valentine Longbones, 1631 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Hannah Longbones, 1715 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks).

### Longbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- English: see **Longbottom**.

### Longbottom

Variants: **Longbotham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1384, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2652
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Longbottom in Luddenden Foot, near Warley (WR Yorks), alluding to a long piece of ground in the valley bottom.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Longbothom, 1332 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Warley, WR Yorks); Ricardus Longbotohom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Agnes Longbothom, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anne Longbottom, 1559 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anna Longbottom, 1604 in *IGI* (Hibaldstow, Lincs); Edbora Longbottom, 1624 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Longbridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Langbridge**.

### Longcake

**Variants:** Langcake, Lancake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: nickname from Middle English *long*, *lang* 'long' + *cake* 'cake'. Compare **Cake** and **Cakebread**. **Further information:** Comparable medieval surnames include the following: Willelmus Alcake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essendine, Rutland) 'ale cake'; Matilda Havercake, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk) 'oat cake'; Mark Panekake, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Whetekake, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Wytekake, 1280 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Langcake, 1569 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Geo. Langcake, 1673, Mungo Longkake, 1725 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Geo Langcake, 1677, John Longcake, 1758 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Agnes Lancake, 1695 in *IGI* (Crosscanonby, Cumb); Jonathan Longcake, 1748 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); John Longcake, 1773 in *IGI* (Richmond, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, pp. 111, 186, 197.

### Longcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Middle English *lang*, *long* + *croft* 'small enclosure', perhaps specifically from a lost place with this name in Southwark (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Langelcrofte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Richard Longcraft, 1609 in *IGI* (Wilsford near Pewsey, Wilts); Robert Longcroft, 1684 in *IGI* (Broughton, Hants); Richd. Longcroft, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

### Longden

**Variants:** Longdon, Longdin, Langden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2241, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1365
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, Lancs, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name, perhaps from Longendale (Derbys), recorded as *Langedenedal* (1086) and *Longedendale* (13th century). It must originally have been Old English *lang* + *denu* 'the long valley', to which Old English *dael* 'dale' was tautologically added. *Longden* represents either the original place-name or a reduced form of the longer one.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Langdene, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Longedene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Richardus Langden, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Nicho. Longden, 1580 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Longden, 1596 in *IGI* (Chelmsorton, Derbys); George Longdin, 1658 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); George Longdon, 1665 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Isaacke Longden, 1666 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire); Hen Longdin, 1711 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robt Longden, 1727 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Longden (Shrops) or Longdon (Shrops, Staffs, Worcs). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with **Langdon**.

**Early bearers:** Ælfward at Langadune, about 1050 in *Tengvik* (Worcs); Chetelbern de Longedun, 1154–89 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Warwicks); Reginald de Langedon', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alan de Longedon', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes Langedon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wigginton, Oxon); Willelmus Langeden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Maizey, Wilts); Johannes Longedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loxley, Warwicks); Ricardus de Longdon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Condoover with parcels, Shrops); Willelmo Longedon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Margett Longden, 1545 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Wyllam Longdon, 1553 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Jone Longden, 1561 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Edmond Longden, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Moses, London); Jonas Longdon, 1636 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Robert Longdon, 1654 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks).

### Longdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Longden**.

### Longdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Derbys

English: see **Longden**.

### Longe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Long**.

### Longer

**Variants:** Langer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Suffolk; Caernarvons

English: nickname from Middle English *langer*, *longer* 'longer, taller' (Old English *langra*). Compare **Lang** and **Lang**. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to **Langer** (3).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Langer, 1257 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Matilda Longer, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Longer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Ad' Langer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cliffe, ER Yorks); Willelmus Langere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds,

Northants); Roberte Langer, 1569 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Mary Langer, 1582 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Elin Langer, 1585 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ric Longer, 1587 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Agnes Longer, 1590 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Francis Longer, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); John Langer, 1605 in *IGI* (Abbots Ripton, Hunts); Henry Langer, 1613 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Robert Longer, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Joseph Baker Longer, 1735 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Longfellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: from Middle English *lang*, *long* 'long, tall' + *felagh* 'fellow'.

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Langfellely, 1475 in *York Freeman's Register*; Margrett Longfellow, 1575 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jana Longfellow, 1610 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Maria Langfellow, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Longfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: see **Langfield**.  
2 Norman: see **Longville**.

### Longford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 502
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Gloucs and Durham
- English: see **Langford**.

### Longhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks
- English: see **Langhorn**.

### Longhorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England
- English: see **Langhorn**.

### Longhurst

**Variants:** Langhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2373, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1943
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

English: locative name from Langhurst in Limpsfield or Langhurst House in Chiddingfold (both Surrey). **Early bearers:** Richard de Langherst', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Richard de Langhurst, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Agnes de Longhurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de Longehurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Longhurst, 1551 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Elizabeth Longhurst, 1575 in *IGI* (Sevenoaks, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 191–2, 325.

## Longland

### Longland

Variants: **Langland, Longlands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, and Hunts; Hants and Sussex; Lancs

English: locative name from any of the many minor places in England called Longland(s) or Langland(s). There has probably been some confusion with the Scottish surname **Langlands**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Longelond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph atte Longelonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Rogerus Langeland, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Agn' Longelond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Rogerus Longelond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Highley, Shrops); John Longland, 1552 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Longland, 1573 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); James Longland, 1588 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Margaret Longland, 1588 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); William Longland, 1628 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants).

### Longlands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lincs; Sussex and Hants; also Bute

English, Scottish: variant of **Longland** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. There has probably been some confusion with the Scottish surname **Langlands**.

**Early bearers:** John Langlandes, 1458 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Wm. Longlands, 1584 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Ellin Longlands, 1608 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); John Longlands, 1705 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); John Longlands, 1738 in *IGI* (Newbrough, Northumb).

### Longley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2529, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2030
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; SE England
- English: see **Langley**.

### Longly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Langley**.

### Longman

Variants: **Langman, Lanman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1842, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: nickname from Middle English *lang*, *long* 'tall' + *man* 'man'.
- Early bearers:** Alice Longemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Langeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Longeman, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Johannes Langman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Battisborough, Devon); Henrico Langman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Croxton, Leics); Cesilia Langeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Thomas Longeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Agnes Langman, 1563 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Ric Lanman, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Dorathe Longman, 1573 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Lanman, 1576 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon);

Margaret Langman, 1605 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Jacobi Langman, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall).

### Longmate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: unexplained, of late appearance, and originally highly localized to the area around Saxilby (Lincs). If an original connection with SW England can be shown, perhaps a development of **Langmead**. **Early bearers:** John Longmate, 1680 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); John Longmet, 1690 in *IGI* (Newton on Trent, Lincs); Elizabeth Longmate, 1692 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts); Ricd Longmett, 1745 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); John Longmeat, 1746 in *IGI* (Thurlby by Newark, Lincs).

### Longmead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

English: see **Langmead**.

### Longmire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Westm
- English: locative name from Longmire in Windermere (Westm).
- Early bearers:** [...] Langmyre, [...] Longmyre, 1560 in *Place-Names of Westm* (Westm); William Longmyer, 1605 in *IGI* (Troutbeck, Westm); Agnes Longmire, 1607, William Langmire, 1611 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Langmyre, 1626 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Jhn Longmire, 1696 in *IGI* (Windermere, Westm); George Longmyre, 1697 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 191.

### Longmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 732
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England (esp. Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks) and Scotland (esp. Banffs and Aberdeens)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Antrim

1 English: locative name from Longmorehill Farm in Astley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Langemere* in 1255.

**Early bearers:** Wydo de Longemer, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Margaret Longmore, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Jane Longmore, 1564, Anne Langmere, 1656 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Bridget Langmore, 1578, Anne Langmere, 1594 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Peter Longmor, 1595 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Anne Longemere, 1635 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 34.

2 Scottish: see **Longmuir**.

### Longmuir

Variants: **Longmore, Langmuir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 548
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Ayr; Angus, Kincardines, and Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from High and Laigh Langmuir (Ayr) or Longmuir (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Elice de la Longmore, Robert de Langemore, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Janet Longmoore, 1648 in *IGI* (Rothiemay, Banffs); Robert Langmoore, 1675 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); Jean Langemuir, 1685 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Longo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese: nickname from *lóngo* 'tall, lanky', an Italian dialect variant of *lungo* (from Latin *longus*). In some cases the surname may be Spanish or Portuguese, of the same derivation and meaning.

**Early bearers:** Rophael Longo, 1810 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Corgan [*sic*] Longo, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Mig[uel] Longo, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (London); Giuseppe Longo, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Battista Longo, pentryman, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Lorenzo Longo, tailor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

### Longridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S Scotland and England: esp. Durham; Lancs; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Langridge**.

### Longrigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Cumb

1 English: locative name from Langrigg (Cumb). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Langerigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ellice Langrigg, 1613 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Isaac Longrige, 1682 in *IGI* (Cumwhiton, Cumb); Wm. Longrigg, 1699 in *IGI* (Kirkbampton, Cumb).

2 English: see **Langridge**.

### Longshaw

Variants: **Langshaw, Longshawe, Longshore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 523
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire, Staffs, and Oxon

English: locative name from Longshaw near Wigan (Lancs), Langshaw Wood in Great Ribston (WR Yorks), or Longshaw in Bradnop (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John de Langchawe, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thoma de Longshaagh', Ricardo de Longshagh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Robert Langshawe, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Jacobus Langshawe, 1560 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); John Langshawe, 1560 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Ellen Langshaw, 1581 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Willm Longshaw, 1641 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); William Lanshaw, 1653 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Ellwood George Longshore, 1853 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 21; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 371.



**Longshawe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Longshaw**.

**Longshore**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Longshaw**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Longson**

- Variants:** **Longstone**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Cheshire, and Lancs
- English: locative name, from Longstone (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Langesdon, 13th–14th cent. in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); William Longstone, 1664 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Elizabeth Longson, 1684 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Mary Longson, 1707, John Longson, 1726 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 138–9.

**Longstaff**

- Variants:** **Longstaffe**, **Langstaff**, **Langstaffe**, **Longster**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2947, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2090
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: nickname from Middle English *lang*, *long* 'long' + *staf* 'staff', perhaps a nickname for a bailiff or other officer of the law.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Langstaf, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Hugo Longstaf, 1210 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Agnes Langstaffe, 1569 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Nicholas Langstaff, 1583 in *IGI* (Hunderthwaite, NR Yorks).

**Longstaffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Longstaff**.

**Longster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks
- 1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a locative name from Langscar in Malham (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Langester* (or *Langescer*) in about 1190, but the medieval record is otherwise silent.  
**Early bearers:** John Langstar, 1564 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Agnis Langster, 1598 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robartt Longester, 1614 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Longster, 1665 in *IGI* (Great Edstone, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 136.  
 2 English: possibly a variant of **Longstaff**.

**Longstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Longson**.

**Longstreet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: locative name from Longstreet in Enford (Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Langestret', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Longstreet, 1700 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Robert Longstreet, 1772 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 329.

**Longthorn**

- Variants:** **Longthorne**, **Langthorne**, **Langthorn**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, Lincs, and Durham
- English: locative name from Langthorne in Bedale (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Langthorn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Reeth, NR Yorks); William de Langethorn, 1338 in *York Freeman's Register*; John de Langethorn, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Margareta Longthorne, 1559 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Mathew Longthorn, 1563 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Robert Longthorne, 1600 in *IGI* (Walton near Wetherby, WR Yorks); Henry Longthorn, 1670 in *IGI* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks); Heneryci Longthorn, 1689 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Peter Longthorne, 1775 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Margret Longthorne, 1792 in *IGI* (Sowerby by Thirsk, NR Yorks); George Longthorne, 1800 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Longthorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, Lincs, and Durham
- English: see **Longthorn**.

**Longthorp**

- Variants:** **Langthorpe**, **Longthorpe**, **Langthorp**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Langthorpe (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Stephen de Langetorp, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Longethrop, 1584 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Catherine Langthorpe, 1605 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 180.

**Longthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Longthorp**.

**Longton**

- Variants:** **Langton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 423
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Longton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Longetone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Jenet Longton, 1567 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Grace Longton, 1586 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks).  
 2 English: variant of **Langton**.

**Longville**

- Variants:** **Longwell**, **Longfield**, **Longwill**, **Longwell**, **Langwell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herefs
- Norman: locative name from Longueville-la-Gifart, now Longueville-sur-Scie (Seine-Maritime).  
**Early bearers:** England: Henry de Longauilla, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Henry de Longavill', 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Thomas de Longevill, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Longuevyle, Longwyle, Longvyle, or Longefyld, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Bucks); Robert Langwell, 1578 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Johanna Longwell, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Margt. Langwell, 1648 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Martha Longvile, 1673 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs).  
 Scotland: John Langwill, 1608 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Languill, 1613 in *Black* (Brechin, Angus); Mary Langwell, 1773 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

**Longwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal
- Norman, Scottish: see **Longville**.

**Longwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Renfrews
- Norman, Scottish: see **Longville**.

**Longworth**

- Variants:** **Langworth**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1979, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1912
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- English: locative name from Longworth in Bolton le Moors (Lancs).  
**Further information:** Reaney and Wilson also allow Longworth (Berks) as a source of the surname, but the 1881 distribution is compelling (86% of bearers are in Lancs, 0% in Berks).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Lungewurth, de Langewurth, 1246, de Lungewrthe, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Longeworthe, 1547 in *Lancs Record Office* (Lancs); Margareta Longworth, 1564, Cecilia Lanngwoorth, 1568 *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Thomas Longworth, 1573 *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 47.

**Longyear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: apparently a variant of **Lockyer**.  
**Early bearers:** John Longyer, 1558 in *TNA* (Wilts); Dorothy Longyere, 1593, John Longyre, 1606, John

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Longyeare, 1637, Leonard Longyer, 1638, Tho. Longyear, 1649, James Lockyer, 1781 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Ann Lockyer, 1663, George Longyear, 1796 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Jeane Longeare, Longier, 1669, Ephraim Longear, Longier, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Mere, Wilts); Robt Longyear, 1764, Christopher Lockyer, 1818 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex).

### Lonie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Midlothian, Aberdeens, and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name, a reduced form of **Auchterlonie**, from the place now called *Wester Lowmie* in Angus.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Lonie, 1656 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Alexander Lonie, 1656 in *IGI* (Balmerino, Fife); John Lonie, 1661 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Elspeth Lonie, 1667 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife); Bessie Lonie, 1674 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife).

### Lonigan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Lanigan**.

### Lonnen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and Somerset

English: see **Lunnon**.

### Lonnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Herts

English: see **Lunnon**.

### Lonsborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks

English: see **Londesborough**.

### Lonsbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Londesborough**.

### Lonsdale

**Variants:** **Lonsdale, Lansdale, Langsdale, Lansdell, Lansdall, Lamsdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3243, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English: locative name both from the district of Lonsdale (straddling Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm) and from Lonsdale in Great Ayton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lounisdale, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Lonsdale, 1299 in *York Freeman's Register*; William de Lounesdale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hutton Lowcross, NR Yorks); John de Lonesdale,

1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardus Lonesdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shilbottle, Northumb); Willelmus de Lonesdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Martons Both, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Lonesdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); Robertus de Lonesdall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Lonsdale, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Anthony Lonsdall, 1545 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Kateren Lonsdall, 1548 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Lansdall, 1562 in *IGI* (Bicker, Lincs); George Lansdale, 1573 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Thomas Lonsdaile, 1584, Robert Lonsdale, 1667 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Thoms Lansdaile, 1593 in *IGI* (Roughton, Lincs); John Lownsdale, 1614 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Christopher Lownsdale, 1624 in *IGI* (Egglecliffe, Durham); Thomas Lamsdale, 1645 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Elias Langsdale, 1678 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs); Alice Langsdale, 1699 in *IGI* (Farndon, Notts).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Loo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, 路, 陸, and 呂. See **Lu** (1–6).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 羅, see **Lo** (1).
- 3 Dutch and North German: locative name for someone living near a wood (Dutch *loo* 'wood', Middle Low German *lo, loge*), or from any of numerous places in the Low Countries called Lo or Loh, named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Andreus Loo, 1574 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Cleary Loo, 1675 in *IGI* (Uffington, Lincs); Thomas Loo, 1718 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Tony van Loo, born in Belgium, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Looby

**Variants:** **Luby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 437
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Roscommon

Irish: from Ó **Lúbaigh** 'descendant of *Lúbach*', a byname (literally meaning 'looped'), applied to a cunning person.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mellaghlyn O'Luby, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4076 (Carvioghell, Roscommon); Cormak O'Looby, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Oygully); Rory O'Looba, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5686; Melleaghlen O'Looba 1592–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802; John O'Louby, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558; Doncho O'Luby, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6621 (Moyaly).

England: Catherine Lewby, 1846 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Look

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: see **Luke**.

**Early bearers:** Symon Look, 1614 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Alexander Look, 1621 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); John Look, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); William Look, 1719 in *IGI* (Fremington,

Devon); Hannah Look, 1798 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 陸, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Lu** (5).

### Looker

**Variants:** **Luker, Loker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 946, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 882
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wilts, Berks, and Middx; Cambs; Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *loker, louker* (an agent derivative of Old English *lōcian* 'to look'), for one who looks after something, e.g. a shepherd or farm bailiff. Medieval examples of *Loker(e)* and *Lokar* could alternatively be spellings of **Locker**.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Loker, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Lokar', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Lokere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Lokar, Robert Louker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Susanna LUKAR, 1548 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); William Lookar, 1582 in *Oxford University Register* (Hants); Lyonell Looker, 1590 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Joannes Looker, 1616 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Loom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Lumb**.

### Loombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Lumb**.

### Loomes

**Variants:** **Looms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Leics

English: post-medieval variant of **Lumb** with excrescent *-s*. Compare **Loom**.

**Early bearers:** William Loomes, 1612 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Elisabeth Loomes, 1625, Tho Looms, 1658 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Robert Loomes, 1629 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Lumbes, 1650 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Robt Looms, 1668 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Wm. Lumbes, 1747 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds).

### Loomis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Lomas**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Looms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants; also Anglesey
- English: see **Loomes**.

**Loonam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: perhaps a variant anglicization of Ó Luanáin, see **Loonan**.

**Early bearers:** Rory O'Lunym, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Clonee, Offaly).

**Loonan**

Variants: **Loonam**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: from Ó Luanáin, see **Lunan**.

**Loonat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Lunat**.

**Looney**

Variants: **Loney, Luney, Lunney, Lunny, Lowney, Lownie, O'Looney, Leonard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 914
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry

Irish, Manx: from Ó Luanaigh 'descendant of Luanach', a personal name derived from *luan* 'warrior'. Compare **Lane** and **Lamb** (3) Woulfe distinguishes the Munster name Ó Luanaigh from the Ulster name Ó Luinigh, whence **Lunney**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donald mcThomas Y Lonie, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2928 (Garrymoane); Thomas mcDonough Y Lonie, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2928 (Carrigtortan, Cork); Donell O'Lowny, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Cowlaghe); James O'Lonie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth*, §6537 (Wardslough); Edmund Lony, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (the Barny); Donogh O'Lonney, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539.

IoM: Gillacrist O'Luinigh, 1090 in *Moore*; McLawney, 1504; Lownye, 1540; Looney, 1644; Loney, 1681 in *Moore*; Thos Looney, 1669 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM); William Lowney, 1683 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Ro Lowney, 1685 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

Scotland: Grissell Lownnie, 1656 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Thomas Loney, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Christiane Lowney, 1686 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus).

England: Thomas Lowney, 1589 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks); Margerey Loney, 1592 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Looney, 1775 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Edward Lowney, 1793 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**Loong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 龍, see **Long** (3).

**Loos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Loose**.

**Loose**

Variants: **Loos, Lucia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk and Cambs

English: locative name from Loose Hall in Wattisham (Suffolk) or, less probably, Loose (Kent). **Further information:** This name may have been confused with **Luce**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Lose, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William de Lose, 1204 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Martha Loose, 1587 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johan Loose, 1594 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Loose, 1609 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**Looseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Loosley**.

**Loosemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Loosemoor in Oakford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Walter Losmer, 1238, Walter de Losemore, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Robertus de Losmore, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Geo. Losemore, 1551 in *North Devon Record Office* (South Molton, Devon); Mary Loosemore, 1607 in *IGI* (Creacombe, Devon); Precilla Loosmore, 1613 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 388.

**Loosley**

Variants: **Looseley, Lewsley, Lowsley, Lousley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks, and London

English: locative name from Loosley Row in Risborough (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** John de Loslee, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Bucks); John Loseley, 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Ickford, Bucks); William Lowsly, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Robert Lowsly, 1567 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Walter Lewsley, 1577 in *IGI* (Addington, Bucks); Frances Lowsley, 1584 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Richard Lewesley, 1590 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Jo. Lowsley, 1594 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Jane Looselie, 1611 in *IGI* (Princes Risborough, Bucks); Elenor Loosley, 1627 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon); Luce Lewsly, 1635 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); John Lewsley, 1665, Thomas Lewsly, 1713 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Joseph Lowsley, 1812 in *IGI* (Sutton on Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 173–4.

**Lopes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1433, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Portuguese: relationship name, patronymic from the medieval personal name *Lopo*.

**Early bearers:** Ellyn Lopus, 1563 in *IGI* (London); Anne Lopes, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Gilbert Lopas, 1601 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon); William Lopes, 1616 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Dominicus Lopes, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, London).

**Lopez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2911, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

Spanish: relationship name (**López**), from the medieval personal name *Lope* (from Latin *lupus* 'wolf'). This is one of the commonest of all Spanish surnames.

**Lorain**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Lorraine**.

**Lorraine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb  
English: see **Lorraine**.

**Loram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Loram, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holton, Oxon); John Larom, 1676 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Loram, 1699 in *IGI* (Gidleigh, Devon); John Loram, 1708 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon); Richard Loreham, 1708 in *IGI* (Drewsteignton, Devon); Ann Looram, 1718 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon); Jams Lorrom, 1718 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); John Lawrame, 1723 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon).

**Loran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath  
Irish (Ulster): from Ó Luchaireáin, see **Loughran**.

**Lorance**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Lawrence**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Lord**

Variants: **Lords**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11926, Ireland 175
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13737
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath  
1 English: nickname from Middle English *laford*, *louerd*, *lord* 'lord, master' (Old English *hlāford*), perhaps given to someone who played the part of the lord or master of ceremonies in festival games. Note William called le Lo[ue]rd, about 1293 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs). Compare **Lording**.

**Early bearers:** William le Lauerd, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert Louerd, about 1202 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); John le Lord, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Willelmus Lhord, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); William Lord', 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Lord, 1583 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Lordan

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Tighearnaigh ‘lord of horses’ (see **Tierney**) or Mac Thighearnaín, see **McKiernan**.

### Lordan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: relationship name from Ó Lórdáin ‘descendant of *Lórdán*’, a West Cork personal name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Dermot mantagh O’Lordane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Cork); Donell O’Lordane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Kilcogh, Cork).

### Lording

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *lafording*, *louerding*, *lording* ‘lord, person of high birth or social rank’. Compare **Lord**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Lauerding, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Louerding, 13th cent. in *Cotton Claudius D xiii* (Norfolk); Thomas Lording, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Lordyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creak, Norfolk); William Lording, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Thomsin Lordinge, 1595, Mary Loden, 1613, Katharine Lording, 1615 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); William Lording, 1663 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent).

### Lords

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

English: variant of **Lord** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Lords, 1589 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Ann Lords, 1606 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).

### Lorence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Lawrence**.

### Lorenz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Lawrence**.

### Lorenzo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

Italian: Spanish and Italian, patronymic from the personal name *Lorenzo*, a derivative of Latin *Laurentius* (see **Lawrence**).

### Lorette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Laurette**.

### Lorette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Laurette**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Lorey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish, Scottish: from **Mac Labhradha**, see **McClory**.

### Lorgat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: of undetermined Indian origin.

### Lorie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: see **Lawry**.

### Lorigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Lonagáin, see **Lanigan**.

### Lorimer

Variants: **Lorrimer**, **Lorimar**, **Loriner**, **Larrimore**, **Larimore**, **Larimer**, **Larmour**, **Larmer**, **Lorriman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1882, Ireland 285
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1191
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland (esp. Angus, Lanarks, and Dumfriess); also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *lorimer* ‘lorimer, spurrier, maker of metal horse-fittings and other small ironware’ (Old French *loremier*, *lorenier*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Grisell Lorymer, 1564 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); John Lorimer, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Williame Lorimer, 1620 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Jennet Loriner, 1690 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

England: Goldwin’ lorimar, about 1130 in *Cartae Antiquae* (London); Hermisus le lorinner, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Aimar lorimer, before 1174 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Reginald le Lorimier, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); David le Loriner, 1301 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Robertus Lorimer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Henrico le Lorimer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Thomas Loremar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johanne Lorimere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scalford, Leics); Hugone Lorymer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Larrimore, 1558 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Roger Lorimer, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Elizabeth Lorrimar, 1777 in *IGI* (Tunstall, ER Yorks).

### Loriner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Lorimer**.

### Loring

Variants: **Loaring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Devon

English: regional name from Old French *le Lohereng* ‘the man from Lorraine’. Compare **Lorraine**.

**Further information:** There may be another unidentified source; note Johannes Lorwyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emneth, Norfolk); William Loryng, 1578, Richarde Lorwinge or Lorwing, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey (le) Lohareng’, 1158–9 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Dauit le Loreng, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas Loring, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Loring Or Loaring, 1568 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); William Loringe, 1568 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Agnes Loaring, 1622 in *IGI* (Musbury, Devon); Mary Loreng, 1720 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Lorkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Larkin**.

### Lorking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: variant of **Larkin**.

### Lorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 English: possibly from Middle English *lorthein* ‘teacher, spiritual master’, but in the absence of known medieval bearers this cannot be certain.

**Further information:** For the Middle English word *loremán*, of similar meaning, in a surname, compare Philip Loreman, 1251 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Roger Loreman, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds).

**Early bearers:** William Lorne, 1577 in *IGI* (North Mundham, Sussex); An Lorne, 1622 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); William Lorne, 1626 in *IGI* (Radley, Berks).

2 Scottish: locative name from the district of Lorn (Argyll).

**Early bearers:** Angus Lorn, 1408 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert de Lorne, 1425 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Schir George of Lorne, Notar, 1488 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Lorn, 1652 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

### Lornie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Fife, and Angus

Scottish: locative name from Lornie in Errol (Perth), which is recorded as *Lornyn* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Balduinus de Lornyn, about 1214–49 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; Duncan de Lornyn, about 1284 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Janet Lornie, 1572 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Margaret Lornie, 1709 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

### Lorrain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

French, Scottish, English: see **Lorraine**.

**Lorraine**

Variants: **Loraine, Lorain, Lorrain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland
- French, Scottish, English: locative name from Lorraine, the region in France. Compare **Loring**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Eliz. Lowraine, 1650 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Thomas Loraine, 1657 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).  
 Scotland: Eustache de Lorreyne, 1333 in *Black*; Walter Lorrain, 1742 in *IGI* (Canonbie, Dumfriess).

**Lorriman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: occupational name, altered form of **Lorimer**, as shown in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing John Lorymore or Loryman (1460) in Beverley (ER Yorks), William Lorymer, William Loryman (1523–40), and Edward Lorrymer, Edward Loriman, cordwainer (1552–8) in *York Freeman's Register*; and George Loriman, Ann Lorimer (1672) in *Hearth Tax* (Knapton, ER Yorks).  
**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the usual explanation of this name as 'servant of *Lowrie* or *Lorrie*' (i.e. *Laurence*).  
**Early bearers:** Margareta Loriman, 1559 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Lorriman, 1566 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Ailce Loreman, 1574 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Matthew Lorriman, 1613 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Thomas Lorriman, 1617 in *IGI* (Crofton, WR Yorks); Robti. Loriman, 1626 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); William Lurryman, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Margt. Lowryman, 1711 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Robert Lorriman, 1744 in *IGI* (Beeford, ER Yorks).

**Lorrimar**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Lorimer**.

**Lorrimer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Lorimer**.

**Lorrison**

Variants: **Lowerson, Lawerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish, English: relationship name, 'son of *Lowrie* or *Lorrie*' (i.e. *Laurence*, see **Lawry**). Compare **Larson, Lawson, and Lowson**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Lowryson, 1471, Thomas Lorisoun, 1551 in *Black*.  
 England: Robart Loryson, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ralph Lowrison, 1621, Ralph Lowreson, 1658 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Samuëll Lorrison, 1661 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Sarah Lowryson, 1686 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Ann Loreson, 1706, Elizabeth Lowerson, 1789 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Mary Lorison, 1710 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jas. Lourison, 1779 in *IGI* (Alnwick,

Northumb); Mary Lawerson, 1797 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); Margaret Lowreyson, 1809 in *IGI* (Embleton, Northumb).

**Lort**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name from the unattested but widely accepted Middle English \**lort* 'dirt, mud, swamp'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Lort, 1559 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); An Lorte, 1578 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); Agnes Lort, 1581 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Robertus Lorte, 1582 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); William Lort, 1588 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Edmund Lort, 1662 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Dorothy Lourt, 1662 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).  
**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 27.

**Lorton**

Variants: **Lurton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Staffs
- English: locative name from Lorton (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lorton, 1279 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Rogerus de Lorton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Elizabeth Lurton, 1588 in *IGI* (Otringham, ER Yorks); Bettresse Lurton, 1589 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Bartholomew Lurton, 1663 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); William Lorton, 1679 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Eliz Lorton, 1696 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Ann Lorton, 1736 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Elizabeth Lorton, 1754 in *IGI* (Ettington, Warwicks); Mary Lorton, 1757 in *IGI* (Edgbaston, Warwicks); Eliz. Lurton, 1758 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

**Lory**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Lawry**.

**Loscombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and Berks; Somerset
- English: see **Luscombe**.

**Loseby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lancs
- English: see **Loasby**.

**Losh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- English: perhaps a shortened form of **Arliss** (earlier *Arlosh*), with loss of the first syllable.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Loshe, 1572, Janet Losh, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); John Losh, 1581 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Robert Losh, 1606 in *IGI* (Wigton,

Cumb); Thomas Losh, 1790 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Lota**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.  
 2 English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Lota, 1756 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); William Lota, 1824 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

**Lotay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Lote**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Lott**.

**Loten**

Variants: **Loton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Sussex and Hants

English: relationship name, apparently a diminutive of the Middle English female personal name *Lota*. Compare **Lott**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Lotun, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Lotun, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Lotoun, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Loton, 1573 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Alis Loton, 1582 in *IGI* (Edlaston, Derbys); Elizabeth Loton, 1584 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Elizabeth Loton, 1585 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Carel Loten, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Loten, 1662 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Loten, 1670 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Loten, 1724 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex); Charlotte Loten, 1791 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks).

**Loth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Monmouths; Midlothian; Hants; Essex;
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *loth* 'ill-favoured, spiteful, harmful, ugly' (Old English *lāð*). Compare **Nolloth**.  
**Early bearers:** Alwin Loth, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Jay Daniel Loth, 1692 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicholas Loth, 1736 in *IGI* (Hoo Allhallows, Kent); Richard Coulthard Loth Loth [*sic*], 1864 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb).  
 2 French, German, Danish: (i) relationship name; if French, from the Biblical name *Lot*, which was the name of Abraham's nephew. (ii) relationship name; if German or Danish, from a pet form of the personal name *Ludwig*. (iii) locative name; if German, alternatively from Lothe in eastern Westphalia.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Loth, born in Dantzig, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Charles Loth, born in Little Totham, Essex, in *Census 1881* (Orsett, Essex); Emma Loth, born in Gunville, IoW, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); John Loth, born in

## Lothian

Loken F, Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Saint Woollos, Monmouths); John Thomas Loth, naturalized British subject, born in Prague, Bohemia, in *Census 1881* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Augusta Robinson Loth, born in Carlisle, Cumb, in *Census 1881* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Lothian

Variants: **Lowthian**, **Louthan**, **Loudon**, **Louden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1073, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Midlothian and Berwicks) and NE England

Scottish: locative name from Lothian, the region around Edinburgh.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Loudonia, 1327 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Berwick, Berwicks); Jennett Louthian, 1615 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Margaret Lowthian, 1619 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Ranulph de Louthyan, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Alice Louthian, 1364 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); David Lothian, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Joseph Lothian, 1702 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Robert Lothian, 1783 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Peter Lothian, 1791 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Matthew Lothian, 1798 in *IGI* (Hornsea, ER Yorks).

### Loton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Sussex, Surrey, and Middx

English: see **Loten**.

### Lots

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Loates**.

### Lott

Variants: **Lotte**, **Lote**, **Loat**, **Loates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1326, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, Surrey, and Middx; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female name *Lot(e)* (latinized as *Lota*), probably a pet form of such names as *Allot* (from Alice), *Amelot* or *Emelot* (from Ameline), *Ellot* (from Ellen), and *Gillota* (from Gillian). Compare **Loten**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lota, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: William Lot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Lotte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Andrew Lote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs). John Lote, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam Lota (a dialect spelling of Lote), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witheridge, Devon); Johanne Lote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Lote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Prawle and Goodshelter, Devon); Johannes Lot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heydon, Norfolk); John Lote, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Souldrop, Beds); Thomas Lotte, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Headcorn, Kent); Philipp Lott, 1611 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon); Alce Lote, 1628 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants);

Thomas Lote, 1664, Maria Loate, 1668 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Anna Loate, 1711 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name, status name for a dweller at (or holder of) an allotted share of land, from Middle English *lot(e)* 'lot, share, portion of meadowland' (Old English *hlot* 'lot, portion').

**Early bearers:** William atte Lote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Richard atte Lote, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chinting, Sussex); John atte Lote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton in Eastbourne, Sussex); Nicholas Lote, 1559 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

### Lotte

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Lott**.

### Lotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Loates**.

### Lou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, and 路, probably based on their Cantonese pronunciations. See **Lu** (1–4).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 婁 and 樓, see **Lau** (1) and (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 劉, see **Liu** (1).

### Louca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (Cypriot): relationship name from the personal name *Loukas*, see **Luke**, **Lucas**.

### Louch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks; Somerset; also Hants

Norman, English: locative name from Louches (Pas-de-Calais).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Luches, 1241 in *Oxon Eyre* (Oxon); Roger Louche, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Woughton on the Green, Bucks); William de Louches, 1366, Andrew Louches, 1374, Thomas Louchis, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Elizabetha Louches, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mapledurham, Oxon); Adam Louches, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Marlston in Bucklebury, Berks); William Louches, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Cookham, Berks); Jhone Lowche, 1540 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Elizabeth Louche, 1549 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Isable Louch, 1560 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Mary Looch, 1638 in *IGI* (Stowe, Bucks); James Louch, 1687 in *IGI* (Mapledurham, Oxon); Thomas Louch, 1698 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Silvester Louch, 1743 in *IGI* (Tanworth, Warwicks).

### Loud

Variants: **Lowde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, Gloucs, Warwicks; also Lancs

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *loud* 'loud' (Old English *hlūd*), for a noisy individual. (ii) relationship name, occasionally perhaps from a Middle English personal name *Lude* (Old English \**Hlūda*, originally a nickname 'loud').

**Further information:** Post-medieval bearers may represent senses (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lude, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks).

surnames: Reginald Lude, 1215 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Lud, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); William Loud, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Johannes Lhude, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Willm. Loud, 1571 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Thomas Loud, 1631 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon).

2 English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *lude* 'roaring stream' (Old English \**hlyde*, \**hlūde* 'the loud one'), or toponymic from a place so called. Compare **Lyde**.

**Further information:** Post-medieval bearers may represent senses (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Lude, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry atte Lude, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John ate Lude, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas atte Lude, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William Loud, 1600 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Margaret Loud, 1621 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); Sarah Loud, 1628 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*.

3 English: see **Louth**.

### Louden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 839, Ireland 101
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Antrim
- Scottish: variant of **Loudon**.

### Loudin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: variant of **Loudon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Loudon

Variants: **Lowden**, **Louden**, **Loudoun**, **Loudin**, **Lowdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1151, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 850
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish: (i) locative name from Loudoun in the district of Cunningham (Ayr). (ii) locative name, possibly a variant of **Lothian**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James de Loudun, about 1189 in *Black*; John de Lowden, 1418 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber*; Robert Louden, 1621 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Euphame Loudon, 1648 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayr); Catharene Loudon, 1653 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Allison Loudon, 1656 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Eupham Lowden, 1666 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife).

England: Adam Loudin, about 1280 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxon); John de Louden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Martha Loudon, 1573 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Edward Loudon, 1602 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

**Loudoun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish: see **Loudon**.

**Loudwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Lowdell**.

**Lough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 872, Ireland 126
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 534
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Northumb, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Antrim 1
- Scottish, N English, Irish: of uncertain origin.
- Further information:** According to Woulfe, this is a rare surname originating in Westmeath. MacLysaght suggests that it may be from a Scottish toponymic *Loch*.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Francis Lough, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Monaghan); James Lough, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan); Philip Lough, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Upper, Donegal).
- England: Richard Loughe, 1614, Marke Lough, 1616 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).
- Scotland: James Lough, 1655 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); John Lough, 1693 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian).
- 2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Conlocha**, ‘son of *Cú-locha*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the lake’.
- Early bearers:** given names: Cu Locha H. Gairbeidh, king of Omeath, 1027 in *AU* (Louth).
- urnames: Melaghlín McAnloghie, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5888 (Cloncony, Roscommon).

**Loughborough**

- Variants:** **Loughbrough**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: locative name from Loughborough (Leics).
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Lughteburgh’, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Walter de Loutheborough’, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William de Loughtburgh’, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Bleasby, Notts); Johannes Lughteburgh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tamworth, Staffs); Johanne Loughteborh’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Willelmo de Loughteburgh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Roberto Loughburgh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Croxtton Kerial, Leics); Robertus Loughtebourh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chigwell, Essex); Thomas Loughtburgh’, clerk, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Catherine Loughborough, 1715 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Elizabeth Maria Loughborough, 1788 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Loughbrough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Loughborough**.

**Loughead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish: variant of **Lochhead**.

**Lougheed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- Irish: Irish spelling of Scottish **Lochhead**.

**Lougher**

- Variants:** **Laugher**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: locative name from Loughor alias Casllwchwr (Glamorgan).
- Further information:** Most bearers of this name stem from Richard ap Gronw of Loughor, who fled around 1485 from the lordship of Gower.
- Early bearers:** Wales: John Lowgher, 1608 in *IGI* (Tenby, Pembrokes); Watkin Lougher, 1628 in *National Library of Wales* (Newton Nottage, Glamorgan); Denys Lougher, 1637 in *National Library of Wales* (Coity, Glamorgan); Robert Lougher, 1734 in *IGI* (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan); Anne Lougher, 1739 in *IGI* (Colwinston, Glamorgan); William Lougher, 1743, Richard Laugher, 1761 in *IGI* (Bonvilston, Glamorgan); Margery Laugher, 1774 in *IGI* (Llandaff, Glamorgan).
- England: Philip David de lozur, 1322 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Mgett. Lowgher, 1541, John Lawgher, 1544, John Laugher, 1577 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Johane Lawgher, 1571 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Jana Lawgher, 1600 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Robert Lawgher, 1602 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Ann Lougher, 1793 in *IGI* (Bradley, Worcs).
- References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 146.

**Loughery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Derry, and Tyrone
- Irish: see **Loughrey**.

**Loughhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Scottish: variant of **Lochhead**.

**Loughlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from O’Lochlainn, see **O’Loughlin**.

**Loughland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: from Ó Lochlainn, see **O’Loughlin**.

**Loughlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2005, Ireland 1294
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 485
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Midlothian; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- Irish: from O’Lochlainn, see **O’Loughlin**.

**Loughman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 386
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Herefs and Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Kilkenny, and Kildare

Irish: according to MacLysaght, probably an anomalous anglicization of Ó Lachtnáin, see **Loughnane**.

**Loughnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- Irish: from Ó Lachtnáin, see **Loughnane**.

**Loughnane**

- Variants:** **Loughnan**, **Loughman**, **Loftus**, **Lawton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Galway, and Offaly; Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Lachtnáin ‘descendant of *Lachtnán*’, a personal name based on *lachtna* ‘grey’. This has also been anglicized as **Loughlin** or **Loughran**, and in Cork as **Lawton**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Lachtnan m. Mochtiger, bishop of Kildare, 875 in *AU*; Lachtnan m. Mael Chiarain, king of Tethba, 894 in *AU*; Lachtnan, abbot of Ferns, 905 in *AU*; Fuacarta m. Lachtnain, king of Tethba, 927 in *AU*.
- urnames: Mael-Muire h-Ua Lachtnan, archbishop of Tuam, 1250 in *AU* (Galway); Luirint h-Ua Lachtnan, bishop of Kilmacduagh, 1303 in *AU* (Galway); Luirint O Lachtnan, bishop of Elphin, 1323 in *AU* (Roscommon); Margaret Inny Loughman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §689; Dermot O’Laghane, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617; James O’Laghan, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2079; John Loughnan, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Donogh O’Laghnan, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* § 3719 (Killenfaghney, Westmeath); Shane O’Laghnan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4693 (Foniske, Cork); Nicholas O’Lachnoyn, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Lickelly); Joan ny Loghmane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537 (Ballienowe, Kilkenny).

**Loughney**

- Variants:** **Lockney**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish (Mayo): relationship name, nickname from Ó Lachtna ‘descendant of *Lachtna*’, from *lachtna* ‘grey’, often replaced by the diminutive of the personal name, as Ó Lachtnáin. This name is commonly anglicized as **Loughnane**, or **Loughran**.
- Loughney may also be a reduced anglicized form of **Mac Lachtna**, see **McLoughney**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Finachta m[ac] Lachtna, erenagh of Ferns, 958 in *AU*.

## Loughran

surnames: Morirt O'Laghnes, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Patrick Loughney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lackan, Mayo); John Loughney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dungarvan, Mayo).

### Loughran

Variants: **Loran**, **Loughren**, **Loughrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1708, Ireland 2165
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England (esp. Durham and Lancs); Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from Ó Luchreáin 'descendant of *Luchreán*', a diminutive of a personal name probably based on *luchair* 'radiance'. Compare **Loughrey**.
- Early bearers: John O'Loughorne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Calanafersie).

### Loughren

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Luchaireáin, see **Loughran**.

### Loughrey

Variants: **Loughery**, **Loughry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 744
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Derry, and Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Luachra 'descendant of *Luachra*', a personal name derived from *luachair* 'light'. The name is sometimes translated as **Rush**, due to confusion with *luachair* 'rush'.

Early bearers: William O'Laghry, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §638; Gillicome O'Lucry, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); Connoghor McDonnell O'Lorry, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762; Patrick Loughrea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); Patrick Loughrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Owen Loughry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Andrew Loughrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Donegal).

### Loughridge

Variants: **Laughridge**, **Lochridge**, **Lockridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: altered form of **Loughrey**.

Early bearers: William Loughridge, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Derry).

### Loughrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Luchaireáin, see **Loughran**.

### Loughry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: see **Loughrey**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Loughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 410
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs
- 1 English: in Lincs the surname is probably a variant of **Lutton** (2).

2 English: locative name from one or other of several places called Loughton (Bucks, Essex, Shrops). Some of the bearers given here may belong to (1).

Early bearers: Terricus de Lugetona, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John de Lucton, 1270, Thomas de Loughton', 1330, George Loughton', 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Loughton, Bucks); Theobaldo de Loketone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loughton, Essex); William de Loughton, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Loughton', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants and Bucks).

### Louie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Lowey**.

### Louis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1206, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 385
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Lanarks
- English: see **Lewis**.

### Louise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- French: relationship name from the personal name *Louise*, feminine form of *Louis*.
- Early bearers: Tho. Louise, 1638 in *IGI* (Worcester); Henry Louise, 1758 in *IGI* (Grasmere, Westm); Herbert Louise, born in Annecy, France, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Eleonor Louise in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Mais Louise, born in Paris, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Louison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Lewison**.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Loukes

Variants: **Lukes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Loukes* in Wooldale (Holmfirth, WR Yorks), named after Lovekoc de Wlvedale, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*, and meaning 'Lovecok's or Louke's (holding)'. Early bearers: John of Loukes of Wlvedale, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William de Loukes, 1360 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Isabell Loukes or Lowkes, 1565, Richard Loukes, 1633 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 47–9.

### Loungair

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Lumgair**.

### Lound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Norfolk.

English: see **Lund**.

### Loundes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Lowndes**.

### Lounds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Derbys
- English: see **Lowndes**.

### Lounsbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Londesborough** or perhaps **Launchbury**.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain but occurs in the USA.

### Lount

Variants: **Lunt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Notts
- English: variant of **Lund**, with devoicing of final *d* to *t*.

Early bearers: Elizabeth Lunt, 1546 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Margaret Lunt, 1565 in *IGI* (Tarpoley, Cheshire); Johis. Lount, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Richarde Lounte, 1630 in *IGI* (Slawston, Leics); Briget Lount, 1632 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics).

### Lourenco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: relationship name from Portuguese (**Lourenço**), from the personal name *Lourenço*, Latin *Laurentius* (see **Lawrence**).

### Lourie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England
- Scottish: see **Lawrie**.

### Loury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Lowry**.

### Lousley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Berks
- English: variant of **Loosley**.



**Louth**

Variants: **Lowth, Loweth, Loud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth

1 English: locative name from Louth (Lincs), which is recorded as *Lude* in the 12th century, *Luth* in 1219, *Louth* in 1234.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Luda, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Richard de Louthe, 1325 in *Coroners' Rolls*; Harvey de Lud, Hugh de Luda, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincoln and Edenham, Lincs); William de Louth, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas de Louthe, 1370, Robert Louth, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Roger Louthe, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Simon Louth, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Louth, 1490 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); Elling Lowethe, 1562 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Margaret Lowthe, 1590 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 82.

2 Irish: as an Irish name, when not of English origin, this is probably an altered form of Scottish **McLeod**.

**Louthan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: see **Lothian**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Louther**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Northumb; also Surrey

English: see **Lowther**.

**Loutit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Norman, Scottish: see **Louttit**.

**Louttit**

Variants: **Loutit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Caithness
- Norman, Scottish: locative name from Louvetot (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Roger de Luuetoth, about 1234 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Beannie, Perths); Johan de Luvetot, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls*; Malcolm Lowtoit, 1459 in *Brechin Register*; Thomas Loutit, 1674 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Margaret Louttit, 1723 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); James Louttit, 1725 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Donald Louttit, 1754 in *IGI* (Dunnet, Caithness).

England: Richard de Luvetot, 1161 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Nigel de Luuetot, 1205 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John de Luvetot alias de Lovetoft, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); William Louttit, 1742 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Louw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch: nickname, Dutch, Afrikaans, from Middle Dutch *laeu* 'half-hearted, lukewarm'.

**Lovat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lovett**.

**Lovatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3308, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2077
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Lovett**.

**Early bearers:** Margareta Lovatt, 1588, Ellena Lovat, 1594, Johannes Lovatte, 1598 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Thomas Lovatt, 1626 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

**Love**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10461, Ireland 806
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7049
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone, Donegal, and Fermanagh

1 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *love* 'she-wolf' or simply 'wolf', with *love* as a back-formation from the diminutive forms *lovel* and *lovet* 'little wolf'. Compare Martin Lovel, 1346, identical with Martin Love, 1348 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk). See also **Low**, from Anglo-Norman French *lou*, the more usual form of the word. Examples without the definite article may alternatively derive from a given name and belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Luue, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Peter Love, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alan, Robert le Love, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Love, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Margreta Love, 1542 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); Jhon Love, 1544 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Oliva Love, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willms Love, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Love, 1547 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Anthonie Love, 1561 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Love*, sometimes female, from Old English *Lufu*, and sometimes male, either from Old English *Lufa*, Old English *Lēofa* (compare **Leaf**), or Anglo-Norman French *Love*, a personal name derived from the nickname in (1). See also **Lovatt, Lovell, Lovekin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lufe (female), about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Love Meel (female), 1315 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London).

surnames: Radulfus filius Luue, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Galfridus filius Love, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, pp. 96, 103.

3 Scottish Gaelic: adopted for **Mac Fhionghuin**, a patronymic from a Gaelic personal name meaning 'fair born, fair son' (i.e. 'beloved son'). It has also been taken as being from Gaelic **Mac Ionmhuinn** 'son of the beloved one', but in Ireland at least, Irish *Mac Ionmhain* is a gaelicization of the English name *Love*, rather than vice versa. Compare **McKinnon**.

**Further information:** The bearer cited may belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Elspeth Love, 1656 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Loveband**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- English: see **Lovibond**.

**Loveday**

Variants: **Lowday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2166, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1816
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Norfolk; Northants; Wilts; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Galway

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Lovedai*, *Leveday* (Old English *Lēofdæge*). (ii) nickname, occasionally from Middle English *love-dai* 'a day appointed for a meeting between enemies, litigants, etc., with a view to the amicable settlement of disputes', the name being given to children born on such a day. Compare **Halliday**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Leofdæge, wife of Healthege, 1026 in *Codex Diplomaticus* 742 (Saltwood, Kent); Leuedai (Liuedai), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Leuedæi, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Luveday Vidua, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Lovedaia, 1302 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Loueday Sket, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Loveday wife of Robert Christemasse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Lowdye Trelogan, 1601 in *Bardsley*.

surnames: Æluric Leuedey, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert Luveday, 12th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Kent); Walter Loveday, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Reginaldus Luueday de Mendham, 1257 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Ivo Leveday, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Rog. Loveday, 1276, Ric. Lofday, 1379 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Edm's Loueday, 1295 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Luueday, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Petrus Leveday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Euston, Suffolk); Thomas Loueday, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Yarkhill, Herefs); William Loueday, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex and Herts); Adam Lowday, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jn. Loveday, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Lowdye, 1548 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon).

**Lovegrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2069, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1741
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, Bucks, Middx, and Surrey

English: locative name from an unidentified place, perhaps in or near Berks.

**Early bearers:** William de Luffegrave, William de Loffegrave, 1272–1307 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Berks); John Loffegrave, 1322 in *Bristol Record Office* (Berks); Robertus Lovegrove, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bremilham, Wilts); Robertus Lofgrove, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Dunstan Without, Kent); Gilbertus Lofegrave, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks); Richard Lovegrove, 1547 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); George Lovegrove, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Tilehurst, Berks); Ales Lowgrave, 1564 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Lovegrove, 1583 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Willm Lovegrove, 1584 in *IGI* (Burghfield,

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Berks); Elizabeth Lowgrave, 1588, Richard Lovegrove, 1592 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); John Lowgroue, 1593, William Lougroue, 1599 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Sara Lowgrove, 1615 in *IGI* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Catharine Lovegrove, 1616 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks).

## Loveitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Lovett**.

## Lovejoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 655
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, Middx, and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *love* 'love' (Old English *lufu*) + *joy* 'joy' (Old French *joie*), a nickname for a 'joyful person', if not ironic.

**Further information:** Compare John Lovelyf, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London), i.e. 'love life'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Lovejoy, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); William Lovejoy, 1577 in *Centre for Bucks Studies* (Bucks); Mary Lovejoy, 1581 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Philipp Loveioy, 1596 in *Musters Rolls* (Surrey); Wm Loueioye, 1604 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Emmanuel Loveioye, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Emmanuel Loveioy, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

## Lovekin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Sussex
- English: see **Luckin**.

## Love

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 262
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. ER Yorks
- English: see **Lovell**.

## Lovelace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: see **Loveless**.

## Lovelady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *love* 'love' (Old English *lufian* 'to love') + *lavedi*, *levedi*, *ladi* 'lady' (Old English *hlǣfdige*), presumably a nickname for a philanderer.

**Early bearers:** Adam Luvelavedy, 1297, Adam Loveladi, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Lovelady, 1433 in *Lancs Record Office* (Scarbrick, Lancs); John Lovelady, 1458 in *Birmingham Archives* (Oscott, Warwicks); Elizabeth Lovlady, 1628 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs).

**References:** See *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 125 for further examples.

## Loveland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 598, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name, perhaps from Lovelands in Ash (Surrey), which is recorded as *Loveland* in 1557.

**Early bearers:** Maud de la Lovelond, Margery de la Lovelond, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx and Kent); Roger Loveland, 1307 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Loveland, 1540, Ann Lovelande, 1576 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Thomas Loveland, 1548 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Isb. Loveland, 1554, Eliz. Loveland, 1597 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Isbell Loueland, 1582 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Elizabeth Loveland, 1584, Jonne Loveland, 1614 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Wm. Loveland, 1750 in *Parish Registers* (Farnham, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 384.

## Loveless

**Variants:** **Lovelace**, **Lowless**, **Lowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and Somerset

English: nickname, either from Middle English *love* 'love' + the suffix *-les* 'free from, without', hence 'loveless', or perhaps occasionally 'love lass', *love* + Middle English *las(se)*. Compare Alan Luveswain, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks). The interpretation 'love lace', for a dandy, is less likely, as Old French *laz*, Middle English *las* meant 'cord', the sense 'lace' not appearing in English records before 1550 (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** Edith Luvelece, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Luuelaz, about 1250 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); John Loveles, 1251 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Rob. Loveles, 1256 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Northumb); Albricus Loveles, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Louelaz, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Reg. Louelesse, 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs); Richard Lovelas, 1344, John Lovelace, 1367 in in *Kent Place-Names*, p. 407; Robert Louelas, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Lufelesse, 1444 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Elizabeth Loveless, 1555 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Joane Lovelace, 1563 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Edward Lowlis, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Chevening, Kent); Symon Lowles, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Guston, Kent).

## Lovell

**Variants:** **Love**, **Lowell**, **Lewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8741, Ireland 165
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6059
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; London and Surrey; Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman: (i) nickname from Anglo-Norman French *lovel* 'wol fcbu', a diminutive of *lou*, *love* 'wolf'. Richard Luvel, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset), was 'of Kari Lowel barony', and was descended from William, Earl of Yvery, who was called *Lupellus* to distinguish him from his father Robert who had acquired the nickname *Lupus* because of his violent temper. Here the diminutive is clearly used in the sense 'the younger'. Compare **Low**. There may have been some confusion with **Lovewell**. (ii) relationship name; *Lovel* is also found as an Anglo-Norman French personal name, and is

probably another source of the surname. Compare **Love**, **Lovett**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Luuellus, 1145–7 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Lovel le Clark, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Ricardus lupellus, about 1118 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Sussex); William Luuel, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmus Luvel, Lupellus, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); William Luvel, Luel, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); Philip Lowel, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Luvel alias Lowel, Lovel, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); Johannes Lovell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Margaret Lovell, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Lovell, 1542 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Theobald Or Theddi Lovell, 1544 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Thomas Lovell, 1544 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Willm. Lovell, 1547 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Robte. Lovell., 1613 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

## Lovelock

**Variants:** **Loveluck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1897, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Hants, Berks, and Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *love-lock* 'a pendant lock of hair', especially arranged to fall over the shoulder or ear. Lovelocks were cut in a variety of fashions, and were common in the 16th century (tied with ribbons) and apparently much earlier. Walter (le) Loveloker, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), was presumably a maker or arranger of these.

**Early bearers:** I. Luveloc, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Louelok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Rad. Louelok, 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Cumb); Ellis Lovelock, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rochester, Kent); John Lovelocke, 1586 in *IGI* (Wanborough, Wilts).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 124.

## Loveluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Lovelock**.

## Lovely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath, Dublin, and Meath

English: nickname, Middle English *luuelich* 'lovely'.  
**Early bearers:** John Lovely, 1319 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Loveliche, 1406 in *London Letter Books I*; William Loveliche, Matthew Louledge, John Lowledge, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); David Lovelie, 1583 in *IGI* (London).

## Loveman

**Variants:** **Luffman**, **Lowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Loveman* (Old English *Lēofmann*). Compare **Levmon**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *loveman* 'lover, sweetheart'. Compare **Lemmon**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lufmancat, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).  
**surnames:** William Luveman, 1211 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Aumfridus Leofman, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Elyas Loveman, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Edmund Loman, 1651 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Nicholas Loveman, 1699 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Rich Lowman, 1738 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Ann Loveman, 1767 in *IGI* (Harvington near Evesham, Worcs); Mary Loveman, 1794 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).

### Loven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Norman, English: locative name from Leuven (French *Louvain*) in Belgium.

**Early bearers:** Jocelin de Luvan, 1187 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Godfrey de Luvein, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Ralph Lovyn, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Loven, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Sarah Loven, 1736 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants), Anne Lovain, 1735 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); John Lovain, 1738 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW).

### Lover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *lovere* 'lover, sweetheart'.

**Early bearers:** William le Lovere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Louer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Michael Lover, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Silverton, Devon); Alice Lover, 1553 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Lover, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Wyllm. Lover, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Isable Lover, 1585 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); Marke Lover, 1669 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Loveridge

**Variants:** Lowbridge, Leveridge, Leverage, Leverick, Livery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3306, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1071
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Loverich*, *Loverik*, *Leverich*, *Leverik*, *Lefrich*, *Lefrick*, *Liverich* (Old English *Lēofric*, formed from *lēof* 'dear' + *\*ric* 'ruler').

**Early bearers:** given names: Lefric, Leuric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Leofricus, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Lowric presbiter, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).  
**surnames:** William Leuric, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Oxon); Willemus filius Lefrich', 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Walter Lufrich, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas filius Leueric', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Leffrich, 1240 in *Saint Paul's Domesday* (Essex); Robert Leverik', 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Leveriche, Henry Leverige, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Loverich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Luerich, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Richard Loverik, 1350 in *London Letter Books F*; John Loveryche, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halesowen, Worcs); Isabell Lubritch, 1541, Roger Lubbrich, Ann Lowbridge, 1613, Mary Lobridg, 1687 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Lubbriche, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Halesowen, Worcs); Alice Lubrich, 1593 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Robert

Loveridge, 1603 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Elizabeth Lowbridge, 1635 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); William Leverage, 1656 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Leverick, 1684 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Fran Lovery, 1724 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

### Lovering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Glamorgan
- English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *\*Lovering* (Old English *\*Lēofring*, *\*Lēofhering*, perhaps a pet form of *Lēofhere*). There may have been some confusion with **Lovern**.  
**Early bearers:** William Luering, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Lovering, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Martin Lovering, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Louryng', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Loveryng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bradwell, Devon); Roberto Louerynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Standlynch, Wilts); David Loueryng', 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willmott Lovering, 1622 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Lowring, 1659 in *IGI* (Membury, Devon); Nicholas Lovering, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Langley, Kent).

### Lovern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *\*Loverun* (Old English *Lēofrūn*). There may have been some confusion with **Lovering**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Loveron', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Trussell with Bednall, Staffs); Michael Lovern, 1653 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset); Peter Lovern, 1660 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon).

### Loverock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwick

English: see **Lark**.

**Further information:** Reaney's explanation of the name as an altered form of Middle English *Loverik* (for which see **Loveridge**) is theoretically possible but not supported by any evidence.

### Loverseed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: altered form of **Liversage**.

**Early bearers:** William Loverseed, 1742 in *IGI* (South Collingham, Notts).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Lovesay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Lewsey**.

### Lovesey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204

- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, Oxon, and Gloucs
- English: see **Lewsey**.

### Lovesy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Lewsey**.

### Lovett

**Variants:** Lovitt, Loveitt, Lovatt, Lovat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3856, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2721
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Leics; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Norman: nickname, relationship name from Old French *louet* 'wolf cub', a diminutive of *lou* 'wolf'. This name can be seen occasionally to alternate with a diminutive in *-el*, as in the case of Robert Luvet, Luvell', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland). The nickname may also have been used as a given name. Compare **Lovell**.

**Early bearers:** William Louet, Loueth, Luueth, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks, Northants); Geoffrey Luvet, about 1125 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Robert Lovit, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Nicholas Louet', 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Rushton, Northants); Johannes Lovet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Richard Louet, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Mathewe Lovet, 1567 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Luvot*, a pet form of **Love**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas filius Lovota (Loveta), 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Hugh Louot', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Ruddington, Notts); William Lovatt, 1537 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

### Lovewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *love* 'love' (Old English *lufian* 'to love') + *wel* 'well' (Old English *wel*), a phrasal name (compare **Eatwell**, **Farwell**, **Gowell**, and **Meanwell**) presumably denoting a lover or philanderer. The 1603 alias *Parromor* is noteworthy (see **Paramore**). There may have been some confusion with **Lovell**.

**Early bearers:** Adami Lovewell, 1539 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Walter Lovewell, 1573 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Agnes Parromor alias Lovewell, 1603 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Kent); John Lovewell, 1617 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Daniel Louewell, 1621 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Jonathan Lovewell, 1672 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Lovey

**Variants:** Loveys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Loveye* (Old English *Lēofwīg*).

## Loveys

**Early bearers:** Cecilia Lovey, 1283–4 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Lovey, 1349 in *London Letter Books F* (London); John Lovey, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Lovewey, 1598 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks); John Luffee, 1606 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Loveys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Lovey** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Grace Lovys, 1555 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Anthony Loveys, 1644 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon).

### Lovibond

**Variants:** Loveband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Kent
- English: nickname from Middle English *love-bond* 'a chain or bond of love', also 'a swaddling band' (Old English *lufu* + (*ge*)band).
- Early bearers:** Matilda Lovibond, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Lovebunde, 1312 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Elizabeth Lovibond, 1577 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset); Richard Lovybond, 1581 in *IGI* (Britford, Wilts); Ric Loviband, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Horstead, Herts); Alise Lovibond, 1601 in *IGI* (Shorwell, Hants); Anthony Loveband, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Catherine Lovibond, 1865 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Lovick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Levick** (i.e. Middle English *Loveke* from Old English *Lēofeca*).
- Early bearers:** Brigitt Lovick, 1612 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).
- 2 English: see **Lowick**.

### Lovie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
- English, Scottish: see **Leavey**.

### Lovin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: (i) see **Living** and compare **Loving**. (ii) see **Lewin** and compare **Lowin**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Loving

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Dorset
- English: see **Living**.

### Lovitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Lovett**.

### Lovney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: locative name from Louvigny (Calvados).
- Early bearers:** Mabilia de Luveny, de Loveny, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); John Loueney, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Loueney, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Loveney, 1572 in *IGI* (Fordham, Essex); Thomas Lovenny, 1589 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex).

### Low

**Variants:** Lowe, Lowes, Loe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6487, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus and Aberdeens; Lancs and WR Yorks; Midlands; Essex and London; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *low* 'hill', commonly an artificial mound once containing a pre-Christian burial or used as a public meeting place (Old English *hlāw* becoming *low* in the south and *law* in the north). Compare **Law** and **Lew**.
- Early bearers:** Robert de la Lowe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger del Lowe, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Stephen Atteloue, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de le Low, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hethpool, Northumb); Adam atte Lowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bushbury, Staffs); Willelmus atte Lowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmo dil Lowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Alano del Lowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton with Glazebrook, Lancs); Johannes atte Lowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoneythorpe, Warwicks); Ricardus atte Lowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby, Warwicks); Willelmus dil Lowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billinge, Lancs); Johannes del Lowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Margeria atte Lowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); Willelmus del Lowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); John Low, 1544 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Rycharde Low, 1544 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Grace Low, 1561 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Low, 1561 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Elyzabeth Low, 1564 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**References:** *Landscape of Place-Names*, pp. 178–80.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *low*, *law* 'low, short' (Old Scandinavian *lágr*). Some of the following bearers with the definite article may belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** Turgot Lag, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Lincs); William le Low, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Martin le Low, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London).

3 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *lou* 'wolf' (Latin *lupus*). Compare **Wolf**. In the medieval record there is occasional alternation of *lou* with diminutive forms of the word (*lupet*, *lovel*), as in the case of Gregory le Lu, Lupus, Lupet, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon) and Martin Lovel or Love, 1346, 1348 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk). Compare **Lew**. Medieval *le Lou* is difficult to distinguish from (2). **Early bearers:** John le Lu, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robertus Lupus, Robert le Lu, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter le Lou, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John le Lou, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Philip le Lou, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Robert le Lou, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (North Marston, Bucks).

4 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lou*, a pet form of *Lourence*, a side form of *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**). Compare Simon Loustepsone (Laurence's stepson), 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

5 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖, see **Liu** (1–3).

6 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 婁, 樓, and 勞, see **Lau** (1–3).

7 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 羅 and 駱, see **Lo** (1) and (2).

8 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, and 路 (**Lu** in Mandarin pinyin), see **Lu** (1–4).

### Lowary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: see **Lowry**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lowbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: variant of **Loveridge**.

### Lowcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 386
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Lucock**.

### Lowday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs
- English: see **Loveday**.

### Lowde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Loud**.

### Lowdell

**Variants:** Loudwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: locative name from Loudwell in Hadlow Down (Sussex). There may have been some confusion with **Ludwell**.
- Early bearers:** Osbert de Ludewelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Ludwell, 1444 in *Centre for Kentish Studies* (Cowden, Kent); Thos. Lowdwell, 1511 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Rob Lowdwell, 1589 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Anne Lowdell, 1602 in *IGI* (Rainham, Kent); William Lowdwell, 1619 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Lowdall, 1641 in *IGI* (Allington, Kent); Richard Lowdwell, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Burham, Kent); Robert Loudwell, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Detling, Kent); Elizabeth Lowdell, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Chatham, Kent).
- References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 273, 334, 395.

### Lowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1150, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 961

- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Angus) and N England (esp. Durham and Cumb); also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Antrim, and Derry

1 Scottish: see **Loudon**.

2 English: locative name from Lewdon in Thelbridge or Lewdon in Cheriton Bishop (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Luwedon, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . de] Lyuedon, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William de Luwedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thelbridge, Devon); Robert de Luwedon, Christine de Luwedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Richard Lowden, 1549, Richard Lowdon, 1554 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Ellis Lewdon, 1589 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 396, 428.

### Lowder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; also Lincs

English, Scottish: perhaps a variant of either **Lowther** or **Lauder**.

**Early bearers:** Bridgett Lowder, 1572 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Elenor Lowder, 1577 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Dorcas Lowder, 1613 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Judith Lowder, 1658 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Lowder, 1664 in *IGI* (Swainthorpe, Norfolk).

### Lowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 755, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Northumb and Durham

Scottish: variant of Scottish **Loudon**.

### Lowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31370, Ireland 971
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22264
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. NW Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 English: see **Low**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 劉, see **Liu** (1).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 羅, see **Lo** (1).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 盧, see **Lu** (1).

### Lowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Staffs; Lincs

English: see **Lovell**.

### Lowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: see **Lewin** and compare **Lowin**.

2 English: see **Living**.

### Lower

**Variants:** **Lowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Cornwall

1 English: locative name denoting residence by a (man-made) hill or mound, from a derivative of Middle English *low* + *-er*, a formation typical of Sussex and Surrey. It is equivalent to Middle English *atte Lowe*; see **Low** and compare **Lewer**.

**Early bearers:** Amicia Lowere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Johannes Lowere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Johannes Lowere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); John Lower, 1539 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); William Lower, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (High Halstow, Kent).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 194.

2 English: it is sometimes suggested that it is a variant of **Ewer**, with fused Old French definite article *le*, but proof is lacking. The Yorks and Cornwall name may have migrated from Sussex or Surrey, or have a different, unidentified origin. It might, for example, be a variant of **Lover** with vocalization of /v/ to /w/, or a variant of Middle English *louerd* with loss of final *-d* (see **Lord**).

**Early bearers:** Robert Lower, 1513 in *York Freeman's Register*; Elizabeth Lower, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall).

### Lowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Lower**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Lowers, 1614 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Thomas Loweres, John Lowers, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Dartford, Kent); John Lowers, 1703 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Lowerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: variant of **Lorrison**.

### Lowery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2306, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Tipperary

English, Irish: see **Lowry**.

### Lowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2269, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1728
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: (i) variant of **Low**, with genitival or excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Lewis**.

**Early bearers:** John Lowse, 1540 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Alice Lowes, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Lowes, 1593 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

### Loweth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, Leics, Hunts, and Northants
- English: see **Louth**.

### Lowey

**Variants:** **Lowy**, **Louie**, **Lewey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx, Scottish: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Giolla Dhubhthaigh** 'son of Dhubhthaigh's servant or devotee'.

**Early bearers:** IoM: [ . . . ] Mac Gilloway, 1511 in *Kneen*; Kath Lowie, 1608, Ellin Lowey, 1635 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); John Lowey, 1662, Ann Lewey, 1731 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM); Margt Lowy, 1709 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM).

Scotland: Cathrine Lowey, 1688 in *IGI* (Kinnell, Angus); James Louie, 1770 in *IGI* (Boyndie, Banffs). England: George Lowey, 1664 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Aron Lowy, 1720 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs).

**References:** *Kneen*, at Lowey; *Black*, at MacGillewie.

### Lowick

**Variants:** **Lovick**, **Loake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: locative name from Lowick (Northants), which is recorded as *Lufuuich* in about 1137.

**Early bearers:** Balde de Lufwic, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John de Luffewyk', 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Wadenhoe, Northants); Oliver de Lufwyk', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Souldrop, Beds); Oliver Lufwyk, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Odell, Beds); Johannes Lufwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Thoma Lufwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Johanne Louewyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton Curlieu, Leics); John Lufwyk', 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Warmington, Northants); John Lufwik, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Dartford, Kent); Thomas Loke, 1618 in *IGI* (Weston by Welland, Northants); John Loake, 1662 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Simon Loak, 1713 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Elizabeth Lowick, 1721 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Edward Loke, 1798 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 185.

2 English: locative name, occasionally from Lowick (Lincs) or Lowick (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Lowyke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Willelmo de Lowyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Johanne Lowyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Lowick, 1598 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); William Loak, 1699 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Gudgeon Lowick, 1833 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Lowin

**Variants:** **Lowen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

1 English: see **Lewin**, and compare **Lowing**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). The names were probably much confused.

**Early bearers:** Simon Lowen, 1543, George Lewin, 1564 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Alyce Lowen, 1560, John Lewen, 1590, John Lowin, 1606, Joseph Lewin, 1709

## Lowing

in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Robert Lowen, 1568, Robert Lowin, 1581, Will'm Lewen, 1665, Eliz. Lowing, 1685 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).  
2 English: see **Living**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Living, 1568, Robert Lewin, 1677, Mary Lewen, 1758 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Henry Lowin, 1696, Mary Living, 1722 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

### Lowing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- 1 English: see **Living** and compare **Lowin**.  
2 English: see **Lewin** and compare **Lowin**.

### Lowings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Beds, and Hunts
- English: see **Living**s; see also **Living** for **Lowing** as a variant.  
**Early bearers:** Beatrice Lowings, 1605 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds); Eliz Lowings, 1709 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); John Lowings, 1745 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs).

### Lowis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm; Lincs
- English: see **Lewis**.

### Lowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Loveless**.

### Lowless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- English: see **Loveless**.

### Lowman

Variants: **Loman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 745, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 653
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England (esp. Dorset, Hants, and Devon); also Lincs
- 1 English: locative name from Uplowman (Devon), which is recorded as *Lomene* in 1242.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Lumene, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Willelmo Lomene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Loman, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Clovelly, Devon); Edward Loman, 1582, Owen Lowman, 1597 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Robertus Lowmen, 1620 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).  
2 English: variant of **Loveman**.

### Lown

Variants: **Lowne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: (i) variant of **Lond** with loss of *-d*. (ii) variant of **Lund** with loss of *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus de Lowne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); Hew Lowne, 1556 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Thomas Lowne, 1564 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Lowndes

Variants: **Lownds**, **Lounds**, **Loundes**, **Lownes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1730, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 997
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: variant of **Lund** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Loundes, 1540, Radi Lownes, 1567, Elizabeth Louns, 1590, Ursula Lounes, 1596 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Johes Loundes, 1564, Elena Lounds, 1597 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Raphe Loundes, 1585 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Richard Lounes, 1596 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire).

### Lownds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Lowndes**

### Lowne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Lown**.

### Lownes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- English: see **Lowndes**.

### Lowney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 186
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish, Manx: from Ó Luanaigh, see **Looney**.

### Lownie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- Irish, Manx, Scottish: from Ó Luanaigh, see **Looney**.

### Lownsbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Londesborough**.

### Lowrance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Lawrence**.

### Lowrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Cumb, Lancs, and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English, Irish: see **Lowry**.

### Lowrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1546, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1025
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Fife; N England: esp. Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English, Scottish: see **Lowry**.

### Lowries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English, Irish: variant of **Lowry**.  
**Early bearers:** John Lowries, 1666 in *IGI* (Donaghedy, Tyrone).

### Lowrison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Laurison**.

### Lowry

Variants: **Lowrie**, **Lowrey**, **Loury**, **Lowery**, **Lowary**, **Lowries**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2457, Ireland 2267
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Irish: from Ó Labhradha, see **Lavery**, and compare **McClory**.  
**Early bearers:** Arte O'Lawrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6741; Murtagh O'Lawry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6724; Owine O'Lawrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616.  
2 Scottish: see **Lawrie**.  
3 English: see **Lawry**.

### Lowsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: variant of **Loosley**.

### Lowson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 683
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife; Durham; ER Yorks
- 1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Low*, a pet form of *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**) + *-son*. Compare **Lawson**, **Larson**, and **Lorrison**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Richard Lowson, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); William Loweson, 1456 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Helyn Lowson, 1541 in *IGI* (Great Eversden, Cambs); Dorothea Lowson, 1545 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Janet Lowson, 1553 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).  
Scotland: Androw Lowson, 1570 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Johnie Lowson, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Lowson, 1583 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Alexr. Lowesone, 1677 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).  
2 English, Scottish: see **Leveson**.

**Lowth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Louth**.

**Lowther**

**Variants:** **Louther**, **Lawther**, **Lowder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3292, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1827
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham, Lancs, and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Derry, and Antrim

English: locative name from Lowther (Westm), which is recorded as *Lauder* in about 1180.  
**Further information:** A family of this name held the titles Baronet of Lowther, Viscount Lonsdale, and Viscount Lowther at various times since the 17th century. They held the title Earl of Lonsdale in its first creation in 1784, and still hold the title since its second creation in 1807. They trace their descent from Hugh Lowther, Attorney General to Edward I in 1292. Hugh Cecil Lowther, 5th Earl of Lonsdale, introduced the Lonsdale Belt boxing prize in 1909.  
**Early bearers:** William de Laudre, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Henry de Louthere, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Louthre, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Agnes de Lowthir, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cumb); John Lowder, 1512 in *Cumbria Record Office* (Kendal) (Westm); Margaret Lowder, 1562 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ryc. Lawther, 1568 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Philis Lowther, 1594 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); William Lowther, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 182.

**Lowthian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Scottish: see **Lothian**.

**Lowthorpe**

**Variants:** **Lowthrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Lowthorpe (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Luitorp, 1161, Robertus de Luuetorp, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); [... de] Lovetorp, 1218 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (Yorks); Arnold de Louthorpe, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Lowthorpe, ER Yorks); Simon de Louthorp, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Dickering wapentake, ER Yorks); Robert Lowthrop, 1597, Alicia Lowthrop, 1672, Lawrence Lowthorpe, 1681 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Susannah Lowthrop, 1733 in *IGI* (Harpham, ER Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 93.

**Lowthrop**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Lowthorpe**.

**Lowton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon

1 English: locative name from Lowton (Lancs). There may well have been some confusion with **Lawton**.  
**Early bearers:** John Lowton, 1560 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Gulielmus Lowton, 1576 in *IGI* (Etwall, Derbys); Ann Lowton, 1597 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Loweton, 1710 in *IGI* (Newchurch Kenyon, Lancs).  
 2 English: locative name from Lowton in Bondleigh (Devon). Again, some confusion with **Lawton** is possible.  
**Early bearers:** [... de] Luueton, 1332 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Simon Loueton', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Bondleigh, Devon); George Lowton, 1542 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Johanna Lowton, 1561 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Alice Lowton, 1603 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 359–60.

**Lowy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Lanarks
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Levy**.  
 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Loewe**.  
 3 Manx, Scottish: see **Lowey**.

**Loxam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Loxham**.

**Loxham**

**Variants:** **Loxam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost place called *Loxum*, unidentified but probably in Lancs (perhaps near Leyland or Penwortham).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Loxusum, 1251 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Roberto de Loxhan, before 1260 in *Burscough Cartulary* (Lancs); Robert de Loxum, 1326, Thomas de Loxhum, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Longton and Hutton, Lancs); Alice Loxam, 1587, Annah Loxom, 1765 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Peter Loxam, 1609, Margery Loxham, 1675 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); Richard Loxham, 1631, William Loxam, 1661 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs); Roger Loxham, 1699 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

**Loxley**

**Variants:** **Locksley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 526
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; also Worcs
- 1 English: locative name from Loxley in Bradfield or, less probably, Loxley in Plompton (both WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Lokeslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); [...] Lokusley, 1441 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Alyce Locksley, 1560, Richard Loxley, 1700 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Locksley, 1574 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Adami Loxley, 1661 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); George Loxley, 1654 in *IGI* (Woolley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 225; 5, p. 31.  
 2 English: locative name from Loxley (Warwicks).  
**Early bearers:** John de Lokkesleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Lockesle, 1317–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Stephen de Lockesleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks); John de Lockesleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); Johannes Locusleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); Edward Loxley, 1568 in *IGI* (Crophthorne, Worcs); John Loxly, 1579 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Georgius Loxley, 1580 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Elizabeth Locksley, 1668 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Thomas Loxly, 1675 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 235.  
 3 English: locative name from High Loxley in Dunsfold (Surrey).  
**Early bearers:** [... de] Lokesleye, 1279 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); John de Loxeylegh, 1315–16, Henry de Loxlee, 1344–6, Robert de Loxeleye, 1358–60, Robert de Loxle, 1366–7, Robert Loxele, 1386–7, John Loxsley, 1404–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johanne de Loxlegh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bramley, Surrey); Robert de Lokesleye, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William Loxelee, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey and Hants); Robertus Loxle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Johannes Loxle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Aunis Loxly, 1592 in *IGI* (West Chiltoning, Sussex); Eliz Locksley, 1641 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 236.

**Loxston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Loxton**.

**Loxton**

**Variants:** **Loxston**, **Lockstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: locative name from Loxton (Somerset). There may have been some confusion with **Luxton**.  
**Early bearers:** Anne Lockston, 1598 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Loxstone, 1606 in *IGI* (Emborough, Somerset); John Loxstone, 1607 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Ann Lockstone, 1663 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Deborah Loxstone, 1664, Mary Lockstone, 1679 in *IGI* (Dyrham and Hinton, Gloucs); Elizabeth Loxton, 1735 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

**Loy**

**Variants:** **Loye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also Ayr and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) male and female personal name *Loye*, a reduced form of Old French *Eloi(e)* (Latin *Eligius*, femininized as *Eligia*).  
**Further information:** The personal name was popularized by the fame of Saint Éloi, the 7th-century bishop of Noyon.

## Loyal

**Early bearers:** given names: Loya [filia eius], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics).

**surnames:** Johannes Loy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus Loy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tetsworth, Oxon); Ricardus Loye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cadwell, Oxon); Johannes Loye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tollesbury, Essex); William Loy, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Richard Loy, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Jane Loye, 1565 in *IGI* (Grimoldby, Lincs); William Loye, 1586 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Alicia Loy, 1593 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); John Loye, 1601 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); John Loy, 1607 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johannis Loye, 1610 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Rich. Loy, 1618 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: from Mac Lughaidh 'son of Lughaidh', a personal name that is a derivative of *lugh* 'brightness', which was the name of a Celtic god, see McClew. See also Lewis.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Loy, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Whitburn, W Lothian); Patrick Loy, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Auchinleck, Ayr). Ireland: Patrick and Owen Loy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creggan, Armagh); Daniel Loy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildress, Tyrone).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 雷 (see Lui (1)) and 呂 (see Lu (6)).

## Loyal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
- English: see Leal.

## Loyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and England
- Welsh: see Lloyd.

## Loydall

**Variants:** Loydell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Northants

English: variant of **Lydall**, itself a variant of **Liddell**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Loydal, 1730 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Sarah Loydall, 1734 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Thomas Loydal, 1740 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Ann Loydall, 1767 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Edwd Loydel, 1796 in *IGI* (Sawley and Long Eaton, Derbys).

## Loydd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Carmarthens

Welsh: see Lloyd.

## Loyde

- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Shrops; Gloucs; Lancs

Welsh: see Lloyd.

## Loydell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Gloucs
- English: see Loydall.

## Loyden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; Staffs
- Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see Lydon.

## Loydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs and Warwicks; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see Lydon.

## Loye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see Loy.

## Loyne

**Variants:** Loyne, Loynd, Loynes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Cardigans

English: locative name from Middle English *lone* 'lane' with the dialectal development (characteristic of the southern half of WR Yorks) of *o* in an open syllable to the diphthong *oi*. Compare Lane.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Loyn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Johanna Loyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodworth, WR Yorks); John in le Loyne, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Johanes Loynd, 1562, William Loyne, 1655 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Henry Loynd, 1603 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Elizabeth Loyne, 1693 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Richard Loyn, 1739 in *IGI* (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); John Loyn, 1787 in *IGI* (Sheringham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 7, p. 86.

## Loynd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Loyn** with excrescent *-d*.

## Loynds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see Loynes. For the excrescent *-d* compare Loynd.

## Loyne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see Loyn.

## Loynes

**Variants:** Loines, Loyns, Loyns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Loyn** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Loynes, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Agneta Loynes, 1579 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Leonarde Loins, 1593 in *IGI* (London); John Loynes, 1594 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); John Loines, 1747 in *IGI* (Long Itchington, Warwicks); Esther Loyns, 1799 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs).

## Loyns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Leics; Glamorgan
- English: see Loynes.

## Lozano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Spanish: nickname for an elegant or haughty person, from *lozano* 'splendid', later 'good-looking'.

## Lu

**Variants:** Luu, Loo, Lo, Loh, Leu, Lew, Lui, Loi, Loy, Lou, Low, Law, Lei, Lee, Lok, Luk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1480, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 盧 (also Lo in Cantonese romanization), meaning both 'black' and 'good god' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name Lu (盧), the name of a fief (located in Changqing in Shandong province) granted to Xi, the great grandson of Qi Tai Gong, also known as Jiang Tai Gong (died 1015 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound Chinese surname Lu-Pu (盧蒲, also written as 蘆蒲), borne by descendants of Qi Huan Gong (died 643 BC). (iii) from the place name Lu (盧), the name of an ancient state (unknown location) prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). When it was adopted as a surname, the Chinese character 盧 was simplified to 盧. (iv) from the Mo Lu (莫盧) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 盧 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534), and later some descendants simplified the Chinese character 盧 to 盧. (v) from the Tu Fu Lu (吐伏盧) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 盧 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蘆 (Lo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'reed' in Chinese: (i) shortened form of the compound Chinese surname Lu Pu (盧蒲, also written as 蘆蒲), which was borne by descendants of Qi Huan Gong (died 643 BC). (ii) from the Mo Lu (莫盧) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 蘆 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 魯 (Lo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'slow, clumsy' in Chinese: from Lu (魯), the name of a state (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) originally granted to Bo Qin, a prince in the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Chu in 256 BC, Lu (魯) was adopted as a surname.



**4** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 路 (Lo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'roads' in Chinese: (i) from *Lu* (路), the name of an ancient state (unknown location) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), said to be originally granted to Xuan Yuan by the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (ii) from *Lu Zi* (潞子), the name of a state (located in Changzhi in Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Jin, the Chinese character 潞 was simplified to 路 and adopted as a surname. (iii) said to be borne by descendants of Qiu Yan, who was a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (iv) from the Mo Lu Zhen (沒路真) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 路 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (v) the surname can be also traced back to some families from the Huns (located in ancient N China) and Shanyue ethnic group (located in ancient SE China).

**5** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 陸 (Luk or Lok in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'six' or 'land' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Lu Xiang* (陸鄉), the name of a fief (located in Pingyuan in Shandong province), said to be originally granted to Lu Zhong, a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). During the Warring States period (475–221 BC), the fief was also granted to Tian Tong, the youngest son of Qi Xuan Wang (died 301 BC). (ii) from the first element of *Lu Hun* (陸渾), the name of an ancient state (located in Songxian in Henan province) established by a minority ethnic group in NW China during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). After the state of Lu Hun was annexed by the state of Jin, Lu (陸) was adopted as a surname. (iii) from the Bu Lu Hu (步陸狐) family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 陸 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) for some families, the surname can be traced back to the Li ethnic group in Guizhou province, as well as the Huns during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25).

**6** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 呂 (Lui or Loi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'pitch pipe' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Lü* (呂), the name of a state (located in Nanyang in Henan province) granted to Lü Hou (呂侯, Marquis Lü) by Xia Yu, first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), because of his contributions to controlling floods. After the state was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the Chi Lü (叱呂), Si Lü Ling (侯呂陵) and some other families, members of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surnames to 呂 during the Southern and Northern dynasties (AD 420–589). (iii) from the place-name *Lü* (呂), name of a fief (located in present-day Shanxi province) which was granted to Lü Xiang (呂相), son of an official who lived in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**7** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 廖, see **Liu** (3).

## Luan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 樂, see **Loan** (3).

## Luard

**Variants:** Lyward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leward* (Old English *Lēofweard*).
- Early bearers:** given names: Leuard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Liuard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts); Lefwardus filius Gode, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Lewardus filius Ainilde, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).

surnames: Madducus filius Luardi, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Leuardi, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas Lefward, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); Peter Loward, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Lyward, 1663 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**2** Huguenot: after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, *Luard* (the French personal name *Louard*, from Germanic *Hlodward*) was introduced to England by a Huguenot from Caen, Robert Abraham Luard, who became the ancestor of the Luards of Essex and Lincs (Lower).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Luard, 1706 in *IGI* (Rider Court Chapel, Saint Anne's French Huguenot church, Westminster, Middx); Olympas Luard, 1771 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

## Lubbock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Lübeck in northern Germany.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Lubyck, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Tydeman de Lubyk, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Lubbok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hanworth, Norfolk); Edmnd. Lubbock, 1567 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Robart Lubbock, 1644 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); George Lubeck, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Lubin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

French: relationship name from the Germanic personal name *Leobin*, a pet form of any of the compound names formed with *leub*, *liup*, *liob* 'dear, beloved' as the first element.

**Further information:** Saint Leobin was a bishop of Chartres in the 6th century (whence the name's popularity in the Middle Ages), and several places were named Saint-Lubin after him, as for example in Eure, Eure-et-Loir, and Loir-et-Cher.

**Early bearers:** George Edward Lubin, 1802 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Lubin, 1810 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Luby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Lúbaigh, see **Looby**.

**Early bearers:** John Luby, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Knockynleskie).

## Luc

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: see **Luk**.

**2** Vietnamese: **Lưc**, probably of Chinese origin, represented by the character 陸 (simplified 陆), originally meaning 'land, mainland', corresponding to *Lù* in Mandarin, or by 六 'six', corresponding to *Liù* in Mandarin and *Lyuuk* in Cantonese.

**3** French: from the personal name *Luc*, French equivalent of **Lucas**.

## Lucas

**Variants:** Lukas, Lucus, Lukes, Luckhurst, McLucas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18599, Ireland 707
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13790
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Late Latin personal name *Lucas*, a learned form of **Luke** (both derived from Greek *Loukas*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Lucas, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Lucas, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts).

surnames: Euerard Lucas, 1153–85 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Robert Lucas, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Lucas, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Agnes Lucas, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Thomas Lukas, 1540 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk).

## Luce

**Variants:** Lucia, Lucy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 521
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

**1** English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English female personal name *Luce*, *Lucy* (Latin *Lucia*, feminine of Latin *Lucius*, from *lux* 'light'). Saint Lucia, martyred at Syracuse under Diocletian, was a popular medieval saint.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lucia, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Lucia, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames, England: Ricardus Luce, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Brinkley, Cambs); Asselyna Luce, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes filius Luce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Juliana Luce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawbridge, Warwicks); Annice Luce, 1563 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

surnames, Channel Islands: Moyses Luce, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

**2** Scottish: locative name from Luce in Brydekirk (Dumfriess).

**Further information:** It is not clear that the name from this source has survived.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Luce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Sarah Luce, 1839 in *IGI* (Whithorn, Wigtowns); George Luce, 1843 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb).

## Lucey

**Variants:** Lucey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 1316
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122

## Lucia

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Fermanagh

1 Norman, English, Irish: see **Lucy**.

2 Irish: an anglicized form of **Ó Luasaigh**, **Mac Cluasaigh** ‘son of *Cluasach*’, a byname for someone with noticeable ears, from *cluas* ‘ear’.

**Early bearers:** Gilpatricke O’Lowrsie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Ballivorney); Gilpatrick O’Lowe, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Drishane).

## Lucia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Suffolk

English: (i) see **Luce**. (ii) see **Loose**.

**Further information:** Perhaps a deliberate alteration of *Luce* or of the homophonous *Loose*, perhaps acknowledging its dialectal meaning ‘pigsty’.

## Lucian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Relationship name from the Latin personal names *Lucianus* (m), *Luciana* (f).

**Early bearers:** given names: Luciana, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Lucianus de Seille, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys).

surnames: Philip Lucian, about 1265 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Wilts).

## Luck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2521, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2422
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Kent, and Sussex; Northants

1 English: see **Luke**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Luck, 1564 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Joane Luck, 1576 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Luck, 1595 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 陸, see **Lu** (5).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 駱, see **Lo** (2).

## Luckcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Luckock**.

## Luckcuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Luckock**.

## Lucken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Luckin**.

## Luckens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

English: see **Lukins**.

## Luckes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Lukes**.

## Luckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1099, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

English: see **Lockett**.

## Luckyey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Northumb

Scottish, English: see **Lukey**.

## Luckham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Dorset, Hants, and Somerset

1 English: locative name from *Lucombe* (Somerset). Some of the post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2). In either case, there may have been some confusion with the Yorks surname **Lockham**.

**Early bearers:** Mater Richard de Locoma, 1188–93 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Somerset); William de Lucume, 1201–2, Hugh de Locumb, 1281–2, Robert Lucombe, 1399–1400, Benedick Lukcombe, 1410–11 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Hugh de Lucombe, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Lucombe, Somerset); Philip de Loccombe, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Lokcombe, 1389 in *Assize Rolls* (Oxon); Henrie Luckum, 1560, Heugh Luckam, 1595, James Lucombe, 1619, Anne Luckombe, 1635 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Thomas Luckham, 1575, Thomas Luckom, 1643 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Luckam, 1605, John Luckham, 1635 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Edith Lucombe, 1629 in *IGI* (Batcombe, Somerset); David Lockham, 1693 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Elizabeth Lockham, 1740 in *IGI* (Lucombe, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Luckham in Whitstone (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Locaham, 1315 in *East Cornwall Place-Names* (Cornwall); Thomas Luckham, 1575 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Luckham, 1635 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); James Luckham, 1659 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Nicolas Luckham, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Margt. Luckham, 1727 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *East Cornwall Place-Names*, p. 71.

## Luckhurst

**Variants:** **Lukehurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1084, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 675
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

English: (i) locative name from Luckhurst in Mayfield (Sussex), itself a corruption of the first part of *Lukkars Croche* 1553, *Luckers Crouch* 1823, which is probably to be connected with Henr’ Luggere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mayfield, Sussex). If so, this is ultimately a variant of **Lugger**. (ii) alternatively, if the surname is to be connected with bearers such as

Rychard Luckas, 1569 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex), and Myldred Luckas, 1574 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent), it may be a variant of **Lucas** remodelled as if from a place-name.

**Early bearers:** Margaritt Luckhurst, 1572 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Johan Luckhurst, 1588 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Ellen Luckerst, 1620 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Thomas Luckherst, 1620 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Jone Luckhirst, 1648 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Lukehurst, 1664 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); John Luckist, 1683 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 382.

## Luckie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Angus

Scottish: variant of **Lukey**.

## Luckin

**Variants:** **Lucken**, **Lucking**, **Lukin**, **Lockin**, **Locking**, **Loggin**, **Lovekin**, **Lufkin**, **Lukins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex, Surrey, and Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lovekin*, *Loukin*, *Leukin*, an Anglo-Norman French pet form of Old French *Lou(p)*, *Love*, Normanno-Picard *Leu*, ultimately Latin *Lupus* (literally ‘wolf’). See **Love**. There may have been some confusion with **Locking** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Luuekin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Lovekinus, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Lovekin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs). surnames: Osbert Lovekin, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Loukin, Robert Lukyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ralph Louekyn, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Tring, Herts); Johannes Loſkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Town, Wilts); Johannes Louekin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Lovekyn, 1377, Johannes Lowekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Oxon); Thomas Leukyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); Roberto Louekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Simone Lovekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Johannes Louekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Willemus Louekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hidcote Bartrim, Gloucs); Johannes Lovekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Easter, Essex); Edmundus Lovekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Essex); Willelmus Lovekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilley, Shrops); Johanne Lovekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford); Robert Lufkyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Maistres Lovekyn, Luffkyn, 1542–3 in *Bardsley*; Jona Luckin, 1553 in *IGI* (Mashbury, Essex); Anne Luckyne, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Elias Lovekin, 1603 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Richard Luckin, 1611 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, pp. 96, 103.

## Lucking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Luckin**.

**Further information:** Reaney also allows a relationship name from the Old English personal name \**Leofecing* ‘son of *Leofeca*’ (compare **Levick**), citing

William Luueking, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics) and Nicholas Loveking, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs). However, this is irrelevant to the modern Essex surname.

**Early bearers:** Elizth. Lucking, 1563, George Luckyn, 1736 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Jane Luckyn, 1567, Jone Luckyng, 1569 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex).

### Luckings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Lukins**.

### Luckins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Lukins**.

### Luckman

**Variants:** Lukeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Luke* or *Luck* (Latin *Lucas*), + *man* 'man, servant'; compare **Lucas** and **Luke**.

### Luckner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name from Lewknor (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Eadgyfu æt Leofecan oran, about 992 in *Tengvik* (Oxon); Henry de Leucnore, 1211, John de Leukenore, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Geoffrey de Leukenor, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants and Bucks); Thomas de Leukenore, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Leukenore, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Heythrop, Oxon); Thomas Lewconore, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Richard Leukenore, 1468–9 in *Feet of Fines*; Richard Lewknor, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joane Lewkener, 1594 in *IGI* (Lyminge, Kent); Edward Lewkenor, 1607 in *IGI* (Denham near Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Luckner, 1614 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Fraye Lucknor, 1620 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Elizabeth Lewknar, 1624 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 34.

### Luckock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Lucock**.

### Luckraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lancs
- English: see **Lueraft**.

### Lucks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Lukes**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Luckwell

**Variants:** Luckwill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Luckwell Bridge in Cutcombe (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Petrenell Luckwill, 1623 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Marie Luckwell, 1643 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset); Rebecca Luckwell, 1693 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); Sarah Luckwell, 1784 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks).

### Luckwill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Glamorgan
- English: see **Luckwell**.

### Lucky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English, Scottish: see **Lukey**.

### Lucock

**Variants:** Luckock, Luckcock, Luckcuck, Lewcock, Lowcock, Locock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lovecok*, *Leucok*, an English pet form of Anglo-Norman French **Love**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Luuecok, Leucok Schayf(e), 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Lovekoc de Wlvedale, 1275, Lokoc de Heppewrth, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Peter Luuecok', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey Luvecoc, Lucoc, 1259, about 1308 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Henry Lovecok, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); William Loukok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Robert Lukok, 1338, William Locoke, 1531 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Lewcocke, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).  
**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, p. 103.

### Lueraft

**Variants:** Luckraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

English: locative name from Luckcroft in Ashwater (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Loccroft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashwater, Devon); John Lueraft, 1560 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Richard Luckraft, 1588 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Nich Lewcraft, 1731 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon).

### Lucus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Lucas**.

### Lucy

**Variants:** Lucey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 620
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Norman: locative name from Lucé (Orne).

**Further information:** Godfrey de Luci, son of Richard de Luci, became bishop of Winchester in 1189.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Luci, 1135–54 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Lucy, 1773 in *IGI* (Walpole, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name, see **Luce**.

**Early bearers:** William Lucy, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Cecilia Lucy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Agnes Lucy, 1567 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); William Lucy, 1572 in *IGI* (Milton Bryan, Beds); Xpofer Lucy, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Tho Lucy, 1586 in *IGI* (Rudford, Gloucs); Katherine Lucy, 1589 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset).

3 English: locative name, in WR Yorks a variant of **Livesey**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Alexander Lyuesaye, Lucye, or Lusey, 1568–72 in the Halifax parish registers.

4 Irish: see **Lucey**.

### Ludbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Ludbrook (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Lodebroc, 1206–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William de Ludebrok, 1256 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Adam de Lodbrok', 1346–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert Ludbrook, 1574 in *IGI* (Stanningfield, Suffolk); Thomas Ludbrook, 1576 in *IGI* (Stanningfield, Suffolk); Willm. Ludbrook, 1663 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Samuel Ludbrook, 1695 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Wm. Ludbrook, 1700 in *IGI* (Weston on Avon, Gloucs).

### Ludden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 100
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

### Luddington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Hunts, Cambs, and Northants; also WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Luddington (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Lidi'gtun, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Lydyngton, 1300 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Peter de Ludyngton', clerk, 1328, John de Ludyngton', 1329, William de Lodyngton', 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes Ludyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haldenby, WR Yorks); John Lidyngton, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Barbara Loddington, 1606 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Franciscus Ludinton, 1619 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Tho. Ludington, 1661 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Liddington**. There may also have been some confusion with **Loddington**.

## Luddy

### Luddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Cork, and Limerick

Irish (Cork): Ó Loidigh, see **Leddy**.

### Ludford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

1 English: locative name from Ludford (Shrops). There may well have been some confusion with **Lydford**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Ludeford, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); William de Ludeford, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Ludford, 1579 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwick).

2 English: locative name, possibly also from Ludford (Lincs), which gave rise to a medieval byname, though there is no evidence to suggest that this survived as a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Elena de Ludeforda, 1187 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Elizabeth Ludford, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Margaret Ludford, 1560 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Michael Ludford, 1585 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); George Ludford, 1591 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Ludgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: (i) locative name from Ludgate in Lynsted (Kent). (ii) locative name from Ludgate, one of the ancient city gates of London. (iii) perhaps sometimes a variant of **Lydiate**, ultimately from Old English *hlid-geat* 'swing-gate', which is also the probable source of the place-name in (i).

**Early bearers:** John Ludgate, 1570 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); Luce Ludgate, 1609 in *IGI* (Walton, Bucks); Janne Ludgat, 1685 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Ann Ludgeat, 1703 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks).

### Ludham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks and Staffs

English: locative name from Ludham (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Walter de Ludham, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph de Ludham, 1287–8 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Johannes de Ludham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); William Ludham, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alicia Ludham, 1570 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Ann Ludham, 1784 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Ludham, 1813 in *IGI* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks).

### Ludkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Lutkin**.

### Ludkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Lutkins**.

### Ludlam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1031, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 635
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Leics

English: unexplained; possibly from a misreading of *w* as *m* in *Ludelawe*, a recorded medieval spelling of the place-name *Ludlow* (Shrops). Compare **Ludlow** and its ramifications such as **Laidlaw**.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Ludlam, 1538 in *Notts Archives* (referring to Chesterfield, Derbys); Gulihelmus Ludlam, 1565 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Ricus Ludlam, 1586 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Or Henrey Ludlum, 1652 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Joseph Ludlom, 1653 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jeremiah Ludlamb, 1727 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys).

### Ludley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 English: see **Ladley**.

2 English: locative name, possibly also from Lutley in Halesowen (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Hugone de Lodeleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lutley, Worcs); Richard de Lodeleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Ludelegh, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Ludley, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Edward Ludley, 1587 in *IGI* (Donington on Bain, Lincs); Elizabetham Ludley, 1608 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Franc Ludley, 1620 in *IGI* (Bisley, Gloucs); Thomas Ludley, 1630 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts). **References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 298–9.

### Ludlow

Variants: **Laidlaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2374, Ireland 189
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1560
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: locative name from Ludlow (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William de Ludelawa, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Masy de Ludelawe, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); John de Lodelowe, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John de Lodelawe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Lodelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); George Ludlow, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Margaret Ludlow, 1556 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Lanncleti Ludlow, 1612 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); George Ludlow, 1619 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

### Ludman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Lutman**.

### Ludwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: locative name from Ludwell in Donhead Saint Mary (Wilts), Ludwell in Hutton or a lost place called *Ludewelle* (recorded in 1338) in West Chinnock (both Somerset). There may have been some confusion with **Lowdell**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ludewll', 1225 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Hugh de Ludewell, 1236 in *Wilts and Swindon Archives* (Donhead, Wilts); [ . . . de] Ludewell, 1276, [ . . . de] Lodewelle, 1327 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Somerset); Adam de Ludewell, 1352 in *Hants Record Office* (Salisbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Ludwell, 1565 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Julian Ludwell, 1569 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Thomas Ludwell, 1574 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 189; *Somerset Archives*.

### Ludwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

Welsh: see **Lodwick**.

### Ludwig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- German, Dutch: relationship name, German and Dutch, from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *hlod* 'fame' + *wig* 'war'. **Further information:** This was the name of the founder of the Frankish dynasty, recorded in Latin chronicles as *Chlodovechus* (see **Louis**), and *Ludovicus*, which became German *Ludwig*. It became a hereditary name in the Wittelsbach family, the royal family of Bavaria. **Early bearers:** Jacob Ludwick, 1760 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Ludewick, 1782 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Lue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雷, see **Lui** (1).

### Luer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Uidhir**, see **McClure**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Luetchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Middx
- English: see **Latchford**.

### Luff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1770, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1911
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Hants, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *lof* 'beloved' (Old English *lēof*, with change of stress to *leōf*, *lōf*). Compare **Leaf**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Lof* (Old English \**Lēof*, with change of stress to *Lēof*, *Lōf*). (iii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Luffe* (Old English \**Luffa*, a geminated form of *Lufa*). Compare **Love**.

**Early bearers:** William Lof, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Lof, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Luffe, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Geoffrey Luffe, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Robt. Luff, 1538 in *IGI* (Carlton, Suffolk); Wm. Luff, 1553 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Alice Luff, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Buriton, Hants).

### Luffingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

English: locative name from North and South Luffenham (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** William de Luffham, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Robert de Luffenham, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas de Loffenham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wing, Rutland); Willelmus Luffenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Willelmus Loffyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rudge, Shrops); Simon de Luffenham, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Simon Luffenham, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Nicholas Luffenam, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Robert Luffenham, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (South Luffenham, Rutland); Martha Luffingham, 1632 in *IGI* (Fretherne, Gloucs); John Luffenham, 1634 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Frances Luffenham, 1640 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Alice Luffenham, 1698 in *IGI* (Holme, Hunts); Sarah Luffingham, 1737 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison Chapel, London); Sarah Luffingham, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Luffman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Dorset

English: see **Loveman**.

### Lufkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Luckin**.

### Lugar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Lugger**.

### Lugard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Lugger** with excrescent *-d*.

### Luger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Lugger**.

### Lugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 804, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 893
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall and Devon

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English given name \**Lugge* (Old English \**Lugga*), the evidence, and parallels, for which are given under Lugworthy in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 180.

**Early bearers:** William Lug, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Lugge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William Lugg, 1332 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 147 (Dorset); John Lugg, 1540 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Thoms Lugge, 1574 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Lugg, 1609 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

### Luggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Lugger**.

### Lugger

**Variants:** **Luggar, Luger, Lugar, Lugard, Levenger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Leugar, Lefgar, Levegar, Lovegar* (Old English *Lēofgār*). Compare, by a convoluted route, **Luckhurst**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lefgar, Leueger, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Leuegarus mercator, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); surnames: Edward Leuegar, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Leugar, 1272 in *Ancient Deeds* i (London); Henr' Luggere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mayfield, Sussex); Ad' Luggere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burpham, Sussex); John Leugor, William Leuegor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Loueger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Leveger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Nicholao, Rogero Levoger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby Waterless, Leics); Artour Levegor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Johannes, Ricardus Levegor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); Frysed Luggor, 1553 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Elisabeth Lugar, 1562 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Robt Lewgar, 1569 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

### Lugsden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Logsdon**.

### Lugsdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: see **Logsdon**.

### Lugton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, Berwicks, and Durham

Scottish: locative name from Lugton in Dalkeith (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Christian Logtoun, 1561, John Logtown, 1571, Margaret Logton, 1586, Helen Lugton, 1636 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Logtoun, 1562,

William Lugtoun, 1562 in *Black* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Lughtoun, 1607 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Adam Lugton, 1698 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Helen Lugton, 1732 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Lui

**Variants:** **Loi, Lew, Lai, Lei, Lee, Lay, Lue, Loy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雷 (Lei in Mandarin pinyin, Loi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'thunder' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of Fang Lei (方雷), the name of an ancient state prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). The state is said to have been named after Fang Lei Shi, son of the legendary king Yu Wang (traditional dates: 4561–4494 BC), associated with a fief called Fangshan (perhaps in present-day Yuzhou or Songshan in Henan province). Some of the people from the state acquired 雷 as their surname, while others acquired 方 (**Fang**) as their surname. (ii) said to be traced back to Lei Gong (雷公), a famous doctor during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the Yellow Emperor (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC).

**2** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 呂, see **Lu** (6).

### Luis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Angus
- Scottish, English: see **Lewis**.

### Luk

**Variants:** **Lue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

**1** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陸, see **Lu** (5).

**2** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 駱, see **Lo** (2).

### Lukas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Lucas**.

### Luke

**Variants:** **Look, Luck, Luk, Lukes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3854, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2889
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also London; Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Hants; central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

**1** English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Luke* or *Luck*, popular forms of **Lucas**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Louke*, a reduced form of *Lovecok*, an English pet form of the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Lou, Leu, Love*. Luke de Nettelton, 1308 is identical with *Lovecok* de Nettelton, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick). See **Love** and compare **Lovekin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Luke, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

## Lukehurst

surnames, England: William Lucke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Lucke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Simon Luk, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); Godfrey Lukke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Lukke, 1381 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii; John Louk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Look, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Margery Luke, 1541 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); John Luke, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Johana Luke, 1560 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Thoms Luk, 1562 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Joan Luke, 1563 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); John Luke, 1567 in *IGI* (Bishopstow Tawton, Devon); Henry Luke, 1620 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Edward Luke, 1633 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

surnames, Scotland: Margaret Luke, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Luke, 1622 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Helene Luke, 1656 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Patrick Luke, 1691 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens); Donald Luke, 1737 in *IGI* (Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich, Argyll).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 47–9; *McClure, Jack I*, p. 103.

2 Belgian: locative name from Luik (Flemish name of Liège, Belgium).

**Early bearers:** Lucas de Luk', de Lukes, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Richard Luike, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Luke, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Susannah Luke, 1656 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

3 Italian: see **De Luca**.

4 English: reduced form of **Levick**.

5 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 陸, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Lu** (5).

## Lukehurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Luckhurst**.

## Lukeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

English: see **Luckman**.

## Luker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1054, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 766
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs, Berks, and Oxon

English: see **Looker**.

## Lukes

**Variants:** Luckes, Lucks, Lux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Luke** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Lukes, 1376 in *London Pleas*; Juditha Lucks, 1576 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Julyan Luckes, 1590 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Benjamin Luxe, 1592 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Robarte Luckes, 1625 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Penticost Luxe, 1628 in *IGI* (Alphington, Devon); Humphrey Lux, 1643 in *IGI*

(Plymouth, Devon); Ann Lukes, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Goran, Cornwall); Elizebeth Lucks, 1679, Wilmott Lux, 1712 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: see **Loukes**.

3 English: variant of **Lucas**.

## Lukey

**Variants:** Luckey, Lucky, Luckie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent; Lancs

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Scottish personal name *Lukey, Luckey*, a pet form of **Luke**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Lukey, 1560, Dorothie Luckey, 1563 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Christen Lucky, 1584 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Robert Luckey, 1620 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); John Luckey, 1630, Eleanor Lukey, 1720 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Janot Luckie, 1659 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margaret Luckie, 1668 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Lucky, 1702 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Elspat Luckey, 1768 in *IGI* (Stracathro, Angus); Ann Lukey, 1838 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Lukic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South Slavic: from a Slovenian, Croatian, Serbian, or other South Slavic patronymic *Lukić* (also found in the form with an affricated medial consonant *Lučič*), derived with the suffix *-ić* from the male given names *Luka* or *Lukas*, themselves from Latin *Lucas*, Greek *Loukas*; compare **Lucas, Luke**.

## Lukin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Luckin**.

## Lukins

**Variants:** Luckins, Luckens, Luckings, Lockins, Loggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: (i) variant of **Luckin** with post-medieval excrement -s. (ii) variant of **Locking** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Audryan Lukens, 1560 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Simo. Loggins, 1571 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Annes Lukins, 1580 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Gulielmus Lukinges, 1582 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); William Loggins, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Luckins, 1597 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex); William Luckins, 1599 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); Anne Luckens, 1601 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Anne Lockins, 1717 in *IGI* (Burton Overy, Leics).

## Lulham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Lulham in Ripe (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lolleham, 1279 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Henr' de Lulleham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ripe and Laughton, Sussex); Thom' de Lulham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shiplake hundred, Sussex); Emma de Lulham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glynde, Sussex); Rico de Lulleham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seaford, Sussex); Annes Lulham, 1545 in *IGI* (Chalvington, Sussex); Joane Lulham, 1577 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Jhon Lullame, 1579 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Adam Lullam, 1589 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 405.

## Lull

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lulle* (Old English *Lulla*). There may have been some confusion with **Loll**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Lulle Cokeman, 1260 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

surnames: Richard Lulles, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Johanne Lull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wormbridge, Herefs); Arnold Lulle, 1442, John Lulle, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Avis Lull, 1560 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Anna Lulle, 1585 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Christopher Lullis, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Judith Lull, 1787 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Lulling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Lulling* (Old English *Lulling*).

**Early bearers:** William Lulling', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robro Lullyng, 1296, Willo Lullyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Poynings, Sussex); John Lullinge, 1319 in *Norwich Deeds* II (Norfolk); Robertus Lullyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poynings, Sussex); Johanne Lullyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourn, Berks); John Lulling, 1817 in *IGI* (Pockthorpe, Norfolk).

## Lulman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks
- English: see **Lilliman**.

## Lum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Lumb**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 林 (see **Lin** (1)) and 藍 (see **Lam** (1)).

## Lumb

**Variants:** Lum, Lumm, Lomb, Loombe, Loom, Loomes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2516, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2826
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name, either toponymic from Lumb (Lancs) or topographic from Middle English *lumm* 'pool' (Old English *\*lumm*). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** John del Lumme, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry Lane alias Lumme, 1551 in *TNA* (Lincs); Thomas Lumm, 1565 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (London); Michael Lumme of Barkisland, 1612, Jacob Lumme, clothier of

Wadsworth, 1635 in *Notts Archives* (WR Yorks); Mary Lumb, 1627 in *IGI* (Carleton juxta Snaith, WR Yorks); Richard Lumb, 1661 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs); Anthony Lumb, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mathew Lumm, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Henry Lumm, 1689 in Borthwick Institute (Holy Trinity, York); Matthew Lumb, 1724 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); William Lumb, 1732 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts).

2 English: a modern development of Middle English *Lomb*, a variant of *Lamb*, see **Lamb**.

**Early bearers:** Houward Lomb, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Simon Lomb, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Ralph le Lomb, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sibilla le Lomb, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Lumbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset and Devon

English: see **Lombard**.

### Lumber

**Variants:** Lumbers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Lombard** with loss of final *-d*.

**Early bearers:** John Lumber, 1625 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); William Lumber, 1664 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Lumbers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Beds

English: variant of **Lumber** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Margatt. Lumbers, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London); William Lumbers, 1712 in *IGI* (Orton Longueville cum Botolph Bridge, Hunts).

### Lumbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Lombard**.

### Lumbley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Lumley**.

### Lumby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Lumby (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Lumby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Lumby, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Simon Lumbie, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); John Lumby, 1597 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks).

### Lumgair

**Variants:** Longair, Loumgair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 97

- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Lumgair in Dunnottar (Kincardines).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Lunkyrr', about 1218–22 in *Brechin Register*; Williame Lumgair, 1648 in *IGI* (Arbirlot, Angus); Margtt. Lumgair, 1688 in *IGI* (Dunnottar, Kincardines); John Longair, 1759 in *IGI* (Carmylie, Angus); Isobel Loumgair, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

### Lumley

**Variants:** Lumbley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2463, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1824
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Durham and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Lumley (Durham).

**Early bearers:** William de Lumeley, 1235–6 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Roger de Lumeley, 1278 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb and Northants); Marmaduke de Lomley, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannem de Lomley, 1365 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Fulwell, Durham); Henr. de Lomley, 1370 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (West Rainton, Durham); Johannes Lomele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Lomblie, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford on Soar, Notts); Agn' Lumle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Netton, Wilts); Robert Lumley, 1571 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Isabell Lumley, 1590 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); William Lumley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Lumm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Herts

English: see **Lumb**.

### Lummis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Lomas**.

### Lummas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Lomas**.

### Lumpkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Lambkin**.

### Lumsdaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Fife

Scottish: see **Lumsden**.

### Lumsden

**Variants:** Lumsdon, Lumsdaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3106, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2453
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also Northumb and Durham

Scottish, English: locative name from Lumsden in Coldingham (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Lumisden, 1166–82 in *Black*; John de Lummysden, about 1335 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Jams Lumsden, 1588 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Mgaret. Lumsden, 1604 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Lumsden, 1619 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Margaret Lumsden, 1623 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Adam de Lumesdene, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Durham); Peter Lumsden, 1615 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Robt Lumsden, 1634, John Lumsdon, 1648 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Lumsdon, 1683 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Lumsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

Scottish, English: see **Lumsden**.

### Lun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 倫 (meaning 'peers' in ancient Chinese), said to be traced back to Ling Lun (伶倫), a musician who lived during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the Yellow Emperor (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蘭, see **Lin** (3).

### Lunan

**Variants:** Loonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Perth

1 Scottish: locative name from Lunan (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Lounane or Lownan, 1382 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Aberdeen); Robert Lownan, 1411 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); John Lownane, 1450 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); Agnes Lunan, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Wm. Lunan, 1622 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); David Lunan, 1649 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth).

**References:** *Black*, p. 440, at Lounan.

2 Irish: from Ó Luanáin 'descendant of Luanan', a byname meaning 'hound' or 'warrior'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O'Lonan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972 (Castelmarten, Kildare); Gillpatrick O'Lonane, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Lackin, Tipperary); Molaghlin O'Lonan, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Aghenerline, Kilkenny); John O'Lonan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577; James O'Lonane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577.

### Lunat

**Variants:** Loonat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: originating in India; of undetermined meaning.

### Lunceford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Lunsford**.

## Lund

### Lund

- Variants: **Lound**, **Lunn**, **Lown**, **Lount**, **Lowne**, **Lowndes**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3223, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks (esp. WR Yorks) and Lancs

English: locative name, either topographic from Old Scandinavian *lundr* 'grove', or toponymic from a place named with this word, such as Lund (Lancs, Yorks), Lunt (Lancs), Lound (Lincs, Notts, Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Ralph de la Lunde, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey de Lund, 1200–30 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Norfolk); John del Lound, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert in the Lound', 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Toynton, Lincs); Thomas del Lound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Adam Lund, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bracken, ER Yorks); Thomas Lounde, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Clifton, Beds); John Lunt, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Lownde, 1561, Allis Lownd, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johes. Lund, 1562 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Margereta Lownd, 1565 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Anna Lownd, 1570 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Lunday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: see **Lundy** (2).

### Lundberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- Swedish: ornamental name composed of the elements *lund* 'grove' + *berg* 'mountain, hill'. **Early bearers:** John Peter Lundberg, 1800 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Peter Lundberg, 1826 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Andreas Peter Lundberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1871* (London); Oscar Lundberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Bernard Lundberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Cornwall); Verner Lundberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Staffs).

### Lundergan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: anglicized form of Ó Longargáin (see **Lonergan**). **Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain; it is more common in the USA.

### Lundgren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham
- Swedish: ornamental name composed of the elements *lund* 'grove' + *gren* 'branch'. **Early bearers:** Simon Lundgren, 1785 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Marten Lundgren, 1867 in *IGI* (London); John Lundgren, born in Sweden, in *Census 1871* (London); Gustaf Lundgren, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Frans Lundgren, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Lundie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks and Ayr
- Scottish: see **Lundy** (2).

### Lundon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English: see **London**.

### Lundrigan

- Variants: **Landrigan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: of uncertain origin; perhaps an altered form of Irish **Lonergan**. Compare **Landricombe**. **Early bearers:** John Landrigan, 1763 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Corneli Lundrigan, 1853 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Lundrigan, 1854 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Lundy

- Variants: **Lundie**, **Lunday**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 808, Ireland 527
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 518
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Sligo and Mayo

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lundi* (Old Scandinavian *Lundi*, *Lunde*, from *lundi* 'puffin'). (ii) locative name, in SW England perhaps occasionally from Lundy Island (Devon, in the Bristol Channel, which was named in Old Scandinavian with *lundi* 'puffin' + *ey* 'island'). **Early bearers:** given names: Lundi, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Adam Londy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Barbere Lundy, 1572 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Robert Lundy, 1633 in *IGI* (Bempton, ER Yorks); Stephen Lunday, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Sarah Lundy, 1679 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); John Lunday, 1709 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Londy, 1765 in *IGI* (Sproatley, ER Yorks). 2 Scottish: locative name from one or more of the places so called, such as Lundie (Angus) and Lunding in Largo (Fife), both of which are recorded with and without final *-n* in medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Lundy, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perth); John of Lundy, 1499 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Fife); Elspet Lundy, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Sande Lundy, 1583 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Abigail Lundie, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). **References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 2, pp. 336–9. 3 Norman, Irish: in Ireland, from Anglo-Norman French *de la Launde* 'of the glade'. Compare **Lowndes**.

### Luney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 144
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Manx: from Ó Luinigh, see **Looney**.

### Lung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- 1 English: see **Lang**. 2 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 龍 and 隆, see **Long** (3) and (4).

### Lungley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Langley**.

### Lunn

- Variants: **Lumm**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5903, Ireland 207
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3856
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Staffs, Lancs, Derbys, and Lincs; also Hants and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: (i) see **Lund**. (ii) in S England, possibly a contracted form of **Lunnon**; see **London**. **Early bearers:** Margaret Lun, 1547 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Henry Lunn, 1586 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Francis Lunn, 1606 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Issabella Lunn, 1623 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Thomas Lunn, 1626 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs).

### Lunness

- Variants: **Lunniss**, **Lunnis**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Middle English *Londenois* 'a Londoner'. There has probably been some interchange with Middle English *Londenish* 'of London; a Londoner' (Old English *Lundenisc*). **Early bearers:** Richard Londoneys, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Alex' Lundenysse, 1296, Henrico le Londenyssh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Midhurst, Sussex); Robert Lundenissh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Londenays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Willelmus Londenays, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Roger Lundenyssh, 1381 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 4 (Kent); John Lunnis, 1595 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cams); Thomas Lunnesse, 1599 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cams); Elizabeth Lunnes, 1631 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Lunnis, 1658 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); George Lunnis, 1674 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk); Stephen Lunniss, 1730 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk).

### Lunney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 212
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- Irish, Manx: from Ó Luinigh, see **Looney**.

### Lunnis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in E England
- English: see **Lunness**.

### Lunniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also E Anglia
- English: see **Lunness**.

### Lunnon

- Variants: **Lonnon**, **Lonnen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305



- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, Middx, and Berks

English: variant of **London** with loss of *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** John London, 1570, Robert Lonnon, 1678 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richardus Lunnen, 1603, Gulielmus Lunnon, 1606 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Emma Lonnon, 1680 in *IGI* (Hillesden, Bucks); Joan London, 1691, John Lonnon, 1692, Joan Lunnon, 1706 in *IGI* (Medmenham, Bucks); Wiliam Lonnon, 1746, Thomas London, 1788 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); John London, 1749, John Lonnon, 1765 in *IGI* (Horton, Dorset).

### Lunny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- Irish, Manx: from Ó Luinigh, see **Looney**.

### Lunsford

**Variants:** Lunceford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Lunsford, Sussex.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3011, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1926
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks

English: see **Lount**.

### Luo

**Variants:** Lok

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 羅 and 駱, see **Lo** (1) and (2).

### Luong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Vietnamese: **LƯÔNG**, representing the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

### Lupino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Lupo*, which is in part a direct continuation of the Latin personal name *Lupus*, from a word meaning ‘wolf’, and in part a medieval revival under the influence of Germanic personal names formed with *wulf* ‘wolf’. Compare the English surnames **Love** and **Lovett**, which go back to the same root.

**Further information:** According to Reaney, this is the name of a theatrical family of Italian origin, established in England since 1642.

**Early bearers:** Venantia Lupino, 1780 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Lupson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also London
- English: variant of **Lipson**.

### Lupton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2179, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2151
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Laois, and Offaly

English: locative name from Lupton (Westm).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lupton, [ . . . de] Lopton, 1256 in *Place-Names of Westm* (Westm); Robert de Lupton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Lupton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Thomas de Lupton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Edward Lupton, clerk, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Roger Lupton, clerk, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Roger Lupton, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Lupton, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Leonard Luptonn, 1551, Geo. Lupton, 1553 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Bryan Lupton, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Isabell Luptone, 1576 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Judithe Luptonne, 1599 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, pp. 46–7.

### Lurie

**Variants:** Delhuary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): of uncertain origin. **Early bearers:** Moses Lurie, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Levi Lurie, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abie Lurie, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Jeanot Lurie, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

2 English: nickname denoting a sergeant or groom of the ewery, from Middle English *ewerye*, a room where ewers of water, table linen, etc., were kept; compare **Ewer**.

**Early bearers:** John del Ewry, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Lurie, 1612 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); James Lurie, 1783 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Lurton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: see **Lorton**.

### Lusardi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from a Genoese form of the Sardinian personal name *Luxorio*, *Lussorio*, according to Caracausi.

**Further information:** Lussorio was a Christian soldier martyred during the persecutions of Diocletian (AD 284–305). San Lussorio is the patron saint of several places in the provinces of Nuoro and Oristano in Sardinia.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Lusardi, 1791 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Petro Lusardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Guiseppe Lusardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Pietro Lusardi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Lusby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Lusby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Lusby, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Bolingbroke wapentake, Lincs); John de Lusceby, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Robertus de Luseby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elsham, Lincs); Willelmo de Lusceby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Duffield, ER Yorks); Johannes Lusceby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heckington, Lincs); Jhon Lusby, 1584 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Henrici Lusby, 1594 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs).

### Luscomb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Surrey

English: see **Luscombe**.

### Luscombe

**Variants:** Luscomb, Loscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1389, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Loscombe (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Augner de Luscomb, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de Loscomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Luscomb, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

### Lush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Dorset, and Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *lush* ‘loose, relaxed, slack’.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Lusse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tarrant Rawston, Dorset); John le Lusse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tisbury, Wilts); Johannes Lusch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Johanne Lusch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindon, Wilts); Robert Lush, 1573 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Berks); Elizabeth Lush, 1575 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Rose Lushe, 1588 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); John Lush, 1613 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Margaretta Lush, 1628 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset).

### Lusher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Usher**, with fused Old French definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Luscher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); John Lusher, 1542 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

### Lushington

**Variants:** Lissenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Lushington* in Smeeth (Kent), which is recorded as *Lustinton* in 1278, *Lushington* in 1664 (*Hearth Tax*). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong rather to (2).

## Lusk

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Lustinton', 1254 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Simo' de Lustynton', 1327, Andrew de Lustyntone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bircholt hundred, Kent); Thomas Lustenton, 1495 in *Kent Wills* (Hawkinge, Kent); Ingram Lusshington, 1581 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard Lissinden, 1592, Henry Lushenden, 1595, John Lushington, 1604, John Lystenden, 1613 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Lustington, 1593 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent); Elizabeth Lusenton, 1594, John Lushington, 1629 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Alicia Lusenton, 1595, Henry Lussington, 1619 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Lushington, 1601, Robert Lissenden, 1669 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent); Thomas Lussenden, 1603 in *IGI* (Lydden, Kent); Joane Lushinton, 1618 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); Widdow Lushington, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Bircholt Franchise hundred, Kent); Mary Lissenden, 1669, Martha Lushington, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Susanna Lusshinton, 1688 in *IGI* (Hawkinge, Kent); Richard Lushenden, 1694 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Mary Lushinden, 1683 in *IGI* (Stelling, Kent); Stephen Lustington, 1700, John Lushinton, 1716 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 422.

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Lashenden in Biddenden (Kent). It is not clear whether or not this surname survives, but it seems likely that there was some confusion between forms of *Lashenden* and *Lushington* in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Lachindenn', 1240 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Simon de Lechindenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barclay hundred, Kent); Richard Lecchyndenne, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Smarden, Kent); William Lechynden', 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Egerton and Pluckley, Kent); John Lachynden', 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Lachynden, 1515–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Headcorn, Kent); Margaret Lashenden, 1610 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Robert Lashenden, 1618 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Simon Lashenden, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Richard Lashenden, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); William Lashenden, 1726 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 332–3.

## Lusk

• **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 39  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 252  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayrs, Renfrews, and Bute; also Lancs; Middx  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
Scottish: (i) of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Leask**. (ii) Black suggests Irish origin from a place near Dublin, but this would be an unusual example of a 17th-century Irish locative surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lusk, 1691 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayrs); Robert Lusk, 1706 in *IGI* (Stevenston, Ayrs); Benjamin Lusk, 1737 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

## Lusted

• **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 234  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent  
English: locative name from Lusted in Cudham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Rob'ti de Lostede, 1266 in *Merton Priory* (Cudham, Kent); [ . . . ] de Lostede, 1348 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Thomas Lusted, 1548 in *IGI*

(Horsham, Sussex); Susanna Lusted, 1552 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Miles Lusted, about 1576 in *Surrey History Centre* (Dorking, Surrey); Samuel Lusted, 1586 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Mary Lusted, 1588 in *IGI* (Sevenoaks, Kent); Andrew Lustead, 1600 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Michael Lusted, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Southborough, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 25.

## Lusty

• **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 40  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 576  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
English: nickname from the Middle English adjective *lustī*, with a wide range of meanings, including 'delightful, vigorous, attractive, admirable, pleasure-loving, lustful'.  
**Early bearers:** Simon Lusty, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William Lusty, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Lusty, 1379 in *Staffs Archives* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs); Thomas Lusty, 1415 in *Suffolk Record Office* (Ipswich) (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Thomas Lusty, 1558 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); Issabel Lusty, 1563 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Ralph Lustie, 1567 in *IGI* (Olveston, Gloucs); Joane Lustie, 1572 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); James Lustye, 1577 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

**References:** Information from Susan Wynne (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Lutas

• **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 29  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
English: variant of **Latus**.

## Lutchford

• **GB frequency 1881:** 18  
English: see **Latchford**.

## Lute

• **GB frequency 1881:** 43  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Essex; Aberdeens; Somerset  
English: nickname from an Old Scandinavian byname *Luti*, *Lute* from *lútr* 'stooping'.  
**Early bearers:** Ailric Lute filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; William Lute, 1216–22 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*; Adam Loute, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farningham, Kent); Johannes Lute, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); John Lute, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Andrew Lute, 1702 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Ann Lute, 1850 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Luter

**Variants:** **Lutter**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 63  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Shrops; IoW; Rutland  
1 English: see **Luther**.  
2 English: nickname from Old French *loutre* 'otter'.  
**Early bearers:** William Lelutere, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey Lutre, 1204 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); Ralph Lutre, about 1208 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Ralph le Lutre, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William le Lutre, 1235 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Middx); John Luter, 1541 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); John Luter, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas

Acon, London); Thomas Luter, 1564 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Elinor Luter, 1572 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Rob Luter, 1572 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).  
3 English: reduced form of **Lutterer**.

## Luther

**Variants:** **Luter**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 4  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 419  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Dorset  
English: occupational name from Middle English *luter*, *leuter* 'lute player' (Old French *leuteur*, *luthier*)  
**Further information:** *Luther* was not used as a personal name in medieval England.  
**Early bearers:** Alvredus le Lutur, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John le Leuter, le Leutour, Luter, 1304–10 in *London Letter Books* B, C, D; Idonea Lutier, 1358 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx); Johannes Lutour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Richard Luter, minstrel, 1522 in *Tudor Rutland* (Oakham, Rutland); Ralph Luther, 1529 in *York Guild Register* (York); Agnes Luter, 1540 in *IGI* (Hodnet, Shrops); Richard Luther, 1559 in *IGI* (Stapleford Tawney, Essex); Alyn Luther, 1564 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ann Luther, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Johane Luther, 1588 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops).

## Luthra

• **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, based on the name of an Arora clan.

## Lutkin

**Variants:** **Ludkin**, **Lutkins**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 62  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs  
English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal names *Lota* (see **Lott**) or \**Lutte* (see **Lutt**).  
**Early bearers:** Adam Lotekyn, Ludekyn, 1311 in *London Letter Books* D; Hugh Lutkyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Ludkyn, 1551, Grace Ludkin, 1583 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Margareta Ludkin, 1581, James Lutkin, 1793 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Ludkin, 1602 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Eliz. Lutkin, 1693 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Lutkins

**Variants:** **Ludkins**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 20  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Norfolk  
English: variant of **Lutkin** with post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Ludkins, 1645 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Robert Ludkins, 1650, George Lutkins, 1794 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anthony Lutkins, 1719 in *IGI* (London).

## Lutley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 112  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon  
English: variant of **Littley**.

**Lutman**

Variants: **Luttman, Litman, Littman, Lithman, Lightman, Ludman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Luteman, Liteman*, reduced dialectal forms of *Lutelman* and *Litelman*, Old English \**Lytelmann*, \**Litelman*, an original nickname 'little man'. *Luteman* is mainly limited to parts of S and W England. See **Lilliman** for an alternative development of the same personal name.

**Further information:** In *Surnames of Sussex*, McKinley offers an alternative explanation from a hypothetical Middle English \**Loteman*, a compound of Middle English *lot* (Old English *hlōt*) 'share of allotted land' + *man* and synonymous with *atte Lote* (see **Lott**). In the Sussex *Subsidy Rolls*, Walter de Lutemannesparr' (1296) is apparently identical with Walter Lotemansparre (1327), who was taxed in Wisborough and presumably owned the land there now known as Sparr Farm. Walter Loteman (the same man?) was taxed in Wisborough in 1332, and his family name is probably preserved in Lutman's Farm there. The more likely explanation is that the *-o-* in *Loteman* represents /u/ as seen in *Luteman* (compare a similar variation in the early forms of Potwell in Henfield, *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 218), or a scribal error for \**Leteman* which, alongside *Luteman*, would be a regular alternative development of Old English \**Lytelmann* in Sussex. **Early bearers:** given names: Lutemannus, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Liteman de Clunton', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon).

surnames: Rogerus filius Liteman, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Reginaldus filius Luteman, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Liteman, 1275, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants, Beds); Gilbert Lyteman, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iii; William Lyteman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Dean, Sussex); Johes. Lutman, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Jone Litman, 1580 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Eleanor Litman, 1622 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); John Lutman, 1645 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Robert Lutman, 1654 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants). **References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 177–8; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 135–6.

**Lutner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location, 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: of uncertain origin.

**Further information:** The spelling alternation seen in 1642 suggests that it may be a locative name deriving from the place-name *Lewknor* (Oxon), in which case compare **Luckner**. However, a single 17th-century Staffs document (TNA STAC 8/202/9) equates *Lutener* with *Lattner*, though it is not clear on what basis. A Chancery document pairs Katherine Lewtener alias Katherine Lattner and William Lewtener alias William Lattner. *Lattner* is otherwise known only as a rare 19th-century immigrant name, and the confusion (if that is what it is) is with **Latner** and potentially therefore also with **Latimer**. A link with *lutener* 'lute-player' might be thought of, but that is found only once (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** William Luttener, 1433 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Barnham, Norfolk); Anthony Lutener alias Anthony Lukener, 1642 in *TNA* (Aston, Clun, Shrops); John Lutner, 1643 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); Sarah Lutner, 1696 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Margt. Lutnar, 1707 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Lutnor, 1741 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Phebe Lutener, 1756 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Lutner, 1759 in *IGI* (Swynnerton, Staffs); Mary Lutner, 1789 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); William Lutiner, 1828 in *IGI* (Market Drayton, Shrops). **References:** Norfolk Record Office KIM 2/O/17; TNA C 3/423/8, C 2/JasI/L8/32, STAC 8/202/9.

**Luton**

Variants: **Lewton, Lutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name, chiefly from Litton (Somerset), which was *Lutton* in 1245 and 1488, and occasionally from Luton in Bishopstington (Devon) **Early bearers:** Osbert de Luton', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cornwall); Roger Luton', 1253 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Margeria Luton, 1547 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Richard Lutton, 1568 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Elizabeth Luton, 1588 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Edith Luton, 1589 in *Somerset Wills* (Siston, Gloucs); John Lutton, 1589 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Hannah Luton, 1655 in *IGI* (Stanton Drew, Somerset); Nathanel Lewton, 1660 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs).

**Lutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Lutte* (Old English \**Lutt*, \**Lutta*, from the root *lut-* in Old English *lytel* 'little'). Compare the derived personal name Lutting, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk), which also appears as a byname: Ralph Lutting, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Lutting, 1357 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks). Compare further **Lutkin**. **Early bearers:** Simon Lutte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Seman Lutte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogerus Lutte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Ricardo Lutte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton, Leics); John Lutt, 1598 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Richard Lutt, 1604 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Lutt, 1770 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

**Lutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: (i) see **Luter**. (ii) see **Lutterer**.

**Lutterer**

Variants: **Lutter, Luter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: nickname from Old French *lotreor*, *lotrier* 'otter hunter'. **Early bearers:** Ralph le Luterer, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Ralph le Luterer, 1232 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks).

**Luttman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Lutman**.

**Lutton**

Variants: **Loughton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 248
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: locative name from East and West Lutton in Weaverthorpe (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lutton, 1166 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); John de Lutton', 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Lutton in Weaverthorpe, ER Yorks); William de Lutton', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Phillipp Lutton, 1586 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Bartholmew Lutton, 1593 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Frances Lutton, 1636 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 122.

2 English: locative name from Lutton in Sutton Saint Nicholas (Lincs), which is recorded as *Luctone* in 1086, *Luton* in 1170.

**Early bearers:** John de Lutton', 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert de Loughton', 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Aslackby, Lincs); John de Lutton', 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Lutton in Sutton Saint Nicholas, Lincs); Richard de Loughton', 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs); Caroli Lutton, 1577 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); James Loughton, 1588 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Guilielmus Lutton, 1665 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); James Lutton, 1731 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Lutton, 1773 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 83–4.

3 English: see **Luton**.

**Luttrell**

Variants: **Littrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Kilkenny, and Tipperary

Norman, English, Irish: nickname from a diminutive of Old French *loutre* 'otter'. Ralph Lutrel is also called le Lutterer, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks). Compare **Lutterer**.

**Further information:** The manor of East Quantoxhead (Somerset) has been held by a family of this name since 1207. The same family bought Dunster Castle (Somerset) from John de Mohun in 1376, and still hold the castle today. This Norman name is now more common in Ireland than in England, where a family of the name held the title Earl of Carhampton from 1785 to 1829. Carhampton is in Somerset, close to Dunster, but the link between the Irish and English families is not clear.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Lutrel, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Ralph Lutrel, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Alexander Lutterel, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Rebecca Luttrell, 1569 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Tho. Luttrell, 1665 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

Scotland: David Luttrell, 1868 in *IGI* (Rosneath, Dunbartons).

## Lutwyche

Ireland: Godfrey Luterell, 1204 in *CDI* §199; Geoffrey Luterel, 1215 in *CDI* §566 (Dublin); Robert Luterel, treasurer of St. Patrick's, Dublin, 1228 in *CDI* §1656 (Dublin); Robert Luterel, treasurer of St. Patrick's, Dublin, 1235 in *CDI* §2254; Thomas Luttrell, knight, 1542 *Fiants Henry* §313 (Luttreleston, Dublin); Thomas Lutterell, knight, 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §91 (Dublin); Catherine Luttrell, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §408 (Dunsoghly); Christopher Luttrell, 1555 in *Fiants Mary* §75 (Luttreleston, Dublin); Robert Luttrell, chaplain and archdeacon of Meath, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §236; Roix Luttrell, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §646 (Feltrim).

### Lutwyche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Lutwyche in Rushbury (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Lotewich', 1261–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); John Lutewiche, Richard Lutwiche, 1524, Johannes Luttych, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brockton in Shipton, Shrops); Alene Lutwiche, 1538 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); Richard Lutwyche, 1748 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); John Lutwich, 1750 in *IGI* (Peterchurch, Herefs); John Lutwitch, 1764 in *IGI* (Welland, Worcs); Agnes Lutwyche, 1815 in *IGI* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 186–7; 3, p. 198.

### Luty

Variants: **Leuty, Lewty, Lewtey, Lawtey, Lawty, Latta**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; Lincs; Cornwall

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *leaute, leuete* (Old French *leauté*) 'honesty, loyalty'. **Early bearers:** Huctredus Leute, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Alan Leaute, 1256 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Thomas Luty, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Bedford, Beds); Joan Lewtie, 1558 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Jennet Lewtie, 1562 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Alice Lutye, 1581 in *IGI* (York); Jane Lutye, 1591 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Thomas Lawtye, 1613 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Francis Lawtie, 1613 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).

### Lutz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

1 German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Ludwig**.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Adophus Lutz, 1788 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); William Lutz, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Charles Lutz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx); Johann G. Lutz, born in Württemberg, Germany in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Hannah Lutz, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Bengeo, Herts); Thirdore Lutz, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

2 French: locative name from Lutz-en-Dunois (Eure-et-Loir).

### Luu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 盧, 蘆, 魯, 路, 陸, and 呂, see **Lu** (1–6).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 劉, 柳, and 廖, see **Liu** (1–3).

3 Vietnamese: **Luu**, a variant in central and southern Vietnam of the surname anglicized elsewhere as **Lieu** (Chinese 劉).

### Lux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name, patronymic from a vernacular form of the personal name **Lucas**. (ii) nickname from Middle High German *luhs* 'lynx', German *Luchs*. Among Jews, it may have been acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Oscar Lux, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Diedrich Lux, in *Census 1891* (London); Saml Lux, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Nathan Lux, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Derby, Derbys); Harris Lux, journeyman tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Derby, Derbys); Emanuel Lux, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hyman Lux, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Himan Lux, tailor, born in Plotsk, in *Census 1911* (Thanet, Kent); Joseph Lux, traveller (bakers' sundries), born in Colne [Cologne], Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Leigh on Sea, Essex).

2 English: see **Lukes**.

### Luxford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from Luxford in Crowborough (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Luggesford, 1279 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Isabella de Lockesford, 1327, Thomas Luxford, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Marye Luxford, 1562 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Sarah Luxfoord, 1639 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 373.

### Luxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Guernsey

1 English: see **Luxton**.

2 English: relationship name from Middle English *Luke* or *Luck* (popular forms of **Lucas**; see **Luke**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Lucuson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Johannes Lucuson', Ricardus Lucuson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawbridge, Warwicks); Johannis Luckson, 1583 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

### Luxton

Variants: **Luxon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1597, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall

English: locative name from East Luxton in Winkleigh or Luxton in Upton (both Devon). There may have been some confusion with **Loxton**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Luxton, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); [ . . . de] Luggestone, 1313, [ . . . de] Luggeston, 1346 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); George Luxton, 1562 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Johan Luxsson, 1563, Mante Luxoon, 1573, Rafe Luxon, 1578 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Margaret Luxsonne, 1577, Ralph Luxton, 1669 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Humfry Luxon, 1582, John Luxton, 1691 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Mary Luxton, 1590 in *IGI* (Wembworthy, Devon); Scibley Luxtone, 1595, Hugh Luxon, 1736 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Ambrose Luckstone, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Luxston, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Bartholomew Luxton, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 373, 650.

### Ly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 978, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Vietnamese: **Lý**, representing the Chinese surname 李, see **Li** (1). It is also found as a surname among speakers of the Hmong language of Vietnam and adjacent countries.

2 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 李, see **Li** (1).

### Lyal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Berwicks; Durham

Scottish: see **Lyall**.

### Lyall

Variants: **Lyle, Lyell, Lyel, Lyal, Liell, Lile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2424, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1888
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Aberdeens, and Banffs; also Midlothian; Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish: relationship name from a pet form of **Lyon** or of its diminutive **Lionel**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johannes filius Lyelli, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John Liel, 1411–34 in *Brechin Register*.

England: John Lyell, 1408 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Lyas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Lias**.

### Lyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks

1 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Captain Lyburn, 1648 in *Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book*; John Liburne, 1686 in *Dumbarton Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Lyburn, 1706 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks); Jeane Limeburne, 1730 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); John Limeburn, 1761 in *IGI* (Irvine, Ayr).

2 English: see **Laybourne**.

**Lycett**

Variants: **Lycitt**, **Lissett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1164, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 615
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alice Lycet, 1544 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Lissett, 1565 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Andrew Lycet, 1568 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); Johane Lisett, 1579, Richard Lissett, 1616 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Osen Lycet, 1589 in *IGI* (Thurlby by Bourne, Lincs); Henry Liset, 1606, Henry Lissett, 1664 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); Joanna Licett, 1627 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Staffs); Ann Lycett, 1634 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Richard Licett, 1640 in *Muster Rolls* (Staffs); Francis Liset, 1660 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Widow Licett, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Lycitt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Lycett**.

**Lydall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs
- English: see **Liddell**.

**Lydbury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Lidbury**.

**Lyddiard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- English: see **Liddiard**.

**Lyddiatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Lydiatte**.

**Lyddington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Liddington**.

**Lyddon**

Variants: **Liddon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs; Glamorgan

English: locative name from an unidentified place, perhaps Lyddon in Hazelbury Bryan (Dorset). There may be a connection with either Liddon Hill in Crewkerne or Lydon Lane and Wood in Chipstable (both Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Liddon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Old Cleeve, Somerset); Willm. Lyddon, 1567 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Elizabeth Liddon, 1568 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Elnor Lyddon, 1578 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon); Richard Lydden, 1594 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

**Lyde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80

- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England

1 English: locative name from Lyde in Pipe and Lyde (Herefs) or Lyde Green in Pucklechurch (Gloucs). Compare **Loud** (2). Some of the post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lide, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Alys Lyde, 1556 in *IGI* (Alresford, Hants); John Lide, 1563 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Henry Lyde, 1563 in *IGI* (Cropthorne, Worcs); Anne Lyde, 1564 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Allyn Lyde, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Lyde, 1568 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Edward Lide, 1603 in *IGI* (Knill, Herefs).  
**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 166–7; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 65; *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 153.

2 Welsh: English pronunciation of **Lloyd**.

3 English: see **Lyth** (2).

**Lyden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish, Scottish: from Ó Loideáin, see **Lydon**.

**Lydford**

Variants: **Lidford**, **Ledford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: locative name from East and West Lydford (Somerset) or Lydford (Devon). There may well have been some confusion with **Ludford**.

**Further information:** The surname is unlikely to derive from Lydford Farm in Cann (Dorset), which is recorded as *Glideford* in 1280 and *Glidford* in 1289, with loss of initial G- not evidenced before the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Lhudeford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); William de Luddeford', 1335 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Peter Luddeford, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Lydford, 1539 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); Katherina Lidford, 1554 in *IGI* (Stoke Charity, Hants); Richard Lydford, 1563 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Thomas Lidford, 1571 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Walt Lydforde, 1576 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Robert Ledford, 1645 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Joseph Lidford, 1754 in *IGI* (Fontmell Magna, Dorset).

**Lydiard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, Somerset, and Warwicks
- English: see **Liddiard**.

**Lydiatt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Liddiard**.

**Lydiatte**

Variants: **Lyddiatt**, **Lydiatt**, **Liddiatt**, **Lidgett**, **Liggat**, **Liggatt**, **Liggett**, **Lidgate**, **Ludgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name, chiefly from Lydiatte (Lancs), sometimes perhaps from Lidgate (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Lidgate, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William de Lydyathe, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Anna Lydiatte, 1593 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Jespar Lydiatte, 1608 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Elizabeth Lydiatte, 1669 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Lydiatte, 1682 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Obedia Lydiatte, 1772 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks); William Liddiatt, 1785 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a swing-gate for cattle, Middle English *lidgate*, *lidiatte*, Old English *hlidgeat*.

**Early bearers:** Philip atte Lidgate, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de la Lydeyate, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John atte Lygate, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Lydiatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Warwicks
- English: see **Lydiatte**.

**Lydon**

Variants: **Layden**, **Laden**, **Leyden**, **Leydon**, **Ludden**, **Lyden**, **Laydon**, **Loyden**, **Loydon**, **Ledden**, **Leatham**, **Leatham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1316, Ireland 1024
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish (Galway, Mayo): from Ó Loideáin 'descendant of *Loideán*', a personal name of uncertain origin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady reoghe O'Lydan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4975 (Kyllaraght, Sligo); Donchu O'Leadán, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rahelly, Sligo); John Leadane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cams, Sligo); Thomas Leddan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmihil, Clare); Michael Liddane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway).

England: Mary Lyden, 1708 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham).

**Lydyard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Liddiard**.

**Lye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 993, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

1 English: see **Leigh**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 賴, see **Lai** (1).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 黎, see **Li** (2).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 列, see **Lit**.

**Lyel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks
- Scottish, English: see **Lyall**.

## Lyell

### Lyell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Fife; London
- Scottish: see **Lyall**.

### Lyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Worcs
- English: variant of **Leigh** (compare **Lye**) with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.  
**Early bearers:** Ame Leies, 1559 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Agnes Lyes, 1563 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Henry Lyes, 1635 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs).

### Lyfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Layfield**.

### Lyford

- Variants:** **Lifford**, **Liford**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 262
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks
- English: locative name from Lyford (Berks).  
**Early bearers:** John Lyford<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Abingdon, Berks); John Lyforde, 1539, Eliz. Lyford, 1554 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); Agnis Lyfford, 1540 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Henry Lifford, 1553 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Liford, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Milton, Oxon); Robert Lyfford, 1623 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Elizabeth Lifford, 1628 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Hen Lyfoord, 1630 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Richard Liforde, 1633 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Arthur Lifford, 1653 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Lygo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys
- Scottish: see **Lythgoe**.

### Lyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1808, Ireland 269
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks, and Midlothian; Cornwall and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- 1 Scottish: see **Lyall**.  
2 English: see **Lisle**.

### Lyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Herts
- English: see **Liles**.

### Lyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Northants
- English: variant of **Layman**.

### Lymburner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

English, Scottish: occupational name from Old English *lim* plus an agent-noun derivative of Old English *beornan* or Old Scandinavian *brenna* 'to burn', a lime-burner, a maker of lime by burning limestone.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Alexander le Lymbrennere, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Lymbrenner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Rogero Lymbrennere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Issobell Lymburner, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Joannes Limeburner, 1636 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Johne Lymburner, 1644 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### Lymer

**Variants:** **Limer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English \**limer* (a derivative of Old English *lim* 'lime, gypsum, birdlime'), the sense of which may be 'lime-burner', 'whitewasher', or 'bird-trapper'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Limer, Thomas Lymer, 1219, Walt. Lymer, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John le Limer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Rico le Lyymar<sup>1</sup>, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Duncton, Sussex); Joh. le Lymare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Steph. le Lymer, 1329 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Thomas Lymere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Galfridus Lymere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Johannes Lymer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brownsver, Warwicks); Richard Limer, 1675 in *IGI* (Forton, Staffs).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 183.

### Lymington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; scattered in England

English, Scottish: locative name from Lymington (Hants), Limington (Somerset), or Lemmington (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Lemyngton<sup>1</sup>, clerk, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Elias Lemyngton<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mattishall, Norfolk); Thoma Lemyngton<sup>1</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saltby, Leics); Johannes Lemynton<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Ralph Lemyngton<sup>1</sup>, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Lymington, 1575 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); John Lymington, 1619 in *IGI* (West Harnham, Wilts); Elizabeth Lymington, 1621 in *IGI* (South Marston, Wilts); Thomas Limington, 1622 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); John Lymington, 1636 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Thomas Lymington, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).  
Scotland: Jane Lymington, 1823 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian).

### Lymn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, N Midlands

English: see **Limm** and **Lymn**.

### Lymn

**Variants:** **Limm**, **Lymm**, **Lime**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Limb Hill in Dore (Derbys) or Lymm (Cheshire).

**Further information:** There is a River Lymn in Lincs, but it is unlikely to be the source of any surnames.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Lymme, [ . . . de] Lym, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); [ . . . de] Lymme, 1330 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Willelmo del Lym, 1333 in *Dronfield Documents* (Derbys); Thomas de Lymme, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Symond Lyme, 1561 in *IGI* (Authorpe, Lincs); Johanna Lyme, 1567 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Anna Limne, 1578 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Anthony Limme, 1597 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Edward Lym, 1600, Marre Lymn, 1634, Susanna Lymne, 1635 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Oliver Lyme, 1612 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Richard Lymn, 1638 in *IGI* (Laneham, Notts); John Limm, 1669 in *IGI* (Kyre, Worcs); Richard Lym, 1672 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Charles Limne, 1680 in *IGI* (Heanor, Derbys); Susanna Limme, 1697 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hannah Limm, 1708, Benja. Limn, 1715, Phoebe Lymn, 1756 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Jno Lymn, 1729, George Lymne, 1730 in *IGI* (Checkley, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 240–1; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 36; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 84.

### Lymon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Layman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Lyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish, English: see **Lynn**.

### Lynagh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal
- Irish: from **Laignneach**, see **Lynaugh**.

### Lynam

**Variants:** **Lineham**, **Lynham**, **Lyneham**, **Linham**, **Linnen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 1052
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Meath

1 English: locative name from Lyneham (Oxon, Wilts) or Lyneham in Yealmpton (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Linham, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Walter de Lineham, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Plympton hundred, Devon); Bartholomew de Linham, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Yealmpton, Devon); William de Lyneham, 1241 in *Oxon Eyre* (Oxon); John de Lynham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yealmpton, Devon); John de Lynham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Walterus Lynham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brook, Hants); Johannes Lynham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Johannes Lyneham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bledington, Gloucs); Alicia Lynhames, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Lynam, 1402 in

*Feet of Fines* (Kent); Nicholas Lynam, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Margett Lynam, 1549 in *IGI* (Stixwouled, Lincs); Margaret Linam, 1564 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Elizabetha Lynham, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); Robert Linam, 1574 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Johannis Lynam, 1592, Richardus Lyneham, 1632 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); William Lynham, 1610 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 262.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Laidhghneáin, see **Linehan**.

### Lynas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 960, Ireland 317
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Down

English, Irish: see **Lines**.

### Lynaugh

**Variants:** **Lynagh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: from **Laighneach** ‘Leinsterman’.

**Early bearers:** Peter Lenaghe, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §588 (Kilbrannory, Kildare); Edmund Leynaghe, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §843 (Shene, King’s county [Offaly]); James mcWilliam mcShane Leynagh, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §878 (Capanagh); Piers mcWilliam mcShane Leynagh, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §878 (Rossnagdon); Richard Leynogh, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1400; Maurice Leynagh, gent., 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2612 (Kilrathmoy); James og mcJames Lenoagh, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4140.

### Lynch

**Variants:** **Linch**, **Clinch**, **Clynch**, **Lynskey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21878, Ireland 19447
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7851
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Cavan

1 Norman, Irish: locative name from **de Linse**, a gaelicized form of the Norman French name **de Lench**, deriving from one of the manors named *Lench* in Worcs (Abbots, Atch, Church, Rous, Sheriffs).

**Early bearers:** Randulf de Lench, 1171 in *CDI* §11; William de Lenche, 1278 in *CDI* §1475; Walter Lynce, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §85 (Tryme, Meath); Patrick Clinche, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §154 (Skrine, Meath); Dominick Lynche (Fitz John), merchant of office of controller of the custom of wines in Galloway, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2753; Marc fitz Nich. Linche, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4584 (Galway).

2 Irish: from Ó Loingsigh ‘descendant of *Loingseach*’, a personal name meaning ‘mariner’ (from a derivative of *long* ‘ship’). This name has sometimes also been anglicized as **Lindsay**.

**Early bearers:** Donald oge O’Lynche, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §179 (Kylbryde, Meath); Tyrclagh O’Lynche, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §536 (Trestelkeran, Meath); Patrick O’Linch, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3840 (Castelbrak); Bryan McDonell oge O’Lynsie, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3914 (Kilnecrott, Cavan); Tho. duff O’Lyncy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3914 (Kilnecrott, Cavan); Moriertagh O’Linche, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§4876; Donagh O’Linchi, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Corballi, Kerry); Maurice O’Lencie alias O’Lenche, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Urlie, Kerry); Morertagh mcGlissi I Lenchie, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Clare); Donell mcShane I Linshie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Dundirig); Conor ro O’Lynchy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Hilton); Shane mcCochonacht O’Lynchy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Cnokonvork); William mcMollaghlyn O’Lynchy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Hilton); Stephen Lenche, gent. 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Ballenehine).

3 English: see **Linch**.

### Lynd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Tyrone
- Scottish, English: see **Lind**.

### Lynde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Lind**.

### Lyndhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Lindhurst**.

### Lyndon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands (esp. Warwicks, Staffs, Worcs); Devon and Cornwall; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; otherwise scattered
- English: see **Linden**.

### Lynds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Lind** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lynds, 1595 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Elizabeth Lindes, 1626 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Linds, 1753 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent).

### Lyne

**Variants:** **Lynn**, **Lind**, **Lyons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1546, Ireland 458
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1287
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Irish: from Ó Laighin, see **Lane**.

2 English: see **Line**.

3 Scottish: locative name from Lyne near Peebles (Peebless), or the now lost place name *Lin* near Dalry (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** David de Lyne, 1164 in *Glasgow Register* (Lyne, Peebless); Robert of Lyne, 1189–1209 in *Glasgow Register* (Lyne, Peebless); William Lyne, 1263 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); William de Lenn, 1263

in *Scone Charters* (Perth, Perth); Wautier de Lynne, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Ayr); Adam de Lyn, 1343 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perth, Perth); Patrick de Lyn, 1468 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Lyneham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Lynam**.

### Lyner

**Variants:** **Liner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics

English: occupational name from Old French *linier* ‘maker or seller of linen cloth’. This word also appears as *lingier*; compare **Linger**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert le Lyner, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Lynar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hannah Linneyer, 1762 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); John Liner, 1773 in *IGI* (Theddingworth, Leics).

### Lynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 771
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Louth
- English, Irish: see **Lines**.

### Lyness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 458
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: variant of **Lines**, frequent in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Edmond Lyness, 1624 in *IGI* (London); William Lyness, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, London).

### Lyng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; also Wexford

1 Irish: from **Mac Fhloinn** or **Ó Fhloinn**, see **Flynn**.

2 Irish: Irish variant spelling of English **Ling**.

### Lynham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster
- English, Irish: see **Lynam**.

### Lynn

**Variants:** **Lenn**, **Linn**, **Lynne**, **Lyn**, **Lind**, **Len**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5303, Ireland 1454
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2591
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Lincs; Surrey; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Tyrone; Mayo

## Lynne

1 English: locative name from Kings Lynn and West Lynn (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ædricus de Lenna, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Lynne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Davie Lynn, 1553 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); John Lynn, 1561 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Lynn, 1564 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Willm. Lynn, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Lynn, 1573 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs).

2 Irish: variant of **Flynn** (Ó Fhloinn, Mac Fhloinn), reflecting the loss of initial /f/ due to lenition.

**Early bearers:** John O'Line, husbandman, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5144 (Athasshall).

3 Scottish: see **Lyne**.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 林, see **Lin** (1).

## Lynne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Mayo Scottish, English: see **Lynn**.

## Lynock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: locative name from Lynwick in Rudgwick, Sussex, or a similarly named place ('limetree farm') elsewhere.

**Further information:** The numbers may have been reinforced since 1881 through respelling of **Lynaugh**.

**Early bearers:** Johis. Lynnyck, 1582, John Lynnyke, 1592 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Stephen Linnock, 1710 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Stephen Lynock, 1770 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); James Linock, 1822 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Lynott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo
- Irish: from **Lionóid**, a gaelicization of the Norman family name **Linnett**, brought to Ireland from Britain in the 12th century.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Walter and Geoffrey de Lynet, 1272 in *CDI* §891; Raymond Lyonet, merchant, 1284 in *CDI* §2189; Gilbert de Lyneth, 1285 in *CDI* §149 (Connacht); Gilbert Lynet, sheriff of Connacht, 1293 *CDI* §41; Tho. Lynoid and Walter Lynid, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690 (Newcastell, Mayo); Ulick mcUstas Lynott, Thomas Lynot mcUlick boy, and Vader (Walter?) Lynot mcThomas, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4731 (Connacht); Hubbart krone Lynott, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5058 (Karne); Ullick boy fitz Thomas Lyvott, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607; Thomas roe Livott fitz Thomas, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607 (Mayo); Walter Lynod, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Kinconn, Mayo). Englad: Nicholas Linnott, 1796 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Lynskey

Variants: **Linskey**, **Linsky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 375

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Loingscigh, a variant of Ó Loingsigh, see **Lynch**.

## Lynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Surrey

English: see **Linton**.

## Lynwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Linwood**.

## Lyon

Variants: **Lyons**, **Lion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7456, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6201
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Norman, English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Lyon*, a variant of Old French *Leon*. Compare **Leo** and **Lyall**. Later bearers may belong with senses (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** given names: Lyon son of Lyon, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

urnames, England: Thomas Lioun, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William Lyon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Lyon, 1464 in *PROB 11* (London); Joyse Lyon, 1540 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Jona Lion, 1560 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); William Lion, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London).

urnames, Scotland: Marjory Lyon, 1582 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Lyon, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Lyon, 1611 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Richard Lyon, 1613 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); David Lyon, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *lioun* 'lion' (Old English, Latin *leo*; Old French *leon*), perhaps applied to a brave, fierce, or proud person, or one with a shaggy mane of hair.

**Early bearers:** William le Leoun, 1290 in *Book of Fees* (IoW); Johanna le Lyon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Lyons-la-Forêt (Eure). It is unlikely to be from the better-known southern French city of Lyon(s) on the Rhône, which was normally spelled without an *-s*. See also **Dillon**.

**Early bearers:** Azor de Lions, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey de Liuns, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry de Lyons, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

4 Irish: as an Irish name, this is generally a variant of **Lyons**.

**Early bearers:** John Lyon, tanner, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4372 (Nacce).

## Lyons

Variants: **Lyon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13197, Ireland 7015
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6633
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Mayo and Galway

1 English: variant of **Lyon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johan Lions, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Agnes Lyons, 1561 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Edmund Lyons, 1564 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Thomas Lions, 1583 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks); Thomas Lyons, 1596 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Laighin (see **Lyne**, **Lane**) or Ó Liatháin (see **Lehane**).

**Early bearers:** Katherine Lyons, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3333 (Dublin); John Lyons, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5559 (Rosse).

## Lysaght

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare

Irish: from Mac Giolla lasachta 'son of the foreign lad or servant', from the genitive of *iasacht* 'borrowing', used as an adjective meaning 'foreign'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William McGillysaghtie, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5638 (Limerick, Killocia, smith); Moriertagh roe McGyllyesaghta, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753 (Ballewrien); John McGillisaghta, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562 (Kilcorman); Robert McGillesaghta, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562 (Kilcorman, yeoman).

England: James Lysaght, 1703 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs).

## Lyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Lison**.

## Lysons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Lancs; also Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Lison**.

## Lyster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 159
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; Kilkenny; Dublin

English: see **Lister**. This spelling is particularly common in Ireland.

## Lyte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- English: see **Light**.

## Lyth

Variants: **Lythe**, **Lyde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Staffs

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a slope (Middle English *lith*, from Old English *hlið*,



*hlid*, Old Scandinavian *hlíð*), or for someone from a place named with one of these words, such as Lythe (NR Yorks) or Lyth (Westm). Some later bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Litha, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de la Lid', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Adam atte Lythe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . ]Lith(e), 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Westm); Abraham atte Lyde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henr' de la Lithe, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Willelmus atte Lithe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Itchingfield, Sussex); John Lythe, 1563 in *IGI* (Dunton, Beds).

**2 English:** nickname from Middle English *lithe*, Old English *līðe* 'mild, gentle'.  
**Early bearers:** Gonnilda le Lyth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Lyth, 1568 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); John Lyth, 1569 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); John Lyth, 1570 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Jane Lyth, 1630 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); William Lyth, 1683 in *IGI* (Overton, Cheshire).

### Lythall

**Variants:** Lythell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Worcs

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Littlehale**.

**Early bearers:** Petrus Lythall, 1560 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Humfrey Lythall, 1562, Elenor Lythell, 1596 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Edward Lythale, 1577 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Isabel Lithall, 1580 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon); Moses Lithal, 1590, Ales Lithall, 1595 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); William Lythalle, 1593 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); John Lythal, 1604 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); John Lythall, 1662 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Edward Lythel, 1676 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Bartholomew Lythal, 1686 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

### Lythe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks
- English: see **Lyth**.

### Lythell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Lythall**.

### Lythgoe

**Variants:** Lithgoe, Lithgow, Lygo, Lillico, Lilleker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 921
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Scottish: locative name from Linlithgow (W Lothian), found early also in a two-syllable form *Lithgow*, and still *Lithgae* in Modern Scots.

Historically, the two-syllable form is the name of the town, and the three-syllable form that of the lake (Brittonic Celtic \**linn* 'lake') on which it stands. However, as for the surname, trisyllabic forms are mainly Scottish and disyllabic forms mainly English.

**Early bearers:** Trisyllabic forms: Symon de Lynlithcu, 1225 in *Scone Charters*; Robert Lynlytgow, 1599 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mathow Linlythgow, 1610 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Marioun Linlithgow, 1617, Robert Linlithgo, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Lillico, 1788 in *IGI* (Lowick, Northumb); William Lilleker, 1882 in *IGI* (Crookes, WR Yorks).

Disyllabic forms: John de Lithcu, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar*; Jane Lygo, 1547 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Susan Lythgoe, 1583, Jane Ligo, 1776 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Beatrix Lygoe, 1619 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Geo. Ligoe, 1626 in *IGI* (Mentmore, Bucks); Eliz Lygo, 1707 in *IGI* (Scropton, Derbys); Ellin Lygoo, 1707 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Moses Ligow, 1742 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); William Ligoe, 1791 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian).

### Lytle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Roxburghs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English, Scottish: see **Little**.

### Lytollis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: variant of **Lightowlers**.  
**Early bearers:** Allse Lyttelles, 1618 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury); Marie Letillais, 1699 in *IGI* (London); Joseph Lyttallis, 1825 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb); Joseph Letillus, 1868 in *IGI* (Houghton, Cumb); Irving Lytollis, 1874 in *IGI* (Blackford, Cumb); Robert Lytollis in *Census 1881* (Heworth, Durham).

### Lyttle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 1226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- English, Scottish: see **Little**.

### Lyttleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick
- English: see **Littleton**.

### Lytton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Litton**.

### Lys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also E Anglia
- English: see **Lias**.

### Lyward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 English: see **Luard**.  
2 English: see **Lywood**.

### Lywood

**Variants:** Lyward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Wilts, and Hants
- English: locative name from Lywood House in Ardingly (Sussex).  
**Further information:** There are rare SE variants with *-r-* in the final syllable through confusion with other common words or final elements (*Lyward*, *Lyword*).  
**Early bearers:** Doratie Lywood, 1599 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Agnis Lywood, 1609 in *IGI* (Fovant, Wilts); Richard Lywod, 1623 in *IGI* (London); John Lywod, 1631 in *IGI* (Nether Wallop, Hants); Sarah Lyewood, 1741 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts); Thomas Lyewood, 1797 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts).

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## Ma

**Variants:** Mah, Mar, Mai, Bay, Bee, Beh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 馬, which means 'horse': (i) from the place-name Mafu (馬服), the name of a fief (located in Handan in Hebei province) granted to Zhao She, a prince of the state of Zhao during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). When the name of the fiefdom was adopted as a surname, it was shortened to *Ma* (馬). (ii) from the adopted name of Xi-Li Ji'en (習禮吉恩), an official in the Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234), who changed his original name to Ma Qingxiang (馬慶祥) when he moved from Central Asia to Lintao (in present-day Gansu province). (iii) from the adopted name of Yue Naihe (月乃和), a commander-in-chief in the late Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234), who changed his original name to Ma Zu Chang (馬祖常). (iv) this surname is also borne by Muslims of the Hui ethnic group, located mainly in NW China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 麻, which denotes a herbaceous plant such as hemp or flax: (i) from the place-name Ma (麻), the name of a fief (located in Macheng in Hubei province) granted to an official of the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the first element of the personal name of Ma Ying (麻嬰), an official in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Korean: 馬; Chinese character: 馬, meaning 'horse'. Borne by descendants of Ma Ryō (馬黎), who attended King On Cho when he left Koguryō to found the Paekche Kingdom in 18 BC, and by descendants of Ryō's brother, Ma Shin (馬信), who stayed behind in Koguryō. The Ma family disappears from the historical record after these events, but reappears during the reign of the Koryō king Chōngjo (reigned AD 1776–1800), when a high court official, Ma Sun-hūng (馬順興), was enfeoffed with Mokch'ōn County in Ch'ungch'ōng South Province. Mokch'ōn became the clan seat of the Ma Family. Another clan seat appeared eleven generations later, when Ma Ch'ōn-mok (馬天牧) was enfeoffed with Changhūng County.

4 English, Irish: see **Maye**.

## Maan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 萬, 文, 閔, 聞 and 滿. See **Man** (2–6).

## Maas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

Dutch and North German: relationship name from a short form of **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** William Maas, 1738 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Mabane

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Durham
- English, Scottish: see **Mabon**.

## Mabb

**Variants:** Mabe, Mabbs, Mobb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Dorset, Sussex, and Hants

English: relationship name from Middle English *Mabe*, *Mabbe*, a short form of the female personal name *Mabel*. See **Amable**, **Mable**, and compare **Mabson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mabbe, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Mabbe, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Mabbe Thredwyff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey).

sumames: Ralph Mabbe, 1278 in *London Letter Books B* (London); John Mabbe, 1300 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William Mabbe, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Walter Mabbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); John Mabbe, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Mabe, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Robert Mabbe, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Nicholaus Mab, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cornwall); Willelmo Mabe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beds); Joan Mabbe, 1396 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Goudhurst, Kent); Henry Mabbe, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Mabe, 1557 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Robert Mabb, 1561 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); John Mabb, 1577 in *IGI* (Rampisham, Dorset); Lewis Mabe, 1755 in *IGI* (Narberth, Pembrokes).

## Mabbatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: see **Mabbott**.

## Mabberley

**Variants:** Maberly, Maberley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Mabley** with intrusive *-r-*. **Early bearers:** Walterus Mably, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Thome Maberle, 1576 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Tacye Maberly, 1614 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Mabley, 1622 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

2 English: variant of **Mapperley** with voicing of /p/ to /b/.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Maborlay, 1353 in *York Freeman's Register*; Antony Mabberley, 1568 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

## Mabbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: see **Mabbott**.

## Mabbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Herts, Middx, and Essex

English: see **Mabbott**.

## Mabbot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Mabbott**.

## Mabbott

**Variants:** Mabbot, Mabbett, Mabbitt, Mabbutt, Mabbatt, Mabbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Northants

English: relationship name from Middle English *Mabbot*, a diminutive of the female personal name *Mabb*, a pet form of *Mabel*. See **Mabb** and **Mable**. The spelling *Mabbott* is especially common in the Lincs family name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mabot de Medoucrot, 1322 in *Lancs Inquests* (Burnley, Lancs); Mabota Ryder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Mabota le Clerc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).

sumames: William Mabbott, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Galfrido Mabet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Willelmus Mabbot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Richard Mabot, 1509 in *Oxford University Register*; Thomas Mabot, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old, Northants); Katherin Mabbott, 1565 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); George Mabbat, 1586 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); William Mabbett, 1646 in *Bardsley* (London).

## Mabbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S England

English: relationship name variant, of **Mabb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Mabbys, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Robertus Mabbes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Joan Mabbes, 1540 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Richard Mabbs, 1591 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Mabbut

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Mabbott**.

## Mabbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Mabbott**.

**Mabe**

Variants: **Mapes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Pembrokes; Surrey

English: (i) see **Mabb**. (ii) see **Mapp**.

**Mabee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mabey**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Maben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Lancs; Durham; Devon

1 Scottish: see **Mabon**.

2 English: see **Mabin**.

**Maber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Dorset, and Somerset

English: locative name from Mabor in Buckland Monachorum (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Mawde Maber, 1560 in *IGI* (Maiden Milton, Dorset); William Maber, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Elizabeth Maber, 1643 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Samuel Mabor, 1650 in *IGI* (Allington, Kent); Nathaniel Maber, 1662–64 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Jonathan Mabor, 1694 in *IGI* (Brading, Iow); Sarah Mayber, 1792 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 226.

**Maberley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Berks

English: see **Mabberley**.

**Maberly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks and Devon

English: see **Mabberley**.

**Mabery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Maybury**.

**Mabey**

Variants: **Mabee, Maby, Meaby, Maybee, Maybey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 823, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, IoW, and Surrey

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Maby*, a short form of *Mabile, Mabily*, popular versions of the female personal name *Amabel*. See **Mable**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Mabby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Hugone Maby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston on Wye, Herefs); Walter Mabby, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; Bridgett Mabee, 1675 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset).

**Mabin**

Variants: **Maben, Maybin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Mabun* or *Mabon*, an Old French pet form of the female personal name *Mabbe* (see **Mabb**), which may have developed later to *Mabin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mabon de Oteford, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).

urnames: Adam Mabun, about 1260 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Richard Mabun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Mabin, 1672, Francis Mabin, 1777 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

2 English: locative name possibly from Saint Mabyn in Cornwall, as illustrated by the medieval surname examples. However, the post-medieval instances are more likely to be the English name in (1), a spillover from Devon.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Sancta Mabena, about 1210–12 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cornwall); William Sent Maban, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornwall); John Mabyn sen. and jun., 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Launcells, Cornwall); Rich Mabin, 1623, John Mabin, 1707 in *IGI* (Launcells, Cornwall).

3 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from Middle English *Mabben*, a W Midland dialect genitive form of the female personal name *Mabbe*.

**Early bearers:** John Mabben, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Margaret Mabin, 1735 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs).

4 Norman, English: see **Malbon**, which also occurs as *Maban* and *Maben* and could have developed to *Mabin*.

5 Scottish: see **Mabon**.

References: O. J. Padel, personal communication.

**Mable**

Variants: **Mabley, Mably**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from Middle English *Mabel, Mabile*, or *Mabily*, popular versions of the female personal name *Amabel*, from Latin *Amabilia*. See **Amable**. For pet forms see also **Mabb, Mabey**, and **Mabbott**. Compare **Mableson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mabilia, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Mabilia, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Mabyly, wife of Ricardus, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tinwell, Rutland); Mabylye, wife of Robertus Foul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Saxham, Suffolk).

urnames, England: Rogerus filius Mabilie, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Arnaldus Mabilie, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); John Mabile, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John Mably, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Joh' Mabylye, 1287 in *Forest Pleas* (Sneinton, Notts); Stephen Mabely, 1314–15 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks);

Thoma Mabyly, 1327, Thom' Mablye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chettle, Dorset); Rob'to and Will'o Mably, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sneinton, Notts); Joh' Mabely, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Lulworth, Dorset); Johanne filio Mable, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Sibila Mabile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Ricardus Mabbily, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); John Mably, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Wootton, Beds); John Mably, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Ely, Cambs); John Mabyll, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Mable, 1457–8 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Sneinton); William Mably, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); John Mabely, 1625 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Mable, 1641 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); Joanne Mabel, 1653 in *IGI* (South Cerney, Gloucs).

urnames, Scotland: Mergaret Mabel, 1643 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

**Mableson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mabel* (see **Mable**) + *-son*.

Compare **Mabson**, and note Thomas Amabilson', 1391 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William Mabilson', 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (South Witham, Lincs); Petronella Mableson, 1547 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Thomas Mablesonne, 1562 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Mableson, 1562 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Xpofor Mabelson, 1562 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs).

**Mabley**

Variants: **Mabberley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall; Beds

English: see **Mable**.

**Mably**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Mable**.

**Mabon**

Variants: **Maben, Mabin, Mabane, Maybin, Mayben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland (esp. Roxburghs) and Northumb

Scottish, English, Welsh: (i) relationship name, Scottish, perhaps from the Brittonic personal name *Mabon* or *Maban*. As it seems to be evidenced as a personal name in the Yorks section of *Domesday Book*, it could have been current among the nobility of post-Conquest SE Scotland and N England and hence given rise to a surname. In 18th-century NE England it is probably the Scottish name through migration. (ii) nickname, Norman, a variant of **Malbon** with loss of *-l-*. This surname is not known in the Scottish records.

Further information: An Old Welsh form of the Brittonic personal name *Mabon* is attested also as a patronymic *ap Mabon* in medieval Welsh records, but there is no evidence of it now as a surname in

## Mabry

Wales or the Welsh Marches (*Morgan and Morgan*, p. 155).

**Early bearers:** given names: Maban, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks).

surnames, Scotland: William Mabane, 1601 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margreat Maben, 1643, James Meban, Janet Mabane, 1648, Williame Maban, 1655 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); William Maben, 1657 in *Melrose Records* (Galloscheills); John Mabone or Mabane, 1662 in *Melrose Records* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margaret Meben, 1673 in *Lauder Testaments* (Bromdykes).

surnames, England: Alison Mabon, 1795 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Mabane, 1795 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Mabry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Maybury**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Mabson

**Variants:** **Mapson, Mobson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mabb* (a pet form of *Mabel*) + *-son*. See further under **Mabb** and **Mable**.

**Early bearers:** Will' Mabbesson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Mabson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alano Mabson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Adam Mabson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Johannes Mabbesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kempstone, Norfolk); William Mabbesson, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Mabbesone, 1416–17 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Gloucs); Margret Mabson, 1581 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Thomas Mabson, 1599 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Joseph Mobson, 1626 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name perhaps occasionally a reduced form of Middle English *Mabotson*. Compare **Mabbott**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Mabotson', Willelmus Mabetson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bank Newton, WR Yorks); Willelmi Mabotson, 1436 in *Lancs Record Office* (WR Yorks).

## Maby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts

English: see **Mabey**.

## Mac-

- **GB frequency 1881:**

For Irish and Scottish names beginning with *Mac-*, see **Mc-**.

## Macari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

S Italian: (i) relationship name, a patronymic from the personal name *Macario*, from Greek *makarios*

'blessed'. (ii) It may also be a locative name, from a place in Italy called Maccari or an Italianized version of *Maqqarah* in Algeria.

**Early bearers:** Rafael Macari, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London).

## Macaulay

**Variants:** **McAulay, McAuly, McAlley, McCallie,**

**McCally, McCamley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3026, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty and Inverness

Scottish Gaelic: (i) relationship name from **Mac Amhalghaidh** 'son of *Amhalghadh*', an Old Gaelic personal name of unknown etymology. According to Black, this is the source of the family name in Dunbartons. Compare the Irish form **McAuley**, also Manx **Kewley, Cowley and Callow**. (ii) relationship name from **Mac Amhlaoiabh** 'son of *Amhlao(i)bh*', Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Óláfr*. According to Black, this is the source of the family name in the Hebrides. Compare **McAuliffe**.

**Early bearers:** Iwar McAulay, 1326 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dunbartons); Alwa McAwla, 1536 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ardencapill, Argyll); John Makalley, 1602 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness).

## Macclesfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Maxfield**.

## Mace

**Variants:** **Masse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3632, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2602
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk; Kent; Gloucs; Berks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Masse*, probably a reduced form of *Matthew* (compare **Massey** and **Masset**) or possibly of *Thomas*. Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Masse faber, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Mace, 1236 in *Oseney Cartulary*. surnames: Osbertus filius Masse, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Osbert Masse, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Mace, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Beds); James Mace, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds 2* (Northants); William Mace, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Edwardo Masse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Robart Mase, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Macé (Orne). Some early bearers may belong under (1)

**Early bearers:** Perotus de Mace, 1319 in *London Letter Books E*; Richard Mace, 1549 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Mattlyn Mace, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Richard Mace, 1555 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Mace, 1561 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); Thomas Mace, 1563 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs).

## Macedo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Portuguese: locative name from *macedo* 'apple grove', or from a place named with this word, for example Macedo in Lugo province.

## Macefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; WR Yorks; Middx

English: see **Masefield**.

## Macer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Middx; Devon

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *macere* 'mace-bearer, beadle' (Old French *macier*, *maissier*, *massier*).

**Early bearers:** Phil. macer, 1200 in *Thureson* (Yorks); Robert le Macr', 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Walter le Maceere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry le Macer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); George Macer, 1602 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 154; *Fransson*, p. 75.

2 English: there may have been some confusion with **Masser**.

## Macey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2418, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1646
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Wilts, and Somerset

English: see **Massey**.

## Mach

**Variants:** **Match**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Surrey; Staffs; Lanarks

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mach, 1631 in *IGI* (Cropthorne, Worcs); Will. Mach, 1648 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Match, 1656 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Mary Mach, 1726 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Joseph Mach, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Timothy Mach, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jonathan Match, 1751 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); John Mach, 1773 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Thomas Mach, 1792 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset); Ann Mach, 1794 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Robert Mach, 1815, Sydney Match, 1817 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Slavic: from a Slavic pet form of the personal name *Matthaeus* or *Mathias* (Czech *Matěj*, Polish *Maciej*); see **Matthew**.

3 Vietnamese: **Mạch**, representing the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak**.

## Machado

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Spanish and Portuguese: nickname, locative name: from Spanish and Portuguese *machado* 'hatchet'; probably a nickname, but possibly also a locative name, as this word is also a common element of place names.

## Macham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Matcham**.

**Machan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lanarks
- English: see **Machin**.

**Machel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Machell**.

**Machell**

Variants: **Machel**, **Matchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Westm

English: variant of **Marshall** (compare **Marshall**) with loss of *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** John Machel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Maschale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Fransham, Norfolk); Johannes Machall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe by Goole, WR Yorks); Robert Machell, 1433 in *Yorks Deeds* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Henry Machell, 1510 in *York Guild Register* (West Bretton, WR Yorks); Henrie Machell, 1590 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm); John Matchell, 1605, Frances Machell, 1610 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Machell, 1623 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Machel, 1641 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); John Matchell, 1792 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Robert Matchell, 1798 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

**Machen**

Variants: **Machent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 318
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Machin**.

**Machent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: variant of **Machen** with excrescent *-t*.

**Machet**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Matchett**.

**Matchett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Kent
- English: see **Matchett**.

**Machin**

Variants: **Machan**, **Machen**, **Machon**, **Matcham**, **Matchan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5143, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2969
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Staffs; also WR Yorks

English: variant of **Mason**, from the Middle English form *machun* (derived from Old Northern French *machun*).

**Machon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Channel Islands

English, Channel Islands: see **Machin**.

**Machray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: apparently a variant of **McRae**.

**Early bearers:** John Machray, 1670 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines); David Machray, 1672 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspet Machrae, 1753 in *IGI* (Skene, Aberdeens).

**Mack**

Variants: **Macks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3539, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2987
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs; Norfolk; Lanarks

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Makkr*, a form of **Magnus** (Old Irish *Maccus*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Maccus de Leum, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb).

sumames, England: Hugo Mac, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); John Mack, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Makke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Willelmus Macke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southrepps, Norfolk); Johanne Makke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scalby in Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Ricardus Makke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pyecombe, Sussex); Hugh Makke, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilton, Wilts); Peter Mak, 1525 in *Beds Wills* (*Probate*) (Beds).

urnames, Scotland: John Makke, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Make, 1503 in *Lanark Records* (Lanark, Lanarks); John Mak, 1538 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, West Lothian).

2 Irish, Scottish: nickname; informal reduced form of any of the many Scottish and Irish surnames beginning with *Mac-* 'son', a nickname that occasionally became encoded as a surname.

3 Chinese: anglicized spelling of the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak** (1).

**Mackarel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mackrell**.

**Mackarell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mackrell**.

**Mackay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17104, Ireland 182
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10896
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Highlands and Islands

Scottish Gaelic: see **McKay**.

**Mackel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English, Irish: see **Mackle**.

**Mackell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; London

English: see **Mackle**.

**Mackender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs

English: uncertain; said to be an altered form of Scottish Gaelic *Mac an Deoraidh*, for which see **McIndeor**.

**Mackerell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Norfolk
- English: see **Mackrell**.

**Mackereth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Cumb, and Lancs

English: relationship name apparently from the Scottish Gaelic personal name *Macrath* ('son of grace or prosperity'). Compare **McRae**. One might speculate that the family name, which has a long history in N Lancs and Westm, is descended from that of Alexander Macrad, witness to a charter of about 1225 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Dunbartons), but more evidence is needed.

**Further information:** *Mackereth* was sometimes confused with **Mackrell**. Compare Robert Mackereth, 1593, Robert Mackerell, 1597 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs), and see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, at Mackereth, Mackerell. Redmonds notes that Richard Makerell, who was taxed in York in 1524, was almost certainly the corn merchant named elsewhere as Richard Mackereth. An etymological relationship between the two names is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Makrath', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Adam Macreth, 1408 in *Yorks Deeds* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Richard Makereth, 1526 in *York Freeman's Register*; Myles Mackareth, 1568, Brya. Macreth, 1584, Geo Mackreth, 1746 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Henry Mackereth, 1570, Robert Mackreth, 1756 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Mackerith, 1685 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); John Mackreth, 1686 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

**Mackerill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Mackrell**.

**Mackerness**

Variants: **Mackness**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

## Mackessy

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Makarneys, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); W. Macurneys, 1328, Will'o Makurneys, 1329 in *Great Cressingham Court Rolls* (Great Cressingham, Norfolk); Alice Macurneys, 1332 in *Cartulary of John Pyel* (Finedon, Northants); Thomas Makorneys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Willelmus Makernes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Makernes, Walterus Makerneys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Johanne Makurneyse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton juxta Twycross, Leics); Willm Makernes, 1524, Edmund Makernes, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Finedon, Northants); Margaret Makernes, 1540 in *IGI* (Finedon, Northants); Edward Mackerness, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Diones Macarnesse, 1637 in *IGI* (Granborough, Bucks); Bagley Mackness, 1679 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Hannah Macknis, 1734 in *IGI* (Clapham, Beds); Rosamond Mackness, 1770 in *IGI* (Rushden, Northants).

## Mackessy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from Ó Macasa 'descendant of Macas', a personal name of uncertain origin. Woulfe thinks it is a variant of *Maghnus*; see **McManus**.

**Early bearers:** Gillepatrick O'Mackessy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871; Philip O'Makessy, 1585–86 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4826; James O'Magassie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5598 (Ballysonan); William Mackus, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447 (Ballaghgree); Teige O'Maghessie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537.

## Mackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *make + hait* 'make joy'. For Middle English *hait* 'merriment, revelry' (from Old French *hait*). Compare **Hayter**. **Early bearers:** Elewyn' Makeheit, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); R' Macket, about 1300 in *Quarr Charters* (IoW); Lemare Makehayt, 1304–5 in *Feet of Fines* (East Rudham, Norfolk); William Makehait, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cheshunt, Herts); Robert Makehait, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glatton, Hunts); Thomas Makehayt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Itchen Stoke, Hants); Rob. Makehayt, 1335 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham); Thomas Makeheyte, Lambert Makehait, 1335, Richard Makehayt, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Lydd, Kent); John Makehayt, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Meon Stoke, Hants); Galfridus Makayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bagthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Makehayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corhampton, Hants); Thomas Makeheyte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Ricardum Makett, vicar of Godshill, 1444 in *Carisbrooke Cartulary* (IoW); John Mackett, 1476 in *Kent Wills* (Lydd, Kent); Richard Maket, 1488 in *Quarr Charters* (Godshill, IoW); John Maket, 1503 in *Quarr Charters* (Shanklin, IoW); Thomas Makete, 1513 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Brenzett, Kent); Robert Maket, 1556 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW); Margery Macket, 1608 in *IGI* (East Guldeford, Sussex); Elizabeth Maket, 1681 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent).

## Mackie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9406, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6422

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland  
Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aoidh** or **Mac Aodha**, see **McKie**, **McKee**.

## Mackin

**Variants:** **Mackins**, **McMakin**, **McKen**, **Makin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- 1 Irish: from Ó Macáin, Ó Maicín, or Mac Maicín, all derived from *Maicín*, a personal name or byname that is a pet form of *mac* 'son, youth, young man'. **Early bearers:** Teige McKnoghur O'Mackan, 1592–93 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5784 (Mullick, Clare); Donell O'Mackine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Mortagh O'Mackane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532.
- 2 Scottish: see **McMackin**.

## Mackinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Scottish Gaelic: uncertain; said to be an altered form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac an Deoraidh**, for which see **McIndeor**.

## Mackins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Mackin** (2) with post-medieval English excrescent *-s*. See also **Makins**.

## Mackintosh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3458, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1993
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Toisich**, see **McIntosh**.

## Macklam

**Variants:** **Macklem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: of uncertain origin, perhaps an anglicized variant (with shifted stress) of Irish **McGlynn** or Scottish **McLean**. Compare **Macklin**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Macklam, 1797 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

Scotland: Jas Macklam, 1746 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Macklam, 1747 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings).  
Ireland: James Macklem, 1759 in *IGI* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Samuel Maclom, 1800 in *IGI* (Inishmaccsaint, Donegal).

## Mackland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- See **Macklin**.

## Mackle

**Variants:** **Mackel**, **Mackell**, **Mackwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 418
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: perhaps from Ó Machail, 'descendant of *Machal*'. It has sometimes been altered to **McKell**, as if it were etymologically a *Mc-* patronymic. **Further information:** according to MacLysaght, it is occasionally a synonym for **McGill** in the county of Down.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Bryan Ó Mackill, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Derinragh, Armagh); John Mackel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Rev. James Mackle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Arthur Mackle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Armagh).  
England: Margaret Makell, 1653 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Mary Mackel, 1730 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Mackell, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs).  
Scotland: Janet Makle, 1751 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks).

## Macklem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbarton
- Scottish: see **Macklam**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Macklen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

See **Macklin**.

## Mackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England: esp. Leics, Notts, and Norfolk

English: locative name from Mackley House in Sudbury (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** William de Mackel', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas de Mackeley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard de Mackley, 1350 in *Derbys Record Office* (Egginton, Derbys); Ralph de Makleye, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Margeria Mackeleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Edward Mackley, 1588 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Valentine Mackly, 1608 in *IGI* (Freeby, Leics); Thomas Mackley, 1683 in *IGI* (Barnby in the Willows, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 610.

## Macklin

**Variants:** **Macklen**, **Maclin**, **Mackland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1425, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 830
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Hants, Wilts, Surrey, Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: of uncertain origin, perhaps an anglicized variant (with shifted stress) of Irish **McGlynn** or Scottish **McLean**.

**Early bearers:** John Macklen, 1547 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Thomas Macklond, 1563–5 in *God's House Cartulary* (Southampton, Hants); John Macklin, 1581 in *IGI* (London); Agnes Macklin, 1585 in *IGI* (Milborne Port, Somerset); Henry Mackline, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Basingstoke, Hants); An Macklin, 1593 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex); Alice Macleane, 1626 in *IGI* (Ashe and Deane, Hants); William Mackland, 1663 in *IGI* (Woodborough, Wilts); Daniel Mackling, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Otford, Kent); Susanna Macklin, 1673 in *IGI* (Wilsford near

Pewsey, Wilts); William Macklin, 1693, John Macklane, 1707 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Mary Mackland, 1730 in *IGI* (Ampert, Hants).

### Mackman

Variants: **Makeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Makeman, 1387 in *Patent Rolls*; Francis Makeman, 1564 in *Gloucs Archives* (Whitchurch, Herefs); Richard Mackman, 1568, Margaret Makman, 1601 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); George Makman, 1651 in *IGI* (Whaplode Drove, Lincs); William Mackman, 1714 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Mackman, 1720 in *IGI* (Farcet, Hunts); Robert Mackman, 1747 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Mackness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, and Leics

English: see **Mackerness**.

### Mackney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey; Glamorgan

1 English: locative name from Macknade in Preston near Faversham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Makenhauede, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Makenheved, 1333–4 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Stephen de Makenhade, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitstable, Kent); William de Makenhade, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Cliffe at Hoo, Kent); William Makanad, William Maknett, 1528 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ewell, Kent); Myldred Mackney, 1587 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Ann Macknee, 1618, Martha Mackeney, 1622 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); Mary Makeney, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Sholden, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 283; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 292–3.

2 English: locative name from Makeney in Duffield (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Radulfo de Makeney, about 1200–23 in *Rufford Charters* (Derbys); Johanne Makeney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huncote, Leics); Henry Mackney, 1741 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 589–90.

3 English: locative name from Mackney in Brightwell (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Rad' de Makeni, 1196–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Mackney in Brightwell, Berks); William de Makeneye, 1277 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); John de Mackeney, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Abingdon, Berks); Thomas Mackeneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Makeney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yatesbury, Wilts); John Makkeney, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (South Moreton, Berks); Henry Makeney, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 516.

### Mackown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gobhann**, see **McGowan**.

### Mackrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Kent
- English: see **Mackrell**.

### Mackrell

Variants: **Mackrel**, **Mackrill**, **Mackriell**, **Mackriell**, **Mackerell**, **Mackarel**, **Mackerill**, **Mackarell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Dorset; WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks

1 English: (i) nickname from Old French *makerel*, *maquerel* 'mackerel' (the sea fish). (ii) nickname perhaps from Old French *maquerel* 'brothel-keeper, broker, pimp' but this is a less likely source than (i). **Early bearers:** William Makerel, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Makerel, 1201 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Thomas Makerel, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Makerel, 1293–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); John Makerel, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Keinton Mandeville, Somerset); Thoma Makerel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Hugh Makerel, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Leadenham, Lincs); Ralph Makerell', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Mercie Mackrell, 1574 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants); Dorothy Makarell, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ropley, Hants); Richard Mackerell, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Binbrook, Lincs); Elizabeth Mackrell, 1606 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Nicholas Mackarell, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Michael Mackerill, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Thomas Mackrell, 1732 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

2 Irish, Scottish: relationship name, according to Black from Gaelic **MacFhearghail**, see **Farrell**. The name may have been confused with Norman use of the name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Recherus Mecmaccharil, 1165–1214 in *Melrose Register* (Carrick, Ayr); Radulfus Makerel, 1165–1214 in *Melrose Register* (Roxburghs); Wiliam Mackrell, 1705 in *IGI* (Kemnay, Aberdeens); Lydia Mackrell, 1857 in *IGI* (Monkton, Ayr); Teresa Mackrell, 1858 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks); Annie Mackrel, 1872 in *IGI* (Lochwinnoch, Renfrews).

### Mackriell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Mackrell**.

### Mackriell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mackrell**.

### Mackrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: see **Mackrell**.

### Macks

Variants: **Max**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Renfrews

Scottish, English: variant of **Mack** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Francis Max, 1561 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Johes Max, 1569 in *IGI* (Kingsdon, Somerset); John Macks, 1620 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Macks, 1641, Anne Max, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Scotland: Isobell Max, 1648, Mary Macks, 1670 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth).

### Mackwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: probably a variant of **Mackle**, remodelled as if from an English place-name.

**Early bearers:** Ann Mackwell, 1787 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); James Mackwell, 1829 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Matthew Mackwell, 1835 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks);

### Mackworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: locative name from Mackworth (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** William de Macworth', 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Roberto de Macworth, 1292 in *Glapwell Charters* (Mackworth, Derbys); Henry de Macworth, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Alton, Staffs); Robert de Makworth, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Duffield, Derbys); John de Makworth, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Macworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Willelmo de Makworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Elizabeth' de Makworth', 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Makworth', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Macworth, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Macworth', 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Henry Mackworth, 1430 in *Derbys Gentry* (Derbys); Thomas Makworth, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Elenora Mackeworth, 1578 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops); Sir Henry Mackworth, 1640–1 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Leics).

### Maclay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: from **Mac an Lèigh**, see **McClay**.

### Maclin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Macklin**.

### Maconochie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Lancs; also Glamorgan
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

### Macquarie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

## Macro

- **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness, Argyll, and Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Guaire**, see **McQuarrie**.

### Macro

**Variants:** **Macrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Makroe, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk); Will Macro, 1571 in *IGI* (Levington, Suffolk); Thomas Macrow, 1576 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); John Macro, 1580 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Macrowe, 1603 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Rose Macro, 1664 in *IGI* (Upwell, Norfolk); Isaac Macro, 1717 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Macrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs
- English: see **Macro**.

### Macy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset
- English: see **Massey**.

### Madahar

**Variants:** **Madhar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Punjab): Sikh and Hindu, name of an ancient clan, whose name is of unexplained etymology.

### Madam

**Variants:** **Maddams**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *madame* 'madam', perhaps for a worker at the house of a lady of some social rank, or possibly for an effeminate man.

**Early bearers:** John Madame, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo Madame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Stiven Madam, 1703 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts).

### Madams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Maddams**.

### Madan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

English: see **Maiden**, **Madden**.

### Maddaford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Maddaford in Okehampton (Devon), which is recorded as *Maddeford* in 1285, or, less probably, from Madford

in Beaworthy (Devon), which is recorded as

*Madresford* in 1281, *Madeford* in 1400.

**Early bearers:** John de Madeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kigbeare in Okehampton, Devon); John Madeford', 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Joanna Maddaford, 1560, Marryn Maddaforde, 1575 in *IGI* (Marytavy, Devon); Trestram Madaford, 1668 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Maddaford, 1669 in *IGI* (Bridestowe, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 206, 618.

### Maddams

**Variants:** **Madams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Middx

English: variant of **Madam**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Maddams, 1688 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); John Madams, 1697 in *IGI* (Flitwick, Beds).

### Maddan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Madden**.

### Madden

**Variants:** **Maddin**, **Maddan**, **Maddon**, **Maden**, **Madin**, **Madan**, **Madon**, **Medding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6919, Ireland 4569
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2571
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Lanarks; London; Durham; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway, Tipperary, and Cork

1 Irish: from Ó *Madáin* 'descendant of *Madán*', earlier *Madadhán*, from *madadh* 'dog'. Compare **Madigan**.

**Early bearers:** Tathige O Madan, 1264 in *Dublin Documents*; Robert Maddane, 1566–67 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §990 (Waterford, merchant); Thomas Maddane, 1567–68 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §990 (Waterford, merchant); Donald fiowne O'Maddane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3086 (Boliglasse); Dionysius Madden, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3231 (Waterford); Sloughe Donogh O'Madden, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4718; Owen mcThomas Maddin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540.

2 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Madin*. Some of the bearers cited here may rather belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Madin With, Madyn Loyt, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths). surnames, Wales: Madoco ap Madin, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); James Madden, 1829 in *IGI* (Undy, Monmouths). surnames, England: Hughe Madden, 1592 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Elizabetha Madden, 1592 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Elizabeth Madden, 1601 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Abigail Madden, 1618 in *IGI* (Hints, Staffs); Anna Madden, 1626 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Madder

**Variants:** **Mader**, **Mather**, **Madders**, **Maddrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 137

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk  
English: occupational name from Middle English *\*mader*, *\*madour*, *\*mather*, reduced forms of Middle English *maderer*, *\*maderour*, *\*matherer* 'seller of madder' or 'dyer who used madder'. Compare Rob. Madster, 1332 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), whose name appears to be a similarly reduced form of the variant *\*maderster*, with the suffix *-ster* substituted for *-er*, as in *Webster* for *Webber*. Madder or mather (Old English *mædere*, Old Scandinavian *maðra*) was the name for the plant *Rubia tinctorum*, used medicinally and for making red dye. It was also a word for red dye made from other sources. The surname is more commonly found as *Mather* in post-medieval records.

**Further information:** The full form of the occupational term is evidenced by Ric. le Madrer, 1333 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), Johannes Maderer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex), and Robert Matherer or Madderer, 1558–9 in *Leeds Wills* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks). Compare also Rob. Madermanger ('dealer in madder'), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants), and Thomas Maderman, 1293 in *London Letter Books A*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mader, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Jacobus le Madur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Madur, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morton upon Swale, NR Yorks); Johannes Mader, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Mader, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Rogerus Madour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southrepps, Norfolk); Johannes Madyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thomas Madour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledston, WR Yorks); Johannes Madour', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Willelmus le Madur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heaton with Halliwell, Lancs); Ricardus Madur', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan borough, Lancs); Nicholas Madder, 1539 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Edmundus Madder, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hugh Madder, 1567 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire); Johannis Madder, 1568 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Thomas Mader, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Laurence Madder, 1611 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Elisabeth Mader, 1624 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Maddern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 332
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Madron**.

### Madders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Staffs, and Shrops; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English: variant of **Madder** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Mathers**, the more common form.
- Early bearers:** Alizia Madders, 1574 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); George Madders, 1652 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon); Mary Madders, 1717 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire).

### Madderson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94



- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Durham; Suffolk

English: variant of **Matterson** with voicing of /t/ to /d/. Compare **Maddison**.

**Early bearers:** William Madderson, 1563, Margret Maderson, 1569 in *IGI* (London); Christofer Madderson, 1566 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Robert Madderson, 1593 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); William Madderson, 1724 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

### Maddex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Maddocks**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Maddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

English: see **Maddock**.

### Maddicks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Devon

English: see **Maddocks**.

### Maddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; WR Yorks; Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Madden**.

### Maddinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Northumb
- English: See **Maddison**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Madynesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Richard Maddinson, 1606 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Darkis Maddinson, 1634 in *IGI* (Algarkirk, Lincs); Thomas Maddinson, 1650 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Maddinson, 1777 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Robert Maddinson, 1796 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks).

### Maddison

**Variants:** Madison, Madson, Maddinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5125, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2916
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down

English: (i) variant of **Mattison** ('son of Matthew') with voicing of /t/ to /d/. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes George Madyson, Matheson or Mattyson of Sculcoates (ER Yorks) in 1540. (ii) relationship name alternatively perhaps from the Middle English personal name **Maddy**, which if it is not a voiced variant of **Matty**, as in (i), might be a pet form of **Maud**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Maddyson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Thomas Madyson, 1425 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Maddison, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); John Madyson, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Edmund Madyson, 1532 in

*Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Northants); Lancelot Madyson, 1537 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Lionel Maddison, 1595 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Maddison, 1608 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Maddix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Maddocks**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

### Maddock

**Variants:** Maddick, Meddick, Mattock, Maddocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2797, Ireland 170
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2726
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Devon; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Madawc*, *Madog* (Old Welsh *Matōc*, meaning 'goodly').

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Madauc filio Brochwalc, 1206–7, Madocuc Goch, about 1216 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); Madoc ap Gronou, Madoco ap Rerid, Madoco filio Dauid, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths). given names, England: Madoch, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Maddock le Waleys, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Madok le Walschemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops).

surnames, Wales: Yerword ap Madoc, Ieuan ab Madoc, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Ellen Maddock, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robart Maddock, 1563 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Alexander Maddock, 1602 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Samuell Maddock, 1630 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Thos. Maddock, 1792 in *IGI* (Bedwas, Monmouths).

surnames, England: Oenus filius Madoc, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); William Madoc, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Madduk', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); Stephano Madek', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); Edward Madocke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellesmere, Shrops); John Maddock, 1612 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Maddocks

**Variants:** Maddox, Madocks, Maddicks, Maddix, Maddex, Mattocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3079, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1815
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Shrops, Staffs, Derbys, and Lancs; scattered in Wales (esp. Denbys)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: variant of **Maddock**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Peter Madokes, 1358 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Maddox, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eaton under Heywood, Shrops); Mary Maddockes, 1586 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops).

### Maddon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham; London

English: see **Madden**.

### Maddox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2468, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Herefs; scattered in Wales (esp. Glamorgan)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

English: see **Maddocks**.

### Maddrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

English, Manx: perhaps, as *Kneen* suggests, a pronunciation of *Madderer* (see **Madder**), with /l/ substituted for the second /r/. Compare Ric. le Madrer, 1333 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Maderer, Maderel 1515, Madderer, 1524 in *Kneen*; Jo Maddrell, 1652, Dorothy Madrel, 1774, Cath Madderel, 1779 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Hen Maddrell, 1679 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); Jon Maddrell, 1699 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); John Maddrell, 1714 in *IGI* (Kirk Rushen, IoM); Robert Maddrell, 1717 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).

### Maddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and S Wales; also Beds

1 Welsh: relationship name in Herefs and S Wales perhaps from the Welsh personal name *Mady*, which may have been a pet form of *Madog* (see **Maddock**).

**Further information:** The lands of the 'late' Philip ap Mady and John Mull within the lordships of Clifford and Vowemenyd in Wales were forfeited to the king in 1403 'by reason of their rebellion'.

**Early bearers:** Philip ap Mady, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Brecknocks); Walter Maddy, 1661 in *IGI* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Beatrice Maddey, 1686 in *IGI* (Cusop, Herefs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 156–7.

2 English: relationship name in Beds from the Middle English personal name *Maddy*. It may be a pet form of **Maud** or a voiced variant of **Matty** (a pet form of Matthew, see **Mattey**). Compare **Mathie**, **Maddison**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maddy Pye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk).

surnames: Petro filio Maddy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maltby, NR Yorks); Nicholas Maddy, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; William Maddy, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Maddy, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Elizabeth Madye, 1542, Ellen Maddy, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Christian Maddy, 1559 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Rychard Maddy, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johanna Maddy, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Mary Maddy, 1671 in *IGI* (Shelton, Beds).

### Madel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

## Madeley

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Madle**.

## Madeley

Variants: **Madley, Madely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1325, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 805
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Madeley in Checkley near Uttoxeter or Madeley near Newcastle under Lyme (both Staffs), or Madeley (Shrops), all of which are recorded as both *Maddeleye* and *Madeleye* in early medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Reimund de Madeleia, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Alexander de Madeleye, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Hugh de Maddelee, 1318 in *London Husting Wills*; William de Maddeleye, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Maddeleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adæ de Maddeleye, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Hadzor, Worcs); Philip de Maddele, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Henricus de Madeleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Madeley in Checkley, Staffs); Johannes Madley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tixover, Rutland); Ricardo de Madleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Agn' de Madeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs); Ricardus de Madley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley, Staffs); Johannes de Madell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stottesdon hundred, Shrops); Willelmus Madeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); William Madeley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitchurch, Shrops).  
**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 379–80; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 190–1.

2 English: locative name from Madley (Herefs), which is recorded as *Maddeleye* in the 13th century, or from the lost *Madeley* in Gloucester (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Maddeleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); Mathew Madeley, 1573, Robert Madley, 1582 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Watkin Madley, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Huntington hundred, Herefs); Susanna Madley, 1714 in *IGI* (Walford, Herefs); Martha Madley, 1727 in *IGI* (Llandogo, Monmouths).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 139; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 139.

## Madelin

Variants: **Madeline, Madlin, Maudlin, Maudling, Madine, Morling, Mardlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands (esp. Worcs); Bucks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Maudeleyn*, derived from the Old French form *Maudelaine* of Latin *Magdalena*, the epithet of the Biblical saint Mary Magdalen.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mawdelen Fox, 1539, Mawdelyn Chapman, 1559, Maudeleyn Wallis, 1616 in *IGI* (London); Mawdelen Grening, 1549, Maudelen Gardener, 1550 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Maudelen Combes, 1550 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon).  
surnames: Simon Maudeleyn', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Maudeleyne, 1368 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johanne Mawdeleyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Stephen Maudeleyn, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Bernard son of Madelen, 1415 in *Charter Rolls* (Brecknocks); Thomas Maudeleyn', 1440 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Northants); Willyam Maudland, 1565 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Jn Mawdlin, 1602 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Elizabetha Madelin, 1612 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Thomas Mawdlin, 1622 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Madelin, 1634 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Richard Madelin, 1654 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Christopher Madlin, 1657 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Issable Maudlan, 1680 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Margaret Maudlan, 1689, Elleanor Maudlin, 1709 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

2 English: locative name from any of the many medieval hospitals, leper houses, or orphanages dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalen.

**Early bearers:** Ric. atte Madelen, Rich. de le Maugdelene, 1336 in *East Anglian Bynames* (Norfolk).  
**References:** *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 138.

## Madeline

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Madelin**.

## Madell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Madle**.

## Madely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Derbys; also Lancs
- English: see **Madeley**.

## Maden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1094
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Maiden, Madden**.

## Mader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Madder**.

## Madew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Maydew**.

## Madewell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Maidwell**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Madge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1104, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 942
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Magge*, a pet form of either *Margery* or *Margaret* (compare **Maggott**).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Magge, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Magge, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Warwicks).

surnames: Ailmundus Magge, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Magge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Magge, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Johanna Magge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Roger Magge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Henry Magge, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Robert Magge, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Madge, 1579 in *IGI* (Westleigh, Devon).

## Madgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Maggard*, a diminutive (with the suffix *-(h)ard*) of *Magge*, which is a pet form of either *Margery* or *Margaret* (see **Madge**).  
**Early bearers:** William Maggard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Magard, 1349 in *Patent Rolls*; Dorothie Madgett, 1674 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Henry Madgett, 1699 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Thos. Madgett, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Maria Madgett, 1793 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); Mary Madgett, 1798 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Madgewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Madgwick**.

## Madgin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Probably from Irish Ó *Madagáin*, see **Madigan**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Madgen, 1600, Nicholas Madgin, 1619 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Richd Madgin, 1620 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Madgin, 1666 in *IGI* (Lee Saint John, Northumb); Frances Madgan, 1671 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb).

## Madgwick

Variants: **Madgewick, Matchwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 327
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Hants
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Madgewick* or *Medgewick*, apparently in west Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Megwik', Richard Megwyk, about 1285 in *Sussex Customals (Canterbury)* (Slindon, Sussex); William Mechwyke, 1401, John Mechewyke, 1406, John Merchwyke, 1424, John Mechwyk, 1425, Ric. Machewyke, Tho. Mechewyke, 1452, Richard Megewyke, 1461, Richard Mechwyke, Richard Machwyke, 1483, Richard Megewyk, John Megewyke, 1491, Richard Merchwyke, 1495, John Megewyke, 1508 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Magewyke, 1547 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Joan Madgewick, 1559, John Magewyke, 1565 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Yapton, Sussex); Henry Madgewicke, 1560 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); William Megewyke, 1565 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Harting, Sussex); Jane Madgwife, 1567 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Walter Madgwick, 1584 in *IGI* (Dummer, Hants); Walter Magwick, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dummer, Hants); Robert Magewike,

1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alton, Hants); John Madgeweeke, 1587, Willm Madgwick, 1592 in *IGI* (Ford, Sussex); Thomas Madgwick, 1605, Thomas Matchwick, 1613 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Frances Magewecke, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Stratfield Saye, Hants).

### Madhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): see **Madahar**.

### Madhavan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Madhava*, ‘derived from honey’ (an epithet of the Hindu god Krishna) + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** In the Indian subcontinent Madhavan occurs only as a given name, but in the West it has come to be used as a family name.

### Madhvani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) name, composed of *Madhv-* (apparently a reduction of an ancestral name such as *Mādhav*, which is an epithet of the Hindu god Krishna) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Madigan

Variants: **Madgin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 1096
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare

Irish: from Ó *Madagáin* ‘descendant of *Madagán*’, from *Madadhán*, a personal name meaning ‘little dog’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas McMorryce Y Maddigane, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5029 (Banyncartye); John Madigan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6478 (Moririgans); Juan nyne John Madegane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575 (Ballyhowly); Thomas Magan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6733 (Drumrany, husbandman). England: John Madigan, 1810 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Honora Madigan, 1827 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Madill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Monaghan and Cavan

1 Scottish: reduced anglicized form of **McDowell**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: see **McDill**.

### Madin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

English: see **Maiden**, **Madden**.

### Madine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 154
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: variant of **Madelin** with loss of *-l-*.

**Early bearers:** Mary Maudin, 1692 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); Cuthbert Maudin, 1716 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Maudin, 1784 in *IGI* (Hayton, Cumb); William Madin, 1849 in *IGI* (Rockcliffe, Cumb); John Madine, 1853 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

### Madison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham; Warwicks

English: see **Maddison**.

### Madkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London

English: see **Matkins**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Madkins, 1669 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Elizabeth Madkins, 1670 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Madlani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Madl-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani* an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Madle

Variants: **Madel**, **Madell**, **Maydell**, **Male**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French, Middle English *masle*, *madle* (also Middle English *male*), ‘a man, an adult’ or adjectivally ‘male, masculine’. William le Masle (1280), le Madle (1303), or le Male (1305) has left his name in Marles Farm in Epping Upland (Essex).

**Further information:** For the range of early forms compare the similar Middle English spelling variants for **Greasley**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Masle, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Osbert le Madle, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Stephen Male, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey le Madle, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Katherin Madle, 1566 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); Johan Madell, 1570 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Ann Madle, 1599 in *IGI* (Clavering, Essex); Thomas Madell, 1602 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Elizabetha Maydell, 1610 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); John Madle, 1632 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Ann Maydell, 1659 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 24.

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Maidwell**, with loss of *-w-* in the unstressed syllable.

### Madley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; also Staffs

English: see **Madeley**.

### Madlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Cornwall

English: see **Madelin**.

### Madlock

Variants: **Medlock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Matlock** with voicing of /t/ to /d/. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Madlock, 1600 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); Johannes Madlocke, 1612 in *IGI* (Eltisley, Cambs); Robard Madelocke, 1617 in *IGI* (East Hatley, Cambs).

### Madlocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Pembrokes

English: see **Maddocks**.

### Madon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Maiden**, **Madden**.

### Madren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs and Caernarvons; Lancs

Cornish, Welsh: see **Madron**.

### Madron

Variants: **Madren**, **Maddern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Madron (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Marten Maddren, Nicholas Maderne, 1596, Benedict Madron, 1739 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Grace Madren, 1609 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 113.

### Madsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Madson**.

**Further information:** this is found as a native English spelling of the name, but some bearers are descended from fairly recent Danish or Norwegian immigrants.

## Madson

### Madson

Variants: **Madsen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Lancs

English: variant of **Maddison** with loss of the middle syllable.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA, where there may be some Scandinavian influence on it.

**Early bearers:** Margery Madson, 1573, Mary Maddyson, 1601, Ann Maddeson, 1628 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Katherine Madsen, 1625 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Ann Madson, 1672 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); An Maddison, 1687, James Madsen, 1722 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Mae

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **May**.

### Maeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Mare**.

**Early bearers:** David Maeer, 1781 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Devon); Job Maeer, 1804 in *IGI* (Sidmouth, Devon); William Maeer, 1804 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Maffei

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Italian: from the personal name *Maffeo*, a medieval variant of *Matteo* (see **Matthew**).

### Maffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Scottish: see **Moffat**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Maffey

Variants: **Morfey**, **Morfew**, **Morphew**, **Morphy**, **Morphey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; also London

English: nickname from Old French *malfé*, *malféü*, representing a barbarous Latin *male-fatus* and *male-fatutus* (Weekley), 'ill-omened', a term of abuse applied to the Saracens and the devil. Compare *Hobgoblyng*, *goblin mauffé* (Palsgrave); *malfé*, *maufé*, *maufeit*, *maffé*, *malfait*, *malfée* 'devil, demon' (Godefroy). The normal development would be *Mauffey*. With the loss of *r* in pronunciation, *Mau-* (*Maw-*) and *Mor-* were indistinguishable, hence the variant spellings with *Mor-*. For those with *ph*, compare **Farrar** and **Pharaoh**.

**Early bearers:** Wido Malfeth, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Malfet, 1163–6 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Sussex); Simon (le) Malfe, 1176, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants, Cambs); Lucas Maufe, Malve, 1196, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Simon Malfei, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Malefay, 1307 in

*Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Mauphe, Maufe, Maufie, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Laurence Maufei, Elias Maifai, William Mayfai, 1327, Andrew Maufee, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Maffay, 1498 in *Sussex Wills*; John Morfewe, 1564, Jedion Morphewe, 1629, John Morfee, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

### Maffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Maffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Mifflin**.

### Magan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht and Leinster

Irish: variant of **McGann** or **McGahan**.

### Magar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: from **Mac an Gheairr**, see **McGarr**.

### Magarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and WR Yorks; also IoM

Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### Magaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Ádhaimh**, see **McGaw**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is more common in the USA.

### Magee

Variants: **McGee**, **McGhee**, **McGhie**, **Megee**, **Magie**, **Gee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4253, Ireland 4861
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1314
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

Irish: from *Mag Aoidh* or *Mag Aodha* 'son of Aodh', an ancient personal name meaning 'fire', originally the name of a pagan god. This is one of several anglicized forms of this ancient and widespread Irish and Scottish Gaelic name; thus the name has the same origin as **McKay**, **McKee**, **McKie**, **McCoy**, and **McHugh**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dwalto McGie, 1586–87 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4960; Alexander McGie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6556; Ennys and William McGhy, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

England: McGethe, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; William Magee, 1636 in *IGI* (Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset); John

Magee, 1692 in *IGI* (Billingham, Northumb); Elizabeth Magee, 1741 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Mageean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Gaoithín**, see **McGeehan**.

**References:** *More Irish Families* p. 114.

### Magennis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 606
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan and Louth

Irish: from **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**.

### Mager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Middx

English: see **Major**.

### Magers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Majors**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Maggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Maggot*, a diminutive of *Magge*, which is a pet form of either *Margery* or *Margaret* (see **Madge** and compare **Mogg**).

**Further information:** Note William Magotesone, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs) and Thomas Magotson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (compare **Meggison**). A different diminutive suffix appears in John Maggekin, 1396 in *Place-Names of Warwicks* 64. Compare also **Meggitt**. **Early bearers:** given names: Magota, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Maggot de Worth, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Magot Lomb, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mogota de Ripon, 1313, Mogota Maure, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Magota, wife of John Neel, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Magota, wife of John Goff, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon). surnames: Robert Maggote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Magot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Maghot, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Thomas Magote, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Magote, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johanne Magott, about 1422–39 in *Hospital of Saint Mark Bristol Cartulary* (Gloucs); William Magot, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); John Magat, 1571, Susanna Maget, 1577 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Samuel Maggett, 1647 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Mary Maggot, 1684 in *IGI* (Crick, Northants).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 118–21.

### Maggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2735, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2004
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Monmouths; London; also Norfolk

English: relationship name variant of **Magg** (see **Madge**) with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Meggs**.

**Early bearers:** John Magges, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Magges, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Magges, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Radulpho Magges, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Richard Maggs, 1562 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Ursula Maggs, 1571 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); John Maggs, 1584 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Annys Maggs, 1586 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Margerett Maggs, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London).

### Magie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from *Mag Aoidh*, **Mac Aodha**, see **Agee**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but more common in the USA.

### Magill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 1881
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: see **McGill**.

### Magilton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish: from Mac Giolla tSeanáin, see **McGilton**.

### Magin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Denbighs; Lancs
- Irish: from Mag Fhionn, see **McGinn**.

### Maginess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 76
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Louth
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Maginn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 374
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from Mag Fhionn, see **McGinn**.

### Maginnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 88
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Maginnis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 178
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Louth; Donegal
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Maginniss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Magirr

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac an Gheairr**, see **McGirr**.

### Maglone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Eóin, see **McGlone**.

### Magnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: irregularly anglicized form of **Mac Con Uladh**, see **McNaul**.

### Magnay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Scottish Gaelic: irregular anglicization of **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

### Magner

**Variants:** **Magnier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 298
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork

Irish, Norse: from a diminutive of the Norse personal name *Magnus*, gaelicized as **Maingnéir** in Ireland.

**Further information:** The surname appeared in Ireland originally as *Magnel* and is also preserved in historical forms of the place-name Castlemagner in county Cork.

**Early bearers:** England: Jonne Magner, 1545 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Philipp Magner, 1606 in *IGI* (London). Ireland: Nicholas Magnel, 1290 in *CDI* §780 (Cork); John Magnel, 1292 in *CDI* §1148 (Dublin); Philip Maigner, kern, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §798; Edmund Magner, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2246 (Ahaddy, Cork); Edmund Maigner, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2246 (Tampleconnylly, Cork); Ulligg Magner, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3079 (Magnerstowne, Cork); Ellen Magner, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3619 (Waterford); Robert Magner 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3974 (Magners Castleton, Cork). **References:** *Supplement to Irish Families* p. 108.

### Magnes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Welsh: see **Magnus**.

### Magness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Brecknocks
- English, Welsh: see **Magnus**.

### Magnier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from **Maingnéir**, a gaelicized form of a diminutive of the personal name *Magnus*, see **Magner**.

### Magnus

**Variants:** **Magness**, **Magnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Magnus*, from Latin *magnus* 'great'. It became the name of many Scandinavian kings and was particularly popular in Shetland (compare **Manson**). In Ireland and Scotland it has also given **McManus**.

**Further information:** The first of this name was Magnus I, King of Norway and Denmark (d. 1047), named after Charlemagne (Carolus *Magnus*, 'Charles the Great') under the impression that *Magnus* was a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Magnus de Weitecroft, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Owyn Magnus, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes Magnus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); William Magnus, 1408, Robert Magnus, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); Emerillies Magnus, 1576 in *IGI* (London); Hary Magnvs, 1598 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Maria Magnes, 1699, Anne Magnus, 1736, James Magnus, 1749 in *IGI* (Winforton, Herefs); John Magness, 1731 in *IGI* (Clifford, Herefs).

### Magnusson

**Variants:** **Manson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Scandinavian: relationship name 'son of **Magnus**'. Compare **Manson**.

**Further information:** most modern bearers of this surname in Britain are recent immigrants from Scandinavia.

**Early bearers:** Maurice Israel Magnusson, 1822 in *IGI* (The Great Synagogue, London); Edouard Adolphe Magnusson, 1833 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Magor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Cardigans

English: locative name from Magor in Illogan (Cornwall). There may be some confusion with the surname **Maker**, from an etymologically identical place-name elsewhere in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Magor, Nicholas Magor, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Dibden, Hants); Richard Magor, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Magor, 1619 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); Bennet Magor, 1638 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall).

### Magorrian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 160
- **GB frequency 1881:**

## Magowan

Irish: from Mag Corraidhín, ‘son of Corraidhín’, an alternate spelling of Mac Corraidhín, see **McGoran**, compare **Curran**.

### Magowan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 727
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Down and Armagh

Irish: from Mac a’ghobhainn, see **McGowan**.

### Magrath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary

Irish: from Mac Raith, see **McGrath**.

### Magraw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Raith, see **McGrath**.

### Magri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Italian: relationship name patronymic or plural form of *Magro*, from Italian magro ‘thin, lean’ (Latin *macer*).

2 Catalan: nickname Magrí, from a diminutive of *magre* ‘lean’.

**References:** Make larger, as under Medina, below, and insert final full stop.

### Magruder

- **GB frequency 1881:**
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGrouther**.

### Magson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks; also Lancs; Warwicks; Notts

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Magge* (a pet form of either *Margery* or *Margaret*, see **Madge**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Maggesone, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); William Maggesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh Maggesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ric’o Maggesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Roger Maggisson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); William Maggeson, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Magson, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johis. Magson, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Christofer Magson, 1580 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Mary Magson, 1706 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Hannah Magson, 1787 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).  
**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 118–23.

### Maguiness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Maguinness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Down

Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### Maguire

**Variants:** McGuire, McQuire, Guiry, Guire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10332, Ireland 10024
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3053
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh

Irish: from Mag Uidhir ‘son of Odhar’, a byname meaning ‘sallow’. This was the name of the ruling family of Fermanagh in the 13th–17th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Aneslis m. Uidhir, erenagh of Lusca, 1059 in *AU*; Amhlaim Mag Uidhir, Chief of Muinter-Peodachain, 1306 in *AU*; Flaithbertach Mag Uidhir, king of Fermanagh, 1324 in *AU*; Donald Magwier, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §671 (Bellaghe); Tirrelaughe McGwyre, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §671 (Bellaghe); Tyrrelagh McGwyre, gallowglass, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1674 (Castell); John McGuyr, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1674; Donnagh McGwyvir, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607; Donnell Reaghe McDonnogh McGwivir, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607.

### Magwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Monaghan

Irish: variant of **McQuaid** or **Mahood**.

**Early bearers:** James Magwood, born in Scotland, in *Census 1881* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Magwood, born in Dublin, in *Census 1881* (Bootle, Lancs).

### Mah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馬. See **Ma** (1).

### Mahady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, WR Yorks, and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Longford

Irish: from Ó Moithide ‘descendant of Moithide’, a personal name of unexplained etymology.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen O’Mohedie, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Castle ny Hinche, Cork); Michael Mahady, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

England: John Mahady, 1828 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Mahady, 1850 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).  
Scotland: Rose Mahady, 1855 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Mahaffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cavan and Monaghan

Irish: see **McHaffie**.

### Mahaffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Armagh

Irish: see **McHaffie**.

### Mahajan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (northern states): Hindu (chiefly Bania), from Hindi *mahājān* ‘merchant, banker, moneylender’, from Sanskrit *mahā* ‘great’ + *janas* ‘person’.

### Mahal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Mahamad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahamed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahammad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahammed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahamood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahamoud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahamud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Macháin, a variant of Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Mahaney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: see **Mahoney**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Mahany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

Irish: see **Mahoney**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mahar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

Irish: see **Maher**.

### Maharaj

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (north central): Hindu, from Sanskrit *mahārāja* 'great king', derived from a title denoting an accomplished practitioner (a master) of a particular skill or craft (for example singing, drumming, dancing, cooking, etc.) or a religious guru.

### Mahay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian: unexplained.

### Mahboob

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mahbūb* 'dear, beloved'.

**Further information:** **Habīb**, from the same Arabic root *ḥ-b-b*, is of very similar meaning.

### Mahdi

Variants: **Mehdi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mahdī* 'rightly guided'.

**Further information:** This is the epithet given to Muhammad al-Muntazar ('the awaited one'), twelfth Shiite imam, who disappeared mysteriously in 939, giving rise to a belief that he will return and unite Muslims under his leadership, triumphing over injustice.

### Mahendran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Mahendra* (composed of *maha* 'great' + *Indra*, the name of the king of gods) + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** In the Indian subcontinent Mahendran occurs as a given name only, but has come to be used as a family name among immigrants in the West.

### Maher

Variants: **Mahar**, **Meagher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6954, Ireland 8376
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1092

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also W Leinster

Irish: from Ó **Meachair** 'descendant of *Meachar*', a personal name meaning 'kindly, noble, or majestic'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: James Meagher, 1560–61 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §327; Gillenewen O'Maghir, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §950 (Roscone, Kilkenny); Donell Moyle McTeig O'Magher, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1184 (Rosecome, Kilkenny); Gellenewen McTeig O'Magher, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1184 (Ballytoben); Hue McRory O'Magher, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1184 (Castlanehue); Dermot O'Machir, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6163 (Waterford, Cowlfin, kern); Dermot O'Maghyr, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1043; Teig O'Meachir, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2348; Conchor O'Meigher, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045; Teig McDonyll meale O'Maychir, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3567; Sarra ny Maher, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309; Hugh McDerimod Maghir, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531 (Clonehorpe); William Maher, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6538 (Breaner). England: Daniel Mahar, 1761 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Mahar, 1784 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); James Mahar, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). Scotland: Michael Mahar, 1785 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Maheswaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Sri Lankan (Tamil): relationship name from *Mahéswara*, a name for Durga, one of the divine mothers or energies of the god Shiva, with the masculine suffix *-an*.

### Mahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- French (Channel Islands): see **Mahy**.

### Mahi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Sikh name based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Mahil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Mahmood

Variants: **Mahmoud**, **Mahmud**, **Mohmood**, **Mehmood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15082, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mahmūd*, 'praiseworthy, commendable', from the same root as **Mohammed**.

### Mahmoud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Muslim: see **Mahmood**.

### Mahmud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 905, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Muslim: see **Mahmood**.

### Mahomed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

Muslim: a traditional anglicization of **Mohammed**.

### Mahomet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Muslim: a traditional anglicization of **Mohammed**.

### Mahommed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mahon

Variants: **Mahone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3361, Ireland 4038
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1305

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Roscommon, and Offaly

Irish: (i) from **Mac Mathghamhna** 'son of *Mathghamhain*', see **McMahon**. Compare **Mahoney**, which has a similar etymology. There has been some confusion with **Mohan** and **Mahan**. (ii) from Ó **Macháin**, a variant of Ó **Mocháin**, see **Mohan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady fitz Knohor Mahon, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2802.

England: Andrew Mahon, 1654 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Ann Mahon, 1710 in *IGI* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Cornelius Mahon, 1748 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Mahone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **Mahon**.

### Mahoney

Variants: **Mahony**, **Mahaney**, **Mahany**, **O'Mahony**, **O'Mahoney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6014, Ireland 575
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3147

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster

Irish: from Ó **Mathghamhna** 'descendant of *Mathghamhain*', a byname meaning 'good calf, a kenning for a 'bear'.

**Further information:** There were two families in Ireland called O'Mahony, in Cork and north-east Ulster. In Ulster Ó *Mathghamhna* has often been anglicized as **McMahon**, apparently by analogy with the later *Mac Mathghamhna* chieftain family in Monaghan.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Florence O'Mahony (alias O'Mahony Carybry), 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1587 (Castellmahowny); Teig mcDermedy I Mahowny, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2577 (Castlemore, kern); Cornelius O'Mahown, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3083 (Crookehaven); Teig mcDermod mcFynyn Y Mahony, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4415 (Kenalbeck); Funwolagh nyn Fynine Y Mahowne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571.

England: Sarah Mahoney, 1718 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Brigit Mahoney, 1751 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Mahony

Wales: Jeremiah Mahony, 1826 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

References: Woulfe pp.613–4.

### Mahony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 1713
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 681
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: see **Mahoney**.

### Mahood

Variants: **Magwood**, **Mawhood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Cavan

1 Irish: reduced form of *MacHood*, an altered form of Irish *Ó hUí* ‘descendant of *Uí*’, in which *Ó* ‘descendant’ has been replaced by *Mac* ‘son’. Compare **Hood** (2). The name was taken by 19th-century Irish migrants to south-west Scotland and north-west England.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Mahood, 1768 in *IGI* (Armagh); John Mahood, 1798 in *IGI* (Glenwhirry, Antrim); James Nelson Mahood, 1840 in *IGI* (Dromore, Down).

Scotland: William Mahood, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Hamilton, Lanarks) James Mahood, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: James Mahood, born in Down, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Maude**.

**Early bearers:** Margret Mahoud, 1566 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Roger Mahood, 1628 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Mary Mahud, 1638 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Joseph Mahud, 1688 in *IGI* (Owston, WR Yorks).

### Mahroof

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Muslim: see **Maroof**.

### Mahtani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu name composed of *Maht-* (possibly a reduction of a name such as *Mahta* or *Mehta* ‘great’) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Mahy

Variants: **Mahey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French (Channel Islands): from a Channel Islands and Norman French variant of the male given name *Mahieu*; compare **Mayhew** and **Matthew**.

**Early bearers:** Jeanne Mahy, 1673 in *IGI* (Vale, Guernsey); Elizabeth Mahy, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey).

### Mai

Variants: **Bi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 米 (*Mi* in Mandarin pinyin, *Bi* in Teochew romanization), which means ‘rice’: (i) from one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’, also known as ‘nine surnames of Zhaowu’, because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China. During the Sui and Tang dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *Mi* (米) in Chinese (located in present-day Uzbekistan). Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong (唐高宗) of the Tang Dynasty. Immigrants from the state of *Mi* to China acquired the surname 米. (ii) for some families, the surname is borne by descendants of Mi Fu (米芾), an artist in the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127), who claimed he was a descendant of the royal families of the state of Chu in the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC) and changed his original surname 芾 to 米, a different Chinese character with the same pronunciation.

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 買, meaning ‘buy’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of king Song Wei Zi, founder of the state of Song. (ii) borne by descendants of the king Xu Dao Gong (546–523 BC), possibly inheriting his given name. (iii) from the first element of the personal name Mai Zhu Chu (買朱鉏), style name of an official who lived during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) it has also been traced back to other ethnic groups in N China.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馬, see **Ma** (1).

5 Vietnamese: written with the Chinese character 梅, corresponding to Mandarin *Méi*.

### Maid

Variants: **Maides**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *maide* ‘maid’, perhaps derogatory. Compare **Maiden**.

**Early bearers:** Abram Maide, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); John le Mayde, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Mayde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Mayde, 1377, Thomas Maide, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Willelmo Maide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Robert Maide, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); William Mayde, 1537 in *IGI* (Clifford, WR Yorks).

### Maiden

Variants: **Mayden**, **Maydon**, **Maden**, **Madon**, **Madin**, **Madan**, **Meaden**, **Maidens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1489, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 818
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Shrops, Staffs, and Worcs; Angus and Fife

English: nickname from Middle English *maiden* ‘young girl, virgin’ (Old English *mægden*), perhaps for an innocent or effeminate man. Compare **Maid**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Maiden, Maide, 1197–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam le Maiden, 1279 in *Hundred*

*Rolls* (Cambs); Roberto Mayden, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rushock, Worcs); Matilda Mayden, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Roger le Mayden, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Alan le Mayden, 1334–51 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); John Mayden, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Mayden’, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Alice Maden, 1545 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Maiden, 1582 in *IGI* (Harworth, Notts); James Maden, 1613 in *IGI* (Middleton, Lancs); John Maiden, 1627 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Maidens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English (*atte*) *maydenes* ‘(at the) maiden’s or maidens’ (house), a name for someone who lived or worked there, normally a servant. For the type, compare **Abbotts**, **Masters**, **Monks**, **Parsons**. The post-medieval bearers below may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Maidens, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas atte Maidenes, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); John atte Maydenes, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas del Maydenes, 1345 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rychard Maydens, 1563, Wyllm Maydenes, 1604 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs).

2 English: Post-medieval variant of **Maiden** with excrescent *-s*.

### Maides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex; Leics and Warwicks

English: variant of **Maid** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Maydes, 1549 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Margeria Maydes, 1565 in *IGI* (Radford Semele, Warwicks); Georgius Maides, 1586 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs).

### Maidman

Variants: **Maidment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Middx

English: occupational name, status name ‘servant of the maidens’ (i.e. nuns). Compare the Middle English bynames *Frereman*, ‘servant of the friars’, and *Meireman*, ‘servant of the mayor’ (*McClure, Occupational bynames*, pp. 217, 220–1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Maydenemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Maideneman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Maideman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Jane Maydman, 1563, Alise Maidman, 1616 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Maydman, 1610 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts).

### Maidment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2518, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

English: variant of **Maidman** with excrescent *-t* (see **Ashment**).

**Early bearers:** Richard Maidment, 1623 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Robert Maidment, 1633 in



*IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Robertus Maidment, 1675 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset); Edward Maidmant, 1685 in *IGI* (London); John Maidmont, 1723 in *IGI* (Fonhill Bishop, Wilts); Thomas Maidmant, 1742 in *IGI* (Tarrant Rushton, Dorset).

### Maidstone

Variants: **Mayston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Middx; Gloucs

English: (i) locative name from Maidstone (Kent). (ii) locative name perhaps also from a lost place called *Maidstone* in Felixstowe (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Maistana* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Madestan, about 1217–20 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Nicholao de Maydeneston', 1244 in *Hospital of Saint Mark Bristol Cartulary* (Bristol, Gloucs); John de Maidenestan, 1285 in *Aldgate Cartulary* (London); Robert de Maydenstane, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John de Maydenstane, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Walter de Maydenstan, 1313, Walter de Maydestan, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John de Meydestane, Simon Meydestane, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Thos de Maydestan, 1340 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Maidestan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Maydeston', 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Brigsley, Lincs); Walter Maydeston', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Maydeston', 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Rochester, Kent); Joan Maydeston', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Erith, Kent); Richard Maydeston', 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Isleworth, Middx); Richard Maydeston', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Cheshunt, Herts); Andrew Mayston, fishmonger, 1490–1, Andrew Maydeston, fishmonger, 1510–11 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Maydston, 1575 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Mayston, 1606 in *IGI* (Grotton, Suffolk); Edward Maydston, 1635 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Maidston, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ellen Maidstone, 1684 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

References: *East Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 163.

### Maidwell

Variants: **Maydwell, Madewell, Madle, Meadwell, Medwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Leics
- English: locative name from Maidwell (Northants). **Early bearers:** [... de] Madewell', 1204, [... de] Maydenewell, 1253 in *Place-Names of Northants* (Northants); Simone de Maidewelle, about 1198–1220 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); Henry de Maydewelle, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Simon de Maydewell, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Emma de Maydewell, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); William de Maydewelle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William de Maidewell, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Titchmarsh, Northants); Johannes Maydewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Johanne Maydenwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage, Leics); John Maydewell', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnack, Northants); William Maydewell, 1495–6 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Simon Maydewell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Farndon, Northants); Judith Maidwell, 1632 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Elizabeth

Medewell, 1710 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland); Jonathan Medwell, 1719 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland); Rachel Maidwell, 1734 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk). References: *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 117.

### Maier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S London
- English: see **Mayer**.

### Mail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; Somerset, Wilts, and W Midlands; Cambs and Essex; Yorks and Durham

1 Scottish: see **Meil**. Black, at Meal, notes that the surname may not have originated in Shetland but derive from the settlement of some Orkney families there in the early 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Laurence Meal, 1674 in *Shetland Surnames* (Lie, Dunrossness, Shetland); Robt. Meal, 1793, Sinclair Mail, 1827 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

2 Welsh, English: see **Male**.

3 Irish: see **Malley**.

### Maile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: see **Male**.

### Mailer

Variants: **Maylor, Mailler, Mayler, Meyler, Moyler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

1 Scottish: locative name from Mailer in Forteviot (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Johan de Malere, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); Symon de Maller, 1360 in *Scone Charters*; Andro Mailer, 1664 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perths).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *ameillur* 'enameller' (Old French *esmaillieur*), with loss of initial *a-*. Compare also **Ambler**.

**Early bearers:** William le Maillier, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William le Mailur, 1262 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Ralph Meillur, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Philip le Mayllur, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Mailler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Thomas Meilour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Elizabeth Mailer, 1671 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Eliz. Mailer, 1682 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); Benjamin Mailer, 1779 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Mailer, 1783 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs); William Mailer, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

3 Welsh: variant of **Meyler**.

### Mailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herefs; Beds

Welsh, English: see **Males**.

### Mailey

Variants: **Mayley, Meally, Maily, Mailley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 289
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Perth; Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin; Carlow

1 Irish: alternative anglicization of Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Alson Maylee, 1636 in *IGI* (Dublin); Wm. Maily, 1782 in *IGI* (Saint John, Limerick); Hezekiah Mayley, 1791 in *IGI* (Dublin). Scotland: Martin Maily, 1833 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews); William Mailey, 1849 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Michael O'Maily, 1854 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); James Mailey, 1867 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths). 2 English, Irish, Scottish: perhaps also a Norman name, a variant of **Malley** (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Maillie, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Maillie, 1310 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); John Maylye, 1635 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Rebecca Maileigh, 1702 in *IGI* (London).

### Maillard

Variants: **Maylard, Maylett, Mallard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; scattered in England

English, Channel Islands: relationship name from the Old French male personal name *Maillart* (from Continental Germanic *Madalhard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Meillardus, 1221, Maillard, 1226 in *Book of Fees* (Gloucs); Mallard(us), 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants) and 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Gloucs).

England: Gilbert Maillard, 1185 in *Templars Records* (London); William Maillard', 1209, John Mallard, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Henry Maillard, 1337 in *Patent Rolls*; Johan Maillard, 1562 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Alice Maylard, 1576, Lawrence Maillard, 1588 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

Channel Islands: Marie Maillard, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey).

### Mailler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland

Scottish: see **Mailler**.

### Mailley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish, Scottish: see **Mailey**.

### Maily

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Stirlings
- Irish, Scottish: see **Mailey**.

### Main

Variants: **Maine, Mayne, Mayon, Mein, Demain, Mains**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6373, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4763

## Maina

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Magnus*, which in Older Scots became *Manus* and *Mane*.  
**Early bearers:** Elspett Mane, 1619 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Wm Maine, 1657 in *IGI* (Ardclach, Nairns).
- 2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Maino*, *Meino* (from a Germanic word meaning ‘strength’). Some early bearers may belong with (3), (4), or (5).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Main, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Main, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Mein, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon).  
surnames: Robert Main, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Mayn, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Mayn, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Amersham, Bucks); Ricardus Mayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Doulting, Somerset); Johannes Mayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moorlinch, Somerset); Katerina Meyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beal, WR Yorks); Margareta Mayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Richard Mayn, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (North Kelsey, Lincs); Walter Mayn, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Hardmead, Bucks); John Mayn’, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Richard Mayne, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Hadlow, Kent); Johanna Main, 1592 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent).
- 3 Norman: nickname from Old French *magne*, *maine* ‘great’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert le meyne, 1285 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Richard le Mayne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Maigne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Jean Main, 1664 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex); John Main, 1671 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).
- 4 Norman: locative name from the French province of Maine.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Meynes, 1258 in *Patent Rolls*.
- 5 Norman: locative name from Mayenne in northern France.  
**Early bearers:** Johel de Meduana, 1212, Johel de Mayne, 1237 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Geoffrey de Mayn, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*; Anthony Main, 1653 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).
- 6 Norman, English: see **Mains**.

## Maina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Italian: unexplained.  
2 Nigerian: unexplained.  
3 Nepalese: unexplained.

## Maine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 427
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout England: esp. Somerset and Lancs
- English: see **Main**.

## Mainer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Mayner**.  
**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Maines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Mains**.

## Mainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Maine, see **Maney**.

## Maingay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Guernsey; London
- English: perhaps a variant of **Mingay**.  
**Early bearers:** Grace Maingay, 1597, Margaret Maingey, 1599 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

## Maini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Northern Italian: relationship name; patronymic or plural form of **Maino**, from a personal name of Germanic origin, recorded as *Mainold* in Siena in AD 715 and as *Mainulus* in Farfa in Sabina (Rieti).  
**Early bearers:** Domenico Maini, boot maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London); Egidio Maini, ice cream shop keeper, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
**References:** *De Felice*.

## Mainland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Shetland
- Scottish: locative name from Mainland, the principal island of Orkney, or perhaps from Mainland, the principal island of Shetland.  
**Early bearers:** Manus Mainland, 1550 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Thomas Mainland, 1659 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Marion Mainland, 1666 in *IGI* (Shapinshay, Orkney); Olla Mainland, 1708 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland); Isobel Mainland, 1753 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

## Mainprice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Cambs
- English: see **Mainprize**.

## Mainprize

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Mainprize**.

## Mainprize

- Variants:** **Mainprise**, **Mainprice**, **Mimpriss**, **Mimpress**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: nickname apparently from Middle English *mainprise* ‘release of a prisoner upon someone’s undertaking to act as surety; a person who stands surety for a prisoner’s appearance in court’.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus Maineprice, 1587, Susanna Mainprize, 1589 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Robert Maineprice, 1613 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Dorothy Mayneprice, 1624, William Mainprice, 1633 in *IGI* (York); John Memprice, 1661 in *Yorks Wills*; [ . . . ] Mimprest, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Mains

**Variants:** **Maines**, **Maynes**, **Main**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 488
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks); Northumb, Durham, and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 Scottish, English: nickname from Old French *mayms*, i.e. ‘with the hands’; *as* means ‘with the’.  
**Further information:** it is not certain that the later name without *As-* continues the earlier one with it.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Asmeins, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William Asmayns, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Mains, 1661 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Elizabeth Mains, 1717 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- 2 Scottish: variant of **Main** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- 3 Scottish: locative name from the frequent Scots local word or place-name *mains* ‘demesne farm’.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Mains, 1677 in *IGI* (Keithhall and Kinkell, Aberdeens); Margaret Mains, 1709 in *IGI* (Panbride, Angus); Ando. Mains, 1738 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Mains, 1749 in *IGI* (Dunoon and Kilmun, Argyll); William Mains, 1761 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb).

## Mainstone

**Variants:** **Manson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- 1 English: locative name from Mainstone Court in Pixley (Herefs), and perhaps also from any of several places with similar names, of various origins, such as Mainstone in Egg Buckland and Mainstone in Heanton Punchardon (both Devon), Mainstone (Shrops), Mainstone in Romsey (Hants), Mainstone Farm in Buxworth (Derbys), and Mainstone Gate in Chobham (Surrey).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] la Maynstane, 1256, [ . . . de] la Maynston, 1298 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Maynston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Egg Buckland, Devon); [ . . . de] Mayheweston, 1333 in *Gover, Hants Place-Names* (Hants); Thomas Mayneston’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Llangarron, Herefs); Rogerus Mayneston’, 1377, Rogero de Maynneston’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pixley, Herefs); Joh’es M[a]ynston, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs); John Mainstone, 1620 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); Robert Mainstone, 1629 in *IGI* (Kingswood, Gloucs); Widow Mainston, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Charles Mainston, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs); Anne Mainstone, 1742 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).  
**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 168; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 45, 228; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 193–4; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, pp. 183–4; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 77; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 116.
- 2 English: there has probably been some confusion with **Manston**.

## Mainwairing

- GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Mainwaring**.

## Mainwaring

Variants: **Manwaring, Mannering, Mainwairing**

- Current frequencies: GB 2116, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 1158
  - Main GB location 1881: S Wales; also Lancs
- 1 Norman, English, Welsh: locative name from Mesnil-Varin in Saint-Paër (Seine-Maritime, Haute-Normandie).
- Early bearers: England: Ralph de Maisnilwarin, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Meisnilwarin, 1217–28 (1427) in *Patent Rolls* (Middlewich, Cheshire); Thomas de Meinwaring, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Thomas de Meynewarin, 1275, Robert Maynewaryng, 1365, Ranulph de Maynwaryng, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Waryn de Mainwaryn, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Johannes Maynwaryn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Furtho, Northants); William Maynwaryng<sup>7</sup>, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Ightfield, Shrops); Randle Maynwaring, 1470 in *Combermere Book* (Lancs); Randoll Manwaryng, 1509–1547 in *Star Chamber Staffs Suits* (Staffs); John Mainwaring, 1518–19 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cornwall); Anne Manwaringe, 1561 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Arthur Mainering, 1714 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks).
- Wales: John Maynwaryng, 1422 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Manwaring, 1661 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints); Daniel Manwaring, 1685 in *IGI* (Llannon, Carmarthens).
- 2 Irish: adopted for Ó Manaráin, see **Mannering**.
- Early bearers: Richard and Robert Manwaring, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1196; Randolph or Randall Manwaringe, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2817; Randolf Mainwaring, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3986 (Tobber).

## Mainwood

Variants: **Manwood**

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Staffs; Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Manhood (Sussex), recorded as *Manwuda* in 1170. Perhaps also from other places with names derived from Old English *(ge)mæne + wudu*, a frequent compound meaning ‘the common wood’, such as Monwode Lea in Ansley (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Monwode* in 1426.
- Further information: there is a place-name Manwoods in West Bromwich (Staffs), recorded as *Manwoodes* in 1649, but this may derive from the surname rather than vice versa.
- Early bearers: Richard atte Monwode, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas atte Monewode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Alice de la Manewod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Radulphus Menewod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whepstead, Suffolk); Alys Manwod, 1563 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); James Manwood, 1611 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); James Mainwood, 1866 in *IGI* (Moxley, Staffs).
- References: *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 76; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 382.
- 2 English: variant of **Maynard**.

## Mair

Variants: **Mayer, Mairs**

- Current frequencies: GB 4281, Ireland 29
  - GB frequency 1881: 2669
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Ayr; Banffs and Aberdeens
- Scottish: occupational name from Gaelic *maor* ‘officer’, used specifically for an officer who executed summonses and other legal writs, including not only the king’s herald or sergeant but also head foresters and the like. See also **Maver**.
- Early bearers: Symon le Mare, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); Eustace Mare or Marr, 1360 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perth, Perths); John Mair, 1453 in *Scotland Calendar*; Andreas Mayr, 1477 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen).

## Mairs

- Current frequencies: GB 553, Ireland 308
  - GB frequency 1881: 103
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lanarks; Cheshire
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- 1 Scottish, English: variant of **Mair** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- 2 English: see **Mayers**.

## Mais

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 63
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Durham
- English: see **Mayes**.

## Maisey

Variants: **Maysey, Maizey, Mazey, Measey, Meazey**

- Current frequencies: GB 824, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 651
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs, Oxon, and Wilts
- Norman, English: locative name from Maizy (Aisne, Picardie) or Grandcamp-Maisy (Calvados, Basse-Normandie).
- Further information: the manor of Ogbourne Maisey in Ogbourne Saint George (Wilts) was held by Robert *de Meyse* in 1242, and the manor of Marston Meysey (also Wilts) was held by Roger *de Meysi* in 1211.
- Early bearers: Geoffrey de Maisi, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Roger de Meysi, 1211 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Wilts); Robert de Meysey, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Ogbourne, Wilts); Thomas le Meysey [*sic*], 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coln Saint Aldwyns, Gloucs); John de Meysy, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Marston Meysey, Wilts); Johanne Maisi, Alicia Maysi, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coln Saint Aldwyns, Gloucs); Will’ Meysy, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rendcombe, Gloucs).
- References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 29, 303.

## Maison

- Current frequencies: GB 166, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 63
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Lincs
- English: see **Mayson**.

## Maisuria

Variants: **Meisuria**

- Current frequencies: GB 474, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Maitland

Variants: **Matland, Mateland**

- Current frequencies: GB 2344, Ireland 134
  - GB frequency 1881: 1851
  - Main GB location 1881: Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also Lancs; London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down and Antrim
- Norman, Scottish, English: nickname from Old French *maltalent, mautalent*, ‘anger, vexation, spite, ill-will, irritation’, for one with discourteous, unpleasant manners.
- Further information: The Maitland family came to Scotland from Yorkshire and Cumberland as tenants of the de Morvilles, and it was in the Morville lordship of Lauderdale that they established their chief seat at Thirlestane Castle, eventually attaining the title of earl of Lauderdale.
- Early bearers: England: Richard Maltalent, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); William Mautalent, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); John Mautalent, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Robert, son and heir of Sir Robert de Mautalent, 1458 in *Patent Rolls* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Mautland, 1640 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Maitland, 1654 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb).
- Scotland: Thoma Mautalent, 1227 in *Melrose Register* (Hownam, Roxburghs); Ricardus Mautaland, about 1230 in *Dryburgh Register* (Thirlestane, Berwicks); Willelmus Mautland filius Ricardi Matalent, about 1260 in *Dryburgh Register* (Thirlestane, Berwicks); William de Mautlent, about 1300 in *Dryburgh Register*; Robert Matilland, 1417 in *Arbroath Register* (Tarves, Aberdeens); Johnie Maitland, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Maitland, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elyt. Maitland, 1612 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Maize

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Mayes**.

## Maizey

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; Surrey, Middx, and Berks
- English: see **Maisey**.

## Majeed

- Current frequencies: GB 1157, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Majid**.

## Majekodunmi

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the Yoruba personal name *Májèkókódunmí* (Yoruba *má jẹ́ kó òdùn mí* ‘do not let it grieve me’).
- References: Oduyoye, p. 50.

## Majer

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Major**.

**Majewski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Polish: (i) locative name from any of various places called Majewo. (ii) ornamental name, handout name, Jewish, surname adopted (or handed out) with reference to the month of May, Polish *maj*, assimilated to the Polish surname.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Majewski, chocolate maker, born in Poland (Russian subject), in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Walter Majewski, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Herman Ludwig Majewski, seaman, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

**Majid**

Variants: **Majeed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2699, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *majīd* 'glorious, noble'.

**Further information:** *Al-Majid* 'the Glorious' is an attribute of Allah, found in the compound name 'Abdul-majīd' 'servant of the All-Glorious'.

**Majithia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

**Majmudar**

Variants: **Majumdar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: from an official title in Hindi/Urdu meaning 'record keeper, archivist', from Arabic *majmūʿ* 'collection' + the Persian suffix *-dār* 'possessor'.

**Major**

Variants: **Majer, Mayger, Mager, Mauger, Moger, Majors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5549, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3958
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, Derry, and Armagh

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Maugier* (from Continental Germanic *Madalgar, Malger*).

**Further information:** the place-name Tolleshunt Major (Essex) owes its attribute to one Malger recorded here in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Malger filius Gilleberti, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Maugerus episcopus, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs). surnames: Hugo filius Malgeri, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Drogo filius Matelgerii, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); John Mauger, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); John Malger, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Mauger, 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Rogerus Mauger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pickworth, Rutland); Waltero Malger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atworth, Wilts); Philippus Malgar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Idsworth, Hants); Willemo Mauger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hungerford, Berks); Edith Moger, 1548 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Cattren Mauger, 1604 in *IGI* (Messingham, Lincs); Robert Majer, 1615 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs).

**Majoribanks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Scottish: see **Marjoribanks**.

**Majors**

Variants: **Magers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: variant of **Major** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Majothi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): ethnic name of unexplained origin.

**Majumdar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Assam and Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu and Muslim, see **Majmudar**.

**Majury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish: from **McIndeor** 'son of the stranger' or 'pilgrim' (Gaelic *deoradh*), or rather of the form without the definite article *MacJarraw*.

**Mak**

Variants: **Mai, May, Mack, Mark, Mock, Mo, Bak, Beh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 麥 (**Mai** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'wheat' in Chinese: (i) from Mai Qiu (麥丘), the title of a man in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who, despite being very old, came to celebrate the birthday of Qi Huan Gong (died 643 BC). His descendants inherited 麥, the first part of his title, as their surname. (ii) borne by descendants of Mai Tie Zhang (麥鐵杖), a famous general during the Sui dynasty (AD 581–618). His descendants were scattered around South China.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 墨 (**Mo** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'ink' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Mo Ru (墨如), said to be the teacher of Yu, the first emperor of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname *Mo-Tai* (墨台 or 墨胎), the surname of the royal family of an ancient state called Gu Zhu (located in present-day Hebei province) during the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) it is also said that the surname is borne by descendants of Mo Tai (墨台), a prince of the state of Song (located in present-day Shangqiu in Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莫, see **Mok** (1).

**Makda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained.

**Makefield**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Makerfield (Lancs), an alternative name for the Domesday hundred of Newton, now part of West Derby hundred.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Makefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Giles Makefield, 1631 in *IGI* (Alby, Norfolk); William Makefield, 1695 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marg'T. Makefield, 1797 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**Makeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Mackman**.

**Maken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham; Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Makin**.

**Makepeace**

Variants: **Makepiece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1379, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 820
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham and Northumb; Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *make + peis*, *pes* 'make peace', either for a peace-maker or used ironically.

**Early bearers:** Gregory Makepays, 1219 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Geoffrey Makepays, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Walter Makepays, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Makepays, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Thomas Makpays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Stephano Mapees, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); William Makepes, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Henry Makepeace, 1584 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

**Makepiece**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Northumb; Warwicks

English: see **Makepeace**.

**Maker**

Variants: **Meaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; London; Lancs

English: locative name from Maker in Rame (Cornwall). There may be some confusion with the surname **Magor**, from an etymologically identical place-name elsewhere in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** John Maker, 1565 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Robert Maker, 1625 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Jane Maker, 1643 in *IGI* (Fowey, Cornwall); Markes Maker, 1665 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Maker, 1676 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall).

**Makey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Makey, 1578 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); Mary Makey, 1676 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); Richard Makey, 1684 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent); William Makey, 1684 in *IGI* (Scamblesby, Lincs); Thomas Makey, 1691 in *IGI* (Swaby, Lincs); John Makey, 1708 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk); Richd Makie, 1718 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent).

### Makin

**Variants:** Maken, Making, Makins, McMakin, Meaken, Meakin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3190, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2555
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Maykin*, a diminutive of **May**, a pet form of **Mayhew** (Matthew). Compare **Makinson**. Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Maikin de Eylesburi, 1212–23 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Maikin Sutor, 1311 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Maikin de Mildenhale, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Maykyn, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lathom, Lancs); Maykyn de Sythwrt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Maykyn de Bageley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).

surnames: Peter Maykyn, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholao Maykyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Weeley, Essex); John Maykyn, 1362, John Makyn, 1368 in *London Letter Books G*; John Maykyn, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Tewin, Herts); Thomas Maykyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Johanne Makyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Willelmus Maykyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); John Mekyn, 1486 in *Kent Wills*; Jeremy Maken, 1576 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Elizabeth Makyn, 1593 in *IGI* (Stowting, Kent); Thomas Meekin, 1622 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); William Makin, Widow Makinge, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: nickname 'little maid', Middle English *maide* + *-kin*, perhaps derogatory.

**Early bearers:** Robert Maidekyn, 1327 in *Kent Place-Names* 554; Jeva Maydekyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Maydekyn, 1330, John Maidekyn, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Maydekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts).

3 Irish: variant of **Mackin**.

### Makinde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Mákindé*, from Yoruba *mú akin dé* '(God or a god) has brought forth this hero'.

### Making

**Variants:** Meeking, Mekking, Makings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and WR Yorks

English: see **Makin**.

**Early bearers:** Isabel Makyng, 1582 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Mary Making, 1632 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Mary Meeking, 1716 in *IGI* (London); Ann Meeking, 1724 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

### Makings

**Variants:** Meakings, Meekings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks; Essex and Suffolk

English: post-medieval modification of the surname

**Making**, with excrescent *-s*. Compare **Makins**.

**Early bearers:** Robart Makings, 1635 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

### Makins

**Variants:** Meakins, Meekins, Miggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs

English: post-medieval variant of **Makin** (both (1) and (2)), with excrescent *-s*. Compare **Mackins** and **Makings**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Maydekyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Richard Makyns, 1531 in *Kent Wills* (Hoo Saint Mary, Kent); John Makens, 1571, Johan Makyns, 1572, Vrseley Makins, 1575 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent); Bridgitt Meekins, 1596 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk); Elizabeth Meakins, 1615 in *IGI* (Thorpe Achurch, Northants); Elizabeth Makins, 1618 in *IGI* (Warehorne, Kent).

### Makinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1099, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Maykin* (a pet form of *Mayhew*, i.e. Matthew, see **Makin**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Makinson, 1590 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); William Makynson, 1599 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Margery Maykinson, 1614 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Makris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: nickname from Greek *makri* 'long, tall' (ancient Greek *makros* 'big').

### Makwana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1043, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Mal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Indian (northern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *malla* 'wrestler'.

### Mala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Muslim, unexplained.

2 Polish: perhaps a locative name from Mała in Ropczyce-Śędziszów (Poland).

### Malabar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Staffs

English: see **Mallaburn**.

### Malabon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Malbon**.

### Malaby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Mellanby**.

### Malady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English, Irish: see **Melody**.

### Malam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs and Lincs

English: see **Malham** (1).

### Malan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Mayland**, **Malin**.

### Malaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: see **Mullaney**.

### Malarkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and N England

Irish: from Ó Maoilearca, see **Mullarkey**.

### Malbon

**Variants:** Mallabone, Mallabon, Malabon, Malborn, Malbourne, Maybourne, Maybin, Mabin, Mabon, Millband, Maybank, Milbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 Norman, English: (i) nickname or locative name from Norman *Malbanc*, *Maubanc*, of uncertain origin, often weakened to *Malban*, *Malbon*, *Maban*, or *Mabun*. Compare the modern Norman and Picard surname *Mauban*. It may be from Old French *mal banc*, *mal beeng* 'bad bench' but the reason for the use of this expression as a surname is unknown. Perhaps it derives from a lost place-name, in which *banc* might mean 'steep crag'. The second part of the name, *-banc*, survives in *Maybank* and *Milbank* but medieval forms in *-ban(e)*, *-bon(e)*, or *-bun* are also common and are sometimes later re-interpreted as *-born* and *-bourne*, probably leading to confusion with **Melbourne**. (ii) the early spellings with *-ban(e)* led Clark to suggest an origin in Old French *mal* 'bad' + Old French *ban* 'proclamation' (hence a nickname 'ill news') while Morlet interpreted *-ban* in the modern Normandy surname *Mauban* as 'land over which a lord has territory' (hence 'unprofitable

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manor'), but early spellings with *-ban(e)* may simply be weakened forms of *Malbanc*.

**Further information:** The place-name Clifton Maybank (Dorset) takes its affix from the family of William Malbeeng who held the manor in 1086. Similarly, Nantwich (Cheshire) was alternatively known throughout the middle ages as *Wich Malbank*, *-Malban(e)*, *-Malbain*, *-Mauban*, *-Mauben*, *-Maubun*, *-Maban*, *-Melbank*, and *-Milbank*, taking that affix from the family of William Malbedeng who held the manor in 1086. Anora Maban, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs) was the daughter of William Malbanc, grandson of William Malbedeng, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** surnames in *-bank*, etc: William Malbeeng, about 1086 in *Geld Roll* (Dorset); William Malbedeng, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire); Richard Malbanc, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Maubanc, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Maybank, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Philip Mabank, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon and WR Yorks); Henry Maybank, 1628 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rechard Maybank, 1687 in *IGI* (Ewell, Surrey).

surnames in *-ban*, etc.: Henr' Malbane, 1154 in *Templars Records* (Sussex); Willelmi Malban, about 1200 in *Angevin Canterbury* (Canterbury, Kent); Anora Maban, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Malbun, 1245–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); William Malbon, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Alles Malbone, 1539, Katerine Malbon, 1564 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Margaret Malbun, 1557 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); William Malbon, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Margery Malborn, 1601 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); William Malbone, 1607 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Anna Malbone, 1608 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Thomas Malban, 1611 in *IGI* (London); William Malban, 1687 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Samuel Malborn, 1771 in *IGI* (Lane End, Staffs); John Malabon, 1750 in *IGI* (Bulkington, Warwicks).

**References:** Cecily Clark, 'People and languages in post-Conquest Canterbury', *Journal of Medieval History* 2 (1976), p. 20; Morlet, *Dictionnaire; Domesday Descendants*, p. 1019; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 191; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 30–1.

2 English: variant of **Melbourne**.

## Malborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Malbon**, **Melbourne**.

## Malbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Malbon**, **Melbourne**.

## Malby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Maltby**.

## Malcolm

**Variants:** **Malcom**, **Malcombe**, **Malcome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6236, Ireland 257

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3902
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from the personal name *Maol-Choluim* 'devotee of (Saint) Columba', probably in most cases as an abbreviation of a relationship surname.

**Further information:** Black says that in Scotland, 'the full form *Maolchaluim* was in use till the seventeenth century, but eventually gave way to *Gillecaluim* and both now appear as *Calum*'. In Ireland the basic personal name is now often spelled *Colm*.

**Early bearers:** England: Norman filius Malcolumbe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Yorks); James Malcum, 1633 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

Scotland: Aleyn fitz Maucolum, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Maucolum fiz Maucolum, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Huw le fiz Maucolum, 1545 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Perth, Perths); Elspett Malcome, 1640, James Malcolme, 1648 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: from *Ó Maolcholuim* 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) Columba' (*Colum Cille*, literally 'dove of the church'). This is an Ulster surname, probably influenced from Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Muireadhach Ua Maolcholuim, erenagh of Derry, 1061 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Patrick Malcolm, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); Nathaniel Malcolm, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim).

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**Variants:** **Malcomson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish: relationship name 'son of *Malcolm*'. See **Malcolm**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Symon Malcomesson, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Rogy Malcolmsoun, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register*; Robert Malcolmson, 1437 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Stirling, Stirlings); Florence Malcolmson, 1691 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Erasmus Malcolmson, 1753 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland).  
England: James Malcolmson, 1857 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Malcom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Malcolm**.

## Malcombe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- Scottish: see **Malcolm**.

## Malcome

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Malcolm**.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; scattered in Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- Scottish, English: see **Malcolmson**.

## Malde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

## Malden

**Variants:** **Maulden**, **Mauldon**, **Mauldin**, **Maulding**, **Maldon**, **Malton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. London, Beds, and E Anglia

English: locative name from Maldon (Essex), Maulden (Beds), or Malden (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Mealdon, 1180 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts* (Beds); Robert de Maldon, 1236–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Radulfo de Maldene, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Daulid de Maldon, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Redbornstoke hundred, Beds); Roberto de Maldone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tolleshunt Major, Essex); Walter de Maldene, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Maldone, 1337 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Thomas Maldon, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Maldone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Maldene, Johannes Maldon' jun[ior], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Thomas de Maldon, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Maldon', 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); John Maldon', 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstable, Beds); John Malden, 1563 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); John Maldon, 1583 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Ann Malden, 1676 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Robt. Maldon, 1771 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 218; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 80–1; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 64.

## Maldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Malden**.

## Male

**Variants:** **Males**, **Mail**, **Maile**, **Mayle**, **Mayall**, **Meale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2257, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1786
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset; W Midlands; London; Cams

1 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Mael* (literally 'prince'). The name is recorded by Bartrum before 1100 in examples such as Mael ap Bleddyn, Mael ap Karadawc, Mael myngan ap Selyf sarff kadeu ('serpent of battles'). In its Middle English forms the name is difficult to distinguish from (2), and some of the following early bearers may belong there, especially those in the E Midlands. In its Modern English spellings it is indistinguishable from (3) and (4).

**Early bearers:** given names: Maiel de Hereford', 1165 in *Earldom of Hereford Charters*; Mael, ancestor (fl. 1154–89) of Richard de Ripariis, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Mael son of Henry, 1366 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames, W Midlands and SW England: Wildric Mael, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; William Mail, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Adam filius Maelis, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Symon Mael, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Mael, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Phillip ap Mahel, 1292 in *Welsh Subsidy Roll* (Ewias Harold, Herefs); Elya Mayel, Alicia Mayel, Hugone Maiel, Lucia Maiel, 1292 in *Monmouths Subsidy Roll*; Richard Maiel, Richard Mayel, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Roger Mael, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Mael, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugh Maiel, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); John ap Mayel, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Walterstone, Herefs); Willelmus Maylle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Letton and Staunton on Wye, Herefs); Robertus Meyl', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Waterperry, Oxon); Johannes Mayel, 1379 in *Poll Tax*; Roger Mayell, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Johanne Mayell, 1424 in *Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary* (Warwicks); John Mayell, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Mayle, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); William Mayell', 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Wellington, Herefs); Annes Mayle, 1558 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Franciscus Mayle, 1560 in *IGI* (Savern Stoke, Worcs); Robert Mayall, 1567 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Elizabeth Mayoll, 1588 in *IGI* (Teddington, Worcs); Anna Male, 1596 in *IGI* (Clent, Worcs); John Male, 1597 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Henrye Mayle, 1600, Henry Male, 1608 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Isable Male, 1602 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Richard Male, 1602 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Richardi Male, 1611 in *IGI* (Bridstow, Herefs); Joane Mayle, 1630 in *IGI* (Holcombe, Somerset); Anthony Mayall, 1632, Elizabeth Mayell, 1733 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Thomas Mayoll, 1657 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); James Male, 1705 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Joseph Male, 1717 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

E Midlands: Walter Mayell, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Northill, Beds); Walter Mayle, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John Mayell', 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Johan Male, 1593, Joane Mayle, 1612 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Gilbert Male, 1602, Kyphena Maile, 1756 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).  
References: P. C. Bartrum, ed. (1966), *Early Welsh Genealogical Tracts* (Cardiff), pp. 97, 113.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mail* 'mallet, club, mace', or Middle English (Old French) *maille* 'ring (of chain mail), armour', or Old French *maille* 'speckle, stain', or Middle English *maille* (Old French *maaille*) 'a coin worth half a penny', or from a reduced form of Anglo-Norman French *amel*, Old French *esma(i)l* 'enamel' (compare **Mailer**). Any of these terms might have been used to characterize an individual's behaviour, occupation, or appearance. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here.

Early bearers: Thomas Mayle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Patching, Sussex); John Maile, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crawley, Sussex); Johannes Maill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellsworth, Hants); Willelmus Mayle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); Alice Mayle, 1588 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); John Maile, 1595 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); John Male, 1691 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Thomas Mail, 1703 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

3 English: nickname Middle English (Old French) *male* 'bag, pouch', also 'stomach, belly', perhaps given to someone who wore a distinctive pouch or bag or who made such bags (compare the Middle

English occupational term *malemakere*), or to someone with a prominent belly. The following early bearers could alternatively belong with (4).

Early bearers: Petrus Male, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Maile, 1454 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); Williamus Maile, 1561 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Joha Male, 1562 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Thomas Male, 1596, Amey Mayle, 1647 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).  
4 Norman, English: nickname, see **Madle**.

5 English: in Lancs perhaps either identical with (1) or a variant of **Meal**. Compare Thomas Meal, 1738, Richard Mayal, 1774 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

Early bearers: John Mayall, 1600, James Meyall, 1604 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Male, 1655 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

### Maleady

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: see **Melody**.

### Maleham

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Malham** (1).

### Malek

- Current frequencies: GB 709, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Polish (Malek), Czech, Slovak, and Slovenian: nickname from a pet form of a Slavic vocabulary word meaning 'small' (Polish *mały*, Czech *malý* 'small', Slovenian *mali*).

2 Czech: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Martin*, *Marek*, *Matěj*, or any other personal name beginning with *Ma-*.

3 Polish: from a pet form of the personal name *Matomir*.

4 Muslim: see **Malik**.

### Males

Variants: **Mailes**, **Mayles**

- Current frequencies: GB 583, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 365
  - Main GB location 1881: Herts, Cambs, and Middx
- Welsh, English: variant of **Male** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Susan Males, 1558 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Mayles, 1564 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); Francisc Males, 1565 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Males, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Marie Mayles, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Mailes, 1573 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Isabell Mailes, 1574 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Elizab. Males, 1582 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); James Mailes, 1586 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Anne Males, 1595 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Alice Males, 1599 in *IGI* (West Wrattling, Camb); John Mayles, 1602 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Thos. Males, 1606 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Johis Mayles, 1620 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Sarah Mayles, 1636 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); John Males, 1669, Rebekah Mailes, 1701 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); John Males, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Jo. Mayles, 1682 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Robert Mailes, 1687 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs).

### Malet

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 53
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Devon; Jersey
- English: see **Mallett**.

### Maley

- Current frequencies: GB 786, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 582
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Northumb and Durham; London; Staffs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway and Mayo; Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**.

### Malham

Variants: **Maleham**, **Mallam**, **Malam**, **Mallom**, **Maylam**, **Maugham**

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; London and Berks

1 English: locative name from Malham (WR Yorks), pronounced [maləm] or [mɑ:m], recorded as *Malgum* in 1086, *Malhum* in the 12th century, *Malum* in 1285, and *Maum* in 1709.

Early bearers: Thomas de Malgum, Thomas de Malghom', Stephanus de Malgham, Willelmus de Malghome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); William de Mallum, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Otterburn, WR Yorks); William Malhum, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Calton, WR Yorks); John Malum, 1570 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Izabella Mallam, 1579, Marie Mallome, 1588 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Anthonius Malham, 1591, Debora Mallham, 1616 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Elyn Malam, 1605 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire); Henry Malham, 1611 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Stephen Mallam, 1616 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Charles Mallham, 1616 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Maleham, 1634 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Mary Malam, 1646, Ellen Malum, 1648 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 133–5.

2 English: locative name from Malham Farm in Wisborough Green (Sussex).

Early bearers: Roger Malham, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll*; William de Maleham, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John de Malham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Malham, 1405–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Nicolas Malam, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 134.

### Malham

- Current frequencies: GB 116, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Malherbe

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Jersey

Norman, French, Huguenot: locative name from the canton of Malesherbes (Loiret) in France.

Further information: There is plenty of medieval evidence for the Norman surname in England, but it may well be the case that this died out, as later bearers seem to be of Huguenot descent.



## Malhi

The place-name Boughton Malherbe (Kent) derives its affix from the family name of Robert de Malherb, who held the manor in 1199–1216. **Early bearers:** Huguenot: Marguerit Malherbe, 1687, Guillaume Malherbe, 1692, David Malerbe, 1718 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**other:** Adam de Malerba, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); John Malherbe, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert de Malherb, 1199–1216 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Radulfus Malherbe, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Malherbe, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Galfrid Malherbe, 1333–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Geoffrey Malherbe, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Robert Malerbe, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Maleherbe, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William Malherbe, 1493–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cornwall);

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 203.

## Malhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 775, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

## Malhotra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1012, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community. It is a modified form of **Mehrotra**, which is itself an extended form of **Mehra**. The founder of the clan is said to have been called Mehr Chand.

## Malia

**Variants:** Mallia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Máille, see **Melia**.

## Malick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim: see **Malik**.

## Malik

**Variants:** Malek, Malick, Mallick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12764, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim and Hindu (mainly Panjab): status name from a title meaning 'lord, ruler, chief', from Arabic *malik* 'king'. In the subcontinent this is often found as a title for the headman of a village.

**Further information:** in Islam *Al-Malik* 'the King' is one of the attributes of Allah, regarded as 'the king of mankind' (Qur'an 114:2), and this word is used in combination in names such as 'Abdul-malik 'servant of the King'. This was the name of an Umayyad khalif (685–705).

## Malin

**Variants:** Malins, Maylin, Mayling, Maling, Mealing, Maylon, Malan, Mayland, Mallen, Mallin, Malling, Maylan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1502, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 988
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Westmeath
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Malin*, a diminutive form of *Mall* or *Mald* (*Maud*). See **Mall** and compare **Mallinson**, **Malt**, **Maude** (2). Pronunciation of final *-in* often weakened to /ə/, which could alternatively be spelled *-en* or *-on*. The first vowel in *Malin* may be short (as in *pal*), hence the variant **Mallin**, or long (as in *pale*), giving rise to the variants *Maylin* and *Mealing*. Vacillation between *-in* and *-ing* is not uncommon and the variant *Ma(y)ll(ian)* sometimes attracted an excrescent *-d*, leading to possible confusion with the locative names **Malling** and **Mayland**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Malina, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Malyn del Wllehou, 1277, Malina de Fekesby, 1297, identical with Maude de Fekesby, 1297, Malina de Sourby, 1307, identical with Maude de Sourby, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). surnames: John Malin, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanley in Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Malin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johnes. Malyn, 1541, Ralph Malan, 1671, John Mallan, 1816 in *IGI* (York); William Malyn, 1562 in *IGI* (Saffron Walden, Essex); Cicely Malyn, 1575 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Agnes Malin, 1589 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Maria Malon, 1596 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Judith Malin, 1613 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); William Malin, 1646, Ann Malin, 1765 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Thomas Maylin, 1654 in *IGI* (Milton Bryant, Beds); William Malin, 1674, John Mallin, 1711 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Elizabeth Maylin, 1682, Thomas Malin, 1782, William Mayland, 1831 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Edward Maling, 1696 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Abram Mallen, 1743 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Staffs); Virtue Maylin, 1756 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); William Maylon, 1826, Emma Mallyn, 1833 in *IGI* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 102–7.

## Malindine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Mallindine**.

## Maling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; also NE England
- 1 English: see **Malin** and compare **Mealing**.  
2 English: see **Mayland**.

## Malinowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Ukrainian, Jewish: locative name Polish, Ukrainian, and Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic), for someone from any of various places named Malinów, Malinowo, or Malinówka (Polish), or Malinov, Malinovo, or Malinovka (Ukrainian), all named with the common Slavic word *malina* 'raspberry'.  
**Early bearers:** Leopold D Malinowski, born in Poland, *Census 1861* (Yorks); Constantin Malinowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Bronislaw

Malinowski, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Malins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks; also London
- English: variant of **Malin**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. For forms with *-ings* compare **Mealing**.  
**Early bearers:** John Malynes, 1358 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Warwicks); Thomas Malyns, 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Lighthorne, Warwicks); Agnes Malins, 1633, John Maylins, 1638 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Philip Maylings, 1635, Thomas Maylins, 1646, Robert Mallings, 1728 in *IGI* (Reading, Beds); William Malins, 1674 in *IGI* (Tysoe, Warwicks); Mary Mallings, 1702 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thos Malenes, 1720 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks).

## Maliphant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Carmarthens
- Welsh, English: nickname from Old French *mal enfant* 'bad child'; compare **Bonifant**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Malenfant, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Malemfant, 1256, William Malenfant, 1279 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Northumb); Roger Malefaunt, 1332 in *Hjertstedt* (Warwicks); William Malefant, 1448 in *Patent Rolls*.  
Wales: Walter Malenfant, 1290 in *Charter Rolls* (Pembroke); William Malenfant, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Pembroke); Isabell Maliphant, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Ishmael, Carmarthens).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 140; *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 128.

## Malis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Scottish: see **Mallis**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Malkin

**Variants:** Maulkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1564, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 980
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Malkin*, a pet form of *Mall* or *Mald*, common versions of *Maud* or *Matilda*, as is confirmed by the gloss 'Malkyn, or mawte, propyr name: *Matildis*', 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. See **Mall** and compare **Malkinson**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Malkyn Godesoul, 1308, identical with Maud Godesaule, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Malkin wife of Hustas le Schepherde, identical with Maud wife of Heustacus bercarius, 1344 in *Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls* (Denbighs); Malkyn de Milnegate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).  
surnames: John Malekin, 1284 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmo Malkyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); Thomas Malkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Francis Malkin, 1557 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Wm. Malkin, 1570 in *IGI*



(Stafford, Staffs); Georgius Malkyn, 1588 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Ellinor Mallkyn, 1593 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); John Malkin, 1639 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Thomas Malkinge, 1644 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Elizabetha Malkin, 1645 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

References: *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 103.

### Malkinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Cumb

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Malkin** (a pet form of *Maud* or *Matilda*) + *-son*. Chiefly a northern surname.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Malkyn, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Malkinesone, 1327, Walter Malkynesone in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunhurst, Sussex); John Malkynson, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Robert Malkynesson, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Matthew Malkinson, 1559 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); John Malkinson, 1601, Charles Malkinson, 1834 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); John Malkinson, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Ann Malkinson, 1758 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); William Malkinson, 1830 in *IGI* (Cleator, Cumb).

References: *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 103; *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 326.

### Mall

Variants: **Malle, Maul, Maule, Maull, Mawle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London and Kent; Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mall*, a common form of *Mald* or *Maud*. See also **Malt**, **Maude** (2), and **Moll**, and compare **Maulson**. It had several pet forms; see **Malin**, **Malkin**, and **Mallet**.

**Further information:** Medieval aliases prove beyond doubt that Middle English *Mall* is a form of *Maud* and not, as Reaney supposed, a pet form of *Mary*, which is a modern not a medieval usage. This is confirmed by the modern spellings and pronunciation of the surname. Middle English *Mall* was pronounced with a flat *a* (like the word *pal*) until around 1400, when a diphthong /au/ developed, giving rise to alternative spellings like *Mawle* and *Maul(e)*. By the 16th century this diphthong had been simplified to /ɔ:/, as in the current pronunciation of words like *ball* and *haul*. By the end of the 16th century *Maud* had fallen out of favour as a name for girls, and *Mall* had been re-invented, pronounced with a flat *a*, as a pet form of *Mary* (often pronounced like *marry*). Pet forms of Middle English *Mall* with a suffix did not always undergo diphthongization, so the surnames **Mallet** and **Mallin** tend to be pronounced with flat *a* rather than /ɔ:/.

**Early bearers:** Alured Malle, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Malle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Gerardi Malle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Bucks); John Malle, 1378 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Agnes Mawle, 1560 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Elizabeth Mall, 1563 in *IGI* (Benington, Kent); Rycharde Maull, 1574 in *IGI* (Hinton in the Hedges, Northants); Ann Mawl, 1597, Mary Maul, 1697, Rebecca Mawle, 1804 in *IGI*

(Hawkhurst, Kent); Marie Mawle, 1598, James Mawle, 1680, Sarah Maulle, 1818 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); William Mall, 1603 in *IGI* (Windrush, Gloucs); George Mawle, 1605 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Patrick Maule, 1610 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Ricardus Maull, 1621 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Robert Maule, 1621, Sarah Maule, 1718 in *IGI* (Kings Sutton, Northants); Thomas Maule, 1643, Samuel Morris Mall, 1755 in *IGI* (Berkswell, Warwicks); Mercy Malle, 1704 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); John Mall, 1707, Charles Maule, 1810 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

References: *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 102–7.

### Mallaband

Variants: **Malliband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: of uncertain origin. Perhaps a variant of **Mallaburn**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Malaband, 1797 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Malliband, 1819, Henry Maliband, 1828 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Mary Mallaband, 1820 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Joseph Mallaband, 1822 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Malaband, 1830 in *IGI* (Shilton, Warwicks); Edward Malaband, 1846, Elizabeth Maliband, 1850 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics).

### Mallabar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Mallaburn**.

### Mallabon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Malbon**.

### Mallabone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Malbon**.

### Mallabourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mallaburn**.

### Mallabourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Mallaburn**.

### Mallaburn

Variants: **Mallabar, Malabar, Mallabourn, Mallaband, Mallabourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: nickname from Old French *mal* 'bad' + *apert* 'obvious, evident, logical, visible, clear, frank'. The exact sense of the compound is uncertain.

Comparison with Old French *mal apertement* 'improperly' suggests that it may mean 'improper'.

**Early bearers:** John Malapert, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Agn' Malapert, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Colchester, Essex); Thomas Mallyper, 1538, William Malpere, 1553, Elsebeth Malleper, 1568, Elen Malleber, 1582 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Susan Malaber, 1565 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Mallaburne, 1570, Roger Mallowborne, 1575, Elizabeth Maloburne, 1579, Isabell Mallabar, 1651, George Mallibar, 1680 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Cuthbert Malliboure, 1588, George Mallebarr, 1632, Henery Mallabar, 1682 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Malaber, 1591 in *IGI* (Croxall, Derbys); Lewes Malapert, 1592 in *IGI* (London); William Mallabur, 1761 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

### Mallaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: variant of **Mellanby**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Mallowby, 1638 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Ann Mallaby, 1646 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Sarah Mallaby, 1664 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); John Mallaby, 1734 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Charles Mallaby, 1773 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Mallaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maolacháin, see **Mollaghan**.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Gwendoline Mallaghan, 1823 in *IGI* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Mallalieu

Variants: **Mallalue, Mellalieu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: variant of **Merridew**, via *Melladew* and *Malladew*. Compare **Melody**.

**Early bearers:** Margret Malalew, 1614, Elizabeth Malelu, 1633, Alice Mallelew, 1677, June Malalue, 1695 in *IGI* (WR Yorks); John Malladue, 1750 (Saddleworth); John Melladew, 1635, William Mellodew, 1698, Thomas Mellalieu, 1720 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Katharin Melladew, 1639, George Mellowdew, 1675, Mary Mellodew, 1698, Roger Malladew, 1723, Jas Mallalieu, 1754 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Elias Melladew, 1643, John Malladew, 1650 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Mary Melloday, 1656, Alice Melledew, 1667, John Meledue, 1672, Thomas Melloday, 1670, John Malladew, 1697, George Mellalew, 1733 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Francis Mallalewe, 1657 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Thomas Mallelew, 1673, Mary Mellowdew, 1730 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Edward Malalew, 1688, Mary Mallalew, 1712 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Mallalue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Mallalieu**.

### Mallam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240

## Mallan

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham; Oxon
- English: see **Malham**.

### Mallan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Down
- Irish: from Ó Mealláin, see **Mallon**.

### Mallandain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Mallindine**.

### Mallandaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mallindine**.

### Mallard

Variants: **Mallett**, **Mallord**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Northants; Worcs

1 English: nickname from Middle English (Old French) *malard* ‘wild duck or drake’.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Mallard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Mallard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Johanne Malard, 1428 in *Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary*; John Malard, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Barbara Mallarde, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Mallerd, 1588 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Elizabeth Mallard, 1590 in *IGI* (Redmarly d’Abitot, Worcs); William Mallard, 1641 in *IGI* (Finedon, Northants); Richard Mallard, 1684 in *IGI* (Blisworth, Northants).

2 English, Channel Islands: see **Maillard**.

### Malle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Mall**.

### Mallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Durham; Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone; also Laois

1 English: see **Malin**, **Mayland**.

2 Irish: from Ó Mealláin, see **Mallon**.

### Mallender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys
- English: variant of **Mulliner** with intrusive *-d-*.

### Mallendine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Mallindine**.

### Mallery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; Lancs; Beds
- English: see **Mallory**.

### Malleson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and London
- English: see **Maulson**.

### Mallet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 608
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; London; also Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Jersey, English: see **Mallett**.

### Mallett

Variants: **Mallet**, **Malet**, **Malette**, **Mallott**, **Mallot**, **Mallock**, **Malt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3518, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2653
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia; London; also Devon and Cornwall; Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Malot*, more rarely *Malet*, a pet form of *Mall*, *Mald* (i.e. Maud, Matilda) + the diminutive suffix *-ot* or *-et*. See **Mall**, **Malt**. In post-medieval forms of the surname final *-ot* was generally altered to *-et(t)*. Though there are alternative Norman origins (see below), this is the usual source of the English surname. Post-medieval early bearers given for this sense, and all early bearers for other senses, may belong under any other sense.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maleta, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Malota, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Malot, former wife of Hervy, 1315, identical with Matild’, former wife of Hervi, 1316 in *Everingham Deeds* (Everingham, ER Yorks).

surnames: Isabella Malot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Mariota Mallot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Henricus Malot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pattigham, Staffs); Johannes Malot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilborough, Norfolk); William Malet, 1510–11 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Joan Mallet, 1563 in *IGI* (Botus Fleming, Cornwall); Jone Mallette, 1564 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); John Mallett, 1577 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Edward Mallet, 1585 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Richard Mallett, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Georg Mallet, 1603 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Mary Mallott, 1614, Mary Mallett, 1670 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 104.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *maillet* ‘hammer’, used as a battle weapon. Robert Malet, lord of the Honour of Eye (Suffolk) in 1086, was the son of William Malet of Gravelle-Sainte-Honorine (Seine-Maritime). The latter is referred to as Gulielmo agnomine Mal(l)eto ‘William, surnamed

Mal(l)et’ in the late 11th-century *Gesta Guillelmi* of William of Poitiers and the early 12th-century *Historia Ecclesia* of Orderic Vitalis. According to tradition, this surname arose because of William’s reputation for bludgeoning his enemies in battle (*cum*) *malleo*, ‘with the hammer’. The story may be true or it may have been invented to explain the name, in which case see (3) below for an alternative etymology.

**Further information:** A. Malet (1885), *An English Branch of the Malet Family*. For the Malet family see *Domesday People*, pp. 389–90, and *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 1020–23.

**Early bearers:** Robert Malet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William Malet, 1166 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gilbert Malet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Roberto Malet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Richard Mallett, 1542 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Franciscus Mallett, 1550 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Jane Mallett, 1561 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Elizabeth Mallett, 1572 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); William Mallett, 1572 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk).

3 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Malet*, a pet form of *Malo*, the popular French form of the name of Saint Maclovius, a 6th-century Welsh monk who worked in Brittany. This is a likely source of the name in Jersey. **Further information:** the saint’s cult is commemorated in the names of places in Brittany (Saint-Malo, in Ille-et-Vilaine) and in Normandy (Saint-Maclou, in Eure and in Seine-Maritime), in the dedication of the church of Saint-Maclou in Rouen (Seine-Maritime), and in the use of *Malo*, *Malet*, and *Maclou* as Old French personal names and surnames. Since *Herveu* is a Breton personal name, Herveus Malet may have descended from a family named *Malet* from the Pays de Dol (Ille-et-Vilaine) in Brittany; see *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1021.

**Early bearers:** England: Herueus Malet, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Quainton, Bucks).

Channel Islands: Marie Malet, 1670, Elizabeth Mallet, 1761, Henry Mallett, 1845 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

4 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *maleit* ‘cursed’.

**Early bearers:** William Malait, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Irvyus Maleit 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks).

5 English: possibly a post-medieval variant of

**Mallard**, **Maylard**, or **Mallock**.

### Malette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Mallett**.

### Malley

Variants: **Mally**, **Mailey**, **Mail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1285, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O’Malley**.

2 Norman: locative name of Norman origin, from any of several places in N France called Mailly (Marne, Somme, and elsewhere).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Malley, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Peter de Mallay, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds, Bucks); Robert Mally, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Malley, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs).

**Mallia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: see **Malia**.

**Malliband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Mallaband**.

**Mallick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Muslim or Hindu: see **Malik**.

**Further information:** this spelling is often indicative of an Indian or Pakistani origin

**Mallier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Stirlings

English: nickname from Old French *malier* ‘pack-horse’ (a derivative of *male* ‘bag, pouch’).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Maliar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Johannes Malyer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Temple Guiting, Gloucs); Robt. Mallier, 1681 in *IGI* (Childs Wickham, Gloucs); John Mallier, 1786 in *IGI* (Great Wolford, Warwicks).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Mallin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim; Longford

English: see **Malin**.

**Mallinder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: variant of **Mulliner** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Mallindine**

**Variants:** **Mallendine, Mallandaine, Malindine, Mallandain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham

English: locative name from Manewden (Essex), formerly pronounced *Mallindine* and recorded as *Malenden* in 1475, *Malandyne* in 1580.

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Manegeden, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Mallendain, 1710 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Mallendine, 1728 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex); Hester Maulendine, 1734 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Paul’s Wharf, London); Martha Mallindine, 1755 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 551–2.

**Malling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from East and West Malling (Kent), or South Malling (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Lifing æt Meallingan, about 1060 in *Tengvik* (Kent); William de Mallinges, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Iuliana Mallyngges, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Ralph de Mallinges, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Lucas de Mallyngge, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Mallyng, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Mallyng, 1392 in *The Church in London*; William Mallyng, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (South Malling, Sussex); William Mallyng, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Maidstone, Kent).

2 English: variant of **Malin**. Compare **Mealing**.

**Mallinger**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Mulliner** with intrusive *-g-*.

**Mallinson**

**Variants:** **Mallison, Mollinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2905, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2464
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Malin** (a diminutive form of *Mall*, a common version of *Maud*) + the patronymic marker *-son*. Richard son of Malina (1308) is identifiable with Richard son of Maude (1309) in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Malynessone, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Malynson, 1339 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry Malinson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Johanne Malynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garthorpe, Leics); Adam Malinson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); Widow Malynson, 1545 in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy* (Rastrick, WR Yorks).

**Mallion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

English: see **Malyon**.

**Mallis**

**Variants:** **Malis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish: see **Mellis**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Malice, 1563 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

**Mallison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Mallinson**.

**Early bearers:** Anyes Mallison, 1570 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Dorothea Mallison, 1590 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Mallison, 1615 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

2 Scottish: relationship name ‘son of *Malie*’, a common female given name in 16th-century Edinburgh, which may be a pet form of either *Maud* or *Mary*. Compare **Mall** and **Mollison**.

**Early bearers:** John Malison, 1427 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dundee, Angus); Thomas Malison, 1445 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Black*.

**Malloch**

**Variants:** **Mallock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 425
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus

Scottish: nickname, a reduced anglicized form of Gaelic *MacIain Mhalaich* ‘son of Ian of the bushy eyebrows’, which was the family name of the MacGregors of Balhaldie in Dunblane (Perth). The Ian from whom the name is derived died in the early 16th century.

**Early bearers:** John Malyoch, 1473 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; John Maloche, 1589 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; William Malloche, 1607, Adame Maloch, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Malloche, 1652 in *IGI* (Logierait, Perth); Johne Mallock, 1679 in *IGI* (Glamis, Angus); Thomas Maloch, 1692 in *IGI* (Caputh, Perth); Thomas Malloch, 1712 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth).

**References:** *Black*.

**Malloch**

**Variants:** **Mallett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Perth; Lancs; Devon; Hants

1 Scottish: see **Malloch**.

2 English: altered form of **Mallett**, perhaps influenced by the Old Testament personal name *Malachi*.

**Early bearers:** Malachi Mallet alias Mallack, 1614–15, and John Mallet alias Mallack, 1620–1 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon).

**Mallom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Malham**.

**Mallon**

**Variants:** **Mallen, Mellon, Mallan, Mellan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2212, Ireland 2652
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Mealláin ‘descendant of *Meallán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *meall* ‘pleasant’. This was an important ecclesiastical family in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane reagh O’Malan, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035 (Clonkeine, King’s County [Offaly]); John Mellane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5686 (Ballyknock, Connacht); Evar roe O’Mallan and Rowry moddery O’Mellon, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145 (Antrim); Ony oge O’Mallane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh).

England: Symon Mallon, 1579 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Andrew Mallan, 1637 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Mallord**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Lancs

English: see **Mallard**.

## Mallory

### Mallory

Variants: **Mallery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and ER Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Old French \**maloret*, *maloré*, *maleuré* 'ill-fortuned, unlucky'.

**Further information:** The Dorset Domesday Book man was a tenant of William de Moion, from Moyon (Manche); see *Domesday People*, pp. 230, 476). But the Mallory family of Leics and other midlands counties very likely came from Tessancourt (Seine-et-Oise, now Yvelines), near Versailles. See *Anglo-Norman Families*, p. 56, where Loyd alludes to the 'feodum Anquetini Malore de Tessencurt' in the feodyary of Philip Augustus (1204–08) in France. He points out that Tessancourt is the parish next to Meulan, the *caput* of the French *comté* of Robert count of Meulan, and that Robert was also the first earl of Leicester. It is probably no coincidence, therefore, that Robert earl of Leicester's seneschall in the mid 1100s was Anschetill Malloré (see *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1024) and that *Anquetin* (an alternative form of *Anschetill*) was a given name in both the French and Leics Mallory families. For this forename see **Anketell**, **Antin**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Maloret, 1086 in *Exeter Domesday Book* (Dorset); Anschetill Mallore, Richard Mallorei, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Richard Mallore, 1155–9 in *Documents in France* (Swinford, Leics, and Nun Eaton, Warwicks); William Maleuerei, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Mallore, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Robert Mallory, 1255 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Robert Malure, canon of Southwell minster, 1278–9 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Blidworth, Notts); John Maleure, 1282 in *Patent Rolls*; William Maulory, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ganthorpe, NR Yorks); Ricardo Maulerey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holwell, in Radipole, Dorset); Willelmo Mallori, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allextion, Leics); Johannes Malore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); William Mailory, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Hutton Conyers, NR Yorks); John Malory, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Catherine Mallory, 1566 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Tymothy Mallorie, 1590, Willmi. Mallory, 1605 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Walter Mallorie, 1631 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Richard Mallory, 1632 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anna Mallery, 1634 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); George Mallery, 1637 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); William Mallory, 1716 in *IGI* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Edward Mallory, 1778 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Essex Mallery, 1783 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).  
**References:** *Morlet*, *Dictionnaire*, at *Malluret*.

### Mallot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Mallett**.

### Mallott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Cornwall
- English: see **Mallett**.

### Mallow

Variants: **Malo**, **Mallows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: nickname apparently from the Middle English plant-name *malwe*, *malowe* 'mallow, marsh-mallow, shrub-mallow' (Old English *malwe*). The common mallow (*Malva sylvestris*) was valued for its medicinal properties.
- Early bearers:** Roberti Malowe, 1550, Ambrose Mallow, 1555 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Richard Mallow, 1580 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Malo, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Alice Mallow, 1600 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Henry Mallough, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Elizabeth Malo, 1647 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Steven Mallowe, 1664 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Mary Malo, 1676 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Robert Mallo, 1696 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk).

### Mallows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk and Cambs

English: variant of **Mallow**, with either plural *-s* or post-medieval *excrement -s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Mallows, 1561 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Hugh Mallows, 1580 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Anne Mallowes, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Andrew Mallowes, 1600 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Malloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1085, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, see **Molloy**.

### Mally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**.

### Mallyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Cambs and Sussex

English: see **Malyon**.

### Malo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Mallow**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Malom

- **GB frequency 1881:**
- English: see **Maylam**.

### Malone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6824, Ireland 5352
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare; Kilkenny and Laois

Irish: from Ó Maoil Eoin 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) John', the name of an ecclesiastical family

at Clonmacnoise. The spelling *-one* in this anglicization indicates a long vowel. MacLysaght says that in Clare there has been some confusion with **Muldoon**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Tigernach hUa Mail-Eoin, comarba Ciarain, 1172 in *AU* (Cluain-mac-Nois); Mael-Muire Ua Mail-Eoin, abbot of Cluain-mac-Nois, 1230 in *AU*; Hugh O'Malone, labourer, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §789 (Dublin); Patrick Mallone, merchant, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1133 (Dublin); John Mallowin, mason, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1470; Manus O'Malone, footman, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2709 (Kildare); Shane A Malone, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223; Hugh O'Mallone, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6192; Owen O'Malone, smith, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500; Conor O'Maloy, pikeman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Killnagoranagh); Dominick Malone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tamlaght, Derry); William Malone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmacnoise, Offaly).  
England: Edmund Mallone, 1580 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Maloney

Variants: **Malony**, **Moloney**, **Molony**, **Downey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5111, Ireland 2004
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2459
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare, Limerick, and Cork

Irish: from Ó Maol Dhomhnaigh 'descendant of the devotee of the Church'. See also the form with unlenited *d*, **Muldowney**, which may sometimes be abbreviated to **Downey**. Some early anglicizations spelled Malone (see **Malone**) may be intended for Maloney, with the final vowel pronounced.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thady liaghe O'Muldony, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §912 (Damaghe, Kilkenny); Malachy YMalony, clerk, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2129 (Clonfert); Malachias O'Molona, priest, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4613 (Galway); Edmund Maloni, gent., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Kilgarvan); Wone O'Malowny, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615.  
England: Mary Malloney, 1759 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Malony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and London
- Irish: from Ó Maol Dhomhnaigh, see **Maloney**.

### Maloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 461
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; also Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, see **Molloy**.

### Malpas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 838
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Gloucs
- English: see **Malpass**.

### Malpass

Variants: **Malpas**, **Malpuss**, **Malpus**, **Melpuss**, **Morpuss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1545, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 774
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Gloucs
- English: locative name chiefly from either of two places called Malpas (Cheshire, Monmouths); perhaps also occasionally from other minor places so called in England (e.g. in Berks, Cornwall, WR Yorks) or from various places called Malpas or Maupas in France.

**Early bearers:** Henry Malpas, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Maupas, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Malpas, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Maupas, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Hugo Malpas, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Johannes Malpas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easton Maudit, Northants); Nicholaus Maupas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Henry Maupas, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Burton Pidsea, ER Yorks); Peter Mawepas, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Wawne, ER Yorks); John del Malpas, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); John Malpas, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Hampton Heath, Cheshire); Philip Malpas, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Teston, Kent); John Malpasse, 1596 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Samuel Malpass, 1607 in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs).

### Malpus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham; Staffs; Lancs

English: see **Malpass**.

### Malpuss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Gloucs
- English: see **Malpass**.

### Malsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Oxon
- English: locative name from Malmesbury (Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Malmesbury, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John de Malmesbury, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John de Malmesburi, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devizes, Wilts); William de Malmesbury, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Frannc Malmesburie, 1619 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Malsbury, 1663 in *IGI* (Fawsley, Northants); Alce Maulsberry, 1699 in *IGI* (Adstone, Northants); Robert Malmsbury, 1730 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Rutland); Mary Malmsbury, 1733 in *IGI* (Barnack, Northants); Ann Malsbury, 1765 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Ann Malmsbury, 1769 in *IGI* (Godington, Oxon); Joseph Malmsbury, 1813 in *IGI* (Dodford, Northants).

### Malsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Maulson**.

### Malson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Yorks
- English: see **Maulson**.

### Malster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *maltester* 'maltester, malt-maker or malt-seller' (in origin a feminine form of *malter*, though as a surname used only of men). Compare **Malter** and **Maltman**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Maltester', 1279, Thomas le Maltster, about 1346 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Hugh le Maltestere, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Faxfleet, ER Yorks); John le Maltester, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John le Malstere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Malster, 1327 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Richard Maltestere, 1332 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Johannes Maltestere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); Johannes Maltester, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johanne Maltster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Edmund Maulster, 1588 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 79.

### Malston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name probably from Malston (Devon), despite the early bearer from Leics.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Malleston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Peatling Parva, Leics).

### Malt

**Variants:** **Mault, Maud, Maude, Moul, Mold, Mould, Moulds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mald* or *Maud*, an Anglo-Norman French form of Continental Germanic *Mahthild(is)*. The Germanic name developed two distinct forms in Old French, *Matild* and *Mahild*. The first was the basis for its usual Latin forms, *Matildis* and *Matilda*. It appears in Middle English as *Matild* and *Matill*, giving rise to the surnames *Mattle* and *Mattleson*, both of which are now extinct. *Matill* had several pet forms, which survive in the surnames **Till, Tillson, Tillet, Tillotson, Tilcock**, and perhaps **Tilly**. The alternative Old French form *Mahild* developed to *Mahald*, *Mahalt*, *Mahaud*, and *Mahold*. These were the most common versions of the name in Anglo-Norman England, appearing in Middle English in the reduced forms *Maald*, *Mald*, and *Malt* (from *Mahald*), *Maud* (from *Mahaud*), and *Mold* (from *Mahold*), hence the surnames **Malt, Malde, Maude and Mould**. From the mid-13th to the early 15th century the personal name was popular with all classes of English families, among whom the name was commonly pronounced and written as **Mall** or **Moll**. Pet forms with the diminutive suffixes *-et*, *-ot*, *-in*, *-y*, and *-kin* gave rise to **Malin, Malkin, Mallet, Mallot, Mally, and Mollet**. In N England the typical surname forms are **Maudson, Maulson, Moulson, and Malkinson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mathildis, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Maald, 1100–30, Mald, 12th cent., Mahild, 1115–45 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Mahald regina, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Matilda, about 1140 in

*Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Matildis, about 1150, Mahalt 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Matillis, 1135–54 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Mahaut vidua, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Comitissa Malt, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Maud, 1314 in *Close Rolls*; Mawlde, 1470–1530 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Mawte, 1502 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Wills* (Suffolk).

surnames: Gilbert Mald', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John Malt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Jone Maulte, 1539 in *IGI* (Chignal Saint James, Essex); Joan Mawlte, 1587 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Robert Malte, 1603 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Thomas Mault, 1612 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Ellen Malde, 1618 in *IGI* (Wimpole, Cambs); Robert Malt, 1654 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Sara Malt, 1673 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Mary Malt, 1693 in *IGI* (Ashingdon, Essex); Thomas Malt, 1737 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); Alexander Malt, 1740 in *IGI* (Burrough Green, Cambs); Elizabeth Mald, 1755 in *IGI* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex); Christopher Malt, 1758 in *IGI* (Weeting, Norfolk); Samuel Mault, 1758 *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire); William Malt, 1779 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Mary Mald, 1802 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); John Mault, 1850 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** McClure (1998), pp. 102–7.

2 English: occasionally perhaps a reduced form of **Mallett**.

### Maltas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Malthouse**.

### Maltby

**Variants:** **Maultby, Malby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2310, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1695
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, Derbys, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Maltby near Rotherham (WR Yorks), Maltby in Raithby cum Maltby (Lincs), or Maltby le Marsh (also Lincs); possibly occasionally from Maltby in Stainton in Cleveland (NR Yorks) or Mautby (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Maltebi, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Andrew de Malteby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Maltby, 1378 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Willelmus de Maltby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Robert de Malteby, 1401, William Maltby, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Malteby, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Mawteby, 1439–40 in *Paston Letters*; William Maltby, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark, Notts); Frances Maltby, 1566 in *IGI* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); Christopher Maltbie, 1566 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Elizabeth Maultby, 1570 in *IGI* (Orston, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 137; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 85; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 171; *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, p. 10.

### Malter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *malter* 'maltester, malt-maker or malt-seller' (a derivative of Old English *mealt* 'malt'). Compare **Malster** and **Maltman**. Related medieval bynames

## Malthouse

include those of Hugh *le Maltmakere*, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks), Peter *le Maltmetere*, 1271 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Middx), i.e. ‘malt-weigher’, William *Maltmelnere*, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent) and John *le Maltemeller*, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk), i.e. ‘malt-miller’.

**Early bearers:** Roger *le Malter*’, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John *le Malter*, 1336 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas *Malter*, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 79.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Maletterre in Saint-Mélor-des-Ondes (Ille-et-Vilaine), which is recorded as *Malaterra* in 1218.

**Early bearers:** John *Maletter*’, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Ralph *de Maletter*’, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); Goodman *Malter*, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Acon, London); John *Malter*, 1576 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Phrisweth *Malter*, 1607 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Peter *Malter*, 1707 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Silvanus *Malter*, 1716 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** Pierre-Henri Billy, personal communication.

## Malthouse

**Variants:** **Malthus**, **Maltus**, **Maltas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *malt-hous* ‘malt-house, building in which malt is made or stored’ (Old English *malt-hūs*), for someone who lived at a malt-house, or, by metonymy, an occupational name for someone who worked at one.

**Early bearers:** Fulk *atte Malthuse*, 1297 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); John *de Malthous*, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Clement *del Malthous*, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Thomas *de Malthous*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); William *Malthouse*, 1497 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John *Malthus*, 1551 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Rychardus *Maltus*, 1580 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William *Malthouse*, 1774 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 128.

## Malthus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Malthouse**.

## Maltman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 386
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Berwicks, Lanarks, Perth, and Kirkcudbrights
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *malt-man* ‘maltster, malt-maker or malt-seller’. Compare **Malter** and **Malster**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Crystian *Maltman*, 1625 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); James *Maltman*, 1637 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

England: John *Maltman*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Richard *Maltmon*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes *le Malteman*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Nicolaus *Maltemon*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); John *Malteman*, 1471 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon).

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 202.

## Malton

**Variants:** **Marlton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks; also Suffolk and Cambs

1 English: locative name from Malton (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Henry *de Maltun*, about 1138–43 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); John *de Malton*’, 1279 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes *de Malton*’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scrayingham, ER Yorks); Johannes *Malton*’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas *Malton*, 1579 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Alicia *Mallton*, 1597 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Malden**.

**Early bearers:** John *Malton*, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Agnes *Malton*, 1577, John *Maldon*, 1769 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Brygett *Malton*, 1602 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk).

## Maltravers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Norman, English: see **Matravers**.

## Maltus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Malthouse**.

## Malvern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks; also Lancs

English: locative name from Great and Little Malvern (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Athelard *de Maluerna*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William *de Malvernia*, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John *Maluerne*, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John *Malverne*, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Ledbury, Herefs); Isbell *Malverne*, 1598 in *IGI* (Churchdown, Gloucs).

## Malyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Herts

English: see **Malyon**.

## Malyon

**Variants:** **Mallyon**, **Malyan**, **Mallion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Middx, Kent, Herts, and Cambs

English: variant of **Marion**. The change in pronunciation from *r—n* to *l—n* was sporadic in Middle English. It is likely that the modern surname derives from a single Essex source.

**Early bearers:** John *Marion*, identical with John *Maryoun*, John *Malyon*, 1351–4 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Malyons in High Easter, Essex); Thoma *Malion*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Thomas *Malyon*, 1706 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex); William *Mallyon*, 1713 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 483.

## Malzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: locative name from Maloeuvre in Petit-Fougeray (Ille-et-Vilaine).

**Further information:** The place-name Thorpe Malsor (Northants) acquired its affix from the family name of Fulcher Malesoures who held the manor in the 12th century. The same family name also appears as an affix in earlier forms of Milton Malsor (Northants), held by William Malesoures in 1202.

**Early bearers:** Fulcher *Mala Opera*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Rutland); William *Malesoveres*, about 1144 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; John *Maleshoures*, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Johannes *de Mallessoueres*, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* 5 (Leics); John *de Malesoueres*, undated in *Ancient Deeds* 4 (Northants).

**References:** Pierre-Henri Billy, personal communication; *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 122, 150.

## Mammatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Norman, English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *maumet*, *mamet* ‘idol, doll, puppet’, also ‘pixie’ (Old French *mahomet*). (ii) relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Old French personal name \**Mamot* or \**Mamet*, pet forms of Old French *Mame*, the name of a French saint. The possibility is strengthened by the existence of the double diminutive pet forms *Maminot* and *Maminet* as the surname of a Norman family with lands in Kent and Lincs: Gilbert *Maminot*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Emma *Maminet*, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Wauchelin *Maminot*, 1157 in *Templars Records* (Lincs). However, although *Maminot* may have alternated with \**Mamot*, the *Maminot* family appears to have died out in the male line in about 1190.

**Further information:** Old French use of *mahomet* to mean ‘idol’ derived from the medieval Christian belief that the prophet Muhammad was worshipped as a god.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus *Maumet*, 1207 in *Fine Rolls*; Agnis *Mammuth*, 1603, Rich. *Mammut*, 1604, Rich. *Mammuts*, 1612 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Rowland *Mammatt*, 1691 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Thomas *Mamott*, 1707 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants); Mary *Mamotte*, 1727, Anne *Mamott*, 1731, Hannah *Mommott*, 1791, Frederick *Mammatt*, 1818 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas *Mammatt*, 1763, Mary *Mamit*, 1770, Hannah *Mamett*, 1774 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks).

**References:** *Debrabandere*, at *Mamet*; *Morlet*, *Dictionnaire*, at *Maisme*, *Mame*, *Maminot*; *Tengvik*, p. 222; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1027, at *Maminot*.

2 Norman, English: variant of **Memmott**. The post-medieval bearers under (1) may alternatively belong here. Compare Mary *Mamotte*, 1727, Ann *Memmott*, 1782, Hannah *Mommott*, 1791 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth *Mommot*, 1775, William *Memmott*, 1814 in *IGI* (Aston, WR Yorks).

## Mammen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mayman**.

## Mammon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mayman**.

### Mamo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Italian and Maltese: occupational name from modern Greek *mam(m)os* 'obstetrician'.  
References: *Cassar*.
- 2 Maltese: relationship name from a Sicilian-Arabic personal name *Mamo*, possibly a reduced latinized form of **Mohamed** or **Mahmood**.  
References: *Cassar*.
- 3 Ethiopian: unexplained.

### Man

- Variants: **Maan**, **Moon**, **Mun**, **Min**, **Ming**, **Wan**, **Wann**, **Wen**, **Van**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2558, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 545
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- 1 English: see **Mann**.
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 萬 (**Wan** in Mandarin pinyin), which means 'ten thousand' literally or 'a very great number' figuratively: (i) from the personal name of Bi Wan (畢萬), an official in the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province). He was said to be a descendant of Bi Gong Gao, the 15th son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). Bi Wan was later granted the fiefdom of Wei (魏), which in 403 BC became the state of Wei (located in present-day Shanxi, Shaanxi, Henan and Hebei provinces). Some of his descendants adopted Wei (魏) as their surname, while others inherited 萬 (**Wan**), his given name, as their surname. (ii) from the personal name *Wan* (萬), the style name of Rui Bo (芮伯), an official of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), who was granted the fief Rui (located in Ruicheng in Shaanxi province). Some of his descendants inherited Rui (芮), the name of the fief, as their surname, while others inherited 萬 (*Wan*), his style name, as their surname. (iii) from the place-name *Wan* (萬), the name of a fief (located in Juxian in Shandong province) granted during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC) to an official in the ancient state of Chu. (iv) from the first element of the name of the Wan Si (萬俟) family, who lived in the downstream areas of the Yellow River during the Northern Qi dynasty (AD 550–577). (v) from the second element of the name of the Tu *Wan* (吐萬) family, who are members of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China.
- 3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 文 (**Wen** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'literary', 'writing' or 'culture' in Chinese: (i) from Wen (文), the posthumous title of king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC), father of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1187–1043 BC), who established the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, Jing (敬, see **Ching** (4)). The latter was part of the name of two royal personages, Jin Gao Zu (called Shi Jingtang, 石敬瑭, AD 892–942) and Song Yi Zu (called Zhao Jing, 趙敬). The latter was the grandfather of Zhao Kuang Ying, who established the Northern Song dynasty (AD 927–976). Since it was taboo in ancient China to bear the name of a member of the imperial family, people with the surname 敬 (*Jing*) had to change it to 文 (*Wen*). (iii)

from *Wen* (文), the given name of Tian Wen, also called Meng Chang Jun (Lord Meng Chang), a famous prince of the state of Qi, known as one of 'the four princes' during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iv) from the personal name Wen Zi (文子), a general who lived in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) from the personal name Wen Shu (文叔), also known as Xu Wen Shu (韓文叔), founder of the state of Xu (located in present-day Henan province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 閔 (**Min** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'bad luck, pity, or sorrow' in ancient Chinese: from *Min* (閔), the posthumous title of Lu Min Gong, the 17th king of the state of Lu (located in present-day Shandong province). After only two years on the throne (661–660 BC) he was murdered. His successor gave him the posthumous title 閔 (*Min*), which became established as a family name for his descendants.

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 聞 (**Wen** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'well-known, famous' in written Chinese: shortened form of the compound surname *Wen-Ren* (聞人), the title of Shao Zheng Mao, a scholar who lived in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who strongly opposed Confucius' ideas and who was murdered when Confucius became prime minister of the state of Lu. The descendants of Shao Zheng Mao inherited his title, 聞人, as their surname. After the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127), some people shortened the surname to 聞.

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 滿 (**Moon** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'full' in Chinese: from *Man* (滿), the style name of Hu Gong Man (died 986 BC), also known as Chen Hu Gong, founder of the state of Chen (located in Henan province), who was the shared ancestor of people with the surnames 陳, 胡, 田, and 車.

### Manan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- 1 Indian, Pakistani: see **Mannan**.
- 2 Irish, English: see **Mannan**.

### Manaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Manaton (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Gervase de Maneton, 13th cent. in *Devon Eyre* (Manaton, Devon); Adam de Manaton, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Callington, Cornwall); Johis Manaton, 1549 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Alice Manaton, 1603 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall).

### Manby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk, Essex, and Middx
- English: locative name from Maunby (NR Yorks), recorded as *Magnebi* in 1166, or Manby (Lincs), recorded as *Magnebi* in 1212.  
**Early bearers:** Antonius de Manebi, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh de Mageneby, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Agnes de Maunby, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Thomas de Mauneby, 1336 in *Feet of Fines*

(Yorks); Ricardus Maundby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Thomas Manby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Manby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belleau and Aby, Lincs); Thomas Manneby, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Maunby, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); John Manby, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Willingham, Lincs); Margaret Manbye, 1585 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk).

### Mance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English, Huguenot: see **Manche**.

### Mancell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Mansell**.

### Mancer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex
- English: see **Manser**.

### Mancey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Mouncey**.

### Manch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English, Huguenot: see **Manche**.

### Manche

- Variants: **Manch**, **Mance**, **Manse**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Huguenot: (i) nickname from Middle English *maunche*, *manche* 'sleeve' (Old French *manche*). Compare **Manchett**. (ii) nickname from Old French *manc*, *manche* 'handle, haft'. Compare **Manser** (2).  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Maunche 1253–4, John Maunche, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johan Mance, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Sara Mance, 1602 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Ann Manse, 1618 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Agnes Mance, 1621 in *IGI* (Beer Crocombe, Somerset); William Maunce, 1625 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Agnes Manse, 1627 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs); Robert Maunse, 1643 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Thomas Manch, 1646 in *IGI* (London); Joane Manche, 1666 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk).  
Huguenot: Charles Mance, 1683, Marie Manche, 1738 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Manchester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Leics
- English: locative name chiefly from Manchester (Lincs), which is recorded as *Mamecestre* in 1086,

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but perhaps sometimes from Mancetter (Warwicks), recorded as *Manecestre* in 1236.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Manecestre, 1198 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Stephani de Mamecestre, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Boxted, Suffolk); Thomas de Manecestre, 1241 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Ranulph de Mammecestre, 1245–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Salford hundred, Lancs); John de Mamecestre, 1275–6 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheetham, Lancs); Sarra de Mamecestre, 1276 in *Patent Rolls* (Polesworth, Warwicks); Henry de Manecestre, 1291 in *King's Bench Cases* (Northumb); Guy de Mamecestre, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas de Mammecestr', 1327, William Maunchestre, 1366 in *Patent Rolls*; Edmund de Mauncestre, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Stephen de Mamecestre, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Whittlesey, Cambs); Willelmus Manchestr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hampton Lucy, Warwicks); William Manchestre, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Richard Manchester, 1587 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs).

### Manchet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Hunts
- English: see **Manchett**.

### Manchett

**Variants:** Manchet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: nickname from Middle English *manchet* 'finest wheaten bread, pandemain', perhaps used of a maker or seller of such bread. Compare **Whitbread** (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry Manchet, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willm Manchett, 1608 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); George Manchett, 1619 in *IGI* (Girton, Cambs); Margaret Manchet, 1628 in *IGI* (Longstowe, Cambs); Robert Manshit, 1688 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs); William Manshet, 1811, Robert Manchit, 1836 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

### Manchipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Manship**.

### Manchipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Manship**.

### Mancini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- Italian: nickname from Italian *mancino* 'left-handed'.

### Manclark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife, Midlothian, and Kinross

Scottish: variant of **Moekler**. The development from *malclerc* to *manclark* is through dissimilation of

*l—l—r* to *n—l—r*. Walter dictus Manclerc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), may be an early example of this development, or may represent a mistranscription of *Mau-* as *Man-*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Manclark, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rob Manclark, 1558 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); Margery Manclarke, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Manclarcke, 1617 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

Scotland: William Manclark, 1791 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Manclerk, 1796 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Mand

**Variants:** Mande, Maund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *mande*, *maunde* 'basket' (Old English *mand*, Old French *maund*). Perhaps used of a maker or seller of baskets; compare **Mander**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Mande, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); John Mande, 1408–9 in *Salisbury General Entry Book* (Wilts); Alice Mande, 1563, Jeremy Mand, 1629 in *IGI* (London); Bartholomew Mande, 1587 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Margaret Mand, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Mand, 1619 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Mande, 1630 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); John Mande, 1640 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs).

2 English: see **Maund**.

### Mandair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh name based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Mandal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

1 Indian (northern states): Hindu name found in several communities, from Sanskrit *mandala*, which has several meanings, including 'sphere' and 'halo'.

2 English: (of Norman origin), see **Mandeville**.

### Mandale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Mandeville**.

### Mandalia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Mande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Clackmannans

English, Scottish: see **Mand**.

### Mandefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Manfield**.

### Mandel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Mandeville**.

2 Jewish, German, Dutch: from words meaning 'almond'.

### Mandell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Northumb; also Middx; Guernsey

1 English: see **Mandeville**.

2 Jewish, German, Dutch: from words meaning 'almond'.

### Mander

**Variants:** Manders, Maunder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1694, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 987
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, Bucks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English *mander*, *maunder* 'basket-maker', a derivative of Middle English *mande*, *maunde* 'basket'. Compare **Mand**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Maundour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (IoW); Cristina Mander, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Walter Mander, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Mander, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Roger Mawnder, 1540 in *IGI* (South Littleton, Worcs); Henry Maunder, 1541 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Maunder, 1548 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); John Mander, 1605–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Samuel Mander, 1617 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks).

### Manderfield

**Variants:** Manterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Lincs

English: variant of **Mandeville**, modified as if an English place-name. Compare **Manfield** (2) and **Mountfield** (1).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Manderfield, 1682 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Manderfield, 1730 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Eliz. Manterfield, 1781 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

### Manders

**Variants:** Mauanders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Warwicks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Kildare

English: variant of **Mander** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Mauanders, 1658 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Mary Mauanders, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Manderson

**Variants:** Manderston



- **Current frequencies:** GB 604, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, E Lothian, Lanarks, Northumb, and Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Manderston House near Duns (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Archibald of Manderstoune, 1467, William of Manderstoun, 1478, William Manderstoune, 1504, Robert Manderstoune, 1530, Bartholomew Manderstoun, 1536 in *Dunfermline Register*; Helein Manderston, 1628 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian); Marione Manderstone, 1631 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Grizell Manderstone, 1652 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); Issabel Manderstone, 1660, Anna Manderston, 1669 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian).

England: James Manderston, 1607 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Manderston, 1665 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Manderston, 1695 in *IGI* (Stamfordham, Northumb); Archibald Manderstone, 1709 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

### Manderston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Manderston**.

### Manderville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Mandeville**.

### Mandeville

Variants: **Manderville, Manderfield, Manville, Manvill, Manfield, Manvell, Manwill, Manwell, Meanwell, Mansfield, Mandel, Mandell, Mandale, Mandal, Mundell, Mountfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 Norman, English: locative name from Manneville (Seine-Maritime, Calvados), Manneville-sur-Risle (Eure), or Magneville (Manche).

**Further information:** the Mandevilles, earls of Essex from about 1139–89, came from Manneville (Seine-Maritime); the Mandevilles of Erlestoke (Wilts) and Devon came from Magneville; and the undertenants of Montfort and the counts of Meulan came from Manneville-sur-Risle (Eure). See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** England: Goisfridus de Magna uilla, de Manneville, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex, Kent); Ernulf de Mandeuill, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William de Manevell, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William de Manewell, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Mandeville, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); Robert Mandevile, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Maundeuille, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Henricus Manewelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Johannes Mandevill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); John Maundeuyale, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Henry Mandeville, 1639 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey); William Mandeville, 1676 in *IGI* (Hacconby, Lincs); Roger Mandeville, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Mandeville, 1700 in *IGI*

(Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Mandeville, 1725 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts); Elisabeth Mandeville, 1735 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Gilbert Mandewel, 1274 in *Black* (Traquair, Peebles).

2 Irish: in Ireland the name was gaelicized as **de Mhóinbhiol**, absorbed some cases of *Maidewell*, and in other cases was re-anglicized as **Mansfield**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Mandefill (fitz Edmond), 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2336 (Ballyhoynes); Henry Manfield, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2479; Henry Mansfield, 1582–83 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Waterford, Dongarvan, fisherman); Peter Mansfield, 1582–83 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; Richard Mansfield, 1582–83 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; Edmund Mandevill, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537.

### Mandfield

- **GB frequency 1881:**

English: see **Manfield**.

### Mandley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Lancs; also Devon

English: variant of **Manley** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Georg Mandley, 1558 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henry Mandly, 1559 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Alexander Mandley, 1576, John Mandly, 1578 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Joane Mandley, 1599 in *IGI* (London); Jas. Mandley, 1762 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

### Mandrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts

English: see **Maundrell**.

### Mandry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London
- English, Welsh: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: John Mandery, 1610 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); John Mandrey, 1684 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Margret Mandrey, 1686 in *IGI* (Leigh, Essex); William Mandry, 1796 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Matilda Mandry, 1813 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

Wales: Sarah Mandry, 1822 in *IGI* (Aberavon, Glamorgan); Sarah Mandry, 1822 in *IGI* (Margam, Glamorgan).

### Mandy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Lancs

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Mundy**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mandy, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Manndy, 1552 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Jayne Mandey, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Joane Mandy, 1579 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Walter Mandey, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Aphia Mandy, 1616 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent).

### Maneely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: reduced from **Mac an Fhilidh**, see **McNeilly**.

### Manek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

2 Polish: unexplained.

### Maney

Variants: **Mainey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, WR Yorks, and Lancs; also Angus

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Irish: from **Ó Maine** 'descendant of *Maine*', an ancient personal name of unexplained etymology.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: George Mann, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6323; Edmund Manne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Seaniclochhinmanig, yeoman); Mahown O'Many, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Coddirre); Teige O'Many, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Keappaghiddyn).

England: Elizabeth Mayney, 1618 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Manfield

Variants: **Mandfield, Mandefield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Surrey; Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; NR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Mandeville**, modified as if an English place-name. Compare **Manderfield**.

**Early bearers:** Hughe Mandifelde, 1561 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Ellen Mandefelde, 1566 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Henry Mandfield, 1596 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); Julian Mandefield, 1620 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Henry Mandefield, 1635, Henry Mandeville, 1639 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey).

2 English: locative name from Manfield (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Manfeld, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Manfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Robert de Manfeld, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Robert Manfeld, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); John de Manfeld, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Bracebridge, Lincs); Robert Manfeld, 1413–14 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

### Manford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys; also Staffs

Norman, English: variant of **Mountford**.

### Manfred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

German, Dutch: relationship name from the German personal name *Manfred*. This is popular as a given name in N Germany, although as a German surname it is comparatively rare. It was popular among the Lombards, who dominated N Italy from the 6th century onwards, and whose influence

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spread to other parts of Italy and Sicily. See **Manfredi**. According to German sources, it is composed of the elements *man* 'man' + *frid* 'peace'; Italian sources derive the first element from *magin* 'strength'.

### Manfredi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: relationship name from the Germanic (Lombard) personal name *Maginfrid*, composed of the elements *mag(in)* 'strength, might' + *frid* 'peace'. Compare **Manfred**.

**Further information:** The name was most famously borne in Italian history by Manfredo (c.1232–66), king of Sicily 1258–66, son of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II.

### Mangal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: (i) Hindu (Bania) and Jain, from Sanskrit *mangala* 'auspicious'. The Agarwal Banias have a clan called Mangal. (ii) from the Indian personal name Mangal, also from Sanskrit *mangala* 'auspicious'.

**Further information:** This name is also found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Mangan

Variants: **Mangin, Mangen, Mangon, Manghan, Mongan, Mangum, Mannion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1674, Ireland 2193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Limerick

1 Irish: from Ó Maingín, see **Mannion**.

2 Irish: from Ó Mongáin 'descendant of *Mongán*', a byname for someone with a luxuriant head of hair, from *mong* 'hair, mane'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McDonell alias Mangan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4896 (Carraghe); John Fitz Edmund Mangan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575 (Ballymally); Shane O'Mangan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624 (Dromkarra).

3 Huguenot: several families of this name from Metz settled in Ireland in the 17th century (*Smiles* 413). The origin is uncertain but it may be identical in origin with (4) or perhaps a variant of the synonymous **Mangon**.

4 Norman, English: nickname probably for a glutton, from Old French *mangeant*, *maniant*, the present participle of *manger* 'to eat, chew', and glossed by the present participle of Anglo-Latin *manduco* 'to eat' in the 1199 example. It is uncertain that this surname survived into modern times but the name of Susanna Mangon, 1748 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs) is a possibility, if not a variant of English **Mangham**.

**Further information:** The 1169 form might alternatively be Old French *manant* 'wealthy', in which case it does not belong here.

**Early bearers:** John le Manant, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Alexander Maniaunt (Manducans), le Mangant, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; John le maneant, 1200 in *Pleas* (Somerset); Roger le Maniant', le Manant, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Alexander Mangaunt, 1279 in *Hundred*

*Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Mangaunt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Maria Mangan, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Mark Mangan, 1723 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Richardi Mangan, 1808 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Mangan, 1809 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Elenorae Mangan, 1810 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

5 Spanish: occupational name from Spanish *mangon* 'small trader', but its survival as a hereditary surname in England is very doubtful.

**Further information:** Peter Loptz, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*, surety of the Spanish traders, identical with Peter Manioun, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), and Peter Lopice, mangoun, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Ferrand Manioun, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Ferrand Mangeoun, 1344 in *London Letter Books F*.

### Mangat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Mangel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Mangnall**.

### Mangell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: see **Mangnall**.

### Mangen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews

Irish: see **Mangan**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mangan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Shevington, Lancs); Michael Mangan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Paisley Abbey, Renfrews).

### Manger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics and Warwicks; Kent and London

English: see **Monger**.

### Mangera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained.

### Mangham

Variants: **Manghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: reduced form of **Manningham**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in 1531, 'Mangham felde syde' was a close in Manningham, mentioned in the will of a Bradford man.

**Early bearers:** Lancelot Manghan, 1581, Anne Mangham, 1628 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Jane Mangum, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); James Mangham, 1595 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Peter, Lincs); Robte. Mangham, 1596, Agnes

Manghan, 1636 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Georgius Mangham, 1685 in *IGI* (Heddon on the Wall, Northumb); John Manghan, 1723 in *IGI* (Bellingham, Northumb); Robert Manghan, 1782 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); Anne Manghan, 1782 in *IGI* (Tetney, Lincs); Joseph Manghan, 1788 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Mangin, 1797 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

### Manghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: variant of **Mangham**.

2 Irish: alternatively a variant of **Mangan**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Manghan, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Parr, Lancs).

### Mangin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Mangan**.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Mangin, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Preston, Lancs).

### Mangion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Maltese: nickname reduced form of the Italian surname **Mangione**, from a nickname for a glutton, *mangione* 'big eater', a derivative of *mangiare* 'to eat'. References: *Cassar, De Felice*.

### Mangle

Variants: **Mangles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Mangnall**.

### Mangles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Durham

English: variant of **Mangle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Willm Mangles, 1560 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); John Mangles, 1628 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Mangnall

Variants: **Manknell, Mangold, Mangle, Mangel, Mangell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Mankinholes in Todmorden (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Mankanholes, 1275, Wymark de Manekaneholes, 1277, Willecok de Mancanholes, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardo del Mankanholes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); John Manknowles, 1593, Anne Manknoles, 1601 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Margaret Mankinholes, 1599, Henry Mancknolls, 1600, Alice Mancknalls, 1602 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Elizabeth Magnolls, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Richard Manknoles, 1612, Maria Mankenoles, 1625,

Matthaeus Manclans, 1627 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); John Mankenoles, 1615 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Robert Mankinoles, 1617, Ann Mangnel, 1711 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Reginald Mangnal, 1689, John Mangnell, 1699, Alice Mangnall, 1717 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 276–7; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 176; *WR Yorks Surnames*, pp. 134, 202. 2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mangonel* ‘mangonel, catapult, a war engine for throwing stones’, perhaps applied as a nickname for ‘a worker of the mangonel’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Mangwinel, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Pembroke); Stephen Manguinel, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Mangenel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Mangel, 1363, John Mangulle, 1390 in *London Letter Books* G, H; Riginal Mangnall, 1713 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); James Mangnall, 1776 in *IGI* (Old Jewry Presbyterian, London); Richard Mangnall, 1776 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); James Mangnall, 1794 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Matilda Mangnall, 1806 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Mangold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Mangnall**.

### Mangon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Lanarks
- 1 Irish: see **Mangan**.

**Early bearers:** John Mangon, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Maghull, Lancs).

2 French: nickname **Mangon**, a derivative of Old French *manger* ‘to eat’, perhaps for a glutton.

**Early bearers:** Jules Mangon, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Mangum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Mangan**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Mangum, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

### Manhire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Menear**.

### Mani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Turkish: unexplained, perhaps from *mani* ‘obstacle’ or a word that denotes a type of strict poetic form in Turkish folk music.

2 Indian (Kerala): (i) from a pet form of the personal name *Emmanuel*. (ii) reduced form of **Subramanian**.

**Further information:** *Mani* is found only as a given name in Kerala, but in the West is used as a family name among people from Kerala.

### Maniar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

**Further information:** It is said that *maniar* originally meant maker of lac crafts and artwork.

### Manick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Manifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Mannifield**.

### Manifold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Offaly

English: locative name from the River Manifold (Staffs). There may have been some confusion with **Mannifield**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Manyfolde, 1539 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Isabell Manyfold, 1570 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Roberte Manifold, 1574 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Elizabeth Manifold, 1583 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Elyzabethe Manyfoulde, 1597 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Mannifould, 1638 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Maning

- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Manning**.

### Manion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Mainnín, see **Mannion**.

### Manis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Maghnuis, see **McManus**. See also **Magnus**.

### Manison

Variants: **Mannison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Manson**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Manison, 1557, Ellinor Manson, 1676 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Mannison, 1604, Cordelia Manison, 1606 in *IGI* (London); William

Mannison, 1625 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); Margaret Manison, 1636, Jeames Mannison, 1646 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Thomas Manison, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Mannison, 1755 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); James Manison, 1757, Elizabeth Manson, 1790 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); James Manison, 1773 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

### Manister

Variants: **Manisty**, **Manistre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name from Manningtree (Essex), recorded as *Manystre* in 1291 and 1343, which reportedly had the local pronunciations *Manister* and *Manisty*.

**Early bearers:** Syth *Manister*, 1585 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); John *Manistre*, 1597, Edmundus *Mannistre*, 1624, Mary *Mannistry*, 1675 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Francis *Manester*, locksmith, 1600 in *Assize Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Sarah *Manistry*, 1634 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Susan *Manistry*, 1642 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); William *Manitre*, John *Manister*, John *Manester*, Edmund *Manistre*, Robert *Mannestey*, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John *Manningtree*, 1738 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 343.

2 English: locative name perhaps from Manesty in Borrowdale (Cumb), which is recorded as *Manistie*, *Maynister* in 1564.

**Early bearers:** William Mannolfstygh, William Mannolfstygh, 1315–16 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Manaste, 1422 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 353.

### Manistre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Manister**.

### Manisty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Manister**.

### Manix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Manji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Mankellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Manktelow**.

### Mankelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0

## Manketlow

- GB frequency 1881: 82
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Manktelow**.

### Manketlow

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Manktelow**.

### Mankey

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Mankea in Saint Gluvias (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Mankee, 1678, Thamzen Mankey, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall); James Mankey, 1773 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Tobias Mankey, 1780 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Susanna Mankea, 1781, Richard Mankay, 1792, John Mankey, 1797 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

### Mankin

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 117
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks and Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Man-kin*, a diminutive of *Man* (see **Mann**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Manekyn le Heumer, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

urnames: Stephen Manekyn, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); William Manekyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert Mankyn, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Walmer, Kent); Adam Mankyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pleshey, Essex); Elizabeth Mankynne, 1586 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Margory Mankin, 1677 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Manklow

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Manktelow**.

### Manknell

- GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Mangnall**.

### Mankoo

- Current frequencies: GB 193, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Manku**.

### Manktellow

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Manktelow**.

### Manktelow

Variants: **Manklow**, **Mankelow**, **Mankellow**, **Manketlow**, **Manktellow**, **Manktlow**

- Current frequencies: GB 550, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 236
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Mackallo, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Pembury, Kent); Stephen Mankelow, 1669

in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Thomas Manckillow, 1699 in *IGI* (East Farleigh, Kent); Joseph Mankelow, 1729, Matthew Manktelow, 1739 in *IGI* (Pembury, Kent); Anne Mankelow, 1732, Sarah Manktelow, 1751 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex).

### Manktlow

- GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Manktelow**.

### Manku

Variants: **Mankoo**

- Current frequencies: GB 417, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Manley

Variants: **Manly**, **Mandley**, **Munnely**, **Meanley**, **Minkley**, **Munnerley**

- Current frequencies: GB 5122, Ireland 588
- GB frequency 1881: 3350
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; Lancs and Cheshire
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

1 English: locative name from Manley in Halberton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Manelegh', 1202 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John de Manelegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); Ursula Manley, 1544, Joan Manlye, 1549 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Isott Manly, 1551 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Fortune Manlye, 1567 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Thomas Manley, 1629–30 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); James Manly, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 549.

2 English: locative name from Manley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Manly, 1363 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Bartholomeus Manlay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Thomas de Manley, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Huttons Ambo, NR Yorks); Johannes Manleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Richard de Manley, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); William Manley, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Bozeat, Northants); James Manley, 1562 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Mawde Manley, 1576 in *IGI* (Tarporey, Cheshire).

3 Irish: (i) from Ó Máinle (often pronounced *Mauly*), which is of unexplained etymology. Compare **Malley**. (ii) from Ó Maonghaile 'descendant of *Maonghal*', a personal name derived from *maoin* meaning 'wealth' and *gal* 'valour'. The following examples from Meath may belong with senses (1) or (2) above.

**Early bearers:** Melaghlin oge mcPhilip O'Monylla, Edm. mcRiccard O'Monillae, and Shane oge O'Monyllae, husbandmen, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5798 (Ballincashill, Mayo); John and Charles Manly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath).

### Manlove

Variants: **Manlow**, **Menlove**

- Current frequencies: GB 82, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Staffs

Norman, English: nickname, occupational name apparently from Old French *mener* 'to harry, chase, or hunt' + Old French *love* 'wolf', for a wolf hunter. Compare the synonymous **Catchlove**.

**Early bearers:** William Menluff, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wem, Shrops); Margaret Menlove, 1563 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Menlove, 1575 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); William Menlow, 1582 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Thomas Menlove, 1583, Andrew Mendlove, 1606 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Nicholas Menlove, 1587, Willm Menlowe, 1588 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Rowlande Menlove, 1612 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs); Edward Mendlove, 1615, Robert Manlove, 1617 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Marie Minlowe, 1619, Edward Manlove, 1657 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Nicholas Mendlove, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Oswestry, Shrops); John Manlowe, 1623 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Sarra Manlove, 1658 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Rachel Mendlove, 1662 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); Timothy Mandlove, 1688 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys).

### Manlow

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- English: see **Manlove**.

### Manly

- Current frequencies: GB 205, Ireland 61
  - GB frequency 1881: 444
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Devon and Somerset; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork; also Wicklow
- English, Irish: see **Manley**.

### Mann

Variants: **Man**, **Manns**

- Current frequencies: GB 22807, Ireland 530
  - GB frequency 1881: 15418
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and Scotland
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; Limerick
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *man* 'man' (Old English *mann*), though the exact sense is unclear. A common meaning is probably 'servant', as in such compounds as **Harriman**, **Ladyman**, and **Monkman**. Sometimes it may correspond to a phrase such as *homo Bainardi* 'the man of Bainard', one who owed him feudal service. At times it may have reference to a lower rank in the social scale, *nativus* 'bondman'. In 1279 Ralph de Ginges granted to Simon de Duntona (both of Essex) Peter Man, son of Robert Man, his *nativus*, with all his family and all his chattels for 40 shillings sterling (*History of Saint Barts Hospital* 1, p. 503). Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Algar Man, 1141 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); William Man, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Alan le Man, 1288 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter le Mon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard le Man, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Johannes the Man, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Thomas le Man, 1385 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Sussex); Thomas Man, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Charles Mann, 1541 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Rawfe Mann, 1543 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Charles Mann, 1544 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Wyllm. Mann, 1547 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Agneta Mann, 1551 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); George Mann, 1555 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Rychard Mann, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Edward Mann, 1564 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Roger Mann, 1564 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name denoting someone from the Isle of Man.

**Further information:** Compare Ricardus Mansk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs), i.e. 'Manx'.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Mannia, 1333 in *Surnames of Lancs* 276 (Liverpool, Lancs); Michaele de Man, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Gilbertus de Man, Johannes de Manne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs).

3 English: relationship name perhaps also from the rare Middle English personal name *Man(n)* (Old English *Mann*, *Manna*, Old Danish *Manni*). Compare **Manson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Man, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Suffolk); Manne Cobbe, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts).

surnames: Walterus filius Manne, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Ricardus filius Man, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alwinus filius Man, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Hugo filius Man, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex).

4 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McMann**.

### Mannall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Meynell**.

### Mannan

**Variants:** **Manan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Indian, Pakistani: unexplained. Pronunciation is with stress on the second syllable.

2 Irish: see **Mannion**.

**Early bearers:** James Manan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs).

3 English: see **Manning**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Manan, 1728 in *IGI* (Easton Royal, Wilts); Joannis Mannan, 1781 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Francis Mannan, in *Census 1841* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); George Mannan, in *Census 1841* (Quenington, Gloucs).

### Mannell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 266
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Meynell**.

### Mannering

**Variants:** **Mannerings**, **Mainwaring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 Norman, English: see **Mainwaring**.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Manaráin, which Woulfe explains as a dissimilated form of Ó Manannáin (see **Murnane**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Marnayne (alias Mananayne), 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §111 (Tipperary, Casshell, chaplain); Edmund Manneringe, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5274; Dermod O'Mannerane, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764.

### Mannerings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Mannering** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Manners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1972, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1465
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; WR Yorks; Gloucs and Wilts

Norman, English: locative name from Mesnières-en-Bray (Seine-Maritime). See also **Menzies**.

**Further information:** A family of this name held the title Earl of Rutland from 1526 to 1703, and have held the title Duke of Rutland ever since.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Meiniers, about 1180 in *Anglo-Norman Families* (Sussex); Henricus del Maneir, about 1176–85 in *Templars Records* (Cambs); Walterus de Maners, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Fulbourn, Cambs); William de Maners, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Roger de Mayners, 1351 in *Patent Rolls*; Eustace Maners, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Maners, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Elizabeth Manners, 1570 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Manners, 1606 in *IGI* (Brancepeeth, Durham); William Manners, 1612 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Mannick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Mannicks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Mannifield

**Variants:** **Manifield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from an unidentified place. There may well have been some confusion with **Manifold**, particularly as *-feld* and *-fold* would often be virtually indistinguishable in medieval orthography, but the story seems more complicated than this. It is unclear whether or not the medieval bearers given here, from the south of England, are relevant. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Mansfield**.

The medieval record of the place-name shows numerous forms with no medial *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** Luke de Manyfeld, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Freefolk, Hants); Robert Manyfeld, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Jane Mannifield, 1738 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Jane Mannifield, 1747, Elizabeth Manifield, 1789 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); William Manifield, 1773, Amelia Mannifield, 1785 in *IGI* (North Leverton, Notts); Mary Mannyfield, 1783 in *IGI* (Grove, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 123–4.

### Mannin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Lancs

1 Irish: variant of **Mannion**

**Early bearers:** Patrick Mannin, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Preston, Lancs).

2 English: see **Manning**.

**Early bearers:** William Mannin, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Hannah Mannin, 1702 in *IGI* (London).

### Manning

**Variants:** **Maning**, **Mannin**, **Mannings**, **Mannan**, **Mannon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14608, Ireland 1960
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9404
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry

1 English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Manning*. Compare Algarus Manningestepune, about 1130 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mannicus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex).

surnames: Seman filius Manning, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Ainulf Manning, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard Manning, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Willelmo Manyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); James Mannyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fairford, Gloucs); Henry Mannyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teigncombe, Devon); William Mannyng, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Robertus Mannyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rutland); John Mannyng, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Maynning, 1476–7, John Manning, 1523–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Alice Manning, 1538 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Richard Manning, 1544 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Davy Manyng, 1554 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Stephen Maning, 1570 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Manyng, 1590 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Christofer Manning, 1564 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Mainnín, see **Mannion**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Manninge, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §172; Walter Mannyng, tanner, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §257.

### Manningham

**Variants:** **Mangham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Manningham (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mayningham, 1285–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Roger de Manyngham, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Dionisius de Manyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Manningham, WR Yorks); Margeria Manyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Ricardus Manyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Manyngham, 1427 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Ricard Manyngam, 1549 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Mannings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent; Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Manning**, with post-medieval excrescent *s*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Mannings, 1546 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Mannings, 1579 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); John Mannings, 1586 in *IGI* (Quarley,

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Hants); Elizabeth Mannings, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk).

### Mannington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name probably from Mannington in Gussage All Saints (Dorset) or Manton in Preshute (Wilts), recorded as *Maninton* in 1249, or, less probably, Mannington (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Dusa of Maninton', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Manyngton, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Manyngton, 1474–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Mannington, 1565 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Alice Mannington, 1575 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); Joane Mannington, 1581 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Thomas Mannington, 1580, Abraham Manninton, 1586, Margaret Manington, 1611 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Jane Mannington, 1678 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Manington, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Mannington, 1661 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); John Manenton, 1685 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sarah Mannington, 1696 in *IGI* (Shalden, Hants); Catherine Manenton, 1718 in *IGI* (Upton Grey, Hants).

### Mannion

Variants: **Manion**, **Mannin**, **Manning**, **Mannan**, **Manon**, **Mannon**, **Mangan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3095, Ireland 2341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: from Ó Mainnín 'descendant of *Mainnín*', which is probably an assimilated form of *Manachín*, a diminutive of *manach* 'monk'. This is the name of a chieftain family in Connacht. A variant, Ó Maingín, is sometimes anglicized as **Mangan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donell O'Manyn, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3790 (Chief of his nation); Hugh O'Manyn, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3790 (Galway, Mynloghe, gent. and office of Tanyst); William O'Mannyn, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3793 (Roscommon, Athlge); Dermot O'Maynne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5438; Dermott O'Mannynne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (Galway, Augryme). England: Paul Manion, 1790, John Manon, 1797 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Denis Manion, 1792, Patrick Manion, 1819 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Irish: see **Mangan**.

### Mannis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Maghnuis*, see **McManus**.

### Mannison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Manison**.

### Mannix

Variants: **Manix**, **Mannick**, **Manick**, **Mannoock**, **Manoock**, **Mannicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 415
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Mainchín, from a personal name or byname based on *manach* 'monk', with excrement English *-s*. Compare **Monaghan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Owen O'Managhane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3079; John Mannaghan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5409; Thomas O'Manihin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Balligawny). England: Mary Manix, 1828 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Mannoock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Mannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lancs and Cheshire

1 Irish: see **Mannion**.

2 English: variant of **Manning**.

**Early bearers:** John Mannon, 1630 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Hants); Eliza Mannon, 1723 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Manns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

English: variant of **Mann** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Manns, 1605 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs).

### Manoock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Mainchín, see **Mannix**.

### Manoharan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Manohara* 'attractive' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*. **Further information:** This is found as a given name only in the Indian subcontinent but has come to be used as a family name among immigrants in the West.

### Manon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks
- Irish: see **Mannion**.

### Mansaray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sierra Leonean: *-ray* appears to be a suffix attached to a male personal name *Mansa*. The name is that of a clan claiming descent from the Keita rulers of the Mali empire, and having its headquarters in Karassa village in the former Thamiso chiefdom, now amalgamated into Kasunko.

### Mansbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: locative name from Mansbridge in South Stoneham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Mannesbrigge, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Iohanne de Manesbrugge, 1234–44, Katerina de Manesbrugge, 1268 in *Saint Denys Cartulary* (Hants); Katerine de Manesbrigg', 1267, William Mansbrygge, 1535–44 in *God's House Cartulary* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Mansbridge, 1558 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Henry Mansbrid, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Millbrook, Hants); Elizabeth Mansbridge, 1595 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Marye Mansbridge, 1630 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Mansbridge, 1646 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).

References: *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, pp. 34, 42.

### Manse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, Huguenot: see **Manche**.

### Mansel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Dorset; Shrops; Carmarthens
- Norman, English: see **Mansell**.

### Mansell

Variants: **Mansel**, **Mancell**, **Maunsell**, **Monsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5383, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3495
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; London; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick

1 Norman, English: (i) locative name, ethnic name from Old French *Mancel*, *Mansel* 'inhabitant of Maine, or its capital Le Mans', as illustrated below in early Hants and Kent examples with the French definite article. (ii) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Mansel*, a transferred use of the ethnic name in (i).

**Further information:** This surname is also found in France (see *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Manceau, Mancel) and some current bearers of this surname in England could be of Huguenot origin: compare Jeremy Mansel, 1600 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Charles Manselle, 1632 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Reaney's claim that in France *Mansel* also denoted 'a feudal tenant, occupier of a *manse*, land sufficient to support a family', is unfounded.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mansell de Patleshull, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Mansel de Rokeford, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames, S England: Turstinus Mansel, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Robert le Mansel, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John le Maunsel, 1241 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Adam le Maunsell, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Geoffrey Maunsell, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horton, Tootington, and Edburton, Sussex); William Maunsel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Frampton Mansell, Gloucs); Johannes Mancel, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Nackington, Kent); Walterus Maunsel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Rogerus Mancell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); Galfrido Mauncel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chisbury, Wilts); Thoma Maunsel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleford, Berks); Johanne Mansel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Lambourn, Berks); Nicholas Mansell, 1553 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); John Mansill, 1559 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); John Maunsel, 1573 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Nicoles Mannsell, 1576 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Mansell, 1577 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); William Mansell, 1579 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Thomas Mansell, 1584 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Mancel, 1708 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey).

surnames, W Midlands: Ricardus Mauncel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longden with parcels, Shrops); Johannes Maunsel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs); Will'm's Maunsel, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ford, Shrops); Rychard Mansell, 1541, Roger Maunsel, 1554 in *IGI* (Pedmore, Worcs); Ricardus Maunsel, 1552 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Radulphi Mansell, 1556, Henry Mansill, 1587 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thoma Mansell, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops); Anne Mansell, 1608 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Edward Maunsel, 1696 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops).

surnames, E Midlands and E Anglia: Johanne Mansel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fleckney, Leics); Rogerus Mauncel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acle, Norfolk); Willelmus Manssel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bozeat, Northants); Hugo Maunsel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gumley, Leics); Tomas Mansell, 1569 in *IGI* (Knossington, Leics); Joane Mansell, 1578 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Edmond Mansell, 1579 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Mansell, 1589 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Edw. Mansell, 1594 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Andrew Mansell, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Louthbury, London).

surnames, N England and Scotland: Andrew Maunsel, about 1180 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Robert Maunsel or Mansel, 1200–11 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); Thomas filius Manselli, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Johannes Maunsel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thormanby, NR Yorks); Johanne Maunsel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York, Yorks); Alicia Maunsel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Johannes Mauncell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); Custancia Maunsel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Womersley, WR Yorks); Adam Mansele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spotland, Lancs); Janeta Mansell, 1571 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Xpoferus Mansell, 1582 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York).

References: *Feilitzen, Winton*, p. 213.

2 English: locative name perhaps from Mansell Gamage and Mansell Lacy (Herefs), recorded as *Mælueshylle* in 1043–6, *Mauneshulla* in 1194, *Maumeshull* in 1243, *Malmeshull* in 1292. If this surname has survived, it has been confused with and absorbed into (1).

Early bearers: Robert de Malmeshull, about 1300, Thos de Malmeshulle, 1343, Rich Malmeshulle, 1381, Thos Malmeshull, 1477 in *Shrops Archives* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Thomas de Malmeshull, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); William Malmeshull, 1373, William Mauneshull, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Agneta de Malmeshulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Canon Frome, Herefs); Willelmo Malmishulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Canon Frome, Herefs); Isabella Malmyshul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Johannes Malmeshull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcombe, Gloucs);

William Malmeshull, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Richard Malmeshull, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*.

References: *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 141.

## Manser

Variants: **Mancer, Muncer, Munser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1247, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Middx, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 English: relationship name from Hebrew *Manasseh* 'one who causes to forget', used both of Jews (e.g. Manserus Judeus, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), Manaser Judeus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks)) and others. The tenant-in-chief Manasses recorded in Domesday Book was presumably a Norman, whilst frater Manasserus of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds), cannot have been a Jew.

Further information: the place-name Mansers Shaw in Battle (Sussex) relates to the family of Manasseh de Herst, William Fitz Manser of Herst, and Manserus de Scotegny (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 500).

Early bearers: given names: Manasserus de Danmartin, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Manasser, clerk of Woolbeding (Sussex), 1154–89 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Manserus filius Joia, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Maneserus Judeus, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Manaserus de Hamwold, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Manaserus de Hasting, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Manasserus, Manser Aguliun, 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Manser son of Aaron de London, 1265, Manasser son of Aaron, Jew of London, 1281, Maunser de Boltesham, 1307, Manaser Bisset, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*; Mancerus le Parmenter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Ranulfus filius Manser, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Walter Manser, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); Alan Maunser, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Maunser, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo Maunser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Robertus Manuser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Suffolk); Johannes Mancer, Aufrid Maunser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Raf Manser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Richard Manser, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Maunser, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex and Herts); Cecylie Munser, 1588, James Mancer, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wm Munser, 1768 in *IGI* (Little Horstead, Herts).

2 Norman, English: occupational name from a derivative of Old French *manche* 'handle, haft', for a maker of hafts for knives. Richard le mancher, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), is also called le Haftere, 1301 in *London Husting Wills*. Compare **Manche**.

Early bearers: Nicholas le Maunser, 1297 in *London Letter Books B*; Richard le mancher, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

## Mansergh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: locative name from Mansergh (Westm).

Early bearers: John de Manesergh, 1331, John de Mansergh, 1341 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Manesergh, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Bryan

Mansergh, 1647 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Walter Mansergh, 1648 in *IGI* (Tunstall, Lancs).

## Mansey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Mouncey**.

## Mansfield

Variants: **Masefield, Mannifield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7756, Ireland 470
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5607
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

1 English: locative name from Mansfield (Notts).

Early bearers: Hugh de Manesfeld, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard de Maunfeld, 1321–2 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henry Maunefeld, 1371 in *London Pleas*; Robertus Manesfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Robertus Maunfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Johannes Maunfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); John de Maunfeld, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Robert Maunfield, 1562 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

2 Irish: when not an importation of the English name, this is an altered form of the Norman name **de Manville**, see **Mandeville**.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably adopted for a like-sounding name in some other European language.

Early bearers: Kate Mansfield, teacher, in *Jewish Directory 1874* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Mansford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex and Middx; Lincs

English: variant of **Mensforth**.

## Mansha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

## Manship

Variants: **Manchip, Manchipp, Minskip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; Monmouths; Norfolk; Somerset

English: locative name from Minskip (WR Yorks), or from any of numerous minor places named from Old English *gemānscipe* 'community, communal possession, common land'.

Early bearers: Ailsie de Menscipe (Maneschipe), 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Philip Mansipe, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Manshipe, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert Mansipe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Manshipe, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Wedmore, Somerset); Alexander de Manshipe, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John de Manshupe, 1327, John Manshiep, 1343 in *Patent Rolls*; John Manschupe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Manshipe, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Ricardus Manschyp, Thomas Manschip, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Thoma Manshop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Edward Mynskyp, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Oundle, Northants); Elizabeth Manship, 1568 in *IGI*

## Mansi

(Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ann Manskip, 1719 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Mansi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: patronymic or plural form of **Manso**, a nickname for a mild, inoffensive person, from *manso* 'tame, docile' (Late Latin *mansus*, classical Latin *mansuetus* 'tamed', literally 'accustomed to the hand'). Compare **Manzi**.

### Mansley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: origin uncertain. Perhaps a variant of **Munslow**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Monsolay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Smeaton, WR Yorks); Michael Maunsley, 1561 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Mary Mansley, 1700 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Ann Mansley, 1736 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Agnes Mansley, 1740 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs).

### Manslow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Worcs
- English: see **Munslow**.

### Manson

Variants: **Manison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3739, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness and Shetland; also Lancs; Durham; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Scottish: reduced form of **Magnusson**.

**Early bearers:** Angus Mangson, 1446 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall); David Manson, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Henrie Manson, 1595 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); William Mansioun, 1596, Josua Mansoun, 1598, Susanna Mansone, 1632 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Mansone, 1617 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Mansoun, 1644 in *IGI* (Symington, Ayr); Magnus Mansone, 1657 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Margrat Manson, 1660 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness).

2 English: (i) relationship name, probably sometimes from the Middle English personal name *Man*, *Manne* (Old English *Mann(a)* or Old Danish *Manni*) + *-son*. Compare **Mann**. (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be variants of **Manston** or **Mainstone**.

**Early bearers:** Matillis filia Mannessune, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Mannisson, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); [ . . . ] Manson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Nicholas, Worcs); Elisabeth Manson, 1553 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wyllyam Manson, 1573 in *IGI* (Lassington, Gloucs); Johannis Manson, 1586 in *IGI* (Conington, Hunts); Elizabeth Mansson, 1587 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Ane Manson, 1594 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); John Manson, 1597 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Thomae Manson, 1610 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Richard Manson, 1622 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

3 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Mainstan*

(Old English *Mægenstān*). This at least could be an alternative source of *Manson* in Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Walter Manstan, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Maynstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton, Norfolk); Vmfridus Manson, 1583 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Manson, 1668 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Sam. Manson, 1677 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Mansoor

Variants: **Mansour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *maṣūr* 'victorious'

**Further information:** this word is found in compound names such as *Mansūr-ud-Dīn* 'victorious in religion'. The second of the Abbasid khalifs was *Al-Mansūr Abu-Ja'far* (c. 712–75), who built the city of Baghdad in 762 and is considered the real founder of the Abbasid khalifate.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Mansour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Mansoor**.

### Manston

Variants: **Manson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset and Wilts; Lancs; London

1 English: locative name from Manston (Dorset), Manston in Saint Lawrence in Thanet (Kent), Manston in Austhorpe (WR Yorks), or Manston Hall in Wepstead (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Manneston', 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Simon de Maneston', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard de Maneston, 1289 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Richard de Maneston, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Willelmo de Manneston', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Mertill' de Manneston', 1327, Ricardo de Manston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manston, Dorset); Ricardo de Manston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yetminster, Dorset); John de Mannestone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidbury, Devon); Robert de Manston', 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Garforth, WR Yorks); Robertus de Manston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austhorpe, WR Yorks); Alueredus de Manston', 1418, Alueredus Manston', 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Roger Manston', 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Jane Manston, 1590, John Manstone, 1595 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Thomas Manston, 1669 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: there has probably been some confusion with **Mainstone**.

### Mant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

Norman, English: locative name from the adjacent French communes of Mantes-la-Jolie (alias Mantes-sur-Seine or Mantes-Gassicourt) and Mantes-la-Ville (Seine et Oise), both recorded as *Medonta* in about 1272.

**Early bearers:** John Mauntes, 1316, John Maunte, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Portsmouth, Hants); Matthew de Medunta, John de Maunte, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall); Edward Mant, 1555 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); William Mante, 1566 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Ellen Mant, 1568 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Edmond Mant, 1560 in *IGI* (West Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Edethe Mannte, 1570 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Samuel Mante, 1605 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 431.

### Mantel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Dorset; W Midlands; Lancs

English: see **Mantell**.

### Mantell

Variants: **Mantel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent, Surrey, Sussex; Dorset; also W Midlands

English: see **Mantle**. The historic pronunciation has the stress on the first syllable, *Mantel(l)*, more recently on the second, *Mantè(l)*.

### Manterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Manderfield**.

### Manthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Manthorpe**.

### Manthorpe

Variants: **Manthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from Manthorpe (Lincs). **Early bearers:** William de Manthorp, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry de Manthorp', 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Manthorp, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmo Manthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Thomas de Manethorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); John Manthorp, 1516–17 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Gregorie Manthorpe, 1567 in *IGI* (Stokesby, Norfolk).

### Mantle

Variants: **Mantel**, **Mantell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1595, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; W Midlands; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *mantel*, *mentel* 'a sleeveless robe or overgarment, a cloak' (Old French *mantel*, Old English *mentel*), perhaps for a maker or seller of mantles, but more likely for someone who wore his mantle in a distinctive manner or who wore a mantle that was distinctive.



Compare Will. Wythemantel ('with the mantle'), 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Ivo cum mantello, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); 'Ben de Kirkeby that berth is mantel modily' (who bears his mantle proudly), 1247–8 in *Dublin Guild Merchant Roll*; Henr. Bermantil ('bear mantle'), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Rob. Scortmantil ('short mantle'), 1312 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb), and Joh. Blakmantel, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** N England: Robert Mantel', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Mathaeus Mauntel, 1199 in *Fine Rolls*; Adam Mantell', Willelmus Mantill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Robert Mantle, 1756 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**Midlands and E Anglia:** Turstinus Mantel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Ric'us Mantel de Annesley, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); Roberto Mentel, 1312–13 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Ann Mantell, 1567 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Mantyll, 1580, John Mantle, 1699 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Margaret Mantell, 1582 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs); Elizabeth Mantell, 1583, David Mantle, 1748, Ann Mandall, 1822 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Humfrey Mantle, 1588, Edward Mantle, 1744 in *IGI* (Stottesden and Farlow, Shrops); Vincent Manthill, 1616 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs).

**S England:** Robert Mantell', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Johannes Mantel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Thomas Mantell, 1542 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); John Mantell, 1548, William Mantle, 1680 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Henry Mantell, 1560 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Joane Mantyll, 1562, James Mantle, 1768 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Thomas Mantell, 1573, 1716 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Lawrence Mantle, 1573, Alice Mantle, 1688 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbot, Dorset); William Mandle, 1690, William Mantle, 1812 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent).

## Manton

**Variants:** Menton, Mountain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1585, Ireland 147
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands (esp. Warwicks, Worcs, Rutland, Northants, Beds, and Lincs)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Galway; also Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from Manton (Rutland) or Manton (Lincs), or possibly from Manton in Worksop (Notts) or Manton in Preshute (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Odinell de Maneton', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Maneton, 1227–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Mantoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Ricardus de Manton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rutland); Robertus Manton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); John A Manton, Robert A Manton, 1522, Robert Manton, 1524 in *Tudor Rutland* (Eggleton, Rutland); Mysthell Manton, 1525 in *Tudor Rutland* (Empingham, Rutland); Luce Manton, 1608 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 195; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 86; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 107; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 308.

2 Irish: from Ó Manntáin 'descendant of Manntán', a personal name from a diminutive of *manntach* 'toothless'.

**Early bearers:** Cornelius O'Meintayne, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §255 (Kilkenny, Kilrushe); David O'Mantane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3082 (Brattvilstown); David oge boy fitz David oge Mantaghe, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173; John

McDavid oge Mantagh, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173; Richard McDaivid oge Mantagh, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173; Dermod McRanell Mantagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Castletown); Teig McRanell Mantagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Castletown).

## Manu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Ghanaian: an Akan name used for second-born children.

## Manuel

**Variants:** Manuell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1706, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 901
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset; Montgomerys; Glamorgan; Cornwall; Kent

English, Welsh: variant of **Emanuel** with loss of the initial syllable.

**Early bearers:** England: Johane Manuell, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Elizabeth Manuell, 1634 in *IGI* (Colan, Cornwall); Thomas Manuell, 1640 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset).

Wales: Dorothy Manuell, 1680 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Anne Manuell, 1745 in *IGI* (Llangynog, Montgomerys).

## Manuell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Manuel**.

## Manus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly, Tipperary, and Laois

Irish: from Mac Maghnus, see **McManus**.

## Manvell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Mandeville**.

## Manvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Mandeville**.

## Manville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Lancs

English: see **Mandeville**.

## Manwaring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England (esp. Kent); W Midlands; Lancs

English: see **Mainwaring**.

## Manwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Renfrews and Lanarks; SE England; Dorset
- Scottish, English: see **Mandeville**.

## Manwill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mandeville**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Manwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mainwood**.

## Manyweathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Cams

English: variant of **Merryweather**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Manyweathers, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Manyweathers, 1745, Elizabeth Merriweather, 1807 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Wm Merryweathers, 1746, Mary Manyweathers, 1750, Edward Manyweathers, 1752 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Edward Meneweathers, 1797, Jane Maryweathers, 1863 in *IGI* (Eltisley, Cams).

## Manzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

Italian: (i) nickname from *manzo* 'ox' (a derivative of Late Latin *mansus* 'tame', in the particular sense of an ox tamed to draw a plough). (ii) nickname from *manso* 'gentle, mild'. (iii) relationship name from *Manso*, a Germanic personal name based on *magin* 'strength, might'. Compare **Main**, **Manfred**, **Manfredi**.

## Manzie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife
- Scottish: see **Menzies**.

## Manzoor

**Variants:** Manzur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *manzūr* 'approved of, promising'.

**Further information:** This name is cognate with *Muntazar*, which was epithet of twelve Shiite Imams. **References:** *Ahmed*.

## Manzur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Manzoor**.

## Mao

**Variants:** Mo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Mapes

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 茅, meaning ‘cogon’ in Chinese: from *Mao* (茅), the name of an ancient state (located in Jinxiang in Shandong province) granted to Mao Shu (茅叔), a grandson of the king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Zou during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 毛, see **Mo** (1).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 牟, see **Mo** (2).

## Mapes

Variants: **Maps**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 140

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Norfolk

English: (i) variant of **Mabe**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*, and with devoicing of *b* to *p*. (ii) variant of **Mapp**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Mappes, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex or Kent); John Mapys, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Valentinus Mapes, 1540 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Ellen Mapes, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Mabes, 1579 in *IGI* (London); McGareta Mapes, 1583 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); William Mabes, 1614 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Cathering Mapes, 1632 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); John Mapes, 1646 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

## Maple

Variants: **Maples**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 457

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and London; also Wilts; Bucks

English: locative name ‘dweller by the maple’ (Middle English *mapel*).

**Early bearers:** Gilb. atte Mapole, 1260 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Robert atte Mapele, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John atte Mapele, William atte Maple, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); John Mapel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey atte Mapel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter atte Mapele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Mapel, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Henrico atte Mapele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Willelmus Mappyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theydon Bois, Essex); Alice Maple, 1586 in *IGI* (Patricxbourne, Kent).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 128.

## Maples

• **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 72

• **GB frequency 1881:** 321

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: (i) locative name ‘dweller by the maples’ (Middle English *mapel*, plural *mapeles*). (ii) variant of **Maple** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John del Mapples, 1348 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); John Mappes, 1366 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus de Mapples, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johannes Mapples, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Mapels, 1588

in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Elizabeth Maples, 1589 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs).

## Maplesden

Variants: **Mapleton**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 120

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from Maplesden in Benenden (Kent), which is recorded as *Mapeltresdenn* in about 1230.

**Further information:** There is also a Maplesden in Ticehurst (Sussex), but all the early bynames quoted in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 453, belong to Kent.

**Early bearers:** William de Mapledrsdenne, 1251 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Benenden, Kent); Iohannis de Mapeldresdene, Willelmum de Mapuldresdene, 1316–17 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John de Mapoldresdenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rolvenden hundred, Kent); Thomas Mapelysden, 1472 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Cranbrook, Kent); James Maplidsen, 1479 in *Kent Wills* (Warehorne, Kent); John Mapelsden, 1505 in *Kent Wills* (Farnborough, Kent); Thomas Mapyllsden, 1525 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Bethersden, Kent); Anne Maplesden, 1562, John Mapleden, 1584 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Elyzabeth Maplidsen, 1571, Samuel Mackledon, 1710 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Ursula Maplesden, 1573 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Edward Maplesden, 1594 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Gervais Maplesden, 1601 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Sussex); Henrey Mapleton, 1639, Sarah Mackledon, 1794, Sarah Mackelden, 1815 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent); Susanna Maplidsen, 1698, Wm. Mackelden, 1760 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 349.

## Maplethorp

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 33

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: see **Maplethorpe**.

## Maplethorpe

Variants: **Maplethorp, Mapplethorpe, Mapletoft**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 110

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Mablethorpe (Lincs), which is recorded as *Malbertorp* in 1086, *Maubertorp* in 1176.

**Early bearers:** Alano de Malberthorp, 12th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Withcall, Lincs); Willelmi de Maupertorp, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gilbert de Maupertorp, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Eudone de Malberthorp, 1328 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); Adam de Malberthorp, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Johanne de Malberthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); John Malberthorp, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Mapulthorp, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Katherine Maplethorp, 1593 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs).

## Mapletoft

• **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 77

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: (i) of uncertain origin; perhaps a locative name from an unidentified place, presumably in or near Lincs. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a variant of

**Maplethorpe**, modified as if containing Middle English *toft* ‘building plot’.

**Early bearers:** Anne Mapletoft, 1545 in *IGI* (Fenton in Kesteven, Lincs); Mary Mapletought, 1551 in *IGI* (Walcot, Lincs); Elizabeth Mabletofte, 1587 in *IGI* (Belton by Grantham, Lincs); William Mapletofte, 1589 in *IGI* (Barkston, Lincs); Eliz. Mapletough, 1747 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs).

## Mapleton

• **GB frequency 1881:** 60

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: locative name from Mappleton (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugone de Mapilton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton, ER Yorks); Petrus de Mapiltoune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Mapleton, 1571 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Elline Mapleton, 1579 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Johanes. Mapleton, 1579 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Tho Mapleton, 1625 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

2 English: variant of **Maplesden**.

## Mapley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 162

• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: variant of **Mapperley**.

## Mapp

Variants: **Mapes, Mabe**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1042, Ireland 15

• **GB frequency 1881:** 577

• **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Herefs, Shrops, and Worcs

Welsh: relationship name from Middle Welsh *mab*, lenited form (*f)ab*, ‘son’, used in pedigrees as a distinguisher of persons with the same name, as in the earliest form cited below, but occasionally used as a true surname.

**Early bearers:** Godric Map, 950–1000 in *Tengvik* (Cornwall); Walter Map, 1165–81 in *Earldom of Hereford Charters* (Herefs); Meurich Vap, Walt’us Mab, Ieuan Fab, undated medieval in *Morgan and Morgan*; Nicholas Map, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); John Mape, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Offley, Herts); Ric. Map, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bitterley, Shrops); Catherina Mapp, 1547 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Mape, 1593 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 378; *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 155; *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 126.

## Mapperley

Variants: **Mabberley, Mapley**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name from Mapperley (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Mapurley, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Thomas de Mapurlye, 1381 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Notts); John Maperley, 1398, John Mapurle, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Mapurley, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Agnes Maperley, 1541 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Humfridus Mapperley, 1590 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Eliz. Mapley, 1679, Thomas Mapeley, 1684 in *IGI* (Shenley, Bucks).

## Mappin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 212

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Unexplained, apparently from the Low Countries. The earliest bearer in Yorks, Derricke Mappin, is identified by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* as an immigrant from the Continent who married in Sheffield in 1593, his son Ottho Mappin being recorded shortly afterwards.

**Early bearers:** Derricke Mappin, 1593 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ottho Mappin, 1621 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Isack Mappin, 1695 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Mapplebeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Maplebeck (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Rad. de Mapelbec, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); John Mapelbek, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Benedict de Mapulbek, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Spalding, Lincs); Ricardus de Mapelbek', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Adam de Mappelbek', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Johanne Mapulbek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sproxtton, Leics); William Mapulbek, 1414 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Mapulbek, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs); William Mapilbek, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Grantham, Lincs); William Mapplebecke, 1569, Hugh Mapplebecke, 1587 in *IGI* (Campsell, WR Yorks); Anthonye Mapplebeck, 1590 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Mapplebeck, 1597 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Dorothea Mapplebecke, 1597 in *IGI* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks).

### Mapplethorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Maplethorpe**.

### Maps

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Mapes**.

### Mapson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Gloucs
- English: (i) variant of **Mabson** with devoicing of *b* to *p*. (ii) variant of **Mapstone** with loss of *t*.  
**Early bearers:** Johna Mapson, 1542 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Robert Mapsson, 1593 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Margareta Mabson, 1603, Joseph Mapson, 1666 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Elizabeth Mapson, 1606 in *IGI* (Wroughton, Wilts); Mary Mapson, 1634, Martha Mabson, 1685 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Mapson, 1699 in *IGI* (Ashbury, Berks); Mary Mabson, 1720 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

### Mapston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Glamorgan
- English: see **Mapstone**.

### Mapstone

**Variants:** **Mapston, Mapson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Monmouths

English: locative name from Mapstone in Lustleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Mattepaneston, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [... de] Mappestone, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Alice de Mapston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North, Devon) Bovey; Thomas Mabstone, 1624, Henry Mapstone, 1719 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 480.

### Maqbool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *maqbul* 'accepted, approved'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Maqsood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *maqṣūd* 'intended, aimed at'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Mar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

1 Scottish: variant of Scottish **Marr**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Mar, 1573 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Charlis Mar, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 馬, see **Ma** (1).

### Mara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Meadhra, see **O'Meara**.

### Marable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, French: see **Marrable**.

### Maragh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

West Indian: of Indian origin but unexplained.

### Marais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: from Old French *marais* 'marsh'. Compare the Norman name **Marris**.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Elise Marais, 1858 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey).

### Marandola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from *Marandolo*, a Lombard personal name of Germanic origin.

### Marbeck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Mearbeck in Settle (WR Yorks), Meer Beck (NR Yorks) or Mere Beck (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Marbek, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Menston, WR Yorks); Petronilla Merbek', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Merebeke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cowling, WR Yorks); Benett Marbeck, 1611 in *IGI* (Preston near Faversham, Kent); Emmanuel Marbeck, 1687 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Marber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Occupational name from Old French *marbrier* 'quarrier or hewer of marble; carver or worker in marble'. At Westminster in 1385 Thomas Canon of Corfe, *marbrer*, was paid £30 6s. 8d. for making stone images in the likeness of kings, to stand in the Great Hall. Marble was also used for paving in churches, etc. In 1312 Adam le Marbrer undertook to pave part of Saint Paul's with squares of marble (*Salzman, Building* 32, 147). Compare **Marble**.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Marbrer, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Godfrey le Marbeler alias le Marberer, 1265 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Surrey); Walter le Marbeler, le Marbrer, 1281, 1288 in *London Letter Books B*, Walter le Marberer, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John le Marberer, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Nicholao Marbeler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Ricahrd Marber, 1645 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Grace Marber, 1686 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 181.

### Marble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 English: nickname from Middle English *marbel* 'marble' (Old French *marble, marbre*), perhaps used of a marble-worker. Compare **Marber**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Marbull, 1479, Hugh Marble, 1531 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Middx); Elyzabethe Marble, 1556 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Jane Marble, 1567 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: variant of **Marple**.

**Early bearers:** John Marble, 1772 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Marbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Leics

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous minor place-names deriving from Old English *mǣr-brōc* 'boundary stream', such as Marlbrook Hall in Meriden (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Marbroke* in about 1450, and Meerbrook in Leek (Staffs), which is recorded as *Merebroc* in 1229–32.

## Marbrow

**Early bearers:** Adam atte Merbrock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beoley, Worcs); Jordano de Merbroke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John de Merebrok, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Richard de Marebrok, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Willelmus de Merebrok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Ricardus Merbrok', 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Marbroke, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Marbroke, 1540 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Denicia Marbrooke, 1570 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Elizabeth Marbrok, 1577 in *IGI* (Kingsnorth, Kent); John Marbrook, 1629 in *IGI* (Wickhambreux, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 65; *Place-Names of Staffs* 1, p. 14; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 385.

## Marbrow

**Variants:** Marbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 English: variant of **Marlborough** with loss of *-l-*.

Records of the place-name Marlborough (Wilts) sporadically show such loss from the 15th century onwards, for example *Marborowe* in 1485, *Marbrughe* in 1553, and *Marebrough* in 1749.

**Early bearers:** George Marborow, 1543 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Julian Marborowe, 1544 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Annis Marborowe, 1568 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Margery Marborowe, 1579 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Joannes Marbrowe, 1581 in *IGI* (Croxton, Cambs); Ann Marborow, 1603 in *Centre for Kentish Studies* (Brookland, Kent); Joane Marbrough, 1608 in *IGI* (Little Horkesley, Essex); Alice Marbrow, 1662 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Marborow, 1663 in *IGI* (North Mimms, Herts); Sarah Marbrow, 1713 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); Mary Marbrow, 1761 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 297–8.

2 English: variant of **Marbury**.

## Marbury

**Variants:** Marbrow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Marbury in Great Budworth (Cheshire) or, perhaps, from Marbury cum Quoisley (also Cheshire, though formerly a chapelry of Whitchurch, Shrops). Both are recorded as *Merbury* in the 13th century.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Merebi', about 1200, [... de] Merebury, 1216–30, [...] Marbury, 1411 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Robertus de Marbery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Ricardus Merbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Camden, Gloucs); Robert Marbury, Robert Merbury, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Roger Marbury, 1420 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Merbury, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); William Merburg or Marbury, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Merbury, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Simon Merbery, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Medbourne, Leics); John Marbury, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Elizabeth Merbury, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Rushton, Northants); William Marbery, Robert Marbury, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Riseley, Beds); Anne Marbury, 1556 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Marbury, 1568, Mary

Marbury, 1596 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Thomas Marbury, 1600 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Richard Marburie, 1606 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Thomas Marbrey, 1622 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Marburie, 1629 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jane Marbury, 1638 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Johannes Marbery, 1687 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 117.

2 English: variant of **Marbrow**.

## Marcantonio

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from a composite personal name formed with *Marco* + *Antonio*.

## Marcer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts

English: variant of **Mercer**.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Marser, 1558, Ales Marcer, 1567 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Agnes Marser, 1568 in *IGI* (York); Richard Marser, 1595, Thomas Mercer, 1637 in *IGI* (Widmerpool, Notts); William Mercer, 1613, Anthony Marser, 1661 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Marcer, 1615 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts).

## Marcey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Marsay**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## March

**Variants:** Marche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3414, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3204
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset and Devon; Durham; Essex and London; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name from March (Cambs) or from any of numerous minor English place-names deriving from Middle English *marche* 'boundary' (partly from Old English *mearc* in the dative-case form *mearce*, partly from Old French *marche*).

Compare **Mark**.

**Early bearers:** Henrico de la Marche, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Impington, Cambs); William de la Marche, 1307 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Willelmo de la Marche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Hugo atte Marche, 1349 in *London Letter Books G* (London); Reynold de la Marche, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Ditchingham, Norfolk); William Marche, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Sotterly, Suffolk); William de Marche, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); William Marche, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Desborough, Northants); Thomas March, 1428–9 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Marche, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Egerton, Kent); Richard Marche, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); William Marche, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Richard March, 1565 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Joanna March, 1591 in *IGI* (Charlton Musgrove, Somerset); Mildred March, 1601 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

## Marchall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Angus English, Scottish: see **Marshall**.

## Marcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, Bucks, Herts, and Middx

English: locative name from Marcham (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Merchham, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford, Oxon); John de Mercham, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Walterus Mercham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Bavant, Wilts); Ricardo Mercham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Berks); Johanne Mercham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Berks); Annas Marcham, 1606 in *IGI* (Newbury, Berks); Marget Marcham, 1627 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon).

## Marchand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Marchant**.

## Marchant

**Variants:** Lemarchand, Le Marchant, Le Marquand, Le Marchand, Merchant, Marquand, Marchand, Marchent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6319, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4618
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex, Surrey, Middx, and Kent; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

English: occupational name from Middle English *marchaunt* 'merchant, trader, shopkeeper' (Old French *marchand*, *marchèant*).

**Early bearers:** Roger Marcand, Roger Marchand', 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Roger Marchaunt, Herueus Merchant, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ranulph le Marchand, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Reginald le Marchant, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Thomas le Markaund, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Marchaunt, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Marchante, 1561 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex).

## Marchbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 421
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland (esp. Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Roxburghs) and N England (esp. Lancs)
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Scottish: see **Marjoribanks**.

## Marchbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, and Durham
- Scottish: see **Marjoribanks**.

## Marche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **March**.

**Marchent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Marchant**.

**Marchese**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Italian: relationship name, nickname from the title of rank *marchese* 'marquis' (in Italy the rank immediately below that of duke), probably applied as a nickname for someone who behaved like a marquis or for a servant in the household of a marquis. However, 13th- and 14th-century documents show that the term was also in use as a personal name at that time.

**Marchetti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural of *Marchetto*, a pet form of the personal name *Marco* (see **Mark**).

**Marchi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: plural or genitival variant of *Marco*, see **De Marco**.

**Marchington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs
- English: locative name from Marchington (Staffs). **Early bearers:** Roger de Marchinton, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rado' de Marchynnton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gayton, Staffs); Reginald de Marchinton, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Johanne de Marchynnton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); Thomas de Marchynnton, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Marchinton, 1621, Rodger Marchenton, 1627, Robert Marchington, 1660 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Elizabeth Marchenton, 1650 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Georg Marchington, 1652 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Martha Marchinton, 1667 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); John Marchington, 1687 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Elizabeth Marchington, 1698 in *IGI* (Flitwick, Beds); Elizabeth Marchington, 1800 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

**Marchman**

- Variants:** **Marchment**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: locative name 'dweller by the boundary', Middle English *marche* (Old French *marche*) + *man*. **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA. **Early bearers:** Editha Marchmon, 1379 in *IGI*; Thomas Marchman, 1561 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts); Johna Marchman, 1543 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); William Marchman, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

**Marchment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Middx

English: variant of **Marchman** with excrescent *-t* (see **Ashment**).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Marchment, 1642 in *IGI* (West Knoyle, Wilts); Anne Marchment, 1662 in *IGI* (Upavon, Wilts); William Marchmant, 1717 in *IGI* (Kemble, Wilts).

**Marco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- Spanish, Catalan, Italian: relationship name, Spanish, Catalan, and Italian, from the personal name *Marco* (see **Mark**).

**Marcom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Hants

English: see **Marcombe**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Marcombe**

- Variants:** **Marcum**, **Marcom**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: locative name from an unidentified place in SW England, possibly connected with Marcombe Lake, a stream between Hockworthy and Ashbrittle on the Devon-Somerset border.

**Early bearers:** Edmond Marcom, 1552 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Elyzabeth Marcumbe, 1569 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Nicholas Marcomb, 1570, Wm Marcombe, 1572 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Marcombe, 1579 in *IGI* (Whitchurch Canonicozum, Dorset); Edward Marcombe, 1597 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Katheryne Marcombe, 1601 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Marcomb, 1619 in *IGI* (London); Robert Marcomb, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Magdalen Marcombe, 1632 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset).

**Marcon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Markin**.

**Marcou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: see **Markou**.

**Marcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Marcroft Gate Farm in Spotland (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Vane Marcroft, 1544 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Wilm Marcroft, 1592 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Ellen Marcroft, 1592 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Marcroft, 1595 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs). 2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Moorcroft**.

**Marcum**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Marcombe**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Marcus**

**Variants:** **Marx**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 171
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English, German, Jewish: relationship name, altered form of **Marks**, re-interpreted as Latin *Marcus* (see **Mark**).

**Early bearers:** Stephan Markus, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Margaretta Markas, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Alice Marcus, 1568 in *IGI* (London); George Marquus, 1610 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name from the Latin personal name *Marcus* (see **Mark**). (ii) see **Marx**.

**Early bearers:** Moses Marcus, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Lewis Marcus, 1752 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Benjamin Marcus, clockmaker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Samuel Marcus, born in Poland in *Census 1881* (Westoe, Durham); Levy Marcus, born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).

**Marcy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Marsay**.

**Mardall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Shrops
- English: see **Mardell**.

**Mardel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Middx
- English: see **Mardell**.

**Mardell**

- Variants:** **Mardel**, **Mardle**, **Mardall**, **Mardley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Essex
- English: locative name from Mardleybury in Welwyn (Herts), which is recorded as *Merdelay* in 1086, *Mardele* in 1274, *Mardeleye* in 1327. **Early bearers:** Agnes de Mardeleye, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Welwyn, Herts); Geoffrey de Merdeleye, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Munden, Herts); John Mardell, 1558 in *IGI* (Clavering, Essex); Joane Mardoll, 1567, Alice Mardall, 1584, Robert Mardal, 1619 in *IGI* (Shephall, Herts); John Mardell, 1589 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Anne Mardale, 1673, Robert Mardle, 1695 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts).

**Marden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Gloucs and Devon

## Marder

1 English: locative name from Marden (Kent), which is recorded as *Meredenna* in 1166, or from East Marden, North Marden, and Up Marden (Sussex), recorded as *Meredune* in the 12th century. **Early bearers:** Tubert de Meredenn, 1268, Tubert de Merdenn, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Smarden, Kent); Thomas de Merdon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jn de Merdenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marden hundred, Kent); Adam Merden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marden, Kent); Johannes Marden', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Willelmus Mardon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickney, Essex); Alice Marden, 1461 in *Kent Wills* (Headcorn, Kent); William Merden', 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Sundridge, Kent); John Marden', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Staplehurst, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Marden (Herefs), which is recorded as *Maworthin* in 1260, *Mawardyn* in 1382.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Mahurdin, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Richard de Maworthin, 1251 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodstock, Oxon); Walter de Mawardyn, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Henry de Mawardyn, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (New Windsor, Berks); John Mawardyn, Richard Maurdyn, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Marden, 1602 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Johan Marden, 1617 in *IGI* (Llandinabo, Herefs); Elizabetha Marden, 1619 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs).

3 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Marden (Wilts), which is recorded as *Mercedena* in 1170, *Mereden* in 1229, *Mereghedene* in 1280.

**Early bearers:** John de Merdene, 1278 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johanne Merden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderbury, Wilts); Robert Marden, 1542 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Margaret Marden, 1550 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); John Marden, 1560 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Robrt Marden, 1560 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Joan Marden, 1564 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex).

4 English: in Devon, a variant of **Mardon**.

## Marder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset

English: perhaps a variant of **Marter** with voicing of *t* to *d*.

**Early bearers:** William Marder, 1570 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Nicholaus Marder, 1624 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Marder, 1630 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Jone Marder, 1634 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset).

## Mardle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: see **Mardell**.

## Mardley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Mardell**.

## Mardlin

Variants: **Mardling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

English: either a variant of **Marlin** with intrusive *-d-* or a variant of **Madelin** (probably via **Maudlin**) with intrusive *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Marlin, 1632, Henry Marlin, 1664, William Mardlin, 1691 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Elnor Merlin, 1635, Mary Marlen, 1669, Margt Mardlen, 1699 in *IGI* (Wilstead, Beds); Edward Marlin, 1654 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); John Mardling, 1710 in *IGI* (Ayot Saint Peter, Herts); James Mardlin, 1772 in *IGI* (Hertingfordbury, Herts).

## Mardling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, and Middx
- English: see **Mardlin**.

## Mardon

Variants: **Marden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name apparently from Mardon in Hennock (Devon), though no form of this place-name has been found earlier than *Mardon* in 1545.

**Early bearers:** Julyan Marden, 1545 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Peter Mardyne, 1589, Michael Mardyne, 1592 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Joane Mardon, 1599, Nathaniel Marden, 1634 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Ale Mardon, 1605 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Ruth Marradon, 1614 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon); Thomas Mardon, 1616 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Richardus Marden, 1636, Maria Mardon, 1642 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Joane Marden, 1649 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 472.

## Mare

Variants: **Maeer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; London

English: see **Mear**.

## Maren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Marron**.

## Marengli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: locative name from Marengo, near Alessandria, Piedmont, Italy.

## Mares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Lancs

English: see **Marris**.

## Marett

Variants: **Marette**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French (Channel Islands): probably a variant of **Marritt**, but one originally mainly confined to Jersey.

**Further information:** The form *Marette* was in use among Huguenot immigrants, as in Louis Marette, 1695 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Early bearers:** Peter Maret, 1295 in *Armorial of Jersey*; Thomas Maret, 1331 in *Extente de Jersey*; Dom Audrey Maret, 1363 in *Armorial of Jersey*; Willmi Maret, 1599 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Mary Maret, 1705 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

## Marette

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Huguenot: see **Marett**.

## Marfell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs

English: variant of **Merrifield**, with loss of the medial syllable and of final *-d*. Compare **Marvell** (3).

**Early bearers:** John Marfell, 1676, Elizabeth Marfeld, 1678, Tho. Marfield, 1683 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); John Marfield, 1685 in *IGI* (Walford, Herefs); Joan Marfill, 1755, Mary Marfield, 1772 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Marfell, 1756 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Elizabeth Marfel, 1778 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs).

## Marfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Moorfoot**.

## Marfleet

Variants: **Marflitt**, **Marflit**, **Marflett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Marfleet (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Vnfr' de Mcfleit, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Merflet, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Johannes de Merflet', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus Merflete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Marflet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William de Merflete, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Thomas Marflete, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Robt Merflyt, 1562, Margret Marflet, 1566, Walter Merflet, 1570, Joan Marfleete, 1576 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs); Thomas Marflitt, 1705 in *IGI* (York); Alice Marflet, 1707 in *IGI* (Ebberton, NR Yorks).

## Marflett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Marfleet**.

## Marflit

- **GB frequency 1881:**
- English: see **Marfleet**.

## Marflitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Marfleet**.

### Margan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Carmarthens

English, Welsh: locative name from Margam (Glamorgan), which is recorded as *Margan* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Petain Margam, 1729 in *IGI* (Aberavon, Glamorgan).

England: Thomas Margan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iron Acton, Gloucs); Thomas Margan, 1600 in *IGI* (Wraxall near Bristol, Somerset); Georgius Margan, 1612 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Philippus Margan, 1621 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs).

**References:** *DPN Wales*, p. 312.

### Margaret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Margrett**.

### Margary

**Variants:** Margery, Margry, Margrie, Margree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Margerie* (a French popular form of *Marguerite*). Compare **Margrett** and **Margot**. Note also **Margerison**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Margeria, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Margerie Schepesterre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Devon); Margori Maltemaker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rutland); Margeria Alayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks). surnames: Robert Margerie, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Galfridus filius Margerye, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John Margerie, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Mariory, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Marjori, 1331, Agnes Margery, 1340 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Margery, 1355–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Margerie, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willelmus Margory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heacham, Norfolk); Randus Margery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Michell Margerie, 1567 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset).

### Margereson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Margerison**.

### Margerham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Marjoram**.

### Margerison

**Variants:** Margerrison, Margereson, Margerson, Margison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 555
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Margery* (see **Margary**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Margerieson, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Johanne Margeryson, Johanne Marieriesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seagrave, Leics); Robert Mariorison, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Margeryson of Leeke alias John Gybonson Therald of Leeke, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Jennet Margerson, 1585 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Margison, 1683 in *The East Anglian* (OS) iv (Suffolk).

### Margerrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Margerison**.

### Margerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Derbys; also Norfolk
- English: see **Margerison**.

### Margerum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Marjoram**.

### Margery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk
- English: see **Margary**.

### Margeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Margison**.

### Margesson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Margison**.

### Margetson

**Variants:** Margitson, Margison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Margaret* (see **Margrett**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** William Margareteson, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Thomas Margretesone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Greasley, Notts); Thoma Margretson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witherley, Leics); Ricardus Margretson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bracken, ER Yorks); Willelmo Margretson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastwell, Leics); John Margretson, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Swarby, Lincs); Thomas Margetson, 1425 in *Derbys Charters*; John Margetson, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Tottenham, Middx); Alice Margetson, 1558, An Margretson, 1634 in *IGI*

(Trimingham, Norfolk); Samuell Margaretsen, 1635 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk).

### Margetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1162, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 723
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: (i) variant of **Margot** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Margretts** with dissimilatory loss of *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** John Margettes, 1525 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Bromham, Beds); Mary Margotts, 1574 in *IGI* (Oakley, Beds); Edmund Margetts, 1583 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon).

### Marginson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Margison** with intrusive *-n-*.

### Margiotta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Southern Italian: locative name from medieval Italian *mariciotta*, diminutive of *maricio* 'salt marsh' (Latin *maricius*).

### Margison

**Variants:** Margesson, Margeson, Marginson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs

English: (i) variant of **Margerison**. (ii) variant of **Margetson**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Margison, 1562 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Janeta Margesson, 1563 in *IGI* (Howden, WR Yorks); Johes Margison, 1564, Esabella Margenson, 1566, Thomas Marginson, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); John Margesson, 1572 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Stephen Margenson, 1573 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jannas Margison, 1596, Issable Margisson, 1605 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Robert Marginson, 1627 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Anne Margenson, 1672, Richard Margison, 1747 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).

### Margitson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Margetson**.

### Margolis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (from Belarus, Lithuania, and NE Poland): from the female personal name *Marolis* (meaning 'pearls' in Hebrew).

**Early bearers:** Marks Margolis, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Morris Margolis, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Nathan Margolis, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Solomon Margolis, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Abraham Margolis, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Margot

### Margot

Variants: **Margetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Margot*, a pet form of *Margery* (see **Margary**) or of *Margaret* (see **Margrett**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Margota, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Margota, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants). surnames: Margaret Margot, 1584 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Mary Margot, 1669 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset).

2 Huguenot: relationship name from *Margot*, the French equivalent of the English personal name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Ester Margot, 1697 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

### Margrave

Variants: **Margrove**, **Margraves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Herts; WR Yorks; Lincs

English: locative name from Mortgrove in Hexton (Herts).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Mordegrave, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hexton, Herts); Robert de Mordegrau, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); [ . . . ] Mordegrave, 1348 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts); William Margrove, 1676 in *IGI* (Suckley, Worcs); John Margrove, 1676 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Margrove, 1728 in *IGI* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); William Margrave, 1771 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 112.

### Margraves

Variants: **Margreaves**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

English: variant of **Margrave** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Margraves, 1717 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Benjamin Margraves, 1721 in *IGI* (Luddington, Lincs); Hugh Margreaves, 1747 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Margreaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Margraves**.

### Margree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Margary**.

### Margret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: see **Margrett**.

### Margrets

- **GB frequency 1881:**

English: see **Margretts**.

### Margrett

Variants: **Margaret**, **Margret**, **Margretts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Margaret*. Compare **Margary** and **Margot**. Note also **Margetson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Margreta, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Margrete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Merget, 1460, Margat, 1534 in *Withycombe*.

surnames: John Margaret', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Margrete, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bushey, Herts); Nicholas Margrete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saintbury, Gloucs); Johannes Margret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gatcombe, IoW); Willelmo Margret', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saintbury, Gloucs); Willelmo Margrete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); John Margret, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robt. Margaret, 1541 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Margaret, 1664 in *IGI* (Barlaston, Staffs); Thomas Margrett, 1755 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

### Margretts

Variants: **Margrets**, **Margetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon; Surrey
- English: variant of **Margrett** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Margarets, 1565 in *IGI* (Middleton, Norfolk); Dorotie Margretts, 1612 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon); Elizabeth Margrettes, 1615 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Judeth Margarets, 1623 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Richard Margretts, 1627 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Lewis Margrets, 1651 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Margrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; Dorset

English: see **Margary**.

### Margrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Margrave**.

### Margry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Margary**.

### Marham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; also Middx

English: locative name from Marham (Norfolk) or Marholm (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Marham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sporle, Norfolk); Johannes Marham, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Aldwincle, Northants); Thomas Marham, 1567 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); William Marham, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robarte Marham, 1578 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); James Marham, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); Johannes Marham, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

### Maria

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

1 Huguenot: relationship name from the female personal name, Latin *Maria* (see **Marie**).

**Early bearers:** Anne Maria, 1677 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

2 Spanish, Italian, Portuguese: relationship name from the female personal name, Latin *Maria* (see **Marie**).

### Mariani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: (i) relationship name, patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Mariano*, from the Latin family name *Marianus* (a derivative of the ancient personal name *Marius*, of Etruscan origin). (ii) locative name; in some cases, a toponymic from *Mariano* (Bergamo; Mariano Comense in Como).

### Marians

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Marion** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Martha Marions, 1586 in *IGI* (Easton Royal, Wilts).

### Marie

Variants: **Mary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Surrey and Middx

1 Huguenot, Jersey: relationship name from the Old French female personal name *Marie*, see **Mary**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nathaniel Mary, 1605, Nathanael Marie, 1618 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Daniel Marie, 1716 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street (French Huguenot), Spitalfields, Middx).

Channel Islands: Jean Marie, 1646 in *IGI* (Grouville, Jersey).

2 English: see **Mary**.

### Maries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Lancs

English: see **Marris**.

### Marin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Marrin**.

### Mariner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285



- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Hants, and Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Marriner**.

### Marini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: plural or possessive of **Marino**.

### Marino

Variants: **Marini**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Marino*, from Latin *Marinus*.

### Marion

Variants: **Marrion, Maryon, Marrian, Maryan, Marrians, Malyon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Marion*, usually a diminutive pet form of **Mary**, but in medieval England sometimes also used for *Margery*. Compare **Marriott**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mariona Mariote (alias) Margeria Mariote (alias) Marioria Mariote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westmeston, Sussex); Mariona Lambert, vidua, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Mariona Fynch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex).

surnames: John Mariun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); William Marion, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); Richard Marioun, 1350 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Willelmus filius Marione, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); John Maryon', 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Cople, Beds); William Maryon', 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (London); John Marion, 1560 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Gyles Maryon, 1575 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomasin Marion, 1578 in *IGI* (Burgh next Aylsham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, pp. 20–21.

### Maris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cams
- English: see **Marris**.

### Marison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Marrison**.

### Marjeram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Marjoram**.

### Marjoram

Variants: **Marjeram, Marjorum, Marjoran, Margerum, Margerham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 437
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *majorane*, *mageram* 'marjoram', the plant *Origanum vulgare* (Old French *majorane*, Medieval Latin *majorana*).

**Early bearers:** Susan Margeram, 1570, George Margerum, 1603, Frauncis Margerom, 1606 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Margeram, 1604, Richarde Margerum, 1610, Thomas Margerom, 1614 in *IGI* (Chelsworth, Suffolk); Ricd Marjerum, 1634 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Henry Majoram, 1651 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Elizabeth Majoram, 1773 in *IGI* (Hoxne, Suffolk).

### Marjoran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Marjoram**.

### Marjoribanks

Variants: **Majoribanks, Marchbanks, Marchbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. E Lothian and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Marjoribanks (Dumfriess).

**Further information:** adopted by a branch of the **Johnston** family, tenants of the Bruce lords of the barony of Ratho (Midlothian) by Thomas Marjoribanks, *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*, legend developed that the name came from lands granted by Robert Bruce as a marriage portion to his daughter Marjorie on her marriage in 1316 to Walter, High Steward of Scotland, ancestor of the royal house of Stewart (Burke).

**Early bearers:** John Marjoribankis, 1533 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Marjoribankis, 1544 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Marjoribanks, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Marchbank, 1664 in *Black*; Christiane Marjoribankis, 1595, James Marjoribanks, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Joseph Marjorybanks, 1680 in *IGI* (Corstorphine, Midlothian); Margaret Marchibanks, 1815 in *IGI* (Carmichael, Lanarks).

**References:** *Black*, p. 583.

### Marjorum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Marjoram**.

### Mark

Variants: **Marke, Marks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2018, Ireland 266
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Northumb; also central Scotland; London and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Mark* (Latin *Marcus*), never a very common name in the Middle Ages. Compare **Marcus**. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Marc le draper, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Marcus Boteman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).

surnames, England: Rogerus filius Markes, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Robertus Marcus, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Philip Marc, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard Marke, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Johannes Mark, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Levan, Cornwall); Jenkin Mark, 1540 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); John Mark, 1540 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Brigitte Mark, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Isabel Mark, 1638 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Alice Mark, 1656 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Wm Mark, 1703 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

surnames, Scotland: James Mark, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspaith Mark, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Marck in Pas-de-Calais.

**Early bearers:** Adelolfus de Merc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Geoffrey de Merc, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 580–1.

3 English: locative name from Middle English *mark*, *merk* 'boundary or border' (Old English *mearc*).

Compare **March** and **Marker**.

**Further information:** Rotherfield (Sussex) adjoins the boundary with Kent.

**Early bearers:** Simon del Merc, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Matilda de la Merke, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Aylward, Alexander, and Gilbert atte Merke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Johannes atte Merke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Totham, Essex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 167.

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 麥, see **Mak** (1).

### Markal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Markwell**.

### Markall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- English: see **Markwell**.

### Markby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Markby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ernaldi de Markeby, about 1230–8 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Alan de Markebie, 13th cent. in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); John de Markeby, 1339 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William de Markeby, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Markeby, 1380 in *Hungerford Cartulary* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Markeby, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (London); William Markeby, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Markeby, 1471–2 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Little Carlton, Lincs); Jhon Marckebe, 1561, George Markbye, 1565, Grace Markbie, 1574 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); Richard Markeby, 1578 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Robert Markby, 1594 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Marke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

## Markee

English: see **Mark**.

**Early bearers:** John Marke, 1544 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Gereatt Marke, 1548 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

### Markee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Markey**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Markel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Markwell**.

### Markell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Markwell**.

### Marker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Carmarthens

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Marker* (probably from a Continental Germanic \**Marchari*). Apart from Symon filius Markere, any of the early bearers given below could alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Markerus de Torneberga, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames, England: Symon filius Markere, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Eborard Marker, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Adam Markere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johannes Marker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newnham, Northants); Johannes Marker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John Marker, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Walter Marker, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Marker, 1565 in *IGI* (Effingham, Surrey); Henrie Marker, 1604 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

surnames, Wales: Henry Marker, 1813 in *IGI* (Llanelly, Carmarthens).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English \**marker* ‘marker’, though the precise significance of the term is uncertain. It derives from Old English *mearcian* ‘to mark’, and may be a survival of Old English *mearcere* ‘notary, writer’. Reaney rejects Thuresson’s suggestion of ‘a marker of game or a stamper or brander’. Compare Johanne Cardemarker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics), though this may well be an error for *Cardemaker*.

**Early bearers:** William le Marker(e), 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Agnes le Marker(e), 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Reginald le Merkere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Marker, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Merkere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milford, Hants); Ricardus Merkere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxham with Salhouse, Norfolk); Rogerus Merker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markington, WR Yorks); John le Marker, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Ralphe Marker, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Thuresson*, pp. 77–8.

3 English: locative name in S England the name alternatively derives from Middle English \**marker*, \**merker*, \**mirker* ‘dweller by the boundary or border’ (compare **Mark**). This type of name, containing a topographical term + the suffix *-er*, is mainly found in Sussex and adjacent counties.

**Further information:** Johnne *de Mirkare* (error for *le Mirkare*) of Easebourne (Sussex), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*, is called *de la Merke* in 1296 and *atte Mirk* in 1332 (*Subsidy Rolls*). The boundary in question may have been that between W Sussex and a detached part of Hants, near Easebourne.

**Early bearers:** Stephno Mirker, 1327, Stepho Mirkar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Slindon, Sussex); Johannes Merker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Johanne Merkere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Mary Marker, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent); Mary Marker, 1640 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 167.

### Markes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Marks**.

### Market

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: locative name from Middle English *market* ‘market’ (late Old English from Anglo-Norman French *market*), presumably referring to a ‘dweller by the market-place’, though possibly also occupational. Compare Walter Marketman, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts), and John Marketstede, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Edith atte Markete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Walto ate Markett, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex); Johanne Marcat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Takeley, Essex); Johannes Market, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littleton with Kimpton, Hants); Henry Markett, 1411 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Katherin Market, 1561 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Mary Markett, 1562 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Jane Markett, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Malvern, Worcs).

### Markey

**Variants:** **Markie**, **Markee**, **Marky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1418, Ireland 1056
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham and Northumb; Lanarks; also Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Louth, and Meath

1 Irish: from Ó **Marcaigh** ‘descendant of *Marcach*’, a name meaning ‘horseman, knight’, from *marc* ‘horse’. Compare **Markham** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hugh Markey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgoon, Cavan); Judith Markey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath); James Markey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoynne, Monaghan); Mary Markey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunleer, Louth); Andrew Markey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Derry). England: Nicholas Markee, 1781 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: unexplained. Medieval and later bearers are found in SW England.

**Early bearers:** John Markey, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Ruardean, Gloucs); John Markey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Briavels hundred, Gloucs); Elizabeth Markey, 1670 in *IGI* (Pencoyd, Herefs); John Markey, 1682 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs); John Markey, 1686 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Somerset); Edward Markey, 1711 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); James Markey, 1717 in *IGI* (Taynton, Gloucs).

### Markham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4888, Ireland 268
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3472
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Lincs, WR Yorks, Suffolk, Bucks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 English: locative name from Markham Clinton or West Markham (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Marcham, Roger de Marcham, 1204 in *Pleas* (Notts); Richard de Markham, 1259 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Emma de Markham, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Markham, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John de Markham, 1395, Robert Markham, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Markham, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Markham, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó **Marcacháin** ‘descendant of *Marcachán*’, a diminutive of *Marcach* ‘horseman, rider’, see **Markey**. This was originally a Galway surname but is now found mainly in Clare, sometimes translated as **Ryder**.

**Early bearers:** John O’Marcahan, yeoman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4440 (Cahirkenlex, Clare); William O’Markaghaine, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4733 (Castelcowk, Limerick); John and Donell O’Markahane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6490 (Knocketanecaslane, Limerick).

### Markie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland; also Northants

Scottish, English: see **Markey**.

### Markiewicz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: patronymic from the personal name *Marek*, a vernacular form of Latin *Marcus* (see **Mark**).

### Markillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: a local (SE Lincs and N Cambs) development of **Markley**. Compare **Markwell**. **Early bearers:** Mariam Markelly, 1714, Jana Markillie, 1719, Susanna Markelley, 1759 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); James Markelly, 1718 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Samuel Markillee, 1747 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Markillie, 1765, Elizabeth Markiley, 1793 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

### Markin

**Variants:** **Markins**, **Marking**, **Marcon**, **Merrikin**, **Murkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Anglia; Lancs; Derbys

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Marykin*, a diminutive of **Mary**, as clearly shown by such forms as John Marykyn below, surviving also as *Merrikin*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Merkyn, 1357 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Markyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); William Marekyn, 1390, William Markyn, 1435, John Marykyn, 1458 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Edw. Marcon, 1557, Alis Markon, 1578, Thomas Marcen, 1608, Tabitha Marken, 1623 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Markon, 1564 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Elizabeth Mercon, 1579 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); Samuell Markin, 1604 in *IGI* (Ubbeston, Suffolk); Richard Murkin, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Anable Merkin, 1628 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs).

### Marking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Markin**.

### Markins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Markin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Abra Markins, 1755 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Elizabeth Markins, 1803 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent).

### Markland

**Variants:** **Martland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Markland in Pemberton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Marclan* in 1323.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Marclane, Benedict de Markelan, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Wigan, Lancs); Alex' de Marclan, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scarbrick, Lancs); Ricardus de Markeland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Orrell, Lancs); John de Markeland, 1394 in *Wigan Archives* (Wigan, Lancs); John Markland, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Marklan, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wigan, Lancs); Jane Markeland, 1590 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Robert Markeland, 1610, Margareta Marcland, 1617 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 104.

### Marklew

**Variants:** **Marklow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Markley**. For a parallel development compare **Martlew**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Marklue, 1672, Dennis Marklew, 1673 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Morgan Marklow, 1765, William Marklew, 1766 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Markley

**Variants:** **Markillie, Marklew, Markwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants, Hunts, and Cambs; Warwicks and Worcs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name from Markly in Heathfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Gerard' de Markelegh, 1296, Rico Markelegh, 1327, Rico de Marklegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mayfield, Sussex); Barburn Marklye, 1602 in *IGI* (Burbwash, Sussex); Judeth Markley, 1628 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); William Markly, 1694 in *IGI* (Playden, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 465.

2 English: locative name from Much Marcle and Little Marcle (Herefs), recorded as *Markelai* in the 13th century, *Markeleye* in 1317. Some of the example below may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Merkele, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); John de Markeleye, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); John de Markeleye, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Merkeley, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Markeley, 1394 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Markeley, 1426 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Elice Markley, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Margaret Markeley, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); William Markley, 1673, Anne Markeley, 1675 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Markly, 1821 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 141–2.

### Marklow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Marklew**.

### Markou

**Variants:** **Marcou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Markos*, from Latin *Marcus*. See **Mark**.

### Markovic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Serbian and Croatian, Slovenian: Serbian and Croatian (**Marković**), Slovenian (**Markovič**), patronymic from the personal name *Marko*, a vernacular form of Latin *Marcus* (see **Mark**).

### Marks

**Variants:** **Marx, Markes, Marcus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8762, Ireland 738
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6093
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall; also Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Armagh; Offaly; Cork

1 English: variant of **Mark** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Markes, 1288 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs); William Markes, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Markes, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Christopher Markes, 1469 in *Feet of Fines*

(Kent); Richard Markes, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx); John Marx, 1574 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Nicholas Markes, 1577 in *IGI* (Christon, Somerset); Joane Marx, 1633 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Marx**.

**Early bearers:** Abraham I Marks, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Jacob Marks, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Emanuel Marks, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Marksberry

- **GB frequency 1881:**

English: locative name from Masbrough (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Merkisburg* in 1202 and *Marksburgh* in 1347, or, less probably, from Marksbury (Somerset).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William de Merkesburgh, 1302 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Merkesburgh', 1377, Ricardus de Merkesburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 186–7.

### Markson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Mark** + the patronymic marker -son.

**Early bearers:** William Markeson, 1445 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Markson, 1609 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Markson, 1664 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Bridgett Markson, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Markus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Marques**.

### Markwell

**Variants:** **Markell, Markel, Markall, Markal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Suffolk) and Herts; also Northumb and Durham

1 English: a local development of **Markley**.

Compare **Markillie**.

**Early bearers:** Helen Markell, 1561 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Joane Markall, 1568 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); John Markwell, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Markwill, 1681, Mary Markell, 1772 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Mary Markwell, 1730 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Markwell (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Markwelle, 1302, Thomas de Markwell, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Markell, 1579 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Barbara Markell, 1593 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Jane Markel, 1708 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).

### Markwick

**Variants:** **Marquick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434

## Marky

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex  
English: locative name from Markwich Farm in Hascombe (Surrey) or Markwicks in Wadhurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Merkewyk, 1282 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); William de Merquik, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Henricus Markewyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bosham hundred, Sussex); Johannes Markwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Johannes Marwyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); John Markwyk, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Wonersh, Surrey); Alan Markwick, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Markwyke, Richard Markewyke, 1553 in *Court Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 243; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 387–8.

## Markey

• **GB frequency 1881:** 36  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
English: see **Markey**.

## Marl

• **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 23  
English: see **Marle**.

## Marland

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1196, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1042  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
English: locative name from Marland in Castleton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Merland* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Merland, 1242–3 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Aug' de Merlond, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests* (Salford, Lancs); Ann Marlande, 1583 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Henry Marlande, 1595, John Marland, 1597 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Ann Marland, 1645 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 55.

## Marlane

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
English: see **Marlin**.

## Marlar

• **GB frequency 1881:** 11  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex  
English: see **Marler**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Marlborough

**Variants:** **Marlbrough, Marbrow**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 118  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Durham  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare  
English: locative name from Marlborough (Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** Salomon de Marleberge, 1255 in *Patent Rolls* (Marlborough, Wilts); Thomas de Marleberge, 1315, William de Marleberge, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Robert de Marlebergh, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Alicia Marlebergh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Marlebourge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford,

Oxon); Gregory Marleburgh', 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John Marlborough, 1666 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Bryan Marlborow, 1686 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

## Marlbrough

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Herts  
English: see **Marlborough**.

## Marle

**Variants:** **Marl**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 53  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from Middle English *marle* 'marl' (Old French *marle*), i.e. clay mixed with calcium carbonate, often spread as a fertilizer on sandy soils. Compare **Marler**.

**Early bearers:** Henr' atte Marle, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Jacobo le Marle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southwick, Wilts); Adam Merle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Ricardo Marle, 1481 in *Poll Tax* (Salperton, Gloucs); Robert Marle, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Chilham, Kent); Thomas Marle, 1540 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Maud Marl, 1575 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Mary Marl, 1695 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 128–9.

## Marlee

• **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 11  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham  
English: see **Marley**.

## Marler

**Variants:** **Marlor, Marlar**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 349  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *marler*, either 'spreader of marl (as fertilizer)' or 'hewer or quarryer of marl'. See **Marle**. Some of the examples below may alternatively belong with (2).  
**Further information:** Compare William le Marlehewere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Merlere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas le Marlere, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Ric. Le Marler, 1288 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Nicho le Marlere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); William marlur, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Henr. le Marler, 1323 in *Fransson* (Lancs); Dionisia la Marlere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stisted, Essex); Willelmus Marlere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johannes Merler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Johannes le Marler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Joan Merler, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Anne Marlor, 1604 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 182.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *marlere* 'marl-pit' (Old French *marliere*).

**Early bearers:** Petro atte Marler', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mountfield, Sussex); Edward Marler, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Wm. Marler, 1559 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Johanne Marler, 1564 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); Henricus Marler, 1566 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thos Marler, 1567 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics).

3 English: in Norfolk, perhaps also a late variant of **Morley**.

**Early bearers:** John Marlar alias Morley, taylor, 1607–8 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

## Marles

• **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 268  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Marley** (2) with post-medieval excrescent -s. There may have been confusion with **Murless**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Marles, 1586 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Mary Marles, 1622 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Andrew Marles, 1630 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

## Marley

**Variants:** **Marlee, Marles**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3030, Ireland 609  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1736  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Devon  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Armagh and Louth

1 English: locative name from Marley Hill in Whickham (Durham), which is recorded as *Merleia* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Marley, 1285 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Ricardus Meriley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury forest, Northumb); Anne Marley, 1540 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Fraucis Marlie, 1563 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Thomas Marley, 1565 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Agnes Marlye, 1574 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 76.

2 English: locative name either from Mariansleigh (Devon), locally pronounced /ma:li/, which is recorded as *Marle* alias *Marynalegh* in 1465, or from Marley in Rattery (also Devon), recorded as *Merleghe* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Marinelegh, 1238 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Mariansleigh, Devon); Margery Merlegh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rattery, Devon); Agnes Marleighe, 1579, Tristrame Marley, 1591 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); John Marley, 1594 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 310, 382.

3 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from one of the many other places in England called *Marley* or similar, such as Marley in Bingley (WR Yorks), recorded as *Martheley, Marley* in the 13th century, Marley Farm in Battle (Sussex), recorded as *Merle* in 1347, Marley Farm in Brede (Sussex), recorded as *Merle* in 1417, Marley in Lenham (Kent), recorded as *Merlea* in 1086, Marley in Kingston (Kent), recorded as *Merile* in the 13th century, or Mearley in Clitheroe (Lancs), recorded as *Merlay* in 1241.

**Early bearers:** William de Merlai, about 1145–65 in *Hatton's Book of Seals*; Thomas de Mardele, 1208 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Egidia de Mereleg, 1225, Robert de Merleg', 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Lenham, Kent); Richard de Merlay, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William de Marleye, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Galfro de Merle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brede, Sussex); Thomas de Merile, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kinghamford hundred, Kent); Thomas de Marlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Alicia de Merlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Ossett, WR Yorks); Johanne Marley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Thomas Marley, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Symon Marley, 1560 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Roger Marley, 1564 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Wyllm Marley, 1565 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 164; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 498, 515; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 225, 558; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 78.

4 English: see **Marlow** for some evidence of confusion.

### Marlin

**Variants:** Marling, Mardlin, Marlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: variant of **Merlin**, with the Middle English development of *-er-* to *-ar-*.

### Marling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs
- English: see **Marlin**.

### Marlor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Marler**.

### Marlow

**Variants:** Marlowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4971, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, Warwick, and Staffs; Hants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim; Dublin

1 English: locative name from Marlow (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Edric Merlaue, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Wido de Merlaue, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Marlowe, 1237, John de Merlawe, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard de Merlawe, 1325–6 in *London Coroners Rolls*; Richard Marlawe, 1420–21 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Joan Marlowe, 1534 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Kent); Helen Marlow, 1564 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

2 English: there has evidently been some confusion with **Marley**. Note, for instance, Richard Merleye, 1488, and Alice Marlowe his wife, 1494 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 39 (Eastry, Kent). It has also been claimed that the surname of Elizabethan dramatist Christopher Marlowe sometimes occurs as *Marley* in certain documents.

### Marlowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Marlow**.

### Marlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Essex

English: perhaps a variant of **Malton**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Marlton, 1560 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Martha Marlton, 1566 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); John Marlton, 1655 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Thomas Marlton, 1733 in *IGI* (Gestingthorpe, Essex).

### Marment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Marmont**.

### Marmion

**Variants:** Marmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Louth, and Meath; Cork

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *marmion* ‘monkey, brat’.

**Early bearers:** Robart Marmion, 1103–15 in *Tengvik*; Roberto Marmion, 1175 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*; Philip Marmion, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey Marmion, 1216 in *Close Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Marmion, 1224 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); Hugh Marmion, 1281–9 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); John Marmyon, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Marmyon, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Johanne Marmion, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Waltero Marmion, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Thomas Marmyon, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Marmeon, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Wm Marmyon, 1524–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Leics).

2 Irish: perhaps an anglicization of an unidentified Irish name. Compare **Merriman**.

**Early bearers:** England: Ellen Marmion, 1822 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Thomas Marmion, 1824 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

### Marmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Marmion**.

2 English: variant of **Marriman** with loss of the medial syllable. Compare **Marmont**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Marmon, 1617 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Richard Marman, 1638 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs).

### Marmont

**Variants:** Marment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Marriman** with loss of the medial syllable (compare **Marmon**) and the addition of excremental final *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Marmente, 1575, Robert Marment, 1586 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Martha Marmant, 1666 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); John Marmont, 1672 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs).

### Marn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish, English: see **Marne**.

### Marne

**Variants:** Marn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Monmouths

1 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Mearns**, with loss of final *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Jannet Marn, 1623 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Christian Marn, 1714 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Marn, 1759 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

2 English: possibly a variant of **Morrin** (1), with unrounding of [o] to [a]. Some of the later bearers cited here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** Ellis Marne, 1587 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Jane Marne, 1588 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Francis Marne, 1604 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Sara Marne, 1630 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset); Philip Maren, 1655 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Mary Maren, 1712 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Rachel Marn, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richd. Marne, 1766 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); William Maren, 1769 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Mary Marn, 1856 in *IGI* (Astley, Lancs).

### Marnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

Irish: altered form of **Warnell**, associated with Kilkenny since the mid 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: [...] Marnell, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2027; Thomas Marnell, 1571–72 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2066; James Marnell, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §675 (Tipperary, Killinlegh, yeoman); James Marryenell, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Philipstowne, gent).

England: Elizabeth Marnell, 1848 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Marner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 60
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Marriner**.

### Marney

**Variants:** Marnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman: locative name from Marigny (Manche).

**Further information:** The place-name Layer Marney (Essex) derives its affix from the Marney family who held the manor between the 12th and 16th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mareigni, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William de Marenni, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William de Mariny, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William de Marny, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Marney, 1323 in *Cartulary of Adam Fraunceys* (Edmonton, Middx); Hugh de Mareny, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Marny, 1368

## Marnham

in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Thomas Marney, 1637 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 316–17.

### Marnham

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: locative name from High and Low Marnham (Notts).

Early bearers: Nicholas de Marnham, early 13th cent. in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); William de Marnham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Marneham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wigsley, Notts); Thoma de Marnam, Roberto Marnam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilton on the Hill, Leics); Roberto Marnham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sysonby, Leics); Willelmo Marnham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Barr, Staffs); Thomas Marnhame, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert de Marneham, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Marnham, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Walter Marnham, 1452–3 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Marnam, 1562, John Marneham, 1563 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

### Marnie

- Current frequencies: GB 124, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 150
- Main GB location 1881: Angus

1 Scottish: in Angus, a variant of **Marnoch**.

2 Norman: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Marney**.

### Marno

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 43
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

Scottish: see **Marnoch**.

### Marnoch

Variants: **Marnie**, **Marno**

- Current frequencies: GB 271, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 124
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Marnoch in Huntly (Aberdeens).

Early bearers: John Mernath, 1447, Robert Marnach, 1467, Alexander Marnagh, 1474, Gilbert Marnoch, 1498 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jonett Marno, 1605 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wm Marnoe, 1626 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); James Marnoch, 1669 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); John Marnoch, 1674 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Jean Marnoch, 1704 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); William Marnoh, 1706 in *Black* (Nigg, Kincardines).

References: *Black*, p. 583.

### Maroney

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 89
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham; London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry; Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Maolruanaidh, see **Moroney**.

### Marroof

Variants: **Mahroof**, **Marouf**

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic: from a personal name based on Arabic *ma'rif*, 'known, recognized' and thence 'beneficial'.

References: *Ahmed*.

### Marouf

- Current frequencies: GB 82, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic: see **Marroof**.

### Marper

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Derbys

English: local variant of **Marple** with assimilation of *r-l* to *r-r*.

Early bearers: George Marper, 1701, John Marple, 1770 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Alice Marper, 1736 in *IGI* (Old Brampton, Derbys); James Marper, 1761 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Elizabeth Marper, 1783 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts); Eliza Marper, 1812 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Marple

Variants: **Marble**, **Marper**, **Marples**, **Marpole**

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 132
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

English: locative name from Marple (Cheshire).

Early bearers: [ . . . de] Merpull, 1286 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; John de Marpell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes de Merpull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Willimus Marple, 1571 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Alicia Marple, 1780 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire).

### Marples

- Current frequencies: GB 1109, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 796
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Derbys

English: variant of **Marple** with excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: John de Marples, 1329, John Marples, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas de Marples, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Richard Marples, 1629 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Francis Marples, 1670 in *Place-Names of Derbys* 303 (Staveley, Derbys).

### Marpole

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Montgomerys and Radnors

Welsh: variant of **Marple**.

Early bearers: John Marpole, 1759 in *IGI* (Hyssington, Montgomerys).

### Marquand

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 132
- Main GB location 1881: Guernsey

French: see **Marchant**.

Early bearers: Colas Marquand, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew, Guernsey).

### Marques

Variants: **Marquis**, **Markus**

- Current frequencies: GB 1165, Ireland 22
- GB frequency 1881: 7

1 Portuguese: relationship name from the personal name *Marcos*, the Spanish and Portuguese form of **Mark**.

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Marquis**.

### Marquess

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 34
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Marquis**.

### Marquez

- Current frequencies: GB 279, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 3

Spanish: relationship name **Márquez**, patronymic from the personal name *Marcos*.

### Marquick

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23

English: see **Markwick**.

### Marquis

Variants: **Marquiss**, **Marques**, **Marquess**

- Current frequencies: GB 710, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 519

• Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs; Guernsey; Argyll; Durham

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin; Antrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *markis* 'marquis, marquess, nobleman' (Old French *marchis*). As the word is also found as a feminine personal name (e.g. *Marchisa*, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks)) a relationship name is possible, but the appearance of the definite article in several early examples of the surname points to a nickname origin. Compare also Nicholas Marchisman, 1377 in *Patent Rolls*, a surname which perhaps indicates employment by a marquis.

Early bearers: England: Ralph le Marchis, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Howel le Marchis, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thoma Le Marchys, 1298 in *MED*; William le Markeys, fitheler, 1324, Roger le Marchis, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Marchis, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Markys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dagworth, Suffolk); Richard Markys, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Ann Markis, 1632 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elizabeth Markis, 1634 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Wm Markiss, 1739 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); William Marquies, 1785 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs).

Scotland: George Marquis, 1601 in *IGI* (Argyll); Elspet Marquis, 1613 in *Black* (Inverness, Inverness); Robert Markis, 1624 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Fergus Marques, 1645 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Niell Marques, 1767 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Marques, 1775 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

Channel Islands: Marie Marquis, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew, Guernsey).

2 Portuguese: see **Marques** (1).

### Marquiss

- Current frequencies: GB 98, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Devon, Somerset, and Glamorgan; Durham

English: see **Marquis**.

**Marr**

Variants: **Marre, Marrs, Mar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3968, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Aberdeens) and N England (esp. Lancs)

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from the district of Mar (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** James de Mar, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas de Marre, brother of the earl of Marre of Scotland, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Helene Marr, 1603 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Marr, 1603 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: locative name from one or other of various places named from Old Scandinavian *marr* 'fen, marsh', such as Marr (WR Yorks), High and Low Marr in Wheldrake (ER Yorks), and The Marrs in Swine (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Mar, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph atte Mar, 1297, William del Marre, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes atte Marre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Neswick, ER Yorks); Agn' de Marre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Willelmus at Marre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); John Marre, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Westhall, Suffolk); John de Marre, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Margaret Marre, 1557 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Marre, 1570 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Andrew Marre, 1580 in *IGI* (York).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 74; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 51, 271.

**Marra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Marrow**.

**Marrable**

Variants: **Marable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mirabel* (Latin *mirabilis* 'marvellous, wondrous').

**Early bearers:** given names: Mirabilis, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); Mirable Smyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Mirabilla, daughter of John Aspale, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Maribilla, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kent).

surnames: Roger Mirabell', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Marabile, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Robert Mirable, 1294, Robert Merable, 1327 in *Kökeritz, IoW* 253–4 (IoW); John Mirable, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Bacton, Suffolk); Thoma Marable, Johanna Marabull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Joane Marable, 1575 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Nicholas Marrable, 1587 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); Mary Marable, 1640 in *IGI* (London); James Marable, 1667 in *IGI* (Mashbury, Essex).

2 French: locative name from one of numerous places in France called Mirabeau, Mirabel, Mirambeau, Mirebeau, Mirebel, or Miribel.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Mirabel, 1229 in *Charter Rolls*; Robert de Mirabel, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Poncius de Myrabel, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Marre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Marr**.

**Marren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English, Irish: see **Marron**.

**Marrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Marritt**.

**Marriage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from a lost place called *Marhach*, probably in or near Aythorpe Roding (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Matilda Marhach, 1366 in *Poos, Black Death* (High Easter, Essex); Willelmus Marach', 1377, Ricardus Marach', Willelmus Marache, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); Johannes Marach', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (White Roding, Essex); William Marhach', Marach, Marrach, 1377, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Marach', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Roding, Essex); Stephen Marhach, 1399 in *Essex Record Office* (Great Leighs, Essex); John Marache, 1408 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Canterbury, Kent); Willm Marage, 1548 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Agnes Marriage, 1601 in *IGI* (Tottenham, Middx); Samuel Marredge, 1626 in *Bardsley* (Middx); Stephen Marridge, 1709 in *Bardsley* (London).

**References:** *Poos, Black Death*, p. 77.

**Marrian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks WR

English: see **Marion**.

**Marriman**

Variants: **Marmon, Marmont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: occupational name, status name 'servant of Mary', from the female personal name *Mary* (see **Marie**) + Middle English *man* in the sense 'servant'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Mariman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas Maryman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Adam Mariman, Nicholas Maryman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Maryman, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Robert Marimon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Maryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Ricardus Maryman, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winchcombe); John Mariman, 1549 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Mariman, 1612 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

2 English: there has probably been some confusion with **Merriman**.

**Marrin**

Variants: **Marin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

1 English: relationship name from either the Middle English male personal name *Marin* (Latin *marinus* 'of the sea') or its female equivalent *Marina*. Neither name was particularly common in England. There were several saints named *Marinus* and one *Marina*. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Marinus clericus, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Marinus de Thornton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

given names (female): Marina, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Marina, 1302 in *Feudal Aids* (Bucks); Marona, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Marona Keep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingworth, Norfolk); Marina, wife of John Kyttove, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Marina, wife of Nicholas Gryffen', 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics). surnames: Walter Maryne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh Maryn, 1352 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Maryn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weybourne, Norfolk); Roberto Maryn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Laurentius Marin', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stambourne, Essex); Thomas Maryn', 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Modbury, Devon); Anges Marrin, 1552 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Jn. Marrin, 1609 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Elizabeth Marrin, 1794 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: locative name from the canton of Marines (Val-d'Oise, formerly Seine-et-Oise) in France.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Maryne, 1313, Thomas de la Maryne, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas de Maryns, 1334 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Robert de Maryn, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Marin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilney, Norfolk).

3 Irish: perhaps sometimes confused with **Marron**.

**Marrinan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from *Ó Maranáin* 'descendant of *Maranán*', a dissimilated form of *Manannán*, see **Murnane**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Marnayne (alias Mananayne), 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §111 (Tipperary, Casshell, chaplain); Loghlyn O'Marynanye, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2727 (horseman); Donill O'Marniane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152; Conoghór O'Marynayn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743 (Cahirkenlis, husbandman); Cnogher O'Marrinan, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467.

2 Irish: see **Murnane**.

**Marriner**

Variants: **Mariner, Marner, Merner, Merriner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Berks; Durham, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *mariner* 'sailor, seaman, boatman' (Anglo-Norman French *mariner*, Old French *marinier*, *marnier*, *merinier*).



## Marrington

**Early bearers:** Hugo le marinier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Ace Meriner, 1211–23 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Ivo le Mariner, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Bucks); Ric. le Maryner, 1296, Peter le Marner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Maur. le Mariner, 1319 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Walt. le Marnir, 1327, Rob. le Marner, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus Mariner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Alicia Maryner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Sarra Marner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Oxon); Johannes Mariner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); William Maryner, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Marrayner, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southwick, Hants); Nicholas Marriner, 1704 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).  
**References:** *Thuesson*, p. 85.

### Marrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Durham; Hunts
- English: see **Merrington**.

### Marrion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; WR Yorks; Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Marion**.

### Marriot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 501
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Leics, Derbys, and Lancs
- English: see **Marriott**.

### Marriott

**Variants:** **Marriot**, **Maryott**, **Marryat**, **Marryatt**, **Marritt**, **Meritt**, **Merrett**, **Merrit**, **Merritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10480, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6600
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Northants, WR Yorks, and Leics

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mariot*. In medieval France it was a diminutive pet form of **Mary**, and so too in medieval England where, however, it was also used as a pet form of *Margery*. Compare **Marion**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Mariota Hoppesort, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Mariota, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics), 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Mariota wife of William son of Gilbert (of Shelford), 1250, identical with Mary wife of William of Shelford, 1252 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Notts); Mariota Haubel (alias) Marg' Haubel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nailstone, Leics). surnames: William Mariot, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Hervicus Mariot, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Will'o fil' Mariote, 1327, Will' Mariot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ragnall, Notts); Iohannes Maryot, 1349 in *Luffield Charters* (Silverstone, Northants); Robert Mariot, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Philip Mariot, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Adam Mariot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beds); Ricardi Marriott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Iohannes Maryot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Iohannis Maryot, 1385 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Richard

Mariett', 1469, Richard Maryot, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Edward Marrayott, 1579 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Lucy Marrot, 1592 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys).  
**References:** *Redmonds*, *Christian Names*, p. 21.  
2 English: possibly in some cases a variant of **Merriott**.

### Marris

**Variants:** **Maris**, **Mares**, **Maries**, **Merris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

Norman, English: locative name from Le Marais-la-Chapelle (Calvados), Marais-Vernier (Eure), or various other minor places in northern France named with Old French *marais*, Norman-Picard *marese* 'marsh'. The Norman name was sometimes Latinized in the Middle Ages as *de Marisco*.  
**Early bearers:** Clarenbodo de Maresc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Richard de Maris, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); William de Mares, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Aldwin des Mareis, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry Mareys, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walter del Mareys, Richard de Marise, 1275, Johanne Mareyse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Marrays, 1377 in *Bishop of Lincoln's Writs* (Lincs); Rice Maris, 1551 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Allaxandar Marys, 1570 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Christofer Maries, 1568 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs); Ann Marris, 1607 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Maries, 1624 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

### Marrison

**Variants:** **Maryson**, **Marison**, **Merrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Derbys, and Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Mary** + *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Marie, 1292 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, identical with William Marysone, 1298 in *London Court Rolls* (London); John Maryson', 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Hagnaby, Lincs); Anna Marrayson, 1567 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Edward Maryson, 1594 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); Thomas Maryson, 1599 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Emanuel Marrison, 1678 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps sometimes a reduced form of 'son of *Marion*'. Compare **Marion**.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Marionson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Willelmo Marionson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics).  
3 English: relationship name, perhaps sometimes a reduced form of 'son of *Mariot*'. Compare **Marriott**.  
**Early bearers:** John Mariotson, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Waltero Marriotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm).

### Marrit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; York
- English: see **Marritt**.

### Marritt

**Variants:** **Marrit**, **Marett**, **Marrett**, **Meritt**, **Merrett**, **Merrit**, **Merritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: in most cases probably a variant of **Marriott** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Alezander Marritt, 1566 in *IGI* (Chedburgh, Suffolk); Agnes Marritt, 1596 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Katherine Marryt, 1613 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Elizabeth Marritt, 1733 in *IGI* (Easington near Patrington, ER Yorks); John Marratt, 1759 in *IGI* (Marfleet, ER Yorks).  
2 English: variant of **Merriott** (2).  
3 English: relationship name; alternatively in some instances it may be a relationship name from Middle English *Marret* or *Merret*, a syncopated form of *Margaret/Mergeret*. Compare *Seynt Marets* alias *Seynt Margarets*, referring to the church at Edingley, Notts, 1497 in *Notts Coroners' Inquests*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Merret alias Margaret daughter of Cadwgan, 1340, Marret daughter of Cadwgan, 1342 in *Dyffryn Clwyd Court Rolls*.

### Marron

**Variants:** **Marren**, **Maren**, **Merron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 886, Ireland 793
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish (Monaghan): Ó Mearáin 'descendant of *Mearán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *mear* 'lively'. Compare **Merry**.  
**Further information:** There may also have been some confusion with **Marrin**.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donell grana O'Meran, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5799 (Boreshowle, Mayo); John fitz Donill and Donogh O'Mearan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6707 (Tipperary); Joseph Marran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Roche, Louth); John Marrane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo); Connor Marren, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskeen, Cavan); James Marrin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oristown, Meath); Catherine Marron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracluone, Monaghan); Judith Marron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheross, Monaghan); John Merron, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal).  
England: Margreat Marron, 1610 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

### Marrow

**Variants:** **Marra**, **Merrow**, **Marrows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 466
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Durham; ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone; Down
- English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *marwe*, *marowe* 'companion, mate'.  
**Early bearers:** England: John Marwe, about 1208 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Geoffrey le Marewe, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Osbert le Margh, 1290 in *Close Rolls* (Cornwall); John le Marwe, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); Henry Marwe, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Marowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arnthorpe, WR Yorks); Edmundus Marwe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Walter Marowe, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); William



Marwe, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Marowe, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Poplar, Middx); John Marow, 1572 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Edmund Marra, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs); Willm Marowe, 1589 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); Roger Marrowe, 1610 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs). Scotland: Margaret Marrow, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Marrow, 1685 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings); Agnes Marrow, 1739 in *IGI* (Torphichen, W Lothian).

### Marrows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Marrow** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Marrowes, 1599 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs); Thomas Marrows, 1684 in *IGI* (Kirkby cum Osgodby, Lincs).

### Marrs

Variants: **Mars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: variant of **Marr** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Marrs, 1635 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).

### Marry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- 1 Irish: from Ó Mearadhaigh, see **Merry**.

**Early bearers:** John Maragh, idleman, 1571–72 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2067 (Caliagh Magriffin).

2 English: see **Mary**.

### Marryat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: variant of **Merriott** or **Marriott**.

### Marryatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Merriott** or **Marriott**.

### Mars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Scottish, English: see **Marrs**.

### Marsay

Variants: **Marsey**, **Marcey**, **Marcy**, **Mercy**, **Massey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

Norman, English: locative name from Marcy (Manche).

**Further information:** Ralph de Marcei's name survives as an affix in the place-name Stondon Massey (Essex),

developing thus: de Marcy in 1238, Masse in 1542, Massie in 1642.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Marci, de Marcei, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); William de Marsei, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Serle de Marci, about 1182 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (Essex); Johannes Marseye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Marsy, 1576, William Mersye, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); George Marsay, 1789 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 81.

### Marschall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Marshall**.

### Marsden

Variants: **Marsdon**, **Masden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13844, Ireland 251
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derby
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim; Cork; Longford

English: locative name either from Marsden (Lancs), which is recorded as *Merkesden* in 1195 and *Merkesleden* in 1246, or from Marsden (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Marchesden* in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Marchesden, Peter de Merclkesdene, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Marchesden, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby Bridge, WR Yorks); Warin de Marcheden, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Richard de Merclesden, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Blackburn hundred, Lancs); John de Merclesdene, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Johanna de Merssden, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Yorks); Peter Marsden, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); Robert Marsheden, 1530, Elizabeth Marsdene, 1548, Elizabeth Marshden, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Margaret Marsden, 1560 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Jenet Marsden, 1585 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); William Marsden, 1588 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Helena Marsden, 1597 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys).

### Marsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Marsden**.

### Marsella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: relationship name variant of **Marsella**, a feminine pet form of **Marzo**.

### Marsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks
- English: see **Marsay**.

### Marsh

Variants: **Mersh**, **Mash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30106, Ireland 435
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21225
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered  
English: locative name from Middle English *mersch* 'marsh' (Old English *mersc*), or from one of many places so named, such as Marsh Hall in Thurstonland (WR Yorks), Marsh Gibbon (Bucks), and Marsh alias Marche Hall in Westbury (Shrops). Compare **Musk**.

**Early bearers:** Godard de la Merse, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Henry del Merse, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Attemersche, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Macok del Merse, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); William atte Mersche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Marsch', 1350 in *Craeke Abbey Cartulary* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); William atte Merssh', 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Robertus Mersch', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Snargate, Kent); Henricus atte Mersch', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Staffs); Thomas de Marsche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canon, Herefs); Willelmus del Marsche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Edus del Mersch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Mersch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Bradstock, Dorset); John atte Mershe, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Leytonstone, Essex); Stephen Marsh, 1474 in *Kent Wills* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 252; *WR Yorks Surnames*, pp. 56–7; *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 54; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 197; 2, p. 61.

### Marshal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 629
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Wexford
- English: see **Marshall**.

### Marshall

Variants: **Marshal**, **Marschall**, **Marchall**, **Marshell**, **Marskell**, **Machell**, **Mascoll**, **Mascall**, **Maskall**, **Maskill**, **Maskell**, **Mursell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67704, Ireland 2373
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49762
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England (esp. N England) and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Tyrone

English: occupational name from Middle English *mareshal*, *mare(s)chal* (Old French *maresc(h)al*, *marescald*), commonly 'one who tends horses (especially one who treats their diseases); a shoeing smith, a farrier', but the earliest examples mostly denote 'officer in charge of a noble household'. **Further information:** this name has been established in Ireland since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Goisfridus Marescal, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Hugo Maskercal, 1087–97 in *Robinson*, *Gilbert Crispin* (Middx); William Marescald, 1100–30 in *Tengvik*; Roger Mascherell, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Rainald le mareshall, about 1140 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Maskerel, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Henry le Marscal, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Marschal, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Mareschal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Johannes Marschale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Edwardus Maschal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Fransham, Norfolk); Thomas Marchall', 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Witney, Oxon);

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Thomas Mascall, 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Marchall, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Nicholas Marshall, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alise Marshall, 1539 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Robertus Marshall, 1539 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Thomas Marshall, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Henry Maskell, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence, Snaith, WR Yorks). Ireland: William mcGerratt duf Mariskall, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3547 (Clohinviller); Shane Marchall, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4523 (son of below); William ny Bollye Fitz Gerot Marchall, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4523 (Limerick, Ra Jurdane); Ulig Mariscall, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Limerick, Rochiordane); James Mariscal, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5947 (Rathjordan).

### Marshallsay

Variants: **Marshalsay**, **Marshalsea**, **Marshallsea**, **Marshalsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Marshalsea in Marshwood (Dorset), which is recorded as *Maskylsay* in 1441, *Marshallshay* in 1637.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mareschalesheighes, 1344 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); Walterus Maskelsay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bettiscombe, Dorset); [...] Maskeleshay, 1521, [...] Maskaleshay, 1530 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); James Marshalsey, 1707, John Marshallsay, 1732 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset); Joan Marshalsea, 1734 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Mary Marshalsay, 1740 in *IGI* (Chickerell, Dorset).

References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 403.

### Marshallsea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Marshallsay**.

### Marshalsay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Marshallsay**.

### Marshalsea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Marshallsay**.

### Marshalsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Marshallsay**.

### Marsham

Variants: **Marshom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Marsham (Norfolk). **Further information:** Instances of this surname in Kent appear to be unrelated to the Kent place-name Mersham. A family of the name *Marsham* who have

held the titles Marsham Baronet (of Cuxton in Kent), Baron Romney (named from Romney in Kent), and Earl of Romney, can be traced back to John *Marsham* of Stratton Strawless in Norfolk, who died in 1515.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Marsham, 1317–18 in *Norwich Freeman* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John de Marsham, 1336 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Alicia de Marsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paston, Norfolk); Edward Marsham, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Marsham, 1551 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Samuel Marsham, 1704 in *IGI* (Fristed, Kent).

### Marshall

Variants: **Mascall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Marshall**.

### Marshfield

• **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 139

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name from Marshfield (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Maresfeld* in 1221, *Mersefeld* in 1236. Possibly also from Marshfield alias Maerun (Monmouths) or Marshfield in Woolstanwood (Cheshire), though no evidence that these place-names gave rise to surnames has been noted.

**Early bearers:** Aluredo de Meresfelde, before 1234 in *Hospital of Saint Mark Bristol Cartulary* (Gloucs); Alfred de Mersefeld, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Marshfield, Gloucs); John de Marsfeld, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Marsfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Marsfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Maresfeld, Thomas de Meresfeld, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon and Wilts); Widow Marshfeild, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).  
References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 59–60; *DPN Wales*, p. 313; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 45.

### Marshman

Variants: **Mashman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *merschman* 'dweller at the marsh'. Compare William le Mersher, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). In Kent we find within the same hundred both Recherus ate Mersshe and Johannes Mersman, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Axtun hundred).

**Early bearers:** Edmund le Mersman, 1233 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); John Mersman, 1301 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 9 (Kent); Willelmo Mersshman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); Johannes Merschman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Robertus Mersman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christchurch hundred, Hants); John Merschman, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Shipley, Sussex); William Mersheman, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Amy Marshman, 1561 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Richard Marshman, 1576 in *IGI* (Monkton Combe, Somerset).

### Marshom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Marsham**.

### Marskell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Marshall**.

### Marsland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1674, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1742
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Marshlands in Saddleworth (WR Yorks)

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Mescheland' [*sic*], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyke by Bradford, WR Yorks); Ricardus Mersland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); John Marsland, 1565 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Jane Marsland, 1574, Ellyn Marseland, 1590 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Robert Marsland, 1576 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Roberte Mershelande, 1583 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Ales Marsland, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Maria Marsland, 1614 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 315.

### Marsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Middx

English: see **Marson**.

### Marson

Variants: **Marsom**, **Merson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1888, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands (esp. Staffs, Derbys, Notts, and Leics) and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Marston**, a common place-name which was often spelled and pronounced *Marson*. Later, the surname acquired an intrusive *t*, restoring it to its earlier form. At Olney (Bucks), Thomas and Elizabeth Marson (1796–8) appear as Marston in 1801 and 1804, whilst their daughter Sophia (d. 1806) is called Marson. At Church Leigh (Staffs), William, son of James Marston (b. 1685), was baptized as Marston in 1721, but is called Marson on his tombstone (1787), whilst his son was baptized and married as Marston but buried as Marson which has since been the family name.

**Early bearers:** Eliz Marson, 1571 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Robert Marson, 1596 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Marsters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Masters**; compare William Marster, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Chilton, Wilts).

**Further information:** *Marsters* is the predominant surname on Palmerston Island, Cook Islands, South Pacific, deriving from a settler and owner reputedly born in Leics.

**Early bearers:** Frances Marsters, 1704 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); Sarah Marsters, 1757 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Marsterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Masterson**.

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**Variants:** Marson, Maston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3849, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2758
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks, Staffs, Leics, and Shrops; WR Yorks

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Marston or Merston, such as Marston (Staffs), a lost Marston in Diddlebury (Shrops), Marston (Cheshire), Marston on Dove and Marston Montgomery (both Derbys), Long Marston (Gloucs), Marston (Oxon), Marston Saint Lawrence and Marston Trussell (both Northants), Marston Moretaine (Beds), Marston (Worcs), Merston (Sussex), Merston in Shorne (Kent), and Merstone (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Merstona, 1170 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William de Merstun, 1231 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John de Merston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tamworth, Warwicks); Sylvester de Marston, 1349–51 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Marston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Herefs); [ . . . ] Mersshton, 1413 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Ric'us Marston, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wistanstow, Shrops); John Marsten alias Mason, 1565 in *Norwich Depositions* (Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 199.

**Mart**

**Variants:** Marte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *mart*, *mert* 'marten, polecat' (Old English *meard*).

**Early bearers:** Aluuard Mert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); William Marte, 1243–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Lemart, Lemert, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); William Mart, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginaldus Mart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); Johne Marte, 1552 in *IGI* (Bushley, Worcs); Elezabet Mart, 1567 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Mart, 1603 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Henricus Mart, 1674 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

**Martain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: variant of **Martin**.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Marteyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Langton, Leics); Edward Martain, 1600 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

**Marte**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Mart**.

**Martel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- Guernsey: see **Martell**.

**Martell**

**Variants:** Martel, Mortell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Martel*, a hypocoristic of *Martin*. Compare Martin Martel, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). (ii) nickname from Old French *martel* 'hammer' (recorded in late Middle English). The reference may be to the *martel de fer*, the iron hammer or mace of medieval warfare, as had been the case with Charles, son of Pépin d'Héristal, 'qui martela les Sarrasins' at the battle of Poitiers in 732 and received the name of Charles Martel (Moisy).

**Early bearers:** given names: Martellus 1163–6, about 1187 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Martel Saladin, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames, England: Goisfridus Martel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); William Martel, 1148 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Martel, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Johannes Martil, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kilby, Leics); Ricardus Martel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Thomas Martell, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Martell, 1658 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); Elizabeth Mortell, 1788 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Andw. Plyer Mortell, 1817 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

surnames, Ireland: Eudo Martel, 1215 in *CDI* §553; Maurice Martel, 1287 in *CDI* §330 (Tipperary); Philip Martell, merchant, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1085 (Cork); Katherine Martell, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714 (Meath); Philip Mortell, yeoman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4480 (Cork); Patrick Martell, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5456 (Kensall, Cork).

**Marten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 897
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs
- English: see **Martin**.

**Martens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English, Dutch: see **Martins**. It may also be from the Dutch cognate surname *Maartens*.

**Marter**

**Variants:** Martyr, Marder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *martre*, *marter* 'marten, polecat' (Old French *martre*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Lamartre, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Walter martre, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Peter le Martre, 1256 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William le Marter, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Martyr, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Southampton, Hants); William Marter, 1543 in *Feet of Fines* (Guildford, Surrey); John Marter, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Guildford, Surrey); Richarde Martyr, 1579, Margaret Marter, 1583 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Elizth Marter, 1795 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Marti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Catalan: relationship name from the personal name *Marti* (see **Martin**).

2 Hungarian: relationship name from *Marti*, a pet form of the personal name *Márton*, Hungarian form of **Martin**.

**Martin**

**Variants:** Martins, Martyn, Martyns, Marten, Martens, Martain, Matin, Martinet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109869, Ireland 14106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73034
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Martin*, Medieval Latin *Martinus*.

**Further information:** *Martinus* and its derivatives were popular as given names in much of W Europe during the Middle Ages, due largely to the cult of Saint Martin of Tours (316–397). This yielded an early surname in France, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Italy, England, Ireland, and elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** given names: Martinus, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Martinus, about 1166 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Martinus Scray, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cornwall).

surnames: Walter Martin, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Cams); Helewis Martin, 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Isabella Martyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bletsoe, Beds); Johannes Martine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Elinor Martin, 1539 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Helin Martin, 1539 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert Martin, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Martin, 1540 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John Martin, 1540 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); John Martin, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); John Martin, 1559 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

2 Irish: from Ó **Martain**, 'descendant of Martin'.

Otherwise, a shortened form of **Gilmartin** or

**McMartin**; sometimes also spelled *Martyn*.

**Early bearers:** Gilla Arnain h-Ua Martain, 1217 in *AU*; Henry Marten, husbandman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1030 (Kilkenny); Dominick Marten, merchant, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1294 (Galway); Donogh O'Martin, glover, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Teige O'Marten, horseman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3720 (Creagh, Roscommon); William Martene, sheriff of Galway, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4045; Wm. Martin, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5727 (Galway); Dominick Martin, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6090 (Galloway); Shane O'Martin, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Newton).

3 English: variant of **Marton**.

**Martindale**

**Variants:** Martindill, Martindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2615, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1686
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and Westm

English: locative name from Martindale (Westm).

**Early bearers:** William de Martindale, 1303, John Martyndale, 1397, John Martindale son of Thomas de Martindale, 1411 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Martyndale,

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1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Bermondsey, Surrey); John Martyndale, 1476, Nicholas Martyldall, 1530 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Robert Martyndale, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Martindaill, 1599 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm); Roberte Martindale, Thomas Markindale, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Martindell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Martindale**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### Martindill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Martindale**.

### Martineau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

Huguenot: locative name from any of several places in France called Martineau, most probably the one in Saintonge, just north of Bordeaux.

**Further information:** According to Reaney, Gaston Martineau of Bergerac in Périgord was naturalized as English in 1668 and later moved from London to Norwich. Reaney mentions two medieval early bearers (Martin de Martinaus, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls*, Lincs, and Ralph de Martinell, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls*, Leics). They are almost certainly unconnected with the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Martineau, 1684 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Martinelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

Italian: from a pet form of the personal name *Martino*, Italian form of **Martin**.

### Martinet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name probably from a diminutive of the Old French and Middle English personal name **Martin**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Martynet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk).

### Martinez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2374, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

Spanish: relationship name Spanish **Martínez**, from the personal name **Martin**.

### Martini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

1 German: relationship name; German humanistic name, from the genitive singular or genitive plural form of Latin *Martinus*, see **Martin**.

**Further information:** Latin *Martini* is also quite often found as a form of the English surname *Martin* in early registers written in Latin.

**Early bearers:** Bertha *Martini*, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

2 Italian: relationship name from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Martino*, Italian equivalent of **Martin**.

**Early bearers:** Dominico Martini, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London, Middx).

### Martino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Italian: relationship name from the Italian personal name *Martino*, Italian equivalent of **Martin**.

### Martins

**Variants:** **Martens**, **Martyns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2788, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Norfolk; also Cornwall

English: variant of **Martin** with post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edmunds Martins, 1621 in *IGI* (Caistor Saint Edmund, Norfolk).

### Martinscroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Martinscroft (Lincs), though perhaps earlier from a lost Martinscroft in Sussex, given the location of the early bearer.

**Early bearers:** Emma Martynescroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Richard Martinscroft, 1608 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs); Mary Martinscroft, 1614 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); John Martinscroft, 1636 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); Peter Martinscroft, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Jas Martinscroft, 1786 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

### Martinson

**Variants:** **Martison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks; Northumb

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Martin** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Johanne Martynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Ricardus Martynson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Johannes Martynson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Gilbert Martynson', 1384 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby, Lincs); John Martynson', 1393 in *Poll Tax* (Sutterton, Lincs); George Martison, 1685 in *IGI* (Bellingham, Northumb); Margaret Martinson, 1719 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb).

Scotland: John Martynson, 1463 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Martison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: variant of **Martinson** with loss of *-n*.

### Martland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Markland**, with alteration of *-k-* to *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Martland, 1594 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lincs).

### Martlew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Martley**. Compare **Marklew**.

**Early bearers:** John Martlew, 1606 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Henry Martlew, 1654 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); Elizabeth Martlew, 1667 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs); Elizabeth Martlue, 1606 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lincs).

### Martley

**Variants:** **Martlew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Waterford and Tipperary

English: locative name probably from Martley (Worcs), despite the modern distribution, which favours Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Martleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Martelay, 1283 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Martleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Marteleye, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . ] Marteleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Samuel Martley, 1699 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs).

### Marton

**Variants:** **Martin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 550
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from one or other of the many places called Marton, such as Marton cum Grafton and Marton in Craven (both WR Yorks), Marton in Swine and Marton in Sewerby (both ER Yorks), Marton near Pickering, Marton cum Moxby, Marton le Forest, Marton le Moor, and Marton in Cleveland (all NR Yorks), Marton near Blackpool and Martin Hall in Burscough (both Lincs), Marton near Over and Marton near Prestbury (both Cheshire), and Marton (Lincs). As can be seen from the examples below, several of these clearly gave rise to surnames in the medieval period. There has inevitably been some confusion with **Merton**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Marton, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ernald de Marton, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Marton in Sewerby, ER Yorks); Will's de Marton', 1366 in *Ormskirk Stipend* (Lathom, Lincs); Ricardus de Marton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Riby, Lincs); Symon de Marton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton in Craven, WR Yorks); Johanna de Marton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Marton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipnall, Shrops); Henoc' de Marton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkham Abbey, ER Yorks); Robert Marton', 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Titchmarsh, Northants); Simon de Marton', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Burton Pidsea, ER Yorks); Robert de Marton', 1401

in *Feet of Fines* (Marton in Sewerby, ER Yorks); John de Marton', 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); John Marton', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Robert Marton', 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Shepshed, Leics).

### Martyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1476, Ireland 465
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: see **Martin**.

### Martyns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Martins**.

### Martyr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks
- English: see **Marter**.

### Maru

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Jain, unexplained. It is found in the Kutch and Saurashtra regions of Gujarat.

### Marum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- Irish: Irish name of unknown origin. It is the surname of a distinguished family recorded in Kilkenny since the 1690s.

### Marval

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Marvell**.

### Marvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Cheshire; Herts
- English: see **Marvell**.

### Marvell

**Variants:** Marvel, Marval, Marvill, Marville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics

1 English: nickname from Old French *merveille* 'marvel'. Compare William le Merveillus, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), Nicholas le Merveleus, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*, i.e. 'the wonderful'.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Merveyle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Henricus Merveyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willey, Warwicks); Willelmus Merveyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Roger Marvell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jone Marveyle, 1614 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent).

2 Norman: locative name from one or other of the places in France called Merville (Nord, Somme).

**Early bearers:** Ranulph de Mereville, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Merville, 1397 in *Patent Rolls*; An Marvell, 1632 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

3 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Merrifield**, with loss of the medial syllable and of final *-d*, and voicing of *-f-* to *-v-*. Compare **Marfell**.

**Further information:** Marvell Farm in Carisbrooke (IoW) derives from a family of *Merrifield* (*de Meriefeld* in 1255, *Marfeildes* in 1558, *Marvell* in 1608).

**References:** *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 102.

### Marven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Marvin**.

### Marvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Marvell**.

### Marville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Marvell**.

### Marvin

**Variants:** Marven, Mervyn, Mervin, Mirfin, Murfin, Morfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 555
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: relationship name from a Middle English reflex of the Old English personal name *Merefinn* (from Old Scandinavian \**Møra-Finnr*; for the structure compare Faroese *Møra-Karl*).

**Early bearers:** Roger Mervyn, 1300 *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Mervyn, 1395 *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Mervyn, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Mervyne, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Robert Morfyn, 1532 in *PROB 11* (London); Ellin Marvin, 1560 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Henry Mervin, 1563 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Henry Murfin, 1573 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Anne Marvyn, 1584 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Rychard Marvin, 1592 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); George Mirfin, 1599 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks).

### Marwaha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Hindu, unexplained.

### Marway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Marwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Marwick in Birsay (Orkney), recorded as *Marwik* in 1500.

**Early bearers:** James Marwick, 1657 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Magnus Marwick, 1658, Jonet Marwick, 1659 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).

**References:** *Orkney Farm-Names*, pp. 136–7.

### Marwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 755
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Durham, and Lincs; also Devon

1 English: locative name from Marwood (Durham).  
**Early bearers:** William Marwod, 1312, William de Marrewood, 1365 in *York Freeman's Register*; William de Marrewoode, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo de Marwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Elizabeth Marwhode, 1539 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Janeta Marwoode, 1550 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Francisca Marwood, 1599 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); Roger Marwood, 1600 in *IGI* (Boldon, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Marwood (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Merwode, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (West Worlington, Devon); Henry Merwode, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnstaple, Devon); Henry Merwode, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Merwode, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Oakford, Devon); William Marwood, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Walter Marwode, 1566 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Robert Marwoode, 1571 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

3 Norman: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *mal regard* 'evil look, evil eye'.

**Further information:** Goadby Marwood (Leics) owes the second part of its name to William Maureward who held part of the manor in 1316.

**Early bearers:** Richard Malregard, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Walter Malreward, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Thomas Maureward, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Maweward, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Johannes Maweward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Purton, Wilts); Johanne Maureward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (unidentified location); Rose Marward, 1589 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Francis Marward, 1640 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).  
**References:** Information from Joan Pauline Ruse (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Marx

**Variants:** Marks, Marcus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name ostensibly from a vernacular form of the Latin personal name *Marcus* (see **Mark**) but as a Jewish name it is probably one of the many gentile names adopted in place of the traditional Jewish personal name *Moses*.  
**Early bearers:** William Conrad Marx, 1838 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Heinrich Marx, in *Census 1891* (Kent); Hermann Marx, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Charles Marx, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Sigrid Marx, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Northumb); Herman Marx, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Isidor Marx, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).

2 English: see **Marks**.

### Mary

**Variants:** Marie, Marry, Merry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 16

## Maryan

- GB frequency 1881: 82

- Main GB location 1881: scattered

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Marie*, Latin *Maria*, ultimately of Hebrew origin. Compare **Marrison**, **Marion**, **Marriott**, **Markin**, **Merrikin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maria, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Maria, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Marye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks).

surnames: Godfrey filius Marie, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; John Marie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Marye, 1367–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Nycholas Mary, 1552 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Harry Mary, 1571 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); William Marry, 1574 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Margery Marie, 1591 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Henry Marry, 1594 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Anthony Mary, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Marie, 1606 in *IGI* (Axbridge, Somerset); Robert Marie, 1607 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Agnis Mary, 1622 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Mary Mary, 1631, Marie Marie, 1663 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomasin Marry, 1633 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent); John Marrie, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 French: see **Marie**.

## Maryan

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 77

- Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Surrey

English: see **Marion**.

## Maryon

- Current frequencies: GB 206, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 168

- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Marion**.

## Maryott

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881:

English: see **Marriott**.

**Further information:** this spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Maryson

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 8

- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Marrison**.

## Marzo

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 0

Italian: relationship name from a personal name derived from Latin *Martius*, adjectival derivative of *Mars*, name of the Roman god of war. *Martius* (*mensis*) denotes the month of March; in some cases this word was bestowed as a given name on someone born or converted to Christianity in this month.

## Mascall

- Current frequencies: GB 413, Ireland 2

- GB frequency 1881: 353

- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Essex

English: see **Marshall**.

## Mascarenhas

- Current frequencies: GB 441, Ireland 4

- GB frequency 1881: 0

Portuguese: locative name from any of several places called Mascarenhas.

**Further information:** The surname has been brought to the UK directly from Portugal and also from the areas of India that were formerly colonized by the Portuguese.

## Mascoll

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 13

- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey

English: see **Marshall**.

## Mascot

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 7

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *merren* ‘to harm’, also ‘to injure or kill’ + *Scot* ‘Scot’.

**Further information:** A tenant named Marescot gave his name to Eaton Mascott (Shrops), after having been granted the manor between 1135 and 1166.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Marscot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Robertus Mascot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merston, Sussex); Willelmus Marskot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); William Mascot, 1795 in *IGI* (Wolverton, Hants); Elza. Mascot, 1835 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Louise Mascot, 1843 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops*, Part 1, p. 116.

## Masden

- GB frequency 1881: 35

- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: variant of **Marsden**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Masefield

**Variants:** Macefield

- Current frequencies: GB 265, Ireland 3

- GB frequency 1881: 199

- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Warwicks; also WR Yorks; Shrops

1 English: locative name from Madresfield (Worcs), which is recorded as *Madresfeld* in the 12th century, *Matysfyld* in 1522, *Matchfield* in 1597.

**Early bearers:** John Masfeld’, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Redmarley d’Abitot, Worcs); John Masfild, 1561 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Edward Masfield, 1580 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Jane Masfeild, 1609 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Jhon Macefeild, 1612 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Masfeld, 1612 in *Centre for Kentish Studies* (Eltham, Kent); Elizabeth Masfyelde, 1616, Marlin Masfelde, 1618 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Isabell Macefeild, 1625, Edwardus Masefield, 1639 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Richard Masefelde, 1639 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Robert Macefield, 1679 in *IGI* (Beckbury, Shrops); John Madersfield, 1681 in *IGI* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 209–10.

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Mansfield**.

**Early bearers:** Katherina Mansfelde, 1550, John Masfeild, 1613 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Mansfield, 1591, Ann Massfield, 1599 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

## Maser

- GB frequency 1881: 23

- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Masser**.

## Masey

- Current frequencies: GB 233, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 217

- Main GB location 1881: Kent and London; Somerset

English: see **Massey**.

## Mash

- Current frequencies: GB 551, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 441

- Main GB location 1881: London; Hunts and Northants; Suffolk

English: variant of **Marsh** with loss of *-r-*. Compare

## Mashman

**Early bearers:** Robert Masshe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Masham

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 66

- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Lincs; London; Lancs

English: see **Massam**.

## Masheder

**Variants:** Masheter, Mashiter, Massheder, Messiter, Messruther

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 71

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *mash-rother* ‘mash-rudder, mash-staff’, i.e. a pole or paddle for stirring the malt and water in a mash-tun in order to form wort. Compare ‘Maschel, or rothyr, or mascherel’ glossing *Remulus, palmula, mixtorium* in *Promptorium Parvulorum* (a *rothyr* ‘rudder’, so called from its resemblance in shape to a ship’s rudder, being one of the instruments of the brewhouse ‘to stir the meash-fatte with’).

**Further information:** Peter Mashrether or Mashrother, cited above (1584–7), came from Chigwell (Essex), not far from Mashiter’s Hill in Romford, so called from a family of Mashiter.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Mashrother, Willelmus Masshrother, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardus Maschrother, potter, 1498, Robertus Masherother, potter, 1506–7, Laurencius Massherother, hardwareman, 1536 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Robert Masherudder, 1517 in *York Guild Register* (York); Richard Masheter, 1576 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Peter Mashrether, 1584 in *Bardsley* (Essex); Peter Mashrother, 1587 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); George Mashrother, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Janet Masheder, Agnes Masheter, 1637, Ellen Masheder or Mashred, 1663 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); Alexander Mashrother, 1641 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

## Masheter

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 72

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Masheder**.

**Mashford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Devon

English: locative name from Marshford in Hatherleigh (Devon), which is recorded as *Marmenesford* in 1303, *Marsforde* in 1369. **Early bearers:** Galfrid Marmesford, 1293–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Adam de Marmesford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Mary Mashford, 1669 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Henry Mashford, 1721 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Robt Marsford, 1730 in *IGI* (Burwell with Walmgate, Lincs); Eliz Marshford, 1747 in *IGI* (Grainthorpe, Lincs); Robert Marshford, 1754 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Thomas Mashfoot, 1812 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 144.

**Mashiter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: see **Masheder**.

**Mashman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** S London

English: variant of **Marshman** with loss of *-r-*. Compare **Mash**.

**Mashru**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

**Masih**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1427, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic: from a personal name based on Arabic *masih* ‘Messiah’. Generally indicative of a Christian origin.

**Further information:** This name is found in the Indian subcontinent as well as in the Arab world. In the latter it is sometimes found in combinations such as ‘*Abd-ul masih*’ ‘servant of the Messiah’. ‘*Isa* (Jesus) is mentioned as the Messiah and a prophet in the Qur’an (4:171).

**Maskall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Marshall**.

**Maskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3339, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2051
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, London, and Essex
- English: see **Marshall**.

**Further information:** The place-name Mascallsbury in White Roding (Essex), which contains the surname of one Robert le Marescal (1235), is recorded as *Maskerelesburi*, *Maskelesbury* in 1351, *Mascallesbury* in 1476 (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 495).

**Maskery**

Variants: **Maskery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *macegref* ‘butcher’ (Old French *macegref*, an altered form of *macecrier*). Compare William the Massacrer, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks), and Roger le Macecer, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset), from *macecrier*. Compare also **Metzger**.

**Early bearers:** Asketil le macecrien (*sic*, for le macecrieu), 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); Henry le Macegre, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Syremon le Macekre, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas le Macecre, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); boydin massecre, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Henry Maskery, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Joice Maskery, 1611 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); William Maskery, 1641 in *IGI* (Hamstall Ridware, Staffs); Gulielmus Maskery, 1725 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Rachel Maskery, 1802 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Maskery, 1810 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Maskew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Maskey**.

**Maskey**

Variants: **Maskew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts

English: variant of **Massey** (2).

**Early bearers:** Anne Maskey, 1581, Myles Maskew, 1614 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Maskye, 1584 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Maskew, 1585 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks); John Maskye, 1589 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); James Maskew, 1620 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lincs); Mary Maskee, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jacob Maskey, 1662 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon).

**Maskill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Marshall**.

**Maskrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Maskery**.

**Maslen**

Variants: **Maslin**, **Maslyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1017, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 627
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mazelin* (Old French *Masselin*, Continental Germanic *Mazelin*, a pet-form either of Old German *Mazo* or, possibly, of *Maci*, *Masse*, which are forms of *Matthew*); compare **Massey** (1) and **Mace**. (ii) relationship name from

the Middle English female personal name *Mazelina* (probably a diminutive of *Matilda*).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Mazelini, 1252 in *Forssner*; Mazelino, 13th cent. in *Hundred Rolls*. given names (female): Mazelinam filiam Nigelli, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Mazelinam de Norwic’, ipsius Mazeline, 1212 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Mazelina, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Mazelina, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

sumames: Richer Mazelin, 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Ricardus filius Mascelin, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Alexander filius Macelini, Alexander filius Mazelini, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Rogerum filium Mazeline, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Masselyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Maslyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mannington, Wilts); Ricardus Maselyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Midgehall, Wilts); Agneta Maselyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Johannes Masilyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Matilda Maselyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Joh Maslen, 1651 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Daniell Maslen, 1657 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Mary Maslen, 1670 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks); Thomas Maslen, 1675 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Mary Maslen, 1711 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**References:** *Forssner*, pp. 189–90.

2 English: occupational name rarely perhaps from a reduced form of Middle English *maseliner*, ‘maker of mazers, bowls of maple-wood’ (Old French *maselin*). Note that William le Mazeliner, 1283 in *London Letter Books A* (perhaps the same man as William le Mazelin below) is also called le Mazerer (1281), le Mazener (1282), le Maceliner (1292). Compare **Masser**.

**Early bearers:** William le Mazelin, 1282 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx).

**Maslin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 631
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs

English: see **Maslen**.

**Maslyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Maslen**.

**Mason**

Variants: **Masson**, **Massen**, **Machin**, **Meason**, **Meeson**, **Messom**, **Messin**, **Mayson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54315, Ireland 1513
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39984
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kerry; Tipperary; Wicklow

English: occupational name from Middle English *masoun* ‘mason, stone worker, builder in stone’ (Old Central French *maçon*, *masson*). A Middle English form *machun* (derived from Old Northern French *machun*) gives rise to **Machin** and its variants. See also **Mayson**.

**Early bearers:** John Macun, about 1130 in *Cartae Antiquae* (London); Gilebertus Macun, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Ace le mazun,

## Masood

1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Richard machun, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Roger le Mason', 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Godfrey le Mascun, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Osbert le Masson, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam le Machon, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Machen, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmo le Mazun, 13th cent. in *Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary* (Warwicks); Henry le Maceoun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Machyn, 1439 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks); William Machin, 1540 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Richarde Machine, 1559 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Johannis Machin, 1568 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Johane Machine, 1570 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); John Mason, 1588 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs).

## Masood

Variants: **Masud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1120, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mas'ūd* 'lucky, fortunate, happy'.

**Further information:** 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ūd was one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad.

## Massa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

Italian: locative name from any of the many places in Italy called Massa. In Latin *massa* denoted an estate. **Early bearers:** William Massa, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint James, Westminster, Middx); Mary Massa, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (York).

## Massam

Variants: **Masham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lincs and Yorks

English: locative name from Masham (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Gospatric de Massam, 1138–53 in *Mowbray Charters*; Laurence de Massham, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Masham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); Robert de Massham, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (South Kilvington, NR Yorks); John Masham, 1401 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Massam, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Biddenden, Kent); John Massam, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Lewisham, Kent); William Massame, 1630 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs).

## Massarella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Italian: occupational name, status name from a diminutive of *massaro*, from Medieval Latin *massarius*, a derivative of *massa* 'farm, estate'. In northern Italy this word denoted a tenant farmer or share cropper; in central and southern Italy it also denote an agent or steward of a country estate.

## Masse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Mace** (1).

## Massen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Mason**.

## Masser

Variants: **Maser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also scattered in N England

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *maserer* 'maker of mazers', with simplification of *-erer* to *-er*.

**Early bearers:** William le Mazerer, 1265, John le Mazerer, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Adam le Mazerer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Walter le Mazerer, 1307 in *London Letter Books* C; Thomas le Mazerere, orfevre (goldsmith), 1336, William le Mazerer, 1391 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Mazer, 1635 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); John Maser, 1669 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

2 English: there may have been some confusion with **Macer**.

## Masset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Masset**.

## Masset

Variants: **Masset**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: relationship name from a Middle English feminine diminutive of the personal name *Masse*, a pet form of *Matthew* (see **Massey**).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Maseth*', daughter of John de Bacheworthe, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Masota de Middeton, 1327, Mazota Vyncent, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Richard Masothe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Masote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Masote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westmeston, Sussex); Johan Masot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex); Agn' Massete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilbury juxta Clare, Essex); John Masset, 1446 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex and London); Thomas Maset, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Winefrith Massett, 1581 in *IGI* (London).

## Massey

Variants: **Macy, Macey, Masey, Massy, Massie, Maske, Marsay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10644, Ireland 826
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Limerick, and Cork; Down

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Massy*, a pet form of *Matthew*. Compare **Mace**. Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Mathiu, Maci de Mauritania, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks, Gloucs); Masci filius Mathei, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Massy

Chaunders, 1377, Massi Scher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs).  
surnames: Alan Macy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Massy, 1330 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); John Macy, 1551–2 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Martha Massey, 1553 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Wyllm. Massey, 1564 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Richardus Massey, 1567 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Georgii Massey, 1592 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); Ester Massey, 1618 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 Norman, English: locative name from one or more of several place-names in France. Hamo de Masci came from Macey (Manche). Others may have come from Massy (Seine-Maritime), Macé-sur-Orne (Orne) or La Ferté Macé (Orne).

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Masci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire), 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); John de Maci, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Hamo de Mascy, 'chivaler', 1346 in *Patent Rolls*.

3 Norman, English: variant of **Marsay**.

## Massheder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Mashed**.

## Massiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Guyanese: unexplained.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados, and in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Early bearers:** Paul Massiah, 1817 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Sarah Massiah, born in British Guiana, in *Census 1881* (Gloucs); Hy. Saint Clair Massiah, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Warwicks).

## Massie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1701, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 871
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Aberdeens, Banffs, and Angus); W Midlands (esp. Shrops and Cheshire)

Scottish: see **Massey**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Massie, 1607, George Massie, 1633 in *Black*.

## Massingale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Masongill in Thornton in Lonsdale (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Maisingill* in 1467.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Maisinggile, about 1200 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Robert Massingale, 1548 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Robert Masseygyll, 1588 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Charles Massingall, 1590 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Francis Massinghell, 1599 in *IGI* (Markby, Lincs); Emily Massingale, 1879 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 250.

## Massingberd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: nickname from Middle English *messing* 'brass, brazen' + *berd* 'beard'.



**Early bearers:** Al. Massingberd, 1332 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs); Thomas Massyngberd, 1472 in *Close Rolls* (Sussex); John Massyngberd, 1482 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Lincs); Thomas Massyngberde, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Cristoforus Massingberd, clerk, 1522 in *Tudor Rutland* (parson of Empingham, Rutland); Thomas Massingbeard, 1538 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Massingbird, 1544 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Messingberd, 1560 in *Patent Rolls*; Augustin Massenberd, 1565 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Elenor. Massingberde, 1581 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby Saint Peter, Lincs); Elizabeth Massingbeard, 1584 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Oswell Massingberd, 1596 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 129.

### Massinger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Messenger**.

### Massingham

**Variants:** Messingham, Missingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 850, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Great and Little Massingham (Norfolk) or Messingham (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Massingham, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Adam de Messingham, 1264–5 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); William de Massingham, 1302–3 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Laurence de Massingham, 1310, Emma de Massyngam, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Massingham, Norfolk); John de Messyngam, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Datchet, Bucks); Robert Massyngam, 1374–5 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Willelmus Massyngam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Johannes de Massyngam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Willelmus Massyngam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Duddington, Northants); Thomas de Messyngam, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Robert de Messyngam alias Messigham, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Messyngam alias de Massyngam, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Elyzabeth Messingham, 1579 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); Anna Massingham, 1591 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Kathern Messingham, 1619 in *IGI* (North Hayling, Hants).

### Masson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2333, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1698
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines; Morays

- 1 Scottish: Scottish form of **Mason**.
- 2 Scottish: see **Meston**.

### Massy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: see **Massey**.

### Mast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *mast* ‘mast of a ship’, also ‘long pole’, perhaps for a particularly tall person.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Mast, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Elyzabeth Mast, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Mast, 1570 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Mast, 1572 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Cathere. Mast, 1579 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Jeremyah Mast, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

### Master

**Variants:** Masters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 710, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Gloucs; Norfolk

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *maister* ‘master’ (Old French *maistre*). The word had a wide range of applications, and the reference in surnames may be to a schoolmaster, to the master of a farm or house, to the master of an apprentice, or to a ship’s captain. Compare *Masterson* and *Masterman*.

**Further information:** In Scotland the eldest sons of barons and the uncles of lords were called *Masters*, but this is not primarily a Scottish surname.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Meistre, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); John Maister, 1225 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Cambs); Thomas le Maister, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Gransden, Beds); Johannes Mastere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Thomas Mayster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Essex); Henry Master, 1487 in *Kent Inhabitants* (Kent); Richard Master, 1539 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

**References:** *Thuresson*, pp. 178–9.

### Masterman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; Hants and Dorset

English: occupational name, status name meaning ‘servant of the master’, from Middle English *maister* + *man*. Compare **Master**.

**Early bearers:** John Maystreman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John le Maistresman, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John Maisterman, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Helperby, NR Yorks); Johannes Maysterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Johes Masterman, 1594 in *IGI* (York); John Masterman, 1655 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset); John Masterman, 1747 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

### Masters

**Variants:** Marsters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7812, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5456
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Cork

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English (*atte*) *maisteres* ‘(at the) master’s (house)’, a name for someone who lived or worked there, normally a servant. Compare **Master** and **Masterman**, and for the type compare **Abbotts**, **Maidens**, **Monks**, **Parsons**. The post-medieval bearers below may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Hubert Mastres, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William atte Maystres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Edward Masters, 1547 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Richard Masters, 1573 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).  
2 English: variant of **Master** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Masterson

**Variants:** Marsterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2033, Ireland 1722
- **GB frequency 1881:** 626
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; E Anglia; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Longford; Mayo

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *maister* ‘master’ + the patronymic marker *-son*.

Compare **Master**.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh le fiz Mestre, about 1320 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); John Maisterson, 1323 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); Alan le Maistreson, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancaster, Lancs); William Maystressone, William Maistressone, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Maisterson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Maystresson, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Roger Masterson, 1541 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Mary Masterson, 1575 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Katerine Masterson, 1586 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk).

Scotland: Robert called Maisterson, 1300 in *Black* (Galloway); William Masterson, 1665 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Jean Masterson, 1708 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth).

2 Irish: in Ireland this is in most cases the English name, but it was also adopted for Irish *Mac an Mháighistir* ‘son of the master’, also anglicized as **McMaster**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Masterson, sheriff of Kilkenny, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1196; Thomas Masterson of Fernes, esquire, of the office senseschal, 1572–73 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2214; Richard Maisterson of Fernes, esquire, of the office senseschal, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5450; Nicholas Masterson, sheriff of Wexford, 1591–92 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5731.

### Masterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 960
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife, Angus, Lanarks, Midlothian, and W Lothian

Scottish: locative name from a lost place called *Masterton* in the parish of Dunfermline (Fife).

**Early bearers:** William de Mastertone, 1296 in *Black* (Fife); Symon de Maysterton, 1357 in *Newbattle Register*; Thomas Masterton, 1476 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Cambuskenneth, Stirlings); John Masterton, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Mastin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Maston**.

### Maston

**Variants:** Mastin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240

## Masud

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Marston** with loss of *-r-*.

### Masud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Masood**.

### Match

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Mach** (1).

### Matcham

Variants: **Macham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent; Dorset and Hants

English: despite having the appearance of a locative name, this is probably a variant of **Machin** (compare **Machan** and **Matchan**).

**Early bearers:** Margaret Machum, 1561 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Marye Macham, 1591 in *IGI* (Hunton, Kent); Joyes Matcham, 1591 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent); Mary Machim, 1597 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Elizabeth Macham, 1647 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Thomas Macham, 1701 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset); Henry Matcham, 1732 in *IGI* (Cann, Dorset); Patience Matchem, 1733 in *IGI* (Sixpenny Handley, Dorset).

### Matchan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Machin**.

### Matchell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Machell**.

### Matches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney
- Scottish: relationship name from an Orkney form of the Norwegian personal name *Mattis* or *Mattias* (i.e. *Matthew*). Compare *Mathias*.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: James Maches, 1576 in *Orkney Records* (Stenness, Orkney); Merjorie Machis, 1659 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Magnus Matches, 1684 in *IGI* (Holm, Orkney); Sibella Matches, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney).
- References: *Black*, p. 586.

### Matchet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Lanarks; also scattered in England
- Scottish, English: see **Matchett**.

### Matchett

- Variants: **Matchette**, **Matchet**, **Machett**, **Machet**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 335
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, Notts, and Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Armagh
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Waltero Machet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Willelmus Machet', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Henry Machet, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Henry Machet, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Jhoannes Machett, 1574 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics); Ales Matchet, 1589, Susanna Matchit, 1594 in *IGI* (Beeby, Leics); Stephen Matchet, 1591 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Elisabeth Machet, 1597 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Elizabeth Machett, 1608, Michael Matchett, 1610 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Stephen Matchett, 1612 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Maria Matchett, 1659 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

### Matchette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- English: see **Matchett**.
- Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Matchwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Madgwick**.

### Mate

Variants: **Mates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Kent; Dorset; Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Matt**.

### Matear

Variants: **Matier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Irish: an Ulster anglicization of **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McAteer**.

### Mateer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 228
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; also Louth
- Irish (Ulster): reduced form of **McAteer**.

### Mateland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Maitland**.

### Materface

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Matterface**.

### Mates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs, Cheshire, and Denbighs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- English: variant of **Mate** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Matts**.
- Early bearers:** Alecia Mates, 1543 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Richard Mates, 1615 in *IGI* (Hallow, Worcs).

### Matfen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Mavin**.

### Matfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Mavin**.

### Math

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Matha**, see **McMath**.

### Matham

Variants: **Mattam**, **Matthams**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: locative name from **Mattins Farm** in Radwinter or Martinfield Green in Saffron Walden (both Essex).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Matham, 1195 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Matheo de Mathom, about 1200–11 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Boxted, Suffolk); Geoffrey de Matham, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John de Matham, John de Matam, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Galfrido de Matham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saffron Walden, Essex); John Mathom, 1702 in *IGI* (Blackmore, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 514, 541.

- 2 English: locative name from **Mathon** (Worcs).
- Early bearers:** William de Mathem, 13th cent. in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Gloucs); Richard de Matheme, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); John Matham, 1570 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); John Matham, 1599 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); George Matham, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Dorothy Matham, 1619 in *IGI* (Emberton, Bucks); Margaritt Matham, 1619 in *IGI* (Smeeth, Kent).
- References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 65.

3 English: nickname possibly from Middle English *mathme*, *mathom* 'treasure, precious gift' (Old English *mādm*, *māðdum*), though the early bearers cited here may rather belong to (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Mathum, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton, Lancs); Ricardo Mathum, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hungerford, Berks); Robertus Mathum, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Alce Mathem, 1560 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Robt Mathem, 1599 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Susan Mathem, 1664 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

### Mathams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Matthams**.

**Matharoo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Matharu**.

**Matharu**

**Variants:** **Matharoo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2088, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Matheny**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

French: locative name of French (probably Huguenot) origin. According to family tradition, this is a locative name from a place called Mathenay in the French Alps.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Matheou**

**Variants:** **Mattheou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Matthaios*, see **Mathew**.

**Mather**

**Variants:** **Mathur**, **Mathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7945, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7375
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; Derbys and Cheshire; Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus

1 English: (i) occupational name in N England, the N Midlands, and E Anglia, a variant of **Madder**, reflecting an alternative pronunciation influenced by Old Scandinavian *maðra*. (ii) occupational name alternatively from Middle English *\*mather* 'mower, reaper' (Old English *mæðere*). This is the more likely source of the medieval surname in S England, but the modern surname is rare there. It may sometimes have developed to *Madder*; compare Thomas Mather, 1690, John Madder, 1707 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon), and see **Madders**.

**Further information:** Variation between *Mather* and *Madder* is common in the post-medieval records of Lancs, Yorks, Northumb, N Midlands, and E Anglia. Compare Anne Mather, 1559, Thomas Madder, 1723, John Mather, 1729 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Gilbt. Mather, 1619, James Mather, 1752, William Madder, 1817 in *IGI* (Whitkirk, WR Yorks); John Mather, 1693, Joseph Madder, 1765 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); Eliz Mather, 1561, Randle Madder, 1607 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Benjamin Madder, 1727, Benjamin Mather, 1728 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); and Alexander Madder, 1541, Alexander Mather, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** N England, Midlands, and E Anglia: Beatrix Matther, 1396 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Margaret Mather, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Franches Mather, 1557 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Maria Mather, 1560 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Thome Mather, 1561 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Henry Mather, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Mather, 1576 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thirstane Mather, 1583 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Thomas Mathar, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry

Mather, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Eleanor Mather, 1704 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

S England: Alan le Mathere, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Mather, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Mather, 1599, William Mather, 1779 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elnore Mather, 1620, John Mather, 1768 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

Scotland: Elezabeth Mather, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margrat Mather, 1623 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Arthour Mather, 1625 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 259–61; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name possibly from the Middle English personal name *Mather* (Old English *Mæðhere*) but there is no evidence that this gave rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mather de Spaldyng, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).

**Mathers**

**Variants:** **Matthers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2327, Ireland 322
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1738
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Angus, Aberdeens, Fife, and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Tyrone; also Kildare

English, Scottish: variant of **Mather** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Mathers, 1581 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

Scotland: Catherin Mathers, 1657 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**Matherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Lancs

English: variant of **Mathieson** with intrusive *-r-*. Compare **Matterson**.

**Early bearers:** William Mathersonn, 1558 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Alice Matherson, 1576 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); John Matherson, 1614 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks).

**Mathes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northants

English: see **Mathis**.

**Matheson**

**Variants:** **Mathieson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3299, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty, Inverness, and Sutherland

1 Scottish: see **Mathieson**.

2 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, anglicization of **Mac Mathghamhna**, in Scottish Gaelic **Mac Mathghamhuin**, abbreviated to **Mac Mhathain** 'son of *Mathghamhain*', a personal name literally meaning 'good calf', a kenning for 'bear'. Compare Irish **McMahon**, **Mahoney**.

**Further information:** In Scotland, this is the name of a Highland clan associated with the area around Lochalsh.

**Early bearers:** Kermac Macmaghan, 1264 in *Black* (Inverness); Mac Matgamna, 1467 in *Black*; Clann MhicMhathain, 1700 in *Bardachd Ghaidhlig* p. 154; Farquhar Matheson, 1764, Neil Matheson, 1818, and Farquhar Matheson 1842 in *North Uist Families* p. 352.

**Mathew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2491, Ireland 108
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England, Scotland, and Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English, Scottish: see **Matthew**.

**Mathewes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
- English: see **Matthews**.

**Mathews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3755, Ireland 419
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10987
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England, Wales, and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Meath; also Dublin
- English: see **Matthews**.

**Mathewson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 721
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also NE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Scottish, English: see **Matthewson**.

**Mathias**

**Variants:** **Matthias**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2244, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1814
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and S Wales; also Staffs; also Lancs

English, Welsh, Huguenot: relationship name from *Ma(t)thias*, the Latin and Greek form of the personal name **Matthew**. This was a particularly popular choice of given name in the 18th and 19th centuries in Wales, where it was responsible for some late surname coinages.

**Further information:** The name was also brought to England by Huguenot refugees in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Wales: David Mathias, 1618 in *IGI* (Cardigan); Aelis Mathias, 1652 in *IGI* (Gwnnws, Cardigan); Thomas Matthias, 1675, in *IGI* (Walwyns Castle, Pembrokes); John Mathias, 1823 in *IGI* (Wrexham, Denbighs).

England: Thomas Mathias, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gillingham, Dorset); John Matthias, 1602 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Mathias, 1605 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Maurice Matthias, 1613 in *IGI* (London); Cornelius Matthias, 1653 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Judith Matthias, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church); Jaques Matthias, 1693 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Saint and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church).

## Mathie

### Mathie

Variants: **Matthey**, **Mathies**, **Matthie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread across central Scotland

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Mathie*, a pet form of the personal name **Matthew** or **Mathias**. Compare **Mattey** and **Mathieson**. Some of the early bearers from Scotland may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** given names: William son of Mathie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Aug' ux' Mathie ('wife of Mathie'), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks). surnames, England: Hugh Mathi, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); William Mathy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Matthe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robt. Mathey, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Mathie, 1566 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Mathew Mathie, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); Cecilia Mathies, 1575 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Thomas Matthie, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Plumstead, Norfolk). surnames, Scotland: John Mathei or Mathy, 1456 in *Edmonstone of Duntreath Manuscripts*; Johne Mathie, 1573 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Mongow Mathie, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Henrie Matthie, 1589, Androw Mathie, 1596 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Margt. Mathies, 1672 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).  
2 Scottish: locative name from the former parish of *Meathie*, now in Inverarity and Methy (Angus). Some early bearers may belong under (1). **Early bearers:** William Mathe, 1497, George Mathie, 1652 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Andro Mathy, 1506 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Alyth, Angus).

### Mathies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- Scottish: variant of **Mathie** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mathieson

Variants: **Matheson**, **Mathison**, **Matthison**, **Matherson**, **Mathson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3888, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3008
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Midlothian, Renfrews; Aberdeens

1 Scottish: relationship name from the personal name **Mathie** (from *Matthew*) + the patronymic marker *-son*. Compare **Mattison**, **Matson**, **Matthewson**, and **Maddison** (2). The Scottish Gaelic equivalent is **McMath**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Mathyson, 1392 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Angus); Alexander Mathison, 1620 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Maritt Mathesone, 1637 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).  
England: Ambrose Matheson, 1584 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); James Matheson, 1662 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb).  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Mathghamhuin**, see **Matheson**.

### Mathieu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

French: relationship name from the French form of **Matthew**.

**Early bearers:** Henri Mathieu, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Mathis

Variants: **Matthis**, **Matthys**, **Mathys**, **Mathes**, **Matthes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal names **Matthew** or **Mathias**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Matthis, 1561 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); John Mathis, 1588 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Margaret Matthys, 1633 in *IGI* (Aldington, Kent); William Mathys, 1647 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); John Mathis, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Mathison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 776
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Midlothian and Peebles; Aberdeens); scattered in England: esp. Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Mathieson**.

### Mathson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs
- Scottish, English: variant of **Mathieson** with loss of the medial syllable.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mathur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Mather**.

### Mathurin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French: relationship name from a personal name, Latin *Maturinus* (a derivative of *Maturus* 'timely'), borne by a 3rd-century saint who was responsible for spreading the gospel in the district of Sens.

### Mathys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Mathis**.

### Matier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 79
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- Irish: see **Matear**.

### Matin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Martin** with loss of *-r-*.

### Matinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: see **Mattinson**.

### Matison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Mattison**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Matkin

Variants: **Matkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Lincs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Matkin*, a pet form of *Mat* (a diminutive of *Matthew*, see **Matt**) with the suffix *-kin*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Matkyn le Wreght, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys).  
surnames: Richard Matkyn, 1562 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Humfrey Matkin, 1563 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Henry Matkin, 1596 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Wylliam Matkyn, 1606 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Edward Matkin, 1621 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Matkins

Variants: **Madkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S London
- English: variant of **Matkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Fraunces Matkins, 1590 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Elizabeth Matkins, 1607 in *IGI* (London); Mary Mattkins, 1704 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

### Matland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Maitland**.

### Matley

Variants: **Mattley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Matley (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** [...] Mattel', 1211–25, [...] Mattelegh, 1287, [...] Mattelegh, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Hugo de Mattelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Matleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Richard Matley, 1421, Katherine Matley, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Matley, 1586 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Mattley, 1614 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 312.

### Matlock

Variants: **Mattlock**, **Madlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics

English: locative name from Matlock (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Matlak, 1239 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Nicholas de Matlok, 1304, John Matlok, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Matlok, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Richard de Matlok, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Richard Matlok, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (South Muskham, Notts); Georgius Matlocke, 1586 in *IGI* (Matlock, Derbys); John Matlock, 1608 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 388–9.

### Matloob

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *maṭlūb* ‘wanted, desired’

### Maton

**Variants:** **Matton, Mattin, Matten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Maton*, a pet form of *Mat* (diminutive of *Matthew*; see **Matt**) with the suffix *-on*. Compare **Mattinson**.

**Early bearers:** William Matun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Matheon Mateon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); [ . . . ] Matyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Robertus Maton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hardenhuish, Wilts); Johanne Mathon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winsley, Wilts); Robertus Maton’, Willelmus Mathon, Adam Mathin’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Egidius Matton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mickleton, Gloucs); William Maton, 1625 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts).

### Matos

**Variants:** **Mattos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Portuguese: locative name from any of numerous places in Portugal named Matos.

**Early bearers:** Emilio G. Mattos, commercial traveller, born in Brazil, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Luiz da C Cumka Mattos, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Genaro d’ Avila Mattos, student, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs); John Santos Mattos, student, born in Portugal, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Silvina De Mattos, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Northumb).

2 Spanish: locative name from the plural of *mato* ‘brushwood, scrub, thicket’.

**Early bearers:** Giuliana Matos, in *Census 1851* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Miguell Matas, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (London); Cedric Matos, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

3 Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from either of the above.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Teixeira de Mattos, 1700 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Isaac Mattos, 1759 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); David Mattos, 1773, Sara De Mattos, 1798 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Antoinette Mattos, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Alfred E. De Mattos, born in Constantinople, in *Census 1881* (Eltham, Kent); Edward Mattos, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1891* (London); Isaac and Rachel Matus, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Alexander Louis

Teixeira De Mattos, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Matravers

**Variants:** **Matraves, Maltravers, Mattravers, Mattravis, Matterface**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English: locative name from Mautravert in Chérencé-le-Héron (Manche).

**Further information:** The place-name Lytchett Matravers (Dorset) acquired its affix from the family name of Hugh Maltrauers who held the manor in 1086. The same family name also appears as an affix in Langton Matravers, Matravers in Loders (recorded as *Lodres Mautraviers* in 1356), and Worth Matravers (all Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Hugo Maltrauers, Malus Transitus, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Walter Maltrauers, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Walter de Matrauers, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); John de Mautraviers, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Dorset); John Maltravers, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); John Mautraviers, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Adwell, Oxon); Roberto Mautraviers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wardour, Wilts); John Mautraviers, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Hinton Admiral, Hants); Jane Matrevers, 1542 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Elinora Maltravers, 1616 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset); Alice Matravers, 1647 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**References:** Pierre-Henri Billy, personal communication; *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 33–4, 63; 2, p. 29; 4, pp. 481–3.

### Matraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Matravers**.

### Matsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Mattishall (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Mateshal’, 1290 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Burnham, Norfolk); Rogerus de Mateshale, 1308–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Roger de Matishale, 1320, Nicholas de Mateshale, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Richard de Matishale, tailor, 1378–9 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Andreas de Matyshal’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Walterus de Matyshal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes de Matishale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Johannes Mateshale, 1379, Cristina Matishale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Robert Mattesale, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Matteshale, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Katherine Matsall, 1558 in *IGI* (Holt, Norfolk); Clemencia Matshall, 1560 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Margaret Matsell, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk).

### Matson

**Variants:** **Mattson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 730
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mat* (a diminutive of *Matthew*, see **Matt**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Mattesone, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Willelmus Matson’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heddon on the Wall, Northumb); John Matson, 1576, Ann Matson, 1732 in *IGI* (Kingston, Kent); Ann Matteson, 1662 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent).

2 English: the name may sometimes be a reduced form of **Mattison** or **Mattinson**. It may also have been confused with **Motson**.

### Matt

**Variants:** **Mate, Matts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mat*, a diminutive of **Matthew**. Compare **Matkin, Maton, and Matson**. Some of the early bearers listed here may belong at 2.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Mate Skyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Mat’ Taylour, with wife Emma, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs).

urnames: John le Fiz Matte, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Adam Matte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Simon Mat, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Mate, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Mate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes Mate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Ricardus Matt, 1377, Humfredus Mate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Roger Mate, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Ermington, Devon); Robert Mate, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Cullompton, Devon); Jane Mayt, 1542 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Rychard Mate, 1549 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Anne Mate, 1587 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); George Mate, 1632 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Elizabeth Maate, 1684 in *IGI* (York).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mat(te)* ‘mat’, perhaps for a mat-maker (compare **Matter**).

### Matta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Cornish, English: nickname from Middle Cornish *mata* ‘mate, friend, companion’ (from Middle English *mate*).

**Early bearers:** John Mate, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wendron, Cornwall); John, Pedrac Mata, 1543 *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Solomon Matta, 1587 in *IGI* (Newlyn by Penzance, Cornwall); Mawd Matta, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

2 Italian: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Matto*. (ii) nickname from *matto*, a dialect variant of Italian *pazzo* ‘crazy, eccentric’.

### Mattack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks
- English: see **Mattock**.

### Mattacks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Mattocks**.

## Mattam

### Mattam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: possibly a variant of **Matham**.

**Early bearers:** John Mattam, 1689 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Wm. Mattam, 1786 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Edward Mattam, 1838 in *IGI* (Ault Hucknall, Derbys).

### Mattar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: (i) from the Arabic personal name *Maṭar*, from *maṭar* 'rain'. There is a fertile place in Yemen called *Bani Maṭar* ('sons of Maṭar'), which has given rise to the name of a tribe or family grouping there. (ii) perhaps from the Arabic personal name *Mu'atṭar*, from *mu'atṭar* 'perfumed, scented'.

### Matten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex

English: see **Maton**.

### Matter

**Variants:** **Matters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *matter* 'mat-maker' (a derivative of Old English *matte* 'mat'). Note the female equivalent (Middle English *\*mattester*) in Johanna Mattestr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts). Compare also John Mattemaker, 1381 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Arnald Matere, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Muriell' la Mattere, 1263, John le Mattere, 1288 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Richard le Mattere, 1310 in *London Letter Books B*; Ricardo Le Matter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Petro le Mattre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton Marshall, Dorset); John le Mattere, 1341 in *Fransson* (Essex); Richard Mattere, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Adam Mattar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Johanne Mattere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderbury, Wilts); Galfridus Mattere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); Amery Matter, 1629 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 97.

### Matterface

**Variants:** **Materface**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon

1 Norman, English: variant of **Matravers**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Matterface, 1614 in *IGI* (Ideford, Devon); Geoffrey Matterface, Gregory Mattervers, Thomas Matterverse, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Martinvast (in Manche, France). See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Martinwast, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*; Sarra de Martuast', 1252 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Matters

**Variants:** **Metters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Matter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The bearers cited here may belong rather to (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Matters, 1592 in *IGI* (Oxcombe, Lincs); George Matters, 1623 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Mary Matters, 1718 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon). 2 English: nickname from Middle English *materas* 'mattress'. Compare Richard Materesse *Maker*, 1380 in *Thurresson* (Oxon), and Petrus Matrismaker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Matras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Roberto Matras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); Alycia Matras, Alycia Matresse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Willelmus Materas, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); John Matres, 1438 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Materas, Thomas Matras, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Faversham, Kent).

**References:** *Thurresson*, p. 215.

### Matterson

**Variants:** **Madderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Down

English: variant of **Mattison** with intrusive *-r-*. Compare **Matherson**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Matterson, 1573 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Matterson, 1672 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

### Mattes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Matts**.

2 Dutch, French: see **Mattis**.

### Matteson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb

English: see **Mattison**.

### Mattews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Matthews**.

### Mattey

**Variants:** **Mattie, Matty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: relationship name probably from a Middle English personal name *\*Matty*, which would be an expected pet form of the common name **Mathew** and occasionally perhaps of **Matthias** (see **Mathias**). Compare **Mathie** (1), **Maddy**, and **Mattison**.

**Further information:** The medieval names cited above may, however, be misreadings of *Macy*, see **Massey**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Maty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Combe in Teignhead, Devon) and Nicholaus Maty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lymington, Hants); Thomas Mattie, 1574 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); An Mattie, 1618 in *IGI* (Queenhill, Worcs); John Matty, 1679 in *IGI* (Twyning, Gloucs); Sarah Matty, 1770 in *IGI* (Ilam, Staffs).

### Matthams

**Variants:** **Mathams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Matham** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Christmas Mathams, 1715 in *IGI* (Corpusty, Norfolk); John Matthams, 1743, Robert Mathams, 1765 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

### Mattheou

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: see **Matheou**.

### Matthers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English, Scottish: see **Mathers**.

### Matthes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Lancs

English: see **Mathis**.

### Matthew

**Variants:** **Mathew, Mathews, Mathewes, Matthews, Mach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2424, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Angus, Aberdeens, and Fife); Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mathew* (ultimately Hebrew *Mattathiah* 'gift of Jehovah', latinized as *Matthaeus* and *Mathaeus*, which in France became respectively *Mathieu* and *Mahieu*: see **Mayhew**). The name was introduced into England by the Normans and became very popular, with a variety of pet forms and diminutives. See also **Macey, Masse, Masset, Massey, Mathie, Mathis, Maton, and Mattey**, as well as **Matthewman**. Compare **Matheou**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mathiu, Matheus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Matheus Baret, about 1150–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Matthew Grove, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Matheu Robert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks).

surnames, England: Alan Mathew, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Robert Matheu, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wood Walton, Hunts); Ricardo Mathew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Hugo Mathewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanne Matheu, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Willelmo Matthew, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kempford, Gloucs); William Matthew, 1539 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); John Matthew, 1543 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Ric Matthew, 1546 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Bartholemew Matthew, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich,

Norfolk); Robart Matthew, 1556 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

sumames, Scotland: Isbell Mathowe, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Mathow, 1614 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Perth, Perths); Andro Mathew, 1643 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus).

### Matthewes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Matthews**.

### Matthewman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name, status name 'servant of *Matthew*'. See **Matthew**. Compare Magota Mathewoman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staveley, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugo Mathewman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Minskip, WR Yorks); Willelmus Mathewman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Roberto Matheuman', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Mathyman, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks).

### Matthews

Variants: **Mathews, Mathewes, Matthewes, Mattews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50240, Ireland 3410
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25858
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England; also S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Down

English, Irish: variant of **Matthew**, with genitival or excrescent *-s*. Compare the following case in the 1438 *Patent Rolls*: 'Pardon of Thomas Mathewe of Tamworth, Warwick, baker, of his outlawry by the name of Thomas Mathewes of Tamworth, Stafford, carpenter'.

**Further information:** In Ireland, the English name is common in Ulster and Louth. It has also been adopted for Irish **Mac Mathghamhna** (see **McMahon**).

**Early bearers:** England: John Mathows, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Anna Mathewes, 1548 in *IGI* (Burrington, Herefs).

Ireland: Henry Mathewe (or Mathewes), gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4930.

### Matthewson

Variants: **Mathewson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Matthew** + the patronymic marker *-son*. Compare **Mathieson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Mathewson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Roberto Mathewson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); John Matheuson', 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Matheuson, 1416 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); George Mathowsone, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*.

Scotland: Margaret Mathewsone, 1604 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Matthey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Mathie**.

### Matthias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and S Wales; also Staffs; also Lancs

1 English, Welsh: see **Mathias**.

2 German: from the personal name **Matthias** (see **Matthew**).

**Early bearers:** Otto Matthias, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

### Matthie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perths and Fife

Scottish: see **Mathie**.

### Matthis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Mathis**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Matthison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Mathieson**.

### Matthis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mathis**.

### Mattick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Mattock**.

### Mattie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

English: see **Mattey**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Mattimoe

Variants: **Mattimore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: relationship name 'relative (usually son-in-law) of *Matthew*'. Compare **Wattmough**. However the post-medieval examples may well all belong with the Irish sense (2).

**Early bearers:** William Matheumogh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Ann Mathemore, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent); Mary Mattimore, 1736 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Catharina Mattimore, 1857 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring,

Durham); Peter Mattimoe, 1867 in *IGI* (Bishop Auckland, Durham).

2 Irish: from **Ó Maolmuaidh**. This form of the name is particular to Sligo and northern Roscommon, see **Molloy** (3).

**Early bearers:** Gilladona O'Milnamoe, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tonregoe, Sligo); Cahall O'Mullnamoe, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrowreagh and Timeare, Sligo); Bryan Milmo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmorgan, Sligo); Bartholomew Mattimo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacallan, Sligo); James Matima, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Estersnow, Roscommon).

### Mattimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire

English: see **Mattimoe**.

### Mattin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Maton**.

### Mattingley

Variants: **Mattingly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Middx; also Wilts and Hants

English: locative name from Mattingley in Heckfield (Hants).

**Early bearers:** [Stephen] de Matingele, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Mattingley, Hants); Stephen de Madingel', de Matingel', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey and Hants); Peter de Mattingeley, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Hants); Johanne Matyngleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yattendon, Berks); Johane Mattingleye, 1554 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks).

### Mattingly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, Middx, and Surrey

English: see **Mattingley**.

### Mattinson

Variants: **Mattison, Matinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 532
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Westm

English: relationship name probably 'son of Maton', from the Middle English personal name **Maton** (a pet form of **Matthew**) + the patronymic marker *-son*. **Early bearers:** Jeffery Mattinson, 1589 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Leonard Mattinson, 1599 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Mathew Mattenson, 1673 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm).

### Mattis

Variants: **Mattes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Dutch, French: relationship name from a variant of the personal name *Mathias* (see **Matthew**).

## Mattison

### Mattison

Variants: **Matison, Matteson, Matterson, Maddison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 479
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; NR Yorks; Northumb

1 English: relationship name from the personal name *Mattie* (see at **Mattey**) + the patronymic marker *-son*. Compare **Mathieson, Matson, Matthewson** and **Maddison** (2).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Mattyson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kilnsea, ER Yorks); Wm. Mattison, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Margret Matteson, 1620, Richard Mattison, 1691 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); Robert Mattison, 1635 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Jane Mattison, 1695 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Mattinson**.

### Mattless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Matlaske (Norfolk), with reduction of *-sk* to *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Matelas, 1261, Bartholomew Matelask, 1286, Bartholomew Matleaske, 1287, Richard Matelask, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Joh. Matelask, 1349 in *Cambridge Gild Records* (Cambs); Alice Matles, 1543 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); Thomas Matlaske alias Mattlase, 1553 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Wendling, Norfolk); Elizabeth Matlaske, 1560, Mary Matlask, 1716 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anthonius Matlasse, 1634 in *IGI* (Calthorpe, Norfolk); Ann Matless, 1833 *IGI* (Trowse, Norfolk).

### Mattley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts
- English: see **Matley**.

### Mattlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Matlock**.

### Mattock

Variants: **Mattack, Mattick, Muttock, Muttick, Muttitt, Mattocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 774
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Leics; Somerset and Wilts; Suffolk; WR Yorks
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *mattok* 'mattock' (Old English *mattuc*).

**Early bearers:** John Mattok, about 1311 in *MED* (Norfolk); Henry Mattok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henbury hundred, Gloucs); Edward Mattoke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dilton Marsh, Wilts); Richard Mattok', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Clipston, Northants); Nicholas Mattok, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Mattoc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Nicholas Mattok', 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alexander Matocke, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ellynor Mattocke, 1571 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); Mark Muttock, 1617 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs);

Danl. Muttock, 1785 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Samuel Muttitt, 1808 in *IGI* (Walpole, Suffolk).

2 English: variant of **Maddock**, with devoicing of /d/ to /t/. Compare **Mattocks**.

### Mattocks

Variants: **Mattox, Mattacks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Staffs, Warwicks, Cheshire, and Lancs

1 English: variant of **Mattock**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

2 English: variant of **Maddocks**, with devoicing of /d/ to /t/.

### Matton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Maton**.

### Mattos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): see **Matos**.

### Mattox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Mattocks**.

### Mattravers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Matravers**.

### Mattravis

- **GB frequency 1881:**
- English: see **Matravers**.

### Matts

Variants: **Mattes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; also Lancs

English: variant of **Matt** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Mates**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mattys, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Matts, 1571 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Mary Matts, 1633 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks).

### Mattson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; Middx

English: see **Matson**.

### Mattu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Matty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Staffs, and Worcs
- English: see **Mattey**.

### Maturin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Maturin*, Latin *Maturinus*, a derivative of *maturus* 'timely'.

**Further information:** The Huguenot family of this name is descended from Gabriel Maturin (c. 1638–1718), a Protestant pastor who fled with his family from France to the Netherlands after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. He returned to France secretly to continue his mission, was captured, and imprisoned. His release after 26 years' imprisonment was negotiated at the time of the Treaty of Utrecht. In 1714 or 1715 he was able to rejoin his family and settle in Ireland for the last few years of his life. His son Peter became dean of Killaloe (1724) and his grandson Gabriel James dean of Saint Patrick's (1745). This family name has now almost died out in Ireland and Britain, but is still common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Maturin, 1694 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Henry Maturin, 1771 in *IGI* (Dublin, Ireland).

**References:** *Dublin Documents*; *Smiles*, p. 414; <http://maturin.org.uk/2.html>

### Mauchan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Lanarks

1 Scottish: locative name from Machan in Dalsersf (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** John de Machen, 1263, William de Maghan, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Adam de Mauchan, 1300 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Jonet Mauchan, 1630 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Mauchen, 1694 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks); Eliza Mauchen, 1861 in *IGI* (Cardross, Dunbartons).

2 Irish: from Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Mauchlen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Mauchline**.

### Mauchline

Variants: **Mauchlen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Mauchline (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** William Maghlyn, Richard Maughlyn or Maugelyn, 1407–9 in *Scotland Calendar*, Sir Patrick Mawchlyne, 1512 in *Crail Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mungo Machline, 1602 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jenet Mauchline, 1630 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Barbara Mauchline, 1658 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Andrew Machlyne, 1707 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr).



**Maud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 669
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Dublin
- English: see **Maude**.

**Maude**

**Variants:** **Maud**, **Mawhood**, **Mahood**, **Mould**, **Mowat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1204, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1131
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Wexford; Fermanagh

1 Welsh, English: locative name from Mold (Flints), recorded as (*de*) *Montealto* in 1151–81 and *Mohaut* in 1297. It derives from Anglo-Norman French *mont haut* 'high hill or mound' (Latin *mons altus*), which was the Norman name for Bailey Hill, on which the castle stood. In 17th-century Yorks the surname commonly appears either as *Mawhood* or as *Maud(e)* (also *Mawde*), from the reduction of the two syllables of *Mohaut* to one. See also **Mowat**, a Scottish development of *de Mohaut*.

**Further information:** Roger de Mohaut is recorded as the seneschal or royal administrator of *Mohaut* or Mold (Flints) in the early 13th century. The first known bearer of the surname was Simon de Mohaut in the early 12th century. He was son of Gospatrick son of Gospatrick, and a member of a pre-Conquest aristocratic Yorks family with a seat at Riddlesden of the fee of Skipton (WR Yorks). The family were also lords of Hawarden (adjacent to Mold), an association which continues in the main branch of the family to the present day. Simon's descendants continued to hold land in Riddlesden until at least the 17th century, when one branch of the family acquired lands in Kilkenny in Ireland, and later also in Connemara. The Maude baronetcy of Dundrum, Tipperary, was created in 1705 for Robert Maude. His son Cornwallis Maude, Baron de Montalt, was created first Viscount Hawarden in 1793.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon de Munhalt, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Muhaut, 13th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Richard de Mohaud, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Roger senescallus de Monte Alto, 1212, identical with Senescallus de Mohaut, 1235, and Roger de Mohaut, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs, Derbys, Suffolk); Thomas de Moaud, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey de Monte alto, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Robert de Monte Alto, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Flints and Cheshire); Edmund Mohaut, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Idonea Mohaud, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Mohaut, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Mohaut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morton, WR Yorks); Johannes Mohand (error for Mohaud) 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Robert de Mohault, steward of Chester, former holder of the castle and manor of Mold (Flints), 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); John Mawde otherwise Montalt, 1549 in *Thoresby Society* 24 (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Arthur Mawde alias Mawhaut, 1585 in *Early Yorks Families* (Riddlesden, WR Yorks); John Maude, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Ecclesall Bierlow, WR Yorks). Ireland: Robert Maude, 1676 in *IGI* (Bruff, Limerick); Andrew Maude, 1708 in *IGI* (Dublin); Cornwallis Maude, 1729 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Tipperary).

**References:** *DPN Wales*, p. 326; *Domesday People*, pp. 234–5, at Gospatrick; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 586, at de Mohaut; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 34–5; *MacLysaght*, at Maude.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Maud*, see **Malt** and compare **Moll**. Theoretically this relationship name may also have contributed to the surname in Yorks and other northern counties, but there is no definite evidence for this. Compare **Maudson** and **Maulson**. **Early bearers:** given names: Maude le Harper, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Maud Houton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Maud Pye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Maude Souster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys). surnames: Geoffrey Maude, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Lewys Maude, 1602 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds); Alice Maude, 1633 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

**Maudesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mawdsley**.

**Maudlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Beds
- English: see **Madelin**.

**Maudling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Kent
- English: see **Madelin**.

**Maudslay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Berks
- English: see **Mawdsley**.

**Maudsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 850
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mawdsley**.

**Maudson**

**Variants:** **Mawson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mald* or *Maud* + the patronymic marker *-son*. See **Malt**, **Maude** (2), and compare **Maulson**. **Early bearers:** England: Rado Maldesone, 1327, Johe Maldesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Malteson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmo Mawdson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Ricardus Maudson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); John Maltson, 1438 in *York Freeman's Register*; Mare Maudson, 1574 in *IGI* (Stainton le Vale, Lincs); Ann Maudson, 1752 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Harriet Maudson, 1800 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks). Scotland: John Mauldsone, 1376 in *Black* (Fife).

**Mauduit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Mawditt**.

**Maufe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mowe** (1) and compare **Maw** (2).

**Mauger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 590
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey and Jersey
- French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Maugier* (see **Major**). **Early bearers:** John De Jersey Mauger, 1823 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).

**Maugham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 429
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: variant of **Malham** (1), with the same vocalization of *-l* as noted in late spellings (and the local pronunciation) of the Yorkshire place-name. There has also been some confusion with Scottish **Mauchan** and Irish **Maughan**. **Early bearers:** Richard Maghan, 1476, John Mawgham, 1537 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Mawgham, 1541 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

**Maughan**

**Variants:** **Maun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3495, Ireland 817
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1656
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Macháin, a variant of Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**. There has been some confusion between this name and the English and Scottish name **Maugham**.

**Maul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Mall**.

**Maulden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Malden**.

**Mauldin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Malden**.

**Maulding**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Suffolk
- English: see **Malden**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Mauldon

### Mauldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Malden**.

### Maule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 909, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon, Northants, and Gloucs; Northumb and S Scotland

1 English: see **Mall**. The Northumb name, spelled *Mall* and *Maule*, may alternatively be the Scottish name (see (2) below), or the two names may have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Marg Mall, 1695, Robert Maule, 1803 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Maule (Seine-et-Oise). The family acquired land in Easter Fowlis (Perths) in the mid-12th century and the baronies of Panmure and Bervie by 1215.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Maule, about 1141 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Sir William de Maul, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar*; Patrick Maule, 1585 in *IGI* (Panmure, Angus); Patrick Maule, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Helen Maule, 1641, Alexander Maul, 1764 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Elizabeth Maule, 1650 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perths); Patrick Maule, 1658, Jean Maul, 1718 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**References:** *Black*, at *Maule*.

### Mauleverer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mal leverier* 'bad harrier'.

**Further information:** The estate of Allerton Mauleverer (WR Yorks) was held by the family of Ricardus Malus Leporarius, 1109–14, Ricardus Malleverer, 1180–9 in *Yorks Charters*. Compare Thomas Malevererman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alwoodley, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Malleu(e)rier, 1159, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Mauleverer, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Oliver Mauleuerer, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Creton, Lincs); William Mauleuerer, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Robert Malleuerer, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Joan Maleverer or Mauleverer, 1512–13 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 12–13.

### Maulkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire
- English: variant of **Malkin**.

### Maul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Mall**.

### Maulson

**Variants:** **Malsou**, **Mawson**, **Mowson**, **Malleson**, **Malsom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Mall** (a common form of *Maud* or *Matilda*) + the patronymic marker *-son*. See also **Maul**, **Maule**, **Mauil**, and compare **Maudson**. In post-medieval times *Maulson* may sometimes have lost the *-l-* and become confused with and absorbed into **Mawson**.

**Early bearers:** Adam son of Malle, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus filius Malle, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Malleson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Maleson, 1346 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henricus Malson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Johannes Malson, Willelmus Malleson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Willm Mawlson, 1561, Anne Maulson, 1572, Mary Mallson, 1604 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Elizabeth Maulson, 1576 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Mallson, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Malson, 1704, Hester Malsom, 1763 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Joseph Malsom, 1766, Hannah Malson, 1791 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

### Mault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Malt**.

### Maultby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Maltby**.

### Maun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Shrops, Staffs, and Cheshire

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 Irish: from the Norman French personal name *Mayon*, from the oblique case form of *Mahieu* (see **Matthew** and **Mayhew**).

**Early bearers:** Geoffery Mawne, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3547 (Monerit); Morrish McRichard Maune, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5418; William Fitz Nicholas Maune, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5418.

2 Irish: from Ó Macháin, a variant of Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Maund

**Variants:** **Mond**, **Mound**, **Mand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Shrops, and Herefs

1 English: locative name from the former district-name *Maund* (Herefs), which is recorded as *Magene* in 1086, surviving in the place-names Maund Bryan and Whitechurch Maund, both in Bodenham, and Rosemaund in Felton (all Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Magen', 1143–55, Maurice de Machna, 1148–62, Brian, son of Nicholas de Machena, late 12th cent. in *Herefs Place-Names* (Bodenham, Herefs); Thomas de Magene, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Arnald de Maundes, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William Maund, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Alexander Maunde, 1327 in *Pinchbeck*

*Register* (Suffolk); William Mawene, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Rosemaund, Herefs); William Mawene, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Edwardus Maunde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wareham, Dorset); Richard Maunde, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Will'm Mawnde, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cold Weston, Shrops); Ric. Mawne, Rog. Mawnd, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Church Stretton, Shrops); Thomas Mound, 1563 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Margaret Maunde, 1571 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 12–13, 38, 85.

2 English: see **Mand**.

### Maunder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1777, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1340
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, and Gloucs; London and Bucks
- English: see **Mander**.

### Mauanders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, Bucks; Somerset; Lincs

English: see **Manders**.

### Maunderell

**Variants:** **Maundrill**, **Mandrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset

English: unexplained. Possibly connected with the rare Middle English term *maundrel*, a measure of capacity (typically, of wine).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Maundrell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Peter Maundrell, 1594 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Thomas Maundrell, 1598 in *IGI* (Weare, Somerset); Elizabeth Maundrill, 1603 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Joan Maundrell, 1613 in *IGI* (Cameley, Somerset); Susan Maundrell, 1618 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); James Mandrill, 1703 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

### Maundrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Somerset
- English: see **Maunderell**.

### Maunsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Tipperary, and Kerry
- Irish: see **Mansell**.

### Maurer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *müre*, German *Mauer* 'wall', for a builder of walls of stone or brick.

### Maurice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Mayo
- English, Welsh: see **Morris**.

### Mauro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: relationship name, nickname, ethnic name from the personal name *Mauro*, derived from the Latin personal and ethnic name *Maurus*, meaning 'Moor, North African'; or from the same word, *mauro*, used as a nickname or ethnic name. Compare **Moore**.

### Maury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: from the Old French personal name *Maury*, see **Morey**.

### Mavani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Maven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glasgow; Northumb; Kent
- English: see **Mavin**.

### Maver

Variants: **Mavor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- Scottish: occupational name from Gaelic *maor* 'officer' (see **Mair**), in an anglicized spelling. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Wille Mawar, 1482, Walter Mawer, 1564 in *Black*; David Mawer, 1576 in *Black* (Lochs, Morays); Alexander Mavor, 1611 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian); Henrie Mavor, 1625 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); John Mavar, 1646 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens). **England:** James Mavor, 1789 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb). **References:** *Black*, pp. 588–9.

### Mavin

Variants: **Maven, Maving, Matfin, Matfen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Matfen (Northumb). **Early bearers:** William de Matfen, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Fenwick and Matfen, Northumb); William de Matfen, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Matfen, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jennet Mavin, 1559 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Matfen, 1577, Thomas Matfin, 1617 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Annes Mavine, 1581, Alisin Mavin, 1582 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Agnes Mavin, 1584, George Mavinge, 1608 in *IGI* (Morpeeth, Northumb); Francis Matfin, 1654 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Maving

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Durham
- English: see **Mavin**.

### Mavity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Kent
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bhiahdtaigh**, see **McVittie**.

### Mavor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also Fife
- Scottish: see **Maver**.

### Maw

Variants: **Mawe, Mowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1599, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1087
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- 1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Maw(e)*, a pet form of the Anglo-Norman French and Middle English personal name *Maheu* (*Matthew*), as shown by the example of Maw (alias Matthew) Knoll in 1450, cited below. See also **Mawson** (1) and **Mayhew**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3). **Further information:** Alternative derivation of Middle English *Mawe* from an Old English personal name \**Māwa* is theoretically possible in N England, where Old English *ā* was retained in Middle English, but there is no evidence to substantiate it. Compare **Mew**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mawe of Waterdene, 1246–62 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Maw (alias Matthew) Knoll, about 1450 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials* 3 (Foxup, WR Yorks). surnames: Godefridus filius Mawe, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes filius Mawe, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Galfridus filius Mawe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); William Mawe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Mawe, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Mawe, 1318 in *MED*; William Mawe, 1322 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Mawe, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Mareham, Lincs); Galfridus Mawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Mary Maw, 1541 in *IGI* (Eppworth, Lincs); Margaret Mawe, 1559 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); Agnes Mawe, 1563 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Margaret Mawe, 1566 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Eliz. Maw, 1577 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Dorithia Maw, 1665 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); Peter Maw, 1769 in *IGI* (Holm Cultram, Cumb).

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Mowe** (1) but the 1381 form below could alternatively be a spelling of the name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Magh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks).

3 English: locative name either '(dweller by) the meadow', from an otherwise unrecorded Middle English word \**mawe*, \**mowe* 'meadow' (attested in the second element of the Old English place-name Dunmow, Essex), or '(dweller by) the wet hollow',

from Middle English *mawe* 'stomach' (Old English *maga*) used topographically to denote a depression which collects water. See also **Mowe** (3).

**Early bearers:** Sibilla de la Mawe, William de Mawe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William de la Mawe, 1316, William le Mawe, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William atte Mowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Mawbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Derbys; Middx
- English: see **Mawby**.

### Mawby

Variants: **Mawbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1084, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 838
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: apparently a variant of **Mowbray** with loss of *r*, modified as if from a place-name containing Old Scandinavian *byr* 'farmstead, village'.

**Early bearers:** John Mawbey, 1556, Elizabeth Mawby, 1567 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Thomas Mawby, 1583, Richard Mawbey, 1601 in *IGI* (North Kilworth, Leics).

### Mawdesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mawdsley**.

### Mawditt

Variants: **Mauduit, Mudditt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Staffs
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mal-duit* 'badly brought up, ill educated' (Latin *male doctus*).

**Further information:** the place-name Hartley Mauditt (Hants) takes its affix from the family name of William Maldoit who held the manor in 1086 (*Domesday Book*).

**Early bearers:** Gunfridus Maledoctus, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); William Maldoit, Malduith, Malduit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Otuell Malduit, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robert Mauduit, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Hartley Mauditt, Hants); Richard Mauduit (Maudit), 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); John Mauduyt', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Warminster, Wilts); Roger Maudut', 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Eshott, Northumb); Robertus Maudyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adwick le Street, WR Yorks); John Maudit, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robert Mawdit, 1543 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); John Mawditt, 1560 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Prudence Mawdit, 1662 in *IGI* (Cotton, Suffolk).

### Mawdsley

Variants: **Maudsley, Maudslay, Mawdesley, Maudesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1889, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 945
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

## Mawe

English: locative name from Mawdesley (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Madesle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Moudesley, 1257 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); Roberto de Mawdesley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); William de Maudesley, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Mawdesley, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Mawdesley, 1476 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Mawdesley, 1561 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs).

### Mawe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Maw**.

### Mawer

**Variants:** Mower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1320, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 892
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *mawer*, *mower* 'a mower' (a derivative of Old English *māwan* 'to mow').

**Early bearers:** John le Mawere, le Mowere, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Mouer, 1263 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iv (Kent); John le Mawer, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger le Mower, 1305 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); William le Mawer, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Roger le Mawer, 1304, John le Mower, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas le Mawere, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Alan Mawer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Mowere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Hugo Mawer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Thomas Mawer, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby with Sloothby, Lincs); John Mower, 1567 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 38.

### Mawhinney

**Variants:** McWhinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 949
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Irish: (i) from **Mac Choinnigh**, lenited form of the personal name *Coinneach*, which is based on a word meaning 'comely'. This is the usual Irish form of the name. Compare Scottish **McWhinnie** and see also **McKenzie**, **McKinney** (from the unlenited form). (ii) in some cases it may be from **Mac Shuibhne**, see **Sweeney**.

**Early bearers:** John Mawhenny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibret, Monaghan); Arthur Mawheny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry); James Mawhiney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh).

### Mawhood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name variant of **Maude**.

**Early bearers:** John Mawhode, 1418 in *Yorks Deeds* (Ovenden, WR Yorks); Thomas Mawhawd', 1461 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Thomas Mawhood, 1596 in *Feet of Fines* (Dodworth and Darfield, WR Yorks); John son of Francis Mawd, 1662 (birth),

identical with John son of Francis Mawhood, 1664 (burial) in *Parish Registers* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).  
2 Irish: possibly a variant of **Mahood**, influenced by the English name.

**Early bearers:** John Mawhood, 1778 in *IGI* (Newry, Down); Thomas Mawhood, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyclog, Tyrone); Edward Mawhood, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down).

### Mawji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Mawle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Mall**.

### Mawman

**Variants:** Mayman, Moment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: occupational name, status name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**Mawman* 'servant of Maw' (a pet form of *Matthew*, see **Maw**) + an occasional excrescent *-d*.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that it a variant of **Mayman**; however, the variation in vowel is difficult to explain unless *Mawman* is original and *Mayman*, *Maymond*, etc. are variants.

**Early bearers:** Katerin Mawmond, 1484 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Richard Mawmande, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Flaxton, NR Yorks); Richard Mawman, 1626 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); Hellen Mauman, 1668 in *IGI* (Foston by Malton, NR Yorks); Tomati. Mawman, 1670 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); George Mawman, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Senior, York); Thomas Mawman, 1723 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks).

### Mawson

**Variants:** Mawston, Mowson, Mosson, Mossom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2715, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2399
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Durham, and Cumb

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Maw(e) + -son*. *Mawe* is a pet form of the Anglo-Norman French and Middle English personal name *Maheu* (i.e. Matthew), as the 1357 and 1379 early bearer examples suggest. Compare Agn' *Mawedoughter*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs). See also **Mayhew** and **Maw** (1). In the 1279 example, *fiz Mawe* is a clerk's translation of *Mawson* into the Law French of the assizes.

**Early bearers:** Johannes fiz Mawe, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Matthew Maweson, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Mawesson, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Mahewson, 1357 in *West Yorks Deeds* (Burley, WR Yorks); William Mawson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Burley, WR Yorks); William Mawson, 1382 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Robert Mawson, 1564 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Richard Mawson, 1596 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Giles Mawson, 1628 in

*IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Robert Mawson, 1677 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: possibly a variant of **Maulson**.

3 English: perhaps a variant of **Mowson**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

### Mawston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Mawson** with intrusive *t* as though it were a place-name.

**Early bearers:** Annas Mauston, 1598, Emma Mauson, 1622, Allice Mawson, 1646 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Robart Mawston, 1620, Thomas Mawzon, 1637, John Mawson, 1652 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Sarah Mauston, 1704, John Mausdon, 1837 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds).

### Max

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Pembrokes; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Macks**.

### Maxam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Suffolk
- English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name from Maxey (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Suein de Makesia, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Nicholas de Makesey, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Galfridum de Makesey, 13th cent. in *White Book of Peterborough* (Northants); Geoffrey de Makesey, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); Walran de Makesey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glatton, Hunts); Robert Makesey, 1346 in *London Letter Books F*; John Makesey, 1357 in *Cartulary of John Pyel* (Northants); William Makesey, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Stamford, Lincs); William de Makesey, 1396, William Makesey, 1397 in *Bishop of Lincoln's Writs* (Lincs); John Makesey, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Northampton, Northants); John Maxy, 1523 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Marie Maxsey, 1566 in *IGI* (Swinstead, Lincs); Alice Maxie, 1598 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds); Francis Maxey, 1602, Lucy Maxye, 1606 in *IGI* (Teigh, Rutland).

2 Irish: from **Ó Macasa** 'descendant of *Macus*', a personal name of uncertain origin. It may be a variant of **Magnus**.

**Early bearers:** Gillepatrick O'Mackessy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871 (Shanganaghe, Queen's County

[Laos]); Philip O'Makessy, yeoman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4826 (Fanteston, Cork).

### Maxfield

Variants: **Macclesfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 784
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Macclesfield (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Makelesfeld* in 1182, *Mackesfeld* in 1303, and *Maxfeld* in 1325.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Makelesfeld, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John de Maclesfeld, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants and Wilts); John de Maklesfeld, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Sibilla de Makesfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); John Maxfeld', 1390, William Maxkesfeld', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Maclesfeld, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Elyzabetha Maxfeild, 1605 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Gratia Mackesfield, 1637 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Ralph Macklesfield, 1666 in *IGI* (Sandon, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 113–14.

### Maxham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Maxim**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Maxim

Variants: **Maxime, Maxam, Maxham, Maxin, Maxine, Maxen, Maxon, Maxson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; also Lancs
- English: relationship name apparently from the (unrecorded) Middle English personal name \**Maxim* (Latin *Maximus*). Compare **Mammatt**.
- Early bearers:** Jone Maxam, 1561, Susanna Maxime, 1607 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Maut Maxen, 1572 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Thomas Maxham, 1576 in *IGI* (Kelstern, Lincs); Ann Maxum, 1605 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Josephe Maxom, 1644 in *IGI* (London); Henry Maxam, 1650, Mary Maxum, 1658 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Jorep Maxom, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Woolwich, Kent); Richard Maxham, 1666, Richard Maxum, 1695 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Edmund Maxim, 1667 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs); Elizabeth Maxem, 1777 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs).

### Maxime

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Maxim**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Maxine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Maxim**.

### Maxstead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Maxted**.

### Maxsted

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Kent

English: see **Maxted**.

### Maxtead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; also Surrey

English: see **Maxted**.

### Maxted

Variants: **Maxtead, Maxsted, Maxstead, Mexted, Mepstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 691
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Maxted Street in Elmsted (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Mexsted, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loningborough hundred, Kent); Lore Mexstede, 1473, Thomas Maxstede, 1535 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Chilham, Kent); William Mexstede, 1499 in *Kent Wills* (Chilham, Kent); Hamon Maksted', 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Elmsted and adjacent parishes, Kent); Hamond Mexsted, 1511 in *Kent Wills* (Elmsted, Kent); William Maxted, 1540 in *IGI* (Waltham, Kent); John Maxsted, 1634, Sarah Mexsted, 1689, Elizabeth Mexted, 1690 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 426.

### Maxton

Variants: **Maxtone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Perth, Stirlings, and Lanarks

1 Scottish: locative name from Maxton (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Makuston, Philip de Mackuston, about 1250, Adam de Maxton, 1261 in *Scotland Calendar* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Alexander de Maxston, 1285 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Jhone Maxtone, 1568, Jannet Maxton, 1628 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Thomas Maxton, 1596 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); John Maxton, 1737 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Adam de Makeston', 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb).

2 English: locative name from Maxton in Hougham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Makestan, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Gilberto de Makestone, 1273–4 in *Dover Charters* (Dover, Kent); Gilberto de Maxtone, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bewsborough hundred, Kent); John Makeston, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Alexander Maxton, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Margaret Maxton, 1654 in *IGI* (Southburgh, Norfolk); Richard Maxton, 1811 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 567; *Saint Augustine and Shipway*, p. 445.

### Maxtone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish: see **Maxton**.

### Maxwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11747, Ireland 2620
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7080
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

1 Scottish: locative name from Maxwell in Kelso (Roxburghs), the name of a salmon pool on the Tweed near Kelso Bridge.

**Further information:** A family of this name, who held the titles Earl of Morton and Earl of Nithsdale, can trace their descent from Maccus, son of Undewyn, who obtained a grant of land on the Tweed some time before 1150 and apparently gave his name to the nearby pool now known as Maxwell.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Maccuswell, 1221 in *Patent Rolls*; Eymere de Mackisuell, 1262 in *Peebles Charters* (Peebles); Eustace de Makeswell, 1335, William de Makeswell, 1342, John Maxwell, 'chivaler', 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; Elin Maxwell, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Maxwell, 1588 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Johne Maxwell, 1643 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William Maxwell, 1659 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

England: Herbert de Makeswell', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Maxwell, 1551 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Hugh Maxwell, 1563 in *IGI* (Durham, Co. Durham).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Meisceall, see **Miskell**.

### May

Variants: **Maye, Mae, Mai, Mey, Lemay, Le May**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23849, Ireland 709
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18969
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon and Cornwall; London and Kent; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; also Dublin; Antrim

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *May*, a pet form of *Matthew* (see **Mayhew**). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *May*, possibly a pet form of *Mary* or *Margaret*, or derived from the name of the month.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maye de Hyndeale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wigglesworth, WR Yorks); May Shepherd, vidua ('widow'), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Riccall, ER Yorks); May, ancilla ('maidservant'), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marefield, Leics).

sumames: Johannes filius Maie, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Elena filia May, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard May, 1538 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Elizabeth May, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); George

## Mayal

May, 1539 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Hary May, 1539 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); James May, 1539 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mei*, *may* ‘kinsman’. Compare **Mildmay**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** William Mai, 1167, William le Mai, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas le Mey, Goscelin Mey, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Johannes Mey de Hautboys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Willelmo le May, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); Petro Lemay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourn, Berks).

3 English: occupational name from Middle English \**mei*, Old French *mege*, \**meie* ‘physician’, a side form of **Mee** and **Mye**. Henr’ le Mey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southwell, Notts) is probably identical with Henr’ le Mie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westhorpe, in Southwell, Notts).

4 Irish: the English name is well established in Ireland, but in some cases it also represents Irish Ó **Miadhaigh**, see **Maye**.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 麥 (see **Mak** (1)) and 梅 (see **Moy** (3)).

### Mayal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Mayall**.

### Mayale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mayall**.

### Mayall

**Variants:** **Mayell**, **Mayal**, **Mayale**, **Mayhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 902
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Gloucs and Worcs
- Welsh, English: see **Male**.

### Mayat

**Variants:** **Mayet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Maybank

**Variants:** **Maybanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London; also Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Malbon**.

### Maybanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Maybank** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Maybee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; also Somerset
- English: see **Mabey**.

### Mayben

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Maybin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Mayberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 60
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Derry
- English, Scottish: see **Maybury**.

### Maybery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales (esp. Monmouths) and Gloucs

English: see **Maybury**.

### Maybey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Suffolk

English: see **Mabey**.

### Maybin

**Variants:** **Mayben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Mabon**.

2 English: see **Mabin**.

3 English: see **Malbon**.

### Mayborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Maybourne**.

### Maybourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Maybourne**.

### Maybourne

**Variants:** **Maybourn**, **Mayborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Malbon** with loss of *-l-* (compare **Mabon** and **Maybank**), and intrusive *-r-* as if derived from a place-name containing Old English *burna* ‘stream’.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Mabourne, 1572 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Agnes Maborne, 1575 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Grace Maborne, 1575 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Pernell Maborne, 1580 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Marget Maborne, 1585 in *IGI* (London); Susan Mabourne, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret at Cliffe, Kent); Samuel Maborne, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Chatham, Kent); William Mabourne, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Worth, Kent).

### Maybry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Maybury**.

### Maybury

**Variants:** **Mayberry**, **Maybery**, **Maybry**, **Mabery**, **Mabry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Warwicks, Worcs, and Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: of uncertain origin; most probably an altered form of **Mowbray**. There is a place near Woking in Surrey called Maybury, but this is not recorded until 1885 and is probably derived from the surname. It was taken to Ireland in the 17th century. The spelling *Maybury* is found mainly in Kerry, *Mayberry* in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Richard Maybury, 1641 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); William Maybury, 1657 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); William Mabury, 1671 in *IGI* (Holnest, Dorset); Thomas Mabury, 1718 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Rebecca Maybury, 1731 in *IGI* (Deritend and Bordesley, Warwicks); Ann Mabury, 1736 in *IGI* (Eastnor, Herefs); Richard Mabury, 1792 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Thomas Mabury, 1801 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Maycock

**Variants:** **Meacock**, **Mycock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1977, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Maycok*, a diminutive of *May*, a pet form of *Mayhew* (Matthew).

**Early bearers:** given names: Maicoc le Crouder, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: William Maycock 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Macok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Alicia Makok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scorborough, ER Yorks); Hugo Maicok, 1379, Johannes Maycok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newport, IoW); Robertus, Hugo Macok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Warwicks); Johannes Maycok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); George Meacocke, 1542 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Elizabeth Makocke, 1595 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Mecocke, 1585 in *Oxford University Register*.

### Maycroft

**Variants:** **Mycroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: variant of **Mederaft** with loss of */d/*.
- Early bearers:** Mary Maycrofte, 1582 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Jane Mycroft, 1601 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Richard Mycroft, 1698 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Elizabeth Mycroft, 1707 in *IGI* (Boughton, Notts); Matthew Maycroft, 1759 in *IGI* (Blackwell by Alfreton, Derbys); Elizabeth Meecroft, 1773 in *IGI* (Marks Tey, Essex).

### Maydell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Madle**.

**Mayden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

English: see **Maiden**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Maydew**

**Variants:** Madew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Middle English *madewe*, a dialectal variant of *medewe* 'meadow' (Old English *mædwe*, dative of *mæd*). Compare **Meadow**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Madewe, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); Johannes Madewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fring, Norfolk); Betterice Madew, 1596 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Thomas Maydew, 1671 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Maydew, 1683 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

**Maydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Warwicks

English: see **Maiden**.

**Maydwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

English: see **Maidwell**.

**Maye**

**Variants:** O'May, May, Ma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 540

- **GB frequency 1881:** 112

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 Irish: from Ó Miadhach 'descendant of Miadhach', a personal name meaning 'honourable, proud'.

**Early bearers:** William Meagh, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1385 (Cork); James Meagh, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4998 (Cork, Kynsale).

2 English: see **May**.

**Mayell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 255

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; London

English: see **Mayall**.

**Mayer**

**Variants:** Mayor, Meyer, Meier, Meir, Maier, Mayers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2457, Ireland 18

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1718

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire, Lancs, and London

1 English: (i) occupational name for a physician, from Old French *mire*, Middle English *mire*, *meir*, *meyre*, synonymous with **Myer** (ii) occupational name perhaps occasionally for a 'mayor', from Old French *maire*, but the term was limited in England to mayors of boroughs, much less numerous than the corresponding 'mayors' of France and Scotland (see

**Mair**). Sometimes it may have been a nickname for someone who aped the mayor.

**Early bearers:** William le Maier, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Meyer, Bartholomew le Meyre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); David le Meir, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Alan Mair, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robertus le Mayre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steeton, WR Yorks); Henricus Mair', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Johannes le Mayre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Willelmus Mayr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Rychard Mayer, 1575 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Johana Mayre, 1576 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Frances Maior, 1588 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Thomas Mayre, 1613, Ellin Maer, 1628 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Margaret Meyre, 1629, John Maiore, 1637 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire).

2 English: anglicized spelling of **Meyer**.

**Mayers**

**Variants:** Meyers, Mairs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2275, Ireland 38

- **GB frequency 1881:** 894

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also London; Berks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: variant of **Mayer** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Meyres, 1627 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Elizabeth Mayers, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Irish, English: see **Myers**.

**Mayes**

**Variants:** Mays, Mayze, Maze, Meys, Mayse, Maize, Mais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4725, Ireland 149

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2673

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Northants and Beds; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: relationship name, variant of the personal name **May** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Meys, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Stephen Mayes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willm Mayes, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Katheryn Mayes, 1544 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edward Mayes, 1555 in *IGI* (Eyeworth, Beds); Thomas Mayes, 1562 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Thomas Mayes, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Mayet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Muslim: see **Mayat**.

**Mayfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1125, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 759

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Lincs, and Leics

English: locative name from Mayfield (Staffs), which is recorded as *Mathelfeld* in 1227, *Mathefeld*, *Matherfeld* in the 14th century, and *Maifield* in 1656.

**Further information:** Derivation from Mayfield (Sussex), as suggested by Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson*, is theoretically possible but unlikely, given the geographical distribution of the recorded bearers of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Mathelfeld, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Mathefeld, 1311 in *Derbys Record Office* (Okeover, Staffs); Thomas de Matherfeld, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Derby, Derbys); Henry de Mathefeld, 1368 in *Derbys Record Office* (Blore, Staffs); Elizabeth Mayfeild, 1571 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs); Dorithy Mayfield, 1580 in *IGI* (Cropwell Bishop, Notts); W'm Mayfeild, 1589 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); Anne Mayfield, 1594 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Jane Mayfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Frannces Mayfield, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Oakley, Northants); John Mayfield, 1637 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); William Mayfeild, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Mathfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Mayfield, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 384–5.

**Mayger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Staffs

English: see **Major**.

**Mayhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Mayall**.

**Mayhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: variant of **Mayot**.

**Mayhew**

**Variants:** Mehew, Mayo, Mayho, Mayoh, Mayou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3862, Ireland 22

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2430

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French and Middle English male personal name *Maheu* (Old French *Mahieu*), a common Norman form of **Matthew**. Its common Middle English pet form was *Maw*, by syncope of the medial *-he-*; see under **Maw** (1). See also **May** and **Mahy**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Maheo de Charun, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

surnames: Geoffrey Maheu, about 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); John Mahyw, William Mahu, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Maheu, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); William Mayhew, 1351 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Radulphus Maihew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Willelmus Maihou, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Thomas Maiheu, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Mayhew alias Mayheu, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); John Mayho, 1428 in *London Letter Books K*; Robert Mayhewe, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); John Mayhow, Wylliam Mayo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Mayhew, 1543–4, Richard Mayhowe, 1557–8, Jeremy Mayow, 1587–8 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon).

**Mayho**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mayhew**.

## Maylam

### Maylam

Variants: **Maylum**, **Malom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: unexplained. There is one early form with a preposition (Thomas de Maleyme, 1334), which, if not an error, indicates that the name is locative, but no corresponding place-name has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Hamonis Mayleme, Iohannis Mayleme, 1316–17 in *Assize Rolls* (Larkfield and Maidstone hundreds, Kent); Dionis' Mayleme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Thomas de Maleyme, Denis Maileme, Philip Mayleme, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); William Mayleme, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (East Farleigh, Kent); Henry Malymme, 1537 in *Feet of Fines* (Staplehurst, Kent); Edward Maylim, 1572, Edward Maylom, 1627 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Pacione Maylem, 1595 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Marye Malum, 1596 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Maylem, 1621 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Mary Maylum, 1626 in *IGI* (Newnham, Kent); John Maylum, 1775 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Malham** (2).

### Maylan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Mayland**, **Malin**.

### Mayland

Variants: **Maylan**, **Malan**, **Maylin**, **Maling**, **Mallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

1 English: locative name from Mayland (Essex) or Mayland in Hamsterley (Durham). The post-medieval name may have been confused with **Malin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Mailande, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Richard Maylond, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Elizabeth Maland, 1547, Roger Malen, 1574, Roger Mallon, 1576, Margaret Maland, 1623 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Edward Mayland, 1578, Susan Maland, 1645 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Margaret Maland, 1593, Lanslet Malon, 1602, James Maylin, 1729 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Steven Mayland, 1597 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); William Mayland, 1740 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex).

2 English: see **Malin**.

### Maylard

Variants: **Mallett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: see **Maillard**.

### Mayle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs
- Welsh, English: see **Male**.

### Mayler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Mailler**.

### Mayles

Variants: **Mailes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- Welsh, English: see **Males**.

### Maylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Maillard**.

### Mayley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs

Irish: see **Mailey**.

### Maylin

Variants: **Mayling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

1 English: see **Malin** and compare **Mealing**.

2 English: see **Mayland**.

### Mayling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Mealing**.

### Maylon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London, and Herts
- English: see **Malin**.

### Maylor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Mailler**.

### Maylum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Maylam**.

### Mayman

Variants: **Maymon**, **Maymand**, **Maymond**, **Mammon**, **Mammen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English, Anglo-Norman French personal name *Maymond*, a variant of Old French *Maismon*, *Maimon*, the oblique case form of *Maisme* (Latin *Maximus*); see **Maxim** and compare **Memmot**. The excrescent *-d* was added in Anglo-Norman French; compare **Hammond**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** England: Eudo Maymunde, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); William Maymond, 1323 in

*Patent Rolls* (Benson, Oxon); Hugone Maymond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); John Maymond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Maymond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Croyde, Devon); Joh'e Maymund, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Wheatley, Notts); John Maymond, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Maymon, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Spalding, Lincs); Johannes Maymond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coniston Cold, WR Yorks); Willelmus Maymund', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley Royal, WR Yorks); Johannes Maymond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewelme, Oxon); Henricus Maymund, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Didling, Sussex); Annas Mamman, 1563 in *IGI* (Stenigot, Lincs); Agneta Maymond, 1576, Margareta Maymonde, 1579 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Elizabethae Maymond, 1586 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Robert Maymon, 1602, Peter Mamon, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Mayman, 1619 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Edmond Maymand, 1630 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Thomas Mamon, 1694 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Jos. Maymon, 1765 in *IGI* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Ann Mammon, 1792, Peggy Mayman, 1802, Jas Maymond, 1803 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs). Scotland: Robert Maimunde, 1178–1214 in *Inchcolm Charters*.

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Mawman**, showing the same vowel change as in **Daykin** for **Dawkin**.

### Maymand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Mayman**.

### Maymon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mayman**.

### Maymond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mayman**.

### Maynall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Meynell**.

### Maynard

Variants: **Mynard**, **Minard**, **Maynards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6791, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4577
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Mainard* (Old French *Mainard*, *Meinard*, from Continental Germanic *Maganhard*, *Meginard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Meinardus uigil, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Maynard Colender, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiveton, Norfolk).

sumames: Thomas filius Meinard, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Mainard, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Mainard, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Maynard', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Mumby, Lincs);



Robertus Maynard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christchurch, Hants); Thomas Maynarde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Walterus Meynard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Willelmus Maynhard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Caversham, Oxon); Richard Maynard', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Moreleigh, Devon); Thomas Maynard', 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Eltham, Kent); Nicholas Maynard, 1508–9 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Nicholas Mynard, 1626, William Minard, 1632 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); Tho. Mynard, 1740 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks).

### Maynards

Variants: **Minards**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Kent

English: variant of **Maynard** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Anne Maynards, 1562 in *IGI* (London); Sarah Maynards, 1636 in *IGI* (Willian, Herts); Tamsin Minards, 1650 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Margaret Maynards, 1660, Mary Mynards, 1699 in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall); Elizabeth Minards, 1740 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds).

### Mayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2824, Ireland 327
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1752
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Bucks and London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: see **Main**.

2 English: locative name from Broadmayne (Dorset), which is recorded as *Maine* in 1086, *Mayne* in 1236.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Meines, 1204 in *Feet of Fines* (Warmwell, Dorset); Adam de Meine, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Robert de Maine, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey de Meynes, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Robert de Mayne, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Broadmayne, Dorset); Joan Mayne, 1551 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Symon Maine, 1558 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Joannes Maine, 1567 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Mayne, 1626 in *IGI* (Corscombe, Dorset); Agnes Maine, 1659 in *IGI* (Thorncombe, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 337.

3 Irish: mainly of Norman origin, see **Main**, but in Fermanagh sometimes adopted for **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.

### Maynell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Middx

English: see **Meynell**.

### Mayner

Variants: **Mainer**, **Maynor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mainer* (Continental Germanic *Maginhari*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Mainerus filius Roberti, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Walkevinus filius Mainer, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Hugo Mainer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Cambs); William Mayner, 1328 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmus Mayner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Rogerus Mayner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Thomas Mayner, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Newington by Sittingbourne, Kent); Edmund Mayner, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Nicholas Mayner, 1608 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Maynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Scottish, English: see **Mains**.

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is in most cases the English or Scottish name, but it was also adopted for **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.

### Maynor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mayner**.

### Mayo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3438, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2296
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW midlands (esp. Gloucs and Herefs); Dorset; Lancs; Middx

English: see **Mayhew**.

### Mayoh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Mayhew**.

### Mayon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs and WR Yorks

Probably a variant of **Main**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Mayon, 1539 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Anne Mayon, 1552 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margaret Mayon, 1586 in *IGI* (Edgcott, Bucks); Fabian Mayon, 1601 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Thomas Mayon, 1791 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Mayor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1431, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1304
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Mayer**.

### Mayot

Variants: **Mayhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name from a diminutive form of the Middle English personal name **May**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Mayot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Atterby, Lincs); Johannes Mayot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Cyssely Mayott, 1547 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Robert Mayot, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermary, London); Johannes Mayott, 1603 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Johannis Maiott, 1628 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs);

Marie Mayett, 1645 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); Thomas Mayett, 1682 in *IGI* (Horton, Staffs); John Mayott, 1708 in *IGI* (Mountnessing, Essex); Mary Mayhead, 1736 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Catherine Mayhead, 1815 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Mayou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Mayhew**.

### Mays

Variants: **Maze**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1227, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1647
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London

English: see **Mayes**.

### Mayse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Mayes**.

### Maysey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Maisey**.

### Mayson

Variants: **Maison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **May** + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** William Mayson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Mayeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Maieson, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; William Mayeson, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John Mayesson, 1369 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Norfolk); William Mayson', 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Mayson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Joh. Mayson, 1383 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Heworth, Durham); Agnes Mayson, 1567 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

2 English: a northern spelling of **Mason**. Compare Adam de Morton, *mayson*, 1371 in *Yorks Poll Tax*. **Early bearers:** Alexander Mason, Mayson blaksmyth, 1520, 1542 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Mayston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London

English: variant of **Maidstone** with loss of *-d-*.

### Mayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Mayton Farm in Sturry (Kent).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Maytum

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Meytone, 13th cent. in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Sturry, Kent); John de Maytone, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Mayton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John a Mayton, 1475–6 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Blean, Kent); Jone Mayton, 1576 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); James Mayton, 1620 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); Mary Mayton, 1680 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 515.

## Maytum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Maytham in Rolvenden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Mayham, 1222, Ralph de Meyham, 1253 in *Feet of Fines* (Sevington and Newenden, Kent); Robert de Mehamme, 1251 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Benenden, Kent); John Maytham, 1488, John Mayetham, 1505 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Bethersden, Kent); John Maytham, 1502 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Shadoxhurst, Kent); John Maytamme, 1532, John Maitam, 1551 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Great Chart, Kent); George Meytham, 1533 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Brenzett, Kent); William Maytam, 1585 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Wyllyam Maytam, 1588 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); Stephen Maytum, 1591 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Maitham, 1605, Richard Maithome, 1613 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Mary Maytom, 1666, Mary Maytam, 1667, Ann Maytum, 1669 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 362–3; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 354.

## Maywell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Maywelle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Harcourt, Leics); Richard Maywell, 1660 in *IGI* (Whittington, Gloucs); Will. Maywell, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Maywell, 1708 in *IGI* (Besselsleigh, Berks); Thomas Maywell, 1730 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Isaac Maywell, 1812 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

## Mayze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see *Mayes*.

## Maze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: see *Mays*.

2 Irish (Ulster): of uncertain origin. When it is not the English name, it may be a variant of *Maye*.

## Mazey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; also Warwicks, Oxon, and Berks

English: see *Maisey*.

## Mazhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mazhar* 'manifestation'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Mazur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Polish, Ukrainian, Jewish: regional name, nickname Polish, Ukrainian, and Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic), regional name for someone from the medieval province of Masovia (Polish *Mazowsze*), which includes modern Masuria. It may also be a nickname meaning 'rustic'.

**Early bearers:** Reuben Mazur, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Sam Mazur, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Luzarno and Esther Mazur, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Mazurek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish and Ukrainian: diminutive of *Mazur*.

## Mazza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: (i) nickname from *mazza* 'club, mace, sledgehammer', used to denote a mace bearer, but also for a violent and destructive individual. (ii) It may alternatively be from a reduced form of *Giacomo*, Italian form of *James* with the pejorative suffix *-azzo*. Compare *Mazzone*.

## Mazzone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: augmentative derivative of *Mazza* or reduced form of *Giacomazzo*, a derivative of the personal name *Giacomo*, Italian form of *James*. *-azzo* is an augmentative suffix and *-one* is pejorative, so the implication is something like 'big bad James'.

## Mazzotta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: from a diminutive of the personal names *Mazzo* or *Mazzeo*.

## McAbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb, Glasgow, Lancs

Irish: see *McCabe*.

## McAdam

**Variants:** *McAdams*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3150, Ireland 662
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1771
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name 'son of *Adam*', from the uninflected, unlenited form of the Biblical given name. Compare *McGaw*. In Ireland

(County Armagh), there has been some confusion between this name and *McCadden*. In Ireland it has also been adopted as a patronymic in place of certain unrelated surnames including, for example *Barry* (a Norman family in County Cork).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Dolfinus mach Adam, 1160–2 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Nel MkkKadan, Donald MkkKadam, and Fynlay McKadem, 1460 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Calady); John McCadame, 1609 in *Retours, Scotland* (Ayr).

Ireland: Philip son of Thomas Mecadam, fisher, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §177 (Limerick); Richard McAdam, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5448 (Mayo); Riccard mc Shane fyne McAdam, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5451 (Clonconnor, Galway).

## McAdams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 211
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: variant of *McAdam* with excrescent English *-s*.

## McAdden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: see *McCadden*.

## McAdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Aداigh*, from the Gaelic form of *Adam*. According to Black this was an alternative surname used by some of the Fergusons. Compare *Keddie*.

**Early bearers:** John McChaddie, 1596 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Fearn, Ross and Cromarty); Donald McKeddie, piper, 1647 in *Black* (King Edward); George McAdie, 1730 in *IGI* (Watten, Caithness).

## McAdoo

**Variants:** *McIndoe*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 142
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Monaghan

Irish: from *Mac Conduibh* 'son of *Cú Dhubh*', a personal name meaning 'black hound', from *cú* 'hound' (genitive *con*) + *dubh* 'black'. It is also anglicized as *Cunniff* and *McNiff*. The form *McAdoo* in Ulster may be connected with the Scottish name *McIndoe*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mollaghlyn McConowe, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1641 (Cahirclogan, Clare); Teige McConave, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Gralaghe, Tipperary); James McAdoo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Monaghan); William McAdoo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Mongo McAdoo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal).

Scotland: Donald McCado, bailie, 1586 in *Collectanea de Rebus Albanicis* (Logy, Fife).

## McAdorey

**Variants:** *McIndeor*, *Mackinder*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 78

- GB frequency 1881: 8

Irish: See **McIndoer**.

**Early bearers:** Shane McEudoire, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Coultober, Wexford).

### McAfee

**Variants:** McAffee, McGuffie, McGuffey, Guffie, Guffey, Dooley, Dowey, McFee, McPhee, McPhie, McFie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 505
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Renfrews and Lanarks; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe** 'son of *Duibhshíth*', a Gaelic personal name derived from *dubh* 'black, dark' + *síth* 'peace' or 'other-world dwelling'. The surname evidently came to Ulster from Scotland. The anglicization *McAfee* represents the lenited form of the surname, phonetically close to **McGuffie**, but with a different stress pattern. The many variants show reduction either by loss of the first syllable of the personal name or loss of *mac*. In Scotland the spelling **McPhee** is now most frequent. Compare the unlenited form **McDuffie**. **Duffy**, however, with variants *Dooley* and *Dowey*, comes from a different personal name.

**Further information:** the midland Irish surname *McFeagh* in *Fiants* must represent **Mac Fiacha**, no longer current – it is attested too early to be from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Archibald McKofee, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll); Malcolm Makkofee, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Colonsay, Argyll); Ewin McAphie, 1681 in *Black*. Ireland: John mcEdmund *McFeagh*, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2230; Soneck mcThomas *McFeagh*, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2494; Thomas roo mcEdmund *McFeagh*, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2499; Thomas roe mcEdmund *McFiagha*, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Kildromadrig); Shonag mcThomas *McFiagh*, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Balindula); Ferrall *McFeagh*; kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5015 (Westmeath); 1601 in §6660 (Dublin); James McAfee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry).

### McAfee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain and is found mainly in the USA.

### McAffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cathbhairr**, see **McCaffer**.

### McAfferty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow, Dunbartons, and Stirlings

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: variant (found in Scotland) of **Mac Eachmharaigh**, see **McCafferty**.

### McAffery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Gafraidh**, see **McCaffrey**.

### McAffrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: from **Mac Gafraidh**, see **McCaffrey**.

### McAinsh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**, **McCance**.

**Early bearers:** Christian McAinsh, 1756 in *IGI* (Monzievairst and Strowan, Perth).

### McAlary

**Variants:** Callery, Callary, Gallery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

1 Irish: from **Mac Giolla Arrraith** 'son of *Giolla Arrraith*' a personal name meaning 'lad of prosperity'. The anglicized form has sometimes been confused with **Cleary**.

**Further information:** This is the name of a chieftain family in Sligo, some of whom moved to Antrim.

**Early bearers:** Daibith Mac Gille-Arrraith, 1294 in *AU*; Uilliam Mac Gille-Arrraith, 1311 in *AU*; Simon mac Concobuir mic Simoin Mic Gille-Arrraith, Chief of chiefs of Luighni, 1342 in *AU*; Mortagh glassy McEllary, rector of Ballemorney, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897 (Antrim); Owen McCalerie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4570 (Coloin, Sligo); Shane more McElahray, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4782 (Castle Carrigh, Sligo); Teige mcCormuck McElearra, Gillepatrick modder McCalery, and William McElearrae, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Balliarreogh, Balleneshian, and Tulleneglogge, Sligo); Rich. McElerae, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190.

2 Irish: see **Carr**.

### McAldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: variant of **McCalden**.

**Further information:** Woulfe links *McAldin* with **McAllan**, but this would only work if *-ll-* is a misreading of *lt*. A more likely possibility is that it is a reduced form of *Mac Codlatáin* (see **Culliton**).

### McAlea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac an Leagha** 'son of the physician', a surname adopted by various medical families in Ireland. See also **Lee**, **McClay**.

**Early bearers:** Dermot oge and Ullen boy McElla, surgeons, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4730 (the Carrig); Fynyn McElea, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5606 (Callon); Ollan McLea, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617 (Brocklin, Galway).

### McAlear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: mainly Scottish variant spelling of **McAleer**.

### McAleavey

**Variants:** McAleavy, McAleevy, McLeavy, McLeavey, McLevy, McLevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 160
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Dhuinnshléibhe** 'son of *Donnshléibhe*', a personal name meaning 'chieftain (literally, brown one) of the mountain'. This surname is the lenited form; the unlenited variant *Mac Duinnshléibhe* was anglicized as **McDunleavy**; see **Dunleavy**.

**Further information:** This is the name of an ancient and once powerful family in county Down, dispersed after the invasion of John de Courcy in 1177. See also **McCloy**, **McClay**, **McGlew**.

**Early bearers:** Gilpatrick and Teige McEnlevie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Longford).

### McAleavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Down
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Dhuinnshléibhe**, see **McAleavey**.  
2 Irish: see **McGlew**.

### McAleenan

**Variants:** McGleenan, McGleenon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 312
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Fhinnéin** 'son of *Giolla Fhinnéin*' a personal name meaning 'servant or devotee of Saint Finnian'. Compare Scottish **McLennan**, where additional early bearers are listed.

**Further information:** The family were chieftains in Fermanagh. The English surname **Leonard** was sometimes adopted as an equivalent.

**Early bearers:** Aenghus Mac Gille Fhinnein, king of Fermanagh, 1234 in *AU*; Domnall Mac Gille Fhinnéin, chief of Muinnter Peodachain, 1281, in *AU*; Tirlagh and Hugh McElinnan, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5716 (Fermanagh); Phelim McEliman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6667 (Monaghan); Henry and Phelim McElynan, gents, 1612 in *Irish Patent Rolls*, 217b (Munterfodoghan, Fermanagh).

### McAleer

**Variants:** McAlear, McClure, McLearn, Lear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 877, Ireland 1166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Uidhir** 'son of the swarthy lad', from *odhar* (genitive *uidhir*) 'dun-coloured', 'weatherbeaten'. Compare the Scottish anglicization **McClure**.

**Early bearers:** Echdonn Mac Gille Uidir, primate of Ireland, 1216 in *AU* (Armagh); Patrick and Mlaghlen McElyre, kerns 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fues, Armagh); Tirlagh McLeere, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyshealmore,

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Armagh); James McAlear, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bodoney Upper, Tyrone); Nicholas McOleer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumragh, Tyrone); Miles McAleer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); John McLeer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Louth).

### McAlees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Íosa, see **McLeish**.

### McAleese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 786
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Íosa, see **McLeish**. Compare **Gillies**.
- Early bearers:** Laghlin McElyasagh, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699; Mostra John McIllosa, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

### McAleevy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Irish: from Mac Dhuinnshléibhe, see **McAleavey**.
- 2 Irish: see **McGlew**.

### McAlinden

**Variants:** **McAlindon**, **McLinton**, **McLinden**, **McLindon**, **McClinton**, **Clinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 888
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Ghiolla Fhionntáin* ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Fhionntáin*, whose name has been explained as ‘the white ancient’. Woulfe considers it to be a surname of Scottish origin, while Black, probably wrongly, considers **McLinden** and **McLinton** to be variants of **McClintock**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William McClintoun, 1569 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kyle, Ayr); Finlay Macklinton, 1676 in *Torphichen Records* (Torphichen, Midlothian).

Ireland: Patrick McAlinden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down); Peter McAlindon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcoo, Down); William McAllindon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcoo, Down); Samuel Linden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down); Laurence Lindon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); George Linton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saul, Down).

### McAlindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Down
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McAlinden**.

### McAlister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1414, Ireland 937
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Argyll; also Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Alasdair**, see **McAllister**.

### McAll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Irish: from **Mac Cathail**, see **McCall**.

### McAllan

**Variants:** **McAllen**, **McCallan**, **McCallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Caithness

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ailín** or **Mac Aileáin** ‘son of Allan’, see **Allen**. There has been some confusion whether the original surname might be *Mac Cailín*, see **McCallion**.

**Early bearers:** Dungall McAlayne, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Stirlings); Gilfelan McAllan, 1477 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Stirlings); John McCallane, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); Robert McAllane, 1555 in *Retours, Scotland* (Bute); Finlay Macallan, 1578 in *Black* (Ross).

### McAllaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Alasdair**, see **McAllister**.
- Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### McAllen

**Variants:** **McCallin**, **McCallon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Jersey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Irish: variant spelling of **McAllan**. This spelling is found mainly in Ireland and England rather than Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Moyler McAlaine, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5519; Callogh Mcalin, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4567 (Barnecullin).

2 Irish: see **Callon**.

### McAlley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: variant of Scottish **Macaulay** or Irish **McAuley**.

### McAllister

**Variants:** **McAlister**, **McCallister**, **McCalister**, **McAllaster**, **Allister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8472, Ireland 3242
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3522
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Alasdair** ‘son of *Alasdair*’, the Gaelic form of **Alexander**.

**Further information:** *MacAlister* is the name of a Scottish Highland clan claiming descent from Alasdair Mòr Mac Dòmhnail, a younger son of Domhnall mac Raghnaill, founder of Clan Donald (see **McDonald**).

Alasdair is recorded in 1253 as a witness to a charter granting lands to Paisley Abbey (*Paisley Register*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ranald Makalestyr, 1455 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Arran, Bute); Alexander Makalester, 1500 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (the Black Isle); Angus McAlester, 1600 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

Ireland: Eoin Cluasach, mac Eoin Mic Alaxdrainn, 1495 in *AU*; Alexster mcColla McAlexster, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5703; Colla mcSworly McAlexster, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5703; Randall McAlaster, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; John bourke, Daniel grwma, and John growma McAllister, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

### McAllorum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **McAlorum**.

### McAllum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 327
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Caluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McAlonan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Adhamhnáin** ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Adhamhnán’. Compare Scottish Gaelic **McLagan**.

**Further information:** Adhamhnán was the seventh-century biographer of Saint Columba of Derry and Iona.

**Early bearers:** Doole McEleownane, Donogh mcDonogh mcDoole McEleownan, and Gillaspick and Molmury McEleownane, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5703 (Down).

### McAloon

**Variants:** **McClune**, **McLoone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Irish: from **Mac Ghiolla Eóin** ‘son of the servant (devotee) of (Saint) John’. Compare for structure Scottish **McLean**. Another possible anglicization is **McGlone**.

**Early bearers:** Michael McAlloon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Trory, Fermanagh); Peter McAloon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killesher, Fermanagh); Neil McLoon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh).

### McAlorum

**Variants:** **McAllorum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: (i) possibly a variant of **Mac Aloran** (Belfast), which is also rare; it has been explained plausibly as from *Mac Giolla Luaráin*, ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of *Luarán*’, where *Luarán* is the patron saint of the parish of Derryloran, Tyrone. (ii) there was also a surname *Mac Giolla Luaithrinn* from Sligo, often anglicized **Killoran**.

**Early bearers:** John McAlorum, 1880 in *IGI* (Ballymacarattybeg, Down).

### McAlpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **McAlpine**.

### McAlpine

**Variants:** **McAlpin**, **Calpin**, **Alpine**, **Alpin**, **McCappin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2572, Ireland 161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1754
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Scottish Gaelic *Mac Ailpein* (Irish *Mac Ailpín*) ‘son of *Ailpean*’, an ancient Celtic personal name of uncertain etymology.

**Further information:** The surname was well established in Perth by the 13th century, but appears not to have functioned as a clan-name. Modern bearers generally claim, without historical evidence, to be descended from Cionaoth mac Ailpein (known in English as Kenneth Mac Alpine), king of the Picts, who died in 858. In recent historical times, there was no coherent clan Mac Alpine analogous to Scottish clans, though in recent years there have been attempts in Canada and elsewhere to revive (or create) one.

**Early bearers:** John MacAlpyne, about 1260 in *Grandtully Book* (Perths); Monach filius Alpini, 1271 in *Inchaffray Register* (Perths); Monache Macalpin, about 1285 in *Black*; Monach mac Alpy, 1284–90 in *Black* (Perths); Monaghe fitz Alpyn, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Malcolm Macalpyne, 1395 in *Black*; Janet Mc Alpine, 1719 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); Janet Mc Alpine, 1724 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); Mary Mc Alpine, 1795 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); John Mc Alpine, 1813 in *IGI* (Ardersier, Inverness).

### McAlynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: (i) possibly from **Mac Ailín** (see **McAllan**), although the stress pattern is unlikely in Scotland. (ii) perhaps from **Mac Fhloinn**, a variant of **Mag Fhloinn**, see **McGlynn**. Compare **Lynn** (2).

### McAnallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh  
Irish: from **Mac an Ailín**, ‘son of the Alan’, unexplained although *Ailín* is a Gaelic personal name. Woulfe suggested the Gaelic version of the surname, noting that it ‘represents the pronunciation as I heard it’.

**Early bearers:** Meyler and Shane McEnallen, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6459 (Costilie, Connacht).

### McAnally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout Scotland and England: esp. Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhailghigh**, see **McNally**.

### McAnaney

**Variants:** **McAnay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Conaonaigh**, see **McEneaney**.

### McAnany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from **Mac Conaonaigh**, see **McEneaney**.

### McAndrew

**Variants:** **McAndrews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2325, Ireland 721
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac (Gille) Andreis** (see **Gillanders**) or Irish **Mac Aindriú** ‘son of Andrew’, a patronymic surname assumed by the Barretts of Mayo.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donald Makandro, 1502 in *Black*. Ireland: David McAndrewe, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6117 (Adart, Kerry); James mcDwaltegh keogh McAndrew, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607 (Mayo).

### McAndrews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McAndrew** with exrescent English *-s*.

### McAnearney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

### McAnelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Northumb and Durham

Irish: from **Mac an Fhailghigh**, see **McNally**.

### McAneney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Conaonaigh**, see **McEneaney**.

### McAneny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; also Louth

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conaonaigh**, see **McEneaney**.

### McAnerney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Down
- Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

### McAnespie

**Variants:** **McAnespy**, **Gillespie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac an Easpaig** ‘son of the bishop’. Compare **Gillespie**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund McEnaspicke, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6303.

### McAnespy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac an Easpaig**, see **McAnespie**.

### McAngus

**Variants:** **McInnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Aonghuis** ‘son of Angus’, see **Angus**. One of many anglicized forms of this surname: compare **McCance**, **McInnes**, **McGuinness**.  
**Early bearers:** Ewen McAngus, 1683 in *IGI* (Kilmorack, Inverness); Alexander McAngus, 1693 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

### McAniff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Conduibh**, see **McNiff**.

### McAninch

**Variants:** **McAnish**, **McCansh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Aonghuis**, see **McInnes**. Local Gaelic pronunciation of the personal name vocalized the *gh* and moved the stress to the second syllable, resulting in anglicized spellings of the surname such as this and **McNiece**.  
**Early bearers:** Samuel McAninch, 1783 in *IGI* (Antrim, Ireland).

### McAnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aonghuis**, see **McAninch**.

### McAnn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Durham
- Irish: from **Mac Cana**, see **McCann**.

### McAnulty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 165
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

## McAra

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Armagh, and Down

Irish: from **Mac an Ultaigh**, see **McNulty**.

## McAra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: occupation relationship name, relationship name from **Mac Ara**, explained as ‘son of the charioteer’.

**Early bearers:** John McAra, 1614 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); Donald McArray, 1667 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perth).

## McArdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from **Mac Árdghail**, see **McArdle**.

## McArdle

Variants: **McCardle**, **McArdell**, **McCardell**, **Cardell**, **Ardill**, **Cardle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3509, Ireland 2956
- **GB frequency 1881:** 895
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Louth, and Armagh

Irish: from **Mac Árdghail** ‘son of *Árdghal*’, a personal name based on *ard* ‘high’ + *gal* ‘valour’.  
**Early bearers:** Collowe, Tirlagh McCardell, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2172; Patrick Macardell, horseboy, 1580–81 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3692 (Dublin); Manus McArdill, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5652 (Bellaghnegall); Gilpatrick oge McArdill, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Ballyvickerba); Philip McArdill 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Ardaghgreigh).

## McAreavey

Variants: **McAreavy**, **McIlreavy**, **McIlreavey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 224
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Riabhaigh** ‘son of the brindled or grizzled lad’. Compare **McGreevy** and Scottish **Mellwraith**.

## McAreavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: see **McAreavey**.

## McAree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 191
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh** ‘son of *Fearadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘manly’ (anglicized as *Ferreagh* in 1586). Compare other lenited surname forms **McCarry**, **McHarrie** (Scottish), and **McGarry**,

and unlenited **McVerry**. Pronunciation as McAree led to misinterpretation as *Mac an Rí* ‘son of the king’ and thus to ‘translation’ as **King**.

**Early bearers:** Teig mcTeig and Teig mcDeirdmod mcTeige Macary, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4594 (Cork); Ferreagh mcOen McArre, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4887 (Moye, Galway); Owen mcWm Macarrye, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Ballywholy, Cork).

## McAroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Con Rubha**, see **McEnroe**.

## McArther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty, Inverness

Scottish Gaelic: see **McArthur**.

## McArthur

Variants: **Arthur**, **McCarther**, **McCarter**, **McArther**, **Carter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7113, Ireland 326
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6089
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Argyll and Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Tyrone
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Artair** ‘son of Arthur’.

**Further information:** Black notes that some *McArthurs* have dropped the *Mc-*, but that not all *Arthurs* were originally *McArthurs*. Clan Arthur is a Highland Scottish clan traditionally associated with lands on the northern shores of Loch Awe. In 1427 the chief of the clan was one of several Highland chiefs executed for treason by King James I; it is said that the clan never recovered. As a matter of fact, there were several different Highland families and septs of other clans bearing the name *Mac Artair* (*Adam*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Artúr son of Aedán mac Gabráin, late 6th cent.; Arthur of Kyncorth, 1435 in *Arbroath Register*.

surnames, Scotland: Calich Makkerthyre, 1439 in *Cawdor Book*; Thomas Harthawr, 1511 in *Panmure Register*; Gyllemechall M’Carthair, 1569 in *Moray Testaments*; Dougall M’Arthour, 1580 in *Taymouth Black Book*; John Dow McNeill VcHarther, 1618, [same person, according to Black, as] Patrick McKairtour, 1630 in *Inchaffray Register*; Arthur Mc Arthur, 1697 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth).

surnames, Ireland: Moilmurry mcTirlagh McArtor, galloglas, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Belacoily, Mayo).

## McArthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England, Wales, and Scotland

Irish: from **Mac Cárthaigh**, see **McCarthy**.

## McArtney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 197
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus

Irish: from **Mac Artaine**, see **McCartney**.

## McAskie

Variants: **Askie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from Gaelic **Mac Ascaidh**, see **McCaskie**.

## McAskill

Variants: **McCaskill**, **Askell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1339, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Ascaill** ‘son of *Ascall*’, a gaelicized form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásketil* (see **Askell** and **McAskie**).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Christine Maccaskil, 1747 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Donald McAskle, 1795 in *Mackay’s Highlanders* (Reay, Caithness); Christian Mc Casgil, 1804 in *IGI* (Gairloch, Ross and Cromarty); Rodrick Mc Askill, 1809 in *IGI* (Gairloch, Ross and Cromarty); Allan Maccaskill, 1816 in *IGI* (Glenelg, Inverness); John Mac Askill, 1817 in *IGI* (Bracadale, Inverness); Marion Mac Askell, 1817 in *IGI* (Bracadale, Inverness); Kenneth Mac Asgill, 1819 in *IGI* (Bracadale, Inverness).

Ireland: John Ascoll, yeoman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6432 (Tullaghmore, King’s County).

## McAtamney

Variants: **Timpany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 368
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh

Irish: from **Mac an Tiompánaigh** ‘son of *Tiompánach*’, a byname meaning ‘tympanist’.

**Early bearers:** Gilleduf, James and Patrick McTympany, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2366; Richard Mc O’Tempany, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumollert, Antrim); John McAtaminy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Bartholomew Timpaney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lackan, Mayo); John Tumpeny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

## McAtear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac an tSaoir**, see **McAteer**.

## McAtee

Variants: **McIntee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Cavan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSaoi**, see **McEntee**.

## McAteer

Variants: **McAtear**, **McTear**, **McTeer**, **Matear**, **Teer**, **McTier**, **McTeir**, **Mateer**, **McInteer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1596, Ireland 1610
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish: from **Mac an tSaoir** ‘son of the craftsman’. Compare Scottish **McIntyre**.

**Early bearers:** Donill McEtyere, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3771; Mahyd McEtyere, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3771; Shane McEtyer, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4699; Brian McEtyer, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4699; Thomas McEtere, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577.

### McAughey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McCaughey**.

### McAughtrie

**Variants:** Coughtrie, Coughtrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uchtraigh** ‘son of *Uchtragh*’, a personal name that is probably a Gaelic form of Anglo-Scandinavian *Uchtréd*.

**Further information:** Early bearers in the 12th and 13th centuries were kings, then Lords of Galloway, but this line did not necessarily give rise to the surname since these bearers were all actually sons of Uchtréd.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Rollant Mac Uchtraigh, king of the Gallgaidhil [king of Galloway], 1200 in *AU*; Tomás Mac Uchtraigh, 1212, 1214 in *AU* (NW Ulster); Ailín Mac Uchtraigh, rí Gall-Gaidhel, 1234 in *AU*; John MacUchtrie, 1400 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Levenax); James McCuchtrie, 1685 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Milburn); Anna Coughtrie, 1714 in *IGI* (Tongland, Kirkcudbrights); William Coughtrie, 1767 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns).

England: John Coughtrey, 1794 in *IGI* (Flaunden, Herts); Ann Coughtrey, 1820 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### McAulay

**Variants:** McCally, McCallie, Kewley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1665, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1931
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: see **Macauley**.

### McAuley

**Variants:** McAuly, McAwley, McAlley, McCauley, McCawley, McGawley, McGauley, McGaley, McCallig, McCalley, McCally, McCamley, Cawley, Camley, Gawley, Gauley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4166, Ireland 4043
- **GB frequency 1881:** 704
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Amhalghaidh** ‘son of *Amhalghadh*’, a personal name of uncertain origin; also from **Mac Amhlaoihb**, where the personal name has been borrowed from Scandinavian *Olaf* (*Amlafr*). The best known family of *Mac Amhalghaidh* is from Westmeath, and there were families called *Mac Amhlaoihb* in Counties Cork and Fermanagh (a branch of the Maguires), as well as a family in south-west Scotland which has migrated to Ulster. The Irish surnames are impossible to distinguish once anglicized, apart from the Cork family anglicized as

**McAuliffe**. Compare the usual Scottish spelling, **Macauley**.

**Early bearers:** Seaan buidhe Mac Amhlaim, 1454 in *AU*; a son of Mag Amhalgaidh, 1475 in *AU* (Westmeath); Eogan dubh Mac Amlaim, 1505 in *AU*; James McGawle, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §947; Owen and Dermody mc Dermody og McAuly, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2246 (Ballynwallishig); Malghlyn McAwly, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2252 (Ashill); Donald McAwlie, gent., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2505; Gilduffe mc Shane McAuly, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2789 (Derre); Brian McGawly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4014 (Carne, Westmeath); Melaghlin McAwly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4697 (Clonelane).

### McAuliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Amhlaoihb**, **Mac Amhlaidh**, see **McAuliffe**.

### McAuliffe

**Variants:** McAuliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1059, Ireland 1485
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from **Mac Amhlaoihb**, **Mac Amhlaidh** ‘son of Olaf’, Gaelic forms of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Áleifr*, *Óláfr*. See also **Macauley**.

**Early bearers:** Owen McAuliffe, gent., of Castell Mac Auliffe, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Courtebrake).

### McAuly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: variant of Scottish **Macauley** or Irish **McAuley**.

### McAuslan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

### McAusland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

### McAuslane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

### McAuslin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

### McAvenna

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McAvennie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McAvenue

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McAvinchey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Dhuibhinse**, son of *Dubh Inse* or *Duibhinse*, a personal name meaning ‘black one of the island’.

**Early bearers:** Manus McEvinche, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5770 (Ulster).

### McAviney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McAvinney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McAvinue

**Variants:** **McAvenue**, **McAvenna**, **McAvennie**, **McAvinney**, **McEveney**, **McEvinney**, **McEvey**, **McAviney**, **McKeveney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from **Mac Aibhne** ‘son of *Aibhne*’, a personal name of unknown etymology, much used among the O’Cahans in the North of Ireland. The original stress was on the first syllable of *Aibhne*, but has sometimes now moved to the syllable anglicized as *-vin-* or *-ven-*, which was once merely a glide vowel, unrecognized in the Irish spelling.

**Early bearers:** Brian McAveny, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3434 (Hariston, Meath); Mortagh McEvny, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Castleton); Rich. O Cahan mcAvenye and Donogh O Cahan mcAvenie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6688 (Derry); Phelime dowe McKeveny, 1608 in *Irish Patent Rolls* (Tyrone).

### McAvock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **McGavock**.

**Early bearers:** Richard roe McCoag, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Rathnameakan, Galway); Jonocke McCawque, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4875 (Derigonell, Galway); Oghy McCoagh, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5613 (Derryleaigh, Galway); Richard McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6665 (Portumny, Galway); Walter leigh McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6665 (Leydigane, Galway).

### McAvoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1925, Ireland 540
- **GB frequency 1881:** 785
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also NW England

## McAuley

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: see **McEvoy**.

### McAuley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: see **McAuley**.

### McBain

Variants: **McBean, McBane, Bain, Bean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1884, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1234
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Morays
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Belfast

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac B(h)eathain** ‘son of *Beathan*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *beatha* ‘life’. This is the unlenited form; possibly also a reduced form of **Mac Gille Bheathain** ‘son of the servant of *Beathan*’. Compare **McIlwaine**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ferquhar M'Bane, 1513 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (Petty, Inverness); Duncan mc behan, 1539 in *Cawdor Book* (Dunmaglass, Inverness); Alexander McBen, 1621 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balquhadder, Perth); Angustus M'Beane in *Retours, Scotland* (Inverness); William Macbean, 1721, Angus Macbaine, 1776 in *IGI* (Croy, Inverness). Ireland: Donogh McBanne, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1863.

### McBane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham
- Scottish: see **McBain**.

### McBarron

Variants: **Barron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish **Mac an Bharúin**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac a' Bharain** ‘son of the baron’. In Ireland this is the name of a family that is a late offshoot of the northern family of O'Neill. In Scotland a baron was a small proprietary landholder, see **Barron**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the notion that this name is from **Mac Bearáin** ‘son of *Bearán*’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig McEveryn, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2600; Andrew McBarren, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbride, Cavan). Scotland: Finlaw Macawaran, 1403 in *Origines Parochiales*; Robert Macwarrane, 1531 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; James McBarroun, 1586, James Steuart alias McVarroun, 1607, Donald McBarroun, 1619 in *Black* (Inverness).

### McBay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha**, see **McBeth**.

### McBean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1079, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Inverness
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac B(h)eathain**, see **McBain**.

### McBeath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 933
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha**, see **McBeth**.

### McBennett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Monaghan

Irish: from **Mac Beinéid** or **Mac Bionaid** ‘son of *Bennet*’. It has been explained as a south Ulster variant of **Bennett**. The prefix *Mc-* was added in an Irish-language context; there is also place-name evidence that the personal name was used in Irish. **Early bearers:** Mary McBennett, 1816 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Owen McBennett, 1839 in *IGI* (Dunfelemy, Monaghan).

### McBeth

Variants: **McBeath, McBay, McBey, Beth, Beath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1426, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 570
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha** ‘son of life’, unlenited form of **Mac Bheatha**, for which see **McVeigh**. See also **Beaton**, which was sometimes adopted for *McBeth*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Mc Bey, 1677 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); Janet Mc Beth, 1692 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); John Mc Beath, 1792 in *IGI* (Kildonan, Sutherland); Elizabeth Mc Bey, 1855 in *IGI* (Benholm, Kincardines).

Ireland: Shean (McEdmund) McBeagh, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3155.

### McBey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines and Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Beatha**, see **McBeth**.

### McBirn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Fife
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Biorna**, see **McBurney**.

### McBlain

Variants: **McBlane, Blain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **Mac Gille Blathain** ‘son of Gille Bláin’, a personal name meaning ‘servant of Saint Bláin’. Bláin, after whom Dunblane (Perth) was named, appears in place-names in both Ireland and Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Gilcomgal mac Gilbhaan, c.1145 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Patrick McBlayne or McBlane, 1484 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Wigtowns); John McBlaine, 1500 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Irvine, Ayr); Archibald McBlane, 1790 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr).

### McBlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: **Mac Gille Blaán**, see **McBlain**.

### McBratney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 111
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Breatnaigh** ‘son of the Briton’, (referring to the Welsh of Strathclyde). Compare **Walsh**, and **Galbraith**.

**Early bearers:** Martin Makbretney, 1475, John McBretny 1532, Lauchlan Mcbretnach, 1685, Gillinveine McVretny 1723, in *Black* (Galloway).

### McBrayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll, Bute, and Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Bhreitheamhan** ‘son of the judge’, sometimes also anglicized as **Brown**. **Early bearers:** Eugenius Makbrehin, 1525 in *Saint Andrews University Records* (Saint Andrews).

### McBrearty

Variants: **McBrierty, McMurtry, McMurty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 564
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: one of several anglicizations of **Mac Muircheartaigh** ‘son of *Muircheartach*’, a personal name meaning ‘mariner’. In Ireland the personal name was sometimes shortened to *Mreartach* and *Briartach*. Compare **McCourt** and **McCurdy** (both of which are from the lenited form of the personal name); see also **McMurty, McMurdo, McMurty, Murtagh, Murdoch**, and **Moriarty**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas McBreartey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Donegal); Patrick McBrearty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcar, Donegal); Neil McBrearty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaghtee, Donegal); Bridget Brearty, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumragh, Tyrone); William Brearty, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Stragar, Donegal).

**References:** *Gaelic Personal Names*.

### McBreen

Variants: **Breen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from **Mac Braoin** ‘son of *Braon*’, a personal name meaning ‘drop (of liquid)’. Compare **Breen** and **Brennan**.

**Early bearers:** Moriartaghe McBrene, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2009 (Tipperary); Brene McBrene, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3961 (Wicklow or Dublin); Shane



oge mc Shane McBreen, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075; Richard McBreen, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5404; Michael McBreen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Maghera, Down).

### McBriar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Bráthair** ‘son of the brother (i.e. the monk or friar)’. MacLysaght calls McBriar ‘the form used in Down for the Scottish name McBair (*bráthair* ‘brother or friar’), which Black traces in Dumfries from the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew McBair, bailie, 1384 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Cuthbert McBrar, 1499 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Sir John Mcbrare, chaplain, 1502 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; John McBrar, canon, 1548 in *Black* (Glenluce). Ireland: James McBriar, 1812 in *IGI* (Killinchy, Down).

### McBride

Variants: **McBryde, McBridge, Bride, Bryde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9037, Ireland 4814
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal; Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Brighde**, a shortened form of Irish **Mac Giolla Bhrighde** and Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Brighde** ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Brigit’. Compare **Kilbride, Bredin**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Cristinus McBryd, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Mathew Mc Bride, 1723 in *IGI* (Kilbride, Bute); James Mc Bride, 1797 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banff); Alexr. Mc Bride, 1823 in *IGI* (Barvas, Ross and Cromarty).

Ireland: Moriegh McBridey, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5083 (Armagh). England: Hugh Mc Bride, 1748 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs)

### McBridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McBride**. This spelling represents the palatalized Gaelic pronunciation of /d/ in the name.

### McBrien

Variants: **McBrinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 475
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Cavan

1 Irish: from **Mac Briain** ‘son of Brian’. Compare **O’Brien**.

**Early bearers:** Thady mcKennedy McBreen, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §271 (Ballytarsney); Cornelius MacBriain, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §303; Conhor McBryen, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §595 (King’s County [Offaly]); Donogh McBrien, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487.

2 Irish: from **Mac Broin, Mac Brain** ‘son of *Bran*’, a personal name meaning ‘raven’.

**Further information:** This was the name of a family of churchmen.

**Early bearers:** Richard MacBrien, dean of Emly, 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §332.

### McBrierty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Muircheartaigh**, see **McBrearty**.

### McBrinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Irish: from **Mac Brain** or **Mac Broin**, see **McBrien**.

### McBroom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh

Irish: from **Mac an Bhreitheamhan** ‘son of the judge’, from *breitheamh* ‘judge’. Compare **Abraham** (4).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conchobhor mac an Breitheamhan, ‘intended ollav of Muintir-Maelruain’, 1483 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Gillegroma Mcabrehan, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Terraconnel). Scotland: Andro McBrome, 1576 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbrights); Joannes McBromius, 1655 in *Glasgow University Muniments*.

### McBryde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and SW Scotland; also Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Brighde**, see **McBride**.

### McBryne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: see **McCraun**.

### McBurney

Variants: **McBurnie, McBirnie, Burney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 506
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Angus; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Biorna** ‘son of *Biorna*’, Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Bjarni* ‘bear’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Art McByrne, gallowglass, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4610; Widow Burney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down); Thomas McBurney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Newtownhamilton, Armagh); Samuel McBurney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonallan, Down); Alexander McBurney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); William Birney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone). Scotland: David M’Birny, 1466 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights); John Makbirny, 1494 in *Acts of Lords Auditors*; Cuthbert McBurnie, 1520 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Makbirny, 1591 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dunscore, Dumfriess); William McBurney, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balmaghie, Kirkcudbrights).

### McBurnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Biorna**, see **McBurney**.

### McCaa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM and S Scotland
- Manx: see **McCaw**.

### McCabe

Variants: **Cabe, McAbe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10453, Ireland 6671
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3782
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Monaghan and Cavan

Irish: from **Mac Cába** ‘son of *Cába*’, a personal name of unknown origin. The surname belongs to a military galloglass family from the Scottish Hebrides, apparently a branch of **McLeod**, who were employed and settled in Cavan in the 14th century. It is likely that *Mac Cába*, literally ‘son of cape’, began as a nickname for a galloglass.

**Early bearers:** Brian Mac Caba, constable of Oriel, 1394 in *AU*; Mael-Sechlainn Mac Caba, constable of Brefne, Fermanagh, and Oriel, 1424 in *AU*; Dundara mac in Gilla Duibh Mic Caba, constable of Maguire, 1540 in *AU*; Redmund McCabe, 1540 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §240 (Tristeldermot); Tirlaughe McCabe, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2852 (Meath); Melaughlein McCabe, galloglass, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4800 (Legneconn, Leitrim); Owen Macabe, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Inniskellen); Phellim mcMelaghlin boey Macabe, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4891; Berine and Edmund Fitz Alexander McCabe, grantees, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5654 (Ballelonangre, Monaghan).

### McCadden

Variants: **McCudden, McAdden, Cadden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Wigtowns

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal  
Irish: from **Mac Cadáin** ‘son of *Cadán*’, a personal name of unknown etymology, or **Mac Adáin** or **Mac Aidín**, both of which are from diminutives of the personal name *Ádhamh*, the Gaelic form of **Adam**. See also **McAdam**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Johnack buoy McAden, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6461 (Knocklonge). England: James Mc Caddin, 1789 in *IGI* (Wheatley Carr Booth, Lancs); James Mc Cadden, 1824 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Maria Anna Maccadden, 1858 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### McCaffer

Variants: **McAffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, Argyll, and Lanarks

## McCafferkey

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cathbhairr*, 'son of Cathbhairr', a personal name meaning 'battle helmet'.

**Early bearers:** Donald MacCaffer, schoolmaster, 1807 in *Black* (Kilchoman, Islay).

### McCafferkey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from *Mac Eachmharcaigh*, see **McCafferty**.

### McCafferty

Variants: **McAfferty**, **McCaugherty**, **Cafferkey**, **McCafferkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3204, Ireland 1067
- **GB frequency 1881:** 897
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from *Mac Eachmharcaigh* 'son of *Eachmharcach*', a personal name from *each* 'horse' + *marcach* 'rider, knight'. Although it has lost all but the end of the initial *Mac*, the variant **Cafferkey** is thus closer in sound to the original surname.

**Further information:** The surname is found in the county of Donegal, probably a branch of the O'Dohertys.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McCaffarky and Owen O'Cafferky, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); Hugh McCafferty, 1784 in *IGI* (Rathmelton, Donegal); Bernard McCaugherty, 1791 in *IGI* (Grange of Killyglen, Antrim); Anthony Cafferkey, 1818 in *IGI* (Achill, Mayo); Patrick Cafferky, 1825 in *IGI* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

### McCaffery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1163, Ireland 149
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from *Mac Gafraidh*, see **McCaffrey**.

### McCaffrey

Variants: **McCaffery**, **McAffery**, **McAffrey**, **McCaffer**, **Caffrey**, **Caffery**, **Caffray**, **McAffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1796, Ireland 1845
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Fermanagh

Irish: from *Mac Gafraidh* 'son of *Gafradh*', from a borrowing of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Gudfróðr*, from *gud* 'god' + *fróðr* 'wise', equivalent to English **Godfrey**. Compare **McGorry**.

**Further information:** In Ireland, this is the surname of a branch of the Maguires of Fermanagh.

**Early bearers:** Donchadh, Feidhlimidh, and Diarmait Mac Gaffraigh, 1468 in *AU*; Uilliam Mac Gaffraigh, 1474 in *AU*; Donogh McCaffrye, horseman, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §273 (Oldcastell); Felyme mc Neal McCaffrie, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Chorrie); Tirrelagh mcNeale McCaffrie, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Innisdacarne).

### McCague

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Cavan

Irish: from *Mac Thaidhg*, see **McCaig**.

### McCahill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 114
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Cavan
- Irish: from *Mac Cathail*, see **McCall**.

### McCahon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 136
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish: from *Mac Eacháin*, see **McGahan**.

### McCaig

Variants: **McKaig**, **McCague**, **McCoig**, **McCoag**, **McKague**, **McKeague**, **McKeag**, **Caig**, **Haig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1197, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland and Argyll
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Scottish Gaelic *Mac Thaoig* or Irish *Mac Thaidhg* 'son of *Tadhg*', a personal name originally meaning 'poet, philosopher'. It was often anglicized as *Teague* in the north of Ireland, whence the spellings *McKeag* and *McKeague*. Compare **McTigue**, which is from the unlenited form of the personal name.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Makhaig, 1486 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Wigtowns); Andrew Mcaige or McCaig, 1567 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Jennat Mackcaige, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Archibald McKeag, 1685 in *Commons of Argyll* (Kintyre, Argyll); Patrick Mckaig, 1785 in *IGI* (Inch, Wigtowns); Agnes Mc Coag, 1855 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

Ireland: Niall mac Concobuir Mic Taidhg 1336 in *AU*; Murchadh Mac Taidhg, monk, 1362 in *AU*; Dermot McTeige, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §11 (Leis); Rory and Phaly MacTeige, kerns, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Moriertagh McTeige, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5002 (Carrygerry, Limerick); Donogho McTeig, kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5006 (Knorlagh, Limerick); Edm. roe McTeig, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Bohurnyragie, Cork or Limerick); Carbere McKeige, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6106 (Cloghlian, Roscommon); Ross mcDonogh McKeagh, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466 (Killenan); Carroll mcDermot McKeagh, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6560 (Thenand, Dublin).

### McCail

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cathail*, see **McCall**.

### McCain

Variants: **McCane**, **McKeen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow; Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Iain*, see **McKean**.

### McCairn

Variants: **McCairns**, **McKerron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, shortened form of *Mac Ciaráin* 'son of **Kieran**'. Compare **McKerron** and Irish **Kearns**.

**Early bearers:** Margret Mckairn, 1762 in *IGI* (Slamannan, Stirlings); Catharine Mccairne, 1785 in *IGI* (Kilmichael Glassary, Argyll); John Mackairn, 1790 in *IGI* (North Knapdale, Argyll); John Maccairn, 1791 in *IGI* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll); Janet Mccairn, 1848 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayrs).

### McCairns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayrs
- Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McCairn** with excrescent English *-s*.

### McCalden

Variants: **McAldin**, **Caldon**, **Colleton**, **Colliton**, **Haldan**, **Colton**, **Haldane**, **Calton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: probably from *Mac Haldan* 'son of *Haldan*', see **Haldane**. MacLysaght gives a location in south Ulster, with a variant *Haldan*, and says that some bearers of the surname were of planter stock. As a surname *Haldane* was found in Perth in the 14th century, a time when Scottish Gaelic was spoken there.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew McCalden, 1799 in *IGI* (Glasgow).  
Ireland: Edm. duff mcTeige Mac Coltan, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4712 (?Wexford); Donell oge McCalten, kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5099 (Kildare); Con mcTeige McCaltin, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5601 (Ballebrittas, Queen's County [Laois]); Morogh mcShane McAltin, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389 (Meath); Melaghlin McCollitan, horseman, Melaghlin McColtan, and Edm. duff McColltan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6541 (Rahindarigh, Ballirocane, and Ballicringan, Wexford).

### McCalister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Alasdair*, see **McAllister**.  
**Further information:** This spelling is found mainly in the USA.

### McCall

Variants: **McCahill**, **McCaul**, **McAll**, **McGall**, **McGale**, **McKail**, **McCail**, **Call**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4858, Ireland 569
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3308
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cathail* 'son of *Cathal*', see **Cahill**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert McKawe, lord of Karsnelohe, about 1370–80 in *Laing Charters*; Finlay Makcaill, 1506 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; John McCall, 1583 in *Hunter Family Papers* (Cumbray); Matthew McCall (alias McEall), 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Maybole, Ayrs); Quintigern Makcall, bailie of Edinburgh, 1610 in *Laing Charters*;

John and Patrick McCall, 1629 in *Retours, Scotland* (Guffokland, Dumfriess).

Ireland: Ee McCahill, horseboy, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §538; Thady McKaill, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §332; Tirelagh McKaell, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1161; Brian McKaill, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Leytrim); Shan sallahg McKeale, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; Patrick McKavill, horsekeeper, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6397 (Platten).

### McCalla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Irish: from Mac Cú Uladh, see **McCullough**.  
2 Irish: perhaps also from Mac Colla, see **McColl**.

### McCallam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Caluim, see **McCallum**.

### McCallan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 264
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; London; also Guernsey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cailleán or Mac Cailleain, see **McCallion**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ailin, see **McAllan**.

### McCallen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McAllan**.

### McCalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McAuley**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Scotland; it is more common in the USA.

### McCallie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Macaulay**.

### McCallig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: see **McAuley**.

**Early bearers:** Richard McKallowgh, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6479 (Killydymue).

### McCallin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: variant of **McCallion** or **McAllan**.

### McCallion

**Variants:** **McCallan**, **McCallin**, **McCallon**, **McCollin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1030, Ireland 1251
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) relationship name from **Mac Cailín** ‘son of *Cailín* or *Caileán*’, a northern variant of *Coilín* or *Coileán*, a personal name representing the Gaelic form of *Colin*, see **Collin**. The strongly palatal *l* is a later development in English; compare **Seullion**. See **McQuillan** and **Collins**. (ii) from **Mac Cailleain**, ‘son of *Caileán*’, a Gaelic personal name that is a derivative of *coileán* ‘hound pup’.

**Further information:** The two personal names are now generally indistinguishable. There has also been confusion with **McAllan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donoghe Mac Kalen, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §671 (Belaghe); Donaghe McCallan, yeoman, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §745 (Ballymore Lougsewdy); Donno McCallan, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1147 (Brienmore, Westmeath); Donogh McKallyn, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1754 (Bryne, Westmeath); Ee McCallon and Wm. McCallan, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6248 (Glanogerrie, Limerick); Bryan McCallion, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry); Cornelius McCallion, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal). Scotland: Adam Makcalyeane, 1533 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John McKallone, Mariota McKallone, 1559 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Innereranis, Aberdeens); Eufamie Makcalzane, 1591 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### McCallister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Alasdair**, see **McAllister**.

### McCallon

**Variants:** **Callon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: variant of **McCallion** or **McAllan**.

### McCallum

**Variants:** **McCalum**, **McCallam**, **McCollum**, **McCollam**, **McCollom**, **McCullum**, **McColm**, **McAllum**, **Callum**, **Collum**, **Collom**, **Calum**, **Collam**, **Colm**, **Colum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8665, Ireland 472
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6607
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Scotland: esp. Glasgow and Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Coluim** ‘son of *Calum* or *Colum*’, a personal name borrowed from Latin *columba* ‘dove’. The surname sometimes represents a short form of *Mac Gille Caluim* ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint *Columba*’, otherwise anglicized as **McElholm**. See also **Malcolm**. **Further information:** The given name (Scottish *Calum*, Irish *Colum*) has long been popular in Scotland and

Ireland, due largely to the cult of Saint Columba, 521–597, evangelist to the Picts. His name in Irish is *Colum Cille* ‘Dove of the Church’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert MacCalme, 1631 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr); Iain McCallum, 1647 in *Highland Papers*; Archibald McCallome, 1661 in *Scott, Fasti* (Glassary); Robert Maccolm, 1809 in *IGI* (Leswalt, Wigtowns).

Ireland: John McGillecallym, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522.

### McCally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Cumb
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Macaulay** (Scottish Gaelic), **McAuley** (Irish).

### McCalman

**Variants:** **McCalmont**, **McCalmon**, **Calman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Colmáin** ‘son of *Colmán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Colum*, in Scotland *Calum*. The Irish version has generally become **Coleman**.

**Early bearers:** George M’Calmont, 1611 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr); John McCalmond, 1618 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcolm, Wigtowns); Alexander McAlman, dean of Argyll, 1682 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Jon McCalmin, 1692 in *Commons of Argyll* (Lorn, Argyll); Archibald M’Calman, 1765 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Dull, Perth); Archibald Maccalmon, 1791 in *IGI* (Kilchrenan and Dalavich, Argyll).

### McCalmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Colmáin**, see **McCalman**.

### McCalmont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 165
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Colmáin**, see **McCalman**. **McCalman**. The final *-t* is due to English speakers’ perception of Gaelic palatalized final *-n*.

### McCalum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Caluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McCambley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **McCambley**.

### McCambridge

**Variants:** **Cambridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 280
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

## McCamish

Irish: from **Mac Ambróis** 'son of Ambrose'. This name has been established in the Glens of Antrim since the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** John McCambridge, 1765 in *IGI* (Antrim); John McCambridge, 1803 in *IGI* (Layd, Antrim).

### McCamish

Variants: **McJames, Jameson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Durham

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Sheumais** 'son of *Seumas*', the Scottish Gaelic form of **James**. A variant with unlenited personal name was anglicized in Ireland and Scotland as **McJames**, but came to be 'translated' as **Jameson**. See also **FitzJames, McJames**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander McJames, 1529 and John McJames alias McHenish, 1686 in *Black*; Anne McCamish, 1719 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

Ireland: Hebert McJames, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §195; Donoghe Mac James, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Coyne Mac James, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871 (Shanganaghe, Queen's County); Murgoh rieghe McJames of Clarkhill, and Rory McJames of Dromyn, husbandmen, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1338 (Queen's County [Laois]); William mcShane McSheames, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3079 (Poulchurry, Cork); Shane oge mcShane McShames, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4660 (Kerry).

### McCamley

Variants: **McCambley, Camley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 196
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) from **Mac Camlaoch** 'son of *Camlaoch*', a personal name based on the words *cam* 'bent' and *laoch* 'hero'. (ii) perhaps also from **Mac Amhalghaidh** or **Mac Amhlaoibh**, see **McAuley, Macaulay**.

**Early bearers:** Byrne boy McCamly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6556 (Antrim).

### McCammon

Variants: **McCammond, Cammon, Hammond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; IoM; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down, Antrim, and Armagh

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ámoinn** 'son of *Ámoinn*', from the Norse personal name *Amundr*, for which see **Hammond**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas McCammon, 1768 in *IGI* (Tyrone).

### McCammond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Glasgow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ámoinn**, see **McCammon**.

### McC Campbell

Variants: **McC Campbell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: (i) variant of **Campbell** with the Gaelic prefix *Mc-* 'son' added. (ii) variant anglicization of Irish *Mac Cathmhaoil* (Ulster) for which Campbell was often adopted as an equivalent. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is quite numerous in the USA.

### McC Campbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: see **McC Campbell**.

### McCann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham

Irish: see **McCann**.

### McCance

Variants: **McAinsh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Aonghuis** or **Mac Aonghusa** 'son of *Aonghus*', see **Angus, McAngus**. One of many anglicized forms of this Gaelic surname: see also **McGuinness, McInnes**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander McCance, 1731 in *IGI* (Inch, Wigtowns); Mary McCance, 1737 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfries); Agnes McCance, 1859 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert McCance, 1864 in *IGI* (Largs, Ayr).

Ireland: Donyll and Egidius alias Owen McAniz, yeomen, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1341 (Limerick); Donogh bwoy McCansye, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4569 (Ballelaghmead, Clare); Mary McCance, 1743 in *IGI* (Dunmurry, Antrim).

### McCandless

Variants: **McCandlish, Candlish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 528
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry; Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cuindlis** 'son of *Cuindleas*', an early Irish personal name of uncertain origin. It was shortened to *Candlish* in Scotland (*Black*). There was also a surname **Ó Cuindlis**, held by a literary family in Connacht.

**Further information:** *McCandlish* is mainly found in England: John Mc Candlish, 1768 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Candlish, 1694 in *IGI* (Tongland, Kirkcudbrights); Andrew Candlish, 1716 in *IGI* (Whithorn, Wigtowns); William McCandlish, 1794 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Balmangan, Kirkcudbrights).

Ireland: Alexander McCandless, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonduff, Down); Samuel McCandles, schoolmaster, 1837 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xii 78 (Dromore, Down).

### McCandlish

Variants: **Candlish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249

- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cuindlis**, see **McCandless**.

### McCane

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Iain**, see **McKean**.

### McCann

Variants: **McGann, McCan, McAnn, McCanna, McKanna, McCanny, Cann, Cano, Can**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12032, Ireland 8743
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Armagh

Irish: from **Mac Cana** 'son of *Cana*', a personal name based on *cana* (*cana*) 'wolf cub'.

**Early bearers:** Muiredhach Mac Cana, 1105 in *AU*; Amlaim Mac Canai, steward of Cenel Oengusa, 1155 in *AU* (Tyrone); Aedh bec Mac Canae, 1170 in *AU* (Armagh); Echmiledh mac Mic Canai, 1189 in *AU* (Tyrone); Moriart McCanny, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1398 (the Dalge, King's County [Offaly]); Donald McAnna or McCanna, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4629 (Drombanny, Limerick); Donogh McCany, gent., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6490 (Dromeabany); Fellymy McCanna, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713 (Munterevlin, Tyrone).

### McCanna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Cana**, see **McCann**.

### McCannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **McConnon**.

### McCanny

Variants: **Canny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 131
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Cana**, see **McCann**.

### McCansh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aonghuis**, see **McAninch**.

### McCappin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name variant of **McAlpine**.

### McCard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Airt**, see **McCart**.

**McCardell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from Mac Árdghail, see **McArdle**.

**McCardle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Árdghail, see **McArdle**.

**McCardy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: see **McHardy**.

**McCargo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Lanarks
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Cairge, see **McHarg**.

2 Irish: from Mac Giolla Fhearga, see **McIlhargey**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Ireland or Britain.

**McCarl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from Mac Cearbhaill, see **McCarroll**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but common in the USA.

**McCarley**

Variants: **McCarlie**, **Carley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Hants (Portsmouth)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Fhearghaile ‘son of Fearghal’, a personal name meaning ‘valiant man’. Compare **McGarrell**.

**Early bearers:** David McCarrelly, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4357 (Cowilletober, Roscommon); Teige McCarley, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5498 (Tullagh, Sligo); Owen boy McKearly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Clonmore, Roscommon); Cormak McCarrelly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Clomibirn, Roscommon); Cahill McKyrrelly, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802 (Ardmollan, Roscommon).

**McCarlie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McCarley**.

**McCarn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Carrghamhna or Mac Ciaráin, see **McCarron**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**McCarney**

Variants: **Carney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 407
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Monaghan, and Fermanagh

Irish: from Mac Cearnaigh, ‘descendant of Catharnach’, a personal name meaning ‘warlike’. Compare **Kearney**.

**Early bearers:** Cu-Uladh Mac Cernaighi, 1485 in *AU*; Teige McCarney, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

**McCarragher**

Variants: **Carragher**, **Carraher**, **McKercher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Fhearchair ‘son of Fearchar’, a personal name from fear ‘man’ + cara ‘love’. In Scotland a shortened variant of the surname with unlenited *F*- gives the Scottish spelling **Farquhar**, while the version with lenited *F* was shortened to Carragher, where the initial *C* represents the final *-c* of *mac*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Coghegry McFararch, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4023 (Killero, Westmeath). Scotland: Eugene McErchar, 1327 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Inverness); Malcolm Makkarocher, 1472 in *Black* (Lennox); Donald McFarquhar, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ardmannoch, Argyll); Gillechreest McKerracher, 1638 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Lochtay, Perth); Paul mcEan vic Errochar, 1675 in *Highland Papers*.

**McCarrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Irish: from Mac Cearbhaill, see **McCarroll**.

**McCarran**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: from Mac Carrghamhna or Mac Ciaráin, see **McCarron**.

**McCarrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Mac Cearbhaill, see **McCarroll**.

**McCarren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Cumb and Lancs

Irish: see **McCarron**.

**McCarrick**

Variants: **Carrick**, **Corrick**, **Carrigy**, **Carrig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 222
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Con Charraige ‘son of Cú-Charraige’ a personal name meaning ‘hound of the rock’, or Mac Con Chathrach ‘son of Cú-Chathrach’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the fort’. Around Sligo it appears that the former has replaced the latter. There may also be confusion with Scottish **McHarg**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Murriertagh McIncarriy, yeoman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077 (Loughbollykin, Clare); Moriortagh duffe McEncarriy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753 (Inishdyman, Clare); Hugh boy McIncarry, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5685 (Clare); Shane oge Mcen Cargie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5687 (Kiltohoraghe, Clare); Donogh mcTeige McCargy, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (the Garran, Leix and Ophaly [Laois and Offaly]). Scotland: Cuthbert McCarik, 1535 (Dumfries) and John McCarrick, 1683 (Monzie) in *Black*.

**McCarrol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Mac Cearbhaill, see **McCarroll**.

**McCarroll**

Variants: **McCarrell**, **McCarrall**, **McGarel**, **McGarrol**, **McCarl**, **McCarrol**, **McCarvill**, **McCarville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 872, Ireland 461
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

**McCarron**

Variants: **McCarran**, **McCarn**, **Carron**, **McCarren**, **Carn**, **Growney**, **Kearn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1632, Ireland 1348
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; also Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal, Monaghan, and Tyrone

1 Irish: from Mac Carrghamhna ‘son of Corrrhamhain’ (a personal name based on *corr* ‘sharp’ + *gamhain* ‘young bull’). The variant **Growney** can only derive from this sense.

**Early bearers:** Imar mac [Mic] Cargamna, chief of Muintir Mailshinna, 1173 in *AU*; Imar mac Mic Cargamna hUi Gilla Ultain, chief of Muintir Mail-Sinna, 1174 in *AU*; Gilla-Crist mac Mic Carrdamna, chief of Muintir Mailshinna, 1180 in *AU*; Hobbert McCaron, gent., chief of his nation, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3263 (Killefaghna, Westmeath).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: alternatively, from Mac Ciaráin ‘son of Ciaráin’ (a personal name based on *ciar* ‘black’, see **Kieran**). See also **McKerron**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige and Phelim McKearrane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Tireconnell, Ulster); Connor McCarren, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dungillick, Monaghan); Hugh Modera McCarren, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Derrykinard, Monaghan); Owen McCarron, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Pullis, Monaghan); Bryan McCarran, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tyrerae, Armagh).

Scotland: Neill McCarron, 1629 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Mull, Argyll); Duncan M’Carran 1684 in *Argyll Inventories* (Arskornish, Argyll);

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Duncan McCarren, 1685 in *Commons of Argyll* (Glassery, Argyll).

### McCarry

**Variants:** **McCary, McCorry, McHarrie, McHarry, Carrie, Carry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 144
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent (Woolwich)
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal
- Irish: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh** ‘son of *Fearadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘manly’, see also **McGarry**. A version with non-lenited personal name was anglicized as **MeVerry**. Lenited *f* is silent, as the letter *h* can be, and the *C* comes from the final consonant of *mac*.

**Early bearers:** Conor McBriene McCarye, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Cormac Mac Cary, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1046 (Ballyloghe, Waterford); Donogh mcWilliam McKarrye, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1770 (Moey, Connacht); Owen buy and Mahy McCarre, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Kyllagowne, Sligo); Hugh McHarry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskeen, Cavan).

### McCart

**Variants:** **McCarte, Art, McCard, Harte, Hart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim, Armagh, and Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Airt** ‘son of *Art*’, a popular personal name from an old Celtic word meaning ‘bear’, compare **Harte** and **Arthur**. The surname seems to have arisen as an offshoot of several important families, such as **Cavanagh**, **McGuinness**, and **O’Neill**. Of the variant spellings, it is possible that **McCarte** may sometimes represent another anglicized form of **McCarthy**, and that **McCard** could sometimes represent Scottish Gaelic *Mac an Cheaird*, see **Caird**.

**Early bearers:** Eugene McArt, chaplain, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1214; Con McArte, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1701 (Burgadg, Dublin); Morgh leigh McArte, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2062; Cahir glas mcGerald McArt, horseman, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2103 (Ballybeg, Carlow); Owen McArt, defendant, and Sir Donogh McArt, knight, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2382 (Rosse or Roscarebre, Munster); Fellom duffe McArt oge, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4960 (Belfaste, Antrim); Con mcArte mcBrian McArte, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5164 (Dondrom, Down); Nynyn duffe ny Arte, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Leitrim).

Scotland: Donald mcAne McArt, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll).

### McCartan

**Variants:** **McCarten, McCartron, Cartan, Cartin, Carton, Artan, Carten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 1292
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Artáin** ‘son of *Artán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Art* ‘bear’. This was a chieftain family in County Down.

**Early bearers:** Dubhrailbhe Mac Cairtin, 1130 in *AU*; Diarmait Mac Artain, chief, 1165 in *AU* (Down); Donnall og Mac Cartain, 1486 in *AU*; Padraig mac Aedha ruaidh Mic Artain, Mac Artain, 1493 in *AU*; Fargus Mac Cartan, 1551 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §810; Patrick mcPhelim mcManus McKartan, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5164 (Down); Hugh oge mcPhelim duff McCartan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5223 (Down); Nich. mcWm. McKeartan, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Gowlan, Kerry); Gillernew McCartan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Down).

### McCarte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Airt**, see **McCart**.

### McCarten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from **Mac Artáin**, see **McCartan**.

### McCarter

**Variants:** **Carter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 232
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Artair**, see **McArthur**.

### McCarther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- Irish: from **Mac Artair**, see **McArthur**.

### McCarthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish: from **Mac Cárthaigh**, see **McCarthy**.

### McCarthy

**Variants:** **McCarthey, McCarty, McArthy, Arthy, Carthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23178, Ireland 20543
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7818
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork

Irish: from **Mac Cárthaigh** ‘son of *Cárthach*’, a personal name meaning ‘loving’. This was the name of a ruling family in Munster. In Ireland major branches were distinguished by the following epithets: *mór* ‘great’ in Kerry, *riabhach* ‘brindled’ in Carbery, west Cork.

**Early bearers:** Diarmoid mac Cormac Mheg Carrthaigh, king of Desmond, 1176 in *AU*; Cathal Odhur mac Meg Carrthaigh, ‘son of McCarthy’, 1193 in *AU*; Cormac mac Domhnaill guid Meg Carrthaigh, 1262 in *AU*; Donnall Mag Carrthaigh Cairbrech, 1414 in *AU*; Cormac mac Eogain Meg Carrthaigh, 1446 in *AU*; Donogh MacCarty Reogh, knight and captain of Carbyre, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1010; Donagh McCarty alias MacCarty Ryegh, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1587 (Kylbryttan, Cork); John mc Donoghe mcDermody McCarty,

1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2781 (Brittvileston, Cork); Florence juvenis mcFynen mcDonogh McCarty, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3034 (Kilvine); Kealaghen mcTeige mcFynine Carte, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5406 (Waterford); Fining mcDonnell McCarty, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5456 (Dromlegaghe, Cork).

### McCartie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Cumb
- Irish: a Scottish form of **McCarty**.

### McCartney

**Variants:** **McArtney, Cartney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4776, Ireland 1977
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down
- Irish: from **Mac Artaine**, a variant of **Mac Artáin** ‘son of *Artán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Art*, based on a word meaning ‘bear’. Compare **McCartan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John McCartane, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6323 (Kildare); John McCartane, farmer, and Wm. and Patr. McCartan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (Moynouth, Kildare); Edm. McCarthane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6560 (Dublin); John McCartney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Launcelot McCartney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumkeeran, Fermanagh). Scotland: Gilbert McCartnay, 1529 in *Black* (Galloway); Thomas McCartnay, Makartnay, 1562 in *Black*; Helen Macartney, 1588 in *Black* (Dumfries).

### McCarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Artáin**, see **McCartan**.

### McCarty

**Variants:** **McCartie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 86
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1094
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; S Wales; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from **Mac Cárthaigh**, see **McCarthy**.

### McCarvell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Cearbhaill**, see **McCarville**.

### McCarvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Cearbhaill**, see **McCarville**.

### McCarville

**Variants:** **McCarvill, McCarvell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 200
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Cearbhaill**, see **McCarroll**. **Early bearers:** Morgh and Moriortagh McCarwell, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §160; Phelyme

bwey McKarwall, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §313 (Bowledowlyn, Carlow).

### McCary

- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

Irish: from Mac Fhearadhaigh, see **McCarry**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### McCash

- Current frequencies: GB 150, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 100
- Main GB location 1881: Perth; Lanarks

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name patronymic from a byname based on *cas* ‘curly’. Compare **Cassidy**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Hector McCaish, 1616 in *Cawdor Book* (Dunivaig, Argyll); Finlay McCaish, 1662 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Glenalmond, Perth); Janit Mckash, 1698 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Isabella Maccash, 1845 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

Ireland: Maurus McWilliam McCashe, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §370.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Coise, see **McCosh**.

### McCashin

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 42
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish: from Mac Caisín, see **Cashin**.

### McCasker

- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

Irish: from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.

### McCaskey

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Midlothian; Angus and Fife

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ascaidh, see **McCaskie**.

### McCaskie

Variants: **McCaskey**, **McAskie**, **McCuskey**, **Caskie**, **Caskey**

- Current frequencies: GB 207, Ireland 71
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in Scotland: esp. Morays; Lanarks; Midlothian; Argyll
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Ascaidh ‘son of *Ascadh*’, a Gaelic pet form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Asketil*, see **Askell** and **McAskill**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Thomas McKasky, 1494 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Thomas Makcasky, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Glassfurd, Lanarks); Thomas M’Caskie, 1588 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks). Ireland: William McCaskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Robert McCaskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryoran, Derry); Andrew Caskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunboe, Derry); Francis Casky, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Maghera, Derry).

### McCaskill

- Current frequencies: GB 322, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 385
  - Main GB location 1881: NW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ascaill, see **McAskill**.

### McCaslin

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

### McCathie

Variants: **Cathie**, **Cathey**

- Current frequencies: GB 199, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 138
- Main GB location 1881: Fife and Kinross; also Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: unexplained. Black gives *MacCathay* as ‘an old Galloway surname’ and hints that *McCathen* from *Mac Cathain* is a variant. If so, compare **McKane**. Alternatively, it may be a variant of **McCaughey**.

Early bearers: Gilbert Makcathy, 1481 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ballydune, Fife); Donald McCathen or Maccathie, 1689 in *Black* (Rothesay, Bute).

### McCaughan

- Current frequencies: GB 147, Ireland 360
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks, Middx, Kent
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: from Mac Eacháin, see **McGahan**.

### McCaughern

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 111
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: from Mag Eachráin, see **McGahern**.

### McCaugherty

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 93
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from Mac Eachmharaigh, see **McCafferty**.

### McCaughey

Variants: **McGahey**, **McAughey**, **Caughey**, **McGeachy**, **Megahey**, **McGachy**, **McGaffey**, **McGechie**, **Gaffey**, **McGaughey**, **McGeoch**

- Current frequencies: GB 499, Ireland 940
- GB frequency 1881: 70
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster

Irish: from Mac Eachaidh ‘son of *Eachadh*’, a personal name meaning ‘horseman’ (from *each* ‘horse’). Compare **Keogh**, **Hackett**.

Early bearers: Karroll mcMallmorry McKaghoe, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2680 (Wexford); Conoghor McAgly and Patrick boy McAgly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5604; Calle McCaghie, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734 (Monaghan); William McCaughey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghabog, Monaghan); Samuel McCaughey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); James Caughey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyculter, Down); Patrick McCaughey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghavea, Fermanagh).

### McCaughley

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 151
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster

Irish: from Mac Eachmhilidh ‘son of *Eachmhileadh*’, a byname meaning ‘horse soldier’.

### McCaughran

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 43
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Mag Eachráin, see **McGahern**.

### McCaul

- Current frequencies: GB 437, Ireland 915
- GB frequency 1881: 182
- Main GB location 1881: scattered throughout England and Scotland; esp. Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan, Monaghan, and Tyrone

Irish: from Mac Cathail, see **McCall**.

### McCauley

Variants: **McCaulley**, **McCalla**, **Cauley**, **Cowley**

- Current frequencies: GB 1411, Ireland 1714
- GB frequency 1881: 364
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

Irish: see **McAuley**.

### McCaulley

- GB frequency 1881: 4

Irish: variant of **McCauley**.

Further information: This spelling is more common in America.

### McCausland

Variants: **McAusland**, **McAuslan**, **McAuslane**, **McCauslin**, **McCaslin**, **McAuslin**, **Cousland**

- Current frequencies: GB 404, Ireland 552
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone and Derry; also Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish name, of disputed etymology, brought to Ulster in the 17th century. According to Black it is from Mac Ausalain ‘son of Absolom’, the name of an early 13th-century cleric. Early bearers: Scotland: Malcolm Macabsolon, 1308 in *The Lennox* (Dunbartons); Alexander Macausland, 1421 in *Black*; John Mc Auslane, 1717 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); Janet McAuslan, 1727 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Kathrine Mc Auslane, 1792 in *IGI* (Rhu, Dunbartons).

Ireland: Alexander Mac Castlan, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 646 (Tyrone); James McCashland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryoran, Tyrone); Con Causland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumachose, Derry); William McCausland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogherny, Tyrone); Hamilton McCausland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone).

### McCauslin

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCausland**.

## McCavana

**Further information:** This form of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### McCavana

**Variants:** Cavanah, Cavannah, Cavanna, Kavana, Cavana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac an Mhanaigh** ‘son of the monk’, from *manach* ‘monk’. This was a Mayo surname, also anglicized by translation as **Monk** and **Monks**. The original stress fell on the *-van-* syllable, but there has been some later confusion with **Kavanagh**, with stress on *Kav-*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Calvatus McVany, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §225; Edm. McVany, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4707 (Garry Blankin, Galway); Knoghor mcDoynie McLvannye, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5854 (Curraghnenwony, Tipperary).

England: Mary Cavanna, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Michael Cavanna, born in Kerry, in *Census 1881* (Durham).

### McCavanagh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from **Mac Caomhánach**, see **Kavanagh**.

### McCavigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: from **Mac Gáibhtheacháin**, see **Gavigan**.

### McCaw

**Variants:** McCaa, Caw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 388
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Adhaimh**, see **McGaw**.

### McCawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone
- Irish: see **McAuley**.

### McCay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 377
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Aodha**, see **McCoy**. See also **McKay**.

### McChesney

**Variants:** McTasney, Chesney, Tosney, Tasney, Toshney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac (an) tSasanaigh** ‘son of the Saxon (i.e. the Englishman)’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hugh McChosny, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5611 (Connacht); Samuel McChesney, 1796

in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone); Alexander Chesney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonallan, Down); John McChesney, 1840 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxvi* (Glynn, Antrim).

Scotland: Richard Makchesnie, 1637 in *Black*; John MacChesnyes, 1638 in *Black*; Agnes McChesnie, 1684 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright); John MacChesney, 1684 in *Black* (Borgue).

### McCheyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Kirkcudbrights, and Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Seáin**, see **McShane**.

### McChrystal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered in Ulster
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Criostal**, see **McCrystal**.

### McClafferty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 340
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian; Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Fhlaitheheartaigh**, see **Lafferty**.

### McClain

**Variants:** McClaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Cumb and Lancs; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic, Manx: anglicization of Gaelic **Mac Gille Éain**, see **McLean**.

### McClaine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Scottish Gaelic, Manx: see **McClain**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### McClair

**Variants:** McClare, McClear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

1 Scottish Gaelic and Irish: probably a shortened version of **McCleary**.

**Early bearers:** Robert McCleir, son and heir of Malcolm McClery, 1541 in *Black* (Stirling); Thomas McClair, 1663 in *Black* (Prestonpans).

2 Irish: see **Clair**.

### McClanachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **Clanachan**.

### McClanahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: (i) from **Mac Leanacháin**, see **McClenaghan**. (ii) see **Clanachan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now found almost exclusively in the USA.

### McClane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McLean**.

### McClaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhrainn**, see **McLaren**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Scotland but more common in the USA.

### McClare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow

Irish: see **McClair**.

### McClaren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhrainn**, see **McLaren**.

### McClarence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs; Notts
- Scottish Gaelic: altered form of Scottish **McLaren**.

**Early bearers:** Bettie and Janet McClarens, 1746 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Anna Maria McClerence, 1761 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### McClarín

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic: see **McLaren**.

### McClarnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Earnáin**, see **McLarnon**.

### McClarren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Scottish Gaelic: see **McLaren**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

### McClarron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhrainn**, see **McLaren**.

### McClarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34



- Main GB location 1881: Ayrs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McLafferty**. See **Lafferty**.

### McClary

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Cornwall
- Irish: from Mac an Chléirigh, see **McCleary**, **Cleary**.

### McClaskey

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Yorks
- Irish: from Mac Bhloscaidh, see **McCluskey**.  
Further information: This spelling of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### McClatchey

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 187
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh and Monaghan

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Eidich, see **McLatchie**.

### McClatchie

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: Ayrs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Eidich, see **McLatchie**.

### McClatchy

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Eidich, see **McLatchie**.

### McClaghry

Variants: **Clachar**, **Kingstone**, **Kingston**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Clochaire ‘son of the stonemason’, a surname which sometimes, by misinterpretation of *clochaire* as *cloth an ri* ‘stone of the king’, was ‘translated’ as *Kingstone* or *Kingston*. The Scottish Gaelic version, *Mac Clachair*, was anglicized as *McClacher* and shortened to **Clacher**.

### McClave

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- Irish: from Mac Fhlaitimh, see **Claffey**, **McCleave**.

### McClaverty

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Durham
- Irish: see **Lafferty**.

### McClay

- Variants: **McLay**, **McLeay**, **McCloy**, **Maclay**, **McLea**
- Current frequencies: GB 348, Ireland 372
  - GB frequency 1881: 148
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs and Cheshire
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish, Scottish: from Mac an Leagha ‘son of the physician’. See also **Lee**, **McAlea**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Ollan McLea, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617; William McLea, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617.

Scotland: David Mc Clay, 1658 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Archibald Mc Lea, 1694 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); Farquhar Mac Leay, 1774 in *IGI* (Fodderty, Ross and Cromarty).

### McClean

- Current frequencies: GB 1661, Ireland 2268
- GB frequency 1881: 635
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish: from Mac Giolla Eáin, the usual Irish spelling of the Scottish Gaelic name **McLean**.

### McClear

- GB frequency 1881: 11

Irish: see **McClair**.

### McClearn

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McLaren**.

Further information: This form of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### McCleary

Variants: **McCleery**, **McClary**, **McLeary**, **McLerie**, **McClair**, **Cleary**

- Current frequencies: GB 725, Ireland 262
  - GB frequency 1881: 244
  - Main GB location 1881: NW England and SW Scotland
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an Chléirigh (Irish), or Mac a’Chléirich (Scottish Gaelic), meaning ‘son of the cleric’. In Ireland it was possibly a variant of Ó Cléirigh, see **Cleary**, and was sometimes shortened to **Cleary**. In both countries surnames containing *cléireach* might be ‘translated’ as **Clark**, and *McCleary* shortened to **McClair**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Edmund McEclere, 1552 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1172; Gilpatrick and Teige mcTirlaghe McAnclery, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440 (Conkeyle, Leitrim); TirrelaghmcGillysaboy and Conoghor McEclery, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5792 (Cavan); Owyn McClery and Catelyn ny Clery, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Cnockyvagan, Ardanragh, Longford); Farsey McEclery, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6621 (Correston, Meath).

Scotland: Malcolm McCleriche, 1461 in *Black* (Letter); Duncan MacInclerycht, 1537 in *Black* (Duthil); Huseoun McClerich or McInclerich, 1541 in *Black* (Lochalsh); Finlay McAclerich, 1638 in *Black* (Auchlyne); George Makclearie, tailor, 1648 in *Black* (Edinburgh); Catharine McClirie, 1674 in *Black* (Edinburgh).

2 Irish: either from Mac Giolla Arráith ‘son of the servant of Arráith’, or (as Woulfe suggests, and since there is no saint Arráith) from Mac Giolla an Ráith ‘son of the prosperous youth’. See **McAlary**.

### McCleave

Variants: **McClave**, **McGlave**, **Glavey**, **Flahive**, **McLave**, **Glaffey**, **Glavin**

- Current frequencies: GB 190, Ireland 138
  - GB frequency 1881: 31
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Fhlaitimh, ‘son of *Floitheamh*’, a personal name meaning ‘prince, sovereign’, compare **Flahive**. The lenition of *floitheamh* after *mac* has sometimes led to the pronunciation as *Mag Fhlaitimh*, whence names such as **McGlave**, **Glavey**, and **Glavin**. More often, the surname has been ‘translated’ as **Hand**, since *fhlaitimh* sounds as if it may be a derivative of Irish *lámh* ‘hand’.
- Early bearers: Conor Maglawey, piper, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3141 (Mohar, Longford); Melaghlen McGleve, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4153 (Longeford); Tirlagh McLyff, yeoman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442; Donnagh McGlavin, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Templehouse, Sligo).

### McCleery

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland 256
  - GB frequency 1881: 38
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Northumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish: from Mac an Chléirigh, see **McCleary**.

### McClelland

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayrs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhaolain (see **McLellan**), with exrescent *-d* due to English speakers’ perception of Gaelic palatalized *-n* as *-nd*.

### McClellan

- Current frequencies: GB 549, Ireland 10
  - GB frequency 1881: 365
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: N Ulster
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhaolain, see **McLellan**.

### McClelland

Variants: **Cleland**, **Clelland**, **Lealand**, **Gillfillan**

- Current frequencies: GB 2486, Ireland 1839
- GB frequency 1881: 1012
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow and SW Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Giolla Fhaoláin, see **McLellan**. This is the more common spelling of the name in Ireland. **Gilliland** is a shortened form. See also **Gillfillan**.

### McClement

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 109
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs; Caernarvons
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Laomuinn (see **McClymont**), assimilated to the English personal name *Clement*.

### McClements

- Current frequencies: GB 516, Ireland 523
- GB frequency 1881: 69

## McClenaghan

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and NW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name anglicization of **Mac Laomuinn** (see **McClymont**), with English patronymic *-s*.

**Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland.

### McClenaghan

**Variants:** **McLenaghan**, **McLanaghan**, **McClenahan**, **McClanachan**, **McClanahan**, **McLennon**, **Clenaghan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 838
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Down

Irish: from **Mac Leanacháin** ‘son of *Leanachán*’, a personal name meaning ‘possessing cloaks’ or ‘with the cloak’. There is also an *Ó* surname from the same personal name, see **Lenihan**. Shortened forms may be confused with **McLennan** and **Clanachan**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh Macklineghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Donogh mcDeirmoddie duff McClanneghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Cork); Dermot and Donogh Macklineaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571; McClanaghan in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558.

### McClenahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish: from **Mac Leanacháin**, see **McClenaghan**.

### McClennan

**Variants:** **McClennon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Fhinnein**, see **McLennan**.

2 Irish: derivation from a shortened form of **Mac Leanacháin** is also a possibility. See **McClenaghan**.

### McLennon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns
- Irish: from **Mac Gille Fhinnein**, see **McLennan**, **Lennon**.

### McCleod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; London; Devon

Scottish Gaelic: variant spelling of Scottish **McLeod** (Gaelic *Mac Leòid*).

### McClernon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Earnáin**, see **McLarnon**.

### McClew

**Variants:** **Loy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Lughaidh** or **Mac Dhuinnshléibhe**, see **McGlew**.

### McClimon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Laomuinn**, see **McClymont**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but common in the USA.

### McClintock

**Variants:** **McLintock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 711
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal; Antrim

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: reduced anglicized form of **Mac Gille Fhionndaig** ‘son of the servant of (Saint) *Fionntóg*’, a personal name from a pet form of a name beginning *fionn* ‘white’. A Scottish family of this name settled in Donegal in the late 16th century. In Scotland the name has sometimes been anglicized as **Lindsay**.

**Further information:** Black mentions Saint Finnian of Clonard, see **McLennan**, but the saint is probably Fintan of Taghmon, whose name appears in the surname **McAlinden** or **McLinden**. He was often known by the pet form *Munnu* (*Mo Fhinnu*) but sometimes as *Moinnoc* (*Mo Fhionnóg*). Fionntóg or Fionndaig seems to be another variant of the name as used in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan Mcgellentak, 1549 in *Highland Papers* (Balquhider); John McInlaintaig, 1693 in *Argyll Inventories* (Kilbride); Cailean MacIlliuntaig, 1795 in *Black* (Lochaber). Ireland: Thomas McClintock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); Alexander McClintock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); George McClintock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Thomas McClintock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim).

### McClinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Wigtowns; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Fhiontáin**, see **Clinton** and **McAlinden**.

### McClone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Eóin**, see **McGlone**.

### McClorely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from **Mac Labhradha**, see **McClory**.

### McClory

**Variants:** **McClorely**, **McLory**, **McGlory**, **Lorey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Kirkcudbrights and Selkirk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhradha** ‘son of *Labhraidh*’, a personal name meaning ‘speaker, spokesman’. Compare **Lavery**.

**Early bearers:** Morgh McClory, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6390; Patrick McClory, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); Hugh McClory, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); William McClorely, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

### McCloskey

**Variants:** **Glasgow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1039, Ireland 2391
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry

Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh**, see **McCluskey**.

### McClosky

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh**, see **McCluskey**.

### McCloud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Durham and Northumb; also IoM and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Variant spelling of Scottish **McLeod** (Gaelic *Mac Leòid*).

### McCloughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lachlainn**, see **Claughan**.

### McCloy

**Variants:** **Cloy**, **Glow**, **McClue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 397
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

Irish: from **Mac an Leagha**, see **McClay**. In Donegal, this name was adopted by some members of the **McAleavy** family of physicians.

### McCluckie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirlings
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Lucaidh** ‘son of *Lukie*’ (a pet form of **Lucas**). Compare **McLucas**, **McCluggage**.
- Early bearers:** Donald McCluke, 1644 in *Famed Breadalbane* (Shenlarich, Perth); George Macluckie, 1726 in *Black* (Kippen, Stirlings).

**McClue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: perhaps from **Mac Lughaidh** ‘son of *Lughaidh*’, see **McGlew**, **McCloy**.

**McCluggage**

Variants: **McLuggage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: relationship name from *Mac Lúcaís* ‘son of Luke’, more accurately anglicized as **McLucas**.

**Early bearers:** Iain M’Clugashe, 1647 in *Highland Papers* (Dunavertie, Argyll); Patrick M’Clugais, 1664 in *Isles Testaments* (Ardrosketill, Argyll); John M’Clugas or McLeogas, 1692 in *Commons of Argyll* (Ard, Argyll).

**McClumpha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; also Northumb and Durham

Scottish Gaelic: probably from *Mac Gille Iomchadha*, ‘son of the servant of Iomchadh’ where *Iomchadh* was a saint’s name, as in the place-name Killumpha in Kirkmaiden. *Ch* has become pronounced as *f*, as in Murphy from Ó Murchadha.

**Early bearers:** Joneta Makgillumquha, 1406 in *Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities* (Wigtowns); Fergus M’Lymphquhay, 1483 in *Drumlanrig* (Monreith, Wigtowns); John Maklumphaire, 1510 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Monreith, Wigtowns).

**McClune**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 107
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights and Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Giolla Eóin**, see **McGlone** and compare **McAloon**.

**McCluney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Cluanaigh**, ‘son of *Cluanach*’, an adjectival name meaning ‘beguiling, deceitful’. Compare **Clooney**.

**Early bearers:** Morogh and Laughlin McCLOWNE, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Ballemctowne, Galway); Morrogh McClonny, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5446 (Limerick).

**McClung**

Variants: **McLung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Luinge*, literally ‘son of a ship’, i.e. a personal name meaning ‘sailor’. **Early bearers:** Samuel McClung, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone).

**McClure**

Variants: **McLure**, **Luer**, **Clure**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2694, Ireland 1214
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Wigtowns; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Uidhir** or Irish **Mac Giolla Uidhir** ‘son of the swarthy lad’. Compare **McAleer**. The Irish name was distinctive of Armagh.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: John McLur, Robert McLure, Robert McClure, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Thomas Maklure, 1532 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Carrick, Ayr); Johnne McLoir, 1570 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries); Andrew McLuir, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Elizabeth M’Clure, 1765 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Glenluce, Wigtowns); Samuel M’Clure, 1795 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Artfield, Wigtowns).
- Ireland: John McClure, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullbrick, Armagh); Thomas McClure, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Andenkill, Armagh); Rebecca McClure, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Andrew McClure, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone).
- England: William Mc Clure, 1767 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**McClurg**

Variants: **McLurg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 350
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Luirg**, from a personal name literally meaning ‘son of track’ (*lorg*), used to denote a footman or messenger. Compare **McCosh**.
- Further information:** MacLysaght’s derivation from *Mac Cléirigh* (normally anglicized as *McClery* or *Clarke*) is not the right surname here.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Maklurke, 1296, Donald Maklurg, 1503 in *Black*; Andrew Maclurg, 1476 in *Black* (Saint Andrews, Fife).
- Ireland: Jackson McClurg, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxii 37 (Aghadowey, Derry).

**McClurken**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McClurkin**, **Clerkin**.

**McClurkin**

Variants: **McClurken**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Cléirchín** ‘son of the little cleric’, see **Clerkin**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas McClurkin, 1745, and Catherine McClurkin, 1760 in *IGI* (Ballymena, Antrim).

**McCluskey**

Variants: **McCloskey**, **McClusky**, **McCluskie**, **McClosky**, **McClaskey**, **McLuskie**, **McLuskey**, **McLusky**, **Cluskey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3700, Ireland 1124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 569
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also N England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh** ‘son of *Bloscaidh*’, a personal name apparently derived from *blosc* ‘resounding noise, blast’.
- Early bearers:** Dermot McCloyskey, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483 (Donegal); Tirrelagh McCloskie, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Armagh); Manus McCloskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry); James McCloskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Michael McCluskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Trough, Monaghan); Elizabeth McCluskey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry).

**McCluskie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McCluskey**.

**McClusky**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 522
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian; also N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh**, see **McCluskey**.

**McClymont**

Variants: **McClements**, **McClimon**, **McClement**, **McLeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1492, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 735
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Laomuinn** ‘son of *Laomann*’, a personal name meaning ‘lawgiver’. Compare **Lamont**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: James McClymont, 1687 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Carrick, Ayr); John Macclymont, 1751 in *IGI* (Daily, Ayr); James McClymond, 1789 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes McClement, 1857 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian).
- Ireland: Thomas McClements, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down).

**McCoach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: perhaps from **Mac Coise**, see **McCosh**.
- Early bearers:** Robert McCoach, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondavaddog, Donegal); James McCoach, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal).

**McCoag**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Thaoig**, see **McCaig**.

**McCoey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cornwall
- 1 Irish: see **McCoy**.  
2 Irish: see **McCooley**.

## McCoid

### McCoid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Uait** or **Mac Uaid**; see **McWatt**, **McQuoid**.

### McCoig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Thaoig**, see **McCaig**.

### McCoist

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: possibly from **Mac Coise**, see **McCoach** and **McCuish**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Maccoist, 1831 in *IGI* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll); John Maccoist, 1832 in *IGI* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll).

### McCole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 253
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chomhghaill**, see **McCool**.  
2 Irish: from **Mac Colla**, see **McCull**.

### McColgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 941
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Colgan** ‘son of *Colga*’, a personal name based on *colg* ‘thorn, sword’. Compare **Colgan**.

**Early bearers:** Donell mcColgan MacColgan and Shane Duw McColan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal); Patrick McCollgan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6667 (Monaghan); Patrick McCollgan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone); Neal McCollgan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal); Patrick Colgan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry).

### McCull

Variants: **McCole**, **Coll**, **McCalla**, **McCulla**, **McCulley**, **McCully**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3482, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2812
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Colla** (earlier *Conla(e)*), from a personal name borne by three brothers who were the legendary ancestors of the kings of mid-Ulster. The name has been explained as possibly meaning ‘great chief’. Woulfe says that in Ireland the surname was sometimes pronounced with a final fricative as *Mac Collach*, one possible origin of **McCullough**.

**Further information:** *McCull* is the name of a Scottish clan associated with Clan Donald and in particular with the lands of Appin in N Argyll. However the personal name *Solomon* was also used in the family, and there is an alternative interpretation as *Mac Sholla*, a name once found in Ireland as *McSolly*. Woulfe notes that in Ireland the personal name

*Colla* was common among the MacDonnells and MacSweeneys, both families tracing their origin back to Scotland and ultimately to the ‘three Collas’ in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ranald M’Choill, 1579 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Argyll); Matthew M’Koll, 1720 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Donald Maccoll, 1759 in *IGI* (Kildalton, Argyll); Catharine Maccoll, 1765 in *IGI* (Ardchattan, Argyll); Mary Maccoll, 1766 in *IGI* (Inveraray, Argyll). Ireland: Loughline McColla, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4608 (Trustan, Galway); Wm. oge, Theobald, and Edm. McColly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5539 (Glintreige, Galway); Mannasse mcHugh, Melaglyne duffe McKolly, and Loaghlin mcBreane Makolly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Ballinakolly, Roscommon); Donagh grome McColl, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6556 (Antrim); Edm. McCollae, shot, and Walter McCollae, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Bellanamore); Donchye growma and Allister mcDonchy growma McColla, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Teige mcHenry oge McCole, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734 (Monaghan).

### McCollam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McColley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: probably a variant of **McCull**, see also

### McCullough.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

### McCollin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Coileáin**, see *McQuillan* and **Collins**.

### McCulloch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCulloch**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### McCullom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McCullough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McCulloch**.

### McCullum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 564
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McColly

Variants: **Colly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McCulley**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### McColm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Wigtowns

Irish: from **Mac Coluim**, see **McCallum**.

### McComas

Variants: **Comas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Thómais**. See **McComish**.

### McComb

Variants: **McCombe**, **McCombs**, **Combe**, **Comb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 674
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Thom** ‘son of *Thom*’, see **Thomas** and compare **McComish** and **McCombie**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Merdaugh McCome, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723 (Ardee, Louth); Hugh boy McCome, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4686 (Brechiawe, Sligo); Golpatrick McCome, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5441 (Dromarde, Leitrim).

Scotland: Gilchrist Makcome, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); John Makcome, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Invercalder, Aberdeens); Roger M’Com, 1679 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Netherglen, Kirkcudbrights).

### McCombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 387
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down Manx, Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Thom**, see **McComb**.

### McCombie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 512
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Thóm**, see **McComb**.

**Early bearers:** Thom and Johannes Makcome de Castelmilk, 1508 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* 1, 1760 (Castlemilk, Dunfriess); Margaret MacColmy, 1540, James M’Comy, 1542 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* 2, 3557, 4953; John McComy Moir, 1571 in *Black* (Glenshee, Perth); Patrick McKommie, 1663 in *Alford Records*, pp. 8, 9, 12 (Kildrummy, Aberdeens).

**McCombs**

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 71
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; Glasgow; Lancs and Cheshire

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: variant of **McComb** with excrescent English -s.

**McComish**

Variants: **McOmish**, **McComas**

- Current frequencies: GB 271, Ireland 115
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Thómais** 'son of **Thomas**'. Compare *McTavish*, and see **McComb** and **McCombie**. Because *l* would not be pronounced in a consonant cluster in Scots, variants of this name have also been anglicized as **Holmes**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Donald McHomas, 1688 in *Black*; Archibald McComash, 1696 in *Black*.

Ireland: Connor McHommys, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Shane McThomas, husbandman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §884 (Tobber, Dublin); Donald more McThomas, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931 (Castlekevin, Dublin); Hugh McThomas, freeholder, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §994 (the Banaghe, Wicklow); Thomas mcRichard mcThomas Fitz Gerald alias Mac Thomas, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1029 (the Palyce, Limerick); Gerald and David McThomas, gents, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2158 (Balygebon, Limerick).

**McComiskey**

Variants: **McComisky**, **McComiskie**, **McCumiskey**, **McCumisky**, **Comiskey**, **Cumiskey**, **Comisky**, **Cumisky**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 135
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish: from **Mac Cumascaigh** 'son of *Cumascaich*', a personal name from *cumascaich* 'mixing, confusing'. It has also been anglicized as **Comerford**.

Early bearers: Terence Cumesky, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath); Francis Comesky, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan).

**McComiskie**

- Current frequencies: GB 122, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Mac Cumascaigh**, see **McComiskey**

**McComisky**

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; W Lothian and Midlothian

Irish: from **Mac Cumascaigh**, see **McComiskey**.

**McConnachie**

- Current frequencies: GB 360, Ireland 42
- GB frequency 1881: 367
- Main GB location 1881: NE Scotland: esp. Banff
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McConachy**

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 87
  - Main GB location 1881: Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McConnaghie**

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 149
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews
- Scottish Gaelic: Gaelic **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McConnaghy**

- Current frequencies: GB 266, Ireland 287
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McConaughy**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**McConchie**

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McCone**

Variants: **Cone**

- Current frequencies: GB 113, Ireland 84
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac Comhdhain** 'son of *Comhdhan* or *Comhghan*', a personal name of uncertain origin. This is the name of an ecclesiastical family in County Armagh. Anglicized forms are difficult to distinguish from **McKeown**.

Early bearers: Syda McKon, idleman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1317 (Moynogyanagh, Clare); Shydye McCon, horseman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1640 (Ballyency, Clare); Thomas McKoan, surgent., 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Saverly McKoanne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Ballyniny, Connacht); Mellaignlen roe McCone, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5574 (Clonegashell, Mayo); Gilpatrick McCon, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5665 (Mullaghboy, Monaghan); Rose McCone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgall, Armagh).

**McConkey**

- Current frequencies: GB 418, Ireland 504
- GB frequency 1881: 120
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs; also Staffs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; also Longford

Irish: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

**McConkie**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: Gaelic **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**McConn**

Variants: **Conn**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb, Lancs, and Cheshire

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Down and Armagh  
Irish: according to Woulfe and MacLysaght, this is a reduced form of **Mac Mhiolchon** 'son of *Míolchú*', a personal name meaning 'hare-hound', from *míol* 'hare' + *cú* 'hound', genitive *con*. An earlier anglicization of the full name was *McIlchon*. It may now also be reduced to **Conn**.

Early bearers: Patrick McIlchon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saul, Down).

**McConnachie**

Variants: **McConachie**, **McConnochie**, **McConnaghy**, **McConnaghie**, **Maconochie**, **McConnaghie**, **McConkey**, **McConaughy**, **McConchie**, **McConochie**, **McConachy**, **McConkie**, **Conchie**, **Conkey**

- Current frequencies: GB 1384, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 660
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in central and NE Scotland: esp. Banffs

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Dhonnchaidh** 'son of *Donnchadh*', a personal name meaning 'brown one (i.e. chieftain) of battle'. The Irish form of this surname is usually anglicized as *McConnaghy* or *McConkey*. The personal name is usually anglicized as *Donagh* (Ireland) or *Duncan* (Scotland). Compare **McDonough** and **Donahue**, which are from *Mac Donnchadha* and *Ó Donnchadha*, from an unlenited Irish genitive form of the same personal name.

Early bearers: Ireland: Hugh and Gilleduf McDOncha, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4004; Marrianus, Fergallus, and John McConchaa, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Coullana, Leitrim); James McConkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumragh, Tyrone); Richard McConkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghabog, Monaghan); Robert McConaghey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dungiven, Derry); Alexander McConaghey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal).

Scotland: Angus M'Conchie, 1493 in *Origines Parochiales* (Argyll); Huchon McConzochquhy, 1505 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kinnaird-Ross, Argyll); Duncan M'Condoquhy, John M'Condoquhy, 1528 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Argyll); Patrick M'Conquhy, 1534, John M'Conquy, 1540 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kingarth, Bute).

**McConnaghie**

- Current frequencies: GB 5, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhonnchaidh**, see **McConnachie**.

## McConnel

### McConnel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Glasgow and Argyll; also Lancs

Irish: from Mac Dhomhnuill, see **McConnell**.

### McConnell

Variants: **McConnell**, **McGonnell**, **Connell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6096, Ireland 3849
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2388
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish: from Mac Dhomhnuill, from the lenited pronunciation of the name; compare **McDonnell** and **McDonald**.

### McConnochie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Dhonnchaidh, see **McConnachie**.

### McConnon

Variants: **McConnell**, **McCannon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 356
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glasgow; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

Irish: from Mac Canann, Mac Canáin, or Mac Canannáin; see **Cannon** (2). The name was sometimes altered to and confused with *McConnell*. **Early bearers:** Shean McCannyn, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Carton, Longford); Terence McConnen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraclaone, Monaghan); Matthew McConnin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donore, Meath); Patrick McConnon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildemock, Louth); Charles Connon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry).

### McConochie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glasgow; Glamorgan

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Dhonnchaidh, see **McConnachie**.

### McConomy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N W Ulster

Irish: alternative anglicized form of **McNamee**, often replaced by **Conway**.

### McConvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Manx: from Mac Conmhaigh, a variant of Irish Mac Conmhíde, see **McNamee**.

**Further information:** The name in this form is found mainly in the Isle of Man.

### McConvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Wigtowns

Irish: see **McConville**.

### McConville

Variants: **McConvill**, **Conville**, **Conwill**, **Conwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1794, Ireland 1885
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Armagh

Irish: from Mac Conmhaoil ‘son of *Cú Mhaol*’, a personal name based on *cú* ‘hound’ + *maol* ‘bald’. **Early bearers:** Rorie, Edm. mcTirlagh, and Gilduff McConwall, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5523 (Down); Brian roe, Hugh, and Patr. McConwall, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Magneisse country, Down); Kayle and Hugh McConwayle, kerns, and Phelim reagh McConwell, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fues, Ulster).

### McConway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Cheshire; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal; also Derry

Irish: from Mac Conmhíde, see **McNamee**.

### McCoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Mac Aodha, see **McHugh**.

### McCooey

Variants: **McCoe**, **McCowey**, **Coe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from Mac Cumhaighe ‘son of *Cú Mhaighe*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the plain’.

**Early bearers:** Shane McCooe, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; John McCooey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

**References:** Ó Fiaich, T., (1973) ‘Art Mac Cumhaigh: Dánta’ in *Éigse Oirialla*, pp. 9–11.

### McCook

Variants: **McCooke**, **Cooke**, **Cook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 222
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays and Inverness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry; Galway

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Dhubhóg or Mac Dhubhag, ‘son of Dubhóg’ or ‘son of Dubhag’, a diminutive form of *Dubh*, from *dubh* ‘black’; see **Dow** and **Duff**. Compare the SW Scottish (Galloway) surname **McGuffog**, which has the same origin. The current form arose through loss of internal -v- and could therefore be confused with **Cook**.

**Further information:** It was anglicized in Ireland as *McCavock*, possibly confused with **McGavock**. According to Black, in Scotland the folk etymology

‘son of the cuckoo’ (Gaelic *cubhag*) suggests that the personal name that is preserved in the surname was pronounced with two syllables, supporting the suggested etymology.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William oge McCoke, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4572 (Galway); Archibald McCook, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal, Derry); Daniel McCook, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Culfeightrin, Antrim); John McCook, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dungiven, Derry).

Scotland: William son of Duvoc, 1204–1229 in *Dunfermline Register*; John M’Cuk, Andrew M’Cuk, Richard M’Cuk, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Garvald, East Lothian); George Mac Cook, 1758 in *IGI* (Kiltearn, Ross and Cromarty); John Mac Cook, 1793 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute).

### McCooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Mac Dhabhog, see **McCook**.

### McCool

Variants: **McCole**, **McCoo**, **Cool**, **Coole**, **Coyle**, **Cowell**, **Hoyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 499
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal

1 Irish: from Mac Giolla Chomhghaill ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Comhghall*’.

**Further information:** In traditional Irish literature Fionn Mac Cumhaill (Finn McCool) is a famous hero, leader of the Fianna, a band of wandering landless warriors. This is not, however, a source of the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Colla McCavoyle and Alyn McCowyle, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690 (Mayo); Shane McGillekole and Teig roe McGillekole, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Connacht); Neale McGillecoell, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Ballymy, Roscommon); Teige ro McGillecoill, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Ballinittie); Edm. mcDaniell McGillicomell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6711 (Little Ardes, Down, Ulster); Loghlin og, of (the name of) Clan McGillachomhail, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6654; Rorie reogh McGilleghole, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

2 Irish, Manx: from Mac Dhubhghaill, lenited form of **McDowell**. Compare Manx **Coole**.

### McCoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: see **McCool**.

### McCord

Variants: **Cord**, **Girt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 492
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

Irish: from Mac Cuairt or Mac Cuarta, see **McCourt**.

### McCorkell

Variants: **McCorkle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 253

- GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Cheshire and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal and Derry
- Irish: from Mac Thorcaill ‘son of *Thorcall*’, a Gaelic form of the Scandinavian personal name *Thorketill*, see **McCorquodale**.

### McCorkindale

Variants: **Corkindale**

- Current frequencies: GB 277, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 392
- Main GB location 1881: Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Thorcadaill, see **McCorquodale**.

### McCorkle

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 49
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: see **McCorkell**.

### McCormac

- Current frequencies: GB 220, Ireland 57
- GB frequency 1881: 76
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Durham; also London

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cormaic, see **McCormack**.

### McCormack

Variants: **McCormick**, **Cormack**, **McCormac**

- Current frequencies: GB 9412, Ireland 7594
- GB frequency 1881: 2143
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Antrim, Donegal, Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cormaic ‘son of *Cormac*’, a personal name based on *corb* ‘raven’ + *mac* ‘son’.

Early bearers: Aengus Mac Cormaic, abbot, 1212 in *AU* (Bangor, Down); Mael-Sechlainn Mac Carmaic, brughaidh, 1330 in *AU*; Fergal Mac Cormaic, 1347 in *AU*; Gillapatraig and Donnchadh Mag Carmuic, 1431 in *AU* (Fermanagh); Ruaidhri glas Mag Carmuic, poet, 1475 in *AU*; Dermot McCormoke oge, preceptor, 1545 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §461 (Morne alias Manynymon, Cork); William McCarmyke, chaplain, 1546 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §502.

### McCormick

- Current frequencies: GB 8540, Ireland 3109
- GB frequency 1881: 4897
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cormaic, see **McCormack**.

### McCorquodale

- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Thorcadaill, see **McCorquodale**.

### McCorquindale

- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Dumfriess

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Thorcadaill, see **McCorquodale**.

### McCorquodale

Variants: **McCorkindale**, **McCorquindale**, **McCorquodale**

- Current frequencies: GB 472, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 312
- Main GB location 1881: Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Thorcadaill ‘son of *Thorketill*’, a personal name borrowed from Scandinavian and later shortened to *Torcall* or *Thorkell*, whence Irish **McCorkell**. Compare Manx **Corkhill**, English **Thirkettle**, **Kettle**.

Early bearers: Ewen Mikcorcadill, 1495 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Argyll); Lauchlane McQuorquordill, 1612 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; John M’Orquidill, 1638 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Port of Lochtay, Argyll).

### McCorrie

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: W Lothian; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gothraidh, see **McCorry**.

### McCorrison

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 127
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Wigtowns
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Mac Oireasdain ‘son of \**Tòireasdan* or \**Tòrasdan*’, a Gaelicized form of the Old Scandinavian name *þórrsteinn* meaning ‘thunder’ + ‘stone’.

Early bearers: Edward Coriston, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathmullan, Down); Mary McCurristin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Upper, Donegal); Margaret Curristin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Patrick Curristeen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inishmagrath, Leitrim).

2 Scottish Gaelic: perhaps from a lenited form of Mac Moireasdain, ‘son of *Moireasdan*’, a personal name derived from the Gaelic personal name *Muirgheas*, meaning ‘sea valour’.

Further information: Scottish Gaelic *Moireasdan* is adopted in the Hebrides for Ó *Muirgheasáin*, see **Morrison**.

### McCorry

Variants: **McCurry**, **McCorrie**, **McGorry**, **Corry**, **Corrie**

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 613
- GB frequency 1881: 66
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 Irish: from Mac Gothradh or Mac Gothraidh ‘son of *Gothradh*’, from Gaelic forms of the personal name **Godfrey**; see also **McGorry**. Compare **McCaffrey**, from Mac Gafraidh, ‘son of *Gafradh*’.

Early bearers: Donogh mcEdm. McCorroe, servant, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2652 (King’s County [Offaly]).

2 Irish: from Mac Corraidh, ‘son of *Corradh*’, a personal name from the adjective *corr* ‘pointed’. As an alternative to *McKerry*, see **McCarry**.

Early bearers: Melaghlyn McCorrey, kern, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3794 (the Bavan, Longford); On

McKerry or McCory, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3886 (the Abbey Larray, Longford).

### McCort

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cuairt or Mac Cuarta, see **McCourt**.

### McCosh

Variants: **McCash**, **McCoach**, **Cush**, **Coss**, **Cosh**

- Current frequencies: GB 247, Ireland 129
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Mac Coise ‘son of *Cos*’, apparently a byname from *cos* ‘foot, leg’ (Scottish Gaelic *cas*).

Early bearers: Ireland: Edm. mcMuriertagh McCashie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529; John McCosh, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Balyling, Antrim); Denis Cush, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); Martin Quish, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Galbally, Limerick); David McCosh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Skerry, Antrim).

Scotland: John M’Cosch, Patrick M’Cosch, Donald M’Cosch, 1513 in *Protocol Book Ros* (Coylton, Ayr); John Makcosche, 1586 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Ochiltree, Ayr); Robert Maccosh, 1776 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Maccosh, 1784 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### McCotter

- Current frequencies: GB 131, Ireland 155
  - GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Oitir ‘son of *Oitir*’, Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Óttarr*. Compare **Cotter**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Gerald McJames McCottery, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2259; James balluff McShane McCottirr 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2266 (Ballycopping); James balluff McWilliam McCottery, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2246 (Tample Ihyraghe); Robert McJames McCottir, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2249 (Corryvally). Scotland: Murdo MacCotter, about 1460 in *Black*; John McCotter, 1667 in *Black* (Aberdeens); John McCoatter of Knocknapark, 1685 in *Black* (Ross).

### McCoubrie

Variants: **McCoubrie**, **Coubrough**

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 280
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; also Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Cuithbreith ‘son of Cuthbert’, or perhaps, on the analogy of other names, a reduced form of Mac Gille Chuithbreith ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Cuthbert’. Compare **Cuthbert**.

Early bearers: John Makcopyery, 1513 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Bute); Henry McCowthry, 1539 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Galloway).

### McCoubrie

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 26

## McCough

- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McCoubrey**.

### McCough

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr; Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McCough**.

### McCourt

- Variants: **McCort**, **McCord**, **Court**
- Current frequencies: GB 2462, Ireland 1526
  - GB frequency 1881: 852
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs; Cumb; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Cuairt** or **Mac Cuarta**, from a personal name ostensibly meaning ‘son of journey’, but according to Woulfe probably a reduced form of **Mac Mhuirheartaigh**. Compare **McCurdy** and the unlenited forms **McMordie** and **McMurty**.
- Early bearers: Donell McCourtie, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Dyrrie, Cork); James McCourt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh); John McCourt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dundalk, Louth); John McCordey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); William McCord, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertlyn, Derry); William McCord, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Tyrone).

### McCourtney

- Current frequencies: GB 66, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: this hybrid name is Anglo-Norman **Courtney** with the Irish patronymic prefix *Mc-* tacked on. As suggested by Woulfe, it may have been adopted for Irish **Mac Cuairt** or **Mac Cuarta** (see **McCourt**). MacLysaght says English Courtney was used as an equivalent of *Mac Cuarta* in Monaghan.
- Early bearers: Andrew Courtney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraclone, Monaghan); Thomas Courtney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry).

### McCowan

- Variants: **McCowen**
- Current frequencies: GB 385, Ireland 31
  - GB frequency 1881: 404
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland: esp. Perth
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry; Derry
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McEwan**.

### McCowen

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 32
  - GB frequency 1881: 56
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Wigtowns; Perth
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McCowan**.

### McCowey

- GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Aoidh**, see **McCoy**.  
2 Irish: from **Mac Cumhaighe**, see **McCooley**.

### McCoy

- Variants: **McKoy**, **McQuay**, **McCay**, **Coy**, **McCoey**, **McCowey**
- Current frequencies: GB 3077, Ireland 1936
  - GB frequency 1881: 1186
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Aoidh** ‘son of *Aoidh*’, an ancient personal name meaning ‘fire’, originally the name of a pagan god. Thus the name has the same origin as **McKay**, **McKee**, **Magee**, and **McHugh**. As with *Ó hAodha*, it has sometimes been anglicized as **Hughes**.
- Early bearers: Malaci Mag Aedha, bishop, 1312 in *AU*; James McCoye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portinuligan, Armagh); Patrick McCoy, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Limagore, Monaghan); Phelim McCay, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (AghymcKean, Armagh); Shane McKoy, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrigans, Monaghan); John Macoy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drummully, Fermanagh); Andrew McCoy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Patrick Coy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Tyrone).

### McCracken

- Variants: **McCrackin**
- Current frequencies: GB 2514, Ireland 1196
  - GB frequency 1881: 1263
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns; Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish Gaelic, N Irish: relationship name from **Mac Reachtain**, a variant of **Mac Neachtain** (see **McNaughton**) with replacement of *n* by *r* in the cluster *-cn-*, which is characteristic of Ulster Irish and Scottish Gaelic. Compare **McCreight**. The *-ck-* in the spelling here is a result of the Scottish Gaelic pronunciation of *cht*. Black calls *McCracken* ‘an old Galloway surname’.
- Early bearers: Michael Makcraken, 1526, Gilbert McCrekan, 1536 (Wigtown), and Neil dow McCraikane, 1628 (Wigtown), in *Black*.

### McCrackin

- GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Reachtain**, see **McCracken**.

### McCraday

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews; Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

### McCrae

- Current frequencies: GB 1138, Ireland 21
  - GB frequency 1881: 796
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

### McCraith

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 77
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; Lancs; Berwicks; Ayr; Kirkcudbrights

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary and Clare
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

### McCran

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Berwicks; Pembroke
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bhroin**, see **McCran**.

### McCran

- Variants: **McCran**, **McBryne**, **Wryne**, **Ryne**
- Current frequencies: GB 139, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Bhroin**, from a personal name derived from *bran* ‘raven’. In *McCran* the C is a duplication of the final *-c* of *mac*, but *mac* may also be dropped to give **Ryne**. This name with unlenited personal name was anglicized *McBrin*, now sometimes **Burns**.
- Early bearers: Tirlaugh McBryn, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2044; Hugh Mac Bryne, horseman, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2389 (Fercall, King’s County [Offaly]); Morough klaghe mcTeig McBryn, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3364 (Ballytarssna, Limerick); Teige McBryne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6512 (King’s County [Offaly]); Brian mcHugh McBryn, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Down); Melaghlin mcManus McCrein, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529 (Munster).

### McCrary

- GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ruidhrí**, see **McCreery**.

### McCraw

- Current frequencies: GB 260, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 155
  - Main GB location 1881: Perth; Midlothian, Berwicks, and Roxburghs
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish anglicization of Gaelic **Mac Raith**, see **McGrath**, **McRae**.

### McCray

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cumb, and NR Yorks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

### McCrea

- Variants: **Rea**, **Crea**
- Current frequencies: GB 667, Ireland 1061
  - GB frequency 1881: 231
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Donegal; Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McGrath**.

### McCreadie

- Current frequencies: GB 1861, Ireland 57
  - GB frequency 1881: 761
  - Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland (esp. Wigtowns) and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.



**McCready**

Variants: **McCreadie**, **McCreedy**, **McGready**, **McCradly**, **McReady**, **Cready**, **Ready**, **Reedy**, **Readie**, **McCredie**, **Crady**, **Creedy**, **Gready**, **McReedy**, **Rady**, **Reidy**, **Reddie**

- Current frequencies: GB 1732, Ireland 877
- GB frequency 1881: 474
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Down; Donegal and Derry

Irish: from **Mac Riada** ‘son of *Riada*’, an ancient personal name meaning ‘traveller, rider’. The C results from duplication of the final -c of *mac*, and some of the shortened variants retain it as the initial letter. Black notes that the surname was found in Galloway in 1684, but it seems likely, with the variant *McGready*, to have originated in Ireland.

Early bearers: Donogh McRedie, chaplain and dean of Derry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6688 (Ulster).

**McCrenor**

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 121
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: IoM; Lancs; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Threínfhir**, see **Traynor**.

**McCreary**

- Current frequencies: GB 139, Ireland 112
- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh, Antrim, and Fermanagh; also Laois

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ruidhrí**, **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McCreery**.

**McCreath**

- Current frequencies: GB 629, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 387
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**McCredie**

- Current frequencies: GB 260, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 254
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

**McCree**

Variants: **Cree**

- Current frequencies: GB 243, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 172
- Main GB location 1881: London; Durham; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**McCreedy**

- Current frequencies: GB 192, Ireland 100
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Derbys, and Cumb; also Norfolk; also Cornwall
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

**McCreery**

Variants: **McCreary**, **McCrery**, **McCrary**, **Creary**

- Current frequencies: GB 407, Ireland 282
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh, Down, Tyrone and Monaghan; also Kilkenny

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Ruidhrí**, a variant of **Mac Ruaidhrí** (see **McGrory**, **McRury**) ‘son of *Ruaidhrí*’, a personal name meaning ‘red king’.

Early bearers: Philip McRerye, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2471 (Kylmanyhyn, Wexford); Eugene or Owen McReyry, chaplain, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2865 (Clonbwny, Limerick); Teig McRery, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4628 (Carrigenssy, Cork); Conoghor mcOwen McReirie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5689 (Breackcoill, Munster); Deirmod mcTeige McRerie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Killymony, Cork).

**McCreesh**

- Current frequencies: GB 200, Ireland 362
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh

Irish: from **Mac Raois**, an altered form of **Mac Aonghuis** ‘son of *Aonghus*’ (see **McGuinness** and **McNeice**), with replacement of -n- by -r- in the cluster -cn-, which is characteristic of Ulster Irish and Scottish Gaelic. *Mac Creesh* was the name of a branch of the sept of McGuinness in Oriel.

Early bearers: Ireland: Gorrie mace Ferraie McGreece, Brian boy mcTirelagh McGreece, Donogho roe mcTirlagh McGnese, and Kellogg mcTirelagh McGnese, galloglasses, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4579 (Mayo); Patrick McCreesh, 1866 in *IGI* (Crossmaglen, Armagh). England: Isabella McCreesh, 1870 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**McCreight**

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 127
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; Glasgow and W Lothian; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Creacht**, reduced and altered form of **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**. The main alteration is the abbreviation to **Mac Neacht**, the change in pronunciation from [kn] to [kr] being regular wherever *cr* is felt to begin a syllable in Gaelic. This anglicized spelling is not given in Black and may have been an innovation in Ireland.

Compare **McKnight**, **McNaught**, **McNutt** and **McCracken**.

Early bearers: Philip mcReyry McCraght, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575 (Munster); Teig McCreght, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Dublin).

**McCreith**

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**McCrellis**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 83
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: see **McGrellis**, which is itself a variant of **McNelis**.

**McCrery**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: London

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ruidhrí**, **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McCreery**.

**McCrickard**

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 55
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

1 Irish: from **Mac Riocaird**, patronymic from the Norman French personal name *Ricard*. See **Richard**.

Early bearers: Tho. Walle mcRickard, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3037 (Kilcasshe, Tipperary); Eugenius or Onhy mcRickard, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3084 (Arloe, Limerick); Shane mcRickard and Gillepatrick Mac Rickard, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4424 (Balleocan, Wexford).  
2 See **Crockard**.

**McCrilley**

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: see **Crilly**.

**McCrilly**

- Current frequencies: GB 0, Ireland 24
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from **Mac Raghailigh**, see **Crilly**.

**McCrimmon**

Variants: **Grimmond**, **Grimond**

- Current frequencies: GB 385, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 146
- Main GB location 1881: NW Scotland; Dumbarton

Scottish Gaelic: perhaps from **Mac Cruimein** ‘son of (the) cripple’, for which compare Katherine Cripple, almswoman at Dunkeld, 1514 in *Dunkeld Rentale*.

Black suggests instead that the second element is Old Scandinavian male given name *Hroðmundr*, found in runic characters in the form *Rumun* on an inscribed cross at Kirk Michael (Isle of Man).

Early bearers: John Mcchrummen, 1533 in *Cawdor Book* (Inverness); Hector M’Crimmon, 1595 in *Black* (Skye, Inverness); Mairon Maccrimmon, 1809 in *IGI* (Glenelg, Inverness); Anne Maccrimmon, 1822 in *IGI* (Duirinish, Inverness).

**McCrintle**

Variants: **McRandal**, **McRandall**, **McRandel**, **McRindle**

- Current frequencies: GB 773, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 508
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Raonail* ‘son of Ranald’, also anglicized **McRandal**.  
Early bearers: Scotland: Silvester McRandall, 1600 in *Black* (Gargavache).

Ireland: Alexander, gent., and Gillaspic McRanell boy, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §168; Alexander Mac Randal boye, captain of the Scots fighting men, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §383; Rowry oge McRannell and Mollynory McRanill, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4586 (Kloegre).

2 Scottish Gaelic: see **McReynolds**.

**McCrink**

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 94

## McCrick

- GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Dumfriess and Lanarks; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh
- Irish: probably from Mac an Fhranncaigh ‘son of the Frenchman’.
- Early bearers: Ireland: James McRinkie, horseman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4624 (Tonlegeihe, Westmeath); Gerrot duffe McRinke, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4895 (the Carricke, Conaught or Westmeath). Scotland: Mary Mcrink, 1855 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian); Margaret Mcrink, 1861 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

### McCrick

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 44
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr; Lanarks; Cumb and Northumb

Scottish Gaelic: probably from Mac Ruaraic. This personal name, earlier *Ruadhrac*, is also found in Irish O'Rourke; it is probably a borrowing of the Norse personal name *Hrothrekr*.

Early bearers: Andrew McRerik, 1457 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); Margaret Makrerik, 1490, Thomas Makrerik, 1523 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrick M'Crerik, 1579 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Wigtowns).

### McCroddan

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Rodáin, see McCrudden.

### McCrodden

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Rodáin, see McCrudden.

### McCrohan

Variants: Crahan

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and Berks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry
- Irish: from Mac Criomhthainn ‘son of *Criomhthann*’, an ancient personal name meaning ‘fox’, borne by several early kings of Munster. The internal consonant cluster was earlier anglicized as *f*.
- Further information: In Irish legend, Criomhthann was one of the warriors associated with the hero Finn mac Cumhaill.
- Early bearers: Donogh McCreffon, horseman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1692 (Ballibege, Wexford); Donagh McCrephon, freeholder, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3733 (Clonehenry, Wexford); Edm. McCrephin, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4132 (Wexford); Donell McCriffon, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4543 (Fernes); Morris duff McCrahin, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4726 (Limerick); Teige boy McKrohin, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4888 (Leiter, Desmond and Kerry); Owen McCrohon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildrum, Kerry).

### McCrone

Variants: Crone

- Current frequencies: GB 634, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 365
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Glasgow

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Cróin ‘son of *Crón*’, a personal name meaning ‘swarthy one’. See also Crone, Cron. In Ireland the surname may be a reduced form of McCrohan.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Owen McCrowne, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4888 (Leiter, Desmond and Kerry). Scotland: John McCrone, 1535 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Wigtowns); Thomas McCron, 1566 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries); Margaret McCron, 1688 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ayr, Ayr). IoM: James Mc Crone, 1821 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM). England: William Mc Crone, 1816 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb).

### McCrorey

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ruaidhrí, see McGroary.

### McCrorie

- Current frequencies: GB 622, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 229
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ruaidhrí, see McGroary.

### McCrory

- Current frequencies: GB 976, Ireland 1632
  - GB frequency 1881: 167
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ruaidhrí, see McGroary.

### McCrossan

- Variants: McCrossen, McCrossin, Crossan, Crosson, Crossin
- Current frequencies: GB 657, Ireland 564
  - GB frequency 1881: 102
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: N Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from Mac an Chrosáin ‘son of the satirist’, a patronymic from *crossán* ‘reciter of satirical verse, satirist’ (originally a cross bearer in a religious procession).
- Early bearers: Charles McEcrossan, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §270 (Gaydoneston, Kildare); Ouin oge McCrossan, rymor, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §508 (Ballymccrossan); Donogh Mcan Chrossaine, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §642.

### McCrossen

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac an Chrosáin, see McCrossan.

### McCrossin

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- Irish: see McCrossan.
- Further information: This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

### McCrow

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 92
- Main GB location 1881: Berwicks

- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Craith, see McGrath.
- 2 Irish: perhaps also a variant of McRoe, see McEnroe.

### McCroy

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- Irish: from Mac Rúaidh, see McRoy.

### McCrudden

- Variants: McRudden, McCrodden, McCroddan, Creed
- Current frequencies: GB 522, Ireland 569
  - GB frequency 1881: 105
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Rodáin ‘son of *Rodán*’, a personal name derived from *rod* ‘spirited’. There is possible confusion in the Fiants with Munster *Mac Criodáin* (or *Ó Criodáin*), now anglicized as *Creedon* and *Creed*.

Early bearers: Teig mac Gillobridy Mac Crodin, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3091 (Lettermellon, Clare); Richard McCroddan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Owen McCrodden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); John McCroddin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonamongan, Tyrone); Mathew McCroddon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonleigh, Donegal).

### McCrum

Variants: Crum

- Current frequencies: GB 432, Ireland 416
- GB frequency 1881: 85
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cruim ‘son of the cripple’, from *crom* ‘bent, twisted’.

Early bearers: Scotland: Soirll McCrume, 1616 in *Cawdor Book* (Dunavaig, Argyll); Ann Maccrum, 1792 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks); Ann Maccrum, 1795 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks). Ireland: Patrick McCrum, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh).

### McCrystal

Variants: McChrystal, Crystol, Crystal, Crystall

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 417
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland; NE England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Criostal ‘son of *Christal*’, a Gaelic pet form of *Críostóra* (Christopher). See *Chrystal*. The name was taken to N Ireland (Armagh and Tyrone) in the 17th century.

Early bearers: Scotland: Neil McCristell or Mccristall, 1672 in *Black*.

Ireland: Cahill McCristall, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cavandugan, Armagh); John McCrystal, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonmaguirk, Tyrone); John Crystal, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); James McCristal, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogherny, Tyrone); Catharina McCrystal, 1809 in *IGI* (Boyle, Roscommon).

**McCuaig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cuaig**; compare **Quigg**.

**Early bearers:** John McCowig, 1733 in *Book of Islay* (Ardochy, Argyll); John Maccuaig, 1757 in *IGI* (Kildalton, Argyll); Finlay Maccuaig, 1764 in *IGI* (Kildalton, Argyll); Isabella Maccuaig, 1790 in *IGI* (Kildalton, Argyll).

**McCubbin**

**Variants:** **Cubbon, Cubbin, Cubbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 982, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 630
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cuibein** 'son of Cuibein' (see **Cubbin**, a form of **Gibbon**, pet form of **Gilbert**)

**Early bearers:** Agnes McCubbin, 1597 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John McCubbin, 1691 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr); Donald McCubbin, 1698 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Ayr); John Maccubbin, 1751 in *IGI* (Gretna, Dumfriess).

**McCudden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Irish: from **Mac Cadáin**, see **McCadden**.

**McCue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1751, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Leitrim; Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Aodha**, see **McHugh**.

**McCuin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McEwan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is quite common in the USA.

**McCuish**

**Variants:** **McCoist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubh Shithe** 'son of *Dubh Sithe*, a personal name meaning 'black one of peace' or 'black one of the fairy world'.

**Early bearers:** Mary Maccuish, 1820 in *IGI* (Kilmallie, Argyll); Euphemia Maccuish, 1824 in *IGI* (Harris, Inverness); Cathrine Mac Cuish, 1855 in *IGI* (North Uist, Inverness); Margaret Mac Cuish, 1855 in *IGI* (Harris, Inverness); Ann Mac Cuish, 1856 in *IGI* (North Uist, Inverness).

**McCulla**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Irish: from **Mac Cú Uladh**, see **McCullough**.

2 Irish: see **McColl**.

**McCullagh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1205, Ireland 1857
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Glasgow; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Down

Irish: from **Mac Cú Uladh**, see **McCullough**.

**McCullen**

**Variants:** **McQuillan, Quillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth

Irish: from **Mac Cuilinn**, a patronymic from a personal name based on *mac* 'son' of *cuileann* 'holly'. Sometimes anglicized as **McQuillan**, in Ireland the surname has also been anglicized by translation as **Holly**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mac Cuilinn, 800 in *AU* (Meath).

surnames: Oyne McKwoly alias McKwolyne, Philip McKwolin, Coochonnaght roe McKwoline, Nicoll mcArt and Brien reogh mcOwen boy McColein, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Clowneis, Monaghan); Judy McCullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumshallon, Louth); Michael McCullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); Robert McCullens, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeevy, Armagh); Francis McCullion, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan).

**McCulley**

**Variants:** **McColly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCully**.

**McCullie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McCully**.

**McCulloch**

**Variants:** **McCully, McCullock, McColloch, McColley, McCollough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8149, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5646
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish form of **McCullough**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Maculagh 'de counte de Wyggetone', 1296, alias Thomas Makhulagh, sheriff of Wigtown, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar*; Sir Patrick McColaghe, 1360 in *Scotland Calendar* (alias Sir Patrick McOwlaghe, 1360); Patrick Makcowloch, 1480 in *Scone Charters* (Candidecase); Symon McKowloch 1500, in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*.

**McCullock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 641
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McCulloch**.

**McCullogh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Cú Uladh**, see **McCullough**.

**McCullough**

**Variants:** **McCullogh, McCullagh, McCullock, McCulla, McCulley, McCalla, McCulloch, McCully**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2079, Ireland 3601
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Irish: from **Mac Cú Uladh**, a patronymic from the personal name *Cú Uladh* 'hound of Ulster', with unvoicing of the final velar fricative. It is probably later in date than **McNally** and **McNaul**, which are from **Mac Con Uladh**, with the correct original genitive form of the same personal name. See one 1601 reference below. It has sometimes, as for example in *Black*, been associated with Gaelic *cullach* 'wild boar', and some families in County Sligo translated it into English as **Boar**. However, *Mac Cú Uladh* is the more likely explanation. The final syllable was often anglicized -o or -oe in Ireland. Woulfe says *Mac Colla* (see **McColl**), was sometimes pronounced *Mac Collach*, and there seems to have been some confusion between the two personal names, as well as a possible pun, although 'son of a boar' would be *Mac Cullaich*. The usual anglicized Scottish spelling of this name is **McCulloch**.

**Early bearers:** Rory McColloe, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1770 (Breakelone, Conaghe); Wm. grana McCollo, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3989 (Clonbigyn, Galway); Hugh McCollo, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4652 (Clonoran, Galway); Feriaghe, Edm., and Ferris McCollowe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4689 (Balloghe); Brian McCollo, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4697 (the Mouffe, Galway); Phelim oge McCollowe and Owin boy McEnollowe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6489 (Ulster); Donell McCollagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Knockintuffe); Elise and David McCullogh, Scotts Protestants, 1654 in *Civil Survey Ireland* (Magherigallen, Donegal).

**McCullum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. W Scotland and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Caluim**, see **McCallum**.

**McCully**

**Variants:** **McCulley, McCullie, Cully**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from a pet form of **McCullough**.

**Early bearers:** Martin McColy, 1363 in *Moray Register* (Morays); Gilbert McCullie, 1672 in *Retours, Scotland* (Ayr).

2 Irish: see **McColl**.

## McCumiskey

### McCumiskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Irish, Manx: from **Mac Cumascaigh**, see **McComiskey**.

### McCumisky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx, Irish: from **Mac Cumascaigh**, see **McComiskey**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the name in the Isle of Man.

### McCune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 275
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster
- Irish: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **MeEwan**.

### McCurdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McCurdy** (Gaelic **Mac Mhuirheartaigh**).

### McCurdy

Variants: **McCurdie**, **McKirdy**, **Curdie**, **McHardy**, **McKerdy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 415
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Mhuirheartaigh**, lenited form of a patronymic from *Muirheartach*, a personal name based on *muir* 'sea' + *ceartach* 'ruler', hence 'skilled seaman'. Black comments on the variant spelling *McKirdy*. See also **McCourt** and **McCord** and compare **Moriarty**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Felim, Hugh, and John McBrián McMurtagh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3884 (King's County [Offaly]); John mRory McKirteigh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4370 (Kilkenny); Owin McMurtagh, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4691 (Galway).
- Scotland: Gilcrist Makwreedy, 1506 in *Black* (Bute); Donald McCurthy, 1663 in *Black* (South Garrachty).

### McCure

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Íomhair**, see **Melvor**.

### McCurley

Variants: **Curley**, **Kerley**, **Corley**, **McKerlie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans; Aberdeens; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: relationship name from **Mac**

**Thoirdealbhaigh**, a lenited patronymic from the personal name *Toirdhealbhadh* 'Thor-shaped'.

Compare **Turley**, which is from the unlenited form.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Hurryly, merchant, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1470 (Kilmallocke, Cork); Dermot mcShane McHurryly, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4421 (Bealnearriggie, Cork); Donell row mcTeige mcQuyneY Hurrily, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4421 (Bealnearriggie, Cork); Dermot duf McCoryle, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4944 (Kiltrustran, Roscommon).

### McCurrach

Variants: **McCurrie**, **Curragh**, **Currie**, **McCurry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Mhuirich**, earlier *Mac Mhuireadhaich*, equivalent to **McMurray** in Ireland (*Mac Muireadhaigh*). In this version the initial M of the personal name has been lenited (historically spelled *MacVurich*, a poet family in Gaelic Scotland) and then dropped. The final fricative has often been lost, giving **McCurrie**, Irish spelling **McCurry**, or the *Mac* dropped to give **Currie**, as happened in Arran.

**Early bearers:** Laclann McMurghaich, archpoeta, 1485 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Donald M'Murich, 1502–07 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Glak, Argyll); Malcolm McVorich, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glen Lyon, Perth); John McCourich, Duncan McCurich, 1682 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glenlyon, Perth); Marjorie McVourich, 1728 (Dunkeld), *Black*.

### McCurrie

Variants: **McCurry**, **Currie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Mhuireadhaich**, **Mac Mhuireadhaigh**, lenited form of **McMurray**. See **McCurrach**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Makcurrie, 1569 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries); Murdoch McWhirrie or McCurrie, minister, 1639 in *Scott, Fasti* (Saddell, Argyll); John McCurry, 1746 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Dunkeld, Perth); Robert Maccurry, 1749 in *IGI* (Kilfinan, Argyll); Mary Maccurry, 1764 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute).

Ireland: Owny McWyrrie, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §266 (Ballivaghan, Westmeath).

### McCurry

Variants: **McCurrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 332
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Mhuireadhaigh**, lenited variant of **McMurray**. This surname was probably brought to Ireland from Scotland, where the spelling *Mac Mhuireadhaich* was simplified to **Mac Mhuirich** and anglicized as **McCurrach** or **McCurrie**. The name has often been shortened as **Curry** or **Currie**.
- 2 Irish: It could also be a variant of **McCorry**.

### McCurtain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Cruitín**, see **McCurtin**.

### McCurtin

Variants: **McCurtain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from **Mac Cruitín**, see **Curtin**.

### McCusker

Variants: **McOscar**, **McOsker**, **McCasker**, **Oscar**, **Cosker**, **Cusker**, **Casker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1381, Ireland 1172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Fermanagh

Irish: from **Mac Oscair**, a patronymic from the personal name *Oscar* 'deer-lover', from *os* 'fawn' and *car* 'love'; alternatively from a Gaelic borrowing of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásgeirr*, from *ans* 'god' + *geirr* 'spear'. In Ireland **Cosgrove** was sometimes adopted as an equivalent.

**Early bearers:** Tho. oge McCosguyr, horseman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Tirekenada, Fermanagh); Patr. oge McKuesker, Cochonot McKuesker, Brien McKesker and Shane McKuesker, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh); Pharaoh McCusker, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumragh, Tyrone); Francis McCusker, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracross, Fermanagh); Barny McCasker, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone).

### McCuskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Ascaidh**, see **McCaskie**.

### McCutchan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Kent
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uisdein**, see **McCutcheon**.

### McCutchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uisdein**, see **McCutcheon**.

### McCutcheon

Variants: **McCutchen**, **McCutchon**, **McCutchan**, **McQuiston**, **McQueston**, **McQuistin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2076, Ireland 566
- **GB frequency 1881:** 762
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down; Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Irish **Mac Úistin**, Scottish Gaelic **Mac Uisdein** 'son of *Úistin* or *Uisdean*', a Gaelic personal name derived from *Huchon* or *Hutchin*, Norman French pet forms of **Hugh**. This surname has also been variously anglicized as **Kitchen**, **Hutchinson**, and **Houston**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mulmorrie McEustín, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4800 (Dromahire, Leitrim); John McQuistin, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyclug, Antrim); James McQueston, 1669 in

*Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carnee, Antrim); Samuel McCutchen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ematris, Monaghan); James McCutcheon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Holywood, Down); Andrew McCutcheon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Armagh); John McQuestan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim); John McQuiston, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry).

Scotland: John Roy Makhuchone, 1495 in *Origines Parochiales* (Ross and Cromarty); Adam MacHutchoun, 1550 in *Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities* (Morthlach, Banff); Murdow McHuchone, 1600 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balmorie, Fife); Hew MacHutcheon, 1662 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Ayr); Janet Mc Cutcheon, 1715 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); William Mcquistine, 1733 in *IGI* (Old Luce, Wigtowns); Bryce Mcquisten, 1738 in *IGI* (Ballantrae, Ayr); John Maccutcheon, 1797 in *IGI* (Kells, Kirkcudbright).

### McCutcheon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Uisdein, see **McCutcheon**.

### McDade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2099, Ireland 259
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 856
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish: from Mac Daibhéid, see **McDaid**.

### McDaid

Variants: **McDade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1797, Ireland 2978
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Donegal

Irish: from Mac Daibhéid ‘son of David’. Compare **McDevitt**.

**Early bearers:** Shane cromie McDaveyd of the clan Daveyd, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655.

### McDairmid

- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW and central Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDaniel

Variants: **McDaniels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Louth; Cork

Irish: altered form of **McDonnell**, from an incorrect association of the Gaelic patronymic with the Biblical personal name **Daniel**.

**Early bearers:** Morrice McDanneall, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183; Gilliduffe McDaniell, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466; John Daniell (fitz Tirlagh), 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466; Owen McDaniell, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477 (Knockane, Kerry); John McDaniell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498; Richard McDaniell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Ratwogh, Kerry).

### McDaniels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Irish: see **McDaniel**.

### McDavid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Daibhéid ‘son of David’. Compare **McDaid**, **McDevitt**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Uilliam garbh mac Daibith, 1419 in *AU*; Shane McDavid, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §936; Cayer oore mcTeige duff McDavy more, horseman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1036 (Dublin); Hugh McDavid, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1352 (Galmarston, Kildare); James lea mcShane McDavid, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2247 (Ballyvelherig, Cork).

Scotland: Alexr. Mcdavid Or Tayler, 1686 in *IGI* (Kilmorack, Inverness); Helen Mcdavit, 1855 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### McDavitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Wigtowns

Irish: from Mac Daibhéid, see **McDevitt**.

### McDearmid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDerment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1032, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 952
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 881
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford, Cavan, and Meath; Sligo

Irish: from Mac Diarmada, see **McDermott**.

### McDermott

Variants: **McDermot**, **McDermitt**, **McDermid**, **McDearmid**, **McDerment**, **McDermont**, **McDairmid**, **McDermaid**, **Dermott**, **Kermode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11484, Ireland 7011
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Roscommon; Donegal

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Diarmada ‘son of *Diarmaid*’, a personal name that may be based on *di-* + *farmat* ‘envy’, hence meaning ‘free from envy’. **Early bearers:** Gilla-Crist Mac Diarmata, 1159 in *AU*; Concobur Ua Diarmata, 1188 in *AU*; Diarmaid mac Conchubhair Mic Diarmada, king of Muige Luirg (Moyleurg), 1218 in *AU*; Gilpatricke McDermod, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §11; Teige McDermide, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §11; Melaughlen McDermott mcTeig oge, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §166; Donogh cavanagh McDiermed mcCahir, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §878 (Ballenvaly); Boy Auley McDiermod O’Leyn, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762.

### McDevitt

Variants: **McDavitt**, **McDivitt**, **McKevitt**, **Devitt**, **Davitt**, **Cavey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 733
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish: from Mac Daibhéid ‘son of *David*’. Lenition of the personal name as Mac **Dhaibhéid** gave rise to **McKevitt**, while a shorter form of the personal name is anglicized **McDaid**. This surname has sometimes been anglicized by translation as **Davidson**.

**Early bearers:** Edm. McCaveat, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3406 (Stalorgan, Dublin); Shane crome McDaveyd, of the name of Clan Daveyd, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655; Ardlie McDevett, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrickcrappan, Armagh); Hugh and Ardell Devitt, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Feed, Louth); Ard McCavett, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Corkitt, Louth); Brian McDevitt, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Kilmacteige, Sligo).

### McDiarmid

Variants: **McDermid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1267, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 899
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac **Dhiarmada** ‘son of *Diarmaid*’, a personal name said to mean ‘free of

## McDicken

envy' (from *di* 'without' + *airmait* 'envy'). Compare Irish **McDermott**.

### McDicken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Gaelic *mac* 'son' followed by the personal name **Dicken**, diminutive of Richard (see *Black*).

**Early bearers:** John Makdikin, 1555 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling); Patrick McDicoun, 1564 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling); Janet McDickon, 1619 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Dunblane, Perth); John McDickan, 1689 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Elizabeth McDicken, 1717 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Alexander McDickeon, 1718 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).

### McDill

**Variants:** Madill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, according to Black a variant anglicized form of **McDowell**. Probably related to **Madill**, although MacLysaght thinks otherwise.

**Early bearers:** John McDill, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; David McDill, 1619 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Keirs, Ayr); John Macdill, 1791 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### McDine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Cumb, and Durham

Scottish Gaelic: perhaps from **Mac an Deagánaigh**, see **Deane** (2).

**Early bearers:** Dennis McDine, 1816 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

### McDivitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Daibhéid**, see **McDevitt**.

### McDonagh

**Variants:** McDonaugh, McDonnagh, McDonough, Dunphy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5177, Ireland 6659
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish: from **Mac Donnchadha**, from the personal name *Donnchadh*, from *donn* 'brown' (in the transferred sense 'chieftain') + *cath* 'battle'. Compare Scottish **McDonald**.

**Early bearers:** Aireachtach Mac Donnchaidh, 1211 in *AU*; Muirgis Mac Donnchaidh, 1305 in *AU*; Gilla Crist Og Mac Donnchaidh, 1321 in *AU*; Thady McDonnaghe, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §491; Donill more Donnogh, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §858; Donagh oge McDonagh kittagh, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1161; Thady mcOwen McDonough, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2928 (Gortemore); John McDonnogh alias John

Wallane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3036 (Kilmeleigh, Cork); Donell mcOwen McDonogho, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152.

### McDonal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac Domhnaill**, see **McDonnell**.

### McDonald

**Variants:** Donald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74967, Ireland 8259
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48170
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Highlands and Islands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Laois

Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Manx: relationship name from *Mac Dhomhnaill* 'son of *Domhnall*'. *Donald* is an anglicized form of this personal name. It is equivalent to Manx **Cannell** and Irish **McDonell** and **McConnell**.

**Further information:** This is the name of the largest and most disparate of the Scottish clans (Clan Donald), associated in particular with the Hebrides and claiming descent from Domhnall mac Raghnaill mac Somhairle, who, charter evidence confirms, lived in the late 12th century. From that time until 1493 the head of the clan was known as Lord (or King) of the Isles. The reigns of the Lords of the Isles were always stormy, often in conflict with the kings of Scotland, and peppered with disasters. After a series of defeats in the 1480s, Eoin Mac Dhomhnaill a Ile (John Macdonald of Islay, Earl of Ross and Lord of the Isles) forfeited his lands, his power, and his title as Lord of the Isles in 1493 to King James IV of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander MacDonald of the Isles, 1274–92 in *Paisley Register* (Paisley, Renfrews); David Mc Donald, 1652 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Bessie Mackdonald, 1670 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); George Mackdonald, 1674 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); John Mc Donald, 1686 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); Agnes Mc Donald, 1690 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Janet Mc Donald, 1693 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns).

Ireland: Hewe boy McDonalde, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4579.

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### McDonall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Wigtowns
- Irish: from **Mac Domhnaill**, see **McDonnell**.

### McDonaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- Irish: from **Mac Donnchadha**, see **McDonagh**.

### McDonell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland; also Glasgow; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish (also Scottish Gaelic): from **Mac Domhnaill**, see **McDonnell**.

### McDonnagh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Donnchadha**, see **McDonagh**.

### McDonnel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from **Mac Domhnaill**, see **McDonnell**.

### McDonnell

**Variants:** McDonell, McDonnel, McDonall, McDonal, Donnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6652, Ireland 8736
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1420
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Domhnaill** 'son of *Domhnall*', an ancient personal name composed of the elements \**domno*- 'world' + \**val*- 'rule'. Compare **McDonald**. **Early bearers:** Etain, ingen Diarmata Mic Domnaill, 1225 in *AU*; Alaxandair Mac Domnaill, 1295 in *AU*; Mac Domnaill, king of Aerther Ghaidhel (Argyll), 1315 in *AU*; Mail Sechlainn Mac Domnaill, chief of Clann Ceallaigh, 1354 in *AU*; Dermot MacDonil, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Dermot MacDonell, horseman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §915 (Rathville); Dermot gayer mcHughue duffe McDonell, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1036; Lyshagh rwo McDonyll, gallowglass, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1290 (Ardekyllene); Dallahugh MacDonill, footman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1346 (Aughrym); Donche liaghe McDononail, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4686 (Roseluoghe).

### McDonough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2676, Ireland 262
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from **Mac Donnchadha**, see **McDonagh**.

### McDouall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; London
- Irish: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDowell**.

### McDougal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougal**.

**McDougald**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougall**.

**McDougall**

**Variants:** McDougal, McDougle, McDougald, McDowall, McDowal, Dougal, Dougall, Dougill, Dugal, Dowall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8534, Ireland 184
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6951
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Antrim; Donegal

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Dubhghaill** ‘son of *Dubhghall*’, a byname meaning ‘dark stranger’. This was a name originally applied by the Irish to Danes, to distinguish them from the typically fair-haired Norwegians.

**Further information:** *McDougall* is the usual Scottish spelling and *McDowell* is the usual Irish spelling of this name. *McDowall* is common in SW Scotland. The Macdougall lords of Lorn in Argyll were descendants of Dougal, eldest son of Somerled, in the 12th century. The MacDowalls, a prominent Galloway family, first appear in the historical record in the late 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Fergus MacDowilt, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Wigtowns); Fergus MacDowile, about 1289–98 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); Duncan MacDuel and Dungall MacDouyl, 1307 in *Scotland Calendar*; Dugald McDowille, knight, 1347 in *Papal Letters* (Wigtowns); Fergus Macdowylle, 1374 in *Scottish Arms* (Roxburghs); Patrick Macduoel, before 1390 in *Papal Petitions* (Whithorn, Wigtowns); Gilbert Macduyl, before 1416 in *Papal Petitions* (Sodor, Inverness); Malcolm McDubailwigh aicu, 1443 in *Papal Letters* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll); Duncan McCowyll, 1517 in *Taymouth Black Book*; John MacCoull, 1557 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Dunollie, Argyll); Bane McChale, 1594 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Argyll); Duncan MacCoull, 1610 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Lorn, Argyll); Dougall McDcuill vc Ewin alias McDougall, 1647 in *Highland Papers* (Dunaverty, Argyll); Patrick McDull, skipper, 1675 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register* (Leith, Midlothian); John McDull, burgess, 1682 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**McDougle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDougall**.

**McDow**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Duibh**, see **McDuff**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**McDowal**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- 1 Irish: see **McDowell**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: see **McDougall**.

**McDowall**

**Variants:** Dowall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3436, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1775
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Dubhghaill**, see **McDowell**, **McDougall**.

**McDowell**

**Variants:** McDowall, McDowal, McDouall, Dowell, Madill, McCool, Coyle, McDill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3751, Ireland 3341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1332
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish: from **Mac Dubhghaill** ‘son of *Dubhghall*’, a byname meaning ‘dark stranger’, used among the Gaels to distinguish the darker-haired Danes from the more typically fair-haired Norwegians. Compare Scottish **McDougall**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Mac Dubhghaill, 1299 in *AU*; Colla mac Mic Dubgaill, 1480 in *AU*; Lessagh oge McDoell, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1309 (Corbige, Connacht); Rory McDwyle mcMoelmory, galloglas, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3754 (Kiltrustane, Roscommon); Terence or Tirlogh McDowyle, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3797 (Lysnemanamae, Roscommon); Ouin McDwyle, gallowglass, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3754 (Ballaghwioge); Edmund ro O’Dowell Kavanagh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4015; Alexander McDowell, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4073; John Dowell, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4609; Gilleduff and Edm. mcBrien McDoill, horsemen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4661 (Lisdalone, Roscommon); Callogh mcAllen McDowell, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5476 (Caricken).

**McDuff**

**Variants:** McGuff, McDow, Cuffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Perths; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Duibh**, a patronymic from the personal name or byname *Dubh* ‘black, dark-haired, swarthy’.

Compare **Duff**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Constantine McDuff, Earl of Fife, 1107 in *Adam*; Gillemichael mac duf, 1124–53 in *Dunfermline Register* (Dunfermline, Fife); Malisius mc Duf, 1284 in *Moray Register* (Tullibardine, Perths) Patrick Mc Duff, 1679 in *IGI* (Logierait, Perths). Ireland: Molmory McDuffe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533 (Kilnenynim).

**McDuffie**

**Variants:** McDuffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Duibhshithe** ‘son of *Duibhshith*’, a personal name composed of the elements *dubh* ‘black’ + *sith* ‘peace’ or ‘otherworld dwelling’. Compare the now more common lenited forms **McAfee**, **McGuffie** and

(shortened) **McPhee**. Irish **Duffy** normally reflects a different personal name.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Nigello M’Duffy, 1460 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Arran, Ayr); Malcolm McDuffie, 1593 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Colonsay, Bute).

Ireland: Donell gorme McDuffy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4785 (Carrig); Ferdorcha and Archibald grwma McDuffie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Samuel McDuffee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim).

**McDuffy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Duibhshithe**, see **McDuffie**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now found almost exclusively in the USA.

**McDyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac Duibhidhir**, see **Dwyer**.

**McDyre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Duibhidhir**, see **Dwyer**.

**McEachan**

**Variants:** McKechnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**, see **McGahan**.

**McEachen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland: esp. Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**, see **McGahan**.

**McEachern**

**Variants:** McEachran, McEachron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Eichthigheirn** ‘son of *Eichthighearn*’, a personal name from *each* ‘horse’ + *tighearna* ‘lord’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillespie MaKachane, 1505 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); John McAcherne, 1502–1509 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Argyll); Charles M’Caichrane, 1605 in *Highland Papers* (Kintyre, Argyll).

Ireland: Edmund McAcherin, 1610 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496.

**McEachin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and NW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**, see **McGahan**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is now rare in Scotland but is still quite common in the USA.

**McEachran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223

## McEachron

- Main GB location 1881: Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eichthigheirn, see **McEachern**.

### McEachron

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eichthigheirn, see **McEachern**.
- Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### McEgan

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Keegan**.

### McElderry

- Current frequencies: GB 60, Ireland 12
  - GB frequency 1881: 3
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Dorcha 'son of the dark (-complexioned) lad'.
- Early bearers: Donald McGilledoroughe, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5778 (castle and lands in Grangeclare, Kildare).

### McEldowney

- Variants: **McIldowney**, **McIldoon**
- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 277
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Domhnaigh 'son of the servant of Sunday' or 'of the Church'.
- Early bearers: Hugh McEldonie, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Patrick McEldony, yeoman, and Rorie and Brian McEldony, horsemen, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fues, Armagh); James McEldowney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); George McEldowny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Culdaff, Donegal).

### McElduff

- Variants: **McIlduff**
- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 200
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Duibh 'son of the dark-haired lad'. Compare **Duff**.
- Early bearers: Edmund McGullydud, galloglas, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2577 (Kilbarry, Cork); Hilbard McGilladuf, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4028; Hubert McGilladufe, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690; Pheylm McGilduffe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5668; Mahowne Moile McConoghor McGylliduffe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617.

### McEleney

- Variants: **McEleny**
- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 116
  - GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.

### McEleny

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.

### McElhaney

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.
- Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### McElhatton

- Variants: **McIlhatton**, **Hatton**
- Current frequencies: GB 199, Ireland 239
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone and Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish Mac Giolla Chatáin or Scottish Gaelic Mac Gille Chatain, 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Catan or Cadán'. There are dedications to Saint Catan in NW Derry, Bute, Colonsay, and elsewhere.
- McHatton** is probably a reduced form of the surname.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Michael McElhatton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildress, Tyrone); Robert McElhatton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry); Patrick McIlhatton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ramoan, Antrim); John McIlhatton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim).
- Scotland: Bayne McYlle Cattane, 1540 in *Black*. Neil M'Gilhecatten, 1465 in *Lamont Papers* (Argyll); Donald McIlchattan, 1620 in *Argyll Sasines* (Clonarie, Argyll); Lachlan Mc ilchattan, 1685 in *Commons of Argyll* (Kintyre, Argyll).

### McElhenney

- GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.
- Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### McElhenny

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 3
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.
- Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### McElheran

- Current frequencies: GB 7, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Chiaráin, see **McElheron**.

### McElheron

- Variants: **McElherran**, **McElherron**, **McElheran**
- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Chiaráin 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint Ciarán'.

### McElherran

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Chiaráin, see **McElheron**.

### McElherron

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 38
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Chiaráin, see **McElheron**.

### McElhill

- Variants: **Hoyle**
- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 71
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choille 'son of the lad of the wood'. Compare **McEnhill**, where the personal name means 'hound of the wood'.
- Early bearers: Tirrelagh McGillechoile, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2610 (Clonemollyn, Wexford or Carlow); Neale McGillecoell, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Ballymy, Connacht); Teige ro McGillecoill, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Ballinittie, Limerick?); Shane McEelle, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Dublin); Brien McGillechoile, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629 (Ulster).

### McElhiney

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### McElhinney

- Variants: **McIlhinney**, **McElhiney**, **McElhaney**, **McElhenney**, **McElhenny**, **McIlhenny**, **McElhinny**, **McIlhiney**, **McEleney**, **McEleny**, **McLaney**, **Laney**, **McIlkenny**
- Current frequencies: GB 799, Ireland 1050
  - GB frequency 1881: 52
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Coinneach', see **Kenny**.
- Early bearers: Shane McHenry McGilleconny, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4747; Donnell McGillekennie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439; Dermot McGillekene, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6401.

### McElhinny

- Current frequencies: GB 3, Ireland 12
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Choinnigh, see **McElhinney**.

### McElholm

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 106
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Cholúim 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Colum'. The personal names *Giolla Coluim* and *Maol Coluim* bear the same meaning, compare **Malcolm**.
- Early bearers: Bryen McGillichome, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### McElhone

- Variants: **McIlhone**
- Current frequencies: GB 289, Ireland 262
  - GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Durham and Northumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: es[. Tyrone



Irish: from Mac Giolla Chomhghain ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Comhghan*’, a personal name meaning ‘twin’.

**Early bearers:** Owen McHenry McGillachoyne, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2594; Bryen McGillichome, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### McElligott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 795
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry
- Irish: from Mac Uileagóid, a patronymic from a pet form of the Gaelic version of the personal name **William**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] McEllegood, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2481.

### McElmeel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mhichil, see **McMeel**.

### McElmoyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mhaoil, see **McIlmoyle**.

### McElmurray

**Variants:** McElmurry, McIlmurray, Gilmurry, Gilmurray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Giolla Muire ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (the Virgin) Mary’. Compare the abbreviations **Kilmurray**, **Gilmurray**, and **Gilmore**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain and Ireland, but is more numerous in the USA. It was the surname of a chieftain family in County Down, now mainly anglicized as **Gilmore**. It seems also to have existed in Scotland, where it has been anglicized **Gilmour** or **Morrison** or confused with **McGillivray**. **Early bearers:** Owen mcEdmund Gilmurr, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3220 (great Arde in Ulster); Gilbert McGilmore, cook, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3459 (Riverston, Meath); John McGilmor, landholder, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6034 (Waterford); Mannema McGilleworry, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483 (Donegal); Gillpatrick McGillawoyre, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Longford).

2 Irish: from Mac Giolla Mhura ‘servant of Saint Mura (of Fahan in Donegal)’. This was an ecclesiastical family in Armagh, no longer distinguishable from Mac Giolla Muire.

**Early bearers:** Roger or Rolland or Rory McGillemorra, chaplain, bachelor of arts, and prebendary, 1553 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §19 (PhilipMary, Armagh).

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### McElmurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Muire, see **McElmurray**.

### McElnay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 13

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Giolla na Naomh, see **Gildernew**.

### McElnea

**Variants:** McElnay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Giolla na Naomh, see **Gildernew**.

### McElrath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Riabhaigh, see **McIlrath**.

### McElroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1655, Ireland 1674
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Fermanagh

Irish: from Mac Giolla Rua, see **McIlroy**.

### McElvaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mheana, see **McIlvenna**.

### McElvenna

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mheana, see **McIlvenna**.

### McElvenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mheana, see **McIlvenna**.

### McElvenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Mheana, see **McIlvenna**.

### McElvogue

**Variants:** McIlvogue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from Mac Giolla Mhaodhog ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Mogue (Madcoc)’. **Early bearers:** Hugh McGyllamooke, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497 (Connacht).

### McElwaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- Irish: see **McIlwaine**.

### McElwee

**Variants:** Elwee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 394
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McKelvey**.

### McEneaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth
- Irish: from Mac Conaonaigh, see **McEneaney**.

### McEneaney

**Variants:** McEneany, McEnaney, McAnaney, McAneny, McNaney, McAnany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: from Mac Conaonaigh, ‘son of *Cú an Aonaigh*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the fair’. This surname is one of several that have been anglicized as **Bird**, on account of the apparent resemblance of part of the name to the Irish word *éan* ‘bird’.

**Early bearers:** Padrekyn McNenny, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4563 (Baneyn, Cork); Teig McEnyny, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5228; Ferdorche mcRorie McEnanny, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897; Jeffrey mcEdm. duff McAnonany and Wm. mcEdm. duff McAnnonany, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Kellenenan, Roscommon); Owen mcConnor McAnanny and Sheane mcConnor McAnenany, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Lyspolle, Roscommon); Manus moyle McEneny, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5724; Mullrony McEnanny, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5808 (KyllmcEnanny, Roscommon).

### McEneany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Conaonaigh, see **McEneaney**.

### McEnemy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McNamee**.

### McEnerney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: from Mac an Airchinnigh, see **McInerney**.

### McEnery

**Variants:** Kiniry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Dorset; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Kilkenny
- Irish: from Mac Innéirghe ‘son of *Innéirghe*’, a personal name probably derived from *éirghe* ‘to arise, to ascend’.
- Early bearers:** Owen McMorrough Oge McHenry, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4711; Owen Grane McEnree, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848; Morris McEnerrye, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6303; Philip McShane McEnerie, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477; Dermot McEnrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

### McEnhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## McEniff

Irish: relationship name from **Mac Conchoille** ‘son of *Cú Choille*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the wood’.

**Further information:** This name is sometimes anglicized by translation as **Woods**.

**Early bearers:** Brien McNecollen, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5597 (Loughford, Sligo); Donell alias Donogh McEnkelly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (Monieir); Art McInchelly, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713 (Mountjoye, Tyrone); Collowe McEnkilly, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyleck, Armagh); Hugh McInkilly, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullyloghernagh, Armagh); William McEnkelly, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullyard, Monaghan).

## McEniff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conduibh**, see **McNiff**.

## McEnroe

**Variants:** **McRoe**, **McAroe**, **McCrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 331
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath

Irish: from **Mac Con Rubha** ‘son of *Cú Rubha*’, a personal name meaning ‘hound of the promontory’. Woulfe calls it a ‘Breifney surname’, but it is possible that Fermanagh Mc[A]Roe comes from *Mac an Ruaidh* ‘son of the red-haired one’, a red-haired branch of the Maguires.

**Early bearers:** Brian McConrowe, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6453 (Queen’s County [Laois]); Owen McEnroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drung, Cavan); Patrick McEnroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Girley, Meath); Hugh McAroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); Philip McAroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh).

## McEntee

**Variants:** **McAtee**, **McIntee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 990
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Meath

Irish: from **Mac an tSaoi** ‘son of the sage’.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McEntie, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723; Brien McEntye and Mahy Mcen Tye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603; Gilletianan McEntighe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699.

## McEntegart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; also Meath and Monaghan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **McTaggart**.

## McEntire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; WR Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Tyrone
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.

## McEntyre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.

## McErlain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 190
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhirléighinn**, see **McErlean**.

## McErlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 142
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhirléighinn**, see **McErlean**.

## McErlean

**Variants:** **McErlain**, **McErlane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 630
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac an Fhirléighinn** ‘son of the lector’, from *fear léighinn* ‘man of reading’. This was a title held by the head of a monastic school.

**Early bearers:** Rosanna McErlane, 1808 in *IGI* (Ballinderry by Moneymore, Derry); Thomas McErlean, 1823 in *IGI* (Upper Tullaketagh, Dunaghy, Antrim); Mulvina McErlean, 1856 in *IGI* (Bridgeton, Lanarks); John McErlean, 1868 in *IGI* (Derry).

## McEuen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McEwan**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

## McEveney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

## McEveny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

## McEville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mac an Mhílidh** ‘son of the knight’ (from Gaelic *míleadh* ‘warrior, knight’). In Mayo a family of English origin gaelicized their name from **Staunton** to *Mac an Mhílidh*, apparently because of the latter’s presumed similarity to the name of their ancestor, *Milo* de Stanton.

**Early bearers:** Walter McEville, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4583; Edmund Oge McEdmund McEvillee,

1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075; Donogh McEvelly, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740; William McEville, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4583.

## McEvinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

## McEvoy

**Variants:** **McAvoy**, **McVoy**, **Evoy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4013, Ireland 4658
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny

Irish: (i) see **McKelvey**. (ii) from **Mac Fhíodhbhuidhe**, a patronymic based on *fíodhbhadhach* ‘woodman’.

**Early bearers:** Maurice mcCearwail McAvoy, kern, 1551 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §678 (county of Lex); Geoffry mcMoriertage McEvoye, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1113 (Moynraghe); Morriertagh McEvoy, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1279; John McEvoye, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3236; Gilpatrick oge McEvoooy, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3534; Teige more mcDonough McAvoye, husbandman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3545; Gilpatrick oge McEvoooy, horseboy, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3534.

England: Margaretta Mc Evoy, 1746 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); John Mc Avoy, 1746 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Nicholas Mc Evoy, 1776 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Juliana Mc Evoy, 1781 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); Patrick Mc Evoy, 1787 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); William Mc Evoy, 1812 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Susan Mc Evoy, 1852 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

## McEwan

**Variants:** **McEwen**, **McEwing**, **McCowan**, **McCune**, **McKune**, **McKeown**, **McGeown**, **McKowen**, **McKeon**, **McKone**, **McKown**, **McOwen**, **McOwan**, **McEuen**, **McCuin**, **Cowan**, **Cowen**, **Owens**, **Owen**, **Ewing**, **Ewan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7626, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4607
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: (i) from **Mac Eoghain** ‘son of *Eoghan*’, see **Ewan**. (ii) from **Mac Eathain** ‘son of *Eathan*’, from Latin *Johannes*, see **John**.

Irish: from **Mac Eoghain** ‘son of *Eoghan*’, see **Ewan**. (ii) from **Mac Eathain** ‘son of *Eathan*’, from Latin *Johannes*, see **John**.

## McEwen

**Variants:** **Yan**, **McKeown**, **Keown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1997, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1951
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Scottish Gaelic, N Irish: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McEwan**.

## McEwing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McEwan**.

**McFadden**

Variants: **McFadyen**, **McFayden**, **McFadyan**, **McFaden**, **McFadzean**, **McFadzen**, **Fadden**, **McFadgen**

- Current frequencies: GB 2882, Ireland 2306
  - GB frequency 1881: 421
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Donegal
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish **Mac Pháidín** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Phaid(e)in** ‘son of *Páidín*’, a Gaelic pet form of the personal name *Padraig*, see **Patrick**.

Further information: The anglicized form *McPatrick* was common in Ireland in the 16th century, but is no longer used. Examples include Edmund McPatrick, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4511 (County Dublin); John McPatrick, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5612 (Dowgwilliam).

Early bearers: Ireland: Donald McPadden, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Dermot McPadyne, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1178 (Cloghere); William McPadden, 1581–82 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3807; Moyllon McShane McPadin, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Clonplocan); Rorye Alias Gilleduffe McPadyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4659 (Thome); Wony rewagh McPadyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4659 (Thome). Scotland: Malcolm Macpadene, 1304 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); Conghan MacPadden, 1390 in *Papal Petitions* (Argyll); John McFadyeane, 1457 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hugh McFattin, 1499 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Petty, Morays); Donald McFadzeane, 1540 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Tibbermore, Argyll); Jhone McFadzean, 1654 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr).

**McFaden**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 68
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFadgen**

- GB frequency 1881: 82
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFadyan**

- GB frequency 1881: 92
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFadyen**

- Current frequencies: GB 3135, Ireland 23
  - GB frequency 1881: 1888
  - Main GB location 1881: Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFadzean**

- Current frequencies: GB 691, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 314
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFadzen**

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 107
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phaid(e)in**, see **McFadden**.

**McFall**

Variants: **McFalls**, **Fall**, **Fawle**, **Faull**

- Current frequencies: GB 972, Ireland 619
  - GB frequency 1881: 266
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Phóil**, see **McPhail**.

**McFalls**

- GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McFall** (Scottish Gaelic **Mac Phàil**), with excrescent English *-s*. Further information: This name is rare in Scotland but is more numerous in the USA.

**McFann**

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bheathain**, see **McVean**. Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but quite common in the USA.

**McFarlan**

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 347
  - Main GB location 1881: W Scotland; also Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

**McFarland**

- Current frequencies: GB 1107, Ireland 1576
  - GB frequency 1881: 339
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**. Further information: This form of the name is particularly common in Ireland.

**McFarlane**

Variants: **McFarland**, **Farland**, **McFarlan**, **McFarlen**, **McFarlin**, **McFarline**, **McFarling**, **Parlane**

- Current frequencies: GB 16625, Ireland 807
- GB frequency 1881: 10957
- Main GB location 1881: widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Glasgow; Perth
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Derry and Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, patronymic from the personal name *Parthalán*, which may ultimately be from Latin *Bartholomaeus*, see **Bartholomew**. It has also been anglicized as **Bartlett**. Compare **McParland**. Early bearers: Scotland: Malcolm Mcpharlane, about 1385 in *Highland Papers* (Strachur, Argyll); Andrew M'Farlane, 1577 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Partland, in *Census 1841*, Scotland (Leith, Midlothian); Agness Partland, in *Census 1851* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

England: Elizabeth Partland, 1850 in *BMD* (Manchester, Lancs); Bridget Partland, 1856 in *BMD* (Sunderland, Durham).

**McFarlen**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Hants; Stirlings
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

**McFarlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 86
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cumb; Durham; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

**McFarline**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 26
  - GB frequency 1881: 193
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Perth; Northumb
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

**McFarling**

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Dumfriess; Northumb and Durham; Lancs; Jersey

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Pharthaláin**, see **McFarlane**.

**McFarquhar**

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 130
  - Main GB location 1881: NW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Fearchar*, patronymic variant of **Farquhar**. See also **McCarragher**.

**McFatrige**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Pheadruis**, see **McFetridge**. Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA. Black mentions it in Nova Scotia.

**McFatter**

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Pheadair**, see **McPeeters**. Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but is common in the USA. Early bearers: Scotland: Duncan M'Fater, 1694 in *Argyll Inventories* (Kilblaan, Argyll); Donald Macfatter, 1786 in *IGI* (Kilchenzie and Killeen, Argyll); James Macfatter, 1807 in *IGI* (Kilchenzie and Killeen, Argyll); Jean Macphater, 1803 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

**McFaul**

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 383
- GB frequency 1881: 30

## McFaul

- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Antrim
- 1 Irish: from Irish *Mac Phóil* or Scottish Gaelic *Mac Phàil*, see **McPhail**.
- 2 Irish: see **Lavelle**.

### McFaul

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 35
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Angus

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Scottish Gaelic *Mac Phàil* or Irish *Mac Phóil*, see **McPhail**.

### McFayden

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 161
  - Main GB location 1881: Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Phaid(e)in*, see **McFadden**.

### McFeat

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 140
- Main GB location 1881: Perth, Stirlings, and Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from a shortened form of *Mac Pheadair* see **McPheat**.

### McFee

Variants: **Fee**

- Current frequencies: GB 256, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 356
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Angus; Lancs; Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: relationship name from *Mac Dhuibhshíthe*, see **McAfee** and compare **McPhee**.

### McFeeley

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 22
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from *Mac Fithcheallaigh*, see **Feeley**.

### McFeeley

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 302
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Surrey
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry
- Irish: from *Mac Fithcheallaigh*, see **Feeley**.

### McFeeters

Variants: **McFatter**

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 85
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrew; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: relationship name anglicized from *Mac Pheadair* 'son of Peter' with English *-s*. Compare **McFetridge**. It may also have been used as an alternative for **Gilfedder**.
- Early bearers: Scotland: Thomas Moir McGillifedder, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Duncan McFater, 1694 in *Argyll Inventories* (Kilblaan, Argyll). Ireland: William and Robert McFeeters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry).

### McFegan

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McGuigan**.

### McFeggan

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McGuigan**.

### McFerran

Variants: **McFerren**, **McFerrin**, **McFerron**, **Ferron**, **Ferrin**

- Current frequencies: GB 221, Ireland 441
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Irish: from *Mac Mhearáin* 'son of *Mearán*', a personal name from *mear* 'swift'.
- Early bearers: Bren McMeran, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4994; Rorie Kittagh Lawan McMeraine, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Downmacmeraine).

### McFerren

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: from *Mac Mhearáin*, see **McFerran**.

### McFerrin

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from *Mac Mhearáin*, see **McFerran**.

### McFerron

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish: from *Mac Mhearáin*, see **McFerran**.

### McFetridge

Variants: **McFatrige**

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 238
  - GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Angus; also Dorset
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Derry
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Pheadruis*, patronymic from a Gaelic form of the personal name **Peter**. Compare **McFeeters**.
- Early bearers: Ireland: Thomas McFetrix, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone). Scotland: Gilbert Makfedderis, 1503 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Gillecally McFinlay McFetheris, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Tiree, Argyll); Thomas M'Fedreis, 1587 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kyle-Stewart, Ayr).

### McFie

- Current frequencies: GB 355, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 363
  - Main GB location 1881: W Scotland: esp. Bute
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Dhuibhshíthe*, see **McAfee** and compare **McPhee**.

### McFlynn

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 104
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone and Derry

Irish: from *Mac Floinn* 'son of *Flann*', a byname meaning 'red(dish), ruddy'. Compare **McGlynn** and **Flynn**.

Early bearers: John boye McFlyne, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1770 (Moey, Connacht); John McFlynn, husbandman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2776 (Ballebooy, Tipperary).

### McGachan

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Angus; also Essex

Irish: mainly Scottish spelling of Irish *Mac Eacháin*, see **McGahan**.

### McGachy

- Current frequencies: GB 111, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Eachaidh*, see **McCaughy**.

### McGaff

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: W Lothian
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mag Eathach*, earlier *Eachach*, see **McGath**.
- 2 Irish: from *Mag Eochadha*, see **McGough**.

### McGaffey

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Eachaidh* 'son of the horseman', see **McCaughy**.

### McGaffin

Variants: **McGiffen**, **McGiffin**, **Giffin**, **Giffen**

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 110
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- 1 Irish: from *Mag Dhuibhfinn*, a patronymic from the personal name *Duibhfinn*, from *dubh* 'black' + *finn* 'fair'. This is the lenited form of the surname, earlier *McDuffin*. The Gaelic stressed vowel spelled *ui* was originally pronounced *u* (as it still is in Scotland), while in Ireland it has become *i*. See the late variant **McGiffen**.
- Early bearers: Edm. McDuffyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3853 (Fynchengrane, Longford); Loughlin McGuffian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim); Moses McGuffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone); Alexander Maguffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); William McGiffen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Armagh); Margaret Giffin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh).
- 2 Irish: from *Mac Eacháin*, see **McGahan**, with replacement of *ch* by *f* (as in **Murphy** and **Gaffikin**).

### McGagh

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: from *Mag Eochadha*, see **McGough**.

**McGahan**

Variants: **McGahon, McGachan, McCahon, McCaughan, McKaughan, McCaughern, McGhan, Megan, Magan, Gahan, McGaffin, Gaffin, McEachan, McEachen, McEachin, McGeachen, McGeachen, McGeechan**

- Current frequencies: GB 511, Ireland 315
- GB frequency 1881: 108
- Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster and N Leinster

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Irish **Mac Eacháin** or **Mag Eocháin**, ‘son of *Eachán*’ a diminutive of *Eachaidh*, a personal name based on *each* ‘horse’; or from the corresponding Scottish Gaelic **Mac Eachainn** which gives rise to some of the variants though not to *McGahan* itself. See also **Keohane** and **McGahern**.

**Early bearers:** Donucke McGokiane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4895 (Ballirowe, Westmeath); Donogh riagh mcDonell og McKeaghane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Limerick); Connor boye McGeoghan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6409 (Meath); Teige Keaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Thomdely); Wm. mcMorris McKeaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Liskenet, Limerick); Melaghlin McGeoghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Ballahewen, Westmeath); Dermot McCahan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Bearhaven); Laghline McKeaghane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; John McCaughan, 1795 in *IGI* (Duncarbit, Antrim); James McGahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dundalk, Louth); Bryan Megahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

**McGahern**

Variants: **McGaughran, McCaughern, McCaughran, Gaughran**

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan and Meath
- Irish: from **Mag Eachráin, Eacharna**, a patronymic from the personal name *Eachrán*, which is of uncertain origin, perhaps containing the element *each*- ‘horse’ + *tighearna* ‘lord’. Compare **McGahan**.
- Early bearers:** Philip Mageaghrane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Dromlane); Neale McKagherne, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6378 (Ballinkine, Westmeath); Edm. McAcherin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Newton, King’s County [Offaly]); Donill McEcheran, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Tirlagh McEcherane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Ferryll McCeagharan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Bryan McCaughran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath); Thomas McCaughran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford); Laurence McGaghran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Trory, Fermanagh).

**McGahey**

Variants: **Megahy**

- Current frequencies: GB 349, Ireland 173
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster
- Irish: from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McCaughey**.

**McGahon**

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 41

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- Irish: from **Mac Eacháin**, see **McGahan**.

**McGale**

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 152
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants (Southampton)
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Cathail**, see **McCall**.

**McGaley**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Irish: see **McAuley**.

**McGall**

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 112
  - GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh and Derry
- Irish: from **Mac Cathail**, see **McCall**.

**McGalliard**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: perhaps from **Mac Giolla Aird** ‘son of the tall lad’.
- Early bearers:** Katharine Mc Galliard, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Glenclay, Antrim); Jane Mc Galliard, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Burnside, Antrim).

**McGann**

- Variants: **Megan, Magan, Megann, Gann, Gan**
- Current frequencies: GB 993, Ireland 736
  - GB frequency 1881: 351
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and Scotland
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare; Sligo

Irish: from **Mag Gana**, variant of *Mac Cana*, see **McCann**.

**Early bearers:** Carbre Mac Gana, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4032 (Corboghell); Cahall McGan, 1591–92 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Clongownagh, Roscommon).

**McGarel**

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 73
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cearbhaill**, see **McCarroll**.

**McGarey**

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 72
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Ayr; also Northumb.
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGarry, McGeary**.

**McGarity**

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 52
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Irish: from **Mag Oireachtaigh**, see **Geraghty**.

**McGarr**

- Variants: **Magar, Garr**
- Current frequencies: GB 343, Ireland 159

- GB frequency 1881: 75
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; Tyrone
- 1 Irish: from **Mac an Gheairr** ‘son of the short man’. Compare the alternative anglicized spelling **McGirr**. The surname was also ‘translated’ as **Short**.
- Early bearers:** Morrogh Mac Garr, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §449; Tho. McGarre, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4794 (Gobe, ?Leitrim); Brian Magarre and Teige Magarr, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4794 (Ballgartenlege, Leitrim).
- 2 Scottish Gaelic: see **McGirr**.

**McGarrell**

Variants: **McGirll, McGurl, McGuirll**

- Current frequencies: GB 218, Ireland 53
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Northumb and Cumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster: esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish: from **Mag Fhearghail** ‘son of *Fearghal*’, a personal name also found in **Farrell, Farrelly**, from *Ó Fearghail[e]*. Compare **McGarrigle**, where the *g* of *Fearghal* has been de-lenited and **McCarley**, which has an alternative genitive of *Fearghal*.
- Early bearers:** Redmund McGarell, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1694 (Braghill); Brien boy McGarrile, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.
- 2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McKerrell**.

**McGarrie**

Variants: **McGary**

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 63
  - Main GB location 1881: central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Angus
- Scottish: Scottish anglicized form of **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

**McGarrigan**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 21
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Stirlings
- Irish: from **Mac Geargáin**, see **McGurgan**.

**McGarrigle**

- Current frequencies: GB 666, Ireland 605
  - GB frequency 1881: 119
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Irish: from **Mag Fhearghail** ‘son of *Fearghal*’, a personal name based on *fear* ‘man’ + *gal* ‘courage’, appearing also in **Farrell**. The present form of the name has a lenited *F* and a de-lenited *g*: compare **McGarrell** and the lost form *McFarrell*.
- Early bearers:** Thady McFerraill, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §195; Ferdoroghe Mac Ferriell, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1279 (Brianestowne, Queen’s County [Laois]); Donogh Mac Fariell, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4032 (Killokney, Leitrim); Edm. McFarriell, gent., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Iskerowne, Sligo).

**McGarrity**

- Current frequencies: GB 657, Ireland 369
  - GB frequency 1881: 243
  - Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh
- Irish: from **Mag Oireachtaigh**, see **Geraghty**.

## McGarrol

### McGarrol

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Inverness
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cearbhaill*, see *McCarroll*.

### McGarry

**Variants:** Megarry, McGeary, McCarry, McGarey, McGary, McGarrie, McKerry, Magarry, Garahy, Garrihy, Gary, Garry, Garrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3933, Ireland 2376
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Leitrim; Antrim and Down

Irish: from *Mac Fhearadhaigh* ‘son of *Fhearadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘manly, brave’ (from *fear* ‘man’), originally pronounced as three syllables.

Two-syllable forms without *Mac* may be equally likely to be derived from *O’Gara*. The *G* in *McGarry* has developed from *mac* followed by a vowel (since *fh* is silent).

**Early bearers:** Leaghlín Magearrye and Fardorogh Magearrye, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2617; Geoffrey McGarrey, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3853 (the Diroghe, Longford); Art McGarrey, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4018 (Rokonill, Westmeath); Connor Magarry, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4800 (Rowske, Leitrim); Donill mcGranill McGarry, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Laggan, Roscommon); Morogh McGaree, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Ballygartnelaig); Bryen ny Garrige, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6232; Owyn McGarrye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### McGartland

**Variants:** Gartland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: *Mac Gearnúin*, a patronymic from the Norman personal name *Gernon*. Compare *Garland*. **Early bearers:** Daniel McGartleny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeeshill, Tyrone); Silvester McGartland, 1860 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Belfast, Antrim); Sarah McGartland, 1860 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cornamaddy, Tyrone).

### McGarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from *Mag Oireachtaigh*, see *Geraghty*.

### McGarva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish anglicization of *Mac Gairbhshíth*, see *McGarvey*.

### McGarvey

**Variants:** McGarvie, McGarva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 823
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal and Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Gairbhshíth* ‘son of *Gairbhshíth*’, a personal name derived from *garbh* ‘rough’ + *síth* ‘peace’. Compare *Garvey*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donald oge McGarvey, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1035 (Drombroughliske, Cavan).

Scotland: William M’Garwe, 1484 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Pennyngame, Kirkcudbrights); Nicholas M’Garve, 1536 in *Laing Charters* (Wigtowns); Patrick M’Garvie, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### McGarvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish form of *Mac Gairbhshíth*, see *McGarvey*.

### McGary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and WR Yorks

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from *Mac Fhearadhaigh*, see *McGarry*.

### McGath

**Variants:** McGaff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: variant anglicized spelling of *McGough*, from *Mag Eathach*, earlier *Eachach*, a variant genitive of *Eochaidh*, and thus related to *McGahey* or *McCaughey*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Owen og O Kife alias McGa, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2252 (Ballintober, Munster).

### McGaugh

**Variants:** Gaugh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow, Lancs

Irish: from *Mag Eochadha*, see *McGough*.

### McCaughey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 386
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh

1 Irish: from *Mac Eachaidh*, see *McCaughey*.

2 Irish: from *Mac Gáibhthigh*, see *Gaffey*.

### McCaughran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Renfrews

Irish: from *Mag Eachráin*, see *McGahern*.

### McGauley

**Variants:** Gawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Westmeath

Irish: see *McAuley*.

### McGauran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: from *Mag Shamhradháin*, see *McGovern*.

### McGavigan

**Variants:** McGuigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

1 Irish: from *Mac Gáibhtheacháin*, used as a synonym of *Ó Gáibhtheacháin*, see *Gavigan* and *Gaughan*.

2 Irish: from *Mac Eochagáin* or *Mac Eachagáin* heard as *Mag Eafagáin*, compare *Geoghegan*. A reduced form, *Mac Guagáin*, has been anglicized as *McGuckin* and *McGuigan*.

### McGavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Gobhann* ‘son of the smith’. Compare *Gavin*.

**Early bearers:** John Riauch McGawin, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; William M’Gawyne, 1643 in *Retours, Scotland*; Robt. MCGAVIN, 1687 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Susanna Macgavin, 1791 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

### McGavock

**Variants:** McAvock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Dhabhóg*, ‘son of Davock’, a pet form of *David*. It may theoretically be confused with *McGuffog*. A later anglicization lost the internal *-v-*, resulting in *McCook*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert M’Garvock, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Baldrinan, Ayr); Mary Ann MCGAVOCK, 1852 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian). Ireland: Rich. McDavog, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6665 (Portumna, Galway); Hugh McGavock, 1711 in *IGI* (Antrim); Bartle Gaffog, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraclone, Monaghan).

### McGaw

**Variants:** Megaw, Magaw, McCaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Wigtowns

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from *Mag Ádhaimh* or *Mac Ádhaimh*, ‘son of Adam’.

**Early bearers:** Donald Makkaw, 1481 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Drumboy, Lanarks); Patrick Makcaw, Finaly Makcaw, caterer, 1529 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Makcaw, 1547 in *Laing Charters* (Lismore, Argyll).

### McGawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered, from Mayo to Dublin
- Irish: see **McAuley**.

### McGeachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**, see **McGahan**.

### McGeachen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachainn**, see **McGahan**.

### McGeachie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McGeachy**.

### McGeachin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Ayr; Perth; also Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gaoithin** ‘son of *Gaoithin*’, a personal name derived from a diminutive of *gaoth* ‘clever, wise’. Compare the Irish form, **McGeehan**.

### McGeachy

Variants: **McGeachie**, **McGeoch**, **McGechie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Eachaidh** ‘son of the horseman’. Compare Irish **McCaughey** and **McGough**.

**Early bearers:** Neal McGeachie, 1686 in *Argyll Testaments* (Portadaw, Kilchenzie Parish); Robert McKeachie, 1711 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Darnow).

### McGeady

Variants: **McKeady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: (i) from **Mac Céadaigh**, son of *Céadach*, a personal name meaning ‘having hundreds (of followers)’, ‘a common personal name among the O’Farrells, O’Mores and Mageoghegans’ in Galway (Woulfe). Often reduced to **Keady**. (ii) from **Mag Géadaigh** or from **Mag Éidigh** (MacLysaght), possibly meaning ‘son of the ugly one’. Woulfe calls it an abbreviation of **Ó Meicéidigh**, ‘a rare west Cork surname’.

**Early bearers:** James McKede, horseman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §605; Conell McKedagh and Edmund McKedagh, gents., 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1475 (Bellamowe, Connacht); Edmund mcMelaghlin O’Keddy, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5469; Margaret McGeady, 1858 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Loughaskerry, Donegal); Patrick McGeedy, 1858 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cashelnagor, Donegal); Nellie Mc Geady, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Magheroarty, Donegal); James Mc Geady, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Ballymacraig, Donegal).

### McGeary

Variants: **Gara**, **McGarey**, **Geary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 189
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Northumb; Lancs; Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- 1 Irish: Woulfe explains this surname as **Mac Gadhra**, earlier anglicized as *McGara*; compare **O’Gara** and **Geary** from *Ó Gadhra*. The personal name is possibly from *gadhar* ‘mastiff’.
- Early bearers:** Carbre, Hugh, and Dermot mcTeige McGara and Katherine ny Gara, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4074 (Ballalege, Roscommon); Morogho mcTeige McGara, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4075 (Ballalege).
- 2 Irish: a possible variant of **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### McGechie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McGeachy**.

### McGee

Variants: **Megee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5323, Ireland 2713
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3058
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aodha**, see **Magee**.

### McGeechan

Variants: **McGeachan**, **McGeachen**, **McEachen**, **McEachan**, **McEachin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Inverness

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of the Irish name **McGahan** (from **Mac Eachainn**).

**Early bearers:** Roland MacGaghen, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Wigtowns); Fergus M’Gachyn, 1460 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Wigtowns); Fergus Makgachyn, 1490 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Wigtown); James M’Gauchane, 1538 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kilblane, Renfrews).

### McGeehan

Variants: **McGeachin**, **McGeechan**, **Mageean**, **McGeeen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 348
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Gaoithín** ‘son of *Gaoithín*’, a personal name derived from a diminutive of *gaoth*, an adjective meaning ‘clever, wise’, or a noun meaning ‘wind’. Compare **Gahan**.

**Early bearers:** Bryan McGeeaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal); Daniel McGeehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertmartin, Derry); Neil McGeehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stranorlar, Derry); Neil Mageehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Patrick Megahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Anne Geehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cleenish, Fermanagh); Daniel Mageean, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Bryan McGuighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monaghan).

### McGeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Cumb
- Irish: from **Mac Gaoithín**, see **McGeehan**.

### McGeeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Géibheannaigh**, see **Geaney**.

### McGeever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim; Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac Íomhair**, see **McIvor**.

### McGeoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eochadha**, a variant form of **Mac Eachaidh**, see **McGeachy**.

### McGeogh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish: see **McGough**.

### McGeoghegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from **Mag Eochagáin**, see **Geoghegan**.

### McGeorge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish Gaelic: an alteration of **McIndeor** ‘son of the stranger’ or ‘pilgrim’ (Gaelic *deoradh*), or rather of the form without the definite article *MacJarow*, becoming associated with the personal name *George* in later times.

### McGeough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 608
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan, Tyrone, and Armagh
- Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, see **McGough**.

### McGeown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 823
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Armagh
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eoghain**, see **McKeown**, **McEwan**.

## McGerrigan

### McGerrigan

- Current frequencies: GB 6, Ireland 22
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from Mac Geargáin, see **McGurgan**.

### McGerty

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Mag Oireachtaigh, see **Geraghty**.

### McGettigan

Variants: **Gatens**

- Current frequencies: GB 385, Ireland 602
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: W Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish: from Mag Eiteagáin, patronymic from the personal name *Eiteagán*, a diminutive of *eite* 'wing' (perhaps originally a byname for a swift runner). Further information: The name is recorded with both *Ó* and *Mac* forms in early sources.

Early bearers: Giolla Criost Mac Edigein, vicar of Elphin, 1463 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Philip O'Hedeghan, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Camus, Limerick); Cahall McGettigane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumnegole, Sligo); Philip McGettigin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacrenan, Donegal); Teague McGettigin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); Patrick Gettins, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal).

### McGettrick

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 17
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Cheshire and Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Shitrig, see **McKittrick**.

### McGhan

- Current frequencies: GB 91, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: Durham and NR Yorks; Lancs

Irish: from Mac Eacháin, see **McGahan**.

### McGhee

- Current frequencies: GB 4305, Ireland 246
- GB frequency 1881: 1270
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal; Antrim

Irish: from *Mag Aoidh*, *Mac Aodha*, see **Magee**.

### McGhie

- Current frequencies: GB 1374, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 734
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from *Mag Aoidh*, *Mac Aodha*, see **Magee**.

### McGhin

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4

- Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from Mag Fhionn, see **McGinn**.

### McGibbon

Variants: **McKibbin**, **McKibben**, **McKibbon**, **McCubbin**, **Gibbon**

- Current frequencies: GB 1112, Ireland 257
  - GB frequency 1881: 883
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in W and central Scotland
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down and Armagh
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Cuibein**, a patronymic from the Gaelic personal name *Cuibein* (see **Cubbin**); or a patronymic directly from the source of this: see **Gibbon**, which is a pet form of **Gilbert**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Thomas Makgibbon, 1507 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; Janet Mc Gibbon, 1698 in *IGI* (Muthill, Perth).

Ireland: William Fitz Phillippe Fitz Edmonde McGibbone, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §408; Edmund McGibbon, 1572–73 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2197; Gerald McKibon, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2284; Gerald Fitz David McGibon, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2244; Philip McMorrish McGibbone, kern, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3321 (Cork); Gille-Dowe McGibbon, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4586 (Ballyknocke).

### McGibney

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Ayr
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Longford

Irish: from Mac Gibne 'son of *Gibne*', a byname meaning 'a lock or curl of hair'.

Early bearers: Irgas McGebeay, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468 (Ardcarne, Roscommon); John Gibbany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaclone, Down).

### McGiff

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Mac Dhuibh, see **McGuff**.

### McGiffen

Variants: **McGiffin**

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 49
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow, Durham

Irish: from Mag Dhuibhfinn, see **McGaffin**.

### McGiffin

Variants: **Given**, **Givan**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Mag Dhuibhfinn, see **McGiffen**.

### McGilchrist

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 189
  - Main GB location 1881: Stirlings and Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Gilkison**.

### McGill

Variants: **Gill**, **Magill**, **Megill**, **McKill**, **Killey**

- Current frequencies: GB 6251, Ireland 1208
- GB frequency 1881: 3566
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; SW and central Scotland; also Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim, Down, and Armagh; also Donegal

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) from **Mac an Ghoill** 'son of the stranger (or lowlander)'. Compare **Gall**. (ii) from Irish **Mac (an) G(h)iolla** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac (an) Gille** 'son of the lad (i.e. servant)', or a short form of any of the many personal names formed by attaching this element to the name of a saint, in the sense 'devotee'.

Early bearers: Ireland: Sheryl McEgill, labourer, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §400 (Kilsaran, Meath); Robert McAgayll, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; Macingill, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3079 (Ballingill); Laughlen McGuell, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4032 (Ballymaguell); William mcRedmond Stapleton alias McYgeill, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4907 (Keillveill urisc); David McAgoyle, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607; Duncan ballagh McGyll, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Gilliduffe McGill, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

Scotland: Maurice Macgeil, 1231 in *Black*; Patrick McKille, 1475, James McGill, 1572 in *Black*.

### McGillan

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 32
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

Irish: from Mac Giolláin, see **McGillion**.

### McGillen

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Irish: from Mac Giolláin, see **McGillion**.

### McGillian

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 85
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone  
Irish: from Mac Giolláin, see **McGillion**.

### McGillick

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mag Ullic, see **Gillick**.

### McGillicuddy

Variants: **McGillycuddy**

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 171
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry

Irish: from **Mac Giolla [Mo] Chuda**, 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *[Mo] Chuda*', a pet form of a personal name of uncertain origin. This was the name of a 7th-century abbot-bishop of Rathin in Westmeath. Compare Scottish **McIlhagga**, with which it may sometimes have been confused. The forms of 1376 suggest that it was once in Scotland independently of *McIlhagga*.

Further information: The surname does not preserve the hypocoristic *mo* 'my' of *Mochuda* which appeared in the early Irish given name *Gilmagu*.



**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donell mcMoriertagh McGillicoda, tenant of Sir Owen O Swlyvan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4594; Donogh mcDermody Sulywane alias McGulluchud, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5521 (Lyttyr, Kerry); John mcDowlinge McGillicudde, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498.

Scotland: Patrick McGilqwhud and Gilbert McGilfud, tenants of the Douglas, 1376 in *Black*.

### McGilligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 219
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; W Lothian; Northumb

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Giollagáin**, see **Gilligan**. There may have been some confusion with **McLagan**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andro McGilligain, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ardersier, Inverness); John McGillican, 1621 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ardersier, Inverness).

Ireland: Phelim McMahown McGillegan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897.

### McGillion

**Variants:** **McGillian**, **McGillen**, **McGillan**, **Gillen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian

Irish: from **Mag Giolláin**, a patronymic pet name from *giolla* 'lad, servant, or devotee (of a saint)', meaning 'son of the wee lad' or 'son of the little devotee'.

### McGillivray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Nairn; Morays

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGillivray

**Variants:** **McGilvray**, **McGillvray**, **McGillivary**, **McGilvary**, **McGilvery**, **McGillvary**, **Gillivray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2270, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1204
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and W Scotland: esp. Inverness

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Gille Bhrátha**, patronymic from a personal name meaning 'servant of judgment'.

**Early bearers:** Archibald McCluray, 1542 in *Black*; Farquhar MacGillivray, 1622 in *Black*.

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McIlwraith**.

### McGilloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants (Portsmouth)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: see **McKelvey**.

### McGillvary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays and Nairns; Fife

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGillvray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland; also Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Giolla**, **Mac Gille** 'son of the lad or servant', or a reduced form of names beginning in *Mac Giolla*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teige McGwylly, 1590–91 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5532 (Callaghmore); Neale McGyl, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145; Edmund boye McGullie, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302; Gullyduffe McGullie, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302; Owen McGullie, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302; Terealagh McGullie, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302.

Scotland: Elizabeth McGillie, 1799 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Angus).

### McGillycuddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chuda**, see **McGillicuddy**.

### McGillp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Philib** 'son of Philip'. Compare **McKillop**.

### McGilton

**Variants:** **Magilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: irregularly anglicized form of Irish **Mac Giolla tSeanáin**; see **Gilsenan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain.

### McGilvary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; Lanarks and Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGilvery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Fife
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGilvray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 731
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Bhrátha** or **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McGillivray**.

### McGimpsey

**Variants:** **McJimpsey**, **Gimpsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 222
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Dhíomasaigh** 'son of *Díomasach*', an adjectival name meaning 'proud, haughty', from *díomas* 'pride'. Irish D followed by i is usually pronounced like English /j/.

**Early bearers:** James Jemsey, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Tullycoe, Cavan); Robert McJemsey, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gallanagh, Antrim); John Magempsey, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ross, Antrim); Ellen McGimpsey, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Newtownards, Down); Henry McGempsey, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kircubbin, Down).

### McGing

**Variants:** **Ging**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Dublin
- Irish: from **Mag Fhionn**, see **McGinn**.

### McGinty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mag Fhionnachtai**, see **McGinty**.

### McGinlay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 892, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: Scottish form of Irish **Mag Fhionnghaile**, see **McGinley**.

### McGinley

**Variants:** **McGinlay**, **Ginley**, **Ginnelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2488, Ireland 2032
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from **Mag Fhionnghaile** 'son of *Fionnghal*', a personal name based on *fionn* 'fair' + *gal* 'valour'. Compare Scottish **McKinlay**.

**Early bearers:** Downoghy McGenly, husbandman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719.

### McGinn

**Variants:** **Maginn**, **Magin**, **Ging**, **Ginn**, **McGing**, **McGhin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1971, Ireland 1021
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan and Cavan

Irish: from **Mag Fhinn**, lenited form of a patronymic from the personal name *Fionn* 'fair, white'. Compare **Finn**.

## McGinnes

**Further information:** This is the name of an ecclesiastical family in county Down.

**Early bearers:** Donogh McGynd, clerk, 1546 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §506 (rectory of Saint Canice of Agheboo, diocese of Ossory); James and Piarse Magin, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616.

### McGinnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 466
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### McGinness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Roscommon
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### McGinnis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 206
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### McGinniss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Irish: from Mag Aonghuis, see **McGuinness**.

### McGinnity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from Mag Fhionnachtaigh, see **McGinty**.

### McGinty

**Variants:** Ginty, **McGinnity**, **McKinty**, **McGinity**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2136, Ireland 843
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Mayo

Irish: from Mag Fhionnachtaigh, a reduced lenited patronymic from the personal name *Fionnshneachtach*, composed of the elements *fionn* ‘white’ + *sneachtach* ‘snowy’. Compare **Finnerty**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Finshnecta, 677 in *AU*; Finshnechta m. Follamhain, 797 in *AU*; Finshnechta m. Ceallaigh, king of Leinster, 808 in *AU*; Finshnechta m. Maele Corcrai, king of Leyney and Connacht, 879 in *AU*.

surnames: Donagh McGinety, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisirrill, Monaghan); Phelim McGinatt, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Coolecassoge, Monaghan); Henry McGinnatty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Churchlands, Monaghan); Donagh McGinnity, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisirrill, Monaghan); Nicholas Maginity, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumkeeran, Fermanagh); Charles McGintay, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); James Gintey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath).

### McGirr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Cavan, and Fermanagh

Irish: reduced from Mag Fhearghail, see **McGarrell**.

### McGirr

**Variants:** Magirr, **McGarr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 581
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac an Gheairr** ‘son of the short man’, sometimes translated into English as **Short**. Compare Scottish **Gair**. Compare Irish **McGarr**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gilla Pdraig, mac Gilla-Pdraig eile, mic Con-Uladh Míc an girr, Mac an Ghirr, 1495 in *AU*; Ferreagh mcOen McArre, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4887 (Moye).

Scotland: Robert McGirre, 1658, and Andrew McGirr, 1684, in *Black*.

### McGivern

**Variants:** **McGiveron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1318, Ireland 1145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Uidhrin**, a patronymic from a personal name from a diminutive of *odhar* ‘dun, sallow’. The current spelling suggests that *dh* in *Uidhrin* was re-interpreted as *bh*, and so pronounced and anglicized as [v]. Compare **Hefferon**.

**Further information:** Uidhrin 1082, his son Echmarchach mac Uidhreinn, 1120, and his grandson Gilla-Crist mac meic Uidhrin, 1129 were successive chiefs of Cenél Feradhaigh in *AU* (around Clogher, Tyrone). This family may well be the origin of the Ulster surname, later attested as a clergy and erenagh name: Patrick McGwyrryn 1411 in *Reeves, Ecclesiastical Antiquities* (Armagh); Shane oge McGuiverin 1609 in *Irish Patent Rolls 395a* (Ardbrin, Down).

### McGiveron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Uidhrin**, see **McGivern**.

### McGivney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 162
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Longford

Irish: from **Mac Dhuibhne**, a patronymic from *Duibhne*, a personal name from *duibhne* ‘disagreeable, ill-going’.

**Early bearers:** Gilleduffe and Thomas duffe mcRickard McDunnie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6665 (the Cowlagh, Galway); Patrick McGivney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); John Magivney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford); Owen McAviney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers*

*Ireland* (Aghavea, Fermanagh); Michael McCavina, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Castleterra, Cavan).

### McGladdery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: from **Mac Gleadra**, from a personal name of unexplained etymology.

**Further information:** Originated in Connacht but now mostly found in the north of Ireland in the counties of Donegal and Antrim.

**Early bearers:** Alexander McGladdery, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballyclare, Antrim); David McGladdry, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Craigarogan, Antrim); William McGladery, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cloghogue, Antrim); John McGladdery, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Sheeptown, Down); Francis Magladery, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Tavanagh, Armagh).

### McGlade

**Variants:** **Glade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 382
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Antrim

Irish: from **Mag Léid**, from a personal name of uncertain origin. It may be a variant of Scottish **McLeod**.

**Early bearers:** Goghre McGlade, harper, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484; Owen McGlade, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromilly, Armagh); John McGlade, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertlyn, Derry).

### McGlashan

**Variants:** **McGlasson**, **Galashan**, **Glashan**, **Glashen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Angus, and Argyll; also Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Glasáin**, a patronymic from the personal name *Glaskan*, which is from a diminutive of *glas* ‘greyish blue-green’. In Ireland this surname has sometimes been translated as **Greene**.

**Early bearers:** Iain McGalssan or McGlassane, 1515 in *Highland Papers* (Ardgartan, Argyll); John M’Glassen, 1519 in *Lamont Papers*; Paul M’Glassen, 1548 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Lochalsh, Ross and Cromarty); David McKglashen, 1681 in *Inverness-Dingwall Pres. Records* (Croy, Inverness); John Mac Glashan, 1773 in *IGI* (Ardersier, Inverness).

### McGlasson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Roxburghs; Cumb. and Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Glasáin**, see **McGlashan**.

### McGlaughlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: see **McLaughlin**.

**McGlave**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow, Cumb, Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Fhlaitimh, see **Claffey, McCleave**.

**McGleenan**

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 85
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Fhinnéin, see **McAleenan**.

**McGleenon**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 51
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Fhinnéin, see **McAleenan**.

**McGleish**

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Iosa, see **McLeish**.

**McGlen**

- Current frequencies: GB 263, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Irish: from Mag Fhloinn, see **McGlynn**.

**McGlennan**

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb
- 1 Irish: from Mag Leannáin, see **Glennon**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhinnein, see **McLennan**.

**McGlennon**

- Variants: **Glennan, Glennon**
- Current frequencies: GB 151, Ireland 43
  - GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Cumb
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- 1 Irish: from Mag Leannáin ‘son of *Leannán*’, a byname possibly based on *leann* ‘cloak’. See **Glennon**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhinnein, see **McLennan**.

**McGlew**

- Variants: **McClew, McAleavy, McAleavy, McClue**
- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 12
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- Irish: (i) possibly from Mac Lughaidh ‘son of *Lughaidh*’, from a Gaelic personal name anglicized as **Lewis**. (ii) both Woulfe and MacLysaght consider *McGlew* a reduced form of Mac Dhuinnshléibhe; see **McAleavy, Dunleavy**.  
Early bearers: Scotland: John McClew, 1661 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Buchlyvie).  
Ireland: Melaghlen moile McGleve, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4153 (Longeford).

**McGlinchey**

- Variants: **McGlinchy, Clinch**
- Current frequencies: GB 954, Ireland 1109
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Bute and Glasgow

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal; also Derry and Tyrone
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mag Loingsigh**, a patronymic from the personal name *Loingseach* originally meaning ‘mariner’, later ‘exile, outlaw’ (from *long* ‘ship’). Compare **Lynch**.  
Early bearers: Conor McGlansye, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4569 (Inshed, Clare); Teig McClansy, gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4826 (Ballyrobert, Cork); Neill McGlensie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen).

**McGlinchy**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 123
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Loingsigh**, see **McGlinchey**.

**McGloin**

- Current frequencies: GB 378, Ireland 409
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Connacht: esp. Leitrim
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Eóin, see **McGlone**.

**McGlone**

- Variants: **McGloin, McClone, McClune, Maglone, Clune**
- Current frequencies: GB 1140, Ireland 505
  - GB frequency 1881: 339
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo; Tyrone, Derry, and Armagh
- 1 Irish: from Mac Giolla Eóin ‘son of the devotee of (Saint) John’. A fuller anglicization is **McAloon**. Compare Scottish **McLean**.  
Early bearers: Shane McClone, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5083 (Crive, Connacht); Morogh McClone, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5808 (Lisduffe, Connacht); Patrick roue McGlone, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Armagh).  
2 Irish: from Mac Glúin, a patronymic from the personal name *Glúin*. This is either a byname meaning ‘knee’, or else a short form of various Old Irish compound personal names such as *Glúnfhionn* meaning ‘fair-kneed’ or *Glúniairn* ‘iron-kneed’. A Clare surname usually shortened to **Clune**.  
Early bearers: Laughlin and Morogh McClowne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Galway); Morrogh mcShane McCloane, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Cahir roe meyne necriry, Tipperary).

**McClory**

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mag Labhradha, see **McClory**.

**McGlynn**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 79
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mag Fhloinn, see **McGlynn**.

**McGlynn**

- Variants: **McGlen, McGlyn, McLinn, McLin, Glynn, Glenn**

- Current frequencies: GB 2047, Ireland 1441
  - GB frequency 1881: 268
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Irish: from **Mag Fhloinn**, patronymic from the personal name *Flann* ‘red, crimson’. See also **McFlynn**.

Early bearers: Floirint Mac Flaind, archbishop of Tuam, 1251 in *AU*; Floirint Mag Fhloind, archbishop, 1256 in *AU*; Thomas riogh McGlyn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §101; Brian row McGlyn, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2541 (Rathmore by the river of Slane, Carlow); Owen roue McGlin, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2827; Brian McLyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3989 (Cloghella, Galway); Dermot mcDavy McGlyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777; Gilleduffe McGlene, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5615 (Bealengare).

**McGoff**

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 87
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Durham; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo and Galway
- Irish: from Mag Eochadha, see **McGough**.

**McGoldrick**

- Variants: **Goldrick, Goulding, Golding, Golden, Goldie, Goldridge**
- Current frequencies: GB 1661, Ireland 1226
  - GB frequency 1881: 150
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal, Leitrim, Tyrone, and Fermanagh
- Irish: from **Mag Ualghair** ‘son of *Ualgharg*’, a personal name meaning ‘proud and fierce’. This name is found in a variety of different anglicized forms, including **Golden, Goldie, Golding, and Goulding**.  
Early bearers: given names: Ualgarg m. Flaithbertaigh, 879 in *AU*; Ualgarc, king of Dartraighi (Dartry), 961 in *AU*. surnames: Gilla Ciarain m. Ualgair, chief of Uí Duib Innrecht, 1026 in *AU*; Caterfhina, ingin Concubair Moir Meg Ualghair, 1470 in *AU*; Feighlimidh, mac Gilla Pdraig Bhuidhe Mheg Ualraigh, 1538 in *AU*; Felym McGuolryeck and Gilpadrick McGuolriek, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5478 (the Carry); Phelim McCollrick, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Eadden, Sligo); Teige McWalrick, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Mostra); Phelim McGworlick, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

**McGonagle**

- Current frequencies: GB 477, Ireland 663
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal
- Irish: from Mac Conghail, see **McGonigle**.

**McGonegal**

- GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Angus
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Conghail, see **McGonigle**.  
Further information: This spelling is found mainly in the USA.

**McGonigal**

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 55
- GB frequency 1881: 88

## McGonigle

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Caithness
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Congail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGonigle

Variants: **McGonagle**, **McGonigal**, **McGonegal**, **McGonnigle**, **McGunnigle**, **McGonnagle**, **McGunnigal**, **McGunnagle**, **McKinnell**, **McKinnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 934
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Conghail** or **Mac Conghaile** a patronymic from the personal name *Conghal*, composed of ancient Celtic elements meaning 'hound' and 'valour'. In this form of the surname Mac has been voiced to Mag, and *gh* has become *g*. Compare **McNeela** and **Conneely**, which are of similar etymology, but very different phonetic development.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig McCangellye and Wm. Shane O'Cannelly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5456 (Conehe, Cork); Cahaire, Phealim, and Enisse McCoenyll, gents., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Togher, Mayo); Ustion mcRanylee McCoenill, gent., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Twoght, Mayo); Hugh boy McCoenyll, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5865 (Ralackan, Mayo); Cahall McGonill, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Kerrownloghane, Sligo); John Magonigall, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); William McGonagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Thomas McGunagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal).

Scotland: Christian Macgonnigol, 1835 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Samuel Macgonnigol, 1837 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### McGonnagle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conghail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGonnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 71
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- Irish: from **Mac Dhomhnuill**, see **McConnell**.

### McGonnigle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conghail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGoogan

- Variants: **Googan**, **McGookin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from **Mag Uiginn**, see **McGuigan**.

### McGoohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Cheshire
- Irish: from **Mag Cuacháin**, 'son of *Cuachán*', a personal name possibly derived from *cuach* 'cuckoo'. **Early bearers:** Thomas and Andrew Magohan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Mary Anne Mc Goohan, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Doogary, Cavan); Maria Mc Goohan, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Aghoo East, Leitrim); John Mc Gohan, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Inniskeen, Monaghan).

### McGookin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 278
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuckin**.

### McGoran

- Variants: **Magorrian**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 84
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Irish: perhaps from **Mac Corraidhín**, 'son of *Corraidhín*', a diminutive of the personal name *Corradh* 'spear'. A branch of the Uí Fhiachrach in Sligo. Compare **Curran**.

**Early bearers:** Cormouck McCourrin, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5433 (Cloncorircke, Leitrim); Owen McCurin, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5433 (Tullie, Leitrim); Dermovate and Manous duffe McCurine, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5433 (Behahie, Leitrim); Teig McCurin, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5433 (Aughmoroo, Leitrim); Brian McGoronane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullanagracken, Sligo).

### McGorey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from **Mac Gothraidh**, see **McGorry**.

### McGorry

- Variants: **McGorey**, **McGory**, **Gorry**, **Gorey**, **Gurry**, **Corrie**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: from **Mac Gothradha** or **Mac Gothraidh** 'son of *Gothradh*', a personal name of Scandinavian origin, equivalent to English *Godfrey*. Compare **McCaffrey**, **Gohery**.

**Early bearers:** McGoffrie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Cnock); Farrall McGorhy, chief of his name, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5716; Ferdorogh and Walter McGorhae, gents., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Kilbride, Mayo); Tirlagh McGorrahe, priest, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Kilbride, Mayo); Donogh McGorro, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6448 (Carick, Kildare); Ferragh McGorghe, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6453.

### McGorty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: from **Mac Dhorchaidh**, see **McGourty**.

### McGory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: from **Mac Gothraidh**, see **McGorry**.

### McGougan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: Scottish form of Irish **McGuigan**. **Early bearers:** John McGowgane, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); Catherine M'Gugane, 1684 in *Argyll Testaments* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll); Angus M'Gugan, 1693 in *Argyll Inventories* (Killeen, Argyll); John Macgougan, 1784 in *IGI* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll); Mary Macgougan, 1799 in *IGI* (Gigha, Argyll).

### McGough

- Variants: **Gough**, **McGoff**, **McGaff**, **McGaugh**, **McGeough**, **McGeogh**, **McGagh**, **McGath**, **McCough**, **Goff**, **Gaugh**, **Geogh**, **Goth**, **Gath**, **Gaff**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1095, Ireland 214
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 586
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan; also Mayo

Irish: from **Mag Eochadha**, a patronymic from the personal name *Eochaidh* 'horseman'; see **McCaughey**. Without initial *Mac*, the anglicized spelling falls together with Anglo-Welsh **Gough**, which is also well established in Ireland. **Early bearers:** Patrick Goughe, merchant, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §125 (Dublin); Shane McGowe, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Mac Cough viz. Sherowne McKough and Henry moyle McKowgh, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2495; John Goughe, alderman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3226 (Dublin); Patrick Goagh, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6791.

### McGouran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Ulster
- Irish: from **Mag Shamhradháin**, see **McGovern**.

### McGourty

- Variants: **McGorty**, **Dorcey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: altered form of the obsolete Irish surname *McGourkey* (Irish **Mag Dhorchaidh**) 'son of the night', a patronymic from the personal name *Dorchadh*, a derivative of *dorcha* 'dark'. The name has also been anglicized as **Dorcey**, **Darkey** and **Dorcaes**. **Early bearers:** Mac na h-Aidhche Mac Dorchaidh, chief of Ceniuil Luachain (or Duachain), 1281 in *AU*; Ferghal Mag Dorchaid, 1306 in *AU*; Gilla Isu Mag Dorcaidh, 1309 in *AU*; Aedh Mac Dorchaidh, 1357 in *AU*; Thomas Mac Dorchaidh, 1380 in *AU*; Tomaltach Mag Dorchaidh, chief of Cenél Duachain, 1384 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Dermot rowe McGoraghe, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1161; Melaghlen McGorche, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Loughnecoufe, Leitrim); John McDorroghe, yeoman, 1603 in in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6742 (Kilkevan, Wexford).

### McGovan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gobhann**, see **McGowan**.

### McGovern

Variants: **McGauran**, **Govern**, **McGouran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4581, Ireland 4011
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from **Mag Shamhradháin**, a patronymic from the personal name *Samhradhán*, a diminutive of *samhradh* ‘summer’.

**Early bearers:** Tomás Mág Samhradhain, 1335 in *AU*; Sitriug Mag Samradhan, 1351 in *AU*; Maghnus Buide Mag Samraadhan, 1354 in *AU*; Niall Mag Samradhan, chief of Tellach Eathach, 1359 in *AU* (Cavan); Eogan Mag Samhradhain, 1460 in *AU*; Tomás, mac Maghnusa Meg Samradhain, chief of Teallach Echach, 1532 in *AU* (Cavan); Tirelagh Magawran, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4807 (Tallagh, Leitrim); Thomas oge McBrien mcThomas Magawran, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4813 (Magawranstowne, Cavan); Edmund McGawran, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5489 (Gortuckargee); Ferrall McGawran, gent., 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5489 (Breachlaghe); Patrick McGaurayn, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602; Donnagh Gawrane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballinaglogh, Sligo); Terlagh McGawran, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Collere, Sligo).

### McGow

Variants: **Gow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Cumb and Northumb

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: Scottish Gaelic **Mac an Ghobha** ‘son of the smith’, using a variant short form of the genitive; compare Irish and Scottish **McGowan**. See also **Gow**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donald M’Gow, 1444, Glaschen MkGow, 1473, Robert M’Gou, 1512 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Angus); John McGow, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ardmanach, Argyll). Ireland: Shane McGowe, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451 (with O’Connors).

### McGowan

Variants: **McGowen**, **McGown**, **Magowan**, **Mackown**, **McGovan**, **Gow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10794, Ireland 3723
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3894
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Leitrim and Sligo; Donegal

Irish: from **Mac (an) Ghabhann** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac (a’) Ghobhainn** or **Mac Gobhann** ‘son of (the) smith’. This name has also been anglicized as **Smith** and **Smithson**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mael Brigte m. in Gobann, fer leiginn Aird Macha (learned man of Armagh), 1012 in *AU*; Gilla Geimridh Mac in Ghaband, chief of Fer Darcacha, 1171 in *AU*; Muircertach Mac in Ghabhann, abbot of Clochair (Clogher), 1338 in *AU*; John Smith alias McIgoyne, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3139; Gillarneue McEn Gawne, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3351; Connor ne Kylle Magowan, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4799; Fargenneglye MmcHue

Magawn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4799; Connor ne Kyllye Magowne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4799; Owen Magowen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4799; Marcus Magowin, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Cloghan); Edmund McGaone, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6323.

Scotland: Gilcallum McGoun, 1503 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Cupar); Gilbert Makgowin, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; John McAgoune, 1609 in *Poltalloch Writs* (Auchinbreck-Glendaruel); John Moir McAgowne, 1609 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Inruglas).

### McGowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac a’ghobhainn**, see **McGowan**.

### McGown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 746
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McGowan**.

### McGrade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- Irish: see **McGrady**.

### McGrady

Variants: **Grady**, **McGrade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 233
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mag Bhrádaigh**, a patronymic from the personal name *Brádach*, from a word meaning ‘proud’.

**Early bearers:** Donogh Mac Grade, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871 (Queen’s County [Laois]); Hugh MacBradye, gent., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2381 (Lysdough, Longford); Patrick McBradye, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Aghotyduffe, Fermanagh); Brene mcShiane McBradie, gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4892 (Donmorre, Cavan); Shane McBrade, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4908 (Cornenargan, Cavan); Dermot McGrady, labourer, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6274 (Blackwood, Kildare).

### McGrail

Variants: **McGreal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Réill** (a dialect variant of **Mac Néill**), patronymic from the personal name *Niall*. See **McNeill**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas McGralle, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3338 (Moot, Roscommon).

### McGrain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Midlothian; Warwicks
- Irish: from **Mac Ráighne**, see **McGrane**.

### McGranachan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Reannacháin**, see **McGranaghan**.

### McGranaghan

Variants: **McGranahan**, **McGranachan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 147
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mag Reannacháin**, a patronymic from the personal name *Reannachán*, probably derived from *reannach* ‘sharp-pointed’ or ‘starry’.

**Early bearers:** Shane McGranaghan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Thomas McGranaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal); James Granaghane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); Bryan McGranahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bovevagh, Derry); Michael McGranaghan, 1858 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Magirr, Tyrone); James Ranaghan, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Drummuck, Armagh).

### McGranahan

Variants: **Granahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mag Reannacháin**, see **McGranaghan**.

### McGrandles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from **Mag Raghnaill** with excrescent *-s*, see **Grannell**.

### McGrane

Variants: **McGrann**, **McGrain**, **Greaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 833
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Meath, and Louth

Irish: from **Mac Raighne**, a patronymic from a pet form of *Raighne*, Gaelic form of *Reginald*. See also **Rainey**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh McGraney, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2172; Tirlagh McGraine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4807 (Oyolla, Roscommon); Dermot McGranye, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5497; Patrick McGrain, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5427; Hugh boy mcCormick Magrein, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Polners, Roscommon); Kulle McGrane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Shane McGrany, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Peter McGrean, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); Daniel McGrane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carlingford, Louth); Mary Magrane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Collon, Louth); Peter Megrane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kentstown, Meath); Owen Granny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal).

## McGrann

### McGrann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 88
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Ráighne, see **McGrane**.

### McGrath

Variants: **McGraw**, **McCraw**, **McCrow**, **McGray**, **Magrath**, **Magraw**, **McCrea**, **McRea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10662, Ireland 11866
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary and Waterford

Irish: from Mac Raith 'son of Raith', a personal name meaning 'good fortune', or 'grace'. See also **McCrea** and the Scottish form, **McRae**, and its many variants.

**Early bearers:** Aedru Mhagradh, abbot of Trinity Abbey, 1287, in *AU* (Roscommon); Gilla Adomhnain Magraith, coarb of Termonn Dabeoc, 1290 in *AU*; Muiris Meg [C]raith, coarb of Termon-Magrath, 1384 in *AU* (Donegal); Donatus or Gillegromyie Magraghe, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3312; Miler Magraghe, archbishop, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3312; Neil McGrath, gent., 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4509 (Cames); Donoghe Magrath, Chief of Tharmond Magrath, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5997 (Donegal); Edward McRaha, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Castellreogh).

### McGrattan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 241
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Offaly
- Irish: probably from Mac Reachtain, a variant of Mac Neachtain, see **McNaughton**.

### McGraw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Craith, see **McGrath**.

### McGray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Staffs

Irish: from Mac Craith, see **McGrath**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but quite common in the USA.

### McGready

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

### McGreal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 491
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo

Irish: from Mac Réill, see **McGrail**.

### McGreavey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **McGreavy**.

### McGreavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Roscommon
- Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **McGreavy**.

### McGreevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **McGreavy**.

### McGreavy

Variants: **McGreavy**, **McGreavey**, **McGreevey**, **Greavey**, **Greevey**, **Greavy**, **Creevey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 1121
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Roscommon
- Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, a patronymic from the personal name *Riabhach*, from an adjective meaning 'brindled, grizzled'. Compare **McIlreavy**, **Reavey**.
- Early bearers:** Donyll McCreve, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4614 (King's County [Offaly] or Westmeath); Ricard oge McCreve, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4711; Rickard oge McCreve, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5009 (Bynmore, Roscommon); Teig Cam McCreve, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5228; Dermot McCreave, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Tanycarragh, Sligo); John McCreve, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); Richard McCreve, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Brayfield, Mayo); James Magrevey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon); Mathew Grevey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Elphin, Roscommon); Patrick Grevey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Islandeady, Mayo).

### McGreggor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Northumb; IoM

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Griogair*, see **McGregor**.

### McGregor

Variants: **McGrigor**, **McGreggor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17428, Ireland 585
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13443
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Perth
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Griogair* 'son of Gregor'; see **Gregory**.

**Further information:** The Scottish Highland clan McGregor claims descent from the Pictish king Kenneth MacAlpin (Cináed mac Ailpín, 810–858). The origins of the clan are unclear. In the 13th

century it was established on lands on the shores of Loch Awe and already in conflict with its neighbours of Clan Campbell. By the 16th century the McGregors had retreated deep into Glen Strae and acquired the nickname 'Children of the Mist'. In 1603 the clan was abolished by royal edict and many members of the clan changed their surname. A year later, the chief of Clan McGregor and eleven of his followers were hanged in Edinburgh. Despite the proscription, the clan survived and supported the king in the Scottish Civil War (1644–51). The exploits of the Jacobite leader Rob Roy McGregor (1671–1734) were romanticized in a novel by Sir Walter Scott. The proscription was eventually repealed in 1774. **Early bearers:** Duncan McGreg(h)ere, 1292 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; James McGregor, 1551 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Fortingall, Perth); Patrick McGregor, 1584 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perth); Patrick McGregor, 1628 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Tulloch, Perth).

### McGregory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- Scottish Gaelic: from the personal name **Gregory** with the Gaelic patronymic prefix *Mac*. Compare **McGregor**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### McGrellis

Variants: **McCrellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Mag Riallghuis, a Connacht variant of Mag Niallghuis, see **McNelis**.

### McGrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; W Lothian
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: altered form of **Mulgrew**.

### McGrigor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Griogair*, see **McGregor**.

### McGrillan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Mag Rialláin, see **McGrillen**.

### McGrillen

Variants: **McGrillan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Mag Rialláin, phonetic variant of *Mac Nialláin*, a personal name based on a diminutive of *Niall*, see **McNeill**, compare **Neilan**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Mc Grillen, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Dromara, Down); Catherine Mc Grillen, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Belfast, Antrim); Lizzie Mc Grillan, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Ballykine Lower, Down).

**McGroarty**

Variants: **McGrorty, Roarty**

- Current frequencies: GB 518, Ireland 286
- GB frequency 1881: 44
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Stirlings
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Robhartaigh**, patronymic from the personal name *Robhartach*, from a word meaning ‘flood tide’, hence ‘abundance, prosperity’.

Early bearers: Neale Groverty, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Knownelabanayer, Sligo); James McGrottey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Upper, Donegal); Patrick Grortry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal).

**McGroary**

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McGrory**.

**McGrogan**

Variants: **McGrogan**

- Current frequencies: GB 299, Ireland 221
- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Gruagáin** ‘son of *Gruagán*’, possibly from *gruag* ‘hair’ or *grug* ‘fierceness’.

Early bearers: Melaghlin mcRorie McGrogan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521 (Tipperary).

**McGroggan**

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 47
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Mac Gruagáin**, see **McGrogan**

**McGrorty**

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Robhartaigh**, see **McGroarty**.

**McGrory**

Variants: **McGroary, McCrorey, McCrory, McCrorie, McRory, McRorie, McRury, Rorie, Rory**

- Current frequencies: GB 1481, Ireland 616
- GB frequency 1881: 268
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ruaidhrí** ‘son of *Ruaidhrí*’ (Rory), a personal name derived from Irish *ruadh* ‘red’ plus *rí* ‘king’. There is possible influence from the Old Scandinavian personal names *Hróðrekr* (see **Roderick**) and *Hróðgar* (see **Rogers**), forms of which were used as anglicized equivalents. The C or G results from duplication of the final *-c* of *mac*, and the voicing that may happen preceding a vowel or *r*. See also **McCreery, McRury** and the Scottish translation **Rorison**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Donchadh Mhág Ruaidhrí, erenagh of Magheracross, 1509 in *AU* (Tyrone); Teige McRoory, 1554 in *Fiants Mary* §63; Arthur McRory, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Conoghor McDonell McRowry, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152 (Ardwllhie); Teige og mcTeige McRiory, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4485 (Karrignekorry); Rosse McRoory, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4584 (Ballehehan,

Galway); Ewer McRorie, gent., captain and chief of his name, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4649 (Kilwarlin, Down); Gillypatrick McGrorye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714; Edward McGrorey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tully, Donegal); Patrick McGrory, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kinawley, Fermanagh); Edward McCrory, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryloran, Tyrone); James McCrorrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone).

Scotland: Mac Ruaidhri, king of Innsi Gall (the Hebrides), 1318 in *AU*; Rouland fiz Aleyn Mac Rotheryk, 1296, Lochlan and Rodric Macrogrí, 1297, Gillepatricke son of Brice Make Rori, 1298, and Gillechallome McRorie, 1613 in *Black*.

**McGrotty**

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 91
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; IoW
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Crotaigh** ‘son of the hunchback’, see **Crotty**.

**McGrouther**

Variants: **McGruther, Magruder, McGruer, Grewar, Crowther**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Stirlings
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Grùdair** ‘son of (the) brewer’, from *grùdair* ‘brewer’.

Early bearers: Gilawnanne McCrouder, 1447 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Donald McGruer, 1494 in *Grandtully Book*; Gilbert McGrevar, 1499 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Strathgarnty, Perth); John Grewyr, about 1520 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Johannes moir Mcgrwdder, 1537 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Duthil); Duncan M'Rudder, 1547 in *Protocol Book Rollok*; John Makgruder, 1581 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; John McGrader, phledgeour (fletcher), 1613, Grudgear [same individual], 1614 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; James Mc Gruther, 1698 in *IGI* (Muthill, Perth); Alexander McGruther, 1704 in *Muthill Baptisms* (Muthill, Perth); Finla Gruar, 1735 in *IGI* (Lintrathen, Angus); Helen Magruder, 1868 in *IGI* (Kilmonivaig, Inverness); Andrew Grewear, 1856 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus).

**McGruer**

- Current frequencies: GB 175, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 144
  - Main GB location 1881: Inverness and Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McGrouther**.

**McGruther**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 96
- Main GB location 1881: Clackmannans and Stirlings

Scottish Gaelic: see **McGrouther**.

**McGuane**

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare

Irish: from **Mag Dhubháin**, lenited form of a patronymic from the personal name *Dubhán*, a

derivative of *dubh* ‘dark, black’. The surname has also been anglicized (in Mayo) as **McGowan**. Compare the unlenited form Ó *Dubháin*, see **Duane**.  
Early bearers: Brian boy Magwain, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4686 (Achonire, Sligo); Neale McGuane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrowntrarky, Sligo); Dermott McGuane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromnagansy, Sligo); Phelim McGuane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Loughkineltin, Sligo).

**McGuckian**

- Current frequencies: GB 103, Ireland 110
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Stirlings
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone; Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuckin**.

**McGuckin**

Variants: **McGugan, McGuckian, Guckian, McGookin**

- Current frequencies: GB 591, Ireland 806
  - GB frequency 1881: 88
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Tyrone
- Irish: (i) from **Mac Guagáin**, a reduced form of **Mag Eochagáin**, see **McGuigan**. (ii) possibly from **Mag Uiginn**, ‘son of Viking’, see **McGuigan**.  
Early bearers: Donuke McGokiane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4895 (Ballirowe); Bryan McGookin, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballynure, Antrim).

**McGuff**

Variants: **McGiff**

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Angus; Lancs
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibh**, lenited form of **McDuff**.

Early bearers: Dermot McGuiff, yeoman, 1589–90 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5398 (Kilkenny); William McGwiff, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6525; Edmund McGuyfe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735.

**McGuffey**

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee**.

Further information: This spelling is more common in the USA than in Scotland.

**McGuffie**

- Current frequencies: GB 540, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 480
- Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights; also Glasgow; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee**.

Early bearers: Scotland: John McGuffie, 1513 in *Black* (the Stewarty); John McKuffie, 1570 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright); James McCuffie, 1688 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright).

Ireland: Edmund McGuyfe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735.

**McGuffog**

Variants: **Guffog**

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 91

## McGugan

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights and Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Dhubhóg** or **Mac Dhubhag**, 'son of Dubhóg' or 'son of Dubhag', a diminutive form of *Dubh*, from *dubh* 'black'; see **Dow** and **Duff**. The same name in Ireland may have been anglicized as **McGavock**. See also **McCook** and **Doak**.

**Early bearers:** Dufoc vicecom de Striveling (Stirling), c.1150 in *Black*.

**surnames:** Patrick McGuffok, 1291 in *Black* (Buittle, Kirkcudbrights); Maucolum MacCuffok, 1296 in *Black* (Dumfries); Thomas Macoffoke, 1297 in *Black* (Berwick); David Mc Guffog, 1766 in *IGI* (Balmacellan, Kirkcudbrights).

### McGuigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll, Dunbartons, and Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuigan**.

**Early bearers:** Connor McGugyne, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Terrconnel).

2 Irish: see **McGuckin**.

### McGuigan

**Variants:** **McQuiggan**, **McGuiggan**, **McWiggan**, **McGavigan**, **Fidgeon**, **Pidgeon**, **Gookin**, **McGoogan**, **McGugan**, **McGuckin**, **McGuckian**, **Guigan**, **McFegan**, **McFeggan**, **McGougan**, **McGuigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2976, Ireland 2221
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Louth

Irish: (i) from **Mac Guagáin**, a reduced form of **Mag Eochagáin**, son of *Eochagán*, a diminutive of *Eochaidh* 'horseman'. For the longer form see **Geoghegan** and **McGavigan** (2). (ii) perhaps from **Mag Uiginn** 'son of the viking'. Compare **Higgins**, from *Ó hUiginn*.

**Early bearers:** William McGwigen, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897; Eoweine McGuigine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Rorie McGwygine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Tirlagh McGuigine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

### McGuigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Northumb and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Guagáin**, see **McGuigan**.

### McGuinness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 100
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout N England; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Westmeath
- Irish: from **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**.

### McGuinn

**Variants:** **Guinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 169

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac Coinn**, see **McQuinn**.  
**Early bearers:** Gillecomyn McGwyne, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5815 (Aghris, Sligo).

### McGuinness

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from **Mag Aonghuis**, see **McGuinness**.

### McGuinness

**Variants:** **McGuiness**, **McGinness**, **McGinnes**, **McGinnis**, **McGuinnes**, **McGinniss**, **Maguinness**, **Maguiness**, **Maginnis**, **Maginniss**, **Maginess**, **Maginnes**, **Magennis**, **Guinness**, **Guiness**, **McAinsh**, **Ennis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6214, Ireland 4590
- **GB frequency 1881:** 683
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

Irish: from **Mag Aonghusa** or **Mag Aonghuis** 'son of *Aonghus*' (see **Angus**). This is the surname of a chieftain family in western Down. Compare the Scottish form **McInnes**, and abbreviated variants such as **McNeice**.

**Early bearers:** Aedh Mac Oenghusa, 1172 in *AU* (Armagh); Ruaidhri mac Aedha Meg Aenghusa, 1426 in *AU*; Brian mac Airt Meg Aenghusa, Mag Aenghusa, 1488 in *AU*; Domnall mac Aodha Mhéag Aongusa, Mág Aongusa, 1521 in *AU*; An Prióir Mág Aongusa, a sacred and secular lord, 1526 in *AU*; Ferdoroghe, and Donald McGynnos, sons of the late Prior McGynnos, 1544 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §423; Eugene Maguenissa, Bishop of Down and Connor, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §71; Imerus mcArt Maguenissa, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §124; Obscurus or Ferdorogh mcDonell oge Maguenissa, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §124; Philom alias Philip mcShane McGenys, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §106 (Meath); Brian mcShane moyle Magennesye, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1057; Donyll McAniz, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1341 (Drombayne); Egidius alias Owen McAniz, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1341 (Kyltoryck); Hugh McGennies, chief of his nation, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1583 (Raferilan, Down); Edmund mcPrior McGynnesse, gent., 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2179 (Down); Hugh Maganeis, knight, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3647; Art McGinis, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; Owen Magennis, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6432.

### McGuire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9320, Ireland 2166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5252
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan

Irish: from **Mag Uidhir**, see **Maguire**.

### McGuirk

**Variants:** **McGurk**, **McQuirk**, **Quirk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 991
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Monaghan; Wicklow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mag Cuirc**, 'son of *Corc*', from the Gaelic personal name *Corc*, of unknown origin.

**Further information:** The notion that it may be from Irish **Mag Oirc**, from a byname based on *orc* 'pig', is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Tirlagh McGuirck, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ruske, ?Monaghan); Patrick Gwerke, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Arthur McGurk, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonmaguirk, Tyrone); Bryan Magurk, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan). Scotland: Murdach MacKork, 1290 in *Lennox Cartulary*; Suny Magurke, 1314 in *Scotland Calendar*; Arthur M'Gurghe, 1542 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Carrick, Ayr); Jean Mc Gurk, 1855 in *IGI* (New Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); Patrick Mc Guirk, 1856 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus). England: Jane Mc Guirk, 1863 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs).

### McGuirl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Irish: reduced from **Mag Fhearghail**, see **McGarrell**.

### McGunnagle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Conghail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGunnigal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conghail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGunnigle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conghail**, see **McGonigle**.

### McGurgan

**Variants:** **Gurgan**, **McGerrigan**, **McGarrigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 142
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Geargáin** 'son of *Geargán*', a personal name that appears to be derived from *gearg* 'heath-bird (typically a capercaillie or grouse)'. This word was also used figuratively to mean 'king or warrior'.

**Further information:** Woulfe's association of *gearg* with *garg* 'fierce' is erroneous.

**Early bearers:** John McGargan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4715 (Knittstown, Meath); Conoghor boy mcWm. Magargane, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4908 (Clogagh, Cavan); Philip roe McGargan, clerk, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4908 (Corrykgill, Cavan); Turrelagh Magargan, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4981 (Moyboldge, Cavan); Murtagh



McGargan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5560 (Curnesasse, ?Meath); Bryan McCurigan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Aghy mccGurigan, Armagh); Edmond McGurigan 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cormeen, Armagh); Matthew McGurigan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Bryan Gargan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Munterconnaught, Cavan).  
2 Irish: from Mac Dhuarcáin, see **Durkin**.

### McGurk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2046, Ireland 890
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Derry, Monaghan, and Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mag Cuirc**, see **McGuirk**.

### McGurl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: reduced from **Mag Fhearghail**, see **McGarrell**.

### McGurn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- Irish: from **Mag Corraidhín**, see **McGurran**.

### McGurnaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mag Mhuirneacháin**, see **Murnaghan**.

### McGurran

Variants: **McGurn**, **McGurren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mag Corraidhín**, a patronymic from a personal name based on *corradh* 'spear', see **Curran** (2).

**Early bearers:** Dermot mcGilpatrick McGirne and Gillernow mcGilpatrick Magirne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542; Edward McGuorn, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Aughrim, Monaghan); Simon McGurren, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killesher, Fermanagh); John Magurrien, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cleenish, Fermanagh); Thomas Gurren, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killallon, Meath); John Gurrin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Milough, Meath).

### McGurren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from **Mag Corraidhín**, see **McGurran**.

### McGurty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from **Mag Oireachtaigh**, see **Geraghty**.

### McHaffie

Variants: **Caffie**, **Caffey**, **Mahaffey**, **Mahaffy**, **Mehaffey**, **Mehaffy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from the surname **Mac Gille Chathbhadh** 'son of the servant of (Saint) Cathbhadh'.

### McHale

Variants: **Haley**, **Hale**, **Hales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3326, Ireland 1351
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 872
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Céile**, a patronymic from the byname *Céile* 'companion'. This was the surname of a Mayo family, tenants of church lands.

**Early bearers:** David McHeile, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5458 (Cloynbanoewe, Mayo); Moyler McHely, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607 (Mayo); Shearane McHeali, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Mayo); Wm. crone McKeale, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; David McKeale, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (the Carran, Mayo); Thomas McHale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbelfad, Mayo); Patrick McKeale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); David McKeal, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmeena, Mayo).

2 Irish: from **Mac Haol** 'son of *Haol*', a gaelicized form of **Howell**, adopted by a Welsh family who settled in Mayo.

**Further information:** The anglicized forms of this name are indistinguishable from those of **Mac Céile** (see (1) above). Some of the early bearers listed at (1), particularly *McKeale*, may belong here.

**Early bearers:** William de Hale, 1303 in *CDI* §198 (Connacht); Owen duffe mcWm. McHeale, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577.

### McHardie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish Gaelic: see **McHardy**.

### McHardy

Variants: **McHardie**, **McCardy**, **McKerdy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1055
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeen, Banffs, and Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from a Gaelic personal name of unknown identity. Black suggests that it may be *Mac Chardaidh* 'son of the sloe', which seems implausible. It is more likely to be a variant of **Mac Mhuirheartaigh**, see **McCurdy**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas McChardy, 1560 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock*; John Mackhardie, 1633 in *New Spalding Miscellany III* (Crathinaid); Donald Fleming alias McQhardies, 1676 in *Crathie and Braemar History* (Braemar, Aberdeens).

Ireland: Alex McCurdy, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Upper Ballylagh, Antrim); William McCardy, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyloghbeg, Antrim); Samuel McCardy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Henry

McCardy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Currin, Monaghan).

### McHarg

Variants: **Meharg**, **McIlhargey**, **Meharry**, **McCargo**, **Cargo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns, Ayr, and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name reduced from *Mac Gille Cairge*, with a personal name meaning 'lad of the rock', or possibly from Irish *Mac Giolla Fhearga* 'son of the servant of (Saint) Fearga' (Woulfe). It may sometimes represent *Mac Concairge* 'son of *Cú-Chairge*', a personal name meaning 'hound of the rock', see **McCarriek**. The form McIlhargey is certainly from *Mac Gille Cairge* or *Mac Giolla Fhearga*. The reduced form of the surname has also been anglicized as **Rock**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Archibald McHarg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desart, Derry); Matthew Maharg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); William Cargo, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Holywood, Down).

Scotland: Marion M'Quharge, 1493 in *Black*; Finlay M'Quharg, 1581 in *Black* (Fintillauch); Martin M'Quharg, burgess, 1597 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright); Robert Macher, 1669 in *IGI* (Cortachy and Clova, Angus); Margaret Macharge, 1684 in *Black* (Cross-Michael); Elizabeth Macher, 1709 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus); Jean M'Harg, 1713 in *Black* (Troquhan, Kirkcudbrights); Kathren Machar, 1743 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Perth); Isabel Machar, 1765 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### McHarrie

Variants: **McHarry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McCary**. Compare Irish **McAree**, **McGarry**, and **McVerry**.

**Early bearers:** Jhon and Edwart McCharry, 1428 in *Black* (Ayr); Edward McHarry, 1429 in *Black* (Carrick); Colin McQuharry, 1480 in *Black* (Ayrshire); John McHarie, 1679 in *Black*.

### McHarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Ayr; Lancs and Cumb.

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McCary**, **McGarry**.

### McHattie

Variants: **Hattie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs, Morays, and Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: patronymic from a pet form of the personal name *Catan*; see **McElhatton**.

**Early bearers:** Georg Machattie, 1678 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Alexr Machattie, 1692 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banffs); Elspet Machattie, 1711 in *IGI*

## McHatton

(Cullen, Banff); Janet M'Hattie, 1807 in *Scott, Fasti* (Grange, Morays); John Mac Hattie, 1859 in *IGI* (Keith, Banff).

### McHatton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Chatan* 'son of Catan or Cadán', a Gaelic personal name of unknown origin borne by a saint in the north-west of Ireland and in Scotland. The surname is probably a reduced form of **McElhatton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Neil McHatton, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

### McHendrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Éinrí**, see **McHenry**.

### McHendry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Éinrí**, see **McHenry**.

### McHenry

Variants: **McHendry**, **McHendrie**, **McKendry**, **McKendrie**, **Kendrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 321
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Lancs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Éinrí**, a patronymic from the Anglo-Norman personal name *Éinrí*, gaelicized form of **Henry**. Compare **McKendrick**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Kyng alias McYnry, horseman, 1541 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §186 (Blakhall, Meath); James Roche alias McHenry, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §836 (Corraghmachenry, Cork); John McHenry, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1480 (Dromgryffen); Meiler McHenry, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2494 (Iselklerin); Hibard McHenry, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4078 (Castletown); Moyler McHenry, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4078 (Disert Clerham, Galway); Walter lia McHenry, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Disert Clerham, Galway).

### McHugh

Variants: **McCue**, **McCoo**, **McQue**, **McKew**, **Kew**, **Cue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6955, Ireland 5257
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal and Tyrone; Mayo and Galway

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aodha** or **Mac Aoidh** 'son of *Aodh*', an ancient personal name meaning 'fire', originally the name of a pagan god.

Thus the name has the same origin as **McKay**, **McKee**, **Bagee**, **McKie**, and **McCoy**. See also **Hughes**. **Early bearers:** Arthur McHugh, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; Dermott McHewe, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §166; Hugh McSheane McHugh, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Gyllpatrick mcTerrelaghe McHyw, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1163 (Kilkandroghe of O'Birn's Country); Donnell McHewe, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223; John boy McHugh, 1585–86 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4831; Mary McCue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltrustan, Roscommon); Henry Makew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); John McQue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal).

### McHutchison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: variant of **Hutchison** with the patronymic prefix *mac*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander McHutchison, 1771 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Ayr).

### McIldoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Domhnaigh**, see **McEldowney**.

### McIldowney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Dhomhnaigh**, see **McEldowney**.

### McIlduff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Gille Duibh**, see **McElduff**.

### McIlpatrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: **Mac Giolla Phádraig** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Patrick', from the lenited form of the saint's name. Compare **Kilpatrick**. **Early bearers:** Connor and Teige McGilpatrick, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Rosse McGilpatrick, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §18 (country of Leix); David McGilfadrick, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2617; Mahowne liegh Mac Gilfadrick gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3078 (Thomond).

### McIlhagga

Variants: **McIlhagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Mo Fhèaga** 'son of the servant of Saint Féichín', with the saint's name in a hypocoristic form. The name may occasionally have been confused with the Irish **McGillieuddy**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Gilmagu mac Aldic, 1160–1180 in *Black* p. 306 (ffincurrokis, Kelso). surnames: Michael Macylhagow, 1537 in *Black* (Colmonell, Ayr); Robert McIlhage, fisher, 1715 in

*Black* (Ayr, Ayr); David Mcillhago, 1732 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr).

### McIlhagger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **McIlhagga**.

### McIlhare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chathair**, see **Carr**.

### McIlhargey

Variants: **McCargo**, **Argue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Irish: from **Mac Giolla Fhearga** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Fearga*'.

**Early bearers:** William McIlharg, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Craigmore, Derry); James McIlhargy, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballycraig Lower, Antrim); Patrick McIlhargy, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Belfast, Antrim); Bridget McIlhargey, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Londonderry, Derry).

References: *Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames*, *MacLysaght*.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chairge**, see **McHarg**.

### McIlhatton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Chatain**, see **McElhatton**.

### McIlhenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Choinnigh**, see **McElhinney**.

### McIlhiney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Choinnigh**, see **McElhinney**.

### McIlhinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Choinnigh**, see **McElhinney**.

### McIlhone

Variants: **Cowan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish: from **Mac Gille Chomhghain**, see **McElhone**.

### McIlkenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Coinnigh**, the unlenited form of **McElhinney**.

**McIlmoyle**

Variants: **McMoil**, **McElmoyle**

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 125
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim; also Derry
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mhaoil** ‘son of the bald lad’. The usual anglicized spelling of Irish *ao* was *oy* (see **Boyle**), but due to later phonetic changes there was possible confusion with **Mac Giolla Mhichil**, ‘son of the servant of (Saint) Michael’ in some areas, see **McMeel**. In Scotland the variant *Mac Gille Mhaoil* was confused with or anglicized by **McMillan** (compare Irish **McMullan**).

Early bearers: Ireland: Thady McIlmylle, priest, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5097 (Galway); Guillasbeg McGuillemyoyell, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5136 (Antrim); John McIlmoyle, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xi 20 (Aghanloo, Derry); James McElmoyle, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxiv 120 (Ramoan, Antrim).

Scotland: Huchone Makgillemuil 1492 in *Black* 543 (Croy, Inverness).

References: *Woulfe* pp. 376, 377, 392; *MacLysaght* 98; *Black* 543–4.

**McIlmurray**

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 49
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Muire**, see **McElmurray**.

**McIlquham**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chomghain**, see **McIlwham**.

**McIlraith**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McIlraith**.

**McIlrath**

Variants: **McIlraith**, **McIlwrath**, **McElrath**, **McIlwraith**

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 102
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down
- Irish: from **Mac Gille Riabhaigh** ‘son of the brindled lad’.

Early bearers: Patrick oge McGilroagh, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §124 (?Down); Philip McGillereagh, yeoman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1268 (Ballecullan, Kildare); Dermicus or Dermod merriggegh McGyllereough, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3078 (Thomond); Ony mcRiccard McGillereogh, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077 (Downmccfeilem, Clare); Connor McGyllereogh, chief of his name, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Craigbreane, Thomond).

**McIlreavey**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 30
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Riabhaigh**, see **McAreavey**.

**McIlreavy**

- Current frequencies: GB 112, Ireland 78
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster
- Irish: from **Mac Giolla Riabhaigh**, see **McAreavey**.

**McIlroy**

Variants: **McElroy**, **Muckelroy**, **Gilroy**, **Kilroy**

- Current frequencies: GB 1734, Ireland 1023
  - GB frequency 1881: 598
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Manx: relationship name from Irish **Mac Giolla Rua** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Ruaidh** ‘son of the red-haired lad’ (from *ruadh* ‘red’). Compare **Gilroy** and **Kilroy**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Domnall Mac Gilla Ruaidh, 1476 in *AU*; Edmund McGillaroye, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2337 (Brittas); Edmund bane mcOwen McIl Ro, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223 (King’s County [Offaly]); Brien McGilla Roe, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4471; Teige mcRich McGillarowe, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4585 (Carigbrean); Mahowne mcDonnell McKilleroe alias Gilleroe, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5418; Phelim buoy McGilroie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5523; Donogh McGillaroe, smith, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Ardornoy); Phelim and Shane McElrowhe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Bryan Kilroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaduff, Leitrim); Michael Gilroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilfian, Mayo); Mary McElroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); Elizabeth McIlroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); Edward Muckleroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumsnat, Monaghan).

IoM: Baethan McIlroy, 1408, McYleroi, 1612 in *Moore*. Scotland: Ewen Gilry, 1331 in *Black*.

**McIlvain**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McIlwaine**.

**McIlvaine**

- GB frequency 1881: 1

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McIlwaine**.

Further information: This spelling of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but more common in the USA.

**McIlvaney**

- Current frequencies: GB 229, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mheana**, see **McIlvenna**.

**McIlvanney**

- Current frequencies: GB 80, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mheana**, see **McIlvenna**.

**McIlveen**

Variants: **McVean**, **Kelvin**

- Current frequencies: GB 270, Ireland 323
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster: esp. Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Giolla Mhín** ‘son of *Giolla Mín*’, a personal name meaning ‘gentle lad’. There has been some confusion with **McIlwaine**.

Early bearers: John McGyllavynne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4799 (Leitrim); Thomas McIlvean, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Grangemore, Armagh); Gilbert McIlvin, 1839 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxvi 78 (Kilroot, Antrim).

**McIlvenna**

Variants: **McIlvaney**, **McIlvanney**, **McIlvenny**, **McElvaney**, **McElvenney**, **McElvenny**, **McElvenna**

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 121
- GB frequency 1881: 42
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; Durham and Northumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mheana** ‘son of the devotee of (Saint) *Meana*’. The saint’s name is most likely a variant of *Méanog* of Gleanaley (Wicklow) or of Kildare. There may have been confusion with Scottish **Mac Gille Bheathain**, see **McIlwaine**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Peter McIlvenna, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Samuel McIlvenny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Derry); Felix McElvana, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone); James McElvenney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry).

Scotland: John Mcilmeyne, 1477 in *Black* (Dumfries); Ronald MacIlmeine, student, 1566 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret McIlmeane, 1628 in *Black* (Carsbratt, Dumfriess).

**McIlvenny**

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 120
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr
- Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mheana**, see **McIlvenna**.

**McIlvogue**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Mhaodhog**, see **McElvogue**.

**McIlwain**

- Current frequencies: GB 212, Ireland 36
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Cavan; Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McIlwaine**.

**McIlwaine**

Variants: **McIlwain**, **McElwaine**, **McIlvain**, **McIlvaine**, **Melvin**, **Mulvin**

- Current frequencies: GB 458, Ireland 857
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: (i) relationship name from Irish *Mac Giolla Bháin*, Scottish Gaelic *Mac Gille Bháin* ‘son of the fair-haired lad’, often translated as *White* or *Whyte* but otherwise indistinguishable, once anglicized, from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Bheatháin**. See also **Kilbane**. There has been some confusion with **McIlveen** and possibly with

**McIlvenna.** (ii) relationship name from **Mac Gille Bheatháin** 'son of *Gille Beatháin*', the 'servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) Beathán'. *Beathán* is a personal name which is a diminutive of *beatha* meaning 'life'. See also **McBain**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Dermot McGillevane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal); Albert McIlwain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killybegs Upper, Donegal); Rose McIlwain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Moses McElwain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Catherine McElwain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); George McElwaine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bodoney Upper, Tyrone). Scotland: Thomas Makgilvane, 1376 in *Black* (Buittle); Allan McYlveine de Grumet, 1523 in *Black* (Crossraguel); John McKilvane, soldier, 1627 in *Black* (Lochkerran).

### McIlwee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Donegal and Derry

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McKelvey**.

### McIlwham

**Variants:** **McIlquham, McIlwhan, Meikleham, Meiklem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chomhghain** (or Irish Gaelic **Mac Giolla Chomhdhain**) 'son of the servant of devotee of (Saint) *Comhghan*', see **Cowan** (1).

**Early bearers:** Roderic son of McGillecoan, about 1355, and Donald McGillequhoane, 1507, in *Black* (Argyll); Marion M'Ilquhan, 1530 in *Crosraguel Charters*; Gilcrist McIlhame or McIlhane, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll); Donald dow McGillewhome, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Drymen, Stirlings).

### McIlwhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chomhghain**, see **McIlwham**.

### McIlwraith

**Variants:** **Rath, McGillivray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 926, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 423
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Riabhaigh** 'son of the brindled lad'. Compare **McIlwrath** and **McIlrath**, and see also **McIlreavey** and **McGillivray**. **Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the anglicized name in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Marion Mcilwraith, 1650 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Patrik Mcilvraith, Marion Mcilvrath, 1657 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Agnis Mcilwrith, 1681 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Sara Mcilwraith, 1731, William Macilwrath, 1748 in *IGI* (Daily, Ayr); George Mcilwreath, 1781 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr);

Elizabeth Mc Ilraith, 1855 in *IGI* (Tillicoultry, Clackmannans).

### McIlwrath

**Variants:** **McElrath, McIlraith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 246
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: from **Mac Gille Riabhaigh**, see **McIlrath**.

### McInally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1769, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: the usual anglicized form in Scotland of **McNally** (Irish **Mac an Fhailhigh**).

### McIndeor

**Variants:** **Mackinder, Mackender, McAdorey, Majury, McGeorge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac an Deoraidh** 'son of the stranger' or 'pilgrim' (Gaelic *deoradh* 'pilgrim'; 'custodian of a saint's relic'), pronounced /makən'dʒori:/, or from the form without the definite article *an* recorded as *MacJarrow*, whence the variants *Majury*, *McGeorge*. The association with the personal name *George* comes late. Compare **Dewar** and **Doran**.

**Early bearers:** Colin Macindoyr, 13th cent. in *Black*; Gillaspay McIndewir, 1541 in *Black*; [ . . . ] M'Joir, 1565 in *Black*; John Mackindewer, 1576 in *Black* (Portbane); Allaster Moir McIndeir, 1592 in *Black* (Auldverik); Robert McJarrow, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Hailhouse); [ . . . ] McInder, 1613 in *Black*; Henry McJorrie or McJarrow, 1681 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Altrawarie, Ayr); Hendry McJerrow, merchand in Air, 1704 in *Corshill Baron-Court Book*; John McGeorge, son of John Macjore, 1726 in *Black* (Kirkcudbrights).

### McIndoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Iain Duibh** 'son of black-haired Ian'.

**Further information:** This is said to be a sept of **Buchanan**.

**Early bearers:** Andreas MacYndow, 1550 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Donald Macindoye, 1558 in *Black* (Strathearn); Donald McIndoue, 1618 in *Black* (Carnferich); James McIndoue, 1631 in *Black* (Strathblane).

2 Irish: As an Irish name, it may be from **Mac Conduibh**, see **McAdoo**.

### McInerney

**Variants:** **McInerny, McEnerney, McAnerney, McNearney, McNerney, Nerney, Nearney, Earney, McNairn, Nairne, McAnearney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1220, Ireland 1997
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh** 'son of the overseer (of church lands)', from *airchinneach*, a hereditary ecclesiastical profession, often anglicized as *erenagh*. **Early bearers:** Mahowne mcShane McIn Errihine, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3152 (BallyKilly, Clare); Manus keagh McEnyrrena, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4022 (Lysruyn, Roscommon); Ferrall McInnereny, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4793 (Kiltaughorck, Leitrim); Hubert oge mcShane McEnarreny, gent., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Dunnemona, Mayo); Mahowne ne Teig McInyrrymy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617 (Ballsallagh).

### McInerny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cornwall

Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

### McInnes

**Variants:** **McKinnis, McAninch, Kinch, Milhench, Hinchey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5776, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4519
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Aonghuis** 'son of **Angus**'. Compare **McGuinness**. **Further information:** This is the name of a Highland Scottish clan claiming descent from Angus, brother of Fergus Mór Mac Earca, legendary king of Dal Riata in the 6th century. Their traditional family seat was at Kinlochaline Castle in Morvern.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donald McKynes, 1514 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Angus); Duncan M'Kynnes, 1548 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Lochalsh, Argyll); Margaret Mackannas, 1615 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian). England: Joseph Mackaness, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Mackaness, 1725 in *IGI* (Elstow, Beds); George Mackanis, 1751 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts); Mary Mackaness, 1773 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants).

### McInroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Ruaidh** 'son of the red-haired one'.

**Early bearers:** Katherin Macinroy, 1793 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Thomas Macinroy, 1799 in *IGI* (Coupar Angus, Angus); James Macinroy, 1801 in *IGI* (Logierait, Perth); Duncan Macinroy, 1806 in *IGI* (Inchtute, Perth).

### McIntee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: from **Mac an tSaoi**, see **McEntee**.

### McInteer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**, **McAteer**.

**McIntire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; Cumb
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.

**McIntosh**

Variants: **Mackintosh, McKintosh, Tosh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14648, Ireland 268
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11635
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: status name from **Mac an Toisich** 'son of the chief'.

**Further information:** Clan Mackintosh is a Highland Scottish clan claiming descent from Shaw McDuff, a 12th-century chief (second son of Duncan, Earl of Fife), who established the traditional family seat at Perry, Morays. The chiefs of Clan Mackintosh have been regarded as leaders of the Chattan Confederation since 1291.

**Early bearers:** Farchard McToschy, 1382 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Birse, Aberdeens); Alexander Mackintoche, 1390 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Morays); Donald Mc Intosh, 1654 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Isobell Mc Intosh, 1655 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Margrat Mc Intosh, 1676 in *IGI* (Forres, Morays); Margret Mc Intosh, 1696 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); Christian Mc Intosh, 1703 in *IGI* (Crail, Fife).

**McIntyre**

Variants: **McEntyre, McEntire, McIntire, McInteer, McTyre, Tyre, McTeer, McTeir, McTier, Tier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15273, Ireland 2627
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11299
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland; also Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Derry, and Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: occupational name from **Mac an-tSaoir** 'son of the carpenter'. Compare **McAteer**. **Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan which, according to clan lore, is descended from Maurice MacNeil, a nephew of Somhairle (English: Sorley or Somerled; died 1164), King of the Isles. **Early bearers:** Nicholas Mac in tsair, 1268, in *Pipe Rolls*; Paul Mctyr, 1372 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; Gildow Makintare, 1506 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Ferquhard McYnter, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Conan, Ross and Cromarty); Duncan Mc Intyre, 1653 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); Janet Mc Intyre, 1691 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); John Mc Inteer, 1707 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banff).

**McInulty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Ultaigh** 'son of the Ulsterman', see **McNulty**.

**McIsaac**

Variants: **McKissock, McKissick, McKissack,**

**McKessock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 410
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Iosaig** 'son of *Iosag*', Gaelic form of the Biblical given name *Isaac*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillanders Macysac, 1231 in *Beaully Priory Charters* (Ross and Cromarty); John mac ysaac, 1364 in *Highland Papers*; Murdoch McIsack, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Margaret Macisack, 1689 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife); Lachlan Macisack, 1783 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

Ireland: Ferdorough McLsok, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4721 (Roscoman, in the barn of Athloan); Teige mcRory McLsok, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Gortenedrom).

**McIver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3503, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; also Louth

Scottish Gaelic: from **MacÍomhair**, see **Melvor**.

**McIvor**

Variants: **McIver, McKiver, McKeever, McGeever,**

**McCure, Iver, Ivor, Ivers, Cure, Keever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1739, Ireland 770
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Midlothian; Caithness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone, Donegal, and Monaghan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Íomhair** 'son of *Íomhar*', Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ívarr*. The Irish name has also been anglicized as **Hever, Howard**, and **Cure**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ewyre og McEwire, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1006 (Morres county); Edm. McKewer, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4588 (Kilbride, Mayo); Ferall McEwire, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4678 (Carton); Brien and Donogh duff McEiver, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4707 (Ardry, Galway); Cocoghegery McEwire, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Kilbegan); O'Neale McEghire, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662; Patrick roe McEghire, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662. Scotland: Malcolm McLuyr, 1292 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Lorn, Argyll); Donald McUvyr, 1499 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Doune, Stirlings); John Mcevir, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Tiree, Argyll); Ag Mc Iver, 1714 in *IGI* (Ardclach, Nairns); Andrew Mc Iver, 1715 in *IGI* (Watten, Caithness); John Mc Iver, 1732 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); Donald Mac Iver, 1785 in *IGI* (Kiltearn, Ross and Cromarty).

**McJames**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Dumfriess; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **McCamish**.

**McJannet**

Variants: **McJannett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: from the male personal name **Janet** (a pet form of **John**) with the Gaelic patronymic prefix *Mac*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes McJannet, 1608 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr); Elizabeth McJannet, 1730 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns); Beatha McJannet, 1745 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayr).

**McJannett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: see **McJannet**.

**McJimpsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** =

Irish: from **Mac Dhíomasaigh**, see **McGimpsey**.

**McKague**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Thaoig**, see **McCaig**.

**McKaig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Dumfries; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Thaoig**, see **McCaig**.

**McKail**

Variants: **McKale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and SW Scotland; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cathail**, see **McCall**.

**McKain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Lanarks; Midlothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eathain** = **Mac Iain**, see **McKean**.

**McKale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cathail**, see **McKail**.

**McKane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 321
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal; also Antrim

- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Iain**, see **McKean**.
- 2 Scottish Gaelic: see **McCathie**.

**McKanna**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Angus
- Irish: from **Mac Cana**, see **McCann**.

## McKaughan

### McKaughan

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Eacháin, see **McGahan**.  
Further information: This form of the name is rare in Britain but is quite numerous in the USA.

### McKavanagh

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 91
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Caomhánach, see **Kavanagh**.

### McKay

- Variants: **Mackay, McCay, Kay**
- Current frequencies: GB 15707, Ireland 2461
  - GB frequency 1881: 17101
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim, Derry, and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Aoidh ‘son of Aodh’, an ancient personal name meaning ‘fire’. Etymologically, this is the same name as **McKee, Magee, McCoy, and McHugh**.

Further information: This is the surname of several Irish and Scottish families, including Clan Mackay, a Highland clan traditionally associated with Sutherland in the far north-west of Scotland.

Early bearers: Scotland: Gilmighel Mac Ethe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Gilchrist McAy, 1326 in *Black*; Odo Macidh, 1433 in *Black*; Gilnew McCay, 1506 in *Black*; Alexr. Mac Kay, 1656 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Christine Mackay, 1735 in *IGI* (Dornoch, Sutherland).

Ireland: Malaci Mag Aedha, archbishop of Tuam, 1312 in *AU*; Aedh Mac Aedha, craftsman, 1393 in *AU*; Archibald and Daniel McKeay, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Ewer McKeeay, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Neaghtine McKeeaye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); William McKay, soldier, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6664 (Kildare); Andrew McKye, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone).

10M: [ . . . ] Mac Kee, 1408, [ . . . ] Mac Kay, [ . . . ] Mac Quay, [ . . . ] Mac Key, 1429, [ . . . ] Mac Kae, [ . . . ] Mac Ke, [ . . . ] Mac Kye, 1515 in *Kneen*.

### McKeady

- Variants: **Keady**
- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mag Céadaigh, see **McGeady**.

### McKeag

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 234
- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: N E Ulster: esp. Down

Irish: from Mac Thaidhg, see **McCaig**.

### McKeague

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 128
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

Irish: from Mac Thaidhg, see **McCaig**.

### McKean

Variants: **McKeen, McKain, McKane, McCain, McKeand, McCane**

- Current frequencies: GB 1834, Ireland 94
- GB frequency 1881: 1255
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Armagh

1 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eathain = Mac Iain ‘son of Ian’, a Scottish Gaelic form of **John**.  
Early bearers: Ireland: Gylledona McKeane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4702 (Clony); William McKeyne, horseboy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4730 (Ballyndery, Roscommon); Gilledony McKeane, kern, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5228; Tirlogh McKeyne, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5846; William McKeane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507.

Scotland: Gilberti filius Dovenaldi Mackane, 1329 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Donald McCane or McKane, 1480 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Nigel McCane, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll); Jon M’Kean, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbrights); Marjorie McKean, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Elgin, Morays).

2 Irish: perhaps from Mac Catháin ‘son of Cathán’, see **Kane**. In Ireland this name was sometimes anglicized as *McKeane* or *McCahan*.

### McKeand

- Current frequencies: GB 266, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 325
- Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McKean** with excrescent *-d*.

### McKearney

- Current frequencies: GB 106, Ireland 110
- GB frequency 1881: 53
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow; Ross and Cromarty
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Cearnaigh ‘son of Cearnach’ or Mac Ceithearnaigh ‘son of Ceithearnach’, see **Kearney**.

### McKeating

- Current frequencies: GB 350, Ireland 146
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs and Cumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

Irish: from Mac Céitinn, see **Keating**.

### McKeaveny

- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 72
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Irish: from Mac Géibheannaigh, see **Keaveney**.

### McKechan

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

Irish: from Mac Caocháin, see **Keehan**.  
Early bearers: Donogh riegh McDonill og McKeghan, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2463; Maurice McDonell Oge McKeghan, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3548 (Shanyuollin).

### McKechnie

- Current frequencies: GB 3071, Ireland 78
  - GB frequency 1881: 2167
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: probably a variant, or perhaps a derivative, of one of the Scottish forms of **McGahan**.  
Early bearers: William M’Kechnie, 1697 in *Laing Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cathé. Mac Kechnie, 1805 in *IGI* (Tiree, Argyll); Jane Mac Kechnie, 1857 in *IGI* (Lismore, Argyll).

### McKee

- Variants: **McKey, McKie, Mackie, Kee, Key, Kay**
- Current frequencies: GB 4626, Ireland 3866
  - GB frequency 1881: 1549
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster
- Irish: from Mac Aodha, Mac Aoidh ‘son of Aodh’, an ancient personal name meaning ‘fire’, originally the name of a pagan god. Thus the name has the same origin as **McKay, Magee, McCoy, and McHugh**.  
Early bearers: Charole duff McKehe, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035; Shane McKee, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035; William McKee, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035.

### McKeegan

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 222
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: N Scotland; also Glasgow; also Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Aodhagáin, see **Keegan**.

### McKeeman

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 121
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Dunbartons and Renfrews
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Eamoinn ‘son of Eamonn’, a patronymic from the Irish form of the English personal name **Edmond**.  
Early bearers: Shane McKemyne, horseman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Cornewgre).

### McKeen

- Current frequencies: GB 436, Ireland 94
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; also Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Iain, see **McCain**.

### McKeever

- Current frequencies: GB 1169, Ireland 1766
  - GB frequency 1881: 89
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone, Derry, and Antrim; Louth
- Irish: from Mac Íomhair, see **Melvor**.

### McKeith

- Current frequencies: GB 285, Ireland 10
  - GB frequency 1881: 226
  - Main GB location 1881: Perth, Argyll, and Angus; also Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: from the male given name *Keith*, which is originally from a locative surname, for which see **Keith**.

**Early bearers:** Donald McKethe, 1480 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edirgolle, Perth); John McKeith, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glenfinlas, Perth); James Mackeith, 1795 in *IGI* (Spanyie, Morays); John Mackeith, 1804 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

### McKell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish, Ulster Scots: (i) altered form of **Mackle**, under the influence of Gaelic patronymic names beginning with *Mc-*. (ii) It may also be an anglicized form of a Gaelic name beginning with *Mac Gille* ‘son of the lad’ or ‘son of the devotee’, see for example **McElroy**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Kell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyclog, Tyrone).

### McKellar

Variants: **McKeller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1908, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow

1 Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Ealair* ‘son of *Ealair*’, the Gaelic form of the Latin personal name *Hilarius*. **Early bearers:** Patrick McKellar, 1436 in *Black*; Archibald Makelar, 1488 in *Black* (Argyll); Duncan McCallar, Makcallar, 1500 in *Black* (Dumbarton).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Céileachair* ‘son of the companionable one’. Compare Irish **Kelleher**.

### McKeller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Ealair*, see **McKellar**.

### McKelly

Variants: **Killough**, **Kiloh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Ceallaigh* ‘son of *Ceallach*’. See **Kelly**. In Ireland and IoM the surname was generally reduced to *Kelly*. In Scotland, if the final fricative /x/ was pronounced, it is possible that *mac* might be dropped to result in **Killough**, and there may have been some confusion with **McCulloch**. **Early bearers:** Ireland: David Mhag Cellaigh, Archbishop of Cashel, 1253 in *AU*; the son of Méc Cellaigh, 1522 in *AU* (Fermanagh); Thady McKelly, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2080 (Killoshkehan, Munster); Dermot McKelly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3884 (King’s County [Offaly]); Hugh McKelly, fisher, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Termon, Roscommon). Scotland: Kalman McKelli, 1298 in *Scotland Calendar* (Galloway); Roger McKelli, 1340 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Culane, Inverness); Galfridus, Johannes McKelly, 1374 in *Great Seal of Scotland* Oswald Mackelly, 1392 in *Edinburgh Register* (Midlothian); Thomas Makelly, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Methven, Perth); Ann McKilly, 1778 in *IGI* (Kilcalmonell, Argyll).

### McKelvey

Variants: **McKelvie**, **McKelvy**, **McKelvin**, **Kelvey**, **McElwee**, **McEvoy**, **McGilloway**, **Gilloway**, **McIlwee**, **Elwee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 635
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Down

1 Irish: from *Mac Giolla Bhuidhe* ‘son of the yellow-haired lad’.

**Early bearers:** Cahall ro McGilleboy, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4727 (Balliasadar); Feigh McGilleboy, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5597 (Ardtarman); Laurence McGilboy, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (Ballyassedarry).

2 Scottish Gaelic: anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Shealbhaigh**, ‘son of Sealbhach’, a personal name from the adjective *sealbhach* ‘rich in herds, rich’. **Early bearers:** Morice Macsalny [*sic* for Macsalny], 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Mathew, son of Maurice Make Salui, 1179 in *Scotland Calendar* (Galloway); Robert M’Kelvie, 1736 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Tongland, Kirkcudbright); Andrew M’Kelvie, 1744 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Wigtowns).

### McKelvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1236, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 869
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Ayr, and Bute

Scottish Gaelic: see **McKelvey**.

### McKelvin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish, Irish: perhaps an altered form of **McKelvey**, influenced by the name of the R. Kelvin (Glasgow) or from *Mac Giolla Mhín*, see **McIlveen**. Compare **Kelvin**, which may be a reduced form of this name.

### McKelvy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **McKelvey**. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but more common in the USA.

### McKemmie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Shimidh*, see **McKimmie**.

### McKen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 879
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and NW England: esp. Aberdeens; Cumb

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: a variant by folk etymology of Scottish **Mackin**.

### McKendrick

Variants: **McKenrick**, **McKendry**, **Kendrick**, **Kindrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1385, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 930
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow, Stirlings, Perth, and Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Eanruig** (Irish **Mac Eanraic**), patronymic from Gaelic forms of the personal name **Henry**, influenced by Scandinavian *Heimrekr*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Makcanryk, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Donald Baine M’Kendrick, 1620 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glenelg, Ross and Cromarty); Elizabeth Mackendrick, 1786 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Catherine Mackendrick, 1793 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews). Ireland: Maurice na bowly McHanrack fitz William, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2273 (Dromany); Wm. mcMorishe McCanrick, kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5113; Callogh duff and Donogh mcCahyr McAnrack, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Kilkenny); Robert McKendrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal); Edward McKendrie, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyclog, Tyrone); Rose McKendry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim).

### McKendrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Wigtowns; Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Éinrí*, see **McHenry**.

### McKendry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 554
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Durham, Cumb, and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish: from *Mac Éinrí*, see **McHenry**. **Early bearers:** Geralt McKenery, 1585, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4611; Brian mcThomas McKeneryry, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4726; Shane McKennery alias McKenery, kern, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Ballemagrenyn); Shane mcShane McKennery, gent., 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6230 (Belleugh, Limerick).

### McKenna

Variants: **McKinna**, **McKinney**, **Kenna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13287, Ireland 9370
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3937
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan and Tyrone; also Louth

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Cionaodha** or **Mac Cionaith**, an early Gaelic name probably derived from Pictish. See also **McKinney** and compare **Kenny**, **Kenna**, and the complex history of **Kenneth**.

**Further information:** *McKenna* (Irish *Mac Cinaedha*) was the surname of a chieftain family in NW Monaghan, barony of Trough (Irish *tríocha céad* ‘cantred’, a medieval land division). **Early bearers:** Ireland: Pilib Mac Cinaetha, chief of the Cantred, 1261 in *AU*; Mac Cinaith, chief, 1403 in *AU* (Trough, Monaghan); Andries McKenny, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1290 (Dyrrypaten, Connacht); Connor mcPhilip mcConnor mcShane Cleiry McKenny, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5418 (Limerick); Donslewe McKena, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5666 (Monaghan); Arte, Gillegrome, Nele and Tirlogh duff McKena, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5677 (Monaghan); Patrick McKena or McKenna, chief of his name, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5677 (Monaghan); John McKinna, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Callanefirse, Kerry). Scotland: William McKinnay, 1544 in *Black*.

## McKenna

### McKenna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Fhionnáin, see **Kenna**.

### McKenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and Cumb; Durham

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cinaodha or Mac Cinaoith, see **McKinney**.

### McKennon

Variants: **Kennon**, **Kinnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Ross and Cromarty

Irish: relationship name from Mac Fhionnáin 'son of Fionnán', see **Kenna**. The name is now usually reduced to **Kennon** and there is possible confusion with Scottish **McKinnon**.

### McKenny

Variants: **McKenney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 170
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal and Tyrone; Antrim and Down

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cionadha or Mac Cionaoith, see **McKinney**.

### McKenrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eanruig, see **McKendrick**.

### McKensie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeen; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Coinnich, see **McKenzie**. The *s* results from a misunderstanding of the Scots spelling *z*.

### McKenzie

Variants: **McKensie**, **McKinzie**, **Kenzie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40014, Ireland 854
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26158
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Tyrone; Mayo

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Coinnich, patronymic from the personal name *Coinneach* meaning 'comely', anglicized as *Kenneth*. The Scottish spelling with *-z-* indicates palatalization of the *-n-*. Compare Irish **McKinney** and **McKenna**. **Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish Highland clan, historically associated with the mountainous district of Kintail in NW Scotland, with Cromarty, and with Loch Seaforth (Loch Shiphoirt) on the Island of Harris. Murdo McKenzie (filius Kennethi de Kintail) was granted lands in Kintail by a charter of King David II in 1362.

**Early bearers:** Nevin McKenzie, 1473 in *Johnston*, *Scottish Mags*; Ewin Makkenye, 'sone and air' to Kenyeoch Makzorle, 1500 in *Black* (Black Isle); Alan McConze, 1504 in *Black* (Ardmanoch); Donald and Sorle McKenye, 1513 in *Black*; Gilchrist Makkingze, 1513 in *Black* (Wigtowns); Johannes McKenzie, 1606 in *Black* (Apilcroce).

References: *Adam*.

### McKeogh

Variants: **McKeough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: shortened from Mac Eochaidh 'son of Eochaidh', a personal name based on *each* 'horse'. Usually further abbreviated to **Keogh**.
- Early bearers:** do macaibh Me[c] Ceo[th]ach, 1350 in *AU*; Lowe McDonill McKeoghe, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §966 (Bolebege, Dublin); William McKyoy, husbandman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1675 (Johnduffeston, Westmeath); Shane na Kelly McKeogh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4520.

### McKeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 1416
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Louth

Irish: from Mac Eoghain, see **McKeown**, **McEwan**.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor mcAwly Keone, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4593 (Cork); Donogh riogh McKeon, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4593 (Cork); Shane oge mcShane McKeone, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4591 (Cork).

### McKeone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. NR Yorks

Irish: see **McKeown**.

### McKeough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Irish: from Mac Eochaidh, see **Keogh**.

### McKeown

Variants: **McKeone**, **McKowen**, **McKeon**, **McGeown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6409, Ireland 5163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 861
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Armagh

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eoghain, see

**McEwan**.

**Early bearers:** Sawerly McKeyon, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4077 (Ballyhyn); Donell McKeown (alias Owen) in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5460.

### McKerchar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Fhearchair, see **McKerracher**.

### McKercher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Fhearchair, see **McKerracher**, **Carragher**.

### McKerdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: see **McHardy**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Mhuircheartaigh, see **McCurdy**.

### McKerlie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of Irish **McCurley**, from Mac Thearlaich 'son of Tearlach', which is a later Scottish reduced form of the Irish given name *Toirdhealbhadh* frequently used to represent English *Charles*.

**Early bearers:** Barbara Mackerlie, 1801 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Hugh Mackerlie, 1823 in *IGI* (Leswalt, Wigtowns); Helen Mackerlie, 1827 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Renfrews); John Mackerlie, 1829 in *IGI* (Tarbat, Ross and Cromarty).

### McKern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Mac Ciarain, see **Kieran**. **Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### McKernan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 804, Ireland 960
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Cavan
- Irish: from Mac Thighearnáin, see **McKiernan**. **Early bearers:** Coochogrie McKernane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; Gillisse McKernan, 1581–82 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3831 (West Meath, Cullentrog); Shane McKernan, kern, 1581–82 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Mormine); Cahill McKernan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4422 (Dromyneowe).

### McKernon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 75
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Thighearnáin, see **McKiernan**.

### McKerr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 170
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Carra, see **Kerr**, **Carr**.

### McKerracher

Variants: **McKerchar**, **McKercher**, **Kirker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 5



- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Stirlings, and Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhearchair**, a lenited patronymic from the personal name *Fearchar*, see **Farquhar**.

**Early bearers:** Gillechrist M'Kerracher, 1638 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Lochay, Perth); Angus M'Kerrichare, 1675 in *Highland Papers*; Alexander Mc Kerchar, 1702 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); James Mackeracher, 1762 in *IGI* (Aberfoyle, Perth); Mary Mac Kerracher, 1855 in *IGI* (Port of Monteith, Perth).

### McKerral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: see **McKerrell**.

### McKerrell

Variants: **McKerral**, **McGarrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, from **Mac Fhearghail** or **Mac Fhearghaile**, 'son of *Fearghal*', a personal name meaning 'manly valour'. Black calls it 'an old name in Ayrshire'. In Ireland it has become *Mag Fhearghail*, see **McGarrell**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Donell mcEdmund McKerrell, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4165; Edmund boy mcLaughlin McKerrell, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4165 (Ballintle); Gilpatrick kyogh McKerryll, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5423; Cahill McKyrrelly, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802 (Ardmollan, Roscommon); Gillpatrick McKyrrell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511.

Scotland: Gilbert McCorrill, 1376 in *Black* (Buittle); Gilbert Makcarole, 1481 in *Black* (Grange of Ballyndune super Cree); William Makcarole, 1563 in *Black* (Balcrag, Wigtowns); William McKeirell, sherriff-clerk of Ayr, 1595 in *Black* (Ayr); William McKerrell, 1630 in *Black* (Dundonald); Neell McKerrell, tenant, 1686 in *Black* (Nosbrig, Islay).

### McKerrigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: see **McKirgan**.

### McKerron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Ciarain** 'son of *Ciaran*', a shortened form of McIlheran 'son of the servant of Saint Ciarán'. See Irish **Mac Ciaráin** at **McCarron**. See also **Kieran**. It is sometimes further reduced to **McCairn**.

**Early bearers:** Gillepatrick Mc Kerinor Makerin, 1161–62 in *Newbattle Register* (Lanarks); John Makcherane, 1519 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Bute); Alexander M'Kerron, 1729 in *Scott, Fasti* (Morthlach, Aberdeens); Peter Mackerron, 1826 in *IGI* (Rothes, Morays).

### McKerrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name of uncertain etymology. It may be an anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Cearraich**, **Mac Cearrbhaich** 'son of the gamester', or (according to Woulfe) from **Mac Ciothruadha** 'son of *Ciothruaidh*', which is a Gaelic name meaning 'shower' + 'red'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam Mackerrow, 1789 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); John Mackerrow, 1796 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks); William Mackerrow, 1801 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Agnes Mackerrow, 1825 in *IGI* (Cumnock, Ayr).

Ireland: James Kerrow, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone).

### McKerry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, see **McGarry**.

### McKervey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Irish: from **Mac Cearrbhaigh** 'son of the gambler'. **Early bearers:** McCarvey, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 120 (Fermanagh); Patrick McKervey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryvullan, Fermanagh).

### McKessock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Iosaig*, see **McIsaac**.

### McKetterick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Shitrig**, see **McKittrick**.

### McKeveney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: from *Mac Aibhne*, see **McAvinue**.

### McKevitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 690
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth
- Irish: from a lenited form of **Mac Daibhéid** 'son of David'. Compare the unlenited form **McDevitt**.

### McKew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Aodha**, see **McHugh**. **Early bearers:** Eugene McKew, 1568–69 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1307 (Coylosto).

### McKey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1648, Ireland 1584
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, Northumb, and Durham; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread, esp. Down

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Aodha** or **Mac Aoidh**, see **McKee**.

**Early bearers:** Donoghe McKey, 1560–1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Caroll McKeye, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223; Edmund McKey, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3243 (Collenbeg).

### McKibben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 280
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from **Mac Giobúin**, see **McGibbon**.

### McKibbin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 500
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Manx, Irish: from **Mac Giobúin**, see **McGibbon**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is especially frequent in the Isle of Man and in the USA.

### McKibbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx, Irish: from **Mac Giobúin**, see **McGibbon**. **Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the Isle of Man and in the USA.

### McKiddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish Gaelic: see **Keddie**.

### McKie

Variants: **Mackie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3632, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2242
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Aoidh** or **Mac Aodha**, see **McKee**.

### McKiernan

Variants: **McKernan**, **McKernon**, **McTernan**, **McTiernan**, **Kiernan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 962
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Thighearnáin**, a patronymic from a lenited diminutive of the personal name *Tighearnán* 'lord, master' (Old Irish *tigern*). Compare **Tiernan**. **Early bearers:** Cowcogy McKyernan, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1598 (Rathetwone, Kildare); William McKiernan, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4153 (Clone).

### McKill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108

## McKillen

- Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights and Glasgow
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac an Ghoill*, see **McGill**.

## McKillen

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 188
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Coilin* ‘son of Colin’.

## McKillian

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- Irish: from *Mac Cilleain*, see **Killian**.

## McKillion

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 127
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cilleain*, see **Killian**.

## McKillip

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr; Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Philib*, see **McKillop**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## McKillop

- Variants: **McKillip**, **McGilp**, **Killip**, **Killops**
- Current frequencies: GB 1569, Ireland 314
  - GB frequency 1881: 1017
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from *Mac Philib* ‘son of Philip’.  
Early bearers: Finlaius Macpilibh, 1433 in *Black*; William Makillop, 1526 in *Black*; Donald McGillip, 1532 in *Black*.

## McKim

- Current frequencies: GB 296, Ireland 55
  - GB frequency 1881: 243
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo; Donegal
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Shim*, see **McKimm**.

## McKimm

- Variants: **McKim**
- Current frequencies: GB 242, Ireland 115
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; Tyrone
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Shim*, from a Gaelic pet form of **Simon**. Compare **McKimmie**.  
Early bearers: Scotland: Ranald McKym, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Delny, Ross and Cromarty); Finlay, Thomas and John M’Kym, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Culkenze, Ross and Cromarty); William M’Kimm, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbrights).  
Ireland: Daniel McKim, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo).

## McKimme

- GB frequency 1881: 2
  - Main GB location 1881: Dunbartons
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Shimidh*, see **McKimmie**.

## McKimmie

- Variants: **McKimme**, **McKemmie**, **McKimmon**
- Current frequencies: GB 201, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 131
  - Main GB location 1881: NE Scotland; esp. Banffs and Morays

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Shimidh* ‘son of *Simidh*’, a Gaelic pet form of **Simon**. Compare **McKimm**, also **McSkimming**.  
Early bearers: Ewin Makkymme and John Makkymmie, 1506 in *Great Seal of Scotland* 2, 2987 (Bute); Sym Mak hymme, 1529 in *Grandtully Book* 1, p. 69 (Grandtully, Perth); Johannes MacKymmey, 1550 in *Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities* 2, p. 262 (Murthlac, Aberdeens); James macfinlay Makemy, 1586 in *Taymouth Black Book*, p. 240 (Glenurquhay); Archibald McKimmie, 1609 in *Retours, Scotland* (Bute).

## McKimmon

- Current frequencies: GB 5, Ireland 11
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- 1 Irish: see **McKimmie**.  
2 Irish: see **McSkimming**.

## McKinlay

- Variants: **Kinlay**
- Current frequencies: GB 3354, Ireland 36
  - GB frequency 1881: 2395
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland; esp. Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim, Derry, and Armagh

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Fionnlaigh*, see **McKinley**.

## McKinley

- Variants: **McKinlay**, **Kinley**, **Kenley**
- Current frequencies: GB 1664, Ireland 1166
  - GB frequency 1881: 600
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster; esp. Antrim
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Fionnlaigh*, a patronymic from the personal name *Fionnlaoch*, see **Finley**.  
Early bearers: Fersy McKinlea, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4892 (Clavevoyle).

## McKinna

- Current frequencies: GB 202, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 139
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cionaotha*, see **McKinney**.

## McKinnel

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 83
  - Main GB location 1881: S Scotland; esp. Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mag Congail*, see **McKinnell**, **McGonigle**.

## McKinnell

- Variants: **McKinnel**
- Current frequencies: GB 478, Ireland 22
  - GB frequency 1881: 324
  - Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland; esp. Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: from *Mag Congail*, see **McGonigle**.  
Early bearers: Dovenaldus Macynel, about 1250 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Glenfruin); Robert McKiynnell, 1638 in *Retours, Scotland*.

## McKinney

- Variants: **McKinnie**, **McKenny**, **McKenney**, **McKinny**, **McKinna**, **Kinney**, **Kinnie**
- Current frequencies: GB 1699, Ireland 1841
  - GB frequency 1881: 272
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster; esp. Antrim
- 1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Cionaotha* or *Mac Cionaoith*, see **McKenna** and compare **Kenny**.  
Early bearers: Ireland: Nele McKinny, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (the Fues, Ulster).  
Scotland: William McKinnay, 1544 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Wigtowns); Alexander McKinnie, 1609 in *Retours, Scotland* (Rosneyth, Dumbartons); Ferquhard McKynnne, 1662 in *Retours, Scotland* (Bute); John McKennay, 1753 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Kirkcudbrights).  
2 Irish: from *Mac Coinnigh* ‘son of *Coinneach*’, an Old Irish personal name, borne by a saint and anglicized in Ireland as *Canice*, which was treated in Scotland as equivalent to **Kenneth**. The surname was usually anglicized in Scotland as **McKenzie**, but is otherwise hard to distinguish from sense (1).

## McKinnie

- Current frequencies: GB 224, Ireland 20
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McKinney** (1).

## McKinnis

- GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Aonghuis*, see **McInnes**.

## McKinnon

- Variants: **Kinnon**, **McKinven**, **Kinning**
- Current frequencies: GB 8477, Ireland 77
  - GB frequency 1881: 6296
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: (i) relationship name from *Mac Fhionghuin*, a patronymic from a personal name meaning ‘fair born’ or ‘fair son’. Woulfe heard the final syllable in Argyll pronounced as if Irish *-úin*, but otherwise this surname, especially when *Mac* is dropped, is difficult to distinguish from Irish **McKenna**, *Mac Fhionáin*, which is regularly reduced to **Kennan**. (ii) this name has also been ‘translated’ as **Love**, having been taken as being derived from *Mac Ionmhuinn* ‘son of the beloved one’.  
Further information: This is the name of a Scottish clan associated with the Hebridean islands of Mull and Skye. According to *Adam*, they are descended from Fingon (Fionghun), great-grandson of the legendary king Coinneach mac Ailpein (Kenneth Mac Alpine; see **McAlpine**). Up to 1493 they were hereditary standard bearers to the McDonalds, Lords of the Isles.  
Early bearers: Ireland: Donogh McKynnyne, galloglass, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5608; Shane McKynnyne, kern, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5608; Teig oge

McKynnyne, kern, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5608; Teige McKynnyne, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521.  
 Scotland: Lachlann Makfingane, 1409 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; John MacKinnon, 1586 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Skye, Ross and Cromarty); William Makkynnyne, 1587 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Neill M'Kynnon, 1634 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Sleat, Ross and Cromarty).

### McKinny

- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; NR Yorks; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cionaodha or Mac Cionaith, see **McKinney**.

### McKinstry

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Ayrs

Irish: from Mac an Aistrigh, see **McKinstry**.

### McKinstry

Variants: **McKinstry**

- Current frequencies: GB 349, Ireland 487
- GB frequency 1881: 84
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: E Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an Aistrigh, a reduced form of Mac an Aistrighthigh 'son of the traveller'.

**Early bearers:** John McKinstry, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carnlea, Antrim); John McKenstry, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carnlea, Antrim); Thomas McKenstry, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carnlea, Antrim); Robert McKinstry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Mary Mackinstry, 1861–62 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrickfergus, Antrim); Jane McKinstry, 1861–62 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Antrim); William McKinstrey, 1863–64 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Imdel, Down); Elizabeth Kinstry, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumnykerne, Armagh).

### McKintosh

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 247
- Main GB location 1881: NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an Toisich, see **McIntosh**.

### McKinty

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 69
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from Mag Fhionnachtaigh, see **McGinty**.

### McKinven

- Current frequencies: GB 300, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Fhionghuin or Mac Ionmhuinn, see **McKinnon**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh and Isabella McKinven, 1855 in *IGI* (Kilchenzie and Killean, Argyll); Catherine and

Charles Mc Kinven, 1856 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

### McKinzie

- GB frequency 1881: 283
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in N Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Coinnich, see **McKenzie**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### McKirby

Variants: **McKerry**

- Current frequencies: GB 594, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 430
  - Main GB location 1881: W Scotland: esp. Bute
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Mhuirheartaigh, see **McCurdy**.

### McKirgan

Variants: **McKerrigan, Kirgan**

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 66
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: unexplained, although, as suggested by De Bhulbh, *Mac Ciaragáin* would fit phonetically. Compare Ó Ciaragáin **Kerrigan**. A less likely possibility is the personal name in **Corrigan**, from Ó Corragáin or Ó Carragáin.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Charles Kirgant, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Donegal); McKirgan family, tomb, 1838 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xvi 32 (Ballywillin, Antrim); Owen McCarrigan, 1836 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxxi 106 (Lissan, Derry); Roger McCarrigan, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxii 59 (Ballyrashane, Derry).

### McKisack

- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: see **Kissack**.

### McKissack

- Current frequencies: GB 69, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; Nairn, Banff, and Aberdeens
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down; Derry

Manx and Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Iosaig*, see **McIsaac**.

### McKissick

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 24
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns, Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Iosaig*, see **McIsaac**.

### McKissock

- Current frequencies: GB 201, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 183
- Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Mac Iosaig (Irish Mac Íosóg), see **McIsaac**.

**Early bearers:** Thady McKysogg, husbandman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1317 (Poll na pianan, Balthasar Colmayn, Belnafybernan, Clare); Teige McKysock, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3820 (Pollnebyan); Dunshy McKysock, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

### McKitrick

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Shitrig, see **McKitrick**.

### McKitterick

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 54
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Shitrig, see **McKitrick**.

### McKittrick

Variants: **McKitrick, McKitterick, McKetterick, McGetrick, Watret**

- Current frequencies: GB 283, Ireland 295
- GB frequency 1881: 84
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Shitrig, a patronymic from a Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Sigtryggr*, which is based on *sigr* 'victory' + *tryggr* 'true'.

**Early bearers:** Emann Mac Sitriug, 1494 in *AU*; Cormac McGittrick, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballinamanogh, Sligo); Laughlin McGittrick, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cumin, Sligo); John McKitrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryloran, Tyrone); Thomas McKittrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoynne, Monaghan); Adam Macketrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Comber, Down); John Maketrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbreda, Down); Manus McGetrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo); James Kitrick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo).

### McKiver

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 24
- GB frequency 1881: 72
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in Scotland and N England: esp. Inverness; Durham

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Íomhair, see **McIvor**.

### McKnight

Variants: **McNaught, McNight**

- Current frequencies: GB 3262, Ireland 1511
- GB frequency 1881: 1469
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

1 Irish: part translation of Gaelic Mac an Ridire 'son of the horseman (Gaelic *ridire*)', formerly anglicized *McRuddery*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas McRuddery alias the Knight of the Valley, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5189 (Glancorbbery, Limerick); Walter McRidderly, Felim Riddry, and David mcTirlagh McRiddrie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5451 (Galway).

2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Neachtain, see **McNaughton**. Black says 'The Macknights of Ayrshire and Galloway are said to be a branch of the Macnaughts of Carrick'. See also **McNutt** and **McCreight**.

## McKone

**Early bearers:** Jonet Maknacht, before 1531 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* 14, p. 484 (Barskeoch, Dumfriess); Jonet Mackneicht, 1546 in *Treasurer Accounts* 8, p. 200 (Kirkcudbrights); John McNeight, 1684 in *Black* (Kirkmabreck, Dumfriess); James Machnight, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Crossmichael, Dumfriess).

### McKone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Mac Eoghain, see **McEwan**.

### McKowen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eoghain, see **McKeown**, **McEwan**.

### McKown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent; Berks; NR Yorks and Durham
- Irish: from Mac Eoghain, see **McEwan**.

### McKoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Aoidh, see **McCoy**.

### McKune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights; also Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eoghain, see **McEwan**.

### McLachlan

**Variants:** **McLauchlan**, **McLauchlin**, **McLachlin**, **Lachlan**, **Laughlin**, **Laughlan**, **Laughland**, **Lauchlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5630, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Lachlainn ‘son of *Lachlann*’, from the personal name *Lachlann*, earlier *Lochlann*, which means ‘Norseman’, from a term denoting Scandinavia (possibly ‘land of lakes (or fjords)’). Compare Irish *McLaughlin*, *O’Loughlin* (in which Gaelic *ch* is anglicized as *gh*, as normal in Ireland).

**Further information:** Clan Lachlan is a Scottish clan with traditional lands on the eastern shores of Loch Fyne. They claim descent from Lachlan Mor, a 13th-century chieftain of Irish ancestry.

**Early bearers:** Gileskel Mclachlan, 1292 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* 1, p. 91 (Lorn, Argyll); Richard Louchlani, 1328, Ricardus filius Lochlane, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*, pp. 86, 179 (Stirlings); Celestine Maclachlane, before 1425 in *Black* (Lennox, Dumfriess); Lachlan Maclachlan, 1556 in *Poltalloch Writs*, p. 142 (Stirlings).

### McLachlin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Lochlainn, see **McLachlan**.

### McLafferty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Antrim
- Irish: see **Lafferty**.

### McLagan

**Variants:** **McLaggan**, **Lagan**, **Laggan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Gille Adhagain ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of *Adhagan*’, a variant of the personal name *Adamhnán*, saint of Iona. Compare the Irish Gaelic form at **McAlonan**. There may have been some confusion with the Ulster name **McGilligan**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Donald Makclaagan, 1529 in *Grandtully Book* (Grandtully, Perth); John M’Gillenlag, 1556 in *Taymouth Black Book*; Donald M’Lagane, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Perth).

Ireland: Nicholas and Teig McLagan, husbandmen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533.

### McLaggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McLagan**.

### McLain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Éain, see **McLean**.

### McLaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; also Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Éain, see **McLean**.

### McLanaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Clanachan**.

### McLane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Scotland and N England
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Éain, see **McLean**.

### McLaney

- Variants:** **Laney**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: probably a variant of **McElhinney**.

### McLardie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McLafferty**. See **Lafferty**.

### McLardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McLafferty**. See **Lafferty**.

### McLaren

**Variants:** **McLaurin**, **McClaren**, **McClarinn**, **McClarron**, **McClarren**, **McClaran**, **McClearn**, **Lawhorn**, **McClarence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9405, Ireland 215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7773
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Perth; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Labhrainn ‘son of *Labhrann*’, Gaelic form of the personal name *Laurence* (see **Lawrence**).

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan that appears to have two distinct origins. One group traces its ancestry to Laurence (Gaelic *Labhrann*), Abbot of Balquhider in Perth in the 13th century. The other group claims a historical association with the island of Tiree in the Hebrides.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John M’Lern, 1466 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Balmaclellan, Kirkcudbrights); Donald Maklaurene, 1586 in *Taymouth Black Book*; Laran McLaran, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

Ireland: Donaght McLeran, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §274; Gillpatrick McLoyrane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657; Rorie McLoran, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657.

### McLarnon

**Variants:** **McLernon**, **McClarnon**, **McClernon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 701
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Mac Giolla Earnáin ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Earnan*’, a personal name probably based on *iarn* ‘iron’.

**Early bearers:** Paul McLernan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145; Manus oge McClirerenan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Patrick McLerenan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713; Paul oge McClirerenan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629.

### McLarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: reduced form of **McLafferty**. See **Lafferty**.

**McLatchie**

Variants: **McLetchie**, **McClatchey**, **McClatchie**, **McClatchy**

- Current frequencies: GB 461, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 233
- Main GB location 1881: W Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Eidich** ‘son of the ugly lad’, from *éidigh* ‘ugly’.

Early bearers: George McClechie, 1519 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); John M'Cletchie, 1656 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); John Maclatchie, 1812 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr); Christian Maclatchie, 1813 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr).

**McLauchlan**

- Current frequencies: GB 1764, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 1852
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland: esp. Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLachlan**.

**McLauchlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 175, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 326
- Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland; Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLachlan**.

**McLaughlan**

- Current frequencies: GB 2057, Ireland 32
- GB frequency 1881: 1461
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLaughlin**.

**McLaughland**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 98
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Renfrews

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **McLaughlin**.

**McLaughlin**

Variants: **McLaughlan**, **McLoughlin**, **McGlaughlin**, **McLaughland**, **Claffin**

- Current frequencies: GB 13739, Ireland 9214
- GB frequency 1881: 2107
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Lochlainn** ‘son of the Norseman’, a patronymic from the personal name *Lochlann* ‘stranger, Norseman’. Compare Scottish **McLachlan**. Early bearers: Mac Lochlainn, king of Telach-og, 1052 in *AU*; Ardgarr Mac Lochlainn, king of Ailech, 1059 in *AU*; Domnall Mac Lochlainn, king of Ailech, 1088 in *AU*; Mael-Sechlainn Mac Lochlainn, king of Cenel-Eoghain, 1176 in *AU*; Patrick McLaughlin, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §161; Fynen McLoghlen, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1004 (The Rosse); Carber McGlaghlyn and Melaghlen McClaghlyne, husbandmen, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3355 (Rathspike, Westmeath); Dowlaght McLaghlen, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240; Conoghor McDonogh McCloughlin, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4723 (Tarlach, Clare); Laughlin O'Loughlin, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4860 (Clownlourtie); Brian McLaughlin, chief of his name, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5227 (Leitrim, Ballemaghlen); Neill McLeghilline, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5520 (Kyleynane); William McLaughline, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432.

**McLaughton**

- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Lanarks; also London

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name of uncertain, apparently quite recent, origin. The personal name could be *Lachtnán* ‘little grey one’, as in the widespread Irish surname *Ó Lachtnáin*, anglicized as *Laughnan*, **Loughran**, and **Loughlan** (sometimes *McLoughlin*), and in Cork substituted by **Lawton**. See **Laughton**.

Early bearers: John McLaughton, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Castlefinn, Donegal); Sarah McLaughton, 1901 in *Census 1901, Ireland* (Charlemont Row, Dublin).

**McLaurin**

- Current frequencies: GB 205, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 126
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Argyll, Perth, and SW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhrainn**, see **McLaren**.

**McLave**

- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Fhlaithimh**, see **Claffey**, **McCleave**.

**McLaverly**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 91
- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: Argyll; W Lothian
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Irish: **Lafferty**.

**McLay**

- Current frequencies: GB 994, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 969
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Stirlings

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Lèigh**, see **McClay**.

**McLea**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Bute; Ross and Cromarty

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Lèigh**, see **McClay**.

**McLean**

Variants: **McClellan**, **McLain**, **McLane**, **McLaine**, **McClain**, **McClane**, **Macklin**, **Laine**, **Lean**, **Clean**

- Current frequencies: GB 30970, Ireland 1407
- GB frequency 1881: 20479
- Main GB location 1881: widespread throughout Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Eáin** ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) John’.

Further information: This is the name of a major Scottish clan traditionally associated with the island of Mull, which claims descent from Gille Eáin na Tuaidh (‘Gilleán of the Battleaxe’), who lived in the 13th century (*Adam*).

Early bearers: Scotland: Lachlan McGilleon, 1436 in *Black*; Alexander Maclean, 1636 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); Donald Mc Lean, 1648 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); Alexander McKlane, 1684 in *Black*; James Maclean, 1687 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth); Alexr.

Mc Lean, 1704 in *IGI* (Logierait, Perth); John Mc Lean, 1704 in *IGI* (Cromdale, Inverness). Ireland: Phaly McLayne, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4030.

**McLear**

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 60
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Uidhir**, see **McAleer**, compare **McClure**.

**McLeary**

- Current frequencies: GB 804, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 296
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: from **Mac an Chléirigh**, see **McCleary**.

**McLeavey**

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Dhuinnshléibhe**, see **McAleavey**.

**McLeavy**

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; IoM; Cumb

Irish: from **Mac Dhuinnshléibhe**, see **McAleavey**.

**McLeay**

- Current frequencies: GB 349, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 298
- Main GB location 1881: NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Lèigh**, see **McClay**.

**McLees**

- Current frequencies: GB 144, Ireland 22
- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Gille Iosa**, see **McLeish**.

**McLeese**

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 44
- GB frequency 1881: 3

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Iosa**, see **McLeish**.

**McLeish**

Variants: **McLees**, **McLeese**, **McAleese**, **McAlees**, **McGleish**, **Lees**, **Lease**

- Current frequencies: GB 2010, Ireland 55
- GB frequency 1881: 1336
- Main GB location 1881: Perth; Glasgow; also Angus

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down  
Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Iosa** (Irish **Mac Giolla Íosa**), patronymic from a personal name meaning ‘servant (i.e. devotee) of Jesus’. Compare **Gillies**.

Early bearers: Scotland: Michael M'Cleish, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Brewland, Dumfries); Thomas M'Cleche, 1514 in *Protocol Book Ros* (Coylton, Ayr); Duncan M'Cleish, 1589 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow); Duncan M'Coileis, 1638 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Perth).

Ireland: Tereletus boye McLease, kern, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §856; Dermot McLiece, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §59; Cahir McLeyce, kern, 1561 in *Fiants*

## McLeland

*Elizabeth* §362 (Offalie); Cahir McLisey, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; James mcTeig McLysy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871; Owen McLiece, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §857 (Balylowe); Patrick riogh McLeisse, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1870; Patrick riaghe McLeish, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3494 (Kepaghe); Conill McLyshy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3954 (Dromoyle); Edmund McLyshy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3954 (Dromoyle); Edmund Lease (fitz Morice) 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4492 (Cork); Gerald McLishie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5404 (Ballynlondre, Limerick); Farrell McLise, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5433 (Armoynen); John mcTeige McGullisie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498 (Brosnagh); John McIlliosia, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

### McLeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhaolain, see **McLelland**.

### McLellan

Variants: **McLelland**, **McClellan**, **McClelland**, **McLeland**, **McClelland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5186, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland and Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Monaghan
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhaoláin ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Faolan*’. Compare **Whelan**.

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan with a traditional association with lands in Galloway. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Patrick, son of Gilbert McLolane, 1305–6 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfries); Gilbert McGillolane (alias McLolane), captain of Glenconnan, 1329–71 in *Great Seal of Scotland and Morton Register, Scotland* (Galloway); Matthew McLolan, 1347 in *Papal Letters*; Ingeram McGillelan, 1372 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Forfar); John Maklolayn, 1381 in *Papal Petitions* (Glenluce); Donald Maklellane, 1457 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); John McLelane filius Dungalli Johnstone, 1466 in *Great Seal of Scotland*. Ireland: Rory mcDonell McGilliulan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4593 (Cork); Conor and Donogh McGillelolin, husbandmen, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Molghmor); Shane McGillallien, kern, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799; George McLeland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inch, Donegal); Anne McLeland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Hugh Cleland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyleagh, Down); Hugh Clelland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); James McClellan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonmaguirk, Tyrone); Jane McClelland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Donegal); Francis McClelland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherally, Down); William McClelland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal, Derry); James McClelland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford).

### McLelland

Variants: **McLeland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1555, Ireland 48

- **GB frequency 1881:** 914
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and SW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhaolain (see **McLellan**), with excrescent *-d* due to English speakers’ perception of Gaelic palatalized *-n* as *-nd*.

### McLeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Laomuinn, see **McClymont**.

### McLenaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Leanacháin, see **McClenaghan**.

### McLenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhinnein, see **McLennan**.

### McLennan

Variants: **McLennon**, **McLenan**, **McClennan**, **McClennon**, **McGlennon**, **McGlennan**, **Clennan**, **Clingan**, **Lennan**, **Lennon**, **Glennon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5124, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4091
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from Mac Gille Fhinnein ‘son of the devotee of (Saint) *Finnian*’, a personal name based on the adjective *fionn* ‘white’. Compare **McClintock**. Without *mac* the name may be confused with **Lennon**. The Irish surname was also anglicized **McAleenan** (see early bearers listed there), and often in Fermanagh **Leonard** was adopted as its equivalent.

**Further information:** This is a common family name in both Scotland and Ireland. It is the name of a small clan associated with Kintail in NW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gilpatrick Maglinane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; Edmund McLynan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6533; Conolagh McLynan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Cloghan); Owen McGlenon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Armagh); Patrick Maglenan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saul, Down); David Maglennan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Down); Neal Maglenon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballee, Down).

Scotland: Kessanus Macclenane, c.1250 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Lennox); Gilmory McLenane, 1483 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John McClynyne 1529 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Adam McClenane, 1586 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Culross, Fife); John McLlenane or McKillenane, 1629 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Torloisk, Mull); Alexander McLennan or McGlenan, 1745 in *Black* (Lochbroom).

2 Irish: from Mac Leanacháin, see **McClenaghan**.

### McLennon

Variants: **Lennon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Fhinnein, see **McLennan**.
- 2 Irish: from Mac Lonáin ‘son of *Lonán*’, see **Lennon** (2).
- 3 Irish: reduced from Mac Leanacháin, see **McClenaghan**.

### McLeod

Variants: **McCleod**, **McCloud**, **McLoud**, **Louth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26284, Ireland 254
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17225
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Leòid ‘son of *Leòd*’, a borrowing of Old Scandinavian *Liotr* ‘ugly’, a common personal name in medieval Norway and Iceland.

**Further information:** This is the name of a major Scottish Hebridean clan, associated in particular with Dunvegan on the isle of Skye; also, historically, with the island of Lewis. There are two main branches: the McLeods of Harris and Dunvegan (*Sìol Tormoid*) and the McLeods of Lewis (*Sìol Torcaill*). Both branches claim descent from a certain Leòd (Norse: Liotr), who lived in the 13th century. **Early bearers:** Mael Brigde MacLeod, prior of Brechin, 1198 in *Arbroath Register* (Brechin, Angus); Gillandres MacLeod, 1227 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); Torquil M’Leod, 1338 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Lewis, Ross and Cromarty); Margaret Macleod, 1647 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Robert Macleod, 1705 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness).

### McLerie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of Irish **McCleary**.

### McLernon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 472
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Alderney; Glasgow; Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Earnáin, see **McLarnon**.

### McLester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: altered form of **McAllister**.

### McLetchie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Gille Eidich, see **McLatchie**.

### McLevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; Cheshire and Lancs

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Dhuinshléibhe**, see **McAleavey**.

### McLevy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuinshléibhe**, see **McAleavey**.

### McLin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Co.Durham; Cumb; Staffs

Irish: from **Mag Fhloinn**, see **McGlynn**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### McLinden

Variants: **McLinton**, **Glendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Fhionntain** 'son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of (Saint) *Fionntán*', see **McAlinden**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Agnes Maclinden, 1807 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Maclinden, 1814 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

Ireland: Daniel McLinden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down).

### McLindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham and Cumb; Midlothian; Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Fhionntain**, see **McAlinden**.

### McLinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Staffs

Irish: from **Mag Fhloinn**, see **McGlynn**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### McLintock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Gille Fhionndaig** (Irish **Mac Giolla Fhionntóg**), see **McClintock**.

### McLinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Fhionntain**, see **McLinden**.

### McLoone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Giolla Eóin**, see **McAloon**. Compare the supposed 'translation' **Monday**.

### McLory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Labhradha**, see **McClory**.

### McLeod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish Gaelic: variant spelling of **McLeod** (Gaelic *Mac Leòid*).

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is not common in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### McLoughin

Variants: **McLoughney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: unexplained, probably a reduced form of **McLoughlin** or confused between it and **McLoughney**.

**Early bearers:** Bryan McLoughin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); John McGloughin, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumlamph, Derry).

### McLoughlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8052, Ireland 7384
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1690
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal

Irish: from **Mac Lochlainn**, see **McLaughlin**.

### McLoughney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 Irish: from **Mac Lachtna** 'son of Lachtna', an unattested variant of the widespread historical surname *Ó Lachtna*, see **Loughney**.

**Early bearers:** Catherine McLoughney, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Coonmore, Tipperary); Mary McLoughney, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Roran, Tipperary).

2 Irish (Tipperary): relationship name perhaps from *Ó Maolfhachtna* 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Fachtna*', the prefixed *Mc* being an error for the word *maol*; compare **Moloney** (2).

**Early bearers:** Deirmod mcJames I Mullaghny, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Keyllvallyncassynegh); Edmund Mulloughny, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Knocknagoogh, Tipperary); Margaret Maloughney, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Graigue Upper, Tipperary); Patrick Maloughney, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilbrin, Cork).

### McLucas

Variants: **McCluggage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Renfrews; Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Lucais**, see **Lucas**.

**Early bearers:** Redmund McLucas, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6789 (Kilone).

### McLuckie

Variants: **Cluckie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Stirlings

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Lucaidh** 'son of *Lucaidh* (*Lukie*)', a pet form of **Lucas**.

**Early bearers:** John Macluckie, 1778 in *IGI* (Drymen, Stirlings); Robert Macluckie, 1800 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Marion Maclucky, 1792 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Agnes Maclucky, 1794 in *IGI* (Bathgate, W Lothian).

### McLuggage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Lúcaís*, see **McCluggage**.

### McLung

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Luinge*, see **McClung**.

### McLure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Uidhir**, see **McClure**.

### McLurg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Glasgow; Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Luirg**, see **McClurg**.

### McLuskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh**, see **McCluskey**.

### McLuskie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of **McCluskey**.

### McLusky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Bhloscaidh**, see **McCluskey**.

### McMachon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **McMahon**.

### McMackin

Variants: **Mackin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

## McMahan

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Maicín** ‘son of the young man’, from a pet form of *mac* ‘son, youth’. Compare **Mackin**.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Allex McMacken, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Leballycleare, Antrim); Barney M’Mackin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); John M’Mackin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); Widow M’Macken, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down).  
Scotland: Finiai Makmakyn or M’Makin, 1456 in *Black* (Rhinn); Michell Macmakin, 1540 in *Black* (Ardeveill).

## McMahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **McMahon**.

## McMahon

**Variants:** McMahan, McMachon, McMann, McMmain, Mahon, McMahoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12361, Ireland 10287
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3999
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Monaghan

Irish: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, a patronymic from the name *Mathghamhain*, literally meaning ‘good calf’, a kenning for ‘bear’. This was the name of two unrelated chieftain families in the counties of Clare (Thomond) and Monaghan (the kingdom of Oriel or *Oirghialla*). See also **Mahon**, and **Mahoney**. In northern Ireland this surname has sometimes been anglicized as **Matthews**, since *Matha* was the Irish form of the Biblical name.  
**Early bearers:** Mag Mathgamhna, chieftain, 1239 in *AU*; Eachaidh Mág Mathgamna, king of Oirghialla, 1273 in *AU*; Roolbh Mag Mathgamna, 1314 in *AU*; Maghnus mac Eachadha mac Rooilbh Meg Mathgamna, King of Oirghialla, 1344 in *AU*; Brian Mag Mhathgamna, 1346 in *AU*; Redmund McMahone, late captain of Ferney, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1751 (Stonetowne, Louth); Dermot mcTeig McMaheny, horseman, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2538 (Mahullagh); Dermot mcTeig McMahone, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Rove); Donell kittagh mcDonogh mcShane McMahony, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4414 (Curragh nelecky); Tirleagh McMahowne, of Moyartie, chief of his name, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761; Callogh McMahownde, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4965 (Raffyne); Brian McMaghowny, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Derricrossan, Galway); Rory mac Hugh oge Mac Mahon, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5639 (Dartrie, Monaghan); Phelym Skippie McMahan, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5640; Teig McMahoun mcTeig, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6538 (Clanfy).

## McMahoney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **McMahon**.

## McMain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Northants; London; Fife
- Irish: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **McMahon**.

## McMakin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maicín** ‘son of *Maicín*’, a personal name or byname that is a pet form of *mac* ‘son, youth, young man’. Compare **Mackin**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## McManaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Meanman**, see **McMenamin**.

## McManamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac Meanman**, see **McMenamin**.

## McManamy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Perth
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Meanma**, see **McMenemy**.  
2 Irish: see **McMenamin**.

## McManis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; IoM
- Irish: from **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.

## McMann

- Variants:** Mann
- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maghnuis** ‘son of *Magnus*’. Compare Irish **McManus**.  
**Early bearers:** Arte McMaune, kern, 1584–85 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4580.  
2 Irish: from **Mac Mathghamhna**, see **McMahon**.

## McMannas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: see **McManners**.

## McManners

- Variants:** McMannas
- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- Irish: very likely a spelling in England of Irish **McManus**.  
**Early bearers:** One McMannes, 1663 in *Black* (Caithness).

## McMannis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs; Durham; Essex
- Irish: from **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## McManns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; also Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.

## McMannus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Maghnuis**, see **McManus**.

## McManus

**Variants:** McMannus, McManis, McMannis, McManns, McManners, Manus, Mannis, Manis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7775, Ireland 4179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2623
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Glasgow; Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh

Irish: from **Mac Maghnuis** or **Mac Maghnusa**, patronymic from *Maghnus*, later *Mánus*, a Gaelic form of the Scandinavian personal name **Magnus**. This was an important family in Fermanagh, a branch of the Maguires. The 16th-century anglicized spelling *McManes* may have encouraged the adoption of **Maynes** or **Mains** as an equivalent surname.  
**Early bearers:** Grainne, daughter of Mac Maghnusa, 1321 in *AU*; Matthew Mac Maghnusa, entertainer (brugaidh), 1342 in *AU*; Cathal Mor Mac Maghnusa, 1367 in *AU*; Aine, daughter of Eachmarcach Mac Maghnusa, chief of her own kindred, 1382 in *AU*; Bean-Midhe, daughter of Mac Maghnusa, nun, 1382 in *AU*; Muircertach son of Cathal mor Mac Maghnusa, archdeacon of Clochar, 1441 in *AU*; Donald duff McManus, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §449; James McManus alias McManes, yeoman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §659 (Donmowe, Meath); Edmund McManes, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871; Henry mcDonell rua McManus, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2594; Rory mcTirelagh McManys, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3441; Hugh roe McManus, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5672 (Dirredarvy and Glan); Patrick oge McManes, chief of his name, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5716; Coochonaght and Donogh McManus, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5716; McManus, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848 (Courte).

## McMartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Mairtin*, ‘son of Martin’. Compare **Gilmartin**.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Bridin mac Martin, 1224 in *Coupar Angus Charters* (Perth); Fergus McMartin, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Wigtowns); Duncan M’Martin, 1525 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lossyde, Ayr); Gilbert McMartyne, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr).  
Ireland: Mac Mac Mairtin, 1281 in *AU*; Richard McMartin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483.

## McMaster

- Variants:** McMasters
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2642, Ireland 1177



- **GB frequency 1881:** 1711
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac an Mháighistir* ‘son of the master’, meaning ‘teacher’ or ‘cleric’. It could also be applied in the sense of ‘lord’ or ‘owner’. This name was sometimes anglicized as **Masterson**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Sitriug na Srona (‘of the nose’) Mac an Mhaighistir, 1366 in *AU* (Loch Cé, Roscommon); Coghonaught duffe McMaister, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1447; Malaghlen McAmaster, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2338 (Brittas, Kildare); Donald fower McMaister, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2381 (Ewfkyn); Edmund rooe mcOwen McYmaster, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3855 (Killosonan); Morghe McMayster, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4422 (Dromehoghly); Fergal raffus Mecmaigister, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466 (Salacmough); Brian McEvaster, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6338. **Scotland:** Colin son of John Macmagistir, canon, 1433 in *Black* (Argyll); John M’Master, 1498 in *Black* (Lanark); John McMaster, 1582 in *Black* (Dumfries).

### McMasters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Irish: variant of **McMaster** with excrescent English -s.

### McMath

**Variants:** McMaw, Math, McMay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Midlothian; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Matha**, a patronymic from the Gaelic form of **Matthew**. **Early bearers:** Alexander M’Math, 1468 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dalpedder, Dumfriess); Bessy M’Math, 1506 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dalpedder, Dumfriess); William M’Math, 1540 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Nether-ton, Lanarks).

### McMaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 105
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Matha**, see **McMath**.

**Early bearers:** Richard McMy, chaplain, 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §296 (Dromiskin, diocese of Armagh).

### McMay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: see **McMath**.

### McMeechan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Irish: from **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **McMeekin**.

### McMeekan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian
- Irish: from **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **McMeekin**, and compare **Meehan**.

### McMeekan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **McMeekin**.

### McMeeken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **McMeekin**.

### McMeekin

**Variants:** McMeeking, McMeekan, McMeechan, McMicken, McMeeken, McMichean, McMeelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 598, Ireland 261
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Monaghan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Miadhacháin**, a patronymic from the personal name *Miadhacháin*, a diminutive of *miadhach* ‘honourable’. In Ireland there is also a common Ó surname from the same personal name, anglicised as **Meehan**, **Meekin**, and **Meegan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Samuel M’Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Hugh M’Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballee, Down); James Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); Owen Meehon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh); Patrick Michan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

**Scotland:** Gillebride Macmehin, charter witness, 1185 in *Black* (Keric); Jenetta filia Makmechum, 1496 in *Black* (Kirkdale, Kirkmabrec); Alexander McMychin or Macmechane, 1513 in *Black* (Wigtowns); Thomas M’Meikin, 1671 in *Black* (Killentringane); John McMiken, 1684 in *Black* (Rerrick); Mary Mcmekan, 1720 in *IGI* (Portpatrick, Wigtowns).

### McMeeking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Wigtowns

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **McMeekin**.

### McMeel

**Variants:** McElmeel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Monaghan

Irish: a shortened form of **Mac Giolla Mhichil** ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of Saint Michael’, a Fermanagh surname, more fully anglicized as **McElmeel**. Woulfe suggests that *McMeel* could sometimes be derived simply from **Mac Mhichil** ‘son of Michael’. Compare **McMichael**, the usual shortened anglicized form of *Mac Gille Mhichil* in Scotland, where unlike Ireland the fricative [x] was

not weakened. Occasionally McMeel may represent **McIlmoyle**.

**Further information:** The surname contains an earlier borrowing of the Biblical personal name *Michael*, before the modern Irish form *Micheál*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Hugh McIlmeel, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Derry, Monaghan); Phelim McIlmeele, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Killyleck Otra, Monaghan); Phelem McIlmichele, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Killyleck Otra, Monaghan); Peter McElmeel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Patrick McIlmeal, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bright, Down); James McMeel, 1861 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Tullanacrunat, Monaghan); James McMeel, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Carrigan, Fermanagh). **Scotland:** Malmur Mac Gillemichel, 1211 in *Black* p. 542 (Angus); David McIlvichall, 1632 in *Black* p. 542 (Comrie); Mary McGilmichal, 1764 in *Black* p. 542 (Cowal).

### McMenamin

**Variants:** McManamon, McManaman, McMenemy, McManamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 861, Ireland 1397
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Meanman**, a patronymic from the personal name *Meanma* meaning ‘spirited’.

*Meanman* is an older form of the genitive than *Meanm(n)a*, which is the origin of **McMenemy**.

**Early bearers:** Neyce bane McManaman, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483; Patrick M’Menamin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stranorlar, Donegal); John M’Menamon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); James M’Menamy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Durnan M’Menamy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone); Roger M’Menamy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo); Terence M’Manamy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo).

### McMenemy

**Variants:** McManamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Meanma**, a patronymic from a personal name meaning ‘spirited’. This is the shorter, later genitive form: see **McMenamin**.

### McMichael

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 232
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Mhichil** ‘son of Michael’, compare **McMeel**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Makmychell, 1507 in *Prestwick Records* (Prestwick, Ayr). Ireland: Alexander McMichael, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tamblaght Ocrilly, Derry); David McMichael, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone); Margaret McMichael, 1859 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Quilley, Derry); Jane McMichael, 1861 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Townparks, Antrim).

## McMichan

### McMichan

Variants: **McMichen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Kirkcudbrights

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McMeekin**; possibly from Ireland, but found in southern Scotland.

### McMichen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McMichan**.

### McMicken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **McMeekin**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name has apparently died out in Britain and Ireland, but continues to thrive in North America.

### McMillan

Variants: **McMillen, McMillin, McMillon, Millan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17753, Ireland 1079
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11536
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Maoláin** 'son of *Maolán*', a diminutive of *maol* 'bald, tonsured'. The Scottish surname is usually written **Macmillan**, especially in England. Compare the Irish anglicized form **McMullan**.

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan traditionally associated with lands in Knapdale, Argyll. Tradition has it that they are descended from a married priest or tonsured lay abbot called Gille Chríod ('servant of Christ'), who lived in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Gillemor MacMolan, 1263 in *Black* p. 543 (Lanarkshire); John Macmullan, Makmylan, 1454–87 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Nigel Makmyllan, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); Cuthbert McMilane and John Makmullane, 1526 in *Black* 543; Sir Fingon Makmulane, chaplain, 1540 in *Black* 543 (Tibbermore, Sodor).

### McMillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 177
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Maoláin**, see **McMillan**.

### McMillian

Variants: **Million**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maoilfhinn** 'son of *Maoilfhinn*', a personal name meaning 'fair(-haired) chief'.

### McMillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 14

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb; Middx
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maoláin**, see **McMillan**.

### McMillon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Middx
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maoláin**, see **McMillan**.

### McMinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1215, Ireland 315
- **GB frequency 1881:** 531
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Kirkcudbrights; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Down

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Méinn** 'son of *Méinn*', a gaelicized form of **Menzies**.  
**Early bearers:** Patrick M'Men, 1426 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Dundrennan, Dumfriess); John Mcmyane or Makmyane, 1509 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Wigtowns); Adam M'Minn, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Blackford, Midlothian); James Macminn, 1823 in *IGI* (Hanley, Staffs).

### McMoil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: see **McIlmoyle**.

### McMonagle

Variants: **McMonigle, McMonigal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 628
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Maonghaile**, 'son of *Maonghal*', a personal name derived *maoin* 'wealth' + *gal* 'valour'. Compare **Manley**.  
**Early bearers:** Jane McMonagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Neal McMonagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); Margaret Monagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); James McMunnagle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal).

### McMonigal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Maonghaile**, see **McMonagle**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### McMonigle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish: from **Mac Maonghaile**, see **McMonagle**.

### McMoran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dumfriess; Northumb; MidLothian

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Moghráin**, see

### McMorran

### McMordie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from **Mac Muirheartaigh**, see **McMurdie**. Compare **Murdoch** and **Moriarty**.

### McMorran

Variants: **McMurrán, McMoran, Morrín**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Moghráin** or **Mac Mughróin** 'son of *Mughrón*', a personal name based on *mug* 'slave' + *rón* 'seal'. Compare **Moran** sense (2).  
**Early bearers:** John McMorran, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromgean, Armagh); James McMurrán, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); James Murrán, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); James Morrín, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); James Morran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunsfort, Down).

### McMorris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Muiris** 'son of Maurice'. In some cases this is a gaelicized form of **Fitzmaurice**.

### McMorrow

Variants: **Morrow, Murrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 745
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; also Sligo
- Irish: (i) from **Mac Muireadhaigh** 'son of *Muireadhach*', a personal name meaning 'seafarer', also anglicized as **McMurray**, see **Murray**. (ii) from **Mac Murchadha** 'son of Murchadh', a personal name meaning 'sea-warrior'. This is usually anglicized [Mc]**Murphy**, but in Leinster **McMurrrough**. The Scottish Gaelic equivalent *Mac Murchaidh* gives **McMurchie**. The spelling *McMorrow* represents anglicized Irish *McMurrrough* with loss of the final fricative.

**Further information:** Woulfe describes *Mac Muireadhaigh* as 'an old Breifney surname, still common in the district, but generally angl. MacMorrow'.

**Early bearers:** Connor McMoree and Dermond McMooree, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5441 (Treen, Leitrim); Donnell McMorrea of Clonkoyn, and Ferdorogh McMorreo of Addergoyle, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5476 (Leitrim); Bryan McMorrow, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilvartnet, Sligo).

### McMulkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

Irish: of uncertain origin; perhaps from **Mac Maolchaoin** 'son of the gentle chief'. Compare **Mulqueen**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew McMulken, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killee, Fermanagh); John Mulkin, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisnarick, Fermanagh); Owen

McMullkin, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Forthill, Fermanagh).

### McMullan

Variants: **McMullen, McMullin, McMullon, Mullon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2144, Ireland 3717
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish: from Mac Maoláin 'son of Maolán', a personal name meaning 'little bald (or tonsured) man'. As a surname it is the Irish equivalent of Scottish **McMillan**. Compare in Ireland the surname **Mullan**, from Ó Maoláin.

**Early bearers:** Neill oge and Donell McMowllane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Bernagh McMoylan and Donnell mcNeale boy McMoyllen, gent., 1608 in *Irish Patent Rolls* 110b (Edenduffe-Carricke, Antrim); John McMullan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyard, Armagh); Ephrain McMullan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal, Derry); Eneas McMullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Elizabeth McMullin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone).

### McMullen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2613, Ireland 555
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1043
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Irish: from Mac Maoláin, see **McMullan**.

### McMullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Mac Maoláin, see **McMullan**.

### McMullon

Variants: **Mullon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Northumb

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Maoláin, see **McMullan**.

### McMunn

Variants: **Munn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name reduced from Mac Gille Munna (*McIlMunn*) 'son of Gille Munna', *Munnu* being a pet name for Saint Fintan of Taghmon. Although he was an Irish saint, this surname appears to have been coined in Scotland, where there was a place called Kilmun, 'Saint Munnu's church', near Inverary.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Finlay Makilmone, 1506 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Bute); John Makgillemon, 1517 in *Black* (Bute); John Makmun, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); Thomas McKilmun, 1593 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); Joanne

mcDonche VcIlmund, 1608 in *Black* (Glasrie); Angus Mackilmune, 1646 in *Black* (Dunoon); Kathrine NcIlmoon, 1662 in *Black* (Bute).

Ireland: John McMunn, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); William Munns, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff, Sligo).

### McMurchie

Variants: **McMurchy, Murchie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Bute; Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Murchaidh, a patronymic from the personal name *Murchadh*, from *muir* 'sea' + *cath* 'battle'. Compare Scottish **Murchison**, Irish **Murphy** and **McMurrrough**.

**Early bearers:** Kathel Mac murchy, 1259 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Polnegulen, Dunbartons); Ewyne Makmurchy, 1492 in *Highland Papers* (Dundee, Angus); John McMurchie, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kildallag, Argyll); Andreas McMorphy, 1527 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Strathdee, Perth); Murdoch McMoroquhy, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll); Isobell McMurchy, 1752 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

### McMurchy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Murchaidh, see **McMurchie**.

### McMurdie

Variants: **McMurdy, McMordie, McMurtie, McMurty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Muirheartaigh or Mac Muirheartaich, 'son of Muirheartach', a personal name meaning 'sea-ruler'. In Scotland the name was often lenited to give **McKirby**. Compare also **Murdoch**, **McMurdo**, and **Moriarty**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gilpatryke McMoriertaghe, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §11 (Leis); Donald McMorertaghe, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2881 (Moygawna, Waterford); Hugh or Effe ballagh McMoretagh, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2976 (Collynnaboye, Wexford); Murihirtagh oge McMwrihirtagh, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3084 (Arloe, Limerick); Hugh mcCormock McMortaghe, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719 (Tirreleckyn, Longford); Cowchogrey McMoriertaghe, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719 (Clares, Longford); Meyler McMorritok, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3775 (Ballekilmorie, King's County [Offaly]); Edm. McMorierty, of Monasterdurg, horseman, and Teig rioghe McMorrerty, of Crinville, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Longford); Adam McMurdy, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Belfast, Antrim); Patrick McMurdey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Down); Robert McMurdy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Hans McMordie, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Seapatrick, Down).

Scotland: Evarus Makmurthe, 1506 in *Black* p. 546 (Kintyre); Gilbert Makmurty, 1508 in *Black* p. 547

(Edinburgh); Makmurrarty, 1547 in *Black* p. 532; Robert son of John Makmurdie, 1602 in *Black* p. 546 (Dunsoir, Dumfries).

### McMurdo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 897, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 435
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from 'son of Murdo', see **Murdoch**. Used to anglicize *Mac Murchaidh*, see **McMurchie**.

### McMurdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; W Lothian; Perth; also Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Muirheartaich, see **McMurdie**.

### McMurran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: mainly Irish form of Scottish **McMorran**.

### McMurray

Variants: **McCurry, McMurry, McMurrich, Murray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2076, Ireland 858
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and SW Scotland; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Mac Muireadhaigh, Mac Muireadhaich, the personal name in **Murray**. In Scotland the final *-ch* was pronounced, whence the variant **McMurrich**. The lenited form gives rise to **McCurrach**, **McCurry** and **Currie**.

**Early bearers:** Shane mcGeralt McMurye, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §994 (the Monastery, Powerscourt); Donogh mcGilpatrick McMurrey, horseman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1379 (Manyster, Poweriscourt, Dublin); Moroghe mcGerrot McMorry, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844 (Dublin); Donell grome and Tyernan McMorey, husbandman and kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4797 (Leitrim); Donnagh McMorye, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897 (Antrim); Guillasbege McMurry, 1588 *Fiants Elizabeth* §5136 (?Antrim), Gilleduffe mcWalter McMurry, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Balliloghmaske, Mayo); Gilliduffe McMorrie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629 (Ulster).

### McMurrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Renfrews
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McMurray**.

### McMurrrough

Variants: **Murrow, Morrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Irish: anglicization (in Leinster) of **Mac Murchadha** 'son of *Murchadh*', a personal name meaning 'sea-warrior'. A powerful family of this name were also known as **Kavanagh**. The spelling *gh* indicates the

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original guttural fricative sound of the internal *-ch-*. Elsewhere, in Roscommon and Tyrone, the usual anglicization was **Murphy** (the same phonetic change as in English *laugh, cough* etc.).

**Further information:** Diarmait Mac Murchada, anglicized Dermot McMurrugh, was King of Leinster on various occasions from 1126–71. He requested help from Henry II to reclaim his kingdom after being deposed in 1166.

**Early bearers:** Domnall Mac Murchadha, king of Ath-Cliaith (Dublin), 1075 in *AU*; Mac Murchadha, king of Leinster and the (Scandinavian) foreigners, 1122 in *AU*; Diarmait Mac Murchadha, king of Leinster, 1166 in *AU*; Art McMorrughe and Gerald Cavanaghe McMoroughe, kerns, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §333 (Daveistowne, Wexford); Thomas mcOwen McMorrughe, of Bally mcMorcho, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2248; Ferr duffe McMurragh, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2832 (Clontecoege); Lysaughe McMorthe, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Eugene mcHugh McMortagh, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1439 (Newston, Carlow); Melaghlín mcRory McMortaghe, horseman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2835 (Queen's county [Laois]); Shane McMortaghe, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844 (Fercolin, Dublin); Conell McMortaghe gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4622 (Queen's County [Laois]); Dermot mcDonnogh McMorrogh, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4811 (Clanhanricke, Wexford).

### McMurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Warwicks

Scottish Gaelic: Gaelic **Mac Muireadhaigh**, see **McMurray**.

### McMurtie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Muircheartaigh**, see **McMurdie**.

### McMurtrie

**Variants:** **McMurtry**, **McMutrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Muircheartaich** 'son of *Muircheartach*', a personal name meaning 'navigator', from *muir* 'sea' + *ceartach* 'ruler'. This modern version of an Irish and Scottish surname with many variants has an additional *r* in the final syllable. Compare **McMurty**, **McMurdo**, and **Moriarty**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Makmurtye, 1508 and William McMowtrie 1684 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). Ireland: Charles or Callogh McMuriertagh, kern, 1550 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §595 (King's County [Offaly]); Randal McMurthy, 1839 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* x 82, 99 (Island Magee, Antrim); Hugh McMurtry, 1835? in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxvi 35, 46; John McMurtry, 1839 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxxvii 189 (Carrickfergus, Antrim).

### McMurtry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 205

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Muircheartaigh**; Irish anglicized spelling of **McMurtrie** (Scottish Gaelic **Mac Muircheartaich**).

### McMurty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Muircheartaigh**, **Mac Muircheartaich**, see **McMurdie**, and compare *Murtagh* and **Moriarty**, Scottish **Murdoch** and **McMurdo**.

### McMutrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McMurtrie**, which has dropped the first *r* of **Mac Muircheartaich**.

### McMylor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: patronymic from the Welsh personal name *Meilyr*, see **Myler**.

### McNab

**Variants:** **McNabb**, **Nabb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3175, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2869
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Aba(dh)** 'son of the abbot'.

**Further information:** In Scotland many monasteries were controlled by hereditary lay abbots. Clan McNab claims descent from a certain Abraruadh, Abbot of Glen Dochart, Perth, in the 9th century. Abraruadh is said to have been a younger son of King Kenneth Mac Alpine (Coinneach mac Ailpein; see **McAlpine**). According to another tradition, the clan founder was a lay abbot of Glen Dochart at the time of King David I (1124–53). Malcolm de Glendochart is recorded in the *Ragman Rolls* (1296) and was no doubt a member of this clan.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Mathew McNab, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Buittle, Wigtowns); Finlay McNab, 1530 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Bowane, Perth); Alexander McNab, 1552 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ayr).

Ireland: Ennys mcMarcus M'an Abba, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607 (Mayo); Teige keagh McEnabb, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484 (Dommerston); Andrew McNabb, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Glasslough, Monaghan); John McNabb, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tonyhamigan, Monaghan); Robert McNab, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim).

**References:** *Adam, Wikipedia*.

### McNabb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 425
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also NW Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Mayo

Irish: from **Mac an Abadh** 'son of the abbot', see **McNab**.

### McNae

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

### McNair

**Variants:** **Nair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2092, Ireland 126
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1801
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name perhaps from *Mac an Fhuibhir* 'son of the smith', *Mac an Fhuidhir* 'the stranger's son', or *Mac an Oighre* 'son of the heir', which despite different pronunciation (see *Black* p. 548) have all been suggested to explain this surname. It was sometimes (Lennox) also anglicized as **Weir**. **Further information:** The surname evidently arrived late in Ireland. Many of the earlier Scottish spellings preserve evidence of the middle syllable. However the Scottish EBs cannot be allocated to different etymologies without further research.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: McNair family, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxiv 107 (Ramoan, Antrim); William McNaire, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gortree, Donegal); Thomas McNair, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisnatrunk, Down).

Scotland: Andrew and Angus McNayr, 1392 in *Black* (Angus); Rinalde N'Gynnayr, 1452 in *Black* (Fortingall); Duncan McKynnayr, 1457 in *Black* (Lettyrmarcloyne, Lennox); Fynlay McNare, 1478 in *Black* (Tollard begg); Umfridus Maknayr, 1487 in *Black* (Glasgow); Jhoannes Maknayr, 1521 in *Black* (Govan); Dominus Robertus McGenayr, 1565 in *Black* (Fortingall).

**References:** *Black* p. 548 attempts to trace the different families historically.

2 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac an Mhaoir* 'son of the steward'. The Scottish name became extinct by the early 19th century, but may survive in Argyll in the anglicized form **Weir**, as in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Malcolm McNozare, 'mair', 1454 in *Black* (Menteith).

3 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Iain Uidhir* 'son of fallow John' (an alternative possible origin for the name in Ross).

### McNairn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland: esp. Renfrews

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Cuthbert M'Narne, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Auchirdilakdy, Dumfriess); Malcolm M'Nerane, 1509 in *Acts of Council, Scotland*. Gilchrist Maknerrane, 1509 in *Stewarts of Appin* (Appin, Perth); Jean Macnairn, 1817 in *IGI* (Troqueer, Kirkcudbrights); Helen Macnairn, 1838 in *IGI* (Annan, Dumfriess).

### McNall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Con Uladh**, see **McNaul**.

**McNalley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scattered: esp. Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhailhigh**, see **McNally**.

**McNally**

Variants: **McInally**, **McAnally**, **McAnelly**, **McNalley**, **Nally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7554, Ireland 4626
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2116
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Monaghan

Irish: (i) from **Mac an Fhailhigh** 'son of the poor man'. (ii) in Ulster this is probably an anglicized form of **Mac Con Uladh**, see **McNaul** and compare **McCullough**.

**Early bearers:** Rickard Mac Inally, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §606 (Boyeston); Edmund McGynille, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2196; Owen McGynillye, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2196; Walter McAnally, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2337 (Dondrome); David oge McEnelly, horseman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4580; Edmund mcWalter McEnelly, horseman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4580; Fardarragh McInilly, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5447 (Teoghboyhin); Owin McEnille, husbandman, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Carn); William Stanton alias McInylly, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6701 (Ballisherown).

**McNamara**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6868, Ireland 6792
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1809
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare; also Mayo

Irish (also Manx): **Mac Conmara** 'son of *Cú Mhara*', a personal name based on *cú* 'hound', genitive case *con* + *muir* 'sea', genitive *mara*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Cu-mara Mac Conmara, 1379 in *AU*; Mail Shechlainn Mainech Mac Conmara, 1432 in *AU*; John McNe Marrae of West Cloncollan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Knappocke); Donell reagh McNe Marrae McNe Marrae of East Cloncollan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Garrowlagh).  
 10M: Mac Conmera, 1311, Mac Namara, 1511, McNamear, 1610, McNameer, 1793 in *Moore*.

**McNamee**

Variants: **McConomy**, **McConway**, **McConvey**, **McEnemy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1822, Ireland 1946
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry
- Irish: from **Mac Conmhíde**, a patronymic from the personal name *Cú Mhíde*, meaning 'hound of Meath'. See also **Meath**, **Mee**, and **Conway**.

**Further information:** A family of this name were hereditary poets in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Concobur Ruadh Mac Con Midhe, 1481 in *AU*; Brian Óg Mac Con Midhi, 1516 in *AU*; Maeilechlainn Mac Con Midhi, 1523 in *AU*; Flann Mac Con Mídhé, 1536 in *AU*; Patrick McName, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); James McNamee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killallon, Meath); Owen McNamee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); Anthony

Conmee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbeagh, Mayo).

**McNaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; also Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Conaonaigh**, see **McEneaney**.

**McNary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: from **Mac Náradaigh**, see **Neary**.

**McNatt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Neacht**, see **McNutt**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain, but is more numerous in the USA.

**McNaught**

Variants: **McNutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1779, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1483
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, shortened form of **McNaughton**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Makenaght, 1296 in *Black* (Dumfries); Fergus McNauch, 1448 in *Black* (Culconnody); Martyne McNacht, 1519 in *Black*; Jonet Maknacht, 1531 in *Black*; Nicola McNaught, 1646 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright).

**McNaughtan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons, Argyll, and Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**.

**McNaughten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Stirlings; also Northumb

Scottish Gaelic: from Irish **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**.

**McNaughton**

Variants: **Naughton**, **McNaughtan**, **McNaughten**, **McNorton**, **McKnight**, **McNaught**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2932, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2370
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Perth and Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Neachtain**, a patronymic from the personal name *Neachtan*, which is cognate with Latin *Neptunus* 'Neptune', the name of the Roman sea-god. *Neachtan* was the name of an Irish saint, but in Ireland such names were not

usually given to ordinary individuals and it appears that the surname originated in Scotland.

**Further information:** The traditional spelling of this name as a Scottish clan name is *MacNaughten*. The clan is associated with a traditional seat at Dunderave Castle on Loch Fyne.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillecríst Mac Nachtan, 1247 in *Inchaffray Charters*; Donald Macnachthane, 1431 in *Papal Letters* (Dunkeld, Perth); Maureis McNauchtane, 1510 in *Black*.

Ireland: John McNeaghtane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Patrick McNaughton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon).

**McNaul**

Variants: **McNaull**, **McNall**, **Magnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Con Uladh** 'son of *Cú-Uladh*', meaning 'hound of Ulster'. Compare the alternative genitive form of '*cú*' 'hound' at **McCullough**. There has been some confusion with the much commoner name **McNally**.

**Early bearers:** Owen modder and James duff McAnullo, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4960 (Belfast, Antrim); Dermot oge McCowley, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5523 (Down); Ever mcJames oge McEnully, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5770; William McNaul, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim); David McNaule, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dundonald, Down).

**McNaull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
- Irish: from **Mac Con Uladh**, see **McNaul**.

**McNay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glasgow; Staffs
- Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

**McNeal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Néill**, see **McNeil**.

**McNealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Devon; Cumb and Lancs; Staffs
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhilidh**, see **McNeilly**.

**McNearney**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

**McNeary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from **Mac Náradaigh**, see **Neary**.

**McNee**

Variants: **McNay**, **McNie**, **McNae**, **Nea**, **Nay**, **Ney**, **Magnay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1253, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Niadh** ‘son of *Niadh*’, a byname meaning ‘champion’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas McNee, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Letterkenny, Donegal); Bridget McNee, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Antrim); James McNea, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Holywood, Down); Mary Anne McNay, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Downpatrick, Down).

Scotland: Duncan M'Kne, 1488–96 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Coshamby, Stirlings); Donald McNie, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Balquhidder, Stirlings).

**McNeece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

**McNeela**

Variants: **Connealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Irish (Connacht): relationship name from **Mac Conghalaigh** or **Mac Conghaile** ‘son of *Conghal*’, a surname also anglicized as **McGonigle**. For an explanation of the personal name, see **Connolly**, also **McGonigle**. In Connacht, **Mac Conghaile** was often reduced to **Conneely**.

**Further information:** There is confusion in the anglicized spellings between the surnames *Mac Conghaile*, *Mac Conghalaigh*, and *Mac Conghaola* in Connacht, and in Ulster *Mac an Fhilibh*, for which see **McNeilly**. However in Ulster *Mac Conghaile* often became **McGonigle**, so that names like **McNeilly** there are probably from *Mac an Fhilibh* there.

**Early bearers:** Rich. mcHubbert McNealye, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4874 (Lyscollyn, ?Galway); Owen grany mcCahell McNely and Ferdoragh McNele, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5615 (Galway or Roscommon).

2 Irish: **Mac Conghaola** ‘son of *Cú Ghaola*’ a personal name meaning ‘Hound of Gaola’, which Woulfe describes as a place-name in Galway. **Early bearers:** Donogh mcConoghor mcEa McConella, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6770 (Castledonevane, Cork); Conoghor mcEa mcTeig McConellye, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4848 (Carne, Cork).

**McNeeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac an Fhilibh**, see **McNeilly**.

**McNeely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 158
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhilibh**, see **McNeilly**.

**McNeff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lancs; London
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Conduibh**, see **McNiff**.

**McNeice**

Variants: **McNeish**, **McNiece**, **McNeece**, **McNish**, **Minish**, **Neeson**, **Nish**, **Minnis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 404
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Monaghan
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Naois**, a patronymic from a shortened form of the personal name *Aonghus*, see **Angus**, after the loss of *gh* caused compensatory lengthening of the second syllable. Compare **McInnes**, **McGuinness**, and, parallel to this form, **McCreesh**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John McNeish, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildress, Tyrone); Patrick Neeson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Fermanagh); Alexander McNees, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Armagh).

Scotland: Gilmor Macnesche, 1376 in *Black* (Knocbane, Dumfriess); John Dow Macneische, 1494 in *Black* (Grantully); Jonete Maknes, 1495 in *Black* (Drumgy, Menteith); Mariot Makneisch, 1517 in *Black* (Gadgill, Kirkudbrights); James Makneis, 1552 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marion Maknish, 1684 in *Black* (Kirkmabrek).

**McNeil**

Variants: **McNeal**, **McNiel**, **Neill**, **McNeill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6097, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4462
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Néill**, a patronymic from the personal name *Niall* (genitive *Néill*).

**Further information:** The Scottish Clan McNeil claims descent from the early Irish king Niall of the Nine Hostages (see **O'Neill**) and the name is associated with the islands of Barra and Gigha in the Hebrides. It was brought to Barra in 1049. Some of them migrated to Antrim and Derry in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Achyne mac Nele, 1289 in *Black*; Bryce Mc Neil, 1692 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); Cornelius Mc Neil, 1692 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute); Margaret Mc Neil, 1695 in *IGI* (Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); John Mc Neil, 1706 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Alexander Mc Neil, 1711 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth).

Ireland: Owen owre McNeylle, gent., Scotsman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3230.

**McNeilage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Argyll

Irish: Scottish form of Irish **Mac Niallghuis**, see **McNelis**.

**Early bearers:** Christin M'Nelos, 1465 in *Lamont Papers* (Dunbartons); Gillaspay McNelus or M'Neluse, 1500 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Archibald McNelus, 1598 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Campsail,

Dunbartons); Gilbert M'Neilladge, 1663 in *Isles Testaments* (Rothesay, Bute); John Macneilladge, 1727 in *IGI* (Kingarth, Bute).

**McNeill**

Variants: **Neill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6581, Ireland 2438
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Glasgow; Midlothian and E Lothian; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Néill**, see **McNeil**.

**McNeillie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: Scottish spelling of Irish **McNeilly**.

**McNeilly**

Variants: **McNeely**, **McNelly**, **McNeillie**, **McNealy**, **McNeeley**, **Neely**, **Neilly**, **Meneely**, **Maneely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 460
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: from **Mac an Fhilibh** ‘son of the poet’, described by Woulfe and MacLysaght as an Antrim or north-east Ulster surname.

**Further information:** There is confusion in the anglicized spellings between this surname and *Mac Conghaile* and *Mac Conghaola*, see **McNeela**. However what appears to have happened is that in Ulster *Mac Conghaile* often became **McGonigle** while in Connacht it was often reduced to **Conneely**. **Early bearers:** Moriortagh mcGildfadrick McEneyle and Conoher og McEneilie, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2617; Rich. McEnyllie, cottier, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4388 (King's County [Offaly]); Rich. McEnyllly, cottier, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4538 (King's County [Offaly]); Moylre, John and Tho. oge mcThomas, and Edm. mcWalter McEnelly, horsemen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4580 (Mayo); Owen grane McEnelle, and Donyle, Ferdoregh, and Shane McEnellee, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5423 (Downgarr, Roscommon); Cahill and Conner McEnyllie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5434 (Ymlaghfaddie, Sligo); Owen grany McInilly, gent., 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5447 (Teoghboyhin, Connacht); Hugh mcBrean Magenill, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Cargin, Roscommon); Flan Mac Enyllie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Killerny, Roscommon); Owin McEnille, husbandman, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (the Carn, Connacht); Owin grane mcCahill McEnyllie, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Teaghboyen, Connacht); Tyerlagh McCoenyll, gent., and Ustion mcRanyll and Callowgh oge McCoenill, gents, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Twoght, Mayo); Manus McEnilly, husbandman, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Belacoily, Mayo); Hugh McEnelly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Wexford or Carlow); Donel mcTeig McKenely, horseboy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Cahir, Tipperary); Nicolle McEnele and Edm. McEnele, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Dublin); Bryen and Rowry mcMortagh McEneyle, yeomen, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6664 (Graunge Myllon, Kildare).

**McNeish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bute; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

**McNelis**

Variants: **McNellis**, **McNeilage**, **McCrellis**, **McGrellis**, **Nelis**, **Nellis**, **Nellies**, **Grealish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 304
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Niallghuis** 'son of *Niallghus*', a personal name (intended as complimentary) composed of the personal name *Niall* (see **O'Neill**) + *gus* 'vigour'. In Irish the combination of [k] and [n] was generally pronounced [kr], anglicized as the variants **McCrellis** and **McGrellis** etc.

**Early bearers:** Owen oge McGrealis, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4875 (Cregmolgreny, Galway); James Nellis alias Cator, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537 (Callan, Kilkenny); Rickard mcTeig McEanelis, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540 (Cork).

**McNellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Niallghuis**, see **McNelis**.

**McNelly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac an Fhildh**, see **McNeilly**.

**McNerlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac an Fhirléighinn** 'son of the learned man'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ferleighinn Dubsidie, 1164 in *Black* (Iona); Ferlanus, Ferleynus, about 1211 in *Black* (Saint Andrews).

surnames, Scotland: Dominic Macafirlegind, 1443 in *Black* (Argyll).

surnames, Ireland: Jane McAnerlin, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrowreagh, Derry); Robert McAnerlin, 1858 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrowclare, Derry).

**McNerney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Cavan

Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McNerney**.

**McNevin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish: from **Mac Cnáimhín**, see **Nevin**.

**McNichol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham and Cumb; WR Yorks, Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: see **McNicholl**.

**McNicholas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 578
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: Gaelic patronymic from **Nicholas**; compare **McNicholl**. In Ireland this was the surname of a gaelicized family of Norman origin.

**McNicholl**

Variants: **McNichol**, **McNicol**, **McNicoll**, **McNicholls**, **McNickle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 602
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Perth; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry; also Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Niocaill**, patronymic from the Gaelic form of **Nicholas**.

**Early bearers:** Dermott macOwen MacNicoll, horseman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1346 (Ballaristick, Dublin); Dermot mcOwen McNicholl and Gerald mcOwen McNicoll, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2203 (Ballyrichard); More enyne Nicoll, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3904 (Wexford); Dermot oge McNicoll, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5457; Dermot oge McNicoll, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Glanbehy, Kerry); Symon Nicholl, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyhorellom, Armagh); Robert McNickle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Camus, Tyrone); John Nicol, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgoon, Cavan); Jasper Nicolls, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim); William Nickel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyniskan, Tyrone); Robert Nickle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bodoney Upper, Tyrone); John Nichol, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); Gustavus Nichols, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloone, Leitrim); Andrew Nichle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone).

**McNicholls**

Variants: **McNichols**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent (Greenwich); WR Yorks; Staffs

Irish: variant of **McNicholl** with excrescent English -s

**McNichols**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Cheshire

Irish: see **McNicholls**.

**McNickle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks; Durham; Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Niocaill**, see **McNicholl**.

**McNicol**

Variants: **McNicoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1903, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1591
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Argyll and Renfrews

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Niocaill**, see **McNicholl**.

This is the usual spelling of the name in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Dovenald Macanecol, 1294 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; Gilbert McNicol, 1533 in *Black*; Thomas Maknicoll, 1553 in *Black* (Glasgow); Malcolmuill McNicoll, 1585 in *Black*.

**McNicoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Niocaill**, see **McNicol**.

**McNie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Stirlings

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

**McNiece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

**McNiel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Néill**, see **McNeil**.

**McNiff**

Variants: **McEniff**, **McNeff**, **McAniff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Sligo

Irish: from **Mac Conduibh**, a patronymic from the personal name *Cú Dhubh*, from *cú* 'hound' (genitive *con*) + *dubh* 'black'. The name is also anglicized as **Cunniffe** and **McAdoo**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Mollaghlyn McConowe, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1641 (Cahirclogan, Clare); Teige McConave, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Gralaghe, Tipperary); Charles McNiff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Roscommon); Patrick McNiff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeevan, Monaghan); Barnaby McAniff, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghavea, Fermanagh).

Scotland: John McKniff, 1674 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright); Donel McKnivr, 1717 in *Black* (Stirling).

**McNight**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: see **McKnight**.

## McNish

### McNish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Kirkcudbrights
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Mac Naois, see **McNeice**.

### McNiven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 934, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 851
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Naoimhín, see **Niven**.

### McNorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Lancs

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: anglicized form of **McNaughton**.

### McNulty

Variants: **McAnulty**, **McInulty**, **Nulty**, **Naulty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4684, Ireland 2725
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1306
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal

Irish: from Mac an Ultaigh ‘son of the Ulsterman’. This is the name of a Donegal family originally from Down. It has sometimes been anglicized as **North**. **Early bearers:** Muircertach Mac in Ulltaigh, 1281 in *AU*; Aengus Mac an Ulltaigh, 1492 in *AU*; Patrick Nulty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Anaghian, Monaghan); Bryan McNulty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisdrumcleve, Monaghan); Patrick McEnulty, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Moyleshagh, Armagh); Bryan McEnulty, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisdrumcleve, Monaghan); Teige McEnulty, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rathlee, Sligo); James McAnaulty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); Nicholas McNaulty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Darver, Louth); Philip Naulty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annageliff, Cavan).

### McNutt

Variants: **McNatt**, **Nutt**, **Natt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry 1

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, simplified spelling of **McNaught**, attributed by Black to Ulster rather than Scotland.

2 Irish: Woulfe and MacLysaght suggest that it may be Irish **Mac Nuadhat**, ‘son of *Nuadha*’, the name of an ancient Celtic god of water.

**Early bearers:** Gerrot McGnoude, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6777 (Faranemorchan, King’s County [Offaly]); Samuel McNutt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); William Nutt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Derry); Margaret Natt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tamlaght Finlagan, Derry).

### McOmish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Thómais ‘son of Thomas’; see **McComish**.

### McOscar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.

### McOsker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews
- Irish: from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Britain or Ireland.

### McOwan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eoghain, see **McEwan**.

### McOwen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Eoghain, see **McEwan**.

### McPadden

Variants: **Padden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Mac Páidín ‘son of *Páidín*’, a pet form of **Patrick**. This is the same name as **McFadden**, without lenition.

**Early bearers:** Donald McPadden, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Dermot McPadyne, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1178 (Cloghere); William McPadden, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3807; Moyllon McShane McPadin, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Clonplocan); Rorye alias Gilleduffe McPadyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4659; Wony rewagh McPadyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4659 (Thome); Thomas Owre McPadin (O’Neale), 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Clonemullin).

### McPake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Selkirk; Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McPeake**.

### McParland

Variants: **McPartland**, **McPartlin**, **McParlin**, **McPartlane**, **McParlane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 970
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, an equivalent of Scottish **McFarlane**, without lenition.

**Early bearers:** Brian boy, Cahill oge, and Donell McParlon, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440; Pharrell McParrhelan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440 (Kilgirre,

Leitrim); Moylemurry McParralan, surgeon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517; Catherine McPartlan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaduff, Leitrim); Patrick Partlon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. Mary’s, Westmeath); James Partlan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oldcastle, Meath).

### McParlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, see **McParland**.

### McParlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Dunbartons
- Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, see **McParland**.

### McPartland

Variants: **McPartlane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 326
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; also Armagh

Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, see **McParland**.

### McPartlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, see **McParland**.

### McPartlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish: from Mac Parthaláin, see **McParland**.

### McPaul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: from Mac Phóil, see **McPhail**.

### McPeak

Variants: **McPike**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic: see **McPeake**.

### McPeake

Variants: **McPeak**, **McPake**, **Peake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 432
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Stirling; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry

Irish: from Mac Péice, a patronymic from the personal name *Péic*, which is not of Irish etymology. Woulfe relates it to Old English *pic* ‘pointed hill’ (see



Pike), while MacLysaght suggests Old English *peac* 'thickset man'.

**Early bearers:** Dermot oge McPeake, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Manus McPeake, 1602–03 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761.

### McPetrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, Scottish patronymic formed from the Scots personal name **Petrie** + the Gaelic patronymic prefix *Mac-*.

**Early bearers:** Aig Mac Petri, 1375 in *Black* (Kerepol, Argyll); William Macpetrie, 1782 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Iobel Macpetrie, 1828 in *IGI* (Skene, Aberdeens); Janet Macpetrie, 1838 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens).

### McPhail

**Variants:** **McFaul, McFaul, McFall, McPaul, Quail, Fall, Fawle, Falls, Fallis, Follis, Fail, Faul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3026, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2895
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland: esp. Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Phàil** or Irish **Mac Phóil**, 'son of *Paul*'.

**Early bearers:** James McPhale, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4614; Margaret McFall, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); Luke Fall, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoyno, Monaghan); William McFaul, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); John Falls, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); Roger McPaul, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal).

### McPhearson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and central Scotland; also N England

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Phearsain**, see **McPherson**.

### McPheat

**Variants:** **McFeat, Faid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, and Perth

Scottish Gaelic: shortened form of **Mac Pheadair**, see **McFeeters**.

**Early bearers:** Robert M'Fait, 1596 in *Laing Charters* (Mill of Inchrie, Stirlings); George M'Feat, 1596 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Port, Perth); Catharine Macfeat, 1688 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Walter Macfeat, 1733 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Macfeat, 1780 in *IGI* (Drymen, Stirlings).

### McPhee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4777, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1972
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland and Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: anglicized form of **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, 'son of *Duibhshíth*', a Gaelic personal

name meaning 'dark peace', see Irish **McAfee** and compare the unlenited forms **McDuffie** and **Duffy**.

**Further information:** *Skene, Highlanders* says, 'The MacDuffies or Macphees are the most ancient inhabitants of Colonsay, and their genealogy . . . is preserved in [a] manuscript of 1450.'

**Early bearers:** Archibald McKoffee, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Islay, Argyll); Malcolm Makcofee, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Colonsay, Argyll); Morphe Mcphe, 1531 in *Black* (Colonsay, Argyll); Dusey McFee, 1541 *Black* (Islay, Argyll); John Mc Fie, 1696 in *IGI* (Rothesay, Bute).

### McPhelim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Feidhlim**, see **McPhilemy**.

### McPherson

**Variants:** **McPhearson, Pherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13702, Ireland 241
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10457
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout N and central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Donegal

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac a' Phearsain** 'son of the parson or priest'.

**Further information:** This is the name of a Highland Scottish clan, part of the Chattan confederation, the founder of which is believed to have been a man named Muireach or Murdo Cattenach, priest of Kingussie in Badenoch in the 9th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Makfersan, about 1447 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); Bean Makimpersone, 1490 in *Cawdor Book* (Perths); Donald Makphersone, 1585 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Strathfillan, Perths); John Macpherson, 1677 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); Joseph Macpherson, 1691 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Macpherson, 1707 in *IGI* (Nairn, Nairns).

Ireland: William Bergin alias McEperson, clerk, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Atenaghe); Donagh roo McY person, 1566–67 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §994 (Kylcoyle); Molaghan McWilliam McY person, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1359 (Conaght, Kerrollenighe); Dionysius reagh McEperson, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1818; Molmore McParson, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1771 (Westmeath, the Palice); Dermot McEperson, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3904 (Tampleshanbogh); Thomas og fit Thomas McCragh McPerson, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4496.

### McPhie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Dhuibhshíthe**, see **McAfee** and compare **McPhee**.

### McPhilemy

**Variants:** **McPhelim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Feidhlimidh** 'son of *Feidhlimidh*', a personal name possibly derived from *feidil* 'lasting, enduring' + *mid* 'honour, dignity'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh McPhelym and Shane McPhelim, horsemen, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §422 (Armaghe, Meath); Terence McPhelym boye, 1551 in *Fiants*

*Edward* §892 (Kylnemanaghe); Morihertaghe McPhelym, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; William mcTeig McPhelem, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §858 (of the country of the Morrowes); David McPhelim, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1748 (Kilmichell, Wexford); Thady mcOwen McFelim, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3036 (Kilcroghan, Cork); Rosse McPhelim, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3733 (Ballinmongan); Murtagh McFelim, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5554 (Tenelick, Longford); Donell McFelemy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Mashanglashie); Deirmod McPhelimy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511; Fynin mcCormock McPhelimy, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6701 (Bareny).

### McPhillips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 940, Ireland 813
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; W Lothian and Midlothian; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Philib** 'son of **Philip**'. Compare **McKillip**.

**Early bearers:** Mulmore McPhilepe, husbandman, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §669 (Camrose, Wexford); McPhillip, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1146 (Gurten); Nicholas fitz William McPhillip, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §977 (of the Geraldynes of Faithlike); Donald McPhillipe, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2078; Grace fitz Philip, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2086; Patr. mcMorogh McPhillipp, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Lewally, Ulster); Henry McPhillipp, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Taghreogh, Ulster); Teige McPhillip, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6160 (Wexford, Burrese); Thomas Philson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leck, Donegal).

### McPike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayrs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McPeak**.

### McPoland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from **Mac Póilin**, see **McPolin**.

### McPolin

**Variants:** **McPoland, Polland, Pollen, Poland, Polin, Polan, Pollins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 275
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from **Mac Póilin** 'son of *Póilín*', a pet form of **Paul**.

**Early bearers:** Denis McPoland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonduff, Down); John Poland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonallan, Down); Daniel Pollan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Down); Bryan Polland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcoo, Down); Arthur Pollin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Down).

### McQuade

**Variants:** **Quade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2337, Ireland 404

## McQuaid

- GB frequency 1881: 908
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone and Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Uaid, see **McQuaid**.

## McQuaid

Variants: **McQuaide**, **McQuade**, **McQuat**, **McQuoid**, **McCoid**, **McWade**, **McWatt**, **Quaid**, **Quate**, **Coad**, **Coad**, **Waide**, **Wade**, **Magwood**, **Kaid**

- Current frequencies: GB 587, Ireland 1158
- GB frequency 1881: 133
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Tyrone, Monaghan, and Fermanagh

Irish: from Mac Uaid ‘son of *Uad*’, Irish form of the personal name *Wat*, a short form of **Walter**.

Early bearers: Maurice gangha McQuadd, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4752 (Cloghleigh); Arte boy McQuoad, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5671 (Califfe and Killeconogan); Nele McQuoad, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5823.

## McQuaide

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 76
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Uaid, see **McQuaid**.

## McQuaker

- Current frequencies: GB 163, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 158
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

Scottish Gaelic: variant of **McVicar**.

Early bearers: Andrew Macquaker, 1684 in *Black* (Penninghame, Wigtowns); John Mc Qwaker, 1687 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Carrick, Ayr).

## McQuarrie

Variants: **Macquarie**, **Quarrie**, **Quarry**, **Wharry**, **Wharrie**

- Current frequencies: GB 707, Ireland 22
  - GB frequency 1881: 416
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; Renfrews; Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Guaire ‘son of *Guaire*’, a personal name meaning ‘proud, noble’.

Further information: This is the name of a small Scottish clan associated in particular with the island of Ulva. Macquarie University in Australia is named after Major-General Lachlan Macquarie (1762–1864), governor of New South Wales from 1810 to 1821, who played a major role in the transformation of New South Wales from a penal colony to a free settlement.

Early bearers: Gillecallum McNeill McQuhore, 1506 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kintyre, Argyll); John Makquharie, 1581 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Hector MacQuorrie, 1674 in *Retours, Scotland* (Gometra, Argyll); Marie Macquarrie, 1771 in *IGI* (Torosay, Argyll); John Mac Quarrie, 1787 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth).

## McQuat

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 124
- Main GB location 1881: SW Scotland: esp. Dumfriess

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Uait, see **McWatt**, **McQuaid**.

## McQuay

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Worcs; WR Yorks

Irish: from Mac Aoidh, see **McCoy**.

## McQue

- Current frequencies: GB 322, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 233
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow and Stirlings; Lancs and WR Yorks

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Aodha, see **McHugh**.

## McQueen

Variants: **Queen**, **McQueenie**, **McQueeney**, **Queeney**, **When**

- Current frequencies: GB 4548, Ireland 133
- GB frequency 1881: 3298
- Main GB location 1881: widespread throughout Scotland

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: (i) relationship name from Mac Shuibhne, ‘son of *Suibhne*’, a personal name meaning ‘pleasant’. See **McSween** and Irish **Sweeney**, where the *S* of *Suibhne* remains lenited. Some early examples are spelled *quh*, the Scots spelling for the voiceless velar fricative [x], representing the *h* sound of lenited *s* (*wh* is an alternative spelling). (ii) relationship name from Mac Shuain, a Gaelic patronymic based on Old Scandinavian *sveinn* ‘boy, servant’, which was also used as a personal name. This is given as the origin of the McQueen or **McSwan** family of Skye, although the spellings are hard to distinguish. Compare **Whan**, which is from *Mac Shuain*.

Further information: This is the name of a Scottish clan, a branch of **McDonald**. They originally held lands at Garafad in Skye (*Adam*).

Early bearers: Scotland: Luke Macquyn, 1403, and Finlay McQuene, Gillereoch McQueane, 1541, in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; Malcolm Macquhyn, 1501 in *Black* (Bute); Mylmore Makquean, 1502 in *Black*; Duncan MacQuhyn, 1557 in *Black* (Glasgow); William McQueyne, subden of Ros, 1581 in *Black*; Duncan Mackquhein, merchant, 1599 in *Perth Guildry Book*; Sween Macqueen, 1609 in *Black* (Raigbeg); Swein McQuene, 1618 in *Black* (Raik, Skye); Isobel Macquine, 1680 in *Black*.

Ireland: Cahir and Rosse McQuynne, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Cahill McQuyne O’Connor, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Thady and Shane Mac Quyne, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Edm. McQwyn, cottier, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3719 (Killenfaghny, Westmeath); Gilpatrick McQuin, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Dromard, Roscommon); Mourrogh McQuine, kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5113 (Wexford); Morish Quine and Thomas Queyne, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302.

## McQueeney

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 67
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Lancs and Yorks; Worcs

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Shuibhne, see **McQueen**.

## McQueenie

- Current frequencies: GB 250, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlothian
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Shuibhne, lenited form of Mac Suibhne, see **Sweeney** and **McQueen**.

## McQueston

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Irish Mac Úistin or Scottish Gaelic Mac Uisdein, see **McCutcheon**.

## McQuigg

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Irish: from Mac Cuaig, see **Quigg**.

## McQuiggan

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 25
- GB frequency 1881: 97
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down

Irish: from Mac Guagáin, see **McGuigan**.

Early bearers: Patrick oge mcPatrick more McQuiggen, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5523; Donell McQuiggan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6724 (Down); Donill oge McQuigine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Patrick mcPhelim buoy McQuiggen, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616.

## McQuilkan

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Cuilcein, see **McQuilkin**.

## McQuilkin

Variants: **McQuilkan**, **Culkin**

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 73
  - GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish Mac Uilcín, Scottish Gaelic Mac Cuilcein, patronymics from the personal name *Uilcín*, a Gaelicized form of English **Wilkin**.
- Early bearers: Scotland: John Dow McWilkane, 1542 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Neil M’Quilkin, 1685 in *Argyll Testaments* (Ardpatrick, Argyll); Donald Macquilkan, 1762 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Mary Macquilkin, 1800 in *IGI* (Kildalton, Argyll). Ireland: Dermot McGillkine, tenant, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6560 (the Laragh, Dublin); Richard McQuilkin, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Farren McFerrell, Sligo); Patrick Culkeen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tawnagh, Sligo); Daniel Culkeen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo).

## McQuillan

Variants: **McQuillin**, **McQuillen**, **Quillian**, **Quillan**

- Current frequencies: GB 2031, Ireland 1831
- GB frequency 1881: 556
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Durham; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

1 Irish: from **Mac Uighilín** ‘son of *Huguelin*’, a double diminutive of the Norman personal name **Hugh**. A chieftain family in Ulster, occasionally confused with **McWilliam**.

**Early bearers:** Seonag Mac Uibhilin, Mac Uidílin, mercenary, 1310 in *AU*; Adug Mac Uidhílin, 1355 in *AU* (Armagh); Senicín Mac Uidhílin, 1358 in *AU* (Ulster); Thomas fitz James more McWyllon, carpenter, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §921 (?Kilkenny); Allester McCuilline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Cormuck McQuylline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Rowrie mcFardorrogh McQuylline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; William mcGibbon McQuyllyne, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Richard McQuilline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Shane McWylline, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish **Mac Coilín**, a patronymic from the personal name *Coileán* or *Coilín* (Scottish Gaelic *Cailean*), see **Collin** and **McCallion**.

**Early bearers:** Malghlin McColllyn, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Kildare).

3 Irish: from **Mac Cuilinn**, see **McCullen**.

### McQuillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Ayr; Lancs; Surrey; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Monaghan

Scottish Gaelic: see **McQuillan**.

### McQuilliam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uilleim**, see **McWilliam**.

### McQuillian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Uilleim**, see **McWilliam**.

### McQuillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Lancs; Lincs

Scottish Gaelic: see **McQuillan**.

### McQuin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: from **Mac Coinn**, see **McQuinn**.

### McQuinn

Variants: **McQuin**, **McGuinn**, **Quinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from **Mac Coinn**, earlier spelled **Mac Cuinn**, ‘son of *Conn*’, a personal name meaning ‘wisdom’ or ‘chief’.

**Early bearers:** Magnus Mac Cuinn, 1281 in *AU* (Disert da Crich, Tyrone); Cahir McQuynne, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Gilpatrick McQuin, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4835 (Dromard, Leitrim); Mourrogh McQuine, kern, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5113 (?Wexford); Thomas mcArte McQuynn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6535 (Nicholstowne, Kildare).

### McQuire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, Glasgow, London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mag Uidhir**, see **Maguire**.

**Early bearers:** Connor McQwire, yeoman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3342 (Dengin); Murtagh McQuire, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3884.

### McQuirk

Variants: **McQuirke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cuirc**, see **McGuirk**.

### McQuirke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McQuirk**.

### McQuistin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Wigtown

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Irish **Mac Úistin** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Uisdein**, see **McCutcheon**.

### McQuiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Irish **Mac Úistin** or Scottish Gaelic **Mac Uisdein**, see **McCutcheon**.

### McQuitty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 188
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Fhaoitigh**, a gaelicization of *White*. It seems to be used with the Irish article as a nickname in 1542: *Mac an Fhaoitigh* ‘son of Whitey’.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Roche alias McNe Whitley and David Keting alias McNe Whitley, 1542 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §287.

### McQuoid

Variants: **McCoid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim

Irish: from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**. This is the usual spelling of the name in Ulster.

### McRae

Variants: **McCrae**, **McCree**, **McCray**, **McRea**, **McRee**, **McRay**, **Machray**, **McCraw**, **McRaith**, **McCraith**, **McCreath**, **McCreith**, **Cree**, **Rae**, **Rea**, **Reith**, **Ray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6352, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4651
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Macraith* (‘son of grace or prosperity’). See also **McGrath**, the usual Irish form of the name, and **Mackereth**, possibly an English surname derived from the same name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Macraht decanus de Carric, about 1202–07 in *Black*; Makrath sacerdos, 1264 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Fife); Macraath ap Molegan of Dumfriesshire, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*.

surnames: Alexander Macrad, about 1225, in *Lennox Cartulary* (Dunbartons); Patric McRe, McRey, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Penpont, Dumfries); Adam McCreich, 1438 in *Black*; John Makcra, 1621 in *Black*.

### McRaith

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Banffs

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

### McRandal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Raghnaill**, see **McReynolds**.

### McRandall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Raghnaill**, see **McReynolds**.

### McRandel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raghnaill**, see **McReynolds**.

### McRay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland (esp. Orkney; Morays) and England

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is more common in the USA than in Scotland.

### McRea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland: esp. Angus; Ross and Cromarty

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**, **McGrath**.

### McReady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs; Jersey

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

**Early bearers:** Georgiana MacReady, 1832 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

## McRedmond

### McRedmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Laois
- Irish: from Mac Réamoinn, see **Redmond**.

### McRee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Cumb; Notts; Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Raith, see **McRae**.

### McReedy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

### McReynolds

Variants: **McRandal**, **McRandall**, **McRandel**, **McRindle**, **McCrindle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 248
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Irish: from Mac Raghnaill ‘son of *Raghnaill*’, a personal name of Scandinavian origin, latinized as *Reynaldus*. See also **Reynolds**, **Randall**.

**Early bearers:** Thady Raynolde alias McRaynylde, chaplain, 1541 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §187 (bishopric of Kildare).

### McRindle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Raghnaill, see **McReynolds**.

### McRitchie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 863, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 554
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty
- Scottish: relationship name from **Ritchie**, a Scottish variant of the name *Richard* with Gaelic *Mac* ‘son’ prefixed.
- Early bearers:** Rory McRitchie, 1725 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Ross and Cromarty); Marg McRitchie, 1749 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); Alexander McRitchie, 1744 in *IGI* (Fraserburgh, Aberdeens); Anne McRitchie, 1747 in *IGI* (Philorth, Aberdeens).

### McRobb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Robb ‘son of **Robb**’.
- Early bearers:** Mary McRobb, 1682 in *IGI* (Dunbarton, Dumbartons); John McRobb, 1707 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jean McRobb, 1764 in *IGI* (Inverkeithny, Banffs).

### McRobbie

Variants: **McRobie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: ‘son of **Robbie**’, patronymic from a Gaelic pet form of **Robert**.

**Early bearers:** Maldowny McRobi, 1363 in *Moray Register* (Morays); James Makroby, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cromar, Aberdeens); Francis McRobie, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Isabel Mac Robbie, 1817 in *IGI* (Glenmuick, Aberdeens).

### McRobert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 433
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; also Aberdeens and Banffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Mac Roibeáird ‘son of Robert’.
- Early bearers:** Mac Roiberd Duinn Domnainn, 1386 in *AU*; Thomas mcEdmund McRobert, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §936; William McEdmund McRobert, kern, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2408 (Grasdeo); Gerald McRobart, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3861; Edmund McRobart, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4856 (Arid).

### McRoberts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 308
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: ‘son of Robert’, with English excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** John Milton McRoberts, 1740 in *IGI* (Armagh); Penelope McRoberts, 1765 in *IGI* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns).

### McRobie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland (esp. Midlothian and Selkirk) and N England
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McRobbie**.

### McRoe

Variants: **McCrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Irish: from Mac Con Rubha, see **McEnroe**.

### McRorie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ruaidhrí; see **McGrory**.

### McRory

Variants: **McRorie**, **Rogers**, **McCrorie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 214
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Irish: from Mac Ruaidhrí, see **McGrory**.

### McRoy

Variants: **McCroy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

Irish: from Mac Ruaidh, a patronymic from the personal name or byname *Ruadh* ‘red’. See also **Roe**.

**Early bearers:** Dermot McCroy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Loghele).

### McRudden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Irish: from Mac Rodáin, see **McCrudden**.

### McRury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Ruaidhrí, see **McGrory**.

### McSeveney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish: from Mac Suibhne, see **Sweeney**.

### McSeveny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Perth
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Suibhne, see **Sweeney**.

### McShane

Variants: **Shane**, **Shayne**, **McCheyne**, **Shine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3005, Ireland 1925
- **GB frequency 1881:** 620
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh

Irish: from Mac Seáin ‘son of *Seán*’, Irish form of **John**.

**Further information:** The McShane family in Tyrone are a branch of the O’Neills.

**Early bearers:** Gerald McShane, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; Callogh McShane, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897 (Archeriston, Ossorry); Patrick McSheane, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Teig McShain, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Lismavoltney); Shane mcRiscard McSheain, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4079 (Lismacooile); Carebry McShean, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Dorygawna, Longford); Molaghlín McSheayn, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Kylognamoe); Patrick McSean, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Ballikelly, Munster).

**References:** *Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames*.

### McShannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic and Irish: see **Shannon**.

### McSharry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Sligo
- Irish: from Mac Searraigh, see **McSherry**.

### McShea

Variants: **McShee**, **Shea**, **O’Shea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim; Dublin

Irish: from **Mac Séaghdha** ‘son of *Séaghdha*’, a personal name meaning ‘fine’ or ‘fortunate’. Compare **O’Shea**. As with O’Shea, Shee is a possible spelling variant, but which may also represent *Mac Síthigh*, see **Sheehy**.

**Early bearers:** Owen McBryan McShee, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5782; Teig mcShane McShea, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6567.

### McShee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Séaghdha**, see **McShea**.

**Early bearers:** Edm. oge McShee, and Manus oge McShee, galloglasses, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4610 (Kerry); Owen mcEdmund oge McShee, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5782.

### McSheehy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Monmouths

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Síthigh** ‘son of *Sítheach*’, a personal name meaning ‘peaceful’. Compare **Sheehy**; see **Sheehy**.

**Further information:** *Mac Síthigh* was the name of a Scottish family that settled in Munster, also known as *Ó Síthigh*.

**Early bearers:** Rowrie McShihie, of Balliallinan, Limerick, gent., 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1463; Owen mcEdmund oge McShihie and Tirlagh mcEdmund oge McShiehie, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5947 (Limerick).

### McSheera

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from **Mac Searraigh**, see **McSherry**.

### McSheffrey

**Variants:** **Shaffrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from **Mac Seafraidh** ‘son of **Geoffrey**’, a personal name borrowed from the Normans.

**Early bearers:** Wm. duffe McShaffrie, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3958 (Feaghe, Meath).

### McSherry

**Variants:** **McSharry**, **Sherry**, **Shera**, **McSheera**, **Sheera**, **Sugrue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1040, Ireland 542
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Down

1 Irish: from **Mac Searraigh** ‘son of *Searrach*’, a personal name based on *searrach* ‘foal’. Thus the surname is sometimes anglicized by pseudo-translation as **Foley**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund mcTeig McSheare, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897; Malaghlin McSheare, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Clonyn); Tirrelagh mcDonoghe McSheare, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911; Moriortagh mcTeig McShearee, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2060 (Kildough in Kill); Mortagh mcTeig

McSera, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2146 (Queen’s County [Laois]); Hugh and Kedagh McSharry, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4800; Donogh McSharrie, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4873; Gillepatrick crone McShorry, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5476 (Addergoyle, ?Leitrim); William McShearry, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5997 (Beahy).

2 Irish: from **Mac Séartha** ‘son of *Séartha*’, an Irish form of **Geoffrey**. Compare **McSheffrey**.

MacLysaght considers **Mac Séartha** the origin of (Mc)Sera and Sheera, ‘to be distinguished from MacSherry’.

**Early bearers:** Cnoghor McShearhie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Knockowrane, Cork); Gullypatrick McShearhy, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Kill Collumkilly, Cork).

### McSkimming

**Variants:** **Skimming**, **McKimmon**, **Miskimmin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Siomoin** or **Mac Shiomoin** ‘son of Simon’. Compare Scottish **McKimmie** and **McKim** and Irish **Miskimmin**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thomas Macskimming, 1684 in *Black* (Wigtowns); David McSkimming, 1757 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Wigtowns).

Ireland: William oge McSheman, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1868; Cale mcDavie McSheman, horseman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1872; Owin mcShane McShemine, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5735 (Corgraige, Wexford); Farrall McSimon, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6459 (the Cavan, Kildare); Gillpatrick, Phelym, and Donell McShymon, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Corhilonnane, Cavan); John Kimming, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templemore, Donegal).

### McSloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and NE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Sluaghaigh**, see **Slowey**.

### McSorley

**Variants:** **Sorley**, **Sorlie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 751
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name from **Mac Somhairle** ‘son of *Somhairle*’, a gaelicized form of *Sumarliðr*, an Old Scandinavian personal name based on *sumar* ‘summer’ + *liðr* ‘seafarer’. Compare **Sommerlad**.

**Early bearers:** Raghnaill mic Somarligh, 1212 in *AU*; Mac Somairligh, 1247 in *AU*; Mac Somhairlidh, 1258 in *AU*; Eímhir Ballaigh Mic Somairle, 1487 in *AU*; Randall mcNyse McSaworly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5703; Rory oge McSawerly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Clonense); Rory oge McSoarly, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5799 (Keologelieghe); Cormock McSoirly, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; James mcShane McSorley, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6706.

### McSparran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Sparáin**, see **McSporran**.

### McSparron

**Variants:** **Sparron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Irish: from **Mac an Sparáin** ‘son of the treasurer’, from *sparán* ‘purse’. Compare Scottish **McSporran**.

**Early bearers:** Mary McSparran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry); Letitia McSparran, 1834 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxii* 45.

### McSporran

**Variants:** **McSparran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Sporaín** ‘son of the treasurer’, literally ‘of the purse’. By tradition, for several generations the family held this role in relation to the Lords of the Isles. Compare Irish

**McSparron**.

**Early bearers:** Duncan McSparren, 1627 in *Highland Papers* (Lochkilcherane, Argyll); Donald McSporran, 1677 in *Argyll Testaments* (Knapdale, Argyll); and Gormla N’Sporran, 1677 in *Argyll Testaments* (Killeen, Argyll).

### McStay

**Variants:** **McStea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 326
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down and Armagh

Irish: altered form (by erroneous association with the prefix *Mac*) of **Ó Maoilsteíge** ‘descendant of *Maoilsteíge*’, a personal name beginning *maol* ‘tonsured one, devotee’. This Ulster learned family was once anglicized as **O’Mustey**, a form that is no longer found.

**Early bearers:** Patrick O’Mustey, 1611 in *Irish Patent Rolls* 191a; Agholy O’Mustey, surgeon, 1639 in *Irish Inquisitions* Ulster §85 Car. I; Hugh McStea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down).

### McStea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster

Irish: see **McStay**.

### McStravick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: from **Mac Srabhóig**, of uncertain origin, apparently from an uncomplimentary nickname, *sreabhógach*, meaning ‘impudent, lazy, or worthless’.

## McSwain

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] MacStravoge, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tyrone); Neal McStravoge, 1838 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxi 18 (Aghagallon, Antrim).

### McSwain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Suain**, see **McSwan**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### McSwan

**Variants:** **McSwain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Suain**, a Gaelic patronymic based on Old Scandinavian *sveinn* 'boy, servant', which was also used as a personal name. Compare the lenited form **McWhan**; see **Whan**. There has been some confusion with **Mac Suibhne**, see **McSween**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John McSwain, 1726 in *Black* (Back); Angus McSwane, 1745 in *Black* (Ross).  
Ireland: John McSwain, 1837 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxi 116 (Magheramesk, Antrim).

### McSween

**Variants:** **Sween**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Suibhne**, 'son of *Suibhne*', a Gaelic name meaning 'pleasant, affable', see **McQueen** and Irish **Sweeney**.  
**Early bearers:** Hector Mac Souhyn, 1271 in *Black* (Dumbarton).

2 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from a Gaelic patronymic **Mac Suain** based on Old Scandinavian *sveinn* 'boy, servant', which was also used as a personal name. This is given as the origin of the **McQueen** family of Skye (see also **McSwan**, **Whan**) although the two similar personal names *Suibhne* and *Sveinn*, Gaelic and Scandinavian, have influenced each other more widely in Scotland.  
**Early bearers:** Suin McSuin, 1746 in *Black* (Roag, Skye); John Mac Swene, 1818 in *IGI* (Bracadale, Skye, Inverness); Angus Macsween, 1819 in *IGI* (Duirinish, Inverness); Eary Macswean, 1824 in *IGI* (Snizort, Skye, Inverness).

### McSweeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1432, Ireland 2552
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork
- Irish: from **Mac Suibhne**, see **Sweeney**.

### McSweeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
- Irish: from **Mac Suibhne**, see **Sweeney**.

### McSwiggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 137
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish: from **Mac Suigin** 'son of *Suigin*', a personal name of Scandinavian origin, *Sven* or *Svegen*.

**Early bearers:** Neal McSwiggan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone).

### McSwiney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from **Mac Suibhne**, see **Sweeney**.

### McTagart

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **McTaggart**.

### McTaggart

**Variants:** **McEnteggart**, **McTeggart**, **McTaggart**, **McTagart**, **Taggart**, **Taggart**, **Tagart**, **Teggart**, **Teggert**, **Taggard**, **Haggart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2393, Ireland 276
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1382
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland: esp. Argyll
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt** 'son of the priest', from *sagart* 'priest'. Married clergy were not uncommon in pre-Reformation times. The surname is now often reduced to **Taggart**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ferchar Mächentagar, Mackinsagart, 1215 in *Melrose Chronicle* (Ross and Cromarty); Donald McKyntagart, 1459 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).  
Ireland: Teige keach McAnteggert, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440 (Corraughe); James O'Teiggart, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6536; Mactaggart, attendants of Donald O Cahan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6688 (Derry); Hugh McEtegart, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Patrick McTaggart, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cornalaragh, Monaghan); Hugh McTeggart, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tinary, Monaghan); Shane McTegart, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Coolederry, Monaghan); Owen McTaggart, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry).

### McTaggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **McTaggart**.

### McTague

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 79
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Taidhg**, see **McTigue**.

### McTasney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish Gaelic: **Mac (an) tSasanaigh**, see **McChesney**.

### McTavish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 889

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland; esp. Argyll and Inverness
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from *Mac Támhais* 'son of *Tammas*', a Scottish form of the personal name *Thomas*. Compare **Tawse** and **McComish**.

**Early bearers:** Doncan McThamais, 1355 in *Highland Papers* (Glassery, Argyll); Duncan McTawisch, 1480 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Strathgartney, Perth); Thomas McTaevis, 1515 in *Highland Papers* (Kenach, Caithness).

### McTeague

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Cavan, and Donegal
- Irish: from **Mac Taidhg**, see **McTigue**.

### McTear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Cumb
- Irish: from **Mac an tSaoir**, see **McAteer**.

### McTeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Ayr; Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth
- Irish: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McAteer**, **McIntyre**.

### McTeggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **McTaggart**.

### McTeigue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from **Mac Taidhg**, see **McTigue**.

### McTeir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSaoir**, see **McAteer**, **McIntyre**.

### McTernan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 136
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Connacht
- Irish: from **Mac Tighearnáin**, see **McTiernan**, **McKiernan**.
- Early bearers:** Cathal mac Tigernain, king of Iartair Conacht (West-Connacht), 1059 in *AU*; Gilla Isu Mac Tigernain, Arch-Chief of Cenel-Breanainn, 1285 in *AU*; Duarcán Mac Tigernain, chief of Tellach-Dunchadha, 1290 in *AU*; Hugh McTernan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4877; Donnough McTernan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440; Phelim McTernan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Loughnecoufe); William McTernan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Killomoda); Teig McTernane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5606 (Funshenagh).

**McTier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSaoir**, see **McAteer**, **McIntyre**.

**McTiernan**

Variants: **McTernan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Tighearnáin**, an unlenited form of **McKiernan**.
- Early bearers:** Hugh McTiernan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Loughroddy); Jeffery McTiernane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786; John McTiernan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786; Con oge McTiernayne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4778; Teige McTiernayn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777.

**McTighe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac Taidhg**, see **McTigue**.

**McTigue**

Variants: **McTague**, **McTeague**, **McTighe**, **McTeigue**, **Tague**, **Tagg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 270
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from **Mac Taidhg** ‘son of *Tadhg*’, a personal name originally meaning ‘poet’ or ‘philosopher’. Compare **McCaig**, **Tighe**.
- Early bearers:** Niall mac Concobuir Mic Taidhg, 1336 in *AU*; Murchadh Mac Taidhg, monk, 1362 in *AU*; Dermot McTeig, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §11 (Leis); Rory McTeige, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Tyrrelaugh McTeigg, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3998; Morris mOwen McTeig, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Ballymore).

**McToal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Irish: from **Mac Tuathail** ‘son of *Tuathal*’, an ancient Celtic personal name meaning ‘mighty people’, compare **O’Toole**.
- Early bearers:** Owen Murrey McToole, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4844; William McRory McTohell, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075; Connor McTohill, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5713 (Enistrick); Teige McTohill, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5713 (Enistrick); Tirlagh McTwohill, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5606; Casarlagh McTuahaell, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110; Brian McTwaill, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633.

**McTurk**

Variants: **Turk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Tuirc** ‘son of *Torc*’, a byname based on *torc* ‘boar’.

**Early bearers:** John Makturk, 1538 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Mochrum, Dumfriess); Bessie Makturck, in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John M’Turk, 1674 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Carsphairn, Kirkcudbrights).

**McTyre**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Morays; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Scotland and not found in Ireland, but is thriving in the USA.

**McVann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bheathain**, see **McVean**.

**McVay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 421
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Glasgow
- Irish: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.

**McVea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 127
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Irish: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.
- Early bearers:** Gilla Coluym McVeha, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617; Hugh McJames McVehey, 1592–93 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5797.

**McVeagh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.

**McVean**

Variants: **McVann**, **McFann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bheathain** ‘son of *Beathan*’. This is the lenited form of the name, the unlenited form being **McBean**. See also **Mellveen**.
- Early bearers:** John M’Wayein, 1494 in *Grandtully Book* (Perths); William McWeane, 1539 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kinnaid, Perths); Effy Macvean, 1749 in *IGI* (Glenorchy and Inishail, Argyll); Donald Macvean, 1757 in *IGI* (Kilmartin, Argyll); Mary Macvean, 1767 in *IGI* (Glenorchy and Inishail, Argyll).

**McVeigh**

- Variants: **McVey**, **McVay**, **McVeagh**, **McVea**, **McVie**, **Vahey**, **Vey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1877, Ireland 2243
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim
- Irish: from **Mac Bheatha** ‘son of life’, i.e. ‘man of religion’. Compare Scottish **McBay**, **McBeth**.
- Early bearers:** Molmorrey McVeagh, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4895 (Kilclove); Gilla Coluym McVeha, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5617 (Castell mcGerlair); Hugh McJames McVehey of the Leyns, surgeon, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5797.

**McVerry**

Variants: **Verry**, **Very**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 153
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Fearadhaigh**, unlenited and subsequently voiced variant of **Mac Fhearadhaigh**, ‘son of *Fearadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘manly’. Compare **McAree**, **McCarry**, and **McHarrie** (Scottish); also the surnames **Ferry** and **Farry**, from *Ó Fearadhaigh*.
- Early bearers:** Morghe McFerry, kern, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2789 (Galway); Conoghor McFerry, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4567 (Scryne, Roscommon); James McFerry, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4597 (Twayne Ighter, Galway); Morrho mcShane McFarry, kern, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5228 (Cappysollagh, Galway); Caell beg McFeary, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5533 (Corclogha, Roscommon); Dermot mcCahill McFarry, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Clomibirn, Roscommon); Moyler McFeary, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5740 (Connacht).

**McVey**

Variants: **McVie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2217, Ireland 283
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1053
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Irish: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.

**McVicar**

Variants: **McVicker**, **Vickers**, **McQuaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1373, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 924
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Inverness; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac á Bhiocair**, Irish **Mac an Bhiocaire** ‘son of the vicar’.
- Early bearers:** Teig McElmere McEvegre, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2609; Carribe McYviccarie, 1600–01 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6469; Donogho McTieg McVycare, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566.

**McVicker**

Variants: **McQuaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 307
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Bhiocaire** or **Mac á Bhiocair**, see **McVicar**.

**McVie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Midlothian
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVey**.

## McVinnie

### McVinnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish Gaelic, Manx: from **Mac Choinnich**, see **McWhinnie**.

### McVitie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Cumb.
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Bhiadhtaigh**, see **McVittie**.

### McVittie

Variants: **McVitie**, **Mavity**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; also Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- Scottish Gaelic: occupational name from **Mac (a') Bhiadhtaich** 'son of the victualler'. See Irish **McVitty** and compare **Beattie**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas M'Vcthee, 1566 in *Laing Charters* (Wigtowns); Robert Makvetie, John Makvetie, 1574 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Lanark, Lanarks); William McVite, 1627 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Margaret McVittie, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Tinwald, Dumfriess); Stephen Mc Vitie, 1793 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### McVitty

Variants: **McWethy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 99
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Longford

Irish: from **Mac an Bhiadhtaigh** 'son of the food provider', a class of people, i.e. farmers, under Irish law. This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland; the Scottish spelling is **McVittie**.

**Early bearers:** John McAveety, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); James Maveety, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rossorry, Fermanagh); John McVittie, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Thomas McVitty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

### McVoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Lancs and Cumb

Irish: see **McEvoy**.

**Further information:** This form is found mainly in the United States.

### McWade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- Irish: from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**.

### McWalter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201

- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uaitéir** 'son of **Walter**'.

**Early bearers:** Shane duf McWalter, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §166; Patrick McWalter, horsekeeper, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Conchore McWalter, 1569–70 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1477 (Ballynrowan); Meyler McWalter, 1569–70 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1479; Theobald beg McWilliam McWalter, 1571–72 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2078; William McJames McWalter, 1571–72 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1974 (Ballynforsoig); James McConghor McWalter boy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036; Conoghor McWalter, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Agherin).

### McWaters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Cheshire; Wigtowns

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: see **McWatters**.

### McWatt

Variants: **McQuat**, **McCoid**, **Quate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Uait** 'son of *Uat*', Gaelic form of the personal name *Wat*, a short form of **Walter**. Compare the Irish form **McQuaid**.

**Early bearers:** Donald Makwat, Gilbert Makwat, 1455 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*. Symon M'Wat, 1491 in *Acts of Council, Scotland* (Bute); Cuthbert McQuhat, 1506 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Makwete, 1638 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Burnokheid, Ayr); William Macwatt, 1790 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Agnes Macwatt, 1811 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### McWatters

Variants: **McWaters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Uaitéir** 'son of Walter' with excrescent English *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John McWatty, Robert McWatty, 1546 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Luss, Renfrews); David Macwaters, 1783 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); George Macwaters, 1810 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks). Ireland: Richard McWater, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1186 (Clonarde in Ferbill); Redmund mcThomas McWater, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4731; James duffe McWater, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6448.

### McWeeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from **Mac Mhaonaigh** 'son of *Maonach*', a personal name meaning 'dumb'.

**Early bearers:** Cahir McWhonie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6523; Lisagh McWhonie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6523.

### McWethy

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Irish: from **Mac an Bhiadhtaigh**, see **McVitty**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more common in the USA.

### McWhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Shuain**, see **Whan**.

### McWhinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from Scottish Gaelic **Mac Choinnich** (see **McWhinnie**) or Irish **Mac Choinnigh** (see **Mawhinney**).

### McWhinnie

Variants: **McWhinney**, **McVinnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 790, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Choinnich** 'son of *Coinneach*', with lenition of the initial consonant of the personal name. This is the usual Scottish form of the name. Compare Irish **Mawhinney** and **McKenzie** (from the unlenited form).

**Early bearers:** Thomas M'Quhynze, 1502 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr); Donald Makquhinze, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); William McQuhinny, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Carsfern, Wigtowns); Agnes Macwhinnie, 1793 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); David Macwhinnie, 1798 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### McWhirter

Variants: **McWhorter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1014, Ireland 285
- **GB frequency 1881:** 719
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac an Chruiteir**, patronymic from Gaelic *cruitear* 'harper or fiddler'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan M'Churter, about 1385 in *Laing Charters* (Stratoun, Ayr); John M'Whirter, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Caldons, Kirkcudbrights); Andrew M'Whirter, 1749 in *Wigtown Testaments* (Kirkhobble, Wigtown); Agnes Macwhirter, 1815 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr); Elizabeth Macwhirter, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Quivox, Ayr).

Ireland: Andrew McWhirter, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballybrackan, Antrim); John McWhurker, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballbrackan, Antrim); Andrew McWhorker, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyclare, Antrim); Thomas McWhirter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); Arthur Mawhirtir, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); William Mawherter, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killevy, Armagh); David and Thomas McWhirter, 1835? in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxxii 129 (Raloo, Antrim).



**McWhorter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Chruiteir**, see **McWhirter**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain and Ireland but is quite common in the USA.

**McWiggan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: see **McGuigan**.

**McWilliam**

**Variants:** **McQuilliam**, **McQuillian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2571, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1799
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down  
Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Uilleim** ‘son of William’, also anglicized in Scotland as **Williamson**. In Connacht McWilliam was a branch of **Burke** (*Bourke, de Burgh*). MacLysaght thinks the name is mainly Scottish in Ulster, with some confusion with **McQuillan** in Down.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillecrist Makwilliam, 1500 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (the Black Isle, Ross and Cromarty); Thome Makwilzeme, 1527 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Strathdee, Aberdeens); John McEane McWilliam, 1548 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Lochalsh, Ross and Cromarty); Callum McQuilliam, 1682 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glenlyoun, Perth). Ireland: Uilliam Saxonach Mac Uilliam, 1368 in *AU*; Mailir mac Mic Uilliam, 1384 in *AU*; Ricard og Mac Uilliam Uachtarach, 1387 in *AU*; Shane McWilliam, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §166; Cornelius McWilliam, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §330; Philip McWilliam, husbandman, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §444 (Killenmor, Kildare); Donyll gromy McWilliam, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §897 (Ballewoyve, Upper Ossorry).

**McWilliams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2721, Ireland 1381
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 831
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Uilleim** ‘son of William’, with excrescent English *-s*. In Ireland it sometimes represents a partial gaelicization of Welsh **Williams**.

**McWillie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs

Scottish Gaelic: ‘son of Willie’, a common Scottish pet form of **William**. See also **McWilliam**.

**Further information:** Black comments, ‘In Glenlivet, in the parish of Inveravon, Banffs, in the 17th and 18th centuries there were many families of this name.’ There has been some confusion with **McCullie**.

**Early bearers:** Richard McWilly, 1499 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Cambusbeg, Stirlings).

**McWright**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name ‘son of the wright’; see the occupational name **Wright**. Possibly a part-translation of **McIntyre**, since Gaelic *saor* means ‘wright’.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain; it is more common in the USA.

**Meaburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Mewburn**.

**Meaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: see **Mabey**.

**Meacham**

**Variants:** **Meecham**, **Meachem**, **Meachim**, **Meachum**, **Meachen**, **Meachin**, **Mecham**, **Mechem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands (esp. Staffs and Worcs)

English: a late development of **Machin** or, perhaps, sometimes a variant of **Measham**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Mecham, 1586 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Anne Machin, 1615, Anne Macham, 1620, Robert Meacham, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Hugh Mechem, 1673 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); John Meecham, 1697 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**Meachem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs

English: see **Meacham**.

**Meachen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Sussex

English: see **Meacham**.

**Meacher**

**Variants:** **Meatcher**, **Mesher**, **Measor**, **Measer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: variant of **Meatyard** with loss of *-d*.

**Further information:** This name is not a variant of Irish **Maher**, as supposed in *Titford*.

**Early bearers:** Brygett Measer, 1584 in *IGI* (Noke, Oxon); John Metier, Thomasine Metyer, 1596, Rebecca Metiar, 1655, William Meatyer, 1675, Elizabeth Mecher, 1692, Jane Metyard, 1805 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Thomas Mecher, 1673 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); Francis Meacher, 1677, Thomas Metchyard, 1791 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Andrew Metier, 1689 in *IGI* (Minstead, Hants); Alice Mesher, 1694 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Thomas Meacher, 1721 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Mary Measor, 1741, John Measher, 1743 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); William Measher, 1764 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**Meachim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths
- English: see **Meacham**.

**Meachin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Meacham**.

**Meachum**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Meacham**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Meacock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Northants, and London

English: see **Maycock**.

**Mead**

**Variants:** **Meade**, **Meads**, **Medd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8652, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6730
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England: esp. Essex, Herts, London, and Bucks; Somerset and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *mede* ‘meadow’ (Old English *mæd*), or toponymic from one or more of the many places so named, such as Meads in Harford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Atemede, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thoma atte Med’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Easton, Essex); Richard inthemedede, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Edward Bytharmede, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harford, Devon); John atte Mede, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Hamone ate Mede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newchurch, Kent); Willelmus del Mede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shadwell, WR Yorks); Rogero of the Mede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); John a Mede, 1454 in *Kent Wills* (Kent); Richard Mead, 1554 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 275.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mede* ‘mead, alcoholic drink of fermented honey and water’, perhaps denoting a maker or seller of mead. Compare Matillis Medewif, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks) and **Meader**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mede, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Willia. Mead, 1549 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Johan Mead, 1553 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Robert Mead, 1564 in *IGI* (Pulloxhill, Beds); Tho Mead, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Richard Mead, 1568 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent).

**Meade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2353, Ireland 1429
- **GB frequency 1881:** 852
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

## Meaden

1 Irish: from **Midheach**, a rare example of an Irish place-name as a surname, designating someone from Meath. Its anglicized forms are now indistinguishable from those of **Mead** below.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Meath, 1205 in *CDI* §272; Henry de Meath, 1307 in *CDI* §670; Nicholas Miaghe, clerk 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §88 (Dublin); Patrick Miaghe, yeoman, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §336 (Kylmalloke, Limerick); Patrick Myagh alias Meede, merchant, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1220 (Kensale, Cork); John Myagh, gauger and searcher of Limerick, 1553 in *Fiants Mary* §13 (Dublin); John Miagh, recorder of Cork, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §666; James Miaghe, merchant, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4825 (Kinsall, Cork); Anne Miagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6501 (Meath).

**References:** *More Irish Families* p. 176.

2 English: see **Mead**.

## Meaden

**Variants:** Meadon, Meaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts; also Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Maiden**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Meaden, 1538 in *IGI* (Kilmington, Somerset); Catheryne Meadon, 1559, Anne Maydon, 1566 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); Agnes Meaden, 1575 in *IGI* (Owermoine, Dorset); Johan Meadon, 1592 in *IGI* (Sydling Saint Nicholas, Dorset); William Meaden, 1605, Thomas Mayden, 1608 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

## Meader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and IoW; London

English: occupational name from Middle English \**meder* 'maker or seller of mead' (compare **Mead**). Note the translation of the surname as Latin *medarius* 'maker or seller of mead' in the case of Alexander Medarius below, and compare John Medemaker', 1332 in *Fransson* (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus le Meddere, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Alexander le Meder, 1180, Alexander le Medier, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Alexander Medarius, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Ric. le Medare, Thomas Meder', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Barbara Meader, 1578 in *IGI* (Owermoine, Dorset); Edward Meder, 1616, Nicholas Meader, 1619 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW). **References:** *Thuresson*, p. 202; *Feilitzen, Winton*, pp. 202, 214.

## Meades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Meads**.

## Meadley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: variant of **Methley**.

## Meadly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Methley**.

## Meadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Meaden**.

## Meadow

**Variants:** Meadows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *medewe*, *medu* 'meadow' (Old English *mǣdwe*, dative of *mǣd*). Compare **Maydew**.

**Early bearers:** Henry I' the Medewe, de la Medewe, 1280 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Henry del Medue, 1283 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Derbys); Richard atte Medewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Medwe, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Johanne of the Medowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skeffington, Leics); Thomas de Medwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kessingland, Suffolk); Nicholaus de Medo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Margaret Medowe, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Jane Meadow, 1595 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

## Meadowcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1088
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost *Meadowcroft* in Middleton by Oldham (Lancs), which is recorded as *Medowcroft* in 1370 (*Manchester Record Office*), *Medowcrofte* in 1387 (*Inquisitiones post Mortem*).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Medwecroft, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas de Meducroft, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Mabot de Medoucroft, 1322 in *Lancs Inquests* (Burnley, Lancs); Ricardus de Meducroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Nicholas de Medocroft, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Medycroft, 1433 in *Yorks Wills* (Ousefleet, ER Yorks); Robert Medocroft', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Medocrofte, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Bratof, Lincs); Margaret Medowcroft, 1602 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Maria Meadowcroft, 1684 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

## Meadows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6320, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin
- English: variant of **Meadow** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** John Meadows, 1585 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

## Meads

**Variants:** Meades, Meeds, Meats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1122, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 975
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in SE and central England

English: variant of **Mead** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Meadway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Dorset and Somerset
- English: see **Medway**.

## Meadwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Rutland, and Northants
- English: see **Maidwell**.

## Meager

**Variants:** Meagre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall; London; IoW; Glamorgan

English: nickname from Middle English *megre* 'meagre, thin, lean' (Anglo-Norman *meagre*, Old French *maigre*, *meigre*). Note the translation of the surname as Latin *macer* (from which the Old French word derives) in the case of Robertus Macer (1210) below, apparently the same Warwickshire man as Robert le Megre (1221).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Megre, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Macer, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert le Megre, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John le Megre, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Ricardus le Meeger, 1333 in *OED*; Elena Meger', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Richard le Megre, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); John Meger, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Kessingland, Suffolk); Roger Meger, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Margaret Meager, 1579 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

## Meagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 907
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Meachair, see **Maher**.

## Meagre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Meager**.

## Meah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1404, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Muslim, Indian: said to be from a Muslim title meaning 'benefactor'.

## Meaken

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: see **Makin**.

## Meaker

**Variants:** Meeker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Maker**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Meaker, 1559, Frances Maker, 1646 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Sidwell Meker, 1568, Richard Maker, 1597 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Meakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks
- English: see **Meeks**.

### Meakin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4029, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, Staffs, Lancs, Cheshire, and Warwicks
- English: see **Makin**.

### Meakings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Makings**. Compare **Meakins**.

### Meakins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Makins**. Compare **Meakings**.

### Meaks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks
- English: see **Meeks**.

### Meal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Norfolk; Lancs
- English: see **Meale**.

### Meale

**Variants:** Meal, Meals, Male, Mell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *mele* 'meal, ground cereal', perhaps for a maker or seller of meal. Compare **Mealmaker** and **Millman**.

**Further information:** Note also Gilbert le Melemongere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Mele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Mele, 1300 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Johannes Mele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Broomholm with Keswick, Norfolk); Robert Meal, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *mele* 'sand-hill' (Old Scandinavian *melr*), as found in such place-names as North Meols (Lancs), Ravensmeols in Formby (Lancs), which is recorded as *Mele* in 1086, and Great Meols (Cheshire). Compare **Meil**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Mele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ann Meale, 1639 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Thomae Meeles, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Robert Meal, 1696 in *IGI* (Slithwaite, WR Yorks); Hen. Meels, 1729, Mary Meele, 1735 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 125–6; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 296.

3 In Norfolk and Lancs the name might alternatively be a variant of **Male** in one of its senses.

### Mealer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Mealor**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mealey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**.

### Mealing

**Variants:** Maling, Mayling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Bucks

English: see **Malin** and compare **Malins**.

**Early bearers:** John Mealinge, 1593 in *IGI* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); Thomas Mealeing, 1637, Margarite Mealin, 1647, Mary Meylin, 1775, Elizabeth Mealings, 1785 in *IGI* (Moreton in Marsh, Gloucs); John Mealing, 1766 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); John Mealing, 1777, Ellen Mealing, 1866 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); William Mealin, 1834, Maria Mealings, 1835 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Lilia Gray Mayling, 1871 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks).

### Meally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Dublin

Irish: see **Mailey**.

### Mealmaker

**Variants:** Millmaker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *mele* 'meal, ground cereal' + *maker* 'maker', i.e. a miller. Compare **Meale** and **Millman**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Melmaker, 1453 in *Arbroath Register* (Portincraig, Angus); James Mealmaker, 1838 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); John Mealmaker, farmer, in *Census 1841*, *Scotland* (Tealing, Angus); David Millmaker, 1846 in *IGI* (Dalsersf, Lanarks).

England: Adam le Melemakere, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Melmaker, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Humber river); Henrico Melmaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Willelmo Melemaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Esther Millmaker, in *Census 1841* (Depwade, Norfolk); Duncan Mealmaker, mariner, 1848 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James on the Hill, Toxteth Park, Lancs); William Fleming Millmaker, 1880 in *Parish Registers* (Brentford, Middx).

### Mealor

**Variants:** Mealer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs

English: variant of **Mellor**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mealor, 1619, Mary Mellor, 1770 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys).

### Meals

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: variant of **Meale** (1) with post-medieval excrescent *-s* or **Meale** (2) with plural *-s*.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Mealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: see **Melly**.

### Mean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Cambs
- English: see **Meen**.

### Meaney

**Variants:** Meany, Money, Monie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 999, Ireland 1339
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Tipperary, and Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Maonaigh 'descendant of *Maonach*', see **Mooney**. This anglicized form of the Irish name originated in Thomond.

2 English: locative name from Menithwood in Lindridge (Worcs), which is recorded as *Menehey* 1240.

**Early bearers:** John atte Meneheye, 1315 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); John Meneye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Menie, 1697 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 58–9.

### Meanley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: variant of **Manley**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Maneley, 1576, Alexander Maneley, 1591 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Willm Maynley, 1593 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Ales Meanely, 1608 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

2 English: locative name from Meanley in Newton near Clitheroe (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Menley, 1299 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); [...] Menelay, 1328 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Joane Meanley, 1570 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); John Meanley, 1571 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Richard Meanley, 1578 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Agnes Meanley, 1609 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds); Robert Meanley, 1614 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 208.

### Means

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Northumb

## Meanwell

English: variant of **Meen** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Means, 1563 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

### Meanwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks

English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *mene wel* ‘mean well, have good intentions’. The expression is well recorded, often in ironic use.

Compare **Dowell** (1), **Farwell** (1), **Gowell**, and other such phrasal nicknames as *Etewell*, *Rynwell* (i.e. ‘run well’), *Talkewell*, and *Waitwel* in *Jönsjö, Nicknames*.

(ii) perhaps a variant of **Mandeville**.

**Early bearers:** Cuthbertus Menwell, Ellena Menwelle, 15th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae* (Durham); Thomasin Menwell, 1592 in *IGI* (South Muskham, Notts); John Meanwell, 1672 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Sampson Meanwell, 1714, Ruth Meanwel, 1719 in *IGI* (Goulceby, Lincs); Edward Meanwell, 1778 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, pp. 94, 154, 175, 183.

### Meany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 198

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Clare; also Tipperary and Limerick

Irish: from Ó Maonaigh, see **Meaney**.

### Mear

**Variants:** Meare, Meer, Mere, Meere, Mare, Mears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 556

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks; also Somerset and Devon

English: locative name, either topographic, from Middle English *mere* ‘pond, pool’ (Old English *mere*) or Middle English *mere* ‘boundary’ (Old English *gemære*), or toponymic from one or more of the many places with names derived from these terms, such as Mere (Cheshire, Lincs, Wilts), Meir in Caverswall (Staffs), and Meare (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Mere, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willielmo de Mere, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dudley, Worcs); Adam del Mere, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John de la Mere, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Johannes atte Mer’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heavitree, Devon); Willelmus Mer’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walton next Street, Somerset); Alicia del Mere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Atte Mere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Johannes Mere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Paule Mare, 1572 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Meara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; ER Yorks; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Meadhra, see **O’Meara**.

### Meare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Mear**.

### Meares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 79

- **GB frequency 1881:** 128

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset; Hants

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Roscommon; Antrim

English, Irish: see **Mears**.

### Mearing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 128

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Middx, Surrey, and Hants

English: see **Merrin**.

### Mearns

**Variants:** Marne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1495, Ireland 129

- **GB frequency 1881:** 872

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Banff; Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from the district of The Mearns, an alternative name for Kincardines.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Mernys, 1408 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John de Mernys 1408 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert de Mernys, 1435 in *Black* (Brechin, Angus); Alexander Meirny, 1472, William Mernis, 1473 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Mernis, 1476 in *Aberdeen Register* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Marie Mearnes, 1643 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines).

2 Scottish: locative name from Mearns (Renfrews).

**Further information:** This name is known to have been adopted for Ó Mearáin, see **Marron**, in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Rodlannus de Mernes, about 1177, Roland de Mernis, 1204 in *Black* (Paisley, Renfrews); John Mearns, 1702 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayr).

Ireland: Joseph, David, and Tristram Mearns, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghadowey, Derry).

### Mears

**Variants:** Meares, Meers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4306, Ireland 86

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2811

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Hants

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Derry

1 English: variant of **Mear** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Allise Meares, 1589 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).

2 Irish: see **Meere**.

### Mease

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Meese**.

### Measer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Durham; London

English: see **Meacher**.

### Measey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs; also Sussex

English: see **Maisey**.

### Measham

**Variants:** Messham, Mesham, Messum, Messam, Measom, Meacham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 151

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Staffs, Leics, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Measham (now Leics, formerly Derbys).

**Early bearers:** William de Meysham, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); [ . . . ] de Meysam, 1305, [ . . . ] Measham, 1421, [ . . . ] Measam, 1633, [ . . . ] Messam, 1661 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Alexander de Meysham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Leics); Johanne Meysham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Rogero Meysham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Roger de Meysham, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Meysham, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Saltwood, Kent); Thomas Mesham, Maute Messume, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Maysam, 1667, Mary Meysham, 1669, John Measham, 1689 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 641.

### Measom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Measham**.

### Meason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 143

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Sussex; Orkney

English: variant of **Mason**.

### Measor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Meacher**.

### Measure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Measures**.

### Measurer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: occupational name from Middle English *mesurer* ‘measurer, apportioner, surveyor’. Compare **Le Masurier** and **Measures**.

**Early bearers:** William Mesurer, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); William Mesurer, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Poole, Dorset); Benjamin Measurer, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset).

### Measures

**Variants:** Measure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 890, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 789
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lincs and Hunts

English: nickname from Middle English *measure* 'measure, extent, limit, apportionment; measuring device'. Compare **Measurer**. The most frequent form of the surname today is *Measures*, with post-medieval excrement *-s*, though *Measure* survives in small numbers.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Measure, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brentingby, Leics); John Mesor, 1529, Roger Measure, 1599 in *Leics Wills* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Measures, 1570 in *IGI* (Thurby, Leics); Robert Measures, 1582 in *IGI* (Wigston Magna, Leics); Priscilla Measure, 1588, Carolus Measour, 1667 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Jacoba Measure, 1599 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Elyzabeth Measure, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Thomas Messures, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Meatcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Meacher**.

### Meath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Waterford; Dublin

Irish: although this might appear to be from *Midhe*, the name of the Irish county (English name *Meath*), Irish locative names are rare and this name is more probably a reduced form of **Mac Conmidhe**, see **McNamee**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, this was adopted in Monaghan for **Mac Matha**, see **McMath**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Meath, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumshallon, Louth); James Meath, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcar, Louth).

England: Mary Meath, 1734 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *MacLysaght* p. 210.

### Meatheringham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Metheringham**.

### Meathrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Metherell**.

### Meaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: perhaps a variant of **Meaden**.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Meaton, 1676, Thomas Meaden, 1803 in *IGI* (Fisherton Anger, Wilts); Susannah Meaten, 1707 in *IGI* (Milton, Berks).

### Meats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Herefs

English: see **Meads**.

### Meatyard

**Variants:** Meteyard, Mitchard, Meacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Somerset

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *met-yrerd* 'measuring rod' (Old English *mete-gyrd*).

**Early bearers:** Philippe Meteyard, 1563 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Alice Metyard, 1577, Grace Meatyard, 1601 in *IGI* (Great Wishford, Wilts); William Meteyerd, 1584 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Richard Meateyard, 1594 in *IGI* (Wyllye, Wilts); Anne Meateyerd, 1604 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Elizabeth Meatyard, Mirable Metiardi, 1607 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Joane Meateyard, 1610 in *IGI* (Little Coxwell, Berks); John Meateyarde, 1618 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Andruie Meteyard, 1635, Jone Meteyearde, 1638, Sarah Meteyerd, 1644 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Robert Metyard, 1653 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Dorothy Mitchard, 1736 in *IGI* (Semley, Wilts); Elizabeth Meachard, 1746 in *IGI* (Sturminster Newton, Dorset).

### Meazey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Maisey**.

### Mecham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Meacham**.

### Mechan

**Variants:** Mechen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus

Scottish, Irish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Meehan**.

### Mechem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Meacham**.

### Mechen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

Irish, Scottish: see **Mechan**.

### Medbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex

English: locative name from Medbury (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Maydbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Thomae Medbury, 1600 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Robti Medbury, 1602 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); John Medbury, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Nathanael Medbury, 1665 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Zachariah Medbury, 1665 in *IGI* (Clifton Reynes, Bucks).

### Medcalf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1095, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Middx, Herts, Essex, and Suffolk

English: see **Metcalfe**.

### Medcalfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks; also Middx

English: see **Metcalfe**.

### Medcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Medcraft**.

### Medcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

English: see **Medcraft**.

### Medcraft

**Variants:** Maycroft, Mederoft, Medcraft, Medcraf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

English: locative name from any of numerous minor place-names composed of Middle English *mede* 'meadow' + *croft* 'croft, small field', examples of which occur in Oxon, Herts, Leics, and elsewhere. Compare **Meadowcroft**.

**Early bearers:** William de Medcroft, 1313 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); George Medcroft, 1671 in *IGI* (Churchill, Oxon); Thomas Medcroft, 1675 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 29, 83, 189; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 14; *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 252.

### Medcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Medcraft**.

### Medd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 535
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Medde*, of obscure origin.

**Early bearers:** Voke filius Medde, 1201 in *Feet of Fines* (Hawnbly, NR Yorks); Ralph Medd, 1579 in *Feet of Fines* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Mary Medde, 1607, Anne Medd, 1614 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks).

## Meddick

### Meddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Irish: see **Maddock**.

### Medding

#### Variants: Meddings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Welsh, English: apparently a variant of **Madden** (2).

### Meddings

#### Variants: Meddins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

Welsh, English: variant of **Medding** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Meddyns, Richard Medyns, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richardus Meddins, 1575 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); John Meddins, 1579 in *IGI* (Upton Magna, Shrops); John Meddins, 1612 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); Isabell Meddings, 1624 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Shrops).

Wales: Anne Meddins, 1691 in *IGI* (Penstrowed, Montgomerys).

### Meddins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys
- Welsh, English: see **Meddings**.

### Medford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan
- English: see **Mitford**.

### Medforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Mitford**.

### Medhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1738, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1145
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from Medhurst in Edenbridge (Kent), or from Madehurst (Sussex), which is recorded as *Medhurst* in 1255.

**Early bearers:** Polito de Medhurst, about 1200 in *Cumbwell Charters* (Kent); Ralph de Madhurst, 1262–3, John de Madeherst, 1345–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Ailnot de Medherst, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset hundred, Kent); Galfri's de Medherst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset hundred, Kent); John de Madhurst, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus Madhurst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heyshott, Sussex); Henricus Medhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); John Medherst, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Sundridge, Kent); John Medeherst, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Westerham, Kent); Thomas Medeherst, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Edenbridge

and Westerham, Kent); Rose Medherst, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Medhurst, 1549 in *IGI* (Knockholt, Kent); Agnes Medherste, 1582 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 74; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 129.

### Medina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Spanish: locative name from any of several places in Spain named from Arabic *medina* 'city', such as Medina-Sidonia in Cádiz province and Medina del Campo in Valladolid.

**Further information:** The surname is also borne by Sephardic Jews.

**References:** *DAFN*.

### Medlam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: see **Middleham**.

### Medland

#### Variants: Medlen, Medlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 675
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Medland in Hatherleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Medelond', William de Medelond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Thomas Medelond', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Medland, 1561–2 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Thomasin Meadland, 1576 in *IGI* (Launceston, Cornwall); Margaret Medlande, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Walter Medland, 1598 in *IGI* (Whitstone, Cornwall); John Meadland, Medland, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 144.

### Medlar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Medler**.

### Medlen

#### Variants: Medlin, Medlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: variant of **Medland** with loss of final -d.
- Early bearers:** Edmond Medlen, 1591, Jane Medlan, 1660 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); James Medlyn, 1591 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Anne Medlan, 1607 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Medler

#### Variants: Medlar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *medeler* 'meddler, troublemaker, one who interferes'.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Medelere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Maria Medler, 1596 in *IGI*

(Surlingham, Norfolk); William Medler, 1630 in *IGI* (Cawston, Norfolk); Sara Medlar, 1661 in *IGI* (Hevingham, Norfolk).

### Medley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1340, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Methley**.

### Medlicott

#### Variants: Medlycott, Middlecote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 458
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Kildare
- English: locative name from Medlicott in Wentnor (Shrops).
- Early bearers:** Lewelin de Modlincot, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Modlicot, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Medelycot, 1524, Thomas Modlycot, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wentnor, Shrops); Christopherus Medlicott, 1552 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Jana Medlicot, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops); Adamum Medlicot, 1584 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Hill, Herefs).

### Medlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Medlen**.

### Medlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 401
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Hunts, Cambs, Norfolk, and Northants; also WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Madlock**. There is unlikely to be any connection with the river Medlock (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Susan Medlock, 1742 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Alexander Medlock, 1745 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); Mary Medlock, 1746 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Medlycott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- English: see **Medlicott**.

### Medlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Medlen**.

### Medson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Metson**.

### Medway

#### Variants: Meadway, Mudway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, Hants, and IoW
- 1 English: locative name from one or other of numerous minor places called 'Meadway', such as

that in Winfrith Newburgh (Dorset). It may be significant that Walter de Medeweye is listed immediately after William de Medelond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); the surname of the latter derives from Medland in Hatherleigh. Some of the bearers listed here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Medeweye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Matilda Medweye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Luffenham, Rutland); William Medewey, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Daventry, Northants); Marryn Medway, 1542, Marie Medwaie, 1546, Susanna Meadhay, 1756 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Simon Medwaye, 1557, Margeria Meadwaye, 1560 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Richard Medeway, 1626 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 184; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 144.

2 English: locative name from the river Medway (Kent and Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Alexander at þe Medeweye, 1302, John atte Medeweie, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Willelmo Medeway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardo Medeway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Bersted, Sussex); Ricardus Medewey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Medway, 1542 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Anna Medway, 1598 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Nich Medway, 1660 in *IGI* (Powerslock with West Milton, Dorset); Abraham Medway, 1688 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Issaac Medway, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Queenhithe, London).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 129.

## Medwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: see **Maidwell**.

## Mee

**Variants:** Mey, Meigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3743, Ireland 389
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Notts; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon; Monaghan

1 English: occupational name from Middle English \**mee*, Old French *mege*, \**meie* ‘physician’. Compare **Mye**, **Mayer**, and **Myer**.

**Early bearers:** John le Mee, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chilwell, Notts); John Mee of Radford, 1385–5 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); John Mee, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Abraham Mee, 1557 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Jone Mee, 1562 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts); Thomas Mee, 1574 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Marie Mee, 1587 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); An Mee, 1640 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Christian Meigh, 1647 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Elizabeth Meigh, 1691 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

2 Irish: from Ó **Miadhach** ‘descendant of *Miadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘honourable’. This name was also adopted for various other Irish names, e.g. **Meehan**, and also in Ulster for **McNamee**.

**Early bearers:** U Miadhach, 1186 in *AU*; Donogh O’Mey, miller, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §442 (Balbriggan, Dublin); John Mey, husbandman, 1558

in *Fiants Mary* §268 (Kilmetallwy); Patrick Mey, merchant, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3345 (Backlane alias Rochell lane, Dublin); Tomeltagh O’Mey, cottier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Clonbonagh); Connor O Miey, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Connacht); Honora Mee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moypow, Longford).

## Meech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *meche* ‘sword, blade’ (Old English *mēce*).

**Early bearers:** Symon le Meche, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Meche, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edward Meech, 1576 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Marian Meche, 1601 in *IGI* (Almer, Dorset); Gratia Meeche, 1617 in *IGI* (Beamminster, Dorset); George Meech, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

## Meecham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Gloucs and Somerset; Lancs

English: see **Meacham**.

## Meechan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1866, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish, Irish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Meehan**.

## Meeds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Meads**.

## Meegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 497
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from Ó **Miadhacháin**, see **Meehan**.

## Meehan

**Variants:** Meechan, Meegan, Mechan, Mehan, Meekin, Meighan, Meighen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3254, Ireland 3941
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also London; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Leitrim; Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó **Miadhacháin** or **Mac Miadhacháin** ‘descendant (or son) of *Miadhachán*’, a diminutive of *Miadhach*, a byname meaning ‘honourable’. Compare **Mee**, **McMeehan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William O Mighane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4513 (Rathmore, Limerick); Conoghor mcLoughlen O Meaghane, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5749 (Clare); Teige O Meghan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6181 (Ballinna, Wexford); Hugh O Myhan, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Donowre, Westmeath); Patrick O Miagan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6563; Peter Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killasnet, Leitrim); Philip Meegan, 1796 in

*Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inishkeen, Louth); Cormick Meeghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltubbrid, Leitrim); Mary Mehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcar, Louth).

England: Sarah Mechen, 1646 in *IGI* (London); Eliz. Mechan, 1686 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Daniel Mehan, 1749 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Helen Mechan, 1778 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); John Meighan, 1810 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Irish: from Ó **Maotháin**, ‘descendant of *Maothán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *maoth* ‘moist’, ‘soft’, or ‘tearful’. Compare **Mehigan**.

**Further information:** Some of the early bearers above (1796 bearers in particular) may belong under sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Moriortagh O’Meawhan, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §812; Patrick O’**Mehane**, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Skreene, Sligo); James Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo); Michael Meehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway).

## Meek

**Variants:** Meeke, Meeks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4873, Ireland 159
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Norfolk; Durham; Lancs; central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Down

English: nickname from Middle English *meke* ‘humble, meek’ (Old Scandinavian *mjúkr* ‘soft, pliant, gentle’).

**Early bearers:** Richard Mek, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Meke, 1300 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Rob. Meoke, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Meek, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alicia Meke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winksley, WR Yorks); Johanne Meke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swannington, Leics); Willelmus Meke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Admington, Gloucs); William Meke, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Gayton, Northants); Cicilye Meeke, 1553 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Agnes Meeke, 1559 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Richard Meke, 1563 in *IGI* (Bourn, Cambs).

**References:** *Worcs Middle English Dialect*, p. 248.

## Meeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Meek**.

## Meeker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: see **Meaker**.

## Meekin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanc; Staffs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Irish: from Ó **Miadhacháin** or **Mac Miadhacháin** ‘descendant (or son) of *Miadhachán*’, see **Meehan** (1).

## Meeking

- 2 English: variant of **Meeking**.  
3 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: see **McMeekin**.

### Meeking

Variants: **Meekin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Suffolk
- English: see **Making**.

### Meekings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and London
- English: see **Makings**. Compare **Meekins**.

### Meekins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, London, Leics, and Northants

English: see **Makins**. Compare **Meekings**.

### Meeks

Variants: **Meakes, Meaks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Meek** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Meeks, 1569 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); John Meakes, 1628 in *IGI* (Burrough Green, Cambs).

### Meen

Variants: **Mean, Meon, Mein, Means**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

1 English: nickname from Middle English *mene* ‘inferior, lowly; poor; unpleasant’.

**Early bearers:** William le Men, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William le Mean, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John le Meen, 1340 in *Worcs Inquisitions*; William Menne, 1351–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Ricardo Meen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Margareta Mene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Nicolas Meen, 1547 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Henrici Meene, 1576 in *IGI* (Westhall, Suffolk); Marye Meane, 1577 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henrye Meane, 1584 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk); Rychard Mean, 1603 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Nathan Meen, 1657 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mene*, of uncertain origin. **Further information:** In France a rare female name *Menia* is recorded in the mid 9th-century *Polyptique de l'abbaye Saint Remi de Reims*, which might ultimately derive from Latin *Maenia*, a Roman family name. However, there is no evidence available to indicate that this name had any currency among the Normans and their followers in 12th-century France or England.

**Early bearers:** Roger filius Mene, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Sara Meen, 1664 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs); John Meen, 1678 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Richard Meen, 1700 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds). **References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 2, p. 79.

3 English: locative name from East and West Meon (Hants), but it is not known if this name survived into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Menes, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Elias de Mene, Elias de Mennes, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); Nicholas atte Mene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunton Sussex).

### Meenagh

Variants: **Mimnagh, Mimnaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry; Down

Irish: from **Muimhneach** ‘Munsterman’, an epithet that supplanted the original surname. See **Moynihan**, compare **Deasy, Lynaugh**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Moynaghe, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2346; Phelim Moynagh, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Lackin, Tipperary); Teige Moynagh, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Ulster); Peter Mimnagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone); James Mimnagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford); Michael Moynagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Hugh Moynagha, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim).

### Meenaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, diminutive of **Muimhneach** ‘Munsterman’. See **Moynihan** and compare **Meenagh**.

### Meenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 388
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Mianáin ‘descendant of *Mianán*’, a personal name derived from *mian* ‘goodwill’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: ó Mianáin, 1246 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Sliceach [Sligo]); Michael Meenane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); Banty Meenan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone).

Scotland: Hugh Meenan, 1856 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Emma Meenan, 1844 in *IGI* (London); Jacobus Meenan, 1852 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham). **References:** *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 111.

### Meer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- English: see **Mear**.

### Meeson

Variants: **Mears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Meidhir ‘descendant of *Meidhir*’, a personal name from *meidhir* ‘mirth’. Compare **Myers**.

**Further information:** Some of the 1796 bearers may belong under **Mear**.

**Early bearers:** Donogh O Myre, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Drome Cleve, Clare); Diermot and Teige mcPhilip O Mire, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5749 (Clare); George Meares, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); Alice Mears, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracross, Fermanagh); James Meare, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone).

2 English: see **Mear**.

### Meering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Herts and Middx
- English: see **Merrin**.

### Meers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 314
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English, Irish: see **Mears**.

### Mees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Somerset; Staffs

English: see **Meese**.

**Early bearers:** Barbary Mease, 1568 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Roger Mees, 1581 in *IGI* (Heston, Middx); Raphe Meese, 1596 in *IGI* (London); John Meese, 1606 in *IGI* (Bedwardine, Worcs); Robert Meese, 1608 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon); Andrew Mees, 1622 in *IGI* (Worcester).

### Meese

Variants: **Mees, Mease**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: locative name from Coldmeese and Millmeese (Staffs), both recorded as *Mes* in 1208, or from the nearby river, Meece Brook, from which the settlements are probably named.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Mes, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Mees, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton and Walton, Staffs); Johanne Mees, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canes, Staffs); Willelmo Mese, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Thomas Mese, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Joannae Mease, 1605 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Maria Meese, 1676 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Hanna Mece, 1688 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 202, 308, 385.

### Meeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Shrops

English: variant of **Mason**.

### Meetham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4



- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Mettam**.

### Meffan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Methven**.

### Meffen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish: see **Methven**.

### Mefflin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mifflin**.

### Megahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from Mag Eachaidh, see **McCaughey**.

### Megahy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: see **McGahey**.

### Megan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 Irish: with the stress on the second syllable, this is a variant of **McGahan**.
- 2 Irish: see **McGann**.

### Megann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: see **McGann**.

### Megarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: from Mac Fhearadhaigh, see **McGarry**.

### Megaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 275
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish: from Mag Ádhaimh, see **McGaw**.

### Megee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from *Mag Aoidh*, *Mac Aodha*, see **Magee**.

### Meggat

Variants: **Megget**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland (esp. Dumfriess); Lancs and Northumb

1 Scottish: locative name from Megget in Yarrow (Selkirks).

**Early bearers:** Randulf de Meggate, about 1190 in *Glasgow Register* (Stobo, Peebles); George Meggot, 1528 in *Newbattle Register*; Robert Meggat, 1631 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Marion Meggate, 1693 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Isabella Meggat, 1835 in *IGI* (Dumfriessdeer, Dumfriess).

2 English: see **Meggitt**.

### Megget

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; NR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Meggat**.

### Meggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, Lincs, and Cambs
- English: see **Meggitt**.

### Megginson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Durham

English: variant of **Meggison** with intrusive *n*.

**Early bearers:** Ane Megginson, 1637 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Hester Megginson, 1653 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); William Megginson, 1658 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks).

### Meggison

Variants: **Megginson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: relationship name 'son of *Meggot*'. For the Middle English female personal name *Meggot* see **Meggitt**.

**Early bearers:** John Megotson, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Robertus Meggotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Hugh Megotson, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Megitson, 1588 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Clement Meggison, 1642 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham).

### Meggit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Meggitt**.

### Meggitt

Variants: **Meggett**, **Meggat**, **Meggit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Meggot*, a diminutive of *Megg* (a short form of *Margery* or *Margaret*). Compare **Maggott** and **Meggison**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Megota de Rypon, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Megota Warner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York).

surnames: Ralph Megot, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Meggatt, 1566 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Georgius Megget, 1566 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); George Meggott, 1677 in *Bardsley*.

### Meggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Megg*, a pet form of *Margaret*, with either Middle English genitival *-s* or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Maggs**.
- Further information:** Compare Alice Megmayden, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).
- Early bearers:** given names (female): Megge, 1254 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks). surnames: John filius Megge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Megge, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Robert Megges, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Megge, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Aldenharn, Herts); Johannes Megge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Petrus Megge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Elizabeth Meggs, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Megges, 1620 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Meghani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Megh-* (probably a reduction of an ancestral name formed with this element, from Sanskrit *megha* 'cloud') + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').
- Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Meghji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), Jain, and Muslim, from Sanskrit *megha* 'cloud' + *ji*, an honorific suffix. It appears to have evolved from a personal name.

### Megill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **McGill**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain, but is more numerous in the USA.

### Megson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 862, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: relationship name 'son of *Megg*', a short form of *Margery* or *Margaret*.
- Early bearers:** Johannes filius Megge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Meggesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus Meggeson', Rogerus Megson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Megesson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Margareta Megson, 1574 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Maria Megson, 1590 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks).

## Mehaffey

### Mehaffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **McHaffie**.

**Further information:** This was originally a Scottish name taken to Antrim in the 16th century.

### Mehaffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **McHaffie**.

### Mehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 Irish: see **Meehan**.  
2 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri), unexplained.

### Meharg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 117
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chairge**, see **McHarg**.

### Meharry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Gille Chairge**, see **McHarg**.

### Mehat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Mehdi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Mahdi**.

### Mehegan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: see **Mehigan**.

### Mehew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Hunts, and Cambs
- English: see **Mayhew**.

### Mehigan

Variants: **Mehegan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó **Maothagáin** ‘descendant of *Maothagán*’, a personal name derived from a diminutive of *maoth* ‘soft’. Compare **Meehan** (2).

**Early bearers:** Donogh O’Mehegane, husbandman, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §321 (Lytlecarrycke, ?Kilkenny); Teig McCormick O Mehegane, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2241 (Kileycro, Munster); Matthew

mcDonogh O Mehegaine, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3080 (Kilbarry, Cork).

### Mehmed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Turkish: perhaps generally a variant of

**Mehmet**.

**Further information:** This spelling may indicate Turkish origin.

### Mehmet

Variants: **Mehmed**, **Memet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2274, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: Turkish form of **Mohammed**.

### Mehmi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Hindu, unexplained.

### Mehmood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2640, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mahmood**.

### Mehra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh name meaning ‘chief, master’. Compare **Malhotra**.

### Mehrban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained.

### Mehta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4719, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan, Panjab, Mumbai): Hindu (Bania, Vania, Brahman, Khatri), Jain, Parsi, and Sikh name meaning ‘chief’ in several modern Indian languages, from Sanskrit *mahita* ‘praised, great’ (from *mah-* ‘to praise or magnify’). In Gujarati it has come to mean ‘teacher’ or ‘accountant’, probably because teachers and accountants were respectfully so addressed in Gujarat. The Oswal and Porwal Baniyas and the Panjabi Khatri also have clans called *Mehta*.

### Meier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: see **Meyer**.

2 English: see **Mayer**.

3 Danish: occupational name from *meiere* ‘reaper, harvester’.

### Meigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English, Irish: see **Mee**.

### Meighan

Variants: **Meighen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois

Irish: from Ó **Miadhacháin** or **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **Meehan** (1).

**Early bearers:** John Meighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Monaghan); Laurence Meighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stackallan, Meath); Robert McMeighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monaghan).

### Meighen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs

Irish: from Ó **Miadhacháin** or **Mac Miadhacháin**, see **Meighan**, **Meehan**.

### Meikle

Variants: **Mickel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2670, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- Scottish: nickname from Middle Scots *mekill*, *meikill* ‘big’. Compare **Mitchell** (2), **Muckle**, and **Mutch**.  
**Early bearers:** William Mykyl, 1382 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens), Bessie Mekill, 1609, William Meikill, 1616 in *Retours, Scotland* (Linlithgow, West Lothian); Elizabeth Muckle, 1615, William Meikle, 1625 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Geills Meikle, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonet Muckle, 1642 in *IGI* (Inveravon, Banffs); John Mickle, 1670 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Isabell Mickel, 1685 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs).

### Meikleham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: altered form of **Mcllwaham**.  
**Early bearers:** William Meikleham, 1758 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Meikleham, 1836 in *IGI* (Cardross, Dunbartons).

### Meiklejohn

Variants: **Mucklejohn**, **Micklejohn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings; Caithness

Scottish: nickname from Middle Scots *mekill*, *meikill* ‘big’ + the personal name **John**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mekle John Burne, 1495 in *Black*.

sumames: William Meiklejohn, 1619 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William Meiklejohn, 1638 in *Black*; Donald Micklejohn, 1684 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Robert Mucklejohn, 1768 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Meiklem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish Gaelic: altered form of **Mcllwaham**. Compare **Meikleham**.

**Meil****Variants:** Mail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from one of several places in Orkney (and perhaps Shetland) named after Old Scandinavian *melr* 'sandbank'. Black, at Meal, records that in Peterkin's *Rentals* it is said that the place called Male [now Graemeshall, Orkney] in 1595 'pertained to William Male'. The surname is now spelled *Meil* in Orkney, *Mail* in Shetland.

**Early bearers:** Barnard Meall, 1627 in *Orkney-Shetland Sasines* (Aith, Orkney); Katharine Maile, 1654, Magnus Meall, 1661 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Jon. Meale, 1660 in *IGI* (South Ronaldshay, Orkney); Margaret Meal, 1723 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); Catharine Miel, 1746 in *IGI* (Westray and Papa Westray, Orkney).

**Mein**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Roxburghs, Berwicks, Midlothian, and Cumb

Scottish, English: perhaps a variant of **Main** or **Meen**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam Mene, 1361 in *Black* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Berne Mein or Bernard Meyne, 1608 in *Black* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Richard Mein, 1613 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Mein or Mean, 1665, 1686 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andrew Mein, 1687 in *Black* (Legerwood, Berwicks).

England: Matthew Mayne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ford, Northumb); Patrick Meane, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Meane, 1679 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); John Meane, 1690 in *IGI* (Hayton, Cumb).

**Meir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Mayer**.

**Meisuria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Maisuria**.

**Mekking**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Making**.

**Melady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Meath

Irish, English: see **Melody**.

**Melarkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 106
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Maoilearca, see **Mullarkey**.

**Melaugh****Variants:** Mullaigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: probably a variant of **Molloy**, itself an anglicized form of several different Irish surnames: in this case, probably either Ó Maolaodha or Ó Maolaithe.

**Early bearers:** Shero O'Mellawe, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1885 (Munster); Donald and John O Molowye, sons of Rory O Molowye, kerns, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2428 (Monaghe, King's County [Offaly]); Tirlagh O Moluhie, Teige O Moluhye, and Gerald O Moluihie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (of Bughincecrevy, of Aughe Casshill, and of Aughe grany, Leitrim).

**Melbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

English: see **Melbourne**.

**Melbourne****Variants:** Melbourn, Malbourne, Malborn, Malbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1190, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Melbourne (Derbys), Melbourn (Cambs), or Melbourne in Thornton (ER Yorks). There has been some confusion with **Milburn** and **Malbon**.

**Early bearers:** John de Meleborna, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Wido de Meleburna, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); William de Meleburne, 1257–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John de Meleburne, 1301 in *Assize Rolls* (Armitage, Staffs); Will mo de Melburne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Armitage, Staffs); Peter de Melburn, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Melburne, 1431 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Allanus Melburne, 1559, Wilmus Melborne, 1586 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Dorothy Melborn, 1579 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 236.

**Melding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Milden (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Melding* in 1254.

**Early bearers:** Ade de Meldinge, about 1190–1 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Babergh hundred, Suffolk); Thomas de Meldinghes, 1240 in *Suffolk Eyre* (Suffolk); Remigius de Meldingge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Mary Melding, 1738 in *IGI* (Rougham, Suffolk).

2 English: apparently a variant of **Melling**.

**Early bearers:** Samuell Melling, 1675, Ellen Melding, 1791 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Melling, 1723, Betty Melding, 1776 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Thomas Melding, 1773, James Melling, 1815 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Meldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

English: locative name from Meldon (Devon) or Meldon (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Meledon', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Nicholas de Meldon, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Michael de Meledon, 1286 in *Patent Rolls* (Cassington, Oxon); William de Meldon, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); John de Meldon, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Winterton, Lincs); Walter Meldon', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas Meldon, 1643 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes Meldon, 1691 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

Scotland: William de Meldun, 1259, John de Meldon, 1366 in *Black*.

**Meldrum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2440, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1826
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife, Aberdeens, and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from the barony of Meldrum (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Melgedrom' or de Melgedrum, 1278 in *Dunfermline Register* (Fife), David de Melkedrum, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); William de Melkedrom, 1296, William de Melgedrum, 1317 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Thomas de Meldrum, 1477 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Philip de Meldrome, 1341 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Midlothian); James Meldrome, 1656 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Meleady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Maoiléidigh, see **Melody**.

**Melford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Milford**.

**Melhuish****Variants:** Mellhuish, Melluish, Meluish, Mellish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 790
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Melhuish Barton in Tedburn Saint Mary (Devon), which is pronounced [ˈmɛlɪʃ].

**Early bearers:** John de Melewis, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Elinora de Melhywys, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); William Melhywish, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Melhuish Barton, Devon); Richard Melhuys', 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Dittisham, Devon); Margaret Melhuishe, 1597 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); George Melhuish, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 452.

**Meli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Melia

Southern Italian: (i) relationship name, patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Melo*, a reduced form of *Carmelo* or some other personal name ending in *-melo*. (ii) relationship name, nickname from a medieval Greek personal name, *Melis*, or an affectionate nickname from Sicilian *meli* 'honey'.

### Melia

Variants: **Malia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3264, Ireland 969
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 718
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Melia**.

### Melican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Meligan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Melin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Melling**.

### Melksham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs
- English: locative name from Melksham (Wilts).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Melkesham, 1239–57 in *Lacock Charters* (Lacock, Wilts); Roger de Melkesham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marlborough, Wilts); Johanne Melkesham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melksham hundred, Wilts); Willelmus Melkesham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Melksham, 1568 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); William Melksham, 1705 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Mary Milksham, 1709 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs).

### Mell

Variants: **Mells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs

English: perhaps a variant of **Meale**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mel, 1295 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Thorganby, ER Yorks); Johanne Mell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Johannes Melle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Cottingwith, ER Yorks); Mary Mell, 1609 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks).

### Mellalieu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mallalieu**.

### Mellan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 19

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus and Fife
- Irish: from Ó Mealláin, see **Mallon**.

### Mellanby

Variants: **Mallaby, Malaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Melmerby near Leyburn (NR Yorks), Melmerby near Ripon (NR Yorks), or, perhaps, from Melmerby (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Malmerby, 1200 in *Place-Names of NR Yorks* (Yorks); [ . . . de] Malmerbi, 1201, [ . . . de] Melmerbi, 1240 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Stephen de Melmerby, 1286 in *Close Rolls*; Alan de Melmerby, 1316, Walter Mellerby, 1412 in *York Freeman's Register*; Walter de Melmorby, 1318 in *Patent Rolls*; Cutbert Mellerby, 1546, William Mellerby, 1553 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); James Mellanby, 1678 in *IGI* (East Rounton, NR Yorks); Dorothy Melanby, 1747 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 219, 255; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 223–4.

### Mellard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: see **Millward**.

### Mellars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Mellors**.

### Mellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Irish: see **Melling**.

### Meller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- 1 English: see **Mellor**.  
2 English: in SE England and E Anglia this may be a dialectal variant of **Miller**.  
**Early bearers:** Adam le Melnere, 1262 in *OED*; Roger le Meller, 1319 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Roger le Melner, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Roger le Meller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Meller, 1369, Thomas Mellere, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Ricardus Mellere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas le Mellere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haughley, Suffolk).

### Mellers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Mellors**.

### Mellersh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Mellish**.

### Melles

Variants: **Mells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Suffolk
- 1 Scottish: see **Mellis**.  
2 English: locative name from Mellis (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Melles, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Joan de Melles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); [ . . . ] Melys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); John Melys, Thomas Mellice, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thos Mellis, 1577 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Anna Mellys, 1628 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Esther Mellis, 1767 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

### Mellett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway
- Irish: see **Millett**.

### Melley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs; Lancs; Lanarks
- Irish: see **Melly**.

### Mellhuish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; Glamorgan
- English: see **Melhuish**.

### Mellichap

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Millichap**.

### Melligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Mellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; WR Yorks and Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Melling**.

### Melling

Variants: **Milling, Mellings, Melding, Mellen, Melin, Mellin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2892, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1846
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Melling in Halsall, also known as Melling by Maghull, or from Melling near Lancaster (both Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Mellinges, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Ranulf de Mellinges, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Melling in Halsall, Lancs); William Mellyng, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Hull, ER Yorks); Joh's de Mellyng, 1366 in *Ormskirk Stipend* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs); Willelmus de Mellyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melling in Halsall, Lancs); Christopher Melling, 1569 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 119, 180.

2 Irish: from Ó Mealláin, see **Mellon**.

### Mellings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: variant of **Melling** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Mellings, 1691 in *IGI* (Lydham, Shrops).

### Mellis

**Variants:** Melliss, Melles, Mallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Morays

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Maol Íosa* 'devotee of Jesus'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Malis, about 1190 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Dunblane, Perths). surnames: Gillemycell Malys, 1481, John Mellish, 1771, David Meliss, 1773 in *Black*; Margaret Mellis, 1670 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays); Isobell Mellis, 1671 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Mellish

**Variants:** Mellersh, Millest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 636
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

1 English: locative name from Mellersh Farm in Compton (Surrey), which is recorded as *Melherse* in 1199, *Melersh* in 1350, *Mellish* in 1841.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Melerse, 1241 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus Melhersh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Elizabeth Mellersh, 1542 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Alice Mellersh, 1549, Jane Mellish, 1553 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Henry Mellish, 1568 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); John Mellishe, 1583 in *Mustar Rolls* (Surrey); William Mellershe, 1613 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John Mellershe, 1621 in *Assize Rolls* (Dunsfold, Surrey); John Millersh, 1633 in *IGI* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 194.

2 English: see **Melhuish**.

### Mellis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London

Scottish: see **Mellis**.

### Mellody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Melody**.

### Mellon

**Variants:** Melon, Melling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 447
- **GB frequency 1881:** 619
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone and Derry

1 Irish: from Ó Mealláin, see **Mallon**.

2 Norman: locative name; Norman, from Meulan (Seine-et-Oise), now known as Meulan-en-Yvelines.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Melun, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Sarah Mellon, 1791 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Mellor

**Variants:** Meller, Mealor, Moller, Mellors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11378, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Staffs, Cheshire, and Derbys

English: locative name from Mellor (Lancs) or Mellor (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Meluer, 1246, Robert de Meluir, 1276, John de Meluyr, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Meluer, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus de Meller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Symon de Meluer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Johannes Mellur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); John de Meller, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Meller, 1432–3 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Robert Mellour, 1477 in *Derbys Charters* (Ashford, Derbys); Thomas Mellor, 1530 in *Derbys Charters* (Ildridgehay, Derbys); Agnes Mellowre, 1580 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); William Mellor, 1588 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Jane Mellor, 1589 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 73–4; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 144

### Mellors

**Variants:** Mellars, Mellers, Mellows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1696, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 931
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: variant of **Mellor** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Jane Mellors, 1564 in *IGI* (Oxton, Notts); Ann Mellors, 1568 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Edward Mellers, 1571 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Alyce Mellors, 1574, Elizabeth Mellers, 1625 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Richard Mellors, 1577 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Elizabeth Mellors, 1581 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

### Mellott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: from Ó Mealóid, see **Millett**.

### Mellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *melwe*, *melowe* 'mellow, ripe, mature'.

**Early bearers:** John Mellowe, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunster, Somerset); Henry Mellow, 1556, John Mello, 1558 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Richard Mellowe, 1558 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); John Mellowe, 1584 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Talland, Cornwall); Gratia Mello, 1598 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Thomas Mellow, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Rotherhithe, Middx); Nicoll Mellow, 1601 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall).

### Mellows

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Mellors**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Mellows, 1548 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Henery Mellows, 1566 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Maria Mellows, 1584 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); Humfrey Mellows, 1628 in *IGI* (Egmonton, Notts); William Mellors, 1637, Ann Mellors, 1739 in *IGI* (Bulwell, Notts); Edward Mellors, 1659, Edward Mellows, 1679 in *IGI* (Weston, Notts); Hannah Mellors, 1692, Gulielmus Melloes, 1698 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts).

### Mellowship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Derbys

English: see **Millichap**.

### Melloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, see **Molloy**.

### Mells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lincs; Hants

English: variant of **Mell** with post-medieval excrement -s, or possibly a variant of **Melles**.

**Early bearers:** Gefferey Mells, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Robert Mellys, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wickham, Hants); Elizabeth Mells, 1599 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs).

### Mellsop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Millsopp**.

### Melluish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: see **Melhuish**.

### Melly

**Variants:** Mealy, Melley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; also Hants (Alverstoke)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

## Melmoth

Irish: from Ó Meallaigh ‘descendant of *Meallach*’, a personal name based on *meall* ‘pleasant’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Tomas O Meallaidh, bishop of Eanaigh duin (Annaghdown), 1250 in *AU* (Eanaigh duin, Galway); Edm. O Meolle, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6583 (Comsy, Tipperary); James and Owen Melly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inishmaccsaint, Donegal).

England: Henery Melley, 1550 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Elizabeth Melley, 1570 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Alexander Melley, 1579 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Margaret Mellay, 1817 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks).

## Melmoth

**Variants:** Melmouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *milde* ‘mild, gentle, friendly’ + *mouth* ‘mouth’. Compare Ricardus *Swetmouth*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk). The development of the name seems to have been influenced by association with Middle English *mele-mouth* ‘mealy-mouthed, reticent, ingratiating, hypocritical; a mealy-mouthed person’.

**Early bearers:** Michaele Mildemouthe, 1327, Michaele Milddemouthe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); [ . . . ] Mildemouthe, 1327, Johanne Mildemouthe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Wake, Dorset); Willelmo Melemouthe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturminster Newton, Dorset); Johannes Mildemouthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Wake, Dorset); Johannes Melemouthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibberton, Dorset); Thomas Mealemoth, 1591 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); John Melmouth, 1601, Elizabeth Melmoth, 1630 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); William Melmouth, 1618 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); William Mealmouthe, 1631 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset); Elizabeth Milmoth, 1752 in *IGI* (Shaftesbury, Dorset).

## Melmouth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Melmoth**.

## Melnick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish: see **Melnyk**.

## Melnik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish: see **Melnyk**.

## Melnyk

**Variants:** Melnick, Melnik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): occupational name from Russian *mel'nik* ‘miller’, from *melit* ‘to grind’. **Early bearers:** Ethel Melnik, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Marks Melnick, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Melnick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Barnett Melnick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Melody

**Variants:** Melody, Melady, Meleady, Malady, Mullady, Mulleady, Maleady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 198
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 Irish: from Ó Maoiléidigh ‘descendant of *Maoiléidigh*’, a personal name composed of the elements *maol* ‘chief’ plus *éidigh* ‘ugly’ or *éidighthe* ‘armed’. This name was stressed on the penultimate syllable, and may in some cases have been abbreviated to give **Leddy**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas O'Maleady, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1561 (Roscommon); Tho. O'Maledye, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3369 (Pallise, Galway); Gilduf O'Mulledy, serjeant, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3437 (Trym, Meath); Rory Mulledy, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Longford); Swan ny Moledy, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Carton, Longford); Cormock O Malleadie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (King's County [Offaly]); Fynine O Moledie, surgeon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Bushopston, Westmeath); Morogh O'Maledie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Longford and Westmeath).  
2 English: variant of **Merridew**. Compare **Mallalieu**.  
3 English: relationship name perhaps occasionally from the rare Middle English female personal name *Melodia*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Melodia, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks).  
surnames: Richard Melodie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Jhon Melody, 1570 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Henry Melody, 1749 in *IGI* (Market Overton, Rutland); Sarah Melody, 1753 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Robert Melody, 1758 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Robert Melody, 1758 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

## Melon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England; also Angus; Warwicks

English, Irish: see **Mellon**.

## Meloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb
- Irish: from Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, see **Molloy**.

## Melpuss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Malpass**.

## Melrose

**Variants:** Melross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1420, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1151
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland (esp. Selkirks, Midlothian, Peebles, and Roxburghs) and NE England

Scottish: locative name from Melrose (Roxburghs). **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Melros, 1468 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Meuros, 1631, Jeane Mewrose, 1642, John Melros, 1678 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); William Melrose, 1691 in *IGI* (Yarrow, Selkirks).

England: Robert de Meuros, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Inglewood forest, Cumb); Jennet Melros, 1733 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb).

## Melross

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Selkirks; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Melrose**.

## Melroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns
- Irish: from Ó Maolruaidh, see **Mulroy**.

## Melson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs
- English: see **Millson**.

## Melsome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: see **Millson**.

## Melson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Lincs

English: see **Millson**.

## Melsop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Millsopp**.

## Melsopp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Millsopp**.

## Melton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1621, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1051
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincs

English: locative name from Great and Little Melton (Norfolk), Melton Constable (Norfolk), Melton (Suffolk), Melton Ross (Lincs), Melton Mowbray (Leics), Melton on the Hill (ER Yorks), or High and West Melton (WR Yorks). There has probably been some confusion with **Milton**.

**Early bearers:** Siwate de Melton, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Melton, 1230–9 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); William de Meltone, 1309 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Alan de Melton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Melton, 1323–40 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); William de Melton, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Stamford, Lincs); John de Melton, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Thame, Oxon); Alicia de Melton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornage with Brinton, Norfolk); Thomas Melton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Robertus de Melton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Johannes Melton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Johanne de Melton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eastrington, ER Yorks);

Thomas Meleton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Robert de Melton', 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas de Melton', 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Haxey, Lincs); Ellen Melton', 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Elstow, Beds); Richard Melton, 1425 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Lincs); John Melton', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Colney and Great and Little Melton, Norfolk); John Melton, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Melton, 1597 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

### Meluish

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Melhuish**.

### Melvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- Norman, Scottish: see **Melville**.

### Melville

Variants: **Melvill, Melvin, Mellin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4127, Ireland 185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Lanarks; Angus; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Antrim

1 Norman, Scottish, English: locative name from any of several places in Normandy called Malleville, which means 'bad place', although the surname may also derive from Melville (Midlothian), which is named after Geoffrey de Mallaville, who came from Emalleville (Seine-Maritime). The surname appears as *Meiluill* in 1520, *Melwin* in 1550, and is commonly pronounced *Melvin*, besides *Mellin, Mellin, Melling*. James Melville (1556–1614), the Scottish Presbyterian reformer, spelled his name indifferently *Melville* and *Melvin* (see *Black*).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Geoffrey de Maleuin, 1161–3 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Hugh de Malleville, about 1202 in *Paisley Register*.

England: Richard Melville, 1587 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Mary Melville, 1725 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb); Andrew Thomas Lee Melville, 1762 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the Scottish Norman name, it is an anglicization of Ó Maoil Mhichil, see **Mulvihill**.

### Melvin

Variants: **Mulvin, Mulveen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2885, Ireland 381
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo; also Down

1 Irish: from Ó Maoil Mhín 'descendant of the gentle devotee', a personal name based on *min* 'soft, gentle'.

**Early bearers:** Morogh O'Mullivine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6466; Patrick Melvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbelfad, Mayo); William Melvin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan).

2 Norman, Scottish: in Scotland, a variant of

**Melville**, with alternation of final *-l* and *-n*.

**Early bearers:** Jonet Melvin, 1602 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Catharen Melvin, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); David Melvin, 1620 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

### Membery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; Monmouths

English: see **Membury**.

### Membrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Membury**.

### Membry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Membury**.

### Membury

Variants: **Membery, Membry, Membrey, Memory**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: locative name from Membury (Devon). There may occasionally have been some confusion with **Mowbray** and its variants.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Membri, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard de Membr', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John de Membury, 1315–16 in *Athelney Register* (Somerset); John de Membury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John de Membury, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Taunton, Somerset); Luke Membury, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Mary Membrey, 1561 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Jone Membrye, 1602 in *IGI* (Cannington, Somerset); Gertrude Membree, 1614 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset).

### Memet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: see **Mehmet**.

### Memmot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Memmott**.

### Memmott

Variants: **Memmot, Mammatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Ma(i)mot*, \**Memot*, a pet form of Old French *Mai(s)me, Mesme, Meime, or Maimon* (Latin *Maximus*). See **Maxim, Mayman**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Memot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Memott, 1535 in *York Registry Wills* (Normanton, Notts?); Robert Memotte, 1572, Margret Memmott, 1578, John Memott, 1614, Susanna Mymot, 1651 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Johannes Memmott, 1621 in *IGI*

(Chesterfield, Derbys); Edmund Meymott, 1670 in *Hearth Tax* (Alfreton, Derbys); Francis Memmott, 1668 in *IGI* (South Normanton, Derbys); George Meymott, 1696 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs); Hannah Memmott, 1702 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); William Mimmott, 1708 in *IGI* (Aston, WR Yorks). **References:** For early forms of the name see also *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Memon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (Gujarat): Muslim, perhaps from a personal name based on Arabic *mu'min* 'believer'.

**Further information:** This is one of the most common names in Pakistan, and the Memons are also a well-known business community of Gujarat.

### Memory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; Devon; Lancs

1 English: see **Mowbray**.

2 English: in Devon, see **Membury**.

### Menage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

Huguenot: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Menage, 1663, Abraham Menage, 1664 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Peter Menage, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Menarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Menary**.

### Menary

Variants: **Menery, Mennery, Minnery, Minery, Menarry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down

Irish: from **Mac Náradaigh**, see **Neary**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Sarah Menary, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Alexander Menary, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Down); Margaret Menarey, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carricknaveagh, Down); William Menarry, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Struell, Down); John Minarrey, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballymoney, Down); Maryanne Minnery, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilminioge, Down); Robert Minarry, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kennedies, Armagh). England: Margaret Menerey, 1795 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Menary, 1829, Joseph Minery, 1836 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Mence

Variants: **Mince**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; London

## Mendall

English: nickname from Middle English *mensk* 'honour, goodwill, kindness; honourable, praiseworthy, respectful'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Menske, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Feckenham, Worcs); Ricardo Menske, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanbury, Worcs); William Menske, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Awre, Gloucs); John Menkys, 1524, Jone Menske, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Robert Mence, 1552 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Maria Mence, 1577 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Willm Menske, 1590 in *IGI* (White Ladies Aston, Worcs); Gabriell Mince, 1604 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Margaret Mince, 1616 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**References:** *Worcs Middle English Dialect*, p. 248.

## Mendall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
- English; Scottish: see **Mendell**.

## Menday

**Variants:** Mendey, Mendy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: variant of **Mundy**.

**Early bearers:** Phillip Mendy, 1638, Samuel Munday, 1697 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Jane Mundaye, 1590, Johnathan Mendey, 1661 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Agnes Monday, 1565, John Mendey, 1690 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Henry Mundy, 1600, Willielmus Mundai, 1610, Jane Mendy, 1729 in *IGI* (Medmenham, Bucks).

## Mendel

**Variants:** Mendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish personal name *Mendl*, from a pet form of *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** David Mendel, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Great Bolton, Lancs); Isaac and Lebe Mendel, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Monty Mendel, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint George, Hanover Square, Middx); Isidor Mendel, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Morris Mendel, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman and Sarah Mendel, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Moss Mendel, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Myer Mendel, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

## Mendell

**Variants:** Mendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- 1 English, Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** England: Abraham Mendall, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Rob Mendall, 1562 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); Bartholomew Mendall, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Faith under Saint Paul, London); James Mendle, 1773 in *IGI* (Poole, Dorset).

Scotland: Decarteret Mendell, 1803 in *IGI* (Deerness, Orkney); Sarah Mendell, 1838 in *IGI* (Carnwath, Lanarks).

2 Jewish: see **Mendel**.

## Mendelsohn

**Variants:** Mendelson, Mendelsson, Mendlson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name, patronymic from the Yiddish personal name *Mendel* (see **Mendel**).

**Early bearers:** Rachel Mendlson, 1861 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Haymen and Keyhel Mendelsohn, artist and photographer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle on Tyne, Northumb); Jacob, Max, Leopold, and Bernhardt Mendelsohn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Julius Mendelsohn, merchant tailor, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Rudolph Mendelsohn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Adolf Mendelsohn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Moses J. Mendelsohn, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Kent); Mendel Mendelson, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Morris Mendelsohn, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Devon); Harris Mendelsohn, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Lazarus Mendelsohn, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Marks Mendelsohn, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

## Mendelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Mendelsohn**.

## Mendelsson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Mendelsohn**.

## Mendenhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Mindenhall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Mendes

**Variants:** Mendez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1239, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish, Portuguese: relationship name; Portuguese and Jewish (Sephardic), patronymic from the person name *Mendo*, a contracted form of *Menendo*, of Visigothic origin.

**Early bearers:** Joseph C. de Mendos, Portuguese subject, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Isaac Mendes, tailor's cutter, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); David Mendos, boot maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Isaac Mendes, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (London); Morris Moses Mendes, in *Census 1911* (London); Aurelio Mendes, born in Portugal, in *Census 1911* (London); Itala Mendes, born in Brazil,

in *Census 1911* (Cheshire); Pascool Mendes, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1911* (Glamorgan).

## Mendey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: see **Menday**.

## Mendez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish, Portuguese: see **Mendes**.

## Mendham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambs; also Middx

English: locative name from Mendham (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Mendeham, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Alicia de Mendham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Starston, Norfolk); Johannes de Mendham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); William a Mendham 1447–8, John Mendham, 1454 in *Paston Letters*; Robert Mendham, 1608 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk).

## Mendis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: Sinhalese form of Portuguese **Mendes**.

## Mendlson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Mendelsohn**.

## Mendonça

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: locative name, Portuguese (**Mendonça**), from Mendonça (Álava). Compare **Mendoza**.

## Mendoza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 897, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and London

Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name of Basque origin, from any of several places in the provinces of Arava and Biscay called Mendoza, named with Basque *mendi* 'mountain' + *otz* 'cold' + the definite article *-a*.

**Early bearers:** Juan Mendoza, 1816 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Judah Mendoza, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Moses and Hannah Mendoza, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Isaac Mendoza, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Israel Mendoza, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Mordecai and Hannah Mendoza, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Mendy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Menday**.

## Menear

**Variants:** Menneer, Mennear, Meneer, Manhire



- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Middle Cornish \**men-hyr* ‘menhir, long stone, standing stone’, a term which recurs in place-names in Cornwall, such as Menear in Saint Austell, Manheirs in Creed, and Menhire in Gwennap.

**Early bearers:** Walter Maenhir’, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Ralph Maenheyr, 1385, Walter Menhyr, 1451–64 in *Cornish Lands* (Creed, Cornwall); John Menhir, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Jane Menhire, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Richard Minhire, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); Ellis Menheire, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Menheare, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 164.

### Meneely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: reduced from **McNeilly**.

### Meneer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Cornish: see **Menear**.

### Menel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Meynell**.

### Menery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Menary**.

### Menezes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Spanish, Portuguese: (i) locative name, Spanish, from either of two places called Menezes de Campos (Palencia, Castile) or from the Mena valley in Burgos. (ii) locative name, Portuguese, from any of several places in Portugal called Menezes.

2 Scottish: variant of Scottish **Menziess**.

**Early bearers:** Grisel Menezes, 1659 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); James Menezes, 1781 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

### Meng

Variants: **Ming**, **Bong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 孟 (**Mang** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘eldest among brothers and sisters born of a concubine’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the title *Meng Sun* (孟孙), traced back to Qin Fu (died 660 BC), the eldest son of king Lu Huan Gong (died 694 BC) in the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province). Though Qin Fu was the eldest son of the king, he only earned a title called ‘Zhong Sun’ (meaning ‘the second eldest among brothers and sisters’) because he was born of a

concubine. He later murdered two kings in the state of Lu, and eventually committed suicide. Because of the notoriety for his vice, his descendants changed his original title ‘Zhong Sun’ to a relatively inferior title ‘*Meng Sun*’ and later shortened it to *Meng* (孟). (ii) from *Meng Tu* (孟塗), the name of an ancient state (located in Mengzhou and Mengjin in Henan province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Meng Zhi (孟紫), the style name of the elder brother of the king Wei Ling Gong (died 493 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蒙 (**Mong** or **Mung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘to suffer’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Meng Shuang* (蒙雙), the name of a fief (located in Shangqiu in Henan province). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname *Meng Shan* (蒙山), name of a hill (located in present-day Shandong province), where an annual sacrifice was held by an official with the title Dong Meng Zhu. (iii) from the place-name *Meng* (蒙), the name of a fief (located in Hubei province) granted to an official in the state of Chu.

3 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 明, see **Ming** (2).

### Mengham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Mengham in South Hayling (Hants), which is recorded as *Meynham* in 1327, *Maynham* in 1334. The place-name possibly means ‘homestead or enclosure of the people of a man called Mæg(a)’, from the Old English personal name *Mæga* or *Mæg* + the group-name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga-*) + either *hām* ‘homestead, village, estate’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, hemmed-in land’.

**Early bearers:** Joan Mengham, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Cheriton, Hants); John Mengham, 1596, Brian Mengem, 1628 in *IGI* (Upton Grey, Hants); Robert Mengem, 1605, John Mengham, 1622 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants); Richard Mengham, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (East Meon, Hants); Ann Mengem, 1697 in *IGI* (Bedhampton, Hants); Alice Mengham, widow of New Alresford, 1770 in *TNA* (Hants).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 115; *Hayling Island Place-Names*, pp. 56–8.

### Menhenick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Menhinick**.

### Menhennet

Variants: **Menhennett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Menhinick**.

### Menhennett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Menhennet**.

### Menhinick

Variants: **Menhenick**, **Menhennet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name probably from Mellionec farm in Colan (Cornwall), recorded as *Melihonec* in the early 13th century, *Mellyonek* in 1503. A surname *Melyonek*, derived from this place, occurs in the 14th to 16th centuries, and the earliest known bearer of the surname Menhinick, John Menhenek 1522 (Helland), was also called John Melyonek. The surname spread in the Bodmin area in the later 16th and the 17th centuries. The variant *Menhinett* is first found in 1641 (Bodmin). The parish of Menheniot and the farm of Menheniot in Saint Stephen by Launceston (of different derivation from one another) could theoretically have produced a surname *Menhenek*, but neither of those seems to have given rise to an inherited surname. Surnames in this group were occasionally confused with ones of the shape *Menwenick* (from a farm of that name in Trewen), but the two groups usually remained distinct.

**Early bearers:** John Melyonek, John Menhenek, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* p. 84 (Helland); John Menwhynyk, 1543 *Subsidy Rolls*, Cornwall, p. 93 (Helland); Arthur Menhenycke, Humphrey Menhenecke 1569 in *Cornwall Muster*, pp. 58, 60 (Bodmin); Anthony Menhinett, 1641 in *Protestation Returns*, Cornwall, p. 179 (Bodmin); Anthony Menwhenicke, 1664 *Hearth Tax*, Cornwall, p. 41 (Bodmin).

**References:** O. J. Padel, personal information.

### Menie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Mennie**.

### Menlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Herts
- English: see **Manlove**.

### Menmuir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Menmuir (Angus). **Early bearers:** William Menmuir, 1650 in *Black* (Brechin, Angus); William Menmuir, 1726 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus); Jean Menmuir, 1741 in *IGI* (Fettercairn, Kincardines).

### Mennear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Menear**.

### Menneer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Menear**.

## Mennell

### Mennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Meynell**.

### Mennery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: see **Menary**.

### Mennie

**Variants:** Menie, Minnie, Minney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Menie near Belhevie (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Janet Mennie, 1627 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Androw Meanie, 1634 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); Robert Menie, 1645, Andrew Mennie, 1735 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); George Menie, 1650 in *IGI* (Forglen, Banffs); George Mennie, 1694 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Robert Meanie, 1726, Robert Mennie, 1797 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).  
England: Richard Mennie, 1592 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); John Minney, 1742 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds).

### Menon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Kerala): Hindu (Nayar), from Malayalam *mēnōn*, usually used to mean ‘accountant’, but literally ‘exalted one’ (earlier *mēnavan*, *mēlavan*, from *mēl* ‘high’ + the third person singular masculine pronoun *avan* ‘he’).

**Further information:** Originally, this was a hereditary title conferred by the rulers of various kingdoms in Kerala.

### Mensah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2793, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Ghanaian: circumstance name from the Akan male given name *Meŋsā* ‘third-born’.

### Mensforth

**Variants:** Mansford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Mainsforth in Bishop Middleham (Durham), which is recorded as *Maynesford* in 1304, *Maynsforth* in 1334.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Mayn’ford, 1296, Adæ de Maynsford, 1358, Emma de Maynesforth, 1366, Roberto de Maynesford, 1374 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Merrington, Durham); William de Maynesford, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Hett, Durham); William Maynesford, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Mansforth, 1541, Christopher Maynsforth, 1560, Anne Mensforthe, 1579 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Mainsforth, 1548, Elizabeth Maynsford, 1560 in *IGI* (Walcot, Lincs); Catherine Mencforth, 1570 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Margaret Mansford, 1570 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Jone Mansforth, 1572, Alice Maynsforth, 1606 in *IGI* (Billingborough, Lincs);

Rich. Mansforth, 1580 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Shincliffe, Durham); Rychard Mansforth, 1586, Thomas Mansford, 1592 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); Margret Mansford, 1607 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Menter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mentor**.

### Menton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish (Munster): Ó Manntáin, see **Manton**.

### Mentor

**Variants:** Menter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mentur* ‘liar’.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Mentur, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Brese le Mentur, 1232 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey le Menter, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Menter, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Margaret Menter, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); John Menter, 1576 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Mary Menter, 1660 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Laurence Mentor, 1670 in *IGI* (London); John Menter, 1698 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb).

### Menzie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Perth; also N England

Scottish: see **Menzies**.

### Menzies

**Variants:** Menezes, Manzie, Menzie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4027, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3848
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Waterford

Scottish: Scottish form of **Manners**, pronounced *Meengus* or *Mingies* (*Black*). For the spelling with *z* compare **Dalziel**.

**Further information:** The name was brought to Scotland in the 12th or 13th century by a family of Norman knights. Sir Robert *de Meyneris* became Lord High Chamberlain of Scotland in the 1240s under King Alexander II. The ancestral seat of the clan descended from him is at Weem in Perth (*Adam*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Meyners, 1217 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; Alexander de Meygners, 1297 in *Scotland Calendar*; Robert Maynher, 1385 in *Origines Parochiales* (Culter, Aberdeens); David Meyngnes, 1425 in *Scotland Calendar*; Elspet Menzies, 1625 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

### Meon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Meen**.

### Meopham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Mepham**.

### Mepani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), from *Mep-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Mepham

**Variants:** Meopham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Meopham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Maurice de Mepham, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Rycharde Meppam, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Mepstead

**Variants:** Mepsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Kent

English: variant of **Maxted**.

**Early bearers:** Elynor Mapsted, 1574, Dorathe Maxsted, 1584 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Edward Maxsted, 1671, Marget Mapsted, 1678 in *IGI* (Herne, Kent); Elizabeth Mepsted, 1729 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Mary Maxted, 1702, John Mepsted, 1752 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); John Maxted, 1726, Eleanor Mapsted, 1760, John Mepsted, 1783 in *IGI* (Challock, Kent); Sarah Mepsted, 1753, Elizabeth Mepstead, 1798 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Mepsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Mepstead**.

### Merali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Pakistani: of uncertain origin: perhaps from Persian *mehr* ‘compassion’ + *ali*, from Arabic *‘alī* ‘high’, commonly found as a male given name.

### Mercado

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: locative name, nickname from Spanish *mercado* ‘market’, denoting someone living by a market or for a market trader.

### Mercer

**Variants:** Mercier, Marcer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9934, Ireland 557
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7840

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; SE England (esp. Kent); Midlothian, Lanarks, and Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Antrim

English: occupational name from Middle English *mercier*, *merser*, *marser* ‘dealer in textiles, especially silks, velvets, and other costly fabrics’ (from Old French *mercier*, *merchier*, Anglo-Norman *mercier*, *marcer* ‘merchant’).

**Early bearers:** England: Gamel mercer, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John le mercier, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Hamo le Merchier, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Walt. le Mercer, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Iuo le Mercer, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richer le Mercher, le Mercer, 1298 in *London Letter Books B*; Johanne le Mercer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Henricus le Mercer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Thomas Mercer, 1492 in *Kent Wills* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Richard Mercer, 1588 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).  
Scotland: Laurence Mersar, 1598 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Mercer, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 92.

### Merchant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2540, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1972
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England (esp. Gloucs); scattered in Scotland (esp. Aberdeens) and Wales (esp. Glamorgan)

English: see **Marchant**.

### Mercieca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Maltese: (i) locative name perhaps from Marsica or Marseca, a region of Abruzzo, Italy. (ii) locative name possibly from Italian *merceria* ‘haberdashery’.  
**References:** *Cassar*.

### Mercier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; scattered in England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

French, Huguenot: see **Mercer**.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Peter Le Mercier, 1838 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey).

England: Janne Mercier, Walloon, 1581 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Esther Mercier, 1611 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Mercy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: see **Marsay**.

### Mere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Mear**.

### Meredith

**Variants:** Merideth, Meridith, Merridew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8989, Ireland 390
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6039
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands (esp. Shrops and Herefs) and E Wales

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; also Sligo
- Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Meredydd* (Old Welsh *Morgetiud*, Middle Welsh *Maredudd*). Compare **Beddow**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Mareduth filius Knetha, about 1216 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); Mereduht ap Grifin, 1248 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Monmouths); Mereduth ap Daudi, Mereduth ab Howel, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths).

given names, England: Meredith ap Jevan, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

sumames, Wales: Ieuan ap Mereduth, Eynon ab Mereduth, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Jane Meredith, 1706 in *IGI* (Llandefalle, Brecknocks); William Meredith, 1707 in *IGI* (Talgarth, Brecknocks).

sumames, England: William Meredith, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William Meredith, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Morgan Meredith, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Acol, Kent); David ap Meredith, Ricardus Meredith, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Ness, Shrops); Alex. Meredith, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Kings Pyon, Herefs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 160–3.

### Merewether

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Merryweather**.

### Merick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Brecknocks; London

Welsh: see **Merrick**.

### Merideth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

Welsh: see **Meredith**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Meridew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Warwicks; Lancs
- English: see **Merridew**.

### Meridith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Welsh: see **Meredith**.

### Merifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Merrifield**.

### Merington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Merrington**.

### Merison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Merrison**.

### Meriton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Merrington**.

### Meritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Merriott** (2), **Marriott**, or **Marritt** (3).

### Merivale

**Variants:** **Merrivale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants
- Norman, English: (i) locative name from Merevale (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Miravall* in 1148. (ii) locative name perhaps from one or more of several places in France named Miraval or Mireval, such as Miraval-Cabardès and Mireval-Lauragais (both in Aude) and Mireval (in Hérault), though no obvious candidate in northern France has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Miriuall, 1206 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Will'o de Muryval, 1327, Will'o de Muryvale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hilderstone, Staffs); Richard Meryvale, 1418 in *London Letter Books I*; Richard Mirevall, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Meryvale, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Jeayes Merifale or Meryfalle, 1599, William Merivale or Meryvall, 1628 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Mary Merrivale, 1743 in *IGI* (Bloxham, Oxon); Martha Merrivale, 1797 in *IGI* (Middleton Cheney, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 87–8.

### Merlin

**Variants:** **Marlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Merlin* (Latin *Merlinus*, from Welsh *Myrdhin*).

**Further information:** *Merlinus* was a Latinized form of *Myrdin* devised by Geoffrey of Monmouth and popularized in the Arthurian romances.

**Early bearers:** given names: Marlin Masfielde, 1618 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Marling Gooding, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

surnames: Ralph filius Merlin, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Merlini, about 1210 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William Marlyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Henry Merling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Merlyn, 1347 in *King's Bench Cases* (Northumb); John Marling, 1361 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Hugh Merlyng, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Walterus Merlyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

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(Dorset); Walterus Marlyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); John Merlyn, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); John Merlyn, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Christopher Marlin, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).  
References: *DAFN*.

### Mernagh

Variants: **Mernock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Ó Mearanaigh ‘descendant of the lively one’, from *mear* ‘spirited, lively’ or ‘deft’.  
Further information: according to MacLysaght (*Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 112), Mernagh may be a branch of the **Kavanagh** sept in south-east Leinster.

Early bearers: Melaghlin mcShane Meranagh, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4132; Donagh roe mcTeige Meranaghe, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6219 (Carlow); Donogh roe Meranagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Ballekely); Sarah Mernagh, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Balloughter, Wexford); Thomas Merna, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballyhowbeg, Wexford); Denis Mernock, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Mulmontry, Wexford); Judith Mernagh, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Macreddin East, Wicklow).

### Merner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English: see **Marriner**.

### Mernock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Irish: see **Mernagh**.  
2 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name see **Warnock**.

### Merrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Leics; Kent

English: see **Murrell**.

### Merralls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Murrells**.

### Merredy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Merridew**.

### Merrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 381
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Murrell**.

### Merrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Murrells**.

### Merren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Notts

English: see **Merrin**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Merrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2016, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1825
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Hants

English: variant of **Merriott**, **Marriott**, or **Marritt** (3).

### Merrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Oxon

English: see **Merry**.

### Merriam

Variants: **Miriam**, **Myram**, **Miram**s

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from an unidentified place called *Meryham*, apparently in east Sussex but now lost.

Early bearers: Laur’ de Meryham, 1296, Johe de Meriham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mayfield or Heathfield, Sussex); John de Meryham, 1329–30 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Robert Meriham, 1396, Henry Meryham, 1425, Robert Meryhome, 1445 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 27 (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); John Meryham, 1454 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Linton, Kent); John Meryham, 1455–6, Henry Meryam, 1491–2 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Richard Meryham, 1510 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Goudhurst, Kent); Alice Meriham, 1544 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Marye Merryham, 1563 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Richard Myriam, 1587 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); John Merryam, 1599 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Meriham, 1642 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); John Mirriam, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Horsmonden, Kent).  
References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 222.

### Merrick

Variants: **Merick**, **Meyrick**, **Myrick**, **Merricks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3026, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs, Herefs, and Somerset; also London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Cork

1 Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Meuric*, the Welsh form of *Maurice* (see **Morris**). Compare Ricardo Merikson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).

Early bearers: given names, Wales: Meuric filius Resi, 1200–1 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); Meuriko ap Adaf, Meurico ap Howel, Meurico filio Reis, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths).

given names, England: Meurich filius Rogeri, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Meuricus, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Meuryk Werkmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Merugh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops).  
surnames, Wales: Dauid ab Meuryk, Edeneuet ap Meurik, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); John Merrick, 1776 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths).  
surnames, England: Ll’ ap Merugh’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Juan Eigon ap Meuric, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Richard A Merik, 1492, Richard Ameryke, 1502, Richard Apmeryk, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Edward Merrycke, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes Meyrick, 1560 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); John Mericke, 1575 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); David Myrick, 1602 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); George Mericke, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset).  
2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the Welsh name, it is from Irish Ó Mearadhaigh, see **Merry**.  
Early bearers: Thomas Merrick, gent., sheriff of Queen’s County [Laois], 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2113, §5798.

### Merricks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Sussex

Welsh: variant of **Merrick** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Mary Mericks, 1608 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Anna Merickes, 1635 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Merricks, 1798 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs).

### Merridan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Bucks; also Lancs

English: see **Merriden**.

### Merriday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Merridew**.

### Merriden

Variants: **Merridan**, **Merrington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts; Warwicks

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places with names derived from Old English *myrge* ‘merry, pleasant’ + *denu* ‘valley’, such as Marden Hill in Tewin (Herts), which is recorded as *Meryden* in 1544, Munden in Watford (also Herts), which is recorded as *Muridene* in 1097–1119, and Meriden (Warwicks).

Early bearers: Roger de Meriden’, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Richard de Meridene, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William de Meryden, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Sir Walter de Miridene, Sir Walter de Miryden, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Warwicks); Margaret Miriden, 1302–3 in *Peterborough Cartulary*; Hugh de Meriden, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hertford, Herts); Roger de Meryden, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Watford, Herts); John de Merinden, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stevenage, Herts); John Meryden, 1466–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx);

Frances Mereden, 1540 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Margrett Meriton, 1565 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Sicilia Meriden, 1569 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Richard Meriden, 1570 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); Katherine Meryden, 1587 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 105, 232; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 64.

### Merridew

Variants: Meridew, Merredy, Merriday, Mallalieu, Melody

- Current frequencies: GB 66, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 48
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Hants, Wilts; Warwicks; Flints

English: relationship name, variant of **Meredith**. Bardsley gives examples of men called both *Meredith* and *Meriday* in 1596–8 and 1680–2.

Early bearers: Johannes Meridewe, Thomas Merydewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Margerie Merridew, 1591 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Ruth Merridew, 1593 in *IGI* (Ashby Parva, Leics); Thos Merredy, 1677 in *IGI* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Thomas Meridy, 1696 in *IGI* (Pilling, Lancs); Susana Meridue, 1718 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); John Meredew, 1766 in *IGI* (Gatton, Surrey).

### Merrie

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Ayr; Midlothian; Middx
- English, Scottish: see **Merry**.

### Merrifield

Variants: Merifield, Merryfield, Meryfield, Marfell, Marvell

- Current frequencies: GB 974, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 706
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Merrifield in West Bridgerule or Mearfield in Stoke Climsland (both Cornwall), or Merrivale in Whitchurch (Devon), which is recorded as *Miryfeld* in 1307, or from one or more of the six minor places in Devon called Merrifield (in Buckfastleigh, Bulkworthy, Churchstow, Inwardleigh, Slapton, and Upton Hellions).

Early bearers: Walter de Merifild', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Simon de Merifeld, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Richard de Miriafelde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beaford, Devon); Gervase de Merifeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Budleigh hundred, Devon); Roger de Miriefelde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ideford, Devon); William Miriefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lamerton, Devon); James de Meryfeld, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de Meryfeld, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes Merifeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Robertus Meryfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calbourne, IoW); Johan Merifeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex); William Meryfeld', 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Cockington, Devon); Walter Myryfeld', 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Charleton, Devon); William Meryfeld, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Brightling, Sussex); John Meryfeld', 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Exeter, Devon); John Merifilde, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

References: *East Cornwall Place-Names*, pp. 21–2, 103; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 92, 136, 150, 247, 295, 297, 330, 419.

### Merrigan

Variants: Morgan

- Current frequencies: GB 316, Ireland 625
- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wicklow; Waterford and Kilkenny; also Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Muireagáin 'descendant of Muireagán' a personal name derived from *muir* 'sea'. Compare **Morgan**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Donatus or Donald duf O'Moregan, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2172; Iedalghe O'Murrigane, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6617 (Kilky); Patrick O'Morrigan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullyhappies, Armagh); Bryan O'Mourigan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Crossmoer, Monaghan); Rose Morigan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgooland, Down); John Merighan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynakill, Galway).

England: Joseph Merrigan, 1867 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Merrikin

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 91
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; also ER Yorks; Norfolk

English: see **Markin**.

Early bearers: Rychard Merykyng, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Sturton, Lincs); Anna Merikin, 1569 in *IGI* (Saleby, Lincs); Anthony Merrikin, 1759 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Norfolk); Edward Merrikin, 1790 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Merril

- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire

English: see **Murrell**.

### Merrilees

Variants: Merrylees, Mireylees, Mirrielees, Merryless

- Current frequencies: GB 381, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 170
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from a lost place called *Merrilees* near Linlithgow (W Lothian). Compare **Murless**.

Early bearers: Thomas Mereleys, 1529 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Richard Mereleis, 1545 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings); Janet Merrilees, 1652 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian).

### Merrill

- Current frequencies: GB 925, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 860
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Lancs; also E Midlands

English: see **Murrell**.

### Merrills

- Current frequencies: GB 379, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 151

- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Murrells**.

### Merriman

Variants: Merryman

- Current frequencies: GB 1839, Ireland 392
- GB frequency 1881: 1093
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Pembrokes; W Midlands; Orkney; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered

1 English: nickname from Middle English *mirie*, *merie*, *murie* 'merry, pleasant' + *man* 'man'. Compare **Merry**.

Further information: This name is well established in Ireland as well as England.

Early bearers: England: Adam Murymon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Meryman, 1359 in *London Letter Books G*; Adam Myrman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Willielmus Merymon, 1524, Katerina Meriman, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Jane Meryman, 1564, John Myrman, 1568 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Anthony Myrman, 1581 in *IGI* (Matson, Gloucs).

Wales: William Merriman, 1681 in *IGI* (Narberth, Pembrokes).

Scotland: Jaspert Mirriman, 1645, James Merriman, 1657 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).

2 English: there has probably been some confusion with **Marriman**.

### Merrin

Variants: Mearing, Meering, Merren, Merring, Merron, Myring

- Current frequencies: GB 430, Ireland 13
- GB frequency 1881: 240
- Main GB location 1881: Notts; also Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford; Antrim; Dublin

English: locative name from Mareham le Fen and Mareham on the Hill (Lincs), recorded as *Maring* in 1202, or from Meering (Notts).

Early bearers: John de Meryng, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Richard de Maryng, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Spilsby, Lincs); Alexander Meryng', 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Radcliffe on Trent, Notts); Thomas Maryng, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Louth, Lincs); Roberto de Maryng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Roberto Meryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whatton, Leics); Francis de Meryng, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); William Meryng', 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Meryng, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Thomas Meryng', 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Joahn Maringe, 1563 in *IGI* (Belleau and Aby, Lincs); Ann Mearing, 1567 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Emmota Mearinge, 1582 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Alice Mering, 1587 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Alce Merin, 1587 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Brigget Mering, 1588 in *IGI* (Doddinton, Lincs); Elizabeth Mearinge, 1610 in *IGI* (South Collingham, Notts); John Myring, 1628 in *IGI* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Mary Mearing, 1631 in *IGI* (Sutton on Trent, Notts); Hanah Meerin, 1699, Henry Meering, 1701, Jeane Mearin, 1724, George Mearing, 1729 in *IGI* (Shinfield, Berks); Elizabeth Merrin, 1703 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Merriner

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0

## Merring

- GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cumb
- English: see **Marriner**.

### Merring

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Merrin**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Merrington

- Variants: **Merington, Marrington, Merrinton, Meriton**
- Current frequencies: GB 539, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 229
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops; Durham and NR Yorks; Middx and Essex
- 1 English: locative name from Merrington (Durham).  
Early bearers: John de Merynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Roberto de Meryngton, 1365, Ricardi de Meryngton, 1368 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Merrington, Durham); William de Meryngton', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Hugone de Merington', 1377–81 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus de Meryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nunwick, WR Yorks); Emma de Maryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham hundred, Norfolk); William de Merington', 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Thomas de Meryngton', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Westow, ER Yorks); Jennet Merinton, 1572, Ambrose Merington, 1583 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); John Merinton, 1586, Matthew Marinton, 1591 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Johes Merington, 1594 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Robertus Merington, 1603 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Steven Merington, 1629 in *IGI* (East Rounton, NR Yorks).  
2 English: locative name from Merrington in Preston Gubbals (Shrops), which is recorded as *Muridon* in about 1220–30, *Meryden* in 1572, *Meriton* in 1577, *Merington* in 1655.  
Early bearers: [ . . . de] Muridone, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Myrrydon, 1524, Johannes Myryden, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Edward Merington, 1594 in *IGI* (Condoover, Shrops); Mary Meriden, 1602 in *IGI* (Preston Gubbals, Shrops).  
References: *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 204; 4, pp. 155–6.  
3 English: variant of **Merriden**.

### Merrinton

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Merrington**.

### Merriott

- Variants: **Merritt, Merrit, Meritt, Merrett, Marriott, Marryatt, Marryat, Marritt**
- Current frequencies: GB 159, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 164
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; also Surrey and Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Merriott (Somerset). The alteration of the place-name ending from *-et* to *-ot* is first recorded in the early 17th century. This is probably the main source of the surname, which is most common in Somerset, but it may have been confused with the next sense.  
Early bearers: Hardinus de Meriet, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Henry de Merieth, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); John de Meryet, late 12th cent.,

- Hugh de Meriet, 1228–36 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset and Somerset); John Meriet, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); George de Meryet, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Roberto Meriet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Lovell, Wilts); Nicholas Meriott, 1612 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Meryet* (Old English *Mærgēat*), which probably went out of use in the early 13th century. In post-medieval times both this surname and the locative name in (1) above underwent changes in pronunciation, sometimes by confusion with **Marriott**, and often by losing the medial *-i-* or *-y-*, hence **Merrett, Meritt**, and so on.  
Early bearers: given names: Meriet, about 1113 in *Burton Cartulary* (Staffs); Meriet, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).  
surnames: Alric filius Meriet, Ælric Meriete sune, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ægelricus filius Mergeati, about 1086 in *Robinson, Anglo-Saxon Charters*; Ralph Meriet, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Symon Meriet, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Adam Meriet, 1286 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Suffolk); Richard Meryet, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Meryet, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Adam Meryet, 1341 in *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* (Suffolk); John Meryatt, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Susann Merriott, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); Lawrence Merriott, 1629 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Joannes Merriott, 1641 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Giles Merriott, 1666 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Elizabetha Merriott, 1675 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

### Merris

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Staff and Worcs
- English: see **Marris**.

### Merrison

- Variants: **Merison**
- Current frequencies: GB 377, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 155
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: variant of **Marrison**.  
Early bearers: Catherine Marrison, 1582, William Merrison, 1670, Sarah Merison, 1703 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); An Marison, 1639, Margaret Merrison, 1654 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk).

### Merrit

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 143
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: variant of **Merriott, Marriott**, or **Marritt** (3).

### Merritt

- Current frequencies: GB 3828, Ireland 86
  - GB frequency 1881: 2085
  - Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Wilts and Hants; also WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered
- English: variant of **Merriott, Marriott**, or **Marritt** (3).

### Merrivale

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10

- Main GB location 1881: Northants
- Norman, English: see **Merivale**.

### Merriweather

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Merryweather**.

### Merron

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 46
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- 1 Irish: see **Marron**.  
2 English: see **Merrin**.

### Merrow

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Renfrews
- 1 English, Scottish: see **Marrow**.  
2 English: locative name from Merrow (Surrey).  
Early bearers: Henrico de Merwe, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Bramley, Surrey); Thomas de Merewe, 1276–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Effingham, Surrey); Willmo de Merewe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Merwe, 1346 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Walterus Merwe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coombes, Sussex); Johannes Merewe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Luce Merrowe, 1656 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Merry

- Variants: **Merrey, Merrie, Mery, Marry, Murray, Merrick**
- Current frequencies: GB 3283, Ireland 82
  - GB frequency 1881: 2226
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny and Waterford; Dublin
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *merie*, *mirie*, *murie* 'merry, pleasant' (Old English *myrge*). Compare **Merriman**.  
Early bearers: Gilbert le mirie, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); John Myrie, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Merye, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Kent); John le Mirie, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes Merye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sollers Hope, Herefs); Alicia Mery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bale, Norfolk); Willelmus Murry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Bromwich, Warwicks); Johanna Myry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scrayingham, ER Yorks); Margret Merry, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thomas Merry, 1567 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Rose Merrie, 1585 in *IGI* (Impington, Cambs).  
2 Irish: adopted for Ó Mearadhaigh, Ó Meardha 'descendant of *Mearadhach* or *Meardha*', personal names derived from an adjective meaning 'lively, wild, or wanton'.  
Early bearers: Donnough O'Merye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2968; William Merye, fowler, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5439 (Loughgir, Limerick); David O'Mohery alias O'Merehy mcThomas, labourer, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4714; John O'Marie, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521 (Knockenrodie, Tipperary); Barney Merry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); Catherine Marry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Louth); Thomas Marrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monknewtown, Meath).  
References: *More Irish Families*, pp. 178–79.

3 English: perhaps sometimes a form of **Mary**; compare **Merrikin**.

4 French: (i) locative name from Merry (Yonne) or Merri (Orne). (ii) relationship name from a French vernacular form of the personal name *Médéric*, derived from a Germanic personal name.

**Early bearers:** Maria Mery, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Merryfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England (esp. Hants and Devon); also Lancs

English: see **Merrifield**.

### Merrylees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Merrilees**.

### Merryless

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Scottish: see **Merrilees**.

### Merryman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs and Worcs; Glamorgan; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Westmeath, Roscommon, and Mayo

English: see **Merriman**.

### Merryweather

**Variants:** Merewether, Merriweather, Merrywether, Manyweathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 631
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs; London

English: nickname from Middle English *mirie*, *merie*, *murie* ‘merry, pleasant’ + *weder* ‘weather’, a common term for fair weather. Compare **Fairweather**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Meriweder, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Robert Muriweder, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Mirywoder, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Gilibro Meryweder, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Mereweder, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Myrywedor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Newnham, Warwicks); Henricus Meriwedor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth, Gloucs); Richard Meryweder, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Brenchley, Kent); Johannis Merywedyr, about 1453 in *Survey of Wye* (Wye, Kent); George Merywether, 1541 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Johan Merywether, 1578 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Susan Merriwether, 1592 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Sara Meriwether, 1596 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

### Merrywether

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Merryweather**.

### Mersh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Marsh**.

### Merson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also Devon and Somerset

1 Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Wm Mearson, 1671 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs); Janet Merson, 1677 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banffs); Adam Merson, 1681 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Barbara Mearson, 1682 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); John Merson, 1720 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Marson**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Merson, 1539 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Aleonora Merson, 1563 in *IGI* (Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset); Richard Mearson, 1569 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Anthonie Mersonne, 1614 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Simon Merson, 1644 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

### Mertens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Dutch, North German: relationship name, patronymic from a variant of the personal name **Martin**.

**Early bearers:** William Lodwick Mertens, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Merton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London and Kent

English: locative name from one or more of the many places called Merton, such as found in Surrey, Kent, Devon, Oxon, and Norfolk. There has probably been some confusion with both **Marton** and **Murton**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Mertuna, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); Ellis de Martin, William de Merrton, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Peter de Mertone, 1322 in *London Coroners Rolls* (London); Thomas de Merton, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Georgeham, Devon); Johannes de Merton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ellingham, Norfolk); Cristina Mertune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); Johannes de Merton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billingsley, Shrops); John de Merton, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Thomas Merton, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Merton, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

### Mervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent
- English: see **Marvin**.

### Mervyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- English: see **Marvin**.

### Mery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Merry**.

### Meryfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset
- English: see **Merrifield**.

### Mescall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Meisceall, see **Miskell**.

### Messenger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Messenger**.

### Mesham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Flints
- English: see **Measham**.

### Mesher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- English: see **Meacher**.

### Meskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Meisceall, see **Miskell**.

### Message

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: occupational name from Middle English *message* ‘messenger’ (Old French *message*, from late Latin *missaticus* ‘messenger’ beside late Latin *missaticum* ‘message’). Compare **Messenger**.
- Early bearers:** John Messege, 1612 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Elizabeth Message, 1647 in *IGI* (Chiddingly, Sussex).

### Messam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts
- English: see **Measham**.

### Messenger

**Variants:** Messinger, Mesenger, Massinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2806, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; London; also Gloucs, Oxon, and Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *messenger*, *messenger* ‘messenger’ (Old French *messagier*, *message*). Compare **Message**. The intrusive *-n-* in both the surname and the vocabulary

word may be explained as either a Middle English development (compare words such as *passenger* and *harbinger*) or as reflecting the attested Anglo-Norman side-forms *messenger*, *messenger*.

**Early bearers:** Lucas le mesagier, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard le Messenger, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Hugh le Messenger, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William le Messinger, 1293 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Robert le Massager, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William le Messeger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); William Messagier, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Richard Messenger, 1377 in *London Pleas*; Willelmo Messenger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elstow, Beds); Ricardo Messanger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Johanne Messenger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Farmington, Gloucs); Ralph Messenger, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Harlaxton, Lincs); Walter Massynger, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts).

## Messent

Variants: Mezen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French female personal name *Maisent* (Continental Germanic *Mathasuent* or \**Magisind*, *Megisend*). **Further information:** Measant's Charity alias Messants Farm in Debden (Essex) owes its name to John Meysaunt or Mesande, recorded in the 15th century (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 524).

**Early bearers:** given names: Meisent, Moysent, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Maysant, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks).

surnames: Helie Moysant, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Maysaunt, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Maysant, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); Thoma Mesaunt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hose, Leics); Dorcas Measant, 1612 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); William Messent, 1619 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex).

**References:** *Forssner*, pp. 183–4.

## Messer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1079, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 877
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; SE Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *messier*, *messer* 'harvester, harvest master, hayward' (late Latin *messicarius*, agent derivative of *messis* 'harvest').

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Messer, 1172–80 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Erkenbald le Messer, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William le Messier, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Osbert le Messer, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Breadsall, Derbys); Robert Messer, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Thomas le Messer, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William le Messer, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Tholthorpe, NR Yorks); John Messier, 1355 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Messer, 1575 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); John Messer, 1607 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Robert Messer, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Edward Messer, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Hugh Messer, 1650 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

Scotland: Thomas le Messer, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*, John Messor, 1461 in *Strathendrick* (Drymen,

Stirlings); George Messer, 1645 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); William Messer, 1657 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *mezz* 'knife' (from Old High German *mezzirahs*, *mezzisahs*, a compound of *maz* 'food, meat' + *sahs* 'knife, sword'), German *Messer*, used to denote a cutler. Among Jewish bearers, it was probably acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Morris Messer, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Marks Messer, watchmaker's finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Noah Messer, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Samuel and Fanny Messer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Messer, newsagent, born in Poplar, in *Census 1911* (Stamford Hill, Middx); Fritz Messer, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx).

3 German: occupational name for an official in charge of measuring the dues paid in kind by tenants, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *mezz* 'to measure'.

**Early bearers:** Charles and Friedrika Messer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Cumb); George Messer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Essex); Joachim Messer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Fritz and Bertha Messer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Messervy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French (Channel Islands): from Norman French *messervi*, i.e. \**mé-servi*, 'ill-served, ill-used'. The 12th-century Anglo-Norman chronicler Wace mentions 'son frere messervi', 'his ill-used brother'. George Balleine, in *A History of Jersey*, states that 'Messervy was a pitying name given to one who had been maltreated.'

**Early bearers:** [...] Messervy, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Jersey); Jean Messervy, 1331 in *Extente de Jersey* (Saint Martin); Abraham Messervy, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey).

**References:** Balleine, George R. (1950) *A History of Jersey*. London: Staples Press. <http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Messervy>

## Messham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; also Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Measham**.

## Messin

Variants: Messom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *meschin* 'rogue, rascal'.

**Early bearers:** Randulf Meschin before 1153 *Black*; William le Meschin, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset/Somerset); William le Messim, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Mesyn', 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Mason**.

## Messina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: locative name Southern Italian, from Messina (Sicily), which was named *Messana* in the 5th century BC when it was captured by Anaxilaos of Rhegium; previously it had been known as *Zancle*. **Further information:** This is a very common surname in Sicily, especially in Palermo and Catania.

## Messinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cumb; London; Northants

English: see **Messenger**.

## Messingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants

English: see **Massingham**.

## Messiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: possibly a variant of **Mashed**.

**Early bearers:** Willi. Messeter, 1578 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Richard Messiter, 1591 in *IGI* (Wanstrom, Somerset); Richard Massiter, 1620 in *IGI* (Sutton Benger, Wilts); Jeremiah Messiter, 1679 in *IGI* (Cherington, Gloucs); Deborah Messiter, 1682 in *IGI* (Chippenhams, Wilts).

## Messom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 English: see **Mason**.

2 Norman, English: see **Messin**.

## Messon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kincardines

Scottish: see **Meston**.

## Messruther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Mashed**.

## Messum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: see **Measham**.

## Meston

Variants: Messon, Masson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Meston, 1678 in *IGI* (Monymusk, Aberdeens); Margret Meston, 1685 in *IGI* (Kemnay, Aberdeens); Rachell Mestin, 1691 in *IGI* (Aberdeen,



Aberdeens); George Meston, 1694 in *IGI* (New Machar, Aberdeens); Wm Mestine, 1726 in *IGI* (Kintore, Aberdeens).

### Meszaros

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Hungarian: occupational name (*Mészáros*) for a butcher, from the Slavic loanword *mészár*.

### Metcalf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4403, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6043
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin
- English: see *Metcalfe*.

### Metcalfe

**Variants:** *Metcalf*, *Mitcalfe*, *Mitcalf*, *Medcalfe*, *Medcalf*, *Midcalf*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12121, Ireland 334
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6790
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: nickname apparently from Middle English *mete* 'meat, food' + *calf* 'calf', i.e. 'a calf to be fattened up for eating' (an unrecorded formation which would be parallel to Old English *mete-cū* 'a cow that is to provide food' and *mete-corn* 'corn for food'). Compare *Calf* and *Duncalf*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Medcalf, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Medcalf, 1308–10 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Richard Metcalf, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Metcalf, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); Johanne Metcalf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); John Metcalf, 1423, John Medcalfe, 1463 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); James Metcalf, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Wensleydale, NR Yorks); John Metcalf, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Plumstead, Kent); James Metcalf, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Miles Metcalf, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); William Meatecalf, 1560 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Mark Meadcalfe, 1568 in *Oxford University Register*; John Madcalfe, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 131.

### Meteyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset
- English: see *Meatyrd*.

### Metford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see *Mitford*.

### Metham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and ER Yorks
- English: see *Mettam*.

### Metherall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see *Metherell*.

### Metherell

**Variants:** *Metherall*, *Meathrel*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Metherall in Bratton Clovelly, a lost *Metherell* in Staverton, Metherall in Chagford (all Devon), or Metherell in Calstock (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Meddelhull, 1327, Alice de Middelhull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Tawton, Devon); Robert de Middelhulle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bratton Clovelly, Devon); Richard Middelhull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sparkwell in Staverton, Devon); Richard Metherell, 1577 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); John Methrell, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Hartland, Devon); William Metherell, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Ambrose Metherell, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Metherell, 1671 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Marldon, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 175; 2, pp. xiv, 427; *East Cornwall Place-Names*, p. 88.

### Metheringham

**Variants:** *Meatheringham*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: locative name from Metheringham (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Robert de Metheringham, 1255 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip de Metheringham, 1314, Robert de Metheringham, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Timberland, Lincs); Roger de Methryngam, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Metryngam, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Elyne Metheringham, 1562 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs); Agnes Metheringham, 1562 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); John Metheringham, 1599 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

### Methley

**Variants:** *Medley*, *Meadley*, *Meadly*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Methley (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Hugh de Methelley, 1296 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John de Methelley, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Nicholayus de Methelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sitlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Methelley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Johannes de Methlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Emma de Methlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Medlay, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Medeley, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Benedict Medley, 1496–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Christopher Medelay, 1504 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Robert Medley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 125–6.

### Methuen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Scottish: see *Methven*.

### Methven

**Variants:** *Meffen*, *Meffan*, *Methuen*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 680
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Methven (Perths). **Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Methven, 1233–55 in *Black*; Roger de Methfenn, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Roger Meffen before 1320 in *Black*; Janett Methuen, 1579 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Dauid Meffen, 1594 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife). England: Elizabeth Methuen, 1662 in *IGI* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Richard Methuen, 1759 in *IGI* (Blagdon, Somerset).

### Metson

**Variants:** *Mitson*, *Midson*, *Medson*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: perhaps a variant of *Mixon*.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Mitson, 1565 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Mitson, 1569 in *IGI* (Saffron Walden, Essex); Susan Midson, 1606 in *IGI* (Wordwell, Suffolk); Mary Medson, 1727 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Robert Metson, 1736 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

### Mettam

**Variants:** *Mettham*, *Mettham*, *Metham*, *Meetham*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs, Derbys, and Notts

English: locative name from Metham (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Metham, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Domino Thoma Metham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Metham, ER Yorks); Edmundo Metam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowthorpe, ER Yorks); Isabella Metam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton, WR Yorks); Dorothea Metham, 1551 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Metters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: apparently a variant of *Matters*.

**Early bearers:** Frances Metters, 1640 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Richard Metters, 1757 in *IGI* (Werrington, Devon); David Metters, 1768 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Devon); Wm. Metters, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall).

### Mettham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see *Mettam*.

### Mettrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Middridge (Durham).

## Metz

**Early bearers:** Petri de Midrigge, 1337, Petro de Midrig, 1349 in *Bishop Hatfield's Survey* (Durham); Tho. de Midrigg, 1343 in *Fragmenta Antiquitatis* (Middridge, Durham); Ricardus Metterick, 1587 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Francis Mettricke, 1588, Francis Metericke, 1609 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); Lionelli Mettricke, 1637 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Richard Methericke, 1662 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Robert Mettaricke, 1666 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

## Metz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: (i) relationship name from a short form of the female personal name *Mechthild*. (ii) relationship name from *Mätz*, a short form of the personal name *Matthias* (see **Matthew**). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Susan Annamariah Metz, 1711 in *IGI* (London); Joseph Metz, 1743 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Fritz Metz, born in England, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Sigmund Metz, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Gustave Metz, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Henry Metz, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Rupert Metz, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Metz in Lorraine.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Phoebe Metz, born in London, in *Census 1851* (London); Moses De Metz, 1907 in *Parish Registers* (Marylebone, Middx); Israel Metz, Bella Metz, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hyman Metz, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

German: Eliza S. von Metz, born in Liverpool, in *Census 1881* (Worthing, Sussex).

## Metzger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and WR Yorks
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Middle High German *metzger*, *metzjer*, Modern German *Metzger* 'butcher' (probably deriving from Old French *macecrier*, compare **Maskery**).

**Early bearers:** Swiffin Metzger, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Godlof Metzger, 1772 in *IGI* (London).

## Meur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish, English: see **Mure**.

## Meurs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Scottish, English: see **Muers**.

## Meux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: the Sussex name is probably variant of **Mew** with post-medieval excrement -s spelled with

an x. Compare Henricus Mew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strettington, in Boxgrove Sussex); William Mew, 1562 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William Mewse, 1614 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

2 English: alternatively see **Muse**.

## Mew

**Variants:** **Meux, Muse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. IoW

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *mew* 'seagull' (Old English *māw*, *mēaw*). (ii) relationship name; the word in (i) appears to have been used as a personal name in Old English, as evidenced by Algarus filius Meawes, 1016 in *Redin, Studies* and perhaps by Mauua, 1086 in Domesday Book (Suffolk). However, it is not known if the name continued in use after the Conquest.

**Early bearers:** Robert Meu, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Mew, 1284 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William le Mew, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boxgrove, Sussex); John Meau, Meaw, 1312 in *London Letter Books B*; Willelmus Mew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Henricus Mew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strettington, in Boxgrove, Sussex); Johannes Mew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (IoW); John Mewe, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Peter Mew, 1579 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); William Mew, 1562 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Mary Mew, 1583 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Mew, 1602, Thomas Mew, 1779 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Cristian Mew, 1605 in *IGI* (Misterton, Leics); Lawrence Mew, 1605 in *IGI* (Keyston, Hunts); Tho. Mew, 1605 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Augustine Mew, 1606 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); William Mew, 1623 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Ellis Mew, 1633 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Arthur Mew, 1642 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 54–5.

2 Norman, English: nickname, locative name from Old French *mue* 'mew', i.e. a cage or set of cages for hawks. The reference may be to someone employed at a mew to look after hawks.

**Early bearers:** William de la Muie, de la Mue, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey Muwe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Mew, 1590 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Sarah Mew, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 苗 and 繆, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Miao** (1) and (2).

## Mewburn

**Variants:** **Meaburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Maulds Meaburn in Crosby Ravensworth or Kings Meaburn (both Westm).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Mebourne, 1325 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); John de Meaburn, 1332–33 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eskdale, Cumb); Ralph Meburne, gauger, 1369 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephen de Mebourne, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Johanne de Meburn', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); William Meburn, litester, 1394 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); Henry Meborne, 1575 in

*IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Meabourn, 1596 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); John Meaburn, 1626 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Anthony Mewbourne, 1628 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Richard Meaburne, 1635 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); John Mewburn, 1644 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); John Meaborne, 1652 in *IGI* (Northallerton, NR Yorks); Johannis Mewburne, 1664 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** [http://www.one-name.org/name\\_profile/mewburn/](http://www.one-name.org/name_profile/mewburn/); Anon. (1912) 'Cumberland Lay Subsidy: Eskdale Ward', *Cumberland Lay Subsidy: Fifteenth and tenth, 6 Edw. III*, pp. 30–41.

## Mewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: see **Muse**.

## Mewett

**Variants:** **Mewitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Mewot*, apparently diminutive of **Mew** (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Mewot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Elisabeth Mewett, 1562 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Katherine Mewitt, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

## Mewha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: anglicized form of an unidentified Irish name, perhaps **Mac Aodha**, **Mac Aoidh** 'son of Aodh' (see **McHugh**).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth McWhae, 1798, Thomas Mewha, 1851 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John McWha, 1814 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Mewies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Mewse** and compare **Mewis**.

## Mewis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Muse**.

**Early bearers:** Lodewycus Mewys, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Lawrence Muse, 1590 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); James Muse, 1649 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); James Mewse, 1666 in *Hearth Tax* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); James Mewis, 1751 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth*, 3, p. 240.

## Mewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Mewett**.

**Mews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; London

English: see **Muse**.

**Mewse**

Variants: **Mewies**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Muse**.

**Mewton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Augustin Mewden, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Thomas Mewden, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); William Mewton, 1607 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Martha Mewton, 1617 in *IGI* (Eglosayle, Cornwall); Richard Mudon, 1645 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Beatrix Muden, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Hannah Mewdon, 1697 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampond, Cornwall); William Muton, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall).

**Mexted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Maxted**.

**Mey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 English, Irish: see **May**.

2 English, Irish: see **Mee**.

**Meyer**

Variants: **Meier, Mayer, Myer, Myers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2331, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 970
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German, Dutch: status name from Middle High German *meier*, 'steward, bailiff, overseer'. This word later came to be used also to denote a tenant farmer, which is normally the sense in the many German and Dutch compound surnames formed with this term as a second element. Originally it denoted a village headman (ultimately from Latin *māior* 'greater, superior').

**Early bearers:** German: Ludewig Meyer, in *Census 1851* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Diedrich Meyer, sugar baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Harman Meyer, coppersmith, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Adolph Meyer, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Eversley, Hants); Fritz L. Meyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Hans Meyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx). Dutch: Johannes Meyer, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Henry Meyer, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name from the Yiddish personal name *Meyer*, from Hebrew *Meir* 'enlightener', a derivative of Hebrew or 'light'.

Compare **Myerson**. (ii) from German *Meier* (see (1)), acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Myers, 1792 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Meyer Meyer, fur merchant, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Saint Luke, Middx); Nathan Meyer, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Hyman Myer, cap maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Abraham Myers, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Meyer, born in Lancs, in *Census 1911* (Ecclesall Bierlow, WR Yorks).

3 English: see **Mayer**.

**Meyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford; Louth

Irish, English: see **Mayers**.

**Meyerson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Myerson**.

**Meyler**

Variants: **Mailer, Myler, Moyler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes and Carmarthens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wexford

1 Welsh: relationship name from the Middle Welsh personal name *Meilyr* (British Celtic \**Maglorix*).

There was a Breton saint *Maglorius* whose name is a latinized form of this.

**Further information:** This name was brought to Wexford from Wales in the 12th century. It has been gaelicized as **Mac Maoilir**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Meiler Pigot, 1215 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); Meiler ap Adaf, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths). given names, England: Meilerus frater Laissioc, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Meylour de Wouere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woore, Shrops).

surnames, Wales: Griffid ap Meiler, Iarward ab Meiler, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Ph's Meyler, 1326 in *Black Book of Saint David's*; William Owen Meyler, 1833 in *IGI* (Haverfordwest, Pembrokes). surnames, England: Robertus filius Meilir, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Walter Meyler, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Madok ap Meiler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops).

surnames, Ireland: W. Meyler, 1285 in *CDI* §149 (Wexford); William Fitz Meyler, 1286 in *CDI* §215 (Carlow); Thomas Meyler, 1293 in *CDI* §100; Richard Meyler, 1299 in *CDI* §637 (Uriel); James Meyler, vicar of Culstufte, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1126 (Wexford); Walter Meylere, horseman, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §359 (Cosonestone, Wexford); Edmund oge Mac Moiler, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §449; William McMeyler, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2496; Anne Meyler, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3819 (Wexford); Brien McMiler, freeholder, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4861 (Portdrawle); Richard Myler, horseman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4968 (Culrayhen, Wexford);

Walter Meyler, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6742 (Duncormuck, Wexford).

**References:** *Jackson*, p. 625. A large range and number of Welsh spellings is given by *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 164.

2 English: variant of **Mailer**.

**Meynell**

Variants: **Menel, Mennell, Maynall, Mannell, Maynell, Mannall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; Derbys

1 Norman, English: locative name from one of the French places named Mesnil, from Old French *mesnil* (Latin \**mansionile*, a diminutive of *mansio* 'abode, habitation'), used of the country domain where a noble lived with his family and retainers. As a surname it may also be used of a member of the household, retainer. Some of the bearers listed below may belong to (2).

**Further information:** the place-name Meynell Langley (Derbys), which is recorded as *Longeleg' Meynill'* in 1273, derives its affix from the family name of Robert de Maisnell who held the manor during the reign of Henry I.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Meinil, de Maisnil, del Maisnil, 1166–77, del Menill, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert del Meisnil, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Mesnill, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Meynyl, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas (de) Menil, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Meynel, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanna Maynel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Thomas Maynell, 1426 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Kent); Gerard Meynell', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 476–7.

2 English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic female personal name *Maginhild*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mehenilda vidua, about 1250 in *Ramsay Cartulary* (Norfolk); Maghenyld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Alan Mahenyld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph Manel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Henry Manild, Hugh Maneld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Maynild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Maynyld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Menneld, 1546 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

**Meyrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1211, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 785
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; Shrops

Welsh: see **Merrick**.

**Meys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Meyes**.

**Mezen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Messent**.

## Mia

### Mia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Bangladeshi): see **Miah**.

### Miah

**Variants:** Mia, Mian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19327, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Indian, Muslim: from a Muslim title of respect, Urdu *mian* 'sir', a derivative of the Persian word *miyān* 'between', used to address an older man.

**Further information:** In Bangladesh this is commonly used as a suffix added to the name of a respected person, especially a senior member of a village community.

### Miall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English: see **Myhill**.

### Mian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim, Bangladeshi: see **Miah**.

### Miao

**Variants:** Miu, Mew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 苗 (**Miu** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'seedling' in Chinese: from the place-name *Miao* (苗), the name of a fief (located in Jiyuan in Henan province) granted to Ben Huang, who fled to the state of Jin after his father Bo Fen, an official in the state of Chu, was murdered during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 繆 (**Miu** in Cantonese romanization, also another Mandarin form): from *Mu* (繆), the posthumous title of Qin Mu Gong (died 621 BC).

### Miatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Myatt**.

### Micallef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 802, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Maltese: occupational name from *mħallef* 'judge'. It has also, less plausibly, been claimed to derive from *Micali*, the Maltese equivalent of **Michael**.

### Mich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Mitch**.

### Michael

**Variants:** Michaels, Myhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5053, Ireland 151

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales, Scotland, and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- 1 English, Welsh, Scottish: relationship name from the Biblical name *Michael*, meaning 'Who is like the Lord?' in Hebrew. This is the learned form of the name, which became established as a surname in England in the 16th century and in Wales in the 17th century. The usual Middle English vernacular pronunciation survives and flourishes in the surname **Mitchell**.

**Further information:** In Middle English *Michaelmas* is also found written as *Mielmasse* and *Mighelmasse*. In Orkney *Saint Michael's* was pronounced *Saint Mitchell's*. Saint Michael's, Cornhill, London, was *Saint Mihills* in 1626 (Bardsley). Miles's Lane (London) was *Seint Micheleslane* in 1303 and *Saynte Mighelles Lane* in 1548 (Ekwall).

**Early bearers:** given names: Michaelis de Areci, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Michael, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames, England: Alice Michael, 1553 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Chris Michael, 1579 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Aldridge Michael, 1594 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Drew Michael, 1612 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall).

surnames, Wales: Roger Michael, 1635 in *IGI* (Llanddarog, Carmarthens); Elizabeth Michael, 1652 in *IGI* (Ruabon, Denbighs); John Michael, 1687 in *IGI* (Carmarthen, Carmarthens); Samuel Michael, 1685 in *IGI* (Kidwelly, Carmarthens).

2 This surname is also borne by immigrants from countries where a cognate of *Michael* is a popular given name. For example it is an anglicized form of Greek surnames having *Michael* as their root, such as **Papamichaelis** 'Michael the priest' and patronymics such as *Michaelopoulos*.

**Further information:** In Christian tradition the archangel Michael was regarded as a warrior, the conqueror of Satan, and for this reason the personal name was popular throughout Europe, especially in knightly and military families.

### Michaelides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Greek: relationship name, patronymic from the Greek personal name *Mikhaēl*; see **Michael**.

### Michaels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: variant of **Michael** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Michaels, 1628 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs); Susan Michaels, 1700 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Jon. Michaels, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Michaels, 1795 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall).

2 Jewish: relationship name from the Biblical name *Michael* + genitival *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Miriam Michaels, 1839 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Herman Michaels, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Julius Michaels, born in Posen, Prussia, in *Census 1881* (City of London, London).

### Michaelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the personal name **Michael** + *-son*. Compare **Mitchelson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Elizabeth Michaelson, 1595 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Margaret Michaelson, 1598 in *IGI* (Edlington, Lincs); Jhon Mychaelson, 1600 in *IGI* (London).

Scotland: John Michaelson, 1646 in *Black*.

### Michalski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Polish, Jewish: locative name denoting someone from Michale (Bydgoszcz voivodeship), or Michały (Płock voivodeship). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Michalski, in *Census 1851* (Strand, Middx); Julius Michalski, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Warwicks); Heinrich Michalski, 1902 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George Hanover Square, Westminster, Middx); Karlfranz Michalski, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex).

2 Jewish (from Poland): patronymic from the personal name *Michal* (see **Michael**). Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Marks J Michalski, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Moses Michalski, born in London, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman Michalski, born in London, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Michel

**Variants:** Michell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; also London

French, English: relationship name from the French form of the personal name **Michael**. Early examples in England may also be variants of **Mitchell**.

### Michell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1423
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Mitchell** and **Michel**.

### Michelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

French: relationship name from the female personal name *Michelle*, feminine form of **Michel**, French form of **Michael**.

### Michelman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: nickname from Middle English *micel*, *muchel*, *muchel*, 'big, large' (Old English *mycel*) and *man* 'man'. The compound is also found as a Middle English personal name.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mucheman Wetebede, 1235 in *Charter Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: Thomas Mucheman, 13th cent. in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Kent); Robert Muchelman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmo Michelman', 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Winton, Westm); Elizabeth Michelman, 1711 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex); John Michelman, 1712 in *IGI* (Goring, Sussex).

### Michelmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Mitchelmore**.

### Michelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Mitchelson**.

### Michie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1518, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1380
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name a Scottish diminutive of *Mich*, from *Michael* (see **Mitch**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Michy Nycholson, 1446 in *Black*.

surnames: John Mychy, 1473 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Morton, East Lothian); Andrew Michie, 1606 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Mickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian
- Scottish: see **Meikle**.

### Mickle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. NR Yorks; London
- English: see **Muckle**.

### Mickleboro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Mickleburgh**.

### Mickleborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Mickleburgh**.

### Mickleburgh

**Variants:** **Mickleboro**, **Mickleborough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name possibly from Muckleburgh Hill in Kelling (Norfolk), though no early spellings of the place-name have been noted, or from Mickleberry Hill in Mumby (Lincs), which is recorded as *Mikelberg* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** John Mekilbergh, 1439, John Mikelbarowe, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Jhon Mikelborow, 1579 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Marie Mickleborowe, 1609 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 132; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 88.

### Micklefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Suffolk and Essex

English: locative name from Micklefield (WR Yorks) and Mickfield (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Mikelefeld* in 1242.

**Early bearers:** William de Miclefeld, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey de Mikelfeld, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thoma de Mikelfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robt Micklefield, 1539 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk).

### Micklejohn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- Scottish: see **Meiklejohn**.

### Micklem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks
- English: locative name from Mickleham (Surrey).
- Early bearers:** John de Mychelham, Mykelham, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Fraunces Mycklem, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Bisham, Berks).

### Micklethwait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Micklethwaite**.

### Micklethwaite

**Variants:** **Micklethwait**, **Micklewaite**, **Micklewhite**, **Micklewright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Micklethwaite* in Cawthorne, or less probably from either Micklethwaite in Collingham or Micklethwaite in Bingley (all WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Mickelthwayt, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Robert de Mikelthwayt, 1303–4, de Mekilthwayt, 1304–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmus de Mickillwayte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Magota Mekkelwayth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingbirchworth, WR Yorks); John Micklethwett, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Kirman, Lincs); Marke Mycklethwaite, 1597 in *IGI* (York); Roberte Mictetweate, 1618 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Micklewate, 1644 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); John Micklewood, 1734 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); James Micklewite, 1779 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 324; 4, pp. 164, 176.

### Micklewaite

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Micklethwaite**.

### Micklewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: variant of **Micklethwaite**.

### Micklewright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Cheshire

English: (i) nickname pfrom Middle English *michel*, *mechel*, *muchel* 'big' + *wriht* 'craftsman, carpenter, joiner, maker of machinery' (compare **Mitchell** (2), **Wright**). (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a variant of **Micklethwaite**.

**Early bearers:** Willia Micklewright, 1558 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thos. Micklewright, 1604 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Jane Micklewright, 1641 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Rowland Micklewright, 1713 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire).

### Midcalf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Cheshire

English: see **Metcalf**.

### Middle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Shrops

1 English: locative name from Middle English *middel* 'middle' used topographically in a sense such as 'the middle of the village'.

**Early bearers:** Simon atte Middele, Robert atte Midle, Henry atte Middel, 1327, William atte Myddel, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Middel alias Bal, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Margaret Myddell, 1598 in *IGI* (Curry Mallet, Somerset).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 132.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *middel* 'middle'. Perhaps, as Reaney puts it, for one who was neither **Bigg** nor **Small**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Midel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Middle, 1628 in *IGI* (Broadway, Somerset); Richard Middle, 1664 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Nathaniel Middle, 1684 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Thomas Middle, 1687 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); William Middle, 1707 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Middlebrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 550
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; Staffs

English: locative name from a lost *Micklebrook* in Blackburn (Lancs), recorded as *Mikelbroc* in the 13th century. The surname has undergone a dissimilatory or folk-etymological change from *Mickle-* to *Middle-*.

**Early bearers:** Will' de Mikelbrok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Padiham, Lancs); Henrico del Mikelbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baldarstone, Lancs); Katerina de Mikelbroke, Robert Mikylbroke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Thomas Medylbrok, 1511 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Carleton in Craven, WR Yorks); Margret Myddlebrooke, 1568 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks);

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John Micklebrooke, 1595 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Anne Mydlebroocke, 1604 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Middlecoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Middlecote**.

### Middlecote

Variants: **Middlecoat**, **Middlecott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Medlicott**.

2 English: locative name from one or other of the nine places called Middlecott in Devon, in the parishes of Bradford, Broadwood Kelly, East Buckland, Chagford, Ilsington, Knowstone, Morchard Bishop, Rackenford, and Virginstow.

**Early bearers:** William de Middelcot, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Reginaldo de Meddelkote, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Chagford, Devon); Gilbert de Middelcote, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Henry de Midelcote, Robert de Middelcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Black Torrington, Devon); Thomas de Middelcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rackenford, Devon); John de Middlecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Virginstow, Devon); Edward Middlecote, 1750 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); James Middlecote, 1781 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 35, 132, 137, 213, 341, 390, 410, 425, 478.

### Middlecott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Middlecote**.

### Middleditch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex and Middx

English: locative name from an unidentified place in eastern England whose name means ‘middle ditch’ or ‘middle dyke’ (Old English *middel* + *dīc*). As a lost minor place-name this compound occurs more than once in Cambridgeshire, and is also found at Hatfield Broad Oak (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Marie Middleditch, 1561 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Ann Midledyche, 1562, Benjamin Middleditch, 1609 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Jane Midledich, 1583 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Anne Myddeldishe, 1589 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Midleditch, 1627 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); Edward Middleditch, 1694 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 320; *Essex Record Office*.

### Middleham

Variants: **Midlam**, **Medlam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb

English: locative name from Middleham (NR Yorks) or Bishop Middleham (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Drogo de Midelham, 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Durham); Roberti de Middelham, 1345 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Jarrow, Durham); Richard de Midelham, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Alexandre Midilham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ricardus de Midelham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Johanne de Mydelham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Alicia de Midlam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Midlame, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Longframlington, Northumb); Richard Midelham, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Dorathey Medlam, 1571 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Christopher Middleham, 1630 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Midlum, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Medlam, 1761 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Middlehurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Middlehurst in Grappenhall or a lost place called *Medulhurst* in Coppenhall (both Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Midelhurst, 1354 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Christophor Middyhurst, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Ryc. Mydlehurst, 1563 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Thomas Middelhurst, 1605 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 142; 3, p. 26.

### Middlemas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, Roxburghs, and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middlemass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Durham, Northumb, and Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middlemast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middlemis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middlemiss

Variants: **Middlemis**, **Middlemist**, **Middlemass**,

**Middlemas**, **Middlemast**, **Middlemost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Berwicks, and Roxburghs

Scottish: locative name from the lost *Middlemestlands* in Kelso (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Meldiemast, 1406 in *Papal Petitions* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William

Myddilmast, 1439 in *Peebles Charters* (Linton, Peebles); John Myddilmest, 1497 in *Kelso Register*; James Middlemest, 1604, Johne Midlemist, 1635, Robert Middlemis, 1664, Walter Middlemost, 1669 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margrat Midellmis, 1630 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

England: Loyons Middlemas, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

References: Middlemas, Keith (2009) *Kinship and Survival: The Middlemas name through 600 years*. Kilkerran: The Grimsay Press.

### Middlemist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middlemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: locative name from an unidentified place in the West Midlands, possibly the *Middlemore* which is recorded in the 13th and 15th centuries at Haughton in Morville (Shrops), though early bearers of the surname seem to be concentrated in Warwicks.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Midelmor', 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Simon de Midelmore, 1315, Edmund Middlemore, 1377, Roger Middlemore, 1466–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John de Middlemore, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard de Middlemor, Roger de Myddelmor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); John de Middlemor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Studley, Warwicks); Thomas Medulmoor, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Edmundus Myddelmor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); John Middlemore, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Swithland, Leics); Andrew Middlemore, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs).

References: *Shrops Archives*.

### Middlemost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish: see **Middlemiss**.

### Middler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Midlar in Leochel Cushnie (Aberdeens), which is recorded as *Maidllare* in 1513, *Midlar* in 1539.

**Early bearers:** Marjorie Midlar, 1613 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Raneistoun, Aberdeens); William Mudlert, 1696 in *Black*; John Middler, 1723 in *IGI* (Foveran, Aberdeens).

References: *West Aberdeens Place-Names*, p. 255.

### Middleton

Variants: **Myddleton**, **Midleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21440, Ireland 398
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1513

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England (esp. WR Yorks) and Scotland (esp. Aberdeens and Angus)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Sligo and Leitrim; Down; Tipperary

English: locative name from one or other of the numerous places named Middleton, or occasionally from one of the places now called Milton (many of which represent an Old English *middel-tūn* ‘middle farm’). See **Milton**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since at least the 13th century; its presence was reinforced by settlers in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Mideltone, 1166 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William de Midelton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Midilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Johannes de Medelton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Ricardus Medilton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Middilton, 1409–10 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Elin Middleton, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Katherine Middleton, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Nicholas Middleton, 1541 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Middleton, 1563 in *IGI* (Egginton, Derbys).

**Scotland:** Umfridus de Midilton, 1221 in *Arbroath Register*; Humfrey de Middiltone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Kincardines); Andrew de Midleton, 1357 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; Letham Middleton, 1646 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helen Middleton, 1679 in *IGI* (Glamis, Angus); Charles Middleton, 1681 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**Ireland:** Richard de Middleton, king’s chancellor, 1264 in *CDI* §752; Alice de Middleton, 1293 in *CDI* §31; John de Middleton, 1298 in *CDI* §580; John Middleton, 1584 in *Fiantis Elizabeth* §4454 (Dublin).

### Middleweek

**Variants:** Middlewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name very probably from Middlewick Barton in Thelbridge (Devon), though there is a gap in the medieval records for this place, which appears as *Wica* in 1086 and as *Middlewick* in 1765.

**Early bearers:** Alice Middleweek, 1583 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); William Meddellweeke, 1604 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Joane Middleweeke, 1636 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 396.

### Middlewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Middleweek**.

### Middlewood

**Variants:** Midwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; also Durham; Lancs

English: locative name from Middlewood in Darfield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Middelwude, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Midelwode, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Edwardus de Middelwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks); John Middelwode, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Appleby, Lincs); Effam Midlewood, 1559 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Willm Middlewoode, 1596 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 95; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Midford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Mitford**.

### Midforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Mitford**.

### Midgeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Midgley**.

### Midgelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Midgley**.

### Midgley

**Variants:** Midgeley, Midgelow, Mitchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3808, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4007
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Midgley by Halifax or, less probably, from Midgley in Shitlington (both WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Miggele, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William de Miggelay, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Migelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Midgley by Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Midgeley, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); Susan Midgley, 1574 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 132; 2, p. 207.

### Midlam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Middleham**.

### Midlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Midlane, 1662 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); Michael Midlane, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, IoW).

### Midleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham

English: see **Middleton**.

### Midson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Metson**.

### Midwinter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Berks, Warwicks, and Oxon; also Cheshire; London

1 English: nickname from Old English *midwinter* ‘midwinter, Christmas’. Perhaps a name for one born at Christmas: compare **Christmas**, **Youle**, **Noel**, and John Midsumer, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** surnames: John Midwinter, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Geoffrey Midewynter, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Mydewynter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Margoria Mydewynter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); William Midwinter, 1601 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from Midwinter Cottage in Dunsford (Devon), which is recorded as *Middewynter* in 1499.

**Early bearers:** John de Midwinter, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Johanna Midwinter, 1539 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 435.

### Midwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Middlewood**.

**Early bearers:** Johnathan Midwood, 1696 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks).

### Mie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Mye**.

### Miele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Italian: relationship name, Southern Italian, from a personal name or affectionate nickname from *miele* ‘honey’.

2 French: nickname, French, for a producer of honey, from a feminine form of *miel* ‘honey’.

3 Dutch: relationship name, Dutch, from a personal name, perhaps of Germanic origin, or from a reduced form of the personal names *Amilius*, *Amelis*, or *Emilia*.

### Miell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants; Somerset
- English: see **Myhill**.

### Mier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Myer**.

## Miers

### Miers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Myers**.

### Mifflin

Variants: **Miflin**, **Miffing**, **Mefflin**, **Maflin**, **Mofflin**, **Moffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Herefs

1 English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Meifelin*.

**Early bearers:** Hamo filius Meinfelinus, 1174 in *Luffield Charters*; Hamo Meifelinus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Ralph Meyfelin, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Roger Mayflyn, 1327 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Jyulan Mefflinge, 1548 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Edward Mifflin, 1560, James Meffin, 1565 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margaret Mafferlynd, 1566, Richard Mafferlyn, 1576, Griffen Mavferleyne, 1578, William Maferleyne, 1580, John Maverleyn, Elizabeth Muverlem, 1583, Sara Maverlene, 1585, Edward Mauvrleyn, 1588, Ellenor Mafferlin, 1592, William Maffalin, 1593, John Maffeline, 1595, Mary Moffalin, 1611, John Maflin, 1645 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Rose Mifflin, 1606 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); William Maflinge, 1684 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Maria Maverlin, 1694 in *IGI* (Milton Lilborne, Wilts); Abel Miflin, 1708 in *IGI* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs); Dinah Maflin, 1737 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts).

2 English: nickname from Old French *mate* + *felun* 'kill the felon'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Martefelun, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Matefelun, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Matefelun, 1232 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Edward Mifflin, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Alice Mifflin, 1641 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts); John Mifflin, 1731 in *IGI* (Quenington, Gloucs); John Mifflin, 1733 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Mifflin, 1744 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Miffing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs; Devon
- English: see **Mifflin**.

### Miflin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Herefs
- English: see **Mifflin**.

### Mifsud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Maltese, Arabic: from a personal name based on either Arabic *mifsad* 'lancet' or Arabic *mafsūd* 'lanced'.

### Miggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: variant of **Makins** (compare **Meekins**), with a shortened first vowel and with voicing of /k/ to /g/.

### Mighall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Mighell**.

### Mighell

Variants: **Mighall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex

English: variant of **Myhill**, a Middle English form of *Michael*.

**Further information:** The form *seynt Myghell* occurs in the *Cursor Mundi*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mighell Axendall, 1598 in *Bardsley*.

sumames: Adam Miggel, John Miggel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Mighell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stace Mighell, 1541 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Jane Mighall, 1774 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex).

### Mighty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Unexplained.

### Mignot

Variants: **Mignott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; London
- Huguenot, French: nickname **Mignot**, from Old French *mignot* 'gracious, affectionate, kind, courteous'. It was borne by 17th-century Huguenots and by later immigrants from France. Compare the equivalent English surname **Minett**.
- Early bearers:** Marin Mignot, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marguerite Magdelaine Mignot, 1773 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Mignott, in *Census 1841* (Chiswick, Middx); Jacques Mignot, in *Census 1841* (Alderney); Peter Mignot, in *Census 1881* (Saint Anne, Guernsey).

### Mignott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Norman, English: see **Mignot**.

### Miguel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name, Spanish and Portuguese, from the personal name *Miguel*, equivalent to **Michael**.

### Mihell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Myhill**.

### Mihill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Myhill**.
- 2 Irish: shortened form of **Mulvihill**.

### Milam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Sussex, and Surrey

English: see **Milham**.

### Milan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; WR
- Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Waterford
- Irish: see **Millan**.

### Milazzo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: locative name from Milazzo in Messina province, Sicily.

### Milbank

Variants: **Millbank**, **Milbanke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: perhaps a variant of **Malbon** (compare **Maybank**). As an affix in the place-name Wich Malbank (now Nantwich in Cheshire), *Malbank* also occurs as *Melbank* and *Milbank*.

**Early bearers:** Joane Milbank, 1560 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Richard Milbanke, 1570 in *IGI* (Mashbury, Essex).

### Milbanke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Milbank**.

### Milborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Milburn**.

### Milborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Milburn**.

### Milborrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Milborow* (Old English *Mildburh*), surviving as a given name in Shropshire into the 19th century as *Milborough*.

**Further information:** One noteworthy Anglo-Saxon Mildburg (or Milburga in Latin) was the daughter of a Mercian king, an abbess of Wenlock Abbey (Shrops) and a saint much venerated in the Middle



Ages. She is commemorated in the parish name Stoke Saint Milborough (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** given names: Mylborau Collins, 1571, Milborowe Byfford, 1575 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Milborow Dauy, 1589 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); Milborough Mansell, 1870 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops). surnames: Walter Milburegh, 1275, Walter Milburew, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Edward Milborowe, 1608 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); John Milborow, 1671 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Milborrow, 1825 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Milbourn

**Variants:** Milbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and E England

English: see **Milburn**.

### Milbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Suffolk; Cumb; Somerset

English: see **Milburn**.

### Milburn

**Variants:** Millburn, Milburne, Milbourne, Milbourn, Millbourne, Millbourn, Milborne, Milborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4067, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: locative name from Milburn (Westm), Milbourne (Northumb), Milborne Port (Somerset), Milborne Saint Andrew and Milborne Stileham (Dorset), or Milbourne in Malmesbury (Wilts). There has been some confusion with **Melbourne**. **Early bearers:** Hugh de Meleburn', 1201 in *Pleas* (Dorset); Walter de Milleburne, 1251 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmus de Milbourn', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Greenleighton, Northumb); William Milbourne, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Simon Milburne, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); John Milborne, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Milburn', draper, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants).

### Milburne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb
- English: see **Milburn**.

### Milby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; Lancs and Cumb

English: locative name from Milby (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Mildebi* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** England: Herbert de Mildebi, 1202, William of Myldeby, 1245–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Roger de Mildeby, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Mildeby, Johanna Mildeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askwith, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Milby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tockwith, WR Yorks); Nathaniel Milby, 1722 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Sarah Milby, 1828 in *IGI* (Cleator, Cumb).

Scotland: John Milby, 1792 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns).

### Milcent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Millicent**.

### Milden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Mildon**.

### Mildenhall

**Variants:** Mildinhall, Mindenhall, Minall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

1 English: locative name from Mildenhall (Wilts). **Early bearers:** Johannes Mildenhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roberto Mildenal', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); John Mildenhall, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Thomas Mildenhall, 1609 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Moses Mildenhall, 1689 in *IGI* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Joseph Mildinhall, 1703 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Stephen Mildenhall, 1750 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Mary Mildennall, 1779 in *IGI* (Shalbourne, Wilts).

2 English: locative name from Mildenhall (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Mildenhale, 1170–83 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Maikin de Mildenhale, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Peter Mildenhale, skinner, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Johanne Myldenhale, 1377, Johannes Mildenhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Robertus de Mildendale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Watton, Norfolk); Johannes Mildendale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); Edmund de Mildendale, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Margt Mildennall, 1550 in *IGI* (Fincham, Norfolk); Catherine Jerold Mildenhall, 1679 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Mildenhall, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Mildern

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Mildren**.

### Mildinhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Mildenhall**.

### Mildmay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England
- English: nickname from Middle English *milde* 'mild, gentle, friendly' + *may* 'young lad or girl' (see **May**). Compare John Mildeman, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Walter Myldemay, 1483 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Gloucs); John Mildemay, 1541 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); Edward Myldemay, 1549 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Myldmay, 1578 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Walter Mildmaye, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Apethorpe, Northants); Thomas Mildemay, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Framlingham, Suffolk).

### Mildon

**Variants:** Milden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) locative name apparently from Mildon in Oakford (Devon), which is recorded as *Mildedone* in 1086, although no medieval evidence connecting the surname with this place has been found. West Anstey and Knowstone, where the surname is earliest recorded, lie within five miles of Oakford. (ii) an alternative source might be Meldon in Okehampton (Devon), which is recorded as *Meledon(e)* from 1175 onwards, and for which there is evidence of a derived medieval surname: William and Thomas de Meledon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Okehampton, Devon). The development to *Mildon* is not found in the place-name but if the surname later migrated to the Oakford area its pronunciation could have been altered by false association with nearby Mildon.

**Early bearers:** John and Richard Myldon, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Anstey, and Knowstone, Devon); Francis Mildon, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Mildon, 1585 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); John Mildon, 1594 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Elizabeth Mildon, 1611 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Charols Mildon, 1633 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); John Mildon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Thomas Mildren, 1644 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 203–4, 388.

### Mildred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx

English: (i) relationship name usually from the Middle English female personal name *Mildrith*, *Mildreth*, *Mildred* (Old English *Mildrǫð*). In the Middle Ages the name probably owed its popularity to the fame of Saint Mildred, an abbess and the daughter of a Mercian king. (ii) relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English male personal name *Mildred* (Old English *Mildræd*, the name borne by an 8th-century bishop of Worcester). **Early bearers:** given names (female): Mildred Sheperrd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cold Overton, Leics); Mildrede, wife of Richard Roke, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent). given names (male): Meldredum filium Ede, 1231 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames: William filius Meldreð, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Mildrith, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Myldrede, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Thomas Milrethe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); William Milreth, 1438–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx); Symon Mildred, 1583 in *IGI* (London).

### Mildren

**Variants:** Mildern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained.

**Further information:** Formally, it could be a relationship name from a Middle Breton male given name \**Meldiern* 'prince' + 'king', but although the Old Breton ancestor of such a name is recorded, it does not appear to survive into the surnaming period.

## Mileham

**Early bearers:** John Mildren, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Phillippa Mildron, 1621 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Thomas Milderne, 1630 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall); James Milderne, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Sithney, Cornwall); Robert Mildren, 1641 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Mary Mildern, 1747 in *IGI* (Callington, Cornwall).

## Mileham

**Variants:** Milham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Berks

English: locative name from Mileham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Agnetem de Melham, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas de Mileham, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Thomas de Milham, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Edmundus de Milham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Willelmus de Milham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Johannes Milham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Tofts, Norfolk); Willelmus Milam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Johannes Mileham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); William Mileham, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Mileham, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robt Myleham, 1562 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Mary Mylam, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Milench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Scottish, English: see **Milhench**.

## Miles

**Variants:** Myles, Mills, Moyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22935, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17569
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; also S Wales

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Kilkenny
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Mile* + genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*, or from its other Old French form *Miles*. The French name derives from Continental Germanic *Milo* and was usually latinized in English documents as *Milo*. The Old French oblique case form was *Milon*; see **Millen**. Compare **Millson**. Some of the following surname examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The early vernacular form in English appears to have been *Mile*, *Miles* being noted only rarely. Ralph Miles, a fishmonger of Bridge Ward (recorded 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London)), founded a chantry for his late lord Milo, no doubt the Miles de Oystergate, fishmonger (recorded 1291 in *London Husting Wills*), Ralph having apparently adopted his master's given name as his surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Milo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Milo Noyrenuyt, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Milo le Neue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Milo de Patewyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsley, Staffs); Mylis Trystram, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Mylis Balle, 1379, Myle Balle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics).

surnames: Johannes filius Mile, 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Nicholas Miles, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Mile, about 1225 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Richard Mile, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks);

Nicholaus filius Miles, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Milys, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Willm's Myles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Walter Miles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Cornelius Myles, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Thomas Miles, 1540 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); John Myles, 1541 in *IGI* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Margrett Miles, 1544 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Parnell Myles, 1550 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Alice Myles, 1553 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joanna Miles, 1555 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Marian Miles, 1560 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Joane Myles, 1560 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Jana Miles, 1561 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); Thrustanne Miles, 1595 in *IGI* (Acton Trussell and Bednall, Staffs); Jo. Miles, 1608 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Abraham Myles, 1632 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Robert Miles, 1637 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name, variant of **Myhill** (Michael) with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. Miles Coverdale, the translator of the Bible, when in Germany, called himself Michael Anglus ('the Englishman').

3 Irish, Scottish: in Ireland and Scotland, when not the English name, it is sometimes an anglicized form of Gaelic Ó Maolmhuire, see **Myles**.

## Mileson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Millson**.

## Milestone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from Middle English *mile-stone* 'mile-stone', denoting someone who lived by one.

**Early bearers:** William de Mileston, 1337 in *Patent Rolls*; Mary Milestone, 1722 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Milestone, 1776 in *IGI* (Seamer by Stokesley, NR Yorks).

## Miley

**Variants:** Millea, Mulley, Mullee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 355
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Kildare

Irish: from Ó Maol Aodha, see **Molloy** (1).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Miley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford).

England: Michael Miley, 1766 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Anne Miley, 1851 in *IGI* (Newton le Willows, Lancs).

## Milford

**Variants:** Millford, Melford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 952, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 835
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Galway

1 English: locative name from one or more of the four places called Milford in Devon, lying in the parishes of Buckland Brewer, Frithelstock, Hartland, and Stowford.

**Early bearers:** Godwin de Meleford', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . de] Mileford, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); Peter de Mileford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Frithelstock, Devon); Thomas de Mileford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stowford, Devon); David de Milford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartland, Devon); William Milford, 1407–56 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Milford, 1561 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Richard Milford, 1629 in *PROB 11* (South Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 75, 90, 93, 208.

2 English: locative name perhaps sometimes from one of many places called Milford in counties other than Devon, such as South Milford (WR Yorks), North Milford in Kirkby Wharfe (WR Yorks), Milford (Derbys, Hants, Surrey, Wilts), and Milford in Baswich (Staffs), or from Long Melford (Suffolk). There may have been some confusion with **Mulford**.

**Early bearers:** Hubert de Meleforda, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hugh de Mileford', 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard de Meleford, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry de Mileford, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (York); William de Melleford, 1347 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Johannes de Milford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Rogerus Milford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Julian Milford, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Maolfhoghmair 'descendant of Maolfhoghmair', a personal name meaning 'chief of harvest'. The Irish name was first anglicized as **Mullover**, which was later assimilated to *Milford*. See also **Palmer**.

## Milgate

**Variants:** Millgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Milgate in Thurnham (Kent), which is recorded as *Melegate* in 1254.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Melegate, 1278, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); [ . . . ] atte Melgate, 1346, [ . . . ] de Melgate, 1347 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); William Milgate, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Royston, Herts); Nicholas Milgate, 1532–8 in *Chancery Proceedings* (London); John Milgate, 1549 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 235.

## Milham

**Variants:** Millham, Milam, Millam, Milum, Millum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: perhaps a variant of **Mileham**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Mylam, 1563 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Mary Millam, 1585 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Raphe Mileham, 1587 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Anne Millam, 1599 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Thomas Milam, 1600 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Angell Millum, 1640 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Samuell Milum, 1651 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leonard Milham, 1664 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Milam, 1708 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Milhench

**Variants:** Milhinch, Milench, Millench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
 Scottish Gaelic: (i) a Galloway surname, probably a reduced form of *McIlhench*, which is said to be based on Gaelic *ilmhaoineach* 'abounding in wealth'. (ii) alternatively, it may be a reduced and altered form of *Mac Aonghuis* 'son of Angus', see *McInnes*.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Milhench, 1700, Agnas Mcilhench, 1703, John Mcilhench, 1715 in *IGI* (Sorbie, Wigtowns); John Milhench, 1723 in *IGI* (Wigtown, Wigtowns); Patrick Mcilhench, 1737 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns).  
 England: Isabel Milhench, 1763 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Milhinch

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wigtowns  
 Scottish, English: see *Milhench*.

### Milholland

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
 Irish: from Ó Maolchalann, see *Mulholland*.

### Miligan

• **GB frequency 1881:** 36  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; SW Scotland; Lancs  
 Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see *Milligan*.

### Milk

• **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 84  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk  
 English: nickname from Middle English *milk* 'milk' (Old English *meole*). There are many possible reasons behind the use of such a nickname, including milk-white hair (as in the case of Hugh Milkeheued, 12th century in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs)), the collecting or selling of milk (compare Robert le Milker, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), William le Milkster, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), John le melkberere (i.e. 'milk-carrier') and Geoffrey le melkmakiere, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex)), and of course the drinking of milk – whether or not taken to indicate effeminacy or spiritlessness (compare *Millsoopp*).  
**Early bearers:** Ailmar Melc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Henry and Geoffrey Melc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Mylk, 1367 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Salomon Melk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chevington, Suffolk); Richarde Milke or Mylke, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Wiggenhall Saint Germans, Norfolk); Susanna Milk, 1710 in *IGI* (Heydon, Norfolk).

### Milkins

• **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 64  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset  
 English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English \**Milkin*, probably a pet form of the female personal name *Millicent* (see *Mill*, *Millicent*) or one of the male names *Miles* or *Michael* (see *Miles*, *Myhill*). The additional -s appears to be optional and post-medieval.  
**Early bearers:** Wilyam Milken, 1600, Anthony Milkin, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Frauncis Milkin, 1621, Eliz. Milkins, 1753 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Edward Milkins, 1623 in *IGI* (Ubley,

Somerset); Thomas Milkins, 1627 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Rich. Milken, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Johannes Milkin, 1647 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Richard Milkins, 1661 in *IGI* (Brislington, Somerset); Abraham Milkin, 1720, Hannah Milking, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Mill

**Variants:** *Mille*, *Mills*

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1297, Ireland 14  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1794  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife; also Midlothian; scattered in England: esp. Cornwall and Devon  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim  
 1 English: variant of *Milne*, from Middle English *mille*, *melle*, *mulle* 'mill' (assimilated forms of Old English *mylen*). Compare the same relationship between *Miller* and *Milner*. Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Myll, tenant of the grain mill of Kincrech, 1483 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Inverarity and Methy, Angus).  
 England: Richard de la Melle, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Attemille, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Mulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Mille, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Elizabeth Mill, 1538 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Francis Mill, 1538 in *IGI* (Shellsley Beauchamp, Worcs); John Mill, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Alicia Mill., 1543 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Johes. Mill, 1548 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall).  
 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mill*, a short form of *Millicent* (compare *Millett* (1)), or perhaps from a variant of the Middle English male personal name *Mile* (see *Miles*). The 1279 and 1316 early bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Mylla, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Milla, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Mille Cruche, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Mylle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Milla Mase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Twycross, Leics).  
 surnames: Richard Mille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Mille, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas filius Mille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grayingham, Lincs).

### Millachip

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 29  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** London; also W Midlands  
 English: see *Millichap*.

### Millage

**Variants:** *Millidge*, *Milledge*

• **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Worcs  
 English: locative name from *Milwich* (Staffs).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Melewich, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Roger de Mulewic, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Melewych, 1295 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Melewych, monk of Lewes Priory, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John Millage, 1585 in *IGI* (Chirton, Wilts); Thomas Milledge, 1639, Arthur Millage, 1749 in *IGI* (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs); John Milledge, 1676 in *IGI* (Faversham,

Kent); Mary Millage, 1683, Martha Milledge, 1696 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Millage, 1786 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Millais

• **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 14  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; London  
 Norman, French: perhaps from the surname *Milliez* frequently found in the Nord département, France, of unknown origin.  
**Early bearers:** England: Rannulf de Millai 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Rannulf de Millei, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Rannulf de Millay, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Adam de Millers, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gregory Milly, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs).  
 Channel Islands: John or Jean Millays, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Jersey); John Everett Millais, 1829 in *BMD* (Southampton), of Jersey extraction.

### Millam

• **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see *Milham*.

### Millan

**Variants:** *Milan*, *Mylan*

• **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 32  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 422  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Down  
 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of *McMillan*.  
**Early bearers:** David Millan, 1642 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Androw Millan, 1648 in *IGI* (Urquhart, Morays).

### Millar

• **Current frequencies:** GB 13884, Ireland 3977  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 10866  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim  
 Scottish: Scottish form of *Miller*.

### Millard

• **Current frequencies:** GB 6901, Ireland 51  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 4716  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts; also Staffs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
 English: see *Millward*.

### Millband

• **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 32  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics  
 English: variant of *Malbon* with excrescent -d.  
**Early bearers:** George Malbond, 1792 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); James Milbond, 1815 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Sarah Malband, 1820 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); George Millband, 1867 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Millbank

• **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 223  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx  
 English: see *Milbank*.

## Millbourn

### Millbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Bucks  
English: see **Milburn**.

### Millbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
English: see **Milburn**.

### Millburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham  
English: see **Milburn**.

### Mille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- English: see **Mill**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Millea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó Maol Aodha, see **Miley**.

### Milledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset  
English: see **Millage**.

### Millen

Variants: **Millins, Millin, Millen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1497, Ireland 344
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry, Antrim, and Down

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Milon*, the Old French oblique case-form of **Miles**. The given names below may alternatively represent Latin *Milone*, the dative case form of *Milo*, the usual latinization of Old French *Miles*. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Milone Fowheler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Milon' Savage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkby, Leics).

surnames: Ralph Milun, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Adam Milun, 1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Millen, 1574 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Millen, 1578 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Daniel Millen, 1691 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex).

2 English: locative name possibly also from Middle English *mille, melle, mulle* 'mill' + *lane* 'lane'.

**Early bearers:** Godwyn' atte Mullane, 1296 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Gilbert atte Mullane, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset).

3 Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Millen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan); Sarah Millin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal, Derry).

### Millench

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Scottish, English: see **Milhench**.

### Miller

Variants: **Millar, Millor, Meller, Muller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74302, Ireland 2204
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Tyrone

Scottish, English: variant of **Milner**, from Middle English *miller, meller, muller* 'miller' (assimilated forms of Old English *mylener*). Compare the same relationship between **Mill** and **Miln**.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph Muller, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginald Miller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Miller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johanne Muller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Avebury, Wilts); Simon Myller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharrington, Norfolk); Antonie Miller, 1539 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Willm. Muller, 1573 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Maria Muller, 1611 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

Scotland: John Millare, 1467 in *Black*.

### Millerchip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Millichap**.

### Millership

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: see **Millichap**.

### Milles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Mills**.

### Millest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Hants

English: variant of **Mellish** (1) with excrescent *-t*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Millest, 1613 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John Millest, 1629 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Georg Mellest, 1680 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Millet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Tipperary
- English, Irish: see **Millett**.

### Millett

Variants: **Millet, Milot, Mellett, Mullett, Mellott, Mylott, Mylett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1550, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1184
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Lancs; Cornwall; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Galway, and Mayo

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Milot*, a diminutive of *Mile* (see **Miles**), or from the Middle English female personal name *Millota*, a diminutive of *Mill* (a short form of *Millicent*, see **Mill** (2)).

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Milot, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts).

given names (female): Millota Serotes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Millota Madour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southrepps, Norfolk); Millota Heyward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toddington, Gloucs).

surnames: Hugo Milot, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Millot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Richard Mileth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Millot, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Richard Myles or Mylot, 1453 in *Rochester Wills*.

2 Irish: from **Miolóid** or its variant **Méalóid**, a byname based on Latin *miles, militis* 'soldier'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Melod, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6564 (Killurne); Richard Mylode, husbandman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Rathgormick); William Mylott, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); Patrick Mellott, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cong, Mayo); Martin Mellot, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Neal, Mayo); Edmond Mylett, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Burrishoole, Mayo).

### Millford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Milford**.

### Millgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also London; Lincs
- English: see **Milgate**.

### Millham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Milham**.

### Millhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *milne-hous, mille-hous* 'mill-house, a building with a mill in it'.

**Early bearers:** Henry del Melnehus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Mariæ atte Millehus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Joan del Milnhous, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Adam del Milnhus, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ricardus Mulnehus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley, Staffs); Ricardus del Milnehouse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Thomas Millhouse, 1680 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs).

### Milliard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England; esp. Beds

English: see **Millyard**.

### Millican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 855, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Millicent

Variants: **Milcent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Millicent*, an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Amalasuintha*. Compare **Mill** (2) and **Millett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Milisendis lotrix, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Milesent, Melisentia, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Milicenta Nobbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kenninghall, Norfolk); Melesont de Horsley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Milcenta Caunterbery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent).

surnames: William Melisent, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Milisant, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); John Milicent, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Mylecent, 1296, William Milsent, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Milessaunt, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Skidbrooke, Lincs); Johannes Mylisant, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Egleton, Rutland); Walterus Mylcent, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Johannes Millisaunt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Calverton, Notts); Margaret Milisant, 1560 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); George Millisent, 1596 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Elizabeth Mellisent, 1770 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Millichamp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Warwicks and Staffs

English: variant of **Millichap** with intrusive *-m-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Millichamp, 1693 in *IGI* (Bishopstone, Herefs); Nicholas Millichamp, 1709 in *IGI* (Clee Saint Margaret, Shrops).

### Millichap

Variants: **Millichip**, **Millichope**, **Millicheap**, **Millachip**, **Millerschip**, **Millership**, **Mellichap**, **Mellowship**, **Millinchip**, **Millichamp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Shrops  
English: locative name from **Millichope** in Eaton under Heywood (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Millinghope, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Roger de Miligehop, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Davyd Myllychop, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abdon, Shrops); Edward Myllychop, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Munslow, Shrops); Willimus Millichap, 1602 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops);

Thos Millichapp, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Wigmore, Herefs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 206–8; 3, p. 147.

### Millicheap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Millichap**.

### Millichip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Herefs, and Shrops

English: see **Millichap**.

### Millichope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Millichap**.

### Millidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Millage**.

### Millie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; London

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Effie Millie, 1607 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Walter Millie, 1641 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife); Williame Millie, 1641 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Millier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Millyard** with loss of *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Millier, 1684 in *Parish Registers* (Yatton, Somerset); Jone Millier, 1573 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Elizabeth Millier, 1622 in *IGI* (London).

### Milligan

Variants: **Miligan**, **Millican**, **Milliken**, **Millikin**, **Millikan**, **Mulligan**, **Mullikin**, **Mullican**, **Mulliken**, **Melican**, **Melligan**, **Meligan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6103, Ireland 1047
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3475

- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, Tyrone, and Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin ‘descendant of *Maoileagáin*’, a personal name from a double diminutive of *maol* meaning ‘bald’ or ‘tonsured’.

Local variation in the pronunciation of the syllable spelled *aoi* has caused the surname to be anglicized as **Milligan** or **Mulligan** (Ó **Maolagáin** ‘descendant of *Maolagáin*’), as well as **Melican** (Clare). There are also versions where the *g* is devoiced to *k*. A surname formed from a similar personal name, *Maolachán*, has often been similarly anglicized, but also occurs as **Mollaghan** and variants.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Molior Omolegane, 1264 in *Dublin Documents*; Brian hUa Maelagan, 1439 in *AU*; Domnall hUa Maeligen, devout pauper, 1446 in *AU*; Gilla Padraig mac Maghnusa mic Domnaill aird hUí Maeligein, 1485 in *AU* (Donegal); Thady O’Mullegan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6190; Wm. mcThomas I Meligan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Kerrie); John begg O Mulleghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529 (Munster).

Scotland: Thomas Ameligane, Amuligane, 1477, 1485 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Wigtown, Wigtowns); Cuthbert Amullekyne, 1578 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Dempstertoune, Dumfriess); John Myllikin, 1593 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife); John Mulligane, 1630 in *Black*; Thomas Mulliken, 1672 in *Black*.

### Millikan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Milliken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 347
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N E Antrim: esp. Ulster

Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Millikin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Middx

Irish: from Ó Maoileagáin, see **Milligan**.

### Millin

Variants: **Milling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

1 English: a Cotswold name, unexplained. Perhaps simply a variant of **Millen**, but at present it is unclear which of the conflicting medieval spellings given below might underlie this surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Millon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxton, Oxon); John Meleyn, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Waterstock, Oxon); Jeyn Myllyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Hen Millin, 1687, Mary Milling, 1707 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon).  
2 Irish: from Ó **Maoláin**, see **Millen** (3).

### Millinchip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Millichap**.

### Milliner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks; Kent

English: variant of **Milner**. The modern spelling has perhaps been influenced by early Modern English *milliner* ‘dealer in women’s finery (originally from

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Milan), especially hats', but this word cannot be the source of the medieval surname.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Millener, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Juliana Millener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Easton, Leics); Thomas Milliner, 1588 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Cath. Milliner, 1707 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); James Milliner, 1757 in *IGI* (Great Badminton, Gloucs).

### Milling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 65
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Louth
- 1 Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.  
2 English: see **Millin**.  
3 English: possibly also a variant of **Melling**.

### Millington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6662, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, Derbys, and Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Millington (Cheshire), or perhaps occasionally from Millington (ER Yorks). There may have been some confusion with **Mullington** (2).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Milington', 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); [... de] Mulenton, 13th cent., [... de] Milinton, about 1300 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); James de Milyngton, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Milynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Forton, Staffs); Richard Millington of the principality of Chester, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Roger Myllyngton, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Millington, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); William Millington, 1569 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, pp. 54–5; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 179–9.

### Millins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks; Lancs

English: variant of **Millen** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Edward Millens, 1565 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Mgt Millins, 1573 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Millins, 1591 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Samuel Millins, 1722 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Million

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Maoilfhinn, see **McMillian**.

### Millis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 264
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: variant of **Mills**.

### Millison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs; Surrey

English: variant of **Millson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Millmaker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Mealmaker**.

### Millman

**Variants:** **Milman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 821
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *milne*, *mille* 'mill' + *man* 'man', i.e. a worker at a mill. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Compare John milne *knave*, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* xxxvi, and see **Millward**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Melneman, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Edus Melneman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Melman, 1447 in *Carshalton Court Rolls* (Surrey); John Millman, 1590 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Mary Millman, 1618 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); John Myllman, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *mele* 'meal, ground cereal' + *man* 'man', presumably either a grinder or vendor of meal. Compare **Meale** and **Mealmaker**.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Meleman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Millmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: unexplained; probably a locative name from an unidentified minor place called *Millmoor* or *Middlemoor*. Compare the surname **Middlemore**, which is well recorded in Warwicks, the early bearers of which may provide some continuity with the 1501 bearer in Worcs cited below.

**Early bearers:** John Millmore, 1501 in *Birmingham Archives* (?Kings Norton, Worcs); Zacariah Millmore, 1701 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Millmore, 1769 in *Parish Registers* (Offley, Herts); James Millmoor, 1848 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Milln

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Milne**.

### Millner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks; Staffs, Derbys, Worcs, and Warwicks
- English: see **Milner**.

### Millns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts
- English: see **Milnes**.

### Millor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Miller**.

### Milloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Scotland and Lancs
- Irish: Irish Ó Maol Mhaodhóg, see **Molloy**.

### Mills

**Variants:** **Milles**, **Mylles**, **Millis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50195, Ireland 2382
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38581
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan and Tyrone

1 English: locative name, a very common development of **Mill** ('at the mill') with excrescent -s added in post-medieval times. Theoretically it might sometimes be an original plural form, from Middle English *\*atte Milles* 'at the mills', but this would be rare. Compare **Mullins**, from a French equivalent of this name. See also **Milnes**. Some of the following early bearers alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John Mills, 1541 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); John Mills, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Thomas Mills, 1546 in *IGI* (Wootton Waven, Warwicks); Joan Mills, 1559 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Hellen Mills, 1577 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); John Mills, 1578 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Robert Mills, 1580 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Mills, 1613 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Robart Mills, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Mills, 1608 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

2 English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Miles**. (ii) variant of **Mill** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. (iii) variant of **Myhill** (i.e. Michael) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Myls, 1336 in *London Letter Books F*; Rogeri Mills, 1544 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Thomas Mills, 1547 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants).

3 Irish: in Ireland (Ulster especially), this is usually the English name, but elsewhere it was also adopted for the byname an **Mhuilinn** 'of the mill'.

### Millsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Millson**.

### Millson

**Variants:** **Milson**, **Milsom**, **Millsom**, **Millsum**, **Melson**, **Melsom**, **Melsome**, **Millison**, **Mileson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Berks and London

1 English: relationship name from either the Middle English male personal name *Mile*, *Miles* (see **Miles**) or the Middle English female personal name *Mill* (see **Mill** (2)) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Milleson, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henr' Millesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barlestone, Leics); Johannes Mileson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Milsson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Willelmus Milson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Willelmus Milesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warrington, Lancs); Richardi Millson, 1580 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Edward Millson, 1587 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs); Margaret Millson, 1633 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Samuel Millson, 1635 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Millson, 1657 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Mileson, 1685 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); George Mileson, 1816 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps occasionally from a Middle English survival of the Old English female personal name *Milde*, on record as *Milda*, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk), + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Osbertus filius Milde, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Simon Mildesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

### Millsop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Millsopp**.

### Millsopp

**Variants:** **Millsop**, **Milsop**, **Melsopp**, **Mellsop**, **Melsop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname denoting a weak, soft, or spiritless man, from Middle English *milk-sop* 'piece of bread soaked in milk'.

**Early bearers:** Ranul milscoppe, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Symon Melksop, 1237–45 in *Colchester Cartulary* (London); Roger Milscoppe, 1216–72 in *Stone Cartulary* (Staffs); William Milksopp, 13th cent. in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Richard Milksop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Wolford, Warwicks); Thomas Milksop, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Littleport, Cambs); Also Mellsop, 1623 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Thomas Millsoppe, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Robert Millsopp, 1729 in *IGI* (London).

### Millsom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Millson**.

### Millthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Milnthorpe**.

### Millum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Milham**.

### Millward

**Variants:** **Milward**, **Millard**, **Millyard**, **Millwood**, **Mellard**, **Mullard**, **Mollard**, **Mollart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6335, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Derbys; Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *milne-ward*, *mille-ward* 'keeper of a mill, miller' (Old English *mylen-weard*). Note John atte Mylle otherwise called Mylleward, 1426 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Sussex), and the seemingly opprobrious nickname of William Offelle alias Milleward, 1429 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Dorset). Compare **Miller**, **Milner** and **Millman**.

**Early bearers:** John le Milleward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Cecilia le Mulvard, 1286 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Richard Meleward, Rob. le Muleward, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter le Milneward, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Ric. le Meleward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Elias le Muleward, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Stotfold, Beds); Alicia Milneward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); Willelmo Milward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitminster, Somerset); Johannes Mylward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, IoW); Henrico Milleward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurleigh, Beds); Thos Milward, 1500–1, In Millarde, 1529 in *Beds Wills (Prerogative)* (Beds); John Millward, 1551 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Dorothe Millard, 1566 in *IGI* (Welford on Avon, Gloucs); Jh. Mollard, 1599 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Elizabeth Millwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Thomas Mollard, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Cornwall); Joane Mullard, 1655 in *IGI* (Cound, Shrops); Parnellae Mellard, 1657 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Elizabeth Mollard, 1697 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); James Mollart, 1737 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs).

### Millwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 417
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

English: variant of **Millward**.

### Millyard

**Variants:** **Milliard**, **Millier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Millward**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Milliard, 1579 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Stephen Milliard, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Henry Miliard, 1612 in *IGI* (Upper Gravenhurst, Beds); John Milyard, 1686 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Elizab Millyard, 1755 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

### Milman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Devon; WR Yorks; Worcs

English: see **Millman**.

### Miln

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Milne**.

### Milne

**Variants:** **Miln**, **Milln**, **Mylne**, **Milnes**, **Mill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15147, Ireland 370
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus; also Lancs

English, Scottish, Irish: locative name from Middle English *milne* 'mill', also found as *mulne* in south and west England and *melne* in south-east England. Compare **Mill** (1).

**Further information:** The Scottish name has been well established in Ireland since the early 18th century, and has absorbed some cases of Irish **Moyle**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard atte Mulne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas atte Melne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert del Miln, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Milne, 1685 in *IGI* (Milrow in Rochdale, Lancs).

Scotland: Johannes de Molendino, 1382 in *Aberdeen Register* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); John of Myle, 1503 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Pitcapile, Aberdeens); Gilbert Milne, 1575 in *Origines Parochiales* (Golspie, Sutherland).

### Milner

**Variants:** **Millner**, **Miller**, **Milliner**, **Milnor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8722, Ireland 229
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6856
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin

English: occupational name from Middle English *milnere* 'miller' (Old English *\*mylnere*, Old Scandinavian *mylnari*, or a derivative of Middle English *mylne* 'mill'). The surname is most common in the north and eastern counties, where the Old Scandinavian form may have been influential. Compare **Millward**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Milner, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Milnere, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Milner, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Knipton, Leics); Willelmus Milner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Foxholes, ER Yorks); Stephanus Milner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Henricus Milner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barrowden, Rutland); Ricardo le Milner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Johannes Mylner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); William Milner, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Robti Milner, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Milner, 1543 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Edmund Milner, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Richardus Milner, 1561 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Cuthebert Milner, 1562 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Johis. Milner, 1568 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Child Milner, 1604 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb).

### Milnes

**Variants:** **Millns**, **Milns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2153, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2629
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Milne** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Mills**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Milnes, 1554 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Ellsabeth Millns, 1574 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Robert Milnes, 1576 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Augustyne Milns, 1588 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks).

## Milnor

### Milnor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Milner**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Milns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Milnes**.

### Milnthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks

English: see **Milnthorpe**.

### Milnthorpe

**Variants:** **Milnthorp**, **Milthorpe**, **Millthorpe**, **Milthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Milnthorpe in Sandal Magna (WR Yorks). As the place-name is of a recurring type there are numerous other possible sources of the surname, such as Milnthorpe (Westm), Milnethorpe in Norton (Notts), Millthorpe in Aslackby and Millthorpe in Quarrington (both Lincs), and a lost Milnthorpe in Thurnscoe (WR Yorks), and of these at least Millthorpe in Aslackby can be shown to have given rise to a medieval byname. However, the available evidence points firmly to Milnthorpe in Sandal Magna as the origin of the surviving surname and all its variant forms.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Milnethorp, 1331, Peter de Milnethorpe, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); John de Milnethorp', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Aslackby, Lincs); Robertus de Milnethorp, Johanna Milnethorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodworth, WR Yorks); John de Milnthorp, 1390 in *TNA* (NR Yorks); Alice Milthorp, 1585, Joseph Milnthorp, 1738 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Anthonius Mylthorp, 1588 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Mally Milnthorpe, 1780 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 107.

### Milot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Irish: see **Millet**.

### Milroy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 827
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Wigtowns; also Lancs

Irish, Scottish: from Ó Maolruaidh, see **Mulroy**.

### Milsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1886, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1016
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts

English: see **Millson**.

### Milson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks; London

English: see **Millson**.

### Milsop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr

Scottish: see **Millsopp**.

### Milstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Milsted**.

### Milsted

**Variants:** **Milstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Milsted (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Joh's de Mylstede, 1327, John de Melstede, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Mylsted, 1567 in *Bethersden Wills* (Bethersden, Kent); John Milstead, 1572 in *IGI* (Leaveland, Kent); Nathanyell Mylsted, 1575, Damarus Milsted, 1608 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

### Milthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Milnthorpe**.

### Milthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Northumb

English: see **Milnthorpe**.

### Milton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6396, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4001
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Somerset; SE England; also Banffs, Morays, and Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Laois

English, Scottish: locative name from one or other of the many places named Milton, or sometimes Middleton (see **Middleton**) and occasionally Melton (see **Melton**).

**Early bearers:** England: Alan de Milton, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Robert Milton, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Mileton', 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John de Milneton', 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunham, Notts); Richard Milton, 1546 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); John Milton, 1578 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Elizabeth Milton, 1578 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Christopher Milton, 1606 in *IGI* (Withycombe, Somerset).

Scotland: Marion Milton, 1612 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); James Milton, 1665 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banffs).

### Milum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Milham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Milverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset, Devon, and Somerset

English: locative name from Milverton (Somerset) or perhaps occasionally from Milverton (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mulverton', Robert de Miluerton', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Mulverton, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Milverton, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Ricardus Mulverton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johannes Mulvton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); William Milverton, 1665 in *IGI* (Dowlish Wake, Somerset); Richard Milverton, 1775 in *IGI* (Rampisham, Dorset); Ann Melverton, 1788 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Milward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1259, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Waterford; Kerry

English: see **Millward**.

### Mimms

**Variants:** **Mims**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from North Mimms (Herts) and South Mimms (part Herts, part Middx).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Mimmes, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Ranulph de Mymmes, 1272–3, Nicholas Mymmes, 1400–1 in *Feet of Fines* (South Mimms, Middx); Richard de Mimmes, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hertford, Herts); John de Mimmes, 1325–6 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Nicholas Mymmys, 1369–71 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Mims, 1662 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Edward Mimms, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Mimnagh

**Variants:** **Mimnaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 62
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from Muimhneach, see **Meenagh**.

### Mimnaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 Irish: from Muimhneach, see **Mimnagh**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

2 Irish: see **Meenagh**.

### Mimpress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0



- GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Mainprize**.

### Mimpriss

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 3
- English: see **Mainprize**.

### Mims

- Current frequencies: GB 48, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; also Norfolk
- English: see **Mimms**.

### Min

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 閔, see **Man** (4).

### Mina

- Current frequencies: GB 287, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
- Spanish and Portuguese: locative name from any of various places called Mina or La Mina, from Spanish and Portuguese *mina* 'mine'.

### Minahan

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 16
  - GB frequency 1881: 31
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Glamorgan; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin or Ó Mionacháin, see **Moynihán**.

### Minal

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Somerset
- English: see **Minall**.

### Minall

- Variants: **Minal**
- Current frequencies: GB 240, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 107
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks; Sussex
- English: a local pronunciation of **Mildenhall** (1), from the Wilts place-name, which is recorded as *Mildenhall otherwise Minal* in 1760.
- Early bearers: Robert Mynold, 1589 in *IGI* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Elizabeth Minall, 1600 in *IGI* (Wargrave, Berks); Stephen Minoll, 1617, Thos Minall, 1822 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Robert Minald, 1640 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Margaret Mynall, 1641 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Nathaniell Minall, 1660 in *IGI* (Fawley, Berks); Stephen Minell, 1662 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).
- References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 301; *Forster*.

### Minard

- Current frequencies: GB 155, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 160
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Bucks and Northants; Herefs; Lancs; Cornwall
- English: see **Maynard**.

### Minards

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 123
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Northants and Beds; Cornwall
- English: see **Maynards**.

### Mince

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
- English: see **Mence**.

### Minchell

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; also Staffs
- English: variant of **Minshall**.
- Early bearers: Willm Minchell, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Margaret Minchel, 1738, Anne Menshall, 1793 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Jno. Minshall, 1750, Joseph Minshull, 1801, Charles Minchell, 1832 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Peter Minchell, 1835 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Minchella

- Current frequencies: GB 210, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Italian: of unexplained etymology.
- Further information: Giuseppe Minchella came from Cassino in Lazio, Italy, in 1905 and set up an ice-cream business in Sunderland.
- Early bearers: Francesco Minchella, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Hants).

### Minchen

- GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: Leics, Warwicks, Gloucs, and Berks; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Minchin**.

### Mincher

- Current frequencies: GB 547, Ireland 17
  - GB frequency 1881: 222
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: variant of **Minshall**.
- Early bearers: John Minshaw, 1712, Hannah Mincher, 1715 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); John Mincher, 1739 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

### Minchin

- Variants: **Minchen**, **Minson**
- Current frequencies: GB 884, Ireland 85
  - GB frequency 1881: 729
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tipperary and Offaly
- English: nickname from Middle English *minchen* 'nun' (Old English *mynece*).
- Early bearers: Aluredus Minchun, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Peter Minchun, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Mynchyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Rissington, Gloucs); Robert Mincin, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Mynchyn, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Mynchyn, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs); Susanna Minchen, 1584 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Clemence Minchin, 1598 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon).

### Minchington

- Current frequencies: GB 103, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset, Hants, and Dorset
- English: see **Minchinton**.

### Minchinton

- Variants: **Minchington**
- Current frequencies: GB 122, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 140
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; also Hants
- English: locative name perhaps from Minchington in Sixpenny Handley (Dorset).
- Early bearers: Wm Minchinton, 1694 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Minchinton, 1727 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Ann Minchinton, 1750 in *IGI* (Yeovilton, Somerset); William Minchinton, 1731 in *IGI* (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); James Minchington, 1785 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); Henry Minchinton, 1787 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).
- References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 115.

### Mindenhall

- Variants: **Mendenhall**
- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Middx, and Berks
- English: variant of **Mildenhall** (1).
- Early bearers: Stephen Mendenhall, 1662 in *IGI* (Upper Lambourn, Berks); Edith Mindenhall, 1676 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Moses Mindenhall, 1690 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Mindham

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 86
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: locative name from Mundham (Norfolk).
- Further information: North Mundham (Sussex) also gave rise to a medieval surname: Johannes Mundham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunston, Sussex); Willelmus *Mundham*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex). However, there is no evidence that this survives as a modern surname.
- Early bearers: Alan de Mundeham, 1197–8, Gerard de Mundham, 1267–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Mundham, Norfolk); Johannes de Mundham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxlingham, Norfolk); Wm de Mundham, citizen of Norwich, 1357–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes de Mondham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Katherina Mindham, 1575 in *IGI* (South Acre, Norfolk); Agnes Myndham, 1592 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henrici Mindham, 1611 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk).

### Mine

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Minn**.

### Minehan

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs; Surrey
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihán**.

## Miner

**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is more numerous in the USA than Britain.

### Miner

**Variants:** Minor, Miners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs; Somerset
- English: occupational name from Middle English *minour*, *miner* ‘miner’ (Old French *mineor*, *mineur*). In Cornwall this generally denoted a tin miner.
- Early bearers:** Jordan le mineur, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Adam le Miner, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Henry le Minur, 1224 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Ricardus Mynour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askwith, WR Yorks); Alicia Mynour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Daukyn le Miner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Lobkyn le Minor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); John Minor, 1418–19 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Henricus Miner, 1544 in *IGI* (London); Ric. Minor, 1631 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Thomas Minor, 1645 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Andrew Minor, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Absolom Miner, 1724 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

### Miners

**Variants:** Minors, Minus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 372
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: variant of **Miner** with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Joannes Minors, 1578 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); John Miners, 1609 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Honour Miners, 1614 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Jone Minors, 1672 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampond, Cornwall).

### Minery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **Menary**.

### Mines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 370
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Bucks and Middx; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Down, Tyrone, and Armagh
- English: see **Minns**.

### Minet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- 1 English: see **Minett**.
- 2 Huguenot: French **Minet**, from a pet form of a personal name formed with the diminutive suffix *-min*, such as *Jacquemin* or *Guillemin* (see **Jackaman**, **Gillman**). It was brought to England by Huguenot refugees in the 17th century.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Minet, 1686, Pierre Minet, 1691 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury); Elisabeth Minet, 1689 in *IGI* (French Church, Dover).

### Minett

**Variants:** Minnett, Minet, Minette, Minnitt, Mynett, Mynott, Minott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 884, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 547
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; also Cambs
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *mignot*, Anglo-Norman French *minot*, *mignot*, *minnot* ‘elegant, gracious, kind, courteous’. Compare French **Mignot**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Peter Mignot, 1191, Peter Minnot, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert Mignot, 1232, Robert Minot, 1237 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Robert Mignoth, 1321 in *Newstead Priory Cartulary* (Nottingham, Notts); Will’o Mynot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Laneham, Notts); Richard Mynot, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stowting hundred, Kent); Michael Mygnoyt, the King’s Butler, 1338 in *London Coroners Rolls* (London); Roger Mynot, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Michael Mynot, citizen and vintner, 1343–4 in *Feet of Fines* (London), father of John Mynot, goldsmith, 1347 in *Cartulary of Adam Fraunceys* (London); Johannes Mynot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Minyot, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Bartholomeus Mimot [*sic* for Miniot?] 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cantley, Norfolk); Johannes Mynyott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Mynyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Richard Mynot, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kinghamford hundred, Kent); Henry Mynett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hempstead, Gloucs); William Minet, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Mynott, 1580 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Philippe Mynott, 1583, Millesent Minet, 1602 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Thome Minnett, 1595 in *IGI* (Surfleet, Lincs); Thome Minett, 1602, Stephen Minott, 1676 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Margery Mynett, 1621 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); William Minet, 1663 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs); Samuell Minott, 1705 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); John Minett, 1750 in *IGI* (Sedgeberrow, Worcs); Elizabeth Minnitt, 1764 in *IGI* (Laneham, Notts).
- 2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Minnot(e)*, a diminutive of *Minne* (see **Minn**).
- Early bearers:** given names: Minnota (fem.), 1274 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Minette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Minett**.

### Minford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Norman, English: variant of **Mountford**.

### Ming

**Variants:** Meng, Mings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Bucks, and Oxon

1 Breton, Norman, English: perhaps a reduced form of **Mingay**. Compare Robert Mingie, 1573, Alice Minge, 1577 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs). However, the distribution of the name coincides only slightly with that of *Mingay*, and it may have another, unknown English origin.

**Early bearers:** Henry Mynge, 1543 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Harrye Minge, 1559, John Menge, 1579 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Thomas Mynge, 1606 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Susan Ming, 1612 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Sollomon Minge, 1621 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Alice Mingge, 1783 in *IGI* (Wratting, Suffolk).

2 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 明: (i) from the personal name *Ming* (明), which was the style name of Meng Ming Shi, a famous general in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534) by the Yi Dou Juan family, who were members of the Xianbei ethnic group in ancient N China.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 閔, see **Man** (4).

4 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 孟, see **Meng** (1). The dialects of this form can be found in E Guangdong province and Fujian province, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

### Mingay

**Variants:** Mingo, Ming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- Breton, Norman: relationship name from the Breton personal name Menguy (composed of the Breton elements *men* ‘stone’ and *ki* ‘dog’). It was introduced to England after the Conquest by Breton followers of the Normans.
- Early bearers:** Johannes filius Menghi, about 1154–5 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robertus filius Mingghi, filii Mengi, 1178–81 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Essex); Andrew Mengy, 1262 in *Select Pleas of the Forest* (Essex); Richard Mingy, 1276 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Milo Myngey, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Galfridi Mingay, 1571 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); William Mingaye, 1577 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Windthrye Myngey, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilketshall Saint Margaret, Suffolk); Johannes Mingye, 1598 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Margaret MINGAIE, 1602 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Edwarde Mingay, 1613 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk).

### Mingo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: probably a variant of **Mingay**. Compare Benjamin Mingey, 1613 in *IGI* (Sutcombe, Devon).
- Early bearers:** Xpofor Mingo, 1569 in *IGI* (Newton Longville, Bucks); Robert Mingoe, 1610 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon); John Myngo, 1618 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Mingo, 1660 in *IGI* (London); Eleanor Mingo, 1717 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Mary Minga, 1763 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Mings**

Variants: **Minks, Minx**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Lincs and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Ming** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Roberte Mings, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thoms. Minxe, 1636 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Mary Minks, 1646 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); Christopher Mings, 1664, Christopher Myngs, 1696 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Minks, 1707 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs); Alexander Mings, 1727 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Mary Ann Mengs, 1846 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs).

**Minhas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 874, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Rajput) and Sikh, based on the name of Rajput and Jat tribes.  
2 Indian (Panjab): Muslim, possibly an altered form of *Minhāj*, a personal name based on Arabic *minhāj* 'method, order, way'.

**Further information:** Minhāj al-Siraj was the author of a well-known 13th-century history of India.

**Minifie**

Variants: **Minniffee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Dorset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Menefie or Menefye, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Musbury, Devon); Sith Minifie, 1563 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Thomas Minefye, 1588–9, John Minyfee, idiot, 1613–14 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Jn Mynnivye, 1590, Tho. Minyffey, 1594, Wm Mennyfey, 1596, Juddith Menyfey, 1599 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Humphrey Menefie, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Langford Budville, Somerset); Elizabeth Miniffee, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Martha Minifer, 1650, William Minniffee, 1666 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Minifie, 1738 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**Minihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin or Ó Mionacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minihane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minikin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: see **Minnikin**.

**Minion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish: reduced form of **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

**Minister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *menistre, ministre* 'servant, attendant, minister, clergyman'.
- Early bearers:** haldan ministr, 1275 in *Thuresson* (Norfolk); Joh. Ministre, 1384 in *Thuresson* (Worcs); John William Minister, 1655 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Ellen Minister, 1711 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Minister, 1729 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk).
- References: *Thuresson*, p. 168.

**Minkley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and Leics
- English: perhaps a variant of **Manley** with intrusive -k-.
- Early bearers:** Robert Mankley, 1663 in *IGI* (Roxby with Risby, Lincs); Georg Mankley, 1671 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lincs); Mary Minkley, 1731 in *IGI* (Cropwell Bishop, Notts).

**Minks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk; also N England
- English: see **Mings**.

**Minn**

Variants: **Mynn, Mine, Minns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mine, Minne* (Latinized as *Minna*), possibly a pet form of *Imyne (Ismenia)*, see **Emeny**. Compare the diminutive **Minett**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Minna, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds).

surnames: John Mynne, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); Gostelynus Mynne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Minne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Holme, NR Yorks); Alanus Mynne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashill, Norfolk); Johannes Myne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Ricardus Myne, 1379, Ricardus Mynne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Mynne, 1544

in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Minn, 1563 in *IGI* (Rougham, Norfolk); Robt. Mine, 1708 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk).

**Minnery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **Menary**.

**Minnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Tipperary
- English: see **Minett**.

**Minney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds
- Scottish: see **Mennie**.

**Minnican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minnick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: Irish and Scottish Gaelic Ó Muineog, see **Minogue**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Minnie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants
- Scottish: see **Mennie**.

**Minniffee**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Minifie**.

**Minnikin**

Variants: **Minikin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minnion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

**Minnis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 132
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: reduced form of **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

**Minnitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0

## Minnock

- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: see **Minett**.

### Minnock

- Current frequencies: GB 129, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus; Kirkcudbrights; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Offaly
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: Irish and Scottish Gaelic Ó Muineog, see **Minogue**.

### Minns

Variants: Mines, Mynes

- Current frequencies: GB 1811, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 1315
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: variant of **Minn** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

Early bearers: John Mynnys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Mynes, 1561 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Wm Mynes, 1577 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Alice Mines, 1608 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts).

### Minogue

Variants: Minnock, Minnick

- Current frequencies: GB 230, Ireland 564
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Galway

Irish: from Ó Muineóg ‘descendant of Muineóg’, a personal name or byname which may be based on a diminutive of *manach* ‘monk’.

Early bearers: Ireland: Cleirichen H. Muineóc, 1050 in *AU*; William O Mynok, 1313 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Lymerick); Don O’Monoge, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5476 (Cotten, Clare); Matthew Minnock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rahan, Offaly).

England: Anne Minoch, 1749 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Patrick Minnick, 1838 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Minogue, 1872 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

Scotland: Jannet Minnock, 1720 in *IGI* (Glasserton, Wigtowns); Hugh Minnock, 1855, Patrick Minnick, 1861 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Minor

- Current frequencies: GB 454, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 233
- Main GB location 1881: Northants; W Midlands and Lancs

English: see **Miner**.

### Minors

- Current frequencies: GB 188, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 151
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; Cornwall

English: see **Miners**.

### Minott

- Current frequencies: GB 238, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Minett**.

### Minshall

- Current frequencies: GB 794, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 586
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs

English: see **Minshull**.

### Minshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 71
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb; London; also Cheshire and Staffs

English: see **Minshull**.

### Minshull

Variants: Minshall, Minshaw, Minchell, Mincher

- Current frequencies: GB 1197, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 641
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: locative name from Church Minshull and Minshull Vernon (Cheshire).

Early bearers: [ . . . de] Munessuhel, about 1270–80, [ . . . de] Monishull, 1290, [ . . . de] Muniuhull, 1297, [ . . . de] Minchull, 1361 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; Edmund de Minnishulle, 1421 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cheshire); Edmund Minshull, 1454–5 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); John Munshawe, 1529 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jone Minshull, 1539 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ranulph Mynshall, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Elizabeth Minshaw, 1561 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Hugh Minshull, 1565 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Nicolai Minshall, 1566 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Thomas Mynshawe, 1591, Thomas Mynshewe, 1592 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens’ Accounts* (Worcs).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 154–5.

### Minskip

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Manship**.

### Minson

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Somerset

English: variant of **Minchin**.

Early bearers: Peter Minson, 1602 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Minson, 1648 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

### Minstrell

- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *minstral* ‘minstrel’ (Old French *menestral*, *ministrat*). As well as singing, playing music, and telling tales, a minstrel might also perform other types of entertainment such as juggling: note the example of Hugo Harper de Wolpet, tregettour, alias dictus Hugo Mynstrall de Bildeston, jogelour, 1483 in *Ewen, Guide* 90 (compare **Tredgett**).

Early bearers: William le Menestral, 1302 in *Close Rolls* (London); Johanne Menestral, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winsley, Wilts); Michael Minstrell, 1580 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Katherine Mynstrell, 1584 in *IGI*

(Chelmarsh, Shrops); William Minstrel, 1674 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

### Mint

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *minte* ‘mint, esp. spearmint’.

Early bearers: Christine Mynte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Mynte, 1561, Thomas Mint, 1698 in *IGI* (London); Richard Mynte, 1578 in *IGI* (Grimley, Worcs); Agnes Mynte, 1584 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); An Mint, 1657 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Minter

- Current frequencies: GB 1413, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 1077
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and E Anglia

English: occupational name from Middle English *myneter*, *mynter* ‘moneyer’.

Early bearers: William le Myntere, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Muneter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hamo le Meneter, 1296 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nich. le Mineter, 1303 in *Fransson* (London); Henry Meneter, Christine Mentere, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bleangate hundred, Kent); Johanne Myntur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingstone, Herefs); Walter Minter, 1566 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); John Mynter, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Southwark, Surrey); Jone Minter, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk).

References: *Fransson*, p. 135.

### Mintern

Variants: Minterne, Minturn, Mintram, Mintrum

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 166
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset, Dorset, and Hants
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: locative name from Minterne (Dorset).

Early bearers: William de Minterne, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); Gilbert de Mynterne, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Cerne Abbas, Dorset); Ysaac de Mynterne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Minterne, Dorset); Robert Minterne, 1565 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Mary Myntrum, 1585 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Elizabeth Mynterne, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Francis Mintern, 1675 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Mary Minturn, 1726 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Mintram, 1777 in *IGI* (Nursling, Hants).

### Minterne

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: see **Mintern**.

### Minto

Variants: Minty

- Current frequencies: GB 1502, Ireland 72
- GB frequency 1881: 828
- Main GB location 1881: Durham, Roxburghs, and Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Minto (Roxburghs).

Early bearers: Scotland: Thomas Mynto, 1598 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); George Minto, 1626 in *IGI*

(Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Minto, 1636 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs).

England: William de Myntov, 1310, John Myntowe, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Alexander Mynto, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Clement Minto, 1751 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Joseph Minto, 1767 in *IGI* (Heighington, Durham).

### Minton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1421, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1011
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and W Midlands; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Laois; Westmeath

English: locative name from Minton in Little Stretton (Shrops), which is recorded as *Muneton*, *Moneton*, and *Mineton* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Muneton', 1209 in *Forest Pleas* (Shrops); Richard de Mineton, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Petrus de Muneton', Petrum de Myneton', Petrum de Moniton', 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); Maurice Mynton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Lodovicus Minton, 1579 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); John Minton, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* vol. 1, p. 209; vol. 3, p. 234.

### Mintram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Mintern**.

### Mintrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Mintern**.

### Minturn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Mintern**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Minty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 799, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 578
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; Wilts, Gloucs, and Somerset

1 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Minto**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Myntie, 1609 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Aberdeens); Magdalen Mintie, 1636, Jean Minty, 1664 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); Elizabeth Myntie, 1744 in *IGI* (Alvah, Banffs).

2 English: locative name from Minety (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Mynty, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Minety, Wilts); William de Mynty, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stratton with Daglingworth, Gloucs); John Mynty, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Mynty, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Richarde Myntyte, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Joane Minty, 1622 in *IGI* (Chirton, Wilts); Nicholas Myntyte, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Minus

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: perhaps a variant of **Miners**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Minus, 1645 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Minx

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Mings**.

### Miot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Myatt**.

### Mir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1959, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Muslim (common in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India): from a title of Persian origin, a reduced form of Arabic *Amir* 'prince, commander'.
  - 2 Catalan: relationship name, patronymic from *Mir*, a medieval personal name of Germanic origin.
  - 3 Polish: relationship name from a short form of any of various Old Polish personal names containing the element *mir* 'peace, quiet, esteem', for example *Mirosław* or *Jaromir*.

### Mirams

Variants: **Miriam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Merriam** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Martha Meriams, 1728 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Ann Miriams, 1754, Elizabeth Mirrams, 1765, Isaiah Meriams, 1767, Willm Mirams, 1776, John Myrams, 1778 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Miranda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from any of numerous places in Spain and Portugal called Miranda. The derivation of the place-name is uncertain; it may be of pre-Roman origin, or from Latin *miranda* 'view, outlook'.

**Further information:** This surname is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

### Mire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Irish, English: see **Myer**.

2 Huguenot: occupational name from Old French *mire* 'physician'.

**Early bearers:** Cardin Mire, 1594 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Guillaume Mire, 1696 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Mires

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Myers**.

### Mireylees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: see **Merrilees**.

### Mirfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Mirfield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Wluric de Mirfield, 1212 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Mirefelde, 1285–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Mirfeld, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Diana Mirfield, 1646 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

### Mirfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Marvin**.

### Miriam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Merriam**.

### Miriam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent

English: variant of **Mirams**.

### Mirpuri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Hindu): locative name denoting someone 'from Mirpur'.

**Further information:** This name is found in particular among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Mirrielees

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Merrilees**.

### Mirth

Variants: **Murt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: nickname from Middle English *mirth* 'mirth, joy, pleasure' (Old English *myrgð*).

**Further information:** The name of John Murth, 1617 in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall), must be related to the place-name Mortha in that parish. That makes it possible that none of the names from SW England are from *Mirth*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Mirthe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Peter Merthe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Mirthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richi Mirth, 1549 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Anne Mirth, 1747 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb).

### Mirza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4429, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

## Misell

Muslim (Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan): from a personal name based on the Persian honorific title *Mirzā*, a shortened form of *mir-zadeh* ‘child of a prince’.

### Misell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Meisceall, see **Miskell**.

### Mishra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Misra**.

### Miskell

Variants: **Meskill**, **Mescall**, **Maxwell**, **Misell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glamorgan

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Meisceall ‘descendant of *Meiscill*’, a personal name of unexplained etymology. Sometimes anglicized as **Maxwell**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Meskill fitz Thomas, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1049 (Ashetown, Kilkenny); William O’Meskill, kern, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2036 (Rathnure, Kilkenny); Cowghire O Miskill, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309; Farrcoroghrie O Meskill, surgeon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484. England: James Meskell, 1809 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); George Miskell, 1832 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Bridget Meskell, 1859 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

Scotland: Michael Miskell, 1857 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**References:** *Supplement to Irish Families* p.113.

### Miskelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 379
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- Irish: from Mac Scalaidhe, see **Scully**.

### Miskimmin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 206
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: see **McSkimming**.

### Miskin

Variants: **Muskin**, **Mustchin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *meschin* ‘young man’, used to distinguish son from father.

**Early bearers:** William le Meschin, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Alan de Perci le Meschin, about 1180 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Adam Meskyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Margaret Muskin, 1623 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Susan Myskin, 1625 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); James Muskin, 1714 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Elizabeth Miskin, 1735 in *IGI*

(Burham, Kent); James Mustchin, 1760, Solomon Muschin, 1807 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); Thomas Mesking, 1829 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

### Mison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Middx
- English: see **Missin**.

### Misra

Variants: **Mishra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (north central and northeast): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *miśra*, originally meaning ‘mixed, manifold’, but later applied after a name as an honorific epithet meaning ‘honourable’.

### Misselbrook

Variants: **Misslebrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Mistlebrooks Wood in Witley (Surrey), which is recorded as *Muxenebrok* in 1303, *Miskynbrok* in 1547–53, and *Mystelbroke* in 1548.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Muxenbrouk, 1359 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Ricardus Muxenebrok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Peper Harow, Surrey); Sibill Misselbrooke, 1560, John Misselbroke, 1587 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Henry Misselbroke, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Froyle, Hants); Lawrance Mistelbroke, 1592 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 216.

### Missen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; Wilts and Somerset

English: see **Missin**.

### Missin

Variants: **Missing**, **Missen**, **Misson**, **Mison**, **Myson**, **Mizen**, **Mizon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Messing (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Messyngg’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Ricardo de Messyngg’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Baddow, Essex); Ricardus Messyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Johanne Messing, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyfordby, Leics); Joane Messing, 1571 in *IGI* (Boxted, Essex); William Missing, 1619 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); John Mison, 1622 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Margaret Missen, 1624 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Andrew Misson, 1635 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts); John Mizon, 1671 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); Robart Missin, 1680 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Robert Mizen, 1777 in *IGI* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts).

### Missing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cambs
- English: see **Missin**.

### Missingham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Massingham**.

### Misslebrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants
- English: see **Misslebrook**.

### Misson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cambs
- English: see **Missin**.

### Mist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *mist* ‘mist’, though the reason for such a name is far from clear.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Myst, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milcombe, Oxon); Margery Miste, 1557, Alice Myste, 1572, in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Margery Myst, 1607 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts).

### Mistry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12011, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat and Mumbai): Hindu and Parsi name meaning ‘skilled artisan’ in Gujarati, from Portuguese *mestre* ‘master, expert’. **Further information:** This word has acquired numerous meanings, including ‘carpenter, cook, mason’, ‘tailor’, and ‘teacher’, in the various Indian languages into which it has been borrowed from Portuguese.

### Mitcalf

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Metcalfe**.

### Mitcalfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Metcalfe**.

### Mitch

Variants: **Mich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mich*, a pet-form of *Michel* (see **Michael**). Compare **Mitcheson**, and Johannes filius Michecok, 1322 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** given names: Miche de Sancto Albano, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London).

surnames: Robert Miche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Adam Miche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Mary Mitch, 1748 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall).  
2 English: variant of **Mutch**.

### Mitchall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Mitchell**.

### Mitcham

Variants: **Mitchum**, **Mitchem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset
- English: locative name from Mitcham (Surrey).  
**Early bearers:** Wulfward de Michham, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Simon de Micham, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); John Micham, 1583 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); John Mitcham, 1615 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); John Mitchem, 1782 in *IGI* (Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset).

### Mitchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Lancs
- English: see **Meatyard**.

### Mitchel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2882
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread everywhere
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Leitrim

English: see **Mitchell**.

### Mitchell

Variants: **Mitchel**, **Michell**, **Mitchall**, **Mitchill**, **Mutchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82469, Ireland 5420
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60004
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Galway

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the usual vernacular pronunciation in Middle English and Older Scots of the personal name conventionally written as **Michael**. Compare **Mitchelson**. Some of the surnames mentioned below may equally well belong with (2).

**Further information:** Written examples of *Michel* or *Mitchell* as a given name are rare in Middle English; the clerks regularly wrote *Michael*. In 1198 one Michael de Middleton held a quarter of a carucate of land in Middleton (Wilts) by service of keeping the king's wolfhounds (*Book of Fees*); in about 1219 William Michel is recorded as receiving three and a half pence per day for keeping two wolfhounds; and in 1236 a certain Richard Michel held a cotset (a cottage with an attached plot of land) in Middleton for a similar service. The relationship between the three men is not stated but it is a reasonable assumption that they were members of the same family and that Michael de Middleton had two sons who derived their surname Michel from their father's given name.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Michel de Wphestede, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Michele Michel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). given names, Scotland: Mitchell McBrair, 1490 in *Black* (Galloway).

surnames, England: Roger Michil, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Gilbert Michel, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); Robert Michel, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Michel, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert and Robert Michel, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Benedicte Mitchell, 1556 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Isabell. Mitchell, 1557 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Mitchell, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ales Mitchell, 1564 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Will. Mitchell, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

surnames, Scotland: John Michell, 1489, Andro Mitschell, 1524 in *Black*; Isbell Mitchell, 1571 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

surnames, Ireland: Geoffrey Michel, 1288 in *CDI* §459 (vill of Michel, Cork); Robert Mitchel, 1295 in *CDI* §228; Walter Michell, cottier, 1546 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §477 (Gerardston, Meath); John Mitchell, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rafeenan, Monaghan); William Mitchell, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clonmeane, Armagh); Margaret Mitchell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Armagh); Ellen Mitchel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaghtee, Donegal).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *michel*, *mechel*, *muchel* 'big' (Old English *mycel*). Compare **Meikle**, **Muckle**, and **Mutch**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Mucchele, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes la Mucchele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam le Mechele (Mucchele), 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Mochel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Mechel, 1377–99 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

3 Irish: the English name is well established in Ireland. In Connacht, it was also adopted for Ó Maoil Mhichíl (see **Mulvihill**).

### Mitchelmore

Variants: **Michelmor**, **Mitchmore**, **Muchamore**, **Muchmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, seemingly in Devon, with a name deriving from Old English *mycel* + *mōr* 'large moor'. One candidate is the lost *Muchelmor* in Southleigh (Devon), mentioned in various medieval deeds in *Devon Record Office*, although the earliest bearers of the surname occur in the Salcombe area and it is more likely that its source lay here.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Muchelemor, 1243 in *Feet of Fines* (Ilton in Malborough, Devon); Nicholas de Mochelmor, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Michelmor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolston, Devon); Richard Michelmo[ur], 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Dittisham, Devon); Henrico Mychelmor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Peter Mochelmour, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); English Mychelmor, 1578 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Margery Michelmor, 1593 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Samualis Mitchelmor, 1609 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Richard Muchelmor, 1609 in *IGI* (Blackawton, Devon); Oliver Muchmore, 1701 in *IGI*

(Menheniot, Cornwall); Thomas Muchmore, 1732 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon).

**References:** Information from Michael Mitchelmor (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Mitchelson

Variants: **Michelson**, **Mitchinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Fife and Angus

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Michel* (i.e. Michael, see **Mitchell**) + *-son*. Compare **Michaelson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johanne Michelson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowther, Westm); Adam Michelson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Roger Michelson, 1383 in *Derbys Charters* (Derbys); Austen Michelson, 1549 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Michelson, 1570 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Edward Michelson, 1592 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).  
Scotland: Adam Michelson, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Mitchem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Mitcham**.

### Mitchenall

Variants: **Mitchener**, **Mitchiner**, **Mitchner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: locative name from Michen Hall in Godalming (Surrey), which is recorded as *Muchelhale* in 1227, *Michenhale* in 1335.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmi de Mucchehala, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Henry de Michenhale, 1347 in *Pipe Names of Surrey* (Blechingley, Surrey); Richard Mychenall, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Mychinnall, John Mychinor, 1583, Pawle Mychenor, Robert Michenour, 1596 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Alice Mitchener, 1630 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); William Mitchenall, 1761 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent).

### Mitchener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: variant of **Mitchenall**.

### Mitcheson

Variants: **Mitchison**, **Mitchinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 473
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mich* (see **Mitch**) or a diminutive form *Michie* + *-son*.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Michesone, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); William Mitchesonne, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margaret Mitchison, 1587 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); William Mitcheson, 1624 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Mitchill

### Mitchill

- GB frequency 1881: 160
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Mitchell**.

### Mitchiner

- GB frequency 1881: 30
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: variant of **Mitchehall**.

### Mitchinson

- Current frequencies: GB 1271, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 753
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb and Durham

English: either a variant of **Mitchelson**, with assimilation of *l*–*n* to *n*–*n*, or a variant of **Mitcheson** with intrusive *-n*.

**Early bearers:** Jo. Mitchinson, 1633 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Blanch Mitchinson, 1655 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Mitchinson, 1686 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).

### Mitchison

- Current frequencies: GB 262, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 224
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Mitcheson**.

### Mitchley

- Current frequencies: GB 122, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 124
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: perhaps a variant of **Midgley**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Michley, 1594 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Priscilla Michley, 1624 in *IGI* (Lilley, Herts); Wm Mitchley, 1697, Mary Midgley, 1749 in *IGI* (Great Bircham, Norfolk); Anne Michely, 1719 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk).

### Mitchmore

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Mitchelmore**.

### Mitchner

- GB frequency 1881: 11
- English: variant of **Mitchehall**.

### Mitchum

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
- English: see **Mitcham**.

### Mitford

Variants: **Midforth**, **Midford**, **Medford**, **Medforth**, **Metford**

- Current frequencies: GB 229, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 194
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham; Cheshire

English: locative name from Mitford (Northumb). **Early bearers:** John de Midford', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Durham); Robert de Mitford, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh Mitford, 1412 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henry Mitford, 1572 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Midford, 1606 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb); John Midforth, 1621 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Medford, 1640 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Isabell Metford,

1663 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Ann Medforth, 1708 in *IGI* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks).

### Mitha

- Current frequencies: GB 323, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Mitra

- Current frequencies: GB 500, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *mitra* 'friend, ally'.

**Further information:** Mitra is the name of an important deity in the Vedas; the name also refers to the sun as a deity.

### Mitson

- Current frequencies: GB 392, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 222
- Main GB location 1881: Essex and E Anglia

English: see **Metson**.

### Mittal

- Current frequencies: GB 325, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (north-central and Panjab): Hindu (Bania) and Jain, based on the name of a clan in the Agarwal Bania community, probably derived from Sanskrit *mitra* 'friend, ally' (see **Mitra**).

### Mitten

- Current frequencies: GB 399, Ireland 108
  - GB frequency 1881: 221
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *midde* + *tune*, for a dweller in 'the middle of the village'. **Early bearers:** Simon a Myddethune, 1296, William a Middelton, 1327, Richard Middelton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rose Mitten, 1587 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Jane Mitten, 1595 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Dorothy Mitton, 1599 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex). 2 English: see **Mitton**.

**Further information:** The English name in this spelling has been established in Ireland (Wexford) since the early 17th century.

### Mitton

Variants: **Mitten**, **Mytton**, **Myton**, **Mutton**, **Mythen**

- Current frequencies: GB 1080, Ireland 26
- GB frequency 1881: 877
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Mitton (Lancs) and adjacent Great Mitton (WR Yorks), Upper and Lower Mitton (Worcs), Mitton in Bredon (Worcs), Myton in Warwick (Warwicks), Mytton in Fitz (Shrops), or Myton on Swale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Mutton, 1208–36 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs); Alan de Mitton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jordan de Mitton', 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William de Mitton, William de Mutton, 1286–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus de Miton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coulton, NR Yorks); Robertus de Mytton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Agn' de Mitton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Amicia de Mutton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoney Stanton, Leics); Ricardus de Mitton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs); Margaret Mitton, 1548 in *IGI*

(Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Thomas Mitton, 1565 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Randall Mitten, 1573 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 102; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 265; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 217; 5, p. 68.

### Miu

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 苗 and 繆, see **Miao** (1) and (2).

### Mixer

Variants: **Mixter**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: Essex and Suffolk

English: possibly a variant of **Mixon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mixer, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Dorathy Mixer, 1563 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); William Mixer, 1579 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk).

### Mixon

Variants: **Mixer**, **Metson**

- Current frequencies: GB 8, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

1 English: usually a variant of **Megson**, **Meggison**, or **Megginson**.

**Further information:** The American lineage of this name has been traced to John Megginson who migrated to North America on the ship Orange and settled in Gloucester County, Virginia, in 1651.

**Early bearers:** Willim Mixon or Mixton, 1577, Willim Mixson, 1578 in *IGI* (Carlton, Suffolk); Sara Mickson, 1578 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Richard Myxon, 1595 in *TNA* (Welby, Lincs, Lincs Archives, MON 3/29/70); Anne Mixon, 1615, Mary Megson 1663, Thomas Mickson, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ralph Meggison, 1786, Mary Mickeson, 1802 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**References:** [www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/mixon](http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/mixon); [www.mixon.org/genealogy/john1](http://www.mixon.org/genealogy/john1).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Mixon in Onecote (Staffs), or possibly for someone who lived by a dunghill (Middle English, Old English *mixen*), as in the 1332 Staffs surname cited below.

**Early Bearers:** Henry OtheMixene, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*.

### Mixter

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Mixer**.

### Mizen

- Current frequencies: GB 791, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 433
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Gloucs; also Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Missin**.

### Mizon

- Current frequencies: GB 548, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 148



- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Missin**.

### Mizzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Italian: relationship name from *Mizio*, probably a reduced form of the personal name *Domizio* (Latin *Domitius*).

2 S Italian: nickname from medieval Greek *micco* 'small'.

### Mo

Variants: **Mao, Mok, Mock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese, Teochew, Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 毛 (**Mao** or **Mau** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'hair, feather' in Chinese: (i) from *Mao* (毛), the name of an ancient state (first located in Shaanxi province and later moved to Henan province) granted to Shu Zheng, the eighth son of the king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Han during the Warring States period (475–221 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) the surname is also traced back to the *Mao* (毛) family from the Dai Bei Di ethnic groups prior to the Qin dynasty (221–206 BC), which were scattered across W China.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 牟 (**Mou** in Mandarin pinyin, **Mau** or **Mao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'mooring or bellowing' in ancient Chinese: from *Mou* (牟), the name of an ancient state (located in Laiwu in Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 武 and 巫, see **Wu** (3) and (4).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 墨, see **Mak** (2).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 莫, see **Mok** (1).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 茅, see **Mao** (1).

### Moad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English: variant of **Moat**.

### Moakes

Variants: **Mokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; also London

English: variant of **Mock** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Moakes, 1569, Rebeccah Moax, 1640 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); Henry Moukes, 1584 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Alice Mockes, 1588 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex).

### Moakler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, Irish: see **Mockler**.

### Moan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Fermanagh, Armagh, and Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Moar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland
- Scottish Gaelic: variant of **Moir**.

### Moase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon
- English: see **Mose**.

### Moat

Variants: **Moate, Moatt, Mote, Moad, Mode, Mood, Moates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 573
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Northumb; also Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Middle English *mote* 'moat, protective ditch' (Old French *mote*, *motte* 'mound, embankment'). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or by a moat, or toponymic, from one of many minor places so named in England and Scotland. Compare **Delamotte**. There has probably been some confusion with **Mott**.

**Early bearers:** England: William de la Mote, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Stephen ate Mote, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thoma de la Mote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edward Mote, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Marget Mote, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Christian Moate, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Edmond Moat, 1583 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Marionys Moate, 1594 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Wm Moat, 1596 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); John Moad, 1608 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Margaret Mood, 1730 in *IGI* (Alwinton, Northumb). Scotland: Bessie Mote, 1630 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Moat, 1643 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); Christian Moat, 1669 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Johnne Moad, 1669, Thomas Moat, 1682 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Moate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Moat**.

### Moates

Variants: **Moats**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Moat** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Edmond Moates, 1625 in *IGI* (Deopham, Norfolk); Thomas Moats, 1648 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Moats

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Moates**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Moatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- English: see **Moat**.

### Mobb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: probably a variant of **Mabb**.

**Early bearers:** John Mobbe, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Augustinus Mob, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Margaret Mobbe, 1618 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

### Mobberley

Variants: **Moberly, Moberley, Mobberly, Mobley, Moverley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: locative name from Mobberley (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Patrick de Moberleia, 1190–1200 in *Cheshire Charters* (Cheshire); Ralph de Modberleg, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Moberlee, 1369 in *London Letter Books G* (London); Hugh Moberley, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Richard Mobberley, 1597 in *IGI* (Dilthorne, Staffs); John Moberlay, 1603, Jayne Moverley, 1612, Richard Moberley, 1616 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Mobberley, 1636 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Moberly, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent).

### Mobberly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: see **Mobberley**.

### Mobbys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1277, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1081
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Oxon, and Beds; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: variant of **Mobb** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. Compare **Mabbs**.

**Early bearers:** Wylliam Mobbys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Mobbys, 1607 in *IGI* (Pitsford, Northants); Anne Mobbes, 1635 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

### Moberley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Hants
- English: see **Mobberley**.

### Moberly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent; Oxon; Hants
- English: see **Mobberley**.

## Mobey

### Mobey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Lancs and Cheshire

English: perhaps a late variant of **Mobley** with loss of *-l-*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Mobby, 1691 in *IGI* (London); John Mobey, 1796 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Mark Mobey, 1823 in *IGI* (Minster Lovell, Oxon).

### Mobley

Variants: **Mobey**, **Mobsby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: variant of **Mobberley** with loss of the medial syllable.

**Early bearers:** John Mobley, 1764 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Sarah Mobley, 1769 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon).

### Mobsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey

English: an eighteenth-century variant, emerging in Cowfold (Sussex), of **Mobley**, seemingly via a spelling such as *Mobely* misread as *Mobsby* through the mistaking of *e* for *s* and of *l* for *b* in copperplate handwriting.

**Early bearers:** John Mobsly, 1744, Anne Mobsby, 1748, Sarah Mobsley, 1830, Lucy Mobely, 1833 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); William Mobsbey, 1780 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey).

### Mobson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Mabson**.

### Mocatta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Sussex

Jewish (from Portugal): unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Moses Mocatta, merchant, 1677 in *Bevis Marks Records* (Houndsditch, Middx); Abraham Mocatta, 1712, Isaac Mocatta, 1812 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Abraham Mocatta, born in Middx, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Isaac and Abigail Mocatta, born in London, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Benjamin Mocatta, 1865, and Abraham Mocatta, 1873 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Balls Pond Road Jewish Cemetery, Dalston, Middx); Elias Mocatta, born in London, in *Census 1881* (North Meols, Lancs); Maurice Mocatta, born in West Indies, in *Census 1881* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Francis Mocatta, born in South America, in *Census 1881* (Ealing, Middx).

### Mochan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow, Dunbartons, and Stirlings; Glamorgan

Irish: from Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Mochrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Mochriesinch near Airdrie (Lanarks), or perhaps from another place similarly named such as Mochrie Wood near Fern (Angus).
- Early bearers:** Jonet Mochrie, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jhone Mochrie, 1625, Jhone Mochry, 1633 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian); Robert Mochrie, 1697 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).

### Mock

Variants: **Moke**, **Mook**, **Moakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Moke*, theoretically in some instances a survival of Old English *Mocca*, but usually a reduced form of *Mocok*, a pet form of Matthew. See **Mocock**, **Maycock**, and **Moxon**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Alice widow of Mokke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanmer, Sussex).

surnames: Malger filius Moche, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Ralph Moke, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Will. Moke, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Stratford, Warwicks); Philip Moke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishop's Tawton, Devon); Robert Mok', 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardus Moke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nunnington with Burneston, NR Yorks); Richard Mokke, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Joannes Moke, 1558 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Mooke, 1558 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Phillip Mocke, 1569 in *IGI* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); Jacobi Moke, 1570 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Robert Moake, 1579 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Willm Mock, 1580 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Henerici Mok, 1591 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Hy Mock, 1604 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Elizabeth Mook, 1670 in *IGI* (Bossall, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 236; *McClure, Jack I*, pp. 104–5.

2 Chinese: further anglicized form of the Chinese surname 莫, see **Mok** (1).

### Mocket

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Mockett**.

### Mockett

Variants: **Mocket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: relationship name probably from an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Moket*, *\*Mokot*, a diminutive of *Moke* (see **Mock**).

**Early bearers:** William Mocket, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Mochet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard Mocote, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alis Mocket, 1578 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Richard Mockett, 1621 in *IGI* (Arlington, Sussex).

### Mockford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 500
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost plce called *Mockford* in Henfield (Sussex), recorded as *Mokeford* in 1373.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Mokeford, 1327, Henry Mokeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henfield, Sussex); Ricardus Mokeforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henfield, Sussex); Laurencius Mokford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Elizabeth Mockeford, 1578 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex); Robert Mockford, 1603 in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 217–18.

### Mocking

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name 'son of *Mocke*'; see **Mock**.

**Early bearers:** John Mockyng, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Mokkyng, 1392 in *The Church in London*; John Mockyng, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

### Mockler

Variants: **Mokler**, **Moakler**, **Muckler**, **Manclark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Norman, Irish: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *Mauclerc* 'bad priest', Old French *mal*, *mau* 'bad' + *clerc* 'cleric, clerk, priest'. Walter Mauclerc, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs), was Bishop of Carlisle. Pierre de Bretagne, similarly nicknamed, was unfrocked (Dauzat). The final *c* has been lost by dissimilation, though retained in the variant *Manclark*.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Malclerc, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Mauclerc, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William Mauclerk, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); John Maucler, 1317 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks); John Mauclerk, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Mauclerk, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Mundham, Norfolk); Ann Muckler, 1676 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs); John Moakler, 1802 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Moakler, 1871 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: W. Mauclere, 1210 in *CDI* §401; Walter Mauclerc, 1212 in *CDI* §439; Walter de Mauclerc, 1212 in *CDI* §441; Edmund Mowclere, gent., 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §585 (Mowcleristowne, Tipperary); Nicholas Mockler St. Jeffery, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466 (Balliclearan); James Mockler fitz Nicholas, horseman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6504 (Cahir, Tipperary); Robert Mockler, 1676 in *IGI* (Dublin, Dublin).

### Mockridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Gloucs; also Kent

English: see **Mogridge**.

### Mocock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mocock*, *Moycok*, a side form of **Maycock**, a Middle English pet form of Old French *Maheu* (Matthew).

**Early bearers:** William Moykoc, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); William Maycock, Moycock, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Macok, John Moycok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Mocoč, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Mocoche, 1624 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Ester Moycocke, 1705 in *IGI* (Tideswell, Derbys); Thomas Mocoč, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**References:** G. Redmonds, *Holmfirth: Place-Names and Settlement* (Huddersfield, 1994), p. 42; McClure, *Jack I*, pp. 104–5.

### Modasia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Modd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Mudd**.

### Mode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; Northumb
- English: variant of **Moat**.

### Moden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: variant of **Mutton** with voicing of intervocalic *-t-* to *-d-*.

### Modeste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French: relationship name from the personal name *Modeste*, a vernacular form of Latin *Modestus* (from the adjective *modestus* ‘reserved, gentle, virtuous’).

### Modha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

### Modhvardia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Modhwadia**.

### Modhwadia

**Variants:** Modhvardia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Maher), unexplained.

### Modi

**Variants:** Mody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Mumbai city): Hindu (Bania, Vania), Jain, and Parsi, from *modi* meaning ‘grocer, grain merchant’ in the various languages of this region.

**Further information:** There is a clan called Modi among the Oswal Banias.

**Early bearers:** Bomonjee Mody, born in India, in *Census 1861* (Paddington, Middx); [ . . . ] P Modi, born in India, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx).

### Modley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Worcs
- English: see **Motley**.

### Mody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- 1 Indian: see **Modi**.  
2 English: see **Moody**.

### Moeller

**Variants:** Moller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

North German: occupational name from Middle Low German *möller* ‘miller’.

**Further information:** This name is also widespread in Scandinavia.

**Early bearers:** Conrad Carl Moeller, cabinetmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Henry Moller, tin plate worker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Isaac Moller, fustian and cotton clothes merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Stretford, Lancs); Christian Moeller, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Carl Moller, mailing clerk, born in Denmark, in *Census 1871* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Carl Möller, carriage trimmer, born in Sweden, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Felix Moeller, clerk, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Constantine Moeller, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Gustav Moeller, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); Gustaf Frederick Moller, ship broker’s clerk, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Robert Moeller, fancy bag maker, born in Carlsruhe, Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hendon, Middx); Augusta Moeller, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Tottenham, Middx); Axel Moller, cork cutter, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Emil Julius Moller, printer, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Bloomsbury, Middx).

### Moffat

**Variants:** Moffatt, Moffet, Moffett, Moffit, Moffitt, Maffett, Maffitt, Muffet, Muffett, Muffit, Muffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6619, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5412
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland (esp. Dumfriess, Lanarks, and Midlothian); Northumb and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Scottish: locative name from Moffat (Dumfriess).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century, especially in the spelling *Moffett*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Nicholas de Mufet, before 1232, Walter de Moffat, 1348, Robert de Moffethe, 1467 in

*Black*; Robert de Muffet, Thomas Moffet, 1296 in *Black* (Dumfriess); Jhone Muffet, 1617 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); John Moffatt, 1640 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess).

England: William Moffette, 1563 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Dorothy Moofett, 1595, Annes Mofette, 1599 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Henrie Muffett, 1597 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Agnes Moffett, 1610 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Ireland: Thomas Moffett, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Erinagh, Armagh); John Muffett, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Grangemore, Sligo); Mary Moffet, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); William Moffit, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); James Moffat, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moymow, Longford); Thomas Moffitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bodoney Upper, Tyrone).

### Moffatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2822, Ireland 443
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1921
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Cumb, and Lancs; London; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Fermanagh and Cavan; Down
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Moffet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Moffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 780
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, Cumb, and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Moffit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Lancs
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Moffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 228
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 483
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Armagh, Antrim, and Down
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Moffin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Miffin**.

### Moffin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Miffin**.

## Mogan

### Mogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

Irish: of uncertain etymology; perhaps a variant of Ó *Mocháin*, see **Mohan**.

### Moger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Hants; London

English: see **Major**.

### Mogford

Variants: **Mugford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Monmouths, Glamorgan, and Somerset

English: locative name from Mogworthy in Rackenford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de ] Moggeford, 1238, [ . . . de ] Muggeworth, 1244 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Robert de Mockeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); William de Moggeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); John Mogford, 1556 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Nicholla Mugford, 1562 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 390.

### Mogg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 972, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 704
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset; W Midlands

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mogg*, a pet form of either *Margery* or *Margaret* (see **Madge** and compare **Maggott**).

**Early bearers:** Willelmi Mogge, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Henrici Mogg', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Edwardo Mogg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winsley, Wilts); Willelmus Mogge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alton Pancras, Dorset); Roberto Mogge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alrewas, Staffs); James Mogg, 1593 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 119–23.

### Moggach

Variants: **Muggoch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs

Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *mùgach* 'surly'.

**Early bearers:** Patrik Mougache, 1641 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Botriphnie, Banffs); John Moggach, 1730 in *IGI* (Aberlour, Banffs).

### Moggeridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Mogridge**.

### Moggridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset

English: see **Mogridge**.

### Moghadam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Iranian: see **Moghaddam**.

### Moghaddam

Variants: **Moghadam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Iranian: from Arabic *muqaddam* 'administrator' (also denoting a military rank).

### Moghal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mughal**.

### Moghul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mughal**.

### Mogridge

Variants: **Moggridge**, **Moggeridge**, **Mockridge**, **Mugridge**, **Muggridge**, **Muggeridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Mogridge in Tiverton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Moggherig, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Budleigh, Devon); [ . . . ] Moggerigge, 1351, [ . . . ] Moggarygge, 1394 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Moggrydge, 1544 in *Ancient Deeds 5* (Wilts); Roberte Mogridge, 1577 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Peter Moggridge, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Barnaby Moggeridge, 1629 in *IGI* (Michelver, Hants); Anne Muggeridge, 1636 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Stephen Mockridge, 1696 in *IGI* (Ruishton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 543.

### Mogul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Muslim: see **Mughal**.

### Mohamad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mohamadi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: See **Mohammadi**.

### Mohamed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8754, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mohammad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3007, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mohammadi

Variants: **Mohamadi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: adjectival form of **Mohammed**, 'belonging to a family or clan headed by one of this name'.

### Mohammed

Variants: **Mohammad**, **Mohommed**, **Mohamed**, **Mohamad**, **Mohmed**, **Mahammad**, **Mahammed**, **Mahommed**, **Mahamed**, **Mahamad**, **Mahamud**, **Mahamood**, **Mahamoud**, **Mahomed**, **Mahomet**, **Muhammad**, **Muhammed**, **Muhamad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13466, Ireland 50.
- **Main GB location, 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *muḥammad* 'praiseworthy'.

**Further information:** This is the name of the founder of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad (570–632).

### Mohan

Variants: **Moan**, **Mogan**, **Mone**, **Moohan**, **Mochan**, **Mohon**, **Maughan**, **Mauchan**, **Maun**, **Mahon**, **Mohun**, **Mahan**, **Moon**, **Moogan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1433, Ireland 769
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; NR Yorks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; also Galway

1 Irish: from Ó *Mocháin* 'descendant of *Mochán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *moch* 'early, timely', and it is also found translated into English as **Early**. It has also been used as a gaelicization of the Norman baronial surname *de Mohun*; see **Mohun**.

**Early bearers:** Morish O Moghan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4552 (Kilenny, Cork); William O Mochane, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4687 (Ballylee, Galway); Owin roe O Moghan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4944 (Kilarighe, Sligo/Roscommon); William O Moghane fitz Cormock, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5607 (Mayo); David O'Maghan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6461 (Cragg); Edm. O Muoghane, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Clonconnerie); William O'Maghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6480; Cahill O'Maghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Cloughnoherie, Cork).

2 Indian (Panjabi): from a clan name of a subgroup of Saraswat Brahmins in the Panjab.

### Mohindra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora), from Sanskrit *mahendra* (*maha* 'great' + *Indra* (the king of gods)).

### Mohmed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mohmood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mahmood**.

**Mohammed**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

**Mohon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire
- Irish: see **Mohan**.

**Mohr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks
- German or Dutch: (i) topographic name from Middle Low German *mōr* 'fen'. (ii) relationship name from a short form of the personal name *Morhart*. (iii) nickname from Middle High German *mōr*, Middle Dutch *mo(e)r* 'Moor', for a man of swarthy complexion.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Mohr, 1629 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Mary Mohr, 1813 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

**Mohsin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *muḥsin* 'doing good, benevolent'.

**Mohun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also Kent
- 1 English: see **Moon** (1).
- 2 Irish: see **Mohan**.

**Moignard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: nickname from a French pejorative form *moignard* 'one-armed man', derived from the root of Old French *moignier* 'to maim'.
- Early bearers:** Jeanne Moignard, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey).

**Moin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Moine**.

**Moine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Moine**.

**Moir****Variants: Moar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4474, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3947
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus

Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *mòr* 'big'.

**Early bearers:** Robert More, 1317 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Thomas Mor, 1492 in *Orkney Records* (Birsay, Orkney); Alexander More, 1492 in *Orkney Records* (Quyis, Orkney); Stevin Moir, 1553 in *Orkney Records* (Sandwick, Orkney); John Moir, 1574

in *Orkney Records* (Birsay, Orkney); Maille Moir, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Moar, 1662 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Jenet Moar, 1679 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); James Moar, 1688 in *IGI* (Keithhall and Kinkell, Aberdeens).

**Moise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon
- English: see **Moyes**.

**Moiser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: variant of **Moser**.

**Moisey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Moysey**.

**Moist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: variant of **Moyes** with excrescent *-t*.

**Mok****Variants: Mock, Mo, Mak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 莫 (*Mo* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'do not' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Mo* (鄭), the name of a fief (located in Renqiu in present-day Hebei province) in the state of Zhao during the Warring States period (475–221 BC), which may be identical with the city of *Mo* built by the legendary king Zhuan Xu (2514–2437 BC). When the name of the fiefdom was adopted as a surname, the Chinese character 鄭 was simplified as 莫. (ii) from *Mo Ao* (莫敖), said to be the name of an official position in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), approximately equivalent to 'vice prime minister'. Descendants of people who were appointed to this position adopted 莫, the shortened form of *Mo Ao*, as their surname.

However, it is also said that *Mo Ao* was the name of an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), whose descendants inherited 莫, the first element of his name, as their surname. (iii) shortened form of Xing Mo (刑莫), *Mo Na Lou* (莫那婁), and *Mo Duo Lou* (莫多婁), surnames from Xianbei ethnic group in ancient N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) simplified form of another ancient Chinese surname, 穆 (*Mu* in Mandarin pinyin), said to be borne by descendants of Yu Mu, ancestor of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). They settled mainly in Julu and Jiangling in Hubei province.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 穆 (*Mu* in Mandarin pinyin, also **Muk**, another Cantonese romanization), meaning 'solemnity, virtue': (i) from *Mu* (穆), posthumous title of Song Mu Gong (died 720 BC), the 14th king of the state of

Song (located in present-day Shangqiu in Henan province). He earned the title *Mu*, 穆, because of his virtue during his reign. (ii) from the Qiu Mu Ling (丘穆陵) family, members of the Xianbei ethnic group in ancient N China, who changed their original surname to *Mu* (穆) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) from *Mu* (穆), posthumous title of Lu Mu Gong (died 377 BC), a king who ruled in the state of Lu (located in present-day Shandong province).

**Moke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Mock**.

**Mokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs
- English: see **Moakes**.

**Mokler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Norman, Irish: see **Mockler**.

**Molan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Kilkenny
- English: variant of **Mowlam** or **Molland**.

**Moland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: variant of **Molland** or perhaps **Mowlam** (compare **Mouland**).

**Mold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 555
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Oxon, Warwicks, and Staffs
- English: see **Mould**.

**Molde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Notts
- English: see **Mould**.

**Molden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Wilts; Northumb

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mold*, a form of *Maud* (see **Malt**), with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Molden, 1279–80 in *Warwicks Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); Jhon Molden, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingston Bugpuize, Berks); Robert Molden, 1640 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts).

2 English: see **Moulton**.

## Moldon

### Moldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent
- English: see **Moulton**.

### Mole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2909, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; W Midlands; Herts and Essex; also Devon
- English: see **Moll**.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Mole, 1574 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Elizabeth Mole, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Ellen Mole, 1587 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Dorothy Mowle, 1590, Robert Mole, 1615 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Robert Mowle, 1592 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Mole, 1608 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Robert Mole, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Moledina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Moles

Variants: **Moules, Mowles, Moulds, Moyles, Mules**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk; Worcs; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin

1 English: variant of **Moll** with genitive or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Moules, 1580 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Willmi Moles, 1593 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Phillip Mowles, 1594 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Briget Moles, 1631 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); John Mole or Moles, 1688 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); William Moles, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Moles, 1720 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); William Moles, 1742 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Elizabeth Moles, 1774 in *IGI* (Lidgate, Suffolk); William Moles, 1786 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Meullles (Calvados), recorded as *Moles* in 1050–6. See also **Moyles** and **Mules**. In Devon the name is difficult to tell apart from (3).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Moles, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Juhel de Moles, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Honour of Okehampton, Devon); Gaufr' de Molis, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); William de Moles, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Serlby and Torworth, Notts); Ralph de Mules, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Cornwall); Matilda de Moles, de Molis, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Serlby, Notts); Nicholao de Moles de Berkhamsted, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Herts); Colyn de Molys, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Nicholai de Mules, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Wallop, Hants); Nicholaus de Moeles, 1251–2 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); John de Mules, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Northill, Cornwall); John Moles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); John Moyles or Meyls, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Alice de Moelis, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Robert de Moelis, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exbourne, Devon); John Moles, 1598 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Margaret Moles, 1598 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks); John

Moles, 1612 in *IGI* (Crawley, Sussex); Stephen Moles, 1615 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 588.

3 English: variant of **Mullis**. The following post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Moles, 1636 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); John Moles, 1773 in *IGI* (Luccombe, Somerset).

4 English: locative name perhaps from Meols (Cheshire), recorded as *Molis*, *Moles* from 1195–1205 until 1338, *Moeles* or *Moelis* from the 13th to the 15th century, and *Mooles* in 1621; or from North Meols (Lancs), recorded as *Moles* before 1148–9 and *Molis* in 1242; or from Meole Brace (Shrops), recorded as *Moles* in 1203–4. However, these place-names are more commonly spelled with *-e-* or *-eo-*, giving rise to **Meal** and **Meals**. The post-medieval examples below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Molis, 1229 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Moles, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); William de Moels of Wyrall, 1409 in *Ancient Deeds* (Staffs); Eliz. Moles, 1761 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Barnett Moles, 1793 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, 201–3; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, 296–8; *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 125–6.

### Molesdale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Mosedale** with intrusive *-l-*.

### Molesley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from Moseley in Bushbury (Staffs), which is recorded as *Moleslei* in 1086 and *Mollesleye*, *Molesleye* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Moleseley, 1325 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); John de Mollesley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Mollesley, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Mollesley, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Molesley, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Mollesley, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Molsley, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Enfield, Staffs); Richard Mollesley, 1608, Mawrys Molesley, 1610 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 398.

### Molesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Worcs; Lincs

English: locative name from Molesworth (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Molesworth, 1255 in *Forest Pleas* (Hunts); Richard de Molesworth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter de Mulesworthe, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Simon de Molesworth, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); William Mullesworth, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds and Essex); Henry Molesworth, 1708 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks).

### Molin

Variants: **Mollins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

1 Norman: locative name, either topographic from Anglo-Norman French *molin* 'mill', or toponymic from a French place such as Moulin-sur-Orne

(Normandy). Compare **Mullins**, with which there may well have been some interchange.

**Early bearers:** Jon de Molyn, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Adam del Molyn, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Molyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chale, IoW); Robertus Molyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Johannes Moleyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Marie Molin, 1600 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Molin, 1823 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

2 Huguenot: the Huguenot surname is probably of the same locative origin as the Norman surname above.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Mollin, 1599 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Norwich, Norfolk); Sara Molin, 1620 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

3 English: see **Mulling**

### Molina

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Spanish: locative name from any of numerous places called Molina ('mill').

### Molinari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Italian: occupational name from *molinaro* 'miller', an agent derivative of *molino* 'mill'.

### Molineaux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

Norman, English: see **Molyneux**.

### Molineux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

Norman, English: see **Molyneux**.

### Molins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Mollins**.

### Moll

Variants: **Mole, Moule, Mowle, Moles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Moll(e)*, *Mol*, a common pet form of *Maud*. See **Malt** and compare **Mould**. See also **Moulson** and **Mollinson**. There is no evidence for *Moll* as a pet form of Mary before the end of the medieval period. Some of the surname examples below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Molle litel, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk).

surnames: Alan Molle, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Adam Molle, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Martin Mol, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Molle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Stephanus Mol, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Howton, Devon); Simon Molle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dilthorne, Staffs); Johanne Moll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Marioria Molle,

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Alanus Molle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Rogero Mol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sompting, Sussex); Johannes Moll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baginton, Warwick); Alicia Moll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Robert Moll, 1551 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Hugh Moll, 1590 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Elizabeth Molle, 1659, Ann Mole or Mold, 1739 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *molle*, *mol(e)*, *moul* 'mole' (the burrowing animal), given perhaps to someone who wore moleskin, a mole catcher, or to someone with poor sight. (ii) nickname alternatively from Middle English *mol* 'an effeminate man'.

**Early bearers:** Ernard le Mol, 1210 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard le Mol, 1248 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); William Mole, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard le Mol, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sompting, Sussex); Robert le Mol, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Mollaghan

**Variants:** Mallaghan, Mollohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Maolacháin 'descendant of *Maolachán*'. There has been some confusion with **Milligan**.

### Mollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.  
2 English: variant of **Molland** with loss of final *-d*.

### Molland

**Variants:** Mollan, Mollon, Mouland, Moland, Molan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Molland (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Molland', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Henry de Mollond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Molland, Devon); Robert de Molond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Molton, Devon); Roger de Mollonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thamsin Molland, 1609 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); George Molland, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Mollon, 1817 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Molland Farm in Ash next Sandwich, or a lost *Molland* in Cliffe (both Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de la Mouland', 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Toltingtrough hundred, Kent); Will'm's ate Mollonde, 1327, John atte Molonde, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wingham hundred, Kent); Adam atte Mollond, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shamwell hundred, Kent); Thomas atte Molond', 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Roberto Molonde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Molland, 1562 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Mollon, 1833 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 108–9, 530.

3 English: there may have been some confusion with **Mouland**.

### Mollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: probably a variant of **Millward**.

### Mollart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Millward**.

### Mollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex; Durham

Irish: Irish Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.

### Moller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; London; Lancs

1 North German: anglicized form of **Moeller**.

2 English: variant of **Mellor**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Moller, 1608 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); John Moller, 1625 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Mollet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Guernsey

1 Channel Islands: nickname from French *mollet* 'calf (of the leg)'.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Molet, 1654, Pierre Mollet, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew, Guernsey); Richard Mollet, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey).

2 English: see **Mollett**.

### Mollett

**Variants:** Mollet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Surrey; Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal names *Mollot* and *Mollet*, diminutives of **Moll** (*Maud*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Molot, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: Roger Molot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph Molet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Mollett, 1564 in *IGI* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); Elizabeth Mollet, 1599 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); John Mollett, 1646 in *IGI* (York).

### Mollick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Mullock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mollins

**Variants:** Molins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: (i) variant of **Molin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) see **Mullins**.

**Early bearers:** Ector Mollins, 1591 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

### Mollinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: (i) variant of **Mallinson**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name \**Mollin* (an unrecorded diminutive form of **Moll**, a common version of *Maud*) + the patronymic marker *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Mollinson, 1724 in *IGI* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Sarah Mollinson, 1741 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Willm Molinson, 1771 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

### Mollison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name 'son of *Mollie*'. The female personal name *Mollie* is a diminutive of *Moll*, which in 16th-century Scotland may be a pet form of either *Maud* or *Mary*. Compare **Moll** and **Mallison**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mollysone, 1589 in *Aberdeen-Banff Collections* (Aberdeens); Walter Molyssoun, 1617 in *Retours, Scotland* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Francis Mollison, 1702 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### Mollohan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Maolacháin, see **Mollaghan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Mollon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Molland** with loss of final *-d*.

### Molloy

**Variants:** Moloy, Malloy, Maloy, Mulloy, Milloy, Melloy, Meloy, Miley, Mattimoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6881, Ireland 6447
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1614
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Offaly and Galway; Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó Maolaodha 'descendant of *Maol Aodha*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) *Aodh*'. For the etymology of the saint's name see **McHugh**. The saint's name sometimes took the form *Maodhóg* 'my little Aodh', and a surname was also derived from *Maolmhaodhóg*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conatius O'Molloy alias prior O'Molloye, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §8 (Doro, Laois); Caer mcFerginam O'Mulloy, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §730; Rory mcCoucogre O'Moloye, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §885 (Fertullaghe, Queen's County [Laois]); Brian mcCosney O'Moloy, freeholder, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1767 (Bralo, King's County [Offaly]); Donald O Molloey fitz Tibbott, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2263 (Rathlyne, Queen's County

## Molnar

[Laois]); William Maloy, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3420 (Irishton); Phelym O Moloye, gent., chief of his name, captain of the country of Fercaule, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4145 (Barneboy, King's County [Offaly]); Con O Meloy, soldier, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4565 (Creaghdogh, Roscommon); Gilliduffe Maloye, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5452. Scotland: James Malloy, 1700, Cathrine Molloy, 1784, Sarah Milloy, 1790 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks). England: John Mulloy, 1745, James Meloy, 1779 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Alice Molloy, 1750, Cornelius Moloy, 1761, John Maloy, 1776 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Irish: more familiar Irish surname adopted for Ó **Maolmhaodhóg** 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Maodhóg*', a hypochoristic of *Aodh*. Compare **Logue**.

3 Irish: from Ó **Maolmhuaidh** 'descendant of *Maolmhuadh*', a personal name based on *maol* 'youth, chieftain' and *muad* 'noble, glorious'. **Further information:** Some of the Munster examples listed under **Molloy** (1) may belong with Ó **Maolmhuaidh**. Another family of this name were a branch of the *Siol Muireadaigh* in Connacht, their name now commonly anglicized as **Mattimoe**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mael Mbuadh, king of Desmuman (Desmond), 978 in *AU*; Mael Muadh, 978 in *AU*; Cian m. Mail Muaidh, 1014 in *AU*. surnames: Fergal H. Mael Muaidh, king of Fer Cell (Fercal), 1048 in *AU* (Offaly); Gilla Coluim H. Mael Muaidh, king of Fer Ceall (Fercal), 1110 in *AU* (Offaly); Ailbin h-Ua Maelmhuidh, bishop of Fearna (Ferns), 1223 in *AU*; Con O'Mulmoy, clerk, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §498 (Dervack); Conatus or Cuntan O'Mulmoy, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §172 (Durro); Sceile ny Molmoy, otherwise Sceile innen Donyll I Melmoy, 1556 in *Fiants Mary* §93; Ferconanym O'Molmoy, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §209 (Athboy); Theobald or Tibalt O'Mulmoy alias O'Muloy, gent., captain of the country of Fercall, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1227; Conell O'Molmoye, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2637 (Cloghensy, Tipperary); Shane ro O'Molmoy, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2985 (Balliconell, King's County [Offaly]); Theobald O'Molmoy alias O'Molloy, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3449; Donald or Donyll O'Molmoy alias O'Molloy, gent., office of captain and seneschal of Fercall called O Moloy is country, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3450.

## Molnar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Hungarian, Jewish (from Hungary): occupational name from *molnár* 'miller', probably a Magyarized form of the Slavic word for a miller, *mlinar*.

**Further information:** *Molnar* is also found as a Slovenian surname, and as a variant of Dutch *Molenaar*, also denoting a miller.

**Early bearers:** Michael Molnar, fur cutter, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Camberwell, Surrey); Stephen Molnar, cellerman, born in Budapest, Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Kensington, Middx); Mihaly Molnar, born in Hungary, in *Census 1911* (London); Lewis Molner, born in Deptford, Kent, in *Census 1911* (Peckham, Surrey).

## Moloney

**Variants:** **Molony**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2600, Ireland 5637

- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Maol Dhomhnaigh**, see **Maloney**.
  - 2 Irish (Tipperary): relationship name adopted for Ó **Maolfhachtna** 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Fachtna*', see **McLoughney**.

## Molony

**Variants:** **Muldowney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 140
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare, Tipperary, and Limerick
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Maol Dhomhnaigh**, see **Maloney**.
  - 2 See **Moloney**.

## Moloy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Molloy**.

## Molson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Moulson**.

## Molt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants

English: see **Mould**.

## Molten

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Moulton**.

## Molton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia

English: see **Moulton**.

## Molyneux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Dublin

Norman, Irish, English: see **Molyneux**.

## Molyneux

**Variants:** **Molyneaux**, **Molineux**, **Molineaux**, **Mullineux**, **Mullineaux**, **Mulineux**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4110, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Kerry

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *molineux* 'miller', a variant of *molineur*, *molinier*. Compare **Mulliner**.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Molineus, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); William le Molyneux, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Sefton, Lancs); Richard Mollineux, 1374 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Johanne le Molyneux, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdale, Lancs);

Thomas le Molyneux, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Kendal, Westm); George Molyneux, 1600 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs).

2 Norman: locative name apparently from an unidentified French place-name, though at least some of the bearers listed here may really belong at (1) with the preposition *de* erroneously for the definite article *le*.

**Further information:** A family of this name held the titles Molyneux Baronet (1611–28), Viscount Molyneux (1626–71), and Earl of Sefton (1671–1972). They trace their descent from William *de Moline*, a Norman who is said to have been recorded in the Battle Abbey Roll.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Mulinas, de Molinaus, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Adam de Mulyneux, de Mulinas, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks); Roger de Molineus, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ralph de Molyneux, bastard, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs).

3 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the Norman French name, it is an adoption for **Mulligan** or for Ó **Maol an Mhuaidh** 'descendant of *Maol an Mhuaidh* 'follower of the noble'.

## Momen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Moment**.

## Moment

**Variants:** **Momen**, **Monument**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Mawman**, with an excrescent *-t* (see **Ashment**) and re-spelt through folk etymology as though identical with the word *moment*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Mawment, 1577 in *IGI* (Marston, Lincs); John Moment, 1683 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Rachel Moment, 1742 in *IGI* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); Thomas Maument, 1788 in *IGI* (Walkington, ER Yorks).

## Momin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mu'min* 'believer (in Allah), pious person'. **Further information:** *Al-Mu'min* 'the Believer' is one of the names of Allah (Qur'an 59:23).

## Momoh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Edu): an Edu name of unascertained meaning.

## Mon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons

Welsh: locative name perhaps from (Ynys) Môn, i.e. Anglesey.

**Early bearers:** David Mon, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Hugh Mone, before 1400 in *Welsh Genealogies*; John Moane, 1612 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops).



**Monach**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Munnoch**.

**Monaco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian (Mònaco): nickname from Italian *monaco* ‘monk’ (from Greek *monakhos* ‘monk, solitary’), used to denote someone of monkish habits or appearance, or for a servant employed at a monastery.

**Further information:** *Monachos* is also found as a Greek family name. Compare English **Monk**.

**Monagan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Manacháin, see **Monaghan**.

**Monaghan**

Variants: **Monahan, Monagan, Monan, Monohan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7027, Ireland 4598
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Galway and Mayo

Irish: from Ó Manacháin ‘descendant of *Manachán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *manach* ‘monk’. See also **Monk**. The Irish name is sometimes interpreted as if it were Ó Muineacháin ‘descendant of the little shrubbery’, and for this reason is sometimes anglicized as **Thornton**. There has been some confusion with **Moynihan**.

**Early bearers:** Iodnaidhe Uá Mannachain, lord of Uí Briúin na Sionna [Ballintober], 1196 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Domhnall Ua Mannacháin, 1262 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Donn mac Taidhg Uí Mannacháin, 1268 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Giolla na n-Ócc Ó Mannachain, 1287 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; John Managhan, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714 (Trym, Meath); Owen O’Managhane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3079 (Cork); John Monaghan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5840 (Trym, Meath); William O’Monaghan, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Clonorge, Limerick); Maurice O’Monaghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Killhevan); Art O’Monaghan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullard, Monaghan); Hugh Roe Monaghan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Annahagh, Monaghan); Patrick Menaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Trough, Monaghan); Andrew Manahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcullane, Limerick); John Monaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cloonclare, Leitrim); Hugh Monan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inch, Down); Richard Monochon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath).

**Monahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 924
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Manacháin, see **Monaghan**.

**Monamy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from French *mon ami* ‘my friend’, perhaps a habitual expression.

**Early bearers:** William Monamy, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; William Munamy, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); William Monamy, 1337 in *London Pleas* (London); Robertus Monamy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Perrenelle Monamy, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey); Pet Monamy, 1706 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Monan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Manacháin, see **Monaghan**.

**Moncaster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Muncaster**.

**Monck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx; also Lincs
- English: see **Monk**.

**Monckton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Staffs
- English: see **Monkton**.

**Moncreiff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Moncrieff**.

**Moncrief**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Shetland; also Perths
- Scottish: see **Moncrieff**.

**Moncrieff**

Variants: **Moncrief, Moncrieffe, Moncreiff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 749
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Perths, Fife, and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Moncrieffe in Dunbarney (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Muncrephe, about 1260 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Rossie, Perths); William de Monncrefe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); John de Moncref, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Jonet Moncrieff, 1581 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); William Moncrieff, 1616 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian);

Margaret Moncrief, 1735 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

**Moncrieffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Scottish: see **Moncrieff**.

**Moncur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 576
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Moncur in Inchtute (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Muncur, about 1237–48 in *Lindores Chartulary*; Andrew de Monctour, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Michael de Munkure, 1398 in *Strathmore Charters* (Angus); David Monquer, 1500 in *Brechin Register* (Cupar, Fife); Jonat Moncur, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Thomas Moncur, 1645 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Mond**

Variants: **Monds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: probably a variant of **Maund**.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Mond, 1551 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Richard Mond, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thomas Mond, 1586 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs).

**Monday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 709
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Mundy**.

**Monden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Munden**.

**Mondon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Munden**.

**Monds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Mond** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Monds, 1566 in *IGI* (London); John Monds, 1591 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).

**Mondy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Mundy**.

**Mone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

## Money

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Argyll; Durham; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh  
Irish: from Ó Mocháin, see **Mohan**.

### Money

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1822, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1750
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Lincs, and Cambs; Hants, Berks, Surrey, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *moneye* ‘money’ (Old French *monieie*, Latin *moneta*), perhaps a nickname for a rich man or for a moneyer. Note Andrew Monemaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York), and compare **Monier**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Monye, 1344–6 in *Norwich Freeman* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Johannes Monye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Johannes Monye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Henry Moneye, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Aldershot, Hants); Lawrence Money, 1565 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Martin Money, 1600 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).
- 2 Irish: from Ó Maonaigh, see **Meaney**.

### Moneypenny

Variants: **Monypenny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: nickname from Middle English *many*, *mony* ‘many’ + *peny*, ‘penny’, either a nickname for a rich man or, ironically, for a poor one.
- Early bearers:** England: Willelmum Manypeny, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Manypeny, 1256 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); John Manypeny, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Jane Moneypeny, 1647 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Monypenny, 1714 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); John Moneypenny, 1775 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).
- Scotland: Richard Monipenie, 1200–11 in *Black*; David Monypenny, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

### Monfort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Monforte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Mongan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 555
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Mongáin, see **Mangan**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Mongan, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Elvet, Durham); James Mongan, born in Roscommon, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Mongar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Monger**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Monger

Variants: **Manger, Mongar, Munger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Berks

English: occupational name from Middle English *manger*, *monger* ‘dealer, trader’ (Old English *mangere*).

**Early bearers:** William Manger, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard le Manger, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Monger, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Manger, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Monger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ruxley, Kent); Johanne Manger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stapleford Abbots, Essex); Robertus Mangere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); John le Monger, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Dormington, Herefs); Henrye Monger, 1554, Rob Munger, 1595 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Maude Manger, 1587 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Anne Mongar, 1594 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants).

### Mongey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Ó Mongaigh ‘descendant of *Mongach*’, a personal name or byname meaning either ‘hairy’ or ‘having a fine head of hair’.
- Early bearers:** Ua Mongachain, 1168 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Edm. Monga, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6189; Mary Mongey, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Rushwee, Meath); William Mongee, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Grafton Street, Dublin).

### Mongomery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Norman, Scottish: see **Montgomery**.

### Monie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Maonaigh, see **Meaney**.

### Monier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *monier* ‘moneyer’ (Old French *monier*, *monnier*, *monnoyer*). Compare **Money** and **Minter**. (ii) occupational name from Old French *molnier*, *mousnier*, *moonier*, *monier*, *mouner* ‘miller’. It is rarely possible to distinguish these forms from those of ‘moneyer’.
- Early bearers:** John monier, about 1198 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Gilbert le Moneur, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Matilda la Muner, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hamo le Moneour, 1302 in *London Letter Books C*; William le Mouner, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Henricus Moneyr, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newington, Oxon);

Johannes Monyare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); Wyllm Monyer, 1543 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Richard Monyer, 1583 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey).

2 Huguenot: probably a French occupational name derived from either of the Old French terms above, ‘moneyer’ or ‘miller’.

**Early bearers:** Lievin Monier, 1661 in *IGI* (French Huguenot Church, Thorney, Cambs); Jehan Monier, 1693 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx); Margueritte Monier, 1696 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent).

### Monington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Herefs and Radnors

English: see **Monnington**.

### Moniz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: relationship name, Portuguese, patronymic from the medieval personal name *Munho*.

### Monk

Variants: **Monck, Munk, Munck, Monks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7122, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *monk*, *monck* ‘monk’ (Old English *munuc*).

**Early bearers:** William Munc, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter le Monck, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Monk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Monk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Purcell, Oxon); Willelmo Monck, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); Rogerus le Munk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Turton, Lancs); Marg’ Munk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thwaite, Suffolk); Mary Monk, 1599 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Muineag (see **Minogue**) or Ó Manacháin (see **Monaghan**).

### Monkhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 697
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Durham

English: locative name from Monkhouse Hill in Sebergham (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] del Munkhous, 1285, [ . . . ] del Monkhou, 1362 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Sebergham, Cumb); Rogerus del Munkhous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grewelthorpe, WR Yorks); John del Monkhou, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Edward Monkhouse, 1675 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); Eliz Monkus, 1678, Thomas Monkhouse, 1683 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 151–2.

### Monkley

Variants: **Munkley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Monkleigh (Devon). **Early bearers:** John Monkelegh, 1498 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Tavistock, Devon); John Monkelegh, 1500 in *Tavistock Records* (Tavistock, Devon); John Mounckley, 1617, Willmote Monkley, 1647 in *IGI* (Frithelstock, Devon); Andrew Monckley, 1639, Nicholas Munkley, 1683, Nicholas Munkley, 1693 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Monkley, 1718 in *IGI* (Monkleigh, Devon); Samuel Munkley, 1749 in *IGI* (Clodock, Herefs).

### Monkman

**Variants:** Munkman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 539
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *monk*, *monek* ‘monk’ (with genitive *-es* in some early forms) + *man* ‘man’, i.e. ‘servant of the monk or monks’.
- Early bearers:** Robert Monekisman, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Edward le Munekesman, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); John Monkeman, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); John Munkman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Davy Monkesman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mindrum, Northumb); Johannes Munkman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Adam Munkmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirpenbeck and Thoralby, ER Yorks); Willm Monkman, 1605 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

### Monks

**Variants:** Munks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3906, Ireland 418
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 English, Irish: locative name, occupational name from Middle English (*atte*) *monkes* ‘(at the) monk’s (house or quarters), (at the) monastery’, a name for someone who lived or worked there, presumably a servant. The prepositional phrase appears in equivalent French form as *de(l)* in the earliest examples. For the type, compare **Abbotts**, **Maidens**, **Masters**, **Parsons**. The post-medieval bearers below may belong to (2).
- Early bearers:** Adam del Munkes, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Blackburn, Lancs); Henry de Monkes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William del Munkes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas atte Munkes, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (E Anglia); Henricus del Monkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); John Carter atte Monkes, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Thomas Monks, 1541 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Sara Monks, 1653 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs).
- 2 English: variant of **Monk** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Monksfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name of unknown origin. There is a place called Monksfield in Newland (Worcs), though no early forms have been found.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Munkesfeld, 1466–7 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Agnes Monkesfeild, 1567 in *IGI*

(Marshfield, Gloucs); Margerye Moncksfeld, 1568 in *IGI* (London); Jnn Munckesfeidde, 1569 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Muncksfeilde, 1594 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Monkton

**Variants:** Monckton, Munckton, Mountain, Munton, Monton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Worcs and Staffs

English: locative name from Monkton (Kent, Somerset), Moor Monkton and Nun Monkton (WR Yorks), Bishop Monkton (WR Yorks), or any of the numerous other places called Monkton (Devon, Dorset, Durham, Wilts, etc.).

**Early bearers:** Edward de Munketon’, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert de Moneketon, 1346 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Roberto Monketon’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Henricus de Monketon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moor Monkton, WR Yorks); Henrico Monketon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); Thomas de Munkton’, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ellen Monkton’, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Edmund Munton, 1542 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Humfrid Monckton, 1562, Willm Munckton, 1591 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Amabell Monton, 1573 in *IGI* (Skellingthorpe, Lincs); Rowlandi Munton, 1602 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Edward Mouncton, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Yeovil, Somerset); Imbree Monton, 1621 in *IGI* (Royal Leamington Spa, Warwick); William Monkton, 1833 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Henry Monckton, 1838 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs).

### Monmouth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Welsh: locative name from Monmouth (Monmouths).
- Early bearers:** Galfridus Monemutensis, about 1140 in self-reference in his *Historia regum Britanniae*; John de Monemue, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); John Monmouth, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Richard de Monemouth’, 1363, Thomas Munnemouthe, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Walter Monemouthe, 1387 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Shrops); John Monmouth, 1640 in *IGI* (Mickleton, Gloucs); Edward Monmouth, 1755 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths).

### Monnery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
- English: see **Munnery**.

### Monnington

**Variants:** Monington, Mornington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: locative name from Monnington on Wye or Monnington Straddle in Vowchurch (both Herefs).
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Monitone, 1220 in *Herefs Place-Names* (Vowchurch, Herefs); Miles de Monyton’, 1359, Hugh de Monyton’, 1363, John Monyton’, 1418, John Monyngton’, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs);

Thoma Monynton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Hugone Monynton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Richard Monyngton’, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Westhide, Herefs); Joanna Monnington, 1618 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 148, 195.

### Monohan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish: from Ó Manacháin, see **Monaghan**.

### Monro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 565
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus, Aberdeens, and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Munro**.

### Monroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 96
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; Cavan; also Galway
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Munro**.

### Monsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: variant of **Mansell**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Monsell, 1538, Richard Mansell, 1540 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Ursula Monsall, 1566 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Richard Monsell, 1582, John Mansell, 1606 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Richard Monsell, 1586, John Mansell, 1589 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Kathren Monsell, 1594 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Gulien Monsell, 1598, Edward Mansell, 1611 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Wm Monsell, 1644 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); William Monsall, 1648 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Thomas Monsell, 1653 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); John Monsell, 1678 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Monsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Mouncey**.

### Monson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex and Middx; NR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: see **Munson**.

### Montacute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Montague**.

### Montagu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

## Montague

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx Norman, English: see **Montague**.

### Montague

Variants: **Montagu**, **Montacute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2538, Ireland 300
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1504
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx, Bucks and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry; also Meath

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name; the family of this name recorded in *Domesday Book* came from either Montaigu-le-bois or Montaigu (Manche). They have left their name in its Latin form in the place-name Montacute, in its French form as an affix in Shepton Montague, and, disguised, as an affix in Sutton Montis (all in Somerset). Later, Montacute may have given rise to a surname itself.

**Further information:** A family of the name Montagu have held the titles of Duke of Montagu, Earl of Sandwich, Earl and Duke of Manchester, Earl of Halifax, and Earl of Beaulieu. Sir Edward Montagu (died 1557), executor of Henry VIII's will, was a member of this family. Another family, recorded with the name forms *Montagu* and *Montacute* can be traced back to the Norman baron Drogo de Montagud.

**Early bearers:** Drogo de Montagud, de Monte Acuto, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); William de Montacute, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William de Montagu, 1312 in *London Letter Books B*; Stephano Montagu, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); William Mountagu, 1490 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Christopher Montague, 1563 in *IGI* (Pangbourne, Berks); Anne Montacute, 1722 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts).

2 Irish: in Ireland, it was also adopted for **Mac Taidhg**, see **McTigue**.

3 Jewish: adopted in place of the personal name *Moses*.

**Early bearers:** Lily Montagu, founder of the Liberal Jewish Movement, 1873 in *Anglo-Jewry* (London); Solomon and Fanny Montague, cigar makers, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Sol L. Montague, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Samuel Montagu, MP, 1899 in *United Synagogue Members* (London); Solomon Montague, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Monteath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans, Perth, and Stirlings

Scottish: see **Monteith**.

### Montefiore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Italy): from Italian *monte* 'hill' + *fiore* 'flower', either an ornamental adoption, or a locative name from an unidentified place

**Further information:** The distinguished family of Italian Jewish descent who bear this name include amongst their members Hugh Montefiore, a former Bishop of Birmingham.

**Early bearers:** Abigail Montefiore, 1871 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Hackney Jewish Cemetery, Middx); Joseph Levi Montefiore, born in Bridgetown, Barbados, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); Joseph Barrow Montefiore, 1893 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Balls Pond Road Jewish Cemetery, Dalston, Middx); Moses Haim Montefiore, born in Livorno, Italy, 1885 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Ramsgate, Kent).

### Monteiro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 984, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Portuguese, Galician: occupational name, nickname from Portuguese and Galician *moneiro* 'hunter'.

**Further information:** This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**References:** *DAFN*.

### Monteith

Variants: **Monteath**, **Montieth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1337, Ireland 406
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 793
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Scottish: locative name from the earldom and province of **Menteith**, in southwest Perth.
- Further information:** This Scottish name was brought to Ulster at the time of the Plantation, in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Malcolm de Manetheth, 1237 in *North Berwick Charters*; Colin de Mentaghe, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perth); Johannes de Menetech, 1333 in *Theiner, Monumenta*; Thomas Menteith, 1496 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Munteith, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Laurence Monteith, 1579 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Heline Monteith, 1595 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Marrison Monteath, 1625 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Walt. Montieth, 1633 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth).

**References:** *Black*, p. 608.

### Montero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Spanish: occupational name for a beater or other assistant at a hunt, from an agent derivative of *monte*, which, as well as meaning 'mountain, hill', could be used in the transferred sense of a game forest on wooded upland. The occupational term was itself also used as a title for any of various palace functionaries, and some cases of the surname may derive from this.

### Mountford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Montfort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Montgomerie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 554

- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks Norman, Scottish: Scottish spelling of **Montgomery**.

### Montgomery

Variants: **Montgomerie**, **Mongomery**, **Gomery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8366, Ireland 3510
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4710
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland (esp. Lanarks) and England (esp. Warwicks and Northants)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Norman, Scottish, Irish: locative name from Sainte-Foy-de-Montgomery and Saint-Germain-de-Montgomery (Calvados).

**Further information:** In Ireland this Norman surname was present in the medieval period, died out, and was then reintroduced from Scotland in the 17th century. It has been gaelicized in Ireland as **Mac Iomaire** and in Scotland as **Mac Gumaraid**.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo de Montgomeri, Hugo de Montgumeri, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Staffs); William de Mungumeri, about 1159 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Philip de Monte Gomery, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Cannock, Staffs), probably identical with Philip de Monte Gomeri, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Chirbury, Shrops); John de Monti Gomeri, John de Monti Gomery, steward of the lands of queen Philippa, 1336, John de Monte Gomeri, admiral of the king's fleet, John de Monte Gomery, king's sergeant at arms, 1343 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Montegomery, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John Moungomery, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Wolverton, Shrops); William Mongomery, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Thomas Mongomery, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks, Herts); Fabian Montgomery, 1665 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

Scotland: Robert de Mundegumri, about 1165 in *Paisley Register* (Renfrews); John de Mongombro, 1354 in *Brechin Register*; Adam Montgomeri, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Bartilmo Montgomerie, 1612 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Montgomrey, 1695 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

### Monti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from the plural or genitive of Italian *monte* 'mountain' (Latin *mons*, genitive *montis*), either a topographic name for someone who lived by or on a mountain, or a toponym from any of the many places named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Monti, dealer, born in Italy, in *Census 1851* (Canterbury, Kent); Michael Monti, sculptor, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Saverio Monti, footman, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Jivonanni [*sic*] Monti, cook, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Farringdon, London); Amielo Monti, rug hawker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Francisco Monti, labourer, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs); Colombo Monti, asphalter, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

### Montieth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 4

- GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Monteith**.

### Monton

- Current frequencies: GB 37, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; also Lancs
- English: variant of **Monkton** with loss of *-k-* in the cluster *-nkt-*

### Montrose

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Scottish: locative name from Montrose (Angus).  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Henry de Monros, about 1218–22 in *Brechin Register*; Mestre Matheu de Monros, clerk, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); James Montrose, 1681 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).  
 England: Nathan Monrose, 1667 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb); Mary Montrosse, 1671 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

### Monty

- Current frequencies: GB 98, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 49
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: see **Mouny**.

### Monument

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 148
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: perhaps a local Norfolk and Lincs variant of **Moment**, with an intrusive medial syllable through the influence of folk etymology.  
**Early bearers:** Jn Monument, 1671 in *IGI* (Great Bircham, Norfolk); Christopher Monument, 1690 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); John Monument, 1725 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Monument, 1741 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Monypenny

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Moneypenny**.

### Mood

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb
- English: variant of **Moat**.

### Moodey

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 140
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Kent
- English: see **Moody**.

### Moodie

- Current frequencies: GB 1402, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 1398
  - Main GB location 1881: Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks; Orkney and Shetland
- English, Scottish: see **Moody**.

### Moodley

- Current frequencies: GB 287, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Derbys
- English: see **Motley**.

### Moody

- Variants:** **Mody**, **Moodie**, **Moodey**, **Mudie**, **Moudy**, **Mooty**
- Current frequencies: GB 9462, Ireland 726
  - GB frequency 1881: 7747
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Hants and Wilts; Lincs, Yorks, and Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry and Antrim
- English: nickname from Middle English *mody* ‘proud, haughty, angry, fierce, bold, brave, or rash’ (Old English *mōdig*). Compare **Muddiman**.  
**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since the late 13th century.  
**Early bearers:** England: Alwine Modi, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Godric Modi, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Willelmo Mody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); William Mody, 1397–8 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); John Mody, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William Mody, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Moodie, 1571 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks).  
 Scotland: Johannes Modi, 1262, William Mudy, 1365 in *Black*; Jonat Mudie, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Mwdye, 1563 in *Black* (Orkney); Agnes Moodie, 1608 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).  
 Ireland: Richard Mody, 1287 in *CDI* §309 (Dublin); William Mody, 1290 in *CDI* §598 (Dublin); William Moodey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); Rebecca Moody, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone).

### Moogan

- Current frequencies: GB 104, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Worcs; Glasgow
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Roscommon
- Irish: a variant of *Ó Mocháin*, see **Mohan**. Compare similar development in **Meehan** and **Meegan**.  
**Early bearers:** William Moogan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Islandeady, Mayo); Sibby Moogan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo); Patrick Moogan, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cooltacker, Roscommon).

### Moohan

- Current frequencies: GB 144, Ireland 44
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal and Fermanagh
- Irish: from *Ó Mocháin*, see **Mohan**.

### Mook

- Current frequencies: GB 134, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 88
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: variant of **Mock**.

### Moon

- Variants:** **Moone**, **Mohun**, **Munn**, **Moyne**, **Mun**
- Current frequencies: GB 7031, Ireland 89
  - GB frequency 1881: 6285
  - Main GB location 1881: SW England: esp. Somerset

- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry; Armagh
- 1 Norman, English: (i) locative name from Moyon near Saint-Lô (Manche). Compare **Mounce** some post-medieval examples of the name may be variants of **Munn**.

**Further information:** William de Moion, son of a tenant mentioned in Domesday Book, was created earl of Somerset in 1141, and he is recorded as Willielmus de Moyne in the refoundation charter of Bruton Abbey (Somerset) in 1135.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Moion, de Moiuin, de Moine, de Mouin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Reginald de Moyn, de Moyun, de Moun, de Mohun, 1239–53 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Mohun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Thoma de Moyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton, ER Yorks); John Moun’, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Mone 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Germans, Cornwall), John Moone, 1549 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Richard Moone, 1551 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Philip Moone, 1609 in *IGI* (Kilmersdon, Somerset); Willm Moone, 1569 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); John Moone, 1601 in *IGI* (Chart Sutton, Kent).  
 Scotland: John de Mooun, 1300 in *Black*; George Moon, 1711 in *Black* (Kilspindie, Perths); Henry Moon, 1722 in *Black* (Fordie, Dunkeld, Perths); John Moon, 1792 in *IGI* (Newtyle, Angus).

2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English or Norman name, it is Irish *Ó Mocháin*, see **Mohan**.

3 Chinese: Americanized spelling of the Chinese surname 滿, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Man** (6).

4 Chinese: Americanized spelling of the Chinese surname 門, see **Mun** (2).

5 Korean: (문; Chinese character: 文, meaning ‘writing’ or ‘literature’). This name is borne by descendants of Moon Ta-sōng (文多省), who lived during the reign of the Shilla king Chabi (AD 458–479). Legend has it that while the king was visiting the Changjaji lotus pond (located to the east of modern Naju City in Chōlla South Province) he heard the cry of a newborn baby from atop a nearby rock. He climbed to the top of the rock and discovered a large stone chest with the Chinese character 文 engraved on the lid. He opened the box and discovered a little baby, whom he adopted and raised. The child turned out to be very intelligent: by the age of five he could already read and write Chinese, so the king bestowed on him the surname *Mun* (文), meaning ‘writing’.

### Moonan

- Current frequencies: GB 144, Ireland 19
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth and Meath
- Irish: from *Ó Maonáin* ‘descendant of *Maonán*’, a byname based on a diminutive of *maon* ‘dumb’.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Monane, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1227 (Gransegethe); John and Deirmod O’Monane, labourers, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Thomdely); Patrick Moonan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonfeckin, Louth); Christopher Moonan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killary, Meath).

### Moone

- Current frequencies: GB 118, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

## Mooney

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Tyrone
- English: see **Moon**.

### Mooney

Variants: **Moonie, Meaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8761, Ireland 7155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin and Offaly; Antrim and Down

Irish: from Ó **Maonaigh**, ‘descendant of *Maonach*’, a personal name derived from *maoineach* ‘wealthy, precious’.

**Early bearers:** Mael-Issu h-Ua Maenaigh, 1223 in *AU*; (mac) Aedha h-Ui Maenaigh, 1493 in *AU*; Edmund mcShane O’Mooney, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1164 (Creanagedaghe, King’s County [Offaly]); Donell O Moeny, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802 (Darus, Galway); Thomas O Moeny, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Iraght Iconor, Kerry); Dermot Mooney, carpenter, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6383 (Kildare); Edm. mcRorie O Moynay, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6409 (Meath); John Meany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tulla, Clare); Owen Meaney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stranorlar, Donegal); Michael Moony, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkeevin, Roscommon); Darby Mooney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathconnell, Westmeath).

### Moonie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: variant of Irish **Mooney**.

### Moonlight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 Scottish: locative name perhaps from a lost place called *Munlichty* (Angus).

**Early bearers:** Katherin Moonlight, 1650 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); John Moonlight, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

**References:** *Black*, p. 610.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mone-liht* ‘moonlight’.

**Early bearers:** Stephani ate Nelme vocati Moneligh, Stephani ate Nelme dicti Moneligh, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Monelyght, 1442, Thomas Moneligh, 1470 in *Rochester Wills* (Dartford, Kent).

### Moor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1523, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England
- See **Moore**.

### Moorby

Variants: **Morby, Morbey, Moreby, Murby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Moreby (WR Yorks) or Moorby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Moreby, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Robert de Morby, 1367 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Morby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northorpe, Lincs); Elena de Moreby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Johannes de Morebi, Rogerus Morebi, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crowland, Lincs); Edmund of Moreby, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Morbey, 1590 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Roger Morby, 1603 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Eliz. Moreby, 1629 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joseph Moorby, 1700 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); William Murby, 1740 in *IGI* (Sharnford, Leics).

### Moorcock

Variants: **Morecock, Morcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Morcok*, a diminutive of *More*; see **Moore** (2). Any of the early bearers of the surname given here may belong under (2) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Morecok Chepman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).  
surnames: Walter Morcoc, about 1160 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); Walter Morcoc, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Morecoc, 1283 in *Battle Abbey Custumals* (Sussex); John Morecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Morekok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johannes Morecok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanningfield, Essex); John Morecok, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Nathaniell Moorcock, 1617 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *more-cok* ‘moorcock, male grouse’.

### Moorcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Herts
- English: see **Moorcroft**.

### Moorcroft

Variants: **Morecroft, Moorcraft, Morecraft, Marcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1715, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, and Derbys

English: locative name from one or more of the many minor places named Moorcroft or similar, such as Moorcroft in Golcar (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Morecroft* in the 12th century, and *Morecrofte* (recorded in 1587) in Brewood (Staffs). Further examples occur in Brampton (Derbys), Ragnall (Notts), Bucklebury (Berks), Warwick and Tanworth in Arden (both Warwicks), Minchinhampton and Lydney (both Gloucs), Wakefield, Adlingfleet, Camblesforth, Heck, Featherstone, and Dinnington (all WR Yorks), but no instance has yet come to light in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Willelmi de Morecroft, about 1229–60, Simon de Morcroft, 13th cent. in *Burscough Cartulary* (Lancs); Robert de Morcroft, 1245–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); Richard de Morcroft, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Willelmo de Morecroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); Henry Morcroft, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; John Morecrofte, 1551 in *IGI* (Doddenham, Worcs); William Morecrofte, 1559 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Margaret Moorecrofte, 1563 in *IGI* (Hoggeston, Bucks); Anne Moorecrofte, 1578 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Margareta Moorecroft, 1599 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

## Moore

Variants: **Moor, More, Murr, Moores, O’Moore, Morey, Mower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94864, Ireland 17084
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59514
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down; Laois

1 English: locative name from Middle English *more* ‘moor, marsh, fen’ (Old English *mōr*), either a topographic name for someone who lived at a moor or toponymic from Moore (Cheshire), More (Shrops), or any of numerous other places named with the same term. Compare **Atmore** and **Dallimore**. Some post-medieval early bearers may belong under any of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** William de More, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Lefric de la Mora, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Matthew del More, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; John Bythemore, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John in le Mor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Rogerus o the Mor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bignell, Oxon); Alexander atte Moor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); John of Moore, 1467 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Wills*; Elizabeth Moore, 1538 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); John Moore, Robert More, 1538 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Moore, 1538 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Moore, 1539 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *More* (Old French *More, Maur*, Latin *Maurus*), originally denoting either ‘a Moor’ or someone with a swarthy complexion (compare **Morrell, Morrin, Morris**, and (3) below). There was a 6th-century saint of this name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Morus de la Hale, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); More Kalendrer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames: Johannes filius More, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Hugo Maurus, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William Mor, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Osbert Mor, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

3 Norman, English: nickname, ethnic name from Old French *more* ‘a Moor’, either someone from North Africa or, more often, someone thought to resemble a Moor. Compare **Morrell** and **Moreau**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Mor, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Hugh le Mor, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds).

4 Scottish: see **Muir**.

5 Irish: in Ireland, when it is not the English or Norman name, this is from Ó **Mórdha** ‘descendant of *Mórdha*’, a byname meaning ‘great, proud, stately’.

**Early bearers:** Conall O’Mora, horseman, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §678 (Queen’s County [Laois]); Rory oge O’More, gent., in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2146 (Queen’s County [Laois]); Cayre McLaghlen O’Moore, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2225 (Tynnekill, Queen’s County [Laois]); Connell McGilpatrick McPeirce O’Moore, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3597 (Laois); Davy O’Morey, cottier, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Balmascollock, Kildare); Lysagh McMortagh oge O’Moore, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4739 (Balligormiella, Queen’s County [Laois]); Murtagh McMurtage oge O’Moore, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4739 (Balletarsne, Queen’s County [Laois]).

6 Welsh: nickname from Welsh *mawr* ‘big, great’, either describing a man’s size or greatness (perhaps

applied ironically), or as a means of distinguishing two men with the same name.

**Early bearers:** Deia Mawr, 1406, Thomas Maur, 1538 in *Morgan and Morgan*.

### Moorefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Moorfield**.

### Moorehead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 219
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down; Monaghan
- Scottish, English: see **Muirhead**.

### Moorehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Moorhouse**.

### Moores

**Variants:** Moors, Mores, Morse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3451, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant of **Moore** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Moors, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Moors, 1567 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Anthony Moors, 1636 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset).

### Moorey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey

1 English: locative name from one of the various places called Moorhay or Moor Hey (meaning 'moor enclosure').

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Morhage, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Moorey, 1596 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Willm Moorey, 1597 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Edward Morey, 1611 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks); John Morey, 1656 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants).

2 English: locative name from an unlocated place called *Morwra* (Old Scandinavian *mór* + *vrá* 'moor nook').

**Early bearers:** William de Morewraa, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Moorey, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Susanna Moorey, 1650 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Anthoney Moorey, 1660 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Moorfield

**Variants:** Morville, Morefield, Moorefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Morville (Shrops), which is recorded as *Mamerfeld* in the 12th century, *Momerefeld* in 1255, and *Morfelde* in 1464.

**Early bearers:** Ricardi de Momerfeld, 1258 in *Shrewsbury Cartulary* (Shrops); John Morefeld', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Roger Moorefeild, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Lenard Moorfield, 1700 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 213–14.

### Moorfoot

**Variants:** Morfoot, Morfitt, Morfett, Morphet, Morphett, Morford, Murfitt, Murfit, Murfet, Murfett, Murford, Marfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs

1 English: variant of **Murthwaite**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *more* 'larger, greater' + *fote* 'foot', possibly with reference to a club foot. Some of the bearers listed here may belong to (1) above.

**Early bearers:** William Morfot, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Huttoft, Lincs); Robert Morfot, 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Morefot, 1426, William Morfote, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Robert Morfote, draper, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Richard Morfote, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Peasmarsh, Sussex); George Morfotte, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Morford, 1553 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); William Murfet, 1565, Richard Murfitt, 1603, Elizabeth Morfitt, 1634 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Alexander Murforde, 1587 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Gyles Morfett, 1635 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); John Murfet, 1661 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cams); Thomas Morfitt, 1662 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Richard Morford, 1667 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Daniel Moorfoot, 1710 in *IGI* (Flixborough, Lincs).

### Moorhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 432
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Cumb, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Scottish, English: see **Muirhead**.

### Moorhen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Morehen**.

### Moorhouse

**Variants:** Moorehouse, Morehouse, Morres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3998, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3681
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from any of the many places called Moorhouse, such as Moor House in Hooton Pagnell, Moor House Farm in Hatfield, Moor House in Methley, Moorhouse in Whiston (all WR Yorks), and Moor House (Durham). In some cases the surname may have become **Morris**.

**Further information:** This name is now well established in Ireland, especially in the spelling **Moorehouse**.

**Early bearers:** William de Morhuse, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Matilda del Morhouse, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey atte Morhouse, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Somerset); Jord'o de Morhouses, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ince Blundell, Lancs); Rogerus de Morehous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Morehowse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cracoe, WR Yorks); Robertus dil Morhous, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bootle, Lancs); William Morhous, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); George Morras or Morehouse, 1680 in *Lancs Wills*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 10, 87–8, 169; 2, 127.

### Mooring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Beds
- English: see **Morrin**.

### Moorley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Morley**.

### Moorman

**Variants:** Moreman, Morman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Gloucs

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *more* 'moor, marsh, fen' + *man* 'man', either in the sense 'a person who lives on a moor' or 'an official who is responsible for an area of moor or the grazing on it'. Compare **Mossman**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Morman, 1287 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William le Moreman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Moreman, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Torrington, Devon); Johannes Morman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Altofts, WR Yorks); Radulphus Morman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimstone, Dorset); Johanne Morman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton and Daglingworth, Gloucs); John Morman, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Standon, Herts).

### Moors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 670, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 735
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Dorset

English: see **Moores**.

### Moorse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Morse**.

### Moorshead

**Variants:** Morshead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon
- 1 English: locative name from Moors Head in Dean Prior (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Morisheaved, 1340 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Richard Moryshede of Moryshede, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Moryshed, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Staverton, Devon); William Morished, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingswear, Devon); John Morshed, 1561, Nicholas Morshead,

## Moorton

1599 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); John Moorsed, 1704 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 299.

2 English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *more* 'moor, marsh, fen' + *side* 'side, edge', or toponymic from any of numerous minor places so called, such as Moorside in Follifoot (WR Yorks) and Moreside in Papcastle (Cumb).

Early bearers: John Murside, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Betty Moorside, 1748 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 28; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 309.

## Moorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Herts
- English: see **Morton**.

## Moorwood

Variants: **Morwood**, **Morewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Moorwood in Bradfield (WR Yorks).

Early bearers: [... de] Morwd, 13th century in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Ralph de Morewode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Morewode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Dry, Rutland); Johannes de Morewod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Morewod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Morwood, 1559 in *IGI* (Searby cum Owmbly, Lincs); Frances Morewood, 1577 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); John Morwood, 1619 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 225.

## Moosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Indian (Muslim): see **Musa**.

## Mooty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: variant of **Moody**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Moppett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *moppe* 'fool, simpleton', also 'little child, baby, doll'. Compare the surname *Mopp*, which died out comparatively recently. The diminutive form *moppet* 'baby, young (girl) child, darling' is not recorded until 1601 in *OED*, but may have existed in Middle English.

Early bearers: Sarah Moppett, 1689 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex).

## Mora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

Portuguese, Spanish, Catalan: locative name from any of the places in Portugal and Spain named Mora.

## Morahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Leitrim

Irish: from Ó **Murcháin** 'descendant of *Murchán*', a personal name, a pet form of *Murchadh* 'sea-warrior'; see **Murphy**.

Early bearers: Lyseaghe O'Morghane and Teige O'Morghane, gents., 1554 in *Fiants Mary* §63 (Clonbolke, Offaly); Moriortagh O'Murchan, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035 (Clonkeine, King's County [Offaly]); Margaret ny Worchan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4035 (Clonkeine, King's County [Offaly]); Dorren ny Murchan, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4117 (Kildare); William O'Morghane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4874 (Ellenclary); Donagh O'Moraghan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Clonybrinan, Roscommon); Margaret Moraghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killinvoey, Roscommon).

## Morais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: locative name, Portuguese, variant spelling of **Moraes**, from a place named with the plural of *moral* 'mulberry tree'. Compare Spanish **Morales**.

## Moralee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 216
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Morralee in Haydon (Northumb).

Early bearers: Thomas de Morileye, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Northumb); Gilbert de Morreyley, Thomas de Moryley, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Haydon, Northumb); Margaret Morelly, 1670 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Edward Moralee, 1682 in *IGI* (Simonburn, Northumb); Jane Morilee, 1749 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

References: *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 145.

## Morales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish: locative name, Spanish, from the plural of *moral* 'mulberry tree'. Compare Portuguese **Morais**.

## Moram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

1 Scottish: see **Morham**.  
2 English: see **Moreham**.

## Moran

Variants: **Morran**, **Morron**, **Murrin**, **Morn**, **Morne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14619, Ireland 9614
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Galway, and Roscommon

1 Irish: from Ó **Móráin** 'descendant of *Móráin*', a personal name meaning 'big' or 'great'.

Further information: This name is to be distinguished from Ó **Moghráin** which is also anglicized as *Moran*.

Early bearers: Doline O'Morryne, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; Donald O'Moran, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1176 (Harreston, Kildare); John O'Moran, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2498; Brian O'Moran, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3635 (Shrowre, Mayo); Rory and John O'Moran, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3886 (Kingswood); Wm. Moran, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3886 (Moltefernan, Longford); Ouin duf O'Moran, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3891 (Kildare); Brian O'Morane, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690 (Cloghan, Mayo); Rorie O'Moran, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4785 (Drumkyren, Leitrim); Wm. O'Moraine, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805 (Fomorde, Galway); Connor oge O'Morane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4844 (Ciar, Mayo); Brian rivagh O'Morane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4844 (Ciar, Mayo); Shane Morane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballylunan, Sligo); Morgan O'Morane, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carne, Sligo); Brian O'Moran, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dynod, Sligo); Walter Murrane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cong, Mayo).

2 Irish: from Ó **Moghráin**, earlier Ó **Mughróin** 'descendant of *Mughrón*', a personal name derived from *mug* 'slave' and *rón* 'seal', compare **McMorran**.  
Further information: The anglicized forms of this name can be indistinguishable from those of Ó **Móráin** above.

Early bearers: given names: Moghron m. Diarmota, 846 in *AU*; Mael Sincill m. Mughroin, 881 in *AU*; Mughron m. Cinn Fhaelad, 885 in *AU*.

surnames: Patraic h-Ua Moghran, 1206 in *AU*; Nicholas Morone, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1006 (Ardconrishe, Wexford); Wm. Morone, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036 (New Bauen, Wexford); Tege O Morone, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4164 (Leinster).

3 English: see **Morrin**.

## Morand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Morant**.

## Morant

Variants: **Morrant**, **Morand**, **Murrant**, **Mourant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Moran*, *Morant*, *Morand* (probably from Continental Germanic \**Modrannus*, \**Moderannus*). Some of the bearers of the surname given here may belong under (2) below.

Early bearers: given names: Morandus de Kerkebi, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Morant filius Ernīs, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Moraunt Lambard, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Wrotham, Kent).

surnames: William Morand', 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Richard Morant, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Morand, Morant, 1210–11 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Morant, 1379, Thomas Morand, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Littleton with Kimpton, Hants); John Moraunt', 1384, John Morraunt', 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); William Morant, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Baston, Lincs); Wenefride Morrant, 1562



in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Thomas Morante, 1585 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winchester, Hants).  
References: *Forssner*, p. 192.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *demorant*, *demeurant* 'residing, staying' (the present participle of *demeurer* 'to reside'), perhaps alluding to 'a sojourner', a stranger who stays. The surname would result from an aphetic form.

Early bearers: Hugo le Demurant, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John le Moraunt, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Suffolk); Thomas le Moraunt, 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Marg' Demorant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, ER Yorks).

### Morar

- Current frequencies: GB 298, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 5

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Morbey

- Current frequencies: GB 411, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 118
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Warwicks
- English: see **Moorby**.

### Morbin

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: London

Unexplained.

Early bearers: Sarah Morbin, 1803 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Morby

- Current frequencies: GB 395, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 354
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon, Warwicks, and Northants

English: see **Moorby**.

### Morcock

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Moorcock**.

### Morcom

Variants: **Morcombe**, **Morcomb**, **Morecombe**

- Current frequencies: GB 424, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 441
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: locative name from Morcombe Wood in Ashwater or Morecombe in Woodleigh (both Devon).

Early bearers: Margery de Mortcomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashwater, Devon); Stephen de Morecome, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Morcombe, 1546 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Nic. Morcombe, 1574 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Morcom, 1591 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 128–9, 313.

### Morcomb

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: see **Morcom**.

### Morcombe

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 157
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Cornwall; Surrey

English: see **Morcom**.

### Mordan

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Surrey
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

English: see **Morden**.

### Mordant

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; Hants

Norman, English: see **Mordaunt**.

### Mordaunt

Variants: **Mordant**

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

Norman, English, Irish: nickname from Old French *mordant* 'biting, sarcastic'.

Further information: This Norman name has been established in Ireland as well as England from an early date.

Early bearers: England: William mordaunt, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Eustace le Mordant, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Margareta Mordaunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprowston, Norfolk); Henry Mordant, 1563 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Robert Mordaunt, 1618 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); George Mordaunt, 1756 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

Ireland: Nicholas Mordant, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5233.

### Mordecai

- Current frequencies: GB 375, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 217
  - Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan; also London
- Jewish, Welsh: from the Hebrew personal name *Mordecai*, probably ultimately of Babylonian origin. As a surname in Britain, it is found both as a Jewish name and in Wales and England as an 18th-century Nonconformist adoption of the Biblical name.

Further information: In the Book of Esther in the Bible, Mordecai is guardian and adviser to the young Esther, who becomes the queen of the Persian king Ahasuerus (Xerxes I) and persuades the king to allow the Jews to defend themselves against annihilation.

Early bearers: Martha Mordecai, 1723 in *IGI* (Neath, Glamorgan); John Mordecai, 1741 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons).

### Morden

Variants: **Mordon**, **Mordin**, **Mordan**, **Murden**, **Murdin**

- Current frequencies: GB 279, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 211
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; Cambs

English: locative name from Morden (Surrey), Guilden Morden and Steeple Morden (Cambs), and Morden in Sedgfield (Durham); possibly also from Morden (Dorset) or Moredon in Rodbourne Cheney (Wilts).

Early bearers: Richard de Morduna, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Thomas de Mordone, 1235–6 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William de Morden, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Northumb); Henry de Morden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chesterton, Hants); William de Morden, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walterus de Morden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lemington, Northumb); Johannes Murdene, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boxworth, Cambs); Johanne Mordon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibson, Leics); Johannes de Morden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Choseley, Norfolk); Nicholaus Morden', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Poyntz, Dorset); Richard Morden, 1483–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Murden', 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Grace Morden, 1566 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Edvardi Murdin, 1698 in *IGI* (Kings Ripton, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 33.

### Mordew

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Scottish: see **Murdoch**.

### Mordey

- Current frequencies: GB 262, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 167
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**. Possibly also a reduced form of **McMordie**.

### Mordin

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Morden**.

### Mordon

- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Morden**.

### Mordue

- Current frequencies: GB 578, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 329
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb and Durham
- 1 Scottish: see **Murdoch**.

2 Indian (Hindu): from a Maratha clan name *Mor*, meaning 'peacock'.

### More

- Current frequencies: GB 1569, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 2325
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in Scotland and England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone

1 Scottish, English: see **Moore**.

2 Indian (Hindu): from a Maratha clan name *Mor*, meaning 'peacock'.

### Moreau

- Current frequencies: GB 217, Ireland 40
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

French: nickname from a diminutive of Old French *more* 'a Moor', for someone with a swarthy complexion. Compare **Moore** (3).

Early bearers: Simon Moreau, 1607 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Isaye Moreau, 1622 in *IGI* (London); Jean Moreau, 1704 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

## Moreby

### Moreby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Moorby**.

### Morecock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- English: see **Moorcock**.

### Morecombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Morecom**.

### Morecraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Moorcroft**.

### Morecroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs, and Cheshire
- English: see **Moorcroft**.

### Morefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Moorfield**.

### Moreham

**Variants:** **Moram**, **Morum**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Derbys
- 1 English: locative name from *Montviron* (Manche). **Further information:** Moreham Hall in Frating (Essex), which is recorded as *Morams* in 1509–47, *Morons* alias *Moverons* in 1627, and *Moorhams* in 1768, derives its name from the family of John de *Mouviron* [for *Monviron*], 1331 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 338. **Early bearers:** Hugo de Monte Virun, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Richard de Muvirun, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard de Mourun, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Montvirun, 1375 in *Patent Rolls*; Lewis Moran, 1378 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Isaac Morham, 1610 in *IGI* (Marks Tey, Essex).  
2 Scottish: see **Morham**.

### Morehan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Morehen**.

### Morehead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Muirhead**.

### Morehen

**Variants:** **Moorhen**, **Morehan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *mor-hen* ‘moorhen’. Some of the post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2). **Early bearers:** Magota Morehen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); David Moorehen, 1605 in *IGI* (Henley on Thames, Oxon); Marie Moorhen, 1645 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Enoch Morehen, 1670 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); Roger Morehen, 1700 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks).  
2 English: locative name from Moorend Cross in Mathon (Herefs, formerly Worcs), or from any of many other places similarly named (from Middle English *mor* + *ende* ‘end of the moor or marsh’), such as Moor End in Yardley Gobion (Northants), Moor End in Gnosall (Staffs), and Moor End in Cheltenham (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** Philip de la Morend, 1275, William atte Moreende, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de la Morende, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Mathon, Worcs); Henry Morehen, 1630 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Morehen, 1660 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Hester Morehen, 1674 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); Mary Morehen, 1699 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks); John Morehen, 1717 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants). **References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 66; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 108; *Place-Names of Staffs* 1, p. 160; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 106.

### Morehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Moorhouse**.

### Moreing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Morrin**.

### Moreira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese, Galician: locative name, Portuguese and Galician, from any of the numerous places in Portugal and Galicia called Moreira, from *moreira* ‘mulberry tree’.

### Morel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Glamorgan; Channel Islands
- Norman, Huguenot, French: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Morel*, see **Morrell**. (ii) nickname from Old French *morel* ‘dark brown, black’ (a diminutive of *more* ‘brown, swarthy’), also used as a noun, ‘a dark brown or black horse’. Compare **Moore** (3). **Early bearers:** Piere Morel, 1596 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Marie Morel, 1666 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Moreland

**Variants:** **Morland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1276, Ireland 470
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 660
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English: locative name from Morland (Westm), which is recorded as *Morlund* in the 12th century. **Early bearers:** Thorphinus de Morlundia, 1133–56 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Westm); [ . . . de] Morelund, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Westm* (Westm); Richard de Morlund, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John de Morlund, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Johannes Morlound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stivichall, Warwicks); Johanne de Morland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winton, Westm); Anthony Moreland, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Margery Moreland, 1574 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); William Moreland, 1579 in *IGI* (Ingham, Lincs); Thomas Moreland, 1583 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Ellyn Moreland, 1589 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 143.  
2 English: locative name from Middle English *more* ‘moor, marsh, fen’ + *land* ‘land’, either topographic for someone who lives on moorland or toponymic from one or other of the many minor places with this name. **Early bearers:** Edith de la Morland, 1257 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Henry atte Morlonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Moreland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Moreland, William de Morland, William de Mourland, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Morlond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cornwall); Thoma de Moreland, 1377, Thoma de Morland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Rogero Moreland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ab Kettleby, Leics); William Morland’, clerk, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).  
3 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English name, it is Irish **Mac Murghaláin** ‘son of *Murghalán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *Murghal*, which is composed of elements meaning ‘sea’ + ‘valour’. Compare **Murley**.

### Morell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Devon
- English: see **Morrell**.

### Morelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 98
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- Italian: relationship name, a patronymic or plural form of *Morello*. *Morello* has two possible origins: (1) a pet form or diminutive of *Moro* (which is either a variant of the Italian personal name *Mauro*, from the Latin personal and ethnic name *Maurus*, meaning ‘Moor, North African’, or the same word, *mauro*, applied as a nickname or ethnic name); or (2) a reduced form of *Amorello*, from a pet form of the personal name *Amore* (from a term of endearment meaning ‘love’). Compare **Moretti**. **Early bearers:** John Morelli, 1806 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Morely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs; Notts and Lincs; Norfolk
- English: see **Morley**.

### Moreman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Moorman**.

### Moren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent
- English: see **Morrin**.

### Moreno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): nickname for someone with dark hair and a swarthy complexion, from Spanish and Portuguese *moreno* 'dark-haired', a word of uncertain origin, probably from Late Latin *maurinus*, a derivative of classical Latin *Maurus* 'Moor'. Compare **Moore** 2.
- Early bearers:** Spanish: Enrique Moreno, in *Census 1871* (West Derby, Lancs); Octavio Moreno, 1866 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Jose Moreno, born in Malaga, Spain, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Francisco Moreno, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx); Adolphe Moreno, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Carlos Luis Moreno, in *Census 1911* (Bucklow, Cheshire); Pablo Edward Moreno, born in Argentina, in *Census 1911* (Kent). Jewish: Aron Lopes Morenu, 1748, Isaac Lopes Moreno, 1755, Ribca Lopes Moreno, 1756 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London).
- References:** <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/UK/>

### Mores

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Moores**.

### Moresby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- English: see **Mosby**.

### Moreton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3349, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Antrim
- English: see **Morton**.

### Moretti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- Italian: relationship name, a patronymic or plural form of *Moretto*. *Moretto* derives from a pet form or diminutive of *Moro*, which is either a variant of the medieval Italian personal name *Mauuro*, from the Latin personal and ethnic name *Maurus*, meaning 'Moor, North African', or the same word, *mauro*, applied as a nickname or ethnic name. Compare **Morelli**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Ferdinand Jasperrine Vincent Moretti, 1833 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Morewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: see **Moorwood**.

### Morey

**Variants:** **Morrey, Mori, Mory, Morry, Morie, Maury**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1318, Ireland 218

• **GB frequency 1881:** 979

• **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and IoW; Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Mory*, a variant of *Maury*, a pet form of Old French *Amauri*. Compare **Amery**. **Early bearers:** Hugh Mori, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Roger Mory, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Petro Mory, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturmister Marshall, Dorset); Johanne Maury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brockhampton, Dorset); Rogerus Mory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elsted, Sussex); Joan Morrey, 1568 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Willyam Morry, 1582 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Johannes Morey, 1630 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).

2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English name, it is Irish Ó Mórdha, see **Moore** (5).

### Morfett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Morfev

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Suffolk
- English: see **Maffey**.

### Morffew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London
- English: see **Maffey**.

### Morfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Marvin**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Morfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Moorfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Morford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Moorfoot**.

### Morgan

**Variants:** **Morgans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87950, Ireland 5923
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Louth, and Armagh

1 Welsh: relationship name from the medieval Welsh personal name *Morgan, Morgant* (Old Welsh *Morcant*, of uncertain etymology).

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Morgant filius Ris, 1198 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); given names, England: Morganus, 1159, in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Morganus 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops). surnames, Wales: Rowland Morgayne, 1538 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Monmouths); William Morgan, 1542 in *PROB 11* (Penkoyd, Monmouths); Charles Morgaine or Morgan, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Lantheway Skeery, Monmouths); Cissill Morgan, 1603 in *IGI* (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan).

surnames, England: Isabella Morgan, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); John Morgan, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William Morgan', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); William Morgan, capper, 1459–60 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Alicia Morgan, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Morgayne or Morgan, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Mapperton, Dorset); Edward Morgain, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts). surnames, Scotland: John Morgane, 1419 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 168–9.

2 Irish, Welsh: in Ireland, an importation of the Welsh surname, to which has been assimilated more than one Irish surname, notably Ó Muireagáin, see **Merrigan**.

### Morgans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1588, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6456
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- Welsh: variant of **Morgan** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Susana Morgans, 1661 in *IGI* (Llandough by Cowbridge, Glamorgan).

### Morhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Morrall**.

### Morham

**Variants:** **Moram, Moreham, Morum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Morham (E Lothian). **Early bearers:** Adam de Moreham, Thomas de Moram, about 1200, John de Morham, about 1220 in *Black*; William Moram, 1625 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus);

### Mori

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0

## Moriarity

- GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Stirlings
- 1 Italian: relationship name, a patronymic form of the personal name *Moro*, which is a variant of **Mauro**.
- 2 English, Scottish: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Morey**.

### Moriarity

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Irish: from Mac Muirheartaigh, see **Moriarty**.

### Moriarty

Variants: **Moriarity**, **Murtagh**

- Current frequencies: GB 1829, Ireland 2289
- GB frequency 1881: 347
- Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry

Irish: from Ó Muirheartaigh ‘descendant of *Muirheartach*’, a personal name from *muir* ‘sea’ + *ceardach* ‘skilled’, i.e. ‘skilled navigator’. In this spelling the *i* represents the velar fricative *ch* which is no longer pronounced, although the personal name retains its three syllables. A Meath and Monaghan surname of the same form in Irish was reduced to two syllables as **Murtagh**, comparable to Scottish **Murdoch**. It may also be a reduced form of Mac Muirheartaigh ‘son of *Muirheartach*’, see **McMurtry**. See also **Murt**.

**Early bearers:** Teige McDonell mcMorris O Moriarty, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498; Bryan Moriarty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Kilnacrin, Monaghan); William Murtagh, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Derynasmillan, Armagh); Philip O’Murtagh, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Bryanhitter, Monaghan).

### Morice

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 165
  - Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Morris**.

### Morie

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Norman, English: see **Morey**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Morill

- GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Morrell**.

### Morin

- Current frequencies: GB 233, Ireland 16
  - GB frequency 1881: 106
  - Main GB location 1881: Jersey; also E Lothian; Durham
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry
- 1 Scottish: see **Morrin**.
- 2 Huguenot: the Huguenot name probably has the same etymology as **Morrin** (1).
- Early bearers:** Jacques Morin, 1683 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent); Jean Morin, 1687 in *IGI* (French Episcopal Church, Bristol, Gloucs).

### Moring

- Current frequencies: GB 190, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 93
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants; London
- English: see **Morrin**.

### Moris

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 184
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Morris**.

### Morison

- Current frequencies: GB 555, Ireland 6
  - GB frequency 1881: 1501
  - Main GB location 1881: N Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- Scottish: see **Morrison**.

### Morjaria

- Current frequencies: GB 563, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Morland

- Current frequencies: GB 1208, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 823
  - Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. Durham, Westm, Lancs, and WR Yorks; Berks and Middx; also Wigtowns
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Clare; Down
- English, Irish: see **Moreland**.

### Morley

Variants: **Moorley**, **Morely**, **Marler**, **Mortley**, **Morly**, **Murley**

- Current frequencies: GB 16323, Ireland 752
- GB frequency 1881: 11878
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in N and SE England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo

1 English: locative name from any of the numerous places of this name, such as Morley (Derbys, Durham, Norfolk, WR Yorks) and Moreleigh (Devon). There may well have been some confusion with **Murley**.

**Early bearers:** Milo de Morleia, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Ralph de Morleg, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Morleigh, 1377 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johanna de Morlay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes de Morelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robertus Morlegh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othey, Somerset); John Morely, 1540 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Johis Moorley, 1603 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

2 Irish: from Ó Murghaile ‘descendant of *Murghal*’, a personal name based on *muir* ‘sea’ + *gal* ‘valour’.

**Early bearers:** Thadeus O’Moryle, husbandman, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §148 (Moiasker, Meath); Patrick O’Morchaile, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6453 (?Laois); Richard rewagh O’Moryly, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5615 (Killmymore, Galway/Roscommon); John Morrily, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); Thomas Morroly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); Owen Marly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo).

3 Irish: from Ó Murthuile ‘descendant of *Murthuile*’, a personal name derived from *muir* ‘sea’ + *tuile* ‘tide’.

**Early bearers:** Donagh roe mcDonoghoe lea O’Murhillie, yeoman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3535 (Eneskine, Cork); Donald mcDonoghe lea O’Mwrhillie, yeoman, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3535 (Fiall, Cork); Dermot mcDonell oge O’Murhilly, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4854 (Cork); John mcTeige Y Murhillye, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5029; Donell and Ea alias Hugh Morley, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5609 (Cariglyre, Cork); Donell ny Sradly O’Murrilly and John mcDonell O’Murrilly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6512; Shane mcShane mcTeige Murley, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6514 (Ballynebowly); Katherine ny Morhelly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Garrifiasog); Donell mcDonogh O’Morhelly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6516 (Ballencarrigye); Teig mcConcher mcShane O’Murley, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6524 (Ballinerea).

### Morlin

- GB frequency 1881: 15
- English: see **Morling**.

### Morling

Variants: **Morlin**

- Current frequencies: GB 336, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 301
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; also Sussex

English: probably a variant of **Madelin** (via **Maudlin**) with loss of *-d*.

**Further information:** Huga Morlynge of Cottenham (Cambs) in 1273 is cited in *Hanks and Hodges*, perhaps suggested an additional unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** John Morline, 1562, Annis Morlin, 1568 in *IGI* (Longstanton, Cambs); Robert Morling, 1640 in *IGI* (Rampton, Cambs); Francis Morling, 1694 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Elizabeth Morling, 1723 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk).

### Morly

- GB frequency 1881: 100
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered
- English: see **Morley**.

### Morman

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 93
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; also Devon; IoW
- English: see **Moorman**.

### Morn

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 105
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lanarks
- Irish: variant of **Moran**.

### Morne

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: Yorks and Lancs
- Irish: variant of **Moran**.

### Morney

- GB frequency 1881: 87
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- Irish: see **Murney**.

**Morning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Wexford

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Elizabeth Morning, 1853 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

England: John Morning, 1613 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

**Mornington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Shrops; Lancs; IoM
- English: variant of **Monnington**.

**Further information:** The earldom of Mornington in the Irish peerage (a subsidiary title of the Wellesley family, Dukes of Wellington) has no connection with this surname: it is from a place called Mornington in Meath (Irish *Baile Uí Mhornaín* 'town of the fisherman').

**Early bearers:** Susannam Mornington, 1592 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Thomas Mornington, 1626 in *IGI* (London); William Mornington, 1782 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Moroney**

**Variants:** Maroney, Mulraney, Mulrooney, Mulrone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1040, Ireland 1271
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare
- Irish: simplified from Ó Maolruanaidh 'descendant of *Maolruanaidh*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) *Ruanadh*'. The variant Mulrooney better reflects the original pronunciation of the surname. For the personal name *Ruanadh* see also **Rooney**.

**Early bearers:** Domnall h-Ua Mael Ruanaigh, 1160 in *AU*; Mac na h-Aidhche h-Ua Mail Ruanaidh, king of Fer Manach, 1189 in *AU*; William fitz Shaine O'Molrone, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §950 (Kilmacolmer, Kilkenny); Nicholas Morone, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1006 (Ardconrishe, Wexford); William fitz John Molrone, husbandman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1042 (Callan, Kilkenny); Thady reough O'Molrowne, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1865 (Jordanston); Conoghor O Mulrony, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3078 (Thomond); Donogho O Mulruony, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3102 (Sronyll, Tipperary); Cahell O Mullronye, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3229 (Corin, Sligo); Wm. Morone, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036 (New Bauen, Wexford); Shane O Molrono, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4675; Rorie O Mulrony, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4806 (Shantwlaghe, Clare).

**Moroz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ukrainian, Belorussian, Slovak, Polish, and Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic); also Romanian: nickname from eastern Slavic *m(o)roz* 'frost'.  
**Early bearers:** Russian: Agrippina Moroz, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Hants).  
 Jewish: Isaac Moroz, in *Census 1901* (Lanarks).

**Morpeth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Morpeth (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Morpath, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas de Morpeth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scrainwood, Northumb); Johannes de Morpath', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Morpath', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Morpath', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Agnes Morpeth, 1567 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); Lancelotus Morpeth, 1617 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).

**Morphet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Westm

English: see **Moorfoot**.

**Morphett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Moorfoot**.

**Morphew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and SE England
- English: see **Maffey**.

**Morphey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Sussex
- English: variant of **Maffey**, in a spelling that appears to have been influenced by the Irish name **Morphy** (**Murphy**).

**Morphy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- Irish: from Ó Murchadha or Mac Murchadha, see **Murphy**.

**Morpurgo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Jewish: locative name from Marburg, the German name of Maribor in Slovenia.  
**Further information:** During the days of the Austrian Empire, Maribor (Marburg or Marchburg) had a large Jewish community. In 1624 Moses Marpurger of Gradisca and Jacob Marpurger of Tapogliano were accorded the title 'Court Jews' by Emperor Ferdinand II. This was a family of rich bankers that came to be associated particularly with Trieste (now part of NE Italy), where their name was Italianized to *Morpurgo*: Samson ben Joshua Moses Morpurgo, rabbi, born 1681 in Gradisca d'Isanzo, died 1740 in Gorizia; Giuseppe Lazzaro Morpurgo, poet, financier, and businessman, born c. 1759 in Trieste, died before 1835 in Venice; Carlo Marco Morpurgo,

banker, born 1827 in Gorizia, died 1899 in Trieste; Gioacchino (Giachino, Joachim) Morpurgo, born 1834 in Trieste, died 1886 in Vienna. Note also Emma Marburger, 1883 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb), who may be of German stock, named from Marburg in the state of Hesse.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Morpurgo, 1857 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Elias Morpurgo, 1858 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Morpurgo, commercial traveller, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Morpurgo, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Mordecai Morpurgo, railway porter, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Esther Morpurgo, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).  
**References:** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~prohel/Names/misc/morpurgo.html>; accessed 3 October 2011.

**Morpuss**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Malpass**.

**Morrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Morrall**.

**Morrall**

**Variants:** Morrall, Morhall, Morrhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1068, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 529
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- 1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Morghull*, situated between Lichfield and Streethay (Staffs), which is recorded as *Morehale* in about 1177, *Morewhale* in 1302, *Morghale* in 1319.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Morghale, 1302 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Hugone de Morghwale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Morghull and Streethay, Staffs); Johanne Morghwale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Robertus Morwhale, tailor, 1387 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); John de Morghale, 1412 in *Staffs Archives* (Staffs).  
**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 396–7.  
 2 English: locative name from Murrell Green in Odiham (Hants), which is recorded as *Morhale* in 1167, Moor Hall in Gnosall (Staffs), recorded as *Morehall* in 1360, Moor Hall in Aughton by Ormskirk (Lancs), recorded as *Morehall* in 1429, or numerous other minor places with similar names. Some of the early bearers given below may belong to (1) above, and there may have been some confusion with **Morrell**.  
**Early bearers:** Stephen de Morhale, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Odiham, Hants); Gilb'to de Morhalle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Robert Morehale, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John de Morhall', 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs and Shrops); Johannes Morhall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Johannes Morehall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Henricus Morhall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Radbrook with Quinton, Gloucs); Thomas Morehale, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Gulielmus Morrall, 1584 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); John Morrall, 1598 in *IGI*

## Morran

(Rotherwick, Hants); Richard Morral, 1640 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); Steven Morhall, 1650 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Gulielmi Morrhall, 1696 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 116; *Place-Names of Staffs* 1, p. 158; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 121.

### Morran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian; Lancs

1 Scottish: see **Morrin**.

2 Irish: see **Moran**.

### Morrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Norman, English: see **Morant**.

### Morreale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (Sicily): locative name from Monreale near Palermo, Sicily, so named from *monte regale* 'regal mountain'.

### Morrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Morrell**.

### Morrell

**Variants:** **Morell, Morrel, Morrill, Morill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4014, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2806
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Morel* (a diminutive of Middle English or Old French *More*; compare **Moore** (2)).

The bearers of the surname cited here may alternatively belong with (2) below. In either case there may have been some confusion with **Morrall**. See also **Morel**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Morel, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Norfolk); Moræl of Bæbbaburh, 1093 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* E; Morellus, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Peter Morel, 1164 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Milo Morel, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William Morel, 1221 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Roberto Morel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gosfield, Essex); Johannes Morel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsteignton, Devon); Hugo Morell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunkeswick, WR Yorks); Michael Morell, 1543 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); James Morrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Elizabeth Morrell, 1574, William Morill, 1618 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Morren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Laois

Scottish: see **Morrin**.

### Morres

- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Somerset

English: variant of **Moorhouse** or **Morris**.

**Early bearers:** Jenett Morres, 1553 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Roger Morres, 1589 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Ann Morres, 1612 in *IGI* (South Barrow, Somerset).

### Morrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 967, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Shrops

Norman, English: see **Morey**.

### Morrhall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Morrall**.

### Morrice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1292, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 724
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Morris**.

### Morrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from Morwick (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Morewic, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Morwyk, 1293 in *Northumb Eyre Roll* (Ingram, Northumb); Patricius de Morwik, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Morwick, Northumb); Ricardus de Morwyk, Johannes Morwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Morwick, 1621, Gulielmus Morrick, 1650 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs).

### Morries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Pembrokes

Welsh: see **Morris**.

### Morrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Morrell**.

### Morrin

**Variants:** **Morin, Morran, Moran, Morren, Moren, Murrin, Mooring, Moring, Moreing, Marne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 527
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Kildare

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Morin*, a diminutive of *More* (Old French *More*, *Maur*, Latin *Maurus*); see **Moore** (2). Some of the later medieval and post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Morin' del Pin, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics).

surnames: Rogerus filius Maurini, filius Morini, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Robert Morin, about

1140 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ralph Morin, 1183–4 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Northants); Richard Moring, 1275, Henry Morynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Moring, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Moryn, Stephen Moryng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Ranulph Moryn, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Averham, Notts); Thomas Moryn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Robertus Moryng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chesham, Bucks); Johannes Moring', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Isabell Mooring, 1569, William Moring, 1591 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Robert Morren, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edmond Moren, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Samuell Murrin, 1589 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Charles Moren, 1715 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Mary Murrin, 1735 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Morwin* (Old English \**Mōrwine*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Moruuius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Morwin, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs).

surnames: Roger filius Morewen, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Morwen, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; John Morwyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 330.

3 Scottish: from **Mac Moghráin**, see **McMorran**.

**Early bearers:** John Morrin, 1690 in *IGI* (Holywood, Dumfriess); John Morren, 1709 in *IGI* (Kirkmabreck, Kirkcudbrights); James Morran, 1722 in *IGI* (Wigtown, Wigtowns).

### Morris

**Variants:** **Morriss, Morrice, Morice, Morries, Morres, Moris, Maurice, Morrish, Morse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95101, Ireland 4122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66306
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; London; Glamorgan; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Maurice*, *Moris* (Latin *Mauritius* 'Moorish, dark, swarthy', from *Maurus* 'a Moor'). Compare **Moore** (2) and **Merrick**. Some of the early bearers may belong under other senses.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mauricius de Edliftona, about 1176, Mauricius de Creona, about 1190 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Fulco filius Mauricii, Moriz, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Ricardus filius Morys, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Josce Mauricii, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Richard Maurice, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John Morice, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Simon Morys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Morisse, 1308 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Nicholas le fiz Mouriz, 1314 in *Close Rolls*; Walterus Moryce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eynsham, Oxon); John Morice, Morce, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes Morris, 1541 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Morris, 1541 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); John Morris, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Rich. Morris, 1544 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Anne Morris, 1545 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Sibble Morris, 1547 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Roger Morris, 1550 in *IGI* (Berryarbor, Devon).

2 English: nickname Middle English, Old French *moreis* 'Moorish', used for someone with a swarthy complexion.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Moreys, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset).

**3** Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh personal name *Meurig* (from Latin *Mauritius*), which was gradually superseded in Wales by *Morus*, *Morys*, derivatives of the Anglo-Norman French form of the name.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Evan ap Morris, 1541 in *IGI* (Llanllugan, Montgomerys); Ris Morris, 1544 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Aanghard Moris, 1602 in *IGI* (Llansawel, Carmarthens).

England: Adam ap Morris, 1596 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops).

**4** Irish: anglicized form of *Ó Muirghis*, a variant of *Ó Muirgheasa*, see **Morrissey**. See also **Morrison**.

**5** Jewish: adopted as a like-sounding name for **Moses**.

**Early bearers:** Zevy Maurice, tailor, born in Perth Hingory [Pest, Hungary], in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Hyman Morris, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Barnet Morris, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Morris, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Llanely, Carmarthens); Abraham Morris, born in Poland (Abraham Morris Kottowski, naturalized 1884), and 1895 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Edmonton Jewish Cemetery, Middx).

### Morrisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mosby**.

### Morrissey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Waterford; Dublin

Irish: from *Ó Muirgheasa*, see **Morrissey**.

### Morrish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1404, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Morris**. Compare **Norrish** and **Parish**.

**Early bearers:** John Morysch, 1416 in *London Letter Books I*; William Morrish, 1549 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Humfrey Mores, 1569, Humfrey Morrishe, 1602 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon).

### Morrison

**Variants:** **Morrisson**, **Morison**, **Murison**, **Morson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33243, Ireland 3332
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23056
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. N Scotland and Glasgow; also N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Derry

**1** English, Scottish: relationship name ‘son of *Maurice*’, from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Moris* (see **Morris**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robertus Morisson<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Willelmus Morisson<sup>1</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warrington, Lancs); Wyllm Morrison, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Edmund Morison, 1572 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); William Morson, 1637 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John

Morson, 1733 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

Scotland: Johannes Murysone, 1448 in *Dunfermline Register* (Fife); Andreas Morison, 1463 in *Brechin Register* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Sir William Mureson, cleric, 1491 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Donold Morison, 1567, John Morrison, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marioun Morson, 1611 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Effie Murison, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); James Murison, 1624 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); Mary Murrison, 1689 in *IGI* (Cortachy and Clova, Angus).

**2** Irish: an anglicized form of *Ó Muirgheasáin* ‘descendant of *Muirgheas*’, a personal name meaning ‘sea valour’. Compare **Morrissey** and **Morris**.

**Further information:** A branch of the Donegal family of this name migrated to Lewis and Harris in the Scottish Isles (*Ulster Surnames*).

### Morrisroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Muiris Rua** ‘son of red Morris’.

**Early bearers:** Davy ro mcMorish ro, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$4599 (Mayo/Roscommon); Dwaltagh McMorish roe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5615 (Galway/Roscommon); David Morrisroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

### Morriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1823
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Lancs and WR Yorks; Lincs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: see **Morris**.

### Morrissey

**Variants:** **Morrissey**, **Morris**, **Morsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2916, Ireland 4314
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary

Irish: (i) from *Ó Muirgheasa* ‘descendant of *Muirgheas*’, a personal name meaning ‘sea valour’. This has also been anglicized as **Morris**, **Morrison**, and **Bryson**. (ii) also adopted as an Irish version of the Norman name *de Marisco*, see **Marris**.

**References:** *MacLysaght*.

### Morrisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Sligo

English, Scottish, Irish: see **Morrison**.

### Morritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Gulielmus Morret, 1563 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); William Morrett, 1568 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Richard Morret, 1573 in

*IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Ellin Morritt, 1593 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

### Morrion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: see **Moran**.

### Morrow

**Variants:** **McMorrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3630, Ireland 2585
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Donegal

Irish: reduced from **Mac Murchadha**, see **McMurrrough**. The spelling in final *-ow* appears to be later than this (*O Morchow/Morghow*, *Murchow/Murghow* occasionally appearing for *Ó Murchadha* in the late 16th century). There has probably been some confusion with **Murrow**, and in Cavan and Leitrim from **Mac Muireadhaigh**, see **Murray**. **Early bearers:** Samuel Morrow, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh).

### Morry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Morey**.

### Morsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Mosby**.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica.

### Morse

**Variants:** **Moorse**, **Morss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3556, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, Somerset, and S Wales; London

English, Welsh: late variant of either **Moore** or **Morris**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Morse, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Morsse, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Agnes Morse, 1546 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); John Morse, 1551 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Samuel Moore, 1681 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

### Morseley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: variant of **Moseley**.

### Morsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

Irish: Irish *Ó Muirgheasa*, see **Morrissey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Morshead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Moorshead**.

**Morsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Suffolk; Derbys
- English: variant of **Moseley**.

**Morson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English, Scottish, Irish: variant of **Morrison**.

**Morss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- English: see **Morse**.

**Mort**

Variants: **Morte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1744, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1444
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glamorgan
- English: nickname from Old French *mort* 'death' (Latin *mors*, *mort-*) or *mort* 'dead' (Latin *mortuus*). The name perhaps refers to someone of deathly pale countenance, or who played the part of Death (*Mort*) in a pageant.
- Early bearers:** Simon Mort, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John Morte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Mort, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Johannes Morte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Ricardus le Mort, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hulton, Lancs); David Mort, 1381 in *The Church in London* (London); George Mort, 1565, Margerie Morte, 1566 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Richard Mort, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Sheen, Staffs).

**Mortain**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Morten**.

**Mortar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Morter**.

**Morte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Mort**.

**Morteboy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx
- English: see **Mortiboys**.

**Mortell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Norman, English: see **Martell**.

**Morten**

Variants: **Mortyn**, **Mortain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire; also Middx and Bucks

Norman, English: locative name from Mortagne (Manche). There has probably been some confusion with **Morton**, as indicated by the case of William Mortain, 1706 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess).

**Further information:** The affix in the place-name Marston Moretaine (Beds) derives from the family of Edmund de Mortheyn, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Macus de Mauritania, Macus de Moretaine, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gilbert de Moretaign', 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Eustace de Mortaine, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); John Mortheyn, 1330 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Mortheyn, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Willelmus Mortyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); John Mortheyn, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Thomas Morten, 1498 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Morten, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Hope, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 79.

**Mortensen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Danish, Norwegian, Dutch, North German: relationship name from the personal name *Morten* (see **Martin** (1)) + *son* 'son'.

**Morter**

Variants: **Mortar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *morter* 'mortar', either 'a receptacle in which ingredients are pounded with a pestle' (Old English *mortere* from Latin *mortarium* in the sense 'receptacle for pounding') or 'cement-like paste for bonding brickwork' (Anglo-Norman *morter*, *mortier* from Latin *mortarium* in the sense 'product of pounding'). Compare Ricardus Morterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Alicia Morter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eardisland, Herefs); Henricus Morter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, WR Yorks); Thomas Morter, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Wyllyam Mortar, 1569 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Richard Morter, 1591 in *IGI* (Lessingham, Norfolk); Thomas Morter, 1600, Tho. Mortar, 1621 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

**Mortiboy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; London

English: see **Mortiboys**.

**Mortiboys**

Variants: **Mortiboy**, **Morteboy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs

Of uncertain etymology. It could have arisen from a compound of Norman French *mort(i)er* 'mud' (attested with this sense only in the place-names (Le)

Mortier and (Les) Mortiers, numerous in Normandy) and *bois* 'wood'. However, no place named with the compound has yet been identified, so the question arises whether \**Morterbois*, later becoming *Mortiboys*, might be a translation of an English name, possibly employed in Anglo-Norman French legal documents to render the place-name Fulwood ('muddy wood'). In Warwicks, where *Mortiboys* is mainly recorded, Fulwood was formerly the name of Clay Hall in Tanworth in Arden (Warwicks), and had been the surname of its owners since at least the 13th century (see **Fullwood**). The co-occurrence of the two surnames in the following parishes could be mere coincidence: Margareta Fulwood, 1585, and Joseph Morteboyes, 1707 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Thomas Mortyboies, 1540, and Fraunces Fulwoode, 1576 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks). Or perhaps members of the Fullwood family used *Mortiboys* as an alias, but this is unproven.

**Further information:** The Warwicks surname may have been taken to Suffolk, where the first element is recorded as *Morde-*, but Wilson's derivation from Old French *mordre* 'bite' + *bois* 'wood' does not yield a convincing nickname. *Tooth* (2, p. 79) suggests it is an occupational name for a provider of fuel, from Old French *mort bois* 'dead wood' (compare modern French *mort-bois* 'brushwood, undergrowth'), but this does not explain the medial *-i-*, or why a French expression was employed to denote such a lowly occupation.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Mortyboies, 1540, John Mortiboys, 1542, Henrie Mortiboies, 1545, Anne Mortiboies, 1548 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Christian Mortiboies, 1582 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); Alice Morteboey, 1622 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Rose Mordeboies, 1639 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); William Mordeboice, 1644 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Wills* (Suffolk); Isabella Morteboey, 1646 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs).

**Mortimer**

Variants: **Mortimore**, **Mortimor**, **Mutimer**, **Muddimer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8517, Ireland 248
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6165
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; London; Wilts; Devon; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal, Fermanagh, and Cavan

1 Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Mortemer (Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** Roger de Mortimer, 1st Earl of March (1287–1330), from the Welsh Marches, was the lover of Queen Isabella, wife of Edward II. Roger de Mortimer invaded England in 1326, and forced Edward II to abdicate in favour of his son, Edward III.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph (de) Mortemer, de Mortuo Mari, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Peter Mortemer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Mortimere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton, WR Yorks); Walterus Mortemer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Easton, Wilts); Lawrence Mortymer, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Mortimer, 1610 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Elizabeth Mottimer, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Anthony Mutimer, 1745 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Katherine Muddimere, 1795 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks); Ann Muddimer, 1815 in *IGI* (Wistow, Leics).

Scotland: William de Mortimer, 1189–94 in *William I (Scotland) Charters* (Fowlis Easter, Angus);



Constantine de Mortimer, 1202 in *Arbroath Register*; Walter de Mortimer, 1242–43 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Haddington, East Lothian); David Mortimer, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Kattrin Mortimer, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Norman, Irish: this Norman surname was taken to Ireland from England in the medieval period, where it has also been adopted for Irish **Mac Muircheartaigh** and **Ó Muircheartaigh**, which are more commonly anglicized as **McMurty** and **Moriarty**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Mortemar, 1215 in *CDI* §536; Ralph de Mortemar, 1232 in *CDI* §1945; Roger de Mortimer, 1248 in *CDI* §2949; Agatha de Mortimer, 1273 in *CDI* §949; Roger le Mortimer, 1290 in *CDI* §612; William Mortimer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Edward Mortimer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan).

### Mortimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon Norman, English: see **Mortimer**.

### Mortimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1123, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon Norman, English: see **Mortimer**.

### Mortley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: perhaps a variant of **Mortlock** or **Morley**.

**Early bearers:** Jone Mortley, 1570 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Will Mortley, 1700 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Wm Mortley, 1732 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent).

### Mortlock

**Variants:** **Mortley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 929
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Middx

English: locative name from Mortlake (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Walter Mortelake, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas de Mortelak, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Martelake, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Mortelake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John Mortlock, 1567 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Morton

**Variants:** **Moreton**, **Mourton**, **Moorton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21230, Ireland 1167
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15939
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks and Ayr

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim English, Scottish: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name in England and Scotland, such as Morton (Derbys, Dumfriess, NR Yorks), East and West Morton (WR Yorks), Moreton (Staffs), and Moreton in the Marsh (Gloucs). There has probably been some confusion with **Morten**, and perhaps also with **Murton**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since the 13th century. It has

also been adopted among Jews on account of its resemblance to the Jewish personal name *Mordecai*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Mortone, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William de Moreton, de Morton, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon), 1307 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robertus Mortune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Thomas Morton, 1432–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Margaret Morton, 1540 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Nicholas Morton, 1540 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Willmi Morton, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Willms Morton, 1548 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Joan Morton, 1565 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

Scotland: William de Mortun, 1266 in *Kelso Register*; Thomas de Mortoun, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Dumfriess); Malcolm de Myrtoun, 1373 in *Black* (Kemback, Fife); John Morton, 1567 in *IGI* (Canongate, Midlothian); Marion Morton, 1603 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

Ireland: Brother Hugh de Morton, 1185 in *CDI* §75; Robert de Morton, 1230 in *CDI* §1787; William de Morton, 1281 in *CDI* §1860; Geoffrey de Morton, 1299 in *CDI* §333 (Dublin); Simon de Morton, attorney, 1303 in *CDI* §277.

### Mortyn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hunts
- English: see **Morten**.

### Morum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 English: see **Moreham**.  
2 Scottish: see **Morham**.

### Moruzzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** o

Italian: relationship name probably from a pet form of the medieval Italian personal name *Moro*.

### Morville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Moorfield**.

### Morwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 46
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lanarks; Lincs and ER Yorks; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Moorwood**.

### Mory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Morey**.

### Mosby

**Variants:** **Moseby**, **Morsby**, **Moresby**, **Morrisby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Moresby (Cumb), which is recorded as *Moricebi* in 1195.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Moricheby, 1265 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Lord Hugh de Moriceby, Thomas de Moriceby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Moriceby, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Christopher de Moresby, 1422 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Morisby, 1562 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Thos. Mosby, 1576 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Charles Morrisby, 1643 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Simonis Moseby, 1647 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Anna Morrisby, 1664 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Frances Moseby, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); John Mosby, 1774 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Moscroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

1 English: variant of **Moscrop**, remodelled as if from a place-name containing Old English *croft* ‘small enclosed plot’.

2 English: variant of **Muscroft**.

### Moscrop

**Variants:** **Moscscrop**, **Mossop**, **Moscroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 723, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

English: nickname from the Middle English plant-name *mos-crop* ‘moss-crop (i.e. cotton-grass or silverweed)’, perhaps used of someone with a distinctive tufty or cottony head of hair. Compare **Lillierap**.

**Early bearers:** England: Alice Mosscrop, 1326 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); William Mossecrop, 1336 in *Lancs Inquests* (Samlesbury, Lancs); William Moscrop, 1573 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Cumb); Nicholas Moscrop, 1583 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); John Mosscroft, 1641, John Mosscrop, 1647 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Ellin Mossop, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Easter Mosop, 1706, John Moscop, 1710 in *IGI* (Beckermet, Cumb).

Scotland: John dictus Moscrop, 1326 in *Paisley Register*; John Moscrop, 1426 in *Black* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

### Mosdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mosedale**.

### Mosdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants
- English: see **Mosedale**.

### Mose

**Variants:** **Moase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Middx, and Surrey

1 English: nickname from the Middle English bird-name *mose* ‘titmouse’ (Old English *māse*).

**Early bearers:** Johanne le Mose, Willmo Mose, 1296, Alano le Mose, 1327, Robto le Mose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Mose, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo Mose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Wyllya Mose, 1540 in *IGI* (Rudgwick,

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Sussex); Janne Mose, 1559 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Moase, 1609 in *IGI* (Wotton, Surrey); Robart Moase, 1609 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

**2** English: locative name from Moze in Beaumont (Essex), or other places with names deriving from either Old English *mos* or Old Scandinavian *mosi* ‘moss, bog’. There may be some confusion with **Muse**.

**Early bearers:** John de Muse, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Mose, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Christiana de Muse, 1312, Christiana de Moese, John de Mose, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Mose, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willemus de Mosze, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catton, Norfolk); Joane Mose, 1546 in *IGI* (East Barming, Kent); Francis Mose, 1564 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); Ric Mose, 1567 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Christopher Mose, 1582 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 328.

## Moseby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Mosby**.

## Mosedale

**Variants:** **Mosdell, Mosdale, Mousdale, Mousdell, Mouldale, Molesdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, Derbys, and Warwicks; London

English: locative name from Mosedale (Cumb) or Mossdale in Hawes (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Mosedale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salkeld, Cumb); Robert de Mosdall, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Mosdale, 1390, John Mosdale, 1394, John Mosedale, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (the king’s serjeant-at-arms and keeper of Scarborough Castle, NR Yorks); John Mosedale, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eaton Constantine, Shrops); Jone Mosedall, 1606 in *IGI* (London); George Mousdale, 1636, Thomæ Mouldale, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Will Mosedall, 1681, Jane Mosdall, 1682 in *IGI* (Newborough, Staffs); Mary Mowdsel, 1687 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); James Molesdale, 1742 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 267.

## Moseley

**Variants:** **Mosley, Mosely, Mossley, Mozeley, Mozley, Morsley, Morseley, Mousley, Mouseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5031, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2715
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks; also WR Yorks and Lancs

**1** English: locative name from Moseley by Birmingham (Worcs) or, less probably, Moseley near Worcester (Worcs) or Moseley in West Dean (Gloucs). There has probably been some confusion with **Mowsley**.

**Early bearers:** Suen de Moseleia, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William de Moseleg, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alan de Moselegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Aliciam Moseleye, 1381–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Mosley, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ric’us Morssley, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Dyrham, Gloucs); Mary Morsely, 1617 in *IGI* (Dyrham, Gloucs); Thomas Morsley, 1711 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 128, 356; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 228.

**2** Jewish: unexplained; possibly adopted for *Mosse* (see **Moss**).

**Early bearers:** Ephraim Moseley, synagogue secretary, 1874 in *Gloucs Hebrew Community*; Moss Moseley, in *Census 1851* (London).

## Mosely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London; Staffs and Derbys

English: see **Moseley**.

## Moser

**Variants:** **Mozer, Mosher, Moyser, Moiser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs and Westm

English: locative name from Moser in Whitwell (Westm) or Mosser (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Moserwe, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Adam de Mosergha, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Skelsmergh, Westm); John de Musergh, 1294 in *Close Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas de Mosergh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); [. . . de] Mosehergh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westm); John Moser, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Martyne Moser, 1568, Melker Moyser, 1582 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Percivall Moyser, 1577 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Richerd Moyser, 1590 in *IGI* (Stongate, York); Franncis Moiser, 1597 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Mozer, 1601 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 149; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 422–3.

## Moses

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3247, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3059
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham; Monmouths and Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Dublin
- Jewish, English, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical name *Moses*, Hebrew *Moshe*. Compare **Moyes** and **Moyses**.

**Further information:** As a Welsh surname, it was adopted by Dissenter families in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: David Moses, 1809 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Aaron and Hannah Moses, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Harris Moses, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Reuben Moses, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Marks Moses, tailor’s presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Solomon Moses, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London). England: John Moses, 1544 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Wllm. Moses, 1569 in *IGI* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); Christofer Moses, 1581 in *IGI* (Leeds, Yorks).

Wales: Catherine Moses, 1641 in *IGI* (Ruabon, Wrexham, Denbighs); Anne Moses, 1691 in *IGI*

(Trevethin, Monmouths); Daniel Moses, 1745 in *IGI* (Carmarthens).

## Mosey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Moysey**.

## Mosgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Angus
- English: see **Musgrave**.

## Mosher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Moser**.

## Mosley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2909, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2817
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Moseley**.

## Mosman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb
- Scottish: see **Mossman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Moss

**Variants:** **Mosse, Mosses**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24518, Ireland 480
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Dublin

**1** English: locative name from Middle English *mos* ‘moss, bog’ (Old English *mos*), either topographic for someone who lived at a boggy place or toponymic from one or other of the many places so called, such as Moss (WR Yorks) and Mose in Quatford (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** David del Mos, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Stephen atte Mos, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robert del Mosse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Alano dil Mosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lancs); Johannes del Mosse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); William Mosse, clerk, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops and Leics); John de Mosse, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Elizabeth Mosse, 1575 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

**2** Irish: in Ulster, adopted for Ó Maolmóna or Ó Maolmhóna ‘descendant of Maolmóna’, a personal name based on *maol* ‘servant, tonsured one, i.e. devotee’ + a second element which was assumed to be *móin* (genitive *móna*) ‘moorland, peat bog’.

**Early bearers:** Art O’Mulwoan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Corleck, Monaghan); Art O’Mullmana, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumlinny, Monaghan); Manus Mulmanna, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonamongan, Tyrone); Bryan Moss, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone).

**3** Jewish: from the personal name *Mosse*, a common form of *Moses*, which seems also to have been used

by non-Jews and to have contributed to the surname: Ailmerus filius Mosse, 1153–68, or Almer Mosse, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk) was probably English. Compare also Richard Mosse, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs), Richard Mosse, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** medieval: Mossus cum naso, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Master Mosse the Jew of London, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

modern: Robert Moss, 1596 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Elizabeth Moss, 1773 in *IGI* (Church of Weston, Yorks). Sarah Moss, 1817 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Barnet Moss, looking-glass manufacturer, born in Deptford, Kent, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); brothers Lazarus (jeweller's assistant), Samuel (jeweller), Israel (apprentice), and Moses Moss (bootmaker), in *Census 1881* (Finsbury, Middx); Woolf Moss, born in Danzig, Prussia, 1894 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Edmonton, Middx); Solomon Moss, ladies' tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Moss, rag merchant, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs).

### Mosscrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Moscrop**.

### Mosse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois
- English: see **Moss**.

### Mosses

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Moss** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Mossey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Moysey**.

**Early bearers:** Malachias Mossey, 1597, William Mosey, 1606 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Wilfrey Mossey, 1715 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Mossley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: see **Moseley**.

### Mossman

**Variants:** Mosman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 489
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs; Northumb; Beds and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Fermanagh

1 Scottish: locative name, occupational name from Middle English or Scots *mos* 'moss, bog' + *man* 'man', either in the sense 'a person who lives at a boggy place' or perhaps 'an official who is responsible for an area of bog or the peat-cutting on it'. Compare **Moorman**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Thoma Mosman, 1426 in *Midlothian Charters* (Midlothian); Andrew Mossman, 1534 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Stobo, Peebles); John Mossman, 1541 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks). England: Agnes Mosman, 1608 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); John Mossman, 1632 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Elizabeth Mossman, 1765 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *most* 'largest, greatest, highest ranking' + *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Mostman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whotton, Leics); Geo. Mossman, 1576, Joyes Mosman, 1617 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics); William Mosman, 1607 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Mossom

**Variants:** Mosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: (i) variant of **Mawson**, as suggested by John Mawson, 1723, Wm. Mosson, 1745 in *IGI*, Isabella Mossom, 1758 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham). (ii) alternatively, a variant of **Mowson**, or **Molson** (see **Moulson**). Compare Alice Mowson, 1663 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham) and Richardi Mowson, 1586 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs), but in Durham *Mowson* could also be a variant form of (i) and in Lincs *Mosson* and *Mossom* may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robte Mossum, 1607 in *IGI* (North Cockerington, Lincs); Faith Mossom, 1613, Ralph Mosson, 1631 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Mary Mossum, 1690, Hezekias Mossom, 1705 in *IGI* (Belleau and Aby, Lincs); Ann Mowsom, 1739, Elizabeth Mosson, 1798 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Wm. Mosson, 1745 in *IGI*, Isabella Mossom, 1758 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Motson**.

### Mosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: in Gloucs perhaps a variant of **Mawson**. Compare Tacie Mawson, 1570 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); John Mawson, 1645 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs). Otherwise see (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Mosson, 1767 in *IGI* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs).

2 English: variant of **Moston** with assimilation of the /t/ to the preceding /s/. Compare Jois. Mosson, 1620, Thomæ Moston, 1630 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); John Moston, 1637, John Mosson, 1673 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); William Mosson, 1669, William Moston, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Early bearers:** Maria Mosson, 1585 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); John Mosson, 1675 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops).

3 English: see **Mossom**.

### Mossop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 811

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: variant of **Moscrop** with simplification of the consonant cluster -scr- to -s-.

### Mostafa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Mustafa**.

### Mostin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London

1 English, Welsh: see **Mostyn**.

2 English: see **Moston**.

### Moston

**Variants:** Mostin, Mostyn, Mosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs

1 English: locative name from Moston (Lancs), Moston by Chester or Moston Green (both Cheshire), or Moston in Stanton upon Hine Heath (Shrops). There has probably been some confusion with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Moston, 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Moston, 1286 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Moston by Chester); Robert de Moston, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Mostun, 1351 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Moston Green); Robertus de Moston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Child's Ercall, Shrops); Benedictus de Moston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton Say, Shrops); Almoricus de Moston', Emory de Moston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moston, Shrops); Johannes de Moston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Turton, Lancs); Hugh de Moston, 1389 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Alan of Moston, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Caterine Moston, 1562 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Joane Moston, 1593 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); George Moston, 1725 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 259; 4, pp. 141–2; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 36; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 214; 5, p. 218.

2 Welsh, English: see **Mostyn**.

### Mostyn

**Variants:** Mostin, Moston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and N Wales: esp. Denbighs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo; Dublin

1 Welsh, English: locative name from Mostyn (Flints). There has probably been some confusion with (2).

**Early bearers:** Wales: William Mostyn, 1568 in *Morris, Welsh Surnames*; Magdalena Mosten, 1635 in *IGI* (Holt, Denbighs); Thomas Mostyn, 1651 in *IGI* (Mostyn, Flints).

England: Katharine Mostyn, 1625 in *IGI* (Swettenham, Cheshire); William Mostin, 1706 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jhn Mostyn, 1715 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

2 English: see **Moston**.

**Early bearers:** Thomæ Moston, 1630, Wm. Mostin, 1738 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

**Mota**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Spanish, Portuguese: (i) locative name from Spanish and Portuguese *mot(t)a*, a borrowing from Old French *motte*, denoting someone who lived by a fortified stronghold. Compare **Mott** (2). (ii) locative name from Mota (Cuenca, Valladolid).

2 Catalan: (i) locative name from Catalan *mota*, denoting someone who lived by a hillock. (ii) locative name from Mota (Girona, Valencia).

**Motala**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

**Mote**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs
- English: see **Moat**.

**Moth**

Variants: **Mothe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 387
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, and Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *mothe* ‘moth’ (Old English *moððe*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Mothe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Ales Mothe, 1562 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Moath, 1578 in *IGI* (Weston Patrick, Hants); Sara Mothe, 1584, Thomas Moth, 1587 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William Mothe, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants).

**Mothe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Mott**.

**Mother**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Mothers**.

**Mothers**

Variants: **Mother**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: (i) relationship name, nickname probably from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Móðir*, *Modher*, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) however, the form of 1279 is clearly the Middle English word *moder* ‘mother’.
- Early bearers:** given names: Moder, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk). surnames: Vlfgiot Moder, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Alicia le Moder, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Mother, 1519 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens’ Accounts* (Worcs); Ellenor Mother, 1665 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Rich. Mothers, 1701 in *IGI* (Amphill, Beds); John Mothers, 1740 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

**Mothersdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Mothersill**.

**Mothersdill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Mothersill**.

**Mothershaw**

Variants: **Mottershaw**, **Mottershead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: locative name from Moddershall in Stone (Staffs), which is recorded as *Modredeshale* in 1086, *Modreshalle* in 1305, and *Mothersall* in 1551.

Pronunciation of *-shall* as *-shaw* is a common variation. The name sometimes developed to or was confused with **Mottershead** (compare the bearers of both names in Audley and Leek, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** William de Modreshalle, 1305 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Will’mo de Modeshale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Penkridge, Staffs); [ . . . de] Modershale, 1333, [ . . . de] Modreshale, 1339 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Sarah Mothershal, 1737 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Mary Mothershaw, 1780 in *IGI* (Acton Trussall and Bednall, Staffs); David Mathershaw, 1809 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Thomas Mothersall, 1818 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 392.

2 English: see **Mottershaw**, **Mottershead**.

**Mothersill**

Variants: **Mothersdill**, **Mothersdale**, **Mothersole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: nickname from an abbreviated form of the Middle English oath, *bi min moderes saule* (or *soule*) ‘by my mother’s soul’. Compare James Fadersall (‘by my father’s soul’), 1486 in *York Freeman’s Register*. In NR Yorks the name was altered to *Mothersill*, and then to *Mothersdill* and *Mothersdale* through false association with the many *-dale* place-names and surnames in that part of the world.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to confirm Reaney’s alternative explanations of *Mothersole* and *Mothersill* as either locative, from Moddershall (Staffs), or as a nickname ‘proud soul’, attested by Richard Modisaule, Modisoule, 1274, Hugh Modysowel, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** N England: Ralph Modersoule, 1313 in *Close Rolls* (Lancs); William Modirsale, 1434 in *Yorks Deeds* (Sigston, NR Yorks); William Mothersall, 1548 in *Yorks Wills* (Stainsby, NR Yorks); Johanne Mothersill, 1551 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Thomysin Mothersall, 1591 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); Thomas Mothersell, 1663 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); George Mothersall, 1666 in *IGI* (Crathorne, NR Yorks); Thomas Mothersall, 1702, John Mothersell, 1708, William Mothershall, 1724, John Mothersil, 1743, Richard Mothersdill, 1812 in

*IGI* (Over Silton, NR Yorks); Martha Motherssell, 1797, Isaac Mothersdale, 1801 in *IGI* (Carlton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Robert Mothersdale, 1807 in *IGI* (Seamer by Stokesley, NR Yorks); Thomas Mothersdale, 1807, Robert Mothersdill, 1836 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Forest, NR Yorks); Nathan Mothersole, 1891 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham). SE England: Elizabeth Mothersole, 1544 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Matthew Mothersole, 1661 in *IGI* (Little Ellingham, Norfolk); Simon Mothersole, 1709 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Mothersole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Mothersill**.

**Motherway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English, Irish: in Ireland, this is a common surname in east Cork. It is of obscure origin, apparently imported to Ireland from Bristol in the 18th century.
- Early bearers:** England: Mary Motherway, 1742 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Joannes Motherway, 1829 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Ann Motherway, 1832 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).
- Ireland: Garrett Motherway, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Garryvoe Upper, Cork); Ellen Motherway, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Pillmore, Cork).

**Motherwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Motherwell (Lanarks).
- Early bearers:** John de Motherwell, 1244 in *Scottish Annals*; Adam de Modervale, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Valter de Modirwall, 1415 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Aristotle Moderwell, 1540 in *Lamont Papers*; Alester Modrell, 1596 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Renfrew, Renfrews); Catheren Motherell, 1675 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); John Motherwell, 1711 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews); David Motherwell, 1747 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Jennet Motherwill, 1754 in *IGI* (Sidwell, Devon); Andrew Motherwell, 1789 in *IGI* (Rutherglen, Lanarks).

**Motin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

**Motion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Angus
- Scottish: possibly a variant of **Mowson**.
- Early bearers:** Anna Moason, 1672 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Johne Motion, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife); David Mousen, 1731 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); Robert Moshun, 1750 in *IGI* (Carnbee, Fife).

**Motley**

- Variants: **Mottley**, **Modley**, **Moodley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Carlow
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *motley* ‘motley, cloth or garments of a mixed colour’, also ‘parti-coloured, variegated’, presumably for a person who wore or made motley. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Alys Motlye, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Modley, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Edmund Modley, 1558 in *TNA* (Worcs); Ricus. Modlay, 1561 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Motley, 1576 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Margerette Mottleye, 1577 in *IGI* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); Richard Motley, about 1600 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 49 (Kent); Crofer Modley, 1604 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Araon Motley, 1609 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs); Thomas Modley, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Neston, Cheshire); Jon Motly, 1719 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Michael Modley of Wigan, 1780 in *Wigan Archives* (Lancs); Robert Moodly, 1793 in *IGI* (Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Mutley in Plymouth (Devon), which is recorded as *Modlei* in 1086. The place-name possibly derives from Old English (*ge*)*mot* ‘meeting’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing, glade’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Motleghe, 1311 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William de Motlegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); Johannes Motelegh, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Trematon manor, Cornwall); [ . . . ] Motelegh, 1492 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Francis Motley, 1677 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); John Modley, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Silverton, Devon); Ann Modley, 1767 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 235–6.

3 English: variant of **Mutlow**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Mottley, 1639 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); George Mottley, 1692 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire).

### Motlow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Mutlow**.

### Motram

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mottram**.

### Motrum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mottram**.

### Motson

**Variants:** **Mossom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name probably ‘son of Maud’, from the Middle English female personal name *Moud*, *Mout* (Maud), reduced to *Mod-*, *Mot-*, + *-son*. See **Mould**, and compare **Maddison**, with which *Modson* and *Motson* coincide in some Lincs parishes (Hagworthingham, Boston). See also **Matson**. However, the absence of medieval forms of the

surname raises the possibility that the name might be an altered form of some other name.

**Early bearers:** Elyzabethe Motson, 1572 in *IGI* (Chillenden, Kent); Elizabeth Modson, 1626, Christopher Modson, 1687 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); John Motson, 1732 in *IGI* (Langton by Wragby, Lincs); George Modson, 1807, Sarah Motson, 1829 in *IGI* (East Keal, Lincs); Hannah Motson, 1817 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Mott

**Variants:** **Motte**, **Motts**, **Mothe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2750, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Motte*, a pet-form of *Matilda*. There has probably been some confusion with **Moat**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Mott, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Sussex); Motte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks).

urnames: William Mot, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Robert Motte, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Matilde Mot, Matilde Mott, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Mot, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Laurence Motte, 1371 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Cams); John Motte, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Weston, Herts).

### Motte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

English: see **Mott**.

### Motteram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Mottram**.

### Motterham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Mottram**.

### Mottershaw

**Variants:** **Mothershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs, Notts, Derbys, Staffs

1 English: locative name, probably a variant of **Mothershaw**. The name sometimes developed to or was confused with **Mottershead** (compare the bearers of both names in Audley and Leek, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Humphrey Mottershaw, 1631, Thomas Mottershaw, 1705 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Richardus Mottershaw, 1639, Richard Mottershaw, 1775 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Briget Mottershaw, 1655, Martha Mottershaw, 1790, James Mottershaw, 1836 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Elizabeth Mottershaw, 1741 in *IGI* (Halam, Notts); Will. Mottershaw, 1781, Maria Mottershaw, 1824 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Mottershaw, 1801 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Tooth*, I, 174.

2 English: locative name; in Cheshire, especially in Prestbury parish (see (1) above), it may be an altered

form of **Mottershead**, a name which originated in Prestbury, or else the two names may have co-existed and were confused with each other.

**Further information:** In *Tooth* and in *Place-Names of Cheshire*, it is suggested that the Cheshire surname may be derived from Murdishaw Wood in Runcorn (Cheshire), but the wood name is not recorded before 1831 and may be derived from the surname.

### Mottershead

**Variants:** **Mottershaw**, **Mothershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1005
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs
- English: locative name from *Mottershead*, a lost place in Mottram Saint Andrew, formerly in Prestbury parish (Cheshire). It may have developed to or become confused with **Mottershaw** (compare the Audley and Leek bearers in Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Halewysa de Mottersheved, 1349 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Mottershed, 1569, Marie Mottershed, 1629 in *IGI* (Mottram, Cheshire); Henry Mottershed, 1560, Thomas Mottershed, 1705, Thomas Mottershead, 1839 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Mottershed, 1579 in *IGI* (Butley, Cheshire); Johes Mottershed, 1686 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Hannah Motershead, 1759, David Mottershead, 1842 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Ann Mottershead, 1789 in *IGI* (Newton Heath, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire*, 1, p. 203.

### Mottley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Motley**.

### Motton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Mutton**.

### Mottram

**Variants:** **Motteram**, **Motterham**, **Motram**, **Mottrom**, **Motrum**, **Mottrem**, **Mottran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2897, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1615
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Mottram Saint Andrew or, less probably, Mottram in Longdendale (both Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Motterom, 1240 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Mottram Saint Andrew, Cheshire); John de Mottrum, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Roger Mottrom, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard Motteram, 1541 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Mottram, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Motrum, 1678 in *Norwich Depositions* (Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 202–3, 313–14;

### Mottran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Mottram**.

## Mottrem

### Mottrem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mottram**.

### Mottram

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Mottram**.

### Motts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: variant of **Mott** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Motts, 1541 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Nic. Motts, 1565 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk).

### Mouat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 522
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- Scottish: see **Mowat**.

### Mouatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines; Midlothian; Durham
- Scottish: see **Mowat**.

### Moubray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Peebles
- Norman, Scottish: see **Mowbray**.

### Moudy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Moody**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Moug

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- Scottish: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Isobell Mouge, 1634 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Isobell Mooge, 1686 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Agnas Moug, 1688 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

### Mough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Mowe**.

### Moughal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim: see **Mughal**.

### Moughtin

**Variants:** Moughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic \***Mac Mochtáin**, 'son of Mochtán' a personal name derived from a diminutive of Gaelic *mocht* 'great'.  
**Early bearers:** Mac Mochtán, 1505, Mac Moughton, 1550, Moughton, 1673 in *Kneen* (IoM); Avrick Mughton, 1658, Jony Moughtin, 1707 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); Jany Mughtin, 1753 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM); John Mughtyn, 1776 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM); Ann Mughtin, 1791, John Moughton, 1852 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM).

### Moughton

**Variants:** Mouton, Mowton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also IoM

1 English: locative name from Moulton Saint Mary (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Mothetun* in 1202.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mouton, 1280–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Freethorpe, Norfolk); William de Mouton, 1304–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Brundall, Norfolk); Johannes de Mouton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Raynham, Norfolk); Waltero de Mowton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newtown Linford, Leics); Hellen Moughton, 1608 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics); Alice Moughton, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Mowton, 1715 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk).

2 Manx: see **Mughtin**.

### Moul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Devon
- English: see **Moule**.

### Moulam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Mowlam**.

### Mouland

**Variants:** Mowland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Molland**, but chiefly a local development of the Dorset surname **Mowlam** with excrescent *-d*.

### Mould

**Variants:** Mold, Molde, Moul, Molt, Moule, Moulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3455, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2558
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; Wilts and Hants; also Durham

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Mold*, *Moud*, *Molt*, a variant of *Mald* or *Maud*, also known as *Matilda*; see **Malt**. William I's queen, generally referred to by historians as Matilda or Maud, is called *Mold* in Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, written in the mid-to-late 13th century. The surname appears in many forms and spellings; see **Moll**. Compare **Moulson**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Moude de Seint edmund, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Molde, Moolde, 1450 in *Withycombe*.

surnames: Hugh Mold, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Molt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Alanus

Mold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barrowden, Rutland); Rogerus Molde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warminster, Wilts); Johannes Molde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Johanne Mold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Willelmus Mold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); William Molde, chaplain, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Jane Mold, 1560 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Moule or Moulde, 1584 in *Bardsley*; Alice Moulte, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Bowden, Leics); Abigaile Molde, 1597 in *IGI* (Austrey, Warwicks); Anne Mould, 1599, John Mould, 1791 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); An Moulde, 1626 in *IGI* (Fovant, Wilts); Henrie Mold, 1666 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Mould, 1689 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Alice Moulte, 1695 in *IGI* (Strelley, Notts).

2 English: locative name see **Maude**.

### Moulden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Herts; Wilts

English: see **Moulton**.

### Moulder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 532
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *molder* 'bread-maker, baker', a derivative of Middle English *molden* 'to knead loaves, to bake'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Moldere, 1290 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Thomas le Moldar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Hugone Moldar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatherop, Gloucs); John Molder, 1487 in *Walthamstow Wills* (Essex); Richard Moulder, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Poulton, Wilts); Edward Moulder, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

### Moulding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1160, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 720
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Moulton**.

### Mouldon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Moulton**.

### Moulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

English: (i) variant of **Mould** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) variant of **Moles** with an intrusive *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Robt Moulds, 1593 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Anna Moulds, 1676 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

### Moule

**Variants:** Moul, Mowl, Mowle, Mowll, Mowell, Moyle, Mullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1589, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1034

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Devon; Essex and Cambs

1 English: variant of **Moll**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mule*, *moul* 'a mule' (Old English *mūl*), perhaps for someone who was stupid or stubborn, or for someone who worked with mules. In the post-medieval period the surname will have been pronounced to rhyme with *owl* and been spelled *Mowl(e)*, but it was probably interchangeable with the synonymous **Mule**, and **Moyle**, which are derived from Old French *mule*. Compare John Moyle, 1583 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants), with the 1728 example below. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Moul, 1305, John le Moule, 1319 in *Assize Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John le Moul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tanworth, Warwicks); William le Moul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Mouel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Andover hundred, Hants); Rychard Mowle, 1546 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Margaret Mowle, 1551 in *IGI* (Berryarbor, Devon); Rogerus Moule, 1562 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Willmus Moule, 1565 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Johis. Mowle, 1569 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Ailce Moule, 1576 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Johis Moule, 1576 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Edward Mowle, 1580 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); William Mowle, 1590 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Robert Mowle, 1592 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willm. Mowle, 1612 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Elizabeth Mowell, 1614 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Francisca Mowle, 1619 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk); John Mowl, 1728 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 145.

3 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from a rare Middle English personal name *Mule*, spelled *Mole* in accordance with Norman spelling conventions. It represents either Old English *Mūl(a)* or Old Scandinavian *Mūli*. If it survived as a hereditary surname it will have been spelled *Mowl(e)* in the post-medieval period and pronounced to rhyme with the word *owl*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey filius Mol' 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert filius Mole, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

4 English: variant of **Mould** with loss of final *-d*.

### Moules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: see **Moles**.

### Mouldsdales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: variant of **Mosedale** with intrusive *-l-*.

### Moulson

**Variants:** Mowson, Molson, Mossom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name 'son of *Mold* or *Moll*', common Middle English versions of the female

name *Maud* or *Matilda*. See under **Malt**, **Mould**, and **Moll** (1).

**Early bearers:** Walterus filius Molle, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Robert Mollesone, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Mollesone, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Moldesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rob't Mollesone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Moldesone, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Nicholas Moldson', 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Molson, 1568 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Abigail Molson, 1639 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Abel Moulson, 1798 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

2 English: sometimes a variant of **Mowson** (if not vice versa).

**Early bearers:** Robt Mowson, 1607, John Moulson, 1691 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Nicholas Mowson, 1624, Jane Molson, 1641 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Mary Moulson, 1772, Thomas Mowson, 1777 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Moult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 775, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 624
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cheshire and Lancs
- English: variant of **Mould**.

### Moulten

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Moulton**.

### Moulton

- Variants:** Molton, Molten, Moulten, Multon, Moulden, Mouldon, Moldon, Molden, Moulding
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2047, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Norfolk

English: locative name from one or more of the places named Moulton (Cheshire, Lincs, Norfolk, Northants, Staffs, Suffolk, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ælfgar de Muletune, about 975 in *Book of Ely* (Suffolk); Thomas de Moleton, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Bartholomei de Multon', 1309–12 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Northants); Thomas de Multon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus Moulton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Wilmcote, Warwicks); John Multon, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johnis Moulton, 1545 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Edward Moulton, 1561 in *IGI* (Clay Coton, Northants); Elizabeth Moulton, 1564 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Agnes Moulton, 1564 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francys Moulton, 1600 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

### Moultray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

### Moultrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

### Moultrie

**Variants:** Moultrie, Moultray, Moutrie, Moutrey, Moutray, Mutrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Multref, 1291, Adam de Multreve, 1292 in *Ragman Rolls* (Berwick, Berwicks); John Multrare, 1444 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ayr, Ayr); John Multrare, 1531 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Seafeld, Fife); George Mutrich, 1530 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Wynnin Multray, 1542 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Robert Moultrie, 1677 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Margaret Moultrie, 1679 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Mary Multrie, 1703 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Thomas Mutrie, 1784 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews).

### Mounce

**Variants:** Mounts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman: locative name of uncertain origin, possibly from Moyon (Manche). Compare **Moon** (1).

**Further information:** The place-name Mohun's Ottery in Luppitt (Devon), which is recorded as *Otermoun* in 1285, *Oteri Mohoun* in 1297, and *Mounesotery* in 1453, derives its affix from the family of *Mohun* who held the manor in 1242.

**Early bearers:** William de Mounz, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); William Mounz, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lifton, Devon); Joan Mounce, 1549 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Thomas Mounce, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); Olyver Mounce, 1603 in *IGI* (Tetcott, Devon); Christen Mounts, 1654 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 642.

### Mouncer

**Variants:** Mounser, Mouncher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Mouncey**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Mounser, 1558 in *IGI* (London); Ellyn Mounser, 1573 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Elizabeth Mowanser, 1610 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Africa Mounser, 1618 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); William Mounsir, 1670 in *IGI* (York); John Mounser, 1681 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Mounsher, 1691, Andrew Mouncher, 1693 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Mouncey

**Variants:** Mounsey, Monsey, Muncey, Munsey, Muncie, Munsie, Mancey, Mansey, Mouncer, Muncy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman: locative name from any of numerous places in France called Monceau, Moncel, Montceau, Mousseaux, Monchel, and similar, all derived from Old French *moncel* 'small hill' (Latin \**monticellum*). **Further information:** William de Moncels (1086 in *Domesday Book*) came from Monceaux (Calvados). Edonea de Munchaus (1185 in *Templars Records*), also called de Herste, had a son, Waleran, called both de Herste and de Muncaus; they came from Monchaux (Seine-Maritime) and their name survives in Herstmonceaux (Sussex), pronounced *Hurstmounsies*.

## Moucher

**Early bearers:** England: William de Moncels, Moncellis, Muntcellis, Muncellis, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Z [ . . . ] de Muncelhaus, Edonea de Munchaus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); William Munci, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); Adam de Moncell', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Moncell', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Walter de Mouncey, de Munsy, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; John Mounsy, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Hugo Monceaux, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Kuardine Muncel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ellen Monsey, 1559 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Elizabeth Munsie, 1570 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Anna Maunsye, 1579 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Margaret Mouncey, 1639 in *IGI* (Matterdale, Cumb); Elizabeth Mancey, 1669 in *IGI* (Heckfield, Hants).

Scotland: Agnes Munsie, 1694 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Moucher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW
- English: see **Moucer**.

### Mound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs; London
- English: see **Maund**.

### Mounfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Mountfield**.

### Mouner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: see **Moucer**.

### Mounsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1048, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 859
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Durham
- English: see **Mouney**.

### Mount

**Variants:** Mounts, Munt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1439, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Down and Antrim

English: locative name, either topographic from Middle English *mont*, *munt* 'mount, hill', or toponymic from one or more of the many minor places so called, such as Mount in Elham (Kent). Compare **Mounter**.

**Early bearers:** John de Muntas, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Elham, Kent); Richard del Mount, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Monte, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rushden, Herts); Ric'us de Mounte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Elham, Kent); Nich'us Mounte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Downhamford hundred, Kent); John de

Mounte, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitstable hundred, Kent); William Mounte, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wrotham hundred, Kent); Robertus Munt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lawford, Essex); Ricardo de Mount, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorton, Leics); Thomas Mount, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, IoW); Alexander Mont, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovel Barn, Sussex); Thomas Monte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); Willelmus del Mount, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Willelmus atte Monte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Esabell Mount, 1548 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Margarey Mount, 1565 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 434.

### Mountain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2529, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2113
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford; also Kerry

1 Norman: locative name from Old French *montagne* 'mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mounteyne, about 1240 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); William Montayn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); William Mountayn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Willelmus Mountaigne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopthorpe with Middlethorpe, WR Yorks); Alexander Mountayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gatcombe, Hants); Robert Mounteyn', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

2 English: variant of **Monkton**, influenced by folk etymology.

**Further information:** The same development is seen in several place-names, such as Mountain Wood in Newnham (Kent), which is recorded as *Muneketon*' in 1202, Mountain Farm in Marden (Kent), recorded as *Monketon* in 1535, and Mountain Lains in Clyffe Pypard (Wilts), recorded as *Monckton lane* in 1549. **Early bearers:** George Mountayne, 1559, Agnes Mounckton, 1583 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); Katherine Mounkton, 1589, Clare Mounckton, 1596, John Mounton, 1605, Elizabeth Mountaine, 1607 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 288, 316; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 494.

3 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the Norman name (1), it is Irish Ó Manntáin, see **Manton**.

### Mountcastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Muncaster**.

**Early bearers:** Willm Muncaster, 1630, Elizabeth Mountcastle, 1635, John Mouncaster, 1640, Lyon Moncaster, 1671, Thomas Mountcasell, 1706, John Mouncastle, 1729, Mary Mountcasel, 1735 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Maolchaisil, see **Cashell**. A family of this name was associated with Ballymulcashell in Clare. Woulfe says that a registrar in Munster changed the name to Mountcashell around 1840.

### Mounteney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, and Derbys
- Norman, English: see **Mountney**.

## Mounter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English \**monter* 'dweller on the mount or hill'. Compare **Mount** and **Hiller** (2). This type of formation, where the suffix *-er* is added to a topographical term, is mostly found in S England.

**Early bearers:** John le Mountere, 1305, William le Mountere, 1327, Henry le Montare, 1333 in *Fransson* (Hants); Richard le Monter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardo Monter', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kington Magna, Dorset); Ricardus Mounter, Johannes Monter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Hants); Phinasse Mounter, 1602 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Grace Mounter, 1690 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Thomas Mounter, 1769 in *IGI* (Fivehead, Somerset).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 200.

## Mountfield

**Variants:** Mounfield, Munfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Mandeville**, modified as if from an English place-name. Compare **Manderfield** and **Manfield** (2).

**Early bearers:** John Mounfield, 1664, John Mountfield, 1683 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Samuel Mounfield, 1769 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Mountfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Mundifeld, about 1215 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Laurence de Mundefeld, 1235 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex and Kent); George Mountfield, 1586 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Mounfield, 1602, Mary Mounfield, 1604 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex); Mary Muntfeld, 1671 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Jeane Monfeld, 1696 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); Thomas Mountfield, 1736 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 474–5.

## Mountford

**Variants:** Montford, Montfort, Mountfort, Mountfort, Monfort, Monforte, Mundford, Munford, Mumford, Manford, Minford, Mowforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3893, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2661
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: locative name from Montfort-sur-Risle (Eure) or from one or other of various places called Montfort in France. Many of the early forms are indistinguishable from those of Mundford (Norfolk); see **Munford**.

**Further information:** Simon de Montfort, 6th Earl of Leicester, led a rebellion against Henry III (1216–1272).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Montford, de Montfort, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hugo de Munford, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Hugo de Mundfort, 1087 in *Canterbury Inquisition*; Ralph de Munford, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent), de Muntford, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Simon de Mumford, de Munford, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Jonas Montford, 1618 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Samuel Monfort, 1652 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Anne Manfort, 1672 in *IGI* (Cound,



Shrops); John Montfort, 1679 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Thomas Munford, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Ann Mundford, 1796 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset).

### Mountfort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Mountjoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs
- Norman: locative name from *Montjoie*, a crusaders' name derived from that of the mountain in Palestine from which the first view of Jerusalem was obtained. The name was adopted for several places in western Europe (notably Montjoie-Saint-Martin in Manche), and this, or the original, could have given rise to the English surname.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert de Montgoye, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Elias Munjoye, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert de Mountgay, de Mungay, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John Mountjoye, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Mounioye, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Ricardus Mountjoie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); George Mountjoye, 1598 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Mary Mountjoy, 1617 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon).

### Mountney

- Variants:** **Mounteney**, **Mounty**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, Warwicks, and Notts
- Norman, English: locative name from one or more of numerous places in France called Montigny or similar, such as Montigny (Calvados, Manche, Seine-Maritime), Montigny-en-Gohelle (Pas de Calais), Montigny-les-Jongleurs (Somme), and Montigny-en-Cambrésis (Nord).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Munteigni, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Michael de Munteny, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Johanni de Munteny, 1304–16 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Notts); Willelmus de Mounteney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Threxton, Norfolk); Johan Mountenay, Johannes Montenay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johannes Mounteneye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); Thomas Mountenay, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Dorithia Mountnay, 1592 in *IGI* (West Hallam, Derbys); Thomas Mounteney, 1628 in *IGI* (Newbold Verdon, Leics).

### Mounts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Devon
- 1 English: variant of **Mount** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew Mounts, 1825 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks).
- England: Martha Mounts, 1563 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent).
- 2 Norman, English: in Devon, a variant of **Mounce**.

### Mountstephen

- Variants:** **Mountstevan**, **Mountstephens**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Mountstephen House in Halberton (Devon).
- Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Mountstephene, [ . . . ] Mountstevane, 1281, 1322, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Halberton, Devon); Walteri Mountstevan, 1346, Willelmus Mountstevan, Willelmi Monstevan, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Tiverton and Halberton hundreds, Devon); John Mounstevan, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Mary Mountstevan, 1564 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); John Mountstevan, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Luppitt, Devon); Edward Mountstephen, 1627 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Marye Mountstevan, 1633 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Richard Mountstephen, 1692 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 549, 643.

### Mountstephens

- Variants:** **Mountstevens**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: variant of **Mountstephen** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Joane Mountstephens, 1630 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edward Mountstevens, 1656 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Charlotte Mountstephens, 1804 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Mountstevan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Mountstephen**.

### Mountstevens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: see **Mountstephens**.

### Mounty

- Variants:** **Monty**, **Munty**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts
- English: of uncertain origin; perhaps, if the medieval bearers given below are relevant, a variant of **Mountney** with dissimilatory loss of *-n-*. Otherwise, perhaps a variant of **Mundy**.
- Early bearers:** Emma Mounty, Willelmus Munty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Thomas Monty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); Robt Monty, 1604 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); John Mounty, 1701 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jane Munty, 1707 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Ann Mounty, 1777 in *IGI* (Maiden Bradley, Wilts); William Munty, 1799 in *IGI* (Stratton, Gloucs); Thomas Monty, 1830 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

### Mourant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298

- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French: see **Morant**.
- Early bearers:** Anne Mourant, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey).

### Mourton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs
- English: see **Morton**.

### Mousdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Flints
- English: see **Mosedale**.

### Mousedell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Mosedale**.

### Mouse

- Variants:** **Mowse**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *mous* 'mouse' (Old English *mūs*). Some post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Æluric Mus, 1086 in *Camb's Inquisition* (Cams); Walensem Mus, 1205 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Galfro le Mus, 1296, Robto le Mous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogero Mous, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stotfold, Beds); Roberto Mous, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cockayne Hatley, Beds); John Mous, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Geoffrey le Mous, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robertus Mous, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ketton, Rutland); Adam Mous, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rosedon, Northumb); Henricus Mouse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Enson, Staffs); Johannes Mous, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Wilts); Stephanus Mous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snetterton, Norfolk); Johanne Mous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Henricus Mouse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Roberto Mous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Thomas Mous, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Cornwall); William Mows, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); Agnes Mowsse, 1567 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds).
- 2 English: perhaps a variant of **Mow** + post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Further information:** *Mow*, which is found as a Beds surname, may have been pronounced to rhyme with both *grow* and *cow* in post-medieval dialects. In the latter case the *-s* form would have become identified with the word *mouse*.

### Mouseley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: variant of **Moseley** or **Mowsley**.

### Mouser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: (i) nickname from the Middle English plant-name *mous-ere* 'mouse-ear hawkweed'

## Mousley

(*Hieracium pilosella*, used for a variety of medicinal purposes in the Middle Ages), or from Middle English *mous* ‘mouse’ + *ere* ‘ear’ as a nickname referring to physical appearance (see **Mouse**, and compare **Mussey**). (ii) nickname from Middle English *moussere* ‘mouser, an animal that hunts mice’, evidenced just once in medieval documents (‘Mowsare as a cattede’, 1440 in *MED*).

**Early bearers:** Gilebertum Musere, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Christina Mouser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Norfolk); John Mowser, 1559 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Henry Mouser, 1601 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); Mary Mouser, 1728 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk).

## Mousley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 704, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Derbys

English: variant of **Moseley** or **Mowsley**.

## Moussa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Musa**.

## Moustafa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Mustafa**.

## Mouton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cheshire; Devon; Norfolk

1 English: see **Mutton**.

2 Manx, English: see **Moughton**.

## Moutray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

## Moutrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

## Moutrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

## Moverley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: a Yorks variant of **Mobberley**.

## Mow

Variants: **Mouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Mowe**.

## Mowat

Variants: **Mowatt**, **Mouatt**, **Mouat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1763, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2024
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness and Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Mold (Flints), see **Maude**. Robert de Montealto, the first of this surname in Scotland, may be identical with the Robert de Montalt who raised Mold castle in about 1140 and related to Simon de Mohaut, the first of this surname in England. The distinctive Scottish form of the name has arisen from a shift of stress in *Mohaut* from the second to the first syllable. In Caithness and Orkney, according to Black, the surname is traditionally pronounced ‘Mode’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Montealto, 1124–53 in *Black*; Alexander de Mohaut, de Mouhat, de Mouhaut, de Muhaut, de Muhauth, 1198–1218 in *Black* (Arbroath and Brechin); William de Monte Alto, sheriff of Crumbathyn (Cromarty), 1263 in *Black*; John Mowet, 1410 in *Black* (Guthrie, Angus); Bessie Mowat, 1649 in *IGI* (Rathen, Aberdeens); Patrick Mowat, 1656 in *IGI* (Freswick, Canisbay, Caithness); William Mowat, 1719 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland); John Mowat, 1748 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); William Mowat, 1750 in *IGI* (North Hammersland, Tingwall, Shetland).

## Mowatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1081, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish: see **Mowat**.

## Mowbray

Variants: **Moubray**, **Memory**, **Mummery**, **Mumbray**, **Mulbery**, **Mulberry**, **Mawby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1764, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1236
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Norman, English: locative name from Montbray (Manche). There may occasionally have been some confusion with **Membury** and its variants. **Further information:** Robert de Mowbray was Earl of Northumbria 1086–95, but was later imprisoned and deposed for rebelling against William II.

**Early bearers:** Rodbeard a Mundbræg, 1087 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* E; Roger de Mulbrai, de Mubrai, about 1130, de Molbrai, about 1150 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Paganus de Moubrai, 1150 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger de Munbrai, de Moubrai, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs, Yorks); William de Mumbray, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); William Moubray, 1357, William de Moubray, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Richard Mulberye, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Mulbray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Edmund Moubray, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Mowbray, Memory, Membry, 1714, 1725, 1748, Samuel Mowbery, 1745 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics).

## Mowe

Variants: **Mow**, **Mough**, **Muff**, **Maw**, **Maufe**, **Mouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs; Notts

1 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English \**maugh*, \**maw*, \**mough*, \**mow*, ‘a kinsman by marriage, especially a son-in-law’, from Old Scandinavian *mágr* brother-, father- or son-in-law’ or Old English *māga* ‘male relative, son’. Compare Geoffrey Batis Mawe de Hakethorn of Rysum, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs). In Middle English surnames the term was used as an equivalent to Latin *gener* ‘son-in-law or other male relation by marriage’ as illustrated by John son of John Gibbemogh, 1325 (Liverpool), who is almost certainly the same person as Johannes filius Johannis, generi Gilbert, 1323, both in *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 353 (West Derby, Lancs). A related word, Middle English *mow* (from Old English *māge*), is on record with the sense ‘female relative by marriage, especially sister-in-law’. Compare ‘Mow, husbandys syster, or wyfys systyr, or syster in lawe’, 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*. But this seems an unlikely source for a surname borne by men. See also **Watmough**, **Hitchmough**, and **Hudsmith**, and compare **Mowson**. The pronunciation of the final consonant -gh was variable and accounts for the different spellings in *Mow*, *Maufe*, *Muff*, **Wattmuff**, *Watmouth* (see under **Watmough**), and **Hudsmith**. **Early bearers:** Richard son of Henry Mow, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gedling, Notts); Robert le Mogh of Gedling, 1335–6 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Henry le Mou, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Mowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alicia Mowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Alanus Moghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Henricus Mow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Alice Mowe, 1557 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); Bessie Mow, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspeth Mow, 1657 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Isaac Mow, 1709 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from a Middle English personal name, either a variant of *Maw*, a pet form of *Maheu* (*Matthew*), or a post-medieval variant of *Moll*, a pet form of *Maud*. See further under **Maw**, **Moll**, and compare **Mowson**. Any of the following bearers may alternatively belong under (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Charitye Mowe, 1587 in *IGI* (Perran Uthnoe, Cornwall); John Mow, 1686 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Ann Mow, 1744 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Edward Mow, 1793 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds).

3 English: locative name either ‘dweller by the meadow’, for which see **Maw** (3), or ‘dweller by the heap or stack’, from Middle English *moue*, *mowe*, *muwe*. In the former case the modern pronunciation would regularly rhyme with *slow*, in the latter case with *cow*, but in some dialects the first pronunciation sometimes developed into the latter. Compare **Dowland** and see also **Bowser** as a dialect pronunciation of *Bolsover*.

**Early bearers:** William de la Mowe, 1314–15 in *TNA* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William atte Mowe, 1343–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Willelmus Mow, Robertus Mowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Robert atte Mowe of Stambourne, 1336, Richard atte Mow of Runwell, 1413 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 475.

## Mowell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Cheshire

English: see **Moule**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Mower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 986, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Suffolk and Norfolk; WR Yorks; Gloucs

1 English: see **Mawer**.

2 English: occasionally a dialectal form of **Moore**.

**Early bearers:** Laurance a Mower, Ezabell Mower, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Mowforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: perhaps a variant of **Mountford**.

**Early bearers:** Janet Mowford, 1558, Henry Mowforth, 1571, Jane Mooforth, John Mouforth, 1610 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Anthony Moweforthe, 1579 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Mowforth, 1674 in *IGI* (Bishop Wilton, ER Yorks).

### Mowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Moule**.

### Mowlam

**Variants:** Mowlem, Moulam, Mowlan, Molan, Moland, Mouland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from a place called *Moulham* in Swanage (Dorset). The place-name is not marked on modern maps but is known locally at about NGR SZ 015800.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Mouleham, 1299, [... ] Moweheham, 1566 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Willelmo de Mulham, 1327, Will' de Moulham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Corfe Castle, Dorset); John Moulam, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Johanne Moulam, 1563, Aliche Mowland, 1562 in *IGI* (Whiteparish, Wilts); Johannis Mowlam, 1565 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Thomas Mowland, 1583 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); John Moland, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Breamore, Hants); Joan Mowlam, 1615 in *IGI* (Tarrant Hinton, Dorset); Mary Moulam, 1666, Tobias Mowlan, 1745 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Mary Moulam, 1693 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 55–6.

### Mowlan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Mowlam**.

### Mowland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Moulam**.

### Mowle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Kent
- English: see **Moule**.

### Mowlem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Mowlam**.

### Mowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Moles**.

### Mowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: see **Mulling**.

### Mowl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Moule**.

### Mowse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mouse**.

### Mowsley

**Variants:** Mousley, Mouseley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Mowsley (Leics). There has probably been some confusion with **Moseley**. **Early bearers:** Reginald de Muselee, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); William de Muslegh, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Musle, 1314 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Willelmus de Musley, 1377, Willelmo Mousele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coston, Leics); Johanne Mousley, 1379, Rogerus Mousele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lubeham, Leics); John Mouseley, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Theddingworth, Leics).

### Mowson

**Variants:** Mosson, Mossom, Motion, Mowson, Mawson, Moulson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *\*maugh*, *\*maw*, *\*mough*, *\*mow*, 'a kinsman by marriage, especially a son-in-law' + *-son*. See **Mowe** (1) and compare **Mawson**. Some of the following earlier bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** John Moweson', 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); William Moweson, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; Margarita Mowson, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Margrett Mowson, 1570 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Richardi Mowson, 1586 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Mathewe Mowson, 1616 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); George Mawson, 1616, Nicholas Mowson, 1624 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Mowsen, 1649, William Mowsone, 1650 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Alice Mowson, 1663,

Dorothy Moweson, 1668 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Sarah Mosen, 1728 in *IGI* (Bourton, Cambs).

2 English: post-medieval variant of **Mawson** (2), with the vowel rounded to give *Mowson*.

3 English: post-medieval variant of **Molson** (see **Moulson**), if not vice versa.

### Mowton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs
- English, Manx: see **Moughton**.

### Moxam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants

English: see **Moxham**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

### Moxey

**Variants:** Moxhay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from an unidentified place called *Moxhaye*, seemingly in Devon. Moxey's Copse in Upton Pyne and Moxhays in Yarcombe (both Devon) are probably named from the family rather than vice versa. The generic element is Middle English *hay* 'enclosure' (Old English *ge-hæg*), a term which is characteristic of minor place-names in Devon, particularly in the south-east of the county. **Early bearers:** Florence Moxhaye, 1544 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Georgius Moxhey, 1549 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Symonis Moxhay, 1558, Julyan Moxy, 1565 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Gylbert Moxhey, 1568 in *IGI* (Cheriton Bishop, Devon); Jeffrey Moxey, 1576, Richd Moxhay, 1787 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 456.

### Moxham

**Variants:** Moxam, Moxom, Moxsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 967, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 540
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

1 English: locative name from a lost place called *Moxhams* in Atworth (Wilts), which is recorded as *Mockesham* in 1236, *Moxham* in 1411, *Moxhams* in 1711.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Mokesham, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Agnes de Moxham, 1332 in *Edington Cartulary* (Westbury hundred, Wilts); John de Moxham, 1348 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Nicholas Moxam, 1568, John Moxham, 1622 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Agnes Moxham, 1599, Robart Moxam, 1608 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Rebekah Moxom, 1696 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 116.

2 English: in Lancs, perhaps a variant of **Moxon**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Moxom, 1661 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Gulielmo Moxham, 1798 in *IGI* (Wesham, Lancs).

**Moxhay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks; Devon
- English: see **Moxey**.

**Moxley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 192
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: locative name from Moxley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Mockeslawe* in 1259.
- Early bearers:** William de Mokkeslowe, chaplain, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Agnes Moxlow, 1544 in *IGI* (Pedmore, Worcs); Richard Moxley, 1574 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); John Moxley, 1601 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); Elisabeth Moxley, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Philip Moxley, 1727 in *IGI* (Trelleck, Monmouths).
- References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 401.

**Moxom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Dorset
- English: variant of **Moxham** or **Moxon**.

**Moxon**

- Variants:** **Moxsom**, **Moxom**, **Moxham**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2169, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1664
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Moke*, a reduced form of *Mocok*, a pet form of Matthew (see **Mock**), + *-son*. Steve Moxon has shown that Robert filius Mathei de Over Midehop (1333–6) was identical with Hugh filius Robert Mokeson de Midehop (1336) in the court rolls of Bradfield (WR Yorks). Also compare Willelmus Mokocson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); William Mocok of Bradeford alias William Jonsone Dikounsone Mocoksone of Haukeshawe, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks).
- Further information:** Siuward *Mocesun*, 1087–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk) is a compound of the Old English personal name *Mocca* + *son*, but there is no evidence that this gave rise to any examples of the modern surname. Nor is there any evidence to support Reaney's explanation of the name as *Mogge* (a pet form of Margaret or Margery) + *son*.
- Early bearers:** Robertus Mokeson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Elias Mokeson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Johannes Mokesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, WR Yorks); Rogerus Mokson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); John Moxson, 1499 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Thomas Mockeson, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thomas Mookeson, 1575 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Thomas Moxon, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Mockson, 1624 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Joseph Moxon, 1658 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).
- References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 236; Steve Moxon, 'Our Moxon Surname Root', *Moxon Magazine* (October, 2002), pp. 7–8.

**Moxsom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: variant of **Moxham** or **Moxon**.

**Moy**

- Variants:** **Moye**, **May**, **Mui**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 607
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- 1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Moy (Aisne, Saône-et-Loire) or Mouy (Oise).
- Early bearers:** England: William de Moy, 1294 in *Charter Rolls* (York); Ricardus Moy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Thomas Moye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Creake, Norfolk); John Moy, chaplain, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Aslackby, Lincs); Michaelae Moye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Marcham, Berks); Editha Moy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bearstone, Shrops); Thomas Moye, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Isable Moy, 1567 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs).
- Ireland: George Moye, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kinsale, Cork); Margaret Moy, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killaghteen, Limerick).
- 2 Irish: from Ó **Muighe** 'descendant of Muighe', a personal name of unexplained etymology. This name is peculiar to Donegal.
- Early bearers:** John Moy, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Largnalore, Donegal); Neal Moy, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilrean, Donegal).
- 3 Chinese: Hakka romanization of the Chinese surname 梅 (Mei in Mandarin pinyin, Mui in Cantonese romanization; Hakka Chinese is spoken in South China and other parts of south-east Asia), meaning 'Chinese plum': from the place-name Huang Mei (黄梅), the name of a fief (located in present-day Hubei Province) which was given to the grandson of Mei Bo (梅伯) by the king Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC) in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046–771 BC). When the name of the fiefdom was adopted as a surname, it was shortened to Mei (梅).

**Moyce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Moyes**.

**Moye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Moy**.

**Moyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Irish: reduced from **Mac an Mhaoir** 'son of the steward', with English exrescent -s, see **Weir** (4).
- Early bearers:** Ann Moyers, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Within, Dublin); Elizabeth Moyers 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Without, Dublin).
- 2 English: variant of **Myers**. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (1).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Moyers, 1671 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Rachel Moyers, 1680 in *IGI*

(Thurstaston, Cheshire); Elizabeth Moyers, 1708 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Thomas Moyers, 1773 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Moyers, 1783 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); William Moyers, 1715 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Moyers, 1720 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincoln).

**Moyes**

- Variants:** **Moyse**, **Moyce**, **Moy**, **Moise**, **Moist**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1605, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Moise*, a vernacular form (from French *Moïse*) of **Moses**. Compare **Moyes** and **Moysey**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Moys' de Bilham, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Moys' Beneyt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aloesbridge hundred, Kent).
- surnames, Scotland: Isobell Moyis, 1580 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); William Moyes, 1648 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).
- surnames, England: Adam filiu' Moys', 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William Moyse, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Rob's Moys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aloesbridge hundred, Kent); John Moys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stokenham, Devon); Oliverus Moys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Starston, Norfolk); Stephen Moys, cler, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Alys Moyse, 1542 in *IGI* (East Barming, Kent); Fylype Moys, 1555 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Joseph Moist, 1805 in *IGI* (Kingsteignton, Devon).

**Moylan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 975
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Tipperary, Clare, and Cork; also Kilkenny
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Maoláin**, see **Mullen**.
- 2 Welsh: perhaps sometimes for *moelyn* 'bald man' (compare **Moyle**). Morgan and Morgan give some instances of *Moelan* and *Moelon* from electoral registers from E Wales and Gloucs.

**Moyle**

- Variants:** **Moyles**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1441
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also NW England and W Midlands; Durham; Hants
- 1 Cornish: nickname, probably from Middle Cornish \**mōl* 'bald', though its development to *Moyl(e)* is irregular.
- Further information:** The distribution of this surname in early-modern times and later is easterly within the county (where a derivation from a Cornish-language nickname would normally be unlikely), and its spelling with -oy- rather than -o- or -oo- is at odds with the form expected of a name derived from Cornish \**mōl*. However, the three bearers attested in 1327 were all taxed within the western half of the county where Cornish was still current, making a Cornish-language derivation likely for their surnames; and the well-known gentry family Moyle of Bake (in Saint Germans) originated in mid-Cornwall (Lostwithiel and Bodmin area) in the fourteenth century. Thus the family could have originated within the western half of the county and brought a Cornish-language surname eastwards in a

fixed spelling, which then gave rise to both the pronunciation and the easterly distribution of the surname in later times. The consistent spelling of the surname with *-oi-* or *-oy-* would then be a conservative spelling. The eastern family had a hornless ox on its coat of arms, suggesting that they believed their name to mean 'bald' (so Thomas Richards, *British or Welsh-English Dictionary* (1753), at *moel*), but that could have been due to knowledge of the Welsh surname in (2), or of the English dialect word *moil* 'hornless cow', doubtless borrowed from Welsh *moel*, but recorded in that sense only from 1847 (OED).

**Early bearers:** William Moyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall); Nicholas le Moyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mullion, Cornwall); John Moyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lelant, Cornwall); Richard Moil, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); John Moil, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (land in the Bodmin and Lostwithiel area, Cornwall); John Moyle, 1498 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cornwall); Richard Moile, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Columb, Cornwall); Alise Moyle, 1550, Richard Moyle, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Thomas Moile, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 167; *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 168.

2 Welsh: nickname from Welsh *moel* 'bare, bald', equivalent to Middle Cornish \**mōl*. Some of the following bearers in W and NW England may alternatively belong with (3).

**Further information:** For further evidence see *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 167–8, and compare the more usual Welsh form *Voyle*.

**Early bearers:** Ieuan Moyll, 1326 in *Black Book of Saint David's* (Pembrokes); David Moill, 1393 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbys); Matthew ap Ieuan Moyll, 1481 in *Ancient Deeds* (Merioneths); William Moil, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Moyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cradley, Herefs); Ricardo Moyle, 1379, Ricardus Moyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Johanne Moille, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); David Moyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whixall, Shrops); Dattus Moill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Shrops); John Moyle, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Francis Moyle, 1562 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Raph Moyle, 1567 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Moyle, 1583 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

3 English: variant of **Mule** or **Moule** (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Moyl, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ecclesden, Angmering, Sussex); Johannes Moil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Avon, Hants); Jane Moyle, 1576 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); John Moyle, 1583 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

4 Norman, English: perhaps a reduced form of **Moyles** (3) or **Moles** (2), in which case some of the bearers cited in (1), (2) or (3) may alternatively belong here. Some confusion between any of these four names is more than likely in areas where the names overlapped geographically.

## Moyler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 Welsh: see **Meyler**. The bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Moyler, 1765 in *IGI* (Tilston, Cheshire); William Moyler, 1780 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Walter Moyler, 1861 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 Perhaps also a variant of **Mailer**.

## Moyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Lancs; Surrey; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Meath
- 1 English: variant of **Moyle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Jenet Moyles, 1608 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Thomas Moyles, 1658 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Rich. Moyls, 1672 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Frances Moyles, 1676 in *IGI* (Clifford, Herefs); Wm. Moyles, 1719 in *IGI* (Oxted, Surrey); Thomas son of John Moyles, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Wem, Shrops).

2 English: in Devon and Cornwall probably a variant of **Mullis**.

3 English: see **Moles** (2).

4 Irish: variant of **Miles**, if not the Lancs name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Moyles, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathkenny, Meath).

England: Michael Moyles, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Briercliffe cum Extwistle, Lancs).

## Moynahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Surrey
- Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin, see **Moynihan**.

## Moynan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: perhaps a diminutive of **Moyme** or a reduced form of **Moynihan**.

## Moyme

**Variants:** Moine, Moin, Moynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lincs; Monmouth

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *moine*, Anglo-Norman French *muine*, *moingne* 'monk'. Some of the following early bearers without the definite article could alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The place-names Owermoigne (Dorset) and Shipton Moyme (Gloucs) take their affixes from the family of *le Moyme*, lords of those manors in the 13th century. The name is now more frequent in Ireland than in England.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Muine, 1141–51 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Ralph Moin, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Radulfus Monachus, 1212, William le Moyme, 1244 in *Book of Fees* (Owermoigne, Dorset); Geoffrey le Moine, constable of the castle of Newcastle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Radulfus le Moine, 1221, Will' le Moyme, 1248 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Shipton Moyme, Gloucs); Henry le Moigne, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Moigne, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robertus Moyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Danbury, Essex); Johanne Moigne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Julian Moyme, 1546 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Rychard Moyme, 1600 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Thomas Moyme, 1612 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Anne Moine, 1710 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 108.

2 English: see **Moon** (1).

## Moynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Moyme** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Moynes, 1546 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Moynes, 1557 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomae Moynes, 1606 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Elizabetha Moines, 1628 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Moynihan

**Variants:** Moynahan, Minihane, Minihan, Minehan, Minahan, Minnican, Minnikin, Minion, Minnion, Meenaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 902, Ireland 2116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants (Portsmouth); Kent (Chatham)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Irish: from Ó Muimhneacháin 'descendant of Muimhneachán', a diminutive of the byname *Muimhneach* 'Munsterman'. In Mayo this surname has in some cases been changed to **Munster**. There has been some confusion with **Monaghan**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Nicholas O'Moynaghan, clerk, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §856; Awliffe mcDermot O'Moynaghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Insigelagh, Cork); Donogh grany and Donell dorrogh O'Moyneghan, soldiers, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6627 (Bellanne haughwolle); Donogh O'Myneghane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Hone[ca]lly, Cork); Maurice Minehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmalkedar, Kerry); James Minihan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ventry, Kerry).

England: Anthonij Minikin, 1567 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Elizabeth Minikin, 1613 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Minikin, 1614 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Ann Minikin, 1646 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Mathias Minnikin, 1654 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Minikin, 1706 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Robert Minnican, 1764 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Daniel Moynihan, 1823 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ellenae Minehan, 1851 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Thomas Minahan, 1852 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 Irish: from Ó Mionacháin, a variant form of Ó **Manacháin**, see **Monaghan**.

**Further information:** The anglicized forms of this name can be indistinguishable from those of Ó **Muimhneacháin**.

**Early bearers:** Echtigern h-Ua Mincachain, 1230 in *AU* (Connacht); James Menaghan, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gortmellia, Mayo); Bridget Meenahan, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Termoncarragh, Mayo).

## Moyo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1638, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Moys

Zimbabwean: a surname from Mzimba district in northern Malawi, also found in eastern Zambia and in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. Zulu/Ndebele *moyo* denotes a life-giving force, associated with the custom whereby the Moyos do not eat the heart of any edible animal.

### Moys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Moyes**.

### Moyse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 950, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 700
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Moyes**.

### Moyser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: variant of **Moser**.

### Moyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Moyses*, a vernacular form of **Moses**. Compare **Moyes** and **Moysey**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Moyses de Muningeham, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Moyses Gower, 1608 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent).
- surnames:** Elyas Moyses, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gaufridus filius Moyses, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Henricus Moyses, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); Hugo Moyses, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Moyses, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Robert Moyses, chaplain, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robt Moyses, 1540 in *Beds Wills (Prerogative)* (Beds); Joan Moyses, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Henry Moyses, 1590 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Moysey

**Variants:** Moisey, Mosey, Mossey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Moise*, *Moisy*, a vernacular form of the Biblical name **Moses**. Compare **Moyes** and **Moyes**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Moyseu Pette, 1498, Moiseu Pellond', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

**surnames:** John Moysy, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops and Herefs); Nicholas Mosey, 1565 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Edward Moysey, 1574 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Christopher Moysey, 1578 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Thomas Moysey, 1589 in *York Registry Wills* (Low Hutton, NR Yorks); William Mosey, 1598, Thomas Moysey son of John Mosey, 1680 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks); Isabell Mosey, 1607 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks); John Moysey, 1683 in *IGI* (Warmington, Northants).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Mozeley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Moseley**.

### Mozer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Moser**.

### Mozley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Moseley**.

### Mpofu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Zimbabwean: an isibongo or totemic name (praise-name) from Ndebele *impofu* 'eland', in some cases adopted from Shona *mhofu*. This word derives from the adjective *-mpofu* 'tawny'.

### Mubarak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Egypt) : from a personal name based on Arabic *mubārak* 'blessed, blessing'.

### Much

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Mutch**.

### Muchamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Mitchelmore**.

### Muchmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; London
- English: see **Mitchelmore**.

### Muckelroy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Giolla Rua, see **Mellroy**.
- Further information:** This spelling of the name is not found in Ireland but is numerous in the USA.

### Muckian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; also Monaghan
- Irish: from Ó Mochaidhéin, now Ó Mochain 'descendant of Mochaidhéan', a diminutive form of *Mochaidh*, perhaps meaning 'early-riser'.
- Early bearers:** Owen O'Muckyan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Derynall, Armagh); Arthur Muckian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheross, Monaghan); Patrick Muckin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland*

(Donaghmoyn, Monaghan); Bryan Mackian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creggan, Armagh).

### Muckle

**Variants:** Mickle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 323
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: nickname from Middle English *mikel*, *mekel*, *mukel* 'big' (Old English *mycel*, with /k/ instead of /tʃ/ by analogy with *mycl-* in oblique forms). Compare **Mitchell** (2), **Meikle**, and **Mutch**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Mukel, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Mukel, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Radulfus Mikele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Beatrix Muckle, 1645 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Elizabeth Muckle, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Mickel, 1649 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Henry Muckle, 1692 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Mucklejohn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Meiklejohn**.

### Muckler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Norman, Irish: see **Mockler**.

### Muckleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Middx; Shrops
- English: see **Mugglestone**.

### Mucklestone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cheshire
- English: see **Mugglestone**.

### Muckley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Bucks
- English: variant of **Mucklow**.

### Mucklow

**Variants:** Muckley, Muxlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; also Lincs

1 English: locative name from Mucklow Hill in Halesowen (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** William Mucklow, 1515 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); John Muklow of Halesowen, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brimstree hundred, Shrops); Humfrey Mucklowe, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Mucklowe, 1542, Christian Mucklow, 1545 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Margerye Muckley, 1564 in *IGI* (Hadzor, Worcs); Andrew Muckley, 1581, Anne Mucklowe, 1583 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Simon Mucklow, 1605 in *IGI* (Areyey Kings, Worcs); Sarah Muckly, 1626, Mathew Mucklow, 1669 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Mucklow, 1716 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 178, 297.

2 English: variant of **Mutlow**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mutlow, 1561, Willm Mucklow, 1607 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs).

## Mudd

**Variants:** Modd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1394, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; Suffolk

English: (i) relationship name from Middle English *Modde*, a pet form of the Latin female name *Modesta* (Old French \**Modeste*). Thomas son of Modde de Lynley, 1307, is identical with Thomas son of Modesta de Lynley, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). This was an exceptionally rare personal name in medieval England, and was hardly less so in medieval France, where the male use of Old French *Modeste* (from Latin *Modestus*) is better evidenced but quite uncommon. (ii) relationship name from Middle English *Mod(de)*, *Mud(de)*, pet forms of Old English or Continental Germanic male personal names beginning in *Mōd-*, though these were also rare. Compare the Old English male name *Mōding*, attested in Modingus, Modinc, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Essex), and in Hugh Moding', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs). The surname of William Modbert, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops), could be from a reflex of Old English *Mōdbeorht* or its Continental Germanic (and Old French) equivalent *Modbert*. This last, like other male Continental Germanic names in *Mod-* such as *Modhard* and *Modwin*, may have had a pet form \**Moddo*, appearing in Anglo-Norman and Middle English usage as *Mod(de)* and *Mud(de)*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Modde, 14th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks).

**surnames:** Hugo Mud, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Cristofor Mod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Modde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodham, Norfolk); Robertus Mud, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); Alice Mudd, 1561, John Mud, 1563 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Kyrchin Mudde, 1566 in *IGI* (Sandringham, Norfolk); Anne Mudd, 1568 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Anne Mud, 1578, Mareye Modde, 1582, Susan Mudd, 1589, Elizabeth Mudde, 1592 in *IGI* (Skidbrooke cum Saltfleet Haven, Lincs); Robert Modd, 1597 in *IGI* (Billingborough, Lincs); Richard Mud, 1602 in *IGI* (York); Richard Mudd, 1606 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Frances Mudde, 1609 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Widow Mud alias Mutt, 1625 in *The East Anglian* (NS) ii (Suffolk).

**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 117–18.

## Muddeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants
- English: see **Muddiman**.

## Muddiman

**Variants:** Muddeman, Muddyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: nickname from Middle English *mody* 'proud, haughty, angry, fierce, bold, brave, rash' (Old English *mōdig*) + *man* 'man'. Compare **Moody**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Modimon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Modyman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Draycot Cerne, Wilts); Ricardo Modyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scorborough, ER Yorks); Henry Modiman, 1578, William Muddiman, 1627, John Muddeman, 1629 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); John Modiman, 1659, Nicholas Muddiman, 1665 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants).

## Muddimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: variant of **Mortimer**.

## Mudditt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Mawditt**.

## Muddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: unexplained. The early forms cited here suggest that it is unlikely to be a nickname from the English word *muddle* (originally a verb, first reliably recorded in English at the end of the 16th century, most probably a borrowing from Dutch).

**Further information:** There is no basis for the suggestion in *Surnames of Sussex* (p. 401) that *Le Model* is 'probably a form of "Middle" . . . with the meaning either of someone who was middling in terms of size, or of someone who was the middle one of three siblings'.

**Early bearers:** Willmo Mudel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willmo le Model, 1327, Rogo le Model, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fletching, Sussex); Thomas Model, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas Moodell, 1547 in *Lewes Wills* (Waldron, Sussex); Robert Moddell, 1548 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Henry Moddell, 1562 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Henrici Muddle, 1569 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); Jone Moodell, 1571 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Alexander Muddle, 1584 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Robert Muddel, 1594 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent).

## Muddyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Muddiman**.

## Mudford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset

English: locative name from Mudford (Somerset). **Early bearers:** Terric de Mudiford, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey de Mudford, 1318, Geoffrey Mudford, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Mousehole, Cornwall); Richard de Muddeford, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; Leonardus Mudford, 1582 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); William Mudford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Mudge

**Variants:** Mugge, Mugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 903
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mugge*, perhaps representing an unrecorded Old English \**Mugga*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mugge Jeneboy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teignmouth, Devon).

**surnames:** Geoffrey Mugge, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset/Somerset); Henry Mug, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Mugge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teignmouth, Devon); William Mugge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Muge, William Mugge, warden at Windsor Castle, 1364–73 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks and Oxon); William Mugge, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Mugge, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Nathaniel Mugge, 1495 in *PROB 11* (Guildford, Surrey); Richard Mug, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Goudhurst, Kent); Henry Mugge, 1539 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Thomas Muge, 1545 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Johis Mudge, 1549 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Mudge, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Thorne Falcon, Somerset); Elizabeth Mugge, 1578 in *IGI* (Prestwold, Leics); John Mugg, Robert Mudge, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Elspeth Mugg, 1654 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

## Mudhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained

## Mudie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 679
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

English, Scottish: see **Moody**.

## Mudway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Medway** (1).

**Early bearers:** William Mudway, 1744, Ann Madway, 1823 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

## Mueller

**Variants:** Muller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a miller, from Middle High German *müller*, German *Müller*.

**Early bearers:** Ferdinand Mueller, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Nathan Muller, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Johann Mueller, watchmaker and jeweller, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Kensington, Middx); Heinrich Mueller, professor of music, in *Census 1881* (Marlborough, Wilts); Bernhardt Müller, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Douglas, Isle of Man); Harris Muller, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Saul Mueller, cabinet maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Abraham Muller, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Penge, Surrey); Myers Muller, trouser presser, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town,

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Middx); Carl Mueller, lace buyer, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1911* (Nottingham, Notts); Lewis Müller, glass blower, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Otto Hildebert Mueller, mechanical engineer, born in Prague, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey).

### Muers

Variants: **Mures**, **Meurs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish, English: variant of **Mure** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Muff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Mowe** (1).

### Muffet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Muffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Kent and Middx
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Muffit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Muffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Moffat**.

### Mufti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: occupational name from a title based on Arabic *mufti* ‘interpreter or expounder of religious law’.
- Further information:** The ruling delivered by a *mufti* is termed a *fatwa*.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

### Mugford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 524
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Mogford**.

### Mugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Midlands; also Angus and Kincardines
- English: variant of **Mudge**.

### Mugge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Mudge**.

### Muggeridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 604
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Mogridge**.

### Muggle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Muggel*, a diminutive of Old English \**Mugga* (see **Mudge**).  
**Early bearers:** Edric Muggel, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Muggel, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Mugel, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Willm Muggle, 1604 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Alyce Mughole, 1562 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); Thomas Mughall, 1632 in *IGI* (Kingston, Kent); Richard Muggall, 1657 in *IGI* (Lower Hardres, Kent); Mary Muggold, 1665 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Mary Muggel, 1727 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).
- 2 Status name: a person who has no genetic or genealogical affinity with witches.

### Muggleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Mugglestone**.

### Mugglestone

- Variants: **Mucklestone**, **Muckleston**, **Muggleston**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys
- English: locative name from Mucklestone (formerly in Shrops, now in Staffs).
- Early bearers:** Adam de Mukleston, 1294 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholas de Mokeleston, canon of Trentham, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robt Muckleston, 1587, John Mucklestone, 1679 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Joan Mugglestone, 1617, William Muggleston, 1630 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Guielmus Muggleston, 1670 in *IGI* (Melbourne, Derbys).

### Muggleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Rutland, and Cambs
- English: locative name from an unidentified place in the Midlands, perhaps in Lincs.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Muglyngton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John de Muglyngton’, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Libbis Muggleton, 1609 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Leics); Lodowicke Muggleton, 1643 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London); John Muggleton, 1663 in *IGI* (Stow cum Qu, Cambs).

### Muggoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Moggach**.

### Muggridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Mogridge**.

### Mughal

Variants: **Moghul**, **Mogul**, **Moughal**, **Moghal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Pakistani, Indian: from the well-known empire which ruled in India from the 16th to 18th centuries, the name being a version of Mongol.
- References:** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal\\_Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_Empire)

### Mugridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 327
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Sussex
- English: see **Mogridge**.

### Muhamad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Muhammad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1553, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Muhammed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Mohammed**.

### Mui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 梅, see **Moy** (3).

### Muir

Variants: **Moore**, **Mure**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13840, Ireland 180
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11368
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from Older Scots *muir* ‘moor’ (an expanse of bare, wild upland country), denoting a dweller by a moor.
- Further information:** There has been some confusion with **Mure** (2).
- Early bearers:** Thomas de la More, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar*; Elizabeth Mure, 1347 in *Black*; Aleusa en le muyre, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; John Muyr, 1470 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr).

### Muirden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Muirden near Turriff (Aberdeens).



**Early bearers:** Jane Muirden, 1730 in *IGI* (Oldmeldrum, Aberdeens); John Muirden, 1743 in *IGI* (Rhynie, Aberdeens).

### Muirhead

**Variants:** Moorhead, Moorehead, Morehead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2898, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from one or more of the many places of this name in S Scotland, such as Muirhead in Bothwell (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Murehede, 1401 in *Swintons of that Ilk* (Cranshaws, Berwicks); Andrew Morheid, 1432 in *Arbroath Register* (Lanark, Lanarks); David de Murhed, 1471 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Ricardus Mwrehed, canon of Dunkeld, 1484 in *Arbroath Register* (Perths); David Muirheyd, 1527 in *Maxwells of Pollok* (Govan, Lanarks); Thomas Moorehead, 1619 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Janet Morehead, 1620 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); John Muirhead, 1633 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Euphame Moorehead, 1634, Margaret Moorhead, 1635 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomes Muirhead, 1639 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings).

England: William Morehead, 1609 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Thomas Moorhead, 1616 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs); Thomas Moorhead, 1665 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Mukadam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Mukasa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ugandan: unexplained.

### Mukherjee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 694, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Brahman) name composed of a first element which relates to a Bengali place-name, probably Mukhati, + *jhā* 'teacher', hence 'teacher from a place called Mukhati (or similar)'. The Sanskrit form, *Mukhyopadhyaya*, is ostensibly composed of *mukhya* 'principal, chief' + *upadhyaya* 'teacher', but in fact is a later, rather grander, coinage based on this name. Compare **Banerjee**.

### Mukhtar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name, occupational name from a personal name or occupational name based on Arabic *mukhtār* 'chosen', in some areas the title of a village chief.

### Mulberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: see **Mowbray**.

2 Irish: from Ó Maoilbhearaigh 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Bearach*'. Although *Bearach* or 'Barry' is a Roscommon saint, the surname *Mulberry* is located by Woulfe and MacLysaght in Ulster. Compare **Gilvarry**.

**Early bearers:** William and John Mulberry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry).

### Mulbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Mowbray**.

### Mulcahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: Irish Ó Maolchathaigh, see **Mulcahy**.

### Mulcahy

**Variants:** Mulcahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1887, Ireland 3082
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork

Irish: from Ó Maolchathaigh 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Cathach*', a personal name meaning 'warlike'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas gankagh and Donald duff O' Mulkahy, husbandmen, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1083 (Kilmanehyn, Waterford); Maurice O'Mulcahy fitz David mcTeig, husbandman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2269 (Russelston); Shane mcTho. gankagh O Mulkahy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4616 (Cork); Shane mcOuen I Molcahy, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4714 (Waterford).

### Mulcair

**Variants:** Mulcaire, Mulhaire, Mulhare, Mulcare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from Ó Maoilchéire 'descendant of *Maolchiar*', a personal name meaning 'dark(-haired) youth'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas mcTeig O Mulkirry, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2304; Hey mcShane I Mulkierie, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4520 (Killkellain); Cormock O Mulchiry, cottier, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4652 (Corbally, Galway); Ricard bouy O Mulkier, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4698 (Bialabankir, Galway); William mac Donogh ny Mulkryry, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4722 (Cork); Thomas duffe O Mulkerrie, pike, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Ballinlynnye).

### Mulcaire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Maoilchéire, see **Mulcair**.

### Mulcare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent; Staffs; Lancs

Irish: from Ó Maoilchéire, variant of **Mulcair**.

### Mulcaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Muncaster**.

### Mulchrone

**Variants:** Mulcrone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maoilchróin 'descendant of *Maolchrón*', a personal name meaning 'swarthy youth'. This is originally a Mayo surname.

**Further information:** (The Irish word *maol* 'bald, shorn, tonsured' seems to have developed from a word meaning 'young man, servant', although it was sometimes later confused, as a prefix, with *mal* meaning 'chief', and was so translated by Woulfe).

**Early bearers:** Gilleduff mcDonogh O Mulcreane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4329 (Kilkenny); Patrick Mulchrone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo).

### Mulcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: locative name from Milkhouse Water in Milton Lilborne (Wilts), which is recorded as *Mullecote* in 1236, *Milecote* in 1257, *Mulecote* in 1270.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Mulcote, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard de Mulcote, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thoma Mulcote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Milton Lilborne and Fyfield, Wilts); James Mulcock, 1715 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Thomas Mulcock, 1726 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Sarah Mulcut, 1732 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Bridget Mulcock, 1743 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 349.

### Mulcreevy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Maolchraoibhe, see **Mulgrew**.

### Mulchrone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maoilchróin, see **Mulchrone**.

### Muldarry

**Variants:** Mulderry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Maoldoraidh 'descendant of *Maoldoraidh*', a personal name meaning 'quarrelsome youth or chieftain'.

**Early bearers:** Honoria Muldarry, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Emper, Westmeath); Matthew Mulderry, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cappagh, Westmeath).

### Mulder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

## Mulderig

- 1 Dutch: occupational name from *mulder* ‘miller’.
- 2 German: occupational name for a maker of wooden bowls, from Middle High German *mulde* ‘bowl, trough, tub’ + the agent suffix *-er*.

### Mulderig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: see **Mulderrig**.

### Mulderrig

Variants: **Mulderig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maoildeirg, ‘descendant of Maoildeirg’, a personal name meaning ‘red youth’. For this reason **Reddington**, **Reid**, and **Rutledge** were sometimes adopted as anglicized forms. However it appears that Mulderrig began as a re-interpreted variant of Ó Maoilgheiric, ‘descendant of the devotee of (Saint) Cyriacus’, a Donegal surname. Saint Cyriacus was the finder of Christ’s cross, according to the Martyrology of Oengus (May 12). **Early bearers:** Mael Isu H. Mael Ghiric, chief poet of Ireland, 1088 in *AU*; Connor O’Molgeirge, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Rusk, Monaghan), Cuconnaght O’Mulgherick, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal); John Mulderg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaghtee, Donegal); James Mulderig, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaspugbrone, Sligo).

### Mulderry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: see **Muldarry**.

### Muldoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1853, Ireland 1326
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone; Mayo and Galway; Meath

Irish: reduced form of Ó Maoldúin ‘descendant of Maoldúin’, a personal name based on *maol* ‘youth, chieftain’ + *dún* ‘fortress’. Woulfe identifies three separate families so called.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Muldoyne, chaplain, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §683; Donald O’Muldowne, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3437 (Ballebreghey, Meath); Edmund salaghe O Mulduyn, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5085 (Cames, Tipperary); Morris O Muldoune, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portinuligan, Armagh); Thady Muldoon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); James Muldoon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraculmone, Fermanagh).

### Muldowney

Variants: **Muldowny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 524
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois; also Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maol Domhnaigh, ‘descendant of Maol Domhnaigh’, a personal name meaning

‘devotee of Sunday’ or ‘of the church’. For the lenited variant Ó Maol Dhomhnaigh see **Maloney**.

**Early bearers:** Gillebreanill O’Muldoni, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §912 (Damaghe, Kilkenny); Owen O’Muldowney, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723 (Ardee, Louth); Teige O Muldony, yeoman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3364 (Limerike); Wm. Moldony, goldsmith, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3496 (Waterford); Donogh mcHugh O Muldony, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5532 (Kilghery, Connacht); Teige mcDermody O Mouldowny, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562 (Ballivrogheran, Clare); Oune O Moldony, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Castlecor, Cavan); Denis O Muldownie, horseman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6663 (Clonyn, Westmeath).

### Muldowny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Irish: from Ó Maol Domhnaigh, see **Muldowney**.

### Muldrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 86
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: see **Mulgrew**.

### Mule

Variants: **Mules**, **Moyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: nickname from Middle English *mule*, *muel*, *meul*, *moile* ‘mule’ (Old French *mule*). See also **Moyle** and **Moule** (2), with which this name may have been interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** David le Mul, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Yuo Mul, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Baldwin Mule, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry le Muel, 1249 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Will le Mule 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rogate, Sussex); John Meul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Robertus Meul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Henwick, Berks); Thoma Mewle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsland, Herefs); George Mule, 1578 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent).

### Mules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Glamorgan; Middx

English: (i) variant of **Mullis**. (ii) variant of **Moles** (2). (iii) variant of **Mule** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare John Meul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Mules, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Jane Mules, 1559, Phelypp Mules, 1564, William Meulls, 1597, Marye Muells, 1598 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Mulfall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Maoil Fhábhail, see **Lavelle**.

### Mulfaul

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Maoil Fhábhail, see **Lavelle**.

### Mulford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

1 English: locative name from Moulford (Berks), which is recorded as *Muleforda* in about 1110, *Moleford* in 1225, and *Mulford* in 1517, though forms with *-s-* are more frequent than those without. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Paganus de Molesford, 1174–93 in *Reading Abbey Cartularies* (Berks); Pagan’ de Mulef, Joh’m de Mulef, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); [ . . . de] Mulleforde, about 1250 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); John Mulford, 1667 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

References: *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 527–8.

2 English: locative name from one or more of several places named Milford, such as Milford in Witley (Surrey), which is recorded as *Muleford* in 1349, Milford in Laverstock (Wilts), recorded as *Muleford* in 1236, or Milford (Hants), recorded as *Muleford* in 1292. There may have been some confusion with **Milford**. Some of the bearers given here may belong to (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Muleford, about 1219 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); [ . . . de] Muleford, 1235 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); John de Muleford, 1292–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edmund de Mulford, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Muleforde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodford, Wilts); Johanne Mulleford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laverstock, Wilts); Johannes Mulforth’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Mulforde, 1563 in *IGI* (Mickleham, Surrey); Edward Mulford, 1588 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 216; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 382.

### Mulgrave

Variants: **Mulgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: locative name from Mulgrave in Lythe (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam Mulgreue, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Julian Molegreue, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Thomas Molgryff, 1403 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Henricus Mulgrave, 1662 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Isabel Mulgrave, 1699 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 137.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Maolchraoibhe, see **Mulgrew**.

### Mulgrew

Variants: **Mulreevy**, **Muldrew**, **Mulgrave**, **McGrew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 430
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Irish (Ulster): relationship name reduced from Ó Maolchraoibhe ‘descendant of Maolchraoibhe’, a personal name meaning ‘chief of Craobh’, a district by the mouth of the river Bann. The almost obsolete **Mulreevy** would be the closest phonetic equivalent. Some of the historical spellings show confusion between *maol* and *mac*, compare **McStay**. For some unknown reason, **Rice** has often been adopted to anglicize the name.

**Early bearers:** Neal M'Elgrew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Tyrone); John M'Grew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Denis M'Grew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryloran, Tyrone); Bernard M'Ilgrew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Derry); Henry Malgrew and Patrick Molgrew, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogherny, Tyrone); John Muldragh, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Corlusk, Armagh); Susan Muldrew, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballygorman, Armagh); James Muldrah, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballymacanallen, Down).

### Mulgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Mulgrave**.

### Mulhaire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: from Ó Maoilchéire, see **Mulcair**.

### Mulhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 1483
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny
- Irish: from Ó Maolchathail 'descendant of *Maolchathail*, a personal name meaning 'devotee of *Cathal*' (no saint named *Cathal* is known). For the personal name *Cathal*, compare **Cahill** and **McCall**. **Early bearers:** Patrick O Molchail, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §871 (Shanganaghe, Queen's County [Laois]); Dermot O Molcahill, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3798 (Queen's County [Laois]); Rickerd O Mulcahel alias Malehe, yeoman, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dongarvan, Waterford); Gilpatrick O Mulcaell, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6323 (Rosbranegh, Kildare).

### Mulhare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Maoilchéire, see **Mulcair**.

### Mulhearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Kirkcudbrights
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Donegal
- Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin, see **Mulhern**.

### Mulheran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin, see **Mulhern**.

### Mulherin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin, see **Mulhern**.

### Mulhern

Variants: **Mulhearn**, **Mulheron**, **Mulherin**, **Mulheran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 788
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin 'descendant of *Maoilchiaráin*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) *Ciarán*', whose personal name (anglicized *Kieran*) is from a diminutive of *ciar* 'dark, black'. For an earlier form of the surname with unlenited *c*, see **Mulkerrin**.

**Early bearers:** Felim reagh O'Mulchieran, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal); Francis Mulherrin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbarron, Donegal); Patrick Mulheran, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killala, Mayo).

### Mulheron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Fife

Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin, see **Mulhern**.

### Mulholland

Variants: **Mullholland**, **Milholland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4352, Ireland 3022
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maolchallann 'descendant of *Maolchallann*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of the kalends'. This was an ecclesiastical family in Ulster, two midland chieftain families having died out.

**Early bearers:** Hugh grome O Mullchallane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Ruske, ?Monaghan); Teige, Donell grome and Gillegrome mcOwen O Mulchallan, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5770; Bryan grome O Mulcallon and Cormock moddery O Milcallon, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145 (Antrim); Patr. O Mulchalen, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh).

### Mulineux

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Molyneux**.

### Mulji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), Jain, and Muslim, from *Mul* 'value' + the honorific suffix *-ji*. It is found in the Kutch and Saurashtra regions of Gujarat.

### Mulkeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maolchaoine, see **Mulqueen**.

### Mulkern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin, see **Mulkerrin**.

### Mulkerrin

Variants: **Mulkerrins**, **Mulkern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Maoilchiaráin 'descendant of *Maoilchiarán*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) *Ciarán*', see **Kieran**. For a later form of the surname with lenited *ch*, see **Mulhern**.

**Early bearers:** Cormucke O'Mulkeran, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §671 (Fertullaghe); John O'Mulkeran, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4076 (Roscommon); Teige O'Mulkyeran, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802 (Cnockglasse, Galway).

### Mulkerrins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Irish: variant of **Mulkerrin** with excrescent English -s.

### Mulla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian: unexplained.

### Mullady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Maoiléidigh, see **Melody** (2).

### Mullahy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- Irish: see **Melaugh**.

### Mullally

Variants: **Mullaly**, **Lally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 779
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Maolalaidh 'descendant of *Maolaladh*', a personal name from *maol* 'youth, chieftain' + *aladh* 'particoloured, piebald'.

**Early bearers:** William Lealy alias O'Mullaly, clerk, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §287 (deanery of Tuam); Thomas mcDermot O'Mullaly, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1593 (Kilconell); Hugh carragh O'Mullalie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4672 (Killconell, Galway); Michael Mallally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

### Mullaly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Kildare
- Irish: from Ó Maolalaidh, see **Mullally**.

### Mullan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2128, Ireland 3974
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543

## Mullane

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.

### Mullane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 1053
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.

### Mullaney

**Variants:** Mullany, Malaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1036, Ireland 519
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Tipperary, and Waterford

Irish: from Ó Maoil Sheanaigh ‘descendant of *Maoilsheanach*’, a personal name meaning ‘devotee of (Saint) *Seanach*’, a personal name based on *sean* ‘ancient, old’. MacLysaght locates the surname on the Roscommon-Sligo border, where there was local devotion to a saint called Seanach.

**Early bearers:** Charles Mulany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bekan, Mayo).

### Mullany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Roscommon, and Mayo

Irish: see **Mullaney**.

### Mullard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; London; also Lancs

English: see **Millward**.

### Mullarkey

**Variants:** Malarkey, Melarkey, Larkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 483
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Mayo, and Galway

Irish: from Ó Maoilearca ‘descendant of *Maoilearca*’, a personal name meaning ‘devotee of (Saint) *Earc*’, a personal name from a poetic word with various possible meanings: ‘dark red, speckled’ or ‘salmon’.

**Early bearers:** Owne O Moylearky, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Connacht); Michael Mullarkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moville Lower, Donegal); Owen Mullarkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Achonry, Sligo).

### Mulleady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Irish: see **Leddy**.

2 Irish: see **Melody**.

### Mullee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maol Aodha, see **Miley**.

### Mullen

**Variants:** Mullin, Mullan, Mullane, Moylan, Millen, Milling, Mullins, O’Mullane, Mollan, Mollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8685, Ireland 3705
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2855
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone and Derry; Galway

Irish: from Ó Maoláin ‘descendant of *Maolán*’, a byname meaning ‘tonsured one, devotee’ (from a diminutive of *maol* ‘bald’). The variants Ó Maoileáin and Ó Maoilín result in a variety of vowels in the anglicized spellings.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Gilla-Isu hUa Mailin, bishop, 1184 in *AU* (Mayo); Richard O’Mullane, harper, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §799 (Downenower in Kynneliaghe, Westmeath); Donogh oge O Mullane, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4734 (Brosnicke, Limerick); Margaret Millen, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6133 (Waterford); Brian O Mullane, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6450 (Ballimore, Westmeath); Shane O Mullinn, cottier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (King’s County [Offaly]); Murrough mcGillpatrick O Mullen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577 (Dublin); Dennys O Mullan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6687 (Kryue alias O Cahan’s country, Ulster); John Mullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan).

Scotland: Gilbert Millen, 1621 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Mullen, 1799 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus). England: Robt. Mullen, 1719 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Mullen, 1751 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Mullender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; Kent; Durham

English: variant of **Mulliner** with intrusive *-d-*.

### Mullenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: variant of **Mulliner** with intrusive *-g-*.

### Mullens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; Dublin

English or Irish: see **Mullins**.

### Muller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2111, Ireland 92
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1109
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Mueller**.

2 English: see **Miller**.

### Mullery

**Variants:** Mulry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Wicklow
- Irish: from Ó Maolmhuire ‘descendant of *Maolmhuire*’, a personal name meaning ‘devotee of (the Virgin) Mary’. Woulfe says Myles was used as an anglicized form in Mayo. Compare **Miles**, **Myles**, **Moyles**.

**Early bearers:** Shanchan Mulmorey, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4567 (Barnecullin, Roscommon); Ellen nyne Mulmorie, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4618 (Munster); Edm. buy O Mullmorie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529; Gillechrist O Moylery, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Terraconnel); Bryan Mullery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaduff, Leitrim); Patrick Mullery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacumys, Roscommon).

### Mullet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Mullett**.

### Mullett

**Variants:** Mullet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 934
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England: esp. Staffs and Worcs; Dorset and Somerset; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *mulet* ‘young or small mule’ (a diminutive of Old French *mule* ‘mule’). (ii) nickname from Middle English *molet*, *mulet* ‘mullet (the fish), especially red mullet’ (Old French *mulet* ‘red mullet’).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Mulet, 1205 in *MED*; Petrum Mulet, 1233 in *Close Rolls of Henry III*; John Mulet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Mulet, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Molet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mundon, Essex); Roberto Molet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Agneta Mulet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); John Mullett, 1562 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); Henricus Mullet, 1578 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Ann Mullett, 1621 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Edward Mullet, 1652 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

2 Irish (Wexford): see **Millett**.

### Mulley

**Variants:** Mully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 930, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

1 English: locative name from an unidentified place, possibly in East Anglia.

**Further information:** Mulley’s Farm in Little Bromley (Essex) takes its name from the family of Willelmo de Molleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*, cited above.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Molleye, Willelmo Molleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Bromley, Essex); Andreus Mulley, 1556 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Ralph Mully, 1560 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); John Mullie,

1565, Henry Mulley, 1578 in *IGI* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); John Mully, 1672 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).  
References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 333.  
2 Irish: from Ó Maol Aodha, see Miley and Molloy.

### Mullholland

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 29
- GB frequency 1881: 357
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry; Armagh and Down

Irish: from Ó Maolchalann, see Mulholland.

### Mullican

- GB frequency 1881: 0

Irish: from Ó Maolagáin, see Milligan.  
Further information: This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Mullock

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see Mullock.

### Mulligan

- Current frequencies: GB 4138, Ireland 4181
- GB frequency 1881: 1671
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Down; Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maolagáin, see Milligan.

### Mulliken

- GB frequency 1881: 3

Irish: from Ó Maolagáin, see Milligan.  
Further information: This form of the name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Mullikin

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Caithness

Irish: from Ó Maolagáin, see Milligan.

### Mullin

- Current frequencies: GB 2133, Ireland 865
- GB frequency 1881: 1342
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway; Tyrone

1 Irish: from Ó Maoilfhinn ‘descendant of *Maolfionn*’, a personal name meaning ‘fair(-haired) chief’.  
Early bearers: Maol Bríghde ua Maol Find, priest, anchorite and bishop of Glendalough, 1041 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Shane mcTeig O’Mollinge, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2231; Shane O’Mullinn, cottier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500.  
2 Irish: from Ó Maoláin see Mullen.  
3 English: see Mulling.

### Mullinar

- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see Mulliner.

### Mullinder

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Northumb, and Cumb; Staffs and Shrops

English: variant of Mulliner with intrusive *-d-*.

### Mullineaux

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 223
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Norman, English: see Molyneux.

### Mulliner

Variants: Mullinar, Mullinder, Mullender, Mallinder, Mallerder, Mullinger, Mullenger, Mallinger

- Current frequencies: GB 444, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 424
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs, Shrops, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: occupational name from Old French *molinier* ‘miller’. Compare Molyneux.  
Early bearers: Sancheus Moliner, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Walter le Moliner, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Molyner, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Molyner, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Moleyner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warminghurst, Sussex); Alicia Molner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harling, Norfolk); William Mulliner, 1577 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs); William Mullinder, 1612 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (Yorks); Francis Malleander, 1639, Mary Mallander, 1654, Grayce Mallinder, 1677, John Malender, 1687 in *IGI* (Killamarsh, Derbys); Francis Mullender, Mullenger, Sam Mulliner, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Mary Mullinger, 1694 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); Sarah Mullenger, 1723 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Mullineux

- Current frequencies: GB 286, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 305
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Norman, English: see Molyneux.

### Mulling

Variants: Mowling, Mullin, Molin, Mullings

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *mulling*, *molling* ‘darling’.  
Early bearers: William Molling, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); William Mollyng, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Geva Mullyng, 1313 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (London); Ricardo Mullyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ardington, Berks); John Mullyng, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Mullyng, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jane Mulling, 1607 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Mary Mulling, 1676 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Margaret Mulling, 1792 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Mullinger

- Current frequencies: GB 302, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 312
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk; Hants

English: see Mulliner with intrusive *-g-*.

### Mullings

- Current frequencies: GB 1068, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 271
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Wilts and Gloucs; London

1 English: variant of Mulling with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
2 Norman, English: there may have been some confusion with Mullins.

### Mullington

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 90
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon; also Lancs

1 English: locative name from Mollington (Oxon, formerly in Warwicks).  
Early bearers: Robert de Molynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southam, Warwicks); William de Mollynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Thomas de Molynton, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Richard Molynton, 1549 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Robert Mullington, 1583 in *IGI* (Willian, Herts); Hugh Mullington, 1586 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Hill, Gloucs); Maurice Mullington, 1632 in *IGI* (Churchill, Oxon).  
References: *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 271; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 401.  
2 English: locative name from Great and Little Mollington (Cheshire). There may have been some confusion with Millington.  
Early bearers: Tho. Mullington, 1615 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Randle Mullinton, 1621 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Priscilla Mullington, 1689 in *IGI* (Wybunbury, Cheshire).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 171, 177–8.

### Mullins

Variants: Mullens, Mollins

- Current frequencies: GB 5146, Ireland 2310
- GB frequency 1881: 2835
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and Wales
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Galway; Tyrone; Cork and Limerick

1 Norman: locative name from one or more of the many places in France with names derived from Old French *molins* ‘mills’, such as Moulins (Aisne) and Moulins (Calvados, Manche). Compare Molin, with which there may well have been some interchange.  
Early bearers: Ralph de Molins, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; William de Molyns, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); John de Molyns, 1341 in *London Pleas*; William Molyns, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston, IoW); William de Molyns, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Johannes Molyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); Simon Molens, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Elizabeth Mullins, 1543 in *IGI* (London); Edward Mullens, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Mullyns, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).  
2 Irish (Clare, Cork): from Ó Maoláin, see Mullen.  
3 English: there has been some confusion with Mullings.

### Mullis

Variants: Mulliss, Moles, Moyles, Mules

- Current frequencies: GB 911, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 570

## Mulliss

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks; also Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Moule** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The following bearers might alternatively reflect migration of the family name in (2).

**Early bearers:** William Mullis, 1561 in *IGI* (Wolston, Warwicks); William Mullis, 1614 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name from Mowlish Farm in Kenton (Devon), which is recorded as *Mulehiwis* in 1219, *Moulysse* in 1276, *Moulyis* in 1304. Some of the following early bearers may however belong with **Moles** (2) or **Moyles**.

**Further information:** Nicolaus de Mulchewis held half a knight's fee in the Honour of Berry Pomery (Devon), 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*, and William de Molehywisse held half a knight's fee in Mowlish (Devon), 1242–3 in *Book of Fees*.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Moliwys, 1249, [... de] Molehiwys, 1284 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Roger de Moulyssche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Powderham, Devon); Margaret de Mulys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingskerswell, Devon); John Mulys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dodbrooke, Devon); Rogerus Moulisch', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mowlish, Devon); John Mowlyssh, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Mulys, 1443–4 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Jeffrey Mulys, 1539, Matthew Mulis, 1542 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Mules, 1539, John Moyles, 1556 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Harry Mullis, 1548 in *IGI* (Michaelstow, Cornwall); George Mules, 1584, Robert Moyles, 1591 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Edward Moils, 1784 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 500; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 605.

## Mulliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Staffs

English: see **Mullis**.

## Mullock

**Variants:** **Mullick**, **Mollick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; also Limerick
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *mullok* 'rubbish'. It is possible that the surname is locative as the word *mullok* also had the sense 'rubbish heap', but no prepositional form such as *atte Mullok* has been noted, and no place-name evidence earlier than the eighteenth century has been found, so a nickname seems more probable.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Mullok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks); Gyles Mullock, 1583 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Mullock, 1595 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

2 Irish: from **Mac Míoluic** 'son of *Míoluic*', a personal name of uncertain etymology, possibly a diminutive of the personal name *Mílo*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Laughlin garrow McMewlecke, Shan ro and Wm. grane McMeelcke, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5430 (Roscommon); Conner Meelick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creeve, Roscommon).

England: Conrad Mollick, 1879 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Mullon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Lancs and Cumb; Glasgow

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Maoláin**, see **McMullon**, **McMullan**.

## Mullowney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

Irish: variant of **Molony**.

## Mulloy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 114
- **GB frequency 1881:** 430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Tipperary

Irish: see **Molloy**.

## Mully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

English: see **Mulley**.

## Mulpeter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from **Ó Maolpheadair** 'descendant of *Maolpheadair*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) Peter'.

**Early bearers:** Wm. O Mulfadder, husbandman, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Queen's County [Laois]).

## Mulqueen

**Variants:** **Mulkeen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 474
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from **Ó Maolchaoin** 'descendant of the gentle chief' from *maol* 'chief' + *caoin* 'gentle, fair'. Compare possible Fermanagh form **McMulkin**.

**Early bearers:** Ua Mail Cain, 1096 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Gorhie O Mulkynne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4568 (Clare); Donnell O Mulchine, yeoman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4860 (Clonrawde, Clare); Donell merrigagh O Mulkeiny, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Pobulbrien, Limerick).

## Mulraney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs

Irish: from **Ó Maol Ruanaidh**, see **Moroney**.

## Mulready

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Devon

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Offaly

Irish: from **Ó Maoilbhrighde**, **Ó Maoilbhríde** 'descendant of *Maoilbhrighde*', a personal name meaning 'devotee of (Saint) Brigid'.

**Early bearers:** Sitriuc hUa Mael-Brighte, 1128 in *AU*; William O'Molrydy, tailor, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1686 (Kilcorill, Westmeath); Melaghlyn O Mulridie, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5614 (Galway or Roscommon); Daniel O Mulridie, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6378 (Ballinkine, Meath); Dermot O Mulbridy, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Balliloran, Kilkenny).

## Mulreaney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Irish: see **Mulreany**.

## Mulreany

**Variants:** **Mulreaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Irish: from **Ó Maoilréanna**, a variant of **Ó Maoilbhréannain**, see **Mulrennan**.

## Mulrenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Beds; Essex
- Irish: from **Ó Maoilbhréanainn**, see **Mulrennan**.

## Mulrennan

**Variants:** **Mulrenan**, **Mulreany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from **Ó Maoilbhréanainn**, 'descendant of the devotee of (Saint) Brendan', a personal name from Welsh *brenin* 'king'.

**Early bearers:** Tho. O Mullrenen, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4022 (Clonemorre, Roscommon); Rory grana mcHugh and Wm. O Mulrenan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777 (Tullagh, Galway or Roscommon); Rory granaghe O Mulrenyn, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Ballaintober, Clare); Patr. O Mulrenan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Clare, Longford/Westmeath); Neal and Tumultagh O Mulrenyn, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Tireconnell, Ulster); Lewis Mulreine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal); Edmund Mulrenan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon).

## Mulrine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish (Donegal): from **Ó Maoilriaghain**, see **Mulryan**.

## Mulroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from **Ó Maolruaidh**, see **Mulroy**.

**Mulroney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Maol Ruanaidh, see **Moroney**.

**Mulrooney**

Variants: **Rooney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 371
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Maolruanaidh, see **Moroney**.

**Mulroy**

Variants: **Mulroe, Mulry, Melroy, Milroy, Mylrea, Munro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 311
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Louth
- Irish: from Ó Maolruaidh ‘descendant of *Maolruadh*’, a personal name composed of the elements *maol* ‘chief’ + *ruadh* ‘red’, i.e. ‘red-haired chieftain’. This surname, from Mayo, has sometimes been changed to *Munroe* (see **Munro**).

**Early bearers:** Henry Mulroe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drum, Mayo); Patrick Mulroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilsaran, Louth); Bridget Mulroy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dromin, Louth); Patrick Mulrey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltrustan, Roscommon).

**Mulry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Roscommon

Irish: variant of **Mulroy** or **Mullery**.

**Mulryan**

Variants: **Mulrine, Ryan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Donegal and Tyrone; Westmeath

Irish: from Ó Maoilriaghain ‘descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Riaghan*’, a personal name probably based on the word *rí* ‘king’. The family were chieftains in Tipperary and Limerick. The name has sometimes been abbreviated to **Ryan**, which however can be the anglicized form of two other Irish surnames.

**Early bearers:** William O’Mulrean, chief of his nation, and Donald O’Mulryan, gent., his brother, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1055 (Limerick); John glas O’Mulryane, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* 1965; Donald O’Mulrian, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* 2256 (Anagh); Henry O’Mulrian fitz Donell, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* 2303 (Ownhye, Limerick); Connor O’Moilryan, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2637 (Craig, Tipperary); Donald mcDiermod mcShane glass O’Mollryan, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2784 (Glanega, Limerick); Kahir mcShane glish I Mulryan, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3102 (Kylynalongford, Limerick); Kenedy beg mcMahon O’Mullryan, husbandman, 1578 in

*Fiants Elizabeth* §3764 (Donoghell, Tipperary); Derby oige Ryan alias Mulreane, clerk, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4508 (Solohod, Tipperary); Michael Mulrine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inver, Donegal); James Mulrine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone).

**Multon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Moulton**.

**Mulvaney**

Variants: **Mulvany, Mulvenna, Mulvanny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 787, Ireland 544
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Maoilmheana ‘descendant of the devotee of (Saint) *Meana*’, a personal name which may be derived from *mion* ‘small thing’.

**Early bearers:** Thady O’Mulleven, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5459 (Ballindown, Sligo); Gilliduff O’Mowlvenna, 1602 in §6633 (Ulster); Morogh O’Mullivine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6466 (Connacht); Dermot oge Mullvana, Pat O’Mullvana, and Bryan Mullvena, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Glenarm, Antrim).

**Mulvanny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Meath

Irish: from Ó Maoilmheana, see **Mulvaney**.

**Mulvany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Westmeath, Cavan, and Dublin; Sligo

Irish: from Ó Maoilmheana, see **Mulvaney**.

**Mulveen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó Maoil Mhín, see **Melvin** (1).

**Mulvehill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **Mulvihill**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Mulvenna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 298
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: from Ó Maoilmheana, see **Mulvaney**.

**Mulvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1349, Ireland 1017
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; also Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Maoilmhiadhach ‘descendant of *Maoilmhiadhach*’, a personal name meaning ‘honourable chief’.

**Early bearers:** Teig O’Mullme and Rory O’Mulme and Brian roe O’Mulmee, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5442 (Moghorey and Carrick, Leitrim); Charles Mullvy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); Dominick Mulvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim).

**Mulvihill**

Variants: **Mulvehill, Melville, Mihill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 1193
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Longford; also Limerick

Irish: from Ó Maoil Mhichil ‘descendant of the devotee of (Saint) Michael’. With loss of the internal *ch*, the anglicized form was sometimes abbreviated into **Melville**. **Mihill** (Derry) represented a short form of this surname.

**Early bearers:** Will. fitz Teig O’Mulvihill, husbandman, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2358 (Casshell, Tipperary); Laghlyn McMulvihill, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3771 (Longford); Manus O’Mulvyhill, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3941 (Kilmore); Teige liegh O’Mulveghell, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4630 (Downe, Clare); Manus oge O’Mulveill, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5533 (Connacht); Rory moyle mcBrean O’Mullmihill, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Clacase, Roscommon); Rorie moyle O’Mullvichill, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802; Morris O’Mulmichell, smith, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Drumesly); Rorie O’Mullvihile, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6628 (Killachre); Cahill O’Mulvihill, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699 (Lysnennoan, Longford); Farrel Mullvehill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (St. Johns, Sligo); Owen Mulvihill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killeagh, Meath).

**Mulvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Irish: from Ó Maoil Mhín, see **Melvin** (1).

**Mumberson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Norman: locative name from Montpinçon (Calvados) or Montpinchon (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Munpincun, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Aliciam de Munpinzun, 1203, Giles de Mundpincun, 1237–8, Egid’ de Montpinzun, 1298–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Giles de Munpinzoun, 1306 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Mounpesoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Edward Momperson, 1694 in *Bardsley*; Will. Mompeson, 1697 in *IGI* (York); John Mumberson, 1755 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

**Mumbray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Mowbray**.

## Mumby

### Mumby

#### Variants: Munby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Mumby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Munby, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls*; Beatrice de Mumby, 1241–5 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Beatrice de Munby, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William de Munby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Munby, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johis. Mumby, 1540 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Edwardus Mumby, 1547 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Christopher Mumby, 1602 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Hannah Mumby, 1662 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Robert Mumby, 1715 in *IGI* (Aylisham, Norfolk).

### Mumford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3433, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2873
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Essex and London; Warwicks; Devon

1 English: see **Munford**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

### Mummary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Mowbray**.

### Mumtaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mumtāz* 'excellent, outstanding'

### Mun

#### Variants: Moon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Munn**.  
2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 門 (**Men** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'doors or gates': (i) borne by descendants of certain nobles of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), since they were allowed to enter the royal palace through the main gate. (ii) from the post name *Men* (門) in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), equivalent to the modern term 'guards'. (iii) borne by descendants of certain nobles in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) adopted as a surname by the Chi *Men* (叱門), Tu *Men* (吐門) and Ku *Men* (庫門) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).  
3 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surnames 萬, 文, 閔, 聞 and 滿, see **Man** (2–6).  
4 Korean: see **Moon**.

### Munawar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *munawwar* 'illuminated, brilliant'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Munby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Mumby**.

### Muncaster

#### Variants: Moncaster, Mulcaster, Mountcastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham

English: locative name from Muncaster (Cumb), which is recorded as *Mulecastre* in the 13th century. **Early bearers:** Walter de Mulecastr', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Mulecastre, 1302, Robert de Mulcastre, chivaler, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Walter de Mulcastre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Abraham Muncaster, 1585 in *IGI* (Ashby Puerorum, Lincs); John Muncaster, 1589 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb); Milonis Moncaster, 1606 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Mulcaster, 1612 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Mary Mouncaster, 1637 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); John Muncaster, 1675 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 423–4.

### Muncer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: variant of **Manser**.

### Muncey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Herts
- English: see **Mouncey**.

### Muncie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayrs
- English, Scottish: see **Mouncey**.

### Munck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Monk**.

### Munckton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Monkton**.

### Muncy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London
- English: see **Mouncey**.

### Mund

#### Variants: Munde, Munt, Munn, Munns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Kent

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mund(e)*, in many cases representing Old English \**Munda*, a pet form of names like *Eadmund* (Middle English *Edmund*, common in East Anglia). In northern and eastern England the equivalent Old Scandinavian *Mundi* (a pet form of names like *Agmundr*) would also have given rise to Middle English *Mund(e)*. The name may sometimes have been freshly created in post-Conquest England as a pet form of names like *Hamond* and *Simond*, where excrescent *-d* has been added to Old French *Hamon* and the Biblical name *Simon*. See further under **Edmond, Mundy, Hammond, and Simmonds**. Compare **Munson**. (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Munn** with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Munde Mulner', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).  
surnames: Nicholas Munde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Monde, 1325 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Dunham, Notts); Robert Mond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunham, Notts); John Munde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Joan Munde, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Munde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erpingham, Norfolk); Willelmus Munde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Munde, 1578 in *IGI* (Rodmarton, Gloucs); John Munde, 1587 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent).

### Munday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4737, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3443
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Sligo
- 1 English: see **Mundy**.

2 Irish: adopted for Mac Giolla Eoin 'son of the servant of Eoin' (compare **McGlone, McAloon**), as a result of confusion of the last part of the name with Irish *Luan* 'Monday'.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Munday, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmuckrum, Donegal); James Munday, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bunduff, Sligo); Laurence Monday, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tawnymanus, Leitrim); Edward Mundy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Holborn Street, Sligo).

### Munde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mund**.

### Mundell

#### Variants: Mundle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 417
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (esp. Lanarks and Dumfriess); scattered in N England (esp. Durham); also IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: variant, chiefly Scottish, of **Mandeville**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: John de Mundeville, Henry de Mundeville, Henry de Mundewyl, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Wigtowns), Henry Mundwell, 1498, John Mundville, 1610 in *Black* (Wigtowns); Henry Monwyl, 1394, Robert Mundell, 1673 in *Black* (Dumfriess); Robert Mundel, 1708 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks).  
England: Johannes Mundell, 1678 in *IGI* (Auckland, Durham); John Mundell, 1760 in *IGI* (Northwood, IoW).



**Munden**

Variants: **Mondon, Mundon, Mundin, Monden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: locative name from Great and Little Munden (Herts) or Mundon (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Mundona, 1119 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Richard de Munden, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Johanne Mondene, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton Bradstock, Dorset); Rogero Mondeyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marshwood, Dorset); Willelmus Mundone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beaminster, Dorset); Ricardo Mondene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset Keynes, Wilts); Galfrido Mundene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); Robert Munden, 1447 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Munden, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Mundin, 1570 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Elizabeth Mundin, 1588, Thomas Munden, 1621 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Robertus Munden, 1605 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Alicia Munden, 1614 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

**Mundey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Mundy**.

**Mundford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: see **Munford**.

2 Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

**Mundie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs

1 Scottish: locative name from Munday in Aberdalgie (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Margarat Mundie, 1682 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Geiles Mundie, 1688 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Mary Monday, 1778 in *IGI* (Forteviot, Perths).

2 English: see **Mundy**.

**Mundin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs

English: see **Munden**.

**Mundle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Northumb, and Lincs

Scottish: see **Mundell**.

**Mundon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Essex; Dorset and Hants

English: see **Munden**.

**Mundy**

Variants: **Munday, Mundey, Mundie, Monday, Mondy, Mandy, Menday, Mouny, Nundy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3673, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2208
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Mundi*, *Mundy*, which is probably most often a combination of **Mund** + the diminutive suffix *-y*, a pet form of male personal names ending in *-mund* or *-mond*. Compare **Edmond**, **Hammond**, and **Simmonds**. Post-medieval forms of the surname have probably been confused with *Monday*, the day of the week, which is another source of the surname. See (2). (ii) as in other parts of northern and eastern England, in Lincs the name might alternatively derive from Old Scandinavian *Mundi*, a pet form of names like Old Scandinavian *Agmundr*, Middle English *Agemund*, which is well recorded in 12th-century Lincs (*Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 2–3). The final *-i* in this name is not the diminutive suffix *-y* but the nominative case ending of the weak declension of Old Scandinavian names, and which is sometimes preserved in Middle English. See also **Nundy**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Mundi, 1239 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Thomas Mundi, 1291 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Mundy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Mundy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Mundy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horkstow, Lincs); Willelmus Mundy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Chevington, Northumb); Johanne Mundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilpin, ER Yorks); John Mundy, 1448 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Agnes Mundy, 1569 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 280.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *Mone(n)day* 'Monday'. It is possibly a name given to one born on that day or to a holder of *Mondayland*, land held on condition of working for the lord on Mondays. Compare **Friday** and Johanne Saturday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon). Modern versions of this surname have been much confused with (1) above, and the post-medieval examples below may alternatively belong there.

**Early bearers:** Symon Moneday, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Monday, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Moneday, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thom. Moneday, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Monday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston by Sea, Sussex); Appolonia Monday, 1540 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johannes Munday, 1570 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Wyllyam Munday, 1620 in *IGI* (Worlaby by Brigg, Lincs).

**Munfield**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Mountfield**.

**Munford**

Variants: **Mundford, Mumford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 438
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Devon and Somerset

1 English: locative name from Mundford (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Mundeford, about 1213 in *Place-Names of Cambs* 294; Richard de Mundeford, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Osbertus de Mundeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Robertus Mundford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Thomas Moundeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Methwold, Norfolk); Walterus Mundeford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whepstead, Suffolk); John Mumford, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Isaac Munford, 1548 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Mundford, 1617 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Jeffery Montfort, 1641 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 Norman, English: see **Mountford**.

**Mungall**

Variants: **Mungle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings

Scottish: locative name from Mungall in Falkirk (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Mungale, 1201–33, William of Mungdale, about 1340–41, Thomas of Mungwele, 1429, John Mungalle, 1480 in *Black*; William de Mongale, 1298 in *Black* (Ayr); Johannes Mungwale, 1408, Alexander Mongall, 1587 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Mungall, 1607 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

**Mungeam**

Variants: **Mungham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Great and Little Mungeham (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Moyses de Muningeham, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Mongham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barfreston, Kent); Richard Mungeham, baker, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Hythe, Kent); William Mungeham, canon of Bilsington Priory, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Joys Munjham, 1568 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); Agnes Mongeham, 1642 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); William Mungeham, 1664 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent).

**Munger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Monger**.

**Mungham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Mungeam**.

**Mungle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Mungall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Mungo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

## Munir

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs

Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Mungo*, which is of Brittonic origin. In Scotland and Northern England *Mungo* was used amongst devotees of the cult of sixth-century Saint Kentigern, patron of Glasgow, for whom it was a pet name. **Early bearers:** given names: Cosmungho, 1200–19 in *Glasgow Register* (Eddleston, Lanarks); Mungo Hepburn, 1503 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Berwicks); Mungo Atkynson, 1591 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Mungow Turnbull, 1622 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings).  
surnames: William Mungowe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Marion Mungo, 1590, Issobell Mungow, 1626 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); James Mungow, 1663 in *IGI* (Cadder, Lanarks); John Mungow, 1668 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

## Munir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1795, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *munir* ‘bright, brilliant, radiant’.

## Munk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Monk**.

## Munkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Herefs

English: see **Monkley**.

## Munkman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Monkman**.

## Munks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, and Leics

English: see **Monks**.

## Munn

Variants: **Mun**, **Mund**, **Munns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2950, Ireland 148
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2125
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Argyll and Bute; SE England: esp. Kent and Sussex; also scattered elsewhere: esp. Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Munne*, representing an Old Scandinavian male personal name, *Munni* or *Munnr*, originally a nickname from Old Scandinavian *munnr* ‘mouth’. See (2). It may be the source of some examples of the modern surname in eastern and northern England. **Early bearers:** Ernis filius Munni, 1166, Godman filius Munne, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Frannces Munn, 1552 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); George Munn, 1561 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Sarah Munn, 1582 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); Alce Munn, 1603 in *IGI* (Ticehurst,

Sussex); Joane Munn, 1616 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *mun* ‘mouth’ (Old Scandinavian *munnr*). Forms without preceding definite article may belong to (1) above. **Early bearers:** Robert Mone, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Mun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald Munne, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ema le Mun, 1278–9 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Galfridi Munne, 1287–8 *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Richard Munne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

3 English: (i) variant of **Moon**, as suggested by the All Saints Worcester spellings. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Mund** with loss of final *-d*. Compare **Munson**.

**Early bearers:** William Mune, 1576 in *IGI* (All Saints Worcester); John Mun, 1584 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Thomas Munne, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; William Munne, 1664 in *IGI* (All Saints Worcester).

4 Scottish: see **McMunn**. The surname chiefly belongs to south-west Scotland, especially Argyll and Bute.

**Early bearers:** Sir John Mwn, 1551 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Munn, 1728 in *IGI* (Kilfinan, Argyll).

## Munnelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó Maonghaile, see **Manley**.

## Munnerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

Irish: from Ó Maonghaile, see **Manley**.

## Munnery

Variants: **Monnery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name, occupational name from Old French *moinerie* ‘monastery, community of monks’, perhaps referring to someone who worked at a monastery rather than lived there.

**Early bearers:** Magota Monerey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Swithin, Worcs); Thomas Monere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); John Monery, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Munnery, 1567 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Wm Monnery, 1605 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex).

## Munning

Variants: **Munnings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London, and Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Munding* (Old English \**Munding*, a derivative of names in *Mund-* or *-mund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Mundingus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames: John Mundyng, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Monding, William Munding,

Robert Munnynng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Munnynng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Montyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Hautbois, Norfolk); John Munnynng, hosier, 1401–2 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); Elyn Munnynng, 1551 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); William Munning, 1603 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk).

## Munnings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Munning** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Munnynngs, 1554 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); Samuel Munnings, 1567 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk).

## Munnoch

Variants: **Monach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Monach* (Gaelic *manach* ‘monk’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Monach or Moynache filius Alpini, 1291 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths).  
surnames: Donald Monech McGilligoway and Johnne Monach his son, 1596 in *Black*; Jonet Monach, 1651 in *IGI* (Buchanan, Stirlings); Anna Munnoch, 1717 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); John Monnach, 1733 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Munnoch, 1736 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).

## Munns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1022
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, Cambs; also Kent

English: variant of **Munn** or **Mund** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Munns, 1630 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Northants); John Munns, 1791 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Samuel Munns, 1832, Levi Munds, 1835 in *IGI* (Thrapston, Northants).

## Munoz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: Spanish (**Muñoz**), patronymic from the old personal name *Muño*.

## Munro

Variants: **Monro**, **Munrow**, **Munroe**, **Monroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14236, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central and N Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname, Gaelic *Rothach* ‘man from Ro’. ‘According to a tradition which may be substantially correct, the ancestors of the Munros came from Ireland, from the foot of the river Roe in Derry, whence the name *Bun-rotha*, giving *Mun-rotha* by eclipsis of *b* after the preposition *in*’ (Watson).

**Further information:** This is the name of a Scottish clan with an ancestral seat at Foulis Castle, near Evanton, Ross-shire.

**Early bearers:** John Munro, 1489 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Tain, Ross and Cromarty); William Munro, 1505 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Foullis, Ross and Cromarty); Elspat Munro, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: variant of **Mulroy**.

### Munroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1077, Ireland 141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 801
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Antrim and Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: see **Munro**.

### Munrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish Gaelic: see **Munro**.

### Munser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: variant of **Manser**.

### Munsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Beds and Cambs; Staffs

English: see **Mouncey**.

### Munshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *munshi* 'organiser, creator, author, writer'

### Munsie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dumfriess
- English, Scottish: see **Mouncey**.

### Munslow

**Variants:** **Mansley**, **Manslow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: locative name from Munslow (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Laurencius de Muncelawe, Robertum de Muncelawe, Thomam de Muncelawe, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Shrops); [ . . . de] Monselawe, 1261–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); Ralph Monselawe, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thomas Monselowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Munslow, 1594 in *IGI* (Uffington, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 215.

### Munson

**Variants:** **Monson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1040, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, also Suffolk, Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Leitrim

English: relationship name, 'son of *Mund*', a pet form of Middle English male personal names in *-mund* or *-mond*, especially *Edmund*. See **Mund**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Mondson, 1369–70 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Roger Mundesone, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Trowell, Notts); William Monson, 1727 in *IGI* (Trowell, Notts); Robert Mounson, 1558 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Joane Monson, 1560 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Thome Monson, 1564 in *IGI* (Willingham by Stow, Lincs); William Munson, 1615 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk); John Munson, 1632 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Munt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 977, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 705
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: variant of **Mund** or **Mount**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Munt, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Munt, 1542 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Jhon Munte, 1577 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts).

### Munton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 756
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Rutland, Northants, Lincs, and Leics

English: variant of **Monkton** with loss of *-k-* in the cluster *-nkt-*.

### Munty

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Mounty**.

### Murad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *murād* 'wished-for, intended'.

**Further information:** This was the name of a son of the 16th-century Mughal emperor Akbar.

### Murat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

Turkish: relationship name from a male given name derived from the Arabic name *Murād*, from *murād* 'wish, desire'. See **Murad**.

### Murby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Moorby**.

### Murch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 750
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *murche* 'dwarf'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Morch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alexander Murch, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruxley hundred, Kent); Richard Morch, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Throwleigh, Devon); Henricus Murch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lampont, Northants); Mary Murch, 1588 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon).

### Murchie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Bute; Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Murchaidh**, see **McMurchie**.

### Murchison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland

Scottish: relationship name, anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Murchaidh** 'son of *Murchadh*', a Gaelic name meaning 'sea warrior'; see **Murchie**. The Gaelic patronymic prefix *Mac* has been translated into the English patronymic suffix *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Murchosone, 1473 in *Peebles Charters* (Peebles, Peebles); Findlay Murquhasson, 1541 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Tiree, Argyll); John Murchosoun, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Kintail, Ross and Cromarty).

### Murcott

**Variants:** **Murcutt**, **Murkett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Mercote Hall in Berkswell (Warwicks), Murcott (Oxon), Morcott (Rutland), and perhaps also from one or more of numerous other places of the same name, such as Murcott in Long Buckby (Northants), Murcott in Crudwell (Wilts), Murcot in Childs Wickham and Murcott in Minsterworth (both Gloucs), and Moorcot in Pembridge (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Morcote, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); [ . . . de] Morcot', about 1191 in *Place-Names of Oxon* (Oxon); Alan de Morcote, 1239–40, William de Morcote, 1343–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Hugh de Morcote, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Morecote, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); [ . . . de] Morecote, 1324 in *Place-Names of Rutland* (Rutland); Benedict de Morcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berkswell, Warwicks); Iohanni Moorcote, 1377–81 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Henrie Murcott, 1552 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Abraham Murcott, 1641, Mary Murcutt, 1686 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks). **References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 57–8; *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 207–8; *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 282; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 66; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 58; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 6; 3, p. 162; *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 157.

### Murcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Murcott**.

### Murday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; WR Yorks
- Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**.

### Murden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507

## Murdey

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Hunts
- English: see **Morden**.

### Murdey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**, possibly also a reduced form of **McMurdie**.

### Murdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Roxburghs
- Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**, possibly also a reduced form of **McMurdie**.

### Murdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Morden**.

### Murdoch

Variants: **Murdoek**, **Murdough**, **Murdie**, **Murdy**, **Murdey**, **Murty**, **Murtagh**, **Mordue**, **Mordew**, **Mordey**, **McMurdo**, **Murday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7361, Ireland 269
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5011
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish Gaelic: anglicized form adopted to represent any of three similar Gaelic personal names and surnames derived from them, in different periods and districts. The names are *Muireadhach* ‘mariner’, *Murchadh* ‘sea-warrior’, and *Muircheartach* ‘sea-ruler’, the first element in each being *muir* ‘sea’. All three also have typical Gaelic patronymic surnames derived from them: for *Mac Mhuireadhaich* ‘son of *Muireadhach*’ see **McCurrach**, for *Mac Murchaidh* ‘son of *Murchadh*’ see **McMurchie**, for *Mac Mhuirheartaich* ‘son of *Muircheartach*’ see **McKirdy**. *Muireadhach*, cognate with Old Welsh *Mordoc*, was early Latinized as *Muredachus*, but both it and *Murchadh* are now anglicized *Murdo* in Scotland, giving rise to the surname **McMurdo**. Only *Muircheartach* has an internal stop in the Gaelic pronunciation: compare the Irish anglicized form **Murtagh**. The final fricative makes *Murdoch* look like the nominative case. Variants with a final *-ie* or *-y* may be reduced forms of **McMurdie**.
- Further information:** This name was introduced into Yorks by Norsemen from Ireland as early as the 10th century.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Geoffrey Murdoch, 1127–28 in *David I Charters*; John Murthoc, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Murdoch, 1535 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Kirkcudbright); James Murdoch, 1584 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). Ireland: John Mordagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); James Murdagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killinchy, Down); Andrew Murdock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); James Murdough, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Skerry, Antrim); Robert Murdouch, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); John Murdow, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tehallan, Monaghan).

England, given names: Murdac, Murdoc, Meurdoch, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Mariedoc Bohhan, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops).

England, surnames: Geoffrey Murdac, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Murdac, 1182 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Ralph Murðac, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Sibilla Murðac, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Nicholas Murdoc, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Bucks); Andruw Mordak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Goda Mordoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); Willelmus Murdeu, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Johannes Murdok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Escrick, ER Yorks); William Mordew, 1551 in *Norwich Depositions* (Norfolk); John Mordey, 1582 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Johannes Mordye, 1610 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Dorothy Murdaugh, 1673, Elizabeth Murdhaugh, 1674, Jane Mordew, 1722 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Murdock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 691
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1058
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Scottish, Irish: see **Murdoch**. It is likely that the version with a final stop rather than a fricative gained ground outside Scotland.

### Murdough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 0, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Murdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- Irish, Scottish: see **Murdoch**. Possibly also a reduced form of **McMurdie**.

### Mure

Variants: **Meur**, **Muers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland; also Northumb; Lancs; London

1 Scottish: see **Muir**.

2 English: occupational name from Old French *muer* ‘mewer’, i.e. someone who tended to hawks in the cages in which they were kept while moulting. Compare **Mew**.

**Further information:** Compare William Meweman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Muer, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Alan le Muer, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Adam Muier, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Rychard Mure, 1550 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Steaven Mure, 1580 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Anne Mure, 1585 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Thomae Mure, 1696 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); William Mure, 1708 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Mures

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Scottish, English: see **Muers**.

### Murfet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Murfett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Murfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1040, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 591
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Marvin**.

### Murfit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Murfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 371
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Moorfoot**.

### Murford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: variant of **Moorfoot**.

### Murgatroyd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1737, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2248
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place-name *Murgatroyd* in Warley (WR Yorks), identifiable with The Hollins (NGR SE 045257), which is recorded as *Murgatroyd alias Hollins* in 1709.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Mergretrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Ric. Murgatroyd, 1559 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Bryan Murgetroyde, 1647 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 124.

### Murie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Perth
- Scottish: see **Murray**.

### Muriel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- English: see **Murrell**.

### Murison

Variants: **Murrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 277
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: variant of **Morrison**.

**Murkett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Murcott**.

**Murkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: variant spelling of **Merkin**, see **Markin**.

**Murless****Variants:** Murlis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Somerset and Dorset

English: variant of **Murley** (1) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. There may have been confusion with **Marles**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Murlis, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Murlis, 1756, Sarah Murless, 1782 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Murlis, 1775 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Joan Murless, 1790 in *IGI* (Dowlish Wake, Somerset).

**Murley****Variants:** Murless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry
- 1 English: locative name from Murley in Uplowman (Devon). There may well have been some confusion with **Morley**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Morlegh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wetheridge, Devon); Thomas Morlegh', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); Gregory Murley, 1562 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Elinor Murley, 1703 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Murley, 1761 in *IGI* (Chiselborough, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 553.

2 Irish: from Ó **Murthuile**, 'descendant of **Murthuile**', see **Morley**.

**Murlis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Murless**.

**Murnaghan****Variants:** McGurnaghan, Gordan, Gorden, Gordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants (Southampton)
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó **Muirneacháin** or **Mag Mhuirneacháin** 'descendant (or son) of **Muirneachán**', a personal name from a diminutive of **muirneach** 'lovable'. **Mag Mhuirneacháin**, pronounced as McGurnaghan, was sometimes anglicized as **Gordon** (the spelling Gordon being well-represented in Ireland).

**Early bearers:** Neile boy McGornaghan, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2366 (Down); John doraghy O'Mownnighan, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2587 (Creg,

Cork); Nich. mcCollae and Donell sallah McGorneghane, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5704 (Down).

**Murnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Gloucs
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Muirnín**, see **Murnin**.  
2 Irish: from Ó **Murnáin**, see **Murnane**.

**Murnane****Variants:** Marrinan, Murnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 492
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó **Murnáin**, a reduced and dissimilated form of Ó **Manannáin** 'descendant of **Manannán**', name borne in Celtic mythology by a sea god associated with the Isle of Man. All three syllables appear in the variant Marrinan. This name has also been anglicized as **Warren** and **Warner**. The Ulster surname seems to have a different origin.

**Early bearers:** Dermot O'Mananan, chaplain, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §886; Loghlyn balluff O'Manyane, horseman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1342 (Kahirkinlish, Limerick); Loghlyn and William O'Marynayne, horsemen, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2729 (Limerick); Mawghon O'Marnane, kern, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3543 (Kahirkilliske, Limerick); Cnogher O'Marrinan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Carrignycorie, Cork); Connoghor mcShane Iwarrayne, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Carignecorie, Cork); Dermod O'Mannerane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Glanlia, Cork); Michael Murnane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilteely, Limerick).

**References:** *More Irish Families* p. 187.

**Murney****Variants:** Morney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: in Ulster, from Ó **Morna** 'descendant of **Morna**', a name derived, perhaps, from a form of **muirn** 'high-spirited, festive', see **Murnin**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Diarmait mac Gille Muire h-Ui Mhorna, king of Ulster, 1273 in *AU*; Mary Morney, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Antrim); Margaret Morney, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Tullyballydonell, Antrim); Anne Murney, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lagnagoppoge, Down); Peter Murney, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballincurry, Down).

England: Benjamin Morney, 1731, Catherine Murney, 1770 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Eleanor Murney, 1752 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

Scotland: Katherine Morney, 1740 in *IGI* (Maryton, Angus).

**References:** *More Irish Families*, p. 120.

**Murnin****Variants:** Murnion, Murnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: from Ó **Muirnín** 'descendant of **Muirnín**', a diminutive of the personal name **Muirne** 'high-spirited, festive' from **muirn** 'mirth, affection'. See also **Murney**.

**Early bearers:** John Murnan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Bright, Down); Patrick Murnen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Bryan Murneen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkeel, Down); Daniel Murnian, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Armagh).

**References:** Ó *Corráin* p. 142.

**Murnion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó **Muirnín**, see **Murnin**.

**Murphey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó **Murchadha** or **Mac Murchadha**, see **Murphy**.

**Murphy****Variants:** Morphy, Murphey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63302, Ireland 58873
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23768
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Glasgow; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Wexford

Irish: from Ó **Murchadha** or **Mac Murchadha** 'descendant (or son) of **Murchadh**', a personal name from **muir** 'sea' + **cath** 'battle', i.e. 'sea-warrior'. For the surname with **mac**, see also **McMurrough** (Leinster).

**Early bearers:** Diarmait Mac Murchadha, chief of Muinnter-Birn, 1166 in *AU*; Mael-Muire Mag Murchaidh, chief of Muinnter-Birn, 1257 in *AU* (Tyrone); Edmund fitz John fitzThomas Murphie, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §452 (Bolagh, Kilkenny); Donald and Conoghor mcDermid O'Mur(r)ughow, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3083 (Muckromhy); Wm. Murphie, yeoman, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115; Edm. mcDeirdom mcDonell O'Murcho, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4489.

**Murr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs and WR Yorks

English: nickname apparently from Middle English **murre** 'catarrh, infection of the nose and throat'.

**Further information:** Henry Mirre, 1351 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs) may be an early bearer, or his name may be from Middle English **mirre** 'myrrh' in some undetermined sense.

**Early bearers:** Adam Murre, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Bainton, ER Yorks); Lawrence Murre, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Johannes Murre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Emma Murre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Alicia Murr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thixendale, ER Yorks); Robertus Murre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harleston, Suffolk); Johannes Mur', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); William Murre,

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1390 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Lawrence Murre, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Wyberton, Lincs); William Murr, 1632 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); William Murr, 1634 in *IGI* (Ingham, Lincs).

### Murrain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Murrin**.

### Murran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon
- English: see **Murrin**.

### Murrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Morant**.

### Murray

**Variants:** Murry, Murrey, Murrie, Murie, Murrihy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62069, Ireland 20161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36505
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland; also Lancs and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Roscommon and Galway; Down

1 Scottish: locative name from Moray, the province and former earldom in northeastern Scotland. **Further information:** The founder of the Scottish house of Murray was a Fleming named Freskin who was granted Strathbrock in West Lothian and Duffus in Moray by David I. The family took its name from the region in the late 12th century. The county of Elginshire or Morayshire comprises only a portion of the former province.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Murray, 1203 in *Moray Register* (Morays); William de Moravia, 1203 in *Holyrood Register* (Morays); Richard de Morref, 1317 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Emma de Moravia, 1405 in *Aberdeen Friars* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John de Murray de Ogilface, 1424 in *Holyrood Register* (Aberdeens).

**References:** *Barrow, Kingdom of the Scots*.

2 Irish: from Ó Muireadhaigh ‘descendant of Muireadhach’ a personal name meaning ‘mariner’. Occasionally it may be a reduced form of **McMurray**.

**Early bearers:** Owin OMorry, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §18 (country of Leix); Moriortagh mcOwen Y Mory, gent., and Peter O’Mory, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1102 (Rahen, Queen’s County [Laois]); John Murry, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1723 (Ardee, Louth); Patr. Murry, yeoman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3420 (Staccoll, Dublin); Fergenany and Tirlagh mcGilpatrick O Mory, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844 (Dublin); Donogh bedy O Murrye, cottier, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Russelston, Dublin); Davy O Morey, cottier, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4031 (Balmascolluck, co Kildare); Edm. Iye mcEdm. Murrey, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4725 (Ballynekelly); Melaghlin O Murie and Shane O Murry, kerns, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4728 (Ballymory, Carrigmdermot); Morogh Morrey, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805 (Galway); Edm. O Murry,

smith’s servant, and David O Murry, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4877 (Cahererehan, Costillmore).

3 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McMurray**.  
4 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Giolla Mhuire** ‘son of the servant (i.e. devotee) of Mary’. See also **Gilmore** and **Kilmurray**.

### Murrell

**Variants:** Murrill, Muriel, Merrell, Merrill, Merril, Merrall, Murrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3217, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2127
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Breton, Norman, Welsh, English: relationship name from a female personal name of Celtic origin, found in Welsh as *Meriel* and *Meryl* and in Irish as *Muirgheal*, earlier *Muirgel* (‘sea-bright’). It was brought to England from Brittany by the Normans, hence its frequency in East Anglia and Essex. Some of the later bearers given here may belong to (2).

**Further information:** The early forms ending in *-d* may have been influenced by English association of the name with an (unrecorded) Old English female name \**Mærhild*, which could be an alternative source for filium Merild’ (1202).

**Early bearers:** given names: Murielam filiam Walteri, predicta Muriela, eidem Murielle, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Mirielis, Muriella de Stokes, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Murielam de Appellega, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Murielli le Vaus, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk and Cambs).

urnames: Godric Miriild, Mirild’, Mirield, 1184–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ougrim filius Miriel’, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Muriel, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmum filium Merild’, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes filius Miriald’, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Muriel, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Richard Muriele, about 1300 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Simon Mirield, 1323 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Norfolk); Adam Muriel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ellington, Hunts); Rico’ Muryel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); John Myrel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thoma Muryel’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalbourne, Wilts); Johannes Miriel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garveston, Norfolk); Richard Meryel, Walter Merel, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thoma Meryll’, 1424 in *Warwick Saint Mary Cartulary* (Sherbourne, Warwicks); Willyam Muriell, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Walter Merell, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); James Muriell, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from one or more of the many places whose names derive from Middle English *mirie*, *merie*, *murie* ‘merry, pleasant’ (Old English *myrge*) + *hill*, *hell*, *hull* ‘hill’ (Old English *hyll*), such as Merry Hill in Brierley Hill and Merry Hill in Penn (both Staffs), recorded respectively as *Murihul* in 1327 and *Murihull* in 1340–1, Merry Hill in Bushey (Herts), recorded as *Meryhell* in 1425, and two unidentified places in Essex called *Meryhill* and *Meryhull* in the medieval records.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Merihel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas de Meriel, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Merihil, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph Muryhull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 387; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 65; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 583.

## Murrells

**Variants:** Merrills, Merralls, Merrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: variant of **Murrell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Meryellys, Thomas Merelles, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alicia Merrills, 1578 in *IGI* (Glensford, Suffolk); Jn. Murrells, 1611 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Thomas Merralls, 1616 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Helen Merrells, 1618 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); John Merrills, 1792 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts).

### Murren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Derbys; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Offaly; Sligo and Roscommon
- English, Irish: see **Murrin**.

### Murrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 809
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: see **Murray**.

### Murrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Perth; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Murray**.

### Murrihy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Muirighthe, a variant of **Murray** which was, according to Woulfe, ‘common in the spoken language for Ó Muireadhaigh’.

### Murrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Murrell**.

### Murrian

**Variants:** Murren, Murran, Murrain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Sligo

1 English: see **Morrin**.

2 Irish: from Ó Muireáin ‘descendant of Muireán’, which is probably a diminutive of a personal name beginning with *muir* ‘sea’.

**Early bearers:** Dowlin O’Murren, kern, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2159 (Ballymyhan, Meath); Shane O’Murran, labourer, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6274 (Blackwood, Kildare); Thomas O’Murren, husbandman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6461 (Mungerritt, Limerick); Rylie O’Murrin, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624.

3 Irish: from Ó Móráin, see **Moran**.

**Murrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Murison**.

**Murrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Durham; Lancs; Pembrokes; Cornwall

1 English: locative name from one or more of various places with names derived from Middle English *more* 'moor, marsh, fen' (Old English *mōr*) + *rowe* 'row, esp. of houses' (Old English *rāw*), such as Moor Row in Forcett (NR Yorks), Moor Row in Huntspill (Somerset), Moor Row in Dundraw and Moor Row in Egremont (both Cumb), and Murrow in Wisbech (Cams), which is recorded as *Morrowe* in 1376. There may have been some confusion with **Morrow**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Morerawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Stainley, WR Yorks); Alice Murrow, 1581 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Annas Murrow, 1583 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); Edward Murrow, 1627 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); Katherine Murrow, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Elizabeth Murrow, 1653 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 140, 381; *Place-Names of Cams*, p. 293.

2 Irish: from Mac Murchadha, see **McMurrough**, **Murphy**.

**Murry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Longford; Sligo

Scottish, Irish: see **Murray**.

**Mursell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: seemingly a variant of **Marshall**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Marshall, 1734, James Mursell, 1758 in *IGI* (Whippingham, IoW); Richard Marshall, 1751, William Mursell, 1780 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

**Murt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: (i) of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Mirth**. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, a reduced variant of the Irish name *Murtagh*; compare **Moriarty**.

**Further information:** The first bearer mentioned below has the Irish given name *Tege*.

**Early bearers:** Tege Morth, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fowey, Cornwall); Mrs Tamsen Murth, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall), presumably the same person as Thomasin Morth, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); Edward Morth, 1566 in *Cornish Lands* (Treneglos, Cornwall); Thomas Murt, 1793 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

**Murtagh**

**Variants:** **Murtha**, **Murtaugh**, **Murty**, **Murtie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1849, Ireland 3284
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Westmeath; Mayo

1 Irish: midland anglicization of Ó Muircheartaigh 'descendant of *Muirheartach*' a personal name meaning 'navigator'; compare **Moriarty** in Munster. See also Scottish **Murdoch**, which may have encouraged dropping of Ó and retention of the final fricative [x], distinctive of the nominative case of the personal name. Variants with a final *-ie* or *-y* may also be reduced forms of **McMurdie** etc., from the same personal name. See also **Murt**.

**Early bearers:** William, Edmund, and Geoffrey Murtagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6525 (Collabor, Westmeath); Edm. Mortaghe and Donell and Owen Mortagh, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6657 (Cullygon, Westmeath); Molly Murtagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Milough, Meath); Thomas Murtagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Abbeyshrule, Longford); Darby Murtagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughalstown, Westmeath); Patrick Murtagh, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carlingford, Louth); Patrick Murtay, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Armagh); Phelim Murtha, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilsaran, Louth).

2 Irish: in Ulster, a possible variant of the related Scottish surname **Murdoch**.

**Murtaugh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Muircheartaigh, see **Murtagh**.

**Murtaza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *murtaḏā* 'chosen, approved'.

**Further information:** An epithet of Imam Husain.

**References:** *Ahmed*

**Murtha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

Irish: from Ó Muircheartaigh, see **Murtagh**.

**Murthwaite**

**Variants:** **Moorfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Moorthwaite in Cumwhitton, Moorthwaite in Woodside (both Cumb), Murthwaite in Longsleddale or Murthwaite in Ravenstonedale (both Westm).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] del Morthweyt, 1285 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumwhitton, Cumb); Ade de Morethuayt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sebergham, Cumb); [ . . . ] del Morthuayt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wigton, Cumb); Alano de Morthwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Adam de Morthwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Walterus Murwhayte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bracken, ER Yorks);

Adam de Morethwayt, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Margrett Murthwaite, 1575 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Mabell Murthwaite, 1677 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); Vincent Murthwaite, 1704 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 79, 335; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 161; 2, pp. 31–2.

**Murthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Indian (Karnataka): relationship name; Hindu name from Sanskrit *mūrti* 'manifestation, image'. As a personal name, this appears to have evolved from the final element of compound names such as *Ramamurthy* 'manifestation of Rama' and *Krishnamurthy* 'manifestation of Krishna'.

**Further information:** It is only a given name in India, but has come to be used as a surname among South Indians in the United States of America.

**References:** *DAFN*.

**Murtie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Muircheartaigh, see **Murtagh**.

**Murton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1328, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1005
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Anglia; Kent; Cornwall; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places of this name, such as Murton (Northumb), Murton near York and Murton in Hawaby (both NR Yorks), Murton in Dalton le Dale and Murton in Sedgfield (both Durham), and Murton (Westm). There has been considerable confusion with both **Morton** and **Merton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Murton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Leics); William Murtone, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Hugo Murton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Margaret Morton' otherwise called Margaret Murton', 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Ralph Murton, 1549 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); John Murton, 1562 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Isabell Murton, 1565 in *IGI* (York); Robert Murton, 1609 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Peter Murton, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 10, 203.

**Murty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Angus; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Muircheartaigh, see **Murtagh**.

**Musa**

**Variants:** **Moussa**, **Mussa**, **Moosa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1547, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Musa* (the Biblical *Moses*). The Qur'an says (19:51): 'He was specially chosen, and he was a Messenger and a Prophet'.

2 Southern Italian: locative name from any of the places called Musa, particularly the one in Melito di

## Muscat

Porto Salvo (Reggio Calabria), and the one in Nissoria (Enna province, Sicily).

### Muscat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Maltese, Italian: relationship name, Maltese and Italian variant of Italian *Muscato*, from the personal name *Muscato*, ultimately a derivative of Latin *muscus* 'moss'.

**References:** *DAFN*.

### Muschamp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from North and South Muskham (Notts), recorded in gallicized forms such as *Muscamp* and *Muschamp* from the 12th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo de Muscamp, 1148–53, Hugo de Muschamp, 1161–73, Hugonis de Muscam, about 1175 in *Rufford Charters* (Muskham, Notts); Thomas de Muscamp, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Muscamp, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thoma de Muscham', about 1241 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Notts); John Muschamp', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Willelmus de Muskham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Muskam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Follifoot, WR Yorks); John Muscam, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); John Muschampe, 1579 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); George Muschampe, 1634, Ann Muschamp, 1664 in *IGI* (Weston, WR Yorks). Scotland: Stephen de Muscamp, 1291, Thomas de Muscampe, 1296 in *Black*.

### Muscott

**Variants:** *Muscutt*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Muscott in Norton (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Celestria de Musecot, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Valentino de Muscote, about 1270 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); Richard de Musecot', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Richard de Muscot, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brockhall and Muscott, Northants); William Muscote, 1373, John Muscote, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Nicholaus Muscote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Muscote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, Northants); William Muscot, 1609 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); William Muscutt, 1637 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 27.

### Muscroft

**Variants:** *Moscroft*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Molescroft (ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** Hugo de Mollescroft, about 1130–40 in *Yorks Charters* (ER Yorks); Herueius de Mulescroft, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Mulescroft, 1266, William de Molscroft, 1327, John de Mollescroft, 1365 in *Patent Rolls*; Petrus de

Molescrofte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodmansey and Thearne, ER Yorks); Johannes de Molscroft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, ER Yorks); Johannes de Molscroft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boythorpe, ER Yorks); Henry Moscroft, 1584 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); William Moscrofte, 1672, William Muscroft, 1677 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Mary Muscroft, 1714 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Muscroft, 1721 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Muscutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see *Muscott*.

### Muse

**Variants:** *Meux, Mews, Mewse, Mewes, Mewis, Mewies*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb; Lincs

1 English: locative name from Meaux (ER Yorks), pronounced [mius] with a soft 's', though the surname is commonly pronounced with a final [z].

**Early bearers:** John de Mehus, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Hugo de Mues, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Thomas de Meuse, 1282 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Muse, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John de Meaux, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Andrew Mewes, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Johanne de Meux, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Mewse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Johannes de Mewhes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Mewhes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Toulston, WR Yorks); Agn' Mewes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Langton, Leics); Roger Meux, 1403 in *Protestation Returns* (Yorks); Lodewycus Mewys, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Wyllyam Meawse, 1561, Ann Mewse, 1563 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Alles Muse, 1563 in *IGI* (Hemblington, Norfolk); John Muse, 1576, Thomas Mewse, 1592 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); John Mewse, 1631 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Sarah Muse, 1684 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Margaret Mewse, 1694, Elizabeth Muis, 1698, Michael Mewis, 1701 in *IGI* (Haydon Bridge, Northumb); Isabel Muse, 1755 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Mary Muse, 1781 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 43–4.

2 English: alternatively sometimes a variant of *Mew* with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Musgrave

**Variants:** *Musgrove, Mosgrove*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2220, Ireland 136
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1794
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Waterford; also Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Musgrave (Westm). **Further information:** Thomas de Musgrave was sheriff of Westmorland in 1342.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Mussegrau, 1200–10 in *Place-Names of Westm* (Westm); Alan de Musegrave, 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); John de Musgrave, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scaleby, Cumb); Robert de Musgrave, 1334 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (NR

Yorks); Thomas de Musgrau, 1362 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Denenald de Musgrave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Musgrave, Westm); Thoma de Musgrave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hartley, Westm); Robert Musgrave, 1413 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Musgrau, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Richard Musgrau, knight, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Jenet Musgrave, 1551 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Musgrave, 1558 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Elizabeth Mosgrove, 1662 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 60.

2 Norman: locative name from Mussegros in Écouis (Eure).

**Further information:** The place-name Charlton Musgrove (Somerset) takes its affix from the surname of Richard de Mucegros who held the manor in the early 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Nicholao de Muscegros, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longdon, Worcs); John de Mucegros, 13th cent. in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset and Somerset); Thomas Mussegros, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Robert Muchegros, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Eckington, Worcs); Thomas Musgrove, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Kingston, Somerset).

### Musgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1889, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England (esp. Durham; Lancs); London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see *Musgrave*.

### Mushet

**Variants:** *Mushett*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Montfiquet (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** William de Munfihet, about 1165–67 in *Paisley Register*, Richard de Munfichet, about 1178–82 in *Lindores Chartulary*, William de Munificheth, 1283 in *Oliphants in Scotland*; Richard Muschet, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); David de Moschet, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); William de Monte Fychet, 1312 in *Black* (Dundee, Angus); George Muschate, 1546 in *Retours, Scotland* (Perths); Margaret Mushet, 1616 in *IGI* (Gargunnoch, Stirlings); Agnes Muschett, 1622 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

2 English: there has been some confusion with *Muskett*.

### Mushett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs Norman, English: see *Mushet*.

### Mushtaq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1329, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *mushtāq* 'desiring, longing'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.



**Musk**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 687  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; esp. Suffolk  
 English: (i) variant of **Must**. (ii) nickname, possibly sometimes from Middle English *muske* ‘musk’ (Old French *musc*). As well as denoting the fragrant secretion from the oriental musk deer (used as perfume and in medicines), the word was sometimes applied to the sap of tree and other plants.

**Further information:** A surname *Musk* is found in the Netherlands. It is known that the *Santa Catarina* was attacked and plundered by the Dutch admiral Jakob van Heemskerck off the coast of Singapore in 1603; this Portuguese carrack had on board a reputed several hundred ounces of musk. The surname may therefore have arisen in Holland through the East Indies trade and migrated to E Anglia; if so the first instance is remarkably, but not impossibly, early.

**Early bearers:** Alys Muske, 1561 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Nicholas Musk, 1567 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); John Muske Or Must, 1604 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Robertus Musk, 1707 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

**References:** Borschberg, Peter (2004) The European musk trade with Asia in the Early Modern period. *The Heritage Journal* 1.1, pp. 1–12.

**Musker**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 276  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Myerscough**. A local pronunciation /maskə/ is recorded for the place-name.

**Early bearers:** Jo. Musker, 1591 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

**References:** *Forster*, p. 166.

2 English: possibly a locative name from Moscar in Derwent (Derbys) or another place similarly named from Middle English *mos* ‘moss, bog’ (Old English *mos*) + *kerr* ‘brushwood, wet ground’ (Old Scandinavian *kjarr*).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Mosker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Timothy Musker, 1693 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex); Thomas Musker, 1783 in *IGI* (Harthill, Cheshire); Samuel Musker, 1820 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Joseph Musker, 1836 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 86.

**Musket**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 78  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered; esp. Lancs  
 English: see **Muskett**.

**Muskett**

**Variants:** **Musket**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 8  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 495  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs and Cheshire  
 1 English: nickname from Old French *mouchet*, *mousquet* ‘small fly’, also ‘tercel of a small hawk, esp. sparrowhawk’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Muschet, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Godwinus Muchet, 1163–7, Godwini Muschet, 1177 in *Angevin Canterbury* (Kent); Osketell’ Muschet, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Musket, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk);

Johannes Musket, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Somerset); William Mouchet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Mochet’, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johannes Muschet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clanfield, Oxon); Henricus Musket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haughley, Suffolk); Ellena Muskett, 1558, Richardus Musket, 1576 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Gulihelm Musket, 1586 in *IGI* (Drinkstone, Suffolk); Eliza. Muskett, 1610, Sophia Mushett, 1803 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ellen Musket, 1645 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 English: there has been some confusion with **Musket**.

**Muskin**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 35  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks; Essex

English: see **Miskin**.

**Muspratt**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 154  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; Middx  
 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Musprot, 1636, Jane Muspratt, 1652 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); Ambrose Musprat, 1668 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); John Muspritt, 1701, Jane Muspratt, 1705 in *IGI* (Houghton, Hants); Evan Musprett, 1724 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Thomas Musport, 1745 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

**Mussa**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Arabic, Muslim: see **Musa**.

**Mussard**

**Variants:** **Mussared**, **Musset**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 43  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *musard* ‘absent-minded, stupid’ (Old French *musard* ‘confused’). Some of the post-medieval bearers given here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Hascoit musard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Hascoit Mvsard, Hascoiis musart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Alfricus Musard, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William Musard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wolverton, Warwicks); Thomas Mussard, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Brackley, Northants); Ricardus Musard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Willelmus Mussard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetwang, ER Yorks); Anne Mussard, 1626 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); Guliel. Mussared, 1626 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Allexander Mussard, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

2 Huguenot: the Huguenot name probably has the same etymology as (1).

**Early bearers:** Simon Pierre Mussard, 1733 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Mussared**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Mussard**.

**Mussel**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 31  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset  
 English: see **Mussell**.

**Mussell**

**Variants:** **Mussel**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 408  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *muscle*, *moskel* ‘mussel’ (Old English *muscelle* ‘mussel, shell-fish’). (ii) nickname from Middle English *muscle*, *muscule* ‘muscle, brawn’ (Latin *musculus*).

**Early bearers:** Mathias Muscel, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry Muscel, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Mossel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hindon, Wilts); John Mussel, 1354 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johanne Mussel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Thoma Mussel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Hugo Mussell’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Blossme alias Moskele, imprisoned at Chertsey, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); John Mussel, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Jo. Mussell, 1565 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

**Musselwhite**

**Variants:** **Musslewhite**, **Muzzlewhite**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 479  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants  
 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Musselwhit, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (New Forest, Hants); Robert Musselwhite, 1603, John Musslewhite, 1612 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); James Muzzlewhite, 1792 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall).

**Mussen**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 76  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 23  
 English: see **Musson**.

**Musset**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 9  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Mussett**.

**Mussett**

**Variants:** **Musset**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 4  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 240  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Norfolk

English: probably a variant of **Mussard**.

**Early bearers:** Jeffrie Mussett, 1554 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Bridget Musset, 1560 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Thomas Musset, 1564, Edmund Mussett, 1568, Jane Mussit, 1638 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Susan Mussit, 1639, James Mussitt, 1679 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**Mussey**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 33  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: nickname from Middle English *mous* ‘mouse’ (Old English *mūs*) + *eye* ‘eye’ (Old English *ēage*). Compare **Mouser** and **Littley** (1).

## Musslewhite

**Early bearers:** Randulf Musege, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William Musegh', 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Petri Musege, 1234–5 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Robert Musey, 1332, Robert Mousey, 1338 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Thomas Mussey, 1616 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Thomas Mussey, 1716 in *IGI* (Wigginton, NR Yorks).

### Musslewhite

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Musselwhite**.

## Musson

**Variants:** **Mussen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1755, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *musson*, *muisson* 'sparrow'. Some of the later bearers given here may belong to (2) below.
- Early bearers:** Rog'i Muissun, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Mussun', 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Adam Muisson, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); John Mussun, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Robert Musshun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leek Wootton, Warwicks); Willelmo Musson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dalby, Leics); Jonne Mvsson, 1574 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); Valantine Mussone, 1606 in *IGI* (Freeby, Leics); Edward Mussone, 1609 in *IGI* (Upper Broughton, Notts); Richard Mussen, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

2 English: variant of **Muston** with loss of *-t-*. The place-name Muston (Leics) is recorded as *Musson* several times in the 17th century.

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 2, p. 35.

## Must

**Variants:** **Musk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *must* 'must, new wine; the fermenting juice of grapes or other fruit' (Old English *must*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmu Must, 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ricard' Must, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Must, 1559 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); John Must, 1569 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); John Muste, 1591 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Ralphe Must, 1634 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

## Mustafa

**Variants:** **Mustapha**, **Mostafa**, **Moustafa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3881, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: Arabic and Muslim, from a personal name based on Arabic *muṣṭafā* 'chosen', from Arabic *ṣafā* 'to be pure, to be select'.

**Further information:** For Muslims, *Al-Mustafā* is an epithet referring to the Prophet Muhammad, while among Arabic-speaking Christians it is applied to Saint Paul. It is among the most popular personal names in the Islamic world. In Turkey, it is often chosen in honour of Mustafa Kamal Atatürk (1881–1938), founder of modern Turkey.

## Mustapha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Muslim: see **Mustafa**.

## Mustard

**Variants:** **Mustart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; scattered in Scotland: esp. Angus; Morays

English: nickname from Middle English *mustard* 'mustard' (Old French *mostarde*). The allusion could perhaps be to someone with a sharp tongue, but is probably usually to a dealer in mustard.

**Further information:** Compare John le Mustarder, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs), Adam le Mustardman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), and Johanne Mosterdmakere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Mustard', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Mustard', 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Ric. Mostard, 1379 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Katerina Mosterd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Walterus Mustard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sturmer, Essex); Agnetem Mustard', 1381–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Atherstone near Tamworth, Warwicks); Robert Musterd, 1583 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Cuthberti Mustard, 1584 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Jhon Mustarde, 1587 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Jane Mustard, 1770 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham).

Scotland: Alexander Mustard, 1521 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Williame Mustart, 1609 in *IGI* (Rattray, Perth); Thomas Mustard, 1615 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Isobell Mustard, 1639 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

## Mustart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Mustard**.

## Mustchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Miskin**.

## Muster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Musters**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Musters

**Variants:** **Muster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Norman: locative name from Les Moutiers-Hubert (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Mosteriis, de Mosters, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Notts); Robert de Mustres, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Lisiard des Mustiers, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Musters, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas

Muster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Southminster, Essex); Anne Muster, 1585 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); John Musters, 1626 in *IGI* (Emberton, Bucks); Elizabeth Musters, 1684 in *IGI* (Colwick, Notts).

## Mustill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

Norman: nickname from Old French *musteile*, *mustoile* 'weasel'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Mustail, 1175–90 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Yorks); Roger Musteile, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh Mustell', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); William Mustol', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Mustell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Torrington, Lincs); Radulphus Mustal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Ricardus Mustel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pleshey, Essex); Philip Mustell', 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunham, Notts); John Mustell, 1611 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs); Mary Mustill, 1650 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Mustin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Muston**.

## Musto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Mustoe**.

## Mustoe

**Variants:** **Mustow**, **Mustoo**, **Musto**, **Musty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from one or more of numerous places with names derived from Old English *mōt-stōw* 'meeting-place', such as Motslow Hill in Stoneleigh (Warwicks), Moustows Manor in Henfield (Sussex), and a lost *Mustouwe* in Layer de la Haye (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Hervey atte Motstowe, 1285 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); Ralph atte Mustowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Mostowe, 1401 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Anna Mustoe, 1602 in *IGI* (Thornton, Bucks); Emanuell Musto, 1615 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Anthony Mustow, 1622, Margeret Mustoe, 1679, Henry Musto, 1693 in *IGI* (Whittington, Gloucs); Richard Musty, 1720 in *IGI* (Cranham, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 184; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 218; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 314.

## Muston

**Variants:** **Musson**, **Mustin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, Staffs, and Lincs; also Dorset and Hants

English: locative name from Muston (Leics) or possibly Muston (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Museton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Muston', 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Muston', 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Owston, Leics); Willelmo de Muston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johanna Muston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fotheringhay, Northants); John de Muston, 1402, Thomas Muston, 1437 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Ricd Muston, 1582 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Jhon Muston, 1609 in *IGI* (Little Dalby, Leics).

### Mustoo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mustoe**.

### Mustow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs
- English: see **Mustoe**.

### Musty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: variant of **Mustoe**.

### Mutch

Variants: **Much, Mitch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2353, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Lancs and Cheshire

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *moche*, *muche* 'big' (a reduced form of *mochel*, *muchel*). Compare **Mitchell** (2), **Meikle**, and **Muckle**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Mouch, 1520 in *Black* (Stirling, Stirlings); Gilbert Mutch, 1634 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); William Mutch, 1674 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

England: William Moch, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Muche, 1374 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Essex); Henricus Moche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edington, Somerset); Johannes Mucche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Ricardus Muche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannes Mutche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Much', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Johannis Mutch, 1561 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Mutch, 1594 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

### Mutchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mitchell** (2).

### Muter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb
- English, Scottish: see **Mutter**.

### Mutimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Mortimer**.

### Mutlow

Variants: **Mucklow, Motlow, Motley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, Gloucs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Mutlow in Marton (Cheshire) or from any of the many other minor places similarly named (Old English *môt-hlāw* 'meeting-mound'); there are at least three more in Cheshire, five in Derbys, four in Cambs, and examples in Northants and Essex.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Motlawe, about 1232, [... de] Motelowe, 1398, in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Roger de Motelowe, 1318 in *Close Rolls* (Cheshire); Henry de Motelowe, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Motlawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Thoma Modelow, 1379, Thomas Motolowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Langton, Leics); Mgarett Mutlowe, 1559 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Richard Mutlow, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments* (Herefs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 81; 4, pp. 236.

### Mutrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: see **Moultrie**.

### Mutter

Variants: **Muter, Mutters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 458
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Somerset; Midlothian

1 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *motere* 'public speaker, spokesman' (Old English *mōtere*).

**Early bearers:** Grinchetel' Mutere, 1130, Hugo le Motere, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Joh. le Motere, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Staffs); William le Mouter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Sim. Le Moter, 1327, Eunon. Moter, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); John Mutter, 1554 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 144.

2 Scottish: occupational name from Middle English (esp. Scots) *multerer* 'mill proprietor, one to whom the toll of culture is payable'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Multerer, 1344, John Multrer, 1360 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Multrere or Muterer, 1365 in *Black*; Adam Multrar, 1500 in *Black* (Irvine, Ayr); Jonet Muter, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Katherine Mutter, 1623 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Johne Mutter, 1646 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Henry Multerer, 1733 in *IGI* (Forres, Morays).

### Mutters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Mutter** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Jane Mutters, 1772 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Mutters, 1807 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Muttick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Mattock**.

### Muttitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also NR Yorks
- English: variant of **Mattock**.

### Muttock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Lancs

English: variant of **Mattock**.

### Mutton

Variants: **Motton, Moden, Mouton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Northants
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *motoun* 'sheep' (Old French *mouton*).

**Further information:** Compare Hugh Motoner, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London), from Old French *moutonnier* 'shepherd'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Muton', 1195 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Mouton', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Robert Mutun, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Leics); William Moton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Philip Motoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somersham, Hunts); Willelmus Motoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Thomas Motoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickney, Essex); Henry Mooden, 1547, Richard Mooden, 1791 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); William Mutton, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Mary Moden, 1760 in *IGI* (Boxworth, Cambs).

2 English: variant of **Mitton**.

### Muxlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Mucklow**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Muxlow, 1718, Thomas Mucklow, 1742 in *IGI* (Leadenham, Lincs).

### Muxworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Muxworthy in High Bray (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Mukeswurde, 1184, [... de] Mixeworth, 1279, [... de] Muxaworthi, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Johane Muxwerthie, 1556 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Richard Muxworthy, 1572 in *IGI* (Westleigh by Bideford, Devon); John Muxworthy, 1577 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 57.

### Muzzlewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Musselwhite**.

### Mwangi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Kenyan: unexplained.

## My

### My

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Mye**.

### Myall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 375
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex; Dorset
- English: see **Myhill**.

### Myatt

Variants: **Miatt**, **Myott**, **Miot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2515, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1423
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Miot*, a derivative of *My* (a shortened form of *Myhel*, i.e. Michael, see **Myhill**) with the diminutive suffix *-ot*. Independent evidence for the use of this given name is wanting, but its existence is confirmed by the surname of Willelmo Miotosone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kegworth, Leics), i.e. 'son of Miot'. Compare **Mycock**.

**Early bearers:** Benedictus Myett, 1600 in *IGI* (Limpnhoe, Norfolk); Anna Myet, 1602 in *IGI* (Terrington Saint Clement, Norfolk); Mary Myatt, 1664 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Richardi Myott, 1667 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Elizabeth Miatt, 1711 in *IGI* (Eccleston, Cheshire); Isaac Myot, 1712 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

### Mycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1018
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: (i) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Mycok*, which would be a pet form of *My*, a shortened form of *Myhel*, i.e. Michael. See **Myhill** and compare **Myatt**. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Maycock**, but the change in the vowel is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anna Mycock, 1616 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Ann Mycock, 1699 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Mycock, 1702 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Mycroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: see **Maycroft**.

### Myddleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs

English: see **Middleton**.

### Mye

Variants: **My**, **Mie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**mie*, Old French *mie* 'physician', synonymous with **Mee**, **Mayer**, and **Myer**. (ii) nickname perhaps from a clipped form of Old French *ami* 'friend'. Early bearers without the definite article might alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Henr' le Mie, 1327, Will'o le Mye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westhorpe, in Southwell, Notts); John le My, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William My, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Joane Mye, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Th. My., 1571 in *IGI* (Ringwould, Kent); John Mye, 1586 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Martha Mie, 1789 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps also from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Mihel* (*Michael*); compare **Myhill**.

### Myer

Variants: **Mier**, **Mire**, **Myers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: occupational name from Old French *mire* 'physician'. Compare **Mayer**.

**Early bearers:** Herewardus le Mire, Medicus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Johannes le Mire, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Myre, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas le Mire, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Wigton, Cumb); Barbara Myer, 1565 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Andrew Myer, 1570 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Mathew Myer, 1578 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Thomas Myer, 1602 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); William Myer, 1604 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *mire* 'marsh' (Old Scandinavian *mýrr*), denoting a person who lived at or near a marsh. Compare **Myers** (2). **Further information:** Later names without *del* or *de la* may belong to sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Hugo del Mire, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Adam del Mire, 1332 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William del Mir, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam de la Mire, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Arkolme, Lancs); Johannes del Mire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Ricardus del Mire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hanlith, WR Yorks); Thoma del Myer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); John del Mire, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Thomas Myer, 1592 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); William Myer, 1608 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Ane Mire, 1617 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorkshire).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Meyer** (2).

### Myers

Variants: **Miers**, **Myres**, **Mires**, **Mayers**, **Moyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12290, Ireland 605
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7726
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Limerick, and Waterford

1 English: variant of **Myer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Denise Myers, 1561 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); George Myres, 1561 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Elizabeth Myers, 1566 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Andrew Myers, 1569 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb); Margaret Myres, 1576 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Dorothy Myers, 1586 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham).

2 English: locative name from one or more of the minor place-names derived from Middle English *mire* 'marsh' (Old Scandinavian *mýrr*) in the plural form, such as Melmerby Mire in Melmerby (Cumb),

recorded as *le Miers* in 1589, or Mires in Docker (Westm). Compare **Myer** (2).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Myres, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirkoswald, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 224.

3 Irish: variant of Ó Meidhir, Ó Midhir 'son of Midhir', with English excrescent *-s*, see **Meere**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Myers, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kane, Louth); Henry Myers, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Roche, Louth).

4 Jewish: see **Meyer**.

### Myerscough

Variants: **Musker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Myerscough (Lancs). The place-name recurs in Lancs, but the surname seems certain to derive from the parish of Myerscough (NGR SD 4939) north of Preston rather than the hamlet of Myerscough (NGR SD 6231) in Balderstone.

**Early bearers:** Christian de Mirscho, Henry de Mirschoh, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Preston, Lancs); Walter de Mirscho, 1262, Walter de Miresco, 1265 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Walter de Myreskou, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Goosnargh, Lancs); William de Mireschow, Roger de Mireschowe, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cloughton near Garstang, Lancs); Edmund de Mirescogh, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Thomas Myerscow, 1613, Thomas Mierscow, 1615 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Barnaby Mierscough, 1733, Thos. Myerscough, 1738 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs); James Myrscow, 1786 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 70, 148.

### Myerson

Variants: **Meyerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal name *Meyer* + *son*. See **Meyer** (2).

### Myhill

Variants: **Mihill**, **Mihell**, **Miell**, **Myall**, **Miall**, **Mighell**, **Mills**, **Miles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1038, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 637
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Mihel*, a vernacular form of the Biblical name **Michael**. Also compare **Miles**, with which some confusion is possible.

**Early bearers:** given names: Mihil Cristen, 1549 in *Bardsley*.

surnames: John Mihell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Mihill, 1551 in *IGI* (Anstey, Herts); Edward Myhill, 1594 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Annie Myhill, 1604 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Rob Miell, 1637 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Elyas Myhel, 1637 in *IGI* (Palling, Norfolk).

### Mylan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

Irish: see **Millan**.

### Myland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Milland (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Myland, 1560 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Frauncis Myland, 1614 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Thomas Miland, 1668, Thomas Myland, 1671, Thomas Milland, 1673 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants).

### Mylchreest

Variants: **Mylechreest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx, Scottish: relationship name from Manx *Mac Giolla Chreest* 'son of Giolla Chreest', where the given name means 'Christ's servant'. Compare Scottish **Gilchrist** and **Gilkison**.

**Early bearers:** MacGilchreest, 1511, McYilchrist, 1713, Mylechreest 1717 in *Moore*; Sam Mylchreest, 1717 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

### Mylechreest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: see **Mylchreest**.

### Myler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 197
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish, Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Meilyr*. See **Meyley**.

### Myles

Variants: **Miles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2553, Ireland 694
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1387
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Fife; also Midlothian; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Mayo

1 Scottish, Irish: relationship name, anglicized form of Gaelic *Maolmhuire*, a personal name meaning 'devotee of (the Virgin) Mary'. Compare **Mullery**. It is impossible to distinguish from (2) below, and some of the following bearers may alternatively belong there.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Cristen Miles, 1583 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Robert Myles, 1623 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Margaret Myles, 1647 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Myles, 1669, David Miles, 1690, in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus).

Ireland: James Myles, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumkeeran, Fermainagh); James Myles, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo).

2 English: variant of **Miles**.

### Mylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English, Irish: mainly Irish spelling of English **Millett**.

### Mylles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland
- Scottish: variant of **Mills**.

### Mylne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Milne**.

### Mylott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English, Irish: see **Millett**.

### Mylrea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: relationship name Manx *Ó Maolruaidh*, see Irish **Mulroy**.

**Early bearers:** Margery Mylrea, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirk Rushen, IoM); Thos Mylrea, 1734 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Edw Mylrea, 1738 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Philip Mylrea, 1741 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM); Myleroi, 1741, Mylroi, 1759 in *Moore*.

### Mynard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Essex

English: see **Maynard**.

### Mynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Minns**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Mynett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Essex

English: see **Minett**.

### Mynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Minn**.

### Mynott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

English: see **Minett**.

### Myott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

English: see **Myatt**.

### Myram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Merriam**.

### Myres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry
- English: see **Myers**.

### Myrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

Welsh: see **Merrick**.

### Myrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jamaican: unexplained.

### Myring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Merrin**.

### Myson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Sussex

English: see **Missin**.

### Mythen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Irish: variant spelling of the English name **Mitton**, which has been established in Ireland (Wexford) since at least the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** England: James Mythen, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Mythen, 1791 in *IGI* (Cornelly, Cornwall).

Ireland: John Mitten, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Armagh); Martin Mithen, 1850 in *IGI* (Wexford); Matthew Mythen, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Wexford); John Mittins, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Church Street, Wexford); Michael Mitton, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Mountalexander, Wexford); James Mittin, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Sraghmore, Wicklow).

### Myton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Mitton**.

### Mytton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands (esp. Worcs) and central Wales

English: see **Mitton**.

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## Nabarro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Sephardic): mainly Jewish variant of **Navarro**. **Early bearers:** David Nunez Nabarro, tailor, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1861* (London); Isaac Nabarro, stick maker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Nabarro, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); David Solomon Nabarro, musician, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Maurice Nabarro, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Jacob Nunes Nabarro, diamond broker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Aron Nabarro, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Stoke Newington, Middx).

## Nabb

**Variants:** Napp, Nabbs, Nobbs, Nobs, Nops

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a *nab*, Middle English *nabbe* 'hillock, knoll' (Old Scandinavian *nabbi* 'projecting peak, hill'). There are many minor places named with this word, for example Whalley Nab in Blackburn (Lancs), which is recorded as *Nab* in 1579, Nab in Mirfield (WR Yorks), Nab Scar in Rydal (Westm), which is recorded as *le Nab* in the 13th century, and The Nab in Burgh Saint Margaret (Norfolk). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2). **Early bearers:** N England: Petr' del Nab, 1324–6 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Lancs); Avicia de Nabb', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Radulphi Nabbe, 1573, Willm. Nabb, 1602 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Jane Nabbe, 1574 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Nabbe, 1591, Lawrence Nab, 1611 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Law. Nabbe, 1634 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

E Anglia: Richard atte Nab, 1293 in *Norwich Deeds* (Norfolk); Robt atte Nab, 1312–13 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Rad. atte Nab, 1333–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Bittering Magna, Norfolk); Henry atte Nab, 1345–7 in *Norwich Freeman* (Beetley, Norfolk); Mariona atte Nabbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paston, Norfolk); Adam Nap, 1715 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); James Nab, 1718 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk);

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 67; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 200; *Place-Names of Westm 1*, p. 210; *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 80; *Place-Names of Norfolk 2*, p. 48; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 208.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Nabb* and *Napp*, which are probably parallels to *Nobb* and *Nopp*, pet forms of *Robert*, rhymed on *Rab* and *Rob*. Compare the evidence for a diminutive form provided by Robert Nabelot, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); see also **Nobbs** and **Roblett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Nabbe Brodeye, 1298, Nabbe son of Broun, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

surnames: John Nap, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Napp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalbourne, Wilts); Johannes Nape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corscombe, Dorset); Johannes Nape, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellsforth, Hants); Henricus Nappe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bosmere hundred, Hants); Amye Napp, 1564 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Richard Nabb, 1578 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Henry Napp, 1594 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); William Nappe, 1631 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex).

3 Scottish: relationship name, Scottish Gaelic **Mac an Aba(dh)** 'son of the abbot', see **McNab**.

## Nabbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: variant of **Nabb** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Nobbs**.

**Further information:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 1*, p. 311, at Nabs House; *Tooth*, p. 116.

**Early bearers:** Will. del Nabbes, about 1346 in *Subsidy Rolls* (WR Yorks); Gregory Nabbsys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Nabbes, 1570 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Anne Nabbes, 1592 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Raph Nabbs, 1604 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Wm. Nabbs, 1657 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

## Nabi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a male given name based on the Arabic *nabi* 'prophet'.

## Nack

**Variants:** Nacke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nakke*, a pet form of *Adam*. Compare Adam or Nakke of the tun, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*. *Nacke* represents Middle English \**Acke* with prosthetic *N-*, and *Acke* is a short form of pet names based on *Adam* such as *Adkin*; see **Axon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA. There is no evidence to support a derivation from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Hnaki*, as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson* and *DAFN*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Nacke, Nakke, brother of Robert of Hothersall, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll* (Lancs). surnames: Alured Nacche, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Adam Nak, 1284, Adam Nacke 'the Forester', 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Thomas Nak', 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); James Nacke, 1686 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Jane Nack, 1705 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Nack, 1715 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Saml. Nack, 1793 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Henry Newton Nack, 1857 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Nacke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Nack**.

## Nadal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

Catalan, Occitan: from the personal name *Nadal*, from *nadal* 'Christmas' (Latin *natalis* 'birthday').

## Nadarajah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan, Tamil: Tamil form of a Hindu surname found in other Indian languages as *Nataraj*, *Nataraja*; see **Natarajan**.

## Nadat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; in use in Muslim communities in S Asia.

## Nadeem

**Variants:** Nadim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1442, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *nadīm* 'close friend, companion'.

## Naden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Lancs, and Derbys

English: see **Nadin**.

## Nadim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Nadeem**.

## Nadin

**Variants:** Naden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 805
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs, Staffs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Naden in Spotland (Lancs). The place-name may derive from Old English *nafu* 'nave', perhaps in a topographical sense 'wheel-shaped hill' + *denu* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Nauden, 1323, Adam de Naudene, 1324, Adam de Neuedene, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Naveden, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Christopher Naden, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Bury, Lancs); Wm. Naden, 1538 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Robert Nadin, 1593 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Elisabeth Naden, 1602 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 60.

**Nadler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Needler**.

**Naeem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Naim**.

**Naesmith**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Naismith**.

**Nagar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Indian (northern states): Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *nāgara* 'urban' (from Sanskrit *nagara* 'city').
- 2 Jewish (Sephardic and Israeli): occupational name from Hebrew *nagar* 'carpenter'. As a Israeli name, it sometimes represents a translation into Hebrew of Ashkenazic names with similar meaning, for example **Zimmerman** and **Tesler**.
- Early bearers:** Giovanni Nagar, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, Kent); Max Nagar, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

**Nagel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 German: nickname from Middle High German *nagel* 'nail'. Compare **Nail**.
- Early bearers:** Anne Henrietta Nagel, 1692, Hendrik Nagel, 1697 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).
- 2 Irish: see **Nagle**.

**Naggington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Nagington**.

**Nagi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, based on the name of a subgroup of the Tank goldsmiths of the Panjab, from Sanskrit *nāgi* 'one with serpents', which is an epithet of the god Shiva.
- 2 Muslim: see **Naji**.

**Nagington**

- Variants:** **Naggington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: locative name from Nagington in Childs Ercall (Shrops), which is recorded as *Nagitona* in 1159–60, *Naghinton* in 1255, and *Nagynnton* in 1271–2. The place-name derives from an unknown first element, perhaps a personal name, + the Old English connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.
- Early bearers:** John de Naginton, imprisoned at Shrewsbury, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Robertus de Nagynnton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipnall, Shrops);

Willelmus de Nagynnton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Betton, Shrops); Thomas Nagynnton, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hinstock, Shrops); Elyzabeth Naggenton, 1674, John Nagington, 1720 in *IGI* (Hinstock, Shrops); Thomas Naggington, 1748, William Nagginton, 1757 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Lucy Nagginton, 1794 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 134.

**Nagle**

- Variants:** **Neagle, Nagel**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 1402
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from **Mac an Óglaigh** 'son of the soldier'. There has been considerable confusion with **Nangle** (Irish *de Nógla*).
- Early bearers:** John Naghell, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Dublin); Klyny Nagyll, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2245 (Ballynegaraghe); Gybon Nagill fitz Richard, gent., and James Icollyn Nangle fitz Richard, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2245 (Carigichony); Gerot Nagell, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2584 (Monenemny); Maurice ny carriggy Nagle, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2584 (Carigan duf); James Nagle, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2961 (Cahirdowgan).

**Nagra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Nagy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1199, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Hungarian: nickname from *nagy* 'big'. The family name is contrasted with **Kiss** and was sometimes used to describe the older of two bearers of the same personal name.
- Early bearers:** Peter Nagy, born in Hungary, in *Census 1861* (Kendal, Westm); Lajos Nagy, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Greenwich, Kent); Sandor Nagy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

**Nahal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Nahar**

- Variants:** **Nehar**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Indian (Panjabi): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.
- 2 Muslim: from a female personal name based on Arabic *nahār* 'day'.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Naheed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a female given name based on Persian *nāhid* 'Venus'.

**Naidoo**

- Variants:** **Naidu**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Andhra Pradesh): Hindu, from Sanskrit *nāya* 'leader, chief' + the Telugu third personal masculine suffix *-du*.

**Further information:** this family name occurs in several communities of Andhra Pradesh.

**Naidu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Naidoo**.

**Naik**

- Variants:** **Nayak**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian: Hindu, from Sanskrit *nāyaka* 'chief, 'leader'. **Further information:** This family name is found in several communities.

**Nail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England; also Cornwall
- English: nickname apparently from Middle English *nail* 'nail' (Old English *nægel*). The sense may, as in Modern English, be either 'metal spike, wooden peg' (compare **Naylor**) or 'fingernail, toenail'.
- Early bearers:** William Nayl, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Geoffrey Nayl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Nayl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Agn' Nail', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Edus Nayl', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Ralph Nayle, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Gilbert Nayl, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robert Nayle, 1576 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Naile, 1618 in *IGI* (Mackworth, Derbys); Richard Nail, 1646 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Gilbert Nail, 1717 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Nail, 1769 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampound, Cornwall).

**Nailen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Nailen, cloth miller, in *Census 1891* (Barrhead, Renfews).

**Nailer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Durham
- English: see **Naylor**.

**Nailor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Berks; Norfolk
- English: see **Naylor**.

**Naim**

- Variants:** **Naeem**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Muslim and Jewish (Sephardic): from a personal name based on Arabic *na'im* 'bliss, happiness'.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Naiman**

Variants: **Nyman, Niman, Nieman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Yiddish *naiman* 'newcomer'; compare **Neumann, Newman**.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Nieman, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Emuel Nieman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Barnett Nyman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Niman, tailor's machinist, born in Plock, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis J. Niman, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Lewisham, Kent); Abraham Nyman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Nair**

Variants: **Nare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1507, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northumb
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name reduced form of **McNair**.  
2 Indian (Kerala): variant of **Nayar**.

**Nairn**

Variants: **Nairne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1645, Ireland 59
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Tipperary
- Scottish: locative name from Nairn (Nairns), which is recorded as *Inuernaren* about 1195 and *Narne* in 1382. The place-name is taken from the River Nairn, which derives from a Celtic or pre-Celtic word perhaps meaning 'penetrating one'. The 1195 form also has Gaelic *inbhir* 'river mouth'.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Narryn, 1361 in *Moray Register* (Inverness, Inverness); Michael de Narne, armiger, 1406 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perths); Alexander de Narne, 1450 in *Oliphants in Scotland* (Sandford, Fife); Robert Narne, 1457 in *Black* (Stirlings); Peter Nairne, 1573 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); William Nairne, 1618 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Barbara Nairn, 1634 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Maigdalen Nearn, 1668 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Nearn, 1669 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife); Ritchard Nairn, 1682, Janet Nearn, 1698 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); John Nairn, 1764 in *IGI* (Nairn, Nairns).  
England: Richard Nearn, 1696 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Margaret Nairn, 1699 in *IGI* (Long Houghton, Northumb); Sarah Nairn, 1747, Sarah Nearn, 1820 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); George Nayne, 1791 in *IGI* (Northallerton, NR Yorks); Henry Nairn, 1837, William Nain, 1856 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 341; *Names of Towns and Cities*, p. 139.

**Nairne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Perths; Nairns; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Nairn**.

**Naisbet**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Nesbitt**.

**Naisbett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Nesbitt**.

**Naisbit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Nesbitt**.

**Naisbitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Nesbitt**.

**Naisby**

Variants: **Nasby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: seemingly a variant of **Nesbitt** with loss of *-t*. There has been some confusion with **Naseby**.

**Naish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1064
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, Gloucs
- English: see **Nash**.

**Naismith**

Variants: **Naesmith, Naysmith, Nasmyth, Nasmith, Nesmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 970, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 797
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- 1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *\*knif-smith* 'knife-smith, cutler' (Old English *cnif* + *smið*). Compare **Cutler**. It is uncertain whether the Scottish bearers belong here or with (2).  
**Further information:** Adam Knyfsmith, 1285, can be identified with Adam le Cutyller, knyfsmith, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Knifsmith, 1246–89 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Adam Knyfsmith, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Saman le Knyfsmith, 1310 in *London Letter Books D* (London); William Knysmyt, 1326, William le Knyfsmith, 1348 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Anthonius Knythsmith, 1575, Antonii Knifesmith, 1613 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Knifsmith, 1592 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Knismith, 1621 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs).  
Scotland: James Nasmyth, 1529 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Elizabeth Nasmyth, 1570 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Euphame Nasmyth, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margrat Nasmith, 1655 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Robert Naismith, 1664 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 153.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*nave-smith* 'nave-smith' (Old English *nafu, nafa* 'nave, the central part of a wheel' + *smið*).

**Further information:** Compare Adam Nawrith', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), i.e. 'nave-wright'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Nasmith, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 163.

**Naison**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derby
- English: see **Nason**.

**Najeeb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Najib**.

**Naji**

Variants: **Nagi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a male personal name based on Arabic *najī* 'close friend'.

**Further information:** *Najjullah* 'friend of Allah' is an epithet of the Prophet Muhammad.

**Najib**

Variants: **Najeeb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a male personal name based on Arabic *najīb* 'noble, distinguished'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Nalder**

Variants: **Nolder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx; Somerset
- English: variant of **Alder**, with initial *N-* through misdivision of Middle English *atten aldre(s)* 'at the alder(s)'.  
**Early bearers:** William atte Nalre, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William atte Naldhres, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardo atte Naldr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Berks); Elizabeth Nalder, 1578 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

**Naldrett**

Variants: **Neldrett, Noldart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a misdivision of Middle English *atten al(d)rett* 'at the alder grove'. See further under **Arlott**.

**Further information:** The minor place-name Nalderswood in Leigh (Surrey) is recorded as *Naldretwode* in 1462. Naldrett House in Rudgwick (Sussex) is named from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Attenerlette, 1276 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Robert aten Erlette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Nalrette, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Walter ate Naldratte, Gilbert ate Nelrette, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter ate Naldratte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nalderswood in Leigh, Surrey); Johannes atte Naldret, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Johan Naldret, 1559, Anne Naldret, 1753 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Edward Naldrett, 1586 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Mary Naldred, 1632 in *IGI*



(Nalderswood in Leigh, Surrey); George Naldret, 1675, Jane Noldret, 1715 in *IGI* (Capel, Surrey); Mary Noldart, 1828 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 298; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 157.

## Nall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nall*, a pet form of *Alice*, shortened to *All* and with the addition of a prosthetic *N*-.

**Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames**, notes that in *Wakefield Court Rolls*, 1307, Alice de Birkynschawe of Alverthorpe is identical with Nalle de Birkenschagh of Alverthorpe. Compare **Nally** (2) and **Nalson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Nall, Ibbota Nalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Johannes Nalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Johanne Nalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scalford, Leics); William Nall, 1559 in *PROB 11* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Agnes Nall, 1566 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Jane Nall, 1618 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys).

## Nalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs

Irish, English: see **Nally**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Nally

**Variants:** **Nalley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 713
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Westmeath

1 Irish: from **Mac an Fhailghigh**, see **McNally**.

The following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Edward Nalley, 1721 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); John Nally, 1737 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Matthew Nalley, 1809 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Nally*, a Middle English pet form of *Alice*, *Alison*, *Alan*, or *Alexander*. See **Alley** and compare **Nall**, **Nalson**.

**Early bearers:** John Nally, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Stalham, Norfolk); Eustacius Nally, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); Johnis Nally, 1628 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

## Nalson

**Variants:** **Nolson**, **Knowlson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: relationship name 'son of *Nall*(y)', a Middle English pet form of *Alice* and possibly of other names in *Al*-, such as *Alan*, *Alexander*, and *Alison*. See **Nall**, **Nally**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Nallison, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johanne Nallson, 1377, Johanne Nalson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Nallson, 1355 in *York Freeman's Register* (Cawood, WR Yorks); William Nalson, 1452 in *Yorks Deeds* (Womersley,

WR Yorks); Lucius Nallson, 1539 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Joan Nalson, 1579 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Nalton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Nawton**.

## Nam

**Variants:** **Nan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Korean: (남; Chinese character: 南, meaning 'south'.) This name is borne by descendants of the 8th-century Chinese diplomat Nam Min (南敏), whose original name was Kim Ch'ung (金忠). Kim Ch'ung was an emissary from Tang China on his way back to China from Japan in AD 755 when his ship was caught in a typhoon. He drifted at sea for some time before eventually landing on the shores of Korea. The Shilla king Kyōngdōk offered to send a message about Kim's whereabouts to Tang China, but Kim asked to stay in Korea and was granted lands what is now Yōngyang County of Kyōngsang North Province. King Kyōngdōk gave him a new surname, *Nam* (南), because he was travelling from the south. Seven generations later, Nam Min's descendant General Nam Chin-yong (南鎮勇) had three sons, each of whom started a separate clan. The eldest, Nam Hong-bo (南洪甫) founded the Yōngyang clan, the second, Nam Kun-bo (南君甫), founded the Ūiryōng clan, and the youngest, Nam Kwang-bo (南匡甫), founded the Kosōng clan.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname **Nan** (Nan in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'south' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Nan Zhong (南仲), an official during the reign of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). (ii) from *Nan* (南), the name of an ancient Chinese state. The state was split into two as a result of power struggles during the middle Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). One part was located in present-day Nanyang in Henan province and annexed by the state of Xie during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC); the other was located in present-day Jingzhou in Hubei province and annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the second element of Zi Nan (子南), the style name of Ying, son of king Wei Ling Gong (died 493 BC) in the state of Wei. (iv) from the second element of Zi Nan (子南), the style name of Zhui Shu, son of the king Chu Zhuang Wang (died 591 BC) in the state of Chu. (v) from the place-name *Nan Xiang* (南鄉), where Gao Shi, a celebrated hermit in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), lived. (vi) borne by some descendants of the nobles in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 藍, see **Lam** (1). The dialects in which this form is found are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and elsewhere in SE Asia.

4 Vietnamese: probably representing the Chinese surname 南 (Nan in Mandarin pinyin, *Nam* in Cantonese), meaning 'south'.

## Nan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 南, see **Nam** (2).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 藍, see **Lam** (1).

3 English: see **Nann**.

## Nana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Ghanaian: from *nana*, a Twi gender-neutral title, literally 'grandparent, elder, ancestor', representing a social or official position of honour.

## Nancararrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Nancararrow in Saint Allen or Nancararrow in Saint Michael Penkivel (both Cornwall). Both place-names derive from Middle Cornish *nans* 'valley' + *carow* 'stag' or *garow* 'rough'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Nancarow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Allen, Cornwall); Martyn Nancarro, Stephen Ancarrowe, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Allen, Cornwall); Hugo Nancararrowe, 1580 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Margaret Nancarow, 1591 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Vrias Nancarow, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Gregorius Nancararrowe, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Tho Nancar, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Nankarro, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 40–1, 102, 170–1, 283.

## Nance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Nance in Lelant, Nance in Saint Clement, Nance in Illogan, or Nance in Saint Martin in Meneage (all Cornwall). The place-names derive from Middle Cornish *nans* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** William Nans, 1463 in *Cornish Lands* (Lelant, Cornwall); Thomas Nans, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Nicholas Nans, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall); Thomas Nans, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lelant, Cornwall); Clemence Nance, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Nance, 1571 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); John Nance, 1575 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); John Nance, 1628 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); James Nants, 1733, Stephen Nance, 1751 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 170, 283.

## Nancekivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Nankivell**.

## Nancekivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0

## Nanda

- GB frequency 1881: 34
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- Cornish: see **Nankivell**.

### Nanda

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Nandha**.

### Nandha

Variants: **Nanda**

- Current frequencies: GB 388, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh name based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Nandhra

- Current frequencies: GB 257, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): see **Nandra**.

### Nandi

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- Indian (Bengal): Hindu name meaning 'joy'.  
Further information: This is the name of an attendant of the god Shiva, also of the bull which is his vehicle.

### Nandra

Variants: **Nandhra**

- Current frequencies: GB 478, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Nangle

- Current frequencies: GB 275, Ireland 286
  - GB frequency 1881: 76
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo
- Irish: locative name from Angle (Pembrokes, Wales), which is recorded as *Angulo* in 1291, *le Angle* in 1272–1301, and *le Nangle* in 1325. The initial *N*-results from misdivision of the Middle English preposition phrase *atten angle* 'at the angle'. Compare **Angle**. The surname has been gaelicized in Ireland as *de Nógla*. There has also been considerable confusion with **Nagle** (**Mac an Óglaigh**).  
Further information: This is now established as an Irish rather than a Welsh or English name. It was brought to Ireland by Normans from Pembrokes in the 12th century.  
Early bearers: Ireland: Gilbert de Angulo, 1199 in *CDI* §110; Richard le Nongle, 1292 in *CDI* §1077; Alan de Nongle, 1299 in *CDI* §551 (Odonwys); Richard Nangle, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §605 (Ballacorky); William Nangle, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §605 (Scottiston); George Nangle, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4256 (Cahirdowgan); Peter Nangle, sheriff of Westmeath, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4288 (Bishoppestowne).  
England: Peter Nangle, 1571 in *Oxford University Register*; Garret Nangle, 1719 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Nangle, 1764 in *IGI* (Hornby, Lancs).  
References: *DPN Wales*, p. 17.

### Nanji

- Current frequencies: GB 224, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim, Indian: unexplained; but said to mean 'young' (compare Hindi and Urdu *nanhe*).

### Nankervis

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 216
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Nanskerres, a lost place in Sithney (Cornwall). The place-name appears to derive from Middle Cornish *nans* 'valley' + *carow* 'stag'.  
Early bearers: Henry Nanskerwis, 1509 in *Cornish Lands* (Sithney, Cornwall); Sampson Nanskyrwys, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Sithney, Cornwall); Richard Nankervis, 1706, Loveday Nankerville, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Jane Nankervis, 1768 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall).  
References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 40–1, 283.

### Nankivell

Variants: **Nancekivell**, **Nancekievill**

- Current frequencies: GB 278, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 143
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Nanskeval in Saint Mawgan in Pydar parish (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish *nans* 'valley' + \**cuvel*, an element of unknown etymology, perhaps a personal name.  
Further information: It is unclear why the forms with medial *-s-* or *-ce-* reappear only late in the record, and in Devon. Perhaps the surname was reformed to match the place-name through antiquarian family research.  
Early bearers: John Nankevill, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); John Nanskevill, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Nankevill, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Wm Nankevill, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Colan, Cornwall); John Nankevill, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Edward Nankevill, 1589 in *IGI* (Braddock, Cornwall); John Nankevill, 1593, Richard Nankevill, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Barnabie Nankevill, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Thomas Nankivell, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Peter Nankevill, 1687 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall); William Nanskevill, 1716 in *IGI* (Farringdon, Devon); Ann Nanskevill, 1778, Elizabeth Nancekevill, 1808 in *IGI* (Woolfardisworthy near Bideford, Devon); Thomas Nancekiville, 1788, Ann Nancekieveville, 1792 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); John Nance Nance Kievell, 1827 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon).  
References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 57 and 170–71.

### Nanney

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Caernarvons
- Welsh: locative name from Nannau in Llanfachreth (Merioneths).  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
Early bearers: John Nano, 1682 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); Elizabeth Nanna, 1798, Jane Nanney, 1811, Richard Nannay, 1814, Edward Nannah, 1816 in *IGI* (Chester,

Cheshire); Nancy Nanny, 1802 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire).

### Nanson

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 236
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Nan* (a pet-form of **Anne** or **Agnes**) + the patronymic marker *-son*.  
Early bearers: Richard Nanneson, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Nanson, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Skipwith, ER Yorks); Robertus Nanson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beal, WR Yorks); Johannes Nanson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); William Nanson, 1441 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Thomas Nanson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Nanson, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Nanson, 1571 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Robert Nanson, 1589 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

### Nanton

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire
- English: probably a variant of the Suffolk surname **Naunton**. The recent upsurge in numbers seems to have begun in NW England.

### Naper

- GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Meath
- English: see **Napier**.

### Napier

Variants: **Nappier**, **Naper**, **Napper**

- Current frequencies: GB 3209, Ireland 321
  - GB frequency 1881: 2362
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus and Aberdeens
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down
- English, Scottish: (i) occupational name from Old French *napier*, *nappier*, \**nap(p)er(er)* 'one who looks after the napery or table-linen', a derivative of Old French *nappe* 'tablecloth, napkin'. Compare Walter de la Naperye, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*. In Middle English, *Napier* and *Nap(p)er* might also have denoted a maker of tablecloths, though this sense has not been recorded. (ii) occupational name; alternatively *Nap(p)er* is from an unrecorded Middle English word for one who makes *naps*, i.e. drinking cups or chalices (Middle English *nap*, Old English *hnaep*). (iii) nickname; *Napper* could also represent Middle English *nappere* 'one who sleeps or naps', though this is the least likely of the alternatives.  
Further information: The name has been established in Ireland since medieval times, and became prominent with additional settlers from the west of England in the 17th century.  
Early bearers: England: Peter Napier, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Ralph Naper, 1167, Ralph le Napier, 1168, Ralph le Naper, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Reginald le Nappere, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Naper, 1294 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); Reginald Napper, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stedham, Sussex); Roger le Nappar', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Racton, Sussex); Johannes Nappare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Peter Napper, 1449

in *Feet of Fines* (Beckenham, Kent); Mary Napper, 1560, Water Naper, 1601 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Agnes Napper, 1602 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Francis Napier, 1624 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds). Scotland: John Naper, about 1290, John le Naper, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dunbartons); Matheu le Naper, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Angus); Alexander Naper, 1451 in *Scotland Calendar*; Barbara Napier, 1575, Grissell Naper, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Waltir Naper, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Alexander Napier, 1648 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Jannet Nappier, 1671 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian). **References:** *Thuresson*, p. 121; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 252–3.

### Napleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Appleton**. The initial *N-* results from misdivision of the Middle English preposition phrase *atten* ‘at the’.

### Napolitano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: locative name, Southern Italian, habitational name denoting someone from Naples, perhaps from Neapolitan dialect *Napulitanè*, an adjectival derivative of Napoli. Compare standard Italian *Napoletano*.

### Napp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Norfolk
- English: see **Nabb**.

### Napper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 991, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 921
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: see **Napier**.

### Nappier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Napier**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Nappin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: probably a variant of **Napton**.

**Early bearers:** Philip Nappin, 1665 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Alexander Joseph Nappin, 1832 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Elisha Nappin, 1839 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Elisha Nappin, 1845 in *IGI* (Oakley, Bucks).

### Napthen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Norfolk

English: see **Napthine**.

### Napthine

**Variants:** **Napthen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Knapton (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Cnapeton* in 1254 and *Knapetone* in 1254–75. The place-name derives from Old English *cnapa* ‘boy, servant’ or the personal name *Cnapa*, of the same etymology, + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. There may have been some confusion with **Knapton**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Gnapeton, 1194, [ . . . de] Knapeton, 1287–8 in *Place-Names of Norfolk* (Norfolk); William Knapton, 1330 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robert de Knapton, 1376–7 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas de Knapton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmus de Knapeton, Johannes Knapeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Thomas Knapton, worsted weaver, 1526–7, William Knapton, shoemaker, 1582–3 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Mary Napthin, 1755 in *IGI* (Larling, Norfolk); Charlotte Napthen, 1780 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Sarah Napthing, 1803 in *IGI* (Congham, Norfolk); Henry Naptin, 1805 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Robert Napthan, 1814 in *IGI* (East Harling, Norfolk); Robert Napthine, 1823 in *IGI* (Westleton, Suffolk); Rebecca Knaphthan, 1847 in *IGI* (East Harling, Norfolk). **References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 22.

### Napton

**Variants:** **Nappin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from Napton on the Hill (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Nepton* in 1086, *Neapton* in 1199, and *Cnapton* in 1235. The place-name derives from Old English *cnæpp* ‘hill-top, hillock, a short sharp ascent’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Neptone, 1176 in *Place-Names of Warwicks* (Warwicks); Willelmus de Napton, 1279–80 in *Warwicks Hundred Rolls* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Robert de Napton, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Napton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoneleigh, Warwicks); John Napton, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Gaydon, Warwicks); Ally Napton, 1539 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Christian Napton, 1576 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London). **References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 140.

### Naqui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *naqī* ‘pure, clean’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Naqvi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 968, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, India): adjectival derivative of Arabic *naqī* ‘pure, clean’. Specifically, it is a family name of followers of ‘Ali ibn Muhammad Naqī, tenth imam of the Shiites (829–868).

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Narain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, West Indian: see **Narayan**.

### Naraine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Narayan**.

### Naran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Narang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh name based on the name of a clan in the Arora community, from Sanskrit *nāranga* ‘orange’.

### Naranjo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: locative name from Spanish *naranjo* ‘orange tree, orange grove’ (from *naranja* ‘orange’, Arabic *naranj*), or toponymic from places named with this word in La Coruña and Córdoba provinces.

### Narayan

**Variants:** **Narain, Naraine, Narine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern and southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *nārāyana* ‘the path of man’, an epithet of the god Vishnu. In the northern states, it appears to have evolved into a family name from the final element of compound personal names such as Ramnarayan (from *Ram*, name of an incarnation of Vishnu, + *Narayan*).

**Further information:** In South India, *Narayan* is used only as a male given name, but has become a family name among South Indians in the West. It is found as a variant of **Narayanan** among Tamil and Malayalam speakers who have migrated from their home state.

### Narayanan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *nārāyana* (an epithet of Vishnu; see **Narayan**) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is found only a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name in the West.

### Narbeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

Welsh: see **Narbett**.

### Narbett

**Variants:** **Narbeth**

## Narborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

Welsh: locative name from Narberth (Pembrokes), which is recorded as *Nerberth* in 1291 and *la Nerbert* in 1331. The place-name derives from Welsh *ar* 'near, at, by' + *perth* 'thicket, copse'. The *N-* is from misdivision of *yn* + *Arberth* 'in Arberth'.

**Early bearers:** Wales: John Nerberth, 1613 in *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales* (Begelly, Pembrokes); Wm. Narberth, 1810 in *IGI* (Bletherston, Pembrokes). England: John Narbeth, 1796 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs). **References:** *DPN Wales*, p. 342; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 341.

## Narborough

**Variants:** Narbrough, Narburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Norfolk; London

1 English: locative name from Narborough (Leics), which is recorded as *Norburgh* in 1236, *Northborough* in 1316, and *Narborough* in 1555. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *burh* 'fortified place'. Some of the bearers below may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Norburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Desford, Leics); Willelmo Norborowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birstall, Leics); Simond Northburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Addington, Northants); Jon. Narbrough, 1577, Marye Narborow, 1613 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Elizabeth Narborough, 1622 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Ricd Narborough, 1734 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); William Norborough, 1793 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name from Narborough (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Nereburh* in 1086 and *Narburgh* in 1242. The place-name derives from an uncertain first element, perhaps Old English \**neru* 'narrow place' + Old English *burh* 'fortified place'. Some of the bearers below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Nerburg', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Richard de Nareburch, 1284 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmus de Narburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Adam Narburgh, tailor, 1403–4 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Narbow, 1454 in *Paston Letters* (E Anglia); Edmond Narborow, 1560 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Narborowe, 1573 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Thomas Narborough, 1590 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); John Narbrough, 1620, Willm Narburgh, 1623 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Robart Norborough, 1664 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 6, p. 186; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 341; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 429.

## Narbrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Narborough**.

## Narburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Narborough**.

## Nardini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name from *Nardino*, a diminutive of the personal name *Nardo*, which was originally a pet form of any of the various personal names (of Germanic origin) ending with *-nardo*, such as *Bernardo* (compare **Barnard**), *Leonardo* (compare **Leonard**).

## Nardone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: from an augmentative of the personal name *Nardo*, originally a pet form of any of the various personal names (of Germanic origin) ending with *-nardo*, such as *Bernardo*, *Leonardo*.

## Nare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: see **Nair**.

## Nares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *neir* 'black', with the post-medieval addition of excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Neir, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William le Nayr, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Herveus Neyre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Johannes Neyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); Willelmus Nayr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Cave, ER Yorks); William Nayre, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Nears, 1585 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Gulielmi Nayre, 1616 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Katherin Nair, 1617 in *IGI* (Radley, Berks); William Nares, 1619 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Francis Nayres, 1732 in *IGI* (Kirkbymoorside, NR Yorks); Robert Naire, 1761 in *IGI* (York); James Nears, 1769 in *IGI* (Great Henny, Essex).

## Narey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish: from Ó Náradaigh, see **Neary**.

## Narine

**Variants:** Narain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

West Indian: altered form of **Narayan** found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

## Narracott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one or more of numerous places called Narracott in Devon, which derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *cot* 'cottage' (Old English *norð*, *cot*). The place-name occurs in the parishes of Bittadon, Bratton

Fleming, East Putford, Exbourne, Inwardleigh, Meshaw, Milton Abbot, George Nympton, and East Worlington. There has probably been some confusion with **Northcott**.

**Further information:** There is also a place named Narracott in Winkleigh (Devon), which is recorded as *Nither(e)cote* in 1301. The place-name derives from Middle English *nether* 'lower' + *cot* 'cottage' (Old English *neodora*, *clif*), and does not appear to be a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Northecote, 1244, William de Northecote, 1281 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John de Northacote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meshaw, Devon); John de Northecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Inwardleigh, Devon); William de Northecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bratton Fleming, Devon); John Northecote, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Walter Northecote, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Margereta Narracott, 1539, Ricci Norracott, 1573 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Alyce Naracot, 1570 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Margaret Norracotte, 1597 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 29, 31, 107, 141, 150, 217, 349, 374, 383, 402.

## Narramore

**Variants:** Narrowmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Narramore in Lustleigh (Devon). The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *mor* 'moor' (Old English *norð*, *mōr*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Northemore, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Reginald Bynorthemore, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Lustleigh, Devon); Henry Bynorthemor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willand, Devon); Giles Narramore, 1624 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Narrowmore, 1632 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Walter Narramore, 1649 in *IGI* (Ideford, Devon); Sarah Narrowmore, 1831 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 841

## Narraway

**Variants:** Narroway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Staffs

English: locative name from Narraway in Drewsteignton (Devon). The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *wei* 'way, road' (Old English *norð*, *weg*). Compare **Northway**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Bynortheweve, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richard Naraway, 1603, Samuel Narroway, 1702 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Anthonie Narraway, 1607 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Anne Narroway, 1622 in *IGI* (Brightwell, Berks); Sarah Narraway, 1623 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 433.

## Narroway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Herts and Middx
- English: see **Narraway**.

**Narrowmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Narramore**.

**Nartey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Nary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Náradaigh, see **Neary**.

**Nasar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Nasir**.

**Nasby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: variant of **Naisby** or **Naseby**.

**Nascimento**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese: religious byname from Portuguese *nascimento* 'birth, nativity' (Late Latin *nascimentum*, from *nasci* 'to be born'). This was one of the epithets of the Virgin Mary (*Maria do Nascimento*), and was also used as a given name for children born at Christmas.

**Naseby****Variants:** Nasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Naseby (Northants), which is recorded as *Navesberie* in 1086, *Naveneby* in 1253, *Navesby* in 1305, and *Naseby* in 1447. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Hnaef* + Old English *burh* 'fortified place', though some forms suggest that it has been remodelled as if the final element is from Old Scandinavian *bý* 'village, settlement', and the 1253 form above suggests influence from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Nafni*; compare **Nainby**. There has been some confusion with **Naisby**.
- Early bearers:** Ricardo de Navesby, about 1210 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); Robert de Naseby, 1321 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Nauesby, archdeacon of Chester, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johannes Navesby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Ricardo Naseby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Johanne Naseby, 1379, Johannes de Naseby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); John Nauesby, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton near Corby, Northants); John Naseby, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Naseby, 1563 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); Ffrances Naseby, 1674 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 73.

**Naseem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 835, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Nasim**.

**Naseer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Nasir**.

**Nash****Variants:** Naish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20678, Ireland 1425
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13654
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork
- 1 English: locative name either topographic from Middle English *asche* 'ash tree' (Old English *æsc*), by misdivision of the phrase *atten asche* 'at the ash tree', or toponymic from any of several places in various counties called Nash, Nash End, Nash Street, etc. Compare **Ash**, **Rash**, **Tash**.

**Further information:** The name is also common in Ireland. It was established in Kerry in the 13th century by a family who came to Ireland during the second wave of Anglo-Norman settlement.

**Early bearers:** William atte Nasche, Alice aten Eysse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Aten Assche, 1301 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); John atten Asshe, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); John atte Naysshe, 1349 in *London Letter Books F*; Johannes atte Nasch', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Old Thame, Oxon); Waltero Nasch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); Antony Nash, 1538 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Naish, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Nash, 1563 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); William Naish, 1639 in *IGI* (Englishcombe, Somerset).

2 English: see **Ash**.

**Nasim****Variants:** Naseem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *nasīm* 'breeze, fresh air'.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Nasir****Variants:** Nasar, Naseer, Nasser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1334, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *nāšir* 'supporter, helper, protector'.

**Further information:** *An-nāšir* 'the Helper' is one of the names of Allah; hence the compound name 'Abdul-nāšir 'servant of the Helper'.

**Nasmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Naismith**.

**Nasmyth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Midlothian
- English, Scottish: see **Naismith**.

**Nason****Variants:** Naison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Nailstone (Leics), which is recorded as *Nayleston(e)* in 1225, *Naylston* in 1437, and *Nelson* in 1509. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Nægl* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Nayleston, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); John de Nailleston, parson of Wolfhampcote church, 1343–4, Hugh de Nayleston, parson of Sheldon church, 1347–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Johannes Nailleston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Johanne Naylleston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarestone, Leics); Willelmus de Nayleston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Glen, Leics); John Nailston', 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Jhon Nason, 1547 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Johis Nason, 1599 in *IGI* (Birdingbury, Warwicks); Joseph Nassan, 1770 in *IGI* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Sarah Naston, 1777 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hannah Nassan, 1817 in *IGI* (Foleshill, Warwicks); Jonathan Nasson, 1865 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 6, p. 181.

**Nasreen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan): from a female personal name based on Persian *nasrīn* 'wild rose'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Nass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Ness** (3).

**Nassau**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

German, Dutch, Jewish (western Ashkenazic): locative name from the town of Nassau (Rhineland-Palatinate), formerly the seat of an independent duchy. The place name derives from Old High German *naz* 'damp, wet' + *ouwa* 'water meadow'. **Further information:** The royal house of Nassau traces its descent from Dudo, Count of Lauenberg, who flourished between 1093 and 1117. His family acquired the county of Nassau in the 12th century. The Dutch king Willem van Oranje-Nassau, otherwise known as William the Silent, was the leader of the Dutch revolt against Spain in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** William Nassau, 1756 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); William Nassau, 1764 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks).

**Nasser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

## Natarajan

1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Nasir**.

2 German: locative name for someone from any of several places called Nassen (Rhineland-Palatinate, Hesse, Bavaria).

### Natarajan

**Variants:** **Nadarajah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *natarāja* 'king of dancers' (from *nata* 'dancer' + *rāja* 'king', an epithet of the god Shiva) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is used only as a given name in South India, but has come to be used as a family name in the West and elsewhere.

### Nath

**Variants:** **Natha**, **Natt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Indian (Panjab): Sikh name based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Natha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Nath**.

### Nathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1766, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 998
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Roscommon

Jewish, English: relationship name from the Biblical Hebrew personal name *Natan* 'given' (i.e. by God). Sometimes this is also found as a short form of **Jonathan** or **Nathaniel**. The personal name was comparatively rare among non-Jews in the Middle Ages (although always common among Jews); as a modern surname it is frequently Jewish.

**Early bearers:** English: Edward Nathan, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); Elizabeth Nathan, 1686 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Rose Nathan, 1699 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Nathan, 1708 in *IGI* (Hook, WR Yorks); George Nathan, agricultural labourer, born in Fordingbridge, Hants, in *Census 1851* (Cranborne, Dorset); Richard Nathan, lighterman, born in Lambeth, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

Jewish: Ester Nathan, 1803 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Solomon Nathan, 1805 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Abraham Nathan, merchant, Morris Nathan, jeweller, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyam Nathan, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lipman Nathan, cigarette maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Spitalfields, Middx); Hermann Edward Nathan, 1873 in *BMD* (Southwark, Surrey); Franz Nathan, 1874 in *BMD* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Cushman Nathan, dealer, born in Aldgate, in *Census 1891* (Aldgate, London); Barnett Nathan, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Harris Nathan, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Worthing, Sussex).

### Nathaniel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; also W Lothian

English, Welsh, Scottish: relationship name from the Biblical Hebrew personal name *Nathaniel*, meaning 'given by God'. This was borne by a minor prophet in the Bible (2 Samuel 7:2). It was favoured by Nonconformists as a given name from the 17th century onwards.

**Further information:** It is found as both a Jewish and Gentile surname in Europe, but in Britain this form seems to be always Gentile. Compare **Nathan**. In South India it is used as a given name among Christians and has come to be used as a family name among Christians from South India.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Nathaniel, 1606 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); John Nathaniel, 1667 in *IGI* (Thurnham, Kent); Mellior Nathaniel, 1677 in *IGI* (Winterborne Kingston, Dorset); Mary Nathaniel, 1679 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Nathoo

**Variants:** **Nathu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, unexplained.

### Nathu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Nathoo**.

### Nathwani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Nathu-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Nation

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: probably originally a form of the same origin as **Ashen**, with *n-* detached from the preceding Middle English definite article in the phrase *atten asshen* 'at the ash-trees', then interpreted and often spelt as if it was the word *nation* in the pronunciation surviving in *national*, and finally in recent times adopting the modern pronunciation of *nation*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Nation, 1559, Sara Nashen, 1599, Humphrie Nashion, 1617, Henry Nacion, 1619 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Amy Nation, 1581 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Jas. Nation, 1604 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Richard Nacion, 1605 in *IGI* (Fitzhead, Somerset); Robert Nashen, 1607 in *IGI* (Ash Priors, Somerset); Richard Nashion, Richard Nashon, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Lydeard, Somerset); John Nation, 1617 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall).

### Natley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

• **Main GB location 1881:** SE England  
English: locative name from Nately Scures and Up Nately (Hants), recorded as *Nataleie* in 1086 and *Natelege* in about 1195. The place-name appears to derive from Old English \**naet* 'wet' + *lēah* 'open woodland'. There may well have been some confusion with **Netley**.

**Early bearers:** Vincent de Nateleye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Ricro de Natele, 1296, Willo de Natelegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Anthony Nateley, 1567 in *Robertsbridge Survey* (Sussex); Joane Nattlye or Natley, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Hooe, Sussex); Ansell Nately, 1621 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); William Natley, 1816 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).  
**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 121.

### Natrass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Natrass**.

### Natress

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Natrass**.

### Natt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Durham
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh name, see **Nath**.  
2 Irish: see **McNutt**.

### Natton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; Dorset
- English: variant of both **Notton** and **Noton**.

### Natrass

**Variants:** **Natrass**, **Natress**, **Natress**, **Natrriss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Natrass in Alston (Cumb), which is recorded as *Natres* in 1599 and *Natris* in 1695. The place-name probably derives from an Old Scandinavian personal name *Nate* or Old Scandinavian *nata* 'nettle' + Old English *hris* or Old Scandinavian *hris* 'brushwood'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Naterys, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Cumb); Cristina Natrrys, 1474 in *York Guild Register* (York); Edmund Nateres, 1522 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Devon); Edmund Natres, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham, Durham); John Natress, 1601 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Hugh Natriss, 1646 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Ralph Natris, mariner, 1659–60 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Cuthbert Natrass, 1699 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Nancy Natress, 1777 in *IGI* (Alston, Cumb).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 175.

### Natress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Natrass**.

**Natrriss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Natrrass**.

**Naturel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: nickname from Middle English *naturel* 'natural' (Old French *natural*). The sense when used as a surname is uncertain. Possibly the reference is to an illegitimate son.
- Early bearers:** Elyas Naturel, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William Natrel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Robert Naturell, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Richard Naterel, 1303, Richard Naturel, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Naturel, 1347 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Natrel, archer, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Naturel, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Naugher**

Variants: **Noctor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish (Ulster): relationship name, reduced anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac Conchobhair** 'son of Conchobhar' (see **O'Connor**). This form seems to have arisen from a pronunciation of the personal name as *Chochúr*, with loss of the initial *k* sound in the process of anglicization.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Ireland and Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John or Shane rowe McConnor, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §313 (Cuylemany, Carlow); Owen McConnoghor, kern, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §22; Tirlagh McConnor, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1399 (Kylcunbrannan, King's County [Offaly]); Cornelius McDonnogh McConnoghor, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3036 (Cloghtradevally, Cork); Donell McConnoghor alias Rustum, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4887 (Tirenasgraper, Galway); Conoghor og McDonogh McConnoghor, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5519 (Killaine, Mayo); Donell mcEa McConnogher, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5609 (Ashigarde); Hugh McConnoghor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6464 (Hospitall, Limerick); Donill McConnogher, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6535 (Castelroe, King's County [Offaly]); Hugh McConnor, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Ballycarr, Clare); William McNaugher, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone); Charles Nocher, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down).

Scotland: Francis Nochar, 1836 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

**Naughten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Inverness
- Irish, Scottish: see **Naughton**.

**Naughton**

Variants: **Naughten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2098, Ireland 2795
- **GB frequency 1881:** 594
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Limerick

1 Irish: from **Ó Neachtain** 'descendant of *Neachtan*', a personal name which may derive from the word *necht* meaning 'clean, pure'.

**Early bearers:** Conacius O'Naghten, kern, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §579; Rory, Cahell, and Dermond O'Naghten, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1309 (Corbigue, Connacht); John Naghten, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2510; Cornell O'Naghten, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2887 (Clonkenkeddell, Connacht); John Naghten, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3963 (Rathangan, Kildare); Tho. O'Naghten, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4612 (Dunmoylyn, Limerick); Donogh roe O'Naughten, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4721 (Roscommon); Dermot O'Naghten, horseman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4779 (Dondermot, Roscommon); Donald O'Naghtan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6117 (Kerry); Thady Naughten, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway); John Naughtin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Feakle, Clare); Peter Naughtin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacumysy, Roscommon); James Naughton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Addergoole, Mayo).

2 Scottish: locative name from Naughton (Fife), which is recorded as *Hadnachten* in the 12th century, *Athnathan* in the 13th century, *Naughtan* in 1479, and *Naughtin* in 1649. The place-name derives from Scottish Gaelic *áth* 'ford' + the personal name *Nechtan*.

**Early bearers:** Herui de Adnaughtan, 1260 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Drumcarrow, Fife); Bessie Naughton, 1689 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Naughten, 1694 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife); Margaret Naughton, 1774 in *IGI* (Rainford, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 4, pp. 181–84.

3 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**.

**Naulls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Lincs
- English: perhaps a variant of the rare surname *Nolls* (compare **Noll**), itself a variant of **Knowles**. See also **Naul**. For the loss of initial *K*- see **Noel** (2).
- Early bearers:** James Naulls, 1787 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Henry Naulls, 1819 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); Elizabeth Naulls, 1839 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Naulty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McNulty** (**Mac an Ultaigh**).
- Early bearers:** Bridget Naulty, 1856 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Naunton**

Variants: **Nanton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Naunton Hall in Rendlesham (Suffolk). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to suggest that the surname derives from Naunton (Gloucs, Worcs) or Naunton Beauchamp (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Naunton, 1321 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh de Naunton, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Bartholomew Naunton, knight, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johanna Naunton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Wyllyam Naunton, 1461, Wyll Naunton, 1465 in *Paston Letters* (E Anglia); William Naunton, 1613 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Robert Nanton, 1687 in *IGI* (Marlesford, Suffolk); Jonas Naunton, 1718 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk); William Nanton, 1739 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Margaret Nanton, 1817 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Michael Nanton, 1834 in *IGI* (Winche, Cheshire).

2 English: locative name apparently also from Naughton (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Nawelton* in about 1150. The place-name may derive from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Nagli* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. The 1327 bearer cited below points to assimilation of *n-l-n* to *n-n-n* in the surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Naelton, canon of Saint Peter's, 1252 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Hugh de Nawelton, Hugh de Nawenton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 342.

**Navaratnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Tamil (Sri Lanka, Malaysia): from Tamil *Navarathinam*, possibly sometimes from Malayalam *Navarathnam*, both ultimately from Sanskrit *navaratna* 'nine gems'.

**Further information:** The jewellery in question is a royal or other high-status symbol consisting of nine particular gemstones in a traditional fixed arrangement.

**Navarro**

Variants: **Nabarro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Spanish, Italian, Jewish: Spanish, Italian, and Jewish (Sephardic) (of Basque origin), regional name denoting someone from Navarre.
- Early bearers:** Caytano Navarro, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (London); Emilio Navarro, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Juan Navarro, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Alberto Navarro, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Nave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *knave* 'lad, servant' (Old English *cnafa*). Compare **Knape**.
- Further information:** The sense 'servant' is clear in cases such as William Margeriknave, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks), Nicholas Daeuknave, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys), and Johannes Diconson' Jakknave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks). There is no evidence to support Reaney's speculation that this name may be metonymic for *nave*, i.e. 'maker of wheel-naves', as in Eadric Nauere, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (London) and Richard le Navere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

## Naveed

**Early bearers:** England: Alwin Cnave, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); John le Cnaue, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John le Cnave, vassal of Robert de Cnyperslegh, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Simon Knave, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry le Knaue, 1271–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Adam le Cnave, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Knave, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus Knave, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Widford, Essex); Johannes le Knave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roudham, Norfolk); Philippo Knave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston on Wye, Herefs); Willelmo Knave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Jonathon Nave, 1679, Thomas Knave, 1736 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Knave, 1795 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

Scotland: Georg Nave, 1659 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margarat Knave, 1717 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

### Naveed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a male given name based on Persian *navid* ‘good news’.

### Naven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- Irish or Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cnáimhín** or **Ó Cnáimhín**, see **Nevin**.

### Navin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Tipperary; Mayo

Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Cnáimhín** or **Ó Cnáimhín**, see **Nevin**.

### Nawab

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a male personal name or honorific based on Persian *nawāb* ‘ruler, administrator’  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Nawaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3324, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (frequent in Pakistan): from a personal name based on Persian *nawāz* ‘one who caresses, cherishes, or soothes’.

### Nawton

**Variants:** **Nalton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Nawton (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Naghelton* and *Nageltone* in 1086, and *Nawton* in 1665. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Nagli* + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. There may have been some confusion with

### Naughton

**Early bearers:** Robertus Naulton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Goorgius de Naulton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Grimston, ER Yorks); Margret

Nawton, 1607 in *IGI* (Cundall, NR Yorks); Nathaniell Nalton, 1632 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); Mathew Nalton, 1716, William Nawton, 1717 in *IGI* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); John Nawton, 1746, James Nalton, 1759 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 65.

### Nay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Nye**.

2 Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

### Nayak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Naik**.

### Nayar

**Variants:** **Nair**, **Nayyar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, from Malayalam *nāyar* ‘leader, lord; soldier’ (from Sanskrit *nāya(ka)* ‘leader’ + the honorific plural ending *-r*), denoting membership of the Nayar community. The Nayars were regarded as protectors of the land.

### Naybour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Neighbour**.

### Nayee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Nayland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex

1 English: locative name from Nayland (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Eilanda* in 1086 and *Neiland* in 1227. The place-name derives from Old English *ēg-land* ‘island’, with the *N-* from misdivision of Middle English *atten e(y)land* ‘at the island’.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Neylond, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Simon de la Neylonde, parson of Great Horkesley, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey atte Nelonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thoma de Neylonde, Alano atte Neilonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Horkesley, Essex); Thomas de Neylonde, 1379 in *The Church in London*; John Nelond’, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Nayland, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ann Nayland, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 342.

2 Irish: from **Ó Nialláin**, see **Nealon**.

### Naylar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Naylor**.

### Nayler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London and Essex; Staffs; WR Yorks

English: see **Naylor**.

### Naylon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

Irish: from **Ó Nialláin**, see **Nealon**.

### Naylor

**Variants:** **Nayler**, **Nailer**, **Nailor**, **Naylar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14061, Ireland 171
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11246
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Offaly

English: occupational name from Middle English *nailer* ‘nail maker’. Compare **Nail**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Nailere, 1231, Richard Nayler, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (London); James le nayler, 1273 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Robertus Nayler’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cleckheaton, WR Yorks); Rogerus le Nayler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendlebury, Lancs); John Nayler, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Nayler, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Margart Naylor, 1539 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Joseph Nalor, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Wm. Naylar, 1574 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Nicholai Nalor, 1608 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Mary Naylor, 1718 in *IGI* (Wasing, Berks).

### Naysmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Naismith**.

### Nayyar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu, variant of **Nayar**.

### Naz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a female personal name based on Persian *nāz* ‘glory, pride, elegance’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Nazar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Muslim: perhaps from a personal name based on Arabic *nadhr* ‘vow, promise’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

2 Basque: locative name from Nazar (Navarre).

**Further information:** *DAFN*.

### Nazareth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Dutch, French: from a personal name adopted with reference to Jesus of Nazareth. In India, it is found among Christians in Goa, Mangalore, and elsewhere.



**Nazer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained; taking into account the Kentish port distribution, possibly a relationship name from the French male given name *Nazaire*, rare but most frequent in W France, though evidence is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Jane Nazer, 1707 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Daniel Nazer, 1814 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Eliza Naser, 1842 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**Nazim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a male personal name based on Arabic *nāẓim* ‘organizer, governor’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Nazir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2867, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim (Pakistan, India): from an Urdu form of Arabic *nadhīr* ‘warner’. (Qur’an 7:188).

**Further information:** *Al-Nadhīr* ‘the Warner’ is an epithet of the Prophet Muhammad, in the sense ‘one sent by Allah to warn mankind’.

**Ncube**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Zimbabwean: an isibongo or totemic name (‘praise-name’) from Ndebele *incube* ‘monkey’, or perhaps the cognate of this in a related language such as Zulu.

**Ndlovu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1154, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Zimbabwean: an isibongo or totemic name (‘praise-name’) from Ndebele *indlovu* ‘elephant’ or perhaps from a cognate of this in a related language such as Zulu.

**Nea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: from *Mac Niadh*, see *McNee*.

**Neach**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see *Neech*.

**Neachell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: variant of *Etchells*, with initial *N-* through misdivision of Middle English *atten echele(s)* ‘at the piece of land added to an estate’.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Nechells, 1553, Samuell Nechills, 1608 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Francis Neachell, 1676 in *IGI* (Stockton near Bridgnorth, Shrops); Richard Nechell, 1687 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

**Nead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see *Need*.

**Needley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see *Needley*.

**Neads**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see *Needs*.

**Neagle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from *Mac an Óglaigh*, see *Nagle*.

**Neagus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see *Negus*.

**Neal**

**Variants:** *Neale*, *Neall*, *Niell*, *Niel*, *Niall*, *Neel*, *Neele*, *Nile*, *Nell*, *Nel*, *Nihill*, *Nihell*, *Neil*, *Neill*, *Nield*, *Neels*, *Neils*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10657, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8656
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French, Anglo-Norman French, and Middle English personal name *Neel*, *Nele*, *Nihel*, *Niel* (Latin *Nigellus*), a name very common among Normans at the time of the Conquest and thereafter. There has been considerable confusion with the Irish and Gaelic name *Niall* (see *Neill*); the two names are now pronounced identically. (ii) alternatively from the Middle English personal name *Nele*, a variant of *Nell* as a pet form of *Elias* (*Ellis*). Compare *Nelson*, *Neilson*.

**Further information:** *Nigellus* is a diminutive form of Latin *niger* ‘black’, and was originally a nickname for someone with black hair or a dark complexion. It was a common Latin cognomen and is probably the main or only source of Old French *N(i)el(e)*; see *Feilützen*, *Winton*, p. 166. It is theoretically possible that in Normandy, where the personal name was exceptionally popular, it was also used for Old Scandinavian *Njáll*, but this is difficult to prove. *Njáll* was adopted from the Irish Gaelic personal name *Niall* (see *O’Neill*) by Vikings in Ireland, who took it back to Iceland and Norway, but whether, Withycombe and Reaney and Wilson assert, Vikings also took *Njáll* to Normandy and to NW England, is an open question, which cannot be settled on the available evidence.

**Early bearers:** given names: Neel, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Neel, 1170–82 in *Yorks*

*Charters* (Yorks); Niel de Wellebek, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Willelmus filius Nigelli, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Willelmus Nigelli, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Robertus filius Nigelli, identical with Robertus Nel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Nel, Neel, 1208–10 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Nicholaus Nigelle, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Henry Nel, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Robert Neel, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus filius Nele, 1304 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Niel, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Nele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hole, Devon); Johannes Neele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Necton, Norfolk); Johanne Nele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Willelmus Nele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cesters Over, Warwicks); Waltero Nigel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Johannes Nele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willelmo Niel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Leigh, Wilts); Johannes Neel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Easton, Essex); Johannes Nele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fryerning, Essex); Johannes Nigele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Neel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Farncombe, Surrey); Willelmo Neel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ab Kettleby, Leics); Tomas Neele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Richard Neele, knight, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Nyell, Robert Niell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); John Neill, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Margaret Nele, 1550 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Anne Neill, 1563, Hellin Neil, 1576 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Samuell Neill, 1563 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); William Neel, 1571 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); John Nyle, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); John Neil, 1588 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Iset Nyle, 1590 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Niel, 1614 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Hughe Nihill, 1626 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Martha Nihil, 1723 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Nealan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see *Nealon*.

**Neale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9600, Ireland 105
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7021
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see *Neal*.

**Nealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see *Neilly*.

**Neall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see *Neal*.

**Neally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

## Nealon

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Lancs
- Irish: see **Neilly**.

### Nealon

**Variants:** Nealan, Nelan, Neilan, Neylon, Naylon, Nailen, Nilan, Neiland, Neyland, Nayland, Nieland, Niland, Nyland, Kneeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 362
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Clare and Limerick

Irish: from Ó Nialláin ‘descendant of Niallán’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *Niall*, see **O’Neill, Neal**.

**Early bearers:** Donald O’Nelane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3041; Donell buy O’Nellain, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4473 (Manim); Teige and Dermot O’Nealan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4877 (Cahererelan).

### Neals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon
- English: see **Neels**.

### Nealson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Northumb and Durham

Scottish: see **Neilson**.

### Nealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: see **Neilly**.

### Neam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Neame**.

### Neame

**Variants:** Neam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from Middle English *eme* ‘uncle’ (Old English *ēam*), with the initial *N-* arising from misdivision (originally when preceded by words with final *-n* such as Middle English *min* ‘my’ and *an* ‘an’). Compare **Eames** and **Uncle**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Naim, 1170–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Nepos, John le Neim, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); John le Neim, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Neem, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John le Naym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Naym, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs); John Neme, 1486 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ash next Sandwich, Kent); Willu. Neame, 1545 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Guliet Neam, 1674 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Nearney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

Irish: from Mac an Airchinnigh, see **McInerney**.

## Neary

**Variants:** Narey, Nary, McNeary, McNary, Menary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2247, Ireland 1321
- **GB frequency 1881:** 650
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Náradaigh or Mac Náradaigh ‘descendant (or son) of Náradaigh’, a byname meaning ‘modest’.

**Early bearers:** Nicholl O’Nary, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2373; Nich. O’Narye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3952; James O’Narie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5432 (Killockine); Dualtaghe O’Narie, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5887 (Killeniskist, Roscommon); Peter O’Narie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Castle Jordan, King’s County [Offaly]); Mary Neary, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mansfieldtown, Louth); Thomas Narry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford).

## Neasham

**Variants:** Neesham, Neesam, Nesham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Neasham (Durham), which is recorded as *Nesshai*, *Nessham*, and *Nesham* in the 12th century, and *Neasham* in 1538. The place-name derives from Old English \**nēs* or \**nesu* ‘nose’, in the sense ‘a projecting piece of land in the bend of a river’, + *hām* ‘homestead’, though if the form *Nesshai* is genuine then it suggests Old Scandinavian *heim* ‘homestead’.

**Early bearers:** Thome de Nesham, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Osbert de Nesham, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johanne de Nesham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Walter de Neseham, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Edward Nesome, 1582 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thormanby, NR Yorks); Jo. Nesom, 1610, Jaine Neesom, 1621, Jo Neesam, 1677 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Isabel Nesom, 1621 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Eleanor Neasham, 1664, John Neesham, 1677 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Thomas Neesham, 1668 in *IGI* (Rokeby, NR Yorks); Wm. Neesom, 1711, John Neasham, 1756, in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Robt. Neesom, 1721 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Durham*, p. 128; *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 49.

## Neeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: see **Neeson**.

## Neat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts

English: see **Neate**.

## Neatby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from either of two places called Nateby in Lancs and Westm, both of which are recorded as *Nateby* in the 13th century. The place-names probably derive from an Old Scandinavian personal name *Nate* or Old Scandinavian *nata* ‘nettle’ + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘village, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Nateby, about 1260 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); John de Nateby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John de Nateby, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Camsb); William de Nateby, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Nateby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aintree, Lancs); Anthony Natebie, 1576, Elizabeth Natebye, 1604 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Richardus Natebye, 1594 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Neatby, 1627, John Nateby, 1636 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 164; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 20.

## Neate

**Variants:** Neat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1075, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *nete* ‘ox, cow’ (Old English *nēat*).

**Further information:** The name was perhaps applied to a cowherd (compare William Nethirde, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), Hubert le Netdriver, 1295 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xiii (Suffolk)), or may have referred to some resemblance (compare Ascer Neteheved ‘ox-head’, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs)).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Net, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Robertus le Neet’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Twyford, Wilts); Johanne Net’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); John Nete, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Maiden Bradley, Wilts); John Neate, 1560 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts); Michael Neat, 1585 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent).

## Neath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Worcs

Welsh, English: locative name from Neath (Glamorgan), which is recorded as *Nethe* in about 1129 and *Ned* in 1136–54. The place takes its name from the river Nedd, the etymology of which is uncertain.

**Further information:** The name does not appear to be evidenced in modern Wales, and should perhaps rather, or additionally, be associated with that of Alice Nith, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston near Cirencester, Gloucs). There was however a Philip Nethe, Philip de Neth in Glamorgan in 1430 (D. E. Williams, A short enquiry into the surnames in Glamorgan from the thirteenth to the eighteenth centuries, *Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion* (1961–2), p. 64.

**Early bearers:** Mary Neath, 1671 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Thomas Neath, 1714 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**References:** *DPN Wales*, p. 342.

## Neave

**Variants:** Neve, Neeve, Neaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1536, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Angus
- English: relationship name, nickname from Middle English *neve* ‘nephew’ (Old English *nefa*). The word was also used in later Middle English for a wastrel, spendthrift, or parasite. Compare **Nephew**.
- Early bearers:** Walterus le Neue, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls*; Robert le Neve, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Andrew Neve, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); William le Neue, 1314–15, Robertus Neve, 1352–3 in *Cambridge Guild Records* (Cambs); John Neve of Hadleye, 1349–50 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rogerus Neue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); Alexander Neue, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thwaite, Suffolk); Jane Neve, 1538, Thomas Neave, 1549 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs); Margaret Neve, 1551 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Agnes Neve, 1553 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Robt. Neave, 1566 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); John Neeve, 1580 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Mary Kneave, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Neaves

**Variants:** Neeves, Neves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent; Cambs; WR Yorks and Lancs; also Fife

English: variant of **Neave** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Neves, 1546 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); Margarit Neves, 1564 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Christover Neaves, 1578 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Agnes Neves, 1584 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Anthonie Neeves, 1609, Thomas Neaves, 1659 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Ralph Neves, 1611 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); Anne Neaves, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Neeves, 1666 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

## Neblett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Niblett**.

## Neck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; also Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *necke* ‘neck’ (Old English *hnecca*). Compare Symon Chortneke, i.e. ‘short neck’, probably identical with Symon Nekeles, i.e. ‘neckless’, both recorded in 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk). Compare also Geoffrey Neckebon, i.e. ‘neck-bone’, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Henry Nekke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Necke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thoma Necke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Galfridus Neke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprowston, Norfolk); Nicholaus Neke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Nek’, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Mathei Neck, 1548 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Edith Neck, 1606 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts).

## Nedham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Needham**.

## Nedley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

N English and Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Needley**, see **Needler**.

**Early bearers:** James Nedley, 1828 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Mary Nedley, 1832 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Harry Nedley, 1834 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

## Nee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 419
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: from Ó Niadh or Mac Niadh ‘descendant (or son) of *Nia*’. Compare **McNee**. *Needham* and *Neville* have also been adopted as anglicizations of this name.

**Early bearers:** Morgan alias Moriortagh O Nea, yeoman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4935 (Knockpatrick, Limerick).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 倪, based on its Mandarin pronunciation. See **Ngai** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 聂, see **Nie** (2).

## Neece

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish: see **Neish**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Neech

**Variants:** Neach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Herts

English: unexplained; apparently from Middle English *nich* ‘no’, originally ‘not I’, perhaps a nickname from a characteristic saying; compare for example **Godsave**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Niche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Walter Niche, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Nyche, mercer, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Rychard Neech, 1587 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); Thomas Neeche, 1620 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Cross, Suffolk); Robt. Neeche, 1658 in *IGI* (Shelton, Norfolk); Lydia Neech, 1683 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Jos. Neach, 1699 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

## Need

**Variants:** Nead, Needs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *nede* ‘need, poverty, distress’ (Old English *nēd*, *nīed*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Ned, 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); William le Need, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph le Ned, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex);

Johannes Nede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hooe, Devon); Willelmus Need, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hornblotton, Somerset); Johannes Need, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); William Need, 1614 in *IGI* (Madresfield, Worcs).

## Needell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset and Hants

English: see **Needle**.

## Needes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Needs**.

## Needham

**Variants:** Nedham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8110, Ireland 340
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Derbys; Lincs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Tipperary

1 English: locative name chiefly from High Needham in Hartington (Derbys), and occasionally from Needham (Norfolk), Needham in Elm (Cambs), Needham in Yaxley, Needham Street in Gazeley or Needham Market (all Suffolk), all of which are recorded as *Nedham* from the 12th–14th centuries. The place-names derive from Old English *nēd* ‘distress, need, poverty’ + *hām* ‘homestead’.

**Early bearers:** John de Nedham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); [ . . . de] Nedham, 1284 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Robert de Nedham, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; John Needhom, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Nedham, 1377, Willelmo de Nedham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johannes de Nedham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); John Nedham, 1459 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Dorithie Needham, 1544 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Richarde Needham, 1546 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Cicily Neadham, 1568, Mary Needon, 1759, Sarah Needen, 1769, Thomas Neaden, 1787, Thos. Neadon, 1791 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Needham, 1584 in *IGI* (Barlow, Derbys); Roberti Needham, 1616, Robert Neden, 1642, Jana Needam, 1705 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Sarah Needham, 1681 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); John Neden, 1725, Mary Needham, 1745 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Francis Needham, 1733 in *IGI* (Oakley, Suffolk).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 342; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 366; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 269.

2 Irish: in Ireland (Mayo), adopted for Ó Niadh, see **Nee**.

## Needle

**Variants:** Needell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants; also Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *nedel*, *nedle* ‘needle’, probably used to denote a needle-maker or a tailor. Compare **Needler**.

**Early bearers:** Johes Nedell, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middleton Cheney, Northants); William Nedull,

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labourer, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greatworth, Northants); James Needle, 1568 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Dorathe Nedell, 1576 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Needle, 1607 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Nicholas Needle, 1625 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); Alice Needle, 1715 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Wm Needle, 1770 in *IGI* (Priors Marston, Warwicks).

### Needler

Variants: **Nadler, Nelder, Neller, Nedley, Needley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *nedlere* 'needle-maker, needle-seller'.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Nedler', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Richard Nedlere, Neldere, 1235 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John le Nedlere, 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Robert le Nadlere, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; Robert le Nadler', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Neldere, 1377–81 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ricardus Nedeler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Acton, Northumb); Johannes Nedlere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmus Nedeller', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Henry Needler, 1590, Henry Needler, 1690 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Elizabeth Nelder, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Sara Needler, 1606 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex); James Nelder, 1610 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Needler, 1610 in *Feet of Fines* (Garton, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Needler, 1612 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Henry Nadler, 1665 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Michael Needler, 1809 in *IGI* (Tunstall, ER Yorks); William Needler, 1825 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

References: *Fransson*, p. 148.

### Needley

Variants: **Nedley, Neadley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs; Surrey
- English: variant of **Needler**. Compare Michael Needler, 1704, Joseph Needley, 1845 in *IGI* (Binbrook, Lincs); William Needler, 1819, Deborah Neadley, 1838 in *IGI* (Hilston, ER Yorks).
- Early bearers:** William Needley, 1804 in *IGI* (Owthorne, ER Yorks); Ann Neadley, 1835 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Sabina Needley, 1850 in *IGI* (Binbrook, Lincs).

### Needs

Variants: **Neads, Needes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 843, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 438
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Need** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Florence Needes, 1564, Elsbeth Needs, 1593 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Anthony Neades, 1597 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jana Needes, 1681 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon).

### Neel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also WR Yorks Norman, English: see **Neal**.

### Neeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Nield**.

### Neele

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Somerset
- English: see **Neal**.

### Neeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: see **Neilly**.

### Neels

Variants: **Neals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: variant of **Neal**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Richard Neels, 1660 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Mary Neels, 1680 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

### Neely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 472
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry
- Irish: reduced from **McNeilly**.

### Neen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Manx: see **Kneen**.

### Neenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Clare
- Irish: from Ó Naoiidheanáin 'descendant of *Naoidheanáin*', a personal name based on *naoidheán* 'infant'. This name has often been assimilated to **Noonan**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Nynane, merchant, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2812 (Clonemell, Tipperary); Murtaghe O'Nynane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4888 (Leiter, Cork); Shane mcMorris O'Nenane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Drumyne, Cork).

### Neep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Notts
- English: nickname from Middle English *nepe* 'turnip' (Old English *nēp*).
- Early bearers:** Peter, John (le) Nep, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks, Hunts); Ricardo le Nep, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dedham, Essex); Henricus le Nep, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Richard Nepe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Nepe, 1574 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); Bridget Neep, 1636 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts); Edward Neap, 1735 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

### Nees

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Scottish: see **Neish**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Neesam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Neasham**.

### Neesham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Neasham**.

### Neeson

Variants: **Neason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 764
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: anglicized translation of **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

### Neeve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Neave**.

### Neeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Neaves**.

### Negri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: typically north-central Italian (Lombardy, Emilia Romagna) surname from an ancestral form of modern *nero* 'black'.

### Negus

Variants: **Neagus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1023, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 801
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and SE Midlands

Norman: unexplained; apparently from Old French *negoice*, *negoce* 'affairs, business'. The oldest records do not seem to support this strongly, but note that Anglo-Norman *negligence* is often recorded with spellings having a *c*, such as *nec(c)ligence*, *necgligence*.

**Further information:** The change of vowel from short *i* to long *e* in *Nekous* and *Ne(a)gus* is similar to that in **Dick** becoming **Deek** and **Deak**. Voicing of /k/ to /g/ is not uncommon between vowels but in the modern form of this name it may have been encouraged by false association with the word *Negus*, a word meaning 'emperor of Ethiopia', which appears first in 1594 and 1613 in East Anglian authors as *neguz* (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Nekous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dean, Beds); Adam Nekeys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strumpshaw with Braydeston, Norfolk); John Negus, 1522, Thomas Negaus, 1530 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Beds); Wm. Negoose, 1544 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Thomas Negose, 1552–3, Henry Negose, 1560–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Margaret Negroz, 1560 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Jhon Negusse, 1571 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); Mary Negowse, 1589 in *IGI* (London); George Newgoose, 1594 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Henry Negouse, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Shelton, Beds); Laurence Niggus, 1594, Thomas Neigus, 1603 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs).

### Nehar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: variant of **Nahar** (2).

### Neice

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Scottish: see **Neish**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Neighbor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Neighbour**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Neighbour

**Variants:** **Neighbor, Naybour, Neighbours**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 878, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Oxon, and Bucks

English: nickname from Middle English *neighebor* 'neighbour, fellow man' (Old English *nēah-gebūr*). **Early bearers:** Radulphus Nechebur, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday* (Herts); Willelmi Neybor, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Bucks); Nicholas Neghebur, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William le Neybere, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Bartholomeo Neighebour, Thoma Neyebour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert Neighbour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); William Neghbur, 1338 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Neyghebor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Waldron, Dorset); Robertus Neghbur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhouse, Shrops); Johannes Neybour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Ongar, Essex); Rogerus Neyghbor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buttsbury, Essex); Francis Neighbor, 1586 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Mary Neighbour, 1619 in *IGI* (Ellesborough, Bucks).

### Neighbours

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors and Herefs

English: variant of **Neighbour** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Wyllyam Neighbours, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Neighbors, 1769 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Thomas Neighbours, 1849 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs).

### Neil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5554, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3915

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also N England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster
- 1 Scottish, Irish, English: see **Neill**.  
2 English: see **Neal**.

### Neilan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht

Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Neiland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Neild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 761
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Nield**.

### Neill

**Variants:** **Neil, Niell, Niel, Niall, Neils**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6515, Ireland 3585
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1956
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 Irish, Scottish: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Niall* (genitive *Neill*), probably in most cases representing a reduced form of the derived patronymics **McNeill** or the comparable Irish **O'Neill**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Neill, 1570 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Nanse Neill, 1582 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Neill, 1590 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Jonet Neill, 1595 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Beatrix Neill, 1602 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helein Neil, 1609 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Janet Neil, 1615 in *IGI* (Inverness); Elizat. Neill, 1610, Margaret Neil, 1617 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 English, Scottish: see **Neal**.

### Neilly

**Variants:** **Nealy, Neeley, Neally, Nealey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; W Lothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish: reduced from Mac an Fhilidh 'son of the poet', see **McNeilly**.

### Neils

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, English: variant of **Neill** or **Neal** with excrement English -s.

### Neilson

**Variants:** **Nielson, Nilson, Nealson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4435, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4209
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry
- 1 Scottish, English: relationship name 'son of *Neil*' (see **Neill**) or an anglicized form of **McNeill**. Some of the early bearers may alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** Scotland: John Neylson, 1510 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Neilson, 1589 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Nilsoune, 1654 in *Retours, Scotland*.

England: Johannes Nylson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Robertus Neelson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Patrick Neelson, baxter, 1474–5 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Christoferus Neilson, 1550 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Neilson, 1562 in *IGI* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Johis Nealson, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Rychardus Neilson, 1581 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); George Nielson, 1589 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Jane Nielson, 1609 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
2 English: see **Nelson**.

### Neish

**Variants:** **Nees, Neece, Neice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 588
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: reduced form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac Naois** 'son of *Naois*'. Compare **McNeice**. **Early bearers:** Sir William Neische, 1470 in *Laing Charters*; Walter Neasch, 1589 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; Margaret Neish, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Neish, 1612 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

### Nel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Dutch, Afrikaans: possibly a pet-form of the female given name *Petronella*.

**Further information:** Other bearers in late 19th-century Census records are stated to be from Ireland, Channel Islands, and Ceylon.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Petronella Nel, in *Census 1911*, born Cape Colony, Oudtshoorn, South Africa.

2 English: in late records this may be a variant of *Nell*, for **Neal**, and **Knell**.

3 See **Elm**.

### Nelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Nelder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Needler** with metathesis of -dl- to -ld-.

### Neldrett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Naldrett**.

### Nelhams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

## Neligan

English: variant of **Nelham** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, or a variant of **Nelmes**, by breaking up the cluster /lm/ with a vowel.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Nellums, 1643 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Evans Nelhams, 1702 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey).

### Neligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Ó Niallagáin, see **Nelligan**.

### Nellis

**Variants:** Nellis, Nellies, Nellist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 204
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

Irish: reduced form of **Mac Niallghuis**, see **McNelis**.

**Early bearers:** John Nellis, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Nell

**Variants:** Nield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nelle*. This may sometimes have been a variant of *Nele* (*Nigellus*, see **Neal**), but it was probably more often a pet form of the commoner name *Elias* (see **Ellis**) with a prosthetic *N-*.
- Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes in the *Wakefield Court Rolls* *Elias* or *Nelle* the milner (1297–1307 in Sowerby) and *Elias* or *Nelle* the walker (1303–7 in Halifax). The names were almost certainly confused, and *Nele* may also sometimes represent *Elias*.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Nelle de Wynter*, de Soureby, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); *Nell' de Hege*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks).  
surnames: Henry *Nelle*, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Rutland); Hugo *Nelle*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); *Stephano Nell'*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tangmere, Sussex); *Petrus Nelle*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harling, Norfolk); *Richard Nell'*, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); *Bennet Nell*, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); *Willm Nell*, 1548 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); *Maria Nell*, 1641 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Neller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: (i) see **Kneller**. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Needler** (compare **Nelder** for the short vowel) with loss of *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Robert *Neller*, 1587 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William *Neller*, 1609 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs); Thomas *Neller*, 1673 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Nellies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: reduced form of **Mac**

**Niallghuis**, see **Nelis**, **McNelis**.

**Early bearers:** James *Nellies*, 1850 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); Peter *Nellies*, 1856, in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); James *Nellies*, 1861 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Nelligan

**Variants:** **Neligan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Ó Niallagáin ‘descendant of *Niallagán*’, a double diminutive of the personal name *Niall*, see **Neill**, **O'Neill**.

**Early bearers:** Michael *Nellegan*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynacourty, Kerry); John *Nelligan*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Garfinny, Kerry); Thomas *Nelligan*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ventry, Kerry); Anne *Neligan*, 1798 in *IGI* (Youghal, Cork).

### Nellis

**Variants:** **Nellist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 43
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Northumb, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- 1 English: of uncertain origin. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, noting John *Nellis* alias *Ellis*, 1622 in *York Registry Wills* (Buttercrambe, NR Yorks), suggests that *Nellis* has been confused with **Ellis** rather than that it is a genuine variant. Nevertheless, a derivation from Middle English \**Nellis*, an unrecorded rhyming pet form of *Ellis*, is not impossible. Alternatively it might be variant of **Neels**, though this name is rarely recorded in NE England; compare Elizabeth *Neles*, 1580 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham), and Ralph *Neales*, 1699 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham). *Redmonds* draws attention to the place-name *Nealhouse* in Thursby (Cumb), which gave rise to a surname *Nelehou*, recorded in 1391 (*Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 155), but finds no evidence to relate it to the NR Yorks name. All these potential explanations assume that the final *-t* in *Nellist* is excrescent, and not original to the name, but it is regularly in the earliest spellings and may be intrinsic to the true etymology.

**Early bearers:** Peter *Nellest*, 1540 in *York Registry Wills* (Danby, NR Yorks); *Petri Nellest*, 1598, *Mary Nellist*, 1654 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); *Gulielmus Nellice*, 1605, *Thomas Nellis*, 1708 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); *Else Nellist*, 1655 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); *Richard Nellis*, 1687 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks); *Hannah Nelas*, 1731 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb); *Samuel Nelles*, 1780 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

2 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Niallghuis**, see **McNelis**, **Nelis**. This is not the source of the NR Yorks name.

**Early bearers:** Bernard *Nellis*, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Airdrie, Lanarks).

### Nellist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Nellis**.

## Nelmes

**Variants:** **Nelms**, **Nelhams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1072, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 669
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Elms**, by misdivision of the expression *atten elmes* ‘at the elm-trees’ (compare **Nelham**).

**Early bearers:** *Semannus atte Nelmes*, 1339 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); *Agnes Nelmes*, 1562 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); *Thomas Nelms*, 1576 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); *Johnes. Nelmes*, 1602 in *IGI* (Scampton, Lincs); *Ed Nelmes*, 1608 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Nelms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Bucks and Oxon; Monmouths

English: see **Nelmes**.

### Nelson

**Variants:** **Neilson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25571, Ireland 2537
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: relationship name ‘son of *Nell* or *Nele*’, either of which might be a pet form of *Elias* or less commonly of *Niel* (*Nigellus*). See **Nell**, **Neal**.

**Further information:** It is possible that the father of *Elias Neleson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks) was also named *Elias*, of which *Nele* was a pet form.

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that *Anabilla relicta Nigelli*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks) may have been the mother of *Johannes Neleson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John *Nelleson*, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); *Robert Nelleson*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); *Thomas Nelleson*, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Clint, WR Yorks); *Johannes Nelesone*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Owston Ferry, Lincs); *Thoma Nellson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balkholme, ER Yorks); *Johannes Nelleson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); *Laurencius Nellson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); *Johannes Neleson*’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shadwell, WR Yorks); *Anthonie Nelson*, 1538 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); *Elsab. Nelson*, 1545 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

### Nelstrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Nelthorpe**.

### Nelthorpe

**Variants:** **Nelstrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; ER Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place, apparently in WR Yorks, possibly one now called simply *Thorp(e)*. The place-name contains Old English or Old Scandinavian *þorp* ‘secondary settlement, dependent farmstead’.

**Early bearers:** John de Nelsthorp, 1355 in *TNA* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Nelesthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Preston, WR Yorks); Walterus Nelesthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allerton Bywater, WR Yorks); John Neltrop, 1577, Thomas Nellstrap, 1713 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Nycholas Nelthorpe, 1582 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Samuel Nelthrop, 1579 in *IGI* (London); Peter Nelstrop, 1601 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Nelthorpe, 1602 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Henry Nelstrop, 1653 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Joseph Nelstrap, 1670, Joh Nelstrup, 1689 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Isaac Nelstrop, 1716 in *IGI* (Dunholme, Lincs); William Nelthorp, 1724 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Nellthorp, 1739 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Nelsthorp, 1751 in *IGI* (York).

### Nembhard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: from the German surname *Nembhardt* (with variant spellings), analysed by *Bahlow* as an ancient nickname from Middle High German *nemhart* ' (person who) likes to take', i.e. 'greedy, grasping'.

**Further information:** The 19th-century censuses contain a small number of *Nembhards* or *Nembherds* stated to have been born in a wide range of places 'outside London', in England, Ireland, France, Jamaica, India (but not Germany). The Hon. Ballard B. Nembhard was an attorney at law in Jamaica in the late 1780s. An English patent of naturalization had been granted in 1745 to his father, Dr John Nembhard of Saint Mary, Jamaica, 'an alien born', and it is locally suspected that he came from the Dutch island of Sint Eustatius. He called his new estate *Koningsburgh*, but the family historian Mabel Nembhard was unable to find a German connection, stating that '[t]radition points to a Dutch origin'; the estate name presumably commemorates a Dutch 'king's castle' (e.g. that in Rotterdam). The first Nembhard in Britain, according to the pedigree established by Mabel, was John's widow (born Ann Peyton Hamilton), who 'removed to London about 1799 and lived in Beaumont Street, Marylebone'. The modern upsurge in numbers is most likely due to immigration from Jamaica.

**Early bearers:** Eliza Nembhard, in *Census 1841*, born 'outside London'.

**References:** Nembhard, Mabel (undated), *Nembhard of Jamaica*. Privately published. Reports relating to the West Indies (1826) Vol. 24: *Two Reports of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice in the West Indies*, preserved in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

### Nemeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 593, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian: from the ethnic name *Németh* (*német* 'German').

**Further information:** There are earlier census records of the form *Namith*, *Namoth*, where the bearer is of English or Welsh birth, and these names are unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Aladar Nemeth, Manager Of The Durato Asbestos Flooring Co Ltd, in *Census 1911* (Surrey), 'Resident, Hungary'.

### Nend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Nind**.

### Nendick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from *Navendyk*, the name of a medieval watercourse and sheep pasture near Hull Bank in Cottingham (ER Yorks). The place-name appears to derive from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Nafni* + Old Scandinavian *dik* 'ditch'. The migration of the family name from Cottingham to Kirkby Moorside (NR Yorks) may owe something to the fact that both manors were the property of the same lordship.

**Early bearers:** Henricus, Johannes, Willelmus Nauendyk, Robertus Nanedyk, Willelmus Nandyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); William Naundike, 1454, Richard Nendyk jr of Hull Bank, 1506, John Nendyke, 1533 in *York Registry Wills* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Nandyke, 1556 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkby Moorside, NR Yorks); Jane Nandicke, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Edstone, NR Yorks); George Nendick, 1693 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*.

### Neo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 梁, see **Leung**.

### Neocleous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek, Cypriot: relationship name from the genitive case of the male given name *Neoklēs*, from *néos* 'new' + the root seen in *kléos* 'fame, glory'.

### Neoh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 梁, based on its Teochew, Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Leung**.

### Neophytou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): status name, relationship name from the old genitive case of the term *neóphytos* 'new convert', which was also used as a personal name.

**Further information:** Neophytos the Recluse was a hermit who lived in a cave near Paphos in the late 12th century and who is the subject of a local cult. Many people from the area of Paphos are called *Neophytos*.

### Nephew

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: relationship name from Middle English *neveuw*, *nefew* 'nephew' (Old French *neveu*). Compare **Neave**.

**Further information:** Pronunciation with /v/ was formerly normal; pronunciation with /f/ is usually an innovation dependent on the modern spelling, which is an attempt to restore a connection with Latin *nepos* 'grandchild, nephew, descendant', which is the source of the French word.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Neveu, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas le Neveu, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Neveu, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Neveu, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Henrico Neveue, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Henry Nevowe, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert Neveu, 1636, Judeth Nephew, 1663 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Neri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Spanish: from a personal name, from the name of a 16th-century Italian saint, Filippo *Neri* (see 2).

2 Italian (Tuscany): from a pet form of the personal name *Raineri*, *Ran(i)eri*, or *Rin(i)eri*, or in some cases from later personal names such as *Guarniero*, *Falconiere*, *Soldaniero*.

### Nerney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

Irish: from **Mac an Airchinnigh**, see **McInerney**.

### Nesbit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 647, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 921
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Antrim and Armagh

English: see **Nesbitt**.

### Nesbitt

Variants: **Nesbit**, **Nisbet**, **Nisbett**, **Nisbit**, **Nisbitt**, **Naisbitt**, **Naisbit**, **Naisbet**, **Naisbett**, **Naisby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2994, Ireland 1227
- **GB frequency 1881:** 823
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim

English, Scottish: locative name from Nesbit, part of Nesbit and Thorpe Bulmer (Durham), Nesbit in Doddington or Nesbitt in Stamfordham (both Northumb), or Nesbit in Edrom (Berwicks). All of these place-names appear to derive from Old English *\*nēs* or *\*nesu* 'nose', in the sense 'promontory' or 'a projecting piece of land in the bend of a river', + Old English *byht* 'bend, curve (in a river)'.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland since the early 17th century. According to *History of the family of Nisbet or Nesbitt in Scotland and Ireland* by Alexander Nesbitt (1898), an Andrew Nesbitt was granted land in Kilmacredon and Dromeany, Donegal, some time prior to 1641.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Nesebite, about 1250 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); John de Nesebit, 1333, John de Nesbit, 1340, Nicholas de Nesbyt, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Hartlepool, Durham); Thoma Naisby, 1662 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); Eleanor Nezbit, 1666

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in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Elizabeth Naisby, 1715, Ann Naisbitt, 1717 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham). Scotland: Robert de Nesbit, 1160–1200, Walter de Nesebyte, 1255 in *Kelso Register*; Alexander de Nesbet, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; Patrick Nesbitt, 1733 in *IGI* (Swinton, Berwicks).

Ireland: John Nesbett, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Agness Nesbit, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ematris, Monaghan); Allen Nesbit, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbride, Cavan); Thomas Nesbitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan); Margaret Nesbitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyroney, Down).  
**References:** <http://www.nisbetts.co.uk/archives/nosalx.htm>; *Place-Names of Durham* p. 100–101.

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**Variants:** Nessfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Nesfield (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Nacefeld* in 1086, *Nezfeld* in 1199, *Nest(e)feld* in 1293, and *Nesfeld(e)* in 1324. The place-name derives from Old English *nēat* ‘cattle’ (genitive *nēates*) or Old Scandinavian *nezti* ‘lowest’ + Old English *feld* ‘field, open country’.
- Early bearers:** William de Nesfeld, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Imayn de Nesfeld’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Thoma de Neseffeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Aliua Nesfeld, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); Henricus Nesfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Anne Nesfield, 1645 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Timothie Nessfield, 1654 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 69–70.

## Nesham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Neasham**.

## Neslen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Nessling**.

## Nesling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- English: see **Nessling**.

## Nesmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; Glasgow
- English, Scottish: see **Naismith**.

## Ness

**Variants:** Nass, Noss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife; also ER Yorks

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from the Gaelic personal name *Ness*, itself possibly from Old Irish *ness* ‘weasel’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Nesse, about 1093–1107 in *Black* (Abernethy, Perth); Nessius filius Willelmi Lineth, 1153–65 in *Black* (Perth, Perth); Nesus or Nesyus filius Willelmi, 1178–1200 in *Black* (Fife); Nes Fraser, 1259 in *Black* (Peebles).  
surnames: Mathew filius Nesse, 1260 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Fife); Thomas Ness, 1450 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas Ness, 1621, Beatrix Nesse, 1657 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); James Ness, 1632 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: locative name probably from East and West Ness near Hovingham (NR Yorks), or perhaps from Ness near Pickhill (NR Yorks), all recorded as *Nesse* from the 11th–14th centuries. The place-names derive from Old English *næss* or Old Scandinavian *nes* ‘promontory, headland’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Nesse, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Nesse, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirkby Moorside, NR Yorks); Richard de Nesse, 1368 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johannes de Nesse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nunnington, NR Yorks); James Nesse, 1573 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 51, 225; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: locative name for someone who lived by a headland, Middle English *nes(se)*, *nasse* (Old English *næss*), or who came from a place named with this word, such as Ness (Cheshire) and the places mentioned in (2).

**Further information:** Walter on Thenesse, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*, was accused with other men of Norfolk and Kent of stealing shipwrecked goods off the coast of Norfolk. He may be identical with Walter ate Nesse or ate Neysse, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent) but the last form of the name points to a misdivision of *atten Eyshe* or *atten Esse* ‘at the ash tree’ (see **Nash**). Similarly other examples of *atte Nesse* and *atte Nass(e)* may alternatively belong with **Nash**.

**Early bearers:** William de Nes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes ate Nass, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John atte Nasse, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (lived at Noss Point in Brixham, Devon); John Nesse, chaplain, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johannes del Nesse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Cecillia Nesse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Nesse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyle Cop, Shrops); Alicia de Nesse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Jhon Nosse, 1543 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); An Nesse, 1563, Margery Nosse, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ann Noss, 1627, Nicholas Nosse, 1629 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); John Ness, 1629, John Noss, 1669 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 508.

## Nessa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2667, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Bangladeshi: unexplained.

## Nessfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Nesfield**.

## Nessling

**Variants:** Neslen, Nesling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *nestling* ‘nestling’, also used of ‘the youngest child of a family’.
- Early bearers:** Nicholas Nestlyng, Peter Nestlyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Humfridi Nesling, 1576 in *IGI* (Worstead, Norfolk); Widow Neslin, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Mary Neslen, 1674 in *IGI* (Crundale, Kent); Robert Neslen, 1726 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Martha Nestling, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Nessling, 1755 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk).

## Nest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs
- Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh female given name *Nest*, a diminutive of *Agnes*; compare **Annis**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Nest filia Adaf, Nest filia Eynon, Nest uxore Daudid, Neste, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths).  
given names, England: Nest de Barri, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Nesta (fem.), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Nesta (fem.), 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Nesta de Broketon, 1254–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).  
surnames, Wales: William filius Nest, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Howel Gogh ap Nest, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Will[iam] Neast, 1653 in *Haverfordwest Records* (Pembrokes).  
surnames, England: Adam Nest, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Neste, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Neste, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Tibota Nest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Henricus Nest, 1547 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Anne Nest, 1612 in *IGI* (Corse, Gloucs); Gulielmi Nest, 1630 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs).

## Nester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Irish: from **Mac an Aghastair**, see **Nestor**.

## Neston

**Variants:** Esson, Easun

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Neston in Corsham (Wilts), which is recorded as *Neston* in 1282. The place-name probably derives from Old English *næss* ‘headland, promontory’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. (ii) locative name from Neston (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Nestone* in 1086, *Neeston* in 1338, *Nesston* in 1348, and *Newston* in 1560. The place-name derives from Old English *næss* or Old Scandinavian *nes* ‘headland, promontory’, or perhaps Old English *\*nesu*, ‘nose’, in the sense ‘promontory, headland’, + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’.
- Early bearers:** [. . . de] Neston, 1282 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Isabel de Neston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Corsham, Wilts); Robert le Neston [sic], 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Robert de Neston, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Robertt Neston, 1588 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Neston,



1768 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Samuel Neston, 1776 in *IGI* (Over Peover, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 97; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 222–23.

**2** English: locative name from Middle English *an esten tun*, (Old English on *ēastan tūne*), denoting someone who lived ‘on the east of the village’.

**Early bearers:** John Anesteton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William A Neston, 1447 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Sussex); Robert A Neston, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Nestor

**Variants:** Nester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 666
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Clare
- Irish:** from **Mac an Aghastair** (formerly **Mac Girr an Adhastair**), a byname meaning ‘short man of the halter’, i.e. one who looked after horses. The anglicized form has been assimilated to Ancient Greek *Nestor*, name of an old and wise leader in Homer’s *Iliad*.

**Early bearers:** Mic Girr an Adhasdair, 1396 in *AU*; Thomas Nestor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Robeen, Mayo); Martin Nestor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tuam, Galway).

### Nethercoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Nethercott**.

### Nethercot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: see **Nethercott**.

### Nethercott

**Variants:** Nethercot, Nethercoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: locative name from one or more of the many minor places called Nethercott in Devon (the place-name occurs in the parishes of Alverdiscott, Braunston, Broadwood Kelly, Broadwoodwidge, Chawleigh, Iddesleigh, Lifton, Oakford, Parkham, Rose Ash, Spreyton, and Tetcott), or from Nethercote (Northants), Nethercote in Lewknor (Oxon), or Nethercott in Tackley (Oxon). All of the place-names derive from Middle English *nether* ‘lower’ + *cot* ‘cottage’ (Old English *neōðera*, *cot*), except Nethercote in Lewknor (Oxon), which derives from Middle English *other* ‘other’ (Old English *ōþer*) + *cot*, with the *N-* due to misdivision of Middle English *atten other*.

**Early bearers:** Ern’ de Nethercot’, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Richard de Nethercote, 1244, John de Nithercote, 1249, Christina de Nithercote, 1308 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Simon de Nethercote, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Henry de Nythercot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alverdiscott,

Devon); Roger de Nithercote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Robert de Nithercote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rose Ash, Devon); Robert de Nithercote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tetcott, Devon); Simon de Nithercote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chawleigh, Devon); Roberto de Nethercote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Burgoland, Leics); Ricardo Nethercote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Matilda Nethercote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Marioria de Nethurcote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fenny Drayton, Leics); Alice Nythercote, 1412, Walter Nithercote, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Ric. Nethercot, 1565, Andreas Nethercoat, 1603 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Symon Nethercote, 1567, John Nethercott, 1584 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Susane Nethercot, 1622 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Mary Nethercott, 1683 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 34, 94, 105, 113, 137, 169, 180, 191, 363–4, 388, 392, 447; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 63; *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 113, 285.

### Nethersell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Nethersole**.

### Nethersole

**Variants:** Nethersell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Nethersole Farm in Womenswold (Kent). The place-name derives from Middle English *nether* ‘lower’ + *sol* ‘pond, dirty pond’ (Old English *neōðera*, *sol*).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Nethersole, [ . . . ] atte Nethersole, 1270–1313 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); Edmund Nethersole, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Nethersole, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Nethersole, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Nethersole, 1508 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 40 (Kent); Daniel Nethersole, 1552 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Alles Nethersall, 1563 in *IGI* (Sutton near Deal, Kent); Mary Nethersol, 1607 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Robert Nethersell, 1625 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 540.

### Netherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: locative name from one or more of the many minor places called Netherton in Devon (the place-name occurs in the parishes of Berry Pomeroy, Buckland Monachorum, Combe Martin, Farway, Haccombe, Hartland, Sherford, and Staverton), or from one or more of the other places in England called Netherton (Worcs, Northumb, Lancs, WR Yorks). All of these place-names derive from Middle English *nether* ‘lower’ + *toun* ‘settlement’ (Old English *neōðera*, *tūn*).

**Early bearers:** Petronilla de la Netherton’, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Nithereton, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Walter atte Nutherton, 1330 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); William de Nytherton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Richard Nitherton’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Nitherton’, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thommas Netherton, 1540 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Richard Netherton, 1559 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Henric. Netherton, 1563 in *IGI* (Crophthorne, Worcs); Robertus Netherton, 1598 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 37, 78, 226, 330, 460, 506, 521, 627.

### Netherway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Nethway House in Brixham (Devon), which is recorded as *Nytheweie* in 1384. The place-name probably derives from Middle English *bynethe*, *nethe* ‘beneath’ + *weie* ‘way, road’ (Old English *bineoþan*, *weg*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Bynytheweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petrockstowe, Devon); Nicholas Bynytheweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Aubrea Bynytheweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Thomas Bynytheweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charleton, Devon); Alice Bynytheweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); John Nytheweie, 1382, Thomas Nytheweie, 1406, Thomas Netheweie, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Netheway, 1493, William Nytheweie, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Jane Netherway, 1562 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); James Nethawaie, 1564 in *IGI* (Frithelstock, Devon); Richard Nethway, 1564 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Walter Nethiway, 1570 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Thomas Nethwaye, 1592 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Nethawaye, 1602 in *IGI* (Huish, Devon); Blanch Netheway, 1623 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); Richard Neathway, 1633, Edward Nethway, 1735, Richard Netherway, 1771 in *IGI* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Josias Netherway, 1636 in *IGI* (Catcott, Somerset); John Nethway or Nethie, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Easton in Gordano, Somerset); Phillip Nethewaye, 1645 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Netherway, 1668 in *IGI* (Chulmleigh, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 509.

### Netherwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from Netherwood in Briercliffe or from a lost place called *Netherwood* in Whalley (both Lancs). Both place-names appear to derive from Middle English *nether* ‘lower’ + *wode* ‘wood’ (Old English *neōðera*, *wudu*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Netherwode, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Johannis de Netherwod’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Adam Nethyrwod’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carleton, WR Yorks); Thomas Netherwood, 1562 in *IGI* (Wimpole, Cambs); Phyllypp Netherwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Netley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Netley Marsh in Eling (Hants), which is recorded as *Nateleg*’ in 1248. The

## Neto

place-name derives from Old English \**næt* 'wet' + *lēah* 'open woodland'. There may well have been some confusion with **Natley**.

**Early bearers:** John de Natel', about 1257, John de Netle, Nicholas de Natele, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); John de Natele, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Eling, Hants); Robertj Netley, 1584 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elizabeth Netley, 1591 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Geo. Netley, 1666 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Tho. Nettly, 1711 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 121–22.

## Neto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: nickname from *neto* 'grandson'. Compare **Nieto**.

## Nettelfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Nettlefold**.

## Nettell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Nettle**.

## Netter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *netter* 'net-maker'. Compare John le Netmaker, 1336 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** John le Nettere, 1298 in *London Letter Books B*; Osbertus le Nettar', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Geoffrey Nettere, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cranbrook hundred, Kent); Christina Netter, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Roberto Nettere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Thomas Netter', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Windrush, Gloucs); Johannes Netter', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Knighton, Dorset); John Netter, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jeremy Netter, 1581 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Jeremie Netter, 1615 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 87.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *nete-herd* 'cattle-herd' (Old English *nēat* + *hierde*). **Early bearers:** William Nethirde, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Nethyrde, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); Thomas le Nethurd, 1353 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Peter Nethyrde, 1374–5 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Thomas Neteherd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington, Rutland); Thomas Netherd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Edwardo Nethurde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Petrus Netherde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bremhill, Wilts); Willelmo Neterd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratby, Leics); Willelmus Neterd', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johanne Nettard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Rogerus Netehyrd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 57.

## Netterville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Nettlefold**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Netting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Netton in Revelstoke (Devon). The place-name derives from Old English *nēat* 'cattle' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Miles de Neatteton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yealmpton, Devon); John Netting, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Richard Nettin, 1691 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); William Netting, 1703, Richard Netten, 1719 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 258.

## Nettle

**Variants:** **Nettell**, **Nettles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *netle* 'nettle' (Old English *netel*). Various figurative uses of the word ('enemy, sin, vice') are recorded in the medieval period, alluding to the nettle's sting. Compare the Middle English verb *netlen* 'to irritate, to anger'.

**Early bearers:** Maria Nettle, 1587 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robert Nettell, 1633 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Nettle, 1639 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Willielmus Netle, 1650 in *IGI* (Hail Weston, Hunts); Catherine Nettle, 1669 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Richard Nettell, 1672 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

## Nettlefield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Nettlefold**.

## Nettlefold

**Variants:** **Nettlefield**, **Nettelfield**, **Nettleford**, **Netterville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Middx; also Warwicks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Nettlefold* in Dorking (Surrey), which is recorded as *Nettelfald* in 1241 and *Nettifold* in 1550. The place-name derives from Old English *netel(e)* 'nettle' + *fal(o)d* 'fold, small enclosure for animals'.

**Early bearers:** John de Netoefeld, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorking, Surrey); Hugone de Netelfold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton in Dorking, Surrey); Petrus Netelfold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Reginaldus Netelfold, Johannes Netelfolde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton in Dorking, Surrey); Hugh Netelfold, 1390–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Jane Nettlefolde, 1559 in *IGI* (East Clandon, Surrey); Johan Nettlefold, 1589 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); Mary Nettlefould, 1594 in *IGI* (Tangmere, Sussex); Daniel Netlefold, 1607, Daniel Netlefould, 1609 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Will. Nettlefield, 1638 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Nettlefield, 1673 in *IGI* (Leatherhead, Surrey); Henry Nettlefold, 1691 in *IGI*

(Dorking, Surrey); James Nettleford, 1732 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 275.

## Nettleford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Nettlefold**.

## Nettleingham

**Variants:** **Nettlingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name; no place-name of this form is known, so it is apparently from Nettleham (Lincs), which is recorded as *Netelham* in 1086. The place-name derives from Old English *netel(e)* 'nettle' + *hām* 'homestead'. However, no spellings with *-ing-* are found in the record of this place-name.

**Further information:** The surname *Nettleham* existed formerly, mainly in Lincs and Rutland, but seems to have died out by 1800. *Nettleingham*, which appears in post-medieval times, may be an aberrant local south-eastern development of it, though a source in a lost place-name in SE England cannot be ruled out.

**Early bearers:** forms with *-ing-*: Richard Netlingam, 1546 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Sicelie Nettlingham, 1573 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); John Netlingam, 1580, Ann Netlingame, 1615, Margaret Nettlingham, 1621 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Richard Netlingam, 1591 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Elizabeth Netlingham, 1604, Nickloes Netlingame, 1624, James Nettleingham, 1769 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Giles Netlingham, 1608 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Benjamin Netlingham, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Wandsworth, Surrey). forms without *-i-*: Edward Nettingham, 1665 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Wm. Nettingham, 1814 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

forms without *-ing-*: Robert de Netelham, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); William de Nettigham, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Kelby, Lincs); Waltero Nettelham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John de Nettelham, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Netleham, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Ryhall, Rutland); Elizabeth Nettelam, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Tinwell, Rutland); Faith Nettleham, 1610, John Netlom, 1617 in *IGI* (Kingerby, Lincs); Jerome Netlam, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Saint George Southwark, Surrey); James Nettlem, 1764 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs).

## Nettles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cardigans

English: variant of **Nettle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Steven Nettles, 1577 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mark Nettles, 1615 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Charles Nettles, 1662 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

## Nettleship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

English: of uncertain origin. It looks like an unrecorded Middle English \**nedeles-ship* 'extravagance, vanity', from *nedeles* 'extravagant, unnecessary', influenced early by *nettle* 'nettle';

compare Middle English *cruelship* ‘coarseness’, *feintship* ‘weakness’, and in surnames, **Goodship**, **Holdship**. But no early medieval bearers have been found, and an alternative possibility is that it is a re-etymologized form of the now extinct *Nettleworth*, with *-ship* substituted for *-worth*. This would be from the the north Notts place-name *Nettleworth*, attested in Alanus de Nettelworth, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre*; John de Nettleworth, 1370 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Will'i de Nettelworth, 1375 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Rogerus Nettelworth of Chesterfield (Derbys), 1395–6 in *Nottingham Borough Records*.

**Early bearers:** William, son of John Netilship, 1433–72 in *TNA* (Newland, Yorks); Mary Nettleship, 1547 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Nettleship, 1560 in *York Registry Wills* (South Leverton, Notts); Roger Nettleship, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Nettleship, 1627 in *IGI* (Lea, Lincs); Marye Nettleship, 1633 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); John Nettleship, 1662 in *IGI* (South Carlton, Lincs); Rich. Nettleship, 1700 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts); George Nettleship, 1702 in *IGI* (Mattersey, Notts); Elisebeth Nettship, 1715 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Joseph Nettleship, 1749 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Charles Nettleship, 1810 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

### Nettleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1030, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1280
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Nettleton in Longwood (WR Yorks), Nettleton (Lincs), or possibly Nettleton (Wilts), all of which are recorded as *Netelton* in the 13th and 14th centuries. The place-name derives from Old English *netel(e)* ‘nettle’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** John de Netelton, about 1220–30 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Covecok de Nettelton, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Joane Nettleton, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Willm. Nettleton, 1569 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Hught Nettelton, 1577 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Thomae Nettleton, 1598 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); George Nettleton, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robti. Nettleton, 1629 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs 2*, pp. 236–37; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 80–81; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 303.

### Nettlingham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see *Nettleingham*.

### Netton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from Netton in Durnford (Wilts), which is recorded as *Netetune* in 1242 and *Natton(e)* in 1289, or Netton Farm in Bishopstone by Salisbury (Wilts), which is recorded as *Nettun* in 1227 and *Netteton* in 1249. Netton in Durnford derives its name from Old English *nēat* ‘cattle’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’, and Netton Farm is likely to have the same etymology.

**Early bearers:** David Netton, 1556 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Johns Netten, 1582 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Walter Netton, 1607 in *IGI* (Shrewton, Wilts); Catharine Netton, 1618 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Mary Netten, 1683 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Richard Netton, 1766, Richard Netten, 1832 in *IGI* (Coves, IoW); Emey Netten, 1817 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 364, 393.

### Neugent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs Norman, English, Irish: see *Nugent*.

### Neuman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see *Neumann*.

### Neumann

**Variants:** *Neuman*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, for a newcomer to a place, from Middle High German *niuwe* ‘new’ + *man* ‘man’ (German *neu* + *Mann*). See also *Newman*.

**Early bearers:** German: Fredka. Newman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Frederick Neuman, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Paul Neuman, wood engraver, born in Leipzig, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); William Newman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Edwd. Newman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Ludwig Neumann, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx). Jewish: Jacob and Meny Neuman, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jacob Neuman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Isaac Neuman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ludwig Albert Neumann, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (London); Moses and Hannl Neumann, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Nevard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of *Knivett*.

### Nevatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of *Knivett*.

### Neve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1254, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 755
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Norfolk
- English: see *Neave*.

### Nevell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England Norman, English: see *Neville*.

### Nevels

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns
- Norman, English: see *Nevilles*.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Neven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Perth; Northumb; Lancs
- Scottish Gaelic: from *Mac Cnaimhin*, see *Nevin*.

### Neves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see *Neaves*.

2 Portuguese: religious byname, from the Marian epithet *Maria das Neves* ‘Mary of the Snows’.

**Early bearers:** Emilia Ribeiro Neves, born in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Middx).

### Nevet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Welsh, English: variant of *Nevett*.

### Nevett

**Variants:** *Nevet*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Shrops

1 Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Ednyfed*, with loss of the first syllable. Further information: The Welsh name seems to be based on *ednyw*, *ednyf* ‘life, spirit’, but this word may be an invention based on the name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Edeneuet ap Meurik, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths).

surnames: Edeneuet ap Edeneuet, 1292–3, Dauid ap Edneuet, 1318 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Thoms Nevett, 1562 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Sara Nevett, 1621, Willimi Nevet, 1640 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops); Katherine Nevit, 1634 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Anne Nevett, 1724 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints); Jane Nevitt, 1797 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints).

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 135.

2 English: variant of *Knivett*.

### Nevil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: see *Neville*.

### Nevile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Perth
- Norman, English: see *Neville*.

## Nevill

### Nevill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1088
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Neville**.

### Neville

**Variants:** Nevill, Nevile, Nevil, Nevell, Newill, Newell, Novell, Novel, Nevilles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5357, Ireland 1334
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3527
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Cork; Limerick

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name in both Ireland and England, this is a Norman name from Neuville (Calvados) or Néville (Seine-Maritime). **Further information:** The Nevilles of Raby came from Néville (Seine-Maritime). See *Anglo-Norman Families*. One family line, originally from Neuville (Calvados), became powerful during the Wars of the Roses through Richard Neville (1428–71), 16th Earl of Warwick, nicknamed ‘The Kingmaker’. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Neuilla, Richard de Nouuilla, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Gilbert Neuille, Gilbert de Nouilla, 1142–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas de Newell, 1201 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph Nuell, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Newill, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Hugone de Neville, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ralph de Neuill, knight, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Raby, Durham); Richard Neuyll, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johan Nevyll, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Low Buston, Northumb); Johanne Newyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Dalby, Leics); Beatrice de Newell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranworth, Norfolk); Ricardus Nevyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Nicholao Nywel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hampstead Marshall, Berks); John Neuyll, knight, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Gregory Nuell, 1572 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Katherine Neville, 1573 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Nevill, 1608 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Willm Nevelle, 1609 in *IGI* (Toft next Newton, Lincs); William Newell, 1621, Jhon Nuell, 1642 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks); George Nevil, 1632 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Susanna Newhill, 1660 in *IGI* (Hibaldstow, Lincs); Richard Newill, 1691, Richd Newhill, 1699 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks). 2 Irish: in Ireland (Munster) it was also adopted for Irish Ó Niadh (see **Nee**) and Ó Cnaimhín (see **Nevin**).

### Nevilles

**Variants:** Nevels, Nevills

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs

Norman, English: variant of **Neville** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Nevols, 1599 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk); John Nevilles, 1779, Ralph Nevills, 1783 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Sarah Neville, 1815, George Nevols, 1829, Henry Nevills, 1843 in *IGI* (Forton, Staffs); Joseph Nevols, 1846 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops).

### Nevills

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- Norman, English: see **Nevilles**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Nevin

**Variants:** Neven, Navin, Naven, McNevin, Nevins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1438, Ireland 1552
- **GB frequency 1881:** 597
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: from Mac Cnáimhín ‘son of Cnáimhín’ (a Galway name), or Ó Cnáimhín ‘descendant of Cnáimhín’ (a Munster name). Cnáimhín is a byname meaning ‘little bone’, referring to a thin man. There has been some confusion with **Niven**.

**Early bearers:** from Mac Cnáimhín: Aithius mac Mic Cnaimhín, 1159 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Donell oge McCnauyne and Donell begg McCnavin, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4140 (Galway); Dorghán Macknavin, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4613 (Traneraghe, Galway); Murtagh and John McKnavin, priests, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4724 (Killcarbain, Galway); Dermod McDonnell og McKnavin, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4798 (Kranaghe, Galway); Owen Neven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonbarry, Roscommon); John Nevin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tehallan, Monaghan). from Ó Cnáimhín: Cornelius O’Knavin, labourer, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2358 (Cassell, Tipperary); Owen O’Knavine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Balleowen, King’s County [Offaly]).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac Naoimhín, see **McNiven**.

### Nevins

**Variants:** Nevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish: from Mac Cnáimhín or Ó Cnáimhín (see **Nevin**), with English patronymic or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Cuthbert Nevins, 1705 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Joshua Nevis, 1723, William Nevins, 1726 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Mary Nevins, 1743 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); James Nevens, 1785 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Nevis, 1799, John Nevins, 1819 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Nevinson

**Variants:** Nevison, Nivison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Westm
- English, Scottish: relationship name ‘son of *Nevin*’. See **Nevin**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Nevinson, 1493 in *Yorks Wills*; Thomas Nevinson, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Eastry, Kent); Katheren Nevison, 1596 in *IGI* (York); Stephane Nevinson, 1601 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Edward Nevison, 1645 in *IGI* (Newbiggin, Westm); Caleb Nevinson, 1682 in *IGI* (Wetheral, Cumb); John Nevison, 1756 in *IGI* (Esh, Durham); James Nevison, 1758 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York). Scotland: Jenat Nivisoun, 1659, Janet Nevison, 1702 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs).

### Nevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- Irish: variant of **Nevins** with loss of -n-. Compare **Hodgkiss**.

### Nevison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: see **Nevinson**.

### Nevitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 387
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops
- English: variant of **Knivett**.

### New

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3651, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2618
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Wilts, Dorset, and London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Westmeath
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *newe* ‘new’ (Old English *niwe*). As with **Newman**, the sense is probably usually ‘the newcomer’ (compare **Newcombe**), though ‘new to a position or occupation’ is also possible: compare **Newbon** and note Thomas le Neue Bakere, 1339 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Willelmus Newebreuster, 1381–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), Thoma Newherd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset), and William Newmayster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs). **Early bearers:** William le Neuwe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter le New, 1234 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Adam le Niwe, Hugone Niwe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); John le Nywe, 1333 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Lincs); Ricardus le Neue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dinton, Wilts); Johannes Neue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chillerton, Hants); Johannes Niwe, Willelmus Nywe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); William New, 1564 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *yewe* ‘yew-tree’ (Old English *ēow, iw*), with initial *N*-through misdivision of the prepositional phrase *atten (y)ewe* ‘at the yew-tree’. **Early bearers:** John atte Neue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Petronilla ate Nywe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Annes New, 1566 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); James New, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Wyllyam New, 1567 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Rihard New, 1569 in *IGI* (Kingston Lisle, Berks). 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 牛 (see **Niu** (1)) and 梁 (see **Leung**).

### Newall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1907, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1705
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: variant of **Newhall** or **Newell**.

### Newark

**Variants:** Newrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk and Suffolk; Warwicks, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places with this name, such as Newark on Trent (Notts), Newark in Peterborough (Northants), Newark Priory in Send (Surrey), The Newarke in Leicester (Leics), and a lost *Newark* in Strood (Kent). Many of these place-names appear to have been named in the Middle English period, and so derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *werk* 'building, fortification', though some, such as Newark on Trent, were named in Old English (*nīwe*, (*ge*)*weorc*) or Old Scandinavian (*nj*, *verk*).

**Early bearers:** Sampson de Newerch, 1154–89 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Henrico de Newerch, about 1190–1200, Willelmo de Newerch, about 1222–34 in *Rufford Charters* (Notts); [ . . . ] del Newerwk', 1261–2 in *Assize Rolls* (Strood, Kent); Richard de Newerch, 1276 in *London Eyre* (London); Walter de Newerch' of Coventry, 1301 in *Medieval Coventry* (Warwicks); William de Newerch', 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Peterborough, Northants); Margareta de Newerch, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johanne Newerch, 1377, Johannes Newerch, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes de Newerke, Margareta Newerch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes Newerch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Thomas Newerch, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); William de Newerch', clerk, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); Alan Newerch, clerk, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henry Newark', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Greenwich, Kent); John Newerch', 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robt Newarke, grocer, 1573–4 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnes Newark, 1586, Richard Newark, 1630 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Jhon Newark, 1594 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Richard Newark, 1596 in *IGI* (Tarporely, Cheshire); William Newrick, 1737 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); William Newruck, 1790 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Frances Newrich, 1791, Rofeanna Newark, 1797, Ann Newrac, 1804 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Charles Newrich, 1840, Eleanor Newrick, 1844, Thomas Newry, 1849 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 227; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 148; *Place-Names of Leics* 1, p. 99; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 118–19.

### Neway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see *Newey*.

### Newbald

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks
- English: see *Newbold*.

### Newball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; Staffs; NR Yorks

English: see *Newbold*.

### Newbatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see *Newbold*.

### Newbegin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks
- English: see *Newbiggin*.

### Newberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1492, Ireland 86
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see *Newbury*.

### Newbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see *Newbold*.

### Newbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 841
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
- English: see *Newbury*.

### Newbiggin

**Variants:** *Newbigin*, *Newbegin*, *Newbigging*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Newbiggin by the Sea, Newbiggin in Blanchland, Newbiggin in Newburn, Newbiggin in Norham, and Newbiggin in Shotley (all Northumb), East and West Newbiggin in Bishopton, Newbiggin in Heighington, Newbiggin in Lanchester, and Newbiggin in Middleton in Teesdale (all Durham), Newbiggin (Westm), Newbiggin, Newbiggin in Akrigg, Newbegin in Egton, and Newbiggin in Gristhorpe (all NR Yorks), Newbiggin in Croglin, Newbiggin in Dacre, and Newbiggin Hall in Saint Cuthbert Without (all Cumb), Newbigging in Aldingham and a lost *Newbigging* in Singleton (both Lancs). The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *bigging* 'building'. Some of the post-medieval EBs given here may represent the Scottish surname *Newbigging*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Neubigging', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam del Neubigging, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William de Newebiggyng, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); William de Neubigging, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greystoke, Cumb); John de Neubigging, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dacre, Cumb); John de Neubigging, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Waverton, Cumb); Hugo de Neubigging, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bewcastle, Cumb); Adam de Neubyggyng, clerk, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Agnes Newbigin, 1579 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); George Newbiggine, 1616 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Newbegin, 1640 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Matthew Newbigging, 1690 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 148; *Durham Place-Names*, p. 84; *Place-Names of NR*

*Yorks*, pp. 104, 129, 262, 268; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 149, 184, 188; *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 155, 208.

### Newbigging

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Newbigging in Carnwath (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Neubigging, 1249 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*, William of Newbygging, 1354 in *Kelso Register*; Jonet Newbiggin, 1617 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Robert Newbiggin, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Newbigging, 1687 in *IGI* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Rachell Newbigging, 1712, William Newbegging, 1763 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

2 English: see *Newbiggin*.

### Newbigin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, and NR Yorks

English: see *Newbiggin*.

### Newbold

**Variants:** *Newbould*, *Newbald*, *Newbolt*, *Newboul*, *Newball*, *Newbatt*, *Newbert*, *Newbon*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2543, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow

English: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, especially Newbold (Derbys), which is recorded as *Newebold* in 1086 and *Neubottle* in 1281, but possibly also from Newbound in Teversal and a lost *Newbold* in Kinoulton (both Notts), Newbold Manor in Barton under Needwood and Newbolt in Chebsey (both Staffs), Newbold Verdon, Newbold in Worthington, and a lost *Newbold Folville* in Ashby Folville (all Leics), Newbold on Avon, Newbold Pacey, Newbold Comyn in Leamington Spa, and Newbold Revel in Stretton under Fosse (all Warwicks), Newbold in Castleton (Lancs), Lea Newbold and Newbold in Astbury (both Cheshire), Newbold in Catesby (Northants), Newbold on Stour in Tredington (Warwicks, formerly Worcs), and North and South Newbold (ER York). The place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' + *bōðl*, *bōtl*, *bold* 'dwelling, house'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Newebolt, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Neubald', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Neubolde, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); Hugh de Neubalde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meole Brace, Shrops); William de Newbold', 1299–1300 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas de Neubold, 1322 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); [ . . . de] Neubold, 1330, [ . . . de] Neubolt, 1332 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Robert de Neubold, chaplain, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Hathersage, Derbys); Roger Neubolt, 1350 in *London Letter Books F*; Robertus de Neubold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Notts); Walterus Neubold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wellesbourne Hastings, Warwicks); Roberto de Newbold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greenoak, ER Yorks); Thoma de Neubald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Willelmus Newbold',

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Wharfe, WR Yorks); Thomas Newbold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Davenport, Northants); Willelmo Newbold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurcaston, Leics); Johanna Newbolt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norbury, Staffs); Galfridus de Newbolt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Lancs); Thomas Newbauld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Thomas Newebold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Margeria Newebold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cound, Shrops); Edwardus Newbold, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Ales Newbould, 1571 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Alice Newball, 1575, Henry Newbull, 1678 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willmi. Newbolt, 1588 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Willm Newbut, 1616 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Thomas Newball, 1653 in *York Freemen's Register* (York); George Newbert, 1722 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts); Gulielmi Newbitt, 1728 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); John Newble, 1772 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Newbutt, 1774 in *IGI* (Girton, Notts); Robert Newbitt, 1797 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Newbart, 1804 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Ann Newball, 1804, Hannah Newble, 1813 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 277; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 136, 237; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 407; *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 72; *Place-Names of Warwick*, pp. 115, 120, 176, 257; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 55; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 17; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 173.

### Newbolt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants
- English: see **Newbold**.

### Newbon

**Variants:** Newbound, Newbond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts; Staffs

1 English: status name, nickname from Middle English *newe* 'new' + *bonde* 'unfree tenant, serf'. Compare **New** and **Bond**. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited below may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Edward le Newebonde, 1230 in *Acta of Hugh of Wells* (Rushden, Northants); Hugo le Neubonde, 1271 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); William Newebonde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Neubond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Spaldwick, Hunts); Adam le Newebonde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Offord Darcy, Hunts); Iohannes Neubonde, 1363–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Johannes Neubond<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Copmanthorpe, WR Yorks); Johanne Newbond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipwith, ER Yorks); Willelmus Newbonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Robertus Newbound, 1615 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Gregory Newbon, 1618 in *IGI* (Caldecott, Rutland); Richard Newbon, 1627 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Robert Newband, 1634 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Ellin Newbond, 1645 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); Nicholas Newbound, 1666 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts); George Newband, 1797 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); James Newbon, 1804 in *IGI* (Lane End, Staffs).

2 English: see **Newbold**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Tooth* 1, p. 157.

### Newbond

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Newbon**.

### Newborn

**Variants:** Newborne, Newburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Newburn (Northumb), which is recorded as *Nyweburne* in about 1175 and *Nieweburc* in 1281. Early forms suggest variation between Old English *burna* 'spring, stream' and *burh* 'fortified place', though *burh* is perhaps more likely to be behind the original place-name, as it seems more appropriate with the initial element, Old English *niwe* 'new'. However, see (ii) below. (ii) locative name from Newbourn (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Neubrunna* in 1086 and *Neuburne* in 1291. The place-name derives from Old English *niwe* 'new' + *burna* 'spring, stream' with influence from the cognate Old Scandinavian *brunnr*. (iii) locative name perhaps also from an unidentified place with a similar name, given the locations of the 1296 and 1317 early bearers below. **Early bearers:** Roger atte Neweburn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Newburn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas ate Nyburne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Cranbrook, Kent); Roger de Neuburne, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Morpeth, Northumb); Lewys Newborn, 1603 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Hen Newborn, 1604 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Elizabeth Newborn, 1613, William Neburne, 1618, John Nubune, John Newbune, 1623 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Newborne, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Samuel Newburn, 1663 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 149; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 433.

### Newborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

English: see **Newborn**.

### Newborough

**Variants:** Newbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: locative name perhaps from Newborough (Staffs), which is recorded as *Neuboreg* in 1280 and *Newburg* in 1532. The place-name derives from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *burgh* 'fortified place', also 'town, village' (Old English *niwe*, *burh*).

**Early bearers:** John Newbrough, 1654, Samuel Newborough, 1734 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Rich. Newborow, 1654, Richard Newborough, 1666 in *IGI* (Stoke Saint Milborough, Shrops); Wm. Newbrook, 1669 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Ann Newbrough, 1732, Jeremiah Newborough, 1745 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Ann Newborough, 1732 in *IGI* (Austrey, Warwicks); Thos. Newborough, 1761 in *IGI* (Orton on the Hill, Leics).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 407.

2 English: variant of **Newbury**.

### Newbould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 685
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Newbold**.

### Newboulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Newbold**.

### Newbound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Newbon**.

### Newbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: variant of **Newborough** and **Newbury**.

### Newburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: see **Newborn**.

### Newbury

**Variants:** Newbery, Newberry, Newborough, Newbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2542, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1756
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London; Devon; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Newbury (Berks), which is recorded as *Neuberie* and *Niuberie* in about 1080. The place-name derives from Old English *niwe* 'new' + *burh* 'fortified place'. Some of the post-medieval bearers given here, especially in the south-west, may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Godwin de Neweberia, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Henry de Neubury, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Philip de Neuburi, 1290–1310, Hawisia de Neubury, 1342 in *Reading Abbey Cartularies* (Berks); Thoma Neuberly, Johanne Neubury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonbury with Weston, Herefs); Robertus Newbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); John Nubery, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Neubury, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Neuberly, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Andrewe Newberry, 1550 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Avise Newbery, 1561, John Newbury, 1609 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Roger Newbrook, 1568 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Jane Newbery, 1591 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Mary Newbury, 1625 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Thomas Newbury, 1627 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Wilts); Giles Newberry, William Newbery, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Abraham Newborough, 1655 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Thomas Newbrook, 1685 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); John Newborough, 1725 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 257.

2 Norman: locative name from Le Neubourg (Eure).

**Further information:** The place-name Winfrith Newburgh (Dorset) takes its affix from the Norman family name.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Novo Burgo, 1189–91 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset); Rogeri de Nouo burgo, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Robert de Neweburgh, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); Robertus de Novo Burgo, 1212, Robertus de Neuburg, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); Roberto de Nouo burgo, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); Roberto Neuburgh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cranborne, Dorset); Gilbert Neuburgh', 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); Gilbert Neweborgh', 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset and Wilts); John Neuburgh', 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (East Lulworth, Dorset); Roger Neuburgh', 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 174–5.

## Newby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4293, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2982
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Durham

English: locative name from one or more of the many places so called, such as Newby Wiske, Newby by Scarborough, Newby near Stokesley, and Newby on Swale in Rainton (all NR Yorks), Newby cum Mulwith, Newby in Clapham, Newby in Rimington, and Newby in Weeton (all WR Yorks), Newby near Appleby (Westm), Newby in Cummersdale and Newby in Irthington (both Cumb). These place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' + Old Scandinavian *bý* 'village, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Jacobus de Newebi, 1197, Jacobus de Niewebi, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); [ . . . de] Neubie, about 1236 in *Place-Names of NR Yorks* (NR Yorks); John de Newby, 1275 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Neuby, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Thomas Neuby, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Skipton on Swale, NR Yorks); Margaret Newbie, 1557 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Newby, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Guilli Newby, 1561 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richard Newbey, 1576 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Newby, 1579 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Fortune Newbye, 1594 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 109, 169, 185, 275; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 52, 152; 6, pp. 177, 233; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 146; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 92, 130.

## Newcastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Newcastle upon Tyne (Northumb) or Newcastle under Lyme (Staffs), both of which are recorded in Latin as *Novum castellum* in the 12th century; the Staffs place is recorded as *Newcastell* in 1489. The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *castel* 'castle'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Newcastle, 1246–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Stephano de Novo Castro, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Agnes of Newcastle, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas de Newecastel, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Adam de Newcastle, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johannes Neucastel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Andrew, Worcs); Willelmus

Newecastell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Alice Newecastel, 1380 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Thomas Newcastil', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Newcastle, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint John Lee, Northumb).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 408; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 433.

## Newcomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 705
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lincs and Northants

English: see **Newcombe**.

## Newcombe

**Variants:** Newcomb, Newcomen, Newcome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3298, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Offaly; Dublin and Wicklow

English: nickname from Middle English *newe-comen*, *newe-come* 'newly arrived, recently come' (Old English *nīwe* + *cumen*, *cuma*). Compare **New**, **Newman**, and **Coombe** (2). The spelling of the name has been remodelled as if from a place-name containing Old English *cumb* 'valley'. No such place-name as *Newcombe* is actually on record.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Neucument, 1175, Ricardus Neucume, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Neucum, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Walter le Neucumen, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Adam le Newecomen, 1260 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Johannes le Newecomene, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John le Newcome, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Nywecomena, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Teigngrace, Devon); John Newcomen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Neucumen, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Louth, Lincs); Ricardus Nucomyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Johannes Newcomen, Johannis de Newcomen [sic], Johannes Newcome, 1377–81 in *Bishop Hatfield's Survey* (Durham); Thomas Newcome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Ricardus Neucumen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westborough, Lincs); Thomas Newcomm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langford and Bodney, Norfolk); Nicholau Newcomyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); John Newecombe, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Elisabeth Newcombe, 1557 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Maria Newcomen, 1558 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby, Lincs); Guido Newcome, 1560 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); John Newcom, 1561 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Robert Newcombe, 1580 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Willyam Newcom, 1618 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Thomasine Newcomen, 1618, Thomas Newcomin, 1634 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Samuell Newcome, 1644 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 135.

## Newcome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Louth

English: see **Newcombe**.

## Newcomen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lincs; Kent

English: see **Newcombe**.

## Newdick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Middx

English: locative name from New Dyke in Bourne (Lincs), which is recorded as *Neudik* in 1275, or New Dike in Fulstow (Lincs), which is recorded as *Neudik* in 1310. The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *dik* 'ditch, trench' (Old English *nīwe*, Old Scandinavian *dík*).

**Early bearers:** Henry Neudik, 1377, Henry de Newdyk, 1381 in *Lincoln Clerical Poll Taxes* (Whaplode, Lincs); Johannes de Newdik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Reginaldus Newdik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Henry Newedyk, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Newedyke, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Whaplode and Holbeach, Lincs); William Neudyke, 1558 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs); Robert Newdick, 1558 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Johannis Newdicke, 1567 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Richard Neudyke, 1575 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); James Newdicke, 1641, William Newdick, 1708 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Ann Nudick, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Godfry Newdike, 1741 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk).

**References:** *Kesteven Place-Names*, p. 112; *Place-Names of Lincs* 4, p. 80.

## Newdigate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: locative name from Newdigate (Surrey), which is recorded as *Niudegate* and *Neudegate* in about 1167 and *Niwudegate* in 1241. The place name appears to derive from Old English *nīge*, a secondary form of *nīwe* 'new', + *wudu* 'wood' + *geat* 'gate, opening'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Neudegat', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); [ . . . de] Niwodegate, 1263 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Willelmus de Nywdegate, 1290, John de Nywdegate, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Neudegate, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex and Surrey); Robert Newedegate, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Woolwich, Kent); Henry Newedegate, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John Nudigate, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks); John Nudigate, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Nidigat, 1541 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Francis Newdigate, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Elizabeth Newdigate, 1564 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); Walter Nudigate, 1581 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Robert Newdegate, 1599 in *IGI* (Haynes, Beds); Anne Newdigate, 1686 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 83–4.

## Newell

**Variants:** Newall, Nowell, Nowill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7845, Ireland 1158
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4650
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; WR Yorks and Lancs; Hants; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; Galway

1 Norman, English: see **Neville**.



2 Irish: from Ó Tnúthghail ‘descendant of *Tnúthgal*, a personal name based on *tnúth* ‘desire, envy’ + *gal* ‘valour’. Compare **Knowles**. Some of the examples below probably belong with sense 1 above.

**Early bearers:** James Newel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbennan, Galway); Hans Newel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); William Newell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Down); William Newil, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Down); Margaret Newill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkeel, Down); John Newille, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilclief, Down).

3 English: see **Noel**.

4 English: see **Newhall**.

**Newsens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts; Staffs

English: see **Newnes**.

**Newett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Newitt**.

**Newey**

Variants: **Neway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1541, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: locative name from one or more of the many places with names deriving from Middle English *newe* ‘new’ + *haye* ‘enclosure’ (Old English *niwe* + *ge-hæg*), such as a lost *New Hay* in West Bromwich, *Newhay* in Oakamoor, a lost *New Hay* near Gentleshaw, a lost *New Hay* near Smallthorne, a lost *Newhay* in Keele (all Staffs), and *New Hay* in Yardley Hastings (Northants).

**Early bearers:** John de Newehay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Johannes Newehay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bordesley, Warwicks); Thomas Newey, 1494 in *Worcester Charters* (Bedwardine, Worcs); Thomas Newey, 1543 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); Thomas Neway, 1544 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Richard Newey, 1579 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Mary Newhay, 1614 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Isabella Neway, 1617 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 409; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 155.

**Newgent**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Nugent**.

**Newhall**

Variants: **Newall**, **Newell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: locative name from Newhall in Northwich or Newhall near Nantwich (both Cheshire), New Hall in Tottington (Lancs), Newhall in Bradford (WR Yorks), Newhall in Newborough (Staffs), or

from any of numerous other places in England with the common name Newhall or New Hall. The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* ‘new’ + *halle* ‘large residence, hall’ (Old English *niwe*, *hall*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Niwehal, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); [ . . . de] Noua Aula, 1297, [ . . . de] Neuhale, 1358, [ . . . de] Neuhall, 1375 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Robert de Neuhal, Robert de Neuhale, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh de Newehalle, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willelmus Neuwall, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newall, WR Yorks); Adam de Neuhall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulley, WR Yorks); Johannes Neuhall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Ricardo Newhall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whatton, Leics); Richard Newall, 1560 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Christopher Newall, 1572 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Anne Newhall, 1610 in *IGI* (Baddiley, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 208; 3, p. 101; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 64; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 246; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 409.

**Newham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1153, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1089
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, and Derbys; Durham; ER Yorks

English: locative name from one or more of several places so called, such as Newham in Thornton le Fen (Lincs), Newham near Belford and a lost *Newham* in Newburn (both Northumb), Newham in Marton in Cleveland and Newholm, recorded as *Neweham* in the 12th century (both NR Yorks), and Newhall in Barton upon Irwell, recorded as *Neuham* in the 13th century (Lancs). The place-names derive from Old English *niwe* ‘new’ + *hām* ‘homestead, estate’ or possibly in some cases from *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Niweham, 1109–29 in *Mowbray Charters*; Emma de Neweham, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William de Neuham, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Margery de Newham, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Swinton, Lancs); Thomas de Neweham, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henry de Neuham, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Coningsby, Lincs); Petro de Newham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas de Neweham, chaplain, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); Johannes de Newham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Walter Newham, 1547 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Thomas Newham, 1574 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Roger Newham, 1632 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 90; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 148; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 124, 163; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 40.

**Newhouse**

Variants: **Newiss**, **Newis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 323
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name for someone who lived at a ‘new house’ (Middle English *neue* + *hous*) or who came from one or more of the many minor places so called, especially perhaps Newhouses in Horton (WR Yorks), near the border with Lancs, **Early bearers:** Ralph de Niwehus, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William ate Neuhaus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Roberto atte Newehouse, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (White Notley, Essex); Martinus atte Newehous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Nicholao atte Nywehous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Wilts); Alicia Newehouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hammerton, WR Yorks); Robertus de Neuhaus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Johanne atte Nywehouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Henrico del Newehous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Robertus dil Newehous, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Crosby, Lancs); Nicholas Newehouse, glover, 1476–7 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Thomas Newehouse, 1559 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Susan Newehouse, 1579 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Newehouse, 1599 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); John Newis, 1672 in *York Freeman’s Register*; John Newiss, 1763 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Newick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex; Somerset

English: locative name from Newick (Sussex), which is recorded as *Niewica* in 1154–1189, or possibly Newick Farm in Heathfield (Sussex), which is recorded as *Niwicha* in 1121. The place-names derive from Old English *niwe* ‘new’ + *wic* ‘specialized or outlying farm’.

**Early bearers:** Hammyng de Nywyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barcombe hundred, Sussex); John Nywyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Wittering, Sussex); Willmo de Niwike, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rudgwick, Sussex); John Nywike, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Manhood hundred, Sussex); Nicholaus Nywik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halnaker in Boxgrove, Sussex); Willelmo Nywike, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Richard Newick, 1667 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Mary Newick, 1735 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Newike, 1737 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); John Newick, 1782 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 316, 466.

**Newill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman: see **Neville**.

**Newing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: possibly elliptical for a Middle English nickname \**neuen comen* ‘newly arrived’; compare the grammatically different **Newcombe**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Neuen, William le Newen, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Maidstone, Kent); John Newen, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (Willesborough, Kent); John Newen, 1495 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Willesborough, Kent); Gilbert Newen, 1535 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Molash, Kent); Richard Newyne, 1545 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Egerton, Kent); John Newen, weaver, 1541, John Newyne, 1555 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ashford, Kent); Daniel Newing, 1611 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Newen, 1625 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); John Newing, 1632 in *IGI*



(Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); William Newin, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent).

### Newington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

1 English: locative name from Newington next Hythe (Kent), which is recorded as *Niwan tune* in about 1100, Newington by Sittingbourne (Kent), or from one or more of the many other places of this name, such as Newington (Surrey), Newington Bagpath (Gloucs), Newington and North and South Newington (all Oxon), and Long and North Newnton (Wilts). The place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' (oblique case *nīwan*) + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'; (*æt þæm*) *nīwantūn* '(at the) new farmstead'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Niwenton, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Miles de Newinton, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Newington by Sittingbourne, Kent); Jordan de Newintone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roger de Newynton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Newynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter de Newynton', 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Johannes Newenton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bobbington, Essex); Henricus Newynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toddington, Gloucs); Geoffry Newenton, 1400 in *Kent Wills* (West Wickham, Kent); Nicholas Newyngton, 1474, John Newynton, 1518–19 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Bapchild, Kent); Thomas Newington, 1542 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Thomas Newington, 1597 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 453.

2 English: locative name from Newenden (Kent), which is recorded as *Neuunden* in 1072. The place name derives from Old English *nīwe* 'new' (oblique case *nīwan*) + *denn* 'woodland pasture'; (*æt þæm*) *nīwandenn* '(at the) new woodland pasture'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Neuwenden, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Newenden, Kent); Robert de Newynden, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calehill hundred, Kent); William de Newynden, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Blackburn hundred, Kent); William Newynden, 1505, Nicholas Newenden, 1532 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Smarden, Kent); John Newendon, 1538, Marion Newenden, 1540 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Headcorn, Kent); Thomas Newenden, 1658 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); James Newinden, 1698 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 434.

### Newis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Newhouse**.

### Newiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Newhouse**.

### Newitt

**Variants:** **Newett**, **Nute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 486
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: nickname from Middle English *newete*, the older, unreduced, form of *newte* 'newt', itself for Old English *efete* with initial *n* detached from a preceding indefinite article.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Newit, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Knedlington, ER Yorks); Bennett Newett, 1547 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); Agnes Newyte, 1566 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); William Newett, 1576 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Jeames Newett, 1600 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Robert Newett, 1602 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); John Newytt, 1605 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Richard Newitte, 1611, Richard Newyte, 1617 in *IGI* (Hayton, ER Yorks); John Newet, 1617, John Newitte, 1670 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Tho. Newitt, 1723 in *IGI* (Welton, Northants).

### Newland

**Variants:** **Newlands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2479, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1770
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Hants, and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Wexford, and Wicklow

English: locative name either topographic, from Middle English *neue* 'new' (i.e. newly cleared or newly acquired) + *land*, *lond* 'land' (Old English *nīwe*, *land*), or toponymic, from one or more of the many places so named.

**Early bearers:** Samson de la Niwelande, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William atte Niwelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger of the Newelond, 1343–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Coventry, Warwicks); Simon atte Newlonde, Johannes Newlonde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thoma atte Newlonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coombes, Sussex); Ricardus Newelond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Henricus de Neuland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); William Newelond', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Newland, 1546 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Newlan, 1577 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Robert Newlan, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Lenham, Kent); John Newland, Susan Newlan, 1637 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent).

### Newlands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1658, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Banffs

1 Scottish: locative name from Newlands (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Duncan Newlandis, 1493 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Peter Newlandis, 1537 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Robert Newlands, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elizabeth Newlands, 1673 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexr. Newlands, 1709 in *IGI* (Keith, Banffs); Luke Newlands, 1778 in *IGI* (Newlands, Peebles).

2 English: variant of **Newland** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Newlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants
- Norman, English: see **Newling**.

### Newling

**Variants:** **Newlyn**, **Newlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Cambs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Nevelon* (Continental Germanic *Nivelung*, *Nibelung*, *Neveling*).

**Further information:** The Continental Germanic name is a mythological name, of uncertain origin, in the early history of the royal house of Burgundy. It became a byword for wealth, and is most familiar from Wagner's opera cycle *Der Ring des Nibelungen* 'The Ring of the Nibelung'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Niuelig, Niuelin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Peter filius Neuelon, about 1170 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Andree filii Newelonis, about 1198, Andrea Neuelon', 1211–12 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Andrew Neuelun, 1207–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); John Newelyn, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); Adam Newlyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Neulyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Laurencius Newelyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maldon, Essex); Rogerus Newlyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Izabella Newlyn, 1543 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Richard Newling, 1581 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Elizabeth Newlyn, 1600, Thomising Newling, 1621 in *IGI* (Barrington, Cambs).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 331; *Forssner*, p. 193.

### Newlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *newe* 'new' + *luve*, *love* 'love', though no medieval evidence of the name has yet been found.

**Early bearers:** Antoni Newloue, 1563 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs); Nycholai Newlove, 1576 in *IGI* (Burton Pedwardine, Lincs); Willi. Newlove, 1580 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks).

### Newlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx and Kent
- Norman, English: see **Newling**.

### Newman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31277, Ireland 1157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21969
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Meath, Longford, and Westmeath

1 English: nickname from Middle English *newe* 'new' (i.e. newly arrived or newly appointed) + *man* 'man' (Old English *nīwe* + *mann*). Compare **New** and **Newcombe**.

**Early bearers:** Stangrim Noueman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Godwin Nieweman, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Ailwin le Newman, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William þe Niweman, 1227 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert le Nyman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Nueman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shilbottle, Northumb); Adam Nyweman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Kennett, Wilts); Thoma Numan, 1379

## Newmarch

in *Poll Tax* (Thurnby, Leics); Stephano Nywman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hendred, Berks); Nicholaus Newman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Galfridus Neuman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dagworth, Suffolk); John Neweman, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Newman, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Jhon Numan, 1545 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Thomas Newmann alias Evered or Newman, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Kingsdon Cary, Dorset).

2 Jewish, German: anglicization of German and Jewish (Ashkenazic) **Neumann**, possibly also of cognates of (1) from other European languages. Compare **Naiman**.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Newman, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Rachel Newman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx);

## Newmarch

**Variants:** Newmark, Newmarsh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217

• **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs  
Norman: locative name from Neufmarché (Seine-Maritime). See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** Ada de Novo Mercato, 1219 in *Medieval Lindsey Marsh* (Lincs); Adam de Neumarche, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Notts); Thomas de Novo Mercato, Stephen de Neumarche, Stephen Neumarche, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Hugh de Newemarche, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Hugh Neumarche, knight, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Elizabeth Newmarche, 1458 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Whetton, Notts); Johanis. Newmarch, 1562, Johannes Newmarche, 1570 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Robert Newmarch, 1581 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Agnes Newmerch, 1607 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Robert Newmarsh, 1686 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); John Newmarck, 1770 in *IGI* (Cammeringham, Lincs).

## Newmark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman: see **Newmarch**.

## Newmarsh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also ER Yorks
- Norman: see **Newmarch**.

## Newnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Newnam**.

## Newnes

**Variants:** Newens, Newns, Nunes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Newnes in Ellesmere (Shrops), which is recorded as *Newenes* in 1309. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain; it may derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' + *næss* 'promontory, headland', but the sense of 'new

headland' is not clear and such a name does not suit the place's topography.

**Early bearers:** Richard Newnys, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newtown in Wem, Shrops); Roberte Newownes, 1547, Kateryne Newnes, 1550, Robt. Newance, 1561, Willm Newens, 1584 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Alice Newens, 1557 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex); Jane Newans, 1567 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Robert Newnes, 1570, John Newns, 1622, Dorathie Newens, 1627 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thomas Newans, 1575, Thomas Newnes, 1576 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Alice Newnes, 1578 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops); Samuell Newens, 1608 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Neawnes, 1623, John Neawns, 1665 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Mary Newns, 1668 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Joseph Newness, 1772 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 53.

## Newnam

**Variants:** Newnam, Newnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1631, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1256
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex and IoW

English: locative name from Newnam in Binstead or Ninham in Brading (both IoW), Newnam Park in Buxted (Sussex), Newnam (Hants, Kent), or any of the many other places of this name, such as Newnam (Gloucs, Herts, Northants), Newnam Murren (Oxon), Newnam in Aston Cantlow, Newnam Paddox in Monks Kirby and Kings Newnam (all Warwicks), Newnam in Goldington (Beds), Newnam in Cambridge and Newnam in Ely (both Cambs), and Newnam in Knighton on Teme (Worcs). The place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' (oblique case *nīwan*) + *hām* 'homestead, estate' or *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow'; (*æt þǣm*) *nīwanhām* or *hamm* '(at the) new homestead' or '(at the) new water meadow'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Niweham, 1228 in *Quarr Charters* (Newnam in Binstead, IoW); Ralph de Neunam, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robro de Newenham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Withyham, Sussex); Agn' de Nywenham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Framfield, Sussex); [ . . . ] de Nywenham, 1327 in *Kökeritz, IoW* (IoW); Nicholaus Newenham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dorney, Bucks); Willelmus Newenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, IoW); Johannes Newenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hartfield hundred, Sussex); Johannes Neunham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bidford, Warwicks); Alicia Newenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); George Newnam, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Kökeritz, IoW*, pp. 43–4, 58; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 391; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 60; *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 43, 219; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 55.

## Newns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Cheshire, Denbighs, and Lancs

English: see **Newnes**.

## Newnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: see **Newnam**.

## Newport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1901, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1521
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Berks; Middx and Kent; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Waterford

English: locative name from one or more of the many places with this name, such as Newport Pagnell (Bucks), Newport (Essex, Shrops, Monmouths, Cornwall, IoW), Newport in North Curry (Somerset), Newport in Barnstaple (Devon), Newport by Howden (ER Yorks), and Newport in Alkington (Gloucs). The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *port* 'port, harbour', also 'market town' (Old English *nīwe*, *port*).

**Early bearers:** Ailwin de Niweport, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo de Neuporte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newport, Essex); Nicholas Neuport, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); William Neuport, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Nicholaus Neweporte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyndon, Rutland); Johanne Neuport, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almeley, Herefs); Emma de Neuport, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Johannes Newport, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Robertus Nyweport, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Neuport, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport, Shrops); Robert Neweport, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); Thomam Neuport, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradford hundred, Shrops); John Newport, 1550 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Richard Newport, 1582 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Newport, 1636 in *IGI* (East Pennard, Somerset); Francis Nuporte, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Robert Newport, 1662 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 27; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 208.

## Newrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Durham

English: variant of **Newark** with metathesis in the second syllable.

## Newsam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 191
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Newsome**.

## Newsham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1170, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 937
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Newsome**.

## Newsholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Newsome**.

## Newsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Newsome**.

### Newsome

**Variants:** Newsom, Newsholme, Newsam, Newsham, Newsom, Nuzum, Newson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2639, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2137
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from one or more of the many north-country places of this name, such as Newsholme and Temple Newsham (both WR Yorks), Newsham in Kirby Wiske and Newsham in Kirby Ravensworth (both NR Yorks), Newsham in Walton on the Hill and Newsham in Goosnargh (both Lancs), and Newsham (Durham, Northumb). The place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' + *hūs* 'house' (dative plural *hūsum*); (*æt þāem*) *nīwehūsum* '(at the) new houses'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Neusum, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Neusom, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Allan de Neusom, 1342–4 in *Newstead Priory Cartulary* (Notts); Alanus de Newsome, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newsham, Northumb); Willelmus de Newsom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newsholme, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Newsome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marr, WR Yorks); Robertus de Newton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Agn' de Newsom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Willelmo Newsom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowland Chase, Lancs); William de Neuuesum, 1389, William de Newsom', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Nicholas Newsome, 1541, Richard Newsam, 1545, William Newsom, 1561, Edward Newsham, 1626 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); William Newsam, glover, 1533–4 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); Wyllm. Newsom, 1544 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Newsome, 1562, Izabell Newsam, 1593, Isabell Newsholme, 1629 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Leonard Newsam, cordwainer, 1573 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs); Ralph Newsame, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Alicia Newsom, 1603 in *IGI* (York).  
**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 436.

### Newson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2350, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1886
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin
- English: variant of **Newsome**.

### Newstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1408, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Notts; Middx

English: locative name from one or more of the many places (chiefly monastic foundations) with this name, such as Newstead (Notts), Newstead in Uffington and Newstead in Cadney (both Lincs), Newstead in Byland Abbey, Newstead in East Witton, and Newstead in Thornton Dale (all NR Yorks), Newstead in Hemsworth (WR Yorks), and Newstead (Northumb). The place-names derive from Middle English *neue* 'new' + *stede* 'place' (Old English *nīwe*, *stede*).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] del Newstede, 1302 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); John de Newsted, chaplain, 1335 in

*Patent Rolls* (Notts); Johannes de Neusted, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Henry de Newstede, chaplain, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Isabell Newstede, 1550, Margret Newstid, 1563 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Geo. Newstead, 1576 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Alexander Newstead, 1587 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); Tho. Newstede, 1615 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Henry Newstead, 1657 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Tho. Newstead, 1699 in *IGI* (Shelton, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 128; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 91; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 90, 194, 252; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 265.

### Newsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Newsome**.

### Newth

**Variants:** Nuth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: unexplained; perhaps from an unidentified place in W England called \**Newhythe* 'new landing-place', but the earliest spelling tells against this solution.

**Early bearers:** John le Newth, 1241 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Ozleworth, Gloucs); John Newth, 1593, Dorcas Nuthe, 1620, Charles Nuth, 1657 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); Marke Newth, 1605, Marke Nuth, 1628 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Johannis Neuth, 1624 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Betty Nuth, 1738 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Willm Newth, 1756 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

### Newton

**Variants:** Newtown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29604, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22796
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Tyrone; Carlow;

English, Scottish: locative name from one or more of the very many places of this name in England and Scotland. The place-names derive from Old English *nīwe* 'new' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement', or Middle English *neue* 'new' + *town* 'settlement, town'.

**Early bearers:** England: Alward de Niwetuna, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Robert de Neweton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen de Neuton', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Neweton', 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); William Neuton, 1370 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard de Neuton', 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Johanne de Neuton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardhorn with Newton, Lancs); Egidius de Newton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); Emmota de Newton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bank Newton, WR Yorks); Hugo Newton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwicks); John de Newton', 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Richard de Neweton', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton in Kinnersley, Herefs); John Neuton', 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton Harcourt, Leics); Thomas Neuton' of York, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton on

Ouse, NR Yorks); Thomas Newton, 1542 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Isabell Newton, 1542 in *IGI* (York); John Nuton, 1571 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Agnes Newton, 1583 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Robert Newton, 1671 in *IGI* (Newton by Folkingham, Lincs); Willm Newton, 1691 in *IGI* (Wold Newton, Lincs); Nickolas Newton, 1699 in *IGI* (Newton Solney, Derbys); Ada Newtown, 1877 in *IGI* (Neepsend, WR Yorks).

Scotland: James de Neutone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander de Newtoun, 1430 in *Haddington Writs* (Midlothian); John de Newton, 1446 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James de Newton, 1479 in *Black* (Bedrule, Roxburghs); Alisone Newton, 1606 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); John Newtown, 1695 in *IGI* (Forgan, Fife).

### Newtown

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Newton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: see **Nye**.

2 Scottish Gaelic and Irish: from **Mac Niadh**, see **McNee**.

### Neyland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Neylon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 432
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Ng

**Variants:** Ung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2806, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 吳 and 伍, see **Wu** (1) and (2).

2 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 黃, see **Wong** (3).

**Further information:** This form of the name is found in eastern Guangdong province, from where people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and other parts of SE Asia.

### Ngai

**Variants:** Nee, Ay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 倪 (Ni in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'boundary' or 'infants' in ancient Chinese: adopted in order to escape from a feud in place of the Chinese surname 鄒, which is also pronounced Ni. The original

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surname was from *Ni* (郟), the name of an ancient state, also called Little Zhu (located in Shandong province), granted to the son of Zhu Wu Gong (died 796 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 艾 (*Ai* in Mandarin pinyin), referring to ‘Chinese mugwort’, a type of plant used in traditional Chinese medical treatment: (i) perhaps from the second element of *Ru Ai* (汝艾), name of an official who lived at the time of the emperor Shao Kang (reigned 1940–1880 BC). (ii) from the first element of the place-name *Ai Ling* (艾陵), the name of a hill (located in Shandong province), the fief of *Ai Kong* (艾孔), an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the place-name *Ai* (艾), the name of a fief (located in Jiangxi province) which was granted to an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) adopted as a surname by the *Qu Jin*, *Qu Ai* (去艾), and *Ai Jin* (艾斤) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (v) from *Ai* (艾), the name of an ancient state (possibly in present-day Jiangxi province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蟻 (*Yi* in Mandarin pinyin), literally meaning ‘ants’ in Chinese, whose origin is unexplained. It is possibly from another surname *E* (蛾, meaning ‘moth’ in Chinese), which may be derived from *E Xi* (蛾析), the personal name of an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 魏 and 危, see **We** (1) and (2).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 顏 and 晏, see **Yan** (6) and (7).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 銀, see **Yin** (2).

## Ngo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 敖, see **Au** (1).

2 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 吳, see **Wu** (1). This pronunciation is found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and other parts of SE Asia.

3 Chinese: Teochew or Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 伍, see **Wu** (2). This pronunciation is found in E Guangdong province, Fujian province, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and other parts of SE Asia.

4 Vietnamese: Ngõ, representing the Chinese family name 吳, see **Wu**.

## Ngui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 魏, see **We** (1).

## Nguyen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4358, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Vietnamese (Nguyễn): *Nguyễn*, a family name of uncertain meaning, used by people of Vietnamese origin like a western surname.

**Further information:** This name is borne by about 35% of all Vietnamese. It was the name of the dynasty that ruled Vietnam till 1945, and was adopted by other families over the centuries. It is widely considered to be of Chinese origin, *Nguyễn* being the Vietnamese representation of the Chinese surname 阮, which is anglicized as *Ruan* in Mandarin, **Yuen** in Cantonese, and *Nyoe* in Wu Chinese. However Diệp Đình Hoa has suggested that it may be a locative name, to be associated with Vietnamese *nguồn*, *ngòi* ‘spring, canal, small river’.

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## Niall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs Irish, Scottish: see **Neill**.

## Nias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants English, Huguenot: see **Nice**.

## Niaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a male personal name based on Persian *niyāz* ‘gift’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Niazi

**Variants:** **Niyazi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (prevalent in India and Pakistan): from a personal name based on Persian *niyāzi* ‘friend’.

## Nibblet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Niblett**.

## Niblett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Niblett**.

## Nibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125

• **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Nebb** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Nebbs, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Henrie Nebbes, 1610 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Daniel Nibbs, 1629 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); John Nibbs, 1641, Robert Nebbs, 1785 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Nibbs, 1643 in *IGI* (London); Johne Nebs, 1671 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); John Nebbs, 1675 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Audrey Nibs, 1730 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Mary Nibbs, 1776, Mary Nebbs, 1792 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

## Niblet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Niblett**.

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**Variants:** **Niblet**, **Nibblett**, **Nibblet**, **Neblett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1241, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 886
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: apparently from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Nibelot*, composed of *Nib*, a rhyming form of *Ib*, itself a pet form of *Isabel* (see **Nebb**), + the double diminutive suffix seen in **Bartlett**, **Lancelot**. Compare Willelmo Nybson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs), and Johannes Nybson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Deighton, ER Yorks), with **Ibson**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Nebelot’, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Nyblett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Andrew Nyblett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brookthorpe, Gloucs); Willm. Niblett, 1561 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Richard Niblet, 1565 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Elizabeth Niblet, 1570 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); John Neblet, 1679 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Philip Neblett, 1688 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs); Margaret Nibblott, 1744 in *IGI* (Newington Bagpath, Gloucs).

## Niblock

**Variants:** **Nibloe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 354
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan Scottish, Irish: unexplained; seems to be formally the same as the Scots word *niblick*, denoting a type of wooden golf-club, itself of unknown origin. The surname spellings suggest a possible origin involving the Gaelic suffix *-ach*.

**Further information:** Its similarity of appearance to the modern Scots word *niblick*, *niblock* (a golf-club with a small, round, heavy head) is fortuitous. *Dictionary of the Scots Language* suggests that this word (not recorded before 1857) may be a diminutive of Scots *nib* ‘beak, nose’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Beatrix Neblo, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jane Niblow, 1727 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); James Niblock, 1736 in *IGI* (Wiston and Robertson, Lanarks); Margrat Nibloc, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirkmaiden, Wigtowns); Timothy Niblock, 1746 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Elizabeth Niblow, 1753 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks); Grizal Niblock, 1789 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns); William Nibloch, 1802 in *IGI* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns); Thomas Niblick, 1840 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).  
 England: Susanna Grace Neblow, 1762 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Anne Niblow, 1778 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); James Niblock, 1783 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Nibloe, 1820 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).  
 Ireland: Ochtrye Niblocke, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Antrim Towne, Antrim); James Kiniblock, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clonkean, Antrim); William Niblock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibret, Monaghan); John Niblock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killan, Cavan).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Ayr; Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Niblock**.

### Niccolls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nice

#### Variants: Nias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 705
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex

English, Huguenot: nickname from Middle English *nis* 'silly, ignorant', later, 'slothful', 'wanton', 'fussy, self-indulgent' and a range of other negative meanings (French *niais*). Where it is a Huguenot name (recorded as *Nis, Nys*), it may be directly from French *niais*. *Nias* is a late variant arising in Berks and Hants.  
**Early bearers:** England: Thoma Neys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Robertus Nyse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Plomesgate hundred, Suffolk); James Nice, 1502 in *PROB 11* (London); Garret Nyse, 1554 in *IGI* (London); John Neysse, 1565 in *IGI* (Compton, Berks); Davie Nyce, 1573, Judith Nise, 1602 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Alice Neise, 1580 in *IGI* (Shipton, Hants); Robert Nice, 1589 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Nias, 1685 in *IGI* (Enborne, Berks).  
 Scotland: Thome. Nice, 1617 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Archbald Nice, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Anna Nice, 1683 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney).

### Nichalls

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nichol

Variants: **Nicholl, Nicol, Nicoll, Nicolle, Nicole, Nickol, Nickoll, Nickel, Nickell, Nickle, Nicholls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3522, Ireland 129
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Durham; also Roxburghs and Selkirks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh
- English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nic(h)ol*, the vernacular form of *Nic(h)olas* (see **Nicholas**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Nicol tanur, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Nichol Longe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Nichol Maydeson', Nikel atte We[ . . . ], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex).

surnames, England: John Nichole, about 1270 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Nicholaus Nichol, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote Lane, Oxon); Johannes Nichol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Thalemonus Nicol', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Rogero Nycoll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwell, Leics); Johannes Nycholl', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Willelmus Nicoll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Elinor Nicoll, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); John Nichole, 1542 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Gilberti Nicol, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Nichol, 1593 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Ann Nickle, 1673 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

surnames, Scotland: Maucolum fiz Nicol, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Bessie Nicoll, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Cristan Nicol., 1581 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Nickle, 1650 in *Black*; William Nichol, 1695 in *IGI* (Cavers, Roxburghs); Simon Nickel, 1695 in *IGI* (Ettrick, Selkirks).

### Nicholas

Variants: **Nicolas, Nicholass, Nichollas, Nickolas, Nicklas, Nickless, McNicholas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9207, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5835
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SW England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Limerick and Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nic(h)olas* (from Greek *Nikólaos*, composed of the elements *nikē* 'victory' + *laós* 'people'). Forms with *-ch-* are due to hypercorrection (compare **Anthony**). Both *Nic(h)olas* and the vernacular form *Nic(h)ol* were popular in medieval England as given names, yielding numerous surnames. More recently, it has been used as an anglicized form of various European cognates, including Greek *Nikolaos* itself. Compare **Nick, Nichol, Nicklin, and Collin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Nicolaus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Nicholaus presbiter, 1147–66 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Niculus, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Necholas Combe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Spriddlestone, Devon); Nicholaus Dabney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willey, Warwick).

surnames: William Nicholas, 1311 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Beds); Willelmus Nicholas, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Braddock, Cornwall); Johannes Nicholaus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shustoke, Warwick); Willelmo Nicolas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage, Leics); Johannes Nicolus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); Alicia Nicholasse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johannes Nicholis, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Worcester, Worcs); Johannes Nycholas, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Stour, Dorset); William Nycholas, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Nicholas, 1544 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Dorotheie Nicklas, 1584 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Marie Niclys, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Poole, Dorset); Thomas Nickless, 1650 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Nicklos, 1703 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Nicholass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nicholds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: variant of **Nicholls** with intrusive *d*.

### Nicholes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Middx
- English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nicholetts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: variant of **Nicolet** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** John Nicholetes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Nicoletts, 1428 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Doddingtree hundred, Worcs); Mary Nicolets, 1574, Anthony Nicoletts, 1583, Alice Nicoletts, 1686 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Mary Nicholetts, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Elizabeth Nicholetts, 1814 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

### Nicholl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1584, Ireland 1402
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1561
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim
- English, Irish: see **Nichol**.  
**Further information:** This form of the surname is also common in Ireland.

### Nichollas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nicholls

Variants: **Nichols, Nicholes, Nickolls, Nickols, Nicolls, Nicols, Niccolls, Nickells, Nickels, Nichalls, Nickalls, Nickles, Nicholds, Nickolds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25557, Ireland 227
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15511
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall; Middx; Staffs and Warwick
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Antrim

English: variant of **Nichol** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Nicholes, 1322 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Andrew Nicoles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

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(Somerset); Thomas Nichols, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Asenby, NR Yorks); Willelmus Nichols, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Nicholaus Nychols, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwicks); Willelmus Nicoles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford, Shrops); Alanus Nichols, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mitton, Staffs); Robert Nicolles, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts and Middx); Georgius Nicholls, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Elizabeth Nicols, 1541 in *IGI* (London); Phillep Nicholls, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Robert Nickles, 1581 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Richardus Nickolds, 1611 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Mgt Nickalls, 1618 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 9481, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9672
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx; WR Yorks; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Dublin; Cork

English: see **Nicholls**.

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**Variants:** **Nicolson**, **Nickolson**, **Nickelson**, **Nickleston**, **Nickerson**, **Nickisson**, **Nickinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28496, Ireland 1173
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21136
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh; Sligo; Galway

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nic(h)olas* or the vernacular form *Nic(h)ol + son*; see **Nichol**, **Nicholas**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Nicholesone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Calcutt, Warwicks); Johannes Nicholassun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shutford, Oxon); Johannes Nicollson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Thoma Nicolson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kaber, Westm); Adam Nicholson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johanne Necollson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seagrave, Leics); Thomas Nicolessone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford, Shrops); Robert Nicholson', 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Long Sutton, Lincs); James Nochollasson, 1394–5 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); Simon Nicolson', 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Cropwell Bishop, Notts); John Nicolasson, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Peter Nicholasson, 1459 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thomas Nicolson, 1496 in *London Letter Books L* (London); John Nicolson, 1538 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Arthur Nickolson, 1558, Ellen Nicholeson, 1598 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jacobi Nichelson, 1571 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Katterrine Nickerson, 1609 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); Ralph Nickelson, 1627 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Ralph Nickinson, 1627 in *IGI* (Blackrod, Lancs); Mary Nicholens, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jn. Nickleson, 1654 in *IGI* (Muker, NR Yorks); Elizab Nickisson, 1656 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Willyam Nicholason, 1666 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Joseph Nicholason, 1709 in *IGI* (Bootle, Cumb); Timothy Nicholens, 1741 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).  
Scotland: Michael Nycholson, 1443 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Thomas Nicolson, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mallie Niclasson, 1663 in *Caitness Testaments*; Adam Nycolsoun, 1590 in *IGI*

(Leith, Midlothian); James Nickleson, 1670 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Fife); James Nicolson, 1690 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Helen Nichelson, 1691 in *IGI* (Prestonkirk, E Lothian).

### Nick

**Variants:** **Nicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nick*, a pet form of *Nic(h)olas* (see **Nicholas**) or of the vernacular form *Nic(h)ol* (see **Nichol**).

**Early bearers:** John son of Nyk, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Nike, 1355 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Waltero Nic', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); Johanne Nikk', 1379, Johanne Nik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Garthorpe, Leics); Ricardus Nicke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Raynham, Norfolk); John Nycke, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Tavistock, Devon); Robert Nykke, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Nycke, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); Gregory Nick, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Richard Nick, 1601 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs).

### Nickalls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent

English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: see **Nichol**.

### Nickell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London

English: see **Nichol**.

### Nickells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex; Devon

English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs

English: see **Nicholson**.

### Nicker

**Variants:** **Niker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *niker* 'water sprite, water demon; mermaid, siren' (Old English *nicor*).

**Early bearers:** Jordan Niker, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William le Niker, about 1240 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Matthew Niker, 1309, Matthew Nyker, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Cecilia Niker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardo le Nyker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturminster Newton, Dorset); John Nyker, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Ely, Cambs); John Nikere, John Nikkere, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Hardingham, Norfolk); Henry Nyker, 1553 in *Norwich Depositions* (Norfolk); Peter Nicker, 1586 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Susan Nicker, 1685 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk).

### Nickerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs

English: variant of **Nicholson**.

### Nickes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Merioneths

English, Welsh: see **Nicks**.

### Nickinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: variant of **Nicholson**.

### Nickisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex; Staffs

English: variant of **Nicholson**.

### Nicklas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Shrops

English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nickle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Nichol**.

### Nicklen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

English: see **Nicklin**.

### Nickles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. E Anglia; Devon; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickleson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Westm  
English: see **Nicholson**.

### Nickless

• **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 403  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Worcs, and Staffs; also Berks  
English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nicklin

Variants: **Nicklen, Nickling**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2334, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1179  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nickelin*, which is a pet form of either *Nic(h)ol* or *Nick* (see **Nichol** and **Nick**). Compare **Nicolet**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Nykelin, 1387 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alice Nykelyn, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Nykelyn, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Cardinam, Cornwall); Stephen Nikelen, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Creed, Cornwall); Wm. Nicklin, 1569 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Margraite Nicklen, 1601 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Thomas Nicklin, 1617 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Hants); Mathew Nickling, 1719 in *IGI* (Coppenhall, Cheshire).

### Nickling

• **GB frequency 1881:** 41  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks  
English: see **Nicklin**.

### Nickol

• **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 41  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks  
Scottish, English: see **Nichol**.

### Nickolas

• **GB frequency 1881:** 93  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Herefs  
English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nicolay

• **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 9  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
English, Scottish, German: see **Nicolai**.

### Nickolds

• **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 84  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Norfolk  
English: variant of **Nicholls** with intrusive *d*.

### Nickoll

• **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S England  
English: see **Nichol**.

### Nickolls

• **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 382

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx and Kent; Warwicks  
English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickols

• **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 397  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk and Essex; WR Yorks; Devon  
English: see **Nicholls**.

### Nickolson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 314  
• **Main GB location 1881:** N England  
English: see **Nicholson**.

### Nicks

Variants: **Nickes, Nix**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 200  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: variant of **Nick** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Nikkes, parson of Icklingham, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Nicks, 1385 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Simon Nix, 1561, Thomas Nickes, 1579 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Wm. Nix, 1563 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robarte Nix, 1584, George Nicks, 1622 in *IGI* (Burton Coggles, Lincs); Richard Nichols alias Nix, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Shutford, Oxon); Willim Nickes or Nicks, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Witchford, Cambs); Christopher Nicks, 1635 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Nicholls alias Nicks, 1697 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Oxon).

### Nickson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1401, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 866  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin  
English: see **Nixon**.

### Nicol

• **Current frequencies:** GB 8236, Ireland 63  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 5918  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland  
Scottish: see **Nichol**.

### Nicola

• **Current frequencies:** GB 555, Ireland 25  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
Italian: relationship name from the male personal name *Nicola* (see **Nicholas**). Compare also **Nicoletti**.

### Nicolai

Variants: **Nicolay, Nickolay**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 8  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
English, Scottish, German: relationship name from the Latin genitive of the given name **Nicholas**. This form is rarely if ever a survival from the medieval period in England or Scotland; modern bearers are more probably descendants of 19th- and 20th-century immigrants from northern and central Europe, where the Latin form was adopted as a humanistic surname in place of vernacular forms such as *Klaus*.

**Further information:** Patrick Nicholai, 1436, is identical with Patrik Nicholsone, 1446 in *Brechin Register*.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Patrick Nicholai, 1436 in *Brechin Register*; Gylbryd Nycholay, 1446 in *Black*.  
England: Thacker Nicolai, 1594 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Agnes Catharina Nicolai, 1691 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Alexander De Nicolai De Lamartinerie, 1699 in Parliamentary Archives, certificate of receiving the Sacrament (via *Access to Archives*); Christian August Nicolai, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Frite [Fritz] Nicholai, in *Census 1871* (Kent), born Brunswick, Germany; Valentin Nicolai, in *Census 1881* (London), born in Germany.  
Channel Islands: Phillip Nicolai, in *Census 1851* (Channel Islands), born Trinity, Jersey.

### Nicolaides

• **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
Greek: relationship name from **Nikolaïdēs**, patronymic from the male personal name *Nikólaos*; compare **Nicholas**.

### Nicolaou

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Nikólaos*, Greek source form of **Nicholas**.

### Nicolas

• **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 116  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England; also Glamorgan  
English: see **Nicholas**.

### Nicolay

• **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 14  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 17  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
English, Scottish, German: see **Nicolai**.

### Nicole

• **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 126  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Nichol**.

### Nicolet

Variants: **Nicholetts**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nic(h)olet*, a pet form of *Nic(h)ol* (see **Nichol**). Compare **Nicklin**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Nicolet Beneitesservant Shipwright, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johanne Nicholet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanley William, Worcs); Henry Nicolet, 1347 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); Willelmus Nikelet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Liskeard, Cornwall); John Nykelot, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Addington, Surrey).  
2 Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Nicolet*, a pet form of *Nicolas* (see **Nicholas**).  
**Early bearers:** Joseph Nicolet, 1738 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

**Nicoletti**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from a diminutive of the male personal name *Nicola*.

**Nicol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3344, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2669
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: see *Nichol*.

**Nicolle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 502
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey and Guernsey
- French, English: see *Nichol*.

**Nicolls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 364
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan
- English: see *Nicholls*.

**Nicols**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- English, Scottish: see *Nicholls*.

**Nicolson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3133, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland: esp. Inverness; Shetland
- Scottish, English: see *Nicholson*.

**Nidd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Nidd (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Nith* in 1068 and *Nid* in 1157. The place takes its name from the river Nidd, an affluent of the Ouse, which is of uncertain etymology  
**Early bearers:** Uctred de Nid, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Nidde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes de Nidde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton, WR Yorks); Johanne Nide, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Robert Nyd, 1424 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Arthur Nidde, 1571, Grace Nid, 1679 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); John Nidd, 1605 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 97; 7, pp. 132–33.

**Niddrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from Niddry in Liberton (Midlothian).  
**Early bearers:** Alexander de Nodref, about 1214–30 in *Newbattle Register*, David Nudre, 1426 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (North Berwick, East Lothian); Thomas Nowddri, 1446 in *Scotland Calendar*, Gavin Newdere, 1519 in *Laing Charters*, David Nudry, 1526 in *Privy Seal*

*of Scotland Register* (Montrose, Angus); Margaret Nidrie, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Niddrie, 1620 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margaret Nidrie, 1633 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Issobell Niddry, 1652 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Bessie Niddrie, 1663 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**References:** James, Alan, *Brittonic Language in the Old North*, <http://www.spns.org.uk/bliton/blurb.html>.

**Nie**

**Variants:** Nye, Nee, Lip, Liam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- 1 English: see *Nye*.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 聶 (*Nip* or *Lip* in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘whisper’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Nie* (聶), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to an official in the state of Wei (卫). (ii) from the place-name *Nie* (聶), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to son of the king Qi Ding Gong (died 976 BC) in the state of Qi.

**Niel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Glamorgan
- 1 Irish, Scottish: see *Neill*.  
 2 English: see *Neal*.

**Nieland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see *Nealon*.

**Nield**

**Variants:** Neild, Neeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2184, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2055
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of *Neal* or *Nell* with an excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Nelde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Ricardo Neld', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Green with members, Staffs); Willm. Nild, 1560 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Rauffe Nield, 1564 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elizabeth Neeld, 1564 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Hugh Neld, 1582 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); William Neeld, 1583 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Thomas Nylde, 1588 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Cislely Nield, 1591 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Robert Nyld, 1593 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Alexander Neild, 1613 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Neild, 1684 in *IGI* (Drayton Bassett, Staffs).

**Niell**

**Variants:** Nield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English, Irish: see *Neil*.  
 2 See *Neill*.

**Nielsen**

**Variants:** Nielson, Nilsen, Nissen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1273, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx; Lancs; Northumb

Danish and Norwegian: relationship name, patronymic from the Scandinavian personal name *Niels*, a reduced form of *Nikolaus* (see *Nicholas*). Compare Swedish *Nilsson*.

**Nielson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs; Durham

1 Scottish: see *Neilson*.  
 2 Scandinavian: see *Nielsen*.

**Nieman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Jewish: see *Naiman*.

**Nieto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: nickname from Spanish *nieto* ‘grandson’ (Latin *nepos*, genitive *nep(o)tis*, ‘grandson’, ‘nephew’), denoting someone descended from a prominent elder in a community or one whose memory was respected. Compare *Neto*.

**Nifton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts
- English: see *Kniveton*.

**Nigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Somerset and Devon
- English: see *Nye*.

**Night**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Somerset
- English: see *Knight*.

**Nightengale**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see *Nightingale*.

**Nightingale**

**Variants:** Nightengale, Nightingall, Nightingirl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6462, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5019
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: nickname from Middle English *nightegale* ‘nightingale’ (Old English *nihtegale*). The bird is known as a sweet singer.



**Early bearers:** Walter Nichtegeale, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Willelmum Nictegal', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Richard Nihtingale, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Alan Nichtegeale, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Nitingale, 1281 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Robro Nictyngale, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ewhurst and Sedlescombe, Sussex); William Nichtegeale, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Nightgale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornholme, ER Yorks); Ricardo Nyetgale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owsthorpe, ER Yorks); Johannes Nithyngale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Radulpho Nightgale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Willelmus Nighttyngale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Johannes Nyghtyngale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knights Enham, Hants); William Nityngale, 1539 in *PROB 11* (Carsey, Norfolk); George Nightyngale, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Islip, Northants); Henry Nightingale, 1553 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Jo. Nightingall, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Cathryn Nightingal, 1581 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Nightengale, 1624 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Granado Nighingale, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Nightingerl, 1736 in *IGI* (London).

### Nightingall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs; Surrey
- English: see **Nightingale**.

### Nightingirl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Nightingale**.

### Nihell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Irish, English: see **Neal** and **Neill**.

### Nihill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish, English: see **Neal** and **Neill**.

### Nijjar

**Variants:** **Nijjer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Nijjer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Nijjar**.

### Niker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Nieker**.

### Nikolic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Serbian, Croatian: relationship name from **Nikolić**, patronymic form of the personal name *Nikola*, Serbian and Croatian form of **Nicholas**.

### Nilan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Niland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 344
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.

### Nile

**Variants:** **Niles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Neal**.

### Niles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of **Nile** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Niles, 1633 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Joan Niles, 1695 in *IGI* (Rame by Plymouth, Cornwall); Tho Niles, 1708 in *IGI* (Cornwood, Devon).

### Nilsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

Scandinavian: see **Nielsen**.

### Nilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England (esp. Lancs) and W Scotland

English: see **Neilson**.

### Nilsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

Swedish: relationship name from the Scandinavian personal name *Niels*, a reduced form of *Nikolaus* (see **Nicholas**). Compare **Nielsen**.

### Niman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Jewish: see **Naiman**.

### Nimmo

**Variants:** **Nimmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2605, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1329
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Midlothian, W Lothian, and Stirlings
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish Gaelic: unexplained; possibly a nickname from Scottish Gaelic *nèamhach* 'angel'.

**Further information:** Black discounts a traditionally claimed Huguenot or French origin mainly on the grounds that it appears in Scotland far too early.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Newmoch, 1459 in *Edmonstone of Duntreath Manuscripts* (Liston, Midlothian); Agnes Nemoch, 1490 in *Scottish Antiquary*; Alexander Nemok, 1587 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marioun Nemok, 1603, Thomas Nemock, 1606, Margaret Nimmo, 1613, Thomas Nemoch, 1617, Euphame Nymmo, 1619 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrik Nimmo, 1611, Jonet Nemock, 1617 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Nimmo, 1615 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); George Nimmok, 1626 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); John Nimmoch, 1647 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Thomas Nemmo, 1697 in *IGI* (Currie, Midlothian); James Nimmou, 1731 in *IGI* (Slamannan, Stirlings).

### Nimmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: probably a variant of **Nimmo**.

**Early bearers:** William Nimmons, 1754 in *IGI* (Transtone, E Lothian).

### Nin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 年 (Nian or Nien in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'year' in Chinese: (i) adopted in place of another similar sounding surname 嚴 (see **Yan** (3)) by Yan Fu, an official who lived some time during the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644). (ii) borne by descendants of king Tian Qi Tai Gong (died 384 BC).

### Nind

**Variants:** **Nend**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; Middx

English: variant of **End**, with initial *N-* through misdivision of Middle English *atten ende* 'at the end'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Attenende, 1260 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Thomas atte Nende, 1327, Thomas atte Ynde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edward Nynde, 1578 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Joan Nynd, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Overbury, Worcs); Thomas Nynde, 1635 in *IGI* (Bishampton, Worcs); Charles Nind, 1637 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); John Ninde alias Yeend, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Longdon, Worcs); Martha Nend, 1814 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs).

### Nineham

**Variants:** **Ninham**, **Ninnim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: locative name either topographical from Middle English *innom* 'intake, enclosed ground' (Old English *\*innām*), or toponymic from any of numerous minor places in S England named with this word, such as Inholms Farm in Dorking and Ninehams in Caterham (both Surrey), Inholmes in Ditchling, Inholms Farm in East Grinstead, Inholms Farm in Plumpton, Inholms Copse in Stedham, Inholms Gill in Lower Beeding, and Inholms Wood in Cuckfield (all Sussex). Initial *N-* arises through

misdivision of Middle English *atten innome*, *atte ninnome* ‘at the intake’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Innome, 1327 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); William Ninum, 1633 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Philip Nyneham, 1663 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Anne Ninum, 1681 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Ninom, 1708 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Will. Ninham, 1733 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Nineham, 1769 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); Susan Ninum, 1790 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Andrew, Norfolk); George Ninnim, 1802 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 272, 312, 362; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 29–30, 203, 267, 302, 304; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 583.

## Niner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Nenour, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Werburgh in Hoo, Kent); Emma Nynere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Nicholas Nyner, 1499 in *TNA* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Thom Nener, 1616 in *IGI* (North Willingham, Lincs); John Niner, 1671 in *TNA*; John Niner, 1692 in Boyd’s Marriage Index (Saint Sidwell, Exeter, Devon); Robert Niner, 1720, Grace Ninor, 1724 in *IGI* (Thorverton, Devon); Edward Ninard, 1756 in *IGI* (Newton Blossomville, Bucks); Ann Ninard, 1762 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); James Croswood Ninor, 1799 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Edward Budden Nennor, 1805 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); John Nenor, 1809 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Mary Nenner, 1822 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

## Ning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宁, see **Ling** (3).

## Ninham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Nineham**.

## Ninnim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants

English: see **Nineham**.

## Ninnis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from any of numerous places in Cornwall with this name, such as Ninnis in Germoe, Gwennap, Saint Mewan, and Wendron, Ninniss Farm in Kenwyn, and Ninnis in Saint Allen, Lelant, and Madron. The place-names derive from Middle Cornish *an* ‘the’ + *enys* ‘island’.

**Early bearers:** David Nynys, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lelant, Cornwall); Oto Nynys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Germoe, Cornwall); John Jack Nynes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Madron, Cornwall); William Nynes,

1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mullion, Cornwall); John Nynys, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Thomas Nynys, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Padstow, Cornwall); Herry Nynys, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Willyam Nynns, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Padstow, Cornwall); Katherine Nynnes, 1604, William Ninnis, 1641, John Ninnis, 1688 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Thomas Ninnis, 1667, John Ninnis, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Mary Ninis, 1689 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); Ann Niness, 1689 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); George Ninnis, 1694 in *IGI* (Lelant, Cornwall); Wm. Ninness, 1786 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Penryn, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 94, 284.

## Nippard

**Variants:** **Nipper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from a lost place called *Nippard* in East Tisbury (Wilts), which is recorded as *Nipret* in 1100–35 and *Nypred* in 1240. The etymology of the place-name is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Beatrice de Nipred, 1241 in *Oxon Eyre* (Wilts); John de Nyppred, 1282, John de Nipred, 1290, John Nipred, 1293, Hugh de Nippred, 1318 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Nippred, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); William Niprede, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Thomas Nipred or Nippred, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Farnham, Dorset); Thomas Nipred, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Hanleigh, Dorset); William Nipred, 1634, Alexander Nippred, 1638 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset); Ruth Nippard, 1729 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Mary Nippard, 1748 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); Robert Nipper, 1749 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 195.

## Nipper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Nippard**.

## Nisa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; in use in Muslim communities in S Asia.

**Further information:** Unlikely to be from Arabic *nisā* ‘women’, even if taken from the title of surah 4 of the Qur’an.

## Nisar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; in use in Muslim communities of S Asia.

## Nisbet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3877, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, Ayr, and Berwicks

Scottish: see **Nesbitt**.

## Nisbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 294
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. London
- English, Scottish: see **Nesbitt**.

## Nisbit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Scottish: see **Nesbitt**.

## Nisbitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Nesbitt**.

## Nish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights; Lanarks

Scottish: reduced form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac Naois**, see **McNeice**.

## Nissen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

Scandinavian: variant of **Nielsen**.

## Nissim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Sephardic): from the Hebrew male given name *Nissim* ‘miracles’.

## Niu

**Variants:** **New**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 牛 (Ngau in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘cattle’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Niu Fu (牛父), an official who lived in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Niu Yun (牛允), an official who lived during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 钮 (Nau in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘knob’ or ‘button’ in Chinese: possibly a surname from the Manchu ethnic group in ancient China

3 Tongan: unexplained.

## Niven

**Variants:** **McNiven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2155, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2064
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name, Scottish Gaelic **Mac Naoimhín**, a patronymic from a personal name based on a diminutive of *naomh* ‘holy, saint’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Nevinus, about 1230 in *Paisley Register*; Neuyñ filius Ade, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: Thomas filius Neuini, 1295, Thomas Maknevin, 1528 in *Johnston, Scottish Macs*; Thomas Nevin, 1538, John McNivaine, 1638, John Nivine, 1675 in *Black*; Elspet Niven, 1601 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Nivison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see *Nevinson*.

### Nix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 770
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Clare 1 English: see *Nicks*.

**Further information:** Spellings with final *-e* may alternatively belong with *Nixey*.

2 Irish: from *Mac Nioclais* 'son of Nicholas'.

**Further information:** This surname was adopted by some Limerick families previously called *Woulfe*.

### Nixey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and Middx English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Simon Nicse, 1555 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); M---Llia Nexe, 1584 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Anthonie Nyxe, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks); Samuel Nexe, 1683 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Willia. Nixy, 1704 in *IGI* (North Hinksey, Berks); Thomas Nixey, 1741, John Nixy, 1757 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Mary Nixey, 1768 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks).

### Nixon

**Variants:** *Nickson, Nixon*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12745, Ireland 1164
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9067
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N and central England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nick* + *son*.

**Further information:** This is a famous Scottish Borders surname, which has also been established in Ireland since the Plantation of Ulster during the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Nikkesune, 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); John Nickeson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam Nykkesone, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Nicson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kearby, WR Yorks); Nicholao Nikson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Nikeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Johannes Nykson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherby, WR Yorks); Adam Nicson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Lancs); John Nyxon, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cams); Robert Nykson', 1473 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Edward Nixon, 1541 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Nickson, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Dorothe Nixson, 1569 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Andrew Nison, 1714, Thomas Nixon, 1718 in *IGI* (Chollerton, Northumb);

Nathaniel Nixon, 1742, Mary Nison, 1747 in *IGI* (East Barnet, Herts); Bella Nixon, 1774, John Nison, 1775 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

Scotland: Anna Nixon, 1686 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Grissel Nixon, 1735 in *IGI* (Wilton, Roxburghs).

### Nixson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see *Nixon*.

### Niyazi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish; Muslim: Turkish form of *Niazi*.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Njie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

W African (Gambia): an originally Serer dynastic name. The founder of the first Wolof kingdom, traditionally an outsider, was Njaajan Njie, whom the Wolof now claim as their ancestor.

### Njoku

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from a personal name including that of Njoku Ji, the traditional guardian goddess of the yam (Igbo *ji*).

### Noad

**Variants:** *Node, Nudd, Oade, Noades*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts

English: locative name for someone who lived near the site of a beacon (a signal fire) or at a place so named, from a misdivision of Middle English *atten ode* 'at the beacon' (Old English *ād*). The sites of beacons known by this term are recorded in minor place-names in Wilts, Herts, and IoW.

**Early bearers:** Randolph del Ode, about 1240, Henry de la Ode, about 1250, Adam atten Ode, 1311 in *IoW Place-Names* (The Nodes, near Freshwater Bay, IoW); Adam Node, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard ate Node, about 1282–5 in *Place-Names of Herts* (The Node, in Codicote, Herts); Robert atte Node, 1314 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Codicote, Herts); Walter atte Node, 1327 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (East Knoyle, Wilts); John atte Node, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Hertford, Herts); Johannes atte Node, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Knoyle, Wilts); Wm. Nodd, 1571 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Johanne Nudd, 1572 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Richard Node, 1611 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); Edmund Nodd, 1641 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); William Nud, 1642, Henry Nudd, 1670 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); John Node, 1682, John Noad, 1698 in *IGI* (Swainswick, Somerset); John Node, 1780 in *IGI* (Devonport, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 421.

### Noades

**Variants:** *Nodes, Nudds*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also WR Yorks

English: variant of *Noad* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The Herts name alludes to The Node in Codicote (Herts). *Nudds* is a Norfolk dialect form. **Early bearers:** George Nodes or Noodes, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Shepehall, Herts); Wm. Nodes, 1571 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Agnes Noodes, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Wymondley, Herts); Richard Nudds, 1592 in *IGI* (Carleton Rode, Norfolk); William Nudds, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Noades, 1692 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Peter Nodds, 1709 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 110.

### Noah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts English: probably a variant of *Noar*.

### Noak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Essex

English: see *Nock*.

### Noake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and central England

English: see *Nock*.

### Noakes

**Variants:** *Nokes, Noaks*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2922, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2186
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: variant of *Noek* with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Nokes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Elyzabeth Nokes, 1570 in *IGI* (Queenborough, Kent); Stephi Noaks, 1584 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Richard Noakes, 1592 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Thomas Noaks, 1658 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex).

### Noaks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see *Noakes*.

### Noall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see *Noel*.

**Early bearers:** John Noiel, John Noell, 1451–64 in *Cornish Lands* (Trebarveth, in Stithians, and Manuels, in Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); James Noall, 1574 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Petter Noel, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Noall, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

### Noar

**Variants:** *Nore, Nower, Noah, Hoare*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

## Nobb

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
English: locative name from any of numerous places with names derived from Old English *ōra*, *ōfer* ‘bank, ridge, shore’ (with *N-* arising through misdivision of the Middle English prepositional phrase *atten ore*, *atte nore* ‘at the bank’), such as Nore Hill in Patshull (Staffs), Nore Hill in Eartham (Sussex), Nower Wood in Headley and Nore Farm in Bramley (both Surrey), and Nower Hill in Pinner (Middx). Compare **Oare** (2) and **Ower**.

**Early bearers:** John Attenore, 1263, Peter atte Nore, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Walter Nore, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John atte Nore, 1282 in *Place-Names of Middx* (Middx); John ate Nore, 1314 in *London Letter Books E*; Willelmo atte Novere, 1317 in *The Giffards* (Staffs); John atte Nore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Agneta ate Nore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bramley, Surrey); Willelmo ate Nore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Addington, Surrey); John Nore, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard atte Noure, 1353 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Nore, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes atte Nore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Patshull, Staffs); Thomas atte Nore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Roberto atte Nore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Robertus atte Noure, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Surrey); Elizabetha Nore, 1547 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Robert Noar, 1573 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Jon. Noar, 1708 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Lancs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 412; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 70; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 77, 227; *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 65.

## Nobb

**Variants:** **Nobbe**, **Knopp**, **Nobbs**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Nobb*, a rhymed pet form of *Rob* (i.e. *Robert*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Nobbe Caipe, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Wido Nobbe, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); Philip Noppe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Ricardus Nob, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finstock, Oxon); Johannes Nobbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilby, Norfolk); Johanne Nobbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Willm. Nobb, 1577 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Antonius Nobb, 1613 in *IGI* (Hornington, Norfolk); Johanna Nobbe, 1653 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Ann Nobb, 1679 in *IGI* (Doynnton, Gloucs).

## Nobbe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Nobb**.

## Nobbs

**Variants:** **Nobes**, **Nobs**, **Knobbs**, **Nops**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1515, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1236
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: variant of **Nobb** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. Compare **Nabb**, **Nabbs**, and **Napp**.

**Early bearers:** William Nobys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Galfridus Nobes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint John, Norfolk); Henricus Nobis, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); William Nobes, 1542 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); John Nobes, 1548, John Nobs, 1552 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); Stephen Nobbs, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Thorley, Herts); John Nobbes or Nobbs, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Holbrook, Suffolk); Samuel Knobbs, 1695 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Richard Knobbs, 1715 in *IGI* (Brisley, Norfolk); John Nops, 1733 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

## Nobel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Swedish: locative name from a place called Nöbbelöv. This is one of the rare genuine locative names in Swedish, as distinct from ornamental coinages, which sometimes look like place-names.

## Nobes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Hants and Berks

English: see **Nobbs**.

## Noble

**Variants:** **Nobles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17252, Ireland 774
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12224
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Tyrone

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *noble* ‘noble, high-ranking, worthy’ (French *noble* ‘well-known, noble’).

**Early bearers:** England: Peter Noble, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Robert le Noble, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); Symon Nobyl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Egletone, Rutland); Thoma Nobul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Johannes Nobil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fairburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Noble, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Alanus Noble, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horringer, Suffolk); John Noble, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Noble, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Edward Noble, 1549 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Thomas Noble, 1551 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks). Scotland: Radulphus Nobilis, 1198–1234, Thomas le Noble, 1253, John Nobil, 1398, Vilyam Nobile, 1464 in *Black*; William Noble, 1592 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Johne Noble, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Knöbel**, a surname derived from an archaic German word for a servant.

**Further information:** This was the name of a famous rabbinical family which moved from Wiener Neustadt to Sanok in Galicia in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** William Noble, master bootmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Fritz Noble, upholsterer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Tottenham, Middx).

## Nobles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also WR Yorks

English: variant of **Noble** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Nobles, 1576 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margreta Nobles, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Mary Nobles, 1743 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

## Noblet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- English, Irish, Huguenot: see **Noblett**.

## Noblett

**Variants:** **Noblet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford and Carlow

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Nobelot*, a double diminutive of **Nobb**. Some of the bearers listed here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Nobelot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); John Nobelot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Nobelet, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Nobelet, citizen and tailor, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Annes Noblett, 1547, John Noblet, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); George Noblet, 1573 in *IGI* (Yarpole, Herefs); Daniell Noblett, 1576 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops).

2 English, Irish, Huguenot: nickname from a diminutive of *noble* (see **Noble**). In Ireland, this name is of Huguenot origin.

**Early bearers:** Ordric Noblet, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Walter Noblet, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Annes Noblett, 1547 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elizabeth Noblett, 1604 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Steven Noblett, 1622 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Margt. Noblett, 1634 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).

## Nobrega

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese: locative name, (**Nóbrega**), denoting someone from the former juridical district Terra da Nóbrega.

## Nobs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Nobbs**.

## Nock

**Variants:** **Noke**, **Noake**, **Noak**, **Noakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1752, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1324
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atten oke* ‘at the oak’, for someone who lived by a prominent oak tree.

Compare **Oke**, **Rock** (2), and **Troke**.

**Early bearers:** Henry atte Noke, 1216–72, Henry atte Nok, 1326 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); John atte Noke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes atte Nok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Cams); John atte Noke, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Rychard Noke, 1541 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); John Nock, 1557 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Alice Noake, 1581 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Mary Nock, 1612 in *IGI* (Rowley

Regis, Staffs); Robert Noak, 1622 in *IGI* (Etchilhampton, Wilts).  
References: *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 140, 145.

### Nockles

Variants: **Nockles**, **Nockolds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *ok-holt* 'oak grove' (Old English *āc, holt*) with *N-* due to misdivision of the phrase *atten ok-holt* 'at the oak grove'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived at an oak grove, or toponymic, probably from Occold (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Acholt* from 1086–1378. The final *-s* is a post-medieval addition.

**Early bearers:** Forms without *-s*: Jordan de Okholte, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Eliz. Nockall, 1582 in *IGI* (Lammas with Hautbois, Norfolk); John Nockoll, 1606 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); My Nockold, 1639 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edmund Nockold, 1696 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk).

Forms with *-s*: Jas. Nockals, 1630, Cristefer Nockels, 1663 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 448.

### Nockles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Nockels**.

### Nockolds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Nockels**.

### Noctor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: reduced anglicized form of *Mac Conchobhair*, 'son of *Conchobhar*', which arose through the process outlined at **Naugher**.

### Nodder

Variants: **Nother**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cornwall and Devon

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *\*nodder* 'one who nods (the head)', perhaps alluding to a nervous tick, or to a sleepy disposition, or to an exaggerated gesture of assent. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that Hugh le Nodder of Brierley (WR Yorks) regularly acted as attorney to the Neville family at the Wakefield manor court.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation from Middle English *nadder* 'adder'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Nodder, 1303 in *Yorks Deeds* (WR Yorks); Hugh le Nodder, 1314, John le Nodder, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Nodder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Adam Nodder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brierley, WR Yorks); Johannes Nodere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hiendley, WR

Yorks); Thomas Nodder, 1573 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Nodder, 1579 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Richard Nodder, 1588 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); George Nother, Thomas Nother, 1601 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); William Nodder, 1627 in *PROB 11* (London); Jane Nother, 1679 in *IGI* (Badsworth, WR Yorks); Mary Nother, 1732 in *IGI* (Swyre, Dorset); Nicolas Nodder, 1770 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); William Nodder, 1796 in *IGI* (Devonport, Devon).

### Nodding

Variants: **Noding**, **Noden**, **Noddings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: unexplained; perhaps a nickname from Middle English *nodding* 'nodding (from drowsiness, gloom, etc.)'.

**Early bearers:** P[avota] Nodding, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Noddyng, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Robert Noddyng, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Walterus Noddyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Thomas Noden, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Nodyng, 1565 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Thomas Noden, 1570 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Franssica Nodden, 1596 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Gulihelmus Noding, 1596 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); James Noding, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thoms. Nodyn, 1597 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); William Nodding, 1597 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds); Christopher Noddinge or Nodding, 1608, John Nodinge, 1626 in *PROB 11* (London); George Nodin, 1634 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Mary Nodding, 1680 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske, NR Yorks); Margaret Nodding, 1809 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

2 English: an alternative, locative, origin is suggested by Johanne atte Nodyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Binsey, Oxon).

### Noddings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Nodding** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Noddings, 1671 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Michael Noddings, 1727, Michael Noddins, 1736 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); George Noddings, 1746 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Noddlle

Variants: **Nodwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: possibly a locative name from *Noah Dale*, recorded 1759 in Soyland, Morley wapentake, WR Yorks, in 1843 in neighbouring Blackshaw, and late in Heptonstall: a name for part of the upper valley of Colden Water in Calderdale.

**Early bearers:** Cuthbertus Noddall, 1553 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elwaye Noddell, 1576 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Cutbart Noddlle, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs); John Noddill, 1601 in *IGI* (London); Susanna Nodell, 1620 in *IGI* (Brinkhill, Lincs); John Nodale, 1631 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Mary Noddill, 1686, Saray Noddlle, 1690 in

*IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); William Noddale, 1714 in *IGI* (Shilbottle, Northumb); William Noddal, 1727, William Noddlle, 1732, Leo Noddel, 1741 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Aaron Nodal, 1798 in *DNB*, under J. H. Nodal (Ardwick, Lincs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 68, 194, 198.

### Node

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Noad**.

### Noden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Nodding**.

### Nodes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Noades**.

### Noding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Nodding**.

### Nodwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: probably a variant of **Noddlle**.

**Further information:** The modern upsurge in numbers is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alice Nodwell, 1573 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Nodwell, 1577 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Robert Nodwell, 1597 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mathew Nodwell, 1616 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Fran. Nodwell, 1642 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); Elizab Nodwell, 1703 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Noe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Noy**.

### Noel

Variants: **Nowell**, **Nowill**, **Newell**, **Noall**, **Knowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1771, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 807
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also London, Sussex and Hants; Lancs; Glamorgan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Noel* (Old French *Noël*). The name derives from Old French *noël* 'Christmas', and may have been given, like the English **Christmas** and **Midwinter**, to one born at that festival. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** The place-name *Newells* in Nuthurst (Sussex) derives from the family name of Robert Noel, 1230, and Robert Nouwel, 1305 in *Feet of Fines*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Noel, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Noel, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants).

## Noice

surnames: Geoffrey Noel, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Rutland); William Nowel, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Robert Noel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burbeach Hundred, Sussex); Philippus Nouwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton, Oxon); Johannes Nowel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwinckle, Northants); Ricardus Nowell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs); George Nowell, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Ann Nowell, 1545 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Alexandri Nowell, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elyn Nowell, 1561 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Edward Noel, 1634 in *IGI* (Tortington, Sussex); Thomas Noel, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Joyce Noel, 1684 in *IGI* (Chebsey, Staffs); Ann Noal, 1685 in *IGI* (Towednack, Cornwall); Rich Noal, 1693 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex); John Noel, 1703 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 232.

2 English: sometimes a post-medieval variant of **Knowle** and **Knoll**, see **Knowles**. Compare Thomas Nowell, 1558 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex) with Elizabeth Knoll, 1611 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Anne Knowles, 1580 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys) with William Nowill, 1658 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); and Edward Nolles, 1593 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk) with Rebecca Knolles, 1619 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk). The loss of /k/ before /n/ is known in everyday speech by the 17th century and may have been earlier. *Noel* in (1) and *Knowle* were probably confused in counties like Sussex and Lancs where both names occurred.

3 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Noël**, of the same origin as the English name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Louise Noel, 1690 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields Church (French Huguenot) Westminster, Middx); Elizabet Noel, 1725 in *IGI* (La Patente Soho or Le Temple Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

## Noice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Noyce**.

## Noice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; IoW

English: see **Noyce**.

## Noke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Wilts
- English: see **Nock**.

## Nokes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 665
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in SE and central England
- English: see **Noakes**.

## Nolan

Variants: **Nowlan**, **Nowland**, **Knowland**, **Noland**, **Nolen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12529, Ireland 13942
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4056

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Carlow; also Galway; Kildare

Irish: from Ó Nualláin 'descendant of Nuallán', a personal name representing a diminutive of *nuall* 'famous, noble'.

**Early bearers:** Tyrrelaghe McFyaaghe O'Nolane, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §228 (Omale); Thady O'Nollane, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §228 (Omale); William Nolane, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §140 (Killynvrive, Carlow); Maurice ne Dower O'Nolane, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §579 (Killenbryde, Carlow); Denis O'Nowlane, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1866; Dermot and Moroghe O'Nowlane, horsemen, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1871; Tho. and James Nolane, cotteners, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Dermot McWm. O'Nowlane, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2739 (The Forte, Carlow); Grany ny Nowlan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4030; Tho. Nolande, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4890 (Creve, Mayo).

## Noland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Nualláin, see **Nolan**.

## Nolasco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from the Spanish and Portuguese personal name *Nolasco*, derived from the name of Petrus Nolasco (Saint Peter of Nolasco), who was born in Carcassone in 1189 and died in Barcelona in 1256, where he was co-founder and leader of the order of Santa Maria della Mercede 'Our Lady of Ransom', known in English as the Mercedarians.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Noldart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Naldrett**.

## Nolder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Nalder**.

## Nolen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire
- Irish: from Ó Nualláin, see **Nolan**.

## Nollar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx
- English: see **Nolloth**.

## Noller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Nolloth**.

## Nolleth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Nolloth**.

## Nolloth

Variants: **Nolleth**, **Noller**, **Nollar**, **Knoller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *na lath*, *no loth* 'no harm, no malice; not harmful, not malicious' (Old English *nā lād*). Compare **Loth**.

**Early bearers:** Godwinus Nalad, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Galfridus Nolohat, about 1200 in *Angevin Canterbury* (Kent); Ade Noloth', 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Rogerus Nolod, 13th cent. in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Lessingham, Norfolk); Roberto Noloth', Roberto Nolot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Weald, Essex); Johannes Noloth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Thoma Nolot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Corton in Boyton, Wilts); Margareta Nolat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Noloth alias John de Ryndelesham, parson, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); William Noloth, clerk, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Noloth', 1444 in *London Wills* (Barking, Essex); Jeffrey Nolloth, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Heveningham, Suffolk); Edith Noller, 1564 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Nycholas Nolloth, 1570, Robrt Nollothe, 1579 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Noller, 1573, Mary Nolleth, 1576 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Fanston Noller, 1581, Willm Nolleth, 1828 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Simon Nollorth, 1735, John Nollar, 1782 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Knoller, 1766 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); Thomas Knoller, 1792 in *IGI* (Great Dunham, Norfolk).

## Nolson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: (i) see **Knowlson**. (ii) see **Nalson**.

**Early bearers:** Jenett Nolson, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); John Nolson, 1609 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Noon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3154, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2139
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht

1 Irish: from Ó Nuadháin, see **Noone**.

**Further information:** The word *noon* is derived from Latin *nona* (*hora*) 'ninth (hour)', i.e. about three o'clock in the afternoon. The change in the time denoted was the result of monastic meal times being brought forward.

2 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *none* 'noon', perhaps a nickname for a bright and cheerful person, or for a late riser.

**Early bearers:** England: Robertus Noon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilney, Norfolk); Johanna None, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); Willelmo Non', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Overy, Leics); Johannes None, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rugby, Warwicks); Thomas None, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Edmund Noon, knight, 1389

in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Robert None, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Tilney, Norfolk); John Noon, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Thomas Noone, 1562 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); William Noone, 1566 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Robert Noon, 1578 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics); Wm Noon, 1584 in *IGI* (Nacton, Suffolk); Alice Noon, 1627 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys).

Scotland: John Nvne, 1514, William None, 1559, Patrick Nown, 1567, Margaret Nune, 1585 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Noon, 1752 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Noonan

Variants: Nunan

- Current frequencies: GB 2203, Ireland 3089
- GB frequency 1881: 505
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork and Limerick

Irish: from Ó Nuanáin, formerly Ó hIonmhaineáin ‘descendant of *Ionmhaineán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *Ionmhain* ‘beloved, dear’.

Early bearers: Edmund Nownane, labourer, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §140 (Corke); Conogher mcEdm. I Nownan, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3321 (Munster); Donogh O’Nownan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5781 (Ballicastilane, Cork); Donagh O’Hynowan alias O’Hynownan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6034 (Castlilishin, Cork); Donogh mcTeige I Nownan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Dowagh ne fely); Shane bane O’Nonan, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505 (Carrigogonill, Limerick).

### Noone

Variants: Noon

- Current frequencies: GB 1228, Ireland 1545
- GB frequency 1881: 119
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway

Irish: from Ó Nuadháin ‘descendant of *Nuadhán*’, a personal name derived from *Nuadha*, the name of an ancient Celtic god.

Early bearers: William O’Nowan, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Hollywood, Dublin); Robert O’Nowne, kern, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Togher); Donill O’Nowne, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6226 (Bellclare, Mayo); Mullmorie fitz Morrish I Nowane, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6477.

### Noor

- Current frequencies: GB 1899, Ireland 13
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Nur**  
 2 Dutch: Dutch, ethnic name for a Norwegian.  
 3 Muslim: see **Nur**.

### Noorani

Variants: Nurani

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Iranian; Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *nūrānī* ‘luminous, bright’, a derivative of Arabic *nūr* ‘light’.

### Noori

- Current frequencies: GB 328, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *nūrī* ‘bright, shining, full of light’.

### Noot

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 128
- Main GB location 1881: Pembrokes

English, Welsh: unexplained; possibly to be compared with **Nute**.  
 Early bearers: Thomas Noot, 1577 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elezabeth Noot, 1639 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Jacob Noot, 1668 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Joseph Noot, 1704 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Beniman Noott, 1713 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Noot, 1735 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Nops

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Essex and London

English: variant of **Nobbs**, with the common interchange of voiced and unvoiced consonants.

### Norbron

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Norburn**.

### Norbrook

- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; Herts

English: see **Northbrook**.

### Norburn

Variants: Norbron

- Current frequencies: GB 338, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 228
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name from an unidentified place-name, presumably in south Yorks or perhaps in Derbys. Norbury (Derbys) is a possibility (see **Norbury**), with the not uncommon substitution of *-burn* for *-bury*. *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 591, cites a derived surname from this place, dated 1286.  
 Early bearers: Henri de Nortburn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Richard Norburn, 1702 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks).  
 2 English: locative name from Northbourne (Kent), which is recorded as *Norborne* in 1086 and *Northburne* in 1240. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* ‘northern, north’ + *burna* ‘spring, stream’.

Early bearers: Roger de Nordburn, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas de Nortburne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John de Northburne, monk of Battle Abbey, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Nich’s de Northbourne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornilo hundred, Kent); Willelmus Norbourne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Northborn, 1377, Robertus Northbourne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts);  
 References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 441.

### Norbury

- Current frequencies: GB 1756, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1504
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from one or more of the various places called Norbury (Shrops, Staffs, Cheshire, Derbys, Surrey). The Derbys place, for example, is recorded as *Northberie* in 1086 and

*Northbery* in 1269. These place-names derive from Old English *norð* ‘north, northern’ + *burh* ‘fortified place’.

Early bearers: Thomas de Northbir, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Adam de Northbury, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton and Wilbrighton, Staffs); Rogerus de Norbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edgmond, Shrops); John Norbury, 1401 in *King’s Bench Cases* (London); Henry Norbury, 1454–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Jeoyes Norbury, 1569 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs); John Norbury, 1573 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Ro. Norbury, 1599 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Mary Norbury, 1713 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).  
 References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, p. 591.

### Norby

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan

English: locative name from Norby in Thirsk (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Northebi* in 1199–1216. The place-name derives from Old English or Old Scandinavian *norð* ‘northern, north’ + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘village, settlement’.  
 Early bearers: William de Northby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Gilberto de Northeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton, ER Yorks); Thoma Northeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowthorpe, ER Yorks); John de Northeby, citizen and merchant of York, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Lucy Norby, 1823 in *IGI* (Burton Hastings, Warwicks); Ellen Norby, 1849 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
 References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 188.

### Norcliffe

Variants: Northcliffe, Nortcliffe

- Current frequencies: GB 423, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 282
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from North Cliffe in Southowram (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Norclyffe* in 1568. The place-name derives from Middle English *north* ‘northern, north’ + *clif* ‘cliff, bank’ (Old English *norð*, *clif*).  
 Early bearers: Henry de Northclyf, 1307, Henry del Northclif, 1309, John de Northclyf, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John de Norclif, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Joan Norcliffe, 1560 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Stephen Norcliffe, 1579 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Anne Norcliff, 1593 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Nortcliffe, 1686 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Jona Northcliff, 1720 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks); John Nortcliff, 1732 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).  
 References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 92.

### Norcombe

Variants: Northcombe, Nurcombe

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name from Northcombe in Bovey Tracey (Devon), Northcombe in Bratton Clovelly (Devon), which is recorded as *Northcumb* in 1279, or Northcombe in Dulverton (Somerset). The place-names derive from Old English *norð* ‘northern, north’ + *cumb* ‘valley, hollow’.  
 Early bearers: Stephen de Northcumb, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard de Northcomb, 1332 in

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*Subsidy Rolls* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); William de Northacomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Witheridge, Devon); Roberte Nurcombe, 1604, John Nurcombe, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Cutcombe, Somerset); Jone or Jane Nurcombe, 1679 in *IGI* (Luxborough, Somerset); Robert Northcombe, 1774 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Clayhanger, Devon); William Norcombe, 1786 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); James Norcombe, 1789 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jane Northcombe, 1826 in *IGI* (Minehead, Somerset).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 176, 468.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Norcup**.

### Norcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Oxon, and Bucks; Cheshire and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Northcott**.

### Norcroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Northcroft**.

### Norcross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Norcross in Carleton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Northcros* in about 1200. The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'northern, north' + *cross* 'cross' (Old English *norð*, Old Scandinavian *kross*, late Old English *cross*). **Early bearers:** Gilbert de Northcrosse, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Norcrosse, 1574 in *IGI* (London); Gyles Norcross, 1579 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Henry Norcrosse, 1600, Anne Norcross, 1673 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).
- References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 157.

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Variants: **Norcop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of **Northcott**.

**Early bearers:** John Norcop, 1634 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Laurence Norcop, 1671 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Sarah Norcup, 1777 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Thomas Norcup, 1818 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Norcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Northcott**.

### Nordan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Norden**.

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Variants: **Nordon**, **Nordan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and Middx

1 English: locative name from Norton Green in Stockbury (Kent), which is recorded as *Northdene* in 1258 and *Nordenn* in 1270. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* 'northern, north' + *denn* 'woodland pasture'. Some of the later bearers given here may belong to (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Norden', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de Northden, William de Nordenn, 1271, Richard Nordon', 1433, William Norden', 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willielmo Nordyn, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Malvern, Worcs); Iohannis de Northdenne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Milton hundred, Kent); Simone Northden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barcombe hundred, Sussex); John de Nordenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton Regis, Kent); Richard Nordon', citizen and tailor of London, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Norden, 1545 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Margret Norden, 1550 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); James Norden, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Jane Norden, 1621 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs); John Nordon, 1634 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Alixander Nordon, 1757 in *IGI* (Kirtling, Cambs).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 231.

2 English: locative name from Norden in West Alvington (Devon), or from one or more of the numerous places called Northdown in Devon, such as Northdown in Merton, Northdown in Throwleigh, and Northdown Wood in Thorverton. The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'northern, north' + *doune* 'hill' (Old English *norð*, *dūn*).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Northdone, John Binorthedone, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Ricardus bi Northdone, 1301 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Adam Bynorthedoune, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); John Nordon', 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); John Nordon, 1563 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Robert Norden, 1574 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); John Nording, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 100, 289, 453, 572.

3 English: for the surname in Yorks see **Northen**.

### Nordon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Surrey

English: see **Norden**.

### Nore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Noar**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Noreen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Muslim: relationship name from a female given name in use at least in S Asia, of unexplained origin,

possibly related to or developed from Arabic *nur* (*al-*)*ayn* 'light of (the) eye'.

2 Swedish: ornamental name formed with *norr* 'north' + the adjectival suffix *-een*, variant of *-én*, a derivative of Latin *-enius*.

**Early bearers:** Mary Noreen, in *Census 1911* (but no evidence of overseas birth).

### Norey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish, English: variant of **Norrie** or **Norry**.

### Norfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; London

English: see **Northfield**.

### Norfolk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1267, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 827
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; WR Yorks

English: locative name from the English county of Norfolk, which is recorded as *Nordfolc* and *Norfulc* in 1086. The county-name derives from Old English *norð* 'northern, north' + *folc* 'folk, people'.

**Early bearers:** William de Norfolc, 1154–76 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Robert de Norfolk', 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Norfolke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus de Northfolk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Winterset, WR Yorks); Clemencea de Norfolk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs); Johannes Northfolk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willelmus Norfolk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); John Norfolk, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Simone Northfolk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); William Norfolk', 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Williamus Northfolke, 1548 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Margaret Norfolk, 1561 in *IGI* (Wragby, Lincs); Susan Norfolk, 1668 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); John Norfolk, 1672 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks).

### Norford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Suffolk

English: locative name from Narford (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Nereforda* in 1086. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain, though it is suggested in *Ekwall*, *DEPN* that it may be from a derivative of Old English *nearu* 'narrow', perhaps an Old English *\*neru* from *\*narwin*; the generic is Old English *ford* 'shallow crossing at a stream or river, ford'.

**Further information:** This place does not take its name from that of the nearby river Nar, which is a back-formation from the place-names Narborough or Narford.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Nerford', 1225–30 in *Creake Abbey Cartulary* (Norfolk); William de Narford, 1313, Peter de Nerford, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Narford, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Oundle, Northants); Nicholas de Narford, 1349–50, Thomas Narford, 1475–6 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); Pernel de Nerford', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robert



Norford, 1560, Margt Nerford, 1659 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Norford, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jana Norford, 1623 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Narford, 1670, Henry Nerford, 1672 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk); Sarah Norford, 1767 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

References: *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 336; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 429.

### Norgate

#### Variants: Norgett

- Current frequencies: GB 614, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 496
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; Norfolk

English: locative name from one or more of the many places called Northgate, such as Northgate Hall in Warham (Norfolk), Northgate Farm in Ellisfield (Hants), and Northgate in Pinchbeck (Lincs). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *gate* 'gate' or *gate* 'path, road' (Old English *norð*, Old English *geat* 'gate', Old Scandinavian *gata* 'path').

Early bearers: Siward de Nordgat', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Petri de Northgate, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Warham, Norfolk); Gilbert de Northgate, 1239, Elvina de Norgate, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Trikke del Nortgate, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Northgate, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Wendover, Bucks); Godfrey Northgate, John Nortgate, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugo de Northgate, Willelmus de Nortgate, Galfridus Nortgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Rogerus de Northgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johannes Norgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Erpingham hundred, Norfolk); Lodewysus de Northegate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Northgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Johanne Northgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Thomas Norgate, worsted weaver, 1539–40 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margaret Norgate, 1562 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Thome Norgate, 1567, Arthur Norgett, 1620 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Norgate, 1684 in *IGI* (Alton, Hants); Ino Norgett, 1730, James Norgate, 1796 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants).

#### Norgett

- Current frequencies: GB 54, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
- English: see **Norgate**.

### Norgrove

- Current frequencies: GB 479, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 289
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops, Warwicks, and Staffs

English: locative name from Norgrovesend Farm in Bayton (Worcs), which is recorded as *Northgrave* in 1275, or Norgrove Court in Feckenham (Worcs), which is recorded as *Northgrove* in 1378. The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'northern, north' + *grove* 'small wood, grove' (Old English *norð*, *grāf*).

Early bearers: Johanne de Northgrave, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abberley and Bayton, Worcs); Thomas de Norgrove, 1311 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hants); William Northgrove, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coppingford, Hants); William de Northgrove, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Willielmus Norgroyff, 1524

in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Humffrey Norgrove, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clebury, Shrops); Richardi Norgrove, 1568 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Roger Norgrove, 1575 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); Peter Norgrove, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 40, 320.

### Norie

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 112
  - Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens and Perth
- Scottish: see **Norrie**.

### Norkett

- Current frequencies: GB 172, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 136
- Main GB location 1881: Hants and Berks

English: see **Northcott**.

### Norland

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7

English: locative name from Norland (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Northland* in 1307, or Norlands in Freshwater (IoW). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *land*, *land* 'land, tract of land' (Old English *norð*, *land*).

Early bearers: John de Northland, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John de Northland, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Northland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaithwaite, WR Yorks); Thomas Northland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rishworth, WR Yorks); Cecilia de Northeland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Johanne Northlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bersted, Sussex); Ricardus de Northlond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braunstone, Leics); John de Northland', chaplain, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Richard Northland, 1387 in *Kökeritz, IoW* (IoW); Henry Northland', 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Willm. Norland, 1574 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Agneta Norland, 1574 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); Mary Norland, 1659 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Robert Northland, 1714 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks).  
References: *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 130; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 54.

### Norledge

- Current frequencies: GB 118, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 60
- Main GB location 1881: Notts and Lincs

English: locative name from Northleach (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Lece* in 1086, *Northleth* in 1219, and *Nortlegg*' in 1274. The place takes its name from the river Leach, named with Old English \**læcc*, \**lec(e)* 'stream, bog; stream flowing through boggy land'. *North-* is from Middle English *north* 'north, northern', apparently added to the place-name to distinguish it from nearby Eastleach (Gloucs).

Early bearers: Robert de Northlech, parson of Uley church, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Jacobus de Northlech', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Francis Norledge, 1668, Mary Norlidge, 1675 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs); Guiliell. Norlige, 1673, Hanna Norledge, 1685 in *IGI* (Whittington, Derbys); Mary Norledge, 1750 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Norledge, 1773 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Thomas Norledge, 1799 in *IGI* (Batsford, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 175.

### Norley

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 138
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Somerset; Kent

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places so called, such as Norley (Cheshire), Northleigh by Honiton and Northleigh in Goodleigh (both Devon), Norley Farm in Wonersh (Surrey), and Norley in Calne (Wilts). Most of the place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *ley* 'woodland clearing, glade', also 'open land', or Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *lēah* 'open woodland'. Northleigh by Honiton (Devon) was recorded simply as *Legh* in 1228, with *North-* added later to distinguish it from nearby Southleigh.

Early bearers: Cristiana de Norleg', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Honde de Northle, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Thurstan de Norleigh, 1328 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Stephen de Northlegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goodleigh, Devon); Isabel de Northlegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton hundred, Devon); Robert de Northlegh, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Margery Norley, 1499, Robert Norle, 1521 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Wittersham, Kent); John Norley, 1557 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Margretae Norley, 1609 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Edward Norleigh, 1610 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); William Norley, 1769 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).  
References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 249; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 45, 628; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 258; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 260.

### Norman

#### Variants: Normand

- Current frequencies: GB 19428, Ireland 275
- GB frequency 1881: 13530
- Main GB location 1881: widespread
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin; Cork

1 English: nickname from Middle English *northman*, *norman* 'northerner; Scandinavian, especially a Norwegian' (Old English *norðmann*). Where there is no definite article, the bearers given below may belong to (2), and where there is no *-th-*, *-b-*, or *-ð-* they may belong to (3).

Further information: Before 1066, Scandinavian settlers in England were already fairly readily absorbed, and *Northman* and *Norman* came to be used as bynames and later as personal names even among the English inhabitants. The term gained a new use from 1066, when England was invaded from Normandy by Normans who were indeed of Scandinavian origin but who by the 11th century had become French-speaking and integrated with the local population. After seizing the English crown in 1066, they rapidly spread through Scotland, Wales, and Ireland.

Because of the royal and aristocratic status of the Normans in Britain and Ireland, the term acquired a new prestige during this period, which it has never lost. In Scotland, *Norman* has been used as an equivalent of the Gaelic given name *Tormod*.

Early bearers: Hugo Norman, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William Norman, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Master Simon le Norman, 1236, Richard le Norman, king's serjeant, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Norþman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Northman, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Northeman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Norman, 1360 in *Feet of*

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*Fines* (Desborough, Northants); Willelmus Normane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Thomas Northman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Ricardus Norman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); Mat' Norman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hungerford, Berks); William Normon', clerk, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); William Norman, 1538 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Johanis Norman, 1540 in *IGI* (Beeley, Derbys); Richard Narman, 1600 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); John Norman, 1604, Liddia Narman, 1668 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); Daniell Narman, 1616 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); Thomas Norman, 1675, Thomas Narman, 1695 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Norman* (recorded in the late Old English period as *Norðman*), derived from *northman* 'northerner' as in (1). Compare **Norris** (2). **Early bearers**: given names: *Norðman*, 1066–70 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Norman, Normannus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Norman, about 1113 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Norman cocus, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Normannus, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Normanne del See, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sunderlandwick, ER Yorks). surnames: Nigellus filius Normanni, 1154–84 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Nicholaus filius Normanni, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Reginaldus filius Normandi, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

3 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *normand*, *normant* 'a Norman'. **Early bearers**: England: John Normand, about 1216 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); John le Norman, Nicholas le Normand, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Alexander le Normaunt, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Normaund, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Robt Normand, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall). Scotland: Jonett Normand, 1655 in *IGI* (Newburgh, Fife).

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- **Current frequencies**: GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 149
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Fife
- Scottish: see **Norman**.

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**Variants**: **Nornable**, **Norville**, **Norvill**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 89
  - **Main GB location 1881**: Durham and NR Yorks
- Norman, English: locative name from Normanville (Seine-Maritime) or Normanville (Eure). Compare the Scottish surname **Norval**. **Early bearers**: trisyllabic forms: Emma de Normantuill', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph de Normanvill, 1241 in *Oxon Eyre* (Rutland); Thomas de Normanvill, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Roger Normantuill', 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Radulphus Normavill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billingley, WR Yorks); Johanna de Normanvyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Normanvyll', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Billingley, WR Yorks); Thomas Normanvyle, knight, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts and WR Yorks); Isabel Normafeld, 1535 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Stephen Normabell, 1554 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); John Normavell, 1571 in *Yorks Wills* (Yorks); Jane Normavell, 1619 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Georgii Normavile, 1638

in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Xpofer Normavill, 1646 in *IGI* (York); John Normabell, 1657 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks); Christopher Normandale, 1705 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Nornavill, 1726, Mary Nornavel, 1729, Frances Nornabel, 1732 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Betty Normandale, 1772 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); William Nornaville, 1778 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks).

disyllabic forms: William Norvell, 1638 in *IGI* (Churchill, Somerset); Giles Norvill, 1691 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Sarah Norville, 1796 in *IGI* (Pawlett, Somerset).

## Normandy

- **GB frequency 1881**: 3

English: locative name from Normandy.

**Further information**: This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers**: Master Geoffrey Normandi, vicar general of the archdeaconry of Richmond, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Normandie, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Philippus Normundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lingwood, Norfolk); Thomas Normandy, 1421 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); Thomas Normandye, 1611 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Normandie, 1617 in *IGI* (Grappenhall, Cheshire); Katherine Normandy, 1617 in *IGI* (Cathorpe, Leics); Johannis Normandy, 1648 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Normandy, 1665 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Normandy, 1713 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**References**: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 383.

## Normansell

**Variants**: **Normanshire**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 87
- **Main GB location 1881**: Cheshire

English: locative name perhaps from Normans Hall in Pott Shrigley (Cheshire), though it is possible that this derives from the surname, in which case the underlying place-name remains unlocated. The place-name appears to be derived from the Old English personal name *Norðman* or Old English *norðman* 'Norseman, North-man' + Old English *sele* 'dwelling, house, hall' or Old Scandinavian *sel* 'mountain hut, shed'.

**Early bearers**: [ . . . ] Normonsell, 1461, [ . . . ] Normansell, 1495, [ . . . ] Normashall, [ . . . ] Normanshyll, 1545 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); William Normansell, 1570 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Willi Normansell, 1573 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Willmi Normansaile, 1585, Maria Normansayle, 1586 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Eduardi Normansill, 1617 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Normansall, 1626 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Richardus Normanshaw, 1633 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Gulielmi Normanshall, 1719, Thomas Normansall, 1725 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Richd. Normansel, 1725 in *IGI* (Edgbaston, Warwicks); Robert Norminsall, 1769 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Norminshire, 1851 in *IGI* (Portwood, Cheshire).

**References**: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 134.

## Normanshire

- **Current frequencies**: GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 14

- **Main GB location 1881**: Cheshire
- English: variant of **Normansell**.

## Normanton

- **Current frequencies**: GB 423, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 474
  - **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Normington**.

## Normington

**Variants**: **Normanton**, **Norminton**

- **Current frequencies**: GB 639, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881**: 754
- **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks

English: locative name from one or more of the many places called Normanton, such as Normanton (WR Yorks), Normanton, South Normanton, and Temple Normanton (all Derbys), Normanton on Soar, Normanton on Trent, Normanton on the Wolds, Normanton in Elkesley, and Normanton in Southwell (all Notts), Normanton (Lincs), Normanton le Heath, Normanton near Bottesford, and Normanton Turville in Thurlston (all Leics), and Normanton (Rutland). The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Norðman* or Old English *norðman* (genitive singular *norðmannes*, genitive plural *norðmana*) 'Norseman, North-man' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers**: Adam de Normanton, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Walter de Normanton', chaplain, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John de Normanton', chaplain, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Willelmus de Northmantone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Luffenham, Rutland); Johannes de Normanton', Johannes Normanton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Willelmus de Normanton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Agnete Normanton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilton, Leics); Petrus Normanton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Johannis de Normanton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morleyston and Litchurch wapentake, Derbys); Thomas Normanton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Withybrook and Hopsford, Warwicks); John Normanton', 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Robert Normington, 1562 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Normanton, 1565 in *IGI* (Gumley, Leics); Thomas Normanton, 1567 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Joanae Norminton, 1624 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Michael Normington, 1664, Martha Norminton, 1743, Luke Normanton, 1763 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

**References**: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 121; *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 280–2, 649; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 78–9, 176, 193, 238, 254; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 92; *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, pp. 73, 133.

## Norminton

- **Current frequencies**: GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881**: 150
  - **Main GB location 1881**: WR Yorks
- English: see **Normington**.

## Normoyle

- **Current frequencies**: GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881**: 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64**: Limerick

Irish: from *Mac Confhormaoile*, a patronymic from *Cú Fhormaoile*, a personal name meaning 'hound of Formoyle', a place in Clare.

**Early bearers:** William fitz James Normoyly, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495 (Tipperary); Cahell mcConnor roe McEnormoyele, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Caherrushe, Clare).

### Nornable

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Derbys

Norman, English: see **Normandale**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Noronha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese, Indian: locative name, Portuguese, originally from Asturian-Leonese *Noroña*, a variant of *Noreña*, from the town so called in Asturias. This name is common in the former Portuguese colony of Goa and elsewhere in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

### Norquay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Norquoy**.

### Norquoy

**Variants:** **Norquay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Northquoy in Deerness (Orkney). The place-name appears to be derived from Old English or Old Scandinavian *norð* 'north, northern' + Old Scandinavian *kvi* 'fold, enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Edward Norquoy, 1663, Marrien Norquay, 1779 in *IGI* (South Ronaldshay, Orkney); John Norquoy, 1717 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Benjamin Northquay, 1825, Benjamin Northquoy, 1829 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney).  
**References:** *Orkney Farm-Names*, p. 78.

### Norrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Norwell** (2).

### Norrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Norry**.

### Norreys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Norris**.

### Norridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- 1 English: variant of **Northridge**.

2 English: variant of **Norwich**, which has scattered medieval bearers.

### Norrie

**Variants:** **Norie**, **Norey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1052, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 882
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from the country Norway (reflecting the Scandinavian form *Norge*). Compare **Norway**.

**Early bearers:** John Nory, chaplain to King Christian of Norway, 1460 in *Diplomatarium Norvegicum*; Nicolas Norre, 1492 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Arthour Norry, 1600, Margaret Norrie, 1653 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Johne Norrie, 1627 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Isobell Norry, 1668 in *IGI* (Torryburn, Fife); Issobell Norrie, 1685 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens).

### Norrington

**Variants:** **Northington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Middx

1 English: locative name from Norringtonend in Redbourn (Herts), Northington Farm in Grimley (Worcs), or Norrington in Alvediston (Wilts). All three names are from Old English *norð* in *tūne* 'to the north of the village'. Compare **Sinton** (2).

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Norinton', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Waltero de Northinton', about 1280, Ricardo de Northynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suckley, Worcs); Alice de Northington, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Redbourn, Herts); William de Northentone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henrico Northyngton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stour Provost, Dorset); Adam de Northyntone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bridge hundred, Kent); Ricardus Northyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stour Provost, Dorset); John Norynton, 1475 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Richard Noryngton, 1501 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Westwell, Kent); John Noryngton, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Johis Norrington, 1557 in *IGI* (Felpham, Sussex); Phillip Norrington, 1579, Tho. Northington, 1582 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Phares Norrington, 1582 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Edmond Norrinton, 1583 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Richard Norrington, 1607 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 79; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 128; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 199.

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of

**Northampton**. See John *Northampton alias Norenton*, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Charminster, Dorset).

**Further information:** An innkeeper at Salisbury (Wilts) was recorded as William Northampton when he married in 1595, and William Norington when he died in 1616.

### Norris

**Variants:** **Norreys**, **Norriss**, **Norrish**, **Norry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18059, Ireland 1278
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12750
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster; Kilkenny; Meath

1 English: regional name from Middle English *norreis*, *noreis*, *norais* 'northerner' (Anglo-Norman French *noreis*), used both of Norwegians and of inhabitants of northern England and Scotland. Where there is no definite article, the bearers given below may belong to (2).

**Further information:** Richard le Norreys, sometimes also recorded as de Norreys, was cook to Henry III's wife Eleanor in the 13th century. Another bearer of this name, Henry Norris, was executed in 1536 after he was accused of being one of Anne Boleyn's lovers and convicted of treason and adultery.

**Early bearers:** Robert norreis, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William le Norreis, 1163–1200 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Gloucs); Robert le Norais, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Ricardus Norreys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rochford, Herefs); Thomas Norays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gallhampton, Somerset); Stephanus Noreys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); Walterus Noreis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Henricus le Norays, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warrington, Lancs); Ricardus le Norrayse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heaton Norris, Lancs); Thomas Norreys, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Rosa Noryssh, 1459 in *York Guild Register* (York); Robert Nores, Norish, Norysche, 1509 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); William Norris, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Thome Noris, 1540 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Raff Norysche, 1555, John Noriesse, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Norrish, 1564 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Ris Norris, 1576 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Norries, 1580 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Norish, 1603 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Raffe Norreys, 1606 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Henery Noriss, 1716 in *IGI* (Wayford, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Norreis*, derived from *norreis* 'northerner' as in (1). Compare **Norman** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Norreis, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Noreis de Blida, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts).

3 English: see **Nurse**.

### Norrish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Norris**. For the development of final *-s* to *-sh* compare **Morrish** and **Parish**. There may have been some confusion with **Nurrish**

### Norrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

English: nickname from Old French *norriscur* 'nursling'.

**Early bearers:** Philip le Noriscun, John le Norisoun, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Warwicks); Roger le Norissone, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwick, Warwicks); Thomas Noreson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); Johanne Noresone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Johanne de Norisson' [*sic*], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Johannes Norisson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Idbury, Oxon); Thomas Norisson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Katherin Norrison, 1630 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Willm. Norison, 1642 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR

## Norriss

Yorks); John Norrison, 1672 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

### Norriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Norris**.

### Norry

**Variants:** Norrey, Norey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: unexplained. Possibly a variant of **Norris** with loss of final -s. Compare **Cottee**.
- Early bearers:** John Norrye, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Knighton, Radnors); John Norry, 1719 in *IGI* (Cound, Shrops); John Norrey, 1750 in *IGI* (Acton Round, Shrops).

### Norsworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Nosworthy**.

### Nortcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Norcliffe**.

### North

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11951, Ireland 148
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9827
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks; Middx, Surrey, and Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *north* 'north', denoting someone who had migrated from the north, especially someone from northern England living in the south of the country. It may also have been used to denote someone living in the northern part of a settlement or region. Compare **Northern**.
- Early bearers:** Aylmar del North, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John de North, 1257 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); William North, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes del North', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dalby, NR Yorks); Ricardus de North', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Thomas atte North, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salhouse, Norfolk); Robertus North, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); William North', 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johan North, 1539 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); John North, 1541 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks).
- 2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac an Ultaigh** 'son of the Ulsterman', Ulster being the northern part of Ireland. Compare **McNulty**. The examples below may belong with sense (1) above.
- Early bearers:** Samuel North, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); John North, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagh, Cavan).

### Northage

**Variants:** Northedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Northedge in Ashover (Derbys), which is recorded as *North Edge* from 1538–44. The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *egge* 'edge, boundary, escarpment' (Old English *norð*, *ecg*).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Northegge, 1327–77 in *Derbys Charters* (Overton in Ashover, Derbys); John Northege, chaplain, 1473 in *Derbys Charters* (Derbys); John Northage, 1570 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); John Northage, 1626 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); William Northedge, 1637 in *IGI* (Finningley, Notts); Thomas Northige, 1664 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Susanna Northedge, 1693, Johis Northidge, 1697 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); James Northage, 1748 in *IGI* (Bleasby, Notts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 194.

### Northall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Staffs and Worcs

English: locative name from one or more of the many places so named, such as Northall in Edlesborough (Bucks), which is recorded as *Northale* in 1241. Some of the places, such as Northall in Edlesborough, derive from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *halh* 'nook, corner of land', while others may derive from Middle English *north* + *hall* 'hall, large private residence' (Old English *hall*).

**Early bearers:** William de la Northalle, 1280 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johannes Northales, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Katerina de Northale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannes de Northall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Juliana de Northall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Alicia de Northall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes Northalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Trussell with Bednall, Staffs); Henricus Northal', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somersford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs); Thomas Northal', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs); Elizabeth Northehall, 1575 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 95.

### Northam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 545
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: locative name from Northam (Devon), Northam Farm in Brean (Somerset), Northam in Southampton (Hants), or a lost *Northam* in Redbridge hundred (Hants); the Devon and Hants places are both recorded as *Northam* in 1086. The place-names derive from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *hām* 'village, homestead' or *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow'. Northam in Southampton is likely to derive from *hamm*, as the settlement is hemmed in by a bend in the river Itchen.
- Early bearers:** Gileberto de Norham, before 1196, Ade de Northam, 1268 in *God's House Cartulary* (Southampton, Hants); Johanna Northhame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (New Fishbourne, Sussex); Johannes Northam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Ellis Northam, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William

Northam, 1543 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Walter Northam, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); John Northam, 1574, John Northame, 1579 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 44; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 124; *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 102.

### Northampton

**Variants:** Norrington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: locative name from Northampton (Northants), which is recorded as *Hamtun* in 917 and *Norðhamtun* in 1065. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *hām-tūn* 'home farm' (*hām* 'village, homestead' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'). The element *norð* was added to distinguish Northampton from Southampton (Hants).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Norhantona, 1165–71 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Willelmo de Norhamton', 1248–51 in *Luffield Charters* (Bucks); Peter Norampton, 1352 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard de Northampton', citizen and draper of London, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Ricardus de Northampton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Northameton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ricardo de Norhampton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Johanne Norhampton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johannes Northamton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Norhampton', 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Northampton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Northampton alias Coran, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Uffculme, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. xix, 6.

### Northard

**Variants:** Northwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *northward* 'northward', for someone who dwells to the north.
- Early bearers:** John Anorthward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); John atte Northewarde, Henry Northewarde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodford, Wilts); Elias de Northard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops); Nicholao atte Northard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coberley, Gloucs); William Northward, 1833 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).
- 2 English: variant of **Nothard**.

### Northbrook

**Variants:** Norbrook

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Middx
- English: locative name from one or more of the numerous minor places called Northbrook or Norbrook, such as Northbrook in Kirtlington (Oxon), Northbrook Place in Godalming (Surrey), Northbrook in Market Lavington (Wilts), Northbrook in Fulbrook (Warwicks), Northbrook in Goring (Sussex), Northbrook Park in Topsham (Devon), and North Brook End in Steeple Morden (Cambs). The place-names derive from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *brōc* 'stream, brook' or Middle English *north* + *broke*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Nordebroc, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert de Norbroc, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); [ . . . de] Norbroc, about 1273 in *Place-Names of Cambs* (Cambs); Roger de Northebroc, 1282 in *Place-Names of Wilts* (Wilts); Pho de Northebroc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henfield, Sussex); Ric'o de Northbroc, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preesall, Lancs); Iohannes Northbroc, 1397–8 in *Assize Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Norbrooke, 1653 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx). **References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 225; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 202; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 241; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 209; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 169; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 455; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 65.

### Northcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Norecliffe**.

### Northcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Norcombe**.

### Northcote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Middx
- English: see **Northcott**.

### Northcott

**Variants:** Northcote, Northcutt, Northcut, Norcott, Norcutt, Norkett, Noteutt, Noreup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1430, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Northcott (Devon), Northcott in Bude (Cornwall), Norcott in Preston near Cirencester (Gloucs), Norcot Farm in Reading (Berks), Norcotbrook in Higher Whitley (Cheshire), Northcote in Bushbury (Staffs), Norcott in Northchurch (Herts), or from one or more of the numerous minor places in Devon so named, such as Northcote in East Down, Northcott in Sutcombe, Northcott Barton in Ashreigney, Northcote in Burrington, Northcote in Cruwys Morchard, Northcott Cottage in Crediton, Northcott in Uffculme, Northcott in Sheldon, and Northcote in Honiton. The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *cote* 'cottage, shelter' or Old English *norð* + *cot*, *cote*. There has probably been some confusion with **Narracott**.

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Galfridus Miles, who held the manor of Northcote in East Down (Devon) in 1103.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Northcote, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Nordcote, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Walerand de Northcote, 1236, Reynold de Northcote, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs); [ . . . ] Northcotes, 1288 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Johanne atte Northcote, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Andr' de Northcote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ardingly, Sussex); [ . . . ] Northcot', 1327 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); John de Northcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashreigney,

Devon); Robert de Northcote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uffculme, Devon); John Northcote, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton, Devon); Walter Northcote, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robert Northcote, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saltash, Cornwall); Ellin Norcott, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Edmond Norcott, 1565 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Norcott, 1569 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Robert Northcott, 1580 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Oliver Norcot, 1585 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Mary Northcott, 1627 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 39, 154, 168, 357, 363, 381, 407, 539, 569, 640; *East Cornwall Place-Names*, pp. 25–6; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 80; *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 177; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 125; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 413; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 50.

### Northcroft

**Variants:** Norcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous minor places called Northcroft or Norcroft, such as Northcroft Cottage in Egham (Surrey), Nor Croft in Eakring (Notts), Norcroft in Cawthorne and Norcroft in Hawksworth (both WR Yorks). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *croft* 'small enclosure' (Old English *norð*, *croft*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Northcroft, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William de Northcroft, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Northcroft, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Digswell, Herts); Robert Northcroft, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Keresley, Warwicks); William de Northcroft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Adam de Northcroft, 1338 in *West Yorks Archives* (*Bradford*) (WR Yorks); Henricus Norcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Johannes Northcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Radford in Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Northcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keresley, Warwicks); Johannes Norcroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barugh, WR Yorks); Richard Northcroft, 1453 in *Fine Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Catheren Norcrofte, 1598 in *IGI* (Clayton with Frickley, WR Yorks); Arter Norcrofte, 1603 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); John Norcroft, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 126; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 298; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 324; 4, p. 200.

### Northcut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Northcott**.

### Northcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Northcott**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Northeast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Wilts

English: locative name from Northease Farm in Rodmell (Sussex), which is recorded as *Northesia* in 1087–1100 and *Norhthese* in 1347. The place-name means 'northern brushwood land', from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + \**hāse* (Kentish \**hēse*) 'land overgrown with brushwood', a secondary form of *hās* (Kentish *hēs*) 'brushwood'.

**Early bearers:** Alic' de Northese, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holmestrow hundred, Sussex); Rico de Northese, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rottingdean, Sussex); John Northest, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Farnham, Dorset); Josias Northeast, 1616 in *IGI* (Alderbury, Wilts); William Northeast, 1620 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jonathan Northeast, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Margaret Northeast, 1654 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Robert Northeast, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); John Northeast, 1690 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 326.

### Northedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys
- English: see **Northage**.

### Northen

**Variants:** Northin, Northing, Norden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Northants

English: variant of both **Northend** and **Northern**. The bearers given here could belong to either.

**Early bearers:** John Northan, 1569 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Andrew Northen, 1590, Thomas Nordon, 1640 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); William Northen, 1610, Frauncis Northan, 1612 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); Thomas Northen, 1630, Thomas Northon, 1631 in *IGI* (Holywell, Lincs); Abraham Northin, 1655 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thomas Northon, 1660 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); Mary Northin, 1669, Thomae Northen, 1681, Frances Norden, 1689 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Heugh Northen, 1613, Hugh Norden, 1623, William Northin, 1669 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Mary Northin, 1686, John Northing, 1704, Noah Northen, 1771 in *IGI* (Glentham, Lincs); Abraham Northen, 1815, Richard Nurthen, 1815 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Nurthen, 1797, Richard Northen, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Northend

**Variants:** Northen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place called *Northend* in Southowram (WR Yorks), or from one or more of the various places similarly named elsewhere, such as North End in Silsden (WR Yorks), Northend in Turville (Bucks), Northend in Ashwater (Devon), and Northend in Burton Dassett (Warwicks). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *ende* 'end, end of an estate, outlying part, outskirts' (Old English *norð*, *ende*).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Northende, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Thomas del Northend, William del Northende of Halifax, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*

## Northern

(WR Yorks); John de Northende, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashwater, Devon); Johannes Northend, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Donnington, Herefs); Nicholaus Northend, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby under Cotcliffe, NR Yorks); Johannes de Northend', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ovenden, WR Yorks); Johannes de Northend', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Adam Northend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roger Northende, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Northende, chaplain, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Carlton on Trent, Notts); Robti. Northend, 1540, Isabella Northende, 1542 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Northend, 1592 in *IGI* (Walesby, Lincs); William Northend, 1635 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 21; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 128; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 269.

## Northern

**Variants:** **Northen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Northants and Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *northern*, *northern* 'northern' (Old English *norderne*), for someone 'from the north', particularly as an English nickname for someone from Scotland or Scandinavia, or a southern English nickname for someone from the north of the country.

**Early bearers:** William le Northerne, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Julia Northern, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Richard le Northryn, Richard le Northren, 1317, Richard le Northerun, 1332 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Northene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roberto Northern', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturminster Newton, Dorset); John Northurn', 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johannes Northerne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); John Northern', chaplain, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Bettrice Northern, 1556, John Northen, 1578 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); John Northen, 1560, Rich. Northern, 1565 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); William Northern, 1584 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Susanna Northern, 1598 in *IGI* (Holywell, Lincs).

## Northey

**Variants:** **Northy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 718
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 English: locative name from Northay in Hawkchurch (formerly in Dorset, now in Devon). The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *heie* 'fence, enclosure, hedge' (Old English *norð*, (*ge*)*hæg*).

**Early bearers:** John de Northehey, 1280 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Dorset); Joan de Northeye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alstone, Gloucs); [ . . . ] Northegh', 1399 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); John Northaye, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Northey, 1559 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Northey, 1660 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 656; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 146.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from a lost place called *Northeye* in Bexhill (Sussex), or from Northey Wood in Ugley (Essex), which is recorded *Northey* in 1291 and *Norhey* in 1345. The

Sussex place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *ei* 'island' (Old English *norð*, *æg*), while the Essex place-name has the same etymology as Northay in Hawkchurch (see sense (1)).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Nordeia, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Northie, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John de Northie, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Johannis de Northye, 1217, William de Northie, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Waltero de Northey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Johanne atte Northey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Finchingfield, Essex); Simon Northey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Edwardus Northhey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wethersfield, Essex); Richarde Northey, 1542 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 493; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 554.

## Northfield

**Variants:** **Norfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Northfield (Worcs), which is recorded as *Nordfeld* in 1086, or from one or more of the many minor places so named, such as Northfield Farm in Great Barford and Northfield Farm in Clophill (both Beds), Northfields in Ashwell (Herts), and North Field Farm in Comberton (Cambs). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *feld* 'field, open land', or, as in the case of the Worcs place-name, from Old English *norð* + *feld*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Northfeld, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Waltero de Northfeld, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northfield, Worcs); Thomas de Northfeld, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Northfelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Northfeld, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Norfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twyning, Gloucs); Thomas Norfield, 1620 in *IGI* (Bolnhurst, Beds); Stephen Norfield, 1644, James Northfield, 1760 in *IGI* (Harston, Cambs); Joseph Northfield, 1700 in *IGI* (Yelden, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 348; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 53; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 154; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 74.

## Northin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Northen**.

## Northing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Northen**.

## Northington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Northenden (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Norwordine* in 1086 and *Nortwourthin* in 1335. The place-name derives

from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *wordign* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Norwrthin, 13th cent., [ . . . ] Northurdene, 1346, [ . . . ] Northwortham, 1350 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Hamon de Northwrthin, 1316 in *John Rylands Library* (Northenden, Cheshire); Sarah Norrington, 1749 in *IGI* (Poynton, Cheshire); Margaret Northington, 1790 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 234–5.

2 English: see **Norrington**.

## Northmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Northmoor in Pyworthy (Devon), which is recorded as *Northmore* in 1529–32, Northmoor in Moretonhamstead (Devon), which is recorded as *Northmore* in 1568, or from another unidentified location in Devon. The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *mor* 'moor, wasteland' (Old English *norð*, *mōr*).

**Early bearers:** Henry Bynorthemor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willand, Devon); John Northmore, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); William Northmore, controller of the custom of wools, 1402 in *Patent Rolls*; John Northmore, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Taunton, Somerset); John Northmore, 1543 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Henery Northmore, 1676 in *IGI* (Rattery, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 164, 485.

## Northop

**Variants:** **Northup**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name perhaps for someone who lived 'north up (in the village)' (Middle English *north* + *up*).

**Early bearers:** Thom' Northupp', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Poling hundred, Sussex); Johanne Northuppe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Singleton, Sussex); Willelmus Northop', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Willm. Northop, 1601 in *IGI* (Westmill, Herts); Eliz Northop, 1622 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); William Northup, 1641, Joyce Northupp, 1665 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Hannah Northup, 1768 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Naomi Northop, 1837 in *IGI* (Thornton by Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Northrop** with dissimilation of the sequence *r . . . r*. Compare Thomas Northrope, 1599, Water Northrop, 1607 (Bassingbourn, Cambs), with Eliz Northop, 1622 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs).

## Northorp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Northrop**.

## Northorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Northrop**.

**Northover**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 959, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 634  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset  
 English: locative name from Northover (Somerset), which is recorded as *Nordoure* in 1180 and *Northovere* in 1242. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *ofer* 'bank, river bank'; the place lies just north of the river Yeo.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Northover, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); Matille Northouere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bloxworth, Dorset); Matille Northouere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadwey, Dorset); Johanne Northovere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerton Foreign hundred, Somerset); Robertus Northovere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwey, Dorset); John Northover, bailiff, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Melcombe Regis, Dorset); Walter Northovere, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Jane Northover, 1603 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset); John Northover, 1638 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Wilts); Grace Northover, 1652 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Agnes Northover, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

**Northridge**

**Variants:** Norridge  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 4  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 40  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
 English: locative name from Norridge in Upton Scudamore (Wilts), which is recorded as both *Northrigge* and *Norridge* in 1203, or from one or more similarly-named but unidentified places. The place-name derives from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *rigge* 'ridge' (Old English *norð*, *hrycg*). There may well have been some confusion with **Norwich**.

**Early bearers:** John de Northrugge, 1296–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Chertsey, Surrey); William de Northrugge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Northrug, baker, 1374–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Johannes Northrygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Polden, Somerset); Robert Northrigge, 1388–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Cobham, Surrey); Henry Nortryge, 1539 in *Feet of Fines* (Cobham and Ockham, Surrey); Thomazyn Nortridge, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Raphe Norridge, 1576 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Notheredge, 1582 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Margrett. Nottridge, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Martha Norridge, 1612 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); John Northridge, 1623 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Thomas Nortridge, 1634, John Northridge, 1676, Alexander Nottridge, 1721 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Johannes Northridge, 1697 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Notterige, 1707 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Eliz. Norridge, 1723 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Charles Notrig, 1795 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); Albin Norridge, 1836 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 156.

**Northrop**

**Variants:** Northrup, Northorpe, Northorp, Northop, Northup  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 10  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 474  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cambs

English: locative name from one or more of the numerous places called *Northorpe*, such as Northorpe in Mirfield (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Northrope* in 1578. Northorpe in Halton Hologate, Northorpe near Scotton, and Northorpe in Thurlby near Bourne (all Lincs), Northorpe in Hornsea and a lost *Northorpe* in Easington near Patrington (both ER Yorks). The place-names derive from Old English or Old Scandinavian *norð* 'north, northern' + Old English or Old Scandinavian *þorp* 'secondary settlement, dependent farmstead'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Nortorp, 1198 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); Reginald de Northorp, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas del Northorpe, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ric. de Northorp, 1331 in *Yorks Deeds* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); John de Northorp, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Sausthorpe, Lincs); Thomas de Northorp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grimsby, Lincs); Johannes de Northorp, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skerne, ER Yorks); Thomas de Northorp, Johanna Northorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Northorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Manningham, WR Yorks); John Northorp, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs); Elizabeth Northrope, 1576, John Northrop, 1642 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Michael Northrop, 1576 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); William Northrope, 1580 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Thomas Northrope, 1592, John Northrope, 1638 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Thomas Northrope, 1599, Water Northrop, 1607, James Northrup, 1718 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); William Northrup, 1768 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 198; *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 92–3; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 65; *Fellows Jensen, Yorkshire*, p. 69.

**Northrup**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 11  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts  
 English: see **Northrop**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Northup**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs  
 English: see **Northop**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Northway**

**Variants:** Norway  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 274  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Berks  
 English: locative name from Northway in Monkleigh, Northway in Widecombe in the Moor, Northway in Parkham, Norway in Whitestone (all Devon), or Northway in Halse (Somerset). The place-names derive from Middle English *north* 'north, northern' + *wei* 'way, road' (Old English *norð*, *weg*) Compare **Narraway**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Northweye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffr. Bythenorthweye, 1280 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Gellinus Bynorthweye, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Bynorthweye, 1330, Roger Bynorthweye, 1344 in *Place-Names of Devon*

(Devon); John Bynorthweie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Monkleigh, Devon); Nicholas Bynorthweye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); Johane Northweye, 1544 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Agnes Northweye, 1548 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Johan Northweye, 1561, William Northway, 1563 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Edward Norway, 1572 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Susan Norwaie, 1604 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Richard Norway, 1632 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); John Northway, 1640 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Samuel Norway, 1697 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 101, 457, 529.

**Northwood**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 760  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 413  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Shrops and Staffs  
 1 English: see **Norwood**.  
 2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Northard**.

**Northy**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 98  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon  
 English: see **Northey**.

**Norton**

**Variants:** Norden  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 13046, Ireland 1165  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 9898  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered  
 1 English: locative name from any of the scores of places in England called Norton. The place-names derive from Old English *norð* 'north, northern' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Osuuardus de Nordtone, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Leofwin de Norton, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Anortheton, Margery atte Northetone, John atte Northon, Walter de Northeton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Norton, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Norton in Freshwater, IoW); Johannes Norton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canon, Herefs); Willelmus de Norton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barton le Willows, NR Yorks); Johannes Norton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Robertus de Norton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); Howisia de Norton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton, WR Yorks); Hugone de Norton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton juxta Twycross, Leics); Willelmus Northeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Johanne Norton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Netton, Wilts); Ralph de Norton, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Norton in Selborne, Hants); Rogerus de Norton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Richard de Norton, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Norton Conyers in Wath by Ripon, Yorks); John Norton, 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (Norton, Kent); Jn. Norton, 1539 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Thomas Norton, 1542 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Aligne Norton, 1543 in *IGI* (York); Ric Norton, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).  
 2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac Neachtain**, see **McNaughton**.

**Norval**

**Variants:** Norvell, Norwell  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 1



## Norvell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings

Norman, Scottish: locative name from Normanville (Seine-Maritime) or Normanville (Eure). Compare the English surname **Normandale**.

**Early bearers:** John de Normanville, 1190–1230, Thomas de Normaniuill, 1233, Wydo de Normanuilla, 1250 in *Black*; Robert Norvyle, 1373 in *Black* (Fife); Johannes Norwald, 1413 in *Black* (Renfrews); John Norvaile, George Norvil, 1471, William Norwell, 1549, William Norvell, 1561 in *Black* (Stirling, Stirlings); Jonet Norwell, 1594 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); James Norvell, 1616 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Piter Norwell, 1626, Andrew Norrell, 1652 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Jannet Norrell, 1642 in *IGI* (Kennoway, Fife).

### Norvell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Northumb; Angus

Norman, Scottish: see **Norval**.

### Norvill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Normandale**.

### Norville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Normandale**.

### Norway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Northway**.  
2 English: locative name from the country Norway. Compare **Norrie**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia de Norway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus de Norway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks).

### Norwell

**Variants:** **Norrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perths; Leics and Notts
- 1 Norman, Scottish: see **Norval**.

2 English: locative name from Norwell (Notts), which is recorded as *Nortwelle* in 1086, and perhaps also from one or more unlocated places similarly named (Old English or Middle English *norð*, *north* + *welle* ‘north spring’).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo de Northwell, 1200–50 in *Rufford Charters* (Notts); Henr’ de Northwelle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ripe and Laughton, Sussex); Henry de Northwelle, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); William de Northwell, clerk, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); John de Northwell, chaplain, 1376, Henry de Northwell, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Willelmus Nortwell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Nicholaus Northwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Rogerus Northwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brading, Hants); Mabilla Northwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardley and

Yaverland, Hants); Johannes Northwell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Englefield, Berks); Johannes Norwell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Alan Norwell, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Margerie Norwell, 1575 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); Johannes Norwell, 1602 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Rob Norwell, 1629 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ralf Norrell, 1658 in *IGI* (Graffham, Sussex); Tabitha Norrell, 1770 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); John Norrell, 1774 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Susannah Norral, 1809 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 193

### Norwich

**Variants:** **Norridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Norwich (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Norðwic* in 1004 and *Northwich* in 1223. The place-name derives from Old English *norð* ‘north, northern’ + *wic* ‘specialized or outlying farm’.

**Early bearers:** Goscelinus de Norwic, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Richard de Northwico, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Norwico, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Ferry, Norfolk); Ricardus Northwich, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Norwiche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tinwell, Rutland); Thomas de Norwic, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Breckles, Norfolk); Johannes de Norwich, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); Henrico Northwych, 1379, Henricus de Norwico, Radulphus Norwico, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prestgrave, Leics); Simon Norwich, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Norwyche, esquire, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Norwich, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Norwich, 1598 in *IGI* (Westley Waterless, Cambs); Samuel Norwich, 1788 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 1, pp. 1–2.

### Norwick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

1 Scottish: locative name from Norwick in Unst (Shetland). The place-name derives from Old Scandinavian *norð* ‘north, northern’ + *vík* ‘small creek, inlet’.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 350.

2 English: locative name possibly from any of the several places in England (e.g. Somerset, Gloucs, Worcs, Essex) called *Northwick*. The place-names derive from Old English *norð* ‘north, northern’ + *wic* ‘specialized or outlying farm’.

**Early bearers:** Edith Norwick, 1601 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); John Norwick, 1805 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Norwood

**Variants:** **Northwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1612, Ireland 141
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1203
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Herts, Middx, Kent, and Surrey; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Cork

English: locative name from one or more of the many places named Northwood or Norwood, such as Northwood (Essex, Middx, IoW), Norwood (Middx, Surrey), Northwood Farm in Okehampton and Northwood Farm in Morchard Bishop (both Devon). The place-names mean ‘north or northern wood’, from Old English *norð* ‘north, northern’ + *wudu* ‘wood’ or Middle English *north* + *wode*.

**Early bearers:** Painot de Norwude, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Alexander de Nordwuda, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey Northwud, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Joh’em de Northwode, 1298 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William de Northwod, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Watton at Stone, Herts); William Bynorthwode, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); David Bynorthwode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton, Devon); Simon Northwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birchington, Kent); Johannes de Northwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newall, WR Yorks); Willelmo Northwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Ricardo de Northwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Northwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Berks); Johannes de Northwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Thomas Norwode, 1476 in *Kent Wills* (Cudham, Kent); Robert Noorthwoode, 1579 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Morchard Bishop, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 205, 409.

### Nose

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: nickname from Middle English *nose* ‘nose’ (Old English *nasu*, *nosu*). Compare Thoma Langnase, 13th century in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Kent), and Walterus Cattenase, 1250 in *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names* (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Rog. cum Naso, 1256 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Northumb); Adam cum Naso, 1275 in *Manorial Select Pleas* (Hunts); John Nose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Nose, tailor, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Patricii Withnose, 1377–81 in *Bishop Hatfield’s Survey* (Durham); Nicholas Nose, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exton, Hants); Nicholas Nose, 1675 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 78.

### Noseworthy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Nosworthy**.

### Noss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex; Lancs
- English: variant of **Ness** (3), or rather its variant **Nass**, with rounding of *a* to *o*.

### Nosworthy

**Variants:** **Norsworthy**, **Noseworthy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Norsworthy in Walkhampton (Devon). The place-name appears to derive from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**North* + Middle English *worthi* ‘enclosure’ (Old English *wordig*).

**Early bearers:** [...] Northisworthy, 1384, [...] Northesworthy, about 1410, [...] Northysworthy,



1417 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Nycholas Nosworthy, 1565 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Noseworthy, 1572 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Maria Nosworthy, 1593 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Marie Nosworthy, 1606 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (Manaton, Devon); Johana. Norsworthy, 1615 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); John Nosworthy, Robert Nosworthy, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Northesworthy, 1650 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 245.

### Nota

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

2 Italian: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ghilielmo Nota, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Giovanni Nota, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Brentford, Middx); Luigi Nota, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

### Notcutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Northcott**.

### Nothard

Variants: **Northard, Nutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *nout-heard* 'cowherd, cowman' (Old Scandinavian *naut* 'beast, ox' + Old English *herde* 'herd, herdsman'). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to **Nuttall**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le nouthird, 1296 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Henry le Nauthird, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Roger le Noutherde, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Roberto Nothard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Agnes Notter, 1546, Laurencii Nutter, 1553 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margaret Nutter, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Elizth. Nothard, 1742 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); William Nothard, 1781 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

### Nother

Variants: **Nothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; WR Yorks
- English: see **Nodder**.

### Nothers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Nother** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Nothers, 1812 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); James Nothers, 1831 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Notley

Variants: **Nutley, Nutly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 982, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Surrey, and Middx; Dorset and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

English: locative name from one or more of the various places called Notley or Nutley, such as Nutley (Hants), Nutley in Maresfield (Sussex), Black Notley and White Notley (Essex), Notley in Abbots Langley (Herts), Notley in Long Crendon (Bucks), and Nutley in Tavistock (Devon). The place-names mean 'nut wood', from Old English *hnutu* 'nut' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Nuteleg, 1203–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger de Nutleghe, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Roborough hundred, Devon); John del Nutle, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Nottlewey, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); Robert de Nottlewey, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Gaddesden, Herts); Johe de Nutley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maresfield, Sussex); John Nottlewey of Saint Albans, 1382, John Notle, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Notley, 1575 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Francis Notley, 1687 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Henry Nottlewey, 1697 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); William Notley, 1698 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Margaret Notley, 1711 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elizabeth Notley, 1717 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 125; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 350; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 293; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 77; *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 123; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 219.

### Notman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 835, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 490
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Nutman**.

### Noto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (Sicily): locative name, toponymic from Noto (Siracusa province).

### Noton

Variants: **Natton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Notton (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Notone* in 1086 and *Nocton* in 1230. The place-name derives from Old English *hnoc* 'wether sheep' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. There has probably been some confusion with **Notton**, and perhaps also with **Knutton** and **Nocton**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Nocton, 1186 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* (WR Yorks); Gilbert de Noton', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William de Notton, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Naton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes de Notton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Notton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas de Notton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarby, WR Yorks); Robertus de Notton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carleton near Pontefract, WR Yorks); Agn' de Notton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks);

William de Notton', 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Arthur Noton, 1578 in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Derbys); Ann Noton, 1590 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Henrici Noton, 1600 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Rozemonde Noton, 1613 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Mary Notton, 1706 in *IGI* (Bingham, Notts); Andrew Notton, 1728 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Thomas Noton, 1787 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 283; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 107.

### Nott

Variants: **Knott, Nutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1911, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Worcs and Gloucs; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Derry  
1 English: nickname from Middle English *nott* 'bald-headed, close-cropped' (Old English *hnott*). Some of the following bearers without the definite article may belong under (2). From the 18th century onwards, when /kn/ was simplified to /n/, the name was probably confused in pronunciation and spelling with **Knott**.

**Early bearers:** Algar le Notte, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Henry le Not, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Gilbert le Notte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brockworth, Gloucs); Henry le Notte, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Solihull, Warwicks); Johannes Notte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Notte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skeffington, Leics); Ricardus Note, 1377, Ricardus Notte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hartham, Wilts); Rogero Not, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); Rogero Note, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Rogerus Note, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Thomas Note, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Malbis, WR Yorks); Ricardus Notte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swinton, WR Yorks); Johanne Notte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stean Bridge and Bisle, Gloucs); Johanna Note, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Thomas Not, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Wymond Notte, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Nicholas Note, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Maria Nott, 1539 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Dorothe Nott, 1541 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Elynor Nott, 1564 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Edward Nott, 1568 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); John Nott, 1572 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); William Notte, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Peter le Poer, London).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from a Middle English female personal name \**Note*, a short form of a name such as *Alinot*, a pet form of *Aline*. See **Allen** and especially the evidence under **Nutkins**.

### Nottage

Variants: **Nottidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 584
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *note-hach* 'nuthatch'.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Nuthech, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Alan Nuthach, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Richard Notehach, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Roger Nutehach, imprisoned at Lancaster, 1300 in *Close Rolls* (Lancs); Stephano Notehache, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Weald

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Bassett, Essex); Johannes Notehatche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thatcham, Berks); Marie Nothage, 1601 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); George Nottage, 1619 in *IGI* (Furneux Pelham, Herts); Sarah Nottidge, 1690 in *IGI* (Hinxtun, Cambs).

### Nottidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Nottage**.

### Notting

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Nutting**.

### Nottingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 979
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 728
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: locative name from Nottingham (Notts), which is recorded as *Snotengaham* in about 895, *Snotingaham* in about 925, and *Notingaham* in about 1145. The place-name means ‘the homestead of the people of \*Snot’, from the Old English personal name \**Snot* + the group-name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga-*) + *hām* ‘village, homestead’.
- Early bearers:** Thomas de Notingeham, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys/Notts); William de Notingeham, 1257–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Hugh de Notingham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Rogerus Notyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricardus de Notyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johanne de Notingham, 1379, Johanne Notyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Muston, Leics); Johannes Notynham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowle, Warwicks); Ricardus Notyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Notyngham, 1427 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Willmi Nottingham, 1564 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 13.

### Nottle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: possibly a locative name, from Nutwell Court in Woodbury (Devon), recorded as *Nottewill* in 1301, seat of the Dynham family who held much land in Devon and Cornwall, but no definite connection has been found.

**Early bearers:** Simon Nothill, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Richard Nottell, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); John Notell, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Simon Notell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Liskeard, Cornwall); John Notyll, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Richard Nottell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); John Nuttle, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); John Nutell, 1589 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); John Nutelle, 1602 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Christopher Nutle, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Tho Nottell, 1615, Robert Nottall, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Robert Nottle, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Mary Nottle, 1631 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall); Mary Nottle, 1633 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Elizabeth Nuttle, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow,

Cornwall); Nicho Nutwell, 1663 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thomas Nutwell, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Joan Nuttwel, 1703 in *IGI* (Marazion, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 601.

### Nottman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Nutman**.

### Notton

**Variants:** **Natton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Notton in Lacock (Wilts) or Notton in Maiden Newton (Dorset), both of which are recorded as *Natton* and *Netton* in the 13th century. The place-names derive from Old English *nēat* ‘cattle’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. There has probably been some confusion with **Noton**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Natton’, 1288 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset); Johanne Notton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kington Langley, Wilts); Agn’ Notton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Johannes Notton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Willim Notton, 1574 in *IGI* (Cropton, Worcs); Elyzabeth Notton, 1585 in *IGI* (Chippenhams, Wilts); William Notton, 1804 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 103; *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 103.

### Nouch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Noutch**.

### Nourse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Nurse**.

### Nouch

**Variants:** **Nouch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

English: nickname from Middle English *nouche*, *noche*, *nuche* ‘brooch, clasp, necklace, bracelet’ (Old French *nosche*).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Noche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Johes Nouch, 1708 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Saml. Nouch, 1744 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); William Nouch, 1774, Luke Nouch, 1810 in *IGI* (Hougham, Lincs).

### Novak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Czech, Slovak, Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): relationship name from *Novák*, *Novak*, a nickname from *nový* ‘new’ + suffix *-ák* (Czech, Slovak, and derivatively in Hungarian), *novy* + *-ak* (Serbian, Croatian, Slovene), *novyj* + *-ak* (Russian), all

denoting a newcomer to a place. It is also said to have meant ‘farmer of newly broken ground’ or ‘new convert to Christianity’. Compare the equivalent Polish **Nowak**, of which this may sometimes be an anglicization.

**Early bearers:** Giyula Novak, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Morris and Leah Novak, born in Russia, Hyman Novak, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

2 Polish: see **Nowak**.

### Novakovic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South Slavic: relationship name from the mainly Serbian, sometimes Croatian, male given name **Novak** + the patronymic suffix *-ović*.

### Novel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Neville**.

### Novell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Neville**.

### Novis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *novice* ‘learner; trainee priest’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Noveys, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Devon); William Novis, 1582 in *IGI* (Southover, Sussex); Davie Novice, 1601 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Novice, 1640 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Elizabeth Novice, 1709 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Joseph Novis, 1737 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

### Nowacki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name denoting someone from any of the places called Nowaki in the voivodeships of Nowy Sącz, Opole, Siedlce, and elsewhere, named with *nowy* ‘new’.

**Early bearers:** Ignatius Nowacki, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Yorks); Stanislaus Nowacki, born in Yorks, in *Census 1891* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Nowak

**Variants:** **Novak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2777, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname denoting a newcomer to a district or someone new to a profession or occupation, from a derivative of Polish *nowy* ‘new’ or from a German spelling of its equivalent in other Slavic languages. See also **Novak**. **Further information:** This is an extremely common Polish surname.

**Early bearers:** Fritz Nowak, born in Poland, in *Census 1841* (Lambeth, Surrey); Ludwig Nowak, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1891* (Chelsea, Middx); Moses Novak, born in Austria, *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx). Hermann Novak, born in

Germany, in *Census 1911* (Southwark, Surrey); Peter Nowak, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx); Rudolf Mathias Nowak, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Willesden, Middx); Kasimier Nowak, born in Britain, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Nowakowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name denoting someone from Nowakowa (Nowy Sącz voivodeship), or Nowakowo (Poznań voivodeship).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Nowakowski, in *Census 1841* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Nowakowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Jersey); Stanislaus Nowakowski, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (London); Stanislaus Nowakowski, born in Crakow, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Stanislaus Nowakowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Stanislaus John Nowakowski, born in Middx, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Nowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1444, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- 1 English: variant of **Noel** or **Newell**.  
2 English: see **Knowles**.

### Nower

Variants: **Nowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Noar**.

### Nowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Norman, English: locative name from Noyers (Eure).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Nuier, 1199 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Alexander de Nowers, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Radulpho Nowers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics); Francis Nowers, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Jane Nowers, 1671 in *IGI* (Pluckley, Kent); Richard Nowers, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Nowers, 1740 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Anne Nowers, 1811 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

2 English: variant of **Nower** with post-medieval excremental -s.

### Nowicki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Polish: locative name denoting someone from a place called Nowica or Nowice, named with *nowy* 'new'.

**Early bearers:** Mayor Nowicki, in *Census 1841* (Marylebone, Middx); Faustyn Nowicki, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Boleslaus Nowacki, born in Yorks, in *Census 1861* (Yorks); Ignatius Nowacki, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Yorks); Stanislas Nowacki,

born in Yorks, in *Census 1891* (London); Teofil Nowicki, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Emma Nowicki, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx).  
2 Polish: variant of **Nowak** 'newcomer'. Some examples may belong under (1).

### Nowill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Noel** or **Newell**.

### Nowlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Wexford; Kilkenny; also Carlow

Irish: from Ó Nualláin, see **Nolan**.

### Nowland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

Irish: from Ó Nualláin, see **Nolan**.

### Nowles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Surrey; Staffs

English: see **Knowles**. For the loss of initial *K*- see **Noel** (2).

### Noxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Noxon in Newland (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Noxton* in 1317 and *Nokeston* in 1417. The place-name derives from Old English *hnoc* (genitive *hnoces*) 'wether sheep' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** John Oxehull alias John Noxton, mercer, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Joyce Noxon, 1563 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); William Noxone, 1594, Laurence Noxon, 1632 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); John Noxton, 1614, Lucye Noxon, 1631 in *IGI* (Kington, Worcs); Mathias Noxon, 1641 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Margaret Noxone, 1656 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Richard Noxon, 1690 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Joshua Noxon, 1707 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Warwicks); Francis Nockston, 1712 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks); Joseph Noxson, 1719 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Celia Noxson, 1733 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 237.

### Noy

Variants: **Noye**, **Noe**, **Noyce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Cornwall

English: relationship name, nickname from the Biblical personal name *Noah* (Middle English *Noe*). This was not common as a personal name in the medieval period, and in some cases the surname may

have arisen from a nickname acquired by someone who played the part of Noah in a medieval drama or through some circumstance involving flooding.

**Early bearers:** given names: Noe, about 1125 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Staffs); Noes, 13th cent. in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Weedon Beck, Northants).  
surnames: Thomas filius Noe, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Alx Noy, 1553 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Tamsen Noye, 1592 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Robert Noy, 1594 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); John Noye, 1600 in *IGI* (Southburgh, Norfolk).

### Noyce

Variants: **Noice**, **Noise**, **Noyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 960, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: variant of **Noy** with genitival or post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Walteri Noyse, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Simon Noysse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willim. Noyse, 1543 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); Agnes Noice, 1565 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); William Noyce, 1568 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Peter Noyce, 1590 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Hugh Noyes, 1603, Richard Noyce, 1614, Thomas Noys, 1619, Ellis Noise, 1641, Nicholas Noice, 1643 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); James Noys, 1732 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Noye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Noy**.

### Noyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx; Wilts

English: see **Noyce**.

### Nudd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Noad**.

### Nudds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Noades**.

### Nugen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English, Irish: see **Nugent**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Nugent

Variants: **Neugent**, **Newgent**, **Nugen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4748, Ireland 3717
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Tyrone; Waterford

## Nulty

1 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from any of various places in northern France, such as Nogent-le-Sec and Nogent-sur-Eure (both Eure), Nogent-le-Phaye, Nogent-le-Roi, and Nogent-le-Rotrou (all Eure-et-Loir), Nogent-l'Abbesse (Marne), Nogent-l'Artaud (Aisne), and in particular Nogent-sur-Oise (Oise), all of which are named with Latin *Novientum*, apparently an altered form of a Gaulish name meaning 'new settlement'.

**Further information:** The Anglo-Norman family of this name are descended from Fulke de Bellesme, lord of Nogent-le-Rotrou, who was granted lands around Winchester, Hants, after the Conquest. Fulke's great-grandson Hugh de Nugent (died 1213) went to Ireland with Hugh de Lacy in the late 12th century and was granted lands in Bracklyn, Westmeath. The family adopted the Gaelic name *Uinnseadún* or *Uinsheadun*, a reference to their original seat at Winchester, Hants, an informal name for which was and is *Winton* (*Hanks and Hodges, DAFN*).

**Early bearers:** England: Philip de Nugent, 1203 in *Pleas* (Shrops); Philip Nogent, 13th cent. in *Ronton Chartulary* (Staffs); Richard de Nugent, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Nogent, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Richard Nugent, 1576 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edmund Nugent, 1583 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Susan Newgent, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

Ireland: James Nugent, son of baron of Delvin, 1458 in *AU* (Westmeath); Christopher son of James son of Richard Nugent, baron of Delvin, 1478 in *AU* (Westmeath); Richard Newgent, knight, Baron of Delwyn, 1526 in *Fiants Henry* §14 (Multifernan); Edward son of Gerald Nugent, knight, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §210 (Balynebrathnaghe, Westmeath); Christopher son of Richard Nugent, baron of Delvin, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §838 (Westmeath).

2 Irish: in Ireland, this is generally the Norman name, but it was also adopted for **Mag Uinseanáin** (formerly anglicized as *McGunshenan*, a variant of **Gilseanán**), on the grounds of a fancied resemblance between *Uinseanán* and *Uinnseadún*.

**Early bearers:** Feilimídh Mhág Uinsennan, brehon of O'Donnell and learned cleric, 1507 in *AU* (Donegal).

## Nulty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 582
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Cavan, and Louth

Irish: reduced form of **McNulty** (**Mac an Ultaigh**).

## Nun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Nunn**.

## Nunan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 196
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó **Nuanáin**, see **Noonan**.

## Nundy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Lincs

English: relationship name perhaps a patronymic from a Scandinavian male personal name \**Nundi*, becoming Middle English *Nundy* and *Nunde*. The variations in the surname forms between *Nundy* and *Mundy*, *Nunde* and *Munde*, suggest two possibilities. \**Nundi* may be a pet form of Old Scandinavian \**Anundi*, a weakly declined variant of *Anund(r)*, a name common in eastern Scandinavia and recorded once in England in a 12th-century Yorks charter (*Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 11), and of uncertain origin. The phonetic dissimilation of *N-* to *M-* may have been influenced by association with Old Scandinavian *Mundi*, a pet form of personal names ending in *-mund(i)*. Alternatively \**Nundi* could itself be an altered form of *Mundi*, with initial *m* assimilated to the following *n*. See **Mundy**. The modern surname is found principally in north-east Lincs. **Early bearers:** Henr' Nunde de Sutton, 1287 in *Forest Pleas* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John, Roger Nunde of Sutton in Ashfield, 1291–2, identical with John, Roger Munde, 1297 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Notts); Henry Nundy of Sutton in Ashfield, 1388, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Nundy, 1478, probably identical with John Mundy, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Nundy, 1661 in *IGI* (Brinkhill, Lincs); Gulielmus Nundy, 1663 in *IGI* (Somersby, Lincs).

**References:** *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, p. 109; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 15–17.

## Nunes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

1 English: variant of **Newnes**.

2 Portuguese, Galician: relationship name, originally a patronymic from the male personal name *Nuno*; compare **Nunez**.

**Early bearers:** Hector Nunez, 1591 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Augusta Nunes, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Norwood, Middx).

3 Spanish: occasional variant of **Nunez**, with which it may be confused.

## Nunez

**Variants:** **Nunes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name, patronymic from the medieval personal name *Nuño*, first attested in the Latin form *Nunnius*, of uncertain derivation.

**Further information:** May be confused with the Portuguese equivalent **Nunes**.

**Early bearers:** Spanish: Manuel Nunez, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Henry S. Nunes, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in *Census 1881* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Edward Nunez, born in Bolivia, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx); Jose Nunez, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx).

Jewish: Samuel Nunez, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Nunez, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Nunez, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rafael Nunes, in *Census 1861* (Hackney, Middx); Abraham Nunes, in *Census 1891*

(Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Nunes, Jacob Nunes, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Nunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

1 English: locative name from Nunley Farm in Wroxhall (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Nunneleia* in 1163. The place-name derives from Old English *nunne* 'nun' + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** Helias de Nuneleg', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Nunley, 1720 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Samuel Nunneley, 1785 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); Ann Nunley, 1820 in *IGI* (Higham Ferrers, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 230.

2 English: variant of **Nunnerley**.

## Nunn

**Variants:** **Nunn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7279, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5216
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: nickname from Middle English *nunne*, *nonne* 'nun', perhaps a nickname for a coy, demure, or effeminate man.

**Early bearers:** Eluiua nonna, 1155–66 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Alice Nunne, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Robert le Nunne, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Alice la Nonne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Hannecock le Nunne, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Nonne, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Rogerus Nunne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Johannes None, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rugby, Warwicks); Johannes None, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Easter, Essex); John Nunne, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Nun, 1544 in *IGI* (Wattisfield, Suffolk); Humfridus Nunne, 1558 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); George Nunn, 1565 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk).

## Nunnerley

**Variants:** **Nunnerly**, **Nunley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire

English: locative name from Noneley in Loppington (Shropshire), which is recorded as *Noneleia* in about 1090 and *Nonylegh* in 1291–92. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Nunna* + Old English *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** David de Nonneley, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Roger Nonelay, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Richard Nonyley or Noneleye, 1497, Margaret Noneley or Nonyley, 1513 in *PROB 11* (London); Rogeri Noneley, 1550 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); Edward Noniley, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Nunneley, 1619 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); William Nunnalea, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Pytchley, Northants); Thomas Nonnyley or Nonyley, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Loppington, Shrops); John Nonneley, 1702, Magdalene Nonnelly, 1704 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); John Nunnerley, 1732 in *IGI* (Kinnerley, Shrops); Richard Nunnerley, 1759 in *IGI* (Great Ness, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 79.

**Nunnerly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Nunnerley**.

**Nunnery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: locative name from Middle English *nonnerie* 'nunnery', for one who lived or worked at a nunnery.
- Early bearers:** John Noneray, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Illston on the Hill, Leics); Thomas Noneray, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Richard Nunnery, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Nunnery, 1723 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs).

**Nunney**

- Variants:** Nunny
- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon; Derbys; London
- English: locative name from Nunney (Somerset), which is recorded as *Nuni* in the 10th century and *Nony* in 1219. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Nunna* or Old English *nunne* 'nun' + Old English *ĕg* 'island'. The surname may also be from an unidentified lost place called *Nunhey* in East Anglia.
- Early bearers:** W England: John Nuny, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Nunney, Somerset); Jone Nunie, 1663, John Nunny, 1698 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Robert Nunny, 1678, George Nunney, 1727 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jane Nunney, 1738 in *IGI* (Burford, Oxon). E England: Robert de Nonhey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo atte Nunye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Raynham, Norfolk); William Nonny, 1359, John Nunny, 1452, John Nonney, gent., 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Nunie, 1561 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Maria Nunny, 1702 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex).
- References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 445.

**Nunns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 405
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte* (or *of the*) *nunnes*, *nonnes* 'at the nuns' (house)', for for someone who lived or worked at a nunnery, normally a servant. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that John del Nonnes, 1388 in *Yorks Deeds* (Thimbleby, WR Yorks) is also referred to as John de Nonhous. Some of the post-medieval bearers below may belong under (2). **Further information:** Compare the extinct surname *Nunman*, e.g. Walter Noneman, 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks). Tellingly, one Roulf, predecessor of Simon de Kime, gave 60 acres in Lincs to the nunnery of Elstow (Beds), which Nicholas le Nunneman held by service of 15 shillings per annum (1212, *Book of Fees*). **Early bearers:** Robert del Nunnes, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lepton, WR Yorks); Robert othe Nonnes, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; John atte Nunnes, 1325 in *Close Rolls*; Johannes del Nunnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Symon del Nonnes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weardley, WR York); Ricardo atte Nones, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waltham on the Wold,

Leics); George Nunnes, 1560, John Nunes, 1567 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Agnes Nunnes, 1577, John Nunes, 1591 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Robert Nunes, 1609, Wm. Nunnes, 1617, Wm. Nuns, 1618 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks).  
2 English: variant of **Nunn** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Nunny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Nunney**.

**Nunweek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Nunwick**.

**Nunwick**

- Variants:** Nunweck
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Nunwick near Ripon (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Nunne wic* in about 1030 and *Nunewyk* in 1298. The place-name derives from Old English *nunne* 'nun' + *wic* 'specialized or outlying farm'.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Nunnewich, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus de Nunwik', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nunwick, WR Yorks); Johanne de Nunwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whalley, Lancs); Willelmo de Nunnwyc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Gul. Nunwyck, 1610, Gulielmi Nunwicke, 1622 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); An Nunwick, 1648 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Thomas Nunweek, 1785 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 158.

**Nur**

- Variants:** Noor
- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *nūr* 'light, illumination'.
- Further information:** *Al-Nūr* 'the Light', is an attribute of Allah. It is also found in compound names such as *Nūr Allah* (Nurullah) 'Light of Allah' and *Nūr ud-Dīn* (Nuruddin) 'Light of Religion'.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Nurani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Iranian: see **Noorani**.

**Nurcombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Norcombe**.

**Nurden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Wilts
- English: see **Nurton**.

**Nurdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Nurton**.

**Nurding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Nurton**.

**Nurrish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Nurse**. For the development of final -s to -sh compare **Morrish** and **Parish**. There may have been some confusion with **Norrish**.
- Early bearers:** John Nourish, 1693 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Nurrish, 1704, John Nourish, 1717 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Sarah Nurrish, 1813 in *IGI* (Great Addington, Northants).

**Nursaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Nussey**.

**Nurse**

- Variants:** Nourse, Norris, Nurrish
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2170, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1424
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Carlow
- English: occupational name from Middle English *norice*, *nurice* 'nurse; foster parent' (Old French *norrice*, *nurric*). The early forms are often difficult to distinguish from **Norris**.
- Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados.
- Early bearers:** Robert le Noris, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Alice la Norisse, 1310, Agnes le Norice, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Norice, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Nurse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ruin Clifford, Warwicks); Johannes Noris, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); Johannes Norysse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Willelmo Nuris, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Norys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentney, Norfolk); Gualterus Nurse, 1562 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Ellen Nurse, 1584, Thomas Nurse, 1586 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); John Nurse, mason, 1586–7 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tempancia Nurse, 1589 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk); Rich. Nourse, 1627 in *IGI* (Wood Eaton, Oxon); Richard Nurse, 1669, Richard Nurse, 1673 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Sarah Nurrish, 1813 in *IGI* (Great Addington, Northants).

**Nurser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- English: see **Nussey**.

**Nursey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214

## Nurton

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Northants; WR Yorks
- English: see **Nussey**.

### Nurton

Variants: **Nurdin**, **Nurding**, **Nurden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Nurton (Staffs), which is recorded as *Uverton* in 1280, Nurton in Norbury (Shrops), or Nurton Court in Middleton on the Hill (Herefs). The Staffs and Shrops place-names appear to derive from Old English *ofer* 'hill, ridge; bank, river bank' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement', with the *N*-due to misdivision of Middle English *atten Overton*. No early forms are available for the Herefs place-name, and so no reliable judgement can be made on its etymology.

**Further information:** The name may not always be distinguishable from **Norton**; Nurton (Staffs) turns up in the 16th century as *Norton*. Since the original form of the Shrops place-name was *Overton*, and the Staffs place-name was recorded as *Uverton* in 1280, some W Midland *Nurtons* may ultimately be relatable to **Overton**.

**Early bearers:** Marye Nurton, 1564 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Nurton, 1570 in *PROB 11* (North Curry, Somerset); John Nurton or Nurton, 1578 in *PROB 11* (White Lackington, Somerset); Anne Nurton, 1585 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Jno Nurton, 1616 in *IGI* (Lea, Herefs); Mary Nurden, 1620 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Stephen Nurden, 1673 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Mary Nurdin, 1683 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs); Anthony Nurdin, 1700, William Nurdin, 1744 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Susanna Nurdan, 1708 in *IGI* (Ross on Wye, Herefs); William Nurdin, 1717 in *IGI* (Credenhill, Herefs); John Nurdin, 1731 in *IGI* (Long Newnton, Wilts); Jane Nurden, 1774 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Elizabeth Nurden, 1791 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

### Nussbaum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

1 German: locative name from Middle High German *nuz* 'nut' + *boum* 'tree'.

**Early bearers:** Michael Nussbaum, born in Cologne, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Wilhelmina Nussbaum, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Leopold Nussbaum, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Hermann Nussbaum, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Southwark, Surrey); Adolphe Nussbaum, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Cheltenham, Gloucs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): handout or ornamental name from German *Nussbaum* 'nut tree'.

**Early bearers:** Nathan Nussbaum, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); David Nussbaum, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Philip and Rachel Nussbaum, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac Nussbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Nussey

Variants: **Nursey**, **Nursaw**, **Nurser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Nussey Green in Appletreewick (WR Yorks). The etymology of the place-name is unknown.
- Early bearers:** Johannes de Nussay, Robertus de Nusse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Willmo Nussey, 1584 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Richard Nussey, 1605, William Nursay, 1707, Thomas Nursaw, 1747 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Margreat Nussey, 1607, Isabel Nursey, 1685 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Richard Nussey, 1623 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 80; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Nutall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Nuttall**.

### Nutbeam

Variants: **Nutbeem**, **Nutbean**, **Nutbeen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name, either toponymic from Nutbane in Weyhill (Hants), or topographic from Middle English *note-beme* 'nut-tree, hazel' (Old English *hnut-bēam*).

**Early bearers:** John ate Notebem, John apud Notebem, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John atte Notebeme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Willmo de Notbyme, 1327, Willo atte Nhutbyme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Johannes ate Nottben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Symon Notebeme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bampton hundred, Oxon); Willelmus Notebem, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Johannes Notebeme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); William Notebem, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Nutbeme, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Nutbeam, 1730 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Mary Nutbean, 1774, John Nutbeem, 1776 in *IGI* (North Baddesley, Hants).

### Nutbean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey

English: see **Nutbeam**.

### Nutbeem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Nutbeam**.

### Nutbeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: see **Nutbeam**.

### Nutbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Nutbourn in Billingshurst (Sussex), which is recorded as *Nutburn* in 1296, or Nutbourne in Westbourne (also Sussex), recorded as *Notburn* in 1277. Both place-names derive from Old English *hnutu* 'nut, nut-tree' + *burna* 'stream'. There may have been some confusion with **Nutbrown**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Notburne, 1288 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Ida de Nuthburn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Billingshurst, Sussex); John Notbourne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Midhurst, Sussex); Robert Notebourne, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Nutburn, 1769 in *IGI* (Kilmiston, Hants); Eliza Nutbourne, 1828 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 56, 149.

### Nutbrown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *note-broun* 'nut-brown'. In southern counties, where the name is now rare, there may have been some confusion with **Nutbourne**.

**Early bearers:** William Nuttebrun, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Ricro Nutebrune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Rico Notebroun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); Robert Nutbroun, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Robertus Nutebroun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerby, Lincs); Alano Nutbroune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Johanne Notebrun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Thomas Nuttebrone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Hugo Nuttebrone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Petrus Nutbrown, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Robertus Notebroun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); Simon Notebron, 1430, Richard Notebroun, 1457 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); John Notebroun, 1433–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx); John Notebroun, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Notebrone, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Bexhill, Sussex); Thomas Nutbrowne, 1576 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Nutbrowne, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Stanway Hall, Essex); Appia Nutbroune, 1624 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 491.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Notebroun*, derived from *note-broun* 'nut-brown' as above.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Nutebrun, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); An Nutbrown, 1631 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Johis Nutbrown, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Margaretam Nutbrown, 1718 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Mary Nutbrown, 1780 in *IGI* (Kirk Bramwith, WR Yorks); Ann Nutbrown, 1786 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York).

### Nutcombe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from one or more of the places so named in Devon, such as Nutcombe in Combe Martin, which is recorded as *Notcombe* in 1473, Nutcombe in East Allington, recorded as *Nottecombe* in 1430, Nutcombe in Rose Ash, recorded as *Nuttecomb* in 1238, and Nutcombe in Clayhanger, recorded as *Notcomb* in 1334. The place-names all derive from Old English *hnutu* 'nut, nut-tree' + *cumb* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** [...] Notcomb, 1244, [...] Nodcomb, 1330, [...] Nottetcomb, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Thomas Nottetcomb, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Richard Nutcombe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Tompsen Nutticombe, 1617, Gulielmus Nuttecoomb, 1713, Joan Nutticoombe, 1741, Joan Nuttycombe, 1742, Robert Nuttycombe, 1771 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Nutcombe, 1627 in *IGI* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); Nicholas Nutcombe, 1632 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Nicholas Nuttecombe, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Ann Nuttycombe, 1783 in *IGI* (Mark, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 37, 314, 393, 533.

## Nute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained; perhaps to be compared with **Noot** or **Newitt**.

**Early bearers:** John Nuet, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (North Hill, Cornwall); John Newyt, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Calstock, Cornwall); Roger Newtte, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calstock, Cornwall); Elyzabeth Nute, 1615 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Benjamine Nute, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); Elizabeth Newt, 1635 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Margaret Newt, 1725 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall).

## Nuth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Newth**.

## Nuthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; London

English: see **Nuttall**.

## Nutkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: relationship name, variant of the now extinct surname *Nutkin* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Its origin is a Middle English female personal name *Notekin*, a diminutive form of a name such as *Alinot*, which is a pet form of *Aline* (see **Allen**).

**Further information:** The explanation in *Reaney and Wilson* that *Notekin* is a nickname, from a diminutive form of Middle English *nott* (see **Nott**) + *-kin* 'little bald one', is theoretically possible but difficult to prove, whereas there is good evidence for the existence of *Note* or *Nott* as a personal name in the following patronymics: Johannes Noteson', 1377, Johannes Nottson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks), and Johannes Notesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwick); and in the double diminutive pet form *Notelin* which survives as **Nutland**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Notekyn (female), 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iii (Suffolk); Notekene Meus, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Stukeley, Hunts).

surnames: Adam Notekyn, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Notekyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Symon Notekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); Miles Nutkyn, 1544 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); William Nutkins, 1564 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); Raphe Nutkine, 1566 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Alice Nutkins, 1583 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); William Nutkyn, 1593, William Nutkins, 1664 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); William Nutkin, 1633, Mary Nutkins, 1692 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Nutland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: relationship name from a Middle English female personal name *\*Notelin*, a double diminutive form of a name such as *Alinot*, which is a pet form of *Aline* (see **Allen**). Compare **Nutkins**.

**Early bearers:** John Nutelyn, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Notelyng, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Notelin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); John Notelyn, 1366 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Notelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Througham, Gloucs); Hugone Notelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rodborough, Gloucs); John Nutling, 1641, Robert Nutland, 1675 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); James Nuttland, 1722 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts); William Nutlin, 1731 in *IGI* (Market Lavington, Wilts); Susannah Nutlen, 1792 in *IGI* (Hilperton, Wilts).

## Nutley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 78
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts, Sussex, Kent, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Leitrim
- English: see **Notley**.

## Nutly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Hants

English: see **Notley**.

## Nutman

**Variants:** **Nuttman**, **Notman**, **Nottman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx and Surrey

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *\*note-man* 'nut-seller'. (ii) occupational name, status name denoting 'servant of *Nott*' (see **Nott** (2), with Middle English *man* 'man, servant').

**Early bearers:** England: John Noteman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Nuteman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey Noteman, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sandon, Herts); William Noteman, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Alexandre Noteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westoning, Beds); Johannes Noteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lopham, Norfolk); Rogerus Notteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Agnes Noteman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingerthorpe, WR Yorks);

Ricardus Noteman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haberley, Shrops); Richard de Noteman [*sic*], clerk, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); John Notteman, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Searby, Lincs); William Noteman, reder, 1426–7 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norwich, Norfolk); Nicholas Nutman, 1475 in *PROB 11* (London); Rose Nutman, 1580 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk); Sara Nuttman, 1663 in *IGI* (Kempsey, Worcs); Thomas Nutman, 1694 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Isabella Nutman, 1773, Thomas Nuttman, 1783 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

Scotland: John Noteman, on the king of England's service, 1297 in *Scotland Calendar*; Robert Notman, 1612 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Notman, 1653 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); William Notman, 1732, George Nutman, 1772 in *IGI* (Dalton, Dumfriess); John Nutman, 1760, Janet Notman, 1798 in *IGI* (Swinton, Berwicks).

## Nuton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Knutton**.

## Nutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2365, Ireland 264
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2149
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England and Yorks; also Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry  
1 English: nickname from Middle English *note*, *nute*, *notte*, *nutte* 'nut' (Old English *hnutu*), perhaps used for a man with a round head or a brown complexion.

**Early bearers:** William Nutte, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard le Nute, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Walter Nute, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Eversholt, Beds); Willelmo Nut', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Leics); Johannes Nutte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Nutte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); John Nutt 1523 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); William Nutt, 1540 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Edwardus Nutt, 1565 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a nut-tree, from Middle English *note*, *nute*, *notte*, *nutte* 'nut' (Old English *hnutu*), used also to denote the tree.

**Early bearers:** Henrico atte Notte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); Susan Nutt, 1543 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Alis Nutt, 1550 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Margaret Nutt, 1552 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Richard Nutt, 1561 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW).

3 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Neacht**, see **McNutt**.

4 English: see **Nott**.

## Nuttall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 472
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Nuttall**.

## Nuttall

**Variants:** **Nuthall**, **Nuttal**, **Nutall**, **Nutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7025, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7523
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs



## Nutter

1 English: locative name from Nuttall in Tottington (Lancs), which is recorded as *the Nutto* in 1545. The place-name derives from Old English *hnutu* 'nut' + *hōh* 'heel, spur of land'. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to **Nothard**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Noteho, 1256, [ . . . ] de Notehogh, 1318 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); John de Notehugh, 1323, Henry de Nothogh, Henry de Notehagh, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Rychard Nuttagh, 1562, William Nuttall, 1574 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Nutter, 1563, Henry Nuttar, 1616, Henry Nuttall, 1706, John Nuttall, 1749, John Nuttay, 1752 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); George Nutter, 1568 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Edward Nuttoll, 1612, Richard Nuttall, 1723 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Joshuae Nuttall, 1663, Laurence Nuttol, 1772 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Henery Nuttall, 1656, Ellen Nutto, 1788 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Patty Nuttall, 1787 in *IGI* (Tottington, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 63–4.

2 English: locative name from Nuthall (Notts), which is recorded as *Nutehale* in 1086 and *Nuthale* in 1195. The place-name derives from Old English *hnutu* 'nut' + *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Nutehal', 1201 in *Pleas* (Notts); Stephen de Notehale, 1269 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John Notehal, 1354 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Peter Nutill, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Notthale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Stephanus Notehale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huntercombe, Oxon); Willelmo Nothall', 1379, Thomas Notehale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Thomas Nuttalle, 1564 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robert Nuttall, 1634 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 149.

## Nutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1315, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks

1 English: see **Nuttall**.

2 English: see **Nothard**.

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *notiere*, *notiere* 'secretary, recorder' (Old French *noteur*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Notere, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam le Notyere, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Dyonisia Notur, 1302 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Hugo Noter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Knowle, NR Yorks); Johanne Notyere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Thomas Notyar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Nutting

**Variants:** **Notting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Leics, and Warwicks; also SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *\*notting* 'bald-headed person' (Old English *\*hnottung*). Compare **Not**.

**Early bearers:** Siward Noting, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Nottyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Notyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lewannick, Cornwall); Johannes Nuttyng, 1377 in

*Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannes Nuttyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fockerby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Nutyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); Rogerus Nottyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aunsby, Lincs); Margareta Nottyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cotes, Leics); Johannes Nottyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chevington, Suffolk); Christiana Nottyng, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John Nottyng, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Marham, Norfolk); Robert Nuttyng, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Marlborough, Wilts); Isabell Nutting, 1545 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); George Nutting, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); John Notting, 1563 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Hewe Nutting, 1577 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Notting, 1604 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edmondi Nutting, 1616 in *IGI* (Besford, Worcs); Thomas Notting, 1684 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Joseph Notting, 1746 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Charles Nutting, 1788 in *IGI* (Salford, Staffs).

## Nuttman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and London

English: see **Nutman**.

## Nutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Knutton**.

## Nutty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Notts; Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *notti*, *nutti* 'nutty, nut-coloured'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Noty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cerney, Gloucs); John Nutty, 1591 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Nutty, 1611 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); Mary Nuttye, 1633 in *IGI* (Walkeringham, Notts); Francis Nutty, 1682 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Alice Nutty, 1701 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Jane Nutty, 1726 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

## Nuzum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: variant of **Newsome**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name originated in Ireland; it is now no longer found there but is more common in the USA.

## Nwachukwu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from the Igbo personal name *Nwachukwu* (Igbo *nwa* 'child' + *Chukwu* 'God' (*chi* 'god' + *ukwu* 'great')).

**References:** <http://www.igboguide.org/vocabulary.pdf><http://www.kwenu.com/afamefune/afamefune.htm>

## Nwankwo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from Igbo *nwa* 'son' + *nkwo* one of the four days of the week, a market day, in the Igbo mythology of the kingdom of Nri.

## Nwosu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from the personal name *Nwosu* (Igbo *nwa* 'son' + *osu*). *Osu* is a traditional Igbo caste term; in *Things fall apart*, Chinua Achebe defines an *osu* as 'a person dedicated to a god, a thing set apart – a taboo forever and his children after him'.

**References:** <http://www.kwenu.com/afamefune/afamefune.htm>

## Nyarko

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained, of Akan origin.

## Nye

**Variants:** **Nie**, **Ney**, **Nay**, **Nigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2587, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1869
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, Surrey, and Middx

1 English: (i) locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atten eye*, *atten ye* 'at the island' (Old English *ēg*, *īeg* 'island'), becoming *atte nye*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on an island or patch of firm ground surrounded by marsh, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Nye in Winscombe (Somerset). (ii) locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atten eye*, *atten ee* 'at the river' (Old English *ēa* 'river'), becoming *atte nee*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near a river, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Neigh Bridge in Somerford Keynes (Wilts).

**Further information:** Due to the similarity of Middle English forms it is often impossible to distinguish between the two explanations. Compare **Rea**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Nye, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Atteneye, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Atteneye, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Gilbert de la Nye, parson of Ingatestone, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); [ . . . ] Neye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus atte Ny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Wraxall, Wilts); Ricardus atte Nye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greinton, Somerset); Agnes Nye, 1550 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Nye, 1562 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Rachell Nye, 1614 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 聶, see **Nie** (2).

## Nyhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork



Irish: from Ó Niatháin ‘descendant of *Niathán*’, a diminutive of *Niath* ‘warrior’ (a later spelling of *Nia(dh)*; compare **Nee**).

Early bearers: Ó Niatháin, Neivin and William Onyhyn, 1295 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)*; James Nihane, Thomas Neehane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland (Ballymoney, Cork)*.

**Nyland**

- Current frequencies: GB 235, Ireland 75
- GB frequency 1881: 98

- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway and Mayo

- 1 Irish: from Ó Nialláin, see **Nealon**.
- 2 Norwegian: locative name from any of several farmsteads or villages in Norway named with *ny* ‘new’ + *land* ‘land, farm’.

**Nylund**

- GB frequency 1881: 2

Norwegian, Swedish: (i) locative name from a farm named with *ny* ‘new’ + *lund* ‘grove’. (ii) ornamental name, in Sweden.

**Nyman**

- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 33
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- Jewish: see **Naiman**.

# O

## O

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- Korean: see **Oh**.

## Oade

Variants: **Oades**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Oates** and compare **Odd**.  
2 English: see **Noad** and compare **Noades**.

## Oades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; also Berks; Devon

1 English: see **Oates**.  
2 English: variant of **Oade** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Oag

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness

Scottish Gaelic: see **Ogg**.

## Oak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Sussex; Devon; WR Yorks

English: see **Oke**.

## Oakden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 532
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Lancs
- English: see **Ogden**.

## Oake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in SE England; also Devon

English: see **Oke**.

## Oakeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: see **Oakley**.

## Oakely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Oakley**.

## Oaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name denoting a dweller by an oak tree, from an agent derivative of Middle English *oke* 'oak'; compare **Oak**. For the formation with -er compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Oker, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Oaker, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Philip Oker, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Mary Oaker, 1608 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Henry Oaker, 1613 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Gabriell Oaker, 1615 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); Jonathan Oaker, 1640 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Jane Oaker, 1645 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

## Oakes

Variants: **Oaks, Woakes, Eakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6883, Ireland 242
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4309
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Wexford
- 1 English: variant of **Oke** with plural or excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard en le Okes, 1383 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Richard Oakes, 1549 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Randell Oakes, 1567 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Dubhdara** 'son of *Dubhdara*', a personal name based on *dubh* 'dark' + *dara*(ch), genitive of *dair* 'oak'.

## Oakey

Variants: **Okey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 974, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 683
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: (i) locative name from Oakey Farm in Haresfield (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Okheye* in 1319. The place-name probably derives from Old English *āc* 'oak' + (*ge*)*hæg* 'fence, enclosure'. (ii) variant of **Okey**. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may rather belong there.

**Early bearers:** Cecilia de Okeye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Okhei, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Okey, 1551, Henrye Ockey, 1582 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Sybyll or Sible Okey, 1561, Jone Ockey, 1565 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Fraunc. Okey, 1564, Thoms. Ockey, 1568 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Edward Ockey, 1571 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Elizabeth Oakey, 1625 in *IGI* (Salperton, Gloucs); Elizabeth Oakey, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); William Oakey, 1688 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 183.

## Oakford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Wilts, and Hants; also Devon

English: (i) locative name from Oakford (Devon), which is recorded as *Acford* and *Okeford* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from Old English *āc* 'oak' + *ford* 'ford'. (ii) locative name from Oakford Farm in Marshfield (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Acford* in 1225, *Hokeford* in 1236, *Okeford* in 1330. The place-name has the same etymology as that in (i).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Hocford, 1248 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); Richard de Okforde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Thomas Okeford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); Richard Okford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dawlish, Devon); Galfrido Okeuorde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh, Somerset); Thomas Okeford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs); Robert Oakford, 1605 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Willm Ockford, 1612 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Margaret Oakford, 1617, Katharine Ockford, 1638 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); William Oakford, 1626 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Ockford, 1634 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 60; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 387.

## Oakham

Variants: **Ockham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Oakham (Rutland), Ockham (Surrey), or Ockham House in Ewhurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ocham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Nicholas de Ocham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo de Okham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Willelmo Okham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Johanne de Okham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Johannes Okham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Willelmo and Thoma de Okam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell and Leesthorpe, Leics); Robertus de Ocham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell, Leics); William Oakham, 1638 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Petri Oakham, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Willm. Oakham, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Ruth Oakham, 1723 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Rutland); Catherine Oakham, 1731 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey).

## Oakland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) oak land', from Middle English *ok(e)* 'oak' + *lond* 'land', or possibly from a lost of unidentified place so named.

**Early bearers:** Walter atte Oklonde, 1330, Richard atte Oklond, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Dorathee Okland, 1561 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Thomas Ockland, 1568 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Joan Okeland, 1586 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); John Oakland,

1616 in *IGI* (Bobbingworth, Essex); Rodger Oakland, 1666 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Nathanael Okeland, 1730 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts); John Okeland, 1747 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Oakley

Variants: **Oakeley, Oakly, Oakely, Okely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9989, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6242
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands (particularly Staffs) and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Cork, and Offaly

English: locative name from Oakley in Croxall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Acle* in 1086 and *Ocleye* in 1327, or from one or other of the many places similarly named, such as Oakley (Beds, Hants, Suffolk), Great and Little Oakley (Essex), Oakley in Dinton (Wilts), Oakle Street in Churcham (Gloucs), Oakleigh in Higham Upshire and Oakley House in Goudhurst (both Kent), and Oakley in Chilthorne Domer (Somerset). The place-names derive from Old English *āc* 'oak' + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Early bearers:** Hervey de Ocle, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ansell' de Acleie, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Philip de Ocle, 1246 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Walter de Okele, 1293 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Richard de Okeley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Symon de Ocle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnfield hundred, Kent); Alexander de Ocle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tisbury, Wilts); William atte Ocelegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hurst, Berks); John Okelee, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Okle, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John Ocle, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Johes. Okeley, 1544 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Robert Okeleye, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Elizabeth Okeley, 1561 in *IGI* (Lindsey, Suffolk); Ellnor Oakley, 1591 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Oakely, 1647 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).  
**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 416; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 161; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 197; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 54; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 310; *Watts, Dictionary*.

### Oakly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Oakley**.

### Oakman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: from the Middle English personal name *Okman* (Old English *Ācmann*, composed of elements meaning 'oak' + 'man').

**Early bearers:** Alexander filius Okeman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Okman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Katherine Oakman, 1617 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts).

### Oaks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 539
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Oakes**.

### Oakshott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Sussex, and Middx

English: locative name from Oakshott in Froxfield (Hants), which is recorded as *ac sceates* in the 10th century. The place-name derives from Old English *āc* 'oak' + *scēat* 'corner'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Okshite, 1333 in *Gover, Hants Place-Names* (Hants); Thomas Okeshot, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Froxfield, Hants); John Okeshot, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ropley, Hants); Hewgo Oakshott, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Newton Valence, Hants); Alice Okshott, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Ropley, Hants); Abraham Oakshott, 1616 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Thomas Oakshott, 1617 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Thomas Oakshott, 1625 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); John Ockshott, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Lyme Regis, Dorset); John Oakshott, 1666 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); John Oakshott, 1689 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Rich. Oakshott, 1712 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Pitie Oakshut, 1744 in *IGI* (Binsted, Sussex); Richard Ockshut, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); Thomas William Oakshote, 1863 in *IGI* (Rock Ferry, Cheshire).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 126; *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 61.

### Oakton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from an unidentified or lost place, apparently named with Old English *āc* 'oak' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. Alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Acton**.

**Early bearers:** William Oketone, 1455 in *PROB 11*; Elizabeth Oakton, 1796, and Thomas Oakton, 1798 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); George Oakton, 1799 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Oare

Variants: **Ore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; Shrops; Kent

1 English: locative name from Woore (Shrops), which is recorded as *Wafre* in 1255, *Owre* in 1550, and *Oare* in 1672. The place-name derives from Old English *wæfre* 'unstable, restless, wavering' or \**wæfer* 'that which wanders or wavers'; the local topographical significance of this term is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Waure, 1256 in *Shrops Eyre Roll* (Bradford hundred, Shrops); Meylour de Wouere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woore, Shrops); Johannes de Wore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woollaston and Shredicote, Staffs); Alice Ore, 1603 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops); Anne Oare, 1652 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Rowland Oare, 1680 in *IGI* (Clive, Shrops); George Oar, 1783 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 325.

2 English: locative name from Oare (Berks, Kent, Somerset, Wilts), or Ore (Sussex). The source of these names, Old English *ōra* 'bank, ridge', 'shore', did not survive into Middle English, so the surname must always be from a place-name; but compare **Noar** or **Nowers**. Some forms may be for **Orr**.

**Early bearers:** William de Ore, 1207, Simon de Ore, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex, Kent); Walter Ore, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes de Ore, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll*; Peter de Ore 1264–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William de Ore, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Robert Ore, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Alicia Or', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Timothee Oare, 1582 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Hugh Oare, 1642 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Ann Oare, 1736 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Oastler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; NR Yorks; Perth and Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Ostler**.

### Oaten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English: variant of **Oton**; compare **Oates**.  
**Early bearers:** John Oaten, 1673 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Christopher Oaten, 1687 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon).

### Oates

Variants: **Oats, Oattes, Oatts, Otis, Oades, Ott, Oade, Odd, Ody, Odey, Oddy, Oatey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5517, Ireland 244
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4655
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Cornwall; also IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Leitrim

1 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Old Norman French personal name *Ode, Odde, Odes, Otto, Otes, Otton*, Continental Germanic *Audo, Odo, Oddo, Otto*, derived from \**aud-* 'wealth, prosperity'. See also **Oton**; the variant medieval forms in *-on* represent the oblique case form in Old French and were interchangeable with forms such as *Ode* and *Ote*. In post-medieval examples the *-s* may alternatively be an excremental addition to *Ode* or *Ote*, as perhaps in the Plympton (Devon) family name. Although the personal name died out in most parts of England during the 13th century, it survived into post-medieval times in a few counties, including Lancs and Cornwall. The Cornwall and Devon form Oda (1327, 1332) is a dialect spelling of *Ode*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ode, Odo, Otho, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Odo, 1155–85, 1215–45, Otto, 1285–1315 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Odd atte Flete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames, E England: Radulfus filius Ode, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Asketinus filius Od, 1163 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Ote (Otte), 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Ode, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Cristiana Odes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Andrew Otes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Ode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wrabness, Essex); Johannes Ode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Ellen Oates, 1626 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk).  
surnames, SW England: John Oda, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goran, Cornwall); William Oda, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton, Devon); Robert Oda, 1332 in *Subsidy*

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*Rolls* (Ludbrook, Devon); John Ots, 1560 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Gilbert Oets, 1581, Johane Otten, 1564 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Robart Otts, 1609, James Oates, 1711, Joanna Oats, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Thomas Oates, 1625, Phillip Oote, 1671 Grace Oates, 1727 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Mathew Oates, 1699, James Oats, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

surnames, Yorks and Lancs: Richard Odde, 1284, Thomas Otes, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Thomas Ode, 1297, Thomas son of Ode, 1306 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Willelmus filius Ode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chapel Allerton, WR Yorks); George Oates, 1561 in *IGI* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Margaret Oates, 1597, Matthew Oates, 1688, George Oates, 1799 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Oates, 1590, Isabella Oates, 1793, Elizabeth Oates, 1813 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 72; O. J. Padel, personal communication.

2 Irish, Manx: relationship name adopted for Ó Cuirc or Mac Cuirc (see **Quirke, Quirk**), a personal name based on Gaelic *corc* 'heart', by erroneous association with the Irish word *coirce* 'oats' (Manx *corkey*).

**Early bearers:** loM: Otes, 1580 in *Kneen* (LE 6 B).

## Oatey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English: (i) relationship name, in SW England perhaps from a variant of the Middle English personal name *Ode*, *Ote*. See **Oates**, which like *Oatey* occurs in Saint Erth in the 18th and 19th centuries, and compare **Ody**, **Oddy**, and Cornish **Udy**. The final *-y* is either a local pronunciation of final *-e*, or the hypocoristic suffix *-y*. (ii) alternatively, it may be a variant of **Otty**.
- Early bearers:** Peter Othey, 1685, William Oty, 1736, James Oaty, 1750 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Elizabeth Oatty, 1713 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs); Mary Oatey, 1714 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Peter Oatie, 1727 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall).

## Oatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: (i) in most cases probably a variant of **Odam**. (ii) locative name, perhaps from Otham Court (Sussex), which is recorded as *Otteham* in about 1207, or from Otham (Kent), which is recorded as *Otteham* in about 1100, but there is currently no historical evidence to support the suggestion that the surname has its origin in these place-names. The places are named with Old English *hām* 'village, homestead' and an uncertain initial element.
- Early bearers:** Mary Otham, 1769 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); James Otham, 1803 in *IGI* (Stone by Dartford, Kent); Edmund Thomas Otham, 1848 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, p. 437; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 58–9, 228.

## Oatley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; IoW
- 1 English: locative name, perhaps from Oatley in Cannington (Somerset), though medieval evidence has not been noted.

**Early bearers:** Joan Otely, 1584, John Oatley, 1718 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Robert Oatley, 1659 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Oatley, 1746, James Oakley, 1751 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); William Oatley, 1776 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Oteley in Ellesmere (Shrops), which is recorded as *Othale* in 1309, *Oteley* in 1427, and *Ottley* in 1695. The place-name probably means 'oat clearing', from Old English *āte* 'oat' + *lēah* 'open woodland', but some forms suggest that the initial element is an Old English personal name \**Otta* and that the final element is Old English *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Otleg', 1279–80, [ . . . ] Ottleye, 1371, [ . . . ] Oteley, 1380 in *Place-Names of Shrops* (Shrops); William de Otleye, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Alles Oatley, 1657 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Jane Oatley, 1677 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops). **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops 5*, pp. 56–7.

## Oatridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Herefs; also Glamorgan

English: locative name from an unidentified place called Oatridge, apparently named with Old English *hrycg* 'ridge' as the final element.

**Further information:** There is a village called Oatridge in central Scotland, near Linlithgow, but it is almost certainly not the source of the English surname.

**Early bearers:** Robert Oatridge, 1649 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Mary Oatridge, 1651 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Miriam Oatridge, 1656 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Robert Oatridge, 1684 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); John Oatridge, 1687 in *IGI* (Coaley, Gloucs); Daniel and John Oatridge, 1708 in *IGI* (Oaksey, Wilts).

## Oats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also WR Yorks; IoM
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: see **Oates**.

## Oatten

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Otton**.
- Early bearers:** John Otten, 1564 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Mathias Otten, 1606 in *PROB 11* (London); Francis Oatten, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Barkway, Herts).

## Oattes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Oates**.

## Oatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Oates**.

## Oatway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Ottaway**.

**Early bearers:** John Otewaye, 1608 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); Jasperii Ottway, 1637 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon); Susana Oatway, 1665 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon); Thomas Oatway, 1696 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset).

## Obbard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Hubbard**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Obbard, 1558 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Richard Obbard, 1566 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); John Obbard, 1572 in *IGI* (Halstead, Kent); Maria Obbard, 1641 in *IGI* (Addington, Surrey); William Obbard, 1722 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex).

## Obee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Obey**.

## O'Beirn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Beirn, see **Beirne**.

## O'Beirne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Sligo, Leitrim, and Roscommon
- Irish: from Ó Beirn, see **Beirne**.

## Obeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: variant of **Albany**.

**Early bearers:** John Auboney, 1757, William Obeney, 1812 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Elizabeth Obeney, 1807 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Obeney, 1808 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

## Obeng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

## Obern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Oborne**.

## Oberne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Oborne**.

**Oberoi**

Variants: **Obhrai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

**Obertelli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Italian: relationship name from a diminutive of the personal name *Oberto*, of Continental Germanic origin (\**Audberht*, from \**aud*-‘possessions, wealth’ + \**berht*- ‘bright, famous’).

**Early bearers:** Antony Obertelli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Cumberland).

**References:** *De Felice*.

**Obey**

Variants: **Obee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Oby (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Othebei* and *Oebei* in 1086, formerly a separate parish but now conjoined with Ashby and Thurne. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Auði* + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘farmstead, village’.

**Early bearers:** John Obbe, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas Owby, tailor, 1425–6 in *Norwich Freeman* (Norfolk); William Obbye, 1551 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ospringe, Kent); Thomas Obye, 1579 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); Richard Obye, 1587 in *IGI* (London); Peter Obye, 1622, John Oby, 1627 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas Obee, 1637 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Obee, 1643 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk); Theophilus Oby, 1671 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk); Thomas Obee, 1694, William Obye, 1695 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Richard Obye, 1839 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, p. 42.

**Obhrai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian: see **Oberoi**.

**Obi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Nigerian (Igbo): from the aristocratic title *Obi* (as in the *Obi* of Onitsha (Onicha)); compare *oba* in Benin, from Igbo *obi* ‘heart; palace’.

2 Japanese: written with characters meaning ‘small tail’, the name could possibly mean ‘sash’ as well. It is not common in Japan, and could be locative, from a castle in Hyūga (now Miyazaki prefecture), though the castle’s name was written with different characters.

**Obin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Albin**.

**Early bearers:** William Obyn, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Nicholas Obeme, 1558, Christopher

Obene, 1577, Sara Oben, 1629 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Rychard Oben, 1578, Repentance Oben, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thos. Oben, 1719 in *IGI* (West Malling, Kent); Peter Obin, 1754 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lincs); John Obin, 1778 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lincs); William Obin, 1843 in *Parish Registers* (Malling, Kent).

**Oborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Osborne**.

**Osborne**

Variants: **Oborn, Obern, Oberne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset

1 English: locative name, chiefly from Osborne in Dorset, which is recorded as *Woborna* in 1125 and *Wuburn* in 1227, or perhaps occasionally from Howbourne Farm in Hadlow Down (Sussex), Woburn (Beds), Woburn Park (Surrey), or Wooburn (Bucks). The place-names derive from Old English *wōh* ‘twisted, crooked’ + *burna* ‘spring, stream’, except Wooburn (Bucks), which is recorded as *Waborne* in 1086 and *Wauburn* in 1220, and is of uncertain etymology.

**Early bearers:** Agn’ Obourne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Robertus Obourne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merston, Sussex); Cisly Osborne, 1539, Thomas Oborn, 1716 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Susan Osborne, 1612 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Edw. Oborn, 1684 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Georgius Oborn, 1718 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Dorset).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 143; *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 196–98; *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 354; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 112; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 395.

2 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Obern*, an Anglo-Norman French form of *Osbern* (see **Osborne**). This might be an alternative source of the surname in SW England and of the Essex surname, from which Obourne’s Farm in Finchingfield was named. See also **Hobart, Hobby, and Hoblyn**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Obernus teinnus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Raveningham, Norfolk).

surnames: Willelmus Osborne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Henry Osborne, 1708 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Eleanor Obern, 1713 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts); Molly Obern, 1776 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

**O'Boyle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 528
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Baoighill, see **Boyle**.

**Obray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Kent
- English: a post-medieval variant of **Aubrey**.

**Early bearers:** Hughe Obery, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); Henry Obery, 1609 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Grace Obree, 1630 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); Isaac Obree, 1710 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Abraham Obray, 1731 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Ann Obray, 1770 in *IGI* (Llanishen, Glamorgan); Thomas Obery, 1778 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); George Obray, 1815 in *IGI* (Pembrokes).

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 74, at Awbrey.

**O'Brennan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Irish: from Ó Branáin, see **Brennan**.

**O'Briain**

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Irish: distinctively Irish spelling of **O'Brien**.

**O'Brian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 977
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

**O'Brien**

Variants: **O'Brian, O'Bryan, O'Briain, O'Brine, O'Bryne, Brien, Brian, Bryan, Bryon, Brion, Brine, Bryans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30333, Ireland 32203
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó Briain ‘descendant of *Brian*’, an ancient Celtic personal name probably based on *bre*-‘hill’, in the transferred sense ‘eminence’, i.e. ‘exalted one’. There has also been some confusion with **O'Byrne**. Compare **Bryan** and **Briant**.

**Further information:** Many bearers of this name trace descent from Brian Boru, king of Munster and high king of Ireland in the 10th to 11th century.

**Early bearers:** Domnall Ban Ua Briain, 1052 in *AU*; Concobar Ua Briain, king of Telach Oc, 1078 in *AU*; Tairrdelbach Ua Briain, king of Ireland, 1086 in *AU*; Muircertach Ua Briain, king of Cashel, 1090 in *AU*; Feoris mcJames O'Bryn, Shane (rwo) O'Bryn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §140 (Tulle); Morgho O'Bryn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §140 (Bridiston); Brein mcCahir O'Bryn, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §140 (Butlersgrange); Matthew fitz Donaghe O'Bryane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3042; More Ny Brien, 1581–82 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3820 (Clare); Brien duff mcDonogh O Brien, chief of his name, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Pobelbrien, Limerick); John O'Brien, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Cloghenaculty); Donogh O'Brien, freeholder, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Downyn).

**O'Brine**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

**O'Bryan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London

## O'Bryne

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

## O'Bryne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
- Irish: from Ó Briain, see **O'Brien**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is associated particularly with Scotland.

## O'Byrne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Longford

Irish: see **Byrne**.

**Early bearers:** Peter O Byrne, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Partick, Lanarks); Thomas O Byrne, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

## O'Callaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3704, Ireland 7431
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Ceallacháin, see **Callaghan**.

## O'Carolan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Cearbhalláin or Ó Cairealláin, see **Carolan**.

## O'Carroll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Galway
- Irish: from Ó Cearbhaill, see **Carroll**.

## O'Casey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Cathasaigh, see **Casey**.

## Occleshaw

**Variants:** **Ockleshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Occleshaw in Abram (Lancs), which is recorded as *Aculuesah*e and *Aculuesae* in 1199. The place-name probably derives from the Old English personal name *Ācwulf* + Old English *sceaga* 'small wood, copse'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Acullschwe, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas de Okelshagh, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Henrico de Okilshagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); Johannes Ockulshawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); John Okylschagh, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Oculshagh, presented to the church of Drayton Parslow, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Occleshaw, 1575 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Occleshaw, 1592 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Radulphus Occleshaw, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 102.

## Ochiltree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Ayr; also Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish: locative name from any of at least three places in Scotland called Ochiltree (Galloway, Ayr, W Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ochiltree, 1661 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Elspeth Ochiltree, 1665 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Ochiltree, 1665 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); John Ochiltree, 1673 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); John Ochiltree, 1674 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Agnes Ochiltree, 1681 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Ockenden

**Variants:** **Ockendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: from Ockendon (Essex), recorded as *Wokindon* in 1230.

**Early bearers:** Ailric de Wochendone, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William de Wokenden, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; William de Wokindone, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jone Ockenden, 1568 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex); James Ockenden, 1570 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Anthony Ockenden, 1624 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicolas Ockenden, 1629 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Mary Ockenden, 1644 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Ockendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Sussex

English: see **Ockenden**.

## Ockham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Oakham**.

## Ockleshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Occleshaw**.

## Ockwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: variant of **Oakhill**, remodelled as if from a place-name containing Old English *welle* 'spring, well'. Compare **Oakwell**.

## O'Cleary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: full anglicization of Ó Cléirigh, see **Cleary**.

## O'Connell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham; Glamorgan; London
- Irish: from Ó Conaill, see **O'Connell**.

## O'Connell

**Variants:** **O'Connel**, **Connell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7357, Ireland 11642
- **GB frequency 1881:** 700
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork and Kerry

Irish: from Ó Conaill 'descendant of *Conall*', an ancient personal name composed of the Celtic elements *con* (stem of *cú* 'hound') + \**val-* 'power', meaning 'having the might of a hound'. It was borne by many early chieftains and warriors of Ireland, including the Ulster hero Conall Cearnach, and two sons of Niall of the Nine Hostages, one of whom gave his name to Tirconell, otherwise known as Donegal.

**Early bearers:** Maurice O'Connill, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1045 (Shian, Waterford); David mcDonnagh O'Konyll, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1862 (Wolls); Conchor McDonil O'Kuonill, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2251 (Corvally); Shane O Konill, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2248 (Castelnycorey).

## O'Conner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Irish: from Ó Conchobhair, see **O'Connor**.

## O'Connor

**Variants:** **Connor**, **O'Conner**, **O'Conor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20944, Ireland 29357
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1700
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster

Irish: from Ó Conchobhair 'descendant of *Conchobhar*', a personal name which is a compound of *cú* 'hound' (stem *con*) + *cobhar* 'desire', i.e. 'hound-desire'.

**Further information:** According to Irish legend, Conchobhar was a king of Ulster who lived at around the time of Christ; he was the adoptive father of the hero Cú Chulainn. Present-day bearers of the surname claim descent from a 10th-century king of Connacht of this name. The O'Connor dynasty has included high kings of Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Niall Ua Conchobair, royal heir of Connacht, 1025 in *AU*; Brian Ua Conchobair, royal heir of Connacht, 1029 in *AU*; Aedh Ua Conchobair, king of Keenaght, 1039 in *AU*; Dermot O Conchor alias O'Conchor Dun, captain of his nation, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §455 (Roscommon); Teige oge O'Conoghor alias O'Conoghor Rwo, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1292 (Bealenyully, Connacht); Donald O Connor alias O Connor (Sligagh or Sligo), knight, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4560 (Sligo); Knogher O Knogher, gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4815 (Irraght I Knogher, Kerry).

## O'Conor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Conchobhair, see **O'Connor**.

### Octon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: from Octon (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Odelina de Hoketon', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alice Octon, 1593 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Robert Octon, 1651 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### O'Daly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Dálaigh, see **Daly**.

### Odam

**Variants:** Odham, Odum, Odum, Oatham, Odams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Northants
- 1 English: relationship name from Middle English *othom*, *odam* (Old English *āthum*, *ādum*) 'son-in-law' or 'brother-in-law'. Compare the synonymous **Mowe** (1).

**Early bearers:** Walter Odam, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry Odam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wormington, Gloucs); Robert Odam, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Petrus Odam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Willelmus Othom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Johanne Odam, Willelmo Odum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Wilts); John Odam, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Johanne Odam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fenny Drayton, Leics); Willelmus Odam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emneth, Norfolk); Johanne Otham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Montis, Somerset); Stephano Odom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalbourne, Berks); Robertus Odam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cow Honeybourne, Gloucs); Adam Odam, 1463 in *PROB 11*; Nicholas Odam, 1475 in *PROB 11* (Tyd Saint Mary, Lincs); John Odam, 1517 in *PROB 11* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); John Odeham, 1525, John Odham, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Robti. Odam, 1548 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Winifride Odam, 1566 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Dorothe Odam, 1582 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); William Odam, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Willm. Odam, 1594 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Humfredi Odom, 1610 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); William Odam, 1611 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Anne Odham, 1617 in *IGI* (Barnoldby le Beck, Lincs); Ailce Odam, 1658 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Samuel Oadam, 1663 in *IGI* (Haseley, Warwicks); Edward Oadham, 1682 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Henry Oadam, 1701 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); Samuel Oadham, 1714 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Odom, 1716 in *IGI* (Nassington, Northants); John Oadam, 1719, Mary Odom, 1770 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Mariam Oadam, 1727, Rebecca Oadham, 1733 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Anne Oadham, 1728 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).

2 English: locative name from Odam (in Highampton, Devon), recorded in the surname forms of 1281 and 1340 below, or from Odam Barton (in Romansleigh, Devon), recorded as *Wodham* in 1242. The place-names probably derive from Old

English *wudu* 'wood' + *hām* 'village, homestead' or *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow'.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Wodeham, 1281, [... de] Wodham, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Wodham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Romansleigh, Devon); John Odam, 1538 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Robert Oadham, 1623 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Anne Odom, 1705 in *IGI* (Marwood, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 146, 391.

### Odams

**Variants:** Odhams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Leics and Staffs
- English: variant of **Odham** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Odames, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Juliana Hodams, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merton hundred, Warwicks); Willelmus Odams, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckford, Gloucs); Margaret Odomes, 1552 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); Willm Odams, 1580 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Thomas Odames, 1603 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Willm Oadames, 1638 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); Ann Odhams, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (Horningsea, Cambs); George Odams, 1668 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Odams, 1680 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Francis Oadhams, 1693 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds); Wm Odhams, 1735 in *IGI* (Churchover, Warwicks).

### Odart

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Odard* (Continental Germanic *Authard*, *Othard*, *Odard*, composed of the elements \**aud-* 'riches' + \**hard-* 'hard').

**Early bearers:** given names: Odard, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Eils filius Odardi, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Odard', 1206 in *Close Rolls*; Robert Odart, 1765 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Frances Odart, 1774 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Herbert Henry Odart, 1881 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

### O'Day

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Deaghaidh, see **O'Dea**.

### Odber

**Variants:** Odbert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: from the Norman French personal name, Continental Germanic *Odbert*, *Otbert*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Otbertus (Yorks), Outbert (Lincs), Odbertus (Surrey), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Odbertus de Castra, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Margery Odbert, 1341 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Richard Odber, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

### Odbert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Odber**.

### Odd

**Variants:** Odde, Hodd, Hood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Kent

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ode*, *Odd(e)*. This is either from Anglo-Norman French *Ode* (see **Oates**) or from Old English *Od(d)a* and Old Scandinavian *Oddr*, *Oddi*, which was probably confused with and absorbed into the Norman name. Compare **Oddy**. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Odde, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Odde, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johannes Odde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Johannes Odde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Mary Odde, 1718 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Alice Odd, 1746 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Jane Odd, 1777 in *IGI* (Titsey, Surrey); Margaret Odd, 1782 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Odd, 1785 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent).

2 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *od(e)*, *odde* 'odd, outstanding, brave'.

### Odde

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Odd**.

### Oddey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Oddy**.

### Oddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 567
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Oddy**.

### Oddy

**Variants:** Oddey, Oddie, Hoddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1391, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1839
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Oddy*, of several possible origins. It may be a pet form with hypocoristic -y of Old French *Ode*, *Odde* (Continental Germanic *Odo*, *Oddo*), see **Oates**; or of Old English *Od(d)a* (a short form of names beginning with *Ord-* 'point, spear'); or it may be a survival of Old Scandinavian *Oddi* (a pet form of Old Scandinavian *Oddr* or a short form of names in *Odd-*), though this is usually anglicized to *Od(d)e*. A Scandinavian origin is not unlikely in Yorks. See also **Odd**, and compare **Ody** and **Oatey**, which may share some or all of the above origins but have different distributions.

**Early bearers:** Guido Ody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Taverham, Norfolk); Ricardus Ody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Johannes Hody, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan, Lancs); Roger Oddy, 1604 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Oddy, 1657 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 202; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 306–8.

**O'Dea**

Variants: **O'Dee**, **Dea**, **Dee**, **O'Day**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 1591
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; also Galway
- Irish: from Ó Deaghaidh, ‘descendant of *Deaghadh*’, a personal name of uncertain origin. It may be a compound of *deagh*- ‘good’ + *ádh* ‘luck, fate’.
- Further information:** In England this name is often pronounced ‘O’Dee’, although the spelling ‘ea’ in Ireland would normally indicate a rhyme with ‘day’.
- Early bearers:** Lochlainn (the Swarthy) O’Dea, 1311 in *AU*; Dermot and Knoghor O’Deay, gents, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1034 (Enestiman, Thomound); Mahowne O’Dae, chief of his name, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (Tullaghadae); Philip O’Dae, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Dromoheir); Dermot croane O’Daa, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562 (Clonmore); Thady O’Day, husbandman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5406 (Carrigoginill, Limerick).

**Odedra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1629, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**O'Dee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- Irish: see **O'Dea**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is not used in Ireland.

**O'Dell**

Variants: **Odle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3201, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Waterford
- English: locative name from Odell (Beds), which is recorded as *Wadehelle* in 1086, *Wahelle* in 1162, *Wodhull* in 1276, and *Odyll* in 1494. The place-name derives from Old English *wād* ‘wood’ + *hyll* ‘hill’. The spelling **O'Dell** is not Irish, but a creation by folk etymology, found first among English migrants to Limerick.
- Early bearers:** Simon de Wahella, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Hawisia de Wodhull, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langford, Beds); Robert de Wodhull, 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Johanne de Wodhull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Odell, Beds); Ad’ de Wodhull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Felmersham, Beds); Robertus de Wodhull, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Wodell, John Odell, Johan Whodell, 1520 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); John Odyll, 1545, John Odell, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Odwell, 1593 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Rychard Odwell, 1599 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); William Odwell, 1686 in *IGI* (Thunndridge, Herts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 34–5.

**Oden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Othen**.

**Odey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Ody**.

**Odgear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Norman, English: see **Ogier**.

**Odger**

Variants: **Odgers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London
- Norman, English: see **Ogier**.

**Odgers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 548
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: variant of *Odger* (see **Ogier**) with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** John Odgers, 1667 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); James Odgers, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall).

**Odham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Odham**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Odhams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Odams**.

**Odle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **O'Dell**.

**Odlin**

Variants: **Odling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Odelin* or its female form *Odelina*, both double diminutives of Continental Germanic *Odo* (see **Oade** and **Oates**).
- Early bearers:** given names: Odolina, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Odelina, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk), 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Hodlyn, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).
- urnames: Robert Odelyn, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Alexander Odelyn, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Odelin, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Hodelyn, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Petrus Hodlyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetwang, ER Yorks); Thomas Odlin, 1600 in *Parish Registers*

(Leverington, Cambs); Robert Odlinge, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Strubby, Lincs); Will Odlyn, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Louth, Lincs); William Hodlin, 1814 in *Parish Registers* (Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs).

**Odling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Odlin**.

**Odlum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Offaly
- Irish: variant of **Adlam**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is common in Ireland.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Digby Odlum, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballymoran, Offaly); Catherine Odlum, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Kilmurry, Offaly). England: Henry Odlum, 1826 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Frank Odlum, 1839 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs); Edward Odlum, 1851 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Humphrey Odlum, 1867 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**O’Doherty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 784, Ireland 483
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Dochartaigh, see **Doherty**.

**Odom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Odham**.

**O’Donaghue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
- Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **O’Donoghue**.

**O’Donald**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from *Domhnaill*, see **Donald**.
- Further information:** The Irish personal name *Domhnaill* was latinized as *Donaldus*, which is the source of *Donald*, the form of the personal name used in English in Scotland, though not in Ireland. This surname form is therefore a 19th-century hybrid.

**O’Donell**

Variants: **Donald**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Domhnaill, see **O’Donnell**.

**O’Donnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193



- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow  
Irish: from Ó Domhnaill, see **O'Donnell**.

**O'Donnell**

Variants: **O'Donnel, O'Donell, Donnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13340, Ireland 10637
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1911
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Munster: esp. Limerick; Connacht: esp. Mayo

Irish: from Ó Domhnaill 'descendant of *Domhnaill*, an ancient personal name composed of the Celtic elements \**domno-* 'world' + \**val-* 'might, rule'. Compare the anglicized form **Donald** and the Scottish clan name **McDonald**.

**Further information:** The O'Donnells, like the O'Neills, claim descent from Niall of the Nine Hostages (Niall Noígíallach), a legendary 5th-century king of Ireland. Their traditional base is Tyrconnell (= Donegal).

**Early bearers:** Maelruanaidh Ua Domnaill, king of Cinel-Lughdach, 1011 in *AU* (Donegal); Gilla-Coluim Ua Domnaill, king of Cinel-Lughdach, 1100 in *AU*; Donnall Mor Ua Domnaill, king of Tir-Conaill, Fir-Manach, Cairpri, and Airghialla, 1241 in *AU*; Aedh Ua Domnaill, Chief of Muinnter Feodachain, 1303 in *AU* (Fermanagh); Calvacius or Calloughe O'Donyll, captaincy and chief rule of Tirconnell, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §602 (Donegal); Tirelaghe O'Donyll, priest, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1158 (Tullogh, Dublin); Fynwall alias nyn duff nycdonyll, wife of O Donell, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4914; Hugh roe O Donell, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5851 (Ulster); Nealanus garrowe O Donell, gent., chief of his name, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6482 (Tirreconnell).

**O'Donoghue**

Variants: **O'Donohue, O'Donohoe, O'Donaghue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2725, Ireland 6413
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **Donoghue**.

**O'Donohoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **O'Donoghue**.

**O'Donohue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Donnchadha, see **O'Donoghue**.

**O'Donovan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1876, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Donnubháin, see **Donovan**.

**O'Dowd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Warwicks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo  
Irish: from Ó Dubhda, see **Dowd**.

**O'Driscoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2058, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
Irish: from Ó hEidirsceóil, see **Driscoll**.

**O'Duffy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Dubhthaigh, see **Duffy**.

**Odum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Odum**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Oduro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Odusanya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Oduúsányà* (Yoruba *odúú san iyà* 'the oracle god compensates (me) for my suffering').

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 71.

**O'Dwyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1667, Ireland 4667
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó Dubhuidhir, see **Dwyer**.

**Ody**

Variants: **Odey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: relationship name from a variant of the Middle English personal name *Ode*. See **Oates** and compare **Oddy**, **Oatey**, and **Udy**. Final -y may be a local pronunciation of final -e or the name may be a pet form of *Ode* + the hypocoristic suffix -y.

**Early bearers:** John Ody, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Jacobus Ody, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sopworth, Wilts); Adam Ody, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); John Ody, 1390 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Wilts); Edmund Hody, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Robert Ody, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Ody, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Farringdon, Berks); Sara Ody, 1616 in *IGI* (Shalbourne, Wilts); John Odee, 1679 in *IGI* (Bishopstone by Swindon, Wilts); John Ody, 1661, Prudence Ody, 1758 in *IGI* (Wroughton, Wilts).

**O'Farrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1052, Ireland 1595
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; London; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Fearghail, see **Farrell**.

**O'Fee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim  
Irish: from Ó Fiaich, see **Fee**.

**Offen**

Variants: **Offin, Uffen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Offyn, chaplain, 1460 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Saltwood, Kent); Richard Offing, 1509 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Canterbury, Kent); John Offyn, 1559, John Offen, 1567 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Elyn Offyn, 1562 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Thomas Uffin, 1567 in *Assize Rolls* (Burnham on Crouch, Essex); Anna Offen, 1570 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Richardi Offyn, 1579 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); John Offyn, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Burnham on Crouch, Essex); John Offine, 1606, Thomas Offen, 1649 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Moise Ofin, 1614 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Offen, 1615 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Offen, 1628 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); John Offen, 1712 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 254.

**Offer**

Variants: **Orfeur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants; also Gloucs and Somerset; London

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English *orfrer* 'maker of orphrey or gold embroidery', from Old French *orfreis*, Medieval Latin *aurifrisium*, a modification of Latin *auriphrygium*, as in William atte more, orfrer, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). Compare **Officer**.

**Early bearers:** William le Orfere, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; John Ourefre, Ourefyre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Offer, 1620 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts).

2 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *orfevre* 'goldsmith'.  
**Early bearers:** William le Orfeure, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Thomas le Orfevre, before 1284 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Robert Lorfeure, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Avis Offer, 1612 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Thomas Offer, 1629 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Anne Offer, 1671 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); John Offer, 1683 in *IGI* (Axbridge, Somerset).

**Office**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Orvis**.

**Officer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292

## Offield

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Kincardines; also Lancs and Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 Scottish, English: status name from Older Scots *officiar*, Middle English *officer* ‘servant, retainer’ and ‘officer’ in any of various senses. A *kirk officiar* in Scotland was ‘an officer charged with keeping order in the church and with enforcing church discipline in the parish’ or ‘a beadle or church servant’ (*Dictionary of the Scots Language*). In both Scotland and England the word *officer* was also used to denote the manager of an estate.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johne Officiar, 1628 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); Elizabeth Officiar, 1640, Johne Officer, 1670 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Margaret Officer, 1700 in *IGI* (Fordoun, Kincardines); Christian Officer, 1702 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Margaret Officer, 1730 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

England: John Officer, 1637 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Edward Officer, 1668 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Joseph Officer, 1719 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); John Oficer, 1798 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: occupational name, perhaps a reduced form of Old French *orfroisier*, Anglo-Norman French, Middle English \**orfreiser* ‘maker of orphrey (gold-thread embroidery)’. Compare **Offier**. However, the distribution of the modern name (N Midlands and N England) is very distant from the only known medieval examples (London and Canterbury).

**Early bearers:** Alicia aurifrigeria, 13th cent. in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Adam le Orfreyser, 1302 in *Canterbury Freeman’s Rolls*; Willelmo Orfraiser, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Orfrayser, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Offield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Ofield**, **Ofield**.

## Offiler

**Variants:** **Offler**, **Offlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: from a local pronunciation of **Offley**.

**Early bearers:** Johanis Ofler, 1632, Johan. Offley, 1641 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Nathaniell Ofler, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); David Offley, 1699, Samuel Offlow, 1771 in *IGI* (Shirley, Derbys); John Offler, 1809 in *IGI* (Edlaston, Derbys); Jane Offiler, 1817 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Thomas Offiler, 1817, Henry Offlow, 1838 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); David Offiler, 1824 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts).

## Offin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Offen**.

## Offler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Offiler**.

## Offley

**Variants:** **Offiler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx; Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from Great and Little Offley (Herts), recorded as *Offelei* in 1086, Bishops Offley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Offeleia* in 1086, or High Offley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Offelie* in 1086. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Offa* + Old English *lēah* ‘open woodland’.

**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Offele, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Richard de Offeley, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Offiley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Leticia de Offeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Willelmus de Offley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales with members, Staffs); Thomas Offley, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Robt. Offley, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); John Ofley, 1564 in *IGI* (Blymhill, Staffs); John Oflee, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Elizabeth Offley, 1609 in *IGI* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Dorathie Offlye, 1609 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Edward Offley, 1630 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); David Offley, 1699 in *IGI* (Shirley, Derbys); Henry Ofley, 1771 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 19; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 417.

## Offlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: see **Offiler**.

## Offord

**Variants:** **Hofford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1193, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 935
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London

English: (i) locative name from Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy (Hunts), which are recorded as *Uppeford* in 1195, *Oppeford* in 1199, and *Offord* in 1200. The place-name derives from Old English *upp* ‘up, upper’ + *ford* ‘ford’. (ii) locative name from a lost place called *Offord* near Pennyford in Wootton Wawen (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Offewurðe* in 1174, *Offord* in 1199, *Offeworth* in 1247. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Offa* + Old English *word* ‘enclosure’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Offewurth, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Offorde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas de Offord, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Norman de Offorde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Thomas de Offord, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Offord, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwicks); Mary Offord, 1567 in *IGI* (Little Bealings, Suffolk); Chas Offord, 1614 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Sarah Offord, 1655 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Offord, 1663 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Offord, 1685 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Mary Offerd, 1686 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Sarah Offerd, 1755, Elizabeth Offard, 1794 in *IGI* (Stowmarket, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 262–3; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 244.

## Ofield

**Variants:** **Offield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Northants and Lincs

English: see **Oldfield**.

**Early bearers:** James Ofield, 1582 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); William Offield, 1604 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); William Ofield, 1626 in *IGI* (Glatten, Hunts); Amy Offield, 1753 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

## O’Flaherty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 945, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Flaithbheartaigh, see **Flaherty**.

## O’Flanagan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Offaly
- Irish: from Ó Flannagáin, see **Flanagan**.

## O’Flinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: see **O’Flynn**.

## O’Flynn

**Variants:** **O’Flinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 744, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Floinn, see **Flynn**.

## Ofori

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from an Akan patrilineal clan name.
- References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006), The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names, *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–235, at p. 216.

## O’Friel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Frighil, see **Friel**.

## Ogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; London
- Irish: of Welsh origin, a variant of **Wogan**, found gaelicized as **Úgán**.

## O’Gara

- Variants:** **Gara**, **Geary**, **Garry**, **Ogara**, **O’Garro**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 52
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Sligo; also Donegal
- Irish: from Ó *Gadhra* ‘descendant of *Gadhra*’, a personal name derived from *gadhar* ‘hound, mastiff’. Compare **McGeary**.
- Early bearers:** Donnsléibhe Ó *Gadhra*, king of Sliabh-Lugu, 1181 in *AU*; Tadhg mac Ruaidhri I *Gadhra*, 1241 in *AU*; Ruaidhri hUa *Gadhra*, king of Sliabh-Lugha, 1256 in *AU* (Mayo); Diarmait mac Eogain hUa *Gadhra*, hUa *Gadhra*, 1495 in *AU*; Shane duff Ó *Gara*, labourer, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4697 (Ratherowe, Galway); Ereill, Ferganim, and Manus Ó *Gara*, gents, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4706 (the Maygh, Sligo); Errill Ó *Garye*, chief of his name, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5434 (Moy, Sligo).

### Ogara

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **O’Gara**.

### O’Garro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: perhaps an altered anglicized form of Ó *Gadhra*, see **O’Gara**. While this name is similar in sound to Scottish Gaelic **Garrow**, the presence of the O’ in the anglicized form makes this an unlikely origin.

### Ogborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Glamorgan; London
- English: see **Ogborne**.

### Ogborne

- Variants:** **Ogborn, Ogbourne, Ogbourn, Ogburn**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: locative name from Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Ogbourne Saint George, and Ogbourne Maizey (Wilts), which are recorded as *Ocheburne* in 1086 and *Occheburne* in 1133. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Oca*, *Occa* + Old English *burna* ‘spring, stream’.
- Early bearers:** Bernarde Ogborne, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Uxbridge, Middx); Wm. Ogborne, 1568 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Richard Ogborne, 1586 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Richi Ogborne, 1592 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Thomas Ogburn, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); John Ogborne, 1606 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Richardi Ogborne, 1615 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Thomas Ogborne, 1634 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Thomas Ogbourne, 1636 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Edward Ogbourne, 1657 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Gyles Ogbourn, 1664 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); John Ogborn, 1667 in *IGI* (Upton Lovell, Wilts); William Ogburn, 1684 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 303.

### Ogbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Ogborne**.

### Ogbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: see **Ogborne**.

### Ogburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: see **Ogborne**.

### Ogden

- Variants:** **Ogdon, Oakden**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 7389, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name, chiefly from Ogden (Lancs) and occasionally perhaps from one of the other many minor places in Lancs and WR Yorks named with Old English *āc* + *denu* ‘oak valley’.
- Early bearers:** Elias de Akeden, de Aggeden, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Okeden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Alexander Ogden, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Janne Ogden, 1558 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); William Ogden, 1612 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Phillip Oakden, 1668 in *IGI* (Cauldon, Staffs); Will Oakden, 1672 in *IGI* (Waterfall, Staffs); Edmund Oakden, 1680 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Ogdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys; Durham
- English: see **Ogden**.

### Ogier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English, Huguenot: see **Ogier**.

### Ogg

- Variants:** **Oag**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 938
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland, esp. Aberdeens; also Lincs
- 1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *òg* ‘young’, denoting the younger of two bearers of the same name (typically, father and son).
- Early bearers:** Donald Oge, 1457 in *Arbroath Register* (Aberdeen); Finla McJames Uig, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Abernethy, Perth); Henrietta Oagg, 1796 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness).
- 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ogge* (Old English *Oga*, *Ogga*), unexplained.
- Further information:** Reaney and Wilson derive the modern English name from the Middle English personal name *Ogge* (Old English *O(g)ga*), attested in *Ogge filius Adam*, 1199 in *Pleas* (Staffs), and Ralph filius *Ogg*, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*, but no evidence has been found that it gave rise to a hereditary surname in Lincs or elsewhere.
- Early bearers:** given names: *Ogge filius Adam*, 1199 in *Pleas* (Staffs).

surnames: Ralph filius *Ogg*, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; William *Og*, 1369 in *London Letter Books G* (London); John *Ogh*, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Ogier

- Variants:** **Oger, Odger, Odgear, Odgers**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Oger*, *Ogier*, an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Odger*, *Og(ger)* (from \**aud-* ‘wealth’ + \**gair-* ‘spear’).
- Early bearers:** given names: *Ogerus Brito*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics); *Odgarus de Lind*, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).
- surnames: *Ogerus filius Ogeri*, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas *Oger*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter *Ogger*, 1306 in *London Court Rolls*; Thomas *Oger*, 1560, Richard *Odger*, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Thomas *Ogier*, 1637 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Betty *Odgear*, 1782 in *IGI* (Martyavy, Devon); Thomas *Ogier*, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey).
- 2 Huguenot: French *Ogier*, with the same etymology as (1) and reintroduced from France by Huguenots in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- Early bearers:** Marthe *Ogier*, 1597 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jaques *Ogier*, 1612 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jaques *Oger*, 1624, Jaques *Ogier*, 1626 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Franssoise *Oger*, 1709 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Ogilby

- Variants:** **Ogleby, Oglesby, Oglesbee**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 123
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- 1 Scottish: variant of **Ogilvie**.
- 2 Irish: from Ó *Giolla Bhuidhe*, see **Gilboy**.

### Ogilvie

- Variants:** **Ogilvy, Ogilwy, Ogilby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3218, Ireland 71
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2767
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; also Midlothian; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Ogilvie in Glamis (Angus).
- Further information:** A Scottish family of this name descend from Gilibride, Earl of Angus (died about 1187), whose son Gilbert was granted the lands of *Ogguluin* (Ogilvie) in the late 12th century. *Ogilvie* was also the name of a barony in Banffs, but that took its name from the surname.
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Oggoluin, before 1232 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany*; Patrick de Oggiluill, about 1267 in *Aberdeens Court Records*; Walter de Ogilby, 1425, Thomas of Oglevy, 1466 in *Scotland Calendar*; Margarit Ogilvie, 1555 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Patrik Ogilby, 1580, William Ogilvie, 1620 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Alexr. Ogilvie, 1627 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).
- 2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Gilboy**.

**Ogilvy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 672
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Ogilvie**.

**Ogilwy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish: see **Ogilvie**.

**Ogle****Variants: Ogles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1044, Ireland 272
- **GB frequency 1881:** 952
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, Louth, and Meath; Fermanagh

English: locative name from Ogle in Whalton (Northumb), which is recorded as *Ogle* in 1180, *Hoggul* in 1212, and *Oghyll* in about 1250. The place-name might derive from the Old English personal name *Ocga* + Old English *hyll* 'hill'.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland since the mid-17th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ogle, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Agnes Dogel, Gilbert Dogel, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northumb); Robert de Oggele, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Richard de Oggele, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johannes Ogle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northumb); Robertus de Ogle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Rogerus Ogill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Ogle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Richard Ogle, 1519 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 151–2.

**Ogleby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England
- Scottish, Irish: see **Ogilby**.

**Ogles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: variant of **Ogle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Ogles, 1620 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); James Ogles, 1630 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Robt Ogles, 1640 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Richard Ogles, 1657 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Ogles, 1679 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); William Ogles, 1699 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Abrah. Ogles, 1712 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Rebecca Ogles, 1729 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**Oglesbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Scottish, Irish: see **Ogilby**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Oglesby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 160

- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks
- Scottish, Irish: see **Ogilby**.

**Oglethorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English: locative name from Oglethorpe Hall in Bramham (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Ocelestorp* in 1086 and *Okelesthorp* in 1242. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Oddkell* + Old Scandinavian or Old English *þorp* 'secondary settlement, outlying farmstead'.
- Early bearers:** Hemer de Ocelestorp, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Okilsthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramham with Oglethorpe, WR Yorks); Willelmo Ogythorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlby, ER Yorks); William Ogylsthorpe, 1407 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Maria Oglethorpe, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 83.

**Ogley****Variants: Hogley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Hogley in Austonley (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Oldehoggelay* in 1308 and *Hogley* in 1709. The place-name appears to derive from Old English *\*hogg* 'hog' + *lēah* 'open woodland'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to connect this name with Ogle Hay (Staffs), as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson*.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Hogley, 1316, Richard Hogley, 1350 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Austonley, WR Yorks); Adam Hoggelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton, WR Yorks); Egidius de Hoggelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Willm. Ogley, 1565 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 263.

**O'Gorman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1854, Ireland 3282
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Gormáin, see **Gorman**.

**O'Grady****Variants: Grady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3066, Ireland 3684
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Mayo
- Irish: from Ó Grádaigh 'descendant of Gráda', a personal name meaning 'noble'.
- Early bearers:** Domnall O Grada, chief of Cenel Dunghaile, 1311 in *AU*; Loughlen and William Graddy, burgesses, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §840 (Limerick); Edmund Graudy alias O'Grady, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1106 (Thomond); Daniel Graudye, landholder, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2903 (Limerick).

**Ogram****Variants: Orgram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; also Cambs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Algrim*, *Augrim*, *Ougrim*, probably representing Old French forms of Continental Germanic *Ald(i)grim*, *Olgrim* (from *\*ald-* 'old, venerable' + *\*grim-* 'helmet; fierce').

**Further information:** The Domesday Book *Algrim* could alternatively represent Anglo-Scandinavian *\*Álgrímr*; see *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*. This would not give rise to *Augrim* and *Ougrim*, however, which involve sound changes restricted to Old French names.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Algrim*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); *Algrim de Frisemareis*, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (the lost Frismarsh, Sunk Island, ER Yorks); *Augrim son of Gocelin*, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Hedon, ER Yorks).

sumames: Richard Augryme, son of Thomas Augryme, 1317 in *Yorks Deeds* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Hamo Owgryme, 1368 in *York Freemen's Register* (Stoneferry, Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard Ougrym, 1389 in *Yorks Deeds* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); William Ogrym, 1464, Robert Ogram, 1527 in *Hull Rentals and Accounts* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thomas Ogram, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Ogram, 1600, 1750 in *IGI* (Pattrington, ER Yorks); Richard Ogram, 1608 in *IGI* (Carlton cum Willingham, Cambs).

**Ogston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Ogston in Aberdeens.

**Further information:** The place may be the same as that referred to in the name of Symonem de Hogeston, 1224–42 in *Moray Register* 94.

**Early bearers:** John de Oguston, 1240 in *Moray Register* (Duffus, Morays); John de Ogistoun, 1417 in *Arbroath Register* (Tarvas, Angus); Janet Ogistoun, 1524 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Kinross, Perth); John Ogistoun, 1632 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Reidoupes, Aberdeens).

**Ogun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Ògún*, the name of the traditional god of iron and warfare (compare also Yoruba *ogun* 'war'). It is an abridged form of names beginning with *Ògún-* such as **Ogunleye**, **Ogunyemi**.

**Ogunleye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Ògúnleye* (Yoruba *ògún l' èyè* 'Ògún (the traditional god of iron and warfare) has honour').

**Ogunyemi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Ògúnnyemi* (Yoruba *Ògún nyè mí* 'Ògún suits or benefits me', *Ògún* being the name of the traditional god of iron and warfare).

**Oh**Variants: **O**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- 1 Korean: (오; Chinese character 吳). Historically, there were two Chinese characters for the O surname, but by the late Koryŏ period (14th century AD), one of them had disappeared. This surname is borne by descendants of Oh Ch'ŏm (吳瞻), who migrated to Korea from China during the reign of the Shilla king Chijŏng (reigned AD 500–14).
- 2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 胡, see **Wu** (6). This pronunciation is found in E Guangdong province, Fujian province, and Taiwan, from where people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia.

**O'Hagan**Variants: **Hagan, Hoggan, Hagans, Haggan, Hegan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1729, Ireland 1455
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó hÁgáin 'descendant of Ógáin', a personal name based on a diminutive of óg 'young'. **Early bearers:** Mac Craith hUa Oca[i]n, steward of Cenel-Fergusa, 1081 in *AU*; Ragnhalla hUa Oca[i]n, rechtaire (lawgiver) of Telach-og, 1103 in *AU* (Tyrone); Brian dorchá mac Eogain Uí Again, 1485 in *AU*; Tadhg hUa Ogáin, 1504 in *AU* (Tyrone); Patrick O Haggan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844 (Dublin); Hugh O Hagane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Tyrone); Owyn O Hagane, of Tulloghoge, chief of his name, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Tyrone); Mewe ny Agan, gentlewoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6734 (Monaghan); Edmund mcArt O'Hagane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Nell O'Hagane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735; Owyn O'Hagane of Tulloghoge, chief of his name, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Tulloghoge, Tyrone); Phelix Hegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryoran, Tyrone); John Hegan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Gerard Hogans, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogherny, Tyrone); Michael O'Hagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonduff, Down); Patrick Hagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down); Bryan Hagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone).

**O'Hair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **O'Hare**.  
Further information: This spelling of the name is not used in Ireland.

**O'Haire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish: see **O'Hare**.

**O'Halloran**Variants: **Holleran, Holloran, Halloran, Hollern, Halleron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1510, Ireland 3359
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs; London: Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare
- Irish: from Ó hAllmhuráin 'descendant of *Allmhuráin*', a personal name from a diminutive of *allmhurach* 'foreigner' (from *all* 'beyond' + *muir* 'sea').  
**Early bearers:** Donogh mcTeige O'Hallowrane, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2798 (Ballynegeragh); Donagh more O'Hallorane, horseboy, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2840; Loughlen oge O'Hallowran, 1581–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3820 (Kiletrohe); Loughlin oge O'Halliorane, yeoman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4482 (Transton, Limerick).

**O'Hanlan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó hAnluain, see **Hanlon**.

**O'Hanlon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1850, Ireland 656
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Louth
- Irish: from Ó hAnluain, see **Hanlon**.

**O'Hanrahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó hAnradháin, a fuller form of **Hanrahan**.

**O'Hara**Variants: **Hara, O'Hora, Hora**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6867, Ireland 3972
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1706
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Mayo; Antrim
- Irish: from Ó hEaghra 'descendant of *Eaghra*', a personal name of uncertain derivation. Since in anglicized spellings final *-e* still sometimes represents a syllable, this surname was sometimes later confused with **O'Hare**.  
**Early bearers:** Domnall H. hEaghra, king of Luighne (Leyney) of Connacht, 1023 in *AU*; Duarcán Ua hEghra, king of Luighne, 1059 in *AU*; Conchobhar got hUa hEadhra 'the stammerer', king of Luighne, 1202 in *AU*; Uilliam mac in easpaig hUa hEaghra Riabhach, 'son of the bishop', 1476 in *AU*; Seaan, Cormac, and Maghnus, sons of Uí Eaghra Buidhe, 1493 in *AU*; Brian O Harree, tawnyst in O Harree Buye's country, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3391 (Sligo); Doncha O Hara, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4686 (Clanine, Sligo); Rorie ballagh O'Harre, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897 (Antrim); Rory keaghe O Hary, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5865 (Balnefinoge, Sligo); Felimie mcCormock I Hara, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim).

**O'Hare**Variants: **O'Hehir, O'Haire, O'Hair, O'Hear, Hare, Haire, Hair, Hehir, Hare, Hire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3300, Ireland 2800
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow and Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- 1 Irish: from Ó hAichir 'descendant of *Aichear*', a personal name based on the epithet *aichear* 'fierce, sharp'. The personal name on which this surname is based was originally disyllabic. Although the anglicized spellings **O'Hehir** and **Hehir** still exist, particularly in Ireland, pronunciation in later northern Irish has caused Ó hAichir to fall together with another surname, based on a one-syllable personal name, as in sense 2.  
**Early bearers:** Conor O'Heaher, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3042 (Inchequin, Clare); Donogh O'Hehir, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3091 (Aglis Radromy, Clare); Connell mcConnor O'Heahire, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4753 (Kilveaddan, Clare); Donogh mcTumultie I Hare, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4782; Shane O'Heigher, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4856; Gilduf O'Heare, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Galway); Hugh O'Heahir, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Galway); Owene O'Heheir, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5562 (Askeatton); James and Patrick O'Haghir, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6531 (Reighill); Mortagh mcConell O'Hegher, 1602–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765.  
2 Irish: from Ó hÍr or Ó hÉir 'descendant of *Ír*', a personal name, possibly meaning 'long-lasting', borne by a legendary ancestor of the north of Ireland. This name was always monosyllabic. Another current Irish anglicization (including sense 1) is **Haire**.  
**Early bearers:** Tumultagh mcWilliam O Hare, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4782 (Castle Carrigh, Tireraghe, Sligo); Connor and Egh O Heer, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5083 (Ballin, Connaght); Gilduf O'Heare, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5401 (Galway).

**O'Hea**Variants: **Hea, Hughes, Hay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from O hAodha, 'descendant of *Aodh*', a frequent ancient Irish personal name, usually explained as being from a word meaning 'fire'. It was pronounced 'ay', 'ee', or 'oo' and anglicized as *Hugh*. Compare **McCoy, McKay, McHugh**. It is also anglicized as **Gee, Hayes, and Hughes**.  
**Early bearers:** Muiredhach H. Aedha, king of Múscraige, 1010 in *AU*; Hua Aedha, king of Uí Fhiachrach of Ardstraw, 1069 in *AU* (Tyrone); Flann h. Aedha, monastic successor of Énna of Aran, 1110 in *AU*; Paitin hUa hAedha, candle of all Uí Cinnsealaigh, 1165 in *AU*; Ferdorcha mac an bhallaigh hUí Aedha, 1493 in *AU* (Tyrone); Teig O Hee, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2317 (Ballydowan, Cork); William O Hea, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3043 (Carrikerell, Limerick); Donell oge mcDonell Yea, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4700 (Kyry, Mooskry).

**O'Hear**Variants: **Hear, Heare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: see **O'Hare**.

## O'Hehir

### O'Hehir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó hAichir, see **O'Hare**.

### O'Herlihy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó hIarfhflatha, see **Herlihy**.

### O'Higgins

#### Variants: Higgins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: from Ó hUiginn 'descendant of *Uiginn*', a personal name meaning 'viking, sea-rover', from Old Scandinavian *vikingr*. The final *-s* was added later by analogy with English possessives.

**Further information:** The O'Higgins family is a sept of O'Neill. The Chilean liberator Bernardo O'Higgins (1778–1842) was the illegitimate son of Ambrosio O'Higgins (1720–1801), colonial governor of Chile under the Spanish empire. Ambrosio (alias Ambrose) was born in the county of Sligo.

**Early bearers:** Tadhg hUa hUigind, poet, 1391 in *AU*; Feircert hUa hUigind, poet and guesthouse keeper, 1419 in *AU*; Ruaidhri ruadh hUa hUiginn, poet, 1425 in *AU*; Brian mac Fergail ruaidh hUi hUigind, poet and tutor in poetry, 1476 in *AU*; Eoghan mac Briain I Uiginn, tutor in poetry, 1510 in *AU*; Brian O'Higan, husbandman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1602 (Kilbeg, Westmeath); Gillernoe A Higgen, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223 (Kings county [Offaly]); Cowhegery O Higyn, kern, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3344 (the Gortine, King's county [Offaly]); Owen O Higen, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4074 (Lisnamnamay, Roscommon).

### O'Hora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from Ó hEagra, see **O'Hara**.

### Ohri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Ojo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a Yoruba *àmútòrunwá* (circumstance name) *Ójó*, traditionally given to a male child born with the umbilical cord round the neck. A female counterpart is named *Àiná*.

**References:** *Oduyoye*, pp. 85–6.

### Okafor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): relationship name from the Igbo personal name *Okafor*, from Igbo *oko* 'born' + *afor* one of the four days of the week, a market day, in the Igbo mythology of the kingdom of Nri.

### Okai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

### O'Kane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1636, Ireland 3372
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim: esp. Derry
- Irish: from Ó Catháin 'descendant of *Cathán*', a personal name derived from *cath* 'battle'. As lords of Keenaght in Derry the O'Kanes were a leading sept in Ulster up to the time of the Plantation (early 17th century). Compare **Cane**.

**Early bearers:** Conchobur Ua Catha[i]n, 1171 in *AU*; Echmarcach hUa Catha[i]n, 1175 in *AU*; Gilla-Crist O Catha[i]n, 1181 in *AU*; Maghnus Ua Cathain, 1206 in *AU*; Cathal dubh mac Conmuidhe hUi Cathan, 1381 in *AU*; Maghnus hUa Cathan, Ua Catháin, 1468 in *AU*; Donnall cleirech Ua Cathain 'the cleric', 1503 in *AU*; Gofraid mac Donnchaidh Í Cathán, 1526 in *AU*; Maghe and Hugh O Kahane, cottiers, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Rasallagh, Dublin); Kon roe O Kahan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4707 (Shanganaghe, Galway); Donnogh mcMorice O Cahan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4897 (Antrim); Dwoncane growma O Cahine, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633 (Antrim); Donald alias Daniel O Cahan, gent., chief of his name, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6687 (Kryue alias O'Cahan's country, Ulster); Owen O'Cahan, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyeaston, Antrim); Ogín O'Kane, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyeaston, Antrim).

### Oke

#### Variants: Oak, Oake, Oakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 960, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Middle English *ok(e)* 'oak tree', denoting residence by an oak tree. See also **Noek**, **Rock** (2), and **Troke**.

**Early bearers:** Adam at þe Ock, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas del Oke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas atten Oke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Oake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aike, ER Yorks); Ricardus atte Oke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Joana Oke, 1567 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

### O'Keane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from Ó Catháin or Ó Céin, see **Keane**.

### O'Keefe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2918, Ireland 685
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tipperary and Waterford

Irish: from Ó Caoimh, see **O'Keeffe**.

### O'Keeffe

#### Variants: O'Keefe, Keeffe, Keefe, Keeff, Keef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2444, Ireland 7501
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from Ó Caoimh 'descendant of *Caomh*', a personal name based on *caomh* 'gentle'.  
**Early bearers:** Arthur O Kief, alias O Kief, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Dromagh, Cork); Manus mcConnor I Keef, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4752 (Ramyskie); Uligg O'Keyve, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5535 (Ballenlenige, Munster); Owin mcArt oge O'Keeve, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5689 (Killaliehane); Art oge O'Kyffe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499 (Dromynyne); David McTeig Y Keeff, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566; Owin roe O'Kive, 1601 *Fiants Elizabeth* §6564 (Tample ehenna).

### Okeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from the Igbo personal name *Okeke*, from Igbo *oko* 'born' + *eke* one of the four days of the week, a market day, in the Igbo mythology of the kingdom of Nri.

### O'Kell

#### Variants: Kell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- Of uncertain origin; perhaps a variant of Irish **O'Kelly**. Alternatively, it may be a false Irishization of **Kell**.

### Okell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Oakhill**.

### O'Kelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 581, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: see **Kelly**.

### Okely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Oakley**.

### Okey

#### Variants: Oakey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Middx; Gloucs; Glamorgan; Warwicks

<sup>1</sup> English: from the Middle English personal name *Oky*, *Aki* (Old Danish *Aki*, Old Swedish *Ake*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Aki, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Achi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs, Suffolk, and Warwicks); Oky, Hoky, 1327–77 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rydware, Staffs).

• surnames: Henry Aky, Oky, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William Oky, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Elyas Oky, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Okky, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Purley, Berks); Jane Okey, 1565 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); Tho. Okey, 1568 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); William Oakey,

1651 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); Mary Oakey, 1668 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys).  
2 English: see **Oakey**.

### Okill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Oakhill**.

### Okoli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): relationship name from the male given name *Okoli*, of unknown origin.

### Okonkwo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): relationship name from the Igbo personal name *Okonkwo*, from Igbo *oko* 'born' + *nkwo* one of the four days of the week, a market day, in the Igbo mythology of the kingdom of Nri.

### Okoro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): relationship name from an Igbo personal name, said to mean 'child of a free-born man'.

### Okoye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Igbo): from the Igbo personal name *Okoye*, from Igbo *oko* 'born' + *orie* one of the four days of the week, a market day, in the Igbo mythology of the kingdom of Nri. The surname is an Anambra dialect form of *Okorie*.

### Okyere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from *okyere*, an Akan patrilineal clan name.  
**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006), *The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15,2, pp. 206–235, at p. 216.

### Ola

Variants: **Olah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from Yoruba *olá* 'high estate, nobility, wealth', here an abbreviation of a name with a second element, such as *Oláolú* 'nobility of God' or **Oladipo**.  
**References:** *Oduyoye*, pp. 83–4.

### Oladipo

Variants: **Ladipo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Oládípò* (Yoruba *olá* *dí* *púpò*, literally 'wealth or status has become many (multiplied)').  
**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 83.

### Olah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- 1 Nigerian: see **Ola**.  
2 Hungarian: from *Oláh*, an ethnic name meaning 'Romanian'.

### Olajide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Olájídé* (Yoruba *olá jí dé* 'honour has arrived early in the morning').

### Olaleye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Oláléye* (Yoruba *olá ní èyè* 'wealth or status has honour').

### Olaniyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the Yoruba personal name *Oláníyan* (Yoruba *olá ní iyan* 'nobility has (its own) swagger').  
**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 84.

### Olanrewaju

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Olánrewájú* (Yoruba *olá ní re iwájú* 'nobility progresses or advances').  
**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 83.

### Olatunji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Olátúnjì* (Yoruba *olá tún jí* 'nobility has awoken again').

### Olbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Cheshire
- English: see **Albinson**.

### Old

Variants: **Ould, Awde, Auld, Youd, Olds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1516, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Dorset and Somerset; Northants; also Durham; Midlothian
- English: nickname from Middle English *old(e)* 'old' (Old English *eald*), used not always to imply old age but also to distinguish the older of two bearers of the same personal name, as in the case of Wulfstan Ealda and Wulfstan Geonga ('the young'), about 1060 in *Tengvik* (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Vetus, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Gerardus Senex, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Henry le Olde, Roger Old, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Olde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Maizey, Wilts); Johannes Olde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atherfield, Hants); Father John Old, 1556 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Alyne Old, 1561 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Henrici Ould, 1564 in *IGI*

(Trusley, Derbys); John Old, 1567 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Joan Old, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Pattens, London); John Olde, 1588 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Symon Ould, 1629 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall); Elizabeth Old, 1646 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); Abraham Old, 1665 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); Theodore Old, 1696 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).  
Scotland: Margaret Ould, 1605 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Old, 1646 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Old, 1646 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Marione Old, 1661 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Old, 1669 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

### Oldacre

Variants: **Oldaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name for one who lived by a place named as 'the old ploughed field' (Old English *ald* 'old' + *æcer* 'plot of arable or cultivated land').  
**Early bearers:** Richardus Oldaker, 1562 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); John Oldacre, 1580 in *IGI* (West Stoke, Sussex); Henrici Oldacre, 1596 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Joan Oldacre, 1607 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Eduardi Oldacre, 1611 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Henry Oldaker, 1625 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Thomas Oldaker, 1637 in *IGI* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Josiah Oldaker, 1681 in *IGI* (Buckland, Gloucs); Johannes Oldacre, 1693 in *IGI* (Armitage, Staffs); Richard Oldaker, 1695 in *IGI* (Wickhamford, Worcs).

### Oldaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Oldacre**.

### Oldale

Variants: **Oldall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name, probably from *Wooldale* (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Wulvedale* in 1307. The place-name derives from Old English *wulf* 'wolf' + Old English *dæl* or Old Scandinavian *dalr* 'valley'. The local pronunciation of the place-name, with loss of initial *w-*, is given as [u:dl] in *Place-Names of WR Yorks*.  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Wolvedale, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wooldale, WR Yorks); Johannes Woldale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snydale, WR Yorks); Adam Woldale, 1469 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (WR Yorks); Johis Ouldale, 1596, Jonathan Oldale, 1762, James Oldall, 1778 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Oldall, 1751 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 253.  
2 English: locative name, occasionally from one or other of the many places in England named Old Hall, such as Old Hall in Rayne (Essex), which is recorded as *Old Halle* in 1425–35, and probably derives from Middle English *olde* 'old' + *halle* 'large residence, hall' (Old English *ald*, *hall*).

## Oldall

**Early bearers:** Thoma atte Oldehale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rayne, Essex); John atte Oldehale, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Oldhale, 1431 in *Paston Letters*; John Oldale, 1604 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 452.

3 English: perhaps a variant of **Oldnall**.

## Oldall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Oldale**.

## Oldam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Derbys
- English: see **Oldham**.

## Oldbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 270
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Oldbury (Warwicks, Worcs, Shrops), Oldbury on the Hill in Didmarton (Gloucs), Oldbury upon Severn (Gloucs), or Oldbury Castle in Cherhill (Wilts). The place-names derive from Old English *ald* 'old' + *burh* 'fortified place', although the Worcs place-name may alternatively have the Old English personal name *Ealda* as the initial element.
- Early bearers:** Jacobus de Oldebur', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Oldebury, 1334 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Hugo Holdebery, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); William Oldebury, 1402 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Oldebury, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Burston, Worcs); Isabell Oldbury, 1602 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); John Oldburye, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Astley, Shrops); Charles Oldbury, 1761 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); Joseph Oldbury, 1778 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).
- References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 8, 28; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 226–7; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 92; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 262; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 299.

## Oldcorn

**Variants:** **Aldcorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: relationship name, nickname, probably from an otherwise unrecorded personal name, Middle English *Eldcorn*, *Oldcorn* (Old English \**Ealdcorn*, \**Aldcorn*), or possibly from a nickname of obscure origin, but apparently meaning 'old grain'. **Early bearers:** Godwin Oldcorn, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Matilda Eldcorn, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John Oldcorn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Avelina and Ricardus Oldcorn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gooderstone, Norfolk); John Holdcorn, 1520 in *York Guild Register*; John Aldcorne, 1533, in Awdcorn, 1540 in *York Freeman's Register*; Margrat Aldcorn, 1636 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); James Oldcorn, 1664 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Marion Oldcorn, 1666, and John Oldcorn, 1667 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); John Oldcorn, 1667 in *IGI*

(Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); Joseph Oldcorn, 1761 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

## Olden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 103
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Hants; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: see **Alden**.  
2 Irish: this name is common in Ireland, where it may also be an altered form of the English name **Oldham**.

## Older

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: see **Alder**.

## Oldershaw

**Variants:** **Houldershaw**, **Eldershaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands
- English: locative name from Aldershawe near Lichfield (Staffs), which is recorded as *Alreshagh* in 1255. The place-name derives from Old English *alor* 'alder' + *sceaga* 'small wood, copse'. **Early bearers:** Juliana de Alreshawe, 1307 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh de Alreshawe, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh de Alreshaw, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Willm. Oldershaw, 1558, Dorithie Eldershaw, 1613 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Johannes Eldershaw, 1578 in *IGI* (Barlston, Staffs); Henrici Oldershaw, 1587 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); William Oldershaw or Oaldershaw, 1617, Thomas Oldershawe, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Kegworth, Leics); Stephen Eldershaw, 1675, Elizabeth Aldershaw, 1725 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).
- References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 82.

## Oldfield

**Variants:** **Ofield**, **Offield**, **Elderfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5594, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4890
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: locative name for someone who lived by 'the old field' or in a district known as 'the old open country', from Middle English *olde* + *feld* (Old English *ald*, *feld*). It is the source of place-names such as Allfield in Conover (Shrops), Alfell Farm in Elmstead (Essex), Oldfield Grove in Langley (Essex), The Offal in Comberton (Cambs), Offal End in Haslingfield (Cambs), Offals Wood in Steeple Morden (Cambs), and many places called Oldfield in WR Yorks, of which the one near Ludden Foot in Sowerby and the one in Honley, next to Meltham, definitely gave rise to hereditary surnames. **Early bearers:** Agnes de Aldefeld, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert de le Aldefeld, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam del Oldefeld', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Honley, WR Yorks); Johannes del Oldfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Philippus . . . Oldfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Holdefeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Willelmo Oldefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledbury

foreign, Herefs); Willelmus de Oldefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Roger Oldfield, 1564 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Robert Oldfield, 1578 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richardus Oldfield, 1578 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); John Oldfield, 1579 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Thomas Oldfield, 1591 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Laurence Oldfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Oldfield, 1599 in *IGI* (Barlow, Derbys); Grace Oldfield, 1609 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Hughe Oldfield, 1611 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Thomas Oldfield, 1662 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Oldford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Oldford**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Oldham

**Variants:** **Oldam**, **Holdham**, **Olden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5062, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Oldham (Lancs), which is recorded as *Aldholm* in 1246, *Olddelum* in 1276, and *Oldmo* in 1332. The place-name derives from Old English *ald* 'old' + Old Scandinavian *holmr* 'island, water meadow'. **Early bearers:** Richard de Oldham, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Robert Oldum, 1470 in *Close Rolls* (London); Ralph Oldham, Oldam, 1508, 1514 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); John Owldam, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); William Oldum, 1677 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Aldum, 1726 in *IGI* (Kingswood near Dursley, Gloucs); James Aldom, 1736 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs).
- References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 50.

## Olding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: perhaps a variant of **Holdring** (see **Holden**) with loss of initial *H*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Oldinge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kings Somborne, Hants); Stephen Oldinge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fawley, Hants); William Olding, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nursling, Hants); Henrie Olden, 1610, Rebecca Olding, 1612, Henry Oldin, 1670 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Olding, 1614 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Phillip Olding, 1624 in *IGI* (Poughill, Devon); Robert Olding, 1640, John Ouldin, 1649, Joan Oulden, 1684 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Abraham Olding, 1651, Wlm. Olden, 1720 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Stephen Olding, 1668 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Thomas Olden, 1731 in *IGI* (Nursling, Hants).

## Oldis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Gloucs and Somerset

English: (i) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English male personal name \**Aldhise*,



\**Oldhise*, representing Old English \**Ealdhyse*, from *eald* 'old' + *hyse* 'young man, warrior', a type of compound attested in *Domesday Book* by Old English *Brūnhyse*, *Godhyse*, and *Lēofhyse*. (ii) in E England alternatively, it may be a variant of **Aldous**, though the absence of early bearers from E Anglia until the 19th century suggests that the more probable source there is (i) above, through late migration.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Oldhise, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leigh, Dorset); John Oldis, 1560 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Katherin Oldis, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Thomas Oldis, 1672 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); John Oldis, 1746 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Oldis, 1775 in *IGI* (Langton Herring, Dorset); Ann Oldis, 1801 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Oldknow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *olde inough* 'old enough' (Old English *eald*, *genōh*). Compare **Goodenough**.

**Early bearers:** William Aldinoh, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Oldknow, 1619 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); Mary Oldknow, 1689 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys).

### Oldland

**Variants:** **Holland, Aland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Oldland (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Aldelande* in 1086. The place-name means 'the old land', from Old English *eald* 'old' + *land* 'land'. Compare **Aland** (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de la Aldelond', Hugh del Heldeponde, 1260–70 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); William de Oldlond, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); John atte Olddelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Aldelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartpur, Gloucs); John Olddelond', 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset and Somerset); Morris Oldland, 1608 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Jeremiah Oldland, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Elizabeth Rose Eleanor Oldland, 1819 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine Coleman, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 81.

### Oldman

**Variants:** **Olman, Allman, Holdman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Aberdeens

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *ald*, *old* 'old' and *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** England: William Aldeman, 1196–1237 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Robert Oldman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Alexandro Aldeman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thirkleby, NR Yorks); Marjery Oldmanes, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Oldman, 1314 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (WR Yorks); William Aldman, 1327 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs); Johannes Aldman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Agn' Oldman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billesdon, Leics); Johanne Oldman, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Bedwyn, Wilts); Johannes Oldman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gooderstone, Norfolk); Anna Oldman, 1541 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Christopher Oldman, 1559 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Henerie Oldman, 1571 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); William Oldman, baxter, 1584–5 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Oldman, 1595 in *IGI* (Crowcombe, Somerset). Scotland: Barbara Oldman, 1634 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); Mariori Oldman, 1634 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 49.

2 English: variant of **Holdman**.

### Oldnall

**Variants:** **Olddale, Olner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: locative name from Oldhall Farm in Rock, Oldnall Farm in Old Swinford (both Worcs), or from a lost place called *Oldnall End* in Berkswell (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Oldenhale* in 1327. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Ealda* or Old English *ald* 'old' + Old English *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Oldehale, Reg. de la Oldehale, 1275, Alan atten Oldenhal, Henry atte Oldenhal, 1327, Alan atte Holdenhall, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Thomas Oldenhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemlingford hundred, Warwicks); William Oldnall, 1540, Edward Oldnell, 1619 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Oldall, 1554 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Edward Oldnall, 1579 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Edward Oldnal, 1692 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 73, 310;

*Löfvenberg*, p. 142; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 58.

### Oldreive

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *olde* 'old' + *reve* 'reeve', for someone who was an old (or former) reeve. See **Reeve**.

**Early bearers:** William le Oldereve, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Isable Oldreive, 1591 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Samuel Oldreive, 1598 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Samuel Oldreive, 1665 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Joane Oldreive, 1682 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Robert Oldreive, 1686 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); John Oldreive, 1699 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon).

### Oldrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Oldrey Farm in Winsford (Somerset), although this place may take its name from the surname. (ii) perhaps alternatively a variant of **Aldridge**.

**Early bearers:** William Oldree, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Henry Oldrey, 1660 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Henry Oldrey, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); John Oldrey, 1711 in *IGI* (Slapton, Devon); Edward Oldrey, 1757 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Oldridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; also Lincs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Aldridge**.

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Aldrige, 1599, Anne Oldridge, 1623, Ann Aldridge, 1824, in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Grace Aldridge, 1643, Jane Oldrige, 1696 in *IGI* (York); Richard Ouldridge, 1660 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); John Oldridge, 1683 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Elizabeth Oldrich, 1747 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); John Oldridge, 1769, John Aldridge, 1794 in *IGI* (Axminster).

### Oldroyd

**Variants:** **Holdroyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1813, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1515
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Ollerhead**, remodelled as if from a place-name containing Yorks dialect *royd* 'clearing' (Old English \**rodu*).

**Early bearers:** John Ollerere or Oldrode, 1573–7 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Alice Ouldroyd, 1594, Josephe Owdroide, 1612 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Ouldred, 1595 in *IGI* (Guisley, WR Yorks); Samuel Ouldroid, 1654, Wmi. Oldrid, 1671 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Robert Ouldroyde, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Owrid, 1831, John Oldroyd, 1835 in *IGI* (Bierley, WR Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Olds

**Variants:** **Oulds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Gloucs

English: variant of **Old** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Olds, 1575, Sarah Oulds, 1649 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Hanna Oulds, 1629 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Olds, 1635 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); John Olds, 1754 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall).

### O'Leary

**Variants:** **Leary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5649, Ireland 9045
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó **Laoghaire** 'descendant of *Laoghaire*', a personal name meaning 'keeper of the calves', from *laogh* 'calf'.

**Further information:** *Laoghaire* was the personal name of a 5th-century king of Ireland.

**Early bearers:** William O'Leary, mariner, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §690 (Kinsall); Awly mcTeig O'Leary, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Carrignygeylaghe); Donogh mcConoghor O'Leary, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4444 (Carrignygeylaghe, Cork); Margaret ny Connor Y Leary, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781; Art O Lery alias O Lery, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Carrignygeylaghe, Cork); Art mcTeig O'Leary, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Garricangalany); Donell mcShane I Lerie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539

## Olerenshaw

(Carrigimigillagh); Owen mcTeig O'Lerie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Carregungalany).

### Olerenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Ollerenshaw**.

### Oley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Norman, English: see **Olley**.

### Olford

**Variants:** **Oldford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Hants; NR Yorks

English: variant of **Holford** with loss of initial *H*-.

### Oliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex
- English: see **Olliffe**.

**Early bearers:** John Oliff, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Thomas Oliff, 1768 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Oliphant

**Variants:** **Olivant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1148, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Fife; also England: esp. London; Cumb

1 Norman, English, Scottish: nickname from Old French *olifard* or *olifant*, of uncertain meaning. Reaney suggests it might be a derivative of Old French *olif* 'olive' + the pejorative suffix *-ard*, 'a derisive nickname for one who preferred an olive branch to more martial weapons'; it may have denoted a man twisted like an olive tree. The variant *Olifant* may have resulted from the substitution in Old Norman French of the sequence *l-r* by *l-n*, leading to a false association with Old French *olifant* 'elephant'. This heraldic beast appears in the Scottish family's coat of arms. Branches of the Anglo-Norman family owned lands in both England and Scotland. Hugo Olifard was a tenant of Peterborough Abbey about 1123–9 and his son William answered for his land at Lilford (Northants) in 1129–30. David Olifard or Holifard, godson of David I (king of Scotland and earl of Huntingdon), lost his lands at Sawtry (Hunts) after he helped the king escape from the Rout of Winchester in 1141, but he was compensated in 1157 by Malcolm IV of Scotland, who gave him the lordship of Bothwell (Lanarks). The Olifards also acquired lands in Roxburghs. The surname is now chiefly Scottish. **Further information:** The variation between *Olifard* and *Olifant* originated in Normandy. An Osbernus Olifardus occurs in a Norman charter of 1046–8 of William the Bastard (no. 106 in *Fauroux*) who is identical with Osbernus Olifantus in a charter of 1082–7 of William, now 'prince de Normandie' (no. 234 in *Fauroux*).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Oliphard, about 1148 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Herefs); John Olifard, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh Olifard, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William Olivant, 1572 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); John Oliphant, 1575 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Andrew Olyvant, 1596 in *IGI* (Chapel Mumby, Lincs); Jane Olivant, 1597 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Dorothy Olivant, 1646, Ann Olifint, 1761 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Frances Oliphant, 1675, Elizabeth Ollivant, 1692 in *IGI* (Hesket, Cumb); Samuell Olephant, 1679, John Olevant, 1722 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); George Olephant, 1716 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs); George Olivant, 1768 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: David Olifard, 1141 in *Black*; William Olyfat, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*, William Holifarth, 1300 in *Arbroath Register*; Lilius Oliphant, 1620 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Margarat Oliphant, 1642, David Oliphant, 1725, Elspet Oliphant, 1681 in *IGI* (Clatt, Aberdeens); Patrick Oliphant, 1702 in *IGI* (Fowlis Easter, Perth); Christian Oliphant, 1705 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Christian Olephant, 1710, Christian Oliphant, 1818 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness); Wm. Oliphant, 1785 in *IGI* (Rathen, Aberdeens); Isabella Oliphant, 1857 in *IGI* (Anstruther Easter, Fife).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*; *Black*.

2 English: locative name from residence at an inn known as the *Olyphaunt* or 'elephant'. Whether this gave rise to a hereditary surname is unknown, and the post-medieval early bearers from Leics cited below may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Isabell del Olyfaunt, 1318 in *Leicester Borough Records* (Leics); William Olivant, 1686 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Margaret Olivant, 1691 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Anthony Olphin, 1696 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

### Oliva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Spanish, Portuguese, Italian: locative name from Spanish, Portuguese, Italian *oliva* 'olive tree'; in many cases, via a place named with this word.

### Olivant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; also Notts; Cumb

Norman, English: see **Oliphant**.

### Olive

**Variants:** **Ollive**, **Olliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1269, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1072
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; SE England; Gloucs and Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Olive*, from Latin *oliva* 'olive'.

**Further information:** There were two saints named

Oliva, one the patroness of olive trees.

**Early bearers:** given names: Olyve, 1202 in *Ancient Deeds* 2 (Northants); Oliva, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon, Worcs).

surnames: Richard Olive, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Olyve, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thos. Olive, 1541 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Thomas Olyve, 1542 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Edw Olive, 1543 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Griffyn Olive, 1556

in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johann Olive, 1560 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent).

### Oliveira

**Variants:** **De Oliveira**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1596, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Portuguese, Galician: locative name from any of the numerous places named Oliveira, or topographic name from *oliveira* 'olive grove'.

**Early bearers:** Joao D'Oliveira, in *Census 1841* (Plymouth, Devon); Joseph Oliveira, born in Portugal, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Jacques Baron De Oliveira, born in Portugal, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Manoel d'Oliveira, born in Portugal, in *Census 1891* (Warwicks).

### Oliver

**Variants:** **Olliver**, **Olver**, **Olphert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30283, Ireland 859
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21168
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry; Cork; Mayo

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Oliver* (modern French *Olivier*). This became common largely through the influence of the immensely popular narrative poem *Chanson de Roland*, in which the warrior Oliver is the wise best friend of the doomed hero Roland. The two men were peers at the court of Charlemagne, and the name is probably of Germanic origin. Old Scandinavian *Ólaf* and Continental Germanic *Alfihar* have been suggested as sources, but both are difficult to explain phonetically, especially the latter. See also **Boliver**. (ii) Alternatively, the source may be the common French word *olivier* denoting the economically important olive tree.

**Further information:** This Anglo-Norman name has been established in Ireland (Louth) since at least the 14th century, and was reinforced in Ulster and Limerick by migrants from England in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Oliverus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Oliuerus de Vendouer, 1149–62 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, England: Jordan Oliver, Oliuier, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset), 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Willelmus, Jordanus Oliuier, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall), 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robert Olyveyr, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Olifer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Oliver, 1540 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Tamson Olver, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Thomas Oliver, 1545 in *IGI* (Tangmer, Sussex); Marie Oliver, 1556 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Raphe Olver, 1560 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); John Oliver, 1573 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

surnames, Scotland: John Oliver, grieve, 1255 in *Midlothian Charters* (Berwick, Berwicks); Robert Oliver, 1281 in *Stevenson, Documents* (Berwick, Berwicks); Willie Olipher, 1541 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Petarno, Orkney); Robert Olifeir, 1557 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (North Berwick, East Lothian).  
surnames, Ireland: Robert Oliver, 1288 in *CDI* §371 (Uriel); Christopher fitz Olyver, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1166; James Fitz Oliver, husbandman, 1576

in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$2948 (Neuechurch, Kilkenny); Mary Oliver, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraclaone, Monaghan); William Oliver, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); Thomas Olliver, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghnamullen, Monaghan).

### Olivier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Wilts; Jersey

French, Huguenot: relationship name, patronymic from *Olivier*, French form of **Oliver**.

**Early bearers:** Ezechiel Olivier, 1632 in *IGI* (Huguenot Church, Threadneedle Street, London); Francois Jaques Olivier, 1691 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elize Olivier, 1694 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Janne Olivier, 1703 in *IGI* (La Patente, Berwick Street, French Huguenot church, Westminster, Middx).

### Olland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey
- English: see **Oland**.

### Ollerearnshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ollershaw**.

### Ollershaw

Variants: **Olorenshaw, Olerenshaw, Ollerearnshaw, Ollernshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 865, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys

English: locative name from Ollershaw Hall in Chapel en le Frith (Derbys), which is recorded as *Alreuessawe* in 1251 and *Olrynshagh* in 1285. The place-name derives from Old English \**alren* 'growing with alders' (from *alor* 'alder' with the adjectival suffix *-en*) + *sceaga* 'small wood, copse'.

**Early bearers:** Adam del Helerinshagh, John del Olrynshagh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Hugo de Olrynshagh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Philip Olerenshaw, 1628 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Anthonie Ollershaw, 1655 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Joseph Olorenshaw, 1745 in *IGI* (Lighthorne, Warwicks).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 63.

### Ollerhead

Variants: **Oldroyd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from a lost and unidentified place called *Ollerhead*, apparently in Lancs.

Considering the early bearer forms below, the place-name may derive from Old English \**alren* 'growing with alders' (from Old English *alor* 'alder' + the adjectival suffix *-en*) + *hēafod* 'head, top, summit'.

**Early bearers:** [...] de Holrenhead, 1325, Adam del Olerheued, 1443 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Lancs); Robertus Olleredede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Nicholas Ollerhead, 1618 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); Dorothy Ollerhead,

1619 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire); Richi. Olerhead, 1635 in *IGI* (Hargrave, Cheshire); John Owlterhead, 1672 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ollernshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Ollershaw**.

### Ollerton

Variants: **Ollington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name, in most cases from Ollerton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Alreton* in 1269. The place-name derives from Old English *alor* 'alder' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. However, some of the following bearers may get their name from similarly named places in Cheshire and Notts, or perhaps any of the several places called Allerton in WR Yorks, which show occasional rounding of the initial vowel to *O-* in their historical spellings. Compare **Allerton**.

**Early bearers:** William de Olreton, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes le Ollerton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Culcheth, Lancs); Thomae Ollerton, 1589 in *IGI* (Westow, ER Yorks); Gilian Ollerton, 1631 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); John Ollerton, 1646 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Rich. Ollerton, 1678 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Abraham Ollerton, 1723 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Richd Ollerton, 1725 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 132.

### Ollett

Variants: **Olyett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Woollett**, Middle English *Olyet* being a reduced form of *Wolffet*. For the loss of initial *W-* compare **Ulyatt**.

**Early bearers:** Michael Oliatte, 13th cent. in *Medieval Coventry* (Warwicks); Agnes Olyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); William Olyet, coverlet-weaver, 1445–6 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Olyett, 1525 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Ollyett, 1569, Katherine Olyett, 1570, Thomas Ollett, 1813 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Eliz. Ollett, 1590 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk); Steven Olyett, 1588, Ezechiell Ollyett, 1610, John Olliet, 1633, Mary Ollett, 1730 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Widow Ullet, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Adam Olliet, 1596, Elizabeth Ollit, 1766 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

### Olley

Variants: **Oley, Dolley, Doley, Dollay, Doyley, D'Oyley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1386, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 970
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- Norman, English: locative name from any of the five places in Calvados named *Ouilly*. The *Domesday Book* tenant probably came from Ouilly-le-Basset, or, possibly, from Ouilly-le-Vicomte. The name may also derive from Ouilly-du-Houlley, Ouilly-la-Ribaude, or Ouilly-le-Tesson.

**Early bearers:** Robert Oilgi, Olgi, de Oilgi, de Olgi, de Oilleio, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Robert de Olleyo, de

Oili, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary*, 1140 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Henry de Olli, 1156, Doilli, 1163 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Henry de Oly, Dolly, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Reginald Duly in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Duly, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Lincs); John Dolye, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Dayly, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Doley, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Deyli, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Duly, 1327, Doylye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Oylly, de Oylly, 1378 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Agnes Olley, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); John Olley, 1588 in *IGI* (Stowe, Shrops); Edward Olle, 1598, Francis Olly, 1600 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk); William Olley, 1606 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Olley, 1631 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Martin Olley, 1639 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Thomas Olle, 1695 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); John Olle, 1783 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Ollier

Variants: **Oyler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Oillard* (Continental Germanic *Odilard, Oilard*, from \**ōdil-* 'land, possession' + \**hard-* 'hard, brave').

**Early bearers:** Hugh Oillardus, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Hugh Oillardi, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Hugh filius Oillardi, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Margareta Ollier, 1579 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Elisabeth Ollier, 1690 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Tobyas Ollier, 1699 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); William Ollier, 1699 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Isaac Ollier, 1708 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London).

### Olliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, Surrey, and Sussex

English: see **Olliffe**.

### Olliffe

Variants: **Olliff, Oliff, Ollis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Surrey

English: (i) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Óleifr* or *Óláfr*, the latter being the name of a Norwegian king and saint (North Germanic \**Anu-laiþaR*, from elements meaning 'ancestor' + 'heir, descendant'). (ii) in SE England, this may be a variant of **Olive**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Olof, c. 1195–1200 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Norfolk); Olefus (Olafus), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops). surnames: Robert Olef, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Olof, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Olif, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Olliff, 1571 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Richard Olliff, 1629 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks); Joshua Olliff, 1715 in *IGI*

## Ollington

(Shipton Oliffe and Shipton Sollars, Gloucs); Thos. Olliff, 1762 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).  
**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Norfolk), p. 309.

### Ollington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place, presumably in Suffolk, named with Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement' as the final element. (ii) alternatively, perhaps, an altered form of **Ollerton**.

**Early bearers:** James Ollington, 1783 in *IGI* (Thurston, Suffolk); William Ollington, 1787 in *IGI* (Kilverstone, Norfolk); Thomas Ollington, 1791 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Elizabeth Ollington, 1794 in *IGI* (Hopton by Lowestoft, Suffolk).

### Ollis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs

English: (i) possibly a variant of **Olliffe** or its rare variant *Olliffs*. Compare Joshua Olliff, 1715 in *IGI* (Shipton Oliffe and Shipton Sollars, Gloucs), with James Ollis, 1786 in *IGI* (Eastington and Alkerton, Gloucs). (ii) possibly sometimes a variant of **Aldous**. (iii) possibly sometimes a variant of **Hollis**. Compare Edward Hollis, 1617 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs), and Nicholas Ollis, 1753 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Henrico Olis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seal with soke, Leics); Christofer Ollys, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); John Oldis, 1560 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); John Oldis, 1607 in *PROB 11* (North Wootton, Dorset); William Oldis, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Banwell, Somerset); Jn. Ollis, 1696 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); Nicholas Ollis, 1753 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Anthony Ollis, 1759 in *IGI* (Keynsham, Somerset).

### Ollive

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Sussex

English: see **Olive**.

### Olliver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 618
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Oliver**.

### Olman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire
- English: see **Oldman**.

### Olnier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: perhaps a variant of **Oldnall**, with dissimilation of *l-l* to *l-r*.

**Early bearers:** Robart Oldner, 1564 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Richard Olnier, 1609 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); John Olnier, 1617 in *IGI* (Donington in

Holland, Lincs); Richard Oldner, 1636 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Laurence Olnier, 1643 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Oldner, 1662, John Olnier, 1668 in *IGI* (Orton on the Hill, Leics).

### Olney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts, and Bucks

English: locative name from Olney (Bucks), which is recorded as *Ollanege* in 979 and *Olnei* in 1086. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Olla* + Old English *ēg* 'island'.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Olnei, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Henry de Olnea, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John de Olney, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne Olney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nevill Holt, Leics); Johannes Olney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fotheringhay, Northants); Margery Olney, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); John Olney, 1385–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thoms Olney, 1540 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); William Olney, 1559 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Thomas Olney, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### O'Looney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Luanaigh, see **Looney**.

### Olorenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Ollerenshaw**.

### O'Loughlin

**Variants:** **Loughlin, Laughlin, Locklin, Loughland, Loughlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1395, Ireland 2469
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Lochlainn 'descendant of *Lochlann*', a personal name meaning 'stranger, Norseman', from a term denoting Scandinavia (probably understood as a compound of *loch* 'lake, fjord' + *lann* 'land'). An earlier spelling *Lothlind* is found, probably meaning 'place of long grass' (Ó *Corráin*). As a personal name it may also sometimes have absorbed some cases of the personal name *Maol Sheachlainn* 'devotee of [Saint] Secundinus'.

**Early bearers:** Conghalach H. Lochlainn, king of Corcumbraadh, 1045 in *AU* (Clare); Domnall hUa Lochlainn, king of Cenél Eogain, 1083 in *AU*; Niall hUa Lochlainn, king of Cenel-Conaill, 1113 in *AU*; Muircertach hUa Lochlainn king of Ireland, 1157 in *AU*; Ownhe mcMelaghlin O'Loughlin, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1034; Rosse O'Loghlyn, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1317 (Gleancolumkily, Clare); Rosse O'Laghlyn, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1640 (Glayne); Tirrelagh O'Loghlen, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3087 (Glancullomkilly, Clare); Owny O'Laghlyne, called O'Laghlyne, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4761 (the Gragans, Thomond); Donogh mcRosse mcBrian O'Loghlein, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5613 (Anygalowane, Galway); Melaughlen O Loughlane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6537 (Moiglashe, Tipperary); Anlan Loughlin, clerk, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6193.

## Olowu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Olówu* (Yoruba *olú* *Òwu* 'lord of [the town called] *Òwu*').  
**References:** *Oduyoje*, p. 35.

### Olphert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 191
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants (Southampton); Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: variant in Ireland of **Oliver**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Ellen Olphert, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Glack, Donegal); Richard Olphert, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Bendooragh, Antrim).

IoM: Thomas Olphert, 1866 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM).  
England: Robert Olphert, 1801 and Wybrantz Olphert, 1802 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Robt. Olphert, 1835 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Olphert, 1845 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

### Olsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1850, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 559
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham and Northumb; ER Yorks

1 Danish, Norwegian: relationship name, patronymic from the Danish and Norwegian personal name *Ole*, from *Olaf* (Old Scandinavian *Óláfr*, *Ólafr*, variant *Óleifr*, earlier *Anleifr*, from proto-Scandinavian elements meaning 'ancestor' + 'heir, descendant'). See also **Olson**.

**Further information:** *Olaf* has always been one of the most common Scandinavian names; it continued to be popular in the Middle Ages, in part as a result of the fame of Saint Olaf, King of Norway, who brought Christianity to his country in about 1030. This surname is also established in England, notably in the Newcastle upon Tyne area.

**Early bearers:** Anders Olsen, 1805 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ragahild Olsen, 1805 in *IGI* (Hartlepool, Durham).

2 German: locative name, toponymic from any of several places named Olsen (Saxony, Brandenburg, Rhineland).

**Early bearers:** Hans Olsen, 1775 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Olson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Middx; Lancs; ER Yorks; also Glamorgan; Caithness

Scandinavian: relationship name, anglicized form of Swedish **Olsson** or Danish and Norwegian **Olson**, patronymics from the personal name *Olaf* (Old Norse *Óláfr*, *Ólafr*, variant *Óleifr*, earlier *Anleifr*, from proto-Scandinavian elements meaning 'ancestor' + 'heir, descendant').

**Early bearers:** Martin Olson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Louis Olson, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Christian Olson, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Sculcoates, Yorks).

### Olsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

Swedish: relationship name, patronymic from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Olaf*, see **Olson**.

### Olton

Variants: **Aulton, Alton, Allton, Auton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Olton in Solihull (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Alton* in 1221, *Olton* in 1295, and *Elton* in 1401. The place-name probably derives from Old English *ald*, *eald* 'old' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. See also **Oulton**.

**Early bearers:** Alsnetta de Oltun', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Olton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). John de Olton, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Elizabeth Olton, 1559 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire); Johes. Olton, 1564 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Roger Olton, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Henry Olton, 1640 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Jane Olton, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 71.

2 English: see **Auton**.

### Olusanya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Olúsányà* (Yoruba *olúwa san iyà* 'the Lord compensates [me] for my suffering').

### Oluwole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Olúwólé* (Yoruba *olú wọ ilé* 'God enters the home').

### Olver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 668
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Oliver**.

### Olyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Olette**.

### O'Mahoney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1153, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Irish: from Ó Mathghamhna, see **Mahoney**.

### O'Mahony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1443, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Mathghamhna, see **Mahoney**.

### O'Malley

Variants: **O'Mally, O'Melia, Malley, Maley, Mailey, Mealey, Mally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3341, Ireland 3839
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway

Irish: from Ó Máille, from an ancient personal name of uncertain etymology. Woulfe suggests an ancient

Celtic source, \**maglios* 'prince, champion, poet'.

Other possibilities include the adjectives *mall* 'slow' or *málla* 'affable, sedate, pleasant, stately'.

**Early bearers:** Domnall ruadh O Maille, 1339 in *AU*; Concobur mac Eogain hUi Maille, 1396 in *AU*; Diarmait hUa Maille, becomes Ua Maille, 1415 in *AU* (Mayo); John O'Maile, cottier, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2131 (Rathbegan, Meath); Thomas Malye, glover, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Molaghlin O'Male (O'Mallie), chief of his name, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2989 (Isle of Inshibofynny, alias Bellaglare); Dermot O'Male, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3820 (Knock); Owen O'Maly, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4844 (Caharnamarte, Mayo); Donell O'Mally, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5948; Owle O'Mallie, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5948 (Mayo); Richard Malie, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6777 (Moyglare).

### O'Mally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**.

### Oman

Variants: **Omand, Omond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness, Orkney, Shetland; W Lothian; Northumb

Scottish, English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Amundi*, rarely perhaps from *Hámundr*. The second element is *mund* 'hand'; the first is uncertain, but in some cases may be *há(r)* 'high'.

**Further information:** Now also found in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Leuric Omundi filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Omond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Oman, 1606 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); William Oman, 1698 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk). Scotland: Edduard Homondson, 1546 in *Black* (Orkney); Edward Omand or Omandson, 1576 in *Black* (Orkney); Isobell Omand, 1658, in *IGI* (South Ronaldsay, Orkney); Gilbert Oman, 1666 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Alexr. Omand, 1676 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); James Oman, 1702 in *IGI* (Olrig, Caithness); Christian Oman, 1723 in *IGI* (Stromness, Orkney); Mitchell Omond, 1737 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 14–15, 193–4.

### Omand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Caithness
- Scottish: see **Oman**.

### Omar

Variants: **Umar, Umer, Omer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2987, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Arabic, Muslim (found almost exclusively among Sunni Muslims): from an Arabic personal name of uncertain etymology. It is thought to be related to Arabic 'āmīr 'prosperous, full of life, large, substantial'. The Arabic root '–m-r means 'life'.

**Further information:** 'Umar bin al-Khattab was the second of the 'rightly guided' khalifs (ruled 634–44). He was known by the title *al-Fāruq* 'the distinguisher', i.e. one who distinguishes between truth and falsehood. He was one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad. The Persian poet 'Umar al-Khayyam (1048–1125), known in English as Omar Khayyam, is the author of the classic poem, the *Rubaiyyat*.

2 English: see **Omer**.

### O'Mara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1111, Ireland 513
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary; Dublin

Irish: from Ó Meadhra, see **O'Meara**.

### O'May

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll and Renfrews
- Irish: from Ó Miadhaigh, see **Maye**.

### Ombler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Ambler**.

**Early bearers:** Johis. Amler, 1544, Abraham Ombler, 1546, Robert Omblere, 1550, Willm. Amblere, 1580 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Roger Ombler, 1592 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Robert Omler, 1603, William Ombler, 1609 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### O'Meara

Variants: **O'Mara, Meara, Mara**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1110, Ireland 2699
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Meadhra 'descendant of *meadhair* 'mirth', a personal name derived from *meadhair* 'mirth'.

**Early bearers:** Donald O'Meara, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4087 (Lyssenosky, Tipperary); Donogh O'Marry (the Corry), 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5468; Philip Meary, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602; John Fitz Donell O'Mary, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6122; Morish Mearie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6524 (Balliregan); Giles ny Mera, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6707; Gillireough O'Marrye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6712 (Little Ards, Down); Phellymy O'Marrye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6712 (Little Ards, Down).

### O'Melia

Variants: **Melia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Máille, see **O'Malley**. An anglicization in which the pronunciation of Irish *-lle* (as in English 'million') is represented by *-lia*.

### Omer

Variants: **Omar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59

## Ommanney

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from the Old French personal name *Omer* (Continental Germanic *Audmar*, from \**aud-* ‘riches’ + \**mari-* ‘famous’). It might explain the Kent name, which consistently begins in *O-* not *Ho-*, but there is currently no medieval evidence in England for either the given name or the surname. A Huguenot origin is feasible but has not been substantiated.
- Early bearers:** Laurence Omer, 1486 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Ash next Sandwich, Kent); Tryphena Omar, 1594, John Omer, 1732, 1845 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johis. Omer, 1569 in *IGI* (Elmstone, Kent); Laurance Omer, 1572 in *East Kent Records* (Chillenden, Kent); Richard Omer, 1583 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); James Omer, 1766 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).
- References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at *Odmer*.
- 2 English: de-aspirated variant of **Homer**, a name which in the W Midlands usually represents a pronunciation of **Holmer**.
- Early bearers:** Thoma Omer, 1615 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Charlotte Omer, 1831, John Homer, 1850 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Joseph Homer, 1843, Robert Omar, 1848 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).
- 3 Muslim: see **Omar**.

## Ommanney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Surrey
- (i) if English, possibly a variant of **Umney**. (ii) if English, possibly a form of **Romney**. Compare Nathaniel Rumney, 1671 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Peter Rumney, 1772, William Romney, 1819 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); but in Portsea perhaps Rumney, Romney are hypercorrect forms of Ommanney, which is recorded earlier.
- Further information:** Peter Hughes has reported that the scroll recording the marriage of John Ommanney at Portsea (Hants) in 1673 (the first English record) carries an undated note implying that John had changed his name from *Omedy* or *Omesby* before the wedding. It has been regarded as a Huguenot name, also Irish, or both together, and it appears in Johannes Rietstap’s *Armorial général* (1861). There is a concentration of Ommanneys at Snedsted and Viborg (Denmark). All this makes it impossible at the moment to suggest a definite origin.
- Early bearers:** John Ommanney, 1682, James Ommanney, 1705, Anthony Omaney, 1707 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Omond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Orkney and Shetland
- Scottish: see **Oman**.

## O'Moore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Irish: see **Moore** (5).

## O'Mullane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Maoláin, see **Mullen**.

## On

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 安 (**An** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘safe’ or ‘calm’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of immigrants from an ancient state called *An Xi* (安息), also known as the Parthian Empire (located in present-day NE Iran). (ii) adopted as a surname by the An Chi (安遲) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) from one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’, also known as ‘nine surnames of Zhaowu’, because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China. During the Sui and Tang dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *An* (安) in Chinese. Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong of the Tang Dynasty. (iv) possibly from *An* (安), the name of an ancient fief (located in Shanxi province).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 溫, see **Wan** (3).

## O'Neal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham; also Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Down
- Irish: from Ó Néill, see **O'Neill**.

## O'Neale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Durham; London
- Irish: from Ó Néill, see **O'Neill**.

## O'Neall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Stirlings
- Irish: from Ó Néill, see **O'Neill**.

## O'Neil

- Variants:** **McNeil**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4578, Ireland 272
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2996
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Tipperary
- Irish: see **O'Neill**.

## O'Neile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: see **O'Neill**.

## O'Neill

- Variants:** **O'Neil**, **O'Neile**, **O'Niell**, **O'Niel**, **O'Neal**, **O'Neale**, **O'Neall**, **Neill**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 24317, Ireland 25473
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1877

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone; Antrim

Irish: from Ó Néill ‘descendant of *Niall*’, an Irish personal name possibly derived from *néal* ‘cloud’.

**Further information:** Bearers of this surname mostly claim descent from Niall Noígíallach (Niall of the Nine Hostages), a legendary king of Ireland who flourished in the 5th century. His descendants, the Ui Neill dynasty, dominated Ireland, on and off, from the 6th to the 10th century. The surname itself can be traced with some confidence to one of these descendants, namely Niall Glúndubh mac Aodha (died 919), High King of Ireland from 911 to 919, with a power base in Tyrone, Ulster. Vikings in Ireland adopted the name in the form *Njal*, taking it to Iceland and Norway, but whether they subsequently introduced it into northern England, where it might later have given rise to a surname, is an open question. It would have been absorbed by **Neal**.

**Early bearers:** Flaithbertach Ua Neill, king of Ailech, 1017 in *AU*; Muircertach hUa Neill, king of Telachog, 1064 in *AU*; Aedh hUa Neill, king of Cenel-Eogain, 1199 in *AU* (Antrim); Mael-Sechlainn Connachtach O Neill, ‘the Connacht man’, 1373 in *AU*; Cu-Uladh mac Neill móir mic Aedha hUi Neill, 1400 in *AU*; Brian caech mac Neill mic Seain buidhe mic Eogain hUi Neill, 1500 in *AU* (Tyrone); Conn mac Cuinn mic Enrí mic Eoghain hUa Neill, 1539 in *AU* (Donegal); Art McBarron O Nele, horseman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1531 (Ballyneskanlon, Louth); Conn mcNeile oge O Neile, gent., 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3269 (Ulster); Tirlagh O Neile, chief of his nation, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4763 (Ulster); Hugh O Neale, knight, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4900 (Ulster); Tirlagh mcHenry O Neale, chief of the Fues, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fews, Ulster); Brien modderie O Neyle, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6710 (Fivagh, Antrim); Brene roue O Nell, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh).

## Ong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1080, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- 1 English: locative name possibly from Middle English dialect *wong* ‘meadow, pasture’, from Old Scandinavian *vangr*.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Ong, 1647 in *IGI* (Knodishall, Suffolk); Thomas Ong, 1663 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Sarah Ong, 1680 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Ann Ong, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Ong, 1707 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Ong, 1713 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk).
- 2 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 王 and 汪, also a non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黃. See **Wong** (1–3).
- 3 Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 翁, see **Yung** (1). The dialects in which this form of the name is found are spoken in Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.
- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).
- 5 Vietnamese: **Ông**, perhaps corresponding to one of the Chinese names in (2) or (3) above.

**Ongley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from an unidentified place, perhaps in Kent, apparently named with Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’ as the final element. **Early bearers:** Robert de Onguele, 1316–17 in *Assize Rolls* (Brenchley, Kent); John Ongle, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Loose, Kent); William Ongle, 1478, John Ongley, 1513 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goudhurst, Kent); Steven Ongly, 1575 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Elizabeth Ongle, 1580 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Joane Ongely, 1584 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Elias Ongley, 1587, Elias Unglie, 1612 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Thomas Ongley, 1588 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Marye Ongley, 1594 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Edward Ongly, 1595 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Margery Ongly, 1604 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex).

**Oni**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from *Ōní*, a traditional circumcidence name for a male baby who cries extensively.

**Onians**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Onions**.

**O’Niel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham
- Irish: see **O’Neill**.

**O’Niell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: see **O’Neill**.

**Onion**

**Variants:** Onions, Onyon, Union

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** English Midlands; SE England; Welsh Marches
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

1 English: nickname from Middle English *oinyon* ‘onion’ (Old French *oignon*), perhaps given to a grower or seller of onions. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Onoiun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Oygoun, 1295 in *London Husting Wills* (London); Johannes Honyoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); William Onyon, 1561 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Ellen Onyon, 1565 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Joan Onyon, 1567 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Robert Onnyon, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Onyon, 1600 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Thomas Onyon, 1604 in *IGI* (Eagle, Lincs); John Onion, 1626 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); John Onnyon alias Divoll, 1630 in *PROB 11* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Onion, 1636 in *IGI*

(Grimsby, Lincs); Thomas Oynion, Onion, 1686–9 in *Parish Registers* (Shotley, Suffolk).

2 English: perhaps an altered form of **Unwin**.

Compare Samuell Unwin, 1564, and Aelse Onyion, 1593 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs). See also **Union**.

3 Welsh: perhaps an anglicized variant of **Ennion**, through false association with the name or word in (1). However, the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or more likely with (2). **Early bearers:** Elen Onion, 1571 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Willm. Onyon, 1610 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Elizabeth Onion, 1622 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Lydia Onion, 1694 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops). **References:** *Morgan and Morgan*.

**O’Nions**

**Variants:** Onians

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1646, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: variant of **Onions**. The spelling of the surname has been modified to suggest (falsely) an Irish origin.

**Onions**

**Variants:** Onians, O’Nions

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1666
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

Welsh, English: variant of **Onion** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Onions, 1557, Edmund Onions, 1583 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Joane Onyons or Onions, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Hatton Grange, Shrops).

**Onley**

**Variants:** Only

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northants

English: locative name from Onley in Barby (Northants), which is recorded as *Onley* in 1344, Onley in Silverstone (Northants), which is recorded as *Anelegh* in about 1220, or *Onneley* in Madeley (Staffs), which is recorded as *Analege* in 1086. Onley in Silverstone and *Onneley* in Madeley probably derive from Old English *ān(a)* ‘one, single, solitary’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’. Onley in Barby may have the same etymological origin, but alternatively may derive from the Old English personal name *Ona* + Old English *lēah*.

**Early bearers:** Hamon de Onyleye, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Onley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Onley, 1488–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Gertrude Onelie or Onelee, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Pulborough, Sussex); Edward Onley or Onleye, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Catesby, Northants); William Only, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Lewisham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 14, 44; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 421.

**Only**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Onley**.

**Onraet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Flemish: nickname, Flemish (and N French) **Onraet**, from Middle Dutch *onraet* ‘falsehood, treachery’.

**Further information:** Reaney’s derivation from Old English *unræd* ‘evil counsel, folly’, used as a nickname or personal name, assumes incorrectly that the name has an English origin.

**Early bearers:** Ella Maltese Onraet, daughter of Pierre Thomas Onraet, 1860 in *IGI* (Saint James, Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Debrabandere; Morlet, Noms de Personne*.

**Onslow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops; SE England: esp. Surrey

English: locative name from Onslow (Shrops), which is recorded as *Andreslaue* in 1086 and *Ondeslawe* in about 1230. Considering the 1276 early bearer form below, the place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Andræd* + Old English *hlāw* ‘hill, mound’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Ondeslauwe, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); [ . . . de] Oudredeslowe, 1276 in *Place-Names of Shrops*; William de Ondeslowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Johanna Onslowe, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Alice Onslow, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Arthur Onslow, 1622 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 228–9.

**Onyett**

**Variants:** Honiatt, Unitt, Unit, Unett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Hunyet* (Old English \**Hūngēat*, formed from \**hūn* ‘bear cub’ + *Gēat*, the ancient tribal name ‘Geat’).

**Early bearers:** William Honiet, Reginald Honyet, about 1280, Peter Honyot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Peter Onyett, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Oniet, Roger Onyott, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Unet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bircholt, Kent); Johannes Honyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); Thoma Unett, 1539 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Honyet, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Wadenhoe, Northants); Robert Honiatt, 1574, Anna Unett, 1624 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Elena Unitt, 1581 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Thomas Honiatt, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Raphe Honiatt, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Middlewich, Cheshire); William Onyett, 1709 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Sarah Onyett, 1807 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

**Onyon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Onion**.

**Ooi**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 黃, see **Wong** (3). The dialects in which this form is found are spoken in Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and other parts of SE Asia.



**Oon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 温, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Wan** (3).

**Opapa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Igbo): from Igbo *opapa* ‘first son’.

**Openshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1519, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1453
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Openshaw (Lancs), which is recorded as *Opinschawe* in 1282. The place-name derives from Old English *open* ‘open, unenclosed’ + *sceaga* ‘small wood, copse’.

**Early bearers:** John Opensha alias Openshawe, 1559 in *Patent Rolls*; Jhonn Openshaw, 1596 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); John Openshaw, 1614 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); John Openshaw, 1629 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Symond Openshaw, 1657 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 35.

**Opie**

Variants: **Oppy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 812
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Opy* or *\*Oppy*, which is attested in 16th-century Cornwall as a pet form of Middle English *Osbert* (mostly a Norman name, an Old French borrowing of Continental Germanic *Oseberht*, from *\*ōs* ‘god’ + *\*berht* ‘bright’). Unvoicing of the *-b-* in the pet form is paralleled in the full form, as in Osperto Trewowen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Ives, Cornwall). There may have also been a voiced pet form *\*Oby* (see **Hobby**). Loss of *-s-* in *Osbert* may explain some examples of **Hobart**, though this name usually had a different origin. Middle English *Osbert* is mostly found in S England, the Midlands, and Essex, and it was especially favoured in W Cornwall, where its usual pet form was **Hoskin**. In England generally it was frequently confused with the less common personal name *Osbern* (see **Osborne**), so Osbert Engoffe, 1543 in *Cornish Deeds* (Saint Mawgan in Pyder), was probably the same man as Osborne Engoeff, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Philleigh, Cornwall). *Opy* was probably a pet form of Osbern, too, and O. J. Padel points out that in Buckland Brewer parish (Shebbear Hundred, north-west Devon), there was a man called Robert Osborne (and nobody surnamed *Opy*) in the Devon *Subsidy Rolls* for 1525, while in the 1544 subsidy there was a man called Robert Opey (and nobody surnamed Osborne). The two entries could refer to the same man, though it cannot be proved.

**Further information:** Although *Opy* is found as a surname as early as 1327, it may still have been a meaningful patronymic in the 16th century. In an indictment dated 1537 (*Moulton’s Catalogue*), Osbart John alias Oppy John of Spernecke Veer, husbandman, precedes Robert Oppy, husbandman, who may have been Osbert’s son.

**Early bearers:** given names: Osbart John alias Oppy John of Spernecke Voer, 1534 in *Moulton’s Catalogue* (Kea, Cornwall).

surnames: Andrew Opy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Robertus Opi, 1365 in *Werrington Court Rolls* (Devon); Philip Oppy, 1456 in *Cornish Court Rolls* (Lanhadron in Saint Ewe); Nicholas Opy, Oppy, 1500–16 in *Cornish Court Rolls* and *Cornish Deeds* (Tregarne in Saint Keverne and elsewhere); Robert Opey, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); Harrie Opie, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Oppy, 1626 in *IGI* (Redruth, Devon).

**References:** O. J. Padel, personal communication; *Surnames of Devon*, p. 228; *Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 8.

**Opoku**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: from an Akan patrilineal clan name.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–35, at pp. 216, 218.

**Oppenheim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Oppenheim, a place in the Rhineland-Palatinate on the Rhine between Mainz and Worms, named with Old High German *heim* ‘homestead’ as the final element.

**Further information:** There was an important Jewish settlement in Oppenheim before the Holocaust. Due to persistent persecution, members of the Oppenheim community were periodically forced to flee from their native city and hence the surnames *Oppenheim* and *Oppenheimer* became widespread throughout southern and western Germany.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Isaac Oppenheim, in *Census 1841* (Leicester, Leics); Myer Oppenheim, in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Oppenheim, born in Belgium, in *Census 1861* (Brentford, Middx); Goldye Oppenheim, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Lewis Oppenheim, optician, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Meyer Oppenheim, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Barnet Oppenheim, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Prestwich, Lancs). German: Ernest Oppenheim, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Ludwig Oppenheim, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx); Siegmund Oppenheim, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs); Fritz Alexander Oppenheim, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx)

**References:** *Encyclopaedia Judaica*.

**Oppenheimer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name denoting someone from **Oppenheim**.

**Early bearers:** Rebecca Oppenheimer, in *Census 1851* (Manchester, Lancs); Alexander Oppenheimer, born

in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Heyman Oppenheimer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); David Oppenheimer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Ludwig Oppenheimer, born in Brunswick, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Otto Oppenheimer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hampstead, Middx); Otto Oppenheimer, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey); Rudolf and Frieda Oppenheimer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx); Siegfried Oppenheimer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**Opperman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

1 Dutch: occupational name denoting a hod carrier for a bricklayer or roadbuilder.

2 North German: occupational name from **Oppermann**, denoting a churchwarden or sexton, with particular reference to the task of taking the collection, Middle Low German *opperman*, a compound of *opper(gilt)* ‘donation’ + *man* ‘man’.

**Oppong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: unexplained.

**Oppy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Opie**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**O’Pray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Cumb

Irish: from Ó Préith, see **O’Prey**.

**O’Prey**

Variants: **O’Pray, Prey, Pray, Pry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 246
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Préith, popularly believed to be from an ancient Pictish personal name of unknown etymology, but more likely a reinterpretation of the descriptive phrase *na préith* ‘of the cattle-spoil’.

**Early bearers:** Will. reough O Pray, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2366 (Down); Owyne, Patrick, John, and Hugh a praye, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6712 (Little Ards, Down).

**O’Rafferty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Renfrews

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly  
Irish: from Ó Rabhartaigh, see **Rafferty**.

**O’Rahilly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Raithile, see **Rahilly**.



## Oram

### Variants: Horam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3033, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Wilts and Somerset; also Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Down
- English: (i) variant of **Orme**, with breaking of the consonant cluster /rm/. (ii) see **Owram**. (iii) see **Horam**. (iv) locative name from Oreham (Henfield, Sussex), which is recorded as *Orham* in 1199. The place-name derives from Old English *ōra* ‘bank, slope, hill, edge’ + *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.
- Early bearers:** England: Willm. Oram, 1572 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Margaret Oram, 1575 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Alice Oram, 1576 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); John Orram, 1579 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Christisbell Oram, 1592 in *IGI* (Eastwick, Herts); Elizabeth Oram, 1637 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Thomas Oram, 1671 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Richard Oram, 1726 in *IGI* (Aylesford, Kent); John Orrom, 1832 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).
- Scotland: William Orum, 1627 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Mart. Oram, 1643 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); Thomas Orme, 1653, Thomas Oram, 1693 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); Alexander Orram, 1743 in *IGI* (West Linton, Peebles).
- References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 218.

## Orange

### Variants: Orringe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 515
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Northumb
- 1 English: usually a variant of **Orridge** (especially as a de-aspirated form of **Horridge** and **Horwich**) with the addition of an intrusive *-n-*. Compare Wyllyam Orridge, 1604, Mary Orrenge, 1638 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Peeter Oredge, 1604, Willm Orridge, 1606, Sara Orringe, 1679 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Anthony Oreng, 1624 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Almondbury, WR Yorks) and Jo. Orridge, 1696 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Orrish, 1673, Richard Orange, 1712 in *IGI* (Edlingham, Northumb).
- Early bearers:** Isabel Orange, 1635, Peter Orange, 1704 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Samuell Orange, 1673 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Orange, 1701 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Richard Orringe, 1704 in *IGI* (Finningley, Notts); Jane Orange, 1709 in *IGI* (Belford, Northumb); Wm Orringe, 1720, Edwd Orring, 1740 in *IGI* (Shepshed, Leics); Wm. Orange, 1704, Joseph Orringe, 1792 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); George Orange, 1781 in *IGI* (Alfreton, Derbys).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.
- 2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) female personal name *Oreng*, probably a variant of *Orege* (Latin *Oregia*) with Anglo-Norman French intrusive *-n-* before *-g-*, as in English *passenger* for Old French *passager*. Some of the following post-medieval surname examples may alternatively belong with (1).
- Early bearers:** given names: Oregia, Oreng, 1100–30 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Orengia, 1201, Horenga, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Orenga, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Oreng, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds).

surnames: Sibel Oreng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eburnoe, in Kirdford, Sussex); Alexander Orrynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Oreng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Artington, Surrey); John Oranng, 1583 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Thomas Orange, 1612 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Thomas Orange, 1628 in *IGI* (Old Romney, Kent); Elizabeth Orange, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**References:** *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 206.

3 Norman, Huguenot: locative name, perhaps occasionally from a French place-name. One possibility is Orange, in Vauluse (S France), from which the noble House of Orange took its name, but a source in N France would be much more likely for William de Oreng, the Domesday Book tenant of Hugh de Bello Campo, whose family were from Manche (or possibly Calvados) in Normandy. Keats-Rohan (*Domesday People*, p. 477) suggests Origny-le-Butin or Origny-le-Roux in Orne, and there are other similarly named places in Aisne and Aube, as well as Origné in Mayenne. However, there appears to be no evidence for Oreng as a spelling of Origny or Origné, which derive from an earlier *Aurigniacus*. Whether this locative name ever lies behind the English surname is uncertain, as the Norman family disappears from record after 1166, but it may be the source of the Huguenot surname first noted in England in the 17th century.

**Further information:** Contrary to Reaney’s assertion, there does not appear to be a place named Orange in Mayenne.

**Early bearers:** William de Oreng, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Willelm de Oreng, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*; Ester Orange, 1686 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Judith Orange, 1689 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

**References:** *Domesday People*, p. 260 (at Hugo De Belcamp); *Domesday Descendants*, p. 622; *Dauzat and Rostaing*, at Orgnac.

## Orbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Orable*, *Orabilia*, itself from Latin *orabilis* ‘easy to be entreated’, a derivation clearly implied by 13th-century scribes, a formation parallel to *Amabilis* (see **Mable**).
- Further information:** This female name is unlikely to be equivalent to the Scottish *Arabella* (found in the 17th century as *Arbell*).
- Early bearers:** given names: Orabilis, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Orabla, Orable, Arable de Meyhamme, 1243 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Orabilia, 1273 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Orabella, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Orabil’ at Hall’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Stretton, Leics).
- surnames: John Orable, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Orbel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Orbell (alias Fuller), 1592 in *PROB 11* (East Bergholt, Suffolk); Henry Orbell, 1593 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Henry Orbell, 1594 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Ambrose Orbell, 1677 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk).

## Orbison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Albinson**.

## Orchard

### Variants: Archard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4289, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England (esp. Gloucs) and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Orchard Portman (Somerset), which is recorded as *Orceard* in 854, *Orchyard* in 1225, or from any of numerous minor place-names similarly derived from Middle English *orchard* (Old English *ortgeard*, *orceard*). (ii) locative name, occupational name from residence near (or perhaps employment at) an orchard, Middle English *orchard* (Old English *ortgeard*, *orceard*).
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Orchard, 1225, Emeric del Orchyard, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Orchard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard atte Orchard, atten Orchard, 1316 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); Richard atte Norchard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Orchard, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Orchard’, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Richard Orchard, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Orchard’, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Orchard, 1446, Walter Orcherd, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs).

2 English: locative name from East and West Orchard (Dorset), recorded as *Archet* in 939, *Orchet* in 1317, and *Orchard’* in 1427. The place-name derives from Proto-Welsh \**ar* ‘beside, in front of, facing’ + \**cĕd* ‘wood’.

**Further information:** *Orchard* is also a rare variant of Scottish **Urquhart**. It may now be extinct, though surviving in the patronymic forms **Orchardson** and **Orchison**.

**Early bearers:** Ædgarus de Archet, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Orchet, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Orchet, 1611, Phillip Archett, 1630 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Agnes Orchet, 1635 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); John Orchet, 1664 in *IGI* (Fordington, Dorset); John Archett, 1668 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 133.

## Orchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Kent
- English, Irish: probably a late variant of **Allchin**.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Henry Orchan, in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballycullo, Antrim).
- England: Henry Orchin, 1777 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henry Orchin, 1815 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Henry Orchin, 1827 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey).

## Ord

### Variants: Orde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2859, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1937
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 N English, Scottish: locative name from East Ord in Tweedmouth (Northumb), which is recorded as

## Orde

*Orde* in 1208. The place-name derives from Old English *ord* ‘point, corner of land, promontory’.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Orde, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Anthony Ord, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Nanse Ord, 1590 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Walter Ord, 1592 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs); William Ord, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Barbara Ord, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 152.

2 Scottish: locative name from Ord, later Kirkurd (Peebles) or the lands of Ord (Banff).

**Early bearers:** Adam of Horde, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Andrew de Ord, 1306–29 in *Robert I Charters* (Ord, Banff); Alexander Ord, 1596 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Ord, Banff).

3 English: relationship name, probably from an abbreviated form of a compound name such as *Orderic* beginning with *ord* ‘point, spear’.

**Early bearers:** Henry filius Ord’, 1206 in *Pleas* (Kent); Robert Ord, 1631 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Thomas Ord, 1641 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Orde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- N English: see **Ord**.

## Ordidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Ordish**.

## Ordish

**Variants:** **Ordidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Highoredish in Ashover (Derbys), which is recorded as *High Oredish* in 1722. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** John Oredysshe, 1547 in *Pipe Rolls* (North Derbys); Robert Oredishe, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Edward Ordish, 1622 in *IGI* (Morton, Derbys); Thomas Ordidge, 1709 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); Thomas Ordidge, 1710 in *IGI* (Skegby, Notts); Elisebeth Ordish, 1719 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); William Ordish, 1719 in *IGI* (Edingale, Staffs); John Ordish, 1743 in *IGI* (Foremark, Derbys); John Ordidge, 1746 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Thos. Ordidge, 1751 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); Thomas Ordidge, 1759 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 193.

## Ordway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks and Oxon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ordwy*, *Ordwic* (from Old English *Ordwig*, composed of *ord* ‘point, spear’ + *wig* ‘war’). **Early bearers:** given names: Orduui, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts).

surnames: Ricardus filius Ordwi, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Radulfus filius Ordewic, 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thomas Ordwy, Ralph Ordwey, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Ricardo Ordewy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Ann Ordway, 1599 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Elizabeth Ordway, 1611 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Joseph Ordway, 1634 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Ordway, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Rebeckah Ordaway, 1681 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks).

## Ore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Oare**, sense (1).

## O'Regan

**Variants:** **Regan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1357, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick
- Irish: from Ó Riagain, see **Regan**.

**Further information:** There are two Irish families bearing this surname, one in Meath, the other in Munster; they both claim descent from a nephew of Brian Boru called *Riagán*.

## O'Reiley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

## O'Reilly

**Variants:** **O'Reiley**, **O'Rielly**, **O'Riley**, **Reilly**, **Rahilly**, **Riley**, **Reily**, **Rielly**, **Raleigh**, **Grealley**, **Rally**, **Ralley**, **Rawley**, **Raley**, **Reilley**, **Reiley**, **Riely**, **Rowley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7170, Ireland 14019
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Meath
- Irish: from Ó Raghailigh ‘descendant of *Raghailleach*’, Old Irish *Roghallach*. This is the name of a chieftain family in Cavan, related to the O'Rourkes. In anglicized spelling it has also been confused with Ó Raithile found in Munster, usually anglicized as (*O*)*Rahilly*.

**Early bearers:** Goffraigh hUa Raghallaigh, lord of Breifni, 1161 in *AU*; Cathal O Raighillidh, 1226 in *AU*; Mael-Sechlainn O Raighillaigh, king of Muinter-Mailmordha, 1328 in *AU*; Ferghal mac Tomais moir hUi Raighilligh, king of Breifne, 1450 in *AU*; In Gilla Gruamdha Mac-an-caeich hUi Raighilligh, 1505 in *AU*; Seaan mac Uaithne í Raghalligh, chief of Clann Mathghamhna, 1534 in *AU* (Cavan); Hugh O'Reiglye, captain of his nation, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §732; Edmund Oreylley, brother of Oreylley, chief of his name, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1047 (country of the Breyney); John O'Reley, knight, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4197 (Breney, alias Cavan, alias O'Releis country).

## Orell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Orrell**.

## Orfeur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex; London
- Norman, English: see **Offer**.

## Orford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1046, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 737
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Suffolk

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from Orford in Warrington (Lancs), which is recorded as *Overforthe* in 1465, from Orford (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Oreford* 1164–1327, or from Orford in Stainton le Vale (Lincs), which is recorded as *Erforde* in 1086. The Lancs place-name probably derives from Old English *uferra* ‘upper’ + *ford* ‘ford, river crossing’. The Suffolk place-name derives from Old English *ōra* ‘bank, slope, hill, edge’ + *ford*. The Lincs place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Ēra* or \**Ŷra* + *ford*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Oreford, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Oreford, 1247–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Matilda Oreford, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Orforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Norfolk); Joana Orford, 1542 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Nicholas Orford, 1599 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Henry Orford, 1613 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Georg Orford, 1639 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 96; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 94; *Place-Names of Lincs* 3, pp. 125–7; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 452.

## Organ

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1345, Ireland 150
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW and W England: esp. Gloucs; also S Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Clare
- 1 English: occupational name for a player or maker of musical instruments, in particular the organ. Compare **Organer**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Organ, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Organ, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Margaret Organ, 1564 in *IGI* (Staverton, Gloucs); Thomas Organ, 1571 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Organ, 1572 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Robert Organ, 1577 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Thomas Organ, 1603 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs).

2 English: relationship name; it may also be from a personal name of unexplained origin. John Organ of Treworian (Cornwall) was the son of Organa, wife of Ives de Treworian (1325 *Ancient Deeds* v), and in the case of Organus Pipard, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon), it also seems to be a given name.

3 Irish: from Ó hArgáin, see **Horgan**.

## Organer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name for a player or maker of the organ or other musical instruments, from an agent noun derivative of Middle English *organ*, used to denote a variety of musical instruments (especially wind instruments). See also **Organ**.

**Further information:** The vocabulary word *organer* has been replaced by *organist*, but the surname has gone the other way. Compare John le Organiste, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks), Adam le Organystre, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk), from Old French *organiste, organistre*.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Organer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Organer, apothecary, 1374 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Organer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Organer, 1568 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Stephus Organer, 1576 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Robart Organer, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Margaret Organer, 1636 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Annae Organer, 1667 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Thomas Organer, 1673 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs); Adam Organer, 1706 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

### Orgar

**Variants:** Orger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ordgar* (from Old English *Ordgār*, composed of *ord* 'point, spear' + *gār* 'spear').
- Early bearers:** given names: Orgar, Orger, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).  
surnames: Walter filius Ordgeri, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Roger Orgar, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Ordgar, 1226 in *Close Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Orgar, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nettlestead, Kent); Johanne Orger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Rowland Orgar, 1551 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Orger, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); James Orgar, 1568 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); George Orgar, 1599 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

### Orgee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Orgee, 1784 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Sarah Orgee, 1810 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Thomas Orgee, 1833 in *IGI* (Suckley, Worcs); James Orgie, 1869 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Orgel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Orgill**.

### Orger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Herts
- English: see **Orgar**.

### Orgil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Orgill**.

### Orgill

- Variants:** Orgel, Orgil, Argyle
- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 278

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Leics
- English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *orgueil* 'pride' (compare **Pride**) or sometimes perhaps a post-medieval shortening of *Orgiles*, from the adjective *orguilus* 'proud' (see **Argles**). The French word may have been reinforced by the synonymous Middle English *orgel* (Old English *orgol, orgel*).

**Early bearers:** Edmund Liorgil, 1198–1211 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters*; W. Orguil, 1214 in *Close Rolls*; Walter Orgouyl, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Gerard Orgul, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Walter Orgoyl, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes Orgaell, 1555, Henry Orgill, 1616, Dorothea Orguill, 1721 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Anne Orgule, 1562 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Agnes Orgill, 1564 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Elizabeth Orgiale, 1574 in *IGI* (Hartshorne, Derbys); Richard Orgill, 1627 in *IGI* (Wigston Magna, Leics); Samuel Orgill, 1669, Elisabeth Orguil, 1762 in *IGI* (Stapenhill, Derbys); George Orgill, 1862 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks).

### Orgles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Argles**.

### Orgram

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Ogram**.

### Oriel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Pembrokes
- Norman, English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Oriold*, *Oriel*, of Norman origin, from Continental Germanic *Aurildis, Orieldis*, composed of elements meaning 'fire' + 'strife'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Oriholt, Oriolda de Endrebi, 1206–7 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Oreute in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts).  
surnames: Robertus filius Oriold, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Roger Oriel, 1276 in *London Letter Books A*; Johannes Oriel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Margeret Oriell, 1604 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Elizabeth Oriel, 1642 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Sarah Oriel, 1751 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Oriel, 1755 in *IGI* (North Wraxall, Wilts).

### O'Rielly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Northumb; Surrey
- Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

### O'Riley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb
- Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

### O'Riordan

**Variants:** Riordan, Reardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1017, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Rioghghárdáin 'descendant of *Rioghghárdán*', a byname composed of the elements *riogh-* 'royal' + a diminutive of *bárd* 'bard, poet'.  
**Early bearers:** William O'Reredane, yeoman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Donylagh O Ryurdan, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2264 (Cultymurugh, Cork); Cormock O'Riordan, kern, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2538 (Banduff, Cork); John mcMlaghlan Y Reerdan, yeoman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3080 (Kilnedry, Cork); Donogh O Ryordan, galloglas, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3095 (Gortvoleyre, Kilkenny); Donogh O'Riordan, horseman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4826 (Kilebarry, Cork).

### Orkney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bute
- Scottish: locative name denoting someone from the Orkney Islands, which are recorded as *Orkas* in 330 BC and *Orkneya* in AD 970. The name of the Islands may derive from a Celtic tribal name *orc* meaning 'boar'. This appears to have been reinterpreted by Viking settlers as Old Scandinavian *orkn* 'seal', with the addition of *ey* 'island'.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Will. Orkney, 1727 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); John Orkney, 1750 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); William Orkney, 1751 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian); John Orkney, 1762 in *IGI* (Marykirk, Kincardines).  
England: James Orkney, 1672 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Thomas Orkney, 1675 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Elizabeth Orkney, 1717 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb).  
**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 356.

### Orlando

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian: from the personal name *Orlando*, earlier *Rolando* (see **Rowland**).

### Orlebar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds
- English: locative name from Orlingbury (Northants), which is recorded as *Ordinbaro* in 1086, *Ordlingebere* in 1247, and *Orlingbere al. Orlybere* in 1557. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Orlda* + connective *-ing-* + Old English *beorg* 'hill, mound'.  
**Early bearers:** Alur' de Orlinberga, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ralph de Orlinber, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Katherine Orlyngbere, 1399–1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Orlibere, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Harrold, Beds); Mary Orlebar, 1673 in *IGI* (Harrold, Beds); Georgi Orlebar, 1678 in *IGI* (Podington, Beds); Richard Orlebar, 1682 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thomas Orlibar, 1732 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 128–9.

**Orledge****Variants: Orlich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: occupational name from Old French *orloge* ‘clock’, metonymic for *orlogier* ‘clockmaker’.

**Further information:** Compare John, Adam Orloger, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams), 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmus Orloger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex).

**Early bearers:** John Orlog, 1356 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Jane Orledge, 1586 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Orledge, 1724 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

**Orley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, apparently from Orleigh Court in Buckland Brewer (Devon), which is recorded as *Ordlegh* in 1193 and *Orlegh* in 1416, although the number of early bearers recorded outside the county up to 1748 raises the possibility of additional unknown origins. The Devon place-name may derive from Old English *ord* ‘point, corner of land, promontory’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

**Early bearers:** Agn’ de Orley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Alyce Orley, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edvardi Orley, 1585 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Elizabeth Orley, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Orley, 1619 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Orley, 1748 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Isaac Orley, 1771 in *IGI* (Acton, Suffolk); Robert Orley, 1772 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Elizabeth Orley, 1773 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 89.

**Orlich**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Orledge**.

**Orman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 621, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; Essex, Kent, Middx, and Surrey

English: unexplained. In Ireland it may be a variant of **Ormond**, but the distribution and early examples in England suggest that this is not a satisfactory explanation of the English surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ormund, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Joan Orman, 1573 in *IGI* (Brenzett, Kent); Margareta Orman, 1603 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Orman, 1719 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Benjamin Ormen, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); William Orman Or Almond, 1769 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

**Ormand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Lincs; Pembrokes; Perth

Scottish, English: variant of Irish **Ormond**.

**Early bearers:** Isobell Ormand, 1646 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); Wm. Ormand, 1665 in *IGI*

(Guthrie, Angus); Jean Ormand, 1674 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus).

**Ormandy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: of uncertain origin. Bardsley’s derivation from Osmotherley, in Ulverston (Lancs), is linguistically difficult to justify; compare **Osmotherly**. An alternative possibility is a N Lancs pronunciation of the Middle English surname (*N*)*ormantwait*, from Ormathwaite, in Underskiddaw (Cumb). The surname is recorded with spellings such as Nordmanthait, about 1160 in the Fountains Abbey Cartulary, Normanwait and Normantwait, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), and provides the only medieval evidence for the place-name. By the 16th century the place-name had lost the initial *N*-, appearing in local parish registers as *Ormatwhat*, 1564, and *Ormaytwhat*, 1566. If this is the correct explanation of *Ormandy*, it shows an unusually drastic reduction of the final syllable, and is probably not a safe inference without further evidence.

**Further information:** The date of Wilson’s citation in *Reaney and Wilson* of Ellen *Ormandie*, 1296 in *Lancs Wills*, appears to be an error; the printed wills date from 1457 to 1680.

**Early bearers:** Elin Ormundie, 1546 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); William Ormandy, 1625 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Mary Ormondy, 1673 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Richard Ormandie, of Ulverston, John Ormondy, of Smiddy Greene, in Ulverston, 1675 in *Lancs Wills*; Usler Ormady, 1675 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); William Ormany, 1708 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Ormandy, 1783, William Armondy, 1840 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb.* p. 322.

**Orme****Variants: Orrom, Orum, Oram, Owram, Ormes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3251, Ireland 93
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, NW Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Orm* (Old Scandinavian *Ormr*, from *ormr* ‘snake’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Orm, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Orm de Hedoc, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Orum, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys).

surnames: John Orm, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Augustin Orumme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henricus Orme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitnash, Warwick); Johannes Orme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Ricardus Orme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scriven, WR Yorks); Thomas Orme, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Orme, 1550 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Dorothe Orme, 1557 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Isabell Oram, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Wootton Glanville, Dorset); Orm alias Oram, 1603–25 in *TNA Star Chamber*, (London); Peter Orum, 1626 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Ormerod****Variants: Ormrod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2022, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2393

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Ormerod in Cliviger (Lancs). The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ormr* or *Ormarr* + Old English \**rod* ‘clearing’.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Ormerode, 1305 in *Lancs Inquests* (Cliviger, Lancs); Lawrance Ormeroid, 1564 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); John Ormerod, 1593 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Elizabeth Ormorod, 1616 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Rossendale, Lancs); John Ormerod, 1621, Isabel Omerod, 1746 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Peter Ormroyde, 1624 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Richarde Ormerod, 1673 in *Parish Registers* (Prestwich, Lancs); Oliver Omerod, 1723, James Ormerod, 1791 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 84.

**Ormes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant of **Orme** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Ormesby**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Aysr

English: see **Ormsby**.

**Ormesher****Variants: Ormshaw, Armishaw, Holmshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost place in Haslington (Cheshire), whose name survives there in Homeshaw Lane, and which is recorded as *Ormeswode vel Ormeshalgh* in 1419. Considering this form of the place-name, along with the early bearers from 1288, 1299, and 1408 below, the place-name appears to derive from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ormr*, with variation between Old English *sceaga* ‘small wood, copse’, *halh* ‘nook, corner of land’, *hyll* ‘hill’, and *wudu* ‘wood’. The name has sometimes been confused with **Hampshire** and possibly also with *Helmshaw*, a now extinct surname from Helmsore (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Ormeshull, 1288, [ . . . ] Ormeshalg(h), 1299, [ . . . ] Hermeshagh, 1408 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Thomas Ormishaw, 1586 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Edw Ormshaw, 1635, Betty Armshaw, 1788 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Margaret Ormishaw, 1703 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Ormisher, 1769 in *Marriage Bonds and Allegations* (Aughton, Chesire); Eleanor Ormisher, 1799 in *Parish Registers* (Wigan, Lancs); Jenny Ormeshire, 1780 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Peggy Ormsher, 1811 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 13.

**Ormiston****Variants: Ormston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 806, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 861
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland

Scottish: locative name from Ormiston (E Lothian, Roxburghs). The place-names derive from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ormr* + Old English *tūn*.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Ormyston, about 1200 in *Newbattle Register*; John de Ormestone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); William Ormiston, 1698 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Marget Ormiston, 1715 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); Janet Ormiston, 1724 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Christine Ormiston, 1728 in *IGI* (Prestonkirk, E Lothian); Alison Ormiston, 1735 in *IGI* (Eccles, Berwicks); John Ormiston, 1736 in *IGI* (Carnwath, Lanarks).  
**References:** *Scottish Place-Names*, pp. 116–17.

## Ormond

**Variants:** Ormonde, Ormand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 637
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Pembrokes; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford Irish, Scottish, English: (i) adopted for Irish Ó Ruaidh ‘descendant of Ruadh’ (see **Roe**), due to similarity in sound with *Urmhumha* (now *Urmhumhain*), the Irish form of the place-name *Ormond*, an ancient region of East Munster. (ii) the surname *Ormond* was also adopted by the illegitimate sons of John Butler, 6th Earl of Ormond (died 1476). The most famous and powerful of them was Sir James Ormond (died 1497), Lord High Treasurer of Ireland from 1492 to 1494.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Daniel Ormonde, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Newtown, Kildare); Patrick Ormond, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Glenawilling, Cork).  
Scotland: Bisse Ormond, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Mathow Ormond, 1582 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elezabeth Ormond, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); James Ormond, 1636 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); John Ormond, 1671 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus).  
England: Thomas Ormond, Earl of Ormond, 1515 in *PROB 11*; Richard Ormant, 1583, Peter Ormonde, 1595, Petter Ormande, 1600, Margrett Orman, 1607 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ann Ormond, 1729 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Ormonde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Wexford Irish: see **Ormond**.

**Further information:** This surname is also found in Portugal, having been taken there (reputedly via the Azores) by an immigrant Irish family.

## Ormondroyd

**Variants:** Hammond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place in Birstall (WR Yorks), incorrectly recorded as *Hamondeswode* in 1307, which derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Hámundr* + Old English \*rod ‘clearing’. *Orm-* is a late 18th- or 19th-century respelling of *Awm-*.

**Early bearers:** William de Hamundrode, 1350 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Willelmus Hawmerode, William Hawmunrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, WR Yorks); John Almanroid, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Bradford,

WR Yorks); Joseph Ormondroyd, 1804 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Ormerod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 952
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ormerod**.

## Ormsby

**Variants:** Ormesby, Armsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 267
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

English: locative name from North and South Ormsby (Lincs), or either of two places called Ormesby (Norfolk, NR Yorks), all of which are recorded as *Ormesby*, *Ormesbi* in the 11th century. The place-names all derive from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ormr* + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘farmstead, village’.

**Further information:** This name is also common in Ireland (Connacht), where it has been established since the late 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Ulf de Ormesbi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Robert de Ormesby, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Peter de Ormesby, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Arthur Ormesby, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Ormesby, 1578 in *IGI* (Partney, Lincs); Joanna Ormsby, 1614 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names* pp. 94–5; *Place-Names of Norfolk 2*, p. 13; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 157.

## Ormsshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Ormesher**.

## Ormson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Urmston**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for the survival in Cheshire and Lancs of Middle English *Ormeson* ‘son of Orm’ (Old Scandinavian *Ormr*), for which see *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 327.

## Ormston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 883, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: English form of the Scottish name

**Ormiston**.

## Ornsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from Ornsby Hill (Durham), which is recorded as *Ormysby* in 1408 and *Ornesby* in 1657. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ormr* + Old Scandinavian *bý* ‘farmstead, village’. Compare **Ormsby**.

**Early bearers:** Richi Ornsby, 1601 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Henry Ornsby, 1657 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); John Ornsby, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 89.

## O’Rorke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O’Rourke**.

## O’Rouke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O’Rourke**.

## O’Rourke

**Variants:** O’Rorke, O’Rouke, Rourke, Rorke, Roark, Rork, Rourk, Ruark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5154, Ireland 5893
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Ruairc ‘descendant of Ruarc’. The personal name may contain early Gaelic *arg* ‘warrior’. Ó Ruairc is the name of a chieftain family of Breifne, in the counties of Leitrim and Cavan.  
**Early bearers:** Scornn Ua Ruairc, 1028 in *AU*; Donnchad Derg Ua Ruairc, 1039 in *AU*; Mac-na-haidhce (‘Son of the Night’) Ua Ruairc, royal heir of Connacht, 1053 in *AU*; Aedh Ua Ruairc, king of Conmaicni, 1087 in *AU*; Bernard O’Rwerke, captain of the country of Brenyorwerke, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1512 (Cavan); Conacius O’Roerke, gent., 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1515 (Dromahier, country of O’Roerke); Fernandus or Ferras O’Royrke, gent., 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3013 (Dublin); Brian O’Rourcke, eldest and fittest of name, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3392 (Ballentogher, O’Rourke’s country, Sligo); John O Rouarke, galloglas, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3432 (Rahyn, Queen’s county [Laois]); Mayny O Rowerk, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Russelston, Dublin); Brian O’Roirck, signed Brian O Ruairc, knight, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4683 (Dromaheer, in O’Roircks country).

## Orpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Orpe, 1574 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ellinn Orpe, 1575 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Orpe, 1583 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Thomas Orpe, 1591 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); William Orpe, 1623 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); Thomas Orp, 1665 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Orpen

**Variants:** Orpin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: see **Orpin**.

**Orpet****Variants:** Orpelt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London

English: nickname from Middle English, Old English *orped* ‘valiant, bold’.

**Further information:** Compare William Orpedeman, before 1223 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London).

**Early bearers:** William Orpede, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter le Orpede, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Willelmus le Orpede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johanne Orpede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulshot, Wilts); Waltero Orpede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoake, Wilts); Walter Orpelt, 1622 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).

**Orpelt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Orpet**.

**Orpin****Variants:** Orpen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Gloucs

English: nickname from Old French, Middle English *orpin* ‘stonecrop’, a plant with bright yellow flowers, which was used in herbal medicine for treating wounds. It was probably either a nickname for someone with bright yellow hair or for a herbalist. *OED* contains a 1548 citation that glosses *auripigmentum* as ‘a colour lyke golde, in englysshe *Orpine*’. *Promptorium Parvulorum* (about 1440) has: “Orpyn, herbe, *Crassula major*, et media dicitur Howsleek, et minima dicitur stoncrop”. From its tenacity of life it was also called *live-long*.

**Early bearers:** Elyas Orpyn, 1298 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Northants); Thomas Orpin, 1580 in *IGI* (Brinkhill, Lincs); Kathirine Orpin, 1584 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Henrie Orpin, 1589 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); James Orpin, 1594 in *IGI* (Brinkhill, Lincs); John Orpin, 1598 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Thomas Orpen, 1599 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Henery Orpin, 1611 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Elizabeth Orpen, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

**Orpwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon and Berks

English: from Orpwood (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Katherina Orpwood, 1544 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Paule Orpwood, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Abingdon, Berks); Sibil Orpwood, 1605 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Robert Orpwood, 1609 in *PROB 11* (London); John Orpwood, 1612 in *IGI* (Steventon, Hants).

**Orr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7624, Ireland 2328
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4911
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 Scottish: nickname from Scottish Gaelic *odhar* ‘dun, of sallow complexion’. This name is also

common in Ireland. It was brought to Ulster from Scotland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Donald Oure, 1512 in *Athole and Home Manuscripts*; John Or, 1578 in *Cawdor Book*; John Orr, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexr. Oar, 1625 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Daniel Ore, 1650 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).

2 English: relationship name from Old Scandinavian *Orri*, originally a byname meaning ‘black grouse’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Orre, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Orre, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Orre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rudston and Thorpe, ER Yorks); John Orr, 1509 in *TNA* (Walkeringham, Notts); Christopher Orr, 1637 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Anne Orr, 1711 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs).

**Orrell****Variants:** Orrill, Orell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1118, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- English: locative name from Orrell in Wigan (Lancs) or Orrell in Sefton (Lancs), both of which are recorded as *Orhul* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from Old English *ōra* ‘bank, slope, hill, edge’ or *ōra* ‘ore’ + *hyll* ‘hill’.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Orhille, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs), de Horul, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Godith de Orul, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roberto de Orell’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Jo. Orrell, 1561 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Abraham Orrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Peter Orrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 105, 117.

**Orrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Orritt**.

**Orrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Urry**.

**Further information:** There is no post-medieval evidence to support Wilson’s derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Orway Farm in Kentisbeare (Devon).

**Orrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Kent.

Scottish: English form of **Orrock**.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Reaney’s derivation from the Old English personal name *Ordric*, for which see **Orridge**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Orrick, 1701, Ralph Orrock, 1772 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Alexander Orrick, 1759 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); William Orrick, 1770 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**Orridge**

**Variants:** Orriss, Orange

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; London

1 English: usually a de-aspirated variant of **Horridge**.

2 English: relationship name, sometimes perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Ordric*, *Orrich* (Old English *Ordric*, from *ord* ‘point, spear’ + *ric* ‘power, realm’), with post-medieval voicing of the final consonant to give *Orridge*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ordric(us), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Bucks, Cambs, Devon, Herefs, Kent, Notts, Shrops, Northants, Somerset, Suffolk, Warwicks); Ordricus, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Orrich’ filius Leuesun’, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk).

sumames: Reinaldus filius Ordrici, 1114–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Johannes filius Ordrici, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Walter Ordric, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Ordric, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Astin filius O(r)richic’, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Juliana Ordric, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Oakley, Essex); Adam Ordric, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Waltero Ordric, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton, Herefs); Ricardo Ordrych’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton on the Hill, Leics); John Orridge, 1589 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Orridge, 1778 in *Parish Registers* (Horringer, Suffolk).

**Orrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics
- English: see **Orrell**.

**Orrin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Orrin, 1652, Mary Orren, 1697 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Robert Orin, 1672, Robert Orrin, 1682 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Thomas Orrin, 1710, Michael Orren, 1787 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Orrin, 1721 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Christopher Orrin, 1780, John Orren, 1803 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

**Orringe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

Norman, English: see **Orange**.

**Early bearers:** William Orrenge, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Sherborne, Dorset).

**Orris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex

English: see **Orriss**.

**Orriss**

- Variants:** Orris, Horace, Horris, Horrish
- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: probably in most instances a variant of **Orridge**, with sibilant of the final palatal consonant to /ʃ/ and /s/ to give (*H*)*orrish* and (*H*)*orris*. It was sometimes associated with the personal name *Horace* in modern times by folk etymology. Some of the following bearers could alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Issable Orris, 1549 in *IGI* (Great Woolstone, Bucks); Allexander Orris, 1611 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Gualter Orris, 1636 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Lawrance Horish, 1704 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Benjamin Horace, 1715 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants); John Orriss, 1733 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Daniel Horris, 1735 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Mary Horace, 1789 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Maria Horrace, 1807 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Orace* (Latin *Horatius*, possibly of Etruscan origin) but it was exceptionally rare in medieval England and is unlikely to be the main source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: Oratius presbiter, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

**surnames:** Richard Oras, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

## Orritt

**Variants:** Orrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Ured* (spelled *Ored*), a reduced form of either Old English *Wulfræd* (from *wulf* 'wolf' + *ræd* 'advice', or possibly Old English *Wulfrith*, from *frithu* 'peace'). *Wulfræd* is evidenced in 12th-century E Anglia and may survive as a surname there in **Urry**, **Oury**, and **Hurry**, with the final syllable reflecting an Anglo-Norman pronunciation of *-(f)red* and *-(f)rith*. Compare **Alfrey**.

**Further information:** The development to *Orritt* shows a radical reduction of the Old English forms, with loss of initial *W-* and of interconsonantal *-f-*, assimilation of *-lr-* to *-rr-*, and a change of final *-d* or *-th* to *-t*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wulureda (*sic* for Wuluredu), 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk); W'lvred', 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Huredus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts). **surnames:** Richard son of Wlured, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Wuluord 'son of' Wulured, mid 13th cent., in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*; William Orede, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Ored, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey Orede, 1289 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Sancroft, South Elmham, Suffolk); Walterus Holured, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jacobus Orehed, 1573 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Margaret Orrett, 1595 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Cathren Orehead, 1595 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henry Orett, 1603, in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Margret Orett, 1626, Peggy Orret, 1781, John Orrett, 1837 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Henry Orrat, 1663, Hannah Orrett, 1746 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Ann Orrett, 1818 in *IGI* (Swynerton, Staffs).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, II, pp. 174, 180.  
2 English: locative name; the earliest Cheshire and Staffs examples in (1) take the form *Orehe(a)d*, which could reflect folk etymologizing of *Orrett*, or could

suggest an alternative derivation from an unidentified minor place-name, apparently named with Old English *hæafod* 'head, hilltop, promontory' as the final element.

## Orrock

**Variants:** Orrick, Horrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Orrock in Fife. The surname occasionally appears as *Arrock*.

**Early bearers:** Symon de Oroc, 1248 in *Dunfermline Register* (Fife); Robert de Horock, de Orrok, 1296 in *Border Papers* (Dysart, Fife); David Arroch, 1513 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); John Orrak, 1605 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Orrak, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Andrew Orroke, 1664 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Elspeth Arroch, 1719 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); Hellen Orroch, 1727 in *IGI* (Auchtertool, Fife).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 1.

## Orrom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Orme** and **Oram**.

**Further information:** In England, *Orrom* is generally Kentish and late.

## Orry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Orrey**; see **Urry**.

## Orsborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Sussex; Middx
- English: see **Osborne**.

## Orsi

**Variants:** Durso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Italian: (i) relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Orso**, from the personal name or nickname meaning 'bear' (from Latin *ursus*). (ii) possibly also an italianized form of Slovenian *Uršič*, a relationship name from either the female personal name *Urša*, a reduced form of *Uršula* (Latin *Ursula*), or the male personal name *Urh*, Slovenian vernacular form of *Ulrik*, German *Udalrich*.

**Early bearers:** Gusseppe [*sic*] Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Southampton, Hants); Angelo Carlo Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hastings, Sussex); Gino Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hendon, Middx); Raphael Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx); Paolo Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Domenico Orsi, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx).

2 Hungarian (Örsi): locative name denoting someone from any of several places in Hungary called Örs.

3 Italian: see **Durso**.

## Orsler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- English: see **Ostler**.

## Orson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Orston (Notts), which is recorded as *Oschintone* in 1086, *Orskinton* in 1197, and *Horseton* and *Orston* in 1272. The place-name probably means 'farmstead associated with a man called Ōsica', from an Old English personal name \**Ōsica* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement', with the introduction of *-r-* to differentiate the place from nearby Ossington (see **Osenton**), and also possibly due to confusion with Middle English *hors* 'horse'.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Horsekinton, 1258 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Nicholas de Orston', 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Gilberto Orston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muston, Leics); William de Orston', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Muston, Leics); John Orston', chaplain, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Orston, 1477 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Rychardd Orson, 1566 in *IGI* (Wilsford, Lincs); Robertus Orson, 1618, Thomas Orston, 1711 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); William Orson, 1627 in *IGI* (Wysall, Notts); William Orson, 1650 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Elizabeth Orson, 1704, William Orson, 1729 in *IGI* (Granby, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 195, 227–8.

## Ortega

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: locative name from Ortega (A Coruña province) or some other place named with Spanish *ortiga* 'nettle' (Latin *urtica*).

## Ortiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: relationship name, patronymic from the Basque personal name *Orti*, possibly from Spanish *Fortuni*.

## Orton

**Variants:** Urton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3702, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2801
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics; Warwicks

English: locative name from any of the many places called Orton, notably in Leics, Warwicks, Northants, Hunts, and Westm. All those in England share a second element from Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement', but the first element in each case is more difficult to determine. Examples in Warwicks and Hunts are on the banks of rivers, so there it is probably Old English *ofer* 'riverbank'; in other cases it is impossible to decide between *ofer* 'ridge' and *uferra* 'upper'. Orton in Westm is probably named with the Old Scandinavian byname *Orri* 'blackcock' (the male black grouse). Orton near Fochabers, Scotland, is of uncertain etymology. Compare **Overton**.



## Orum

**Further information:** It may also be from Nether or Over Worton (Oxon), which is recorded as *Orton* in 1191.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Orton, 1229 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Hugh Orton, 1357 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Edward Orton, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Anne Orton, 1562 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Tobby Bostocke Orton, 1563 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Johes Orton, 1564 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Orton, 1565 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Margaret Orton, 1572 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anthony Orton, 1576 in *IGI* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Lyon Orton, 1591 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Richard Orton, 1599 in *IGI* (Orton on the Hill, Leics); John Orton, 1622 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Mary Orton, 1686 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

## Orum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Orme** and **Oram**.

## Orvis

**Variants:** **Office**, **Orviss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: locative name, probably from Orvaux (Eure, Normandy). For the development of the last syllable, compare **Clarvis**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Orvis, 1560 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); John Orvyce, 1561 in *IGI* (Terling, Sussex); Ellin Orvis, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); Thomas Orvice, 1732 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Eliz. Codin Ovis, 1789 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Samuel Office, 1811 in *IGI* (Scoulton, Norfolk).

## Orviss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs
- Norman, English: see **Orvis**.

## Orwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: locative name from Orwell (Cambs), which is recorded as *Ordeuuelle* in 1086, or Orwell Haven (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Orewell(e)* from 1275 to about 1386. The Cambs place-name derives from Old English *ord* 'point, corner of land, promontory' + *wella* 'well, spring, stream'. The Suffolk place-name derives from the river name *Arwe*, *Orwe* (now known as the River Orwell) + Old English *wella*.

**Early bearers:** Turbert de Ordeuuelle, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); William de Orewell', 1201 in *Pleas* (Cambs); Alan de Orewell', 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex/Herts); Walter de Orewell, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Marmaduke Orwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Rebecca Orwell, 1567 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); John Orwell, 1576 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Orwell, 1583 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Dorothe Orwell, 1602 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Ales Orwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 79; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 453.

## Orwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Durham, Northumb

English: see **Erwin** and compare **Urwin**.

## O'Ryan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Riagháin, see **Ryan**.

## Osbaldeston

**Variants:** **Osbiston**, **Osbaldstone**, **Osbaldiston**, **Albiston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Osbaldeston (Lancs), which is recorded as *Osbaldeston* in 1246 and *Osbaldiston* in 1258. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Osbold* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Osbaldeston, 1292 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Thom' de Osbaldeston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Osbaldeston, Lancs); Robertus Osabaldton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Geoffrey de Osbaldeston, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John Osbaldeston', 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Elezabeth Osbosstone, 1552 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Henry Osbouldston, 1597 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Abigall Osbiston, 1670 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Maria Osbalston, 1681 in *IGI* (Tarrant Hinton, Dorset).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 70.

## Osbaldiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; WR Yorks

English: see **Osbaldeston**.

## Osbaldstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Osbaldeston**.

## Osband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Osborne** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Chadband**, **Goodband**, **Rathband**, and **Tichband**.

## Osbiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Lancs; also Norfolk

English: see **Osbaldeston**.

## Osbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Osborne**.

## Osbond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Osborne** or perhaps **Husband**.

## Osborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4840, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5940
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

English: see **Osborne**.

## Osborne

**Variants:** **Osborn**, **Osbourne**, **Osbourne**, **Osburn**, **Osbon**, **Osband**, **Osbond**, **Ozbirn**, **Orsborn**, **Hosburn**, **Usborne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23759, Ireland 1014
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14120
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; Waterford and Kilkenny; Meath

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Osbern*, partly from late Old English *Ösbern*, an anglicization of Old Scandinavian *Ásbiörn* (from *áss* 'god' + *biörn* 'bear'), but more usually from Norman use of the cognate Continental Germanic *Ösbern*. *Osbern* was often treated as an alternative form of *Osbert*. For pet forms see **Hoskin** and **Opie**.

**Further information:** The surname has also been established in Ireland (Waterford, Tipperary) since the mid-16th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Osbern, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Osbernus filius Willelmi, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames, England: Henry Osbern, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Oseburn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Oseburn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Osborn, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Andrew Housborn, Walter Hosebarn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Osbern, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Hill, Cornwall); Agn' Usbarn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Langton, Leics); Isabella Usberne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmus Usburn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heslington, ER Yorks); Elena Usburne, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Usbarne, 1467 in *Kent Wills*; Richard Osborne, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Nicolas Osborn, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Richard Orsborn, 1730 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); Martha Osband, 1756 in *IGI* (Mountnessing, Essex); Eliza Osbond, 1858 in *IGI* (Collyweston, Northants).  
surnames, Ireland: William Osborne, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dyan, Monaghan); Thomas Osborn, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcar, Louth); Bridget Osborne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Louth); James Osburn, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal); Samuel Osburne, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghedy, Tyrone).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 24–33.

## Osbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; Cambs and Essex

English: see **Osborne**.



**Osbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1780, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1094
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Osborne**.

**Osburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Osborne**.

**Oscar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Oscair, see **McCusker**.

**Oscroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: locative name from Oxcroft in Bolsover (Derbys). The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* 'ox' + *croft* 'enclosure'.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Oxcroft, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Matthew Oxcroft, 1664 in *IGI* (Heanor, Derbys); Gilbert Oxcroft, 1670, Thomas Oscroft, 1736 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Thomas Oscroft, 1719 in *IGI* (Papplewick, Notts).

**Osei**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from a male given name *Osei*, often found among Asante royalty, of unexplained origin.

**Oseland**

Variants: **Osland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Worcs, and Warwicks
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Osland, 1549 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); John Oseland, 1550, John Oslande, 1555 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); John Osland, 1566, Lewes Oseland, 1610 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Richard Oslande, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Grantham, Lincs); Rogeri Oseland, 1585 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Thomas Osland, 1585, John Oselande, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Kinlet, Shrops); William Osland, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Plaitford, Wilts); Elizabeth Osland, 1637 in *IGI* (Stoke Bliss, Herefs); Richard Oosland, 1675 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); Elisabeth Ozeland, 1740 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Thomas Ozland, 1797 in *IGI* (Abergavenny, Monmouths).

**Oseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs
- 1 English: see **Osman**.  
 2 English: see **Osmond**.

**Osen**

Variants: **Ozin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, French: nickname from Old French *oison* 'gosling'.  
**Further information:** Although this is found in the medieval period as a Norman French surname in England, we have found no evidence that it survived. The modern surname is more probably a reimportation from France.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Oisun, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Martin Oisun, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Hugh Oisun, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Clementina Oysyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk).

**Osgathorpe**

Variants: **Osgothorpe**, **Osguthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from Osgathorpe House in Sheffield (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Osegerthorp* in 1291. The place-name probably derives from the Old English personal name *Ósgar* or an anglicized form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásgeirr* + Old English or Old Scandinavian *þorp* 'secondary settlement, outlying farmstead'.  
**Early bearers:** Robertus Osgarthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Margaret Osgathorpe, 1577, Mary Osguthorpe, 1797 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Julia Osgothorpe, 1883 in *IGI* (East Harling, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks 1*, p. 211.

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from Osgathorpe in Leics, but evidence is lacking. The place is recorded as *Osgodtorp* in 1086 and derives from an anglicized form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásgautr* + Old English or Old Scandinavian *þorp* 'secondary settlement, outlying farmstead'.  
**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, pp. 77–8.

**Oskerby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from any of several places called Osgodby (Lincs, ER Yorks, NR Yorks) or Osgodby (NR Yorks), so named from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásgautr* + *bý* 'farmstead, settlement'.  
**Early bearers:** Sylvester de Osgoteby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alice de Osgodby, Beatrice de Osgodby, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johanne de Osgodby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Willelmus Osgoteby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Casterton and Toletorpe, Rutland); Johanne Osgotby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Osgodesby, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks, Worcs); Richard Osgarby, 1570, John Osgodbey, 1619 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Willyam Oskerby, 1580 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Herie Oserbie, 1588 in *IGI* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Martha Osgodbye, 1605 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Peter Oskerby, 1612 in *IGI* (North Willingham, Lincs).

**Osgood**

Variants: **Hosegood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: relationship name from the late Old English personal name *Osgod*, *Osgot*, an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Ásgautr*, *Ásgot*, from *áss* 'god' + *Gautr* a Continental tribal name. Compare **Angood**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Osgot, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Osgot, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).  
 surnames: Henricus filius Osegod, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Osgot', Osegod, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk), 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Petrus Angoti, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Osegod, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Bucks); Johanne Osgod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kempsford, Gloucs); Thomas Osgood, 1614 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Robert Osgood, 1657 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants).

**Osgothorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Osgathorpe**.

**Osguthorpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Osgathorpe**.

**O'Shaughnessy**

Variants: **Shaughnessy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1534, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Galway
- Irish: from Ó Seachnasaigh 'descendant of *Seachnasach*', a personal name of uncertain origin, perhaps based on the word *seachnach* 'elusive'.  
**Further information:** The main branch of the once powerful O'Shaughnessy clan died out in the 18th century. The head of the clan in the early 16th century, Dermot O'Shaughnessy, had been knighted in 1533 by Henry VIII, but the lands belonging to the clan were confiscated by Cromwell approximately a century later. They were returned to them in 1660, when the Stuarts were restored, but then taken again in 1697.  
**Early bearers:** Aedh mac Gilla-cruim I Shechnusaigh, 1240 in *AU*; Darby O'Shaghnes, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1773 (Gortinchegory, Kenallege, or O'Shaghnes country, Conaght); Dermicius or Derbie O'Shaghnes, alias O'Shaghnes, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2769 (Gortinsegore in the country of Kenalea, Conaght); John O'Shaghnes, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3881 (Gorte ynishegory, Galway); Dermond mcGilloduf O'Sheaghnessa, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4080 (Galway); John O'Shaghnes, priest, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4698 (Ledgeraghe, Galway).

**O'Shea**

Variants: **O'Shee**, **Shee**, **Shea**, **Shay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6095, Ireland 9509
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Séaghdha 'descendant of Séaghdha', a personal name meaning 'stately' or 'hawk-like'. The anglicized pronunciation would have been roughly *Shay*, as indicated by the spelling *Shea*, but *Shee* early became an acceptable spelling. However, in some cases Shee may be a shortened form of **Sheehy**.

**Early bearers:** Mathgamain hUa Segdhai king of Corco Duibhne, 1096 in *AU* (Kerry); Philip duff O'Shee, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Grallagh); Nicholas McDonill O'She, and Donagh mcTeige O Shee, horsemen, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3328 (Gurtines and Mongan, Waterford); Rich. Shee, of Cloghran O Shee, gent., and Wm. O Shee, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4370 (Clone O Shee, Kilkenny); Nich. fitz Rob. O Shea, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4433 (Glanskeagh, Kilkenny or Tipperary); Dirmod mcDonogh O'Shey, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4518 (Desmond); Conogher og O'Shea, and Derby mc Conogher Y Hee, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4519 (Desmond); Tho. fitz Rich. O Shee and Rich. fitz Rob. O Shee, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4720 (Balledave and Kappaghe, Kilkenny or Tipperary); Mary Shea and Thomas ruo and John fitz Richard O Shea, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4744; Donell mcTeige Y Shee and Donell oge mcDonell dufe Y Shee, husbandmen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4781 (Formvell, Cork).

2 Irish: see **McShea**.

### O'Shee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Irish: from Ó Séaghdha, see **O'Shea**.

### Oshodi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Oṣòdí*, a traditional chieftaincy title on Lagos Island.

### Osland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Monmouths

English: see **Oseland**.

### Oslar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and Norfolk; Lancs

English: see **Osler**.

### Osler

**Variants:** **Hosler**, **Oslar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Angus

1 English: (i) occupational name from Old French *oiseleur*, *oiseleur* 'bird catcher, fowler'. (ii) occupational name from Old French *oiselier* 'seller of game, poulterer'.

**Early bearers:** William Osselur, Oiselur, 1170, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alberic le Oselur, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Thorald le Osiller, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Robert le Oyseler, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Godfrey le Hoselur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William le Vsseler, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Oslar, 1572 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Robert Oslar, 1586 in *IGI* (Wold Newton, Lincs); Robert Oslar, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth,

Norfolk); Robart Oslar, 1610 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Robert Oslar, 1632 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds).

2 English: see **Ostler**.

### Osley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Lancs; London

English: see **Ousley**.

### Osman

**Variants:** **Oseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5432, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: see **Osmond**.

**Early bearers:** William Osman, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Osman, 1660 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 Turkish: the normal Turkish spelling of the Arabic-derived **Othman**.

### Osmani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Turkish: from an adjectival form of the Turkish personal name **Osman**.

### Osmant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Osmond** and compare **Osment**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Osmant, 1636 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Thomas Osmant, 1745 in *IGI* (Rowner, Hants); Edward Osmant, 1822 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Osmar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Osmar**.

### Osmaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: (i) locative name from Osmaston or Osmaston by Derby (both Derbys), both of which are recorded as *Osmundestune* in 1086 and *Osmaston* in the 16th century. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Ōsmund* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. (ii) locative name, alternatively perhaps from a lost place in Norfolk, which is recorded as *Osmundeston*, 1374 in *Patent Rolls*. The place-name appears to have the same etymology as the Derbys place-names mentioned in (i).

**Early bearers:** William de Osmundeston, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John Osmerson or Osmundstone, 1571 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Charles Osmaston, 1851 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 489; 3, p. 595.

### Osment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: see **Osmond** and compare **Osman** and **Osmant**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Osment, 1587 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); John Osment, 1694 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Anne Osment, 1716 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Osmer

**Variants:** **Osmar**, **Usmar**, **Hosmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Osmer*, Old English *Ōsmær*, composed of the elements *ōs* 'god' + *mære* 'famous'. **Early bearers:** given names: Osmar, Osmer, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics, Devon); Osmer ater Dune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: William Osmere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Hosmer, 1548, in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Mary Hosmer, 1571 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Chaney's Usmer, 1589 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 48; Annis Osmer, 1584 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Mersy Osmer, 1597, and John Osmer, 1598 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Symon Usmar, 1601 in *IGI* (East Sutton, Kent).

### Osmint

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Osmond** and compare **Osmant**.

### Osmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England

English: see **Osmond**.

**Early bearers:** Anny's Osmon, 1579 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Margery Osmon, 1626 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

### Osmond

**Variants:** **Osmund**, **Osmant**, **Osment**, **Osmint**, **Osman**, **Osmon**, **Oseman**, **Ouzman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1622, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Osmund*, representing either Old English *Ōsmund* or Anglo-Scandinavian *Ōsmund* from Old Scandinavian *Ásmundr*, *Asmund*, from elements meaning 'god' + 'protection' (English); 'hand; bride price' (Scandinavian). The name was popular among Normans in Normandy, and this contributed substantially to its currency in post-Conquest England. By the middle of the 13th century it was an inherited surname of the Norman family that owned Melbury Osmond in Dorset, called Meleberi Willelmi filius Osmundi in 1202 and Melebury Osmund in 1243. The surname was still to be found in that parish in 1664. See also **Osment**. For a probable pet form of *Osmund*, see **Hoskin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Osmund, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Berks, Bucks, Derbys, Hants, Hunts, Leics, Lincs, Norfolk, Northants, Notts, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, and Yorks); Hosmundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Hosmunt, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Osmundus dispensator, 1138–48 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Osmundus

Chicken, 1211 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Osemundus clericus, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Osmundo Body, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); Osmund Hayne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon).

urnames: Roger Hosemund, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Osemund, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); Richard Osemond, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Andreas Osmund, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Osemond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Osmund, 1337 in *Caption of Seisin* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Galfridus Osmund, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Adam Osemond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); Johannes Osmond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Cantelo, Somerset); Charles Osmond, 1559 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Alys Osmond, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Robert Osmond, 1612 in *IGI* (Alford, Somerset); Elizabeth Osmond, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Melbury Osmond, Dorset).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage; Insley, Scand. Personal Names; Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names; Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 214.

### Osmotherly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: (i) locative name, usually from Osmotherley (Lancs), which is recorded as *Asemunderlawe* in 1246 and *Osmunderley* in 1539. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásmundr* (genitive *Ásmundar*) + Old English *hlāw* 'hill, mound'. (ii) locative name, occasionally perhaps from Osmotherley (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Osmundeleye* in the 13th century and *Osmondirlay* in 1398. The place-name derives from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Ásmundr* (genitive *Ásmundar*) + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** [...] de Asmundrelau, 1341 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Lancs); [...] de Osmoundrelawe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmo de Osmunderlay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Peter Osmotherley, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhith, London); Grace Osmotherlaie, 1572 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); John Osmotherlaw, 1573 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Florence Osmotherley, 1589, Elzebehe Osmotherlawe, 1595 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Richard Osmotherlawe or Osmotherley, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph Aldersgate, City of London); John Osmotherley, 1618 in *IGI* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); John Osmotherlay, 1630 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Thomas Osmotherly, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); John Osmotherly, 1751 in *IGI* (Yarm, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 213; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 213.

### Osmund

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England and S Wales

English: see **Osmond**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Osmund, 1540 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Stephan Osmund, 1551 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elisabeth Osmund, 1596 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Tristram Osmund, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); Thamasine Osmund, 1612 in

*IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Robert Osmund, 1629 in *IGI* (Nedging, Suffolk).

### Ost

**Variants:** Host, Hoste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *oste*, *hoste* 'host, guest, especially one who entertains' (Old French *oste*, *hoste*), perhaps a nickname, if not strictly an occupational name, for an innkeeper.

**Early bearers:** Elias le host, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John le host, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Richard le Ost, Richard Lost, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); John le Ost, tanner, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dartford, Kent); Edmund Host, 1542 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); William Host, 1579 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Richard Ost, 1612 in *IGI* (Minster in Sheppey, Kent); John Ost, 1630 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Jas Hoste, 1663 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Thomas Host, 1676, Robert Hoste, 1687, Mary Ost, 1734 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); John Host, 1694 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); John Ost, 1828 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

### Ostick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, ER Yorks, and Lincs; also Lancs

English: see **Austwick**.

### Ostle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: occupational name for an innkeeper, from *atte ostle* 'at the hostel or inn'. Compare **Ostler**. **Early bearers:** Mabilia atte Nosteale, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Streatley, Beds); Joh'e del Hostel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leek, Staffs); Rogero de Hostel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton Bryan, Beds); John del Hostell, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Drigg, Cumb); Willelmus Hostel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Hugo Hostell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Richard del Hostell', mason, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Janet Ostell, 1583 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Thomas Ostle, 1602 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Jametta Ostell, 1677 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); Sarah Hostell, 1729, Aaron Ostle, 1771 in *IGI* (Crosscanonby, Cumb); John Ostle, 1738 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jonathan Ostle, 1762 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); John Ostle, 1770 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

### Ostler

**Variants:** Osler, Oastler, Orsler, Hostler, Hustler, Horsler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; Lincs

English: occupational name from Old French *ostelier*, *hostelier*, Middle English (*h*)*ostiler*, (*h*)*osteler* 'person responsible for lodging guests; specifically, an innkeeper'. Subsequently, the word came to mean 'a stableman; one who looked after horses', but this

was probably not the meaning at the time the surname was coined.

**Early bearers:** William Hostiler, 1190 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert le Osteler, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert le Osteler, 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert le Hostler, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Husteler, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks); Thomas Husteler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Robertus Husteler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Silsden, WR Yorks); Thomas Ostler, 1562, William Oastler, 1738 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

### Ostridge

**Variants:** Astridge, Estridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *Ostriche* 'Austria' (literally 'the eastern kingdom'), denoting someone from the medieval duchy of Austria.

**Early bearers:** John Ossreche, Matilda Ostrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Andrew van Ostrich of Almain, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; John Ostriche, 1398 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Ostriche, 1421, Ostrich, 1439 in *London Letter Books*; Thomas Ostrich, 1485 in *PROB 11* (London); John Austridge, 1793 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ostrich(e)*, sometimes denoting 'ostrich' but sometimes signifying 'goshawk' through a misunderstanding of Old French *ostricier* 'keeper of goshawks' (a derivative of Old French *ostur* '(gos)hawk').

**Further information:** Compare William le ostricer, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); also note an entry mentioning 'protection for Richard le Ostricer of Kynestan for so long as he be in the king's service in the office of the goshawks' (*in officio austurcar[ie]*), 1236 in *Patent Rolls*.

**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/ostridge/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/ostridge/)

### Ostrowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from a place called Ostrów, named with Polish *ostrów* 'island, water meadow'.

**Early bearers:** Solomon Ostrowsky, Nathan Ostrowsky, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Ostrowsky, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Solomon Ostrowsky, born in Poland, in *Census 1871*, Barnett Ostrowsky, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Walther Ostrowski, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Mauritz Ostrowski, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx).

### O'Sullivan

**Variants:** Sullivan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12136, Ireland 26211
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork and Kerry

Irish: from Ó Súilleabháin 'descendant of Súilleabhán', a personal name from *súil* 'eye' + *dubh* 'black, dark' + the diminutive suffix *-án*.

**Early bearers:** Domnall ‘the Black’ Ua Suillabhain, 1411 in *AU*; Domnall hUa Suillabhain or hUa Suilleamhain, Ua Suillabhain Beirre, 1485 in *AU* (Cork); Tadhg in Chaennaigh O Suilleabhain, 1498 in *AU*; Diarmaid mac Domhnuill í Shuilleabáin, O Suilleabain Beirre, 1533 in *AU*; Owen O Swyllyvan, of Bary, knight, alias O Swyllyvan Byarry, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2253 (Munster); Donald O Sullivain, alias O Swllivain More, gent., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2258 (Dounkeran, Cork); Boagh O Soulyvan, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Dunckeran, Cork); Dermot mcConoghór mcFynne I Swlywan, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3100 (Mocromy, Cork); Owen O Swllivan, knight, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3554 (Berehaven, Cork); Conchor Swilewan, priest, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3974 (Castlelihan, Cork); Thomas Solevan, fisherman, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4115 (Dungarvan, Waterford).

## Oswald

### Variants: Oswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1353, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Lanarks; Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Oswald*, representing both Old English *Ōsweald* and an Anglo-Scandinavian form of Old Scandinavian *Ásvaldr*, from elements meaning ‘god’ and ‘rule(r)’. Although the available medieval evidence is only from the southern half of England, the modern surname clearly belongs mainly to N England and S Scotland.

**Early bearers:** given names: Osuuald, Osuouldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset, Surrey); Oswaldi de Bertune, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Osewald Nundy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants).

surnames, England: Robertus filius Oswaldi, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Simon Aswald, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Oswald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Oswell, 1545 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Oswell, 1584 in *IGI* (London); Robt Oswald, 1598 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Rich. Oswald, 1615 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Jacobi Oswald, 1630 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs); Richard Oswald, 1635 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); John Oswald, 1660 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John Oswald, 1683, John Oswell, 1722, Joseph Oswald, 1766 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); Mary Oswall, 1705, William Oswell, 1706 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Alexander Oswell, 1714 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Joseph Osweld, 1719 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb); James Oswald, 1731 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Wm. Oswell, 1738, Jon. Oswall, 1744 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Sarrah Oswald, 1743 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Edwd. Oswell, 1771 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

surnames, Scotland: Johnne Oswald, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Oswald, 1581, Margaret Oswell, 1778 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Oswald, 1599, George Oswall, 1609 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Margaret Oswald, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Oswald, 1761 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife); Alexander Oswald, 1787 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó hEodhusa, see **Hussey**.

## Osward

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Osward*, *Oseward* (Old English *Ōsweard*, from *ōs* ‘god’ + *w(e)ard* ‘ward, protector’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Osward, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Oswardus Suede Melt, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Robert Oseward, 1257–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alecock Oseward, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Oseward, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Osewerd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulsham, Essex); John Osword, 1587 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Elizabeth Osswood, 1688 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk).

## Oswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Lancs; Northumb
- 1 English: see **Oswald**.
- 2 Irish: adopted for Ó hEodhusa, see **Hussey**.

## Oswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Oxwick (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Ossuic* in 1086 and *Oxewic* in 1242. The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ + *wīc* ‘specialized or outlying farm’.

**Early bearers:** John de Oxewic, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Radulphus Oxwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Johannes Oxwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Thomas Oswick, 1730 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); Jane Oswick, 1775 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); William Oswick, 1803 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Edward Filby Oswick, 1867 in *IGI* (Fletton, Hunts); Elijah Oswick, 1875 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks).

## Oswin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Oswin* (Old English *Ōswine*, composed of the elements *ōs* ‘god’ + *wine* ‘friend’).

**Early bearers:** given names: Oswinus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs, Norfolk).

surnames: Roger Oswin, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Edmund Oswyn or Oswen, 1578 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Oswyn, feltmaker, 1602–3 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Robt. Oswin, 1612 in *IGI* (Slawston, Leics); Bridgett Oswin, 1623 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); John Oswyn, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Kings Langley, Herts).

## Oteng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: an Akan name of unexplained origin.

## Otero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: (i) locative name, toponymic from any of various places called Otero (Spanish *otero* ‘height,

hill’, from Late Latin *altarium*, a derivative of *altus* ‘high’). (ii) locative name from a castilianized form of the common Galician and Asturian-Leonese place names Outeiro and Uteru.

## Othen

### Variants: Oden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Othin* (Anglo-Scandinavian *Ōðin* or *Öðin*, Old Scandinavian *Auðun*, *Othin*, *Odhin*, of uncertain interpretation).

**Further information:** Oinus dacus (the Dane), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex) was presumably called Othin in English (Old Danish *Óthæn*) but his name has been rendered by a Norman clerk as Oin, i.e. Old French *Ouen*, which is a variant of *Odin*, sometimes latinized as *Audoenus*. See *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 41–2, and *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 84–6, for men named Auden, Oden, Odin(us), Oin, Outhen alias Audouen, and Audenus alias Oinus.

**Early bearers:** given names: Oudon, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Oinus dacus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Odin Goldeberd, 1327, Othynus Guldebort, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Henry Otheyn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Othyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Otheyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Oden, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo Odon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frilford, Berks); Gylliann Othen, 1578 in *IGI* (Weston Patrick, Hants); Abraham Oden, 1757 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); John Oden, 1795 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Robert Oden, 1838 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 342.

## Othman

### Variants: Osman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: variant of Arabic *‘Uthmān*, a pre-Islamic personal name sometimes glossed as ‘young bastard, young snake’.

**Further information:** This was the name of the third of the ‘rightly guided’ khalifs (ruled 644–56), one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad, to whom he gave the good news of entering into paradise.

## Otis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Oates**. The name in this spelling is absent from the 1881 Census but is found in the 1871 Census in Leeds (WR Yorks) and in the 1901 Census in Preston (Lancs).

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Otley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Suffolk;

Worcs

English: see **Ottley**.

**Otoo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

**O'Toole**

**Variants:** Toole, Toal, Tohill, Toohill, Towell, Tool, Tooley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3517, Ireland 5372
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Irish: from Ó **Tuathail** 'descendant of *Tuathal*', an ancient Celtic personal name based on *tuath* 'people' + \**val-* 'might, rule'. Compare **Toland**. This name has also been erroneously associated with Gaelic *tuile* 'flood' and therefore occasionally anglicized as **Flood**.

**Early bearers:** Lorcan Ua Tuathail, comarba Coemghin, 1162 in *AU*; Aedh hUa Tuathail, king of Uí Mail, in *AU*; Domnall mac Daibhith hUí Tuathail, protector of poets, 1431 in *AU*; Emunn hUa Tuathail, 1488 in *AU*; Luke or Fieghe O'Toole, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §117 (Castell Kevyn, Dublin); Phelym O'Tole, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §183 (Powerscourt, Dublin); Morgan or Morghe O'Toole, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931 (Dublin); Cornelius O'Twohill, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3037 (Waterford); Doritia, Grany, Margaret, and More Tole, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4019 (Dublin); Edmund O'Toheull, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4698 (Dowreswarowfathe); Shyhy O'Thoell, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4700 (Kyry); Sir Owen O'Toyle, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4763 (Ulster); Connor O'Twohill, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4805; John Tohill, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6476 (Derbestown); Patrick O'Towill McDonogh, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662.

**Ott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Oates**.

**Ottaway**

**Variants:** Attaway, Otway, Ottway, Otterway, Ottoway, Oatway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; also Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Otewi* (Old French *Otois*, from Continental Germanic *Otwic*, composed of elements meaning 'wealth' and 'battle'). See also **Ottewell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Otewi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Otewicus le Poher', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Otewi de Esthall', 1228 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon).

sumames: Roger Otway, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh Otewy, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Roberto Otway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Christian Otwaye, 1575 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); Jossias Ottoway, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Thomas Ottoway, 1617, Raphe Ottaway, 1620 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Humphry Otway, 1621 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Humphredi Otteway, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Samuel Ottaway, 1695 in *IGI* (Pyrford, Surrey).

**Otten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: an alternative spelling of **Otton**; see also **Oates**.

**Otter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1060, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the unexplained Old Scandinavian personal name *Óttar* (possibly connected with *ótti* 'dread'), which could be anglicized in Old English as *Ohthere*. (ii) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *oter* 'otter', or (given the form *le Otor*) a reduced form of \**oterer* 'otter-hunter'. Compare Adam Loterhunt, le Oterhunter, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** given names: Otre, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon, Yorks); Walterus filius Otheri, Other, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Other Pilemus, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

sumames: Roger Oter, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); John Otir, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Symon Other, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Mariota Otre, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus le Otor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Johannes Otour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castleford, WR Yorks); Agnes Otter, 1563 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Robertus Otter, 1572 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs).

**Otterburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from any of three places called Otterburn (Northumb, WR Yorks, Roxburghs). The place-names derive from Old English *oter* 'otter' + *burna* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Rannulf de Otterburn', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Helias de Hoterburne, 1274–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Alan de Ottyrburne, 1426 in *Black*; Sir Thomas Otterburn, 1618 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); John Otterburn, 1693 in *IGI* (Cayton, NR Yorks); Janet Otterburn, 1716 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); Thomas Otterburn, 1720 in *IGI* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks); Ann Otterburn, 1726 in *IGI* (Lastingham, NR Yorks); Sarah Otterburn, 1727 in *IGI* (Thornton Dale, NR Yorks).

**Otterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

N English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Óttar* (see **Otter**) + patronymic *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Otterson, 1724 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Elizabeth Otterson, 1783 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nicholas Otterson, 1816 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Jane Otterson, 1822 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Peter Otterson, 1825 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Charles Otterson, 1826 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

**Otterway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Ottaway**.

**Otterwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Ottewell**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Ottewell, 1700 in *IGI* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk); John Otterwell, 1729 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Will'M Ottewel, 1770 in *IGI* (Whepsted, Suffolk).

**Ottery**

**Variants:** Ottrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Ottery Saint Mary or Mohun's Ottery in Luppitt (both Devon), both of which are recorded as *Otri* in 1086. The place-names are taken from the River Otter, on which they stand. The river-name derives from Old English *oter* 'otter' + *ĕa* 'water'.

**Early bearers:** Auicia de Otery, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Ottery, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Ottery, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Plymouth, Devon); John Ottery, 1789 in *IGI* (Kittisford, Somerset); Thomas Ottery, 1796 in *IGI* (Ilminster, Somerset); William Ottery, 1802 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Job Ottrey, 1818 in *IGI* (Ilminster, Somerset); Harry George Ottrey, 1869 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 11; 2, pp. 603, 642.

**Ottewell**

**Variants:** Ottewill, Otterwell, Ottiwell, Otwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Otuel*, a pet form of *Otewi* (see **Ottoway**). Compare *Otuelis*, *Otewicus de Clipeston*, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

**Further information:** For the history of *Otuel* as a personal name see *Redmonds, Christian Names*, pp. 63–4.

**Early bearers:** given names: Otuell' Malduit, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

sumames: Willelmus filius Otuelis, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Ottwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Otewell, 1584, John Ottewell, 1636 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys); William Ottiwell, 1642, Samuel Ottewel, 1719 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); James Ottiwell, 1625 in *IGI* (Rauceby, Lincs).

**Ottewill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Ottewell**.

**Ottey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115

## Ottiwell

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Otty**.

### Ottiwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics
- English: see **Ottewell**.
- Early bearers:** Oliver Ottiwell, 1607 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).
- References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 314–15.

### Ottley

**Variants:** **Otley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 357
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey and Middx; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Cork
- English: locative name from either of two places called Otley (Suffolk, WR Yorks), both of which are recorded as *Oteleia* in 1086. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Otta* + Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.
- Early bearers:** Tor de Ottalay, 1148–56 in *Yorks Charters*; Thomas de Otteleg’, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Paulinus de Otteleye, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Otteley, 1425 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Otley, 1542 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Ellen Otley, 1558, Ritchard Ottley, 1604 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); John Ottley, 1599 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Adam Ottley, 1544, Adam Otley, 1551 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Tho. Otley, 1613 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Otley, 1653 in *IGI* (Denham near Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).
- References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 454–5; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 203.

### Otto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- German: relationship name from the German personal name *Otto* (a short form of Continental Germanic compound names with the first element *Od-*, formed from \**od* ‘possessions, riches’).
- Further information:** Otto was a hereditary name in the Saxon ruling house, as well as being borne by Otto von Wittelsbach, who founded the Bavarian ruling dynasty in the 11th century, and the 12th-century Otto of Bamberg, apostle of Pomerania.
- Early bearers:** Matthias Otto, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Gottlieb Otto, 1728 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham).
- References:** *DAFN*.

### Ottolangu

**Variants:** **Ottolenghi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish: locative name from Ettlingen in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. *Ottolangu* is a folk italianization of the German place-name, altered to resemble Italian *otto* ‘eight’ + *lingue* ‘tongues’. The name was taken to northern Italy, in particular Piedmont and Lombardy, by Jewish refugees in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Emilia Ottolengui, 1842 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Mordecai Ottolengui, 1846 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Miriam Ottolengui, 1847 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Ottolengui, 1847 in *BMD* (London); Joshua Ottolengui, 1848 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Ottolengui, 1856 in *BMD* (London); Aaron Ottolengui, born in Middx, in *Census 1861* (Spitalfields, Middx); Emanuel Ottolengui, born in England, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Monte Ottolengue, fishmonger, born in Aldgate, in *Census 1891* (London); Judah Ottolangu, auctioneer, born in Stepney, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**References:** *De Felice*.

### Ottolenghi

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish: see **Ottolangu**.

### Otton

**Variants:** **Oaten, Otten, Oatten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Otton*, oblique case form of *Otto*, Continental Germanic *Oddo, Odo, Audo*. Compare **Oates**.
- Further information:** According to Reaney, Belcham Otton (Essex) owes its affix (*Otes*, 1254, *Oton*, 1255 in *Place-Names of Essex*) to Otto (1154–89), a descendant of Otto or Odo, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.
- Early bearers:** Johane Otten, 1564 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Thomas Otonn, 1601 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Johan Otten, 1653 in *IGI* (Honiton on Otter, Devon).

### Ottoway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ottaway**.

### Ottrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Ottery**.

### Ottway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Norfolk
- English: see **Ottaway**.

**Early bearers:** Judith Ottaway, 1649 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Stephen Eiria Ottway, 1687 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Otway, 1726 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

### Otty

**Variants:** **Otley, Oatey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Norfolk
- English: pronunciation of **Auty** with shortening of the vowel. Redmonds notes Daniel Awty alias Otty (1686) in Dewsbury and York. Also compare Richd

Auty, 1706, Ellen Otty, 1734 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks). *Oat(ey)* may represent a spelling of the modern pronunciation /*auti/* of *Outy* and *Oty*, which are Middle English variants of *Auty*, or a spelling of the modern pronunciation of *Auty*, i.e. /*ɔ:tu/*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Outay, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Will'o Outy, 1310 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Elena Oty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greenoak, ER Yorks); Margareta Oty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jane Ottye, 1577, John Otty, 1612 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Robert Ottey, 1579 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); Martin Oty, 1581, Raffae Oatye, 1595 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Margery Otie, 1593 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); William Otie, 1611 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Anne Oty, 1621 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); Henry Oatye, 1633 in *IGI* (Rufford, Lancs); John Otty, 1648, Thomas Oty, 1673 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Thomas Otty, 1673 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Sarah Otty, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York); William Oaty, 1692 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Thomas Otty, 1709, Richard Oatty, 1785 in *IGI* (Nailstone, Leics); Richard Otty, 1736 in *IGI* (Selby, WR Yorks); Thomas Ottey, 1736 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); John Oaty, 1742, Joseph Ottay, 1810 in *IGI* (Twyccross, Leics).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Otway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Westm
- English: see **Ottaway**.
- Early bearers:** Mathew Otway, 1539, John Otway, 1781 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); William Otway, 1550 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); Ralf Otway, 1578 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); John Otway, 1606 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Samuel Otway, 1633 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Otwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Ottewell**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Ough

**Variants:** **Uff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: unexplained. If the *-gh* is genuine, perhaps from Middle English *wough* ‘wrong, perverse, lying, wicked, bent’, but forms with *W-gh* do not appear in SW England and are rare and ambiguous elsewhere. If the *-f* is genuine, perhaps from Middle English *offe* ‘morsel, small piece’, as a nickname for a small person, but this word is rare and late, and perhaps bookish. The isolated records of John Woffe, 1639 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall), and Elias Woff, 1696 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon), are possibly relevant but not decisive.
- Early bearers:** John Offe, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Launceston, Cornwall); John Offe, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Roberti Offe, 1609 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall); Stephen Ough, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Honor Oughe, 1616 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall); Margeritt Offe, 1619 in *IGI*

(Exeter, Devon); Ambrose Oughe, 1621 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Ough, 1639 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall).

### Oughtibridge

Variants: **Outerbridge**, **Owbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Oughtibridge (in Bradfield, Ecclesfield parish, WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Uhtinabrigga* in 1161 and *Uttibrig* in 1323. The etymology of the place-name is partly uncertain. The first element might be from the Old English female personal name *Ūhtigifu*, if the 1161 form of the place-name is an error for *Uhtiu-*. The second element is Old English *brycg* 'bridge'. The surname was sometimes reduced to *Outbridge* (now obsolete) and then to **Owbridge**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Uthtibrig, 1290 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Doutybrigg', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Ughtibryg', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Ughtibrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robertus Ughtibrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Ughtibrig', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); John Ughtybyrygg, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; John Owtebridge, 1581, Richard Owghtibrigge, 1585 in *York Registry Wills* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Edward Oughtibrigge, 1600 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Ricardus Owtribrigge, 1618 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs); Matt. Outbridge, 1718 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 226.

### Oughton

Variants: **Outen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 588
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name from Oughton alias Owton in Seaton Carew (Durham), which is recorded as *Oveton* in 1189 and *Ouetone* in 1235. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Ofa* + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Randal Owton, 1652 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Elizabeth Owton, 1721 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham); Andrew Oughton, 1759 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Durham* 1, pp. 221–2.

2 English: in Warwicks, probably a variant of **Overton**. Compare **Oerton**.

**Early bearers:** Johis. Oughton, 1549 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Richard Oughton, 1555 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Edward Owton, 1667 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Owton, 1702 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks).

### Oughtred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; NR Yorks

English: see **Outred**.

### Ould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Old**.

### Oulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Olds**.

### Oulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from any of several places called Oulton, especially the one in Cheshire (in Little Budworth), which is recorded as *Aldeton* in 1259 and *Oldeton* in 1275; a surname from the place-name is recorded as *Oldenton* from 1220 to 1240. The place-name may derive from Old English (*aet*) *aldantūn* '(at) the old farmstead or settlement', or may derive from the Old English personal name *Alda* (perhaps in the genitive *Aldan* or with Old English connective *-ing-*) + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'. There are other places called Oulton in WR Yorks, Cumb, Staffs, Norfolk, Suffolk, all with different etymological origins. See also **Olton**.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Oldeton, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholas atte Noulton, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Henry de Oulton, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Oulton, 1560 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Robert Oulton, 1562 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Margaret Oulton, 1583 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); An Oulton, 1587 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Ann Oulton, 1602 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 185.

### Oultram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Outram**.

### Ounstead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Unstead**.

### Ounsted

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Unstead**.

### Ounsworth

• **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 35

• **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Unsworth**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbertt Ounsworth, 1614 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Ounsworth, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshire); Eline Ownsworth, 1630 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); William Ounsworth, 1733, William Ownsworth, 1767 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis Ownsworth,

1734 in *IGI* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); James Ounsworth, 1736 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thomas Ounsworth, 1745 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Oury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Urry**.

### Ousby

Variants: **Housby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm

English: locative name from Ousby (Cumb), which is recorded as *Ulvisby* in 1268, *Oluesby* in 1278, and *Ulseby* in 1285. The place-name appears to derive from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Úlfr* + Old Scandinavian *bý* 'farmstead, village'.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Vluesbi, 1195, [... de] Olueby, 1278, [... de] Ullesby, 1279 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); Jonathan Ousby, 1687 in *IGI* (Watermillock, Cumb); Thomas Ousby, 1750 in *IGI* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Thomas Ouseby, 1780 in *IGI* (Wetheral, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 228.

### Ouseley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Shrops; Hants; London

English: see **Ousley**.

### Ousey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** N England: Brian Ousie, 1626 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Thomas Ousey, 1686 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thomas Ousey, 1713, James Ousie, 1720, John Ouzey, 1785 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Joseph Oasey, 1844 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

S England: Susan Ozey, 1639 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minorities, London); Mary Osey, 1645 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); David Ozey, 1713, Thomas Osey, 1720, William Ossey, 1780, Marianne Oasey, 1834 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants); Oliver Ossey, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Ousley

Variants: **Ouseley**, **Osley**, **Owsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: (i) locative name from Oversley in Arrow (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Oveslei* in 1086, *Oueresleia* in 1140, *Oseley* in 1450, and *Overley alias Owseley* in 1533. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain; it may be from the Old English personal name *Ofe* + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing', with forms in *-r-* due to association of the first element with Old English *ofer* 'bank' and *uferra*



## Ouston

'higher, upper'. (ii) locative name from Ouseley in Aston Eyre (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Osley, Johannes Osley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Frances Osley, 1541 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Osley, 1547 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Rycharde Osley, 1557 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Johane Osley, 1578, William Ousley, 1629 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); Elene Owsley, 1578 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Margaret Owsley, 1593 in *IGI* (Trottscliffe, Kent); Anna Ooseley, 1622 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Fortune Owsley, 1634 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Anna Owsley, 1640 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Carolus Osley, 1672 in *IGI* (Lassington, Gloucs); Willm. Osely, 1685 in *IGI* (Deritend and Bordesley, Warwicks); James Osley, 1687 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); John Owsley, 1699 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Ousley, 1701 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Willm. Osley, 1766 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 216.

## Ouston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Durham English: see **Owston**.

## Outen

**Variants:** **Outten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex

1 Dutch: relationship name from Dutch *Ooten*, *Uten*, either a patronymic from the Middle Dutch personal name *Udin* (a derivative of Germanic *Udo*), or a metronymic from the female personal name *Jutta*.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Oughton** or **Utting**.

**Early bearers:** David Owton, 1543 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); Katheryn Owttton, 1555 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Roberte Owden, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Bottisham, Cambs); Jonas Owden, 1582 in *IGI* (Lymminster, Sussex); Thome Outon, 1590 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); Mary Owden, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Tilmanstone, Kent); Robert Owden, 1613 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Alise Outen, 1617 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Margery Outon, 1625 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Katherine Outen, 1646 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); John Ouden, 1663 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Jeremiah Outon, 1682 in *IGI* (Botley, Hants).

## Outerbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Oughtbridge**.

## Outerside

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs and WR Yorks
- Scottish, English: see **Outterside**.

## Outhwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 672
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, probably from Ullthwaite near Staveley (Westm) rather than from Outhwaite (Lancs). In support of this interpretation *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites John Ultwayte or Owlthwayt, 1470–2 in *Ripon Memorials*. Ullthwaite is recorded as *Ulvethwayt* in 1301; the place-name derives from Old Scandinavian *úlfr* 'wolf' + *þveit* 'clearing, meadow'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Ulletwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); John Ulthwaite, 1547 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Dent, WR Yorks); Johanes Outhwaite, 1625 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Elisabeth Outhwaite, 1680 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Anne Outhwaite, 1684 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Dorothy Outhwaite, 1688 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 170.

## Outlaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Cambs
- English: nickname from Middle English *outlawe* 'outlaw' (Old Scandinavian *útlagi*), possibly sometimes used as a given name if the 14th-century Gloucs record is relevant.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hutlage de Wrmedale, 1307–27 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Gloucs).

surnames: Alan le Vtlage, 1230 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John le Utlawe, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Robert Outlawe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh Utlawe, Outlawe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Chishall, Essex); Robert Outlawe, 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Outelawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barton with Whitwell, Cambs); Juliana Utlaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Outelawe, son of Richard Outelawe, 1456–7 in *Lynn Freeman* (Norfolk); Robt. Outlaw, 1606 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); William Outlaw, 1718 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

## Outram

**Variants:** **Outrim, Outtrim, Outran, Owtram, Outlram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

Norman, English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Old French personal name \**Outram* (Continental Germanic *Audramn, Otram*, a compound of words meaning 'possessions, wealth' and 'raven'), although no evidence has yet been found for the given name or the surname in medieval England. (ii) alternatively it might be a reduced form of **Ollerton** or the related name **Allerton** (as suggested by the occasional surname variant *Autram* in the examples below). However, there is no evidence in the historical surname or place-name spellings of a change in the final syllable from *-erton* to *-tron* or *-tram*.

**Early bearers:** William Owtrem, 1493 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Richard Owtrem, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Owtram, Utteram, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Owtram, 1562 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); Gratia Owtram, 1583, Maria Autram, 1649 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Joan Owtrem, 1593, Anne Outrim, 1657, William Owtram, 1720 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Jo. Outram, 1601 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); John Owtram, tanner, 1604 in *York Registry Wills* (Newark, Notts); Richard Outram, 1611 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks);

William Outram, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Jacob Outram, 1682 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Joh. Autram, 1754, Sarah Owtram, 1789 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Samuel Outram, 1690 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys); Lucy Outrim, 1766 in *IGI* (Westerham, Kent); William Oulteram, 1781 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Benjan Owtran, 1800 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Outran, 1808 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

## Outran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Outram**.

## Outred

**Variants:** **Oughtred, Outridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Utred, Oughtred* (Old English *Ūthtræd*, a compound of *ūht* of unknown meaning + *ræd* 'advice'). (ii) the name may sometimes have been confused with, or be a phonetic variant of **Outridge**. Compare George Outrid, 1682, with George Outridge, 1685 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vctred, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Uthret, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Utred de Norflet', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent). surnames: Ysabella filia Uhtredi, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Roger Uctred, Hutred, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Outred', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Alicia Oughtred, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Afton, Hants); Robertus Outred, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Johanne Oughtred, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ginge, Berks); Thomas Oughtreth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kexby, ER Yorks); James Outred, 1560 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Martin Outred, 1564 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); George Oughtred, 1676 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); John Oughtred, 1754 in *IGI* (Cloughton, NR Yorks).

## Outridge

**Variants:** **Utteridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: (i) see **Utteridge**. (ii) the Kent name may alternatively be an altered form of **Outred**. Compare James *Outred*, 1560 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Wm. *Outerid*, 1705, Wm. *Outridge*, 1717 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Alice Otridge, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Mary and Ethelbert, Luckington, Wilts); Nathaniel Otridge, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Marlborough, Wilts); Thomas Outredg, 1679 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Joseph Outrich, 1698 in *IGI* (Poulshot, Wilts); John Outredge, 1781 in *IGI* (Ickleford, Herts); Mary Outradge, 1806 in *IGI* (Winnall, Hants).

## Outrim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London
- English: see **Outram**.

## Outten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Dutch: relationship name, see **Outen**.

**Early bearers:** Daniell Outten, 1601 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); Merry Outten, 1611 in *IGI* (Trotton, Sussex); Sara Outten, 1653 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Outten, 1665 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Diana Outten, 1673 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

### Outteridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Outridge**.

### Outterside

**Variants:** **Outerside**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks

Scottish, English: locative name from Outerside in Robertson (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Outersyd, 1644 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Jonet Outersyde, 1649 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Ottersyde, 1686 in *Black* (Haddington, E Lothian); Jenet Outerside, 1687 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); Margret Outerside, 1708 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian); Margaret Outerside, 1718, Margaret Outersyd, 1720 in *IGI* (Saltoun, E Lothian).

England: Thomas Outerside, 1729 in *IGI* (Medomsley, Durham); Thomas Outerside, 1740, James Outterside, 1769 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); John Outterside, 1788 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb); Sarah Outterside, 1795 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

### Outtrim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Outtram**.

### Ouyang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 歐陽 (**Auyeung** in Cantonese romanization): from *Ou-Yu* (歐餘), name of a hill in Wucheng (in present-day Zhejiang province), which was granted to Ti, the second son of king Wujiang (reigned 355–333 BC) in the state of Yue. Most of his descendants lived to the south of the hill called *Ou-Yu* (歐餘). The southern side of a hill was called *Yang* (陽) in ancient Chinese; the surname *Ou-Yang* (歐陽) literally means 'the south of the *Ou-Yu* (歐餘) hill'. See also **Au** (2).

### Ouzman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Osmond**.

### Ovadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Sephardic): from the Biblical male personal name *Ovadia*, Hebrew form of the name known in English as *Obadiah* 'servant of God'.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Oval

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Essex
- English: see **Ovel**.

### Ovel

**Variants:** **Oval**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name in Sussex at least, apparently from a place named *Ofeld*, which may be lost or may survive as Navant Hill in Lurgashall (Sussex). The place-name probably derives from Old English of 'steep' + *helde* 'slope'. Elsewhere in England, a different explanation may well be required.

**Early bearers:** SE England: Gocelino ate Onelte (recte ate Ouelte), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Rico ate Ouelte, 1327, Rico atte Noueld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petworth, Sussex); Edward Ovill, 1582 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Barbara Ofeild, 1601, Mary Ovel, 1708 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Ofeild, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); David Ovil, 1631 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Tho Oval, 1717 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Winifred Ovill, 1741, John Oval, 1750, Mary Ovel, 1759 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

other: Adam Ouele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); James Ofield, 1582 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); George Ofeild, 1603 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Simon Ofell, 1635 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Richard Oval, 1656 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Lincs).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 144; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 112.

### Oven

**Variants:** **Ovens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte(n) ovene* '(dweller) at the oven (or furnace)'. The 'oven' in question was probably a furnace for making charcoal or for smelting iron.

**Early bearers:** John Attenouene, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Novene, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John atte Oven, 1299 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); William ate Ouene, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Walter atte Nouene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William atte Noven, 1423 in *London Letter Books K*; John Noven, 1552 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Alys Oven, 1553 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Thomas Oven, 1570 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts).

### Ovenden

**Variants:** **Ovendon, Ovington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 840
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: (i) locative name perhaps from Ovingdean (Sussex), which is recorded as *Ovingeden* in the 11th century and *Vuingeden* in 1198, though no medieval forms of this surname have been found; an

alternative derivation from (2) is not impossible, by family migration. The place-name Ovingdean derives from the Old English personal name *Ofa* or *Ūfa* + the Old English group name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga-*) + Old English *denu* 'valley'. (ii) see **Ovington**.

**Early bearers:** John Ovenden, 1556 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Ovenden, 1583 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Ovendon, 1638 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 311.

2 English: locative name, possibly sometimes from Ovenden (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Ovenden* and *Ovinden* in the 13th century, but *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* argues that in WR Yorks it is chiefly a variant of the Lincs surname

**Wolfinden**, citing Lawrence Woffendenne or Hovenden, 1560–4 (Halifax parish registers), and JoshuaWolfinden otherwise Woffindale otherwise Ovenden of Heckmondwike, 1770 (Birstall parish registers). The place-name Ovenden derives from Old English *ofen* 'furnace' or *ofan, ufan* 'over, above' + *denu* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** John de Ovenden, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robertus de Ovenden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Abr'M. Ovenden, 1656 in *IGI* (Luddenden, WR Yorks); William Ovendon, 1827 in *IGI* (Heckmondwike, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 113.

### Ovendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Herts and Essex; WR Yorks

English: see **Ovenden**.

### Ovenell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ovenal, 1721, Ann Ovenhill, 1736, Charles Ovenall, 1747 in *IGI* (Combe, Oxon); Charles Ovenell, 1769 in *IGI* (Cassington, Oxon); Elizabeth Ovenell, 1785 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Thomas Ovenell, 1794 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

### Ovens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 858, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 764
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. SE Scotland; also Wilts, Gloucs, and Herefs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Leitrim

Scottish, English: variant of **Oven** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Issobell Ovens, 1645 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); John Ovens, 1674 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register* (Tranent, Midlothian); Joanet Ovens, 1674 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); John Ovens, 1686, Thomas Ovens, 1690 in *IGI* (Corstorphine, Midlothian); David Ovens, 1825 in *IGI* (Edrom, Berwicks).

England: Ed. Ovens, 1653 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); Gilbert Ovens, 1674 in *IGI* (Garsdon, Wilts); Stephen Ovens, 1690 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Jane Ovens, 1774 in *IGI* (Wroughton, Wilts); Catharine Ovens, 1781 in

## Ovenstone

*IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); David Ovans, 1792 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb).

### Ovenstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Ovenston near Pittenweem (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Issobell Ovenstone, 1643 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife); James Ovenstone, 1660 in *IGI* (Kemback, Fife).

### Over

**Variants:** **Hover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 661, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, Middx, and Kent; Warwicks; Cornwall; Lancs

English: locative name from any of several places named Over, such as those in Cambs, Cheshire, and Gloucs, or Littleover and Mickleover (Derbys), or from residence at a bank or riverbank, from Old English *ōfer* 'bank', or from residence in the upper part of a settlement or at the top of a slope, from Old English *ofer* 'slope, hill, ridge'. Compare **Ower**, **Nowers**, **Noar**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Overe, William del Overe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter atte Novere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thoma de Overe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricu Over, 1539 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Robert Over, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Ruislip, Middx); Willm Over, 1549 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Susan Over, 1611 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Tobyas Over, 1667 in *IGI* (Stockton, Warwicks); Eliz Over, 1687 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Robert Over, 1747 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Christopher Over, 1795 in *IGI* (Heysham, Lancs).

### Overall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Overall**.

### Overall

**Variants:** **Overal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: locative name meaning 'dweller at the upper hall', from Middle English *over* 'upper, higher' + *halle* 'hall' (Old English *uferra*, *hall*). *Overill* and *Overell* might belong here, as late weakenings of *Overhall*, which has died out, but they could equally well be from *Overhill*, which has also died out.

**Early bearers:** William Oueral, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; William del Overhall, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Thomas del Overhalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flockton, WR Yorks); George Overall, 1562 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Geo. Overall, 1565 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Guilielms Overall, 1566 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Georgius Overall, 1568 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Jeames Overall, 1576 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Capt. Overhall, 1711 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Overhall, 1729 in *IGI* (Gilston, Herts); Eliz. Overhall, 1750 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Overbeck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name, apparently from Middle English *over* 'upper, higher' or 'above' (Old English *uferra* or *ofer*) + *beck* (Old Scandinavian *bekkr* 'beck, stream'). However, it is very likely that the English surname is extinct and that the modern bearers, practically confined to Fulham in 1881, are of Dutch origin, compare *Overbeek*, *Overbeeck*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Overthebek, about 1270 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Hugh Overbecke, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

### Overbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: from Overbury (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** William de Overbury, 1275, in John Overbury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Overbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); William Overbury, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); John Overbury, 1586 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs); Nicholas Overbury, 1629 in *IGI* (Barton on the Heath, Warwicks).

### Overell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Herts
- English: see **Overill**.

### Overend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 891
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name for someone who lived at the upper end of a village, from Middle English *over* 'upper' + *end*. The name is believed by Redmonds (*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*) to relate to a specific, but unlocated, minor place in the western Dales, having been particularly associated with this area in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Overend, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Robertus de Overend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Overend, 1551 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Wyllm Overend, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Overend, 1562, Thomas Overing, 1653 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Cristofer Overend, 1589, Willam Overing, 1636 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks).

### Overett

**Variants:** **Overhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; London

English: probably a variant of **Everard**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Overhed, 1574 in *Assize Rolls* (Braintree, Essex); Thomas Overed, 1575 in *Assize Rolls* (Great Waltham, Essex); Ursula Overed, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Robert Overed, 1585 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Daniel Overedd, 1588 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Overhead, 1600 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Henry Overed, 1612 in *IGI* (Little

Sampford, Essex); John Overet, 1706, William Overett, 1738 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); John Overet, 1734, Hannah Overett, 1743 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

### Overfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Worcs and Staffs

English: locative name for someone who lived at the 'upper field', from Middle English *over* 'upper, higher' + *feld* 'field' (Old English *uferra*, *feld*), or from any place so named, such as Overfield Farm in Allextton (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Christopher Overfield, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Johannis Overfield, 1678 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); Thomas Overfield, 1700 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Margret Overfield, 1706 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 7.

### Overhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Overett**.

### Overhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex
- English: see **Overill**.

### Overill

**Variants:** **Overell**, **Overhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, Middx; Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *over* 'over, above' + *hille* 'hill', denoting someone who lived 'over the hill'. It is equally possible that these names are variants of *Overhall* (see **Overall**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Overell, 1632 in *Essex Record Office*; Thomas Overill, 1641 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); Anne Overill, 1674 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Thomas Overill, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Mary Overhill, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); John Overhill, 1705 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); An Overil, 1713 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs); Tho. Overhill, 1715 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Overington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 206
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: perhaps a variant of **Everington**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Overington', 1557 in *Feet of Fines* (Ewhurst, Surrey); Robert Overington, 1570 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Elizabeth Overington, 1571 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Nicholas Overington, 1573 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Robert Overington or Overington, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Bramber, Sussex); John Overington, 1604 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Overington, 1624 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey).

**Overland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: (i) locative name, apparently from Overland Farm in Ash next Sandwich (Kent), although the name is now strongly associated with northern East Anglia. The place-name is recorded as *Euerland* in 1226 and *Ouerlaunde* in 1264, and it derives from Old English *ofer* 'bank' + *land* 'land'. (ii) possibly, given the overlapping distribution in Norfolk and Cambs, a variant of **Overman**.

**Early bearers:** John Overland, 1600 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Mary Overland, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Mary Overland, 1713 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Overland, 1714 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Cornelius Overling, 1774 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 530.

**Overman**

**Variants:** Overland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *over-man* 'leader, ruler; supervisor, overseer', perhaps also 'judge, arbitrator'.

**Early bearers:** William Overman, 1524–5 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Joane Overman, 1560 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Richard Overman, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Overman, 1595 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); John Overman, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

**Overs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Overs (Shrops), which is recorded as *Ovre* in 1086. The place-name derives from Old English *ofer* 'slope, hill, ridge'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Overse, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); Griffin des Oueres, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Robert de Oweres, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Margerye Overs, 1541 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Philipus Overs, 1577 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); Elizabeth Overs, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Overs, 1619 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Robert Overs, 1636 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops 1*, p. 232.

**Oversby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Westm, Lancs, and Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Oversby, 1726 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); George Oversby, 1781 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs); John Oversby, 1786 in *IGI* (Kirkby Stephen, Westm).

**Overson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: apparently a variant of **Everson** (see **Evison**).

**Early bearers:** Rose Everson, 1563; Agnes Overson, 1576 in *IGI* (Langton by Spilsby, Lincs); Thomas Overson, 1758 in *IGI* (Culmington, Shrops); Rich. Overson, 1785 in *IGI* (Swinhope, Lincs); Jane Overson, 1814; Hannah Everson, 1826 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**Overthrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *over-throwe* 'overthrow, destruction, demolition, downfall'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Ovyrthrowe, 1524; Roger Overthro, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Taynton, Gloucs); William Overthrowe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newent, Gloucs); Jhon Overthrow, 1591 in *IGI* (Taynton, Gloucs); Johane Overthrow, 1627 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); Mary Overthrow, 1660, and John Overthrow, 1663 in *IGI* (Stoke Newington, Middx); William Overthrow, 1696 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Will Overthrow, 1698 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs).

**Overton**

**Variants:** Oughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3974, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2892
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lincs and Norfolk; Warwicks; Shrops; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from any of the numerous places in England so called. Most are named in Old English with *uferra* 'upper' + *tūn* 'enclosure, settlement'; others have Old English *ofer* 'riverbank' or *ofer* 'slope' as the first element. Compare **Orton** and **Nurton**.

**Further information:** Willelmo Supravillam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birstall, Leics), may have borne this surname, mistranslated from (Market) *Overton* (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Overtuna, about 1150 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Bartholomew de Ouerton, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Adam atte Overton, 1275 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Geoffrey de Overton, 1324 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); William de Ou[er]ton, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Overton, pewterer, 1502–3, in *Chancery Proceedings* (London); Elsabet Overton, 1539 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Joseph Overton, 1542 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); John Overton, 1547 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Richard Overton, 1561 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Thomas Owerton, 1674 in *IGI* (Long Itchington, Warwicks).

**Overwater**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name meaning 'person from across the water', from Middle English *over* 'over; across' + *water*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Overwater, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Overyewater, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks). Johannes Overthewater, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Normanby, NR Yorks); Johannes Overthewater, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Firbeck, WR Yorks).

**Overy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey

1 English: locative name denoting someone dwelling 'on the other side of the stream', Middle English *overē, ā, or æ* (Old English *ēa* 'river'). **Early bearers:** Robert Overhe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Oueree, 1314 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Tho. Overy, 1567 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); Wyllyam Overy, 1581 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Ellsabeth Overy, 1590 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Jone Overy, 1593 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Willia Overy, 1595 in *IGI* (Belton by Grantham, Lincs).

2 English: locative name denoting someone dwelling 'beyond the low-lying land' (Old English *ēg*). See **Nye, Rea**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Overye, Overey, 1328 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 33.

**Ovington**

**Variants:** Ovenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 English: locative name from Ovington (Durham), which is recorded as *Ulfeton* in 1086 and *Ulvington* from 1251 to 1343. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Wulfa* + connective *-ing-* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Ulvigtun, 1262 in *Yorks Deeds* (Barningham, NR Yorks); Gilbertus de Ovyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rufforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Ovington, 1519 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Ovington, 1578 in *IGI* (Melsonby, NR Yorks); George Ovington, 1608 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); William Ovington, 1617 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); William Ovenden, 1849 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 457.

2 English: locative name, perhaps a variant of **Ovenden**. Compare John Ovenden, 1556 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent). However, there are various places named Ovington in counties other than Durham (Essex, Hants, Norfolk, Northumb) which may have given rise to a hereditary surname. **Early bearers:** Thomas Ovington, 1549 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Ow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 歐 and 區, see **Au** (2) and (3).

**Owbridge**

**Variants:** Howbridge, Howbrigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: (i) locative name, possibly from Hull Bridge in Beverley (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Ulbrigg* in about 1120 (in an MS dated 1398) and *Hulbrig, Hulbrigg* from 1394 to 1543. The place takes its name from the River Hull + Old English *brycg* 'bridge'. A late Middle English change of *-ul-* to *-ol-*, and then to *-ou-*, occurs in **Owram** (from the ER Yorks place-name *Ulrome*). Similarly, (H)*ulbrigg* could have developed to (H)*oubrig*. (ii) locative name. Alternatively *Owbridge* might have derived from Howe Bridge in Malton (NR Yorks), which is

recorded as *ponte de Hou* in the 12th and 13th centuries and as *ponte de How* in the 15th century (*ponte* being the dative form of Latin *pons* 'bridge'). The place-name derives from Old English *hōh* 'heel, spur of land' + *brycg*. The post-medieval bearers cited here may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Hulbrigg, 1353 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Owbrig, 1520 in *York Registry Wills* (Hornsea, ER Yorks); John Owbridge, 1589 in *York Registry Wills* (Skerne, ER Yorks); Jno. Owbridge, 1618 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Mary Owbrig, 1665 in *IGI* (Scarborough, ER Yorks); Mary Owbridge, 1694, Sarah Oubridge, 1713 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); William Howbridge, 1798 in *IGI* (Kilham, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 202; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 44.

2 English: variant of *Outbridge*, an obsolete pronunciation of **Oughtibridge**, a WR Yorks name. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that a man named German Owbridge or Outbridge of Meadow Lane is recorded in 1651 in the Leeds *Parish Registers*, and that in the 1672 *Hearth Tax* Henry Outbridg was registered in Market Weighton (ER Yorks), where Owbridge is also on record.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Owbridge, 1646 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jane Owbridge, 1671, John Oubridge, 1687 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Widow Oughbridge, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Stainton Owbridge, 1786 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs).

## Owen

**Variants:** **Howen, Owens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51231, Ireland 316
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford

1 Welsh: relationship name, patronymic from the Welsh male given name *Owain*, from Latin *Eugenius*, ultimately from Greek 'well born'.

**Further information:** This Welsh personal name is cognate with Old Irish *Eogán*, see **Ewen**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Oueinus filius Griffini, about 1170, Owinus Madoci, 1207 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys).

given names, England: Uwen Wenta cyning, 926 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* (Devon); Ouen, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Oenus filius Madoc, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Owayn le Brewster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Lancs).

surnames: Robertus filius Owen, 1221 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Ralph Oein, Owein, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Owain, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Henry Oweyn, Ewayn, 1286–9 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxon); Robert Owyng, 1430 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Eoghain** 'son of Eoghan', see **McEwan**.

3 Irish: from **Ó hEoghain**, 'descendant of Eoghan', a personal name derived from Latin *Eugenius*, from Greek *eugenēs* 'well born'.

**Early bearers:** Rory and Tomultagh O'Howen, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3824 (Ballintubber, Roscommon); William O'Howen, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4030; Owen mcCohegery mcGillefoile O'Hoynne, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4867; Rory O'Howen, 1591 in

*Fiants Elizabeth* §5611 (Roscommon); Patrick moddery O'Howen, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145.

## Owens

**Variants:** **Ownes, Owings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14816, Ireland 3063
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14816
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

Variant of **Owen**, with post-medieval excrescent English -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Owens, 1561 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); Wm Owins, 1601 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon); William Owens, 1646 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jams Owins, 1687 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

## Owenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- 1 Scottish: patronymic from the personal name **Owen**.

2 Scottish: anglicization of Gaelic **McEwan**; compare **Owens**.

## Ower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth

1 Scottish: locative name, perhaps from a variant of Older Scots *uver* 'at a higher level', denoting someone who lived at a higher level in a village or perhaps on a higher floor of a tenement.

2 English: locative name from Ower in Copythorne or Ower in Fawley (both Hants), Owermoigne (Dorset), The Nower (Kent), or from residence near a bank (Old English *ōfer*) or a steep slope or ridge (Old English *ofer*). The forms of both Hants place-names have been confused; they are recorded as *Ore* in 1284 and *Oure* in 1327. Based on topography, Ower in Copythorne probably derives from Old English *ofer* 'hill, slope, ridge', and Ower in Fawley from Old English *ōra* 'border, bank, edge'. Owermoigne (Dorset) is recorded as *Ogre* in 1086 and 1267; it appears to derive from an Old English word \**ogre*, of uncertain origin, perhaps meaning 'corner, edge' or 'gap'. The Nower (Kent) probably derives from Old English *ōfer* or *ofer*, with initial *N-* from misdivision of Middle English *atten over* 'at the bank or hill'. Compare **Noar**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander del Owre, 1240 in *Kent Place-Names* p. 72; Richard de Owre, 1310 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford); Thomas Ower, 1559 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Alice Ower, 1578 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Tamsen Ower, 1620 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Mary Ower, 1645 in *IGI* (Weston and Wixhill, Shrops); Lucy Ower, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 128; *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 138–9; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 72; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 457.

## Owers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: from residence near steep banks or slopes.

**Early bearers:** John Owers, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Owings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

See **Owens**.

## Owles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also London
- English: nickname from Middle English *oule* 'owl' (Old English *ūle*). The final -s is excrescent, a post-medieval modification of the surname.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert Vle, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Stevyn Owle, Thomas Owles, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Owlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Howlett**, itself a variant of **Hewlett**. **Further information:** The suggestion that it may be a nickname meaning 'little owl' is possible but less likely.

**Early bearers:** William Owlete, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Owlett, 1543 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Owlett, 1544 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jhon Owlett, 1571 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Frawncys Owlett, 1601 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Richard Owlett, 1607 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Joannus Owlett, 1633 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent).

## Ownes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; Durham

See **Owens**.

## Owolabi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Owólabi* (Yoruba *owó ni a bí* 'it is money we gave birth to'), given as a circumstance name after an expensive gestation period or in anticipation of further expense.

**References:** *Oduyoye*, p. 19.

## Owram

**Variants:** **Oram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Ulrome (ER Yorks), probably the usual origin of the WR Yorks surname. The place is recorded as *Ulfram* and *Ulreham* in 1086, *Olram* in 1150–70, and *Ulrome als. Owram* in 1604. The place-name probably derives from the Old English personal name *Wulfhere* + *hām* 'village, homestead'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Olram, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (in the lost port of Ravenser, on the river Humber, ER Yorks); John de Ulleram, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John de Oram, 1354, John Ourom, 1443 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnes

Owram, 1566, Dionisa Ouram, 1586 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Mawdleyne Owram, 1602 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Jane Owram, 1629 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Henry Owram, 1658 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 84.

2 English: variant of **Orme**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Owram, 1469 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, p. 134 (Farnham, WR Yorks); Thomas Orum, 1571 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks); Edward Owram or Oram, 1603–8 in *Knaresborough Wills*, (Farnham, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: locative name from Northowram (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Ulfrun* in 1086 and *Ouerum* in 1307, or Southowram (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Oure* in 1086 and *Ourum* in 1303. The place-names derive from Old English \**ufer* (a variant of *ofer*) ‘hill, slope’, in the dative plural \**uferum* (*oferum*) ‘(at the) hills, slopes’. Northowram and Southowram refer to two ridges separated by Shibden Brook; Northowram is north of Shibden Brook and Southowram is south of it.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Ouerum, 1274, Adam de Ourum, 1284, Dobbe de Overom, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Owram, 1566 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Ann Owram, 1586 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Roberti Owram, 1615 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Richd. Owram, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 89, 96–7.

### Owsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Somerset
- English: see **Ousley**.

### Owst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name for someone who lived in the east of a village, from northern Middle English *oust* (Old Scandinavian *austr*). It is a reduced form of the expression that lies behind **Oxtoby**, also an ER Yorks surname.

**Early bearers:** Hugone Oust, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marfleet, ER Yorks); Robertus Oust, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hollym, ER Yorks); Waltero Oust, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Lutton, ER Yorks); John Ouste, 1430 in *Yorks Deeds* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); John Oust, 1538 in *York Registry Wills* (Keyingham, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Owst, 1641 in *IGI* (Winestead, ER Yorks); Thomas Owst, 1747 in *IGI* (Hollym cum Withernsea, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Owston

**Variants:** **Ouston, Auston, Oyston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also ER Yorks
- 1 English: locative name principally from Owston (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Auston* in 1371 and derives from Old Scandinavian *austr* ‘east’ + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’, but also from one or more of a number of places similarly named,

such as Owston (Lincs), Owston (Leics), Ouston (Durham), and Ouston (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Ouston, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Ouston, 1254 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Geoffrey de Oveston, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); John de Auston of Doncastre, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Emma de Oston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes Oston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Johannes de Oston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Richard Ouston, 1407 in *Patent Rolls*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 31.

2 English: variant of **Austin**. Compare Willelmus Oustynson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastburn, ER Yorks) ‘son of *Austin*’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Owstyn, 1365–6 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Alicia Oustyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robertus Oustyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerton, WR Yorks); Johanne Oustyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Matilda Owstyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Naburn, ER Yorks); Robti. Owston, 1584 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Johis. Owston, 1587 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); John Owston, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Dionise Owston, 1600 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Thomas Owston, 1618 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

### Owtram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Outram**.

### Owusu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1775, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from a male given name of unexplained origin.

### Oxberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and ER Yorks
- English: see **Oxborough**.

### Oxborough

**Variants:** **Oxbury, Oxburgh, Oxbrow, Oxborrow, Oxberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: locative name from Oxborough (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Oxeburg* in 1194. The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ + *burh* ‘fortified place’.

**Early bearers:** William de Oxeburg, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus de Oxeburgh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Didlington, Norfolk); Thomas Oxborough, 1640 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Tho. Oxborough, 1643 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Edward Oxborough, 1650 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Charles Oxborough, 1697 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); William Oxborough, 1735 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 458.

### Oxborrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Oxborough**.

### Oxbrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Middx; Kent; Surrey
- English: see **Oxborough**.

### Oxburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Oxborough**.

### Oxbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Oxborough**.

### Oxy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from an unidentified place, evidently in Lincs, apparently with Old Scandinavian *by* ‘village, settlement’ as the final element.

**Further information:** The association with Lincs is very strong, so it is unlikely to be a variant of **Oxenbury**.

**Early bearers:** Jone Oxby, 1563 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); Johnes Oxby, 1564 in *IGI* (Scampton, Lincs); George Oxby, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Ann Oxby, 1601 in *IGI* (Osbourneby, Lincs); John Oxby, 1618 in *IGI* (Canwick, Lincs).

### Oxenbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name, presumably from a lost or unidentified place, apparently named with Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ (genitive plural *oxna*) + *burh* ‘fortified place’.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Oxenborough, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Henrye Or Harrie Oxenbury, 1562 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Rich Oxenbury, 1611 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Andrew Oxenbury, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Margaret Oxenbury, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Martha Oxenbury, 1855 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Oxendale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks and ER Yorks.

English: locative name from Oxendale in Old Byland (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Oxedale* in about 1300, Oxendale Hall in Osbaldeston (Lancs), which is recorded as *Oxedeneklough* in about 1200, or Oxendale in Westm. The NR Yorks place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ (genitive plural *oxna*) + Old English *dæl* ‘valley’ or Old Scandinavian *dalr* ‘valley’; there are no medieval forms for the

## Oxenford

Westm place-name but it is likely to have the same etymological origin. The Lancs place-name appears to derive from Old English *oxa* + *denu* ‘valley’ + \**clōh* ‘deep valley or ravine, dell’.

**Early bearers:** Richd Oxendale, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Oxendale, 1691 in *IGI* (Eberston, NR Yorks); William Oxendale, 1715 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Christ. Oxendale, 1725 in *IGI* (Felixkirk, NR Yorks); Henry Oxendale and Marjary Oxendale, 1739 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Margt. Oxendale, 1758 in *IGI* (Longton, Lancs); Margt Oxendale, 1771 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); James Oxendale, 1778 in *IGI* (Longton, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 70; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 197; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 207.

## Oxenford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London
- English: see **Oxford**.

## Oxenham

Variants: **Oxnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 583, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 465
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: locative name from Oxenham in South Tawton (Devon). The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* (genitive plural *oxna*) + *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Oxenham, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon*; William Oxenham, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Throwleigh, Devon); John Oxenham, 1550 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Anthonye Oxenham, 1557 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Wm Oxenham, 1569 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Richard Oxenham, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Richard Oxenham, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 451.

## Oxer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: occupational name for an oxherd; compare **Oxnard**.
- Early bearers:** Roe Oxer, 1690 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Elizth Oxer, 1727 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Oxer, 1732 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk); Abraham Oxer, 1734 in *IGI* (Brettenham, Suffolk); Thomas Oxer, 1743 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Oxer, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Oxford

Variants: **Oxenford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1025
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and central England
- English: locative name from the city of Oxford (Oxon), which is recorded as *Oxnaforda* in about 925. The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ (genitive plural *oxna*) + *ford* ‘shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford’.
- Early bearers:** Ulric de Oxenford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Walter de Oxenforde, 1319 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (London); Walter de Oxford, 1341 in *London Pleas*; Thoma Oxford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Oxneford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Robertus Oxenford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Johanne Oxinforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coulston, Wilts); Johannes Oxenford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes de Oxenford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loversall, WR Yorks); Henrico Oxoneford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); John Oxford, 1565 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Willm Oxford, 1570 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Margerye Oxford, 1582 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); Agnes Oxford, 1590 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Ann Oxford, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon* 1, p. 19.

## Oxlade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Surrey
- English: locative name for someone who lived in a place known as ‘the oak valley’ (Old English *āc*, *slæd*).
- Early bearers:** Michael de Oclade, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Clement Oxlade, 1610 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); Thomas Oxlade, 1659 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); William Oxlade, 1675 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Wm. Oxlade, 1677 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks); Thomas Oxlade, 1684 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

## Oxlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also London
- English: see **Oxley**.

## Oxley

Variants: **Oxlee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5580, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Westmeath
- 1 English: locative name from Ox Lee in Hepworth (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Oxlee* in 1499. The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.
- Early bearers:** Thomas del Oxlye, 1374, Thomas de Oxeleghe 1434 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Ox Lee in Hepworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Oxley, 1505 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); Annes Oxley, 1566, Robert Oxly, 1698 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Petrus Oxley, 1567, Mary Oxly, 1790 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Willm. Oxley, 1570 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 244.
- 2 English: locative name, alternatively from other places named Oxley, such as that in Staffs, which have the same etymology as the place-name in (1).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Oxeleia, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John de Oxleye, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; William Oxley, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); William Oxley, 1560 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Willyam Oxley, 1563 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Sysle Oxley, 1571 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Anne Oxly, 1611 in *IGI* (Frant,

Sussex); Edward Oxly, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Pembury, Kent); Elizabetha Oxlee, 1683 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs).

## Oxman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: occupational name from Middle English *oxman* ‘oxherd; man who tended or bred oxen’.
- Early bearers:** John Oxeman, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Richard le Oxeman, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Thoma Oxman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics); Ricardus Oxman’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton near Newbold, Warwicks); Paull Oxman, 1578 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Richarde Oxman, 1578 in *IGI* (Bassingthorpe, Lincs); James Oxman, 1696 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Humphry Oxman, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall).

## Oxman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Oxenham**.

## Oxnard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: occupational name from Middle English *oxenhurde* ‘oxherd’ (Old English *oxnahyrde*).
- Early bearers:** William Oxenhird’, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Oxenhurde, 1327 in *Thurresson* (Hants); Willelmus Oxinhird, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton, Northumb); Johannes and Robertus Oxinhird’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramhope, WR Yorks); Josias Oxenerd, Oxnerd, Oxnard, 1645, 1646, 1671 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Oxspring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Oxspring (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Ospring* in 1086 and *Oxspring* in 1154–9. The place-name derives from Old English *oxa* ‘ox’ + *spring* ‘spring, well’.
- Early bearers:** John de Ospring, 1310 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Oxspring, WR Yorks); Willelmus and Matilda de Oxspring’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxspring, WR Yorks); William Oxspring, 1461 in *Yorks Wills*; Tho. Oxspring, 1611 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 334–5.

## Oxtoby

Variants: **Austerberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 359
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks
- English: locative name from northern Middle English *oust i by* ‘east in the village’ (Old Scandinavian *austr i by*), for someone who lived on the eastern side of a settlement. The 1297 form *Oustinby* has the Middle English preposition *in* (Old English *in*) rather than *i*. The later development with *-x-* for *-st-* is irregular. An anglicized form of the name survives as **Easterby**. See also **Suddaby** and **Westoby**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Austebi, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Oustinby, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norton by Malton, ER Yorks); Thoma Oustiby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hive, ER Yorks); Johannes Oustiby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Thomas Oustiby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Thomas Ostyby, 1468 in *York Registry Wills* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Robart Owsterbye, 1576 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Richard Owsterbye, Richard Oxtierbie, 1622–5 in *Parish Registers* (York); Willia. Oxtibie, 1646, Mary Oxtaby, 1655 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks); Martha Oxtabye, 1663 in *IGI* (Everingham, ER Yorks); Mary Oxtoby, 1688 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Thos. Oxtby, 1758 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); John Ousteby, 1788, John Ousterby, 1822 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Oxtorby, 1812 in *IGI* (Kirk Hammerton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 238.

### Oxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from any of several places called Oxton, such as those in WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Notts, which are named with Old English *oxa* 'ox' + *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh of Oxston, 1236–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne de Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Thomas de Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Johannes de Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Healaugh, WR Yorks); Johannes de Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Robertus de Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Thoma Oxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Ricardus de Oxtun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stixwould, Lincs); John de Oxton, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Oxton', 1398 in *King's Bench Cases* (Lincs); Alice Oxton, 1574 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); John Oxton, 1576 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts); Mathew Oxton, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Jonnathan Oxton, 1659, and Anne Oxton, 1663 in *IGI* (Bruera, Cheshire); Ellena Oxton, 1664 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Oyewole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from a personal name *Oyèwolé* (Yoruba *oyè wò ilé* 'a new member [of our chieftaincy family] enters the home').  
**Further information:** The first element might in principle be *Oyé* 'the harmattan wind'.

### Oyler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: occupational name from Old French *olier*, *huilier* 'maker or seller of oil' (i.e. vegetable oil, for lighting or cooking).  
**Further information:** Compare Willelmus Oylemaker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rugby, Warwicks).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Oylere, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Richard le Oyler', 1281 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Reginald le Oyler, 1286 in *Fransson* (Leics); Johannes Oyler, 1584 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Francisca Oyler, 1614 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Arthur Oyler, 1619 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Katherin Oyler, 1621 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent).  
2 English: possibly also a variant of **Ollier**.

### Oyston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: probably a variant of **Owston** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Tho Oyston, 1675 in *IGI* (Irthington, Cumb); Sarah Oyston, 1682 in *IGI* (Benfieldside, Durham); John Oyston, 1686 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Oza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan): Hindu (Brahman), probably from *Ojha*, a Hindu Brahman name found in Uttar Pradesh and its neighbourhood, derived ultimately from Sanskrit *upādhyāya* 'teacher'.

### Ozanne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Norman French: relationship name from the French female personal name *Osanne*, which is based on a Biblical liturgical word, the Latin form of which is *hosanna*. This was the cry of acclamation that greeted Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matthew 21: 8–9).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Osanna, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs), 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset).  
surnames: Reginaldus filius Osanna, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo f. Ossanne, 1221 in *Receipt Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Ossenna, 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* (Herts); John Osan, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Osan or Ossan, 1296–7 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Ozanne, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Guernsey); Johannes Osaune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Baddow, Essex); Petrus Osaune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Marie Ozanne, 1688

in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Charles Ozanne, 1735 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Ozbirn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Osborne**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Ozcan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the personal name *Özcan* (from *öz* 'original, true, pure, genuine' + *can* 'soul'), with the *-can* pronounced *-jan* (/dʒan/).

### Ozdemir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the male given name *Özdemir*, from *öz* 'pure' + *demir* 'iron'.

### Ozer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the prefix *öz* 'original, true, pure' + *er* 'man, soldier', hence 'true man, male, soldier', although perhaps more likely to be from the personal name *Özer* than a nickname.

### Ozier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

English: see **Hosier**.  
**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** George Ozier, 1838 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Ozin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Osen**.

### Ozkan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the personal name *Özkan* (from *öz* 'original, true' + *kan* 'blood').

### Ozturk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: relationship name from the male given name *Öztürk*, from *öz* 'pure' + *türk* 'Turk'.



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## Pabari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Pabla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## Pace

Variants: **Paice, Payze, Pays, Peace, Pease**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2373, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1328
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; NE England: esp. Durham; Surrey, Hants, and Kent

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *pais*, *pace*, *pes(e)*, *pece* ‘peace, concord, amity’ (a borrowing of Old French *pais*, from Latin *pax*), or perhaps from the derived adjective *pes* ‘quiet, silent, peaceful’. (ii) variant of **Pash**. Middle English *pasches* appears also as *paisch*, *peice*, *peace*, and Easter eggs are still called ‘pace eggs’. Examples of *Pace* among the following early bearers may therefore belong with this explanation.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Pais, about 1200 in Devon Heritage Centre (Totnes, Devon); John Pais, 1219 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Roger, Ralph Pays, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William, John Pace, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon), 1269 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); John Pax, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Peter Pece, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stonegrave, NR Yorks); John Pais, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Bourne, Lincs); Johannes Paas, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon); Alicia Pace, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Oxon); Symon Pace, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ryhall, Rutland); Willelmo Pace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Rogerus Pace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johanne Payce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Willelmus Paas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Santon, Norfolk); Willelmus Pase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Thoma Paas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Porton, Wilts); Thomas Paas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Pace, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Marg’ Pace, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sewstern, Leics); Johannes Pase, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stoney Stanton, Leics); John Pais of London, mercer and merchant of the staple of Calais, 1527 in *TNA*; Elinor Pace, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Henrie Pace, 1540 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Symond Pace, 1540 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Johannes Pace, 1541 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Jane Pace, 1543 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Elenor Pais, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Heckfield, Hants).

## Pacey

Variants: **Pacy, Passey, Peacey, Paisey, Passy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1631, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: locative name, probably from Pacy-sur-Eure (Eure), but some families might alternatively have come from other similarly named places elsewhere in Normandy, such as Pacé in Alençon or Passais (both Orne), Paisy or one of the several places named Passy (Aisne), or from places so named in other parts of France.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Peissi, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts), de Pacy, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Pascy, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Pacy, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langley, Herts); Walter Pasy, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes Paysy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sandford, Somerset); William Pacy, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Louth, Lincs); Ellen Pacy, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Thomas Pacie or Pasie, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Pacey, 1595 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Richard Passie or Passye, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Wigley, Shrops); Joshue Peacey, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Plymstock, Devon); Edward Pacy, 1674 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Guilielmus Paysey, 1685 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); James Paisey, 1756 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Robert Peacey, 1790 in *IGI* (Northleach, Gloucs).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 625.

## Pacheco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name, possibly from an Iberian personal name of uncertain (pre-Roman) origin, but possibly a suffixed form of *Patxi*, the Basque form of, or equivalent of, Spanish **Francisco** (compare **Francis**).

## Pacitti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Italian: relationship name from a patronymic or plural form of **Pacitto**.

**Early bearers:** Tresì Pacitti, 1874 in *BMD* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Giuseppe Pacitti, ice-cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Alfonso Pacitti, ice-cream dealer, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Barony, Lanarks); Galtano Pacitti, piano grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Giovanni Pacitti, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Newport, IoW).

## Pacitto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Italian: relationship name from a diminutive of the Italian personal name *Pace*, a reduced form of **Pasquale**.

**Early bearers:** Francesco Pacitto, 1877 in *BMD* (Manchester, Lancs); Alfonso Pacitto, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Juan Battsti Pacitto, 1883 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Stefano Pacitto, musician, born in Italy, in

*Census 1891* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Vittoria Pacitto, ice-cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Gaetano Pacitto, ice-cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Pack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1382, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Devon
- English: see **Pask**.

## Packard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Pack** with the pejorative suffix *-ard*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pak* (*e*) ‘pack, bundle’ with the pejorative suffix *-ard*, perhaps for a pedlar.

**Early bearers:** William Pachart, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Geoffrey, Henry Pac(k)ard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Pachard, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Lakenheath, Suffolk); Johanne Pacard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Joan Packard, 1559 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk); James Packard, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Packhard, 1834 in *IGI* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks).

## Packe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Northants

English: see **Pask**.

## Packer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3170, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs
- English: nickname from Middle English *\*pakker* ‘packer’, an agent noun derivative of *pakken* ‘to pack’, probably denoting a wool packer.
- Early bearers:** Henry Packer(e), 1209 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Robert Packer(e), 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John le Pakkere, 1254 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 12 (Kent); John le Paker, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Richard le Packer, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Adam Paker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Packer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); William Pakker, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Pakkere, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Ebony, Kent); Nicholas Pakker, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Harpley, Norfolk); William Pakker’, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Thomas Packer, 1562 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Packer, 1615 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Marie Paker, 1657 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans Abbey, Herts).



**Packham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2032, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1441
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Padgham**.

**Packington**

Variants: **Pakington, Paginton, Parkington, Pagdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: locative name from Packington in Weeford (Staffs), which is recorded as *Pakinton* in 1186, Great and Little Packington (Warwicks), recorded as *Pakington* in 1315, or Packington (Derbys; transferred to Leics in 1884), which is recorded as *Pakyngton* in about 1050. The place-names probably derive from an Old English personal name \**Paca* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pakinton’, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); David de Pakington, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard, Robert de Pakynton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Pagynton, 1338 in *Patent Rolls*; Henricus de Pakynton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Packington, Leics); Johannes de Pakynton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newthorpe, Notts); Robertus Pakynton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rolleston, Staffs); Ricardo Pakinton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothley, Leics); Johannes Pakynton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Johannes Pakynton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swalcliffe, Oxon); Willelmus Pakyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Newnham, Warwicks); Reginaldus de Pagyngtun’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sandford, Shrops); Robert Pakyngton, 1537 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Pagington, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mildred Bread Street, City of London); Albertus Packington, 1623 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Anthony Paginton, 1769 in *IGI* (Hullavington, Wilts).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 426; *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, p. 652; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 66.

**Packman**

Variants: **Pakeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 854, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 734
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: (i) occupational name, usually from Middle English *pake*, *packe* ‘pack, bundle’ + *man*, denoting someone who was a hawker or pedlar. (ii) occupational name, status name, sometimes from ‘servant of *Pack* or *Pake*’ (see **Pask**).
- Early bearers:** Henry Pacheman, about 1160 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Simon Pakeman (Pacchem’), 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); William Pakeman, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Packeman, Pakeman, 1352, 1360 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmo Pakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); William Pakeman, 1530 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Packeman, 1564 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Richardus Pakeman, 1597 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Francis Packman, 1645 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent).

**Packwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: locative name from Packwood (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Pacwode* in 1196. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Paca* + Old English *wudu* ‘wood’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Pakwod, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Adam de Pacwode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Roberto Pacwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bailey Lane, Warwicks); Willelmus Pakwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Walton, Warwicks); William Pakwode, 1421 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Henley, Warwicks); Thomas Packwodd, 1561 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Packwood, 1635 in *PROB 11*; Charles Packwood, 1697 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 290–1.

**Pacock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Peacock**.

**Pacy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Pacey**.

**Padam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, probably from Sanskrit *padma* ‘lotus’.

**Padbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; also London

English: locative name from Padbury (Bucks), which is recorded as *Paddeberi* in 1167 and *Padeberia* in 1185. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pad(d)a* + Old English *burh* ‘fortified place’.

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Padeberia, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Ricardus de Padebir’, about 1240–7 in *Luffield Charters* (Bucks); Robert de Padebur’, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Buckingham, Bucks); John Padibury, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Middle Claydon, Bucks); John de Padbury, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert Padebury, 1373 in *Assize Rolls* (Padbury, Bucks); Henry Padbury, 1562 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Robert Padbury, 1616 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Padbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Elizabeth Padbery, 1752 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 55–6.

**Padd**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: nickname from Middle English *pa(d)de* ‘toad, frog’ (Old English \**padde* ‘toad’).

**Early bearers:** Osbert pade, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Roger le Pade, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Pade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Pade, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brompton Regis, Somerset); Elizbt Padd, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Great Horksley, Essex); Mary Padde, 1630 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Thomas Pade, 1721 in *IGI*

(Westminster, Middx); Jonathan Padd, 1750 in *Parish Registers* (Great Gaddesden, Herts).

**Padda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

**Padden**

Variants: **Paden, Peden, Peaden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 207
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Somerset and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Páidín**, see **McPadden**.  
2 English: see **Paddon**.

**Paddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- English: see **Paddock**.

**Paddington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London

English: locative name from Paddington (Middx), which is recorded as *Padintune* in 959 and *Paddingtone* in 997, or Paddington Farm in Abinger (Surrey), which is recorded as *Padinden(e)* in the 13th century and *Paddynden al. Paddyngton* in 1557. The Middx place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pad(d)a* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. The Surrey place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pad(d)a* + connective *-ing-* + *denu* ‘valley’.

**Early bearers:** William de Padintone, 1185 in *Templars Records* (London); Reginald de Padyndene, 1281 in *TNA* (Surrey); John Padyngton, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Padyngton, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Amptill, Beds); Alice Padyngton, 1489 in *PROB 11* (London); Joan Paddington, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Daniel Padington, 1694 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 132; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 260.

**Paddison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Pattison** with voicing of intervocalic /t/. Compare Alice Padison, 1562, Thomas Patison, 1566 in *IGI* (Conisholme, Lincs). **Early bearers:** Alice Paddison, 1583 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Pheodocia Paddison, 1589 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Anthony Paddison, 1593 in *IGI* (Edlington, Lincs); Mary Paddison, 1594 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs).

**Paddock**

Variants: **Paddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1282, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 760
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: nickname from Middle English *paddok(e)* ‘toad, frog’ (Old English \**padde* + *-uc*).

## Paddon

**Early bearers:** Thomas, Walter Paddoc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs), 13th *Ancient Deeds* ii (Berks); Richard and Roger Paddok, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thome Paddok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Exton, Somerset); Thoma Puddock', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Elizabeth Pudock, 1525 in *TNA* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Paddocke, 1587 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); John Paddicke, 1607 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants); Sibble Puddock, 1617 in *PROB 11* (London); John Paddick, 1640 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Thomas Puddocke, 1642 in *London Met Archives* (Edmonton, Middx); Thomas Padock, 1707 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops).

## Paddon

**Variants:** Padden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 732
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from either Petton in Bampton (Devon), which is recorded as *Patteton* in 1219 and *Peadetton* in 1316, or Paddon in Shebbear (Devon). Petton in Bampton derives from an Old English personal name \**P(e)atta* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement'; Paddon in Shebbear probably has the same etymology, but, due to a lack of early forms, this cannot be certain.

**Further information:** The family name also gives rise to Paddons in Winkleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Patton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bampton, Devon); Walter de Pattone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beaford, Devon); David Paddon, 1539 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Elizabeth Paddon, 1552 in *IGI* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon); William Paddon, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Littleham, Devon); Danyell Paddon, 1580 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 109; 2, p. 531.

## Paddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- 1 Cornish, English: relationship name, perhaps from a pet form of the Cornish saint's name *Petrock*, used as a given name in Cornwall in the 16th century, usually in the form *Petherick* (Middle Cornish *Pedrek*); compare **Petherick** and **Patey**. Alternatively the name in Cornwall is English and belongs with (2).

**Further information:** *Patrick* was in use as a given name in Cornwall early in the 16th century, e.g. Patrick Lowky, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lanteglos by Fowey).

**Early bearers:** Jenavere Paddy, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Raph Pady, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Thomas Padday, 1715 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Jacob Pady, 1724 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Edward Padday, 1739 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Paddy*, which could be a variant of **Patey** (pet form of *Patrick*) or alternatively a pet form of Middle English \**Padde* (Old English *Padda*, attested in *Padley*, Devon) with the Middle English hypocoristic suffix -y. In Devon and Cornwall *Paddy* could also represent a dialect pronunciation of *Padde*. Compare **Padman**.

**Early bearers:** Emma Paddy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Willm Paddey, 1563 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); Francis Paddy, 1578 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Richard Paddy or Paddy, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Alice Pady, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Mere, Wilts); Fawstine Paddy, 1604 in *IGI* (Pickwell with Leesthorpe, Leics); Joseph Paddey, 1645 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Paddey, 1701 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs).

## Paden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Ayr

Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of the Irish name **Padden**.

## Padfield

**Variants:** Patfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name, perhaps from Padfield in Glossop (Derbys), which is recorded as *Padefeld* in 1086 and *Paddefeld* in 1185. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pad(d)a* or Old English \**padde* 'toad' + *feld* 'open country, field'. Alternatively, the surname may be topographic, from Middle English *pad(e)* 'toad, frog' + *feld* 'open country, field', for someone who lived at or by a place frequented by toads or frogs.

**Early bearers:** Fulcher de Padefeld, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh de Padfeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Henricus de Paddefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Robert Padfield, 1523 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); Edward Padfil, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Robert Padfield, 1715 in *Parish Registers* (Evercreech, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 104.

## Padget

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Paget**.

## Padgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1577, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 890
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Paget**.

## Padgham

**Variants:** Packham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from Pagham (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pacganham* in the 10th century and *Paggaham* in about 1150. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pæcga* (genitive \**Pæcgan*) + *hām* 'village, homestead'. Alternatively, perhaps from Patcham or Peckham Farm in Framfield (both also in Sussex); compare **Peacham**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Pageham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Pageham, 1252 in *Fine Rolls* (Cambs); Roger de Pageham, 1255–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Laurence Pageham, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*

(Drayton, Hants); Johannes Pagham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Manningford Bruce, Wilts); William Pagham, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Perry, Somerset); Edward Pagham, 1576 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Richd. Packham, 1585 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Philippi Padgen, 1622 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Robert Packham, 1682 in *IGI* (East Barming, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, pp. 92–3.

## Padhiar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Padley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 803
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Nether Padley (Derbys), which is recorded as *Paddeley(e)* in the 13th century, or perhaps from Upper Padley in Hathersage or Padley Hall in Ripley (both also Derbys). The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Pad(d)a* or Old English \**padde* 'toad' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Paddeleye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Henricus de Padelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Hugh Padley, 1461 in *York Registry Wills* (Newark, Notts); William Paddeley, Padley, 1504, 1508 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Willm Padleye, 1589 in *IGI* (Swaton and Spanby, Lincs); John Padley, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Reach, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, pp. 113, 158; 2, p. 494.

## Padmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; also Lancs

English: see **Podmore**.

## Padwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place with Middle English *wike* 'dwelling' (Old English *wīc* 'specialized farm, dairy farm') as the second element.

**Early bearers:** John Padwycke, 1595 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); Nicholas Padweke, 1601 in *IGI* (Hardham, Sussex); Anthony Padwick, 1621 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Willyam Padweeke, 1655 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); Elizth. Padwich, 1770 in *IGI* (Wymering, Hants).

## Paerson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Pearson**.

## Paffard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Pafford**.

**Further information:** A surname from Old French *pafard* 'shield', perhaps for a warrior or for someone who made or sold shields, is evidenced in William

Pafard, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Exeter, Devon), but seems to have died out.

### Paffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

### Paffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Parfitt**.

### Pafford

**Variants:** Parfoot, Parford, Paffard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Parford in Drewsteignton (Devon), which is recorded as *Patford(a)* in 1086 and *Pafford'* in 1242, or Pafford in Moretonhampstead (Devon). Parford in Drewsteignton derives from Old English *pæð* 'path, track' + *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'. Pafford in Moretonhampstead probably has the same etymology, but, due to a lack of early place-name forms, this cannot be certain.

**Early bearers:** John Pafford', 1382–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Walter Pafford, esquire, in 1402 *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); John Pafford', 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Thomas Pafforde, 1599 in *IGI* (Clanfield, Hants); Elizabeth Pafford, 1613 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon); Alexander Paford, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Christian Paffard, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Kea, Cornwall); Henry Parfoot, 1714 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); James Parford, 1743 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sarah Paffard, 1753 in *Parish Registers* (Portsmouth Saint Thomas, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 432, 485.

### Pagan

**Variants:** Pagon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Dumfriess

English, Scottish: see **Payne**

**Early bearers:** England William Pagen, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Pagan, 1625 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Petrock, Devon); Robert Pagan, 1657 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Jo. Pagin, 1718 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb); Samuel Pagon, 1721 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Joseph Pagen, 1780 in *IGI* (Tarvin, Cheshire).

Scotland Helene Pagen, 1638, Alexander Pagan, 1684 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Pagan, 1655 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); James Pagan, 1677 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marion Pagon, 1744 in *IGI* (Dalry, Kirkcudbrights).

### Pagano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Pagano* (from Latin *paganus* 'villager, rustic').

**Early bearers:** Angelo Pagano, 1866 in *BMD* (West Derby, Lancs); Stephano Pagano, musician, born in Palermo, Sicily, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Michele Pagano, ice-cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Greenwich, Kent); Antonio Pagano, cabinet maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Salvo Pagano, born in Palermo, Sicily, in *Census 1911* (Fylde, Lancs).

### Pagden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Pegden**.

### Pagdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Pegden**, though the latter is a Sussex surname in origin. (ii) alternatively an altered form of **Packington**, reduced to \**Packton* and with *-den* substituted for *-ton*. *Pagden* first appears in Notts, so compare Johannes de Pakyn-ton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newthorpe, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Peter Pagden, 1581 in *York Registry Wills* (Shireoaks, Notts); Mary Pagden, 1623 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Pagdin, 1709 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts).

### Page

**Variants:** Paige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30429, Ireland 559
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23471
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: occupational name from Middle English *page*, *paige* 'servant, groom' (Old French *page*).

**Further information:** This English surname has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England Ralph Page, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William le Page, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard le Page, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Ross, Herefs); Johannes Page, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fairfield, Kent); Thomas Page, 1402 in *York Registry Wills* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); John Page or Paage, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Shoreditch, Middx); Alce Paige, 1560 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Thomas Paige, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Dartmouth, Devon); Henry Page, 1656 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey).

Ireland Edward Page, chancellor of Limerick, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5991 (Limerick).

### Paget

**Variants:** Pagett, Padget, Padgett, Patchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2440, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1593
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Cavan

English: (i) nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *page*, *paige* 'servant, groom' (see **Page**). (ii) variant of **Patchett**. The two names were confused with and interchangeable with each other. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* compares Ricardus Paget', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks), with John Pachet of Sowerby, 1352 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*, and Johannes Paget, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Midgley, WR Yorks), with Richard Patchett of Midgley, 1545 in

*Thoresby Society* 11. In the Halifax parish registers, Redmonds notes Richard Paget alias Richard Pacchett of Warley (1563) and in the Keighley parish registers Richard Patchet alias Richard Padgett (1586–1616). The Gloucs surname is similarly ambiguous: compare John Pachet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farmington, Gloucs), with Thomas Paget, 1633 in *IGI* (Withington, Gloucs).

**Further information:** A family of this name, who have held the marquessate of Anglesey since 1815, descend from William Paget, 1st Baron Paget, an adviser to Henry VIII who acquired large estates following the dissolution of the monasteries.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Paget, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Notley, Essex); William Paget, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Paget, 1359 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Paget, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fockerby, WR Yorks); William Paget, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Edward Paggett, 1516 in *York Registry Wills* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Robert Paget or Pagett, 1542 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Padgett, 1555 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); William Paget or Pagett, 1563, William Paggett, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Beaudesert, Warwicks); Willm. Paget, 1567 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Paggett, 1567 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Richard Padgett or Pagett, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Newington, Surrey); Elizabetha Padgett, 1611 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Jhon Paggett, 1624 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Richard Padgett, 1664 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

### Pagett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1037, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 758
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Paget**.

### Paginton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Packington**.

### Pagon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cumb
- English, Scottish: see **Pagan**.

### Pagram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Pahal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Paice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 931
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Pace**.

### Paige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 834, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 531

## Paik

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also SE England  
English: see **Page**.

## Paik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: see **Pask**.

## Pailing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Notts  
English: see **Palin**.

## Pain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1947, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2661
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx  
English: see **Payne**.

## Paine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3663, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4031
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered  
English: see **Payne**.

## Paines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset  
English: see **Panes**.

## Paintain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: see **Painting**.

## Painter

Variants: **Paynter**, **Penter**, **Pointer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4613, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4065
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. W Midlands and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

English: occupational name from Middle English *peintour*, *painter*, *peintir*, *penter*, *pointour* (Old French *peintour*, *paintour*) ‘painter of images (on walls, screens, shields, etc.)’, colourist (of statues, figurines, chests, etc.), artist’.

**Early bearers:** Benedict Painter, 1220 in *Fine Rolls* (London); Richard the Paintur, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Peter le Payntur of Hapesburgh, 1271 in *Fine Rolls* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); John Peynter, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Hoo hundred, Kent); John Peyntour, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke, Lincs); Thoma Payntour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorstone, Herefs); Thomas Peyntour alias Steynor, 1430 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Willmi. Painter, 1544 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Walter Peynter, 1614 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); William Paynter, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Sithney, Cornwall).

## Paintin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon  
English: see **Painting**.

## Painting

Variants: **Paintin**, **Painton**, **Paintain**, **Paynton**, **Panting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place, perhaps in west Oxon; compare Paington (Devon) and Panton (Lincs).

**Further information:** Painton’s Farm in Fyfield (Berks) is apparently named from this surname.

**Early bearers:** Baldewinum de Painton, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; Alexandrum de Painton, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elias Pantyng, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John Pentyn, 1322 in *London Coroners Rolls* (London); Thomas Pantyng, mercer, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (City of London); Gilbertus Peynting, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk); Thomas de Peyton, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Presthope in Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Pentyng, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Paynton, 1474 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Hull, Yorks); Nicollas Painton, 1540 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); William Painton, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Painton, 1565 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); Johane Pantinge, 1583 in *IGI* (White Ladies Aston, Worcs); William Panting, 1594 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); William Pantinge or Panting, 1617 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Panting, 1649 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Howard Painting, 1655 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs); Edwardi Pantin, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Elizabeth Pantyn, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Bushley, Worcs); Edward Paintin, 1706 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Paintain, 1711 in *Parish Registers* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Thos Painting, 1766 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon); Richd Paintin, 1801 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon); Thomas Paintain, 1877 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks).

## Painton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks  
English: see **Painting**.

## Pairman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks  
English: see **Pearman**.

## Pairpoint

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
Norman, English: see **Pierpoint**.

## Pais

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent (Woolwich)

1 Portuguese, Galician: relationship name, patronymic from the Portuguese and Galician personal name *Paio*, a vernacular derivative of Latin *Pelagius* (from Greek *pélagos* ‘ocean’). This name was taken by Portuguese settlers to the west coast of India, whence it has also been brought to Britain. **Further information:** Pelagius was an influential early Christian theologian who denied the doctrines of

predestination and original sin and asserted that free will could be exercised independently of the grace of God. For this, he was condemned as a heretic at the Council of Carthage in 418.

**Early bearers:** Ferbilla Pais, 1615 in *Boyd’s Marriage Index* (Sandon, Essex); John Baptist Pais, 1866 in *British India Office*; Esperansa Pais, 1875 in *British India Office* (Neemuch, Bengal, India); Agostinho Pais, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1911* (Chadwell, Essex).

2 Southern Italian: relationship name, nickname; when not of the same origin as (1), a nickname from Greek *pais* ‘boy, lad, servant’.

3 English: see **Pace**.

## Paisey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Somerset and Gloucs  
Norman, English: see **Pacey**.

## Paish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Middx  
English: see **Pask**.

## Paisley

Variants: **Baisley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 902, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 665
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down; Leinster: esp. Dublin

Scottish: locative name from Paisley (Renfrews), which is recorded as *Passelek* in 1298. The place-name derives from Middle Irish *baslec* ‘church’. This name has been established in Ulster since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland William de Passele, about 1199 in *Cambuskenneth Register*, p. 121; William Passeley, 1389 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, p. 401; John Paislie, 1616 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 116; Rot. Paisley, 1631 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

Ireland James Paisla, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Bellemeone, Antrim); James Pesley, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballymoney Towne, Antrim); John Paisly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghalurcher, Fermanagh).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 361.

## Paiton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
English, Irish: see **Peyton**.

## Pajak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname from the personal name *Pajak* (from *pajak* ‘spider’).

## Pak

Variants: **Peck**, **Pei**, **Pee**, **Beh**, **Bai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 白 (**Bai** or **Pai** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'white' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Bai Yi (白乙), the style name of Bai Yi Bing (白乙丙), an official in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the personal name Bai (白), the name of a son of the king Qin Wen Gong (died 716 BC). (iii) said to be borne by descendants of Bai Fu (白阜), an official during the reign of the legendary Yan Di, the 'Yan Emperor'. (iv) said to be borne by descendants of a legendary king Bai Xu Shi (白胥氏), who lived prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (v) from the place-name Bai (白), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) that was granted to Sheng (also known as Bai Gong Sheng (白公勝), with the style name Bai Gong (白公)), son of king Chu Hui Wang (died 432 BC). (vi) from the place-name *Bai Zhou* (白州) (located in Bobai in Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region) during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907). (vii) from Bai (白), name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) dating back to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). It was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (viii) traced back to several minority ethnic groups in ancient China.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 柏 (**Bai** or **Pai** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'cypress' in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of the legendary king Bai Huang Shi (柏皇氏), who lived prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from *Bai* (柏), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu, the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

3 Korean: (백; Chinese character 朴) see **Park** (3).

### Pakeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Midlands and London

English: see **Packman**.

### Pakenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; also Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Dublin; Antrim

English: locative name from Pakenham (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Paccenham* in the 11th century. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pacca* (genitive *Paccan*) + *hām* 'village, homestead'.

**Further information:** A family of this name has been established in Westmeath, Ireland, since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England William de Pekenham, 1196–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William de Pakenham, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund de Pakenham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henricus de Pakenam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Nicholas Pakenham, 1492–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Edmund Pakenham, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Lordington, Sussex); Alce Packnam, 1566 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); Nichs. Packenham, 1611 in *IGI*

(Doddington, Kent); James Packnum, 1612 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Clement Pakenham, 1627 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Samuel Packenham, 1792 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

Ireland Edm. Pagenam, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3475 (Meath).

**References:** *Irish Families*, p. 298; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 460.

### Pakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: variant of **Pask** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Pakington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Packington**.

### Pal

**Variants:** **Pala**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1083, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Indian (Bengali), Bangladeshi: occupational name, Hindu (Kayasth), from Sanskrit *pāla* 'protector, keeper, guard, herdsman' (compare *gopāla* 'cowherd'), an epithet of the god Krishna and a common personal name.

**Further information:** A Pala dynasty that was founded by one Gopala in the 8th century ruled in Bengal and Bihar until the 12th century.

### Pala

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

2 Italian: locative name from *pala* 'upland meadow'.

3 Catalan: (i) locative name from a place called Palà (Barcelona province). (ii) nickname, also in some instances possibly from Catalan *pala* 'shovel' (Latin *pala*), denoting someone who made or used this implement.

4 Polish, Czech: relationship name from the Polish personal name *Paweł*, Czech *Pala*, vernacular forms of **Paul**.

5 Czech: nickname from the Moravian dialect word *pala* 'head', used as a nickname for an obstinate person.

### Paladino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian (mainly southern): see **Palladino**.

### Palairêt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

Huguenot: nickname from French *Pailletet*, a diminutive of *Paillet*, perhaps denoting the owner of a *grenier a paille* 'hayrick, farmyard'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Elie Palairêt, 1708 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jn Gualter Esquire Palairêt, 1836 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Paler

**Variants:** **Payler**, **Paylor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *paler*, *palier* 'maker of palings or fences'. Compare **Palliser**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Paeler, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Ralph le Payller, about 1297 in *Franston* (Worcs); John Payler, vicar, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Bradford, Wilts); Thomas Paylor, 1539 in *IGI* (West Farleigh, Kent); Benet Paler, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Katherayne Payler, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Edwarde Paler, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Palermo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: locative name from the city of Palermo in Sicily, the Greek name of which is *Panormos*, from *pan* 'all' + *ormos* 'gulf, bay', probably in the sense 'wide gulf, but possibly 'well-protected bay'.

**Early bearers:** Cassandra Palermo, 1703 in *IGI* (Marylebone, Middx); Louis Palermo, 1808 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Amedie Palermo, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Middx).

### Pales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: variant of **Pale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Pales, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); John Pailes, 1619 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Joan Pales, 1626 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Edward Pales, 1686 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Herts).

### Palethorp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: see **Palethorpe**.

### Palethorpe

**Variants:** **Palethorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Perlethorpe (Notts), which is recorded as *Torp* in 1086, *Peuereltorp* in 1194, and *Palethorpe al. Peverillthorp* in 1650. The place-name derives from Old English or Old Scandinavian *þorp* 'secondary settlement, outlying farm'. It appears that the surname **Peverall** was prefixed to the place-name, but it is not clear why.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Palethorpe, 1618, Annes Parltorpe, 1625 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Mathew Palethorp, 1713 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Rich. Pailthorpe, 1718 in *IGI* (Willingham by Stow, Lincs); Richd Pailthorp, 1731 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs); Ann Pailthorp, 1734 in *IGI* (Shelton, Notts); Richard Pailthorpe, 1767 in *IGI* (Oxton, Notts); Richard Palthorp, 1782 in *IGI* (Worthington, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 91.

## Paley

### Paley

#### Variants: Pally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place in Lancs or WR Yorks, apparently named with Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’ as the final element. Compare Paley Green in Giggleswick (WR Yorks), where the surname is recorded in 1379, but this may have been named from the surname.

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Richard Palaie of Paley Green, 1570, and Thomas Paley of Paley Green, 1663 in the Giggleswick parish registers. **Early bearers:** Adam de Palay, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Hellifield, Lancs); Willelmus Palay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Robertus de Palay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litton, WR Yorks); Adam, Johannes de Palay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Ellena Paley, 1575, Thomas Paley, 1785 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

2 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a presumed Middle English male personal name \**Palli* (Old Danish *Palli*, from *páll* ‘pole’). (ii) sometimes a variant of **Pawley**. Compare Williams Palley or Pawley, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Luttworth, Leics); Deb Pawley, 1726, Wm. Paley, 1759 in *IGI* (Bircham Newton, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Pallig’, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Pally, 1310 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); John Paly, 1371 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johanne Paly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Alicia Paly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Willelmus Paly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halford, Warwicks); John Pally, plumber, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Sepulchre, Middx); Walter Palley, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (East Peckam, Kent); John Palley, 1488 in *PROB 11* (Hadlow, Kent); Richard Paley, 1509 in *York Registry Wills* (Sancton, ER Yorks); Walter Palley, 1532 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Paley, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Agnes Palley, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Chetton, Shrops).

### Palfery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Devon and Somerset

English: see **Palfrey**.

### Palfreman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Palfreyman**.

### Palfreeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Palfreyman**.

### Palfreman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; Devon

English: see **Palfreyman**.

### Palfrey

#### Variants: Palfery, Pulfrey, Pelfrey, Parfrey, Parffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1698, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 968
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *palefrei* ‘riding horse, palfrey’ (Old French *palefroi*, *palefrei*), perhaps a nickname for someone who looked after saddle horses. Compare Adam le Palefrey, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex), and compare **Palfreyman**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Palfrido, 1128 in *Anglo-Norman Register 2*; Hunfridus Palefrei, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Ralph Palefray, 1183 in *Baldon Book* (Durham); Henry Palfrey, 1540 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); John Palfrey otherwise Laurence, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Ilminster, Somerset); Philip Pawfry, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Allyxander Palfre, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Richard Palfree, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Exmouth, Devon); William Palfrey, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Combe Raleigh, Devon); Anne Palfree, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Ludlow, Shrops); Danyell Palfery, 1652 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Ro. Parfry, An. Paufray, Ro. Pawfery, Jea. Payfrey, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Marguerite Parfray, 1730 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); John Parffrey, 1869 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Palfreyman

#### Variants: Palphreyman, Palfreman, Palfreeman, Palfreman, Parfrement

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 645
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: occupational name from Middle English *palefrei* ‘man responsible for the palfreys or riding horses, a groom’ (compare **Palfrey**).

**Early bearers:** John le Palfreyman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Ranulph and Adam le Palfreyman, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Palfreman, 1333 in *Thuresson* (Somerset); John Palefreyman, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Calverton, Northants); Donaldus Palfreman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Robert Palfreyman, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Palfreman, 1568 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Richard Palfryman, 1570 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Mercy Palfreman, 1576 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Thomas Palfreyman, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Tinwell, Rutland); Thomas Palphreyman, 1619 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Peter Palfriman, 1645 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cams); Tho. Palferman, 1670 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Frances Palfreeman, 1681 in *IGI* (Weston upon Trent, Derbys); Robert Palferman, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Therfield, Herts); Sara Palferman, 1808 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Palgrave

#### Variants: Pelgrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Great Palgrave (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Pag(g)raua* in 1086 and *Paggrave* in 1202, or from Palgrave (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Palegraui* in 1086 and *Pallegrafe* in the 11th century. The Norfolk place-

name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pæcga* or \**Pacca* + Old English *græf* ‘grave, pit, trench’ or *grāf* ‘grove’. The Suffolk place-name probably derives from Old English *pāl* ‘stake, pole’ + *grāf* ‘grove’; however, if the *-ll-* in the 11th century form is significant, the initial element could be an Old English personal name \**Palla* or Old English \**pall* ‘ledge’.

**Further information:** Names deriving from the two villages are on the whole kept distinct until about 1640, since when the two have finally coalesced into the Suffolk form *Palgrave*.

**Early bearers:** Norfolk type William de Pagrave, 1166 in *Le Strange Records*; Christiana de Pagrave, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants, referring to Norfolk); John de Paggegrave, rector of Coneford, 1301 in *History of Norfolk*; Richard de Paggrave, 1336 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Barton Bendish, Norfolk); Suzan Palgrave, 1539 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk); Edward Pagrave, 1540 in *IGI* (Thuxton, Norfolk); Robert Pagrave, 1583 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk).

Suffolk type Oskedel de Palegrave, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richardus de Palgrave, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Palgrave, 1339 in *Crowland Abbey Estates*; Robert Palgraue, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Stephen Palgrave, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Palgraue, in 1483 *Feet of Fines* (Cowley, Oxon); Suzan Palgrave, 1539 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk); John Palgrave, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** Derek A. Palgrave and Patrick T. R. Palgrave-Moore (1978), *The History and Lineage of the Palgraves*. Doncaster: The Palgrave Society; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 460.

### Palin

#### Variants: Paling, Pailing, Payling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1873, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1277
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands: esp. Cheshire; Lancs

English: relationship name, variant of **Paulin** with late Middle English *-a(y)-* for *-au-*. *Tooth*, p. 235, notes that Thomas Paulyng, 1471, of Buterton (in Trentham, Staffs) is identical with Thomas Palyn in 1472. Final *-in* sometimes developed to *-en* or *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** John Palyng, 1441 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Randolph Palin, 1549 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Thos. Palin, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Elynn Palin or Palyn, 1573 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); John Pailin, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Farndon, Cheshire); James Palen, 1618 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Thomae Paylin, 1619 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Joseph Palin, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Payling, 1742 in *Parish Registers* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thos Pailing, 1771 in *Parish Registers* (Newark, Notts).

### Paling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 891, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 674
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Midlands: esp. Notts

1 English: usually a variant of **Palin**.

2 English: occasionally perhaps from Poling (Sussex), which is recorded as *Palinges* in 1199, *Paling(e)* and *Palyng* from the 12th century until the 16th century. It probably derives from Old English

*pāl* 'stake, pole' or a personal name derived from this word + the group-name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga*). However, it is uncertain that this surname has survived.

**Further information:** The variant place-name form *Polyng*, which gave rise to the modern form of the name, is first recorded in 1305; it appears as *Powling* in Speed's map of 1610.

**Early bearers:** Gernagod de Paling, 1156–8 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Sussex); Johannes Palyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); George Paling, 1830 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 171–2.

## Palk

**Variants:** **Paulk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) relationship name, reduced form of **Pollock**, with unrounding of the vowel to give *Palk*. Compare **Polk**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively perhaps from a reduced form of the Middle English personal names *Palcok* and *Palkin*, pet forms of *Paul*.

**Early bearers:** Henrico Palke, 1487 in *Devon Record Office* (Devon); Robert Palke, 1527 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shaugh, Devon); Richard Palke, 1527 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ipplepen, Devon); Peter Palke, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Staverton, Devon); John Palke, 1580 in *IGI* (Widecombe in the Moor, Devon); Edward Paulke, 1619 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); Thomas Palk, 1630 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); George Paulk, 1703 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon).

## Pall

**Variants:** **Palle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales

1 English: unexplained; perhaps a relationship name from an Old English personal name *Pælli* (see *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 181); or a locative name (see (2), where some of the examples may belong); or a nickname from Middle English *pal(le)* 'cloth, cloak, covering', sometimes for someone who made or sold these items.

**Early bearers:** Gerard Palle, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Pal, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Pal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus Palle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); John Pall, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Wootton, Beds); Wm. Pall, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Thomas Pall, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Sibsey, Lincs); John Palle, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Old English *\*peall*, *\*pall* 'ledge', signifying one who lived at or near a ledge or terrace.

**Early bearers:** Roger de la Palle, 1274 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Walter de la Palle, 1325 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John Pall, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Keyne, Cornwall); Jone Pall, 1591 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joane Pall, 1596 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Pall, 1632 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

## Palladino

**Variants:** **Paladino**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from the 12th-century personal name *Paladino*, derived from tales of the Frankish king Charlemagne's legendary knights or paladins (from Latin *palatinus* 'of or pertaining to the palace').

**Early bearers:** Andrea Paladino, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Saint Giles, London); Francis Peter Palladino, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Cosimo Paladino, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

## Pallant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: (i) in E Anglia perhaps a variant of **Pallan** (see **Palling**) with excremental final *-t*. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Poland** (3) with unrounding of the vowel.

**Early bearers:** John Pallant, 1632 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Hugh Pallant, 1637 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Edward Laund alias Pallant Yeoman, 1659 in *TNA* (Parham, Suffolk); Parker Pallent, 1668 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk); Edward Pallent, 1710 in *Parish Registers* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *pallant* 'palace, enclosure'. The surname is first recorded in Chichester (Sussex), and alludes to the Pallant, the south-eastern quarter of the city, where the Archbishop of Canterbury possessed a court for his own tenants and an ecclesiastical peculiar.

**Further information:** The name *Pallant* has no connection with the mistaken belief that the Archbishop of Canterbury had 'palatine' rights in Chichester.

**Early bearers:** John ate Palente, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); John de Palenta, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Pallent, 1805 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 148.

## Pallas

**Variants:** **Pallis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Mayo

1 Irish: an Irish name, which MacLysaght says was brought to Ireland in the 15th century by a Lombard family of bankers named **de Palatio**. The name has been gaelicized as *Pailis*, which means 'palisade' in Irish.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Palles, sturman of Tyrow, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4071 (Dundalke, Louth).

2 Irish, English: topographic, occupational name, of uncertain origin; in England, in many cases, no doubt an importation of the Irish name. Three alternative possibilities may be mentioned: (i) from Old French *palis*, *paleis* 'palisade, a fence', and so a topographic name for someone who lived by a fence or, by metonymy, an occupational name for a maker of fences; (ii) alternatively, a name for someone who worked at a palace, from Old French, Middle English *palais*, *paleis*; (iii) *Pailhous*, by metonymy, an occupational name for a worker at a straw stack, from Old French *paille* 'straw' + Middle English *hous* 'house'.

## Palle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Pall**.

## Paller

**Variants:** **Peller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *\*paller*, *peller* 'maker or seller of fine cloth or clothing', a derivative of Middle English *pal(le)*, *pel(le)* (Old English *pæll*, *pell*) + *-er*. Compare Rober Dun, peller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

**Early bearers:** John le Pallere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Nycollas Paller, 1609 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Paller, 1638 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); John Paller, 1706 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Jos. Paller, 1707 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Thos Paller, 1733 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Pallet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; Middx and Essex

English: see **Pallett**.

## Pallett

**Variants:** **Pallet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1520, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 781
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics; Middx, Herts, Surrey and Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pail(l)et* 'bed or mattress of straw, pallet', sometimes for someone who made or sold pallets.

**Early bearers:** Adam Palet, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Cranswick, ER Yorks); Thoma Palet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); John Palet, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Newington, Kent); Roger Palle, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Heybridge, Essex); William Pallett, 1563 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Robert Pallat, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Walter Pallitt, 1635, Walter Pallett, 1638 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elianor Pallitt, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Tarpoley, Cheshire).

2 English: variant of **Pollitt**.

## Palling

**Variants:** **Pallant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

1 English: in most cases probably a modern spelling of **Paulin**, with *-ing* substituted for *-in*.

2 English: locative name from Palling (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Pallinga* in 1086 and *Paullinges* in 1224, and probably means 'Pælli's people', from the Old English personal name *Pælli* + the group-name suffix *-ingas*. Post-medieval examples of this name in Norfolk may have been confused with (1). **Early bearers:** Edmund of Palling, 1318 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Pallyngg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington and Crostwight, Norfolk); Johannes Pallyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hanworth, Norfolk); Marg' Palyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); Robert Pallyng, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Cleye, Norfolk); Robt



## Pallis

Pallin, 1572 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Palling, 1620 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, p. 119.

**3** English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Palling* (a pet form of Old English *Pælli* or \**Pælla* + Old English *-ing*). Development to modern *Pallin* and *Pallen* is to be expected but these could belong to either of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Palling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Metham, ER Yorks); Johannes Pallyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Drayton, Middx); Waltero Pallyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kington St Michael and Kington Langley, Wilts); John Pallin, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Thatcham, Berks); Henrie Pallin, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John in Thanet, Kent); Elinor Pallen, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx).

## Pallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

**1** English: occupational name from Middle English *paille* 'straw' + *h(o)us* 'house', perhaps denoting a worker at a hayrick.

**Early bearers:** Henry Paillehus, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Elizabeth Pallis, 1653 in *IGI* (Potter Hanworth, Lincs); Joseph Pallis, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Elizabeth Pallis, 1716 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Sarah Pallis, 1737 in *IGI* (Brandon, Suffolk); Mary Pallis, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**2** French, English: locative name from Old French *palis*, *paleis* 'palisade' rather than Anglo-Norman French *paleis* 'palace', and hence a topographic name for someone who lived by a fence or palisade.  
**Early bearers:** Augustin de la Paleysse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**3** Irish: possibly also a variant of Irish **Pallas**.

## Palliser

**Variants:** Pallister, Palser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary

English: occupational name from Middle English *paliser* 'a maker of pales, palings, or fences (for constructing ramparts, enclosing deer parks, etc.)'. Compare William Palycemaker, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Paleser, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardo Paliser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Desford, Leics); Robertus Palycer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brearton, WR Yorks); Thomas Palysser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carleton, WR Yorks); Richard Palicer, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Palyser, 1464 in *York Registry Wills* (Sand Hutton, NR Yorks); Margaret Palliser, 1572 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thome Palliser, 1584 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Frances Palser, 1689 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs).

## Pallister

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1102, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 756
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham

English: variant of **Palliser** with intrusive *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** William Palister, 1568 in *IGI* (Welbourn, Lincs); Allison Palister, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Auckland, Durham); John Pallister, 1599 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Isab. Palister, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Spurriergate, York); William Pallister, 1614 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York); Thos Palister, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent); Johanns Palester, 1711 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham).

## Pallot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from a diminutive of French *palle*, from a regional variant of *pelle* 'shovel', apparently used as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Pallot, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Middx); John Pallot, 1763 in *Parish Registers* (Portsea Saint Mary, Hants); Matthew Pallot, 1768 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Ann Pallot, born in 1776, in *Census 1841* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Abraham Pallot, born in 1828, in *Census 1841* (Trinity, Jersey).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, pp. 751–2.

## Pally

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Kent

English: see **Paley**.

## Palma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian, Spanish, Portuguese: (i) locative name from any of various places called Palma (from Latin *palma* 'palm'). (ii) locative name from Parma in Italy.

**Early bearers:** Frances Palma in *Census 1841* (Thingoe, Suffolk); Francis Palma in *Census 1841* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Andrea Di Palma, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Palmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey: Shrops; Gloucs

English: see **Palmer**.

## Palmer

**Variants:** Palmar, Parmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50395, Ireland 1364
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34961
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim; Laois

English: nickname from Middle English *palmer(e)* 'palmer, pilgrim to the Holy Land' (Anglo-Norman French *palmer*, Old French *pa(l)mer*, *paum(i)er*), so called from the palm branch carried by such a pilgrim. The term was also used to denote an itinerant monk who travelled from shrine to shrine under a vow of poverty.

**Further information:** This name is also common in Ireland, where it has been recorded from the 13th century onwards. It is normally the English name,

but has also been adopted for **Ó Maolfhoghghair** (see **Milford**), the name of an ecclesiastical family.

**Early bearers:** England Sagar Palmer, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Wiger le Palmer, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard le Paumere, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Middx); Thomas le Paumer, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Eccleshale, Warwicks); Thomas le Palmer, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (City of London); Willelmus Palmer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Juliana Palmar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingstone, Herefs); Amicia Palmur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tytherington, Wilts); Laurencio Palmere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston Lisle, Berks); Hondricus le Palmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Thomas Palmar, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Palmer, butcher, 1501 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Henrici Parmer, 1546 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Thoms. Palmore, 1569 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

Ireland Roger Palmarius, 1215 in *CDI* §588; Thomas le Palmer, 1278 in *CDI* §1412 (Waterford); Robert le Paumer, 1283 in *CDI* §2034 (Waterford); Geoffrey le Palmer, keeper by sea, 1296 in *CDI* §345 (Lusk); Henry Palmer, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1073 (Kylmaynhin); John Palmer, gent., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Dinglecushe, Kerry).

## Palmieri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name, a patronymic or plural form of **Palmiere**, which is from *palmiere* 'palmer, pilgrim', an agent derivative of *palma* 'palm', influenced by Old French *palmiere* (see **Palmer**).

**Early bearers:** Ernesto Palmieri, professor of singing, born in Milan, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx).

## Palombo

**Variants:** Palumbo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Inverness

Italian: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Palombo*, from *palombo* 'dove' (Late Latin *palumbus*). (ii) nickname, occupational name, sometimes also directly from the vocabulary word, applied as a nickname for a mild-mannered individual, or for a keeper of pigeons, which were a valuable source of food in the medieval period.

## Palphreyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Palfreyman**.

## Palser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs
- English: see **Palliser**.

## Palumbo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Italian: relationship name, nickname, Southern Italian (especially Neapolitan), dialect variant of **Palombo**,



**Pam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Theoretically it might be from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Pamm*, Old English \**Paefen*, which may be inferred from the medieval forms of the place-name Pamington (Gloucs), but the absence of any Middle English evidence for the personal name or the surname makes it difficult to judge how likely this is.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pam, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (London); Christopher Pame, 1616 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Christopher Pame, 1663 in *IGI* (Otterden, Kent); Bartholomew Pam, 1680 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); John Pam, 1716 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Christian Pam, 1730 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 54.

**Pamment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and Suffolk

English: unexplained, unless a shortened form of **Parmenter**.

**Early bearers:** Thomae Pamant, 1560 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); James Pament, 1587 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Elizabeth Parment, 1612 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Larrencs Pamment, 1629 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

**Pammenter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Parmenter**.

**Pamphilon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Cambs

English: see **Pamplin**.

**Pamplin**

**Variants:** Pamphilon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

1 English: relationship name, probably from a diminutive of the Old French personal name *Pamphile* (Greek *Pamphilos*, the name of a martyr of the 4th century).

**Early bearers:** Simon filius Pampelyn, 13th cent. in *Peterborough Cartulary*; John Pampiloun, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Pamphiloun, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Adam Pampelon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ebbesbourne Wake, Wilts); William Pamplion, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Golding, Leics); John Pamplion, brewer, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Walter Pamplyon, 1473 in *PROB 11* (Ramsey, Hunts); Elizabeth Pamphilon, 1579 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); William Pamplume or Pamplyn, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Burwell, Cambs); Thomas Pampling, 1603 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); William Pamplin, 1630 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Ann Pampling, 1645 in *IGI* (Elsforth, Cambs).

2 Spanish: locative name, perhaps sometimes from the city of Pamplona, Navarre, Spain. The bearers below may have been residents of Oléron in France, but Bonamy de Pampelun *habet licentiam quod veniat in Angliam cum mercandis suis* 'has permission to come to England with his goods'; note also John Disco, merchant of Pampilion, 1404 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Bonamy de Pampelun, mercator, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Boni Amici de Pampeluna in 1230); Sancho de Pampilona, 1243 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Pan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *panne* 'cauldron, pot, pan', sometimes for someone who made or sold pans; compare **Panner**.

**Early bearers:** Lefwin Panne, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Aldwin Panne, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Reynold de Pan, merchant, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willelmus Pan, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Nynhead, Somerset); Alicia Panne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebmarsh, Essex); Elizabeth Pan, 1597 in *IGI* (Haceby, Lincs); John Pan, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Heswall, Cheshire); Peter Pan, 1745 in *IGI* (Neston, Cheshire).

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 班 (**Ban** in Mandarin pinyin), denoting 'a squad' or 'a theatrical troupe' in Chinese: from the second element of the personal name Dou Ban (斗班), the given name of a prince, grandson of king Ruo Ao (died c.764 BC) of the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 潘 and 盤, see **Poon** (1) and (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 彭, see **Pang** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 范, see **Fan** (1).

**Panayi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 825, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek, Cypriot: relationship name from the genitive of the personal name *Panayis*, a colloquial short form of *Panayiotis* (see **Panayiotou**).

**Panayiotou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek, Cypriot: relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Panayiotis*, which is derived from *panayia*, an adjective (feminine *Panayiota*) meaning 'most holy', used to refer to the Virgin Mary.

**Panchal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vishwakarma), probably from Sanskrit *pāñcāla* 'association of five guilds' (from *pañca* 'five').

**Pancholi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 868, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman) and Jain, unexplained.

**Pandey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): occupational name, Hindu (Brahman), from Hindi *pānde*, from Sanskrit *pandita* 'scholar'. Compare **Pandit**, **Pandya**. **Further information:** In Hindi *pānde*, as well as being a family name, also denotes a Brahman engaged in either of two traditional Brahman occupations: teaching and cooking.

**Pandit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): occupational name, Hindu (chiefly Brahman), from Sanskrit *pandita* 'scholar'. Compare **Pandey**, **Pandya**.

**Pandor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: unexplained.

**Pandya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1661, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): occupational name, Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *pandita* 'scholar'. Compare **Pandey**, **Pandit**.

**Pane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: see **Payne**.

**Panell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Pannell**.

**Panes**

**Variants:** Paines, Paynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Payne** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Paynes, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Robertus Paynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh Delamere, Wilts); John Paynes, 1568 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); John Panes, 1621 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Walter Panes, 1637 in *IGI* (Badgworth, Somerset).

**Panesar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2489, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Pang**

**Variants:** Fong, Fung, Phang, Peng, Pan, Phee, Pee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1951, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 彭 (**Peng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'next to,

## Pangborn

beside' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name *Da Peng* (大彭), the name of an ancient fief (located in present-day Jiangsu province) that granted to Jian Keng, also known as Peng Zu (彭祖), the third son of Lu Zhong, said to be a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). After the state of Da Peng was annexed in around 1282 BC, Peng (彭) was adopted as a surname. According to legend, Peng Zu lived for over 800 years; his name came to symbolize longevity, like Methuselah in the West. (ii) for some families, this surname can be traced back to minority ethnic groups in ancient West and South China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin pronunciation of the Chinese surname 龐 (Pong in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'mammoth', 'massive', or 'face' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Pang* (龐), the name of a fief (located in SE Hancheng in Shaanxi province) granted to descendants of Bi Gong Gao, the fifteenth son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). (ii) in some families, this surname goes back to various minority ethnic groups in ancient western China.

3 Chinese: Mandarin pronunciation of the Chinese surname 逢 (Fung or Fong in Cantonese romanization): (i) borne by descendants of Pang Bolin (逢伯凌), an official who lived during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of Pang Meng (逢孟), a legendary figure who was versed in archery during the early Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

4 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 馮, see **Fung** (1). The dialects in which this form is used can be found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 潘, see **Poon** (1).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 范, see **Fan** (1).

7 Korean: (방; Chinese character 方, meaning 'direction'). There are actually five Chinese characters for this surname; however, only 方 is common enough to warrant treatment here. The clan associated with this character is the Onyang Pang, which was founded by a scholar of the Tang Chinese Royal Academy called Pang Chi (方智), who lived in Hunan province, China, until his migration to Shilla in AD 669. There is a gap in the records after Pang Chi; the ancestor who settled in the Onyang area of Ch'ungch'ong south province at the beginning of the Koryŏ kingdom was named Pang Un (方雲). Three other Pang clans are descended from the Onyang Pang clan.

### Pangborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; Warwicks; Kent
- English: see **Pangbourne**.

### Pangbourne

- Variants: **Pangborn**, **Pangburn**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Oxon and Berks
- English: locative name from Pangbourne (Berks), which is recorded as (*at*) *Pægeinge burnan* in a 13th century copy of a document from 844 and *Pangeborne* in 1086. The place-name means 'spring or stream of the people of a man named Pæga', from the Old English personal name *Pæga* + the group-name suffix *-ingas* (genitive *-inga-*) + *burna* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Pangebourn', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Britwell Salome, Oxon); Alice Pangborn, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Uxbridge, Middx); Kateryn Pangbourne, 1587 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Peeter Pangburne, 1591 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Thomas Pangborne, 1616 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Bilgah Pangburn, 1797 in *IGI* (Maids Moreton, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 167.

### Pangburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Pangbourne**.

### Pank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: unexplained; perhaps from either a nickname from Middle English *pank* of obscure origin, or a Continental locative name (compare John du Pank of Remy, 1330 in *Patent Rolls*).
- Further information:** Willelmus Penk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunton with Doughton, Norfolk) may be an early form of this name in north Norfolk.
- Early bearers:** Robert Pank' of Kirketon', 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Willelmus Pank, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Panke, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Bourne, Lincs); Edmund Panke, 1546 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Renolde Panke, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter, Lincs); Willim. Pank, 1631 in *IGI* (Witton near North Walsham, Norfolk).

### Pankhania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 919, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, meaning 'from a place called Pankhan'.

### Pankhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1264, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1041
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- 1 English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Pinkhurst in Slinfold (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pinkhurst* in 1319 and *Penkehurst* in 1565, or Pinkhurst Farm in Abinger (Surrey), which is recorded as *Pinkehurst* in 1241. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Pinca* + Old English *hyrst* 'hillock, copse'. (ii) locative name, alternatively perhaps from Pankhurst in Surrey, but there are no medieval forms for the place-name. Its earliest attestation is *Pentecost* alias *Panchurst* in 1605, and the editors of *Place-Names of Surrey* infer that it was named after the family of John Pentecost, who was taxator for Godley Hundred in 1332 (*Subsidy Rolls*, Surrey).

There is no evidence, however, that the Pentecost family lived at Pankhurst. McKinley notes that Richard Pankhurst alias Pentecost (1770) lived in Mayfield, Sussex, where both surnames had 'existed for centuries'. Whether the surname *Pankhurst* was a post-medieval corruption of **Pentecost** or vice versa, it is clear that the names had come to be regarded as interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Pinkeherst, 1228 in *Close Rolls*, 1230 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); [ . . . de] Pinkehurst, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Rychard Pencost, 1560 in *Sussex Wills* (Sussex); John Pankurst, 1568 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Alice Pankhurst, 1571, Anne Penkherst, 1632, in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Joane Pankherst, 1585, Agnes Pankerst, 1614, Elizabeth Pankhurst, 1615, Unfaigned Pankest, 1622, Joane Panke, 1623 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Pankherst, 1609, Elizabeth Bankhurst, 1777 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Willmi. Pankarst, 1611, John Pankast, 1614, Lyddia Pankeherst, 1622, Thomas Penkhurst, 1756, William Bankhurst, 1810 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 160; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 116, 260; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 401–3.

2 English: variant of **Pentecost**. Pankhurst in Surrey, named after John Pentecost (1332 in *Place-Names of Surrey*), is Pentecost alias Panchurst in 1605.

### Panks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Pank** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Panckes, 1592 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Henry Panks, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Susan Pancks, 1667 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Edm. Panks, 1685 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk).

### Pannaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *panne* 'cauldron, pot, pan' + the derivational suffix *-er* + *-man*, probably denoting someone who made or sold pans; compare **Panner** (1). (ii) nickname from Middle English *pan(i)er(e)*, *pannier* 'basket' + *-man*, sometimes for someone who made, sold, or transported wares in baskets; compare **Panner** (2). **Early bearers:** Thomas le Paynerman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Panyarman, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Lincs).

2 English: occupational name, status name, *Penny* + *-man*, signifying 'servant of Penny'; see **Penny**. **Early bearers:** Simon Penyman, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Peniman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Ralph Panyman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Penyman, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Brampton, Hunts); Johannes Penyman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eslington, Northumb); William Pennyman, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Marske Cleveland, Yorks).

### Pannell

- Variants: **Panell**, **Pennell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1288, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 895
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Paynel* (Old French *Paynel*, Latin *Paganellus*), a pet form of **Payne** (Latin *Paganus*). Radulfus Paganus is identical with Radulf Pagenel, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus Pagenel, Paganellus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Jordanus Paenellus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Painel, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Painell, Panell', 1172 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Paynel, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Panell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ridgewell, Essex); John Panell', 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Ridgewell, Essex); Edward Pannel, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Willm Panell, 1557 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Painell or Paynell, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Boothby Pagnell, Lincs); John Pannel, 1565 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Pannell, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Ridgewell, Essex).

2 English: locative name, occasionally from Pannal (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Panhal(e)* from the 12th to 15th century and *Pannall* in 1409. The place-name derives from Old English *panne* 'pan', perhaps in the sense 'pan-shaped (broad, shallow) hollow or valley' or 'hollow or depression in which water stands', + *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** John de Panhale, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Johannes Panall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Robert Pannall, saddler, 1452 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); Richard Pannell, 1548 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Robt. Pannel, 1594 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 116.

3 English: nickname; derivation from Middle English *panel*, *panel(l)e* 'cloth, saddlecloth, saddle' or 'pane (of glass)' is theoretically possible; compare Simon Paneller', 1240 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Martin le Panneler, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx).

## Panner

**Variants:** Panniers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 English: nickname from Middle English *panne* 'cauldron, pot, pan' + derivational suffix *-er*, for someone who made or sold pans. Some examples under (2) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Panner, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); John le Panner, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Pannor, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas le Paner, warriner, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Moulton, Northants); Ralph Panner, 1556 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Simon Panners, 1575 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *pan(i)er(e)*, *pannier* 'basket' (Anglo-Norman French *paner*, Old French *panier*), sometimes for someone who made or sold baskets; compare Ranulf Panermaker, 1305 in *Essex Record Office*, Ralph le Paniermakier, 1310 in *Fransson* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Æluric Paner, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Panier, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Nicholas Paner, 1216 in *Charter Rolls*; Edith Panier, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Paner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardus le Panyer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coleham, Shrops); Thomas Panier, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Okehampton, Devon); Mathew Paner, 1616 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon); John Panniers, 1625 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs).

## Pannett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Payne** (Old French *Payen*) + the diminutive suffixes *-ot*, *-et*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Painotus de Norwude, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Painot, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Paynet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Paynet the elder, John Paynet the Younger, and William Paynet, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Paynet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilborough, Norfolk); Jevan ap Paynot, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Whittington, Shrops); John Panet or Pannet, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 346.

## Panniers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Panner**; a post-medieval modification of the surname, with excrescent *-s*.

## Pannifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Pennyfather**.

## Pannu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Panson

**Variants:** Penson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Kent

English: from the Middle English personal name **Payne** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Paynesone, 1305 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* iii; Richard Paynsone, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Johannes Panson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Draughton, WR Yorks); Richard Painson, 1590 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Thomas Panson, 1594 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

## Pant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: relationship name, probably from a pet form of a Continental Germanic personal name with *Band-* or *Pant-* (originally 'banner, standard') as the first element.

**Early bearers:** William Pante, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Pant, 1296 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Pante, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Ricardus Pant', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton Campville, Staffs); William Pant', parson, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Farleigh Wallop, Hants); Alys Pant, 1563 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Agnes Pant, 1566 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Bartholomew Pante, 1594 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Cristofer Pant, 1629 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 203.

## Pantall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Pandulf*, from \**band-* 'banner' + \**wulf-* 'wolf'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pandulfus, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Willelmus Pantul (Staffs), identical with Willelmus Pantulf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; William Pantulf, Pantul 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Yvo Pantolf, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Norman Pantull', 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Cislew Pantall, 1574 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Pantoll, 1576 in *IGI* (Bullingham, Herefs); George Pantwall, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Madley, Herefs); George Pantall, 1639 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

## Panteli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek: relationship name from a short form of the Greek personal name *Panteleemon*; less likely, perhaps, from a short form of the personal name *Pantaleon*.

## Panter

**Variants:** Panther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1386, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 962
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Midlands: esp. Northants

English: occupational name from Middle English *paneter(e)* 'officer in charge of a pantry' (Anglo-Norman French *paneter*, Old French *panetier*); the panter of a monastery also distributed loaves to the poor.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Paneter, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Reginald le Panetier, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Warin le Paneter, 1230 in *Close Rolls* (Hants); Geoffrey le Paneter, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; John Panter, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Castor, Northants); Henrico Pantere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Osney, Oxon); Thomas Panter, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Stapleton, Gloucs); William Panter, 1550 in *IGI* (Beer Hackett, Dorset); Arthur Panther, 1631 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *OED* (1297)

## Panther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Panter**.

## Panting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Berks, and Wilts; Warwick; also London

English: see **Painting**.

## Pantlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: see **Pantling**.

## Pantling

**Variants:** Pantlin

## Panton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants; Surrey

English: relationship name, possibly from an unrecorded Middle English form of the Continental Germanic personal name seen in **Pant**, with a diminutive or patronymic suffix *-ling*; but the dates of the records suggest post-medieval immigration, in which case it might be a SW German form of the Italian given name **Pantaleone**.

**Early bearers:** Henrici Pantline, 1624 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks); Henrini Pantlin, 1629 in *IGI* (Stantonbury, Bucks); Joseph Pantaline, 1683 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Rich Pantling, 1688 in *IGI* (Ockham, Surrey); Joseph Pantling, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Billingham, Durham); John Pantlen, 1720 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Pantlyn, 1730 in *IGI* (Send and Ripley, Surrey); James Pantelin, 1773 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey).

## Panton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 989
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Panton (Lincs), which is recorded as *Pantone* in 1086, or Great and Little Ponton (Lincs), recorded as *Pamptune* and *Pamtone* in 1086 and *Pantone* in 1135–54. Panton probably derives from Old English *panne* ‘pan’, with the sense ‘broad, shallow depression or hollow’, + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’. Great and Little Ponton may have the same etymology as Panton, but the 1086 forms raise the possibility of a different, unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Panton, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Pantun, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Hales, Shrops); Thomas de Panton, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); James de Pantone, de Paunton, sheriff, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Michael de Panton, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Radulphus Pantone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); William Paunton, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); John Panton, 1548 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Panton, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx).  
**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 97–8.

## Pantry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Pantry**.

## Pantry

Variants: **Pantry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also ER Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *panetri(e)* ‘storeroom for bread’ (Old French *panet(e)rie*), signifying one who lived or worked at a pantry and probably synonymous with **Panter** ‘keeper of a pantry’ (especially in a lord’s house or a monastic institution).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Panetria, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); John de la Paneterie, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Robert atte Panetrye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de la Panetrie, 1348 in

*Patent Rolls* (Middx); Johannes de la Panetre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Andrew parish, Lincs); Robertus del Pantry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Richard de la Panetrie, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Stapleford, Herts); Thomas Pantry, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); Margery Pantrey, 1618 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent).

## Paolo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Paolo*, Italian form of **Paul**. See **Poli**.

## Pap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Pape**.

## Papa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Pape**.

## Papadopoulos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name, patronymic meaning ‘son of the priest’, from the stem *papad-* of *papas* ‘priest’ + a patronymic suffix *-poulos*.

**Further information:** This suffix, derived from Latin *pullus* ‘nestling, chick’, occurs mainly in the Peloponnese. Greek Orthodox priests, unlike their Roman counterparts, were allowed to marry and have children.

## Papageorgiou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): status name from an old genitive case of *Papagiorgios* ‘George the priest’. Compare **Papadopoulos**.

## Papaoannou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): status name from an old genitive case of *Papaoannis* ‘John the priest’. Compare **Papadopoulos**.

## Pape

Variants: **Papp**, **Pap**, **Pappe**, **Papa**, **Papps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1220, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 895
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks; also Middx

English: (i) nickname from Old French *pape* ‘pope’, possibly for a person thought dignified or magnificent; compare **Pope**, from Old English *pāpa*. (ii) relationship name from an Old English personal name *\*Pap(p)a* of uncertain origin, which occurs as the first element of Papworth (Cambs); compare Papa, early 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*, and Pape de Middelburg, merchant of the German king, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*. (iii) nickname from Middle English *pap(e)*, *pappe* ‘gruel, porridge, baby food’ (Old French *papa*) related to *pappe* ‘breast’ (Latin

*papilla*), perhaps for someone who lacked the teeth for more substantial food.

**Early bearers:** Stubhard Pape, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Hepworth, Suffolk); Blachemannus Pape, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); William la Pape, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas Pape, early 14th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Adam la Pape, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Donatus le Pape, 1276 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas Pappe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Pap, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Pap, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Roger Pappe, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Pape, 1427 in *York Registry Wills* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Henericus Pappe, 1615 in *IGI* (Ashby Puerorum, Lincs).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 203; *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, pp. 181, 253.

## Paper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: unexplained; perhaps a nickname from Middle English *papir(e)* ‘paper’, or a development of the personal name **Pape**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Paper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Raphe Paper, 1623 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Eustace Paper, 1720 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Paphitis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek, Cypriot: locative name denoting someone from the town or area of Paphos in Cyprus.

## Papillon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Essex and Middx; Berks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *papillioun* ‘butterfly’ (Old French *papillon*, Latin *papilio*), perhaps for someone of an inconstant or frivolous nature.

**Early bearers:** Tuoldus Papilio, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ridellus Papillun, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Thorald le Papillon, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Roger Papillon, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Bosham, Sussex); William Papillon, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Crofton in Titchfield, Hants); Thomas Papilon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tytherington, Wilts); William Papelon, chaplain, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Lasborough, Worcs); Abraham Papillon, 1630 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics).

2 French: nickname from the same Old French word mentioned in (1).

**Early bearers:** Auguste Papillon, chef, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Papp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Norfolk

English: see **Pape**.

## Pappe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Pape**.

**Pappin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: of uncertain origin; possibly French, compare Bernard Papun, merchant of [La] Rochelle, 1257 in *Patent Rolls* (from Occitan *papon* ‘ancestor’), or perhaps for **Papin**, from French *papin* ‘gruel’, a suffixed derivative of *paper* ‘to chomp’.

**Early bearers:** Charles Pappen, 1661 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Gorran, Cornwall); John Pappin, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); George Pappin, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

**Papps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Wilts and Gloucs

English: variant of **Pape** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Anne Papes, 1602 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); John Paps, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Byton, Herefs); John Papes, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Farndon, Cheshire); Mary Papps, 1695 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Thomas Papps, 1697 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); John Papes, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret, York).

**Papson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Pape** + -son.

**Early bearers:** John Papson, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Johannis Papson, 1624 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); James Papson, 1779 in *IGI* (Rodmersham, Kent).

**Papworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1628, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1084
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; also Middx

English: locative name from Papworth Saint Agnes or Papworth Everard (Cambs), recorded as *Pappeworda* and *Papeword* in 1086. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pap(p)a* + Old English *word* ‘enclosure’.

**Early bearers:** Elena de Papwrth’, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Walter de Pappeworth, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Nicholaus Pappeworth’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); William Pappeworth, knight, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Papworth, Cambs); Thomas Pappeworth, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Holy Trinity Bristol, Gloucs); John Papworth, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Melford, Suffolk); Johanus Papworth, 1539 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); James Paporth, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Roger Papworthe or Papworth, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Hoxton, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 171.

**Par**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon

English: see **Parr**.

**Paradine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: unexplained. Perhaps related to *paradigm* in some way or to Old French *paradis* ‘garden, park’; compare **Paradise**.

**Early bearers:** William Paradyne, born in Brabant, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Peterborough, Northants); George Parradyne, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Saint Paul Bedford, Beds); William Paradyne, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Bedford, Beds); William Paradine, 1604 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Thomas Paradine, 1737 in *IGI* (Aston Abbots, Bucks).

**Paradise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset; also Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *paradis(e)* ‘garden, park’ (Old French *paradis*), signifying someone who lived at or near a park or pleasure garden.

**Early bearers:** William Paradys, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Jacobo Paradis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); Robert Paradise, 1545, Thomas Paradice, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Paradise, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); William Paradice, 1612 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Michael Paradise, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Potterne, Wilts); Richard Paradis, 1697 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs).

**Paragreen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Paramor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Paramore**.

**Paramore**

**Variants:** **Paramor**, **Parramore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *paramour* ‘lover, sweetheart’ (Old French *par amour* ‘with love’).

**Early bearers:** John Paramour, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Paramour, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wingham hundred, Kent); John Paramour, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Paramour, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Brockton, Shrops); Vincent Paramour’, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Herne, Kent); Henry Paramore, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Preston, Kent); Edonardi Paramor, 1566 in *IGI* (Preston near Faversham, Kent); John Parramour, 1588 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richi Paramoore, 1628 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Parramour, 1634 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

**Paraskeva**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name from the genitive of the male personal name *Paraskevas*.

**Further information:** The name *Paraskeva* was borne by a female saint who was martyred during the reign of Diocletian, and the male name may represent an adaptation of this.

**Parbery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place with Middle English *bergh* ‘hill, mound’ (Old English *berg*) or *burgh* ‘stronghold’ (Old English *burh*, dative *byrig*) as the final element of its name.

**Early bearers:** Richard Parbery, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex); Robert Parbery, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Weedon Bec, Northants); John Parbery, 1591 in *IGI* (Wormleighton, Warwicks); Robert Parbury, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Richard Parberry, 1624 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); John Parbree, 1732 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Susanna Parbrey, 1740 in *IGI* (Weston Underwood, Bucks).

**Parcel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Surrey
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Parcell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs; also Pembrokes; Glamorgan

Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Parcells**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Purcell** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Parchment**

**Variants:** **Peachment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx  
English: nickname from Middle English *parchemin*, *parch(e)men(t)* ‘parchment’ (Old French *parchemin*), sometimes for someone who made or sold parchment.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

**Early bearers:** Ainulfus parcheminus, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Walter Perchamunt, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Parchemyn, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Stalbridge, Dorset); Nicholaus Parchemyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Methwold, Norfolk); Richard Parchment, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); John Parchment, 1733 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Elizabeth Peachment, 1757 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk).

**Parden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

## Pardew

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Pardon**.

### Pardew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

### Pardey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset
- Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

### Pardner

Variants: **Partner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Leics
- English: occupational name from Middle English *pardo(u)ner* ‘licensed seller of indulgences, a pardoner’ (Old French *pardoneor*).
- Early bearers:** Walter le Pardoner, 1322 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Pardoner, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Brentwood, Essex); Robertus Parduner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); John Pardoner, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Binley, Warwicks); Agnes Pardener, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Gyssage, Dorset); John Pardner, 1742 in *IGI* (Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucs); Joseph Partner, 1772 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Pardo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London; Lancs; Hants
- Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

### Pardoe

Variants: **Pardo**, **Bardoe**, **Pardy**, **Pardey**, **Pardew**, **Pardue**, **Perdue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1989, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1464
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *par Dieu* ‘by God’. Oath names such as this were common in the Middle Ages.
- Further information:** Other oath names of this kind include **Godsafe**, **Purday**, and **Purefoy**. Also recorded are Richard Parmoncorps, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), and Alan Par la Roy, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).
- Early bearers:** England Richard Parde, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Pardey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Pardeu, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter Perdu, 1327–77 in *Rydeaware Chartulary* (Staffs); Willi. Pardoe, 1574 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs).
- Ireland John Perdue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Muckno, Monaghan); John Perdue, 1851 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Shanballymore, Cork).

### Pardon

Variants: **Parden**, **Peardon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx; Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *pardoun*, *pardone(e)* ‘forgiveness, pardon of wrongdoing’ (Old French *pardun*, *perdon*), sometimes for someone who sold indulgences, a pardoner; compare

**Pardner**.

**Early bearers:** Alfred Pardon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Pardon, 1347 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Parden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Phillip Peardon, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Jacobstow, Cornwall); John Pardon, 1576 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); Richard Peardon, 1601 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); James Pardon, 1636 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

### Pardue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent
- Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

### Pardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 107
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and SW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Galway
- Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

### Pare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Parr**.

### Parekh

Variants: **Parikh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2153, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan): occupational name, Hindu (Bania, Vania) and Jain, meaning ‘assayer’ in Gujarati, from Sanskrit *parikṣaka* ‘examiner’.

**Further information:** The Oswal and Porwal Baniyas have clans called Parekh.

### Parent

Variants: **Parrant**, **Parrent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *parent* ‘parent, ancestor, relative’ (Old French *parent*, Latin *parens*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *paraunt* ‘eminent, notable’ (Old French *parant*), perhaps denoting someone of an imposing appearance.

**Further information:** Weekley and Dauzat take this to be a surname of relationship.

**Early bearers:** Gerald parent, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Geoffrey Parent, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Peter Parent of Seterington, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Settrington, ER Yorks); William le Parent, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Parent, John Parent, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Inkberrow, Worcs); William Parent, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Parent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John Parrant, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorney, Bucks); John Parrant, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Henry Parrante, 1566 in *IGI* (Bobbingworth, Essex).

### Parfait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

### Parfect

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

### Parfett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 202
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England except Sussex
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

### Parffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Palfrey**.

### Parfit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also S Wales
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

### Parfitt

Variants: **Parfit**, **Parfait**, **Parfett**, **Paffett**, **Perfitt**, **Perfect**, **Parfect**, **Paffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4027, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2182
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset; S Wales

English: nickname from Middle English *parfit* ‘perfect’ (Old French *parfit*, *parfet*, *parfait* from Latin *perfectus*).

**Further information:** *Perfect* is fairly frequent but is late and due to the influence of the reconstructed, learned spelling of the adjective.

**Early bearers:** Vnfridus parfait, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Richard Parfeit, Parfet, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Parfet, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Dowsby, Lincs); Willelmus Parfay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Johannes Perfay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); William Perfy, 1383 in *London Letter Books H*; Richard Parfeat, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Chedglov, Wilts); Robert Parfit, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Richard Parfytte, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Parfey, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, City of London); Jeames Perfecte or Perfect, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Holcombe, Somerset); Willi Parfitt, 1645 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Joseph Perfect, 1721 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willm Paffey, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Paffett, 1759 in *Parish Registers* (Fareham, Hants).

### Parfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Pafford** with intrusive *-r*.

**Parford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Cornwall

English: variant of **Pafford** with intrusive *-r*.

**Parfrement**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Palfreyman** with excrescent *-t* (see **Ashment**).

**Early bearers:** John Perfremet, 1778 in *IGI* (Cringleford, Norfolk); Elizabeth Perfremet, 1794 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk).

**Parfrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Palfrey**.

**Pargeter**

Variants: **Pargiter**, **Pargetter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English *pargeter* ‘plasterer’, from Middle English *parget* ‘plaster spread on walls and ceilings, whitewash’ + the agent suffix *-er*.

**Further information:** Pargeting at Marlborough is mentioned in 1237. It was allied to daubing, plaster being used instead of clay or loam. The surface of the parget might be finished smooth, with a coat of whitewash, or as ‘rough cast’ with sand or small stones. Compare ‘Stephen the Dauber who pargetted [*sic*] the long chamber’ at Corfe in 1285 (*Salzman, Building* p. 191).

**Early bearers:** John Pergetour, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstew, Oxon); Thomas Pargetour, 1532 in *PROB 11* (London); James Pergetor, 1533 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bardsley, Norfolk); William Pargyter, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Greatworth, Northants); Rycharde Pargiter, 1623 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Nathaniell Pargetter, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); Harriet Pargetor, 1792 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent); Aaron Pargetor, 1810 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

**Pargetter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Pargeter**.

**Pargiter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; also E Scotland

English: see **Pargeter**.

**Parham**

Variants: **Perram**, **Parram**, **Perham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England  
English: locative name from Parham in Sussex, Parham in Suffolk, or Parham Brake and Lane in Ham and Stone (Gloucs). The place-names derive from Old English *peru* ‘pear’ + *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.  
**Early bearers:** Turmod de Perham, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Marlesford, Suffolk); William de Perreham, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William de Parham, 1264 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; William de Perham, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); John de Parham, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Parham, 1366 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Laurence Parham, fishmonger, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (City of London); John Parram, 1561 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Parham, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Robert Perram, 1607 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 224; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 152; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 461.

**Parikh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat, Mumbai): see **Parekh**.

**Paris**

Variants: **Parris**, **Parriss**, **Peiris**, **Parish**, **Parrish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1539, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 941
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Midlothian and Lanarks

Norman, English: (i) locative name from Paris in France; examples with *de* are certainly locative. The place-name is taken from the name of a Celtic people, the Parisii, who settled on the banks of the River Seine. (ii) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Paris*, a variant of *Patrice*, *Patris* (Latin *Patricius*, from *patricius* ‘patrician, nobleman’; see **Patrick**) that apparently became associated with the Trojan hero Paris of Homer’s *Iliad*.

**Further information:** William de Paris, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents*, is identical with Willelmo Paride, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents*, where *Paris* (ablative *Paride*) appears to be identical with *Parisiensis* ‘the Parisian’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Parisius Miles, 1311 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex).

urnames, England: Magister Parisius, 1157–63 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Geruase de Paris, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Willelmus Parisiensis, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Reinger filius Paridis, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Paris, about 1220 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Johanne de Paris, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); William de Paris, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Paris, Godewyn de Paris, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Parys, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Johannes de Paris, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Parissh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Parisse, Pareys, 1462–4 in *London Letter Books L*; Thomas Paris or Parys, 1550 in *PROB 11* (London); Tobias Parris, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Saint Georges, Somerset); Eduard Paris, 1613 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

urnames, Ireland: William Parys, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1243 (Gareris); Rich. Parish, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3342 (Ladycastle).

**Parish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4294, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4593
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England  
Norman, English: variant of **Paris**.  
**Further information:** Paris Hall in North Weald Bassett (Essex), named after Richard de Paris (1276), is recorded as *Parrishe* in 1593 (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 87). This development of final *sh* from *s* is found already in 1319 in *Wrabenash* for *Wrabness* (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 358). Consequently, William de Parysch, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*, is probably an example of the same development. Derivation from *parish* is very unlikely. Compare **Morrish** and **Norrish**.

**Parisi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: relationship name from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Parise*.

**Early bearers:** Giacomo Parisi in *Census 1861* (Holborn, Middx); Michael Parisi, born in Italy, 1881 in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Park**

Variants: **Parke**, **Parkes**, **Pak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12392, Ireland 480
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9120
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *parc*, *parke* ‘park, enclosure’ (Old French *parc*). The surname often denotes residence in or near a park but is perhaps sometimes synonymous with **Parker**; compare **Pantrey**.

**Further information:** The 1202–7 bearer owned the lands of Park in Erskine (Renfrews). This family died out in the direct male line in the late 15th century (see *Black*) but some families named *Park* in SW Scotland may nevertheless owe their name to this place.

**Early bearers:** Henry del Parck, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Iselota atte Park, 1285 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); William atte Park, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Marlow, Bucks); Willelmus Park, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newington, Oxon); Ricardus de Parke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); William Park, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Ringwood, Hants); William Parke, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Fenny Stratford, Bucks).

2 English: reduced form of **Parrack**.

3 Korean (**Pak**, 박; Chinese character 朴, meaning ‘simple’). This is the third most common surname in Korea and is found in every part of the peninsula. The Pak clans claim no founding ancestors from foreign lands—all are native to Korea. Although some sources indicate that there are 270 Pak clans, only 44 of these can be documented, and much of their early history is shrouded in myth and legend. All Pak clans spring from a single semi-mythological ancestor named Pak Hyökköse (朴赫; 居世). Before the establishment of the Shilla kingdom the southern tip of the peninsula is said to have been ruled by six elders, leaders of the six tribes who inhabited that part of the country. In AD 619 a leader, Pak Hyökköse, arrived at the foot of a mountain in Kyöngju in Kyöngsang north province. Legend has it that he was inside a golden gourd-shaped egg.

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When the egg was opened, Pak Hyökköse emerged and, after taking a wife (who was borne on the back of a dragon), he established the new Shilla kingdom. The word *pak* in Korean (박; 朴) can mean either ‘gourd’ or ‘to shine brightly’, and the surname *Pak* is said to denote either the gourd-shaped egg in which the youth was found or the light that is said to have radiated from his head.

### Parkar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Parker**.

### Parkash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Prakash**.

### Parke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1241, Ireland 606
- **GB frequency 1881:** 693
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; Leitrim and Sligo

English, Irish: see **Park**. This spelling is common in Ireland.

### Parken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; WR Yorks
- English: see **Parkin**.

### Parker

Variants: **Parkar, Parkers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75432, Ireland 1579
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56450
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and Yorks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim and Down; Cork and Tipperary; Dublin
- English: occupational name from Middle English *parker* ‘park-keeper’ (Old French *parquier, parchier*), a person employed to look after deer and other game in a hunting park.
- Further information:** This name has been recorded since medieval times in Ireland, but most modern Irish bearers are descended from more recent immigrants from England and Scotland.
- Early bearers:** England Anschetil Parcher, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Geoffrey parchier, about 1145–65 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Northumb); William le Parker, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Devizes, Wilts); John le Parker, serjeant, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Newgate, City of London); Claricia le Parkeres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Parkar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); William Parker, 1403 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Jewry, City of London); Thomas Parker the elder, 1456 in *Feet of Fines* (Lullingstone, Kent); Thomas Parkar or Parker, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Saint James Garlickhithe, City of London); Richard Parkour, 1506 in *York Registry Wills* (Hornsea, ER Yorks); John Parkar, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Stansfield, Suffolk); Briani Parker, 1573 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).
- Ireland John Parker, gent., 1545 in *Fiants Henry* §447 (Dublin); John Parkar, gent., 1548 in *Fiants Edward*

§195 (Holmpatrick); John Parker, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §134 (Tecroghan, Meath).

### Parkers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Surrey; also Monmouths; Lincs; Lancs

English: variant of **Parker** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Parkerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the surname **Parker** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Parkerson, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Parkerson, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Beccles, Suffolk); John Parkerson, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Thomas Parkerson, 1704 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Parkes

Variants: **Parks, Perks, Perkes, Perkis, Purks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11568, Ireland 476
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6114
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Armagh; Dublin

1 English: variant of **Park** with genitival, plural, or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some examples may belong under (2), as the forms would be indistinguishable.

**Early bearers:** Agnes del Parkes, Henry del Parks, 1304 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); John Parkes, 1472 in *York Registry Wills* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Hugh Parkys, clerk, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Perkys, 1518–29 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Halesowen, Worcs); Henry Perks, 1561 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Nycholas Perkes, 1575 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Thomas Parkes, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Wednesbury, Staffs); William Perkiss, 1603 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Perkis, 1605 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); John Parks, 1611 in *PROB 11* (London); Willyam Perkis, 1619 in *IGI* (Strood nr Rochester, Kent); Peter Perkisse, 1619, John Perkis, 1641 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Humphrey Parks or Perks, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Elizabeth Pirks, 1657 in *Parish Registers* (Cheswardine, Shrops).

2 English: variant of **Perk** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Parkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: unexplained; perhaps from Parkey (Farm) in Sesswick (Denbighs).

**Early bearers:** Eleanor Parkey, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); [ . . . ] Parkey, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Castell Caereinion, Montgomerys); Benjamin Parkey, 1734 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Parkey, 1780 in *IGI* (Risby, Suffolk); Benjamin Parkey, 1810 in *IGI* (Stockton near Bridgnorth, Shrops).

### Parkhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 286
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

English: locative name from any of several minor places called Parkhill or Park Hill, most of which are likely to have been named with Middle English *park* ‘park, enclosure’ (Old French *parc*) or *parrok* ‘enclosure, paddock’ (Old English *pearroc*) + *hille* ‘hill’ (Old English *hyll*).

**Early bearers:** Johais. Parkill, 1604 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Alice Parkhill, 1631 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Robert Parkhil, 1694 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

### Parkhouse

Variants: **Pursehouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1314, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 887
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from any of various places called Parkhouse, such as Parkhouse in Washfield (Devon), apparently named with Middle English *park* ‘park, enclosure’ (Old French *parc*) or *parrok* ‘enclosure, paddock’ (Old English *pearroc*) + *hous* ‘house, dwelling’ (Old English *hūs*).

**Early bearers:** Richard del Parkhous of Germethorpe, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Grainthorpe, Lincs); Johannes del Parkhouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Thomas Parkhouse, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Tickenham, Somerset); Thomas Parkhous, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Christopher Parkhouse, 1542 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Edward Parkhowse, 1628 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon).

### Parkhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from any of various places called Parkhurst, such as Parkhurst in Buxted (Sussex), which is recorded as *Perkehurst* in 1439, and Parkhurst in Abinger (Surrey), which is recorded as *Parkherst* in 1464. The place-names derive from Middle English *park* ‘park, enclosure’ (Old French *parc*) or *parrok* ‘enclosure, paddock’ (Old English *pearroc*) + *hirste* ‘hillock, copse’ (Old English *hyrst*).

**Early bearers:** William de Parkhurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parkhurst in Tillington, Sussex); Johannes Parkhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); John Parkhurst, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Shere, Surrey); Edward Parkhurst, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 263; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 392.

### Parkin

Variants: **Perkin, Parkyn, Parken, Perkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12487, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7976
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Perkin, Parkin*, a pet form of *Peres* (i.e. Peter, see **Pearce**) with the diminutive suffix *-kin*.



**Early bearers:** N England and N Midlands Thomas Perkin, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Parkyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Hugo Perkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Joannis Parkyn, 1558, Thomae Perkin, 1605 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Roland Parkin, 1560, John Perkin, 1603 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Rowland Parkin, 1562 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Thomas Parkin, 1562, Ann Perkin, 1661 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Robert Parkin, 1566 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Oliver Parkin, 1568 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Susan Perkin, 1573 in *IGI* (Grimbsy, Lincs); Peter Parkin, 1579 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Janet Parkin, 1582 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Henry Parkin, 1583 in *IGI* (Newbiggin, Westm); Thos. Perkin, 1584 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Thomas Parking, 1610, Robt. Perkin, 1634 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Thomas Parkin, 1622, Simonn Perkin, 1646 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anne Perkin, 1642 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Perkin, 1646 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); Jacobus Parkin, 1710 in *IGI* (Colne, Lincs).

E England Edmund Perkyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Parkyn, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); Richard Parkyn, 1488 in *PROB 11* (Linton, Cambs); Amie Parkin, 1564 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); Jane Parkin, 1565 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Isbell Parking, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Susanna Parkin, 1600 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent). SW England John Perkyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Walter Perkyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eggesford, Devon); John Perkyng, 1451–64 in *Cornish Lands* (Mitchell, in Saint Enoder, Cornwall); John Perkyng, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Parkyn, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); Jone Perkin, 1558 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Thomas Perkin, 1561 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Johan Parkinge, 1567 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Joan Parkin, 1580, Anthonie Perkin, 1623 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); John Parkin, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Edward Parken, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Gwinear, Cornwall).

### Parkington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: perhaps a hypercorrect form of **Packington**, in which *Pack-* has been treated as a vulgar pronunciation of *Park-*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Parkington, 1564 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Thomae Parkinton, 1604 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Thomas Parkinton, 1605 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Parkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1766, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1499
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: see **Perkins**.

### Parkinson

Variants: **Perkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17683, Ireland 678
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14255

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Laois

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Parkin** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Perkynson, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Weston on Trent, Derbys); Willelmus Parkynson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Menston, WR Yorks); William Perkynsone, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Stephen Perkynson, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Elstronwick in Humbleton, ER Yorks); Robert Parkynson, 1467 in *York Registry Wills* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Emmot Parkynson, 1540 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Ric. Parkenson, 1559 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johus Parkenson, 1565 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Mary Parkingson, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Richardi Parkingson, 1586 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); Thomas Parkinsonne or Parkinson, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Willingham, Cambs); Robert Parkingson, 1618 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Thomas Parkenson, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex); Henry Perkinson or Parkinson, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Croydon, Surrey); Jonathan Parkson, 1660 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Nicholas Parkson, 1680 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Thomas Parkingson, 1712 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Parkman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: from Middle English *park* 'enclosure, game preserve, park' (Old French *parc*) + *man*, sometimes for one living at or near such a place but probably more often denoting someone employed to look after deer and other game in a hunting park; compare **Parker**.

**Further information:** Note also Robert le Parkeresman, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Parcman, 1307 in *Thuesson* (Herts); John Parkeman of Litolichert, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Parkman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harting, Sussex); Richard Parkeman, 1429 in *London Letter Books* Kent; Clemente Parkman, 1546 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex); John Parkman, 1604 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

### Parks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2661, Ireland 260
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3085
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lancs
- English: see **Parkes**.

### Parkyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Parkin**.

### Parlabean

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Parlby**.

### Parlane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish Gaelic: see **McFarlane**.

### Parlby

Variants: **Parlabean**, **Parnaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *parle bien* 'speak well', with reduction of the final syllable to *-by* through false association with locative names in *-by*.

**Further information:** Compare John Parlefrens ('speak French'), 1283 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Parlebien, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Parleben, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Richard Parleben, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); Thomas Parlebien of Aselokby, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Aslackby, Lincs); Matill' Parlebien, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Johannes Parleben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Ricardus Parlebene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillam, WR Yorks); Willelmus Perlebeyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Henricus Parlebyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Willelmus Parlebeyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Robert, Roger Parlebyen of Blecheley, husbandmen, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Bletchley, Shrops); Alice Parlaby, 1582 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Richard Parlby, 1631 in *IGI* (Flintham, Notts); Thomas Parlabean, 1686 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs).

### Parle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *parole* 'word, speech', perhaps signifying *ma parole* '(on) my word' and mimicking a person's habitually used phrase.

**Early bearers:** Edward Parole, alderman, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, pp. 160–1 (City of London); Richard Parle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Parle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Mallet, Somerset); John Parl, 1382 in *Hylle Cartulary*; Thomas Parle, parson, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Rucking, Kent); Humphrey Parol, 1635 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); John Parle, 1697 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Parle, 1827 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: from a short form of the Middle English personal name *Peres*, see **Perrell**. **Parle** and **Parles** are the usual anglicizations for **Perrell** in Ireland.

### Parlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Hants and Sussex; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Perlet*, *Parlet*, a pet form of *Peres* (i.e. Peter, see **Pearce**) + the double diminutive suffix *-elet*. For the variation in the main vowel compare **Parkin** and **Perkin**.

**Early bearers:** Herlewin Perlet, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Parlet, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Parlet of Thomeston, chaplain, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Thompson, Norfolk); Johannes Parlet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); John Parlet, chaplain, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Perlet, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Mich Parlett, 1602 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Nathaniell Parlett, 1624 in

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*IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Elizabeth Parlett, 1629 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex).

### Parley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also London
- English: locative name from West Parley (Dorset), which is recorded as *Perlai* in 1086, *Parlea* in 1194, and *Westperele* in 1305, or East Parley in Hurn (Hants). The Dorset place-name derives from Old English *peru* 'pear' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'. The Hants place-name probably has the same etymology.

**Further information:** The modern distribution of this name in Scotland would appear to be the result of early migration in the 16th century. No independent Scottish source for the name has been identified. **Early bearers:** England Robert de Perlee, chaplain, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Upton on Severn, Worcs); Johannes Parly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mohun's Ottery, Devon); Petrus de Parlee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); John Parlee, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Pascall Parley, 1562 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Parly, 1658 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex). Scotland William Parlie, 1521 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Reras, Fife); John Parley, 1773 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines); William Parley, 1796 in *IGI* (Old Deer, Aberdeens).

### Parlour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; also Gloucs

1 Norman, English: nickname, occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *parler(e)* 'speaker, talker', either in the sense 'advocate, lawyer' (i.e. 'one who speaks on behalf of another') or in the colloquial sense 'chatterbox'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Parler, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Richard le Parlour, 1219 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Ralph Parlour of Carleby, moneyer, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlby, Lincs); Johanne Parlour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton iuxta Twycross, Leics); Richard Parlour, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Alton in Rock, Worcs); Michael Parlour, 1603 in *PROB 11* (London); John Parlour or Parler, 1636 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham). 2 English: occupational name from Middle English *parlour* 'parlour, separate chamber' (Anglo-Norman French *parl(o)ur*), probably denoting a servant who attended the parlour, this being originally a room in a monastery set aside for conversation and interviews.

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Parlur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William del Parlour, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); Marie Parlour, 1578 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); John Parlour, 1581 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm); Thomas Parlour, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Thomaes Parlour, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Parlour, 1657 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

### Parmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6716, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan and neighbouring states): nickname, Hindu (Rajput), meaning 'one that strikes

the enemy', from Sanskrit *para* 'alien, enemy' + *māra* 'strike, kill'.

**Further information:** The Parmars ruled in Malwa, which is now part of Madhya Pradesh. They consider themselves one of the Agnikulas or 'Fire Tribes' (see **Chauhan** for the Agnikula legend).

### Parmenter

**Variants:** **Parminter, Parmentier, Parmeter, Parmiter, Pammenter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1468, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 796
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Suffolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *parmenter*, *parminter* 'tailor' (Old French *par(e)ment(i)er*, Late Latin *parmentarius*), which could denote not only a tailor but also a maker of facings and trimmings or a furrier. **Early bearers:** Robert Parmenter, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Vmfridus parmentier, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William le Parmenter, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Robert le Parminter, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas le permeter, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Richard, William, and Walter le Parmenter and Hugh le Permenter, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Figheldean, Wilts); Vincent, Thomas, and Roger le Parmounter, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Baldock, Herts); Reginaldus Parmeter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); William Parmater, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Parmynter, clerk, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Everdon, Northants); Henery Parmenter, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Robert Parmiter, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Corfe Castle, Dorset); William Parmynter or Parminter, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Braunton, Devon); Edmund Paminter, 1707 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Pamenter, 1712 in *IGI* (Little Abington, Cambs); Thomas Pammenter, 1756 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Parmentier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands; SE England

English: see **Parmenter**.

### Parmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Lancs, Warwicks

English: see **Palmer**.

### Parmeter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. SE England; Norfolk

English: see **Parmenter**.

### Parminter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx

English: see **Parmenter**.

### Parmiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: see **Parmenter**.

### Parmley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Cumb

English: locative name, perhaps from a post-medieval form of Parmentley in Whitfield (Northumb), which is recorded as *Parmaly* in 1698. The place-name appears to derive from Middle English *permain* 'pear' (Old French *parmain*, *permain*) + *leie* 'clearing, meadow' (Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing').

**Early bearers:** John Parmeley, 1578, John Parmely, 1620 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Cuthbert Parmeley, 1589 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Anne Parmaly, 1773 in *IGI* (Cockfield, Durham); John Parmley, 1761 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); William Parmley, 1784 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 155.

### Parnaby

**Variants:** **Barnaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks

English: (i) perhaps, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, an altered form of **Parlby** (Old French *Parlebiein* 'speak well').

Interchange of /n/ and /l/ is quite common in place-names and surnames. In this instance it may have been influenced by the co-occurrence of **Farnaby** in the same counties (NR Yorks, Cambs, Kent) but there is no evidence that either name was a variant of the other. (ii) doubtfully perhaps a variant of **Barnaby** with the initial consonant unvoiced. With the early bearers given below compare Elizabeth Barneby, 1672 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs) and John Barnaby, 1828 in *IGI* (Finghall, NR Yorks), but these are so much later than the earliest records of Parnaby in those parishes (1543, 1670), that it is more likely that *Barnaby* is a local pronunciation of *Parnaby* in (i), by confusion of the two names.

**Early bearers:** Myldred Parnby, 1543 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); William Parneby, 1618 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); William Parnbye or Parnby, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Farningham, Kent); John Parnabie, 1646 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Auckland, Durham); John Parnaby, 1670 in *IGI* (Finghall, NR Yorks).

### Parnacott

**Variants:** **Parncutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Parnacott in Pyworthy (Devon), which is recorded as *Parnyngcot* in 1306 and *Pyarnyngacote* in 1311. The etymology of the place-name is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Parnicote, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Ash, Surrey); Johane Parnacot, 1558 in *IGI* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); John Parnecott, 1586 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Thomas Parnacott, 1622 in *PROB 11*

(Tiverton, Devon); William Parncott or Parncutt, 1655 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon); William Parnicott, 1683 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); Robert Parncutt, 1686 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 163.

### Parnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Gloucs
- English: see **Parnell**.

### Parncutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks
- English: see **Parnacott**.

### Parnell

Variants: **Parnall, Parnwell, Purnell, Pernell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3935, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2876
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon; Norfolk; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Westmeath

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Pernel*, *Parnell* (Old French *Per(o)nel(le)*) from Latin *Petronilla*, a feminine pet form of the Latin personal name *Petronius*; *Petronilla* was also the name of a supposed early Christian saint and martyr.

**Further information:** This name was brought to Ireland from Cheshire in the 17th century, by a family who had been supporters of Cromwell during the English Civil War. Charles Stewart Parnell, who founded the Irish Parliamentary Party in 1882, was a descendant of this family.

**Early bearers:** given names: Petronilla 1189–99 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Purnelle Kepeherme, 1249, Petronille Kepeharm, 1250, Peronelle Kepeharm, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Pernel la Brune, 1268, Parnell la Brune, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Parnwell Graystocke, 1670 in *Lancs Wills*.

surnames: Johanna Peronele, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Cambs); Agnes Peronell, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Pernel, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Edith Purnele, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); Robert Parnel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Purnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Robertus Pernel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); John Purnell, bailiff, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Parnell, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Horndon upon the Hill, Essex); Ihon Payrnell, late 15th cent. or early 16th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Thomas Parnell, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Altonon, Cornwall); Johis Parnill, 1574 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Will. Parnewell, 1575 in *IGI* (Swanbourne, Bucks); John Parnel, 1590 in *IGI* (Frettenham, Norfolk); John Parnill, 1599 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Christopher Purnell, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); John Parnel, 1629 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Thomas Parnwell, 1679 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Parnham

Variants: **Parnum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1026, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 627

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name, perhaps from Parnham in Beaminster (Dorset), which is recorded as *Perham* in 1228 and *Parnham* in 1431. The place-name appears to derive from Old English *peru* 'pear' + *hām* 'village, homestead' or *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow', but forms with *-n-* from the 15th century cannot be explained. Alternatively, perhaps from a lost or unidentified place so named.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Parnam, 1506 in *PROB 11*; Elizabeth Parneham, 1585 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); John Parnum, 1627 in *IGI* (Holme Pierrepont, Notts); Thomas Parnham, 1669 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

References: *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 358.

### Parnum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Worcs and Gloucs

English: see **Parnham**.

### Parnwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Parnell**.

**Further information:** Despite its appearance of being a local name, this is in fact an altered form of the given name *Parnell*.

### Parr

Variants: **Par, Pare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9646, Ireland 277
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7453
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and N Midlands; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Armagh

1 English: locative name from Parr (Lancs), or from residence at an enclosure (Middle English \**parr*, Old English \**pearr*, the origin of modern dialect *parr* 'an enclosure for animals').

**Early bearers:** Henry de Par, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Par, clerk, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert son of Richard de Par, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Richard del Par, 1356 in *London Letter Books G*; Ricardus del Par, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warton, Northumb); Ricardus de Parre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lancs); Robertus de Pare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lancs); Johannes de Par, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Culcheth, Lancs); Thomas Par, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Westm); Raf. Par, 1609 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Pear** with the common late Middle English and early Modern English change of *-er-* to *-ar-*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pare, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colyton, Devon); Richard Pere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axminster, Devon); Johanne Parre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Wilts); Elena Pare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wardington and Coton, Oxon); Robertus Par, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Oliverus Par, 1594 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Alice Pare, 1606 in *IGI* (Keyworth, Notts); Marie Parr, 1613 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Ann Parr, 1795, Ann Parr, 1802 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

3 English: see **Pear** (3).

**Early bearers:** Johanne le Par, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denchworth, Berks).

### Parrack

Variants: **Parrock, Parrick, Park**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *par(r)o(c)k* 'enclosed pasture, paddock' (Old English *pearroc*), signifying one who lived or worked at a paddock; compare **Park**.

**Further information:** There is sometimes later confusion with *Park*. Park Farm in Great Horkelesley, called *Parrokyslond* in 1377–99, probably owes its name to the family of Elias del Parrok, recorded there in 1276: see *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 393.

**Early bearers:** Artur de Parrok, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Robert de la Parrok, 1255 in *Patent Rolls*; John atte Parrok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Parrok, 1299 in *London Court Rolls*; Thomas de Parrok, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Birling, Kent); Willelmus Parok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alkington, Shrops); Henry Parrok, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Farway, Devon); John Parrack, 1621 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Richard Parrock, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Bolas, Shrops); Will. Parrick, 1686 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

### Parram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Parham**.

### Parramore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; Warwicks
- English: see **Paramore**.

### Parrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Hants, Berks, and Surrey
- English: see **Parent**.

### Parratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 602
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks
- English: see **Parrott**.

### Parrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Perrell**.

### Parren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Kent and Surrey
- English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

### Parrent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Parent**.

## Parrett

### Parrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London and Kent

English: see **Parrott**.

### Parrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent

English: see **Parrack**.

### Parrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; SE England

English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

### Parrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name, unexplained; apparently from a lost or unidentified place named with Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, settlement' as the final element, or perhaps a variant form from any of several places called Barrington (compare **Barrington**).
- Early bearers:** Robertus Paryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Winterborne Saint Martin, Dorset); Henery Parrington, 1626 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire); Ephraim Parrinton, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Thomas Parington, 1667 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); George Parington, 1729 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Thomas Parrinton, 1733, Parrington, 1735 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); James Parrington, 1735 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Parriott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Parrott**.

### Parris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1872, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 774
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Paris**.

### Parrish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2831, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1034
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Essex; Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Paris**; compare **Parish**.

### Parriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; SE England
- Norman, English: see **Paris**.

### Parritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Oxon; Derbys
- English: see **Parrott**.

### Parrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Parrack**.

### Parrot

**Variants:** **Parrott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Parrott**.

### Parrott

**Variants:** **Parratt**, **Parrett**, **Parritt**, **Parrot**, **Parriott**, **Perrett**, **Perrott**, **Perratt**, **Perret**, **Perritt**, **Perrot**, **Perot**, **Perott**, **Pirret**, **Pirrett**, **Pirard**, **Peareth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3691, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- 1 English: relationship name from a short form of the Middle English personal name *Peres*, *Peris* (from Old French *Pierre*; see **Pearce**) + the diminutive suffixes *-et*, *-ot*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Pirotus, 1154–61 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Suffolk); Piro, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Perot, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs). surnames: William Peret, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Ralph Piro, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Henry Pirard, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Ricardus Piro, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; Ralph Perot, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); Richard Pyrot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Poret, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Perret, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; John Parrat, 1344 in *London Pleas*; Peter Paryet, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johanne Pierot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinhead, Wilts); Johannes Parot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Robertus Peret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); William Parotte, 1470 in *London Letter Books L* (London); John Porrett, Perott, Parott, Parrett, 1520 in *Oxford University Register*; Richard Purrett, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Chalgrave, Beds); Alice Parret, 1561 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); Robert Parot or Parrett, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter in the East, Oxon); Simon Perott commonly called Parrett alias Parett, 1584 in *PROB 11* (University of Oxford, Oxon); Anne Purrott, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Harpenden, Herts); Thomas Paratt, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Shitlington, Beds); Charles Purrett, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).

2 English: locative name from North Perrott in Somerset or South Perrott in Dorset (both named from the River Parret, the etymology of which is uncertain).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Perat', 1242 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne de Perret', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bridport, Dorset); Willelmo Perret', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holnest, Dorset); William de Perret, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Montacute, Somerset).

3 French, English: nickname, possibly from French *per(r)ot* 'parrot' and perhaps for someone thought to resemble the bird, but the *le* in the example is more likely to be an error for *de* and therefore likely to belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** William le Perot, 1277 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Worcs).

### Parry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27276, Ireland 111
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22736
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and England: esp. Lancs and N Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim
- Welsh: relationship name from *ap Harry* 'son of Harry'. Compare **Harry**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Parrye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birdforth, NR Yorks); Griffith ap Harry, 1403, Thomas ap Harry, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Wales); John ap Harry, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Thrupton, Herefs); Richard ap Harry, esquire, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Morres Parry, 1527, John Apharry, 1528 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters*; Morice Parry, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Upharry, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Harrye Aperry, 1557 in *Parish Registers* (Ledbury, Herefs); Henry Parrey, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John, Ickham, Kent); Hugh Parrey, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Henry Parrey, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Marchwiel, Denbighs); John Parrey, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Oswald, Oswestry, Shrops); David Parry, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Llandysiliogogo, Cardigans); Jane Pary, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Parsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Herts; Glasgow
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

### Parsells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: variant of **Purcell** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Parsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 Norman, English: see **Pearcey**.
- 2 English: see **Percy**.

### Parshall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Pearsall**.

### Parsison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Parsonson**.

### Parsisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Parsonson**.

### Parsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 393
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, E Anglia, and Surrey; Somerset and Devon
- Norman, English: see **Pashley**.

**Parsloe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Pashley**.

**Parslow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 640
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Middx, Bucks, Surrey, and Oxon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Pashley**.

**Parson**

**Variants:** Person, Persson, Parsons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1305
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; also Devon; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: status name, nickname, occupational name from Middle English *persone*, *persoun* 'priest, parson' (Old French *persone*).

**Further information:** The status of medieval bearers of the surname is uncertain. Priests were generally known by a locative surname rather than by a surname denoting their role in the church. Nor would they commonly appear in lay tax records such as Subsidy Rolls and Poll Taxes. They were not allowed to marry, but doubtless many had illegitimate children, some of whom may have been given 'parson' as a surname. Alternatively some original bearers may have been given it as a nickname (compare **Priest**, **Bishop**, **Monk**) or it may have been an occupational name for someone who worked for the parson (a reduced form of *del Person* perhaps).

**Early bearers:** William Persun, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard la Persone, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Parson, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Persoun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingskersell, Devon); Petrus Person, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melbury Osmond, Dorset); Johannes Person, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Person, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othey, Somerset); Walterus Person, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Henricus le Person', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ollerton, Shrops); Johanna del Persone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); William Parson, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan Fleet Street, City of London); Thomas Parson, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Steyning, Sussex); Thomas Parson, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Bradninch, Devon); Ralph Parson, 1582 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); George Parson, 1600 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name; in N England and the N Midlands especially, it is often a variant of **Pearson**, and the Lancs and WR Yorks early bearers in (1) above may alternatively belong here. For the change in vowel compare **Parr**.

**Parsonage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, W Midlands, and NE Wales

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *personage*, *personache* 'benefice or residence of a parson' (Old French *personage*), for someone who lived or worked at a parsonage.

**Early bearers:** Roger Personage, 1550 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Robert Parsonage, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane, City of London); Wm Parsonishe, 1604 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Parsons**

**Variants:** Persons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29097, Ireland 591
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22490
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales: esp. Somerset and Devon; Surrey and Sussex; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte* 'at the' (or of the) *persones*, for someone who lived or worked at the parson's house, normally a servant. *Atte* and *of* are often rendered by medieval clerks as Latin *ad* or Anglo-Norman French *del*. Compare **Fyers** and **Nunns**. Some of the post-medieval bearers below may belong under (2) or (3). **Early bearers:** Gilbert ad Parsons, Stephen ad Parsons, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ralph del Persones, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William atte Personnes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert atte Parsones, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus atte Parsones, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Baddow, Essex); Ricardo of the Parsones, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wanlip, Leics); Thoma atte Parsones, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Singleton and East Dean, Sussex); William Parsons, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, City of London); Hughe Parsonnes, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Whitwick, Leics); Thomas Parsons, 1519 in *PROB 11* (West Horsley, Surrey); William Parsons, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Crophorn, Worcs); Robert Parsons, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Long Sutton, Somerset); William Parsons, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Bideford, Devon); Richard Parsons, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Westmeston, Sussex); Alexander Parsons, 1698 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).

2 English: (i) occupational name, 'the parson's (servant)'. Compare Eudo homo persone, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams), Henry le Personesman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys), and Ricardo Personesservant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Bassett, Wilts). (ii) relationship name '(son) of the parson'. Compare **Parsonson**.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Persones, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alicia le Parsones, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Isabella Parsones, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Jone Parsons, 1539 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Richard Parsons, 1539 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Roger Parsons, 1539 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Thomas Parsons, 1539 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); Isott Parsons, 1542 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs).

3 English: (i) post-medieval variant of **Parson** with excrescent *-s*. Compare Georg Parson, 1600 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks) and Maria Parson, 1640 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs) with the early bearers below. In each case they appear to have the same parents. (ii) alternatively *Parson* may be a reduced form of *Parsons*.

**Further information:** An originally English family of this name, whose name could be derived from sense 1, 2, or 3, settled in Ireland in the late 16th century and

were granted land by James I in the early 17th century, with Sir William Parsons becoming Baronet of Bellamont in 1620. This family hold the title Earl of Rosse.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Parsons, 1587 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Parsons, 1637 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

4 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac an Phearsain**, which is of Scottish Gaelic origin, see **McPherson**.

**Parsonson**

**Variants:** Parsison, Parsisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk

English: relationship name from Middle English *persoun(e)* 'parson' + *-son*, so 'son of the parson'; see **Parson**.

**Further information:** Since medieval parsons were not allowed to marry, any children will have been illegitimate.

**Early bearers:** N England and N Midlands Stephanus filius persone, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas le Fiz la Persone, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Nicholas le Personessone, 1310–11 in *Feet of Fines* (Barford, Norfolk); John le Personesone, 1312 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rogerus Parsonson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Parsonson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Personson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Johannes Parsonson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Benington, Lincs); Thomas Parsonson, 1437 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 13 (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Personson, 1560 in *York Registry Wills* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks); Peter Parsison, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Warmsworth, WR Yorks); Lionel Parsonson and Richard Parsison, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Wadworth, WR Yorks).

E Anglia: Hannah Parsonson, 1746, 1833 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Part**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Scottish, English: see **Peart**.

**Parten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Parton**.

**Partin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints and Cheshire

English: see **Parton**.

**Partington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3946, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Partington (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Pertinton* in 1309 and *Partynton* in 1321. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pearta* + Old English connective

## Partis

-ing- + *tūn* ‘farmstead, settlement’, or perhaps from the personal name in the genitive case, \**Peartan*, + *tūn*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Partinton, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Jordano de Partynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Hugh de Partyngton, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Lambert Partington, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Henry Partington, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Sawcliff, Lincs); Ellin Partington, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Hughe Partinton, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Thomas Parkinton, 1605 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Thomas Partington, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Heydon, Norfolk); John Pardington, 1661 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Pardington, 1661 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Oswald, Chester, Cheshire); Robart Parkinton, 1674 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 27.

## Partis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London and Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willyam Partas, 1548 in *IGI* (Durham); Thomas Partisse, 1589 in *IGI* (Low Dinsdale, Durham); Archibald Partus, 1593 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Thomas Partis, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Easington, Durham); Rich. Partesse, 1612 in *IGI* (Whixley, Yorks); Thomas Partis, 1652 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Partleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Pattleton’s Farm in Westfield (Sussex), recorded as *Pertlingetun* in about 1215. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**P(i)ertel* + connective -ing- + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Pertlington, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Partleton, 1760 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Thomas Partleton, 1769 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 506.

## Partlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: apparently a variant of **Bartlett**. Compare William Bartlett, 1762, James Partlett, 1768 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); Susanna Partlett, 1796, John Bartlett, 1805 in *IGI* (Charlbury, Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Hen Partlet, 1725 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon).

## Partlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Warwicks, Gloucs, and Berks

Norman, English: a variant of *Parslow*, itself a variant of **Pashley**.

**Early bearers:** Frances Partlow, 1725 in *IGI* (Todenham, Gloucs); William Partloe, 1729 in *IGI* (Noke, Oxon).

## Partner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pardner**.

## Parton

**Variants:** Pearton, Parten, Partin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2587, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1628
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Parton or Perton (usually from Old English *peru* ‘pear’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’), such as Parton in Churchdown (Gloucs) or Perton in Wrottesley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Adam of Perton, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Robert de Perton, 1249 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); John de Perton, 1262, John de Parton, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimsby, Lincs); John Parton, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus de Perton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Muckleton, Shrops); Leo de Perton, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Perton, 1457 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard East Cheap, City of London); Thomas Parton, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Oliveri Parting, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Robert Parton, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); John Partin, 1637 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); John Partinge, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Whitstable, Kent); Tho. Partyn, 1741 in *IGI* (Hammer, Flints); Elizabeth Parting, 1744 in *IGI* (Eccleston, Cheshire); Henry Pearton, 1747 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Scottish: locative name from Parton (Kirkcudbrights).

**Early bearers:** Matheu de Partone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Janet Parton, 1714 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks).

## Partrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs; London

English: variant pronunciation of **Partridge**.

## Partridge

**Variants:** Partrick, Patridge, Patrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9347, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7640
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon; E Anglia; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *partriche*, *pertriche*, *partrige*, *partrick*, *patrich* ‘partridge’ (Old French *pertriz*, Anglo-Norman French *partriz*), either from some fancied resemblance to the bird or as a nickname for a hunter or catcher of partridges. **Further information:** Compare Thomas Pertricour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts), and Nicholas le Pertricour, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks), from Anglo-Norman French \**perdrichour*, \**pertricour* ‘partridge catcher’. Until the mid-18th century the form *Patriche* for *Partridge* will have been due to the loss of the first *r*; a similar loss in the variant *Partrick* gave rise to *Patrick*.

**Early bearers:** Ailward Pertrich, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey Perdriz, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Perdrich, 1244 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs);

Philip Partrich, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henry Pertrik, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Partrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Compton Abdale, Gloucs); Thomas le Partrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Sibil Partryge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Peter Partryche, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); Henrici Partridge, 1539 in *IGI* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Susan Partridge, 1560 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Partridge, 1562 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Mariana Partridge, 1564 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Agnes Partrige, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Misterton, Somerset); Ellioner Partridge, 1575 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Robert Partridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

## Parveen

**Variants:** Perveen, Pervin, Parvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4943, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim (India, Pakistan): relationship name from a Persian personal name or honorific, used mainly for women and ultimately derived from *parvīn* ‘the Pleiades’ but also used more loosely to mean simply ‘star’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Parvez

**Variants:** Pervez, Pervaiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim: relationship name from a male personal name based on Persian *parvīz* ‘victorious, fortunate’.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Parvin

**Variants:** Pervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1073, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; also NR Yorks

1 English: nickname from the Middle English plant-name *parvink*, *pervink*, *perving* ‘periwinkle’ (Old English *perfince*). *OED* notes the medicinal properties of the plant, and cites medieval quotations which point to a tradition of placing a garland of periwinkle flowers upon the head of a person on their way to the gallows. The word was also applied figuratively in Middle English in the sense ‘paragon, most beautiful or most excellent example’.

**Further information:** Robert Parving, knight, was treasurer in 1341 and then chancellor to King Edward III until his death on 26 August 1343; see *Handbook of British Chronology*, pp. 86, 105.

**Early bearers:** Robert Parvynk, 1324 in *Cumbria Record Office (Carlisle)* (Cumb); Robert Parvynge, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Robert Parvynge(g), 1324–46 in *Patent Rolls*; John Parvynge, presented to the church of Brantingham, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Adam Parvynge, kinsman and heir of Robert Parvynge, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Adam Parvynk, about 1359 in *TNA* (Westm); William Pervynge, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Melmerby, Cumb); Johes Pervyn, merchant, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); John Parvyn, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Xtopher Parvin, 1590 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Vince Parvin, 1626 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske, NR Yorks); Thomas Parvin, 1661, Richard Parvine, 1680 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants);

John Pervin, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richd Parven, 1743 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Richard Pervin, 1762 in *IGI* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); Thomas Pervin, 1763 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); George Parving, 1837 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham).

References: *MED*, at pervink(e); *OED*, at periwinkle n. 1.

2 Muslim (Bangladesh, India, Iran): see **Parveen**.

### Parvis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name, nickname, probably from Middle English *parvis(e)* ‘portico, church porch’ (Old French *par(e)vis*, from *paradis* ‘cathedral or church square’), perhaps for someone who lived near a church or one of those who met to do business there, such as lawyers.

Early bearers: John Parvyse, 1445 in *Rochester Wills*; Richard Parvis, 1586 in *IGI* (Warningcamp, Sussex); Johan Parvys, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Stoke near Guildford, Surrey); George Parvis, 1606 in *PROB 11* (London); William Parvis, 1799 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).  
References: *MED*.

### Pascal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Staffs; Wilts
- English: see **Pascall**.

### Pascall

Variants: **Pascal**, **Paskell**, **Pasquill**, **Paschal**, **Paschall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Shrops
- English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Pascal* (Old French *Pasquale*, from Latin *Paschalis* ‘pertaining to Easter’), often signifying someone born at Easter but also in honour of a 9th-century pope and saint who bore the name.

Further information: The forms with a *u* are from a common late-medieval variant *Pascualis* of Latin *Paschalis* (compare **Pasquale**), as if influenced by forms of the Latin verb *pascere* ‘to feed, graze’.

Early bearers: given names: Pascual Despaygn, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Paskell Langdon, 1606 in *Bardsley* (Cornwall).

surnames: John Pascal, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Pascale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John le Paschal, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Toppesfield, Essex); William Paschale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Pascaill, vicar, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Roxby, Lincs); Johannes Pascale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nowton, Suffolk); Bartholomew Pascall, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Farningham, Kent); Rickard Paskall, 1553 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Thomas Paskall, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Leonard, Deal, Kent); Roberte Paschall, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Aylsham, Norfolk); William Paschall or Pascall, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, City of London); Adam Pasquell, 1657 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Jacob Pasquill, 1695 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); George Paskell, 1714 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

### Paschal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Pascall**.

### Paschall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Pascall**.

### Pasco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall
- English, Cornish: see **Pascoe**.

### Pascoe

Variants: **Pasco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3666, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3382
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Cornish: relationship name from a Cornish variant of the Middle English personal name *Pascal*; see **Pascall**.

Early bearers: given names: Pascow Meneux, 1424 in *London Letter Books I*; Pascoe Wythyell, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Paskell Langdon (1606) is called Pascowe, 1571 in *Bardsley*.  
surnames: John Pascowe, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Simon Pascoe, 1372 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Paskowe, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Peter Pasko, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pascowe, 1443 in *Ancient Deeds 4* (Cornwall); John Pascowe, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Jerans Pasco, 1581 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Pascowe, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Penryn, Cornwall).

### Pascual

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Pascual*.

### Pasfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: see **Pasfield**.

### Pash

Variants: **Pace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Gloucs
- English: see **Pask**.

### Pasha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Turkish: status name, from *paşa* ‘pasha’, a title of rank for a regional governor in the Ottoman Empire.

### Pashby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: nickname from Old French *passe bois* ‘pass through (perhaps transgress) the wood or thicket’, with Middle English *bush* sometimes substituted for French *bois*. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, where the alteration of *-bush* to *-by* is illustrated in William Pashbushe alias Pashby of New Malton (NR Yorks), in a Foot of Fine dated 1600.  
Early bearers: Richard Passebois, Adam Passebusck, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Binnington, in Willerby, ER Yorks); Richard Pashpus, 1551, John Pashbus, 1585 in *York Registry Wills* (Willerby, in Dickering wapentake, ER Yorks); George Pashbie, 1596, Susanna Pashby, 1607 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Frances Pashby, 1717 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks).

### Pashen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *passioun*, *pasion* ‘suffering, pain’ (Old French *passiun*, *passion(e)*, from late Latin *passio* ‘passion, martyrdom’).  
Early bearers: Anthony Passyon, John Passhyn, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Antone Paschen, 1550 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); William Passhyn or Passhin, 1561 in *PROB 11*; Robertt Pashen, 1572 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Edmond Passhion, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Westbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Pashen, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Edward Pashent, 1696 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); George Pashen, 1736 in *IGI* (Upwey, Dorset).

### Pashler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Northants
- Norman, English: see **Pashley**.

### Pashley

Variants: **Pasley**, **Passley**, **Parslow**, **Parsley**, **Parsloe**, **Paslow**, **Pashler**, **Partlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1682, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1055
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, Notts, and Lancs

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *passe lewe* ‘cross the water’. Some examples may alternatively belong under (2). The name was sometimes treated like a Norman locative by adding the preposition *de*, although no such place-name has been identified in Normandy. Variant forms in *Parsl-* may be hypercorrections, from a mistaken view that *Pas-* was a vulgar pronunciation of *Pars-*.  
Further information: The Domesday tenant’s name, Passaqua, survives in Drayton Parslow (Bucks); see *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 66–7. Compare *Parsloes* in Dagenham (Essex), which was recorded as *Passelewesmede* in 1390, *Pashlewes* in 1456, and *Parslo(w)es* in 1609, 1634 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 92. Compare also Robertus Pasewater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunworth, Norfolk); Alan Pasewater, 1439 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk), John Paswater, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

Early bearers: Radulfus Passaqua, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Ralph Passelewa, 1104–6 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hamo Passelowe, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert le Passelee, 1304



## Pask

in *Patent Rolls* (Hooe, Sussex); Edmund Passeleye, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Hamo de Passelewe, sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, 1248 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon de Passelawe, baron of the Exchequer, 1269 in *Patent Rolls*; Simone Passelegh', Simone Passelewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horndon on the Hill, Essex); William de Passeleu, mariner, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Rye, Sussex); Johannes Passelowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Henricus Paslaye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackheddon, Northumb); Johannes Paselew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); John Passelawe, 1452, Anniscia Passelowe, 1463, Edward Passelew, 1473 in *York Registry Wills* (Barnby, WR Yorks); Symon Pasheley or Pascheley, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nycholas Passhloo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alyce Pashely, 1556 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Nicholas Parsley, 1566 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Jo. Pashley, 1587 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); John Pashler, 1580 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Thomas Parseloe or Parsloe, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Somerset Keynes, Wilts); William Pashler, 1606 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Willia Pashley, 1609 in *IGI* (Thorpe Saint Peter, Lincs); Joseph Pashley, 1614 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); William Parseley, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Stortford, Herts); Anna Pashley, 1618 in *IGI* (Trunch, Norfolk); Willimi Pashlowe, 1636 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); George Parslew, 1715 in *IGI* (Fetcham, Surrey); Mrs Passley, from Islington, 1754 in *Non-Conformist Registers* (London); Diana Passley, 1758 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx).  
2 English: locative name from Pashley in Ticehurst (Sussex), from Old English \**Pæcces* + *lēah* 'Pæcca's wood or clearing'; the family name also gave rise to Pashley in Eastbourne (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Passelegh, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Edmund de Passeleye, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Willm. Pashley, 1584 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, p. 453.

## Pask

**Variants:** *Pasque*, *Paske*, *Paish*, *Pash*, *Patch*, *Packe*, *Pack*, *Paik*, *Pakes*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 805
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Suffolk

English: relationship name, nickname from Middle English *Paske*, *Pashe*, *Pake* 'Easter, Passover' (Old French *Pasques*, *Paque*), probably originally used as a personal name for someone born at Easter. Compare the Middle English personal name *Pascal* (see *Pascal*).

**Further information:** Compare *Paxon*, and the diminutive *Packett*. There was also a double diminutive: Pakerel, 1251 in Ramsey Cartulary (Hunts); Robert Pakerel, 1201 in Assize Rolls (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Seman Pac, Seman Pach, 1177–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John Pac, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Roger Pake, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Richard Packe, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Nicholas Pacche, 1248 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Henry Patche, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Dorset); Thomas Paske, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Adam Pack of Sneyeswell, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Felic' Pasch', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Pach, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Dundry, Somerset); William Pasques, 1311 in *London*

*Letter Books D* (London); Joan Pakes, 1312, Richard Packe, 1340 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William Payche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Pake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); Ricardo Pake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkby Thorpe, Leics); Mariun Pache, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothley, Leics); Reginaldo Pach', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Willelmus Patch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tyneham, Dorset); Hugh Pake, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Oadby, Leics); Thomas Passhe, clerk, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Wargrave, Berks); John Pake, 1484 in *PROB 11* (London); John Paske, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Stradishall, Suffolk); John Patche, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Prittlewell, Essex); Leonardus Pake, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Stevenage, Herts); Thomas Patche, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Clevedon, Somerset); Margret Pache, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Anthony Pake, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Stock, Essex); Joanna Patch, 1627 in *IGI* (Westbury sub Mendip, Somerset); Samuel Paske, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Westcheap, City of London); Francis Pask, 1680 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

## Paske

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Somerset; also Suffolk

English: see *Pask*.

## Paskell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey
- English: see *Pascal*.

## Pasker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants; Devon

English: relationship name, perhaps a derivative of the Middle English personal name *Pask(e)*, *Pash(e)*; compare *Pask*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Pasker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); [ . . . ] Pasker, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Pasker, 1663 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); John Pasker, 1819 in *Parish Registers* (Buckland Brewer, Devon).

## Paskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Hants; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pask(e)*, *Pash(e)* (see *Pask*) + the diminutive suffix *-et*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jane Paskett, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Farndon, Cheshire); William Pasket, 1681 in *Parish Registers* (Milford, Hants); James Paskett, 1733 in *Parish Registers* (Christchurch, Hants); Wm Pasket, 1760 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

## Paskey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name derived from *Pask(e)*, *Pash(e)*, *Paskes* 'Easter, Passover'; see *Pask* and compare *Pascoe*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard Paskey, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Paskey, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Luxborough, Somerset); William Paskey, 1743 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John William Paskey, 1795 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

## Paskin

**Variants:** *Paskins*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: (i) relationship name from the Middle Welsh male given name *Pascen* (Old Welsh *Paskent*, from Latin *Pascentius*). (ii) relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name derived from *Pask(e)*, *Pash(e)*, *Paskes* 'Easter, Passover'; see *Pask*.

**Further information:** A wide range of variant spellings is found in the records of Chirbury (Shrops), according to *Morgan and Morgan*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pasken de Stafford, 13th cent. in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs).

surnames: David ab Pasken, 1292 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Ralph Pasken, Paschen, 13th cent. in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); John Paskin, 1641 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); James Paskins, 1634 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Robard Pasken, 1691 in *IGI* (Durrington, Sussex); Giles Paskens, 1773 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

## Paskins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants and Sussex

Welsh, English: relationship name, variant of *Paskin* with either genitive or, more probably, post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Pasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

Norman, English: see *Pashley*.

## Paslow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Norman, English: see *Pashley*.

## Pasmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- English: see *Passmore*.

## Pasquale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Pasquale*.



**Pasque**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx
- English: see **Pask**.

**Pasquill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Pascal**.

**Pass****Variants: Passe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1839, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1450
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and W Midlands
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Passe*, probably a pet form of *Pascall*; compare *Passe* ‘Easter’ (1533, *OED*). Some examples may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** given names: *Passe de Albeneye*, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts).  
surnames: John *Passe*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John *Passe*, 1275, *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey *Passe*, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Ketton, Rutland); Johannes *Passe*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willelmus *Pas*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, WR Yorks); Tho. *Passe*, 1563 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); John *Passe*, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Buckland Filleigh, Devon); Thomas *Pass*, 1643 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Oliver *Pass*, 1664 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).
- 2 English: locative name from Middle English *pas(e)* ‘path, passage’ (Old French *pas*), perhaps signifying someone who lived at or near a passage or a place so named. Compare **Passage**.
- Early bearers:** John de *Passe*, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Eastwaite, Cumb); Anthony de *Pas*, 1551 in *PROB 11*.

**Passage**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Middle English *pas(s)age* ‘passage, crossing, journey’ (Medieval Latin *passāgium*), presumably denoting residence in a passage or narrow lane.  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de *Passagio*, Agnes del *Passage*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); George *Passage*, 1780 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**Passam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas *Passam*, 1593 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Guilielmus *Passam*, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich Saint Peter, Kent); Thomas *Passam*, 1681 in *IGI* (Eaton under Heywood, Shrops); Thomas *Passam*, 1685 in *Parish Registers* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Henry *Passam*, 1721 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Daniel *Passam*, 1727 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Job *Passam*, 1773, John *Passom*, 1814, Charles *Passum*, 1817 in *IGI* (Chilcote, Leics); Maria *Passom*, 1825 in *IGI* (Lullington, Derbys); Job *Passam*, 1842 in *IGI* (Donisthorpe, Derbys).

**Passant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Montgomerys
- Norman, English: nickname from Old French *passee avant* ‘pass in advance’, perhaps a nickname for a herald or messenger. Compare **Passmore**.  
**Early bearers:** *Passeuant*, 1155 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William *Passavant*, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Andrew *Passeavant*, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Edmund *Passavant*, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Robert *Passaunt*, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William *Passeuaunt*, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Salisbury, Wilts); John *Passivant*, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; John *Passant*, 1633 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John *Passaunt*, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**Passe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Pass**.

**Passenger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *passe(n)ger(e)* ‘traveller’ (Old French *passage(u)r*, *passajour*).  
**Early bearers:** Robert le *Passager*, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds iii* (Surrey); John *Passager*, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Ricardus *Passager*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Printed, Sussex); William *Passynger*, 1447 in *PROB 11* (Eton, Wilts); John *Passenger*, 1562 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Tho. *Passenger*, 1668 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Robert *Passanger*, 1791 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx).

**Passey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 641
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs, Herefs, and Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Pacey**.

**Passfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London
- English: locative name from *Passlow Hall* in High Ongar (Essex), recorded as *Passefelda* in 1062 and *Passefelde alias Passelowe Hall* in 1542. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Passa* + Old English *feld* ‘open country, field’. The change in the place-name, from *-feld* to *-low*, is probably due to the prominence of the *Passelowe* family in Essex in the 13th and 14th centuries (see **Pashley**).  
**Early bearers:** Andrew de *Passefeld*, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William de *Passefeld*, 1345 in *London Letter Books F*; Johanna *Passefeldes*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Weald Bassett, Essex); John *Pasfeyld*, 1598 in *PROB 11* (London); Zachary *Pasfyld* or *Pasfild*, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory, City of London).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 73–4.

**Passi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

**Passifull**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent
- Norman, English: see **Percival**.

**Passingham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Middx
- English: locative name from *Passenham* (Northants), which is recorded as *Passanhamme* in about 925 and *Passeham* in 1242. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Passa* (genitive *Passan*) + Old English *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.  
**Further information:** Note also Richard *Passenhammesman*, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks), apparently referring to the ‘man’ of William de *Passenham*.  
**Early bearers:** William de *Passenham*, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ralph *Passenham*, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); John *Passingham*, 1563 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); John *Passingham*, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Midhurst, Sussex); Charles *Passingham*, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Hayes, Middx); William *Passengam*, 1765 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Hants); Daniel *Passenham*, 1819 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 101.

**Passley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Pashley**.

**Passman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Passe* (see **Pass**) + *man*, denoting the servant of a man named *Passe*.  
**Early bearers:** Phillippe *Passman*, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Raphe *Passman*, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs); John *Passman*, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Yarm, NR Yorks); William *Passman*, 1758 in *IGI* (Hutton Rudby, NR Yorks).

**Passmore****Variants: Pasmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2238, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1745
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *passee mer* ‘cross the sea’, used for a seafarer or sailor. In England the second element was associated with *mere*, interchanging, as often, with *more*. Some examples may belong under (2).  
**Further information:** A type of surname common both in France and England. See also **Passant** and **Parsloe**, and compare Richard *Passeboys* (‘cross the wood’), Adam *Passebusck* (‘pass the bush’), 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), Alfwyn *Passeculuert* (‘pass the

culvert'), 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex), and the Old French names *Passedouet* ('pass the channel'), *Passefons* ('pass the fountain'), *Passepont* ('cross the bridge'), *Passerieu* ('cross the stream'). See also **Perceval**.

**Early bearers:** William Passemer, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard Passemer, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Walter Passemore, 1266 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Aug' Pasmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merston, Sussex); Willelmo Passemer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); William Passemere, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Pasmere, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Sutton, Devon); Michael Pasmore, 1607, John Pasmore, 1636 in *PROB 11* (North Molton, Devon); Dorcas Passmoor, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Tiverton, Devon); Ann Passmoor, 1781 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Ann Passmoor, 1853 in *IGI* (Shadforth, Durham).

**2 English:** locative name from Peasemore (Berks), which is recorded as *Pesmere* in 1385, and *Peysmer* in 1535. The place-name derives from Old English *pise* 'pea' + *mere* 'pool'.

**Further information:** There are also Passmore's Cottage and Plantation in Winkfield (Berks).

**Early bearers:** [...] Pesemere, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Berks); Richard de Pasmere, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Peasemore, Berks); Pawlyn Passmore, 1543 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Richard Passmore, 1549 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Edward Passmore, 1575 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Passmore, 1607 in *IGI* (Withypool, Somerset); Richardi Passmore, 1626 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 40, 261–2.

## Passon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

English: probably from either an altered form of *Parson* (note Mary Passon or Parson, 1671 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds)), or a variant form of **Pashen**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Passon, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Greenwich, Kent); John Passon, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Wyllyam Passon, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Passon, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Devizes, Wilts).

## Passy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Norman, English: see **Pacey**.

## Paster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Hants

1 Norman, English: see **Pastor**.

2 Norman, English: nickname, occupational name, sometimes a derivative of Old French *paste* 'paste, dough' and signifying a baker. Compare John Pastemakere, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs) also Tewaldus Paste, 1159–85 in *Templars Records* (London); Gilbert Paste, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs).

## Pasterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

## Paston

**Variants:** **Patstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: locative name, chiefly from Paston in Norfolk, which is recorded as *Pastuna* in 1086 and *Paxton* in 1193, and occasionally from Paston in Northants, which is recorded as *Pastun* and *Paxtona* in the 12th century. The place-names probably derive from an Old English personal name \**Pæcci* (genitive \**Pæcces*) or Old English \**pæsc(e)* (the source of northern English dialect *pash* 'puddle') + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. Paston in Kirknewton (Northumb) is probably not a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Paston', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); William son of Roger de Paston, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Paston, Norfolk); John de Pastone, 1321 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Willelmo Paston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Addington, Northants); William Paston, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Paston', 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Boxley, Kent); Agnes Paston, 1548 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); William Paston, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Paston, Norfolk); Edward Paston, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Appleton, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 2, pp. 184–5; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 240.

2 English: in the W Midlands a variant of **Patstone** with loss of the first *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** John Paston, 1561 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); George Paston, 1642 in *IGI* (Rowington, Warwicks).

## Pastor

**Variants:** **Paster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *pastour* 'herdsman, shepherd' (Old French *pastor*, *pastur*). In early sources *Pastor* is often Latin *pastor* 'shepherd'; compare Willelmo pastore, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Gerardus pastor, 1140–53 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Godrich le Pastur, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Dionisius Pastour, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Edmundus Pastor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Thomas Pastour, 1449 in *Patent Rolls*; Robins Paster, 1580 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Wm. Pastor, 1726 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs).

## Pasturel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Le Patourel**.

## Patch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Middx

English: see **Pask**.

## Patchcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Patchacott in Beaworthy (Devon), which is recorded as *Pacchecote al. Pashecote* in 1389. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pæcca* + Old English *cot* 'cottage, shelter'.

**Early bearers:** John de Pachecote, 1316 in *Patent Rolls*; Richardus Pachacotte, 1573 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); William Patchcott, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Willia. Patchcott, 1676 in *IGI* (Treneglos, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 131.

## Patchell

**Variants:** **Petchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; E Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Pacchild* (Old English \**Pæcchild*).

**Early bearers:** England: William filius Pacchild, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Pechel, 1278–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Walter Pechel, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Dean, Beds); John Pechel, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Pechell', 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Willus Petchell, 1574 in *IGI* (Rauceby, Lincs); Thomas Pachelte or Pachel, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Ludlow, Shrops); John Patchell, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Patchall, 1667 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs). Ireland: James Patchel, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Robert Patchell, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry).

## Patchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Patchin**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Patchet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Patchett**.

## Patchett

**Variants:** **Pachet**, **Paget**, **Spashett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1509, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1433
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pachet*, an Old French pet form of *Pach*; see **Pask**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pachet, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks). surnames: Gerard Pachet, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William Pachet, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Richard Paschet, about 1198 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); William Pachet, 1234 in *Patent Rolls*; John Patchet, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Robertus Pachett, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flaxby, WR Yorks); William Pachet, 1413 in *York Freeman's*

*Register* (Yorks); Thomas Pachett, 1465 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); Sylvester Patchett, 1546 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Richard Patchet, 1565 in *IGI* (Wyham cum Cadeby, Lincs); Thomas Patchit, 1599 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs); Johan Patchet or Patchett, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Leintwardine, Herefs); Mary Patchitt, 1666 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Catharen Pachit, 1669 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).  
2 English: see **Paget**.

### Patchin

Variants: **Patchen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

1 English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Patch*; see **Pask**.

**Early bearers:** John Pachun, Pachon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Pachyns, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Geoffrey Pachoun, parson, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmo Pachon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Clemens Patchin, 1565 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Elizabeth Patchen, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Bletchingley, Surrey); William Patchen, 1709 in *Parish Registers* (Burstow, Surrey).  
2 English: see **Patching**.

### Patching

Variants: **Patchin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 619
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Patching (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pæccingas* in 960, or Patching Hall in Broomfield (Essex), which is recorded as *Pacingas* in 1086. The place-names derive from an Old English personal name \**Pæcc(i)* + the group name suffix *-ingas*.

**Early bearers:** Elena de Pacchingg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Pacchingg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Pachyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning, Sussex); Ricardus Patchyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlpost, Sussex); Thomas Pacchyng, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey and Kent); John Pachyng, 1522 in *PROB 11* (Horsham, Sussex); James Patchinge, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Camwell, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 241–2; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, pp. 248–9.

### Pate

Variants: **Patt, Peat, Pates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1327, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; also Cambs

Scottish, English: (i) nickname from Middle English *pate* 'head, skull'; compare **Head**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Pate*, a pet form of *Patrick* and in Scotland possibly also of *Peter*. Compare **Paton**, **Pateman**, and **Peat**.

**Early bearers:** England Aluric Pate, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Osbert Pate, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Pate, 1218 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Pate, 1255 in *Eyre Rolls* (Pilton, Northants); Roberto Pate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Burgoland, Leics); John Pate, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Henley upon Thames, Oxon); Mary Pate, 1545 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); William Pate, 1564 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Joanis

Pate, 1570 in *IGI* (Longstowe, Cambs); Mary Pate, 1585 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Anthony Pate, 1601 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

Scotland William Pate, 1306 in *Patent Rolls*, captain of the fleet of the Cinque Ports in Scotland; Alexander Pate, 1528 in *Ancient Scottish Seals II*; Isobell Pate, 1667 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**References:** Information provided by Mr A. J. Pate.

### Patefield

Variants: **Patfield, Petfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: locative name from a reinterpretation of Old French *Poitevin* (Anglo-Norman French *Peitevin*; compare **Podevin**), signifying a man from Poitou. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Robart Patefelde, 1589 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Nicholas Patfeild, 1594 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); John Patefelde, 1604 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); John Patefeild, 1666 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); John Patefield, 1704 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Josuah Patfield, 1749 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 72.

### Patel

Variants: **Patil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101463, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka): status name, Hindu, and Parsi, from an official title meaning 'village headman', *pātel* in Gujarati, Marathi, and Kannada (where it is *paṭēla*). It comes ultimately from Sanskrit *pattakila* 'tenant of royal land'.

### Pateman

Variants: **Patman, Pattman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1592, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 992
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England except E Anglia

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pateman*, a pet form of *Patrick* with the hypocoristic suffix *-man*; compare **Pate**, and for the suffix see **Bateman, Hickman, Human**, and **Potman**. (ii) occupational name, 'servant of Pate', from Middle English *Pate* (Patrick) + *man*. **Further information:** In Beds the name appears to have developed to the now obsolete *Pattenham*.

*Pattenham* is not a known place-name, unless it is an altered form of *Puttenham* (see **Putnam**). Compare Marey Pattenham, 1565, Wm Pattenam, 1589 John Patenham, 1611, Henry Pateman, 1642 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); and Ellen Patenham or Pateman, 1690 in *IGI* (Cople, Beds).

**Early bearers:** given names: Patein or Pateman Broin, 1407 in *Scotland Calendar*.

surnames: Jordan Pateman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Peter Patemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Patemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Patman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robti Pateman, 1558 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Thomas Pattman, 1606 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Georg Pateman, 1621 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Simon Pattman, 1622 in *IGI* (Long Bennington,

Lincs); Thomas Pattman, 1778 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, p. 109.

### Patent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs; London
- English: variant of **Paton** with excrescent *-t*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Paton, Paten, John Patten, Edward Patent, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Richard Patent, 1778 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Pater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; also Lancs

Latin, English: (i) nickname from Latin *pater* 'father', also used to denote the father superior in a religious order and hence perhaps used as a nickname for a solemn or pompous man. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pater* 'paternoster'; see **Paternoster**.

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Pater, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Birchington, Kent); Johes Pater, 1559 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Rich Patter, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Claverley, Shrops); Wilyam Patter, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Brixham, Devon); Willmi Pater, 1608 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Edward Pater, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Patter, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

### Paternoster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London; Herts
- English: nickname from the Middle English borrowing of the opening words of the Latin form of the Lord's Prayer, *pater noster* 'our Father'. The phrase had been adopted into English as a noun *paternoster* meaning 'the Lord's Prayer' by the late 12th century and is recorded with the sense 'rosary' from about 1275 onwards, with the short form *pater* being recorded before about 1400 in *MED* (see **Pater**). As a surname, it usually represents a shortening of the fuller *paternosterer* and signified a maker or seller of rosaries; compare William le Paternoster, 1280–95 in *London Letter Books A, B*, Jordan paternosterer, 1303 in *London Court Rolls*. **Further information:** There is a Paternoster Row near Saint Paul's Cathedral (London) and another near Carlisle Cathedral, and there was formerly one near Chertsey Abbey, all centres of this once important industry. In the 14th century the term used was *paternostermaker*: Nicholas Paternostermaker, 1388 in *London Court Rolls*. Sometimes the name is due to the service by which land was held. In the reign of Edward I John Paternoster held a virgate of land in East Hendred (Berks) now called Paternoster Bank by service of saying a paternoster every day for the King's soul (*Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 380). In the same reign Alice Paternoster held land in Pusey in the same county by service of saying five paternosters a day for the souls of the King's ancestors, and Richard Paternoster, on succeeding to an estate in the same parish, instead of paying a sum of money as a relief, said the Lord's Prayer thrice

## Paterson

before the Barons of the Exchequer, as John his brother had previously done (*Lower*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Paternoster de Mumbi, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Roger Pater noster, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert Paternoster, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Paternoster, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Paternoster, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (East Hendred, Berks); Willelmus Paternoster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Biggleswade, Beds); John Paternoster, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Paternoster, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Poslingford, Suffolk); Thomas Paternoster, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Edworth, Beds).

### Paterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25427, Ireland 189
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19756
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Cavan
- Scottish: see **Patterson**.

### Pates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Beds, Herts, and Middx

English: variant of **Pate** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Pates, 1553 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Constance Pates, 1641 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Sarah Pates, 1692 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds).

### Patey

Variants: **Patty, Peaty, Paddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 669
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks and Oxon; Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Paty*, presumably a pet form of **Patrick**; see **Pate** and compare **Pattie**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Pati, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Paty, rector, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Compton, Warwicks); Richard Patty of Bengeworthe, chaplain, 1355 in *Patent Rolls*, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Bengeworth, Worcs); Ricardus Paty, 1377, Ricardus Pati, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ingatestone, Essex); Thoma Paty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Ricardus Paty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Johanne Paty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Robertus Paty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); Margeria Paty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecote, Wilts); Johanne Paty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hampstead Norris, Berks); Johannes Paty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Dorset); Johannes Paty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brantinghamthorpe, ER Yorks); Johanne Patey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alrewas, Orgreave, Fradley and Edingale, Staffs); Agnis Patye, 1538 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Jhon Patty, 1560 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Lawrence Patye, 1579 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Garce or Grace Patty, 1669 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Joseph Patye, 1580 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); Johan Patye, 1587 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Phillis Patye, 1590 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); William Patty, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Martin Pattye, 1615 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Patye or Patie,

1619 in *PROB 11* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Paty or Patie, 1644 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, City of London).

### Patfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Norfolk; Somerset; Monmouths

1 Norman, English: see **Patefield**.

2 English: see **Padfield**.

### Pathak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): occupational name, Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *pāthaka* ‘teacher, preceptor’.

### Pathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Afghan, Pakistani, and Indian: Muslim, from the name of the Pathan (or *Pashtun*) community, an ethnic group of NW Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India.

### Pathmanathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Padmanātha* meaning ‘Lord of lotuses’ + *-n*, the third person masculine singular suffix.

**Further information:** This was originally a personal name, which has come into use as a family name.

### Patience

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 557
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty; Essex, Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish, English: nickname from Middle English *pacience* or Modern Scots or English *patience* ‘patience, long-suffering’.

**Further information:** A remarkable series of alternative surnames to *Patience* is found in Avoch, Ross and Cromarty, around 1800; a small selection is given here.

**Early bearers:** England Sara Pacience, 1592 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Patience, 1599 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Pacience, 1631 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Patience, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sarah Pashens, 1707 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants). Scotland Anne Patience, 1704 in *IGI* (Petty, Inverness); Elspet Patience, 1707 in *IGI* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty); George Patience or Havannah, 1790 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); John Patience or Canky, 1792 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty); George Patience or Padlock, 1808 in *IGI* (Avoch, Ross and Cromarty).

### Patient

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from the Middle English adjective *pacient(e)* ‘patient’ or the noun, meaning ‘patient person’.

**Further information:** Robert de Patient, abbot of the monastery of Athelney, Somerset, 1481, in *Dorset History Centre*, suggests an alternative origin as a locative name.

**Early bearers:** Helena Patient, 1542 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Sarah Pashant, 1588 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Pacient, 1609 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Henric Patient, 1621 in *IGI* (Wylye, Wilts); Elizabeth Patient, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Tempsford, Beds); Mary Patient, 1665 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Robert Patient, 1726 in *IGI* (Shelley, Essex); John Pachant, 1743 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks).

### Patil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: variant of **Patel** found mainly in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

### Patison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Pattison**.

### Patman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Lincs

English: see **Pateman**.

### Patmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 735
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Herts
- English: see **Podmore**.

### Paton

Variants: **Patton, Patten, Patent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8434, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6519
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and E Scotland; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scottish personal name *Patun*, *Paton*, an Old French diminutive of *Pat(e)*, a pet form of *Patrick*. Compare **Pattinson**. Some examples may belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Paton’ Waller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sharperton, Northumb); Paton de Hettryngton, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; Paton de Dunbarre, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Patone de Hangaldsyde, 1467, identical with Patrick Hangangside, 1469 in *Black*; Pattoun Millar, 1492 in *Black*.

surnames, Scotland: Thomas Pattoun, 1538, Thomas Patton, 1547 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 34 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Maeg Paton, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Edward Patton, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); David Patoun, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Katherin Paton, 1609 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Marie Paton, 1657 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

surnames, England: Hugo Patun, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Roger Patun, 1250 in *Close Rolls*; James Patoun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Bartholomew Patun, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Patoun, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert Patoun of Drurygg, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Druridge in

Woodhorn, Northumb); Thomas Paton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); John Paton, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John Patton, 1513 in *York Registry Wills* (Filey, ER Yorks); Williy Patton, 1561 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); Trephina Paton, 1658 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); James Paton, 1764 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham).

2 Irish: from Ó Peatáin, see **Peyton**.

3 English: locative name from either of two places called Patton in Shrops and Westm. The Shrops place-name is recorded as *Peattingtune* in 901 and derives from an Old English personal name \**Peatta* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The Westm place-name is recorded as *Patun* in 1086 and derives from Old English *pað* 'path, track' or an Old English personal name \**Patta* + Old English *tūn*. Both place-names gave rise to medieval surnames and the latter might be responsible for the Lancs surname. However, any of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1). **Early bearers:** John de Patinton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Roland de Patton, 1289 in *Patent Rolls* (Rugley, Northumb); John de Patton', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Patton, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Patinton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Willm. Patton, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Mable Patton, 1577 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Margaret Patton, 1664 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 233; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 145.

## Patrick

**Variants:** **Patrick, Fedrick, Petrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8163, Ireland 306
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5846
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland, N England, the Midlands, and E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone; Wexford

1 Norman, Irish, Scottish, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French, Middle English, and Older Scots personal name *Patrick* (Latin *Patricius*, Old Irish *Patraicc*). See also **Peden** and **McPadden**, derived from pet forms of Irish *Patraicc*. Some of the following English early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** Latin *Patricius* 'patrician, member of the patrician class' was in occasional use as a given name among early Christians, including Saint Patrick, the 5th-century apostle of Ireland, who was born in Britain. It appears in Old Irish as *Patraicc*, but out of respect for the saint the native Irish did not use it as a given name except in devotional phrases such as *Gilla Pátraic* 'servant of Patrick' (see **Kilpatrick**) and *Máel Pátraic* 'devotee of Patrick' (the source of the now extinct *Mulpatrick*). It was the Anglo-Normans who adopted *Patrick* as a given name in Ireland (hence **Fitzpatrick**), and who brought it to England and to Scotland, where it also took the Gaelic form *Pádraig*. From at least the late medieval period it has been especially popular in W Scotland (where it has been much confused with *Peter*). It was from there that Scottish settlers took the name to Ulster in the 17th century, since when it has become one of Ireland's most popular given names. **Early bearers:** given names: Patricius, 1175–96 in *Yorks Charters*; Patricius clericus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

sumames, Scotland: John Patric, 1429 in *Ayrs Families*; Lourie Patrick, 1588 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Patrick, 1644 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Johne Patrick, 1654 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Patrick, 1678 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Patrick, 1692 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth).

sumames, Ireland: John Pateric, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Ireland); Robert Patrick, kern, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §89 (Kilkenny, Clongaugh); Stephen Pattrick, carpenter, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6440 (Roadston).

sumames, N England: William Patrik, about 1180 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Agnes filia Patricii, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warton, Northumb); Ricardus Pateryk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Johannes Patrik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Janet Patrick, 1564 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Anne Patrick, 1568 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Patrick, 1572 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Patrick, 1604 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Henry Patrick, 1654 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb).

sumames, Midlands: Richard Patryk, 1290 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hepmangrove, in Bury, Hunts); Adam, Hugh, and John Patrik, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pirton, Herts); Johanne Patrik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington, Leics); Willelmus Patryk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Johanna Patrik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Willelmus Patryk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Willm Patrick, 1558 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Agnes Patrick, 1575 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Johis Patrick, 1610 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Joses Patrick, 1610 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); John Patrick, 1639 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

sumames, E England: Willelmus Patrik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); Johannes Patryk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdbrook, Essex); Doritha Patrick, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Patrick, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Robt. Patrick, 1587 in *IGI* (Beaumont, Essex).

sumames, S England: William Patric, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Rogerus Patryk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); William Patrick, 1546 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Alen Patrick, 1563 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Gergory Patrick, 1568 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Davy Patrick, 1568 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: variant pronunciation of **Partrick**, see **Partridge**.

**Further information:** Reaney notes that *Patrick*, *Patrick*, and *Patryk* occur as variants of *Partriche* and *Parterych* in the 1524 Suffolk Subsidy Roll. Compare also William Partridge, 1634, Samuell Partridge, 1668, Christian Pattericke, 1682 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk). For other possible early bearers see under (1).

3 Scottish, Irish: anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic and Irish **Mac Phádraig** 'son of Patrick'.

4 Irish: reduced form of **Fitzpatrick** and the now extinct *Mulpatrick*.

## Patrickson

**Variants:** **Patterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: relationship name from the personal name **Patrick** + *-son*. For the pattern, compare Agnes filia Patricii 'Patrick's daughter', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warton, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Patrikson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Johannes Patrykson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); Francis Pattrickson, 1627 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb).

## Partridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: variant of **Partridge**, in which the first *-r-* has been lost before the following *-tr-*.

**Further information:** Reaney notes that in the Suffolk Hearth Tax for 1674, variants of *Partridge* include *Pattridge*, *Patrigrige*, *Pateridge*, *Pattarage*, *Pattrage*, and *Putteridge*. See also **Patrick** (2).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey and Richard Patrick, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Milton, Devon); Waltero Patrick', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mapledurham, Oxon); Willelmus Patrich', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bucklebury, Berks); John Patriche, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk); Roger Partridge, 1589 in *IGI* (Witheridge, Devon); John Partridge, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Nayland, Suffolk); Thomas Partridge, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Layer de la Hay, Essex); Edith Partridge, 1768 in *IGI* (Misterton, Somerset).

## Patry

**Variants:** **Petry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Patry*, a pet form of *Patrick* and (in Scotland) *Peter*. Compare Scottish **Petrie**, of which this was sometimes a variant.

**Further information:** This name was formerly widespread, especially in W England and NE Scotland, but by 1881 it was rare, found only in Camberwell (S London) and Aston (Birmingham).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Patri, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); John Patry, 1622 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Jane Patry, 1665 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Mary Patry, 1688 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); John Patry, 1724 in *IGI* (Bloxham, Oxon); James Patry, 1752 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

Scotland: John Patry, 1683 in *IGI* (Kinnellar, Aberdeens); Jean Patry, 1697 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Bathia Patry, 1716 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banff).

## Patson

**Variants:** **Pattison, Patteson, Pattyson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pat(e)*, probably a pet form of *Patrick*, + *son*. See **Pate** and **Patrick**, and compare **Pattison**, with which *Patson* is often interchangeable. (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be reduced forms of **Pattinson**. Compare **Patterson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Pateson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kilham, Northumb); Edward Patson, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Johannis Pateson, 1550 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Richard Patson, 1568, Willia

## Patston

Patison, 1621 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Pateson, 1572 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); John Patson, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Ellen Pateson, 1592 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Katheren Pateson, 1601 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Christopher Pateson, 1616 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); John Pateson, 1626 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

Scotland: Alexander Patesoun, 1605 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Janet Patson., 1615, Cirstane Pateson., 1652 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); William Patson., 1646 in *IGI* (Inverurie, Aberdeens); Margart Patesoun, 1654 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Wm. Patson, 1654 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); James Patson., 1663 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus).

### Patston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Shrops and Staffs; Northants

English: see **Patstone**.

### Patstone

Variants: **Patston, Paston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants
- English: (i) locative name, chiefly from the lost *Padston(e)* in Bromsgrove (Worcs), and occasionally from Padson in Inwardleigh (Devon), which is recorded as *Paddiston* in 1562. The Worcs place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Padda* (genitive *Paddes*) + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The etymology of the Devon place-name is uncertain due to a lack of medieval forms, though the 1330 early bearer form below suggests the final element is Old English *dūn* 'hill'. (ii) sometimes a variant of **Patston**, with particular reference to Paston in Northants.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Pattedstone, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Anne Patstone, 1612, Isabell Patston, 1620 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Thoe Patston, 1627 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); John Patston, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Patston, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Richardi Patstone, 1684 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Tho Padstone, 1721 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Susanna Patston, 1815 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 151; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 344.

### Patt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: see **Pate**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Pat, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William Patte, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johanne Patte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lockinge, Berks); Jhon Patt, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Susanna Patt, 1668 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English (Old English) *\*pat(t)e* 'marsh'.

**Early bearers:** Gerard de la Patte, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Xpofer. Patt, 1576 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Susan Patt, 1587 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent);

Clarke Patt, 1624 in *IGI* (Castlethorpe, Bucks); Thomas Patt, 1638 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

### Pattani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Pattni**.

### Pattemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Podmore**.

### Patten

Variants: **Pattern, Pattin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2610, Ireland 209
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1864
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Donegal; Mayo

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Paton** (a Middle English pet form of Patrick) with *-in* substituted for *-on*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Anger Patin, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Patin, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); William Patyn, 1295 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions*; Radulphus Patten, 1545 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Margaret Patten, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Wm Patten, 1606 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Willmus Patten, 1608 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Priscilla Patten, 1668 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Ann Patten, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Pattern, 1708 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Mich Pattern, 1717 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Hannah Marie Patten, 1782 in *IGI* (Armitage, Staffs).

2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps for a wearer or maker of pattens or clogs, from Middle English *paten* (of French origin; recorded in 1390 in *OED*). Compare Rannulf Aspatins, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*, Anglo-Norman French for '(the man) with the pattens'.

### Pattenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 705
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: locative name from Pattenden in Goudhurst (Kent) or Great and Little Pattenden in Marden (Kent). The place-names probably derive from an Old English personal name *\*Peat(t)a* (genitive *\*Peat(t)an*) + Old English *denn* 'pasture'.

**Early bearers:** Isolda de Patindenne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William de Patinden, 1318 in *Fine Rolls* (Middleton, Kent); Henricus Patynden', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marden, Kent); Nicholas Patenden' of Merden', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Marden, Kent); William Pattenden, 1594 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 516; Jeremiah Pattenden, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Southease, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 310, 316; [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/pattenden/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/pattenden/).

### Pattern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs and Norfolk English: see **Patten**.

### Patterson

Variants: **Paterson, Pattison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18910, Ireland 4671
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10353
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb and Durham; S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

1 English, Scottish, Irish: relationship name, variant of **Patrickson**, which was either reduced to *Patrison* and metathesized to *Patterson*, or reduced from *Paterickson* to *Patterson*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Patrison, 1446 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Donald Patryson, 1494 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Adam Patersoun, 1499 in *Arbroath Register*; Thom. Paterson, 1562 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); William Paterson, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Paterson, 1566 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Elspait Paterson, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wilyeam Paterson, 1578 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Margaret Patterson, 1622 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Agnes Patterson, 1660 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Effie Patterson, 1666 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); James Patterson, 1685 in *IGI* (Covington and Thankerton, Lanarks).

England: Clement Patterson, 1539 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Johannes Paterson, 1561 in *IGI* (Hornington, Norfolk); William Paterson, 1578 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); John Paterson, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Bartholomew Patterson, 1586 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

Ireland: John Pattison, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballirey, Armagh); Samuel Patterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibret, Monaghan); Aaron Patterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dromore, Tyrone); Ebenezer Patterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killevy, Armagh); Ezekiel Patterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); George Paterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kinawley, Fermanagh); Joseph Paterson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Cork).

2 English: relationship name, 19th-century spelling of *Patteson*, a reduced form of **Pattinson**.

3 Irish: in Galway, adopted for Irish **Mac Caisín** or **Ó Caisín** 'son (or descendant) of the little curly-headed one' (from *casín* 'curly'), a more regular anglicized form of which is **Cussane**. The Irish name was erroneously associated with *cosán* meaning 'path', which was then equally erroneously associated with the surnames *Patterson* and *Pattison*.

### Patteson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Durham; Kent

1 English: see **Pattinson**.

2 English: see **Patson**.

### Pattie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Northumb

Scottish: relationship name from the Older Scots personal name *Paty*, a pet form of *Patrick* or possibly *Peter*. Compare **Patey**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Patty, 1639 in *IGI* (Ferry Port on Craig, Fife); James Patty, 1751 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Thomas Pattie, 1795 in *Parish Registers* (Bellingham, Northumb).

### Pattillo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Inverness
- Scottish: see **Pattullo**.

### Pattimore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Somerset
- English: see **Podmore**.

### Pattin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Patten**.

### Pattinson

**Variants:** **Pattison**, **Patterson**, **Patson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3569, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- English, Scottish: relationship name from *Paton* or *Patin* (Anglo-Norman French, Middle English, and Older Scots pet forms of *Patrick*) + *-son*; see **Patrick**, **Paton**, and **Patten**. The name was probably often reduced to **Pattison** and **Patteson**, respelled **Patterson** in the late 18th and 19th centuries. It may also be a source of **Patson**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Nichole Patonesone, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, p. 449; Alexander Patynson or Patonson, 1475 in *Methven Provostry Records*, p. 24. England: John Patonson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Patinson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flotterton, Northumb); William Pattenson, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Bartram Pattinson, 1562 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Pattenson, 1565 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Isbel Pattenson, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Jarrow, Durham).

### Pattison

**Variants:** **Patison**, **Patteson**, **Pattisson**, **Pattyson**, **Paddison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6000, Ireland 226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4754
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England; also Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Laois
- English: (i) variant of **Pattinson**. (ii) variant of **Patterson**. (iii) variant of **Patson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry Patyson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Marrian Pattison, 1558 in *IGI* (Edenhall, Cumb); Alice Padison, 1562, Thomas Patison, 1566 in *IGI* (Conisholme, Lincs); Georgius Pattison, 1566 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Hugh Patison, 1570 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); William Patison, 1584 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Janet Patteson, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomae Patison, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Jeremie Patison, 1601 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Pattisson, 1647 in *IGI*

(Whitby, NR Yorks); William Patison, 1651 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); John Pattyson, 1739 in *IGI* (Gayton, Staffs).

Scotland: Johne Pattison, 1650 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); William Pattison, 1656 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); Frances Patison, 1665 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Margrat Patison, 1665 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); John Patison, 1676 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr).

### Pattisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Durham
- English: see **Pattison**.

### Pattle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pat(e)*, a pet form of *Patrick* (see **Pate**), + the diminutive suffix *-el*. **Further information:** The 1576 example suggests some confusion with **Pettle**.

**Early bearers:** Richard, Thomas Patel, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Westhorpe, Suffolk); Nicholaus Patyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Robert Pattell or Peatle or Puttall, 1576 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Hugh Pattell, 1579 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Francs Patle, 1586 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk); Arthur Pattle, 1612 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); John Pattle, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Sutton, Cambs); Hugh Pattel, 1733 in *IGI* (Brockley, Suffolk); Robert Pattal, 1799 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Pattman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Pateman**.

### Pattni

**Variants:** **Pattani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

### Patton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2799, Ireland 2157
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1058
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Perth; NE England; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster
- English, Scottish, Irish: see **Paton**.

### Patrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E and N England
- Norman, Irish, Scottish, English: see **Patrick**.

### Pattullo

**Variants:** **Patullo**, **Pattillo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: locative name from either of two places called Pittilloch (Fife, Perth), from Pictish *peit* 'portion (of land)' + Gaelic *tulach* 'hill' and with loss of final *-ch* in the modern forms of the surname.

**Further information:** According to Black, in 1423–4 Robert Pittilloch raised Dundee recruits for service in France, where he became lord of Sauveterre in 1452 and, as Robert Pettillo de Clermont, was Scottish ambassador to France and Castile.

**Early bearers:** Ade de Petillok, 1295 in *Cambuskenneth Register* 7; Adam de Pethilloch, 1305 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, no. 1689 (Perth); John de Pyttillok, 1433 in *Arbroath Register* 2, p. 68; Robert Pettillo, 1567 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* 1, p. 505 (Perth); William Patullo, 1665, Robert Pattullo, 1679 in *IGI* (Elie, Fife); Agnes Patullo, 1683 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife); Thomas Patullo, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Perth); George Pattulo, 1786 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); George Pattullo, 1799 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Thomas Patulla, 1813 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Patty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Devon; also IoM
- English: see **Patey**.

### Pattyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: see **Pattison**.

2 English: see **Patson**.

### Patullo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see **Pattullo**.

### Pau

**Variants:** **Paw**, **Pow**, **Poh**, **Bau**, **Bao**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.  
2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 包 (**Bao** or **Pao** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'to wrap' or 'package' in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Bao Xu (包胥), the style name of a noble official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of the Fu Xi family, from a period prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) adopted in place of another surname, 鮑, by its bearers in Taishan (in present-day Shangdong province), who migrated and changed their surname to 包 during the reign of Wang Mang (45 BC–AD 23), in order to avoid persecution.

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鮑 (**Bao** or **Pao** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'abalone' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Bao* (鮑), the name of a fief (located in Bingcheng in Shandong province) granted to Jingshu, known as Bao Jingshu, originally the prince of the state of Qi (杞), who went to the state of Qi (齐) and became a noble official there



## Paul

during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Si Li Fa (俟力伐) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).  
4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 保 (Po in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘to protect’ or ‘to guarantee’ in Chinese: (i) from the post-name Bao Zhang (葆章), the title of an official in charge of astrology during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) said to be borne by descendants of certain nobles from the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

## Paul

Variants: **Paull, Paule, Pawle, Powle, Polle, Poll, Poles, Pole, Poole, Pool, Powell, Powles, Pauls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12813, Ireland 569
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7388
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Latin personal name *Paulus*. The vernacular form in Middle English was *Pole* or *Poul*. See also **Powell**. Further information: The attribute of Belchamp and Wickham Saint Paul’s (Essex) appears as *Pol(l)* in 1285, *Poel* in 1327, *Poulis* in 1343, *Powel* in 1358, and *Poles* or *Poole* in 1607. Pole Hill in Chingford is a relic of the manor of Chingford *Pauls*; Paul’s Farm in Little Bardfield is *Pooles* in 1593. See *Place-Names of Essex*. Compare also Pollekin, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey), John Polekin, Polekyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Jordan Polekoc, 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Bucks); Isabella Polecok, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Powel, about 1260 in *Withycombe*; Paulus Godchep, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames, England: Thomas filius Pole, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Stephen le fiz Pauwel, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam filius Pole, 1323 in *Ancient Deeds 5* (Staffs); Haldanus Paulus, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Pol, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Polle, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Poul, 1224–46 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); John Pol, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Pole, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); William Poll, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Powel, Paul, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), 1307 in *London Letter Books C*; John Poul (Pouel), 1293 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John Pool, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Powl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Poull, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Johannes Powl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranwich, Norfolk); Roger Powle, 1446 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); John Powle, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Borwell Saint Mary, Cambs); Rich. Paul, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Jane Paul, 1592 in *IGI* (Long Newton, Durham); Richard Paul, 1593 in *IGI* (Queenborough, Kent); John Paul, 1595 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks).  
surnames, Scotland: Robert Paul, 1528 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirling, Stirlings); Patrick Paule, 1546 in *Protocol Book Rollok* (Tuliboill); Triolus Paul, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Alexander Paull, mercator, 1696 in *Retours, Scotland* (Elgin).

2 Irish: in Ireland, sometimes adopted for Irish **Mac Phóil** ‘son of **Paul**’. Compare **McFall**.

## Paulden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: location name from Pauldon in Prestwich with Oldham (Lancs). The etymology of the place-name is uncertain, though it may derive from Old English *pāl* ‘pole’ + *denu* ‘valley’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Palden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); John de Palden of Roderham, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Richardi Paulden, 1547, Thomas Paldene, 1572 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Palding, 1616 in *Access to Archives* (Norfolk); Isaac Paulden, 1673 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Joannis Pauldin, 1676, Frances Paulden, 1845 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); James Paulding, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Bowdon, Cheshire); Richard Paulding, 1773 in *Access to Archives* (Southwark, Surrey); Ellen Paulding, 1768, Charlotte Paulden, 1827 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 52.

## Paule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Paul**.

## Pauley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Tyrone

English: see **Pawley**.

## Paulger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Paulger, 1778 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Thomas Paulgar, 1789 in *IGI* (Scothern, Lincs); William Paulger, 1814 in *Parish Registers* (Scothern, Lincs); William Poulger, 1825 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Michael Paulgor, 1869 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

## Paulin

Variants: **Pauline, Palin, Pauling, Paulling, Palling, Pawlyn, Pawling, Pawley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Berwicks, and Midlothian; also London

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Paulin* (Latin *Paulinus*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Paulinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Paulinus de Kirtlington 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Paulin de Garton, 1247 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Elmswell, ER Yorks); Paulinus le Ku, 1315 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts).

surnames, England: Basilia Paulin, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); John Paulyn, 1291 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes filius Paulini, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stillingfleet, NR Yorks); Ric’o Paulyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gedling, Notts); Robert Paulyn, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Longdon, Staffs); Walterus Paulyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Buckerell, Devon); Ricardus Paulyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holtby, NR Yorks); Thomas Pawlyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote, Oxon); Johanne Paulyn’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frolesworth, Leics); Willelmus Paulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arkendale, WR Yorks); William Pawelyn, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; John Paulyn, 1401 in *York Registry Wills* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); Richard Paulyn, 1466 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pawling, 1547 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Em Paulin, 1559 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); William Pawlin, 1570 in *IGI* (Saltashe, Cornwall); Katherin Paulin, 1576 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Paulin, 1591 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Henrie Pawline, 1591 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); William Paulinge, 1607 in *Oxford University Register* (Worcs); Willm Paulin, 1610 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Thomas Paulin, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).  
surnames, Scotland: Anna Pauling, 1627 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Paulin, 1695 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks); Bessie Paulin, 1701 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

## Pauline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; Berks

English: see **Paulin**.

## Pauling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks; Lincs and ER Yorks; Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Paulin**.

2 English: variant of **Palling**.

## Paulk

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Palk**.

## Paull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Somerset

English: see **Paul**.

## Pauley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Pawley**.

## Paulling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 English: variant of **Paulin**.

2 English: variant of **Palling**.

## Pauls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Hants

English: variant of **Paul** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Paules, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Roger Powles, 1548–9 in *TNA*



(Lincoln, Lincs); John Powles, 1602 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Henry Powls, 1677 in *IGI* (Cammeringham, Lincs).

### Paulson

- Current frequencies: GB 453, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 332
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Poulson**.

### Paulton

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 120
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Staffs; London

English: locative name from Paulton (Somerset), which is recorded as *Palton* in 1171 and *Pealton* in 1194. The place-name derives from Old English \**peall* 'ledge' + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes de Palton, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); Roger de Palton, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Ebbesborne Wake, Wilts); John de Palton, sheriff of Somerset, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willelmus Paltone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne, Sussex); John de Palton, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Coscombe, Somerset); William Palton, knight, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Sampsonis Paulton, 1570 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Nicholas Palton, 1657 in *Parish Registers* (Tamworth, Staffs); Matthew Paulton, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Faversham, Kent).  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 359; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 463.

### Pauly

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 19
  - Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Cambs; Middx
- English: see **Pawley**.

### Paumier

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- French, Huguenot: nickname from Old French *paum(i)er* 'pilgrim to the Holy Land'; compare **Palmer**.  
**Further information:** This is found in the Channel Islands and as a Huguenot name.  
**Early bearers:** David Paumier, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Du Bois, Guernsey); Gabriel Paumier, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); François Paumier, 1736 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Pausey

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Pawsey**.

### Paveley

- Current frequencies: GB 231, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 59
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Pawley**.

### Pavelin

- Current frequencies: GB 123, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: perhaps a variant of **Paveley** (see **Pawley**) with an excrescent *-n*.

### Pavely

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 113
  - Main GB location 1881: Herts, Middx, and Essex
- English: see **Pawley**.

### Paver

**Variants:** **Pavier**, **Paviour**, **Pavyer**

- Current frequencies: GB 368, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 267
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *pavi(e)r*, *pav(i)our* 'one who lays pavements', a word borrowed from Old French. Although some towns boasted street paving, most medieval pavements were internal floors made of tiles or of stone slabs, the prerogative of the wealthy, whether secular or ecclesiastical. In 1308 Hugh le Peyntour and Peter the Pavier were employed 'making and painting the pavement' at Saint Stephen's Chapel, Westminster (*Salzman, Building*, pp. 146–7). See also **Marber**. The modern name is mainly found in WR Yorks and Oxon.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Pavier, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John Pauur, 1252–3 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); William le Pavour, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*, 1299 in *London Court Rolls*; Henry le Paveor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Jhone Paver, 1601 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Richard Payver, 1648 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); John Paver, 1684 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks), 1746 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Pavier, 1669 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Paviour, 1758 in *IGI* (Fritwell, Oxon).

### Pavett

**Variants:** **Pavitt**

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Pavey**.  
**Early bearers:** Edmund Pavet, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); John Pavitt, 1555 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Henry Pavett, 1577 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); Willia. Pavit, 1616 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex).

### Pavey

**Variants:** **Pavy**, **Pavie**, **Pavis**

- Current frequencies: GB 1634, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 1277
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in S England: esp. Somerset

English: relationship name from the female personal name *Pavia* (possibly Old French *pavie* 'peach' or *Pavie* 'a woman from Pavia' in Italy). The surname became confused with **Paver**: Thomas Pavey alias Paviour, 1719 in *Deputy Keeper's Report*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Pavia, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Paveya, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Ricardus filius Pauue, 1156–85 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Warwicks); Gillebertus filius Pauie, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Pau, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Paveye, 1251 in *Book of Fees* (Warwicks); William Pavey, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Reedham, Norfolk); William Pavy, 1453 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Hampreston, Dorset); Thomae Pavie, 1542 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Christopher Pavey, 1553, Thomisin Pavey, 1555 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Rose Pavye, 1563 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Mary Pavey, 1663 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Wilts).

### Pavie

- GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Orkney
- English: see **Pavey**.

### Pavier

- Current frequencies: GB 221, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 141
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Oxon; Notts
- English: see **Paver**.

### Paviour

- Current frequencies: GB 122, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Northants; Staffs; Beds; Oxon
- English: see **Paver**.

### Pavis

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 38
  - GB frequency 1881: 121
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs; Surrey
- English: variant of **Pavey** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Pavitt

- Current frequencies: GB 892, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 673
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex and Middx
- English: see **Pavett**.

### Pavley

- GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Pawley**.

### Pavlou

- Current frequencies: GB 561, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Pavlos*, see **Paul**.

### Pavlovic

- Current frequencies: GB 201, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian: relationship name from a patronymic *Pavlović* from the personal names *Pavle* (Serbian and Croatian) or *Pavao* (Croatian), or from a patronymic *Pavlovič* from the personal name *Pavel* (Slovenian) (see **Paul**).

### Pavy

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts
- English: see **Pavey**.

### Pavyer

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Paver**.

## Paw

### Paw

**Variants:** Powe, Poe, Pey, Pea, Pay, Pow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pa(we)*, *po(we)* ‘peacock’ (Old English *pāwa* and Old Scandinavian *pá*). The usual Middle English versions of the word were *po* and *pow(e)* in the Midlands and S England, and *pa*, *pau(e)*, or *paw(e)* in N England. The variants *Paw*, *Paugh*, and *Powe* may alternatively belong under (3) below. Compare **Pay**, **Peacock**, **Pocock**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Pa, 1189–99 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Robert Paue, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Powe, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johannis Pa, 1235–6 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Robert Pa, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John le Poo, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Poo, Morice Powe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Poo, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Joan Poo, 1560, Francis Poe, 1628 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Robert Powe, 1583 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Thomas Powe, 1607 in *IGI* (Merton, Devon); John Paugh, 1667 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Susan Paw, 1675 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Thomas Pow, 1553 in *Black* (Glasgow); William Powe, 1654 in *IGI* (Arbirlot, Angus); Marion Poee, 1664 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Archibald Pow, 1762 in *IGI* (Cockenzie, E Lothian).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pawe* (Old English *Pāwa*), latinized as *Pavo*, and derived from the nickname in (1) above. From the late 12th century onwards the usual form of the name would have been *Pow(e)* in the south and the Midlands. The nickname and personal name are often impossible to distinguish from (3) below.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tedricus Paue filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Pavo Cocus, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Paw(e)*, a pet form of *Paulin* or occasionally *Paul*. See **Pawson**, **Paulin**. Some of the examples of *Powe* under (1) above may belong here, since *Paul* commonly occurs as *Poul* in Middle English. See **Paul**.

**Early bearers:** Robert son of Pawe, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John, Richard Paw(e), 1312 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Cambs), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Pawe, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall); John Pawe, 1620 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon).

**References:** McClure, *Hypocoristic forms*, p. 117.

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 包 and 鮑, see **Paul** (2) and (3).

### Pawar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Maharashtra): Hindu (Maratha), unexplained.

### Pawlak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Paweł* (see **Paul**).

### Pawle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Gloucs
- English: see **Paul**.

### Pawlett

**Variants:** Powlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and NE England; also Pembrokes

1 English: locative name from Pawlett (Somerset), which is recorded as *Pavelet* and *Paulet* in 1086 and *Poulet* in 1186. The place-name may derive from Old English *pāl* ‘stake, pole’ + *flēot* ‘stream, estuary, inlet’.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Paulet* have held the title Marquess of Winchester since 1551. The title was created for William Paulet, who served in high positions under Henry VIII and was Lord High Treasurer 1550–72.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Powelet, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); William de Poulet, 1296 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); John Poulet, 1378 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Paulet, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John de Poulet, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Pawlett, Somerset); John Poulet, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); John Poulet, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Wyville, Lincs); Thomas Pawlett, 1544 in *PROB 11*; Chidiock Paulet, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Wade, Hants); Christopher Pawlett, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); Nicholas Poulitt, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Loppen, Somerset); James Pawlett, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Samuel Paulet, 1661 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Edward Pawlet, 1708 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Rutland); Edward Pawlett, 1747 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 359.

2 English: relationship name from a double diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Paw** + *-el-* + *-ot*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Paelot, 1317 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Geo. Pawlett, 1596 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Cisely Pawlett, 1612 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Johannis Pawlett, 1627 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Robert Pawlett, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Henry Pawlett, 1640 in *IGI* (Northington, Hants).

### Pawley

**Variants:** Pauley, Paulley, Pauly, Paley, Paveley, Pavey, Pavelin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1067, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 849
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Leics; London

1 Norman, English: locative name from Pavilly (Seine-Maritime). In 1086 Robert de Pavelli held the manor of Paulerspury, recorded as *Paveleyespirye* in 1319, *Paulespury* in 1410, *Pallispery* in 1541, and *Palespury* in 1637. Some of the examples cited below could alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Pauely, about 1120 in *Northants Survey*, p. 104 (Houghton, Northants); Reginald de Pauelli, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Galfridus de Pauelli, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Ruddington, Notts); Philippus de Paulty, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter de Pavily, 1235, de Pawely, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Geoffrey Pauly, 1275 in *Hundred*

*Rolls* (Cambs); Walter de Pavey, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Pauely, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Harrowden, Northants); Johannis Pauli de Rotyngton, chivaler, 1360 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Ruddington, Notts); John Paule alias Pauely alias Pauly, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Hainford, Norfolk); Johannes Pauly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); John Paulye, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Paulerspury, Northants); Domina Johanna Paweley, 1412 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); William Pawley, 1513 in *PROB 11* (London); Joane Pawley, 1563 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Johes. Pawley, 1587 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Moses Pawley, 1589 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Thomas Pawley, 1596 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Margery Pawley, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Zacharie Pawlie or Pauly, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wigton, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 103.

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Pauly*, or a pet form of *Paul*; compare Wykkam Pawley (now Wickham Saint Paul’s), 1545 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 467.

3 English: reduced form of **Paulin**.

### Pawling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; also Cornwall
- English: variant of **Paulin**.

### Pawlowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Polish: locative name from any of several places in Poland called Pawłów and Pawlowo.

**Early bearers:** John Pawlowski, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

### Pawlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Northumb
- English: see **Paulin**.

### Pawsey

**Variants:** Pausey, Powsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 791, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 522
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jone Powsey, 1545 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Mary Pausie, 1604, John Pausey, 1606 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Robert Pawsey, 1626 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Gulielmi Pawsey, 1643 in *IGI* (Stanningfield, Suffolk); John Powsey, 1645 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Johanes. Pausey, 1686 in *IGI* (Glensford, Suffolk); Elleleanor Pawsy, 1697 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Pawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1541, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1184
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Paw(e)* + *-son*; see **Paw** (3).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Pawson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Simon Paweson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Hugh Paweson, 1471 in *York Guild Register*; Robert Pawson, 1575 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks); William Pawson, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Welton, Lincs); Jone Pawson, 1582 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Elizabeth Powson or Pawson, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Christ's Church, Hants); Hugh Powson, 1615 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Sedbergh, WR Yorks).

### Paxford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Paxford in Blockley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Paxford* from 1208. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name *Pæcc* + Old English *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'. **Early bearers:** Robert de Paxford, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Paxford of Burmyngham, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robertus Paxford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); William Paxford, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Chipping Norton, Oxon); John Paxford, 1552 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Warwicks); Richard Packford, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Mary Packford, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Catterne Pacesford, 1683 in *IGI* (Castle Church, Staffs); Elizebeth Paxford, 1717 in *IGI* (Witney, Oxon); Elizabeth Packsford, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Benjamin Packford, 1819 in *IGI* (Uffington, Berks); Arthur Packford, 1890 in *BMD* (Headington, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 100.

### Paxman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; also Oxon, Berks, Middx, and Surrey

English: (i) occupational name, status name from the personal name *Pack* or *Pake* + *-man*, probably signifying 'servant of Pack' (see **Pask**). (ii) variant of **Packman** with intrusive *-s-*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Paxman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Roger Paxman, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Paxman, Pakysman, 1439, 1443 in *London Letter Books K*; William Paxman, 1457 in *PROB 11* (London); Geffray Paxman, 1467–72 in *Chancery Proceedings*; John Paxman, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Bottesham, Cambs); Willm Paxeman, 1563 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Paxeman, 1599 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

### Paxson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: relationship name from the personal name *Pack* + *-son*; see **Pask**.

**Early bearers:** William Paskessone, 1293 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Johanne Pakson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); John Packson, 1575 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Paxson, 1600 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Margaret Paxson, 1730 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

### Paxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2900, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; London; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- 1 English: locative name from Paston in Kirknewton (Northumb), which is recorded as *Paloxton* in 1227 and *Paxton* in 1315. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pælloc* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Paxton, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Paxton, 1574, Richard Paxton, 1698 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

Scotland: Besse Paxton, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Robert Paxton, 1643 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Marion Paxton, 1669 in *IGI* (Smailholm, Roxburghs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 155. 2 English: locative name from Paxton (Hunts), which is recorded as *Parchestune* in 1086, *Pacstonia* in 1164, and *Praxton* in 1245. The place-name probably derives from Old English *pearroc* 'enclosure, paddock', or perhaps from an Old English personal name \**Pæcc* (genitive \**Pæcces*) if forms in *-r* are due to scribal error, + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Azelin de Paxtun, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Roger de Paxton, vicar of Paxton, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Paxton, Hunts); Walterus Paxton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Henricus Paxton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lilford with Wigsthorpe, Northants); Ricardus Paxton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); John Paxton, 1489–90 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rycharde Paxton, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 263–4.

### Pay

**Variants:** **Pey, Pea, Pee, Peay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

1 English: relationship name, nickname either from a Middle English survival of the rare Old English personal name *Pæga* or *Pega*, or from Middle English \**pe* 'peacock' used as a personal name or as a nickname. Compare **Paw, Peacock, Peabody**. Some of the post-medieval examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Paie filius Wlstani, Paie Blanchard, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs). surnames: Elias Pay(e), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Roger Pey(e), 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Pay(e), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Pee, 1551 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Margaret Pey, 1589 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); John Pay, 1599 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); George Pea, 1806 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from late Middle English *Pay*, a variant of **Paw**. For the vowel variation compare **Daw** and **Day**.

**Further information:** Some 16th- and 17th-century examples of *Pay* and *Pey* may alternatively be phonetic spellings of **Pye**.

### Payan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Payne**.

### Paybody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Warwicks, and Northants; Derbys

English: see **Peabody**.

### Payen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent

1 English: see **Payne**.

2 French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Pagen*, *Paien* (Latin *Paganus*).

Compare **Payne**.

**Early bearers:** George Payen, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Aberdovey, Merioneths).

### Payle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Pale**.

### Payler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name, see **Paler**.

### Payling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Palin**.

### Paylor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Paler**.

### Payman

**Variants:** **Peaman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Peyman**.

### Payn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 560
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Payne**.

### Payne

**Variants:** **Paine, Pain, Payn, Pane, Payen, Payan, Panes, Pagan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38630, Ireland 839
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26388
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pagan*, *Pai(e)n* (Old French *Pagen*, *Paien*, Latin *Paganus*), from a word that originally

## Paynes

meant ‘villager, rustic’, later ‘heathen’, but it had doubtless lost these connotations in its use as a late medieval personal name.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 14th century. There are no less than six places called Payneston in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pagan(us), 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Payn de Weston, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames, England: Edmund filius Pagen, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Reginaldus filius Pain, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); John Pane, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Pain, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Paen, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph Payn, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Rogerus filius Pagani, 1223 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pagan, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Payen, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberd le filz Payeng, filz Payn, 1305 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Gauselin Pagan, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Francis Payn, 1448 in *York Registry Wills* (Fenton, Notts); John Payne, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Hutton, Somerset); Wyllmus Pane, 1557 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Humphery Payne, 1631 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey).

surnames, Ireland: John Payne, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §286; Hugh Payne, gent., 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4377 (Dublin).

## Paynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; widespread in Midlands; also Essex, Middx, and Surrey

English: see **Panes**.

## Paynter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1112, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 837
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Cornwall

English: see **Painter** and compare **Penter**.

## Paynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; also Lancs

English: see **Painting**.

## Pays

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Pace**.

## Payton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1795, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English, Irish: see **Peyton**.

## Payze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Berks

English: see **Pace**.

## Paz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Spanish, Portuguese: nickname from the Marian epithet *paz* ‘peace’ (Latin *pax*, genitive *pacis*); for example, Maria de la Paz (Spanish), Maria da Paz (Portuguese).

**Further information:** The name was often assumed by Jews converted to Christianity, as an approximate translation of the Hebrew personal name *Shelomo*.

## Pea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. Herts; Worcs; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Pay**.

## Peabody

**Variants:** **Paybody, Pebody, Peberdy, Pepperday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs; Leics and Northants

English: nickname, ‘peacock-body’, from Middle English \**pe*, \**pey*, \**pay* (Old English \**pēa*) ‘peacock’ + *body*, perhaps for a vain person who dressed ostentatiously. Compare **Pay**, **Peacock**. The name may have originated in Northants, from where it spread to London and Leics, and later into other Midlands counties.

**Further information:** Wilson explains it in *Reaney and Wilson* as ‘servant of *Pay*’ (a Middle English personal name, see **Pay**) but this is an unlikely explanation, since Middle English *body* does not have the sense ‘servant’.

**Early bearers:** John Paybody of Crick, 1397 in *Cheshire and Northants Deeds* (Northants); William Paybody of Badby, 1437 in *Strelley Documents* (Northants); John Pabody of Lutterworth, 1507 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Leics); [ . . . ] Peybodye, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William Paybody, 1558 in *IGI* (Blakesley, Northants); Margery Pebody, 1574 in *IGI* (Yelvertoft, Northants); John Pabody, 1579 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Richarde Pabodie, 1582, Jone Pebody, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Thomas Peabody, 1606 in *IGI* (Thedingworth, Leics); Thomas Pebody, 1613, Elizabeth Pebody, 1617, Joseph Pebody, 1725, Joseph Ralph Paybody, 1839 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Nathaniell Pebody, 1618 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Paybody, 1659, William Paybody, 1794 in *IGI* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); Edward Peybodye, 1661, Mary Pebody, 1699, William Pebody, 1775 in *IGI* (Little Bowden, Northants); Elizabeth Paybody, 1700 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs); Arthur Pebody, 1755, Shusanna Paberdy, 1763, Sophia Pebody, 1808, Samuel Peberdy, 1866 in *IGI* (Thurnby, Leics); John Peberday, 1763, Ann Pebody, 1771, Thomas Pebody, 1825 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs).  
**References:** *Weekley*, p. 129; *Cottle; Surnames of Leics and Rutland*, p. 295.

## Peace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3083, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2706
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: see **Pace**.

2 English: see **Pease**.

## Peacey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Pacey**.

## Peach

**Variants:** **Peache, Peech**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4547, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Notts; also London

English: nickname, see **Petch** and **Peachey**, both variants of **Petchey**. Compare Thomas Petch alias Peache, 1606 in *Feet of Fines* (Wombleton, WR Yorks), and Robert Peach, 1562, Marye Peachy, 1596 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Amee Peache, 1545 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); John Peach, 1546 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Margareta Peache, 1547 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Peche, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Robert Peach, 1562 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Symon Peache, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Wilbarston, Northants); Harry Peache, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Lucy Peach, 1574 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Peache, 1580, Joseph Peech, 1663 in *IGI* (Edlaston, Derbys); Walter Peache, 1583 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Michael Peache, 1599 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Anne Peech, 1614 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Henery Peach, 1706, Elizabeth Peech, 1767 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Sarah Peech, 1770 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Peacham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Patcham (Sussex), which is recorded as *Picheham* in 1086 and *Peccham* in 1087–1100, or Peckham Farm in Framfield (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pechham* in 1316 and *Pekkeham* in 1537. Patcham probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pecca* + Old English *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’. Peckham Farm may derive from Old English \**pēac* ‘peak’ + *hām* or *hamm*.

**Early bearers:** John de Pecham, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert de Pecham, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Bedford, Beds); Matilda de Peccham, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Walterus de Pecham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Isleworth, Middx); Johanna Peccham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Rycharde Pecham, 1549 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); James Peacham, 1563 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Thomas Peacham, 1620 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Phillis Peacham, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Stamford, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, pp. 293–4.

## Peache

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Peach**.

**Peacher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Petcher**.

**Peachey**

Variants: **Peachy, Pechey, Peach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2202, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Middx, Suffolk, and Essex

Norman, English: variant of **Petchey**, sometimes pronounced with a lengthened vowel.

**Early bearers:** Edwds. Pechie, 1559, Daniell Peachey, 1637, John Pechey, 1658 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Mich. Peachy, 1577 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs); John Peachy, 1587, Christian Pechey, 1634 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jeffery Peachey, 1601 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); John Peachey, 1608, Elizabeth Pechey, 1635 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Peachey, 1633 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Peter Peachey, 1655 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); John Peachey, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

**Peachment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Parchment**.

**Peachy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs; Sussex
- English: see **Peachey**.

**Peacock**

Variants: **Peacocke, Peecock, Paoock, Pooock, Pycok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14203, Ireland 341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10473
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Scotland: esp. Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry; Limerick

English: relationship name, nickname from Middle English *pecock*, *pacok*, *pocok*, Old English \**pēacocc* 'peacock'. It could be used as a personal name or as a nickname for one 'as proud as a peacock'. Compare **Paw, Pay**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pecoc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Pecoc de Briminton, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

urnames: Roger Paucoc, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Roger Paucoc alias Pecoc, 1194–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Richard Pocok, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Pacoock, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Pecok alias Paycok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Pycok', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Staffs); Roberto Pecok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tur Langton, Leics); Robertus Pacoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southburn, ER Yorks); Thomas Paycoke or Peycoke, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Coxhall, Essex); Williamus Picocke, 1549 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); William Peacock, 1570 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Peacocke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Peacock**.

**Peacop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Pickup**.

**Pead**

Variants: **Peed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 255
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pede* (Old English *Pēoda*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Peot, about 727 in *Cartularium Saxonicum* no. 146; Piot, abbot, 814 in *Cartularium Saxonicum* no. 343.  
urnames: Walter Pede, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Pede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Peede of Hoo, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Hoo, Kent); Rogero Pede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heddington, Wilts); Richard Pede, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); John Peed, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willm. Pead, 1587 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Frances Peade, 1641 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

**Peaden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

Irish: see **Padden**.

**Peadon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Durham
- English: locative name, apparently from Peadon Farm in Stogursey (Somerset), perhaps named with Old English *dūn* 'hill' as the final element, or from another lost or unidentified place so named.  
**Early bearers:** Peter Pedon, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); John Pedon, butcher, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Glemham, Suffolk); Joseph Peadon, 1661 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Thomas Pedon, 1751 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); John Peadon, 1804 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

**Peagram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Peairs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

**Peak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Staffs; London; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Peake**.

**Peake**

Variants: **Peak, Peaks, Peek, Peeke, Peck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3410, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2881
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also London; Norfolk; Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name, mostly from Peak, the district of rugged hills in north-west Derbys and N Staffs named with Old English \**pēac* 'hill, knoll, peak'. One family bearing the derived surname was of high status; Richard de Pech (-*ch* is an Anglo-Norman French spelling of /k/) was son of Ranulf, sheriff of Notts (mid-12th cent. in *Blyth Cartulary*). Some of the following examples may derive from unidentified minor places named with the same word (especially in Staffs, perhaps) or belong with the Devon or Sussex names in (2) and (3).

**Early bearers:** Helias de Pech, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys and Notts); Richard del Pec, 1192 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Rob't' del Pech, late 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Will. del Pec, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John de Pek, 1270 in *Patent Rolls* (Kenilworth, Warwicks); John del Peck, about 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Henry del Peck, about 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Rob. atte Pek, 1294 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); John de Pek, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Albans, Herts); Ric' de le Peek', 1308 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); William atte Peke, 1310 in *London Letter Books D* (London); William Pecke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hazleton, Gloucs); Rob. del pek, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Audley, Staffs); Richard de Peke, parson, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Goadby, Leics); William Peke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Pekke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Ricardus Pec, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas del Pecke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Peck, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Thoma Pekke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chedworth, Gloucs); John Peek, vicar, 1442 in *York Registry Wills* (Lenton, Notts); Tho. Peake, 1548 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Rich. Peak, 1549 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Johnes Peke, 1564, Jeraldi Peak, 1618 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Raphe Peeke, 1568 in *PROB 11* (North Shobury, Essex); Richardi Peak, 1583 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Robert Peak, 1593 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Edward Peak, 1598 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Simond Peake, 1600 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants); Raffé Peake, 1623 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 2–3; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 429; *English Place-Name Elements*, p. 60, at \**pēac*; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 628; *Tooth 1*, p. 117.

2 English: locative name from Peak (Hill) in Sidmouth (Devon) or East and West Peek in Luffincot (Devon), probably named with the word in (1).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Peke, 1260 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Sidmouth); John Peck, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Milton, Devon); Roger Peek, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tapeley, Devon); John Peake, 1540 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Blaze Peke, 1603 in *IGI* (Iddesleigh, Devon); Philippe Peike, 1606 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Thomas Peak, 1608 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Jervais Peeke, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Bideford, Devon).

3 English: locative name from a minor locality in Chiddingly (Sussex) once called *Peke*, now *Peke's House*, and named with the word in (1).

## Peaker

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Peke, 1288 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Chiddingly); Robert and William de Peke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Hoathly and Chiddingly, Sussex); William de Peeck, about 1300 in *New Forest Documents* (Battramsley, Hants); Thomas Peke, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Alice Peke, 1560 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Vinsant Peake, 1583 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Marye Peike, 1605 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Jhonye Peak, 1578 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Harrie Peake, 1590 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 399.

4 English: nickname, possibly, as Reaney suggests, from the Middle English word in (1), used for a stout, thick-set man, but it is doubtful because there seem to be no parallels among other Middle English words meaning 'hill' for such a metaphorical transfer of sense. It is more likely that the French definite article *le* in the following examples is a scribal substitution for *de*, a not uncommon clerical practice.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Pec, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Alton, Hants); Henrico le Pek, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Sussex); Dulcia le Pek, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stortford Without, Herts); Martin le Peec, 1296, Richard le Pek, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horsham borough, Sussex); John Pek, 1327, John le Pek, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seaford, Sussex); Johannes le Peke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys).

5 English: reduced form of **Peacock**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites William Peake alias Peacock, 1642 in the West Riding sessions rolls, and William Peake of Hardinge, 1718, identical with William Peacock of Harden, 1724, both in the Slaidburn parish registers.

6 Irish: reduced form of **Mac Péice**, see **McPeake**.

## Peaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name, perhaps a variant of **Picker**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le peker, 1212–23 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Willelmus Pekar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); William Pekar, 1405 in *York Registry Wills*; Roger Peaker, 1575 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

## Peakman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

English: locative name from Middle English *pek* 'hill, peak' + *man*, probably signifying 'man of or from the peak'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or by a peak, or toponymic, for someone from the Peak District in Derbys; compare **Peak**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Pekeman, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Southwell, Notts); Johannes Pekman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brandon, Lincs); Alice Bubwith alias Pekeman, 1463 in *Yorks Wills*; John Peakman, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Great Baddow, Essex); Elizabeth Pekeman, 1693 in *Parish Registers* (Temple, London); William Peakman, 1710 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts).

## Peaks

**Variants:** **Peeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Peake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johan Peeks, 1552 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Elizabeth Peaks, 1629 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Alice Peaks, 1771 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts).

## Peal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Lancs; Derbys

English: see **Peel**.

## Peale

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Shrops
- English: see **Peel**.

## Pealing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Peeling**.

## Peall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Peel**.

## Peaman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks
- English: see **Payman**.

## People

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Pepall**.

## Pear

**Variants:** **Pere, Peer, Peare, Peear, Perr, Parr, Pearce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs

1 English: relationship name from Middle English and Old French *Per(e)*, *Perre* (Peter). Compare **Pearce** and **Pearson**. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).  
**Early bearers:** Osbert Pere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Robert Perre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Margeria Perre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholao Pere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Wroughton, Wilts); Johannes, Ricardus, and Willelmus Per', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Ricardo Per', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Twycross, Leics); Johannes Pere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Totham, Essex); Johannes Pere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Peare, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Melbury, Dorset); Richard Peare, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Skirbeck, Lincs); George Pear, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Littleham, Devon); William Peere, 1640 in *PROB 11*.

2 English: locative name from residence by a pear tree (Middle English *pere*, Old English *peru*, *pere*). Compare **Perry**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma atte Pere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bisley, Gloucs); Thomas Pear, 1539 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); George Pear, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Johes Pear, 1594 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Pear, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Dalby, Leics); William Pear, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *pere*, Old French *per*, *peer* 'a peer, paragon', also 'a match, companion'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Pere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).

## Pearce

**Variants:** **Pears, Pearse, Peairs, Peers, Peirce, Peirse, Peirs, Peiris, Peres, Perris, Perse, Persse, Pierce, Pierse, Piers, Purse, Pyers, Pires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38039, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27313
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. SW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

Norman, English, Irish: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Piers*, *Peres*, *Peris*, an Old French nominative of *Pierre* or *Per*, the French form of *Peter*, usually latinized as *Petrus*. For pet forms see **Parkin, Parlett, Parrott, Perks, Perrin, Pirret**. (ii) relationship name from Irish **Mac Piarais** 'son of *Piara*', a gaelicized form of Old French *Piers*. (iii) relationship name, variant of **Pear** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** A family of the name Piers became established in Ireland when William Piers (died 1603) was granted lands there by Elizabeth I in 1566, including the abbey of Tristernagh, Westmeath.

**Early bearers:** given names: Peres, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); Peris le ceynturer, Peres le cordener, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Peris Mason, 1463–4 in *Nottingham Borough Records*. surnames, England: Gilbert Perse, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Geoffrey Peres, Pieres, 1237 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Richard Peris, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Will'o fil' Petr', 1327, identical with Will'o Peres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Habblesthorpe, Notts); Richard Piers and John Pers, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton, Devon); Adam Pieris, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); William Peers, 1444 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Gloucs); Thome Pearce, 1561 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); John Pearce, 1570 in *IGI* (Boynton, Cornwall); John Pearse, 1572 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); James Peres, 1581 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Peirs, 1585 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); John Pers, 1588 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Peirce, 1590 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Edward Peers, 1609 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Peter Peeres, 1643 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Pearce, 1680, Richard Perris, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Pears, 1684 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); John Pears, 1686 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Thomas Peirse, 1739 in *IGI* (Kirklevington, NR Yorks).  
surnames, Ireland: William Peirs, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2217 (Carrickfergus).

## Pearcey

**Variants:** **Piercy, Piercey, Pearcey, Parsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Surrey; Devon

Norman, English: nickname, according to Reaney from Old French *percheaie* 'pierce hedge' (Old French *percer* 'to pierce, penetrate' + *haie* 'hedge, fence'), perhaps with the sense of someone breaking into an enclosure. *Percheaie* is the name of one of the sons of the foxes Renart and Hermeline in the medieval French epic *Roman de Renart*, whose earliest known version is from the 1170s. The surname is older than that, but it may originate in a nickname for the fox 'enclosure piercer', perhaps amounting to 'chicken thief'.

**Further information:** The name may also have been confused with **Perey**, which originates in a place-name; note for example Henry de Percehay, a justice of the south-western assize circuit, 1376 in *TNA*. For the structure, compare the French surnames *Percebois* 'pierce-wood', said to be from a beetle, and *Percepied* 'pierce-foot', said to be from the plant *Alchemilla* spp., used as a vulnerary.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Percheaie, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Walter Percheaie, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Percehay, 1280 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Ralph Parcehay, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Roger Perseye, 1331 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Beds); Richard Persehey, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Aspley Guise, Beds); Willelmus Parcehay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yeoford, Devon); Eadmundi Pearcy, 1551 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Thomas Pearcie, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Thomas Pearcy, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Piercey, 1667 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 771.

### Pearch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Perch**.

### Pearcy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and N England

Norman, English: see **Pearcey**.

### Peard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: perhaps a variant of **Peart** with voicing of final *-d*.

**Further information:** The surname apparently gave rise to Peards in West Down (Devon); see *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 42.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pearde, 1563 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Nicholas Peard, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Redruth, Cornwall); Julian Pearde or Peard, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon); Olyver Pearde, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Minehead, Somerset); George Peard, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Peardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: variant of **Pardon**.

### Peare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London; Lancs
- English: see **Pea**.

### Peareth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Herts
- English: see **Parrott**.

### Pearl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 625
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs
- English: occupational nickname from Middle English, Old French *perle* 'pearl', denoting a seller of pearls.

**Early bearers:** Henry Perle, 1259 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Reginald Perle, 1316 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Alice Pearl, 1575 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Giles Pearl, 1647 in *IGI* (Saintbury, Gloucs); William Pearl, 1648 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants); Tho. Pearl, 1658 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Fiametta Pearl, 1659 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

### Pearlman

**Variants:** **Perlman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; London; ER Yorks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Yiddish *perl* 'pearl' + *man* 'man', either adopted as an ornamental name or denoting the husband of a woman called *Perl* (equivalent to English *Pearl*).

**Early bearers:** David Perlman, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Solomon Perlman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Perlman, currier and leather merchant, born in Riga, Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Joseph Perlman, drapler [*sic*], born in Jasey, Romania, in *Census 1891* (West Derby, Lancs); Louis Perlman, journeyman tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Dora Perlman, tailoress, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Solomon Perlman, master tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Hull, ER Yorks); Aaron Perlman, restaurant proprietor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Morriss Perlman, traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Pearmain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Pearman**.

### Pearman

**Variants:** **Pairman**, **Pearmain**, **Perman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1583, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1410
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Surrey, and Essex; also Warwicks

English: (i) occupational name, locative name from Middle English *per(e)* 'pear' (Old English *peru*, *pirige*

'pear tree') + *man* 'man', perhaps denoting someone who grew or sold pears or for someone who lived by a pear tree; compare **Perryman**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *permain* 'type of pear' (Old French *parmain*, from Latin *Parmanus* 'of Parma').

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Pyrman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Perman, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford, Oxon); Gilbert Perman, 1376 in *London Letter Books H* (London); Johannes Parman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks); Johannes Perman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Ricardus Parmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); John Parman, 1442 in *Access to Archives* (Stradishall, Suffolk); Joan Parman, 1554 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Mary, Polstead, Suffolk); Rich Parman, 1570 in Boyd's Marriage Index (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Adam Parman, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Ely, Cambs); John Perman, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Pearman, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Donhead Saint Andrew, Wilts); Robert Pairman, 1627 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); John Pearmain, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Willm. Parman, 1678 in *IGI* (Stathern, Leics); Francis Parman, 1692 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Peter the Great, Worcester, Worcs).  
Scotland: Will and Cristie Pairman, 1569 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (East Teviotdale, Berwicks); William Pairman, 1695 in *IGI* (Skirling, Peebles); Margrat Pairman, 1700 in *IGI* (Culter, Lanarks); Elizabeth Perman, 1778 in *IGI* (Walston, Lanarks).

### Pearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps named from Middle English *pere* + *-en* 'growing with pears' (Old English \**peren*).

**Early bearers:** England: Simon Perne, Peern, tanner, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashwell, Herts); Johannes atte Perne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilmington, Kent); Ricardus de Perne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); Thomas Perne, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Perne, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Dartmouth, Devon); Jone Pearne, 1556 in *IGI* (Chaddleworth, Berks); Thomas Perne, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Mawgan, Cornwall); Robertus Pearn, 1579 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); William Pearne or Pearson, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); John Pearn, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Richard Perne, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Gillingham, Dorset); Jacob Pearne, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Tho Pearn, 1661 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Stratton, Cornwall).  
Ireland: Nich. Pearne, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2726.

### Pearpoint

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Pierpoint**. Compare with the variant **Spearpoint**.

### Pears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1782, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1354
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Cumb; Warwicks and Leics
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.



**Pearsall**

Variants: **Persall, Parshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

English: locative name from Pershall in Eccleshall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Pesehale* in 1205, and as *Pearshall* in 1616. The place-name probably derives from Old English *pise*, *peosu* ‘pea’ + *halh* ‘nook, corner of land’.

**Early bearers:** William Persale, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Richard de Peshale of Stafford, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Stafford, Staffs); Adam de Peshale, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Shifnal, Shrops); Hamon de Peshale, knight, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Colton, Staffs); Hamond Pershall, knight, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Adam Pershale, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Christian Pershall, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Persall, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Ralph Pearsall, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Upper Toynton, Lincs); John Pearsall, 1575 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 436.

**Pearse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2272, Ireland 227
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset; Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Pearce**.

**Pearson**

Variants: **Pearsons, Paerson, Peirson, Pierson, Parson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45325, Ireland 972
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34497
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Donegal

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Per(e)* or *Piers* (see **Pear** and **Pearce**) + *son*.

**Early bearers:** John Pierisson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Robertus Pereson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Willelmus Pereson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rockland, Norfolk); Thoma Peresson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarsh, ER Yorks); Ricardo Peresson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); Johanne Peresson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bampton (Patrick), Westm); Johannes Peresson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Robert Peresson, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); William Pierson, 1412 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John Pereson, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks).

**Pearsons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: variant of **Pearson**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Peart**

Variants: **Pert, Purt, Part, Pirt, Peard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3119, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1704

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Gloucs; Lincs and Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

1 Scottish: locative name from Perth (Perths), which is recorded as *Pert* in about 1128. The place-name derives from Pictish \**perta* ‘(at the) thicket, copse’. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert de Perth, before 1173 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Haddenham, East Lothian); Jacobus de Perth, about 1211–14 in *Scone Charters*; Wadyn de Perth, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perth, Perths); Allane Part, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Madoes, Perths); Robert Peart, 1633 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Margarat Pert, 1653 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); James Peart, 1658, James Pert, 1659 in *IGI* (Arbutnot, Kincardines); Rot. Pert, 1694 in *IGI* (Craig, Angus); Elisabeth Pert, 1812 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Aberdeens).  
England: Eustace de Pert, 1261 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Aislaby, NR Yorks); Roger de Pert, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aislaby, NR Yorks); Henry Perte, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II*; John de Pert, 1348 in *York Registry Wills* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Henricus Pert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hebden, WR Yorks); Roland Pert or Pearte, 1547–65 in *York Registry Wills* (Grassington, WR Yorks); Nicholas Peart, 1558 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Part, 1577, John Peart, 1590 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Peart, 1581 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Robertus Pert, 1588 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Xpofori Pert, 1667 in *IGI* (Kirby in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 367; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: nickname, probably from a reduced form of Middle English, Old French *apert* ‘open, plain to see’, of persons ‘frank, honest’ or ‘accomplished’. However, some of the following bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Perte, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); John Apert, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Peert, 1453 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Daniel Perte or Pert, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Francis Peart, 1568 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Willm. Peart, 1575 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); Henry Peart, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

**Pearton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
- English: see **Parton**.

**Peartree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London

English: locative name from Middle English *peretre* ‘pear tree’, denoting someone who dwelt by such a landmark.

**Further information:** Johannes at Peretr, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edith Weston, Rutland), may also belong here.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Peretre, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Emma atte Peretre, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Roger atte Pertre, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Robert del Pertre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Peretre, draper, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Peartree, 1517 in *IGI*

(Woodbastwick, Norfolk); John Pertree, 1545 in *PROB 11* (London); Daniel Peartree, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Nayland, Suffolk).

**Peary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: a mainly northern English variant of **Perry**.

**Early bearers:** William Peary alias Pearinge, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Peary, 1664 in *IGI* (Mareham on the Hill, Lincs); Andrew Peary, 1689 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

**Peascod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Peasgood**.

**Pease**

Variants: **Peace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1390, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; also Norfolk; Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pese*, *pise* (Old English *peose*, *pise*) ‘pea’. The word was commonly used to denote something small or of little worth, as in the phrase *not worth a pese* (in *MED* from about 1250). It may have been used to nickname someone who habitually used the term or who was thought to merit it. Compare **Peasgood** and **Bean**. It might alternatively have been a name for a pea-seller; compare Richard pesemongere, about 1198 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pese, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Roger Pise, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Margeria Pyse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Pese, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Springfield, Essex); Avicia Pese, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bale, Norfolk); Alicia Pese, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Pease, 1556, Margret Pese, 1605 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Jeffery Pease, 1575 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Pease, 1642 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

2 English: variant of **Peace**. The following early bearers may otherwise belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Pes, 1275, John Pees, 1350 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Johannes Pese, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sitlington, WR Yorks); Alverey Pease, 1541 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Richard Peace, son of John Pease, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Methley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Peasegood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Peasgood**.

**Peasey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Suffolk
- English: see **Pusey**.



**Peasgood**

Variants: **Biggood, Peskett, Pescott, Peasegood, Pescud, Pescodd, Pescod, Peascod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *pese, pise* (Old English *peose, pise*) 'pea' + *codd* 'bag', a peascod or pea pod. The word was commonly used to denote something of little worth, and may have been used to nickname someone who habitually used the term or who was thought to merit it.

Alternatively it may have been given to a grower or seller of peas. Compare **Pease**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Piseod, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Pesecod, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Pesegod (Pesecod), 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Piscod, 1327, William Puscod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Preston, Sussex); Walter Pesecod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Pescod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Rogerus Pescode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Walterus Pesecod', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Pasegude, 1441 in *York Guild Register*; Chatren Peasgood, 1565 in *IGI* (Stickford, Lincs); Matthew Peasgood, 1718 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Pescud, 1767 in *IGI* (Tatsfield, Surrey).

**Peasland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Middle English *pese* 'pea' + *lond* 'land'; compare *Peaselands*, 1759, now Peasland Farm in Wymeswold (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Peselond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Steven Peasland, 1737 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); William Peasland, 1817 in *IGI* (Stoke Bruerne, Northants); Jas. Peaslend, 1852 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 276.

**Peasley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Middx; Staffs; Oxon

English: locative name from *Peasley*, a lost place in Hailes (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Pisley* and *Pysely* in the 13th century and *Peyseley* in 1540. The place-name derives from Old English *pise* 'pea' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** William Pesely, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Peasley, 1540 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Roberd Peasley, 1592, Peaslie, 1593 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); William Peasley, 1598 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Bartholomew Peesly, 1612 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Mary Piesley, 1620 in *TNA* (Worcester, Worcs); Anthony Peesly or Peeslye, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Clifton, Oxon); Samuel Peasley, 1646 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Isaac Peesley, 1712 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 16.

**Peaston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78

- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; London; Staffs
- English, Scottish: locative name from Peaston (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Paystoun, 1180–1214, de Paiston, 1214–49 in *Midlothian Charters*, pp. 5, 8 (Peaiston, E Lothian); Alexander Pastone, 1380 in *Laing Charters* 67 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Peastoun, 1663, Robert Peaston, 1667 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); John Peastone or Paistoun, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* 3, pp. 442, 474 (Musselburgh, E Lothian); George Peastown, 1710 in *IGI* (Cranston, Midlothian); William Peaston, 1779 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Peat**

Variants: **Peet, Peate, Peete**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2722, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2351
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name \**Peet*, a pet form of **Peter**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pete* 'peat', perhaps for someone who cut or sold peat; compare **Peatman**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Ralph Peet, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Peet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus Pete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); John Pete, draper, 1478 in *York Registry Wills* (Blyth, Notts); Edward Peat, 1562 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); John Peet or Peete, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Thrapston, Northants); John Peate, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Drayton in Hales, Shrops); John Peat, 1609 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); William Peate, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

2 English: an alternative spelling of **Pate**.

**Further information:** In Scotland the pet forms of *Peter* and *Patrick* were much confused.

**Peate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Montgomerys, and Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Cavan and Westmeath

English: see **Peat**.

**Peatfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts

English: locative name from Middle English *pete* 'pea' + *feld* 'flat open country, field', presumably for someone who lived by or worked at a peat bog or turbarry.

**Early bearers:** Cutbert Peatfeild, 1663 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts); Charles Peatfield, 1688 in *IGI* (Clayworth, Notts); John Peatfeld, 1711 in *IGI* (Wellow, Notts); John Peatfield, 1769 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

**Peatman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *pete* 'pea' + *-man*, perhaps for someone who cut or sold peat.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Peteman, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Aveley, Essex); Gilbert Petman, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Clifton, Notts); Willelmus Peteman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lamarsh, Essex); Roger Peteman, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Pluckley, Kent); Roberte Petman, 1597 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Peetman, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Peatman, 1758 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs).

**Peatrie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- Scottish: see **Petrie**.

**Peattie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the Older Scots personal name \**Peat*, probably a pet form of both *Peter* and *Patrick*; see **Peat**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Peaty, 1647, Peattie, 1650 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife); Thomas Peetie, 1699 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks); David Peattie, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); John Peaty, 1720 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife).

England: William Peety, 1665 in *IGI* (Urswick in Furness, Lancs).

**Peaty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and Somerset; Middx

English: (i) relationship name, a post-medieval spelling of **Patey**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Pety*, a pet form of *Peter*. See **Peat**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Peaty, 1641 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon); John Peatie, 1641 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Ephraim Peaty, 1686 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Joseph Peaty, 1723 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

**Peay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Pay**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Peberdy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Peabody** and compare **Pepperday**.

**Pebody**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Peabody**.

**Pebworth**

Variants: **Pibworth, Pepworth**

## Pechey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs; Hants
- English: locative name from Pebworth (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Pebeworde* in 1086 and *Pobbeworth* in 1303. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name *Peobba* + Old English *word* ‘enclosure’.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Pebworthe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Willelmus Pebbeworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Idlicote, Warwicks); William Pebworth, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Elizabeth Pebworth, 1625 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks); John Pebworth, 1669 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Pebworth, 1853 in *IGI* (Vernham Dean, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 252.

## Pechey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex
- English: see **Peachey** and **Petchey**.

## Peck

**Variants:** **Speck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6469, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4819
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx; Suffolk

1 English: variant of **Peake**.

**Further information:** Among the English lands assigned as dower for Eleanor of Castile were ‘the castle and town of the *Peck*’, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pecke, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Peck of Skeftinton, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Skeffington, Leics); Hervicus Pecke, 1283 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Rogero Pecke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Bentley, Essex); Johannes Pecke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylsham, Norfolk); Nicholaus Pekke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Thomas, William Pecke, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts; Essex; Warwicks); John Pekke, 1449 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan Fleet Street, City of London); Richard Peck, 1540 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); John Peck, 1541 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Robert Peck, 1552 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Anthony Peck, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Christian Peck, 1561 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); Robert Peck, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Remenham, Berks); Nathaniell Peck or Pecke, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Thomae Peck, 1632 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Nancy Peck, 1795 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Speck** (see **Speak**), with loss of initial S- (or perhaps vice versa), as illustrated by William Specke alias Pecke, 1591 in *York Registry Wills* (Great Hatfield, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: nickname, perhaps occasionally a phonetic variant of **Petch**. Compare Ricardus Peche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garboldisham, Norfolk) and Thoma. Peck, 1593 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Francis Peche, 1613, Richard Petch, 1622, Willm Peck, 1676 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs). But these correlations could be accidental co-occurrences of unrelated names.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *pek(ke)* ‘peck’ (Latin *peccum*), a dry measure of about a quarter of a bushel, is a theoretical possibility (for a maker or user of peck measures) but no evidence has been found to support it.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 白 and 柏, possibly based on their Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Pak** (1) and (2).

## Peckar

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Pecker**.

## Pecker

**Variants:** **Peckar**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Warwicks

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *pek(ke)* + *-er*, for someone who made, sold, or used vessels measuring a peck; see **Peck**. (ii) nickname, possibly from a derivative of Middle English *pekken* ‘to peck, snap up’, perhaps used for someone of acquisitive habits.

**Early bearers:** Henry Peckere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Simon le Peckere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Pecker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Nicholao Pekker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tubney, Berks); Jane Peckar, 1602 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Roger Pecker, 1624 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Peckett

**Variants:** **Peckitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *pechche* ‘blemish, impurity, sin’; see **Peach**.

**Further information:** William Pekat was of a Cambs family usually called Pecche.

**Early bearers:** William Pecche, 1088, William Pekat, about 1100 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); William Pechet, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Pecket, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Henry Peket, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Peket, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Rogerus Pekete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gresham, Norfolk); William Peckett, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johannes Peckett, 1558 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Herrye Peckett, 1568 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Pecket, 1574 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Francis Peckett, 1634 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Richard Peckit, 1695 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Kings Court, York).

## Peckham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1366, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants
- English: locative name from East or West Peckham (Kent), Peckham in Camberwell (Surrey), or Peckham Farm in Framfield (Sussex). All three place-names probably derive from Old English \**pēac* ‘peak’ + *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’.

**Early bearers:** Manasser de Pecham, 1227 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Pecham, 1264, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Peckham, Kent); Salomon de Pecham, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert Pekham, 1351 in *Colchester Court*

*Rolls*; James Pekham, esquire, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Bidborough, Kent); Lawrance Peckham, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Maresfield, Sussex); Roger Peckham, 1578 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 288–9; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 20–1; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 393.

## Peckitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Peckett**.

## Peckover

**Variants:** **Pickaver, Pickover, Pecover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *pikken* + *haver* (Old Scandinavian *hafri*), meaning ‘pick or steal oats’. Compare **Pickavance**, and also Simon Pickebarli, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk), Robertus Pikkebarlyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swafeld, Norfolk) ‘pick or steal barley’; John Pyckeble, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk) ‘pick or steal corn’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Picauer, about 1255 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Richard Pickehauere, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Ribston, WR Yorks); William Pikhauer, 1321 in *Pudsay Deeds* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Pykhauer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Wylliam Peckover, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Pickover, 1566 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Edmund Peckaver, 1608 in *PROB 11* (London); Agnes Pickeover, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Great Wrattling, Suffolk); Jane Pickhaver, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Pickaver, 1665 in *IGI* (Waltham on the Wolds, Leics); Stepheus. Pickaver, 1692 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Joseph Pecover, 1775 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Johathan Peckover, 1787 in *IGI* (Balby with Hexthorpe, WR Yorks); Benjamin Pickover, 1812 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Jane Pickover, 1814 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks).

## Pecover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Peckover**.

## Peddar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: see **Pedder**.

## Pedder

**Variants:** **Peddar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1329, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 916
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *peddare, peddere* ‘pedla’, a trader who went on foot from door to door, carrying his wares in a *ped*, a lidded wickerwork basket.

**Early bearers:** William le Pedder, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Peddere, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Robert le Peddere, burgess of Grimmesby, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimsby, Lincs);

Ricardus Peddar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yarmouth, Hants); Nicholaus le Pedder, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Thomas Pedder, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Salford, Lancs); Thomas Peddar, 1608 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds).

### Peddie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 795
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Perth; Midlothian

Scottish: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Peter**; compare **Peattie**.

**Early bearers:** Edwardy Pedy, 1447 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 5, p. 118; George Pedy, 1566 in *Midlothian Charters*, p. 127 (Leith, Midlothian); David Peddie, 1624 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); James Peddie, 1647 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth); Alexander Peddie, 1670 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Black*, p. 654.

### Peddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from the name underlying Padnell's Wood in Rotherfield Greys (Oxon), recorded as *Padehale* in 1268. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Peada* + Old English *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Peddehal, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Mongewell in Crowmarsh, Oxon); Anne Peddell, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Robert Peddle, 1607 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edmond Peddle, 1629 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 78.

### Pedely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname, perhaps from pedality 'ableness of foot', recorded from the 17th century onwards (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** Thos. Pedely, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Peter Pedely, 1797 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Thos. Peddlety, 1810 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Joseph Peddely, 1845 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham); Thomas Pedely, 1854 in *IGI* (Bishop Auckland, Durham); George Peddlety, 1856 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).

### Peden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1109, Ireland 263
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central and W Scotland
- Irish, Scottish: see **Padden**.

### Pedersen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 916, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; ER Yorks

English, Danish: see **Peterson**.

### Pederson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 14

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- English, Danish: see **Peterson**.

### Pedlar

**Variants:** **Pidler**, **Pedler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ped(e)lare*, *ped(e)lere* 'pedlar, hawker' (1377 in *OED*).

**Early bearers:** William Le Pedelare, 1307 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Ralph le Pedeler, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Martin Pedeler, 1376 in *London Pleas*; Jane Pedlar, 1629 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Marie Pedlar, 1651 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Sarah Pedlar, 1714 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Thomas Pedlar, 1741 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Pedlar, 1783 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

2 Norman, English: nickname for a speedy, nimble man, from Old French *ped de lievre* 'hare foot'.

Compare Alan Pedeken 'dog foot', 1187 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Robert Piedurs 'bear foot', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); and John Pedebef 'ox foot', 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter Pedeleure, 12th cent. in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); William Pe de levre, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Cristina Pedeleuere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

### Pedler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Pedlar**.

### Pedley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2223, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1455
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire; Yorks

English: locative name from Pedley in Prestbury (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Peddeleg* and *Peddelegh(e)* in the 13th century, Pedley Wood in Clophill (Beds), which is recorded as *Pudelegh* in 1324, or *Pidley*, part of *Pidley cum Fenton* (Hunts), which is recorded as *Pedeley(y)* in 1319. The Cheshire place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pēoda* or *\*Pedda*, *\*Pædda* + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'. The Beds place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name *\*Pydda* + *lēah*. The Hunts place-name may have the same etymology as the Beds place-name, or may alternatively derive from Old English *\*pidele* 'fen, marshland'.

**Early bearers:** Alice Pedele, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas Pedele, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Humfrey Pedley, 1546 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); William Pedley, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Pedlye, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Sampson Pedly, 1684 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); William Pedely, 1732 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire); Hugh Peddley, 1747 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 182; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 148, 211–12; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 472.

### Pedlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place. Some of the later examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This name is now more common in Ireland than in England.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Pedelowe, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Pedelow, 1372 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pedlow, 1652 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sampson Pedlow, 1713 in *Parish Registers* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Henry Pedlow, 1796 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

Ireland: Richard de Pedelowe, 1345, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Limerick); Sinton Pedlow, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Tirsogue, Armagh); Margaret Pedlow, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisconnan, Armagh).

2 Norman, English: nickname, Anglo-Norman French *pie de leu* 'wolf foot' (French *ped de loup*).

This may also have become *Pellew*, *Pellow*; see **Pellew**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Piedeleu, William Piedleu, 1367 in *London Letter Books G*.

### Pedrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Petherick**.

### Pedro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Lancs

1 Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name from the male given name *Pedro*, the Spanish and Portuguese equivalent of **Peter**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pedro, 1769 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Middx); Thomas Pedro, 1810 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Lewis Pedro, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); John Pedro, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

2 Cornish: relationship name; in some instances the name may be a survival from a pet form of *Pedrek*, the Middle Cornish form of the saint's name *Petrock*, with the Cornish hypocoristic or patronymic suffix *-o(w)*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pedra, about 1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Roche, Cornwall); Thomas Peddra, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); John Pedro, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Melior Pedro, 1587, William Pedro, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Pedro, 1767 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Devonshire Pedro, 1768 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Pedwell

**Variants:** **Pidwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Gloucs; Glamorgan; Pembrokes

English: locative name from Pedwell in Ashcott (Somerset), which is recorded as *Pedewelle* in 1086. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Peda* or *Pēoda* + Old English *wella* 'well, spring'.

## Pee

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pedewelle, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Ralph de Pedewell, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Pedewill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Johannes Pedewylle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); John Pedewyll, chaplain, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Pedwell, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Pidwel, 1565 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Symon Pedwell, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); John Pidwell, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Breage, Cornwall); Walter Pedwell, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); John Pedwell, 1656 in *Parish Registers* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Hercules Pidwell, 1688 in *IGI* (Marazion, Cornwall); Colston Edward Pedwell, 1866 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Smith Pedwell, 1887 in *Parish Registers* (Tenby, Pembrokes).  
**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 464.

## Pe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Pay**.  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 裴 and 皮, see **Pei** (1) and (2).  
3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 白, see **Pak** (1).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 彭, see **Pang** (1).

## Peear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pear**.

## Peebles

**Variants:** **Peeples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1249
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Fife; Angus

Scottish: locative name from either Peebles (Peebles), or from lands so called near Saint Vigeans (Angus). Both place-names are cognate with Welsh *pebyll* 'tent, pavilion', with the addition of English plural *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Symon de Pebles, 1328 in *Morton Register, Scotland* 1, p. 36 (Peebles); John de Peblys, 1362 in *Peebles Charters*, 8 (Peebles); Thomas de Pebels, 1407 in *Patent Rolls*; Margret Pebles, 1576 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Oliphar Peebls, 1642 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth); James Peebles, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

## Peech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Peach** and **Petch**.

## Peacock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Peacock**.

## Peed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Pead**.

## Peedell

**Variants:** **Peedle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: (i) locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps named from the Middle English personal name *Pede* + *hille* 'hill'. (ii) relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Pede*; see **Pead**.

**Early bearers:** William Peadehill, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); Moyses Peadill, 1602, Peedill, 1605 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Peadle, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edward Peedle, 1614 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Aaron Peadell, 1674 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Peedle, 1731 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Henry Peedel, 1808 in *IGI* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Thomas Peedell, 1814 in *IGI* (Chalgrove, Oxon).

## Peedle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Berks, and Surrey; Warwicks

English: see **Peedell**.

## Peek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1213, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 774
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- English: see **Peake**.

## Peeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Peake**.

## Peeks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Peaks**.

## Peel

**Variants:** **Peele, Peal, Peall, Peale, Peile, Piele, Pell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6149, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5350
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Durham, and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked at a small castle, a wooden fort, or a house defended by a palisade (Middle English and Old French *pel*, *piel* 'stake, palisade'), or who came from a place so named such as Peel (Lancs), Peel Place in Gosforth (Cumb), and Peel (Wood) in Coxwold (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thom. atte Pele, 1332 in *Kristensson, French* (Shrops); John de Pele, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bilsdale in Helmsley, NR Yorks); William de la Pele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Peale, 1621 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); John Peele, 1635 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

**References:** *Kristensson, French*, p. 15.

2 English: (i) variant of **Pell**. (ii) nickname from Middle English and Old French *pel* 'stake', perhaps for a tall, thin person.

**Early bearers:** Walter, Henry Pele, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), 1238 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Peel, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johanna Peel, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs); Safannia Peel, 1584 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Philippe Peel, 1589 in *IGI* (Ketteringham, Norfolk); Ralph Peel, 1636 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Gulielmus Peel, 1661 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire).

## Peele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Peel**.

## Peeling

**Variants:** **Pealing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pea* (a variant of **Pay**) + patronymic suffix *-ing*; compare **Palin**.

**Early bearers:** William Peeling, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Sarah Pealing, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); George Pealin, 1708 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Edward Peeling, 1711 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ambrose Pealin, 1724, Benjamin Pealing, 1726 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Wm. Pealing, 1772 in *IGI* (Ringley, Lancs); James Peeling, 1780 in *IGI* (Goderstone, Norfolk); James Pealin, 1781, Pealing, 1784 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Peelling, 1792 in *IGI* (Castle Acre, Norfolk).

## Peeples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: variant spelling of **Peebles**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Peeples, 1779 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Jas Peeples, in *Census 1841* (Neilston, Renfrews); Robert Peeples, 1853 in *IGI* (Shadforth, Durham).

## Peer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Essex; Northants

English: see **Pear**.

## Peerless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *perles* 'without equal, matchless'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pereles, 1377 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Suffolk); Willelmus Pereles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Pereles, 1472 in *Yorks Wills*; Tho. Peerles, 1596 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); William Pereles, 1615 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent); Thomas

Peerless, 1633 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Henry Peerlesse, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Lingfield, Surrey).  
References: *MED*, at perles.

### Peers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2895, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1741
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Peery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Lancs

English, Irish: a variant of **Perry**, taken to Ireland at the time of the Plantation of Ulster and in the Cromwellian period.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas Peery or Peerie, 1592 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Edward Peery, 1676 in *IGI* (Ashton upon Mersey, Cheshire); Patrick Peery, 1686 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Wm. Peerey, 1754 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Ireland: William Peery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Creggan, Armagh); Joseph Peery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inch, Down); Robert Peerie, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballylummin, Antrim).

### Peet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2229, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts
- English: see **Peat**.

### Peete

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Peat**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Peeters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Monmouths

English: see **Peters**.

### Peevor

Variants: **Peevor**, **Peevors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, and Lancs; London

1 English: locative from (Over) Peover in Rostherne (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Pevre* in 1086. The place takes its name from the River Peover Eye, and the river-name derives from Proto-Welsh \**Peŵr* (British \**Pebro-*) 'the bright one'; Eye is from Old English *ēa* 'river, stream'.

**Further information:** This is probably the main source for the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** [...] *Peyvre*, 1248 in *Close Rolls*; [...] *Peverhe*, 1260 in *Court Rolls*; John de *Peyvre*, 1321 in *Patent Rolls*; [...] *Pievere*, 1397 in *Chester Recognizance Rolls*; John *Peevor*, 1578, Oliverus *Peevor*, 1600, Johes. *Peover*, 1612 in *IGI* (Astbury,

Cheshire); Rich. *Peever*, 1669 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Hanah *Peover*, 1731, William *Peevor*, 1733 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops); John *Peever*, 1745 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 33; 2, pp. 82, 85–6; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 468.

2 English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *peverer* 'seller of pepper' (Old French *peverer*, *pevrier*). It was sometimes reduced to *peivre*, *paiver*, *peyfore*, and so on, for ease of pronunciation, and is impossible to distinguish from a nickname from *peiver* 'pepper'. Compare **Pepper**.  
**Further information:** This may be the source of some southern examples of the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Roger *Peiure*, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William *Paiuer*, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Vincent le *Peuerer*, le *Peuerier*, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx); James le *Peverer*, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William *Peyforer*, 1293, le *Peyfrer*, 1301, *Peyfore*, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas *Pever*, 1561 in *IGI* (Newgate, London).

### Peevors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon
- English: variant of **Peevor** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Peevor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; London, Durham

English: see **Peevor**.

### Peffer

Variants: **Peffers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from *Peffer*, the name of several small streams in Ross and Cromarty, Angus, Perth, E Lothian, and Midlothian. The stream-name derives from Cumbric or Pictish \**pevr* 'radiant, beautiful'. The final -s is a late addition to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander *Peffer*, 1616 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); James *Peffers*, 1765 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Alexander *Peffers*, 1793 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert *Peffers*, 1824 in *IGI* (Glassary, Argyll).

England: Sarah *Peffer*, 1796 in *IGI* (Gamlingay, Cambs); Richard *Peffers*, 1823 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Isabella *Peffer*, born in Argyll, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Simon *Peffers*, carpenter, born in Scotland, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancas, Middx).

### Peffers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Peffer**.

### Pegden

Variants: **Pagden**, **Pagdin**, **Pigden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Pegden Farm in Lindfield (Sussex). The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pecga* (a variant of \**Pæcga*, a name noted in the place-name Pagham; see **Padgham**) + Old English *denn* 'pasture'.

**Early bearers:** Simon de *Pehedenn*, Ricro de *Peghedenn*, 1296, Willo de *Pegheden*, 1327, Rogo de *Pegheden*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chailey, Sussex); Johanna *Peghedene*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovel Barn, Sussex); Grace *Pigden*, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John *Pagden*, 1580 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Richard *Pegden*, 1581 in *IGI* (Chailey, Sussex); Mercy *Pagden*, 1582 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Margaret *Pegden*, 1610 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 342.

### Pegg

Variants: **Peggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3729, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2929
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys and Leics; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *peg(g)le* 'wooden pin, peg', sometimes perhaps for one who made or sold pegs. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Peg*, a pet form of *Margaret*. Compare Martin *Peggi*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John *Peggy*, 1338 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Æluric *Pegga*, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Turbert *Peg*, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Stephen *Peg*, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomam *Peg*, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph *Pegge*, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon *Pegge*, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas, John *Pegg*', 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Bosworth, Leics); Walter *Pegge*, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Ravensden, Beds); Thomas *Pegge*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sydenham, Oxon); Robert *Pegge*, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Loughborough, Leics); Reynold *Pegge*, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Northampton, Northants); James *Pegge*, 1536 in *PROB 11* (London); Johes. *Pegg*, 1560 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Edward *Peg*, 1563 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Richardi *Pegg*, 1588 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); James *Peggs*, 1682 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Francis *Peggs*, 1704 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

### Peggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

English, Scottish: relationship name from *Peggy*, a pet form of the female personal name *Margaret*, with the usual Scottish -ie for -y.

**Early bearers:** John *Pegie*, 1696 in *IGI* (Monimail, Fife); Thomas *Peggie*, 1744 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife); John *Peggie*, 1783 in *IGI* (Strathmiglo, Fife); John *Peggey*, 1821 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Peggram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx; Sussex

English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Peggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0

## Peglar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: variant of **Pegg** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Peglar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Pegler**.

### Pegler

#### Variants: Peglar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 765
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Gloucs

English: occupational name, nickname, perhaps from a variant of Middle English *ped(e)lare*, *ped(e)lere* ‘pedlar, hawker’ or Old French *pie de lievre* ‘hare’s foot’; see **Pedlar**.

**Further information:** Peglars in Westbury on Severn (Gloucs) and Pegler’s Barn in Boxwell and Leighterton (Gloucs) are named from this surname; see *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 26, 206.

**Early bearers:** William Pegler, 1493 in *PROB 11* (Cowley, Oxon); William Pegler, 1563 in *IGI* (Frocester, Gloucs); George Peglare, 1573 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Richard Peglar, 1574 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Walter Pegler, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Leamington, Warwicks); John Peggler, 1626 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs).

### Pegley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: possibly an irregular development of **Pegler**, which like *Pegley* is an originally Gloucs name.

**Early bearers:** Richard Peglee, 1688, Joseph Pegley, 1696, John Pegly, 1717 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Pegley, 1775 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Joseph Pegley, 1812 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Pegram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 356
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Pegrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Pei

#### Variants: Pee, Phee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 裴 (**Pui** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘(of gown) hanging down’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Pei* (裴), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to a descendant of the king Qin Fei Zi (died about 858 BC), the founder of the state of Qin. (ii) from the place-name *Pei Zhong* (裴中), name of a fief (located in Shaanxi province)

in the state of Jin, granted to Pei Jun (裴君), said to be a descendant of the legendary king Zhuan Xu (traditional dates 2514–2437 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 皮 (**Pi** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘fur, skin’ in Chinese: (i) from the second element of Fan Pi (樊皮), given name of an official during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Pi* (皮), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Zhao Su by the king Jin Xian Gong (died 651 BC) in the state of Jin. (iii) borne by descendants of nobles in the state of Chen during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) borne by descendants of Zi Pi (子皮), an official in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 貝, see **Bui** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 白, see **Pak** (1).

### Peile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Peel**.

### Peirce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 739, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1004
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; also Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Peiris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English, Scottish: variant of either **Pearce** or **Paris** (on the latter possibility, see *Black*, p. 647). **Early bearers:** Peter Peiris, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Nanis Peiris, 1578 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); William Peiris, 1592 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas Peiris, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh).

### Peirs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Warwicks

Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Peirse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Peirson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 480
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Pearson**.

### Peiser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Poyser**.

### Pelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Irish: according to Woulfe, this is a form of Ó **Faoláin**; see **Phelan**.

**Early bearers:** England: James Pelan, 1779 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

Ireland: Sarah Pelan, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Lisnagarvy, Antrim); George Pelan, 1863 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Largymore, Down); Barbara Pelan, 1863 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Tullynacross, Down).

### Pelerin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Pelfrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent
- English: see **Palfrey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pelgrave

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Durham
- English: see **Palgrave**.

### Pelham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Middx, and Surrey
- English: locative name from Brent Pelham, Furneux Pelham, and Stocking Pelham (Herts), recorded as *Pelham* in 1207. The place-name probably derives from the Old English personal name \**Pēola* + Old English *hām* ‘village, homestead’.

**Further information:** A family of this name were constables of Pevensey Castle (Sussex) in the 14th and 15th centuries, and have held various titles in the peerage of England and the UK, including Earl of Chichester (1801 to present) and Earl of Yarborough (1837 to present).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Pelham, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Peter de Pelham, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Walter de Pelham, de Pelhamfureux, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Brent Pelham, Herts); William Pelham, 1350 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas de Pelham, coroner of Sussex, 1369 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Pellam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Henry Pelham, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Nicholas Pelham, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Laughton, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 184–5.

### Pelican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English *pellican(e)* ‘pelican’ (Latin *pelecanus*); the name could be from the bird itself or perhaps from a shop sign showing one.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pellican, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Pellican of Woteryngbury, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholaus Pelicane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); John Pellycan, 1404 in *London Letter Books* 1; Robert Pellican, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Camsb); Robert Pellycan, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Jane Pellican or Pellycan, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); Albert Henry Peliken, 1774 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Pelissier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: nickname from the French name *Pélistier* (from Old French *pellice* 'fur cloak'), presumably either for a maker or seller of fur garments or for someone who wore furs. The surname was brought to Britain by Huguenot refugees.

**Early bearers:** Olimpe Pelissier, 1715 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Pierre Samuel Pelissier, 1719 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Pell

**Variants:** Pells, Pill, Peel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2392, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1620
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pell*, a pet form of *Peres*, i.e. Peter (see **Pearce**). *Pelle de Honeden*, 1296 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk), is indexed as *Peter*.

**Further information:** There is medieval evidence for a derived patronymic in *-son*: Robert Pellesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Robert Pelleson, 1331 in *Derbys Charters*; John Pelson', 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Pelleson, 1412 in *York Guild Register*. The name is found in the 1881 Census as *Pelson* and *Pellson* but seems now to have died out.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Pelle*, 1274, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); *Pelle chaundeler*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London).

surnames: *Walterus filius Pelle*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); *Reginald Pel*, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); *John, William Pell(e)*, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Camsb), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); *Simon Pelle*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cransley, Northants); *Johannes Pelle*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rochester, Kent); *Radulphus Pele*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); *Willelmo Pelle*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seagrave, Leics); *Willelmus Pelle*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swafeld, Norfolk); *Anna Pell*, 1546 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); *William Pell*, 1597 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); *Elizabeth Pell*, 1604 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

2 English: variant of **Pill**.

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 386.

3 English: variant of **Peel**.

### Pellar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Pillar**.

### Pellatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205

• **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent  
English: see **Pellett**.

### Pellegrini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name; patronymic or plural form of **Pellegrino**, from *pellegrino* 'pilgrim', which was used both as a nickname for someone who had been on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or other important holy site and as a personal name.

### Peller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- 1 English: see **Pillar**.

2 English: occupational name from a derivative of Middle English *pel(le)* 'hide, skin, fur lining' and 'fur cloak or mantle' + *-er*, denoting a skinner or a maker or seller of fur trims for garments.

**Early bearers:** John le Peler, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Jane Peller, 1577 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Peter Peller, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); John Peller, 1698 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); Jane Peller, 1705 in *IGI* (Brinton, Norfolk); John Peller, 1718 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

3 English: see **Paller**.

### Pellett

**Variants:** Pellatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: (i) relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Pell**, a pet form of **Peter**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pellet*, *pilet* 'animal skin, sheepskin' (Old French *pelette* '(little) skin', from *pel* 'skin, hide, fur'), probably denoting a skin-trader or furrier; compare **Pelter**.

**Early bearers:** *William Pelet*, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); *Robert Pelet of Becnesfeld*, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); *William Pelet*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); *Richard Pelet*, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); *Galfridus Pelet*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); *Johannes Pelot*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); *John Pelet*, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Camsb); *Hugh Pelet of Little Walsyngham*, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Walsingham, Norfolk); *John Pelett*, 1488 in *PROB 11* (London); *Thomas Pellet*, 1523 in *PROB 11* (Steyning, Sussex); *Christopher Pellet*, 1554 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Sussex); *William Pellatt*, 1673 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Pellow

**Variants:** Pellow, Pillow, Pellowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cornwall

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *pel* (Modern French *peau*) *de lou* 'wolfskin'; compare **Pedlow**.

**Early bearers:** *Anketil Pel de lu*, *Pealdelu*, *Piaudelu*, 1195–7 in *Pipe Rolls*, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); *Walter Peaudelu*, *Robert Peldelu*, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); *Johanne Pylowe*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylestone, Leics); *Marke Pellow*, 1560, *Pellowe*, 1588 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); *Charles Pelew*, 1693 in *IGI*

(Falmouth, Cornwall); *Jacobus Pillow*, 1635 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); *Samuel Pellow*, 1755 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); *Henery Pillow*, *Henry Pilloe*, 1758 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Pelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants; Essex; also WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Pelly**.

### Pelling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 783
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from *Peelings* in Westham (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pellings* in 1086 and *Pedlinga* in 1185, 1190, and 1193. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pydel* + the group name suffix *-ingas*.

**Further information:** The lengthening of the first vowel in the place-name from *e* to *ē* may have been influenced by Middle English *pele*, Modern English *peel* 'fortified house'.

**Early bearers:** *William Pelling*', 1222 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; *Hammyng de Pellyng*', *Simon de Pellyng*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); *Adam Pelling*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Ricardus Pellynge*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovel Barn, Sussex); *John Pellyng*, skinner, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (London); *William Pelling*, 1539, *Georg Pellin*, 1543, *Alexander Pelling*, 1545, in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); *John Pelling*, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 297, 448.

### Pellington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks

English: probably a late variant of **Pennington**, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. **Early bearers:** *John Pyllyngton*, knight, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); *Gilberti Pellyngton*, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); *Henry Pellington*, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); *Johes Pellington*, 1693 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); *Jn Pelinton*, 1724 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks); *John Pellinton*, 1770 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); *Saml. Pellington*, 1810 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

### Pellman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks

English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Pell* (a pet form of *Peter*) + *-man*, probably denoting 'servant of *Pell*'. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] *Pellman*, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); *Saml. Pellman*, 1722 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); *William Pelman*, 1735 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); *Jane Pelman*, 1793 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb).

### Pellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 509
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Norman, English: see **Pellow**.

**Pellowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Pellew**.

**Pells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: relationship name, variant of **Pell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Pelly**

Variants: **Le Pelley**, **Pelley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx and Surrey; also Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *pele* 'bald'. Some forms without the French definite article *le* may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Arnald Pele, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Gerard le Pele, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Radulphus Pele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Guillelm le Peley, 1419 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41; John Pelly, esquire, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (E Anglia); Thomas Pele, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Pelley, 1598 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Henry Pelly, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Roger Pelly, 1661 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Joannem Pelley, 1744 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Nicholas Le Pelley, 1828 in *IGI* (Newtown, Guernsey).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pelly*, a diminutive of **Pell** (from **Peter**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Pelly Wyth (1278 *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon)), identical with Peter son of John.

**Pelosi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name; patronymic or plural form of **Peloso**, from *peloso* 'hairy, shaggy', applied as a nickname for someone with long or unkempt hair or beard.

**Pelter**

Variants: **Pilter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
- English: occupational name from Middle English *pel(e)ter* 'skinner, furrier' (Old French *peltier*).  
**Early bearers:** William le Peleter, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry le Pelter, merchant, 1273 in *Patent Rolls*; John le Peleter, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Adam le Peleter, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Whetton, Notts); Henry le Pelter, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Pelter, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Colway in Lyme Regis, Dorset); Thomas le Peleter, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Shoreditch, Middx); William Pilter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Pelter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); James Pelter, 1673 in *IGI* (Asby, Westm); Thos Peltor, 1736 in *IGI* (Preston Patrick, Westm); James Pilter, 1772 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**Pelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Northumb

English: locative name from Pelton in Chester le Street (Durham), which is recorded as *Pelton* in 1312. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Pelton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Morpeth, Northumb); Radolphus Pelton, 1542 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Robert Pelton, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs); Nicolas Pelton, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Georg. Pelton, 1777 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 156.

**Pember**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

1 English: locative name, probably from a reduced form of Pembridge (Herefs): compare Sibill Pembridge, 1628 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs); Sible Pember, 1637 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs). See **Pembridge**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pember, 1570 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Dewreux Pember, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Almeley, Herefs); Walter Pember, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Frauncis Pember, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs).

2 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps from Pamber (Hants), although there is no certain evidence that this surname survived into modern times. It is recorded as Penberga in 1166, and appears to derive from Old English *penn* 'enclosure, fold' + *beorg* 'hill, mound'.

**Early bearers:** William de Pember', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Richard Pember, 1606 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Frances Pember, 1623 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); William Pember, 1627 in *IGI* (Stowe, Shrops).  
**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 129.

**Pemberton**

Variants: **Pembleton**, **Pimperton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5627, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NW Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Pemberton (Lancs), which is recorded as *Penberton* in 1201. The place-name appears to derive from Proto-Welsh *\*penn* 'head' + Old English *beretūn* 'barley enclosure, barley farm', also 'outlying grange, demesne farm'.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Pemberton, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Ranulphus de Pemburton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pemberton, Lancs); Hugh de Pemberton, 1387 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Pemberton, clerk, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Wicken Bonhunt, Essex); Johannes Pemberton, taillur, 1459–60 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Mathewe Pemberton, 1518 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pemberton, 1547 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Geoffrey Pemberton, 1565 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Thomas Pemberton, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 121–2; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 104.

**Pembery**

Variants: **Pembrey**, **Pembury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name, usually from Pembury (Kent), which is recorded as *Peppingeberia* in about 1100. The etymology of the place-name is partly uncertain, but ends with Old English *burh* 'fortified place'. In some cases, the surname could be from Pembrey (Carmarthens), or perhaps Pinbury Park in Duntisbourne Rouse (Gloucs), which derives from the Old English personal name *Penda* + Old English *burh* 'fortified place'.

**Early bearers:** Raffe Pemberye, 1610 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richardi Pembry, 1670 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Arnold Pemberye, 1681 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent); Arnold Pembury, 1682, Thomas Pembree, 1709 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Job Pembury, 1712 in *IGI* (Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucs); John Pembrey, 1713 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); George Pembury, 1739 in *IGI* (Chirbury, Shrops); Richard Pembery, 1813 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 73; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 465.

**Pemble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The surname gave rise to Pemples Cross in Egerton (Kent); see *Kent Place-Names*, p. 393.  
**Early bearers:** William le Pemel, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Egerton, Kent); Henry Pemel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calehill hundred, Kent); Ricardus Pemel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Egerton, Kent); John Pemel at Crowche, Richard Pemell, about 1415 in *Kent Militia Roll* (Egerton, Kent); Richard Pemble, 1561, Nicholas Pembell, 1559 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); Susanhe Pemell, 1564 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); John Pemble, 1564 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); John Pemble, 1568 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Pemell, 1621 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

**Pembleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Pemberton** with *r/l* substitution. Compare Samll. Pembleton, 1735, Richard Pemberton, 1804 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire), and for the surname in Notts compare Johannes Pemberton, taillur, 1459–60 in *Nottingham Borough Records*.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Pembleton, 1696 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Benjamin Pembleton, 1709 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Theophilus Pembleton, 1804 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts); Theophilus Pimbleton, 1819 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

**Pembrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Oxon; Staffs; also Brecknocks

English: see **Pembury**.



## Pembridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Herefs
- English: locative name from Pembridge (Herefs), which is recorded as *Penebrug*(g)e from the 11th to 14th centuries. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pena* + Old English *brycg* 'bridge'. In some cases the surname may be from Pen Bridge in Shipley (Sussex), which derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *brycg*.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus de Pena Burga, about 1096 in *Documents in France*; Ralph de Penebrigg', 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Henry de Panebrig, 1257 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Henry de Penbrugge, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Penebrugge, 1295 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Robert de Pembrugg, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Gower, Glamorgan); Ralph Penebrugg', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Henry de Penbrugge, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Dymock, Gloucs); Hugh de Penebrugge, chaplain, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willelmus Penbrigge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Hur' Penebrugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Fulk de Penbryg', 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Gilmorton, Leics); William Pembrugge, 1449 in *Assize Rolls* (London); William Penbrygge, 1478 in *PROB 11* (London); Crese Pembridge, 1590 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Anthony Pembrugge, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Wellington, Herefs); Mary Pembridge, 1782 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 156; *Place-Names of Sussex 1*, p. 109.

## Pembro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Welsh: locative name from Pembroke, often spelled *Pembro* in the medieval period and *Penfro* in Modern Welsh. See **Pembroke**.
- Early bearers:** Matthew Pembro, 1821 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Thomas Pembro, 1823 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).
- References:** *DPN Wales*, p. 361.

## Pembroke

Variants: **Pembrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London; Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Kerry
- Welsh, English: locative name from Pembroke in South Wales, which was the seat of an English earldom since 1138. It is recorded as *Pennbro* in about 1150 and *Pembroch* in 1191 and derives from Welsh *pen* 'end' + \**brog* 'land'.

**Further information:** This name has been recorded in Ireland since the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Penbrok, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Pembroke, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Philippus Penbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Northants); John Penbroke, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Evesham, Worcs); Mathewe Pembroke, 1550 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); John Pembrooke, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Woolhampton, Berks).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 365.

## Pembrook

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Kent and Essex
- Welsh, English: see **Pembroke**.

## Pembury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Notts
- English: see **Pembury**.

## Penn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- English: see **Penn**.

## Pena

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Spanish, Portuguese: locative name from Spanish *peña*, Portuguese, Catalan, Galician *pena* 'crag, cliff'. **Early bearers:** Esteban Peña, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

## Penaluna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Penaluna in Veryan (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Warin Penhalluna, Thomas Penhaluna, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Constantine, Cornwall); John, Thomas Penhalona, 1524, Weryn Penhalina, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Constantine, Cornwall); William Penaluna, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Alexander Penaluna, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Constantine, Cornwall); Thos. Penalenah, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Thomas Penalunah, 1740 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Thomas Penalena, 1769 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall).

## Penberthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 334
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Penberthy in Saint Hilary (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** Jaes or Isaac Penberthy, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Just, Cornwall); Isacke Penberthy, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Just, Cornwall); William Penberthy, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Lelant, Cornwall); John Penberthy, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Stephen Penberthey, 1802 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall).

## Pendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Berks
- English: see **Pendle**.

## Pendelton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pendleton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1585, Ireland 786
- **GB frequency 1881:** 969
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: in SW England probably a variant of **Penter** with voicing of the medial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Walter Pender, 1596, William Painter, 1632, Marten Pender, 1653 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Richard Pender, 1607, Robert Pendar, 1641 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); William Pender, 1617 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Walter Pender, 1618, Elisha Paynter, 1703 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Richard Pendar, 1645, Sarah Paynter, 1655 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Catherine Pender, 1657, Francis Painter, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall).

2 English: see **Pinder**.

**Early bearers:** Margery Pender, 1556, Richard Pinder, 1579, Dorothe Pendar, 1605 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

3 Irish: in Ireland, a shortened form of **Prendergast**. **Early bearers:** Michael Pender, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Towlerton, Laois); Daniel Pendar, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballickmoyler, Laois); Martin Pinder, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Derrybane, Tipperary); Sarah Penders, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilmalin, Wicklow); Mary Pender, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballytrasna Little, Wexford); Margaret Pinders, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrowmanagh, Offaly); Patrick Pindar, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Knockateane, Cavan).

## Pendergast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Wexford; Leitrim

Irish, Welsh: variant of **Prendergast** with loss of *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Eliz. Pendergast, 1701 in *IGI* (Dublin, Dublin).

England: James Pendergast, 1756 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

## Pendergrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Stirlings; Lincs
- Irish, Welsh: variant of **Prendergast** with loss of final *-t* and *-r-* in first element but intrusive *-r-* in the second.

## Pendergrast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Irish, Welsh: variant of **Prendergast** with loss of *-r-* in first element but addition of an intrusive *-r-* in the second.

## Pendle

Variants: **Pendell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also London

## Pendlebury

English: (i) relationship name, locative name, probably a variant of **Pennell** with intrusive *-d-*. (ii) locative name, perhaps sometimes from Pendle (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pennul* in 1258 and *Pennehille* in 1296. The place-name derives from Primitive Welsh *\*penn* ‘head, hill’ + Old English *hyll* ‘hill’.

**Early bearers:** John Pendell, 1587 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Randell Pendell, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Dukinfield, Cheshire); John Pendle, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (Fowey, Cornwall); Henry Pendle, 1650 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Joseph Pendel, 1725 in *IGI* (Greenham, Berks); Tyrrell Pendell, 1756 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); James Pendle, 1771 in *Parish Registers* (Horham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 68.

## Pendlebury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2050, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1907
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Pendlebury in Eccles (Lancs), which is recorded as *Penelbiri* in 1202 and *Penhulbury* in the 13th century. The place-name probably derives from the hill name *Pendle* (Proto-Welsh *\*penn* ‘head, hill’ + Old English *hyll* ‘hill’; see **Pendle**) + Old English *burh* ‘fortified place’.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Penhulbur, 1205 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Robert de Penelbyry, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger de Penylburi, 1302 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary*; Robert, Thomas de Pennulbury, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John Pendleburie, 1569 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Nicholas Pendleburie or Pendlebury, 1597 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pendlebery, 1696 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 42.

## Pendleton

Variants: **Pendelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1545, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1096
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Pendleton in Eccles or Pendleton in Whalley (both Lancs), both of which are recorded as *Peneltun* in the 13th century. The place-names derive from the hill name *Pendle* (Proto-Welsh *\*penn* ‘head’ + Old English *hyll* ‘hill’; see **Pendle**) + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Penelton, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus de Penelton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salford, Lancs); Veritas Pendleton, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hughe Pendlton, 1567 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Richard Pendelton, 1575 in *PROB 11* (London); Willm. Pendleton, 1623 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 41, 77.

## Pendley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London

English: (i) locative name from Pendley Manor in Tring (Herts), which is recorded as *Pentlai* in 1086 and *Pendele* in 1219. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Penda* + Old English

*lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’. (ii) locative name; another possible source is **Penley** with intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Clement and Nicholas de Pendele, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tring, Herts); Ralph Pendley, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Leigh, Staffs); Thomas Pendley, 1633 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Ralph Pendley, 1788 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 53.

## Pendock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Pendock (Worcs), which is recorded as *Penedoc* and *Peonedoc* in 1086 and *Pendoke* in 1327. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Pendoch, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Pendok, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Robert de Penedok, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); John de Pendok, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Sufton in Mordiford, Herefs); John Pendok, 1346 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Peter de Pendok, abbot, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Pershore, Worcs); William Pendok, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Pendocke, 1556 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Richard Pendock, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Willm. Pendock, 1776 in *IGI* (Tytherington, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 154.

## Pendred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: perhaps a variant of **Penrith** (recorded as *Penred* in 1167) with intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Gamel de Penred, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Margaret Penred, 1487 in *Norwich Wills*; Thomas Pendred or Pendrede, 1550 in *PROB 11*; John Pendred, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Pendred, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Frances Pendrett, 1609 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); John Pendred, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Little Berkhamstead, Herts); Margaret Pendered, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Robert Pendrid, 1676 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts); Benjamin Pendred, 1705 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants).

## Pendreigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and E Lothian
- Scottish: see **Pittendreigh**.

**Early bearers:** John Pendreigh, 1744, James Pendreach, 1760 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); George Pendreigh, 1776 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian); Mungo Pendriehg, 1789 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Pendrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Pendrill**.

## Pendrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks
- Welsh, English: see **Penry**.

## Pendrill

Variants: **Pendrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Norman, English: nickname, perhaps from Anglo-Norman French *penderol*, *pendurel* ‘plummet, plumb line’, and used for a surveyor or builder.

**Early bearers:** Willm Pendrill, 1601, Robt Pendrell, 1606 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); John Penderel, 1711 in *IGI* (Wichenford, Worcs); John Penderell, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Norman, English: nickname from a derivative of French *pendre* ‘to hang’ and *oreille* ‘ear’, hence ‘hang ear’ and perhaps referring to a physical characteristic.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pendorayl, 1253–63 in *Ancient Scottish Seals* (Leics); Willm Pendrill, 1601 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); William Pendrill, 1678 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks); Winnifrid Pendrill, 1686 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Pendrill, 1707 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); John Pendrill, 1724 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts).

## Pendry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Bucks; also SW Midlands and S Wales

Welsh, English: see **Penry**.

## Penecyad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: see **Pennicott**.

## Penfare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Pennyfather**.

## Penfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Kent

English: locative name from Penfield in Seal (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Robert Penfeld, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Ospringe, Kent); Margaret Penfield, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Frances Penfield, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Bramfield, Herts); Jane Penfeld, 1629 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Thomas Penefeild, Penfeild, 1638 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Hugh Penfield, 1670 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex).

## Penfold

Variants: **Pinfold**, **Pinfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4342, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2534
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *pin-fold*, *pen-fold*, *pun(d)-fold* ‘animal pound’, composed of Middle English *pinde*,

*penden*, *punden* (Old English *gepyndan*) ‘to pen up’, influenced by Middle English *pennen* ‘to shut up’, + *fold* (Old English *fald*) ‘enclosure’. The name probably denoted someone who was in charge of the pound; compare **Pinder**.

**Further information:** The modern surname may have absorbed the name evidenced by Richard Pynfoul, 1322 in *London Letter Books E*, and Henry Pynfoul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk), a compound of Middle English *pennen*, *pinnen* ‘to shut in’ + Middle English *fowl* ‘fowl, bird’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas ate Pundfolde, 1296, Henry Punfold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Didling, Sussex); John Pennefold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Billingshurst, Sussex); [ . . . ] Penefolde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Johan Penfold, 1546 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Moris Penfolde, 1590 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Anne Penfold, 1595, John Penvold, 1676 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); William Penifold, 1596, John Penvill, 1684 in *IGI* (Hamsey, Sussex); Margery Penifolde, 1599, William Penfold, 1690 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Pennifold, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Newick, Sussex); John Pennifold, 1779 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

## Penford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants; Notts

English: locative name from Pendeford in Tettenhall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Pendeford* in 1086. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Penda* + Old English *ford* ‘shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford’.

**Further information:** The original place from which this name derives is now a deserted medieval village, but the name survives as that of a modern housing estate. See *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 431.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pendeford, 1220, de Penneford, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Juliana de Pendeford, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Pendford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Johanne Penneford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stafford, Staffs); John Penford, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwick); Roger Penford, 1551 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); John Penforde, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Penforde, 1608 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Penford, 1625 in *IGI* (Kirby Muxloe, Leics).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 431.

## Penfound

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Penfound in Poundstock (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish *pen* ‘head, top, end; promontory’, perhaps with *\*faw* ‘beech trees’.

**Further information:** An inquisition into the death of William Penfoun, killed in Poundstock church, was commissioned in 1358 *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Roland de Penfoun, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Penfon, 1463 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Thomas Penfone, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lesnewth Hundred, Cornwall); Thomas Penfoun de Pounstock, about 1535 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys*

(Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Arthur, Henry Penfound, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Poundstock, Cornwall); James Penfound, 1704 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 292.

## Peng

**Variants:** Ping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin pronunciation of the Chinese surname 彭, see **Pang** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 平 and 啤, see **Ping** (2) and (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 卞, see **Bian** (1).

## Pengelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Pengelly**.

## Pengelly

**Variants:** Pengelley, Pengilly, Pengilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1656, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Cornish: locative name from any of at least twelve places called Pengelly (Cornwall). The place-names derive from Middle Cornish *\*pen (an) gelli* ‘grove’s end’ (*pen* ‘head, top, end; promontory’, *an* ‘the’, *kelli* ‘grove, small wood’).

**Early bearers:** John (de) Pengelly, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Rogerus Pengell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Warin Penghelly, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Andrew Pengelly, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); John Pengelly of Bodwyn, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Bodwen in Lanlivery, Cornwall); John Pengelly, 1463 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Launceston, Cornwall); John Pengelly, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Charleton, Devon); Harrye Pengellye, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Mynver, Cornwall); John Pengilly, 1581 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Thomas Pengelley, 1630 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 292.

## Pengilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Pengelly**.

## Pengilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Pengelly**.

## Penhale

**Variants:** Penhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Glamorgan

Cornish: locative name from any of more than two dozen places called Penhale in Cornwall, or from places of similar name in Wales, such as Pennal

(Merioneths), or from Penheale in Egloskerry (Cornwall). The Cornish places named Penhale derive from Middle Cornish *\*pen hal* ‘moor’s head, marsh’s head’ (*pen* ‘head, top, end; promontory’, *hal* ‘moor, marsh’); Pennal (Merioneths) has the same meaning. Penheale derives from Middle Cornish *pen* + *hel* ‘hall’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Pennal, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Cornwall); Luke de Penhale, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Llanrheithan, Pembrokes); John Penale, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); John Penhale, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Saltash, Cornwall); John, Thomas, Ralph Penhale, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Edginswell in Cockington, Devon); John Richard de Penhale, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Breage, Cornwall); John Penhale, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

## Penhaligon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Penaligon (Downs) in Bodmin (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish *pen* ‘head, top, end; promontory’ + *heligen* ‘willow tree, sallow’.

**Early bearers:** John Penelegen, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Egloshayle, Cornwall); John Pennalegon, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Egloshayle, Cornwall); Richard Penalegan, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Helland, Cornwall); John, Henrye Pennaliggan, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Degory Peneliggan, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Gunwalloe, Cornwall); John Henry Penhaligon, 1862 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 290.

## Penhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Penhale**.

## Penhallurick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Penhalurick in Stithians (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish *\*pen hal* ‘moor’s head, marsh’s head’ (*pen* ‘head, top, end; promontory’, *hal* ‘moor, marsh’), perhaps with *\*luryk* ‘coat of mail, breastplate’, also probably ‘breastwork, rampart’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Penhaluryk, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stithians, Cornwall); Thomas Penhalurycke, constable, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Stithians, Cornwall); William Penhalurick, 1607, Penhalurike, 1609 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Peter Penhalureck, 1615 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); William Penhalureck, 1660, Wm Penhalurick, mayor, 1661 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Helston, Cornwall); Robart Penhallurick, 1732 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Thomas Penhalurick, 1761, John Penhalurick, 1776 in *IGI* (Sithney, Cornwall); Richard Penhalurick, 1781 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Robert Penhaleurick, 1818 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 155, 181–2, 292.

## Penicud

### Penicud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Pennicott**.

### Peniket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: probably a late variant of **Penketh** with an intrusive medial *-i-*.
- Early bearers:** John Peniket, in *Census 1851* (Epping, Essex).

### Penington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Pennington**.

### Peniston

- Variants:** Penston
- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Penistone**.

### Penistone

- Variants:** Peniston, Penniston
- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Penistone (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Penington* in 1298, or, less likely, Penistone in Stainmore (Westm). The WR Yorks place-name is of uncertain etymology, but may derive from Proto-Welsh *\*penn* 'head' + the Old English place-name forming suffix *-ing* (genitive *-inges*) + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The etymology of the Westm place-name is uncertain due to a lack of medieval forms.
- Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* records that the Yorks manor of Penistone was held by a family called de Peniston until 1306.
- Early bearers:** [...] Peningeston, 1199 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 336; John de Penyston, canon of Wells, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Wells, Somerset); Henry de Penyngston, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holme, WR Yorks); Willelmus Peneston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Richard Penyston', 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Cogenhoe, Northants); Nicholas Peniston, 1581 in *York Registry Wills* (Wentworth, WR York); Michael Penistone, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Michael Pennestone or Pennystone, 1603 in *PROB 11* (London).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 336–7; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 78.

### Penk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Lancs
- English: unexplained; but compare **Pank**.
- Further information:** *Penk* is a modern dialect pronunciation of Middle English *\*pink* 'minnow', recorded from the late 16th century in *OED*; see **Pink** (1, ii). However, development of *pink* to *penk* in

Middle English is unlikely, so this is probably not a source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Roger Penk, 1291 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Ricardo Penk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); John Penke, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Rychard Penke, 1573, Richard Penk, 1598 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robert Penke, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Ness, Shrops); Wm Penk, 1725 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Joseph Penk, 1818 in *IGI* (Isycoed, Denbighs).

**References:** *Tooth* 3, p. 232.

### Penketh

- Variants:** Peniket
- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Penketh in Prescot (Lancs), which is recorded as *Penket* in 1243. The place-name probably derives from a compound of the Celtic elements found in Welsh as *pen* 'end' and *coed* 'wood'; 'end of the wood'.
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Penkit, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Penketh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Sankey with Penketh, Lancs); Matthew Penketh, 1413 in *Patent Rolls*; Jone Penketh, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Rogger Penkett, 1572 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Richard Penkit, 1617 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Roger Penketh, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Tattershall, Lincs).
- References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 106.

### Penkethman

- Variants:** Penkeyman
- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) locative name from the name **Penketh** + *-man*, referring to a man from Penketh (Lancs). (ii) occupational name, status name, alternatively, for a servant of a man surnamed **Penketh**.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Penkethmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woolston, Lancs); T. Penkethmonne, 1525 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Pingithmoan, 1533 in *Yorks Wills*; Hughe Penkethman, 1566 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Richard Penkethmane, 1593 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); John Penkeyman, 1656 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Thomas Penkiman, 1670 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).
- References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 151.

### Penkeyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Penkethman**.

### Penley

- Variants:** Penly
- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs
- English: (i) locative name from Penleigh in Dilton (Wilts), which is recorded as *Penleia* in 1198. The place-name probably derives from Old English *penn* 'fold, enclosure', or perhaps Celtic *\*penn* 'head, hill', + Old English *leah* 'wood, woodland clearing'. (ii) locative name; another possible source is **Pendley**, with loss of *-d-*.

**Further information:** Penly's Mill in Alderley (Gloucs) is named from the surname; see *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 24.

**Early bearers:** William Penle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William de Penlegh, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Edwardus Penlegh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Cuthbert Penley, 1565 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds); John Penley, 1614 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); William Penley, 1636 in *PROB 11*; Robert Penly, 1705 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 33–4, 148.

### Penlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: unexplained; perhaps a late variant of **Pennington** with intrusive *-l-*.
- Further information:** There is a Penlington's Wood in Buerton (Aldford, Cheshire) that presumably was named from the family (see *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 80).
- Early bearers:** Joane Penlington, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Wybunbury, Cheshire); John Penlington, 1612 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); William Penlington, 1715, Tho. Penlinton, 1725 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Joseph Penlenton, 1801 in *IGI* (Maer, Staffs).

### Penly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; Gloucs
- English: see **Penley**.

### Penman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3497, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1953
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Fife; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow
- Welsh, Scottish: (i) locative name from a lost place called *Penman* (in Roxburghs or Selkirks), from Brittonic *penmaen* 'head [of the] stone'. (ii) locative name from any of several places in Wales similarly named, such as Penmaenmawr or Penmaenbach (Caernarvons).
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Penman, 1575 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Simon Penman, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Jhon Peneman, 1606 in *Melrose Records* 1, p. 17; Williame Penmane, 1611 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); George Penman, 1625 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Andrew Penman, 1638 in *Lanark Records* (Biggar, Lanarks).
- Wales: David Penman, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Pembrokes).

### Penn

- Variants:** Pinn, Pen
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3871, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2688
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Midlands
- 1 English: locative name from either of two places called Penn (in Bucks and Staffs), both of which are named either with British *\*penn* 'head, hill' or Old English *penn* 'enclosure, fold', or for a person who lived near a fold, from Middle English *pen(n)* 'pen, fold'.

**Early bearers:** Warin de Penne, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Walter de la Penne, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John ate Penne, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Jeames Penn, 1543 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Robert Penn, 1562 in *IGI* (Codicote, Herts); Alis Penn, 1572 in *IGI* (Trotton, Sussex); Fraunces Penn, 1572 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Jone Penn, 1577 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 365; *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 229–30.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Penne*, probably a pet form of *Pernel*. See **Parnell**, and compare **Penson**.

**Early bearers:** Adam son of Penne, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Penne Ronge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); John Penn(e), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), SR (Essex); Katherine Pennes, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls*.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 潘, see **Poon** (1).

## Penna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Cornish: unexplained; perhaps a shortened form of a Cornish surname of locative origin such as *Penare* or *Penarth*, from any place named with Middle Cornish \**pen-arth* ‘promontory, headland’.

**Early bearers:** Edward Penna, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Sampson Penna, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Constantine, Cornwall); Peter Penna, 1757 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall); Thomas Penna, 1773 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 290.

2 Southern Italian: probably a locative name for someone who lived on a hill, peak, or elevated location, from *penna* (from Latin *pinnus* ‘pointed’), a common element of place-names.

**Early bearers:** Francesco Penna, ice-cream vendor, born in Catona, Italy, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Guiseppe [la?] Penna, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Grimsby, Lincs); Alfred Penna, french polisher, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Placido Penna, grocer, born in Messina, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Pennant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Northants; also Glamorgan; Pembrokes

Welsh, English: locative name from Pennant (Denbighs, Cardigans), or from any of several minor places named with Welsh *pennant* ‘head of the valley’.

**Early bearers:** John Penant, chaplain, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Hastings, Sussex); Harry Pennante, 1584 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Pennant, 1595 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Pennant, 1717 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints).

## Pennefather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Pennyfather**.

## Pennel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Pennell**.

## Pennell

**Variants:** Pennel, Pennells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1286, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 858
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Kent and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Fermanagh

1 English: relationship name from an assimilated form of **Parnell**.

**Early bearers:** William Pennel, 1377 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Penel, Willelmo Penell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Milton Lilbourne and Fyfield, Wilts); Waltero Penel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers and Easton, Wilts); Thomas Pennell, 1500 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Camsb); Margaret Penell or Pennell, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre without Newgate, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Penn Hall in Pensax (Worcs), earlier *Penehull*, or from either of two places called Penhill in Devon and NR Yorks, or possibly from Pendle (Lancs), earlier *Pennul* and *Pennehille* (see **Pendle**). All of the place-names probably derive from British \**penn* ‘head, hill’ + Old English *hyll* ‘hill’.

**Early bearers:** Aluredus de Penhull, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Rychard Pennyll, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Horkstowe, Lincs); Simon Pennill, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Thornton le Moor, Lincs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 68; *Place-Names of Devon 1*, p. 115; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 256; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 68.

## Pennells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Wilts

English: variant of **Pennell** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Penner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English: nickname from a derivative of Middle English *pennen* ‘to confine, impound’, perhaps for one who impounded stray animals; compare **Pinder**, **Pounder**.

**Early bearers:** John le Penner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmo Penner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Duffield, ER Yorks); William Penner, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Covehithe, Suffolk); John Penner, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (West Drayton, Middx); Richard Penner, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Wisborough-Green, Sussex); Edward Penner, 1723 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Sarah Penner, 1827 in *IGI* (Preston Bagot, Warwicks).

## Penney

**Variants:** Penning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2739, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1643
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, Surrey, and Hants; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Penny**.

## Penneycard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Pennicott**.

## Penniall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *peni-ale*, *pani-ale* ‘penny ale’ (Old English *penig* + *ealu*), for a thin ale costing a penny a gallon; the name probably signified a brewer or seller of ale.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Paniale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Penyale, 1436 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Stephen Penyale, 1467 in *Rochester Wills* (Brenchley, Kent); John Peniale, 1498 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Warehorne, Kent); John Penyall, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Peniale, 1571 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); John Peniall, 1573 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Leonard Peniale, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Thom. Penniall, 1583 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Susan Penniall, 1612 in *IGI* (Newnham, Kent); John Peniale or Penyale, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Felpham, Sussex).

## Pennick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: (i) see **Pinnock**. (ii) see **Pennock**.

**Early bearers:** James Pennock, 1600 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); William Pennick, 1791 in *IGI* (Southminster, Essex).

## Pennicott

**Variants:** Peneycad, Pennycad, Penycate, Pennycard, Penneycard, Penicud, Pincott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and SE England

1 English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *peni* ‘penny’ + *cod* ‘bag, wallet’ (Old English *peni(n)g, codd*), perhaps meaning ‘money bag’ and used either for a wealthy man or in a pejorative sense for a miser. Compare Aluric Penipurs, about 1057 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants), ‘penny purse’. Alternatively any or all of the following post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Penycod, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); William Penycod, 1503–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); George Penycod, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Wyllya Penycote, 1542 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); William Penycotte or Penycote, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary in Winchester, Hants); Henry Penicod, 1574, Edward Pennicod, 1580, Richard Penicodd, 1589 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Elizabeth Penicott, 1575 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Albany Penicot, 1596 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Sussex); Oliver Penicod, 1634 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections* 86; John Penicad, 1691 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); George Pennicad, 1746 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Penycud, 1762 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); George Penicot or Pincot, 1795 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Willm. Penneycard, 1798 in *IGI*

## Pennie

(Bermondsey, Surrey); Edward Penecud, 1815 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); James Pencyate, 1837 in *IGI* (Hascombe, Surrey); James Pencyate, 1848 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 403–4.

2 English: locative name from Pennicott in Shobrooke (Devon), which is recorded as *Pinecote* in 1262 and *Pynnecote* in 1274. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pinna* + Old English *cot* ‘cottage, hut, shelter’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Pinnecote, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . de] Pynnecote, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richard Pencycott, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon); William Pennicott, 1651 in *IGI* (Burrington, Devon); Thomas Pennicard, 1799 in *IGI* (Membury, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 416.

3 English: occasionally a variant of **Pincott** (1).

## Pennie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

English: see **Penny**.

## Penning

**Variants:** Pennings, Pinning, Penny, Pinney, Pinion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Surrey, Hants, and Kent

1 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Pening*, \**Pining*, presumably representing an unrecorded Old English name, a pet form perhaps of *Penda* or of names like *Pendhere* and *Pendwulf*.

**Further information:** For a discussion of Old English \**Pening* see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 336–7, at Penistone.

**Early bearers:** Gilebertus filius Pening, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs), probably identical with Gilebertus Penning, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Pening, 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Pinning’, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Ralph Pening, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Pynning, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Pynnyng’, 1305 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); John Pynnyng of Chategrave, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); Isabella Pynnyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brede, Sussex); John Pynnyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Hale, Lincs); Johannes Penyng’, Ricardus Pynnyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Johanne Penyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoke, Wilts); Johanne Pyning, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tidcombe and Marten, Wilts); Johannes Pynnyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Ricardus Pynnyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longham, Norfolk); Thomas Pynnyng, 1556 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); George Pynninge, 1588, Ric. Pining, 1613, Richard Pining, 1635, Christiana Pinnin, 1789 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Thomas Pening, 1601, Annis Pininge, 1611 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Anne Penning, 1604 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Anth. Penninge, 1608 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Francis Penning, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anthony Penning, 1623 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Edward Pininge, 1633, Edw. Pining, 1646, William Pinnin, 1829 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); William Penning, 1775 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

2 English: perhaps also a variant of **Penny** (1, i), in which case some of the early bearers in (1) might alternatively belong here.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs
- English: variant of **Penning** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

## Pennington

**Variants:** Pinnington, Pinington, Penington, Penlington, Pellington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6112, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Staffs; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Cork

English: locative name from Pennington (in Furness, Lancs), which is recorded as *Penyngton* in 1327, Pennington in Leigh (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pinington* in 1246, or Pennington (Hants), which is recorded as *Penintune* in the 13th century. The Hants place-name and the Lancs place-name in Furness derive from Old English *pening* ‘penny’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’. Pennington in Leigh (Lancs) probably derives from the Old English personal name *Pinna* + the Old English group-name suffix -ingas (genitive -inga-) + Old English *tūn*. The 1332 early bearer form de Pynnington exclusively belongs to Pennington in Leigh.

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Penington’, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Alan de Penington, son of Thomas de Penyngton, 1277 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas de Penyngton, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Pynnyngton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William de Penyntho, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Radulpho de Penyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Johannes Penyngton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Alan de Penyngton’, knight, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Penyngton, knight, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); William Pennington, 1566 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Geoffrey Pynnington, 1581 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); John Pinington, 1583 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); William Pennington, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Whitechapel, Middx); Geffrey Pinnington, 1586, John Pennington, 1649 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 362; *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 100, 210.

## Pennison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Penny** + -son.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pennesone, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Huttoft, Lincs); Willelmo Pennesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Diseworth, Leics); Margaret Pennison, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Thorley, Herts).

## Penniston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Penistone**.

## Pennock

**Variants:** Pennick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Penoc*, which might be a pet form of Old English *Pægna*. Compare Mariota Penoc, 1379, Pennok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Theddingworth, Leics). (ii) nickname, perhaps a variant of **Pinnock**, but there is no evidence for Middle English \**penok* as a form of *pinnok* (a bird name). The surname *Pennock* is strongly associated with SW England and until recent times not at all with N England, where it is probably for *Pennock*. **Early bearers:** Geoffrey Penok, about 1260, Nicholas Penok, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); John Pennoke, 1520 in *York Registry Wills* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Johannis Pennock, 1560 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elizabetha Pennock, 1578 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); Thomas Pennick, 1674 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks); Gyles Pennock, 1692 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Ann Pennick, 1750 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Richard Pinnock, 1794 in *IGI* (Pickering, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Penny

**Variants:** Penney, Pennie, Pinney, Penning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6211, Ireland 249
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5283
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SW England, W Midlands, Lancs, and WR Yorks; Aberdeens

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cork

English: (i) nickname from the coin, Middle English *peni* (Old English *pening*, *penig*). Compare **Halfpenny**, **Farthing**, **Grote**, and **Shilling**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively a reduced form of **Penning**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, the English name first appeared in Ireland in 1296 but the numerous families of this name in County Cork are comparatively recent migrants.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph Penig, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Ailnoth Peni, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Alan Pani, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Peny, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); John, Thomas Peny, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Wyllim Peny, 1538 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Isabell Peny, 1546 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Penny, 1548 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Roger Penny, 1554 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Wm. Peny, 1558 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Allan Penny, 1568 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Thomas Penny, 1568 in *IGI* (Houghton Saint Giles, Norfolk); Ed Penny, 1581 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); William Penney, 1588 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Richard Penny, 1602 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Edward Penie, 1641 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Abrahami Penny, 1650 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Airchbald Penny, 1588 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian); Bessie Pennie, 1616 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Penny, 1655 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Penny, 1742 in *IGI* (Pitsligo, Aberdeens).

**Pennycad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks
- English: see **Pennicott**.

**Pennycard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Pennicott**.

**Pennycok**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Pennycok**.

**Pennycok**

Variants: **Pennycok**, **Pennycuik**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 452
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Midlothian

1 Scottish: locative name from Penicuik (Midlothian), which is recorded as *Penikok* in 1250. The place-name means 'hill of the cuckoo', from Old Welsh *penn* + *y* + *cog*.

**Early bearers:** David de Penikok, 1250 in *Arbroath Register* 1, p. 190; David de Penycuke, 1373 in *Scots Peerage* 3, p. 55; David Pennecuik, 1591 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Alexander Penicuk, 1609, William Pennycuik, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Pennycok, 1658 in *IGI* (Penicuik, Midlothian).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 365.

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *peni*, *pene* 'penny' + *cok*, *coke*, *cuke* 'cook'; alternatively, if *Penny* is from the personal name then the surname could signify 'cook of Penny'. (ii) nickname, relationship name from the personal name *Penny* + *co(c)k(e)* 'cock', used in the sense of 'son, offspring'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's belief that Middle English *cok* meant 'son'. **Early bearers:** God. . . Penigcoc, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Penycok, butcher, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Penycok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Adam Penycok, yeoman of the crown, 1427 in *Patent Rolls*; John Penycok, groom of the [royal] robes, 1435, John Penycok, yeoman of the robes, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Westminster, Middx); John Penycok, 1452 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Wilts); John Penycoke, 1483 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Surrey); John Penycoke, 1485 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Essex); William Pennycooke, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Christopher Pennycok, 1765 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**Pennycuik**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Pennycok**.

**Pennyfather**

Variants: **Pennefather**, **Pennyfeather**, **Pannifer**, **Penfare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *peni*, *pene* 'penny' + *fader* 'father' (Old English *penig* + *fæder*), for a miser or skinflint (1549 in *OED*). Compare 'Pinse maille, a pinch pennie, scrape good, niggard, penie father', 1611 in R. Cotgrave, *A Dictionary of the French and English Tongues*.

**Further information:** The farm called Pennyfeathers in High Roding was named from Richard Panyfader (1285 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 493). *Pannifer* preserves the SE Middle English *pani*. For *Pannifer* and *Penfare*, compare *granfer* for *grandfather*.

**Early bearers:** Godwin penifer, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Robert Panyfader, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Penifader, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Wiggenholt, Sussex); Michael and John Penyfador, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Lullington, Derbys); Adam Panyfader, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pleshey, Essex); Galfridus Penyfader, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxall, Hants); Johannes Peniffador, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beauchamp Roding, Essex); Thomas Pennyfather, 1563 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Wm. Penifer, 1567 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); William Penifather or Pennyfather, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin Organ, City of London); Benjamin Pannifer, 1787 in *IGI* (Hollisley, Suffolk).

**Pennyfeather**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Pennyfather**.

**Penrice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cumb; Worcs

Welsh, English: (i) locative name from Penrice (an anglicized form of Welsh *Pen Rhys*) or either of two further places called Penrhys (all in Glamorgan). (ii) locative name, perhaps from a variant form of Penrith (Cumb). See **Penrith**.

**Further information:** *DPN Wales*, p. 374; *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 229–30.

**Early bearers:** William de Penrys, knight, 1284 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Penrys, de Penris, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (S Wales); Roberto Penrys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); George Penrice alias Glover, 1505 in *PROB 11*; Robert Penris or Glover, 1582 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs); Tho Penrice, 1583 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Antony Penryce, 1606 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs); John Penrice, 1606 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Sesar Penris, 1617 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); William Penrice, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirkbride, Cumb).

**Penrith**

Variants: **Pendred**, **Penwright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England

English: locative name from Penrith (Cumb), which is recorded as *Penred* in 1167 and *Penreth* in 1197. The place-name probably derives from Brittonic \**penn* 'head, hill' + \**rit*, \**rid* 'ford' (Welsh *rhyd*).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Penreth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes de Penreth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Healaugh, WR Yorks); Johannes de Penreth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ribston, WR Yorks); Johannes

de Peneryth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiate, Lancs); Johannes Penreth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Christopher Penrethe, 1540 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Lancelot Penrethe, 1559 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Anthonie Penrythe, 1570 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Elizabeth Pendreth, 1582 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Edward Penreth, 1567, John Penrith, 1603 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ric. Peandreth, 1631 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Peandreth, 1669 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Margaret Pindreth, 1729 in *IGI* (Burton in Kendal, Westm); William Pindred, 1758 in *IGI* (Stow Longa, Hunts); William Pindred, 1798 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, pp. 229–30.

**Penrose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1613, Ireland 196
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Yorks and Lancs; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford
- Cornish: locative name from any of about a dozen places called Penrose (Cornwall) or Penrose in North Petherwin (Devon), or, less probably, from Penrose in Saint Weonard's (Herefs) or any of several places called Penrhos (Wales). The Cornwall and Devon place-names derive from Middle Cornish \**pen ros* 'hill's end' (*pen* 'head, top, end; promontory', \**ros* 'promontory, hill spur'). The Herefs and Wales place-names have the same meaning, derived from the Welsh elements which correspond to Middle Cornish *pen* + \**ros*.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the name is first recorded in NR Yorks in the 15th century: Richard Penros, 1434, associated with Ingleby Arncliffe (NR Yorks). In the 16th century it appears in ER Yorks: John Penrose, 1564, in Hotham, and Nicholas Penrose, 1614 in Wheldrake. Their connection with the SW England surname cannot be confirmed.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Penros, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); John de Penros, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Roger de Penros, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Rosbosal, Cornwall); William Penros, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); William Penros, 1548 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Merryn, Cornwall); Walter Penrose, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Edstone, NR Yorks); John Penrose, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Penrose, 1634 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks); Gregorie Penroase, 1652 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Penros, 1712 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 293; *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 177; *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 159.

**Penry**

Variants: **Pendry**, **Pendrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan; Surrey and Middx; Lancs

Welsh, English: relationship name from an anglicized form of Welsh *ab*, *ap* 'son' + the personal name *Henry*, hence 'son of Henry'. Some examples have an intrusive *d*; compare **Henry**.

**Early bearers:** Cadogann Ab Henry, 1294 in *Bardsley*; Howel ap Henri, 1316 in *Parliamentary Writs*; Griffin ap Henry, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Goldcliff,



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Monmouths); John ap Henry, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Brecknocks); Robert Penrye, 1594 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Rogerus Penry, 1600 in *IGI* (Hentland, Herefs); David Pendray, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Aldermary, City of London); William Pendry, 1648 in *IGI* (Bradenham, Bucks); Mathew Penry, 1673 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Pendrey, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Blazey, Cornwall).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs

English: see **Penso**.

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 221–2.

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**Variants:** **Penso**, **Penston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 425
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; W Midlands; SE England

1 English: relationship name from the name **Penn**, either as a personal name or a surname, + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pennesone, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmo Penson', Pensone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton on the Wolds, Leics); Thomas Penneson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex); John Penson, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent); William Penso, 1576 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); William Penson, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Great Bloxwich, Staffs); Tho Pensom, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Pensom, 1699 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 English: variant of **Panson**.

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 303.

3 English: locative name from Penso in North Huish (Devon), which is recorded as *Payneston* in 1334. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain, though it appears to derive from the French personal name *Payn(e)* + Middle English *toun* 'village, town, settlement' (Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate').

**Early bearers:** Edmund de Penson, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert Penson, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Peter Penson, 1559 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Alicia Penson, 1562 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Debora Penson, 1566 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Valentine Penson, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London).

4 English: locative name from Pensham in Pershore (Worcs), which is recorded as *Pedneshamme* in 972 and *Pensam* in the 16th century. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Peden* (a derivative of \**Peda*) + Old English *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow'.

### Penston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish, English: (i) locative name, from Penston in Gladsmuir (E Lothian). (ii) locative name, sometimes either a variant of **Peniston**, or from Penso in North Huish (Devon; see **Penso**), or from Penstone in Colebrook (Devon), which has the same etymology as Penso in North Huish.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Alexander Penstoun, 1597, Agnes Penston, 1616 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Penstoun, tailor, 1614 in *Register of Edinburgh*

*Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Penstone, 1617, Georg Penstoune, 1619 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian).

England: Robert Penston, 1634, Robert Penstonn, 1635 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon); Willia. Penston, 1638 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Richerd Penstone, 1663 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Hester Penston, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); Richard Penstone, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Penswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, unexplained; apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified minor place, possibly Painswick (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Pens(e)wyke* in the 16th century and *Painsik* in 1708. Compare **Spanswick**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pensicke, 1657 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lincs); Randolph Penswick, 1738 in *IGI* (Lytham Saint Annes, Lincs); Jenny Pensick, 1786 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lincs); Ann Penswick, 1813 in *Parish Registers* (Gosfield, Essex); Robert Pensick, 1819, John Penswich, 1841 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lincs).

### Pentecost

**Variants:** **Pentecost**, **Pankhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Devon and Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Pentecost*, perhaps a name given to one born on that festival.

**Further information:** The seal of Cristina filia Pentecuste (1250 in *Oseney Cartulary*) bore the legend *S cristine pedtecost*. She had adopted as her surname the first name of her father, who was probably Pentecost de Oxonia (1230 in *Oseney Cartulary*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Pentecoste de Wendleswurda, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey). surnames: William Pentecost, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Gaufridus filius Pentecostes, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); John Pentecost, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Burleigh, Sussex); John Pentecost, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Pantecost, 1371 in *Close Rolls* (Middx); Richard Pentecost of London, skinner, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johan Pentecost, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Robert Penticost, 1567 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Mary Pentycost, 1573 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Frances Pentecoste, 1590 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Henery Penticost, 1614 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); John Penticost, 1632 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Daniell Penticost, 1649 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); John Penticose, 1649, Rebeca Pentecost, 1654 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Henry Pentecost, 1653 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 116.

### Pentelow

**Variants:** **Pentlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Cambs, and Hunts

English: locative name from Pentlow (Essex), which is recorded as *Pentelawe* in the 11th century. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain, though it may derive from an Old English personal name \**Penta* + Old English *hlāw* 'hill, mound'.

**Early bearers:** Humfrey de Pentelawe, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard son of John de Pentlowe, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Pentlow, Essex); John de Pentelowe, 1287 in *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 191; James de Pentlowe, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Thomas de Pentelowe, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Johanne Pentelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne, Berks); John Pentelowe, clerk, 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashendon, Bucks); Griffin Pentlowe, 1571 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts); Michael Pentlow, 1603 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Thomas Pentlowe, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Abbotts Ripton, Hunts); John Pentelo, 1780, Pentelow, 1796 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs); Thos. Pentilow, 1819 in *IGI* (Little Addington, Northants). **References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 366; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 451.

### Penter

**Variants:** **Pender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: (i) variant of **Painter**. For example, John Penter in Crowan, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies*, is almost certainly identical with John Paynter in Crowan, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey*. (ii) locative name, rarely, if ever, from one of several places in Cornwall named Pentire, derived from Middle Cornish \**pen-tyr* 'headland' (*pen* 'head, top, end; promontory', *tyr* 'land'). This place-name probably did give rise to an occasional surname, such as that of Thomas Pentyre, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies*, who lived in Pentire, Saint Eval parish. Pronunciation of this surname (with stress on the second syllable as in the place-name) could have been altered to *Penter* (with stress on the first syllable), influenced perhaps by *Penter/Painter* in (i), but evidence is lacking. *Pentyr(e)* in the following examples is usually an alternative spelling of *Penter* or *Painter*.

**Further information:** Examples of *Pentyre* and *Pentire* as a surname include: Polidor Pentyre, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Gregory Pentire, 1609 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Pentire, 1629 in *IGI* (Jacobstow, Cornwall); Brigert Pentire, 1668 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall); Henrici Pentire, 1697 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall). Some of these, especially later examples, probably have stress on the second syllable, but whether they derive from the place-name or are altered pronunciations of *Penter*, influenced by the place-name, is difficult to say.

**Early bearers:** Gervasius Penter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strettington, Sussex); John Pentyr, monk, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Thomas, John Pentier, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon, Cornwall); John Pentyre, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Powder Hundred, Cornwall); John Pentir, 1524, Peris Paynter, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Crowan, Cornwall); Thomas Penter, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Alexander Pentyre, John Peynter, 1543, John Pentyre, 1545 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Launcells, Cornwall); Davy Penter, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Redruth, Cornwall); Herry Penter, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Camborne, Cornwall); Johnes Penter, 1583 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); William



Paynter, John Penter, 1608 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Boduel in Liskeard, Cornwall); Sibyll Penter, 1609, Digory Painter, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); John Penter, 1657, Richard Painter, 1680 in *IGI* (Pancrasweek, Devon); John Penter or Painter, 1849 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall).

References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 294.

### Penticost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Pentecost**.

### Pentland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 141
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish: locative name from Pentland (Midlothian), or perhaps from Pentlands in Adlingfleet (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Penteland* in 1344. The etymology of the Midlothian place-name is uncertain. The WR Yorks place-name appears to represent an early example of Modern English *pent* 'place where water is pent up, reservoir, enclosed pool' (the earliest example of which in *OED* is from 1587) + *land*.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Pentland, 1298–9 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, p. 1052 (Holyrood, Midlothian); Ralph de Pentland, 1304–5 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, p. 441 (Montrose, Angus); William Pentland alias Godechild, 1480 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, p. 1465; Ezra Pentlande, 1577 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Leonard Pentland, 1584 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Jhone Pentland, 1618 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); William Pentlan, 1689 in *IGI* (Carrington, Midlothian); Thomas Pentlane, 1694 in *IGI* (Foulden, Berwickshire); Georgius Pentlan, 1860 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).  
 References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 3.

### Pentlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Northants
- English: see **Pentelow**.

### Pentney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: locative name from Pentney (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Penteny* in 1200. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Penta* (genitive \**Pentan*) or a Celtic river-name *Pante* (probably from *pant* 'hollow') + Old English *ēg* 'island'.  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Penteneye, 1296 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Penteneye of Riskynton, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Ruskington, Lincs); Walterus de Penteney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Galfridus Penteneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); William Penteney, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Polebrook, Northants); Hugo Pentney, 1562 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Roberte Pentnye, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Pilborow Pentney, 1593 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Nathaniel Pentney, 1678 in *Parish Registers* (Isleham, Cambs).  
 References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 366.

### Penton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 490
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: locative name from Penton Grafton or Penton Mewsey (both Hants), which are recorded as *Peninton Abbatis* and *Penintona Roberti* respectively in 1167. The place-names derive from Old English *pening* 'penny' + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.  
**Further information:** It is noted in *Ekwall, DEP*N that Penton Grafton belonged to the Abbey of Greystayn in Normandy, and Penton Mewsey was held by Robert de Meisy in 1212.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald de Penton', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Matilda de Penton, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thomas Pentan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Penton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, WR Yorks); William Penton, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Ashmansworth, Hants); William Penton, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Ashmansworth, Hants); Thomas Penton, 1599 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants).  
 References: *Ekwall, DEP*N, p. 363.

### Pentony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Meath, and Dublin
- Norman, Irish: locative name from Repetigny in Calvados.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Peter de Repenteny, seneschal of Ulster, 1254 in *CDI* §411; Hugh de Repenteny, 1278 in *CDI* §1482 (Louth); Roesia de Repenteneye, 1287 in *CDI* §309 (Uriel); Gilbert de Repenteny, 1287 in *CDI* §341 (Dublin); Philip Penteny, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §156 (Taveraghe, Meath); Patrick Penteny, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4214 (Mando, Dublin); Richard Penteneye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5698 (Cabbaghe, Meath); Mary Pentony, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyallen, Louth); Nicholas Pentony, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stamullin, Meath).  
 England: Isaac Pentony, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Wivenhoe, Essex); Nicholas Pentony, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicholas Pentoney, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Thomas Pentoney, 1776 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Mary Pentony, 1829 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Penty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: of uncertain origin. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests it may be a reduced form of *Penteth*, itself perhaps an altered form of **Penketh**. Compare Robert Pentyth, 1423 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**Further information:** Hanks and Hodges give the bearer Willemus de la Penty, said to have been recorded in Dorset in 1231; this form is suggestive of a locative origin. However, the source in which the name was found is not given.  
**Early bearers:** Luke Penty, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Fowey, Cornwall); Henry Penty, 1707 in *Parish Registers* (North Mimms, Herts); John Penty, 1729 in *IGI* (Skipwith, ER Yorks); John Penty, 1735 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); John Penty, 1771 in *IGI* (Naburn,

WR Yorks); Thomas Penty, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, York).

### Pentycross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: probably an altered form of **Prendergast**, entering England via Bristol from Wales.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Pentegrasse, 1562, Margaret Pentegrace, 1588 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nathanael Pentigrace, 1563, Phillis Pentegrace, 1635 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Wm Pentycross, 1738 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Pentycross, 1747 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Frederick Pentycross, 1851 in *IGI* (Bladon, Oxon).

### Penwarden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Penwarden in South Hill (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish *pen* 'head, top, end; promontory' + *guern* 'alders, alder swamp'.  
**Early bearers:** John Penwarden, 1581 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Juliane Penwarden, 1594 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Degory Penwarden, 1661 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Elisha Penwarden, 1688 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*.  
 References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 118, 177–80, 294.

### Penwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Penwill**.

### Penwill

- Variants: **Penwell, Pinwill**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Pingwell Haw in Wilmington (Sussex), seemingly recorded as *Pynewelle* in 1342, or from a lost or as yet unidentified place of similar name in SW England. The Sussex place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pinna* + Old English *wella* 'spring, stream, well'.  
**Early bearers:** Simon Pynewelle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Marye Penwell, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Stanford, Kent); John Penwell, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Harwich, Essex); Margret Pinwell, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael and All Angels, Stokenham, Devon); Mathew Penwell, 1611 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Penwell, 1612, Walter Penwill, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); George Penwill, 1664 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Samuel Penwel, 1735 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon).  
 References: *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 414.

### Penwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

## Penycate

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Penrith**.

**Early bearers:** Hezekiah Penwright, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); William Penwright, 1725 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); Hezekiah Penright, 1766, James Penwright, 1783, William Penwrite, 1802 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds).

### Penycate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Pennicott**.

### Penzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs.

English: occupational name from a shortened form of Middle English *dispensour* ‘one who distributes or administers goods or services; steward, treasurer’ (Anglo-Norman French *dispenser*). Compare **Spencer**.

**Early bearers:** Arnold le Penser, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Ancret Penser, 1549 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Pinser, 1652 in *IGI* (Wilksby, Lincs); John Penzer, 1768, Penser, 1783, Edward Penzar, 1785 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs); Joseph Pensor, 1779 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Joseph Penzor, 1809 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs).

### Peopall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see **Pepall**.

### Peoples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 647
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Stirlings; Lancs; ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Peppall** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.  
2 Irish: in Ulster, adopted for Ó Duibhne ‘descendant of *Dubhne*’, see **Deeney**. The adoption of *Peoples* is based on a perceived similarity of the Irish name to *daoine* ‘people’.

### Peppall

**Variants:** **Peuple**, **Peopall**, **Peoples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pepel*, apparently a pet form of *Pepin* (see **Peppin**).

**Early bearers:** Wyun son of Pepel, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hawis’ Pepell, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Pepil, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johes Pepell, 1546 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Peepall, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Pepe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs

1 Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the Italian personal name *Giuseppe* (from the Biblical name *Joseph*).

2 English: from Middle English *pepe*, a variant of *pipe* (*OED*). See **Pipe**.

**Early bearers:** John Pepe, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Pepe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Johannes Peppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Thomas Pepe, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Martock, Somerset);

### Pepin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- Norman, English: see **Peppin**.

### Pepler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London

English: locative name, probably from an unrecorded Middle English *\*peplar*, a variant of Middle English *popler(e)* ‘poplar’ (see **Poplar**); recorded variants of *popler(e)* include the plural form *pepleren*.

**Early bearers:** Margarette Pepler, 1585 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Mathew Pepler, 1612 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Peplar, 1625 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts); Mary Peplear, 1729 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); John Pepllar, 1813 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Charles Peplear, 1814 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Peploe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey

English: see **Peplow**.

### Peplow

**Variants:** **Peploe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 405
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Peplow (Shrops), which is recorded as *Peppelawe* in 1232 and *Pippelawe* in 1256. The place-name may derive from Old English *\*pyppel* ‘pebble’ + *hlāw* ‘mound, hill’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Peppelawe, 1255–6 in *Assize Rolls*; Richard de Peppelowe, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Haughton, Shrops); William de Peppelowe, abbot, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Lilleshall, Shrops); Thoma Peppelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Green, Staffs); Wyllm. Peplow, 1567 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Willm. Peplow, 1603, William Peplo, 1641 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops); George Peploe, 1666 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Heugh Peplo, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Peppard

**Variants:** **Pippard**, **Pepper**, **Piper**, **Peppitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 194
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster; Down; Limerick

Norman, Irish: occupational name from Old French *pipart*, *\*pippart* ‘piper’, a derivative of Old French *piper*, Anglo-Norman French *pipper* ‘to play the pipe(s) or flute’. The English and Irish family names have the same origin.

**Further information:** In 1177 Henry II granted the city of Dublin to his men of Bristol. *Peppard* is recorded from 1186 in Ireland, and the name is still found in Leinster. The Irish name’s early bearers may have been related to the lords of Clyffe Pypard (Wilts), known as Pippardesclyve, 1282 in *Close Rolls*, Piperesclyve, about 1340, and Cleve Pepper, 1570 in *Place-Names of Wilts*. In both England and Ireland *Piper* was sometimes substituted for *Pipard*, and the variant *Peppard* was sometimes reduced to *Pepper*, and absorbed within **Pepper**. English *Peppard* and *Pippard* remain most common in Somerset. See also **Piper**.

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert Pipard, about 1107 in *Domesday Descendants* (Honour of Wallingford, Berks); William Pipard, 1142–64 in *Templars Records* (Bucks), sheriff of Gloucs, 1164 in *Domesday Descendants*, holds 6 fees in Honour of Wallingford, 1166 in *Domesday Descendants*; Geoffrey Pipard, about 1210 in *Northants Charters*; Richard Pipart, 1231 in *Close Rolls*, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Richard Pippard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Piper, 1676 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); John Pepper, 1788 in *IGI* (Montacute, Somerset); George Peppard, 1792 in *IGI* (Montacute, Somerset); Charles Pippard, 1807 in *IGI* (Montacute, Somerset).

Ireland: Gilbert Pipard, 1186 in *CDI* §81; William Pyppard, 1228 in *CDI* §1631; William Pipart, 1262 in *CDI* §740 (Dissart, Meath); Ralph Pypard, 1276 in *CDI* §1244; Ralph Pypord, 1281 in *CDI* §1818; Ralph Peppard, 1284 in *CDI* §2349; John Pypard, 1302 in *CDI* §155 (Cloucurry, Meath); Walter Pepparde, gent., 1545 in *Fiants Henry* §434 (Kylca, Kildare); Walter Pipperte, 1544 in *Fiants Henry* §401 (Kilka, Kildare); Richard Pepparde, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1810 (Peppardestowne, King’s county [Offaly]); Anthony Pippard, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2906 (Castelmarten); Elizabeth Peppard, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3972 (Castelmarten, Kildare); Margaret Peppard, 1669 in *IGI* (Drogheda, Louth); Abigail Pepper, 1694 in *IGI* (Charlestown, Louth); George Pepper, 1660 in *IGI* (Ballygarth Castle, Meath); Elizabeth Peppard, 1674 in *IGI* (Pepparstown, Meath); James Peppard, 1769 in *IGI* (Gorey, Wexford).

### Pepper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5610, Ireland 445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4094
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Meath, and Cavan

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *peper*, *piper* (Old English *pipor*) ‘pepper, spice’, perhaps for someone with a fiery temper but more likely given to a spicer or dealer in pepper. John Pepper alias Peyure, 1298 in *London Court Rolls*, alternated between the English and the French form of the name (see **Peever**). (ii) occupational name from Middle English *pepperer* ‘spicer’, with the name reduced to *Pepper* for ease of pronunciation. (iii) occasionally, perhaps, a variant of **Piper**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Peper, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Peper, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); [ . . . ] Pepir, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoveringham, Notts); John Pepper, 1568 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs), 1594 in *IGI* (York); John Peper, 1612 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Arnold Peper, 1625 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Michael Pepper, 1630 in *IGI* (Hoveringham, Notts); Michael Pepper, 1634 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); Thomas Pepper, 1683 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Anthony Pepper, 1772 in *IGI* (Barrowden, Rutland).

Scotland: William Peppir, 1608 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Johne Pepper, 1656 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Michael Pepper, 1781 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

Ireland (Ulster): Gilbert Piper, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clogh, Antrim); Gilbert Pepper, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (The Old Stone, Antrim); John Peppar, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgoon, Cavan); Mary Pepper, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibret, Monaghan).

2 Norman, English: variant of the Somerset name **Peppard**. See also **Piper**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pepper, 1572 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); William Pepper, 1614 in *IGI* (Chapel Allerton, Somerset).

3 Irish: variant form of **Peppard**, as evidenced by the early bearer below who may be identified with Richard Peppard of Peppardestowne, Offaly in 1570.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pepper, gent., 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §733 (Clonegawnagh); Richard Pepper, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §485 (Balrenett).

4 Dutch, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Dutch **Pepper** or German **Pfeffer**, with the same sense as the English name in (1) above. Among Ashkenazic Jews it was used as an ornamental surname.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Moses Pepper, 1858 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Abraham Pepper, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Barnett Pepper, tailor, born in London, in *Census 1901* (Reading, Berks); Lazarus Pepper, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

Other: John Pepper, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Pepperall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; SW England
- Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

## Peppercorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs

1 English: (i) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *pepercorn* ‘peppercorn’ (Old English *piporcorn*), most probably for a seller of peppercorns, i.e. a pepperer or spicer. Compare **Spicer**. (ii) nickname, alternatively, in view of such phrases as ‘peppercorn sized’ and ‘peppercorn hair’, perhaps also a nickname for a little man or one with darkish complexion or hair. (iii) nickname; sometimes it may be a reference to someone holding land at a ‘peppercorn rent’, i.e. a token amount.

**Early bearers:** Adam Pepercorn, 1198–1212 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Roger Pepercorn, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger, Walter

Pepercorn, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Pepercorne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Adam Pepercarn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks); Johis. Peppcorne, 1566 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Thomas Peppercorne, 1589, Peppcorn, 1627 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Richard Pepercorne, 1600 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); Willyam Peppercarne, Peppercorn, 1604 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from Middle English *pepercorn*, in which case some examples from (1) may belong here. Alternatively, the *de* in the early bearer example below may be an error for *le*, in which case it belongs under (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Pepercorn of Huntyngdon, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts).

## Pepperday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks; Rutland

English: variant of **Peabody**, which had migrated from the E Midlands into Derbys and WR Yorks by the 19th century. The refashioning of *Pebody*, alias *Peberdy*, as *Pepperday* appears to be an 18th-century development.

**Further information:** Reaney derives *Pepperday*, *Peberdy*, and the extinct names *Pepdie* and *Pipperday* from the Old French oath *pape-Dieu* ‘(by the) Pope-God’. Versions of *Papedi(eu)* (including *Pepdie*) did exist as surnames in SE Scotland, NE England, and Yorks from the 12th century onwards, but they seem to have died out after the 16th century and are not the source of the modern names.

**Early bearers:** William Pepperdy, 1715, William Peberdy, 1793, Hannah Piberdy, 1804, Robert Pebordy, 1808 in *IGI* (Saddington, Leics); Elizabeth Pepperdy, 1728 in *IGI* (Thorpe Arch, Northants); John Pepperday, 1780 in *IGI* (Duddington, Northants); William Peperday, 1771 in *IGI* (Manton, Rutland); Gervase Pepperdy, 1803 in *IGI* (Heanor, Derbys); Walter Pepperday, 1864 in *IGI* (Hunslet, WR Yorks).

## Pepperdene

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Pepperdine**.

## Pepperdine

- Variants:** **Pepperdene**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Upper and Lower Pedwardine in Brampton Bryan (Herefs), which are recorded as *Pedewrde* in 1086 and *Pedwardyn* in 1291. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pēoda* + Old English *wordign* ‘enclosure’.

**Further information:** The village of Burton Pedwardine (Lincs) takes its name from members of the family, who held the manor from at least 1287.

**Early bearers:** Walter Pudewardyn, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lincs); Walter de Pedwardin, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Petwardwyn, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Roger de Pedewardyne, knight, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Walter de Petewardyn, knight, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Walterus Pedwardyn,

1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhill, Wilts); Wm. Petwardine, 1556, in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Isabell Peperdine, 1566 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 41; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 24; Pepperdine One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/pepperdine/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/pepperdine/).

## Pepperell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 507
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

## Pepperrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

## Peppiatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks
- English: see **Pippet**.

## Peppin

**Variants:** **Pepin**, **Pippin**, **Pippen**, **Pipon**, **Pippins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 Norman, English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman French and Middle English pet forms of the personal name *Philip*. Some examples will belong under (2) and (3), but it is virtually impossible to distinguish the various forms with certainty.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Pipin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics); Henry Pipin, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Pepin, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Pipun, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Pepin, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Reginald Peppin, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Walter Pipun, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Thomam Pepin, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Hale, Lincs); William Pippin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Stephanus Pypin, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton on Hull, ER Yorks); William Pepyn, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Radulphus Pypin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shangton, Leics); Ricardus Pipon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johannes Pypyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toddington, Gloucs); William Pippin, 1556 in *IGI* (Doddington, Somerset); Walter Peppen, 1581, Pippin, 1587 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Pepin, 1582 in *IGI* (Knossington, Leics); Thomas Pippin, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret Leicester, Leics); Robert Peppen, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Cutcombe, Somerset); Charoli Peppin, 1636 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Jonathon Pipen, 1705 in *IGI* (Lancs).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French (Continental Germanic) personal name *Pipin*, *Pepin*, which was used in medieval France in memory of the founders of the Carolingian monarchy, Pépin d’Héristal and Pépin le Bref. The personal name is not recorded in England. Compare **Pepys**.

3 English: nickname from Middle English pippin ‘seed, pip’ (Anglo-Norman French, *pepin(e)*, a derivative of the Romance root \**pep-* ‘small’), perhaps used for someone of diminutive stature or for a gardener. Compare **Pipe**.

**Peppitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds

1 English: see **Pippet**.

2 Norman, English: see **Peppard**.

**Further information:** Peppett's Green in Chesham (Bucks) was recorded as *Pippards* in the 15th century (*Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 226).

**Pepprell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

**Pepworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Pebworth**.

**Pepys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Essex, Middx, Sussex

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Pepis*. It is a nominative form of *Pepon*, a French version of Continental Germanic *Pipo*, and probably related to Old French *Pepin*. See **Peppin**. The personal name was extremely rare in medieval England. (ii) relationship name; alternatively it may mean; 'Philip's (son/relative/servant)', from the genitive singular of Middle English \**Pip*, \**Pep*, side-forms perhaps of *Phip*, *Phep*, pet forms of Middle English *Philip*, *Phelip*. Compare **Peppin**, **Phippen**.

**Further information:** This is the family name of the Earls of Cottenham, a title they have held since 1850. The 17th-century diarist, Samuel Pepys, was a member of this family.

**Early bearers:** John Pepes, Richard Pepis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); William Peps, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Pepys, 1573 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cams); John Pepys, son of Samuel Pepys and Margaret Rooks, 1626 in *IGI* (Bunstead, Essex); Widow Peaps, 1671 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Percell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Durham; Lancs
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Perceval**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Percival**.

**Percey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Percy**.

**Perch**

**Variants:** **Pearch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Lancs

English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *perche* 'rod, pole, linear measure of land', perhaps for one who cultivated a plot of this size. (ii) locative name from Perche, a former province of northern France.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Perche, about 1175 in *Patent Rolls*, inspeximus of 1378, (Ludgershall, Berks); Geoffrey del Perche, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Wilts); Adam de Perche, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Johannes Perche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flotterton, Northumb); John Perche, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert Perche, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (West Alvington, Devon); Alexander Perch, 1506 in *York Registry Wills* (Ryther, WR Yorks); William Perch, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Thoms. Pearch, 1595 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent).

**Perchard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, Huguenot: nickname: from a derivative of Old French *perche* 'pole, rod' + the suffix *-ard*, perhaps denoting someone who was tall and thin.

**Early bearers:** Walter Perchard, 1486 in *TNA* (Hants); Matthew Perchard, 1597 in *TNA* (Guernsey); Helliier Perchard, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Percifull**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- Norman, English: see **Percival**.

**Percival**

**Variants:** **Perceval**, **Purcifer**, **Percifull**, **Passifull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6101, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4662
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Perceval*, first found as the name of the hero of an epic poem by the 12th-century French poet Chrestien de Troyes, an Arthurian legend describing the quest for the Holy Grail.

**Further information:** The origin of the name is linguistically uncertain but seems to have been understood by association with Old French *percer* 'to pierce, breach' + *val* 'valley'. Such names were not uncommon in France. Compare *perce-bois* 'wood borer', *perce-roche* 'rock piercer', *perce-forêt* 'forest piercer', which *Harrison, Surnames* interprets as 'keen hunter' but it might also mean 'a poacher'. Compare **Pearcey** and William Percevent, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx), 'pierce wind', from Old French *vent* 'wind', no doubt renowned for his speed. The 1224 Perceval was one of the servants of Faukes de Breaté, notorious for breaking into places where he should not. For *Purcifer*, a Yorks surname, compare the Yorks *Brammer* from *Bramhall*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Perceval, 1224 in *Patent Rolls*; Percival Soudan, 1414 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Wilts); Persefall, 1666 in *Withycombe*.

sumames: William Percevall', 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Perceval, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); John Perseval, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Percival, 1372 in *London Pleas*; Ricardo Persevall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Sampson Girdlergate, Yorks); Ricardus Percyvall', 1377, Persyval, 1377, Perseval', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Haseley, Oxon); Thurstan Percyvall', chaplain, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); James Percivall or Percyvall, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Weston in Gordano, Somerset); John Percifull, 1609 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Edward Percival, 1622 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Robti. Perceval, 1642 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); William Purcifer, 1791 in *IGI* (Stody, Norfolk); James Passifull, 1794 in *IGI* (Felixstowe, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: locative name from one of two places named Perceval (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Percevell, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

**Percy**

**Variants:** **Purse**, **Persey**, **Percey**, **Parsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2539, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2769
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Northumb; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English: locative name from any of several places called *Percy* in Calvados, Eure, and Manche; William de Perci, the Domesday tenant-in-chief and under-tenant of Hugh, Earl of Chester, came from either Percy-en-Auge (Eure) or Percy (Manche).

Some examples may belong under **Pearcey**.

**Further information:** A family of this name were established in England following the Conquest through William de Percy (died 1096). Other notable bearers include Henry Percy (1342–1408), 1st Earl of Northumberland, and his son Henry Percy (1364–1403), known as Harry Hotspur, who helped place Henry IV on the throne. Hotspur later revolted and was killed at the Battle of Shrewsbury.

**Early bearers:** William de Perci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); William de Perci, about 1133 in *Whitby Chartulary*; Walter Perci, Margaret de Perci, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Henry Percy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry de Percehay, 1376 in *TNA*; Symone de Percy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Pursay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Henry de Percy, earl of Northumberland, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Jone Parsey, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Henry Pursey, 1585 in *IGI* (Welwyn, Herts); Elizabeth Purcey, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Welwyn, Herts).

**Perdue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Gloucs; Hants

Norman, English: see **Pardoe**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, in Ireland the surname in this spelling is borne by a French Huguenot family who settled in the county of Cork in the 18th century.

**Pere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Pear**.

**Peregrine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Wales
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Pereira**

Variants: **Perera**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4533, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Portuguese, Galician, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from Portuguese *pereira* 'pear tree' or from any of many places named with this word in Portugal and Galicia.

**Further information:** The surname is common in western India, having been taken there by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Pereira, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Susan Lopes Pereira, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); David Pereira, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Pereira, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Pereira, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Francisco Pereira, born in Spain, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Maria Pereira, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Antonio Pereira, born in India, in *Census 1861* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jose Perera, in *Census 1871* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Tomasso Pereira, in *Census 1891* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Don Miguel Perera, in *Census 1901* (Midlothian); Jose dos Santos Pereira, in *Census 1911* (Richmond, Surrey).

**Perera**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2318, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- Portuguese: see **Pereira**.

**Peres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

**Perez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2043, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Spanish: relationship name from *Pérez*, a patronymic from the personal name *Pedro*, Spanish equivalent of **Peter**.

**Perfect**

Variants: **Perfitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 670
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Norfolk; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: nickname see **Parfitt**.

**Perfitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: nickname, see **Parfitt**.

**Perham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Parham**.

**Perigo**

Variants: **Perrigo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

French: relationship name, probably an English spelling of **Perrigot**, a diminutive of the French personal name *Perrigaud*, a compound of *Pierre* (Peter) + *Rigaud* (a pet form of Ric(h)ard). The first known bearer of this name in England is John Perago from Picardy, who is listed as an ironworker in the Sussex weald in a Denization roll of 1544. Aged 53, he was married and had lived in England for 30 years. Ironworkers from Picardy and Normandy settled in some numbers in the area during the 16th century. In the mid-17th century ironworkers with this name also appeared in N England. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes William Perigoe, forge-finer in Sheffield Parish Registers (1657), and John Perigo, worker at a forge in Headingley, in Leeds Parish Registers (1748). It is possible, but unproven, that they were descendants of John Perago.

**Early bearers:** Margareta Perrigoe, 1564 in *IGI* (Burdwash, Sussex); Simon Perigo, 1576 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Frances Perigoe, 1596 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Richard Perrigo, 1633 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Perigo, 1692 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); William Perigoe, 1726, Perigo, 1733 in *IGI* (Headingley, WR Yorks); William Perrigo, 1753 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Perrego, 1758 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Perrigot; Brian G. Awty, 'Provisional identifications of iron-workers among French immigrants listed in the Denization rolls of 1541 and 1544', *Wealden Iron Research Group Bulletin*, 16 (1979), pp. 2–11; Denization roll, Archives of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, W.A.M. 12261.

**Periman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Perryman**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Perk**

Variants: **Parkes, Pyrke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Durham, Worcs; Lancs; Surrey

English: relationship name from a short form of the Middle English personal name *Perkin*, a diminutive of *Peres*. See **Parkin, Pearce**.

**Further information:** It is not certain that the first three early bearers belong with this name, which is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Pyrck, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Powick, Worcs); Willelmus Pyrke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Beckham, Norfolk); Jhon Perke, 1552 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); John Perke, 1576 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Anthonie Perk, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Wilcot, Wilts); William Perk, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Perk, 1607 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Robert Perke, 1675 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Nathaniel Pyrke, 1686 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs).

**Perkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Parkes**.

**Perkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1253, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1606
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs; also Devon and Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Parkin**.

**Perkins**

Variants: **Parkins, Purkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16917, Ireland 278
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13260
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: variant of **Perkin** and **Parkin**, sometimes perhaps with genitival *-s* but mostly with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Parkyns, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Miles Parkins, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Johannis Perkins, 1543 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Robert Perkins, 1545 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Richard Parkyns, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Ufton Robert, Berks); William Parkins, 1559 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thomas Perkins, 1565 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Roger Perkins, 1569 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Samuel Parkis, 1589 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ralph Parkines or Parkynes, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Hooke, Dorset); Willm Parkis, 1611 in *IGI* (Ivychurch, Kent); James Parkines or Perkins, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Edward Purkins, 1635 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks).

**Perkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx; Monmouths

English: see **Parkinson**.

**Perkis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Parkes**.

**Perks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4510, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3099
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Parkes**.

**Perlman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Pearlman**.

**Perman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Middx, Surrey, and Hants

English: see **Pearman**.

**Pernell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English: see **Parnell**.

**Perot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Parrott**.

**Perott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: see **Parrott**.

**Perowne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

**Perr**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Dorset

English: see **Pear**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Perram**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Parham**.

**Perraton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Purton**.

**Perratt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; Hants and Dorset

English: see **Parrott**.

**Perrell**

Variants: **Parrell, Perrill, Parle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

1 English: relationship name from a short form of the Middle English personal name *Peres, Peris* (from Old French *Pierre*; see **Pearce**) + the diminutive suffix *-el*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: William Perel, 1222–3 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Perel, 1222–3 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Andrew Peryel, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Erpingham, Norfolk); Richard Perel, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Parell', 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Elizabetha Parrell, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); John Perrell, 1572 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); George Parrel, 1573 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); James Perrill, 1592 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London).

Ireland: Thomas Parle, husbandman, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §578 (Cowlesheisken, Wexford); James Parle, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6541 (Kinegh, Wexford).

2 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Perel, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset).

**Perren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 413
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

**Perrers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- 1 English: variant spelling of **Perress**, a Hants surname; see **Perris**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Wilson Perrers, 1811 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

2 Norman: locative name from any of several places in Normandy called Périers or Perriers (Manche and Calvados), or from Priez in Picardy (Aisne, recorded as *Periers* in 1207). It is uncertain whether this Norman surname has survived into modern times.

**Further information:** The most famous person bearing this name was Alice Perrers (about 1348–1401), daughter of Richard de Perrers (sheriff of Essex) and mistress of Edward III.

**Early bearers:** William de Perieres, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Hugh de Perers, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Perers, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 632; *DNB*.

**Perress**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Perris**.

**Perret**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts; also London

English: see **Parrott**.

**Perrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2782, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1493
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts; also London

English: see **Parrott**.

**Perrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon; Surrey

English: see **Perry**.

**Perriam**

Variants: **Perrien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, probably from a lost or unidentified place named from Middle English *piri(e)* 'pear tree' + *ham(me)* 'enclosed plot, (water) meadow'. Compare **Parham**.

**Further information:** Perham's Green in Shute (Devon) is probably to be associated with Robert and Thomas Peryen, Perryen, 1525 in *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 630.

**Early bearers:** John Peryam, 1571, Peryan, 1579, Periam, 1585 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); John Peryam or Periam, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); John Perriam, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Bernard Periam, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Runnington, Somerset); Jone Perryam, 1648 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Perriam, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Chillington, Somerset); John Perriem, 1662 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Perrie**

Variants: **Pirrie, Pirrie, Perry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Aberdeens and Angus

English: (i) see **Perry**. (ii) relationship name; Black suggests that an alternative origin is the Old French personal name *Pierre*. Compare **Pearce**.

**Early bearers:** Donald Pery, 1504 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John Pirre, Burgess of Glasgow, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow*; Mgaret. Pirrie, 1608 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Issobell Perrie, 1654 in *IGI* (Carmunnock, Lanarks); Johne Perrie, 1661 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus); Wm. Perrie, 1715 in *IGI* (Oyne, Aberdeens).

**Perrien**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English, Huguenot: see **Perriam**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Perrier**

Variants: **Puryer, Purrier, Peryer, Peryyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, London, Hants, and Sussex

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a pear tree, a derivative of Middle English *piry*, *pery*, *piry* + *-er*. It was synonymous with Middle English *atte Piry* (etc.), with which it was freely exchanged as a family name (see **Perry**). With the Wiston early bearer below compare Robto atte Pyrie of Wiston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex) and Johannes, Walterus, and Willelmus atte Purye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex). This type of name, composed of a topographical term + *-er*, was particularly common in Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and Hants, but also appears elsewhere in S England. James atte Pyrie and John Peryere (1327 *Subsidy Rolls*) both lived in Dedham (Essex).

**Further information:** In the Middle English forms the ending *-ier* may sometimes have been replaced by

-our. McKinley suggests that John le Perour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bidlington, Sussex) was the same man as John atte Purye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wiston, near Bidlington). There remains the possibility that *Perour* is a different name, see (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Puriere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pulborough, Sussex); William le Piryere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wiston, Sussex); Jane Perrier, 1570, John Perryer, 1604 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Elizabeth Perrier, 1616 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Kent); Edward Perryer, 1645 in *IGI* (Sherfield English, Hants); Henry Purrier, 1812 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 167–8.

2 Norman, English: occupational name, either from Old French *perrier*, *perrieur* ‘quarrier, stone breaker’ or, given the implied high social status of some of the early bearers, from an agent derivative of Old French and Middle English *perri*, *pirri* ‘precious stone’, hence ‘jeweller’. The early Sussex bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert Perier, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Henry le Perer, 1217 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Rob. le Perer, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Rob’ le Perere, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard and Roger Le Perur, and Rob. Le Perrr, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); John Periere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Jane Perrier, 1570 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Jhoane Perrier, 1603 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); William Perrier, 1638 in *IGI* (Nunton and Bodenham, Wilts); Henry Perrier, 1642 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); William Perrier, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London).

### Perrigo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; WR Yorks; Dorset

Norman, English: see **Perigo**.

### Perrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Perrell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Perriman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs; also Kent
- English: see **Perryman**.

### Perriment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Perryman** with inorganic final -t.

### Perrin

**Variants:** **Perring**, **Perren**, **Perrine**, **Perowne**, **Perron**, **Parrin**, **Parren**, **Perrins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4261, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3055
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Essex; Lancs and Cheshire

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow

English, Huguenot: relationship name from a short form of the Middle English personal name *Peres*, *Peris* (from Old French *Pierre*; see **Pearce**) + the diminutive suffixes -in or -un.

**Further information:** The Huguenot name, brought to England from the 16th century by refugees, is from the Old French form of the same name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Perrinus uadletus, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Peryna (f), 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Pierron le Kat, 1307 in *Patent Rolls*; Perrin Wytteneye (f), damsel of the queen’s chamber, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Tytherley, Hants).

**surnames, England:** John Pirun, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Geoffrey Perrun, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Henry Piron, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); John Pirun, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Alexander Peryn, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Perin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Paron, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Peroun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Peryng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alicia Perryn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Richard Peryn’, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (East Peckham, Kent); William Paryn, 1504 in *York Registry Wills* (Swine, ER Yorks); Oliver Parren, 1564 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Andre Peron, 1620 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury); Abraham Perin, 1632 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London); Robert Perrin or Perryn, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Henbury, Gloucs).

**surnames, Ireland:** William Pirron, clerk, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunboyne, Meath).

### Perrine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

### Perring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 611
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

### Perrins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1208, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 909
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Worcs

English, Huguenot: variant of **Perrin** with either genitival -s or, more likely from the available evidence, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Perris

**Variants:** **Perriss**, **Perress**, **Perrers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dorset; Berks

Norman, English: relationship name, variant of **Pearce** in which the final syllable of the Middle English personal name *Peres* or *Peris* (Peter) has been retained.

**Early bearers:** Amicia Perys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston in Tarrant Rushton, Dorset); Walterus Peris, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashprington, Devon); Johannes Perris, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Johanne Peris, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stean Bridge and

Bisley, Gloucs); Cecilia Perys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Widley, Hants); Ricardo Perys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Inglesham, Berks); John Perris, 1650 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Sarah Perris, 1740 in *IGI* (Glanvilles Wootton, Dorset); Thomas Perris, 1763, Thomas Perress, 1769 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Walter James Perress, 1859 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Perriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, and Kent; also Warwicks

English: see **Perris**.

### Perriton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Purton**.

### Perritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Wilts, and Somerset; Kent

English: see **Parrott**.

### Perron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Notts; Devon

English, Huguenot: see **Perrin**.

### Perrot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; S Wales; Devon
- English: see **Parrott**.

### Perrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1139, Ireland 108
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1026
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England and S Wales: esp. Somerset; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Parrott**.

### Perrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Norman: locative name from Pirhou in Manche, Normandy. It is not clear whether the name of this origin survives; all modern examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Pyrhou, lord of Stoke Pero, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Perrowe, 1419 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Aldermansbury, City of London); William Pero, 1597 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); John Perow, 1600 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Hannah Perow, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Cornish: relationship name; sometimes perhaps a relationship name from a pet form in -ow of the male given name *Peris*, found in Cornwall in the 16th century and perhaps of Breton origin, though

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ultimately from *P(i)ere(s)*, the French equivalent of *Peter*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Peyrow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); John Perow, 1522, Perowe, about 1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Thomas Perow, 1524, Richard Perroo, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); Richard Pero, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Edvardi Perrow, 1603, Richardus Perro, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Robert Perroe, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Petter Perowe, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Ruan Minor, Cornwall); Poshumis Perrow, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Saint Allen, Cornwall); Thomas Perrowe, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall).

### Perry

**Variants:** **Perrie, Perrey, Peary, Peery, Purry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33432, Ireland 1197
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21747
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs; also Essex; Somerset; also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a pear tree (Middle English *piri(e)*, *peri(e)*, *puri(e)*, Old English *pirige*, *pyrige*) or who owned or came from a place so named, such as Perry (Hunts), Perry Court (Kent), Waterperry and Wood Perry (Oxon), and Perry Barr (Staffs). *Perry* has largely superseded *Piry* and the dialect form *Pury*, which was once common in SW England and the W Midlands. See also **Perrier** and **Perriman**.

**Further information:** Emma de Peri, who married William fitz Helias in about 1154, was daughter and heiress of Fulk Luvel de Brai of Waterperry (Oxon). **Early bearers:** W Midlands: Henry de Peri, de Piri, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs), 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Pyrye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes de Pyry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gayton, Staffs); Robertus de Perye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Andrew, Worcs); Johannes Perry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Ricardus del Piry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs); Jhon Perrie, 1562 in *IGI* (Patingham, Staffs); Elizabeth Perry, 1570 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Pirry, 1599 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); John Perry, 1601 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Robert Perry, 1607 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

SW England: William de la Purie, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Pirye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whimble, Devon); Marg' Perye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johanne Pury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dipford, Somerset); Henry Perry, 1573 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Georg Perry, 1574 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Joane Perrie, 1603 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset).

SE England: Richard Pirie, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert atte Pyrie, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johanne atte Purye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Johannes Pery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdbrook, Essex); Ricardus atte Pyrye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebmarsh, Essex); Matthew Perry, 1558 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Clemens Perry, 1567 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Thomas Perry, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Robert Perry, 1595 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

N England: Thomas Perry, 1566, Katheryne Pirry, 1569 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); William Perry, 1645 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Tho. Perry, 1631 in *IGI* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Henry Perry, 1659 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb); Barbara Perry, 1683 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Henry Pirry, 1730 in *IGI* (Hartburn, Northumb).

Ireland: Edward Perry, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (The Towne of Charlemount, Armagh); William Perry, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lorgan Towne, Armagh); Samuel Perry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 151–2; *Tooth*, p. 177; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 632.

2 Scottish: see **Perrie**.

### Perryer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

English: see **Perrier**.

### Perryman

**Variants:** **Perriman, Peryman, Periman, Perriment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1790, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1079
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English *piri(e)*, *peri(e)* 'pear tree' (Old English *pyrige*) + *man*, probably denoting one who lived near such a landscape feature; compare **Pearman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Piriman, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); William Peryman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Puryman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Piryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Johannes Peryman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Peter Peryman, 1498 in *PROB 11*; Richard Peryman, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Kenne, Devon); John Perryman, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Limehouse, Middx); Richard Periman, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Bickington, Devon); Thomas Perriment, 1740 in *IGI* (Hockham, Norfolk).

### Persad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- West Indian: see **Persaud**.

### Persall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Pearsall**.

### Persaud

**Variants:** **Persad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

West Indian: nickname, altered form of Indian (Hindu) **Prasad**, found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Perse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Persell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dorset

Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Persey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England
- Norman, English: see **Percy**.

### Person

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs and Yorks; also Angus and Aberdeens
- English: see **Parson**.

### Persons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; WR Yorks

English: see **Parsons**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Persse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

### Persson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: see **Parson**.

### Pert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 702, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 630
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Norfolk
- Scottish: see **Peart**.

### Pervaiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Parvez**.

### Perveen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim (Pakistan, Bangladesh, India): see **Parveen**.

### Pervez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Parvez**.

### Pervin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Hants
- 1 English: see **Parvin** (1).  
2 Muslim (Bangladesh): see **Parveen**.



**Peryer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- English: see **Perrier**.

**Peryman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cornwall; London
- English: see **Perryman**.

**Pescod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Sussex
- English: see **Peasgood**.

**Pescodd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Peasgood**.

**Pescott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Peasgood**.
- References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 404–5.

**Pescud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Peasgood**.

**Peskett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Peasgood**.
- References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 404–5.

**Pestana**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese, Spanish: nickname from Portuguese *pestana*, Spanish *pestaña* ‘eyelash’, also in the Middle Ages ‘eyebrow’, hence denoting someone who had long eyelashes or bushy eyebrows.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 323
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Beds; Middx
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *pestel(le)* ‘pestle, tool used to grind items in a mortar’ (Old French *pestel*, Latin *pistillum*), probably signifying someone who used a pestle such as a spicer or a compounder of drugs. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Robert Pestel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholas Pestel, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Symon Pystel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Pestel, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Pestel,

1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Pystel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Somerset); Stephanus Pestel, Willelmus Pestyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Pestell, ferreter and fowler, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pestell, 1481–2 in *TNA* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Edmund Pestell, 1539 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk); William Pistell, 1603–25 in *TNA* (Frome Saint Quintin, Evershot, Dorset); William Pestell or Pestle, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Houghton, Dorset); Robt Pestel, 1621 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Henry Pistol, 1770 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Guy de Pestell, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham).

**Pester****Variants: Pistor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *pestur(e)*, *pesto(u)r*, *pistour* ‘baker’ (Old French *pestor*, *pesteur*, Latin *pistor*).
- Further information:** In early sources, *Pistor* is common but is often the Latin form, clearly so when inflected as: Toli Pistore (abl.), about 1140 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Roberto Pistori (dat.), 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon). For the Anglo-Norman French form, note the legend on the seal of Turbernus Pistor (1200 in *Oseney Cartulary*) was *Sigil'Y tvrberti le pestvr*. The feminine form has also been noted: Alicia le Pesteresse, 1270 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs). Note also Robert de la Pesterye, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset), ‘of the bakery’, and compare **Panter** and **Pantrey**.

**Early bearers:** Osmundus pistor, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Galton in Owermoigne, Dorset); Robertus pistor, 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); William le Pestur, 1239 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Symon le Pestur, 1259 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Richard le Pester, le Pestour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John Pistor, peleter, 1281 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Thomas le Pestur, Hugh le Pestour, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunwich, Suffolk); John le Pistour, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Abitus le Pestour, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Timberland, Lincs); Ricardus Pestour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exe Island, Devon); Johannes Pyster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Ricardus Pistor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Richard Pestur, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Drayton in Barton Stacey, Hants); Alexander Pester, 1524 in *PROB 11* (North Perrott, Somerset); John Pistor or Pystor, 1574 in *PROB 11*; Edward Pester, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Glastonbury, Somerset).

**Pesterfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Baskerville**.

**Pesticcio**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: nickname from a variant of Italian **Pasticcio**, from *pasticcio*, which in medieval Italian meant ‘pie’ or ‘pastry’, then ‘jam’, and more recently ‘tangle,

muddle’. Any of these senses could have given rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Vita Pesticcio, marine dealer, born in Naples, in *Census 1901*, identical with Vido Pesticcio, marine store dealer, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Vingenzo Pasticio, 1904 in *BMD* (Glamorgan); Raffles Pesticcio, born in Elbole, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Cossimo Antonio Pesticcio, 1906 in *BMD* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

**Pestridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jane Pestridge, 1723 in *Parish Registers* (Soho, Middx); Willam Pestridge, 1772 in *IGI* (Knowle, Warwicks); James Pestridge, 1774 in *IGI* (Harvington, Worcs); George Pestrage, 1821 in *IGI* (Fladbury, Worcs).

**Petch****Variants: Petche, Peach, Peck, Peak, Spetch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1825, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs; Suffolk

1 English: nickname, variant of the Norman name **Petchey** (Old French *peché*, Middle English *peche* ‘sin’). Medieval spellings with final *-e* can represent either *peché* or *peche*, so some of the earliest of the following bearers may belong with **Petchey** rather than **Petch**, but the two forms of the name were in any case interchangeable. Compare John Peche, tailor, 1320, identical with J. Pecchee, 1328 in *London Letter Books E*; John Peche, 1558, Moses Pechey, 1584 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex).

**Early bearers:** God’ Pece, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph Pecche, 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Witchingham, Norfolk); Geoffrey Pech, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Bartholomew Pecche, 1250 in *Yorks Deeds* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Lord John Peche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pagham Hundred, Sussex); William Peche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Mundham, Sussex); John, William, and Alan Pecche, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Egton, NR Yorks); Hugh Pecche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Henry Peche or Petch, 1327–8 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Peche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (St Clement Danes, Middx); Johanne Peche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Harcourt, Leics); Ricardus Peche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Johannes Pech, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Radulphus Peche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmus Peche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wanborough, Wilts); Agneta Petch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Rogerus Pechche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Robertus Pech’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Rissington, Gloucs); Thoma Petch, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); John Pecche, 1422 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Egton, NR Yorks); Hugo Petch, 1563 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Petch, 1578 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Robert Petch, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Upwell, Norfolk); Georg Petch, 1635 in *IGI* (Carlton, Suffolk); Jane Petch, 1638 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); John Petch, 1673 in *Heath Tax* (Egton, NR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Spetch** with loss of initial *S-* (unless *Spetch* itself is a variant of **Petch** with a

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prosthetic S-). The two names were certainly interchangeable. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes Michael Petch or Spetch (1609–13) and Lancelot or Lance Petch or Spetch (1625–7) in the Leeds parish registers; and Benjamin Petch otherwise Spetch, 1764 in *WR Yorks Quarter Sessions* (Azerley, WR Yorks). Compare also Thome Peche, 1586, Margret Spetche, 1594 in *IGI* (Londonthorpe, Lincs); Thomas Spech, 1589, Richd. Petch, 1726 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

### Petche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Petch**.

### Petchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants
- English: see **Patchell**.

### Petcher

**Variants:** **Peacher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: (i) occupational name from Old French *pescheor*, *pecheour*, *pe(s)chur* ‘fisherman’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pechour* ‘sinner’ (Old French *pecheor*); compare **Peach**.
- Early bearers:** Adam le Pechur, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Nicholas le Peschur, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus le Peschur, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); John le Pechere, 1242 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John le Pechur, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Kidlington, Oxon); William Pecchar or Pechar, bailiff, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Halloughton, Notts); Randulph le Peschour, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Pechere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bulmer, Essex); Georgij Petcher, 1606 in *IGI* (Appleby Magna, Leics); John Peacher, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Petchey

**Variants:** **Peachey, Petch, Peach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 296
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Herts
- Norman: nickname from Old French *pech(i)et*, *pech(i)é* (Latin *peccatum*) ‘fault, sin’. The name has varied freely between the Old French form (with final *-(i)é* spelled *-(i)e*, *-ee*, and *-y*) and the synonymous Middle English form *pec(c)he* (see **Petch**). The stressed vowel in *Pecché* was short, so *Petchey* and *Petch* are closest to the original pronunciation of the name, but *Peachey* and *Peach*, with a lengthened vowel, are now much commoner. **Further information:** For William Pecché (or Peccatum) and his descendants in E Anglia and Essex, see *Domesday People*, p. 494 and *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 1063–4. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Peccatum, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk); Rotbert Pecceð, bishop, 1123 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle E* (Coventry, Warwicks); Hamon Peccatum, 1130 in *Pipe Roll 31Hen1* (Suffolk); William Pechie, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Gilbert Pechie, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Pechee, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk);

Herbert Pechy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Edwds. Pechie, 1559 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Ann Petchey, 1567 in *IGI* (Gilston, Herts); Johes Petchey, 1592 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Johannis Petchey, 1612, Robert Pechy, 1623 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Marie Petchey, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Peter

**Variants:** **Petre, Peters, Petter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1687, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1031
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus and Aberdeens; also Cornwall; Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Peter*, a direct borrowing of Latin *Petrus* (‘rock’). The popular Middle English form was *Peres* (French *Piers*; see **Pearce**) but the learned form *Peter* was occasionally used, and it became increasingly common after the Reformation.

**Further information:** The early Latin form Johannes Petrus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edgefield, Norfolk), may belong with this name, or, conceivably, with **Pearce**. **Early bearers:** given names: Petrus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs). surnames, England: Ralph Peter, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Luke Petre, 1282 in *London Letter Books A*; Elias Petri, 1318 in *London Letter Books E*; Johannes Peter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Paignton, Devon); Willelmus Peter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Johanne Peter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Canon Frome, Herefs); John Peter, 1539 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Anne Peter, 1541 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Richaurd Peter, 1544 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Richard Peter, 1545 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Joan Peter, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Peter, 1589 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs). surnames, Scotland: James Peter, 1575 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Kattrin Petre, 1586 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Peter, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Archbald Peter, 1633 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines); Archibald Peter, 1653 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); John Petre, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Orkney).

### Peterken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Peterkin**.

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**Variants:** **Peterken, Pettican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Morays, Aberdeens, and Banff; also N England; SE England

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Peter* + a diminutive suffix *kin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Petrekyn le chapler, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Peterkyn Deystere, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (London). surnames: Andrew Peterkin, 1488 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 34 (Aberdeen); John Peterkyne, 1537 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 54 (Aberdeen); Margrett Peterkin, 1577 in *IGI* (Aberdeen,

Aberdeens); Jone. Peterkin, 1610 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Richard Pettican, 1611 in *PROB 11* (London); William Peterkin, 1612 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Mrgt Petirken, 1641 in *IGI* (Inveravon, Banff); Jon. Petrikine, 1664, Petriken, 1666 in *IGI* (Craig, Angus); William Peterkeen, 1713, James Peterikine, 1715 in *IGI* (Kinloss, Morays); Alexander Peterkin, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Peterken, 1739 in *IGI* (Langton, ER Yorks); Alexr. Peterking, 1770 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); Thos. Pettican, 1794 in *IGI* (Wissington, Suffolk); James Pettikin, 1800 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); John Petrkin, 1803 in *IGI* (Daviot, Aberdeens); William Pettican, 1815 in *IGI* (West Bergholt, Essex).

### Peters

**Variants:** **Peeters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19089, Ireland 650
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10391
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx and Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English, Welsh, Scottish: relationship name, variant of **Peter** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Petres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Peters, 1543 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Arnulphi Peters, 1557 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thome Peters, 1569 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Edward Peters, 1569 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Edwardus Peeters, 1585 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); John Peters, 1598 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Peter Peters, 1620 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); George Peters, 1622 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs); Frannces Peters, 1636 in *IGI* (Farrington Gurney, Somerset).

Wales: Catherine Peters, 1680 in *IGI* (Worthenbury, Flints); Gawen Peters, 1689 in *IGI* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Eliz Peters, 1782 in *IGI* (Holyhead, Anglesey); David Peters, 1799 in *IGI* (Haverfordwest, Pembrokes).

Scotland: Marioun Peters, 1591 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jean Peters, 1689 in *IGI* (Cortachy and Clova, Angus); George Peters, 1755 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Pheadair** ‘son of Peter’.

### Petersen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1148, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlothian
- English: see **Peterson**.

### Peterson

**Variants:** **Petersen, Pedersen, Pederson, Petterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3023, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Shetland; London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Cork
- English: relationship name from the personal name **Peter** + *-son*.
- Early bearers:** John Peterson, 1375 in *London Pleas*; Richard Peterson, 1544 in *PROB 11* (London); Peter Petersone, 1591 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Petersone, 1661 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); John Peterson, 1731 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland).

**Petfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; London

Norman, English: see **Patefield**.

**Early bearers:** Jhone Petfeild, 1562 in *IGI* (Tetney, Lincs); Robert Petfeld, 1605, Richard Petfield, 1612 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Joseph Petfeild, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Jane Petfield, 1730 in *IGI* (South Dalton, ER Yorks); Frances Petfield, 1763 in *IGI* (Brantingham, ER Yorks); George Petfield, 1839 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**Petford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

**Pethard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *pe(i)ter* ‘to break wind, fart’ (Old French *petour* ‘farter’) + the pejorative suffix *-hard*. Compare **Petter** 3.

**Early bearers:** William Petard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginald Petard, 1436 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Petterd, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Kingsbury, Somerset); William Pettard, 1656 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Robert Petard, 1760 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Benjamin Petthard, 1767, Edward Pethard, 1776 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs).

**Pether**

**Variants:** **Pethers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon
- English: see **Pither**.

**Petheram**

**Variants:** **Petherham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from a lost place *Petherham*, recorded as *Perredeha* in *Domesday Book*, and now represented by Moxham’s Farm in Otterhampton (Somerset). The etymology of the place-name is uncertain, but, based on the *Domesday Book* form, may derive from the river-name *Parrett* + Old English *hām* ‘village, homestead’ or *hamm* ‘enclosure, water meadow’; Otterhampton is approximately 1 mile from the River Parrett. **Early bearers:** Joa Petheram, 1561, Joannes Pethera, 1609 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Guilelmus Petheram, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Burnham on Sea, Somerset); George Petherham, 1654 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**References:** S. C. Morland, ‘Some Somerset manors’, *Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society*, 99–100 (1954–5), p. 47.

**Petherbridge**

**Variants:** **Pethybridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Pethybridge in Lustleigh (Devon), which is recorded as *Pidebrigg* in 1318. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pyd(d)a* or \**Pidda* + Old English *brycg* ‘bridge’.

**Early bearers:** John de Pidebrigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lustleigh, Devon); John Pedebrigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Margery Pethybridge, 1591 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Robert Pethebridg, 1627 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Georgii Petherbridge, 1688, Thomas Pethabridge, 1729 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); John Pethybridge, 1719 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 481.

**Petherham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Petheram**.

**Petherick**

**Variants:** **Petterick**, **Pedrick**, **Pethrick**, **Pethick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Cornish: relationship name from *Petherick*, a given name used in Cornwall derived from *Pedrek*, showing the English dialect change of [d] to [ð] before [r]. This is the Cornish spoken form of the saint’s name which is often met in the learned form *Petrock*. He is patron saint of Padstow (‘parish of Saint Pethericke alias Padistow’, 1596 in *Ancient Deeds V*, A.12950) and Little Petherick (*Pedrok minor*, 1535 in *Valor Ecclesiasticus*), but examples of the surname are more likely to be relationship names than derived directly from the place-name. It has sometimes, via the variant *Petterick*, been confused with **Patrick**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Petrock Merchaunt, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Blisland, Cornwall); Petheryk Sobbye, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Egloshayle, Cornwall); Pethroke Trevanan, 1547, Pethericke Snell, 1579 in *Bardsley* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall).

surnames: William Pederok, Pederek, Pedrok (the same man), 1443–58 in *Court Rolls* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall); Richard Pedrek, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tregony, Cornwall); John Pethereck, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Launcells, Cornwall); Roberte Pethericke, 1561 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Henry Petherick, 1563 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Petherycke, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Henry Pethericke, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Dinnes Pedrick, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); John Pethrick, 1699 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall); Daniel Petherick or Patrick, 1775 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon).

**Pethers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Pether** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pethers, 1704 in *IGI* (Sherfield upon Loddon, Hants); Anthony Pethers, 1728 in *IGI*

(Froxfield, Wilts); Richard Pethers, 1756 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Oxon); Elizabeth Pethers, 1781 in *IGI* (Great Bookham, Surrey); Charles Pethers, 1787 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx).

**Pethick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 427
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: variant of **Petherick**, as indicated by Henry Pethrick, 1574–5, Henry Petheke, 1575, Henry Pethericke, 1578, Henry Pethick, 1580, and Henry Pethecke, 1590, the same man recorded in court rolls of Bodardle, Lanlivery parish, in *Cornwall Record Office*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pethek, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Robert Pethecke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Laneast, Cornwall); Richard Petheke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); William, John Pethek, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Pethik heir, about 1535 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Paul Petyke, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Thomas, Robert Petheck, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Robert Peathicke, John Pethicke, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Tamerton, Cornwall); Stephen Pethick, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); Heirs of Pethick, 1589 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (West Balsdon in Whitstone, Cornwall).

**Pethrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Cornish: see **Petherick**.

**Pethybridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Petherbridge**.

**Pettifer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

**Petit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Pettitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Petley**

**Variants:** **Pettley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost *Petley*; the name survives in Petley Wood in Battle (Sussex), recorded as *boscus de Petlee* from the 12th century. The place-name derives from Old English *pytt* 'pit, hollow' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Further information:** Petley's and Lower Petleys in Downe (Kent) are named from the family, which became established there in the 13th century; see *Kent Place-Names*, p. 25.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Petle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Peteley of Downe, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Downe, Kent); John Petteley, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Beckenham, Kent); William Petley, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Halsted, Kent); Thomas Pettlie, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Wrotham, Kent); Mathew Petly, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 499.

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**Variants:** **Peyto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: locative name from a short form of Anglo-Norman French *Peitevin* (Old French *Poitevin*), signifying a man from Poitou, or from a form of Poitou itself. Compare **Podevin**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Peytowe, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes Pictavensis, 1238, (the same as) John de Peyto, 1247 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); John de Peyto the elder, 1334 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Peyto, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Johannes Peyto, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hailey, Oxon); William Peyto, knight, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks and Staffs); Harre Peto, 1551 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Margaret Peytoe, 1554, Humfrey Peyto, 1585, Petoe, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Chesterton, Warwicks); Henry Petoo, 1585 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); William Peyto, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Caleb Peto, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Godalming, Surrey).

## Petre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Cumb

English: see **Peter**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Petre, 1603 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Hugh Petre, 1617 in *IGI* (Grade, Cornwall); Thomas Petre, 1633 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); Christopher Petre, 1798 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

## Petry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: see **Petrie**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Petri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

1 German, Dutch: relationship name from a patronymic from a latinized form of **Peter**, often also written as *Petre* in the records.

**Early bearers:** Ludwig Petri, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Clerkenwall, Middx); John Petri, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

2 Scottish: variant of **Petrie**.

## Petrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Patrick**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Petrides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Greek: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Petros*, see **Peter**.

## Petrie

**Variants:** **Petry**, **Petrey**, **Peatrie**, **McPetrie**, **Petri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4678, Ireland 146
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3408
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Scottish: relationship name from the Scots personal name *Petrie*, a pet form of both *Peter* and *Patrick*. In Arran and Kintyre *Patrick* became Gaelic *Pàdair* and *Pàtair* and was confused with *Peter*. Black records that Patrick Young, Dean of Dunkeld, is recorded as Patry Yhong in 1452, whilst Patrick Roy Macgregor (1667) was usually called Petrie.

**Early bearers:** Charles Patre, 1513 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 4, p. 14; Andrew Petre, 1530 in *Origines Parochiales* 2, p. 752 (Wick, Caithness); Rob. Petrie, 1603 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Hendrie Petrie, 1612 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 5, p. 92 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens), (the same as) Henry Patrie, burgess, 1619 in *Aberdeen Council Register*, p. 360 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens), George Paitrie, James Patrie, burgesses, 1620 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 125 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens), Alexr. Petry, 1626 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Alexr. Peatry, 1702 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Gilbert Petri, 1761 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland); Katharine Peatree, 1774 in *IGI* (Carriden, W Lothian).

## Petrou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Petros*, see **Peter**.

## Petrovic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Croatian, Serbian, Slovenian: relationship name, Croatian and Serbian (**Petrović**), Slovenian (**Petrovič**), patronymic from the personal names *Petar* (Croatian and Serbian) or *Peter* (Slovenian), equivalents of **Peter**.

## Petrucchi

**Variants:** **Pietro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name, patronymic from a pet form of the personal name *Pietro*, Italian equivalent of **Peter**.

## Petry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- 1 English, Scottish: see **Patry**.  
2 Scottish: see **Petrie**.

## Pett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 842, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 819
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; also Devon; Lincs and Norfolk

English: variant of **Pitt**, especially in Kent, where it is dialectal in origin.

**Early bearers:** Katherin Pett, 1519 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Wm. Pett, 1573 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Dorothea Pett, 1585 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Phineas Pett, 1681 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon).

## Pettafor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

## Pettefar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

## Pettefer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

## Pettegree

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Pettigrew**.

## Pettengell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Herts
- English: see **Pettingale**.

## Pettengill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Pettingale**.

## Petter

**Variants:** **Pettters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Hants; Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs; ER Yorks

1 English: variant of **Pitter**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** George Petter, 1562 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); George Petter, 1567 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Fynoram Petter, 1573 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Rauffe Petter, 1576 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Judeth Petter, 1585 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); William Petter, 1602 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Doritie Petter, 1590 in *IGI* (Godshill, Hants); William Petter, 1607 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *petour* 'farther'. Rolland le Pettour (about 1250 in *Book of Fees*) held land in Hemmingstone (Suffolk) by

serjeanty of appearing before the king every year at Christmas to do a jump, a whistle, and a fart (*unum saltum, unum siffletum et unum bumbulum*). In 1330 the holder of this serjeanty is referred to as Roland le Fartere (*Inquisitiones post Mortem*). Compare John le Fartere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics). See also

**Pethard.**

**Early bearers:** John le Petour, 1299 in *London Letter Books B*; Johanne Petor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Thoma Petor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stogumber and Preston, Somerset); Walterus Petur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); John Pethour, 1519 in *Norwich Depositions*.

3 Scottish, English: variant of **Peter**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Petter, 1600 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); David Petter, 1667 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus); Issobell Petter, 1667 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth); Elspett Petter, 1673 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Petterick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Cornish: see **Petherick**.

**Petters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset; Surrey, Lancs

English: variant of **Petter** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Petters, 1550 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Ellys Petters, 1556 in *IGI* (Newgate, London); John Petters, 1605 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Robert Pitters, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Mary Pitters, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Cheriton Bishop, Devon).

**Pettersen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Angus; Lincs; Cheshire

English: see **Petterson**.

**Petterson**

**Variants:** **Pettersen, Pettersson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs; Durham

English: relationship name, variant of **Peterson**, sometimes perhaps through the form **Petter** + *son* and sometimes from recent immigrants.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Petterson, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Peter Petterson or Peterson, 1627 in *PROB 11*; Walter Petterson, 1648 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Carl Pettersson, 1872 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

**Pettersson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks

English: see **Petterson**.

**Pettett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Pettett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Cambs

Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Pettyey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent and London

Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Pettican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 917, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Peterkin**.

**Petticrew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Norman, Scottish: see **Pettigrew**.

**Further information:** This spelling is found mainly in northern Ireland, especially in Belfast.

**Pettie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Midlothian

Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

**Pettifer**

**Variants:** **Pettipher, Pettyfer, Pettefer, Petifer, Pettifor, Pettafor, Pettiford, Petford, Pettefar, Puddifer, Puddepha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1013, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also widespread in central England: esp. Warwicks and Northants

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *pedefer*, i.e. *pied de fer* ‘iron foot’; compare Herbertus Pedesferri, late 11th century in *Tengvik*, p. 326, from Latin *pedes ferri* ‘feet of iron’.

**Further information:** The name was common and sometimes used as a nickname alone: Piederfer, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs), Pie de Fer, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk). It was explained by Larchey as ‘surnom de bon marcheur’, and may also have referred to an old soldier who had lost a foot. Compare the English translation, Roger and Geoffrey Yrenfot, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts) and the parallel John Stelfot, 1301 in *London Letter Books C*. Bardsley notes the development to Pottiphar (1777), a natural development of Putifer (1382).

**Early bearers:** John Pederfer, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); John Piederfer, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); William Pedifer, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Petifer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Pitifer 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Pidefyr, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Petteford’ of Stertford’, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Stortford,

Herts); Ricardus Petyfer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); William Putifer, 1382 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William Petefer, 1392 in *Ancient Deeds ii* (Hunts); John Petyuere, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstable, Beds); Thomas Petyver, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Pettifer, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Pettipher, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Banbury, Oxon); Anthony Pettipher, 1628 in *Warwicks Record Office* (Warwicks); John Petford, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Haseley, Warwicks); John Potipher, 1676 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Aaron Potipher, 1795 in *TNA* (Barking, Essex).

**Pettifor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

**Pettiford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx

Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

**Pettigrew**

**Variants:** **Petticrew, Pettegree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1672, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1445
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *petit* ‘small, little’ + *creu*, past participle of *creistre* ‘to grow’, hence ‘little growth’, probably for a small man or one of stunted growth.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Peticruw, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Richard Peticru, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Peticru, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Roger Peticru, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Osberni Petycru, 1315 in *Place-Names of Gloucs 2*, p. 31 (Winchcomb, Gloucs); John Petegrew, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Johannes Petigru, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Agnes Petygrewe, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Publow, Somerset); Thomas Pettegrewe, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Richard Pettigrew, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Robert Pedgrewe, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); James Petticrew, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx). Scotland: Thomas Petykreu, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Margaret Pettigrew, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Wm. Pettegrewe, 1638, Johne Pettiegrew, 1648 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Pettingale**

**Variants:** **Pettengell, Pettingill, Pettingell, Pettengill, Puttergill, Portugal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: ethnic name from Middle English *Portingal(e)* ‘Portugal’ (Old French *Portugalois*), later also meaning ‘Portuguese’, used for someone from Portugal.

**Early bearers:** Walterus filius Portingalliae, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Potagal, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Symon Petingal, 1278 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William de Petyngale, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Benfleet, Essex); Richard Portyngale,

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1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes Pottyngale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); John Portyngale, husbandman, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Kenningham, Norfolk); William Pettingall, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Portingale, 1569 in *State Papers Domestic*; Baltasar Portingall, 1573 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Helena Pettingall, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Emanuelis Portugal, 1638 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Richard Puttergill, 1672 in *IGI* (Welbourn, Lincs); John Pettengall, 1672, Petingall, 1672, Rose Pettengill, 1680 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Thomas Puttergil, 1707 in *IGI* (Welbourn, Lincs); Henry Pettengale, 1755 in *IGI* (Sandon, Herts); John Pettengell, 1762 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs).

### Pettingell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks
- English: see **Pettingale**.

### Pettinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 332
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Pottinger**.

### Pettingill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Pettingale**.

### Pettipher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

### Pettis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Pitts**.

### Pettit

**Variants:** Pettitt, Petit, Petitt, Pettet, Pettett, Petyt, Pittet, Petty, Pettie, Pettey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2630, Ireland 167
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, Northants, Cambs, and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *petit(e)* ‘small, little’, borrowed from Anglo-Norman French *petit*.

**Further information:** *Petit* was a not infrequent element in medieval names: compare Walter Petittclark, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Petijohan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Petitpas, 1199 in *Pleas* (Kent); Richard Petitprudum, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John le Petit Smyth, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Aluric Petit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (New Forest, Hants); Robertus Petit, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); William Petie, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John le Petit, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter le Petiit, 1249 in *Assize Rolls*

(Wilts); Reynold le Petit, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John le Petyt, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Mullion, Cornwall); Thomas Petyt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Petit, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsop, Herefs); Rogerus Petite, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Islip, Northants); Willelmus Petyt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Henry Petit, esquire, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts; Northants); Richard Pettye, 1553 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John Pettittie or Pettit, 1558 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Robert Pettet or Pettit, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx).

### Pettitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3077, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1593
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E Anglia and SE England; also Northants
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

### Pettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name, probably from the Old English personal name *Pyttel*, although the development from *Pyt-* to *Pet-* would be unusual in SW England.

**Further information:** *Pyttlesford* occurs in the bounds of a Somerset charter, 961 in *Cartularium Saxonium* no. 1074.

**Early bearers:** Richard son of Pettel, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Margery Petul, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Pettel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Pyttyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Radipole, Dorset); Thomas Petell, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Halstead, Kent); William Pettle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Pettley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: see **Petley**.

### Pettman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Pitman**.

### Petts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1087, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 764
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London: also WR Yorks; Norfolk

English: variant of **Pitts**, especially in Kent, where the variation is dialectal.

**Early bearers:** John Petts, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Petts, 1628 in *IGI* (Widford, Herts); Margaret Petts, 1635 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Hilary Petts, 1726 in *IGI* (Great Bircham, Norfolk).

### Petty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2824, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2949
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. WR Yorks; also S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Fermanagh
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

### Pettyfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Hants
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

### Petyt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

### Peugh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Welsh: see **Pugh**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Peutherer

**Variants:** Pewtress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Stirlings

English: occupational name for a pewterer, someone who made or worked in pewter, from Middle English *peut(e)rer*, *peuderer* (Anglo-Norman French *peautrer*, Old French *peautrier*).

**Early bearers:** Lambert le Peutrer, 1311 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Middx); Geoffrey le Peautrer, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Petrus Pewterer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Church Lane, ER Yorks); Thomas Powterer, 1472 in *York Guild Register*; Willm. Pewterer, 1576 in *IGI* (Welwyn, Herts); John Peutherar, 1664, Thomas Peuterar, 1667, James Peutherer, 1688 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Peverall

**Variants:** Peverill, Peverell, Pepperell, Pepperrell, Pepperall, Pepprell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

Norman, English: relationship name from Old French *Peurel* (Latin *Piperellus*), a diminutive of Old French *pevre* ‘pepper’ (Anglo-Norman French *peivere*, Latin *piper*), originally perhaps used as a nickname on the Continent but used as a personal name in Anglo-Norman England.

**Early bearers:** Willielmus Puirellus, 1080 in *Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum*, p. 802; Ran(n)ulphus Peurellus, Piperellus, W(illelmus) Peurel, Piperellus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Willelmo Peverello, about 1087 in *Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum*, p. 409 (Notts); Geruasius filius Peurelli, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); [ . . . ] Peverel, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Richard Peurel, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William Peuerell, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Peperel, 1224 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Hugh Piurel, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Christchurch, Hants); Ricardus Pevurel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendomer, Somerset); John Peperill, king’s groom-porter, 1398 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Peperell, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Peverell, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Pepprell, 1629 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Peverelle, 1715 in *Parish Registers* (Blessed Virgin Mary, Witham Friary, Somerset); Martha Peverall,

1729 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Peverill or Peverel, 1751 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Charles Pepperrrell, 1760 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).  
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### Peverell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Oxon Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

### Peverill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx Norman, English: see **Peverall**.

### Peverley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham English: variant of **Beverley** with devoiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Daniell Peverly, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Waltham Holy Cross, Essex); John Peverly, 1704 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Ralph Peaverly, 1709, Peaverley, 1711 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Peverley, 1723, Emmanuel Paverley, 1782 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Peveley, 1828 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Pew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lanarks; London 1 Welsh: see **Pugh**.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *pi(u)*, *piw*, *peu* 'holy, pious'. Examples without the definite article *le* will rarely be distinguishable from those for (1).

**Early bearers:** William Piwe, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William le Pew, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Pewe, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Nicolase Pew, 1556 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Roger Pew, 1577 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Mary Pew, 1587 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Cornelius Pew, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Francis Pew, 1599 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

### Pewsey

**Variants:** Pusey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks and Hants

1 English: locative name from Pewsey (Wilts), which is recorded as *Pevesige* in 940, *Pevesie* in 1086, *Peuesy* in 1324, *Pewse* in 1524. The place-name means 'Pefi's island', from an Old English personal name \**Pefi* (genitive \**Pefes*) + *ēg* 'island, well-watered land'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Peuesy, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Pewsey, Wilts); John Peuesy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East and West Harnham, Wilts); Walter de Peuesey, clerk, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Richard de Peuesey, 1363 in *TNA* (Clarendon, Wilts); Johanne

Peuesy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whaddon, Wilts); Petrus Peuesy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Christine Peuesey, 1394 in *Lacock Charters* (Lacock, Wilts); John Pewsey, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Henry Pewsey, 1645 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Nicolas, Chute, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 350; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 471.

2 English: see **Pusey**.

### Pewter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Powter**.

### Pewtress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Herefs English: (i) variant of **Peutherer** with post-medieval excrement *-s*. (ii) variant of **Powter** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Pewteres, 1542 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); John Pewtres or Pewteras, 1568 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Edward Pewtris, 1593 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Pewtresse, 1613 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Jhon Pewtrice, 1633 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Henry Pewtris, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); John Pewtress, 1667 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Wm Peutrice, 1702 in *IGI* (Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Edward Pewtriss, 1708 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Caesaris Peutris, 1718 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Thomae Peutris, 1718 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Sarah Poytress, 1722 in *Gloucs Archives*; William Pewteris, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Benjamin Pewtress, 1806 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Pexton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: variant of **Pickstone**. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Paxton**.

Compare John Pexstion, 1727, Philip Paxton, 1765 in *IGI* (Fridaythorpe, ER Yorks).

**Further information:** Derivation from Pexton (Moor) in Thornton le Dale (NR Yorks) seems unlikely as there are no historical forms for this place, which is first recorded on modern maps.

**Early bearers:** Peter Pexstone, 1577 in *IGI* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); Thome Pexton, 1604, Willimus. Pexstone, 1628 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Richard Peckstone, 1631, Peckston, 1639, Thomae Pexton, 1669 in *IGI* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Stephen Pexton, 1712 in *IGI* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Pextone, 1765 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Mary Pexton, 1786 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Pey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: see **Pay**.

### Peyman

**Variants:** Payman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, and Berks; Middx and Kent

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**pe*, late Middle English \**pey*, \**pay* 'peacock' + *man*, perhaps denoting someone who bred peacocks for a rich man's garden or dinner table. Compare **Pay**, **Peacock**, **Peabody**. (ii) occupational name, status name, alternatively the surname could mean 'Peye's or Peye's servant'. For the personal name see **Pay**.

**Early bearers:** John Peman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William Peyeman, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William Paman, 1566 in *IGI* (Chevington, Suffolk); Edmund Paman, 1574 in *IGI* (Helion Bumpstead, Essex); Jone Payman, 1575 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hants); Elizabeth Payman, 1608 in *IGI* (Topplesfield, Essex); Mary Peyman, 1710 in *IGI* (Nottingham); Richard Peaman, 1838 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

### Peyser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent English: see **Poyser**.

### Peyto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent Norman, English: see **Peto**.

### Peyton

**Variants:** Payton, Patton, Paton, Paiton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 357
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs and Warwicks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim, Mayo, and Roscommon

1 English: locative name from Peyton in Ramsholt (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Peituna* in 1086. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pæga* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. Alternatively, perhaps from Peyton Hall in Boxford (Suffolk), though this place may take its name from the surname.

**Further information:** Peyton Hall in Bures and Peyton Hall in Manuden (both in Essex) appear to derive from or have been influenced by the surname.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Peytun, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Peyton, 1270 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Payton, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert de Payton, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund Peyton, 1389 in *London Pleas*; Robert Peyton', 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Payton', knight, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Wm. Payton, 1558 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Poyton, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Spaxton, Somerset); Mark Paiton, 1575 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); William Poyton, 1605 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Gressenhall, Norfolk); John Poyton, knight, 1617–21 in *TNA* (Cambs; Lincs).

2 Irish: from Ó **Peatáin** 'descendant of *Peatán*', a pet form of the personal name *Pádraig*, see **Patrick**. Some of the Ulster early bearers below may belong under **Paton**.

## Pezey

**Early bearers:** Muircertach h-Ua Peatan, 1178 in *AU*; William, Tirlowe, and Manus O Pettane, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483; John Pattann, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Innislare, Armagh); Patrick Patten, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilteevoe, Donegal); Owen Patten, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunmore, Galway).

### Pezey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Pusey**.

### Pfau

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: nickname, locative name from Middle High German *pfā*, *pfāwe* ‘peacock’, denoting either a vain strutting person, or someone living at a house distinguished by the sign of a peacock. Compare English **Peacock**.

**Early bearers:** Julius Pfau, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Joseph Pfaw, born in Munich, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Pfeiffer

Variants: **Fifer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also WR Yorks

German: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *pfiff(e)*, German *Pfeife* ‘whistle, pipe’, for a pipe player.

**Early bearers:** Cornelias Fifer, 1762 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Johann Martin Pfeiffer, 1782 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Anna Jansen Pfeiffer, 1812 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Alfred Pfeifer, 1822 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Frederick Pfeifer, 1831 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); Charles Feifer, in *Census 1871* (Sunderland, Durham); Reinhold Pfeiffer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, Kent); Wilhelm Pfeiffer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Otto Pfeiffer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx); Caspar Pfeiffer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Phair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan; Cork

English, Scottish, Irish: see **Fair**.

### Phaisey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Phalp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Philip**.
- Early bearers:** Scotland: Margaret Falp, 1676, Margaret Falp, 1677 in *IGI* (Bo’ness, W Lothian).

England: And. Falp, 1748 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Andrew Falp, 1748 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); William Falp, 1785 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Pham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Vietnamese: from the family name **Phạm**, representing Chinese 范 and therefore corresponding to Mandarin **Fan**.
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 范, see **Fan** (1).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 潘, see **Poon** (1).

### Phan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Vietnamese: from the family name **Phan**, representing Chinese 潘 and therefore corresponding to Mandarin **Poon**.
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 潘 and 盤, see **Poon** (1) and (2).

### Phang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 彭, see **Pang** (1).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 潘, see **Poon** (1).
- 3 Vietnamese, Cambodian: unexplained.

### Pharaoh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Cumb
- English: see **Farrar**.

### Phare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall
- English: variant of **Fair**.

### Phares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Fairs**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pharo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Farrar**.

### Pharoah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Farrar**.

### Pharros

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Farrar**.

### Phasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Phaup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Roxburghs

Scottish: locative name from Fawhope in Teviothead (Roxburghs). The surname reflects the local pronunciation of the place-name.

**Early bearers:** Bessie Phaop, 1647, Phaope, 1653 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Williame Phap, 1660, Andrew Phawp, 1671 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); John Phaup, 1679, Agnas Phaap, 1692 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings);

### Phayre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: variant of **Fair**.

### Phazey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Shrops, and Staffs

Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Phear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Fear**.

### Pheasant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; London; Northants and Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *fesaunt* ‘pheasant’ (Anglo-Norman French *fesant(e)*, *fe(i)san*).

**Early bearers:** John Faisant, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Fesaunt, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard le Faisant, le Faisant, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Jersey); Roger Fesant, 1241 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robertus Fesant, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Johanne Fesaund, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharnford, Leics); Andrewe Pheasant, 1589 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Henry Feasant, 1602 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Thomas Pheasant, 1715 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); Johannes Pheasant, 1718, Feasant, 1722 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Samuel Pheasant, 1745 in *IGI* (Etwall, Derbys).

### Pheasey

Variants: **Pheazey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.



**Pheazey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

**Pheby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name, apparently from, or confused with, the English personal name *Phoebe*, a latinized form of the name of the Greek female deity *Phoibe*.

**Further information:** The name has the appearance of a place-name of Scandinavian origin, but it is unlikely for phonological reasons that some such name as *Fearby* (NR Yorks) is responsible. No alternative has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Henry Pheby, 1315 in *Lincs Archives* (Lincs); William Phebe, 1704 in *IGI* (Nursling, Hants); John Phebe, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Ann Phoebe, 1725 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Phebee, 1743, Thomas Phobe, 1769 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Mary Pheby, 1743 in *IGI* (Kingsey, Bucks); Elizabeth Pheby, 1772 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx); James Pheby, 1775, Febby, 1790 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); James Phebey, 1784 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Thomas Phebe, 1794, Phoebe, 1796, Phobe, 1800 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); William Phoeby, 1804 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); John Phebey, 1835 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Oliver Phoebe, 1857, Phebe, 1861, Pheobe, 1872 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

**Phee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Stirlings, and Ayr

1 Irish: see **Fee**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 彭, see **Pang** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 裴 and 皮, see **Pei** (1) and (2).

**Phelan**

Variants: **Phelon**, **Folan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3075, Ireland 5133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Laois, Tipperary, and Waterford

1 Irish: from Ó **Faoláin** ‘descendant of *Faolán*’, see **Whelan**.

**Further information:** Both Ó **Faoláin** and Ó **Fialáin** may be anglicized as *Phelan*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Phelan, 1731 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Morris Phelan, 1812 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Phelan, 1833 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); William Phelon, 1870 in *Parish Registers* (Hey, Lancs). Ireland: Peter Phelan, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1234; John Phelane, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Owen O’Philan, cottier, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4346 (Fraine); Joan ny Felane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4858; Shane O’Philan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309 (Turragh); Donell reough O’Phillan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Kryroe); Donell roe O’Phillan, horseman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551

(Clonkemegan); Teige oge O’Phillan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6733 (Bellnaduffe, Tipperary). 2 Irish: from Ó **Fialáin** ‘descendant of *Fialán*’, a personal name representing a diminutive of *fial*, meaning ‘generous’ or ‘modest, honourable’.

**Further information:** This is the surname of a bardic family in northern Ireland. Both Ó **Fialáin** and Ó **Faoláin** may be anglicized as *Phelan* and, as a result, some of the early bearers below may belong with Ó **Faoláin** in sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Fiell O Fylane, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Deran, Roscommon); Ferrall oge O’Fillan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4810 (Boey, Fermanagh); Bren O’Fillane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Busshopston, Westmeath).

**Phelips**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Somerset

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

**Phelon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

Irish: see **Phelan**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Phelops**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

**Phelp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon; Northumb

Scottish, English: variant of **Philp**; see **Philip** and compare **Phalp**.

**Early bearers:** England: Margrett Phelp, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Phelp, 1719 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife).

Scotland: Agnes Phelp, 1563 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Jease Phelp, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Peter Phelp, 1605 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Eleanor Phelp, 1729 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

**Phelps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4571, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2962
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also S Wales; London

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

**Phemister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Morays, Inverness, and Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Phimister**.

**Phenix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant of **Fenwick**, perhaps a fanciful alteration under the influence of classical mythology.

**Pherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Hants; Durham; Kent; Shrops
- Scottish Gaelic, English: reduced or anglicized variant of **Mac an Phearsain**; see **McPherson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pherson, 1751 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

**Phethean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Vivian**.

**References:** Phethean One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/phethean/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/phethean/).

**Pheysey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Shrops; Lancs; Middx

Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

**Phibben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 English: probably a variant of **Phippen** with intervocalic voicing of [p] to [b].

2 English: possibly a form of the Sussex surname **Fibbens**, without the excrescent -s.

**Phibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: variant of **Phipps** with voicing of *p* to *b*.

**Philbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French: see **Philibert**.

**Philbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Essex
- English: see **Filby**.

**Philbin**

Variants: **Filbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 204
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Philbin** ‘son of Philbin (Irish *Philbín* or *Filibín*)’, a pet form of **Philip**; compare **McPhillips**, **Phippen**. In spoken Irish the Mayo family often became Ó Philbin (*Woulfe*).

**Early bearers:** England, Scotland: John Philben, 1703 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Martin Philbin, 1822, Edward Philben, 1850 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Philbin, 1872 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Philbrick

Ireland: Walter roe McPhillippine, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3477; Edm. Fitz Philibbene, Richard mcWalter McPhilibbene, and Thomas mcEdm. McPhilabbene, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5075 (Ballyndery, Roscommon); Sawe ny Phillipine, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Castell Reogh, Roscommon); Patrick Philbin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Islandeedy, Mayo); William Philipen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraculumoney, Fermanagh); Bridget Filbane, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clossaghroe, Mayo); Patrick Filbin, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Rathslevin, Mayo); John Filibon, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shanwar, Mayo); James Philban, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cloonoe, Mayo).

## Philbrick

**Variants:** Philbrook, Philbrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

English: locative name, probably from Felbrigg (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Felebruge* in 1086 and *Fillebrigge* in 1257. The place-name derives from Old Scandinavian *fjöl* 'board, plank' + Old English *brycg* 'bridge'.

**Early bearers:** Simon Felbrygge, 1443 in *PROB 11*; Robert Felbrigg, 1548, Johis. Felbrygg, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robart Filbrick, 1625 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William Fillbrooke, 1635 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex); Francis Filbrigge, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Spaldwick, Hunts); Robert Filbridge, 1728 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Jno Philbrick, 1732 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Philbrick, 1752, Joseph Filbrick, 1766 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); George Philbrook, 1797, Filbrook, 1801 in *IGI* (Woodham Mortimer, Essex); Joseph Philbrock, 1846 in *IGI* (Latchingdon, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 14.

## Philbrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Philbrick**.

## Philbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Essex, and Kent
- English: see **Philbrick**.

## Philby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks; also Sussex

English: see **Filby**.

## Philcox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Philcock*, a pet form of **Philip**, either with Middle English genitival *-s* (probably denoting 'Philcock's son'), or with excrescent *-s* added to the post-medieval surname.

**Early bearers:** Betrice Philekoc, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); German son of Philip, 1297, identical with German Filcok, *Philcok*, 1298, 1306, identical with German *Philcoks*, Filcokes, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Adam Filcok, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Hugh Philcok, 1506 in *PROB 11*; Richard Philcox, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Battle, Sussex).

## Philibert

**Variants:** Philbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Philibert* (Continental Germanic *Filuberht*). Compare **Filbert**.

**Early bearers:** Decouche Philibert, born in France, in *Census 1901* (West Derby, Lancs); Antoine Philbert, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Deptford, Kent).

## Philip

**Variants:** Phillip, Philipp, Philp, Phillp, Phelp, Phalp, Falp, Phillips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2891, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1823
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

Norman, Scottish, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Philip*, *Phel(i)p*, *Phalp*, usually male but occasionally female.

**Further information:** The name was adopted in Christian Europe through the cult of Saint Philip, one of Christ's apostles. In Old French and Middle English it had many pet forms that have survived as Scottish and English surnames; see **Philpin**, *Phippen*, *Phippard*, **Fill**, **Phillott**, **Philcox**, **Filkin**, **Philpott**, **Pott**, **Pottell**, and **Potkin**.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Filippus de Crochesbi, 1142–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Philipus Rabode, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Philippa de Faia, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Phelippus, 1290 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Phelip de Kocfeld, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Philp Gledstanes, 1541 in *Bardsley*. given names, Scotland: Philip, 1171 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Philip Broun, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*. surnames, England and Wales: Henry Philip, Phelipe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Felipe, Gilbert Phelip, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam filius Phillippi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, WR Yorks); Cecilia Philipp, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Fylyp', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Herne, Kent); John Phillip, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Llan Ellye, Brecknockshire); Peter Philpe, 1698 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41. surnames, Scotland: Rauf Phelippe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwick, Berwicks); Stephan Philip, 1529 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Newton, Dumfriess); Alexander Philipe, 1537 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Banff, Banffs); Robert Philoppe, 1629 in *Dumfriess Testaments* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

## Philipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan; Sussex

Scottish, English: see **Philip**.

## Philippou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Philippos*, the literal meaning of which is 'lover of horses'. See **Philip**.

## Phillips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also SW England

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

## Philipppson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Phillipson**.

## Phillips

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1606, Ireland 253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5478
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; London; W Midlands; S England; Durham and Northumb; Glasgow

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

## Phillipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 836
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb

English: see **Phillipson**.

## Phill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Norfolk

English: see **Fill**.

## Phillimore

**Variants:** Fillmore, Filmore, Filmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs; London

Norman, English: (i) variant of **Finnemore** with late medieval or early post-medieval change from *-n-* to *-l-*. (ii) locative name, perhaps also from a minor place in Slimbridge (Gloucs), of uncertain etymology, recorded as *Fyllymore* in 1562 (*Gloucs Archives*), which is apparently the same as *Fulemore* recorded between 1200 and 1212 (*Berkeley Castle Muniments*). (iii) locative name, perhaps also from Fullamoor in Whitchurch (Devon). Compare Roger de Fulemore, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Roger Folemore, 1309 in *TNA* (Devon); [ . . . de] Folamor, 1346 in *Place-Names of Devon*. The place-name probably derives from Old English *folā* 'foal' + *mōr* 'moor'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support derivation from a Norman French personal name.

**Early bearers:** William Fylymore of Dursley, 1465 in *Gloucs Archives*; John Fylmore, 1514 in *Devon Record Office* (Black Torrington, Devon); John Fynmore, Filmore, 1533–8 in *TNA* (Cam, Gloucs); Thomas Fillmore, 1574, Anne Fillmore, 1576 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); George Fillmore, 1583 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); William Filmore, 1587 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare,

Devon); Oliver Filmoore, 1598 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Elizabeth Filmore, 1600 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); William Fillmoore, 1600 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Tamsin Philemore, 1616 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Filmor, 1618 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Philip Phinmore alias Philmore, 1635 in *Family of Fynmore* (North Stoke, Oxon); Richard Fillamore, 1644 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Daniell Phillimore, 1677, Daniell Philimore, 1734 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Ann Filimore, 1692 in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs); Phineas Philamore alias Fennymore, 1731 in *Family of Fynmore* (Netheravon, Wilts); Sarah Phillimore, 1778 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

**References:** *Family of Fynmore*; *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 249.

### Phillingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Fillingham**.

### Phillip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1503
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks; Glamorgan; London
- Scottish, English: see **Philip**.

### Phillips

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

### Phillippo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Italian, English: probably an anglicization of the Italian name *Filippo*, from a 17th- or early 18th-century immigrant.

**Early bearers:** Robert Philippoe, 1715 in *IGI* (Sparham, Norfolk); Thomas Philippo, 1733 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Phillippo, 1769 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Philliphoe, 1778 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Matthias Buscall Phillipo, 1815 in *IGI* (Colkirk, Norfolk).

### Phillipps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 569
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs; Cornwall; Norfolk; IoW

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

### Phillips

**Variants:** Philips, Philipps, Phillipps, Philliphs, Phillps, Philps, Phelps, PHELIPS, PHELOPS

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82022, Ireland 2397
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53197
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; S Wales; SW England and W England; Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Mayo; Antrim

Scottish, English: relationship name, occupational name from the English and Scots personal name

**Philip**, either with genitival *-s* (especially in medieval England and in post-medieval Wales) or with excrescent *-s* added to the post-medieval surname *Philip*. The usual sense of the genitival form is ‘Philip’s son’ but Middle English examples could occasionally denote ‘Philip’s servant’. *Philps* and *Phelps* are contracted forms.

**Early bearers:** Maud Philippes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Phelipes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Philippes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); John Philips, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Saint Paul Malmesbury, Wilts); John Philippes, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Eston, Hants); John Phelyps or Philipps, 1560 in *PROB 11* (London); John Phelpes, 1570 in *Bardsley*; Richard Phillippis or Philippes, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Carmarthen, Carmarthen); John Philipps or Philipps, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Christchurch, Monmouths); Thomas Phelpes alias Philipps, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jane Phillipps, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Thomas Philips, 1650 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

### Phillipson

**Variants:** Philipson, Phillipsson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1819, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and N England
- English: relationship name from the English and Scottish personal name **Philip** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Philipson’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Melton, WR Yorks); Thomas Phelipson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Wytheford, Shrops); Johannes Philipesson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shiple, Shrops); Gilbert Phelipson, 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Philipson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edward Phillipson, 1540 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Tho. Philipson, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Phillipson, 1591 in *PROB 11* (London); Anthonye Phillipsonne, 1591 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb); Nicholis Phillipsonne, 1607 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs).

### Phillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset; WR Yorks; Kent

English: see **Felix**.

### Philliskirk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Felixkirk (NR Yorks), recorded as *Felicekyrke* in 1293 and *Feliskirk* in 1410. The place-name means ‘the church dedicated to Saint Felix’, from the saint’s name *Felix* + Old Scandinavian *kirkja* ‘church’.

**Further information:** *Ph-* spellings of *Felix* were not adopted until the 16th century; see **Felix**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Felicekirk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sancton and Houghton, ER Yorks); Rogeri Feliskirke, 1599 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Rychard Felixkyrke, 1616 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Johannes Philliskirke, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Jane Philliskirk, 1628 in *IGI* (Sutton upon Derwent, ER Yorks); Thomas Philliskirk, 1735 in *IGI* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks); George Philiskirk, 1772 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); Henry Philliskirk,

1808 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Thomas Gray Philliskerk, 1884 in *IGI* (Southwick, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 199.

### Phillott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Philot*, a pet form of **Philip**, used of both men and women.

**Further information:** Note also Willelmus filius Filote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** given names, female: Philota de Kender, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys).

surnames: Richard Philot, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Philipp Philott, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Holbeton, Devon); John Phillott, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Daniel Phillott, 1721 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Charles Philott, 1809 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Charles Pender Phillott, 1813 in *Parish Registers* (Dawlish, Devon).

### Phillp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Scottish, English: spelling variant of **Philp**, see **Philip**.

### Phillpott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 358
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Gloucs
- English: see **Philpott**.

### Phillpotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Monmouths
- English: see **Philpotts**.

### Phillpott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants; Gloucs; Cornwall

English: see **Philpott**.

### Phillpotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs; Staffs; Devon

English: see **Philpotts**.

### Phillps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

### Philo

**Variants:** Filo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Cams

## Philp

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Philoe, 1561, Margaret Philow, 1584 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Walter Filo, 1603 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Richard Filoe, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Brigget Fillow, 1618 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); Alicia Phillo, 1626, Elizabeth Fillo, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Weonards, Herefs); Elenora Philloah, 1634, Allice Filloe, 1676 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Elioner Fillo, 1699, Elizabeth Fillow, 1721 in *IGI* (Goodrich, Herefs).  
**References:** Information from Tony Harris (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Philp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2358, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2028
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Cornwall

Scottish, English: reduced form of **Philip**; compare **Phelp**.

**Early bearers:** England: Jane Philp, 1568 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Catherine Philp, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall).  
Scotland: Janet Philp, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Philp, 1655 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).

## Philpin

**Variants:** **Flippance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes

English: relationship name from Middle English \**Philpin*, Old French *Filpin*, *Filipin*, a pet form of *Philip*. Compare **Phippen**.

**Early bearers:** John Philpin, 1725 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).  
**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 140.

## Philpot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1417, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1970
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Kent, Surrey, and Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Philpott**.

## Philpotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Brecknocks, and Gloucs; Dorset and Devon

English: see **Philpotts**.

## Philpott

**Variants:** **Philpot**, **Phillpot**, **Phillpott**, **Philpots**, **Philpotts**, **Phillpotts**, **Phillpotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3898, Ireland 352
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2262
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London, Kent, Surrey, and Hants; also W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Phil(i)pot*, *Phel(i)pot*, a pet form of *Philip* (mostly male but sometimes used for women).  
**Early bearers:** given names, male: Phelipot Herneys, 1377 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Beds).  
given names, female: Philipot, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.  
surnames: John Philipot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephen Philippot, 1336 in *Ancient Deeds* v (Kent); John Philippot, 1367 in *London Pleas*; Thomas Philpot, 1377

in *Poll Tax* (Eastry, Kent); John Phelipot, Philpot, 1378 in *London Letter Books* F, H; Johannes Phelippot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Northney, Hants); Robert Philipott, 1459 in *PROB 11*; John Philpot or Philpott, 1485, Philpott, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Compton Washing, Hants); David Phelpott alias Walker, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomas Philpot or Philpott, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 13.

## Philpotts

**Variants:** **Philpots**, **Phillpotts**, **Phillpots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs

English: relationship name, variant of **Philpott**, either with genitival *-s* (probably denoting ‘son of Philpot’) or with post-medieval excrescent *-s* added to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Watkine Phelpotts, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Vowchurch, Herefs); Richard Phellpottes or Phellpotts, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Hope Mansel, Herefs); David Philpotts, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Ashperton, Herefs).

## Philps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

Scottish, English: see **Phillips**.

## Philson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks

Irish, English: see **Filson**.

## Phimester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish: see **Phimister**.

## Phimister

**Variants:** **Phimester**, **Phemister**, **Phimster**, **Fimister**, **Femister**, **Whimster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Morays and Banffs; Midlothian

Scottish: occupational name from Older Scots and Middle English *fe* ‘livestock, cattle’ + *ma(i)ster*, *me(i)ster* ‘master’, for someone in charge of the flocks and herds.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Feemaister, 1458 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Banffs); Christian Phemister, 1595 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Thomas Fimester, 1611, Christane Fimiester, 1620 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Janet Femister, 1665 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays); Alexr. Phimester, 1670, Janet Whimister, 1706 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Alexr. Phimster, 1692 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); John Femester, 1740 in *IGI* (Birnzie, Morays); Jannet Phemister, 1788 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); John Whimpster, 1810, John Whimster, 1813 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness); Isobella Phimister, 1823 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness); Jane Phinister, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Birnzie, Morays).

## Phimster

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness; Inverness; Lancs

Scottish: see **Phimister**.

## Phin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish, English: see **Finn**.

## Phinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish, English: see **Finn**.

## Phinney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant spelling of **Finney**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Phipp

**Variants:** **Phipps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; Wilts and Gloucs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Phipp*, a pet form of **Philip**.  
**Early bearers:** William Fippe, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William Fyppe, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); Henry Phippe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey Phippe, 1337 in *Essex Record Office*; John Phippe, 1573 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Thomas Phipp, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); John Phippe, 1606 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); William Phipp, 1642 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

## Phippard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: relationship name from Middle English \**Phippard*, perhaps a pet form of *Philip*. Compare **Phipp** and **Phippen**.  
**Early bearers:** John Phippard of Pudyngho, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); Daniell Phippard, 1596, John Phippard, 1616 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Ruben Phepard, 1682 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Reuben Phippard, 1687 in *IGI* (Fordington, Dorset).

## Phippen

**Variants:** **Phippin**, **Phibben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, Dorset, and Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from Middle English \**Phippin*, a pet form of **Philip**. See **Phipp**, and compare **Peppin** (2), which has a similar distribution.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Phipyn, 1373 in *Patent Rolls*; William Phippen, 1576 in *PROB 11* (East Harptree, Somerset); Jone Phippen, 1587 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); William Phippin, 1598 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Gulielmus Phippen, 1605 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Judith Phippen, 1609 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); John Phyppen, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Wedmore, Somerset); Anne Phippen, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Phippen, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Whitworth Phippen, 1684 in *IGI* (Bristol,

Gloucs); James Fippen, 1730 in *IGI* (Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset); William Phipping, 1746 in *IGI* (Charmouth, Dorset); John Fippen, 1781 in *IGI* (Dalwood, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 325; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 414; *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 179; 4, p. 455.

**2** English: relationship name, occupational name, in the W Midlands alternatively denoting 'Philip's (son)' or 'Philip's (servant)', from Middle English *Phippen*, a W Midlands genitive singular form of **Phipp**, a pet form of **Philip**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Phippen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

### Phippin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Phippen**.

### Phippes

**Variants:** **Phibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6372, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4371
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Gloucs; also Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name, variant of **Phipp** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Phippes, 1364 in *London Pleas*; John Phippes, 1594 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Gloucs); Thomas Phips, 1595 in *IGI* (Kings Sutton, Northants); John Phippes, 1599 in *IGI* (Yarnton, Oxon); William Phippes, 1604 in *IGI* (West Lavington, Wilts); John Phips, 1606 in *IGI* (Leybourne, Kent); Tomas Fibes, 1622 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); Richard Phibbs, 1631 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); James Phips, 1718 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey).

### Phipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Phipp** + *son*.

**Early bearers:** John Phippesson, 1373 in *London Letter Books* G; Andrew Phipson, 1374 in *Crowland Abbey Estates*; Richard Phipson, 1375 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Mauricius Phipson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton Say, Shrops); Ricardus Phippesone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Marchamley, Shrops); Ranulph Fypson, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Phipson, 1565 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richd Phipson, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Phiri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Zambian, Malawian: from the name of a clan of the Chewa people, of unexplained origin.

### Phizackerley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also London

English: see **Fazackerley**.

### Phizacklea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Fazackerley**.

### Phoenix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1278, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Denbighs, and Cheshire

English: variant of **Fenwick**, perhaps a fanciful alteration under the influence of classical mythology.

### Phoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 潘 and 盤, see **Poon** (1) and (2).

### Photiou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Phōtios*, a derivative of *phōtos* 'light'.

### Phull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Phung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Vietnamese: **Phùng**, representing the Chinese family name 馮, see **Feng**.

### Phyllis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Felix**.

### Physick

**Variants:** **Visick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs; London
- English: occupational name from Middle English *phisik(e)*, *physique* 'medical science or theory' (Old French *fisique*, Latin *physicus*), used figuratively to signify 'physician'; compare John le Fisicien, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Physik, 1272–1307 in *Malmesbury Register*; William Visicke, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Erney, Cornwall); Wm Phisicke, 1599 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Robert Visick, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Henry Fissicke, 1637 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); Will. Fissick, 1644 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Francis Phissick, 1646 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); William Physick, 1663 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex); Ro. Phissicke, 1678 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Henry Physicke, 1705 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); William Physick, 1707 in *IGI* (Werrington, Devon); James Fysicke, 1708 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); William Physsick, 1717 in *IGI*

(Skirbeck, Lincs); Thomas Phisic, 1787 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

### Phythian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Vivian**.

### Pia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

**1** Italian (Piedmont): relationship name from the female personal name *Pia*.

**2** Catalan (Pià): locative name from Pià, in the Rosselló area, eastern Pyrenees, named with the Latin personal name *Appius* + suffix *-anum*.

### Piatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Pyatt**.

### Piazza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Italian: locative name from Italian *piazza* 'town square', or from a town named with this word, in particular Piazza Armerina in Enna province, Sicily.

### Pibworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: see **Pebworth**.

### Picard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see **Pickard**.

**Further information:** This may sometimes be a Huguenot reintroduction of the name: Jean Picard, 1692 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Pick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1973, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1904
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics; also WR Yorks; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

**1** English: see **Pike**.

**2** German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *bicke* 'pick, pickaxe', for someone who made or used such tools, such as a military pikeman or a labourer, or perhaps for someone who resembled a pike in some way, perhaps in sharpness of wit or temper, or slenderness of build. (ii) nickname from Low German *pick* 'pitch', for a pitch-burner.

**Early bearers:** George Pick, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Naldamar Pick, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Wheelock, Cheshire).

**3** Jewish (Ashkenazic): unexplained, but perhaps compare **Lepick**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Pick, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Samuel Pick, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

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### Pickard

Variants: **Picard, Pickett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4603, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4151
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks

1 Norman, English: ethnic name from Old French *le picarde* 'the Picard', for a man from Picardy. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Pycard, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Pikart, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Michael le Pykard, 1289 in *London Letter Books A*; John Picard, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Ricardus Picard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); Robertus Pikard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Johannes Pykard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Idle, WR Yorks); John Pyckard', chaplain, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); William Pychard, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Pichard or Pychard, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Powick, Worcs); Thomas Pickard, 1538 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); William Pickerd, 1606 in *PROB 11* (City of London); George Pickhard, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Elland, WR Yorks); Joyce Pickard, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Field, Middx).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from a French personal name *Picard*, either the same word as (1) above used as a given name, or a compound of *Pic* (compare **Pickett**) and *-hard*. On the analogy of *Richard*, this would become both *Pickard* and *Pitchard*, the latter, apparently, no longer surviving, but one origin of **Pitcher**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Picardus filius Pagani, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants). surnames: Paganus filius Pichardi, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Paganus, William Pichard, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants), 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); John Pikhard (Pikard), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants).

### Pickavance

Variants: **Pickvance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *piken* + *aveine* 'pick oats', possibly sometimes with plural *\*aveines* on the model of *oats*, and subject to a range of folk reinterpretations. Compare **Peckover**.

**Early bearers:** John Pickavance, 1583 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Pickance, 1672 in *IGI* (Burton in Wirral, Cheshire); John Picavance, 1676 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs); Joseph Pickavance, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); Henry Pickavane, 1744 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Thos. Pickavan, 1757 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Samuel Piccavance, 1785 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Joseph Pickafence, 1785 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edwd. Pickervance, 1800 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Pickavant, Maria Pickervance, 1812 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Pichavance, 1814, Edward Pickaounce, 1845, Arthur Levin Pickawance, 1894 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Pickaver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Peckover**.

### Pickbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Pickburn**.

### Pickburn

Variants: **Pickbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; also Lancs

English: locative name from Pickburn in Brodsworth (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Picburne* in 1279. The place-name derives from Old English *pic* 'pike', or perhaps from an Old English personal name *\*Pica*, + Old English *burna* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Pekeburn', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard de Pykeburne, 1305–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Pigburne, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Richard Pickburn, 1725, Mary Pickbourne, 1772 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Pickburn, 1752 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Pickburn, 1763 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 72.

### Picken

Variants: **Pickin, Picking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1741, Ireland 80
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Ayr and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Pic* + the diminutive suffix *-in*. See **Pike**. (ii) relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Picon*, *Pi(c)quin*, a pet form of *Pic*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Pykyng, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Pichyn, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Durham); Thomas Pykyn, 1353 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Rogerus Pychun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Norfolk); Willelmus Pichon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rorrington, Shrops); Gracia Pychon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); Willelmo Pycon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kintbury, Berks); John Pychon of Rysyng, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Rising, Norfolk); John Picken, 1558 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Mathew Pickyn, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Helinora Pickin, 1585 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Francis Picking, 1588 in *IGI* (Boxworth, Cambs); John Picken, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Maer, Staffs); John Pickyn, 1624 in *IGI* (High Erccall, Shrops); Emblin Pickings, 1690 in *Parish Registers* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).

Scotland: Patrik Picken, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andrew Picken, tailor, 1621 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Archibald Picken, 1624 in *Retours, Scotland*, 1107 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Picken, 1644 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Pikkan, 1673 in *Kilbarchan Marriages* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews). Ireland: Robert Pickens, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan); Samuel Picken, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim).

### Picker

Variants: **Pickers, Peaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *\*piker*, probably 'one who works with a pick or pickaxe'. Compare Middle French *piqueur* which has this sense and compare **Pickman**. (ii) nickname, perhaps sometimes from Middle English *piker* 'thief'. **Early bearers:** Richard le Pickere, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen Pikere, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard le Pikere, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* 3 (Essex); Hugh Pykker of Esthalton', 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (East Halton, Lincs); Robertus Picker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Thomas Pickere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acle, Norfolk); Robertus Pyker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haughley, Suffolk); Nicholaus Pikere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Reynold Pykker of Beccles, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Beccles, Suffolk); Harry Picker, 1562 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Alicia Piker, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Runcorn, Cheshire); George Picker, 1625 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

### Pickerell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Pickerill**.

### Pickerill

Variants: **Pickerell, Pickrell, Pickrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *pikerel*, *pik(e)relle* 'young pike', perhaps for someone who resembled this fish in sharpness of temper or slender build. Compare **Pike** 1.

**Early bearers:** Yuo Pikerell, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Pikerel, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Pikerel, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Pikrel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mowsley, Leics); Willelmus Pycerel, Thomas Picerel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Johannes Pikerell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); John Pickrell, 1540 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Thomas Pickerel or Pyckerell, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Pickerel, 1617 in *IGI* (Little Ness, Shrops); John Pickrill, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Phillip Bristol, Gloucs); Simon Pickrill, 1644 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Rich. Pickeril, 1701 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Ralph Pickrel, 1735 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

### Pickerin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Pickering**.

### Pickering

Variants: **Pickerin, Puckering**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13656, Ireland 307
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10659
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Pickering (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Pikeringes* in 1109–14 and *Picaringes* in 1119–35. The place-name means 'the people of a man named Picer', from an Old English personal name *\*Picer* + the group name suffix *-ingas*.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Pichering, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls*; Henry de Pikerings, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Walter de Piking, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John, William Pykeryng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus de Piking, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunsforth, WR Yorks); Robert Pikeryng, goldsmith, 1403 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); James Pykeryng, knight, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); William Pickeringe, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Cyprian Pickring, 1602 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Christopher Pickerin, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Kirton in Lindsey, Lincs); Margret Puckrin, 1678 in Borthwick Institute (Hornsea, ER Yorks); William Puckrin, 1725 in *IGI* (Ferry Fryston, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 85.

### Pickernell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Berks, and Wilts

English: see **Spicknell**.  
**Early bearers:** Joanna Pickernell, 1612 in *IGI* (Newton Toney, Wilts); Elenor Pickernell, 1631 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

### Pickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx; also Lancs

English: variant of **Picker** with post-medieval excremental *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Drewe Pickers, 1564 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Pickers, 1737 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); James Pickers, 1758 in *IGI* (Hopton by Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Pickers, 1788 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Pickersgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2095, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1573
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from Pickersgill in Mashamshire (NR Yorks). The origin of the place-name is uncertain, but it appears to mean 'the ravine of the thief or thieves', from Middle English *pikere* 'thief' + *gil* 'valley, ravine'.  
**Further information:** Pickersgill Lane in Killinghall (WR Yorks) may have been named from the family.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Pickersgill, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Healey, in Masham, NR Yorks); Willmi. Pickersgill, 1584, Georgius Pickersgil, 1586 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); George Pickerskill, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Robert Pickersgill, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); James Pickerskil, 1687 in *IGI* (Redmire, NR Yorks); Robert Pickersgale, 1690 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Pickersgirl, 1742 in *IGI* (Farningham, Kent).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Pickess

**Variants:** **Pickis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *pikeis*, *pikais*, *pikois* 'pickaxe, mattock' (Anglo-Norman

French *pic(h)ois*), perhaps for someone who made, used, or sold such tools.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus Pykys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Edmund Pycosse, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Laurence Pickis, 1562 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); James Pickeys, 1590 in *PROB 11* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Anne Pickaies, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Guildford, Surrey); Francis Pyckis or Pickis, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Newmarket, Cambs); Edward Pickess, 1707 in *Parish Registers* (Raydon, Suffolk).

### Picket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London; Oxon

Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

### Pickett

**Variants:** **Piggott, Piggot, Pigott, Pigot, Picot, Pykett, Pikett, Picket, Pygott, Spickett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3751, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2394
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster; Derry

1 Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Picot*, *Pigot*, a pet form of *Pic* (Old English *Pica*, Old Scandinavian *Pik*; see **Pike**) formed with the diminutive suffixes *-ot* or *-et*. In Middle English, the form *Piket* (Old French *Picquet*) also occurs. (ii) nickname, occasionally from Old French *picot* 'point, pointed object'.  
**Further information:** Richard Pigot was justiciar of Chester in 1431.

**Early bearers:** given names: Picot de Grantebribe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Pichot de Lacele, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Pigotus de Hutun, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
surnames, England: Roger Picot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire); Robert Picot, 1140–5 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Robertus filius Picot, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); William Picket, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Waubert Pyket, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*; Peter Picot, Pycot, Pygot, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cambs); Thomas Pikot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burcombe, Wilts); Robertus Pygott, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Thomas Pigot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Willelmus Picot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chaureth, Essex); Johannes Pycot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); John Pigot or Pygot, 1406 in *PROB 11* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Piggett, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Marie Pickett, 1568 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); Thomas Pygott or Pigott, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Stratton, Beds); Richard Pickett, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Cowden, Kent); John Pickett or Picket, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Twickenham, Middx); Edith Picketts, 1678 in *TNA* (Saint Mary Aldermansbury, London).  
surnames, Ireland: Nicholas Pigote, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §512; Elyse Pickot, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2245 (Glanore); Andrew Pigott, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3826.

2 Norman, English: sometimes *Pickett* may also be a late development of **Pickard**.

### Pickford

**Variants:** **Pigford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3025, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2404
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs; Somerset; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered in Munster

1 English: locative name, variant of **Pitchford**.  
**Early bearers:** Alcock de Pykeford, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Ales Pickford, 1587, Harriot Pitchford, 1792 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Richard Pickford, 1627 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Pickford, 1655, Peter Pitchford, 1794 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Jonatha. Pitchford, 1651, Phillippi Pickford, 1663 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thos Piggford, 1732 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Editha, Tamworth, Staffs).  
2 English: locative name from Pickforde in Ticehurst (Sussex). The place-name appears to derive from Middle English *pigge* 'pig' + *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Pyggeorde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Pegeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Pikeford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Pickfatt, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Nunney, Somerset); Alice Pickford, 1598 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joes Pickford, 1598 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); George Pickford, 1621 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pickford alias Pickfatt, 1649 in *Deputy Keeper's Report*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 453.

### Pickin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: see **Picken**.

### Picking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Lancs; Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Picken**.

### Pickis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Pickess**.

### Pickle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Pickles**.

### Pickles

**Variants:** **Pickless, Pighills, Pickle, Pygall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4444, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6078
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name; *Redmonds* shows that this well-known Yorks surname is probably from a minor locality in Thornton (Bradford, WR Yorks), called in Middle English *Pykedlee* or *Pighkeleys*, and composed of *piked* 'pointed, having a narrow corner' and either *ley(s)* (Old English *lēah*) 'clearing(s)' or *leys* (Old English *lāes*) 'pasture, meadowland'. It may be identical with the one or other of the fields in Thornton later called *Pickhill* and *Pighill*. This minor place-name and its derived surname later became

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confused with Middle English *pich(t)el*, *pigh(t)el* ‘small enclosure, croft’, which has long been supposed to be the sole origin of the surname, and could be the source of some examples of the surname beyond the Bradford area. However, the main origin is almost certainly the Thornton locality, close to Haworth (in Bradford), where the surname has a long history.

**Early bearers:** Adam del Pykedlee, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Thomas, Henricus de Pikedlee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Willelmus del Pikedlee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Pighkeleys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Johis. Pickels, 1546, John Pickeles, 1548, Henry Pickelles, 1550, Johes. Pickles, 1555, Lavrencii Pickelle, 1561, Ric. Pighels, 1583 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Pickles, 1571 in *Lincoln Wills*; Arthur Pickles, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Hayworth, WR Yorks); Joannis Piccles, 1732 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Ann Pikles, 1736, John Pigles, 1737 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Richard Pighalls, 1743 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Robert Pickless, 1839 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 274.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Pickles**.

## Pickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Essex; Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs

English: (i) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *pik(e)* ‘pike (fish)’ + *man*, denoting someone who caught or sold such fish. William, Robert, and Stephen Pickman, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), were fishmongers. Compare **Pike**. (ii) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *pik(e)*, *pic* ‘spike, pointed tool or weapon’ + *man*, for someone who made or used such tools or weapons. Compare **Picker**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Pykeman, 1259 in *Ancient Deeds* 2 (Middx); Ralph Pikeman, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Robert Pyckeman, 1300 in *London Letter Books* C; William Pikeman, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Galfridus Pykeman, Willelmus Pykman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Ricardo Pikeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington, Leics); John Pykman, chaplain, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Andrew Pykeman, 1391 in *PROB 11* (London); Henry Pycman or Picman, 1527 in *PROB 11* (London); Johaes Pyckman, 1585 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Matthew Pickman, 1690 in *IGI* (Wistaston, Cheshire); Wm. Pickman, 1735 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

## Picknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Picknill Green in Bexhill (Sussex), which is referred to as *on pican glinde* in a copy of a 772 document made in about 1300, and is recorded as *Pigglinde* in the 13th century. The place-name derives from an Old English

personal name \**Pica* + Old English \**glind* ‘enclosure’; *Green* ‘grassy place, field’ is a post-medieval addition to the place-name.

**Early bearers:** John Pyknoll, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nycholas Picknell, 1561 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex); Richard Picknoll, 1588 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); John Picknole, 1603 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex); Richard Picknol, 1604 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); William Picknall, 1631 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Daniell Pignell, 1638 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); William Picknell, 1658 in *IGI* (Pyecombe, Sussex); George Picknal, 1707 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Elizabeth Picknel, 1711 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); James Pignall, 1714 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 493.

## Picknett

**Variants:** **Pincott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Pic* + the suffixes *-en-* + *-et* or *-ot* to form a double diminutive. Compare **Pickett**.

**Further information:** The Cleveland family of Picknett was based in Redcar (NR Yorks) in the 19th century and in 1881 it accounted for all but one of the national total of 43 instances of this surname: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pikenot, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard Pikenet, Pikenot, 1206–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Pykenot, 1294 in *Assize Rolls*; Robert Pykenet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Johanne Pykenote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greenoak, ER Yorks); Henricus Pykenot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Pyknett, 1544 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Edmund Picknott, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); William Picknutt, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Horne, Surrey); Isaac Picknett, 1737 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Picknett, 1791 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

## Pickney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

Norman, English: variant of **Pinkney** with metathesis of the medial consonants.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pickover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Peckover**.

## Pickrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Norfolk; Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Pickerill**.

## Pickrill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs
- English: see **Pickerill**.

## Picksley

**Variants:** **Pixley, Pikesley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Pixley (Herefs), which is recorded as *Pikeslai* in 1160–70 and *Pictele* in 1206. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Peoht* (genitive \**Peohtes*) + Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Pikesle, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Richard de Pikeslegh, 1281 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus de Pykelesleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pixley, Herefs); Rogerus Pykesley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Millenheath, Shrops); William Pikesleygh, parson, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Bradninch, Devon); Willm Pixley, 1543 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Rycharde Pixeley, 1592 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Richard Pixley, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Whixall, Shrops); John Pikesley, 1641 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Piksley, 1670 in *IGI* (Dalby, Lincs); Gulielmi Picksley, 1679 in *IGI* (Blyborough, Lincs); Richard Picksley, 1682 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); William Pikeslay, 1704 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs); John Pikesly, 1706 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts); Richard Picksley, 1769 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 168.

## Pickstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

English: locative name from Pickstock in Edgmond (Shrops). The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pickstoke, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robert de Pykstoke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); William de Pykestoke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Pixstoke, parson, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Grendon, Warwicks); Nicholaus de Pikstoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Levedale, Staffs); Hugh de Pykestok, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard Pickstock of Dogpole, burgess, 1516 in *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 6 (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Francis Pickstocke, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Feckenham, Worcs).

## Pickston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pickstone**.

## Pickstone

**Variants:** **Pixton, Pickston, Pexton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: (i) relationship name from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Picstān*, Middle English \**Picstan*, \**Picston*. This is the most probable origin. (ii) nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *piken* ‘to work with a pick’ + *ston* ‘stone’ (Old English *stān*), used for a quarryman or a stonemason. Compare William le Stonpicker, 1330 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pixton, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Picxston, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Pikstan, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ada Pikson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dutton,



Lancs); Willelmus Pykyston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Bertholomeus Pikstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Johannes Picston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stisted, Essex); John Pikston, 1413 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanna Peckstone, 1560 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Thomas Pexston, 1585 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Joane Pickstone, 1605 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Thomas Pickston, 1624 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Martha Pixstone, 1683 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Andrew Pickstone, 1708 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); John Pixstone, 1740 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Frances Pikeston, 1811 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Picksten, 1868 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Pickthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Picthall in Blawith (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pickthowe* in 1609. The place-name probably derives from Old English \**piced* 'pointed' + Old Scandinavian *haugr* 'hill'. **Early bearers:** Thomas Pyktowe or Pycketowe, 1475 in *PROB 11* (London); Arthur Pickthall, 1682 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); John Picthall of Old Hutton, 1741 in *Cumbria Record Office (Kendal)* (Kendal, Westm); Robert Pickthall, 1745 in *IGI* (Bootle, Cumb); Arthur Pickthall, 1786, James Pickhall, 1794 in *IGI* (Urswick in Furness, Lancs); Mark Pickthale, 1829 in *IGI* (Pennington, Lancs); John Pickthal, 1891 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 215.

### Pickthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see *Pickthorne*.

### Pickthorne

#### Variants: Pickthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Pickthorn in Stottesdon (Shrops), which is recorded as *Pichetorne* in 1086 and *Pikethorn* in 1200. The place-name derives from Old English *pic* 'point' + *þorn* 'thorn'. **Early bearers:** John Pickthorne, 1565 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Pickthorne, 1589 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Stephen Pickthorne, 1679, John Pickthorn, 1713 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Gloucs). **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops 1*, pp. 234–5.

### Pickton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see *Picton*.

### Pickup

#### Variants: Peacop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2880, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3859
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Pickup in Habergham Eaves (Lancs), which is recorded as *Picoppe* in 1425, or Pickup Bank, part of Yate and Pickup Bank

(Lancs). The place-names derive from Old English *pic* 'point' + *copp* 'summit'.

**Early bearers:** Thome Pickuppe, 1587 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Picope, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Juditha Pickop, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Elland, WR Yorks); Johanis Picopp, 1605 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Edmund Pickcupepp, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Peacop, 1696 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 76, 83.

### Pickvance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see *Pickavance*.

### Pickwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Pickwell (Leics), which is recorded as *Pikewell* in 1202, Pickwell in Georgeham (Devon), which is recorded as *Pydikeswyll* in 1244, or Pickwell Farm in Cuckfield (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pekewell* in 1400. The Leics place-name derives from Old English *pic* 'peak' + *wella* 'spring, stream'. The Devon place-name appears to derive from an Old English personal name \**Piddic* + Old English *wella*. The Sussex place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Pica* + Old English *wella*, though *-well* could be a corruption of Old English *hyll* 'hill'; the place is on a slight hill and the 1327 bearer below is also recorded as John de Pykehulle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pidekeswell', 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Hugh de Picwell, 1265–72 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; John de Pikewell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Pikwell', 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); William Pikwell, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Foston, Lincs); Robertus de Picwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Johanne Pikwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibleby, Leics); Willelmus Pikewille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber, Sussex); Willelmo Picwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saxby, Leics); John Pykwell', 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Pickwell, 1575 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Elisabeth Pikwell, 1596 in *IGI* (Great Sturton, Lincs); Anthony Pickwell, 1610 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Willm. Pickwel, 1712 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon 1*, p. 44; *Place-Names of Leics 2*, pp. 240–1; *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, p. 264.

### Pickwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: locative name from Pickwick in Corsham (Wilts), which is recorded as *Pycwyk* in 1279. The place-name derives from Old English *pic* 'point' + *wic* 'dwelling, specialized farm'.

**Early bearers:** William de Pikewike, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Stephen de Pykewik, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; [ . . . ] Pykewyke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Pickwick, 1690 in *IGI* (Doynon, Gloucs); Moses Pickwik, 1732, Paul Pikwik, 1754 in *IGI* (Winsley, Wilts); Moses Pickwick, 1761 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 97.

### Pickwoad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see *Pickworth*.

### Pickworth

#### Variants: Pickwoad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from either of two places called Pickworth in Lincs and Rutland. The Lincs place-name is recorded as *Pikewurda* in 1174 and the Rutland place-name is recorded as *Picworth(e)* in the 13th and 14th centuries. The place-names derive from an Old English personal name \**Pica* + Old English *word* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pickewrd, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Hugh de Pikewode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Pykewrth', 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh de Pykeworth, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John de Pikworth', parson, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Elsdon, Northumb); Thoma Pykwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Robertus de Pykeworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Henrico Pykworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovesby, Leics); Henrico Picworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wyfordby, Leics); Johanne Pikworth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints Pavement, Yorks); Amandus de Pykworth', 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Pikworth, 1447 in *York Registry Wills* (Cawood, Lancs); Richard Pickworthe or Pickworth, 1558 in *PROB 11* (New Sleaford, Lincs); Robt Pickworth, 1567 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Wylm Pickworthe, 1593 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 97; *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 157.

### Picot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, English: see *Pickett*.

### Picton

#### Variants: Picketon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1922, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1018
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Wales; Lancs; Middx and Herts

English: locative name from any of various places called Picton, such as Kirkleavington (NR Yorks), in Plemstall (Cheshire), or in Llanasa (Flints), most of which derive from an Old English personal name \**Pica* + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Picketon, 1191–4 in *Yorks Charters*; William, de Picketon, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Pyketon, 1291 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Picketon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus de Pykton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aske, NR Yorks); Adam de Picton, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); James Pikton, 1405 in *York Registry Wills* (Whitby, NR Yorks); John Pykton' 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Spalding, Lincs); John Pikton, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Old Jewry, City of London); Edm Pickton, 1556 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johes Pickton, 1616 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire); Robert Picton, 1619 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Pickton, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Woolvercott, Oxon).

## Pidcock

References: TNA, E 210/5607. Information from Brian Picton Swann.

### Pidcock

Variants: **Pitcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Pid(d)* (Old English \**Pydda*); see **Pidd**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pitecoc filius Simonis, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

sumames: Adam Pydecock, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Pitecok, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Robert Pydecock, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Pitecok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Pidecok, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Pytkoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longham, Norfolk); Ricardus Pytekoc, 1379, Willelmus Pitecoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Willelmus Putcok', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ixworth Thorpe, Suffolk); Thomas Peddcock', clerk, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Constantyne Pidcock, 1561 in *IGI* (London); Georgius Pidcock, 1622, Humphrydi Pidcocke, 1633 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Joseph Pitcock, 1717 in *IGI* (Stoney Middleton, Derbys); William Pedcock, 1754 in *IGI* (Ault Hucknall, Derbys); John Pitcock, 1777 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent).

### Pidd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and ER Yorks

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Pid(d)* (Old English \**Pydda*).

**Early bearers:** Hugone Pide, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton, in Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset); Johanne Pide, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wool and Bexington, Dorset); John Pidde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Budleigh, Devon); William Pyde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Venn Ottery, Devon); Symon Pid', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Willelmus Pyde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterston, Dorset); Johannes Pidde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Roland Pidd, 1585, Edith Pid, 1624 in *IGI* (Beckingham, Lincs); John Pyde, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Wm Pidde, 1712 in *IGI* (Bilsby, Lincs); Wayet Pydd, 1756 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); Richard Pidd, 1797 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Catharine Pidd, 1819 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

### Piddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Glamorgan

English: locative name from any of several places named from the River Piddle (Dorset), such as Affpiddle, Piddlehinton, Piddletrenthide, or Tolpiddle, or from the Piddle Brook (Worcs), such as North Piddle or Wyre Piddle. The river-name derives from Old English \**pidele* 'fen, marshland'. Compare **Puddle**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pydele, 1280 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 113 (Dorset); Robert de Pydele, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Farway, Devon); Adam de Pidele, tanner, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Laurence Piddle, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); John Pidele,

1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Penkridge, Staffs); Johannes Pydele, 1379 in *Poll Tax*; Thomas Pydell or Pudell of Langeport Estover, husbandman, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Langport, Somerset); Jacobus Piddle, 1579 in *IGI* (Nether Compton, Dorset); Willm. Pidle, 1620 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); James Piddel, 1670 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Elizabeth Pidell, 1713 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Nicholas Piddle, 1714 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); John Piddell, 1724 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 472.

### Piddington

Variants: **Pidington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: locative name from either of two places named Piddington in Northants and Oxon, both of which are recorded as *Pydyngton* in the 14th century. The place-names derive from an Old English personal name \**Pyd(d)a* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** John de Pidintun', about 1181 in *Goring Charters* (Oxon); William de Pidington', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Pedynton, 1327, de Pidyngton, 1333 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pydynton', 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Sherington, Bucks); Emote Pidington', 1359 in *Luffield Charters*; Johannes Pydyngton', 1377, Willelmus Pidyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes Pidynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brugeset, Oxon); Thomas Pedyngton', chaplain, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Thockrington, Northumb); William Piddington, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Bushey, Herts); John Pidington, 1639 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); James Piddington, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).  
References: *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 150; *Place-Names of Oxon* 1, pp. 184–5.

### Pidcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent

English: see **Puttock**.

### Pidduck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Puttock**.

### Pidgen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; Cornwall; Bucks

English: see **Pidgeon**.

### Pidgeon

Variants: **Pigeon**, **Pidgen**, **Piggin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1530, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 984
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon; London; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: nickname, from French *pigeon*, Old French *pipjon* 'pigeon', perhaps in the sense 'one easy to pluck'.

**Early bearers:** William, Alan Pigun, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk), 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ralf Pyjun, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Pidgeon, 1539 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); William Pidgeon, 1588 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Elizabeth Pidgeon, 1616 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); James Pidgeon, 1618 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); Mary Pidgeon, 1620 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London).

2 English: nickname; although definite identifications are impossible in Subsidy Rolls, those for Sussex suggest that *Pigeon* may also be from *Petit Johan* 'Little John'.

**Early bearers:** Relicta Pygon, 1296, Relicta Pijohan, John Petijohan, John Pyion, John Petiion, Thomas Pyion, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*.

3 Irish: irregular shortened and reinterpreted anglicization of Irish *Mac Guagáin*, see **McGuigan**.

### Pidgley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Hants, and Sussex; London

English: unexplained, but probably a locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Further information:** Also here may belong: Alicia Piggeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Wylmth Pidgeley, 1604, Christian Pidgele, 1606 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Peter Pidgeleigh, 1648 in *IGI* (Bickleigh, Devon); Richard Pidgeley, 1702, John Pidgeley, 1714 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Richard Pidgeley, 1779 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); William Pidgeley, Pidgeley, 1785 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Richard Pidgeley, 1813, William Pidgeley, 1826 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Pidington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Piddington**.

### Pidler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Pedlar**.

### Pidsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Pidsley in Sandford (Devon), which is recorded as *Pydereslegh* and *Pydeneslegh* in 1281. The place-name derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Pideneslegh, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Isabel Pyddeslegh, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Pydslye, 1561, Symon Pidslye, 1570 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Pidesley, 1573, Richard Pidsley, 1580, Pidsleye, 1592, Henrie Pidesly, 1629 in *IGI* (Bickleigh, Devon); Humphrie Pidsleigh, 1637 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 412.

**Pidwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Pedwell**.

**Pie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Norfolk
- English: see **Pye**.

**Piegrome**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Piele**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Peel**.

**Pierce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5097, Ireland 1026
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4383
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs, Caernarvons, and Flints; Sussex, Kent, and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Wexford; Kerry
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Pearce**.

**Piercey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks
- Norman, English: see **Pearcey**.

**Piercy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1644, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1073
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Pearcey**.

**Pieri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey
- Italian: relationship name from the Tuscan personal name *Piero*, a variant of *Pietro* (see **Peter**).

**Pieris**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Sri Lankan: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Richard Louis De F Pieris, born in Crylour Kalutara, in *Census 1911* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Lionel De Fonseca Pieris, Kaluttara resident, Ceylon, in *Census 1911* (Hove, Sussex).

**Pieroni**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: relationship name from a derivative of the personal name *Piero*, Italian equivalent of **Peter**.

**Pierpoint**

**Variants:** **Pairpoint**, **Pearpoint**, **Pierpont**, **Pierrepoint**, **Pierrepoint**, **Spearpoint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Surrey and Sussex

Norman, English: locative name from one of several places in N France called *Pierrepoint*, e.g. *Pierrepoint* (Seine-Maritime), *Pierrepoint* (Calvados), *Saint-Nicolas-de-Pierrepoint* (Manche), or *Saint-Sauveur-de-Pierrepoint* (Manche) (*Tengvik*). Most surviving variants of the surname have been influenced by *point*, an influence taken furthest in *Spearpoint*, and some by Standard French *pierre* 'stone'.

**Further information:** *Pierrepoint* in Seine-Maritime was the home of Godfrey and Robert de Petroponde, undertenants of William de Warenne in Suffolk and Sussex in 1086 (*Anglo-Norman Families*).

**Early bearers:** Reinaldus de Perapund, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Richard de Pierrepunt, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Roger Perpunt, 1240 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Symon de Perpoynnt, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Northumb); Agn' Parpoynnt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wormbridge, Herefs); Willelmus Perpound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Johanne le Perpound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Johannes le Parpond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Robert Parpoynnt, 1566 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Gulielmi Perpoint, 1585 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); John Parpoint, 1604 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); John Pearpoint, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Perpoint, 1663 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Pierrepoint, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Faith under Saint Paul, London); Sarah Pierrepoint, 1719 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Elizabeth Pierpoint, 1728 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London); Inghram Pierpoint, 1728 in *IGI* (Great Chart, Kent); Mary Pierpoint, 1765 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts); Ingram Pearpoint, 1797, Elizabeth Spearpoint, 1816 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent).

**References:** *Tengvik*.

**Pierpont**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Notts
- Norman, English: see **Pierpoint**.

**Pierre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lanarks

French: (i) relationship name from the French personal name *Pierre* (see **Peter**). (ii) nickname, locative name, sometimes perhaps from Old French *pierre* 'stone, rock', either as a nickname or to indicate residence near a rocky feature.

**Pierrepoint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: see **Pierpoint**.

**Pierrepoint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- Norman, English: variant of **Pierpoint**.

**Piers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

**Pierse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Bucks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick; Wicklow
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Pearce**.

**Pierson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 629
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Pearson**.

**Piesse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- French: locative name, probably from Old French *piesse* 'piece of land'.
- Early bearers:** Charles Augustus Piesse, 1787, Charles Alexander James Piesse, 1816 in *IGI* (Marylebone, Middx); Francis Napoleon Piesse, 1870 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).
- References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Pietro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Italian: see **Petrucchi**.

**Piff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: unexplained.
- Further information:** Piff's Elm in Elmstone Hardwick (Gloucs) is named from this surname.
- Early bearers:** Roger Pyffe, 1565, Willm. Pyff, 1570 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Thomas Pyfe, 1582 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Joseph Piff, 1698 in *IGI* (Down Hatherley, Gloucs); Thomas Piffe, 1608 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs).
- References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs 2*, p. 82.

**Pigache**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- French: (i) nickname from Norman-Picard *pigache* 'pickaxe, mattock', Old French *picois*, *pikeis*, perhaps a name for a workman. (ii) an alternative etymology is Old French *pigace* 'long, pointed shoe', used as a nickname for someone who wore this fashionable footwear; see Anglo-Norman **Pygas**.
- Early bearers:** Georges Pigache, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

## Pigden

References: *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes; Morlet, Dictionnaire.*

### Pigden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Pegden**.

### Pigeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England: esp Gloucs; also London
- English: see **Pidgeon**.

### Pigford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: probably a variant of **Pickford**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Pigford, 1672 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); George Pigford, 1708, Mary Pickford, 1723 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Adam Hunter Pigford, 1854 in *IGI* (Shincliffe, Durham).

### Pigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 883
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *pigge* 'pig' (Old English \**picg(a)*). Compare **Hogg**.

**Early bearers:** Aluricus Piga, 1066 in *Exeter Domesday Book* (Ashcombe, Devon); Wulfric Pig, 1133 in *Pelteret*, p. 104 (Exeter, Devon); John Pig, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Ulf Pigge, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Pigge, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Pygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Cressingham, Norfolk); Walterus Pig', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Reginaldus Pigge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Pygge, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Cranfield, Beds); Thomas Pygge, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Harpole, Northants); Henry Pigg, 1578 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Pigge, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Histon, Cambs); Thomas Pigg, 1617 in *IGI* (Whitburn, Durham).

### Piggin

Variants: **Piggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Notts and Derbys

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pig(g)in* 'tub for butter', perhaps used for someone who was overweight.

**Early bearers:** Firmin Piggin, 1562 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Piggyn, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Frances Piggin, 1579 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); William Piggen, 1592 in *PROB 11* (London); Wylliam Piggyn, 1600 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); William Piggin, 1621 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows the Less, City of London); Jonathan Piggin, 1697 in *IGI* (Burlingham, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Pidgeon**.

### Piggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs and Leics

English: variant of **Piggin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** James Piggins, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Piggins, 1769 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon).

### Piggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

### Piggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2839, Ireland 197
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2099
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; also Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick
- Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

### Pighills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Pickles**.

### Pigney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 Norman, English: see **Pinkney**.

2 Huguenot: locative name, probably from the same original French locative sources as (1).

**Early bearers:** Pierre Pigni, 1690, Abraham Pigney, 1695, Marte Pignie, 1711 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); David Pignee, 1743 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Pigot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Waterford
- Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

### Pigott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 359
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1121
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lincs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread in Munster: esp. Cork; Leinster

Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

### Pigram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

### Pigrome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Pilgrim**.

## Pike

Variants: **Pyke, Pick, Lepick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10992, Ireland 178
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8636
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon, Somerset, and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Dublin; Tyrone

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *pike* 'pike (fish)', either for someone who caught or sold such fish (the 1292 early bearer was a fisherman and owner of a ship), or perhaps for someone who resembled a pike in some way. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pike* 'pike, pickaxe, pitchfork' (Old English *pīc*, Old French *pique*), for someone who made or used such tools, such as a military pikeman or a labourer. (iii) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Pic* (Old English *Pica*, Old Scandinavian *Pik*). (iv) nickname from Old French *pic* 'woodpecker' (Latin *picus*). Compare **Pye** and **Speight**. Some of the early bearers below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Aluric Pic, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Alwinus Pic, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Fulco picus, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugo Pik, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Robert le Pic, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Picke, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander le pik, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); William le Pyc, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Pyke, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Johannes Pyke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Johannes Pik', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moorlinch, Somerset); Simone Pyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Johannes Pike, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Knighton, Dorset); Willelmo le Pik', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bagshot, Berks); William Pyke, clerk, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Redeswell, Herts); John Pykes, 1560 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Bristol, Gloucs); John Pikes or Pickes, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Pike or Pyke, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, London); Nicholas Pykes, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs).

References: Information from David Pike (Guild of One-Name Studies).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *pik(e)* 'pointed hill' (Old English *pīc*, Old Scandinavian *pik*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or beside a pointed hill, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Pick Hill in Waltham Holy Cross (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Pic, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph del Pik', 1292 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 29.

3 Irish (Ulster): adopted for **Mac Péice**, see **McPeake**.

### Pikesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Picksley**.

### Pikett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and Notts
- Norman, English: see **Pickett**.

**Pilat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Pilot**.

**Pilbeam**

Variants: **Pilbin, Pilbean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 660
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, probably in Sussex, apparently named with Old English *bēam* 'tree' as the final element.

**Further information:** Pilbeams in Chiddingstone (Kent) is named from Her' Peltebem, 1347 in *Subsidy Rolls*; see *Kent Place-Names*, p. 80.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Peltebhem, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Seman Peltebeam, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Elverton, Kent); Thomas Peltebem, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Piltebem, 1334, de Piltebem, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Pelteben, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Rychart Pylbeme, 1545 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Roger Pilbeame, 1560 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); John Pilbem, 1591 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); James Pilbeme, 1627, Pilben, 1633 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Edward Pilbeane, 1638 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); John Pilbin, 1656 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Richard Pillbem, 1715 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); John Pillbeam, 1753, Pillbean, 1763 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Thomas Pilbin, 1823 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Joseph Pilberm, 1829, Eliza Pelbeam, 1835, Honer Pilbiam, 1835 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

**Pilbean**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Kent
- English: see **Pilbeam**.

**Pilbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Pilbeam**.

**Pilbrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from a lost place in Suffolk, which is recorded as *Pileb'ga* in *Domesday Book*. The place-name appears to derive from an uncertain first element + Old English *beorg* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pilberwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Baddow, Essex); Stephen Pilberghe, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Pilberwe, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Baddow, Essex); Stephan Pylborow or Pylborowe, 1475 in *PROB 11* (Chalk, Kent); John Pylbarough otherwise called John Hattefield or Pylborow alias Hatfield, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Saint Nicholas Flesseshambles, City of London); John Pilborowe, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk); Anthony Pilborough, 1570 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pilborrow, 1619 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); George Pilbarrow, 1619, Pilbrow, 1651 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); James Pilbrough, 1658 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Mary Pilbro, 1725 in Boyds Misc Transcription (Suffolk/Cambs); Tycho Pilbrow, 1766

in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Cockerell Pilberoh, 1771 in *IGI* (Thornham Magna, Suffolk).

**Pilch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also scattered in England

English: nickname from Middle English *pilch(e)*, *pelche* 'garment of skin or fur' (Old English *pylece*), perhaps for someone who habitually wore such garments or for one who made or sold them.

Compare **Pilcher**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Pilche, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Pilche of Sonkey, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Sankey in Prescot, Lancs); Richard Pilche, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Pylche of Bradeweve, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Broadwey, Dorset); Johannes Pilche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Willelmus Pylch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mottistone, Hants); Maria Pilch, 1581 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Thomas Pilch or Pylch, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Nathan. Pilch, 1674 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Margaret Pilch, 1770 in *IGI* (East Winch, Norfolk).

**Pilcher**

Variants: **Pilger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1631, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1493
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *pilcher*, *pulcher* 'maker of pilches', a derivative of Middle English *pilche*, *pulche*, Old English *pylece* 'an outer garment made of skin dressed with hair'.

**Early bearers:** Mabilia Pullchare, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Hugh Pilchere, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Henry le Pilchere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard le Pylechere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lullington, Sussex); Nicholas le Pilchere, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard and Adam le Pilcher, 1327, Adam le Pulcher, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newtimber, Sussex); John and William Pilcher, 1327, John Pulcher and Nicholas Pilcher, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mayfield and Wadhurst, Sussex); Johannes Pilchere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Simon Pulcher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denmead, Hants); John Pylcher, 1556, Stephen Pilcher, 1725, Ernest Pilcher, 1885 in *IGI* (Crundale, Kent); Johanns Pilcher, 1587 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Ellen Pilcher, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Phillip Pilcher, 1636 in *IGI* (Suckley, Worcs); Emma Pilcher, 1830 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Pile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1129, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1377
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Pyle**.

**Piles**

Variants: **Pyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Pyle**, with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Pyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Andrew Pyles, 1582 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Joan Piles, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Treymor Piles, 1608 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); James Pyles, 1874 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

**Pilfold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place in Sussex named with Old English *fald* 'fold, enclosure' as the final element, perhaps to be identified with Pilfolds in Horsham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William Pilefold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Pylefold, Willelmus Pilefold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlpost, Sussex); William Pylfold and John Pilford, 1491 in *West Sussex Record Office*; Helenor Pylfolde, 1542, Thomas Pillfolde, 1559, Pillfold, 1568, Roger Pilfolde, 1584, Pillfould, 1592 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); William Pilford, glover of Horsham, 1574 in *West Sussex Record Office*; Richard Pilfold or Pilfolde, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); John Pilfold, 1597 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Pillfould, 1632 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 229–30.

**Pilger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant pronunciation of **Pilcher**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Pilgram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts; Kent; Lincs
- English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Pilgreen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Pilgrim**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Pilgrim**

Variants: **Pegram, Peggram, Pegrum, Pigram, Peagram, Pagram, Peregrine, Paragreen, Pigrome, Piegrome, Pilgram, Pilgreen, Pelerin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2135, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1628
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Surrey; Norfolk

English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *pil(e)grim*, 'traveller to a holy place' (Old French *pilgrim*, *pelerin*, variants of Latin *peregrinus* 'foreigner, traveller'), often denoting one who had made the pilgrimage to Rome or the Holy Land but sometimes used also as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pilegrim, about 1120 in *Pelteret* 102 (Exeter, Devon); Pelerin, 1206 in *Pipe*

## Pilkington

*Rolls* (Sussex); William Pelerin de Albana is also called Pelerine de Albana, clerk, 1272 in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Hugo peregrinus, Hago [sic] le pelerin 1189–98, *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Hugo Pilegrim, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); William Pegerim, Pegrum, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Eustace Pelrim, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Robert Peregrine, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Pylegrim, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert Pelrin, Pelgrim, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Pegrin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Symon Pegrym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry le Pelegrym, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Swineshead, Hunts); Johannes Pilgrym, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Clacton and Little Clacton, Essex); Johannes Pillegryme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frinton, Essex); Robert Pilgrame, 1577 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Marie Pigrome, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Bocking, Essex); John Pilgrim, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Chatham, Kent); Matthew Peregrine, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Henry Pigrum, 1766 in *Herts Archives* (Broxbourne, Herts); Wm Paragreen, 1771 in *IGI* (Thornton, Bucks).

### Pilkington

Variants: **Pilkinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5257, Ireland 214
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Leinster: esp. Dublin

English: locative name from Pilkington (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pilkenton* in 1204 and *Pilkinton* in 1212. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Pileca* or \**Piloc* + patronymic *-ing* + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Pilkington, 1205 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Alexander de Pilkinton, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Thomas Pylketon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Rogerus de Pilkynton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pilkington, Lancs); John Pylkyngton, 1470 in *Paston Letters*; Raphe Pilkington, 1573 in *PROB 11* (All Saints Bristol, Gloucs); James Pilkinton, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Saint Catherine Creechchurch, City of London); Richard Pilkington or Pilkinten, 1631 in *PROB 11*.

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 49.

### Pilkinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Kent

English: see **Pilkington**.

### Pill

Variants: **Pell, Pille, Pull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a creek, stream, or broad, shallow piece of water (Middle English *pill(e)*, *pell(e)*, and *pull(e)*, from Old English *pyll*).

**Further information:** For the name in Cornwall compare **Pill** in Lanlivery (Cornwall), presumably with

reference to a watercourse there; see *Cornish Lands*, pp. 8, 49, and 117.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pele, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Somerset); Robert de la Pille, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh de la Pille, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Galfridus atte Pele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Michael atte Pille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Molton, Devon); Johe atte Pelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bivelham in Mayfield, Sussex); Esabell Pill, 1559 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Humfrye Pyll, 1584 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ann Pill, 1641 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); Ede Pill, 1673 in *IGI* (Gorran, Cornwall); John Pill, 1688 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks).

2 English: nickname, possibly for a small round person, from Middle English and Old French *pile* ‘little ball, pill’, but the early bearers below may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Walter Pille, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); John Pille, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Marke Pill, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); John Pill, 1561 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joanna Pill, 1581 in *IGI* (Nether Compton, Dorset); Georgius Pill, 1588 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Margaret Pill, 1591 in *IGI* (Rushford, Norfolk).

3 English: relationship name, possibly from a Middle English personal name \**Pill*, which may have been a pet form of Middle English *Pir* for *Per* (Peter). See **Pell**.

### Pillai

Variants: **Pillay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Tamil *pillai* ‘son, lad’.

### Pillans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name, perhaps from any of several places in Perth associated with Saint Fillan (often spelt *Phillan(e)* in medieval records) + genitival *-es*.  
**Early bearers:** John Pyllan, 1525 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Carstairs, Lanarks); Katherine Pillans, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Pillans, 1625 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); James Pilans, 1664, David Pillands, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Pillance, 1694 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks); William Pillans, 1716 in *IGI* (Crawfordjohn, Lanarks).

### Pillar

Variants: **Piller, Pillard, Pillars, Pellar, Peller,**

**Puller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down; Dublin

1 English: locative name for a dweller by a stream, from an agent derivative of Middle English *pill(e)*, *pel(e)*, *pul(e)* ‘stream, creek’, see **Pill**. This type of topographical name is mainly found in S England.

**Early bearers:** Will. le Peller’, 1263, Ric. le Peller, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); John le Piler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Piler’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Peler’, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Hambledon, Hants); Henrico Pullere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleford, Berks); Katerina Pillar, 1609, John Pellar, 1740 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

2 English: locative name for a dweller by a stake or post (for fastening a boat, for example) from an agent derivative of Middle English *pil(e)*, *pila*, *pille* ‘stake, pile’. Some examples of *Pil(l)er* in (1) may belong here.

3 English: nickname from Middle English *pilour*, *pillor*, *pelour*, *peler* (Old French *pilleur*) ‘plunderer, robber, ruffian’. Some of the early bearers in (1) could belong here.

**Further information:** Compare ‘Pylowre, or he that pelyth other men, as cachpolls or odyre lyk, *pilator*, *depredator*’ in *Promptorium Parvulorum* (about 1440).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Pilur, Dike le Pilur, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Stephen Pillar, 1681 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Rachel Pillar, 1701 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joseph Pillar, 1712 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Edward Pillar, 1752 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); John Pillar, 1752 in *IGI* (Warenford, Northumb).

4 English: locative name in medieval Oxford for someone who lived by a pillar (Middle English and Old French *piler*), but its survival as a modern surname is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Attepiler, 1231 in *Close Rolls* (Oxon); Henricus ad Pilere, about 1245 in *Cartulary of Saint John, Oxford*; Walter de Piler’, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

### Pillard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: variant of **Pillar** with excrescent *-d*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Pillard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chute with Conholt and Shaw, Wilts); Alexander Pyllard, 1563 in *IGI* (Stratton with Grimstone, Dorset); Johanna Pillarde, 1573 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Walterus Pillard, 1574 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Thomas Pellerd, 1610 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Mary Pilleard, 1685 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

### Pillars

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Pillar** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** James Pillars, 1825 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Pillatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Pilot**.

### Pillay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian: see **Pillai**.

### Pille

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Pill**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: possibly a variant of **Pilling**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Piller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey, Middx, and Sussex
- English: see **Pillar**.

### Pillet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Pilot**.

### Pillett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent
- English: see **Pilot**.

### Pilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London; also Hants

English: locative name from Pilley in Tankersley (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Pillei* in 1086, or Pilley in Boldre (Hants), which is recorded as *Pilely* in about 1280. The WR Yorks place-name derives from Old English *pil* 'shaft, pile' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'. The Hants place-name probably has the same etymology, but the first element may alternatively be Old English *pyll* 'tidal creek'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Pilly, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Gilbert de Pillegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes de Pillay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tankersley, WR Yorks); Johannes Pyllay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bretton, WR Yorks); John Pilleye, 1392 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; John Pyllay, 1466 in *York Registry Wills* (Tankersley, WR Yorks); Robert Pilley, 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Richard Pilley, 1563 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); James Pilley, 1683 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 131; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 297.

### Pillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Pilling**.

### Pilling

**Variants:** Pillen, Pillin, Pillings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2924, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Pilling (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pylin* in 1201. The place takes its name from the River Pilling, which is also recorded as

*Pylin* in 1246. The etymology of the river-name is uncertain, but is perhaps to be associated with Old English *pyll* 'tidal creek'.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Pilling, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cheetham, Lancs); Anne Pilling, 1617, Richard Pilling, 1793 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Oliveri Pilling, 1599 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); John Pilling, 1606 in *IGI* (Newchurch in Rossendale, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 140, 165.

2 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Piling*, a pet form of Old English *\*Pil* (a short form of Old English *Pilheard*) + the Old English hypocoristic suffix *-ing*. (ii) locative name, perhaps for someone who lived by a creek or stream, or by a stake, a derivative of **Pill** + the Middle English suffix *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Pilling, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Emma Pylyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Durrington, Sussex); Thomas Pilyng, 1344 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Warwicks); Radulphus Pylyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne Pylyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Edwardo Pilling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ansty, Wilts); Willelmus Pylyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hetton, WR Yorks); Johannes Pilyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Thomas Pylyng, 1562 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Elizabeth Pilling, 1603 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

### Pillinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 343
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Pullinger**.

### Pillings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex

English: variant of **Pilling**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Pillman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pil(e)* 'pole, stake, pile' + *man*, perhaps for someone who lived or worked near a place thus identified. See **Pyle**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Pyleman, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardo Pylman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoake, Wilts); John Pileman, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset; Devon); Olyver Pilman, 1569 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Pillman, 1611 in *IGI* (Huntshaw, Devon).

2 English: see **Pulman**.

### Pillow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Norman, English: see **Pellew**.

### Pilmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Berwicks; Herefs
- Scottish, English: see **Pilmoor**.

### Pilmoor

**Variants:** Pilmore, Pilmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

1 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Pilmer*, Old English *\*Pilmær*. Some or all of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2), if the Scottish family name migrated into England; it might explain the surname in NR Yorks but no evidence has been found to support this theory, and the ER Yorks surname of 1381 looks more like the personal name.

**Further information:** The Yorks surname resembles Pilmoor in Brafferton (NR Yorks), but *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that this was never a settlement and no connection of the surname with that place can be made.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Pylmer, Pilmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Jervise Pilmore, 1550 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Robert Pilmer, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Eliener Pilmer, 1629 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Nicklas Pillmor, 1711 in *IGI* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Pilmer, 1720, Matt'W Pilmoor, 1743 in *IGI* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Richard Pillmoor, 1727 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thos. Heny. Pilmore, 1848 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Pilmuir (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Pilemor, about 1188–1202 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Johannes de Pilemour, about 1242–3 in *Arbroath Register*; William de Pilmor, Robert de Pylemor, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johan de Pilmor, monk, 1321 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Pylmor, 1326 in *Bishops of Scotland* (Dundee); William Pylmoure, merchant of Scotland, given safe conduct into England, 1464 in *Scotland Calendar*; George Pylmuir, 1557 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Coldingham, Berwicks); James Pilmer, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Pilmoor, 1671 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Issobell Pilmer, 1692 in *IGI* (Westruther, Berwicks); George Pilmore, 1738 in *IGI* (Hutton, Berwicks).  
England: Adam de Pilmore, abbot, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks).

### Pilmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Pilmoor**.

### Pilot

**Variants:** Pilat, Pillatt, Pillet, Pillett, Spillett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

1 English: relationship name, probably from the Middle English personal name *Pilot* or *Pilet*, a diminutive of Old English *Pila*. Some of the later examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Pilat, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas Pilet 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Roger Pilet, serjeant, 1235 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas Pylet, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Pylate, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Pilet, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls*

## Pilsbury

(Yorks); Johanne Pilot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Norton, Leics); Haukynus Pilot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); John Pilot, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Robert Pylate, merchant, 1425 in *York Registry Wills* (Hull, ER Yorks); Michel Pilot, 1627 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Francis Pilott, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Benjamin Pilat, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Pilot, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Kerry, Montgomerys).

**2 Huguenot:** nickname from the French name *Pillet*, given by *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes* as a diminutive of Old French *pile* 'hod', and as a nickname for a workman.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Pilot, 1635, Charles Pilot, 1744 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

## Pilsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Pilsbury in Hartington (Derbys), which is recorded as *Pilesberie* in 1086 and *Pillesbury* in 1262. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pil* or Old English *pil* 'stake, pile' + Old English *burh* 'fortified place'. **Early bearers:** Richard Pilsbury, 1550 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); John Pilsbury, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Brereton, Cheshire); Richard Pilsbury, 1588 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Robt Pilsbury, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Leek, Staffs); Radulphus Pilsberry, 1657 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Thomas Pillsbury, 1731 in *IGI* (Blymhill, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 370.

## Pilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: (i) locative name from Pilson (Shrops), a local variant form of **Puleston**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively perhaps from a Middle English personal name derived from Old English *Pila* + *son*. Compare **Pilot**.

**Early bearers:** Tobias Pilson, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Fraunces Pilsonn, 1585 in *IGI* (Sunbury, Middx); Joane Pilson, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Lichfield, Staffs); Henry Pilson, 1612 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); William Pillson, 1658, Pilson, 1678 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Phillip Pillson, 1770, Thomas Pilson, 1774 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 244–5.

## Pilsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Pilsworth (Lancs), which is recorded as *Pylesworth* in 1243. The place-name appears to derive from an Old English personal name \**Pil* + Old English *word* 'enclosure'. **Early bearers:** Willelmus de Pillesworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Thos Pillesworth of Lichfield, 1468 in *Leics Record Office*; Robert Pillesworthe or Pillesworth, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Shillington, Beds); John Pyllysworthe or Pyllysworth, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bride, City of

London); Rogerus Pilsworthe, 1561 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Edward Pillsworthe or Pillsworth, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Crooked Lane, City of London); Roberte Pilsworthe, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Ambrosden, Oxon); Edward Pillsworth, 1618 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Rober Pillsworth, 1723 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 54.

## Pilter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Pelter**.

## Pilton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London

English: locative name from any of several places called Pilton (Somerset, Rutland, Devon, Northants). The place-names in Somerset, Rutland, and Devon derive from Old English *pyll* 'tidal creek' + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The Northants place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pileca* + Old English *tūn*.

**Early bearers:** Robert of Pilton', 1269 in *Forest Pleas* (Rutland); Ralph de Pilton, parson, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Northwold, Norfolk); Thomas de Piltone, 1338 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Simon de Pylton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Manton, Rutland); Ricardus Pilton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Johannes Pylton', Wylliamus Pyltun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pilton, Rutland); William Pylton', clerk, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnstaple, Devon); Thomas Pilton', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Bawdrip, Somerset); John Pilton, 1439 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Pylton, 1471 in *PROB 11*; Steven Pilton, 1540 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); Richard Pilton, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Queen Camel, Somerset); William Pilton, 1683 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, pp. 54–5; *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 217–18; *Place-Names of Rutland*, pp. 289–90; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 473.

## Pim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; Glamorgan; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Laois; also Antrim

English: see **Pym**.

## Pimblett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pimlott**.

## Pimbly

**Variants:** **Pimley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Pimley in Uffington (Shrops), which is recorded as *Pimbelega* in 1182–95. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Pimpelega, 1218–21 in *Place-Names of Shrops* 4, p. 157; Stephen de Pimbelee, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Robertus Pimbele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); William Pymbell', 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Ailey, Herefs) Willm. Pimley, 1584 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Michael Pimley, 1651 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); John Pimbly, 1725 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); John Pimbly, 1741 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Pimly, 1790 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 4, pp. 157–8.

## Pimblott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Pimlott**.

## Pimlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pimlott**.

## Pimley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: see **Pimbley**.

## Pimlott

**Variants:** **Pimblott**, **Pimblett**, **Pimlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 459
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Pimmelot*, a pet form of *Pimme*, Old English *Pymma*, which is attested as a given name in medieval Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs (see **Pym**). The addition of Old French diminutive suffixes, such as *-ot* and *-elot*, to names of Old English origin is not common, but compare Will'o Pymmot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arnold, Notts). **Early bearers:** Richard Pymelott, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Biddulph, Staffs); Mergrit Pymlot, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Peter Pimlott, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); James Pimlot, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Pimlett, 1636 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Lawrance Pimblott, 1644 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Jno. Pimblote, 1719 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Pimblot, 1729 in *IGI* (Capesthorpe, Cheshire); John Pimblett, 1735 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); George Pimblet, 1774 in *Lancs Record Office* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs).

## Pimm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon, Somerset, Gloucs, W Midlands, and Lancs

English: see **Pym**.

## Pimperton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs English: variant of **Pemberton**, from Pemberton (Lancs); compare Willmi. Pemberton, 1595, Edovardus Pimberton, 1619 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Oleve Pemperton, 1577, Willm Pimperton, 1590 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs); James Pimberton, 1879 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** William Pimperton, 1565 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Nycholas Pimperton, 1601 in *IGI* (Manton, Lincs); John Pimperton, 1668 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks).

### Pin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Pinn**.

### Pinch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 501
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall
- English: see **Pink**.

### Pinchard

Variants: **Pincher, Pinkard, Pinker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx; Hants

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old Norman French *pinchard*, Old French *pinsard*, apparently a derivative of Old French *pincher* 'to steal, pinch'. (ii) alternatively the name may have been confused with, or be an altered form of, **Punchard**. Compare **Pinchin**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pynkard of Briggeford, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridgeford, Notts); Willelmus Pynchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Johannes Pynchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Thomas Pynker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Albourne and Blackstone, Sussex); Johanne Pynchere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsland, Herefs); Gregorius Pinchard, 1545 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Marian Pincher, 1576 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); Joan Pinckard, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Paulerspury, Northants); Nicholas Pinchard, 1587 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Willim Pincher, 1588 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); William Pinchard, 1616 in *IGI* (Newton by Castle Acre, Norfolk); John Pinkard, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Walton, Somerset); William Pinker, 1629 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Pinkerd, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Staining, London); Jos. Pinker, 1729 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willm. Pinchard, 1742 in *IGI* (Swallow, Lincs).

### Pinchback

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks
- English: see **Pinchbeck**.

### Pinchbeck

Variants: **Pinchback**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Pinchbeck (Lincs), which is recorded as *Pincebec* in 1086. The place-name may derive from Old English \**pinc* 'minnow' + Old Scandinavian *bekkr* 'spring, stream'. **Early bearers:** Walter de Pincebec, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Stephen de Pincebek, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Shelford, Cambs); John de Pinchebeke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johannes Pynchebek, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); Robertus de Pinchebok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Ricardus de Pynchebek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); William Pynchebek, 1447 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Richard Pynchebek, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Edmund Pynchebacke or Pyncheback, 1583 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pinchebeck or Pinchback, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Yaxley, Hunts). **References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 97.

### Pinchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Wilts
- English: see **Pinchin**.

### Pincher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 266
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Norfolk; Lancs
- Norman, English: reduced form of **Pinchard**. Compare **Puncher**.

### Pinches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 901, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 525
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: variant of **Pinch** (see **Pink**), with post-medieval excrement -s. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Pinches, 1541, Edward Pinches, 1544 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); John Pinches, 1569 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); Ric. Pinches, 1583 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Frauncis Pinches or Pynches, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Ann Pincis, 1719 in *IGI* (Church Stretton, Shrops); Mary Pinchess, 1734 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); James Pinchess, 1759 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

### Pinchin

Variants: **Pinching, Pinchen, Pinchon, Pinshon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: variant of **Pinson**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pynchoun, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Pynchon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twynning, Gloucs); Gregorius Pynchoun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); Alexander Pynchon, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Shoreham, Kent); James Pynchon or Pynchyn, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Pinchion or Pincheon, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Box, Wilts); William Pynchon or Pinchion, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Writtle, Essex); Robert Pinchin, 1646 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Pinching

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Norfolk; Kent and Essex; Durham
- English: see **Pinchin**.

### Pinchon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Pinchin**.

### Pinckney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Pinkney**.

### Pincock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Pincock in Chorley (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Ric. Pincocke, 1584, John Pincock, 1659 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Thomas Pincok, 1705 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Antony Pincock, 1726 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs).

### Pincombe

Variants: **Pinkham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, unexplained. Probably from a lost or as yet unidentified name among the numerous places in NW Devon named with Old English *cumb* 'valley', although derivation from Pitchcombe (Gloucs), recorded with medial -n- in most medieval forms (see *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 169), is perhaps also possible.

**Early bearers:** William Pincombe, 1570 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Jasper Pinckome, 1590, Henrie Pinkome, 1597 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); John Pinckcombe or Pinckcombe, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Carhampton, Somerset); John Pyncombe or Pincombe, 1605 in *PROB 11* (South Molton, Devon); William Pinkham, 1605 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); John Pinkombe, 1615, Pinckombe, 1620 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Mathew Pincome, 1624 in *IGI* (Merton, Devon); William Pincombe, 1625 in *PROB 11* (South Molton, Devon).

### Pincott

Variants: **Pennicott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs

1 English: locative name from Pincott in Upton Saint Leonards (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Pinnecote* in 1267 and *Pynicot* in 1321. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pinna* + Old English *cot* 'cottage, shelter'. **Further information:** Pincots Farm in Yate (Gloucs) is named from the surname; the name of Pincot House in Painswick (recorded as *Pinketts* in 1839) may also derive from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Pynecot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Trowle, Wilts); John Pyncote, 1557 in *IGI*

## Pindar

(Painswick, Gloucs); Georg Pynket, 1579 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Humfry Pynket, 1614 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Benjamin Pincott, 1626 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); William Penicot, 1642 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); George Pincot, 1655 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Nathan Pincoat, 1695, James Pinkot, 1737, John Pinkott, 1758 in *IGI* (Bisley, Gloucs); John Pincotte, 1722 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Aaron Pincut, 1768 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 135; 2, p. 171; 3, p. 45.

2 English: variant of **Pennicott**.

**Further information:** Pincotes in Dunsfold (Surrey) was probably named from the family of Stephen Penycodd, 1564 in *Feet of Fines*; see *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 236.

**Early bearers:** Harry Pincot, 1740 in *IGI* (Dunsfold, Surrey); Joseph Pincott, 1760 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); James Pincutt, 1766 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); James Pincote, 1787 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

3 English: variant of **Picknett** with metathesis of *-n-* and *-c(k)-*, perhaps through influence from (2).

**Further information:** Pincotts in West Horsley (Surrey) is probably to be associated with the family of Richard Pykenot, 1294 in *Assize Rolls*, and Robert Pykenet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*; see *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 141–2.

## Pindar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs

English: see **Pinder**.

## Pinder

**Variants:** Pinter, Pender, Pindar, Pindor, Pounder, Poynder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4486, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3553
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; ER Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English: occupational name from Middle English *pinder(e)*, *pender(e)*, *ponder(e)*, *punder(e)*, *puindere*, *poindere* ‘a manorial officer who impounded stray beasts; pinder’. Compare **Pounder**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le pynder, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William le Pendere, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas le Pendere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Isabella le Puynder, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Richard le Pundere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Pender’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Robertus Pinder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wike, WR Yorks); John Pynder, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Toynton, Lincs); Thomas Pindar, 1546, Margery Pender, 1556, Richard Pinder, 1579 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Pynder, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Estoft, Lincs); John Pindor, 1677 in *IGI* (Bilsthorpe, Notts).

## Pindolia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian: see **Pindoria**.

## Pindor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Pinder**.

## Pindoria

**Variants:** Pindolia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Pine

**Variants:** Pyne, Pines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 885
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pin(e)* ‘pine’, for a tall, upright man.

**Further information:** Morin de Pin was the son of Hugh Teillart, steward of Waleran, Count of Meulan (Normandy) in the 1120s. After his rebellion against Henry I in 1124 he was exiled but later became a canon at Dunstable priory (Beds). His brother William de Pin was a tenant of the Earl of Leicester at Newbottle (Northants). Simon son of Herbert de Pin held one fee of Robert FitzRoy of Okehampton (Devon) in 1166, *Red Book of the Exchequer*. Herbert de Pynu held one fee of Okehampton in Culm Pyne (Devon) in 1242–3, *Book of Fees*, and Herbert de Pyn (perhaps the same man) held the manor of Upton Pyne (Devon) in the second half of the 13th century. The Pyn family acquired the manor of Combpyne (Devon) in the 13th century; Thomas de Pyn was patron of the church in 1278. See *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 634–5; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 455, 637.

**Early bearers:** Bonde Pine, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Robert Pine, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Pin, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William Pin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Henry le Pyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Pine, 1567 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Thomas Pine, 1571 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Pine, 1577 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jane Pine, 1583 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); George Pine, 1599 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon).

2 Norman, English: locative name from a place name of Norman origin. Combpyne and Upton Pyne in Devon were held in the 13th century by a family of *de Pyn*, who may have come from Le Pin in Calvados or some other French place named from a prominent pine. The surname may also have arisen independently in England from a topographic name for someone who lived by a conspicuous pine tree. **Early bearers:** Morin del Pin, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Alexander de Pinu, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Thomas de Pyne, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Pyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

## Pinel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, English: see **Pinnell**.

## Piner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Pinner**.

## Pines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: variant of **Pine** with a plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Pinfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: variant of **Penfold** with post-medieval confusion between *fold* and *field*. Compare Pinfold Farm in Meriden (Warwicks), first recorded as *Pynfold* in 1638. Spellings with *-on-* or *-un-* are partly dialectal (*Pun-* for standard English *Pin-*, from Old English *pyn-*) and partly from confusion between *pen* and *pound* as words for an animal enclosure. **Early bearers:** John de Punfold of Wambergh, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Wanborough, Wilts); Nicholao atte Ponfolde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horton, Dorset); Thoma Punfold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgehill, Wilts); Johanne Penfolde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Coxwell, Berks); Robertus Pounfold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Dorset); Joanne Penfold, 1565, Edmund Punfold, 1637 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Thomas Pinfolde or Pinfold, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Hindon, Wilts); Edmund Punfold, 1593 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); Anna Pinffold, 1590 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Thomas Pounfolde, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Brympton, Somerset); Thomas Pinfield, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John, Yeovil, Somerset); John Punfold or Punfolde, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Bradford Abbas, Dorset); Henrici Pinfield, 1632 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Joane Punfield, 1633 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); Elizabeth Pinfield, 1640 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Rich Pinfeld, 1668 in *IGI* (Quenington, Gloucs); Susanna Pinfield, 1689 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks).

## Pinfold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 563
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants; Middx

English: see **Penfold**.

## Ping

**Variants:** Bing, Peng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Beds, Northants, Bucks, and Middx

1 English: variant of **Pink** with voicing of the original Old English palatal *c* (/tʃ/) after *n* to *g* (/ŋg/). **Early bearers:** William Pynge, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Drayton, Hants); Henry Pyng, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Mylborn Deverell, Dorset); Thomas Pyng or Pinge, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Holywell, Somerset); Agnes Pynge, 1567 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); John Pyng, 1608 in *IGI* (Hulcote, Beds); William Ping, 1610 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Thomas Pinge, 1622 in *PROB 11* (West Thurrock, Essex); Mary Pinge, 1762 in *IGI* (Acton Beauchamp, Worcs); Timothy Ping, 1781 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); John Bohun Smyth Ping, 1810 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks).

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 平, meaning ‘flat, even’ in Chinese: (i) from *Ping* (平), the name of a fief (located in Linfen in Shanxi province) granted to Chuo, the youngest son of the king Han Ai Hou (died 374 BC) of

the state of Han. (ii) from the first element of the personal name Ping Zhong (平仲), the style name of Yan Yin, an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**3** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 郢 (**Bing** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) from *Bing* (郢), name of a fief granted to Bing Yu (郢豫), an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from *Bing* (郢), name of a fief (located in present-day Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

### Pingree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks; also W Midlands

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Pingry, 1590 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); William Pingrey, 1629 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Zachariah Pingree, 1691 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Pingrey, 1719 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); John Pingre, 1724 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); George Pingry, 1732 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); John Pingree, 1783, Pingre, 1789 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); James Pingrey, 1794 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Pingry, 1797 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Job Pingree, 1800 in *IGI* (Pedmore, Worcs).

### Pingstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Pinkstone**.

### Pinhey

**Variants:** Pinney, Penny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Pinhay in Axmouth (Devon), which is recorded as *Pynneheye* in 1359. The place-name may derive from Old English *pynð* ‘pound, enclosure’ + (*ge*)*hæg* ‘fence, enclosure’. **Further information:** The surname gave rise to Pinhey’s Cross in East Allington; see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 314.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Pynnehegh, 1299 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William de Pynnehegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uplyme, Devon); John Pynhay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paignton, Devon); Robert Pinney, 1546 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); John Pynney, 1552, Walter Pynney or Pynnye, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Dorset); Nicholas Pynhey, 1562 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Wm Pinhey, 1738 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Brown Pinhay, 1832 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 637.

### Pinhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Surrey

English: unexplained. If the example from 1307 really belongs here then the source is a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Eustace de Pyngarn, 1307 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Pynhorne, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Appledore, Kent); John Pinhorne, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Ringwood, Hants); [ . . . ] Pinhorne, 1572 in *Wilts and Swindon Archives* (Downton, Wilts); John Pinhorne, 1610 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Moses Pinhorne, 1682, Pinhorn, 1684 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Abraham Pinhorn, 1740 in *Parish Registers* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

### Pini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: relationship name, patronymic from **Pino**, itself from a short form of the personal name *Giuseppino* (from *Giuseppe*), *Filippino* (from *Filippo*), or some other diminutive formed with this suffix.

### Pinington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Pennington**.

### Pinion

**Variants:** Pinnion, Pinyon, Pinyoun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Surrey

English: variant of **Pinning** (see **Penning**) with *-ion* substituted for *-in(g)*, perhaps through false association with the word *pinion* ‘wing, feather’.

**Further information:** It cannot be a variant of the Welsh surname **Beynon** or **Binion**, as supposed by Reaney, for Welsh *ap* is always pronounced (*a*)*b* before a vowel, as in **Bevan** for *ap Evan*.

**Early bearers:** Dominick Pinion, 1575 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Mary Pinyon, 1600 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Ellen Pinnion, 1602 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Wam. Pinyon, 1603 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Larance or Martyne Penion, 1607, Martyne Pinion, 1607 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); John Pinnion, 1753 in *IGI* (Ashted, Surrey); James Pinyon, 1667 in *IGI* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Joshua Pinin, 1761, William Pinnion, 1781 in *IGI* (Willoughton, Lincs); John Pinion, 1797 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Pinyoun, 1839 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Pinck

**Variants:** Pinch, Pinches, Pinks, Ping

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2755, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1967
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: nickname from Old English *pinc(a)* ‘chaffinch’. Compare **Finch**, **Pinson**.

**Early bearers:** Sewine Pinca, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Adam Pinc, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo Pinch, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Pinke, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Henry Pinke, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Lucia le Pynch, Dionisia le Pinch, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Pinche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Pinch, 1546 in *IGI* (Trevalga, Cornwall); William Pincke, 1558 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Pinch, 1563 in *IGI* (Lanhydrock, Cornwall); Jane Pinck, 1567 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Richard Pinke, 1572 in *IGI* (Rye,

Sussex); John Pink, 1602 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); John Pince, 1612 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Andrew Pincke, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Burghclere, Hants).

### Pinkard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham
- Norman, English: see **Pinchard**.

### Pinker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs; London

Norman, English: reduced form of **Pinchard**.

### Pinkerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 274
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; also Mayo

Scottish: locative name from Pinkerton near Dunbar (E Lothian), a former barony.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland since the 18th century, if not earlier.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Nicol de Pynkertone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar 2*, p. 210 (Haddington, E Lothian); Patrick de Penkerton, 1396 in *Scotland Calendar 4*, p. 484; John Pinkerton, 1494 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Pynkertown, 1559 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland 19*, p. 89 (Rutherglen, Lanarks); Andrew Pinkertoune, 1605, James Pinkertown, 1608 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); James Pinkartoune, 1615 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Johne Pinkertowne, 1652 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews); David Pinkerton, 1665 in *IGI* (Larbert, Stirlings); David Pinkartown, 1680, John Pinkertown, 1687 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Andrew Pinkartone, 1692 in *IGI* (Temple, Midlothian); Andrew Pinkardton, 1750 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks).

Ireland: Sarah Pinkerton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Samuel Pinkerton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim); Benjamin Pinkerton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

### Pinkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: nickname from a pet form of the Middle English nickname **Pink** (from Old English *pinc(a)* ‘chaffinch’) + the diminutive suffix *-et*.

**Early bearers:** John Pinkett, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Georg Pynket, 1579 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Richard Pinckett, 1587 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); George Pincket, 1605 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Thomas Pinket, 1606 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Thomas Pinkett, 1614 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Pinkett, 1781 in *IGI* (West Bridgford, Notts).

### Pinkham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Pincombe**.

**Pinkney**

Variants: **Pinckney, Pickney, Pigney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1694, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1175
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham Norman, English: locative name from Picquigny (Somme).

**Early bearers:** Ansculfus de Pinchengi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Robert Pinkenie, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); D'na Agnes de Pi'chenei, late 12th century in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Robertus de Pinkenny, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; Edmund de Pynkeny, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Fulmer, Bucks); Willelmus Pynkeneye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Henwick, Berks); John Pynkeney, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Robert Pynkeney, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Watlington, Norfolk); James Pinkney, 1562 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Pinkney, 1580 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); William Pinkney or Pinckney, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Rushall, Wilts); Thomas Pinknie, 1593 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Pynckney, 1624 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

**Pinks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Pink** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Pinkes, 1610 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Pincks, 1638 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwick); Thomas Pinckes, 1641 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Pinks, 1707 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Pinkstone**

Variants: **Pingstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon; Shrops

English: locative name from Pinxton (Derbys), which is recorded as *Penekestone* in 1212. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Penec* (genitive \**Pen(e)ces*) + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Penkeston', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); William de Penkeston, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Hugo de Penkeston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Thoma de Pynkeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Thomas de Pynkston', 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Louth, Lincs); Thomas Pynkston, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwick); John Pingston, 1660 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Elizabeth Pinkstone, 1670 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Peter Pinkston, 1704 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); John Pingstone, 1704 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Henry Pingstone, 1807 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 291.

**Pinn**

Variants: **Pin, Pynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 341
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pinne* 'pin' (Old English *pinn*), perhaps for a pinmaker; compare **Pinner**.

**Early bearers:** John Pinne, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); John Pynne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Linnfroe Pinn, 1589 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Eneli Pinn, 1605 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); William Pinn, 1609 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Pinn, 1643 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); William Pinn, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 444, 593, 597.

2 English: locative name from a place-name such as Pinn in Otterton (Devon) or Pinn Court in Pinhoe (Devon), in which Brittonic *penn* 'head(land)' has been confused with Old English *pinn* 'pin'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Pinne, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard atte Pynne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

3 English: variant of **Penn**.

**Pinnegar**

Variants: **Pinniger, Pinneger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Worcs; Surrey

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Humfrey Pinegar, 1616 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Sarah Pinnigar of Saint Andrew, Holborn, 1667 in *TNA* (Middx); John Pinnegar, 1676 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); Johannis Pynegar, 1677 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); John Pinneger, 1709 in *IGI* (Broad Hinton, Wilts); John Pinegar, 1710 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); John Pinniger, 1727 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent); John Pinnigar, 1757 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts).

**Pinner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Pinnegar**.

**Pinnell**

Variants: **Pinel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; London Norman, English: nickname from either Anglo-Norman French \**pinel* 'shaft, spindle' or a diminutive from Old French *pin* 'pine tree' + the suffix *-el*, hence 'little pine'. The name perhaps referred to a tall, thin man or pejoratively to a small, weedy one, although a vulgar connotation cannot be ruled out.

**Early bearers:** Radulf Pinel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Robert Pinel, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwick); William Pinel, 1244 in *Patent Rolls* (Jersey); Roger Pynel, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Johanne Pynel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Johanne Pynnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Ricardus Pynel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Subedge, Gloucs); John Pynell, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Pynell, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Brightlingsea, Essex); Raphe Pynnell, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Brinkworth, Wilts); Henry Pinnell or Pynnell, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Brinkworth, Wilts).

**Pinner**

Variants: **Piner, Pyner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 726

- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also Staffs

1 English: locative name from Pinner (Middx), which is recorded as *Pinora* in 1232 and *Pynnore* in 1257. The place-name derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *ōra* 'bank, edge, slope'. Examples without the definite article *le* are included here but may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Andrew, Richard de Pinner, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Richard Pynnore, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William de Pynnore, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Pynner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warwick); Johannes Pynnere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Pynnore, tallow chandler, 1509 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Henricus Pynor, 1544 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Thomas Pinner, 1558 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Piner or Pyner, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Brockley, Somerset); William Pinner or Pynner, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Pinnor, 1644 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Piner, 1679 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); John Pynor, 1691 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, pp. 63–4.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *pinner(e)* 'maker of metal pins and nails'.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Pinare, 1244 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Walter le Pinnere, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*; Andrew le Pynner, 1328, le Pynnere, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwick); John Pinner, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Thomas Pinner, 1561 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Agnes Pinner, 1568 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Willym Pinner, 1575 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk).

3 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *peigneur*, *pignour* 'comb maker' or 'wool comber'.

**Further information:** William le Pinour (1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London)) was also called William le Horner (1295 in *London Letter Books A*) and was, no doubt, a maker of horn combs. Compare also Juliana le Pineresse, le Peyneresse, 1281 in *Fransson* (Worcs), a comber of wool or flax (Old French *peigneresse*). **Early bearers:** Eborard Penier, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas le Peniur 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Maud Penir, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le Peynur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Robert le Penyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Peynere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barnston, Essex); Johannes Pynnior, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crookham, Berks).

**Pinney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 674, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London; Beds

1 English: in SW England a variant of **Pinhey**.  
2 English: alternatively, a variant of **Penny**.  
3 English: in the NE Midlands a variant of **Pinning** (see **Penning**). Compare Edw. Pining, 1646, Hellen Pinney, 1714 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs).

**Pinnick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Middx, Surrey, and IoW

English: see **Pinnock**.

**Pinniger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Pinnegar**.

**Pinning**

Variants: **Pinion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Penning**.

**Pinnington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1045, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 496
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pennington**.

**Pinnion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Pinion**.

**Pinnix**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: from a variant of **Pinnock** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Pinnix, 1716 in *IGI* (Mid Lavant, Sussex); John Pennix, 1741, John Pinnix, 1743 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Edward Pinnix, 1790 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants); Elizabeth Pinnicks, 1825 in *IGI* (Brixton, Surrey).

**Pinnock**

Variants: **Pennock**, **Pennick**, **Pinnick**, **Pinnix**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1979, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 934
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Oxon, Berks, and Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *pinno(c)k*, *pinnucc* 'hedge sparrow'.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that the surname was ever derived from Pinnock (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Pinnock, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Pinnok, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Johannes Pynnoc', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bladon, Oxon); Johanne Pynnok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Ricardo Pynnok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yattendon, Berks); Willelmus Pynock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bredy, Dorset); Henry Pynnok, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke Hammong, Bucks); Willm. Pinnock, 1540 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Willyam Pinnocke or Pynnoke, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Hanley, Worcs); James Penocke, 1574 in *PROB 11* (London); Christopher Pinnock, 1642 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); Joseph Pinnick, 1673 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); John Pennick, 1789 in *IGI* (Hilperton, Wilts); Inez Pinnock, 1813 in *IGI* (Heyford, Northants).

**Pinsent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Leics

Norman, English: variant of **Pinson** with excrescent final -t.

**Pinshon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Pinchin**.

**Pinson**

Variants: **Pinsent**, **Pinchin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Old French *pinçon*, *pinson* 'finch' (Norman-Picard *pinchon*). It was adopted as both a nickname and a personal name, often used to indicate gaiety: 'gai comme un pinson' (*Dauzat*). Compare **Pink**, **Finch**. (ii) nickname, possibly, but less likely, from Middle English *pinsoun* 'pincers, forceps' (Anglo-Norman *pinsons*, Old French *pinçon*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Pincun de Blacheshola, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks).

surnames: Hugo filius Pinchonis, 1121–33 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Oxon); Hugo filius Pincun, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ralph Pincun, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Lincs); Richard Pincun 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Rogerum Pincun, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Pynson, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Pynsoun, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Burrow on the Hill, Leics); Johanne Pynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Marefield with North Marefield, Leics); William Pynson', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunster, Somerset); John Pynsent, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Pynson, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the West, City of London); Henry Pinson or Pynson, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**Pinter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans; Suffolk

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Pinder** with voicing of -d- to -t-.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Pyntor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Robertus Pynter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); John Pinter, 1600 in *IGI* (Rushford, Norfolk); William Pyntor, 1730 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Peter Pinter, 1814 in *Parish Registers* (Ipswich, Suffolk); David Pinter, in *Census 1881* (Aberystwyth, Cardigans).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably of Hungarian origin.

**Further information:** The playwright Harold Pinter (1930–2008) used to assert that his family name, *Pinter*, was an anglicization of a Sephardic Jewish name, *Pinto* or *Pinta*. Research by Antonia Fraser, his widow, showed that this claim was incorrect.

**Pinto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1967, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Spanish, Italian: (i) nickname from Spanish *pinto* 'coloured, painted'. (ii) nickname from Italian *pinto* 'mottled, spotted' (late Latin *pinctus*), presumably referring to an aspect of someone's appearance.

**Early bearers:** Charles Pinto, 1763 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); James Pinto, 1810 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

**Pinwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Penwill**.

**Pinyon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Pinion**.

**Pinyoun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Pinion**.

**Piotrowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name from any of various places in Poland called Piotrów, Piotrowo, or Piotrowice.

**Pipe**

Variants: **Pipp**, **Pipes**, **Pepe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1635, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Somerset

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *pipe*, *pip*, *pippe* 'pipe', perhaps for someone who played the pipe(s). Compare **Piper**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *pip*, a shortened form of *pipin* 'pip or seed of a fleshy fruit such as apple or grape', also 'apple tree', from a Romance root \**pep-* 'small'. The name might have been given to someone of small stature or to a gardener. Compare **Peppin**. (iii) relationship name; examples without the definite article might alternatively be patronymics or relationship names from Middle English \**Pip(pe)*, perhaps like *Phip(pe)* a pet form of *Philip*, used mainly as a male personal name but sometimes as a female name, as in Pipa de Witlesford, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs). Compare **Peppin**, **Pippet**, **Pipkin**, and **Phipp**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Pippe, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Swan Pipe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William Pipe, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William le Pype, 1274 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hervey Pippe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le Pippe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Pype, 1561 in *IGI* (Martok, Somerset); Henry Pipe, 1855 in *IGI* (Martok, Somerset); Jaffery Pyype, 1569 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); John Pyp, 1617 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); William Pipe, 1618 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *pipe*, *pip(pe)* in the senses 'water pipe, conduit, aqueduct; channel of a small stream', or a locative name from Pipe in Herefs (where there is a brook), or from Pipehill in Staffs, formerly known as *Pipe* (*Pipa*, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls*), where there are springs from which water has for centuries been piped to Lichfield.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Pipa, 1152 in *Staffs Chartulary*; John del Pipe, 1267 in *Close Rolls*; Samuel Pype, 1595 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Mary Pip, 1638 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs).

**Piper****Variants: Pepper, Pyper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7504, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5875
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Hants, Middx, and Surrey; Devon and Cornwall; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *piper(e)* ‘one who plays a pipe, flute, or bagpipes’. (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Peppard**, a late 12th-century Norman name in Somerset that was taken to Ireland. (iii) occupational name, occasionally perhaps from late Middle English *piper* ‘repairer or layer of pipes; plumber’ (1456 in *MED*).

**Early bearers:** England: Jordan Piper, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); William le pipere, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Sim. le Piper, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henr. le Pipere, 1283 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Essex); Rob. le Piper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Pyper, 1549 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Thomas Piper, 1555 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); John Piper, 1561 in *IGI* (Launceston, Devon); Peter Piper, 1576 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); William Pyper, 1576 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Piper, 1602 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Jeremiah Piper, 1648 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

Scotland: William Pyper, 1457 in *Arbroath Register*; Robert and John Piper, ‘comon menstrallis’, 1508 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Robert Pyper, baxter, 1609 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness); Bessie Pipper, 1653 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Elspet Pyper, 1658 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Elizabeth Piper, 1681 in *IGI* (Ayr); Henrie Piper, 1701 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

Ireland: Owen Piper, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §856 (little Brey, Dublin); Thomas Piper, yeoman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1374 (Dulastowne, Meath); Tirlagh Piper, piper, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6549 (Tobberdower); George Piper, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballymurghan, Armagh); John Piper, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyroney, Down); Hugh Piper, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tamlaght Finlagan, Derry).

**Pipes****Variants: Pepys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Pipe**, a post-medieval modification of the surname with excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** John Pypes, 1699 in *IGI* (Blackwell by Alfreton, Derbys).

**Pipkin****Variants: Pitkin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, Bucks, and Beds

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English \**Pipkin*, perhaps a pet form of **Philip**. Compare **Pippet**.

**Further information:** A pipkin was also an item of brass or other metalware, or a smaller form of a wine-pipe, but whether that is relevant to the surname is not known.

**Early bearers:** Mary Pipkin, 1641 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Richard Pipkin, 1665 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Francis Pipkin, 1660 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts).

**Pipon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; also Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Peppin**.

**Pipp**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middlesex
- English: see **Pipe**.

**Pippard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Peppard**.

**Pippen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Peppin**.

**Pippet****Variants: Pipett, Peppitt, Peppiatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Warwicks

English: relationship name from Middle English *Pipet, Pipot*, diminutive forms of *Pip*, a pet form of either Old French *Pipin, Pipon* (see **Peppin, Pepys**), though this was very rare in England, or of the rather commoner Old French, Middle English *Philip* (compare **Pipkin**).

**Early bearers:** Pipot de Turton, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger Pipet, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Pipat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Pypet, 1433–4 in *TNA* (Cheddar, Somerset); Ann Pipet, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Evercreech, Somerset); Francis Peppeot, 1619, Frances Peppeot, 1622 in *IGI* (Tilsworth, Beds); John Peppiatt, 1630 in *IGI* (Streatley, Beds); Jefferie Pippet, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Somerton, Somerset); Richard Pippet, 1622 in *IGI* (Honiton on Otter, Devon); Stephen Pippet, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; William Pipet, 1649 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Cam, Gloucs) Thomas Pippit, 1789 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**Pippet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham
- English: see **Pippet**.

**Pippin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; London; also Lancs; Glamorgan
- Norman, English: see **Peppin**.

**Pippins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: variant of **Peppin** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Pippins, 1725 in *Parish Registers* (Tisbury, Wilts); Richard Pippins, 1834 in *Parish Registers* (Curry Rivel, Somerset).

**Pirard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Parrott**.

**Pires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Portuguese: relationship name, a patronymic from the personal name *Pedro*.

2 English: see **Peerce**. It is not certain that this form of the name has survived.

**Early bearers:** James Pires, 1585 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); John Pires, 1635 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Pires, 1643 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent).

**Pirie****Variants: Pirrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3243, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1886
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Perrie**.

**Pirkis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

**Pirnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus

Scottish: locative name from Pairney near Auchterarder (Perth), which is recorded as *Pirney* and *Pirnie* in the 17th century, or from Pirnie (Roxburghs). The place-names appear to derive from Brittonic *pren* ‘tree’ + an uncertain element.

**Early bearers:** Janet Pirnie, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Pirnie, 1673 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth); Charles Pirney, 1715 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); John Pirny, 1721 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); Patrick Pirnie, mason, 1769 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Cargill, Perth).

**Pirouet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: relationship name from the French male personal name *Pirou*, a short form of **Pierre**, + the diminutive suffix -et.

**Early bearers:** James Pirouet, 1713 in *Parish Registers* (Aspall, Suffolk).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 790.

**Pirret**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks

English: see **Parrott**.

**Pirrett**

- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Glasgow

English: see **Parrott**.

**Pirrie**

- Current frequencies: GB 664, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 477
- Main GB location 1881: E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Perrie**.

**Pirt**

- Current frequencies: GB 115, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 50
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb and Durham
- English: see **Peart**.

**Pisani**

- Current frequencies: GB 230, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
- Italian: a patronymic or plural form of **Pisano**.

**Pisano**

Variants: **Pisani**

- Current frequencies: GB 135, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Italian: locative name denoting someone from the city of Pisa in Tuscany.

**Pistol**

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Pestell**.

**Pistor**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Norman, English: see **Pester**.

**Pitcairn**

- Current frequencies: GB 239, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 249
- Main GB location 1881: Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Pitcairn (Fife), which is recorded as *Peticarne* in 1247. The place-name means 'portion of the mound', from Pictish \**pett* 'piece, portion' + Gaelic *càrn* (genitive *càirn*) 'mound'.

**Early bearers:** William de Petkaran, before 1248 in *Dunfermline Register*, p. 222 (Dunfermline, Fife); John de Petcarn, 1250 in *Black* (Perths); Pieres de Pectarne, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, p. 204 (Fife); David Petkarn, 1512, Pitcarynn, 1518 in *Brechin Register* 2, p. 169 (Brechin, Angus); David Pitcairn, 1584 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Thomas Pitcarn, 1656 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Pitcarin, 1676 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William Pitcairen, 1709 in *IGI* (Collessie, Fife).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 369.

**Pitcher**

Variants: **Pitchers**

- Current frequencies: GB 2987, Ireland 35
- GB frequency 1881: 2306
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Dorset; SE England

English: occupational name from Middle English \**picher* 'one who covers, seals, or caulks things with pitch' (making pots, pails, ships' wooden hulls, etc., waterproof).

**Early bearers:** William le Picher, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Pycher, 1289 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Will' Pycher, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishop's Down, Dorset); Richard Picher, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harlaxton, Lincs); William Pitcher, 1558 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); Johana Pitcher, 1566 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Hugh Pitcher, 1570 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Josias Pitcher, 1697 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset).

**Pitchers**

Variants: **Pitches**

- Current frequencies: GB 347, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 217
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Pitcher**; a post-medieval modification of the surname, with excrescent -s.

**Pitches**

- Current frequencies: GB 112, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 86
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Cambs

English: perhaps a variant of **Pitchers**.

**Early bearers:** Edw Pitches, 1546 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Roberte Pitches, 1567 in *IGI* (Westley Waterless, Cambs); Thomas Pitches, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Hawkedon, Suffolk); Thomas Pitchis, 1636, Pitches, 1638 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); George Pitchis, 1675 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); John Pitchess, 1770, Pitches, 1771 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); James Pitchas, 1807 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts).

**Pitchford**

Variants: **Pitchforth, Pitchfork, Pickford**

- Current frequencies: GB 1431, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 949
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops and Staffs

English: locative name from Pitchford (Shrops), which is recorded as *Piceford* in 1086 and *Pichford* in 1189. The place-name derives from Old English *pic* 'pitch, resin' + *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Pichford, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Radulfus de Pycheford, 1226 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Pycheford, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Pichford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanne Pichforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Hugo de Pichford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lee Brockhurst, Shrops); Rogerus de Picheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Johanne de Pycheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canes and Little Wyrley, Staffs); Johannes Pichforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton and Walton, Staffs); Willm. Pitchforde, 1593 in *IGI* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops); John Pitchfort, 1601 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Thomas Pitchforth, 1606 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Willm. Pitchforcke, 1638 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Edward Pitchfford, 1657 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thos. Pitchfork, 1668, John Pitchford, 1735 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Thomas Pitchfort, 1733 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); William Pitchfork, 1753, Peter Pitchford, 1756 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 236.

**Pitchfork**

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 109
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: variant of **Pitchford** reinterpreted by folk etymology.

**Pitchforth**

- Current frequencies: GB 282, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 192
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Pitchford**.

**Pitchley**

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: locative name from Pytchley (Northants), which is recorded as *Pihteslea* and *Picteslei* in 1086. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Piht*, \**Peoht* (genitive \**Pihtes*) + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pyghtislee, 1372 in *Patent Rolls* (Rothwell, Northants); John Pyghtislee, chaplain, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William, Richard Pighttlesley, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Richard Pyghtesley, clerk, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robert Pitchley, 1714 in *IGI* (Molesworth, Hunts); John Pitchly, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Richard Pitchley, 1781 in *IGI* (Grayingham, Lincs); William Pitcherley, 1786, Pitchley, 1835 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 130.

**Pitcock**

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; Kent

English: see **Pidcock**.

**Pitfield**

- Current frequencies: GB 363, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 252
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset; Lancs

English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *pit* 'hole, pit' + *feld* 'open country' or *fold, feld* 'pen, enclosure', such as Pitfold in Burton Bradstock (Dorset), Pitfield in Thistleton (Lancs), Pitfield in Ottery Saint Mary (Devon), or Pitfield in Newbiggin (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Andrew Pitfolde, 1587, Robert Pitfolde, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Allington, Dorset); Robert Pitfield, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Pitfeild, 1689, Richard Pitfield, 1698 in *IGI* (Venn Ottery, Devon); Jos Pitfield, 1712 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Thomas Pitfield, 1756 in *IGI* (Allington, Dorset); Thomas Pitfield, 1779 in *IGI* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Charles Pitfield, 1797 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Amelia Pittfield, 1810 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**Pither**

Variants: **Pether, Pithers**

- Current frequencies: GB 622, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 480
- Main GB location 1881: Berks and Hants

English: unexplained. Formally it might be an agent noun derived from Middle English *pithe* (Old English *piþa*) 'pith (of a plant)', 'essential vigour', but

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this does not easily produce a convincing sense. The name has sometimes been confused with the surname **Peter**, as in John Peter or Pether, 1526 in *Oxford University Register*, but there is no evidence to support Reaney's inference that it originated as 'a west-country and Cornish form of the personal name *Peter*'. The name was also probably confused with **Pedder**. Compare Thomas Pether, 1668, Thomas Pidder, 1782, Thomas Peter, 1783, Thomas Pedder, 1786 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs).

**Further information:** The family of the 1569 and 1585 bearers is commemorated in Pither's Farm and Pither's Shaw in Bradfield (Berks); see *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 202.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pither, 1287 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Gloucs); Wm. Pither, 1567, Wm. Pether, 1572 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Thome Pither, 1579 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Robart Pether, 1569, Joane Pyther, 1585 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Margeri Pether, 1590 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Pether, 1596 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Pither, 1600, Thomas Pether, 1629 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Thomas Pidder, 1600, Margerat Pether, 1608 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Richard Pyther, 1628 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Mary Pether, 1638 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Pether, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Puxton, Somerset); Thomas Pether, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Winscombe, Somerset); Titus Pither, 1669 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

## Pithers

**Variants:** Pethers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, Surrey, and Middx

English: variant of **Pither** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Pithers, 1695 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Richard Pithers, 1762 in *IGI* (Tadley, Hants); Samuel Pithers, 1769 in *IGI* (West Molesey, Surrey).

## Pithie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Kincardines

English, Scottish: nickname from Scots *pithy* 'strong' (Middle English *pithi*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pithie, 1585 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Elinor Pithye, 1604 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Rowland Pithie, 1614 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Grace Pithy, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Maria Pithi, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); James Pithi, 1716 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); Robert Pithye, 1826 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines).

## Pithouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Wilts

English: locative name from Pithouse Farm in Sopley (Hants), which is recorded as *Pyttheouse* in 1544, a lost place called *Pithouse* in Knightwick (Worcs), which is recorded as *Pytheouse* in 1544, or Pithouse Farm in Mapledurham (Oxon). The place-

names derive from Middle English *pit* 'pit, hollow' + *hou* 'house, dwelling' (Old English *pytt*, *hūs*).

**Early bearers:** Alice Pithouse, 1622 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Andrew Pithouse, 1640 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Thomas Pithouse alias Bayman, 1664 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); John Pithouse, 1751 in *IGI* (Ewell, Surrey).

**References:** *Gover, Hants Place-Names*, p. 230; *Place-Names of Oxon* 1, p. 61; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 148.

## Pitkeathly

**Variants:** Pitkethly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perths

Scottish: locative name from Pitkeathly in Dunbarney (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Pitcaithly, 1568 in *Scottish Antiquary* 1, p. 169 (Perth, Perths); Thomas Pitkaithly, 1626 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); David Pitkeithley, 1677 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Pitkethlie, 1678, Wim. Pitkaithlie, 1687 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perths); John Pitkeathlie, 1698 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perths); Robert Pitkeithly, 1711 in *IGI* (Rhynd, Perths); John Pitkethly, 1711, Giles Pitkethley, 1762, William Pitkaithley, 1827 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perths); Andrew Pitcaithly, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Dumfermline, Fife).  
England: James Pitcaithly, 1824 in *Non-Conformist Registers* (Scottish United Secession Church, Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Jane Pitkethley, 1844 in *BMD* (Gateshead, Durham).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Angus

Scottish: see **Pitkeathly**.

## Pitkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Pipkin**.

## Pitman

**Variants:** Pittman, Putman, Pettman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3439, Ireland 94
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2723
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Somerset and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *pit*, *pit(t)e*, *put(te)* 'hollow, pit' + *man*, signifying one who lived or worked at such a location. See **Pitt**.

**Early bearers:** Unban Piteman, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Putman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Petman, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Galfridus Piteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runton, Norfolk); Reginaldus Putman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Avon, Hants); Richard Pitteman, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Pytman, 1515 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Pettman, 1563 in *IGI* (Lyminge, Kent); Thomas Pytman, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Sandford Orcas, Somerset); William Pitt alias Pitman, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Abbotsleigh, Somerset); Francis Pitman or Pittman, 1595 in *PROB 11* (London); Roberte Petman, 1597 in *PROB 11*; Patience Puttman, 1629 in *Parish Registers* (Honiton, Devon).

## Pitney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex; Middx

English: locative name from Pitney (Somerset), which is recorded as *Petenie* in 1086 and *Puttenaya* in 1225. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name \**Pytta* or *Pēota* (genitive \**Pyttan*, *Pēotan*) + Old English *ēg* 'island'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Putteneve, clerk, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Curry Rivel, Somerset); Johannes Putteneve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Paule Pitney, 1576 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); John Pitney, 1576, Edward Pitny, 1584 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); Symonde Pitney, 1589 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Richarde Pitnie, 1600 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); John Pitney, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 474.

## Pitson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: relationship name from the Middle English surname **Pitt** + *son*.

**Further information:** The origin of the forms with final *-m*, mainly in 17th-century Surrey, has not been explained.

**Early bearers:** Henry Pittson, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Laleham, Middx); John Pitson, Pitsom, 1611 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Johannes Pittsome, 1626 in *IGI* (Littleton, Middx); George Pitsum, 1635, Pitsom, 1640, Johannes Pitson, 1663, Georgii Pittsome, 1678, Henry Pittsome, 1710 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); Thomas Pittson, 1717 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); William Pitson, 1750 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Alfred Pitson, 1828 in *IGI* (Marsh Baldon, Oxon).

## Pitt

**Variants:** Pett, Putt, Pitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7620, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6359
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from Pitt (Hants) or Pett (Kent), or more often for one who lived in or by a pit or hollow, from Middle English *pitt*, *pett*, *putt* (Old English *pytt*). Dialectal *Pett* and *Putt* have often been standardized to Modern English *Pitt*.

**Early bearers:** Geruase de la Puette, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Maurice de Pette, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Thomas de la Pitte, de la Pute, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Bitheputte, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas ithe Putte, 1278 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Gilbert atte Pitte, 1294 in *Place-Names of Surrey*; Juliana atte Pette, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Henry atte Putte, Helen Intheputte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paignton, Devon); Johannes Pit, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Johanna del Pytte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Walter Pitte, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Dalditch, Devon); Elizabetha Pitt, 1538 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Willia Pitt, 1552 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Willm. Pitt, 1563 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Alice Pitt, 1564 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); John Pitt,



1567 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Thoms Pitt, 1570 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 513; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 131; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 231, 242, 386, 390, 542; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 151.

### Pittam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 589, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pittam, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); William Pittam, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Paulerspury, Northants); Rogeri Pittam, 1604 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); George Pitham, 1655 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks); Edward Pittam, 1719, John Pitham, 1727, Pittom, 1733 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Pittam, 1787 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

### Pittard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

French, English: nickname from a derivative of Old French *pite* 'pitiful, lamentable', perhaps applied to a family living in extreme poverty.

**Early bearers:** Simond Pyttard, 1471 in *PROB 11* (London); Alexander Pittard' of London, 1471 in *Feet of Fines*; John Pittard, 1559, Henry Pittard or Pitterd, 1609, Thomas Pitterd, 1637 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Robert Pitherd, 1755 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Tomas Pitard, 1765 in *IGI* (Brent Knoll, Somerset).

### Pittas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 Greek: nickname, probably from *pitta* 'flat bread', used for a baker of such bread.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Pittis**.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Pittas, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); James Pittas, in *Census 1861* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

### Pittaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, and Wors

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place named from Middle English *pitt*, *pett*, *putt* 'hollow, pit' + *wei(e)* 'road, way', or perhaps used topographically for someone who lived near such a feature.

**Early bearers:** Edward Pitway, 1588 in *IGI* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Harrie Pittway, 1603 in *IGI* (Worcester, Wors); Edward Pitwaie, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Shipston on Stour, Wors); Stephen Pitway, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Bengeworth, Wors); John Pettway, yeoman, 1634 in *Wors Record Office* (Shipston on Stour, Wors); Geo. Pittaway, 1669 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks); Magdalena Pittwey, 1674 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Pitaway, 1676 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Cornelius Pittiway, 1745 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Thos Pitterway, 1770 in *IGI* (Atherstone on Stour, Warwicks); John Pitteway of Marylebone, 1781 in *Parish Registers* (Chipping

Barnet, Herts); Moses Petaway, 1802 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); John Petoway, 1829 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

### Pittendreigh

**Variants:** Pittendrih, Pendreigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Pittendreigh (Aberdeens), any of several places called Pittendrieh (Midlothian, Fife, Perth, Aberdeens, Kinross, Banffs, Kincardines), or Pendreich (Stirlings). Most of the place-names probably derive from Pictish \**pett* 'piece, portion' + Gaelic *drech* 'hill face', though the Stirlings place-name may have a different, unknown etymology.

**Early bearers:** William Pendreich, 1544 in *Aberdeen Council Register*, p. 203 (Deer, Aberdeens); John Pendreich, 1547 in *Retours, Scotland*; (the same as) John Pettindreich, 1604 in *Bamff Charters*; James Pettindreiche, 1638, Pettindreich, 1639, Pettendreich, 1643, William Pittendreich, 1658 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Pendreich, 1662, Pettindrich, 1663, Pendrieh, 1720 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Pittindrih, 1721 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexander Pettendrieh, 1780 in *IGI* (Kennethmont, Aberdeens); John Pittendriehg, 1786 in *IGI* (Udny, Aberdeens). **References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 370.

### Pittendrih

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Pittendreigh**.

### Pitter

**Variants:** Petter, Putter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *pitter*, *petter*, *putter*, for one who lived by a pit or hollow (Middle English *pitt*, *pett*, *putt*, Old English *pytt*), synonymous with Middle English *atte pitte* (*pette*, *putte*). Compare **Pitt**. This type of name is mostly found in Sussex, Surrey, Hants, and Kent, but can also occur in Essex and E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Pytter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helens, Hants); Thomas Pytter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Week, Hants); Robertus Petter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Godshill and Stenbury, Hants); Johannes Pittar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Thomas Pitter, 1561 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Frances Pitter, 1607 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Roberti Pitter, 1607 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Thomas Pitter, 1638 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Pittet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Pettit**.

### Pittis

**Variants:** Pittas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: nickname from Middle English *pit(i)ous*, *petous* 'merciful; piteous; righteous' (Old French *pito(u)s*), for someone exhibiting any of these traits. **Early bearers:** Walter le Pitus, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Thomas Pytlose, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Pittis, 1624 in *PROB 11*; Ricd Pittis, 1637 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW).

### Pittman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 847, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 731
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- English: see **Pitman**.

### Pittock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 401
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Puttock**.

### Pitts

**Variants:** Petts, Pettis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3470, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2992
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks; London: Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name for one who lived by pits or hollows, from the plural of Middle English *pitt* (*putt* in western dialects, *pett* in south-eastern dialects, especially Kent). The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Pettes, 1276 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; John ater Puttes, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Pyts, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary*; Honor Pitts, 1544 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Robert Pitts, 1550 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Ipsay Pitts, 1583 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Pitts, 1608 in *IGI* (Erpingham, Norfolk); Edward Pitts, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

2 English: variant of **Pitt** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Pittuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Puttock**.

### Pixley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Lincs
- English: see **Picksley**.

### Pixton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Pickstone**.

### Pizer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks and Lincs; Warwicks
- English: see **Poyser**.

**Pizey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Pusey**.

**Pizzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Suffolk

English: see **Pusey**.

**Pizzie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Wilts and Somerset

English: see **Pusey**.

**Place**

**Variants: Plaice, Plass, Please, Pleass, Pleace, Pleece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1679, Ireland 67
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1565
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Durham; also E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Cork
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Old French *pleix*, *plais* ‘enclosure or coppice surrounded by a fence of living wood with interlacing branches’ (Latin *plexum*). There are several places called Le Plaix in central France, but Plez in Picardy, or perhaps Plez in Nord, are more likely sources of the Norman surname.

**Early bearers:** N England: William de Plaiz, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Plaice, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Gerebert de Playz, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Sinderby, NR Yorks); Henry Playce, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Colden, NR Yorks); Adam Playz, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Well, NR Yorks); Adam Playce, Emma del Place, Richard de la Plesse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert de Playce, 1345 in *Yorks Wills* (Brompton, NR Yorks); William Plaice, 1346 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); Christopher Place, 1556 in *IGI* (Dinsdale, Durham); John Place, 1562 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thos. Place, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs).

SW England: Richard de la Pleyse, de la Plesse, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Plaicz, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crediton, Devon); Richard Please, 1565 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Robert Pleace, 1606 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); John Plece, 1709 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Thomas Pleass, 1757 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Samuel Pleas, 1760 in *IGI* (Down Saint Mary, Devon); Willm Plice, 1771 in *IGI* (Upton, Devon); John Pleece, 1776 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 638; *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Plez, Plaix.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived in a marketplace, Middle English (Old French) *place*. However, some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** William de la Place, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John atte Place, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Emma del Place, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Place, 1540 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Edw. Place, 1559 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Antony Place, 1560 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Plackett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 354
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: locative name, apparently from a lost place, perhaps in Winster (Derbys), which is recorded as *Placket* in 1767 and survives in the name Placket Lane. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain.
- Early bearers:** Jane Placket, 1561 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Anna Plackett, 1585 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Samuel Placket, 1637 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); George Placet, 1640 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Plackett, 1655 in *IGI* (Sawley, Derbys); William Plakett, 1701 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); John Plachett, 1727 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Plackitt, 1782 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Plackit, 1797 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 177.

**Plaha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

**Plaice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

Norman, English: see **Place**.

**Plain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; Midlothian

Norman, English: see **Plane**.

**Plaisted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Kent

English: see **Plested**.

**Plaister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon; Somerset and Wilts

English: see **Plastow**, for which *Plaister* is a common pronunciation.

**Plaistow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Plastow**.

**Plaistowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Herts

English: see **Plastow**.

**Plampin**

**Variants: Blamphin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: nickname from Old French *blanc pain* ‘white bread’, perhaps a nickname for a baker.
- Early bearers:** Nigellus Blanpein, 1184 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Henry Blancpain, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Plampeyn, 1496 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii (Suffolk); John Plampen, 1564 in *The East Anglian OS*, i (Suffolk); Robert Plampin, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Blampyn, 1662 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

**Plane**

**Variants: Playne, Plain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: locative name from Plasnes (Eure).

**Early bearers:** William de Planes, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Roger de Planes, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Sellinge, Kent); Roger Playne, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Playn, 1377, Plane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Roberto Playn, 1381 in *Poll Tax*, 1383 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Richard Plane, chaplain, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Denton, Lincs); Edwarde Playne, 1597 in *PROB 11* (London); Jesper Plaine or Plane, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Tonbridge, Kent); James Plain, 1622 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); William Playne, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**Plank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 522
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London
- English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *plank(e)*, *plaunke* ‘plank, stiff board; footbridge’. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a footbridge, or it may refer to their appearance or occupation, such as a tall, thin person or a carpenter.
- Early bearers:** Maud de la Plank, 1288 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Plaunk, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Haversham, Bucks); Willelmus Planke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ayston, Rutland); William Plank, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Planck, 1559 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Guilielmi Plancke, 1585 in *IGI* (Hinxbworth, Herts); John Plank, 1651 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts).

**Planner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: nickname from either Middle English *planer(e)* ‘tool for smoothing, plane’ or an agent derivative of *planen* ‘to smooth, cut, plane’, probably denoting a carpenter.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Planer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Richard Planer, 1526, John Planner, 1535 in *PROB 11* (Wokingham, Wilts); John Planner, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Okingham, Berks); Joshua Planner, 1714 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Planer, 1725 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

**Plant**

**Variants: Plante, Plants**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9164, Ireland 230
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6593

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Westmeath

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pla(u)nt(e)*, *plont(e)* ‘plant, sprig, offshoot’ (Old English *plante*), for a gardener, or perhaps for a child by a metaphorical application of ‘sprig, offshoot’, although there is no specific evidence to support the latter explanation. Compare **Planter**, and also, in formations with the corresponding verb in a related sense, Radulfus Plantebene ‘plant bean’, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls*, and Alicia Planterose, 1272 in *Court Rolls* (Ramsey, Hunts).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** William Plante, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); William Plante, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardo Plant, 1301 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Luke Plonte of Nettlebedde, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Nettlebed, Oxon); Simon Plonte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Theydon Bois, Essex); Alan Plante, 1343 in *Feet of Fines*, Alan Plant of Burgh, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Burgh le Marsh, Lincs); James Plant, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmo Plant, ‘gardiner’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton, ER Yorks); Johannes Plonte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Offchurch, Warwicks); Johannes Plante, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); Walterus Plante, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); William Plonte, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Elizabeth Plante, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Blockley, Worcs); Nicholas Plant, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Great Bourton, Oxon); Marg. Plant, 1638 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs).

**References:** Information from Dr John S. Plant (Guild of One-Name Studies).

2 Norman: locative name from Le Plantis (Orne) or some other place similarly named.

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Plaunt, merchant of Rouen, Geoffrey Plaunte, merchant of Rouen, 1273 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Plantes, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Plant, 1604 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts).

## Plante

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 French: locative name from the past participle *planté* ‘planted’, for someone living by an area of planted ground, a herb garden, shrubbery, or more specifically a vineyard.

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 792.

2 Norman, English: see **Plant**.

## Planter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: occupational name from Middle English *pla(u)nter*, *plonter* ‘one who sets, plants, or sows seed’, probably denoting a farmer or gardener.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Plaunter, 1281 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard le Plonter, 1335 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); Henry le Plaunter, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); William Planter, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); David Planter, 1670 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Plants

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey

1 English: variant of **Plant** (1) with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Plauntes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Anne Plants, 1599 in *IGI* (Brant Broughton, Lincs).

2 Norman, English: see **Plant** (2).

## Plascott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Norman, English: see **Plaskett**.

## Plaskett

**Variants:** **Plaskitt**, **Plascott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 222

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lincs; Cumb

Norman, English: locative name from Old French *plasquet*, a diminutive of *plascq* ‘damp meadow’, denoting someone who lived or perhaps worked by such a place.

**Early bearers:** John Plaskett, 1570 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Wm Plasket, 1592 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Robertt Plaskett, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Titchfield, Hants); Mathew Plaskit or Plaskitt, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Louth, Lincs); James Plascot, 1663 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London); Thomas Plaskitt, 1695 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Thomas Plaskit, 1741 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); William Plascott, 1792 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

## Plaskitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 129

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: see **Plaskett**.

## Plass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: see **Place**.

## Plaster

**Variants:** **Plaxton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 198

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Somerset

1 English: from a common pronunciation of **Plastow** or sometimes **Plested**.

2 English: occupational name, perhaps from a reduced form of *plasterer* (Old French *plastrier*) ‘one who plasters the walls of buildings’. Compare Symon le Emplaster, Robert le Plaster, 1276 in *London Letter Books B*; Hugo le Playstrer, 1293 in *Fransson* (Yorks). However, examples of **Plaster** would be indistinguishable from those in (1) unless the definite article was present.

**Further information:** Richard le Plasterer of York and his mates (*sociis*) made the partition walls of the Queen’s chamber of *plastre de Parys* at Scarborough, 1284 in *Salzman, Building*, p. 156.

## Plastow

**Variants:** **Plaistow**, **Plaistowe**, **Plaster**, **Plester**, **Plaister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 187

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Bucks, and Herts

English: locative name from Middle English *plei(e)* ‘play, game, performance’ + *stou(e)* ‘place, location’ (Old English *plegstōw*, \**plægstōw*). The surname may be for someone who lived near a place for physical or theatrical play, or for someone from any of numerous places so named, such as Plaistow (Essex, Surrey, Gloucs, Devon, Sussex), Playstow (Herts), Pleystowe (Surrey), or Plastow (Hants). Compare **Plested**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Plegestoue, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de la Pleystowe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Cristian’ atte Pleystouwe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Pleystowe, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (East Hendred, Berks); Hugh, Robert atte Pleistowe, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorking, Surrey); William Pleystter, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Wincanton, Somerset); Henry atte Pleystouwe of Ayhston, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashton in Bishop’s Waltham, Hants); William Pleystowe, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Gregorius de Plaster, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johanne Pleystowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton and Easton, Wilts); Johannes atte Plestowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Willelmus Pleystowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woolhampton, Berks); Henricus Pleystow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Neithrop and Calthorpe, Oxon); John Pleystowe, king’s clerk, parson, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Alphington, Devon); William Pleistowe, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodcroft in Luton, Beds); John Playstowe otherwise Webbe, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Lower Winchendon, Bucks); Richard Playstowe, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Ewell, Surrey); Thomas Playstowe or Playstow, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent); George Playster, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Ashwick, Somerset); Gabriell Plester, 1634 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); William Plaister, 1646 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Plater

**Variants:** **Platter**, **Plato**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 692, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 424

- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands and SE England: esp. Middx and Bucks

English: (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *plat(e)*, *plait(e)* ‘flat piece of metal’ and hence ‘(armour) plate’, denoting a maker or seller of plate armour or the like.

Compare Johannes Platesmyth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks). (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Anglo-Norman French *plai(t)*, *plae*, *plei(t)* ‘plea, lawsuit’ (Middle English *ple(i)*, *plaid*, *plede*), used to denote a pleader or advocate.

**Early bearers:** Herueus Plaitere, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Walter Playtur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William le plater, armurer, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John le Plater, 1300 in *London Letter Books C*; William le Platier, 1311 in *London Letter Books B*; Richard le Playtour, king’s serjeant, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); John le Plattour, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Philip le Pleytour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Playtour, dyer, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Johannes Playter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Mathias

## Platfoot

Plaiter, 1565 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Ambrose Plater, 1570 in *IGI* (Sotby, Lincs); John Playtor, 1619, Playter, 1621 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks).

### Platfoot

Variants: **Platford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *plat(e)* 'flat' + *fof* 'foot', for someone with flat feet (fallen arches). **Early bearers:** Matilda Platfot, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Platfote, 1491, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Edmundi Platfote, 1560 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Richard Platfoote, 1571 in *PROB 11*; Ric. Platfoot, 1588 in *IGI* (East Walton, Norfolk); Thomas Platfoote, 1609, Platford, 1645 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk).

### Platford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Platfoot** with the second element rationalized as modern English 'ford'.

### Plato

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name, variant of **Plater**. Final *-o(w)* and *-er* are often interchanged in modern surnames. Compare Thomas Plater, 1662, Thomas Plato, 1718 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx). **Further information:** Not from the Greek philosopher, though his name may offer one motive for the change. Apparent humanistic surnames like this are rare in England, though well known in Europe. **Early bearers:** John Plato, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Deal, Kent); Thomas Plato, 1718 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Francis Plato, 1721 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts).

### Platt

Variants: **Platts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9256, Ireland 201
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7890
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Donegal

English: locative name from Middle English *plat*, *platte* 'flat surface' (Anglo-Norman French *plat*, *platt*), often with the senses 'footbridge' or 'plot of land'. The name may be topographic, for one who lived near such a feature, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Platt in Manchester or Platt Bridge in Wigan (both Lancs). Redmonds records a Roger del Plat, associated in about 1300 with Saddleworth (WR Yorks), who was the son of Henry Platt of Platt in Rusholme (Manchester). **Further information:** Many present-day bearers of this name are descended from a family who held land at Platt in Manchester from about 1260. **Early bearers:** John de la Platte, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey de Platte, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Atteplatte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus del Platte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quyk, WR Yorks); Henricus dil Plate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby, Lancs); Roger Platt or Platte, 1559 in *PROB*

11 (London); Edmund Platt, 1559 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Ellin Plat, 1564 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); George Platt, 1654 in *IGI* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks). **References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 220; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Platten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 926, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *platon* 'metal plate, dish' (Anglo-Norman French *plat(e)ine*), probably used for a platemaker. **Early bearers:** William Platon, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Platon, 1219–34, inspeximus of 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Walter Platon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johes Platon, 1545 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); Henry Platten, 1586 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Joannes Platten, 1593 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Roberti Plattin, 1603 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Robert Platten, 1684 in *IGI* (Letheringsett, Norfolk).

### Platter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: see **Plater**.

2 English: locative name, possibly from an agent derivative of *plat* 'footbridge' or 'plot of land' (see **Platt**), denoting someone who lived at or near such a feature.

**Early bearers:** William Platter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Jhon Platter, 1576 in *IGI* (North Cockerington, Lincs); John Platter, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Lyme Regis, Dorset).

### Platts

Variants: **Pletts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2948, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1978
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: variant of **Platt** with a plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Plattes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainburn, WR Yorks); Robert Plattes, 1590 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Platts, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Flagg, Derbys); John Pletts, 1644 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edmond Platts, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks).

### Plaxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks

English: occupational name, apparently an altered form of *Plasterer* or *Plasterer* 'plasterer' (see **Plaster**), perhaps through false association with **Blackstone**, which also occurs in ER Yorks. As proof, *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Richard Plaister alias Plaxton, 1600 in *York Registry Wills* (Spaldington, ER Yorks); Henry Plaxton alias Plaster, 1607 *Feet of Fines* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks). For the spelling compare Thomas Blaxton, 1582 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** John Plaxton, 1569 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Willm. Plaxton, 1600 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); John Plaixton, 1612 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); John Plaxton, 1722 in *IGI* (Sherburn in

Elmet, WR Yorks); Henry Plaxton, 1722 in *IGI* (Bossall, NR Yorks).

### Playdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from Playden (Sussex), which is recorded as *Pleydon* in 1279 and *Playdenne* in 1340, or perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place of similar name in the SW Midlands. The Sussex place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Plega* or Old English *plega* 'play, sport; place for games or where animals play' + *denn* 'swine pasture'. **Early bearers:** Thomas de Pleydenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); [ . . . ] Pleidena, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Plaidon, 1678, Pleydon, 1686 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Richard Plaidon, 1776 in *IGI* (Elmley Castle, Worcs); William Playden, 1812 in *IGI* (Peopleton, Worcs); Richard Playdon, 1817 in *Parish Registers* (Pershore, Worcs); William Pleydon, 1835 in *IGI* (Pinvin, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, p. 533.

### Player

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1166, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1147
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and SW Midlands

English: occupational name from Middle English *pleiere*, *plaiier*, and with a wide range of applications including 'player of field or martial games', 'jester', 'minstrel', or 'actor'. Compare **Laker**. **Early bearers:** John le Pleyer, 1296 in *Thuresson* (Herts); William le Pleyer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Player, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Lawford, Warwicks); Juliana Pleiare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harnhill and Driffield, Gloucs); Thomas Pleyer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); William Player, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Pitstone, Bucks); Robert Player, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Martine Pleyer, 1564 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); James Playar, 1572 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willyam Player, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Keynsham, Somerset); John Player, 1594 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomaes Plaier, 1611 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); William Player, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Playfair

Variants: **Playfer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland: esp. Midlothian and Berwicks; Perth; London; WR Yorks

Scottish, English: nickname of uncertain origin; perhaps from Middle English *plei(en)* 'to play' + *fair(e)* 'fairly, pleasantly, courteously'; compare **Gover**. However, Black notes that a similar derivation from Old Scots *playfeire* 'play friend, companion' may be nothing more than folk etymology.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William Playfayre, 1290 in *Scotland Calendar 2*, p. 107 (Orkney); Jonet Plaifair, 1553 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Patrick Playfair, 1644 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perth); Patrick Playfeir, 1681 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); David Playfair, 1745 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Bendochy, Perth).

England: William Playfayre, 1570 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); William Playfere, 1596 in *PROB 11*

(Hawkhurst, Kent); Samuel Playfere or Plaifere, 1621 in *PROB 11*; James Playfer, 1769 in *IGI* (Fring, Norfolk).

### Playfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Playfair**.

### Playfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also Lincs

English: nickname, probably from a Middle English adverb \**splai* (from *splaien* 'to spread out') + *fo* 'foot', hence 'splay foot', with early loss of initial *s*. **Further information:** Loss or prefixing of initial *s* was common in the Essex dialect. The first examples seem too early to be regarded as forms of **Playford**. **Early bearers:** Richard Playfote, Playfote, 1310–12 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Playfote, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Droxford, Hants); Thomas Playfote or Plaifoote, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Portsea, Hants); Alis Plafote, 1592 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Robert Playfoote, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Anthony Playfoot, 1634 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Henry Playfoot, 1746, Charles Splayfoot, 1776 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Splayfoot or Playfoot, 1794, John Playfoot or Splayfoot, 1821 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs).

### Playford

Variants: **Playforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 611
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Sussex

English: locative name from Playford (Suffolk), which is recorded as *Plegeforda* in 1086. The place-name derives from Old English *plega* 'play, sport; place for games or where animals play' + *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'. **Early bearers:** Fulcher de Pleiforda, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam de Pleyford, 1246 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Pleyford, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey de Playford, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); William de Playford, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Walthamstow, Essex); Benedictus Playford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Johannes de Plaford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornage with Brinton, Norfolk); Adam Playford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); John Playford, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Playford, 1542 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Tho Playforth, 1562 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Nicholas Playford, 1616 in *PROB 11* (North Repps, Norfolk); Henry Plaiford, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Ane Plaforth, 1634 in *IGI* (Millington, ER Yorks); Thomas Playforth, 1642 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); John Playferd, 1741 in *IGI* (Harpley, Norfolk).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 475.

### Playforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Playford**.

### Playle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: apparently a locative name from an unidentified place called in Old English *plega* 'play, sport' + *hyll* 'hill', seemingly in Essex. Compare **Plastow**, **Plested**, **Plaster**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Pleyhel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Ongar, Essex); Edward Playle, 1558 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Robt. Playle, 1582 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Henry Plaile, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Barling, Essex); Robert Plale, 1635 in *PROB 11* (London); Ann Playell, 1644 in *IGI* (Little Chesterford, Essex); Samuel Playl, 1675 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); George Plail, 1686 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); James Plail, 1795 in *IGI* (Clapham, Surrey).

### Playne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Plane**.

### Playsted

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Gloucs
- English: see **Plested**.

### Pleace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Place**.

### Pleaden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

### Pleasance

Variants: **Pleasants**, **Pleasant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; also Middx; WR Yorks

1 Italian, English: locative name from Piacenza in Italy, earlier *Placentia*. Examples without the preposition 'de' may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Pleisauns, de Plesence, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Andrew de Plesancia, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Plesaunce, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John de Plesancia of Lumbardy, 1339 in *London Pleas*; Thomas Plesaunce, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); George Plesannce or Pleaseannce, 1540 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Plesannce, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Tuddenham, Suffolk); Clement Pleasance, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Herringswell, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the female personal names *Plaisance* (Old French *plaisance* 'pleasure') or *Pleasant* (Old French *plaisant* 'pleasing').

**Early bearers:** given names: Plesantia West, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Pleasant Tarlton, 1681 in *Bardsley*.

urnames: Alicia filia Plesance, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Pleysant, 1281 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pleasants, 1594 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk);

Bartholomew Plesants, 1628 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Pleasant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Pleasance**.

### Pleasants

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Pleasance**.

### Pleace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Place**.

### Pleass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English: see **Place**.

### Pleavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

### Pledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *plegge* 'surety, guarantor, bail, pledge', probably denoting someone who stood bail in a lawsuit. Compare **Pledger**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Plege, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aloesbridge hundred, Kent); William Plegge, 1435–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Plege, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Beckenham, Kent); Johannes Plegge, 1549, Nicolaus Plege, 1555 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Robert Pledge, 1569 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Solomon Pledge, 1609 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); James Pledg, 1676 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Pledger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 868, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 726
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, Cambs, and Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English \**pleggere* 'one who stands bail in a lawsuit' (Anglo-Norman French *pleger* 'sponsor, guarantor'); compare **Pledge**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Plegger, 1309 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); John Pleger, 1525 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Laurence Plegger, 1563 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Thomae Pledger, 1583 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Willam Pleger, 1587 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent); John Pledger, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Staplehurst, Kent); Elias Pledger, 1635 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

**Pleece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Somerset Norman, English: see **Place**.

**Plenderleith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian Scottish: locative name from Plenderleith in Oxnam (Perths).

**Early bearers:** John de Plenderleith, 1165–1214 in *Melrose Register* (Teviotdale, Roxburghs); Nicholas de Prendrelath, 1291 in *Rotuli Scotiae* 1, p. 10 (Perths); William de Prendrelathe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, p. 199 (Roxburghs); Marione Plenderleyth, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Plenderlaith, 1623 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); James Plenderleith, 1646 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Johne Plenderlath, 1656, Williame Plenderleth, 1675 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); George Plenderleeth, 1684 in *IGI* (Cranston, Midlothian); David Plenderlith, 1698 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mansfield Plenderleath, 1783 in *British India Office* (Pittenween, Fife).

**Plenty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *plent(i)e* ‘plenty, abundance, prosperity’ (Old French *ple(i)nté*).

**Early bearers:** Simon Plente, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Plentee, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Plente, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Johannes Plente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Peter Plente, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Plente or Plentee, 1483 in *PROB 11*; John Plentie, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Croscombe, Somerset); William Plenty, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Pilton, Somerset).

**Plested**

**Variants:** Plaisted, Playsted, Plaster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Gloucs

English: locative name from Middle English *plei(e)* ‘play, game, performance’ + *stede* ‘place, location’ (Old English *plegstede*, *plægstede*). The surname may be for someone who lived near a place for physical or theatrical play, or for someone from a place so named, such as Chapel Plaster in Box (Wilts), which is recorded as *Pleystede* in 1268. Compare **Plastow**.

**Further information:** Chapel Plaster in Box (Wilts) was the home of John atte Pleistede, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de la Plested’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander atte Pleystude, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmo Pleystede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Thomas de Playstede, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Pleysted, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); Thomas Plasted, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Mildenhall, Wilts); William Playsted, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Shere, Surrey); Andrew Plested or Plesteed, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Brackley, Northants); Edward Plested, 1664 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks);

William Plestead, 1719 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 83.

**Plester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Northants, and Warwicks; Middx

English: see **Plastow**, for which *Plester* is a common pronunciation.

**Pletts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Platts**.

**Plevey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Welsh, English: relationship name, anglicized form of the Welsh patronymic *ap Blethyn* ‘son of Blethyn’, with assimilation of /pb/ to /p/ and unexplained loss of final /n/. See **Blethyn** and for the appearance of /v/ compare **Plevin**.

**Early bearers:** Margret Plevy, 1545, David Plevey, 1549 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Ric Plevye, 1571 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Humphrie Plevie, 1592 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edward Plevey, 1597 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); John Plevie, 1686 in *IGI* (Pensax, Worcs); William Peavy, 1688 in *IGI* (Canon Pyon, Herefs).

**Plevin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Welsh: see **Blethyn**.

**Plewman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Plowman**.

**Plews**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1055, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and WR Yorks

English: northern variant of **Plows**; compare Middle English *pl(e)ugh*, *plu(e)*, *pleu*, northern dialect forms of ‘plough’.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Plewes, 1576, [ . . . ] Plues, 1576 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Michael and All Angels, Spennithorne, NR Yorks); Simon Plewes, 1603–25 in *TNA* (Bellerby, NR Yorks); Francis Plues, 1625 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Charles Plews, 1642 in *IGI* (Walton in Ainsty, Yorks); William Plues, 1644 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, Yorks); Elizabeth Pluse, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Chad, Seighford, Staffs); Samuel Plues, 1661 in *IGI* (Grinton, Yorks); Thomas Plews, 1667 in *IGI* (Catterick, Yorks); Samuel Pluse, 1668 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks).

**Plimbley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Plumbley**.

**Plimley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Plumbley**.

**Plimmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 827, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Plummer** with *i* rather than *u* (compare English *brisk* from Old French *brusque*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Plimmer, le Plumer, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Drayton, Norfolk); Johannes Plymmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willm Plimmer, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Backord, Cheshire); James Plimmer, 1595 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); John Plimmer, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

**Plimpton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. SE England; Somerset; Durham

English: variant of **Plumpton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Plimsoll**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

French, Huguenot: unexplained.

**Further information:** Several refugees of this name came from Brittany to southern England after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, one of them to Bristol (*Smiles*, p. 421).

**Early bearers:** Peter Plymsoll, James Plymsould, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Joane Plimshole, 1686, James Plympshole, 1746 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); James Plimsaul, 1780 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Amos Plymsel, 1790, Plimsoll, 1796, Plymsoll, 1820 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**Plock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Pluck**.

**Plomer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Hants and Dorset

English: see **Plumer**.

**Plomley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Plumley**.

**Plott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Ayr; Gloucs; Middx
- English: locative name from Middle English *plot(te)*, *ploth* ‘small area, plot of ground’, for one who lived or worked at such a place. Compare **Pluck**.
- Early bearers:** John atte Plotte, about 1280 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (Herts); Henry ate Plotte, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roberto Plot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Stephanus atte Plotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gillingham manor, Dorset); Thomas Plotte, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Gravesend, Kent); John Plott or Plotte, 1489, Richard Plott, 1542 in *PROB 11* (Blewbery, Berks); Frauncis Plott, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); James Plote, 1574 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Thomas Plott, 1670 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Plott, 1732 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); John Plot, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs).

### Plough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Beds
- English: see **Plow**.

### Ploughman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Midlands; also SE England
- English: see **Plowman**.

### Plow

Variants: **Plough, Plows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname ‘(man) of the plough’, from Middle English *pl(u)gh*, *plou(w)*, probably used as an occupational name for a ploughman or perhaps for a plough-maker.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Ploghe, 1306 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; Roger de la Plowe, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorstone, Herefs); Ricardus Plogh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); John Plough, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Plowghe or Plough, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Nottingham, Notts); John Plough, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Jhon Plow, 1564, John Plough, 1603 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Marye Plow, 1632, Anne Plough, 1669 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk);

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Plowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; London

English: locative name from Plowden in Lydbury North (Shrops), which is recorded as *Plaueden* and *Pleweden* in 1252 and *Plowedene* in 1286. The place-name derives from Old English *plega* ‘play, sport; place for games or where animals play’ + *denu* ‘valley’. **Further information:** A family of this name are descended from Roger de Plowden, who is said to have been a Crusader involved in the Siege of Acre (1189–91).

**Early bearers:** William de Ploden’, 1203 in *Pleas* (Shrops); Roger de Ploeden’, 1254 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Shrops); Thomas de Plowedene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Humfrey Plowden, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Plowden, Shrops); Edmund Plowden, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Shiplake, Oxon); Francis Plowden, 1602 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 369; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 475.

### Plowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Plows**.

### Plowman

Variants: **Ploughman, Plewman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1638, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1488
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx, Surrey, and Hants; Northants

English: occupational name from Middle English *pl(u)gh*, *plou3* ‘plough’ (Old English *plōg*, *plōh*) + *-man*; *pleugh* and *pleu* are northern dialect forms. **Early bearers:** Robert Pleueman, Plouman, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Westm); Philip Ploman, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Bartholomew le Plouman, 1260 in *Patent Rolls*; John (le) Plouman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John le Ploghman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Rutland); John Plowman, 1345 in *Ancient Deeds 1* (Lincs); Willelmus Ploughman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Denaby, WR Yorks); Ricardus Plughman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clotherholme with Bishopton, WR Yorks); Thomas Ploghman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Plegman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); Nicholaus Plowman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blaston, Leics); Robert Plowman, 1548 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Plewman, 1560 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Michael Ploughman, 1610 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Richard Plowman or Ploweman, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Barton Mills, Suffolk); William Ploughman, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Samuel Plewman, 1709 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Plowright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 745
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and E Midlands

English: occupational name from Middle English *pl(o)ugh(e)wrighte*, *plochewrichte* ‘maker of ploughs’. **Early bearers:** William le Plowritte, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert le Plogwryth, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Baldwyn le Plogwright, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Plouwright, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Hugone Plowriht’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elstow, Beds); Stephanus le Ploghwryht, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wavertree, Lancs); Ricardus Plowwrighte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); John Ploghwryght’ of Frampton’, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Frampton, Lincs); John Plowwright, 1508 in *PROB 11* (Newton Bromswold, Northants); Johannis Plowright, 1546 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Thomas Plowright, 1589 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

### Plows

Variants: **Plews, Plowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also London
- English: variant of **Plow** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** William Plowes, 1535 in *Fountains Abbey Lease Book* (Aldbrough, NR Yorks); Christopher Plowes, 1600, Thomas Plewes, 1665 in *IGI* (Walton near Wetherby, WR Yorks); An Plowes, 1616 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); William Plewes, 1620 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Plowes, 1656 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); John Plowes, 1678, Elizabeth Plewes, 1707 in *IGI* (Castle Bolton, NR Yorks).

### Pluck

Variants: **Plock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *plo(c)ke*, *plek(ke)*, *plukke* ‘patch or piece of land; spot, blemish’. The surname could be locative, for one who owned, lived, or worked at such a place, or a nickname (a *plo(c)ke* was sometimes a spot or blemish taken as an outward sign of sin).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Plocke, 1275 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Stephen atte Plocke, 1311 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William atte Plocks, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William de la Plock, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); Thomas Pluck, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denver, Norfolk); Florencia Ploch’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Siddington, Gloucs); Henry Pluck, 1553 in *Parish Registers* (Bramford, Suffolk); Egidii Pluck, 1596 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); John Pluck, 1629 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); John Pluck, 1703 in *Parish Registers* (Horseheath, Cambs); Tho Pluck, 1730 in *IGI* (Saffron Walden, Essex).

### Plucknett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; IoW

Norman, English: see **Plunkett**.

### Pluckrose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: nickname from Middle English *plukken* ‘to pull’ + *rose* ‘rose’. Compare John Pullerose, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex) and William Pullerose, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks). According to *Patronymica Britannica*, the medieval practice of holding lands by the annual rent of a rose survived into the 19th century: ‘A friend of mine holds a landed property on the borders of Ashdown Forest, Sussex, part of the Duchy of Lancaster, by one *red rose*. On the front of a farm-house belonging to him is a large rose tree, to which the reeve of the manor periodically comes, and either *plucking* or *pulling* a flower, sticks it into his button-hole, and walks off.’
- Further information:** The suggestion in *Partridge, Slang*, at rose, that *pluck a rose* once meant ‘take a virginity’ cannot be substantiated. *OED* records the sense ‘(of a woman) to urinate or defecate’ from as early as 1607, but this would be inappropriate as a man’s nickname.



## Plum

**Early bearers:** William Pluckerose, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Pluckerose, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Plukerose, about 1370 in *MED* (Norwich); William Plukkerose, 1432 in *Close Rolls*; John Pluckrose, 1593 in *IGI* (Clavering, Essex); John Pluckrose, 1604 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Anne Pluckrose, 1624 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Francis Pluckroase, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

### Plum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, Suffolk, and Herts

1 English: see **Plumb**.  
2 English: see **Plume**.

### Plumb

**Variants:** Plumbe, Plum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3582, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2419
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and central England: esp. Cambs; also Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *plum(me)*, *plumb(e)*, *plom(be)* ‘lead, lead weight’ (Anglo-Norman French *plum(be)*, *plo(u)m*; Old French *plomé*; Latin *plumbum*), probably signifying one who worked or dealt in lead, a plumber. Note Thomas Plombe or Plomber, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Grays Inn Lane, Middx), and compare **Plummer**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Plumbe, 1208 in *Charter Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Plumbe, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Alan Plumbe, burgess, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); John Ploumbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ralph Plomme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Plumbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tattersett with Broomsthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Plom’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas, John Plumbe, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richard Plumbe, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (West Lexham, Norfolk); Nicholas Plumme, 1469 in *London Letter Books* (Lincs); Richard Plumbe, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Upwell, Norfolk).

### Plumbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks; Middx; Lancs and Cheshire; Notts

English: see **Plumb**.

### Plumber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; also Lancs

1 English: see **Plummer**. Some examples probably belong under (2).  
2 English: locative name from Plumber in Lydlinch (Dorset), which is recorded as *Plumbere* in 1086 and *Plumbear* in 1412, or sometimes from Plumberow Mount in Hockley (Essex), which is recorded as *Plumberga* in 1086. The Dorset place-name derives from Old English *plūme* ‘plum’ + *bearu* ‘wood, grove’. The Essex place-name derives from Old English *plūme* + *beorg* ‘hill’. The surname forms may be indistinguishable from those for (1) unless the preposition *de* is present.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Plumber, 1279, de Plumberewe, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); John Plumber, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Willm Plumber, 1560 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ann Plumber, 1562 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Henricus Plumber, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Robertus Plumber, 1575 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 349; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 187.

### Plumbley

**Variants:** Plimbley, Plimley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Lancs

English: see **Plumley**.

### Plumbly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; Norfolk
- English: see **Plumley**.

### Plumbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: see **Plumridge**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Plumbridge, 1593 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Frances Plumbridge, 1680 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); John Plumbridge, 1710 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Thomas Plumbridge, 1718 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Plume

**Variants:** Plum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- English: from Middle English *plum(e)* ‘feather, decorative plume’ (Anglo-Norman French *plum(e)*, Latin *pluma*), presumably used for one who worked with or sold feathers. Compare **Plumer**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Plume, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Walter Ploume, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Plum, ‘Jamesservant de le Mare’, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Eaton, Herefs); Richard Plome, baker, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorking, Surrey); John Plume or Ploume, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Eltham, Kent); Roberte Plome, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Great Yeldham, Essex).

### Plumer

**Variants:** Plomer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and Berks; Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *plumer* ‘dealer in plumes or feathers’ (Old French *plumier*, Latin *plumarius*). Note John de Cestrehunte, fethermongere, 1280, plumer 1281 in *London Letter Books A*. It is possible that some early examples of *Plumer* belong rather under **Plummer**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus, Rogerus plumarius, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Roger Plumer, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Willelmum le Plumer, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton,

Northants); Turbertus plumator, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon le Plumer, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ralph le Plomer, 1280 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John le Plumer, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunster, Somerset); Robertus Plomer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Johannes Plumer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fawler, Oxon); John Plomer, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); John Ploumer, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); William Plomer, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Radwell, Herts); Edmund Plumer, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London).

### Plunkett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights
- Norman, Scottish: see **Plunkett**.

### Plumley

**Variants:** Plumbley, Plumbly, Plomley, Plimbley, Plimley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Hants; Middx
- English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *ploum(b)e*, *plom(m)e*, *plim(me)* ‘plum tree’ + *lei(e)* ‘open land, clearing’ (Old English *plūme*, *plūme* + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’), such as Plumley (Cheshire), Plumbley in Eckington (Derbys), Plumley in Harbridge (Hants), or Plumley in Bovey Tracy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Plumleg’, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Derbys); William de Plumley, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William de Plumley, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; William Plomleye, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Robert Plumley of Ekynton, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Eckington, Derbys); Richard Plumleye, 1454 in *PROB 11*; Alexander Plymley, 1533, Plymbley, 1552 in *PROB 11* (London); Agnes Plumley, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Bruton, Somerset); John Plumleigh, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Plimley, 1584 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Johannis Plimleye, 1601 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); William Plumley, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Westerham, Kent); William Plomley, 1618 in *PROB 11* (East Harptree, Somerset); James Plomley or Plomly, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Saint Warbourn in the Hundred of Hoo, Kent); George Plumleigh, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Plimbly, 1718 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops).

### Plummer

**Variants:** Plumber, Plimmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5237, Ireland 143
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3836
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Suffolk and Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Limerick
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *plum(b)er*, *plom(b)er*, *plummer* ‘worker or dealer in lead, plumber’ (Anglo-Norman French *plum(m)er*, *plommer*); compare **Plumb**. It may be that some early examples of *plumer* or *plomer*, entered under **Plumer**, in fact belong here. Some of the early bearers below may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Latin *plumbarius* is first recorded in *Revised Medieval Latin Word List* in about 1112, *plummarius* in 1320, and *plumberius* in 1428.

**Early bearers:** Godric Plumberre, 1102–7 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Gillebertus Plumbarius, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Osbertus Plumbarius, le Plumer,



1221–2 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Ernald le plumber, 1225 in *Leicester Freemen Register*; Osbert le plumber, 1227 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (Middx); Robertus plumberius, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard le plumber, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Peter Plumber, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robert le Plummer, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas le Plumber, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon le Plommer, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William, Roger le Plomner, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Plumber, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Balsham, Cambs); John Plombere, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Willelmo Plommere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Robertus Plummer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Richard Plummere, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Elizabethae Plummer, 1546 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Simon Plummer, 1549 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); Alice Plummer, 1553 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Plommer or Plumer, 1591 in *PROB 11* (New Romney, Kent); Robert Plummer, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *plou(u)me* ‘plum’ + *mere* ‘lake, pool, pond’, hence a local name signifying one who lived by ‘the pool by the plum tree’. Plummers in Kimpton (Herts) was the home of Thomas de Plummere in 1272.

**Early bearers:** John de Plummere, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 16.

## Plumpton

**Variants:** Plimpton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 533
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs

English: locative name from any of several places named with Old English *plūme*, *plūme* ‘plum, plum tree’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’, such as Plumpton (WR Yorks, Northants, Sussex, Cumb), Fieldplumpton or Woodplumpton (Lancs), Plympton (Devon), and a lost Plumpton in Kingsbury (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** William de Plumton’, 1174 in *Luffield Charters*; Nigel de Plumpton, 1245 in *Fine Rolls* (Idle, WR Yorks); Nigel de Plumpton, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Nicholas de Plumpton, 1250, de Plumton, 1252, de Plimton, 1253, de Plympton, de Plimpton, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip de Plumpton’, chaplain, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Whiston, Northants); Ricardus Plumpton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Abbotsham, Devon); Johannes de Plumpton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loversall, WR Yorks); Robertus de Plumton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Otey, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Plumpton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs); Radulphus Plumton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Robertus de Plupton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Plomton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Nicholaus Plumton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Ricardus de Plumton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdley, Lancs); Robert de Plympton, knight, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Robert Plumpton, 1432 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); George Plumpton’, clerk, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Skipton, WR Yorks); John Plumton’, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Plumton or Plumpton, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Tompston, Dorset);

John Plimpton, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Wincanton, Somerset); William Plompton, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Plumpton, Yorks); Thomas Plumpton, 1610 in *PROB 11* (London); James Plympton, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Bruton, Somerset).

## Plumridge

**Variants:** Plumbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1084, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name from Plumridge Farm in Enfield (Middx). The origin of the place-name cannot be certain due to a lack of medieval forms, but it appears to derive from Old English *plūme* ‘plum’ + *hrycg* ‘ridge’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Plumridge, 1596, John Plummeridge, 1617 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Plumridge, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Great Marlow, Bucks); William Plumbridge, 1682 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Thomas Plumeridge of Saint George Hanover Square, Middlesex, 1730 in *TNA*; John Plomeridge, 1734 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 76.

## Plumstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Plumstead by Holt, Great Plumstead, or Little Plumstead (all Norfolk), or Plumstead (Kent), all of which are recorded as *Plumsted* in the 13th century. The place-names derive from Old English *plūme* ‘plum’ + *stede* ‘place’.

**Early bearers:** John de Plumstede, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Richard de Plumsted, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Plumstede, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); [ . . . ] Plumpstede, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Willelmus de Plumsted, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas Plumstede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); William Plumstede, 1450 in *Paston Letters*; Henry Plumsted, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Clement Plumstead or Plumsted, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 295; *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 27; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 475.

## Plumtree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Plumtree (Notts), which is recorded as *Plumtree* in 1263, or Plumtree Farm in Harworth (Notts), which is recorded as *Plumtree* in 1302. The place-names derive from Old English *plūme* ‘plum’ + *trēow* ‘tree’.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Plumtree, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); John de Plumtree, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John Plumtree, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John de Plumtree, mayor of Nottingham, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Henry Plumtree, 1480 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henry Plumtree, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Roberti Plumtree, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Plumtree, 1567 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Plumbtree, 1615 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); William Plumtree, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Plumbtree, 1622 in *IGI*

(Ridge, Herts); Polydore Plumtree, 1714 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 80, 239.

## Plunket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Durham Norman, English, Irish: see **Plunkett**.

## Plunkett

**Variants:** Plunket, Plunkett, Plucknett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1873, Ireland 1012
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Norfolk; London; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin, Meath, and Cavan

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Plouquenet (Ille-et-Vilaine). The place-name derives from Breton *plou* ‘parish’ + the personal name *Guenec* (a diminutive of *guen* ‘white’).

**Further information:** This surname is both frequent and important in Ireland, where it has been Gaelicized as **Pluincéid**. A family of the name settled in Beaulieu, also known as Bewley, in Meath in the early 13th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh de Plugeneio, 1163 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Hugh de Plucheneit, de Plugenet, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Alan Plugenet, de Pluckenet, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Plukenet, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Cristina Plokkenet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); John Plokenet, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Plunkett, 1640 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Catherina Plunkett, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Plunkett, 1667 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Elizabeth Plunkett, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Alexander Plunkett, 1703 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire). Ireland: Robert Plunket, lord of Dunsany, 1522 in *Fiants Henry* §12 (Kentystown, Meath); Oliver Pluncket, knight, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §196; Nicholas Pluncket, yeoman, 1544 in *Fiants Henry* §421 (Luttreleston, Dublin); John Plunkett, gent., 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §222 (Donsoghly); Tho. Pluncket, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3915 (Killalon, Meath); Alexander Plunckett, gent., 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §711 (Crosdrome, Meath); Christopher Plunckett, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3460 (Buoly).

## Plush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants

English: locative name from Plush in Piddletrenthide (Dorset), which is recorded as *Plush* in about 1165 and *Plushsh* in 1332. The place-name derives from Old English \**plysc* ‘pool’.

**Further information:** Plush was an outlier of Buckland Newton parish until transferred to Piddletrenthide in 1933.

**Early bearers:** Robert Plusch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Plussch, parson, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Rampisham, Dorset); Thomas Plussch, clerk, 1415, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Plussch, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Bekington, Somerset); Thomas Plushe, 1577 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); John Plushe, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Grace Plush, 1657 in *IGI*

## Pluthero

(Holborn, Middx); Nathanael Plush, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).  
References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 245.

### Pluthero

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Poad

- Current frequencies: GB 173, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 225
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon; NE England
- English: see **Podd**.

### Poag

- Current frequencies: GB 18, Ireland 15
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Wigtowns
- Irish: see **Pogue**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Poague

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Irish: see **Pogue**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Poat

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 70
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex; Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Podd**.

### Pobgee

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Pobjoy**.

### Pobjoy

Variants: **Popejoy**, **Popjoy**, **Pobgee**

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 94
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Gloucs
- English: nickname from Middle English *papejai(e)*, *papagei*, *pope(n)jai* ‘parrot’, either for a dandy (a flashy dresser), or from the expression *mirie as a papejai* ‘cheerful as a parrot’, or from some other supposed resemblance to the bird.  
Early bearers: Ralph Papejaye, 1270 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Papejay, 1321 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Papejaye, the king’s ferreter, 1359 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Papyngeye, 1371 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Popyngey, 1397 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Roger Popyngeay, 1410 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Middx); William Popejoy, 1618 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Caeleb Popjoy, 1624 in *IGI* (Sturry, Kent); Richard Popeioye, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Richard Pobjay, 1667 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts); William Popinjoy, 1687 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Robert Pobjoy, 1714 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs);

Richard Pobgee, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Pochin

- Current frequencies: GB 186, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 160
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: (i) nickname, possibly from Middle English *po(u)che* ‘bag, pouch, purse’ + the diminutive suffix *-on* or *-in*, hence ‘little pouch’. Compare **Pockett**. (ii) nickname, alternatively perhaps from Anglo-Norman French *pochun* ‘large earthenware vessel’ and denoting a maker, seller, or user of such vessels.  
Further information: Pochin’s Bridge in Wigston Magna is named from the surname; see *Place-Names of Leics* 5, p. 223.

Early bearers: William Pochon, gent., 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Whissendine, Rutland); Richard Pochon’, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Barkby, Leics); Thomas Pochyn’, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Cossington, Leics); George Pochin, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Moses, London); Thomas Pochin, 1680 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics); Thomas Pochin, 1737 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Pocket

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 53
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Middx; Glamorgan
- English: see **Pockett**.

### Pockett

Variants: **Pocket**, **Puckett**

- Current frequencies: GB 452, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 246
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *poket*, \**pouket*, a borrowing of Anglo-Norman French \**po(u)quet*, Old French *pochet* ‘small sack, bag, or pouch’, perhaps given to a maker of such articles. Compare **Poke**, **Pouch**. In modern times mainly a Gloucs name.

Early bearers: Adam Poket, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey Poket, 1258 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margarete Pukette, 1564 in *IGI* (Gloucester); Frauncys Pucatt, 1579 in *IGI* (Gloucester); Mary Pockett, 1629 in *IGI* (Foston by Malton, NR Yorks); Alexander Puckett, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Highworth, Wilts); Nicolas Pucket, 1641 in *IGI* (Cambridge); Thomas Pocket, 1657 in *IGI* (Frampton on Severn, Gloucs); Elizabeth Pockitt, 1689 in *IGI* (Birkin, WR Yorks); John Puckett, 1759 in *IGI* (Portesham, Dorset).

### Pockley

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks

English: locative name from Pockley in Helmsley (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Pokelai* and *Pokelay* in 1184–98. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Poca* + Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

Early bearers: Richard de Pokel’, William le carbon de Pokele, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus de Poklay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Rayffe Pocklay, 1577 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Thomas Pockeley, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York); Clarence Pockley, 1607 in *IGI* (Chesterfield,

Derbys); William Pochley, 1778 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 72.

### Pocklington

- Current frequencies: GB 620, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 428

• Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks  
English: locative name from Pocklington (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Pochelinton* and *Pocalintona* in the 12th century. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pocela* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

Early bearers: William de Pokelington, 1208 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Poklington, constable, 1261 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Roger de Pokelynton, clerk, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robert de Pokelynton, 1335 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Roberto de Poklyngton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviourgate, Yorks); Richard Pocklington, 1549 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Henrie Pocklinton, 1605 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); John Pocklington, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Peterborough, Northants).

### Pocknell

Variants: **Pucknell**

- Current frequencies: GB 279, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 157
- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Surrey; Herefs

English: locative name from Pucknall in Braisfield (Hants).

Early bearers: Willm. Pocknell, 1569 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Edmund Pucknell, John Pucknell, and Robert Pucknell, 1603–25 in *TNA*; John Pocknell, 1644 in *TNA* (Lingfield, Surrey); Thomas Pocknall, 1708 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); George Pocknell, 1767 in *IGI* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); William Pocknal, 1770 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); John Pocknell, 1808 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent); Thomas Pocknel, 1814 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Joseph Pockneal, 1835 in *IGI* (Horsleydown, Surrey).

### Pocock

- Current frequencies: GB 3357, Ireland 43
  - GB frequency 1881: 3149
  - Main GB location 1881: Berks and SE England
- English: see **Peacock**.

### Podbury

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 48
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps from Panborough (Somerset), which is recorded as *Padenberia* in 1086 and *Patheneberg* in 1227, and derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *beorg* ‘hill’.

Early bearers: Thomazine Potbury, 1601 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Richard Podberie, 1601, Thomas Podbery, 1609, Podburie, 1612 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Potburie, 1613 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); Hen Potbury, 1614 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Cateren Podbury, 1615, Michael Potberry, 1618, Potberrie, 1621 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); James Podbury, 1657 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

**Podd**

Variants: **Poad, Poat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *pode* ‘toad’ (Old English \**padde*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Podge, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John le Pod, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Pod of Erthington, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Cristina Podge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fivehead, Somerset); Simon Podge, carpenter of Hawkhurst, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Robert Podd, 1546 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Robt. Pod or Podde, 1556 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Richard Poate, 1562 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Edward Poad, 1709 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**Poddington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from Podington (Beds), Puddington (Devon, Cheshire), or Putton in Chickerell (Dorset), which is recorded as *Podinton* in 1327. The Beds and Dorset place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Puda* or *Poda* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’. The Devon and Cheshire place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Put(t)a* + connective *ing* + *tūn*.

**Early bearers:** Emma de Podington, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Simon de Podington, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Thomas de Podyngton, 1327, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Podyngton, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Matilda de Pudyngton, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Robert Podington, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); George Puddington, clothier of Tyverton, 1618 in Devon Record Office, (Tiverton, Devon); Robert Puddington, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); John Poddington, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul Covent Garden, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 37–8; *Place-Names of Cheshire 4*, pp. 214–5; *Place-Names of Devon 2*, p. 389; *Place-Names of Dorset 1*, p. 205.

**Podesta**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs

Italian: occupational name from *podestà* ‘mayor, administrator, magistrate’.

**Early bearers:** Francis Podesta, in *Census 1841* (Holborn, Middx); John Podesta, 1842 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Podevin**

Variants: **Le Poidevin, Poidevin, Potvin, Portwine, Portwin, Putwain, Puddifant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Notts

Norman, English: locative name from Old French *Poitevin* (Anglo-Norman French *Peitevin*; latinized as *Pictavensis*), signifying a man from Poitou. This was occasionally used as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Peiteuin de Eya, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Peyteuinus le Esquier, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds).

sumames: Rogerus Peteuinus, Pictauensis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Rogger Peiteuin, 1094 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle E*; Ralph Patefine, Odo Petefin, 1100–35 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Adam Petevin, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); David le Poitevin, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rainer le Payteuin, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Patevin, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); William Peytefin, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Osemund Petewin, Preciosa Potewyne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Reginald Peytewin, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Peyteuyn, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Cheshunt, Herts); Lucia Petyfin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Ricardus Petefyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hangleton, Sussex); Johannes Pytewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salthouse, Norfolk); Stephen Paytefyn, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Teynham, Kent); William Peytwyn, chaplain, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Jacobi Puttavin, 1598 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Anne Poidevin, 1701, Francis Podevin, 1712, James Potvine, 1718 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Puddifin, 1742 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); John Puddifant, 1744 in *IGI* (Ickenham, Middx); John Putwain, 1774 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); George Portwine, 1795 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); George Frederick Poidivin, 1819 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx).

**Podger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Middx and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *podager*, *podager* ‘gout’, for someone afflicted with it.

**Early bearers:** John Podger, 1568 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Marmaduke Podger, 1602 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Robert Podger, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Langport Eastover, Somerset); William Podgere, 1645 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon).

**Podmore**

Variants: **Patmore, Padmore, Pattemore, Pattimore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1637, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1070
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Podmore (Staffs), which is recorded as *Podemore* in 1086, *Poddemere* in the 13th century, and *Pademor* in 1300, or possibly from Podimore (Somerset) or Patmore Hall in Albury (Herts), which is recorded as *Patemere* in 1086. The Staffs place-name derives from Old English *pode*, \**padde* ‘toad’ + *mōr* ‘moor’ or perhaps *mere* ‘pool’. The Herts place-name derives from the Old English personal name *P(e)atta* + Old English *mere*. The etymology of the Somerset place-name is uncertain due to a lack of medieval forms.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Patemere, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Philip de Patemer, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Reginald de Podymore, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Pademor, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William de Podmore, 1295 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John son of Philip de Patmer, de Patemer, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Podymor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Patmere, 1332–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Agn’ doghter’ Padmer’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Johannes Pattemere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); Thomas Podmor, 1417–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Henry Patmer, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Cornhill, City of London); Petronella Podmore, 1545 in *IGI* (Audley,

Staffs); Thomas Padmor, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Longburton, Dorset); Jane Pattemore, 1679 in *IGI* (Middlezoy, Somerset); John Pattimore, 1727 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 442; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 169; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 476.

**Poe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire; Hants

English: see **Paw**.

**Poel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London Welsh, English: see **Powell**.

**Poet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *poet(e)*, *poit(e)* ‘poet, singer’.

**Further information:** The word appears also to have been used occasionally as a personal name, as in Poettus de Abbevill, merchant, 1293 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Symond Poet, 1570 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); James Poett, 1571 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Richard Poett, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent); Baultenom Poet, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); Robert Poet, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (London); Joane Poete, 1637 in *IGI* (Up Marden, Sussex); Samuel Poet, 1674 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey).

**Poffley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Poughley Farm in Chaddleworth (Berks), which is recorded as *Pohanlech* in a 13th-century copy of a document from 821 and *Poghele* in 1241, or Poughley in East Garston (Berks), which is recorded as *Poghele* in 1361. The place-names probably derive from Old English *pohha* ‘pouch, bag’ + *leah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’. The sense of *pohha* in these, and other, place-names is unclear.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Poghelye, 1241 in *Place-Names of Berks* (Berks); Adam de Poghele, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John de Poghele, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Johanne Poghele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hannay, Berks); Millicent Poffley, 1722 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Thomas Poffley, 1722 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Mary Poughley, 1813 in *IGI* (Great Shefford, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 290–1, 331.

**Pogmore**

Variants: **Pugmire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Pog Moor in Barnsley (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Poggemor* in the 13th century. The place-name appears to derive from

WR Yorks dialect *pog* 'bog, shallow pit' (of uncertain origin, perhaps related to Middle English *bog* 'bog' or dialect *podge* 'pit, cesspool') + Middle English *mor* 'moor'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Poggemore, Adam Pogemore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); John Pogmore, rector, 1478 in *York Registry Wills* (Saint Wilfrid, WR Yorks); John Pogmour, 1479 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Humphry Pogmore, 1538 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Thomas Pogmore, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Pogmoore, 1612 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Edmd. Pogmoor, 1713 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joseph Pugmer, 1753, Jonathan Pugmire, 1756 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 304.

## Pogson

**Variants:** Poxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 868, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1130
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Pog*, a pet form of *Margaret*, + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pogson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Emley, WR Yorks); Richard Pogson, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); Robert Pogson, 1478 in *York Registry Wills* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Johis Pogson, 1552, Wyllm Pogsonn, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Wi. Poxen, 1595 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon); William Poxon, 1602, Poxson, 1639 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Alexander Pugson, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Collegiate Church, Manchester, Lancs); Lionell Pogsonne, 1672 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts); Mary Pockson, 1692 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (The Leight, Gloucs); William Pockson, 1698 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Luke Pogsen, 1729 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); William Pockson, 1874 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Pogue

**Variants:** Poag, Poague, Poke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

Irish: reduced form of the Scottish name **Pollock**, gaelicized as **Polóc**, later assimilated to the Irish word *póg* 'kiss'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Pologh, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyvadick, Antrim); Robert Poage, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyvadick, Antrim); Wid[ow] Polcke, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rashee, Antrim); Wid[ow] Poage, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rashee, Antrim); William Poage, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rashee, Antrim); David Pogue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagh, Cavan); Thomas Poague, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagelliff, Cavan); John Poak, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim).

## Poh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 傅, see **Fu** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 蒲, 布, 卜, 步, and 浦, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Pu** (1–5).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 薄, see **Bo** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 保, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Pau** (4).

5 German (Palatine): from a dialect word for standard German *Pfau* 'peacock', a nickname for a vain person or for someone with a strutting gait.

## Pohl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

N German, Dutch, Jewish: (i) ethnic name for someone from Poland or a Polish speaker, German *Pole*, Dutch *Pool*. (ii) topographic name from Middle Low German *pōl* 'small muddy pool' (Low German *Pohl*).

**Early bearers:** John Joachim Pohl, 1769 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Poidevin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- Norman, English: see **Podevin**.

## Poile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent and Sussex

English: see **Pulley**.

## Poindexter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

French: see **Poingdestre**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Poingdestre

**Variants:** Poindexter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from Old French *poing destre* 'right fist'.

**Early bearers:** James Poingdestre, 1818 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Philip Poingdestre, 1856 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Point

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex; Warwicks; Hants; also Angus

English: variant of **Points** with loss of final -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pointer

**Variants:** Poynder, Poynter, Punter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1481, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent; Hants

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *pointere*, *pointour* 'tiler'. *MED* quotes a document of about 1346: 'Tegulatores Lincolnie qui poyntours vulgariter nuncupantur' [Tilers of Lincoln who are called *poyntours* in ordinary language]. In roofing, the lowest layers of tiles, and sometimes all the layers, were pointed or rendered with mortar. (ii) occupational name, sometimes perhaps from Middle English *pointer* 'painter', see **Painter** and **Penter**. Compare Thomas Penter 1525, John Poynter in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Bodmin town), though *Poynter* here could be a scribal error or mistranscription of *Paynter* rather than a genuine variant. (iii) occupational name, alternatively from an unrecorded Middle English *\*pointer*, an agent derivative of *pointe*, *poynthe* 'tie, lace, or cord, of twisted yarn, silk, or leather', for a maker of points for fastening hose and doublet together.

**Early bearers:** Benedict le Puintur, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Richard le Puintur, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Richard le Pointur, 1213 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Bartholomew le Pointer, 1314 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Thomas Poyntour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunton with Doughton, Norfolk); Walterus Pointer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Richard Ponter, 1402, Nicholas Pointer, 1406 in *PROB 11* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Johan Pointer or Poynter, 1574 in *PROB 11* (London); Simon Poynter, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Eling, Hants).

## Pointing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Surrey, Middx, and Sussex

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *pointe*, *poynthe* 'tie, lace, or cord, of twisted yarn, silk, or leather' + the diminutive suffix *-in*, perhaps for a dandy. Compare **Points**. (ii) nickname, perhaps used for a tiler, one who did the 'pointing'. See **Pointer**; possibly a variant of **Ponting**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Poynten, 1548 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Raff Poyntinge, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Chilcote, Somerset); John Pointing, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (London); Edward Pointing, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Sutton Benger, Wilts); William Pointing, 1632 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); William Poynting, 1640 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); John Pointing, 1688 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Stephen Pointin, 1723 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Thomas Poynting, 1737 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Tho Pointin, 1740 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Pointon

**Variants:** Poynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1901, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and NW Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Westmeath
- English: locative name from Pointon (Lincs), which is recorded as *Pochinton* in 1086, Poynton (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Povinton* in 1249, or Poynton (Shrops), which is recorded as *Peventone* in 1086. The Lincs place-name probably derives from the Old English personal name *Pohha* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The Cheshire place-name derives from an Old English personal name *\*Pofa* + connective *-ing-* + *tūn*. The Shrops place-name derives from the Old English

personal name *Pēofa* + connective *-ing-* + *tūn*, or from the genitive form of the personal name *Pēofan* + *tūn*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Pochintun, about 1155 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Jordan de Poyngtun, about 1200–10 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Alexander de Pointon, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John de Poynton, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Pointon, Lincs); Alice de Poynton, 1344 in *London Pleas*; John de Poynton, 1337, Walter de Poynton, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Canwick, Lincs); Robert Pointon, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johis Poyntone, 1572 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Poynton, 1574 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Thomas Pointon, 1588 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Tho. Poynton, 1623 in *IGI* (Weston and Wixhill, Shrops); Daniell Poynton, 1631 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pointon, 1640, George Poyntone, 1734 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 97; *Place-Names of Cheshire 1*, p. 207; *Place-Names of Shrops 1*, p. 240.

## Points

**Variants:** Poyntz, Point

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey; Lanarks 1 Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Ponz* (Latin *Pontius* ‘man from Pontus in Asia Minor’), the name of a saint, Pontius of Asia Minor, whose cult was widespread in the Middle Ages. (ii) nickname from the plural of Middle English *poynthe* ‘tagged lace or cord’ and used for a fop, a ‘man with the points’ (compare **Pointer**): Geoffrey Aspoinz, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). Some early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Puntius, Pontius Arnaldi, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon).  
surnames: Walterus filius Ponz, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Ricardus filius Puinz, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Reginald Puinz, Poinz, 1176–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Rannulf Poinces, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Poyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Mathew Pointze or Poyntz, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Alderley, Gloucs); Nicholas Poyntz, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Penrose, Monmouths); William Points, 1787 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Samuel Points, 1797 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 Norman, English: locative name from any of several places called Pons (such as in Manche, or Seine-Maritime), from Latin *pontes* ‘bridges’.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Poinz, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Reginald de Ponz, de Pontibus, about 1222 in *Lancs Inquests*; Nicholas de Poynz, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Curry Rivel, Somerset); Richard de Pounz, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx).

## Poke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *poke* ‘sack, pouch, bag’ (Old English *pohha*, *pocca*), perhaps for someone who wore a pouch or bag or who made and sold sacks or pouches. Compare Ithel (Ie) Poker, 1314, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs) for the derived occupational name. (ii) variant of **Pook**.  
**Early bearers:** Hugh Poke, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert Poke, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johanne

Pok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Johanne Poke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); William Poke, 1544 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Francys Poke, 1575 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); Thomas Poke, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Poke, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Poke, 1635 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** Pook One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/pook/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/pook/).

2 Scottish, Irish: variant of **Pogue**.

## Poku

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: possibly a variant of **Opoku**.

## Polak

**Variants:** Pollak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Polish, Jewish: locative name from a variant of Polish *Polska* and denoting someone from Poland.

## Polan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Irish: from a reduced anglicized form of Irish **Mac Póilin**, see **McPolin** and compare **Poland**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.
- 2 English: alternatively a variant of **Pullen**.

## Poland

**Variants:** Polland, Polin, Pollins, Powlings, Pallant, Polling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 739, Ireland 280
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 513
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex; London; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Down
- 1 Irish: from a reduced anglicized form of Irish **Mac Póilin**, see **McPolin**. The earliest examples in Cheshire and Lancs may alternatively belong with (4).

**Early bearers:** England: Joannes Polland, 1608 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire); Roger Polland, 1776 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Thos. Poland, 1802, James Polland, 1810 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Patrick Poland, born in Roscommon, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Stockport, Cheshire).

Scotland: John Polland, 1788 in *IGI* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights); John Poland, 1802 in *IGI* (Larbert, Stirlings).

2 English: locative name in S England, either from Poland (originally *Polling*) in Odiham (Hants) or a variant of **Powling**, from Poling (Sussex), although *Polling* could alternatively be a variant of the Hants name. Compare Christopher Polland, 1734, Mary Polling, 1735 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex). The Hants place-name probably derives from Old English *\*pōling*, *\*pulling* ‘pool place’ (*pōl*, *pull* + the place-name forming suffix *-ing*).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Pollyng, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Odiham, Hants); Edward Poland, 1633 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); Anne Polland, 1712 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); David Poland, 1724 in *IGI*

(Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Thomas Polland, 1729 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); William Poland, 1787 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex).  
**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 132.

3 English: in E Anglia, perhaps a variant of **Pulham**, if not **Powling** or **Palling**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Polland, 1705, Catherine Poland, 1796 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Poland, 1734 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); Thos Pollant, 1755 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk).

4 English: possibly a variant of **Pullen** with an excrescent *-d*.

## Polat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: nickname from *polat* ‘steel; strength’, ultimately of Persian origin.

## Polden

**Variants:** Polding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Surrey, Hants, and Dorset

English: locative name from Polden Hill (Somerset), which is recorded as *Poweldun* in 1235–52 and *Poulden* in 1241. The place-name derives from the name of a lost place recorded as *Pouholt* in a 14th-century copy of a document from 729 + Old English *dūn* ‘hill’. The place-name recorded as *Pouholt* may derive from Old Welsh *pou* ‘country’ + Old English *holt* ‘wood, thicket’.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Pouledon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greinton, Somerset); John Polden, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Hammon, Dorset); Robt. Polden, 1593 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); Thomas Pouldon, 1625, Christopher Polden, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts); James Polding, 1749 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Robert Poulden, 1767, William Polden, 1768, Edd. Poulding, 1788 in *IGI* (East Lavant, Sussex); James Polding, 1779, Polden, 1781, Willm. Poldin, 1785 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, pp. 369–70; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 135.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Polden**.

## Pole

**Variants:** Poles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 924
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: see **Paul**.

2 English: see **Poole**.

## Poles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Pole** with excrescent, genitival, or plural *-s*.

## Poley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0

## Polglase

- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London
- English: see **Pooley**.

### Polglase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from any of several places in Cornwall called Polglase (in Crowan, Cury, Saint Erme, and Wendron) or Polglaze (in Altarnun, Saint Austell, Cuby, Fowey, Saint Mabyon, Mylor, Philleigh, and Saint Veep). The place-names derive from Middle Cornish *pol* 'pit; pool, stream; cove, creek' + *glas* 'green, blue, grey'.

**Early bearers:** William de Polglas, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Polglas, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Polglas, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon and Cornwall); John Polglas, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Fowey, Cornwall); Peter Polglas, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Wendron, Cornwall); Benedict Polglas, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinners Muster Roll* (Saint Erme, Cornwall); John Raw Polglas, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Cury, Cornwall); Richard Polglase, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Johannis Polglaze, 1610 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 103–4, 187–9, 292, 296.

### Polhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from Pollyfield in Detling (Kent) or Polehill Wood in Boxley (Kent). The place-names may derive from Old English *pōl* 'pool' + *hyll* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Polhull, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Harrietsham, Kent); Richard Polhille, skinner, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Polehell, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Detling, Kent); Richard Polhill, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); George Pollhill or Polhill, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Kent); Thomas Pollhill, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Burdisham, Sussex).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 137.

### Polì

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Polo**, from the personal name *Polo*, a variant of *Paolo*, Italian equivalent of **Paul**.

2 French: nickname from Old French *poli* 'agreeable, polite' (literally 'polished'), past participle of *polir* 'to polish'.

3 Hungarian: locative name from **Pólyi**, denoting someone from Póly (Abaúj county).

### Polin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons

English, Irish: see **Poland**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Polit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pollitt**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Polk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs; Devon

Scottish, English: (i) reduced form of **Pollock**. Compare **Palk**. (ii) alternatively a reduced form of the Middle English personal names *Polkin* and *Polcok*, pet forms of *Paul*.

**Early bearers:** England: Kathryn Polk, 1561 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Edmund Polk, 1591 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

Scotland: William Polk, 1611 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Polk, 1635 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Polkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Derbys
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Polkey, 1748, Thomas Polkey, 1787, William Polkey, 1816 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Joseph Polkey, 1835 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Polkinghorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cornwall; Lancs

Cornish: see **Polkinghorne**.

### Polkinghorne

**Variants:** **Polkinghorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Polkinghorn in Gwinear (Cornwall) or Polkinghorn in Gulval (Cornwall). The place-names derive from Middle Cornish *pol* 'pit; pool, stream; cove, creek' + the Old Cornish personal name *Kenhoern*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Polkynhorn, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Gwinear, Cornwall); John Polkynhorne, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinners Muster Roll* (Crowan, Cornwall); William Polkynhorne, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Breaage, Cornwall); Richard Polkynghorn, 1558–79 in *TNA* (Polkinghorn, Cornwall); Andrew Polkinhorne, 1558–1603 in *TNA* (Tregogo, Cornwall); Tho. Polkinhorne, 1572, Polkinhorn, 1573 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Ric Polkinghorne, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Thomas Polkenhorn, 1618 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Thomas Polkinehorne, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Gulval, Cornwall); Edward Polkinghorn, 1684 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Tho Polkenhorne, 1716 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 296.

### Poll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: see **Paul**.

2 English: see **Poole**.

### Pollack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Durham and NR Yorks; London; Devon

Scottish: see **Pollock**.

### Pollak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Polish, Jewish: see **Polak**.

### Polland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Ayr; also Devon; Derbys
- Norman, English: see **Poland**.

### Pollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13099, Ireland 537
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10849
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Pollard*, a pet form of *Paul* (Old French *Pol*). The surname has been established in both England and Ireland since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Pollardus Ostiarius, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Pollardus Forestarius, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs).

surnames, N England: William Pollard, 1240 in *Sally Cartulary* (Paythorne, WR Yorks); Johan Pollard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Abberwick, Northumb); Johannes Pollard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas Pollard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Nicholas Pollard, 1520 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Robert Pollard, 1557 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Pollard, 1565 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); John Polard, carpenter, 1548 in *Wigan Archives* (Lancs).

surnames, Midlands, E Anglia: Richard Pollard, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Pollard, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Johannes Pollard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Agn' Pollard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Willelmus Pollard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Haughley, Suffolk); Elizabeth Pollard, 1541 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Gregorius Pollard, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Pollard, 1561 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); George Pollard, 1563 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

surnames, S England: Stephanus filius Pollard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William Pollard, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus Pollard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wedmore, Somerset); Johannes Pollard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Otterden, Kent); Willelmus Pollard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Johanna Pollard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tollesbury, Essex); Ricardus Pollard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twynning, Gloucs); Agnes Pollard, 1542 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Vivian Pollard, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Daniell Pollard, 1547 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Pollard, 1551 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Thomas Pollard, 1565 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Alice Pollard, 1628 in *IGI* (Siddington, Gloucs); Edward Polard of Llansallos, 1712 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Llansallos, Cornwall).

surnames, Ireland: Robert Pollard, 1233 in *CDI* §2004 (Dublin); Walter Pollard, 1281 in *CDI* §1860; John Pollard, 1289 in *CDI* §466 (Cork); William Pollard, 1302 in *CDI* §58 (Cork); Nicholas Pollard, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1611 (Mayne, Westmeath).

2 English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**pollard*, a derivative of the Middle English verb *poll* 'to clip' or the noun *poll* 'the head'. It may have denoted someone with a close-cropped head or a big head. Compare **Ballard** and **Testar**. Some of the early bearers in (1) may alternatively belong here, especially those in N England, where the personal name *Pollard* has not been found. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Polle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: see **Paul**.  
2 English: see **Poole**.

### Pollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English: see **Powling**.  
2 English: see **Pullen**.

### Poller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs and Cheshire

English: occupational name from Middle English \**poller* 'barber' (from *pollen* 'to cut hair, shave', *polle* 'head'), although *OED* has 1578 as the first recorded use of this term.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Poller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); William Poller, clerk, 1422 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Poller or Pollere, 1428 in *PROB 11*; Roger Poller, 1585 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); John Poller, 1587 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Hugh Pollar, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Bewdley, Worcs); Danele Poller, 1605 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); James Poller, 1751 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Poller, 1775 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Pollett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pollitt**.

### Polley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1181, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and SE England; also Oxon

English: see **Pooley**.

### Pollick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Surrey; NR Yorks; Cheshire; Devon

Scottish: see **Pollock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Pollicott

**Variants:** Pollikett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Pollicott in Ashendon (Bucks), which is recorded as *Policote* from the 12th to 14th centuries. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Pōl* or \**Poll* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Polikot', de Policot, 1260 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam Policot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Polket, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Pollicott, 1556 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); William Pollicot, 1614 in *IGI* (Dinton, Bucks); Tho Pollicot, 1783 in *IGI* (Albury, Oxon); Thomas Polykett, 1825 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Henry Pollikit, 1831 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks); Alfred Pollickett, 1864 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 102.

### Pollikett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Pollicott**.

### Pollin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants

1 English: see **Pullen**.

2 English: see **Powling**.

### Polling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

1 English: see **Powling**.

2 Irish, English: see **Poland**.

### Pollington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Middx

English: locative name from Pollington (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Pouelington* in about 1185. The place-name appears to derive from Old English \**pofel* (of unknown meaning and origin) + connective *-ing-* + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'. The surname is now mainly found in Sussex, where it may have arrived by family migration from Yorks, or it may have a different but unknown origin. Some possibilities are discussed by Titford.

**Early bearers:** Yorks: Gregory de Polint', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Polinton', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Polinton, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Polyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanne de Polynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greenoak, ER Yorks); Richard Pollyngton, merchant of York, 1475–85 in *TNA* (Yorks); Henry Polyngton, burgess, 1479, Robert Pollyngton, burgess, 1500 in *York Registry Wills* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

other: Thomas Polyngton, yeoman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Stephen Pollington, 1514 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Ditchling, Sussex); Margaret

Pollington, 1562 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Henry Pollington, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Ditchling, Sussex); Jone Pollyngtone, 1579 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); John Pollington, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Alce Pollinton, 1612 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); John Pollyngton, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, pp. 21–2.

### Pollins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lanarks
- Irish, Scottish, English: variant of **Poland** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Ann Pollins, born in Down, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Glasgow Barony, Lanarks).

### Pollit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Pollitt**.

### Pollitt

**Variants:** Pollit, Polit, Pollett, Pallett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2293, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2296
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Christian name *Hippolytus*, Greek *hippolytos*, literally 'setting horses free'. This was the name of a Roman saint martyred in 235, to whom the church of Ippollitts (Herts) is dedicated (*Polytes*, 1412).

**Early bearers:** given names: Yppolitus de Pridias, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex).

sumames: Henricus filius Ypoliti, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Polite, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Polite, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Christina Polytes, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johanne Pollet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burbage, Leics); Johes. Pollit, 1608 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Stephan Pollett, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Bruton, Somerset); William Pollat, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); Thomas Pollite, 1693 in *IGI* (Mackworth, Derbys).

### Pollman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

English: see **Pulman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pollock

**Variants:** Pollok, Pollack, Pollick, Polk, Palk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6073, Ireland 1345
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry and Antrim

1 Scottish: locative name from Upper Pollock (Renfrews).

**Further information:** This name has been established in north-east Ulster since the 17th century. See also **Pogue**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Peter de Pollok, about 1172–8 in *Moray Register*, p. 454 (Morays); John de Pollok,



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sheriff of Forfar, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, pp. 439, 441 (Montrose, Angus); John Pullok, 1453 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, p. 1264.

Ireland: John Pollick, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Samuel Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); James Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Newtown, Down); Lodowick Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Jane Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); Ephraim Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leckpatrick, Tyrone); William Pollock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Philipstown, Louth).

2 English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Pollok*, Old English \**Pulloc*, which is attested in the place-name Pulloxhill (Beds), recorded as *Polochessele*, 1086, and *Pollokeshill*, 1205 in *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 160. It would be a pet form of Old English \**Pulla*, found as the first element of place-names in Devon (Pulworthy) and Sussex (Pulborough). *Pollock* disappears from Devon by the 16th century but may survive in the contracted form *Polk*, unrounded to *Palk*.

Further information: Middle English *Pollok* appears in several lost minor place-names in Devon, which are only recorded in derived surnames in the 1332 Devon *Subsidy Rolls*: William de Pollokesford (Ipplepen), William de Pollokesfen (Newton Ferrers), Roger de Pollekyswill' (Puddington), and John de Pollokeston (Leigh All Saints). John Polkisenne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exeter, Devon) may be an error for Polkisonne as a local pronunciation of *Polkeston*, i.e. *Pollokeston*. Early bearers: Roger Pollok', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Damerel, Devon), Walter and John Pollok', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton Saint Mary, Devon); Johannes Pollok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Johanne Pullok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bletsoe, Beds); William Pullock, 1400 in *West Devon Record Office* (Sutton, Devon); Wilm Pullock, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George, Canterbury, Kent); Jane Pullock, 1629 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Ashurst, Sussex); Sarah Pollick, 1783 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex).

### Pollok

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Pollock**.

### Polly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 86
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Surrey, and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Pooley**.

### Polman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent; IoW
- English: see **Pulman**.

### Polson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 883, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Sutherland; also scattered in England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Poulson**.

Early bearers: Hugh Poilson, 1497 in *Black*; William Poilsoun of Nether Bulbistar, 1541 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Murdo Poilson, burgess of Inverness, 1606–23 in *Inverness Records*; Hugh Poleson, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Nesting, Shetland); Andrew Poleson, crofter and fisher, in *Census 1861* (Lerwick, Shetland).

### Polston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Gloucs; London
- English: see **Poulston**.
- Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Polton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; Warwicks
- English: see **Poulton**.

### Polyblank

Variants: **Pulliblanck**, **Pullyblank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: (i) nickname, perhaps for someone with white hair, from Old French *poil* hair' + *blanc* 'white', with a linking vowel *-e-* characteristically appearing in Devon speech as *-i-* or *-y-*. (ii) nickname; alternatively, Coates argues that *Polyblaunk* might be a reduced form of Old French *pulain blanc* 'white foal' with dissimilatory loss of *-n-*, though the reason for such a nickname is less obvious. Early bearers: Walter Polyblaunk', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heathfield, Devon); Willelmus Poliblenke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heathfield, Devon); Osmond Pulliblanke, 1620 in *IGI* (Modford, Devon); Arthur Pulleyblank, 1772 in Museum of Rural Life (South Milton, Devon).

References: Richard Coates, 'Azure Mouse, Bloater Hill, Goose Puddings, and One Land called the Cow: continuity and conundrums in Lincolnshire minor names', *Journal of the English Place-Name Society*, 39 (2007), pp. 73–143 (p. 122).

### Polycarpou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Polykarpos* 'very fruitful' (literally, 'much fruit').

### Pomeroy

Variants: **Pummery**, **Pomroy**, **Pomery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 828
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: locative name from La Pommeraye (Calvados) (as in the case of the *Domesday Book* tenant-in-chief, whose name survives in Berry Pomeroy and Stockleigh Pomeroy (Devon)), La Pommerai (Seine-Maritime), or

Saint-Sauveur-la-Pommerai (Manche). In some instances the name is topographic for someone who lived '(by the) apple-orchard', from Old French *pommerai*. Compare **Appleton**.

Further information: This name was established in Ireland when Arthur Pomeroy accompanied the Earl of Essex there in 1573.

Early bearers: Ralph de Pomerai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon, Somerset); Ralph Pomeria, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Samson de la Pumeray, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de la Pomereie, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Pomeroy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de la Pomeray, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Johannes Pomerey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Topsham, Devon); John Pomerey, 1495 in *Feet of Fines* (Chadlington, Oxon); William Pomroye, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Pomray, 1697 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).

References: *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Pomery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Pomeroy**.

### Pomfret

Variants: **Pomfrett**, **Pomphrett**, **Pontefract**, **Pumfrett**, **Pumford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1037, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1030
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative from Pontefract in WR Yorks, which is recorded as *Pontefratch* in 1100–35 and *Pumfrate* in about 1185–93. The place-name derives from Latin (*de*) *ponte fracto* '(at the) broken bridge'. *Punftreit* is the Norman-French form, found also in Pomfret Mead (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 642). See also **Pumfrey**.

Early bearers: Willelmus de Pontefracto, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Puntfret, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex), de Puntfret, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Matthew de Pomfrait, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Robert Pumfret, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Poumefrayte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Hugh Pomfrete, groom, about 1460–72 in *TNA* (Windsor, Berks); Wm. Pomfret, 1539 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Margaret Pomfret, 1546 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Margaret Pomfret, 1564 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Richardi Pomfret, 1567 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); John Pomfret, 1575 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Peeter Pomphret, 1578 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 75–6.

### Pomfrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Pomfret**.

### Pomfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex; Suffolk
- Welsh, English: see **Pumfrey**.



**Pomphrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Pomfret**.

**Pomphrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex; Lanarks; Gloucs
- Welsh, English: see **Pumfrey**.

**Pomroy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Wilts; Middx; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Pomeroy**.

**Pond****Variants: Ponds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1832, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1442
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and E Anglia: esp. London; Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *ponde* 'pond, artificial or natural pool', denoting someone who lived or worked by such a feature.

**Early bearers:** William del Pond, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); John de la Ponde, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Attepond, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Ponde, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Edmund de la Ponde, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Richard atte Ponde, 1350 in *Feet of Fines* (Marsworth, Bucks); Johannes atte Pond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Widford, Essex); Johanna atte Ponde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Thomas atte Pond, clerk, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Edwarde Ponde, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Sherborne, Dorset); John Ponde, 1598 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Ponder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 339
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex
- English: see **Pounder**.

**Ponds**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Dunbartons
- English: variant of **Pond** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Agn' Pondes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Mathew Ponds, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Lamerton, Devon); Thomas Ponds, 1624 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds).

**Ponniah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): from Tamil *pon-* 'gold' + *-iah*, an honorific suffix meaning 'father' (Sanskrit *ārya*).

**Pons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Punch**.

**Ponsford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 684
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
- English: locative name from Ponsford in Cullompton (Devon), which is recorded as *Pantesfort* in 1086 and *Pautesford* in 1242. The place-name may derive from a river-name \**Pont* (from Proto-Welsh \**pant* 'hollow, valley') + Old English *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'.

**Further information:** Ponsford in Brampford Speke (Devon) was recorded as *Ponsfords* in 1782, and probably derives from the family of Robert Ponsforde, 1620 in *Parish Registers*.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Pauncefot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Ponsford, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Ponsford, groom of the pantry, 1437, 1440 in *Patent Rolls*; Radigon Ponsford, 1585, John Ponsforde, 1595 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Garthered Ponsford, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Ponsford, 1641 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Pounsford, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Cheriton Bishop, Devon); Henry Paunceford, 1732 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 423, 561.

**Ponsonby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs and Cumb; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Cork

English: locative name from Ponsonby (Cumb), which is recorded as *Puncunesbi* in about 1160 and *Punzunby* in about 1170. The place-name derives from the Old French personal name *Puncun* + Old Scandinavian *by* 'farmstead, village'.

**Further information:** This name was established in Ireland by Sir John Ponsonby, who was colonel of a cavalry regiment which accompanied Cromwell to Ireland in 1649.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Punzunby, 1301 in *Patent Rolls*; Ralph de Punczounby, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Alexander de Ponsonby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Ponsonby, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Palgrave, Norfolk); Dionisia Pounsounby, 1401 in *London Letter Books* 1; Robert Ponsonby, 1453 in *York Registry Wills* (Yorks); Roger Ponsonby, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Chakenden, Oxon); Johes Ponnsanby, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Thomas Ponsonbie, 1595, Ponsonbye, 1597 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Ponsonbye, 1600 in *Assize Rolls* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 2, pp. 426–7.

**Pont****Variants: Punt, Ponte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Cambs

English: locative name from Middle English *pount(e)* 'bridge' (Anglo-Norman French *punt*, *po(u)nt*; Latin *pons*), for someone who lived near a bridge.

**Early bearers:** Petri de Ponte, 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Amice de Ponte, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Peter del Pount, 1279 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert de Punt, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Punt, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Pont, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John, Richard de Ponte, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Petersfield, Hants); John Pount, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Jacobo Pont, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Deptford, Wilts); Ricardus Punte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); John Ponte, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Litcham, Norfolk); Lawrence de Ponte, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Saint Helen, City of London); John Pount, 1584 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Ponte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Pont**.

**Pontefract**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Pomfret**.

**Ponter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Somerset and Gloucs; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Punter**.

**Pontin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and S England
- English: see **Ponting**.

**Ponting****Variants: Pontin, Pointing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1382, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 877
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: nickname from the Middle English surname *Pont(e)*, *Pount* + the diminutive suffix *-in*. See **Pont**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Pontyng, 1448 in *Gloucs Archives* (Hilmarion, Wilts); Williamus Ponting, 1564 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Ralph Poynting, 1584 in *Somerset Archives* (West Harptree, Somerset); Henrie Pontinge, 1589 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Roberte Ponting, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Agnes Pontyn, 1607 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Walter Pontin, 1617 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Henry Ponten, 1619 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

**Pontis**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Puntis**.

**Ponton****Variants: Punton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Midlothian

## Poock

English, Scottish: locative name from Great or Little Ponton (Lincs), recorded as *Pamptune* in 1086 and *Panton* in 1194. The place-name may derive from Old English \**pamp* 'hill' or *panne* 'pan' (in a transferred topographical sense 'depression, hollow') + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas de Ponton, 1221–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Peter de Ponton, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Kent); Johannes Pontun', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ascott, Oxon); Richard Ponton, 1570 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs).

Scotland: B. de Paunton, Hugh de Panton, 1232–7 in *Lindores Chartulary* (Garioch, Aberdeens); Alisaundre de Paunton, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls* (Lanarks); William Ponton, 1502–7 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Dirleton, E Lothian); Thomas Ponton, 1539 in *Plays in Scotland* (Haddington, E Lothian); Thomas Punton or Povntovn, burgess, 1557 in *Laing Charters* (Haddington, E Lothian); John Pontoune, 1610 in *Dunfermline Register* (Muirhall, Fife); Edward Punton, 1632 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Grissell Pontone, 1658 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 97–8; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 477.

## Poock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Poock**.

## Pook

**Variants:** **Pooke, Poock, Puck, Puke, Poke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1072, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 840
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Hants
- English: nickname from Middle English *p(o)uk(e)*, *poke* 'devil; goblin; evil spirit' (Old English *pūca*).
- Early bearers:** Robertus le Puke, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Shermanbury, Sussex); Richard le Pouke, 1296, John le Puk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Pouke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Twynning, Gloucs); Johannes Pouk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Beckley, Oxon); Willelmus Puke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bolham, Devon); Thomas Pouke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountfield, Sussex); Robart Pook, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); William Pook, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Clement Pook, 1601 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Elizabeth Pook, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Pook, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** Pook One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/pook/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/pook/).

## Pooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon
- English: see **Poock**.

## Pool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1425, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx; Staffs; ER Yorks and WR Yorks; also Gloucs and Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread
- 1 English: see **Poole**.  
2 English: see **Paul**.

## Poole

**Variants:** **Pool, Poll, Pull, Polle, Pole, Powell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20263, Ireland 588
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14292
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Cork and Waterford

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *pol(e)*, *polle*, *poul(e)* 'pool, pond' (Old English *pōl*). The name may be for someone who lived by a pool, or for someone from a place so named, such as Poole (Dorset, Cheshire). Some examples may belong under (2). (ii) locative name from Pool in Otley (WR Yorks), of uncertain but different origin to Middle English *pol(e)* but merging with it in later spellings. See *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 208–9.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Pol, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Pool, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph atte Polle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William atte Poule, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas del Polle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus atte Pole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fisherwick and Tymmore, Staffs); Elisota de Polle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Johannes de Poule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Royston, WR Yorks); Thomas Polle, 1413 in *PROB 11* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, City of London); John Poole, 1512 in *PROB 11* (West Harptree, Somerset); John Poule, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Leominster, Herefs); Thomas Poules, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Ditchat, Somerset); Richard Poole, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Ruardean, Gloucs).

2 English: see **Paul**.

## Pooler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- 1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *pol(e)*, *polle*, *poul(e)* 'pool, pond' + derivational suffix *-er*, denoting someone who lived by or looked after a fishpond or pool. Compare **Poole**.

**Early bearers:** Stephano Pouler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkland, Herefs); John Poler, chapman, 1446 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodhampton in Astley, Worcs); Wylliam Pooler, 1558 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); Humfrey Pouler, 1585, Anthony Powler, 1604 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Feles Pooler, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Elmley Lovett, Worcs); Mary Pouller, 1624 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Thomas Pooler, 1703 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops).

2 English: see **Pullar**.

## Pooley

**Variants:** **Polley, Poley, Polly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3111, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2377
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; E Anglia; SW England

1 English: locative name from Middle English *pol(e)* 'pool, pond' + *hei(i)* 'enclosure' (Old English *pōl* + *(ge)hæg*), or perhaps from *pol(e)* + *ei* 'island, habitable land among marshes' (Old English *ēg*). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived near an enclosure by a pool or low-lying land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as *Pooley* (now Hunt's Hall) in Pebmarsh

(Essex) or Polly Shaw in Eynsford (Kent). Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Polhey, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de Poley, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Elias de Polye, de Polee, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Polleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Poley, 1328 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Poley, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Pebmarsh, Essex); William Polleye, 1346 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Poley, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Poley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Thomas Poley, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Baldock, Herts); Robert Poley, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Polley, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Tonbridge, Kent); Richard Poley, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Poley, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Offenham, Worcs); Richard Poley, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Boxted, Suffolk); Thomas Polley, 1561 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); William Poley or Paley, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Boxted, Suffolk); Thomas Polley, 1722 in *IGI* (Toot Baldon, Oxon); Wm Poley, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Cadoxton, Glamorgan).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 450; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 40.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Poilley (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Willelmi de Poillgi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); William de Polleio, 1093 in *Documents in France*; Margeria Pooley, 1562 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks); Gyles Pooley, 1568 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk); Alice Pooley, 1570 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richarde Pooley, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Johane Pooley, 1587 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

3 Italian, English: see **Pulley**.

## Poolman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Pulman**.

## Poolton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Poulton**.

## Poon

**Variants:** **Pun, Pan, Penn, Pang, Phang, Fong, Phan, Pham, Phoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 潘 (**Pan** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'rice water' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Pan* (潘), a fief (located in present-day NW Shangqiu in Henan province) that was granted to Ji Sun, son of Bi Gong Gao, the fifteenth son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Pan Chong (潘崇), a noble in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) adopted as a surname by the Po Duo Luo (破多罗) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) adopted as a surname by Pan Shao (潘紹), who changed his original surname from Zhao during the Yuan dynasty (AD 1206–1368).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 盤 (**Pan** in Mandarin pinyin), denoting 'washbasin'

or 'plate' in ancient Chinese: said to be borne by descendants of Pan Hu (盤瓠), an ancient legendary figure. They were originally scattered around the present-day S Sichuan province and later migrated to Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region and Guangdong province.

**3** Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 方, see **Fong** (1). The dialect in which this form of the name is found is spoken in eastern Guangdong province, Fujian province, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and other parts of SE Asia.

### Pooni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Poonia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Poor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants
- English: see **Power**.

### Poore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 776, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 551
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Dorset
- English: see **Power**.

### Poots

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 248
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: probably a variant of **Potts**; compare Alys Poott or Pott, 1568 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent). **Further information:** It is now more common in Ireland than in England.
- Early bearers:** Richard Pootes, 1596 in *IGI* (Elton, Hants); Jacob Poots, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Poots, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Popat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1405, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from Gujarati *popaṭ* 'parrot'.

### Popay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Poppy**.

### Pope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12431, Ireland 142
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork
- English: nickname from Middle English *pope* 'pope' (Old English *pāpa*), perhaps for a pompous or self-

righteous man, or for someone who acted the part of a pope in a folk play.

**Early bearers:** Agnes le Pope, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Hugo le Pope, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert le Pope, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Henry Pope, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Pope, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Chertsey, Surrey); Willelmus Pope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Rogerus le Pope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Johannes le Pope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bold, Lancs); William Pope, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Little Bowden, Northants); Thomas Pope, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Richard Pope, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Kings Cariswill, Devon).

### Popejoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Pobjoy**.

### Popek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: nickname from a diminutive of *pop* 'priest', specifically an Eastern Orthodox priest. Compare English **Pope**.

### Popely

- Variants:** **Popley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Popeley in Birstal (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Popeley(a)* and *Popelay* from the 12th to 17th centuries. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pāpa* + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Popelay, 1285–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmus de Popelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); William de Popeley, 1390 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Richard, William de Popeley, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Birstal, WR Yorks); John Popely, 1487 in *York Registry Wills* (Birstal, WR Yorks); John Popelay, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Popeley, 1513 in *York Registry Wills* (Workshop, Notts); Edmund Popely, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Hillingdon, Middx); Robert Popely, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Robert Popely, 1643, William Poply, 1654 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Elizabeth Popely, 1785, William Popeley, 1787, Stephen Popely, 1794 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 15.

### Popham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Popham (Hants), which is recorded as *Popham* in about 1140 and in a 16th-century copy of a document from 903. The place-name may derive from an unattested short form of Old English *popel* 'pebble' + Old English *hām* 'village, homestead'.

**Early bearers:** Agnes de Popham, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Robert de Popham, abbot, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Hugh de Popham,

1312 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Henry Popham, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Henry de Poppeham, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); John Popham, knight, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants; Hunts; Oxon); Alexandre Popham, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Huntworth, Somerset); Hugh Popham, 1599 in *IGI* (Lynton, Devon).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 133.

### Popjoy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Northumb
- English: see **Pobjoy**.

### Popkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Welsh, English: relationship name from an anglicized form of *ap Hopkin* 'son of Hopkin'; see **Hopkin**.

**Early bearers:** Davidi Popkin, 1585 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); Elias Popkin, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Robart Popkin, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Popkin, 1610, William Popkins, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Popkin or Popkyn, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Pembrey, Carmarthen); Roger Popkin, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Swansea, Glamorgan).

### Poplar

#### Variants: Pepler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys, Warwicks, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *popler(e)* 'poplar tree'. The name may be topographic, for one who lived near such a tree, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Poplar (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Popler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); John Popeler, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Newton le Willows, NR Yorks); Anthony Popelere, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Coleman, City of London); Thomas Poplar, 1617 in *IGI* (Bapchild, Kent); William Poplar, 1839 in *IGI* (Sandiacre, Derbys).

### Pople

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 616
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Popple**.

### Poplett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. London
- Norman, English: see **Puplett**.

### Popley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Lincs
- English: see **Popely**.

## Popoola

### Popoola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the personal name *Pópóólá* (Yoruba *pópó olá* 'road to high estate'), understood as [omó yíí tó] *pópó olá* '[this child has taken] the road to high estate'.

### Popovic

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Serbian, Croatian: relationship name, Serbian and Croatian (*Popović*), patronymic from *pop* 'priest'. **Further information:** Celibacy was not enjoined on priests of the Orthodox Church and so as a Serbian name it normally means literally 'son of the priest'. As a Croatian (and therefore Roman Catholic) name it may denote the illegitimate son of a priest or may possibly be based on a nickname.

### Popp

#### Variants: Poppe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Worcs; Midlothian

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Poppe* (Old English \**Poppa*). **Early bearers:** given names: Poppe, 1154–89 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 25 (Essex). surnames: Stephen Poppe, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Poppe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Poppe, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Poppe, merchant, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Wareham, Dorset); William Poppys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Popp, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John in Thanet, Kent); Frances Poppe, 1677 in *Parish Registers* (Hitchin, Herts).

### Poppe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Popp**.

### Popperwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex

English: see **Popplewell**.

### Poppitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name, probably from a lost or unidentified place named from Old English *pūca* 'goblin' + *pytt* 'pit', which also underlies Poppets in Harting (Sussex) and Poppets Hill in Stoke Talmage (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Poppett, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Chalgrave, Beds); Robert Poppitt, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Handsworth, Staffs); Robert Poppett, 1712 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Robert Poppet, 1739 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Elizabeth Poppit, 1802 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Joseph Poppitt, 1821 in *IGI* (Lilleshall, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 37; *Place-Names of Oxon*, pp. 93, 133.

### Popple

#### Variants: Pople

- **Current frequencies:** GB 750, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and Yorks

1 English: locative name from Pophills in Salford Priors (Warwicks), which is recorded as *Popihull* in 1262 and *Popyhull* in 1293. The place-name probably derives from Old English *popig* 'poppy' + *hyll* 'hill'. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Matilda atte Poppe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Popehull, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John de Pophull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Pophull, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salford Priors, Warwicks); Edmund Popple, 1566 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Johannes Poppe, 1570, Popel, 1579 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Roberte Popple, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Poppe, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Burnham, Somerset); John Poppe, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Thomas Poppel, 1711 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Popell, 1728 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 221.

2 English: locative name from a lost place called *Pophall* in Linchmere (Sussex). The place-name appears to derive from an Old English personal name \**Poppa* + Old English *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Poppehale, 1296, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Crystobell Poppe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 25.

### Poppleston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Popplestone**.

### Popplestone

#### Variants: Poppleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Old English *papolstān* 'pebble', perhaps used of a person hard to deal with. **Early bearers:** Alwini Poplestan, about 1057 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Jocelin Pobelstone, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Zacharye Popplestone, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); George Popleston, 1628 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); George Poplestone, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Poppelstone, 1659 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Richard Poppelston, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Saltash, Cornwall); Richard Popelstone, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Blazey, Cornwall); Thomas Poppleston, 1784 in *IGI* (Snailwell, Cambs).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 369.

### Poppleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Nether Poppleton (WR Yorks), Upper Poppleton in Saint Mary Bishophill Junior (WR Yorks), or *Poppleton*, a lost place in

Fountains Earth (WR Yorks), all of which are recorded as *Popleton(e)* in 1086. The place-names derive from Old English *popel* 'pebble', apparently sometimes denoting 'bubbling well, spring', + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Popeliton about 1147–54 in *Mowbray Charters*; Thomas de Popleton, 1255 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Popelton, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas de Popleton, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johannes de Popilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brearton, WR Yorks); Roberto de Popilton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Sampson Girdlergate, Yorks); Johannes de Populton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); William Popilton, 1392 in *The Church in London*; Roger de Popilton, carpenter, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Saviours Gate, Yorks); Parcivall Poppleton, 1578 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); William Poppelton, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, City of London).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames, Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 231–2; 5, p. 203.

### Popplewell

#### Variants: Popperwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 970
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; Essex; Warwicks

English: locative name from Popplewell in Cleckheaton (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Popelwell* in 1229. The place-name derives from Old English *popel* 'pebble', apparently also 'bubbling spring', + *wella* 'well, spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** John de Popelwelle, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Popilwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cleckheaton, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Popelwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Johannes de Popiwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heckmondwike, WR Yorks); Margaret Popilwell, 1454 in *Yorks Wills*; Henry Populwell, 1548 in *PROB 11* (London); James Poplewell, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Belton, Lincs); Ales Poppelwell, 1578 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs); Jacobi Popplewell, 1584 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Elizabeth Popplewell, 1684 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); James Popperwell, 1721 in *IGI* (Ousebridge, Yorks); William Poppelwel, 1738 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); William Popperwell, 1865 in *IGI* (Great Dunmow, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 17–18.

### Poppy

#### Variants: Popay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; London

English: nickname from Middle English *popi(e)* 'poppy', perhaps used for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion reminiscent of the flower.

**Early bearers:** Jach, Geoffrey Popy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Popy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Popy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Robert Popy, parson, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Lyng, Somerset); Robert Poppe, 1569 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Roger Poppe, 1604 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Edward Popey, 1610 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Margaret Popie, 1662 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Geo Poppey, 1689 in *IGI*

(Thurlton, Norfolk); Thomas Popay, 1760 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); James Poppay, 1774 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

### Porcas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Porch

**Variants:** **Portch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *porche*, *po(u)rch* 'roofed entrance' (often for a church), probably for a person who lived near one or perhaps whose work was associated with one (compare **Parvis**).

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Porch, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Winterbourne, Wilts); John Porche, 1565, Porch, 1576 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Richardi Portch, 1618 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Francis Portch, 1636 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Thomas Porch, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Samuel Portch, 1749 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx).

### Porcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent

Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *porcher*, *porchi(e)r* 'swineherd'.

Compare Middle English *porcher* 'pigsty'.

**Early bearers:** Edric Porcher, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops); Reginald le Porker, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas le Porcher, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard le Porcher, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Laurence Porcher, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Shoreham, Sussex); Hugo Porker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crowland, Lincs); Thomas Porcher, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Sutton Mandeville, Wilts); Gyles Porker, 1589 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Allexannder Porcher, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (South Weald, Essex); William Porcher, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Porcher, 1795 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent).

### Pordage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) nickname, apparently from Middle English *potage* 'thick soup', with abnormal development of the medial consonant reflecting the difficult interrelation of the words *pottage*, *poddish*, and *porridge*. (ii) locative name; alternatively, some examples may derive from *Portbridge*, a lost place in Dartford (Kent) which is recorded as *Portebrig* in 1365. The place-name derives from Old English *port* 'gateway, entrance' + *brycg* 'bridge'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Potage, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Pordage, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Rodmersham, Kent); Elizabeth Poredge, 1559 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); William Pordadage, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Lawrence Pordage, 1584 in *PROB 11* (West Farleigh, Kent); Darcus Pordage, 1605 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Frauncis Pordage, 1610, Thomas

Pordages or Pordage, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Rodmersham, Kent); Theophilus Pordiage, 1677 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Mary Pordridge, 1714 in *IGI* (Bekebourne, Kent); John Pordige, 1784 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 312.

### Porlock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Portlock**.

### Porrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English (Old French) *porret* 'leek', perhaps for a grower or seller of leeks.

**Further information:** The name is common in France and Belgium in various forms, including that of Agatha Christie's fictional detective, *Poirot*. No evidence has been found to support Reaney's interpretation of the English name as a variant of **Parrott**.

**Early bearers:** E Anglia: Petrus Poret, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calthorpe, Norfolk); Isabella Poreth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Dorothy Porret, 1610 in *IGI* (Postwick, Norfolk).

S and SW England: Abr Porret, 1574 in *IGI* (Owermoigne, Dorset); Joane Porret, 1599 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); James Porrett, 1604 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Edward Poret, 1794 in *IGI* (Petersfield, Hants).

2 Norman, English: see **Porritt**.

### Porritt

**Variants:** **Porrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1115, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 844
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

Norman, English: locative name from an unidentified place, or so it appears from the 12th-century spelling *de Poritt*. The preposition could be misleading, as it was sometimes added to Norman names of non-locative origins in order to give them a pseudo-gentry status, but *Poritt* without the preposition remains puzzling. A nickname from Old French and Middle English *porret*, the common or garden leek is unlikely for Hugh, who was a substantial landowner in the Whitby area, and at that date *Poritt* would also be an odd spelling of *porret*. On the other hand, there is no proof that later bearers of the surname *Poret(t)* in NR Yorks descended from Hugh's family, so their surname could alternatively represent the nickname; see **Porrett** (1).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Poritt, 1100–35 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); William Poret, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skinningrove, NR Yorks); Richard Poret, 1348 in *Whitby Chartulary*; William Porrett, 1459 in *York Registry Wills* (Lofthouse, NR Yorks); Margrett Porritt, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Johanis. Porrett, 1625, Johi. Porritt, 1628 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Catherine Porrit, 1779 in *TNA* (Guisborough, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Port

**Variants:** **Porte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1123, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 843
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, Middx, Hants, and Sussex; also Devon

1 Norman, English: locative name from Port-en-Bessin (Calvados), which is recorded as *Portu* in 1035–6. The place name derives from Latin *portus* 'port, harbour, haven'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Portu, 1086 in *Geld Roll* (Devon); Hugo de Port, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Henry de Port, 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Hawis de Port, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Berks); Gulielmi Port., 1547 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Margatt Port, 1556 in *IGI* (Seasalter, Kent); Jam Port, 1563 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Thommes Port, 1571 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Thos Port, 1582 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 542.

2 English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *port(e)* 'gateway, entrance', either for one who lived by the gates of a town, castle, or the like, or for the gatekeeper. Compare **Porter**. (ii) locative name from Middle English *port(e)* 'market town, harbour', for one who lived or worked there. Compare **Portman**.

**Early bearers:** Walterus (de) Extra Portam, de Horslaporte, 1199, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Adam de la Port, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas in the porte, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alan ad Portam, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Simon Atteporte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Porte, de Porta, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Fremundus de la Port, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Ricardo Porte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset); Willelmus Port, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Pourte, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Porte, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Porte or Port, 1540 in *PROB 11* (Etwell, Derbys).

### Portal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Monmouths; Durham; Middx

Huguenot: locative name from southern French *porta(i)l* 'gate', for someone who lived near the gates of a fortified town, typically the gatekeeper.

**Early bearers:** Henry Portal, 1717 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants); Isaac Portal, 1754 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Portas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Porteous**.

### Portass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Porteous**.

### Portch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset and Gloucs

English: see **Portch**.

## Porte

### Porte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Port**.

### Portelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: locative name from *portello*, a diminutive of *porta* 'gate', for someone who lived by the gates of a fortified town.

**Further information:** This is also found as a family name in Greece.

### Porteous

Variants: **Porteus**, **Portess**, **Portus**, **Portas**, **Portass**, **Portis**, **Porthouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2557, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1971
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: nickname from Middle English *port(e)hors* 'portable breviary, prayer book' (Anglo-Norman French *porteuse*, *porteho(r)s*), perhaps for one who habitually carried such a book, or for a scribe employed to write them. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Portehors, 1178 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Essex); Turgis Portehors, 1227 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); John Portehors, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Reginald Porthors, 1301 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Northants); Ralph Portehors, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnwell, Northants); William Porthors, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Hemingford Abbots, Hunts); Paule Portis, 1612 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Willm. Portous, 1621 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Robert Portis, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bride, City of London); Alexander Portus, 1641 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Alexander Portious, 1748 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks); Alexander Portues, 1749 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, Kirkheaton, WR Yorks); Margaret Portues, 1785 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Emmanuel Portues, 1802 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: John Pertus, 1443 in *Acts of Lords Auditors*, p. 81 (Glenkirk, Peebles); George Portwis, 1478–84 in *Acts of Lords Auditors*, p. 140 (Glenkirk, Peebles); Gorge Portus, 1577 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); William Porteus, 1579 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jhone Porteous, 1605, William Porteous, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Portous, 1608, Porteous, 1610 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); James Porteous, 1644 in *IGI* (Tweedsmuir, Peebles); James Portius, 1656, Portios, 1659 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); James Porteis, 1665 in *IGI* (Bo'ness, W Lothian); John Portis, 1676 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Portuis, 1679 in *IGI* (Carstairs, Lanarks); Alexander Portteous, 1668 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); John Portuise, 1681 in *IGI* (Carstairs, Lanarks); John Portouss, 1700 in *IGI* (Auchinleck, Ayr); William Porteaes, 1767 in *IGI* (Crailing, Roxburghs); Thomas Portowes, 1793 in *IGI* (Lochmaben, Dumfriess); Joseph Porteaues, 1809 in *IGI* (Blair Atholl, Perth).

Ireland: William Portas, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §542 (Queen's county [Laois]); William Portas, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1321 (Blackeforde, Queen's county

[Laois]); Will. Portesse, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2345 (the Blackford, Queen's county [Laois]); Wm. Portas, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6786; Michael Portice, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal); James Portues, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cleenish, Fermanagh).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *port(e)* 'gateway, entrance' + *hous* 'house, dwelling', perhaps for someone who lived or worked in the lodge at the entrance to a manor house (compare **Porter**).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Porterhouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Porterhouse, 1611 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Elizabeth Porthus, 1667 in *IGI* (Heapham, Lincs); William Porthouse, 1693 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); George Porthouse, 1743 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Porthous, 1781 in *IGI* (Crosby on Eden, Cumb); John Porthous, 1795 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Porter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31010, Ireland 2752
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22128
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England, central Scotland, and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Donegal

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *porter(e)*, *port(o)ur* 'doorkeeper, gatekeeper' (Anglo-Norman French *port(i)er*, *portur*, Latin *portarius*). Milo Portarius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants), performed porter service at the jail or castle of Winchester. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *port(o)ur*, *porter* 'porter, carrier of burdens' (Anglo-Norman French *portur*, *porteo(u)r*).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Portarius (Janitor), 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); William le portier, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Adam le porter, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walterum, Ricardum le Porter, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Nicholas le portur, 1263 in *Thursson* (Surrey); David le portur, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John le Porter, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Chelmsford, Essex); Andrew Portour, 1356 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Laurens Porter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exeter, Devon); Willelmus Portoure, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Averham, Notts); Robert Porter, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Upper Wynchendon, Bucks); John Portar or Porter, 1557 in *PROB 11* (North Wootton, Somerset); Dorothy Portor, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Barkway, Herts); Geilis Porter, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Porterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Lanarks and Dunbartons

English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *porter(e)* 'gatekeeper, doorkeeper' + *feld* 'open country, bounded piece of land'. The name seems to have originated from the land assigned to the porter of a monastery (see **Porter**) and which subsequently became hereditary (see *Black*, p. 670).

**Early bearers:** John Porterfield, 1460 in *Newbattle Register* (Renfrews); Colin Portfield, burgess, 1549 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 1, p. 61 (Aberdeens); John Porterfield, reverend, later 16th century in

*Strathendrick*, pp. 24, 53 (Ayr); Archebald Porterfeild, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Anna Porterfeild, 1653 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Porterfield, 1691 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Portess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lanarks
- English: see **Porteous**.

### Porteus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Porteous**.

### Porthouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Porteous**.

### Portingale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: (i) regional name from Middle English *Portingale* 'native of Portugal, Portuguese person'. (ii) locative name from Portugal (Middle English *Portingale*), as evidenced by the early bearers with a locative preposition (*de* 'from').

**Early bearers:** Gwillelmi de Portingal, Johannis de Portingal, 1243 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Portingale, merchant of Bristol, 1359 in *TNA* (Gloucs); Richard Portyngale, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Baltaser Portingall, 1573 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Jone Portingale, 1574 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Ellen Portingale, 1603 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Hannah Portingall, 1847 in *IGI* (Monkton Deverill, Wilts).

### Portis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Dublin; Tipperary
- English: see **Porteous**.

### Portland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Lancs

English: locative name from Portland (Dorset), which is recorded as *Port* in the 9th century and *Portlande* in a 14th-century copy of a document from 862. The place-name derives from Old English *port* 'harbour, port' + *land* 'land, tract of land, estate'. **Early bearers:** England: Gerardus de Portland, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Southampton, Hants); Richard de Portland, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Edmund de Portland, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Portlond, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); William Portlond, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Williem Portlond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Exeter, Devon); Alanus Portelond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Walter Portlond, 1397 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Portland, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Leeds, Kent);

Jno. Portland, 1579 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Christefer Portland, 1650 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Portland, 1772 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
 Scotland: Alison Portland, in *Census 1841* (Leith, Midlothian); Isabella Portland, in *Census 1841* (Govan, Lanarks).

References: *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 217.

### Portlock

Variants: **Porlock**, **Spurlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks; Lancs

English: locative name from Porlock (Somerset), which is recorded as (*æt*) *Port locan* in the 10th century and *Portloc* in 1086. The place-name derives from Old English *port* 'port, harbour' + *loca* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** William Porloc, 1384 in *Patent Rolls*; John Portlocke, 1586 in *IGI* (Eisey, Wilts); Thomas Portlock, 1594 in *IGI* (Latton, Wilts); John Portlock, 1616 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Thomas Portlocke, 1617 in *IGI* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Thomas Porlock, 1732 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roberd Portlok, 1732 in *IGI* (Easton Royal, Wilts); Thomas Portlock, 1776 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Portluck, 1778 in *IGI* (Great Shefford, Berks); Benjamin Portlock, 1784 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).  
 References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 478.

### Portman

Variants: **Portmann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1082, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 543
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and W Midlands
- English: status name from Middle English *portman* 'townsman, burgher, citizen' (Old English *portmann*).

**Early bearers:** John Portman, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Portman, 1297 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); Thomas le Portman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Portman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestoke, Wilts); Walterus Portman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeding, Sussex); Walter Porteman, 1449, Portman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Portman, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Eastry, Kent); Baldwyn Portman, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Portman alias Poolehowse, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Crophorn, Worcs); Richard Portman, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Ombersley, Worcs).

### Portmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: variant of **Portman**.

### Portner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

German: occupational name from *pörtner*, an agent derivative of Middle Low German *port(e)* 'gate', and denoting a doorkeeper or gatekeeper. Compare **Porter**.

### Portnoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Russian, Jewish: occupational name from *portnoj*, an adjective derivative of *port* 'uncut cloth', and denoting a tailor.

### Porton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Warwicks and Staffs; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Porton in Idmiston (Wilts) or Poorton (Dorset), both of which are recorded as *Pourton* in the 13th century. The place-names derive from an unknown first element, perhaps a river-name, + Old English *tūn* 'farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Powertone, 1211 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Wilts); [ . . . ] Poretōn', 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Dorset); Henry de Porton, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Porton, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Isabel Porton, 1568 in *Parish Registers* (Puddletown, Dorset); John Porton, 1621 in *IGI* (Algarthkirk, Lincs); William Porton, 1793 in *Parish Registers* (Wootton Rivers, Wilts); William Porton, 1807 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 381; *Watts, Dictionary* pp. 478–9.

### Portrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Portrey, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Flemingstone, Glamorgan); Richard Portrie, 1603 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Reynold Portrey, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Fonmon Castle, Glamorgan); Roger Portrey, 1635 in *IGI* (Churchill, Somerset); David Portret, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Portsmouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Middx, and Berks

English: locative name from Portsmouth (Hants), which is recorded as (*æt*) *portesmūðan* in about 891. The place-name means 'mouth of the place called *Port*', from an anglicized form of the Romano-British or Proto-Welsh name for Portsmouth Harbour + Old English *mūða* 'mouth'. Alternatively, the first element of the place-name may be Old English *port* 'port, harbour'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Portesm[ue], parson, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Coddington, Cheshire); Walter de Portesmuth, parson, 1294 in *Patent Rolls*; Paul de Portesmutha, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Rye, Sussex); Henricus Portesmuth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pillaton, Staffs); Edward Portsmouth, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Alverstoke, Hants); William Portsmouth, 1628 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); Robert Portsmouth, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 134.

### Portugal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Pettingale**.

### Portus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Durham and Northumb

English: see **Porteous**.

### Portway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *portwei* 'road leading to a town, highway', for one who lived by such a road.

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Portweye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Christopher Portweye, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Achir Portway, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Bocking, Essex); William Portway, 1611 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); James Portway, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Portwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: anglicized form of **Podevin**.

### Portwine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- Norman, English: anglicized form of **Podevin**.

### Portwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, perhaps from Portwood near Stockport (Lancs) or Portwood Farm in Great Ellingham (Norfolk), though evidence of these place-names in the medieval period has not been found. Due to this lack of evidence, the etymologies of the place-names are uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Malkyn de Portwood, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reddish, Lancs); John Portwood, 1594 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); George Portwode, 1594, John Portwoodd, 1611 in *IGI* (Bitchfield, Lincs); Richard Portwoode, 1622 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs).

### Poser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Poyser**.

### Posford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: locative name from Potsford Barn in Letheringham (Suffolk). The place was probably named with Old English *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford' as the final element (with an uncertain first element), but this cannot be certain due to a lack of medieval forms.

**Early bearers:** John Posford, Potsforde, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Posford, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Anthony Posforth, 1578 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Robert Posford, 1587 in *Parish*

## Posgate

*Registers* (Stoke Ash, Suffolk); Thomas Potsford, 1608 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Barth Posford, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Posgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Kent
- English: see **Postgate**.

### Poskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Postgate**.

### Poskitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Postgate**.

### Posner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish: locative name denoting someone from *Posen* (the German name for the city or province of Poznań in west-central Poland) + the agent suffix *-er*.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Posner, hawker, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Pershore, Worcs); Henry Posner, glazier, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Aldgate, London); Adolphe Posener, tobacconist, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Alixander Posner, commercial traveller, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Harris Posener, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moss Posner, tailor's assistant, born in Poland in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Golda Posner, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Peter Posner, tailor's presser, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jetta Posner, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Posnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: see **Postlethwaite**.

2 English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *possenet* 'cooking pot'. The possibility is raised only because the example of *Posnet* from 1433 seems too early to be derived from *Postlethwaite* via *Poslett*.

**Early bearers:** John Posnet, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Denton, Lincs).

### Posnette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Postlethwaite**.

### Possell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Postle**.

**Early bearers:** Richarde Possell, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Christopher Possell, 1634 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Possell, 1715 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Possell, 1798 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex).

### Posselwhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Postlethwaite**.

### Post

**Variants:** **Poste**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 339
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *post* 'wooden post, stake, prop', perhaps used for one who was solid and dependable.

**Early bearers:** William Post', 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert le Post, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugh le Poste, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Post, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton with Syningthwaite, WR Yorks); Ricardus Post, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Alan Post, 1543 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Thomas Poste, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Isleworth, Middx); William Post, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Postan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Poston**.

### Postance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Postans**.

### Postans

**Variants:** **Postance**, **Postons**, **Postings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops

English: variant of **Poston** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Postans alias Little John, 1575 in *Essex Record Office*; Reginaldi Postans, 1578 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); John Postaunce, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Henley in Arden, Warwicks); Johannis Postance, 1601 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); John Postons, 1636 in *IGI* (Almeley, Herefs); Richard Posterns, 1644 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Edward Postins, 1710 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Richard Postones, 1755 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Thomas Postings, 1772 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Herefs).

### Poste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Post**.

### Postgate

**Variants:** **Poskitt**, **Poskett**, **Posgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Postgate in Danby (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Postgate* in the 12th century. The place-name derives from Old English *post* 'post, pillar' + Old Scandinavian *gata* 'way, path, road'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Postgate, 1349 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); William Postgate, yeoman, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Glaisdale in Danby, NR Yorks); John Posketh, 1506, George Postgatt, 1507 in *York Registry Wills* (Larpool in Whitby, NR Yorks); Richard Poskett, 1514 in *York Guild Register*; Johis. Postgate, 1601 in *IGI* (Danby, NR Yorks); Radus Poskett, 1606 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); William Posgate, 1648 in *Yorks Wills*; Thomas Posgate, 1660 in *IGI* (Brompton, NR Yorks); Thomas Poskitt, 1661 in *Yorks Wills*; Chr. Posket, 1664 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Christo. Poskit, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Richard Poskitt, 1687 in *IGI* (Birkin, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 134.

### Posthill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Postle** and **Postill**.

### Postill

**Variants:** **Posthill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Postle**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Apostoyle, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); William Postell, 1343 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Postale, 1503 in *York Registry Wills*; Richard Postell, 1544 in *York Registry Wills* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Jhon Postill, 1598, John Postle, 1617 in *IGI* (West Heslerton, ER Yorks); Peter Posthill, 1736 in *IGI* (Sigglesthorne, ER Yorks).

### Postin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants

English: see **Poston**.

### Postings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Postans**.

### Postle

**Variants:** **Postill**, **Posthill**, **Possell**, **Postles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *apostel*, *postel* (Old English (*a*)*postol*, Old French *apostoile*, *apostel*) 'apostle, missionary, pope', used apparently also in Anglo-Norman French as a personal name, though one cannot be sure whether it was an original given name (at baptism) or the nickname used instead of the given name. For its possible sense as a nickname compare **Pope**.



**Early bearers:** given names: Postellus, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Apostollus, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx).

**surnames:** William Postel, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Postel, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William La Postle, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Ralph Postle, 1300 in *London Letter Books B*; Johannes Postel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Johanna Postel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Simon Postel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Alice Postill, 1500 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Postle, 1541 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Alice Postill, 1567 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Elizabeth Postill, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Apostle, 1591, Thomas Postle, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Postles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Postle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Postles, 1578 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Postles, 1726 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Postlethwait

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Postlethwaite**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Postlethwaite

**Variants:** Postlethwait, Postlewaite, Postlewait, Posselwhite, Posnett, Posnette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1505, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs
- English: locative name from *Postlethwaite*, a lost place in Millom (Cumb); the name survives now as that of a field in Mirehouse in Millom, but the manor of *Postelthayt* was recorded in the 13th century. Bardsley notes that in Furness the name was colloquially pronounced *Poslett*, whence *Posnett*. The etymology of the place-name is uncertain. **Early bearers:** Thomas Postilltwayte, 1467 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Postelthwaite, 1480 in *York Registry Wills* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Thomas Postlethwaite, 1574 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Margaret Postlewhaite, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Postelwhat, 1584 in *Lancs Wills*; Gerard Postlet, 1586 in *Lancs Wills*; Fabian Postelett, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Whitechapel, Middx); George Postlethwet, 1608 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Postelthoite, 1636 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Thomas Postlethwayte, 1644 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Ellen Possnet, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Heswall, Cheshire); George Possnett, 1720 in *IGI* (Aldford, Cheshire); Richd. Postlewhite, 1733 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Possnet, 1736 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland); William Possinet, 1776 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 2, pp. 416–17; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 134.

### Postlewait

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Postlethwaite**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Postlewaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Sussex

English: see **Postlethwaite**.

### Poston

**Variants:** Postan, Postin, Postans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and Lancs; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

1 English: locative name from Poston (Shrops), which is recorded as *Possetorn(e)* in 1086 and *Posthorn* in 1255–6, or Poston in Vowchurch (Herefs), which is recorded as *Poscetenetune* in 1086 and *Poston* in 1316. The Shrops place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Possa* + Old English *þorn* ‘thorn tree’. The Herefs place-name may derive from an uncertain first element + Old English *sāte* ‘settlers, inhabitants’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’. Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Posterne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billingsley, Shrops); Richard Postern, yeoman, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Thoms. Poston, 1547 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Postorne, 1581, Postonne, 1590, Postan, 1611 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); John Posterne, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Abingdon, Berks); William Poston, 1613 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Poston, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre Newgate, City of London); Frances Poston, 1643 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Humfrey Postin, 1664 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); John Postone, 1702 in *IGI* (Church Stretton, Shrops).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 195–6; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 239–40.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *postern(e)* ‘side door or gate, secret door or passage’. The name might be topographic, for someone who lived by a postern gate (or perhaps was the keeper of one), or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Postern in Tonbridge (Kent) and Postern (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Mabill' de la Posterne, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John de la Posterne, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Richard de la Posterne, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Thornhill in Malmesbury, Wilts); Peter de la Posterne, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; John Poston, 1576 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Alice Poston, 1605 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Edw. Poston, 1622 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Jellian Poston, 1639 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Postons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Surrey; NR Yorks

English: see **Postans**.

### Pot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Pott**.

### Pote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Pott**.

### Potgieter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch: occupational name from Middle Dutch *potg(h)ietre* ‘potter’.

**Early bearers:**

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### Pothecary

**Variants:** Potticary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Surrey, and Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *apotecarie* ‘pharmacist’ (Old French *apotecaire*, Medieval Latin *apothēcarius* ‘storekeeper’), originally one who kept a store for spices, drugs, and preserves, later one who prepared and sold medicinal compounds of all sorts; compare **Spicer**.

**Early bearers:** William Apotecarius, Ypotecarius, 1283–5 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Ipotecar', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Peter Ipotecar', 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Christopher Potticary, 1591 in *Oxford University Register* (Wilts); Jerome Potticarie or Poticary, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Stockton, Wilts); Simon Potticary, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Boyton, Wilts); Jeffery Pothecary, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Heytesbury, Wilts).

### Potier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Jersey
- 1 Huguenot: occupational name from Old French *potier* ‘potter’. The name appears to have been reintroduced to Britain by Huguenot refugees; for earlier instances, see (2).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Helisabeth Potier, 1646 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Abraham Potier, 1704 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jacob Potier, 1706 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Norman, English: see **Potter**.

### Potkin

**Variants:** Potkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Middle Dutch personal name *Potkin* ‘young Philip’, a Flemish diminutive form of *Pot*, itself an Old French pet form of **Philip**; see **Philpott** and **Pott**, and compare **Potman** and **Pottle**. Flemings settled in Norfolk and Suffolk in the 12th and 13th centuries.

## Potkins

**Early bearers:** William Potechin, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Potekin, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Reynier Potekin, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Adam Potekyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburnham, Sussex); Rogerus Potekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Jacobstow, Cornwall); Johanne Potekyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Reginaldus Potekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Thomas Potekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emneth, Norfolk); Johannes Potekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ellingham with Tofts, Norfolk); Thomas Potekyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ickleton, Cambs); John Potkin, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Jacob Potkin, 1615 in *IGI* (Bapchild, Kent); Elizabeth Potkin, 1717 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk).

## Potkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: relationship name, variant of **Potkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Potkins, 1608 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Mary Potkins, 1648 in *IGI* (All Hallows Staining, London); Isaac Potkins, 1790 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk).

## Potman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English given name *Poteman*, a pet form of *Philippot* (a diminutive of **Philip**), with the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. See **Pott**, **Potkin**, and **Philippot**, and compare Richard Potemay ('kinsman of Pot'), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exceat in Westdean, Sussex). *Potman* was introduced after the Norman Conquest, probably by Flemings, who used *-man* as a hypocoristic suffix. Compare **Bateman**, **Hickman**, **Human**, and **Pateman**. (ii) occupational name for a potter, from Middle English *pot*, *potte* (see **Pott**) + *man*, synonymous with **Potter**. Stephen Poteman, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brede, Sussex) could be the same man as Stephen Potter, taxed in the same place in the 1332 subsidy along with Alan Poteman, but the forename *Stephen* is common and may belong to a different man. (iii) locative name, perhaps for someone who lived by a hole or pit, from Middle English *pot*, *potte* (see **Pott**) + *man*. The surnames *atte Potte* and *Poteman* occur in E Sussex villages in the late 13th and early 14th centuries but evidence to prove their synonymy is lacking.

**Early bearers:** given names: Poteman de Rokesakere, 1258 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii.

surnames: Nigellus filius Poteman, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Cristina Poteman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willingdon, Sussex); William Poteman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stephano Poteman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Poteman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Kent); Johannes Poteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Robertus Potteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johannes Poteman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (White Roding, Essex); John Potman, 1586 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Fraunces Potman, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London).

**References:** *McClure, Jack I*, pp. 109–15; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 178–9.

## Pott

**Variants:** **Pot**, **Pote**, **Potts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands: esp. Cheshire; also Kent and London

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pot*, an Old French pet form of *Philippot* (see **Philippot**), itself a pet form of **Philip**. Compare the diminutives **Potkin**, **Potman**, and the double diminutive borne by Roberto Pottelot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newtown Linford, Leics). (ii) nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *pot*, *potte* (Old English *pot*) 'pot, container', possibly for someone who was pot-bellied or who made or sold pots, a potter. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Godwin Pot, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Richard Pot, about 1180, Roger Potte, 1352 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; Johannes Pot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); Johanne Potte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frisby on the Wreak, Leics); Willelmus Potte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Thoma Pot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Johannes Pote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Wretham, Norfolk); Ricardus Potte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Johannes Potte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Adam Pote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellingborough, Northants); Roberto Potte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Alice Pott, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Pott, 1539 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Christopher Pott, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); James Pott, 1561 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); John Pott, 1564, John Pot, 1676, William Pott, 1700 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *pot*, *potte* 'pot', used topographically for a hole or pit. Margaret atte Potte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), probably lived at either of two localities in West Grinstead (Sussex) now known as Pothill Farm and Potcommon. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Potte, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Richard Attepotte, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbert atte Potte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes de Pott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Henricus de Pote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); Johannes atte Pott, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Leonard Pott, 1565 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Thomas Pot, 1591 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richard Poate, 1625 in *TNA* (Hants). **References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 156; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 187.

## Pottage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *pot(t)age*, *potache* 'thick soup or stew, pottage', probably for a maker or seller of such food. Compare **Pottinger**.

**Early bearers:** John Potage, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Potage, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Hedon, ER Yorks); William Potag, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Winchester, Hants); Alanus Potage, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ryton, NR Yorks); Johannes Potage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Riccall, ER Yorks); Willyam Pottage, 1603 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); John Pottadge, 1606 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Christopher Pottige, 1765 in *IGI* (Ludford, Lincs); Richard Pottege, 1777 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); William Pottidge, 1783 in *IGI* (Selby, WR Yorks).

## Pottell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Pottle**.

## Potten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *potent(e)*, *potten* 'crutch, crozier', probably for one who needed a crutch for support.

**Early bearers:** William Poten, archdeacon, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johan Potten, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Potten, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Rolvenden, Kent); Edith Poten, 1584, William Potten, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Litton, Somerset); James Potten, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Isle of Grain, Kent).

## Pottenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Pottinger**.

## Potter

**Variants:** **Potier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24224, Ireland 589
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19283
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Galway; Tyrone

English: occupational name from Middle English *potter(e)* 'maker of earthenware or metal vessels' (Anglo-Norman French *potier*, Latin *pot(t)arius*); the name could also refer to a bell founder.

**Early bearers:** Seuard le potter, 1172 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Geoffrey Poter, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); John le Potier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Lambert le Pottur, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Paul le Poter, 1323 in *Corp of London*; John le Potier, 1368 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Pottere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Denham, Bucks); Gilberto le Pottar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Rogerus le Potter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Thomas Potter, 1425 in *PROB 11* (Horsham, Surrey); Richard Poter 1546 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Pevensey, Sussex); John Pottar, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the East, City of London); Richard Potter, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Potterell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

## Potterill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

## Potterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and WR Yorks; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: locative name from Potterton in Barwick in Elmet (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Potertun* and *Poterton* from the 11th to 16th centuries. The place-name derives from Old English *pottere* ‘potter’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Potterton, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Richard de Poterton, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Buckland, Berks); Radulfus de Poterton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Thomas Potterton, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robertus Potterton, 1578 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); John Poterton, 1725 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs); William Pottorton, 1799 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 108.

### Potticary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; London
- English: see **Pothecary**.

### Pottie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: locative name from one of the places named Pottie, most likely the old name for the parish of Dunbarney (Perths), or less likely a place of the same name in Argyll.

**Further information:** It is not clear if George Pottie, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Credon, Devon), belongs with this name (presumably as an early migrant) or represents a variant of some other name.

**Early bearers:** John Potie, 1644 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife); Alexander Pottie, Burgess, 1671 in *Old Aberdeen Records* 1, p. 236 (Aberdeens); George Pottie, gardener, 1787 in *Kirkcudbright Executry Papers* (Kirkcudbrights).

### Pottinger

**Variants:** **Pettinger, Pottenger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1171, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 784
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland, Orkney; Middx; Berks

English: occupational name from Middle English *potager(e)* ‘maker or seller of pottage’ (Old French *potagier*), a pottage being a thick soup or broth, usually of pulses; see **Pottage**. For the intrusive *n*, compare **Messenger, Passenger**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter le Potager, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Walter le Potager, 1321 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Oxon); John Potyngar, 1356, Petynger, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Walterus Potager, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Johannes Petynger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Potynger, 1494 in *PROB 11*; Robert Petynger, 1521 in *York Registry Wills* (Gamston, Notts); Raynould Pottinger, 1567 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Francis Pottenger, 1570 in *IGI* (Compton near Newbury, Berks); William Pettingar, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Saint Thomas Apostle, City of London); Richarde Pottinger, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Sulhampstead Abbots, Berks); Goodman Pettinger, 1596 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Thomas Pettinger, 1603 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Jeffery Pottenger, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Allcannings, Wilts); Fran. Pettinger, 1674 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks); Henry Pettinger, 1725 in *IGI*

(Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); John Pottinger, 1725 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks); John Pottenger, 1733 in *IGI* (Lopen, Somerset).

Scotland: Peter Pottinger, 1655, Helin Pottenger, 1716 in *IGI* (Holm and Paplay, Orkney); Gilbert Pottinger, 1728 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland); Ann Pottenger, 1796 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Innes Pottinger, 1822 in *IGI* (Bressay, Shetland); William Pottingar, 1838 in *IGI* (Westray and Papa Westray, Orkney); Johan Pottenger, 1850 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness).

### Pottle

**Variants:** **Pottell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants; Norfolk and Suffolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Potel*, an Old French diminutive of *Pot*, a pet form of **Philip** (see also **Philpott, Pott**). Compare the double diminutives *Potelinus*, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Mosse Potelin, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Durant Potel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Potel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Peter Potel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willingdon, Sussex); Thomas Potel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clyst Honiton, Devon); Johannes Potel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Potel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cannon Bridge, Herefs); Adam Potell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Thomas Potel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Potell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Potel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hartley Dummer, Berks); Johannes Potel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); Willelmo Potell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Philippe Pottle, 1542 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Edward Pottle, 1588 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Roger Pottle, 1613 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Anne Pottle, 1641 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); Joseph Pottell, 1646 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); James Pottle, 1701 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

### Pottock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Putoffk**.

### Potton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Beds

English: locative name from Potton (Beds), which is recorded as *Potone* in 1086 and *Potton* in 1203. The place-name appears to derive from Old English *pot(t)* ‘pot’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Potton, 1227 in *Melrose Chronicle* (Glasgow); William de Poton, 1289 in *Patent Rolls* (Rolvenden, Kent); Henry de Poton, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus de Potton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Thomas de Potton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Potton, 1381 in *The Church in London*; John Potton, 1405 in *PROB 11* (Berle, Herts); Johane Potton, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Pottone, 1582 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 106.

### Pottrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

### Potts

**Variants:** **Poots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12315, Ireland 401
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9891
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and NW Midlands; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Monaghan; also Wexford

English: variant of **Pott** with genitival (for ‘*Pot(t)*’ (son/relative/servant)) or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Petronilla Potes, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; James Pots, 1540 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); William Pottes, 1540 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Ralph Potts, 1541 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Willm. Pottes, 1577 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Richard Pootes, 1596 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Edward Potts, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles without Cripplegate, City of London); John Potes, 1612 in *IGI* (West Heselton, ER Yorks); Nicholas Pottes, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Chalgrave, Beds); Jacob Poots, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Potes or Potts, 1742 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Potvin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Podevin**.

### Pouch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *pouche* ‘bag, pouch, purse’, probably used for one who made or sold such items. Compare **Poucher**.

**Early bearers:** John Pouch the elder, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon, Thomas Poche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Poche, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcester, Worcs); Walterus Pouch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); John Pauche, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Pouch, 1646 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); James Pouch, 1776 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

2 Italian, English: nickname, sometimes used to denote a member of the Society of Pulci or Pouche of Florence, who were regular traders with medieval London.

**Early bearers:** Bernard de la Pouche, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Bernard de Pouches of Florence, 1330 in *Close Rolls*; [ . . . ] Pouche of Lumbardia, 1343 in *Close Rolls*; Arnold de Puche, merchant, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Pouch, 1699 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Elizth. Pouch, 1717 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Pouch, 1737 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Robt. Pouch, 1742 in *IGI* (King’s Lynn, Norfolk).

### Poucher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *poucher* ‘maker of pouches or purses’. Compare Richard Pouchemaker, 1349 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Pougher

**Early bearers:** Philip Poucher, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Poucher, 1317 in *Fransson* (Leics); John Poucher, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Galfridus Poucher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, Hants); William Poucher, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Ely, Cambs); John Poucher, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Phelip Poucher, 1570 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Josephe Poucher, 1621 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 95.

## Pougher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, ER Yorks, and Lincs
- English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *pough(e)* ‘sack, pouch; fish trap’ (Old English *pohha* ‘bag’), used for a maker or seller of such items. Compare John le Poghwesbesone ‘the bag-weaver’s son’, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). Compare also **Poucher**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Pogher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Gulielmi Pougher, 1604 in *IGI* (Earl Shilton, Leics); Elizabeth Pougher, 1642 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pougher, 1733 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs).

## Poulson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx; Renfrews

English: see **Poulson**.

## Poulson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Monmouths
- English: see **Poulson**.

## Poulson

**Variants:** **Polson, Poulson, Poulsum, Poulson, Poulson, Poulston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 714
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs; Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pole* or *Poul* (Latin *Paulus*, modern *Paul*) + *-son*; see **Paul**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Poleson, 1323–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Polesoun’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wereham, Norfolk); Thomas Polson, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Chelmsford, Essex); Sidracke Paulson, 1562 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Johanna Poleson, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Giles, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Edward Pulson, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Agnes Powlson, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Thomas Paulson, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich, Kent); Gilbert Poulson, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); David Polson, 1652 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Isaac Poulsum, 1693 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

## Poulston

**Variants:** **Polston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs; Lancs
- English: variant of **Poulson** with intrusive *-t-*.
- Early bearers:** Robert Poulston, 1612, Margaret Powlson, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); Dorothea Poulston, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Modwen, Burton on Trent, Staffs); Martha Poulston, 1690 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Chad, Shrewsbury, Shrops); William Polston, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Poulson, 1695, John Polstone, 1742 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); John Polston, 1700, John Poulson, 1750 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); William Poulston, 1706, John Poulson, 1749 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Poulston or Paulson otherwise Paulston, mariner of Saint Brides, 1722 in *TNA* (Middx); Anne Poulston, 1746 in *Parish Registers* (Egg Buckland, Devon).

## Poulsum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Poulson**.

## Poulten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex

English: see **Poulton**.

## Poulter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3086, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Essex, and Hants; WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *pulter(e)*, *pultar* ‘poulterer, one who deals in poultry’ (Anglo-Norman French *pulleter(e)*, Old French *poul(l)etier*, *poletier*).

**Early bearers:** Auuger le Poltur, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Osbert le puleter, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Gilbert Poleter, 1234 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William le Pulter, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Poltere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Street, Sussex); Ricardus le Pulter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Roberto Poulter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Robert Polter, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Southampton, Hants); John Pulter, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Hitchin, Herts); Grego. Poulter, 1577 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Abraham Poulter, 1591 in *IGI* (Bramley, Hants); Richard Poulter, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Leigh, Essex); Henrie Poulter, 1606 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); William Poulter, 1606 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Poulter, 1666 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

## Poultney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 714, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Pountney**.

## Poulton

**Variants:** **Poolton, Polton, Poulten, Powton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3763, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2305

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W Midlands and S England; Lancs
- English: locative name from any of several places called Poulton, such as those in Gloucs, Cheshire, Wilts, Lancs, Shrops, and Kent, named with Old English *pōl*, *pull* ‘pool, pond’ + *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’.
- Early bearers:** William de Polton’, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Pulton, 1242 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Pulton, 1259 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William de Pulton, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Hampton Meysay, Gloucs); James de Pulton, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Walter de Pulton, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Ebbesborne Wake, Wilts); John Polton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger de Polton, chaplain, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Penkridge, Staffs); Thomas Polton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Poulton, Wilts); John Polton’, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Robart Pulton, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Leonard, Blithfield, Staffs); William Powlton, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Isachar Poulden, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Thomas, Salisbury, Wilts); James Poulton, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Hartbury, Gloucs); John Poulton, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Chalgrave, Beds); Francis Poulton, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Twickenham, Middx); Jo. Poolton, 1646 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Stephen Poolton, 1777 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Pouncey

**Variants:** **Pouncy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Ponce* (see **Punch**). (ii) alternatively, perhaps to be associated with the unexplained family names Pulcyn or Pulcell, which *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 539, regards as underlying the name of Pounce Hall in Saffron Waldon (Essex), less than eight miles from Steeple Bumpstead (where the 1381 example of Johannes Powncy occurs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Powncy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Elizabeth Pounsey, 1561 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Matthew Pounsey, 1609 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); John Pouncey, 1742, George Pouncey, 1746 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Peter Pouncey, 1756 in *IGI* (West Tanfield, NR Yorks); Anne Pouncey, 1794 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); John Pounsey, 1797 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); John Pouncey, 1800 in *IGI* (Allerton Mauleverer, WR Yorks).

## Pouncy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Pouncey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pound

**Variants:** **Pounds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1653, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1418
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England and W Midlands

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Laois, and Kilkenny

1 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *pound(e)* ‘enclosure for distrained or stray livestock’, signifying one who lived at or worked at a pound. Compare **Pinder**, **Pounder**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Punda, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Nicholas Attepounde, 1270 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John de la Punde, vicar, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Edmund de la Ponde, clerk, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo atte Ponde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardus atte Ponde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *pound(e)*, *powund* ‘measure of weight; monetary unit’, perhaps used for a maker of weights. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Henry Pund, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William Pund, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Stephen Pound, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thoma Pound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Wilts); Thomas Punde, clerke, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); William Pounce, 1475 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pount, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Wartling, Sussex); Henry Pownde or Pounce, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Belmont, Hants).

### Poundall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Pounder Lane in Bonsall (Derbys) may be associated with this surname but does not appear to be the source of it; see *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 346.

**Early bearers:** John Poundell, 1579 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Philemon Poundall, 1586 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Barnabas Poundale, 1639 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Thos. Poundall, 1773 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Benjamin Poundell, 1807 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).

### Pounder

**Variants:** Ponder, Poynder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1407, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 971
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Lancs, and Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: occupational name, in most parts of England from an unrecorded Middle English \**pounder*, \**ponder*, \**poinder* ‘one who puts stray livestock into the village pound’ (Middle English *pound*, *pond*, *poinde* ‘enclosure for impounding beasts’ + *-er*).

**Early bearers:** Gregory le pundere, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Hugo, William Punder(e), 1183 in *Boldon Book*, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William le Pondere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le Ponder, 1306 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Punder, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Layton, NR Yorks); Matheo Punder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Rychard Ponder, Thomas Punder, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hum Punder, 1561 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Rolandi Punder, 1572 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

2 English: in the W Midlands and SW England it is alternatively a dialect form of the synonymous

**Pinder**.

### Pounds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 490, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Berks

English: variant of **Pound**, a post-medieval modification of the surname with excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Wm. Pounds, 1573 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); John Pounds, 1695 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Robt. Pounds, 1730 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Poundes, 1804 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Pountain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Lancs

English: unexplained; but perhaps compare **Pointon**.

**Early bearers:** William Pountaine, 1668, Pountain, 1672 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent); Thos Pountain, 1682, Pountaine, 1688 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs); James Pountaine, 1732 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Joseph Pountain, 1741 in *IGI* (Littleover, Derbys); James Pounten, 1806 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); George Pountain, 1819 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Pountney

**Variants:** Poutney, Pountney, Pulteney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: locative name from Poultney (Leics), which is recorded as *Pontenei* in 1086 and *Pulteney* in 1220. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Pulta* (genitive \**Pultan*) + Old English *ĕg* ‘island, piece of dry ground in a fen’.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Pulteneye, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); John de Pulteneye, 1334 in *London Letter Books E*; William de Pounteneye, 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; Ricardus Pouteneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); Waltero Pouteney, 1379, Walterus Pulteney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); John Pulteney, 1493 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Pountney, 1561 in *IGI* (Highley, Shrops); John Poultney, 1569 in *IGI* (Exhall, Warwicks); John Powntney, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Higley, Shrops); John Pultney, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Misterton, Leics); John Pountney, 1682 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); John Poutney, 1688 in *IGI* (Chilcote, Leics).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 43.

### Poustie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; central Scotland: esp. Angus; Renfrews

Scottish: nickname from Scots dialect *poustie* ‘power, bodily strength’. It also occurs in the term *liege poustie*, with the legal sense ‘to be in full possession of one’s faculties’.

**Early bearers:** James Poustay, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Georg Pousto, 1640, Andro Poustoe, 1644, Symon Poustow, 1646,

Arthure Poustie, 1751, David Pousty, 1768 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife).

### Pout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English *pout* ‘small round stack of hay or straw’, a term which occurs in several minor place-names in Kent (on record from the 15th century) and survives in Kentish dialect.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Poute, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Sara Pout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fouldon, Norfolk); Henry Pout, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Wartling, Sussex); James Pout, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Stodmarsh, Kent); George Poute, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Biddenden, Kent); John Pout, 1629 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 292; *Saint Augustine and Shipway*, pp. 638, 671.

### Poutney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; W Midlands; Essex

English: see **Pountney**.

### Pouton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs; Shrops; London

English: see **Powton**.

### Povah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Lancs

English: unexplained; but perhaps to be associated with **Povall**, **Povey**, or **Pover**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Pova., 1585 in *IGI* (Shocklach, Cheshire); Homfreye Povah, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Martha Povah, 1681 in *Parish Registers* (Wrexham, Denbighs); Nicholus Povah, 1688 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Wm Povah, 1716 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints).

### Povall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name, apparently from a lost place in Yorks, perhaps named with the N English and Scots place-name element supposed to derive from Old English \**pofoel*, of unknown meaning but used, as *poffle*, in modern Scots to mean ‘a small parcel of land’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Povel, 1238 in *Staffs Archives* (Farnley, WR Yorks); John Povall, 1552 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Thomas Povll, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Ranulphus Povall, 1588 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Beniamen Povle, 1634 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Povell, 1670 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Roger Povel, 1678 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); John Poveall, 1688 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); James Poval, 1691,

## Pover

Povoall, 1746 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); John Povell, 1781 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).  
References: *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 68.

### Pover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Power** (2).

### Povey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3710, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1809
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England and S England: esp. Staffs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Povey Farm in Coal Aston (Derbys) is probably named from the family of William Pouey of Hazlehurst, 1404 in *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 198.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Povy, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (North Mimms, Herts); John Povey, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Aldermary, City of London); John Povy, 1555 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Hugh Povie, 1568, Povey, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Povie, 1612, Povey, 1625 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Jahanis Povy, 1622 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Povy, 1631 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Thomas Povey, 1647 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

### Pow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 933, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian and Midlothian; Somerset and Gloucs

1 English: see **Paw**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 包 and 鮑, see **Pau** (2) and (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 傅, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Fu** (1).

### Powar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Power**.

### Powderly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Louth
- Irish: of uncertain origin. MacLysaght thought that Powderly was probably a locative name from Powderlough townland in Meath (attested in 1568 as *Powderlaugh*), since he had met 18th-century surname examples in Meath and Louth. The story is complicated by the presence of the surname in two townland names attested in the 17th century in Northern Ireland, Ballyfotherly in Down and Mullaghurtherland in Tyrone, which was *Mullopowderlagh* in 1609.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Powderlaghe, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §942; James and Hugh Powderly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Slane, Meath); Terence Powderly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mosstown, Louth).

### Powditch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Suffolk and Norfolk; Glamorgan

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Powedich, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Powdich or Powdiche, 1495 in *PROB 11* (Lynne Byshop, Norfolk); Richard Powdyche, 1504 in *PROB 11* (South Lynn, Suffolk); John Powdich, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech, Cambs); John Powditch, 1582 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Powdiche, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Wiveton, Norfolk); James Powditch, 1620 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); Richard Powditch, 1682 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Powdich, 1763 in *IGI* (Briston, Norfolk).

### Powdrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

### Powdrill

**Variants:** **Puttrell, Putterill, Potterill, Potterell, Pottrill, Powdrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *poutrel*, *putrel* 'colt, horse' (Medieval Latin *pultrellus*), probably denoting one of a lively or frisky disposition.

**Further information:** A family of this name held the manor of Thrumpton (Notts) from the time of the Conquest until 1604, when they were evicted for holding Catholic beliefs.

**Early bearers:** Roger Putrel, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Henry Pultrel, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Robert Puterel, 1199, Putrell, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Richard Poterell', 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Leics); John Pouterel, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Robert Puderel, merchant, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); William Poutrel, 1316 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Staffs); Willelmus Powdrell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Poterell', Johannes Puterel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Geoffrey Poutrell', 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Pouterell, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Puttrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); John Powdrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); John Powdrell, 1567 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Richarde Putterell, 1578, Puttrell, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Sutton, Lincs); George Powderhill, 1586 in *Oxford University Register* (Berks); Martin Powdrill, 1592 in *Oxford University Register*; Walter Powtrell, 1598 in *PROB 11* (West Hallam, Derbys); William Powdrell, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Oxford, Oxon).

### Powe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Cumb

English: see **Paw**.

### Powell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 759

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales, W Midlands, and N England; also London
- Welsh: see **Powell**.

### Powell

**Variants:** **Powel, Powle, Poel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53166, Ireland 1120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37127
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales; also England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 Welsh: relationship name from Welsh *ap Hywel* 'son of *Hywel*', see **Howell**.

**Early bearers:** Traer ap Hohel, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Montgomerys); Philip ap Howel, 1285 in *Charter Rolls* (Radnors); Johannes Powle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Ll' ap Howel, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Brecknocks); Hugh Apowell, 1524 in *Kent Wills*; Richard Piwell, 1542 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Richard ap Hoell, 1544 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Flints); William Powell, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Perthire, Monmouths); John Pywell, 1613 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Griffith Powell, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Broad Hinton, Wilts).

2 English: variant of **Paul**.

**Further information:** The seal of John Paul, 1296 in *Ancient Deeds* v (Surrey) bears the legend *S joh'is powel*.

3 English: variant of **Poole**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Powella, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph ate Powel, 1288 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); John de Pawel, 1339 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johanna de Powle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindley, WR Yorks); Johane Powell, 1538 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Margery Powell, 1540 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Willm. Powell, 1541 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Anthony Powell, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Henry Powell, 1544 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

4 Irish, Welsh: in Ireland, when it is not the Welsh, Scottish, or English name, this is Irish **Mac Giolla Phóil** 'son of the servant of Saint Paul'. Compare **Guilfoyle**.

### Power

**Variants:** **Powers, Poor, Poore, Powar, Pover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11488, Ireland 12066
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3989
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Glamorgan; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Waterford

1 Norman, English: ethnic name from Middle English *Power* 'native of Pois' (a place in Picardy; Old French *Pohier*, *Poer*) and generally used to denote a man from Picardy. This is now one of the most common names in Ireland. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Further information:** In London, Henry Puer or Poer (1300 in *London Court Rolls*) was probably of this nationality, but whether Geoffrey le Power (1299 in *London Court Rolls*) and John le Poer (1300 in *London Court Rolls*) came from Picardy or were nicknamed 'the poor' cannot be determined.

**Early bearers:** England: Drogo poher, 1127 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Gloucs); Walter le Poyer, 1162 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugo le Puhier, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Hugo Puher, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs);

John le Poer, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Roger le Puiher, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Rogerus le Poer, le Poher, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Mansfield, Notts); Philip le Poyer, le Power, 1257 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary*, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Gilbert Poer, 1274 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard le Poier, le Pouer, William Pouwer, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Stephen le Poer, 1296, le Power, 1327, Power, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert le Power, 1311 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Hayton, Notts); Robertus Power, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barkby, Leics); Willelmus Poer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Regnaldus Power, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John Powere, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Johan Power, 1540 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Anthony Power, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Kenilworth, Warwicks).

Ireland: Edmund Powere, prior, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §123 (Waterford); Johanna Power, prioress, 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §300 (Moyleaghe, Tipperary); Edmund Power, 1545 in *Fiants Henry* §458 (Mothell, Waterford); Robert FitzWilliam Powire, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §491 (Waterford); Peirse FitzEdmund Poir, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §491; Richard Poer, gent., 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §248 (Kiltorcan, Kilkenny); Anthony Power, sheriff, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3541 (Waterford); John fitz Rob. moel Power, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3541; John fitz Peirs Poer, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3541; Maurice fitz Piers Power, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3852 (Killetyn, Waterford); Wm. fitz Philip McRob. Power, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4497 (Waterford).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *povre*, *poure* 'poor' (Latin *pauper*). This is probably a less common source of the name than (1) but forms such as *poer*, *poure*, and *power* cannot safely be assigned to *Poher* in (1). In the case of Geoffrey and William Pouere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii*, they were customary tenants of the Bishop of Ely at Wetheringsett (Suffolk) and were not likely to be Picards.

**Further information:** Woulfe mistakenly gives this also as the meaning of the Norman Irish name (see 1), which in early records is found as *le Poer*, believing it to be a nickname for someone who has taken a vow of poverty.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Poure, 1163 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Hugo Pauper, 1191, le Pouere, 1206 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger Pauper, le Poer, le Povr', 1211–12 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Pauper (le poure), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes Poure, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chale, Hants); Johannes Pover, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burley in Wharfedale, WR Yorks).

## Powers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1896, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs
- English: variant of **Power** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Powers, 1589 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Ellen Powers, 1599 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); William Powers, 1619 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Will. Powers, 1621 in *IGI* (Combrook, Warwicks); Thomas Powers, 1765 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

## Powes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Welsh: see **Powis**.

## Powick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: locative name from Powick (Worcs), which is recorded as *Poincguic* in an 11th-century copy of a document from 972. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Poha* + Old English connective *-ing-* + *wic* 'dwelling, specialized farm'.

**Early bearers:** William de Powic, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Goda de Powic', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Poywik, 1266, de Poiwik, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Poywyk, chaplain, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Johanne Poywyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Richard Powyk, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); John Powick alias Gristler, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Pershore, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 223–4.

## Powis

**Variants:** Powys, Powes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1492, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Herefs; Middx

Welsh: locative name from Powys, an ancient district and later county in mid-Wales (from Old Welsh \**powes* 'country dwellers').

**Early bearers:** Erald de Powis, about 1148 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Herefs); Rogero et Meriaduco de Powis, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys/Notts); Walter Powys, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Houghton, Hants); John Powyz, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Powys, warden, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (University of Cambridge, Cambs); David Powys, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Southwark, Surrey); David Powes otherwise called David ap Griffith, 1533 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Powis, 1538 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); Wyllyam Powys, 1541 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Georgius Powys, 1558 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Richard Powesse, 1572 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); William Powys or Powis, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Ludlow, Shrops); Georgi Powiss, 1695, Georgius Powess, 1700 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

## Powle

**Variants:** Powles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Surrey
- Welsh: see **Powell**.

## Powles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1057, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 550
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and E Wales; esp. Herefs; also Norfolk; London
- Welsh, English: variant of **Powle** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

## Powlesland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Powlesland in South Tawton (Devon), which is recorded as *Polesland* and *Polleslande* in 1244. The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Poll* (genitive \**Polles*) + Old English *land* 'land', or alternatively perhaps from Old English *pōl* 'pool' + *land*.

**Early bearers:** John de Polislond', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Tawton, Devon); Robert Polislunde, 1578, Hugh Pollisland, 1590 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Anna Pousland, 1615 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Richard Pousland, 1658 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); William Powlesland, 1687 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elizabeth Pousland, 1744 in *TNA* (Devon); William Powesland, 1769, Thomas Powsland, 1787 in *Devon Record Office*; Thos. Powlesland, 1787, Polesland, 1793 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); John Powsland, 1792 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 449.

## Powlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; esp. NR Yorks; Warwicks

English: see **Pawlett**.

## Powley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1246, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 927
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also N England

English: perhaps a reduced form of **Powling**.

**Early bearers:** Annes Powley, 1562 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Stephen Powley, 1572 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Edmond Powley, 1581 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Ane Powley, 1589 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Agnes Powley, 1616 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Edward Powley, 1635 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk).

## Powling

**Variants:** Polling, Pollen, Pollin, Poland, Powley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London

1 English: nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**polling*, a derivative of Middle English *polle* 'head, hair of the head' or *pollen* 'to cut (hair), shave (someone's head)' + the noun-forming suffix *-ing*. It may have been given to someone with a distinctive head of hair or who had a shaven head. Compare **Topping**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Pollyng', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Roger and William Pollyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Feering cum Pattiswick, Essex); Johannes Pollyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Pollyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wigston Magna, Leics); Roberto Pollyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); John Polling, 1464 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard Colchester, Essex); William Pollyng, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Cosgrove, Northants); John Polyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roberte Powling, 1576 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Thomas Polling, 1591 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); Sarah Powling, 1702 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Poling (Sussex), which is recorded as *Paling(e)* and *Palyng* from the 12th to 16th centuries, *Palings* in 1199, and *Polyng*



## Pownall

in 1305. The place-name derives from Old English *pāl* 'stake, pole' (or from a nickname derived from *pāl*) + the group-name suffix *-ingas*. This surname may have been confused with **Pullen** in (3); compare Baltazer Pullen, 1639, Elizabeth Polling, 1747 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex). See also **Poland**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Polyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Henry Pollyng, 1503 in *PROB 11* (Tolliton, Sussex); Henry Poling, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Thomas Polinge, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Tillington, Sussex); Thomas Polling, 1614 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex); Jeane Polling, 1654 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

**References:** E. Ekwall (1962), *English Place-Names in -ing*, Lund: Håkan Ohlsson, p. 39; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, pp. 171–2.

3 English: variant of **Pullan** and **Pullen**; compare Ann Polling, 1736, Richard Pullan, 1789 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

## Pownall

**Variants:** Pownell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1739, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Pownall Hall in Pownall Fee (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Pohenhale* in about 1166. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pohha* (genitive *Pohhan*) + Old English *halh* 'nook, corner of land'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pounale, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); [ . . . ] Pounal, 1357 in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts*; Richd. Pownall, 1559 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Nathaniell Pownell, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Pownell, 1621 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Ezekiel Pownall, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Radulpus Pounaell, 1660 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Anne Poughnell, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; John Pownal, 1677 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); William Pounall, 1699 in *IGI* (Whitegate, Cheshire); Thos Pounal, 1756 in *IGI* (Unsworth, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 229.

## Pownell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Pownall**.

## Powner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Poyner**.

## Powney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 910, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 452
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Staffs; London
- English: nickname from late Middle English *\*powny* 'pony', derived from a diminutive of Anglo-Norman French *pulein* 'foal, colt'; compare **Pullen**.
- Early bearers:** Ollyver Powney, 1603 in *IGI* (Sedgebrook, Lincs); Thomas Powny, 1678 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Powney, 1689, Thomas Pouny, 1709 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); John Pauney, 1711 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts); Tho. Pouney, 1721 in *IGI* (Church

Stretton, Shrops); John Powney, 1737, Powny, 1757, Pouney, 1771 in *IGI* (Hilmarton, Wilts).

**References:** *OED*.

## Powrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 271
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: locative name from Powrie in Errol (Angus).
- Early bearers:** Alexander Powrie, 1580 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Jhone Pourie, 1627 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perths); William Powri, 1641 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); John Powrie, 1697 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus); John Powrey, 1709 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Franciscus Powry, 1731 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); John Powrie, 1744 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

## Powsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Pawsey**.

## Powter

**Variants:** Pewter, Pewtress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; London
- English: nickname from Middle English *peutre*, *puter* 'pewter', either to denote someone with a grey complexion or perhaps for one who made or sold pewter items; compare **Peutherer**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Pouter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston Capes, Northants); Nicholas Pouter, 1385 in Berkeley Castle Muniments; William Pouter, vicar of Brading, 1475 in *IoW Record Office*; Agnes Puter, 1547 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Edmonde Pewter, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willmi Powter, 1582 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); William Powter, 1599 in *IGI* (Westley Waterless, Cambs); Samuelis Pouter, 1624 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex).

## Powton

**Variants:** Pouton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- 1 English: probably a variant of **Poulton** with loss of *-l-* (and sometimes compensatory lengthening of *-u-*). Some examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Pouton, 1253 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Pouton, crusader, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pouton, parson, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwood, Devon); William Pouton, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Edward Powton, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Therfield, Herts); William Powton, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Richards Castle, Shrops); Thomas Powton, 1595 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Johanes Powton, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Daresbury, Cheshire); Wm. Powton, 1740, Ralph Pouton, 1803 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham).
- 2 Scottish: locative name from Pouton in Garlieston (Wigtowns).

## Powys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Welsh: see **Powis**.

## Poxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1218, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 550
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Staffs; Leics
- English: see **Pogson**.

## Poxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Notts and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *po(c)k* 'sore, pustule' + *ston(e)* 'stone, rock', a *pockstone* being a type of hard grey rock found in the coal measures of N Staffs (*OED*). The surname is presumably topographic, for someone who lived near such a feature.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Poxton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Richard Poxton, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); William Poxton, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); [ . . . ] Poxton, 1790 in *Parish Registers* (Pelsall, Staffs); Elisabeth Poxton, 1797 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts).

## Poyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Wilts, and Hants
- English: see **Pulley**.

## Poynder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and SE England; Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Pointer** with voicing of the medial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Poynder, 1571 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); William Poynder, 1786 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

2 English: variant of **Pounder**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Poynder, 1663 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops).

## Poyner

**Variants:** Punyer, Poinor, Powner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Staffs

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *poignur*, *pugneire* 'fighter, warrior'. Compare **Champion**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Poinnur (Poignur), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William le Poinur, le Pungneur (Puinur), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs; Yorks); William le Puniur, Puigneur, 1234 in *Patent Rolls*; [ . . . ] Poyner, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John le Poynour of Wroxcestr', 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Wroxeter, Shrops); Richard Punyer, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Adam Poyner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashow, Warwicks); Ricardus le Poynour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheinton, Shrops); William



Poynour, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops and Staffs); Richard Poynor, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Robert Poyner, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Paulerspury, Northants); John Punyer, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Saxtead, Suffolk).

### Poynor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Leics Norman, English: see **Poyner**.

### Poynter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 626
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Middx, Kent, and Surrey

English: see **Pointer**.

### Poynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 147
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford, Roscommon, and Westmeath

English: see **Pointon**.

### Poyntz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan; Notts; Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Points**.

### Poyser

Variants: **Poser, Poyzer, Pizer, Pyzer, Pyser, Peiser, Peyser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 796
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and NW England: esp. Derbys

English: occupational name from Middle English *peisere, pesour* 'weigher' (Anglo-Norman French *peis(o)ur*), signifying an official in charge of weights and measures or who supervised the weighing of goods. **Further information:** Compare I. de la Payserie, 1317 in *Osney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Simon le Peser, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Elyas Poyser, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Josceus le Pesur, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John Poser, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Peysour, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Richard Posere, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Rochester, Kent); Henry Poyser, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Winfield in Northfleet, Kent); William Poyser, 1543 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Antho Peyser, 1655, Johannes Poysor, 1676 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); William Poyzer, 1678 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); William Poiser, 1681 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Ralph Poizer, 1715 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Wm Piser, 1749 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); John Peiser, 1828 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lancs); Thos Poizer, 1757 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary and All Saints, Checkley, Staffs).

### Poyzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, and Staffs
- English: see **Poyser**.

### Pozzi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Caernarvons; Morays; London

Italian: locative name from *pozzo* 'well'. The name may be toponymic, for someone from any of various places in Italy named Pozzi or Pozzo, such as Pozzi (Calabria), or topographic, for someone who lived near a well.

**Early bearers:** Constantine Pozzi, 1723 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Pozzi, 1822 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Charles Pozzi, 1839 in *Parish Registers* (Welshpool, Montgomerys).

### Prabhakar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *prabhākara* 'light maker' (from *prabhā* 'light' + *-kara* 'causing'), an epithet of the sun.

### Prade

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Praed**.

### Pradhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra), Bangladeshi, Nepali : Hindu, from Sanskrit *pradhāna* 'chief', originally a title, now widely used as a family name. **Further information:** In Maharashtra the name is found in the Kayasth Prabhu community. In Bengal and Bangladesh it is found as a family name in both the Hindu and the Muslim communities.

### Praed

Variants: **Prade, Praid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained. Apparently from Middle Cornish *\*prad* 'meadow' (Modern Cornish *pras*), but there are insuperable difficulties in attributing it to one of the places now called *Praze* (Sithney, Grade, and Saint Erth parishes) because the Cornish change of [d] to [z] took place before the main era of surname development. That is, a surname from one of these places should be *Prase* or *Praze*, but there is no trace of such names.

**Early bearers:** William Praed, 1592 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Gwinear, Cornwall); William Praed, 1614, Prudens Prade, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Jana Prade, 1616 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); William Praed, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Marazion, Cornwall); Robt Praed, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

**References:** Praed One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/praed/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/praed/).

### Prager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

German, Yiddish: locative name from *Prager*, denoting someone from the city of Prague (German *Prag*, from Czech *Praha*).

### Pragnell

Variants: **Prangnell, Prangle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: possibly an irregular development of the male given name *Paganel* (see **Pannell**) avoiding perhaps unwelcome association with *pagan*. It is first found in Wilts, and in the 14th century we also find Walter Pagenhulle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devizes, Wilts), and Geoffrey Pangnelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldbourn, Wilts). There were also *Pannells* in the same county at the same time: Hugh Paynelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Purton, Wilts), and John Panelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishopstone by Salisbury, Wilts). Compare **Prangley**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Prangel, 1226–45, Robert Prangel, 1249, Richard Prangunel, late 13th cent. in *Wilts and Swindon Archives*; Richard Prangel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Walter Prangel, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); William Prangnel, 1419, William Pragnail, 1421, John Prangel, fishmonger, 1443 in *Salisbury General Entry Book* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Prangnell, 1574 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants); John Pragnell, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Tytherley, Hants); John Pragnell, 1598, Austin Prangnell, 1695, Jeroboam Prangnel, 1696 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants); Thomas Prangnel, 1613 in *PROB 11* (East Tytherley, Hants); Henry Prangnell, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Enborne, Berks); Richard Pragnall, 1670 in *IGI* (West Tytherley, Hants); Joseph Pranglin, 1715 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts); Robert Prangle, 1769 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Thomas Prangell, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James the Less, Westminster, Middx).

### Praid

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Cornish: see **Praed**.

### Prail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *praiel* 'meadow' (Old French *prael(e)*), for someone who lived by a meadow.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Praell, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); [ . . . ] Praill, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Ugborough, Devon); Wm. Prael, 1777 in *IGI* (Beckbury, Shrops); [ . . . ] Prail, 1778 in *Parish Registers* (Coggeshall, Essex); Thomas Prail, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Prain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Issobell Praine, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); William Praine, 1673 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perthshire).

### Prajapati

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Prakash

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from Sanskrit *prajāpati* 'progenitor, lord of creatures', an epithet of several Hindu gods including Vishnu.

### Prakash

Variants: **Parkash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern and southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *prakāśa* 'light'.

**Further information:** In the northern states, the family name probably evolved from use as the final element of a compound name such as *Ramprakash*. In South India it is a male given name, but has come to be used as a family name outside India.

### Prall

Variants: **Pralle, Prole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from East Prawle in Chivestone (Devon), which is recorded as *Praulle* in 1242, or West Prawle in East Portlemouth (Devon), which is recorded as *West Praull* in 1303. The place-name means 'lookout hill', from Old English \**prā(w)* 'lookout' + *hyll* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Praulle, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); Willelmum de Prahull, 1216 in *Patent Rolls*; Geoffrey de Praule, 1261 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Pral, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Ermington, Devon); Rogerus Prall, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Plympton Erle, Devon); Ricardus Pral, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fritham, Hants); John Pralle, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Prall, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (South Huish, Devon); Robert Pralle, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Stone, Kent); Edward Prawle, 1561 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); William Prall, 1567, George Pralle, 1568, Nicholas Prolle, 1587 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Joane Proll, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Saviour, Dartmouth, Devon); Alexander Prawle, 1605, Frances Prale, 1625 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Prole, 1642 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); David Prawl, 1661 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); John Prole, 1667 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Sarah Proles, 1722 in *Parish Registers* (West Coker, Somerset).

### Pralle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- English: see **Pral**.

### Prance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *praunce*, *praunse* 'prance, jump, strut', perhaps with reference to someone's gait or attitude.

**Early bearers:** William Praunce, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Hitchin, Herts); Robertus Prance, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); Ricardus Praunce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Womersley, WR Yorks); William Prance, 1548 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); John Prance, 1551, Willm Prance, 1562, John Praunce, 1565 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); John Prance, 1582 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

### Prangle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Pragnell**.

### Prangley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx
- English: unexplained, although the distribution suggests that it might be associated with **Pragnell** in some way.
- Early bearers:** Mary Prangley, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Ermington, Devon); Jeremiah Prangley, 1698, John Prangly, 1725 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts); William Prangley, 1760 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Evangelist Smith Square, Middx); William Prangly, 1762 in *Parish Registers* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Joshua Prangley, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Pragnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Surrey, and Hants

English: see **Pragnell**.

### Prasad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern and southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *prasāda* 'favour, grace, offering, gift'. In the northern states, it probably evolved into a family name from use as the final element in compound personal names such as *Deviprasad*, meaning 'gift of the god Hari', and *Jagannathprasad* 'gift from the lord of the world (i.e. Shiva)'.

**Further information:** In South India *Prasad* is found only as a male given name, but has come to be used as a family name outside India.

### Prashar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, probably from Sanskrit *Parāśara*, the name of a sage.

### Prasher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

English, Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Preacher**.

### Pratchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; also WR Yorks and Lancs

English: perhaps an altered form of **Pritchett** or **Pritchard**. Compare Katherine Pratchett, 1654, Janam Pritchett, 1675 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire); Gulielmus Pritchard, 1675, Mary Pratchett, 1698 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts).

**Early bearers:** William Prachit, 1564 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Pratchett, 1581 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Elisabeth Pratchet, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Ralph Pratchet, 1607 in *IGI* (Flitwick, Beds); William Pratchett, 1671

in *IGI* (North Mimms, Herts); Richard Pratchit, 1703 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Pratchett, 1725 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Prater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; esp. Middx; Berks; Cornwall

1 English: nickname from Middle English *prater* 'chatterer'. Some examples may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Adam Pratter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorstone, Herefs); Willelmus Pratr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Edward Prater, 1552 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Nicholas Prater, 1574 in *IGI* (Eaton Hastings, Berks); William Prater, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Richard Prater, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Nunney, Somerset); Robert Prater, 1588 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Prater, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Chippenham, Wilts); John Pratter, 1683 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Thomas Pratter, 1719 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).  
2 Latin, English: see **Preater**.

### Pratley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1018, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place in England, unless all early bearer examples belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Pratley, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); George Pratlly, 1624 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Edward Pratley, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); James Pratley, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Reading, Berks); Tho. Pratley, 1742 in *IGI* (Honeybourne, Worcs); Thomas Pratlly, 1764, Prattle, 1776, Pratley, 1779, Prattley, 1800 in *IGI* (Ascott under Wychwood, Oxon).

2 Norman, English: locative name, perhaps from *Pratellis*, an anglicization of (Les) Préaux (Eure). **Early bearers:** Johannem de Pratellis, 1232, Stephen de Pratellis, 1302, John de Pratellis, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Tew, Oxon).

### Pratt

Variants: **Pritt, Prett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14250, Ireland 322
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16598
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Laois; Cork
- English: nickname from Middle English *prat(te)*, *prat* 'trick, deception' (Old English *prætt*), as suggested by Harrison, *Surnames* 2, p. 90, *Tengvik*, p. 354, and *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 46.

**Further information:** The earliest example, Lefwinus Prat, is explained in a document dated about 1080: 'Astutus, quod ab inimicis saepe captus caute evaserit' ('Astute, because when captured by the enemy he would often escape by exercising caution'). *OED* therefore proposes an unrecorded Old English adjective \**prætt* 'cunning, astute', the existence of which is supported by forms such as *le Pritte*. **Early bearers:** Lefwinus Prat, about 1080 in *Tengvik*, p. 354; Wlfric Prat, Withmer' Pret, 1179 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Suffolk); Ædmund Pret, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Dereman le Prat, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Richard Pritte, 1295 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); William Pratte, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Hugh le Pritte, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William

le Pritte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes Pratte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eberston, NR Yorks); Ricardus Pratt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Johannes Pret, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beckford, Gloucs); William Prat, 1419 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Prat, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Stradishall, Suffolk); John Prat or Pratt, 1500 in *PROB 11* (Saint Werbergh Hoo, Kent); Thomas Pratt, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Prate, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Feniton, Devon).

### Pratten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 322
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Pratyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Prattent, 1582 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); John Pratten, 1602 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Prattyn, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Pratten, 1644 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); John Prating, 1716, John Prattin, 1723 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Pratten, 1743, James Pratten, 1752 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

### Pray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Glamorgan

1 Irish: from Ó Práith, see **O'Prey**.

2 English: from residence near a meadow, Old French *pray*, French *pré*, from Latin *pratum* 'meadow'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Prato, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Nicholas de Pre, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry de la Preye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Pray, 1591 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Jeremy Pray, 1617 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); John Pray, 1630 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Pray, 1645 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Cathren Pray, 1656 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts).

### Preacher

**Variants:** Prasher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Midlothian
- English: nickname from Middle English *prech(e)our* 'preacher' (Anglo-Norman French *prechur*, Old French *precheor*), perhaps a derogatory reference to a moralizing person, although the name was sometimes used to refer to Dominican friars.
- Early bearers:** William le preacher, about 1208 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Hugo le Prechur, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Hugh Precheour, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Precheour, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Paxton, Hunts); Willelmo Precher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, Leics); Henrico Prechour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Gilbert Prechour, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Wellington, Shrops); John Precher, 1509 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Preacher, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Kelsale, Suffolk); George Pricher, 1606, Christopherg [sic] Pritcher, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Sandwich, Kent); Frigatus Preacher, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Gorton, Lancs); Edmond Preacher, 1676 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb);

Cudbert Preacher, 1710 in *IGI* (Lanercost, Cumb); Robert Preacher, 1759 in *IGI* (Ancrum, Roxburghs); John Preacher, 1800 in *IGI* (Stannington, Northumb); William Preacher, 1814 in *IGI* (Bolton, E Lothian).

### Preater

**Variants:** Prater, Pretor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *preto(ur)*, borrowed from Latin *praetor* 'magistrate' and used in the English sense of 'reeve'.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus pretor, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robertus Pretor, Praepositus, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Roger Pretour, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Johannes Preator, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Constable, Norfolk); Johannes Pretur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kemble, Wilts); William Preter, labourer, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Tytherington Lucas, Wilts); Nicholas Pretor, 1541 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); John Preter, 1586 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Thomas Preater, 1588, Richord Preator, 1592 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Robert Pretor, 1600 in *PROB 11* (London); John Priter, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Gabriel, Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Jno. Preater, 1750 in *IGI* (Eastleach Martin, Gloucs).

### Prebble

**Variants:** Preble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from *preble*, *prebill* 'gravel', probably for someone who lived near or worked at a gravel pit. Compare **Greet**.

**Further information:** The earliest occurrence of the word in *OED* is as *prebill* in connection with work on the harbour at Dover (Kent) in 1541.

**Early bearers:** Walter Prebyll, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (East Farleigh, Kent); Walter, Stephen Prebyll, 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunton, Kent); Alice Preble, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Robert Prebble, 1603, Richard Preble, 1614 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); Robert Prebell, 1619 in *IGI* (Denton, Kent); Abraham Preble, 1625 in *PROB 11* (East Barming, Kent); Thomas Prebill, 1669 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Edward Prebbell, 1707 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Preble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Prebble**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Precious

**Variants:** Pretious

- **Current frequencies:** GB 866, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also ER Yorks; E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Precious*, Latin *Preciosa* ('of great value'). The principal WR Yorks family seems to derive from Marton cum Grafton, near

Aldbrough and Staveley, close to the border with NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** given names: Preciosa, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Preciosa Potewyne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Preciosa Burdon, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hovingham and Wath, NR Yorks); Preciosa de Marton, 1374 in *Yorks Deeds*; Preciosa quondam uxor Johannis Colynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks).

sumames: Willelmus Precios, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bowes, NR Yorks); John Precious, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Precyus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Precious, 1550 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Lanclotus Precious, 1562, Cuthbertus Pretious, 1593 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Bryan Precyous (acquired property in Marton from Richard Aldbrugh), 1570 in *Feet of Fines* (Marton cum Grafton, WR Yorks); Margaret Precious, 1611 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Thomae Pretious, 1617 in *IGI* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Thomas Precious, 1651, Thomas Pretious, 1682, Walter Precious, 1703 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cams); Mary Precious, 1652 in *IGI* (Newmarket, Suffolk); Jana Pretious, 1659 in *IGI* (Marton cum Grafton, WR Yorks); Richard Precious, 1686 in *IGI* (Skipwith, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Preddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey
- Welsh, English: see **Priddle**.

### Preddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Priddy**.

### Predgen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Essex
- English: see **Pridgeon**.

### Preece

**Variants:** Prees, Press, Priest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8183, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4866
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Herefs
- 1 Welsh: relationship name, anglicized form of the patronymic *ap Rhys*, also spelled *ap Res*, 'son of Rhys'. See **Rees**. *Preece* is interchangeable with **Priec**, the more common pronunciation of the name. There is evidence of confusion with **Priest**. From the Shrops parish registers, Morgan cites one instance of Preet for Preece, dated 1761, and another of Priest alias Price, dated 1707. *Press* is another version of both *Preece* and *Priest*. Some of the post-medieval examples listed below may alternatively derive from the locative name in (2).
- Further information:** The medieval examples with *ap* are not hereditary surname forms.
- Early bearers:** Griffin ap Res, 1309, Griffin Apres, 1323 in *Parliamentary Writs*; Jorwerth ap Reys, 1393 in *London Pleas*; John Aprees, 1414 in *London Letter Books I*; Thomas Preece, 1560 in *IGI* (Staunton on Arrow, Herefs); John ap Preece, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Bromfield, Shrops); James Priese, 1599, Ann Press,

## Preedy

1736 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Alice Preece, 1590, Robert Preece, 1711 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Ann Presse, 1592, Edward Preece, 1650 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Margery Preece, 1605 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Marie Preece, 1649 in *IGI* (Pencoyd, Herefs); Amy Preece, 1704 in *IGI* (Clifford, Herefs); William Preece, 1753 in *IGI* (Orleton, Herefs).

2 Welsh: locative name, either from Prees (Shrops) or Preese (Lancs). The Shrops place-name occurs with voiceless /s/ and also voiced /z/. It occasionally appears with an *-i-* or *-y-* spelling, as in *Prys*, 1362, *Pryse*, 1416, *Price* about 1540, *Pryce* 1590. It is therefore impossible to distinguish post-medieval forms of the locative name from the Welsh patronymic in (1), and confusion of the names is very likely. The Shrops and Lancs place-names derive from Proto-Welsh \**prēs* ‘brushwood, copse, grove’ (Welsh *prys*).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Pres, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Prees, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Chesh, Cheshire); Hugo Presse, 1555 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); William Pres, 1585 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Raffe Preese, 1596 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Edward Preese, 1618, Ann Preece, 1692 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Priese, 1599 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Margerie Preece, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Margaret Pries, 1669 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 153; *Place-Names of Shrops*, I, pp. 241–2.

## Preedy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 935, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs, Warwicks, and Oxon

English: see **Priddy**.

## Preen

**Variants:** Preene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Gloucs, Worcs, and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Church Preen (Shrops), which is recorded as *Prene* in 1086, *Prona* in 1255, and *Preone* in about 1291. The place-name derives from Old English *prēon* ‘pin, clasp’, which, according to *Place-Names of Shrops*, was ‘presumably used of some as yet unidentified landscape feature’. Some of the early bearer examples without the preposition ‘de’ may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Prone, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William de Prene, king’s carpenter, 1284, de Preene, king’s serjeant, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Thomas de Prene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyton, Shrops); Thomas Preene, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Eyton, Shrops); John Preen, doctor of law, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Preene, 1581 in *IGI* (Hope Bowdler, Shrops); William Preene, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Thomas Preenn, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Joh Preene, 1619 in *IGI* (Stone, Gloucs); William Preen, 1715 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 240–1.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *prene* ‘pin, clasp’ (Old English *prēon*), perhaps for a tall, thin person with a small head, or for one who wore a

distinctive pin or brooch, or who made or sold such items.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Pren, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

## Preene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Warwicks
- English: see **Preen**.

## Prees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Preece**.

## Preest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Priest**.

## Preist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England and W Midlands

English: see **Priest**.

## Premji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, from Sanskrit *prema* ‘love’ + the honorific suffix *-ji*. It has probably developed from the personal name of an ancestor.

## Prempeh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian (Asante): a characteristic Asante name for a royal house.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–35, at p. 218.

## Prendergast

**Variants:** Pendergast, Prendergrast, Pendergrast, Pendergrass, Pentycross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2571, Ireland 2310
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny; Mayo

Irish, Welsh: locative name from a lost place, *Brontegeest*, near Ghent in Flanders. In Wales this Flemish place-name (either directly transferred, or transmitted via a surname) seems to have given rise in a slightly modified form to the parish-name Prendergast (Pembrokes), near Haverfordwest (pronounced *Prendergwest*), which in turn gave rise to numerous minor place-names in Pembrokes. In Scotland the Flemish name likewise seems to have given rise to the place-name Prendergwest in Ayton (Berwicks). Flemish settlement in south-west Wales and south-east Scotland is documented from the 12th century. Compare **Prendville**.

**Further information:** Maurice Prendergast was one of the leaders of a small force of Norman knights and archers who landed at Bannow in Wexford in 1169, the advance guard of the invasion in 1170 by Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke (‘Strongbow’). Maurice was granted lands in Wexford. The surname in Britain is largely a reintroduction from Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Philip de Prendergast, 1207 in *CDI* §329; Gerald Prendergast, 1235 in *CDI* §2266; Geoffrey de Prendergaste, 1280 in *CDI* §1674; John Prendergaste, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §205, John Prendercas, gen., 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §502 (Neucastell, Tipperary); John Prindirgast, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1065 (Darrylare); John roo mcJames Prendercast, gen., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1690 (Cahir, Tipperary).

England: Robert de Prendergat’, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William de Prendregest, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornhill on Tweed, Northumb); Adam de Prendrogest, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Prendregest’, 1402, John Prendrygest, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Juliana Pendergrass, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); David Prendergast, 1830 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Patricius Prendergast, 1859 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Waldoe de Prendergest, about 1170 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso); Adam de Prendergest, about 1240, Henry de Prendergest, 1296, Henry de Prendergest, 1325 in *Scotland Calendar*; Adam Prendregest, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (lands ‘in the march of Scotland’); Adam Pendergast, 1633 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian); Mary Catherine Prendergast, 1839 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

**References:** P. W. Joyce (1903), *A Concise History of Ireland*.

## Prendergrast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Irish, Welsh: variant of **Prendergast** with intrusive additional *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Anestetia Prendergrast, 1758 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Prendergrast, 1823 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Prenderville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: see **Prendville**

## Prendeville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; also Cork  
Irish: see **Prendville**.

## Prendiville

**Variants:** Prenderville, Prendeville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: a Norman French name recorded in Kerry since the 13th century. It is of uncertain origin; possibly a locative name from Frénouville (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Ireland: John Frendeville, juror, 1282 in *CDI* §1912; John de Frendeville, 1282 in *CDI* §1912; William de Frendeville, 1299 in *CDI* §551 (Munster); Gerald de Frendeville, 1299 in *CDI* §613 (Kerry).  
England: Thomas Prendable, 1807 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Prendeville, 1844 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Prenter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: occupational name from Middle English *prentar* ‘one who makes an impression, indentation’ (from *prent(e)*, *priente* ‘impression, image’), which could include a coiner as well as the modern sense of ‘printer’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Prynter, 1558 in *TNA* (Monmouths); Joan Printer, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Agnes, Papworth, Cambs); John Prynter, 1603 in *TNA*; Arthur Printer, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); William Prenter, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Worle, Somerset); John Printer, 1720 in *IGI* (Worle, Somerset); James Prenter, in *Census 1841* (Halstead Union, Essex); Francis Prenter, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Prentice

**Variants:** Prentiss, Prentis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4715, Ireland 201
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3478
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English: nickname from Middle English *prentis*, *prentiz*, an aphetic form of *apprentis* ‘apprentice, one bound by legal agreement to serve a craftsman in return for instruction’ (Anglo-Norman French *apprenti(e)z*, *prentiz*, *prentice*).

**Further information:** Roger and John Prentiz were assessed in 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), and were presumably no longer apprentices. Either the surname had already become hereditary or it was a nickname, as Ekwall suggests. Compare John Kyng called Prentiz, mercer, 1350 in *London Letter Books F*, where *Kyng* appears to be the real surname, *mercer* the occupation, and *Prentiz* a nickname.

**Early bearers:** John Prentiz, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Adam Prentys, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Willelmus Prentys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Prentis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Rogerus Prentice, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Adam Prentiz, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); William Prentys, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Walden, Herts); John Prentys or Prentice, 1444 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Prentice, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Pulham Saint Mary Magdalen, Norfolk); William Prentis, 1609 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Henry Prentiz, 1613 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Henry Prentice, 1674 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Edward Prentice, 1677 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Andrew Prentiss, 1706 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Prentis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Kent, Middx, and Essex
- English: see **Prentice**.

### Prentiss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Prentice**.

### Presbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Middx
- English: locative name from Prestbury in Gloucs, which is recorded as *Preteberie* in 1086, or Prestbury in Cheshire, which is recorded as *Prest(e)bur* about 1170–82. Both place-names derive from Old English *prēost* ‘priest’ + *burh* ‘fortified place’.

**Early bearers:** John de Prestebury, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Aston Cantlow, Warwicks); Robert de Prestbury, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Presteburi, 1316 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Brimpsfield, Gloucs); Henry de Prestebury, 1366 in Cheshire Record Office (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Richard de Prestebury, chaplain, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Trimpley, Worcs); Johanne Prestbury, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Oxon); Johannes de Prestbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newton le Willows, Lancs); Thomas Prestbury, abbot elect, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ralph Prestbury, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Adam Presbery, 1585, Presbury, 1588, John Presberye, 1597, Arthur Presburye, 1604 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Presberrie, 1591 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); Ann Presberrie, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Dorris Thorpe, Derbys); Samuel Presbury, 1629 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Willi. Presburie, 1664 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); Joseph Presbury, 1673 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 212; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 110.

### Prescod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Prescott**.

### Prescot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 371
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Prescott**.

### Prescott

**Variants:** Prescott, Prescod, Priscott, Preskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6408, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4187
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin; Wexford

English: locative name from any of several places named with Old English *prēost* ‘priest’ + *cot* ‘cottage’, such as Prescott (Lancs), Prescott (Gloucs, Devon), Prescote (Oxon), Priestcott (Devon), and Pristacott (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Prestecota, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard de Prestecot, 1192 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Walter de Prestecot, 1244 in

*Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); John de Prustecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tawstock, Devon); Thomas Prescote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Prescote, Oxon); Ricardo de Prestecote, 1379, Ricardus de Prescote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); James de Prestcote, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Standish, Lancs); William Prescott, 1479 in *PROB 11* (Lauynton, Wilts); James Prescott, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Driby, Lincs); John Prescod, 1636 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Henrie Presket, 1639 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Prescott, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Bromley, Kent); George Priscott, 1663 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); William Preskett, 1773 in *IGI* (Henfield, Sussex); James Priscot, 1783 in *IGI* (Brompton Regis, Somerset); Anne Prescod, 1808 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Presdee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Pressdee**.

### Presgrave

**Variants:** Presgraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Prestgrave Copse in Gretton (Northants), which is recorded as *Prestgrave* in about 1400. The place-name derives from Old English *prēost* ‘priest’ + *grāf(a)* ‘grove’.

**Further information:** There is also a Prestgrove in North Wraxhall (Wilts), but there is no evidence that it gave rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** John de Prestgrave, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Drayton, Northants); Hugo Prestgrave, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gretton, Northants); Robertus Prestgrave, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); William Prestgraue, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Rockingham, Northants); Richard Presgrave, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Barnwell Saint Andrew, Northants); John Presgrave, 1595 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Edward Presgrave, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Evington, Leics); Edward Presgraue, 1635 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Thomas Presgrabe, 1722 in *IGI* (Nocton, Lincs); Thomas Presgraves, 1741 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 167.

### Presgraves

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Presgrave** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Preshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Midlothian
- English: see **Presho**.

### Presho

**Variants:** Preshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

## Preskett

English: locative name from Preesall (Lancs), which is recorded as *Preshoued*, *Pressoure*, and *Preshou* in about 1190. Considering these early forms, the place-name appears to have had three different types. In all cases the first element is probably the same as that in Preese (Lancs); see **Preese** (2). Forms like *Preshoued* suggest that the second element is Old Scandinavian *hofuð* 'head, headland, promontory'; forms like *Pressoure* suggest that the second element is Old English *ofer* 'bank, shore'; forms like *Preshou* suggest that the second element is Old Scandinavian *haugr* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** William de Preshowe, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus de Presawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Daudid Preshoe, 1652 in *IGI* (Arbutnot, Kincardines); James Preshow, 1653, Daudid Preshou, 1696 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); William Preshaw, 1815 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Alexander Preshaw, 1846 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 159.

## Preskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Kent
- English: see **Prescott**.

## Presland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, SE England and E Anglia

English: variant of **Priestland** with assimilation of *-t-* to preceding *-s-*.

## Presley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

## Presman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: from an occasional pronunciation of *Prestman*, an obsolete variant of **Priestman**.

**Further information:** With the 1881 and 1891 bearers cited here compare Charles Priestman, 1837 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks), and Samuel Priestman, 1720, John Priestman, 1838 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Presman, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey/London); Thomas Presman, in *Census 1891* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Presman, in *Census 1891* (Litchurch, Derbys).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Pressman**.

**Early bearers:** Harris Presman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, London).

## Presnall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Priestnall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Presnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Priestnall**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Press

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 129
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 862
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Norfolk; Somerset; NW Midlands
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- 1 English: variant of **Priest**, from Middle English *prest* 'priest' with assimilation of the final *-t* into the preceding *-s-*.
- Early bearers:** Richard Pres, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Leticia Pres, 1303 in *Feudal Aids*; Rychard Preese, 1598 in *IGI* (Chelworth, Suffolk); John Presse, 1607 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Georgius Presse, 1619, Jn. Presse, 1697, Edw. Press, 1765, Thomas Press, 1823 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Magdalen Priece, 1628 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Tamzin Press, 1726, Jane Press, 1834 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Samuel Press, 1743, 1783 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).
- 2 Welsh: in the W Midlands alternatively a variant of Welsh **Preece**.
- 3 English: relationship name, occupational name, occasionally perhaps from a genitive singular form of Middle English *prest*, implying either 'the priest's son or servant' or 'the son or servant of a man surnamed *Priest*' (from a nickname; see **Priest**). Through assimilation *Prestes* will have become *Press*. In medieval SW England, wives or widows were often known by their husband's surname + genitival *-s*, as in Cristina Prestes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), but it is unlikely that such a name became hereditary.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Prestis, 1326 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks); Peter Prestes, 1332 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Dorset); Thomas Press, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Robart Press, 1642 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); James Press, 1664 in *IGI* (Maperton, Somerset); Ann Press, 1667 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Anthony Press, 1673 in *IGI* (Yoxall, Staffs).

4 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *atte Prestes* ('at the priest's house'), a name for a priest's servant, perhaps becoming *Press* by phonetic assimilation.

**Early bearers:** Sarra atte Prestes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard del Prestes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

## Pressdee

**Variants:** **Presdee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Prestey, 1706 in *IGI* (Doddenham, Worcs); James Presdee, 1721, Elis Pressdee, 1733, John Pressdy, 1777 in *IGI* (Alfrick, Worcs); John Presdie, 1796 in *IGI* (Knightwick, Worcs); Anne Pressdee, 1835 in *Parish Registers* (Swansea, Glamorgan); William Presdie, 1864 in *IGI* (Oystermouth, Glamorgan).

## Presser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Monmouths; ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *prestr(e)*, *prester* 'priest' (Anglo-Norman French *prestre*, *prestir*), and with subsequent loss of *-t-* through assimilation with the preceding *-s-*. The name might be for an ordained priest or for someone of priestly bearing or manners. Compare **Priest**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Prestre, 1228, le Prester, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh le Prestre, 1235 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Edmund le Prestre, about 1235 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Richard, Robert le Prestre, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johannes Prester, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frome Billet, Dorset); John Presser, 1569 in *IGI* (Collington, Herefs); Robertus Prester, 1675, James Presser, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Jas. Presser, 1797 in *IGI* (Skenfrith, Monmouths).

## Pressey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Middx, Surrey, Hants, and IoW

English: locative name from Middle English *prest*, *pri(e)st* 'priest' + *hei(e)*, *hai(e)* 'fence, enclosure' (Old English *prēost*, (*ge*)*hæg*), probably denoting a piece of enclosed church land. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived by such a plot, or toponymic, from a minor place so named, such as Priesthay Wood Farm in Wappenham (Northants), which is recorded as *Presthey* in 1330.

**Early bearers:** William Presthey, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Edmundus Presthey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Thomas Pressie or Pressye, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Henry Pressy, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Richard Pressy, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Wilsford, Wilts); Thomas Pressye, 1583 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Pressy, 1618 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Henery Pressy, 1694 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 62.

## Pressick

**Variants:** **Prissick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Ayr; Gloucs

1 English: (i) local pronunciation of *Prestwick*, probably from the Northumb place-name; see **Prestwich**. (ii) locative name, alternatively perhaps from Prissick Farm in Marton (NR Yorks), which is recorded only once in medieval documents, as *Prestsic* in 1199–1203, and appears to derive from Old English *prēost* 'priest' + *sic* 'small stream'. However, the surname is not on record before the 16th century and *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* discounts this explanation in favour of that in (i), arguing that modern pronunciation of the NR Yorks place-name was influenced by the surname.

**Early bearers:** William Presike, 1538 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Thomas Pressicke, 1591 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Simon Prissick, 1603 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); John Prissicke, 1654 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); John

Prissick, 1760 in *IGI* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Tressilion Pressick, 1877 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 163.

2 Scottish: variant of *Prestwick*, from the Ayr place-name; see **Prestwich**.

Early bearers: Margret Pressick, 1673 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); James Pressik, 1692 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus).

### Pressland

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 67
- Main GB location 1881: Beds; Middx

English: variant of **Priestland** with assimilation of *-t-* to preceding *-s-*.

### Presslee

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

### Pressley

- Current frequencies: GB 421, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 278
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Notts; also S England

English: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

### Presslie

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 16
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

English, Scottish: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

### Pressly

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 46
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

English, Scottish: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

### Pressman

Variants: **Presman**

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for someone who did ironing and pressing of clothes, from Yiddish *pres* 'flat iron' + *man* 'man'.

Further information: This name is not certainly recorded as a variant of English **Priestman**, though it remains a possibility.

Early bearers: Barnett Pressman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, London); Morris Pressman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End New Town, London).

### Pressnell

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: Essex; Kent

English: see **Priestnall**.

### Pressney

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9

- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Prestney**.

### Presson

- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs

1 English: chiefly a variant of **Preston** with assimilation of *-st* to *-ss*.  
2 English: relationship name; more rarely the surname may derive from Middle English *prest + son* 'son of the priest'. Priests were forbidden marriage but many produced illegitimate offspring. Compare Johanna Prestdoghter, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* 'daughter of the priest'.

Early bearers: Robert filius presbiteri, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William le Prestson, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Prestessone, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Presson, 1583 in *Muster Rolls*; Thomas Presson, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

### Presswell

- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 77
- Main GB location 1881: London; scattered in S England

English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in the Midlands, apparently named with Old English *prēost* 'priest' + *wella* 'well, spring, stream'. Peter de Presswell, 1240, and William Rudde of Prestwelle, 1342 in *Shakespeare Centre*, are mentioned in a Warwicks context.

Further information: A mention of Ivo de Prestewald, 12th cent. in *Berkeley Castle Muniments*, if relevant, suggests derivation from Prestwold (Leics).

Early bearers: Peter de Presswell, 1240 in *Shakespeare Centre*; Johannes Prestwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wellesbourne Hastings, Warwicks); Elizabeth Presswell, 1592 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); John Preswell, 1624 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Samu Presswell, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); William Presswill, 1796 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Prisswell, 1813 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Presswood

- Current frequencies: GB 66, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 59
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Prestwood**.

### Prest

- Current frequencies: GB 1152, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 924
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks; also Lancs

English: variant of **Priest**.

### Prestage

- Current frequencies: GB 306, Ireland 17
- GB frequency 1881: 209
- Main GB location 1881: London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wicklow

English: see **Prestwich**.

### Prestedge

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Prestwich**.

### Prestidge

- Current frequencies: GB 523, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 257
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Northants

English: see **Prestwich**.

### Prestige

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: London; Northants, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: see **Prestwich**.

### Prestney

Variants: **Pressney**

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Essex

English: locative name, perhaps from Prestneys Farm in Great Horkesley (Essex), though this place may take its name from the surname, in which case the surname would appear to be from a lost or unidentified place.

Early bearers: Richard de Prestonheye, 1291 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Richard de Prestney, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Essex); Thomas Presteneve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); Andrew Prestney, 1678 in *IGI* (Little Horkesley, Essex); Thomas Prestney, 1775 in *IGI* (Nayland, Suffolk); Willm. Pressney, 1818 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); William Pressney, 1824 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 393.

### Prestoe

Variants: **Pristo**

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 39
- Main GB location 1881: Berks, Middx, and Surrey; also Cornwall

English: (i) locative name from a lost place, *Prestall* in Deane (Lancs), the name of which survives in Presto Lane. The place-name probably derives from Middle English *prest*, *pri(e)st* 'priest' + *halle* 'large private residence, hall' (Old English *prēost*, *hall*). (ii) locative name, perhaps from Pristow in Tibbenham (Norfolk) or Prestow in Wrington (Somerset), though medieval evidence for these place-names is lacking.

Early bearers: Eva de Presthall, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Presto, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Windsor, Berks); Richard Priso, 1573, James Priso, 1619 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); John Prestoe, 1676 in *IGI* (Beelsby, Lincs); Jams Presto, 1700 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Phillip Pristow, 1743, John Pristoe, 1746, Thomas Pristo, 1756, Joseph Presto, 1810 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 43.

### Preston

Variants: **Presson**, **Priston**

- Current frequencies: GB 19018, Ireland 739
- GB frequency 1881: 14845
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Armagh

1 English: locative name, usually from one of the many places called Preston, named with Old English *prēost* 'priest' + *tūn* 'farmstead, estate', notably the one in Lancs. This English name has been

established in Ireland since the 13th century. Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).  
**Early bearers:** England: Peter de Prestun, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Laurence Preston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus de Preston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Preston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Anne Preston, 1540 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Edwrdus Preston, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robert Preston, 1542 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Johannes Preston, 1543 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); William Preston, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).  
 Ireland: Jenieo Preston, knight, 1544 in *Fiants Henry* §402.

2 English: relationship name, occasionally from Middle English *prestes son* 'the priest's son', developing to *Presson* and *Preston*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas fiz al prestre, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William le Prestesson, 1293 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Preesteson, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Prystesonne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Prestson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam le Prestson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quyke, WR Yorks).

**Prestridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs; Surrey

English: variant of **Prestwich**, probably from a reinterpretation of other variants such as *Prestidge*.

**Prestt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Priest**.

**Prestwich**

**Variants:** *Prestige, Prestidge, Prestedge, Prestage, Prestridge, Pressick, Prestwick*  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 406  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: locative name from *Prestwich* (Lancs) or, less often, from *Prestwick* (Bucks, Northumb, Ayrs). The place-names derive from Old English *prēost* 'priest' + *wīc* 'dwelling, specialized farm'. Variants such as *Prestidge, Prestage*, etc., parallel the local pronunciation of the Lancashire name, recorded as *Prest(w)idge* in 1598; for the development, compare *Swanage* (Dorset), recorded as *Suuanwic* in *Domesday Book*.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Prestige* trace their descent from Robert de Prestwyc, who held *Prestwich* in Lancs from 1193.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Prestwyc, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Geoffrey de Prestwik, 1251 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Prestewyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Prestwyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eton, Wexham and Hedgerley, Bucks); Ricardus le Prestewiche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton, Lancs); Willelmo Prestewyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Johannes de Prestwyc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Trabock, Lancs); Peter de Prestwyk, 1395 in *York Freeman's Register*; Laurence de Prestwyche, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); William Prestwyk, clerk, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Oadby, Leics); Williamus Prestwich,

1573 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); John Prestwich, 1576 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Johan Prestwich, 1585 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); Edmund Prestwich, 1577 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Johanus Prestich, 1589 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Alicia Prestwidge, 1599 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Henrici Prestidge, 1613 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Edward Prestidg, 1617 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Ellis Prestwich, 1633 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); John Prestige, 1643 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Williellmus Prestage, 1688 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Bartho. Prestridge, 1704 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London); Jas. Prestwage, 1758 in *IGI* (Atherton, Lancs); Thomas Presswick, 1806 in *IGI* (Over Peover, Cheshire); George Prestwedge, 1813 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Prestedge, 1822 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

Scotland: Bartramus de Prestwyc, about 1272 in *Paisley Register*, p. 233 (Kyle, Ayrs); John de Presteuuyc, clerk, 1344 in *Papal Petitions* 1, p. 34 (Glasgow); John Prestwick, 1693 in *IGI* (Dailly, Ayrs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 49.

**Prestwick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Prestwich**. Compare John Prestwich, 1625, Thomas Prestwick, 1673 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire).

**Prestwood**

**Variants:** *Presswood, Priestwood*  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 131  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lincs  
 English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *prest, pri(e)st* 'priest' + *wode* 'wood' (Old English *prēost, wudu*), such as *Prestwood* in Kingswinford (Staffs), *Prestwood* in Missenden (Bucks), *Priestwood* in Kedgeleston (Derbys), or *Prestwood* in Ifield (Sussex).  
**Early bearers:** William de Prestewude, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Prestwode, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Rogerus Prestwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Kilworth, Leics); Thomas Prestewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Thomas Prestwood, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Tho. Prestwood, 1568 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); William Prestwoode, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Lapley, Staffs); William Prestwood, 1656 in *IGI* (Uffington, Berks); John Preswood, 1687 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Wm. Presswood, 1754 in *IGI* (Carlton le Moorland, Lincs).

**Pretious**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; ER Yorks
- English: see **Precious**.

**Pretlove**

**Variants:** *Pritlove*  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 74  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
 1 English: nickname from Middle English *priken* 'to stab, pierce' + Old French *love* 'wolf' (Anglo-Norman French *louf*), presumably for a hunter of wolves. Compare **Prickard**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Prykkeloue, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alexander Prikeloue, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Prykkelove, chaplain, 1304, Priklove, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Prickloue, 1431 in *PROB 11* (Great Leighs, Essex); Thomas Pricklowe, 1567 in *IGI* (Eastwick, Herts); John Prickloe, 1613, John Pritloe, 1635, Richard Pricklou, 1638 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Thomas Pricklove, 1629, Samuel Pretlove, 1708 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); John Pretlove, 1720 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); John Pritlove, 1724 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 English: variant of **Proudlove** with unrounding of the vowel.

**Pretor**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Preater**.

**Pretorius**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Dutch, Afrikaans, German: status name, humanistic latinization of either **Schultz** 'reeve, village headman' or, in some cases, **Richter** 'judge'.  
**References:** *Brechenmacher*.

**Prett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Pratt**.

**Prettejohn**

**Variants:** *Prettyjohn, Prettyjohns*  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 47  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Prestrejohm* (latinzied as *Prestreiohan*). The name later became *Pretrejohm*, probably by assimilation of *prestre* 'priest' with the French form *prêtre*, and was subsequently reinterpreted as *Prettyjohn* after its origin became unfamiliar.  
**Further information:** England was fully abreast of the news of the world in the 13th century, as shown by the occurrence of the name *Prestreiohan* borne by a Lincs attorney. Tales of a great Christian priest-king who ruled in central Asia were current in the 12th century in Europe. He is first mentioned by the chronicler Otto of Freising, who tells how Johannes Presbyter won a great victory over the Persians and Medes. Between 1165 and 1177, a forged letter purporting to come from him was circulated in Europe. Some rumour of this must have reached Lincs and caused at least one English child to be given the name of this fictitious eastern king (Sir Denison Ross, *Travel and Travellers of the Middle Ages*, ed. A.P. Newton, pp. 174–94).  
**Early bearers:** *Prestreiohan*, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); *Prestre Johan*, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John *Prestrejohan*, 1345, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Wells, Somerset); William *Prettyjohn*, 1557, Andrew *Prettyjohn*, 1583 in *IGI* (Stokeham, Devon); Thomas *Prettyjohn*, 1698 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Nathaniel *Prettejohn*, 1760 in *IGI* (Chivelstone,



Devon); John Prettijohn, 1817 in *IGI* (Wargrave, Berks).

### Prettejohns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Prettyjohns**.

### Pretty

Variants: **Pritty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1096, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1048
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, and Surrey; also Leics; Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *pratti*, *prettie* ‘crafty, cunning’ (Old English *praetig*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Praty, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnack, Northants); Robert Prytty, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Praty of Churton, Somerset, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pritty, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Richard Praty, clerk, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas, Agnes Praty, 1479 in *London Letter Books* (Lincs), 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Praty or Pratty, gent. of Yardley, Worcs, 1538 in Shakespeare Centre; Alberye Pretye, 1564 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Alice Prattie, 1566 in *Birmingham Archives* (Staffs; Warwick); Katherine Prattey, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Tamworth, Staffs) Thomas Pretty, 1673 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts).

### Prettyjohn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: see **Prettejohn**.

### Prettyjohns

Variants: **Prettejohns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Prettejohn**, with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Prettyman

Variants: **Prettyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *prat(e)*, *pratte* ‘cunning, wily’ (Old English \**praett*) + *man*. Compare **Pratt**. (ii) occupational name, status name from the Middle English name **Pretty** (also derived from Old English \**praett*) + *man*, and signifying ‘man (servant) of **Pretty**’.

**Further information:** It is unlikely that this name represents a personal name formed along the lines of *Prestrejohn* (see **Prettejohn**), despite the apparent similarities.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Pratyman, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas Pratyman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Prettyman, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Needham, Norfolk); Thomas Prettyman, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard. Prettyman, 1581, Thomas Prettiman, 1597 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Wyllyam Pratman, 1590 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); William Prettyman or Prettyman, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Bacton, Suffolk); Charles Prettyman, 1628, Peeter Prettiman, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Barton Bendish,

Norfolk); Thomas Prettyman, 1636 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Pretyman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: see **Prettyman**.

### Prevett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Privett**.

### Prevo

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

French, Huguenot: see **Prevost**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Prevost

Variants: **Le Prevost**, **Prevot**, **Prevo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also scattered in S England; Channel Islands

1 French, Huguenot: occupational name, nickname from Old French *prévost* ‘provost’ (from Latin *praepositus*, past participle of *praepone* ‘to place in charge’), denoting any of various officials in a position of responsibility. *Prevost* tends to be a Huguenot name in England, while *Le Prevost* is a Guernsey surname.

**Further information:** Owing to its frequency, *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes* regards the French *Prévost* as a nickname rather than from the office of provost. **Early bearers:** Nicolas Preuost, 1574, Matthieu Preuost, 1597 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Jaques Preuost, 1595, Piere Preuost, 1600, Mondain Preuost, 1603 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury, Kent); Toussain Prevo, 1635, Françoise Prevost, 1685, Samuel Prevot, 1689, Leonard Prevos, 1724 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); George Prevott, 1798 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *prevost*, *prefest*, variant forms of **Provost**.

### Prevot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French, Huguenot: see **Prevost**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Prew

Variants: **Prue**, **Prow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *prou*, *preu(e)*, *prue* ‘brave, valiant, proud’ (Old French *pro*, *pr(o)u*, *preu*). Compare **Proud**, **Prowse**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Prue, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Prowe, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Ellis Prew, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset);

John le Proo, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Prew, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Thomas Prow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterwick, Lincs); William Prowe, 1529 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); Johannes Prue, 1581 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Simon Prow, 1613 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Prew, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Shapwick, Somerset); Thomas Prew, 1693 in *IGI* (Radford Semele, Warwick); Hannah Proe, 1742 in *Parish Registers* (Malpas, Cheshire); John Prou, 1730 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); John Prow, 1805 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Preu, 1828 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Prewer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname, probably a variant form of Middle English *priour* ‘prior’, for which a late form *pryowre* is recorded in *OED*. See **Prior**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Prewer, 1572 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Henry Prewer, 1581 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cams); Robarte Pruer, 1586, John Prewer, 1652 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); Thomas Pruer, 1738 in *IGI* (Barningham, Suffolk).

### Prewett

Variants: **Pruett**, **Prewitt**, **Prueitt**, **Pruitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name from the Middle English names *Prew*, *Prue*, or *Prow* + the diminutive suffix *-et*. See **Prew**

**Early bearers:** Matthew Pruet, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Prouet, Pruet, Prowet, 1278, 1280 in *London Letter Books A*; Richard Pruet’, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (East Worldham, Hants); Nicholas Pruet’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whaddon, Wilts); Rogerus Prowet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Prewet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); Antonie Prewet, 1568, John Prueitt, 1581, Willm Prewett, 1594, Joane Prewit, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); George Pruet, 1618 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Henry Prewett, 1687 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); John Pruiitt, 1743, Thomas Prewitt, 1778 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick).

### Prewitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: see **Prewett**.

### Prey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Préith, see **O’Prey**.

### Priaulx

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French, Huguenot: (i) nickname from Old French *prieux*, a variant of *priur*, *priour* ‘prior’ and originally denoting a holder of that office. Compare **Prior**. (ii) locative name from Prieuil (Normandy).

## Price

**Further information:** Early modern occurrences in England are probably of Huguenot origin; those in Guernsey could also be of more recent French origin.

**Early bearers:** Marie Priaux, 1607 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Paul Priaux, 1662, Priaulx, 1663, Henry Priax, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Marie Priaulx, 1770 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Charles Whitefield Priaulx, 1808 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, p. 881.

## Price

**Variants:** Pryce, Prise, Pryse, Preece

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72299, Ireland 1684
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52144
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. S Wales, W Midlands, and Lancs; London.
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 Welsh: relationship name from *ap Rhys* ‘son of Rhys’. Compare **Rees**, **Rice**.

**Further information:** The surname *Price* has been established in Ireland since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Wales: John Aprice, 1492 in *Ancient Deeds* (Pembroke); Griffith Price, 1662 in *IGI* (Llangynwyd, Glamorgan); Ann Price, 1725 in *IGI* (Newbridge, Glamorgan); Jane Price, 1785 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Thomas Price, 1788 in *IGI* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); John Price, 1789 in *IGI* (Glasbury, Brecknocks); Thomas Pryce, 1801 in *IGI* (Newtown, Montgomerys).

England: John Price, 1584, Alice Preece, 1590, James Price, 1682 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Gabriel Price, 1602 in *IGI* (London); Margery Preece, 1605 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Elizabeth Price, 1607 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Margery Price, 1621, Edward Preece, 1650 in *IGI* (Eastham); John Price, 1628 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Anna Price, 1641 in *IGI* (Blakeney, Gloucs).

Ireland: Griffith Price, 1622, Humphrey Price, 1746 in *IGI* (Dublin, Dublin); Bridget Price, 1715 in *IGI* (Glenavy, Antrim).

2 English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *pris* ‘excellent, noble, highly valued (person)’. **Further information:** Reaney’s suggestion that this name is derived from Middle English *pris* ‘value, price’, referring to someone who fixed prices, is doubtful.

**Early bearers:** Robert Price, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard Prys, 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Price, 1565 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Mary Price, 1576 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); Mary Prysse, 1578 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

## Prichard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2734
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W Midlands: esp. Caernarvons; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Roscommon

Welsh: see **Pritchard**.

## Prichards

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Wales: esp. Caernarvons; Staffs

Welsh, English: see **Pritchards**.

## Prichett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Warwicks

English: see **Pritchett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Prickard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Radnors; Lancs; Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *priken* ‘to stab, pierce’ + *hert* ‘hart, deer’ (Old English *prician* + *heorot*), probably denoting a hunter. Compare **Pretlove**, and note also John Prikehering, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts), ‘prick herring’ (probably for a fisherman); William Prikeavant, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds) ‘spur in front’; Nicholas Prikhors, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks) ‘prick horse’ (presumably for a hard rider who used his spurs).

**Further information:** It is likely that this name may become confused with variants of **Pritchard** such as *Prichard*, with palatal *ch* for *k*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Prikehurt, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (London/Middx); John Prikehert, 1219, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Prikehert, 1232 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Ann Prickard, 1612 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs); Hugh Prickard, 1665 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Prickard, 1770 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Prickhard, 1805 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Prickett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 831, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 809
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs; Oxon; London and Kent; Pembroke

English: nickname from Middle English *priket*, the most common sense of which was ‘buck, roebuck’, especially one in its second year (Modern English *pricket*). The word is a diminutive form of *prike* (Old English *prica*) ‘point, spike’, also ‘goad, nail’, so other unrecorded senses of *priket* cannot be ruled out. The name **Pritchett** is probably related but with palatal *ch* for *k*.

**Early bearers:** William Priket, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Priket, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Laurence Priket, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmo Pryket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Deverill, Wilts); Thomas Prikat, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Abbacucke Pricket, 1561 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Robert Prickett, 1577 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Roberte Prickett, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Michell Tue, Oxon); Alan Pricket, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Stainton, Cumb); John Prickett, 1618 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Miles Prickett, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Holy Cross Canterbury, Kent); Ranulphi Prickit, 1678 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Benjamin Prickett, 1725 in *Parish Registers* (Haverfordwest, Pembroke).

## Prickman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *prik(k)e*, *prick(e)* ‘point, spike, goad’ + *man*. The name was

probably used for a maker, seller, or user of such items, including pointed weapons. Compare **Pryke**. **Early bearers:** Phelippo Pricheman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothley, Leics); Charles Prickman, 1625 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Prickman, 1640 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

## Priday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Priddy**.

## Priddey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Priddy**.

## Pridding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs and Cheshire

English: probably a variant of **Prudom** with unrounding of the vowel and reinterpreted as having final *-ing*.

**Early bearers:** William Prydden, 1577 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Pryden, 1666 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); John Pridding, 1668 in *IGI* (Hordley, Shrops); Robert Priden, 1717 in *IGI* (Shocklach, Cheshire); Thomas Priddin, 1756 in *IGI* (Tilston, Cheshire); John Pridding, 1819 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Priddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon

English: see **Prideaux**.

## Priddle

**Variants:** Pridell, Preddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 772, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Unexplained.

**Further information:** Derivation from Welsh *ap Ridel* ‘son of *Ridel*’, as suggested in *Reaney and Wilson*, is unlikely. There is no evidence that this (rare) Norman personal name was ever current in Wales or W England. See **Riddell**. Wilson cites John Pridel, about 1320 in *Petre Documents*, deposited in Essex County Record Office, but gives no location for the name.

**Early bearers:** William Prithel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Taynton, Gloucs); John Priddle, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; John Priddle, 1675 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Saml. Priddle, 1702 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset); John Priddell, 1718 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Priddel, 1755 in *IGI* (Wambrook, Dorset); George Preddle, 1760 in *Parish Registers* (Morden, Dorset).

## Priddy

**Variants:** Preedy, Preddy, Priday, Priddey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs, Gloucs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from Priddy (Somerset), which is recorded as *Pridi* in about 1180. The place-name probably derives from Proto-Welsh \**prið* 'earth' + \**tiŷ* 'houses'.

**Early bearers:** John de Prydye, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pridy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Pridy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Predy, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johes Priddie, 1545 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); William Prydy, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Harsfield, Gloucs); John Pridie, 1561 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Nicholas Predie, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory Stoke, Somerset); William Priddie, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Saint Thomas Bristol, Gloucs); William Priddye or Priddy, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Church Stanton, Devon); Edvardus Priddy, 1614 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Pryddy, 1619, Priddye, 1631 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); Joan Preedy, 1632 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Pridee, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Thomas Priddy, 1643 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Predy, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon); Grace Pridey, 1674 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Stockland, Devon); William Pryday, 1687 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Anne Pready, 1700 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Prydey, 1703 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); John Predey, 1733 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs); Rowland Priddey, 1767 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 483.

## Pride

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 728
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England, S Scotland, and S Wales: esp. Notts; Gloucs
- English: see **Pryde**.

## Prideaux

**Variants:** Priddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Cornish: locative name from Prideaux in Luxulyan (Cornwall), though the surname may have given rise to the place-name. The direction is uncertain.

**Further information:** If the place-name has priority, it may be Cornish in origin (from *pry* 'mud, clay' + an unknown element: see *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 193–4) but subsequently modified under Norman and English influences.

**Early bearers:** Baldeuinus de Pidiās, associated with manerium ('manor') de Pidiās (both for Pridias), c.1160 in *Monasticon Dioecesis Exoniensis*, p. 41, no. xvi; Nicholas de Pridias, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Roger de Pridyas, 1271, Pridias, sheriff, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas de Pridias, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Truro, Cornwall); Roger Pridiaux, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Giles Pridiawes, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Ermington, Devon); John Prydiāx, knight, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Okehampton, Devon); John Prideaux, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Addistone in Holbeton, Devon); John Prideaux of Addistone and John Prideaux of Orchardon, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Addistone in Holbeton and Orcheton in Modbury, Devon); Richard Predyaux, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Tavistock, Devon); Thomas Prediax, 1539 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richard Prydyaux or Prydeaux, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Tormarton, Gloucs); John Pridiox, 1547 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Humfrey Prydeaux or

Prideaux, 1550 in *PROB 11*; Robert Prydiaux or Prydyaux, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Ashburton, Devon); Roger Prideaux, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Cheldon, Devon); Richard Pridiax, 1584 in *IGI* (Lanhedock, Cornwall); Charele Prideaux, 1585 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); John Priddis, 1587 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Jane Pridiaux, 1601 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Humphrey Prideaux, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Padstow, Cornwall); Richard Prideaux or Prydeaux, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Thuborough, Devon); Peter Prideux, 1624 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); James Pridice, 1627 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Prydeaux, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Humfry Priddice, 1631 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Samuel Priddis, 1642 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); John Prideax, 1655 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon); Francis Predeaux, 1686 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Thomas Prideoux, 1707 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); William Priddis, 1718 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Cathren Pridex, 1755 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Grace Priddeaux, 1755 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Charles Pridice, 1760 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Priddiss, 1726 in *IGI* (Trevalga, Cornwall); John Pridux, 1779 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Francis Predix, 1786, Elizabeth Pridix, 1791 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall).

## Pridell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Welsh, English: see **Priddle**.

## Pridemore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Pridmore**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pridgen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Pridgeon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Pridgeon

**Variants:** Pridgen, Predgen, Spridgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname, perhaps from Old French *preu(x)* *Jehan* 'prudent, noble, brave John'. Compare **Prew**.

**Early bearers:** William Prygion, 1392 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Pridgion, 1575 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Thomas Pridgeon, 1578 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); John Prydgyn, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Simond Pridgen, 1586 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Lincs); Frances Pridgen, 1671, Francis Pridgion, John Spridgeon, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Pridgeon, 1661, Thomas Prideon, 1690 in *IGI* (Wellingore, Lincs); George Pridgeon, 1695 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* (Lincs); William Pridgen, 1771 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Thos Pridgen, 1766, Thomas Predgen, 1787 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs).

## Pridham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset
- English: variant of **Prudom** with unrounding of the vowel.

**Further information:** Pridhamsleigh (Devon) owes its name to John Prodhomme (1281 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 520).

**Early bearers:** Anne Pridham, 1560 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); John Prudham, 1609, Thomas Pridham, 1656 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Rebeckah Pridham, 1658 in *IGI* (Poundstock, Cornwall); Robert Pridham, 1701 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

## Pridmore

**Variants:** Pridemore, Prigmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England: esp. Northants, Lincs, and Leics; also Middx

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** John Pridmore, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Stockerstone, Leics); William Pridmore, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory, City of London); Peeter Pridmoore, 1634 in *IGI* (Foxton, Leics); John Pridmore, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Easton, Leics); John Pridmore, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Harringworth, Northants); Edward Pridmore, 1677 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); John Pridmore, 1722 in *IGI* (West Deeping, Lincs); Tho Pridmor, 1723 in *IGI* (Gumley, Leics).

## Prier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Prior**.

## Priest

**Variants:** Preist, Prest, Prestt, Press, Prust, Preest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4960, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3891
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs and W Midlands; London; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin; Roscommon and Sligo

1 English: nickname from Middle English *prest*, *pri(e)st*, *preost*, *prust* (Old English *prēost*) 'priest', perhaps for someone who had the appearance or manners of a priest or who performed a priest-like role in folk rituals, plays, or games. Compare **Abbott**, **Bishop**, **Monk**, **Nunn**, **Prior**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Prest, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffr. Prest, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Alan Prest, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Prost, Henry Prust, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hug. le Prest, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robert le Preest, 1296, Hugh le Prist, 1327, Walter Preyst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Preost, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Prust, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Hug. Prest, Walt. Preest, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Joh. le Prest, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Will. le Priest, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rob. le Priest, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Simon le Prust, 1353 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Edmund Prist or Preest, 1530 in *PROB 11* (Dunchurch, Warwicks); Christopher Prest, 1568 in *IGI* (Tanworth, Staffs); John Priste, 1611, John

## Priestland

Priest, 1767, Elijah Priest, 1861 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Jane Priest, 1621, Peter Priest, 1742 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); William Preist, 1633 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Mary Preist, 1658, George Priest, 1774, Henry Priest, 1828 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Margret Prist, 1669, Joseph Priest, 1713, James Priest, 1811 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Eunice Priest, 1710, William Charles Prest, 1809 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Edward Priest, son of Edward and Elizabeth Priest, 1805, John Prest, son of Edward and Betty Prest, 1806 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs). 2 Welsh: in Staffs and the W Midlands it may sometimes be a variant of **Preece** with excrescent *-t*. The names co-existed and were probably confused.

### Priestland

**Variants:** Pressland, Presland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Derbys and Warwicks

English: locative name from Middle English *prest*, *pri(e)st* 'priest' + *land* 'landed property, land' (Old English *prēost*, *land*). The name may be topographic, for one who lived near or worked on the priest's land, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Priestland in Bunbury (Cheshire), Pressland in Hatherleigh (Devon), or Priestlands in Horley (Surrey), which belonged to Reigate Priory.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Preselond, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Winsford, Cheshire); Roger de Preslond, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Pr(e)selond', 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Brambridge, Hants); Roger de Prestelonde, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire); Randall Prestlande, 1525 in *PROB 11*; George Prestlande or Prestland, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Covington, Hunts); Willm Prestland, 1575 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Johis Preslande, 1577 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Henry Presland, 1578 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); John Prestlond, 1591 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Wm. Prestland or Presland, 1612 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Willia Prestlande, 1612 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Richard Pressland, 1660 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Samuell Presland, 1677 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); William Prestland, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Sawbridge worth, Herts); Gulielmi Priestland, 1731 in *IGI* (Stapenhill, Derbys); Mary Pressland, 1734 in *IGI* (Shelton, Beds); Thomas Priestland, 1760 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Priestley

**Variants:** Priestly, Presley, Pressley, Pressly, Presslie, Presslee, Prisle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6358, Ireland 177
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5047
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: locative name from any of several places named from Middle English *prest*, *pri(e)st* 'priest' + *lei(e)* 'piece of open land' (Old English *prēost* + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'), such as Priestley Green in Hipperholme (WR Yorks), Priestly in Flitwick (Beds), Priestley (Herts), Prestleigh (Somerset), Priestly Ing in Heptonstall (WR Yorks), Prestley Wood (Wilts), or Presley's Plantation in Norton (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Samson de Presteleia, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Richard de Presteley, 1297 in *Wakefield Court*

*Rolls* (Yorks); John de Presle, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Richard de Prestele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Presteley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Johes. Priestley, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Presley, 1577 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); William Presly, 1583 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Johes Prestley, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Stafford, Staffs); John Priestly, 1618 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); William Pristley or Preistley, 1620 in *PROB 11* (London); Christopher Prestley, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Winterbourne Kingston, Dorset); Hughe Presleye, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); William Prestlie, 1633 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); John Pressley, 1677 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts); Andrew Presly, 1690 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Jonathan Priesley, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Illingworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Priesly, 1725 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); William Preslie, 1751 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Joseph Preslee, 1823 in *IGI* (East Lulworth, Dorset); George Presslee, 1826 in *IGI* (East Lulworth, Dorset).

### Priestly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 86
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 700
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Priestley**.

### Priestman

**Variants:** Presman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 483
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England; also Warwicks

English: occupational name, status name, 'servant of the priest' from Middle English *prest* (Old English *prēost*) + *man* (W Midlands *mon*), sometimes with *prest* in the genitive singular *prestes* but this form has been absorbed into *Prest(e)man*. The name is occasionally found as *Prestman* from the 16th to the 19th century but appears to be now extinct except in the reduced form *Presman*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Prestman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); William Prestesman, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry le Prestesmon, le Prestemon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs), 1333 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Prestman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Alicia Presteman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Walter Prestman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Learmouth, Northumb); Johannes Prestman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harome, NR Yorks); Ricardus Presteman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ratcliffe on Soar, Notts); Thomas Prestman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Prestisman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mattishall, Norfolk); Adam Presteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thomas Prestman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus Presteman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Prestman', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Cave, ER Yorks); William Priestman, 1393 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Henrici Priestman, 1607 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Richardi Priestman, 1609 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Priestman, 1614 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); Robt Priestman, 1618 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); George Priestman, 1633, George Prestman, 1659 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); John Priestman, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York);

Alice Priestman, 1645 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Elizabeth Priestman, 1654 in *IGI* (Newbiggin, Westm); Mary Priestman, 1657, Elizth. Prestman, 1661 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Hannah Prestman, 1766, Ann Priestman, 1768 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks).

### Priestnall

**Variants:** Pressnell, Presnell, Presnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or unidentified place or places named from Middle English *prestene* (a weak genitive plural of *prest(e)*, *pri(e)st* 'priest') + *hale* 'nook', the resultant \**Prestenehale* often subsequently losing the *-t* through consonant cluster simplification.

**Further information:** The early examples are mainly from Cheshire, where a Preston Hall in Malpas is recorded, and the later examples are predominantly in Kent, where there is a Preston Hall in Aylesford; however, there is no clear evidence that the surname derives from either of these places. The weak genitive plural *prestene* occurs in the form *Prestanton* recorded in 1361 for Preston on the Hill (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Elisis Prestnall, rent farmer, 1522–3 in *Cheshire Record Office* (referring to Sussex); Willmi Pristnall, 1615 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Thomas Prissnall, 1621 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Humphry Prestnall, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Priestnal, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Bowdon, Cheshire); Will Pressnell, 1712 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Peter Pressnall, 1723 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Pressnell, 1723 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Presnal, 1726 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); Wm Pristnal, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Eleanor Prestnel, 1764 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Thomas Presnail, 1766 in *IGI* (Tudeley and Capel, Kent); Henry Presnale, 1773 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Thomas Pressnell, 1774 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); John Presnall, 1789 in *IGI* (Tudeley and Capel, Kent); Sarah Pressnall, 1792 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Henry Pressnail, 1794 in *IGI* (Halling, Kent); Thomas Pressnal, 1805, John Prestnell, 1813 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 156; 4, p. 41; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 146.

### Priestner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Priestner, 1612 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Humphrey Priestner, 1638 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); John Priestnor, 1701, Priestner, 1704 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Pristner, 1730 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Priestnar, 1785 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks).

### Priestwood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Prestwood**.

### Prigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Gloucs; Devon
- English: variant of **Pryke** with *-k-* voiced as *-g-*.

### Prigge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Pryke** with *-k-* voiced as *-g-*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Prigmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Pridmore**.

### Prike

- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Pryke**.

### Prim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Prime**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Prime

#### Variants: Prim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1670, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk; Middx

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *prime* 'first' or 'fine quality, excellent' (Latin *primus* 'first', Old French *prim(e)* 'fine, delicate'). Compare **Prinn** and **Primmer**. (ii) relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Prim*, which is not on record but its ancestor occurs in Old English.

**Early bearers:** William Prime, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Prime, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seaford, Sussex); Adam Prymme, 1286 in *Staffs Forest Pleas*; John Pryme, tranter, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Walterus Prime, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Thomas Pryme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Thomas Pryme, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Agnus Prime, 1547 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Richard Prime, 1565, Beniamyn Pryme, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Thriplow, Cambs); Willi Prim, 1642 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Primer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Primmer**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Primett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: relationship name from the Middle English name *Prim* + the diminutive suffix *-et*. See **Prime**.

**Further information:** If Magota le Premet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Larbreck with Little Eccleston, Lincs), is relevant, another origin must be considered; perhaps Middle English *primat(e)* 'chief, pre-eminent'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Prymet, 1509 in *PROB 11*; Stephen Primet, 1594 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Edward Primit, 1636 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lincs); Thomas Primet, 1690 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Thos. Primmitt, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Primmitt, 1807 in *IGI* (Ickleford, Herts).

### Primmer

#### Variants: Primer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *primer* 'first' (Anglo-Norman French *prem(i)er*, *prim(o)ur*).

Compare **Prime** and **Prinn**.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Primur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger le Premer, 1290 in *Patent Rolls* (Bosham, Sussex); Robert le Premyr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Lavant, Sussex); Simon Premir, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Ashling, Sussex); Willelmus Primur, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brookhampton, Oxon); Thomas Primer, Adam Prymer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Sussex); Robert Prymer, 1471 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); John Prymer, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Richard Prymer, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Wartling, Sussex); John Primer, 1570 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 405.

### Primrose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Primrose (Fife).

**Early bearers:** John Prymros, 1387 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Archibald Prymrose, 1569 in *Laing Charters* (Culross, Fife).

2 English, Huguenot: nickname from the flower, Old French *primerole*.

**Further information:** Gilbert Primrose, of Scottish origin, settled in France in 1601 as minister of the Protestant church at Mirambeau and later Bordeaux. He was banished in 1623 and came to London as minister of the French church in Threadneedle Street. He was later Bishop of Ely.

**Early bearers:** Roger Primerose, 1219 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); William Prymerole, 1324 in *South Lincs in Reign of Edward II*; John Primerose, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Ales Primrose, 1594 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Thomas Primrose, 1613 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); John Primrose, 1618 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); William Primrose, 1625 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Mary Primrose, 1627 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Primus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: nickname from Latin *primus* '(the) first, (the) best'.

### Prin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; London

Norman, English: see **Prinn**.

### Prince

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9905, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6733
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Cheshire, Derbys, and Staffs; S England: esp. Hants and IoW
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Antrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English (Old French) *prince* 'prince'. Compare **Prins**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Prince, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Robert le Prins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Prince, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb, Northumb); Johannes Prince, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walcot, Oxon); Thomas Prynce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heywood, Wilts); Henricus Prynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Johannes Prynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Johanne Printe (read Prince) 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shaw, Berks); Robertus Prynys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton, Dorset); Johannes Prince, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westow, ER Yorks); Thoma Prynce, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Stephanus Prynce, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downham Market, Norfolk); Thomas Prince, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Isabell Prince, 1544 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Wm Prince, 1555 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); John Prince, 1562 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomas Prince, 1563 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Johes Prince, 1565 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Elizabetha Prince, 1567 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Alce Prince, 1569 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); John Prince, 1584 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Rachell Prince, 1588 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Margerie Prince, 1592 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Richard Prince, 1602 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lincs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Prinz* 'prince' or translation of an equivalent term in some other European language, originally acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Henry Prince, furrier, 1823 in *Second City Jewry* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Abraham Prince, tailor, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Aldgate, London); Rebecca Prince, buttonhole maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Louis Prince, general dealer, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Prince, dealer, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Fullham, Middx); Abraham Prince, boot maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Pring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1694, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; also Kent

English: nickname from an Old English word *preng* of uncertain meaning. It probably means 'tall, thin' but could instead mean 'fat, lumpy'.

**Early bearers:** Æðelgeard Preng, before 958 in *Hyde Liber Vitae*, p. 22; Simon Pring, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Walter Prink', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Prying, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Martin

## Pringle

Pring or Pryn, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Francis Pringe, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Salcombe, Devon); Robt. Pring, 1694 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset).  
References: *Tengvik*, p. 330.

### Pringle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5201, Ireland 168
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4694
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and N England: esp. Northumb and Durham; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Monaghan

Scottish: locative name from Hoppringle near Fountainhall (Roxburghs).

Further information: According to MacLysaght, the name was brought to the county of Down in the 17th century.

Early bearers: Scotland: Robert de Hoppryngil, 1262–86 in *Midlothian Charters*, p. 26; Elys de Obrinkel, (the same as) Helias de Hoprigkil, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, pp. 205, 544 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Oppringyl or Hoppryngil, 1368 in *Great Seal of Scotland* 1, pp. 280, 289; John Prynge, 1406 in *Saint Andrews Charters*, p. 9 (Fife); Robert de Hoppringill, about 1413 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts*, p. 18; William Pringle, 1485, 1490 in *Black* (Craiglatch, Selkirks); David Pringill, 1515 in *Annals of Teviotdale*, p. 30 (Cessford, Roxburghs); Dand Pringil, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Christian Pringle, 1608 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Wlliaime Pringell, 1640 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

England: Andrew Pringle, 1567 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); Thomas Pringell, 1568 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); James Pringll, 1697 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb); George Pringel, 1698 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); John Pringl, 1753 in *IGI* (Spittal, Northumb).  
Ireland: John Pringle, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Navan, Armagh); James Pringle, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Blackwater Towne, Armagh); Alexander Pringle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone).

### Prinn

Variants: Prynne, Pryn, Prin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Worcs

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *prin* 'first, superior; small, slender'. *McKinley, Surnames of Sussex*, p. 405 notes that Nicholas Prinne (1327) is possibly the same man as Nicholas le Premir (1332). See **Primmer** and compare **Prime**.

Early bearers: William Prin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Matilda Pryn, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Prinne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Ashling, Sussex); Johanne Pryn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Anthony Prynne, 1582 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); William Prinn, 1597 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); Nicholas Pryne, 1604 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pryn, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Swainswick, Somerset); Henrie Prinne, 1620, Nicholas Prin, 1631, Walter Prynne, 1664 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon).

### Prins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Dutch, Jewish: nickname, ornamental adoption of Dutch *prins* 'prince', from Middle Dutch *prince* 'prince'. Compare English **Prince**.

Early bearers: Edmond Prins, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Velectah Prins, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Poole, Dorset); Hester Prins, 1683 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Print

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: nickname from Middle English *print(e)*, *print(e)* 'imprint, mark, image' (Old French *priente*), perhaps for one who made or sold objects thus described or for one with a visible distinguishing mark.

Early bearers: Willelmus Print', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Creech Saint Michael, Somerset); Henricus Prent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irchester, Northants); Johanne Printe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shaw, Berks); Johannes Prente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Gloucs); John Prente, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Morris Print, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Guildford, Surrey); John Printe, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Puriton, Somerset); John Print, 1579 in *IGI* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs); Willm. Prent, 1585 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Edward Printe, 1631 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Gloucs); Richard Print, 1634 in *IGI* (Pinvin, Worcs); Elizabeth Printe, 1662 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwicks); Ann Print, 1733 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); John Print, 1781 in *Parish Registers* (Tredington, Warwicks).

### Printy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: see **Prunty**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Prior

Variants: Pryor, Pryer, Prier, Prewer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9333, Ireland 620
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6845
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Cavan

English: status name, occupational name, nickname from Old English *prior* or Old French *priur*, *priour* 'prior', originally a surname of office, later an occupational name for the servant of a prior, or a nickname.

Early bearers: Roger Priur, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger le Priur, 1237 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Nicholas le Prior, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Pryer, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Roger Prior, 1538 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Richard Prior, 1545 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Henrie Prior, 1547 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Mary Prior, 1557 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Joan Prior, 1559 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds).

2 Irish: from Mac an Phrìora 'son of the prior'.

### Priscott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Prescott**.

### Prise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh: see **Price** and compare **Preece**.

### Prisk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Priske in Mullion (Cornwall). The place-name derives from Middle Cornish \**prys*, \**prysk* 'copse, thicket'.

Early bearers: Anger de Priske, 1277 in *Cornwall Record Office*; William Priske, Peter Pryske, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Mullion, Cornwall); Willm. Preske, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Mullion, Cornwall); Richard Priske, 1660, Wm. Prisk, 1664 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Mullion, Cornwall).

References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 194, 301.

### Prisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Staffs

English: variant of **Priestley** with loss of *-t-* through assimilation into the preceding *-s-*.

### Prissick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Pressick**.

### Pristo

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Prestoe**.

### Priston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of the locative name **Preston**, particularly in Devon, where there are ten places so named.

### Pritchard

Variants: Prichard, Pritchett, Pritchards, Uprichard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23415, Ireland 336
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16079
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W England: esp. Lancs; Caernarvons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

Welsh: relationship name from *ap Richard* (*Rhisiart*) 'son of Richard'.

Early bearers: Mereduc ap Richard, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops and Staffs); Yevan ap Ricard, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Carmarthen); Oweyn ap Ricard, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip ap Jenkyn ap Richard, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Ewyas, Herefs); William Prichard or Ap-Richard, 1521 in *Oxford University Register*; Richard Pritchett, 1541, Thomas Pritchard, 1609 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Matthew Pritchard, 1586 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); John Pritchard, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Ness, Shrops); John William Pritchard or Prytcharde, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Clifford, Herefs); Phillip John Pritchard

or Prichard, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Llantilio Crossenny, Monmouths); Edmundus Prichard, 1711 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons).

### Pritchards

Variants: **Prichards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Welsh, English: variant of **Pritchard** with English post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Johannis Pritchards, 1611 in *IGI* (Bridstow, Herefs); John Pritchards, 1693 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Thomas Pritchards, 1769 in *IGI* (Wombbridge, Shrops); John Pritchards, 1788 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Pritchards, 1797 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Pritchatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Pritchett**.

### Pritchett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Pritchett**.

### Pritchett

Variants: **Pritchett**, **Prichett**, **Pritchatt**, **Pratchett**, **Bridgett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1246, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 706
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Oxon; Notts

1 English: (i) nickname, probably from Middle English *priket* 'buck, roebuck' (Modern English *pricket*), but with palatal *ch* for *k*. See **Prickett**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may belong with (2). (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *priche*, a palatalized form of *prik(k)e* 'point, prick', + the diminutive suffix *-et*. See **Pryke**.

**Early bearers:** John Prichet, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Prichet, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Rogero Prichet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Richard Pritchatt, 1568 in *IGI* (Pulloxhill, Beds); Phillip Prichet, 1569 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Thomas Prichat, 1581 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Roberte Prichet or Prichett, 1590 in *PROB 11* (All Saints Worcester, Worcs); Jhon Prychet, 1601 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Richard Pritchett, 1614 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Roger Pritchitt, 1636 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Edmund Pritchett, 1677 in *IGI* (Plumtree, Notts); Benjamin Prichatt, 1683 in *IGI* (Westleigh by Bideford, Devon); Benjamin Prichett, 1691, John Pritchett, 1722 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Pritchett, 1735 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Joseph Pritchatt, 1809 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Worcs).

2 Welsh: see **Pritchard**.

### Pritlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Middx
- English: see **Pretlove**.

### Pritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 188
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cumb
- English: see **Pratt**.

### Pritty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Middx

English: see **Pretty**.

### Privett

Variants: **Prevett**, **Privitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: locative name from Privett (Hants), which is recorded as (*æt*) *pryfetes (flodan)* in 755 and *Prevet* in 1207. The place-name derives from Old English \**pryfet* 'privet'. In the 755 form, *flodan* is from Old English *flōde* 'channel, gutter'.

**Early bearers:** Reimund de Prevet, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Privete, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Portsmouth, Hants); Thomas Prevet, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); James Privet, 1588 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants); Stephen Pryvat, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Wareham, Dorset); John Privett, 1606, Peter Prevet, 1613 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Alis Privatt, 1617 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); James Private, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke Wake, Dorset); Robert Prevett, 1677 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Surrey); Thomas Previtt, 1718 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Privitt, 1787 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 135.

### Privitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Privett**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Prizeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Kent, and Surrey
- English: nickname, status name from Middle English *pris(e)* 'worthy, noble, excellent' + *man*, either as a name in its own right or perhaps denoting 'man (servant) of someone called *Prise* or *Price*'. See **Price**.
- Early bearers:** John Prisman, 1624 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Prizman, 1667, Caleb Priseman, 1669 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants); William Prizman, 1777 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Thomas Prizeman, 1781 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Joseph Priseman, 1796 in *IGI* (Cron dall, Hants); Charles Prizeman, 1871 in *IGI* (Erith, Kent).

### Probert

Variants: **Propert**, **Proberts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3700, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Monmouths, and Brecknocks

Welsh: relationship name from the patronymic *ap Robert* 'son of Robert'.

**Early bearers:** Philip ab Robert, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* 3 (Herefs); Mareduc ab Robert, 1291 in *Patent Rolls*; John ap Wylly ap Robert, chaplain, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Llandaff, Glamorgan); John ap Ed ap Dafydd ap Robert, 1538 in *Chirkland Extent*; Thomas Uprobarte, 1540 in *Bardsley*; George Probert, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Panteague, Monmouths); John Probert, 1580 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs); Ann Probert, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Crickhowell, Brecknocks); Robert Probart, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Stowe, Shrops); Robert Propert, 1719 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs).

### Proberts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon

Welsh, English: anglicized variant of **Probert** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Proberts, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); William Proberts, 1661 in *IGI* (Edwyn Ralph, Herefs); Samuel Probberts, 1708 in *IGI* (Neen Sollars, Shrops); Mary Probetts, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Wargrave, Berks); Robert Proberts, 1776 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); William Proberts, 1813 in *IGI* (Brill, Bucks).

### Probin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Warwicks
- Welsh: see **Probyn**.

### Proby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. ER Yorks; London; Gloucs

English: of uncertain origin; perhaps locative, from Proby Farm in Elton (Hunts), but no medieval evidence for this place-name has been found. The place may take its name from the surname, in which case the surname has an alternative, unknown origin.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Probie, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Henry Proby, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Ralph Probye or Probie, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Brampton, Hunts); John Proby, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Godmanchester, Hunts); Edward Probie, 1631 in *IGI* (Battlesden, Beds); Jane Proby, 1738 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); William Proby, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (London); Edward Probey, 1672 in *IGI* (Statfold, Staffs); Lancelot Proby, 1796 in *IGI* (Sutton on Hull, ER Yorks).

### Probyn

Variants: **Probin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Monmouths

Welsh: relationship name from *ap Rhobin* 'son of Robin'.

**Early bearers:** John Probyn, 1550 in *Sussex Wills*; Edward Up Robyn, 1565 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Henry Probyn, 1628, William Probin, 1637 in *PROB 11* (London).



## Prockter

### Prockter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Proctor**.

### Procter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4355, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3820
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Proctor**.

### Proctor

Variants: **Prockter**, **Procter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9920, Ireland 619
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Kilkenny; Derry

English: occupational name from Middle English *procutour*, a contraction of *procuratour* ‘deputy, representative, steward’ (Latin *procurator* ‘manager, agent’, often denoting an attorney in an ecclesiastical court. Compare Johannes le Procurator, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb).

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since at least the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Johanna la Proketour, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Proketour, 1326 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Robert Proketour, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Thomas Proctor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Ricardus Proctour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Alan Proctour alias Proktour, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Thomas Proktour, 1446 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Edmond Proctor, 1521 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Prockter, 1561 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Richard Proctor, 1586 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Henry Procktor, 1589 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Mary, Bagby, NR Yorks); John Procter or Prockter, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Hillmorton, Warwicks).

Ireland: Thomas Proctor, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisneminter, Armagh); Thomas Proctor [Proctox?], 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clare, Armagh); Mary Proctor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); George Proctor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry).

### Prodger

Variants: **Proger**, **Prodgers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Flints and Shrops

Welsh: relationship name from the patronymic *ap Roger* ‘son of Roger’.

**Early bearers:** John ap Roger, 1538 in *Chirkland Extent*; Thomas Prodger, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Arthur Proger, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Great Badminton, Gloucs); Willmi. Proger, 1639 in *IGI* (Llantilio Crossenny, Monmouths); Wm Proger, 1658 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Hugh Progers, 1662 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Laurence Prodger, 1664 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Henry Prodger, 1676 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Phineas Proger, 1700 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints).

### Prodgers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Wilts
- Welsh, English: variant of **Prodger** with English post-medieval excrement -s.

### Prodham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Prudom**.

### Prodromou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Prodromos* ‘forerunner’, an epithet of John the Baptist.

### Proffit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

English: see **Prophet**.

### Proffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Prophet**.

### Proffit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Flints; Lancs

English: see **Prophet**.

### Proffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Prophet**.

### Proger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons; Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Prodger**.

### Prole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Prall**.

References: *Place-Names of Devon* 1, pp. 319–20, 329.

### Propert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; London

Welsh: see **Probert**.

### Prophet

Variants: **Proffitt**, **Proffit**, **Proffit**, **Proffitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; Angus
- English: nickname from Middle English *prophet(e)*, *prof(f)et(e)* ‘prophet, interpreter’ (Anglo-Norman French *prophete*, *profite*).

**Early bearers:** William le Profete, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Roger le Prophete, chaplain, 1256 in *Patent Rolls* (Keal, Lincs); Gunnora Prophete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Profet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bashall Eaves, WR Yorks); Johannes Prophete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Johannes Proffett, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford Bridge with Scoreby, ER Yorks); John Profete, fishmonger, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Richard Prophet, 1560 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Anne Prophett, 1593 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Richard Proffit, 1606 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); William Proffitt, 1615 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Hugh Profit, 1618 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); James Proffteitt, 1628 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Johne Propheit, 1633 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hew Profitte, 1662 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); John Proffitt, 1716 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Josephus Prophet, 1737 in *Parish Registers* (Llanasa, Flints); Sary Prophit, 1769 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs).

### Prosper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Dutch, French: from the personal name *Prosper* (Latin *Prosper(us)*, from *prosper(us)* ‘prosperous’, ‘fortunate’), a name borne by three 5th-century saints.

### Prosser

Variants: **Prossor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6216, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4646
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S Wales; scattered in England, Scotland, and N Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Welsh: relationship name from the patronymic *ap Rosser* ‘son of *Rhosier*, *Rhosser*’, these being Welsh forms of *Roger*, the /dʒ/ in which was not a phoneme of Welsh. See **Rosser** and compare **Prodger**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo ap Rosser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Lodovici Prosser, 1541 in *IGI* (Peterstow, Herefs); William ap Rosser alias Approssor, 1553 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Richard Prosser, 1604 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Henry Prosser, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; John Prossor, 1703, Thomas Proser, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Llowes, Radnors); John Prossor, 1751 in *IGI* (Llanarth, Monmouths).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 188.

### Prossor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Welsh: see **Prosser**.

### Prothero

Variants: **Protheroe**, **Protherough**, **Pluthero**, **Prytherch**, **Prydderch**, **Prytherick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Brecknocks and Glamorgan



Welsh: relationship name from Welsh *ap Rhydderch* 'son of Rhydderch', reduced to *Prydderch* and anglicized to *Prothero*. To English ears the first syllable of *Rhydderch* rhymes with that in English *brother*, hence the anglicized spellings with *-o-*. See also **Roderick**.

**Early bearers:** William Prythergh or Protherugh or Protherough, 1581 in *Oxford University Register*; Hopkine Protheroe, 1618 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Rowland Prythero alias Prothero alias Prytherch, 1725 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* (Brecon); Evan Protherough, 1726 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Trevor Prytherch, 1748, Trevor Prydderch, 1751 in *IGI* (Llangibby, Monmouths); John Prytherch, 1776 in *Access to Archives* (Llangristiolus, Anglesey).  
**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales; Morgan and Morgan*, at Rhydderch.

### Protheroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 761
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan  
Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Protherough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Proto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Italian: from Greek *prōtos* 'first', hence a name bestowed on the first-born (male) child, or in some cases a short form of an occupational or status name formed with this element, for example *Protonotaro*, literally 'first notary'.
- 2 French: altered spelling of French **Proteau** or **Protot**, from a diminutive of the Latin personal name *Protasius*.

### Proud

**Variants:** **Prout, Proude, Prude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2215, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1530
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham  
English: nickname from Middle English *proud, prout* 'proud, haughty, arrogant' (Late Old English *prūd, prūt*, from Old French *prud, prod*). Compare **Prew**.  
**Early bearers:** Toui Pruda, Prude, 1033 in *Codex Diplomaticus* nos 749, 970; Orgar le Prude, 1125 (about 1425) in *London Letter Books C*; Richard Prude, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops); William Prute, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Thomas le Prute, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); William le Proude, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John le Prud, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Proute, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Proud, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Willerby, ER Yorks); John le Proute, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Willelmus Prouta, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bocconoc, Cornwall); Ricardus Proude, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopthorpe with Middlethorpe, WR Yorks); John Prowdde, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Crundale, Kent); Tom Proud, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Proud, 1602 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); William Prout, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); John Proud, 1661 in *IGI*

(Ebchester, Durham); George Prude, 1779 in *IGI* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 355.

### Proude

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb  
English: see **Proud**.

### Proudfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1585, Ireland 170
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1304
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and S Scotland: esp. Midlothian; also Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: nickname from Middle English *proud, prout* 'proud, haughty, arrogant' (Late Old English *prūd, prūt*) + *fof* 'foot', probably signifying 'one who walks with a haughty step'.

**Further information:** Gilbert Proudfoot was sheriff of Middlesex and London before 1115 and between 1138 and 1142 (*Green, English Sheriffs*, pp. 56–8), and *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 162, notes that 'It is interesting to find that the first known bearer of the surname was a sheriff, thus a person who might be justified in walking with a proud step'.

**Early bearers:** England: Gil(e)bertus Proudfof, 1114–30, Prudfof, about 1122–7 in *Ramsey Chronicle*; Gislebertus Prutfof, sheriff, about 1140 in *Saint Paul's Manuscripts*, 62 a (London); Geoffrey Prudfof, 12th century in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); John Prutfof, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ralph Proudfof, Prudfof, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Proutfof, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Williamscot, Oxon); Willelmo Proudefote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cliffe, ER Yorks); Ralph Proudfof, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thomas Proudfof, 1607 in *IGI* (Swanton Novers, Norfolk); Will Proudfoote, 1706 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Edmund Prudefoot, 1728 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk).

Scotland: John Prudfof, 1289 in *Scotland Calendar 1*, p. 511; Patrick Proudfote, 1303 in *Scotland Calendar 2*, p. 1619; Jonet Proudfof, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andrew Proudfof, 1670 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); David Proudfof, 1724 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perths); William Proudfof, 1753, Prudfof, 1756 in *IGI* (Carnock, Fife);

### Proudler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; WR Yorks

English: see **Proudlove**.

### Proudley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Hants  
English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.

**Early bearers:** Joyse Proudley, 1580, Jone Proudely, 1604 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); William Prowdley, 1627, Will Proudly, 1632 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Proudley, 1728 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); John Proudley, 1738, Proudly, 1742 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); John Proudlay, 1745 in *IGI* (Hemswell, Lincs); Richard Prowdly, 1773 in *IGI* (Angmering,

Sussex); Elias Proudlie, 1876 in *IGI* (Moordown, Hants).

### Proudlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham  
English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *proud, prout* 'proud, haughty, arrogant' + *lok, loc* 'lock of hair, forelock', although the precise sense is not clear.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Proudlock, 1609 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); John Prudlock, 1633 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Prudlick, 1730, James Prudluck, 1732 in *IGI* (Netherwitton, Northumb); John Proudlock, 1737 in *IGI* (Bolam, Northumb).

### Proudlove

**Variants:** **Proudler, Pretlove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 425
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *proud, prout* 'proud, haughty, arrogant' + Old French *love* 'wolf' (Anglo-Norman French *louf*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Prudlove, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Johannes Prodeloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letton, Norfolk); Thomas Proudlove, 1563, Johis Prudluffe, 1583 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Easter Prowdlove, 1588 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Prowdlove, 1592 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); John Prudloue, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Hugo Proudlowe, 1620 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Joseph Prudlouf, 1680 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Henry Proudlove, 1682, Thomas Proudler, 1686 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Samuel Proudlow, 1714 in *IGI* (Tibberton, Shrops); Thomas Prowdler, 1824 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops).

### Proudman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Leics, and Derbs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *proud, prout* 'proud, haughty, arrogant' + *man*, used for a haughty person. Compare **Proud, Proudfoot**. (ii) nickname from a translation of Old French *prudhomme* 'honest, upright man'. Compare **Prudom**. (iii) occupational name, status name from the Middle English name *Proud + man*, 'man (servant) of *Proud*'. Compare Thomas Prudswain, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Olive Prodemay, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** John Prudeman, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Proudman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Prowdman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton on Soar, Notts); Johannes Prudman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Henrico Prowdmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton with Glazebrook, Lancs); Thoma Proudman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atterton, Leics); Adam Prudman, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Edward Prowdeman, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Proudman, 1600 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwick); Arthure Proudeman, 1606 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thomas Proudman, 1685 in *IGI* (Alrewas,

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Staffs); William Prowdman, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint John the Baptist Walbrook, London); Robert Prodman, 1755 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs).

### Prouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 500
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Prowse**.

### Proust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: from a contraction of **Provost**. Compare the French names *Proust*, *Leproust*.

### Prout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1629, Ireland 146
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1483
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: see **Proud**.

### Provan

Variants: **Proven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 961, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 597
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: locative name from Provan (Lanarks). The place-name derives from Scots *provand* (Middle English and Old French *provende*), the vernacular form of Latin *prebenda* ‘clerical stipend’.
- Further information:** Provan formed part of the prebendary of Barlanark in Glasgow Cathedral.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Prebenda, about 1190 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts*, p. 224; Robert de Prebenda, dean, 1248 in *Melrose Chronicle* (Dunkeld, Perth); Stephen Provand, 1489 in *The Lennox 2*, p. 132; Robert Provane, vicar, 1549 in *Strathblane History*, p. 36 (Strathblane, Stirlings); Johnne Provane, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johnne Proven, 1609 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Jonet Provean, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Proven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian
- Scottish: see **Provan**.

### Provence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: see **Province**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Proverbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: nickname, apparently from the plural of Middle English *proverb(e)* ‘proverb, maxim, saying’, although the precise application is unclear. Compare Valentine Proverbe, 1632 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

**Early bearers:** John Proverbs, 1646 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); James Proverbs, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Alfrick, Worcs); Catherine Proverbs, 1786 in *Parish Registers* (Burton upon Trent); Willm. Proverbs, 1791 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Provost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: see **Provost**.

### Province

Variants: **Provins**, **Provence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; London; also Glamorgan

Norman, English: locative name from Provence (France), used to denote someone from that region.

**Early bearers:** William de Provinc, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ralph de Prouinz, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); William de Provincia, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon de Provincia, king’s serjeant, 1293, de Provence, 1294, de Provins, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*; Joane Province, 1674 in *Parish Registers* (Alverstoke, Hants); Edward Province, 1725 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Provence, 1751, Province, 1773, Willm. Provins, 1804 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

### Provins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey; Somerset

Norman, English: see **Province**.

### Provis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Cornwall; Wilts

English: see **Provost**.

### Provost

Variants: **Provis**, **Provest**, **Proust**, **Prevost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Lancs; Cambs

English: occupational name from Middle English *provost*, *provest*, *proust* ‘provost, steward, representative’ (Old English *prafost*), also used for the head of a religious chapter or educational establishment, or, since such officials were usually clergy and celibate, a nickname for a self-important person.

**Early bearers:** Eanstan Prafoſt, before 925 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Uui Provaſt, 11th cent. in *Tengvik* (Devon); Goscelin Provost, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey le Provost, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William le Pruvost, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Alan Prouste, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Preust, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Simon le Preust, 1314 in *Ancient Deeds 4* (Northants); Martin le P[ro]uost, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Snelston, Derbys); John le Prevost, 1418 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report*; Richard Provest, 1445 in *York*

*Freemen’s Register*; John Provest, 1535, William Proviſe, 1545 in *Rochester Wills*; George Proviſ, 1571 in *PROB 11* (East Greenwich, Kent); John Proviſ, 1606 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); John Proviſt, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Proveſt, 1667 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Peter Prouſt, 1719 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Davidiſ Provoſt, 1730 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Prow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Kent; Somerset; Leics

English: see **Prew**.

### Prowse

Variants: **Pruce**, **Prouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1825, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *prouſ*, *pruſ*, variant forms of *prou* ‘brave, valiant, proud’ (Old French *pr(o)uz*). Compare **Prew**. (ii) ethnic name from Middle English *Pruſ(se)*, *Pruce* ‘Prussia, Prussian’, for someone from that region. Compare **Spruce**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Pruz, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Adam Pruce, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Pruz, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; William le Prouz, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Roger le Prus, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Prouſ, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William le Prus, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Roberto Prouſ, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hill Deverill, Wilts); John Prouſ, 1417 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Prouſe, 1541 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); William Prowſe, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); George Prowſe, 1553 in *PROB 11* (Old Cleeve, Somerset); Nicholas Prouſe, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Totnes, Devon); George Prouze, 1594 in *PROB 11* (East Oggwell, Devon); Richard Prowz, 1609 in *PROB 11* (London); Edwarduſ Pruſe, 1614 in *IGI* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Henricuſ Pruce, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Prowting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Angleſey
- English: unexplained; perhaps an unusual southern English alteration of the northern surname **Prudom** or one of its variants.
- Early bearers:** John Prowting, 1575 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); John Prouting, 1581, Thomas Proutingge, 1606, John Proutinge, 1610 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); David Prowting, 1626 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Edworde Proutingg, 1646, Richerd Proutin, 1647 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); William Prouten, 1665, Thomas Prowting, 1713 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Willem Prouten, 1686 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Gregory, Welford, Berks); Ann Prouton, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey); Samuel Prowting, 1870 in *Parish Registers* (Holyhead, Angleſey).

### Pruce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Oxon; Wilts
- English: see **Prowse**.

### Prudden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds
- Norman, English: see **Prudom**.

### Prude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs
- English: see **Proud**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pruden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Beds, Northants, and Herts

Norman, English: see **Prudom**.

### Prudence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Prudence* (from Latin *prudentia* 'prudence').
- Early bearers:** given names: Prudencia de Pavey, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).
- surnames: Robertus filius Prudence, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Hugh Prudence, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Camsb); Adam Prudence, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Prudaunce, mercer, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Lewis Jackson Prudence, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Prudence, 1604 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); John Prudens, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Gorg Prudence, 1706 in *IGI* (Stoke Newington, Middx).

### Prudham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: see **Prudom**.

### Prudhoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Prudhoe on Tyne (Northumb), which is recorded as *Prudho* in 1173. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Prūda* + Old English *hōh* 'heel, spur of land'.
- Early bearers:** William Prodehowe, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Prudho, 1641, Ralph Pruddoe, 1665 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Prudhoe, 1709 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Robert Pruddo, 1720 in *IGI* (Whalton, Northumb); Dinah Proudoo, 1742 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Proudoo, 1766 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Robert Prudhow, 1773 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 161.

### Prudhomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

French: nickname, French **Prudhomme**, with the same etymology as English **Prudom**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Francois Prudhomme, 1835 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jean Francois Prudhomme, 1847 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Prudom

**Variants:** Prudham, Prudhomme, Prudden, Pruden, Prodhham, Pridham, Pridding, Purdom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *prudhome*, Old French *prudhomme* 'honest, upright man', used in the 13th century to distinguish the 'wiser' or 'lesser folk' (*prudhommes*) from the 'greater folk' or general mass.

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert Prodhome, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Gilbert Prudome, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Roger Prodomme, Prodhomme, 1284, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Prodom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Mergareta de [*sic*] Prodom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Johanna Pruddome, Johannes Prudhome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Johanne Prodehonne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johanne Prodomme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Ales Prudden, 1543 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Gilberte Purdam, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Cobham, Surrey); Thome Prudome, 1587 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); John Prudham, 1650 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Robt. Prudom, 1660 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); George Prudham, 1661 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); William Prodhham, 1731 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Jn. O Prodhham, 1783, Joseph Prudham, 1796 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb); John Pridden, 1782 in *Beds Record Office*; David William Prudames, 1846 in *Parish Registers* (Berkhamstead, Herts).

Scotland: Willelmus Prudomme of Scotia, merchant, 1373 in *Rotuli Scotiae*; James Purdome, 1454 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Lochmaben, Dumfriess); John de Purdome, 1487 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Prue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Prew**.

### Prueitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Prewett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Pruett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Prewett**.

### Pruitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: see **Prewett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Prunty

**Variants:** Brunty, Bronte, Brunt, Printy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 388
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Angus

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

Irish: from Ó Proinntigh 'descendant of *Proinnteach*', a personal name, originally a byname denoting a generous person, literally 'banqueting hall', from *proinn* 'banquet' (from Latin *prandium* 'meal') + *teach* 'house, hall'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Nele O'Prontye, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Rousk).

England: Eliza Prunty, 1836 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
Scotland: James Printie, 1653 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Prust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Priest**, preserving the south-western and west Midland rounded vowel in Middle English *preost*, *prost*, *prust*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Prust, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Torrington, Devon); Lawrence Prust, 1561 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Prust, 1609 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

### Prutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: of uncertain origin; either from a lost or as yet unidentified place, or perhaps a variant of some other name such as **Purton** or **Prowting**.

**Early bearers:** George Prutton, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Bengeo, Herts); William Pruton, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (North Mimms, Herts); Mary Prouton, 1714 in *IGI* (Stagsden, Beds); William Prutton, 1718 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Abraham Prutten, 1747 in *Parish Registers* (Biggleswade, Beds).

### Pry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Middx; Gloucs

Irish, English: from an anglicized form of Gaelic Ó **Préith**; see **O'Pry**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Foger [*sic*] Pry, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Therfield, Herts); Richard Pry, 1642 in *Parish Registers* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Elizabeth Pry, 1713 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Pry, 1826 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Pryce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1432

## Prydderch

- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys; also Shrops
- Welsh: see **Price**.

### Prydderch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales: esp. Flints
- Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Pryde

Variants: **Pride**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1301, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 829
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *prid(e)* ‘pride, unreasonable self-esteem’, probably for a vain or haughty person, or possibly as a pageant name. Some examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** John le Pride, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Pride, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Pride, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Pryde, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Robertus Pryd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caunton, Notts); Stephanus Pride, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset); Johannes Pryde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); William Pride, 1560, Pryde, 1564 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Pride, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Saint James Garlickhithe, City of London); Andro Pryd, 1625, Pride, 1628 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Thomas Pryd, 1641 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).
- 2 Welsh: nickname from *prid* ‘precious, dear’, especially in the Welsh border counties.

### Pryer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 588
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Norfolk
- English: see **Prior**.

### Pryke

Variants: **Prigg**, **Prigge**, **Prike**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1459, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1063
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: from Middle English *prik(k)e*, *prick(e)* ‘point, spike, goad’ (the forms *prig(g)e*, *prighe* show voicing of *-k-* and there is a palatalized form *priche*), probably used for a maker, seller, or user of such items, including pointed weapons. Compare Hamo Pricchere, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Priker, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh le Prichere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); compare also **Prickman**.
- Early bearers:** Henry Prig, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William Prike, Prikke, 1205–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Simon Prigge, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey Pricke, 1221 in *Cotton Claudius C.xi* (Norfolk); Adam Prigge, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (York); Alice Prich, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); John Prich(e), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Prike, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Pricke, 1341 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Thomas Pryke, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Staverton, Gloucs); Willelmus Prike, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Willingham, Cambs); Thomas Pryke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Willelmus Prigge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Johanne Prik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastleach Turville, Gloucs); Robert Prik, yeoman of the buttery, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Nicholas

Prikke, 1502 in *PROB 11* (Waldon, Essex); John Pryck or Prycke, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Great Horningsheath, Suffolk); Richard Prigge, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Drayton, Somerset); Edmund Prick or Pricke, 1606 in *PROB 11* (University of Cambridge, Cambs).

### Prynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Prinn**.

### Prynne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Prinn**.

### Pryor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2419, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1958
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall; WR Yorks; SE England
- English: see **Prior**.

### Pryse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cardigans
- Welsh: see **Price**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Price, 1785 in *IGI* (Llansanffraid, Cardigans); Job Pryse, 1874 in *IGI* (Eglwys Newydd, Cardigans).

### Prytherch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales: esp. Anglesey; also Carmarthens
- Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Prytherick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs
- Welsh: see **Prothero**.

### Psaila

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Maltese: (i) relationship name from the Italian family name **Basilia**, from the personal name *Basilio*, Italian equivalent of **Basil**. (ii) locative name from Busala in Sicily. (iii) nickname from Arabic *buṣāila*, a diminutive of *baṣl* ‘onion’, used either with reference to a person’s occupation or some physical characteristic.
- References: *Cassar*.

### Ptolmey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Tolmie**.

### Ptolomey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Tolmie**.

## Pu

Variants: **Poh**, **Puk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蒲 (**Po** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘bulrush, reed mace’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of the chief of the Western Qiang ethnic groups in NW China. It is said that giant bulrushes grew in a pond belonging to this family, which earned them the surname *Pu* (蒲). (ii) from *Pu* (蒲), name of an ancient state (located in Xixian in Shanxi province). (iii) from *Pu* (蒲), name of an ancient state (located in Changyuan in Henan province).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 布 (**Bu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Po** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘cloth’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Bu Zi (布子), an official who lived in the state of Zhao during the Warring States period (475–221 BC), who was noted for his gift of choosing strong horses. (ii) shortened form of the Chinese surname Gu-Bu (姑布). (iii) surname of the king of the state of Qiu Ci, a state in NW China during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907). (iv) borne by descendants of some refugees at the end of the Qin dynasty (221–207 BC) who fled to South China and changed their original surnames to *Bu* (布) in a wish for a good life with good clothing.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 卜 (**Bu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Puk** or **Pok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘astrologer, fortune teller, diviner’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the post names Bu Ren (卜人) or Bu Shi (卜筮), the title of astrologers who performed divination in ancient China. (ii) borne by descendants of the younger brother of the emperor Tai Kang, who lived during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Teng Shuxiu, a son of the virtuous Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; see **Zhou** (1)). (iv) adopted as a surname by the Xu Bu (須卜) family from the Huns during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 步 (**Bu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Po** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘steps’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Bu* (步), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) adopted as the surname by the Bu Lu Gen (步鹿根) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 浦 (**Po** in Cantonese romanization): said to be borne by some descendants of Jiang Tai Gong (c. 11th century), who made great contributions to the establishment of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 濮 (**Puk** or **Pok** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Pu* (濮), name of a fief (located in Henan province) that was originally granted to an official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from Bai *Pu* (百濮), the name of an ancient ethnic group in present-day Hubei province during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

## Puck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Pook**.

### Puckering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant form of **Pickering**.

**Early bearers:** Mighell Puckering, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Cluer, Berks); Robert Puckeringe, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); Christopher Puckeringe or Puckering, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Newington, Surrey); William Puckeringe, 1633 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Puckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Pockett**.

### Puckey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *pouk*, *poke* 'sprite', with the preservation typical in Devon and Cornwall of Middle English final *-e* as *-y*. Compare **Poke**.

**Early bearers:** John Poky, 1525 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Liskeard, Cornwall); John Pockey, 1525 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); John Pokye, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Adame Pokye, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Bodmin); William Puckey, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Fowey, Cornwall); Methusela Puckey, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Luxulyan, Cornwall).

### Puckle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

1 English: nickname from Middle English *poukel*, *puchel* 'goblin, devil' (Old English *pūcel*, from *pūca* + the diminutive suffix *-el*). Compare **Pook**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Puchel, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Nicholas Pokel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John le Pochel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Poukel, mariner, 1373 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Pokel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints, Kent); Herman Pokill, Pokell, Pokyll, draper, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Pokyll, 1483 in *PROB 11* (Berghstede, Kent); Vincent Puckell, 1577, Puckle, 1595 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Samuel Puckle, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Puckell, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Lewes, Sussex); Arthur Puckell or Puckle, 1617 in *PROB 11* (City of London).

2 English: locative name from Old English *pūca* 'goblin, devil, elf' + *holh* 'hole, hollow', *halh* 'nook' or *hyll* 'hill', for someone who lived by a local feature so named, such as Pookhill in Alciston (Sussex), Puckle Hill in Shorne (Kent), or Putshole in Hartland (Devon).

**Further information:** There was a settlement regarding 'the tenement called *Pokel* between the king's wood of Wakkefeld and the fee of Letice de Ferrariis of

Passeham', 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Passenham, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Pukehole, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Pokehill', 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Ospringe, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 111, 118, 265–6; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 415.

### Pucknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Pocknell**.

### Puckridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Puckeridge in Standon (Herts), which is recorded as *Pukerugg* in 1305, or Pockeredge Farm in Corsham (Wilts), which is recorded as *Polkeruge* in 1346. The Herts place-name derives from Old English *pūca* 'goblin' + *hrycg* 'ridge'. The Wilts place-name derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *hrycg*.

**Early bearers:** William Pukerich', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John de Pukerich, 1321 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Pukrych, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Robertus Pokeriche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); John Pokerygge, 1429 in *Feet of Fines*; Thomas Pokeryge, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); Richard Pokeridge, 1545, Pocrege, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Puckridge, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks); Samuell Puckeridge, 1638 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 198; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 97.

### Puddefoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Beds
- English: see **Puddephatt**.

### Puddepha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

### Puddephat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, and Bucks; Warwick

English: see **Puddephatt**.

### Puddephatt

**Variants:** **Puddephat**, **Puddefoot**, **Puddifoot**, **Pudifoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

1 English: nickname, probably from an unrecorded Middle English *\*pudi* 'swollen, obese' (compare Modern English *poddy*) + *fat* 'vessel, tub, vat' (Old English *fæt*), for a man with a prominent paunch, reminiscent of the 'barrel-bellied' rotund drinker mentioned under **Barrell**. Some examples may belong under (2), particularly the example of John de

Podyfat in 1309, if the *de* is taken at face value rather than as an error for the definite article *le*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Pudifaf, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Pudifaf, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Herbert Pudifot, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Pudifed', 1213 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Oxon); Geoffrey Putifaf, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert Podifaf, 1288 in *London Letter Books A*, 1332 in *London Pleas*; John de Podyfat, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Pudfot, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (West Deeping, Lincs); William Podyfat, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Berkhampstead, Herts); William Puddyfaff, 1550, Puddifatt, 1552 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Peter Puddefaf, 1567, Marke Puddefate, 1572, Raphe Puddevatt, 1603 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); George Puddefoot, 1604 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); Joseph Puddifoot, 1665 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); Thomas Puddefot, 1688, Jno. Puddephat, 1696 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Humphry Pudephat, 1730 in *IGI* (Bovingdon, Herts); Daniel Pudephat, 1759 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); James Puddiphatt, 1778, Pudiphaf, 1778, Puddiphah, 1794 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Pudford Farm in Martley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Podeford* in 1275 and *Pudiford* in 1289. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Puda* + Old English *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'.

### Puddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Puttock**.

### Puddicombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Puddicombe House in Drewsteignton (Devon). The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Podda* + Old English *cumb* 'hollow, valley'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Podecomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fursham in Drewsteignton, Devon); Thomas Puddicombe, 1562 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); John Puddecombe, 1634, Puddecomb, 1644, Georg Puddicomb, 1675 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Steeven Pudicome, 1675, James Pudicom, 1680 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 434.

### Puddifant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Podevin**.

### Puddifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Oxon
- Norman, English: see **Pettifer**.

### Puddifoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: see **Puddephatt**.

## Puddle

### Puddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Oxon, Berks, Herefs, Gloucs, and Northants

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *podel(l)*, *putdel*, *puddelle* ‘pool of standing water, puddle’. The name may be topographic, for one who lived near such a feature, or toponymic, from a lost or as yet unidentified place. (ii) locative name from any of several places named from the River Puddle (Dorset), such as Piddlehinton (Dorset), which is recorded as *Pidele* in 1086. The river-name derives from Old English \**pidele* ‘fen, marshland, marshy stream’. **Early bearers:** Robertus del Podell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loversall, WR Yorks); Walterus Pudell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); Adam Podel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); John Puddle, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Laurence Puddle, 1589 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Puddell, 1615, Puddel, 1651 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); George Pudell, 1689 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Pudle, 1782 in *IGI* (Hawling, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 309–10; *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 471–2.

### Puddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: nickname, possibly from an unrecorded Middle English \**pudi* ‘swollen, obese’ (compare Modern English *poddy*). Compare **Puddephatt** and perhaps **Pudge**.

**Early bearers:** John Pudde, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Jone Puddy, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Puddy, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Richard Puddy, 1621 in *IGI* (Kittisford, Somerset); Will. Puddey, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Robert Pudey, 1712 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds).

### Pudge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs

English: nickname, perhaps related to the adjective *judgy* ‘short and thick, chubby’, although this is not recorded before 1788 and the noun *pudge* is even later (see *OED*); both are probably related to an unrecorded Middle English \**pudi* ‘swollen, obese’ (compare Modern English *poddy*). See **Puddy**.

**Early bearers:** Joana Pudge, 1581, Franciscus Pudge, 1606, Edrus. Pudge, 1640, William Pudg, 1687 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs).

### Pudifoot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Puddephatt**.

### Pudner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Pudner, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Poughill, Cornwall); Anthony Pudner, 1586 in *IGI*

(Holsworthy, Devon); Robart Pudnar, 1595 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Pudner, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); John Pudner, 1650 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Pudnar, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

### Pudney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name, probably from Pudney Farm in Rayne (Essex), though no medieval forms for the place-name have been found, and so the place may take its name from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Roger Podeney, 1360, Podenho, 1361, Podenhay, 1365 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Simon Podeney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Podeney of Bures atte Mount, 1396, Robert Podeney of Bures at the Mount, husbandman, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Mount Bovers in Hawkwell, Essex); Thomas Pudney, 1509 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 453; Thos Pudny, 1630, Ric Pudney, 1632 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Pudsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Pudsey (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Podechesai(e)* in 1086, *Pudekesseya* in the 12th century, and *Pudekeshay* in 1219. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pudoc* (genitive \**Pudoces*) + Old English *ĕg* ‘island’. Pudsey stands on the top of a hill, and so in this case *ĕg* may have the sense ‘hill spur, island of good land in moorland’.

Alternatively, the final element may be Old English (*ge*)*hæg* ‘enclosure’ or *hēah* ‘high ground, height’. **Early bearers:** Roger of Pudekeshay, 1218–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Simon de Podesay, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Petrus de Pudesay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pudsey, WR Yorks); Adam Pudsay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Henry de Pudesay, 1409 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Puddesay, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Robert Pudsey, chaplain, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Henry Pudsay or Pudsaye, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Berforth, Yorks); Rauphe Pudsey, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Holborn, Middx); George Pudsie, 1626 in *IGI* (Chetwode, Bucks); Johannes Pudsey, 1679 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Putsey, 1687 in *Parish Registers* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Francis Pudsay, 1698 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham); John Pudzey, 1703 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Stephen Pudzey, 1753 in *IGI* (Ganton, ER Yorks); Willm Pudsy, 1769 in *IGI* (Reighton, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 484; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 236.

### Pue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Welsh, English: see **Pugh**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Puffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; Shrops; Essex

English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *puff(fe)*, *pouf* ‘short blast or puff of wind’ + the diminutive suffix *-et*. Alternatively it may be a diminutive of the Middle English name *Puff*, similarly derived; compare Johannes Puf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holton, Oxon); Radulpho Puff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics).

**Early bearers:** John Puffet, 1624 in *National Burial Index* (Southbroom, Wilts); Joseph Puffett, 1716 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Puffat, 1723 in *IGI* (Elsfield, Oxon); Robert Puffet, 1740 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Oxon); Wm Puffet, 1755 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Pophitt, 1777 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Nicholas, Radford Semele, Warwicks); John Puffett, 1798 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Oxon); Robert Puffitt, 1813 in *IGI* (Monks Kirby, Warwicks); Edward Puffett, 1851 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs).

### Pugh

**Variants:** **Pughe, Pew, Peugh, Pue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16259, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11385
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales, W Midlands, and Lincs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Mayo

Welsh: relationship name from the patronymic *ap Hugh* ‘son of Hugh’.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Puigh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Richard ap Hughe, 1563 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Montgomerys); William Pue, 1580 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); Matthaeh Pugh, 1596 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Hugh Pughe, 1613 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Morgan Pugh, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Tallyllyn, Merioneths); Robert Pughe, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Bennarthe, Caernarvons); John Apew, Pew, 1642 in *Bardsley*; Tho. Peugh, 1673 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops).

### Pughe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 637
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Wales: esp. Merioneths; also Lincs

Welsh: see **Pugh**.

### Pugmire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
- English: see **Pogmore**.

**Further information:** This name is comparatively rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA. *DAFN* derived this from a lost place in Yardley (Warwicks), recorded as *Puggmyre Farm* in 1645, but the distributions of early bearers and bearers in 1881 cast doubt on this.

### Pugsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 920
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Pugsley in Satterleigh and Warkleigh (Devon), which is recorded as

*Poghlegh* in 1303 and *Poggyslegh* in 1346. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Pocg* (genitive \**Pocges*) + Old English *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'.

**Early bearers:** [...] Poggeslegh, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Puggesley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Pugsley, 1545 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Rychard Pugslye, 1571, John Pugsly, 1575, Robert Pugslygh, 1575, Pugslygh, 1578, Nicholas Puggesley, 1622 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Christopher Pugsley, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Charells, Devon); Thomas Pugesley, 1611 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); John Pugsleigh, 1630 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Davy Pugsly, William Pugsley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Pugeley, 1760 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); John Puggsly, 1780 in *IGI* (Hawkrigde, Somerset); Philip Pugnsey, 1820 in *IGI* (Withypool, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 349–50.

### Puk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 卜 and 濮, see **Pu** (3) and (6).

### Puke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English: see **Pook**.

### Puleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Puleston (Shrops), which is recorded as *Plivesdone* in 1086 and *Pivelesdon* in 1200. The place-name probably derives from an Old English personal name \**Peofel* (genitive \**Peofeles*) + Old English *dūn* 'hill'. See also **Pilson**.

**Early bearers:** [...] Pivelesdun', 1241 in *Shrewsbury Cartulary* (Shrops); Roger de Pywelesdon, 1291 in *Patent Rolls* (Montgomerys); Thomas de Pywelesdon, 1293 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pouleston', 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Sollershope, Herefs); Isabella de Pulsedon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willaston, Shrops); Ricardus Pulesdon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Alexander Pulesdon of Bykenore Engliish, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Roger Puleston, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Emerill, Flints); Richard Puleston, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas Puleston, 1636 in *PROB 11* (London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 244–5.

### Pulfer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- English: see **Pulford**.

### Pulford

**Variants:** **Pulfer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1143, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 770
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Suffolk, Cheshire, Norfolk, WR Yorks, and Lincs; also Middx

English: locative name from Pulford (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Pulford* in 1086 and *Poleford* in

1254. The place-name derives from Old English *pōl*, *pull* 'pool, pond', or perhaps \**pull* 'pool, creek', + *ford* 'shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford'.

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Pulford, about 1200 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Henry de Pulford, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Pulford, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Coddington, Cheshire); Richard de Pulford, forester, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Willelmus de Pulford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); John Pulford', clerk, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Richard Pulford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William Pulford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Giles Pulford, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Stoke next Ipswich, Suffolk); Richarde Pulforde or Pulford, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, City of London); Sarah Pulforth, 1694 in *IGI* (Skellingthorpe, Lincs); William Pulford, 1730 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Francis Pulfur, 1747 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk); William Pulford, 1757 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Charles Pulpher, 1770 in *IGI* (Debenham, Suffolk); Wm Pulfer or Pulford or Pulfour, 1777 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 155.

### Pulfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Palfrey**.

### Pulham

**Variants:** **Pullum, Pullam, Pullen, Poland, Pallant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 498
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Gloucs
- English: locative name from Pulham (Norfolk), which is recorded as *Pul(la)ham* in 1086, Pulham (Dorset), which is recorded as *Poleham* in 1086, or Pulham in Twitchen (Devon), which is recorded as *Polham* in 1086. The place-names derive from Old English *pōl*, *pull* 'pool, pond' (genitive plural *pōla* for the Norfolk and Dorset place-names) + *hām* 'village, homestead' or *hamm* 'enclosure, water meadow'.  
**Early bearers:** William de Pulham, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon de Puleham, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; William Pulham, 1361 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Willelmus de Pulham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); Johannes de Pullam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erpingham, Norfolk); John Pullam, 1566 in *IGI* (Pavenham, Beds); Richard Pulham, 1574 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Henrie Pulham, 1626 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 354; *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 264; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 485.

### Pull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: see **Pill**.

2 English: see **Poole**. Locative names formed from Old English \**pull* 'pool, creek' became interchangeable with, and usually indistinguishable from, Old English *pōl* 'pool, pond'.

### Pullam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey
- English: see **Pulham**.

### Pullan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1259, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Pullen**.

### Pullar

**Variants:** **Puller, Pooler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 386
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *pullen* 'to pluck, shear, skin' + *har(ri)e* 'hare', probably for one who skinned hares but perhaps with some other colloquial and pejorative sense. Compare Roger Pullegos, about 1170 in *Ekwall, ELPN*, pp. 162, 174, perhaps for a conman or a quarrelsome person; also note Alexander Pullegandre, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph pullehare, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; William Pullehare, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); William Pullehare, John Pullehare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Nicholas Pulhare, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Pullehare, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Pulhare, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Pullar, 1629 in *IGI* (Hampton Lovett, Worcs); Will. Pullar, 1629 in *IGI* (Uffington, Shrops); Jane Pullar, 1703 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Pullar, 1729 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Norfolk); Thomas Pullar, 1759 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwickcs).

2 English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *pull(e)* 'pool, tidal stream' + (*n*)*ore* 'brink, edge' (Old English *pōl*, *pull* + *ōra* 'bank'), for one who lived near such a place.

**Early bearers:** Alan, John Pulhore, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John de Pulhore, 1339 in *Papal Letters* 2, p. 546 (Durham); Henry Pulour, bailie, 1379 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* 3, p. 21 (Perth, Perthcs); Robert Pullour, 1474 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* 1, p. 222 (Angus).

### Pullein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Pullen**.

### Pulleine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Pullen**.

### Pullen

**Variants:** **Pullein, Puleine, Pulleyn, Pullan, Pullin, Pulling, Pullon, Pullins, Polan, Poland, Pollen, Pollin, Polling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5865, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3918
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. SE England; also SE Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: nickname from Middle English *polein*, Old French *poulain*, Anglo-Norman French *pulein* 'foal, colt'. Some post-medieval bearers may belong with (2).



## Puller

**Early bearers:** Richard Pulein, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus pulein, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Richard Pulein, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); William Polein, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Geoffrey Poleyn, 1266 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Puleyn, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Mendham, Suffolk); Matthew Polayn, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Romsey, Hants); Stephen Pulayn, 1360–7 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Birstwith, WR Yorks); Roberto Polyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Alanus Poleyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgeford, Norfolk); Johannes Pullayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); William Poleyn, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Cradley, Herefs); Richard Pullayne, 1437 in *York Registry Wills* (Sherborne in Elmet, WR Yorks); William Polane, chaplain, 1452 in *York Registry Wills* (York); Thomas Pullan, 1509 in *York Guild Register*; Richard Pullen or Pulleyn, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Purton, Wilts); Richard Pollen, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Rowlande Pullyn, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pullen, 1601 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Pullan, 1623 in *PROB 11* (London); John Pulleyn or Pullen, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Islington, Middx); Thome Pullen, 1636, Honour Pulling, 1676 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon).  
2 English: variant of **Pulham**, especially in Suffolk and Devon.

## Puller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Perth; Northumb; Surrey
- 1 English: see **Pullar**.  
2 English: see **Pillar**.

## Pulle

**Variants:** Poile, Poyle, Pooley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Worcs, Northants, and Warwicks

1 Italian, English: ethnic name from Middle English *Poille*, *Poyle*, *Apuelle*, which are representations of Apulia (Italy) and denote someone from there; *Pulleis* denotes ‘man of Apulia’.

**Further information:** Compare Poyle House in Seale (Surrey), named from the family of de la Poille, Puyle, Pully, which held the manor from 1299, and Poyle in Stanwell (Middx), named from de l’Apulie. **Early bearers:** William le Pulleis, 1191, de Pueilleio, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter de la Poille, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs); John de Apuelle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Walter de la Poyle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de la Poille, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Robert de la Poyle, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Norton in Freshwater, Hants); Thomas Poyle, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Seaton, Devon); Robert Poyle, 1502 in *PROB 11* (Tregony, Cornwall); Thomas Pullye, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Poyle, 1574 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Moises Poile, 1599 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Ames Pullee, 1602 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Peter Thundersley, Essex); George Pullie, 1619 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Poille, 1781 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Pulley (Shrops), which is recorded as *Polelie* in 1086, *Pulleg’* in 1198, and *Pullileg’* in 1261–2. The place-name derives

from an uncertain first element + Old English *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

**Early bearers:** Warin de Pulleg’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William de Poleleye, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Ricardus de Polyleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Galfridus de Pullay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Shrops); Joyse Pulley, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); John Pulley, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Walter Pulley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 245.

## Pulleyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Pullen**.

## Pulliblack

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs
- English: see **Polyblack**.

## Pullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1355, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1056
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also N England
- English: see **Pullen**.

## Pulling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Herefs; Lincs
- English: variant of **Pullen**.

## Pullinger

**Variants:** Pillinger, Billinger, Bullinger, Bollinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 827, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Middx

Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *bolenger* ‘baker’ (Old French *boling(i)er*, *boulangier*).

**Early bearers:** Terricus le Bulenger, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Joceus le Boulenger, 1251 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephen Bolynger, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Tetbury, Gloucs); William Pullenger, 1553–74 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 49 (Kent); Gyles Bulenger, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Saint Anne Blackfriars, City of London); Edward Bullinger, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Edward Pullinger, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Speldhurst, Kent); Jane Pollinger, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Pullinger, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Idsworth, Hants); John Pillinger, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Box, Wilts); John Bollinger, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Owslebury, Hants); Robert Pollinger, 1716 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex).

## Pullins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: variant of **Pullen** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Wm Pullins, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); John Pullins, 1728 in *Parish Registers* (Yalding, Kent).

## Pullman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon; Middx and Kent
- English: see **Pulman**.

## Pullon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Pullen**.

## Pullum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Pulham**.

## Pullyblack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Polyblack**.

## Pulman

**Variants:** Pullman, Poolman, Pollman, Polman, Pillman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks; London

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *pul(le)*, *pil(le)* ‘pool, pool in a stream, tidal stream’ (Old English \**pull* ‘pool, creek’, *pyll* ‘tidal creek, pool in a river’, or *pōl* ‘pool, pond’) + *man*, probably for one who lived or worked near such a place.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Poleman, 1260 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 3 (Kent); John Polman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardo Pylman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erlestone, Wilts); Alicia Polman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Docking, Norfolk); John Pulman, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Pulman, 1562 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Johan Poolman, 1592 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teighthead, Devon); Bard Polman, 1625 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Peter Pulman, 1636 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); John Pullman, Roger Pulman, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Pullman or Pulman, 1644 in *PROB 11* (Rotherhithe, Surrey); George Pollman, 1712 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Poolman, 1727 in *IGI* (Bishopstone by Salisbury, Wilts).

## Pulsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx

English: locative name from Pulsford in Woodland (Devon), which is recorded as *Pollokysford* in 1330.

The place-name derives from an Old English personal name \**Polloc* (genitive \**Polloces*) + Old English *ford* ‘shallow place by which water can be crossed, ford’.

**Early bearers:** William de Pollokesford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ipplepen, Devon); Roger Pulsford, 1560 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); John Pulsford, 1634 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Isaak Pulsford, 1662 in *Parish Registers* (Stogumber, Somerset); Richard Pulsford,



1693 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 525.

### Pulteney

- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Pountney**.

### Pumford

- Current frequencies: GB 292, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 81
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops

English: perhaps a variant of **Pomfret** with metathesis in the second element.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Pomforthe, 1597, William Pomforde or Pomford, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Baldock, Herts); Thomas Pomford, 1615 in *Herts Archives* (Herts); Peter Pumford, 1648 in *IGI* (Dean, Beds); William Pumford, 1764 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops); John Pumford, 1767 in *Parish Registers* (Worcester, Worcs); Joseph Pumfort, 1796 in *IGI* (Benthall, Shrops).

### Pumfrett

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Hunts

English: see **Pomfret**.

### Pumfrey

Variants: **Pumphrey**, **Pomphrey**, **Pomfrey**, **Pumphery**

- Current frequencies: GB 279, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 214
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon, Worcs, and Warwick; London; Norfolk; Sussex

1 Welsh: relationship name from the patronymic *ap Humphrey* 'son of *Humphrey*'. See also **Boumphrey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Pumfray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Pumfrey, 1570 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Edward ap Humfrey, 1575 in *Ancient Deeds* 5 (Shrops); Thomas Pomphrey, 1605 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Richard Pumfrey or Pomfrey, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Rotherhithe, Surrey). Scotland: David Pumfray, 1488 in *Lanark Records*; Andrew and Alexander Pumfra, 1562 in *Protocol Books Glasgow*; Michael Pomphrey, 1651 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian).

2 English: possibly also from a doublet of **Pomfret**. See John Pumfrey, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall), where *Pounfrey* is for *Pounfreyt*.

### Pummell

- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 142
- Main GB location 1881: London; Norfolk

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *pomel* 'dappled', referring to someone's appearance, or from *pomel(le)*, *pumulle* 'ornamental knob, finial', of uncertain application.

**Early bearers:** William Pomell, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Great Linton, Cambs); Rogeri Pommell, 1589, Robertus Pummell, 1620 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Rychard Pummell, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Thatcham, Berks); Giles Pumell, 1650 in *IGI* (Broad Hinton, Wilts); Samuell Pummell, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Pummel, 1686, Daniell Pomell, 1695 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk); Samuel Pummell, 1724 in *IGI*

(Westminster, Middx); John Pummill, 1736 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Pummery

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

Norman, English: see **Pomeroy**.

### Pumphery

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks; Norfolk; Worcs

Welsh, English: see **Pumfrey**.

### Pumphrey

- Current frequencies: GB 250, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 190
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex

Welsh, English: see **Pumfrey**.

### Pun

- Current frequencies: GB 783, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Nepali: Hindu, unexplained.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 潘 and 盤, see **Poon** (1) and (2).

3 English: also occasionally found in English parish registers from the 16th century onwards. The origin is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joan Pun, 1587, John Pun, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Rushden, Herts); Thomas Pun, 1619 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); William Pun, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Warbleton, Sussex); Thomas Punne, 1654 in *IGI* (Tempsford, Beds); Thomas Punn, 1671 in *IGI* (Harlington, Beds).

### Punch

Variants: **Pons**

- Current frequencies: GB 169, Ireland 236
  - GB frequency 1881: 149
  - Main GB location 1881: Yorks; IoW; London
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick and Cork
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Ponche*, *Ponce* (from Latin *Pontius* 'man from Pontus in Asia Minor'). Compare **Points**.

**Further information:** This name has been established since the 13th century in Ireland, where it has been Gaelicized as **Púinse**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ponch' de Porteviar of Florence, citizen of London, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

surnames, England: Godfrey Punche, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls*; Philip Punch, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Punche, king's mariner, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Seman Ponche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Punche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lindsell, Essex); William Punch, 1614 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Edward Punch, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Gainford, Durham); Thomas Punch, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (Osmotherley, NR Yorks); Peter Pons, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Soho, Middx).

surnames, Ireland: John de Pounce, 1301 in *CDI* §835;

Katilin Pounce, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6312

(Ballydonell beg, Cork); Richard Pounche fitz

Richard, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465 (Cork);

David Poyn mcShean, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6505

(Imokelly, Cork); John Ponchye, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575.

### Punchard

Variants: **Puncher**, **Pinchard**

- Current frequencies: GB 326, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 379
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia; Devon

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Old Norman French personal name *Ponchard*, Old French *Ponsard*, a pet form of *Ponce* (see **Points**). (ii) locative name; some instances of *Punchard* may be reduced forms of (*de*) *Ponchardon*, a Norman surname derived from Pontchardon (Orne). Members of this family held lands in Lincs and Devon in the 12th century and later.

**Early bearers:** Robert Puncard, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Oliver Punchard(e), 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph Punchard(e), 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Geoffrey Puncard alias Punzard, 1265 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Berks); Fray Punchard, 1232 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Fray Punsard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Pouchard (perhaps in error for Ponchard), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johannes Ponsard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Puncard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton by Toft, Lincs); Walterus Punchard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); Anthonye Punchard, 1542 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Gracia Punchard, 1568 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); Symon Puncher, 1595 in *IGI* (Little Bealings, Suffolk); Oliv. Puncher, 1620 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Anne Punchard, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robt Puncher, 1640 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk).  
References: *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 642–3.

### Puncher

- Current frequencies: GB 127, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 88
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex; Norfolk; Devon
- English: reduced form of **Punchard**.

### Punnett

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Middle English *poinaunt*, *punyant* 'sharp, piercing' (from Old French *puignant*, *poignant*, 'stinging, biting'), as suggested by *Bardsley*, p. 613, and *Tengvik*, pp. 353–4. Such a nickname and personal name are possible; compare **Mordaunt**. (ii) nickname from the present participle of Anglo-Norman French *poign(i)er* 'to grasp, buffet' (Old French *poignier* 'to strike with the fist'; compare Middle English *pugnen* 'to fight') and hence *poignant* 'striker, fighter' (compare *poniard*, a derivative of *poing* 'fist'), as suggested by *Reaney, Dictionary* with particular reference to the *Domesday Book* forms.

**Further information:** The surname survives in Poyntatts Farm in Hambleton (Bucks), which is recorded as *Pinets* in 1766, and in Poynetts in South Benfleet (Essex), recorded as *Poynes* in 1412, *Poyntatts* in 1554.

**Early bearers:** Richard Poingiant, Pugniant, Puinant, Puniant, Pumat, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Roger Puinnant, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Roger Poinant, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John Poygnaunt, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Poynaunt, 1308 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter

## Punshon

Poynant, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Faversham hundred, Kent); Ricardus Poyngnaunt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Johannes Punet', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); William Punet, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Poynant, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (High Wycombe, Bucks); John Punnett, 1538, Christopher Punnet, 1540, Jhon Punett, 1576 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Thomas Punnett, 1616 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Thomas Punnett, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Strood near Rochester, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 179–80; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 143.

## Punshon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Norman, English: relationship name from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Ponche*, *Ponce* (see **Punch**).

**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Puncon, 1177, Punzun, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); William Puncun, Punzun, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William Punchedon, parson, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Hilmarton, Wilts); Nicholao Punchedon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harnhill and Driffield, Gloucs); Steven Punchedon, 1536 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Ponchen, 1556 in *PROB 11*; Edward Punshon, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Eggescliffe, Durham); Robertus Punshon, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Chester le Street, Durham); Edw. Punchedon, 1643 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

## Punt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; WR Yorks
- English: see **Pont**.

## Punter

Variants: **Ponter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 512
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Wilts
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *pount(e)* 'bridge' + the active suffix *-er*, denoting the keeper of a bridge. Compare **Bridger**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *pontour*, *pounter*, variant spellings of *pointere* 'tiler'; see **Pointer**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Punter, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Stephen le Punter, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John, Richard Ponter, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholas le Punter, 1260 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Walter le Punter, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Staines, Middx); Johanne Punter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Roberto Punter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Nicholas Punter, 1402 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Ponter, 1402 in *PROB 11* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Rychard Punter, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Hullavington, Wilts); Henry Punter, 1620 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey); John Punter, 1652 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Walter Ponter, 1701 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Edwd. Ponter, 1784 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Wm Punter, 1785 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset).

## Puntis

Variants: **Pontis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: locative name from Pontoise (Seine-et-Oise).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Punteise, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Pontis, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Pontey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); James Punteys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Pounteyse, de Pountoyse, 1300 in *London Letter Books B*, 1302 in *London Court Rolls*; John de Pontoise, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); John Pountes, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); John Puntysse, 1629 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Richard Pountis, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Leigh, Essex); James Pontis, 1779 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Henry Puntis, 1833 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Punton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; Northumb
- English, Scottish: see **Ponton**.

## Punyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Poyner**.

## Puplett

Variants: **Poplett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: nickname from a double diminutive of Anglo-Norman French *puppe*, *poppe* 'doll' (Old French *poupee* 'doll, girl'). Compare Alicia Pouppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Green, Sussex). **Early bearers:** Thomas Pupelot, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cams); Roger Popelote, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cams); Johannes Popelote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Popellot, 1381 in *Carshalton Court Rolls* (Surrey); John Pupplet, 1565, Water Puplet, 1574 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); Thomas Puplett, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Banstead, Surrey); George Pupplet, 1615 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); John Poplet, 1691 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Jeve Poplet, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Puplit, 1730 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent).

## Purbrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Edwarde Purbreke, 1542 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Edward Purbrick, 1691 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); Benjamin Purbrick, 1732 in *IGI* (Beedon, Berks); John Purbriek, 1754 in *IGI* (Caversham, Oxon); John William Purbric, 1820 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon).

## Purcell

Variants: **Pursell**, **Pursell**, **Pursall**, **Purtell**, **Purtill**, **Purtle**, **Percell**, **Persell**, **Parcel**, **Parcell**, **Parsell**, **Parsells**, **Parcells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5153, Ireland 3088
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2076
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread in Leinster: esp. Kilkenny, and in Munster: esp. Tipperary

1 Norman, English, Irish: nickname from Old French *pourcel* 'little pig', perhaps denoting someone thought to resemble a pig, or an occupational nickname for a swineherd. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This is a common surname in Ireland, having become established there in the 12th century. It has been gaelicized as **Puirseil**.

**Early bearers:** England: Gaufridus porcellus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Ralph, William Purcel, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Purcel, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh Purcel, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludlow, Shrops); Johannes Purcel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dudston, Shrops); Thomas Purcelle, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Great Tew, Oxon); Richard Purcell, 1524 in *PROB 11* (Saint Chad, Shrops); Nicholas Parsell or Pursell, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Dinthill, Shrops); Willm. Parcell, 1564 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk); Humfrey Pershall, 1585 in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Pursell, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Flitton, Beds); John Persell, 1611 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Rowland Pursell, 1624 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Abigail Purcel, 1713 in *Parish Registers* (Hurdley, Montgomerys); Thomas Purtel, 1746 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Michael Purtle, 1786 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

Ireland: Walter Porcell, seneschal of Leinster, 1219 in *CDI* §873; Hugh Porcel, sheriff, 1296 in *CDI* §329; James Pursell, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §286 (Garran); Philip Purcell, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §261 (Ardristyn); Redmund Purscell, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1305 (Graigerawe); John Purshell, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4329 (Burreleagh, Tipperary).

2 English: locative name from Purshull in Elmbridge (Worcs), which is recorded as *Pershulle* in 1210, *Purshull* in 1242, and *Pursell* in the 16th century. The place-name derives from an uncertain first element + Old English *hyll* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Pureshull, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); John Pursel, Pursull, 1428 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); John Purshull, 1431 in *Feudal Aids* (Worcs).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 291.

## Purchas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

## Purchase

Variants: **Purchas**, **Purches**, **Purchase**, **Purkiss**, **Purkis**, **Pirkis**, **Purkess**, **Poreas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1698, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1023
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and W Midlands: esp. Somerset

Norman, English: (i) nickname from a short form of Anglo-Norman French *purchaçur* 'purchaser', or from Middle English *purchas(e)*, *purchase* 'acquisition, gain' used in a transferred sense, denoting an official responsible for obtaining the supplies required by a monastery, manor, or similar. Compare Thomas le Purchaseour, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Gresley, Derbys). (ii) nickname from Old French *purchas* 'pursuit, pillage', used for messengers and

couriers. Bardsley notes Purchase the Pursuivant, 1422–61. (iii) nickname from Middle English *purchas*, *porchas* ‘mercenary soldier’, signifying one who fights in exchange for *purchas* ‘booty, plunder’.

**Early bearers:** William Purchaz, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey Purcaz, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Roger Purchas, 1239 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William Purkas, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Purchas, chaplain, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Purkas, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Purcas, Galfridus Purchas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fritham, Hants); John Purchas, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Berkhamstead, Herts); William Purches, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Purchesse, 1494 in *PROB 11* (London); William Purcas, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Pitstone, Bucks); Catherin Purchess; 1570 in *Parish Registers* (Over Wallop, Hants); John Purchis, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Puddletown, Dorset); John Purkase, 1602 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); George Purchase or Purchas, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Maldon, Essex); John Pirkas, 1662 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Willam Pirkis, 1673 in *IGI* (Horningsea, Cambs); Wm Purkess, 1683 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Robert Pirkiss, 1828 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

### Purches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Purchase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Purchon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname, perhaps from a diminutive of the nickname *purchas* in one of its senses (see **Purchase**).

**Early bearers:** Jane Purchin, 1593 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Abraham Purchen, 1621 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); John Purchin, 1773, Purchon, 1775, Thomas Purchen, 1777, William Purcheon, 1783, George Purchion, 1785 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edwd. Purchan, 1787 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); John Purchon, 1805 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Purcifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Norman, English: see **Percival**.

### Purday

**Variants:** **Purdue**, **Purdye**, **Purdy**, **Purdie**, **Purdey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Notts; Norfolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *pour Dieu* ‘for God(’s sake)’, from frequent use of this expression as an oath. *Pourdieu* is also found as a surname in French. Compare **Pardew**, **Godsave**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Purdeu, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Purde, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Purdew, 1296, Purde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Purdy, 1436 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Robert Purdu, 1479 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Robert Purdy or Purdye, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); James Purdy or Purdi, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Bramshott, Hants).

### Purden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Purdom**.

### Purdey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx and Surrey; Durham
- Norman, English: see **Purday**.

### Purdham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English: see **Purdom**.

### Purdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1696, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland

Norman, Scottish: Scottish form of **Purday**.

### Purdin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Purdom**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Purdom

**Variants:** **Purdham**, **Purdon**, **Purden**, **Purdin**, **Purdum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- Scottish, English: metathesized form of **Purdum**. It was sometimes misinterpreted as a place-name in *-ham*, *-den*, or *-don*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Purdome, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robert Purdome, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Jerrard Purdon, 1593 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Wm. Purdom, 1610 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Samuel Purden, 1613 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Ann Purdon, 1618 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Wm. Purden, 1664 in *IGI* (Royal Leamington Spa, Warwicks); George Purdom, 1777 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb); Margt. Purdom, 1796 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: John de Purdome [*sic*], 1454 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); David Purdoun, 1494 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andrew Purdon, 1609 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; Jonet Purden, 1645 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Purdome, 1705 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs).

### Purdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 24

- **GB frequency 1881:** 553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath
- Scottish, English: see **Purdom**.

### Purdue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 66
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Purday**.

### Purdum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Purdom**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Purdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3049, Ireland 637
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1701
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim
- Norman, English: see **Purday**.

### Purdye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Purday**.

### Purefoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *par fei* ‘by (my) faith’. Compare **Pardoe**.

**Further information:** Also recorded are Adam Parmafey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), and Rychard Parmafoye, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** William Parfei, 1195 in *Feet of Fines*; Henry Parfei, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Parfoy, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Purfey 13th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Warwicks); Ralph Perfai, 1327, Ralph Parfay, 1332, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Purefay, 1412 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Leics); Frauncis Purefoy, 1563 in *IGI* (Sibson, Leics); Susan Purefoy, 1654 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Thomas Purefoy, 1673 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

### Purewal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): from the name of a Jat clan.

### Puri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 850, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh name based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community. The word *puri* in Panjabi means ‘small town’, but it is unclear whether this word has anything to do with the family name.

### Purkess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

## Purkins

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Purkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Cambs
- English: see **Perkins**.

### Purkis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 795
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Purkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1153, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 702
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Purchase**.

### Purks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx; Pembrokes
- English: see **Parkes**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Purley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex; Hants

English: locative name from Purleigh (Essex), which is recorded as *Purlea* in 988, Purley (Berks), which is recorded as *Porlei* in 1086, or Purley in Sanderstead (Surrey), which is recorded as *Pirlee* in 1200 and *Pyrryle* in 1296. The Essex and Berks place-names derive from Old English *pur* 'bittern, snipe' + *lēah* 'wood, woodland clearing'. The Surrey place-name derives from Old English *pyrige* 'pear tree' + *lēah*.  
**Early bearers:** John de Purle, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Martin de Purleg, 1246 in *Patent Rolls* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Robert de Purlegh, king's clerk, 1269 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh de Purley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William de Purle, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Purley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); William Purley, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Purle, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); William Purly or Purley, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Aldwinkle, Northumb); Robert Purley, 1760 in *IGI* (East Ilsley, Berks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 215; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 222; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 54.

### Purnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2988, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1571
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts
- English: see **Parnell**.

### Purohit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman) name meaning 'family priest', from Sanskrit *purohita* 'one placed foremost' (from *purā* 'front' + *hita* 'placed').

### Purple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *purpel* 'purple, dark crimson', perhaps denoting a dyer or a trader in fine cloth, or perhaps referring to a feature of someone's appearance.  
**Early bearers:** Roger Purpel, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); John Purple, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshunt, Herts); Robt Purple, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Isleham, Cambs); Thomas Purple, 1628 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Henry Purple, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Purr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk
- English: nickname from Old English *pūr* 'bittern'.  
**Further information:** Compare Roger Purfoghel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), Old English *pūr fugol* 'bittern bird'.  
**Early bearers:** Edric Pur, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Walter Purr, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Adam le Pur, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Purre, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Agnes Purr, 1573 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Barbara Purr, 1579 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Thoma Purr, 1581 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Willm Purr, 1691 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); James Purr, 1706 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs).

### Purrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Wilts, and Sussex
- English: see **Perrier**.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Piryer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Patney, Wilts); Johanne Perier', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Wilts); Martha Puryer, 1627 in *IGI* (Fisherton Anger, Wilts).

### Purrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, probably in SW England.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Purington, 1639 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Richard Purrington, 1751 in *Parish Registers* (Shadwell, Middx); William Purrington, 1825 in *Parish Registers* (Exeter, Devon).

### Purry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Perry**.

### Pursall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

### Purse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants; also Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *purse(e)* (Old English *purs*) 'bag, sack, or pouch', often specifically 'money bag, purse, wallet', also '(royal) treasury, the privy purse' and colloquially a term for the scrotum. Perhaps short for *pursmaister* 'keeper of the purse', *purser* or *pursmakere* (see **Purser**), or for someone who was mean or generous with money or who displayed his purse in an ostentatious manner.

**Early bearers:** Hucche purs, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Derewin Purs, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); John Purs, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ide, Devon); Nicholas Pours, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Buckland, Devon); Adam Purs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe next Norwich with Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Thoma Purs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothley, Leics); Adam Purs, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Henricus Purs, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Annes Purse, 1559 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Elizabeth Purse, 1562 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London); Robart Purse, 1571 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Gul. Purse, 1577 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Rob Purse, 1582 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); James Purce, 1586 in *National Burial Index* (Eaton Bray, Beds); Fr. Purse, 1591 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Elizabeth Purse, 1592 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

2 Norman, English: variant of **Pearce**, in consequence of Middle English *-er-* and *-ur-* + consonant converging in pronunciation to /ɜr/, perhaps as early as the mid-16th century in some dialects. Some of the post-medieval bearers in (1) above may belong here.

### Purseglove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Pursglove**.

### Pursehouse

**Variants:** **Purshouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: locative name, apparently an altered pronunciation of **Parkhouse** (Middle English *Perkehous*) with an intrusive /s/ giving *Perkeshouse* and subsequent loss of /k/ producing *Pers(e)house* and *Purs(e)house*.  
**Early bearers:** Leticia de Pursthous, Nicholaus de Porstlous, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Leonard Parsehouse, 1603, Marey Parshowse, 1635, Mary Parkeshowse, 1655, Joseph Purshouse, 1723, William Pearshouse, 1734 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Joseph Purshouse, 1723 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Henry Pursehouse, 1786 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); James Pursehouse, 1814 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joseph Purcehouse, 1862 in *IGI* (Bordesley, Warwicks).

### Pursell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 367
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Staffs; Lancs and WR Yorks
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Purser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1491, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 890
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Middx; SW Midlands; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Dublin
- English: occupational name from Middle English *purser(e)*, *purcere*, *porser(e)* ‘purser, purse-bearer, treasurer’ but sometimes also meaning ‘maker of purses or bags’.
- Further information:** Robert le Pursere, 1319 *Subsidy Rolls* (London), was identical with Robert Neel, burser, 1338 in *London Pleas*, and was an associate of William de Borham, pouchmaker, 1344 in *London Pleas*.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Purcir, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roger le Porser, 1299 in *London Letter Books C*; John le Pursare, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Sherborne, Dorset); Adam le Purser, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William le Porser, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Willelmus Purser, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Pursere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Roger le Bourser alias Purser, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Henry Purser, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Purser, 1541 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Richard Pursser, 1601 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); William Purser, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Eckington, Worcs); Samuel Purser, 1633 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Pursur, 1679 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds).

**Pursey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 846, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 592
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx; Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Percy**.

**Pursglove****Variants: Pursglove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: nickname, probably from a name such as **Purslow**, but misunderstood or reinterpreted as Middle English *purs(e)* ‘purse, bag, pouch’ + *glove*, *gloff(e)* ‘glove’. For a similar reinterpretation, compare Robert Proudlove, 1344 in *Patent Rolls*, apparently for either **Proudlove** or **Prudhoe**.
- Early bearers:** Christopher Purslove, 1505 in *York Registry Wills* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Purceglove, 1511 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); John Pursglove, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Rauffe Pursglove, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs); Jo. Purslove, 1580 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Robert Pursglove, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Tideswell, Derbys); John Pursglove, 1601 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Robert Pursglove, 1603 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Philip Pursglove, 1613 in *Parish Registers* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Richard Pursglove, 1621, Purslove, 1656 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Andrew Pursgloue, 1630 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Henry Pursglove, 1673 in *IGI* (Hathersage, Derbys); John Porsglove, 1706 in *IGI* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); John Purssglove, 1835 in *IGI* (Harborne, Staffs); Fred Purslove or Posliffe, 1877 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); George Henry Purssclough, 1890 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire).

**Purshouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Purshouse**.

**Pursley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon
- English: locative name from Pursley Farm in Shenley (Herts). The place-name probably derives from Old English *pur* ‘bittern, snipe’ (plural *pures*) + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.
- Early bearers:** Hamo de Puresleg, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John de Poresle, 1344, Robert Pursley, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Shenley, Herts); Michael Pures, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caddington, Beds); John Pursley, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Pursle, 1614 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Robert Purslee, 1664 in *IGI* (Castleton, Derbys); Raflo Pursly, 1672 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset).
- References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 68.

**Purslow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 450
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: locative name from Purslow (Shrops), which is recorded as *Posselau* in 1086, *Pusselawa* in about 1200–10, and *Purslaw* in 1577. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Pussa* + Old English *hlāw* ‘mound, hill’.
- Early bearers:** John de Posselowe of Forton, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Forton in Montford, Shrops); John de Pusselowe, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); William Pusselowe, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Alberbury, Shrops); Elizabeth Purselowe, 1542 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); William Purslow, 1545 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Robert Pursloe, Richard Pursloe alias Purslove, 1558 in *TNA* (Wheston, Derbys); Christopher Pursgloue, 1580 in *PROB 11*; Robert Pursglove, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Tideswell, Derbys); Robert Purslove, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Shrops); Ralph Purslove, 1656 in *TNA* (Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Shrops 1*, p. 247.

**Purssell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Purt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: the Norfolk name is often if not always a modern respelling of **Peart**.
- 2 English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English *\*purt*, perhaps meaning ‘gloomy, sully’; compare 19th-century Devon dialectal *purt* ‘sullen, glum’ in *English Dialect Dictionary*. An Essex name in medieval times, it is uncertain whether it survived into the post-medieval period, unless it was absorbed into *Peart*, *Pert* (sense 1), which is recorded in the 16th century in Essex.

**Early bearers:** Wulward le Purte, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas le Purte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Gilbert Purte, 1276 in *London Letter Books B*; Simon Pourte de Stratford, 1291 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Thomas Purthe, before 1272 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Geoffrey Purte, 1315–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Katherina Purte, 1578 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Edmund Purte, 1616 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Will. Purte, 1687 in *IGI* (East Hatley, Cambs); William Purte, 1702 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Samuel Purte, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Ethelburga within Bishopsgate, London).

**References:** *Ekwall, ELPN; Place-Names of Essex*, p. 131.

**Purtell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Surrey
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Purtill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Clare
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.

**Purtle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Purcell**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Purton****Variants: Perriton, Perraton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, and SE England; also W Midlands
- English: from Purton (Wilts, Somerset), Pyrton (Oxon), Perriton in Whimple (Devon), Pirton (Herts, Worcs), or Purton End in Saffron Walden (Essex), all signifying ‘pear tree estate’.
- Early bearers:** Eduuardus de Periton, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Gervase de Piriton, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Ascelin de Periton, de Periton, 1207–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Puryton, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John de Pyriton, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Leominster, Herefs); Walter Piriton, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Pyrtton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johanne Pyryton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bray, Beds); Robertus Periton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gosfield, Essex); William Pyrtton, clerk, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Robert Perton, 1457 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard East Cheap, City of London); William Pyrtton, esquire, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Stratford, Suffolk); Henrici Purton, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Great Hormead, Herts); Nathaniel Perriton, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Chatham, Kent); Andrew Perraton, 1772 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon).

**Purver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

## Purves

English: occupational name from Middle English *purveour*, *perveur* ‘provisioner, purveyor, steward’. Compare **Purvis**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Purveyour, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Butleigh, Somerset); Richard Purveyour, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Creskeld in Arthington, WR Yorks); William Purveour, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Walys alias Purveour, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Joane Purver, 1544, Margaret Purvar, 1559 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Robert Purver, 1570 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Agnes Purveyer, 1596 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Purviour, 1612 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); John Purveyor, 1622, Abraham Purver, 1632, Mary Purvior, 1677 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); George Purver, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Bourne, Hants).

## Purves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2073, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1957
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English: see **Purvis**.

## Purvess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Purvis**.

## Purvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Sussex and Surrey; Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Purvis** with loss of final *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John, Cons’ Purvey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Purvey, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; William Pervey, Perveye, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Fen Stanton, Hunts); Nicholas Purvey, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Dunstable, Beds); William Purvey, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Wormley, Herts); Edward Purvey, 1624 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex); Richard Purvy, 1701 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Tho Purvey, 1720 in *IGI* (Withington, Gloucs).

## Purvis

**Variants:** **Purves**, **Purvess**, **Purvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4266, Ireland 234
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2882
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone
- Norman, English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Anglo-Norman French *purveier* ‘to provide’. Compare Old French *porveor* ‘provider’ of supplies, especially in a hospital; compare also **Purver**.

**Further information:** In 1451 John Graunger of the butlery of the Prioress of Saint Radegund, Cambridge, was paid 3s. ‘in regardo *pro officio Purvis domine*’ (*Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge*), the editor explaining *Purvis* as ‘a servant who acted as purveyor, *provisor*’.

**Early bearers:** William Purveys, Porveys, Purvys, Purvais 1214–49, 1296 in *Black*; Gilbert Purveys, 1400 in *London Letter Books I*; Eva Purveys, 1450 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Thomas Purvas, 1427 in *Black*;

Thomas Purvis, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ann Purviss, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Horton, Northumb).

## Puryer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Perrier**.

**Early bearers:** Eme Purrier, 1585 in *IGI* (Hardmead, Bucks); Humphrey Purrier, 1605 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); Anne Puryer, 1622 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds).

## Pusey

**Variants:** **Pezey**, **Pizzey**, **Pizey**, **Pizzie**, **Peasey**, **Puze**, **Pewsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1088, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 655
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

1 English: locative name from Pusey (Berks), which is recorded as *Pesei* and *Peise* in 1086 and *Peuesia* in 1156. The place-name derives from Old English *pise*, *peosu* ‘pea(s)’ + *ēg* ‘island’. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Pesy, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Joan de Pusye, de Pysy, 1277–8 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John de Puseye, 1284, de Peseie, 1300 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John de Puseye of Oxford, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Richard de Puseye, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Alvescot, Oxon); Willelmo Puseye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pusey, Berks); John Pusey, 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (West Wycombe, Bucks); John Pusye, 1575 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks); Richard Pizzie, 1638 in *IGI* (Denchworth, Berks); John Puzey, 1686 in *IGI* (Ashbury, Berks); Rebecca Pusey, 1702 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks); Thomas Peasy, 1709 in *IGI* (Farnham Royal, Bucks); Charles Pizzey, 1717 in *IGI* (Ashbury, Berks); Roger Puizey, 1757 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 395–6.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Le Puiset (Eure-et-Loire).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Puset, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Pissy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Annyes Pusey, 1581 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Wylliam Pusey, 1593 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Robert Pusey, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); George Pusey, 1669 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susan Pusey, 1670 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Charles Albert Pezzey, 1791 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

3 English: see **Pewsey**.

## Putland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name, probably from Putlands Farm in Maresfield (Sussex). However, no medieval forms have been found for this place-name, and so the place may take its name from the surname, and the surname may have an alternative, unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** John Putland, 1554 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); William Putland or Putlande, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Heathfield, Sussex); George Putland, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Tonbridge, Kent); Step Putland, 1672 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

## Putley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Putloe in Standish (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Putteleye* in 1287, or Putley (Herefs), which is recorded as *Putteleghe* in 1158–65. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Putta* or Old English *putta* ‘hawk’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

**Early bearers:** William de Putleye, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard de Putlygh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Putle, 1339, de Puttele, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); John Putelegh, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Putley, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Teynham, Kent); Ellen Putley, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Burton Regis, Gloucs); Henry Puttley, 1606 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs); Christopher Putley, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Aston Ingham, Herefs); John Putley, 1790 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 171; *Place-Names of Gloucs 2*, p. 191.

## Putman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 525, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 495
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and SE Midlands

English: see **Pitman**.

## Putnam

**Variants:** **Puttnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: locative name from either of two places called Puttenham (Herts, Surrey), both of which are recorded as *Putteham* and *Puttenham* in the 13th century. The place-names derive from the Old English personal name *Putta* (genitive *Puttan*) + *hām* ‘village, homestead’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Puteham, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Jordan, Walter, Joh de Putteham, 1252 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); John, William de Puttenham, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Stokenchurch, Bucks); Thomas Potenham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); William Potenham, 1375, de Puttenham, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Berkhamstead, Herts); Henry Puttenham, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Elisabeth Potenham, 1486 in *PROB 11*; George Puttenham’, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Lidlington, Beds); John Putnam, 1566 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Richard Puttenham, 1597 in *PROB 11*; Tho. Puttnam, 1637 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); James Putnaham, 1773 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 50; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 209.

## Putney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from Putney (Surrey), which is recorded as *Puttenhuth(e)* in 1279–1332. The place-name derives from the Old English personal name *Putta* (genitive *Puttan*) + Old English *hȳð* ‘landing place, quay’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Pottenheth(e), 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Richard Putney, 1636 in *Parish Registers*

(Laughton, Sussex); Roger Putney, 1638 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Thomas Puttney, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 27–8.

### Putt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 695

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Oxon  
English: western dialect variant of **Pitt**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Putt, 1581 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Stephen Putt, 1731 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon).

### Putter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

1 English: variant of **Pitter** in SW England as far west as Sussex. Some of the following examples may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John le Putter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alicia Puttere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldrington, Sussex); Thomas Putter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormington, Gloucs); Johannes Putter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Robertus Putter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Margaret Putter, 1794 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent).

2 English: (i) nickname, possibly from Middle English *putter*, an agent noun derived from *putten* ‘to put, place, appoint’ and ‘to shove, thrust, poke, stab, throw’. It is recorded with the sense ‘head-butter’, but it may have had any number of unrecorded senses including perhaps ‘stone thrower’ for one who took part in games similar to the modern shot-put. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *putour* (Old French *puteor*) ‘pimp, procurer; fornicator’ with substitution of *-er* for *-our*.  
**Early bearers:** Simon Putter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fawdon with Kenton, Northumb); Johanne Putter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Langton, Leics); Galfridus Putter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Putter, 1584 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs).

### Puttergill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Pettingale**.

### Putterill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Lincs; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

### Puttick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 595
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Puttock**.

### Puttnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Surrey
- English: see **Putnam**.

### Puttock

Variants: **Puttick**, **Puddick**, **Pottock**, **Pittock**, **Piddock**, **Pidduck**, **Pittuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 699

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey  
English: nickname from Middle English *puttok(e)*, *puttok(k)*, *potok* ‘kite’ (Old English \**putta* ‘hawk, kite’ + suffix *-uc*). Some examples show *-d(d)-* for *-t(t)-* from the 14th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** Ælfricus Puttuc, 1034 in *Tengvik*, p. 365; Aluiedus Pottoch, 1066 in *Exeter Domesday Book* (Rodney Stoke, Somerset); Edricus Puttuc, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); John Puttok, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Thomas Puttek, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); Andrew Pottok, Geoffrey Puttok, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Beccles, Suffolk); John Pittock, Laurence Pyttok, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Pottock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Pyddok, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Putok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Willelmo Pydyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Carswell, Berks); Galfridus Potok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Thoma Puddock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); John Puttok, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Rychard Pottoke, 1538, John Puttocke, 1548 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Samuel Pyttok, 1576 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); William Puttock or Puttocke, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Deptford, Kent); Sibble Puddock, 1617 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Puttuck, 1621 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Roger Piddocke, 1625 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); Richard Pittuck, 1625 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); George Piddock, 1664 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Ann Pittick, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); John Puttick, 1675 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex); John Puddick, 1696 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

### Puttrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

Norman, English: see **Powdrill**.

### Putwain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Podevin**.

### Puxley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Norfolk; Glamorgan

English: locative name from Puxley in Passenham (Northants), which is recorded as *Pocheslie* in 1086 and *Poukesle(ye)* in the 14th century. The place-name derives from Old English *pūca* ‘goblin’ + *lēah* ‘wood, woodland clearing’.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Poghele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); John Puckesley, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre without Newgate, City of London); Timothie Puxley, 1642 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Thomas Puxley, 1720 in *Parish Registers* (Bradfield, Essex); Alexr Puxly, 1725 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).  
References: *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 102.

### Puxty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Puckstye Farm in Hartfield or Puxty Wood in Wadhurst (both in Sussex), although the latter may in fact derive from the surname. The place-name appears to derive from Old English *pūca* ‘goblin’ + *stīg* ‘path, narrow road’.  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Powkestie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Puxstee, 1594, Puckstey, 1637, John Puxstie, 1652 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); John Puxty, 1743 in *IGI* (Brabourne, Kent); Ralph Puxtey, 1749 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Joseph Puxty, 1751 in *IGI* (Ebony, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 368, 387.

### Puzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx
- English: see **Pusey**.

### Pyatt

Variants: **Pyott**, **Pyett**, **Piatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 570
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *piot* ‘maggie’ (Old French *piot*, a diminutive of Old French *pie*), commonly used to denote a chattering woman. Compare **Pye**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Simon Pyot, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (WR Yorks); John Pyet, 1308 in *London Letter Books C* (London); William Pyatt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Piot, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Trenordrath, Cornwall); Johannes Piote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); John Pyatt, 1555 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Johis Pyott, 1568, Richardi Pyat, 1587 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); Johes Piott, 1588 in *IGI* (Dilthorne, Staffs); William Piatt, 1601 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Johnne Pyet, 1612 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Richard Pyott, 1620 in *PROB 11* (London); Andro Pyatt, 1628 in *IGI* (Inchture, Perth); John Piatt, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Alexander Pyott, 1643 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); James Pyett, 1667 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); John Pyat, 1719 in *IGI* (Debenham, Suffolk).

2 English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**pyard*, an uncomplimentary term derived from Old French *pie* ‘maggie’ + *-(h)ard*.

**Further information:** The name perhaps survives in Pyott’s Hill in Basing (Hants), and *Pyatt* may be a weakened form of the same name.

**Early bearers:** John Pyarde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Nicholas Piarde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Hugh Pyard, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Rogerus Piarde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Cressett, Shrops); Christopher Pyarde, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Xpofer Pyard, 1570 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Peter Piarde, 1634 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Pyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name, apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place in Lincs or Durham.



## Pybus

**Early bearers:** John Pyburne, 1561 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Johis Pyborne, 1566 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Henry Pyburn, 1599 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Mary Pybourne, 1634, John Pibourne, 1637 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); William Piburne, 1668 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Richd. Pyburn, 1674 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Henry Pybourn, 1706 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Thomas Pyeburn, 1725 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs).

### Pybus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 805, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Durham

English: (i) nickname, perhaps for someone with a prickly temperament, from Middle English \**pikeshush* 'prickle bush', later simplified to *Pybus(h)* or *Pybus(k)*. The word probably denoted a plant such as bramble, gorse, or wild rose. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* documents the reduction of *Pikeshush* to *Pybus(h)*, citing Christopher Pykebushe or Pyebusk (1482–4); Thomas Pykebushe, Pibuske, or Pibus of Northallerton (1570–97). The change may have been influenced by folk etymology, reinterpreting the name as *pie* 'magpie' + *bush*, from the habit of magpies of perching on top of tall bushes. (ii) locative name; alternatively a name for someone who lived by a \**pikeshush* 'prickle bush', or in a locality so named. Compare the minor place-names Pig Bush Farm in Alfold (*Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 224), which is recorded as *Pykbushe* in 1558, *le Pykebushe* in 1559, and Pigbush Farm in Wisborough Green (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 136), which is recorded as *Pykebushe* in 1609. However, there are no recorded surname examples with a preposition and the NR Yorks name, recorded from 1455, is probably best explained as (i).

**Early bearers:** Robert Pykebush, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; John Pikebusk, 1327, 1328 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Robert Pykebussh, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Elena Pykebusk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatley and Sandall, WR Yorks); Robertus Pykebus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); William Pikebuske, 1455 in *Yorks Deeds* (Great Habton, NR Yorks); John Pickbush, 1564, Thomas Pickbushe, 1574, Jam. Pybush, 1702 in *IGI* (London); Margarita Pybus, 1566 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Anthonie Pybus, 1590 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Anthony Pikebushe, 1597 in *York Registry Wills* (Bilsdale, NR Yorks); Roberte Pybus, 1600 in *IGI* (Kirkby Fleetham, NR Yorks).

### Pycock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: probably a variant of **Peacock**.

### Pycroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts; London; Norfolk

English: locative name, perhaps from one or more lost or unidentified places named from Middle English *pie* 'magpie' (or the related surname **Pye**) + *croft* 'small plot of agricultural land'.

**Early bearers:** Ranff Pycroft, 1540 in *PROB 11*; Edmond Picrofte, 1570 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); James Piecrofte, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); George Pycroft, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Collegiate Church, Manchester, Lancs); John Pycroft, 1592 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Raphe Pycrofte, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Edmonde Pycrafte, 1613 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); George Pycroft, 1634 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Pycroft, 1655 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samuel Pycroft, 1720 in *IGI* (West Markham, Notts); Thomas Pycroft, 1780 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Pye

**Variants:** **Pie, Pay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5457, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4416
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Leitrim
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English (Old French) *pie* 'magpie', perhaps given to someone who wore black and white clothing, had grey-streaked dark hair, or had a loud, chattering voice. Compare Chaucer's 'the jangling pye' (*Parliament of Fowls*, 345); 'She was pert and proud as a pye' (*Reeve's Tale*, A. 3950); 'Forth she goth as jolif as a pye' (*Shipman's Tale*, B. 1399); 'He . . . was ful of jargon as a flekked pye' (*Merchant's Tale*, E. 1848). The term was also used in Middle English to denote 'a sly person' (*MED*). (ii) nickname, occasionally from Middle English *pie* 'a baked dish of pastry', possibly used as a name for a pie-baker or pieman. Compare Peter Piebakere, 1320 in *London Letter Books E*, Adam le Piemakere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), John Pyman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Pie, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Eustace Pie, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); William le Pye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Pye, 1572 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); William Pye, 1657 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name for one who dwelt 'at the (sign of) the *Pie* or magpie'. There were two London taverns so named. *Le Pye*, 1456 in *Ekwall, London Street-Names*, p. 204, gave its name to Pye Corner, near Smithfield. The other inn was situated by the Thames: 'By-hynde the Pye atte Quenhith is a pryve place, which is a good shadowyng for theves', 1422 in *London Letter Books E*. An earlier reference to the inn sign occurs in 'atte Pye on the hope' (i.e. the magpie on the hoop), 1340 in *London Pleas*.

**Early bearers:** J. atte Pye, 1339 in *Ewen, History*, p. 230 (London); Stephen atte Pye, 1347 in *London Letter Books F*.

3 Welsh: relationship name; some families in the Pontrilas area of Herefs claim that their name is for Welsh *ap Huw* 'son of Huw'; if that is so, the form must be for English [ai] continuing Middle English [i:] by the Great Vowel Shift representing Welsh *u*, i.e. [i] for earlier [i], with final [w] lost. The normal outcome of *ap Huw* is **Pugh**.

**Early bearers:** Willmus Pye, 1583 in *IGI* (Sellack, Herefs); Thomas Pye, 1591 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Elizabeth Pie, 1625 in *IGI* (Much Dewchurch, Herefs).

### Pyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Ayr
- Norman, English: see **Pearce**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Pyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lancs
- English: see **Pyatt**.

### Pygall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Durham
- English: see **Pickles**.

### Pygase

**Variants:** **Pigace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *pigace*, *pigaz* 'long, pointed shoe', a fashion item for wealthy young men from the 12th century onwards. The Yorks and Lincs surname may derive from the family of Ralph Pigaz (1218–19). Compare **Pigace**.

**Further information:** Reaney, following *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes*, suggests that *Pigace* is from a Normanno-Picard variant of Old French *picois*, Anglo-Norman French \**piceis*, (hence Middle English *pikeis*) 'pickaxe', interpreting it as a name for a workman, but this is inappropriate to the high social status of the early bearers. See *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1071, for the knight's fee held by Gaufrid Pigace in 1166.

**Early bearers:** Gaufrid Pigace, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Oxon); Richard Pigace, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Ralph Pigaz, killed in the fields of Blacktoft, 1218–19 in *Assize Rolls* (ER Yorks); Johanne Pygase, Willelmo Pygase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Johanne Pygas', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilbury, Essex); Rbtus Pygus, 1563, Willms Pigas, 1599 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Margaret Pigus, 1603 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs); Mary Pygas, 1605 in *IGI* (Luddington, Lincs); Luce Pigus, 1606, Edward Pigouse, 1643, in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); James Pigas, 1730 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); Joel Pigus, 1772 in *IGI* (Ayrmyrn, WR Yorks); George Pygas, 1843 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); Thomasia Pygus, 1856 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

### Pygott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Pickett**.

### Pyke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1502, Ireland 153
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1027
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England; E Anglia
- English, Irish: see **Pike**.

**Further information:** The name in this spelling has been established since the late 14th century in Ireland.

### Pykett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Pickett**.



**Pyle**

Variants: **Pile, Piles, Pyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1571, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Durham and Northumb; London

English: locative name from Middle English *pil(e)* ‘pole, stake, pile, spike’ (Old English *pīl*), for someone who lived or worked by such a feature. **Early bearers:** William de Pyle, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Micheldever, Hants); Henry de la Pil, 1221 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Pile, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Attepile, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes atte Pyle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wastern, Wilts); Willelmo atte Pile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitestaunton, Somerset); Bartholomew Pyle, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Gittisham, Devon); Annis Pyall, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Rye, Sussex); John Pyle, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Talatun, Devon); Henry Pile, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Savoy, Middx); John Pile or Pyle, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Bishops Lydeard, Somerset).

**Pyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dumfriess

English: variant of **Pyle**; see **Piles**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Pym**

Variants: **Pymm, Pimm, Pim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also N Midlands; Middx and Bucks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Pimme* (Old English *Pymma*). Compare Johannes Pymson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scosthorp, WR Yorks), and the Middle English pet forms in Will'o Pymmot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arnold, Notts), and Roberto Pymcok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks). See also **Pimlott** and compare Gilbert Pimming, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), William Pymyng, 1295 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), Rog'o Pymmyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Burton, Notts), and Johanne Pumyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fosbury and Buttermere, Wilts), whose surnames derive from an Old English \**Pymmyng*, a hypocoristic extension of *Pymma*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Bardsley's suggestion that it is a pet form of the Middle English female name *Eupheme* (Latin *Euphemia*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Pymma, early 9th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Pimme filius Sirith, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Pimme forester, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Pymme le parsun (of Frodsham), 1281 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 230; Pimme or Pymme le Prest, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*.  
**surnames:** William Pimme, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Ratcliffe on Soar, Notts); John Pimme, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Pimme, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus filius Pymme, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Clipstone, Notts); Roger filius Pimme, 1292 in *Lancs Eyre Roll*; Geoffrey Pym, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Edmund Pymme, 1316 in *Ancient Deeds* 2 (Norfolk); Henry fil' Pymme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rushton Spencer, Staffs); Ricardus

Pymme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fisherwick and Tymmore, Staffs); Willelmo Pime, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Waltero Pymme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shangton, Leics); Johannes Pyme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middop, WR Yorks); Willelmus Pym, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lowe and the Ditches, Shrops); Roger Pym, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset and Devon); John Pym, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Long Sutton, Somerset); Thomas Pymme, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Isleworth, Middx); Erasmus Pime, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Langham, Somerset); Christopher Pym, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Chilwell, Notts); William Pym or Pymme, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Woolavington, Somerset); John Pym, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Banbury, Oxon); Raph Pimm, 1627 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonington, Notts); Reuben Pymm, 1786 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**Pyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. E Anglia; ER Yorks

English: occupational name, status name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Pimme* (see **Pym**) + *man*, denoting ‘servant of *Pimme*’.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Pyman, 1540 in *Parish Registers* (Sandwich, Kent); John Pyman, 1543 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); William Pymon, 1587 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); William Pyman, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); John Piman, 1685, William Pyman, 1710, Lewis Pymon, 1713 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts); John Pymon, 1725, Jonathan Piman, 1734, John Pyman, 1736 in *IGI* (Felsham, Suffolk).

**Pymer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Pymore in Little Downham (Cambs), which is recorded as *Pymoor* in 1497. The place-name may derive from Old English *pēo*, *pie* ‘insect’ or *pie* ‘magpie’ + *mōr* ‘moor, marsh’  
**Early bearers:** Richard Pymer, 1572 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Rebecca Pymore, 1604 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Edward Pimor, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Oliver Pymer, 1659, Henry Pimore, 1675 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Jno. Pymer, 1698 in *IGI* (East Walton, Norfolk); William Pymer, 1752, Thomas Pymore, 1757 in *IGI* (Royston, Herts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 224.

**Pymm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Notts; Staffs; London

English: see **Pym**.

**Pyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1493, Ireland 259
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1110
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork Norman, English: see **Pine**.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** John Pyne, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5281 (Yoghall, Cork).

**Pyner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Pinner**.

**Pynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent; also Northants

English: see **Pinn**.

**Pyott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth; also Cheshire

English, Scottish: see **Pyatt**.

**Pyper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 256
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Kincardines
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English, Irish: see **Piper**. This spelling is found mainly in Scotland and Ireland.

**Pyrah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 539
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joshua Pyrah, 1703, in *Parish Registers* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Robt. Pyrer, 1723 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Ellen Pyrer, 1730 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Abraham Pyrah, 1739 in *IGI* (Northowram, WR Yorks); William Pyerah, 1773 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Pyrke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Perk**.

**Pyser**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Notts

English: see **Poyser**.

**Pywell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics
- Welsh: possibly from an unlocated place-name. **Early bearers:** Johannes Pywall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pailton, Warwicks); John Pywell, 1613 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics).

**Pyzer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Leics

English: see **Poyser**.

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## Qadeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadir**.

## Qadir

Variants: **Qadeer, Kadir, Kader, Quadri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on one of two Arabic epithets, *qādir* 'powerful' or *qadir* 'able, capable'.

**Further information:** Both *Al-Qādir* 'the All-Powerful' and *Al-Qadir* 'the Capable' are attributes of Allah. *Qādir* is found in combinations such as '*Abd-ul-Qādir* 'servant of the All-Powerful' and *Nur-ul-Qādir* 'light of the All-Powerful'. 'Abdul Qādir al-Jilani (1077–1166) was one of the most celebrated Sufis in Islam.

## Qadri

Variants: **Kadri, Kadiri, Quadri**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from an Arabic term meaning 'associated with **Qadir**'. In particular this term denotes association with the Qādiriyyah, a Sufi order established in Baghdad by 'Abd al-Qādir al-Jilani (died 1166).

## Qamar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on the Arabic word *qamar* 'moon'.

## Qasim

Variants: **Kasim, Kassim, Cassim, Kassam, Kashem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Arabic: from a personal name based on Arabic *qāsim* 'distributor, divider'.

**Further information:** This was the name of a son of the Prophet Muhammad. In the spelling *Cassim*, the name was brought to England as early as the 18th century, probably from India.

## Qayum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qayyum**.

## Qayyum

Variants: **Qaym**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name, *Abdul Qayyum* 'servant of the self-subsisting one', based on Arabic *qayyūm* 'self-subsisting'.

**Further information:** *Al-Qayyūm* 'the self-subsisting one' is an attribute of Allah. This is the attribute that

imparts coherence to the world and keeps everything in its place.

## Qazi

Variants: **Kazi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *qāḏī* 'judge'.

## Qiao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 喬 (**Kiu** in Cantonese romanization): (i) adopted in place of another Chinese surname *Qiao* (橋) during the Later Zhou dynasty (AD 951–960). (ii) a surname of the nobles of the Huns during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25).

## Qin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 秦, 琴 and 覃, see **Chin** (5–7).

## Qiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 仇, 裘, and 秋, see **Chiu** (2–4).

## Quach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Vietnamese: representing the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1).

## Quad

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: nickname from Middle English *quede* 'evil, bad thing', Old English *cwēad* 'dung, dirt'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Quadd, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

## Quade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Durham

Irish: reduced form of **McQuade**.

## Quadir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Qadir**.

## Quadling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname see **Codling**.

**Early bearers:** Ane Quadlin, 1586 in *IGI* (Arminghall, Norfolk); Simon Quadlen, 1737 in *IGI* (Barnham Broom, Norfolk); Edwd. Quadling, 1702 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk).

## Quadri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim : see **Qadri**.

## Quaggin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: reduced form of Gaelic \***Mac Dhubhagáin** 'son of Dhubhagán', a personal name formed from a derivative of Gaelic *dubh*, Manx *doo* 'black'.

Compare **Duggan**.

**Early bearers:** John Mac Whaken of Scarlett (Malew, IoM), 1502 in *Kneen*; Quacken, Quackin, 1611, Quagine, 1634 in *Kneen*; Daniell Quackin, 1666, Jony Quackyn, 1741, Elizabeth Quagin, 1765 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Jane Quaggine, 1843 in *IGI* (Saint Anne, IoM); Cathne Quaggan, 1847 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

## Quah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 柯, see **Ko** (1).

## Quaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 275
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; ER Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

Irish: from **Mac Uaid**, see **McQuaid**.

## Quaif

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Quaife**.

## Quaife

Variants: **Quaif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *coif* 'coif', a kind of close-fitting cap, presumably denoting someone who made such caps or habitually wore such a cap.

**Further information:** Compare William Coifar' (coif maker), 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Bidan le Coyfier, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey Quayfere, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Coyfe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); William Coif, 13th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Marian Quaife, 1594 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); George Quaife, 1614 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Richard Quaife, 1656 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Henry Quaife, 1657 in *IGI*

(Crowhurst, Surrey); William Quaife, 1791 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Quail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 207
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 350
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Manx: see **Quayle**.

### Quaile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Manx: see **Quayle**.

### Quain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick
- Manx, Irish: see **Quane**.

### Quaintance

Variants: **Quance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname probably from Middle English *queintaunce* ‘acquaintance, friend’, perhaps denoting someone who habitually used this word as a term of address.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Quentance, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls (MED)*; Francies Quaintance, 1621 in *IGI* (Skellingthorpe, Lincs); John Quaintance, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Sandford, Devon).

Scotland: Jon. Quentance, 1612 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Helene Quentence, 1649, Helene Quaintance, 1662 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 Norman, English: locative name perhaps from a lost place in Basses Pyrenees, France. The editors of the Patent Rolls suggest that the early bearer below may have been from Bayonne.

**Early bearers:** Amat de Quintyns, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Quainton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks

English: locative name from Quainton (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Jhon [*sic*] Quainton, 1595 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Tobias Quainton, 1655 in *IGI* (Preston Bisset, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p.108; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 487.

### Qualter

Variants: **Qualters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Mac Ualtair ‘son of Walter’.

### Qualters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs, and Flints

Irish, English: variant of **Qualter** with English excrescent -s.

### Qualtrough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: reduced form of Gaelic Mac Ualtair ‘son of Walter’ + -agh, collective noun suffix.

**Further information:** The Manx place-name Kentraugh is derived from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Mac-Qualtrough, 1429, Qualtrough, 1430, MacWhaltragh, 1511 in *Moore*; Mary Qualtrough, 1611, Robt Qualtrough, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM); Cath Qualtrough, 1657 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM).

### Quan

Variants: **Chun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 全 (**Chuan** in Mandarin romanization, **Chuen** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘complete’ in Chinese: adopted in place of the homophonous Chinese surname 泉, which was from the first element of *Quan Fu* (泉府), the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), responsible for the economy and trade.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 權 (**Chuan** in Mandarin romanization, **Kuen** in Cantonese romanization), denoting ‘counterpoise’ or ‘power, might’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Quan* (權), the name of a state (located in Dangyang in Hubei province) that was granted to a descendant of king Wu Ding (died 1192 BC) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the place-name *Quan* (權), a fief (located in Dangyang in Hubei province) in the state of Chu, which was originally the state of *Quan* (權). King Chu Wu Wang (died 690 BC) appointed Dou Min, a noble from the state of Chu, as governor of the fief *Quan* (權) and some of Dou Min’s descendants adopted *Quan* (權) as their surname.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 泉 (**Chuan** in Mandarin romanization, **Chuen** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘fountain, spring’ in Chinese: (i) from *Quan* (泉), the name of an ancient state (possibly located in Luoyang in Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the first element of *Quan Fu* (泉府), the name of an official post in charge of market taxation during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname 全 (pronounced the same as 泉, see sense 1 above) by Quan Hui (全暉), an official in the state of Wu during the Three Kingdoms Period (AD 220–280), who surrendered to the state of Wei and was granted a fief called Bai Shui (located in Hubei province). (iv) a surname of immigrants from ancient Korea.

- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 關, 管, and 官. See **Kwan** (1–3).
- 5 Irish: from Ó Cúáin, see **Coyne**.

### Quance

Variants: **Squance, Quant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of **Quant** with an excrescent -s, but the 1332 example is very early for such a development.

**Early bearers:** William Quancz, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Tawton, Devon); Walteri Quannce, 1540 in *IGI* (Kilhampton, Cornwall); Constance Quance, 1553, Harry Quance, 1555, and Robert Quance, 1556 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Thomas Quance, 1558, and Christopher Quance, 1560, Thomas Quance, 1570 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

### Quane

Variants: **Quain, Quann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork

1 Manx: (i) relationship name, reduced form of Gaelic Mac Dubháin ‘son of *Dubhán*’, a personal name formed from a diminutive of *dubh* ‘black’. Compare **Duane**. (ii) alternatively, identical with (2) but with *Mac* substituted for *Ó*.

**Early bearers:** MacQuaine, 1429, Mac Quane, Mac Quene, 1511, Quayne, 1611 in *Kneen*; Jony Quane, 1680 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM); James Quan, 1696 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Jain Quaine, 1771, Elinor Quain, 1775 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

**References:** *Kneen*.

2 Irish: Gaelic Ó Cuáin ‘descendant of *Cuán*’, a byname from a diminutive of *cú* ‘hound’. Compare **Coyne**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Quane alias Marine bwoy, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$2336 (Waterford).

**References:** *MacLysaght*.

### Quann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Middx

Irish, Manx: see **Quane**.

### Quansah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained; in Ghana also spelt *Kwansah*.

### Quant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *cointe*, *queynte*, *quante* ‘wise, skilled, clever’, also ‘cunning, crafty’ (Old French *cointe*, *quoint*, *cuinte*).

**Early bearers:** William le Qwointe, le Coynte, 1254–67 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Richard le Queynte, 1256 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Hants); Peter Queynte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Batson and Bolberry, Devon); John Queynt’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rose Ash, Devon); Johannes Queynte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sibbertswold,

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Kent); Thoma Queynte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterslow, Wilts); Johanna Quaynt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Willelmus Queynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Willelmus Qwant, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints South Elmham, Suffolk); Robert Quaynte, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Henrye Quant, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Quaynte, 1583, Isaac Quaint, 1655 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); Edward Quantt, 1659 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

2 English: the Devon name may alternatively be a variant of **Quance** with loss of final -s.

### Quantick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Quantock**.

### Quantock

Variants: **Quantick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from the Quantock Hills (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Cantoc', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Walter de Cantok, about 1262 in *Hylle Cartulary*; Henry Cantoc, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John de Cantok, Robert Cantok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Scipio Quanticke, Edward Quantock, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 487.

### Quantrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Quantrill**.

### Quantrill

Variants: **Quintrell, Quantrell, Chantrell, Cantrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *cointerel* 'beau, fop'.

**Early bearers:** Ailricus Cointerell', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall), alias Cuinterel, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William Cuinterell' (Cuonterel), 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); William Queinterell', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam le Coynterel, 1281 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Lincs); Robert Quyntrel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Quayntorell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Robertus Quintrell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardley, WR Yorks); John Quynterell', 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Edm Quantrell, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mathew Quintrell, 1569 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); John Quantrill, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

### Quark

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: relationship name; Gaelic \***Mac Mhairc**, Manx *Mac Wark* 'son of Mark'.

**Early bearers:** Mac Quarrack, 1497, Mac Quarke, 1511, Quark, 1616 in *Kneen* (IoM); John Quark, 1663 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM); Wm Quark, 1665 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); Patt Quark, 1666 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

### Quarles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name from Quarles in Norfolk, which was recorded as *Warfles* in 1175.

**Further information:** This name has now died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Quarles, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johannes de Quarles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Creake, Norfolk); Henry Quarles, 1509 in *PROB 11* (London); John Quarles, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Quarles, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

References: *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 376.

### Quarmby

Variants: **Wharmby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 793
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: from Quarmby (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Querneby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willus. Quarmby, 1635 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Jacobus Quarmby, 1661 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Farnworth Quarmby, 1795 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lincs); Betty Quarmby, 1802 in *IGI* (Stalybridge, Cheshire); James Quarmby, 1804 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

### Quarrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; London; Glasgow
- English: see **Quarrell**.

### Quarrell

Variants: **Quarrel, Carrell, Carrel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Worcs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English, Old French *quarel, quarrel, carrel*, denoting a short, heavy, square-headed bolt for a cross-bow, arbalest, or siege engine. Its use as a nickname might have had an occupational connotation, for someone who made or used quarrels, or it may have been used figuratively for a thickset or stout person. Compare **Bolt, Quarry**. (ii) locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at a quarry (Middle English *quarrel*), synonymous with **Quarry**. Middle English forms with a preposition would be needed to confirm this explanation.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Quarel, 1175–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Yvo Quarel, 1175–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Waltero Quarel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Netherbury, Dorset); Willemo Quarel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bridport, Dorset); Anne Quarrell, 1588 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs); Elizabeth Quarrell, 1679 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Sarah Quarrel, 1749 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).

### Quarrie

Variants: **Quirie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lincs; Peebles

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McQuarrie**; see **Quarry**.

### Quarrier

Variants: **Warrior**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; Angus
- Norman, English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *quarriour* 'quarryman', Old French *quarreour, quarrier*.
- Early bearers:** England: Henry le Quarreur, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry le Quarreur, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Quarer, 1333 in *Fransson* (Hants); Willelmus Quarrer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Warwicks); Lawrence Quarrier, 1560 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); William Quarrier, 1632 in *IGI* (Withington, Gloucs); Elizabeth Quarrier, 1702, Mary Quarrior, 1708 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).
- Scotland: John Querreour, 1507–12 in *Dunkeld Rentale* (Dunkeld, Perth); Sande Quareour, 1541 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Kingudie, Argyll); Agnes Quarrier, 1622 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdour, Fife); Marion Quarier, 1685 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Tinwald, Dumfries).

### Quarrington

Variants: **Quarrinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx; Bucks; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Quarrington Farm in Mersham (Kent). Some of the early bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Cudrinton', 1254, [ . . . ] de Quedrinton', 1313 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent); William de Quetheryntone, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Mersham, Kent); Simon Queryngton', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Quarrington, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Hillingdon, Middx); Joane Quarrington, 1594 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); William Quarrington, 1615 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); William Quarrington, 1633 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); John Quarrington, 1639 in *IGI* (Trottiscliffe, Kent); William Quarrinton, 1705 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Mary Quarrinton, 1773 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 418–19.

2 English: locative name from Quarrington (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Alexander de Queryngton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger de Queryngton, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Marston, Lincs).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 487.

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Quarrington**.

### Quarry

Variants: **Querry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs; Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Cork; Armagh

1 English, Scottish: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by or worked at a quarry, from Middle English, Old French *quarrei*, *querreï*, and *quarrere*. Compare **Quarrier**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Quarrere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William atte Quarere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Querre, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Surrey); Thomas Quarry, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Joane Quarrie, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Willm Quarrey, 1574 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Quarrey, 1583 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Alexanndar Quarry, 1591 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Henry Quarrie, 1604, George Quarry, 1613 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); James Jur. Quarry, 1684 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

2 English: nickname for a stout, heavily built man, from Middle English *quarre(i)*, *quarry* (Old French *quarré*), literally 'square-shaped (person)'.  
**Further information:** *Promptorium Parvulorum* glosses *Corpulentus, grossus* as 'Quarry, thykk mann, or womann'.

**Early bearers:** Alice Relicta le Quarre, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 Huguenot: French **Quarré**, identical in sense with (2), and according to MacLysaght introduced to Cork and Waterford in Ireland by Huguenots.

4 Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McQuarrie**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Mathew Quarry, 1696 in *IGI* (Sanquhar, Dumfriess); Isabel Quarry, 1700 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwickshire); Andrew Quarrie, 1701 in *IGI* (Eckford, Roxburghs).

IoM: MacQuarres, 1504, MacWharres, 1511 in *Moore*; Quarry, 1684 in *Kneen* (IoM); Esther Quarrie, 1850 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM).

### Quarshie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: see **Quashie**.

### Quartermain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Quarterman**.

### Quartermaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- Norman, English: see **Quarterman**.

### Quarterman

**Variants:** **Quartermaine**, **Quartermain**, **Quatermain**, **Quatermaine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Surrey

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *quatre mayns*, *quatre mans* 'four hands', which has been taken to imply 'mail-fisted', but was perhaps used of a skilled craftsman. *Quatuormanus* is the same in Latin.

**Early bearers:** Hebert Quatremaings, Robertus Quatuormanus, 1187 in *Merton Muniments* (Oxon); Herbert Quatermayns, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Quatremaings, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard

Quatermayn, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Shirburn, Oxon); Richard Quatermayns, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Ducklington, Oxon); James Quarterman, 1620 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Richard Quatermayne, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Blewbury, Berks); Marie Quartermaine, 1622 in *IGI* (Aston Tirrold, Berks); Hercules Quartermaine, 1655 in *IGI* (Combe, Oxon); William Quarterman, 1683 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx).

### Quartermass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Quartermass**.

### Quartey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: from a Gã name which can be spelt *Guate* in Ghana, of unknown origin.

### Quartley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Quartly**.

### Quartly

- Variants:** **Quartley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name apparently from Quartley Farm in Bampton (Devon), for which there are no early records, but Quartlys are recorded at Great Champson, Molland (Devon), as early as 1704.  
**Early bearers:** John Quartley, 1623 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset); James Quartly, 1705 in *IGI* (Exford, Somerset); Temperance Quarterly, 1825 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Quarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks

English: see **Wharton** and **Warton**. *Qu-* was a possible Middle English variant of *Wh-*, and the variant here seems to have persisted as an independent name.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Querton, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Wharton, Westm); Hugh de Querton, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb, Westm); John de Wherton, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); James Quarton, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); William Querton, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Exhall Coventry, Warwickshire); Jonas Querton, 1766 in *IGI* (Church Eaton, Staffs); John Quartan, 1808 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

### Quashie

- Variants:** **Quarshie**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: from the Akan (Twi) male divine name *Kwasi*, used as a day-name, 'Sunday'. *Quarshie* is a variant with a more anglicized spelling.

### Quate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 19

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish Gaelic or Irish: from **Mac Uait**, see **McWatt**, **McQuaid**.

### Quatermain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Quarterman**.

### Quartermaine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwickshire
- Norman, English: see **Quarterman**.

### Quartermass

- Variants:** **Quartermass**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Norman, English: locative name from Quatermares in Normandy.

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph de Quatermars, about 1184 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*; Colin de Quatermares, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ranulf Quatermare, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); John Quartermass, 1839 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); John Quartermass, 1843 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Quartermass, 1847 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).  
Ireland: John Quatermas, second remembrancer of the Exchequer, 1558, in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2.

### Quay

- Variants:** **Quaye**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lanarks; Lancs
- 1 Manx: see **Kay**.  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1).

### Quaye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM, Lancs
- 1 Manx: see **Quay**.  
2 Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Quayle

- Variants:** **Quail**, **Quaile**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1614, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1973
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- 1 Manx: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Fhail** 'son of Paul'. Compare **Fayle** and **McPhail**.  
**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Falle, 1408, Mac Fale, 1417, Mac Faile, 1429, 1511, Mac Quayle, 1540, Quaile, 1575, Quale, 1601 in *Kneen* (IoM); Jon Quayle, 1608 in *IGI* (Ballagh, IoM); Charles Quaile, 1631, Cristopher Quail, 1641 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).  
England: Willm. Quaile, 1576, Thomas Quaile, 1598 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Quayle, 1602 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire).  
2 English: from Middle English, Old French *quaille* 'quail', a bird noted for both its supposed amorous disposition and its timidity.  
**Early bearers:** Simon Quayle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Quayle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Thomas Quaile, 1562 in *IGI*

## Quddus

(Brighton, Sussex); Robart Quayle, 1566 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); John Quayle, 1587 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Hugh Quayle, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Quddus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *quddūs* 'most holy'.

**Further information:** *Al-quddūs* 'the All-Holy' is one of the attributes of Allah, and gives rise to the compound name 'Abdul-quddūs', 'servant of the All-Holy'.

### Queally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe, see **Kealy**.

### Quealy

Variants: **Queally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Caollaidhe (see **Keeley**) or Ó Cadhla (see **Kiely**).

**Further information:** The spelling *Qualy*, now obsolete, was formerly found in Waterford and Clare.

### Queen

Variants: **Wheen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1678, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1223
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Glasgow; also Angus; N England; Kent

1 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name reduced from **McQueen**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Queen, 1707 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Queen, 1758 in *IGI* (Moneydie, Perth); Edward Queen, 1773 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); James Queen, 1788 in *IGI* (Old Luce, Wigtowns); Hugh Queen, 1793 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Thomas Queen, 1870 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Quene*, sometimes no doubt a pet form of *Quenill* (Old English *Qwēnhild*, see **Quennell**). The available early data is mainly from S England, especially Sussex, but its currency in late medieval N England is suggested by Johannes Queneson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks). See also **Wheen** and compare Robert Queene, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Beverley, ER Yorks). However, the following Cheshire and Lancs early bearers may belong to Scottish or Irish families and belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Quena, 1276 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Quena de Ly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pailton, Warwicks).

surnames: Hunfrid filius Quene, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Quene, 1301 in *Fitzalan Surveys* (Sussex); Agnes Quene, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ifield, Sussex); Johanne Quene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); Johannes Quene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cesters Over, Warwicks); Agn' Quene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Francisci Queene, 1607 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Nathaniell Queene, 1611 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Henry Queene, 1623 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Francisia Queen, 1693 in *IGI*

(Market Drayton, Shrops); Derby Queen, 1703 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Queen, 1704 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Queen, 1724 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Anne Queen, 1749 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Faversham, Kent).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *quene* 'woman; harlot; crone' (Old English *cwēn*), but this is less likely than (2) to have given rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Matilda le Quen, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

### Queenan

Variants: **Cunnane, Cunneen, Kingan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 126
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

Irish: from Ó Cuineáin 'son of *Cuineán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Cú*, meaning 'hound'.

**Early bearers:** David O'Kynnan, priest, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §260; Ony O'Kinane, gent., 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Portienuligan, Armagh); William Kinnan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrynoose, Armagh).

### Queenborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Queniborough (Leics). **Early bearers:** Willelmo de Quenibourgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Rogero Quenynborough, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Satchville, Leics); Johannes Quenynborou, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Johanne de Quenynburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanton under Bardon, Leics); Johanne de Quenynburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, Leics); Thomas Queenborough, 1686 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Robt. Queenborough, 1691 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Michael Queeniborough, 1720 in *IGI* (Aston Flamville, Leics); Ann Queenborough, 1770 in *IGI* (Earl Shilton, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, pp. 182–183.

### Queeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks

Scottish Gaelic: reduced from **Mac Shuibhne, McQueeney**, see **McQueen**.

### Quek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 郭, see **Guo** (1). The dialects of this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

### Quelch

Variants: **Squelch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 497

• **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx and Surrey  
English: unexplained; possibly a nickname related to Anglo-Norman French *couche* (also found as *culche*) 'bed, storeroom; bale'. *Culch* means 'rubbish' in some S English dialects (*OED*), and may be derived from the French word, but it is not found till the 18th century and the late appearance leaves this uncertain.

**Further information:** It is not clear whether the name is related in any way to the Berks dialect word *quelch* (verb) '(of a horse) to swallow', or the noun *colch* 'heavy blow; concussion' found in Northants and Bucks, among other counties (*English Dialect Dictionary*).

**Early bearers:** Johanna Colche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewelme, Oxon); William Colche, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Bensington, Oxon); Ralph Quelch, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Bensington, Oxon); Griffin Quelch, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Wallingford, Berks); Margaret Gwelch and Margaret Quelch, the same person, 1686 and 1688 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Clerkenwell, Middx); John Quelsh, 1708 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

### Quenault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, Channel Islands: locative name, nickname from a derivative of Norman or Picard French *quêne* 'oak'.

**Early bearers:** Philip Quenault, 1863 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

### Quenby

Variants: **Quimby, Quinby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Whenby (NR Yorks). The place, recorded as *Quenby* in 1338, is named with Old Scandinavian *kvenna* (genitive plural of *kona*) 'women' + *bý* 'farmstead'

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Quenby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Thomas de Quenby, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Allextton, Leics); Thomas Quenby, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Haceby, Lincs); John Quinby or Quynbye, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Farnham, Hants); Margeret Quenbie, 1576 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); John Quemy, 1605 in *IGI* (Keyston, Hunts); Jane Quinby, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Titchfield, Hants); George Quenbie, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Bythorn, Hunts); John Quenbey, 1681 in *IGI* (Wymington, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 30–31.

### Quennell

Variants: **Quinnell, Wennell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Essex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Quenill* (Old English *Cwēnhild*, from *cwēn* 'queen' + *hild* 'battle').

**Early bearers:** given names: Cvenild monialis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Quenilda uxor Gimpi, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Quenill', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Quenilla (Quenild), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Quenilda Potter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Quenyld dil Holmes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).

surnames: William Quenell, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Quenild, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Peter Quinel, bishop of Exeter, about 1283 in *TNA* (Devon); Richard Quynel, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Roberto Quenehyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, Leics); Willelmus Quenild, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Qwynel of Marham, 1407 in *Patent Rolls*; Mary Quinel, 1593 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Katherine Quynnell, 1598 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); Thomas Quinell, 1603 in *Bristol Record Office*; Michael Quinell, barber and mariner of Surrey, 1745 in *TNA*.

## Quentin

Variants: **Quinton, Canton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; Gloucs

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Quentin* (Latin *Quintinus*, a suffixed form of *quintus* 'fifth'), popular in France from the cult of Saint Quentin of Amiens, and brought to England by the Normans. This was the common source of the medieval surname but seems to have been largely absorbed by **Quinton**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Quintinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Quintinus Taleboth, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: Geoffrey Quintin, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William Quintin, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); William Quentyn, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Quintin, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Benacre, Suffolk); Alice Quintayne or Quintyne, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Marlborough, Wilts).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Saint-Quentin (Manche) or possibly Saint-Quentin-en-Tourmont (Somme).

**Further information:** Saint-Quentin-en-Tourmont (Somme) was the site of the martyrdom of Saint Quentin of Amiens, a 3rd-century Roman missionary to Gaul.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Sancto Quintino, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Robert de Quentyn, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

## Queree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Jersey: from the French surname **Quéré**, an occupational name for a cobbler, from Breton *kere*.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Charles Queree, Philippe Queree, in *Census 1841* (Trinity, Jersey); Marguerite Queree, *Census 1841* (Saint John, Jersey).

England: Roger Querey, 1609, Robart Queray, 1611 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs).

## Queripel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Channel Islands: believed to be a nickname for a cantankerous or uncooperative person. It is apparently from a Norman French expression involving *carrue* 'plough' (noun, or the stem of the verb; modern Guernsey French *tchéruai* 'to plough') + *pé* (earlier *pel*) 'fur'. The exact import of the expression 'plough fur' is not clear, but some sense of what it might mean is offered by the Jersey French

expression *touônner à r'bours-pé* 'to plough against the (nap of the) fur', applied to mean 'to plough the first furrow, working in the opposite direction to what is needed for the rest of the task'. The modern form of the Guernsey name with *Qu-* reflects a pronunciation with /k-/ derived from continuing use of the spelling in older documents.

**Early bearers:** given names: Carupel Mordant, 1274 in *Extente de Jersey* (Guernsey).

surnames: Guill[elm]us Carupel, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Guernsey); [...] Queripel, 1364 in *Cartulaire de Jersey* (Guernsey).

## Query

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Quarry, Wharry**

**Early bearers:** Richard Query, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London); Nicholas Query, 1598 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sar Query, 1752 in *IGI* (Mundon, Essex); Emma Query, 1847 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

## Quest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Devon

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English, Old French *queste* 'trial, inquest', '(member of?) a jury', also 'request', 'search, quest, hunt'. It might, for example, have been a name for a lawyer or advocate, or for someone who frequently served on juries.

**Early bearers:** Minquius Quest, 1323 in *King's Bench Cases* (Lincs); Cristiana Quest, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Quest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamsley, WR Yorks); William Quest, 1576 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Sara Quest, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (Flixton, Lincs).

## Quested

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Wherstead (Suffolk), recorded as *Quersted*, *Qwersted(e)* 1254–91, or some other lost place similarly named, perhaps in Kent.

**Early bearers:** John Querstede of Norfolk, 1376 in *Close Rolls*; John Querstede, 1437 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Westwell, Kent); Robert Querstede, 1437 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Ashford, Kent); Amey Quested, 1569 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Alice Quested, 1576 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent); Jeffrey Questeed, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Saint Andrew Undershaf, City of London).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p.671; Quested One-Name Study at <http://questedonenamestudy.blogspot.com/>.

## Quibell

Variants: **Twibell, Twibill, Twible**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *twibil* 'axe with two cutting edges' or a similar two-bladed tool.

**Further information:** *Quibell* was originally a local Notts variant, though recorded once earlier than the forms in *T-*; the forms with *Q-* now significantly outnumber those in *T-*. Recorded in *Parish Registers* (Laneham, Notts) are: baptism 21st February 1771, Ann daughter of William and Sarah Twibell; baptism 21st April 1772, John son of William and Sarah Quibell. There is also evidence of the later confusion of this name with *Twidale*, a variant of **Tweddle**.

**Early bearers:** James Quibell, 1566/7 in *Parish Registers* (East Markham, Notts); Elizabeth Quibell, 1666 in *IGI* (Crofton, WR Yorks); William Quibel, 1743 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts); William Quibell, 1750 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Catharine Quiball, 1769 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); John Coats Quible, 1802 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Notts).

**References:** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~quibell/>

## Quick

Variants: **Quicke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3389, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset; Middx; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname from Middle English *quik* (Old English *cwic*) 'nimble, lively, vigorous'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Quic, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Quik, 1282 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Quyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rackenford, Devon, and Willand, Devon); Johanne Quyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Handley, Dorset); Simon Quyke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Niton, Hants); Adam Qwik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); Willelmus Quyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Knighton, Dorset); Johanne Quik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Lazars, Leics); John Quyk, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Casthorpe, Lincs); John Quicke, 1538 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Nicholas Quicke, 1561 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Willim Quick, 1569 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Quik, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Richard Quick, 1600 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Quicke, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); George Quick, 1683 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants).

2 English: locative name from Quick in Saddleworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Qwyke* about 1272 and *la Quyk* in 1297; or from a lost Quick in Prescott (Lincs), recorded as *la Quike* before 1220, *Quike* in 1276. The derivation of the name may be Middle English *quik* a 'quickset hedge'.

**Further information:** Reaney suggests an alternative derivation from Cowick Barton in Devon or from Quickburn in Essex, both from Old English *cu* + *wic* 'cow farm', but contraction to *Quick* is recorded only in the Essex place-name and this was after it was compounded with *bury* (*Quickbury*, 1594).

**Early bearers:** Afwardus de Quike, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Quyke, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert de la Quyk, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam del Quyk, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Ric. Quick, 1545, Evan Quicke, 1579 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 312; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 107; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 438; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 51.

## Quicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85

## Quickenden

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London
- English: see **Quick**.

### Quickenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
- English: possibly from a lost place in Sussex or Kent; perhaps a variant of **Wickenden**.
- Early bearers:** Ann Quickenden, 1676 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

### Quickfall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Wigfall**. Compare Anne Quickfall, 1644, John Wickfall, 1685 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs).
- Early bearers:** Holland Quickfall, 1575 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs); George Quickfall, 1626 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Wm. Quickfall, 1724 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Joseph Quikfall, 1807 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Ann Qwigfall, 1827 in *Parish Registers* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Quidley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: probably a variant of **Quigley**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Quier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Quire**.
- Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Quigg

- Variants:** **McQuigg**, **Cuggy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 414
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 Irish: from Ó Cuaig or Mac Cuaig, from a personal name of unexplained origin. In Down it has been anglicized as *Fivey*, as if from *cúig* 'five'.  
**Early bearers:** John McQuige, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyclog, Antrim); John McCuige, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballyclog, Antrim); Andrew Quig, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); Henry Quigg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Antrim); John McQuig, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim); Samuel McQuigg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim).
- 2 Irish: reduced form of Ó Coighligh, see **Quigley**.

### Quiggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs
- Manx: reduced form of Gaelic \*Mac Uigeann 'son of Uige', a personal name from the Gaelic word for knowledge, skill, ingenuity.

- Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Hugen, 1511, Quyggin, 1603 in *Kneen*; Jo Quiggin, 1635 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).  
England: Nicholas Quiggin, 1691 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).
- References:** *Kneen*.

### Quigley

- Variants:** **Cogley**, **Quidley**, **Kegley**, **Quigg**, **Twigg**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4560, Ireland 4296
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1524
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Derry; Tipperary
- Irish: from Ó Coighligh 'descendant of *Coigleach*', a byname apparently from a simplified form of *coigealach* 'like a distaff', i.e. an untidy person.  
**Early bearers:** Gerrott Cogley, mason, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Brian O Kegly, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5791; Gerrot mcThomas O Quigly, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447 (Farranririe); Patrick Quigley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); Eleanor Quigley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Neal Quigly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry); Owen Kegly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghabog, Monaghan).

### Quill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 305
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; also London; Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry and Cork
- Manx, Irish: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Cuill** 'son of *Coll*' or (in Ireland) Ó Cuill 'descendant of *Coll*'.  
**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Quyll, Mac Will, 1511, Quill, 1624 in *Kneen* (IoM); Ellin Quill, 1719 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM).  
Ireland: Patrick McGuill, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymore, Armagh).

### Quillan

- Variants:** **Quillen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- 1 Irish: from Mac Uighilín, **McQuillan**.  
2 Irish: from Mac Cuilinn, see **McCullen**.

### Quilleash

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: reduced form of Gaelic \***Mac Phaluis** 'son of Palus', a Manx form of Latin *Paulus* (Paul).  
Compare **Fayle** and **Quayle**.  
**Early bearers:** Mac felis, 1511, Felish, 1603, Quilleash, 1611, Quilleish, 1631 in *Kneen* (IoM); Jony Quillease, 1667, James Quilleash, 1739 in *IGI* (Maughold, IoM); Margaret Quilleish, 1764 in *IGI* (Kirk Lonan, IoM).

### Quillen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Durham
- Irish: see **Quillan**.

### Quiller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Norman, English: (i) occupational name from Old Norman French *coillour* '(tax-)collector'. (ii) nickname; formally it could also be from *coiller* 'spoon'; for such a usage compare **Knife**.  
**Further information:** A Parliament Roll of Henry IV (1407) mentions 'le cuillour charge de la somme devers son meistre pur sa lachesse'. It may be that the surname of Roger le queller, 1203 in Pleas (Shrops) and Geoffrey le Quellere, 1249 in Assize Rolls (Wilts), which is explained by Wilson (under *Keller*) as Middle English *queller* 'killer, executioner', is in fact a variant of *Quiller*.  
**Early bearers:** Roger le cuillur, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugoni le Cuillur', a former outlaw, 1240 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter le cuillour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Hugo Coylllyer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Jone Quiller, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall).

### Quilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London
- Norman: locative name possibly from Quilly in Bretteville-sur-Laize (Calvados) or some similarly named place in Normandy.  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Quilly, 1306 in *Shakespeare Centre*; Thomas de Quylly, 1318 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Quilley, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Plympton, Devon); Thomas Quilley, 1713 in *IGI* (Bramley, Hants); William Quiley, 1731 in *Parish Registers* (Easthampstead, Berks); William Quilley, 1742 in *Parish Registers* (Sonning, Berks); Mary Quilley in *Parish Registers* (Bromley, Hants).

### Quilliam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 372
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: relationship name reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Uilleim** 'son of William'. Compare **McWilliam**.  
**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac William, 1430, 1502, 1511, Quilliam, 1587 in *Kneen*; John Quilliam, 1651 in *IGI* (Marown, IoM).  
England: Patient Quilliam, 1627 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Quillian

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Uighilín, see **McQuillan**.

### Quilligan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Hants
- Irish: from Ó Cuileagáin, see **Culligan**.

### Quillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM
- Manx: reduced form of Gaelic Ó Cuilinn 'descendant of Cuileann', a personal name derived from the word for holly.  
**Early bearers:** O Quyllan, 1515, Quilin, 1608, Queeling, 1643, Quiline, 1653, Quillin, 1659 in *Kneen*; Robert Quillin, 1718 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).



**Quilt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Staffs
- Welsh: see **Gwilt**.

**Quilter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 142
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- English: occupational name for a maker of quilts, from Middle English *quilter*, *quelter*, *cuilt(i)er*, an agent derivative of Old French *cuilte*, *coilte* ‘quilt’, (1563 *OED*). This name is common in Ireland, having been established in Kerry since the medieval period. **Further information:** As well as quilts and mattresses, quilters produced the quilted protective garments worn by those who could not afford armour made of metal.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard le cuilter, about 1179 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (London); Ralph le Cuilter, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William le Quilter, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ricardus Quilter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alphamstone and Bures, Essex); Thomas Quilter, 1546 in *Parish Registers* (Good Easter, Essex); Edward Quilter, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Wix, Essex). Ireland: Ellen Quilter, 1851 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Leitrim Middle, Kerry); John Quilter, 1851 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Glanaphuca, Kerry); Elizabeth Quilter, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Aghabeg East, Kerry).

**Quilty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 236
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Waterford

Irish: from Ó Caoilte, see **Kielty**.

**Quimby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Quenby**.

**Quin**

**Variants:** **Quinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1022, Ireland 199
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone; Down; Laois

1 Irish: from Ó Coinn, see **Quinn**.

2 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *quin* ‘monkey’. See also **Quine**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Quine, Quinne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Quin, 1394 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Quyne, 1443 in *London Letter Books* Kent; Joes Quin, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Ugborough, Devon).

**Quinby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Quenby**.

**Quince**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Cambs, and Norfolk
- English: locative name for someone who lived by a quince tree (Middle English *quince*, *quins(e)*). **Early bearers:** Johannes Quince, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Netheravon, Wilts); Edmundus atte Quynnis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Johannes Quynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Neithrop and Calthorpe, Oxon); Robertus Quynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Alice Quince, 1553 Issable Quince, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Thorpe Malsor, Northants); Thomas Quince, 1573 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Quinch, 1664 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Elizabeth Seymour Quins, 1790 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

**Quincey**

**Variants:** **De Quincey, Quinsey, Quinsee, Quincy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs; also Hunts

Norman, English: locative name. Saer de Quincy, ancestor of the earls of Winchester, came from Quinchy (Pas-de-Calais), according to *Anglo-Norman Families*. The name may have been reinforced by immigrants from Quincy-sous-Sénart (Seine-et-Oise) or Quincy-Voisins (Seine-et-Marne).

**Further information:** A family of the name *de Quincy* held the title Earl of Winchester 1207–65.

Descendants of this family later bore the name *Quincey* up to the time of the English essayist Thomas De Quincey (1785–1859), who changed his name from *Quincey* to *De Quincey* in 1796.

**Early bearers:** Saer de Quincy, 1153–63 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Henry Quenci 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Ann Quinsie, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Lilford, Northants).

**Quincy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Northants
- Norman, English: see **Quincey**.

**Quine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 637
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: (i) relationship name, according to Broderick, **Mac Vian** or *Mac Wian* ‘son of Mian’, from a Manx form of the Biblical names *Matthew* and *Matthias*, preceded by Gaelic *Mac* ‘son’. Initial Q represents the final *-c* of *mac*. (ii) relationship name, according to Kneen, ‘son of Swein’, from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Sveinn* (see **Swain**) preceded by Gaelic *Mac* ‘son’. This explanation was also suggested by Black for the surnames **McQueen** and **McSwan** in Skye. (iii) relationship name; *Mac Cuinn* ‘son of Conn’ also seems possible in some early cases, compare Irish **McQuinn**.

**Early bearers:** Mac Cuinn, 1027, Luke Mac Quyn, 1403, Quine, 1504 in *Moore*; Mac Quyne, 1511, Quyn, 1515 in *Kneen* (IoM); Jo Quine, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirk Michael, IoM).

**References:** *Broderick, Manx Place-Names* (e.g. 7.186); *Kneen*.

**Quiney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- Irish: from Ó Coinne, see **Quinney**.

**Quinlan**

**Variants:** **Quinlivan, Cantillon, Quinlin, Kinlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1983, Ireland 2291
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

Irish: (i) from Ó *Caoindealbháin*, from a personal name meaning ‘fair form’. (ii) from Ó **Conalláin**, see **Conlon**.

**Early bearers:** Beaghan and Edward O’Kenolan, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1157; Donald or Donogh rowe O’Kenlan, labourer, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2044 (Chappell); Mahown roo O’Keynlewayn, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743; Derby Quynland, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624.

**Quinley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Bucks

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of Scottish **McKinlay**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Quinlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs

Irish: from Ó **Conalláin** (see **Conlon**) or Ó *Caoindealbháin* (see **Quinlan**).

**Quinlivan**

**Variants:** **Quinliven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 430
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó *Caoindealbháin*, see **Quinlan**, the *v* representing the pronunciation in certain dialects of the *bh* of Ó *Caoindealbháin*.

**Quinliven**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Irish: from Ó *Caoindealbháin*, see **Quinlivan**.

**Quinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23587, Ireland 18239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5663
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Durham; also Glasgow; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tyrone; Galway; Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó **Coinn**, earlier spelled Ó **Cuinn**, ‘descendant of *Conn*’, a personal name meaning ‘wisdom’ or ‘chief’. This is a midland surname, now impossible to distinguish from (2). It may also be a reduced form of **Mac Cuinn**, see **McQuinn**. See also **Conn**, **Quine**, and **McQueen**.

## Quinnell

**Early bearers:** Niall .H. Cuind, companion of Brian Boru, 1014 in *AU* (Clontarf); Amlaim hUa Cuind, taiseach Muinntiri-Gillgain, 1174 in *AU* (Longford); Etain ingen hUi Cuinn, righan Mumhan 'queen of Munster', 1188 in *AU* (Derry); Donoll O'Quin, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1374 (Lackagh, Kildare); Wm. and Gillernow O'Quin, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3011 (Ballenmetagh, Kildare); Patr. O'Quin, horseboy, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4699 (Glin, Cavan or Longford); Mahoun O'Quyn, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6534 (Clonemulche, Carlow).

2 Irish: reduced from Ó **Coinne** 'descendant of *Coinne*', a personal name which may be a variant of *Coinneach*, see also **Cunney**, **McKenzie**, **Quinney**. This is an Ulster surname, a sept deriving from Eoghan, son of Niall Naoighiallach, from whom Tyrone is named. In most cases the anglicized forms cannot be distinguished from sense 1, although final *-e* may have been intended as syllabic.

**Early bearers:** Hugh O'Quyn, priest, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6662 (Fues, Ulster); Gillpatrick bane O'Quyne, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6713 (Mountre Deublinge, Tyrone); Murtagh crasagh O'Quyne, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (Tulloghoge, Tyrone).

## Quinnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 430
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey
- English: see **Quennell**.

## Quinney

Variants: **Quinny**, **Quiney**, **Cunney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Warwicks

1 Manx: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Coinne** 'son of *Coinne*'; compare **Kennaugh** and the Irish name in (2).

**Early bearers:** IoM: Quinnye, 1429, Mac Quinye, 1529, Quiney, 1652 in *Kneen*; Jo Quiney, 1652, Jo Quinney, 1706 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); John Quiney, 1693, Esther Quinny, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Anne, IoM); Henry Quinnea, 1820 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM).

England: William Quinney, born in IoM, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Irish: from Ó **Coinne** 'descendant of *Coinne*', an Ulster surname more often anglicized there as **Quinn**. Elsewhere it also gives **Cunney**. Woulfe suggests that the personal name is a variant of *Coinneach* as in **McKenzie**.

**References:** *Irish Families* p. 251.

3 Norman, English: locative name, probably a variant of **Coyney**, though migration of the Manx name in (1) to the W Midlands is also possible.

**Early bearers:** Richard Quiney, 1587 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Quiney, 1610 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Thomas Quinney, 1669 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Sarah Quinney, 1759 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Quinny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- English: see **Quinney** and **Coyney**.

## Quinsee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts
- Norman, English: see **Quincey**.

## Quinsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Quincey**.

## Quint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx and Herts; also Jersey

English: nickname from Middle English *queint(e)* 'wise, prudent; crafty, sly; elegant; vain' (Old French *cointe*, *cuinte*).

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Cuint, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Richard le Quinte, 1252 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; Hugh le Cointe, 1273 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam le Queynte, Peter Queynte, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Borden, Kent); Thomas Queynte, 1351 in *MED* (Canterbury, Kent); Johanna Quaynt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Thomas Quynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Quynt, 1469, John Quynthe, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Katheran Quint, 1568 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Willm. Quynthe, 1580 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Henry Quint, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Padstow, Cornwall).

## Quinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2099, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1391
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Suffolk; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Quinton (Gloucs, Northants, Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Gladewin, Walter de Quenton', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Quyntyn, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Loughborough, Leics); Robertus Quintin, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Benacre, Suffolk); John Quyntyn, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Longley, WR Yorks); Alice Quinton, 1559 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Agnes Quinton, 1563 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Richardus Quinton, 1584 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Purnell Quinten, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Trusham, Devon); William Quinton, 1607 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Edward Quinton, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Hill, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 254; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 151; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 42; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 488.

2 English: occasionally the surname may have reference to tilting at the quintaine.

**Early bearers:** John Quyntheyn, 1378 in *London Pleas*; Roberto Quinteyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton on the Wolds, Leics); Joane Quintyne or Quynthe, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Alice Quintayne or Quintyne, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Marlborough, Wilts).

3 Norman, English: see **Quentin**.

## Quintrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Quantrill**.

## Quipp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Whipp**.

## Quire

Variants: **Quier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Squire**.

**Early bearers:** Augustine Quier, 1596 in *IGI*

(Dinnington, Somerset); Thomas Quire, 1616 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Elizabeth Quire, 1682 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset); Robt. Quire, 1702 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

## Quirie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Guaire**, see **Quarrie**.

**Early bearers:** Alexr. Quirie, 1688, Elspet Quiry, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Fergus, Aberdeens).

## Quirk

Variants: **Quirke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1734, Ireland 74
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1422
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM and Lancs

1 Manx: reduced form of **McGuirk**. Some of the bearers in England may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Quirk, Quirk, 1430, Mac Quyrk, Quyrke, 1511, Queerk, 1601 in *Kneen* (IoM); George Quirk, 1641 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Henry Quirke, 1678 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

England: Thomas Quirke, 1581 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Margret Querke, 1602 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Phillip Quirk, 1719 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Querke, 1774 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

2 Irish: from Ó **Cuirc** 'descendant of *Corc*', a personal name based on the poetic word *corc* 'heart'.

The surname was sometimes anglicized as **Oates**, due to erroneous association with *coirce* 'oats'.

Compare **McGuirk**.

**Early bearers:** Ceinnéitig Ua Cuirc, king of Múscraige, 1043 in *AU* (Tipperary); Denicius Quirke, shoemaker, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1268 (Carnallway, Kildare); Mahown mc Ricard Y Quirk, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3076 (Koylloquyrk, Tipperary); Matthew alias Mahowne ne bewly O'Quirk, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4637 (Kelaguirk, in Muskriquirk).

## Quirke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 2176
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Galway
- Irish: see **Quirk**.

### Quixley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and London
- English: locative name from Whixley (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** William de Quyxelay, 1299, Roger de Quyxley, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Quixley, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (York); William de Quixlay, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Quixlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); John Quixley, 1437 in *Patent Rolls*; Mathewe Qvyxlay, 1559 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Quixley, 1681 in *IGI* (London).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, pp. 9–10.

### Quraishi

#### Variants: Qureshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Arabic, Muslim (India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia): tribal name indicating descent from the Quraish, the leading tribe in Mecca at the time of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (AD 570).

**Further information:** The Prophet's mother was a member of this tribe.

### Qurban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a personal name originating in Arabic *qurbān* 'sacrifice, offering'.

### Qureshi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4877, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Muslim (Pakistan, India): see **Quraishi**.

### Quy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Quy (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Isabella Quey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Alice Quy, 1561 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Quy, 1564 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Alexander Quy, 1621 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 133.

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## Rabadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Rabaiotti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: unexplained.

## Rabb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rab(b)*, a pet form of **Robert**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Rab' atte Wyk', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey).  
surnames: Walter Rab, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Rabbe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Rabbe, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Rabbe, 1664 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); John Rabb, 1816 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

## Rabbani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *rabbānī* 'divine, lordly', a derivative of *rabb* 'lord, master'.

## Rabbatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Rabbitts**.

## Rabbets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Rabbitts**.

## Rabbett

Variants: **Rabbetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- 1 English: see **Rabbitt**.  
2 Irish: see **Rabbitte**.

## Rabbetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Rabbitts**.

## Rabbit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent
- English: see **Rabbitt**.

## Rabbits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 248
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants, Dorset, and Somerset
- English: see **Rabbitts**.

## Rabbitt

Variants: **Rabbett, Rabett, Rabet, Rabbit, Rabbitte, Rabbitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 144
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Rabbode*, *Radboda* (Continental Germanic *Radbodo*). Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Radboda, Rabbode, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Radbode filius Ilhuwe, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rabet de Bovington, 1300 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks).  
surnames: Philippus filius Rabat, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Philip Rabet 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Sygwat Radbode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Rabbot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Dalton, ER Yorks); William Rabet, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Raynald Rabbett, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Joan Rappitt, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Northampton, Northants).

2 English: relationship name from the personal name *Robert* or *Robot*, diminutives of *Rob* (see **Robert**).

**Further information:** Rabbit's Farm in Dallington (Sussex) owes its name to John Robet 1288 and Richard Rabbett 1482 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 474).  
**Early bearers:** Andrew Robat, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Alexander Robet, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Robot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Robet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Yeldham, Essex); Reginald Rabbett, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

3 English: nickname from late Middle English *rabbit* 'young rabbit'. This word is not recorded in OED until about 1398, the standard Middle English word for a rabbit being *cony* (see **Coney**).

**Early bearers:** Edward Rabbit, 1595 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Thomas Rabbitt, 1613 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent).

4 Irish: see **Rabbitte**.

## Rabbitte

Variants: **Rabbett, Rabbitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Irish: adopted for Ó Coinín, a variant of Ó Conáin or Ó Cuineáin, see **Queenan**, interpreted as if it were from *coinín* 'rabbit'. Actually, the Irish name is from a diminutive of *cano* 'hound, wolf'. It has also been adopted for Mac Coinín, see **Canning**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Rabbit, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Dunlom West, Westmeath); Patrick Rabbitt, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrowpeter, Galway); Patrick Rabit, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilsaran, Cavan); Thomas Rabbet, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrowconor, Mayo); Mary Rabbit, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Derrinlevaun, Mayo); Owen Rabbitt, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cloonbard, Roscommon).

2 English: see **Rabbitt**.

## Rabbitts

Variants: **Rabbetts, Rabbets, Rabbatts, Rabbits**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Dorset, and Somerset

English: variant of **Rabbitt** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rabbitts, 1599 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants).

## Rabet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Rabbitt**.

## Rabett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; WR Yorks
- English: see **Rabbitt**.

## Rabey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Guernsey
- English: see **Raby**.

## Rabin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: see **Rabone**.

2 Polish, Jewish: status name for a rabbi, from Polish, Ukrainian, and Belorussian *rabin* 'rabbi' (ultimately from Hebrew *rav*).

**Early bearers:** Samuel Rabin, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Marcus Rabin, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); David Rabin, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Golda Rabin, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Rabin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Rabjohn

Variants: **Robjohn, Robjant, Rabjohns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Robeçun*, a double diminutive of *Rob*, a pet-form of **Robert**. For the formation, compare **Hutchin** and French *Robeçon*, *Robichon*, *Robuchon*. The forms with *ch* are Picard.

**Early bearers:** given names: Robezun de Weleford, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland).

sumames: Jone Rabgynt, 1574 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); James Rabjohn, 1655 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Benjamin Rabjoynt, 1687 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Ann Rabjohn, 1829 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Rabjohns

**Variants:** **Robjohns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Rabjohn** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** Robjohns in Finchingfield (Essex) is named from Robert and Simon Robechun, 1285, Robichun, 1299, Robchon, 1306; it is recorded as *Robjents* in 1777 (*Place-Names of Essex* 427).

**Early bearers:** William Rabogance, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Rabjohns, 1756 in *IGI* (Powderham, Devon).

### Rablen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Roblin**.

### Rablin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Roblin**.

### Rabon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks

English: See **Rabone**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is now rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Rabone

**Variants:** **Rabin**, **Rabon**, **Raybone**, **Raybon**, **Rawbone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

1 English: variant of **Rathbone** with loss of medial -th- and lengthening of the vowel. This is evident from the comparative examples of *Rathbone* cited below, but some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2), and the two names may also have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Raban, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); John Raybon, 1540 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs), compare Richard Rathebon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs) and Robert Rathbone, 1652 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Alice Raben, 1580 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Henry Rabon, 1593 (compare John Rathbone, 1791) in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Elizabeth Rabon, 1603 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Raban, 1618 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Rabon, 1627, Richard Raban, 1631 in *IGI* (Penn, Staffs); Eliz. Rabin, 1645 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); David Raban, 1659

(compare John Rathbone, 1767) in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Mary Raybon, 1711 (compare Hannah Rathbone 1719) in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); George Raybone, 1737 (compare Mary Rathbone, 1744) in *IGI* (Farndon, Cheshire); Mary Raybone, 1743 (compare Joseph Rathbone, 1743) in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Eliz. Raben, 1691 in *IGI* (Rainham, Norfolk); Peter Rabin, 1735 in *IGI* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks); Sarah Raybone, 1811 (compare John Rathbone, 1727) in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks).

2 English: nickname from northern Middle English *ra-bayn* (Old Scandinavian *rá-bein* 'roe-bone or -leg'), for a man who could run as fast as a roe-deer. Northern *bayn* has later been substituted by the Midlands form *bone*.

**Further information:** Compare Henry Coltebeyn ('colt leg') and William Gaytebayn ('goat leg'), 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks), and for the change of -bayn to -bone see **Longbone**.

**Early bearers:** William Rabayn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barningham, NR Yorks); William Rabayn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Edward Raybone, 1589 in *IGI* (Markby, Lincs).

### Rabson

**Variants:** **Rapson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rab(b)* (a pet-form of **Robert**) + -son. Compare **Robson**.

**Early bearers:** Eustace Rabysson, merchant, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert Jakson Rabbeson, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard. Rabson, 1597 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks); John Rabson, 1613 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); John Rabeson, 1769 in *IGI* (Curdworth, Warwicks).

### Raburn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Raeburn**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Raby

**Variants:** **Rabey**, **Robey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1494, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Norfolk; Cornwall

1 English: (i) locative name from any of the places named *Raby* (Cheshire, Cumb, Durham). (ii) in some cases, a variant of **Robey**.

**Early bearers:** William de Raby, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Ralph de Raby, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); John de Raby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes de Raby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barforth, NR Yorks); Johannes de Raby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); John de Raby, chaplain, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Raby, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Rabey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Rabye, 1564 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Edward Rabie, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Philip Rabey, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Winchester, Hants); John Raby, 1578 in *IGI* (Midgley, WR Yorks); Nicholas Rabye or Raby, 1609

in *PROB 11* (London); Robert Rabey, 1613 in *Parish Registers* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 228–9; *Place-Names of Cumb* 2, p. 292; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 161; *Watts, Dictionary*, p.489.

2 English: in SW England and the Channel Islands there appears to be a further source for the name, perhaps a diminutive of *Robert*. Note Thomas Raby, 1496 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Fowey, Cornwall), perhaps for *Robyn*; and for a comparable form without final -n, Richard Roby, about 1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lanivet, Cornwall). For the equivalence of the vowels -a- and -o- in such names, compare also Rabart Hall, 1543 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Reby, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Lanivet, Cornwall); Dorothy Raby, 1608 in *IGI* (Lanivet, Cornwall); Rich Raby, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Egloschayle, Cornwall); John Rabey, 1656 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Grigory Rabbie, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Saint Dennis, Cornwall); Elizabeth Rabey, 1702 in *IGI* (Vale, Guernsey); Wm Rabbie, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Erme, Cornwall).

### Race

**Variants:** **Rase**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2152, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1630
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Suffolk

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Race*, *Rasse* (Continental Germanic *Radizo*, *Razo*, *Rasso*), a pet form of Germanic names beginning with the element *Rad-*. Alternatively some of the following bearers may belong with (2).

**Further information:** The equivalent French surname *Rasse* is associated with Artois and Picardy. See *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Race, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Ras, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Anketill filius Race, 1207 in *Pleas* (Surrey); Robert Race, 1238, Robert filius Race, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Robert Race of Saxondale, 1307, Robert Raas, 1358, Nicholas Rase, 1385–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Shelford, Notts); Beatrice Rase, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks); Nicholaus Ras, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Notts); Ricardo Rase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staunton Harold, Leics); Petrus Rase, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoveton Saint Peter, Norfolk); Johannes Race, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Isabella Rase, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southburn, ER Yorks); Hugo Race, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Iohanna Rase, 1470–1530 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Edmond Rase, 1540 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Elen Race, 1573 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs); George Race, 1577 in *IGI* (Norton, Herts); Janet Race, 1579 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Agn. Raise, 1579 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Thomas Rayse, 1572, George Race, 1585 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Eliz. Race, 1590 in *IGI* (Swainsthorpe, Norfolk); Henry Race, 1592 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); John Race, 1662 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk).

2 English: nickname from Old French *ras* 'clean-shaven'.

**Early bearers:** John le Ras, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert le Ras, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

## Racey

(Kimbolton, Hunts); Richard Race, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Agnes Race, 1580 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Racey

Variants: **Raisey, Razey, Racy, Rasey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs; Wilts and Somerset

English: relationship name perhaps from a pet form of Old French *Race, Rasse* (see **Race**) + the hypocoristic suffix *-y*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Rasye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Willia. Rasey, 1574, Willm. Racye, 1631, Phillip Racey, 1728 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabetha Razie, 1591 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Agnes Raisey, 1597 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Robert Razy, 1625, John Rasy, 1627 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); William Racey, 1676 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham); Owin Rasy, 1700, James Rasey, 1705, James Razy, 1755 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); James Racey, 1751 in *IGI* (Rushall, Wilts); Ann Raisey, 1766 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

### Rachel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Gloucs and Warwicks

English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English and Biblical personal name *Rachel*, although more evidence is needed to establish this with certainty.

**Early bearers:** Henry Rachel of Flechamstede, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Fletchamstead, Warwicks); Johannes Rachel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fletchamstead, Warwicks); Thomae Rachell, 1584 in *IGI* (Glatten, Hunts); Malon Rachel, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Frittenden, Kent); Reignold Rachel, 1602 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Rachell or Ratchell, 1604 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Thomas Rachel, 1695 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Thomas Rachell, 1699 in *IGI* (Dowdeswell, Gloucs); Thos Rachael, 1738 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

### Racher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Abi Racher, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Troston, Suffolk); Anne Racher, 1686 in *Parish Registers* (Soho Saint Anne, Middx); Johannes Racher, 1721 in *Parish Registers* (Cerrigceinwen, Anglesey); Richd Thomas Racher, 1725 in *Parish Registers* (Whitstable, Kent); Mary Racher, 1763 in *IGI* (Bassingbourne, Cambs).

### Rack

Variants: **Wrack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and Westm

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *rak, rack(e)* 'storm cloud', used for someone of a brooding demeanour.

**Early bearers:** Walter Rak, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Racke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Tofts, Norfolk); Johannes Racke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Norfolk); Laurence Racke, 1559 in *PROB 11* (London); Elizabeth Rack, 1586 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Willm Rack, 1625 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs).

### Rackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *raket* 'game played with dice', recorded by Chaucer in about 1374 (see *OED*), and used for a habitual gamer.

**Early bearers:** John Raket, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Longhorsley, Northumb); John Rackett, 1582 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Herts); John Raket, 1589 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Brigitt Rakett, 1600 in *IGI* (Eastwell, Kent); John Rackett, 1667, Rakett, 1694 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, IoW); Timothy Raket, 1694 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Rackham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 810
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from Rackham in Amberley (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Recham, 1166 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Roger Racheham, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Rakham, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Rackham, 1575 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Thomas Rackham, 1658 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); Robert Rackham, 1799 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 156.

### Rackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 578, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Bucks and Berks; Devon

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

### Rackliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey and Herts

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

### Rackliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

### Rackstraw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Bucks; Durham; Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *raken* 'to rake' + *strau* 'straw', perhaps for a scavenger.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rakestraw, 1319 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*; John Rakestraw, 1544 in *York Guild Register*; Margery Rakestrawe, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Joanna Rackstraw, 1604 in *IGI* (Medmenham, Bucks); Thomas Raykestray, 1605 in

*York Freeman's Register*; William Rakestraw, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon).

### Racy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Racey**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Radbone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Oxon

English: (i) an altered form of **Radbourne**, perhaps through the influence of (ii). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Rathbone**.

**Early bearers:** Thos. Radbone, 1786 in *IGI* (Long Compton, Warwicks).

### Radbourne

Variants: **Radburn, Redburn, Redbourn, Radbone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Radbourn (Warwicks), Radbourne (Derbys), Redbourn (Herts) or Redbourne (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Redburn', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Bartholomew de Redburn', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); William de Radburn', de Redburn', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alice Radburne, 1608 in *IGI* (Grandborough, Warwicks); Anna Radborne, 1632 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Agnes Readbourne, 1635 in *IGI* (Yarnton, Oxon); [ . . . ] Radbourn, 1757 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the More, Wallingford, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, p. 596; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 78; *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, p. 88; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 142.

### Radburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

English: locative name see **Radbourne**.

### Radcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

### Radcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3284, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3455
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. IoM and NW England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath; Down

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

### Radclyffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Dorset

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

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**Raddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Reddie**.

**Raddings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: of uncertain origin. It looks like it might be a variant of **Readings** but the distributions are very different.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Raddings, 1730 in *IGI* (Knottingley, WR Yorks); John Raddins, 1730, Richard Raddings, 1740, Samuel Radings, 1806 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

**Raddish**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys
- English: see **Reddish**.

**Raddon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Raddon in Marystow, West Raddon in Shobrooke, or Raddon Court in Thorverton (all Devon).

**Early bearers:** Rauening de Raddon', 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds or Bucks); Baldewin de Raddon, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cornwall); Odm' de Raddenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Raddon, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Raddon, 1481 in *West Devon Record Office* (Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon); Christian Radden, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Cyr and Julitta, Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Raddon, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Sidbury, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 200; 2, pp. 417, 572.

**Radford**

**Variants:** **Ratford, Radforth, Redford, Retford, Reddiford, Rodford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8275, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5621
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Derbys and Notts; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English, Scottish: locative name from any of the several places named Radford (Devon, Notts, Oxon, Somerset, Warwicks, Worcs), Raddiford (Devon), Ratford (Sussex, Wilts), Redford (Angus, Fife, Midlothian, Dorset, Sussex), Retford (Notts), Rodford (Gloucs), or Rudford (Gloucs).

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland (Wexford) since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: John de Radeford, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Walter de Redford', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Hugo de Retford, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Geoffrey de Ratforde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas atte Rydeforde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas atte Redeford, 1305 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Ricardus Radeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baginton, Warwicks); Thomas Radford, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); George Redfourth, 1557, Richard Redford, 1571 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Lewes Radford,

1589 in *PROB 11* (Witheridge, Devon); Thomas Redforth, 1694 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).  
Scotland: Andro Reidfurd, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany*; Alexander Reidfurd, 1611 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 68, 165; *Place-Names of Oxon* 2, p. 349; *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 489, 497.

**Radforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Radford**.

**Radia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: unexplained.

**Radice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: nickname from *radice* 'root'; denoting a grower or seller of root vegetables or a tenacious and stubborn man.  
**References:** *DAFN*.

**Radigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Irish: from Ó Reachtagáin, see **Rattigan**.

**Radish**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Reddish**.

**Radley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2118, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1717
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Radley (Berks, Devon).  
**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, notes that the source for the WR Yorks surname is uncertain, there being no direct evidence to link it to the Berks or Devon place nor any obvious alternative source for it in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Radelega, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Philip de Radleg', 1260 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Adam de Radelee, 1342–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Henricus Radley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eathorpe, Warwicks); Willelmo Radleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Inkpen, Berks); Richard Raddeley, 1471 in *Paston Letters*; John Radley, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Rainham, Essex); Ann Radleye, 1610 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 2, pp. 316, 455; *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 385.

**Radmall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Rathmell**

**Radmore**

**Variants:** **Redmore, Remmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from any of several places called Radmore (Staffs, Northants, Cheshire), Redmoor (Cornwall, Cambs), Redmere (ER Yorks, Cambs), or Redmire (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** The strong presence of this name in Devon since at least the 16th century is suggestive either of early migration or of a further lost or as yet unidentified source for the surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Redmore, 1251 in *Ely Coucher Book* (Cambs); John de Redmar, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam de la Redemere, 1292 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Henry Redmore, 1357, Redmor, 1362, de Redmore, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne de Redmore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (All Saints North Street, Yorks); Phillipp Redmore, 1559 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Dewnes Radmore, 1564 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Frauncis Radmoore, 1601 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Edward Radmor, 1693 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Edward Redmoore, 1786 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Radmoor, 1811 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Radnage**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Monmouths
- English: see **Radnedge**.

**Radnedge**

**Variants:** **Radnidge, Radnage, Ratnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Glamorgan; Leics

English: locative name from or Radnage (Bucks) or Radnidge (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richer de Radenache, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Edward de Radenache, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Radnedge, 1715 in *IGI* (South Hinksey, Berks); John Radnich, 1779, Radnidge, 1814, William Radnige, 1814 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); James Radnedge, 1790 in *IGI* (Dinder, Somerset); Edwin Radnage, 1833 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 191–2; *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 335–6.

**Radner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Welsh, English: see **Radnor**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Radnidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Radnedge**.

**Radnor**

**Variants:** **Radner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Herefs

## Radway

Welsh, English: locative name from Radnor (Radnors).

**Early bearers:** John de Radenoura, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); William de Radenore, 1255–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Robertus Radenore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); John Radenore, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Radnor, 1539 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 344.

## Radway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs

1 English: see **Rodway**.

2 English: see **Redway**.

## Radwell

**Variants:** Reddell, Reddall, Rodwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; Hunts

1 English: locative name from either of the two places called Radwell (Beds, Herts), occasionally perhaps from Redwell Wood (Herts). The Radwells, both recorded as *Radeuuelle* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), are named with Old English *rēad* ‘red’ + *welle* ‘spring, stream’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Radewelle, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Beds); Robert de Redewelle, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Radewelle, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Radwell, Herts); Adam Radewill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrington in Puckington, Somerset); William Radwell, 1411 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Crooked Lane, City of London); Bartholomew Radwell, 1533 in *PROB 11* (Eriswell, Suffolk); Katharine Redwell, widow of William Redwell, and his son and heir John Redwell, 1545 in *East Sussex Record Office*; [ . . . ] Reddall, 1646 in Westminster state books (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); John Redall, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Herts); Elz. Rodwell, 1688 in *Parish Registers* (Puttenham, Herts); James Radwell, 1692 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 32; *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 86, 160.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *rid(de) wold* (Old English *(ge)ryd(d) weald*) ‘cleared woodland’, denoting someone who lived in or near an area of cleared woodland.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Redwald, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Brun de la Redeweld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Radwell, 1563 in *IGI* (Weasenhall All Saints, Norfolk); Alice Radwell, 1576 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds); Marye Radwell, 1579 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Steven Radwell, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Wylliam Radwell, 1607 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex).

## Rady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Cornwall

Irish: (i) from Ó Riada, see **Reidy**. (ii) from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

**Further information:** This name is more common in the USA than in Britain or Ireland.

## Rae

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9427, Ireland 135
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and E Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Raa, about 1231 in *Black*; Effie Rae, 1565 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Rae, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Cristan Rae, 1575 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Gilbert Rae, 1596 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); James Rae, 1596 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

## Raeburn

**Variants:** Rayburn, Reyburn, Reburn, Ryburn, Raburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1194, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 614
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, and E Lothian; Banffs and Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Ryburn in Dunlop (Ayr), or from Raeburn in Eskdale (Dumfriess) or from Raeburn in Annandale near Greta (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William of Raeburn, 1331 in *History of Arbroath* (Angus); Andrew de Raburn, 1430 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Reburne or Ryburne, 1468 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexr. Raeburn, 1664 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

England: Richard Reaburn, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); James Reaburn, 1644 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Berwick, Northumb); Isabell Reaburn, 1706 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Elizabeth Raeburn 1708 in *National Burial Index* (Berwick, Northumb).

## Raeside

**Variants:** Reside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Raeside in Dalry (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** James, William Rysyd, burgesses, 1606 in *Retours, Scotland*, 94 (Ayr, Ayr); John Rasyd, 1659 in *Hunters of Hunterston*, p. 68 (Hullerhirst, Ayr); David Raesyd or Rasyde, 1680 in *Hunters of Hunterston*, pp. 62, 64 (Ayr); Anna Raeside, 1705 in *IGI* (Kilbirmie, Ayr).

**References:** M. S. Shaw, ed. (1925), *Family Papers of the Hunters of Hunterston*, Edinburgh.

## Rafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Ralph**.

## Raff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays and Nairns; Middx

English, Scottish: see **Ralph**.

## Raffan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs; also Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from Rathven (Banffs).
- Early bearers:** James Raffan, 1667 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs); Patrick Raffan, 1668, Alexr Raffen, 1697, William Rathven, 1712, John Raffin, 1737 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banffs).

## Raffel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfries; Kent

English: see **Raffle**.

**References:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Raffell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Devon

English: see **Raffle**.

## Rafferty

**Variants:** O'Rafferty, Roarty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4887, Ireland 3109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; also Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

Irish: from Ó Rabhartaigh (earlier spelling Ó Raithbheartaigh) ‘descendant of *Rabhartaich*’, a personal name meaning ‘flood tide’, and therefore ‘abundance, prosperity’. Compare **McGroarty**.

**Early bearers:** Donell grana O'Rowarty, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; Teige O'Raverty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Meaghernacloy, Monaghan); Bryan Rafferty, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrickmacross, Monaghan); Neale Raverty, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballymurghan, Armagh); Torlagh O'Raverty, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromlelem, Armagh); Terence Raverty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Owen Raferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh); Nicholas Rafferty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilshalvy, Sligo); James Raffarty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Caslemore, Mayo).

## Raffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Raffle**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Raffle

**Variants:** Raffles, Raffel, Raffell, Raphael, Rayfield, Ravald, Ravel, Ravell, Raffield, Rayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: relationship name perhaps either from a Middle English form of an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Refeweald* or from an Old French form of the equivalent Continental Germanic personal name *Rafald*, although its use among



Normans is not on record. This fits the Lancs name *Ravald* well but some of the following post-medieval examples in N England may alternatively belong with (3) and others in all parts could belong with (2). Some post-medieval spellings have been influenced by the name of the archangel Raphael and others by place-names in *-field*.

**Early bearers:** NW England: Thomas Raval, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); William Ravald, 1600 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Willmi. Ravalde, 1613, Gulielmi Ravould, 1645 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Guilmy Ravell, 1681 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); John Ravell, 1689 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Ravel, 1714 in *IGI* (Bolton, Cumb); James Raffald, 1751 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Wm. Rafel, 1747 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs); Emma Raffald, 1766 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

NE England: Elizabetha Raphaell, 1602 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Cuthbert Raffell, 1608 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Raffould, 1641 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Raffield, 1673 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); William Raffel, 1705 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Robert Rafald, 1725 in *IGI* (Alwinton, Northumb); John Rafield, 1726 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); William Raphill, 1734 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

E Midlands and E Anglia: Nicholas Rauell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Raffale, 1375 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Raffald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Churchyan Ravell, 1575 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Mathew Ravell, 1656 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Matthias Ravel, 1705 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Sarah Rafel, 1770 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk); John Ravel, 1772 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

SE England: Harry Rafell, 1572 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Jn Ravell, 1594 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Joan Raifeild, 1593 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Katheryn Raphaell, 1601 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Elizabeth Raifield, 1627, Mildred Rafield, 1641, Elizabeth Raphell, 1666, Anne Rafell, 1717 in *IGI* (Burham, Kent); Daniel Rafel, 1628 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Jane Raphel, 1665 in *IGI* (Rogate, Surrey); James Rayfell, 1785 in *IGI* (Milstead, Kent); Mary Raphield, 1797 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

SW England: Thomas Raphaell, 1589, Gorge Raffill, 1611 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Raffel, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); John Raphaell, 1654 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); John Rafhill, 1738 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); John Rafael, 1748 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon); James Raphiel, 1762 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Mary Raphael, 1768 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from a Middle English personal name *\*Raff(f)el*, which might have been a pet form of *Rafe* (Ralph), but there is as yet no medieval evidence for it. Derivation from *Raphael* (the name of the archangel) is improbable as it seems to have been used in England only after the Reformation. Surnames from this source may sometimes have attracted an excrescent *-d*.

3 Scottish: locative name, reduced form of **Raffles** (1).

### Raffles

Variants: **Raffle**, **Raphael**, **Revels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Yorks

1 Scottish: locative name from Raffles in Mouswald (Dumfriess). The *-s* in the surname was probably sometimes lost in the modern period but some of the Scottish examples of *Raphell*, *Raffell*, etc. may alternatively belong with **Raffle**.

**Early bearers:** John de Refholes about 1215–45, in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Raffhols, 1361 in *Carruthers of Holmains Manuscripts* (Raffles, Dumfriess); Janet Raphell, 1641 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jhone Raffell, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); David Raphal, 1697 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick Durham, Kirkcudbrights); James Raffle, 1766 in *IGI* (Buittle, Kirkcudbrights); Katherine Raffles, 1794 in *IGI* (Durisdeer, Dumfriess).

2 English: variant of **Raffle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Either of following early bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Barbara Raffles, 1694 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Raffles, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London).

### Raffo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

Italian: (i) relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Raffo*. (ii) locative name from Raffo in Petralia Soprana, Palermo (Sicily).

### Rafi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *rafi* 'exalted'.

**Further information:** *al-rafi* 'the Exalted' is one of the attributes of Allah, and gives rise to the compound name 'Abdul-rafi' 'servant of the Exalted'

### Rafiq

Variants: **Rafique**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3282, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *rafiq* 'intimate friend, companion'.

### Rafique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1086, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: see **Rafiq**.

### Rafter

Variants: **Wrafter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 624
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Laois, Kilkenny, Offaly, and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó **Reachtabhair** 'descendant of *Reachtabhair*', a personal name based on *reacht* 'decree'. Compare **Raftery**

**Early bearers:** Tho. Rafter, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5106 (the Naas, Kildare); Shane O Raghter, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5421 (Moltaghe, Galway); Shane O Raghtore, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Queen's County [Laois]); Murtogh Raghter, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6755 (Kiltaghan, Kildare).

### Raftery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 627
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; also Roscommon

Irish: from Ó **Reachtabhra** 'descendant of *Reachtabhra*', a personal name based on *reacht* 'decree'. Compare **Rafter**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Manus O Raghtoury, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5712 (Mullaghmore, Clare); Luke Raftery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltullagh, Roscommon); Michael Raftery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathconrath, Westmeath); Peter Raftery, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shanballymore, Galway); John Raftery, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Trihill West, Galway).

England: Thomas Raftery alias Thomas Raftery, born in Kilroden, Galway, 1837–45 in *TNA*; Ann Raftery, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs); James Raftery, tinman, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Bistree, Flints).

### Ragan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 489
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs and Yorks; Durham
- Irish: from **Mag Riagáin**, see **Regan**.

### Ragdale

Variants: **Ragsdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Middx

English: locative name from Ragdale (Leics). From the 16th century the more common form of the surname is *Ragsdale*.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Raggedal, 1202 in *Pleas*; Joh'e de Rakedale, 1315 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Rad' Rakedale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); John de Rakedale, chaplain, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Thomas Rakedale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ryhall, Rutland); Johanne Rakedall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wartnaby, Leics); Roberto Rakedale, 1379, Robertus Ragdale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horninghold, Leics); Willelmo Racdale, 1379, Willelmus Rakedale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Margaret Ragdale, 1555 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Ann Ragdale, 1584 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Antonie Ragdall, 1589, Richard Ragdale, 1606 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Andrew Ragdale, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Agnes Ragdale, 1697 in *IGI* (Redmile, Leics); Harriet Ragdale, 1846 in *IGI* (Hulme, Lancs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 127.

### Ragen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Worcs

Irish: from **Mag Riagáin**, see **Regan**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ragg

Variants: **Ragge**, **Wragg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks; Durham

1 English: nickname apparently from Middle English *ragge* 'scrap of cloth, flap (of a garment)'

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perhaps for someone who wore tattered clothing or clothes ornamented with strips of fabric. Alternatively *ragge* might have been a reduced form of Middle English *ragged* 'tattered, shaggy'. Post-medieval examples may otherwise belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William le Ragge, 1198 in *Pleas* (Norfolk). Simon Rage, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys). Thomas Ragge, 1558 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Alice Ragg, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Bowden, Leics).

2 English: see **Wragg**.

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**Variants:** **Ragot**, **Raggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ragot*, a diminutive of Continental Germanic *Rago*. Compare French *Ragot*, *Raguet*.

**Early bearers:** Hamelin Ragot, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William Ragat, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Ragget, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Stephen Raggatt, 1593 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex); John Raggatt, 1661 in *York Freeman's Register*; Lawrence Raggot, 1751 in *IGI* (Chipping Sodbury, Gloucs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ragged(e)* 'ragged'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Raggede, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Robert le Ragget, 1266 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John le Ragede, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Joane Raggatt, 1589 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex); William Raggatt, 1725 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Mary Raggatt, 1728 in *IGI* (Crandall, Hants); Eliz Raggatt, 1729 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Sarah Raggatt, 1778 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Ragg**.

## Raggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 370
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: see **Raggatt**.

## Raglan

**Variants:** **Ragland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *rag(ge)* 'stone' or dialect *rag(ge)* 'small piece of woodland' + *lond* 'land'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by stony land or a small wood, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Ragland Coppice in Corsley (Wilts). (ii) locative name perhaps from Raglan (Monmouths), which appears as *Burgus de Ragland* in local court rolls (marginalia) in 1587, and so also in references to Raglan hundred.

**Early bearers:** William Ragilond, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas Ragalan, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Raglan', otherwise called John Herberd', 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Kentford, Suffolk); John Raglond, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts);

John Ragland, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Thomas Ragland of Waslyngton, knight, 1560 in *Northants Record Office* (Wallington, Norfolk); Johane Raglande, 1573, Johannes Ragland, 1575 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Richard Raigland, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Bocconnoc, Cornwall); Grace Raglan, 1655 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); John Ragland, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 382; *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 153.

## Ragland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Raglan**.

## Ragless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *rag(ge)* 'strip of cloth, rag' + *las(e)*, *lesse* 'cord, lace', presumably a derogatory term for one who could not afford better. Compare **Brownless**. (ii) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*raggelles* 'ragless', for a person in extreme poverty, someone who does not even have rags.

**Early bearers:** Alice Ragle, 1591 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Tho Raglese, 1606, James Ragle, 1615 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Henry Ragle, 1609 in *IGI* (East Lavant, Sussex); Elizabeth Raglese, 1663 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Susan Raglis, 1746 in *IGI* (Poling, Sussex).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Raggatt**.

## Ragsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Ragdale**, with an intrusive *-s-* found only in the surname, not in the Leics place-name from which it derives.

**Further information:** The earlier form of the surname, without *-s-*, is already in south-west Notts, near the Leics border, in the 14th century: Rad' Rakedale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Robert Rakedale, 1360, and Thomas Rakedale, 1460, both jurors in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts) relating to lands in Ratcliffe on Soar.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ragesdall, 1566 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Agnes Ragsdale, 1583 in *IGI* (Car Colston, Notts); Richard Ragesdale, 1584 in *IGI* (Thurlby by Newark, Lincs); Annes Ragsdale, 1596, Richard Ragsdall, 1638 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Henryre Ragsdale, 1599 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Robt Ragsdale, 1615 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Anne Wragdale, 1699 in *IGI* (Ruddington, Notts); Elizabeth Ragsdale, 1727 in (East Bridgford, Notts).

## Rahaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Rahman**.

## Raheem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Rahim**.

## Rahi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh and Muslim name meaning 'traveller'.

## Rahill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

## Rahilly

**Variants:** **O'Rahilly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry and Cork

Irish: this may be from Ó Raghailigh (see **O'Reilly**), but is more likely to be the surname Ó Raithile 'descendant of \*Raithile', a personal name of unknown etymology. This name is common in Munster, where it is usually anglicized as (O')Rahilly. **Early bearers:** Mwroggho mcConoghor Y Rathyly, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3100 (Karigipuky, Cork); Shane O Rahillie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571 (Knockowrane, Cork).

## Rahim

**Variants:** **Raheem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1480, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *raḥīm* 'merciful, compassionate'. **Further information:** *al-raḥīm* 'the Merciful' is an attribute of Allah, giving rise to the compound name '*Abdur-raḥīm* 'servant of the Merciful'.

## Rahimi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic name indicating descent from or association with someone called *Rahīm* (see **Rahim**).

## Rahman

**Variants:** **Rehman**, **Rahaman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16784, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *raḥmān* 'most gracious', often found as part of the compound name '*Abdur-Raḥmān* 'servant of the Most Gracious'. **Further information:** *ur-Raḥmān* (al-Raḥmān) 'the Most Gracious' is an attribute of Allah.

## Rahmani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: family name indicating descent from or association with someone called *Rahmān* (see **Rahman**).

**Rai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5743, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Indian (northeastern states): (i) Hindu, found among several communities, from Hindi *rai*, Sanskrit *rājā* 'king'. (ii) It is also found as a (presumably unrelated) family name among the Bunt community of coastal Karnataka, of unknown origin and meaning.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 賴, see **Lai** (1).

**Raichura**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

**Raikes****Variants: Rakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset; Surrey, Kent

English: variant of **Rake** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas del Rakes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Nicholas Raikes son of Thomas Rakes, 1585 in *York Freeman's Register*; Annes Rakes, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**Railton****Variants: Ralton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1070, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 775
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, and Lancs; also ER Yorks; Durham

English: locative name of uncertain origin. It might be a variant of **Relton**; compare William Relton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks) and Richd. Railton, 1727 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks). However, *Railton* in NW England and central Scotland may have a different, but unexplained origin, and **Relton** in NE England may be a later variant of *Railton* influenced by association with the NR Yorks place-name Wrelton.

**Early bearers:** England: Anthonie Railton, 1571 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edward Raylton, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Henry Raylton, 1575 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Cissilye Railton, 1587 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Johannis Railton, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); John Railton, 1618, Grace Ralton, 1619 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Ralton, 1658 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham). Scotland: John Railtoun, burgess, 1544 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Allan Raltoune, burgess, 1607 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; Christian Ralton, 1681 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Raiman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Raymond**.

**Raiment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Raymond**.

**Raimes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Reames**.

**Rain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 524
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Raine**.

**Rainbird****Variants: Raynbird, Rambert, Rambart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 665, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 495
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and Suffolk
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Rainbert*, *Reinbert*, *Raimbert* (Continental Germanic *Raginbert*, *Reginbert*). **Early bearers:** given names: Rainbertus Flandrensis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Willelmus filius Reinbert, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx). surnames: William Reinberd, Reinbert, Renberd, 1208, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Simon Ramberd, Stephen Rambard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Rainberd or Raynberd, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Harlestone, Northants); John Rainbert, 1630, Rainbird, 1651 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk).

**Rainbow****Variants: Ramble, Rammell, Rimbault, Raybold, Raybold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1706, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1073
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Beds, and Northants; Middx

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Rainbaut*, *Raimbaut*, *Raimbault*, *Rambaut*, from Continental Germanic *Raginbald*, *Rainbald*, *Reinbald*. Compare **Rainbird**. **Early bearers:** given names: Raimbaldus, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Rainbaldus aurifaber, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Elward filius Reinbaldi 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Reimbaldus, 1148–66 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Rembaldus, 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk). surnames: Reginaldus filius Renbald, Rainbaud, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); William Reimbaud, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Johannes filius Rambaldi, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); John Rambald, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Reynbald, 1505 in *Norwich Wills*; Agnes Raibold, 1542 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Rammell, 1593 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); William Raybolde or Raybold, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Alicia Rainebow, 1617 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); William Rainbow, 1597 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds).

**Raincock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Northumb

English: relationship name from a diminutive of a short form of personal names in *Rain-*, e.g. *Rainbald*,

*Rainbert*. Compare **Rainbird**, **Rainbow** and see **Raine**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Robert, son of Raincock, William son of Raincock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: William Rayncok, John Rayncok 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Rayncock, 1573 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Agnes Raincocke, 1581 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); John Hewitt Raincock, 1811 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Laura Raincock, 1868 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb).

**Raine****Variants: Rayne, Rain, Rene, Raines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3272, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2492
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and NR Yorks

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Rayne* (Old French *reine* 'queen', Latin *regina*). (ii) relationship name alternatively from Middle English \**Ra(y)ne*, \**Rayne*, a pet form of **Reynold** and **Rayner**, or possibly *Ranulf* (see **Randall**). Some of the following surnames may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names (female): Regina, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Regin' Prat, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Reina, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Reyna vidua, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds).

given names (male): Rane Mulewart, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon).

surnames: Alan Reyne, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs), Hugo Ragen', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herefs); Alice Reine, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Rayne, 1305 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willelmus Rane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walden Stubbs, WR Yorks); Johanne Reyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Henricus Reyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denford, Northants); Johanne Reyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Robertus Rayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marr, WR Yorks); Johanna Rayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Ranulph Rane, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Nicholas Rayne, 1550 in *York Registry Wills* (Kildale, NR Yorks); Thomas Raine, 1568 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Helyne Rane, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Anthony Rain, 1625 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks).

2 Scottish: locative name from Rayne (Aberdeens). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the surname *de Rane* is recorded in the early 13th century in *Gisborough Cartulary*, so some of the N England surnames cited in (1) may have this origin.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ran', about 1180 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Adam de Rane, 1317 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Bertillot de Rane, 1333 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); Johnne Raine, 1598 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Alexander Raine, 1607 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); James Raine, 1626 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Elspet Raine, 1628 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wam. Raine, 1663 in *IGI* (Inverbervie, Kincardines).

3 Norman, English: nickname occasionally perhaps from Old French *raine* 'frog' (Latin *rana*).

**Early bearers:** William le Reine, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas le Reyne, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Wycombe, Bucks).

4 English: locative name perhaps from Rayne (Essex); see **Raines**. However, the following bearers may belong with (1).

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**Early bearers:** Willelmus Reyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Humfrey Rayne, 1575 in *PROB 11* (London); Samuel Raine or Rain, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Dagenham, Essex).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent, Surrey, Berks

English: see **Rayner**.

### Raines

**Variants:** Rains, Rayns, Raynes, Reynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Norfolk, Kent; Somerset and Wilts

1 English: variant of **Raine** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Raynes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tharlesthorpe, ER Yorks); Thomas Raynes, 1486 in *York Registry Wills* Patrington (ER Yorks); Thome Reynes, 1546 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); James Raynes, 1564 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Gorge Rayns, 1568 in *IGI* (Northaw, Herts); Philippe Raines, 1570 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Fermary Raynes, 1573 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Jane Raines, 1576 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edeth Raines, 1593 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Robert Raines, 1595 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes Raynes, 1564 in *IGI* (Grimbsby, Lincs); Willyam Raynes, 1568 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Peter Raynes, 1579, Robarte Rains, 1643 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Anne Raines, 1621 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Rayne (Essex), recorded as *Raines* in the 11th century. See also **Raine** (4).

**Early bearers:** Alveva de Reines, 1203–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard de Rayns, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas de Reynes, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Rychard Raynes, 1570 in *IGI* (Beaumont cum Moze, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 452; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 494.

3 Norman, English: locative name from Rennes (north-east France).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Rennes 13th *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk).

### Rainey

**Variants:** Renny, Rennie, Raney, Rainy, Rainnie, Renny, Raney, Reany, Reanne, Reaney, Rigney, Renney, Rannie, Rainey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 1383
- **GB frequency 1881:** 469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs, Lincs, and WR Yorks; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 Irish: from Ó Ráighne, Mac Ráighne, from a personal name derived from the Scandinavian name *Rognvaldr*. Compare English **Randall**, **Reynold**. **Further information:** In Ireland the name became *Mac Ráighne*, Ó *Raighne*, with modern forms *Rainey*, *Raney*, *Reaney*, *Reanne*, *Reanny*, *Reany*, *Reinny*, *Rennie*, *Reyney*, *Ryney*.

**Early bearers:** Ó Ráighne: Edmund Oryney, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1429 (the country of O'Molaghlen, Westmeath); Edmund O'Ryney, kern, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1601 (O'Molaghlen's country, Westmeath); Donell O'Rigney, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1848 (Ferrye, King's County [Offaly]); Ferroll O'Rigney, kern, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1848 (Clonmore, King's County [Offaly]); William, Owen, and Briant A Rigney, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3223 (Kings County [Offaly]); John O Regne, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4896 (Carraghe, Tipperary); Redmund fitz Day O Raine, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6122.

Mac Ráighne: Donell McCreynie, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110; Teige McKryny, pike, and Donogh McKryny, shot, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Derenishananshy).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Regny (Loire).

**Further information:** The name was common in the 12th and 13th centuries and survives in Ashreigny (Devon) and Newton Reigny (Cumb), but there seems to be no connection between this and the modern surnames.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Reigni, 1157 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William de Reigni, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); William de Reingny alias de Reyney alias de Reny, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); Johannes Regny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eggesford, Devon).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rayn(e)y*, *Renie*, a pet form of **Reynold**.

**Early bearers:** given names, Scotland: Rayny Voket, 1409 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Rany Ra, 1446 in *Aberdeen Register* 1, p. 245 (Aberdeens). surnames, Scotland: Symon Renny, 1362 in *Scottish Arms* (Inverkeithing, Fife); John Rayny, 1436 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Stirling, Stirlings); Walter Rannie, 1453 in *Arbroath Register* 2, 101 (Forfar, Angus); Nicholas Rannee, 1502 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber*, p. 206 (Bute).

surnames, England: Henry Raney, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Renie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Margareta Rany, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knottingley, WR Yorks); John Rainey, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Ubley, Somerset); William Rayney, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Easton in Gordano, Somerset).

4 English: locative name from Ranah Stones in the township of Thurlstone in Penistone (WR Yorks). See *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 340; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Further information:** A Sheffield name, usually with the spelling *Reaney*, and correctly pronounced *Rainey*, but now often pronounced *Reeney*. Its best known bearer is P. H. Reaney, who pioneered the modern study of English surname origins.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Ravenhowe, 13th century in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Thomas de Ranaw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Thomas de Ranowe, 1414 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 13, p. 75 (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Roger Raynye, 1587 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Edward Reaney, 1784 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 340; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

5 Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *René* (Latin *Renatus* 'reborn'). If this name has survived it may have been assimilated to one of the variant spellings of *Rainey*, such as *Renny* or *Reney*.

**Further information:** The name *Renatus* was borne by a 4th-century saint, and became popular in France in the Middle Ages because of its transparent reference to Christian spiritual rebirth.

**Early bearers:** Jan Renie, 1605, Jean Baptiste Rene, 1726 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Elisabeth Renee, 1744 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Rainford

**Variants:** Rainsford, Ranford, Rainforth, Renforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1472, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 860
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Rainford (Lancs). The place, recorded as *Raine*ford in 1198, is named with the Old English personal name \**Regna* or Old Scandinavian *rein* 'boundary' + Old English *ford* 'ford'.

**Early bearers:** William de Reynford, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alan de Raynford of the county of York, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Reynford or Raynford, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Raynford', citizen and girdler of Ebor', 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Laurence Reynsforth, knight, 1491 in *TNA* (Norfolk); Henry Rayneforde or Raynforde, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Saint John Chester, Cheshire); William Raynford, 1591 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Henry Rainsford, knight of Clifford Chamberer, Gloucs, 1619 in Shakespeare Birthplace Trust; Thomas Rainforth alias Rentforth, 1724 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 490

### Rainforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Rainford**.

### Rainger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- 1 English: see **Ringer** (2).  
2 English: see **Ranger**.

### Raingold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name composed of the Yiddish elements *rein* 'pure' + *gold* 'gold'.

**Further information:** The modern surname cannot possibly be from Middle English use of the Continental Germanic *Reingot*, as Wilson supposed (*Reaney and Wilson*).

**Early bearers:** Morris Raingold, born in Render, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, London).

### Rainham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Raynham**.

### Rainnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Rainey**.

### Rains

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 508
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Raines**.

### Rainsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Rainsbury in Brompton Regis (Somerset).
- Early bearers:** Roger Rainesburye or Raynesbury, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Stawley, Somerset); Gyles Raynsbury, 1607 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Henrye Raynesburye or Raighnesburye, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Culmstock, Devon); John Rainsbury, 1647 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); Henry Ransbury, 1767 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Thomas Rainsbury, 1780 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

### Rainsford

Variants: **Raynsford**, **Ransford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 206
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Derbys; Cambs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Limerick
- English: variant of **Rainford**. Rainford (Lancs) was recorded as *Raynesford* in 1262 and *Raynsford* in 1503; see *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 110.
- Early bearers:** Adam de Raynesford, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Raynsford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Lancs); John Reynesford<sup>e</sup>, esquire, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Fawley, Bucks); Charls Raynsford, 1542 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); Richard Reynolds, 1570 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); William Rainsford or Raynsford, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); George Rainsforth, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

### Rainsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex; Warwicks
- English: see **Rawnsley**.
- Early bearers:** Mary Rainsley, 1630 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Sarah Rainsley, 1662 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).

### Rainton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: locative name from Rainton (NR Yorks) or Rainton in Houghton le Spring (Durham).
- Early bearers:** Ralph de Raynington, 1301 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rainton, NR Yorks); Johannes de Raynton, 1367, Rob. de Raynton, 1378 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Durham); Roberto de Raynton<sup>n</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winton, Westm); Thomas Raynton, chaplain, 1436 in *York Registry Wills* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Alleson Raynton, 1564 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Thomas Rainton, 1605 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 184–5; *Durham Place-Names*, pp. 100–1; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Rainy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, E Lothian, and Ayr; also Banffs
- Scottish: see **Raiey**.

### Raisbeck

Variants: **Reasbeck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: locative name from Rais Beck in Orton or Raise Beck in Grasmere (both in Westm), or from Raisbeck in Upleatham (NR Yorks). The NR Yorks place-name is recorded in Middle English as *Rabec* and its modern local form is *Raybeck*, so the *-s-* is unhistorical; see *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 154. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points to Mary Raybecke, Mary Raysbecke, 1619 in *Parish Registers* (Easingwold, NR Yorks), as possible evidence that the two pronunciations were interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** William Raysebeck, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Husthwaite, NR Yorks); Rogero de Raysbek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Reginald Rasebek, barber, 1483 in *York Registry Wills* (Cuxwold, Lincs); John Raisbeck, 1592 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); Nicholas Raysebeck, 1654 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); John Reasbeck, 1680 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 154.

### Raisey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Racey**.

### Raison

Variants: **Rezin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Somerset
- English: see **Rayson**.

### Raistrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 708
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Raistrick**.

### Rait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland
- Scottish: see **Raitt**.

### Raith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from Raith near Monkton (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Raith, burgess, 1488–91 in *Ayr Charters*, p. 93, *Ayr Friars Charters*, p. 63 (Ayr, Ayr); James Raith, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Raithatha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Raithby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Raithby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Reidebi, 1218, Simon de Rethebi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Elizabeth Rathbie, 1561 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 100

### Raith

Variants: **Rait**, **Rate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; also Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: locative name from Rait Castle (Nairns) or Rait (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Gervase de Rathe, 1292 in *Scotland Calendar* (Invernairn, Nairns); John de Rate, 1332 in *Scone Charters*; David Rat, 1471 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); Andrew Rayt, 1487 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Rayt, 1565 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); John Raith, 1590 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Raj

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1038, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Raja**.

**Further information:** In the northern states of India, it may have evolved into a family name from use as the final element of a compound personal name such as *Prithviraj* 'king of the earth'. In South India it is used only as a male given name, but it has come to be used as a family name among people from South India living in Britain and the USA.

### Raja

Variants: **Rajah**, **Raj**, **Raju**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4150, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: (i) Hindu, from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king, ruler'. (ii) among Tamil and Malayalam speakers who have migrated from their home state, it is a variant of **Rajan**.

### Rajabali

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian and Pakistani: Muslim, from *rajab*, an element of unknown meaning, + *ali* meaning 'lofty', which is an epithet of Allah.

### Rajah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Raja**.

## Rajan

### Rajan

Variants: **Raja**, **Rajani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king' + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** Rajan is found only as a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name in Britain and the USA.

### Rajani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Raja* 'king' (Sanskrit *rājā*) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from.

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Rajaratnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king' + *ratna* 'gem' + the Tamil ending *-m*.

### Rajendran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rājendra* 'lord of kings' (*rājā* 'king' + *indra* 'lord') + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** Indra is the name of the king of gods.

### Raji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Nigerian (Yoruba): unexplained. Some bearers have Yoruba or other W African given names (e.g. *Adewala*, probably for *Adéwálé* (Yoruba *adé wá ilé* 'the crown has come home')).

2 Muslim (India, Morocco): Other bearers of this surname have Indo-Pakistani given names (e.g. *Dharam*, a Hindi and Urdu term meaning 'religious duty' and *Abdul Majeed*, Qur'anic Arabic for 'servant of the Most Gracious').

### Rajkumar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Hindu, meaning 'prince' (from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king' + *kumāra* 'son').

**Further information:** This name is found in several states, and is a frequent given name, from which the surname appears to have developed

### Rajput

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan and neighbouring states): Hindu, (Rajput), from Sanskrit *rājaputra* 'prince' (*rāja* 'king' + *putra* 'son').

### Raju

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 15

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (southern states): see **Raja**.

### Rake

Variants: **Raikés**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *rake* 'throat', signifying one who lived at or near a pass or narrow valley, as at The Rake (Sussex), Raikes Farm (Surrey), and Raikes (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Rak', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Henry de la Rake, 1275 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Walter Rake, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Beatrice ate Rake, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Joan Rake, 1591 in *IGI* (Marnhull, Dorset).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* pp. 160–1.

### Rakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Raikés**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rakestraw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *raken* 'to rake, gather by raking' + *strau(e)* 'straw', used for a scavenger. Compare *rakyere* 'scavenger, street cleaner' in *Thursson*, p. 157.

**Early bearers:** Robert Rakestra of Blencowe, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Blencow, Cumb); William Rakestray, husbandman, 1471 in *York Registry Wills* (Fulford, ER Yorks); Henry Raickstrawe, 1573 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); George Rakestrawe, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); John Rackstrawe, 1629 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Robert Rakestraw, 1636 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); John Raickstrae, 1661 in *IGI* (Heysham, Lancs).

### Rakhra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Raleigh

Variants: **Rawley**, **Raley**, **Ralley**, **Rayleigh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 274
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: locative name from Raleigh (House) in Morteohoe (Devon), recorded as *Radeleia* in *Domesday Book*.

**Further information:** The explorer Sir Walter Raleigh was born in the mid 16th century in Hayes Barton, near East Budleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Ralega, 1164, Hugh de Raalega, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John de Rallye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Raleigh, 1386–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Simon Raleigh or Raleigh, 1440 in *PROB 11* (Netlecombe, Somerset); Edmund

Rawley, Rayley, Rawleygh, Raleygh, Raleigh, or Rawleigh of Exeter, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Devon); Edward Raleigh, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Farnborough, Warwicks); John Rawleigh, 1639 in *IGI* (Buckland Filleigh, Devon); Jenet Raleigh, 1682 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perths); John Rawleigh, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Walter Raleigh, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Railleigh, in *Census 1861* (Burdock, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 55.

2 Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

### Raley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

1 Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

2 English: see **Raleigh**.

### Ralf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Angus

English: see **Ralph**.

### Ralfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex

English: see **Ralph**.

### Ralfs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: see **Ralphs**.

### Rall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; London

English, Irish: see **Rawle**.

**Early bearers:** William Rall, 1625 in *IGI* (Inveresk, Midlothian).

### Ralle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Rawle**.

### Ralley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

1 Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

2 English: see **Raleigh**.

### Ralling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Rawlin**.

### Rallings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Rawlins**.

### Rallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Rawlins**.

### Rallison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; NR Yorks
- English: see **Rawlinson**.

**Early bearers:** Agnete Rallison, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); William Rallison, 1620 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Rallison, 1622 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); John Rallison, 1653 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Tho. Rallison, 1701 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

### Ralls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Dorset; Guernsey
- English: see **Rawles**.

### Rally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Angus
- Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

### Ralph

**Variants:** **Ralf, Ralfe, Ralps, Rafe, Raff, Raw, Rawe, Rau, Rauf, Row**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6317, Ireland 492
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4539
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Tipperary

English: relationship name from Anglo-Norman and Middle English *Raulf, Ralf*, an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Radulf*, hence the usual latinization of the name as *Radulfus*. See also **Rolfe, Rudolph**.

**Further information:** *Ralph* was a common personal name among the Normans and from the mid 13th century among the native English. Almost 7% of men in the late 14th century were named *Ralph*. It was pronounced in a variety of ways, giving rise to a large number of different surnames. *Ralf* could be contracted to *Raff*, hence the surname **Raff** and its diminutive form **Raffle**. *Raulf* was sometimes shortened to *Raul*, giving us **Rawle** and **Rawlin** (a pet form, *Rawl* + *-in*). It also appears as *Rauf*, which was often shortened to *Rau*, hence the surnames **Raw** and **Rawkin** ('young Ralph'), as well as **Haw, Hawkin, Daw** and **Dawkin**, derived from rhyming pet forms. In late Middle English the diphthong *-au-* was sometimes simplified to long *-a-*, later pronounced 'ay' as in modern English *day*, which accounts for **Rafe**. This pronunciation of the personal name *Ralph* is still occasionally found in modern times. *Ralph* is a learned spelling of *Ralf* that became common in the 16th century. In Anglo-Norman and Middle English usage, the rarer personal name *Rolf* was sometimes confused with *Ralf*, as in the 1308 example. It explains why *Ralf* is an alternative source for **Rolfe, Row, Dow**, and their derivatives.

**Early bearers:** given names: Radulf, Radolf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Raulf, Raulfus clericus, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Radulfus de Henlinton, about 1140 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Radufus de Braibof, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Raffe, Rauf, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls*; Rafe, about 1440 in *Promptorium Parvulorum*.

**surnames:** Johannes Radulphus, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Richard Rau, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Rauf, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Amic' Raffe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Raulf, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Denis Rauf, Rolf, 1308 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xviii; John Ralf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Raffe, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Rolffe, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Raaf, Edward Raphe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Panthallon Raffe, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Saint Katherine Coleman Street, City of London).

### Ralps

**Variants:** **Ralfs, Ralls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1177, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 786
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Lancs
- English: variant of **Ralph** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Galfrido Raufs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Wilts); William Rafes, 1434 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Ralls, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Isb. Ralfs, 1610 in *Boyd's Misc. Transcriptions* (Cheshire); John Ralps, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Rafes, 1635 in *PROB 11*; Frances Ralpes, 1673 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire); John Ralfs, 1723 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Frances Ralps, 1673 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire).

### Ralphson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Ralph** + the patronymic marker *-son*. **Early bearers:** Johannes Raufson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Knayton, NR Yorks); Gilbertus Raufson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Willelmus Raufson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Robertus Raufson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Minskip, WR Yorks); Edward Raufson, 1553 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Rauffeson, 1578 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ann Ralphson, 1639 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Edward Ralphson, 1703 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Ralston

**Variants:** **Raulston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1594, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1001
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Lanarks, Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Monaghan

Scottish: locative name from Ralston (Renfrews). **Early bearers:** Nicholas de Ralstoun, 1272 in *Paisley Register*; John Raleston or Ralston, 1488 in *Paisley Register*; Jane Ralstone, 1681 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

### Ralton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- English: see **Railton**.

### Ram

**Variants:** **Ramm, Rama**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1934, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *ram* 'ram'. Some examples may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Hendricus Ram, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Ram, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Ram, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Richard le Ram, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Johannes Ram, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); Simon Ram, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Agnes Rame, 1549 in *IGI* (Holme Hale, Norfolk); Agnes Ram, 1571 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Francis Rame, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Hornchurch, Essex); Joan Rame, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Egham, Surrey).
- 2 English: locative name denoting someone who lives at a house bearing the sign of a ram. **Early bearers:** William atte Ramme, 1307 in *London Letter Books C*; Giles atte Ramme, 1339 in *London Pleas*; George Ram, 1559 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); John Ram, 1574 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Willm. Ram, 1605 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Robte Ram, 1627 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Thomas Ram, 1631 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts).
- 3 Indian: Hindu, from Sanskrit *rāma*, one of the chief incarnations of the god Vishnu. **Further information:** This is a popular given name which has come to be adopted as a family name.

### Rama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- 1 Indian (southern states): see **Ram**.  
 2 Portuguese, Galician, Catalan: locative name, Portuguese, Galician, and Catalan, from any of several places called Rama in Portugal (Guimarães), Galicia (La Coruña), or Catalonia (Girona).

### Ramachandran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Rama (Sanskrit *rāma*), one of the chief incarnations of the god Vishnu + *chandra* (Sanskrit *candra* 'pleasant, shining, moon') + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*. **Further information:** This is a personal name in Tamil Nadu and Kerala but has come into use as a family name elsewhere, especially outside the sub-continent.

### Ramadan

**Variants:** **Ramzan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Ramaḍān*, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, the sacred month of fasting for Muslims.

## Ramage

**Further information:** Ramadan was the month in which the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by the Angel Jibril (Gabriel). This word is often chosen as a given name by Muslim parents for children born in this month; it is widespread throughout the Muslim world.

### Ramage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2471, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1667
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian and Lanarks; scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Westmeath
- English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *ramage* 'bold, fierce' or Scots dialect *rammage* 'rash, furious', used for a savage or unpredictable individual.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Ramage, about 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); John Ramage of Bedeford, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Bedford, Beds); Peter Ramage, 1321 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Willelmus Ramage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheinton, Shrops); John Ramage, chaplain, 1481 in *York Registry Wills* (Malton, NR Yorks); Edw Ramage, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Ramadge, 1688 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
Scotland: Peter Ramage, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Andro Ramage, 1528 in *Glasgow Rental* (Stobo, Peebles); George Rammaghe, 1596 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Johne Rammadge, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Ramage, 1613, David Ramag, 1624 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian).

### Ramakrishnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from *Rama* (Sanskrit *rāma*) + *Krishna* (Sanskrit *Kṛṣṇa*), both prominent incarnations of the god Vishnu, + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

### Raman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, based on Sanskrit *rāma* 'pleasing, charming' + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

### Ramanathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rāmanātha* 'lord Rama' (from *rāma* 'pleasing', 'charming', the name of an incarnation of the god Vishnu + *nātha* 'lord') + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This name is found only as a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name among people who have emigrated to Britain, the USA, and elsewhere.

### Ramasamy

**Variants:** Ramsamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rāma* (an incarnation of the god Vishnu) + *svāmī* 'lord'.

### Rambart

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Rainbird**.

### Rambert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Rainbird**.

### Ramble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Rainbow**.

### Ramdeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- West Indian: unexplained.  
**Further information:** This name is found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Ramesh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rameśa* 'lord (or husband) of Rama', an epithet of the god Vishnu. (*Rama* (Sanskrit *Ramā*) is the name of Vishnu's wife.)  
**Further information:** This is found only as a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name among people from South India living in Britain and the U.S.

### Ramirez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 682, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Spanish: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Ramiro*, of Germanic origin, composed of the elements *ragin* 'counsel' + *mari*, *meri* 'fame'.

### Ramji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, from Sanskrit *rāma* (one of the chief incarnations of the god Vishnu) + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

### Ramm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Ram**.

### Rammell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent
- Norman, English: see **Rammell**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rammell

- Variants:** Ramwell, Rammell
- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- 1 Norman, English: see **Rainbow**.  
2 English: see **Rathmell**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Thomas Rathmell, Thomas Ramell, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Linton, WR Yorks). Compare also Marget Ramell, 1579, Richard Rathmell, 1618 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Willm Rammell, 1684 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks).

### Ramos

- Variants:** Ramus
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1461, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Portuguese and Spanish: (i) locative name from a place in Portugal or Spain called Ramos. (ii) locative name, Portuguese and Spanish *ramos* 'branches', denoting someone who lived in a thickly wooded area.

### Rampersad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- West Indian: from the Indian personal name *Ramprasad*, from Sanskrit *rāma* 'pleasing' (name of an incarnation of the god Vishnu) + *prasāda* 'favour, grace, gift, or offering of food'. This form of the name is found among people of Indian origin in Guyana and Trinidad.

### Rampley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: unexplained. It might be a locative name, from a lost or as yet unidentified place in Suffolk, but if so then the etymology is unclear and the lack of early forms with *de* is unusual.  
**Early bearers:** William Rampolye, 1316 in *Court Rolls* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); William Rampoile of Walsham the younger, 1345, John Rampolye, chaplain, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Walterus Rampoyle, Simon Rampoyl', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Steven Rampley, 1538, James Ramplye, 1548, Rampley, 1549, Thomas Ramplie, 1603 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); John Rampley, 1667 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Ramplee, 1756 in *IGI* (Coney Weston, Suffolk).

### Ramplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Rampling**.

### Rampling

- Variants:** Ramplin
- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Middx, and Essex
- English: unexplained. Perhaps compare **Rampley**, another unexplained name with strong Suffolk associations.



**Early bearers:** Maragret Rampling, 1595 in *Parish Registers* (Boxted, Suffolk); John Rampling, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Barkway, Herts); Tho. Ramplin, 1642 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent); Ricd. Ramplin, 1688 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); Richard Ramplyn, 1679, Hannah Ramplin, 1698 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Tho Rampling, 1722 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Rampton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants and Surrey

English: locative name apparently from either of the two parishes called Rampton (Cambs and Notts).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ramentona, 1130 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Johannes Rampton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great and Little Tey, Essex); Alicia Ramptun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); Nicholas Rampton, 1559 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); An Rampton, 1583 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Wm. Rampton, 1597 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Jane Rampton, 1606 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Joane Rampton, 1618 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 183; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 58.

### Ramsamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Ramasamy**.

### Ramsay

**Variants:** **Ramsey**, **Ramshay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10038, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7589
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Angus; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; Donegal and Tyrone

Scottish: locative name from Ramsey (Hunts). There is a Ramsey in Essex, but it is unlikely to be the source of the Scottish surname.

**Further information:** The Scottish Ramsays derive from Simund de Ramesie, recorded before 1175 (see *Black*), who went to Scotland from Ramsey (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** England: Æðelstanus de Rameseia, about 1036 in *Tengvik* (Essex); Agnes Ramsey, 1557 in *IGI* (Broughton, Lincs); William Ramsey, 1627 in *IGI* (Fitton with Silsoe, Beds).

Scotland: Symone de Rameseia, 1189–96 in *Glasgow Register* (Eddleston, Peebles); Andreu de Rammeseye, 1296 in *Ragman Rolls*; Agnes Ramsay, 1561 in *IGI* (Canongate, Midlothian); Agnes Ramsey, 1595 in *IGI* (Rattray, Perth).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 212–3; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 491.

### Ramsbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; Suffolk
- English: see **Ramsbottom**.

### Ramsbottom

**Variants:** **Ramsbotham**, **Rosbottom**, **Rosbotham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1280, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2014
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: locative name from Ramsbottom (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Roger de Romesbothum, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Agnes Ramsbottom, 1588, Adam Romsbothome, 1596 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Rafe Rosbottom, 1608, William Rosbotham, 1629 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Alis Ramsbotham, 1637 in *IGI* (Haslingden, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 64; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 491

### Ramsdale

**Variants:** **Ransdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 943, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 713
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; NR Yorks and Durham

1 English: locative name, in N England perhaps a variant of **Ramsden** (1), as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, citing Erasmus Ramsden or Ramsdail, 1614–33 in *Parish Registers* (Addingham, WR Yorks). Derivation from Ramsdale (NR Yorks) is also theoretically possible but Redmonds has been unable to find any evidence that it gave rise to a surname. For another example where *-dale* has been substituted for *-den* see **Baxendale**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Ramsdall, 1566 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Agnes Ramsdale, 1570 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Ramesdell, 1584 in *York Freeman's Register*; Isabel Ramsdaile, 1599 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Ramsedayle, 1600 in *IGI* (Huntington, NR Yorks); Alex Ramesdale, 1608 in *IGI* (Skipton on Swale, NR Yorks).

2 English: locative name, in the Midlands occasionally from Ramsdale Farm in Arnold (Notts).

**Early bearers:** William Ranesdale, 1477 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Ramsdale, 1638 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 114.

3 English: in Staffs perhaps a variant of **Ransdale** (2).

**Early bearers:** Penelope Ramsdale, 1595 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Ramsden

**Variants:** **Ramson**, **Ranson**, **Ramsdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5809, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5443
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Ramsden in Cartworth, near Holmfirth (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** The earliest record of the surname is Roger de Rammesden, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs) but it not clear which place this refers to. There is no evidence of the modern surname deriving from Ramsden in Essex or Oxon.

**Early bearers:** John de Rommesdene, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Matheus de Romsdelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); John Rammesden, 1472 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Agnes Ramsden, 1543 in *IGI* (Warley, WR Yorks); Annes Romsden, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Alicia Ramsden, 1559 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Margaret Ramsden, 1590 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Sam Ramsdon, 1688 in *Parish Registers* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 237.

2 English: from Ramsden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John de Rammesdenne, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); William de Ramesden, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex; Kent); Richard Ramsden, 1570 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Stephen Ramsden, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Biddenden, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 349.

### Ramsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs and Shrops; Leics

English: locative name perhaps from Ramshill in Donhead Saint Mary (Wilts). However, the modern distribution of the surname suggests that some or all of the post-medieval forms may have a different origin, probably from a lost or as yet unidentified place in the W Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Medieval: William de Rammishull, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Rammeshulle, 1316, de Rameshull, 1321, Rammeshull, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Marlborough, Wilts); Peter de Ramshull, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts).

Post-medieval: Thomas Ramsall, 1553 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Phillip Romsell, 1692, Ramsell, 1704 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Thomas Ramshill, 1742 in *IGI* (Meole Brace, Shrops); John Ramsell, 1752, Romsell, 1753 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops); Moses Ramsall, 1786 in *IGI* (Stretton en le Field, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 210, 386.

### Ramsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5085, Ireland 824
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3201
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England; also E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Irish: (i) see **Ramsay**. (ii) from either of two places called Ramsey (Essex, Hunts). The places, respectively recorded as *Rameseia* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) and *Hramesege* in about 1000, are probably named with Old English *hramsa* 'wild garlic' + *æg* 'island'.

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is also common in Ireland, where it is probably in most if not all cases a re-spelling of Scottish **Ramsay**.

### Ramshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1445, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb

English: locative name from Ramshaw in Saint Helen Auckland (Durham) or, less probably, from any of various other similarly named places.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rampshawe, 1574 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Emmett Ramshawe, 1580 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Agnes Ramshaw, 1598 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, King, and Hey* p. 4; *Durham Place-Names*, p. 101.

### Ramshay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

Scottish, English: see **Ramsay**.

**Early bearers:** Isabell Ramshay, 1639 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

## Ramshead

### Ramshead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Ramshead, a lost name in Bolton le Sands (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Sarah Maria Ramshead, 1851 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 186.

### Ramskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps from Ranskill (Notts); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Raueskelf by Blidam, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Ranskill, Notts); John Ramskale, 1528 in *Feet of Fines* (Hellaby, WR Yorks); Beatrice Ramskill, 1592 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Ramskell, 1605, Mathew Ramskall, 1616, Frances Ramskall, 1635 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Thomas Ramskalle, 1627, Robt. Ramskell, 1633 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 93; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 492.

### Ramson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also SE England

1 English: variant of **Ramsden** (1).

**Early bearers:** James Ramson, 1770, Thomas Ramsen, 1847 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: variant of **Ramsden** (2).

**Early bearers:** John Ramson, 1617 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

3 English: from Ramshorn in Bickington (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Edward de Rameshorn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburton, Devon); Johis Ramson, 1560 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon).

### Ramus

Variants: **Ramuz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia

Spanish, Portuguese: (i) variant of Spanish or Portuguese **Ramos**. (ii) locative name, French, from Old French *ramu* 'branch', applied either as a topographic name for someone who lived in a thickly wooded area, or possibly as a nickname for someone who held the feudal right of *ramage*, the right to cut branches in a manorial forest.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ramus, 1694 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Benedicta Ramus, 1752 in *IGI* (Kew, Surrey); Louis Ramus, 1764 in *IGI* (Westminster, London); James Ramus, 1800 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk).

### Ramuz

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Spanish, Portuguese: see **Ramus**.

### Ramwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Ranwell**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Ramwell, 1542 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); Edward Ramwell, 1612 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Rammell** as a variant of **Rathmell**. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* and compare Rich. Ramwell, 1763, Robert Rammell, 1771 in *IGI* (Turton, Lancs); John Ramwel, 1732, John Rammel, 1760 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Ramwell, 1655 in *IGI* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Ramwell, 1747 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Ramzan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1631, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim, Indian: corresponding in various languages of India and Pakistan, e.g. Urdu, to **Ramadan**.

### Ramzi

Variants: **Ramzy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim (mainly Egyptian): from an Arabic personal name probably meaning 'intelligent' or 'noble'. The Arabic root *r-m-z* contains variously the ideas of 'to be intelligent or noble', 'to give a sign', and 'to be restless'.

### Ramzy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim (mainly Egyptian): see **Ramzi**.

### Rana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3601, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Gujarat, Mumbai city, and Rajasthan): Hindu and Parsi, meaning 'king' in modern Indian languages. *Rana* does not have a Sanskrit equivalent; it is probably a back-formation from *rānī* 'queen' (Sanskrit *rājñī*, based on the analogy that nouns ending in *-ī* and denoting females usually have masculine counterparts ending in *-ā*).

**Further information:** The name Rana was used as a title by some Rajput kings. As a surname, it is now found among Rajputs as well as in several other communities.

### Ranald

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish: see **Ronald**.

### Ranasinghe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: from Sinhalese *rānā* 'king' (created analogically from *rānī* 'queen' (Sanskrit *rājñī*) + *singhe* 'lion' (Sanskrit *siṃha*).

### Ranby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Ranby (Lincs, Notts). **Early bearers:** Norman de Randeby, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert de Randeby, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Simon de Randeby, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Sudbrooke, Lincs); Oliver de Ranby, knight, 1372 in *TNA* (Ranby, Lincs); John, son and heir of Robert

Ranby, 1533 in *TNA* (WR Yorks); Edmund Ranbie, 1569 in *IGI* (Navenby, Lincs); Helen Ranby, 1573 in *IGI* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); William Ranby, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Ransby, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Saxmundham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Ranbie, 1606 in *IGI* (Tuxford, Notts).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 100; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 66–7.

### Rance

Variants: **Rands, Rans, Ranns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1797, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1092
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, Surrey, Berks, and Bucks

English: relationship name, variant of **Rand** (1), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Randys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsham, Norfolk); Robertus Randes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barsham, Norfolk); Ricardus Randes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Letwell, WR Yorks); Johannes Randis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Randes, 1547 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Nicholas Randes, 1559 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); John Rance, 1562 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey); Johaes Randes, 1570 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Artie Ranse, 1572 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); John Rands, 1575 in *IGI* (Aldringham, Suffolk); William Randes, 1586 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Elizabeth Rance, 1590 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Elnor Rance, 1606 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Edward Rance, 1620 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Ralph Rance, 1629 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks); Nicholas Rance, 1635 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Thomas Rants, 1691 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Rands, 1785 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

### Rand

Variants: **Rance, Rands, Rant, Rann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1448, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- 1 English: relationship name from Middle English *Rand*, a pet form of *Randolf*. Compare **Randolph, Randall, Randy**, and see also **Rance**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rande de Borham, 1299 in *London Court Rolls*; surnames: Adam Rand, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Rande, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogero Ran, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pembroke, Herefs); Roger Wranne, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodbury, Devon); Johannes Rand, 1543 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); John Rand, 1559 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Edward Rand, 1560 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Richard Rand, 1567 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Thomas Rand, 1568 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Henrie Rann, 1589 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); John Ranne, 1590, Mary Rann, 1601 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Thomas Ran, 1626 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Rand (Lincs), Rand Grange (NR Yorks) or Raunds (Northants; *Rande, Ra(u)ndes* from 12th cent.). Compare **Rance**.

**Early bearers:** Herlewinus de Rande, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Randes, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard de Rande, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Messingham, Lincs).

### Randal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 248
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and S Wales
- English: see **Randall**.

### Randall

Variants: **Randal**, **Randle**, **Randel**, **Randell**, **Randoll**, **Rendall**, **Rendell**, **Rendel**, **Rendle**, **Randles**, **Reynolds**, **Grannell**, **Grannon**

- Current frequencies: GB 13634, Ireland 111
- GB frequency 1881: 9063
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. S England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kerry

1 Norman, English: (i) relationship name, mostly a variant of **Randolph**. (ii) occasionally perhaps from an Old French, Middle English *Ran(d)el*, a pet form of the name in (i).

Early bearers: given names: Randal, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Randle de Stok, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: Thomas Randel, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard Ranel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Adam Ranel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Ranel, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Worcs); William Randale of Hanessey, 1532 in *TNA* (IoW, Hants); Hen. Rendal, 1542 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Northover, Somerset); Richard Randall, 1547 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Henry Randale or Randall, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Stratfield Mortimer, Berks).

2 Irish: from **Mac Raghnaill** 'son of *Raghnaill*', Gaelic form of the Scandinavian personal name *Rognvaldr* 'ruler of the gods'. Compare **Reynolds**, **Rainey**.

Early bearers: Alexander McRanell, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §168; Gillaspicke McRanell boy, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §168; Alexander Mac Randal boye, Captain of the scots fighting men, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §383; Cahill McRanell, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5442 (Inchmory); Naghten McRanyle, 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Clonenase).

### Randel

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 150
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Worcs; also Glamorgan
- Norman, English: see **Randall**.

### Randell

- Current frequencies: GB 1986, Ireland 19
  - GB frequency 1881: 1831
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. S England
- English: see **Randall**.

### Randerson

- Current frequencies: GB 395, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 173
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, ER Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Randall** + *-son*.
- Early bearers: Thomas Randalson, 1471 in *Black*; Jane Randerson, 1638 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); William Randerson, 1734 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Randhawa

- Current frequencies: GB 1663, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, derived from the name of a Jat tribe.

### Randle

- Current frequencies: GB 2999, Ireland 17
  - GB frequency 1881: 2498
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and Wales: esp. Warwicks, Staffs, Worcs; Devon
- English: see **Randall**.

Early bearers: Richard Rendlesham, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Isaac Thomas Rendlesham, 1878, James Randlesome, 1881 in *IGI* (Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Randles

- Current frequencies: GB 1518, Ireland 135
- GB frequency 1881: 676
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, Denbighs, Shrops, Staffs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

English: variant of **Randall** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Catherine Randles, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Chester, Cheshire); Mary Rendles, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Hatfield, Herts); James Randles, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Lanark, Lanarks); John Rendals in *Census 1881* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Randlesome

- Current frequencies: GB 107, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: locative name, from Rendlesham (Suffolk).

Early bearers: Richard Rendlesham, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Isaac Thomas Rendlesham, 1878; James Randlesome, 1881 in *IGI* (Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Randoll

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex, Surrey

English: see **Randall**.

### Randolph

Variants: **Randall**, **Rundle**

- Current frequencies: GB 228, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 200
- Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Randolf*, an Old French form of two different Continental Germanic personal names, *Randulf* (not an Old Scandinavian name as was once thought) and *Rannulf*. Both were brought to England by the Normans, among whom the two names were much confused. Pet forms include **Rand**, **Randy**, **Dand**, **Dandy**, **Dandison**.

Early bearers: given names: Randulfus, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk). Compare Randulfus de Baiwes 1143–7, identical with Rannulfus de Baiocis, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
surnames: Hugh filius Rannulfi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Nicolaus filius Randulphi, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Richard filius Ranulfi, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William Randolf, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Randolf, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Randolph, in 1407–56 *Chancery Proceedings* (concerning lands in Lincs).

### Randon

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 96
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

Irish, English: locative name probably from Randon or Randon Castle (Roscommon).

Early bearers: Johanna de Randoner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kegworth, Leics); Thomas Randon, 1498 in *TNA* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Deranis Randan, 1558 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); John Randon, 1558 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Vincent Randon, 1588 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); John Randon of Nottingham, 1616/17 in *Birmingham Archives*; George Renton alias Rendon, mariner of Stepney, Middx, 1703 in *TNA*.

### Rands

- Current frequencies: GB 898, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 855
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs, Northants; Suffolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Rance**.

### Randy

Variants: **Rannie**

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 16
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English, Scottish: relationship name from *Rand*, a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Randolf*. See **Rand**, **Randolph**.

Early bearers: Christiane Randy, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Malie Randie, 1573 in *Black* (Perths).

### Raney

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 100
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Yorks

English: see **Rainey**.

### Ranford

- Current frequencies: GB 477, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 164
- Main GB location 1881: W Midlands: esp. Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Rainford**.

Early bearers: Alis Ranford, 1630 in *IGI* (Stretton Grandison, Herefs).

### Range

- Current frequencies: GB 280, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 171
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also London

English: unexplained. The Dutch association in the 1593 example might point to Middle High German *range* 'naughty boy, urchin', but more evidence is needed.

Early bearers: Humphrey Range, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (London); Robert Range, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Austin Friars Dutch, London); Mathew Range, 1609 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Margaret Rainge, 1640 in *IGI* (Lindale, Lancs); Randall Rainge, 1650 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); James Range, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Mathew Rainge, 1697 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Samuel Range, 1723 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Matthew Range, 1733 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs).

### Rangecroft

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0

## Rangeley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants; also Shrops and Staffs

English: perhaps a variant of **Ravenscroft**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Raugecrofte, 1610 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Raingecraft, 1654 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); George Raingecraft, 1684, William Rangecroft, 1717 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Samwell Ranchcroft, 1740 in *IGI* (Ightfield, Shrops); William Rangecroft, 1799 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); John Rangecroft, 1840 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

## Rangeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Derbys

English: see **Rawnsley**.

## Ranger

Variants: **Rainger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 971
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Hants, Wilts

English: occupational name from Middle English *ranger* ‘gamekeeper, warden’.

**Early bearers:** Johanna Ranger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); Also Ranger, 1561 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex); Agnes Raynger, 1591 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey).

## Rani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1256, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *rājñī* ‘queen’. It is often added to the personal name of an Indian woman, and may be used as a last name in the absence of any other last name. It is not a true family name.

## Rank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Essex

English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *rank* ‘proud, headstrong, stout-hearted’. (ii) relationship name from a Middle English personal name \**Ranke*, a shortening of **Rankin**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Rank’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Ranke, 1549, John Rank, 1647 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Richard Rank, 1568 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon); Thomas Rank, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Robt. Rank, 1690, John Rank, 1760, Fanny Rank, 1805 in *IGI* (Patrinton, ER Yorks); Hugh Ranks, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Middlewich, Cheshire); Frances Rank, 1713, James Rank, 1849 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex).

## Ranken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Midlothian
- Scottish, English: see **Rankin**.

## Rankin

Variants: **Rankine, Ranken, Ranking**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6341, Ireland 1281
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4297
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England, chiefly SW Scotland; Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry, Donegal, and Antrim

Scottish, English: relationship name from Middle English *Ran(d)kin*, a diminutive of *Ran(d)*, a pet form of the personal name *Ran(d)ulf*. See **Rand, Randolph, Randall**.

**Further information:** this name was brought to Northern Ireland (Derry) from Scotland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rankin de Fowlartoun, 1429 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr)s). surnames, England: Reginald Ranekyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Rankin, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Randekyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Randekyn, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Mary Rankins, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); William Rankyns, 1583 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Sussex); Richard Rankin, 1592 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); John Rankin, 1606 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts). surnames, Scotland: Thomas Rankin, 1589 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Grissall Rankin, 1591 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Gilbert Rankin, 1601 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

## Rankine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1510
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks

Scottish: see **Rankin**.

## Ranking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Rankin**.

## Rann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Hants, and Sussex; also London; W Midlands

English: see **Rand**.

## Rannard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: see **Reynard**.

## Ranner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Rayner**.

## Rannie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

1 Scottish: see **Randy**.

2 Scottish: see **Rainey**.

## Ranns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; WR Yorks

English: see **Rance**

**Early bearers:** John Ranns, 1572 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); John Rans, 1636 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Robert Ranns, 1699 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lincs); Charles Rans, 1735 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Ranns, 1815 in *IGI* (Kennett, Cambs).

## Rans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Rance**

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Ranscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, Middx; Lancs

English: locative name from Ranscombe in Cuxton (Kent), Ranscombe (Hants), Ranscombe Farm in South Malling (Sussex), one of the five Ranscombes in Devon, or Ranscombe House in Wilcot (Wilts), recorded as *Ranscombe* in 1581.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Rennescumbe, de Ramescumbe, de Ravenescumbe, 1203–6 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Elizabeth Ranscum, 1771, George Ranscombe, 1798 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 114; *Place-Names of Devon* 1, pp. 66, 330; 2, pp. 413, 491, 532; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 355; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 325–6.

## Ransdale

Variants: **Ramsdale**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Ramsdale**. Compare John Ramsdale, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jane Ramsdale, 1688 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Mary Ransdale, 1598 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); William Ransdale, 1733 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); John Ransdale, 1760 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from a lost place called Ravensdale in Staffs.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ravenesdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cauldon, Staffs); Johannes de Ravenesdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cauldon, Staffs); Richard Ransdale, 1735 in *IGI* (Cauldon, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 454; *Tooth* 1, p. 131.

## Ransford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs; Surrey and Middx

1 English: locative name perhaps from Ramsfold Farm in Lurgashall (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Alic’ de Ramesfold, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Johne de Rammesford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Selham, Sussex); Edmund Ransford, 1577 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Edward Ransforde, 1610

in *IGI* (East Clandon, Surrey); Willm. Ransford, 1664 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 112.

2 English: see **Rainsford**.

### Ranshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 207, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 173
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Renshaw**.

### Ransley

- Current frequencies: GB 647, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 310
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

1 English: locative name from the lost manor of *Reinsley* in Penshurst and Chiddingstone (Kent), which is recorded as *Reneselegh* in 1292, *Ranshlegh* in 1435, and *Raneleights Heath* in 1801.

Early bearers: John Ransleye, 1611, Richard Ransley, 1614, Mary Randsley, 1763 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); Mary Ransley, 1655 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabeth Ransly, 1681 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); Robert Ransley, 1686 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 93.

2 English: see **Rawnsley**.

### Ransom

- Current frequencies: GB 1769, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 1604
- Main GB location 1881: SE England and E Anglia: esp. Sussex; Suffolk

English: see **Ranson**.

### Ransome

- Current frequencies: GB 1291, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 937
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk, Suffolk

English: see **Ranson**.

### Ranson

Variants: **Ransom**, **Ransome**, **Ransone**

- Current frequencies: GB 2012, Ireland 38
- GB frequency 1881: 1474
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; Durham.
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Rand**, a pet form of the personal name *Randolf* (see **Randolph**), + *-son*.

Early bearers: William Randesson', 1347 in (Cambs); Sarra Randeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Henricus Randessone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Terrington, Norfolk); John Randson, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Elizabeth Ransom, 1518 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Adam Ranson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Ranson, 1560 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Alice Ranson, 1566 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, Norfolk); Michel Ranson, 1576 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Ramsden**.

Early bearers: Elisabeth Ranson, 1564 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

### Ransone

- GB frequency 1881: 3

English: see **Ranson**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Rant

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 161
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk, Suffolk

English: see **Rand**.

### Ranu

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Ranwell

Variants: **Ramwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs Norman, English: locative name from Ranville (Vosges).

Early bearers: William de Ranuill', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Adam de Raineville, about 1216 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); William de Ranvill, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Raunuyle, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Romsey, Hants); Geoffrey Le Raumuyle, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Fareham, Hants); Simon Ranvull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fareham, Hants); Johannes Ranewell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Ric. Ranwell, 1572 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Richard Ranvill, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Thomas Ranwell, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Anne Ranvil, 1734, Sarah Ranvill, 1738, Mary Ranwell, Ranvell, 1740, Thomas Renwell, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Ranyard

- Current frequencies: GB 157, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 96
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

Norman, English: see **Reynard**.

Early bearers: Thomas Ranyard', parson, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Nicholas Ranyard, 1565 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Tho Raniard, 1593 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs).

### Rao

Variants: **Yiu**, **Yao**, **Yau**, **Yeo**

- Current frequencies: GB 1481, Ireland 23
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Indian (southern and western states and Orissa): Hindu, found in several communities, based on Sanskrit *rājā* 'king'. The morpheme *-rao* is freely added by men to their given name in certain communities of Maharashtra, Goa, and Andhra Pradesh.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 饒 (**Yiu** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'rich, abundant' in Chinese: (i) from *Rao* (饒), the name of a fief (located in Raoyang in Hebei province) granted to Chang'an Jun ('Lord of Chang'an') by king Zhao Dao Xiang Wang (died 236 BC) in the state of Zhao during the late Warring States period (475–221 BC). (ii) from *Rao* (饒), the name of a fief (located in Qingzhou in Shandong province) granted to an official in the state of Qi during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iii) from *Rao* (饒), the name of an ancient state during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iv) said to be borne by some descendants of the legendary king Yao, or the Emperor Yao (traditional dates: 2367–2258 BC).

### Rapaport

Variants: **Rappaport**, **Rapoport**, **Rappoport**

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

Jewish: from *Rapa*, a Jewish personal name of unknown origin, + *Porto*, name of a town in Mantua Province, Italy.

Further information: This is the name of a famous Jewish family with branches in many European countries. Its members have included Abraham Rapoport Schrenzel (1584–1651), Polish Talmudist; Emil Stanisław Rappaport (1877–1965), Polish jurist and international criminal lawyer; and Alfred Rappaport, Ritter von Arbengau (1868–1946), Austrian diplomat and civil servant.

Rappe ha-Kohen Tzedeq (Rapa Katz) is recorded in Mainz c.1450 and is regarded as an ancestor of this family. His son (or other relative) Chayyim Rappe is recorded in Mestre, Venezia, as alms collector for the poor of the Holy Land, in 1467.

### Rape

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 74
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; E Lothian

1 English: see **Rope**, and compare **Raper**.

2 Irish: from Ó Réabaigh, see **Reape**.

### Raper

- Current frequencies: GB 1567, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 1246
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks and Durham

English: see **Roper**.

### Raphael

- Current frequencies: GB 682, Ireland 9
- GB frequency 1881: 207
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; SW Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from *Raphael*, a name of one of the archangels in the Old Testament.

Early bearers: Emanuel Raphael, born in foreign parts, in *Census 1841* (Christ Church Spitalfields, Middlesex); Rebecca Raphael, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Spitalfields, Middlesex); Maria Raphael, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, London).

2 Scottish: see **Raffles**.

3 English: see **Raffle**.

### Rapier

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 35

English: see **Roper**.

### Rapley

- Current frequencies: GB 1202, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 931
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Sussex, and Kent

English: locative name from Ropley (Hants).

Early bearers: Ricardo Roppel', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Walterus Rapele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Stephen Ropley, 1544 in *Feet of Fines* (Chiddingfold and Witley, Surrey); Thomas Ropley, 1556 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunsfold, Surrey); Anyse Raply, 1558 in *IGI* (Yateley, Hants); Annes Raply, 1568, Alice Rapley, 1571, Rowland Raplye, 1579

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in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Als Rapley, 1580 in *IGI* (Farnhurst, Sussex); George Raplye, 1586 in *IGI* (Warnham, Sussex); Henry Atfeild alias Rapley, 1607 in *Assize Rolls* (Worplesdon, Surrey); William Ropley, 1752 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 140.

### Rapoport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Jewish: See **Rapaport**.

### Rapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 93

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Rapp, 1582 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops); Elizabeth Rap, 1603 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm); Gyles Rapp, 1618 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); John Rapp, 1755 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Jacob Rapp, 1765 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

### Rappaport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Jewish: see **Rapaport**.

### Rappoport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish: See **Rapaport**.

### Rapsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs; London; Glamorgan

English: relationship name perhaps from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Rab*, a pet form of *Robert*; compare **Rapson**.

**Early bearers:** William Rapsey, 1608, Mary Rapsie, Rapsy, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Thorncombe, Devon); John Rapsie, 1659, Rapsey, 1667, William Rapsie, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Dorchester, Dorset); John Rapsy, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Gwennap, Cornwall); William Rapsi, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Axmouth, Devon).

### Rapson

Variants: **Wrapson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 625

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, Somerset; Sussex, Surrey

English: variant of **Rabson** with devoicing of /b/ to /p/.

**Early bearers:** John Rapson, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Mary Rapson, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Alicia Rapson, 1558 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Agnes Rapson, 1580 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

### Rarity

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland

Scottish: see **Inverarity**.

**Early bearers:** Jeane Rarity, 1667 in *IGI* (Kinnell, Angus); John Rarity, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus); Isabel Rarity or Inverarity, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

### Raspberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 90

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Raspberry**.

### Rasburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a development from the *-bo(u)rn(e)* variants of **Rathbone**.

**Further information:** The family of Rathbourne were Dublin chandlers. See J. Tighe, 'An early Dublin candle maker', *Dublin Historical Record* 14 (1957), pp. 66–73: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30102650>

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Rozborne, 1606 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Rosburn, 1701 in *IGI* (Frisby on the Wreake, Leics); Edward Rosborn, 1750 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Mary Rasburn, 1802, John Rasbourn, 1836 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thos. Rasburn, 1824 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); John Rasborne, 1830, Ellen Rosborne, 1832 in *IGI* (Skelmersdale, Lancs); Joseph Rasburn, 1852 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Rasch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Rash**.

### Rascoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Roscoe**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Aberdeens

Norman, English: see **Race**.

### Rasen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Suffolk

English: see **Rason**.

### Rasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 87

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Middx

English: see **Racey**.

### Rash

Variants: **Rasch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 147

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *asche* 'ash tree' (Old English *æsc*), by misdivision of the

phrase *atter asche* 'at the ash tree'. Compare **Ash**, **Nash**, **Tash**.

**Early bearers:** John ater Aysse, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Rash, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Basil Rash, 1587 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); John Rash, 1593 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Thomas Rash, 1597 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); William Rash, 1602 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Katherine Rash, 1609 in *IGI* (Wapley and Codrington, Gloucs).

### Rashbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 114

- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex

English: see **Rushbrook**.

### Rasheed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Rashid**.

### Rashid

Variants: **Rasheed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8490, Ireland 18

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *rashīd* 'wise, judicious, rightly guided, right-minded'. Compare **Arshad**.

### Rashleigh

Variants: **Rashley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 214

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Cornwall

English: locative name from Rashleigh Barton in Wembworthy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Atterashleigh, 1292 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Devon); Baldwyn Rashedley, 1553 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Alice Rashleigh, 1609 in *IGI* (Fowey, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* p. 372.

### Rashley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 148

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Dorset, Hants, and Somerset

English: see **Rashleigh**.

### Rasiah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from *rās-* (Sanskrit *rājā*) + *-iah* (variant of *ayya* 'father', a respectful term of address).

### Rasmussen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 48

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61

Danish and Norwegian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Rasmus* (see **Erasmus**) + *son* 'son'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rasmosson, 1744 in *IGI* (Marylebone, London); Peter Rasmussen, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Sussex); Peder Rasmussen, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

**Rason**

Variants: **Rasen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, WR Yorks

English: locative name from Market, Middle, and West Rasen (Lincs). The second element of place-name in each case is from Old English *ræsn* in dative plural form, denoting ‘(place) at the planks’, i.e. plank bridge.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Rasene, 1202 in *Select Pleas* (Lincs); John de Rasene, 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert de Rasin, 1290 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Hugh de Rasen of West Teryngton, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (West Torrington, Lincs); Margareta Raysyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Rasyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Rasyñ, 1439 in in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Ales Rason, 1575 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Alice Rasyñ, 1576 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs); Alice Razin, 1586 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs).

**Rasool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1021, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: see **Rasul**.

**Rasor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French: nickname from Old French *rasor*, *rasur* ‘razor’, sometimes perhaps for a barber or someone who made or sold razors.

**Early bearers:** Baldwinus Rasor, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Alan Rasur, 1159, Thomas Rasur, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Walter le Rasorer, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Anne Rasure, 1566, Agnes Raser, 1581 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Jane Rasor, 1627 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs).

**Raspberry**

Variants: **Rasberry**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: (i) locative name perhaps from any of several minor places now named Raspberry, such as Raspberry in Walcote (Lincs). (ii) sometimes a variant of **Riseborough**.

**Early bearers:** George Rasbury, 1553 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Ellen Rasberie, 1568 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Richard Resburie, 1606, Izaack Resbury, 1620 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs); Ann Raisbery, 1673 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Jacob Rasberry, 1716 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas Rasbury, 1725 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Raspberry, 1768 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); William Raspberry, 1793, Raisborough, 1799 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk); Isaac Rasberry, 1801 in *IGI* (Northwold, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Ratsbury in Lynton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Marioth’ de Radespree, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 65.

3 English: sometimes a variant of **Roseberry**, see **Roxburgh**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Rasebury, 1710, Rashbury, 1714 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Raspin**

Variants: **Rispin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and ER Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Raspin*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names such as *Rasphard* and *Raspwald*. The personal name is rare and has not been noted in English sources. The surname developed from *Raspin* via *Respin* to *Rispin(g)*, especially in ER Yorks.

**Early bearers:** William Raspyñ, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); William Raspyñ, 1545 in *York Registry Wills* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Anna Risping, 1548, Edmonde Rispinge, 1585, Edward Rispin, 1853 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Richard Respine, 1570 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Isabell Ryspyñ, 1581 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Anne Respin, 1627 in *IGI* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Francis Raspin, 1685 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); George Raspin, 1708, John Rispin, 1824 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Respin, 1732, Ann Raspin, 1740 in *IGI* (Ulceby near Barton, Lincs); Thomas Raspan, 1831, John Rispin, 1834 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Raspin, 1841 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Morlet* (1997), at Raspard; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*.

**Rassel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Razzell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rassell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Razzell**.

**Rastall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, Warwicks, Worcs

English: nickname from Old French *rastel* ‘rake, mattock’, sometimes perhaps for someone who made or sold rakes, or for an agricultural labourer.

**Early bearers:** Roger Rastel(l), 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Rastel(l), 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Agnes Rastell, 1556, Alles Rastill, 1588 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Alice Rastall, 1568 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Anne Rastell, 1595 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**Rastrick**

Variants: **Raistrick**, **Restricker**, **Rustrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Hants

English: locative name from Rastrick (WR Yorks). The place, recorded as *Rastric* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) is apparently named with Old Scandinavian *røst* ‘resting place’ + Old English *ric* ‘ridge’.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Rastric, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Rastrik, 1274 in *Wakefield Court*

*Rolls*; Katerina Rastrik, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Agnes Rastrik, 1557 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Christopher Restricker, husbandman of Yeadon, 1577 in *TNA* (WR Yorks); Andrew Rastricke, 1576 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Robert Restricker, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); Annis Raistrick, 1596, Ales Rastrick, 1603 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Thomas Restarick, 1797 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 38

**Rasul**

Variants: **Rasool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1049, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *rasūl* ‘messenger’.

**Further information:** As stated in the Muslim creed, the Prophet Muhammad is the messenger of Allah: (*wa Muhammadu rasūlu-llāh*).

**Rat**

Variants: **Ratt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *rat*, *rat(t)e* ‘rat’, perhaps for a sly and agile individual. See **Ratten**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan Rat, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Ralph le Rat, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John le Rat, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Elizabeth Ratt, 1618 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**Ratchford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. Lincs and WR Yorks

English, Irish: see **Rochford**.

**Ratcliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1391, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1928
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent; Derbys and Staffs

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

**Ratcliffe**

Variants: **Ratcliff**, **Rattcliff**, **Ratcliffe**, **Ratliff**, **Radcliffe**, **Radcliff**, **Radclyffe**, **Rackliffe**, **Rackliff**, **Rackley**, **Redcliffe**, **Redcliff**, **Reddecliff**, **Reddicliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10953, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; also Staffs, Cheshire, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Radcliffe (Lincs), Radcliffe on Trent and Ratcliffe on Soar (both Notts), Radclive (Bucks), Ratcliffe Culey and Ratcliffe on the Wreake (both Leics), Ratclyffe in Clyst Hydon, Ratcliffes in Thorverton, and Ratcliffes in Broad Clyst (all Devon), Ratcliff in Stepney (Middx), and Rackley in Compton Bishop (Somerset). See also **Routley**.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Radcliffe* trace their descent from Sir Nicholas de Radclyffe. He is said to have been a knight who held the major

## Rate

of Radcliffe in Lancs and served Roger de Poitou, Baron de Marsey in the 11th century.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Radecliua, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Radeclif, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert Raclyff, 1496 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); Anne Ratcliffe, 1555, Richard Radcliff, 1596 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Richard Ratcliffe, 1555 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomaes Ratcliffe, 1562 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); George Radclyffe, 1563 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Thomas Rattcliffe, 1574 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Herne, Kent); Susanna Radcliff, 1576 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Henry Rattcliffe, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richardus Ractliff, 1696 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); John Ractliffe, 1792 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Elizabeth Ratliff, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northants, Rutland, and Lincs; Kent; Glamorgan

1 Locative name from an as yet unidentified place, perhaps on the Continent. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gerard de Rate, merchant of Loven, 1272 in *Patent Rolls* (Leuven, Belgium); William Rate of Elsham, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Elsham, Lincs); Willelmus Rate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); John Rate of Elsham, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Elsham, Lincs); Mewes de la Rate, esquire, 1408, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Calais, France); John Rate, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Edmund Rate, 1589 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); George Rate, 1632 in *IGI* (Tollerton, Notts).

2 Scottish: see **Raitt**.

**Early bearers:** Simon, Walter, and William Rate, 1293 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb); Andrew, Gervase Rate, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Scotland); Johne Rate, 1633 in *IGI* (Fetteresso, Kincardines).

## Ratford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; Glamorgan

English: see **Radford**.

## Rath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 197
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish: reduced form of **McIlwraith** (**Mac Gille Riabhaigh**).

## Rathband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks; Derbys

English: variant of **Rathbone** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Chadband**, **Goodband**, **Osband**, and **Tichband**.

**Early bearers:** Rebecca Rathbond, 1576 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jeames Rathband, 1598 in *IGI* (London); Samuell Rathband, 1613 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Rathband, 1627 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Philip Rathband, 1648 in *IGI* (Gawsworth,

Cheshire); William Rathband, 1786 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

## Rathbone

**Variants:** **Radbone**, **Rathborne**, **Rathbourn**, **Rathband**, **Rathbun**, **Rathburn**, **Rabone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2414, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1652
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: nickname for someone quick on his feet, from Middle English *rath* (Old English *hræð*) ‘eager, swift’ + *bon* (Old English *bān*) ‘bone’, specifically here the leg bone. The post-medieval name has sometimes been influenced by or confused with **Radbourne**.

**Further information:** The 1297 and 1327 spellings *Rathebun(e)* are errors for northern Middle English *Ratheban(e)*, which appears as *Rathbayn* in the 1313–27 example, with *bayn* (Old Scandinavian *beinn*) ‘bone, leg’ in place of native English *ban(e)*. The preposition in the 1379 example is a scribal error.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rathebon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Rathebon, 1347 in *Ancient Deeds vi* (Cheshire); Robert Rathebon, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skirpenbeck, ER Yorks); Robert Rathbayn, 1313–27 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Rathebone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Michaelis de Radbane [*sic*], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Thomas, Ricardus, and Willemus Rathebon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdley, Lancs); David Rathebon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Ales Rathbon, 1541, Alles Rathbone, 1550 in *IGI* (Farnworth, Lancs); Elizabetha Rathbone, 1566 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Ann Rathbone, 1646 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Robert Rathbone, 1652 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Richard Rathbone, 1709 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); John Rathban, 1836 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 149.

## Rathborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Rathbone**.

**Early bearers:** Ales Rathborne, 1563 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Johanis Rathborn, 1682 in *IGI* (Norbury, Staffs); Richard Rathborn, 1684 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire).

## Rathbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Rathbone**.

## Rathbun

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Rathbone**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Rathburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs

English: see **Rathbone**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Rathmell

**Variants:** **Rathmill**, **Radmall**, **Rammell**, **Rodmell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Rathmell (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Rathmell, 1569 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Agnes Rathmell, 1571 in *IGI* (Linton in Craven, WR Yorks); Anne Rothmeile, 1582 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Ellin Raithmell, 1596 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Anne Rauthmell, 1600 in *IGI* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Martha Rathmill, 1732 in *IGI* (Conistone, WR Yorks); Ann Rathmill, 1802 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 148.

## Rathmill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rathmell**.

## Rathod

**Variants:** **Rathore**, **Rathor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan and neighbouring states): Hindu (Rajput), based on the name of a Rajput clan.

## Rathor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Rathod**.

## Rathore

**Variants:** **Rathor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Rathod**.

## Ratigan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Reachtagáin, see **Rattigan**.

## Ratledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Routledge**.

## Ratley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London; Northants and Oxon

English: locative name perhaps from Ratley (Warwicks), recorded as *Rotelei* in 1086, although better late medieval evidence is needed to establish this. It is also possible that there has been occasional confusion with **Rattle**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Rottele, abbot, 1247 in *Patent Rolls* (Leicester, Leics); Alan de Rottele, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry de Rotteleye, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Thelsford, Warwicks); Richard Rottele, 1384,



Rotele, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Hambleton, Bucks); Richard Ratlye, 1557 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); Also Ratleye, 1588 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Johan Ratlie, 1599 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Ratleye, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Ratley, 1608 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Thomas Ratley, 1615 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Daniell Ratley, 1630, Danyell Ratlye, 1633 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Astin Rattley, 1666 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Anne Ratlee, 1670 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 492.

### Ratliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Ratliffe**.

### Ratliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Worcs
- English: see **Ratliffe**.

### Ratnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Radnedge**.

### Ratnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Sanskrit *ratna* 'gem' + the Tamil ending *-m*.

### Ratnayake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Sri Lankan: Sinhalese Buddhist name formed with *ratna* 'gem' as the first element and *nāyake* 'leader' (Sanskrit *nāyaka*) as the second.

### Ratner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name for someone from Ratno in Ukraine or possibly Rathenau in Brandenburg. (ii) occupational name from Yiddish *rat* 'council' + the agent suffix *-ner*, for a councillor. **Early bearers:** Morris Ratner, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lincs).

### Raton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Ratten**.

### Ratt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, Leics, Rutland
- English: see **Rat**.

### Rattan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *ratna* 'gem'.

### Rattcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lincs
- English: see **Ratliffe**.

### Ratten

Variants: **Ratton, Raton, Wratten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx; also Lincs
- English: nickname from Middle English *ratoun* 'rat', sometimes perhaps for a rat-catcher. See also **Rat**, **Ratner**. **Early bearers:** Richard Raton, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Godfrey le Raton, 1293–4, Ranulf Ratun, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Joane Ratton, 1568 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jane Ratten, 1600 in *IGI* (Sutcombe, Devon); John Raton, 1637 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Rattenberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Rattenbury**.

### Rattenbury

Variants: **Rattenberry, Rottenbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Rattenbury (Cornwall) or a lost place called Raddenbury or Rattenbury, near Hatherleigh, Devon. **Early bearers:** Thomas Rottenberye, 1553 in *TNA* (Cornwall); Margerat Rattenbury, 1579 in *IGI* (Idlesleigh, Devon); Anne Rattenbury, 1584, Ann Rottenberye, 1603 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Agneta Rottenbury, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Edmund Rattenbury, yeoman of Werrington, 1614 in *Devon Record Office* (Werrington, Devon); Mary Radenbury, 1713 in *IGI* (Broad Clyst, Devon); Amy Raddenbury, 1726 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); Elizabeth Raddenbury, 1750 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).

### Ratter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland
- Scottish: from Ratter in the parish of Dunnet (Caithness).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Ratir, 1443 in *Papal Letters* (Westray, Orkney); Richard Ratter, 1480 in *Scotland Calendar* (Hollond, Orkney); Malcolm Rattar, 1512 in *Origines Parochiales* (Dornoch, Sutherland); Charles Ratter, 1742 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland).

### Rattigan

Variants: **Rhatigan, Ratigan, Radigan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 351
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and N England; also Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Galway

Irish: from **Ó Reachtagáin** 'descendant of *Reachtagáin*', a personal name from a diminutive variant of *reachtaire* 'steward, administrator', or *reacht* 'law'.

**Further information:** This is the name of an ecclesiastical family in Connacht.

**Early bearers:** Aongus Ua Reachtheadhain, coarb of (Saint) Finnian, 1488 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Cluain Cremha, Roscommon); Donell O Raghtagan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Belalege, Longford); John Raghtegan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rathlee, Sligo); Rory Raghtagane, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Moygara, Sligo); Mary Rattigan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); Elizabeth Ratagan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moydow, Longford); James Rategan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford); Thomas Ratekin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Piercetown, Westmeath); Bryan Ratigan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilvine, Mayo).

### Rattle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Somerset; London

1 English: (i) locative name perhaps from one or more lost or as yet unidentified places. One such might be Rattle Hall in Wye (Kent), which *Kent Place-Names*, p. 387, suggests might be associated with an unexplained form *de Ragkel*, 1276 in *Feet of Fines*. Compare Rattle Lane in Westham (Sussex), recorded as *le Rattle* in 1617 (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 449); perhaps compare also **Ratley**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from a reinterpretation of Middle English *tratel*, *tratyll* 'talk idly, gossip', as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. See **Trattle**. **Early bearers:** Peter Ratele, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Lothingland hundred, Suffolk); Richarde Rattle, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Saint Pancras Exeter, Devon); Frannces Rattell, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Thomas Rattle, 1609 in *IGI* (Kenn, Somerset); Goodman Rattle, 1611 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Thomas Rattle, 1622, Elizabeth Ratle, 1623 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); John Rattle, 1690, Rattell, 1728 in *IGI* (Elmsett, Suffolk).

2 Irish: perhaps from Rathele in the barony of Cranach (Kilkenny).

### Ratton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Ratten**.

### Ratray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1754, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1452
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus and Perth

Scottish: locative name from Ratray (Perth). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Rettre, 1253 in *Arbroath Register* (Perth); Adam de Retref, 1285 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany* (Perth); William Rettre, 1436 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Silvester Rettray, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Agnes Ratray, 1610 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perth); Agnes Ratray, 1621 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth); Agnes Rattrra, 1644 in *IGI*

## Rattu

(Largo, Fife); Agnes Ratray, 1676 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); William Rattary, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Dundee, Angus); Alexander Rattary, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (East Kilbride, Lanarks).

### Rattu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.
- 2 English: see **Rattue**.

### Rattue

**Variants:** Rattu, Ratty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Ratowe, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Abbots Anne, Hants); Agnes Ratewe, 1539, Joane Ratue, 1574, Thomas Ratewe, 1578 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Thomas Ratue, 1580, John Rattue, 1602, William Ratty, 1626 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Joun Rattue, 1603, John Rattewe, 1605 in *IGI* (Durnford, Wilts); James Rattu, 1618 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); Thomas Ratty, 1665, Thomas Rattue, 1694, Edward Ratye, 1705 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

### Ratty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Hants, Surrey, and Sussex; also NW England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- English: see **Rattue**.

### Rau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Ralph**.

### Rauf

**Variants:** Rouf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1083, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ra'uf* 'compassionate'.

**Further information:** *Al-Ra'uf* 'the Compassionate' is one of the attributes of Allah. This gives rise to the compound name 'Abd al-Ra'uf' 'servant of the Compassionate'.

2 English: see **Ralph**.

### Raulin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Rawlin**.

### Raulston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Scottish: see **Ralston**.

### Rault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, English: relationship name, apparently a development from *Raulf*, *Ralf*, an Old French form of the Continental Germanic personal name *Radulf*. Compare **Ralph**.

**Further information:** A characteristically Jersey name, but not found in the island before the second half of the 19th century. It is locally suspected of originating in Brittany with the immigrant Louis Rault.

**Early bearers:** John Rault, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint James, Dukes Place, London).

### Raval

**Variants:** Rawal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, from *rāva* 'king; commander' (Sanskrit *rājā*) + the suffix *-l*.

**Further information:** It is the name of an Arora clan.

### Ravald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Raffle**.

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 373.

### Ravan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Raven**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ravat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: See **Rawat**.

### Raveendran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): see **Ravindran**.

### Ravel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Raffle**.

**Further information:** The locative derivations proposed by Wilson in *Reaney and Wilson* are unlikely. The French places called Ravel are well outside the Norman sphere of influence, and there is no evidence that *Raveley* (Hunts) was pronounced *Ravel*. John de Ravel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts) is probably a scribal error for *de Ravele*, where final *-e* is an alternative spelling of *-ey*, as illustrated in Stephen de Ravele, 1290, Stephen de Raveley, 1295 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury cum Heighmongrove, Hunts).

### Ravell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; also Cumb

English: see **Raffle**.

### Raven

**Variants:** Revan, Ravens, Ravan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2997, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2499
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Raven* (Old Scandinavian

*Hrafn*, Old English \**Hræfn*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *raven* 'raven' (Old Scandinavian *hrafn*, Old English *hræfn*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rauen de Engelbi, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Leduinus filius Reuene, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Godric Raven, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); William Raven, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Adam Reven, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter le Reven, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alice le Reven, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Alice Raven, 1544 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Agnes Raven, 1569 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); Alice Raven, 1567 in *IGI* (Wicklewood, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name occasionally from a house name, denoting someone who lived at the sign of the raven.

**Early bearers:** William atte Raven, 1344 in *London Letter Books*.

### Ravenell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Ravenhill**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ravenhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs

English: see **Ravenhill**.

### Ravenhill

**Variants:** Ravenhall, Revnell, Ravenell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Herefs, Warwicks; WR Yorks, Cheshire

1 English: locative name from any of a number of places named Raven(s)hill, for example, in Tibberton (Worcs), Newent (Gloucs). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Rauenhull', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Roger Ravenel, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Greatford, Lincs); Nicholas Rauenhull', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Ravenell, 1562 in *IGI* (Lugwardine, Herefs); Alice Ravenhill, 1606, Margaret Ravenhall, 1634 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Anna Ravenhille, 1617 in *IGI* (Fownhope, Herefs); John Revnell, 1621 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Anne Ravenhill, 1680 in *IGI* (Bagendon, Gloucs); John Ravenhall, 1752 in *Worcs Record Office* (Strensham, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 179; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 171.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English feminine personal name *Ravenhilde* (Old Scandinavian *Hrafnhildr*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Rauenilde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Ravenild, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Matilda Rafenild, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); John Ravenell, 1700 in *Bardsley*.

### Ravening

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Oxon; Wilts

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ravening*, an *-ing* derivative of Old English \**Hræfn*. See **Raven**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rauening de Raddon', 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Ravening, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: Simon Ravening, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Rauenyng, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Alice Raveninge, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Alice Ravening, 1586 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Jone Ravenyn, 1568 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Ravens

**Variants:** **Revans, Revens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Raven** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elena Ravenes, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William Revance, 1520, Alan Rivance, 1534 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Christian Ravens, 1562 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); Jone Revans, 1566 in *IGI* (Lothbury, London); Alice Ravens, 1578 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Margery Revens, 1607 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

## Ravenscroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1794, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1016
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: locative name from Ravenscroft (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ranncroft [*sic*], 1357 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Henry de Ravenscroft, 1391 in *Chester Recognizance Rolls* (Cheshire); Hugh de Ravenscroft, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire);

Nicholas Ravenscroft, 1459–60, George Ravenscrofte, ironmonger, 1585 in *Chester Freeman* (Cheshire); Hugh Raynscroft, 1563, Edward Ravenscroft, 1576 in *IGI* (Church Minshall, Cheshire); William Ranscraft, Ranscroft, Katherine Ranscrofte, 1595, Ellen Ravenscroft, 1614, Jane Ravenscraft, 1648 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Arthure Rauenscroft, 1609 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); Thomas Ravenscroft, 1628 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Peeter Rauencroft, 1633 in *Parish Registers* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 253.

## Ravensdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, and Derbys

English: locative name from East and West Ravendale (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Jhona Ravensdale, 1561 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); Robert Ravendale, 1571 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Margerie Ravendall, 1588 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Grace Ravensdaile, 1604 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs); Richard Ravensdale, 1685 in *IGI* (Cauldron, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 4, pp. 150–1.

## Ravenshear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name variant of the obsolete surname *Ravenshaw*, which is from any of several places with this or a similar name. Compare **Ramshaw**.

## Ravey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England and SW Scotland: esp. Lancs; also London

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riabhaigh** or **Ó Riabhaigh**, see **Reavey**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Ravey, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Needham Market, Suffolk); John Ravie, 1623 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); William Sant Ravie, 1642 in *Access to Archives* (Wychwood, Oxon); James Raveay, 1867 in *IGI* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs).

Scotland: Mary Ravie, 1777 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll); Elly Ravey, 1800 in *IGI* (Shotts, Lanarks); Hugh Ravie, 1825 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr); Duncan Ravie, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Roseneath, Dunbartons).

Ireland: Hugh Rave, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyculter, Down); Isabella Ravey, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Down).

## Ravi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): from a Hindu personal name based on Sanskrit *ravi* 'sun'.

**Further information:** This is found only as a given name in India, but has come to be used as a family name elsewhere.

## Ravindran

**Variants:** **Raveendran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from *Ravi* (Sanskrit *ravi* 'sun') + *indra* (Sanskrit *indra* 'lord', the name of the king of gods) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is a given name in Kerala and Tamil Nadu but has come to be used as a family name elsewhere.

## Raw

**Variants:** **Rawe, Rawes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1434, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1078
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks and Durham

1 English: locative name from Middle English *rawe* (Old English *rāw*) 'row'. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived by a hedgerow or in a row of houses in a street, or toponymic, signifying someone who lived in a place so named, such as Raw in Fylingdales (NR Yorks). See also **Rew** and **Row**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Bitherawe, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John de Rawe, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William ate Rawe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William del Rawe, 1429 in *Derbys Charters*.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *raw(e)*, 'raw, (of a youth) ignorant, unskilled'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Rawe, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Christopher Raw, 1543 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Richard Raw, 1560 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Edmud Raw, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Catheryne Raw, 1565 in *IGI* (Wilsford, Lincs); Edward Raw, 1566 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

3 English: relationship name from a common Middle English variant of **Ralph**. Compare **Rawkin**, **Rawson**, and its rhyming pet forms **Daw** and **Haw**. **Early bearers:** Richard Rau, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Edricus filius Raw, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Henry Rawe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs).

## Rawal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Raval**.

## Rawat

**Variants:** **Ravat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan and neighbouring states), Bangladeshi: Hindu (Rajput), from a much altered form of Sanskrit *rājapatra* 'king's son, prince'; also 'cavalryman'.

## Rawbone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs

English: variant of **Rabone**, perhaps altered by folk etymology through the influence of the expression *raw-boned*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rawboon, 1492 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Agnes Rawbone, 1541, Agnes Rabone, 1546 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Widow Rawbones, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Rawcliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rawcliffe**.

## Rawcliffe

**Variants:** **Rawliff, Rowcliffe, Rockcliffe, Rockliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1428, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1197

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
English: locative name from Rawcliffe (Lancs, NR Yorks, WR Yorks), Rockcliffe (Lancs, WR Yorks, Cumb), or Rowcliffe (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Elsi de Routeclia, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Rouclef, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Ales Rawcliffe, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Agnete Rawclife, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Agnes Rocklyf, 1540 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Alice Rauclif, 1586 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Anne Rawcliffe, 1592 in *IGI* (Saxby, Lincs); Katherine Rowcliffe, 1587 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 60, 160; *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 146; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 15; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 22–3, 3, p. 233.

## Rawden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

## Rawding

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks
- English: see **Rawdon**.

### Rawding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Notts
- English: see **Rawdon**.

### Rawdon

Variants: **Rowden, Rawden, Rawding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs
- English: locative name from Rawdon (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Walthef de Raudon', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Rawdon, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Rawdon, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); Alice Rawdenn, 1574, Agnes Rawdon, 1578, Agnes Rowdon, 1594 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Margaret Rawdin, 1604 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Rotherham, Yorks); Peter Rawden, 1616 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Eleanor Rawding, 1728 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Mary Rawdon, 1797 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 152–3.

### Rawe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Durham
- English: see **Raw**.

### Rawes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, Cumb, and Durham

English: variant of **Raw** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Rawes, 1582 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ellice Rawes, 1638 in *IGI* (Patterdale, Westm); Miles Rawes, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Rawkin

Variants: **Rawkins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Surrey
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rawkin*, a diminutive of **Raw**, itself a pet form of **Ralph**.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Raukyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmus Raukin, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Mundham, Sussex); Johannes Raukyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Standen and Merstone, Hants); Robert Rakin, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Upwell, Cambs); Aaron Rawkin, 1812 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).

### Rawkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; Lancs
- English: variant of **Rawkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Joane Rawkyns, 1558–1603 in *Bardsley*; Elizabeth Rawkens, 1572 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); Elyne Rakins, 1588 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Alice

Rawkyns, 1598 in *IGI* (Wilsford, Wilts); Elizabeth Rawkins, 1601 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts).

### Rawl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Rawle**.

### Rawland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- English: variant of **Rawlin** with *-land* substituted for *-lin*. Compare **Rowland**.
- Early bearers:** John Rawland, 1600 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

### Rawle

Variants: **Rawl, Rawll, Rall, Ralle, Rawles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 686, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Raul*, a common form of **Ralph**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Raul Cordel, 12th cent. in *Northants Charters* (Northants).
- sumames: Robertus le fiz Raol, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas Rawle, 1404 in *Patent Rolls*; Johane Rawle, 1565 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Richard Ralle, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Westanstye, Devon); David Rawle, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Cadbury, Devon); Francis Rawle, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Rochester, Kent); Robert Rawle, 1660 in *IGI* (Minehead, Somerset).
- 2 Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

### Rawlence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Dorset
- English: see **Rawlins**.

### Rawles

Variants: **Ralls, Rawls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: variant of **Rawle** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Raules, 1327, John Raweles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Ralls, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); William Rawles, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Fifehead Neville, Dorset); Edith Raules, 1587 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset); Edward Ralls, 1617 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

### Rawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Lancs; IoM
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Tipperary; Westmeath
- 1 Irish: from Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.
- 2 English: see **Raleigh**.

### Rawlin

Variants: **Rawlins, Raulin, Rawling, Ralling, Rawland, Rowland, Rowling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from Middle English *Raulin*, an Old French diminutive of **Ralph**, both sometimes used of the same man: Ralph de Knyghton is also called Raulyn, 1377 in *London Pleas*. Compare **Raw** and **Rawlinson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Raulyn le Forester, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Raulin de Annesley, 1303 in *Register of Archbishop Corbridge* (Cawood, WR Yorks).

sumames: William Raulyn, 1290 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Raulyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Thomas Raulyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitton, Lincs); Johannes Raulyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Inghorpe, Rutland); Robertus Raulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pudding Norton, Norfolk); Robertus Rawlyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley with Slowley, Warwicks); Johanne Raulyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Willelmus Raulyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Edwardus Raulyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fifield, Oxon); Walter Rawling, 1520 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Rawlinge, 1543 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Abigail Rawlinge, 1606 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Thomas Rawlin, 1606 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Adam Rawlin, 1609 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Rawling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 898, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1086
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and E England: esp. Yorks; Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Rawlin**.

### Rawlings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7121, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4333
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Wilts and Somerset, Gloucs
- English: see **Rawlins**.

### Rawlingson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Rawlinson**.

### Rawlins

Variants: **Rawlings, Rallis, Rallings, Rawlence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2449, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1672
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. W Midlands and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Longford
- English: variant of **Rawlin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** John Rawlynes, 1343 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Warwicks); Richard Raulyns, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Lutterworth, Leics); John Rawelyns, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Warmington, Northants); Alicia Rawlins, 1539 in *IGI* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Annis Rawlyngs, 1540 in *IGI* (London); Margerie Rawlins, 1554 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks); John Rawlins, 1556 in

*IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Ciprian Rawlins, 1564 in *IGI* (Crothorne, Worcs).

### Rawlinson

Variants: **Rawlingson, Rawlison, Rallison, Rollinson**

- Current frequencies: GB 4784, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 3558
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, Lincs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Raulin* (see **Rawlin**) + *-son*. Early bearers: Thome Raulynsone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Ricardus Raulynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Raulynson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Richard Rawlinson, 1538 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Wlm. Rawlinson, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Richard Rawlinson, 1558 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Nycholas Rawlinson, 1558 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Jane Rawlinson, 1562 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Frauncis Rawlingson, 1568 in *IGI* (White Ladies Aston, Worcs); John Rawlinson, 1570 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Leonard Rawlinson, 1571, Leonard Rawlingson, 1577 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Oswald Rawlinson, 1575 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Jhon Rawlingson, 1577 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Eliz. Rawlinson, 1584 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Agnete Rallison, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Ninianj Rawlingson, 1590 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robert Rallinson, 1617 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; William Rallison, 1620 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Rallison, 1653 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Tho Rallison, 1701 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk).

2 English: in NW England, perhaps a variant of **Rollinson** 'Rowland's son' with unrounding of the vowel.

Further information: Bardsley records that 'in Furness and Cumberland, where Rawlinsons are numerous, *Rowland* is pronounced *Rawland* and *Rolland*' (*Reaney and Wilson*, at Rawlingson). However, it is difficult to find surnames examples that confirm this explanation. Although the early bearers cited above can be interpreted this way, an alternative explanation is also possible. *Rowlandson* and *Rollynson* may be variants of *Rawlinson*, rather than vice versa (see **Rollinson**), and the evidence of Robte. Rawlinson, 1594, Agnes Rawlandson, 1735 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs), Willm. Rawlinson, 1621, Ja. Rawlandson, 1710 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs), and Richard Rawlingson, 1623, Michael Rawlandson, 1743 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm) suggests that *Rawlandson*, too, is usually a variant of *Rawlinson*, with *-land-* substituted for *-lin-*.

Early bearers: Milo Rowlandson, 1636, Thomae Rawlinson, 1638, Thomas Rolinson, 1642 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs).

### Rawlison

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- English: see **Rawlinson**.

### Rawll

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English, Irish: see **Rawle**.

### Rawls

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb
- English: see **Rawles**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rawn

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 5

Irish: see **Rowan**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rawnsley

Variants: **Ransley, Rainsley, Rangeley**

- Current frequencies: GB 719, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 976
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost place in Barkisland, near Halifax (WR Yorks).

Early bearers: Margaret de Rauenslawe, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Nicholas Raunsley, Rawnsley, 1564, 1565 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Isabella Rawnsley, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Elland, WR Yorks); Maria Raunsley, 1588 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Joseph Ransley, 1663 in *York Freeman's Register*; Samuel Ranglely, 1729 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Fanny Raungley, 1742 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Joseph Rangsley, 1754, John Rangeley, Ranglely, 1757 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks); Thos. Raungsley, 1769 in *IGI* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks); Thomas Raungsley, 1765 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Raworth

- Current frequencies: GB 200, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 176
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts, WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: see **Rowarth**.

### Rawson

Variants: **Rowson**

- Current frequencies: GB 3691, Ireland 78
- GB frequency 1881: 3235
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, Lancs, Notts, Derbys
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Leinster: esp. Wicklow and Kildare

English: relationship name 'son of *Rauf* or *Rau*', Middle English forms of **Ralph**. Compare **Raw** and **Rowson**.

Early bearers: Willelmus Rauson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); William Raufson, 1379, John Rauson, 1379, Richard Raweson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Eline Rawson, 1540 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); John Rawson, 1541 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); John Rawson, 1560 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Johan Rawson, 1562 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); John Rawson, 1563 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

### Rawsthorn

Variants: **Rawsthorne, Rawstorne, Rawstorn, Rawstron, Rowstron, Rosthorn, Rostron, Rostern, Rosterne, Rosten, Roston, Rosson, Rowston**

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Rostherne (Cheshire).

Early bearers: Richard de Routhesthorn, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); James Rawstorne, 1599 in *York Freeman's Register*; Jane Rosthern, 1613 in *Bardsley*. References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, pp. 56–7.

### Rawsthorne

- Current frequencies: GB 658, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 383
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

### Rawstorn

- GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

### Rawstorne

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

### Rawstron

- Current frequencies: GB 355, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 344
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

### Ray

Variants: **Raye, Rey, Reyes, Rae, Wray, Rayes**

- Current frequencies: GB 8411, Ireland 257
- GB frequency 1881: 5824
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Staffs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Antrim; Cork and Limerick

1 English: nickname from Old French *rei* 'king', which was occasionally used as a personal name. It may be a nickname denoting pride, one with the bearing of a king, or referring to the mock king or lord in festive games, e.g. at Christmas, May Day, or harvest. Compare **Roy** and **King**.

Early bearers: William Lerei, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robert Raie, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas filius Rey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry le Ray, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

2 English: nickname from northern Middle English *rā*, *rae* (Old English *rā*) 'roe deer', perhaps for a timid person or swift runner. Compare **Roe**.

3 Scottish: reduced form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac Raith**, see **Rea, McRae**.

4 English: post-medieval spelling of **Wray**.

### Rayat

- Current frequencies: GB 282, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Raybold

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 158
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Derbys
- Norman, English: see **Rainbow**.

### Raybon

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Rabone**.

## Raybone

### Raybone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Rabone**.

### Raybould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2067, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 903
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Rainbow**.

### Rayburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; Cumb
- Scottish: see **Raeburn**.

### Raycraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Ryeroft**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Rayden

Variants: **Raydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: locative name apparently from Raydon or Reydon (Suffolk, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Raydon, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Willm Rayden, 1646 in *IGI* (All Hallows Staining, London); Rob Rayden, 1649 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Rayden, 1668 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Rayden, 1718 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Rayden, 1756 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 494, 498.

### Rayder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Ryder**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Raydon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Rayden**.

### Raye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Norfolk
- English: see **Ray**.

### Rayer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Raher*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Raher<sup>2</sup>, 1137 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London).

surnames: Ricardus filius Raher, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Ralph Raher, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Thomas Rayer, 1542 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Jesper Rayer, 1553 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Willia Rayer, 1563 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Alice Rayer, 1564 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Alce Rayer, 1567 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon).

### Rayes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths

English: variant of **Ray** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Rayes, 1632 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Margaret Rays, 1721 in *Parish Registers* (Aber, Caernarfon); James Rays, 1826 in *IGI* (Pontypool, Monmouths).

### Rayfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Raffle**.

### Rayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Raffle**, related to the forms **Rayfield** and **Raffield** from SE England.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Wreford**, but if so the paucity of early bearer examples from SW England would be surprising.

### Rayleigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Raleigh**.

### Rayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Raymond**.

**Early bearers:** John Rayman, Reyman, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Petyr Rayman, 1555 in *IGI*

(Southampton, Hants); Elyzabeth Rayman, 1567 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Edward Rayman, 1571 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Jona Rayman, 1582 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Elzabeth Rayman, 1591 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Raymen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Raymond**.

### Rayment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1644, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: see **Raymond**.

### Raymond

Variants: **Raymont**, **Rayment**, **Raymen**, **Rayman**, **Raiment**, **Raiman**, **Reeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3512, Ireland 249
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1721
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset, Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Raimund* or *Raimond* (Continental Germanic *Raginmund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Raimundus, 1086 in

*Domesday Book* (Essex); Reimundus, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Reimundus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: Giraldus Reimundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); William Reimunt, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ernald Reimund<sup>2</sup>, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Waltero Reymond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Alice Raymond, 1539 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Dority Raymond, 1541 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Raymond, 1556 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Aucret Raymond, 1566 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); William Raymond, 1577 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Raymont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Raymond**.

### Raynard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Reynard**.

### Raynbird

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Suffolk and Cambs
- Norman, English: see **Rainbird**.

### Rayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Raine**.

### Rayner

Variants: **Raynor**, **Rainer**, **Ranner**, **Renner**, **Reyner**, **Reiner**, **Reiners**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10102, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7405
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs; also E Anglia, Surrey, Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French given name *Rainer*, *Reiner*, *Renier* (Continental Germanic *Raginhari*, from *ragin* ‘counsel’ + *hari*, *heri* ‘army’). The surname was later much confused with **Reynold** and **Reynard**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rainerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Reynerus cancellarius, 1101–25 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Reyner de Stanford, 1216 in *Northants Record Office* (Helpston, Northants); Renerus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).

surnames: Ricardus filius Rainer, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Alexander Reygner, 1229 in *Close Rolls*; William Rayner, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Reyner, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Elis Raynor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Farleigh, Kent); Robertus Rayner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Richard Rayner, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Rayner, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Gildersome (in Batley), WR Yorks); Marmaduke Reynor, 1558 in *TNA*; Simon Reyner of Darlton [Notts], 1566 in *Derbys Record Office* (Glapwell, Derbys); Reinold Reiner, 1582 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Maria Renner, 1627 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Robert Ranare, 1651 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Reynors, 1738.

### Raynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 591
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Raines**.

### Raynham

Variants: **Rainham, Renham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name from Rainham (Essex, Kent) or East, South, or West Raynham (Norfolk).
- Early bearers: John de Renham, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Richard de Reynham, 1318 in *King's Bench Cases* (London); John de Renham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joanna Rainham, 1578 in *IGI* (Rainham, Essex); Elizabeth Rainham, 1598 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).
- References: *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 490, 494.

### Raynolds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Reynolds**.

### Raynor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2198, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2065
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts
- English: see **Rayner**.

### Rayns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Raines**.

### Raynsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Rainsford**.

### Rayson

Variants: **Raison, Reason, Reasons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1181, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 858
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Cumb; Somerset

English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name **Ray** + *-son*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *raisun* 'reason, justice'.

Early bearers: John Rayson, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Rayson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Reyson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William Rayson, 1556 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Christofer Rayson, 1561 in *IGI* (Mumby, Lincs); Gregory Rayson, 1566 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent); Alexander Rayson, 1584 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk).

### Rayton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs

English: locative name from Rayton in Worksop (Notts).

Early bearers: Peter Rayton, 1569 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Marie Rayton, 1610 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Tho Rayton, 1688 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs); Sarah Rayton, 1771 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 108.

### Raywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rowarth**.

### Rayworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, Derbys; Kent
- English: see **Rowarth**.

### Raza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2449, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Arabic, Iranian: variant of **Reza**.

### Razak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Razzaq**.

### Razaq

- Variants: **Razzaq, Razzaque, Razak, Razzak**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1338, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name meaning 'provider'.

References: *Ahmed*.

### Razavi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian: see **Rizvi**.

### Razey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Racey**.

### Razia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a female personal name based on one of two Arabic words, *raḍīya* or *rāḍīya*, both meaning 'content, satisfied'.

### Razvi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Rizvi**.

### Razzak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Razzaq**.

### Razzaq

Variants: **Razak, Razzak, Razzaque**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 853, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Razaq**.

### Razzaque

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Razzaq**.

### Razzell

Variants: **Rassell, Rassel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Norman, English: relationship name from a pet form of the Old French personal name *Race*, *Rasse* (see **Race**) + the diminutive suffix *-el*.

Early bearers: Hugh Rasel, of Oulton, 1304 in *TNA* (Norfolk); Roberto Rasel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Ralph Rasel, 1342 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*; Peter Rassell, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Ivychurch, Kent); Johannes Rasel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Ferriby, Lincs); Thomas Rasell, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Hollingbourne, Kent); William Rasell, 1456 in *TNA* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Dennis Rasell, yeoman, 1544 in *TNA* (Westwell, Kent); Raffe Rasell, 1580 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Daniel Rasell, smith, 1607/8 in *Kent History Centre*; Elizabeth Russell, 1623 in *IGI* (Terwick, Sussex); Martha Rasel, 1630 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Raisel Raisel, 1672 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Mary Razzell, 1747, Sarah Russell, 1775 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Razzell, 1821 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey).

### Rea

Variants: **Reay, Rey, Ray, Ree, Rye, Rhea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3252, Ireland 1986
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Gloucs, and Warwicks; Lancs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 English: (i) locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atter ye* 'at the island' (Old English *æg, iæg*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on an island or patch of firm ground surrounded by marsh, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Rye (Sussex), The Rye in High Wycombe (Bucks), Rye Hill in Epping Upland (Essex), Rye Mill in Feering (Essex), and Rye House in Stanstead Abbots (Herts). See also **Attree** and **Nye**. (ii) locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English

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phrase *atter eye* 'at the river' (Old English *ĕa*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near a river or stream, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Rea in Hempsted (Gloucs), Ray Lodge in Lingfield (Surrey), and Rye Farm in Cranleigh (Surrey). See also **Attree**, **Nye**, and **Yea**.

**Further information:** Due to the similarity of Middle English forms it is now impossible to distinguish between the two explanations.

**Early bearers:** William de Rye, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph de Rye, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Ralph de la Reye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William atte Ree, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Walter at Reghe, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Surrey); William bithe Ree, 1293 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Geoffrey ate Rye, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Stephen atte Ree, 1323 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); John atte Reye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Matillis de la Rye, 1237 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Hants); William atte Rea, Michael atte Ree, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Michael atte Rye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John ate Ree, Thomas atte Ree, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William ate Rye, 1359 in *Additional Charters, British Library* (Surrey); Guiliels Rea, 1550 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Rea, 1561 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Nichls. Rea, 1564 in *IGI* (Neenton, Shrops); Harry Rea, 1567 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs); Eliz. Rea, 1576 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts).

2 Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

3 Irish: from **Riabhadh**, see **Reah**.

## Reace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Welsh: see **Rees**.

## Reach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Scotland (Angus)
- 1 English, Scottish: locative name from Reach (Beds, Cambs). Both places, recorded as *Reche* in medieval documents, are named with Old English \**ræc* 'raised strip of land or other linear feature', specifically Devil's Dyke in the case of the Cambs place. In some instances the name may be topographic, denoting residence by such a feature, from Middle English *reche*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Reche, John Reche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes atte Reche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Twinstead, Essex); John Reche, 1404 in *TNA* (London); Nicholas Reeche, 1509 in *TNA* (Holsworthy, Devon); Anne Reach, 1588 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Henry Reach, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Robert Reache, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

2 Scottish: see **Riach**.

## Reacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Richer**.

## Read

**Variants:** **Reade**, **Reed**, **Red**, **Redd**, **Rhead**, **Reeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22716, Ireland 160
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19008
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. southern England and East Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tyrone, Antrim, and Armagh

1 English: nickname from Middle English *red(e)* 'red', no doubt denoting someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion.

**Early bearers:** Leofwine se Reade, 1016–20 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Aluric þane Reda, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); William Red, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugo le Rede, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Hamo le Reed, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Read, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Red, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo Read, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Martinus Read, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moorlinch, Somerset); Nicholao Read, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Johannes Red, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mundesley, Norfolk); Johanne Red, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade borough, Wilts); Willelmo Red, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); John Reede, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); Gerard Rede, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Westgate, Kent); Custance Reeds, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Timanstone, Kent); Joan Reids, 1624 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Saint Peter, Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Read (Lancs), which was recorded as *Reved* in 1246, *Rede* (Suffolk), or *Reed* (Herts).

**Early bearers:** William de Reved 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Ralph de Rede, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); John de Rede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 495, 496.

3 English: locative name for someone who lived by a clearing; see **Ryde**.

## Readdie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Reddie**.

## Readdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey, Cambs, Lancs
- English: see **Reddy**.

## Reade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1450, Ireland 243
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 894
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: see **Read**.

## Reader

**Variants:** **Reeder**, **Reder**, **Reeders**, **Ryder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3423, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2572
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Essex; Warwicks

1 English: occupational name for one who used reeds as a roofing material (a thatcher), a derivative of Middle English *rede* 'reed' + *-er*. Compare **Read**, **Readman**, **Redman**, and **Reedman**.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Redere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Symon le Redere, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Reder', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); William Reder, 1562 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Elizabeth Reder, 1565 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Agnes Reeder, 1597 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Ellin Reeder, 1597 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Nicholas Reader, 1622 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Nicholao Reeder, 1642 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Tho. Reeder, 1652 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Mary Reder, 1707 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Thomas Reader, 1722 in *IGI* (Baginton, Warwicks).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a clearing, a derivative of Middle English *rede*, *ride*, *rude* (see **Read**) + *-er*. It is synonymous and interchangeable with *atte Rede*, *atte Rude* 'at the clearing'. This type of name, composed of a topographical term + *-er*, is common in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and it is also found in Essex. Some of the early bearers below may belong under (1) and the Essex examples in (1) may belong here. See also **Ryder**.

**Early bearers:** John Reader, 1569 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Thomas Reder, 1571 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Nicol Reeder, 1567 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Jonas Reader, 1574 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex). **References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 168–9.

## Readett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Riddett**.

## Readey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex
- English: see **Reddy**.

## Readhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham; ER Yorks
- English: see **Redhead**.

## Readie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans; Berwicks
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

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**Variants:** **Reding**, **Redding**, **Redin**, **Reddin**, **Readings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2973, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Bucks and Herts

English: locative name from Reading (Berks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Redyng, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Sara de Redyngg, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John de Redynges, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Redyngg, bailiff of Worcester, 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; Walterus Redyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bucklebury, Berks); Johannes Redyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks); Johane Readinge, 1544 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Anne Reading, 1567 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks);



Thomas Reading, 1568 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); Nicholas Reading, 1581 in *IGI* (Ardingley, Sussex); Christopherus Reading, 1584 in *IGI* (Braceborough, Lincs); William Reading, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Roberte Redinge or Readinge, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Oxon); William Redding, 1613 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 170.

### Readings

Variants: **Ridings, Rydings**

- Current frequencies: GB 305, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 126
- Main GB location 1881: Berks and Oxon

English: variant of **Reading** with post-medieval excrement -s.

Early bearers: Richard Readings, 1605 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Sara Reddings, 1611 in *Parish Registers* (Tring, Herts); Ann Readings, 1643 in *IGI* (Swallowfield, Berks); Hannah Reddings, 1819 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Readitt

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Riddett**.

### Readman

- Current frequencies: GB 1389, Ireland 13
- GB frequency 1881: 701
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks

1 English: see **Redmayne**.

2 English: see **Redman**.

### Readshaw

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 125
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; WR Yorks; IoM

English: see **Redshaw**.

Early bearers: IoM: Paul Readshaw, 1891 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

### Readwin

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 59
- Main GB location 1881: chiefly Norfolk; also Hants

English: see **Redwin**.

### Ready

- Current frequencies: GB 723, Ireland 29
- GB frequency 1881: 748
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Middx
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Munster: esp. Kerry

1 English: see **Reddy**.

2 Irish: from Ó Riada, see **Reidy**.

3 Irish or Scottish Gaelic/Gaelic: from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

### Readyhough

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Ridehalgh**.

### Reagan

- Current frequencies: GB 103, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 124

- Main GB location 1881: Lincs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork and Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Riagáin, see **Regan**.

### Reah

Variants: **Rea**

- Current frequencies: GB 379, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 195
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Irish: from Riabhach, which MacLysaght describes as an adjectival surname (meaning ‘grey’ or ‘brindled’) that ‘took the place of an hereditary one’.

Early bearers: John Reagh, horseman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1471 (Oregon, Connacht); Thomas Reagh, piper, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3884 (Kings County [Offaly]); Brian mcEdmond Reagh, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4856 (Leym, Galway); Donell Reagh, tailor, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Donaghmore); Donogh O Reigh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576 (Ballinehowe); James Reighe, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6727 (Camerose); Mary Rea, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Abbeyshrule, Longford).

### Reakes

- Current frequencies: GB 323, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 268
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: see **Reeks**.

### Reaks

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts

English: see **Reeks**.

### Real

Variants: **Reale**

- Current frequencies: GB 290, Ireland 107
- GB frequency 1881: 122
- Main GB location 1881: SW England: esp. Devon
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Limerick and Kerry

1 English: see **Ryall**.

Early bearers: Thomas Real, 1636 in *IGI* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Jane Real, 1757 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

2 Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

### Reale

- Current frequencies: GB 124, Ireland 72
- GB frequency 1881: 8

English, Irish: see **Real**.

### Realff

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 42

• Main GB location 1881: Kent, Surrey

English: see **Ref**.

### Ream

- Current frequencies: GB 110, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: Yorks, Cambs, and Lincs

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *reaume*, *ream(e)* ‘realm; dominion’, as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, although the context for its adoption as a surname is unclear.

Early bearers: John Reme, 1524 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 2, p. 292 (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Reame, 1568 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks);

Alexander Ream, 1593 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Rheam, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Long Marston, ER Yorks); Matthew Rheam, 1730 in *IGI* (Long Marston, ER Yorks).

### Reames

Variants: **Raimes, Reams**

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Oxon and Wilts; Carmarthens

Norman, English: locative name from Rames in Seine-Maritime (France).

Early bearers: Roger de Rames, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Middx); Roger de Ramis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Roger de Raimis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William de Reimes, de Remes, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Norfolk); Johan Reames, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Cranbrook, Kent); Mathew Reams, 1619 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Samuel Reams, 1741 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs).

References: See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Reams

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

Norman, English: see **Reames**.

### Reaney

- Current frequencies: GB 1067, Ireland 306
- GB frequency 1881: 499
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone; Antrim

Irish, English: see **Rainey**.

### Reanney

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

Irish, English: see **Rainey**.

### Reany

- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks; London; Durham

Irish, English: see **Rainey**.

### Reap

Variants: **Reape, Reep, Reepe**

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Cornwall; Yorks

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *rip(pe)*, *rep(e)* ‘reap, the action of reaping or harvesting’ (Old English *rip*), perhaps used for a reaper; compare *rip(e) man* ‘harvester’. Compare **Reaper**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *rip(pe)* ‘basket’ (Old Scandinavian *hrip*), perhaps for one who made or sold baskets, or carried wares around in a basket. Compare **Ripper**.

Early bearers: Roger Repe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Devon); Edwardus Repe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); William Repe, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Repe, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robertus Reep, 1555 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Robert Reap, 1561 in *Parish*

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*Registers* (North Petherton, Somerset); William Reepe, 1576 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).  
2 Irish: from Ó Réabaigh, see **Reape**.

### Reape

Variants: **Reap**, **Rape**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Réabaigh ‘descendant of Réabach’, a personal name probably derived from *réabach* ‘tearing’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rape, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynahaglish, Mayo); Patrick Rape, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbelfad, Mayo).

2 English: see **Reap**.

### Reaper

Variants: **Repper**, **Ripper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Banffs

Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *reper(e)* ‘reaper, harvester’.

**Early bearers:** John Reper, Mariota Reper, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Rear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *rere* ‘rear, hindmost; soft-cooked’, although the precise application is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Rere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keyingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Reare, 1612, Francis Rear, 1683 in *IGI* (Redmile, Leics); Humphry Reere, 1676 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Rearr, 1683 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Gulielmi Rear, 1690 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); John Rere, 1707 in *IGI* (Westborough, Lincs); Francis Rear, 1722 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Rearden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Reardon**.

### Reardon

Variants: **Rearden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2069, Ireland 299
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Lancs; Glamorgan and Monmouths
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: altered form of **O’Riordan** (Ó Rioghbhárdáin).

### Reasbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Raisbeck**.

### Reason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1298, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 869

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. IoW
- English: see **Rayson**.

### Reasons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Rayson** (altered by folk etymology, with post-medieval excrescent -s).

**Early bearers:** Edmond Reasons, 1627 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); William Reasons, 1711 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts).

### Reast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Rest**.

### Reaveley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: see **Reveley**.

### Reavell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Revell**.

### Reaveley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Reveley**.

### Reaves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks; Kent
- English: see **Reeves**.

### Reavey

Variants: **Revie**, **Reavie**, **Reavy**, **Reevey**, **Reevy**, **Ravey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from Irish **Mac Riabhaigh** or Ó **Riabhaigh** ‘son (or descendant) of *Riabhach*’, a byname meaning ‘brindled, grizzled’. Compare **McGreevy**, **McIlreavy**, **Creevy**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas og O Revoay, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4690 (Brydguff, Mayo); James mcDonnough O Reogh, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6160 (the Garran, Wexford); Shane O Ree, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496; John O Ria, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Farren ny gallagh); Thomas Reoghe, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6742 (the Newtown, Wexford); Bryan Creevy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbeggan, Westmeath).  
Scotland: Mary Reavie, 1814 in *IGI* (Ardrossan, Ayr); John Reevie, 1816 in *IGI* (Gorbals, Lanarks); Elizabeth Reevie, 1817 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Ayr); Jean Reavie, 1820 in *IGI* (Skene, Aberdeens); Joseph Wood Reavie, 1841 in *IGI* (Old Monkland, Lanarks).

### Reavie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riabhaich**, see **Reavey**.

### Reavill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Revell**.

### Reavley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Reveley**.

### Reavy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riabhaigh**, see **Reavey**.

### Reay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4074, Ireland 68
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2595
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Rea**.

### Rebbek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts
- English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *rebeke(ke)* ‘crone’, used as a disparaging term for an old woman.  
**Further information:** It does not obviously relate to Middle English *rebekke*, *rebecke* ‘small fiddle’.  
**Early bearers:** Joan Rebeck, 1576, Thomas Rebeck, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Fisherton Delamere, Wilts); John Rebeck, 1664 in *Parish Registers* (Stockton, Wilts); Jams Rebbek, 1683 in *Parish Registers* (Sherfield English, Hants); John Ribek, 1776 in *IGI* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Joseph Rebbek, 1776, Rebbek, 1778 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts); John Ribbeck, 1785 in *IGI* (Titchfield, Hants); Benjamin Poolman Rebbick, 1816 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset).

### Rebecca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Lancs
- Scottish: relationship name from the Biblical female personal name *Rebecca* (Hebrew *Ribqah* ‘heifer’).  
**Further information:** If Johannes Beker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys), is not a mere scribal error for *Berkar[us]* ‘shepherd’ or *Berker* ‘barker, tanner’, it is just possible that the Derbys *Rebecca* is a rationalization of this earlier name.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Rebecca, 1625 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Rebecca, 1704, John Rebeca, 1709 in *IGI* (Oyne, Aberdeens); James Rebecka, 1736 in *IGI* (Leochel Cushnie, Aberdeens); James Rebeckey, 1764 in *IGI* (Newhills, Aberdeens); Alexander Rebecca, 1769 *IGI* (Dyce, Aberdeens).

**Rebeiro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: see **Ribeiro**.

**Rebello**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Indian (western states): from Portuguese **Rebello**, a locative name from any of several places in Portugal so called.

**Further information:** The name was taken to India in the 16th century by Portuguese colonists.

**Reburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Monaghan

Scottish, English: see **Raeburn**.

**Reck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 167
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: variant of **Rick**.

**Reckitt**

Variants: **Reckitts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks

English: probably a variant of **Rickett**, itself a variant of **Rickard**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Ric Reckett, 1588, John Reckitt, 1616 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Ann Reckit, 1689 in *IGI* (Holton cum Beckering, Lincs); Ellen Reckitt, 1733, Deborah Reckett, 1814 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John Reckitt, 1818 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

S England: Magery Reckett, 1580, Marye Rickat, 1600 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Rickatt, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Enoher, Cornwall); Thomas Reckett, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Elizabeth Recket, 1645 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall).

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Surrey

English: variant of **Reckitt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Reckless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *recheles*, *rekkeles* ‘reckless, careless, negligent’.

**Early bearers:** John Recheles, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johannes Recheles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnacle, Warwicks); Henry Recklesse, 1477 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); [ . . . ] Recklesse, 1574 in *Nottingham University Library* (Chilwell, Notts); John Recklesse, 1593 in *TNA* (Nottingham, Notts); William Retchless, 1612 in (Gamlingay, Cambs).

**Recks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Rix**.

**Record**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 419
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Dorset

English: see **Rickwood**.

**Records**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Sussex; Devon
- English: relationship name variant of **Rickwood**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Red**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerses

English: see **Read**.

**Redahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Roddy** (sense 2).

**Redbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Radbourne**.

**Redburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Radbourne**.

**Redcliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

**Redclift**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

**Redd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, Surrey; Somerset

English: see **Read**.

**Reddall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Radwell**.

**Reddan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Berwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary
- Scottish, Irish: see **Redden**.

**Reddaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Rodway**.

**Early bearers:** Johanna Reddaway, 1589 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

**Reddecliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

**Reddell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Warwicks

English: see **Radwell**.

**Redden**

Variants: **Reddan**, **Reddin**, **Redin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 668, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks; Berwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Offaly

1 Scottish: locative name from Redden in Sprouston (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** John son of Hugh de Redden, 1235–43 in *Kelso Register* (Hume, Berwicks); Teodorico de Reuenden, 1221–26 in *Kelso Register* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Patrik Redden, 1618 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); James Redden, 1703 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); Margaret Redden, 1820 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Henry Redden, 1826 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Patrick Redden, 1853 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*reden(e)* (Old English *\*ryden*) ‘clearing’, denoting someone who lived in or near a clearing. Compare **Riding**.

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Redene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John atte Reden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Redden, 1614 in *IGI* (Shalfleet, IoW); Edward Redden, 1662 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Redden, 1705 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Cornelius Redden, 1714 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Catharine Redden, 1719 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex).

3 Irish: from Ó Rodáin, see **Roden**.

**Reddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Monaghan; Kerry

English: see **Riddick**.

**Reddicliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Ratcliffe**.

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### Reddie

Variants: **Readdie, Reidy, Reedy, Raddie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Fife; Lanarks

1 Scottish: locative name from Reddie in Airlie (Angus).

**Early bearers:** James Reddy, 1549 in *Protocol Book Gaw* (Perths); Robert Reddie, 1584 in *Dunfermline Parish Registers* (Fife); James Reidie, 1638 in *Kirkcaldy Presbytery Book* (Fife); Christan Reiddie, 1647 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife).

2 Irish: from Mac Riada, see **McCready**.

### Reddiford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Hunts; Middx
- English: see **Radford**.

### Reddihough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ridehalgh**.

### Reddin

Variants: **Redding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 450
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Roidín, a variant of Ó Rodáin, see **Roden**.

2 English, Scottish: see **Redden**.

3 English: see **Reading**.

### Redding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1758, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; Bucks and Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Munster; Wicklow

1 English: see **Reading**.

2 Irish: see **Reddin**.

### Reddington

Variants: **Redington, Riddington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1042, Ireland 335
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs; also London; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: locative name probably from Rettendon (Essex), recorded as *Rattenduna*, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition*, and as *Redingdon*, 1290 in *Assize Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John de Ratynden', 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (East Haddon, Northants); William Redyngton, 1424 in *Close Rolls* (Hunsdon, Herts); Herry Redyngton, Wyllm Redontone, 1461–85 in *Glasscock*, p. 139 (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Thomas Reddington, 1582 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); John Redington, 1618 in *IGI* (Furneux Pelham, Herts); John Reddinton, 1705 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Jsaack Readington, 1746 in *IGI* (Moreton, Essex); William Ridington, 1754 in

*IGI* (Great Oakley, Essex); Ann Redenton, 1798 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 262–3; J. L. Glasscock (1882), *The Records of St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford*, London: Elliot Stock.

2 Irish: from an anglicized form of Ó Roideacháin or Ó Rodacháin: see **Roddy** (2).

**Further information:** It is also possible that a bearer of (1) was an early migrant to Ireland, but more evidence is needed to establish this.

### Reddish

Variants: **Redish, Radish, Raddish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys; Lancs

English: locative name from Reddish (Lancs, Cheshire) or Redditch (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** John de Reddich, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); room Frauncis Reddish, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Robertus Reddish, 1599 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Adam Reddish, 1601 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Johannes Reddish, 1604 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 30; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 174; 2, p. 38; *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 364–5.

### Redditt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Riddett**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Reddoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons and Lanarks; also Kent

Scottish: see **Riddoch**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Reddy

Variants: **Ready, Readdy, Readey, Riddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1767, Ireland 977
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Mayo; Dublin

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *readi* 'prepared, prompt'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *redi* 'ruddy'. Compare **Ruddy**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Redye, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Rady, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Editha Redy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); John Reddy, 1569 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Jone Readdy, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (March, Cambs); Jane Reddy, 1629 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Jane Reddy, 1640 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); John Reddy, 1654 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Thomas Reddy, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Anna Readay, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Reeday, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Gargrave, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: from Ó Rodaigh, see **Roddy**.

3 Indian (Andhra Pradesh): Hindu, from Telugu *reddi* 'village headman'.

**Further information:** The Kapus or Reddis are the largest caste in the former Madras Presidency (which included most of southern India before the reorganization of the Indian states on linguistic lines).

### Reddyhoff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ridehalgh**.

### Reder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Reader**.

### Redfarn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Redfern**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Redfarn, 1770 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Redfearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1287, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 885
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Redfern**.

### Redfern

Variants: **Redfearn, Redfarm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5120, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Redfern near Rochdale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Redefern, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; William del Redferne, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Richard Redfern, 1532 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Francis Redfern, 1607 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Franc Redfern, 1621 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); John Redfearn, 1625 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Elizabeth Redfern, 1650 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); Abigail Redfern, 1658 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mathaei Redfern, 1664 in *IGI* (Wetton, Staffs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 60.

### Redford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1969, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N Midlands; Northumb; Sussex
- English: see **Radford**.

### Redgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys
- English: locative name from any of several places called Redgate, such as Redgate in Uppingham (Rutland), which is recorded as *le Redegate* in 1290.

**Further information:** There is a Redgate Wood (earlier *Redgate Spring*) in Kirklington (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Redgate, 1596 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); Anne Redgate, 1636 in *IGI* (Trowell, Notts); Petri Redgate, 1665 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Simon Redgate, 1678 in *IGI* (Nuthall, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 212; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 170, 290.

### Redgewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Ridgewell**.

### Redgrave

**Variants:** Redgrove, Redgraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk

English: locative name from Redgrave (Suffolk). The place, recorded as *Redgrafe* in the 12th century, is named with Old English *hrēod* 'reed' or *rēad* 'red' + *grāf* 'pit'.

**Early bearers:** Ebrard de Redegraue, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Redgrave, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; John Redgrave, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Redgrave, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Aldeburgh, Suffolk); Willia. Redgrave, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Henry Redgrave, 1623 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Mary Elms, Ipswich, Suffolk); Jos. Redgriff, 1708 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Rushall, Norfolk); Susan Redgriff, 1723 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Needham, Norfolk); William Redgraft, 1743 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Peter, Arlesey, Beds); Robert Redgrief, 1775 in *IGI* (Kessingland, Suffolk); Ann Redgriff, 1778 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 495.

### Redgraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Redgrave** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Redgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: see **Redgrave**.

### Redgwel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Ridgewell**.

### Redhead

**Variants:** Readhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2411, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1620
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb, Durham; Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *red hed*, 'red head', presumably for someone with red hair.

Compare **Redman**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Redhed, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Redheved, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Redhead, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); George Redhead, 1565 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Agnes Redhead, 1569 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Alexander Redhead, 1569 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Thomas Redhead, 1570 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

### Redhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx; Cambs

English: locative name from Middle English *red(de)*, *read(e)* 'red' + *hous* 'house, dwelling'. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived '(in the) red dwelling', or toponymic, for someone from one of the many places so named, such as Redhouse in Thornham Magna (Suffolk) or Redhouse in Deerhurst (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Phillipp Redhouse, 1590 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Thomas Readhouse, 1736, Redhouse, 1741 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Joseph Redhouse, 1748 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Joseph Readhouse, 1757, Joseph Chapman Redhouse, 1758, Amaty Reddhouse, 1807 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Redican

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo

Irish: from Ó Roideacháin 'descendant of *Roideachán*', a personal name based on *rod* 'strong, spirited'. See **Roddy** (2).

**Early bearers:** James Redecan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo); John Redican, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmacnoise, Offaly).

### Redin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Cambs

English: (i) see **Redden**. (ii) see **Reading**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Reding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs

English: (i) apparently a variant of **Reading**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Riding**.

**Early bearers:** Christo Reding, 1672 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Hugh Reding, 1732 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

### Redington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Herts, and Surrey; also Lancs; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo
- English: see **Reddington**.

### Redish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys
- English: see **Reddish**.

### Redit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk
- English: see **Riddett**.

### Reditt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk
- English: see **Riddett**.

### Redknap

**Variants:** Redknapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Bucks and Oxon

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *red* 'red' + *knap(p)e* 'boy, servant' (Old English *cnapa*), perhaps for a boy or servant with red hair or a ruddy complexion. Compare Johannes Redknaue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rutland), from Middle English *red* 'red' + *knave* 'boy, servant' (Old English *cnafa*), and see also **Redman**, **Redhead**. (ii) locative name alternatively, perhaps from Middle English *red* 'red' + *knap* 'hillock' (Old English *cnæpp*). The surname may be topographical, for someone who lived on or by a red hillock, or perhaps toponymic, for someone from a place so named. *Place-Names of Warwicks* p. 323 gives the unlocated name *le Redecnappe*, recorded in 1278.

**Early bearers:** John Redknape, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Redknop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); William Redeknapp', 1463 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Redknap, 1467 in *Close Rolls* (London); Edmund Redknape, citizen and merchant of London, 1468 in *Norfolk Record Office*; Edward Redknapp, 1524 in *PROB 11* (London); Judetha Rednappe, 1590 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jeffry Redknap, 1638 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Judeth Rednap, 1664 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Redknapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Redknap**.

### Redley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Ridley**.

### Redman

**Variants:** Readman, Reedman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4827, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3747
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex; Beds; also WR Yorks

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *red* (Old English *hrēod*) 'reed' + *-man*,

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presumably for a thatcher or reed-cutter. This is probably the right explanation of most of the names cited below, though some might alternatively belong with (2) by migration. Compare **Reader**. (ii) locative name in SE England sometimes perhaps for someone who lived by a clearing, Middle English *rede* (Old English \**rēod*, \**rȳd*) + *man*. See **Ride**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Redeman, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John Redman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Norchinus le Redman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Redman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckingham with Hassingham, Norfolk); Richard le Redemon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Joan Redman, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Readman, 1566 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Jone Redman, 1567 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Millicent Redman, 1576 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Thomas Redman, 1600 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Readman, 1606 in *IGI* (Woolbeding, Sussex); John Redman, 1617 in *IGI* (Dulwich, Surrey); Ann Readman, 1614 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

2 English: see **Redmayne**.

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**Variants:** **Redman, Readman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Redmain (Cumb). The place, recorded as *Rademan* in 1202, is named with Old English *rēad* 'red' + an uncertain second element, perhaps a dialectal form of *man* 'cairn'.

**Early bearers:** Norman de Redeman, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Redmane, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sproxtton, NR Yorks); Johannes de Redmane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Alaus Redmane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Alexander Reademan, 1474 in *York Guild Register*; Anthonie Redman, 1565 in *IGI* (Cliburn, Westm); William Readman, 1580, John Redman, 1583, Jane Redmayne, 1599 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Marmaduke Redman, 1582, Geoffrey Redmayne, 1612 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Mathew Readman, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Marmud. Redman, 1598, Willm Redmayne, 1642 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Roger Readman, 1610, Mary Redman, 1611, James Redmayne, 1695 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Rich Readman, 1617 in *IGI* (Rosedale, NR Yorks); William Redmaine, 1674 in *York Freemen's Register*.

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 383.

## Redmile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Leics
- English: from Redmile (Leics). The place, recorded as *Redmilde* in 1202 (*Assize Rolls*), is named with Old English *rēd*, *red(d)e* + *mylde*, from *molde* 'earth, soil'.  
**Early bearers:** Ricardo Redmyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knipton, Leics); Jane Redmyld, 1501 in *TNA*; Johes Redmyle, 1562 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Edward Redmell, 1571 in *PROB 11* (London); Francis Redmile, 1624 in *IGI* (Carlby, Lincs); John Redmill, 1770 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

## Redmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Mac Réamoinn, see **Redmond**.

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**Variants:** **Redmonds, McRedmond, Redmon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4352, Ireland 4851
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1085
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Mac Réamoinn, a patronymic from the personal name *Réamonn* (see **Raymond**), which was introduced to Ireland by the Normans in the 12th century. Now widespread, this was the name of families in Connacht and Wexford.

**Early bearers:** Walter McHubbert alias McKremen, gent. and chief of his name, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3370 (Galway, Cloghnower); William McRechar alias McRedmond, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4071; Hubert McMoiler McCremyne, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4231; Ullick McWalter McRemon, gent., 1590–91 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5532 (Cloghynoir).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London

Irish, English: from Mac Réamoinn (see **Redmond**) with excrescent English -s.

## Redmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan

English: see **Radmore**.

## Rednall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name from Redenhall (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Stephen de Redenhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Redenhale, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Rydnale, Redenhale, Rydnall, or Redenall, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 495.

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**Variants:** **Ridpath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2206, Ireland 198
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England: esp. Berwicks and Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh
- Scottish: locative name from Redpath (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Redepathe of Berwicks, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas de Redpethe, 1376 in *Great Seal of Scotland*, I, 667 (Bonkle, Lanarks); Walter Redpeth, 1486 in *Great Seal of Scotland*, II, 1655 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Rypat, friar preacher, 1545 in *Laing Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Alisone Ridpath, 1634 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elizabeth Reidpaith, 1659 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Agnes Redpath, 1680 in *Parish Registers* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); James Redpath, 1703 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks).  
England: Robert Redpath, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); James Redpath, 1703 in *IGI* (Greenlaw, Berwicks); Margaret Redpath, 1706 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Henry Reidpath, 1781 in *IGI* (Cornhill on Tweed, Northumb).

## Redrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Redroppe, 1547 in *TNA* (Cheshire); John Redrope of Runckorne, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Joan Redrop, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshire); Thomas Redroppe, 1619, Edward Redrope, 1625, Edwardi Reddrop, 1683 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Richard Redrope, yeoman of Molverley, 1685 in *TNA* (Shrops); William Redrupp, 1709 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Richard Redrope, 1714, Ann Redrup, 1737 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks); John Rederup, 1731, Ann Redrup, 1738, John Redrope, 1743, Mary Redrobe, 1750 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Redrop, 1745 in *Parish Registers* (High Ercall, Shrops); Will Redrop, 1765, Redrup, 1767 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks).

## Redsell

**Variants:** **Redsull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Redsole in Paddlesworth near Lyminge (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Merry Redsole, 1596 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Thomas Redsoole, 1599, Thomas Redsole, 1600 in *IGI* (Lymyne, Kent); Mary Redsell, 1675 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Thomas Redsell, 1722 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); John Redsull, 1755 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); James Redsall, 1770 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 437.

## Redshaw

**Variants:** **Readshaw, Reedshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1497, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 891
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; also ER Yorks, Lincs, and Lancs

English: locative name from Redshaw Gill in Blubberhouses (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Redschaghe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Ricardus de Redeshagh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridge Hewick and Copt Hewick, WR Yorks); John Redeshawe, 1465 in *Yorks Wills*; Roland Reydshaw, 1531 in *Durham Household Book* (Merrington, Durham); Rbtus. Redshaw, 1568 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Iditha Readshaw, 1571 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Redshaw, 1574, John Reedshaw, 1666, Hannah Redshaw, 1815 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Edward Reedshay, 1581, Thomas Reedshay, 1659, William Redshaw, 1670 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jane Reedshaw, 1581, Jane Readshaw, 1583 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); James Redshaw, 1584, 1639 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Thos Redshaw, 1690 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thom Redshaw, 1699 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 121; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Redston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts; Lancs
- English: see **Redstone**.

**Redstone**

Variants: **Redston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; esp. Devon; IoW

English: locative name from Redstone in Reigate (Surrey) or Redstone in Bratton Clovelly (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Roger de la Redestone, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Chipstead, Surrey); John atte Redeston, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); [ . . . de] Roddekeston, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus atte Redestone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Guildford, Surrey); William Redston, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Redeston alias Reygate or Redston, 1472 in *TNA*; Christian Redstone, 1578 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Redstone, 1613 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); James Redston, 1679 in *IGI* (Thorley, IoW); Charles Readstone, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Thrushelton, Devon); Samuel Readstone, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Combeinteignhead, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 307.

**Redsull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Redsell**.

**Redvers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: locative name from Revers in Calvados (France).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Reueris, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Dorset); Richard de Reduers, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Baldwin de Reduers, 1135 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*; Margery de Redvers, 1280 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**References:** *Tengvik* 109.

**Redway**

Variants: **Radway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: see **Rodway**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Radwi* (Old English *Rædwig*).

**Early bearers:** Walterus filius Radewi, 1165, Walterus filius Redwi, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Redwi, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Gilbert Redwy, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Andrew Redwy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Maria Redway, 1620 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Robert Redway, 1658 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Jonathan Redway, 1776 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ann Redway, 1779 in *IGI* (Bloxworth, Dorset); George Redway, 1787 in *IGI* (Ardwick, Lincs).

**Redwin**

Variants: **Readwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Redwin* (Old English *Rædwine*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Redewinus del Broc, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops).

surnames: Robert Redwyne, 1254 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 12; Simon Redwin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Richard Redwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Redwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Redwyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Abr Redwin, 1622 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Elizabetha Redwin, 1684 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Redwin, 1785 in *IGI* (Peckleton, Leics).

**Redwood**

Variants: **Ridewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1234, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Gloucs; SE England

English: locative name from Middle English *red(de)* ‘red’ + *wode* ‘wood’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived ‘(by the) red wood’ (perhaps a reference to trees with reddish branches, such as birch), or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Red Wood in Hamfallow (Gloucs) or Redwood in Barrow Gurney (Somerset).

**Further information:** Redwoods Farm in Hockworthy (Devon) is probably named from the surname: see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 534.

**Early bearers:** John de Redewod’, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Robert de Redewode, de Redwode, forester, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Worksop, Notts); Nicholas Redewood, 1527 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Julyan Redwood, 1548 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); John Redwoode, 1559 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Redwode, 1561 in *IGI* (Aldenharn, Herts); Edward Redwood, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Chard, Somerset); George Ridwoode, 1591 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willmi Redwood, 1642, Georgius Rydwood, 1673, Johannis Ridwood, 1695 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**Redworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Redward**.

**Ree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Angus; Lincs; Staffs

Scottish, English: see **Rea**.

**Reece**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4067, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, Herefs, and Monmouths

Welsh: see **Rees**.

**Reecks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Devon
- English: see **Reeks**.

**Reed**

Variants: **Reede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28686, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21680

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England; SW England; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan
- 1 English: see **Read**.  
2 Scottish: see **Reid**.

**Reede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; SE England; Warwicks; Glamorgan
- English: see **Reed**.

**Reeder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1513, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 807
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Reader**.

**Reeders**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Reader** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Reedman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English: see **Redman** (1).

**Early bearers:** Amy Reedman, 1560 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Fraunces Reedman, 1611 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Jaine Reedman, 1613 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Reedman, 1716 in *IGI* (Nassington, Northants); John Reedman, 1721 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs).

**Reeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys; SE England

English: variant of **Read** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Reedshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Redshaw**.

**Reedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Riada, see **Reidy**.  
3 Scottish: see **Reddie**.

**Reehal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Rehal**.

**Reek**

Variants: **Reeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107

## Reekes

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Middle English *rek(e)* 'heap or rick', signifying one who lived by a heap or rick.

**Early bearers:** John Rykke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas atte Reke, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johannes Reek, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus de Reke', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); Stephen Reekes, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Christchurch, Hants); Elias Reeke, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Shickfurses, Dorset); Thos. Reek, 1744 in *IGI* (North Muskham, Notts).

## Reekes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Reeks**.

## Reekie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 722
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

1 Scottish: locative name from Reekie in Alford (Aberdeens). Some of the early bearers below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** James Reky, 1552 in *Dundee Municipal History* (Dundee, Angus); John Rekie, 1567 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Leith, Midlothian); David Reekie, 1690 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

2 Scottish: nickname from the Scottish dialect term *reekie* 'smoky', perhaps used for an inhabitant of Edinburgh, which was sometimes known as *Auld Reekie* 'Old Smoky'.

## Reeks

**Variants:** **Reekes, Reecks, Reakes, Reaks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset; London; also Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Reek** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

2 English: a variant of **Rix**.

## Reel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 211
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Armagh

Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

## Reeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex

English: see **Raymond**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Reman, 1359 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Reeman, 1654 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Reeman, 1706 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Benjamin Reeman, 1813 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Sarah Reeman, 1831 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); Edward Meeking Reeman, 1851 in *IGI* (Send and Ripley, Surrey).

## Reen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 190
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Rinn, see **Rynne**.

## Reene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Rene**.

## Reep

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Reap**.

## Reepe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Reap**.

## Rees

**Variants:** **Reese, Reece, Reace, Reis, Rice, Rhys, Ryce, Rise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32262, Ireland 192
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26014
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan, Carmarthen
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

Welsh: relationship name, an anglicized pronunciation of the Welsh personal name *Rhys* 'rash, impetuous', also spelled *Rys* and *R(e)es*. See also **Rice**, with which it is interchangeable as a result of different anglicizations of the Welsh vowel *y*. Compare **Preece** and **Price**.

**Further information:** Initial *R-* in Welsh is voiceless and often spelled *Rh-*, but in English *R-* is voiced as in the anglicized surnames *Rees* and *Rice*. Welsh *y* is a short back vowel /ɨ/. In the medieval period the English approximation of this vowel was either /i/ or /e/, lengthened to /i:/ and /e:/. Subsequent sound changes in English produced the alternative pronunciations represented in *Rees*, *Preece* and *Rice*, *Price*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hris, 1052 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*; Rees, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire); Resus filius Griffini, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Rice or Rise Powell, 1570 in *Oxford University Register*. surnames, England: Griffinus filius Res, Ris, 1198–9 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops, Gloucs); Walter Rys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Rees, 1541 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Johes Rees, 1569 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs). surnames, Wales: David Rees, 1548 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); Erasmus Reese, 1738, Reese Reese, 1772 in *IGI* (Tre-lech-A'r-Betws, Carmarthen); Rees Rees, 1755, Meredith Rees, 1813 in *IGI* (Merthyr, Glamorgan).

## Reese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 702
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys, Radnorshire; Monmouths

Welsh: see **Rees**.

## Reeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from Middle English *reve* 'reeve' + *-son*. See **Reeve**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Reuesone, 1296 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Adam le Reuessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); George Reeson, 1615 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); William Reeson, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); Ann Reeson, 1673 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); William Reeson, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Reeson, 1675 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs).

## Reeve

**Variants:** **Reeves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9484, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6820
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. E Anglia

English: occupational name from Middle English *reve*, *refe* 'reeve'.

**Further information:** In medieval England a reeve was an official responsible for the administration of a manor, including organizing work done by the peasants on the land for their lord, collecting rents, selling produce, and so on.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Reve, 1220 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; James le Reve, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*; Richard Reeve, 1538 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Ellena Reeve, 1539 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); John Reeve, 1540 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Amye Reeve, 1541 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks); Margareta Reeve, 1541 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk).

## Reevell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Revell**.

## Reeves

**Variants:** **Reaves, Reves, Revis, Ryves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17606, Ireland 373
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12192
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: variant of **Reeve** with post-medieval excrescent -s. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Reves, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts); John Reves of East Lavington, 16th cent. in *TNA* (Sussex); John Reeves, 1567 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Margaritam Reeves, 1581 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Tho. Reves, 1586 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Reeves, 1601 in *IGI* (Hunton, Hants); John Reeves, 1603 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); Thomas Reeves, 1604 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Richard Reevs, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Chad, Shrewsbury, Shrops); Margaret Reevs, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster); George Reevs, 1662 in *Parish Registers* (Loppington, Shrops); Elizabeth Reaves, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Ss Gregory and Martin, Wye, Kent).

2 English: locative name, from a misdivision of Middle English *atter evese* 'at the edge or border' (Old English *æt þære efese*), signifying one who lived



on the margin of a wood or other geographical feature. See **Eaves**.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Reves, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs).

**3 Irish:** from Ó Rímheadha, later Ó Rímheá ‘descendant of *Rímheadh*’, a personal name derived from *rimid* meaning ‘counter’.

**Further information:** The early bearers listed below from 1659 may belong under sense 1.

**Early bearers:** Mael Brigitte H. Rimeda, abbot of Ia (Iona), 1005 in *AU*; Charles Reeves, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 639 (Kildare); Garret Rieves, lieutenant, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p.643 (Kerry); Patrick Rive, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); James Ryves, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Emlygreennan, Limerick).

### Reevey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **Reavey**.

### Reevy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: from Mac Riabhaigh, see **Reavey**.

### Reffell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Reffold**.

### Reffold

**Variants:** **Reffell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name probably from Reffolds in Newdigate (Surrey), recorded as *Redfold* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Tho Reffold, 1572 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Alce Refell, 1576, Harry Refould, 1585, Refold, 1593, Reffold, 1606 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Robert Reffell, 1641, Abraham Reffull, 1646, William Refold, 1713 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Joseph Reffold, 1724, Reffel, 1735, Reffield, 1744, Willm. Refield, 1753, Thomas Reffell, 1767 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 86.

### Regan

**Variants:** **O'Regan, Reagan, Ragan, Ragen, Creegan, Cregan, Gregan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7904, Ireland 2836
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3039
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Riagáin ‘descendant of *Riagán*’, a personal name of uncertain origin, perhaps akin to *riodhach* ‘impulsive, furious’. It can also be from *Mag Riagáin* ‘son of *Riagán*’. Compare **Ryan**.

**Early bearers:** Mathgamain Ua Riagain, king of Bregha, 1029 in *AU*; Congalach Ua Riagain, royal-heir of Tara, 1059 in *AU*; Thomas and John Regane, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §781; William O Regane and Donogh O Riegan, yeomen, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2258

(Dounkeran, Cork); Morysh Regan in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2900.

### Regent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk; Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *regent*, *regaint* ‘member of the teaching faculty at a university’, which is more likely than the sense ‘one who governs in place of a sovereign’.

**Early bearers:** Wilyam Regent, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johane Regent, 1510 in *PROB 11*; Mary Regent, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); John Regent, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Frederic Regent, 1814 in *IGI* (Preston Saint Mary, Suffolk).

### Regester

**Variants:** **Register**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: locative name, variant of **Rochester**, either from the Kent place so named or from one of the Northumb ones. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Ralph Register alias Rochester of New Malton (NR Yorks) in 1678. Also compare Ann Rochester, 1684, Henry Regester, 1797 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Martin Register, 1582 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Edward Regester, 1692 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Gabrill Regester, 1709 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); John Register, 1729 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Elizth Register, 1778 in *IGI* (Denver, Norfolk); Watson Tenney Regester, 1826, Emily Register, 1848 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Regis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Norfolk
- French: nickname from French *régis* (Latin *regis*, genitive singular of *rex* ‘king’), perhaps for someone employed in the royal household.

**Further information:** It is likely that this name was brought to Britain by French immigrants in the late 16th and early 17th centuries.

**Early bearers:** An Regis, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Grosmont, Monmouths); Allexander Regis, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth Saint Andrew’s, Devon); Carolus Rex Regis, 1664 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Ralph Regis, 1699 in *IGI* (Norwich); Lewis Regis, 1726 in *IGI* (Kent).

### Register

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs
- English: see **Regester**.

### Rego

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Portuguese, Galician: locative name from any of the numerous places in Portugal and Galicia called *Rego*, named with *rego* ‘ditch, channel, furrow’.

**Further information:** It is possible that this name has sometimes arrived in the UK via Goa or W India.

### Rehal

**Variants:** **Reehal, Rihal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Rehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

**1 Arabic, Muslim:** from a personal name based on Arabic *rayhān*, denoting any aromatic plant such as basil or myrtle.

**2 Irish:** see **Crehan**.

### Rehill

**Variants:** **Reihill, Ryall, Ryle, Rawle, Real, Reel, Royle, Rahill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Fermanagh

Irish: from Ó Raghail ‘descendant of *Raghail*’, a shortened form of the personal name *Raghailleach*, see **O'Reilly**.

**Early bearers:** John or Shane O’Reale mcMolmore, horseman, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §342 (Moynterconnaghtie); Dermot mcDonogho mcConohore I Reile, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3321; Hugh O Reale, footman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3374 (Ballebrowise, Meath); Donogho mcConnor oge O Reile, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4677 (Carhin); Thomas O Ryle, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5797 (Ballenekerra, Sligo); Edmond O Raghell, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Templemore).

### Rehman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5961, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Rahman**.

### Reich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks

**1 Scottish:** when not of German origin, perhaps a variant of **Riach**.

**Early bearers:** Issobell Reich, 1606 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jon Reich, 1675 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty); Elspet Reich, 1807 in *IGI* (Glenmuick, Aberdeens); Hugh Reich, 1833 in *IGI* (Inch, Wigtowns).

**2 German:** (i) nickname from Middle High German *rih* ‘of noble descent, powerful’. (ii) relationship name from a short form of *Reichhard* or some other personal name containing the Old High German element *rihhi* ‘power, might’.

**Early bearers:** Leopold Reich, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Augustus Reich, born in Levenhagen, Germany in *Census 1881* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Johann Reich, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Franz Reich, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Camberwell, Surrey); Amalia Reich, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Kent).

## Reid

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *reich* 'rich', probably adopted as an omen name.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Reich, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Abraham Reich, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Nathan Reich, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Hyman Reich, born in Lancs, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

## Reid

Variants: **Reed, Ried**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47518, Ireland 7224
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30554
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

Scottish: nickname from Scots *reid* 'red', possibly for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion. See **Read**.

**Early bearers:** James Reed, 1364 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Stirlings); John Rede, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Morton, Dumfriess); James Reid, 1665 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Reidy

Variants: **Ready, Rady, Reedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 909, Ireland 2004
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Lanarks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Clare

1 Irish: relationship name from **Ó Riada** 'descendant of *Riada*', a personal name meaning 'traveller, rider'.

**Early bearers:** Morogho O Ryada, smith, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5225 (Ballymveneany, Kerry); Morish and Teig O Readie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6490 (Callaghtroe, Limerick); John O Ryedy, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Reighill, ?Kilkenny).

2 Irish: from **Mac Riada**, see **McCready**.

3 Scottish: see **Reddie**.

## Reigate

Variants: **Reygate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Reigate (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Agnes de Reigat, 1209 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Stephen de Reygate, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Reginald Reygate, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); George Reigate, 1790 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); William Reigate, 1795 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); William Reigate, 1821 in *IGI* (Aspenden, Herts); John Reigate, 1848 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 304–5.

## Reigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: probably a variant of either **Ray** or **Rea**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Reihill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from **Ó Raghail**, see **Rehill**.

## Reiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; also Lanarks

Irish: from **Ó Raghailigh**, see **O'Reilly**.

## Reilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs

Irish: from **Ó Raghailigh**, see **O'Reilly**.

## Reilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14742, Ireland 11192
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan

Irish: from **Ó Raghailigh**, see **O'Reilly**.

## Reily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Glasgow; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Mayo

Irish: from **Ó Raghailigh**, see **O'Reilly**.

## Reiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, Surrey
- English: see **Rayner**.

## Reiners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: variant of **Rayner** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Reis

Variants: **Reiss, Reuss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Welsh: see **Rees**.

**Early bearers:** Joana Reis, 1602 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Thomas Reis, 1605 in *IGI* (Bengeo, Herefs); Griffin Reis, 1727 in *IGI* (Kidwelly, Carmarthen); Elizabeth Reiss, 1752 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 German: (i) locative name from Middle High German *rīs* 'undergrowth, brushwood'. The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived in an overgrown area, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Reis or Reissen in Bavaria. (ii) occupational name from Middle High German *riuze* 'cobbler'.

**Early bearers:** Peter Reis, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Newbury, Berks); Frederick Wm. Reis, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Charlton next Woolwich, Kent); Ludwig Reis, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx); Fritz Reiss, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx); Leopold Reis, born in Worcester, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from German *Reis* 'rice', possibly denoting a dealer in rice. (ii) from German *Reis* 'twig, branch', probably acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Saml. Reis, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Morris Reis, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Rachel Reis, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Reiss, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Isaac Reiss, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Preston, Lancs); Hyman Marks Reiss, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Reiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Cheshire

German, Jewish: (i) see **Reis**. (ii) Central German and Yiddish, regularly from Middle High German *riuisse* 'cobbler'.

**Early bearers:** George Reiss, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Charles Reiss, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kendal, Westm); Fritz Reiss, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Reith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 470
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of Gaelic **Mac Raith**, see **McRae**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Reythe, 1581 in *IGI* (Aberdeen); Margaret Reith, 1610, Margaret Reath, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cristane Reith, 1613 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Relf

Variants: **Relph, Relfe, Realff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1101, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 835
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Riulf* (Continental Germanic *Ricwulf*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Richolf de Gameltun', 1210, Riculfus de Gameltun', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Ricolfus filius Ailwini, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex).

sumames: Robert Reolf, 1296, John Relf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Relf, 1312–13 in *Gloucs Archives* (Newland, Gloucs); Adam Relf, 1331 in *West Sussex Record Office* (Charlwood, Surrey); John Relf, 1438 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Mayfield, Sussex); Agnes Relfe, 1547 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Jeffery Relphe, 1574 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Elysabeth Relfe, 1610 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); William Relphe, 1625 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); William Relfe, 1647 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elezebeth Rilfe, 1659 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); William Rilf, 1720 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

## Relfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Relf**.

**Relihan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Roileacháin ‘descendant of Roileachán’, a diminutive of the name *Roghallach*, for which see **O’Reilly**.

**Early bearers:** Gilligroma, of the name of Munter Raulaghan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6655 (Inishowen, Donegal); James and Patrick Relaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumragh, Tyrone).

**Rellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Mag Riallghuis, see **Grealish**.

**Relph**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; N England: esp. Cumb

English: see **Relf**.

**Relton**

**Variants:** Rulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; Hunts

English: locative name perhaps from Wrelton (NR Yorks). There is a significant gap in the record between the medieval evidence and the modern, and *Relton* and *Wrelton* in 17th-century Yorks and Northumb could instead be variants of the unexplained **Railton**, influenced by the NR Yorks place-name.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Wrelton, 1288 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Pickering, NR Yorks); Alan de Wrelton, 1333 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Lockton, NR Yorks); Charles Relton, 1630 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jn Relton, 1637, Elizth. Rulton, 1783 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Margerie Wrelton, 1643 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); Ja. Relton, 1644 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); William Relton, 1650 in *IGI* (Glattton, Hunts); William Relton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); William Wrelton, 1812 in *IGI* (Skirpenbeck, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 81.

**Remblance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Remmence, 1813 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Sarah Remmands, 1823, William Remlance, 1832 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Remblants, 1838, Charles Remblence, 1858, Remprance, 1862, Emma Remblance, 1868, Remblents, 1871 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk).

**Remedios**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name from a short form of the Marian name *Maria de los Remedios*, from *remedios*, plural of *remedio* ‘cure’.

**Remfrey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands (Sark); Devon

Channel Islands, English: see **Renfree**.

**Remfry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon

English: see **Renfree**.

**Remington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Northants; Kent and Surrey

English: see **Rimington**.

**Remmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: (i) see **Rimmer**. (ii) see **Radmore**.

**Remmington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics

English: see **Rimington**.

**Remnant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *remenaunt(e)* ‘remaining part, survivor’, perhaps used for someone whose siblings had died in infancy.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Remnante, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Limpsfield, Surrey); William Remnaunte, 1590 in *IGI* (Sunbury, Middx); James Remnant, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Remnant, labourer of Bapchild, in *Kent History Centre* (Kent); George Remnant, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Byfleet, Surrey); Sarah Remnant, 1689, John Remnant, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Remnant, bricklayer of Cobham, Surrey, 1763 in *TNA*.

**Remy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Lancs; Middx

Huguenot: relationship name from the French and Swiss German name *Rémy*, from a medieval personal name which represents a falling together of two distinct Latin names: *Remigius* (a derivative of *remex*, genitive *remigis*, ‘rower, oarsman’), and *Remedius* (from *remedium* ‘cure, remedy’). The former name was borne by a 6th-century bishop of Rheims; the latter was borne by various minor saints of the 8th to 10th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Jane Remy, 1599 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Canterbury, Kent); Elisabet Remy, 1616 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Adele Remy (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Middx); Henrietta Remy (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Remzi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: ‘allegorical, symbolic’, derived from the Arabic male personal name **Ramzi**.

**Renals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Cornwall

English: see **Reynolds**.

**Renard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Reynard**.

**Renaud**

**Variants:** Renaut, Renault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx and Kent

1 Huguenot: relationship name from a French personal name corresponding to the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Reinald*, *Reynaud* (on which see **Reynold**).

**Early bearers:** Math. Renaut, 1635 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Susanne Renaud, 1693 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx); Pierre Renaud, 1694 in *IGI* (Thorney French Huguenot Church, Cambs).

2 Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

**Renault**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands

1 Huguenot: see **Renaut**.

**Early bearers:** Jean Renault, 1697, Pierre Renault, 1732 in *IGI* (Artillery French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx); Louise Renault, 1709 in *IGI* (La Patente French Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Renault, 1712 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Les Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

2 Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

**Renaut**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey; Channel Islands

1 Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

2 Huguenot: see **Renaut**.

**Rench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs; London

English: see **Wrench**.

**Rencher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

## Rendall

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Worcs and Warwicks; Middx

English: (i) see **Renshaw**. (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *wrench* 'trick, wile, deceit' + the derivational suffix *-er*, with the sense 'trickster'; compare **Wrench**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Rencher, 1613 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Ann Wrencher, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Rencher, 1720, Jonan. Wrencher, 1726, Jonathan Wrincher, 1727 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs).

## Rendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1800, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1580
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney, Shetland; Somerset, Dorset

1 Scottish: locative name from Rendall (Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Rechinald de Rayndel, 1325–6, James Rendall, 1516 in *Black*.

2 English: see **Randall**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rendell, Richard Rendle, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Rendel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Randall**.

## Rendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1748, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, Dorset
- English: see **Randall**.

## Render

- **Current frequencies:** GB 837, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name from a reduced form of Middle English *\*renderer*, *renderour*, a derivative of Middle English *renden* 'to tear, lacerate, butcher (a carcass)' and probably denoting a butcher.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Rendreur, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Biggleswade, Beds); Thomas le Renderer, Renderour, Rendour, 1350–74 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (WR Yorks); Johannes Rendour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Johannes Rendrou, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brotherton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Rendrure, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); Matilda Rendurur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hawksworth, WR Yorks); Katerina Rendere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Levitt, WR Yorks); Johannes Rendour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nun Appleton, WR Yorks); Willm. Render, 1590 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robert Render, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Acon, London); James Render, 1658 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Swale, NR Yorks); John Render, 1725 in *IGI* (Eastrington, ER Yorks); Samuel Render, 1729 in *IGI* (Hunslet, WR Yorks).

## Rendle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Randall**.

## Rene

**Variants:** **Reene**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: variant of **Raine**.

**Early bearers:** William Rene of Flicham, 1303 in *Norfolk Record Office*; Johannes Rene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crowmarsh Battle, Oxon); Richard Reyne and William Reyne, clerk, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Edward Rene, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Benet Rene, 1575 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Parnell Rene, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Stapleford, Cambs); John Reene, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Battle, Sussex).

2 Norman, English: perhaps from a Middle English *\*re(i)ne* 'queen' (Old French *reine*) but is highly unlikely that this exclusively female nickname was passed down the male line as a hereditary surname. **Early bearers:** Thomas le Reyne, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Wycombe, Bucks); Agn' la Rene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huncote, Leics).

## Renehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Limerick; Offaly

Irish: from Ó **Reannacháin** 'descendant of *Reannachán*', from a diminutive of *reannach* 'sharp-pointed' or 'starry'. Occasionally translated as **Ferns**, due to similarity with Irish *raithneach*, 'fern'.

**Further information:** The Ulster early bearers listed here may represent a reduced form of **Mag Reannacháin**, see **McGranaghan**.

**Early bearers:** John O'Renahan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Fairtahy, Monaghan); Jos. Ronaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Patrick Ronaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Bernard Ronaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Maghera, Down); Thomas Ranahan, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballinvoher, Limerick); Daniel Ranahan, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Newtown, Limerick); Mary Renehan, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Offaly); William Renehan, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shesharoe, Tipperary); Rose Ranahan, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Farranfadh, Down); Eliza Ranahan, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clough, Down).

## Reney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; Dunbartons

Scottish: see **Rainey**.

## Renforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Rainford**.

## Renfree

**Variants:** **Remfry**, **Remfrey**, **Renfro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Reinfrid* (Continental Germanic *Raganfrid*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rainfridus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Reinfridus, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Gilebertus filius Reimfridi, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Gilebertus filius Reynfrey, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Roger Reymfrey, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Willimi. Renfree, 1635 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Thomas Renfree, 1684 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Benjamin Renfree, 1794 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Richard Renfree, 1842 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Thomas Renfree, 1879 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

## Renfrew

**Variants:** **Renfro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews, Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Renfrew (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Renfru, 1234–39 in *Paisley Register* (Renfrews); Adam de Reynfru, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Renfrews); Galfridus Renfrew, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bartholomew Renfrew, 1481 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Scottish Place-Names*, p. 172.

## Renfro

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: see **Renfree**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

2 Scottish: see **Renfrew**.

## Rengger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Ringer** (2).

**Early bearers:** William Renger, 1622 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts); John Rengger, 1832 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Renham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex

English: see **Rainham**.

## Renhard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Reynard**.

## Renick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Renwick**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Renicks

**Variants:** **Rennicks**, **Rennocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English, Scottish: variant of **Renwick** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Renilson

Variants: **Rennilson**

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Roxburghs

Scottish: relationship name from *Randal*, a pet form or Middle English pronunciation of the personal name *Randolf*, + *-son*. See **Randall**.

Early bearers: John Rendelson, 1694 in *Black* (Berwicks).

### Renison

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 104
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; N England: esp. Durham; Lincs

Scottish, English: see **Rennison**.

### Renn

- Current frequencies: GB 205, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 65
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *ren(ne)* ‘run, course’ (from *rennen* ‘to run’); compare **Renner** (1).

Early bearers: Johannes Renne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeting with Ottering Hythe, Norfolk); William, Lawrence Renne of Jevyngton, husbandmen, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Jevyngton, Sussex); Ric. Renn, 1558 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Renne, 1563 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); John Renn, 1638 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Rennard

- Current frequencies: GB 201, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 169
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Reynard**.

### Rennell

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 46
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

### Rennels

- GB frequency 1881: 62
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon; Middx and Kent
- English: see **Reynolds**.

### Renner

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 119
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *renner(e)* ‘messenger’.

Early bearers: Aluuius Rennere, about 1134 in *Black* (Govan); Richard Renner, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John le Renner, 1340 in *Thurlesson* (Lancs); William Rennere, 1369 in *Thurresson* (Sussex); Maria Renner, 1627 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Hannah Renner, 1704 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); John Renner, 1706 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Thos. Renner, 1762 in *IGI* (Binsted, Sussex); Mary Renner, 1774 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

2 English: see **Rayner**.

### Renney

- Current frequencies: GB 283, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 168
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; also Lancs
- Irish, English: see **Rainey**.

### Rennick

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 130
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cumb, Durham
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Fermanagh; Meath; Antrim

English: see **Renwick**.

### Rennicks

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb

English: see **Renicks**.

### Rennie

- Current frequencies: GB 7484, Ireland 133
- GB frequency 1881: 5002
- Main GB location 1881: Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; Lanarks

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down  
Scottish: see **Rainey**.

### Renilson

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Renilson**.

### Renison

Variants: **Renison**, **Renson**

- Current frequencies: GB 1165, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 715
- Main GB location 1881: N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: relationship name reduced form of **Reynoldson** or possibly the rarer name *Reynardson* (see **Reynard**).

Early bearers: John Renisson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Rennison, 1634 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Elizabeth Rennison, 1637 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Joh. Rennison, 1662 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Richard Rennison, 1669 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Joseph Renson, 1739 in *IGI* (Camerton, Cumb); Robert Rennison, 1675 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Renson, 1765 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

### Rennocks

- Current frequencies: GB 179, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: probably a variant of **Renicks**.

Early bearers: John Rennox, 1656 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Rennocks, 1754 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Jane Rennox, 1799 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Joseph Rennocks, 1800 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics).

### Renolds

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 114
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: see **Reynolds**.

### Renoldson

- Current frequencies: GB 171, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 66
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Reinald*, *Reynaud* (see **Reynold**) + *-son*.

Early bearers: [ . . . ] Reynaldsone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemington, Leics); Harry Renoldson or Reynouldson, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Sleford, Lincs); John Renoldson, 1632 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Renny

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 268
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Angus; Durham

Scottish: see **Rainey**.

### Renolds

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 189
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Reynolds**.

### Renouf

- Current frequencies: GB 431, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 754
- Main GB location 1881: Channel Islands: esp. Jersey

French, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Reginwulf*.

Early bearers: England: Thomas Renuffe, 1634 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Peter Renuffe, 1658 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Renoff, 1700 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants). Channel Islands: Philippe Renouf, in *Census 1851* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

### Renowden

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English, Cornish: relationship name from the Middle English and Middle Cornish given name *Renaudin* or *Reynoudin*, an Old French pet form of **Reynold** + the diminutive suffix *-in*. It is also found in the surname of Willelmus Reynnaldyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants) but the surname appears to have proliferated only in W Cornwall, where *Reynold* was still well used as a given name in the 16th century, for example Reynold Menyhy, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Budock). The stress, on the second syllable of *Renowden*, conforms to Cornish-language patterns rather than the usual English ones.

Further information: The equivalent French surname **Renaudin** also appears occasionally in English records. Francoise Renaudin, 1698 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx), was perhaps from a Huguenot family. Josephine Renaudin, born in France, is registered as living in Paddington (Middx) in the *Census 1881*. Early bearers: Martin Renaudyn, 1375 in *Court Rolls* (Penwith and Kerrier Stannary, Cornwall); John Renowdyn, 1451 in *Cornish Court Rolls* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Benedict Renawdyn, 1459 in *Cornish Lands* (Gunwalloe, Cornwall); Richard Renawdon, 1463 in *Cornish Lands* (Lelant, Cornwall); William Renowdyn 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Phillack, Cornwall); Ric. Renowden, 1571, Jo. Renawden, 1598 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Hannibal Reynauden, 1706 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

## Renshall

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Renshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Renshaw**.

### Renshaw

Variants: **Ranshaw, Renshall, Renshell, Rencher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3866, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2822
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name from Renishaw in Eckington (Derbys), recorded as *Reynold schiae* in about 1216 (see *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 248; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*), albeit showing confusion either between the Middle English elements *-shau(e)* ‘wood’ and *-hale* ‘nook’, or with another place-name that has not yet been identified.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Reynalddeschawe, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Derbys); John de Reyneshale, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (East Mersea, Essex); Agneta Renshaw, 1566 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hamlet Reynshall, 1578, Richard Reynshawe, 1589 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Reynshaw, 1641, Renshaw, 1642 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); William Wrenshaw, 1673 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Wrenshaw, 1721 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 248; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Renshell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Renshaw**.

### Renson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Rennison**.

### Renter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *renter(e)* ‘one who collects rent, landlord’. Compare Reginald Rentegaderarr, 1367 in *Norwich Freeman*. **Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA. **Early bearers:** Richard le Renter, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*; Ralph le Renter, 1343 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Bartholomew le Renter, 1365 in *London Letter Books F* (London); John Renter, 1396 in *Court Rolls* (Essex); Crispin Renter, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Thomas Renter, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Renton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2187, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1821
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks, Midlothian, and Northumb; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish: locative name from Renton in Coldingham (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Rentun, about 1225 in *Kelso Register*; John de Raynton, 1323 in *Scotland Calendar*; Isobel Renton, 1548 in *North Berwick Charters*; Robert Renton, 1671 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks*.  
References: *Scottish Place-Names*, p. 73.

### Renvoize

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Ranvoise, Renvoise*. **Early bearers:** Francois Renvoisy, 1728 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jaquine Renvoise, 1738, Jean Francois Renvoize, 1744 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Renwick

Variants: **Rennick, Renicks, Rennicks, Rennocks, Renick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2896, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2032
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Durham, Northumb; Lanarks, Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Monaghan

English: locative name from Renwick (Cumb), recorded as *Rauenwich* in 1178.

**Early bearers:** England: Rannulf de Rauenwic, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Elizabeth Rennick, 1585 in *IGI* (Morpeith, Northumb); Dorothy Renwick, 1590 in *Shrops Archives*; Richard Renwick, 1603–25 in *TNA* (Cumb and Northumb); Henry Renwick, 1618 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Henry Renwick, 1627 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Henricus Renwick, 1663 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Johis Renwick, 1672 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Ann Renwicks, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Rennicks, 1738 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Renick, 1783 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).  
Scotland: Isobell Rennick, 1640 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); John Rennick, 1686 in *Lanark Testaments*; Christian Renwick, 1688 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).  
References: *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, pp. 235–6; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 497.

### Renyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Reynard**.

### Reoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (Angus)
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Riach**.

### Repper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Banffs, Aberdeens

1 English, Scottish: see **Ripper**.  
2 English: see **Roper**.  
3 Scottish: see **Reaper**.

### Reppington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Repton**.

### Repton

Variants: **Reppington, Rippington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- English: locative name from Repton (Derbys), which is recorded as *Rependon* in 1197 and appears as *Repington* as late as the 17th century. **Early bearers:** John de Repington, 1386 in *Nottingham University Library* (Trowell, Notts); William Repyngton, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); William Repyngton, 1434–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Matilda Repington, 1490 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Repington, 1530 in *Staffs Archives* (Amington, Warwicks); Izabell Repton, 1606 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Ripton, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Repington, 1639 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys).  
References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, p. 653.

### Reside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Ayr
- Scottish: see **Raeside**.

### Rest

Variants: **Rist, Riste, Reast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: relationship name from *Reste*, a short form of the Middle English personal name *Restald, Restolt* (Continental Germanic *Restold, Restald*). See **Restall**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Reste*, about 1135 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
surnames: Walterus filius *Reste*, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John Rest, 1447 in *London Letter Books Kent*.

### Restall

Variants: **Restell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks; Hants; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Restald, Restolt* (Continental Germanic *Restold, Restald*), a Frankish name, perhaps of Celtic origin. See **Rest**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Restaldus, Restolt, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Restold, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon).  
surnames: Gillebertus filius Restaldi, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh Restwald, Peter Restwald, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Martha Restall, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); William Restall, 1562 in *IGI* (Redmarley D’Abitot, Worcs); Thomas Restall, 1580 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Colby Restall, 1598 in *IGI* (Sherfield upon Loddon, Hants); Johan Restall, 1615 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks).

### Restell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx
- English: see **Restall**.

### Reston

#### Variants: Riston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Reston in Coldingham (Berwicks), recorded as *Ristun* ('brushwood farm') at the end of the 12th century. **Early bearers:** Roger de Reston, 1166 in *Coldingham Priory*; Oliver de Rystone of the county of Berewyke, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; John de Restoun, 1417 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber*; Robert Reston, 1646 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Elizabeth Reston, 1673 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks); Robert Riston, 1780 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).
- References:** *Scottish Place-Names*, p. 38.
- 2 English: in Lancs perhaps a variant of **Riston** (2). **Early bearers:** Ellen Reston, 1610, Richard Riston, 1780 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Restorick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Restowrack in Saint Dennis (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** George Restoricke, 1613 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Restorick, 1640 in *IGI* (Axmouth, Devon); Josias Restauricke, 1642 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon); John Restorike, 1668 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Restorick, 1675 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Restarrick, 1687 in *IGI* (Axmouth, Devon); Joseph Restarick, yeoman of Salcombe, Devon, 1763 in Plymouth and West Devon Record Office; James Restorich, 1823 in *IGI* (Lyme Regis, Dorset).
- References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 302.

### Restrict

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: see **Rastrick**.

### Retallack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Retallick**.

### Retallick

#### Variants: Retallack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from either of two places named Retallick in Saint Columb Major and Roche parishes (Cornwall), or either of two places named Retallack in Constantine and Saint Hilary parishes (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** Phillep Retallecke, 1573, John Retallacke, 1574, Richard Retallack, 1609, John Retallock, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Philip Retallicke, 1684 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony,

Cornwall); Daniel Retallick, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Charles Retallick, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall); John Retallick, 1743 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 302.

### Retchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: see **Rochford**.

### Retford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Radford**.

### Retter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 German: relationship name **Retter**, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Radheri*. It is not known if the Devon surname belongs here or with (2).
- Early bearers:** David Retter, 1798 in *IGI* (Venn Ottery, Devon); Geo Retter, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx).
- 2 Norman, English: (i) occupational name perhaps from Old French *retier*, Anglo-Norman French \**retour* 'net-maker'; compare **Netter**, **Ritter**. (ii) occupational name, alternatively, perhaps from Middle English *retten* 'to soak flax or hemp in water' + the derivational suffix *-our* or *-er*, used for someone who prepared flax or hemp fibre.
- Early bearers:** Alice le Retour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Retour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worth, Sussex); John Retter, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

### Rettie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from Rettie in Boyndie (Banff).
- Early bearers:** Willmus Rettie, 1474 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Aberdeen).

### Reuben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Lancs
- English: see **Rubin**.

### Reuss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- German: from Middle High German *riuze* 'cobble', see **Reis**.

### Reuter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

German: (i) locative name, occupational name from a derivative of Middle High German (*ge*)*riute* 'clearing', hence a topographic name for someone who lived in a clearing or an occupational name for a clearer of woodland. (ii) nickname, occupational name from Middle High German *riutere* 'footpad, highwayman'; later, possibly an occupational name for a mounted soldier.

**Early bearers:** Willsbard Reuter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Revan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Raven**.

### Revans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Ravens**.

### Revel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Dorset and Devon; Kent
- English: see **Revell**.

### Reveler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Reveley**.

### Reveley

Variants: **Reavley**, **Reveler**, **Reaveley**, **Reavely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: locative name from Reaveley in Ingram (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Jn Revely, 1542 in *Boyd's London Burials* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Edward Reveley, 1561 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); George Revely, 1577 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Cuthbert Revely, 1591 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); Edward Reaveley, 1616 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Elisabeth Reavley, 1620, Bartholomew Reveley, 1678 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Revilly, 1727 in *IGI* (Doddington, Northumb); Thomas Revelah, 1734 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); John Revely, 1824 in British India Office (Prince of Wales Island, Penang).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 163.

### Revell

Variants: **Revel**, **Revill**, **Reville**, **Reveell**, **Reavell**, **Reavill**, **Rivell**, **Revels**, **Revelle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3171, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1715
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Kent and Surrey; E Anglia

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Old French *revel* 'rebellious' or perhaps the related noun, Old French, Middle English *revel* 'rebellion, tumult, revelry', perhaps used for a boisterous person. (ii)

## Revelle

relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Revel*.

**Further information:** For the Anglo-Norman families, with estates in Cambs, Herts, Northants, and Somerset, see *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1100. Curry Rivel in Somerset and Revelstoke in Devon were named after the family of Richard Revel, who was sheriff of Devon in the reign of Richard I.

**Early bearers:** given names: Reuel de Teteneia, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, E England: Paganus revellus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Robert Reuel, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Hugh Reuel, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William Riucl, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Payne Rivel, 1232, Thomas Ryuel, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Revel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Robertus Revel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helions Bumpstead hamlet, Essex); Willm. Revell, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willm. Revell, 1542 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Richus Revill, 1560, Giulielmi Revel, 1626 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Emme Revell, 1563 in *IGI* (Greatford, Lincs); Anne Revell, 1563 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); William Revell, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Revill, 1585 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Reavell, 1606, Alexander Revill, 1610, Alexander Reavill, 1665 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Thomas Revill, 1618 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Elyzabeth Revill, 1640 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

surnames, SW England: Richard Revel(l), Rivel(l), 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Revel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Johis Revell, 1540 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); William Revill, 1610 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon).

surnames, N England, N Midlands: Johannes Revell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, WR Yorks); Henry Revell, 1548 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Anne Revell, 1559 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Anne Revell, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Revell, 1566 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); Gratia Revill, 1596 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johes Revell, 1600 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Wm Reavell, 1616 in *IGI* (Morton, Derbys); Rosamond Revil, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Izabell Revill, 1628 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts); Johes. Revel, 1637, Samucl Revil, 1658 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); William Revell, 1697 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); William Revel, 1723, Anthony Reavell, 1794 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham); Sander Revell, 1732 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

## Revelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English: see **Revell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Revels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

1 English: variant of **Revell** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

2 Scottish: see **Raffles**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Revels, 1752 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Revens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Ravens**.

## Revere

**Variants:** **Rivers, River**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *revere* 'reiver, robber'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Revere, 1255 in *Close Rolls* (Kent); Paul Reyvere, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William le Reuere, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Reuere, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Revere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley with Slowley, Warwicks); Mary Revere, 1785 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Joseph Revere, 1793 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Revere, 1856 in *IGI* (Walmersley cum Shuttleworth, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from a misdivision of Middle English *atter evere* 'at the brow or edge' (Old English *yfer*). The surname may denote someone who lived on the slope or brow of a hill, or someone who came from River in Tillington (Sussex) or Rivar in Shalbourne (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John ater Reure, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Revere, Matill' atte Riuer, John Riuer, Adam atte Eure, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 Norman, English: see **Rivers**.

## Reves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 English: see **Reeves**.

2 English: see **Revis**.

## Revett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Lancs

English: see **Rivett**.

## Revie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 225
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Argyll
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Riabhaich**, see **Reavey**.

## Revill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2147, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1337
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys, Notts, and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Revell** and compare **Reville**.

## Reville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; also Wicklow

English, Irish: spelling of **Revell**, especially in Ireland.

## Revis

**Variants:** **Rivis, Reves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Rievaulx (NR Yorks), traditionally pronounced *Rivers*.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Rievalle, de Ryvaus, 1333 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Richard Ryvax, 1414 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Revis, 1588, Thomas Rivice, 1618 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 73; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 500.

2 English: see **Reeves**.

## Revitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rivett**.

## Revnell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Ravenhill**.

## Rew

**Variants:** **Rue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 511
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *rew* (Old English *rāw*) 'row'. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived by a hedgerow or in a row of houses in a street, or toponymic, signifying someone who lived in a place so named, such as Rewe (Devon), Rew Farm in Rockbeare (Devon), and Rew in Malborough (Devon). See also **Raw** (1) and **Row**.

**Early bearers:** Robert ate Rewe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William in the Rewe, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William de Rewe, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rockbeare, Devon); Maurice atte Rewe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashburton, Devon); Robt. Rew, 1571 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thomas Rew, 1577 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Water Rew, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Rychard Rew, 1588 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); Agnes Rew, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 308, 594.

## Rewberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Rowberry**.

## Rewbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Herefs

English: see **Rowberry**.

## Rewcastle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish: locative name from Ruecastle in Bedrule (Roxburghs).



**Early bearers:** William de Rucastel, 1298 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Robert Rewcastle, 1641 in *Black* (Hawick, Roxburghs).

### Rewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 English: locative name from Rewell Hill and Wood in Arundel (Sussex), recorded as *Roell* and *la Ruele* in the 13th and 14th centuries. Some of the bearers given may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Roel, hospitaller, 1238 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Gassetus de la Ruele, 1332 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Reule the younger, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; William Rewell, 1598 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Elisabeth Rewell, 1625 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Ann Rewell, 1676 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 137.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ruald* (Continental Germanic *Hrod(w)ald*, *Roald*). Some of the bearers given may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ruald, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Rualdus de Wodecot', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: Walter Rewalt, 1308 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Reuell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); William Rewell, 1616 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Anthony Rewell, 1705 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks).

### Rex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 470
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; NR Yorks; Hants

1 English: see **Ricks**.

2 English: see **Rix**.

### Rey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Ray**.

### Reyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Renfrews, and Dunbartons
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Scottish: see **Raeburn**.

### Reyes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 864, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Spanish: nickname from *reyes*, plural of *rey* 'king'.

2 English: variant of **Ray** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Reyes, 1586 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Reyes, 1609 in *IGI* (London); James Reyes, 1699 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire).

### Reygate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Reigate**.

### Reyland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Ryland**.

### Reyna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Spanish, Portuguese: (i) relationship name, nickname probably from the female personal name *Reina* (from Latin *Regina*). (ii) nickname, alternatively, perhaps from *reina* 'queen'. Compare **Rene** (1).

2 Spanish: locative name from any of the places named Reina in Spain.

### Reynalds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and IoM

English: see **Reynolds**.

### Reynard

**Variants:** **Renyard, Rennard, Renhard, Rannard, Raynard, Renard, Ranyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Reinart, Renart* (Continental Germanic *Raginhard, Rainard*). The surname was later much confused with **Rayner** and **Reynold**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus filius Rainardi, Rainart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Elias Reynardi, 1205 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Henry Renard, 1325 in *Rotulorum Originalium* (Hants); Jonye Reynard, 1547 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Tho. Reynard, 1568 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Anthonij Reynard, 1576 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Judith Reynard, 1589 in *IGI* (Goodnestone by Sandwich, Kent); Annys Reynard, 1609 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Reynell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

### Reyner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rayner**.

### Reynes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Raines**.

### Reynish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Glamorgan

English: ethnic name from Middle English *Rinish*, *Re(in)ish* 'Rhenish; a person from the Rhineland'.

**Early bearers:** Antony le Reyniss', merchant, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Everard Rynnish of Bruges, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Michael Rhenish, 1672 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); William Reynish, 1777 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Wm. Rynish, 1799 in *IGI* (Camrose, Pembrokes); John Powell Rheyntish, 1867 in *IGI* (Mountain Ash, Glamorgan).

### Reynold

**Variants:** **Reynell, Rennell, Renaud, Renaut, Rignall, Renault, Reynolds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French given name *Reinald, Reynaud* (Continental Germanic *Raginald*), which was first introduced to England by Scandinavian settlers in the Old Scandinavian form *Rögnvaldr* (see **Ronald**), and greatly reinforced after the Conquest by the Norman forms *Reinald* and *Reynaud*. The surname was later much confused with **Rayner** and **Reynard**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Reinaldus camerarius, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Rennaldus filius Berwaldi, Renalt de Saint Leger, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs). surnames: Willelmus filius Rainaldi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; William Reynaud, 1272 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); John Reynald, Henry Reynel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Renaud, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Reynold, 1299 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Rennold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Pattryke Renold or Reynolde, 1551 in *PROB 11* (East Greenwich, Kent); Andrewe Renalde, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Withipoole, Somerset).

### Reynolds

**Variants:** **Reynalds, Raynolds, Rennolds, Renolds, Renals, Rennels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40679, Ireland 5016
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25640
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Leitrim

1 English: variant of **Reynold** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Laurencia Reynoldes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Henry Reynoldes, 1386 in *TNA* (Barnham in Linton, Cambs); Thomas Reynoldes, 1492 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Gillingham, Norfolk); Alicia Reynolds, 1539 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Joan Raynolds, 1540 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Reynolds, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Julian, Shrewsbury, Shrops); Mary Rennalls, 1592 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire); John Rennalds, 1646 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops); Tho. Rennals, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); John Rennels, 1788 in *Bardsley*.

2 Irish: from **Mac Raghnaill** 'son of *Raghnaill*', Gaelic form of the Scandinavian personal name *Rögnvaldr*, see **Randall** (2).

### Reynoldson

**Variants:** **Rennison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106

• **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham  
 English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Reinald*, *Reynaud* (Continental Germanic *Raginald*) + *-son*. See **Reynold**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Reynoldson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Reynoldson, 1580 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Ann Reynoldson, 1582 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Francis Reynoldson, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Tho Reynoldson, 1629 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Reynoldson, 1653 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

## Reza

Variants: **Raza**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Muslim, Iranian: from the Persian personal name *Reza*, from Arabic *riḏā* 'contentment, satisfaction'.  
**Further information:** Riḏā 'Ali ibn Mūsa (765–817) was the eighth Imam of the Shiites. Compare **Rizvi**

## Rezin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 15  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Northumb  
 Scottish, English: variant of **Raison**.

## Rhatigan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Roscommon  
 Irish: from Ó Reachtagáin, see **Rattigan**.

## Rhea

• **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 22  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks  
 English: see **Rea**.

## Rhead

• **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 384  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
 English: see **Read**.

## Rhind

Variants: **Rind**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 691  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; Midlothian; Morays  
 Scottish: locative name from Rhynd (Perths) or either of two places of that name in Leuchars and Saline parishes (Fife).  
**Early bearers:** William de Rynd, 1342 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Adam de Rynd, merchant of Scotland, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; Murthacus de Rynde, 1366 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Patrick de Rynd, 1372 in *Edinburgh Register* (Forfar, Angus); James de Rynde, 1447 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); John Rhinde, 1664 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Rhynd, 1700 in *IGI* (Duffus, Morays).

## Rho

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
 English: variant spelling of **Roe**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Rhoad

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Notts  
 English: see **Rhode** and **Road**.  
**Further information:** this spelling is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Rhoades

• **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 482  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
 English: see **Rhodes**. Roads Farm in Frampton (Lincs) was probably named from the surname cited below.  
**Early bearers:** Christopher Rodes, 1562 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); John Roodes, 1562 in *IGI* (Burwell, Lincs); Elizabeth Roades, 1578 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Thomas Roodes, 1592, George Rhodes, 1811 in *IGI* (Skendleby, Lincs); Gervace Rhoades, 1718 in *IGI* (Clixby, Lincs).

## Rhoads

• **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 74  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Sussex; Staffs and Cheshire  
 English: see **Rhodes**.

## Rhode

Variants: **Rhoad**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 43  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb; London  
 English: variant spelling of **Road**; see **Rhodes**.  
**Early bearers:** Marye Rhode, 1597 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Peter Rhode, 1608 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Eliz. Rhode, 1645 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Robt. Rhode, 1691 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Tamar Rhode, 1717 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Joseph Rhoad, 1733 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Jno. Rhode, 1743 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); George Rhode, 1793 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Isabella Rhode, 1854 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

## Rhoden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 208  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops  
 English: see **Roden**.

## Rhoderick

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Brecknocks  
 Welsh: see **Roderick**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Rhodes

Variants: **Rhoades**, **Rhoads**, **Roades**, **Roads**, **Royds**, **Rodes**, **Roddis**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 17376, Ireland 118  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 13847  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Laois and Tipperary

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by '(the) woodland clearings', a plural form of Middle English *rode* (Old English \**rod*, \**rodu*), or for someone who came from a place so named, principally Rhodes in Bury (Lancs) but there are many minor places in WR Yorks similarly named, and in Kent there is Rhodes Minnis, in Elham parish. The Yorks name sometimes alternates with the singular form (see **Rhode** and **Rode**). The *Rh*-spelling was introduced in the 16th and 17th centuries by clerks with a classical education, who associated the name with the Greek island of Rhodes, famous in ancient history and mythology. (ii) variant of **Road** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Further information:** The surname is particularly common in Yorks and Lancs but occurs with various spellings in smaller numbers widely across England, where it may often represent the post-medieval variant in (ii). However, there is evidence that the Middle English plural form alternated freely with the singular form (see **Road**). For example, the place-name *Road* is recorded in *Place-Names of Northants* as *Rode* (1086), *Roddes* (1185), *Rodes* (1224, 1247), *Roode* (1402), *Rhode* (1629), and *Road* (1775). It may be the source of the following family name, Peter Roads, 1613, James Rhodes, 1684, Joshua Rodes, 1686 in *IGI* (Easton on the Hill, Northants), but one cannot be sure whether it retains the old plural form of the place-name or is a post-medieval variant of **Road** + excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Rodes, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert dil Rode, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*, probably identical with Robert del Rodes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Rode, Ricardus de Rodes, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); William, Thomas de Rode, Johannes del Rodes, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Roydes, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Cumberworth, WR Yorks); Robert de Rodes, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Rhodes, 1543 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Samuel Rhodes, 1583, James Roades, 1640, Jane Roades, 1796 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); James Roodes, alias Roades, alias Roides of Gomersal, 1605–18 in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy* (Birstall, WR Yorks); John Roodes, 1601, James Roodde, 1607, Sarah Rhodes, 1722 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Andrew Rhods, 1717 in Borthwick Institute (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robert Roades, 1660, Robert Rhoades, 1676, Thomas Rhodes, 1678 in *York Freeman's Register* (Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Surnames of Lancs*, p. 196; *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, pp. 7, 86–7, 236–7.

## Rhodie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 15  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dumfriess  
 Scottish: see **Roddie**.

## Rhone

• **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 94  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops  
 English: see **Roan**.  
**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Rhule

• **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch: possibly a respelling of *Ruhle*, as borne by the Dutch merchant Jacob Ruhle in the Dutch Gold Coast in the 18th century, perhaps finding its way to the Caribbean from there, or directly to the United States.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Jamaica.

**References:** Doortmont, M. R. (2001) An overview of Dutch relations with the Gold Coast in the light of David van Nyendael's mission to Asante in 1701/'02. <http://www.let.rug.nl/doortmont/WebDocs/The%20Dutch%200on%20the%20Gold%20Coast.PDF>

### Rhyan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Lancs

Irish: see **Ryan**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rhydderch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Carmarthens

Welsh: see **Roderick**.

### Rhymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Warwicks; Somerset

English: see **Rimmer**.

### Rhymes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Oxon

English: see **Rimes**.

### Rhys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Brecknocks

Welsh: see **Rees**.

### Riach

**Variants:** Reoch, Rioch, Reach, Reich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 496
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: Morayshire, Banffs, and Aberdeens

Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *riabhach* 'brindled, greyish', denoting someone with streaks of grey or white hair.

**Early bearers:** John Reoch, 1452 in *Invernessiana* (Inverness); Alan Reoch or Roeoch, 1463–73 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Robert Reauch, Finlay Reauch, 1511 in *Black*; Gilbert Reoch, 1514 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); John Reauch, 1530 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Donald Reach, 1544 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Banff); Jacobus Reacht, 1550 in *Black*; William Reioch, 1695 in *IGI* (Kincardine, Perth); John Reach, 1710 in *Parish Registers* (Wick, Caithness).

### Rial

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Ryall**.

### Rian

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants

Irish: see **Ryan**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Riasat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ri'āsa*, 'leadership'

**References:** <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Riasat> [which says it is common in India and Pakistan]

### Riaz

**Variants:** Riyat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2841, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *Riaz*, from Arabic *riyād*, plural of *rawḍah* 'garden'.

### Ribbans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Rubens**.

### Ribbens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Rubens**.

### Ribbons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Rubens**.

### Ribchester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Ribchester (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Ribcestre, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Ribchester', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morley, WR Yorks); Robt. Ribchester, 1580 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 144.

### Ribeiro

**Variants:** Rebeiro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1197, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Portuguese: locative name from *ribeiro* 'stream', a topographic name for someone who lived by a stream or a toponym from any of several places named with this word.

### Riby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Riby (Lincs) or perhaps Ribby (Lancs); on the latter name, see also **Rigby**. See also *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Symon de Ryby, after 1255 in *Lincs Archives*; Arnold de Riby, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Riby, parson, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Cadeby in Wyham, Lincs); Willelmo de Riby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); George Rybye, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Jo Ribye, 1595 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Richardus Riby, 1599 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); John Ribey 1683 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, Shenstone, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs 2*, pp. 249–50.

### Ricard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

Channel Islands: see **Rickard**. This is characteristic Norman pronunciation of *Richard*.

### Ricardo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs; Hants
- Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): from the personal name *Ricardo*, the Spanish or Ladino equivalent of **Rickard**.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Ricardo, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Edmund Ricardo, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Henrietta Ricardo, 1796 in *IGI* (Horsleydown, Surrey); Elias Ricardo, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Moses Ricardo, born in Rotterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mangotsfield, Gloucs); Rebecca Ricardo, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Aaron Ricardo, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

### Ricards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset

English: see **Rickards**.

### Riccard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Rickard**.

### Ricci

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Riccio**.

**Early bearers:** Luigi Ricci, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Holborn, Middx); Giusto Ricci, plaster image maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Warwick, Warwicks); Felice Ricci, general dealer, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Holborn, Middx); Placido Ricci, plaster figure maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Valentine Ricci, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Amateo Ricci, barrel organist, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Bristol, Gloucs); Lazzaro Ricci, ice cream

## Riccio

vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Bridgend, Glamorgan).

## Riccio

Variants: **Ricci**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: nickname from *riccio* 'curly'.

**Early bearers:** A. Riccio, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Rosina Aida Riccio, 1905 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx); Giovanni Riccio, wine merchant, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Riccio, confectioner, born in Turin, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Shoreditch, Middx).

## Rice

Variants: **Ryce, Rise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13653, Ireland 3771
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9209
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Louth, Down, and Armagh

1 Welsh: see **Rees** and compare **Preece, Price**.

**Further information:** the Welsh name has been established in Ireland from an early date.

2 English: see **Rise**.

## Rich

Variants: **Riche, Ritch, Ridge, Riches**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4931, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3654
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Devon; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Galway

1 English: nickname from Old French and Middle English *riche* 'rich'. Compare Godwinus Diues (Latin *dives* 'rich'), 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). Early bearers without the definite article may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Godwinus Diues, 1177, Godwinus le Riche, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Mosse le Riche, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Adam Rych, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Riche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Rich, 1543 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Henry Rich, 1552 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Agnes Rich, 1560 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Thoms. Rich, 1560 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Thomas Rich, 1567 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *riche* (Old English *\*ric*) 'stream', signifying one who lived beside a stream, as at Glynde Reach (Sussex) or perhaps one who came from the (now lost) village of Riche (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de la Riche, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Alexander atte Riche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 166.

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rich*, a pet form of any of the post-Conquest names beginning in *Rich-*, such as the personal names **Richer, Richold**, and especially **Richard**. Compare **Rick**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Riche Algar, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Younsmere Hundred, Sussex).

4 English: variant of **Ridge** with devoicing of the medial consonant.

## Richard

Variants: **Ritchard, Rickard, Richards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1362, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2567
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S and W Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Richard* or *Rikard*, both latinized as *Ricardus*. They are respectively Parisian Old French and Old Picard pronunciations of Continental Germanic *Richard*, composed of the elements *ric* 'power(ful)' + *hard* 'brave, hardy'. Both pronunciations were current among the Normans and were interchangeable in Middle English, hence John Ricard or Richard, 1448 in *PROB 11* (West Lydford, Somerset).

**Further information:** Middle English *Rikard* gives rise to the pet form **Rick**, whilst *Richard* has given the pet forms **Richie** and **Rich** (3). Both produced rhyming pet forms, **Dick** and **Hick** for *Rikard* and **Hitch** for *Richard*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Richardus Basset, 1127–34, Ricardus filius Bondi, 1134–45 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Juliana Richard, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Richard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Rychard of Horseford, 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Richard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brownsover, Warwicks); Willelmus Rychard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cosford, Warwicks); Adam Richard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snodhill, Herefs); Johannes Ricardus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cow Honeybourne, Gloucs); John Richard, 1404 in *PROB 11* (Berwick Saint James, Wilts); Katherina Richard, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Thomas Richarde, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

## Richardes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Richards**.

## Richards

Variants: **Richardes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62213, Ireland 459
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45019
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Glamorgan; Cornwall and Devon; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, English: variant of **Richard** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*, the latter exemplified in Alice Richard or Richardes, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Swallowfield, Berks). Compare the synonymous **Rickards**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Richardes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Richards, 1539 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Elizabeth Richardes, 1541 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); Hugh Richards, 1543 in *IGI* (Hopton Castle, Shrops); Thoms Richards, 1543 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Alice Richards, 1544 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Johannes Richards, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Margeret Richards, 1550 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); Eline Richards, 1555 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Ales Richards, 1562 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Richards, 1563 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Richards, 1565 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Edward Richards, 1583 in *IGI* (Llandough by Cowbridge, Glamorgan); Willm Richard Richards, 1594 in *IGI* (Llansoy,

Monmouths); Willia. Ritchards, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Alban Wood Street, London).

## Richardson

Variants: **Richardson, Richrdson, Rickatson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69941, Ireland 2206
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50230
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin; Antrim; Tyrone

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Richard** + *-son*. Compare **Ritson**.

**Early bearers:** Murdac Richardesson, 1359 in *Black*; William Richardson, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Agnes Richarson, 1470 in *York Guild Register*; George Richison, 1683 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

## Richardson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and SE England

English: see **Richardson**.

## Richbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Lancs; Herts

French, English: relationship name perhaps from the Old French and Continental Germanic personal name *Richbald*; compare Gerard Ricobaldi, merchant of Florence, 1249, 1253, 1258 in *Patent Rolls*. However, evidence for the name's use in medieval Britain is as yet lacking.

**Further information:** It is not clear whether the name of Johannes Rychedale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey), is relevant to the history of this surname.

**Early bearers:** William Richbell, 1550 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); George Rychbell, 1552, Elizabeththe Rychebell, 1568 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); John Richbell, 1609, Richble, 1659 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); John Richbill, 1689, Richbil, 1706 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Richard Rickbill, 1715 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Surrey).

## Riche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Rich**.

## Richell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Rickell** (2) and (3).

**Early bearers:** John Richell, 1782 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); William Richell, 1818 in *IGI* (Boreham, Essex).

## Richens

Variants: **Richins, Richings, Ritchings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 926, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ricun*, a diminutive of *Ric*, itself a pet form of **Richard**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** It appears that a dialectally different (Norman or Picard) form of the French name, with medial /-k-/, also survived in England for a time alongside forms with original /-tsh-/.

**Early bearers:** Thomas filius Ricun, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Rikon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Tho Richens, 1620 in *IGI* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Elizabeth Richens, 1630 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Elizabeth Richens, 1640 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); Andrew Richens, 1692 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Christina Richens, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London).

### Richer

**Variants:** Reacher, Ricker, Rickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Richer* (Continental Germanic *Richer(e)*, *Riker*, Old French *Rich(i)er*, *Ricier*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Richerius clericus, Ricerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Richer de Brunho, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

**Surnames:** William Richer, 1236 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Geoffrey Richer, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Camsb); Isabell' Ryker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Richer, 1544 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Bridgett Richer, 1560 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); John Richer, 1615 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Richer, 1619 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon); Thomas Richer, 1647 in *IGI* (Ryarsh, Kent).

### Riches

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4648, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: relationship name, variant of **Rich** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ryches, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Riches, 1544 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Anna Riches, 1545 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Agnes Riches, 1553 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Thomas Riches, 1582 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Anthony Riches, 1600 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts).

### Richey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- English: see **Ritchie**.

### Richford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hunts
- English: see **Rushforth**.

### Richie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Durham; Lincs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down  
Scottish: see **Ritchie**.

### Richies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: variant of **Ritchie** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Richings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 494
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Berks
- English: see **Richens**.

### Richins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Berks
- English: see **Richens**.

### Richley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in NE England. The name was influenced by the French name **Richelieu** in the 18th century.
- Early bearers:** Henric Richley, 1620 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Isabel Richelly, 1673, William Richelley, 1677 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb); Simon Richlieu, 1739, Rickley, 1743, John Richley, 1746, Jon. Richelly, 1751, Thomas Richliew, 1815, Ann Richelieu, 1828 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); William Rickly, 1809 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Richman

**Variants:** Richmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Wilts; Kent

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Richeman*, either from an unrecorded Old English *\*Ricmann*, or from a pet form of *Richard* + the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. The name was sometimes interchangeable with **Rickman**. Some of the surname bearers below may otherwise belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Richeman Molendinari, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Richeman Brutte, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

**Surnames:** Richard Richemannus, 1212–23 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Ralph Richeman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Ricardus Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Johanne Rycheman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Rogero Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, Leics); Edmundus Richman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Willelmus Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paston, Norfolk); Johannes Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catcott, Somerset); Adam Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Joh[annes] Richeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Thomas Richemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebworth with Broad Marston, Gloucs); Thomas Richeman, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*

(Gloucs); Harry Richman, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Joane Richman, 1561 in *IGI* (West Allington, Lincs); Edward Richman, 1563 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); Jonas Richman, 1565 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Mergerot Richman, 1566 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 Norman, English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *riche* 'rich, powerful' + *-man*. Compare **Rich**.

**Early bearers:** William le Richeman, 1199–1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

3 English: locative name, sometimes perhaps a variant of **Richmond** (1), or vice versa. This and the surname in (1) would easily have been confused. Compare Thomas Richmond, 1588, Mary Richman, 1718 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Heughe Richman, 1601, Robert Richmond, 1664 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); William Richmond, 1753, Thomas Richman, 1780 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks).

### Richmond

**Variants:** Richman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8216, Ireland 478
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6400
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lincs; Ayr and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Cavan

1 English: locative name from Richmond (NR Yorks). Richmond in Surrey was a 16th-century re-naming of Sheen and cannot have been a source of the surname. Some of the following bearers could alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** N England: Roger de Richemund, 1199 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Adam de Richemond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Emma de Richemond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas de Richmond', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edlington, WR Yorks); Johannes de Richmond', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Richmond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robertus Rychemund', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Thomas de Richmond', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Richemund, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Garrowby, ER Yorks); Jeneta Richmond, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Isable Richmond, 1556 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Isable Richmond, 1556 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Edward Richmond, 1565 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lincs); Jane Richmond, 1592 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Dorytie Richmond, 1598 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York); Robert Richmond, 1664 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

SE England: William Richemound, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Roberto de Richemond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Chishall, Essex); Johannes Richemond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wormshill, Kent); Johanne Richemond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Felsted, Essex); Benedictus Richemond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); William Richmond, 1547 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Camsb); Robert Richmond, 1551 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

Scotland: Jonet Richmond, 1646 in *IGI* (Symington, Ayr); Elizabeth Richmond, 1665 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 287.

2 English: relationship name, occasionally a variant of *Richemon* (see **Richman**) with excrescent *-d*, as suggested by Johannes Richeman, Johannes Richemond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex). *Richman* is well evidenced in S and SE England, but

## Richold

*de Richemond* also occurs in 14th-century Essex. The two names were probably confused.

## Richold

**Variants:** Rickwood, Rickell, Rickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Richold*, *Rikold*, used of both men and women. The male name is an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Ricoald*, *Ricold*, *Richold* and the female name is an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Richold*, a variant of *Richild*; compare **Rickell** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Riceold, 1101–1200, Richeud, 1155–85, Richoude, 1170–1200 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Ricolda mater Baldeuini, 1151–4 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Johannes nepos Richold, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richolda uxor Pagani, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey).  
**surnames:** Osbertus filius Rikoldi, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Richold, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Richoud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Jane Richold, 1592 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Henry Richold, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Sarah Richold, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Peter Richold, 1779 in *IGI* (Acton, Suffolk); Susannah Richold, 1831 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

## Richrdson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Richardson**.

## Richter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name, status name from Middle High German *rihtære* ‘arbitrator, judge’. The term was used in the Middle Ages mostly to denote a part-time legal official. Such communal conciliators held a position of considerable esteem in rural communities; in eastern Germany the term came to denote a village headman, which was often an hereditary office. It is in this region that the surname is most frequent. (ii) occupational name, Jewish (Ashkenazic), from modern German *Richter* ‘judge’ (see above), for a rabbinic judge.

**Early bearers:** German: Louisa Frederica Richter, 1779 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Gustave Richter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Hermann Richter, proprietor German club, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Gustav Richter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (West Derby, Lancs); Otto Richter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx); Karl Heinrich Richter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bermondsey, Middx).

Jewish: Hyman Richter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Alexander Richter, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Southwark, Surrey); Solomon Richter, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac richter, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Rick

**Variants:** Rix, Reck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rick*, a pet form of **Richard**. Compare **Rich**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rike, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: Ema Ricke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Rycke, 1330 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Galfridus Ricke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunton with Doughton, Norfolk); Thomas Ricke, 1581 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Elliner Recke, 1576 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Rick, 1636 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Henry Rick, 1724 in *IGI* (Granby, Notts); Frances Reck, 1763 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

## Rickaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Rickerby**.

## Rickall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Rickell**.

## Rickard

**Variants:** Ricard, Riccard, Rickerd, Rickeard, Rickert, Rickett, Rickards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2898, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2014
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. Cornwall and Devon; Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin, Meath, and Westmeath

Norman, English: variant of **Richard**.

**Further information:** Gerrard Rickaerte or Ricaerts, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Holy Trinity, City of London), suggests that *Rickard* may sometimes be of Dutch origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ricard, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ricard de Linlee, about 1166 in *Northants Charters* (Shrops); Ricard piking, 1268 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*.

surnames: John Ricard, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Adam Ricard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Ricard, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Yvone Ricard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Theddingworth, Leics); Walterus Rykard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Robert Riccarde, 1504 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henrici Rycarde, 1543 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); John Rycard, 1545 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Wyllam Rycard, 1573 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Willm. Ricket, 1578 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); John Rickerd, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall); Grace Rycard, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); David Rickart, 1651 in *Black*; Eliz. Rickart, 1724 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); David Rickart, 1727 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); David Rickerd, 1771 in *Corp of London*.

## Rickards

**Variants:** Ricards, Ricketts, Rickets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1412, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 769

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Gloucs; Shrops

English: variant of **Rickard** with genitival or post-medieval crescent -s. Compare **Richards**, with which it was often interchangeable, as in Robert Ricarde or Ricardes or Richardes, 1490 in *PROB 11* (Dursley, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William Ricardes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Rickards, 1572 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Edwardus Rickards, 1612 in *IGI* (Bredons Norton, Worcs); Richard Rickards, 1622, Richard Ricketts, 1630 in *IGI* (Colwall, Herefs); Elizabeth Rickardes, 1633 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); John Rickards, 1643 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

## Rickatson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: apparently a variant of **Richardson**, to judge by its distribution, but obscurely related to **Rickard**.

## Rickcord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Rickwood**.

## Rickeard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Rickard**.

## Rickel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 English: see **Rickell**.

**Further information:** this name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

2 Norman, English: see **Richold**.

## Rickell

**Variants:** Rickall, Riggall, Richell, Rickells, Rickel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Riccall (ER Yorks), near Selby.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ricale, 1272 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes de Rycall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Rycall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brayton, WR Yorks); Alice Ricall, 1543 in *York Registry Wills* (Brayton, WR Yorks); Thomas Riccald, 1580 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Elizabeth Rickall, 1593 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Dorothee Rickell, 1626 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Johanes Rickall, 1640 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs); John Rickell, 1740 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 265; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Norman, English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Richild*, *Rikild* (Continental Germanic *Richild*, *Richeld*). See **Richold**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rickildis, 1115–45 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Rikilda, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

surnames: Willelmus filius Richild, Rikilde, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Thomas Richil, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); Geoffrey Rikild, Hugh Rikild, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Hugh Rikild, Robert Rykeld, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Rychyld, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thomas Rikel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Rickell, 1719 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); Sarah Rickell, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); George Rickell, 1780 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

### Rickells

Variants: **Rickles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks

English: variant of **Rickell** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Ricaldes, about 1100 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Thomas Rickells, 1615 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); John Rickols, 1746 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs).

### Ricker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Richer**.

### Rickerby

Variants: **Rickaby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: locative name from Rickerby in Stanwix (Cumb). The place, recorded as *Ricardeby* in 1247, is named with the given name **Richard** + Old Scandinavian *by* 'farmstead, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Ricardby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Ricardby, 1417 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Rickerby, 1573 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Elizabeth Rickerby, 1576 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); William Rickerby, 1608 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); Thomas Rickerby, 1662 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); Edward Rickarby of Dalston, 1666 in *Cumbria Record Office (Carlisle)* (Cumb); Sarah Rickerby, 1684 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London).

References: *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 110.

### Rickerd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Cornwall
- English: see **Rickard**.

### Rickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Richer** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Rickert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Rickard**.

### Ricket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Rickett**.

### Ricketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; Somerset

English: variant of **Rickett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Rickett

Variants: **Ricket**, **Riggott**, **Reckitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 943, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 887
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Essex and Herts; Notts

1 English: variant of **Rickard** reflecting an alternative pronunciation of the name. Compare Thomas Rickard, 1599, Thomas Rickett, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** William Rickett, 1582 in *IGI* (Taddington, Beds); Thomas Rickett, 1585 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); George Rickett, 1592 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); William Rickett, 1595 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); John Rickett, 1615 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); George Rickett, 1705 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Ann Rickett, 1692 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts); Mary Rycatt, 1745 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall).

2 Norman, English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Ricot*, a pet form of *Ric(h)ard*, see **Richard**. However, the Norfolk examples below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ricot Huot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Johannes Rykket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bale, Norfolk); Esther Rickett, 1788 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Ricketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4716, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2859
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Dorset

English: variant of **Rickett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Rickey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Rick**, a pet form of **Richard**; compare **Ritchie**.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Rickey, 1672, Rickie, 1674, Henry Ricky, 1721 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alexander Rickey, 1772 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks).

### Rickhuss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: see **Rickus**.

### Rickles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Notts

English: see **Rickells**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 586
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rikeman*, either from an unrecorded Old English \**Ricmann*, or from a pet form of Middle English *Ricard* (see **Richard**) + the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. The name was sometimes interchangeable with **Richman**. Compare Richard Richeman, Richard Rikeman, about 1216–20 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rickeman le Chaumberleng, 1329 in *London Husting Wills*.

surnames: John filius Rikeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William Rikeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Robert Rykeman, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Rykeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eartham, Sussex); Willelmus Rikeman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chale, Hants); Rogerus Rikeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oving, Sussex); Johannes Rykeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Gregory Rickman, 1561 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); John Rickman, 1567 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Robert Rickman, 1574 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Stephen Rickman, 1579 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Henry Rickman, 1583 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rikemund* (Old English \**Ricmund*). It was probably easily confused with the personal name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Rikemund, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Godfrey, John, and Richard Rikemond, 1332 in in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toseland, Hunts); Johannes Rykemond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex).

### Ricks

Variants: **Rix**, **Rex**, **Riggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *rix*, *rexe* (Old English *rix*e, a West Saxon metathesized form of Old English *risc*, *risc*) 'rush'. The surname may denote one who lived where rushes grew, or one who came from a place so named, such as Rix (Devon). See also **Rixon**. Early bearers without the preposition may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de la Rixe, John de la Rixe, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Roger ate Rixe, 1302 in *Place-Names of Devon* 545; William atte Ryxe, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); William Reckes, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

2 English: alternatively, and especially for the name in N and E England, see **Rix** (1).

### Rickson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153

## Rickus

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: see **Rixon**.

## Rickus

Variants: **Rickhuss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Warwicks, and Staffs; Surrey

English: unexplained.

Further information: There is a Rickhouse Coppice in Rushbury (Shrops) but it is not recorded before 1833 and so may be named from the surname rather than indicating a lost place-name. See *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 199.

**Early bearers:** Richard Riccas, 1561 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Anne Rickas, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Margeret Rikas, 1636 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops); John Rickus, 1684 in *IGI* (Church Aston, Shrops); William Rickus, 1749 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Edward Rickhouse, 1767 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); George Rickuss, 1767, Thos. Rickhuss, 1768, Thomas Rickhus, 1771 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Hannah Richus, 1781 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

## Rickward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Surrey
- English: see **Rickwood**.

## Rickwood

Variants: **Rickward, Rickword, Rickcord, Record, Records**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 925, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and E Anglia
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Richeward, Rikeward* (Old French *Ricoart*, Continental Germanic *Ricward*). Some examples may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** given names: Richewardus de Westberi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Rikeward Kupere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).
- surnames: Robert Rikeward 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Geoffrey Rykeward of Canterbury, 1251 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter Rikeward, merchant of Cambraye [Cambrai, France], 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Rykeward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Recard, 1393 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Richard Recard, 1408 in *TNA* (Chalk, Kent); John Recorde, 1409 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); William Rekerd, 1455 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Nicholas Rykward, 1526 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Hamsey, Sussex); John Record, 1595, John Rikercord, 1599, John Rikeworth, 1601 in *Bardsley*; Joane Reacord, 1618 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Tiverton, Devon).
- 2 Norman, English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Richold**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Rikewauid', 1215 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex).

## Rickword

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Rickwood**.

## Ridal

Variants: **Rideal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Riddell**.

## Ridall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Riddell**.

## Ridd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Glamorgan
- English: see **Ryde**.

## Riddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs; Ayr and Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Armagh
- English, Scottish: see **Riddell**.

## Riddel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 440
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Roxburghs; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish, English: see **Riddell**.

## Riddell

Variants: **Riddel, Riddle, Riddall, Ruddell, Ridal, Ridall, Rydell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3928, Ireland 215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Aberdeens; Roxburghs and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan

1 English: locative name, probably chiefly from Rydale in NR Yorks, though there were also places named Rydale (in Westm for example) which could have given rise to hereditary surnames. For example, Johannes Rydale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wormingford, Essex), and Archibaldo de Rydale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frolesworth, Leics), imply the possibility of places called Rydale in Essex and Leics but they have not been identified. In Lancs and WR Yorks the surname may have become confused with **Ridehalgh**.

**Further information:** A family of the name *Riddell* have been established in Whitton in Roxburghs since the mid-12th century, when Walter de Riddel, from Rydale (NR Yorks), settled in Scotland after accompanying King David. Another unrelated family of this name have been established in Northumb since at least the 14th century, with William de Ridell having been sheriff of the county in 1314.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Rydal, 1252 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Richmond, NR Yorks); Thomas de Ryedale, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thwing, ER Yorks); Johannes de Rydall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Agnes Rydall', 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Ricardus Ridalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsley, ER Yorks); Thomas Rydale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Nicho. Ridall, 1612 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Barbara Riddle, 1640 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Cuthbert Riddle, 1643 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Walker Riddel, 1678 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

Scotland: Walter de Ridale, about 1150 in *Black*; Issobel Riddel, 1608 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Jonet Riddel, 1658 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); John Riddel, 1679 in *IGI* (Monymusk, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 42; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Black*.

2 Norman: relationship name from an Old French personal name \**Ridel*, perhaps a pet form of Continental Germanic names such as *Ridbald* and *Ridhari(us)*. Some of the post-medieval surname examples below may alternatively belong with (1). **Further information:** Reaney's explanation as a nickname from Old French *ridel* 'small hill' seems unlikely, since it occurs as a given name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ridel Papillun, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Ridel de Kisebie 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames, England: Goisfridus Ridel, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Geva Ridel, 1138–47 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); William Ridel', 1205 in *Pleas* (Northants); Reginald Ridel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Alexander Ridel', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Essex); Johannes Ridel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Goadby, Leics); Willelmus Ridull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Dorothie Ridall, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Johis Riddle, 1591 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Cornellis Riddle, 1600 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Riddle, 1613 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Susanna Riddle, 1628 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts).

surnames, Scotland: Gervasius Ridel, about 1124 in *Black* (Cranstoun-Riddell, Midlothian); Jennett Riddell, 1590 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

**References:** *Domesday People*, pp. 230–1; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 1107–9.

## Ridden

Variants: **Riden, Ryden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex; Durham; Warwicks

English: possibly a variant of **Rigden**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Ridden, 1717 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Edward Ridden, 1728 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Elizabeth Ridden, 1763 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks).

## Riddett

Variants: **Readett, Readitt, Reditt, Redit, Redditt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW, Hants, and Sussex

English: locative name from the Middle English *redette* (Old English \**hreodet*) 'reed bed', signifying someone who lived by a reed bed. For the Old English suffix *-et* 'collection of', compare **Haslett**. **Early bearers:** Reymbre ater Redette, 1296, Adam atte Redette, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margett Redett, 1561 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Nicholas Reddett, 1620 in *TNA* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); Cicely Redit or Reditt, widow of Legbourne, Lincs, 1658 in



*TNA*; Robinson Readett, 1773 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Richard Ridett, carpenters mate on board the ship Warren Hastings, 1788 in *TNA*; Hannah Ridditt, 1820 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, pp. 17–18; 2, p. 466.

### Riddick

Variants: **Reddick, Roddick, Rodick**

- Current frequencies: GB 659, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 481
- Main GB location 1881: Kirkcudbrights and Dumfriess; Lancs; Somerset and Wilts; IoW

1 Scottish: locative name from Rerrick (Kirkcudbrights).

Early bearers: Nicholas de Reraik, 1280 in *Edgar, Dumfries* (Kirkcudbrights); Gilbert de Rerik, 1467 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Redik, 1599 in *Retours, Scotland* (Barharrow, Kirkcudbrights); Cuthbert Reddik, 1593 in *Kirkcudbright Town Records* (Kirkcudbrights).

2 English: locative name from Redwick (Gloucs).

Early bearers: John de la Redewyke, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Riddick, 1632 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Jane Riddick, 1732 in *IGI* (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); Sarah Riddick, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Riddick, 1773 in *IGI* (West Knoyle, Wilts); James Riddick, 1794 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 136–7.

### Riddiford

- Current frequencies: GB 304, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 168
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs

English: locative name from *Rhydleford*, a lost place-name in Hinton (Gloucs).

Early bearers: Jone Ridiford, 1616, George Riddiford, 1624 in *IGI* (North Nibley, Gloucs); Arthur Riddiford, 1691 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); William Riddleford, 1785 in *IGI* (Hill, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 235.

### Ridding

- Current frequencies: GB 319, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 293
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks

English: see **Riding**.

### Riddington

- Current frequencies: GB 260, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 251
- Main GB location 1881: Leics and Lincs

English: perhaps a variant of **Reddington**.

### Riddiough

- Current frequencies: GB 231, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 151
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Ridehalgh**.

### Riddle

Variants: **Riddles**

- Current frequencies: GB 1897, Ireland 41
- GB frequency 1881: 2462
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. Durham and Northumb
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry; Armagh

English: see **Riddell**.

### Riddler

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 100
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens; Gloucs

Scottish, English: see **Ridler**.

### Riddles

- Current frequencies: GB 148, Ireland 51
- GB frequency 1881: 186
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Kent; Gloucs

English: variant of **Riddle** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Riddlesden

Variants: **Riddleston, Ruddlesden**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Riddlesden in Morton (WR Yorks). The place-name, recorded as *Redelsden* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), is from an Old English personal name *Rēdel* or *Hrēthel* + *denu* 'valley'.

Early bearers: Johanna de Ridilsden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yeadon, WR Yorks); Thomas Ridilsden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); John Ruddilsdene, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Halifax); Georgij Riddlesden, 1613 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Ruddlesden, 1625 in *York Registry Wills* (Birstall, WR Yorks); John Ridlesden, 1646 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Willim Ridlesden, 1648, Benjamin Riddlesdin, 1771, James Riddlesdon, 1788, George Riddlesden, George Riddleston, 1797 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 390; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 172.

### Riddleston

- Current frequencies: GB 118, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2

English: (i) locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place. (ii) variant of **Riddlesden**.

Early bearers: Captain Riddlestone, 1592 in *TNA* (Plymouth, Devon); Isabella Ridleston, 1602 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Riddleston, 1608 in *TNA* (London); Georg Ridlestone, 1647 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Ridelsdon or Ridleston, gentlewoman of London, 1652 in *TNA*; George Riddlestone, 1697 in *IGI* (Newton by Folkingham, Lincs); Edwaard Ridlesdon, 1757 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); James Riddlestone, 1762, Richard Ridlestone, 1772 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall); Margaret Riddleston, 1788 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Daniel Riddelstone, 1847 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Riddock

Variants: **Riddock, Reddoch**

- Current frequencies: GB 602, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 350
- Main GB location 1881: E Scotland: esp. Banffs

1 Scottish: locative name perhaps from Reddoch Farm in Grangemouth (Stirlings) or Reddochbraes in Lesmahagow (Lanarks).

Early bearers: Alexander Reddocht, 1533 in *Protocol Books Johnoun* (Linlithgow, West Lothian); John Reddocht, 1547 in *Taymouth Black Book* (Glenurquhay, Perths); Archebald Riddoch, 1615 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Alexander Riddoch, 1619 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Catharine Riddoch, 1629 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 Scottish, English: see **Ruddock**.

### Riddock

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 71
- Main GB location 1881: Ayr and Lanarks; Lancs; Kent

1 Scottish, English: see **Ruddock**.

2 Scottish: see **Riddoch**.

### Riddy

- Current frequencies: GB 179, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Beds and Bucks; Derbys

English: see **Reddy** (1).

Early bearers: Alice Ryddie, 1566 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Elizabeth Riddy, 1622 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds).

### Ride

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 268
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys; also Leics and Warwicks; Lancs; Kent

English: see **Ryde**.

### Rideal

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Ridal**.

### Ridealgh

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Ridehalgh**.

### Ridehalgh

Variants: **Ridealgh, Riddiough, Readyhough, Reddihough, Reddyhoff**

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 318
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Higher Ridihalgh in the township of Briercliffe with Extwistle in Whalley parish (Lancs). The name may have become confused with **Riddell**.

Early bearers: William de Redihalgh, 1324 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; Robert del Riddyough, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Robtus Redyoke, 1587 in *National Burial Index* (Saint Peter, Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Ann Redgicke, 1665 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Edward Riddihough, Riddihalgh, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Susan Riddyough, 1732 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Alice Reddiough, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Manchester, Lancs); John Riddyough, 1743 in *IGI* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Alice Riddyough, 1753 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Henry Reddiough, 1785 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Redgwick, 1790 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Jonathan Reedihough, 1803 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Harriet Redjwick, 1803 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Emley, WR Yorks).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 85.

### Riden

Variants: **Ryden**

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

## Rideout

1 English: locative name from one of several places called Rydon, such as those in Ashton and Abbotskerwell in Devon.

**Early bearers:** David and Luke de Rydon', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newton Abbot, Devon); Willelmus Rydon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bridford, Devon); John Riden, 1629, Hannah Riden, 1744 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 487, 505.

2 English: see **Rigden**.

## Rideout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 803, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Ridout**.

## Rider

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2133, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2896
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs; London; Devon
- English: see **Ryder**.

## Rides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs; Somerset
- English: variant of **Ryde** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Ridewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Redwood**.

## Ridgard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs; Staffs; Notts
- English: see **Rudyard**.

## Ridge

**Variants:** **Ridges**, **Rich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2514, Ireland 208
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2079
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: locative name from Middle English *rig(g)e* (Old English *hrycg*) 'ridge', for someone who lived on or by a ridge, or who lived at one of a number of minor places so named. It is synonymous with W Midlands **Rudge** and northern **Rigg**. See also **Atteridge**.

**Further information:** The surname is also fairly common in Ireland, having been taken to Connacht in the early 17th century. It has been Gaelicized as **Mac Iomaire**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de la Rigge, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William (de) Rigge, 1197–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Walterus atte Rigge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rudge (Episcopi), Devon); Salaman atte Regge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Mary Broadman, Kent); Willelmus de Rugg', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Margery Ridge, 1557 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); John Ridge,

1562 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Willm. Ridge, 1596 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Johannis Ridge, 1612 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Robarte Ridge, 1617 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); An Ridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Ridge, 1659 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks).

2 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Rich** with voicing of the medial consonant.

## Ridgely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks

English: see **Rugeley**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Ridgeman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Ridgman**.

## Ridgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ridgen, 1628 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Samuel Ridgin, 1679 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); John Rigeon, 1715 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent); Richard Ridgeon, 1722 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Ridgon, 1782 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Suffolk); George Ridgeon, 1824 in *IGI* (Old Newton, Suffolk); Matthias Ridgion, 1826 in *IGI* (Ixworth Thorpe, Suffolk).

## Ridgers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *rig(g)e* 'ridge' + *-er*, signifying someone who lived on or by a ridge or at a place called Ridge, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See also **Ridge** and **Ridgman**. Such topographical names in *-er* are principally found in the southern counties (especially Surrey, Sussex, and Hants).

**Early bearers:** Margerye Ridger, 1562 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Richard Ridger, 1636 in *IGI* (London); John Ridgers, 1651 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); George Ridgers, 1758 in *IGI* (Windlesham, Surrey).

## Ridges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: variant of **Ridge** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Ridges, 1589 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); John Ridges, 1763 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

## Ridgeway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 965, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: see **Ridgway**.

## Ridgewell

**Variants:** **Ridgwell**, **Redgewell**, **Redgwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Ridgewell (Essex).

Recorded as *Rideuuella* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), the place was probably named with Old English *hrēod* 'reed' + *wella* 'spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Redeswell, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Ridgewell, 1567 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Audrie Ridgewell, 1584 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Mary Ridgewell, 1600 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Thomas Ridgewell, 1627 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); William Redgewell, 1637 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Richard Redgwell, 1643 in *IGI* (Great Yeldham, Essex); John Ridgewell, 1648 in *IGI* (Stoke Hammond, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 453; *TNA*, C 135/249/19.

## Ridgley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Rugeley**.

## Ridgman

**Variants:** **Ridgeman**, **Rugman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *rig(g)e* 'ridge' (Old English *hrycg*) + *-man*, signifying someone who lived on or by a ridge or at a place called Ridge. See **Ridge**, **Ridgers**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rigeman, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk or Suffolk); John Regman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Rygman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Rainham, Kent); Robert Rigeman', clerk, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Roger Ruggeman, 1540 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon).

## Ridgway

**Variants:** **Ridgeway**, **Wridgway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3454, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2727
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops; Bucks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name from Middle English *rig(g)ewei* (Old English *hrycgweg*) 'ridgeway'. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived beside a ridgeway, or locative, signifying someone who lived at one of a number of places so named, for example Ridgeway (Cheshire, Derbys, Dorset, Somerset, Staffs) and Rudgeway (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Ruggeweie, before 1183 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Gloucs); Walter de Regewey, 1262 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii; William de Rygeway, 1310 in *Derbys Charters*; Randall Ridgway, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Randoll Ridgway, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Ridgway, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Peter Ridgway, 1594 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Richard Ridgway, 1604 in *IGI* (Ibstock, Leics).

## Ridgwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Ridgewell**.

### Riding

**Variants:** Ridding, Ryding, Ridings, Rydings, Reding, Ruddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2247, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1988
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name for someone who lived by an area of cleared land, an assart, from Middle English *riding, ridding* (Old English \**ryding*) ‘clearing, assart’.

**Early bearers:** Richard del Ryding, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William atte Rydyng, 1339 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus dil Rydyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Lancs); Isolda de Riddyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Ricardus Rydyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Rydyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Alexander Ryddings, 1507 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Alice Ryding, 1543 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); William Riding, 1546 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elizabeth Ryding, 1572 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willm Ridding, 1576 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); James Rydings, 1578 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Robert Ridding, 1608 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Humfrey Ridding, 1626 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ridings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

- 1 English: see **Readings**.
- 2 English: see **Riding**.

### Ridland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland

English, Scottish: probably a variant of **Rudland**, though the heavy concentration in Shetland cannot be explained.

**Early bearers:** Magnus Ridland, 1701 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Ridland, 1751 in *IGI* (Lerwick, Shetland); William Ridland, 1753 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland); Laurence Ridland, 1757 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).

### Ridler

**Variants:** Riddler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 942, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *ridelen* ‘to sieve or sift’, perhaps for a sifter of corn or a sifter of sand and lime in mortar production.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Ridelere, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Andrew le Rydelere, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Ridelere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westcombland, Somerset); John Redeler, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Wells, Somerset); John Ridler, 1546 in *IGI* (Duntisbourne Rouse, Gloucs); John Ridler, 1558 in *IGI* (Frithelstock, Devon); An Ridler, 1609 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizabeth Ridler, 1610 in *IGI*

(Dodington, Somerset); Thomas Ridler, 1638 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Redler or Ridler, yeoman of Dulverton, 1651 in *TNA* (Somerset).

### Ridley

**Variants:** Redley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8134, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5741
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb; also Surrey, Sussex; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Wexford

English: locative name from any of the various places called Ridley (Cheshire, Kent, Northumb) or Ridley Hall in Terling (Essex).

**Further information:** A Northumberland family of this name included Bishop Nicholas Ridley, who was burned at the stake in 1555 for refusing to recant his Protestant beliefs.

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Redleg, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas de Redleia, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Roger de Reddeleg, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Alexander de Rydeleye, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Henry Rydleye, 1300 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Richard Redley, 1312 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Margret Ridley, 1548 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); John Ridley, 1561 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); Suzan Ridley, 1566 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Henrye Ridley, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Amy Ridley, 1570 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Riddley, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 242–4; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 313–4; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 297; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 166.

### Ridlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Northants

English: locative name from Ridlington in Rutland. **Early bearers:** William de Rydlyngton, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Aldgate, London); Thoma Ridlyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); Willmi Ridlington, 1579 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Robert Ridlington, 1702 in *IGI* (Alwalton, Hunts); Sarah Ridlington, 1705 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); Henry Ridlington, 1708 in *IGI* (Edith Weston, Rutland); Thos Ridlington, 1727 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, pp. 206–7.

### Ridout

**Variants:** Rideout, Ridoutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1380, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1048
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *rid out* ‘ride out’, perhaps used of an outrider (Middle English *outridere*), whose duties included riding out to collect dues and supervise manors. The similar Middle English phrase *rid awei* ‘ride away’ is attested as a medieval surname: Adam Rideway, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Elyas Rydhut, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Ellis Ridut, 1276, John Ridut, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Rydout of Mildenhall, 1359 in *TNA* (Suffolk); Willelmus Rydhowt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rathmell, WR Yorks); William Rydout, 1464 in *Norfolk Record Office*

(Copdock, Suffolk); Philip Ridout, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Ditchat, Somerset); Thomas Ridout, 1601 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); Elizabeth Ridout, 1668 in *IGI* (Ditchat, Somerset); Phillip Ridout, 1696 in *IGI* (Tisbury, Wilts); Robert Ridout, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Deborah Redout, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Dorchester, Dorset); Theophilus Ridout, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); James Ridut or Ridout, servant of Worcester Park, 1743 in *TNA* (Surrey).

### Ridoutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Ridout**.

### Ridpath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs; Essex
- English: see **Redpath**.

### Ridsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 780
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Redesdale rather than from Ridsdale (both Northumb); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Redesdale, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Harbottle, Northumb); Johannes de Redesdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warton, Northumb); Johanne de Redesdale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thoma Redesdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Philipus de Rydesdal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Trussell with Bednall, Staffs); Willelmus de Redisdale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Redesdale, 1427 in *York Registry Wills* (York); Robert Redisdall, 1542 in *York Registry Wills* (Thorpe le Street, ER Yorks); William Readesdalle, 1589 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Henry Ridsdale, 1577 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Martha Ridsdale, 1654 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Ridsdale, 1655 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 163; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ridyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rudyard**.

### Ried

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- Scottish: see **Reid**.

### Riel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Ryall**.

## Rielly

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Rielly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 431
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Angus; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- English: from Ó Raghairligh, see **O'Reilly**.

### Riely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Raghairligh, see **O'Reilly**.

### Rifat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim, Turkish: from a personal name based on Arabic *rif'at* 'high rank'.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Rigbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Rigby**.

### Rigby

Variants: **Rigbey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11245, Ireland 95
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8475
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Dublin
- English: locative name from Ribby (Lancs), recorded as *Rigbi* in *Domesday Book*, or from Rigsby (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Rigebe, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Ryggeby, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Rygby, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 151; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 135.

### Rigden

Variants: **Ridden**, **Riden**, **Ryden**, **Rigdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 559
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rikedun*, a diminutive of *Rikke*, short for *Rikard* (Richard) + the Old French hypocoristic suffix *-dun*. Compare **Higdon**.  
**Further information:** There is no basis for McKinley's inference that the Sussex and Kent surname derived from an (unidentified) place-name *de Riggeden*, which would have given modern *Ridgeden* not *Rigden*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Rikedoun, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Reginald Rykedoun, 1327, Reginald Rikedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex); Stephanus Rikedone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Hardres, Kent); Thomas Rygdon, 1461–2 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Lower Hardres, Kent); Richard Rigdon, 1506 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Chislet, Kent); Elizabeth Rigden, 1569 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); William Rigden, 1557 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 34 (Kent); William Rigdon, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Dunsby, Lincs); Elizabeth

Rigden, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Hundleby, Lincs); Anne Rigdenn, 1628 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent) .  
**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 126.

### Rigdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs
- English: see **Rigden**.

### Rigg

Variants: **Riggs**, **Rigge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2676, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2496
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs
- English: locative name from one or other of the many minor place-names in N England named with Middle English *rigg* (Old Scandinavian *hrygg*) 'ridge'. Compare the synonymous **Ridge**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Rygg, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Borrowby, Lythe, NR Yorks); Richard Rygg, 1314 in *Yorks Deeds* (Stockeld, WR Yorks); John del Rigg, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Edward Rigg, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Agnes Rigge, 1544 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); John Rygge, 1556 in *Feet of Fines* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomas Rigg, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Malton, NR Yorks); Clement Rigge, 1568 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Elizabeth Rigg, 1570 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Margret Rigg, 1574 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).

### Riggall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: probably a variant of **Rickell**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Riggall, 1597, William Riggall, 1666, Robt. Riggall, 1782 in *IGI* (Grainthorpe, Lincs).

### Riggans

Variants: **Riggins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Renfrews
- English, Scottish: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Edmonde Riggins, 1622 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); John Riggins, 1732 in *IGI* (Elswick, Lancs); William Riggins, 1761 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Pydar, Cornwall); Richard Riggins, 1820 in *IGI* (Newton, Norfolk); Catherine Riggins, 1847 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Janet Riggins, 1847 in *IGI* (New Cumnock, Ayr); Matthew Riggans, 1860 in *IGI* (Cumnock, Ayr).

### Rigge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey
- English: see **Rigg**.

### Riggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks; NE England; Cornwall
- English, Scottish: see **Riggans**.

### Rigglesford

Variants: **Riggulsford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name perhaps from Rigsford in Warbleton (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Riggelsford, 1626 in *IGI* (Lindfield, Sussex); Mary Rigelsford, 1651 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Martha Rigglesford, 1665 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); James Riggulsford, 1801 in *IGI* (Mountfield, Sussex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 470.

### Riggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: probably a variant of **Rickett** with voicing of /k/ to /g/. Compare Alicia Riggott, 1662, Johannis Rickett, 1697 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Katherine Riggott, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); James Rygot, 1722 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

### Riggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1608, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 992
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Westmeath

1 English: variant of **Rix** with voicing of /ks/ to /gs/. Compare Elena Rykes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cheselbourne, Dorset).

2 English: see **Ricks**.

3 English: variant of **Rigg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 203.

### Riggulsford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Rigglesford**.

### Right

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: spelling variant of **Wright**.

**Early bearers:** Alyce Right, 1517 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Anne Right, 1577 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); John Right, 1584 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Robt. Right, 1586 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Thomas Right, 1597 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Alice Right, 1601 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs).

### Righton

Variants: **Ryton**, **Wrighton**, **Wrighting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Warwicks; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Ryton on Dunsmore (Warwicks), and occasionally from Ryton (Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** John de Ruiton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Lecia de Ruton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Fulke Righton, 1590, John Ryton, 1602, John Wrighton, 1654 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Georgii Wrighton, 1607, Gulielmus Righton, 1614 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); James Ryton, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael e Querne, London); John Righton, 1638, Marie Ryton,

1643 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Katherine Righton, 1629 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Henry Wrighton, John Righton, 1670 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Sarah Wrighton, 1731 in *IGI* (Whiston, Northants); Sophia Ryton, 1790 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Willm. Wrighton, 1792, Sarah Wrighting, 1825 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 256; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 178–9.

2 English: locative name, Redmonds shows that the S Yorks name is from East Rigton, in Bardsey parish (WR Yorks), recorded both as *Rigton* or *Ryhton* (12th century to 17th century) and as *Righton* or *Ryhton* (13th century to 16th century). He notes that vacillation between *-g-* and *-gh-* spellings occurs in surname forms up to the late 17th century, citing Thomas Rigton, George Reighton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Clifford, WR Yorks). Derivation from Reighton (ER Yorks) is a theoretical alternative for surnames recorded in York and ER Yorks but there is no evidence to confirm this, or for derivation from Ryton in Durham or in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Ryhton, 1172, [ . . . de] Rychton, 1251 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks*; Daniel de Riggeton, 1327 in *Thoresby Society* 2 (Bardsey, WR Yorks); William de Righton, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Nicholaus de Ryhton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rigton, WR Yorks); Henricus de Riggeton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Johannes Ryhton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Adam Ryhton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); Hugone de Righton', Thoma de Rigton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Righton, 1438 in *York Registry Wills* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); Bartlemewe Righton, 1577 in *IGI* (Gayton le Wold, Lincs); Johes. Righton, 1587 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Alexander Ryton, 1609 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Righton, 1623 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Margeritt Righton, 1632, Lewis Wrighton, 1649 in *IGI* (Revesby, Lincs); Willm. Righton, 1712, Robt. Wrighton, 1715 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 177; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Riglar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Rigler**.

### Rigler

**Variants:** Riglar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jo Riglar, 1692, John Rigler, 1715 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); James Riggler, 1797, William Rigler, 1799 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Henry Regler, 1828 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset).

### Rigley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 98
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 410
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; Lancs
- English: see **Wrigley**.

### Rignall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Cambs, and Beds; ER Yorks

1 English: locative name, probably from Rignall in Worminghall (Bucks), though this is first recorded later than the first known bearer.

**Early bearers:** John Rignall, 1602 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Richard Rignall, 1735 in *IGI* (Shelton, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 130.

2 Norman, English: see **Reynold**.

**Early bearers:** Henrie Rignald, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

### Rigney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 608
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

Irish: from Ó Raigne, a variant of Ó Raighne, see **Rainey**.

### Rigsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Northumb

English: locative name from Rigsby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Rygesby, 1271 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard de Riggesby, 1385, Thomas de Rigesby, 1398 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johan Rigsby, 1615 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); William Rigsby, 1617 in *IGI* (Chenies, Bucks); John Rigsby, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Elizabeth Rigsby, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thos Rigsby, 1627 in *IGI* (Tombridge, Kent).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 102.

### Rihal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Rehal**.

### Riles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; London

English: see **Ryles**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Riley

**Variants:** Ryley, Rily

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30422, Ireland 308
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23557
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Mayo

1 English: locative name chiefly from High Ryley, in Accrington (Lancs) and Riley in Kirkburton, which was in the manor of Wakefield (WR Yorks). Some families may alternatively derive their names from Riley (Derbys), Royley (Lancs), or Rylah (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** John de Ryelay, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry de Ryley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Robertus de Ryelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Rogero de Ryle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn, Lancs); Johanne de Rylay, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Rossendale Chase, Lancs); Edus de Rylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Robertus de Ryelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cumberland, WR Yorks); Johannes de Rylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); John Ryley, 1488 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Mary Ryley, 1522 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); William Rylay, 1538 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Margery Riley, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Georgi Ryley, 1543 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Ryley, 1551 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Samuel Riley, 1558 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Issabell Ryley, 1599, Elizabeth Riley, 1647, William Rily, 1714 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Thomas Ryley, 1560 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); John Ryley, 1585 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Thomas Riley, 1605 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Mihell Riley, 1639 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Ann Rily, 1675, Gab. Riley, 1679 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 52, 90; *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 92; 2, p. 295; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 246; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English name, it is Irish Ó Raghailigh, see **O'Reilly**.

### Rilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- Irish: from Mac Raghailigh, see **Crilly**.

### Rily

- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Riley**.

### Rimbault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Rainbow**.

### Rimel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Rimell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rimell

**Variants:** Rymell, Rymill, Rimel, Rimmel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Rimilde*, *Rimilda* (Old English *Rimhild*).

**Further information:** The female given name may be Old Scandinavian.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rimilda Vidua, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: Elias filius Rimilde, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Rogerus filius Rimilde, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Rimel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Rymyld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Steven Rimell, 1593 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Rimell, 1612 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richardi Rimell, 1614 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); John Rimell, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East,

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London); Mary Rimell, 1632 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

### Rimer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Hants
- English: see **Rimmer**.

### Rimes

Variants: **Rhymes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset; also Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William de Rimes, 1168 in *TNA* (Edgware, Middx); Roger de Remes, Roger de Reyms, 1266, William de Remes, 1271 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Reymes, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Bolam, Northumb); Nicholas de Raymes, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Charles Rimes, 1555 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs); Edward Ryme, 1559 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Margaret Rymes or Rimes, spinster of London, 1647 in *TNA*; John Rime, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Little Abington, Cambs); Robart Rymes, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Goyles Rimes, Rymes, 1607 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Edvardj Rhymes, 1671 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); John Rimes, 1693 in *IGI* (Farcet, Hants); Cornelius Rhimes, 1780 in *IGI* (Rattery, Devon).

2 Huguenot: locative name, perhaps from Reims in France.

**Early bearers:** Pierre Rymes, 1602, Jaques Rime, 1605 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Saint French Huguenot Church, London).

### Rimington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 323
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rimmington**.

### Riminton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Rimmington**.

### Rimmel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Rimell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rimmer

Variants: **Rimer, Rymer, Rhymer, Remmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7392, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3766
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire
- English: occupational name for a poet or minstrel, principally from Anglo-Norman French *rimour*, *rymour* 'poet', but perhaps occasionally a derivative of Middle English *rimen* 'to compose or recite verses'. **Early bearers:** Warin Rymer, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Rimour, 1277 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John le Rymour of Almere, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Almer, Dorset); John le Rymour of Farnesfeld, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Farnesfield, Notts);

Johannes Rymour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brompton on Swale, NR Yorks); Johanne le Rymour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Thomas Rymour, 1407 in *PROB 11* (Bath, Somerset); George Rimmer, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Dowce Rimor, 1577 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Henry Rimer, 1581 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Jennet Rimmer, 1609 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs); Catherine Rhymer, 1710 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

**References:** Information from Gladys Rimmer Armstrong (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Rimmington

Variants: **Rimington, Riminton, Remington, Remmington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 829, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 613
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: locative name from Rimington (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Goda de Rimington', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Isaac de Rymington, about 1280 in *Pudsay Deeds* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Henry de Rymington, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Johannes Remyngton, Walterus de Rymynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Matilda de Remyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Matilda Rymyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Rymyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grindleton, WR Yorks); James Remyngton, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Margeret Rimington, 1561, Robert Remmington, 1614 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thome Remington, 1565 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Jo Remington, 1565 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Mathew Rimmington, 1569 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); James Rimmington, 1582 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Barbary Remington, 1587 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Thomae Remmington, 1595 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Thomas Remington, 1600 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 176.

### Rinaldi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Rinaldo*, of Germanic origin, composed of the elements *ragin* 'advice, counsel' + *wald* 'rule'.

### Rind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cheshire
- 1 English: unexplained, but apparently of a different origin from (2). **Early bearers:** Edward Rind, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Warleggan, Cornwall); James Rind, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster Saint Margaret, Middx); Elizabeth Rind, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Mathew Rind, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Northchurch, Herts); David Rind, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Wapping, Middx).
- 2 Scottish: see **Rhind**.

### Ring

Variants: **Ringe, Rings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1948, Ireland 982
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kilkenny

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ring*, Old English *hring* 'ring', used either for someone who wore rings or for a maker of rings, a jeweller or a maker of chain-mail. See **Ringer**.

**Early bearers:** Eilwinus Ring, 1207 in *Charter Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Ring, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Rynng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elsted, Sussex); John Ring, 1540 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset); Margaret Ring, 1560 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Aells Ring, 1577 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Alice Ring, 1597 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Dorothe Ring, 1602 in *IGI* (Morton, Derbys).

2 Irish: from Ó Rinn, see **Rynne**.

### Ringe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Ring**.

### Ringel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Ringle**.

### Ringer

Variants: **Rainger, Rengger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

1 English: (i) occupational name for a maker of rings and other items of jewellery, from Middle English *\*ringer(e)*, a derivative of the noun *ring* (Old English *hring*). Rob. le Ringer', 1276 in *London Eyre*, 'complained that Martin le Criour, by order of Walter Hervy, broke into his house at Fleet and carried off a brooch and 300 rings of latten wich Robert had made'. It is alternatively possible that some ringers made chain-mail. Compare **Ring**. (ii) occupational name for someone employed to ring church bells or bells in a procession, Middle English *ringer(e)*, a derivative of the verb *ringen* 'to ring'. **Further information:** The obsolete surname *Ringbell* is documented in medieval England: e.g. Henry Ringebell, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Hugo (le) Ringere, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William le Ringere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Ringer, 1564 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Agnes Ringer, 1572 in *IGI* (Stifford, Essex); William Ringer, 1576 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Robert Ringer, 1586 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); John Ringer, 1636 in *IGI* (Williton, Somerset).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rainger, Reinger* (Old French *Reinger*, Continental Germanic *Reinger*).

**Further information:** Ringer's Farm in Terling (Essex) has been identified with the 'inheritance of John Renger in Terling', 1277 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 297.

**Early bearers:** Radulfus filius Raingeri, 1147–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Ricardus filius Reinger, 1221 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters*; identical with Richard Reinger, Renger, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; John Renger, Richard Renger, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Rynger, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

3 English: occupational name, possibly from a derivative of Middle English *wringen* 'to wring or squeeze', perhaps used for a wringer or presser of

cheese: compare Richard le Chesewryngere, 1281 in *Fransson* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Wringar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**4** English: relationship name, possibly from the Middle English personal name *Ringer* (Old English *Hringhere*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ringer, 12th cent. in *Searle, Onomasticon*; Ringer' filius Alani, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

### Ringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Middx and Surrey; Cambs

English: locative name apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** Edmundus de Ryngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Westgate, Norfolk); Cuthbert Ringham, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Ringham, 1621 in *IGI* (Langtoft, Lincs).

### Ringland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 213
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Ringland (Norfolk).

**Further information:** This name is proportionally more common in Ireland than England.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes of Ringland, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); William Ringelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Ringland, 1573 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk); William Ringland, 1583 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk); Robert Ringland, 1817 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Louisa Ringland, 1821 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); Elizabeth Ringland, 1836 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Ireland: Hans Ringland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Down); John Ringland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down).

**References:** <http://boards.ancestry.com/surnames.ringland/13.28.30.1/mb.ashx>; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 500.

### Ringle

**Variants:** Ringel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

**1** English: relationship name usually from the Middle English personal name *Ringulf* (Old English *Hringwulf*, perhaps re-inforced by Continental Germanic *Ringulf*). Some of the examples in *-al*, *-all*, *-oll* may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ringulfus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Ringul, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).

surnames: Godric filius Ringolf, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); John Ryngulf, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agatha Ryngolf, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Ringolfe, 1329 in *Norwich Deeds II* (Norfolk); Isolda Ryngolf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannes Ryngolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus Rynggolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); Richi. Ringall, 1601 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Jn. Ringal, 1633 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Ringoll, 1637 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elisabeth Ringle, 1723 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs).

**2** Norman, English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Ringold*, *Ringeld* (Old English *Hringweald*).

However, examples below ending in *-eld*, *-ald*, *-old* may have an excrescent *-d* and belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Ringold filius Alhich, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs)

surnames: William Ringeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robti Ringold, 1566, Robti Ringald, 1599 in *IGI* (Worstead, Norfolk); Nicholai Ringold, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk).

### Ringrose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 861, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 725
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks; also Northants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick

English: nickname from a Middle English phrase, either *ringe* (*the*) *rose*, where *ringe* is a verb, or *ring on the rose*, contracted to *ringotherose* and *ringerose*, where *ring* is a noun. Perhaps it alludes to a game similar to quoits. Compare *to ring the bull* 'to play a game where participants throw or swing a ring on to a hook fixed upon a wall or target' (1838 in *OED*).

Alternatively it may allude to a singing dance, of a type preserved in the children's singing game *ring-a-ring o' roses*, where participants hold hands and dance in a circle, falling down at the end of the song. The game is not recorded in England before 1855 (*OED*) but was known in Massachusetts about 1790, and may derive from an adult dance of older date.

**Early bearers:** John Ringerose, 1259 in *Norwich Deeds* (Norfolk); Johannes Ringerose, 1287 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Robert Ringotherose, 1326 in *Patent Rolls*; John Ringros, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Ryngotherose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Ryngres [*sic*], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); William Ryngeros, 1458 in *Fasti Parochiales* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); William Ringrose, 1535 in *Lincoln Wills* (Lincs); John Ringrose, 1578 in *IGI* (Cold Ashby, Northants); Thomas Ringrose, 1588 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Rycherd Ringrose, 1589 in *IGI* (West Heslerton, ER Yorks); William Ringrose, 1593 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); John Ringrose, 1620 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Rings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Ring** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Ringsell

**Variants:** Ringshall, Ringshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: locative name from Ringshall in Edlesborough (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Jerome Ringsall, 1567, William Ringsoll, 1609, George Ringshall, 1764 in *IGI* (Great Gaddesden, Herts); John Ringsell, 1675 in *IGI* (Great Berkhamstead, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 95.

### Ringshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Herts
- English: see **Ringsell**.

### Ringshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: see **Ringsell**.

### Ringstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Ringstead (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Ringsted', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Ringstede, 1284 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Alexander de Ringstede, 1299 in *Ancient Deeds* (Norfolk); John Ringstead, 1590 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Mary Ringstead, 1598 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Thomas Ringstead, 1599 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Hester Ringstead, 1605 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); John Widower Ringstead, 1657 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 500.

### Ringwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Kilkenny, and Kildare

English: locative name from Ringwood (Hants).

**Early bearers:** John de Ringwode, 1307, de Ryngwode, 1309, 1313, de Ringewode, clerk, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks and Northants); John de Ryngewode of Suwerk, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Southwark, Surrey); Robertus Ryngwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frome Billet, Dorset); Willelmus Ryngewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Nicholas Ryngewod', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Ludgershall, Bucks); Thomas Ryngwode, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts and Hants); Willm Ringwood, 1580 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Harry Ringwood, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Priors Court, Berks); Margaret Ryngewode or Ringwood, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Anthonie Ringwood, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 138.

### Rintoul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 683
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Fife

Scottish: locative name from Rintoul in Orwell (Kinross-shire).

**Early bearers:** Johnne Rentoule, 1643 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Rintoule, 1684 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); John Rintoul, 1677 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); Elspet Rintoule, 1685 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife); Isable Rentoule, 1695 in *IGI* (Tibbermore, Perth); Isobell Rentoule, 1758 in *IGI* (Ardersier, Inverness); Laurance Rentoul, 1718 in *IGI* (Madderty, Perth).

### Rioch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

## Riordan

- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland (Kincardine and Angus)
- Scottish Gaelic: see **Riach**.

## Riordan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1421, Ireland 1980
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork  
Irish: reduced form of **O’Riordan** (Ó Rioghbhárdáin).

## Rios

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Galician, Spanish: locative name, Galician and Spanish (**Ríos**), from any of the places called Ríos, predominantly in Galicia.

## Ripley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2869, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1967
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N and E England: esp. WR Yorks; also Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: locative name from Ripley (Derbys, Hants, Surrey, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Rippeley, about 1175–83 in *Yorks Charters*; Roger de Rippeley, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Richard Rypplay, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Elena Ripley, 1536 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); John Ripley, 1561 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Margar. Ripley, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Thoms. Ripley, 1564 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Ripley, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys 2*, pp. 493–4; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 146–7; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 5*, pp. 101–2; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 501.

## Ripon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; Herts
- English: see **Rippon**.

## Ripp

- Variants:** **Rippe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Middle English *ripe* (Old English \**rip(p)*) ‘strip, ridge, bank (of a river), or shore’. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived on or by a ridge, bank, or shore, or locative, signifying someone from Ripe (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Eborard de la Ripe, 1221–30 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Henry atte Ryp, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Ryppes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Rippe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Ripp**.

## Rippen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Rippon**.

## Ripper

- Variants:** **Repper**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Kent, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk
- 1 English: nickname from a derivative of Middle English (*h*)*rip* ‘basket’, sometimes perhaps for a maker or seller of baskets, or one who used baskets to carry goods for sale.

**Further information:** *Rypier* was used in London in 1384 of those who brought fish from the sea for sale in the city.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Ripier(e), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Gilbert le Ripier, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds). Edmundo Ripier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Ripper, 1540 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Stephen Ripper, 1598 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall); Ripper Ripper, 1620 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); William Ripper, 1621 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Elizabeth Ripper, 1627 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Scottish: see **Reaper**.

## Rippon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and Leics; Devon
- English: see **Rippon**.

## Rippingale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Lincs
- English: locative name from Rippingale (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** John and Nicholas de Reppinghale, 1266 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Repyngghale, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Draughton, Northants); Johannes Rypyingall’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fimber, ER Yorks); Roberto Repyngale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Bellars, Leics); Robert Rypyingale, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Stickney, Lincs); William Rypingale, 1580 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); John Rippingale, 1587 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Thomas Ripingail, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Great Thurlow, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 102.

## Ripington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks
- English: see **Repton**.

## Rippon

- Variants:** **Ripon**, **Rippen**, **Rippin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1094, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1040
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and E Midlands

English: locative name from Ripon (WR Yorks).  
**Further information:** In *Norfolk and Suffolk Surnames*, p. 76, McKinley notes that the surname *de Rypun* is recorded in Norfolk from the end of the 13th century,

and suggests that it is derived from the hamlet of Rippon in Hevingham (Norfolk). Compare also Robertus de Ripon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe next Norwich with Pockthorpe, Norfolk), and Thomas Rypon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxham with Salhouse, Norfolk). However, there is no certain evidence that a surname with this origin has survived into modern times, and since members of the medieval Yorks family or families called (*de*) *Ripon* were merchants, it is not out of the question that some had migrated to Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ripon, about 1154–7 in *Mowbray Charters*; Thome de Ripun, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts and Derbys); Henry of Ripun, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas de Ripon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Johanne de Rypon’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ricardus de Rypon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Michaelis de Ryllepon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Rypon’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Rypon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timble, WR Yorks); Johannes de Rypon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Johannes de Rypon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Peter Rypon, 1402–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Ripon, 1437–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Rippon, 1561 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Samuell Ripon, 1578 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Rippon, 1601 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Henrye Rippin, 1594 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); Isabell Rippen, 1602 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edvardi Rippon, 1606 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Maria Rippon, 1611 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); John Ripon, 1613 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Rippin, 1616, Jhon Rippon, 1620 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Rippon, 1631 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Rippin, 1635 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 5*, pp. 164–5.

## Ririe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Ryrie**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Risbridger

- Variants:** **Rusbridger**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *ris(h)* ‘brushwood’ (Old English *hris*) + *brigge* ‘bridge’ + *-er* suffix, for someone who lived near or was the keeper of a bridge made of brushwood. Compare **Rusbridge**, **Bridger**.

**Early bearers:** John Rysebrigger, 1497 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Rysbridger, 1548 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Willmi. Risbridger, 1574 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); John Rusbriger, 1590 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Thomas Rusbridger, 1603 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants).

## Risby

- Variants:** **Rusby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214



• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Gloucs; Lancs  
 English: locative name from Risby (Lincs, Suffolk, ER Yorks). The Lincs and Suffolk places are named with Old Scandinavian *hrís* 'brushwood' + *bý* 'farmstead, settlement', while the derivation of the first element of the Yorks place-name is uncertain.  
**Early bearers:** Wlfric de Rysebi, 1112 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Roger de Rizebi, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Risebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William de Ryssyby, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Henry Risby, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Rysby, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas Reesby, 1558 in *TNA* (Derbys, Notts, Leics); Maria Risby, 1565 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Wm. Risby, 1583 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Risby, 1606 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Daniel Risby, 1619 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); John Reesby, 1724 in *National Burial Index* (Spaldwick, Hunts).  
**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 102; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 204–5; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 502.

### Risdale

• **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 115  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks  
 English: locative name from Risdale in New Leake (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Rysdale, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Eversley, Hants); Thomas Rysdall, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Walsoken, Norfolk); Francis Rysdale, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Robt Risdale, 1612 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); John Risdall, 1687 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); Thomas Risdal, 1778 in *IGI* (Spridlington, Lincs).

### Risden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 42  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Cornwall  
 English: see **Risdon**.

### Risdon

#### Variants: Risden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 294  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Somerset

English: locative name primarily from either of the two Devon places named Risdon in Jacobstowe and Bratton Clovelly parishes, but perhaps also to a lesser extent from other places so named, including Riseden in Wadhurst (Sussex), Riseden in Goudhurst (Kent), and Risden in Hawkhurst (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Simon de Risedene, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William Risdon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 311, 341; *Place-Names of Devon 1*, pp. 152, 177; *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, p. 387.

### Rise

#### Variants: Rice, Ryce, Riss

• **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 117  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs

1 English: (i) locative name for someone who lived in or near a thicket (Middle English *ris*, *rice*, *ris*, from

Old English *hrís*, Old Scandinavian *hrís*), or for someone who came from a place named with this word, such as Rise (ER Yorks). The post-medieval name is impossible to distinguish from the Welsh name in (2), and the modern Lancs name may derive from either or both sources. (ii) nickname. Middle English *Rys(e)* and *Re(e)s* without a preposition could derive from one or other of several Old French and Middle English words, including Anglo-Norman French *ris* 'laughter, smile', Middle English *ris*, *res* 'stem, stalk', in origin the same word as in (1), and Middle English *ris*, *rise*, *rice*, *res*, Old French *ris*, *riz* 'rice', perhaps a nickname for a rice dealer or a cook. Compare Robert le Riz le Mester, 1240 in *Suffolk Eyre*, but it is unclear what occupation he was master of or what epithet is implied by the French definite article.

**Early bearers:** William Res, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William de Ris, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Johanni de Rys, 1259 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Brancaster, Norfolk); John Rees, 1288 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Will'mo Rys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brettenham, Suffolk); Roberto Ryse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Robert del Rys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Ryse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rise, ER Yorks); Galfridus atte Ryse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Portsea, Hants); John Rys, 1445–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); William Rise, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robart Ryce, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston, Suffolk); Edward Rice, 1608 in *IGI* (Stanstead, Suffolk); Mary Ryce, 1645 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Jo. Ryse, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Kedington, Suffolk); Jennet Rice, 1678, Mary Rice, 1763, Joseph Rice, 1831 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Jacob Rice, 1790 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 175–6.

2 Welsh: relationship name, see **Rees**. The examples cited here could alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Joice Rysse, 1578, Thomas Rice, 1678, 1781 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Henry Ryse, 1592, Benjamin Ryce, 1672, Job Rice, 1728, Richard Rice, 1817 in *IGI* (Burton on Trent, Staffs); John Rice, 1686, George Rice, 1827 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Riss, 1832 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

### Riseborough

#### Variants: Risebrow, Raspberry

• **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 223  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Monks or Princes Risborough (Bucks), Risbury (Herefs), or Riseborough in Normanby (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Eadric de Rysebury, 1242 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Thomas de Risebergh, 1290, de Rysbergh, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Hugh de Rysebury, parson, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Old Radnor, Radnors); John de Ryseberewe, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John de Rysborwe of Sc'o Albano, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Risburgh, vicar, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxford Saint Peters, Oxon); John Ryseburgh', 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Margaret Risborowe, 1561 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk); Thomas Risborough, 1619, Robert Risbrough, 1644, Thomas Risbrowe, 1674, William Roseborough, 1722 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Adame Risborowgh, An Risborow, 1628 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Wm. Riceborough, 1650, Paul Riseborow, 1651, Jno. Riseborough, 1654, Robt.

Risebrow, 1676, Robt. Risebourough, 1709 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 108; *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 170–1; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 77.

### Risebrow

• **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk  
 English: see **Riseborough**.

### Riseley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 224  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Hunts, Cambs, and Beds; Gloucs  
 English: see **Risley**.

### Risely

• **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 68  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants  
 English: see **Risley**.

### Risher

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
 English: see **Rusher**.

### Rishi

• **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, ultimately from Sanskrit *ṛṣi* 'sage'.

### Rishton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 283  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: see **Rushton**.  
**Early bearers:** Aleander Rishton, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Anna Rishton, 1598, Elizabeth Rushton, 1635 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Robert Rishton, 1603, James Rushton, 1627, Robert Riston, 1757 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

### Rishworth

• **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 187  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: see **Rushworth**.

### Rising

• **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 268  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
 English: locative name from Castle Rising or Woodrising (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Hugh de Rising, about 1227 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Nicholas Rysing, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Rysing, 1465 in *Paston Letters*.  
**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 392.

### Risk

#### Variants: Rusk

• **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 12  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 354  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings, Lanarks, and Renfrews  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Down

## Risley

Scottish Gaelic: locative name from Gaelic *riasp* ‘marsh with sedge’. The surname may be topographic, denoting someone who lived beside a marsh, or locative, denoting someone who lived at a place so named, such as Risk in Lochwinnoch (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** John Reisk, 1552 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Reisk, 1747 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings); Thomas Reisk, 1750 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

### Risley

**Variants:** Riseley, Risely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Middx and Essex

English: locative name from Risley (Derbys, Lancs) or Riseley (Beds, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ryslegh, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Wresle, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Beeston (in Northill), Beds); William de Riseleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John de Ryslee, 1375–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Riseley, 1417 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Risley, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Banbury, Oxon); John Rysle, knight, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Lee, Kent).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 97; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 18; *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 109; *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 496.

### Rispin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth and Meath
- English: variant of **Raspin**.

### Riss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London
- English, Welsh: see **Rise**.

### Rist

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England, Essex, and Suffolk

English: perhaps a variant of **Rest**.

### Riste

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: perhaps a variant of **Rest**.

### Riston

**Variants:** Reston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: locative name from North and South Reston (Lincs) and East and Sco Ruston (Norfolk). There is no evidence to link the name with Long Riston (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Riston, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William de Ryston, 1252 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John de Riston, 1312–13 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Walter de Reston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Suffolk); Thomas Raston of Fyncham, 1336 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Fincham, Norfolk); Brigget Riston, 1585 in *IGI* (Butterwick near Boston, Lincs); Allice Riston, 1592 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); James Riston, 1623 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Riston, 1744 in *IGI* (Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset); George Riston, 1839 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 101; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 514.

2 English: occasional variant of **Rishton**, see **Rushton**. This name may sometimes have been confused with **Ritson**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Rishton, 1605, Thos. Riston, 1792 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Wilt Riston, 1706 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Benjamin Riston, 1706, Samuel Rushton, 1814 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Margaret Reston, 1718, Wm. Riston, 1723, William Rishton, 1795 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

3 Scottish: see **Reston**.

### Ritch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

English, Scottish: either a variant of **Rich**, or perhaps from a short form of **Ritchie**, itself a diminutive based on *Rich*.

### Ritchard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Richard**.

### Ritchey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: see **Ritchie**.

### Ritchie

**Variants:** **Richie**, **Richey**, **Richies**, **McRitchie**, **Ritchey**, **Ritch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14429, Ireland 1298
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10067
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

Scottish: relationship name from a Scottish and Northern English diminutive of **Rich**, itself a pet form of the personal name **Richard**.

**Further information:** this Scottish surname is also common in Ulster.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Duncan Richie, 1505 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth, Perth); John Riche, 1505 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); John Ritchie, 1584 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Ritchie, 1611 in *Synod of Fife Records* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

Ireland: Anne Ritchey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Boveagh, Derry); James Ritchy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cappagh, Tyrone); Jane Richey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyniskan, Tyrone); John Richy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry).

### Ritchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Richens**.

### Ritson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1555, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, Cumb, and Lancs

English: relationship name, according to *Bardsley* a variant pronunciation of *Richson* or *Richinson*, reduced forms of **Richardson**. In support of this *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites William Ritson alias Richinson, 1649 in *York Registry Wills* (Caldbeck, Cumb). Compare also Guilmj Richson, 1683, and Helena Ritson, 1687 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb).

**Further information:** The name may sometimes have been confused with or assimilated to **Rishton** and **Rushton**. Compare Cuthbert Rittson, 1654, Hannah Riston, 1830 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Isabell Ritson, 1687, Wm. Riston, 1723, William Rishton, 1795 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); and Rich. Ritson, 1675, John Rushton, 1721, John Riston, 1857 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb). In S England the name is rare in 1881, but could derive from Ritson, in Halwell (Devon), which gave rise to a 13th-century surname; see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 324.

**Early bearers:** Myles Ritson, 1569 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Jannat Ritson, 1607 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); William Ritson, 1613 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Matthew Ritson, 1624 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Northumb); William Ritson, 1670 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Enoch Ritson, 1708 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

### Ritter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname, perhaps from an agent derivative of Middle English *ritten* ‘to cut open, split’, usually referring to the use of a blade. Compare **Render**.

**Early bearers:** John Rittur, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John Ryter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Rittour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Margaret Ritter, 1564 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Leonard Ritter, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster Saint Margaret, Middx).

2 German: status name, occupational name, nickname from Middle High German *rit(t)er* ‘knight, mounted warrior’ (Middle Low German *ridder*). Compare **Knight**.

**Early bearers:** Johann Friedrich Ritter, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

### Riva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Anglesey; Middx

1 Italian: locative name from *riva* ‘river bank’ (Latin *ripa*), for someone who lived on the bank of a river. **Early bearers:** Giovannine Riva, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Kensington, Middx).

2 Spanish, Catalan: locative name from *riba* ‘river’, for someone who lived on the bank of a river, or for someone who came from a place so named, such as La Riba, a town in Tarragona, Catalonia (Spain).

**Early bearers:** Manuel Riva (born in Chile) in *Census 1881* (Kent, Beds); Manario Riva (born in Spain) in *Census 1881* (Lancs, Beds).

**Rive**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

1 Norman, English: locative name from Old French and Middle English *rive* 'riverbank, coast', denoting someone who lived on or near a riverbank or the coast.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Rive, 1237 in *Close Rolls*; Hugh de la Ryve, 1287 in *London Letter Books A*; Robert ate Rive, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willm Rive, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

2 Huguenot: locative name from the same French source as (1), but brought later by Huguenot immigrants.

**Early bearers:** Madeleine Dela Rive, 1729 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Rivell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Oxon

English: see **Revell**

**Rivelli**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: locative name denoting someone from Rivello (Potenza).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**River**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs

1 Norman, English: see **Rivers**.

2 English: see **Revere**.

**Rivera**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Catalan, Spanish: locative name from *ribera* 'bank, shore' (Late Latin *riparia*), for someone who lived on a river bank, or for someone from any of the numerous places named Ribera.

2 Italian: locative name from a northern variant of the southern (especially Sicily) topographic name *Ribera*, with the same meaning and explanation as (1).

**Rivers**

**Variants:** **Revere**, **River**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3092, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1838
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, Kent, Essex, and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Norman, English: locative name from La Rivière (Calvados, Pas-de-Calais) or other places of the same name, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. *Tengvik* suggests also a possible derivation from Old French *river*, 'river', which may be the origin of the place-name River in Kent. How far later examples are topographic, from this word, or toponymic, from a place-name, can only be decided by detailed investigation in each case. It is noteworthy that the preposition is always *de la*. Compare **Revere**.

**Early bearers:** Gozelinus de Lariuera, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Gozelinus de Riure, de Riuarua, Riueire, Riure, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Walter de la Rivere, about 1150 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); John de Rypariis, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thos. Rivers, 1564 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Edward Rivers, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Agnes Rivers, 1580 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Rivers, 1582 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Richard Rivers, 1589 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

2 English: variant of **Revere**, with excrescent *-s*.

**Rivet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

English: see **Rivett**.

**Rivett**

**Variants:** **Revett**, **Revitt**, **Rivet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *rivet(te)* 'rivet', perhaps used for a riveter or maker of rivets.

**Further information:** The obsolete occupational surname *Riveter* is also attested in medieval England: Richard le reveter, 1313 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Reveter, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** John Ryuet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Rivett, 1568 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Michael Rivett, 1575 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thos. Rivett, 1585 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Katheren Rivett, 1599 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Thomas Rivett, 1627 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**Riviere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

French, Huguenot: locative name from Old French *rivière* 'river, shore', for someone who lived by the bank of a river or shore of a lake, or for someone from any of various places named (Le) Rivière, for example in Indre-et-Loire and Pas-de-Calais.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Pierre Riviere, 1630 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marie Riviere, 1712 in *IGI* (La Patente French Huguenot Church, London).

**Other:** Fortune Riviere (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Sussex); Ulderia Riviere (born in Switzerland) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Rivington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex; Derbys and Notts; Lancs

English: locative name from Rivington (Lancs).

Medieval forms of this name are often indistinguishable from those for Rowington (Warwicks), but note Robertus Rivingtonman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Rivingtonman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton, WR Yorks); Robt. Revington, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thrustians Rivington, 1595 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas

Revington, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Chester, Cheshire); Richard Rivington, 1634 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); John Rivington, 1710 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys); John Rivinton, 1723 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 28, 48; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 217–8.

**Rivis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Revis**.

**Rivlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (from Belarus): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Rivle*, a pet form of *Rivke* (Yiddish form of Hebrew *Rivqah*); see **Rebecca**, with the addition of the Slavic possessive suffix *-in*.

**Early bearers:** Rachel Gitel Rivlin, 1904 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Hyman Rivlin, 1905 in *Merthyr Tydfil Jewish Burials* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Solomon Rivlin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Alter Rivlin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Israel David Gersh Rivlin, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *riveling* 'wrinkle (on the skin)', perhaps for someone with wrinkled skin. (ii) nickname from Middle English *riveling* 'rogue, rascal'.

**Further information:** It seems that the medieval English name did not survive and all modern bearers of this name are of Jewish descent.

**Early bearers:** Robert Riueling, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ivo Riueling, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Elyas Ryuelynges, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard Riuelyng', 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Ware, Herts).

**Rix**

**Variants:** **Ricks**, **Riggs**, **Recks**, **Rex**, **Reeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2742, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Riek** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s* and with *-x* as a spelling of *-cks*. Medieval women with this name were probably wives or widows of men surnamed *Rick*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Rixe, John Rex, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); David Rickes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Rex, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Milcentia Ryckes, 1351 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Elizabeth Rix, 1562 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Henry Rix, 1599 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Henery Rix, 1625 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); George Rix, 1632 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Sarah Rix, 1633 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name, in SW England sometimes a spelling of **Ricks** (1), from Old English (West Saxon) *rix* 'rush'. The early spellings *Rixe*, *Rex* from Cambs and Worcs in (1) may alternatively belong here, but *rix* and *rexe* are typically SW dialect forms of Old English *risc*, not otherwise recorded in Midlands and East Anglian texts.

## Rixom

### Rixom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands
- English: see **Rixon**.

### Rixon

Variants: **Rixom**, **Rixson**, **Rickson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1405, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 983
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central S England: esp. Berks and Bucks

1 English: relationship name from a patronymic based on the Middle English personal name *Rick*, pet form of *Richard*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rikson, 1457 in *London Letter Books K*; William Rixon, 1621 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *rishen* ‘growing with rushes, rushy’ (Old English *riscen*), for someone who lived where rushes grew.

**Early bearers:** Cristiana atte Ryxen, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Thomas Rixon, 1566 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Elizabeth Rixon, 1573 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); John Rixon, 1604 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Mary Rixon, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Lawrence Rixon, 1654 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

### Rixson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Kent

English: see **Rixon**.

### Riyat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, perhaps a variant of **Riaz** (from Arabic *riyād*) with *-t* for the emphatic *-d*.

### Rizvi

Variants: **Razvi**, **Razavi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Pakistani: from a Persian form of the Arabic name *Riḏāwī*, denoting a descendant or adherent of Riḏa ‘Ali ibn Mūsa, eighth Imam of the Shiites. See **Reza**.

### Rizwan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *riḏwān* ‘contentment, satisfaction’.

References: *Ahmed*.

### Rizza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: nickname Southern Italian, from the feminine form of *rizzo* ‘curly’. See **Rizzo**.

### Rizzo

Variants: **Rizza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Italian: nickname from *rizzo*, a southern dialect variant of Italian *riccio* ‘curly-headed’. Compare **Riccio**.

### Roach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6130, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon and Cornwall; Gloucs; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 English: see **Roche**.

2 English: see **Roch**.

### Roache

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 238
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Waterford and Tipperary

Norman, English: see **Roche**.

### Road

Variants: **Rode**, **Rhode**, **Rhoad**, **Rhodes**, **Rodd**, **Rodda**, **Trodd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Pembrokes; Staffs

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a woodland clearing (Middle English *rode*, Old English \**rod*, \**rodu*), or for someone who came from a place so named, such as Road (Somerset), Rhode (Somerset), Road Farm in Colebrook (Devon), Rhode in Halberton (Devon), Roade (Northants), Rode (Cheshire), and Rodd (Herefs). See also **Trodd** and compare **Rhode**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a reed bed, from Middle English *rode* (Old English *hrēod*). See also **Roud**, **Rude**, and **Trude**. **Further information:** Some of the Middle English examples with a preposition could alternatively represent Middle English *rode*, Old English *rōd(e)* ‘cross’ and belong with **Rood**.

**Early bearers:** Ric. de la Rode, 1195, Ralph de la Rode, 1245 in *Löfvenberg* (Rhode, Somerset); Alexander de la rode, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Norfolk); John atte Rode, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Beds); Will. atte Rode, 1327, Joh. atte Rode, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Henry ate Rode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanstead, Sussex); Walter Red’ atte Rode, Wido atte Rode, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Road, 1583 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Stevan Road, 1584 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Briant Road, 1588 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Thomas Road, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Johane Road, 1597 in *IGI* (West Pennard, Somerset); Alce Rode, 1599, Roger Roade, 1641, Ann Road, 1743 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); William Road, 1605 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Tho Road, 1609 in *IGI* (Bignor, Sussex); Thomas Road, 1611 in *IGI* (Kingsland, Herefs).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 404, 551.

### Roades

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Roads** and **Rhodes**.

**Further information:** this spelling is now rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Roadknight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Roadnight**.

### Roadley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Derbys

English: see **Rodley**.

**Early bearers:** William Roadley, 1667 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Elizabeth Roadley, 1680 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Robert Roadley, 1684 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Sarah Roadley, 1697 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs).

### Roadnight

Variants: **Roadknight**, **Rodnight**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Surrey; Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *rodknight* (Old English *radcniht*) ‘mounted servant or retainer’.

**Early bearers:** Robert Rodcnicht, John le Rodknicht, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Rodknyth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Roadnight, 1732 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richd. Roadnight, 1734 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Edward Roadnight, 1741 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Hannah Roadnight, 1811 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thomas Roadnight, 1824 in *IGI* (Bushey, Herts).

### Roads

Variants: **Roades**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Rhodes**.

**Early bearers:** John Roads, 1550 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thamosine Roades, 1559 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Kathren Roades, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Eliz. Roads, 1583 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); James Roads, 1593 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Joseph Roads, 1619 in *IGI* (Haseley, Warwicks); Arthure Roades, 1592 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Roaf

Variants: **Roalfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex

English: see **Roff**.

### Roake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Rock 2**.

### Roalfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

**Roan**

Variants: **Rone**, **Rhone**, **Roane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights; Lancs and Cumb; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Rouen in Normandy (France).

**Early bearers:** William de Rotomago, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); William Ronne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Rone, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

2 Scottish: locative name from any of various places in Scotland called Roan (Ayr, Berwick, Roxburghs), or from Roan in (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Roan, 1577 in *Kirkcudbright Town Records* (Kirkcudbright, Kirkcudbrights); Agnes Roan, 1653 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Roans, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Margaret Roan, 1697 in *IGI* (Dalry, Kirkcudbrights); John Roan, 1716 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Hugh Roan, 1767 in *Dunblane Testaments* (Glenmids, Dumfriess).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Roana*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Roana, 1212 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs).

4 Irish: from Ó Ruadháin, see **Ruane**.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 阮, See **Yuen** (5).

**Roane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, Scottish: see **Roan**.

**Roantree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Rowntree**.

**Roark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O'Rourke**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Roarty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: (i) from Ó Robhartaigh, a variant form of Ó Raithbheartaigh, see **Rafferty**. (ii) from a reduced anglicized form of Mac Robhartaigh, 'son of Robhartach', see **McGroarty**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Roartey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal).

**Roast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: perhaps a variant of **Rust**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Roast, 1584 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Joan Roast, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Tottenham, Middx); John Roast, 1658 in *Parish Registers* (Portsea Saint Mary, Hants); Thomas Roast, 1667 in *Parish Registers* (Wapping, Middx); William Roast, 1707 in *Parish Registers* (Abbess Roding, Essex); Edward Roast, 1715 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

**Roath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Wroth**.

**Rob**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Midlothian and Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Robb**.

**Roback**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Roebuck**.

**Robards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Roberts**.

**Robart**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Robert**.

**Robarts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts

English: see **Roberts**.

**Robathan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Staffs

English: see **Rowbotham**.

**Robb**

Variants: **Rob**, **Robe**, **Robbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6766, Ireland 855
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4931
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, Armagh, and Tyrone

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Robb(e)*, a pet form of **Robert**. See also **Robbie**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Robbe filius Haldan, 1186–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robe coccus, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Robbe Cuth, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). surnames, England: Richard Robbe, Robe, 1177–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Robbe, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Rogerus Robbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Nathan Robb,

1551 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Janel Robb, 1560 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Robb, 1611 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Jon. Robb, 1627 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

surnames, Scotland: Jok Robb, 1519 (Lanarks) in *Protocol Book Simon* (Monkland, Lanarks); Nicholas Rob, 1542 in *Protocol Book Anderson* (Dumfriess); Jonet Rob, 1563 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Stirlings).

**Robbens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and E England

English: see **Robins**.

**Robberds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Roberts**.

**Robberts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants and Dorset; Montgomerys; Staffs; Norfolk

English: see **Roberts**.

**Robbie**

Variants: **Robey**, **Robie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name from a Scottish diminutive of the personal name **Robb**.

**Early bearers:** Beatrix Robbie, Issobell Robie, Robye, 1597 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen).

**Robbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Laois
- English: see **Robin**.

**Robbings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Robins** with intrusive g.

**Robbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7822, Ireland 139
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S England: esp. Warwicks, Gloucs, and Somerset
- English: see **Robins**.

**Robbinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Wilts

English: see **Robinson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Robbinson, 1543 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Joan Robbinson, 1551 in *IGI* (Thorpe, Derbys); Stephen Robbinson, 1582 in *IGI* (Stickford, Lincs); Henricus Robbinson, 1599 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Thomas Robbinson, 1613

## Robbs

in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Eliz. Robbinson, 1727 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Robbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Robb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Simon Robes, 1319 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Adam Robbes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Christopher Robbs, 1595 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); Christopher Robbs, 1597 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); William Robbs, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Robbs, 1726 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Robbs, 1752 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

### Robe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; WR Yorks; Kent
- English: see **Robb**.

### Robens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Sussex
- English: see **Robins**.

### Roberds

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caernarvons; WR Yorks
- English: see **Roberts**.
- Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Robers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- English: see **Roberts**.

### Roberson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 459
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Robertson**.

### Robert

**Variants:** **Robart, Roberts, Rabb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1282, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1454
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S and W Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name Robert (Old French *Robert, Rodbert*, Continental Germanic *Ro(d)bert*). The name is occasionally found in Anglo-Saxon England, but in the main it was introduced to Britain by the Normans and quickly became popular among all classes of society. Pet forms and diminutives are found from an early date, **Robin** being particularly common: see also **Dobb, Robjant, Ropkins, Hopkin, Nobbs, Hobb**. The vowel has sometimes been unrounded to *-a-*: see **Dabbs, Rabbatts, Rabb**. **Early bearers:** given names: Rodbertus, Rotbert, Robert, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Rotbertus, 1134–40 in *Saint*

*Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Rodbert prest, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk). surnames: Willelmus filius Roberti, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); John Roberd, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Robert, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Robbard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Robart, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Wimi. Robert, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Anna Robert, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Robert, 1542 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Thomas Robert, 1550 in *IGI* (Waters Upton, Shrops); Harry Robert, 1553 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey).

### Roberton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Roxburghs; Hants, IoW, and Sussex
- 1 Scottish: locative name from either of two places in Scotland called Roberton (Lanarks, Roxburghs).  
2 English, Scottish: variant of **Robertson**.

### Roberts

**Variants:** **Robers, Robberds, Robarts, Robberts, Robards, Roberds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145968, Ireland 2080
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111710
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N Wales, NW Midlands, Lancs, and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork

English: variant of **Robert** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Roberdes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Robardes, 1341 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Shrops); Principal's Mother Agnis Roberts, 1538 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Henry Roberts, 1538 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Johanna Roberts, 1539 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Richard Roberts, 1540 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks).

### Robertshaw

**Variants:** **Robshaw, Robinshaw, Robishaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2055, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2430
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost *Robertshaw* in Heptonstall (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard Robartshawe, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Edward Robertschaw, 1502 in *Yorks Wills*; Jennet Robertshay, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 192.

### Robertson

**Variants:** **Roberson, Robeson, Robertson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56899, Ireland 607
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48946
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English, Norman French, and Older Scots personal name **Robert** + the patronymic suffix *-son*.

**Further information:** For the Scottish name, see also **Donnachie**. Clan Donnachie is also known as Clan Robertson, after its 15th-century chief, Robert Riabhach ('Grizzled Robert') Mac Dhonnchaidh. **Early bearers:** William Robertstone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John Roberdeson, 1354 in *Assize Rolls*

(Staffs); Donald Robison, Robertson, 1446 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Andrew Roberson, 1450 in *Scotland Calendar* (Arbroath); John Robertsoune, 1464 in *Scotland Calendar* (Leith); George Robeson, 1633 in *Retours, Scotland* (Terregles, Perth).

### Robery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Oxon
- English: see **Rowberry**.

### Robeson

**Variants:** **Robison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 English, Scottish: see **Robson**. Some of the following bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Robbesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horning, Norfolk); Johannes Robyson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Robyson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knossington, Leics); Agn' Robisson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Robeson, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York).

2 English: from a reduced form of **Robertson** or **Robinson**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Moria Robeson or Robinson, 1680 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds).

### Robert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from a diminutive of **Robb**, a pet form of the personal name **Robert**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Robet, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Robert Robat, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Juliana Robates, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Dorthie Robet, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Eleanor Robet, 1808 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Robey

**Variants:** **Roby, Raby, Ruby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 886, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, and Surrey; Derbys; Lancs

1 English: locative name from Roby in Huyton (Lancs) or Robey (Derbys). Some examples without *de* may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Osberti de Roby, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; Henrico de Roby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Ricardus de Roby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tarbock, Lancs); John de Roby of Casteldonyngton', 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Castle Donnington, Leics); Adam Roby, 1548, Robte. Robey, 1554 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Robert Robye, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Castle Donnington, Leics); Willia. Robey, 1633 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 113.

2 English: see **Raby** (2).

3 Scottish: see **Robbie**.

### Robie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Ayr; Durham; Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Robbie**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Robillard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Guernsey

Channel Islands: see **Robilliard**.

### Robilliard

**Variants:** **Robillard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands: esp. Guernsey

Norman, English, Channel Islands: relationship name, Anglo-Norman French, from a double diminutive of the personal name **Robb**, a pet form of **Robert**.

**Further information:** The name was further reinforced by Huguenot immigration from the 17th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** given names: Robelard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: John Robilard, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Joan Robylard after 1316 in *Luffield Charters*; Thomas Robelard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Anna Robilliard, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); John Nicholas Robilliard, 1829 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Peter Robilliard, 1836 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Thomas Hardman Robilliard, 1847 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); Lucy Charlett Robilliard, 1876 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Robin

**Variants:** **Robins**, **Robbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 592
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews; Perth
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Robin*, a pet form of **Robert**, composed of the short form *Rob* + the hypocoristic suffix *-in*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Robinus probator, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); Robinus, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Robin, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robinus de Leic', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants).

surnames, England: Richard Robin, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Middx); Walter Robyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Wllm. Robin, 1565 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Jenett Robin, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Ishmael, Carmarthens).

surnames, Channel Islands: Raulin Robin, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint John, Jersey); Pierre Robin, 1648 in *IGI* (Guernsey); Etienne Robin, 1682 in *IGI* (Vale, Guernsey).

surnames, Huguenot: Jacob Robin, 1590 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Southampton); Daniel Robin, 1686 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury); Jeanne Robin, 1691 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple French Huguenot Church, London).

surnames, Scotland: Mareoun Robyn, 1540 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Stobo, Lanarks); James Robin, 1621 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross); Joannes Robein, 1624 in *Retours, Scotland* (Peebles); Issobell

Robin, 1655 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Bessie Robin, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

### Robins

**Variants:** **Robyns**, **Robens**, **Robbins**, **Robbings**,

**Robbens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6582, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6217
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs; Devon and Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Westmeath

English: variant of **Robin** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Robines, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Agnes Robins, 1538 in *IGI* (Rougham, Norfolk); Margareta Robins, 1538 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Elizabeth Robins, 1539 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Robins, 1540 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Warwicks); William Robins, 1542 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

### Robinshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: not a variant of **Robertshaw** but an altered form of **Robinson**, as *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows, citing Henry Robinshaw or Robinson of Oakenshaw, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jeremy Robinshaw, 1702 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

### Robinson

**Variants:** **Robison**, **Robbinson**, **Robeson**, **Robinshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128225, Ireland 8580
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94111
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Robin**, a pet form of Robert, + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Robynson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Robynson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Robynson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Robynson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cavil, ER Yorks); Ricardus Robynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Robynson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Old Moor, Northumb); Willelmus Robynson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nawton with Beadlam, NR Yorks); Johanne Robynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Johannes Robynson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Moor Monkton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Robynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Richard Robinson, 1539 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Thomas Robinson, 1539 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Katerina Robinson, 1540 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Elyzabeth Robinson, 1540 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Margaret Robinson, 1540 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Robert Robinson, 1542 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Thoms. Robinson, 1551 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Scotland: John Robynson, 1426 in *Black*; Margaret Robinson, 1663 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Robert Robinson, 1746 in *IGI* (Troqueer, Kirkcudbrights).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably adopted for a like-sounding name in some other European language.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Robinson, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Benjamin Robinson, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (West Derby, Lancs); Wolf Robinson, carver and gilder, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Boston, Lincs); Wolff Robinson, clothes presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Lazarus Robinson, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Robishaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Robertshaw**.

### Robison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Dumfriess and Kirkcudbrights

English, Scottish: see **Robeson** and **Robinson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Anne Robison, 1547 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Wyllyam Robison, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Robt Robison, 1583 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Anne Robison, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Robison, 1605 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Thomas Robison, 1608 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); John Robison, 1612 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); William Robison, 1614 in *IGI* (Linthgow, W Lothian); Agnes Robison, 1619 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Robison, 1696 in *IGI* (Twynholm, Kirkcudbrights).

### Robjant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Rabjohn**.

### Robjohn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx

English: see **Rabjohn**.

### Robjohns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Rabjohns**.

### Roblett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: relationship name from a double diminutive of *Rob*, a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Robert**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Robeloth, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Nicholas Robylot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Roblet, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Robley

### Robley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb
- English: locative name, perhaps from a lost or as yet unidentified place in N England.
- Early bearers:** Cuthbert Roblay, 1561, Ellesse Robley, 1576, Robert Roblaye, 1582 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

### Roblin

Variants: **Rablin, Rablen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Wales

English: relationship name from a double diminutive of *Rob* or *Rab*, both pet forms of the Middle English personal name **Robert**.

**Further information:** The name was reinforced by the French name of ultimately similar origin.

**Early bearers:** Wales: John Roblin, 1613 in *IGI* (Begelly, Pembrokes).

England: Simon Robelyn, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Honner Rablen, 1676 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall).

### Robnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Robin**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Robynet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sileby, Leics); John Robnett, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Saint Brides, Monmouths); James Robnett, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Duxford, Cambs).

### Robotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Derbys

English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Robottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Robshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: reduced form of **Robertshaw**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Robshaw, 1685 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks); Danyell Robshaw, 1696 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Robson

Variants: **Robeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26738, Ireland 256
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19589
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England and SE Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rob*(*be*) (see **Robb**), a pet form of **Robert**, + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Rob, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Robson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Robson, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Hamond Robson, 1540 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Thomas Robson, 1546 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Thomas Robson, 1546 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Johannis Robson, 1561 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); Thomas Robson, 1562 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Degramont Robson, 1563 in *IGI* (Edenhall, Cumb); Alice Robson, 1565 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Johis. Robson, 1566 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Thomas Robson, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Edward Robson, 1578 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

### Robuck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Roebuck**.

### Robus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name, apparently from a pet form of **Robert**. Compare **Robb** and perhaps **Robbs**. **Further information:** Note also Francis Robuson, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London) and John Robusson, 1720 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx), whose names and location may suggest French immigrant origin.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Robus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Thomas Robus, 1619 in *IGI* (Kenardington, Kent); Renogld Robus, 1631 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Roby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 787, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 724
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Robey**.

### Robyns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Robins**.

### Rocca

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: locative name from any of the numerous places throughout Italy named or named with *rocca* 'fortress, stronghold'.

**Early bearers:** Mary Ann Della Rocca, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester). John Rocca (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Andrea Rocca (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Lancs).

### Roch

Variants: **Roach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 326
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also Lancs
- Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Roch (Pembrokes), named from the rock on which the Norman castle was built (see **Roche**). The derived Anglo-Norman family name flourished in Pembrokes and was also taken to Ireland (particularly Munster and Wexford) in the 12th

century, whence it returned to England with Irish migrants in the 18th and 19th centuries. In Lancs this name may have been confused with **Roche** (2).

**Early bearers:** Wales: William Roach, 1755, Elisabeth Roche, 1760 in *IGI* (Narberth, Pembrokes); John Roch, 1837 in *IGI* (Llanstinan, Pembrokes).

Ireland: Mary Roch, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool Lancs); Catharine Roch, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Oldham, Lancs); Ann Roch, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Roch, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 145.

### Rocha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese, Galician: locative name, toponymic, from any of the numerous places so named, from Portuguese and Galician *rocha* 'rock, cliff'.

### Roche

Variants: **Roach, Roache, Roch, Roches, La Roche, Rouch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6120, Ireland 8178
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork; Wexford

1 Norman, English: locative name from Old French and Middle English *roche* 'rock, cliff, promontory', sometimes a translation of **Stone**. The surname may have denoted someone who lived on or by a prominent rock or rocky place, or someone who lived or came from a place so named, such as one of those called Roque or Roche(s) in Normandy (compare **Roches**) or Roche in Cornwall, Roach Farm in Clyst Hydon (Devon, which was home to the 1330 early bearer), or Roch in Pembrokes (see **Roch**).

**Further information:** The name is generally pronounced as in the spelling *Roach*. Some of the medieval forms below may alternatively be scribal errors for *atte* or *de la Rothe* and belong with **Roth**.

**Early bearers:** SE England: Roger atte Roche, 1351 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Josephe Roche, 1548 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Wyllyam Roche, 1570 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Peter Roch, 1576 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Gilbert Roach, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); Thos Roche, 1597 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Edward Roch, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

SW England: John Roche, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph de la Roche, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Ralph de la Roche, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Roche, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); John Roche, 1540 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Roch, John Roche, 1543 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Robert Roche, 1555 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Thomas Roche, 1558 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Roach, 1560 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Elizabeth Roache, 1567 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Thomas Roach, 1614 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Thomas Roach, 1622 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); Judith Rotch, 1654 in *IGI* (Kingston near Ivybridge, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 578.

2 English: (i) locative name in Lancs perhaps referring to the River Roch, which runs through



*Rochdale*. The river is generally known as *Rache* or *Rached* in Middle English but an alternative pronunciation with an *o* vowel is implied by the place-name spelling *Rochedale* (1246 and 1292) alongside the more usual *Rachedal(e)* (1242–1341). The 1379 form *del Roche* occurs in Balderstone, situated to the south of the Roch valley, but it could alternatively allude to a rock or cliff there and so belong (with any of the following post-medieval bearers) under (1). From the 18th century onwards the name is difficult to distinguish from **Roch**, borne by Irish migrants to S Lancs, especially Liverpool. (ii) locative name; alternatively the Lancs name could be a reduced form of the now rare or extinct surname *Rochdale* alias *Rachedale*, *Rachdall*, from *Rochdale* (Lancs). Compare Roberto de Rachedale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Cicely Rachdall, 1604 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Ales Rochdale, 1612 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

**Further information:** The name is generally pronounced as in the spelling *Roach*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo del Roche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balderstone, Lancs); Hester Roache, 1621 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); William Roche, 1702 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Maurice Roch, 1753, Thos. Roche, 1762 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, at *Rochdale*; *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 28, 54.

## Rochell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Rochelle**.

## Rochelle

**Variants:** **Rochell**, **Rotchell**, **Rockell**, **Rockall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: locative name from La Rochelle in Manche (France).

**Further information:** For the Norman family see *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 666–7; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 500 (at Willingale) and 526 (at Rockell's Farm, in Elmdon).

**Early bearers:** William de Rokella, Rochella, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Philip de la Rokele, Rochelle, 1203, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Matthew Rochelle, 1790 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); William Rochelle, 1829 in *IGI* (Chebsey, Staffs); William Rochelle, 1833 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Rochelle, 1848 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops); Elizabeth Rochelle, 1873 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Roches

**Variants:** **Rodges**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Norman, English: locative name from Les Roches in Seine-Maritime (Normandy). In 1297 John de Roches held the manor of (East) Winterslow in Wilts (later known as Roche Court). Any of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2). See also **Roche**.

**Early bearers:** John de Roches, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Lucas des Roches, 1249 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Johanne Roches, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Roberto Roches, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Richardson, Wilts); Johanna Roches, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); Thomas Rodges, 1616 in *IGI* (Landewednack, Cornwall); Katherine Roches, 1619 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); George Roches, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samuëll Roches, 1682 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); Edward Rodges, 1682 in *IGI* (Doulting, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 385.

2 English: variant of **Roche** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Rochester

**Variants:** **Rossiter**, **Rosseter**, **Rogister**, **Rositer**, **Regerster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1498, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 775
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- 1 English: locative name from one of three places in Northumb with names whose early spellings are very similar and difficult to distinguish from each other. *Rudchester* (NGR NZ 1167) in Ovingham, recorded as *Rodecastr* in 1251, *Ruchestre* in 1293, *Routchester* in 1663, is probably the likeliest source of the surname, which is concentrated in the southern half of Northumb, but Rochester parish (NGR NY 8398), recorded as *Rouschestre* in 1325, and a lost *Ruchester* (approx. NGR NY 9372) in Chollerton, recorded as *Rowchestre* in 1348, are both possible candidates.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Roucestr', 1207, Simon de Roucestre, 1212, Richard de Roucestre, 1267, in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Connand Rawchester, 1543 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Jennett Rochester, 1572, Georg Rochester, 1576, Isabell Rotchester, 1579, Robert Ratchester, 1582 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Rochester, 1582 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 169, 170; *Ekwall, DEPN*; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 504.

2 English: locative name occasionally from the better-known city of Rochester in Kent.

**Early bearers:** Turoldus (de) Roucestra, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Robert Rouchestre, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Rouchestr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Terling, Essex); Joan Rochester, 1546 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Robart Rochester, 1558 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Rochester, 1564 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alis Rochester, 1571 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Isabell Rochester, 1578 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks).

## Rochford

**Variants:** **Ratchford**, **Retchford**, **Rockford**, **Rotchford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1161, Ireland 828
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks and Staffs; Dunbartons and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary; Wexford; Mayo

1 English: locative name from Rochford (Worcs), recorded as *Racheford* in 1255, *Ratcheford* in 1316, and *Recchford* in 1388, *Recchford* alias *Rocheford* in 1538. The rounding of the main vowel, to give *Rochford* as a variant form, is first recorded in 1322. Some of the following bearers may alternatively

belong with (2) or in some cases reflect the migration of 18th- and 19th-century Irish bearers of the name in (3).

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus de la Racheford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornbury, Herefs); Johannes de Rocheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Margery Retchford, 1553 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); Francisca Ratchford, 1611 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); William Rochford, 1645 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Thomas Rotchford, 1670, John Retchford, 1677 in *IGI* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); William Retchforde, 1584, Willm. Rochford, 1712, Thomas Rockford, 1718 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Ratchford, 1716 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Mathew Rockford, 1727 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Arthur Rochford, 1747 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); James Ratchford, 1749 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); Ann Rochford, 1760 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); William Ratchford, 1772 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Barnabas Rockfort, 1802 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb).

Scotland: Frances Ratchford, 1764 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Helen Rochford, 1860 in *IGI* (Cardross, Dunbartons); Elizabeth Rochford, 1867 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 69.

2 English: locative name from Rochford (Essex), recorded as *Rocheford* in 1086, *Rac(c)h(e)ford* in 1200 and 1246, *Rochford* in 1227, *Rech(e)ford* in 1243–8, 1272, and 1414, *Ratchforde* in 1548, *Retchford* in 1704, and *Rocheford*, of some *Reechford* or *Richeford* in 1594.

**Early bearers:** Wido de Rocheford, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Waleram de Rocheforde, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Walrano de Rocheford, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brent Pelham, Herts); Roberto de Rocheford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rochford, also Berden, also Stanway, Essex); Walramo de Rocheforde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berden, also Leaden Roding, Essex); Thoma de Rocheforde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southchurch, Essex); Thomas Rocheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leaden Roding, Essex); Johannes de Rocheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Johannes Rocheford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Johannis Rocheford, 1548 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Saraye Rotchforde, 1566, Rychard Ratchforde, 1571, Thomas Rochford, 1568, Walter Rochforth, 1586 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Palle Rochford, 1574 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Henry Retchforde, 1604 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); William Rochford, 1619 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Thomas Rochfort, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); James Rockford, 1732 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 196; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 666.

3 Norman, Irish: the surname was probably brought to Ireland by the Normans after 1171, when Henry II acquired Dublin, but it is not known if it was one of the English names in (1) and (2), or a Norman equivalent of the French name in (4).

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Rupe Forti [Rochfort], 1210 in *CDI* §405 (Crac'gus); David de Rocheford, 1245 in *CDI* §2763; Guy of Rocheford, 1252 in *CDI* §116 (Tuperneyvin); Maurice de Rochfort [de Rupe Forti], 1258 in *CDI* §580; John Rocheford, gent., 1522 in *Fiants Henry* §2; John Rocheforde, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §255 (Meath); David Rochford, kern, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1442 (Bussherstowne, Wexford); Christopher Rochforte, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2880;

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Katherine Rocheford, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3000 (Keppoke, Dublin); Michell Rostarde and Walter Rostard, yeomen, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4482 (Iniskattie and Glan, Limerick); Patrick Rochefort, kern, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6459 (Bohanston, Meath).

4 Huguenot: French **Rochefort**, from any of many places in France named with Old French *roche* 'rock' and *fort* 'fortified'. Compare (3).

**Early bearers:** Rachel Rochefort, 1620 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Southampton, Hants); Francoise Rochefort, 1640 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

## Rock

**Variants:** **Rocke, Roke, Roake, Rook, Rocks, Rooke, Rough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2834, Ireland 982
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Herefs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Antrim and Armagh

1 English: locative name from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atter oke* 'at the oak'. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived by a prominent oak tree, or toponymic, denoting someone from a place so named, such as Rock (Worcs), Rook in Cornwood (Devon), and Rock in Washington (Sussex). Compare *Oke, Nock* and *Troke*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph ater Oke and William atte Rock, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas de Aka called othe Roke, 1313, Robert of ye Rook, 1318 in *London Letter Books E* (London); William atter Ok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Rok', William Attroc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry del Rook, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Matill' Rock, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tixover, Rutland); Thomas Rocke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 69–70; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 270; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 243.

2 English: from Middle English *rok(ke)* 'rock'. The surname may be topographic, denoting someone who lived near a notable rock or rocky outcrop, or toponymic, denoting someone from a place named with this word, such as Rock (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** William de Rok, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Richard Bytherok', 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); John de Rock, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyham, Northumb).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *rok(ke)* 'distaff', perhaps for a spinner or a maker of distaffs. Compare **Rocker**.

4 Irish: in Ireland this is usually the English name, but it has also been adopted for **Mac Conchaige**, which literally means 'son of the hound of the rock'; see **McHarg**.

## Rockall

**Variants:** **Rockell, Rockwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks

1 English: locative name from Rockwell End in Hambleden (Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 180.

2 Norman, English: see **Rochelle**.

## Rockcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Rawcliffe**.

## Rocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S and W England

English: see **Rock**.

## Rockell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- 1 English: see **Rockall**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Rochelle**.

## Rocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Rooker**.

## Rocket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S. Wales

English: see **Rockett**.

## Rockett

**Variants:** **Rocket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 908, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Tipperary

1 Norman, English: locative name from a diminutive of Anglo-Norman French *roccque* 'rock', perhaps signifying someone who lived by or near a small rock.

**Early bearers:** Simon Roket, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Richard Roket', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); William Rokkyt, 1534 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *rocket* 'overgarment, coat', perhaps used for someone who made or sold such vestments.

**Early bearers:** John Rokett, 1265, Willelmo Rocket, 1278, John Roket, 1314, Stephanus Roket, 1350–51, in *MED*; Roger Rockett, 1557 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk); John Rockett, 1568 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Henry Rockett, 1588 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ales Rockett, 1592 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); James Rockett, 1606 in *IGI* (Egloshayle, Cornwall).

3 Irish: variant of **Rochelle**, through **Rockell**.

**Early bearers:** John Rockett, mayor of Waterford, 1393 (*MacLysaght*); Nicholas Rocket, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6749 (Atlongport, Waterford).

## Rockey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Rokehay Farm in Membury (Devon).

**Further information:** Rokehay Farm was home to Ralph atte Rokehegh in 1333.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Rockey, 1588 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Elis Roche, 1604 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Oliver Rockye, 1607 in *IGI* (Tetcott, Devon); John Rocky, 1647 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Joseph Rockhey, 1663 in *IGI* (Highampton, Devon); Joan Rockhay, 1773 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 645.

## Rockford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Surrey and Hants

English, Irish: see **Rochford**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Rockhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: (i) locative name perhaps from any of several minor places called Rockhill, such as Rockhill Farm in Stourton Caundle (Dorset) or Rockhill Farm in Greete (Shrops). (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of either **Rockall** or **Rochelle**.

**Early bearers:** John Rockhill, 1618 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edward Rockhill, 1633 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts).

## Rockingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Rockingham (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Rokingham, 1253 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Rokyngham, parson, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Amersham, Bucks); Willelmus Rokyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); William Rokyngham, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Henry Rokyngham or Rockingham, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles Colchester, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 171.

## Rockley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name chiefly from Rockley in Worsbrough (WR Yorks). There is also evidence for surnames deriving from Rockley (Wilts), Ruckley (Shrops), Rockley in High Bray (Devon), and perhaps Rookley (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Rokele, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; John de Rocle, Rockel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Hugo de Roklay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Robertus de Rokley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Alicia de Rokeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Robert Rokley, 1448 in *York Registry Wills* (Rockley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Rockley, 1542 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Susanna Rockley, 1616 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Robert Rockley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon);

Edward Rockley, 1738 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thomas Rockley, 1799 in *IGI* (Bramshaw, Wilts); Joseph Rockley, 1805 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts).  
**References:** *IoW Place-Names*, p. 88; *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 58; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 253; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 304; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 293; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Rockliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; Essex
- English: see **Rawcliffe**.

### Rockliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent
- English: see **Rawcliffe**.

### Rocks

**Variants:** **Rokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 390
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks; Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Scottish, English: variant of **Rock** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Rockwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Rockall**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Rockwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Yorks
- English: see **Rookwood**.

### Rodahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Rodacháin, see **Roddy**.

### Rodaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Rodway**.

### Rodbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts
- English: locative name from Rodbourne Cheney (Wilts), Rodbourne in Malmesbury (Wilts), or Rodbourn in Henbury (Gloucs). Some early forms are indistinguishable from those for **Radbourne**.  
**Early bearers:** Alicia Rodbourne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Saint Ledgers, Northants); William Rodburne or Rudburne, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Grandborough, Warwicks); Roger Rodborne, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Wick, Gloucs); Roger Rodbourne, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Henry Rodburn,

1716 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Matthew Rodbourn, 1729 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Rodbourne, 1823 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 134; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 32, 51–2.

### Rodd

**Variants:** **Rodda**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 469
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: locative name, see **Road** and compare **Rode**. The Herefs surname is probably from Rodd (Herefs).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Rodd, 1560 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Rodd, 1584 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Joanna Rodd, 1590 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs).

### Rodda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 616, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 752
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: a W Cornwall variant of **Rodd** (see **Road**) with dialect preservation of Middle English final *-e*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Rodda, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Crowan, Cornwall); Richard Rodde, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Philip Rodda, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Philip Rode, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Robert Rodda, 1627 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Kath Rhodda, 1704 in *Boyd's Marriage Index* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Benjamin Rhodda, 1732 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall).

### Roddam

**Variants:** **Rodham, Roden, Roddan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Roddam (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Yvo de Rodham, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Matilda Rodeham, 1430 in *Yorks Wills*; Anthony Roddam, 1594 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Edmonde Roddam, 1627 in *IGI* (East Rounton, NR Yorks); Mary Roddam, 1647 in *IGI* (Long Houghton, Northumb); William Roddam, 1673 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 167–8; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 505.

### Roddan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess
- English, Scottish: see **Roddam**.

### Rodden

**Variants:** **Reddan, Redden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 104
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Leitrim
- Irish: from Ó Rodáin, see **Roden**.

### Roddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Merioneths; Gloucs
- Scottish, English: see **Riddick**.

### Roddie

**Variants:** **Rhodie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Wigtowns
- Scottish: Scottish spelling of Irish **Roddy**.  
**Early bearers:** John Rhoddie, 1792 in *Black* (Wigtowns).

### Rodding

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Roding**.

### Roddis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 896, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants and Warwicks

English: (i) see **Rodhouse**. (ii) see **Rhodes**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Roddis, 1643 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Will. Roddis, 1724 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); William Roddis, 1745 in *IGI* (Lighthorne, Warwicks).

### Roddy

**Variants:** **Roddie, Reddy, Ruddy, Rodahan, Redahan, Reddington, Rodie, Rody, Redican**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 679
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Leitrim; Louth

1 Irish: from Ó Rodaigh ‘descendant of *Rodach*’, a personal name based on *rod* ‘strong, lively, spirited’. Of Galway origin, anglicized forms cannot be distinguished, except possibly by location, from sense 2. Forms with vowel *e* derive from a variant, Ó Roidigh.

**Early bearers:** William O’Ruddy, lessee, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1714 (Trym, Meath); Shane O’Redy, shoemaker, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2029 (Knocktogether, Kilkenny); Wm. Ruddy, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5840 (Trym, Meath); Donell O’Roddie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (the Comenston, Westmeath); Donill and Hugh boy O’Ruddy, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Donegal).

2 Irish: shortened form of Irish Ó Rodacháin ‘descendant of *Rodachán*’, a personal name which is a diminutive of *rodach*. This was an ecclesiastical family in Leitrim. A variant Ó Roideacháin gives **Redahan, Redican**, for which **Reddington** was sometimes adopted as an anglicized equivalent (Woulfe).

**Early bearers:** Seaan h-Ua Rodachan, coarb of Saint Caillin, 1372 in *AU*; Brian O’Rodachán, coarb, 1532 in *AU* (Fenagh, Leitrim); Gerald and Teige oge O’Roddechan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Fynaugh, Leitrim); Cahell and Farrell O’Roedeghan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5442 (Loghinchreive, Leitrim); Phelim O’Roddy, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Rousk, Monaghan).

### Rode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

## Rodell

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England  
English: locative name see **Road** and compare **Rodd**.  
The Cheshire surname is probably from Rode (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Rode, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Annys Rode, 1553 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Thomas Rode, 1553 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); John Rode, 1562 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Matilda Rode, 1568 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Georgii Rode, 1573 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Duglas Rode, 1580 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Richard Rode, 1581 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Ales Rode, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Edward Road, 1611, Edward Rode, 1620 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Thomas Rode, 1630 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks).

## Rodell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: perhaps a variant of **Ruddle** (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Roddell, 1568 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Henry Rodell, 1630 in *IGI* (Altham, Lincs); William Roddle, 1686 in *IGI* (Althorpe, Lincs); Rebecca Rodell, 1722 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); John Rodell, 1730 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Richard Rodell, 1747 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

## Roden

Variants: **Rodden, Rudden, Rhoden, Redden, Reddin, Rodin, Rudin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2283, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1401
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: locative name from Roden in High Ercall (Shrops). The place, recorded as *Rodene* in 1242, takes its name from the river Roden, itself probably named in Celtic as 'swift river'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Raden', 1223 in *TNA* (Herefs); John de Rodene, chaplain, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Johannes de Roden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Jones, Staffs); Rychard Roden, 1581 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); John Raden, 1589 in *Parish Registers* (Donington, Shrops); Joes Raden, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Eccleshall, Staffs); Richard Roden, 1627 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 393.

2 Irish: Irish **Ó Rodáin** 'descendant of *Rodán*', a personal name derived from a diminutive of *rod* 'strong, lively, spirited'. Anglicizations with other vowels, as in Rudden, Reddan, may be derived from a variant **Ó Roidín**. Current anglicized Irish spellings usually have a double *d*.

**Early bearers:** Donogh oge O Rudden, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4568 (Ardeodullare, Clare); One O Rodane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5603 (Rousk, Monaghan).

3 English: see **Roddam**.

## Rodenhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: locative name from Rodenhurst in Rodington (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William de Rodenhurst, clerk, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); John Rodenhurst of Hamond, esquire, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (Haughmond in Haughton, Shrops); Francis Rodenhurst, 1614 in *IGI* (High Ercall, Shrops).

## Roder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; also WR Yorks; Cumb

English: see **Rother**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Roder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); William Roder, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Tusmore, Oxon); William Roder, 1687 in *IGI* (Rustington, Sussex).

## Roderick

Variants: **Rodrick, Rhoderick, Rhydderch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1345, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1038
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from a learned form of either of two Welsh given names, *Rhodri* and *Rhydderch*. In Rothericus son of Gryfin, 1303 in *Feudal Aids*, the given name is a clerical rendering of Welsh *Rhodri*, in which the final syllable has been latinized as *-ricus* in the manner of Old French names in *-ri* or *-ry* (e.g. *Henry*, latinized as *Henricus*). Vernacular use of *Roderick* for *Rhodri* is first recorded in the 16th century. It is partly an antiquarian revival of the Latin form, but it may also show confusion of *Rhodri* with *Rhydderch* (see **Prothero**). From the 18th century *Roderick* was increasingly substituted for *Rhydderch* in Wales.

**Further information:** Some dictionaries mistakenly assert that *Roderick* derives from a hypothetical Old English or Old Scandinavian given name. There is no evidence to support this speculation, nor is there any basis for the claim that a French version of Continental Germanic (*H*)*rodric* was brought to England by the Normans. The Germanic name is, however, the source of Spanish **Rodrigo**, and this was anglicized as *Roderick* in literary works by Tobias Smollett (*The Adventures of Roderick Random*, 1748), Sir Walter Scott (*The Vision of Don Roderick*, 1811), and Robert Southey (*Roderick, the Last of the Goths*, 1814). In 19th- and 20th-century Britain 'Spanish' *Roderick* was probably confused with Welsh *Roderick* and with the Scottish use of *Roderick* for Gaelic *Ruaidhri*. Compare *Roderick Dhu* in Sir Walter Scott's *The Lady of the Lake*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rothericus son of Gryfin, 1303 in *Feudal Aids*; Roderic Richards, son of Richard Rhydderch, 18th cent. in *History of Cardigans*. surnames: Siôn Rhydderch, alias John Roderick, 18th cent. in *Morgan and Morgan*; Margaret Rhurtherch viz. Roderick, 1739 in *Parish Registers* (Nevern, Pembrokes); Roderick Roderick, 1779, Evan Roderick, 1831 in *IGI* (Llanddewi Brefi, Cardigans); Richard Roderic, 1784, Roderick Roderick, 1844 in *IGI* (Llantrisant, Glamorgan).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 184.

## Rodes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60

- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands, WR Yorks, and Lincs

English: see **Rhodes** and compare **Road**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rodes, 1546 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Thomas Rodes, 1561 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Elisabetha Rodes, 1564 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Agnes Rodes, 1568 in *IGI* (Motttram in Longendale, Cheshire); Richard Rodes, 1578 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Margret Rodes, 1579 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs).

## Rodford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Radford**.

## Rodge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Roger**. Compare **Rodgie**.

**Early bearers:** John Rogge, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter Rogge, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Rogg', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Rodge, 1615 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Franciscus Rodge, 1674 in *IGI* (Welland, Worcs); Edith Rodge, 1835 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lincs).

## Rodger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4590, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Ayr; Fife; Angus
- Scottish: see **Roger**.

## Rodgers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11993, Ireland 2659
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Louth, and Down
- English, Irish: see **Rogers**.

## Rodgeron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lincs; Durham; also Lanarks
- English: see **Rogerson**.

## Rodges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Roches**.

## Rodgie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Roger**. Compare **Rodge**.

**Early bearers:** John Roger, Rogy, or Rogie, about 1525 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Kilmorew, Argyll); Helen Rogie or Rodgie, 1597 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen).

### Rodgman

**Variants:** **Roggeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **Roger** + *-man*, perhaps used for a servant or retainer of a man called *Roger*.

**Further information:** Compare William Robertman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Thomasman, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rogerman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

### Rodham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham
- English: see **Roddam**.

### Rodhouse

**Variants:** **Roodhouse**, **Roydhouse**, **Roddis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Middle English *rode* 'clearing' + *hous* 'house'. The surname may denote someone who lived in a house in or by a clearing, or someone who came from a place so named, such as Roydhouse in Shelley (WR Yorks). Compare **Rodd**. **Early bearers:** Henry del Rodehouse, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Roidosse, Roiddus, 1539–40, Joan Roydhouse, 1549, John Rodhouse, 1552 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 250.

### Rodican

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Rudkin**.

### Rodick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs

Scottish, English: see **Riddick**.

### Rodie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Wigtowns

Irish, Scottish: see **Roddy**.

### Rodin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs; Midlothian

English, Irish: see **Roden**.

### Roding

**Variants:** **Rodding**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from any of the places called Roding (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Roding, 1305 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Richard Roding, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Charles Roding, 1719 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Mary Roding, 1745 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Joseph Roding, 1749 in *IGI* (Pillerton, Warwicks); Mary Roding, 1797 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 75, 76, 490–5.

### Rodland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: (i) see **Rudland**. (ii) locative name, status name, perhaps from Middle English *rod(de)* 'rood (a quarter of an acre)' + *land* 'land', denoting someone holding a rood of land.

**Early bearers:** John Rodland, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Rodlond, 1299–1300 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Nicholas Rodland, 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Roudelond' of Wodehous, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodhouse, Leics); John Rodland, 1602 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); Thomas Rodland, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 84.

### Rodley

**Variants:** **Roadley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name sometimes from Rodley in Gloucs but chiefly from Rodley in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Rothele, about 1250, Walter de Rothelay, 1352 in *Thoresby Society* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Ralph de Rodleye, 1290, Thomas Rodley, 1385 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Mary Rodley, 1570 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Edmond Rodley, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Robert Rodley, 1574 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Rodley, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Willm. Rodley, 1588 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); William Rodley, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 203–4, 261; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 212.

### Rodman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; Ayr

English: see **Rudman**.

### Rodmell

**Variants:** **Radmall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: locative name, variant of **Rathmell**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that Thomas Routhmell was made a freeman of the city of York in 1521 (*York Freeman's Register*) and in the subsidy roll three years later he was named as Thomas Rodemelle. Redmonds also cites Ralph Radmille or Rodemell, 1598–1605 in *Parish Registers* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Rychard Ramell, 1589 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Tho. Rodmell, 1606 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Robert Ramill, 1716 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Rodmell (Sussex), which appears to have survived chiefly as **Ramell**. The place, recorded as *Ramelle*, *Redmelle* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*) and *Radmelde* in 1202, is probably named with Old English *rēad* 'red' + *mylde* 'soil'. **Early bearers:** Walkelyn de Radmelde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holmstrow hundred, Sussex); John de Radmeld, 1318 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Richard de Rademelde, the parson of the church of Kyngeston', 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingston, Sussex); John de Rademelde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton, Sussex); Sara Remell, 1603 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Daniell Ramoll, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Warblington, Hants); Dorothy Ramell, 1616 in *Canterbury Cathedral Archives*; Thomas Ramel, 1637 in *IGI* (Shepherdswell, Kent); Wm. Radmall, 1744 in *IGI* (Ollerton, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, pp. 325–6

### Rodney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 732, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps near Markham in Somerset, and apparently named from the Old English personal name *Hroda* + *ēg* 'island, raised area in marsh'.

**Further information:** Rodney Stoke (Somerset) is probably named from the surname; the manor was held by Richard de Rodene, 1303 in *Feudal Aids*. The use of Rodney as a personal name probably developed in the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Rodeneye, 1304 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); William de Rodeneye, 1331 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Rodeney or Rodney, 1420 in *PROB 11* (Backwell, Somerset); Walter Rodney, 1520 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); James Rodney, 1724 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire).

### Rodnight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Bucks
- English: see **Roadnight**.

### Rodrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Wales and England: esp. Glamorgan; Lancs
- English, Welsh: see **Roderick**.

### Rodrigo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name, Spanish and Portuguese, from the personal name *Rodrigo* (Continental Germanic *Hrōdrīc*). **Further information:** Note also Peter Rodrigue, 1524 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Rodrigues**

Variants: **Rodriguez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3958, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name patronymic ('son of Rodrigo') from the personal name *Rodrigo*.

**Further information:** The surname is common in the cities of the west coast of India, having been taken there by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Hispanic: Hester Rodrigues, 1816 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Frederick Antonio Ferdinand Rodriguez, 1830 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Epifamo Rodrigues, born in Andalusia, Spain, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Jose Rodrigues, born in Madrid, Spain, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Silva Rodrigues, 1889 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jose Rodrigues, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Bootle, Lancs); Feliciano Rodrigues, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Durham); Leonardo Rodriguez, coker, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

colonial: Cipriano Rodriguez, merchant, born in Columbia, in *Census 1901* (Didsbury, Lancs); Anastacio Rodrigues, railway labourer, born in Brazil, in *Census 1901* (Brentford, Middx); Pio Rodrigues, born in Saint Vincent, Cape Verde, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Piedade Rodrigues, born in India, in *Census 1911* (Cheshire); Antonio Jose L Rodrigues, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

Jewish: Rahel Rodrigues, 1657 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Isaac Rodrigues, 1808 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Hyam Rodrigues, born in Whitechapel, Middx, in *Census 1881* (Watford, Herts); Abraham Rodrigues, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Rodrigues, grocer, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Rodrigues, carman, born in Tower Hamlets, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx).

**Rodriguez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2648, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): see **Rodrigues**.

**Rodway**

Variants: **Redway, Rodaway, Reddaway, Radway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 942, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 939
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Gloucs and Warwicks

English: locative name from Radway, Reddaway, Roadway (Devon), Rodway (Somerset), or Radway (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Radeweie, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas de Radeweie, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Roadway, Devon); Geoffrey de Radeweie, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Reddaway, Devon); Anne Rodway, 1577 in *IGI* (Badgeworth, Gloucs); Stephen Rodweye or Radwaye, 1581 in *Oxford University Register*; Richard Reddaway, 1648 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, pp. 53–4, 166; 2, p. 489; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 272.

**Rodwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1944, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1605
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Suffolk and Norfolk; Leics; Bucks

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Rothwell (Lincs, Northants, WR Yorks), all recorded as *Rodewelle* in *Domesday Book*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Rodwell, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Warin de Rodewell, 1208–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Roger de Rodewelle, 1285 in *Balliol Deeds*; John Rodwell, 1560 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Anthonye Rodwell, 1567 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Hugo Or Hugh Rodwell, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Richard Rodwell, 1574 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Rychard Rodwell, 1584 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 509.

2 English: see **Radwell** (1).

**Rody**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: see **Roddy**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Roe**

Variants: **Roo, Rowe, Rho**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8196, Ireland 997
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5690
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands; also Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ro(o)* 'roe deer' (Old English *rā*). This is the midland and southern form, also found in S Yorks and Lancs. In much of northern England, however, *rā* remained unrounded and survives as **Ray**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Ului Ra, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William le Roe, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Reginald le Ro, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Benedict le Roo, 1270 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Isolda Ro, Roo, 1314–16 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmo le Roo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ince in Makerfield, Lancs); Johanne Roo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Alicia Roo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Roo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Willelmo Roo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Willelmus le Roo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); [ . . . ] le Roo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney, Suffolk); John Roe, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Herrye Roo, 1543 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Robert Roe, 1548, Hewen Roo, 1558 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Roe, 1548 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Johanis Roe, 1551 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Alice Roo, 1573 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Robarte Roo, 1612, Jane Roe, 1822 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

2 English: post-medieval spelling of **Wroe**. *Wroe* may also have been used as a spelling of original **Roe**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Wroe, 1580, John Roe, 1581 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); George Wroe, 1578, Georg Roe, 1585 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Robert Wroe, 1618, Martha Roe, 1778 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

3 English: post-medieval spelling of **Row** (or vice versa).

**Early bearers:** John Roe, 1548, Thomas Row, 1682 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Nicholas Row, 1591, Anne Roe, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Row, 1591, Gulielmus Roe, 1607 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs).

4 Irish: from **Ó Ruaidh** or **Mac Ruaidh** 'descendant (or son) of *Ruadh*', a byname meaning 'red'. See also **McRoy**.

**Early bearers:** John Rowe, gent., 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §911 (Ballynebrinaghe, Carlow); Donogh og O Rewe mcDonogh, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2273 (Monteyne castell); William O Rowe, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3180 (Drishanbogge, Cork); Thomas Roe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kinawley, Fermanagh); Francis Roe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ross, Cork); Hester Rowe, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacnevan, Westmeath).

**Roebuck**

Variants: **Roback, Robuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2526, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2014
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *robuck(e)* 'male roe deer', perhaps for someone thought to resemble the animal.

**Early bearers:** Adam Rabuck, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Matilda Robuc, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Gulielmus Roebuck, 1647 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Mary Roebuck, 1655 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Robt Roebuck, 1666 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Sara Roebuck, 1669 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ann Roebuck, 1675 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

**Rofe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Roff**.

**Roff**

Variants: **Ruff, Rouf, Roofe, Roof, Roffe, Rofe, Roaf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 757, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 486
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Kent and Surrey

English: (i) see **Rough**. (ii) see **Rolfe**.

**Early bearers:** Martin Rof, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Thomas Rowf, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Roffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, Middx, and Herts; Northants

English: see **Roff**.

**Roffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 947, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 746
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Kent and Sussex

English: locative name chiefly from Roffey in Horsham (Sussex), but perhaps also from Roffey Hall in Harlow (Essex), or Roffey in Great Dunmow (Essex).

**Further information:** Roffy in Great Dunmow (Essex) was apparently home to Ralph de Rouhey in 1285. **Early bearers:** Flavyen de Rughehege, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Amfr' de la Rogheye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Ralph de Rouhey, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Annes Roffey, 1548 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Thomas Roffey, 1555 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); John Roffey, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Roffey, 1635 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); George Roffey, 1719 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 228; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 38, 477.

## Rogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1841, Ireland 1071
- **GB frequency 1881:** 784
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Cumb; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Leitrim; also Louth

Irish: from Ó Ruadhagáin 'son of Ruadhagán', a personal name from a double diminutive of *ruadh* 'red'. This was a chieftain family in Armagh. The surname was used across the west and north of Ireland, where Ó Ruadhacháin (**Roughan**) may have been a variant.

**Early bearers:** Orc Allaidh H Ruadhacain, king of Uí Echach, 1038 in *AU*; Ruaidhri hUa Ruadhacan, king of Eirtir Airgiall, 1099 in *AU*; Murchadh hUa Ruadhacan, king of Airthir, 1159 in *AU*; Amalgaidh hUa Ruadhagan, king of Uibh Eatach, 1261 in *AU* (Armagh); Patr. and Chr. Rogan, yeomen, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6049 (Balcartie, Dublin); Wm., Patr., and Owen O Rogan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6483 (Donegal).

## Roger

**Variants:** Rodger, Rogger, Rogers, Rodgers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1005
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Louth; Donegal

Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Roger* (Old French *Roger*, *Rogier*, Continental Germanic *Hro(d)ger*). The name was introduced from Normandy, where Continental Germanic *Rodger* was reinforced by the Old Scandinavian cognate *Hróðgeirr*. In England it was very popular, with pet forms **Hodge** and **Dodge** and their derivatives, but it was not so productive of direct diminutives as Richard and Robert, only **Roget** and *Rogerun* having been noted. See **Rosser** for the Welsh form of the name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rogerus marescalus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Rogerius, Rogerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

sumames: Richard Roger, 1263 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iv; William Rogger, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Roger, 1468 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Perths); William Roger, 1551 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Rogers

**Variants:** Rodgers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51922, Ireland 3256
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38507
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S and W England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Down
- 1 English, Norman: variant of **Roger** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Rogeres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edmund Rogers, 1539 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Rogers, 1539 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Anne Rogers, 1540 in *IGI* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Ciselie Rogers, 1540 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Gilbert Rogers, 1541 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

2 Irish: in Ireland, insofar as this is not the Anglo-Norman name, it was adopted for **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McRory**.

**Early bearers:** John Rogers, constable of the castle and manor of Wykeloo, 1535 in *Fiants Henry* §46 (Wykeloo); John Rogers, mayor of Dublin, 1556 in *Fiants Mary* §113; Owen Rogers, clerk, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3510; Edward Rogers, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6557 (Moylhussie, Meath); Peter Rogers, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumnegowne, Armagh); John Rodgers, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromnecranvoe, Armagh); John Rodger, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ardgonnah, Armagh); Everard Rodger, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stranorlar, Donegal); Nathaniel Rodgers, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

## Rogerson

**Variants:** Rodgerson, Roginson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4803, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; Northumb; Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Roger** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Donald Rogerson, 1364 in *Black*; William Rogerson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Rogesoune, 1570 in *Black*.

## Roget

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name **Roger**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Roget, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Roget, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Karterath Roget, 1639 in *IGI* (Manaccan, Cornwall); Anne Roget, 1688 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Edwd. Roget, 1748 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Susanna Roget, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Roggeman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Rodgman**.

## Rogger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Roger**.

## Roginson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Rogerson**.

## Register

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Rochester**.

## Rohan

**Variants:** Roohan, Rowan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 494
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Cork

1 Irish: from Ó Ruadhacháin, see **Roughan**.

**Early bearers:** Honor fitz Hugh Rowhan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6447 (Gawran, Carlow).

2 Irish: from Ó Robhacháin, an ecclesiastical surname, in Clare often anglicized as **Roughan**.

**Early bearers:** Sir Denny O'Rowhan, priest, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5005 (Queen's County [Laois]); Dermot O Roghan, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Inchvolan, Clare); Donogh mcCahell O Roghan, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Illane Inshecronane, Clare).

3 Norman, English: locative name from Rohan in Morbihan (France).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Roham, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Rohant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton, Northants); Charles Rohan, 1723 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Frederick Rohan, 1781 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs).

## Rohard

**Variants:** Roward, Rowett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rohard* (Old French *Rohart*, *Roart*, Continental Germanic *Hrodhard*, *Rodhard*). The name may sometimes have become confused with **Rolt** (Old French *Ro(h)ald*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rohard(us), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset).

sumames: Hugo filius Rohard, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Benedictus filius Ruardi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Peter Ruard', 1220 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Roward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Joan Roward, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Alicia Roward', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Tho. Roward, 1673 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs).

## Rohman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

German: (i) locative name from Middle Low German *rode* + *-man* 'man', for someone who lived on land cleared for cultivation or in a clearing in woodland. (ii) relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Hrodman*.

**Further information:** *Bahlow*, pp. 462, 464.

## Rojas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Spanish: locative name from Rojas (Burgos, Luga). **Early bearers:** Celia Rojas, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Hampstead, Middx).

## Roke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx
- English: see **Rock**.

## Roker

### Roker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Rooker**.

### Rokes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Scottish, English: see **Rocks**.
- Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Roland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 49
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 489
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 English: see **Rowland**.
- 2 Huguenot: relationship name, French **Roland**, with the same etymology as (1).
- Early bearers:** Jehan Roland, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Rolands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales and NW Midlands: esp. Cheshire
- Welsh, English: see **Rowlands**.

### Roles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 376
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset; also Lancs
- English: see **Rolls** and **Rolfe**.

### Roleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Rolleston**.

### Roley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Durham
- English: see **Rowley**.
- Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Rolf

- Variants: **Rolfe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

### Rolfe

- Variants: **Rolf**, **Rolph**, **Roalfe**, **Rulf**, **Rouf**, **Roff**, **Rove**, **Ruff**, **Roll**, **Row**, **Rowe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5304, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3867
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Anglo-Norman French personal name *Rolf*, *Roulf*, *Rou*, *Roul*, *Rouf*, *Rof*. Its usual

derivation is from Old Scandinavian *Hrólfr*, *Rolf*. Found as the name of a peasant in Danish Lincs, it must sometimes be Anglo-Scandinavian, but the name was also common in Normandy where it became Old French *Roul*, *Rou*, often latinized as *Rollo* and it is to this that the frequency and variety of the surnames are mainly due. However, some of these names have alternative origins. There has been confusion with **Ralf**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rolf, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts, Norfolk); Roulf, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Leics); Roolf, a peasant, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs); Rolf de Ormesby, 1147–66 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

sumames: Turstinus filius Rolf(i), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks, Bucks, Dorset, Devon, Gloucs, Hants, Somerset, Wilts); Turstinus filius Rou, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs); Robertus filius Rolf, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks, Wilts); Robert Rolf, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Custumals* (Sussex); William Roulf, 13th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Rolf, 1295 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); John Roolf, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Rolf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Burwell, Cambs); Johannes Rolf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Henrico Rolf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Rolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Willelmus Rolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsh Baldon, Oxon); Walterus Rolf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Rogerus Rolf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); William Rolfe, 1541 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); William Rolfe, 1541, Marie Roff, 1546, William Roaf, 1769 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Alice Rolf, 1560 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Rolf, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Hughe Rolfe, 1565 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Anne Rolfe, 1565 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Willia. Rolf, 1577 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Caroli Rolph, 1599 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Susanna Roalfe, 1628 in *IGI* (Swingfield, Kent); Willyam Rofo, 1600, Mary Rolph, 1649 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Phillis Rulf, 1771 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman personal names *Rolf*, *Rouf*, *Rou*, etc., occasionally derived from Continental Germanic *Rodulf*. In origin it is the same name as Old Scandinavian *Hrólfr* (earlier \**Hróðúlf*), but in a West Frankish form, which the Scandinavian Normans occasionally used. They sometimes confused it with Continental Germanic *Radulf*, Anglo-Norman *Ralf*, *Rauf*, as in the 1308 example below. It accounts for the occurrence of **Row**, **Dow**, and **Rowson** as patronymics meaning ‘son of Ralph’.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rothof filius Ketelli, about 1155–60, Rodulfus filius Ketelli, about 1160–66 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

sumames: Denis Rauf, Denis Rolf, 1308 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* 18 (Essex).

### Rolin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Rowling**.

### Roling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; Devon
- English: see **Rowling**.

### Rolinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Rollinson**.

### Rolison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks; Bucks; Angus
- English: see **Rollinson**.

### Roll

Variants: **Rolle**, **Rolls**, **Rolls**, **Rowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Rolle, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Ricardo Rolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, Leics); Willelmus Roll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Robertus Roule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Barsham, Norfolk); Adam Roul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Harcourt, Leics); Dorothea Rolle, 1560 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John. Roll, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); John. Roll, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs).

### Rolland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Angus; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Rowland**.

### Rollason

Variants: **Rolleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1379, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 966
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

English: see **Rollinson**.

### Rolle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in S England
- Norman, English: see **Roll**.

### Roller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *roller(e)*, perhaps an agent derivative of Middle English *rolle* ‘a roll, piece of parchment’ (Old French *rolle*, *roolle*, *roulle*). It may have been used for a maker or seller of parchment.
- Early bearers:** John le Rollere, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Philip le Roulour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Philip le Rouller, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Johannes Roller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Roller, 1620 in



*Parish Registers* (Llantilio Pertholey, Monmouths); Thom. Roller, 1742 in *IGI* (Cuxham, Oxon).  
2 Scottish: see **Rollo**.

### Rollerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Hunts; Lancs
- English: see **Rollinson**.

### Rolls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Rolls**.

### Rolleston

Variants: **Roleston, Rollston, Rolston, Rolstone, Roulston, Roulstone, Rowlstone, Rollason, Roulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 English: locative name, in the Midlands from Rolleston (Leics, Notts, Staffs) and perhaps Rowston (Lincs); in ER Yorks from Rolston (or Rowlston) in Mappleton (ER Yorks); and in SW England from Rollestone in Upton Pyne, or Rolstone Barton in Morchard Bishop (both in Devon), or Rollestone (Wilts), and perhaps Rowlestone (Herefs). It is possible that some of the following bearers belong with (2), particularly the Yorks examples.

**Early bearers:** Midlands: Simon de Roluestona, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Robert de Rolleston', 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Rolleston, about 1290 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Ricardus de Rolleston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Handsacre, Staffs); Johanne de Rolston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Overy, Leics); Johanne Rolleston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowsby, Leics); Henricus Rolston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easton Maudit with members, Northants); George Rolston, 1561 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Willm Rolston, 1569 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Grace Rolleston, 1576 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); Margaret Rollston, 1580, Maria Roulston, 1636 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Richard Roleston, 1594 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Rolston, 1615, Sarah Rolleston, 1708 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Mary Roulstone, 1624 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Godfrey Rolleston, 1678 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Robert Roulstone, 1681 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Thomas Rollston, 1701 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Walter Rolleston, 1705 in *IGI* (Ratby, Leics); Richard Rolleston, 1710 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Rollason, 1731 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

N England: Henricus Rolston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Rolston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Rowlstone, 1656 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

SW England: Rycharde Rolston, 1553, Elizabeth Roleston, 1614 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thomas Rolston, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Robert Rowlstone, 1691 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon); Anne Roulstone, 1730 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name variant of **Rollinson**, reduced to *Rolleson* and altered by the addition of an intrusive *-t-*, as though it were a locative name in

*-ston*. Compare Thomas Rolleson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks), and Christopher Rollston, 1723, Henry Rowlstone, 1763 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** An Rollinson, 1664, Elizabe Rolleston, 1675 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); Thomae Rollison, 1646, John Rowlstone, 1680 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

### Rollet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; ER Yorks; Surrey

English: see **Rowlett**.

### Rollett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts

English: see **Rowlett**.

### Rolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs; Ayr

English: see **Rowley**.

### Rollie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Ayr
- English, Scottish: see **Rowley**.

**Early bearers:** Katren Rollie, 1580 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Patrik Rollie, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johnne Rollie, 1610 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Rolley, 1687 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens).

### Rollin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts; also Durham; Devon

English: see **Rowling**.

### Rolling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also WR Yorks; Norfolk

English: see **Rowling**.

### Rollings

Variants: **Rollins, Rowlings, Rowlins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Worcs and Herefs; Beds

English: variant of **Rowling** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Rolins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Rolyms, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Rollings, 1632 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs); John Rollings, 1663 in *IGI* (Thanington, Kent); Grace Rollings, 1677 in *IGI* (Upwouman, Devon); Francis Rollings, 1717 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs).

### Rollingson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Rollinson**.

### Rollins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1174, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs

English: see **Rollings**.

### Rollinson

Variants: **Rolinson, Rolison, Rollison, Rollisson, Rollason, Rollerson, Rowlerson, Rowlinsion, Rowlingson, Rollingson, Rowlandson, Ronson, Rawlinsion, Rolleston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2281, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1612
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; Staffs; Lincs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Rouland* or *Roulin*; see **Rowland, Rowling**. (ii) alternatively, and perhaps more likely in most cases, a post-medieval pronunciation of **Rawlinson**.

**Further information:** Redmonds notes that Abigail Rawlinson was taxed in Sheffield in 1662 (*Hearth Tax*) but was consistently named as Abigail Rollinson in the parish register. His derivation of *Rollinson* from *Rawlinson* is highly plausible in view of the fact that *Rawlinson* is generally recorded earlier than either *Rollinson* or *Rowlandson* in those counties where the latter surnames appear. The change to *Rowlandson* would be through folk etymology. On the other hand, the correlation of Edm. Rollinson, 1563, and Miles Rawlinson, 1610 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs) might be interpreted as evidence for the reverse process, where *Rollinson* was pronounced *Rawlinson*.

Moreover, *Rowland* appears as a given name in the 1379 Poll Tax Returns for Westmorland (*Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 112) and therefore could be a source of the surname in NW England. More evidence is needed to settle the matter.

**Early bearers:** N England: John Rolinson, 1545 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Lionel Rowlandson, 1548 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Rollynson, 1549 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); George Rowlandson, 1571, Thomas Rowlinsion, 1579, Richard Rolinson, 1581, Agnes Rollandson, 1583, James Rowlandson, 1687 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite cum Lyth, Westm); Robti. Rowlingson, 1585 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Rollandson, 1590 in *Lancs Wills*; Antoni Rowlinsion, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Rollingson, 1596 in *Lancs Wills*; George Rollinson, 1595 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Johes Rollinson, 1579, Robertus Rollison, 1694 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Rowlinsion, 1608 in *Lancs Wills*; Peter Rowlingson, 1617 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm); George Rolinson, 1640 in *IGI* (Long Marston, ER Yorks); Thomae Rollison, 1646 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); William Rollison, 1667 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); George Rowlingson, 1713, Edward Rolison, 1713 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Harry Rollason, 1757 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

W Midlands: Caterine Rolinson, 1560 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Rowlinsion, 1579 in *IGI* (Great

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Budworth, Cheshire); Ricardi. Rolison, 1611 in *IGI* (Frankton, Warwicks); Raph Rollison, 1634 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Maria Rowlingson, 1635 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Gulielmi Rolinson, 1639 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Rolison, 1690 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Rollason, 1731 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ed. Rollason, 1756 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Sarah Rollason, 1779 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Frances Rollason, 1782 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

E England: Cristoferus Rollynson, 1563 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Andrei. Rollingson, 1583, Letisia Rowlingson, 1605 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Richardi Rolinson, 1585 in *IGI* (Scampton, Lincs); Thomas Rowlingson, 1615 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Lincs); Benjamin Rollison, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Penelope Rollison, 1628 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Thomas Rollingson, 1678 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Thomas Rowleron, 1734 in *IGI* (Wickhambrook, Suffolk); Frances Rollerson, 1761 in *IGI* (Nowton, Suffolk); William Rowleron, 1772 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); William Rollason, 1776 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs); Samuel Rollason, 1786 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); Thomas Rollerson, 1787 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex).

References: *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 333; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Rollison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Norfolk; SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Rollinson**.

## Rollisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rollinson**.

## Rollit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Rowlett**.

## Rollitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs
- English: see **Rowlett**.

## Rollo

Variants: **Roller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1032, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 681
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: reduced form of *Rollock*, the origin of which is uncertain.
- Early bearers: John Rollo, 1373 in *Lindores Chartulary*; John Rollow, 1381 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Duncan Rollo, 1413 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Rollok, 1552 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Rolls

Variants: **Roles, Rolles, Rowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1877, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1266

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset
- Norman, English: variant of **Roll**, with genitive or post-medieval crescent -s.
- Early bearers: Matilda Rolles, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Roger Rolves, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Juliana Roules, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Roulfes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Rowles, 1675 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Rollston

Variants: **Roulson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Notts; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Rolleston**.

## Rolph

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1410, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1092
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Herts
- Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

## Rolston

Variants: **Rollason**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 191
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Rolleston**.

## Rolstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Rolleston**.

## Rolt

Variants: **Roult, Rout, Rowett, Rowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Herts
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ro(h)ald, Rohaut*, usually an Old French form of Continental Germanic \**Hrothowald, Rodoald*, although it could also formally derive from Old Scandinavian *Hróaldr, Róaldr*.
- Early bearers: given names: Rold, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Roaldus, 1155–85 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Roaldus filius Alani, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants).
- surnames: Alanus filius Ruhald', 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Rohald', Roald, Ruald, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Roger Rohant (for Rohaut), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dodbrooke, Devon); Stephanus Rowald, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodmansey and Thearne, ER Yorks); Ricardus Rohant (for Rohaut), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, Northants); Henri Rolt, 1568, Annis Roult, 1595 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); John Rolt, 1580 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds); Anna Rolt, 1582, William Roult, 1636 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Thomas Rolt, 1597 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minories, London); Johannis Rolt, 1643 in *IGI* (Hinxbworth, Herts); Jennatt Rowte, 1627, Henry Rolt, 1651 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); William Rolt, 1660 in *IGI* (Welney, Norfolk).
- References: *Durham Liber Vitae* 2, p. 73.

## Romain

Variants: **Romaine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx
- 1 English: see **Roman**.

Early bearers: Johanne Romayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Willelmus Romayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote, Oxon); Agnes Romayne, 1560 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Benjamin Romayne, 1653 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Abigail Romaine, 1663 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

2 Jewish: unexplained.

Early bearers: Jacob Romain, fruit hawker, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (London); Moses Romain, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samel Romaine, watchmaker and jeweller, born in Spitalfields, Middx, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Charles Romaine, labourer, born in Rotterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Jos. Romaine, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Salford, Lancs); Isaac Romaine, confectioner, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Moss Romain, born in Mile End, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Hyam Romain, born in Mile End, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

## Romaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Roman**.

2 Jewish: see **Romain** (2).

## Roman

Variants: **Romain, Romaine, Romans, Rumming**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; also Yorks; Warwicks

English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *Romain* 'a Roman', for someone from Rome or Italy in general, or for someone who had a connection with Rome, perhaps having been there on a pilgrimage. See **Rome, Romer**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Romanus*. *Romanus* was the name of two early Christian martyrs and a 7th-century bishop of Rouen. Only one English example of this personal name is known, but it may nevertheless sometimes be the source of the surname.

Further information: Whichever its source, it was supplemented by Huguenot immigration in the 17th century.

Early bearers: given names: Romanus le corduaner, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Adam Romanus, Romayn, 1207–8 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Reginald le Romayn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John Roman, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmus Romayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote, Oxon); Thome Roman, 1569 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex).

## Romanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Midlothian and Selkirks; Sussex

1 Scottish: see **Romanis**.

2 English: see **Romans**.

### Romanis

Variants: **Romanes, Romans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: locative name from Romano in Newlands (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Roumanoch, about 1250 in *Black*; Alexander Romanois, 1508–20 in *Black*; John Romanoss, 1567 in *Black*; James Rolmainhou, Romanis, 1642 in *Black*.

### Romano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 699, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

Italian, Spanish: (i) relationship name, locative name from the personal name *Romano* (Latin *Romanus*), borne by several saints and martyrs. This was originally a byname for someone from Rome or for a Roman citizen, from *Roma* 'Rome'. See also **Roman**. (ii) locative name, in Calabria a term for someone from *Nea Rhômê* 'New Rome', the medieval Greek name for Constantinople.

**Early bearers:** Manuel Romano, 1825 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent). Alphonso Romano (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Kent); Mondolin Romano (born in Corfu) in *Census 1881* (Lancs, Kent).

### Romans

Variants: **Romanes, Rumens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Roman** with genitive or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** George Romans, 1636 in *York Freeman's Register*.

2 Jewish: see **Romanis**.

### Romary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Rumary**.

### Rome

Variants: **Roome, Room, Rooms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, Dumfriess, and Ayr

English: locative name, nickname from Rome (Italy), either for someone from Rome or Italy in general, or for someone who had a connection with Rome, perhaps having been there on a pilgrimage. Compare **Roman, Romer**.

**Further information:** The Italian city was commonly pronounced and spelled *Room(e)* in English until the 19th century: see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 144.

**Early bearers:** England: William Rome, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus de Rome, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Thomas de Rome, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Ricardo de Rome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Duffield, ER Yorks); Johanne Rome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); Robertus Rome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gooderstone, Norfolk); Magota Rome, 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Leigh Delamere, Wilts); Willelmus de Rome, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Rome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Jeffery Roome, 1556 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Anne Rome, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willi. Roome, 1563 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Rome, 1564 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Alexander Rome, 1573 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs); Robert Rome, 1585 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Sarah Rome, 1604 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thome Roome, 1605 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks); Wm. Roome, 1615 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); Maria Roome, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Arthur Room, 1664 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); William Room, 1687 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); George Rome, 1720 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); William Rome, 1775 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
Scotland: Mary Rome, 1775 in *IGI* (Annan, Dumfriess).

### Romeo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Romeo*.

### Romer

Variants: **Rummer, Rumer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Berks, and Hants

1 English: (i) locative name, nickname from Rome (Italy) + *-er*, for someone from Rome or Italy in general, or for someone who had a connection with Rome, perhaps having been there on a pilgrimage. See **Rome, Roman**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *romer(e)* 'roamer, wanderer', perhaps for a vagrant.  
**Early bearers:** Cristiana la Romere, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); John Romere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Romere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Alexander Romer, 1604 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); John Christopher Romer, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Roumare in Seine-Maritime (France).

**Further information:** William de Roumare, earl of Lincoln, made a yearly payment to Rouen Cathedral from his rent of Roumare.

**Early bearers:** William de Romara, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ellen Romer, 1565 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Robert Romer, 1640 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Romer, 1735 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Romer, 1743 in *IGI* (Mark, Somerset).

### Romeril

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Unexplained, but perhaps of French origin.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Romeril, 1550 in *Jersey Chantry Certificate* (Jersey).

### Romero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Spanish: nickname from *romero* 'pilgrim', originally 'pilgrim to Rome'.

### Romilly

Variants: **Rumley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex

1 Norman, English: locative name from Romilly in Eure (France). Some examples may belong under (2) or (3), and there has probably been confusion between them.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Romilly, 1198 in *Anglo-Norman Families*; Willelmo de Romelay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviourgate, Yorks); Johannes Rommyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Pierre Romilly, 1744 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Romeley, 1808 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); James Romily, 1810 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Remilly in Manche (France).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Romeilli, 1190, Rumeilli, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Alice de Romeilli, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Alice de Rumelly, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Sarah Romilly, 1812 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Romilly, 1839 in *IGI* (Effingham, Surrey); Whitfield Lucian Romilly, 1865 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

3 English: locative name from Romiley (Cheshire)

**Early bearers:** Alan de Romely, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Samuel Romiley, 1873 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 292.

### Romney

Variants: **Rumney, Ommanney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Lancs; Worcs

English: locative name from Romney (Kent). Its appearance in NW England is presumably to be explained by family migration.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Romenel, de Rumenae, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Ralph de Romene, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Romney, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Joane Rumney, 1560, William Romney, 1566 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Elizabeth Romnay, 1557, William Romney, 1566 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thom. Romney, 1571 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs); Willimus Romney, 1573 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Clement Romney, 1622 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); George Romney, 1781 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 485–486.

### Romp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Rump**.

### Ronald

Variants: **Ranald, Ronalds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1135, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1043
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: relationship name from an anglicized form of the Gaelic personal name *Raonull*, which in turn is a borrowing of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Rögnvaldr*. See **Reynold**.

## Ronalds

**Early bearers:** John Rannald, 1463 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Ronald, 1655 in *Retours, Scotland* (Blackburn, Ayr).

### Ronalds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Dunbartons; Wigtowns

Scottish: variant of **Ronald** with genitive or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Ronaldson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 514, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Fife; Caithness
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Scottish: relationship name from the Scottish personal name **Ronald** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Doual Ranaldsone, Dowill McRenyll (son of Ronald Alanson), 1511 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*.

### Ronan

Variants: **Ronayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 974, Ireland 1045
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny; Cork

Irish: from Ó Rónáin ‘descendant of Rónán’, a personal name apparently based on a diminutive of *rón* ‘seal’.

**Early bearers:** William and Richard O’Ronane, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §995; Malladg and John Ronane, yeomen, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424; Margaret Ronane, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3180 (Youghall, Cork); John Ronane, gent., 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4188 (Youghell, Cork); William O Ronayne mcMoriherthy, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4497 (Waterford).

### Ronayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 363
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork
- Irish: from Ó Rónáin, see **Ronan**.

### Ronchetti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon; Durham
- Italian: locative name from a diminutive form of **Ronco**, from *ronco* ‘cultivated land on a terraced slope; hillside vineyard’, denoting someone who lived on or by such land, or for someone from any of the numerous places named with this word.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Ronchetti, 1819 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Andrea Ronchetti (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Devon).

### Rondel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- French, English: nickname from Old French *rondel*, a diminutive of *round(e)* ‘rotund, plump’. Compare **Rundle**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Rondel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Battisborough, Devon); Richard Rondell, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Highworth, Wilts); John Rondel, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Martin by Looe, Cornwall).

### Rone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. W Midlands

English: see **Roan**.

### Roney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 586
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Cumb and Lancs; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Irish, Manx: from Irish Ó Ruanaidh, see **Rooney**.

### Ronksley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from Ronksley in Hope Woodlands (Derbys). Ronksley Wood in Bradfield (WR Yorks) is probably named after the family.
- Early bearers:** Johannes de Ronkeslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Bartyn de Rankesley, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Nycolas Ronksley, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Ronksley, 1604 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* p. 125; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 238; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ronnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns, Ayr, and Lanarks

Irish: see **Rooney**.

**Further information:** Black’s citation of James Ronnay, 1528 in *Glasgow Rental*, suggests that there may have been a Scottish Gaelic name, a reduced form of an unrecorded \**McCronay*, Gaelic *Mac Ruanaidh* ‘son of *Ruanadh*’ (see **Cronay**). However, the absence of any later evidence for the name in Scotland and the evidence of the 19th-century censuses point to the modern name being of Irish origin through migration.

**Early bearers:** John Ronnie, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Dalmellington, Ayr); Richard Ronnie, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841, Scotland* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks); Hugh Ronnie, born in Ireland, in *Census 1861* (Inch, Wigtowns).

### Ronson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb

English: a north Lancs pronunciation of **Rollinson**.

**Early bearers:** John Rolinson, 1545, Antoni Rowlinson, 1592, John Ronson, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Richard Rowlandson or Rownessonn, 1607, John Rowanson or Rowson, 1639, John Rowlandson or Rownson, 1715 in *Lancs Wills*.

### Roo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Roe**.

### Roobottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Rocroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Rycroft**.

### Rood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Hants; Lancs
- English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a village or town cross (Middle English *rōde*, *roode*, Old English *rōd(e)*). (ii) locative name perhaps for someone who lived by a woodland clearing (from an unrecorded Middle English \**rōd(e)*, \**rood*, Old English \**rōd(e)*). This name would have been synonymous with **Road** and the two names therefore interchangeable, especially in Somerset and Devon, where *Road* is common. (iii) perhaps a variant of **Roud**, especially in Hants. (iv) alternatively (in Devon) a post-medieval spelling of **Rude**.

**Further information:** Since *rode* is also a spelling of a Middle English word for a woodland clearing, some of the examples of *de la Rode* and *atte Rode* cited under **Road** could alternatively belong here.

**Early bearers:** William at Roode, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Margaret Roode, 1561, Hannah Rood, 1723 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Raphe Rood, 1574 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); John Rood, 1607 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); William Rood, 1609 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); Henry Roode, 1627, Anne Rood, 1740 in *IGI* (Street, Somerset); John Rood, 1667 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

### Roodhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rodhouse**.

### Roof

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Lincs
- English: see **RoFF**.

### Roofe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **RoFF**.

### Roohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Irish: see **Rohan**.

**Rook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1641, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1935
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Devon; Lincs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Rook**.  
2 English: see **Rooke**.

**Rookard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Rookyard**.

**Rooke**

**Variants:** **Rook, Ruck, Rooks, Rookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3301, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks; Surrey and Sussex; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Limerick
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *rok(e)*, *ruk(e)* ‘rook’, perhaps for someone with very dark hair or a dark complexion, or with a raucous voice. (ii) see **Rook**.

**Early bearers:** William Roc, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); William le Roke, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Ruk, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Rouke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Adam Rucke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Rooke, 1549 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Elizabeth Rooke, 1553 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); William Rooke, 1557 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Thomas Rooke, 1558 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wilyam Rooke, 1562 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *rok(e)* ‘rook’, signifying someone who lived at a house with the sign of the rook.

**Early bearers:** Robert of ye Rook, 1318 in *DAFN* (London).

**Rooker**

**Variants:** **Rocker, Rucker, Roker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- 1 English: occupational from an agent derivative of Middle English *rok(ke)*, ‘distaff’, perhaps for a spinner or maker of distaffs. *Bardsley* cites Juliana Rokster, 1388, a spinner, and *Rocker* may be a masculine form of the name.

**Early bearers:** William le Rockere, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Ireland); Richard le Roker, le Rockare, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Ricardus Rooker, 1610 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Marian Rooker, 1619 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Rogeri Rooker, 1620 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Roger Rooker, 1639 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); William Rooker, 1641 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from an agent derivative of Middle English *rok(ke)* ‘rock’. The surname may be topographic, signifying someone who lived beside a prominent rock or rocky outcrop, or toponymic, denoting someone who lived at a place so named. See **Rook**.

**Early bearers:** John Rockere, Lucas Rockere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Rookes**

**Variants:** **Rooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Rooke** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Rookledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Kent
- English: see **Routledge**.

**Rooks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 641
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Devon
- English: see **Rookes**.

**Rooksby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Roxby**.

**Rookwood**

**Variants:** **Rockwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: locative name from Middle English *rok(e)* ‘rook’ + *wod(e)* ‘wood’. The name may be topographic, denoting someone who lived by a wood inhabited by rooks, or toponymic, for someone from one of the several minor places so named, such as Rookwood Hall in Abbess Roding (Essex), Rook Wood in Finchingfield (Essex), or Rockwood in East Grinstead (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Rochewode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Johannes Rokewode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); John Rookwode, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Rokewode, 1452 in *Paston Letters*; Robert Rokewode, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex); Nicholas Rokewood, 1535 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edmund Rookwood, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Glastonbury, Somerset); Thomas Rookwood or Rookewood, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Christopher Rockwood, 1632 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks).

**Rookyard**

**Variants:** **Rookard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name perhaps from Rookyard Farm in Old Newton (Suffolk), although earlier evidence is needed to establish this.
- Early bearers:** Catherine Rookard, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Gislingham, Suffolk); Elias Ruckerd, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elias Ruckard, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Rookard, 1747 in *Parish Registers* (Redgrave cum Botesdale, Suffolk); John Rookard, 1807 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); John Rookyard, 1808 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); John Rookyard, 1836 in *IGI* (Stoke Ash, Suffolk).

**Rooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rowley**.

**Room**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 354
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks, Warwicks; Lancs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Rome**.

**Roome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1082, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 572
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Rome**.

**Rooms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Gloucs and Warwicks; Notts

English: variant of **Rome** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Rooms, 1703 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); William Rooms, 1802 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts).

**Roon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- Irish: from Ó Ruadháin, see **Ruane**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rooney**

**Variants:** **Roney, Rowney, Ronnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8462, Ireland 6185
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2669
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down; Dublin; Leitrim and Sligo

1 Irish: from Ó Ruanaidh or Ó Ruanadha ‘descendant of *Ruanadh*’, a personal name from *ruanaidh* ‘strong man, champion’. Ó **Ruanaidhín** was a variant in Connacht. **Rowan** might be adopted as equivalent in Down. Compare *Mac Ruanaidh*, now **Croney**, in Scottish Gaelic.

**Early bearers:** Ceallach H. Ruanadha, chief poet of Ireland, 1079 in *AU*; Eoin h-Ua Ruanadha, poet to Meg Aenghusa [Magennis], 1371 in *AU* (Down); Deirmot reogh O Roynian, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6815 (the Court, Sligo); Donill Rownoe, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6626 (Killcrevant, Mayo); Hugh O Roney, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6266; James O Rownoe, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517; Loghlin oge and Coconaght O’Rony, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Magneisse country, Down).

2 Irish: reduced anglicized form of Ó **Maolruanaidh**, see **Mulrooney**.

**Roop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Rope**.

## Roope

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Roope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; esp. Cambs

English: see **Rope**.

### Roopeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk; Hunts; Berks

English: see **Roper**.

### Roopra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Rooprai

Variants: **Ruprai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from Sanskrit *rūpa* 'beauty' + *rajan* (from Sanskrit *rājā* 'king').

### Roos

Variants: **Roose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx and Surrey; Durham

1 English, Scottish: see **Ross**.

2 Swiss German, Dutch: (i) nickname, locative name, from *roos* 'rose', as a locative name for someone living at a house distinguished by the sign of a rose. The Dutch name may have also arisen as a nickname for a rose grower or for someone with a ruddy complexion. (ii) from a personal name formed with Germanic *hrōd* 'renown'.

**Early bearers:** Johann Roos, born in Germany, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx).

3 English: see **Rouse**.

### Roose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs; Anglesey

1 English: see **Ross** (1).

2 Swiss German, Dutch: see **Roos** (2).

### Roosevelt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch: locative name from *roose* 'rose' + *velt* 'open country', for someone living by an area of uncultivated land overgrown with roses.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Root

Variants: **Roote, Rutt, Roots**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

1 English: (i) nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*rote* (Old English *rōt*) 'glad, cheerful'. (ii) nickname from Middle English *ro(u)te* 'rote' (a medieval stringed instrument, a kind of harp or fiddle), perhaps used for a player of the instrument. Compare **Rutter**.

**Early bearers:** Godric Rute, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Rote, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Ralph Rote, 1216–36 in *Miller, Ely* (Cambs); William le Rutte, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); James Rutt, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanna Root, 1549 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Rychard Roote, 1552 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Christian Root, 1554 in *IGI* (Chappel, Essex); Beatris Roote, 1559 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Edward Roote, 1571 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Johes. Root, 1574 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Richard Root, 1592 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); John Root, 1613 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Richard Root, 1616 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs).

2 English: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that it may sometimes be a spelling variant of **Wroot**, a Lincs place close to the parishes where the following bearers are recorded: Rob Root, 1703, Thos. Wroot, 1736 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks). Aaron Root, 1731, Thomas Wroot, 1796 in *IGI* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johnna Roote, 1580 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Guliel. Root, 1637 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); William Root, 1644 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Roote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Cambs; Hants

English: see **Root**.

### Rootes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Roots**.

### Roother

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

1 English: see **Rowarth**.

2 English: see **Routh**.

### Rootham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants

English: locative name from Wrotham (Kent).

**Further information:** This family name was brought from Kent to Beds as early as 1206, when a certain William de Wrotham is mentioned in the records of Harrold Priory. The earliest known bearer of the name is Geoffrey de Wrotham, who was employed by successive archbishops of Canterbury in the 12th century. His son, William de Wrotham (died ?1208), was sheriff of Devon in 1198–99, and his grandson, another William de Wrotham, was archdeacon of Taunton.

**Early bearers:** William de Wroteham, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard de Wrotham, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls*

(Dorset or Somerset); William de Wrotham, 1323 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Alice Wrotam, 1547 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Lawrence Rotham, 1586 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Beds); Agnes Rootham, 1591 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds); Michael Wrootham, 1642 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 155; *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 513.

### Rootkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Rudkin**.

### Roots

Variants: **Rootes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 923, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 874
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Root** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Elinor Rootes, 1539 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); Agnes Roots, 1567 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Rotes, 1643 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 48.

### Rope

Variants: **Roope, Rupp, Ropes, Rape, Roop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *rop(e)*, 'rope', possibly for a maker or seller of rope.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); William Rope, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnes Rope, 1566 in *IGI* (Fritton, Norfolk); John Rope, 1572 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Laurenc Rope, 1588 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); Robert Rope, 1591 in *IGI* (Stodmarsh, Kent).

### Roper

Variants: **Rooper, Raper, Rapier, Repper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7624, Ireland 150
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6201
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales; esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Dublin; Galway

English: occupational name from Middle English *roper(e)* 'maker or seller of rope'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Raper, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard le Roper, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Agnes Raper, 1430 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Alice Rooper, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs); Johanns Roper, 1540 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Thomas Roper, 1541 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Peter Roper, 1543 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Isabella Roper, 1544 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johes. Roper, 1545 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); John Roper, 1545 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks); Also Roper, 1551 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Thomas Raper, 1560 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Richard Raper, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Wm. Raper, 1562 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Mary Raper, 1564 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks).

### Ropes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: variant of **Ro**pe with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Ropkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rob* (see **Robb**) + the diminutive suffix *-kin*, with genitive or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Adam Robekyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Joan Robekyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Ropkin, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Rorie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Stirlings; Kincardines

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Ruaidhrí**; see **McGrory**.

### Rorison

Variants: **Rorrison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland and Glasgow
- Scottish: relationship name from a translated form of Scottish Gaelic **Mac Ruaidhrí** 'son of Rory'. See **McRorie**.

**Early bearers:** Morgownde Ruryson or Roryson, 1391 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Sir Dougall Ruresoun or Rorieson, 1498 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Inverness); Thomas Roriesoun or Roreson, 1563 in *Retours, Scotland* (Dumfriess); John Roriesone, 1675 in *Kirkcudbright Town Records* (Kirkcudbrights).

### Rork

- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks

Irish: from **Ó Ruairc**, see **O'Rourke**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rorke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Midlothian; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Roscommon

Irish: from **Ó Ruairc**, see **O'Rourke**.

### Rorrison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Ayr

Scottish: see **Rorison**.

### Rory

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Ruaidhrí**, see **McGrory**.

### Rosa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Midlothian
- Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese: (i) from *rosa* 'rose' (Latin *rosa*), perhaps in some instances a topographic name for someone who lived where wild roses grew, or for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a rose, and perhaps in other instances a nickname for someone with a pink, rosy complexion. (ii) in some cases also, from the female personal name *Rosa*.

**Early bearers:** Guiseppo Rosa (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx); Francisco Rosa (born in Brazil) in *Census 1881* (Warwicks).

### Rosam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: perhaps a variant of **Rosamond**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Rosam, 1635 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); George Rosam, 1790 in *IGI* (Thames Ditton, Surrey).

### Rosamond

Variants: **Rosoman**, **Roseman**, **Rosam**, **Rosemond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Rosamunde* (Continental Germanic *Rosemunda*).

**Further information:** The given name was widely understood in the Middle Ages as Latin *rosa munda* 'pure rose' and therefore as an epithet of the Virgin Mary.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rosamunda, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Godfrey Rosamound, 1287 in *DAFN* (London); John Rosemond, 1356 in *London Letter Books F*; Nicholas Rosamon, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); Ellnor Rosamond, 1590 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Thomas Rosamond, 1614 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Rosamond, 1623 in *IGI* (Upton Warren, Worcs); Abraham Rosamond, 1628 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Thomas Rosamond, 1628 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks).

### Rosario

Variants: **Rozario**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Spanish, Portuguese: relationship name, Spanish and Portuguese, mostly from a short form of Spanish (*del*) *Rosario*, Portuguese (*do*) *Rosá*, from *rosario* 'rosary'; or from the Marian name *María del Rosario*, given in particular to a girl who was born on the festival of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on the first Sunday in October.

**Further information:** The word derives from Late Latin *rosarium* 'rose garden', and was transferred to a set of devotions dedicated to the Virgin Mary as the result of the medieval symbolism which constantly compared her to a rose.

2 Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Rosario*, of the same origin as above.

### Rosato

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Rosato*, ultimately derived from *rosa* 'rose'.

### Rosborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 176
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; also Antrim
- Scottish: see **Roxburgh**.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ulster (Ireland) since the 17th century. It is now more common in Ireland than in Scotland or England.

**Early bearers:** John Rosborough, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Thomas Rosborow, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh).

### Rosbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 155
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: variant of **Ramsbottom**.

### Rosbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Ramsbottom**.

### Roscoe

Variants: **Roscow**, **Ruscoe**, **Rascoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2315, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1844
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Roscoe in Anderton (Lancs).

**Further information:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 128, notes the forms *de Rascok*, *de Rachecok* from 1246, but no further medieval forms of the surname have been found.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Roscow, 1558 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Ric. Rascowe, 1574 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Petrus Roscowe, 1592 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); David Ruscoe, 1593 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Richard Rosco, 1595 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Isabell Roscoe, 1595 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Roschow, 1599 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 128.

### Roscow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Roscoe**.

### Rose

Variants: **Roys**, **Royse**, **Royce**, **Rowes**, **Ross**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35356, Ireland 459
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21950
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Carlow; Donegal; Monaghan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Rohese*, *Roese*, later *Rose*, *Royse* (Continental Germanic *Hrodohaidis*,

*Rothaid*). Some of the following examples of *Ros(e)* may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rothais, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Rohesia, Roes' de Killum, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Rosa Weuere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roysia Cobbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ranworth, Norfolk); Rosa Kemester', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitminster, Somerset); Rosa atte Yatte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks); Rosa Whyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton, Warwicks); Rosa Norice, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Haseley, Oxon); Rosea Hosbond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Creeping Saint Peter, Suffolk). surnames, SE England: Thomas filius Rose, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Robert Rose, 1302 in *London Court Rolls*; Richard Roys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Roys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dunstable Green and Dalham, Suffolk); Robertus Roys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Willelmus Ros, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Joan Rose, 1538, Susan Ross, 1578 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edmond Rose, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margaret Rose, 1542 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); Willimus Rose, 1543, Thomas Royce, 1576 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Joan Rose, 1554, Aaron Roys, 1616, Moses Royce, 1647, Aaron Royse, 1680 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Willm Royce, 1578 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Maudlene Royce, 1609 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Mary Royce, 1626 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey). surnames, N Midlands: Willelmo Rose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoby, Leics); Hugo Ros', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stonton Wyville, Leics); Thome Rose, 1538 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Robt. Rose, 1545 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Richard Roys, 1633, Sarah Rose, 1701 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); Robert Royce, 1672 in *IGI* (Langtoft, Lincs); Allin Royce, 1734, William Rose, 1736 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland); Joseph Roys, 1790 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts). surnames, W England: Peter Rose, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugo Roys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Toot Baldon, Oxon); Katerina Ros', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chadnor, Herefs); Margeria Ros, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calne borough, Wilts); Maria Rose, 1539 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Thomas Rose, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Elizabeth Royse, 1549 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks).

surnames, N England: Willelmo filio Rose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Cecilia filia Rose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johannes Roys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Margrett Rose, 1560 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Anna Rose, 1562, Henricus Roose, 1565 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Mary Rose, 1582 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Richard Royse, 1604, Richard Rose, 1609 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Mary Rose, 1741, Frederick Royse, 1817 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *rose* 'rose', for someone living at the sign of The Rose (an inn name).

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Rose, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Adam atte Rose, 1305 in *London Court Rolls*. 3 English, Scottish: see **Ross**, where the English variant is illustrated under various senses. The Scottish name exemplified below belongs to a small Nairnshire clan.

**Early bearers:** William Rose, about 1360 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Inverness); Andrew de Rose, 1440 in *Papal Letters* (Innerafferayn, Ross and Cromarty); Hugh Rose, 1526 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Kilravock, Ross and Cromarty); Agnes Rose, 1689 in *IGI* (Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty).

## Roseberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Roxburgh**.

## Roseblade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs
- English: nickname from Middle English *rose* 'rose' + *blad(e)* 'leaf'. Compare **Rosenblatt**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Roseblad, 1549 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); John Roseblade, 1575 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

## Roseby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: locative name from Roxby in Hinderwell (NR Yorks), recorded as *Rozebe* in 1086, or Roxby in Thornton Dale (NR Yorks), recorded as *Rosebi* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** Isabel Rowsbey, 1632 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Ann Roseby, 1671 in *IGI* (Coalbournes, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 90, 139.

## Roseland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: locative name from Roseland in Alciston (Sussex) or Roseland (Cornwall).  
**Further information:** The derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Roselands Farm in Ulcombe (Kent) is not supported by *Kent Place-Names*, p. 238, which suggests it was home to William Rose (not *Roseland*) in 1466.

**Early bearers:** Judith Roseland, 1617 in *IGI* (Thanington, Kent); Peter Roseland, 1693 in *Parish Registers* (Tring, Herts); Galland Roseland, 1720 in *Parish Registers* (Exeter, Devon); Rebecca Rosland, 1794 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).  
**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 303; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 415.

## Roseman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Rosamond**.

## Rosemond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

English: see **Rosamond**.

## Rosen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 810, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *rosen(e)* 'rosy, rose-coloured', for someone with a rosy complexion.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Rosen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fifield, Oxon); William Rosen, 1397 in *Feet of Fines*

(Oxon); Agnes Rosen, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Rosen, 1578 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Gilbert Rosen, 1580 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Margritt Rosen, 1581 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Rosen, 1678 in *Parish Registers* (Cheadle, Cheshire).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Rosen* 'roses'.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Rosen, watchmaker, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1851* (Chatham, Kent); Israel Rosen, watchmaker, born in Poland, *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Woolfe Rosen, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (London); Lewis Rosen, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leicester, Leics); Jacob Rosen, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Rosen, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Blume Rosen, born in Poland, *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Abraham Rosen, fur traveller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Gateshead, Durham); David Rosen, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Rosenbaum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) ornamental adoption of German *Rosenbaum* 'rose bush'. (ii) in German-speaking lands this is also found as a house name, but in Britain most bearers of this surname are Jewish.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Barnet Rosenbaum, 1868 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Morris Rosenbaum, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Philip and Rebecca Rosenbaum, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Mark Rosenbohm, master tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (London); Joseph Rosenbaum, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jacob Rosenbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Barnet Rosenbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Rosenbaum, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Halifax, Middx).

other: Martin Rosenbaum, born in Germany, and his wife, Frederikke Rosenbaum, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx); William Rosenbaum, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Rosenberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 797, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 411
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) ornamental, from Yiddish *ros(en)*- 'rose' + *berg* 'mountain'. (ii) locative name from any of the numerous places in Germany so named ('rose mountain').

**Further information:** Rosenberg is also found as a German locative name. However, it appears to have been brought to the UK predominantly if not exclusively by Jewish immigrants.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Rosenberg, 1745 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Wolf Rosenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bishop Auckland, Durham); Joseph Rosenberg, Jewish minister, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Canterbury, Kent); Samuel Rosenberg, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Morris Rosenberg, born in



Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Moses Rosenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Fylde, Lancs); Harris Rosenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Goodman Rosenberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Rosenberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Rosenblatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *Rosenblatt* 'rose leaf'.

**Early bearers:** Hyman and Esther Rosenblatt, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Hannah Rosenblatt, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Barnett Rosenblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Hyman Rosenblatt, born in Notts, in *Census 1901* (Nottingham, Notts); Samuel Rosenblatt, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hirsh Rosenblatt, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Davis Rosenblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Brentford, Middx); Isidore Rosenblatt, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Rosendale

**Variants:** Rosindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cambs

English: locative name from Rossendale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Abrahamus Rossendale, 1563 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Abraham Rosyndall, 1568, Abraham Rosindaile, 1593 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Jayne Rosindale, 1597 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Anna Rosendale, 1633 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 92.

### Rosenfeld

**Variants:** Rosenfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of numerous places named Rosenfeld ('rose field'). Alternatively, amongst Jewish bearers the name may have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Rebecca Rosenfield, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Newington, Surrey); Hyman Rosenfield, born in Germany, *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Aaron Rosenfeld, born in Odessa, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Simon Rosenfeld, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Isaac Rosenfield, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Esther Rosenfeld, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lazarus Rosenfeld, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Harris Rosenfeld, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Other:** Clotilde Rosenfeld, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Sigmund Rosenfeld, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex); Ignatz Rosenfeld, born in Austria, in

*Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Franz Rosenfeld, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx).

### Rosenfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): part anglicization of **Rosenfeld**.

### Rosenthal

**Variants:** Rosenthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, ornamental name from any of numerous places named Rosenthal ('rose valley'). Alternatively, the Jewish name may be an ornamental adoption.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Solomon Rosenthal, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Rosenthal, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Morris Rosenthal, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Barnet Rosenthal, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Goodman Rosenthal, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Other:** Heinrich Rosenthal, 1856 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth Devon); Adolph Rosenthal, merchant, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Richard Sigismund Rosenthal, 1880 in *IGI* (Tranmere, Cheshire); Ludwig Rosenthal, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Fritz Rosenthal, born in Silesia, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Ernst Rosenthal, born in Cologne, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Greenwich, Kent); Fritz Rosenthal, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hampstead, Middx); Leopold Rosenthal, leather manufacturer's agent, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, London).

### Rosenthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Rosenthal**.

### Roser

**Variants:** Rosier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *rose* 'rose' + *-er*, perhaps for someone who lived in a place where wild roses grew, see **Rose**.

**Further information:** Rosier Farm in Billingshurst (Sussex) was recorded as *Roseresland* in 1379, the first element probably reflecting the name of an early owner: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 150.

**Early bearers:** Elinor Roser, 1566 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); Ann Rosier, 1565 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); John Rosier, 1602 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Daniel Roser, 1613 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Wm. Roser, 1629 in *IGI* (Badwell Ash, Suffolk); John Rosier, 1637, John Roser, 1660 in *IGI* (Barnstaple,

Devon); Thomas Rosier, 1639 in *IGI* (Naughton, Suffolk); Thomas Rosier, 1640 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

### Rosevear

**Variants:** Roseveare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Rosevear in Saint Mawgan in Meneage (Cornwall) or Roseveare in Saint Austell (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Roseveor, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Lanivet, Cornwall); Thomas Rosevere, 1611 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Thomas Roseveare, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

### Roseveare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Rosevear**.

### Rosewall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Rosewall, a small farm in Towednack, near Saint Ives (Cornwall). There may have been some confusion with **Rosewell**.

**Early bearers:** John de Ryswal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Towednack, Cornwall); Stephen Roswall, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Towednack, Cornwall);

### Rosewarne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 238
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Rosewarne in Camborne (Cornwall) or Rosewarne in Gwinear (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Roswarn, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Camborne, Cornwall); Stephen Roswarne, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Camborne, Cornwall); John Rosworne, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Mabe, Cornwall).

### Rosewell

**Variants:** Roswell, Rowswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon

English: perhaps a hypercorrect variant of **Rowsell** (see **Rossell**), on the analogy of place-names where pronunciation of *-well* is colloquially reduced to *-el*. There may have been some confusion with **Rosewall**.

**Early bearers:** John Rosewell, 1499 in *PROB 11* (Bradford, Somerset); Alice Rouswell, 1569 in *IGI* (Barrington, Somerset); Alexander Rosewell, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Soley, Wilts); Andrew Roswell, 1588 in *IGI* (Facombe, Hants); Henry Rowswell, 1658 in *IGI* (Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset).

**Roshier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent
- English: see **Rusher**.

**Roshier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey; Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Rusher**.  
2 English: see **Rosier**.

**Rosie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 742, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 479
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness and Orkney
- Scottish: locative name from Rossie near Montrose (Angus).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Rossi, son of Robert de Rossi, about 1245 in *Arbroath Register*; Walter de Rossy, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Montrose); Johannes Rossy, 1340 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen); Alexander Rosie, 1653 in *Caithness Testaments* (Caithness).

**Rosier**

- Variants: **Roshier**, **Rozier**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Suffolk
- 1 English: see **Roser**.  
2 Huguenot: locative name, French **Rosier**, either for someone who lived by a rose bush (French *rosier*) or who came from one of the places in N France named from the word, such as Rosières (Oise, Somme) and Rosière (Seine-Maritime).  
**Early bearers:** Jonas Rosiere, 1617, Margueritte Rosier, 1723 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Rosindale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rosendale**.

**Rositer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; SW England; S Wales; also Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Rochester**.

**Roskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 321
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Roskel*, *Roskil* (Old Scandinavian *Hrosskell*).  
**Early bearers:** Swein filius Roskil, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Edmund Roskell, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Anne Roskell, 1560 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).  
**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 294.

**Roskelley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

Cornish: see **Roskilly**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Roskilly**

- Variants: **Roskelley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Roskilly in Saint Keverne (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Urin Roskylly, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Grade, Cornwall); Jacob Roskelly, 1650, Jacob Roskilly, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).  
**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 304.

**Roskin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Ruskin**.

**Rosling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Surrey; Gloucs
- English: see **Rusling**.

**Rosney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- Irish: from Ó Rosna 'descendant of Rosna', a personal name of unknown etymology.  
**Early bearers:** Michael Rosney, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Donaghcumper, Kildare); James Rossny, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Monamonra, Laois); Patrick Rossney, 1851 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gorragh Upper, Laois); Andrew Rosney, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Castletown, Offaly).

**Rosoman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey; ER Yorks
- English: see **Rosamond**.

**Ross**

- Variants: **Roos**, **Roose**, **Rose**, **Rowes**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 42097, Ireland 2613
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31767
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N Scotland and N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim; also Cork
- 1 Scottish: locative name from one or other of a number of Scottish and English places called Ross or Roos(e), especially Roose (Lancs) and Roos (ER Yorks), but see also (2). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with other senses.  
**Further information:** The Scottish surname has at least three origins. First, the Anglo-Norman family from Roos (ER Yorks) was introduced to Scotland when Robert of Roos, lord of Wark Castle (Northumb), married Isabella, an illegitimate daughter of King William the Lion. Second, various families took the name from the province of Ross in N Scotland and other places of that name, which comes from the

Gaelic word for a promontory. Third, there were Norman families in Scotland by the 13th century who probably derived their name from Rots in Normandy; see (2). The descendants of Godfrey de Ros, tenant of the de Morville lords of Cunninghame, were major landholders in Ayrshire, and almost certainly took their name from Rots. The Rose family of Kilravock (Nairns) may take their name from either of these three (see **Rose**). The lairds of Balnagown adopted the surname *Ross* after the earldom of Ross (to which they considered themselves rightful heirs) had passed into other hands through the female line.

**Early bearers:** England: Bernard de Rosse, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Philip de Roos, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Edwardus Roose, 1544 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Matilda Roose, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnes Roose, 1550 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Joane Roose, 1560 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); John Rose, 1572 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Richard Ross, 1577 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); William Rose, 1577 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Dorethea Roos, 1577 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Tho. Roos, 1577 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Richard Ross, 1577 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Allison Roose, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Barbara Roos, 1597 in *IGI* (Stainton by Tickhill, Lincs); Anne Ross, 1601 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Robert Ross, 1633 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb); George Ross, 1649 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Maria Roos, 1745 in *IGI* (Lowick, Northumb).

Scotland: Robert de Ros, 1248 in *Melrose Register* (Hassington, Berwicks); Alexander Ross, Master William Ross, and William Ross, 1486 in *Black*; Wilyame Ross, 1584 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth); Jamess Ross, 1596 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Robert Ross, 1596 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Donald Ross, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andro Roos, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Monance, Fife); John Roos, 1721 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr).

**References:** *Black*; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 670–1; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 202; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 56.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Rots in Calvados (France).

**Further information:** This family had major estates in Kent until well into the 13th century. Around 1100 Herbert de Ros held land at Plumstead, Norfolk. It is not known if he was related to the Kent family or to the de Roos family of ER Yorks mentioned in (1).

**Early bearers:** England: Anschetillus de Ros, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Serlo de Ros, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds).

Scotland: Godefrid de Ros, 1170 in *Glasgow Register*; Robert de Ros, 1282 in *Arbroath Register* (Garvock, Kincardines).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 671–2.

3 English: locative name from Wrose, in Shipley, near Bradford (WR Yorks), with re-spelling of *Wr*- as *R*- due to the loss of /w/ before /r/ in early Modern English pronunciation. The place-name is generally spelled *Wrose* from the 16th century onwards and as *Wrosse* in 1578 (*Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 267), but not as *Ross(e)* or *Rose*. However, *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in the parish registers of Farley (WR Yorks) appear William Wrose (1586), John Wrose (1645), and Joshua Wrose or Ross (1684), while in the hearth tax returns of 1672

for Bramley all the members of this family were called *Ross*. The spelling *Wrose* is no longer current. **Further information:** Redmond remarks that Bradford and Leeds were the epicentre of Yorks families named *Ross* in the 1881 census. It is likely that many or most of them go back to *Wrose*, but the census returns from 1841 onwards show that some are from Ireland and probably represent Ulster families bearing one or other of the Scottish surnames discussed in (1).

**Early bearers:** Amabilia del Wros, 1343 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wrose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); William Wrose, 1499 in *York Registry Wills* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Anthonie Rose, 1601, Ann Rosse, 1653, Joshua Ross, 1674 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Rosse alias Wrosse, 1613 in *Feet of Fines* (Drax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Ross, 1708 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Ross, 1721 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Jonathan Rosse, 1751 in *IGI* (Bramley by Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 267.

4 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Roce*, *Rosce*, *Roza* (Continental Germanic *Rozzo*). See also **Rossell**, **Rusling**. This name has probably been confused with **Rose** and with the name in (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rozo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Rosce de Pileham, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: Johannes filius Rosce, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Robert Roce, 1195, Robert Rosce, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Willelmus filius Roce, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex), who is also called Willelmus filius Rocelini and William Roce; Richard Rosse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams).

5 English: locative name from one or other of a number of minor places in Cornwall called Rose, Roose, or Rowse (see **Rowse**).

**Early bearers:** William Ross, 1592 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Richard Roose, 1634 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Nicolas Ross, 1676 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Joan Roos, 1679 in *IGI* (Feock, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 302, 303, 304.

6 English: see **Rose**.

## Rossall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name chiefly from Rossall (Lancs), but perhaps occasionally from Rossall (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Roshal, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Ellin Rossall, 1592 in *IGI* (Poulton Le Fylde, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 158; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 251–2.

## Rossborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish: see **Roxburgh**.

## Rossel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Rossell**.

## Rossell

**Variants:** **Roscel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Rocel*, a diminutive of *Rosce* (see **Ross**).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Rosel, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Rosel, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Patriz Rozel, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Derbys); Robertus filius Rocel, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Alys Rossell, 1548 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Rossell, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Ric. Rossell, 1567 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Willm Rossell, 1570 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Joan Rossell, 1577 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds).

2 Norman, English: see **Russell**.

## Rosser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3006, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Monmouths, and Gloucs

Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *R(h)osier*, equivalent to English **Roger**. See **Prosser**.

**Early bearers:** David Rosser, 1584 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); John Rosser, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Llantillio Crossenny, Monmouths); Thos. Rhosser, 1790 in *IGI* (Henllan Amgoed, Carmarthen).

## Rosseter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey; Glamorgan

English: see **Rochester**.

## Rossetti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Rossetto**, a nickname from *rosetto*, a diminutive of the adjective *rosso* 'red', denoting someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion. **Further information:** Gabriele Rossetti (1783–1854), father of Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti, was an Italian writer and political activist, born in Vasto, Abruzzo, who took refuge first in Malta and subsequently in London, where in 1831 he became professor of Italian at King's College, London.

## Rossi

**Variants:** **Rosso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1781, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91

Italian: nickname from *rosso*, denoting someone with red hair, a red beard, or a ruddy complexion. Compare **Russo**.

## Rossington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Rossington (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jeremias de Rosinton', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Peter of Rosington, 1246 in *Feet of Fines*

(Yorks); Joses Rossington, 1596 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Lucie Rossington, 1599 in *IGI* (Sibson, Leics); Robert Rossington, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Sara Rossington, 1641 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Geo. Rossington, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 49.

## Rossiter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3333, Ireland 787
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1881
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Rochester**.

**Further information:** This Anglo-Norman name has been established since the 12th century in Ireland, where it is gaelicized as **Rosaitear**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rocetor, 1563 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Rossiter, 1565 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Alexander Rossiter, 1575 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); John Roster, 1629 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Katharine Rosseter, daughter of Thomas Rossestir, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent); William Rossiter, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

## Rosslyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Rusling**.

## Rosso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: see **Rossi**.

## Rosson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; NW Midlands

1 English: see **Russon**.

2 English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Rosten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks

English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Rostern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Rosterne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Rosthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Roston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75

## Rostron

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - 1 English: see **Rawsthorn**.
  - 2 English: locative name from Roston (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Adam of Roston, 1240–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henry de Roston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William de Roston, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Homfary Roston, 1540 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Roston, 1588 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); John Roston, 1590 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Jane Roston, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); John Roston, 1600 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).
- References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 395; *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, pp. 591–2.

## Rostron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1582, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1764
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

## Roswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Roswell**.

## Rotchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Rochelle**.

## Rotchford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Rochford**.

## Roter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Rutter**.

## Roth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle High German *rōt*, German *rot* 'red', generally for a red-haired person, though as a Jewish surname it is more likely an ornamental name. (ii) locative name for someone who lived on land that had been cleared for agriculture, Old High German *rod* 'clearing, assart'. (iii) relationship name, from a short form of any of the various Germanic personal names with the first element *hrōd* 'renewal'.  
**Early bearers:** Herman Roth, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Moss Side, Lancs); Adolphe G. Roth, naturalized British subject, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leicester, Leics); John Roth, naturalized British subject, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, London); Julius Roth, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, London); Abraham Roth, born in Tarnoe, Austria, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, London); Josephine Roth, born in Scottighon, Alsace, Germany, in *Census 1881* (St Marylebone, London); Frederick Roth, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Ormesby, NR Yorks).

**References:** *DAFN*.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*roth(e)* (Old English *\*rop*) 'clearing'. The surname may be for someone who lived in or near a clearing, or who lived at a place so named, such as Rothend in Ashdon (Essex), Roe End in Markyate (Herts, and home to the 1272–5 early bearer), Roe Green in Hatfield (Herts), or Roe Green in Sandon (Herts).  
**Further information:** It is often impossible to distinguish *t* from *c* in medieval handwriting, and some of the medieval examples cited above may belong under **Roche**.

**Early bearers:** Adam atte Rothe, 1272–5 in *Westminster Abbey Muniments* (Herts); Adam atte Rothe, 1346 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Henry atte Rothe, 1353 in *London Letter Books G*; Johannes atte Rothe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); Andrew Roth, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); John Roth, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); James Roth, 1628 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Gabriel Roth, 1629 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Samuel Roth, 1642 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Thomas Roth, 1699 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Malcolm Roth, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex* p. 503; *Place-Names of Herts* pp. 48, 95, 168.

## Rother

**Variants:** **Roder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Cumb
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *rother(e)*, *rod(d)er* 'rudder, oar', probably used for a sailor; compare **Rower** (2). (ii) locative name perhaps from Middle English *\*roth(e)* 'clearing' (Old English *\*rop*) + *-er*, for someone who lived in or near a clearing. Compare **Roth** and **Rudder**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Rother, burgess, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridport, Dorset); John Rother, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); William Roder, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Tusmore, Oxon); Anne Roder, 1568 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Georgius Rother, 1580 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Thomas Rother, 1602 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).

2 Welsh, English: relationship name perhaps from an anglicized form of the Welsh personal names *Rhodri* and *Rhydderch* (see **Roderick** and compare **Rothery**), with possible influence from the English river name Rother (Sussex, Hants, and Yorks).

## Rothera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rothery**.

## Rotherham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rotherham**.

## Rotherforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rutherford**.

## Rotherham

**Variants:** **Rotheram**, **Rudderham**, **Rudram**, **Rudrum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 788, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Warwicks

English: locative name from Rotherham (WR Yorks), recorded as *Roderham* 1194–9.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Roderham, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Henry de Rotherham, 1356 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Roderham of Coryngham, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Corringham, Lincs); Robertus de Roderham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johannes Roderan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Womersley, WR Yorks); Elena Rotherem, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); John Rotherham, 1493 in *PROB 11* (Luton, Beds); Richard Rotherham, 1540 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Anne Rotheram, 1549 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); William Rotheram, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Ann Ratheram, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Margery Rodderam, 1618 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Stephen Ruderam, 1647 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Ambrose Rotheram, 1625, Jeremy Ratharam, 1657 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elezabeth Rudderum, 1671, Prudence Rotherum, 1679, Elizebeth Rudderham, 1688 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Ratherham, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 136, 184–5; information from David Rudram (Guild of One-Name Studies).

## Rothero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan; Cornwall; Worcs and Shrops

Welsh: see **Rothery**.

## Rothery

**Variants:** **Rothera**, **Rothero**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1613, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Offaly
- English: relationship name apparently from an anglicized form of the Welsh or Brittonic personal name *Rhydderch* (see **Prothero**). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the WR Yorks family were retainers of Richard Redman at Harewood Castle and may therefore have moved into Yorks from Cumb where the Redmans originated (see **Redmayne**). The appearance of a Welsh derived surname in 16th-century Cumb is surprising, and *Morgan and Morgan* suggest instead that the Cumb surname may have been indigenous to NW England. This supposes that the same personal name was current in post-Conquest Cumb, a remnant of the Brittonic language that was spoken there until about the 11th century, but no evidence has yet been found to confirm the hypothesis.  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Rodderey, 1519 in *York Registry Wills* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Richard Rothery, 1535 in *Thoresby Society* 15 (Dunkeswick, Harewood, WR Yorks); Willm Rothery, 1586 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Alan Rothery of Cockermouth, 1570 in *Place-Names of Cumb*; Francis Rothery, 1599 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks);

Anna Roddery, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Christopherus Rothery, 1606 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Robertus Rothera, 1614 in *IGI* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Anne Rothery, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mathew Rodderie, 1617, William Rothery, 1675 in *IGI* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Francis Rothery, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); Thomas Rothery, 1635 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Rotherie, 1647 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); Antony Rothera, 1634, Richard Rotheroe, 1691 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Katharina Rothera, 1671 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Joseph Rotheray, 1704 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); William Rothery, 1752 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); John Rothery, 1857 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 435 (at Rothery Plantation); *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 185.

### Rothman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname (German **Rothmann**), from Middle High German *rōt* (German *rot(h)*) 'red' + *man(n)* 'man', denoting someone with red hair. Amongst Jews it may also have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** William Rothman, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx); Albert Rothman, merchant and warehouseman, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Christian Rothman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Limehouse, Middx); William Rothmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Isaac Rothman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Herman Rothmann, 1895 in *BMD* (Stepney, Middx); Harris Rothman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Marks Rothman, salesman, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Lambeth, Surrey); Morris Rothman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Isaac Rothmann, smallware traveller, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *roth(e)* (Old English *\*roþ*) 'clearing' + *-man*. See **Roth**.

**Early bearers:** John Rotheman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Richard Rothemon, 1342 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Jane Rothman, 1584 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Robert Wrothman, 1625 in *IGI* (London).

### Rothnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Rothney in Premnay (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Anegos de Rothenek, William de Rotheneyk or Rothenayke or Rothenethe, Patrick de Rotheney or Rothenayke, 1296 in *Black*; Heugenius de Rothenay, 1333 in *Black*; George Rothny or Rothnye, 1570 in *Black*; David Rothnie, 1596 in *Black*.

### Rothon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: probably a variant of **Rowthorn**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Ruthor, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Rowthan, 1719 in *IGI* (Bolnhurst, Beds); John Routhen, 1726 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants); James Rothon, 1791 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Rothschild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from a German surname based on Middle High German *rōt* 'red' + *schilt* 'sign, shield', denoting someone who lived at a house distinguished by a red sign.

**Further information:** The Rothschild dynasty of bankers was founded by Meyer Amschel Rothschild (1744–1812). His five sons established branches of the banking business and of the family, in several European countries. They were made barons of the Austrian Empire; successive generations in Britain produced the first practising Jew to sit in Parliament and the first to be raised to the peerage.

**Early bearers:** John Rothchild, 1798 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Isaac Rothschild, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Plymouth, Devon); Ferdnand (Baron) de Rothschild, born in Paris, in *Census 1881* (Piccadilly, Middx); Jacob Rothschild, cap maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Benjamin Rothschild, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sigmund Rothchild, bank manager, born in Hanover, in *Census 1901* (Paddington, Middx).

### Rothwell

**Variants:** Rowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5390, Ireland 470
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5458
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Monaghan, and Dublin

English: locative name principally from Rothwell (WR Yorks) but Rothwell in Lincs and Northants also gave rise to surnames.

**Further information:** This name was brought to Ireland (Meath) from England in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Rowell', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); William (de) Rowell', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Robert de Rothewelle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Simon Rowell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Matil' Rothewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwinle, Northants); Johannes de Rothewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Batley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Rothewelle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Noseley, Leics); Jone Rothwell, 1549 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); Roberte Rothwell, 1558 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Thomas Rothwell, 1563 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Thomas Rothwell, 1563 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); William Rothewell or Rothwell, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Stapleford, Lincs); Wllm Rathwell, 1605 in Borthwick Institute (Gargrave, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 118–9; *Place-Names of Lincs* 4, pp. 154–5; *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, pp. 143–4.

### Rottenbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Rattenbury**.

### Roubottom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Rouch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Middx; Gloucs and Warwicks

Norman, English: probably a variant of **Roche**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Rouche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hensall, WR Yorks); Robert Rouche, 1575 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Thomas Rouch, 1579 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Abraham Rouce, 1595 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Ruch, 1613 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Daniel Ruche, 1618 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Robert Rouch, 1617 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs).

### Roud

**Variants:** Rood, Trodd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name either from Rowde (Wilts), pronounced like *road*, or more likely from Roud (IoW), pronounced like *proud*, and recorded as *Rode*, 1086, *Rud*, 1248, *Roude*, 1287–90, *Rowde*, 1428 in *IoW Place-Names*. The places are named from Middle English *rode*, *rude* (Old English *hrēod*) 'reed-bed'. Compare **Road**, **Rude**, **Trodd**, and **Trude**.

**Early bearers:** Redy Roud, 1774 in *IGI* (Sherfield English, Hants).

**References:** *IoW Place-Names*, p. 88; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 246–7.

### Roue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- English: see **Row**.

### Rouf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Muslim: see **Rauf**.

2 English: see **Roff**.

### Rough

**Variants:** Roff, Row, Rugh, Rufus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 670
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lanarks; Northumb

1 English: nickname from Middle English *rough*, *rowe*, *ruwe* 'rough (haired), shaggy, dishevelled'.

**Early bearers:** John le Rug, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey Rugh, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Catherin Rough, 1568 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Johis. Rough, 1575 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Jos. Rough, 1599 in *IGI* (Tingrith, Beds); Esbell Rough, 1609 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Maryah Rough, 1625 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *rough* 'rough', for someone who lived on or close to rough, uncultivated ground.

## Rougham

**Early bearers:** John ate Rogh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).  
3 English: see **Rock**.

### Roughan

**Variants:** **Roughan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Rougham (Norfolk, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Lefstan de Rucham, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Robert de Ruhham, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); John of Rougham, 1312 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 509.

### Roughan

**Variants:** **Rowhan, Rohan, Rowan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: (i) from Ó Ruadhacháin, ‘son of Ruadhachán’, a personal name from a diminutive of *ruadh* ‘red’ (also used as a place-name and anglicized as *Roughan*). Compare also **Rogan** (Ó Ruadhagáin), which may be a variant, both it and Ó Ruadhacháin being found in Ulster and Connacht. (ii) from Ó Robhacháin, name of a scattered ecclesiastical family, found in Clare in the 16th and 17th centuries. The personal name was earlier *Reabhachán* ‘skilful, artful’. See also **Rohan**.

**Further information:** Woulfe says the two names can hardly be told apart in the anglicized forms, which MacLysaght says are now divided more by location in North (*Roughan*) and South (*Rohan*).

**Early bearers:** Dunchad hUa Robocan, coarb of Colum Cille, 989 in *AU*; Mael-Ciarain hUa Robocain, erenagh, 1060 in *AU* (Sord, Dublin); Maelduin hUa Rebacan, coarb of Mochutu, 1090 in *AU* (Lismore); Mac-Mara[i]s hUa Rebochan, erenagh of Lismore, 1129 in *AU*; Henry O’Rowghan, butcher, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §329 (Gawran, Kilkenny); Donald bane O’Roaghan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4016 (Dublin); John O Rowghane, kern, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4752 (Corut, Kerry); Cahill and Donogh O Rowghan, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4860 (Inishcronan, Clare).

2 English: see **Rougham**.

### Roughead

**Variants:** **Ruffhead, Ruffett, Rufford, Rowett, Rout, Route**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Stirlings, Lanarks, and Midlothian

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English and Older Scots *rough(e)*, *ruff(e)*, *ro(u)gh(e)ru(we)*, *rowe* ‘rough, hairy’ + *heved*, *hed* ‘head’, for someone with shaggy or unkempt hair.

**Early bearers:** N England: Al. Ruffheued, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Thom. Rouheved’, 1303 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham); Will. Rughede, 1396 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); John Ruffett, 1631 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Thomas Roughead, 1662 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Margaret Ruffatt, 1742, Mary Ruffet, 1751 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

Scotland: Philippus dictus Rocchet, 1295 in *Newbattle Register*; Alexander Roched, 1435 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); James Ruchead, son of Thomas Rucheid, 1620 in *Retours, Scotland*; Jonet Roughead, 1664 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Roughead, 1670 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Andrew Roughtit, 1743 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); Elizabeth Roughead, 1794 in *IGI* (Polmont, Stirlings).

English Midlands: Robert Ruhaued, 1170–87 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Robert Roheued, about 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Rugheved, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Roughheved, 1304 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Godfrey Rouheved, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Weston, Hunts); Johannes Roughed, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Rouhed, 1384 in *London Pleas*; Thomas Ruffhead, 1631 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Josias Roughhead, 1633 in *IGI* (Amphill, Beds); John Ruffhead, 1662 in *IGI* (Great Linford, Bucks); Elizabeth Ruffed, 1687, Thomas Ruffhead, 1688 in *IGI* (Biddenham, Beds); Thomas Ruffed, 1700 in *IGI* (Sherington, Bucks); Thomas Ruffoot, 1690, Elizabeth Ruffett, 1714, William Ruffit, 1719 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Will. Ruffhead, 1719 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Catherine Ruffhead, 1726 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts).

E Anglia: Alexander Ruhheued, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robertus Ruheued, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Rouheved, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Rougheued (junior and senior), 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Ruhed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carbrooke, Norfolk); Edmundus Roughed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); William Roughed, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 153.

### Roughley

**Variants:** **Ruffley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 955, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 518
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Roughlee (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** An Roughley, 1594 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Anna Roughley, 1632 in *IGI* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 81.

### Roughsedge

**Variants:** **Rustage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Elias dil Ruglisysch’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bold, Lancs); Agnes Rughsuch, 1558, Rodolphus Rughsuch, 1564 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Humfrey Rughsuch, 1562, Henrie Rughsuch, 1577, John Rughsuch, 1587 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); John Roughstich, 1569 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Elizabeth Rughstich, 1617, Henry Rughstich, 1654 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Thomas Rughstich, 1667, Johannes Rughstich, 1672, Johannes Roughsedge, 1709, Roughsedg, 1712, Peter Rousgedge, 1739, Robert Rousedge, 1744 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Richard Roughstage, 1766, William Roughsege, 1777, Charles Roustidge, 1787 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, Lancs); William Rustich, 1780 in *IGI* (Aston by Sutton, Cheshire); John Rustage, 1803 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire).

### Rought

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Durham and Yorks

English: see **Rout**.

### Roughton

**Variants:** **Rowton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and E Midlands: esp. Northants

1 English: locative name most likely from Roughton (Lincs), but perhaps sometimes also from Roughton (Norfolk, Shrops) or Wroughton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John de Rughton, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); William de Roughton’ of Sc’o Bot’ho, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Boston, Lincs); John Roughton’, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Thoms Routon, 1552 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Steven Roughton, 1578, William Routon, 1588 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Josua Roughton, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 394; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 103; *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, pp. 32–3; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 9, 278.

2 English: see **Rowton**.

### Rougvie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Rougvie, 1797 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); David Rougvie, 1826 in *IGI* (Cockpen, Midlothian).

### Roukin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: relationship name from a diminutive of the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Roul*. See **Rolfe**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Roulekin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

### Roul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Scottish: see **Rule** (3).

### Roulson

**Variants:** **Rowson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: chiefly a variant of **Rolleston** with the common reduction of *-ston* to *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Roulson, 1609 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Richard Roulson, 1611 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Roulson, 1625 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Richard Roulson, 1627 in *IGI* (Burton Overy, Leics); Wm. Roulson, 1637 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Anglo-Norman French personal name **Rolfe** + *-son*, but this appears to have been a rare surname in the medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Roulfisson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs).

### Roulston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 388
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal
- English: see **Rolleston**.

### Roulstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and WR Yorks; Devon

English: see **Rolleston**.

### Roult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk; WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Rolt**.

### Rounce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- English: see **Rounds**.

### Round

**Variants:** **Rounds**, **Rounce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4164, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *round(e)* (Old French *ronde*) ‘rotund, plump’. See **Roundell**. **Early bearers:** Ralph Rund, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alecok Ronde, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alan Lerond, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William Round, 1564 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); John Rounce, 1575 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Rychard Round, 1580 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Thos. Round, 1582 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwicks); George Round, 1586 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent); Thomas Rounds, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); John Round, 1599 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Moses Rounds, 1792 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Roundell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname see **Rundle**.

**Early bearers:** Ralf Roundell, 1559, Tho. Roundhill, 1742 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks).

### Roundhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Rundle**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Roundhill, 1684 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

### Rounding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *round(e)* ‘circular, rounded’ + (*heng, ing* ‘meadow’, denoting someone who lived near a distinctively round meadow.

**Further information:** The name occurs occasionally in minor place-names such as Round Ing in Rishworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *le Roundyng* in 1495; see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 74.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Roundyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Ambrose Rounding, 1633 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Wm Rownding, 1687 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thos. Rounding, 1708, John Roundin, 1726 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks).

### Rounds

**Variants:** **Rounce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Round** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Roundtree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: see **Rowntree**.

### Roundsefell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name from Roncesvalles in Navarre (Spain), where there was a Priory of Saint Mary, of which the Hospital of Our Lady of Rouncevale at Charing Cross, London, was a cell.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Runceual, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Richard Runcyual, 1296, Richard Runsifal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Roundsefell, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); John Roundsefell, 1771 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); James Roundsefell, 1848 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon).

### Rountree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Meath

English: see **Rowntree**.

### Rourk

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O'Rourke**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rourke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2240, Ireland 580
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1448
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O'Rourke**.

### Rous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Rouse**.

### Rouse

**Variants:** **Rous**, **Rowse**, **Roos**, **Russ**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5118, Ireland 190
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4274
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; Warwicks and Worcs; WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: nickname from Middle English and Anglo-Norman French *rous(e)* ‘red’, for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion.

**Early bearers:** Wilekin Rous, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Russe, 1218 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Symon le Rus, 1253 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Margareta le Ruse, 1285 in *Feudal Aids* (Staffs); Alicia Rouse, 1539 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Joan Rouse, 1546 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Petri. Rouse, 1551 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Rouse, 1555 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Edmond Rouse, 1560 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London).

### Rousel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Norman, English: see **Russell**.

### Roussell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Devon; Sussex

Norman, English: see **Russell**.

### Rouson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; Durham; Surrey

English: see **Rowson**.

### Rousseau

**Variants:** **Roussel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

French: nickname from a diminutive of **Roux**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jenne Rousseau, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jacques Rousseau, 1702 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Francois Rousseau, 1719 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Charles Rousseau, 1750 in *IGI* (Savoie De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx).

other: Philip Rousseau, 1733 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anne, Soho, Westminster, Middx); James Rousseau, 1790 in *IGI* (Isleworth, Middx).

### Roussel

**Variants:** **Roussell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands

1 French: see **Rousseau**.

2 Norman, English: see **Russell**.

### Roussell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

## Rout

- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands (Guernsey); Dorset
- French: see **Roussel**.

## Rout

**Variants:** Rowett, Rowed, Route, Routt, Rought, Ruffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 710, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex; Hunts; Hants and Sussex

1 English: perhaps a reduced form of **Roughead**, which is well evidenced in medieval E Anglia, but some of the following examples could alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Francis Rowte, 1561, Johnes Rought, 1575 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Thomas Rout, 1616 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Edward Rout, 1673 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Route, 1675 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); Tho. Rout, 1703 in *IGI* (Brundish, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English \**riwet*, \**riuwet*, *rowet*, \**ruffet* (Old English *rȳwet*, *rūhet* or *rū(we)t*) 'rough ground'. The surname may have denoted someone who lived on or by rough ground, or someone who lived at any of various minor places named Ruffet(t), Ruffits, or The Roughet (Gloucs, Surrey, Sussex), Ruet (Surrey), or at what is now Rout Farm, near Bolney, Sussex. *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 579, records a local feature named *la Ruette* in 1371.

**Further information:** Ruffet Wood in Frant (Sussex) is thought to be associated with Richard atte Riuette, 1288, and Richard atte Rouette, 1296: *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 375. Löfvenberg suggests that Clarice Route (1296) is probably to be associated with Rout Farm, near Bolney (Sussex), a place not recorded in *Place-Names of Sussex*.

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Riuette, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Rouette, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Frant, Sussex); Clarice atte Route, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyndham, Sussex); Henry Route, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richardi Rowte, 1557, John Rowed, 1626 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Rowte, 1566, Nicholas Roughte, 1575, Elizabeth Route, 1621 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Katheryne Rout, 1622 in *IGI* (Portchester, Hants); Nicholas Rout, 1632 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); William Route, 1771 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex).

**References:** Löfvenberg 171; *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 88; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 359; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 375; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 69, 161.

3 Norman, English: see **Rolt**.

## Route

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

2 English: see **Roughead**.

1 English: see **Rout**.

## Router

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Rutter**.

## Routh

**Variants:** Rooth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 438
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Routh (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Routh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Suffolk); Thomas de Routhe, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Routhe, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Rooth, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 71.

## Routledge

**Variants:** Rutledge, Ruttledge, Rucklidge, Rudledge, Ratledge, Rookledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3494, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Durham and Northumb

English: locative name most probably from Routledge Burn (Cumb), whose name means 'loud stream', although it is possible that the stream received its name from a member of the family rather than vice versa.

**Early bearers:** Symon Routlage, 1494 in *Black*; David Routlesche, 1512 in *Black*; William of Reteleche, William Routleth 1509–47 in *Place-Names of Cumb*; Jorge Rutliche, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Martin de Rotheluche, 1537 in *Black*; John Rutledge, 1606, John Routledge, 1639 in *York Freeman's Register*; Abraham Rootlidg, 1657, Abraham Rookledge, 1670, Abraham Rockleidge, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Ratlidge, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Mary Ratlidge, 1793 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 25.

## Routley

**Variants:** Rutley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall

English: locative name apparently from Great Rutleigh in Northlew (Devon), although this is recorded as *Radeclive* in medieval documents (see **Ratcliffe**) and is not found as *Rutleigh* until as late as 1809. The surname evidence suggests that the place-name may have already developed into *Rutleigh* during the 15th or 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Augustine de Radeclvue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northlew, Devon); Silmosa Rutleigh, 1588 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); Mathias Rutley, 1590 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Robarte Rowtlie, 1591 in *IGI* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); Gideon Rutleighe, 1611 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Thomas Rutly, 1613 in *IGI* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); John Rutleigh, 1614 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); James Rowtley, 1625 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Ruttley, 1626 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Thomas Rutlie, 1638 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Anthony Routley, 1642 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); Anthony Routly, 1700 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); George Routleigh, 1743 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon); William Routely, 1758 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 155.

## Routt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Rout**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Roux

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

French: nickname from Old French *roux* 'red' (Latin *russ(e)us*), for someone with red hair.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Madelaine Roux, 1699 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields); Perre Roux, 1715 in *IGI* (West Street, Westminster, Middx); Isaac Roux, 1728 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Timothee Roux, 1748 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens, Westminster, Middx); Peter Roux, 1732 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jean Louis Roux, 1849 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness).

## Rove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

## Rover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

English: see **Ruffer**.

## Row

**Variants:** Rowe, Roue, Roe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1524
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

1 English: locative name from Middle English *rowe* (Old English *rāw*) 'row'. The surname may be for someone who lived by a hedgerow or in a row of houses in a street, or for someone who lived in a place so named. Compare **Raw** (1) and **Rew**.

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Rowe, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Rowe, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Robert del Rowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Gefferye Row, 1543 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Walter Row, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Robertus Row, 1553 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Gulielmus Row, 1557 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Eliz. Row, 1561 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

2 English: see **Rough**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Ruwe, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Richard, John le Rowe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); Walter le Rowe, le Rouwe, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex), 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Rowe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

3 Norman, English: (i) see **Rolfe**. (ii) see **Ralph** and compare **Rowson**.

## Rowan

**Variants:** Rowand, Rowen, Rawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4003, Ireland 1148
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Mayo and Galway

1 Scottish: see **Rowland**.

**Further information:** *Rowand* was a common Scottish pronunciation of *Rowland*, giving the variants *Rowand* and *Rowan*. The 1513 early bearer is the



same William who was surnamed Rolland and Rowand in 1509.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Agnes Rowan, 1511 in *Protocol Book Simon*; William Rowan, 1513 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Edward Rowane, 1525 in *Stirling Burgh Records* (Stirlings); Janet Rowan, 1578 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Androw Rowan, 1610 in *IGI* (Fossway and Tulliebole, Kinross); Thomas Rowen, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Rowand, 1612, Agnes Rowan, 1626 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Ellin Rowan, 1728 in *IGI* (Upholland, Lancs); Willm. Rowan, 1766 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Ruadháin (see **Ruane**) or Ó Ruadhacháin or Ó Robhacháin (see **Rohan** and **Roughan**). See also **Rooney**.

**Early bearers:** Kirrien McMortagh Rowan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6181 (the Meny, Wexford).

### Rowand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: see **Rowan**.

**Early bearers:** William Rowand, 1509 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Thomas Rowand, 1550 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Rowand, 1663 in *IGI* (Eaglesham, Renfrews); John Rowand, 1692 in *Black*; Bethia Rouand, 1697 in *Black*.

### Roward

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Norman, English: see **Rohard**.
- 2 English: see **Rowarth**.

### Rowarth

**Variants:** Roward, Roworth, Raworth, Rayworth, Raywood, Rooth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Rowarth in New Mills (Derbys). The place, recorded as Roworth in 1285 and Raworth in 1634, is named with Old English *rūh* 'rough' + *word* 'enclosure'.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from the Old French personal name *Rohart* (see **Rohard**) is unlikely in view of variants in *Ra-*, *Ray-*.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Roworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Johannes de Rouworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Edward Raworth, 1576 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Onesiphorus Raworth, 1694 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 152.

### Rowat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, and Renfrews

Scottish: see **Rowatt**.

### Rowatt

**Variants:** Rowat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: from the Older Scots personal name *Rowat*, perhaps representing a pronunciation of the

(Norman) Old French personal name *Ro(h)ald*. See **Rolt**.

**Early bearers:** John Makrowat, 1513 in *Black* (Wigtowns); John Rowett or Rowatt, 1585 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Rouat, 1621 in *IGI* (Kilsyth, Stirlings); Issobell Rowatt, 1663 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); James Rowatt, 1817 in *IGI* (Mearns, Renfrews); John Rowatt, 1824 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Rowberry

**Variants:** Rowbury, Rowbrey, Robery, Rubery, Ruberry, Rubra, Rubbra, Rewberry, Rewbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 639, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs

English: locative name theoretically from any of various places named with Old English *rūh* 'rough' + *beorg* 'hill, mound', such as Roborough (Devon), Rowberrow (Somerset), Ruborough Hill (Somerset), and Rowborough (IoW), but the W Midlands surname is almost certainly from Rowberry Court (in Bodenham, Herefs) and is probably also the source of *Rubery* in Cornwall and *Ro(w)bery* in Essex, through family migration.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Rubury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berrington, Worcs); Nicholas de Roubergh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johannis Rouburgh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Rowberry, 1607 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Richardus Rowbury, Thomas Rowbury, 1603 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berrington, Worcs); Maudlin Rubery, 1646 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops); Thomas Rowberry, 1662 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Edward Robery, 1670, John Rubery, 1725 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jane Rowberry, 1673 in *IGI* (Bockleton, Worcs); Edward Rowbury, 1677 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); James Rubery, 1694 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Ruberry, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Hilary, Cornwall); Ann Robery, 1714 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); John Robery, 1726 in *IGI* (Kingstone, Herefs); Willm Rewberry, 1731 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); John Rowbury, 1740 in *IGI* (Putley, Herefs); John Rewberry, 1776, John Ruberry, 1778 in *IGI* (Brierley Hill, Staffs); Ann Rowbrey, 1783 in *IGI* (Humber, Herefs); Stephen Rowbury, 1793 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); William Rewbury, 1814 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

**References:** See [www.rowberry.org/origins.html](http://www.rowberry.org/origins.html) (accessed 26/04/2016).

### Rowbotham

**Variants:** Rowbottom, Rowbottam, Robottom, Robotham, Roobottom, Roubottom, Robathan, Rubottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2218, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in Derbys and named from Middle English *rou(g)h* 'rough' + *bottom* 'valley'. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Rothbothum, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Thomas Robotham, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Nicholas Rowbotham, 1547 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Rowbottom, 1555, John Robotham, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Oliver Rowbothome, 1565, Robert

Robotham, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Thame, Oxon); Thomae Rowbothome, 1580 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); Thomas Rawbottom, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (Wales, WR Yorks); Richard Rheubottom, 1786 in Bishop's Transcripts (Witton-cum-Twambrooks, Cheshire); Elizabeth Rheubottom, 1834 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Runcorn, Cheshire).

### Rowbottam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Herts
- English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Rowbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1395, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1771
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Derbys
- English: see **Rowbotham**.

### Rowbrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Rowberry**.

### Rowbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs; Essex
- English: see **Rowberry**.

### Rowcliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon
- English: see **Rawcliffe**.

### Rowcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, and WR Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Rycroft**.

### Rowden

**Variants:** Rowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 966, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 717
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon; Kent

English: (i) locative name from Rowden (Herefs), Rowden (Wilts), one or more of various places in Devon called Rowden. (ii) see **Rawdon**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Roudon, about 1250 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Nicholas de Rouden', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Philip de Rowedon, 1330 in *Kent Place-Names* 122; Alice Rowden, 1558 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Anys Rowdon, 1566 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Ales Rowdon, 1585 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 210; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 52, 91.

### Rowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Rowden**.

**Rowe****Variants:** Rowes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23395, Ireland 1022
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16858
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

- 1 Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.
- 2 English: see **Row**.
- 3 Irish: from Ó Ruaidh, see **Roe**.
- 4 Norman, English: see **Rolt**.

**Rowed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants

- 1 English: see **Rowett**.
- 2 English: see **Rout**.

**Rowel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; Lancs; Durham; Devon

English: see **Rowell**.

**Rowell****Variants:** Rowel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2947, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2597
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Cambs and Hunts; Hants; Devon

- 1 English: see **Rothwell**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rowell, 1593 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Xpofer Rowell, 1600 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Rowel, 1661 in *IGI* (Chollerton, Northumb); Michel Rowel, 1665 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Rowell, in Chudleigh (Devon). The name may have been confused with **Roll**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Rowehill, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chudleigh, Devon); Edwardus Rowell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petersham, Dorset); Johnis Rowell, 1572 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Samuel Rolle, 1620, John Rowell, 1746 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 491.

3 English: locative name perhaps from Roel (Gloucs) or Rowell (Westm), though the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (4).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Rowell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sezincote, Gloucs); Margaret Rowell, 1696 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Rowell, 1781 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 21; *Place-Names of Westm* p. 89.

4 English: perhaps a variant of **Roll**, see **Rolfe**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Rowel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Simon Rowell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Rowell, 1549 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Rychard Rowell, 1597 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Nicholas Rowell, 1600 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Richard Rowel, 1633 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); John Rowel, 1700 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts).

**Rowen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Rowan**.

**Rower****Variants:** Royer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *roer* 'wheelwright' (Old French *roier*, *rouwier*, *rouer*). Some examples without medial *-i-* or *-y-* may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Dyonisia la Rowere, 1301 in *London Letter Books C*, was owed money for wheels by the Commonalty of London.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Roier, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Gilbert le Roer, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Shrops); John le Rohier, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph le Rowere, 1240 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Royer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas le Roer, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey); John le Rouier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Rower, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Seagrave, Northants); Henry Royer, 1581 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Thomaer Rower, 1622 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *rouer(e)* 'rower, oarsman', perhaps used for a sailor; compare **Rother** (1) (i).

**Rowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs

1 English: variant of **Rowe** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John Rowes, 1333 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Jhon Rowes, 1573 in *IGI* (North Cockerington, Lincs); Gilbert Rowes, 1578 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Margaret Rowes, 1589 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Willelmus Rowes, 1600 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Joseph Rowes, 1654 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Betty Rowes, 1748 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

2 English: perhaps an alternative spelling of **Rose**.

3 English: alternative spelling of **Roose**, see **Ross**.

**Rowett****Variants:** Rowed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Norman, English: in Cornwall perhaps a variant of **Rolt**, Old French *Ro(h)alt*, *Rohaut* becoming Middle English *Rowat* (see **Rowatt**) and *Rowet*. Compare Roger Rohant (for Rohaut), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dodbrooke, Devon); Ralph Rolt, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall). However, the following Cornish bearers may alternatively belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Jn Rowett, 1598 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Joanna Rowat, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Blazey, Cornwall); William Rowat, 1768 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Phillip Rowet, 1661, Matthew Rowatt, 1665 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Thomas Rowett, 1697, Philip Rowet, 1731, Ann Rowitt, 1768, John Rowat, 1781 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Roet*, a pet form of *Ro(w)*, which is a variant of the Norman personal name *Rolf*. Post-medieval bearers cited below may alternatively belong with other senses.

**Early bearers:** William Roet, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Rowet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Glatton, Hunts); Tho. Rowett, 1610 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Willi Rowett, 1639 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Vallinus Rowett, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

3 English: possibly a variant of **Rout** but the following Kent bearers may belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Rychard Rowett, 1573 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Philipp Rowett, 1593, Phillippe Rowed, 1601, Elizabeth Rowet, 1653 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

4 English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Roughhead** (see also *Ruffett*). Compare Johannes Roughed, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs), and Christopher Rowett, 1780 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs), but the gap in time is too great to be sure that the names are related. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Rohard**. Compare Peter Ruard', 1220 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); Tho. Roward, 1673 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs). The following Lincs bearers may alternatively belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** John Rowett, 1680 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Richard Rowit, 1681 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Judith Rowet, 1697 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs).

**Rowhan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: see **Roughan**.

**Rowing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Surrey; WR Yorks

English: locative name, probably from a variant spelling of The Rodings (Essex), occurring as *Roing(e)*, *Royng(e)*, *Roeing*, and *Roing* in the medieval period. Compare **Roding**.

**Early bearers:** William de Roynge, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Radulfus Rouyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Ellen Rowing, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Clavering, Essex); Edward Rowin, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshunt, Herts); Branson Rowing, 1678 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); William Rowin, 1775 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Archibold Rowing, 1776 in *IGI* (Stockton, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 490.

**Rowland****Variants:** Roland, Rolland, Rolling, Rowling, Rowlands, Rowan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11216, Ireland 458
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8478
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales: esp. NW England; also Devon; also Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Monaghan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Rollant*, *Rolant*, *Rolent*, *Roulent* (Continental Germanic *Hrodland*, *Rodland*), introduced into England by the

Normans. It was made famous by French romances about *Roland*, the most famous of the peers of Charlemagne. Although widely used across post-Conquest England (along with *Oliver*, the name of Roland's companion), it seems to have been restricted to particular gentry families and was never popular. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2), (3) or (4).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rolland, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Rolandus, 1133–60, Ruelandus Decanus, 1188 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Rodland, Rollandus, 1170–1200 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Rolland son of Ucdred, 1189–99 in *Paisley Register*; Rollandus de Dinan, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Roudlandus de la Genouera, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Roulandus de Withcala, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Roelandus, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Rotelandus Dauvers, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Rodlandus, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Rolland, 1455–85 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Rowland, 1529 in *Withycombe* (Lincs).

surnames, E England and Wales: Nicholas Rueland', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Rolland', 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas Roland, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ricardus Rolond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weybourne, Norfolk); Joan Rolland, 1561 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Charles Rowling, 1630 in *IGI* (Brightwell and Foxhall, Suffolk).

surnames, Midlands and Wales: Geoffrey Rodland, 1244 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Galfridus Roulond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ayston, Rutland); Johannes Rolond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fauls, Shrops); Willm Roland, 1549 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); William Rowling, 1562 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); Elizabeth Rowland, 1564 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Lettice Rowland, 1567 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Harbe Roland, 1644 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

surnames, S and W England: Nicholas Roelent, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); William Roulland', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Johanne Roulond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorchester, Dorset); Geoffrey Roulond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Okehampton, Devon); Johannes Roulond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adestone and Kern, Hants); Johanne Roulond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Humfry Rowland, 1543 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Johnes Rowland, 1544 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Richard Roland, 1588 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Christp. Rowling, 1662 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Joan Rolling, 1676 in *IGI* (Golant, Cornwall); Thomas Roland, 1680 in *IGI* (Morden, Surrey).

surnames, N England: Joh' Rowland, Willelmus Rollande, 1435–65 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Thomas Rowland, 1560 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Rowling, 1615 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Geo Rowling, 1772 in *IGI* (Denton, Lancs); Joseph Rowling, 1759 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks).

surnames, Scotland: Alan son of Roland, 1180 in *Arbroath Register*; Gilbert fitz Roland, Johan fiz Roland (of Ayrs), and Gilascope fiz Roulond (of Perth), 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Thomas Rollan, 1440, burgess, Alexander Rolande, burgess, 1471, John Rolland, burgess, 1514 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Rolland, 1573 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Peter Rolland, 1601 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Johnes Rolland, 1630 in *IGI* (Kinglassie, Fife); Marie Roland, 1675 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Henry Rolland, 1728 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Helen Roland, 1691 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, p. 112.

2 English: locative name from Rowland (Derbys) or Rowland Wood in Slinfold (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Rowlond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iburnehow, Sussex); Henry Roulond, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Arundel, Sussex); Alan de Roland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Alice de Rollond, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Weare Gifford, Devon); Rogerus de Rolond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Roberti Rowland, 1540 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Humfridi Roland, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jhon Rowland, 1553 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Roland, 1566 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); William Rolling, 1682 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 162; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 160.

3 English: in N England and perhaps elsewhere, perhaps a post-medieval variant of **Rawlin**.

Compare **Rawlinson, Rollinson**.

4 English: perhaps a variant of **Rowling** (2) with *-land* substituted for *-ling*.

**Early bearers:** Joan Rowland, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

## Rowlands

**Variants:** **Rolands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11341, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7447
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales; also Lancs, Cheshire, Shrops, and Staffs

Welsh, English: variant of **Rowland** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Rowlands, 1549 in *IGI* (Llandegfan, Anglesey); Gaynor Rowlands, 1571 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Anna Rowlands, 1594 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); John Rowlands, 1611 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Davidi Rowlands, 1615 in *IGI* (Brosely, Shrops); Timothy Rowlands, 1617 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Edward Rowlands, 1631 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Jacob Rowlands, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Weaverham, Cheshire); Anne Rowlands, 1673 in *IGI* (Carmarthen, Carmarthen); William Rowlands, 1682 in *IGI* (Notgrove, Gloucs); Edward Rowlands, 1712 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Mary Rowlands, 1729 in *IGI* (Llanigon, Brecknocks); Jane Rowlands, 1750 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); James Rowlands, 1754 in *IGI* (Narberth, Pembrokes); William Rowlands, 1756 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jane Rowlands, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Hill, Glamorgan).

## Rowlandson

**Variants:** **Ronson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English: relationship name see **Rollinson**.

## Rowlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts; WR Yorks

English: see **Rowlett**.

## Rowledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138

- **Main GB location 1881:** central England: esp. Northants; also London; Glamorgan

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joane Rowlidge, 1631 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Emanuell Rowledge, 1638 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Rowlidge, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Robert Rullidge, 1756, Athsheba Rullage, 1799 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Rowlege, 1790 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); Samuel Rolidge, 1797, Rowlidge, 1801, Rowledge, 1814 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

## Rowlerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- English: see **Rollinson**.

## Rowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1993, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon
- English: see **Rolls**.

## Rowlett

**Variants:** **Rowlatt, Rollett, Rollet, Rollitt, Rollit, Rylett, Rylatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 410
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Lincs

English: (i) relationship name from a diminutive form of the personal name *Rol(l)and*. See **Rowland** and compare **Rollin** and **Rowling**. (ii) relationship name from a diminutive form of the personal name **Ralph**. Compare **Rawlin**. (iii) relationship name from a diminutive form of the personal name *Rolf*. See **Rolfe** and compare **Rollin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Roelet, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: William Raulot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Raulot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Roulot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Rowlett, 1559 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Barthelmen Rowlett, 1588 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); Elizabeth Rowlett, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Anne Rowlett, 1624 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Willmi Rowlett, 1629 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics).

## Rowley

**Variants:** **Roley, Rolley, Rollie, Rooley, Ruler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12505, Ireland 513
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7762
- **Main GB location 1881:** W and N Midlands: esp. Staffs; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Mayo

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Rowley or Rowly, in particular Rowley Regis (Staffs), but also including Rowley (Devon, Durham, Herts), Rowly (Surrey), Rowley (ER Yorks), Rowley, near Bardsey (WR Yorks), Rowley, in Lepton (WR Yorks), and Rowley Hill (Essex).

**Early bearers:** W Midlands: Geoffrey de Roweleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agneta Rowley, 1548 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); William Rowley, 1554 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); Alice Rowley, 1561 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Edward Rolley, 1564 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Johannes Roley, 1618 in *IGI*

## Rowling

(Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Roley, 1717 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).  
E Midlands: Johis. Rowley, 1539 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Margrat Rowley, 1542 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Recharde Roley, 1745 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs).  
N England and N Midlands: William, Adam de Ruelay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Rowley, 1348–9 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henrici Rowley, 1559 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Ann Rooley, 1611 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Roley, 1663 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs); Hanna Rolley, 1693 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys).

References: *Tooth* 1, p. 80; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish: from Ó Roghallaigh, a variant of Ó Raghallaigh, see **O'Reilly**.

Early bearers: Richard Rolley, kern, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4482 (Ballynebrahey, Limerick); Richard buy Rolley, labourer, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Cahircormie); Edmond oge O Rwollea, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6540 (Murragey).

## Rowling

Variants: **Rolin**, **Roling**, **Rolling**, **Rollings**, **Rollin**, **Rollin**, **Rowland**

- Current frequencies: GB 600, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 579
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Suffolk; Cornwall

1 English: variant of **Rowland**, with *-ling* substituted for *-land*.

2 English: locative name from Rowling Court in Goodnestone (Kent) or Rowling Street in Bilsington (Kent).

Early bearers: Roger de Rolling, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Ann Roling, 1683 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Wm Rolling, 1714 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); James Roling, 1724 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Tho Rowling, 1775 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 532.

3 English: relationship name from the rare Middle English personal name *Ro(u)lin*, a diminutive form of either *Roll* (*Rolf*) or *Rol(l)and*. See **Rolfe**, **Rowland**, and **Rollings**.

Early bearers: given names: Roelin, Rohelin, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb).

surnames: Adam Roulin, Geoffrey Roulin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Rowling, 1562 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); John Rowling, 1615 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Charles Rowling, 1630 in *IGI* (Brightwell and Foxhall, Suffolk); Rich. Rowling, 1634 in *IGI* (Egloshayle, Cornwall).

4 English: variant of **Rawlin**.

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Rowlings

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 131
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset; Westm and Cumb; Lincs

English: see **Rollings**.

## Rowlingson

Variants: **Rowlison**

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 125
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs, Suffolk, and Essex
- English: see **Rollinson**.

## Rowlins

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; IoW
- English: see **Rollings**.

## Rowlinson

- Current frequencies: GB 1301, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 917
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; Cambs

English: see **Rollinson**.

## Rowlison

- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Warwicks

English: see **Rowlingson**.

Further information: this name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Rowlstone

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Rolleston**.

## Rowney

- Current frequencies: GB 520, Ireland 108
- GB frequency 1881: 294
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Warwicks; Beds; Lancs; Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down; Laois

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Rowney, including Rowney Green (Worcs), Rowney Wood (Essex), Rowney in Little Munden (Herts), or Rowney in Sawbridgeworth (Herts).

Early bearers: Agnes de Rowenheye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Walter ate Roueneye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter de Rounhey, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Beatrice Roweney, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Simonis Rowney, 1619 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); John Rowney, 1691 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds).  
References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 525; *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 136, 196; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 335.

2 Irish: from Ó Ruanaidh, see **Rooney**.

Early bearers: Art Boy O'Rowney, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullaghunshinagh, Monaghan); Jane Rowney, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Calhame, Antrim); Hugh Rowney, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Castlenavan, Down).

## Rowntree

Variants: **Rountree**, **Roundtree**, **Roantree**

- Current frequencies: GB 1554, Ireland 143
- GB frequency 1881: 878
- Main GB location 1881: NE England: esp. Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name for someone who lived by a rowan tree, from Middle English *rown* (Old Scandinavian *rogn*) 'rowan, mountain ash' + *tre* 'tree'. The surname originated in Newby (NR Yorks). Compare **Rowan**.

Further information: Rowntree in Saint Helen Aukland is not a source of the surname. It is a colliery name, transferred from *Roantree pitts* (1647); see *Durham Place-Names*, p. 105.

Early bearers: Robert Rountree, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newby, NR Yorks); Jane Rountree, 1581 in *IGI*

(Stokesley, NR Yorks); Richard Rountree, 1609 in *York Registry Wills* (Newby in Seamer, NR Yorks); Ralph Roantree, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint John Micklelegate, York); Robert Roantree, 1692 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); William Roundtree, 1710 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

## Roworth

- Current frequencies: GB 268, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 171
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: see **Rowarth**.

## Rowse

Variants: **Ruse**, **Ross**

- Current frequencies: GB 568, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 692
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon

1 English: locative name from Rowse in Pillaton (Cornwall).

Early bearers: Alson Rowse, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Andrew Rowse, 1551 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Agatha Rowse, 1608 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall).

References: *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 304.

2 English: see **Rouse**.

## Rowsell

- Current frequencies: GB 1100, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 635
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Russell**.

## Rowson

Variants: **Rouson**

- Current frequencies: GB 1796, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 1079
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Lincs; Shrops

English: (i) see **Rawson**. Compare **Ralph**, **Dawson**, and **Dowson**. (ii) see **Roulson**.

Early bearers: Robert Roson, 1591 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); William Rowson, 1593 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Richard Rowson, 1592 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); William Rowson, 1786 in *IGI* (Myddle, Shrops).

## Rowston

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: (i) locative name from Rowston (Lincs). (ii) occasionally, possibly a variant of **Rowton** with intrusive *-s*.

Early bearers: John de Rouston, 1291 in *TNA* (Lincs); John de Rouston, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Rowston, Lincs); Adam de Rouston, 1323 in *TNA* (Wepham, Sussex); Reynold de Rouston', chaplain, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Editha Rouston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubbenham, Leics); Christopher Rouston, prior of the Friars Preachers of Warwick, 1478 in *TNA*; James Rowston, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Randle Rowston, 1622 in *Parish Registers* (Lymm, Cheshire).

References: *Lincs Place-Names*, p.103.

## Rowstron

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Rawsthorn**.

**Rowswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Rosewell**.

**Rowter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Rutter**.

**Rowthorn**

Variants: **Rothon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Rowthorn in Ault Hucknall (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** John de Routhorn of Briggeford, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Bridford, Notts); William Rothorn', 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark on Trent, Notts); William Rughthorn, vicar, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Leighton Bromswold, Hunts); Richard Rowthorn, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Joseph Ruthorne, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Henry Rawthorne, 1747 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Rowthorn, 1762, William Routhorn, 1764, John Rowthorne, 1825 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); William Rawthorn, 1771 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Joseph Rowthorn, 1813 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Northants); William Ruthorn, 1816 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); George Rowthorn, 1858 in *IGI* (Westend by Southampton, Hants).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 269.

**Rowton**

Variants: **Roughton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Warwicks; Lancs; Kent

1 English: locative name from Rowton (Cheshire, Shrops, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ivo de Roweton', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); William atte Ruetune, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Robert atte Rowetoune, 1327, Robert atte Rughton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thoms Rowton, 1542 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Thomas Rowton, 1561 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Charles Rowton, 1563 in *IGI* (Stokesay, Shrops); Thomae Rowton, 1600 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Moyses Rowton, 1603 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 114; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 50; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 252–3.

2 English: see **Roughton**.

**Roxbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Roxby**.

**Roxborough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs; IoM

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Scottish: see **Roxburgh**.

**Roxburgh**

Variants: **Roxborough, Rosborough, Rossborough, Roxbury, Raspberry, Roseberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 867
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Ayr and Lanarks; Northumb and Durham; Lancs
- Scottish: locative name from Roxburgh (Roxburghs). **Early bearers:** Scotland: Adam de Rogesburg, before 1153 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; Walter of Rokesburg, 1163–85, in *Saint Andrews Charters*; John of Rokesburg, 1295 in *Kelso Register*. England: William of Rokesburg, 1332 in *Newbattle Register*. Mark Roxburgh, 1689 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Isabell Roxburgh, 1773 in *IGI* (Harbottle, Northumb).

References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 397.

**Roxbury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- Scottish, English: variant of **Roxburgh**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** James Roxbury, 1737 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Elizabeth Roxbury, 1805 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Roxbury, 1813 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent).

**Roxby**

Variants: **Roxbee, Rooksby, Rushby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from any of the three places called Roxby in NR Yorks (in Thorntondale, Hinderwell, and Pickhill), or, perhaps less frequently, from Roxby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Rannulf de Rokesbi, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Rukesby, 1476 in *York Freeman's Register*; Raphe Rooksby, 1598, Dorothy Roxby, 1717 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Cuthbert Roxby, 1607 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Roxby, 1607 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Alice Roxby, 1614 in *IGI* (Stongate, York); Elizabeth Rooksby, 1635 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Rooksby, 1645 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Elizabeth Roxbee, 1706 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Elizabeth Roxby, 1734 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks).  
References: *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, p. 93; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 90, 139, 225.

**Roy**

Variants: **Roye, Roys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5423, Ireland 252
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2674
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

1 Scottish Gaelic: nickname from *ruadh* 'red', denoting someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion. Compare **Reid**.

**Early bearers:** Donaldus Roye, 1550 in *Aberdeen-Banff Antiquities*; John Roy, 1563 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; William Roy, 1639 in *IGI* (Kenmore, Perth); Margaret Roy, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh,

Midlothian); Neill Roy, 1645 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Duncane Roy, 1648 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays).

2 Norman, English, Huguenot: nickname, relationship name from Old French *roi* 'king', used as a nickname and also as a personal name. Compare **Ray**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Roi de Scallebi, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

sumames: Adam le Roy, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Simon Roy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas Roy, 1587 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Ellen Roye, 1599 in *IGI* (Harthill, Cheshire); Johannes Roy, 1636 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Jean Roy, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marks Roye, 1696 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Royal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1154, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 817
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Royle**.

**Royall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; Norfolk
- English: see **Royle**.

**Royals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Royles**.

**Royan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Morays; Aberdeens
- Irish, Scottish: from Ó Ruadháin, see **Ruane**.

**Royce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 788, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Rose**.

**Roycraft**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Rycroft**.

**Roycroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Leitrim; Down

English: see **Rycroft**.

**Royden**

Variants: **Roydon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: locative name from Roydon (Essex), Roydon near Diss (Norfolk), Roydon near King's Lynn (Norfolk), or Roydon Drift (Suffolk).

## Roydhouse

**Early bearers:** Robert de Roydon, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Piers Roidon, about 1480 in *Paston Letters*.  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 395; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 49–50.

### Roydhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Rodhouse**.

### Roydon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

English: see **Royden**.

### Royds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rhodes**. The diphthongization of the vowel to *-oy-* is a dialect feature of SE Lancs and the southern half of WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Isbell Royds, 1604 in *IGI* (Hemsworth near Wakefield, WR Yorks); Robert Royds, 1646 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Roye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent; Devon; Cheshire

English: see **Roy** (2).

### Royer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; NR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Rower**.

### Roylance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant pronunciation of **Rylands**; compare **Rylnace**.

**Further information:** in Cheshire this version of the surname appears in the field name *Croft at back of Roylance's*, 1840 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 230 (Bollin Fee). In Lancs it first appears in the early 16th century; see *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 197.

**Early bearers:** David Roylance, 1579 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancashire); Peter Roylance, 1598 in *IGI* (Little Budworth, Cheshire).

### Royle

**Variants:** **Royal, Royall, Royles, Ryall, Ryle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4067, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3928
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Royle (Lancs). The name may have been confused with **Ryall**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Royle, 1230 in *Close Rolls*; William de Roille, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Nicholas Royle, 1551 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Deborah Royle, 1567 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Royle, 1576 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 83.

2 Irish: see **Rehill**.

### Royles

**Variants:** **Royals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant of **Royle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Ryles**; the names may have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Joan Royles, 1577 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); William Royles, 1597 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Xter. Royles, 1643 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Jane Royles, 1666 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Will Royles, 1680 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Richard Royles, 1721 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Roynon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Joan Reynon, John Roynon, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset; London); William Roynon, 1512 in *PROB 11*; James Roynon alias Ronyon, 1569 in *PROB 11*; John Roynon, 1580, 1613 in *PROB 11* (West Harptree, Somerset); John Ronyon, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Roy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Rose**.

### Royse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rose**.

### Royster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: nickname from the early modern English slang term *roister* denoting a wild or riotous person, a boisterous reveller, or a bully.

**Early bearers:** John Royster, 1667 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Richard Royster, 1690 in *IGI* (Holy Island, Northumb); John Royster, 1781 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk); James Royster, 1794 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

### Royston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1140, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 885
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cambs and Hunts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from Royston (WR Yorks, Herts).

**Early bearers:** John de Roystone, 1310 in *London Letter Books D*; Stephen de Royston, 1327 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johannes Ruston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Bretton, WR Yorks); Andre Royston, 1546 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Michael Royston, 1563 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Joane Royston, 1580 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Ambrose Royston, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); John Royston, 1604 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 161–2; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 284–5.

### Rozario

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish, Portuguese: Spanish and Portuguese, see

### Rosario

**Further information:** This spelling is also found among Christians in the former Portuguese colony of Goa and elsewhere in western India.

### Rozee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Dutch: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rozee, 1589 in *IGI* (South Cockerington, Lincs); Tho Rozee, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Middx); Samuel Rozee, 1735 in *Parish Registers* (Stepney, Middx).

### Rozier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Rosier**.

### Rozzell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

Norman, English: probably a variant of **Russell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ruane

**Variants:** **Roan, Rowan, Royan, Roon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 1403
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo

Irish: from Ó Ruadháin or Ó Ruaidhín, both meaning 'descendant of Ruadhán', a personal name from a diminutive of *ruadh* 'red'.

**Early bearers:** Donald O Royn alias Eglanney, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2514; Guyluff O Roan, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4258 (Galway); Moriartagh O Morchoe alias O Rowane, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4434 (Ballinvalle, Wexford); Donell O Roan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4711 (Garvally, Galway); Walter O Ruynne fitz Davie, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6122; Hugh O Roen, yeoman, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6409 (Castle Dermot); William O Roan, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6459 (Knockmilry, Kildare); Nicholas Roane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6624; Patrick O Roen, weaver, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6664 (Dullardstoun).

### Ruark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: from Ó Ruairc, see **O'Rourke**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Rubbra

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- English: see **Rowberry**.

**Ruben**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Rubin**.

**Rubens**

Variants: **Ribbons, Ribbens, Ribbands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Rubin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Roger Rubens, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Rubins, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Elizabeth Rybens, 1574 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Agnes Rybans, 1604 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Ann Ribbons, 1669 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Ribbands, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Gorge Ribbins, 1717 in *IGI* (Ellingham, Norfolk); William Ribbons, 1746 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

**Rubenstein**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish: see **Rubinstein**.

**Ruberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs
- English: see **Rowberry**.

**Rubery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs and Warwicks; Cornwall

English: see **Rowberry**.

**Rubey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; also Norfolk; Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Ruby**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rubie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Ruby**

**Rubin**

Variants: **Ruben, Reuben, Rubens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Ruby** (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Ruben, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William Rubein, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Worthing, Sussex); Nathanaell Ruben, 1610 in *IGI* (Middx).

2 Jewish, Welsh: relationship name from the Hebrew Biblical personal name *Reuven*.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Daniel Reuben, 1728 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths); Ann Reuben, 1768 in *IGI* (Llanhennock, Monmouths).

England: Barnet Reuven, 1759 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Moses Reuben, in *Census 1841* (Dover, Kent); Jacob Rubin, looking-glass maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Ruben, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Samuel Ruben, master glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Myer Reuben, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Gorton, Lancs); Morris Ruben, cabinetmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Aaron Ruben, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Chas. Reuven, ladies' hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Croydon, Surrey); Barnett Reuben, in *Census 1911* (York); Isaac Rubin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

**Rubinstein**

Variants: **Rubenstein**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from German *rubin* 'ruby' (the selection of which was influenced by the Jewish personal name *Rubin*) + *stein* 'stone'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Rubinstein, gold chain maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); Leon J. Rubinstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Edgbaston, Warwicks); Isaak Rubenstein, born in Lithuania, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Jacob Rubinstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Barnet Rubenstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Rubenstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bangor, Caernarvons); Myer Rubinstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Pinkus Rubinstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Rubio**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: (i) nickname from *rubio* 'red' (Latin *rubeus*), probably denoting someone with red hair or a red beard. (ii) locative name from any of the places named Rubió, in Catalonia.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Rubio, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Steyning, Sussex); Juan Rubio, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Oscar de los Santos Rubio, 1891 in *BMD* (Aston, Warwicks); Augusto Rubio, 1895 in *BMD* (Aston, Warwicks); Louis Rubio, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Rubottom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Rowbotham**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Rubra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Rowberry**.

**Ruby**

Variants: **Rubie, Rubey, Rubin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Norman, English: locative name from Roubaix in Nord (France).

**Early bearers:** Alard de Rubbays, knight of Flanders, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Ruby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Offchurch, Warwicks); Agnes Ruby, 1539 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Rubie, 1594 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); William Rubbye, 1615 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Ed. Rubey, 1719 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

2 English: nickname from Middle English and Old French *rubí* (Latin *rubinus*) 'ruby', perhaps for a virtuous or radiant person or for a jeweller.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Rubei Pili, merchant, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*; John Ruby, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Harye Ruby, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Ellen Ruby, 1619 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Edith Ruby, 1632 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

3 English: see **Robey**.

**Ruck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1084, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 768
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs; Kent
- English: see **Rooke**.

**Rucker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; Somerset; Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Rooker**.

**Ruckledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Routledge**.

**Rud**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cumb and Lancs; SE England

English: see **Rudd**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rudall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs
- English: see **Ruddle**.

**Rudd**

Variants: **Rud, Rude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6559, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; N England: esp. Lancs; also London; Devon

## Ruddell

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Laois, and Tipperary

1 English: nickname for someone with a ruddy complexion, from Middle English *rudde* ‘redness, ruddiness, rosy hue’ (Old English *rudu*).

**Early bearers:** Gerard Rudde, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Rudde, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alexander Rud, 1258 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Rudde, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Sicklinghall, WR Yorks); Robert Rudde, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Preston, Lancs); William Rud, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Rob’to Rudde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marton near Blackpool, Lancs); William Rud, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stivichall, Warwicks); John Rudde, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Maurice Rudde, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Gosberton, Lincs); Willelmus Rude, 1377, Willelmus Rudd’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Laurencius Rudd’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Robertus Rude, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Rudde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Richard Rudde, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robert Rudd, 1540 in *IGI* (Little Wittenham, Berks); Wm. Rudd, 1540 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Elisabethe Rudd, 1561 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); John Rudd, 1562 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); William Rudd, 1567 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Thomas Rudd, 1573 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Thomas Rudd, 1573 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).  
2 English: see **Rude**.  
**Early bearers:** Margret Rude, 1580, John Rudd, 1663 in *IGI* (Charles, Devon).

## Ruddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Irish, English: this name is common in Ireland, where it is probably a variant of **Riddell**.

2 English: see **Ruddle**.

## Rudden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Rodáin or Ó Roideáin, see **Roden**.

## Rudder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *rude* ‘clearing’ (Old English \**rȳd*) + *-er*, for someone who lived in or near a clearing. Compare **Rother**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Rudere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Johannes Rudere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); Ricus. Rudder, 1564 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Francis Rudder, 1665; Peter Ruder, 1703 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Charles Rudder, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 201.

## Rudderham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk, Cambs, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: see **Rotherham**.

## Ruddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1401, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 715
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham; Somerset

English: see **Ruddock**.

## Ruddiforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Rutherford**.

## Ruddin

**Variants:** **Ruding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Riding**. For the name in N England compare Thomas Ruddyng, 1554, Agnes Riding, 1578 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Ruddinge, 1540 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs); Revell Rudyng, 1602 in *IGI* (Martin Hussingtree, Worcs); Ann Ruding, 1777 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks).

## Ruddle

**Variants:** **Ruddell, Rudall, Rodell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 67
- **GB frequency 1881:** 479
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry; Armagh

1 English: locative name from Ruddle in Newnham (Gloucs) or Rudhall near Ross on Wye (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Elyas Rudehal’, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Elias de Rudhal, about 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Gloucs); Alicia Rudhall, 1591 in *IGI* (Brampton Abbots, Herefs); Nicholas Ruddle, 1595 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); George Rudall, 1655 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Henry Rudhall, 1706 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 175; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, pp. 198–9.

2 English: nickname from a diminutive of Middle English *rud(de)* ‘red’. Compare **Rudd**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Rudel, 1238–9 in *Marlborough Castle Accounts*; Reyner Rudel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Frances Ruddle, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); Elizabeth Ruddle, 1650 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); Sebastian Ruddle, 1655 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); John Ruddle, 1657 in *IGI* (Pedmore, Worcs).

## Ruddlesden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Riddlesden**.

## Ruddock

**Variants:** **Rudduck, Ruddick, Riddock, Riddoch, Rudick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1844, Ireland 216
- **GB frequency 1881:** 922

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; N England: esp. NR Yorks; Somerset

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh  
English: nickname from Middle English *ruddok(e)* ‘robin’ (Old English *ruddoc*, a diminutive of *rud(ig)* ‘red’).

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is common in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Azor Ruddoch, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Matilda Ruddoc, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); James Ruddock, 1571 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Willim Ruddock, 1584 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Thomas Ruddock, 1596 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); John Ruddock, 1610 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity the Less, London); Arther Ruddock, 1617 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex).

## Rudduck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Lancs

English: see **Ruddock**.

## Ruddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1367, Ireland 923
- **GB frequency 1881:** 482
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: nickname from Middle English *rudi* ‘ruddy’.

**Early bearers:** John Ruddy of Dunstable Regis, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstable, Beds); John Ruddy, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); William Ruddy, 1579 in *IGI* (Carlton, Beds); Patricke Ruddle or Ruddy, 1603 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows the Great, City of London); James Ruddy, 1789 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Ruddy, 1829 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from a lost or as yet unidentified place, perhaps in the W Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Garsiolus de Rudy, king’s yeoman, 1295 in *Patent Rolls*; Sanchias de Rudy of Aspes, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); John, Roger de Rudy, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Christopher Ruddy, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Thomas Ruddy, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Rebecah Ruddy, 1682 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Elizabeth Ruddy, 1686 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

3 Irish: from Ó Rodaigh, see **Roddy**.

## Rude

**Variants:** **Rood, Rudd, Trude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Rhude, in Holsworthy (Devon), apparently named from Middle English *rude* (Old English *hrēod*) ‘reed bed’. Compare **Road** and **Roud**.

**Early bearers:** William Rude, 1548 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Henry Rude, 1626 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 148.

2 English: see **Rudd**.



**Rudeforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Rutherford**.

**Rudge**

Variants: **Rugg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3623, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from West Midlands Middle English *rugge* 'ridge', synonymous with **Ridge**, denoting someone who lived on or by a ridge, or for someone who came from a place so named, such as Rudge (Staffs, Somerset), or Rudge in Froxfield (Wilts).

Further information: Some dictionaries say that *Rudge* is sometimes a variant of **Rodge**, a pet form of the personal name **Roger**, but there is no evidence for this and it is phonetically unlikely.

**Early bearers:** William de Rugg, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Walter de la Rugg, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alan atte Rugg, Geoffrey ate regge, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger othe Rugg, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas del Rugg, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Penkhull, Staffs); Johannes atte Rugg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); William Rudge, 1577 in *PROB 11* (Broadhembury, Devon); John Rudge, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Crophthorn, Worcs).

2 Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *rug(g)e* (French *rouge*) 'red', for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion. Compare **Rouse**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert le Rugg, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Gilbert Rouge, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Rouge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardingly, Sussex); Katherin Rudge, 1555 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Harry Rudge, 1564 in *IGI* (Yarkhill, Herefs); Annes Rudge, 1572 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); John Rudge, 1578 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Rudge, 1580 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

3 English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Roger**. Compare **Rodge**.

**Rudgeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Rugeley**.

**Rudgewick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Rudgwick (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Ruggewyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 156.

**Rudgley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW

English: see **Rugeley**.

**Rudham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb; Norfolk

English: locative name from East or West Rudham (Norfolk), recorded as *Ruddaham* in 1163.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Rudham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Leonard of Rudham, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas de Rudham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenhams, Norfolk); Johannes Rudham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Creake, Norfolk); Richard Rudham, 1594 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Margareta Rudham, 1596 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Joane Rudham, 1607 in *IGI* (Little Chesterford, Essex); William Rudham, 1713 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Mary Rudham, 1720 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 395.

**Rudick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England

English: see **Ruddock**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rudin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 Swiss: relationship name from a short form of any of the personal names formed with Germanic *hrōd* 'renown', for example *Rudolf* (see **Rudolph**).

**Early bearers:** Rudolph Rudin, merchant's agent, born in Switzerland in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Johann F. Rudin, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Hants); Lussie Rudin, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (London).

2 Jewish: locative name from Rudnya in Belarus.

**Early bearers:** Hyman Rudin, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London); Davis Rubin, cabinetmaker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Mark Rudin, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

3 Irish: from Ó Rodáin, see **Roden**.

**Ruding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ruddin**.

**Rudkin**

Variants: **Rutkin, Rukin, Rootkin, Rodican, Rudkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1555, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Rutland

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *rud(de)* 'red' + the diminutive suffix *-kin*. (ii) relationship name from a Middle English pet form of the Old Scandinavian female personal name *Rudda*.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Rudkyn, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William Ruddekyn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Rodekyn, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Thomas Rutkin, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Elisabeth Rudkins, 1606 in *IGI* (Waltham on the Wolds, Leics); Amy Rudkin, 1635 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Elizabeth Rutkin, 1674 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); Thomas Rudkin, 1689 in *IGI* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Mary Rootkin, 1787 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex).

**Rudkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Somerset; Hants

English: variant of **Rudkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Rudland**

Variants: **Rudling, Ridland, Rodland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 495
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England

English: locative name from Middle English *rid(de)*, *rudde* 'cleared' (Old English *\*r(y)dde*) + *land* 'land'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near cleared land, or toponymic, for someone who came from a place so named, such as Redland (Gloucs) or Redlands Fm in North Chapel (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Laurence atte Rydelonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Redelande, 1363 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 114; John Rudelond', clerk, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Accot); Andrew Rudlond, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Andrew Rudland, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Offton, Suffolk).

**Rudledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Routledge**.

**Rudling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: probably a variant of **Rudland**.

**Early bearers:** Edm. Rudlin, 1709 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); James Rudling, 1725 in *IGI* (Pulham Saint Mary, Norfolk); James Rudlan, 1768 in *IGI* (Colkirk, Norfolk).

**Rudman**

Variants: **Rodman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 789, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Somerset; Lancs

English: (i) occupational name for a thatcher or reed-cutter, from SW Middle English *rod(e)*, *rud(e)* (Old English *hrēod*) 'reed' + *-man*. Synonymous with **Redman** (1, i). (ii) locative name for someone who lived at a clearing, from Middle English *rode* (Old English *rodu*) or SW Middle English *rude* (Old English *\*ryde*) 'clearing' + *man*.

**Early bearers:** William Rodeman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Tawton, Devon); John Rodman, 1562 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Edward Rodman, 1576 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Johis Rudman, 1587 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Johane Rodman, 1620 in *IGI* (Langley Burrell, Wilts); Mary Rudman, 1651 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Grace Rodman, 1672 in *IGI* (Marksbury, Somerset); Martha Rudman, 1746 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); William Rudman, 1756 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

Scotland: John Rodman, 1643 in *IGI* (Symington, Ayr).

## Rudolf

### Rudolf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- German: see **Rudolph**.

### Rudolph

#### Variants: Rudolf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name from the personal name *Rudolf*, composed of Old High German *hrōd* 'renown' + *wolf* 'wolf', cognate with **Rolfe**.

**Further information:** This name was also brought to Britain by Huguenot refugees in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Benjamin Rudolf, 1640 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London); Esizabeth Rudolph, 1642 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street Huguenot Church, London); Jeanne Rodolfe, 1703 in *IGI* (La Patente Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Rodolff, 1705 in *IGI* (La Patente Huguenot Church, Spitalfields, Middx).

**Other:** Frederick Rudolf, engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Maximilian Rudolf, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Adam Rudolph, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hornsey, Middx); Carl Rudolph, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Alfred Rudolph, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Rudram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Rotherham**.

### Rudrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Rotherham**.

### Rudston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Rudston (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Mauger de Rudestan, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Rudeston, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); John de Rudston, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Eliz Rudston, 1563 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Jone Rudston, 1565 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs); John Rudston, 1584 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Samuel Rudston, 1652 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Edward Rudston, 1675 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Rudyard

#### Variants: Ridyard, Ridgard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Rudyard (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Rodyarde, 1473 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 398.

### Rue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Devon; Lanarks and Stirlings
- English: see **Rew**.

### Ruff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1535, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 912
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Hunts and Northants; Worcs
- English: see **Roff**.

### Ruffell

#### Variants: Ruffle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 916, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *ruffel* 'commotion, riotous disturbance, struggle, dispute, confusion'.

**Early bearers:** Galfrido Ruffle, Galfrido Ruffe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mount Bures, Essex); William Ruffe, husbandman, 1583 in *Assize Rolls* (Ramsey, Essex); Bridgette Ruffle, 1587 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Marlo Ruffell, 1590 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex); Sarah Ruffell, 1679 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); William Ruffe, 1694 in *IGI* (Twinstead, Essex); Margaret Ruffell, 1717 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants).

### Ruffer

#### Variants: Rover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *rof* 'roof', for someone who constructed or repaired roofs.

**Early bearers:** John le Rofere, 1279 in *Thuresson* (Surrey); John Rouer, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Rouere, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Anne Ruffer, 1664 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs); Thomas Ruffer, 1816 in *IGI* (Great Bradley, Suffolk); Henrick Ruffer, 1859 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Ruffett

#### Variants: Rufford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Beds
- 1 English: variant of **Roughead**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *rugh(e)*, *roghe(e)* 'rough, hairy' + *fof* 'foot', the exact significance of which is obscure. Later forms of the name have probably been confused with (1) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Roger Rucfot, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thom. Roufot, 1278 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham); John Ruchfot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northumb); Henrico Ruffot, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (WR Yorks); Adam Roufot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Rob. Rughefof', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Arnold Roufot, 1360 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Ruffoot, 1690, Elizabeth Ruffet, 1714, William Ruffit, 1719 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds).

3 English: locative name, variant of **Rufford**, though it is equally possible that modern instances of *Rufford* are sometimes hypercorrections of *Ruffit*, especially the name in (2).

**Early bearers:** Joh Ruffott, 1592 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Timothie Rufford, 1593, Richard Ruffoot, 1638 in *IGI* (Whaplode Drove, Lincs).

4 English: locative name, perhaps a variant of **Rout**.

### Ruffhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds
- English: see **Roughead**.

### Ruffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon

English: (i) relationship name from the Old French personal name *Ruffin*, Latin *Ruffinus*, a diminutive of **Rufus** ('red'); it was borne by a small number of early Christian saints. (ii) nickname from Middle English *ruffine* (Old French *rufin*) 'reddish', for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion. (iii) nickname, possibly from Middle English *ruffin* 'fiend, devil'.

**Early bearers:** Philip Ruffin, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Simon Ruffyn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Ruffyn, 1337 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William Ruffine, 1618 in *IGI* (Treyford with Didling, Sussex).

### Ruffle

#### Variants: Ruffles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 468
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Hants
- English: see **Ruffell**.

### Ruffles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Ruffell** post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** George Ruffles, 1625 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Mary Ruffels, 1641 in *IGI* (Fornham Saint Martin, Suffolk); William Ruffells, 1651 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex).

### Ruffley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Roughley**.

### Rufford

#### Variants: Ruffett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Warwick; ER Yorks

1 English: locative name from Rufford (Lancs, Notts), or Rufforth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugrim de Ruforda, late 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Rufford, also Eakring, Notts); William de Rufford', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey of Rufford, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Alan de Rufforth, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Alicia de Rouford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gedling, Notts); John Rufford, 1579 in *IGI* (Boultham, Lincs); Penelope Rufforde, 1621 in *IGI*

(North Wingfield, Derbys); Adam Ruford, 1796 in *IGI* (Ainderby Steeple, NR Yorks); John Rufford, 1723 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 137; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 94; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 232.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Ruffett** (1) or (2), altered by folk etymology to conform with the name in (1). Compare Thos. Ruffehead, 1722, Thos. Rufford, 1726 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Sara Ruffott, 1602, Sarah Rufford, 1627, Elizabeth Ruffoot, 1636, Mary Rowford, 1637 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Rufford, 1749, William Ruffet, 1759, Mary Ruffett, 1763 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent). However, it is possible that Rufford in (1) migrated to the S Midlands and E Anglia, where it became confused with *Ruffett* of other origins.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rufford, 1583 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Thomas Rufford, 1572, Mary Ruffett, 1790, William Ruffit, 1836 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Ann Rufford, 1598 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk).

### Rufus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey and Kent; Warwicks and Worcs

English: variant of **Ruff** (see **Rough**) with post-medieval exrescent *-(e)s*. The spelling of the surname has been modified to look like the personal name *Rufus*, which came into vernacular use in England in the 19th century.

**Further information:** The surname is not a nickname from Latin *rufus* ('red-haired').

**Early bearers:** Humphrey Ruffes, 1586 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Anne Ruffes, 1637 in *IGI* (London); Nicholas Ruffis, 1707 in *IGI* (Newington, Kent); Wm. Rufus, 1716 in *IGI* (London).

### Rugeley

Variants: **Rudgley**, **Rudgeley**, **Ridgley**, **Ridgely**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name from Rugeley (Staffs). The place, recorded as Rugelie in 1086 (*Domesday Book*), is named with Old English *hrycg* 'ridge' + *lēah* 'woodland clearing, glade'.

**Early bearers:** James de Rugeleye, 1293 in *TNA* (Staffs); Giles de Rugeleye, 1301 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Jacobus de Rugeleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Longdon, Staffs); Edith Rugeley, 1438 in *PROB II* (Crudworth, Warwicks); Thomas Rugeley, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Raffe Rugeley, 1588 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Roland Ridgley, 1590 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); William Rugeleye, 1633 in Shakespeare Birthplace Trust; John Ridgley, 1656 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Rugeley, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Ridgely, 1709, Rudgeley, 1759 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 396.

### Rugg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Caithness

English: see **Rudge**.

### Ruggiero

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Ruggiero*, equivalent to English **Roger**.

### Ruggles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of the now extinct surname *Ruggle* with post-medieval exrescent *-s*. The origin of *Ruggle* is uncertain.

**Further information:** The influential American family of this name was founded by Thomas Ruggles (1584–1644) of Sudbury, Suffolk, who settled in Roxbury, MA, in 1637 (*DAFN*).

**Early bearers:** George Ruggles, 1558 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Henry Ruggles, 1566 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Edward Ruggle, 1586 in *IGI* (Belchamp Otten, Essex); Annis Ruggles, 1600 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex).

### Rugh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Rough**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Rughani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Rugh-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Rugman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Surrey, Sussex, and Middx

1 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal names *Rudge*, *Rodge* (pet forms of *Roger*: see **Rudge** (3)) + *-man*, probably signifying '(man)servant of someone called *Rudge* or *Rodge*'. Compare Reginald Rogersman Jarpenvyle, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Henrye Rudgman, 1556 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); Agnes Rugman, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Paul's Walden, Herts); Robert Rodgeman, 1574 in *PROB II* (Sutton, Lincs); Johan Rudgeman, 1580 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Edwarde Rugman, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

2 English: variant of **Ridgman**; compare **Rudge** (1).  
3 English: nickname, occupational name, perhaps from a late Middle English *\*rugge* 'rough woollen material, cloak, coverlet' + *-man*, denoting someone who made or sold such items, although *rug(ge)* with these senses is not on record before the 16th century.

**Further information:** There has been a Rugman's Row in Saint Bartholomew the Great (London) since the 17th century, apparently as a part of the Cloth Fair.

**References:** Rugman One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/rugman/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/rugman/).

### Rui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 芮 (**Yui** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'coarse silk floss' in ancient Chinese: from *Rui* (芮), the name of an ancient state (located in Shaanxi province) granted to Rui Bo (芮伯, literally meaning 'Earl Rui'), an official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

### Ruiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Ruy*, a short form of **Rodrigo**.

**Early bearers:** Fernando Ruiz, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Clitheroe, Lancs).

### Rukin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rudkin**.

### Rule

Variants: **Roul**, **Rull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1920, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2049
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Cambs; Durham; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Armagh

1 Norman, English: locative name from one of several places in Normandy, such as Reuil (Aisne) (recorded as *Rueil*, 1244 in *Dauzat and Rostaing*), Reuil (Marne), Réau (Seine-et-Marne), and Reuil (Seine-et-Oise, Eure-et-Loir), all with the same etymology, or, with a different etymology, Reuil-sur-Bèche (Oise) (recorded as *Ruelium*, 1210 in *Dauzat and Rostaing*).

**Further information:** For John Rule of Totnes see A. M. Erskine, ed. (1969), *The Devonshire Lay Subsidy of 1332*, p. xvii.

**Early bearers:** SE England: Alan de Rule, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); William Rule, 1384 in *London Letter Books H*; Edmundi Rule, 1573, Thomas Rule, 1688, Benjamm. Rule, 1794, George Rule, 1871 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs).

SW England: John Rule, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Totnes, Devon); James Rule, 1599, John Ruell, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall); James Rule, 1624, John Rule, 1718, Richard Rule, 1837 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

N England: Philip de Rule, 1249 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); George Ruell, 1620 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Robert Rewel, 1705, Robert Ruel, 1711 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Margaret Rule, 1726 in *IGI* (Hunstanworth, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Reule, a minor settlement now in the parish of Haughton (Staffs), recorded as *Rohale*, 1168, *Rewel*, 1272, *Rule*, 1363 in *Place-Names of Staffs*.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Ruel', 1222 in *Place-Names of Staffs*, p. 136; Thomas de Rewle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Handsacre, Staffs); Thomas Rule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longslow, Shrops); Elizabeth Ruell, 1548 in *IGI* (Bushley, Worcs); Thomas Ruel, 1702 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); John Rule, 1872 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

## Ruler

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References: *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 136.

3 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Rule (Roxburghs), now Bedrule, Hallrule, and Abbotrule. **Further information:** It is tempting to identify Alan de Rule (1203–09) in (3) with Alan de Rule, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams), in (1). However, Alan de Rule is linked with the place of Rule in the early 13th century, according to *Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era*, p. 136, n. 100. **Early bearers:** Alan de Rule, 1203–09 in *Coldstream Chartulary* (Hirsel, Berwicks); Adam de Roule, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); Thomas Roule, 1429 in *Glasgow Register* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); Margaret Rule, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonet Rule, 1621 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Adam Roule, 1639 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Alexander Rule, 1660, Thomas Rule, 1798 in *IGI* (Smailholm, Roxburghs); Isobell Rule, 1728 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Ruler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; London; also IoM

English: variant of **Rowley** (or **Rooley**) with *-ley* pronounced *-ler* as in some other northern surnames such as **Huller** for **Hulley**. Compare Wm. Rowley, 1752, William Ruler, 1766 in *IGI* (Riccail, ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** William Ruler, 1756 in *IGI* (Skipwith, ER Yorks); Henrietta Rowley, 1843, James Ruler, 1880 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

## Rulf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Rolfe**.

## Rull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; scattered in England

1 English: locative name, perhaps from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atter hul (le)* 'at the hill' (compare **Hill**), for someone who lived by a hill.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Rull, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Cxpofer Rulle, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Silver Street, London); Patrick Rulle, 1655 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); William Rull, 1671 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks); George Rull, 1707 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

2 English: variant of **Rule**.

**Early bearers:** Barthole Rulle or Rule, 1593 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); John Rull or Rule, 1725 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

## Rulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Relton**.

**Early bearers:** Jennett Rulton, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Jn Relton, 1637, John Rulton, 1784 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); George Rulton, 1818 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex).

## Rumary

Variants: **Rummery**, **Romary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Sampson Rummery, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Philip Rummery, 1693 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Jean Anthoine Romery, 1700, John Rumary, 1720 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Rummery, 1728, John Rumery, 1788, Rumary, 1809 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Jane Rummery, 1796, Joseph Rommery, 1809, Jane Rumery, 1840 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).

## Rumball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Hants

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumbellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

English: see **Rumbelow**.

## Rumbelow

Variants: **Rumbellow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Devon; Glamorgan

English: locative name from any of the places named from Old English (*ætt*) *þrēom hlāwum* '(at the) three mounds or barrows', including The Rumbelow in Aston (Warwicks), probably home to the 1334 early bearer, and Rumbelow in Wednesfield (Staffs). A third example of the compound occurs in the name of Tremelau hundred (Warwicks).

**Further information:** *Reaney*, *Origin* rejected the earlier assertion that the name was a nickname for a sailor from the meaningless combination of syllables sung as a refrain whilst rowing.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Thrimelowe, de Thrymelowe, 1334 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Warwicks); Stephen de Romylo, 1346, Stephen Rombylou, 1351 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephen de Romylou, 1363 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Robert Romylow, Rombilow, William Rumbilow, Rumbelow, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

References: *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 31, 247.

## Rumble

Variants: **Rumbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1721, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1107
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and E Anglia

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumbles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Beds; Banffs

English: variant of **Rumble** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Rumbol

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; NR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumbold

Variants: **Rumbolt**, **Rumbol**, **Rumboll**, **Rumbell**, **Rumble**, **Rumball**, **Rumbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 652
- **Main GB location 1881:** S and E England: esp. Hants; WR Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman and Continental Germanic personal name *Rumbald*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Rumbaldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs).

sumames: Robert Rumbald, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Roger Rumbald, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); William Rumbol', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); William Rumbolt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Rumbold, 1553 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Thomas Rumbold, 1555 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Willm Rumbold, 1561 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Robert Rumbold, 1562 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Thomas Rumbold, 1570 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs).

## Rumboll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Essex

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumbolt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

Norman, English: see **Rumbold**.

## Rumens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: perhaps a variant of **Romans**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Rummens, 1621 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Edward Rummens, 1644 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

## Rumer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Romer**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Rumfitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost or as yet unlocated *Rounthwait(e)* ('rowan tree clearing?'), perhaps in Durham or ER Yorks; see *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation from Romford (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** William Rounthwait, 1460 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Romwhate, 1469 in *York Registry Wills* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Nicholas Roundthwaye, 1471 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls*; Henry Rownthwayte, 1541 in *Thoresby Society* 19 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Roger Rownthwate, 1549 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Rumfoot, 1701 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Ann Rumfit, 1792 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); William Rumfitt, 1795 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Rumford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: locative name from any of several places called Romford (Essex, Dorset, Kent) or Rumford (Staffs, Cornwall).  
**Further information:** In N England there may have been confusion with **Rumfit**.  
**Early bearers:** Warin de Rumford, about 1233 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Nicholas de Rumford, clerk, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Rumford, 1597 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Romford, 1648 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Rumford, 1654 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 117.

### Rumgay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perths, Fife, and Angus

Scottish: locative name from Rumgally in Kemback (Fife).  
**Early bearers:** Williame Rumgay, 1620 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); James Rumgay, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Margret Rumgay, 1642 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Robert Rumgie, 1856 in *IGI* (Arngask, Perths).  
**References:** *Black*.

### Rumley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Norman, English: see **Romilly**.  
**Early bearers:** Phillipp Rumley, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London).

### Rummer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Romer**.

### Rummery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: see **Rumary**.

### Rumming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: probably a variant of **Roman**.  
**Early bearers:** John Rumming, 1648, James Rummin, 1651 in *IGI* (Hilmarton, Wilts); William Rummin or Roman, 1720 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts).

### Rumney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Durham

English: apparently a variant of **Romney**, despite the strongly N England modern distribution.  
**Further information:** Rumney Arbour in Dalston and Rumneys Mead in Watermillock (both Cumb) are probably derived from the surname: see *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 135, 257. No evidence has yet been found to suggest that Rumney (Monmouths) and Rumigny (Somme) gave rise to surnames.  
**Early bearers:** William Rumney, smith, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Shoreham, Kent); Joane Rumney, 1562 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Roberte Rumney, 1564 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); William Rumney, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Dalston, Cumb); Oswald Romeney, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Watermillock, Cumb); Mabell Rumnei, 1609, Francis Rumnai, 1619 in *IGI* (Watermillock, Cumb).

### Rump

**Variants:** **Romp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *rumpe* 'buttocks', for someone with a large behind.  
**Early bearers:** Thurstan Rumpe, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert Rumpe, about 1170 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Bartholomeus Rumpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Nicholas Rump, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Edward Rumpe, 1628 in *PROB 11*.

### Rumsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: locative name apparently from a lost or as yet unidentified place.  
**Early bearers:** Willm. Ramsby, 1565 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert Rumsby, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Ufford, Suffolk); John Rumsbe, 1677 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Thomas Rumsbee, 1683 in *IGI* (Warlingham, Surrey); Philip Rumsby, 1709 in *IGI* (Fressingfield, Suffolk).

### Rumsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1437, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 999
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; Brecknocks

English: locative name from Romsey (Hants).  
**Early bearers:** Walter de Rumesie, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); John de Romesy, 1331 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); George Rumsey, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.  
**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 140.

### Runacres

**Variants:** **Runacus, Runnacles, Runeckles, Runnicles, Runicles, Runagle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

English: locative name from Middle English *r(u)ye* 'rye' + *acre(s)*, *aker(s)* 'acre(s), arable land' (Old English *rygen* + *æcer*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near land where rye was grown, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Renacres (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Alan de Ruynacres, 1246, Richard de Reinacre, 1261 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Rynacres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Renacles, 1500 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Alice Renakers, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Widow Runicre, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Jonathan Runigar, 1691 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Wm. Runacres, 1725 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Robert Runaker, 1740 in *IGI* (Langar cum Barnston, Notts); John Runacus, 1756 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs).

### Runacus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Suffolk

English: see **Runacres**.

### Runagle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Runacres**.

### Runchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

English: see **Runciman**.

### Runcie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *runci* (Old French *ronci*) 'rouncy, nag', perhaps an occupational nickname for someone who looked after horses. See **Runciman**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Roger Rouncy, 1230 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Laurence Rouncy, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); James Runcie, 1787 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Runcie, 1870 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Runcie, 1876 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).  
 Scotland: Alexander Runcie, 1786 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Aberdeens).

### Runcieman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Durham

English, Scottish: see **Runciman**.

### Runciman

**Variants:** **Runcieman, Runchman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England

## Rundall

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *rounci* (Old French *ronci*) ‘rouncy, nag’, + *-man*, for someone who looked after horses. See **Runcie**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Runsyman, 1488 in *Laing Charters* (Roxburghs); James Runsiman, 1565 in *Moray Register* (Morays); Alexander Rounseman, 1600 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; Alexander Runchiman, 1666 in *Edinburgh Apprentices Register*; Adam Runciman, 1697 in *Bardsley*.

### Rundall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. S England
- English: see **Rundle**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Rundall, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint John Micklegate, York); Robert Rundell, 1573, Robert Rundall, 1579 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Robert Rundall, 1593 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Tho. Rundall, 1614 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Robart Rundall, 1678 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

### Rundell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Rundle**.

### Rundle

Variants: **Rundell**, **Rundall**, **Roundell**, **Roundhill**, **Runnalls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1833, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1779
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *roundel* (Old French *rondel*), a diminutive of *round(e)* ‘rotund, plump’. See **Round**. Some of the early bearers below may belong under (2) or (3).
- Early bearers:** William Rundel, 1150 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Rundel, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Herbert Rundel, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Roundel, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newby on Swale, NR Yorks); Ricardus Rondel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Battisborough, Devon); Nichele Rundele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Robertus Rondel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rochester, Kent); Willelmus Rundel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Willelmus Rundell’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austerfield, WR Yorks); Willm Rundle, 1549 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Rundell, 1554, Rynd Rundle, 1564 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Katherina Rundle, 1581 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Henry Rundle, 1601 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: relationship name, sometimes perhaps from the personal name *Rondulf*, a W Midlands variant of *Randulf*, see **Randolph**, **Randall**. Compare Johannes Rondulf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halford, Warwicks); Willelmus Rondulf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Radbrook with Quinton, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Rondel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nuneaton with members, Warwicks); Johannes Rondul’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodcote, Shrops).

3 English: locative name from Randall Wood in Shorne (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Rundal, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 118.

### Runeckles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Runacres**.

### Runham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Runham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Runham, 1276 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johannes Runham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); Thoms. Runham, 1595 in *IGI* (Little Chesterford, Essex); John Runham, 1611 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 513.

### Runicles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Bucks

English: see **Runacres**.

### Runnacles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Runacres**.

### Runnalls

Variants: **Runnells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of **Rundle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s* and loss of medial *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** Nath. Runells, 1652 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Charles Runnalls, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Eval, Cornwall); Richard Runnalls, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Samuell Runalls, 1691 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall).

### Runnells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Runnalls**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Runnicles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Berks

English: see **Runacres**.

### Running

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs

Irish: from Ó Rúnaidhin, see **Runyon**.

### Runyan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó Rúnaidhin, see **Runyon**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Runyon

Variants: **Runyan**, **Running**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Irish: from Ó Rúnaidhin ‘descendant of Rúnaidhin, a diminutive of the personal name *Ruanaidh*, see **Rooney**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Ireland and Britain, but is thriving in the USA.

### Ruocco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name, southern Italian variant of **Rocco**, from the Continental Germanic personal name *Rocco*, which was borne by a 14th-century saint from Montpellier remembered for his miraculous healings during an outbreak of the plague in northern Italy.

**References:** *De Felice*.

### Ruparelia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Rupp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: see **Rope**.

### Ruprai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Rooprai**.

### Rusbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *ris(h)* ‘brushwood’ (Old English *hrīs*) + *brigge* ‘bridge’. The name may be topographic, for someone who lived near or was the keeper of a bridge made of brushwood, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Ricebridge Farm in Reigate (Surrey) and Rice Bridge in Bolney (Sussex). Compare **Risbridger**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus atte Rysbrug, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); John Rusbridge, 1569 in *IGI* (Cocking, Sussex); Rachel Rusbridg, 1706 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Will Rushbridge, 1748 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Rusbridger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Risbridger**.

### Rusby

Variants: **Rushby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: perhaps a variant of **Risby** (from the Suffolk or ER Yorks place-names). Compare Thomas Rusby, 1562, Thome Risby, 1588 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk);

Rachel Rusby, 1790, Susannah Risby, 1799 in *IGI* (Thorne, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Mary Rusby, 1644, Francis Rushby, 1673 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Thomas Rushby, William Rusby, 1710 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs).

### Ruscoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 617
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Cheshire
- English: see **Roscoe**.

### Ruse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 596
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; E Anglia
- English: see **Rowse**.

### Rush

**Variants:** Rushe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4416, Ireland 619
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3182
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Galway, and Roscommon; Down; Monaghan

1 English: locative name from Middle English *rishe*, *rush(e)*, *rosh(e)* ‘rush’ (Old English *risc*), for someone who lived in a rushy place. Examples without the *at(t)e* prefix may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Rush, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); John ate Russh’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Rushe, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Russhe, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Toynton, Lincs); John Rushe, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Chewstoke, Somerset); Richard Rush or Rushe, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Castlethorpe, Bucks).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *rishe*, *rush(e)* ‘rush’ (Old English *risc*), probably denoting someone who wove mats, baskets, and other articles out of rushes. (ii) nickname from Middle English *rush* ‘beehive’ (probably referring to skeps woven from rushes), perhaps denoting a bee-keeper.

3 Irish: from Ó Ruis ‘descendant of Ros’, a personal name perhaps derived from *ros* ‘wood’.

**Further information:** A number of the 1796 bearers may belong with senses (1), (2), (4), or (5).

**Early bearers:** Gilledawn O’Rushe, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §462 (Meath); Thady O’Rushe, kern, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §931; Gillernowe and Dermot O’Rushe, husbandmen, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Russelston, Kildare); Patrick O’Rush, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cornaglare, Monaghan); Donagh O’Rush, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Brughrey, Armagh); James Rush, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbelfad, Mayo); William Rush, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Donegal); Philip Rush, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down).

4 Irish: in Connacht *Rush* has been adopted for Ó Luachra (see **Loughrey**), due to confusion with the Irish word *luachair* ‘rushes’.

5 Irish: adopted for Ó Fuada, ‘descendant of *Fuada*’ a personal name meaning ‘rushing, hasty’. Compare **Foody**.

### Rushbrook

**Variants:** Rushbrooke, Rashbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk

English: locative name from Rushbrooke (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Wudardus de Rosshebrok, 1148–56 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; William de Rucchebrok, 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Andrew Rushbrook, 1584 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); Elizabeth Rushbrook, 1592 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk); Laurence Rushbrook, 1599 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); John Rushbrook, 1610 in *IGI* (Caister Saint Edmund with Markshall, Norfolk); John Rushbrook, 1650 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 513.

### Rushbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Rushbrook**.

### Rushby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 489
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Notts
- English: see **Rusby**

### Rushe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 169
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish: see **Rush**.

### Rushen

**Variants:** Rushin, Russen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Essex

English: variant of **Rushton**. Compare Fracis or Fraunces Rusion or Rushton, 1578 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John Rushin, 1562 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Radulphi Rushen, 1573 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); John Rishen, 1635 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Rogger Rishen, 1673, Jane Rushen, 1706, Richard Rushin, 1725 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics); Willm Russhin, 1726 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Thomas Rushen, 1770 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); George Rusion, 1752, Thomas Rushan, 1774 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts).

### Rusher

**Variants:** Risher, Roshier, Roshier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Berks, Middx, and Surrey

English: (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *rishe*, *rush(e)*, *rosh(e)* (Old English *risc*) ‘rush’, for a cutter or seller of rushes. Compare **Rush** (2). (ii) locative name from Middle English *rishe*, *rush(e)*, *rosh(e)* (Old English *risc*) ‘rush’ + *-er*, for someone who lived in a rushy place. Compare **Rush** (1).

**Early bearers:** John le Russere, Geruase le Rischere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Russere, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Southwark, Surrey); Robert Rusher, 1563 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk).

### Rushfirth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Rushforth**.

### Rushford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Lanarks, W Lothian, and Stirlings
- English, Scottish: see **Rushforth**.

### Rushforth

**Variants:** Rushford, Richford, Rushfirth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1027, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 947
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name primarily from Ryshworth in Bingley (WR Yorks), recorded as *Riseford* in 1276 and *Ryshforth* in 1323; but sometimes perhaps also from Rushford (Norfolk, Warwicks, Devon).

**Further information:** There is often confusion between this name and **Rushworth**.

**Early bearers:** Humphrey Rishforth or Ryschworth, 1531 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Christopher Ryssheforde or Rysshefoorde, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Maresfield, Sussex); Jhon Richforth, 1567 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); John Richford, 1600 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Henry Rishforth, 1609 in *IGI* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); John Rushford, 1618 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Thomas Rushforth, 1630 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Susannah Rushforth, 1733, Timothy Rushfirth, 1741 in *IGI* (Thornton by Bradford, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 425; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 165; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 513.

### Rushin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Wilts
- English: see **Rushen**.

### Rushmer

**Variants:** Rushmere, Rushmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name primarily from Rushmere (Suffolk), but perhaps also from one or more of the several other places called Rushmere, Rushmoor, or Rushmore, including Rushmere in Charing (Kent).

**Early bearers:** William de Russemere, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John de Russemere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Rysshmere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Hants); Thomas Rushmer, 1564 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); John Rushmer, 1600 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); Tho Rushmere, 1635 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 390; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 514.

### Rushmere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Rushmer**.

**Rushmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Rushmer**.

**Rushton**

Variants: **Rishton, Riston, Rushen, Ruston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7482, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Rishton (Lancs) and Rushton (Staffs), and perhaps also from Rushton (Cheshire, Dorset, Northants, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Riston', 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); John de Russheton', 1340 in *Crowland Abbey Estates*; Henricus de Ryston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); John Russheton, 1433–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rich. Rushton, 1562 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Richard Rushton, 1594 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Jeffray Rushton, 1628 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 72–3; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 470.

2 English: see **Ruston**.

**Rushworth**

Variants: **Rishworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2201, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: locative name from Rishworth (WR Yorks). **Further information:** There is often confusion between this name and **Rushforth**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Rishsheworthe, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henricus de Ryssheworth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); John Ressheworth, 1482 in *Yorks Deeds* (WR Yorks); Joes. Rishworth, 1553 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Rushworthe, 1605 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Thomas Rushworth, 1634 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); John Richworth, 1718 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 71–2.

**Rusk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 130
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Wigtowns, Ayr, and Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Monaghan

Scottish Gaelic: see **Risk**.

**Ruskin**

Variants: **Roskin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Herts
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rosce* (see **Ross**) + the diminutive suffix *-kin*.
- Further information:** There is no evidence that this has survived in Britain as a Scottish Gaelic occupational name for a tanner, based on *rusgair* 'peeler (of bark)', though Black associates it with a family of tanners living in Glen Lonan (Argyll).

**Early bearers:** given names: Rosekin, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

surnames: John Rosekyn, 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John Ruskyn, 1498 in *Rochester Wills*.

**Rusling**

Variants: **Rosling, Rosslin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rocelin* (Old French *Roscelin*, *Rocelin*, Continental Germanic *Ruozelin*, *Roscelinus*), a double diminutive of *Rozo* (see **Ross**).
- Early bearers:** given names: Rocelin de Riggesbi, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).  
surnames: Robertus filius Rozelin, Rotselini, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Thomas Roscelin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Russelyn, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Amycia Roslyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Roberto Roscelyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robert Rusling, 1603 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs); Robte Rusling, 1624 in *IGI* (Kirkby cum Osgodby, Lincs); Thomas Rusling, 1624 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent); John Rusling, 1683 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Benjamin Rusling, 1720 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

**Russ**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 806
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: see **Rouse**.

**Russel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2025
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English: see **Russell**.

**Russell**

Variants: **Roussell, Roussel, Rousell, Rousel, Russill, Russel, Rowsell, Rossell, Rozzell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53760, Ireland 5001
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36230
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lanarks; Lancs; Surrey and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary; Down and Antrim

1 Norman, English, Scottish, Irish: nickname, relationship name from a diminutive of Anglo-Norman French *rous(e)* 'red, reddish', used either as a nickname for someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion, or as a personal name. Compare **Rouse**. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Further information:** This Norman name has been established in Ireland since the 12th century. It has been reinforced by Huguenot bearers of the name *Roussel*, of the same origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Russel, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Russellus de Suberton', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset).  
surnames, England: Ralph Russel, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert Russel, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); John Roussel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ellen Russell, 1538 in *IGI* (Haddon, Hunts);

John Russell, 1539 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Mary Russell, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Matthew Friday Street, London); Alce Russell, 1540 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); John Russell, 1540 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex).

surnames, Scotland: Walter Russell, 1164–77 in *Paisley Register*; John Russel, 1180–1220 in *Black*; Robert Russel, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Andreas dictus Russell, 1310 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); William dictus Russelle, about 1320 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Jerome Russell, 1539 in *Black* (Glasgow).

2 English: locative name from any of several places called Rushall (Herefs, Norfolk, Staffs, Wilts) or Rusthall (Kent). See **Rustell**.

**Further information:** Vivien de Russehale, a woodward in the Forest of Dean, is supposed to have given his name to Russel's Bank in West Dean (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Vivien de Russehale, about 1270 in *Place-Names of Gloucs*.

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names* pp. 76–7; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 231; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 323; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 470; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 513.

**Russen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Hants and Surrey

1 English: see **Rushen**.

2 English: see **Russon**.

**Russett**

Variants: **Rust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *russet* 'reddish brown' (Old French *rosset*, a diminutive of *rous(e)* 'red'), for someone with reddish brown hair or a ruddy complexion. (ii) nickname from Middle English *russet* 'russet', a kind of reddish brown coarse woollen cloth typically worn by the poor, perhaps for someone who made or sold such cloth. **Early bearers:** Walter Ruset, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; John Russett, 1573 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Russet, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Joseph Russett, 1801 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Russill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Notts
- Norman, English: see **Russell**.

**Russo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1092, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name, nickname, southern Italian, from the personal name *Russo*, which was originally a nickname for someone with red hair, a red beard, or a ruddy complexion.

**Russom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Russum**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.



**Russon**

Variants: **Rosson, Russen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1004, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs; also NR Yorks; Lincs

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Rohese, Roese*, later *Rose, Royse*, + *-son*. See **Rose**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Rozo, Rosce* + *-son*. See **Ross**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Russessone, 1308 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Hunts); Hugh Rosesone, 1342 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Staffs); John Rossissone, 1365 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Suffolk); Thomas Russon, 1575 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Cooke Russon, 1603 in *IGI* (Bignor, Sussex); John Russon, 1604 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Agnes Russon, 1613 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Russon, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Senior, York).

**Russum**

Variants: **Russon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Rusholme Grange in Drax (WR Yorks); see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Rosholm, 1279 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Drax, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Rusholme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); John Rusholme, 1615 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Will. Rusholm, 1723 in *IGI* (Drax, WR Yorks); Samuel Russum, 1724, William Mabson Russolm, 1807, Thomas Russom, 1814 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 14; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Rust**

Variants: **Roast**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2126, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1431
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; Aberdeens

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle and Old English *rust* 'rust', for someone with reddish hair or a ruddy complexion. (ii) according to Black, sometimes from a reduced form of **Russett**.

**Early bearers:** England: Cenwold Rust, 1016–20 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Robert Rust, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Richard Rust, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Annis Rust, 1540 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); George Rust, 1544 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Rust, 1561 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Jean Rust, 1566 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Anne Rust, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London).

Scotland: William Roust, 1511 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Robert Roust, 1540 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Philip Roust, 1591 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens).

**Rustage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Roughsedg**.

**Rustan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Ruston**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rusted**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, and Herts  
English: unexplained, although the name has been reinterpreted as if from a place-name with Middle English *stede* 'place' as the second element.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Rustat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Willm. Rustatt, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Stephani Rusted, 1613 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts); Samuell Rustatt, 1615 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); John Rustead, 1693 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts); Richard Rusteed, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Charles Rustad, 1738 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts).

**Rustell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex  
English: locative name from Rushall (Wilts), recorded as *Rusteshell* in 1285, or *Rusthall* in Speldhurst (Kent). See also **Russell** (2), for surnames derived from forms without medial *-t-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Rusteshale, parson, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Hopesay, Shrops); William de Rustele, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Willelmus Rustele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham borough, Wilts); John Rustell, 1495 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Joyce Rustall, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); George Rustell, 1687, William Rustal, 1726 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Martha Rustele, 1787, Daniel Rustall, 1804 in *IGI* (Farlington, Hants); William Rustell, 1813 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 323.

**Rusten**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Ruston**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Rustin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

English: see **Ruston**.

**Rustom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Iranian, Muslim: from the Persian personal name *Rustam*.

**Further information:** *Rustam* was the name of a hero-king of Iran (867–895).

**Ruston**

Variants: **Rushton, Rustin, Rusten, Rustan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1221, Ireland 20

- **GB frequency 1881:** 843
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Staffs and Worcs; Cambs

1 English: locative name from any of four places called Ruston (ER Yorks, NR Yorks, Norfolk, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Ruston', 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Randle de Ruston, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henricus de Ruston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Johannes de Ruston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Ruston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willerby, ER Yorks); Robert Ruston, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Clare, Suffolk); Herry Ruston, 1540 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Johan Ruston, 1544 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Ruston, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Northolme, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 401; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 93–4; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 100; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 514.

2 English: see **Rushton**.

**Rustrick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Rastrick**.

**Ruth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 205
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Suffolk; Durham; Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Wexford

1 English: nickname from Middle English *reuth(e)* 'pity', perhaps for a charitable person or for someone to be pitied.

**Further information:** The personal name *Ruth* was little used in England in the Middle Ages among non-Jews and is unlikely to have had any influence on the surname.

**Early bearers:** William Ruth, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Ruth, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Ruth, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); William Ruth, 1566 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Joane Ruth, 1573 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Andrew Ruth, 1603 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Thomas Ruth, 1604 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs).

2 Irish: from *Rúit*, from a Scandinavian byname meaning 'red'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Rothe, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §138 (Kilkenny); Walter Route Butteler, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §401 (Kilkenny); Walter Rothe, scholar, 1557 in *Fiants Mary* §153 (Kilkenny); Rosina Rothe, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1042 (Callan, Kilkenny); George Roth, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Robert Rothe or Roothe, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6697 (Kilkenny).

**Rutherford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Rutherford**.

**Rutherford**

Variants: **Rutherford, Rotherforth, Rutterford, Rudeforth, Ruddiforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9093, Ireland 595
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also Midlothian and Roxburghs

## Ruthven

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Ulster N English, Scottish: locative name from either of two places called Rutherford (Roxburghs, NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Scotland: William de Rwthirford, about 1200 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Hugh de Ruwerford, about 1215 in *Pannure Register*; Nicholas de Rothirford, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Richard de Rotherford, about 1330 in *Kelso Register*; Richard Ritherford, 1411 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens). England: Nicholas Rotherforth, 1645 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Rudderforth, 1758 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Ruthven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus

Scottish: locative name from Ruthven by Huntingtower (Perths); also possibly from Ruthven (Angus) and various other places of that name throughout Scotland.

**Further information:** The oldest family of this name, the lords of the barony of Ruthven by Perth, were descended from Thor, son of Swain, lord of Tranent in Lothian and first sheriff of Edinburgh on record in the mid-12th century. The family eventually gained the title of Earl of Gowrie, but because of what became known as 'the Gowrie Conspiracy' the title was forfeited and from 1600 to 1641 the surname itself was proscribed. The title was later restored to the family, and the present Earl of Gowrie bears the surname Ruthven.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Rothven, 1239 in *Inchcolm Charters*; Walter de Rotheuen, about 1244 in *Lindores Chartulary*; William de Rotheuen, 1284 in *Inchaffray Register*; Lilius Ruthven, 1576 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); William Riven, 1683 in *Black*.

## Rutkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; Lancs
- English: see **Rudkin**.

## Rutland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1371, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 850
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds; Norfolk
- English: locative name from Rutland.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Roteland', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Simon of Roteland, 1245–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Roteland, 1395 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Ellen Rutland, 1566 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); John Rutland, 1568 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Thos. Rutland, 1570 in *IGI* (Newton Longville, Bucks); William Rutland, 1586 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); Henry Rutland, 1597 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, p. 1.

## Rutledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 268
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Fermanagh and Tyrone; also Galway
- English, Scottish: see **Routledge**.

## Rutley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey, Middx, and Kent; Glamorgan; Gloucs
- English: see **Routley**.

## Rutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Hants and Wilts
- English: probably a variant of **Root**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Rutt, 1563 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Johan Rutt, 1570 in *IGI* (Orwell, Cambs); Richardi Rutt, 1588 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Maria Rutt, 1623 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Robert Rutt, 1639 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); William Rutt, 1761 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants).

## Rutter

**Variants:** **Roter, Router, Rowter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6772, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4556
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and W Midlands: esp. Durham; Lancs and Cheshire
- English: (i) occupational name from Old French *roteor*, *roteeur*, *roteeur* 'a player on the rote', a musical instrument, a kind of harp or fiddle. The regular modern development of the name would have been to *Roter* (rhyming with *boater*), and to *Router* or *Rowter* (rhyming with *doubter*). These variants survive in small numbers, but the principal modern form is *Rutter*, found in fairly large numbers across England, especially in the north-east and in the west midlands. The shortened vowel in *Rutter* may have been influenced by *rotte*, \**rutte*, Middle English variants of Old French *rote*. Compare **Root**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *roter*, *rotour* 'robber, plunderer', also 'scoundrel, lecher', a borrowing of Old French *rotier*, Anglo-Norman French *roturier* 'soldier of fortune; robber, highwayman, ruffian'. This is a less likely source of the modern surname.

**Early bearers:** Simon le rotur 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Reginald Ruter, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas le Roter, 1251 in *Book of Fees* (Warwicks); Rand. Leruter or le Roter, 1259 in *Thuresson* (Cheshire); Petr. le Roter, 1271 in *Thuresson* (Essex); Cristina la Roter, 1275 in *Thuresson* (Worcs); Thomas le rotour, Richard le routour, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Will. Rotour, Ric. Roter, Thom. Rotour, 1301 in *Thuresson* (Yorks); Hug. le Rotour, 1326 in *Thuresson* (Lancs); Joh. le Rutir, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Hants); Matild Rotur, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); John Rutter, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Rutter, 1561 in *IGI* (Bruen Stapleford, Cheshire); Clement Ruttar, 1566 in *IGI* (Hatton, Warwicks); William Rutter, 1579 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Rowter, 1597 in *IGI* (Launceston, Cornwall); John Roter, 1597 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William Rowter, 1599 in *IGI* (Durham); John Rutter, 1607 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs); Martin Rowter, 1609 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Rutter, 1612 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Rutter, 1630 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Router, 1659 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Ann Rowtar, 1690 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Anthony Roter, 1715 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); John Roter, 1718 in *IGI*

(Chollerton, Northumb); Elizabeth Roter, 1735 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs).

## Rutherford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Rutherford**.

## Ruttle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry
- German, Irish: relationship name from German *Rückel*, diminutive of the personal name *Ruck* or *Rück*, pet form of *Rüdiger*, German equivalent of **Roger**.

**Further information:** This is the name of one of nearly nine hundred Palatine families who arrived in Ireland from Germany via England in 1709. A large number of these families (over 1000 individuals) were settled on the estate of Thomas Southwell at Rathkeale, Limerick.

**Early bearers:** James Ruckle, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyphilip, Tipperary); Julius Ruttle, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Rathkeale, Limerick); Elizabeth Ruttle, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Pallaskenry Town, Limerick); William Ruckle, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyengland Upper, Limerick); Julius Ruckle, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballingarrane, Limerick).

**References:** <http://www.gladleh.com/gen/ambassador.htm>, <http://www.irishpalatines.org/>

## Ruttledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: see **Routledge**.

**Further information:** this spelling is particularly common in Ireland (Tyrone), where the name has been established since the 17th century.

## Rutty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts; also Staffs
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Ruttye, 1566 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Thomas Ruttie, 1573, Preservation Rutty, 1633, Ruttey, 1645 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts).

## Ruxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 309
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Longford
- English: locative name from Roxton in Immingham (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Emote Ruxton, 1573 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Anne Ruxton, 1583 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); John Ruxton, 1595 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); Elizabeth Ruxston, 1605 in *IGI* (Auborn, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 2, p. 165.

## Ryall

**Variants:** **Ryle, Real, Ryalls, Ryles, Rial, Riel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1377, Ireland 200
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1011
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset and Somerset; IoW
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Cork
- 1 English: locative name from any of several places named 'rye hill', including Ryhill (WR Yorks), Ryehill (ER Yorks), Ryal (Northumb), Great and Little Ryle in Whittingham (Northumb), Ryall in Bradworthy (Devon), Ryall in Whitchurch Canonorum (Dorset), Royal Farm in Peper Harow (Surrey), and Ryall in Ripple (Worcs). This name may have been confused with **Royle** (1). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* mentions Thomas Ryall alias Royall, 1667 in *Parish Registers* (Bradford, Wr Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Ryel, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William de Riall, 1281 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (WR Yorks); Richard de Ruyhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rogero Ryal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Peckleton, Leics); Agn' Ryell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Ryell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Simon Ryall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Weighton, ER Yorks); Thomas Ryall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Ryle, 1441 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Cutbert Ryall, 1549 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Christoferus Ryall, 1565 in *IGI* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johannes Ryall, 1573 in *IGI* (Thornon, Suffolk); Elizabeth Riall, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Ss Cosmus and Damian, Blean, Kent); John Ryall, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); William Ryall, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Jonathan Ryall, 1763 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
2 Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

### Ryalls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ryles**.

### Ryals

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Ryles**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ryan

- Variants:** Ryans, Rhyan, Rian, Ryon, O'Ryan
- **Current frequencies:** GB 30462, Ireland 33029
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Tipperary

1 Irish: from Ó Riaghain (modern Irish Ó Riain) 'descendant of Riaghan', a personal name probably based on the word *ri* 'king'.

**Further information:** *Ryan* is one of the commonest surnames in Ireland. There has been some confusion with **Regan**.

**Early bearers:** John Ryan, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §177; Dermot Ryan, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §173 (Cashel, Tipperary); Dermot Ryan, gent., 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §322 (Tipperare, Tipperary); Dermot Ryane, gent., 1543 in *Fiants Henry* §379 (Tipperarie, Tipperary); John Ryan, gent., 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §531 (Dublin); Robert Ryan, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §285 (Dublin);

Geoffry McDonyll Mconwey O'Ryan, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §751 (Balleshanboy, Kilkenny); Edmund and Diermod and Shane McDonell O'Ryan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1477 (Knocken, Carlow); Geoffrey McDonyll O'Ryan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1477 (Ballycronagan, Carlow); Teig O'Ryan, horseboy, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2202; Owen O'Rian, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2230 (Shanboy); Geoffrey rioghe O'Ryan, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2231; Donogh roe O'Ryan, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2858; Gilpatrick O'Ryane, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Hollywood, Wicklow); Ouen McHenry O'Ryan, yeoman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4036 (Balleshanboye, Kilkenny); Dionysius Rian alias Donogh duff O'Rian, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4419 (Thamolinge); Donill O'Ryan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4419 (Curraghlahyn).

2 Irish: reduced from **Mulryan** (Ó Maoilriaghain).

3 Irish: from Ó Ruaidhín or Ó Ruadháin 'descendant of the little red one', more usually anglicized **Ruane**.

### Ryans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham
- Irish: variant of **Ryan** with excrescent English -s.

### Ryatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Middx; Lancs

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a diminutive of a Middle English personal name such as Richard. Compare *Ricot* (see **Richard**) and **Rowatt**, and note Riotus Costret, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*. (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *riot* 'lewd, vulgar'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Ryot, Riot, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Thurton, Norfolk); Thomas Ryott', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); Robert Riote of Anewyk, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Anick, Northumb); John Ryotte, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Ackworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Ryot, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Riot, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Elizabeth Ryatt, 1548 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Grace Ryat, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Manston, Dorset); George Riote, 1583 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Richard Ryatt, 1598, Robert Ryott, 1600, Willm. Riatt, 1724 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Ryburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Ayr and Lanarks; Cornwall
- Scottish: see **Raeburn**.

### Ryce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lanarks; Lancs
- 1 Welsh: see **Rees** and compare **Price**.  
2 English: English, see **Rise**.

### Ryecraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Ryeroft**.

### Ryeroft

**Variants:** Ryecraft, Raycraft, Roycroft, Roycraft, Rowcroft, Roocroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 973, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 852
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Middle English *rie* 'rye' + *croft* 'croft, small plot of land' (Old English *ryge* + *croft*). The surname may be for someone who lived by a croft where rye was grown, or for someone from any of the minor places so named, including five examples of Ryeroft in WR Yorks (in Bingley, Ossett, Rawmarsh, Tong, and Wooldale), Ryeroft in Warmingham (Cheshire), Ryeroft Farm in Whittlesford (Cambs), and Ryeroft in Warslow (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Riecroft, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Richard de Ruycroft, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henrico de Rycroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Felicia de Rycroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rixton with Glazebrook, Lancs); Ricardus Rycroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Bierley, WR Yorks); William Rycrofte, yeoman of Steyning, 1480 in *TNA* (Sussex); Thomae Rycroft, 1554 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thome. Rycroft, 1558 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Wilhelmus Rycroft, 1564 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Arnaldus Rowcroft, 1566 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Margery Rycroft, 1585, John Roocroft, 1663 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Isabell Rycraft, 1587 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Ales Rowcroft, 1589 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Barbary Rycroft, 1595 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Aliciam Roycroft, 1620 in *IGI* (Coddington, Cheshire); Margery Rycraft, 1625 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Margrett Roycroft, 1649 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Thomas Roycraft, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Randell Raycroft, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Lymm, Cheshire); Peter Raycraft, 1685 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Edward Roycroft, 1702 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Rowcroft, 1708 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Joseph Roycraft, 1717 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); John Rycraft, 1732 in *IGI* (Woodnewton, Northants).

### Ryde

**Variants:** Ride, Rides, Ridd, Read, Wride

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; esp. Surrey; also Gloucs; Derbys, Notts, Yorks, and Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *ride*, *rede*, *rude* (Old English \**ried*, \**rēod*, \**rjād*) 'clearing'. The surname may be for someone who lived in or near a clearing, or who lived at one of a number of places so named, including Rede Court in Strood (Kent), Rides in Eastchurch (Kent), Ride Way in Ewhurst (Surrey), and Reed Farm in Wadhurst (Sussex). The word is particularly common in the south-eastern counties, from Kent to the Isle of Wight. See also **Rider** and **Reader**.

**Early bearers:** Alwin de Laredo, about 1160 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Roger de la Rude, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Roger de la Rede, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert de la Ryde, 1294 in *London Letter Books C*; Petr' de la Rude, 1296, John Rede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rog. atte Ridde, 1327 in *Subsidy*

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*Rolls* (Norfolk); Walt' ate Rude, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Adam atte Ryde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Petrus atte Ryde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Agnes atte Rede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountfield, Sussex); Andrias atte Rede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Robertus Ryde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlpost, Sussex); Thomas Ryde, 1545 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Rychard Ryde, 1554 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); James Ride, 1616, Thomas Ryde, 1627 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Surrey); Robert Ride, 1663, John Reed, 1740 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 195.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *rithe* 'small stream', also recorded as *ride* in Sussex and Hants. The 1524, 1588, and 1599 early bearers are associated with Ryde Farm in Send (Surrey), recorded as *Ryde* in 1541 (*Place-Names of Surrey*, 148). There is a small stream to the west of the farm, which may have given rise to the place-name. Alternatively the place-name and the surname belong with (1) above. See also **Rider**.

**Early bearers:** William de la Rithe, before 1272, Robert atte Rithe, 1277, Richard atte Rythe, 1305 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Cecilia atte Ride, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashley liberty, Hants); Thomas at Ride, 1524, John Attryde, 1588, Henry at Ryde of Send (identical with Henry Ryder), 1599 in *Place-Names of Surrey*.

3 English: away from SE England, if the name is not from (1) or (2) by migration, it may be a spelling variant of **Wride**, unless *Wride* itself is a reverse spelling of *Ride*. A tendency not to pronounce initial /w/ before /r/ began in the 15th century, after which the spellings *wr-* and *r-* were interchangeable.

Compare Samuel Ride, 1701, John Wride, 1708 in *IGI* (Mugginton, Derbys); Samuel Wride, 1734, Ann Ride, 1778 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Nicolai Ryde, 1593 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Willm. Ride, 1609 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Guilielmus Ride, 1621 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Marrgett Ride, 1649 in *IGI* (Bishop Wilton, ER Yorks); William Ride, 1683 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Tho. Ride, 1701 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Ride, 1766 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts).

## Rydell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Riddell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Ryden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset; Kent

1 English: see **Rigden**.

2 English: see **Riden**.

## Ryder

**Variants:** **Rider**, **Rayder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8027, Ireland 692
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5168
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; also Dublin

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ridere* 'horseman', perhaps with a specific

application such as 'forest ranger', 'horseman who guards crops', or 'mounted warrior, knight'.

**Early bearers:** John le Rider, 1208 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Ridere, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Cumb); William Ryder, 1265 in *MED*; Adam le Rydare, 1275 in *Thuresson* (Worcs); Nicholas le Ryder, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sourby, WR Yorks); Reginald le Rydere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Rider', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Combe Fishacre, Devon); Willelmus Rider, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Wm. Ryder, 1565 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Hughe Ryder, 1574 in *IGI* (Fyfield, Essex); Nicholas Ryder, 1610 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Ryther, near Selby (WR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that Robert Ryder and Thomas Rider were sons of William Ryther of Ryther, 1478 in *York Guild Register*, and that Thomas Ryder of Aldbrough was also named Thomas Ryther in 1592. Without genealogical evidence the modern descendants of the name are impossible to tell apart from those bearing that in (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Rythir, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Johanne Ryther, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johannes de Ryther, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Matilda de Ryther, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Rider, 1621, Grace Ryder, 1624, Christopher Ryther, 1634 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Samuel Ryder, 1675 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Olave Rhyder, 1803 in *Marriage Licences* (Adel, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 65.

3 English: locative name from Middle English *ridere* 'dweller at a clearing' (see **Reader**) or 'dweller by a small stream', depending on which sense of Middle English *ride* the surname is derived from. As the 1599 example shows, it is synonymous with Middle English *atte ride*. These topographical senses of *Rider* are limited to the southern counties of England (especially Surrey, Sussex, Hants), where topographical names in *-er* and the Middle English words *ride* 'clearing' and *rithe* 'small stream' are mainly found. Apart from the 1599 form, the other examples may nevertheless belong under (1). See also **Ride**, **Attride**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Ryder, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Ryder, 1548 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Henry Ryder of Send (identical with Henry at Ryde), 1599 in *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 149.

4 Irish: adopted for **Ó Marcaigh**, because the etymon, *marcach*, means 'horseman or rider'. See **Markey**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Ryder, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford); Matthew Ryder, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Milough, Meath); James Rider, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballyhean, Mayo).

## Ryding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Riding**.

## Rydings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Readings**.

2 English: see **Riding**.

## Rye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1262, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Norfolk
- English: see **Rea**.

## Ryecart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: of uncertain origin. Ryecote, in Great Haseley (Oxon) is a formal possibility, with *-cote* altered to *-cart* by folk etymology, but no evidence has been found to link the medieval surname with the modern one. Alternatively it might be a mispronunciation of *Ryecraft*, see **Ryeroft**.

**Early bearers:** Fulco de Ruycote, 1259 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Rycotte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rycote, Oxon).

## Rylande

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Rylands**.

## Ryland

**Variants:** **Reyland**, **Rylands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 741
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Worcs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Dublin

English: locative name for someone who lived by an area of land where rye was grown (Middle English *rie* 'rye' + *land, lond*) or who lived at a place called *Ryland* with the same meaning. The singular form is often a later alteration of the more common plural form; see **Rylands**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Riland, 1232–45 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; John Ryland, 1606 in *Ancient Deeds* (Gloucs).

## Rylands

**Variants:** **Rylande**, **Roylance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 411
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

1 English: locative name mostly from a plural form of **Ryland**. Middle English *rylandes*, *-londes* refers to the strips of arable where rye was grown within one of the large open fields that were typical of medieval communal farming; as a phrase it could be used to name an open field where rye predominated. This is the source of the Lancs surname, but elsewhere the original form may alternatively have been in the singular with final *-s* added later. Sometimes spelled *Rylande*.

**Further information:** according to *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 197, 'most of the persons named Rilands who appear in Lancashire during the Middle Ages were members of a single family, from Westhoughton in south-east Lancashire, whose surname was derived from the name (Rylands, Rylandis) of some land there . . . . Forms such as Rilance and Roylance appear from the early 16th century, at first in the south-west of the county.'

**Early bearers:** John de Rylaundes, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Omphrey Rylands, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh,

Lancs); Joane Rylands, 1560 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Margerett Rylands, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London); Robert Rylands, 1648 in *IGI* (Chetwynd, Shrops); Willm. Rylands, 1664 in *IGI* (Haughton, Staffs).

2 English: locative name from Rylance in Cheshire, a lost place in Pownall Fee, recorded as *Rylondis*, about 1200, *Ruylonds*, 1337, *Ruylund*, 1349 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*. The place-name has the same meaning, 'rye land(s)', as in (1), with vacillation between singular and plural forms. Surnames from it are difficult to distinguish from *Rylands* or *Rylance* from other sources.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] riheland, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Rylance); Thomas de Rilond, about 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 230.

### Rylatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Rowlett**.

### Ryle

**Variants:** Ryles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 159
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Cheshire and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 English: see **Ryall**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Ryle, 1711 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); Bartholomew Ryle, 1740 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 English: see **Royle**.

**Early bearers:** Ric Ryle, 1563, Johnis Royle, 1607 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Ranulphus Ryle, 1575, Elizabeth Royle, 1580 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Richard Ryle, 1579 Jephery Royle, 1584 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); George Ryle, 1612, Thomas Royle, 1619 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Elizabeth Rile, 1621 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).

3 Irish: from Ó Raghail, see **Rehill**.

### Ryles

**Variants:** Riles, Ryals, Ryalls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham, Northumb

English: variant of **Ryle** with post-medieval excremental *-s*. Compare **Royles**; the names may have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Ryles, 1455 in *London Letter Books K*; Johes Ryles, 1561, Henr Riles, 1569, Johnis Ryalls, 1625 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Saml. Riles, 1703 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Job Ryles, 1746 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Rylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Rowlett**.

### Ryley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 761
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also W Midlands
- English: see **Riley**.

### Ryman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *rie* 'rye' + *-man*, for a dealer in rye. Compare **Barleyman**. **Further information:** Reaney's interpretation, 'dweller by the low-lying land or the stream', is implausible.

**Early bearers:** Robert Ryman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Ryman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Normanby, Lincs); William Ryman, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus Ryman, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Richard Ryman, 1504 in *PROB 11* (London); John Ryman, 1564 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Wm Ryman, 1692 in *IGI* (Enstone, Oxon).

### Rymell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks; Wilts

English: see **Rimell**.

### Rymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 903, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 707
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lancs; Gloucs
- English: see **Rimmer**.

### Rymill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands: esp. Oxon
- English: see **Rimell**.

### Rynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: from Ó Rinn, see **Rynne**.

### Rynne

**Variants:** Rynn, Reen, Ring, Wren, Wrynne, Wrinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 Irish: from Ó Rinn 'descendant of Reann', a personal name probably derived from *reann* 'spear'.

**Early bearers:** Cahall O'Rinne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5486 (Lysnagabraghe, Roscommon); Shane mcDermot O'Ring, husbandman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5506 (Cork).

2 Irish: from from Mac Bhroin, see **McCraun**.

### Ryon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London

Irish: see **Ryan**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Ryrie

**Variants:** Ririe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Caithness and Orkney
- Scottish: relationship name from a shortened form of Gaelic *Mac Roithridh* 'son of *Roithridh*'. **Early bearers:** Isobell Ryrie, 1725 in *IGI* (Watten, Caithness); Don Ryrie, 1760 in *IGI* (Bower, Caithness).

### Ryton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Righton**.

### Ryves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Notts; Staffs
- English: see **Reeves**.

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## Saad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sa'd* 'good luck, good fortune, success'.

**Further information:** This name is widespread in all Muslim countries.

## Saatchi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Oriental): from Ottoman Turkish *sā'ātchi* 'watchmaker'.

## Saayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South African: relationship name, probably an Afrikaner variant of Dutch *Seymens*, a patronymic from *Sime*, a pet form of the Germanic personal names *Sigmund* or *Sigmar*.

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

## Saba

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 French: anglicization of either *Sabbat*, a surname from Artois deriving from *sab(b)at* 'loud noise', applied as a nickname, or of *Sabas*, from the name of an early Cappadocian abbot-saint popular in early French Christianity.

**Early bearers:** Fernand Saba, born in Belgium, in *Census 1901* (Warwick, Warwicks); Germaine Saba, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Tottenham, Middx).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

2 Muslim, Arabic: perhaps from a personal name based on Arabic *ṣabāḥ* 'morning'.

**Early bearers:** John Saba, Arabian [*sic*], in *Census 1851* (Haverfordwest, Pembrokes); George Saba, merchant, born in Beirut, Lebanon, in *Census 1871* (Chorlton, Lancs)

3 Italian: unexplained.

## Saban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts

Norman, English: see *Sabin*.

## Sabar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see *Sabir*

## Sabb

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English and Old French personal name *Sabin*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sabbe Stephenson, 1609 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

sumames: Ralph Sabbe, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Sabbe, 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); Joane Sabb, 1561 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Katherin Sabbe, 1565 in *IGI* (London); John Sabb, 1588 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent).

## Sabben

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Hants
- Norman, English: see *Sabin*.

## Sabberton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Suffolk

English: see *Saberton*.

## Sabeau

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see *Sabin*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Sabel

**Variants:** *Sabell, Sable, Sables*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey; Warwicks and Worcs

English: (i) relationship name from *Sabel*, perhaps a Middle English pet form of the female name *Isabel*. Compare Willelmo filio Ysabele (1163–82) and Willelmo filio Sabelini (1194) in *Clerkenwell Cartulary*, who seem to be the same person. However, the genitive form *Sabelini* implies a male name, and an alternative possibility is that *Sabel* is a reduced form of *Sabelin(e)*, which Reaney and Wilson, at Sablin, explain as a pet form of *Sabin* (male or female). (ii) nickname possibly from Middle English *sable* 'sable, black fur, the colour black', perhaps for a furrier or for someone with black hair, but the absence of medieval evidence for the nickname makes this explanation quite conjectural.

**Early bearers:** Hester Sabill, 1588 in *IGI* (Willingham, Lincs); George Sable, 1589 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); John Sabel, 1629, Johannis Sable, 1633 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Thomas Sabell, 1630 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

## Sabell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see *Sabel*.

## Saben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs
- English: see *Sabin*.

## Saber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see *Seabury*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Saber, 1733 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Wm. Saber, 1788 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

2 Muslim: see *Sabir*.

## Saberton

**Variants:** *Sabberton*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Sapperton (Lincs) or Sapperton in Church Broughton (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Saperton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Sapirton, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); William de Saperton', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Johannes de Saporton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); John Sapurton', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Ippollitts, Herts); Roger Sapurton', 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Saperton', 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Pickworth, Lincs); John Sapyrton, 1426 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Sapurton', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Sapperton, Lincs); Robert Sapurton', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Tunstall, Kent); Ruth Saberton, 1601 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); William Saberton, 1613 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 106; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 541.

## Sabey

**Variants:** *Saby, Seaby, Seeby*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Middx

English: relationship name, probably a reduced form of *Sabin*. The change is most likely to have occurred in the 15th century, when records are unfortunately sparse, but compare Thomas Sabyn, Thomas Sabeye, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chacombe, Northants); Samuel Saban, 1661, Hannah Saby, 1730 in *IGI* (Bengeo, Herts).

**Early bearers:** John Saby, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Finedon, Northants); Margareta Sabey, 1562 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Francys Sabey, 1568 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard Saybe, 1599 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Susanna Saby, 1600 in *IGI* (Litlington, Cambs); George Sabey, 1624 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts); Alyce Saby, 1626 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); James Sabey, 1632 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Thomas Saby, 1634 in *IGI* (Bolnhurst, Beds); Seamer Saby, 1696, John Seby, 1702, Thomas Sebey, 1707, John Seaby, 1726 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Sara Saby, 1721 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); John Sayby, 1739, Catherine Seaby, 1741 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); John Sabey, 1753 in *IGI*

(Westminster, Middx); John Seby, 1754 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds); Palmer Seby, 1764, Palmer Seaby, 1767 in *IGI* (Weston Favell, Northants); Hannah Seeby, 1790 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Wm. Seaby, 1794 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Sabharwal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Sabin

**Variants:** Sabine, Saben, Sabben, Saban, Sabean, Sabey, Savin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1051, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 701
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Sabin* (Latin *Sabinus*) or its female equivalent *Sabine* (Latin *Sabina*). The name originally referred to the Sabines, an ancient tribe of central Italy. There were three saints named *Sabinus* and one *Sabina*. In medieval England the female given name was much the more common.

**Early bearers:** given names (male): Sabin' atte Heth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Sabyne Bosard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk).

given names (female): Sabina, 1186–1210 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Sabina, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent, Surrey); Sabina, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Sabyne Tottedoghter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Rogerus filius Sabini, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard Sabin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Sabine, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Hugh Sabyne, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barkway, Herts); Johanne Sabyne, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Streatley, Beds); Johanne Sabene (Sabyne), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wigborough, Essex); Henry Sabin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Ravely, Hunts); William Sabyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lampport, Sussex); Johannes Sabyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Osmington, Dorset); Rogerus Sabyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewelme, Oxon); Walterus Sabyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easenhall, Warwicks); Walterus Sabin', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berners Roding, Essex); Thomas Sabyne, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Braunston, Northants); Jane Sebyn, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Sabin, 1566 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Rychard Sabin, 1573 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Elizabeth Sabyne, 1574 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Francis Sabyne, 1600 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cams); Willyam Sabine, 1600, John Saban, 1636 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Gullmi. Sabin, 1606 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Sabine, 1616 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Hugh Sabben, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Margret Sabine, 1626 in *IGI* (Combrook, Warwicks); Ann Sabin, 1633 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks); William Sabine, 1697 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Chibburn Sabine, 1711 in *IGI* (Bekebourne, Kent); William Sabben, 1734 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Sabben, 1750 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

2 Irish: from Ó Sabháin 'descendant of Sabhán', a personal name based on *sabh* 'cub'. As an Irish surname, this has mostly been absorbed into **Savage**. **Early bearers:** John mcWilliam and Morris mcWm. Ó Sawane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6498; Thomas O

Sawan, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6622 (Butlerstown, Cork); Edmund Savin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Gallen, Offaly).

### Sabine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Sabin**.

### Sabir

**Variants:** Saber, Sabar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1224, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *šābir* 'patient, long-suffering'.

### Sabiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Sabiston in Birsay (Orkney), which is recorded as *Sabuster*, *Sebuster* in 1492, *Sabister*, *Sabuston* in 1564, *Sabistane* in 1595. **Early bearers:** Henry Sabistane, 1662 in *Retours*, *Scotland* (Birsay, Orkney); William Sabiston, 1687, John Sebastin, 1689, Patrick Sebaston, 1691 in *IGI* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Katherine Sabister, 1689 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney). **References:** *Orkney Farm-Names*, p. 137; *Birsay Place-Names*, pp. 81–2.

### Sable

**Variants:** Sables

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Warwicks, and Gloucs

English: see **Sabel**.

### Sables

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: variant of **Sabel** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. The name appears to have been taken from England to Ireland before migrating to Cumb. **Early bearers:** Thomas Sables, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Arlecdon, Cumb).

### Sabourin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Huguenot: nickname, Southern French (Huguenot), from a diminutive of *sabor* 'flavour, taste' (Old French *saveur*), for a pleasant or amiable person. **Further information:** This name is more frequent in the USA. **Early bearers:** Lewes Sabourin, 1703 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jacque Pierre Sabourin, 1708 in *IGI* (Patente Soho or Le Temple French Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx).

### Sabri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan, Tunisia): probably from a personal name based on Arabic *šabr* 'patience'.

### Saby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts

English: see **Sabey**.

### Sacco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: (i) relationship name from an old Tuscan personal name, *Saccus*, a reduced form of the Old Testament name *Isaccus* (see **Isaac**). (ii) nickname from *sacco* 'sack', probably denoting a maker of sacks or bags. (iii) locative name, toponymic from Sacco (Salerno province).

### Sach

**Variants:** Satch, Saich, Sack, Sacks, Sagg, Saggs, Setch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *sak*, *sach* 'sack, sackcloth', probably a name given to someone who wore an undergarment of sackcloth as a sign of mourning or as a penance, or perhaps given to a maker of sacks or sackcloth (compare **Sacker**). Judging by the Essex evidence, the two Middle English forms were taken as equivalent and interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** William Sak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Sak, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); George Sach, 1577 in *IGI* (Shellow Bowells, Essex); Elizabeth Sack, 1611 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); Thomas Sach, 1628 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Peter Sack, 1669 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Saich, 1716 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Ann Setch, 1716 in *IGI* (Blackmore, Essex); James Satch, 1775 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex).

### Sachania

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Sachdev

**Variants:** Sachdeva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, from Sanskrit *satya* 'true' + *deva* 'god, lord'. It is based on the name of a clan in the Arora community.

### Sachdeva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sachdev**.

### Sacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

1 English: see **Sacker**.  
2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from a short form of the Hebrew personal name *Issachar*.

## Sachs

**Early bearers:** Hyman Issachar, 1854 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Brady Street cemetery, Stepney, Middx); Jacob Sacher, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Miriam Sacher, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

**3 German:** relationship name from a vernacular form of the personal name *Zacharias*.

**Early bearers:** Wilhelm Christian Sacher, 1885 in *BMD* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Wilhelm Sacher, coal merchant, born in Mecklenberg, in *Census 1881* (South Leith, Midlothian); Rudolf D Sacher, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Wilhelmina Sacher, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Middx); Robert Sackur, yarn merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bucklow, Cheshire); Frederick Sacher, clerk, born in Basle, Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Francis Sacher, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Johan Frederick Sacher, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (London); Augusta Josephine Sacher, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Albans, Herts).

**References:** <http://www.cemeteryscribes.com>, accessed 15.1.2013.

## Sachs

**Variants:** Sax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): regional name for someone from Saxony (German *Sachsen*) in northern Germany.

**Early bearers:** German: Moritz Sachs, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Leopold Sachs, 1845 in *IGI* (Ludgate, London); Christian Sachs, goldsmith, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Gustav Sachs, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Wilhelm Sachs, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); Karl Sacks, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Heinrich Sachs, born in Silesia, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Carl Sax, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Hans Sachs, painter, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Fritz Sachs, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Finchley, Middx); Carl Sax, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London). Jewish: Abram Sax, plumber and glazier, born in Poland, *Census 1851* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Salmon Sachs, pawnbroker, in *Census 1861* (Kings Norton, Worcs); Jacob Sachs, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Aldgate, London); Aaron Sachs, tinworker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Hyman Sachs, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Sachs, furniture dealer, born in Kovna, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx); Benjamin and Leah Sax, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Barnett Sacks, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

## Sack

**Variants:** Sagg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Sach**.  
2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): (i) from an acronym of the Hebrew phrase *Zera Keshodim* 'Seed of the

Holy' (referring to martyred ancestors), or from a short form of the personal name **Isaac**. (ii) nickname from German *Sack* 'sack', possibly for a maker of sacks or sacking, or in some instances a handout name.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Sack, boot maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rebecca Sach, Abraham Sach, Myer Sach, born in Odessa, Russia, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Simon Sack, capmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Sach, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); David Sack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leah Sack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Davis and Rebecca Sack, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

**3 German:** (i) nickname from Middle High German *sack* 'sack', probably denoting a maker of sack or sacking. (ii) locative name from Middle High German *sack* 'sack, end of a valley or area of cultivation'.

**Early bearers:** Hermann Sack, in *BMD* (Camden, Middx); Hermann Sack, born in Dusseldorf, Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Augustus Sack, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Lytham, Lancs); Henry Sack, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, Kent); Karl Sack, born in Hanover, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Augustus Sack, mechanical engineer, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1891* (Aston, Warwicks); Henry Frank Sack, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Greenwich, Kent).

## Sacker

**Variants:** Saker, Secker, Sacher, Sacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk
- English: occupational name from Middle English *saker*, *sacher(e)* 'maker of sacks, bags, or sackcloth', a derivative of Old English *sæc*, Old French *sac(h)* 'sack'. Compare **Secker**.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Sakker, 1199–1216 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Hugh le Saker, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry le Sachiere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); John le Sachere, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Thoma Sacher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Saker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Thomas Sacker, 1568 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

## Sackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: nickname from Middle English *sa(c)ket* 'small sack, purse', perhaps for a maker of purses. Compare **Sach**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Saket', 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ringslow hundred, Kent); William Saket, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton Regis, Kent); Alice Sackett, 1476 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Robert Sackett, 1573 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Edward Saket, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent).

## Sackey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire  
Ghanaian: from the male personal name *Sakyi* probably related to the Akan (Twi or a related dialect) word (*kokɔ*)*sakyi* '(red) vulture'.  
**Further information:** IGI records some 18th-century bearers of this surname—probably from a pet form of *Isaac*—but most if not all modern bearers are of Ghanaian origin.  
**References:** J.G. Chrastaller (1881), *A dictionary of the Asante and Fante language, [etc.]*, Basel: Evangelical Missionary Society, p. 407.

## Sackfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Sackville**.

## Sackler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English, German: see **Secular**.

## Sacks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex; WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: variant of **Sach** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sax, 1571 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Joane Sax, 1593 in *IGI* (Aldgate, London); Isaack Sax, 1600 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Nathaniell Sax, 1604 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Annes Sacks, 1609 in *IGI* (Over, Cambs).

2 German, Jewish: anglicization of **Sachs**.

3 Dutch: some post-medieval examples may be Dutch in origin, an anglicized ethnic name from Middle Dutch *Sasse* 'Saxon'.

## Sackville

**Variants:** Sackwild, Sackfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts
- Norman, English: locative name from Sauqueville (Seine-Maritime) or Sacquenville (Eure).

**Further information:** The family of this name who became dukes of Dorset are believed to come from Sauqueville (Seine-Maritime), whilst the 1086 early bearer, from a different family, probably came from Sacquenville (Eure).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sachanuilla, de Sacheuilla, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts, Essex); Simon Sakeuilla, 1154–89 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Alexander de Saccauill', de Saccheuilla, de Sakeuill', 1162–98 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); William de Sauchevilla, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Margaret Sackville, 1638 in *IGI* (Wiston, Sussex); Charles, The Earl Of Dorsett Sackville, 1688 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Frances Sackville, 1693 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Amy Sackville, 1798 in *IGI* (Brampton, Suffolk); William Sackville, 1798 in *IGI* (Bushey, Herts).

**References:** *Reaney, Dictionary; Tengvik, Anglo-Norman Families*.

## Sackwild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o



Jewish (Ashkenazic): from a Yiddish form *sakwild*, apparently meaning something like ‘game(bird), or venison, in a bag’.

**Early bearers:** Morris Sackwild, mantle and costermonger, born in Radygobzez, Austria, in *Census 1911*.

### Sacranie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained.

### Sacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: perhaps a spelling of **Sacker**.

**Early bearers:** Elwyn Sacre, 1586 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Suzan Sacre, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Paule Sacre, 1613 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); William Sacre, 1619 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Sacre, 1706 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Sacristan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: from Middle English *sacristan*, *sacrist*, an official in charge of the sacred vessels, relics, and vestments, of a religious house or a church.

**Early bearers:** Christina Sacrist, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elstow, Beds).

### Sadd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk; also Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *sad(de)* ‘serious, discreet, firm’.

**Early bearers:** Roger Sad, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Henry Sadde, 1229–41 in *Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters* (Essex); Willm. Sadd, 1572 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Thomas Sadd, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Jone Sadd, 1602 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Roger Sadd, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Adrean Sadd, 1615 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Saddick

**Variants:** **Sadick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Saddok*, apparently from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Sadduc*. For the first part of the name, compare Ranulf Sadewi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Sadwyn’, 1250 in *Seltén, By-names*.

**Further information:** The 16th- and 17th-century London distribution suggests the possibility of an additional, immigrant, origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Saddok de Wautham, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks).

surnames: Ralph filius Saddoc’, 1201 in *Pleas* (Hunts); Richard Saddoc, 1201 in *Pleas* (Shrops); John Saddok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Saddington

**Variants:** **Saddleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 601
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, Rutland, Hunts

English: locative name from Saddington (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Hiche de Sadinton, 1198 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Roger de Sadington, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Alice Saddington, 1606 in *IGI* (Foxton, Leics).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 88; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 517.

### Saddiq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sadiq**.

### Saddique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 857, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sadiq**.

### Saddler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 881
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England

English: see **Sadler**.

### Saddleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: probably a variant of **Saddington**, with intermediate forms being provided by the name of families in Kent and E Anglia represented by Margaret Saddington, 1625 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent) and Elizabeth Sadlington, 1606 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Richard Sadelton, 1580 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Isaack Saddleton, 1612 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Dorothe Saddleton, 1614 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Martha Saddleton, 1621 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); Robert Sadelton or Sadleton, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Bury Saint Edmund, Suffolk); Pardicus Saddleton, 1663 in *IGI* (Kennington, Kent).

### Sadek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Sadiq**.

2 Polish: occupational name, locative name from a derivative of Polish *sad* ‘orchard’ or *sadzić* ‘to plant’, denoting a fruit grower or someone who lived by an orchard.

### Sadgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Seagrave**.

### Sadick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Saddick**.

### Sadik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sadiq**.

### Sadiq

**Variants:** **Sadique**, **Saddiq**, **Saddique**, **Sadik**, **Sadek**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2686, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ṣādiq* ‘friend, companion’.

**Further information:** widespread throughout the Muslim world. Compare *Siddiq*, from the same Arabic root.

### Sadique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sadiq**.

### Sadleir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Galway

English: see **Sadler**.

**Further information:** Possibly a deliberate retention, or affectation, of the spelling generally used by Sir Ralph Sadleir, courtier and minister of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Elizabeth I.

### Sadler

**Variants:** **Saddler**, **Sadlier**, **Sadleir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10335, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6987
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *sadeler(e)* ‘saddler’, for a maker or seller of saddles.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon le Sadelere, 1288 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Peter le Sadelare, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Sadler’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham (tenants of the King), Rutland); Willelmus Sadeler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sinnington with Marton and Little Edstone, NR Yorks); Thomas Sadeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newport, IoW); Johannes Sadelar’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham borough, Wilts); Johannes le Sadler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Hughe Sadler, 1539 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks). Scotland: Michael Saddeler, about 1330 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Hugh Saddeler, 1516 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr, Ayr).

Ireland: Crosby Sadler, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311 (Dublin); John Sadler, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5281 (Yoghall, Cork).

### Sadlier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English, Scottish: see **Sadler**.

### Sadowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Ukrainian, Belorussian: locative name for someone from any of numerous places named with Polish *sad* ‘orchard’, for example Sadowa in

## Saeed

northeastern Poland, or a cognate in a related Slavic language.

**Further information:** this surname is also well established in German-speaking countries.

**Early bearers:** Felix Alexander Sadowski, 1855 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Wanda Sadowski, born in Middx, in *Census 1871* (London); Felix Sadowski, hairdresser, born in Cracow, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Maurice Sadowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Sarah Sadowski, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Charles Sadowski, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Saeed

**Variants:** Said

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3363, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on the Arabic adjective *sa'īd* 'lucky, fortunate'. Compare **Saad**.

## Saer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens

1 Welsh: occupational name from Welsh *saer* 'craftsman, carpenter' or as an elliptical form of *saer maen* 'stone cutter, mason'.

**Early bearers:** Seysil Saer, 1292, Madoci Sayr, 1303, in *Subsidy Rolls*; Ieuan saer, Ieuan Sayrhir 'tall carpenter', medieval period in *Black Book of Saint David's*; Ric Saer, 1555 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Saer, 1574 in *IGI* (Redbourne, Lincs); Little John Saer, 1641 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Sayer**.

## Safdar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 612, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *safdar* 'brave'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Safe

**Variants:** Soffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Worcs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Seive* (Old English *Sæ̆giefu*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Seiua, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*.

urnames: Ralph filius Sageue, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); William Sayf, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Sayve, 1468 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk).

## Saffell

**Variants:** Saffill, Saffhill, Saveall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Safugel* (Old Scandinavian *sæfogl* 'sea-bird, especially the cormorant'), not recorded as a personal name in Scandinavia, but common in England after the Norman Conquest.

**Early bearers:** given names: Safugel, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Sefull the chaplain, 1268 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Suffolk).

urnames: Halwær Sæfugulasuna, about 1150 in *Yorks Charters*; Willelmus filius Safoul, 1182–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Lincs); Rannulfus filius Safugel, Safuwel, Sefugel, 1196–7 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Seful, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Sefoul, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Safowel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Sefughel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Safoul, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Saffull, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Saveall, 1563 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Henry Saffell, 1757 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

## Saffer

**Variants:** Saffir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman: (i) nickname from Old French *saffre* 'glutton'. (ii) see **Savory**.

**Further information:** Derivation from Middle English *saffer* 'sapphire' is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Saffere, John Saffare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Saffer, 1607 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

## Saffery

**Variants:** Saffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Safrei*, *Saf(f)red*, *Sefrid* (Old English *Sæ̆frið*). See also **Savory**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Safrei, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Sefridus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Saffredus, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).

urnames: Robert Safrey, about 1230 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); William Sefrey, Roger Sefrey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Bryan Saffrey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Jane Saffery, 1614 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Jeoffery Saffery, 1632 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent).

## Saffill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Saffell**.

## Saffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Savin**.

**Early bearers:** Hughe Saffyne, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Monksilver, Somerset); William Saffyn, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Saint Donat's, Glamorgan); George Saffin, 1631 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Saffin, 1659 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Elizabeth Saphin, 1737 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Safin, 1759 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon).

## Saffir

**Variants:** Sapir

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Safir**.

2 Arabic, Muslim: see **Safir**.

## Safford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Beds, Cambs, and Hunts

1 English: see **Salford**.

2 English: locative name possibly from Seaford (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Safford, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Anthony Safford, 1572 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Robt. Safford, 1593 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Richard Safford, 1606 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John Safford, 1607 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); William Safford, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 363.

## Saffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Saffery**.

## Saffhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Saffell**.

## Safir

**Variants:** Saffir, Sapir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name from northeastern Yiddish *safir* or German *Saphir* 'sapphire'.

**Early bearers:** Solomon Sapir, 1888 in *BMD* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Saffir, cap maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lincs); Harris Saffir, boot laster, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Marx Sapir, boot laster, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Philip Safir, 1903 in *BMD* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Simon Barnett Safir, 1908 in *BMD* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Joseph Sapir, cigarette maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Saffir, cap and hat manufacturer, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lincs).

2 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *safir* 'ambassador, mediator'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Sagar

**Variants:** Sager, Segar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1478, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1205

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *sager*, *sagher*, *sawer* 'sawyer', a derivative of Old English \**sagu* 'saw'; see **Sawyer**. Pronounced to rhyme with *vaguer*, *sager* is a dialectal variant that was still current in late-19th century Lincs and WR Yorks, as were *saag*, *saig*, and *sague* for 'saw' (noun and verb). The WR Yorks name may be partly indigenous to the county but it is mainly associated with a family that moved in the 16th century from Burnley (Lincs) to Rimington and then Bradford. **Early bearers:** Philip le Sagher, 1324, identical with Philip sarrator ('sawyer'), 1317 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Roger le Sagher, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); John le Sager, 1422–3 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); James Sagar of Cliviger (Burnley), 1566–71 in *Yorks Title Deeds* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Isabell Sagar, 1573 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Oattes Sagar, 1618, Oates Sagar, 1778, 1830 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Sagar, son of James Sagar, 1629, John Sagar, 1725, 1819 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); John Sagar, 1687, John Segar, 1780 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs).

**References:** George Redmonds, ‘Sagar’, *Lancashire Local Historian*, 18, 1–7; *English Dialect Dictionary*, at sage, sb.1.

2 English: relationship name see **Seager**.

3 Indian (Panjab, Gujarat): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *sāgara* ‘ocean’.

### Sage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3392, Ireland 104
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2657
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon; London and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French and Middle English *sage* ‘wise, learned, sensible’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert le Sage, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Ralph Sage, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Petronilla la Sage, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John Sage, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornilo hundred, Kent); Agnes Sage, 1554 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Robt. Sage, 1567 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Agnis Sage, 1568 in *IGI* (Holton Saint Mary, Suffolk); Samuell Sage, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); William Sage, 1573 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds).

2 Irish: in some cases, this is Irish **Sabhaois**, a gaelicized form of **Savage**.

### Sager

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Sagar**.

2 English: see **Sawyer**.

### Sagg

**Variants:** **Saggs**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: variant of **Sack**, itself a variant of **Sach**.

### Sagger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

English: see **Seager**.

### Saggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts
- English: variant of the now extinct name *Sagger*, itself a variant of **Seager**, with post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Seagers**, **Seagars**.

### Saggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex
- English: variant of **Sagg** (see **Sach**), with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Saggu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sagoo**.

### Saghir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *saghīr* ‘small’

### Sago

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Seago**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Sago, 1581 in *IGI* (Thrandeston, Suffolk); Mary Sago, 1731 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Sago, 1825 in *IGI* (Beccles, Suffolk).

### Sagoo

**Variants:** **Saggu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Saha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Baishya), meaning ‘merchant’, from Sanskrit *sādhu* ‘honest, good’.

### Sahi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from Persian *shahi* ‘royal’. It is derived from the name of a Jat clan.

### Sahin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: nickname from *şahin* ‘peregrine falcon’, ultimately from Persian.

### Sahni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sawhney**.

### Sahota

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3082, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, meaning ‘hare’, from the name of a Jat clan.

### Sai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 余, see **Sher** (3).

### Saich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Sach**.

### Said

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2039, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sayed**.

### Saidi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: adjectival derivative of **Sayed**.

### Saif

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *saif* ‘sword’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Saiger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Seager**.

### Sail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northants

English: variant of **Sale** and of the typically Manx variant of this, *Sayle*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Sail, 1639 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Jon Sail, 1709 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM); Abigall Sail, 1713 in *IGI* (Milverton, Warwicks).

### Saile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Northants

English: variant of **Sale**.

### Sailer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

1 English: see **Seyler**.

2 German: see **Seiler**.

### Sailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Kent

1 English: see **Sales**.

2 English: the Kent name may be a variant of **Seales**.

### Sailing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Sarling**.

### Sailor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

## Sails

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Seyler**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Sails

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Sales**.

## Sailsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp Lancs; Worcs
- English: see **Salisbury**.

## Sainer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Senior**.

## Saines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Sains**.

## Saini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 975, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora) and Sikh, derived from the name of an Arora clan.

## Sains

Variants: **Saines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Sawin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Philip Sains, 1715 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Mary Sains, 1758 in *IGI* (Woodham Walter, Essex); William Saines, 1818 in *IGI* (Latchingdon, Essex).

## Sainsbury

Variants: **Sansbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1960, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1544
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs

English: locative name from Saintbury (Gloucs), recorded as *Seinesberia* in 1186.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Seinesberia, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Sainsbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts); Thomas Sainsbury, 1624 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts); Frances Sainsbury, 1717 in *IGI* (Dodington, Gloucs); Mary Sainsbury, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Sainsbury, 1722 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 256.

## Saint

Variants: **Sant**, **Saunt**, **Sants**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1639, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 913

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Derbys; Somerset, Dorset, and Hants
- English: (i) nickname from Old French and Middle English *seint(e)*, *saint(e)* 'holy', for a particularly pious individual. Compare **Sancto**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *ceint*, *seint*, *saint* 'girdle' (Old French *ceint*, Latin *cinctum*), perhaps a nickname for someone who wore, made, or sold girdles. Compare **Century**, **Senter**.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Sent, about 1250 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Hugh Sant, 1270 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs); Millicent Saint, 1576 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs); Willia. Saint, 1581 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); Frieswide Saint, 1588 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); John Saint, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Roger Saint, 1613 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs).

## Saint Clair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Cheshire; Warwicks

English: see **Sinclair**.

## Sainter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Senter**.

## Saint George

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cheshire; also Jersey

French: directly or indirectly from *Saint Georges*, i.e. Saint George, the national saint wildly popular in medieval England; most likely a topographical name from one of several places in France commemorating him, mainly in the south.

**Further information:** A member of the *Saint George* family of Cambridgeshire held estates at Hatley and Kingston by about 1235, which subsequently became known as Hatley Saint George and Kingston Saint George: *VCH* (Cambs), p. 5. The medieval castle-builder Master James of Saint George (d. 1309), first recorded in English records in 1278, came from Savoy in south-west France and may have been a member of the *de sancto Jorio* family, originating at Saint Jeoire in Faucigny (Savoy). Alternatively, he may have taken his name from the castle of Saint Georges-d'Espérance (Savoy), on which he worked before his arrival in Britain.

**Early bearers:** Oliverus de Sancto Georgio, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Sancto Georgio, 1236 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Hugo Seintgeorge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chetton, Shrops); John de Sancto Georgio alias Fauket, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey); Baldwin Seintgeorge, 'chivaler', 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); John Seyntgeorge of Hatlee, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Baldwin Seintgeorge of Bedford, gentelman, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Henry Saint George, 1595 in *IGI* (Hatley Saint George, Cambs); John Saint George, 1610 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Henrie Saint George, 1614 in *IGI* (Lillingstone Dayrell, Bucks).

**References:** *DNB*.

## Saint John

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and IoW; also Lancs

Norman, English: locative name from Saint-Jean-le-Thomas (Manche).

**Further information:** A family of this name hold the title Viscount Bolingbroke. This particular family trace their descent from Hugh de Port (died 1096), who was at the court of Normandy in 1085. One of his descendants, Adam de Port (died before 1213), governor of Southampton Castle, married the heiress of the Saint John family and adopted her surname.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de sancto Johanne, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Roger de Sancto Johanne, before 1265 in *Carisbrooke Cartulary* (IoW); Edward de Sein' Johan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Edward de Sancto Johanne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alton, Hants); Laurence Seintjohan, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Sinjohn, 1807 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); William Sinjohn, 1810 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

## Saint Ledger

Variants: **Saint Leger**, **Selinger**, **Salinger**, **Salingar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; London

Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Saint-Léger-aux-Bois (Seine-Maritime) or Saint-Léger (Manche), both so called from the dedication of their churches to Saint Leger, the martyred 7th-century bishop of Autun. Compare **Ledger**.

**Early bearers:** England: Reginaldus de Sancto Leodegario, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); John de Sentliger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Sillinger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Seyntliger, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Seyntleger, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Ralph Seint Leger, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Selyngier, 1423–66 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London).

Ireland: George Seyntleger, knight, 1528, in *Fiants Henry* §23; Arthur Saint Leger, 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §50; James Saint Leger, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2063 (Tullaghbroge); Patrick Saint Leger, gent., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2486 (Kilkenny).

**References:** See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

## Saint Leger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; London
- Norman, English: see **Saint Ledger**.

## Saint Louis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

French Canadian: directly or indirectly from French *Saint Louis*, i.e. the crusading king Louis IX or a 14th-century bishop of Toulouse; or more likely a topographical name from a place named after one of these.

## Sainton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- English: see **Santon**.

**Saint Pier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- French, English: see **Saint Pierre**.

**Saint Pierre**

Variants: **Saint Pier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

French, English: This is probably a Huguenot name, from any of various places in France called *Saint Pierre*, from the dedication of their churches to Saint Peter. Compare **Simper**, which is a Norman name that has the same origin.

**Early bearers:** Richd. St Peirre, 1725, William St Piere, 1764 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); William St. Pier, 1771 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

**Saint Quintin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in E England; also Lanarks

Norman, English: locative name Norman, from Saint Quentin-des-Isles (Eure).

**Further information:** Herbert de Sancto Quintino is mentioned in connection with the Dorset manors of Frome Saint Quintin and Fifehead Saint Quintin (Lower Fifehead) in 1205, and the manor of Stanton Saint Quintin (Wilts) belonged to Herbert de Sancto Quintino in 1211.

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Sancto Quintino, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Herbert de Sancto Quintino, 1211 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); John de Sancto Quintino, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Seyntquyntyn of Fifhyde, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Seyntquyntyn, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 96; *Ekwall, DEPN* sv Frome Saint Quintin; *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 112.

**Sainty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Essex

English: possibly from Middle English *seintuari(e)* ‘sanctuary’ (Old French *saintuaire*), if the later forms are radical reductions of the name seen in the first two records.

**Further information:** It is not clear whether the earlier Roberto Seynte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belton, Leics), belongs here, or whether it represents **Saint**. The name has also been understood as *saintly*. The suggested derivation of the early names is confounded by the existence of the priory of *Saintwalry* (Saint Valery) in Normandy, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Seyntewary, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chalfield, Wilts); John Seyntwary, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Landbeach, Cambs); John Santie, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Soham, Cambs); Elizabeth Sainty, John Sainthey, 1669 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); John Saintley, 1696 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); William Sainly, 1733 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Mary Saintee, 1735 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).

**Saire**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Sayer**.

**Sait**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Saegeat*, *Saiet* (Old English *Sæġġeat*). **Early bearers:** given names: Saiet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Oxon); Saiet, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Saegreat, 1077 in *Feilitzen* (Worcs). surnames: Thomas Seiete, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert Seyet, about 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); Thoma Sayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pewsey, Wilts); Thomas Saite, 1610 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); William Sait, 1700 in *IGI* (Alverstokey, Hants); John Sait, 1703 in *IGI* (Funtington, Sussex); Wm Sait, 1727 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Henry Sait, 1809 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Ann Sait, 1821 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

**Saiyed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Sayed**.

**Sajawal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: unexplained, most frequent in Pakistan; said to be Sindhi for ‘decorated’.

**Sajid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sājīd* ‘prostrated in worship’.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Sajjad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sajjād* ‘one who prostrates himself (in worship)’.
- Further information:** *Sajjad* is an epithet of Zainul Abidin, fourth Imam of the Shiites.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

**Sakaria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**Saker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Sacker**.

**Sala**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- 1 Italian, Catalan, Spanish, Portuguese, southern French (Occitan), Romanian: (i) locative name, nickname from *sala* ‘hall’, denoting someone who

lived or worked at a hall or manor house. (ii) locative name; the Italian, Spanish, and Catalan names may also be toponymic in origin: in the case of Italian, from (amongst others) Sala Biellese (Biella province), Sala Consilina (Salerno province), and Sala Monferrato (Alessandria), and in the case of Catalan from places called *Sala* or *La Sala*. This name is very common in Catalonia. Sala (Asturias and Aragón) and La Sala (Asturias) may also contribute.

**Further information:** The well-known journalist George Augustus Henry Sala (1828–1895) was of Italian extraction.

**Early bearers:** Augustus George Anthony Joseph Sala, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Catina Sala, 1799 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 Hungarian: from a short form of the Biblical name *Salamon* (see **Solomon**).

**Saladine**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: nickname apparently from *Saladin* (Arabic *Ṣalāh al-Dīn*), the name of the Sultan of Egypt and Syria, who ruthlessly defeated the Christian Crusader army in 1187 and captured Jerusalem, but who subsequently became a byword for chivalry among Christians from his acts of generosity during the Third Crusade (1189–92). The crusade was paid for in England and France by an unpopular tax known as the ‘Saladin tithe’. The sense of the nickname is uncertain. It may have been given to one who went on the Third Crusade, in which case the surname illustrated below was already hereditary by 1279. Alternatively it may have been given to someone thought to resemble Saladin in some way. The nickname evidently had currency in medieval France, for it also gave rise to a surname there.

**Early bearers:** Philip Saladin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Philip Saladin, Saldin 1279, Andrew Saladyn, 1318, Andrew Saldeyn, 1322, Richard Saldyn, 1350 in *Elton Manorial Records* (Hunts); John Saladyne, 1621, John Saladine, 1622, John Salladine, 1626 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Mary Saldine, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Salladine, 1663, Charles Sallydine, 1663, Peter Saladine, 1703, Jno. Saldine, 1746 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*; Susan E. Kilby (University of Leicester), personal communication.

**Salah**

Variants: **Sala**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ṣalāh* ‘piety, righteousness’, ‘goodness’. The name is widespread in all Muslim countries.

**Further information:** *Salāh* is also seen in the compound name *Salāh ud-Dīn* (Saladin).

**Early bearers:** Abdul Salah, born in Lancs, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Ishmael Salah, born in Lancs, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

**Salako**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the Yoruba *àmútorunwá* or circumstance name *Sàlàkó*, from *so àlà kò* literally ‘(he) who suspends the white cloth’, traditionally

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bestowed on a child born with the umbilical cord over one shoulder and down along the waistline.

### Salam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1169, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *salām* ‘peace, safety, security’. **Further information:** *As-salāmu ‘alaikum* ‘peace be upon you’ is a universal greeting among Muslims. *As-Salām* ‘The All-Peacable’ is an attribute of Allah.

### Salama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *salāmah* ‘safety, peace, security’. **Further information:** Salamah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-Akwā was one of the ten Companions of the Prophet Muhammad. This name is also found in the combination *Salāmat Allah* meaning ‘security of Allah’.

**Early bearers:** Farag Salama, born in Egypt, in *Census 1911* (Kings Norton, Worcs).

### Salaman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Salmon** (1). **Early bearers:** Adolph Salaman, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Myer Salaman, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx).

### Salami

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): from *Sālami*, an originally Muslim name based on Arabic *salām* ‘peace’.

### Salamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), English: see **Salmon** (1).

**Early bearers:** German, Jewish: Alfred Salamon, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Maurice Salamon, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx).

other: Elinor. Salamon, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Margerie Salamon, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); John Salamon, 1615 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs).

### Salamone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Salomone* (see **Solomon**).

### Salamons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Salamon** (see **Salmon**) with genitival -s.

**Early bearers:** Edward Salamons, veneer and timber merchant, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in *Census 1881* (St Leonard Shoreditch, London).

### Salazar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: locative name toponymic from Salazar (Burgos, Navarre).

### Salby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Cheshire; Lincs

English: locative name from Saleby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William de Salebi 1154–89 *Gilbertine Charters*; Roger de Salby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Nicholas Salby, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); Mary Salby, 1646 in *IGI* (East Anstey, Devon); Edward Salby, 1670 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Salby, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Rebekah Salby, 1747 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 524.

### Salcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Sawcombe, a lost place in Winchcombe (Gloucs).

**Further information:** The modern surname is almost certainly not from Salcombe or Salcombe Regis (Devon), although one of these is probably the source of the name of Walter de Saltecumbe, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Roger Salcombe, 1361 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thoma Salcombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Salcombe, 1545, James Sawcombe, 1616, Anne Salcomb, 1618, Larriet Sawcomb, 1626 in *IGI* (Sandhurst, Gloucs); William Sawchome, 1614 in *IGI* (Hasfield, Gloucs); Richard Salcomb, 1675, Richard Salcome, 1710 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 35.

### Saldanha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: locative name, toponymic from any of various places called Saldanha (in Portugal) or Saldaña (in Spain).

**Further information:** The surname was borne by Antonio de Saldanha, a 16th-century Portuguese explorer of Spanish origin. In some cases at least it was imported to Britain via Portuguese settlements on the west coast of India.

**References:** *Machado*.

### Sale

**Variants:** Sales, Sallis, Sayle, Sayles, Sall, Saul, Seal, Saile, Sail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2263, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1846
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs and Warwicks; Beds; Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Sale (Cheshire). See also **Sayle** and **Seal**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma de Sale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Huyton with Roby, Lancs); Elena de Sayl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); Thomas de Sale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Adam Sale, 1561 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Sybill Saile, 1563 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks);

Steven Sale, 1573 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Agnes Sayle, 1576 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Jane Sall, 1595, John Sale, 1632 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from any of several minor places or topographical features named, like Sale in (1), from Middle English *sale*, *salle*, ‘sallow, willow’ (Old English *s(e)alh*). See also **Sallows**. The medieval spellings of this name are indistinguishable from those for (3) and some of the following bearers may alternatively belong there. See also **Seal**, with which this name may often have interchanged.

**Further information:** For the development of -a- to -ai- in the Yorks speech of Middle English see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 7, p. 82, §11.

**Early bearers:** S England: Robert de la Sale, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas ate Sale, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Didling, Sussex); Roberto del Sall, Roberti del Sal, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (ER Yorks); Richard de la Sale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Shoreham, Sussex); Reginaldus atte Sale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Jorge Sale, 1572 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); Marie Sale, 1583 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Willia Sale, 1616 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Sam Sayle, 1726 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

Midlands and E Anglia: Edmund del Sale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John atte Salle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger de la Sale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Johannes Sale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Shuckburgh, Warwicks); John Sayle, 1559 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Ales Sale, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Houmfrye Sale, 1576 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Willius. Sale, 1578 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Robert Sale, 1586, Raphe Sall, 1592 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Henry Sale, 1596 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Agneta Sale, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Adami Sale, 1618 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Mary Sale, 1715 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds).

N England: Peter de Sayl, 1283 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Carlton, near Snaith, WR Yorks); John de la Sale, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John del Sal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alanus Sayle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Margeria del Sayll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Henrye Sayle, 1540 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Willm. Sayle, 1570 in *IGI* (Brodsforth, WR Yorks).

3 English: locative name from Middle English *sal(e)* ‘hall’ (Old English *sæl*, Old French *sale*, Old Scandinavian *salr*), translated by medieval clerks as Latin *aula*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in a hall, or occupational, for someone who worked at a hall as a servant. Some of the early bearers in (2) may alternatively belong here.

**Further information:** this was the name of an Anglo-Norman family who had settled in Co. Tipperary, Ireland by the 13th century. The name was gaelicized as **de Sál**, hence the anglicized form **Saul** which has been widely adopted in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugh de la Sale, de Aula, 1277 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Philip de la Sale, de Aula, 1277 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs).

Ireland: Peter de la Sale, 1279 in *CDI* §1547; Geoffrey de Salle, 1287 in *CDI* §309 (Tipperary); John de la Sale, 1291 in *CDI* §953 (Dublin); Richard Sale, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §195; John Sale, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4085 (Cashell); Edward Sawle, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522 (Ballyoe).

### Saleem

**Variants:** Salim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3635, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *salim* 'perfect, faultless, safe, secure'. This is a widespread name in all Muslim countries.

**Further information:** *Salim bin Thabet* was one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad. The Mughal emperor Jahangir (1605–1627) was also known as Prince Salim.

**Early bearers:** Mahomed Bin Salim, native interpreter, naturalized British subject born in Zanzibar, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

### Saleemi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from an adjectival form of **Saleem**.

### Saleh

**Variants:** **Salih**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2212, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sālih* 'pious, righteous, virtuous' (see the Qur'an 26: 83). This name is widespread throughout the Muslim world.

### Salem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sālim* or *salīm* 'safe, secure, perfect, complete'.

**Further information:** Sālim ibn 'Umayr was one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad.

### Salerno

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: locative name, toponymic from Salerno in Campania (Italy).

### Sales

**Variants:** **Sails, Sailes, Sayles, Sellis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2437, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1818
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Offaly  
English: variant of **Sale** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. There are minor places called *Sa(i)les* ('the willows') in Yorks, as well as Sales, in Colton (Lancs), but the latter is not on record before about 1535. The Middle English plural form was probably often in variation with the singular form. The surname is uncommon in SW England but may derive there from Zeals (Wilts), also from a plural form of Old English *sealh* 'willow'; see **Seal**.

**Further information:** For the development of *-a-* to *-ai-* in the Yorks speech of Middle English see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 7, p. 82, §11.

**Early bearers:** Yorks: Hugh de Sailes, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Sayles, 1319 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agn' del Sayles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marr, WR Yorks); Willelmus Sayles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); William Sailes, 1646 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Sails, 1711 in *IGI*

(Handsworth, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Sails, 1712 in *IGI* (Great Givendale, ER Yorks).

SE England: John Sales, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Katherine Sales, 1563, Robert Sale, 1586 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Peeter Sales, 1614 in *IGI* (Bilsington, Kent).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 217; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Salford

**Variants:** **Safford, Sawford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Gloucs and Oxon

English: locative name from Salford (Lancs, Beds, Oxon), Abbots Salford (Warwicks), Salford Priors (Warwicks), or Salfords in Horley (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Saleford', 1215–16 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks or Beds); Hugh de Salford, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); John de Salford, 1351–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Alicia de Salford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Robertus Salford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denford, Northants); Anne Sawford, 1584 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Agnes Sawford, 1558, Thomas Safford, 1656 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 32; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 131; *Place-Names of Oxon* 2, pp. 373–4; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 295; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 220.

### Saliba

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Arabic: from the Arabic Christian name *ṣālib* 'cross', corresponding to Greek *Stavros* (see **Stavrou**).

### Salih

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1519, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Saleh**.

### Salim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1773, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim: see **Saleem**.

### Salingar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Saint Ledger**.

### Salinger

**Variants:** **Salingar, Selinger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Norman, English, Irish: see **Saint Ledger**.

**Further information:** This surname is common in Ireland.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from a germanized form of the personal name *Salomon* (see **Salamon**).

**Early bearers:** Morris Salinger, trimming manufacturer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); Joseph Salinger, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Gustave Salinger, indigo merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Louis Sallinger, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Deptford, Kent); Morris Salinger, born in Poseu [?], in *Census 1881*

(Paddington, Middx); Isidor Salinger, traveller, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Rudolph Salinger, hairdresser, born in Prussia, in *Census 1891* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Salinger, hairdresser and fishing tackle maker, born in Berlin, in *Census 1901* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Marks Salinger, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx); Solomon Salingar, Samuel Salinger, both born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Salisbury

**Variants:** **Salsbury, Salusbury, Sailsbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4764, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2928
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Westmeath

English: locative name primarily from Salesbury in Blackburn (Lancs), but also occasionally from Salisbury (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William de Salesberie, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Bernard de Salesbiry, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Keteren Salisbury, 1551 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); William Salisbury, 1554 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Margere Salisbury, 1563 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); William Salisbury, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Dorothea Salisbury, 1575 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 70; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 18–19.

### Salkeld

**Variants:** **Salkield, Salkild, Salkilld, Sawkill, Sokell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1029, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Westm, Cumb, and Durham

English: locative name from Salkeld (Cumb).

**Further information:** the surname has been present (though never common) in Ireland for centuries.

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Salkil, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas de Salkild, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Margaret Salkeld, 1538 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Johis Salkeld, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Jane Salkeld, 1613 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Thomas Salkeld, 1613 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); Ffrancis Salkeld, 1703 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 405; *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, pp. 236–7; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 524.

### Salkield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Salkeld**.

### Salkild

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Salkeld**.

### Salkilld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Salkeld**.

### Salkin

**Variants:** **Salkind, Sawkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

## Salkind

English: relationship name from a pet form (with the Middle English diminutive suffix *-kin*) of a personal name, possibly **Saul**, but more probably *Salomon* (see **Salamon**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Salkyn Eldefeld, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Robert Salekyn, 1255 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William Salekyn, 1307 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Kent); John Saukyn, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); William Salkin, 1562 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Margaret Salkin, 1570 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); John Salkin, 1853 in *IGI* (Heywood, Lancs).

### Salkind

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Salkin** with excrescent *-d*.

### Sall

Variants: **Saul**, **Shall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs; Norfolk

1 English: locative name from **Salle** (Norfolk) or **Saul** (Gloucs), both originally named with Old English *salh* 'willow' + *leah* 'wood, clearing', but at some point losing the final syllable. Compare **Sawley**.

**Early bearers:** Warin de Salle, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Nicholas de Salle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saul, Gloucs); Bartholomeus de Salle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Robertus de Sall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Thomas Saule, 1553 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Johana Sall, 1607 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: post-medieval variant of **Sale**.

**Early bearers:** Joyse Sale, 1603, Wallax Sall, 1575 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sall(e)*, perhaps a pet form of *Salaman* (see **Salamon**).

**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Salle, 1308 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Norfolk); Johan Sall, 1561 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Agnes Sall, 1562 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Wallax Sall, 1575 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Raphe Sall, 1592 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Jane Sall, 1595 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

### Sallabank

Variants: **Sallabanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from one or more unidentified place-names, one apparently in Yorks, perhaps meaning 'bank where willow trees grew'. It is not certain whether the early Yorks records and the E Anglian ones are connected.

**Early bearers:** William de Sailbank, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorkshire); Ric. Sailbank, 1561, Margareta Sailbanke, 1576 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); James Sallowbank, 1719, Daniel Sallowbanks, 1722 in *IGI* (Yaxley, Hunts); Wm. Sallabank, 1759 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Jane Sallybanks, 1785 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Philip Sallabank, 1825 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk); Joseph Sallabank, 1879 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Sallabanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Sallabank** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Salloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

English: see **Selway**.

### Salles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Sallis**.

### Salley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts

English, Irish: see **Sally**.

### Sallis

Variants: **Salliss**, **Salles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 839, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; Cambs; Notts

1 English: variant of **Sale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*; compare **Sales**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Sallis, 1625 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Thomas Sallis, 1638 in *IGI* (Long Compton, Warwicks); Edward Sallis, 1734 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); John Salliss, 1773 in *IGI* (Childs Wickham, Gloucs).

2 English: probably variant of **Sallows**, but see also **Sales** and **Seales**.

**Early bearers:** Thom. Sallis, 1641 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Elizabeth Sallis, 1695 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); William Sallis, 1793 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Salliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Sallis**.

### Salloo

Variants: **Sallu**, **Saloo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; in the main usually Indian in the broadest sense.

### Salloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Selway**.

### Sallows

Variants: **Sallis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: locative name from Middle English *salwe* 'sallow, willow' (Old English *s(e)alh*) with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Sale**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Sallowe, 1254 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robert ate Salwe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Salowes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Sevelos, 1558, Robert Selowes, 1566, John Sellowes, 1596 in *Buxhall History* (Suffolk); John Sallows, 1568 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk); Marie Sallowes, 1631 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

### Sallu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Salloo**.

### Sally

Variants: **Salley**, **Solly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Armagh

Irish: from **Mac Soilligh** 'son of *Soilleach*', a personal name possibly based on *soilghe* 'ease, agreeableness'.

**Early bearers:** M. Soilligh, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumbristan, Monaghan); James Salley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Trough, Monaghan); Honora Sally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Abbeyshrule, Longford).

### Salman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cambs

1 English, Jewish: see **Salmon**.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Barnet Salmon, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Lazarus Salmon, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Benjamin Salmon, peddler in sponge, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs).

other: Johanis. Salman, 1541 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Margreta Salman, 1545 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Richard Salman, 1555 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Thomas Salman, 1572 in *IGI* (Shudy Camps, Cambs); Barthollmewe Salman, 1578 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Andrew Salman, 1632 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *salmān* 'safe'.

**Further information:** Salmān al-Farsi was one of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad. This name is widespread throughout the Muslim world. Compare **Sulaiman**, from the same Arabic root.

### Salmen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Salmon**.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Samuel Salmen, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

other: Agnis Salmen, 1675 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Salmen, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Mary Salmen, 1805 in *IGI* (Stowmarket, Suffolk); Thomas Salmen, 1818 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Thomas George Salmen, 1826 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).



## Salmon

**Variants:** Salmond, Salman, Salmen, Samman, Sammon, Solman, Salmons, Sammons, Sammonds, Salaman, Salamon, Solomon, Soloman, Soloman, Solomons, Salomons, Salamons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9127, Ireland 511
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6802
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London and SE England; Lancs and W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Laois

1 English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name from the Old Testament personal name *Sal(o)mon*, *Solomon*, the Latin (Vulgate Bible) forms of Hebrew *Shelomoh* ('the peaceful'), This was the name of the biblical King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba (1 Chronicles, 22: 4–9). In Old French and Middle English it also commonly appears as *Salmon*, *Salemon*, *Saumon*, *Salman*, *Saleman*, and *Sauman*. The King James Bible of 1611 calls him *Solomon*, which is why this is the standard form of the name in modern English, but spellings with *Sal-* were more usual across medieval and post-medieval Christian Europe, the 1534 Lutheran Bible rendering it as *Salomo* and the 1560 Geneva Bible as *Salomon*. From the 7th century *Salomon* is recorded as a Christian given name in France, where it was the name of several saints including a Breton king martyred in 874. The Normans introduced it to England, and it was current as a given name there until at least the end of the 14th century. The derived surname is found throughout 13th- and 14th-century England, mostly in the spellings *Saleman* and *Salman*, which eventually became regularized as *Salmon*. A similar surname arose in continental countries such as France, Germany, and the Netherlands. *Salomon* was reinforced in England by the arrival of Huguenot migrants in the 17th century. *Sal-* forms of the surname were also taken up by continental Jewish families, many of whom later migrated with this name to England. A number of English and Anglo-Jewish families also adopted the form *Solomon*. Some examples of *Salmon* listed below may alternatively belong with (2). (ii) nickname occasionally perhaps for someone 'as wise as Solomon'. Compare Willelmus dicitur Salamon, 1287 in *London Husting Wills*, and Chaucre's *Canon's Yeoman's Tale*, G. 960–1: 'And whan we been togidres euerichoon, Euery man semeth a Salomon'. King Solomon was famed for his wisdom.

**Further information:** The suggestion in *Titford* that the surname may sometimes have been given to someone who played the part of King Solomon in a medieval play or pageant is theoretically possible but lacks evidence.

**Early bearers:** given names: Salomon, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Salamon clericus, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Salomon (a chaplain), 1159 in *Lawrie, Annals* (Roxburgh); Salomon (a monk), 1185–1215 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Salomon de Roucestre, 1275 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Solyeman Fletcher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Salaman atte Regge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Salamon Hobleby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Salman Salman, 1382, Salamon Salmon, 1394 in *London Pleas*.

surnames, London, Essex, E Anglia: Geoffrey Saleman, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Suffolk); Richard Salman, Salamon, 1301 in *London Court Rolls*; John Saleman, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Elys

Saleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leigh, Essex); Rogerus Salmon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Waltham Cross, Essex); Johannes Solomyn, 1377, Johannes Soloman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Heddingham, Essex); William Salman', 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Christopher Salmon, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); An Salmon, 1542 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Thomas Salmon, 1562 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex).

surnames, S England: Lambert Saumon, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); William Saleman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Salamon, Salomon, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard Saleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Otterbourne, Hants); Willelmus Salmon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hever, Kent); William Solomon', 1459 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunton, Kent); Francesca Salmon, 1538 in *IGI* (Wouldham, Kent); Edward Salmon, 1563 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex).

surnames, SW England: Roberto Saleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charminster, Dorset); Thomas and Walter Saleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverston, Gloucs); Adam Saloman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horton, Gloucs); John Saleman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thorncombe, Devon); Benedictus Salman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lanteglos, Cornwall); Oto Salman, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Trevaskis, in Gwinear, Cornwall); Richard Salmon, 1575 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Salmon, 1614 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall).

surnames, Midlands: Gislebertus filius Salamonis, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Roger Salmon, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Robert Salemon', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Adam Sauman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Petr' fil' Salamon de Whitewell', 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Whitwell, Derbys); William Saleman, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Braughing, Herts); Radulfo Saleman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maldon, Beds); John Salman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Everton Longueville, Hunts); Robert Salman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moulton, Lincs); Thomas Salmon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Willelmus Solmin, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Willelmo Salman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rolleston, Leics); Willelmus Salman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bulkington, Warwicks); Thomas Sallyman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Johannes Salmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Fraunces Salmon, 1552 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Willi. Salmon, 1556 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Robert Salmon, 1561 in *Tooth* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Elizabeth Salmon, 1562 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Tho. Salmon, 1565 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Richard Salmon, 1570 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Rousell Salmon, 1589 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs).

surnames, N England: Hugo filius Salman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Saleman, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holme, WR Yorks); Germano Salman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barton le Street, NR Yorks); Ricardus Salman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Smeaton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Salmon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks); Johanne Salmon, 1567 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Edward Salmon, 1567 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Richard Salmone, 1602 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); Susan Salmon, 1663 in *IGI* (Marsden, Lancs).

surnames, Scotland: Rankinus Salmone, 1504 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Glasgow); Walter Salmon, 1665 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); James Salmon, 1665 in *IGI* (Cargill, Perth); John Salmon, 1676 in *IGI* (Bonhill, Dunbartons); Mathew Salmon, 1685 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexander Salmon, 1702 in *IGI* (Dirleton, E Lothian); William Salmon, 1725 in *IGI* (Slains,

Aberdeens); Peter Salmon, 1739 in *IGI* (Inverkeillor, Angus).

surnames, Jewish: Harry Salmon, 1856 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London); Adrian Salmon, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End New Town, London); Samuel Salmon, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Levi Salmon in *Census 1911* (Notts).

**References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 2, p. 101.

2 English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French, Middle English *salmon*, *saumo(u)n*, *saumon*, *samoun* 'salmon', no doubt given to someone who caught, sold, or ate the fish. Surnames derived from terms denoting fish are not uncommon, including **Bass**, **Gudgeon**, **Herring**, **Tench**, and **Trout**.

Some examples of *Salmon* listed in (1) may also belong here.

**Early bearers:** Walter Saumon of Widmerpool, before 1272 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Sammoun, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johanne Saumon, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brompton, Northallerton, NR Yorks); William Saumon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Ric'o Samon, 1327, Ric' Saumon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Samoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toseland, Hunts).

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Bradáin 'descendant of Bradán', a personal name probably derived from *bradach* 'spirited', but written the same as an Irish word meaning 'salmon'. This name is also sometimes translated into English as **Fisher**.

**Early bearers:** John Salmon, born in Limerick, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, London); Michael Salmon, born in Mayo, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Salmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 623
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland: esp. Angus, Fife

Scottish, English: variant of **Salmon** with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Sawmond, 1494 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; James Salmond, 1546 in *Holyrood Register*; Johne Salmond, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Johnne Salmond, 1590 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Robert Salmond, 1619 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Salmond, 1679 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus).

England: Felicia Salemond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birdbrook, Essex); Johannes Salemond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ridgewell, Essex); Willelmus Salmund, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Thomas Samond, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Salmond, 1566 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

## Salmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Essex

English: variant of **Salmon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Salmons, 1725 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex); Jno. Salmons, 1735 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Richard Salmons, 1735 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs).

## Salomon

### Salomon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic), English, Huguenot: see **Salmon** (1).

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Jacob Salomon, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Samuel Salomon, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

Huguenot: Ester Salomon, 1631 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Isaac Salomon, 1677 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

other: Helena Salomon, 1553 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Pers Salomon, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Mabell Salomon, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); Dorothe Salomon, 1608 in *IGI* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk).

### Salomons

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Salomon** (see **Salmon**) with genitival -s.

**Early bearers:** Israel Levin Salomons, 1766 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Joseph Salomons, 1802 in *IGI* (Bayswater, Middx); Barent Salomons, 1811 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Moses Salomons, born in foreign parts, in *Census 1841* (Chorlton Upon Medlock, Manchester, Lancs); Barend Salomons, born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, London).

### Saloo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Salloo**.

### Salsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 477
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central England: esp. Worcs

English: see **Salisbury**.

### Salt

Variants: **Sault**, **Solt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5294, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4423
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 English: locative name from Salt (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Salt, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Saut, 1203 in *Pleas* (Staffs); Hugh de Salt, 1332–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Salt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Salte, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Hamstall Ridware, Staffs); John Sault, 1568 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Richard Salte, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Christchurch, City of London); Thomas Salt, 1601 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouche, Leics); Ann Sault, 1754 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 473.

2 English: nickname possibly from Middle English *salt* 'salt', perhaps for a producer or seller of salt (compare **Salter**), but evidence is lacking. The early bearer below may alternatively belong under (1) or may be a scribal error for *Salter*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Salt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chatteris, Cambs).

### Salter

Variants: **Saulter**, **Sauter**, **Sautter**, **Sawter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8307, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6803
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Carlow

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *salter(e)* 'producer or seller of salt'. See also **Saltman**. Some later bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Salter, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Philip le Salter, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Thomas le Selter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joan Salter, 1538 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Wyllm Salter, 1539 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Jenet Salter, 1541 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Petri Salter, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edmonde Salter, 1544 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); William Sauter, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Nicholas Saulter, 1578 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *sautreour* 'minstrel, player of the psaltery (a stringed musical instrument)' (from Old French *sautere* 'psaltery'). Compare **Rutter**. It might in theory also be from Middle English *\*sauter(e)* 'leaper, dancer', but there is no clinching evidence for this unattested word.

**Early bearers:** John le Sautreour, 1276 in *London Letter Books B*; William le Saltere, le Salterer, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William le Sautreour, minstrel to the Lady Margaret, Queen of England, 1304 in *London Letter Books C*.

### Saltern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from Middle English *salterne* 'building where salt is made, stored, or sold' (Old English *sealt-ærn*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived or worked in such a building, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Budleigh Salterton (Devon), which was recorded as *Salterne* in 1405. Compare **Salthouse**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Salterne, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Saltern, Stevyn Saltern, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 583.

### Salters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Salthouse**. Compare the originally Lancs name **Duckhouse** and its variant *Duckers*.

### Salthouse

Variants: **Salters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *salt-hous* 'building where salt is made, stored, or sold'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who

lived or worked in such a building, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Salthouse in Dalton (Lancs), Salthouse in Millom (Cumb), and Salthouse (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Salthus, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Saltos, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Janet Saltehowsse, 1562, William Saltus, 1662 in *Lancs Wills*.

### Saltman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *salt* 'salt' + *-man*, for a producer or seller of salt. See also **Salter**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Saltman, 1315 in *Norwich Deeds*; John Saltman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Saltman, 1566 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Thomas Saltman, 1586 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); William Saltman, 1643 in *IGI* (Wragby, Lincs); Jane Saltman, 1698 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Saltman, 1802 in *IGI* (Leathley, WR Yorks).

### Saltmarsh

Variants: **Saltmarshe**, **Saltmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: locative name from Middle English *salt-mareis* 'salt-marsh'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a salt-marsh, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Saltmarshe (ER Yorks; Herefs), Saltmarsh in Henbury (Gloucs), or Salt Marsh in Hailsham (Sussex).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Saltemers, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Geoffrey de Saltmarais, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Saltemerhs, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Saltmarsch, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* Yorks.

### Saltmarshe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Saltmarsh**.

### Saltmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Saltmarsh**.

### Salton

Variants: **Saltoun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks; Midlothian and Lanarks

English, Scottish: locative name from Salton (NR Yorks) or Saltoun (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Saleton, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Saulton, 1357 in *Black* (W Lothian); John Saulton, 1536 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, West Lothian).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 57.

**Saltonstall**Variants: **Sattenstall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Saltonstall in Warley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Saltonstal, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Saltonstall, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Rici. Saltonstall, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 125.

**Saltoun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; NR Yorks
- Scottish, English: see **Salton**.

**Saltwell**Variants: **Sortwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained; apparently a topographical name from an English place-name, but no candidate has been found.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Saltwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunton, Beds); Alice Saltwell, 1571 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Abigail Sortwell, 1783 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex).

**Salisbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs and Flintshire
- English: see **Salisbury**.

**Salvage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Savage**.

**Salvatore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Salvatore*, meaning ‘Saviour’.

**Salvesen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, Renfrews

Norwegian: relationship name, patronymic from the personal name *Salve* (Old Scandinavian *Salvi*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Salvesen, 1848, Anna Johanne Salvesen, 1850 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Edward Theodore Salvesen, 1857 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

**Salvi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Italian: (i) relationship name, patronymic from the male given name *Salvo* from a short form of the old Italian surname *Diotisalvi* ‘God save you’.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Batista Salvi, 1841 in *IGI* (London); Frank Salvi, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Essex); Peter Salvi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Francesco Salvi, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London); Giuseppe Salvi, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hants).

2 Indian (Maharashtra): Hindu (Maratha), unexplained.

**Salvidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English: see **Savage**.

**Salvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; NR Yorks

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *salvagin* ‘wild, savage’. Thorpe Salvin in WR Yorks was owned by the Selvein or Salvain family from the 12th century to the 14th. A separate family with the same name had property in NR Yorks.

**Further information:** This name may sometimes have been confused with *Selvein* from the Latin personal name *Silvanus*; see **Selwyn** (2).

**Early bearers:** William Salvayn, Salven, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Henricus Selvein, in 1190–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Gerald Salvein, 1239, in *Pontefract Chartulary* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Geoffrey Selvayn, Salvan, Hugo Salveyn, Selveyn, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lincs); Anketin Saluayn 1341 in *Yorks Deeds* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Gerardus Saluayn, 1370–1400 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; William Salvayne, 1440 in *York Registry Wills* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Robert Salvuyne, 1543 in *York Registry Wills* (Averham, Notts); Anne Salvin, 1565 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Robert Salven, 1598 in *York Registry Wills* (Thornaby, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 151.

**Salway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Selway**.

**Salwey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Herefs; Herts
- English: see **Selway**.

**Sam**

Variants: **Shen, Sum, Shum, Sim, Sun, Sung, Sham, Sheen, Ching, Cheng, Chun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 沈 (**Shen** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sim** in Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese romanization): (i) from *Shen* (沈), the name of an ancient state (possibly located in present-day Shanxi province) prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Shen* (沈), the name of a fief (located in Pingyu in present-day Henan province) granted to Ji Zai, also

known as Dan Shu, the tenth son of the king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Cai in 506 BC, people kept the name of the fiefdom as their surname. (iii) from *Shen Lu* (沈鹿), the name of a fief (located in Hubei province) granted to Zhen, son of the king Chu Zhuang Wang (died 591 BC). His descendants adopted part of the name of the fiefdom, 沈, as their surname.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 岑 (**Cen** or **Tsen** in Mandarin romanization), referring to ‘small high hills’ or ‘precipice’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Cen* (岑), the name of a fief (located in Hancheng in present-day Shaanxi province), which was granted to Qu, nephew of the king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC), by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). (ii) for some families, this surname can be traced back to one of the minority ethnic groups in ancient Southern China.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 譚, see **Chen** (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 孫, see **Sun** (1).

5 English: see **Samme**.

**Samad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *šamaḍ* ‘everlasting’.

**Further information:** *Aṣ-šamaḍ* ‘the Everlasting’ is an epithet of Allah. It is also found in the combination ‘*Abdus-šamaḍ*’ ‘servant of the Lord’.

**Samani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Sam-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

**Sambell**Variants: **Sambells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English, Cornish: variant of **Samuel** with an intrusive /b/, though *Samuel* is absent as a given name in medieval records from Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** Roger, John Sambill, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Landrake parish); Emanuel Samble, 1573, Sedwilla Sambell, 1575, Gregorii Samuel, 1655, Grigory Sammell, 1665 in *IGI* (Lanulph, Cornwall); Elizabeth Samble, 1612, John Samuell, 1710 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall).

**Sambells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of *Sambell*, itself a variant of **Samuel**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Samber

### Samber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Simper**.

### Sambhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Samborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Sambourne**.

### Sambourne

Variants: **Samborne**, **Sanborn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; WR Yorks

English: locative name, probably from Sambourne in Warminster (Wilts), but perhaps also from Sambourne (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Sambourne, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Peter de Samborne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Samborne, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); John Sambourne, 1594 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Thomas Sambourne, 1634 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); James Sambourne, 1655 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); Anne Sambourn, 1705 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Ann Sanborn, 1765 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 221–2; *Place-Names of Wilts* pp. 62, 159.

### Sambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northumb

English: locative name possibly from Salmons Bridge in Tillington (Sussex).

**Further information:** It is possible that most modern bearers represent the well-evidenced *Sambidge*, a locative name from Sandbach (Cheshire), recorded as *Sambage* in 1474, which is now rare. See **Sandbach**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Samebrugg, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Matilda atte Samesbrugg, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 177; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 123.

### Sambrook

Variants: **Sambrooke**, **Sandbrook**, **Sambrooks**, **Sanbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1140, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 614
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: locative name from Sambrook (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Sambrok, 1258 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Elizabeth Sambrook, 1602 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); Anne Sambrook, 1638 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Humphridi Sambrook, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Samuell Sambrook, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Jeoffery Sambrook, 1690 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 257.

### Sambrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Sambrook**.

### Sambrooks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: variant of **Sambrook** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Sams**.

### Samford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Sampford**.

### Sami

Variants: **Swamy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *samī* ‘hearing, listening’, or on *sāmī* ‘august’. As-Samī ‘the All-Hearing’ is an attribute of Allah. It is also found in the combination ‘*Abd al-Samī*’ ‘servant of the All-Hearing’.

2 Indian (Karnataka): Hindu, from Sanskrit *svāmi* ‘lord, master’. It also refers to a learned Brahman or religious man.

**Further information:** As a personal name, it appears to have evolved from use as the final element in compound personal names such as *Ramaswamy* ‘lord Rama’ and *Krishnaswamy* ‘lord Krishna’. It is found only as a given name in India but has come to be used as a family name in the West.

### Samji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Samm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Samme**.

### Samman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, Oxon
- English: see **Salmon**.

**Early bearers:** Harry Samman, 1587 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Samman, 1601 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Johes. Samman, 1606 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robart Samman, 1618 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Samman, 1630 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Elizabeth Samman, 1788 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); Alban Samman, 1844 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon).

### Samme

Variants: **Samm**, **Sam**, **Sams**, **Sum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Samson* (see **Sampson**). See also **Sampe**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Samme Fullon, about 1260, also called Samson Fullon, 1265 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Samme Parvus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Joane Sam, 1543 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Emma Sam, 1563 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks); Thomas Sam, 1571 in *IGI* (Pirton, Herts); Annie Samb, 1573 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Hanna Samm, 1630 in *IGI* (Ippollitts, Herts).

### Sammes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Sams**.

### Sammon

Variants: **Sammonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 510
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English, Irish: see **Sammon**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Sammon, 1562 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); John Sammon, 1563 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Henry Sammon, 1564 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Elena Sammon, 1568 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Margery Sammon, 1577 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Rychard Sammon, 1586 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Joane Sammon, 1608 in *IGI* (Harpندن, Herts); Henry Sammon, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ellen Sammon, 1750 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Sammon, born in Mayo (Ireland), in *Census 1881* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); James Sammon, born in Sligo (Ireland), in *Census 1881* (Great Bolton, Lancs).

### Sammonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Essex

English: variant of **Sammon** (see **Salmon**) with excrescent *-d* and *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joane Sammonds, 1630 in *IGI* (Weybridge, Surrey); Jane Sammonds, 1715 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Sammonds, 1810 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

### Sammons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 459
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Oxon

English: variant of **Sammon** (see **Salmon**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Sammons, 1708 in *IGI* (Bearley, Warwicks); Richard Sammons, 1761 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Robert Sammons, 1774 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Samms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 103
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Sams**.

Further information: The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

### Sammut

- Current frequencies: GB 474, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Maltese: from a personal name or nickname based on Arabic *ṣamūt* ‘silent, taciturn’.

References: *Cassar*.

### Sampat

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from Sanskrit *sampat* ‘wealth’.

### Sampe

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Samson* (see **Sampson**).

Early bearers: Huelin Sampe, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Hugelin Sampe, 1299 in *London Court Rolls*; Susanna Sampe, 1849 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Wilhelmine Louise Sampe, 1859 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Samper

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11

English: see **Simper**.

### Sampey

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs and Leics

English: of uncertain origin; possibly a variant of **Simper**.

Early bearers: John Sampie, 1584 in *IGI* (Winkburn, Notts); John Sampye, 1591 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts); Hellen Sampey, 1602 in *IGI* (Kingerby, Lincs).

### Sampford

Variants: **Samford**

- Current frequencies: GB 145, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 115
- Main GB location 1881: Herts and Essex

English: from Great or Little Sampford (Essex); compare **Sandford**.

### Sample

- Current frequencies: GB 772, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 470
- Main GB location 1881: NE England

English: see **Simple**.

### Samples

- Current frequencies: GB 183, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Notts

English: variant of **Simple** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

### Sampson

Variants: **Samson**, **Samsin**, **Sanson**, **Sansom**, **Sansome**, **Sansum**, **Sansam**

- Current frequencies: GB 7354, Ireland 234

- GB frequency 1881: 5082
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Devon and Cornwall
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Derry; Galway
- 1 Welsh: relationship name, nickname from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Sam(p)son*, *Sansom(e)*, a borrowing of the Biblical name *Samson* (Hebrew *Shimshon*). Among Christians it was sometimes chosen as a personal name or nickname with reference to the great strength of the Biblical hero (Judges 13–16). In Wales another association was with the 6th-century Welsh bishop Samson, who travelled to Brittany, where he died and was greatly venerated. His name, which is probably an altered form of an unknown Celtic original, was popularized in England by Breton followers of William the Conqueror, and to some extent independently from Wales. Some of the surname early bearers below may alternatively belong with (2).

Further information: This English name has been recorded in Ireland since the 14th century.

Early bearers: given names, England: Sanson, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Samson, Sansone, Sampson Takel(l), 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Samson Cornuwalla, about 1170 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Sampson, son of William de Crikkesse, 1244–59 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Essex).

given names, Scotland: Samson, bishop of Dunkeld, about 1150–78 in *Black*.

surnames, England: Hugo Samson, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Philip Sampson, 1192 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lincs); Hemicus Samsun, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); William Sansum, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henricus Sampson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Okehampton, Devon); Marget Sansom, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Juliana Sampson, 1539 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Cutbert Sampson, 1548 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Christopher Sampson, 1582 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

surnames, Scotland: Laurence Samson, 1513 in *Black* (Lanarks).

2 Norman, English: locative name from any of the French places named Saint-Samson, including Saint-Samson (Seine-Maritime, Calvados), Saint-Samson-de-Bonfosse (Manche), and Saint-Samson-de-la-Roque (Eure).

Early bearers: Albert de Samsona, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Camps); Ralph de Sancto Samsone, 1087 in *Canterbury Inquisition* (Kent).

### Samra

- Current frequencies: GB 1243, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, derived from the name of a Jat tribe.

### Samrai

- Current frequencies: GB 219, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Sams

Variants: **Sames**, **Samms**, **Sammes**

- Current frequencies: GB 1226, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 651
- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Essex; Somerset

English: variant of **Samme** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

Early bearers: Richard Sammys, 1458 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Henrye Sams, 1573 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Margaret Sammes, 1591 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Debora Sames, 1597 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex).

### Samsin

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Sampson**.

### Samson

- Current frequencies: GB 2540, Ireland 45
  - GB frequency 1881: 2073
  - Main GB location 1881: Ayr; Angus; Kent
- English: see **Sampson**.

### Samter

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Santer**.

### Samuda

- Current frequencies: GB 165, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: London

Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): unexplained; said to be of Hebrew origin.

Further information: The name seems to have been brought to England by the scientist and physician Isaac de Sequeyra Samuda in the 1720s.

Early bearers: Isaac de Sequeyra Samuda, 1728 in *Bevis Marks Records*; Frances Samuda, 1799 in *IGI* (London); Esther Samuda, 1807 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Abraham Samuel Samuda, colonial produce broker, born in Middx, in *Census 1851* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Altura Samuda, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Guildford, Surrey); Luisa Samuda, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Lambeth, Surrey); Cecil D’Aguilar Samuda, 1877 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Abigail Rebecca Samuda, born in Whitechapel, Middx, in *Census 1901* (Hampstead, Middxx); Gabrielle Samuda, born in Algiers, in *Census 1901*, Hampstead, Middx.

References: Rubinstein, William D., Michael Jolles, and Hilary L. Rubinstein (eds), *The Palgrave Dictionary of Anglo-Jewish History*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (2011), p. 849.

### Samuel

Variants: **Samuels**, **Samwell**, **Sambell**, **Sambells**

- Current frequencies: GB 6111, Ireland 84
- GB frequency 1881: 3480
- Main GB location 1881: Glamorgan and Carmarthens; also Beds; Essex; Lanarks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh

English, Scottish, Welsh, Jewish: relationship name from the Middle English and Modern English personal name *Samuel*, adopted from the Old Testament name *Samuel* (Hebrew *Shemuel*). The medieval surname survives in small numbers in many English counties in 1881, but the heavy concentration in S Wales represents fresh surname creation in the 17th–19th centuries, when Old Testament names were especially popular in non-conformist communities.

Further information: The 1270 and 1317 English bearers are linked respectively to Samuel’s Farm

## Samuels

(Southchurch) and Samuel's Corner (Great Wakering) in *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 201, 204.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Samuel, 1170–1200 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Samuel, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Samuelis Gille, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Samuel Skylmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk). surnames, England: Adolfus Samuel, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John Samuel, 1270 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Samwel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Samuel, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Samwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Samuel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Samwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Foxham, Wilts); Walterus Samuel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset); Ricardus Samuell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Ricardo Samwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Samwell, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Elezabete Samwell, 1544 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Henry Samuell, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Robertus Samwell, 1567 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Davidis Samuel, 1571 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); John Samuel, 1573 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Thomas Samuel, 1606 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Susan Samwell, 1612 in *IGI* (Billington, Beds); Elizabeth Samuel, 1614 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); James Samwel, 1720 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). surnames, Scotland: Bessie Samuel, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Samuel, 1709 in *IGI* (Avondale, Lanarks). surnames, Wales: Johnes Samuel, 1618 in *IGI* (Kerry, Montgomerys); Tho. Samuel, 1628 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Edward Samuel, 1684 in *BMD* (Llanynys, Denbighs); David Samuel, 1766 in *BMD* (Llanfihangle Genau'r Glyn, Cardigans); Daniel Samuel, coal miner, born in Glamorgan, in *Census 1861* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); David Samuel, iron stone miner, born in Llanelly, in *Census 1871* (Bedwellty, Monmouths); Rees Samuel, coal miner, in *Census 1881* (Llangunider, Brecknocks); Evan Samuel, coal miner, in *Census 1881* (Llanelly, Carmarthens); Gwilym Samuel, born in Carmarthens, in *Census 1891* (Llanelly, Carmarthens); Idris Ivor Samuel, teacher, born in Morganstown, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan). surnames, Jewish: Aaron Samuel, cigar maker, born in Whitechapel, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx); Hyam Samuel, general dealer, born in Algate, in *Census 1871* (Aldate, London); Moss Samuel, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Philip Samuel, pawnbroker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Bedwellty, Monmouths); Abraham Samuel, slipper maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jacob Samuel, synagogue leader, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Lipman Samuel, cooper's manager, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Samuels

Variants: **Samwells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4523, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1264
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Samuel** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Albert Samuels, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Lamberton, Devon); Thomas Samwells, 1654 in

*Parish Registers* (Penton Mewsey, Hants); Fayth Samuells, 1664 *Parish Registers* (Forden, Montgomerys); Maria Samuels, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Holywell, Flints); Charity Samuells, 1751 in *IGI* (Shevioc, Cornwall); Fanny Samwells, 1847 in *IGI* (Dawley Parva, Shrops).

## Samuelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the personal name *Samuel* + *-son*, sometimes probably English, sometimes certainly a German or Yiddish formation.

**Further information:** The will of Erick Samuelson Root was proved in 1697; he was a Norwegian ship's cook (*PROB 11*).

**Early bearers:** Elizabetha Samuelson, 1597 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Abraham Samuelson, 1786 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Franz Adolph Samuelson, 1875 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Samway

Variants: **Samways**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- 1 English: variant of **Samways** with hypercorrect loss of final *-s* taken as an excrescent or plural form.  
2 English: locative name from an unidentified place, possibly in or near Dorset.

**Further information:** It is not possible to say for certain whether this name has survived, confused with (1).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Sandwey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gillingham manor, Dorset); Richardus Sanway, 1626 in *IGI* (Beamminster, Dorset).

## Samways

Variants: **Samway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1372, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 859
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: nickname from Middle English *sam-wis(e)* 'dull, foolish' (Old English *sāmwīs*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Samwis, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Northants); John Samwaye, 1509–46, John Samwise, 1570 in *Place-Names of Wilts*; John Samwise, 1562, John Samwayes, 1563 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Martha Samwaies, 1585 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Samways, 1600 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Robert Samway, 1607 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); Henry Samwys, 1610 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Thomas Samways, 1640, John Samway, 1787 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset); Charles Samways Or Zamis, 1714 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon) .

## Samwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- English: see **Samuel**.

## Samwells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Beds, and Middx
- English: see **Samuels**.

## Samworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from one of the places called *Sandford*, for example in Oxon. Compare Roger Sandeforth or Sandford, 1514 in *PROB 11* (Stalbridge, Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Cristian Samforth, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Samworth, 1627 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Richard Samworth, 1633 in *IGI* (Yelden, Beds).

## San

Variants: **Sanne, Sans, Sun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 申, see **Shen** (1).  
2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 辛, see **Shin** (1).  
3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 山, see **Shan** (3).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 洗 and 冼, see **Sin** (1).  
5 English: relationship name; this is also found, though comparatively rarely, as an English name. It may be from a diminutive of the Middle English personal name *Sanson* (see **Sampson**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Eynon, son of Sanne, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: Marke San, 1560 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex); Richarde Sann, 1599 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Marye Sanne, 1616 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); George San, 1625 in *IGI* (Harefield, London); Oliver Sann, 1701 in *IGI* (Exton, Rutland); Charles Sanne, 1808 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

## Sanborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sambourne**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Sanbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Sambrook**.

## Sanby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Saubny**.

## Sanchez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1909, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Spanish: relationship name (**Sánchez**), patronymic from the personal name *Sancho*, a popular medieval name probably derived from *Sanc(t)ius*, a form of Latin *sanctus* 'holy'. See also **Sanz**.

## Sancto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Latin *sanctus* 'holy, sainted', denoting a pious person. Compare **Saint**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Sancto, 1572 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Anne Sancto, 1727 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Sanctuary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Santry**.

### Sand

**Variants:** Saund, Sond, Sound, Sands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: locative name from Middle English *sand*, *sond*, for someone who lived at or near a sandy place, or for someone from a place so named, such as Send (Surrey) or Sound (Cheshire). See **Sands**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Sonde, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Andrew atte Sonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginald del Sond, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Suffolk); [ . . . ] del Sande, 1324 in *Lancs Inquests*; [ . . . ] del Sonde, 1325–6 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lonsdale Hundred, Lancs); Ricardus atte Sonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashurst, Sussex); Johanna Sonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Robertus Sonde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Creech, Dorset); Roberto Sende, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Johannes Saunde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witherington, Wilts); Edward Sand, 1564 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); John Sand, 1569 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Alexander Sand, 1575 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks); Johannis Sand, 1579 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Rogerus Sand, 1587 in *IGI* (Yelling, Hunts).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*. p. 203; *Ekwall, DEPN*, at *Sound*.

### Sandal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk
- English: see **Sandall**.

### Sandall

**Variants:** Sandal, Sandle, Sandalls, Sandell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 581
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk; W Midlands; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sandolf* (Old Scandinavian \**Sandúlfr*). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (3) or (4). The names have probably been confused.

**Early bearers:** given names: Saundulfus, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames, W England: Rogerus filius Sandolf, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Ricardus Sandulf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); John Sandle, 1547 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Fraunces Sandell, 1575 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Fraunces Sandell, 1595, Thomas Sandale, 1606 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); An Sandle, 1600 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Richard Sandall, 1606, Richard Sandle, 1608 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); William Sandel, 1709 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts).

surnames, E England: Thomas Sandolf, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Sandulf, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lindsell, Essex); Edmund Sandill, 1574, Humfrey Sandell, 1583 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Henry Sandall, 1618 in *IGI* (West Winch, Norfolk); Mary Sandall, 1625 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); John Sandel, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Robert Sandall, 1551 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Richard Sandell, 1595 in *IGI* (Whaplode Drove, Lincs); Henry Sandalle, 1617 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Richard Sandle, 1619 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); Stephen Sandle, 1636 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Robert Sandel, 1663, Robert Sandel, 1686 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Sandal Magna or Kirk Sandall (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Sandal, 1188 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Adam de Sandale, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); John de Sandale, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Arksey, WR Yorks); Johannes de Sandal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Sandale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Thomas de Sandall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanna de Sandall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Gilbertus de Sandall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Johannes de Sandall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Myddleton with Arbury, Lancs); John Sandall, 1453 in *York Registry Wills* (York); Edward Sandall, 1583 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Ellen Sandall, 1616 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 21–2; 2, p. 107; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

3 English: see **Sandell**.

4 English: variant of **Sendall**.

### Sandalls

**Variants:** Sandles, Sandells, Sandels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Gloucs
- 1 English: variant of **Sandell** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Sandals, 1775, Charles Sandles, 1778 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); William Sandalls, 1846 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

2 English: variant of **Sandall** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Fraunces Sandelles, 1561 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Thomas Sandles, 1583 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Henricus Sandles, 1610 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Edward Sandeles, 1624 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Eliz. Sandils, 1682 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Robertus Sandals, 1685 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); William Sandals, 1704, John Sandalls, 1707 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Mary Sandals, 1749 in *IGI* (Bledington, Gloucs); John Sandles, 1797 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs).

### Sandars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Saunders**.

### Sanday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Sandy**.

### Sandbach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Sandbach (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Richard de Sandebech, 1227, Roger de Sandbach, 1254 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Guilielmus Sandbach, 1620 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Randall Sandbach, 1632 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Guilielmi Sandbach, 1673 in *IGI* (Pillerton Priors, Warwicks); William Sandbach, 1716 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Sarah Sandbach, 1758 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 269.

### Sandberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of various minor places named Sandberg. As a Jewish name it may also be an ornamental adoption, from German *Sand* 'sand' + *Berg* 'mountain'

**Early bearers:** Samuel Sandberg, 1832 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Paul Louis Sandberg, incumbent of Oughty Bridge, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Coventry, Warwicks); Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Sandberg, 1872 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Sandberg, vicar of Langliffe, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Langcliffe, WR Yorks); Albert Sandberg, hotel porter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Julian Sandberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Steyning, Sussex); Morris Sandberg, boot finisher, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Sandberg, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Harris Sandberg, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Grimby, Lincs); Ludwig Sandberg, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Reuben Sandberg, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Jacob Sandberg, drapery merchant, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs).

2 Swedish: ornamental name composed of Swedish *sand* 'sand' + *berg* 'mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jonas F. Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Wisbech, Cambs); John Sandberg, tailor, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Christer Sandberg, civil engineer, born in Sweden, in *Census 1891* (Camberwell, Surrey); Carl Sandberg, teacher, born in Sweden, in *Census 1901* (Oxford, Oxon); Nils Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Christer Peter Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); John Herman Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Frans Sandberg, Johh Walfrid Sandberg, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx); Oscar Sandberg, blacksmith's striker, born in Stockholm, Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

3 Norwegian: locative name from any of three farmsteads named with *sand* 'sand' + *berg* 'mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Petra Sandberg, born in Norway, in *Census 1891* (Cornwall); Hakon Richard Sandberg, mineral merchant, born in Norway, in *Census 1911* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

## Sandbrook

### Sandbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, Shrops; Pembrokes

English: see **Sambrook**.

### Sandcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *sand* 'sand' + *croft* 'croft, small piece of land used for agricultural purposes'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near a sandy croft, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Sandcroft, 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Wm Sandcraft, 1736 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Sarah Sandcraft, 1739 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent).

### Sandeford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: see **Sandford**.

### Sandel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Sandell**.

### Sandell

Variants: **Sandel, Sandle, Sandhill, Sandall, Sandalls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Wilts

1 English: locative name from Middle English *sand* 'sand' + *hil(le), hul(le)* 'hill'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near a sandy hill, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Sandhill, in Worth (Sussex). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** William de Sandhull, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne de Sanhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kington Magna, Dorset); Johanne and Willelmo de Sandhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Silton, Dorset); William atte Sandhille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burleigh, in Worth, Sussex); Ricardus Sandel, 1379, Hugo Sandhull, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johannes de Sandhill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scriven, WR Yorks); Johannes Sandel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kington Magna, Dorset); Johannes Sandhull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Silton, Dorset); Willelmus Sandhill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); William Sandell, 1609, William Sandal, 1611 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Dianna Sandel, 1718 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Thomas Sandhill, 1781, Ann Sandel, 1809 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *sand* 'sand' + *helde, hilde, hulde* 'slope'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near a sandy slope, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Sandhill, in East Grinstead (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de la Sandhelde, 1275 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Sussex); Alexander and William ater Sandhyld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Danehill, near Ruston, Sussex); Walter de Sandhell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Hannah Sandill, 1709 in *IGI* (Ferring, Sussex); Edmond Sandel, 1738 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

3 English: see **Sandall**.

### Sandells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Sussex

English: see **Sandalls**.

### Sandels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Sandalls**.

### Sandeman

Variants: **Sanderman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth; also Sussex, Surrey, and Hants

Scottish, English: (i) occupational name, status name from *Saunder* (a form of the personal name

**Alexander**) + *-man*, denoting a servant of man named *Saunder*. (ii) relationship name, alternatively, from *Saunder* + the hypocoristic suffix *-man*.

**Further information:** Compare Robert Alexsanderman, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David Sandeman, 1628 in *Black* (Perth).

England: John Saundirman, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Richard Sandeman, 1645, and Richard Sandiman, 1674 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Sander

Variants: **Saunder, Saunders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cumb

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Sander*, a pet form of **Alexander**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sandre, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); Sander, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops).

sumames, England: William Sandre, Saundre, 1316–17 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard Saunder, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Sander, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Edward Sander, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Sander, 1539 in *IGI* (Kirby Lonsdale, Westm); Dorothy Sander, 1544 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Margeria Sander, 1544 in *IGI* (Priors Dean, Hants); Agnes Sander, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York).

sumames, Ireland: Henry Saunders, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3400 (Causeston, Meath); Margaret Saunders, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3894.

### Sandercock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 531
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: relationship name from the personal name **Sander** + the Middle English diminutive suffix *-co(c)k*.

**Early bearers:** John Sandircok, William Sandircok, 1425 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Kent).

### Sanderford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Sandford**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sanderford, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Sanderman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Sandeman**.

### Sanders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17359, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13258
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon

English: see **Saunders**.

### Sanderson

Variants: **Saunderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16590, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12247
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Fermanagh and Leitrim

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Sander** (see **Alexander**) + *-son*. Compare **Sandison**.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Saunderson, 1349 in *London Pleas*; Robert Saunderson, 1464 in *Durham Priory Fees*.

Scotland: Johannes Sandrison, 1434 in *Highland Papers* (Kincardines); John Sanderson, 1472 in *Black*; Thomas Sandson, 1491 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Shetland); Thomas Sandersone, 1545 in *Laing Charters* (W Lothian).

### Sandes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Down

English: see **Sands**.

### Sandever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: see **Sandiford**.

### Sandey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon; Norfolk

English: see **Sandy**.

### Sandford

Variants: **Sanford, Sandeford, Sanderford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3072, Ireland 166
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2125



- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Devon and Somerset; Surrey and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; Dublin; Armagh and Down

English: locative name from any of several places called Sandford (Berks, Devon, Dorset, Oxon, Shrops, Westm). See also **Sandiford**.

**Further information:** A Shrops family of this name trace their descent from Thomas de Saundford, a Norman who was granted land at Sandford in Shrops shortly after the Conquest.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Sandforda, 1175, Jordan de Samford', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Bartholomew de Sandford, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Sandford, 1473 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); James Sanford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Sandham

Variants: **Sandom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 862, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 769
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: (i) locative name from Sandholme in Garstang (Lancs), for which there are no early records, or less likely Sandholme (ER Yorks), (ii) locative name from Sandown (IoW), recorded as *Sandome* in 1204.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Sandholme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Robert Sandham, about 1405 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; Thomas Sandam, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Sandham, 1567 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Richard Sandome, 1599, William Sandom, 1601 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Roger Sandham, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Pulborough, Sussex); John Sandhome, 1632, Bartholomew Sandham, 1655 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *IoW Place-Names*, p. 92; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 201, 247.

## Sandhar

Variants: **Sandher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## Sandher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Sandhill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sandell**.

## Sandhu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6745, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, related to the tribal name *Sandhu* or *Sindhu*.

**Further information:** The Sindhus are the second largest Jat tribe in the Panjab. Originally *sindhu* referred to the Indus river and to the region where it flows, a part of which is still called Sind. *Hindu* and the various names of India, *Hind*, *Hindustan*, and *India* are all derived from the Persian form of *sindhu*.

## Sandhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

English: locative name from Sandhurst (Kent, Gloucs, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Sandhurst, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de Sandhurst, 1265 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Ivo Sandhurst, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Mary Sandhurst, 1683 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Elizabeth Sandhurst, 1719 in *IGI* (Frimley, Surrey); Elizabeth Sandhurst, 1772 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent); Mary Sandhurst, 1801 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lancs); Ann Sandhurst, 1806 in *IGI* (Cron dall, Hants).

## Sandifer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Hunts

English: see **Sandiford**.

## Sandiford

Variants: **Sandeford**, **Sandifer**, **Sandever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1048, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 799
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Sandyford in Delamere Forest (Cheshire), which is recorded from 1347, and with *-forth* forms in 1503. Places of the same name are known in Staffs, Durham, and Northumb, and this name may well be of multiple origin.

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sandiforth, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Simon de Sandeford, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Musgrave, Cumb); John de Sandeforthe, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas de Sandeford, 1379 in *Patent Rolls*, supplement (Northern Circuit); Jane Sandiford, 1568 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Jerome Sandiford, 1573 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Sandiford, 1601 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Susanna Sandiford, 1635, Mary Sandifer, 1703 in *IGI* (Mollington, Oxon); Rebecca Sandifer, 1681 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Sandever, 1724 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 211.

## Sandiland

Variants: **Sandland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

1 English: locative name from one or more unidentified places in England described as or named 'sandy land'.

**Early bearers:** Mathews Sandiland, 1553 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Thomas Sandelande, 1639 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); William Sandyland, 1691 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

2 English: see **Sandilands**.

## Sandilands

Variants: **Sandiland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Sandilands in Carmichael (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** James Sandilands, 1336 in *Black*; James de Sandylandes, 1357 in *Black*; James Sondelond, 1424 in *Black*; Nans Sandilands, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Sandiland, 1664 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian).

## Sandison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1052, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 721
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland: esp. Shetland

Scottish: relationship name from an abbreviated and suffixed form of *Alexander* + *-son*; compare **Sandy**. **Further information:** Hereditary surnames, as opposed to patronymics, did not become established in Shetland until the 18th century. One family of Shetland Sandisons is descended from Alexander Harrison, born about 1700 at Delting, and another from Christopher Alexanderson, born 1681 at Northmarine, himself presumably the son of an Alexander.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Sandison, 1675 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); James Sandison, 1681 in *IGI* (Alves, Morays); Donald Sandison, 1709 in *IGI* (Olrig, Caithness); Walter Sandison, 1745 in *IGI* (Westray and Papa Westray, Orkney).

## Sandland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 629, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Sandiland**.

**Early bearers:** John Sandland, 1577 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); An Sandland, 1578 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Elizabeth Sandland, 1676 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); John Sandland, 1707 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks).

## Sandle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Sandell**.

## Sandler

Variants: **Santler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Cheshire; Warwicks

1 Norman, English: locative name from Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouët (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Sancto Elerio, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger de Seinteler', 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Peter de Saint Elena, Hilary, Leyre, 1268–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Jerman Sandler, 1608 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Alice Sandler, 1695 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Eliza Sandler, 1714 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Mary Sandler, 1718 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Ann Sandler, 1758 in *IGI* (Castle Church, Staffs).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

2 Norman, English: locative name from either of two places called Saint-Lô (Manche, Somme) or Saint-Laud (Maine-et-Loire).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Sancto Laudo, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Hubert de Sancto Lot, about 1158 in *Danelaw Documents*; Gilbert de Sanlo,

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about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Adam de Sainlow, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Senclowe, 1422, Agnes Seyntlowe, 1444 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs).

### Sandles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Shrops
- English: see **Sandalls**.

### Sandoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: see **Sandry**.

### Sandom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Hants
- English: variant of **Sandham**.  
**Early bearers:** William Sandom, 1601 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Johanis Sandom, 1621 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Willm. Sandom, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Elizabeth Sandom, 1681 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); John Sandom, 1744 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants).

### Sandon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Warwicks; Beds; Lancs

English: locative name from Sandon (Berks, Essex, Herts, Staffs), or Sandown (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sandun', 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*; Gilbert de Sandon, 1234–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John de Sandon, 1284–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willi. Sandon, 1558 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Sandon, 1560 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); George Sandon, 1567 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Elizabeth Sandon, 1592 in *IGI* (Starston, Norfolk); Willm. Sandon, 1616 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks).

### Sandow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: see **Sandry**.

### Sandry

**Variants:** Sandow, Sandoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish, English: relationship name from *Sandry*, a pet-form of *Alexander*; the other names may strictly be alternative pet-forms of *Alexander*, rather than variants of *Sandry*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Saundry Rodo, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Saundry Edwarde, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Helston, Cornwall). surnames: John Sandow, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Rychard Saundry, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Ric. Sandry, 1580 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Henry Sandow, 1605 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Johannis Saundery, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Robart Sandry, 1622 in *IGI*

(Helston, Cornwall); Simon Sandoe, 1657 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall).

### Sands

**Variants:** Sandes, Sandys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4638, Ireland 657
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Lancs, WR Yorks, Lincs, Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, Armagh, Tyrone, and Louth

English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *sandes* 'sands', for someone who lived at or near a sandy place, or for someone from a place so named, such as Sands in Carlisle (Cumb) or Sands Cottages in West Hoathly (Sussex). See **Sand**, of which *Sands* may sometimes be a plural form, alternating with a singular form, or a variant with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Sandes, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Attesandes, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilton, in Thornton Dale, NR Yorks); Gilbert del Sandes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus del Sandes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes del Sandes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Doritha Sands, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Willmi Sands, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Alexand. Sands, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Willms. Sands, 1546 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Walter Sands, 1549 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

Scotland: Thomas Sands, 1494 in *Black* (Fife); Thomas Sandis, 1587 in *Black* (Fife).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*. p. 203.

### Sandwell

**Variants:** Sanwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Lancs
- English: locative name from any of various places called Sandwell, for example Sandwell in Staffs or Sandwell in Harberton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Sandwell, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Bucks); John Sandwell, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Rogerus Sandwell, 1550 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Thoms. Sandwell, 1553 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Sandwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); William Sandwell, 1654 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Sandwith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Sandwith in Cumb, recorded as *Sandwath* in 1260; or from Sandwath (NR Yorks) or one of several places named *Sandwith* in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Lambert de Sandwathe, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Askham, [WR Yorks]); Thomas Sandwath, 1402 in *Patent Rolls*; Agneta Sandwith, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Ursula Sandwith, 1554 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York).

### Sandy

**Variants:** Sandey, Sanday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1373, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1035
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent; Hants; Somerset

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

1 English: locative name from Sandy (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Sandeia, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Sandy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Sutton, Norfolk); Jone Sandy, 1559 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Margery Sandy, 1559 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); William Sandy, 1560 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Wyllyam Sandy, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edmund Sandy, 1566 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 107.

2 English: relationship name ultimately from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Sand(i)*, a short form of the various compound names with the first element *sandr* 'sand', such as *Sandúlfr*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Sandi, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Albert Sandy, 1870 in *IGI* (Millom, Cumb).

3 Scottish: relationship name from an abbreviated and suffixed form of *Alexander*; compare **Sandison**.

**Early bearers:** Jhone Sandie, 1614 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Johne Sandy, 1628 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

### Sandys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered in Leinster
- English: see **Sands**.

### Sanford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Sandford**.

### Sang

**Variants:** Song, Shang, Seong, Sheung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Fife

1 Scottish, English: nickname from Middle English and Older Scots *sang(e)*, *song(e)* 'song', used for a singer. Compare **Sanger**, **Sangster**.

**Further information:** in Scotland, at first largely confined to Kincardine O'Neil (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Sang, 1566 in *Memorials of Angus and Mearns* (Fife); Robert Sang, 1706 in *IGI* (Kincardine O'Neil, Aberdeens); Margaret Sang, 1755 in *IGI* (Echt, Aberdeens).

England: Johannes Sang', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hindon, Wilts); Anne Sange, 1562 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Agnis Sang, 1617 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Mary Songe, 1698 in *IGI* (Bapchild, Kent); John Song, 1739 in *IGI* (Bishopstone by Salisbury, Wilts).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 商 (**Shang** in Mandarin pinyin, **Seung** or **Sheung** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Shang* (商), the name of a dynasty in Chinese history (1600–1046 BC). In 1600 BC, Cheng Tang defeated the last king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC) and established the Shang dynasty. In 1046 BC the regime was overthrown by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC) and the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) was founded. Some descendants of the royal family in the Shang dynasty then adopted 商 as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Shang* (商), the name of a fief (located in Xichuan in Henan province) that was granted to Shang Yang (商鞅), a

famous official in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Shang Rong (商容), an official who lived during the reign of the last king Zhou of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**3** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 尚 (Shang in Mandarin pinyin, Seung or Sheung in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'esteem' in Chinese: (i) from *Shang* (尚), the given name of Jiang Shang (姜尚) or Shang Fu (尚父), known as Jiang Ziya or Jiang Tai Gong (c. 11th Century), a revered official during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), and also the ancestor of the kings of the state of Qi (located in present-day Shandong province). He helped Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC) overthrow the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC) and made great contributions to the establishment of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). Some of his descendants inherited 尚, his given name, as their surname. (ii) from the personal name of Shang Kegou (尚可孤), who was from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907).

**4** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 桑, see **Song** (2).

### Sangani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Sanghani**.

### Sangar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Sanger**.

### Sanger

Variants: **Sangar**, **Sanker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1351, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 791
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Wilts
- English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *sangere* (Old English *sangere*) 'singer', either as an occupational name for a singer or chorister, or as a nickname for a cheerful person who is always singing. See also **Sang**, **Sangster**, **Songer**, **Singer**. **Early bearers:** Richard le Sangere, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robert Sangere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashmansworthy, Devon); Reginaldus Sanger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashmansworthy, Devon); Willelmo Sanger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Richarde Sanger, 1562 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Robertt Sangar, 1570 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Grace Sanger, 1588 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Geo Sanger, 1590 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Elizabeth Sangar, 1621 in *IGI* (Alderbury, Wilts).

### Sangha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2301, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Sanghani

Variants: **Sangani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Sangh-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Sanghera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1707, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Sanghvi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan): Jain, from *sanghvi* 'one who offers hospitality to groups of Jain pilgrims', derived from Sanskrit *sangha* 'assembly, group'.

### Sangra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Sangster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1765, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Lancs; London; Suffolk

English, Scottish: occupational name, nickname from Middle English and Older Scots *sang(e)stere* 'singer', either as an occupational name for a singer or chorister, or as a nickname for a cheerful person who is always singing. Compare Adam le Songster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs). See also **Sang**, **Sanger**. **Early bearers:** England: Sibilla Sangstere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Myles Sangster, 1582 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); John Sangster, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Sangster, 1785 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Sangster, 1841 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk).

Scotland: James Sankstar, 1452 in *Aberdeen Register*; Nanse Sangster, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Sangwin

Variants: **Sangwine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English and Old French *sanguin(e)* 'blood-red', for someone with a ruddy complexion or diagnosed as sanguine in terms of medieval humours theory. **Early bearers:** John Sanguin, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William Sangwyn, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Sangwyn 1522, in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stratton hundred); Jane Sanguin, 1616 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); George Sanguine, 1619 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Grace Sangwin, 1635 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Hannah Sangwin, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Rich Sangwin, 1689 in *IGI* (Launcells, Cornwall); Jane Sangwin, 1788 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); Thomas Sangwin, 1804 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey); John Sangwin, 1822 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Sangwine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Cornish, English: see **Sangwin**.

### Sank

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: relationship name, perhaps from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Samuel*, with assimilation of /mk/ to /ŋk/ (cf. *Sinkin* for *Simkin*). **Early bearers:** William Samke, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii*; Wymark Sanke, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), both in *Reaney, Origin*; James Sank, 1707 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks).

**References:** *Reaney, Origin*, p. 120.

### Sankar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Shankar**.

### Sanker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: probably a variant of **Sanger**. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jone Sanker, 1566 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Agnis Sanker, 1597 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Sanker, 1687 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Matthew Sanker, 1775 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Sankey

Variants: **Sinkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1875, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1233
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Dublin
- 1 English: locative name from Sankey in Prescot (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Gerard de Sanki 1100–35 in *Book of Fees*; Roger de Sonkey, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Sankey, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Willm Sankey, 1569 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Roger Sankey, 1571 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Elizabeth Sankey, 1576 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); Willmo. Sankey, 1605 in *IGI* (Chettisham, Cambs); Peeter Sankey, 1610 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 94–5, 105–6.

2 Irish: from **Mac Seanchaidhe** 'son of the chronicler', a name found in Sligo and Leitrim. It is commonly anglicized as **Fox**, as the result of an erroneous association with *sionnach* 'fox'.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Sankey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymachugh, Cavan); Thomas Shanaghy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Oughteragh, Leitrim).

### Sanne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **San**.

### Sanni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Sans

Nigerian (Yoruba): from the given name *Sánni*, of unexplained origin.

### Sans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **San**, with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Sansam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys

English: see **Sampson**.

### Sansbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: see **Sainsbury**.

### Sansby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: probably a variant of **Saunby** with an intrusive -s-. Compare Gregory de Sandesby, 1252, John de Saundeby, 1363 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Upton, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Katharin Sansby, 1594 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Francis Sandsby, 1660, Ridchard Sansby, 1670 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); John Sandsby, 1707, Jonas Sansby, 1711 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Sansby, 1725 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Martha Ann Sandsby, 1871 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).

### Sansom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3051, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2001
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset; also Notts

English: see **Sampson**.

### Sansome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, Warwicks

English: see **Sampson**.

### Sanson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 376
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Sampson**.

### Sansum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, Berks; Hunts

English: see **Sampson**.

### Sant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 842, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

English: see **Saint**.

### Santana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish and Portuguese: locative name, toponymic from any of the numerous places named Santana, an assimilated form of *Santa Ana*.

### Santer

**Variants:** **Saunter**, **Samter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Norman, English: nickname from Old French *sanz terre* 'without land'.

**Early bearers:** John Sancterre, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Sanzterre, Santerre, Sauntere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); James Santer, 1620 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Robert Santer, 1635 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Santer, 1639 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); William Santer, 1639 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Santer, 1642 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Santer, 1716 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

2 Norman, English: see **Senter**.

### Santi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Santi*, the plural form of **Santo**, a short form of the devotional name *Ognisanti*, probably bestowed on a child born on All Saints' Day (1 November).

### Santiago

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Galician, Portuguese, Spanish: locative name, Galician, Portuguese, and Spanish, toponymic from any of the numerous places named for the dedication of their churches to Saint James (*Sant Iago*).

**Further information:** The apostle Saint James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain; there is a medieval legend that, after the death of Christ, he did not meet a speedy end under Herod Agrippa, but visited and evangelized the Iberian peninsula. His alleged burial site at Compostela has been a place of pilgrimage from all over Europe for over a thousand years.

### Santler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: see **Sandler**.

### Santo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese: relationship name, nickname from the male personal name *Santo*, from *santo* 'holy'. In some instances the surname may have arisen from a nickname for a pious individual.

**Further information:** The name appears first in E England. Early bearers there and in Cornwall may testify to continental immigration, and in Cornwall more probably be variants of *Sandow* (see **Sandry**). Completely convincing examples of early immigrant *Santo* are rare, and examples are also found of *Del Santo* (Catherine Del Santo, in *Census 1861*

(London), born in Staffs), and *Le Santo* (Charles H Le Santo, in *Census 1901*, Painter in H M Dockyard, Devonport, Devonshire).

**Early bearers:** John Santo, 1615 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Katherine Santo, 1625 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Philip Santo, 1773 in *IGI* (Shevock, Cornwall); William Santo, 1828 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Orate Santo, 1843 in *IGI* (Wapping, Middx); Greoco Santo, ice cream vendor and piano player, in *Census 1901* (Italian subject, Italy).

### Santon

**Variants:** **Sainton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** York, NR Yorks, ER Yorks

English: locative name primarily from Sancton (ER Yorks), but perhaps also from any of three places called Santon (Cumb, Lincs, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Santon', 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Peter de Saunton, 1282, Thomas de Santon, 1364 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* Yorks; Franncis Santon, 1561 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Myles Santon, 1563 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Thomas Santon, 1576 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Fraennces Santon, 1579 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); John Santon, 1584 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham). **References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 404; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 227.

### Santoro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: relationship name Southern Italian, from the personal name *Santoro*, from Late Latin *sanctorum* (*omnium dies festus*) '(feast day of all) the saints', originally bestowed on someone who was born on All Saints' Day (1 November). The Spanish connection in the 1901 record is unexplained, perhaps a clerk's error.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Santoro, pupil, 1901 in *Census 1901* (London), foreign subject, Spain; Isabella Santoro, dressmaker, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham).

### Santos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4699, Ireland 165
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Spanish and Portuguese: (i) relationship name, nickname from a personal name, byname, or nickname, *dos Santos* (from Spanish *Todos los Santos*, Portuguese *Todos os Santos* 'All (the) Saints'), typically bestowed on a child born on All Saints' Day (1 November). (ii) locative name from any of the Portuguese or Spanish places named Santos, from the dedication of a local church or shrine.

**Early bearers:** Lawrence Santos, 1614 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Jose Santos, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

### Santry

**Variants:** **Sanctuary**, **Century**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English and Old French *seintuarie* 'sanctuary, shrine' (Late Latin *sanctuarium*, a derivative of *sanctus* 'holy'). The surname may be locative, for someone who lived near a shrine, or a nickname for someone who has claimed sanctuary in a church or monastery.

**Early bearers:** John Seyntwarye, 1517 in *Layer* (Cambs); John Seyntwary, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

2 English: occupational name, anglicized form, by folk etymology, of Old French *ceinturier*, *sainturier* 'maker of belts or girdles'. Compare **Center**, **Saint**.

**Early bearers:** John le Ceinturer, 1275 in *Francon* (Worcs); Robert le Ceinturer, 1298 in *London Court Rolls* (London); David Santry, 1812 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Andraea Santry, 1815 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Henry James Santry, 1845 in *IGI* (Brixton, Surrey); Cornelius Michael Santry, 1846 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London).

3 Irish: according to MacLysaght, this is one of the few Irish locative names, gaelicized as **de Seantreabh** and **de Saintreabh**, from *Santry* (Irish *Seantrabh*), Dublin.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Santryf, 1276 in *CDI* §1241; Hugh of Santrey, 1285 in *CDI* §149 (Dublin); John de Santry, 1301 in *CDI* §846; William Santry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Cork).

### Sants

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Saint** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Sanusi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): locative name from the given name *Sánúsí*, probably of Muslim origin, deriving from the name borne by the North African Sufist religious leader Sīdī Muḥammad ibn 'Alī al-Sanūsī (1787–1859).

### Sanwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Sandwell**.

### Sanz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Spanish: relationship name from a dialect form of the personal name *Sancho*, a popular medieval name probably derived from *Sanct(i)us*, a form of Latin *sanctus* 'holy'. See also **Sanchez**.

**Early bearers:** Toribio Sanz, born in Peru, in *Census 1871* (Windsor, Berks); Roman Sanz, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Hackney, Middx).

### Saper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Soper**.

### Sapey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from either Upper Sapey (Herefs) or Lower Sapey (Worcs).

**Further information:** post-medieval bearers are concentrated in Norfolk, which suggests a possible alternative origin, perhaps a nickname from Middle English *sapi* (with a long first vowel) 'sappy', i.e. 'vigorous'.

**Early bearers:** Bernard de Sapie, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Roger de Sapie, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Sapi, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Sapey, 1670 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Elizabetha Sapey, 1710, Alice Sapy., 1719 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); William Sapey, 1772 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 178; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 75.

### Sapier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Soper**.

### Sapir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Saffir**.

### Sapp

**Variants:** **Sappe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; also Northumb

1 English: chiefly a variant of **Sopp** with the vowel unrounded.

2 English: locative name from Middle English \**sap(e)* 'fir-tree' (Old English *sæppe*), for someone who lived by a fir-tree.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Sap, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Sappe, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Sap, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Margareta Sapp, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Sapp, 1649 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Robert Sapp, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Sapp, 1676 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs); Edward Sapp, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

3 English: nickname, perhaps from northern Middle English *sape* 'soap', with a shortened vowel, for someone who made or used soap. Compare **Soper**.

However, the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Cecilia Sape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Gerard Sape, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

### Sappe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Sapp**.

### Sapsed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Sapsford**.

### Sapsford

**Variants:** **Sapsworth**, **Sapsed**, **Sapstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 459

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Sawbridgeworth (Herts). *Sapsworth* or *Sapseth* was the old pronunciation of the place-name, which was recorded as *Sapsworth* and *Sapsforde* in the 16th century. *Sapseth* became *Sapsed* and, with an intrusive -t-, *Sapstead*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Sabrichesworth, 1223 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Sabricheword', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); John de Sabrichesworth, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Kings Ripton, Hunts); Clemens Sabrichworth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robt Sapsford, 1596 in *IGI* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); John Sapsworth, 1630 in *IGI* (Clavering, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 193–4.

### Sapstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex
- English: see **Sapsford**.

### Sapsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Sapsford**.

### Sapwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds

English: probably a locative name from Sopwell in Saint Peters (Herts), though the place-name has not been found with -a- and the surname has not been found with -o-.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sapwell, 1664 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thomas Sapwell, 1666 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Robert Sadleir Sapwell, 1670 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); William Sapwell, 1700 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Comford Sapwell, 1722 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

### Sara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Sarah**.

### Sarah

**Variants:** **Sara**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: variant of **Sare** with final -e spelled -a(h), a common feature of names in Devon and Cornwall.

**Further information:** *Sare* (Latinized as *Sarra* and translated as modern *Sarah*) is on record as a personal name in Devon and Cornwall, as illustrated by these instances from O. J. Padel's personal collection: Sarah de Esse, 13th century in *Cornish Deeds* (Clayhydton, Devon); Sarra Natret, 1316 in *Cornish Deeds* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Sarah who was wife of William Bant, 1425 in *Cornish Deeds* (Truro, Cornwall). Spellings of the surname with -ah may also have been influenced by the form of the personal name in the King James Bible.

**Early bearers:** John Sara (John Sare on his seal, attached to the deed), 1321 in *Cornish Deeds* (Truro,

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Cornwall); John Sarra, 1458 in *Cornish Court Rolls* (Trembleath, in Saint Ervan, Cornwall); Alexander Sara, 1547 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Penkevil, Cornwall); Richard Sare, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); William Sare 1567 in *Cornish Deeds* (Kingskerswell, Devon); Johis Sare, 1573 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Abednego Sara, 1614 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Robart Sare, 1602, Alles Sara, 1623 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Nicholas Sara, 1604, Nickolas Sarah, 1631 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Richard Sara, 1631, John Sarah, 1635 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); James Sarra, 1732 in *IGI* (Perranarworthal, Cornwall); Henry Sarah, 1698 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Abraham Sarah, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall).

## Sarai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Saran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from Sanskrit *śarana* 'refuge, sanctuary', based on the name of a Jat tribe.

## Sarazin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Jersey
- Huguenot, French, Welsh: nickname from Old French *Sarrazin* 'Saracen', generally denoting a heathen. It may have been given to someone who resembled a Turk or an Arab in appearance, or whose behaviour was thought unchristian, or who had been on crusade and wore a Saracen's head as a badge or a heraldic device. For the English equivalent see **Sarson** (2).
- Early bearers:** Francois Sarasin, 1624 in *IGI* (Walloon Church, Norwich, Norfolk); David Sarazin, 1691 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Marthe Sarazin, 1728 in *IGI* (Savoye de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs Huguenot Church, Westminster, Middx); Sophie A. Sarazin, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Putney, Surrey); Alphonse A. Sarazin, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands).

## Sarch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Search**.

## Sardar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Muslim and Sikh, from a personal name based on Persian *sardār* 'chief, leader, nobleman'.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

## Sare

- Variants:** Sarah, Sarre
- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Somerset; Norfolk
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French female personal name *Sare*,

*Sarre* (modern English *Sarah*), latinized as *Sarra*, and borrowed from Greek *Sarra*, a hellenized form of Hebrew *Seraiah*, the name of the wife of Abraham in the Old Testament. The personal name was widely used in medieval England, especially in the southern and eastern counties. Compare **Sarratt** and **Sarson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sarra, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Sarra, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Prat and his wife Sarah, 1324 in *Cornish Deeds* (Oving, Bucks).

urnames: Benedictus filius Sarre, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Sarre, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Sare, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bearsted, Kent); Alexand' Sarr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Leics); Adam Sarre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherbourne, Norfolk); Johanne Sare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Earnshill, Somerset); Johannes Sare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Wilmcote, Warwicks); Johanne Sare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Highworth, Wilts); Johanne Sarr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Avebury, Wilts); Elena Sare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Roberto Sare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frilford, Berks); Johannes Sare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Roding, Essex); Johannes Sare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Jane Sare, 1552 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Sare, 1567 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Mychaell Sare, 1570 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); Jane Sare, 1574, Thomas Sarre, 1584 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Wittimi. Sare, 1578 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Anne Sare, 1602 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset).

**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, pp. 32–3, 40–1, 174, 178.

2 English, Irish: see **Sayer**.

## Sareen

- Variants:** Sarin
- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a subdivision of the Khatri community.

## Sarel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Sarll**.

## Sarell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Sarll**.

## Sarfraz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian, Indian: Muslim, from Persian *sarfraz* 'respectable'.

## Sargaison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

## Sargant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 456
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Sussex; Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Sargent**.

## Sarge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Search**.

## Sargeant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4328, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English: see **Sargent**.

## Sargeantson

**Variants:** Sargentson, Sargenson, Sarginson, Sargison, Sargisson, Sargaion, Sargeson, Sargesson, Sarjantson, Sargerson, Serjeantson, Sergenson, Serginson, Sergion, Surgison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from Middle English *sergeaunt* 'servant' + *-son*. See **Sargent**.

**Early bearers:** William Sergantson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Sargenson, 1477, Thomas Sardganson, 1488 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Sarganson, 1538 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Margareta Sergison, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); James Sargeson, 1740 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Sargeaunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Sargent**.

## Sargenson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

## Sargent

**Variants:** Sargant, Sargint, Sargeant, Sargeaunt, Sergeant, Sergant, Sergeant, Seargeant, Sarjent, Sarjant, Sarjeant, Serjent, Serjeant, Searjeant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6063, Ireland 262
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4562
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England; also Staffs; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Derry; Tipperary; Kildare

English: status name, occupational name from Middle English *sergeaunt* 'servant' (Old French *sergent*, *serjant*). The surname probably originated for the most part in this sense, but the word also developed a number of more specialized meanings in the medieval period, including 'tenant by military service below the rank of knight'. It was also used for a variety of administrative and legal offices, which may have contributed to the development of the surname.

**Further information:** A family with the name *Sargeant* trace their descent from John le Sergeant, sergeant of the Forest of Dean from about 1357, although the exact line of descent is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Edric le sergant, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thomas Seriant, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Robert le Serjaunt, 1221 in *Curia Regis*

*Rolls* (Leics); Thomas le Sergeant, 1266 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Sargeant, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Sarjeant, 1689 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Sargentson

- GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargerson

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 24
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys; Westm
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargeson

- Current frequencies: GB 267, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 137
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, ER Yorks, Derbys
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargesson

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sarginson

- Current frequencies: GB 453, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 263
  - Main GB location 1881: Cumb
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargint

- GB frequency 1881: 2
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Sargent**.

### Sargison

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 122
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Cumb
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargisson

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sargood

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 113
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Shergold**.

### Sari

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Turkish: nickname from *sarı* 'yellow', i.e. 'fair-haired' or 'pale'.  
Further information: This is also found as a borrowed element in Greek names, for example *Sarigiannis* 'fair-haired John'.

### Sarin

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Indian: see **Sareen**.

### Sarjant

- Current frequencies: GB 126, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys, Leics, Warwicks
- English: see **Sargent**.

### Sarjantson

- Current frequencies: GB 94, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sarjeant

- Current frequencies: GB 305, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 252
  - Main GB location 1881: Westm; Staffs, Warwicks, Northants
- English: see **Sargent**.

### Sarjent

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Lincs
- English: see **Sargent**.

### Sark

- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: London; Stirlings; Northumb

English, Scottish: see **Search**.

Further information: Nothing has been found to link it to the island of Sark.

### Sarkar

- Variants: **Sarker**
- Current frequencies: GB 604, Ireland 16
  - GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu, from a title based on Persian *sarkār* 'chief', 'superintendent, lord'. This name is found in several communities.

### Sarker

- Current frequencies: GB 189, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; Hants
- 1 English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Susana Sarker, 1689 in *IGI* (Longdon, Worcs).

2 Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: variant of **Sarkar**.

### Sarkes

- GB frequency 1881: 1

English: variant of **Search** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Sarl

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

English: see **Sarll**.

### Sarling

Variants: **Sailing**

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 43
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: locative name from Great and Bardfield Saling (Essex).

Early bearers: Water Salinge, 1543, Ayles Sarlinge, 1545 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Elizabeth Saling, 1562 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Joane Saling, 1570 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Edward Serling, 1649 in *IGI* (Leaden Roding, Essex); Elizabeth Sarling, 1754 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 454.

### Sarll

Variants: **Sarl**, **Sarel**, **Sarell**

- Current frequencies: GB 92, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95

Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Hunts; Middx  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sarle* (Old Scandinavian *Sǫrli*), cognate with Continental Germanic *Sarilo* (see **Searle**).

Early bearers: given names: Sarlo Iuuenis, 1091–3 in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Sarle Tinctor, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).

surnames: Matilda Sarle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Sarle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Saryll, clericus, 1412 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Serle, capellanus, filius Roberti Sarle, clerici, 1438 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edward Sarel, 1788 in *Bardsley*.

### Sarman

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9

English: see **Surman**.

### Sarna

- Current frequencies: GB 187, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6

1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, unexplained.

2 Polish, Jewish: ornamental name, nickname from Polish *sarna* 'roe deer'.

Early bearers: Abraham Sarna, in *Census 1841* (Lincs); Barnett Sarna, fur cap maker, born in Poland, *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rudolf Sarna, labourer, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Hannah Sarna, dressmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Louis Sarna, furrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Ruben Sarna, gas fitter, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Marks Sarna, tailor's apprentice, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Wolf Sarna, furrier, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Sarney

- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 160
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Berks

English: locative name primarily from North and South Cerney (Gloucs), but perhaps occasionally from Charney Bassett (Berks), which sometimes appears spelt with initial C-, rather than Ch-, in high-medieval documents.

Early bearers: Ricardo Serney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Elizabeth Sarney, 1582 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); William Serney, 1597 in

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*IGI* (Longworth, Berks); Johane Sarney, 1599 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs); John Cerny, 1608 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Alice Sarney, 1611 in *IGI* (Rotherfield Greys, Oxon); Elizabeth Cerny, 1656 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon); Anthony Cerney, 1669 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs); Mary Sarny, 1726 in *IGI* (Wickham, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 2, pp. 389–90; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 58, 148.

## Sarpong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 601, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

## Sarratt

Variants: **Sarrett**, **Sharrett**, **Syrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lincs; Hants

1 English: locative name from Sarratt (Herts), perhaps from an otherwise unattested Middle English \**saret*, \**seret*, \**siret* ‘dry place’. See *Place-Names of Herts*, where it is recorded as *Syreth*, 1077–93 (date of manuscript 14th cent.), [ . . . *de*] *Siret*, 1166, *Sareth*, 1094, 1296, *Saret*, about 1220, 1301, *Sharete*, 1248, (*La*) *Sarette*, 1255, 1428, *Sereth*, about 1200, *Seret*, 1237, *Serret*, 1281, and *Sherrat*, 1529–32. The surname survives mainly in the form *Syrett*. The *-ur*-spellings among the surnames are puzzling but seem to be genuine variants.

**Further information:** the place-name is recorded in an unusually and inexplicably rich range of early spellings. There has been considerable confusion with the surnames **Sirett** and **Syrett**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . *de*] *Siret*, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Sarrot, 1582, Margaret Sarret, 1593, Jeffery Sarat, 1611 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Serrett, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Roger Sirret, 1592, Allyn Suritt, 1595, John Serrit, 1603, George Sarret, 1641, Thomas Serret, 1686, John Sarret, 1705, Elizabeth Surritt, 1757 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Elizab. Surrett, 1626, Mary Syrett, in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Serrett, 1638, John Surritt, 1642 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); John Sarret, 1667 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Elizabeth Surrit, 1813 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

2 English: relationship name from a pet form (with the diminutive suffix *-et*, *-ot*) of the Middle English female personal name *Sarre* (see **Sarah**). In the 18th and 19th centuries, the name may sometimes have been altered to **Sirett** or **Syrett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sarrota Tayllour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks).

surnames: Robert Sarrot, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert Sarote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Elnor Sarratt, 1561 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Mary Sarrot, 1567 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs); Robert Sarrat, 1575 in *IGI* (Fulleby, Lincs); Thomas Sarret, 1620 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Thomas Sarratt, 1631 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); John Serrit, 1651 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Elizabeth Sarret, 1698 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); William Searet, 1717 in *IGI* (Holybourne, Hants); Mary Syrat, 1766 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Cicely Serratt, 1797 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Elizabeth Syratt, 1812 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Robert Serett, 1815 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Sidney Sirett, 1865 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).

3 English: relationship name possibly from the rare Middle English personal name *Saret*, *Seret*, Old English *Særræd*. Its survival as a hereditary surname is unknown but some of the post-medieval examples in (1) could theoretically derive from it.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sared, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Somerset); Saretus the serjeant, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls*.

4 English: see **Syrett**.

5 English: possibly a variant of **Sherrard**.

## Sarre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands
- Norman, French: see **Sare**.

**Early bearers:** Joshua Sarre, in *Census 1841* (Jersey, Channel Islands).

## Sarrett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sarratt**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Sarsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Sowerby**.

## Sarsfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 222
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Galway
- Irish (of English origin): locative name, apparently from an unidentified place in England. Bearers of this surname settled in the counties of Dublin, Cork, and Limerick in Ireland from the 12th century onwards.

**Early bearers:** Richard Sarsefeld, 1286 in *CDI* §215 (Cork); James Sarsfeld, 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §56; Patrick Sarsfeld, sheriff, 1557 in *Fiants Mary* §160 (Rathcoffy, Kildare); Janet Sarsfelde, 1557 in *Fiants Mary* §177 (Kildare); Patrick Sarsfield, justice of the peace, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §224 (Kildare); Sir William Sarsfylde, sheriff of County Dublin, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2099 (Dublin); Jenet Sarsfeilde, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3248; Margaret Sarsfield alias Plunckett, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6310 (Dromolan, Clare); David ro Sarsfeild, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Uniegan, Cork).

## Sarson

Variants: **Sarsons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 413
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sare* (Modern English *Sarah*, see **Sarre**) + *-son*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Adam Sareson, 1286 in *London Letter Books A* (London); Richard Saressone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Sarson, Peter Sarson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Sareson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Willelmo Sareson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarestone, Leics); Thomas Sarresson',

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); Nicholaus Sareson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calcutt, Warwick); Thomas Sareson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Willelmo Saressone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); John Sareson, 1420 in *Surnames of Leics and Rutland*, p. 275 (Anstey, Leics); John Sareson, 1526 in *Surnames of Leics and Rutland*, p. 277 (Loughborough, Leics); Helyas Sarson, 1552 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jane Sarson, 1567 in *IGI* (Persshore, Worcs); Richardus Sarson, 1575 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); William Saresonne, 1586 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Richard Sarason, 1605 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Anthony Sarson, 1609 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *Sarasin*, *Sarason* (Old English *Saracene*, reinforced by Old French *Sarrazin*) ‘Saracen, heathen’. It may have been given to someone who resembled a Turk or an Arab in appearance or whose behaviour was thought unchristian, or to one who had been on crusade and wore a Saracen’s head as a badge or heraldic device. See also **Sarazin**.

**Further information:** For *The Saracen’s Head* as a medieval English inn name see Barrie Cox, *English Inn and Tavern Names* (Nottingham, 1994).

**Early bearers:** Oliver Sarazin, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Stephanus Sarazinus, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Winchester, Hants); Stephanus Sarracenus, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls*; Philip le Saracin, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Saracin, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Stephen called Saracen, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henry Sarazyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wickham Saint Paul’s, Essex); Thomas Sarazin, chaplain, 1379 in *Rymer’s Foedera* (Northants); Thomas Sarazin, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Molton, Devon); Johanne Sarsosynus [*sic* for Sarsosynus?], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Willelmus Sarsyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shackerstone, Leics); Richard Sarson, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Margaret Sarson, 1568 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops).

## Sarsons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Leics

English: variant of **Sarson** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willmi. Sarsons, 1630 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Joseph Sarsons, 1752 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwick); Samuel Sarsons, 1808 in *IGI* (Redditch, Worcs).

## Sartain

Variants: **Sarton**, **Sartin**, **Sertin**, **Sattin**, **Sarten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: nickname from Old French and Middle English *certain* ‘reliable, trustworthy’.

**Early bearers:** William Certayn, 1394 in *London Letter Books H*; Thomas Sartain, 1658 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Sartain, 1666 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Anne Sartain, 1673 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Richard Sartin, 1693 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* 41 (Wilts).

## Sarten

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20



- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Sartain**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sarter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Sartor**.

### Sartin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset
- English: see **Sartain**.

### Sarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Sartain**.

### Sartor

**Variants:** **Sarter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name from Middle English *sartour* 'tailor', Latin *sartor*.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Sartour, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Sartor, 1774 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Sartor, 1826 in *IGI* (Cranford Saint John, Northants).

### Sartori

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian: occupational name Northern Italian, from *sartore*, an old and regional (central Italian) form of *sartor* 'tailor'.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Sartori (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Berks); Luigi Sartori (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Sarvent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Servant**.

### Sarver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *server(e)* 'servant, retainer' (Old French *serveur*).

**Early bearers:** Turstan le seruiere, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Server, 1516 in *London Letter Books F*.

### Sarwar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2137, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *sarwar* 'leader, chief, master'.

### Sass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- North German and Dutch: nickname from Middle Low German, Middle Dutch *sasse* 'Saxon'.  
**Early bearers:** Martha Sass, 1658 in *IGI* (London Wall); Judith Sass, 1697 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); William Sass, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Fiona Sass, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Warwicks).

### Sassoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name most probably from the Hebrew personal name *Sason*, meaning 'joy'. There is a region of eastern Turkey called *Sasun*, from which, according to some, the family name may be derived, but this is probably incorrect.

**Further information:** This is the name of an immensely rich and influential Sephardic Jewish family, which in the 18th century was based in Iraq. Sassoon ben Salih (1750–1830), founder of the family, was treasurer to the pashas of Baghdad. His son David Sassoon (1792–1864) moved from Iraq to the Persian seaport of Bushehr and the latter's son Albert Abdullah Sassoon (1818–1912) moved to Bombay, where he built up an international mercantile and shipping empire stretching from Shanghai to London. He and his family moved to London and Brighton during the 1870s and were active in philanthropy and liberal politics. The poet, soldier, and anti-war activist Siegfried Sassoon was a member of this family, but his father had been disinherited for marrying outside the Jewish faith.

**Early bearers:** Mozelle Sassoon, born in India, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Aaron Sassoon, merchant, born in Bombay [Mumbai], India, in *Census 1881* (Steyning, Sussex); David Sassoon, scholar, born in Baghdad, Iraq, in *Census 1881* (Reigate, Surrey); Reuben Sassoon, born in India, in *Census 1881* (Hove, Sussex); Stafford Sassoon, shipping merchant, born in Turkey, in *Census 1891* (Altrincham, Cheshire); Meyer Sassoon, East India merchant, born in East Indies, in *Census 1891* (Steyning, Sussex); Isaac Sassoon, art dealer, born in Turkey, in *Census 1901* (Willesden, Middx); Saul Sassoon, cotton shipper, born in Aleppo, Syria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Ezra Sassoon, shipping clerk, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs).

### Satch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Sach**.

### Satchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Kent
- English: see **Satchell**.

### Satchell

**Variants:** **Satchel**, **Setchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1068, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 675
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

English: nickname from Old French and Middle English *sachel* 'satchel, small bag, purse', presumably for someone who made or sold bags or purses. Compare **Sach**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Sachel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Sachel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Satchell, 1574 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Petunia Satchell, 1581 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Anne Satchell, 1604 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); Richard Satchell, 1620 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Devon); Tho Satchell, 1637 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Satchwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 447
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- English: see **Setchfield**.

### Satherley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Satterley**.

### Sattar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1380, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sattār* 'veiler', *As-Sattār* 'the Veiler (of sin)' is an attribute of Allah. The name is usually found in the combination '*Abdus-Sattār*' 'servant of the Veiler'.

### Sattenstall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Saltonstall**.

### Satter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx; also Devon

English: see **Setter**.

### Satterlee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Satterley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Satterley

**Variants:** **Satterly**, **Satterlee**, **Saturley**, **Satherley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Satterleigh (Devon) or Sotterley (Suffolk). It is claimed that the modern Devon surname (not the place-name) arose by migration from Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Edmund de Saterleye, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); John de Soterle, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Xpopherus Saterley, 1579, Willmus Satterley, 1600 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Andrew Satterley, William Satterly, Satterleigh, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Leonard Saterleigh,

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1656 in *IGI* (Lustleigh, Devon); George Satherley, 1853 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).  
**References:** <http://www.satterlee.org/history/manor/briefhistory.htm> offers a detailed history of the de Soterley family from Sotterley (Suffolk) going to Devon and changing spelling of their name to *Satterley*; *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 349; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 560.

### Satterly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Satterley**.

### Satterthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 514
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Satterthwaite in Hawkshead (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** William Satterthwaite, 1614, Charles Satterthwait, 1625, Thomas Satturwaite, 1653 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Satterthwaite, 1627 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Satterthaite, 1647 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 219.

### Sattin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Sartain**.

### Saturday

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: nickname from Middle English *Saterdai* 'Saturday' (Old English *Sæterndæg*), presumably for one born or who paid rent or performed some regular service on that day.  
**Further information:** this name has died out in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Alan Saterdai, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Seterday, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Hamo Saturday, 1375 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Mary Saturday, 1627 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Saturday, 1710 in *IGI* (Shillingford Saint George, Devon); Mariam Saturday, 1782 in *IGI* (West Cranmore, Somerset); John Saturday, 1832 in *IGI* (Wambrook, Dorset).

### Saturley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Satterley**.

### Sau

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 仇, see **Chiu** (2).

### Saucer

- Variants: **Sauser**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *saucer* 'maker or seller of saucers' (Old French *saucier, saussier*).  
**Further information:** Compare Adam Saucemaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Michael-le-Belfrey, Yorks). This surname is now rare in Britain but survives in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Adam le Sauser, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Robert le Sauser, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Roger le Sauser, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Robert Sawcer, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Sauer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- 1 English: variant of **Sawer**.  
2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *sūr*, German *sauer* 'sour', denoting an embittered or cantankerous person.  
**Early bearers:** Adam Sauer, Sebastian Sauer, musicians, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Heinrich Sauer, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Shoreditch, Middx); Hy. Caspar Sauer, labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Ferdinand Sauer, master baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Wilhelm Sauer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Jacob Sauer, baker, born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Franz Sauer, manufacturer's agent., born in Cologne, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Holborn, Middx); Edouard Sauer, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Felix Sauer, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Devonport, Devon); Eugene Sauer, toolmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Morris Sauer, hairdresser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

### Saujani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Savjani**.

### Saul

- Variants: **Saull, Shaul, Shall**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1635, Ireland 130
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1506
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Westm; Middx; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Down
- 1 English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name, nickname from the Biblical Hebrew personal name *Saul*. This was uncommon in Britain in the medieval period and its currency as a modern British surname is largely or wholly due to its use among Jews who came to Britain in the 19th century.  
**Early bearers:** English: Ricardus filius Sawl, 1198 in *Cartae Antiquae* (London); Ralph Saule, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John Sawle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Martinus Saul, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Jeames Saul, 1594 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Samuell Saul, 1613 in *IGI* (Braceby, Lincs); Galfridus Saul, 1620 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Edward Saul, 1624 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Alice Saul, 1631 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).  
Jewish: Saul Saul, meat salesman, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx); Barnett Saul, student,

born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Saul, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Lewis Saul, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx).  
2 English: see **Sall**.  
3 English: see **Sawle**.  
4 English, Irish: see **Sale**, a name introduced to Ireland by Anglo-Normans, according to *MacLysaght*.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Richard Sale, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$195; John Sale, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$4085 (Cashell).  
England: Rev. E. A. Sall, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Ellel, Lancs).

### Saull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants
- English: see **Saul**.

### Sault

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics; London
- English: see **Salt**.

### Saulter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Lancs
- English: see **Salter**.

### Saunby

- Variants: **Saundby, Sanby, Sansby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Saundby (Notts).  
**Early bearers:** Wills' de Sandebi, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts and Derbys); William de Sandebi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Sandebi, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Saundby, Notts); William of Sandeby, 1234 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thom' de Saundeby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saundby, Notts); Georgius Saunby, 1573 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Alice Sandbye, 1599, Elizabeth Sanby, 1626 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Georgius Saunby, 1573, Anthony Sandby, 1633, Will Sanby, 1671 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs); Elizabeth Saundby, 1634 in *IGI* (Sturton le Steeple, Notts); Johannis Saunbie, 1667 in *IGI* (Egmontan, Notts); Josiah Sandby, 1671 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Jane Saunby, 1713, Susannah Saundby, 1736 in *IGI* (Saundby, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 38.

### Saund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, unexplained.  
2 English: see **Sand**.  
**Early bearers:** George Saund, 1625 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Anna Saund, 1692 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

**Saundby**

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Saunby**.

**Saunder**

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 242
- Main GB location 1881: London; Devon; Sussex

English: see **Sander**.

**Saunders**

Variants: **Sanders**, **Sandars**

- Current frequencies: GB 39149, Ireland 1003
- GB frequency 1881: 27090
- Main GB location 1881: S England: esp. Surrey and Kent
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Cork; Kilkenny; Wicklow

English: variant of **Sander** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Sandres, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Anna Saunders, 1538 in *IGI* (Bayford, Herts); Gulielmus Saunders, 1538 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Katherine Saunders, 1540 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Robert Saunders, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Thomas Saunders, 1540 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks).

**Saunderson**

- Current frequencies: GB 1028, Ireland 141
- GB frequency 1881: 598
- Main GB location 1881: Beds, Cambs, Lincs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan; also Antrim and Armagh

English: see **Sanderson**.

**Saunt**

- Current frequencies: GB 249, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 171
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: see **Saint**.

**Saunter**

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Kent

English: see **Santer**.

**Sauntson**

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

English: unexplained, perhaps a variant of **Sanderson** or **Sansom**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Saunsum, 1627 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Robt. Saundson., 1640 in *IGI* (Legbourne, Lincs).

**Sausby**

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Sowerby**.

**Sauser**

- GB frequency 1881: 2

English: see **Saucer**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Sauter**

- Current frequencies: GB 52, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 33
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Salter**.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found of a connection with **Souter**.

**Sautter**

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Salter**.

**Sauvage**

- Current frequencies: GB 71, Ireland 22
- GB frequency 1881: 57
- Main GB location 1881: Channel Islands; Denbighs; Middx

French: nickname from Old French *salvage*, *sauvage* 'wild, untamed'. See **Savage**.

**Early bearers:** French Huguenot: Aune Sauvage, 1674 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Isaac Sauvage, 1709 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx).

Channel Islands: Marie Sauvage, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Guernsey); Philippe Sauvage, 1661 in *IGI* (Trinity, Jersey).

**Sauvain**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Swiss: locative name French **Sauvain**, from **Sauvain** (Loire).

**Early bearers:** Aime Louis Sauvain, English subject, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Accrington, Lancs).

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

**Savagar**

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Herefs

Norman, English: see **Savigar**.

**Savage**

Variants: **Savege**, **Savidge**, **Salvage**, **Salvidge**, **Selvage**, **Selvidge**

- Current frequencies: GB 16826, Ireland 2747
- GB frequency 1881: 11371
- Main GB location 1881: widespread: esp. England
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Down

1 Norman, English: nickname from Middle English and Old French *salvage*, *sauvage* 'wild, untamed' (Late Latin *salvaticus*, *silvaticus*), for a wild or uncouth person. See also **Sauvage**.

**Early bearers:** Edric Saluage, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Edricus cognomento Silvaticus, 1067 in *Tengvik*; John Saluage, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Saluage, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); Robert le Sauuage, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas le Sauvage, 1221 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Ralph le Savage, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Savage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); John Sauage, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Thorley,

Hants); Robert Savage, 1539 in *PROB 11* (Sutton in the Field, Derbys); Abraham Savage, 1623 in *IGI* (Portslade, Sussex); Israel Savage, 1713 in *IGI* (Great Oakley, Essex); Isaac Savidge, 1726 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds).

2 Irish: in Ireland, generally of English origin (it was taken to Down in the 12th century), but it has also been adopted for Irish Ó Sabháin, the name of a small south Munster sept, which was earlier anglicized as O'Savin.

**Early bearers:** Sar Roibert Sabhais, 1357 in *AU*; Risderd Sabhais, 1358 in *AU*; Seinicín Sabhais, 1369 in *AU*; Raibilin Sabais, 1382 in *AU*; Edm. alias Fardoragh mSenishall Savadge, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* (Little Ardes, Down).

**Savager**

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 44
- Main GB location 1881: Herefs and Shrops; Surrey and Hants

Norman, English: see **Savigar**.

**Savani**

- Current frequencies: GB 233, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

**Savary**

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 44
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Savory**.

**Saveall**

- Current frequencies: GB 121, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Saffell**.

**Savege**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Brecknocks; Wilts; Kent
- Norman, English: see **Savage**.

**Saveker**

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Herefs

Norman, English: see **Savigar**.

**Savell**

- Current frequencies: GB 146, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 173
- Main GB location 1881: SE England

Norman, English: see **Saville**.

**Savelle**

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Leics

Norman, English: see **Saville**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Savery**

- Current frequencies: GB 568, Ireland 4

## Savidge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 475
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon
- English: see **Savory**.

### Savidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 393
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Cambs
- English: see **Savage**.

### Savigar

Variants: **Savigear**, **Savagar**, **Savager**, **Saveker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths

Norman, English: locative name from any of several places in Normandy (France) called Saint-Vigor, named after a sixth-century bishop of Bayeux.

**Early bearers:** Humfridus de Sancto Vigore, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Saint Vigor, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

### Savigear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Savigar**.

### Savigny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English, Huguenot: locative name from Savenay (Calvados), Savigni (Manche), or Savignille-Vieux (Manche).

**Further information:** The 1086 early bearer came from Savenay (Calvados): *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Savigny, 1724 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot Church, London).

England: Ralph de Sauenie, de Sauigneo, de Sauigni, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Jordan de Saueigni, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Anne Savigny, 1722, Jean Savigny, 1728 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Savigny, 1788 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Frederic Seneca Savigny, 1802 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Savil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Saville**.

### Savile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Essex and Middx

Norman, English: see **Saville**.

### Savill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1750, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Saville**.

### Saville

Variants: **Savile**, **Savil**, **Savill**, **Savell**, **Savelle**, **Seville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3414, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2678

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Norman, English: locative name, perhaps from Sainville (Eure-et-Loir) or perhaps Sauvill (Ardenne).

**Early bearers:** John de Sayvill, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Stephen de Savile, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Sayuill, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Sayvell, 1431 in *Calverley Charters*; Sir John Seville, 1517 in *IGI* (Lupset, WR Yorks); Rosemunda Savell, 1549 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Saveall, 1563 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); John Saville, 1585 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Alice Saywell, 1591 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Thomas Savil, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

### Savin

Variants: **Savine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent; Oxon

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Savin*, a form of **Sabin** (1). The two variants were interchangeable: Frances Sabin, 1627, Frances Savin, 1627 in *IGI* (Kingston, Kent); William Sabin, 1698, Stephen Savin, 1740 in *IGI* (Langley Burrell, Wilts); Joseph Savin, 1738, Samuel Sabin, 1739 in *IGI* (Westcott Barton, Oxon); Margaret Sabin, 1798, John Savin, 1843 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

**Further information:** Confusion with forms of **Selwyn** is possible.

**Early bearers:** Elyn Saving, 1551 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); William Savin, 1600 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Susanna Saving, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Stanford, Kent); John Savin, 1784 in *IGI* (Charlton on Otmoor, Oxon).

2 Irish: from Ó Sabháin, see **Sabin** (2).

### Savine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

Norman, English: see **Savin**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Savine, 1783, Jonathan Savin, 1785 in *IGI* (Christian Malford, Wilts).

### Savjani

Variants: **Saujani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Savj-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from.

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Savory

Variants: **Savoury**, **Savary**, **Savery**, **Severy**, **Saffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1519, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1092
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Savaric* (Old French *Savari*, Continental Germanic *Sabaricus*, *Savaricus*). Compare **Saffery**.

**Early bearers:** Joldewinus filius Saucarici, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Jocelinus filius Sephari, Sefar, Safar,

1195, Jocelinus filius Saphar, Safari, 1200, Jocelinus filius Seauary, 1210 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Willelmus filius Saveric, filz Saviere, 1206–7 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Philip Savery, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); William Savery, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Sauerai, 1327, Robert Seffray, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Savory, 1600 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent); Margt. Savory, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Savory, 1612 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); George Savory, 1619 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); William Savory, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London).

### Savoury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Savory**.

### Savoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Stirlings

English, French, Huguenot: locative name from the English form of French *Savoie*, a region and former kingdom in what is now SE France and NW Italy. **Early bearers:** England: Walter de Savoye, 1306 in *Patent Rolls*; John Savoy, 1559 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Savoye, 1564 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Robarte Savoye, 1595 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Edward Savoy, 1597 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset). Huguenot: Jacques Savoye, 1701 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Savva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1006, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name from the genitive case of the male personal name **Savvas**.

### Savvas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name from the personal name *Sav(v)as*, New Testament Greek *Sabbas*, a derivative of *Sabbaton* 'Sabbath, Saturday'.

**Further information:** the personal name was borne by several saints and martyrs venerated in the Eastern Church, in particular a hermit (439–532) in Palestine, prominent in the theological debates of his day.

### Savvides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name from the personal name **Savvas** + the patronymic suffix *-ides*.

### Saw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sau(e)* 'saw' (Old English *sagu*), either for a sawyer or for someone who made or sold saws. Compare **Sawyer**. **Early bearers:** Johanne Sawe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Berks); Willelmus Sawe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Abell Sawe, 1558 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Sawe, 1603, Richard Saw, 1607 in *IGI* (Chearsley, Bucks).

2 Chinese: alternative romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蕭 (or 肖), see **Siu** (1).

### Saward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Seward**.

### Sawbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 284
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; Bucks
- English: locative name from Sawbridge (Warwicks). **Early bearers:** Ysaac de Salebrigg', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richardus Sawbridge, 1564 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); James Sawbridge, 1571 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Edwardus Sawbridge, 1588 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Wilyam Sawbridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Rebecka Sawbridge, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London). **References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 151.

### Sawday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Leics; Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Soady**.

### Sawden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Sawdon**.

### Sawdon

- Variants:** Sawden
- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Sawdon in Brompton (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Saldene* in the 13th century, *Sawden* in 1569. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Saldene, 1257 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Sawdan, 1502 in *York Guild Register*; John Sawdon, 1583 in *York Registry Wills* Brompton (NR Yorks); Petri Sawdon, 1585 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Mathew Sawden, 1587 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); George Sawden, 1695 in *IGI* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 97.

### Sawdy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Soady**.

### Sawell

- Variants:** Sawle, Saywell, Seawell, Sewel, Sewell, Sewall, Sayell
- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Notts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sewal(d)*, *Sawal(d)* (Old English *Sæweald*). This name became thoroughly confused with *Sewal(d)* from Old English *Sigeweald* or Old Scandinavian *Sigvaldr*, so some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sauualdus, Sauuold, Seualdus, Seuold, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Seuuale filius Fulgeri 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Sewaldus de Cornhull', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Sawallus Brion de Not', 1309 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Sewalle Payn, 1377, Sawallus Tredegold, Sewalus Snelhauk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Seuale de Borgage, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Sewall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Sewall' Franceys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset). surnames: William Sewald, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Roger Sewale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Sewal, 1279 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); John Sewale, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cheshunt, Herts); Thomas Sewold, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Sawalle, Cristina Sewalle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stephen Sewel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Pool, Devon); Adam Sewall, 1336 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); John Sawold, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Elizabeth Sawell, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Sewell, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Walter Saywell, 1546, Willu. Sewell, 1588 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Gilbert Saywell, 1551, Alice Sawell, 1554 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Willhelmi Sawell, 1553, Johannis Saywell, 1599 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Anne Sawell, 1584 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Anthony Sawell, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); John Seywell, 1600, in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Thomas Sewell, 1624 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).  
2 English: see **Sewell**.

### Sawer

- Variants:** Sauer, Sawers
- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also WR Yorks
- English: (i) occupational name mostly a variant of **Sawyer**. See also **Sagar**. (ii) occupational name, in N England, alternatively from northern Middle English *sawer* 'sower (of seeds)' (Old English *sāwere*). **Early bearers:** England: Jordan le Sawer, 1257 in *Thuresson* (Yorks); Baldwin le Sawere, 1270 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Kent); William Sauer, Robert Sawyer, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Genit Sauer, 1572 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Fulke Sauer, 1586 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe, Lincs); Mary Sauer, 1606 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Sauer, 1623 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon). Scotland: Alexander Sawer, 1447 in *Black* (Lanarks); Andrew Sauer, 1470 in *Black* (Ayr); Thomas Sawar, 1545 in *Black* (Fife).

### Sawers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 336
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: variant of **Sawer** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

### Sawford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds
- English: see **Salford**.

### Sawhney

- Variants:** Sahni
- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, said to mean 'commander' and 'companion', based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Sawicki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Polish: locative name from Sawica in Olsztyn voivodeship or Sawice in Siedlce voivodeship, both place-names being derived from the saint's name *Sawa*, from Greek *Sabbas* (see **Savvas**). **Early bearers:** Jan Sawicki, tailor, born in Poland (refugee), in *Census 1861* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Antonie Sawicki, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Marylebone, Middx); Casimir Sawicki, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Stanislaw Sawicki, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (London); Boleslaw Sawicki, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Vanda Sawicki, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx).

### Sawin

- Variants:** Sewin, Sains, Shewan
- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sawin*, *Sewin* (Old English *Sæwine*). **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sawinus, Sæuine, Seuunus, Sauuin, Sauinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Sewinus, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Sewynus, 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Sewynus Dun, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Swane de Ruhingerham, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs). surnames: Robert filius Sewin, about 1100 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Johannes filius Sewyni de Hintelesham, 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo filius Sewini, 1232 in *Close Rolls of Henry III* (Notts); Petrus Sewinus, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); William Sewine, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cams); Gregory Sawine, 1304 in *Ancient Deeds* (Beds); Thomas Sewyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Sewene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Sawen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belgrave, Leics); Jacobus Sawen', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Robert son of Sewin, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Mary Sawyn, 1579, Elizabeth Sawin, 1596 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Gyles Sewin, 1588 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex). **References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* 2, 138.

### Sawkill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Salkeld**.

**Early bearers:** Petrus Sawkill, 1718 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Mary Sawkill, 1739 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Thos Sawkill, 1765 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

## Sawkins

### Sawkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 481, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Essex
- English: variant of **Salkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sawle

#### Variants: Saul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Sawell**.

**Early bearers:** John Sawell, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Mary Sawell, 1571, Joan Saul, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Richard Sawle, 1569 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

### Sawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name probably usually from Sawley (WR Yorks), near Clitheroe in Lancs, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, since it was in this area that the modern name chiefly ramified. However, Sawley near Ripon (WR Yorks) and Sawley (Derbys) also gave rise to surnames in the medieval period. Compare **Sall**.

**Early bearers:** Katerina de Salley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Hugo de Sallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Sallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Sallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Hugh de Sallay, 1380 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Wigglesworth, WR York); Isabella de Sallay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Salley, 1456 in *York Registry Wills* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Hugh Salley, 1545 in *York Registry Wills* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Robert Sawley, 1576 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Joane Sawley, 1600 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 499; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 187; 6, p. 182.

### Saward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Seward**.

### Sawrey

#### Variants: Sowray, Sowry, Sorrie, Sorry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Sawrey in Hawkshead (Lancs), which is recorded as *Sourer* in 1336, *Soray* in 1539.

**Early bearers:** England: Alice Sowraie, 1552, Abigail Sawraie, 1569 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); George Sowraye, 1567 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Ann Sawrey, 1569 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); John Sorry, 1794 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

Scotland: Isbell Soweray, 1589 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Sorey, 1688, Elizabeth Sorrie, 1690 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); William Sorry, 1697 in *IGI* (Fyvie, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 219.

### Sawtell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: perhaps a nickname from an unrecorded adjective or noun related to the Middle English verb *saughtelen* 'to make peace, be reconciled'; otherwise, since no medieval bearers have been found, perhaps from French *Sautel*, from a diminutive of *saut* 'leap'. **Early bearers:** John Sawtel, 1568, John Sawtell, 1594, Auderye Sautell, 1598, Richard Sawtelle, 1611 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset).

### Sawter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: see **Salter**.

### Sawyer

**Variants:** **Sawer, Sagar, Sayer, Sawyers, Shawyer, Sager, Segar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7651, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; also Dublin
- English: occupational name from Middle English *sauer(e)*, *saww(i)er*, also *sagh(i)er*, *sag(i)er* 'sawyer', a derivative of Old English *sagu* 'saw'. **Early bearers:** Nicholas le Sagyere, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Berks); Humfrey le Sayhare, le Sawyere, Robert le Sawyere, le Saweare, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard le Sawier', 1278 in *London Letter Books B*; Philip le Sagher, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John le Saghier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Sawyer, 1539 in *IGI* (Eyeworth, Beds); Henricus Sawyer, 1541 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Johannes Sawyer, 1541 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Elisabeth Sawyer, 1547 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robertus Sawyer, 1548 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Sawyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: almost certainly a local Ghanaian variant of the English name **Sawyer**, one of many UK surnames that were transferred to the Gold Coast colony in colonial times.

### Sawyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 813, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 402
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Donegal
- English: variant of **Sawyer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sax

#### Variants: Saxe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Saxe* (Old Scandinavian *Saxi*). Some of the post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Saxe de Hotton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Saxe de la Hal, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Godwin Sax, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Reginald Saxe, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Saxe, 1568 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Isaack Sax, 1600 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Sax, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Warwick, Warwicks); Elizabeth Sax, 1780 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *sax* 'knife' (Old English *seax*), perhaps for someone who made or sold knives, or for someone particularly skilled in using a knife.

**Early bearers:** John le Sax, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk).

3 German, Jewish: see **Sachs**.

### Saxby

#### Variants: Shakesby, Sexby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1788, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1404
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also Lincs and Notts

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sakespey* 'draw sword' (Old French *sacquespee*, from *sacque(r)* 'to draw, extract' + *espee* 'sword'), perhaps for someone quick to take offence and draw his sword, or for an instructor in swordsmanship. Post-medieval bearers below may alternatively belong under (2). See also **Saxty**.

**Further information:** Compare John Draweswerd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Jordan Sacheespee, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Sakespe, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Sakespey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Birchden, Sussex); John Shakespey, 1296, John Saxepe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashurst in West Grinstead, Sussex); Roys Saxpe, Roisie Sacspe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Edward Saxby, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); John Saxby, 1566 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Francisca Saxbye, 1586 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Mychaell Saxby, 1594 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Robert Saxpee, 1670 in *IGI* (Withyham, Sussex); Thomas Saxpey, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Ane Sexpee, 1654 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from either of two places called Saxby (Leics, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Saxebi, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Simon de Saxebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Saxby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); Johannes Saxebey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Islip, Northants); Hugo de Saxby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pickwell, Leics); Johannes Saxby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Mary Saxby, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); Katheren Saxby, 1579 in *IGI* (Somersby, Lincs); Thomas Saxby, 1579 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants); Elisabeth Saxby, 1654 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mary Saxby, 1692 in *IGI* (Kneesall, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 2, p. 135; *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, p. 203.

### Saxe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Sussex; Lincs
- English: see **Sax**.

### Saxelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Leics

English: locative name from either of two places called Saxilby (Lincs, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Saxelebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richardi Saxelby, 1579 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Ricardi Saxelby, 1585 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Ann Saxelby, 1688 in *IGI* (Kneesall, Notts); Thos. Saxelby, 1727 in *IGI* (Carlton le Moorland, Lincs); Dorothy Saxelby, 1740 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 106; *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 108.

### Saxena

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Kayasth), from one of the subgroups of the Kayasth community. According to Saxena tradition, their name is from Sanskrit *sakhisenā* 'friend of the army', a title awarded to them by the kings of Srinagar.

### Saxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1505, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 990
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Saxton**.

### Saxton

**Variants:** Saxon, Sexton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2544, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1766
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys

English: locative name principally from Saxton (WR Yorks), but perhaps occasionally from the lost Saxton (Cambs), preserved in Saxon Street in Woodditton (Cambs). The surname also developed to *Saxon* and *Sexton*.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Saxton, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Simon de Sexton, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); John Saxton, 1552 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Samvell Saxton, 1553 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Johes. Saxton, 1566 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Thomae Saxton, 1581 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Emma Saxton, 1582 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk); Elis Saxon, 1585; Abell Saxton, 1611, Mary Sexton, 1726 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Stephen Saxton, 1588, Lawrance Saxon, 1695 in *IGI* (Guiseley, WR Yorks); George Saxton, 1598, Benjamin Sexton, 1690 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Tho Saxton, 1628 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Dorithia Saxton, 1634 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Radus Saxon, 1539, Ann Saxton, 1659 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 127–8; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 70.

### Saxty

**Variants:** Sixty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset

English: unexplained. A name of very late emergence which may be an irregular development of **Saxby**, with which it shares an 18th-century distribution in SE England.

**Early bearers:** John Saxtie, 1766 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Elizabeth Saxty, 1775 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Mary Saxty, 1777 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Eliza Kate Saxty, 1844 in *IGI* (Batheaston, Somerset).

### Say

**Variants:** Saye, Sey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 723
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset and Wilts

1 Norman, English: locative name from one of the places named *Sai* (Orne, Indre). Some of the bearers cited may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Sai, 1161 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Johannes Say, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Deddington, Oxon); Johannes le Say [for de?], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); Thomas Saye, 1538 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); William Say, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); John Say, 1548 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Ric. Say, 1562 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); William Say, 1566 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); John Say, 1567 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *sai(e)* 'say (a type of woollen cloth)', perhaps for someone who made or sold say, or for an habitual wearer of clothes made of this material. See also **Sayer**.

### Sayani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Muslim, from *Say-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

### Sayburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: apparently a locative name from Seaburn (Durham), but this place is of modern origin. The distribution is very far from other variants of **Seabourne**, but no other solution suggests itself.

**Early bearers:** William Saburne, 1617 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Thomas Saburne, 1631 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Grace Sayburn, 1686 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb).

### Sayce

**Variants:** Seys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Herefs, and Monmouths

Welsh: ethnic name from Welsh *sais* 'Saxon, English', for someone who spoke English.

**Early bearers:** Em' Seis, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Griffith Cantington alias Griffith Hir Sais, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Sibilla Seys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Jeven Sais, 1392 in *Chirkland Extent*; Hoell ap Je[an] Sais or Je[an] Englis, 1406 in *Anglesey Submissions*; Richard Sayce, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Christopher Sayce, 1675 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Sayce, 1681 in *IGI* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Francis Sayce, 1695 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops); John Sayce, 1815 in *IGI* (Llantrissant, Monmouths).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 189–90; *Rowlands, Surnames of Wales*, p. 148.

### Saycell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Welsh: see **Cecil**.

### Saye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Devon

English: see **Say**.

### Sayed

**Variants:** Said, Saiyed, Syed, Sayeed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sayyid* 'lord, master, chief'. This is a title of respect used for descendants of Fatima, daughter of the Prophet Muhammad. See **Saidi**.

### Sayeed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sayed**.

### Sayell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Sawell**.

**Early bearers:** Robartt Sawell, 1573, Benett Sayell, 1606, Francis Saywell, 1690 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks).

### Sayer

**Variants:** Sayers, Sayre, Saire, Sare, Saer, Sear, Seare, Seear, Seer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4851, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3890
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Norman, English: occupational name, variant of **Sawyer**. This is probably the main origin of the modern name, but Middle English *sa(y)er* in a range of spellings is difficult to tell apart from other possible etymons, chiefly occupational, given below. Some of the following early bearers may belong with one or other of them.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Saer, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Sayer, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Humfrey le Sawyere, le Sayhare, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas Sare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Stephen Saer, 1281 in *London Letter Books A*; Robert le Sayer, 1284 in *London Letter Books A*; Geppe le Sahar, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John le Sayur, 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Thomas Sare, John Sayer, 1292 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Seyer, 1302 in *London Letter Books B*; Robert Saier, 1322, Roger Sayher, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John le Sayere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tiverton, Devon); Robert Saer, Sawyer, Sare, Saare, 1465–87 in *Combermere Book* (Cheshire); John Sayer, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Willm. Sayer, 1565 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Joane Sayer, Joane Sare, 1567 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); John Sare, Sayer, 1605 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs).

2 English: occupational name from Old French *seieur*, *saieur* ‘sawyer’, freely interchangeable with the synonymous **Sawyer**.

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *saieur* ‘assayer, tester’ (a shortened form of Old French *assaiour*), perhaps denoting an assayer of metals, or a servant who tasted his lord’s food before serving.

4 English: occupational name from Middle English *seier(e)* ‘speaker’, for a professional reciter or minstrel.

5 English: from a derivative of Middle English (Old French) *sai* ‘silk’ or *sai(e)* ‘an esteemed variety of woollen cloth’, for someone who made or sold either of these fabrics. See also **Say**.

6 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Anglo-Norman French personal name *Saher*, *Seier* (Old French *Seheri*, Continental Germanic *Sigeheri*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Saher de Arcelis, 1147–53 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Seherus, Seiherus de Quenci, about 1155, Seyr’ de Quenci, 1205 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Saerus Thomasseruaunt Clench, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Stephanus filius Seir, 1148–52 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Stephanus filius Saheir, filius Saieri, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robertus filius Seer, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Godwin Seer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Alan Sare, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Inlegh, Sussex); Thomas Seer, 1541, Renald Seare, 1555 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Robert Seere, 1570, Thomas Sare, 1567 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); Annis Seere, 1611 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Mary Seer, 1612 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Thomas Seare, 1618 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Phillip Seer, 1659 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex).

## Sayers

**Variants:** Sayres, Seyers, Seers, Sears, Seares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5021, Ireland 435
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone

1 English: variant of **Sayer** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** This English name is also well established in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Alice Sayeres, 1310 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xx; Sampson Sayers, 1564 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

Ireland: Robert Sayer and John Sayre, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Glenarne Towne, Antrim); Manus Sayer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkeel, Down); Gilesy Sayers, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal).

2 Irish: from **Mac Saoghair**, see **Sears**.

## Sayle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

English, Manx: alternative spelling of the Lancs surname **Sale**, treated here as distinct. The family name is commemorated in Ballasayle (Kirk German, IoM).

**Early bearers:** Sale, 1490, Sayle, 1624 in *Kneen* (IoM); Dollin Sayle, 1659 in *IGI* (Ballaugh, IoM); Will Saile, 1698 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Ellinr Sale, 1736, Christian Sayl, 1764 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

**References:** Broderick, *Manx Place-Names*, p. 50.

## Sayles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 435
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name see **Sales**

## Saylor

**Variants:** Sailor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Seyler**.

## Sayner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Senior**.

## Saynor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 327
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Senior**.

## Sayre

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Sayer**.

## Sayres

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Sussex; Gloucs

English: see **Sayers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Saysell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh: see **Cecil**.

## Sayward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Seward**.

## Saywell

**Variants:** Sayell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 440
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Notts

English: see **Sawell**.

## Saywood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: see **Seward**.

## Scaddan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cornwall

English: see **Scadding**.

## Scadden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Scadding**

## Scadding

**Variants:** Scaddan, Scadden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, Gloucs

English: unexplained. Possibly linked with SW English dialect words *scad* meaning ‘salmon fry’ and ‘peat slab’, in either case in an old regional plural form in *-en*, but no certainty is possible.

**Further information:** There is no known justification for deriving it from Irish or Scottish Gaelic *sgadan* ‘herring’.

**Early bearers:** John Scadden, 1547 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); Henry Skadan, Scaddan, 1569 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Nicholas Scaddinge, 1575 in *IGI* (Farway, Devon).

## Scade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish: see **Shade**.

## Scadlock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

English, Scottish: see **Shadlock**.

## Scafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Scaife**.

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

## Scahill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway

Irish: from **Mac Scaithghil** or **Ó Scaithghil** ‘son (or descendant) of *Scaithgheall*’, a personal name probably based on *scaith* ‘flower’ + *geal* ‘bright’; a Connacht name.

**Early bearers:** Mary Skahel, 1849 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Croghtenclogh, Kilkenny); Anne Scahal, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Clongawny, Westmeath); James Scahal, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Marlinstown, Westmeath); Anne Scahill, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Derrymore, Galway); Catherine Skahill, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Deerpark, Mayo); Patrick Skehill, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Carrowtober West, Galway); Michael Skehell, 1856 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballymore, Galway); John Skahell, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Bushfield, Mayo).

## Scaife

**Variants:** Skaife, Scafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1997, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1328
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks



English: nickname from the northern English dialect word *scafe* 'crooked, awry, awkward, wild' (Old Scandinavian *skeifr*).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Skaif, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Skaif, 1240 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Schayf, 1293, John Scaiff, 1346 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials*; Johanne Skayfe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Robertus Scaiff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Willelmus Scaiff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckwith in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Johannes Scaiff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Simon Scaif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rigton, WR Yorks); Robert Scafe, 1418 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robt. Skaife, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Willmus Skaife, 1583 in *IGI* (Staveley, WR Yorks); Thomas Skaife, 1592 in *IGI* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Robti. Scafe, 1593 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Marye Scafe, 1617 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Diana Scaife, 1620 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Xpofer. Scafe, 1637 in *IGI* (Kilburn, NR Yorks).

### Scaldwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Scaldwell (Northants). **Early bearers:** Robert de Scaldewell, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Scaldewelle, 1348, Henry de Skaldewell, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Henry Scaldewell, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Willelmus Skaldewell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Marye Scaldewell, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scaldwell, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 131.

### Scale

**Variants:** *Scales*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; London

English: locative name from northern Middle English *scale*, *sc(h)ole* (cf. southern *shale*, *s(c)hele*) '(temporary) hut, shed, shieling' (Old Scandinavian *skáli*). The surname may be for someone who lived in a hut (especially a shepherd in a shieling), or for someone from one of several mostly minor places so named, with modern forms *Scale* and *Schole*, chiefly in N England.

**Early bearers:** William del Scale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Radulpho del Schole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); Thomas de Scchole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); Mabell Scale, 1574 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); John Scale, 1575 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Grace Scale, 1576 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Susann Scale, 1602 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Isabell Scale, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Scales

**Variants:** *Scoles*, *Scholes*, *Schoales*, *Skoyles*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2581, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1720
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks; also Norfolk; Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; also Fermanagh

English: (i) variant of *Scale* with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s. In the plural form, the

surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or near some huts, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, including *Scale* (Norfolk), recorded as *Escales* in 1191, and several mostly minor places with modern forms *Scales* or *Scholes*, chiefly in N England. (ii) locative name, Norman, either from Écalles-Alix in Seine-Maritime or from Escalles in Pas-de-Calais.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Scales, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Robert de Schales, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Robert de Escales, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); Richard del Scoles, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Scales, 1281 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam de Scoles, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Margaret de Skales, Isabelle de Schales, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas del Scales, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes del Scholes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Scales, 1547 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Richard Scales, 1549 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Willhelmi Scales, 1554 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); John Scales, 1563 in *IGI* (Holton cum Beckering, Lincs); Katheryne Scales, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London). **References:** See *Tengvik* p. 87.

### Scallan

**Variants:** *Scallon*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 307
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Ó Scealláin 'descendant of Sceallán', see *Scullion*.

### Scalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Staffs

Irish: from Ó Scalaidhe, see *Scully*.

### Scallion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs

Irish: from Ó Scoláidhín or Ó Scealláin, see *Scullion*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Scallon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Irish: from Ó Scealláin, see *Scallan*.

### Scally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1047, Ireland 737
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Westmeath, and Longford; also Antrim

Irish: from Ó Scalaidhe, see *Scully*.

### Scambler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from a lost minor locality in Melling parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Barbara Scambler, 1635 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 181; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 150.

### Scamell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see *Scammell*.

### Scammell

**Variants:** *Scamell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 808
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *shamel* 'stall, bench (on which meat or fish is laid out for sale)' (Old English *scamol*), so perhaps for someone who worked at or kept a market stall. See also *Scambler*.

**Early bearers:** William Scamel, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Symon del Scameles, 1302 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Scammell, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Wm. Scammell, 1576 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Thomas Scammell, 1592 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); John Scammell, 1619 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); John Scammell, 1643 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); William Scammell, 1644 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).

### Scamp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Kent

English: variant of *Scamp* with a prosthetic S-. Compare Georg Camp, 1607, Wm Scamp, 1709 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon). See also *Kemp* and *Skemp*. **Early bearers:** Rogerus Scampe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Raynham, Norfolk); Mary Scamp, 1540 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); John Scampe, 1543, Jonathan Scamp, 1661 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Thomas Scamp, 1683 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Scampton

**Variants:** *Skempton*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Scampton (Lincs). **Further information:** Beatrice de Scameston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holy Trinity (Goodramgate), Yorks), is probably from Scampston in Rillington (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Agnes Scampton, 1563 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Leics); Randall Scampton, 1585 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 106.

### Scandrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Radnors; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- Unexplained, possibly of foreign origin; compare the River Scandaretto, L'Aquila, Italy.

## Scane

**Further information:** the first notable person of this name so far traced is the father of the Puritan divine Stephen Scandrett or Scanderet; the father was yeoman of the bedchamber to Charles I. Abigail (1706) was the Puritan's daughter. John Scanderet was servant of Walter Montagu in 1631.

**Early bearers:** Wilhelmus Scandret, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Aston Bottrell, Shrops); Ricij Scandred, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Oliver Scandrett, 1643 in *Access to Archives* (Parliamentary Archives); John Scandret, 1659 in *IGI* (Titley, Herefs); Johanni Scandrett, 1663 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Walter Scandrett, 1683 in *IGI* (Kington, Herefs); Georg Scanderritt, 1697 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Abigail Scanderet, 1706 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**References:** *DNB*, 'Stephen Scandrett'; Michelle Dobbie, 'Henrietta Maria, political intrigue, and Early Modern diplomacy', *Lives and Letters* 2.1 (2010).

## Scane

**Variants:** Skane, Scanes, Skanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Cane**, for which compare Aves Cane, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon), three miles from Brixham (see the 1578 early bearer below).

**Further information:** It is possible, instead, that one source of **Cane** is *Scane* with loss of the initial *S*- through misdivision of such names as *Nycholas* or *Aves Skane*.

**Early bearers:** Margery Scane, 1549 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Nycholas Skane, 1578 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon).

## Scanes

**Variants:** Scoins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

English: variant of **Scane** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Isett Scanes, 1606 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

## Scanlan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1738, Ireland 664
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 673
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; W Munster
- Irish: from Ó Scannláin, see **Scanlon**.

## Scanlon

**Variants:** Scanlan, Scantlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2777, Ireland 3069
- **GB frequency 1881:** 707
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry and Clare

Irish: from Ó Scannláin, 'descendant of Scannlán', a personal name formed from a diminutive of *Scannal*. Compare **Scannell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Scannlán, bishop and abbot of Tamhlacht, 913 in *Annals of the Four Masters*. surnames: Caoncomhrac ua Scannláin, erenagh of Daimhinis, 1011 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Colmán Ua Scannláin, erenagh of Cloyne, 1179 in *Annals of the*

*Four Masters*; Morish oge O Skanlan, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3229 (the country of Corin, Sligo); Shane oge O Scanlan, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4621 (Dunmoylen, Limerick); Morrice McBrien garrew O Skanlon, gent., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4727 (Coren, Sligo); Conoghor mcCragh O Skanleine alias Cragh, labourer, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Munster); Dermot mcDonill O Skanilan, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Munster); Teig mcRery O Skanlaine, husbandman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069 (Munster); Dwaltagh O Skanlane, Brien O Scanlane, Art boy O Scanlane, Kellyagh O Scanlane, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5478 (Kuonymy and Rosselyan, Sligo); Maurice O Scanlane, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6183 (Tarmon tennane, Kerry); Thomas O Scandlon, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6312 (Moyhery); Seyve ny Skanlon, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6497 (Fyneglassie); Margaret ny Conoghor ny Scanlane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566 (Carrig Cassill, Munster).

**References:** *Irish Families* p. 262

## Scannell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 985
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Scannail 'descendant of *Scannal*', a byname meaning 'contention'. Compare **Scanlon**.
- Early bearers:** Dermot mcDonogho Y Skannall, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4469 (Morcompy, Cork); Wm. mcDermody Y Skannell, galloglass, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4469 (Moccompy, Cork); Teige mcDiermody I Skannill and Wm. mcDeirmody mcTeige I Skanill, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4751 (Kounboy, Cork); Parlan O Scannill, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5434 (Graigrevaghe, Sligo); Deirmod mcTeige O Skanill alias Deirmod Ikrunn, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511; Daniell Scanelane, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ardre, Sligo).

## Scantlebury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: locative name, a form of **Canterbury**, found in Zennor (Cornwall) in the early 14th century, apparently originating in a dissimilated form seen in William Cantelbury, 1395 in *Fine Rolls* (Trigg minor) and persisting in Dorothy Cantlebury, 1681 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall).

**Further information:** The forms with initial *S*- are not easy to account for. They may have been influenced by the south-western English dialect word *scantle* 'irregular roofing slate'. The oldest forms without the final syllable, at first restricted to the Lanreath area, also often have *-e-* in the first syllable, which suggests that the name was at first (mis)understood as if containing Cornish *skentyl* 'wise' and *bew* 'life'. There is a difficulty in that the earliest forms with initial *S*- also appear to be corrupt in the final syllable. Any direct connection with *Scantell*, as in Ursula Scantell, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon), is unlikely.

**Early bearers:** George Skentilbawe, 1522 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Landulph); John Skentylbery, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tregony borough); George Skentilbery, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint John); Tamstyn Skentilbew, 1564 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Regnold Skantilbew,

1570 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); France Scantlebury, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Oliveri Scantleburye, 1612 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Nicholas Scantlebewe, 1614 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); William Scantlebew Or Scantlebewe, 1620 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Robert Scantlbery, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Edward Skentlebury, 1651 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Francis Skentlebewrie, 1654 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Nicholas Scantleberry, 1677 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); John Scantabury, 1720 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); James Scanterbury, 1729 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall).

**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*, under *scantle(-slate)*.

## Scantlin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Irish: from Ó Scannláin, see **Scanlon**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Scaplehorn

**Variants:** Caplehorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: unexplained; perhaps an altered form of **Capelin** or **Cappleman**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Capelhorn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); William Scablehorne, 1603 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); John Scablehorn, alias Piper, 1614 in *Parish Registers* (Vernham Dean, Hants); Margaret Scaplehorne, 1621 in *IGI* (Patney, Wilts); Elizabeth Caplehorne, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Noah Scapellhorne, 1669 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks); Mary Scaplehorn, 1716 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); George Caplehorn, 1847 in *IGI* (Ampfield, Hants).

## Scarah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Skirrow**. There may have been some confusion with **Scorrer**.

## Scarboro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Leics
- English: see **Scarborough**.

## Scarborough

- Variants:** Scarbrough, Scarboro, Scarbrow, Scarbro
  - **Current frequencies:** GB 1385, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 823
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: locative name from Scarborough (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hakun de Scardeburg, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alberic de Scartheburg', 1230 in *Memoranda Roll* (Yorks); Robert de Scartheburgh, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Margareta de Scardeburgh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Johanne de Scardeburgh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Scardebourgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham,

Norfolk); Johannes Skardeboru, labourer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes de Scardeburgh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grassington, WR Yorks); Johannes de Scardburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Johannes Skarburgh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Scarbrugh, 1418–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Elizabeth Scarborough, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Scarbrough, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Abraham Scarbrough, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Samuëll Scarborough, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); John Scarborough, 1612 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex); Nicholas Scarborough, 1623 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Jane Scarborough, 1628 in *IGI* (Legbourne, Lincs); Elizabeth Scarbrow, 1634 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); Willm. Scarborough, 1639 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); Catharine Scarboro, 1795 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Sarah Scarbro, 1741 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 105–6.

### Scarbro

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 86
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Scarborough**.

### Scarbrough

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 132
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Scarborough**.

### Scarbrow

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Scarborough**.

### Scarce

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Sease**.

Further information: The spelling of this name has been altered by folk etymology.

### Scarcliff

- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Scarcliffe**.

### Scarcliffe

Variants: **Scarcliff**

- Current frequencies: GB 38, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: locative name from Scarcliffe (Derbys).

Early bearers: William de Scardecliuë, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Roger Skardeclyve, 1366 in *Yorks Wills*; John Scarcliffe, 1634 in *IGI* (Eagle, Lincs).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 294.

### Scard

- Current frequencies: GB 210, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 123
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Dorset

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Card** arising through misdivision of a name such as that of Thomas Card, 1596 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset).

Early bearers: Mary Scarde, 1629 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Mary Scard, 1722 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Walter Scard, 1725 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); Ann Scard, 1753 in *IGI* (Iwerne Minster, Dorset); Sophia Scard, 1816 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset).

### Scaresbrook

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Oxon

English: see **Scarisbrick**.

### Scarf

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 262
  - Main GB location 1881: E Anglia; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Scarfe**.

### Scarfe

Variants: **Scarf**, **Scarff**, **Scarffe**

- Current frequencies: GB 837, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 584
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. E Anglia; WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin

English: (i) nickname from northern Middle English *scarf* 'cormorant' (Old Scandinavian *skarfr*). (ii) relationship name, perhaps from a survival into Middle English of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Scarfi*.

Early bearers: John Scarf, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Scharf, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Scarfe, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Katherine Scarfe, 1562 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk); Edw. Scarfe, 1589 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Anne Scarfe, 1591 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Scarfe, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Scarff

- Current frequencies: GB 680, Ireland 53
- GB frequency 1881: 358
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Suffolk; also IoM
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal

English: see **Scarfe**.

### Scarffe

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: IoM

English: see **Scarfe**.

Further information: The name in this spelling has been associated from an early date with the Isle of Man as well as E England.

### Scargill

- Current frequencies: GB 639, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 487
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Scargill (NR Yorks).  
 Early bearers: Warin de Scakergill', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William de Skaregile, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Scargill, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scargill, NR Yorks); Johannes de Schargill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Stapleton, WR Yorks); John Scargill, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll*

(WR Yorks); Robert Scargill, 1531 in *York Registry Wills* (Thorpe Stapleton, WR Yorks); Mary Scargill, 1664 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 303.

### Scarisbrick

Variants: **Scarsbrook**, **Scaresbrook**, **Scaysbrook**

- Current frequencies: GB 485, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 265
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Scarisbrick (Lancs).

Further information: Some variants are modified as though containing *brook* 'stream'.

Early bearers: Gilbert de Scaresbrec, early 13th cent. in *Surnames of Lancs*; Henricus de Scaresbrec, Edmundus de Scaresbrec, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); Peter Scarsbrecke, 1558, Ferdinand Scarisbricke, 1617, Humphrey Scarisbreck, 1623 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Scarsbrick, 1619 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Katherine Scazbrick, 1693 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Elizabeth Scaresbrick, 1719 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Scaresbrook, 1722 in *IGI* (Combe, Oxon); John Scazebrook, 1722, Thomas Blake Scarsbrook, 1727 in *IGI* (Steeple Barton, Oxon); William Scarsbrook, 1725 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Lawrence Scarisbrook, 1737 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 124; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 531.

### Scarle

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 45
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; Suffolk

English: (i) locative name from North Scarle (Lincs) and the adjacent South Scarle (Notts).

(ii) Some late bearers from S England may be from Middle English *skerel(e)* 'scarecrow'.

Compare **Scarles**.

Early bearers: Walter Scarle, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Rogerus Skarell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton on Trent, Lincs); John de Scarle, clerk, 1396 in *Feet of Fines*; Robert Skarle, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Marye Scarle, 1603 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Edward Scarll, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Elizabeth Skarle, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Sarah Scarle, 1742 in *IGI* (Chediston, Suffolk); Mary Scarl, 1786 in *IGI* (Reedham, Norfolk).

References: *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 106–7; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 206.

### Scarles

- Current frequencies: GB 76, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: unexplained; apparently a nickname from Middle English *skerel(e)* 'scarecrow', which is found as *scarle* in a late Middle English text, with a not readily explainable final excrescent -s.

Further information: The -er- spellings in 1379 and 1381 are probably inverted spellings of -ar-, reflecting the late 14th-century development of /er/ to /ar/.

Early bearers: Johannes Skerles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strixton, Northants); Johanne Skerles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tothill and South Reston, Lincs); John Scarles,

1612 in *IGI* (Great Wolford, Warwicks); Francis Scarles, 1716 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk).

### Scarlet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Scarlett**.

### Scarlett

**Variants:** **Scarlet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1806, Ireland 101
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1007
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

English: nickname from Middle English *scarlet* ‘scarlet (cloth)’ (Old French *escarlante*), perhaps for someone who made or sold rich fabrics.

**Further information:** Thomas de Scarlett, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askwith, WR Yorks), may be a mistake for *le Scarlett*.

**Early bearers:** William Scarlet, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Geoffrey Escarlata, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Ralph le Escarlet, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Scarlet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Strumpshaw with Braydeston, Norfolk); Ricardus Skarlet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Benet Scarlett, 1546 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Margaret Scarlett, 1554 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk).

### Scarr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 566
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; Cambs

English: locative name from Middle English *scarre* ‘rocky cliff, crag’ (Old Scandinavian *sker*), for someone who lived on or by such a feature, or from a place so named.

**Further information:** The 1379 bearer may actually be an abbreviated form of *Skar(d)burgh*, i.e. Scarborough (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Skar’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Scar, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Whitestaunton, Somerset); Robert Scarre, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Barholm, Lincs); Henry Scarr, 1591 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); William Scarre, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Stamford Baron, Northants); John Scarr, 1707 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Scarratt

**Variants:** **Scarrett, Scarrott, Skarratt, Skerratt, Skerrett, Skerritt, Sherrard, Skarratts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name. Tooth suggests it may refer to an unidentified locality in or near Audley (Staffs). It is implied by the surname of Henry Skaryok (1298) or Scarioc (1307), who appears as a tenant in Horton, near Rudyard, in the Audley estate records. *Skaryok* might refer to a damaged or mis-shapen oak tree (Middle English *scarri* ‘(?) scraggy’), later developing to *Scariot* through the common substitution of /t/ for final /k/. Alternatively he suggests that the spellings may be copyists’ errors for *Scariot*, perhaps a nickname from playing the part of Judas *Iscariot* in

a mystery play. Either way, he notes that Thomas Skarriot appears in 1540 in the Audley parish registers, and that the surname occurs as *Scarriat* (1559) and *Skerratt* (1557) in the parish registers of Betley, a few miles SW of Audley. The name also seems to have been thoroughly confused with the Staffs surname **Sherrard** and its many variants. The two names may have happened to coincide in the odd parish, but the coincidence happens too often to be accidental, as some of the following early bearers illustrate.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Skerrette, 1539, Jone Skerriotte, 1544, Richard Skerret, 1560, Ellinor Skerritt, 1643, John Skerrott, 1721, Hannah Skerrat, 1732 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Ellenora Skerriot, 1575, Rad. Sharrat, 1580, John Sherratt, 1584, Robti Sherritt, 1621, Robert Sherrot, 1660, James Skerratt, 1722 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Ann Scarrat, 1577 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Thomas Scarrett, 1581, Maud Scarrat, 1588, James Skerratt, 1716, William Sherrard, 1776 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Reginald Scarrett, 1616 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Zara Skerret, 1634, Willimi Skerriot, 1635, Thomas Skerritte, 1670, Thomas Sherrard, 1698, Mary Sherrot, 1722, Mary Skerratt, 1727 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Mariae Scarrett, 1643, Rich. Scarrott, 1675, Thos. Sharott, 1726 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Sarah Sherratt, 1697, Wright George Scarrett, 1727 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Maria Sherratt, 1666, William Skeratt, 1776 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); Tho. Skerratt, 1683, John Scarrot, 1714 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); John Scarrot, 1733, John Skerrott, 1743, John Scarriot, 1796 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth* 1, p. 38.

### Scarrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs
- English: see **Scarratt**.

### Scarrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 917, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Scarratt**.

### Scarrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk

English: see **Skirrow**, a Yorks name, which in the late 16th and 17th centuries appears as *Skarowe*, *Scaroe*, *Skerro*, and *Scarrou*. It had presumably migrated to Cambs by the late 16th century, unless the Cambs name has a different, unexplained origin. Compare **Sharrow**.

**Early bearers:** John Scarer, 1577 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Anne Scarrow, 1583, Susanna Scarrow, 1700 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Leonard Scarrowe, 1624 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Thomas Scarrow, 1707, James Scarrow, 1817 in *IGI* (Freckenham, Suffolk).

### Scarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Perth

Irish: from Ó **Scurra**, see **Skerry**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Ireland and Britain but continues to thrive in North America.

### Scarsbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Scarisbrick**.

### Scarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham; also Orkney

1 English: locative name from Scarth (Wood) in Whorlton (NR Yorks), named with northern Middle English *scarth(e)* ‘cleft, gap, mountain pass’ (Old Scandinavian *skarþ*), with reference to a long, narrow pass through the Cleveland Hills; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Skarth, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Swainby, NR Yorks); John de Scarth, 1327 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Felixkirk, NR Yorks); John Skerth, 1509 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Richard Scarthe, 1580 in *York Registry Wills* (Carlton, NR Yorks); Lawrenc Scarth, 1625 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Ellen Scarth, 1633 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

2 Scottish, Irish: locative name from Scarth in Firth (Orkney).

**Further information:** The Orkney family settled in Scarth in Firth in the 15th century, taking their name from the place. They originally came from Norway, and one of their ancestors was Alvar Haraldsson (1340–1412), secretary to King Haakon VI of Norway.

**Early bearers:** Fene Skatht, 1482 in *Old Lore Miscellany* (Orkney); Andro Scarth, 1514 in *Orkney-Shetland Records* (Orkney).

### Scase

**Variants:** **Scaree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: nickname from Middle English *scars(e)*, *skace*, *scace* ‘stingy, niggardly’ (Old French *eschars*). **Early bearers:** Bridget Skase, 1578 in *IGI* (Thrandeston, Suffolk); Elizabeth Scase, 1617 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Matthias Scars, 1621 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); William Scarce, 1726 in *IGI* (Eye, Suffolk).

### Scatchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname, perhaps a derivative of Middle English *scache* ‘scaffolding pole’ (Old French *eschace*) + the uncomplimentary suffix *-ard*. It could have been a nickname for someone with long legs or perhaps a wooden leg (which is the suggested sense in *Morlet, Dictionnaire* of the related French surname *Eschasseriaux*). Alternatively the name may have been given to a maker of scaffolds or a scaffolder. Compare John Skacher, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk) (‘maker of scaffold poles?’); also Adam Scaffolman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb), see *Fransson*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Scochard, 1336 in *Ancient Deeds* v (Kent); John Scacharde, William Skachade, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Scatcherd, 1436 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Alverthorpe, WR Yorks); Thomas Scacherd, 1475 in *Yorks Deeds* (Shitlington, WR Yorks); Alice Scatchard, 1585 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Margaret Scatchard, 1607 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); William Scatchard, 1636, Simeon Scatchard, 1714 in *IGI* (Arthington, WR Yorks).

### Scates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey
- English: see **Skates**.

### Scattergood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 806
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks; Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *scater(en)* 'to distribute, squander' + *god* 'property, goods, wealth', for someone careless and free with money, or perhaps for a philanthropist.

**Early bearers:** Henry Skatergot, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Skatergod, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robert Scatergod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Jo. Scattergood, 1575 in *IGI* (Roughton, Lincs); Wm. Scattergood, 1589 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Richard Scattergood, 1596 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Elizabeth Scattergood, 1601 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Dorothy Scattergood, 1604 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks).

### Scawen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Cornish, English: see **Scowen**.

### Scaysbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Leics
- English: probably a variant of **Scarbrick**.

### Sccats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs
- English: see **Skeates**.

### Scerri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: (i) nickname, plural form of Sicilian *Scerra*, from *sciarr* 'fight, dispute', applied as a nickname for a quarrelsome person. (ii) nickname for a mariner, from either of two Sicilian words said to derive from Arabic, *usceri*, *scieri*, denoting different types of boats.

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Schade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Dutch: nickname from *schade* 'damage, loss', denoting a thug or a clumsy person, or, more particularly, a robber knight, who raided others' lands.

**Early bearers:** Alice Schade, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Trinity, Sunderland, Durham); Ann Maria Schade, 1799 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George in the East, Stepney, Middx); Frederick Lewis Schade, 1819 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Alfred Schade, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Carl Schade, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Wilhelm Schade, gardener, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Richmond, Surrey).

### Schaefer

**Variants:** Schafer, Schaffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36

German: occupational name for a shepherd, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schäf* 'sheep', German *Schaf*.

**Further information:** the German name is usually spelled Schäfer.

**Early bearers:** Peter Schaefer, pianoforte maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Karl Christian Schaefer, 1863 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Bernhard Gottlieb Schaefer, 1870 in *IGI* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); William Schaefer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Oscar Schafer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); Adolph Schaefer, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Louis Schaefer, furrier, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); August Schaefer, tailor, born in Prussia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Johann Ludwig Schaefer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx); Franz Schaefer, electrical engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx); Walburga Schaefer, governess, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx).

### Schafer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: anglicized spelling of German Schäfer, see **Schaefer**.

**Early bearers:** Magdalena Schafer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hammersmith, Middx); Gustav Schafer, cabinet maker, born in Berlin, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Henrick Schafer, journeyman baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Schaffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schaffen* 'to manage', for a steward or bailiff. (ii) South German (**Schäffer**) and Jewish (Ashkenazic), variant of **Schaefer**.

**Early bearers:** Bernhard Schaffer, 1750 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Schaffer, born in Vienna, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Julius Schaffer, clerk, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1851* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Margaretha Schaffer, schoolmistress, born in Germany, in

*Census 1861* (Stirling, Stirlings); Jacob Schaffer, shoemaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Gottfried Schaffer, bootmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Fried Schaffer, harmonium maker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Moris Schaffer, hairdresser, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Gottfried Schaffer, writer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Paddington, Middx); Abraham Schaffer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Hyman Schaffer, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Schaffer, porter, born in Constantinople, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); August Schaffer, baker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Harris Schaffer, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Lazarus Schaffer, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Schembri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: from the Maltese word *xkembri*, denoting a kind of lemon, or perhaps from Italian *schembro* 'mackerel'.

**Further information:** A range of other suggestions is put forward by *Cassar*.

### Schenck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schenk**.

### Schenk

**Variants:** Schenck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, status name from Middle High German and Middle Dutch *schenke* 'cup bearer, wine server' (Old High German *scenko*, from *scenken* 'to pour out or serve'), a word that was also used to denote an innkeeper. The modern German word *Schenk*, with its derived sense 'gift' (originally a gift of an alcoholic drink), is of Middle High German origin, but is unlikely to have had any influence on the surname. In another development, similar to English **Butler**, the word came to be used as an honorary title for a high court official, and it is likely that some cases of the surname arose from this use.

**Further information:** At one time in the Russian empire, only Jews were allowed to sell alcohol. As a Jewish name, therefore, this very often denoted an innkeeper.

**Early bearers:** Martin Schenk, 1724 in *IGI* (Monymusk, Aberdeens); Rodolphus Schenk, 1815 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Cornelius Schenk, ship broker, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Southwark, Surrey); Charles Schenk, notary's clerk, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); Frederick Schenk, jeweller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); William Schenk, shoemaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Poplar, Middx); Nicholas Carl Schenk, born in Riga, in *Census 1881* (Plymouth, Devon); Harris

## Scher

Schenk, tailor's baster, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Lina von Schenck, school principal, born in Cassel, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Lorenz Schenk, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Romford, Essex); Hans Schenk, cook, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Windsor, Berks).

### Scher

Variants: **Scherr, Sherr, Sher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

German, Dutch, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *schere*, Middle Low German *schēre*, Middle Dutch *sceere*, Yiddish *sher*, all meaning 'scissors, shears'. The surname variously denoted a maker of scissors or shears, a barber, a cloth cutter, or a sheep shearer.

**Early bearers:** John Sherr, stick maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hermann Scher, 1873 in *BMD* (Liverpool, Lancs); Rachel Scher, 1887 in *BMD* (Prestwich, Lancs); David Scher, draper, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); Simon Scher, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Marks Sherr, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Eli Sher, slipper rivetter, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Israel Scher, master tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Jules Scher, piano finisher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Anton Scherr, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Adam Scherr, scientific instrument maker, born in Odessa, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx); Charles Scherr, restaurant manager, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Harris Scher, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Hyman Scher, master tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Jacob Sherr, leather merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Scherer

Variants: **Sherer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from German *Scherer*, Yiddish *sherer* 'shearer; barber', denoting a barber, sheep shearer, or someone who used shears to trim the surface of finished cloth and remove excessive nap. Compare **Shearer**.

**Early bearers:** Hans Theobald Scherer, 1709 in *IGI* (Savoy, Middx); George Frederick Scherer, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Wilhelmina Scherer, German teacher, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Brighton, Sussex); David Scherer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx) August Scherer, cook, born in Baden, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Peter Shirer, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Johannes Scherer, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Adolf Schaerer, clerk, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Davis Sherer, boot finisher, born in Austria,

in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Sherer, master tailor, born in Galicia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Sherer, boot finisher, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harry Scherer, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Franz Scherer, waiter, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Battle, Sussex).

### Scherr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German, Dutch, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Scher**.

### Schiller

Variants: **Shiller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) dialect variant of **Schuler**. (ii) nickname for someone with a squint, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schilhen*, *schiln* 'to squint'.

**Early bearers:** German: Amey Sophia Schiller, 1807 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Michael Shealler, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Albert Schiller, surgical instrument maker, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey); Wilhelmina Schiller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Derby, Lancs); Heinrich Scheller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Christian Shiller, dock labourer, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Margarete Constanze Schiller, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

**Jewish:** Solomon Schiller-Szincrey, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Cambridge, Cambs); Morris Shiller, tailor's presser, born Poland, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Hyman Shiller, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Harris Schiller, in *Census 1901* (London); Pinchus Schiller, in *Census 1901* (London); Esther Schiller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Morris Shiller, cabinet maker, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, WR Yorks); Marks Shiller, military cap maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Harris Schiller, tailor's presser, born in Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Schilling

Variants: **Shilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname, ornamental name from Middle High German *schillinc*, Middle Low German *schillink*, German *Schilling* 'shilling'. The German surname may have referred originally to a rent or fee owed or paid. The Jewish surname is more likely to be a handout name or ornamental name than a nickname. (ii) locative name, German, from a place called Schilling in Bavaria or from places called Schillingen in Rhineland and East Prussia.

**Early bearers:** Peter Schilling, baker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Augustus Schilling, professor of the German language, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx);

Franz Schilling, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Lancs); Rodolf Schilling, cook, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1871* (Richmond, Surrey); Carl Conrad Julius Shilling, foreign correspondent, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Hermann Schilling, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Isaac Schilling, grocer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Shilling, 1890 in *BMD* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Christian Schilling, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Dittmar Schilling, bank clerk, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Hyman Schilling, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bishopsgate, London); Barnett Shilling, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hans Schilling, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Joseph Schilling, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Harris Shilling, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Isaac Schilling, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Schindler

Variants: **Shindler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

German (southern and eastern) and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name denoting someone who made or laid wooden roof tiles, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schindel*, German *Schindel* 'shingle'. (ii) locative name perhaps in a few South German cases, from one of the places called Schindel or Schindeln.

**Early bearers:** William Shindler, 1640 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Christian Schindler, 1772 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Charles John Augustus Schindler, 1839 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Schindler, born in Hungary, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Schindler, tailor, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Maurice Schindler, watchmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Charles Schindler, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Christian Schindler, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Margate, Kent); Fritz Schindler, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Israel Schindler, cap cutter, born in Romania, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Fritz Schindler, missionary, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Leicester, Leics); Jacob Schindler, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Hyman Shindler, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Aaron Schindler, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Christian Schindler, teacher, born in Bern, Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Lewis Shindler, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Nathan Shindler, presser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Marcks Shindler, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Schlesinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): regional name for someone from Silesia, German *Schlesinger*, an agent noun based on German *Schlesien*, *Schlesing* 'Silesia' (Polish *Śląsk*).

**Further information:** The area was named after the *Silingae*, a Germanic people who occupied the region before being displaced by Slavs in the 8th century. It has been governed at different times by Prussia and by Poland. Since 1945 it has been part of Poland. Other places named with the same element include Schleusingen in Saxony, Schlenzig in Pomerania, and Schlenz in Silesia itself, and it is possible that in some instances the surname derives from one of these.

**Early bearers:** Charles Samuel Schlesinger, 1820 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Martin Schlesinger, stuff merchant, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Albert Henry Slesinger, 1850 in *Parish Registers* (Holborn, Middx); Adolph Schlesinger, jeweller, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Newington, Surrey); Meyer Schlesinger, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); Max Schlesinger, newspaper literary editor, born in Hungary, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); Gustav Schlesinger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Lewis Schlesinger, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Hyman Schlesinger, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Davis Schlesinger, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Harris Shlesinger, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Gertrude Shlesinger, housekeeper, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Grimsby, Lincs); Oscar Schlesinger, provisions merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey); Solomon Schlesinger, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Willesden, Middx).

### Schmid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- South German: variant of **Schmidt**.

### Schmidt

**Variants:** Schmid, Schmitt, Schmitz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 662
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Middle High German *smit*, German *Schmied* 'blacksmith'. The German surname is found in many other parts of Europe, from Slovenia to Sweden.

**Early bearers:** John Heinrich Schmitt, 1807 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Otto Schmidt, writer, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Hauser Schmitt, 1859 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Martin Schmitt, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Poplar, Middx); Isaac Schmitt, labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Bath, Somerset); Friedrich Schmitt, master baker, born in Rhenish Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Shoreditch, Middx); Anton Schmidt, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Ludwig Schmid, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey); Wilhelm Schmitt, mathematical instrument maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Andreas Schmidt, tailor, born in Hessen, Germany, in *Census 1891*

(Liverpool, Lancs); Karl Schmidt, marine store dealer, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Grimsby, Lincs); Heinrich Schmitt, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Rudolf Schmidt, courier, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); David Schmidt, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs); Otto Schmidt, cashier, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Grimsby, Lincs); Hyman Schmidt, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Schmitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- South German: variant of **Schmidt**.

### Schmitz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: Rhineland variant or patronymic form of **Schmidt**.

**Early bearers:** Leonard Schmitz, rector of high school, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Leith, Midlothian); Johann Schmitz, master tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Holborn, Middx); John Henry Schmitz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Swindon, Wilts); Laurenz Schmitz, born in Rhineland, in *Census 1881* (Lancaster, Lancs); Leonhard Schmitz, writer and teacher, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Hans Schmitz, commercial clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

### Schneider

**Variants:** Snyder, Snider, Snyders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1104, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a tailor or sometimes a woodcutter, from Middle High German *snider*, German *Schneider*, Yiddish *shnayder* 'cutter'. This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** William Snyder, 1757 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Schnider, 1837 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edwin Sneider, 1847 in *IGI* (Woolwich, Kent); Abraham Schnider, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Wilhelm Schneider, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Gustav A. Schneider, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Frederick Snyder, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Snider, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Anton I. Schneider, baker, born in Rhine Province, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); Samuel Schneider, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Christian Schnider, gardener, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hampstead, Middx); Sarah Snider, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Susman Snyder, tailor, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Jacob Schnider, second-hand clothier, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Schneider, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Bernard Snyder, merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1911*

(Saint Pancras, Middx); Louis Snider, shoemaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs); Ephraim Snider, boot repairer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Fritz Ferdinand Alfred Schneider, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Schoales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Scales**.

### Schoefield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Schofield**.

### Schofield

**Variants:** Scofield, Scoffield, Scoffield, Scholfield, Scholefield, Schoefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15391, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Scholefield, in Rochdale (Lancs), named with Middle English *scale*, *sc(h)ole* 'hut, shed' (Old Scandinavian *skáli*) + *feld* 'field, open country'.

**Early bearers:** John de Scholefeld, 1343 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John de Scoffield, 1323 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); 1374 Henry de Scofeld, *Feet of Fines* (Langfield, WR Yorks); Richard de Skolefeld, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Schofeyld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); Johannes de Scholfelt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterworth, Lancs); Anne Scofeld, 1561, John Schofeld, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Schofield, 1595 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Robte Scoffield, 1601 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Robte Scholfield, 1620 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Elizabeth Scholefield, 1623 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Joseph Schoefield, 1670 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs); David Scoffield, 1681 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* pp. 56, 86, 97; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Scholar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Schollar**.

### Scholard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Scottish: variant of **Scoular** with post-medieval excrement *-d*.

### Scholefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 854
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Schofield**.

### Scholer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Schollar**.



**Scholes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3093, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Scales**.

**Scholey**

Variants: **Schooley**, **Scoley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1330, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1021
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Scholey's Bridge in Hensworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Scollay* in 1276, or the lost place-name Scholey in Rastrick (WR Yorks), recorded in that spelling in 1399.
- Early bearers:** John de Scolay, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Jacobi Scholey, 1579 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Willmi Scholey, 1583 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Jana Scholey, 1626 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Ann Scholey, 1699 in *IGI* (Tong, Shrops); Philip Scholey, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 265; 3, p. 40.

**Scholfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 759
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Schofield**.

**Schollar**

Variants: **Scholar**, **Scholard**, **Scholer**, **Scholler**, **Scullard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs; Middx; Cornwall

English: from Middle English *scoler(e)* 'learner, pupil, student; learned man', the English equivalent of **Scoular**.

**Scholler**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Sussex; Glamorgan

English: see **Schollar**.

**Scholtz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schultz**.

**Scholz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schultz**.

**School**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Scule* (Old Scandinavian *Skúli*).
- Early bearers:** given names: Scule, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. surnames: Robert filius Scule, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robert Scule, about 1165 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Richard Scoule, 1297 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Yorks) John School, 1696 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John School, 1753 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Schoolcraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Seowcroft**.

**Schooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Scholey**.

**Schooling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: locative name from Middle English *scholand*, of disputed meaning. It was the name of a piece of ground in several places in SE England, including Shoe Lane in London, Shoeland Farm in Hendon, Middx, two lost field names in Essex in the parishes of Lawford and either Easthorpe or Lexden, three in Surrey (Shoelands in Puttenham and Witley, and *Scoland* (1177–86) in Wandsworth), and Shulland in Kent. Only the London and Essex places seem to have given rise to a surname, which preserves an alternative /sk/ pronunciation and shows the common confusion of *-land* and *-ling* in pronouncing the unstressed final syllable.
- Further information:** For evidence of the place-name and its possible meanings see *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 584; *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 59; *Ekwall, London Street-Names*, p. 110–11, at Shoe Lane; *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 210–11; *English Place-Name Elements*, at \*scēo.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Scholaunde, 1283 in *London Husting Wills*; Francisco de Scoulande, de Scoulonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Childerditch, Essex); Henry Scholinge, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Scoolinge, 1584 in *IGI* (Chickney, Essex); William Schooling, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**Schorah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: spelling variant of **Seorer**, modelled on words like *scholar*.

**Schott**

Variants: **Shott**, **Schotte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham; Lancs
- 1 German: (i) occupational name, nickname from Middle High German *schotte* 'pedlar'. Some examples may belong under (2). (ii) nickname (**Schött**), for a tax collector, from Middle Low German *schot* 'tax'.

**Early bearers:** Hans Christian Schott, 1806 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Herman Schott, yarn merchant, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Bradford, WR Yorks); August Schotte, merchant, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Frederick Schott, shoemaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx);

Gustavus Schott, yarn manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Horton in Bradfield, WR Yorks); John Schotte, manufacturer, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Foleshill, Warwicks); Adolph Schott, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Aberystwith, Glamorgan); Auguste Shott, language teacher, born in Alsace, in *Census 1901* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Henry Schott, wool worker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Franz Schott, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from either German *Schotte* 'Scotsman' or German *Schote* 'pod', acquired as either a handout or ornamental name.

**Early bearers:** Moses Morris Shot, 1765 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Jacob Schott, drapery clerk, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Sunderland, Durham); Jacob Schott, moneylender, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); Abram Shott, cigar maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

**Schotte**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Schott**.

**Schrader**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also WR Yorks
- German: see **Schroeder**.

**Schram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schramm**.

**Schramm**

Variants: **Schram**, **Shram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname for someone with a scar, from Middle High German *schram(me)*, German *Schramme*, Yiddish *shram* 'scar'.

**Early bearers:** German: John Schram, 1734, Sophia Shram, 1741 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Westminster, Middx); Marie Elisabeth Sophie Schramm, 1849 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Gustav Schramm, 1867 in *IGI* (Port Glasgow, Renfrews); Andrew Shram, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Charles P. Schramm, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Kent); Henry Schram, master bag maker, born in Holstein, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Carl Schramm, traveller, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Adolf Schramm, scene painter, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Albert Schramm, shoemaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Comford, Cornwall); Ernst Schramm, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

Jewish: Moses Schram, tailor, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Moses Schram, tailor, born in Leyden, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Morris Schram, tailor, born



in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx) Barnett Shram, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sushannah Schram, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Islington, London).

### Schreiber

Variants: **Schriber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Suffolk; also WR Yorks

1 German: occupational name for a clerk, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schriben* 'to write'.

**Early bearers:** John Schreiber, 1775 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Charles Edward Shreiber, 1798 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); George Schreiber, 1833 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Hieronimus Schriber, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Brierley Hill, Worcs); Albert Schreiber, sugar refiner, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Frederick W. Schreiber, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Albert Schreiber, photographer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Woolwich, Kent); George Schriber, silk merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Gustav Schreiber, instrument maker, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Heinrich Schreiber, waiter, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Wilhelm Adolf Schreiber, foreign correspondent, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton cum Hardy, Lancs).  
2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Schreiber*, Yiddish *shrayber* 'writer', adopted as a translation of Hebrew *Sofer* 'scribe'.

**Early bearers:** Simon Schreiber, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Solomon Schriber, butcher's assistant, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Kalman Schreiber, master baker, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Morris Schreiber, turner, born Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Aaron Schreiber, hairdresser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx); Leah Schreiber, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Nathan Schriber, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Schriber, tailor's machinist, born in Odessa, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Schriber

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schreiber**.

### Schroder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: see **Schroeder**.

### Schroeder

Variants: **Schroder, Schrader**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: occupational name (**Schröder**), from Middle Low German *schräder* 'tailor', an agent derivative of Middle Low German *schrōden*, *schräden* 'to cut'. The same term was occasionally used to denote a grist miller as well as a shoemaker, whose work included cutting leather, and also a drayman, who delivered beer and wine in bulk to customers; in some instances the surname may have been acquired in any of these senses. This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe. **Early bearers:** Jewish: Abraham Schroder, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Anne, Soho, London); Benjamin Schrader, 1818 in *IGI* (Saint Bride, Fleet Street, London); Joseph Shrader, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Colman Shrader, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

other: Beatrix Schroeder, 1725 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Charles Christian Schroeder, 1770 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Schroeder, messenger, born in Germany in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Adolphus Leopold Schroeder, labourer, born in Holstein, in *Census 1871* (Sunderland, Durham); Diedrich Schroeder, stevedore, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ludwig Schroeder, stoker, born in Gestendorf, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Felix Gottlieb Ludwig Schroeder, domestic servant, born in Meckenburg, in *Census 1891* (York); Herman Shrader, stoker, born in Hanover, in *Census 1901* (South Shields, Durham); Karl Schroder, bricklayer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Gravesend, Kent); Adolph Schroder, electrical instrument maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Woolwich, Kent); Joseph Alexander Englebert Schrader, bank clerk, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx); Otto Schroeder, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Schubert

Variants: **Shubert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: occupational name from Middle High German *schuoch* 'shoe' + *würhte* 'maker', for a shoemaker or cobbler. The sound *b* was often substituted for *v* in eastern dialects of German. The (infrequent) Jewish name was probably an ornamental adoption.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Schoebert, 1775 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine Coleman, London); John Conrad Schubert, 1781 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Wilhelmina Schubert, 1821 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Gutlip Schubert, gardener, born in 'foreign parts', *Census 1841* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Fredk. Schubert, master tailor, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Gotthelf and Volkmar Schuberth, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Rusholme, Lancs); Julius Schubert, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Ashford, Kent); Robert Shubert, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Julius Shubert, tailor, born in Prussia, in *Census 1891* (Dover, Kent); Adolf Shubert, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Bedwelty, Monmouths).

### Schuck

Variants: **Shuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

German: anglicized variant of **Schuh**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Schuck, bootmaker, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Henry Schuck, baker, born in Germany, *Census 1881* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Jacob Schuck, baker, in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster, Middx); George Schuck, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jacob Schuck, garden labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Ludwig Schuck, electrical fitter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Aston, Warwicks); Augustus Schuck, salesman, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex).

### Schuh

Variants: **Schuck**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

German, Jewish: occupational nickname meaning 'shoe'.

**Early bearers:** Mathias Schuh, cabinet maker, born in Frier, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Rosa Shuh, maid, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Christchurch, Hants); Frederick Jacob Schuh, boot maker, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); August Schuh, farrier, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Barony, Lanarks); Jacob Schuh, boot repairer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Camberwell, Surrey); Otto Schuh, furrier, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andrei Shuh, coach trimmer, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Schuler

Variants: **Schuller, Schiller, Shuler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

1 German: occupational name (**Schüler**, or **Schuler** in the Alemannic dialect area) from an agent derivative of Middle High German *schulol(e)* 'school', for a scholar or a student training to be a priest.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shuler, 1606 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Schuler, 1703 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Ann Schuller, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Joachim Schuler, clockmaker, born in Schellach Baden, in *Census 1851* (Finsbury, Middx); Godfried Schuler, baker, born in Berlin, in *Census 1861* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Wilhelm Schuller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Otto Shuler, gardener, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stepney, Middx); Carl Schuyler, born in Düsseldorf, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Christian Shüler, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); August Schuler, night porter, born in Stainer, Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Bridewell, London); Franz Schuler, butler, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Pinner, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from an agent derivative of Yiddish *shul* 'synagogue', for a Talmudic scholar or the sexton of a synagogue.

**Early bearers:** Rebecca Schuler, 1817 in *IGI* (Bishopsgate, London); Isidore Schuler, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Levi Schuller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney,

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Middx); Barnet Schuler, cloth dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx); Abraham Schuler, boot maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Shuler, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Schuller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) see **Schuler**. (ii) South German (Schüller), possibly a locative name from Schüller in the Eifel.

## Schultz

Variants: **Schulz, Schulze, Scholz, Scholtz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: status name from a contracted form of Middle High German *schultheize* 'village headman' (a compound of *sculd(a)* 'debt, due' + a derivative of *heiz(z)an* 'to command'). The term originally denoted a man responsible for collecting dues and paying them to the lord of the manor. The surname is also established in Scandinavia. See also **Szule**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Schultz, surgeon, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); Henry Shults, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Edward Schultz, 1773 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Christian Schulze, 1757 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Richard Shults, 1810 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Schulz, 1826 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Christian Henry Schultz, clerk, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx); Gustav Adolph Schultz, corn and seed merchant, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Rudolph Schultz, commercial agent., born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Frederick Shults, sugar refiner, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Hermann Scholtz, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Conrad Schultz, baker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (German hospital, Hackney, Middx); Albert Shultz, seaman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Fritz Schultz, trouser presser, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Otto Albert Edward Schultz, bootmaker, born in Berlin, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): adoption of the German surname: in some cases, apparently, denoting a rabbi (regarded as the head of a Jewish community) or a trustee of a synagogue.

**Early bearers:** Levi Schultz, hawker, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Samuel Shults, machine hand, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Abraham Schultz, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Solomon Schultz, pawnbroker's assistant, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Morris Shultz, tailor, born in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Louis Shults, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Schultz, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Schultz, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Schulz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and ER Yorks

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schultz**.

## Schulze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schultz**.

## Schumacher

Variants: **Shoemaker, Shoemark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name denoting a shoemaker, from Middle High German *schuoch* 'shoe' + an agent derivative of *machen* 'to make'.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Shomaker, 1588 in *IGI* (Ludgate, London); Conrad Shumaker, 1696 in *IGI* (Christ Church, Greyfriars, London); Frederick Schumacher, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); William Schumaker, 1828 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Diedrich Schumacher, 1849 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Friedrich Schumacher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Wilhelm Schumaker, footman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Max Schumacher, cigar maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Heyman Schumacher, picture framer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Durham); Diedrich Schumacher, sawyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx).

## Schuman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schumann**.

## Schumann

Variants: **Schuman, Shuman, Shoeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a shoemaker, from Middle High German *schuoch* 'shoe' + *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Heinz Shoeman, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Sigismund Shuman, engineer's agent, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Mark Shoeman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Oscar Schumann, born in Halle, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Ealing, Middx); Ernest Schumann, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Byker, Northumb); Ernest Schuman, born in Dresden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bradford, WR Yorks); George Shoeman, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Woldemar Schumann, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Jacob and Milly Shoman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moritz Schumann, confectioner, born in Saxony,

Prussia, in *Census 1891* (Shoreditch, Middx); Abram Shoeman, joiner, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Davis Shoeman, bootmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Harris Schumann, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx); Emanuel Schuman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Heinrich Schuman, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey).

## Schumm

Variants: **Shum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

German: locative name from Schumm in Upper Saxony.

**Early bearers:** John Shum, 1786 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Charles Gottlob Shumm, 1860 in *Parish Registers* (German Church, Westminster, Middx); Diedrick Schumm, born in Germany, in *Census 1871*, (London), recorded as Diedrick Shum, born in Hanover, in *Census 1881* (Pendleton in Salford, Lancs); George Schumm, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Linthorpe, NR Yorks); Sophia Schumm, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Eberhardt Schumm, butcher's assistant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Middlesbrough, WR Yorks); Christian Schumm, butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx); Diedrich Schumm, labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Karl Heinrich Schumm, casing cleaner, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Maria Shumm, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Schuster

Variants: **Shuster, Shooster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs and Cheshire; Gloucs and Worcs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name denoting a maker or repairer of shoes, from Middle High German *schuochsütære*, a compound of *schuoch* 'shoe' + *sütære* 'stitcher'; German *Schuster*, Yiddish *shuster*.

**Early bearers:** German: John Shuster, 1653 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); William Schuster, 1807 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Felix Otto Schuster, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Peter Schuster, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Dudley, Worcs); John Shuster, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Gebhard Joseph Schuster, waiter, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey); Gotthilf Schuster, machine embroiderer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs).

Jewish: Nathan Schuster, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Hastings, Sussex); Morris Schuster, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Hyman Shuster, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Hyman Shuster, boot maker and repairer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Golda Schuster, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Solomon Schuster, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Sam Schuster, coke merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East,

Middx); Barnett Shooster, 1918 in *BMD* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Schwab

Variants: **Schwabe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): regional name from Middle High German *Swāp*, German *Schwabe* 'Swabian'.

**Further information:** Swabia takes its name from a Germanic tribe recorded from the 1st century BC in the Latin form *Suebi* or *Suevi*, of uncertain origin. It was an independent duchy from the 10th century until 1313, when the territory was broken up.

**Early bearers:** German: Henry Shwab, 1762 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Maria Amelia Schwabe, 1836 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Adolphus Schwabe, merchant, in *Census 1841* (Barony, Lanarks); Ludwig Conrad Schwabe, 1854 in *IGI* (Marylebone, Middx); Adolph Schwabe, calico printer, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); William Schwabe, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Karl Schwab, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); Siegfried Moritz Schwab, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Karl Schwabe, 1892 in *IGI* (Newton Kyme, WR Yorks); Chas August Schwabe, hotel manager, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hastings, Sussex); Hermann Ernst Wilhelm Gustav Schwabe, financial agent, born in Rostock, Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey).  
Jewish: Jacob Schwabe, cap maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Morris Schwabe, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Israel Schwabe, commercial traveller, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Morris Schwabe, master cap maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Israel Schwabe, cap maker, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Schwabe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- German, Jewish: see **Schwab**.

### Schwartz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schwarz**.

### Schwarz

Variants: **Schwartz, Swartz, Swarts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *swarz*, German *schwarz*, Yiddish *shvarts* 'dark, black', denoting someone with black hair or a dark complexion. This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.  
**Early bearers:** German: Albrecht Schwartz, 1774 in *IGI* (Saint Anne, Soho, Middx); Gottlieb Sebastian Schwartz, 1832 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Henry Schwarz, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Leaphold Schwartz, tailor,

born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Lorenz Schwartz, watch and clock maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Friern Barnet, Middx); Otto L. Schwarz, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Nicholas Schwartz, gas stoker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); August Schwartz, cabinetmaker, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lorenz Schwarz, baker, born in Germany in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

Jewish: Jacob Schwartz, general dealer, born in Hungary, in *Census 1871* (Southampton, Hants); Samuel Schwartz, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Schwartz, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); George Swarts, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Lewis Swartz, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Lipman Schwartz, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Swarts, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Barnet Swartz, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London); Hyman Shwarts, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

### Sciberras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Maltese (of Sicilian origin): nickname denoting someone with grey hair, from Arabic *xahab er-rās* literally 'the ash colour of the head' (according to Cassar), using Maltese spelling conventions; better perhaps Arabic *shāhib ar-ra's* 'pale or dull of head'.  
**References:** *Cassar*.

### Scicluna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: (i) nickname from Old Sicilian *chachaluni* (Italian *Scichilone*), probably denoting someone with black hair. (ii) locative name from either of two places in Sicily: Scicli (Ragusa) or Siculiana (Agrigento).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Science

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Cynthia*, *Scientia*, *Science* (Spanish and Provençal *Sancha*, *Sanchia*). It was introduced into England in 1243 on the marriage of Richard of Cornwall to Sanchia, daughter of the Count of Provence. Later English forms of the name are *Sens*, *Sence*, *Sense*, *Saints*, *Sanche*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sciencia filia Gerardi, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Sciencia ate Watere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Sanche widow of John Strelley, 1502 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Norfolk); James Bynde and Sanctia or Sence his wife, 1620 in *Withycombe*.  
surnames: Roger Science, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Scillitoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Shillito**.

### Slater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 302
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlothian; Devon; Orkney and Shetland

Scottish, English: see **Slater**.

### Scobbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 503, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Stirlings and Perth

Scottish: see **Scobie**.

### Scobell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Surrey

English: see **Scoble**.

### Scobie

Variants: **Scobbie, Scoby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1175, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Renfrews; Perth

Scottish: locative name from a lost place in Perth, named with Gaelic *sgolbach* 'thorny place'.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Scobie, 1369 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perth); Thomas Scoby, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Andro Scobbie, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Maddoes, Perth); Agnes Scobie, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings).

### Scoble

Variants: **Scobell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Scoble in South Pool (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Johannis Scoble, 1552 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Elizabeth Scobbell, 1557 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Johannes Scobell, 1557 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 327.

### Scoby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

Scottish: see **Scobie**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA. The presence of the family of John Scoby, 1672 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks), might indicate an alternative English origin or Sottish migration.

### Scoffham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: from a spelling-pronunciation of **Scupham**.

### Scofield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: see **Schofield**.

## Scoffin

### Scoffin

Variants: **Scoffins**, **Scoffings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *scoffing* 'jibe, derision'. The name acquires late variants with final -s.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Scoffin, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls*; John Scoffen, 1601 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Jane Scoffin, 1604 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs); Edith Scoffin alias Wells, 1630 in *PROB 11* (London); Margaret Skoffin, 1633 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Roberti Scoffing, 1678 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); John Scofin, 1725 in *IGI* (Scartho, Lincs); Catharine Scoffings, 1794 in *IGI* (Colsterworth, Lincs).

### Scoffings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Scoffin**.

### Scoffins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands, Yorks

English: see **Scoffin**.

### Schofield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 370
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Schofield**.

### Scoggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained, but possibly related to

### Scroggins

**Early bearers:** John Scoggen, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Edward Scogin, 1554 in *IGI* (Ringshall, Suffolk); James Scoggins, 1728 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk).

### Scoins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained. The name shares the same Devon distribution as **Scane** and may also share its origin, though any relationship is unclear.

**Early bearers:** William Skone, 1655 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Mary Sconce, 1683 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Elizabeth Scoyn, 1728, John Scoin, 1738 in *IGI* (Shebbear, Devon); William Scoins, 1770 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Scoles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Lancs; Norfolk

English: see **Scales**.

### Scoley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Scholey**.

### Scolfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Schofield**.

### Scollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Leitrim; also Monaghan

Irish: from Ó Scolláin, see **Scullion**.

### Scollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry

English: see **Seullard**.

**Further information:** this form of the surname is established in Ireland.

### Scollay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Orkney

Scottish: locative name from Skail in Sandwick (Mainland, Orkney), formerly *Skali*, according to *Black* (following Jacobsen), or from one of two other places so named in Orkney (Mainland and Egilsay), or from Scolla on Unst (Shetland).

**Early bearers:** David Scola, 1574 in *Black* (Orkney); James Scollay of Tofts, 1617 in *Black* (Orkney); Isobel Scollay, 1772 in *IGI* (Northmavine, Shetland).

### Scollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Irish: from Ó Scolláin, see **Scullion**.

### Scollick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: probably from *Collick*, a locative name from Colwick (Notts), with unexplained addition of initial S-, possibly by misdivision of names like \**Thomas Collick*.

**Early bearers:** Jhone Scollik, 1561 in *IGI* (Humberston, Lincs); Katharine Scollicke, 1587 in *IGI* (Waithes, Lincs); Doritye Skollick, 1590 in *IGI* (Grainsby, Lincs); William Scolleck, 1607 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs).

### Scoltock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *scald-hot* 'exceedingly hot', recorded in early surnames; or perhaps sometimes from *scalde-hogge*, a parallel for **Kellogg**.

**Early bearers:** Ædwinus Scaldhot, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls*; Johannes Schaldhott, 1396 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Richard Scaltock, 1624 in *IGI* (Leebotwood, Shrops); Anthony Scaltick, 1639 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Scalltocke, 1652 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Mary Scoltock, 1735 in *IGI* (Meole Brace, Shrops).

### Scone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Cheshire

1 English: see **Skone**.

2 Scottish: see **Scoon**.

### Scoon

Variants: **Scone**, **Scoones**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Roxburghs, and Dumfriess

Scottish: locative name from Old Scone (Perths).

**Early bearers:** Ysaac de Scone, 1260 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Perths); Symone de Scone, 1365 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Perths); Willm. Scoon, 1687 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Thomas Scoon, 1716 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Scoon, 1817 in *IGI* (Farlam, Cumb).

### Scoones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Dutch, English: probably from the Dutch surname **Schoons**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Scoones, 1623 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); John Scoones, 1629 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Thomas Scoons, 1663 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).

### Scoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Herts

English: see **Scott**.

### Scopes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: possibly of Dutch origin; compare Jenneken Schoppes, recorded in Hengelo in 1689.

**Early bearers:** Steven Scopus, 1540 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Joan Scoop, 1596 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); William Scopes, 1612 in *IGI* (Combs, Suffolk); Nickoles Scopes, 1657 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Jeremiah Scopes, 1689 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); William Scopas, 1831 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

**References:** <http://www.henglias.nl/getperson.php?personID=I16546&amp;amp;tree=001>.

### Scorah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Scorer**.

**Score****Variants:** Shore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Score in Ilfracombe (Devon) or Scur Farm in Braunton (Devon), derived either from Old English *scora* 'steep place' or from Old English *\*scoru* 'a score, a mark, perhaps also a boundary mark'.

**Early bearers:** Henry Scor, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John atte Score, William atte Score, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Score, 1551 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).

**Scoreby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Scoreby (ER Yorks). Compare Adam Scorebyman, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*. **Early bearers:** Thoma de Scoreby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Skoreby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Scoreby, 1808 in *IGI* (Wareside, Herts); William Scoreby, 1822 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 272–3.

**Scorer****Variants:** Scorah, Schorah, Scorrer, Scurrah, Scurrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 936, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *scourer*, *\*scorer* 'one who cleanses or polishes items of metal, wood, earthenware, etc. by rubbing hard with a detergent substance'. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *scorer* 'one who cuts or makes lines on (something)'. The term may have had a number of specialized senses relating to different occupations. The only one on record is 'one who marks trees to be cut down' (*MED*, before 1395). However, the most common senses of the related Middle English verb *scoren* are 'to mark (an item on a tally)', hence 'to compute, to record or keep an account (of something)', so *scorer* may sometimes have denoted 'an accountant or record-keeper'. Compare **Scotcher**.

**Further information:** Reaney's suggestion that *scorer* was a variant of Middle English *scourer*(e) 'military scout, spy' is an unlikely linguistic development, nor is it a plausible name for a burgess such as William le Scorur of Beverley (1297).

**Early bearers:** William le Scorur, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Alice la Scoriere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Skorer, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Hugh Scorer, 1408 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Robert Scorar, 1475 in *York Registry Wills* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); John Scorer, 1568 in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Anna Scorer, 1613, Thomas Scorah, 1810 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Margaret Scorer, 1638, John Scorah, 1812 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Scorer, 1658, John Scorrer, 1768 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Scorer, 1675, Mary Scorrer, 1790 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); John Scora, 1693, Frances Scorrer, 1772 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Scorra, 1716, Emanuel Scorer, 1803, George Schorah, 1832 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR

Yorks); John Scorah, 1726, Jeremiah Cattle Scorrer, 1828 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Lucenah Scroror, 1773, Benjamin Schorah, 1796 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *McClure, Occupational bynames*, II, 221–2; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 244.

**Scorey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 269
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English, Cornish: locative name, from Scorrer (from Medieval Latin *scoria* 'waste from mining activities'), found very early in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** Warin, Ralph Scoria, 1297 in *Cornish Place-Names*; William Scori, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (referring to Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Scory, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Taunton, Somerset); Agnis Scory, 1556 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Wilts); John Scorie, 1567 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Katherine Scorye, 1575 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Silvanus Scorye, 1617 in *PROB 11* (City of London); Ann Scorey, 1661 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Fraunc Scorye, 1583 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Scory, 1682 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Jane Scorrye, 1702 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Mary Scorry, 1795 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 154.

**Scorgie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: from the place recorded as *Scorgeak* in 1633 in Badichell, Fyvie (Aberdeens), according to Black. The record indicates that the surname was pronounced with /dʒ/ rather than modern /g/, and that there was an original final consonant, so Scorguie in Inverness is out of the question.

**Early bearers:** Williame Scorgack, 1631 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wm. Scorjack, 1656 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Isobell Scorgick, 1656 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Scorgie, 1690 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens); Elspet Scorgie, 1694 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens); James Scorgie, 1695 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); William Scorgie, 1702 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens); George Scorgiack, 1707 in *IGI* (Fyvie, Aberdeens); James Scorgie, 1709, Scorgy, 1711 in *IGI* (Gamrie, Banff); William Scorgiack, 1730 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Aberdeens); William Scorjie, 1761, Agnus Scorrjick, 1763 in *IGI* (Tarves, Aberdeens).

**Scorrer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Scorer**.

**Scot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 330
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N and E England
- English: see **Scott**.

**Scotchbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Cambs, Northants, and Rutland
- English: locative name from Shottesbrooke (Berks), recorded as *Scotebroc* in 1190.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Scotbroc, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Henry de Scotesebroke, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Johannis Scotchbrook, 1703 in *IGI* (Great Stukeley, Hants); Thomas Scotchbrook, 1709 in *IGI* (Great Stukeley, Hants); John Scotchbrook, 1768 in *IGI* (Ketton cum Tixover, Rutland); William Scotchbrook, 1768 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Wm Scotchbrook, 1775 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 68.

**Scotcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. Cambs; Middx

English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English *\*scocher*, a derivative of Middle English *scochen* 'to make a cut, to gash or score (something)' (Old French *escocher*), perhaps denoting a similar variety of occupations as **Scorer**. **Early bearers:** Elisabeth Scotcher, 1548, Sarah Scotcher, 1674, Frederic Scotcher 1852 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Agnis Scotcher, 1570, Frances Scotcher, 1705 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); James Scotcher, 1573 in *IGI* (Tangmere, Sussex); Raffie Scocher, 1580, John Scotcher, 1711 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Nicholas Scotcher, 1753 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex).

**Scotchford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Sussex

English: locative name apparently from Scotsford, in Heathfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John Scotchford, 1561, Martha Scotsford, 1635 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Agnes Scotchfoorde, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Margeret Scotcheford, 1589 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Mary Scotsford, 1620 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 468.

**Scotchmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative name apparently from an unidentified locality in Suffolk named from a marsh (Old English *mōr*, Middle English *mor*) or from a pool (Old English, Middle English *mere*) associated with a man named *Scot*, either the Old English, Middle English given name *Scot*, or the surname **Scott**. Compare Johannes Skot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk). Langham is less than two miles south-west of Walsham le Willows, where the 1542 example of *Skottismore* is found. There was also a manor called *Scottesmaner* in Snapes (i.e. Snape), 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk), about eight miles from Dallinghoo, where the 1562 example of *Scotchmore* occurs.

**Further information:** A *Scotismere Barn* once stood in in Hadleigh (Suffolk), according to a deed dated 1655 (Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich Branch, HA 108/3/2) but this may have been named from the surname.

**Early bearers:** John Skottismore, 1542 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); John Scotchmore, 1562 in *IGI*

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(Dallinghoo, Suffolk); John Scotchmer, 1584 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Edenyne Scotsmer, 1602 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Anne Scotchmere, 1694 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Margerett Scotchmeire, 1700 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anna Maria Scotchmer, 1719 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); John Scotchmur, 1817 in *IGI* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent).

### Scotford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Scotforth (Lancs), Shotford (Norfolk, Suffolk), or Scotsford in Heathfield (Sussex). The Gloucs name seems to be a euphemistic form of Shutford (Oxon), which appears in the medieval record as *Shitford* and the like.

**Early bearers:** John Scotteforde, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Scotford, 1557 in *IGI* (Ampney Saint Peter, Gloucs); Marey Scotford, 1573 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Edmond Scottford, 1577 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Scotsford, 1626 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Ellen Scotfurth, 1627 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Henry Scotford, 1642 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 419; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 173; *Place-Names of Oxon* 2, p. 425.

### Sothorn

**Variants:** *Sothorn*, *Sothorne*, *Scotthorne*, *Scotborn*, *Scottron*, *Sothorn*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Sothorn (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Scotborn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Rogerus de Scostorne, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lawress wapentake, Lincs); Thomas Sothorn, 1650 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Anne Sothorn, 1660 in *IGI* (Oxton, Notts).

**References:** *Mills*, *Dictionary*, p. 410.

### Sothorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Essex
- English: see *Sothorn*.

### Sothorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see *Sothorn*.

### Sothorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also WR Yorks
- English: see *Sothorn*.

### Sothorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see *Sothorn*.

## Scotland

### Variants: Scollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 976, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 853
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Kinross and Clackmannans

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Scotland*, *Scolland*. Found in Normandy as well as England, it is not of Continental Germanic origin and evidently denoted a Scot or someone with an association with Scotland.

(ii) ethnic name from Middle English *Scotlond* 'Scotland', for someone from Scotland. Compare **England**. (iii) locative name from Scotlandwell in Portmoak (Kinross). (iv) locative name from Middle English *scot* 'payment, tax' (Old French *escot*) + *lond* 'land'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by land subject to a tax or customary payment, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Scotland Farm in Godshill (IoW), recorded as *Skotland* in 1371.

**Early bearers:** given names, expl. (i): Scotlandus, 1081 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Kent); Scollandus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Scotlande, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surames, expl. (i): Gaufridus filius Scollandi, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants).

surames, Scotland: Alexander Scotland, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Scotland, 1564 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Scotland, 1598 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); James Scotland, 1642 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth); Euphane Scotland, 1648 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

surames, England: William Escoland, 1155 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Galfridus de Scotland', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Jordan Escotland, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Escollant, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Geoffrey de Scolaund, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Scotland, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus de Scotlond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cronton, Lancs); Adam Scotland, 1662 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Thomas Scotland, 1683 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Kökeritz*, *IoW*, p. 158.

### Scotney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 512
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Northants

Norman, English: locative name from Etocquigny (Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** Scotney Castle (Sussex) was built about 1180 by Walter de Scotiniis: see *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Scotini, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walter Escoteni, Escoteigni, 1195–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Scoteny, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johanis Scotney, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Edward Scotney, 1597 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Ann Scotney, 1630 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Elizabeth Scotney, 1667 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Scotney, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London).

### Scotson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Scot* (see **Scott**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Scotessun', 1131 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Johannes Scotson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Allexander Scotteson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Temple Newsam, WR Yorks); Matilda Scotson, 1567 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); John Scotson, 1599 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); John Scotchson, 1689 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Scott

#### Variants: Scot, Scoot, Scutt, Scotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100358, Ireland 6287
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74933
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Down

1 English, Irish, Scottish: (i) ethnic name, English, from Middle English *Scot* 'a Scot', denoting 'a man from Scotland', not necessarily a Gael. (ii) ethnic name, Scottish and Irish, from Middle English *Scot* 'a Scot', originally denoting an Irishman, later a Gaelic speaker from Ireland or Scotland.

**Further information:** The 12th-century Scots of E England may well have been retainers of David I, King of Scotland, who succeeded to the extensive lands of Waltheof, Earl of Huntingdon, on his marriage to Waltheof's daughter. Many of these must have remained in England and their surnames became hereditary, for in the 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* for Suffolk alone there are 35 men called *Skot*, and in the late 14th-century *Poll Tax* there are 343 persons throughout England called by some variant of this name. Some of those in E England may have been retainers of Scottish nobles who accepted Edward I's overlordship and fought against Robert the Bruce. There may also have been some confusion with **Scutt**.

**Early bearers:** England: Hunfridus le Scot, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus le Scot, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Aluredus Scotticus, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John le Escot, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Marye Scott, 1538 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Thomas Scott, 1539 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Anne Scott, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Georgius Scott, 1541 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); John Scott, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

Scotland: Adam le Scot, about 1221 in *Black* (Dryburgh, Berwicks).

Ireland: Michael Palmer alias Scott, idleman, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §344 (Kildare); Matthew Scotte, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5588; Gilleglasse O Scott, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6188 (Kildare); Edmond Scott, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (the Pallice).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Scot* (Old English *Scott*). See also **Scotson**. Some of the early bearers cited here may belong with sense 1.

**Early bearers:** Uchtred filius Scot, about 1124 in *Glasgow Register* (Selkirks); Roger Scot, about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Scot, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Gillebertus Scottus, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Scot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lanteglos, Cornwall); Margareta Scot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Scot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dalton, Northumb).

3 English: see **Scutt**.

**Scotten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Scotton**.

**Scotter**

Variants: **Scutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Norfolk
- 1 English: locative name from Scotter (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Scotre, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas de Scotere, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Grantham, Lincs); Radulfus de Scoter', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Rogero de Scoter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johanna Scoter', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freebridge hundred, Norfolk); John Scotir, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Robert Scotter, 1589 in *Poll Tax* (Benington, Lincs); William Scotter, 1770 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Scotter, 1830 in *IGI* (Hoxton, Middx); Eliza Scotter, 1845 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Joseph Scotter, 1845 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 410.

2 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *scut* 'scout, spy' (see **Scutt**) + *-ard*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *Scot* 'a Scot' (see **Scott**) + *-ard*.

**Early bearers:** Alan Scutard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Scutard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hugh Scotard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Scotard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Scotard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, ER Yorks).

3 English: see **Scottow**.

**Scotthorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Sothorn**.

**Scotting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk

1 English: unexplained; perhaps a derivative of Middle English *scut* 'hare'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Scutyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Skutyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southrepps, Norfolk); Alicia Skotyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downham Market, Norfolk); Reginaldo Scotyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Frilford, Berks); John Scotine, 1669 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Scotting, 1695 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Scotton**.

**Scotto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Staffs

1 English: see **Scottow**.

2 Italian: (i) ethnic name from medieval Italian *scot(t)ò* 'Scot', denoting someone from Scotland or Ireland. (ii) relationship name from a reduced form of personal names such as *Marescotto*, a pet form of *Maresco*, or *Francescotto*, a pet form of *Francesco*.

**Early bearers:** Domenico Scotto (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Gloucs).

**Scotton**

Variants: **Scotten, Scotting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Leics and Derbys

English: locative name from any of three places called Scotton (Lincs, WR Yorks, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Andrew de Scotton', about 1200–10 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Ralph de Scotton, 1250 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Scotton, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardus de Scotton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scotton, WR Yorks); John Scotton, 1540 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Edmonde Scotton, 1542 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); John Scotton, 1596 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); John Scotton, 1603 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Sara Scotton, 1616 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 410.

**Scotton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Sothorn**.

**Scottow**

Variants: **Scotto, Scotter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Scottow (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Hervei de Scothoue, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Henricus de Scothowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Alyce Scottow, 1553 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Robert Scottow, 1562 in *IGI* (Redisham, Suffolk); Margareta Scottow, 1585 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk); Mary Scottow, 1688 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Scottow, 1727 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 410.

**Scotts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: variant of **Scott** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Scougall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Scoughall in Tynninghame (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Scughale, about 1204–28 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany* (Fife); John de Scughall, 1412 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Stirlings); Andrew Scowgale, Thomas Scougale, 1468 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Lanarks); John Scowgale, 1505 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perths); Daudi Scougall, 1623 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Scougall, 1655 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian).

**Scouler**

Variants: **Scouler, Scouller, Scullard, Scholard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 342
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, Midlothian
- Scottish: occupational name, nickname from Older Scots *scolar* 'student', perhaps also used as a nickname for an educated person, the Scots equivalent of **Schollar**.

**Early bearers:** Wilelmus filius David Scolar, 1362 in *Paisley Register* 145; Henry Scouler, 1525 in *Black*; Jon Scouler, 1660 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Ralph Scouller, 1665 in *Black*; William Scular, 1679 in *Black* (Lanarks).

**Scouling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The word *scolding* appears in Middle English (1450) as what appears to be a proverbial collective noun, in a *skoldenge of kempsters*, i.e. a body of woolcombers. That suggests that the name might simply be a transparent nickname use of the noun *scolding* 'being abusive'.

**Early bearers:** William Scolding of Dunwich, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Skolding, 1550 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Alce Scoldinge, 1560 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk).

**Scouler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Scouler**.

**Scouller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Scouler**.

**Scourfield**

Variants: **Scurfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales: esp. Pembrokes

English: of uncertain origin. Though clinching medieval evidence is lacking, it may be a locative name derived from a French place-name, perhaps Ecorcheville (Eure) or Equeurdreville (Manche). A French surname from the former is on record. This would be consistent with the presence of the name in Pembrokes, an early Norman stronghold.

**Further information:** The Welsh dimension of *Scourfield* can be traced to a family of this name which lived at the Mote, New Moat (Pembrokes), from the time of Edward I until William Henry Scourfield moved to Roboston Hall in 1780. According to Green, the family descended from Sir Fulke Scourfield of Kendal, Westmorland. The allure of this as an aristocratic name can be judged from the fact that John Henry Phillips, a relative of William Henry, changed his name to *Scourfield* by royal licence in 1862.

**Early bearers:** John Skorffyll, junior, of Nova Mota, son of John Skorffyll the elder of the same place, 1439 in *Ancient Deeds* E; Pyrs Scourfield, 1516 in *Ancient Deeds* A; Elizabeth Scurtfield, 1562, Thomas Skirfeild, 1577,

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James Scurfield, 1579, Alice Skörfield, 1604 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Agnes Scurfield, 1589 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); John Scurfield, 1654 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Mary Scourfield, 1705 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Kings Court, York); Thomae Scourfield, 1714 in *IGI* (Emley, WR Yorks); George Scourfield, 1715 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).  
**References:** Green, Francis, Scourfield of New Moat, *West Wales Historical Records* vol. 9; Jones, Francis, Castle Villa, Cas Wilia, *Pembrokeshire Historian* 7 (1981), pp. 63–74, at 66.

## Scovell

**Variants:** Seoville, Scovill, Scovil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 438, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. IoW and Hants

Norman, English: locative name from Escoville (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Scouilla, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Scotuill, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Thomas Scotvill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Henrie Scovell, 1562 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Thoms. Scovell, 1565 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Gilbert Scovell, 1600 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Scovell, 1620 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Als Scovell, 1627 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

## Scovil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Norman, English: see **Scovell**.

## Scovill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Norman, English: see **Scovell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Scoville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Scovell**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Scowcroft

**Variants:** Schoolcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *scale*, *sc(h)ole* 'hut, shed' (Old Scandinavian *skáli*) + *croft* 'small enclosed field'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a field containing a hut, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Scowcroft in Oldham (Lancs) and Scholecroft in Morley (WR Yorks). Compare **Schofield**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Schalecroft, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Scholecroft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Ardsley, WR Yorks); Adam de Scholcroft, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chadderton, Lancs); Richard Scowcroft, 1689 in *Bardsley*.

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* 50; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, 183.

## Scowen

**Variants:** Seawen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- Cornish, English: locative name from Middle Cornish *scawen* 'elder-tree'.  
**Early bearers:** Jane Scawen, 1590 in *IGI*, Edward Scawen, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Isaacc Scowen, 1622, Amey Scawen, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); John Scowen, 1641 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Thomas Scowen, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Daniel Scowen, 1716 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Anne Scawen, 1717 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Katherine Scowen, 1724 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Scrace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Scrase**.

## Scrafield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: locative name from Scrafield (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** William de Scaifeld, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Skrafeld, 1379 in *The Church in London*; John Scrafield, 1685 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Thomas Scrafield, 1729 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); Francis Scrafield, 1813 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); Henry Scrafield, 1825 in *IGI* (Brompton, Kent).  
**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 108.

## Scrafton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from East or West Scrafton in Coverham (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Skrafton, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jaine Scrafton, 1581 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); John Scrafton, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); James Scrafton, 1619 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Anthony Scrafton, 1642 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anthony Scrafton, 1647 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).  
**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 253, 255.

## Scragg

**Variants:** Scraggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1074, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 972
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Skragg*, for which compare Norwegian dialect *skragg* 'a shrivelled, wretched person' and Middle English *scraggi* 'rough, jagged'.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Scrag, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Osebert Scragg, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); John Scrag, 1366 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); John Scragge, 1507–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Wyllyam Scragg, 1549 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Ellinor Scragg, 1593 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Mary Scraggs, 1656 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

## Scraggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Cork
- English: relationship name variant of **Scragg** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Scrase

**Variants:** Scrace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** a family named *Scras* of Plumpton, Sussex, is mentioned in 1279 in the *Hundred Rolls*. Scrase Fm in Wivelsfield (Sussex) is named from the 1591 early bearer (*Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 307). See *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 269, 307, and *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 425–6.

**Early bearers:** John Scras, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Scras, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex); John le Scras, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldrington, Sussex); Philip Scras, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Patcham, Sussex); Adam Scras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Patcham, Sussex); Agn Scras, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Blatchington, Sussex); Anys Scrace, 1556 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Scrace, 1584 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); John Scrase, 1591 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

## Screech

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Screech**.

## Screaton

**Variants:** Sreeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics

English: locative name from Screveton (Notts), recorded as *Screton* in 1323.

**Early bearers:** Iseburne Sreeton, 1606, Aimey Sreeton, 1608 in *IGI* (Rempstone, Notts); Richard Sreeton, 1607 in *IGI* (Anstey, Leics); Thomas Sreeton, 1628 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Alyce Sreeton, 1631, William Screveton, 1739 in *IGI* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Daniell Sreeton, 1651 in *IGI* (Croxton Kerrial, Leics); John Sreeton, 1691 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 229.

## Screech

**Variants:** Screech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *screke* (Old Scandinavian *skrækr*), or its apparent variant *scrich*, 'a shriek, scream', perhaps for someone with a shrill or screechy voice.

**Early bearers:** Robert Screech, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Screyk, 1335 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Gilbertus Screyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); John Screeche, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margeria Screech, 1543 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

## Screen

**Variants:** Srine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 1



- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Gloucs
- English: nickname from Middle English \**scrin* (Anglo-Norman *escrin* ‘jewel-case’), or from Middle English *screne* ‘fire screen’, ‘partition in a hall’, perhaps for a maker of such items.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Skryne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Nicholas, Worcs); Johan Skryne, 1562 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Annes Screene, 1573 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Catheryne Screene, 1587 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Alice Screene, 1588 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Alice Skreene, 1592 in *IGI* (Grendon Underwood, Bucks); Elizabeth Skreene, 1606 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); John Scrine, 1607 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Thomas Skreene, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Broughton Gifford, Wilts); Richard Skreen, 1772 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Screeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Notts
- English: see **Screeton**.

### Scribbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: possibly a variant of **Scrivens**, itself a variant of **Scriven**; compare the 1681 early bearer below with Ann Scrivens, 1750 in *IGI* (Westerham, Kent).
- Early bearers:** Joan Scribbling, 1681 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Thomas Scribbens, 1687 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); William Scriben, 1694 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Scribbins, 1700 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Sarah Scribbling, 1707 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Thomas Scribbens, 1804 in *IGI* (Stogursey, Somerset).

### Scribner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Scrivener**.
- Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Scrimgeor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scrimgeour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus
- Scottish: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scrimger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scrimgour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Angus
- Scottish: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scrimgeour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Scottish: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scriminger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scrimshaw

- Variants:** Scrimshire, Skrimshire, Scrymgeour, Scrimgeour, Scringeour, Scrimgeor, Scrimgour, Scrimger, Scriminger, Scrimgeour
- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 533
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; also WR Yorks; Cambs

English: occupational name from Middle English *skirmesour* ‘fencing-master’ (Old French *escremisser*), probably a paid entertainer. Compare **Skermer** and **Champion**.

**Further information:** Sir Alexander Schyrmeschur was Hereditary Royal Standard-Bearer of Scotland, serving under William Wallace. He was granted lands in Forfar in 1298, and was given the title Constable of Dundee. Descendants of the same family have been Earls of Dundee since 1660, and adopted the name Scrymgeour-Wedderburn following a marriage in 1788.

**Early bearers:** England: Richer le schirmisur, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Lescermisur, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Symon Leskirmisur, 1221 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Gilbert le Skermisur, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Skrymsher, 1520, Thomas Skrymshawe, 1533 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); William Skrymshawe, 1592 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Thomas Skrimshyre, 1650 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs); Josua Scrimshire, 1679 in *IGI* (Allhallows Bread Street, London).

Scotland: Alexander Schyrmeschur, 1293 in *Black*; Alexander Skrymchur, 1387 in *Black*; Thomas Skrymshire, 1465 in *Black*; Catherine Scrimgeour, 1590 in *IGI* (Auchenbreck, Argyll); Helene Scrimgeour, 1628 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Issobell Scrimger, 1673 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); William Scriminger, 1708 in *IGI* (Dull, Perth).

**References:** Information from Tony Harris (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Scrimshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Leics and Warwicks; Herts
- English: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Serine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London
- English: variant of **Screen** or **Shrine**.

### Sringeour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scripps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *scrip(pe)* ‘small bag, wallet, satchel’ (Old French *escharpe*), especially one carried by a pilgrim, shepherd, or beggar, for someone who made, sold, or carried such items. Compare **Cripp**.
- Early bearers:** Robert Scrippe, 1185 in *Templars Records* (London); Nicholas Scrippe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Michael Scrippe, 1286 in *Select Pleas of the Forest* (Cambs); Rosa Scryp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Anna Scripps, 1620 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Mary Scripps, 1680 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Kate Scripps, 1728 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Grace Scripps, 1774 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); George Henry Scripps, 1790 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).
- 2 English: variant of **Cripps** with inorganic initial S-.

### Scrivan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Scriven**.

### Scrivans

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Scrivens**.

### Scriven

- Variants:** Scrivin, Scrivan, Scrivens, Skirving
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2005, Ireland 74
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1494
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W England: esp. Staffs; Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *scrivein* ‘scribe’ (Old French *escrivain*, Medieval Latin *scribanus*), for a professional scribe, copyist, or clerk. Compare **Scrivener**.
- Early bearers:** Richard le Scrivein, 1208–13 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Gervase le Escriuein, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Scrivin son of Norman Scrivin, 1294 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); Ricardo Scriveyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Frannces Scriven, 1560 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Edward Scriven, 1572 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Scriven, 1572 in *IGI* (Duntisbourne Rouse, Gloucs); John Scriven, 1572 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Wm Scriven, 1575 in *IGI* (Nailstone, Leics).
- 2 English: locative name from Scriven (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Henry Screuyn, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); William de Skrevyn, 1309 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Ricardus de Scryveyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnham, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 114.

### Scrivender

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Scrivener**.

### Scrivener

- Variants:** Scrivenor, Scrivener, Scriviner, Scrivner, Scrivender, Scrivenger, Scribner, Scriver
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1723, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. London; Suffolk; Beds

English: occupational name from Middle English *scrivener* 'scribe' (a derivative of *scrivain*), for a professional scribe, copyist, or clerk. Compare **Scriven**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Scriuiner, 1218–22 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters*; Kemma Scriuener, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Screvyner<sup>2</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Scrivener, 1544 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Edwarde Scrivener, 1561 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); John Scrivener, 1566 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Mary Scrivener, 1574 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Edward Scrivener, 1575 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Scrivenger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Scriven**.

### Scrivenor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Scriven**.

### Scrivens

**Variants:** Scrivins, Scrivines, Scriveyns, Scrivans, Scrivings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1631, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 868
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Gloucs; also London

English: variant of **Scriven** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Scriver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

English: see **Scriven**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA. There has probably been some influence from the Dutch name *de Schrijver*.

### Scriverner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Scriven**.

### Scriveyns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Scrivens**.

### Scrivin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; Surrey
- English: see **Scriven**.

### Scriviner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex; Norfolk
- English: see **Scriven**.

### Scrivines

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Scrivens**.

### Scrivings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: variant of **Scrivens** with intrusive *-g-*.

### Scrivins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Scrivens**.

### Scrivner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Beds
- English: see **Scriven**.

### Scroggie

**Variants:** Scroggy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also Lanarks; Lancs

Scottish: from Scroggie Hall, Balmaclellan (Kirkcudbrights), or from an unidentified similarly named place elsewhere in Scotland. The village in Perth identified by Black has not been traced.

**Early bearers:** William Scrogy, 1464 in *Aberdeen Register*; Alexander Scrogye, 1533 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeens); David Scroghe, 1561 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Midlothian); Margaret Scrogy, 1693 in *IGI* (Kemnay, Aberdeens).

### Scroggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Sussex

English: probably a variant of **Scoggins**.

**Early bearers:** William *Scroggins*, 1779 in *IGI* (Ipswich).

### Scroggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Middx; also Oxon; Surrey

1 English: locative name apparently from Middle English *scrogges* 'bushes', but it has not been possible to find any Middle English evidence for this surname, so the families of the following bearers may in fact have been Scottish migrants who brought the name in (2) to S England.

**Early bearers:** William Scroggs, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Gulliemi Scrogges, 1568 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Ffrances Scrogg, 1615, Emlinge Scroggs, 1614 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); William Scroggs, 1718 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); William Scroggs, 1724 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); William Scroggs, 1781 in *IGI* (Alvescot, Oxon).

2 Scottish: locative name from the lands of Scrogges in the barony of Stobo (Peebles). *Black* notes that after the death of Robert de Scrogges, his son Simon was granted the lands of Scrogges in about 1208. The place-name may be derived from the word in (1).

**Early bearers:** Adam of Skrogges, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (E Lothian); David de Scrogis, 1398 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Thomas Scroggis, 1575 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Alexr. Scroggis, 1642 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens); Helen Scrogs, 1668 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife).

### Scroggy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Scroggie**.

### Scroop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Norman, English: see **Scrope**.

### Scroope

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Norman, English: see **Scrope**.

### Scrope

**Variants:** Scroope, Scroop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

Norman: of uncertain origin. Tengvik suggests derivation from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Skrópi* (of doubtful etymology, but compare Old Scandinavian *skrópa-maðr* 'hypocrite', containing the genitive plural form of *skrópar* 'sham, hypocrisy'). It is possible, but not certain, that this personal name forms the first element of the Notts place-name Scrooby. Otherwise there is no evidence for its currency in England or, more relevantly, in Normandy. Richards Castle (in Herefs and Shrops) was apparently named after Richard Scrope, who held estates in Herefs and Worcs in 1066 and was a Norman favourite of Edward the Confessor. The Scrope family, whose name is traditionally pronounced /skrʊp/, was politically important in medieval England, and acquired estates in Lincs (Barton on Humber), NR Yorks (Castle Bolton), and in ER Yorks (Flotmanby). Richard (Ie) Scrope of Bolton, in Wensleydale, was Lord Chancellor in the reign of Richard II. The use of *le* and *de* in the surname, suggesting either a nickname or a locative name, must be treated with caution because these were often added gratuitously to Anglo-Norman surnames as a sign of high social status.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Scrupe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Osbernus filius Ricardi Scrope, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs); Robert Escrupe, 1165, Richard de Scropes, 1190, Henry de Scrupes, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert de Scrop, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gilbert Escrop, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William le Scrop, 1285 in *Yorks Survey* (Yafforth, NR Yorks); Geoffrey de Scrop, 1316 in *Yorks Survey* (Warlaby, NR Yorks); Reyner Scropp, 1317 in *Norwich Deeds II*; Geoffrey le Scrop, 1328 in *London Letter Books E*; Stephanus Scrop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Essex); Henrici Scroope, 1569 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Maria Scroop, 1607 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Fraunces Scroope, 1610 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); John Scrope, 1678 in *IGI* (Castle Combe, Wilts).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 224; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 96; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 249; *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1115.

### Scrubby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, Suffolk, Cambs; also Warwicks

English: (i) locative name from Scrooby (Notts). (ii) locative name from Scratby (Norfolk), an older form of whose name survives in the offshore shoal *Scroby*

*Sands*; the form *Scrouteby* represents a still older spelling reflecting the Old Scandinavian male given name *Skrauti*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Scrouteby, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas de Scroby, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus de Scroby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Scrubu, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Reginoldi Scruby, 1563 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Guilmus Scruby, 1567 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Christopher Scrowbie, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Goxhill, Lincs); Jeremie Scruby, 1599 in *IGI* (Meldreth, Cambs); Julian Scruby, 1611 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe, Lincs); Elizabeth Scruby, 1620 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Henry Scrooby, 1626 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 408; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 96–97.

### Scrusc

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: a late development of **Cruse** with prosthetic S-.

### Scruton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 528
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Scruton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Scruton, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Juliana de Scruton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littlethorpe, WR Yorks); Willmi. Screwtton, 1580 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Scrooton, 1637 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Edward Scruton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 238.

### Scrutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Suffolk and Essex

English: unexplained; apparently from an unidentified place-name. There is some overlap with the Yorks distribution of **Scruton** (compare James *Scrutton*, 1634 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York)), and it may be a variant of this.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Scrutton, 1545 in *IGI* (Fakenham, Suffolk); Daniell Scrutton, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Scrutton, 1569 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk).

### Scrymgeour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Scrimshaw**.

### Scudamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 304
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, Herefs
- English: see **Skidmore**.

### Scudder

**Variants:** **Skudder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: occupational name from Middle English *scoudere* ‘one who dresses skins into leather of a white or light colour’. Compare **Whittier**.
- Early bearers:** Radulphus le Scoudere, 1285, Geoffrey Skoudere, 1346 in *Norwich City Records* (Norfolk); John le Scoudere, 1289 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Thomas Skudder, 1492, John Scudder, 1521 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Thomas Scudder, 1660 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 30 (Kent).

### Scuffam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Scupham**.

### Scuffham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Scupham**.

### Scuffhams

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: variant of **Scupham** with excrement -s.

### Skull

**Variants:** **Skull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- English: nickname from Middle English *scul(le)*, *scol(le)*, *skul(le)* ‘skull’, for a bald-headed man. Compare **Scullard**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Skul, 1215 in *Close Rolls*; Martinus Skulle, 1254 in *Close Rolls* (Wilts); Gilbert Scul, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus Skulle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Walter, Essex); Rogerus Sculle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Norfolk); Margaret Scull, 1555 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Elizabeth Scull, 1556 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Alice Scull, 1593 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Anthonij Scull, 1601 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); John Scull, 1607 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs).

### Scullard

**Variants:** **Scollard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and IoW

Scottish, English: variant of **Scoulard**, or more usually of **Schollar**, with excrement -d.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Scullard, 1328 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Margaret Scullard, 1849 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

England: Alixander Scullard, 1585 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); Dorothy Scullard, 1604 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

### Sculley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 240
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx
- Irish: from Ó Scolaidhe, see **Scully**.

### Scullin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 58
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs; Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: from Ó Scoláidhín or Ó Scolláin, see **Scullion**.

### Scullion

**Variants:** **Scullin**, **Scallion**, **Scallan**, **Scollan**, **Scollen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2105, Ireland 1546
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

Irish: from Ó Scoláidhín ‘descendant of the scholar’, from a diminutive of *scolaidhe* ‘scholar’, or (Woulfe) Ó Scelláin and its variant Ó Scolláin, ‘descendant of *Scellán*’, from a personal name meaning ‘kernel’, see also **Scallan**. The palatal -l- is a later development. The surname has sometimes been confused with **Scully**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Conoghor mcDiermody mcEamon I Skallan, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4744; Donell Scullyn, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5106 (Kildare); John O Skalyn, Malachy O Scalayn, Cormac O Schalain, Donagh O Scalain, horsemen, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5602 (Maintirfeodaghin, Fermanagh); Mary Scullion, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Murtagh Scullin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Arboe, Tyrone).

Scotland: Margaret Scullion, 1803 in *IGI* (Girvan, Ayr); John Scullin, 1856 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Michael Sculion, 1856 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian).

England: Betsey Scullean, 1829 in *IGI* (Torpenhow, Cumb); Patrick Scullin, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Mary Anne Scullion, 1832 in *IGI* (Plumbland, Cumb); Mary Schollan, 1836 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Elizabethae Scullan, 1863 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Scully

**Variants:** **Sculley**, **Scally**, **Scalley**, **Skelly**, **Miskelly**, **Skelley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2681, Ireland 2658
- **GB frequency 1881:** 920
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork, Laois, Offaly, and Tipperary

Irish (Roscommon and Westmeath): relationship name from Ó Scolaidhe, ‘descendant of the scholar’ or in the midlands from **Mac Scolaidhe** ‘son of the scholar’, from *scolaidhe* ‘scholar’. See also **Scullion**.

**Early bearers:** John O Skelly, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2248 (Castelnycory, Cork); Donell McScally, ‘vicker’, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4678 (Termonberye, Roscommon); Teige mcDermot Mascally, husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4797 (Clonmore, Roscommon); Donnell McSkallie, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5427 (Clon Iragh, Roscommon); Thady mcDermot McScally, husbandman, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5542 (Ballymacolly, Roscommon); Patrick Scally, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389 (Meath); Gyrire McSkally, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699; Donnell and Patrick O’Skeyle, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cullagappack, Antrim); Dan O’Skelley, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cullagappack, Antrim); Patrick O’Skelley, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cullagappack, Antrim); Thomas

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Skelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathcline, Longford); Patrick Skelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Monasterboice, Louth); John Scully, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killummod, Roscommon); Laurence Scally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killare, Westmeath).

References: *More Irish Families*, p. 213.

### Sculpher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained; apparently from an unidentified place-name.

**Early bearers:** Anthonye Skolforth, 1581 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Ellen Sculford, 1627 in *IGI* (Staunton, Notts); Frances Sculfor, 1656, George Sculford, 1689 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Margaret Sculfer, 1667 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Jea. Sculpho, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Frances Sculpher, 1677 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Anne Sculford, 1735 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

### Sculthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx

English: see **Sculthorpe**.

### Sculthorpe

Variants: **Sculthorp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Lincs, WR Yorks; Middx

English: locative name from Sculthorpe (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Sculthorpe, 1568 in *IGI* (Seaton, Rutland); Edward Sculthorpe, 1569 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Katheryne Skullthorp, 1575 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Anne Sculthorpe, 1613 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Northants).

References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 411.

### Scupham

Variants: **Scupholme, Scupholm, Skupham, Scuffham, Scuffam, Scuffhams, Scoffham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks

English: locative name from Scupholme in South Somercotes (Lincs).

**Further information:** The name, originally pronounced with /-ph-/, has developed an alternative spelling-pronunciation with /-f(h)-/. The forms of 1670 and 1737, from Staffs, suggests that *Scoffham*, now the most frequent form, really does belong with this group of names.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Scopholm', Johanne de Scopholme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Marie Scuppam, 1579 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Thomas Skoopholme, 1563, Helen Skupholme, 1596 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Ambrose Scupham, 1597 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Elizabeth Scupholme, 1619 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); John Scupham, 1632 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); John Scupholm, 1644 in *IGI* (Grainthorpe, Lincs); William Scuffam, 1670, Thomas Scoffolm, 1737 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Eiabeth Scufholm, 1771 in *IGI* (Ruckland, Lincs); Bridget Scuffholme, 1800 in *IGI*

(Boston, Lincs); Grace Scuffam, 1713 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs).

References: *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 108.

### Scupholm

Variants: **Scoffham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Scupham**.

### Scupholme

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Scupham**.

### Scurfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Pembrokes

English: see **Scurfield**.

### Scurlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes and Carmarthens

Welsh: unexplained. The name is associated from an early date (1184 and 1250) with two fortified manors in Glamorgan: Scurlage, in Llanddewi in the Gower Peninsula, and Scurla or Scurla', now known as *Trecastell*, in Llanharry. The origins of the place-names are uncertain; it is not known whether they contain the surname, or whether the surname derives from one or other of them, but the earliest bearer suggests that the place-name came first. **Further information:** The name does not, as is sometimes claimed, represent a Scandinavian equivalent, or adaptation, of **Sherlock**.

**Early bearers:** Wales: William de Scurlog, 1184, Herbert Scurlag, about 1250, William Scurlage, 1250 in *Morgan and Morgan*, citing Clark; Oliver Scurlock, 1544 in *Morgan and Morgan*, representing the first William's branch of the family which had migrated to Ireland. Maurice Scurlag or Scurlack was constable of Dublin Castle in 1285; the family had interests near Trim (Meath); and there was return migration to Wales in the 16th cent.

England: Roland Scorlok, 1558 in *PROB 11* (no place given); Richard Scurluck, 1696 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Walterus Scurlock, 1721 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs).

References: G. T. Clark (1886), *Limbus Patrum Morganiae et Glamorganiae*, London: Wyman; G. A. Aitken (1889), *The Life of Richard Steele*, London: Isbister, pp. 164–7.

### Scurr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 573, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb, Durham, NR Yorks

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from a lost place described by, or named with, Old English *scora* 'steep place' or from Old English \**scoru* or Old Scandinavian *skor* 'score, notch, or mark' (perhaps denoting a boundary mark). Compare **Score**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Skur(r)*,

from Old Scandinavian *Skorri*, which is well evidenced as a personal name and nickname in medieval Scandinavia, and possibly derived from the Old Scandinavian word in (i). It may also be evidenced in the ER Yorks place-name Scoreby.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Skur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratfield Saye, Berks); Henricus Skur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hartley Dummer, Berks); John Scurr, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Thomas Scurr, 1579 in *York Registry Wills* (Scawton, NR Yorks); Tho. Scur, 1593 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); John Skurr, 1599 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Willm Scurr, 1664 in *IGI* (Bolton, Cumb); William Scurr, 1670 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Agnes Scurr, 1672 in *IGI* (Uldale, Cumb); Matthew Scurr, 1672 in *IGI* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Tho. Scurr, 1675 in *IGI* (Hawby, NR Yorks).

### Scurrah

Variants: **Scurrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks
- English: variant of **Scorer**.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy* suggests that *Scurrah* is a variant of **Skirrow** but the distributional evidence points to **Scorer** with a characteristically northern interchange of *-er, -ah,* and *-y*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Skurray, 1632, Christopher Scurrah, 1674, John Scurra, 1692 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); James Scurrey, 1633 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); John Skurry, 1637, Anne Eleanor Scurrah, 1847 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Mary Skurry, 1727, John Howitt Scurrah, 1856 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Skurray, 1731, William Scurrer, 1746, William Scurrah, 1782 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Scurrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Squirrel**.

### Scurrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: variant of **Scurrah**, see **Scorer**.

### Scurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó *Scurra* or Ó *Scoireadh*, see **Skerry**.

### Scuse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Skews**.

### Scutcheon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk
- English: see **Scutchings**.

### Scutchings

Variants: **Scutcheon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: unexplained. Apparently from Middle English *scochoun* 'escutcheon, coat of arms' (Anglo-Norman French *escuchoune*), but there are no known medieval bearers. Possibly therefore a form of *Gudgin* (itself a variant of **Gudgeon**), which appears in the same area. If so, it has acquired a prosthetic *S-* as well as, variably, a post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomasin Scutchin, 1603 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Humphrey Scutcheon, 1702 in *IGI* (Edlesborough, Bucks); Robt. Scotchings, 1745 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); William Scutchin, 1774, Ann Scutchins, 1790 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); John Scutchins, 1818, Ann Scotchings, 1834 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks).

### Scutt

**Variants:** Skutt, Scutts, Scott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1073, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 761
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) nickname for a short person, from Middle English *scut(e)* 'short'. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *scut* 'hare', for a swift runner. (iii) occupational name, nickname possibly from Old French *escoute* 'scout, sentry, spy', a derivative of the verb *escouter* 'to listen'. However, the word *scout* does not appear in English before the 16th century and retains the vowel length which would have to be lost to produce the surname *Scut(t)*.

**Further information:** the post-medieval name is sometimes found alongside the much commoner name **Scott** in the same Sussex parish, Fittleworth, suggesting the possibility that one might be a variant of the other or that the names were confused.

**Early bearers:** Godwin Scut, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Lefstan Scut, 1190–1200 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Suffolk); John le Scut, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); William le Skut, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robart Scutt, 1570, Alice Scutt, 1674, Frances Scut, 1751, Harriet Scutt, 1847 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Willmi. Scutt, 1571 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Willimi Scutt, 1580 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Johes Scutt, 1583 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); William Scutt, 1583 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

### Scutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Scotter**.

### Scutts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Norfolk

English: variant of **Scutt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Scutts, 1821 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk).

### Sea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **See**.

### Seaber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex
- English: see **Seabury**.
- Early bearers:** Ann Seaber, 1641 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Thomas Seaber, 1756 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

### Seabert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Seabright**.

### Seaborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 282
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Middx; Glamorgan
- English: see **Seabourne**.

### Seaborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Herefs
- English: see **Seabourne**.

### Seabourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Devon; Herefs
- English: see **Seabourne**.

### Seabourne

**Variants:** Seabourn, Seaborne, Seaborn, Sayburn, Sebborn, Sibborn, Sibun, Sibbons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 576, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Gloucs and Monmouths

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sabern, Sebern* (Old English \**Sæbeorn*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sabernus Monachus, 1114–30 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts).

surnames: Philippus filius Seberni, 1114–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Margareta filia Seberni, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Nel Sebern, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); John Sebern, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Sayer Sabarn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Sabern, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Agnes Seabourne, 1600 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Margaret Seabourne, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Seabourne, 1632 in *IGI* (Pipe and Lyde, Herefs); Margery Seabourne, 1640 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); James Seabourne, 1653 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

### Seabridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Seabridge in Stoke on Trent (Staffs), recorded as *Sheperuge* ('ridge or long narrow hill frequented by sheep') in 1235.

**Early bearers:** William de Sheperugge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seabridge, Staffs); John Seabridge, 1639 in *IGI*

(Wolstanton, Staffs); Elizabeth Seabridge, 1680 in *IGI* (Ranton, Staffs); Thomas Seabridge, 1699 in *IGI* (Swynnerton, Staffs).

**References:** *Tooth* 1, p. 67; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 480.

### Seabright

**Variants:** Sebright, Sibert, Seabert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sebert, Sebriht* (Old English *Sæbeorht*). Some of the early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sebertus, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Gloucs).

surnames: William Sebright 1154–89 *Place-Names of Essex*; Ricardus filius Sebriht, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Gaufridus filius Sabrici, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Sebriht, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Peter Sabright, 1290 in *Close Rolls* (Essex); Robert Sebriche, Michael Sebrhyth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jno. Seabright, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Margeria Seabright, 1620 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); John Seabright, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Seabright, 1629 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Frances Sebright, 1646 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Anna Seabright, 1670 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sibrith, Sibryth* (Old English *Sigebeorht*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sibryth, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Wlfwardus filius Sibrith, 1189–1200 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); John Sybrith, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Seabroke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Dorset
- English: see **Seabrook**.

### Seabrook

**Variants:** Seabrooke, Seabrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1626, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Wexford

English: locative name from Seabrook in Ivinghoe (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Henry Sebroke, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margaret Seybroke, 1543 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); William Seybroke, Thomas Sebroke, 1563, Margareta Sebrooke, 1578 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Mary Seabrooke, 1567 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Alice Seabrook, 1587 in *IGI* (Wingrave, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 97–98.

### Seabrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; also Lancs

English: see **Seabrook**.

## Seaburgh

### Seaburgh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Seabury**.

### Seabury

Variants: **Seaburgh, Seaber, Saber, Sebry, Sibree, Sibery, Siberry, Sibert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Seburga* (Old English *Sēburh*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Seburga filia Oseberti, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: John Seber, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Seburuh, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Sabourgh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wigborough, Essex); William Seburgh, Margaret Seborw, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Galfrido Seborgh, 1327, Galfrido Seburgh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); John and Richard Seborough, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yelling, Hunts); Richard Seabury, 1668 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Jane Seabury, 1699 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Hannah Seabury, 1769 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Edith Seabury, 1775 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); William Seabury, 1786 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name perhaps from Seaborough (Somerset, now in Dorset), recorded as *Seveberg(h)* or *-burgh* ('seven hills or barrows') up to the end of the 14th century, or Seaborough Hall in Mucking (Essex), which may have a similar etymology, but there is currently no evidence that these place-name gave rise to hereditary surnames. The Dorset and Essex surnames cited in (1) are more likely to derive from the personal name.

**Early bearers:** Warin de Seberg', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 492; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 164.

### Seaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- English: see **Sabey**.

### Seach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Sitch**.

### Seacole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: nickname from Middle English *se-col* literally 'sea-coal', meaning mineral coal as opposed to charcoal.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Seacol, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Peasemore, Berks); Robert Secoll, 1591 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Marye Seacole, 1594 in *IGI* (Grendon Underwood, Bucks); Alice Seacole, 1596 in *IGI* (Grendon Underwood, Bucks); William Seacole, 1618 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Mary Seacole, 1680 in *IGI* (Fulbrook, Oxon); George Seacole, 1704 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Seacombe

Variants: **Seacome**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx

English: locative name from Seacombe (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** William de Sekom, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ellen Seacombe, 1621 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Ellen Seacombe, 1622 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Hanniball Seacombe, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Margt. Seacombe, 1741 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Seacombe, 1782 in *IGI* (Wellington, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, pp. 329–30.

### Seacome

Variants: **Secombe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops; Brecknocks

English: see **Seacombe**.

### Seacroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Seacroft (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Secroft, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); James de Secroft, 1334–7 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Secroft, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 121.

### Seadon

Variants: **Seddon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Middx; Durham

1 English: apparently from a Suffolk place-name but this has not been identified.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Seadon, 1571, Gyles Sedon, 1572 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Deborah Seddon, 1619 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk).

2 English: see **Seddon**.

### Seaford

Variants: **Seaforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Somerset

English: locative name from Seaford (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Seford', 1208 in *Pleas* (Herts); William Seford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Humphrey Seaford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 363.

### Seaforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Seaford**.

### Seagar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs

English: see **Seager**.

### Seagars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lanarks and Ayr
- English, Scottish: variant of **Seager** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Seage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from the lost place-name *Sedge* in Topsham (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Seg', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Seage, William Sege, 1613 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Seage, 1639 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 455.

2 English: see **Sedge**.

### Seager

Variants: **Seagar, Seeger, Seegar, Segger, Seggar, Seger, Segar, Sager, Sagar, Saiger, Seago, Sago, Saggars, Seagers, Seagars, Sagger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2574, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1646

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Middx and Surrey; Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Segar, Segor, Sagar* (Old English \**Sǣgār*). Variants of its medieval forms may sometimes have been identical with those of **Sigger**, leading to confusion of the two names.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sagar, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Segarus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Segarus Aileves, 1186–8 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar*.

surnames: Galfridus filius Seger, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Walter Sagar, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Ralph Segar, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Gaufridus filius Segery, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; John Seger, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Beatr' Segor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Segar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bedenham, Hants); Also Seagar, 1561 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marye Saggar, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Bideford, Devon); Willm. Seager, 1567 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Joane Seager, 1571 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Henricus Seager, 1572 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Matthew Saggar, 1602, Richard Saggar, 1669, Thomas Saggar, 1711, Robert Saggar, 1758 in *Parish Registers* (Much Hadham, Herts); Georg Seager, 1611 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent).  
**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, II, 132–3.

### Seagers

Variants: **Seagars, Saggars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex

English: variant of **Seager** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Seago

Variants: **Sago**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of either **Seager** or **Sigger** (the names were probably confused) with an altered

pronunciation of the final syllable. Compare **Sedger**, **Segger**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sygo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Robert Sygo, 1415–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Robert Sygo, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Agnes Sigoe, 1565, Ann Sigo, 1605, Mary Segoe, 1682 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Helena Segoe, 1575, Alice Seago, 1649 in *IGI* (Weeting, Norfolk); Israell Segoe, 1600, Mary Seagoe, 1697, Elizth Seagoe, 1777 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Sigo, 1605, Margerett Segoo, 1696, Ann Siggeo, 1723 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).  
**References:** Keith Briggs, personal communication; www.sago-familyhistory.co.uk/origins.htm.

### Seagood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Segod* (Old English \**Sægōd*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Segod Jacob, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Erith, Kent).

surnames: Adam Segud, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Alan Segode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Segod, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Erith, Kent); Katherine Segode, 1450 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); John Saygude, 1473 in *York Guild Register*.

### Seagram

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Denbighs; Wilts

1 English: variant of **Seagrim**.

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 85.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *se* 'sea' + *grom* 'servant', probably for a seaman or sailor. The name has either died out or merged with (1).

**Early bearers:** Ernald Segrom, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John le Segrom, 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Appledram, Sussex); Richard Segrom, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Albién Seagram, 1739 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); John Seagram, 1744 in *IGI* (Wymeswold, Leics); Hannah Seagram, 1753 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Will Seagram, 1753 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Seagram, 1757 in *IGI* (Henstridge, Somerset).

### Seagrave

**Variants:** **Segrave**, **Seagrove**, **Seagrief**, **Sygrave**, **Sygrove**, **Sadgrove**, **Seagraves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Seagrave (Leics), recorded as *Sadgrave* in 1184 and *Seygrave* in 1279.

**Further information:** A family with the name *Seagrave* trace their descent from Thomas de Segrave, who was recorded as joint holder of Seagrave, Leics, in 1086. A descendant of his was Sir Stephen de Segrave, chief justiciar of England in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Segraua, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Richarde Seagrave, 1567 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); Richarde Seagrave, 1570 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); Richard Seagrave, 1608 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); William Seagrave, 1610 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); John Seagrave, 1615 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, pp. 206–7.

### Seagraves

**Variants:** **Seagroves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: variant of **Seagrave** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Seagrief

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Seagrave**.

### Seagrim

**Variants:** **Seagram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sagrim*, *Segrim* (Old Scandinavian *Sægrímr*). The surname may sometimes have been confused with **Seagram** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sagrim, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants, Staffs); Segrim de Haltun, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Sagrim carnifex, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts).

surnames: Seeman Seegrim, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Suffolk); John Sagrim, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Segrym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Sigrym, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Segrun (error for Segrim) 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Rogerus Segrym, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Galfrido Segrynn (error for Segrym), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); John Segrym, 1562, Richard Segram, 1602, Joane Segrom, 1647 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Nancy Seagrim, 1782, Joseph Segrem, 1801 in *IGI* (Downhead, Somerset).

### Seagroatt

**Variants:** **Secrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Dutch: unexplained, but of northern European, probably Dutch, origin. It has been tentatively suggested that it may have a connection with the Dutch group *Sgroot*, *Schroot*, *Schrooten*, *Schroten*, *Schroeten*, with the English vowel breaking up the Dutch initial cluster pronounced /sx-/.  
**Further information:** Any connection with the French, usually Aquitanian, surname **Segrot** is implausible.

**Early bearers:** Mary Secrote, 1564, Thomas Secroth, 1566 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); William Seegreote, 1582 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Christian Seagrote, 1612 in *BMD* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Roger Segrod, 1643, Ann Secret, 1644 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Michael Secrett, 1682 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); Roger Segrod, 1706 in *IGI* (Brisley, Norfolk); Thomas Segred, 1721 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Mary Segraat, 1725 in *IGI* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Roger Segrott, 1735 in *IGI* (Ousden, Suffolk); Roger Seagroatt, 1741, Rebecca Seagroatt, 1742, Ann Seagrott, 1755 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Segreat, 1769 in *IGI* (Ousden, Suffolk); Ann Secrett, 1786 in *IGI* (Hargrave, Suffolk); John Segritt, 1786, Mary Seagroatt, 1795 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs).

**References:** [http://www.sherwoodfam.plus.com/ancestry/descendants\\_of\\_arnold\\_segrodt.htm](http://www.sherwoodfam.plus.com/ancestry/descendants_of_arnold_segrodt.htm); [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/seagroatt/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/seagroatt/); information from Dr Leendert Brouwer.

### Seagrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Berks, Hants, and Surrey

English: see **Seagrave**.

### Seagroves

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Seagraves**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Seah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 盛, see **Sing** (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 施, see **Shi** (1).

### Seal

**Variants:** **Seale**, **Seel**, **Shale**, **Sailes**, **Seales**, **Zeal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3247, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2149
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent; also Leics

1 English: locative name either toponymic from Seal (Kent), Seale (Surrey), or Sele (Sussex), or topographical for someone who lived at a boggy patch (Kentish Middle English and Old English *sele*) or a hall (Middle English, Old English *sele*). For the name in Devon see **Zeal**.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte sele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus atte Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lymington, Hants); Thomas Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brading, Hants); John Seal, 1560, Bridgitt Seel, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Robert Seal, 1572 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); William Seal, 1610 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex); Phil Seal, 1689 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 68; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 180; *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 206.

2 English: locative name from Overseal or Netherseal (Derbys), recorded as *Seyle* and *Sheyle* in *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 645. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with other senses.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Seyle, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Derbys); Ralph de Sseill, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Rob'o Sele, Rob'o Scheyle, 1375 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Notts); Johannes Sayle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham (tenants of the King), Rutland); Agn' Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thoma Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Desford, Leics); Johanne Sheyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); William de Sheyle, 1396 in *Patent Rolls*; John Seele, 1545 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Marie Seele, 1579 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Johannis Seale, 1621 in *IGI* (Mackworth, Derbys); Robert Seal, 1660 in *IGI* (Shearsay, Leics); Samuel Seal, 1676 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Sarah Seel, 1687 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys).



**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 3, p. 645.

**3 English:** (i) locative name for someone who lived by a willow copse, from Middle English *sele*, Old English \**sele*. (ii) locative name for someone who lived at place marked by a willow or willows, from Middle English *sele* 'willow', in N England representing Old Scandinavian *selja* and in SW England representing Old English (West Saxon) *sealh*. It was probably interchangeable with the synonymous Middle English *sale* (Old English *salh*, Old Scandinavian *salr*), and in some cases, therefore, the surname may have functioned as a variant of **Sale**. In SW England initial *S-* was frequently voiced to *Z-*, as in the Wilts place-name *Zeals* (from a plural form of Old English *sealh*), which may be an occasional source of modern *Seal(e)*, *Seel*, or *Zeal*. However, the medieval form of the place-name is overwhelmingly in the plural, and this may also survive as **Sales**.

**Further information:** Some of the cited name bearers here may alternatively belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** N England: Johannes Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); William Seale, 1559 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Jennett Seale, 1610 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Samuel Seel, 1710 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). SW England: Nicholaus Sayl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Etchilhampton, Wilts); Johanne Sale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bathampton, Wilts); Ricardo Sele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hendred, Berks); Johannes Saille, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Zeals, Wilts); Susanna Seale, 1589 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**4 English:** nickname from Middle English *sele* 'seal' (Old English *seolh*), for someone who resembles the animal, perhaps a plump or ungainly person. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with other senses.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Sele, about 1113 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Henr. le Seel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tamworth, Staffs/Warwicks); Ricardus Sele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); William Seale, 1568 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Joan Seale, 1569 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs/Warwicks); William Seale, 1568 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**5 English:** nickname from Middle English and Old French *seel* 'seal' (Latin *sigillum*), perhaps for a maker of seals or signet rings, but there is no evidence that this name became hereditary. Compare Hugh le Selor of York who, in 1333, made a new seal for the bishopric of Durham (*Salzman, Industries*, p. 132).

**Early bearers:** Everard de Sigillo, del Sael, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Seale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 892, Ireland 127
- **GB frequency 1881:** 528
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Kent

English: see **Seal**. This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland.

## Sealeaf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Salove*, *Selove* (Old English \**Sæleofu*, \**Sæluifu*).

**Further information:** It is by no means certain that the modern name really continues the medieval one;

there is a long gap in the record. It may be Welsh in origin, a form of **Sealy** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Saloua, 1086 in *Cambis Inquisition* (Cambs); Salove, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx).

surnames: Robertus filius Seluue, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Agnes Seloue, 1308 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xviii; John Seloue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Salove, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

## Seales

**Variants:** Seals, Seels, Sailes, Selles, Sellis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: variant of **Seal** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Sales** and **Sallows**, with which this name was probably interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Susan Selles, 1551 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Anne Seeles, 1586, Moyseselle Sellis, 1598 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); William Seales, 1601 in *IGI* (Firsby, Lincs); Sams Seales, 1614 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Thomas Selles, 1617 in *IGI* (Stelling, Kent); Tho Seals, 1622 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Edmund Sellis, 1630 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Marie Seeles, 1632 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Margreat Seales, 1668 in *IGI* (Ashover, Derbys); Rt. Seales, 1674 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Sellis, 1706 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Mary Seales, 1721 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Sarah Seales, 1734 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

## Sealey

**Variants:** Sealey, Sealy, Seely, Seley, Seelly, Seally, Selley, Selly, Silley, Silly, Ceeley, Ceely, Ceiley, Cely, Zealey, Zealley, Zellely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1899, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 972
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Kerry  
English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *seli* 'happy, fortunate' (Old English *sælig*). The word was also occasionally used as a female personal name during the Middle Ages. The sense 'pitiable', which developed into modern English *silly*, is not attested before the 15th century. See also **Selman**. (ii) relationship name, possibly also of Welsh origin, see **Sealy**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sela, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Sely filia Nicholai, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Sely Percy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset). surnames: Roger (le) Seli, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Roger Cely, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard Sely, John Celi, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Sali, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Sali, 1281, Thomas Sely, 1286 in *London Letter Books B*; Thomas Zely, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Sely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); William Sealey, 1639 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); William Sealey, 1652 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Sealey, 1663 in *IGI* (Burmars, Kent); Thomas Sealey, 1673 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Tho Sealey, 1684 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Seally

- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Renfrews
- English: see **Sealey**.

## Seals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Norfolk
- English: see **Seales**.

## Sealy

**Variants:** Sealey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 889, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 536
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Kerry

**1 Welsh:** relationship name from the male personal name *Selyf* or *Seleu*, medieval Welsh vernacular forms of **Solomon**, replaced by that form in the Welsh Bible of 1588.

**Early bearers:** Map Sely, 1292–3 in *Morgan and Morgan*, citing Merioneth Lay Subsidy Roll; Ioreword ap Seleu, undated in *Morgan and Morgan*; Ho'll ap Jockyn ap Seli (variant Sela), undated in *Morgan and Morgan*, citing Bartrum.

**References:** Bartrum, P. C., *Welsh Genealogies*, Cardiff: University of Wales Press, vol. 985–1215, p. 173.

**2 English:** see **Sealey**.

**3 Irish, English:** relationship name from Ó **Sealbhaigh**, see **Shelley** (2).

## Seaman

**Variants:** Seamon, Seammen, Seeman, Seman, Semon, Seyman, Seamons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3680, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2320
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Seman*, *Semon* (Old English *Sēmān*, from the word in (ii)). The surname may have become confused with variants of **Simon**. (ii) occupational name occasionally perhaps from Middle English *seman* 'sailor' (Old English *sēmān*), but the most common source is (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Seman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Surrey); Seman, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Seman filius Ernisii, 1166, Samannus aurifaber, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Seman, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Semannus le Parker, 1250 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Semanus le WaterWard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Seman le Erl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). surnames, E Anglia and Essex: Thomas filius Seman, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Seman, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey Semman, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Henricus filius Semanni, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Seman, Johannes Saman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robertus Seman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Rogerus Seman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); William Seman, 1540, Thomas Semon, 1606 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Seaman, 1544, Thomas Semon, 1550 in *IGI* (Linstead Parva, Suffolk); Willia Seaman, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Raphe Seaman, 1560 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); William Seman, 1560 in *IGI* (Barnby, Suffolk); Willim Seamon, 1592 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Stephen Seeman, 1632 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Mary Seeman, 1680, John Seammen, 1779 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robert



Seamond, 1787 in *IGI* (Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk).  
 surnames, Midlands: Rufus Seman, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Cambs); Simon Seman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wicken, Northants); Roberto Seman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anstey, Leics); Johannes Seman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Ricardus Seman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Gregory Seman, 1539 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); Hugh Seyman, 1543 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Henry Seaman, 1552 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Elysabeth Seman, 1566 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Rich Seaman, 1588 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); Jan Semon, 1717 in *IGI* (Wigston, Leics); Benjamin Seeman, 1738 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).  
 surnames, S and W England: Nicholas Samon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradham, Devon); Laurencius Seman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Surrendell, Wilts); Henricus Seman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Robertus Seman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Willelmus Seman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Campden, Gloucs); Reginaldus Seman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); John Seaman, 1541 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Thomas Semon, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint John, Cornwall); Agnes Seyman, 1546 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Joan Semon, 1566 in *Cornish Lands* (Cardinham, Cornwall); Joane Seaman, 1570 in *IGI* (Seaford, Sussex); Alice Seaman, 1571, Robert Seman, 1559 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Thomae Seman, 1569, Thome Seaman, 1578 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Mary Seaman, 1577 in *IGI* (Long Wittenham, Berks); William Semon, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); William Seamon, 1617 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks).  
 surnames, Scotland: Ughtred Seman, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks); Alison Seaman, 1687 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margaret Seaman, 1702 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks); John Seyman, 1776 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews).

References: *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* 2, pp. 135–6.

### Seamans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Seamons**.

### Seamark

Variants: **Semark, Seamarks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds; also Kent

Locative name: from one of several places called *Saint-Marc* 'Saint Mark' in N France.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Seynmark, 1268, Geoffrey de Sancto Marco, 1271, John de Seymark, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Henry Semarke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Semarkar, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); John Seamarke, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent).

### Seamarks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Seamark** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Seamer

Variants: **Seamour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex; also Hunts
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Semer*, *Samar* (Old English *Sæmǣr*). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3). There may also have been confusion with **Seymour**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sæmar, Samar, Semaer, Semar, Semer, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Semarus Cham, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Semer de Risenberg', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks).  
 surnames: Geoffrey Semare, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Henry Semer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); John Samar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Semar, William Semar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warboys, Hunts); Thomas Semer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lynton, Devon); Adam Semer', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Stratton, Wilts); Johannes Semer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stawell, Somerset); Johannes Semer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Willm. Seamer, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Willm Seamer, 1540 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Roberte Seamer, 1550 in *IGI* (Arrington, Cambs); John Seamer, 1603 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); John Seamer, 1604 in *IGI* (Radnage, Bucks); William Seamour, 1662 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from either of two places called Seamer (NR Yorks) or either of two places called Seamer (Norfolk, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** N England: Ioscelinus de Semere, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John de Semer, 1277 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Matthew de Semer, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seamer, NR Yorks); William Semer, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Henricus de Semer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birkin, WR Yorks); Roberto de Semer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Saymor, 1416 in *York Freeman's Register*; Joan Seamer, 1541 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); Lambert Semer, 1555 in *York Registry Wills* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Willm. Seamer, 1591 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks).

E Anglia: Petronilla de Semere, 1329 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Semer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Limpenhoe with Southwood, Norfolk); Thomas Semere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardingham, Norfolk); Ricardus Semer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Willia Seamer, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Seama, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Rattlesden, Suffolk).

References: *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 412; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 102, 172.

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *semer(e)* 'tailor' (Old English *sēamere*). Compare **Simister**.

**Early bearers:** John Semere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John le Semere, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Simon Semer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Hants).

### Seammen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk; also Shrops

English: see **Seaman**.

### Seamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Derbys
- English: see **Seaman**.

### Seamons

Variants: **Seamans, Semens, Semmens, Semmence, Semmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: variant of **Seaman** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. The name may have become confused with **Simmons**, or indeed be a variant of **Simmons**.

**Early bearers:** E England: Elizabeth Seamons, 1584 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Margaret Semens, 1594, Alice Seamans, 1605, Eliza Semmens, 1651 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Joane Seamans, 1613 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Robert Seamans, 1618 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Ann Seamons, 1692 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Semmons, 1691, Elizabeth Semmence, 1777 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); John Seamons, 1714 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks).

SW England: William Semans, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Lamorran, Cornwall); Robert Semens, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); James Semmens, 1672 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Jane Semmons, 1695 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall).

### Seamour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Seamer**.

### Seaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: variant of **Seaney**; see **Senior**.

### Seanor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Senior**.

### Sear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 975
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, Herts, Beds
- English: see **Sayer**.

### Searby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from Searby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Seuredebi, Geoffrey de Seurebi, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Seuerbi, 1202, Robert de Seuerbi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardus de Seuerby, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Henrico de Seuerby, bailiff of Lincoln, 1322 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Robert de Severby, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johannes de Seuerby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caistor and Fonaby, Lincs); William Seuerby, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richarde Searby, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Spridlington, Lincs); Charles Searby, 1584 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe,

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Lincs); Elizabeth Searby, 1599 in *IGI* (Sutton in the Marsh, Lincs); Clement Searby, 1622 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Robert Searby, 1675 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs); Sara Searby, 1694 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of Lincs* 2, pp. 259–60.

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Variants: **Sarch, Sark, Sarge, Surch, Sarkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Seric, Saric, Siric*, which represents a coalescence of two Old English personal names, *Sǣric* and *Sigeric*. The form of the surname has been altered under the influence of Old French *surreis* 'southerner' (see **Surridge**).

**Early bearers:** given names: Saric, Seric, Siric, Syric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Siricus de Lenna, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: R. Siricus, 1114–77 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Asketin fitz Sirich, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugo Serich, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Hugo Sirich, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Aubert Syrik, Roger Syrik, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Serych, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginald Serich, Serche, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas*; John Sarich, 1296, Serich, 1299 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugo Siriche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Sarich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Emma Serche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Serch, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Alan Serech, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Johanes Search, 1579 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks).

## Searcy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name probably from a place in France, such as Cercy-la-Tour (Nièvre), Cersay (Deux-Sèvres), or Sercy (Saône-et-Loire). There is, however, as yet no evidence to connect the medieval bearer in Berks with the post-medieval bearers in the Midlands.

**Early bearers:** William de Cersy, William Cersy, undated (medieval deeds) in *TNA* (Berks); John Searcy, 1674 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Thomas Searsey, 1680 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Jno. Searcy, 1689 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts); Elizabetha Searsey, 1708 in *IGI* (Heath, Derbys); Thomas Searsey, 1708 in *IGI* (Clayworth, Notts); Sarah Searsey, 1721 in *IGI* (Wysall, Notts); George Searsey, 1731 in *IGI* (Staveley, Derbys); John Searcey, 1763 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts); John Searcy, 1763 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics).

References: *TNA*, deeds E 210/3513 and E 210/2241.

## Seare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Middx and Surrey; also Durham; IoM
- English: see **Sayer**.

## Seares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Sayers**.

## Seargeant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Northants; Gloucs

English: see **Sargent**.

## Searight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Hants
- Scottish, English: see **Sievewright**.

## Searing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- German: in Herts, and possibly elsewhere also, from **Searancke**, the anglicized name of a Flemish family who had settled in Essendon by 1545 and became brewers in Hatfield. The Flemish name may be from that of the town in Liège province, Belgium, called *Seraing* in French, for which no Dutch name appears to be current.

**Early bearers:** John Searinge, 1565 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Thomas Saring, 1579 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); John Searing, 1580 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Marget Seering, 1599 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Searinge, 1604 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Angeletta Searinge, 1622, Thomae Searancke, 1660 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts); Sarah Seering, 1696 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts).

References: Whitaker, Allan (2006) *Brewers in Hertfordshire*. Hatfield: University of Hertfordshire Press.

## Searjeant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants
- English: see **Sargent**.

## Searl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, Essex; Hants

English: see **Searle**.

## Searle

- Variants: **Searl, Serle, Serrell, Searley, Searles**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 8238, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5978
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Serle, Serlo, Serily* (Continental Germanic *Sarilo, Serilo*), cognate with Old Scandinavian *Sǫrli* (see **Sarll**).
- Further information: the name was frequent in Normandy and became common in England after the Conquest.

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Serlo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Serlo le Flemyng, about 1150 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Serle Gotokirke, 1279 in

*Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Serill' Pynder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks). given names, Scotland: Serlo, clerk, 1159 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Serlo, clericus regis Scocie, 1165 in *Black*; Serlo, talbator, 1219 in *Black* (Perths).

surnames, England: Adam Serle, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Gregorius filius Seralie, 1231–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Hugo Serle, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Rogerus Serle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wenden Lofts, Essex); Ricardo filio Serle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Acre, Leics); Alicia Seryll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Willelmus Serell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skipton, WR Yorks); John Searle, 1539 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Laurence Searle, 1544 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Alice Searley, 1615 in *IGI* (Sutton le Marsh, Lincs); Richard Serrell, 1615 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Robert Searly, 1727 in *IGI* (Overmoigne, Dorset).

surnames, Scotland: John Serle, 1296 in *Black* (Perths); Alexander Serle, 1491 in *Black*.

## Searles

Variants: **Searls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, Kent, Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Searle** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Searley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: variant of **Searle**.

## Searls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; WR Yorks
- English: see **Searles**.

## Sears

Variants: **Sayers, Searson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2545, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1848
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Irish: version of **Mac Saoghair** 'son of *Saoghar*', a borrowing of an Anglo-Saxon personal name, gaelicized from *Sigar* (Saegaer) which was used in Anglo-Norman Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Segarston, gent., 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §67; Stephen Segar, gent., constable of Dublin castle, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5014, §5045; Thomas Sears, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmalkedar, Kerry); Michael Sears, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilrum, Kerry).

2 English: see **Sayers**.

## Searson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 97
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Saher, Seier* (see **Sayer**) + -son.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Johnnesservant Searesone de Sutton, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Agnes Searson, 1562 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Launde, Lincs); Georg Searstone, 1575 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Henry Searson, 1579 in *PROB 11* (Edenham, Lincs).

2 English: see **Searston**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Searson, 1700 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Edward Searson, 1716 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys).

3 Irish: from **Mac Saoghair**, see **Sears**.

## Searston

**Variants:** **Searson**, **Syson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from Syerston (Notts), recorded as *Sierson* in 1576 and *Syson* in 1580.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Roberti Sireston, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Rob'to de Syreston', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Syerston, Notts); Will'o de Syreston', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Flintham, Notts); Richard Searston, 1551 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Johanna Serson, 1602, Katharine Searson, 1627, Jane Sarston, 1638 in *IGI* (Stanford on Soar, Notts); John Searston, 1689 in *IGI* (West Markham, Notts); Richard Searston, 1721 in *IGI* (Scarcliffe, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 218.

## Seary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks and Oxon; Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

1 English: possibly a suffixed form of Middle English *sere* 'dry, withered', seen also for example in Godefridus Seredust, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*. Such extended adjectives are sometimes found in Early Modern English, as in *stouty* and the surviving *lanky*. '... certain monosyllabic adjs. were extended by means of this suffix, apparently] with the design of giving them a more adjectival appearance ... The majority of such words arose in the 16th and 17th cent.'" (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** Anne Sery, 1583 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Anne Serrey, 1617 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Agnis Serie, 1623 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Bridget Seary, 1627 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Thomas Seary, 1693 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks).

2 Irish: from Ó **Saoraidhe**, see **Seery**.

## Seater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Midlothian; also scattered in England

1 Scottish: see **Seatter**.

2 English: see **Setter**.

## Seath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 448
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Kent

1 Scottish: see **Shiach**.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *seth* 'pit, hole' (Old English *sēað*), for someone who lived by a pit.

**Early bearers:** William Ateseth', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); George Seath, 1561 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Phillis Seath, 1577 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Robert Seath, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Ellyzabeth Seath, 1588 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); John Seath, 1615 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk).

## Seatherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Setherton, 1626 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edward Setherton, 1697 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); John Setherton, in *Census 1841* (Devon).

## Seaton

**Variants:** **Seton**, **Setton**, **Sitton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3171, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2511
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. WR Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Seaton (Cumb, Devon, Durham, Leics, Northumb, Rutland, ER Yorks, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Seton', 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Adam de Seton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holywell, Northumb); Robertus de Seton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Seton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); John Seeton, 1557 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Anne Seaton, 1560 in *IGI* (Spridlington, Lincs); Agnes Seaton, 1573 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 534.

2 Scottish: locative name from Seton (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Seton, 1177–85 in *William I (Scotland) Charters* (Seton, East Lothian); Adam de Seton, about 1194–1214 in *Black*; Alexander de Seton, 1230–40 in *Dunfermline Register*; Serlo de Seton, about 1250 in *Arbroath Register*; Bessie Seaton, 1617 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Seaton, 1624 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Thomas Seaton, 1637 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Margaret Seaton, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); John Seaton, 1651 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

## Seatter

**Variants:** **Seater**, **Setter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: locative name probably from Seatter in Stromness (Orkney), but perhaps also from any of various other Orcadian places named Seatter or Setter.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Seater, 1580 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); Thomas Settar, 1606 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); Arthur Setter, 1663, Janet Seatter, 1685 in *IGI* (Shapinsay, Orkney); James Seatter, 1717 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney).

## Seavers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Severs**.

## Seaward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 18

- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford
- English: see **Seward**.

## Seawell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Monmouths; Cambs

English: (i) see **Sewell**. (ii) see **Sawell**.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Seawright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 76
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks

Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

## Sebastian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 846, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Lancs

English, German, Spanish, S French: relationship name from a vernacular form of the Latin personal name *Sebastianus*, Greek *Sebastianos*, which was originally an ethnic name meaning 'man from Sebastia', a city in Pontus named with Greek *sebastos* 'revered' (the Greek equivalent of *Augustus*). See also **Bastian**.

**Further information:** The personal name enjoyed great popularity as a result of the cult of Saint Sebastian, an early martyr (died about 288), a captain of the Pretorian Guard who was shot with arrows for resisting the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian. According to one tradition, he survived the shooting and went on to perform various miracles before being clubbed to death. He is rare in early church dedications (Great Gonerby, Lincs, and Wokingham, Berks), but the frequency of **Bastian** in SW England may indicate a local cult. This surname is also sometimes borne by Jews, presumably as an adoption of the German or French surname.

**Early bearers:** William Sebastian, 1616 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Sallomon Sebastian, 1630 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Nicholas Sebastian (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

**References:** Francis Bond, *Dedications and Patron Saints of English Churches* (Oxford, 1914), p. 135.

## Sebbage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Seabeach in Boxgrove (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Seuebech, William Seuebeche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ann Sebbage, 1787 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Robt. Sebbage, 1792 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex); Julia Sebbage, 1876 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Alice Ellen Sebbage, 1897 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 68.

## Sebborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0

## Sebire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Seabourne**.

### Sebire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- 1 French, Huguenot: relationship name from **Sébire**, a Picard variant of French **Sibille**, from the female personal name **Sibille**. Compare **Sibble**.  
**Early bearers:** Jean Sebire, 1682 in *IGI* (Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands); Benjamin Sebire, 1699 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields French Huguenot, Westminster, Middx).  
**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.  
2 French (Channel Islands): see **Lesbirel**.

### Sebley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; Cambs, Herts, Middx
- English: see **Sibley**.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Sebley, 1691 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jann Sebley, 1699 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Watter Sebley, 1734 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Francis Sebley, 1755 in *IGI* (Ilchester, Somerset); Leah Sebley, 1767 in *IGI* (Toller Fratrum, Dorset).

### Sebright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Middx; Somerset
- English: see **Seabright**.

### Sebry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Seabury**.  
**Early bearers:** Leighton Sebry, 1733 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Joseph Sebry, 1736 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Sebry, 1806 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Seccombe

- Variants:** **Secombe**, **Secomb**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: locative name from either of two places in Devon named Seccombe, in Germansweek and Blackawton parishes. See also **Seacome**.  
**Early bearers:** Leonard Seccomb, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, pp. 183, 317.

### Secker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1073, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 684
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks
- English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**seker* 'maker of sacks, bags, or sackcloth', a derivative of Middle English *sek* (Old Scandinavian *sekker*) 'sack'. Compare the synonymous **Sacker**, with which the name

sometimes interchanged: Frauncis Sacker, 1596 Elyzabeth Secker, 1599 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thome Secker, 1597, Izaac Sacker, 1600 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Yorks: Eva le Seckere, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); John le Sekker, 1334 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Seckar, 1378, William Sekker, 1416, John Sekkerr, 1493 William Seker 1541 in *Yorks Deeds* (North Cave, ER Yorks); Richard Secker, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Margret Secker, 1552 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Robert Secker, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks).  
E Anglia and SE Midlands: Radulphus Seckere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cressenhall, Norfolk); Johannes Secker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Tho Secker, 1541 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); Thomas Secker, 1646 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Penelope Secker, 1736 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs).

### Seckerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwicks
- English: see **Secretan**.

### Seckington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Warwicks
- English: locative name from Seckington (Warwicks).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Sekindon', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph de Sekendon, 1262 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Timesin Seckington, 1647 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Seckington, 1813 in *IGI* (Loughton, Bucks); Samuel Seckington, 1815 in *IGI* (Helmdon, Northants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 24.

### Secomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Seccombe**.

### Secombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall; Northumb
- 1 English: see **Seccombe**.  
2 English: see **Seacome**.

### Secretan

- Variants:** **Seckerson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: status name, occupational name from Middle English *sacristan(e)*, *segerstain(e)* 'sexton' (Old French *secrestein*, Medieval Latin *sacristanus*). The sexton was originally the officer of a church in charge of the sacred vessels and vestments, but later came to denote one who looked after the churchyard and dug graves. Compare **Sexton**.  
**Early bearers:** Tomas Sekerstein, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gilbert le Segerstein, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William le Sekerstein, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Sussex); Thomas Segrestan, 1299 in *London Letter Books B*; Henry le Secrestein, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Sekesteyn, 1310 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xx; Frederick Samuel Secretan, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Walbrook, London); Frederick Samuel Secretan, 1786 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Gracechurch and Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); Frederick Samuel Secretan, 1804 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Secretan, 1804 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); James Thomas Secretan, 1820 in *IGI* (Thorpe le Soken, Essex).

### Secrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex
- Dutch: variant of **Seagroatt**.

### Secular

**Variants:** **Sackler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: status name from Middle English *seculer(e)*, Old French *seculier*, Medieval Latin *secularis*, denoting a secular priest or a member of the laity, as opposed to the clergy. Robert Seclermunck', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), was presumably a clerk living in the world, as opposed to living under a monastic rule.  
**Further information:** The large gap in the record suggests that the original surname did not survive, and that it reappeared in the 19th century from another source, perhaps that represented by Thomas Sackler, 1616 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Robertt Sackler, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London), perhaps reinforced by German **Säckler**.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Seculer, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Nicholas le Secler, le Seccoler, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Walter le Seculer, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Catherine Sarah Secular, 1866 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Sedani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from *Sed-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').  
**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Seddon

**Variants:** **Seadon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6018, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4793
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: apparently from a Lancs place-name, which has not been identified: possibly Sudden in Rochdale. See also **Siddon**.  
**Early bearers:** John Seddon, 1544 in *IGI* (Middleton, Lancs); John Seadon, 1576 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).  
2 English: see **Seadon**.

### Sedgbeer

**Variants:** **Sedgebeer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: locative name from Sedgeborough in Clatworthy (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Sedguburrow, 1607, Faith Sedguborough, 1623 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset); Sarah Sadgbeer, 1718 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Elias Sedgbear, 1730 in *IGI* (East Anstey, Devon); Elizabeth Sedgebeare, 1762 in *IGI* (Brushford, Somerset); William Sedgbeer, 1770 in *IGI* (Ashbrittle, Somerset).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 164.

### Sedge

**Variants:** Seage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *segge* 'sedge, reed' (Old English *secg*), for someone who lived at a place where sedge or reeds grew.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Segh, 1308 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcs); Maria Sedg, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Anne Sedge, 1616 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs); William Sedge, 1626 in *IGI* (Detling, Kent).

### Sedgebeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Sedgbeer**.

### Sedgeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Sedgley**.

### Sedgeman

**Variants:** Sedgman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: occupational name from Middle English *segge* 'sedge, reeds' + *-man*, for someone who cut, prepared, sold, or used sedge or reeds for thatching etc. The term is recorded in the medieval accounts of King's Hall, Cambridge: 'for wages of Brown, *seggeman*, for thatching walls, 7d' (*Salzman, Building* p. 226). Compare **Sedger**.

**Early bearers:** William Sedgman, 1624 in *IGI* (Upper Standon, Beds); Richd. Sedgman, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Thomas Sedgeman, 1734 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Robert Sedgeman, 1770 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

### Sedger

**Variants:** Segger, Seggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia

1 English: the E Anglian name is probably a variant of **Sigger** with lowering of Middle English *i* to *e*. The bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Osbert Seggere, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert Seggere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Margareta Segger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Stephan Sedger, 1586 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Mary Sedger, 1616 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); John Sedger, 1625 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); Thomas

Sedger, 1672 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Anne Sedger, 1694 in *IGI* (Alverstoake, Hants).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English \**segger*, a derivative of *segge* 'sedge, reeds' + *-er*, for someone who cut, prepared, sold, or used sedge or reeds for thatching etc. Compare Richard *le Seggemaker*, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), and see **Sedgeman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Seggere, 1292 in *Fransson* (Lancs); Milisanta le Segger', 1293 in *Fransson* (Yorks).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 98.

### Sedgewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 395
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Sedgwick**.

### Sedgewicke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sedgwick**.

### Sedgley

**Variants:** Sedgeley, Sigley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 456
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: locative name from Sedgley (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Sygley, 1573 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Alice Sedgley, 1573, Anne Sedgeley, 1638 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Anne Sedgley, 1660 in *IGI* (Colwich, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 480.

### Sedgman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Sedgeman**.

### Sedgwick

**Variants:** Sedgewick, Sedgewicke, Sedwick, Sidgwick, Sidgewick, Siswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2967, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: locative name principally from Sedgwick (Westm), rarely if ever from Sedgwick in Nuthurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Segheswyk, Thomas de Sigeswik, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Wm. Sedgwick, 1566 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Humfry Sedgwick, 1567 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Agnes Sedgwick, 1578 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Thomas Sedgwick, 1585 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Ellen Sedgwick, 1589 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); John Sidgewick, 1618 in *IGI* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Will. Siswick, 1680 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, pp. 231–2; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, pp. 97–8.

### Sedley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Herts
- English: see **Sidley**.

### Sedman

**Variants:** Seedman, Sidman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 446, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Sideman* or \**Sedeman*, Old English *Sidumann*, \**Seodumann* occupational name, status name for a servant of a man surnamed **Seed**. (ii) occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**sedeman* 'sower of seeds', synonymous with Middle English *sedere*.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Sedeman, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Sedeman, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Warwicks); Robert Sedman, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Hugh Sedeman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goathland, NR Yorks); John Sedman, 1579 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); William Sedman, 1615 in *York Registry Wills* (Silpho, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* 2, p. 142.

### Sedwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Herts; Warwicks

English: see **Sidwell**.

### Sedwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Sedgwick**.

### See

**Variants:** Sea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hunts; also Cambs and Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Middle English *se* 'sea, lake' (Old English *sæ*), for someone who lived by the sea or beside a lake.

**Early bearers:** Bertram del See, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Philip atte See, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John otheSee, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Sea, 1562 in *IGI* (Procester, Gloucs); Thomas See, 1578 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Ralfe Sea, 1602 in *IGI* (Willingham by Saint Ives, Cambs); John See, 1634 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 施, 時, 史, 師, and 司, representing the Cantonese pronunciation. See **Shi** (1–5).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 池, see **Chi** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 徐 and 韓, see **Xu** (1) and (2).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 奚, see **Hai** (1).

## Seear

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 薛, see **Sit**.

### Seear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Sayer**.

### Seeby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Lincs, and Leics; Berks
- English: see **Sabey**.

### Seed

Variants: **Seeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1964, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sede* (Old English \**Sida*), a short form of various personal names, male and female, formed with Old English *sidu* ‘custom, manner; morality, purity’, which were recorded after the Norman Conquest. *Sede-* may be from an Old English regional form of this, \**Seodu-*; see *Feilitzen* § 13, p. 359.

**Further information:** Old English personal names in *Sidu*, *Seodu-* are evidenced in Seduinus, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Ricardus filius Sidewini, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Sedemæi, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Robert Sedemai, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Sedemaiden, Ælfget Sedemode filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Sede, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Sede, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Sede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Sede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); Michael Seed, 1560 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Johis. Seed, 1565 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Catheran Seed, 1574 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

### Seedall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Siddall**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Seedall, 1610 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Henrici Seedall, 1644 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks).

### Seedat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: variant of **Sidat**.

### Seedhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Siddalls**.

### Seedman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Sedman**.

### Seeds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

English: variant of **Seed** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Seegar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Seager**.

### Seeger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Seager**.

2 German: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Sigiheri*.

**Early bearers:** Claus Seeger (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Middx); Hermann Seeger (born in Prussia) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Seehra

Variants: **Sehra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Seekings

Variants: **Seekins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: perhaps a locative name from Seven Kings in Ilford (Essex), recorded as *Sevekyngges*, 1285 in *Assize Rolls*.

**Further information:** Note that **Sieveking** is a late immigrant name from Germany.

**Early bearers:** Edus Sekyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Alice Sekine, 1577 in *IGI* (Over, Cambs); Jaemes Seaking, 1598 in *IGI* (Boxworth, Cambs); Willm. Sekins, 1608 in *IGI* (Hemingford Abbots, Hunts); Ellen Seekins, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Bride, Fleet Street, London); Thomas Seekings, 1642 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Abigail Seekings, 1752 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 99.

### Seekins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cambs

English: see **Seekings**.

### Seel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Seal**.

### Seeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1544, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 918
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Sealey**.

### Seelly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Sealey**.

### Seels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Seales**.

### Seely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Armagh
- English: see **Sealey**.

### Seeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Seaman**.

### Seenan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: perhaps from Ó Sionáin, a variant of Ó Seanáin, see **Shannon**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Shenan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheraclone, Monaghan); Laurence Shennan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildress, Tyrone); Philip Shenon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derrybrusk, Fermanagh); Philip Sheenan, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Eshveagh, Cavan); James Seenan, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Antrim); Mary Sheenan, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Town of Omagh, Tyrone).

### Seener

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Senior**.

### Seeney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Oxon, Warwicks

English: see **Senior**.

### Seer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Sayer** (6).

### Seers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sayers**.

### Seery

Variants: **Seary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 718
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

Irish: from Ó Saoraidhe ‘descendant of Saoraidhe’, a personal name derived from Gaelic *saordha* ‘noble, generous’. It has been anglicized as **Freeman**. Woulfe, however, believes that the original Irish form was Ó Sioghraidh, from the Scandinavian personal name *Sigefrith*.

**Early bearers:** Ferrall O Serie, husbandman, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3932 (Ballinvolline, Westmeath); John OSeiry, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6657 (Melton); Edward Seery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilallen, Westmeath).

### Seeviour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: see **Sivyer**.

### Sefton

Variants: **Septon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1409, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 963
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: locative name from Sefton (Lancs). **Early bearers:** Henry de Sefton, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Elizabeth Sefton, 1568 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Ellene Sefton, 1580 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Beavis Sefton, 1601 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Joyes Sefton, 1606 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Joseph Sefton, 1635 in *IGI* (Bignor, Sussex). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 118

### Segal

Variants: **Siegel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) acronym from the Hebrew phrase *SeGan Levia* ‘assistant Levite’. (ii) see **Siegel**. **Early bearers:** Barnett Segal, born in Wilna, Russia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Levi Segal, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Spitalfields, Middx); Harris Segel, machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Aaron Segal, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Salford, Lancs); Lazarus Segal, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Isaac Segel, slipper maker, Russian subject, in *Census 1901* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Hyman Segal, furrier, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Solomon Segal, slipper maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham); Louis Segal, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, and Leah Segal, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sam Segal, tailor’s presser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Segar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Seager**.  
2 English: see **Sagar**.  
3 English: see **Sawyer**.

### Seger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: see **Seager**.

### Seggar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: see **Sedger**.  
2 English: see **Seager**.

### Segger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: see **Sedger**.  
2 English: see **Seager**.

### Seggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** central and SW Scotland

Scottish: locative name from Seggie in Leuchars (Fife) or Seggie in Orwell (Kinross). **Early bearers:** Walter junior de Seggin, 1200–29 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Seggie, Fife); John of Segy, 1417 in *Pitfirrane Writs* (Kinross).

### Seggins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Siggins**.

### Segrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Bucks; Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Meath

English: see **Seagrave**.

### Seguin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

French, Huguenot: relationship name from the personal name *Seguin* (Continental Germanic *Sigwin*). Compare **Siggins**. **Early bearers:** Sarra Seguin, 1619, Jehan Seguin, 1622 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jacques Seguin, 1696 in *IGI* (La Patente, London); Elizabeth Seguin (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Sehdev

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit *sahadeva* ‘equal to a god’, which is the name of the last of the Pandava brothers in the Sanskrit epic Mahabharata.

### Sehgal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community.

### Sehmbi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sehmi**.

### Sehmi

Variants: **Sehmbi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Sehra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Seehra**.

### Seifert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks

German: relationship name from a local variant of the Germanic personal name *Siegfried*. The German surname has occasionally been adopted by Ashkenazic Jews. **Early bearers:** Fritz Seifert (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Surrey); Rachel Seifert (born in Poland) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Seignior

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Senior**.

### Seiler

Variants: **Sailer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

1 English: see **Seyler**.  
2 German: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *seil* ‘rope’, used for a ropemaker. **Early bearers:** Frederic Seiler, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1871* (Surrey); Gustave Henry Seiler, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Antoinette Seiler, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Walcot, Somerset); Fritz Seiler, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Seiller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Seyler**.

### Seivewright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus

Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

### Seivwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

### Sekhon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

## Selbey

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Selbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Selby**.

### Selbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Kincardines

Scottish: see **Selby**.

### Selborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Silburn**.

### Selbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Silburn**.

### Selby

Variants: **Selbie**, **Selbey**, **Shelby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5430, Ireland 61
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3536
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Notts
- English, Scottish: locative name from Selby (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Selby Farm in Marden (Kent) and Selby Farm in Lympne (Kent) were both held by members of the Selby family in the 15th century: see *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 316, 467.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Selebia, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Seleby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Selby, 1395 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johana Shelbie, 1541 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Ann Selbie, 1556 in *IGI* (Bunny, Notts); Elizabeth Selbey, 1556 in *IGI* (Durham, County Durham); Jarvise Shelby, 1599 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

Scotland: Adam de Seleby, 1291 in *Ragman Rolls* (Berwicks); John Selby, 1493 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Andro Selbie, 1648 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, pp. 31–2.

### Selden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Devon
- English: see **Seldon**.

### Seldon

Variants: **Selden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 687, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Seldon in Hatherleigh (Devon) and Seldon Farm in Patching (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Seldon, 1199 in *Pleas* (Warwicks); William de Selkedon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Selden, Selkeden, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Seldon, William Selden, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 144.

### Seley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs and Worcs; NR Yorks

English: see **Sealey**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Self

Variants: **Selfe**, **Selves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2301, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sa(h)ulf* (Old English *Sæwulf*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Saiulfus, Sahulfus, Saulf, Saolf, Saul, Seulf, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
surnames: Robert filius Seulf, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Berks); William Sewolf, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Self, William Self, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Perrell Self, 1570 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Willielimus Self, 1571 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Plesant Self, 1580 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); John Self, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robertus Self, 1633 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk).

### Selfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 545, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts
- English: see **Self**.

### Selfridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- English: of uncertain origin; it may be from an unidentified minor place named in Old English with *scelf* ‘shelf’ + *hrycg* ‘ridge’. It is common in Ireland as well as England.  
**Early bearers:** England: James Selfridge, 1759 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edward Selfridge, 1776 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Margaret Selfridge, 1797 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).  
Ireland: Matthew Selfridge, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); Samuel Selfridge, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derrt).

### Seliger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name denoting someone from Seelig near Bamberg. (ii) nickname for a fortunate or cheerful person, from an agent derivative of German *selig* ‘happy, fortunate’.  
**Early bearers:** Nathaniel Seliger, born in Prussia, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Joseph Seliger, tanner, born Evesham, Worcs, in *Census 1871* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Henry Seliger, born in Whitechapel, Middx, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Frederick Seliger, hairdresser, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx), subsequently recorded as Freidrich, 1901 (in Marylebone), and Friedrich, 1911 (in Paddington); Harris Seliger, 1907 in *BMD* (Shoreditch, Middx).

### Seligman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- 1 German: nickname (**Seligmann**), for a lucky or cheerful person, from Middle High German *selig* ‘happy, fortunate’ + *-mann*. Compare **Selman**.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Hermann Seligman, 1854 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks); Leopold Seligman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Lena Seligman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Surrey); Otto Seligman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Armand Seligman, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London); Albert Seligmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London); Fritz Seligmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).
- 2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Yiddish personal name *Zelikman*, a variant of *Zelik* ‘fortunate, blessed’.  
**Early bearers:** Isador Seligman, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Jacob and Rachel Seligman, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Freda Seligman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

### Selinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: see **Saint Ledger**.

### Selkirk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 560
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; also Durham; Lancs
- Scottish: locative name from Selkirk (Selkirks).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Selghkirk, 1291 in *Ragman Rolls* (Berwicks); Hugh de Selkyrk, 1368 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Midlothian); James Selkrig, 1567 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Midlothian).  
**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 412.

### Sell

Variants: **Selle**, **Sells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1091, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 876
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Essex, Cambs, Herts

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *selle* ‘shelter for animals, shieling’ (Old English *(ge)sell*), for someone who lived in or by such a shelter, such as a herdsman. It may have been used as a nickname for a herdsman.

**Early bearers:** Humfrey ater Selle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johes. Sell, 1542 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Thome Sell, 1543 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Agnis Sell, 1560 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Sell, 1561 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomasine Sell, 1571 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 181.

### Sellar

Variants: **Seller**, **Sellars**, **Sellers**, **Sellors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Banffs, Morays

1 Scottish: (i) occupational name from Middle English *seller* ‘saddler’ (Old French *seller*, *selier*).



Philip le Celler, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London) is also called le Sadeler (1320 *London Letter Books E*). (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *sell(en)* ‘to sell’ (Old English *sellan* ‘to hand over, deliver’), for a tradesman or merchant. Some of the early bearers may alternatively belong under sense (2) or (3).

**Further information:** Tengvik and Fransson regard the second explanation as an improbable meaning for the surname, but the very rare **Vender** still survives. Compare the Latin equivalent *Henricus Venditor*, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs). Latin equivalents of *Sellar* can be seen in Sanson Sellarius, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), Walter Sellarius, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks). Bodo or Bondo Sellator (1175–7 *Pipe Rolls*, Suffolk) was a saddler (*sellator* ‘saddler’, 1224 in *Revised Medieval Latin Word List*), but this may be a translation of either the French *seller* or the English *saddler*. The frequent form *Seler*, sometimes for ‘sealer’ and sometimes for ‘cellar’, may also mean ‘saddler’. Compare also the word *Sele*, glossed as ‘horsys harneys’ by Randle Cotgrave (1611) *A Dictionarie of the French and English Tongues*.

**Early bearers:** England: Alriz Sellere, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Alwinus Ieseller, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Gilebertus Seler, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Willelmus Seller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cadeby, Leics); Elizabeth Seller, 1541, Thomas Sellar, 1571 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Johan Seller, 1542 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); Anne Sellar, 1596 in *IGI* (Kingston Lisle, Berks).

Scotland: Colin Sellar, 1281 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); John Sellar, 1407 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); George Sellar, baxter, 1577 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Lanarks); Patrick Sellar, 1590 in *Scottish Antiquary* (W Lothian); Alexander Sellar, 1621 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); Patrik Sellar, 1634 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Alexander Sellar, 1685 in *IGI* (Botriphnie, Banff); Margaret Sellar, 1704 in *IGI* (Roths, Morays).

2 English: occupational name from a reduced form of Middle English *celerer(e)*, ‘cellarer’ (Old French *celerer*, Medieval Latin *cellerarius*), for the officer in a monastery or great household charged with the storage and distribution of provisions.

**Early bearers:** Ordinus cellerarius, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William Sellerarius, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Robert le Celerer, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Sellerer, 1419 in *London Letter Books I*.

3 English: nickname from Middle English *celer* ‘storehouse or storeroom for provisions’ (Anglo-Norman French *celer*, Old French *celier*), for a cellarer (see sense 2).

**Early bearers:** Gudmund del celer, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Richard ate Celer, taverner, 1308 in *London Letter Books B*; William atte Seler, 1365 in *London Letter Books G*; William Selere, 1365 in *London Letter Books F*; Johannes atte Seler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boarhunt Herbelyn, Hants).

## Sellars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2685, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1823
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; also Lanarks

English: variant of **Sellar** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Selle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; ER Yorks

English: see **Sell**.

## Selleck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Sellick**.

## Sellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Selling**.

## Sellens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Sellings**.

## Seller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. ER Yorks

English, Scottish: see **Sellar**.

## Sellers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3201, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English: variant of **Sellar** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Sellery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: see **Sillery**.

## Selles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Seales**.

## Sellex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Sellick**.

## Selley

Variants: **Selly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 923, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 424
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Devon

1 English: see **Sealey**.

2 English: locative name from Selly Oak (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Selleia, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger Selley, 1579 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Richard Selley, 1584 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Andrew Selley, 1594 in *IGI* (Whitstone, Devon);

Avis Selley, 1616 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); John Selley, 1658 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Mary Selley, 1663 in *IGI* (Clun, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 249–50.

## Sellick

Variants: **Selleck, Sellex, Sillick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 791
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Gloucs

English: locative name from Sellake in Halberton (Devon), Sellick in Clawton (Devon), and occasionally from Sellack (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** John Sellych, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Sellych, Sellich 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Roger de Sellak, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Sellake, 1379, Robert Selake, 1380 in *Hylle Cartulary*; William Selakke or Selak, 1524 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); John Sellack, Sellicke, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Sellick, 1679 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, p. 179; *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 139, 550.

## Sellier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Huguenot: see **Cellier**.

## Selling

Variants: **Sellen, Shilling, Sellings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

English: locative name from Selling (Kent) or Sellindge (Kent), the distribution suggesting that the former is more likely.

**Early bearers:** John Sellingsge, 1325 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Reginaldus Selyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Richard Sellyng, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Selynge, 1570 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Richard Sellynge, 1577 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); John Sellen, 1586 in *IGI* (Alciston, Sussex); William Shillyng, 1588 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Marye Shilling, 1599 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Samuell Sellinge, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey); John Sellen, 1657 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 304–5, 467; *Mills, Dictionary*, pp. 412–13.

## Sellings

Variants: **Sellens, Silience, Sillance, Silence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: variant of **Selling** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Anne Silience, 1578 in *IGI* (Lammas with Little Hautbois, Norfolk); Sara Sellans, 1586 in *IGI* (Stowting, Kent); Robert Sellyns, 1601 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Alice Sellings, 1611 in *IGI* (Westfield, Sussex); Elizabeth Sellings, 1626 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent); Ellen Silience, 1640, Ann Silience, 1710 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); William Sillance, 1658 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Mary Sellens, 1720 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

## Sellis

### Sellis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Seales**.

### Sellman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Staffs
- English: see **Selman**.

### Sellers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: variant of **Sellar** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Herts and Beds

English: variant of **Sell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sellwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 807, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 484
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, Wilts
- English: see **Selwood**.

### Selly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English: see **Sealey**.  
2 English: see **Selley**.

### Selman

**Variants:** **Sellman**, **Selmon**, **Silman**, **Sillman**, **Cinnamond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 516
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *seli* 'happy, fortunate' (Old English *sælig*) + *-man*, for a happy or fortunate man. The nickname was also used as a personal name. See also **Sealey**. (ii) occupational name, status name from the Middle English nickname or female personal name *Sely* (see **Sealey**) + *-man*, for a servant of someone so called. John Sely and Walter Selyman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset), both lived in the same parish.

**Early bearers:** given names: Selmon' de Copmanford, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).  
surnames: Ailricius Seliman, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Selman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Seliman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Salyman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Claricia Selimon, Henry Selmon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus Selman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heddington, Wilts); Margery Selman, 1546 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); William Selman, 1562 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Joan Selman, 1566 in *IGI* (Hardwicke, Gloucs); Richard Selman, 1566 in *IGI* (Sutton Maddock, Shrops); John

Selman, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Selmes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: relationship name from Middle English *\*Selm* (Old English *Sigehelm* 'victory' + 'helmet', as in the Sussex place-name *Selmeston*). The modern form shows post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Selm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rodmell, Sussex); Rogero Selme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Richard Selmes, 1577 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Barnard Selmes, 1592 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Robert Selmes, 1593 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

### Selmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Devon
- English: see **Selman**.

### Selsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs; also Suffolk
- English: see **Silsby**.

### Selson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Silson**.

### Selvage

**Variants:** **Selvidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *selvage*, *silvadge* 'edge of a cloth, bandage, ornamental edging (to a cloth or garment)', for someone who made or sold such items. (ii) variant of **Savage**.  
**Early bearers:** Jhon Selvage, 1595 in *IGI* (Boothby Pagnell, Lincs); William Selvaige, 1603 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); John Salvidge, 1640 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Sarrah Selvige, 1655 in *IGI* (Bilton, Warwicks); Mary Selvidge, 1726 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

### Selvarajah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Tamil *selva* 'rich, prosperous' + Sanskrit *rājā* 'king'.

### Selvaratnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Tamil *selva* 'rich, prosperous' + Sanskrit *ratna* 'gem'.

### Selves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Self** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Selfes, 1672 in *IGI* (Street, Sussex); John Selves, 1695 in *IGI* (Hooe, Sussex); Elizabeth Selves, 1701 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Elizabeth Selves, 1716 in *IGI* (Hunton, Kent).

### Selvester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Silvester**.

### Selvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Silvey**.

### Selvidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- 1 English: see **Selvae**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Savage**.

### Selvy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Silvey**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Selway

**Variants:** **Salway**, **Salwey**, **Salloway**, **Salloway**, **Solloway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1111, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 801
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Salewi*, *Selawy*, probably from Old English *\*Sælwīg*. The name may have been confused with **Selwyn**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Salewi de Bliþesdune, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset).  
surnames: Walter Salewy, Adam Salewy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Selewy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farmington, Gloucs); Robert Saleway, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmo Salewey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Nicholao Selewy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Ricardo Salewey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Rogerus Salwy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cannock, Staffs); Elizabeth Selway, 1599 in *IGI* (Street, Somerset); Riccus Salway, 1561, Willms Salwey, 1584 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); William Salway, 1564 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Dorothe Salloway, 1605 in *IGI* (Ravensden, Beds); Catherina Salwey, 1618 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Robert Salloway, 1621 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); George Salway, 1620 in *IGI* (Fivehead, Somerset); William Salloway, 1623 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); George Selway, 1713 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Robert Selway, 1736 in *IGI* (Cullompton, Devon); Richard Salloway, 1640 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Richard Salwey, 1675 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops).

### Selwin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey
- English: see **Selwyn**.

## Selwood

Variants: **Sellwood, Sillwood, Silwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1226, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 805
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Gloucs, and Berks; also WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Selwood in Somerset, close to the border with Wilts, or from Selwood (Forest), from which the village was named. The forest lies in Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset.

**Early bearers:** John Selewode, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Richard de Selwode, 1339 in *London Pleas*; Johannes Sylwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Tho. Selwood, 1542 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Thomas Selwood, 1549 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Wilmi Sellwood, 1578 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Johannis Sellwood, 1610 in *IGI* (Wylye, Wilts); Alice Sellwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Dorathy Silwood, 1617 in *IGI* (Shrewton, Wilts); William Sellwood, 1623 in *IGI* (Winsham, Somerset); Thomas Sillwood, 1641 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); Richard Sellwood, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); John Sellwood, 1665 in *IGI* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); John Selwood, 1679 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 15.

2 English: reduced form of **Silverwood**.

## Selwyn

Variants: **Selwyne, Selwin, Silvain, Silvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Selewin(e)* (Old English \**Selewine*).

**Further information:** The Old English name of the Gloucester moneyer Seolhwine (Fran Colman, *Money talks* (Berlin, 1992), p. 112) appears to have *seolh* ‘seal (the mammal)’, and is another possible source of the surname *Selwyn*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Seleuuius, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts).

urnames: Paganus filius Selewin’, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Roger Selewyne, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx); John Selewine, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kempsford, Gloucs); Robert de [*sic*] Selwyne, 1296, Juliana Selewyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donnington, Sussex); Wyllyam Selwyn, 1557 in *IGI* (Friston, Sussex); Jasper Selwyn, 1608 in *IGI* (Matson, Gloucs).

2 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Selvein*, *Silvein* (Latin *Silvanus*), with vocalization of /v/ to /w/, possibly through influence of the name in (1). Some Middle English forms of the name, especially those beginning in *Selv-*, are shared with those of **Salvin**, and there may have been confusion of the two surnames, particularly in Lincs and Yorks. *Silvein* may have survived to the present day as *Silvain* and *Silvey*, but more evidence is needed.

**Further information:** In Anglo-Norman usage both *Selvein* and *Silvester* were sometimes latinized as *Salvagi* ‘wild, savage’; see *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1112, and compare **Silvester** and **Savage**. Whether the vernacular surnames were ever interchangeable is a question for further research.

**Early bearers:** given names: Siluein de Torp, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks).

urnames: Osbert Seluein, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Siluein, 1127–34, Robertus Seluenus about 1140 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Henry Siluain 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Robert Seluan, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Ricardus filius Seluein, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Selvein, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Marchinton, Staffs); Robert Selveyn, 1244, Robert Selweyn, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Sylveyn, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Silveyn, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Editha Sulfayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Roger Sylveyn, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Sylveyn, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset).  
**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 1116–17.

## Selwyne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: see **Selwyn**.

## Seman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Seaman**.

## Se-mark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Seamark**.

## Sembhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sembi**.

## Sembi

Variants: **Sembhi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## Semens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Durham

English: see **Seamons**.

## Semken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Simpkin**.

## Semkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Simpkin**.

## Semmence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Seamons**.

## Semmens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 656, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Seamons**.

## Semmons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Seamons**.

## Semon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Seaman**.

## Semper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Simper**.

## Sempill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kinross

English, Scottish: see **Semple**.

## Semple

Variants: **Sempill, Sample, Simble, Simple, Simpole, Samples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2394, Ireland 503
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N E Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 Scottish: nickname from Middle English, Older Scots, and Old French *simple* ‘simple, straightforward, humble’ (Latin *simpulus*). The Scottish name was taken to Ulster in the 17th century.

**Further information:** A Scottish family of this name held the hereditary post of Sheriff of Renfrewshire from the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Reginaldus Simplex, about 1160 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Robert le Simple, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh le Simple, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Fortune Semple, 1659 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); James Semple, 1717 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham).

Scotland: Alexander Simpil or Simple, about 1300–20 in *History of Arbroath*; Thomas dictus Sympil, 1315–21 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Longniddry, East Lothian); William Sympil, 1330, 1358 in *Inchaffray Register*; Thomas Sympyl, dominus de Egliston, 1357 in *Paisley Register*; William Simpill de Fowlwod, 1452 in *Paisley Register*; John Simple of Fulvoid, 1546 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; Ninian Symepile, 1574 in *Maxwells of Pollok* (Renfrews).

Ireland: Matthew Semple, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballycor, Antrim); Robert Symple, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Castletowne, Antrim); Archibald Semple, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); George Semple, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Moses Sample, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone).

2 Norman, English: locative name from any of the numerous places in northern France named *Saint-Paul* or *Saint-Pol*, for example in Pas-de-Calais,

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Nord, and Finistère. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Sancto Paulo, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Symon Sempol, 1271, Simon Sempol, 1274, Agnes Seynpol, 1289 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Camsb); John Sampol, 1351 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Sayntepaule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Byram, WR Yorks); Willelmus Sayndepaule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Johanne Saynpule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Seintpoule, 1403, Thomas Seinpoull, 1418 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Cicily Sampule, 1413 in *York Guild Register*; Nicholas Sempool, 1421 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Anna Sampall, 1515, Anna Sampoll, 1524 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Sample, 1570 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Charles Semple, 1798 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

## Sen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Baidya and Kayasth name, from Sanskrit *senā* 'army, armament'.

**Further information:** *Sen* occurs frequently in Sanskrit literature as the final element of a compound name.

2 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 洗 and 洗, see **Sin** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 孫, see **Sun** (1).

## Senchell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Senescall**.

## Sendall

**Variants:** **Sendell, Sandall, Sindall, Sindell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 403, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *sendal*, *sendel(le)*, *sindal(l)*, *sandel(le)* 'sendal' (Old French *sendal*), for someone who wore or sold garments of sendal, a costly fabric apparently of linen or cotton. This accounts best for the *-e/-i/-a-* variation in the vowel of the surname in certain parishes and counties. Compare Elisabeth Sandall, Adam Sendall, 1582 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Humfrey Sandell, 1583, Ane Sendall, 1608 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Alex. Sandell, 1656, Joan Sendall, 1699 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset). It probably also led to some confusion with **Sandall** and **Sandell**.

**Early bearers:** E England: John Sendal, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); John Sendale, 1374 in *London Pleas*; Edi Sendall, 1554 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Anthonius Sendall, 1566 in *IGI* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Jewdith Sendell, 1566 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Rose Sendall, 1571 in *IGI* (Lindsey, Suffolk); John Sendell, 1587 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Camsb); Thomas Sendal, 1619 in *IGI* (Caister Saint Edmund with Markshall, Norfolk); Joseph Sendale, 1678 in *IGI* (Blofield, Norfolk).

S England: Jone Sendall, 1564 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Alys Sendal, 1566 in *IGI* (Chillenden, Kent); Tho Sendall, 1627 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Will Sendal, 1671 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

## Sendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Sendall**.

## Senecal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

French, Huguenot: (i) see **Senescall**. (ii) occupational name from **Sénécal**, of the same ultimate origin as **Senescall**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Abraham Senecal, 1604 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean Senecal, 1690 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Kent).

Other French: Louis Senecal (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

## Senescall

**Variants:** **Seneschall, Senecal, Sensicall, Sensicle, Senchell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English, Norman: occupational name, status name from Middle English, Old French *senes(c)hal*, a household official of a sovereign or great noble, to whom the administration of justice and the entire control of domestic arrangements were entrusted; in a wider use, a steward or major-domo. *Senescal* and *Senecal* were Norman forms (*Moisy*). Compare **Marshall** and **Maskall**.

**Early bearers:** Alan le Senescall, 1194 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph le Seneschall', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William le Seneschel, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Philippus Seneschall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Robertus Senecle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington and Crostwright, Norfolk); Thomas Senycle, 1395 in *Close Rolls* (London); Jhon Senescall, 1610 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Sarah Senskell, 1693 in *Bardsley*; Richard Seneschall, 1707 in *IGI* (North Witham, Lincs); Frances Sensicall, 1797, Henrey Sensicle, 1823 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs).

## Seneschall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Senescall**.

## Senett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Sinnott**.

## Seneviratne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: Buddhist, from Sinhalese *senevi* 'loyal' + *ratne* 'gem' (Sanskrit *ratna*).

## Sengel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

German: relationship name from a pet form of a short form of a Germanic personal name formed with *sing* 'sing' as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Ernest Sengel (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Surrey).

## Sengupta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Bengal) and Bangladeshi: Hindu (Baidya), a compound of **Sen** ('army, armament') + **Gupta** ('secret, protected').

## Senhouse

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Hallsenna in Gosforth (Cumb), recorded as *Hall Senhouse* in 1668 and earlier *Sevenhoues* 'seven hills'.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Sevenhowes, John de Senehowes, 1346 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Senhouse, 1692 in *IGI* (Crosscanonby, Cumb); John Senhouse, 1695 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Peter Senhouse, 1706 in *IGI* (Linton by Ross, Herefs); John Senhouse, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Edward Hooper Senhouse, 1816 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* pp. 394–5.

## Senier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also WR Yorks and Derbys

English: see **Senior**.

## Senior

**Variants:** **Seignior, Senier, Seener, Seanor, Seyner, Seenev, Seaney, Senyard, Sinyard, Sinar, Siner, Sinner, Synyer, Saynor, Sayner, Sainer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7750, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6820
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Dublin

English: (i) status name, nickname from Middle English *seignour* 'lord' (Old French *seignior*), either for someone who was a lord (for example, of a manor), or perhaps for a peasant who emulated his lord. (ii) nickname from Middle English, Latin *senior* 'elder', for the elder of two bearers of the same personal name (for example, a father and son or two brothers).

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Seignure, 1164 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugh Seimure, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); Thomas le Senyur, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert le Seynur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Senior, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hugelyn le Seygnur, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Senyer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Synyere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Adam Syner, Willelmus Synyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Johannes Syner', Rogerus Synyar', Johannes Synyere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Robertus Synyare, Johanne Siniere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); John Senior, 1542 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Joanna Senior, 1558 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Thoms Senior, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Mary Senior, 1586 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Senior, 1589 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset). Scotland: Robertus Senior, 1382 in *Black*; Archibald Senyeoure, 1565 in *Black* (Aberdeens).

**Senley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: locative name from either of two places called Shenley (Bucks, Herts).

**Early bearers:** Burchard de Senelai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Geoffrey de Shenlee, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Thomas Schenle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 23–4; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 67.

**Senneck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset

English: a Dorset variant of **Sevenoaks**, from the old pronunciation of the place-name. There is no evidence to connect it with Savernake (Wilts).

**Sennett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Devon

English: see **Sinnott**.

**Sennitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Sinnott**.

**Sennott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Sinnott**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Senogles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Westm

German: nickname, occupational name from the surname *Zinnagel*, literally ‘tin or pewter nail’. The first known bearer in England, Conrad Zinnagel, was a coppersmith. The regional (Swabian) back vowel in the second syllable was heard in England as rounded /o:/. The current form of the name has excrescent final -s.

**Further information:** D. A. Hornby states: ‘The original person was called Conrad Zinnagel and came to Crosthwaite, Keswick, Cumberland in the year 1575 at Easter time, he was one of the German miners brought in by Queen Elizabeth I. Conrad Zinnagel married Margaret Atkinson of Keswick 1579, and had children Sebastian 1582, Alice 1583. Percival Senogle and Mary his wife, of Orthwaite, bapt. Joane 1605; Percival and Mary S[enogle] of Munkhall, bapt. Sebastian 1606, who in 1636 mar. Marian Nicholson of Crosthwaite, and had children Sebastian, John, Robert, Margaret. Joseph Sebastian Senogle mar. Jane Clark, at Grasmere, 1762.’ (*Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Tract* series, vol. 8, p. 167.)

**Early bearers:** Conrad Zinnagel, 1579 in Archives of Augsburg (Keswick, Cumb); Joane Senegle, 1605, John Senogle, 1638, Giles Sinogle, 1712, Gyles Synogle, 1719 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Jenny Senogles, 1790 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Nancy

Sinogles, 1802 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Joseph Senogles, 1825 in *IGI* (Marown, IoM); Sarah Ann Senogles, 1861 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

**References:** Collingwood, W.G. (1912) Elizabethan Keswick: extracts from the original Account Books, 1564–77, of the German miners, in the archives of Augsburg. *Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Tract* series (vol. 8); Hornby, D.A., at <http://boards.ancestry.co.uk/surnames.senogles/33.1.1/mb.ashx>.

**Sensicall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Leics

English: see **Senescall**.

**Sensicle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Senescall**.

**Sentance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *sentence* ‘wisdom’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Sentence, 1588, Elizabeth Sentance, 1666 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Thomas Sentance, 1669 in *IGI* (Great Ponton, Lincs).

**Senter**

**Variants:** **Santer, Sainter, Center**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Worcs
- 1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *saintier* ‘bell founder’, the French equivalent of the English name **Billiter**. See also **Century**. **Early bearers:** Edmund Sein(e)tier, 1160–8 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Benedict le Seintier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Benedict le Seintier, campanarius, about 1216–22, Benedict le Seincter, about 1230–40 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Simon le Sainter, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Santer, le Sainter, 1333 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); John Senter, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Robertus Senter, 1605 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Ambrose Senter, 1637 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Samuell Senter, 1652 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edwd. Senter, 1758 in *IGI* (Wighton, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Center**.

**Senyard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Senior**.

**Seo**

**Variants:** **So, Soh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Korean: (서); Chinese character: 徐, meaning ‘slow’ borne by descendants of Seo Shin-il (徐 神逸), who lived in the Shilla Kingdom at the beginning of the

tenth century. The established clan seat is in Yich’ŏn County in Kyŏnggi Province.

**Seong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 常, see **Chang** (1).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 商 and 尚, see **Sang** (2) and (3).

3 Korean: see **Song** (5).

**Seow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 萧 (or 肖) and 邵, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

**Septon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1071, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 775
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sefton**.

**Seppings**

**Variants:** **Sippings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *seven* ‘seven’ + *peni(ng)s* ‘pennies’. The reason for its use as a nickname is lost; compare **Halfpenny**.

**Early bearers:** Nycolas Sevenpennys, Wyllyam Sevynpenys, Hamond Sepens, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Sipins, George Sepings, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Sequeira**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

Portuguese, Galician: locative name, Portuguese and Galician, from any of the numerous places in Portugal named Sequeira, or (in Galicia) a topographic name from *sequeira* ‘arid land’ (Late Latin *siccaria*, a derivative of *siccus* ‘dry’).

**Further information:** this name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists and whence it was brought to Britain.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Sequeira, 1791 in *IGI* (London); James Sequeira, 1821 in *IGI* (London).

**Sercombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Sharracombe in Bishopsteignton (Devon) or Sherracombe in North Molton (Devon).

**Further information:** The change in the first consonant is unexplained, but appears guaranteed by the records from Bridford.

**Early bearers:** Mary Shercombe, 1581 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Edward Sharcomb, 1593 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Joan Shircombe, 1598 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Edward Sharcombe, 1628 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Robert Sircombe, 1640 in *IGI* (Teddburn Saint Mary, Devon); William Sercomb, 1658, William Shercomb, 1672 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon);

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Mary Sercombe, 1671 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Peter Sercum, 1675 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); John Sercome, 1680 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Surcombe, 1681 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Philip Surcom, 1679 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); John Sircom, 1714 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 346, 488.

### Sergant

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 179
- Main GB location 1881: Middx, Essex, Suffolk; Lancs and WR Yorks; Devon

English: see **Sargent**.

### Sergeant

- Current frequencies: GB 1412, Ireland 88
- GB frequency 1881: 1374
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh; Waterford

English: see **Sargent**

### Sergenson

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sergent

- Current frequencies: GB 247, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 314
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Sargent**.

### Serginson

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 53
- Main GB location 1881: NE England and Cumb

English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Sergison

- Current frequencies: GB 165, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 66
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Seright

- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Serjeant

- Current frequencies: GB 255, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 250
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Sargent**.

### Serjeantson

- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: see **Sargeantson**.

### Serjent

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire

English: see **Sargent**.

### Serle

- Current frequencies: GB 175, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 251
- Main GB location 1881: Devon, Somerset, Gloucs

English: see **Searle**.

### Sermin

- GB frequency 1881: 9
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Surman**.

### Sermon

- Current frequencies: GB 172, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 142
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Warwick; Lancs

English: see **Surman**.

### Sermons

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

English: variant of **Surman** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

Early bearers: Elizth. Sermons, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizth. Sermons, 1784 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Mary Sermons, 1784 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk).

### Serpell

- Current frequencies: GB 72, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 82
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall, Devon

Cornish, English: (i) possibly a locative name from Appledore (Devon), recorded as *Surapple* in the early Middle Ages (12th-century Charter Rolls, copied in 1329), and as the fuller *Sureapeldor*, 1242, *Sourappeldore*, 1303 in *Place-Names of Devon*, meaning 'sour-apple (crab-apple) tree'. The shorter name may have persisted in local speech into the surnaming period. (ii) possibly sometimes a nickname from Middle English *sour* 'sour' + *appel* 'apple'; compare Joh. Sourappill, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks).

Early bearers: Richard Serpell, Thomas Syrpell, 1544 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); John Surple, 1575, Joane Surple, 1602 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Ambrose Serple, 1618 in *IGI*, Thomas Serple, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); Mary Surpell, 1663 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); Catherine Serpell, 1749 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 547; *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 165.

### Serra

- Current frequencies: GB 310, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Italian: locative name, Portuguese, and Catalan, from Italian, Portuguese, Catalan, *serra* 'ridge or chain of hills or mountains' (Latin *serra* 'saw'). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a ridge, or toponymic, for someone from any of various places so named, such as Serra d'Aniello, Serra Pedace, Serra San Bruno, and Serracapiola (Italy), and Serra d'Almos and Serra d'en Galceran (Spain).

Early bearers: Claudius Serra (born in Brazil) in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Jose Serra (born in Spain) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Serrano

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Spanish: locative name, also found in Portugal and Brazil, topographic for someone who lived by a mountain ridge or chain of hills, from an adjectival derivative of *serra*. Compare **Serra**.

### Serrell

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Somerset; Essex

English: see **Searle**.

### Sertin

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: see **Sartain**.

### Servaes

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Service**.

### Servais

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 English, Scottish: see **Service**.

2 Huguenot: relationship name from the French personal name *Servais* (Latin *Servatius*).

Early bearers: Huguenot: Marthe Servais, 1713 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London).

### Servant

Variants: **Sarvent**, **Servent**, **Servante**

- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 130
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *servaunt* 'servant' (Old French *serv(i)ant*). Compare **Sargent**.

Further information: Compare William *Seruantman*, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*.

Early bearers: Adam le Serviant, 1242 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Edw Servant, 1578 in *IGI* (Owermoigne, Dorset); Edwardus Servant, 1587 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Peter Servant, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Thomas Servant, 1693 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samll. Servant, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London).

### Servante

- Current frequencies: GB 72, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Servant**.

### Servent

- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Servant**.

## Service

Variants: **Servis, Servais, Servaes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 205
- **GB frequency 1881:** 711
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: nickname from Middle English *servise* ‘ale, beer’ (Old French *cervoise*), denoting a brewer or a taverner.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Cerveise, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Cerveise, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); William Ceruaise, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Robert Cereveyse, Sereveyse, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Service, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Service, 1744 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs).

Scotland: Alisaundre Servays, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); Agnes Service, 1640 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Robert Service, 1662 in *Hunter Family Papers* (Ayr); James Service, 1662 in *IGI* (Fogo, Berwick); John Service, 1671 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

## Servis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- English, Scottish: see **Service**.

## Sesay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 892, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sierra Leone: unexplained. This is the name of a Mandinka ruling house of the Gbanti traditional chiefdom (among others).

## Sessford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Cumb
- Scottish, English: see **Cessford**.

## Session

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs

English: see **Sessions**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Sessions

Variants: **Session, Sissons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

Norman, English: locative name from Soissons (Aisne).

**Early bearers:** Esueillardus de Seissuns, 1181, Esueillardus de Soissuns, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Riulfus de Sessuns 1154–89 (1212) in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Alice Sessions, 1570 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Alice Sessions, 1599 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Thomas Sessions, 1607 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Sessions, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Sessions, 1635 in *IGI* (Churchill, Oxon).

## Seston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Derbys and Notts

English: variant of **Syson** or possibly **Sexton**.

**Early bearers:** George Seston, 1544 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Aylce Seston, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Paxton, Hunts).

## Setch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Sach**.

## Setchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; also Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Setchel Fen in Cottenham (Cambs), or from the lost place-name *Setehill*, recorded as *Sechelle* in 1227, in Kings Cliffe (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Setchell, 1610 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Ann Setchell, 1632 in *IGI* (Cottingham, Northants); Robert Sechell, 1669 in *IGI* (Whittlesey, Cambs); Thomas Seachell, 1688, William Sechel, 1694, in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs* p. 150.

2 English: see **Satchell**.

## Setchfield

Variants: **Satchwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

Norman, English: locative name from Secqueville (Calvados; Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** the 1212 and 1242 early bearers held the manors of Thorpe Satchville (Leics) and Heanton Sachville (Devon) respectively.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Secchevill', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey de Saccheuill', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Ralph de Secheville, 1212 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Leics); John de Sicca Villa, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Edwd. Setchfield, 1694 in *IGI* (Whittlesey, Cambs); John Setchfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Willm. Setchfield, 1740 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Setchfield, 1753 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Setchfield, 1765 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 649.

## Setford

Variants: **Sitford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Hants

English: unexplained. The existence of Francis Setterforth, 1694 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex), suggests a possible migration of this now extinct northern name.

**Early bearers:** Edward Setford, 1730 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); James Setford, 1762 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Wm. Sedford, 1794 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

## Seth

Variants: **Sheth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England: esp. Fife

1 English: relationship name from the Old Testament Biblical personal name *Seth*, from a word meaning ‘appointed’ in Hebrew.

**Early bearers:** Phyllyppe Seth, 1545 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Stephen Seth, 1564 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Samawell Seth, 1567 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Agnes Seth, 1603 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Seth, 1606 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk); Margaret Seth, 1606 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Richard Seth, 1624 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent).

2 Scottish Gaelic: anglicization of any of several surnames based on the Gaelic personal name *Sitheach*, see **Shiach**.

**Early bearers:** William Seth, 1628 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Margarit Seth, 1646 in *IGI* (Kennoway, Fife); Isobell Seth, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); David and Euphan Seth, 1668 in *IGI* (Abbotshall, Fife).

3 Indian: Hindu, Jain, and Parsi, found among several merchant communities in the Subcontinent, from *seth* ‘merchant, banker’ in Hindi and neighbouring languages (from Sanskrit *śresthī*, a term denoting the head of a mercantile or other guild). The Khattris of the Panjab have a clan called Seth.

## Sethi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1274, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Arora, Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of clans in the Arora and Khatri communities. It is derived from Sanskrit *śresthī*, which denotes the head of a mercantile or other guild. Compare **Seth**.

## Seton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Midlothian; also London; Durham

Scottish, English: see **Seaton**.

## Setter

Variants: **Satter, Seater, Setters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *setter(e)* ‘workman who lays stones, bricks, or tiles in a building’ (an agent derivative of *setten* ‘to set’). (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *setten* ‘to place (decoration on a garment or metal surface)’, in at least some cases denoting an embroiderer. In medieval London and probably in other major ecclesiastical centres, *setter(e)* denoted a maker of *opus anglicanum*, a kind of luxurious embroidery in which precious stones and silver and gold threads were ‘set’ or sewn onto ceremonial clothing (*Ekwall, ELSR*, pp. 357–8).

Compare **Cowcher**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Setere, 1262 in *Fransson* (Hants); Symon, Philip, Henry le Setere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Geoffrey, Roger le Settere, 1278 in

## Setterfield

*London Letter Books A*, 225; Robert Setter, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Clement le Settere, 1299 in *London Letter Books B*, 38; Albin le Settere, 1343 in *London Letter Books F*, 260; Isabel Settere, 1354 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Setter, 1657 in *IGI* (Charles, Devon).

2 Scottish: occasionally, perhaps, a variant of **Seatter**.

### Setterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Reaney has it as a variant of **Satterthwaite**, with confusion of the unstressed final element, and that view might be supported by the existence of Maylin Satterthwaite, 1642 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx). There is a partly similar Kent name, now extinct, whose origin is also obscure: Robert Settatre, 1673 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Johanna Settertree, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Margaret Setatree, 1724 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Robert Setterfree [for -tree], 1791, Elizabeth Settetree, 1819 in *IGI* (Westwell, Kent). This may be further evidence for the local alteration of the same unfamiliar northern name.

**Early bearers:** William Setterfield, 1642, Jane Sutterfield, 1673 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Stephen Setterfeeld, 1671 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); John Setterfield, 1706 in *IGI* (Patrichbourne, Kent); John Settefield, 1755 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Settington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Settrington (ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** John de Setrinton', 1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Seteryngton, 1272 in *York Freeman's Register*; Adam de Setryngton, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Jane Settington, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Robert Settington, 1690 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Anthony Settington, 1738 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); John Settington, 1771 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Thomas Settington, 1790 in *IGI* (Brayton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 139–40.

### Setters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Setter** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Settle

**Variants:** **Settles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 742, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1028
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Settle (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Daud de Setel, 1276 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes de Setill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conistone, WR Yorks); Anne Settle, 1564 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Richard Settle, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Eliza Settle, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 150–1.

### Settles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Essex

English: variant of **Settle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Setton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Seaton**.

2 Jewish (Sephardic): unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mojes Setton, in *Census 1871* (London); Menasce Setton, born in Syria, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); David Setton, born in Egypt, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Sevenoaks

**Variants:** **Sunnucks**, **Sonnex**, **Senneck**, **Swinnock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

English: locative name from Sevenoaks (Kent).

**Further information:** The form of 1532 shows the expected phonetic development, whilst the most frequent modern spelling, matching that of the place-name, seems to be an antiquarian reconstruction. The post-medieval final -s may be excrescent, or may testify to a mistaken sense that the name, with *seven*, requires a plural marker. **Early bearers:** Michael de Sevenoke, 1258 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Peter Seuonok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henrico Seuonok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pitminster, Somerset); Ricardus Sevenoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Sevenoke, citizen of London, 1405 in *Patent Rolls*; John Sevenok the elder, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Seuonok, 1521, George Sennok, 1532 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Margery Senocke, 1562 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Giles Sennocke or Sennock, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Slaugham, Sussex); Dorothy Senocke, 1646 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Elinor Swinnock, 1665 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); Edmund Sevenoaks, 1722 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent); Sarah Sonnex, 1749 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Sarah Sevenoaks, 1757 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Stephen Sunnucks, 1785 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 64.

### Sever

**Variants:** **Siver**, **Severs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Sefare* (Old English \**Sæfaru*). Some bearers may belong with sense (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Seuar, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Sefare, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Seuar' Boykin, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk).

sumames: Radulfus filius Sefare, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William Seuar, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Walter Sefare, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Hugh Seuar, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas

Safare, Savare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Sefare, Ralph Seffare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Sefar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Borley, Essex); Johannes Sever, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Sever, 1550 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Siver, 1562 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Harry Sever, 1568 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Rebecca Sever, 1570 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Laurence Sever, 1582 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Willmi Siver, 1633 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Sivyer**, from Middle English *siv(i)er* 'sieve-maker'. Compare, in structure, *Sawer* as a variant of **Sawyer**.

### Severn

**Variants:** **Severns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1416, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 910
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: (i) relationship name from an unattested Middle English personal name equivalent to French **Séverin** (Latin *Severinus*). (ii) locative name from residence by the River Severn, which flows from Wales through much of western England to the Bristol Channel.

**Early bearers:** John Seuarne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Seuarne, 1362 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Isabel Sivern, 1635 in *IGI* (Greasley, Notts).

### Severns

**Variants:** **Siverns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Severn** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Severns, 1682 in *IGI* (Greasley, Notts); Philip Siverns, 1684 in *IGI* (Annesley, Notts).

### Severs

**Variants:** **Seavers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: variant of **Sever** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Severwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Aberdeens
- English, Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

### Severy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Savory**.

### Sevier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset

English: see **Sivyer**.

### Seville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 475



- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered Norman, English: see **Saville**.

### Sevior

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Sivyer**.

### Seviour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Sivyer**.

### Sewall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Shrops; Kent
- 1 English: see **Sawell**.  
2 English: see **Sewell**.

### Seward

Variants: **Seaward, Sheward, Saward, Sayward, Saword, Saywood, Sewart, Suart, Searwards, Soward, Sword**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1839, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1633
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Seward* (Old English *Sæward*). Some of the early bearers may belong with (2); it is not possible to distinguish reliably surnames from the two different sources, but a case could be made that names with *-a-* or *-ay-* in the first syllable, in general from E England, represent (1).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Sauuard, Seuuard, Seuuart, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Sewardus de Hohton', 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); Seward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Richard Siward, Suard, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Richard Siward, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Syward, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Seward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); John Sewar, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Saywart, 1385 in *Combermere Book* (Cheshire); Julian Sewart, 1538 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Saward, 1539 in *IGI* (Good Easter, Essex); Thomas Seaward, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); John Sheward, 1540 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); Margaret Seward, 1547 in *IGI* (Stubton with Fenton, Lincs); Parnell Seward, 1561 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Seward, 1562, Willm. Saword, 1589 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Roberte Seward, 1562 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Thomae Seward, 1562 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Richard Suart, 1593 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Archibald Sewart, 1602 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Mergrete Sayward, 1640 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Lydia Searwards, 1674 in *IGI* (Marston, Lincs); Thomas Saywood, 1711 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Siward, Seward* (Old English *Sigeward*, Old Scandinavian *Sigwarth*). Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Siuuard, Seuuardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Siuuart, 1086 in *Domesday Book*

(Notts); Siuuard, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Siuuard, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Sigwardus peregrinus, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).  
3 Irish: from Ó Suaird, Ó Suairt, see **Sword**.

### Sewards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Seward** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sewart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and N England
- Scottish, English: see **Seward**.

### Sewel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N and E England
- 1 English: see **Sewell**.  
2 English: see **Sawell**.

### Sewell

Variants: **Sewel, Seawell, Sewall, Sewill, Shewell, Sawell, Sowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8185, Ireland 208
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England: esp. Cumb; also E Anglia
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** S Ulster; Kildare; Kerry
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Siwal(d), Sewal(d)* (Old English *Sigeweald*, Old Scandinavian *Sigvaldr*). This name became thoroughly confused with *Sewal(d)*, from Old English *Sæweald*, so some of the early bearers may belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Siuuoldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Siwaldus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

surnames: Henricus filius Sewal', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Suuel, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Sewale, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Thomas son of Sewall, 1279 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Drax, WR Yorks); Richard Suel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Sewal, 1323 in *Yorks Deeds* (Drax, WR Yorks); Thomas Sewell, 1542 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); James Sewell, 1547 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); Agnes Sewell, 1550 in *IGI* (Kelshall, Herts); Michael Sewell, 1574 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); James Sewell, 1580 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); John Sewell, 1584 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Johes Sewell, 1587 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Henryre Sewell, 1615 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 English: see **Sawell**.

3 English: locative name from one or more of Sewell (Beds), Seawell (Northants), Sywell (Northants), Showell in Steeple Barton (Oxon), Showell in Little Tew (Oxon), or Sowell in Kentisbeare (Devon), all meaning 'seven springs'. Seawell occurs as *Seywell* in 1681. Thus one or more of these place-names may also have given rise to **Saywell**.

**Early bearers:** Ebrardus de Seuewell', 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Walter de Siwell', 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Simon de Siwelle, 1200 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Walter de Seuewell', 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); George Sewell, 1561 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Christin Sewell, 1594 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Katharine Sewell, 1635 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Richard Sowell, 1685 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Sewill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire
- English: see **Sewell**.

### Sewin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- English: see **Sawin**.

### Sewter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Norfolk
- English: see **Souter**.

### Sexby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk
- English: see **Saxby**.

### Sexon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Surrey; Dumfriess
- English: see **Sexton**.

### Sexsmith

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Sixsmith**.

### Sexstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Kent
- English: see **Sexton**.

### Sexton

Variants: **Sexstone, Sexon, Seston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4072, Ireland 1834
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2568
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork; Clare

1 English: status name, occupational name from Middle English *sextein(e)* 'sexton' (Old French *secrestein*, Medieval Latin *sacristanus*). The sexton was originally the officer of a church in charge of the sacred vessels and vestments, but later came to denote one who looked after the churchyard and dug graves. Compare **Secretan**.

**Early bearers:** William Sexstain, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Sexten, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs);

Thomas Sexton, Sexten, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

2 English: in N England certainly a variant of **Saxton** but in Norfolk *Saxton* may alternatively be a variant of *Sexton* in (1): John Sexton, 1589, Thomas Saxton, 1697 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

3 English: locative name, possibly from Sexton in Ermington (Devon), though this is not a common Devon name.

**Early bearers:** Susanna Sexton, 1602 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Mary Sexson, 1612 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 273.

4 Irish: from Ó *Seastnán* ‘descendant of *Seastnán*, *Seasnán*’, a personal name meaning ‘bodyguard’, from *seasuighim* ‘to resist, to defend’.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Sexten, gent., 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §179 (Limerick); Edmund Sextene, gent., 1543 in *Fiants Henry* §347 (Lymerick); Humfrey Sexten, gauger and searcher of the port of Lymerick, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §612 (Lymerick); Nicholas Sexten, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §255 (Limerick); Thoms O Sisnane, labourer, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Kilcoman, Tipperary); John ro O Sisnane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Garranvelly, Tipperary); Nich. Sexten, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629; Patrick O Shesnan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699.

## Sexty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs
- English: see **Saxty**.

## Sey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Midlothian; Durham

English, Scottish: unexplained, probably a variant of **Say** particularly prevalent in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Sey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skircoat, WR Yorks); Tirrell Sey, 1577 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Johnne Sey, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Sey, 1739 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); Elspet Sey, 1747 in *IGI* (Culsalmond, Aberdeens).

## Seyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Sayers**.

## Seyler

- Variants:** **Saylor, Sailor, Sailer, Seiler, Seiller**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *saillour* ‘dancer, tumbler, acrobat’ (Old French *sailleor*).

**Further information:** Middle English *seiler, sailer* ‘sailor’ seems to appear too late to be involved in surname formation.

**Early bearers:** Herbert le Sayllur, 1191–1210 in *Yorks Charters*; Hugh le Saylliur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert le Salyour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Sayller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex).

## Seyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Seaman**.

**Early bearers:** George Seyman, 1800 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Seymer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Seymour**.

## Seymore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Gloucs
- English: see **Seymour**.

## Seymour

**Variants:** **Seymoure, Seymore, Seymer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9420, Ireland 369
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6030
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Cork, and Galway

Norman, English: locative name from Saint-Maur-des-Fossés (Seine), and possibly also from Saint-Maur-des-Bois (Manche), Saint-Maur-sur-Loire (Touraine). There may also have been confusion in modern times with **Seamer**.

**Further information:** The family of this name who have held the title Duke of Somerset since 1547 are said by some to have originated in Saint-Maur-des-Fossés (Seine), while others claim they are from Saint-Maur-sur-Loire (Touraine). They rose to prominence under the Tudors, when Edward Seymour (died 1552) held a high position of office under Henry VIII, who was married to Edward’s sister, Jane. The Norman name has been established in Ireland since at least the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Gaufridus de Sancto Mauro, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas de Sancto Mauro, 1166 in *Domesday Descendants*; Henry de Seimor, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Seintmor, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Henry de Seynmor, de Seymmor, de Semmor, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Seymour, 1344 in *London Pleas*; Richard Saymour, 1402 in *PROB 11*; William Seymour, 1584 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Richard Seymour, 1594 in *IGI* (Stragglethorpe, Lincs); Edward Seymour, 1610 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); Elizabeth Seymour, 1616 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Thomas Seymour, 1626 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Seymer or Seamer, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hanford, Dorset).

## Seymoure

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Cornwall
- English: see **Seymour**.

## Seyner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Senior**.

## Seys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Gloucs

English: see **Sayce**.

## Sha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 沙, meaning ‘sand’ in Chinese: (i) from *Sha* (沙), the name of an ancient state (located in Hebei province). (ii) from the place-name *Sha* (沙), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to descendants of Song Wei Zi, the founder of the state of Song during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) shortened form of the compound surnames *Sha Sui* (沙隨) and *Gong Sha* (公沙), both of which can be traced back to the ancient state of *Sha Sui* (沙隨) (located in Henan province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), which was annexed by the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) said to be borne by descendants of the *Su Sha* (夙沙) family, an ancient family which was already established prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (v) one of the major surnames of the state of Bai Ji (located in the present-day Korean Peninsula).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

3 Indian: variant of **Shah**.

## Shaban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *Sha’bān*, of uncertain original meaning. **Further information:** *Sha’bān*, the eighth month of the Muslim lunar year, is regarded by Muslims as sacred and propitious, and a child born during it may be thus named.

## Shabbir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 789, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Muslim: see **Shabir**.

## Shabir

**Variants:** **Shabbir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the personal name *Shabbir*, held by tradition to be the name of the son of the prophet Harūn (Aaron in Jewish and Christian tradition) and also applied to Husain, grandson of the prophet Muhammad.

## Shackcloth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: probably a variant of **Shacklock**, as suggested by Frances Shacklock, 1758, Eliz Shackcloth, 1779 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).

## Shackel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks
- English: see **Shackell**.

## Shackelford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; Sussex  
English: see **Shackleford**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Shackell

**Variants:** Shackel, Shackle, Shackles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset; Glamorgan

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Skakel*, *Schakel* (Old Scandinavian *Skokull*, *Skakli*, from a word meaning 'car-pole'). (ii) nickname from Middle English *shakel* 'shackle, fetters' (Old English *sceacel*), perhaps for a gaoler. Compare **Shacklock**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Scakel, Robert Scakel, Herbert Scakel, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Marg' Schakyl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); William Shakelle, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Shackell, 1572 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Anthonie Shackell, 1581 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Thomas Shackell, 1631 in *IGI* (Honing, Norfolk); Thomas Shackell, 1656 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); John Shackell, 1661 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs).

### Shackelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs  
English: see **Shackleton**.

### Shacklady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *shak(e)* 'shake' + *lavedi*, *levedi*, *ladi* 'lady' (Old English *hlæfdige*), perhaps denoting a promiscuous man or possibly one who had succeeded in making love to a woman of higher status than himself. Compare **Tiplady**.

**Further information:** Reaney rejects the local (Lancs) tradition that the surname is a variant of **Shakerley**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Shakelaedy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Shaklady, 1384, Rowland Shakelady, 1529 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs).

### Shackle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Shackell**.

### Shackleford

**Variants:** Shackelford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks

English: locative name from Shackleford in Godalming (Surrey) or Shackleford in Woking (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Edward Shakelford, 1574 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Andrew Shackleford, 1588 in *IGI* (New Alresford, Hants); Charles Shackelford, 1630 in *IGI* (Old Alresford,

Hants); Mary Shackelford, 1728 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 161, 199–200.

### Shackles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Kent; ER Yorks

English: variant of **Shackell** with genitival, plural, or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Shackleton

**Variants:** Shackelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2899, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3352
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

English: locative name from Shackleton in Wadsworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Schakeltonestall* in 1219.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that Reaney's derivation from Shackleton (NR Yorks) is incorrect.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Schacheliton, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Jordan de Schakeltonstal, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johannis Shackleton, 1568 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Mary Shackleton, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 201.

### Shackley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb  
English: see **Shakerley**.

### Shacklock

**Variants:** Shackcloth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys and WR Yorks

English: nickname usually from Middle English *shak(e)* 'shake' + *lok* 'lock', probably for someone with a habit of shaking back his long hair. Note the 1316 plural *locks*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Schakeloc, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Schakeloc, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Shakeloc, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Shakeloc, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albury, Herts); Adam Schakelokes, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Schakeloc, Christopher Schakeloc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Schachelok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); John Schaklokke, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Shacklock, 1564 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); John Shacklock, 1564 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Richard Shacklock, 1592 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Jarman Shacklock, 1622 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Elizabeth Shacklock, 1625 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Anna Shacklock, 1667 in *IGI* (Misterton, Notts).

### Shackshaft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Bucks  
English: see **Shakeshaft**.

### Shad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: nickname from Middle English *s(c)had* 'shad' (Old English *sceadd*), for someone who caught or sold shad fish.

**Early bearers:** Durand Scad, about 1140 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; John Shad, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Schad, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Ida Schad, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willm. Shad, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Margerye Shad, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Warnell Shad, 1573 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Annis Shad, 1591 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); John Shad, 1624 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks).

### Shadbold

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts  
English: see **Shadbolt**.

### Shadbolt

**Variants:** Shadbold, Shotbolt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: nickname for an archer, from Middle English *s(c)hot(e)* 'shoot' + *bolt* 'crossbow bolt, arrow'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Schotbolt, 1446 in *Herts Archives* (Herts); Thomas Shotbolt, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Alice Shatbolt, 1556 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Alice Shotboulte, 1559, Alice Shotbolte, 1573 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts); Ann Shadbolt, 1591 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Alice Shotebolt, 1610 in *IGI* (Little Berkhamstead, Herts); Robert Shadbold, 1649 in *IGI* (Upper Gravenhurst, Beds).

### Shaddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon  
English: see **Shattock**.

### Shaddock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Dorset, Somerset  
English: see **Shattock**.

### Shade

**Variants:** Schade, Scade

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Surrey and Kent; Suffolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *shade*, *shadwe* 'shadow' (Old English *sceadu*), for a very thin man.

**Early bearers:** Lucas Shadue, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Hugo Scade, Schade, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Andrew Shadewe, 1314 in *London Letter Books D*; Ralph Shade, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Shade, 1620 in *IGI* (South Moreton, Berks); Jennettae Shade, 1633 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Frannces Shade, 1637 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Alice Shade, 1640 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); George Shade, 1646 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx).

## Shadford

2 English: locative name from Middle English *shed(e)* 'boundary' (Old English *scēad*), for someone who lived on a boundary.

**Early bearers:** Richard de la Schade, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon).

### Shadford

**Variants:** *Shatford*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx
- English: see *Shadforth*.

### Shadforth

**Variants:** *Shadford*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Shadforth (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Richard Shadforth, 1549 in *York*

*Freemen's Register*; Annes Shawdeforth, 1563 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Agnes Shadfurth, 1567 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Agnes Shadfurthe, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Hale, Lincs); Christofer Shadford, 1591 in *IGI* (Waddingworth, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 175.

### Shadlock

**Variants:** *Shedlock*, *Shatlock*, *Scadlock*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Lancs

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *shathien* (Old English *sc(e)abian*) and *scathen* (Old Scandinavian *skaða*) 'to harm, damage' + *lok* 'lock (of hair?)'. It may have been given to an incompetent barber or to someone with ill-kempt hair.

**Further information:** There are many medieval records of the type *Schaelok* 'shave-lock', but they seem to be distinct from this name. In the 1196 example *-lac* is perhaps an error for *-lok*.

**Early bearers:** England: Ranulf Scathelac, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Galfr. Scathelokes, 1280–81, Geoffr. Skathelok', 1300–01 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Adam Scatheloc, 1315 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Warwicks); Matilda Schathelok, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Thom. Schadelok', 1361–64 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Skathelok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Letwell, WR Yorks); Willelmus Scathelok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Robertus Scayelock', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Nicholaus Skathelok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne Skathelok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Trowle, Wilts); Ricardo Schadelok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sparsholt, Berks); Johannes Schachelok (for Schathelok), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Braintree, Essex); Johannes Skathelok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Petr. Scathelok, 1387–88, Rob. Skathelok, 1392 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham); John Scathelok, 1402, John Shadlock, 1524 in *York Freemen's Register*; Thomas Skathelock, 1555 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls* (Bradbury, Durham); Robert Scathlock, 1622 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls* (Durham, Durham); John Scadlock, 1663 in *York Freemen's Register*; William Shadlock, 1698 in *IGI* (Hatton, Lincs); Peter Scadlock, 1656 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); John Scadlock, 1724 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); John Shatlock, 1785 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); George Shedlock, 1844 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Richard Scadlock, 1708 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Richard Scadlock, 1744 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

### Shadrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 29

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall

English: (i) see *Sheldrake*. (ii) relationship name from a vernacular form of the Old Testament personal name *Shadrach*, name of one of the 'three holy children', Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were cast into a fiery furnace and not harmed (Daniel 1–3).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Shadracke, 1611 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Nathaniel Sheddricke, 1650 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Shadrack, 1663 in *IGI* (Great Yeldham, Essex); John Shadrick, 1764 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

### Shadwell

**Variants:** *Shatwell*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 4

• **GB frequency 1881:** 341

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants and Sussex

English: locative name from one or more of several places named *Shadwell*, including those in Middx, Sussex, Gloucs, Norfolk, WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** William de Schadewelle, about 1176–90 in *Yorks Charters*; Roald de Schadewelle, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas de Schadewelle, 1349 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Johannes Schadwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Shadwell, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 413; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, pp. 227, 254; *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 151; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 391; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 102.

### Shadwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 164

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see *Chadwick*.

**Early bearers:** John Chadwicke, 1703 in *IGI* (Kirkland, Cumb); Ruth Shadwick, 1791 in *IGI* (Westward, Cumb); Mary Shadwick, 1821, John Chadwick, 1825 in *IGI* (Great Salkeld, Cumb).

### Shafe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 48

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Suffolk

English: see *Shaw* (1).

### Shaffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 15

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx

German, English: anglicized spelling of German *Schaffer* or *Schäfer*; see *Schaefer*.

### Shaffi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see *Shafi*.

### Shaffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from *Mac Séafraidh*, see *McSheffrey*.

### Shafi

**Variants:** *Shaffi*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1115, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *shāfi* 'intercessor, mediator'

**Further information:** Muhammad ibn Idris ash-Shāfi'i (767–820) was the founder of a major school of Islamic law, and the name may indicate a descendant of a follower of this school.

### Shafiq

**Variants:** *Shafique*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1433, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the personal name *Shafiq* 'compassionate'.

**References:** *DFN*.

### Shafique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see *Shafiq*.

### Shafto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 137

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Norfolk

English: see *Shaftoe*.

### Shaftoe

**Variants:** *Shafto*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 68

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Norfolk

English: locative name from East and West Shaftoe, in Hartburn (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** John de Schafthou, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Schaftowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchester, Northumb); Edward Shafto, 1563 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Gilbert Shaftoe, 1655 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 175.

### Shafton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: locative name from Shafton, in Felkirk (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Schafton, 1261 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam Schafton, 1407 in *York Freemen's Register*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 272–3.

### Shah

**Variants:** *Sha*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31312, Ireland 76

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Muslim (India, Pakistan): from the Persian royal title *Shāh* 'king, emperor', the title adopted by the kings of the Pahlavi dynasty (1925–79) in Iran. This name is widespread in Iran and the subcontinent. **Further information:** *Shāh* is found in combination with other words, e.g. *Shāh Jahan* (name of a Mughal emperor, ruled 1628–57) and *Shāh 'Ālam* 'king of the world' (name of a Mughal emperor, ruled 1707–12).

2 Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan): Hindu (Bania, Vania) and Jain, from Gujarati *sah* ‘merchant’ (from Sanskrit *sādhu* ‘honest, good’).

**Further information:** This name was originally *Sah*; it appears to have been altered under the influence of the Persian word for ‘king’ (see 1).

### Shaheen

Variants: **Shahin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1890, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the Persian personal name *Shahīn*, meaning ‘royal white falcon’.

**Further information:** This name is widespread in Iran and throughout the Indian subcontinent.

### Shahid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2002, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *shahīd* ‘witness’ and by extension ‘martyr’.

### Shahin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Shaheen**.

### Shahzad

Variants: **Shazad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1484, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from the Persian royal title *Shāhzāda* ‘prince, son of the king’.

### Shaikh

Variants: **Sheikh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3452, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *Shaikh*, meaning ‘elder, chief’, used as a title for the political or spiritual leader of a community.

**Further information:** *Shaikh ul-Islam*, ‘leader of Islam’, was the title of the highest religious office in Ottoman Turkey. This name is found throughout the Muslim world.

### Shail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Berks, and Gloucs
- English: see **Shale**.

### Shailer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Shellard**.

### Shailes

Variants: **Shales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks

English: variant of **Shale** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Shairp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** West Lothian
- Scottish: see **Sharp**.

### Shakeel

Variants: **Shakil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *shakil* ‘handsome’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Shakerley

Variants: **Shackley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Shrops and Cheshire

English: locative name from Shakerley in Leigh (Lancs), Shackerley in Leyland (Lancs), or Shackerley in Donnington (Shrops). See also **Shacklady**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Shakresleghe, de Shakerleghe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Mary Shakerley, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras Soper Lane, London); Roland Shakerley, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Shakerley, 1560 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); Margreta Shakerley, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Adam Shakerley, 1566 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 101, 133.

### Shakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks

English: unexplained. The earliest record may be a mistake for the place-name *Shap* (Westm), recorded as *S(c)hape* in the 14th and 15th cents.

**Further information:** Middle English *shak(e)* could mean ‘grain fallen from the head of a cereal plant used to feed livestock’, but it is uncertain whether this contributes to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Schake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); John Shakes, 1590 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Robert Shakes, 1620 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

### Shakesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Saxby** (2).

### Shakeshaft

Variants: **Shackshaft**, **Shakesheff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 776, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: nickname from Middle English *shak(en)* ‘(to) shake, brandish’ + *shaft(e)* ‘shaft (especially of a spear)’, presumably for a spearman or someone quick to take up arms or as an obscene nickname in which the shaft in question is the penis. The latter sense of *shaft* is first recorded by OED in the 18th century, but may have been around in spoken usage for centuries earlier. Another possibility is that the shaft referred to was (one of) a pair of long laths

between which the heddles are stretched in a loom, in which case the surname would have denoted a weaver’s assistant. Compare **Shakespeare**.

**Early bearers:** John Shakstaf, 1423 in *London Letter Books* K; William Shakeshaft, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Shakeshaft, 1542 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Henry Shakshaft, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Shakesheff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Shakeshaft**.

### Shakespear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Shakespeare**.

### Shakespeare

Variants: **Shakespar**, **Shakspeare**, **Shakespere**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2695, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1088
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: nickname from Middle English *shak(en)* ‘shake, brandish’ + *spere* ‘spear’, presumably either for a spearman or a person quick to take up arms, or as an obscene nickname in which the spear in question is the penis. Compare **Shakeshaft**.

**Further information:** in April 1487 Hugo Shakspere was elected a fellow of Merton College, Oxford, and in June the same year he is further mentioned as *Hugo Sawnder alias dictus Shakspere, sed mutatum est istud nomen eius, quia vile reputatum est* ‘Hugo Sawnder also known as Shakspere, but that name of his has been changed because it is of ill repute’ (H.E. Salter, *Registrum Annalium Collegii Mertonensis*, Oxford Historical Society, LXXVI (Oxford, 1923), p. 98). Compare also Geoffrey Shakeheved, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary*; John Shakeleg, 1333 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; William Shaketre, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Shakerake, 1379 in *King’s Bench Pleas* (Hants).

**Early bearers:** W. Sakespere, 1248 in *Ewen, History* (Gloucs); W. Shakesper, 1318 in *Ewen, History* (Staffs); Simon Shakespere, 1324 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Simon Schakespere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Schaksper, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Shakespeare, 1564 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Shakespeare, 1585 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Pete Shakespeare, 1590 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Mary Shakespeare, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Swelid Shakespeare, 1595 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks).

### Shakespere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** W England

English: see **Shakespeare**.

### Shakil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Iranian, Muslim: see **Shakeel**.

## Shakir

### Shakir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *shākīr* 'grateful, thankful'.

**Further information:** *Al-Shākīr* 'the All-Thankful' is an attribute of Allah.

### Shakoor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *shakūr* 'grateful, thankful'.

**Further information:** *Al-Shakūr* 'the All-Thankful' is an attribute of Allah. The name is also found in the combination '*Abdul-Shakoor* 'servant of the All-Thankful'.

### Shakespeare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Gloucs and Warwicks

English: see **Shakespeare**.

### Shalcross

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Middx

English: see **Shawcross**.

### Shalders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Shoulders**.

### Shale

**Variants:** **Shail, Shayle, Shailes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 253
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**shail* 'a crooked gait, a shuffling' (attested in the adverb *ashayle*, 1530 in *OED*, at *shail*, n. 2), derived from Middle English *shailen* 'to stumble, shuffle'. It was probably related to *shailard*, see **Shayler**. (ii) locative name, variant of **Seal**, from Nether- or Overseal (Derbys), recorded in medieval records as *Seyle* and *Scheyle* (Old English *scegel* 'copse'). (iii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Sale** with a palatalized pronunciation of initial *S-* as *Sh-*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Schayl, 1253–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Scheyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Rog. Schail, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Joh. Schayle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hattton in Hampton Lucy, Warwicks); William Sheyl, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Agn. Shayle, Rob. Shayle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton, Shilton, Warwicks); Hester Shail, 1565 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Robte Shale, 1567 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Ann Shayle, 1571, Thomas Shayle, 1667 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Elizabeth Shale, 1603 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Edrus Shale, 1607 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Margaret Shale, 1609, Mary Shale, 1720, George Shale, 1816 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Roger Shaile, 1621 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); John Shale, 1693 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Mary Shale, 1720

in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Shaile, 1727, Sarah Shail, 1782 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Ezekiel Shale, 1773 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, at Schayle; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 645.

### Shaler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Shellard**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Shailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks

English: see **Shailes**.

### Shall

**Variants:** **Shawl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Norfolk

English: (i) variant of **Sall** or **Saul** with palatalization of the initial *S-* to *Sh-*. (ii) in Lancs and WR Yorks, perhaps alternatively an altered pronunciation of **Shaw**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Schalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Ricardus Schall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Johannes Schall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Rogerus Shal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Roger Shaul, 1664 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); Dan Shaul, 1677 in *IGI* (Houghton, Norfolk); Thomas Shawl, 1688 in *IGI* (Little Massingham, Norfolk); Christiana Shaull, 1704 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

### Shallcross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Shawcross**.

### Shallcross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 521
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Shawcross**.

### Shallice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- Norman, English: apparently a variant of **Challis**.

### Shallis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

Norman, English: apparently a variant of **Challis**. **Early bearers:** Aquila Shallis, 1665 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); George Shallis, 1805 in *IGI* (Fiddington, Somerset).

### Shallow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Wexford

1 English: nickname from Middle English *shalou(e)* 'shallow', conjectured also to mean 'thin'; perhaps also, as suggested by the 1381 form, the same word in the locative sense of 'shallow place in a stretch of water'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Schalwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longden with parcels, Shrops); Anne Shallow, 1684 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Alexander Shallow, 1698 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 Irish: from Ó **Sealbhaigh**, see **Shelley** (2).

### Shalom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Israeli): from Hebrew *shalom* 'peace'.

**Early bearers:** Isaac and Esther Shalom, born in Syria, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Sarah Shalom, born in Syria, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Abraham Shalom, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Sham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 沈 and 岑, see **Sam** (1) and (2).

2 English: see **Shum**.

**Early bearers:** Katherina Sham, 1544 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Jane Sham, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Richard Sham, 1585 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thos Shamm, in *Census 1841* (Lincs); Eva Scham, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx); Miriam Shamm, in *Census 1881* (Broughton in Salford, Lancs).

### Shamash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Sephardic): occupational name from Hebrew *shamash*, *shamas* 'synagogue warden', 'beadle', also rendered by the Aramaic term *gabbai* (see **Gabbay**).

**Early bearers:** Charlotte Shamash, 1816 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts); Benjamin Shamash, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Meir Shamash, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Morris Shamash, in *Census 1911* (Caernarvons).

### Sharnbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Devon

English: locative name from a lost place called *Sharnebroke* (Herts), which is recorded in 1496 but not precisely located, or from *Sharnbrook* (Beds). **Early bearers:** Simone Sharnebroc, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Michael de Sharnebrok, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Thomas de Sharnebrok, 1363, John Sharnebrok, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Shernebroke, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Hoddesdon and Great Amwell, Herts); Robert Sharnebroke, 1481 in *Essex Record Office* (Waltham Holy Cross, Essex); Nicholas Sharnbrooke, 1561 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts);

Agnis Shambrooke, 1565, Joan Sharnbrook, 1583 in *IGI* (Bengeo, Herts); Annes Shambroke, 1573, Anne Shambrook, 1619 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Matthew Sharnbrook, 1730 in *IGI* (Souldrop, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 250; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 39–40.

### Shamim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan): from a female personal name based on Arabic *shamim* 'fragrance, perfume'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Shamji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; prevalent in S Asia.

### Shan

**Variants:** San, Sin, Sim, Sun, Shann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Staffs; ER Yorks

- 1 English: see **Shann**.
- 2 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.
- 3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 山 (**San** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'mountain' in Chinese: (i) from Shan Shi (山師) (literally meaning 'mountain officer'), the title of an official post in charge of mountains and forests during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). People adopted part of the title, 山, as their surname. (ii) from Shu Shan Ran (叔山冉), an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). Some of his descendants inherited 山, part of his name, as their surname. (iii) borne by the Tu Nan (吐難) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their original surname to 山 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).
- 4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 單 (**Sin** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Shan* (單), the name of a fief (located in Mengjin in present-day Henan province) granted to Zhen, the youngest son of Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). (ii) borne by the A *Shan* (阿單), Ke *Shan* (可單) and He *Shan* (紇單) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China. They reduced their original surnames to 單 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

### Shanagher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from Ó *Seanachair* 'descendant of *Seanachair*', a personal name derived from *sean* 'ancient, old' + *cair* 'dear'.

**Early bearers:** Michael Shanagher, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Elphin, Roscommon); Peter Shanagher, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Elphin, Roscommon).

### Shanahan

**Variants:** Shannahan, Shannon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1619, Ireland 2477
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster:

esp. Tipperary and Limerick

Irish: from Ó *Seanacháin* or *Mac Seanacháin*

'descendant (or son) of *Seanachán*', a diminutive of *Seanach*, a personal name based on *sean* 'ancient, old'.

**Early bearers:** Mac *Seanacháin*: Donell McSenaghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6487 (Clonskragan); Owen McShenaghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6496 (Ballyhosty, King's County [Offaly]).

Ó *Seanacháin*: Teige O'Shenaghan alias legrograghe and Dermot McDonoghe O'Sheanaghan, kerns, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §935 (Ballykerogemor); Dermot O'Shanaghan, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1769 (Balrath, Westmeath); Richard and John O'Shanaghan, butchers, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2577 (Corke); Conoghor O'Shenaghan, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4153 (Robenston); Conoghour O Sheanaghaine mcTeige, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4497 (Waterford); Teig roe O Shanahan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4553 (Breff, Limerick); Thomas boye O Shanaghan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Garrentiamushe); Dermot O Shanaghan, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765.

### Shand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2843, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1925
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

Scottish and northern Irish: relationship name from *Mac Seáin* 'son of *Seán*'. Compare **McShane**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Schawnd, 1522 in *Arbroath Register* (Midlothian).

### Shandley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire
- Irish: from *Mac Seanlaoich*, see **Shanley**.

### Shane

**Variants:** Shayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx; Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 Irish: from *Mac Seáin*, see **McShane**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): probably adopted for **Schein**, an ornamental or handout name, from German *Schein* 'shining, brightness', or some other like-sounding name.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Shane, shoemaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Morris Shane, cigar maker, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Shane, tailor, 1889 in *Gloucester Hebrew Community* (Stroud, Gloucs); Ephraim Shane, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Adolph Shane, pawnbroker's manager, born in Austria, and Leah Shane, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Shang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 商 and 尚, see **Sang** (2) and (3).

### Shank

**Variants:** Shanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English: nickname from Middle English *shank(e)* 'shank, leg' (Old English *sceanca*), perhaps for someone with long legs or some peculiarity of gait.

Compare **Cruikshank**, **Sheepshanks**.

**Early bearers:** Rotbern Sceanca, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Walter Schanke, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert Schanke, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); John Shonke, 1349 in *London Pleas*; Wyllm. Shanke, 1542 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Xpozor Shank, 1570 in *IGI* (Alwington, Devon); Susan Shank, 1617 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Michaelis Shank, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Mayrie Shank, 1663 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Mary Shank, 1666 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

### Shankar

**Variants:** Sankar, Shanker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): (i) Hindu, from Sanskrit *śankara* 'one who brings about happiness or prosperity' (from Sanskrit *śam* 'happiness, prosperity' + *-kara* 'causing'). This is an epithet of the god Shiva. In India it is found only as a male personal name, but has come to be used as a family name in the West among South Indians. (ii) among people who have migrated from Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it is a variant of **Sankaran**, a Hindu name from Sanskrit *sankara* 'bringer of happiness or prosperity', an epithet of the god Shiva. This is found only as a male personal name in India, but has come to be used as a family name in the West among South Indians.

### Shanker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Indian: see **Shankar**.

2 English, Scottish: unexplained. It is not clear whether there is any relation to the name of William Shankie, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Ann Shanker, 1680 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Helen Shanker, 1774 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

### Shankland

**Variants:** Shanklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 531
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess, Lanarks, and Ayr

Scottish: locative name, unexplained; presumably from a lost or unidentified place named as 'land marked by hillspurs' (Old Scots *schank*, *-y* + *land*), probably in SW Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Robert Shankiland, 1669 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Grissell Shankiland, 1682 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfriess); William Shankiland, 1689 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbrights); James Shankland, 1692 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess); Anne Shankland, 1693 in *IGI* (Roberton, Lanarks); Jannet Shankieland, 1697 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick Durham, Kirkcudbrights); William

## Shanklin

Shankaland, 1727 in *IGI* (Morton, Dumfriess); Anne Shankland, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirkmichael, Ayr).

### Shanklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also Cumb Unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Shankland**, but not found in Scotland.
- Early bearers:** Joseph Shanklin, 1761 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Shanklin, 1769 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Elizth. Shankling, 1798 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Shanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3276, Ireland 419
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Northumb and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 Scottish: locative name from an unidentified place in S Scotland with a name in the plural form. Black suggests Shank in Borthwick (Midlothian) or Culter Cleuch Shank in Crawford (Lanarks), with the unexplained addition of final -s, but these seem unlikely. Some bearers may belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Thomas Schankis, 1426 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Cumnock, Ayrshire); John de Schankis, 1474 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Stene Schanx, 1488 in *Lanark Records* (Lanark, Lanarks); Rowe Schankis, 1503 in *Lanark Records* (Lanark, Lanarks); William Schankis in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Futtie, Aberdeens); Jonet Shanks, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).
- 2 English: variant of **Shank** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Lefuine Scanches, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Stephen Schankes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robt. Shanks, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hester Shanks, 1784 in *IGI* (Withersfield, Suffolk).

### Shanley

- Variants:** **Shandley, Ganley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 724
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- Irish: from **Mac Seanlaoch** 'son of *Seanlaoch*', a personal name based on *sean* 'old' + *laoch* 'hero'.
- Early bearers:** Donnoll McShanly, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3844; Rory McShanly, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4240 (Deran, Roscommon); Edm. McShanly, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4786 (Dirrewouilly, Leitrim); Morogh McShanly, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6658 (Longford); Edm. oge McShanly, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6699; William Shanley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kiltoghert, Leitrim); Hugh Shanly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonbarry, Roscommon); Hannah Shanly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim); Rose Shanly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

### Shanmuganathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, meaning 'lord Shanmuga', from Sanskrit *ṣaṇmukha* 'six-face' + Sanskrit *nātha* 'lord' + Tamil-Malayalam third-

person masculine singular suffix *-n*. *Ṣaṇmukha* 'six-face' is an epithet of the god Kartikeya who is a prominent god in South India. It is a personal name in Kerala and Tamil Nadu but has come to be used a family name in the West and elsewhere.

### Shann

- Variants:** **Shan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 276
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name, unexplained. High and Low Shann in Keighley (WR Yorks) have no historical forms, so do not seem a likely source of the Middle English surname, which in any case appears independently in widely separated parts of Yorks.
- Early bearers:** William Schanne, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Robert Schanne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stamford Bridge, NR Yorks); Thomas Shan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Thomas Shan, 1551 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Shann, 1588 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Shann, 1593 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Willmi. Shan, 1600 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Henry Shann, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 單, see **Shan** (4).

### Shannahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Irish: from Ó **Seanacháin**, see **Shanahan**.

### Shannan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Shannon**.

### Shannon

- Variants:** **Shennan, Shannan, McShannon, Seenan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5088, Ireland 3044
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare; Roscommon
- 1 Irish: from Ó **Seanáin** or 'descendant of *Seanán*', a personal name based on a pet form of *seán* 'old'. This Irish surname became established in Scotland in the 14th century.
- Early bearers:** Ireland: Peirse Shenan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6465; William O Shanane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6500 (Baleowen); Patrick O'Shennan, cottier, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6559 (Tonmore, Cavan); Shane O Shenane, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6647 (Newcastell, Limerick). Scotland: Gilqwhongil Achenane, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Dungall Achinyane, 1488 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Wigtowns); John Shennane, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Kirkcudbrights); Barbara Shennan, 1717 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights).
- 2 Irish: in Clare, a reduced anglicized form of **Mac Giolla tSeanáin** 'son of the servant of Saint *Seanán*'. In the Irish midlands **Leonard** and **Nugent** have been adopted as equivalents of this name.

3 Irish: reduced form of Ó **Seanacháin**, see **Shanahan**.

### Shapcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 371
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Gloucs
- English: locative name from Shapcott Barton in Knowstone (Devon).
- Early bearers:** Maryon Shepcotte, 1541, Dorothy Shapcott, 1564 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); David Shappcot, 1573, John Shapcotte, 1589 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Mary Shepcott, 1574 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Thomas Shapcott, 1614 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 341.

### Shaper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *shapen* 'to shape' (Old English *sceppan*), for someone who fashioned cloth or other material, such as a tailor or shoemaker.
- Early bearers:** Julia Schaper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Shapiro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx
- Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name from the Yiddish name of the German city Speyer. Compare **Spiro**.
- Early bearers:** Esther Shapiro, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myno Shapiro, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); David Shapiro, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Rachael Shapiro, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (London); Rebecca Shapiro, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman Shapiro, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* Warwicks.

### Shapland

- Variants:** **Shopland**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 536
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: unexplained. There is a reference to a piece of land as 'campo qui vocatur Schepeland' (field that is called *Schepeland*), 1312 in *Battle Abbey Customals*, and such a minor name, 'sheep land', could have been found widely across England. *History of English Field-Names*, p. 119, records a modern one in Spetisbury (Dorset). Alternatively, the first element might be shop 'shed' with later regional unrounding of the vowel.
- Further information:** The only ancient place-name of the *Shopland* type is that of an important manor in S Essex.
- Early bearers:** Robertus Scheplomd [sic], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Shapland, 1545 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Hugh Shaplond, 1584 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Richard Shoplande, 1591, Joan Shaplande, 1594 in *PROB 11* (North Molton, Devon); Johan Shoppland, 1601, Ann Shoppland, 1603 in *IGI* (Burrington, Devon); John Shepland, 1614 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).



**Shapleigh**

- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Shapley**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Shapley**

**Variants:** **Shapleigh**

- Current frequencies: GB 176, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 236
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: (i) locative name from Shapley in Chagford or Shapley in North Bovey (both Devon). (ii) an alternative locative origin is possible outside Devon; note Thomas Shaplee, 1333–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** John Shaplegh', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Exminster, Devon); Isot Shaplee, 1564 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Thomas Shaplye, 1577 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); William Shaplighe, 1599 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Edward Shaply, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 425, 470.

**Shapter**

**Variants:** **Shipster**

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 168
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *shapster*, *shipster* 'seamstress, dressmaker', the feminine form of **Shaper**. The medial *-s-* may have vanished through association of the name with the word *tor*, or through dissimilation of fricatives.

**Further information:** it is possible that the name of the village of Sheepstor (Devon) has influenced the surname of some late bearers of the *Shipster* variant, but the variant with *-i-* arises, even in Devon, far too early for this to be the prime source of the name because early forms of the place-name are quite different from those of the surname (*Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 238–9; *Schepystorr*, 1574, is the first spelling with *-p-*).

**Early bearers:** Matilda Shapistre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice La Seppestre, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sarra le Shapester, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Margery Scheppestere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Shepster, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Joanna Shapter, 1545 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Agnes Shapter, 1546, Richard Shapster, 1557, Mary Shaptor, 1560 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Agnes Shapster, 1575, John Shopster, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Henrye Shopte, 1605 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon).

**Shard**

- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 128
  - Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Sheard**.

**Sharda**

- Current frequencies: GB 190, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

**Shardalow**

- GB frequency 1881: 18

- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Shardlow**.

**Shardlow**

**Variants:** **Shardalow**

- Current frequencies: GB 595, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 411
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Notts
- English: locative name from Shardlow (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Scherdelawe, 1230 in *Gisborough Cartulary*; John de Shardelowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Adam de Shardelowe, 1333 in *Close Rolls* (Bucks); Henry Shardelowe, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 501.

**Share**

- Current frequencies: GB 443, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 254
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Worcs

English: perhaps a variant of **Shear**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Share, 1580 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Agnes Share, 1584 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Alicia Share, 1615 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

**Sharer**

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: London; also scattered in N England and Scotland

English: see **Shearer**.

**Shargold**

- GB frequency 1881: 3

English: see **Shergold**.

**Sharif**

**Variants:** **Shariff**, **Sherif**

- Current frequencies: GB 3996, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sharif* 'noble', 'honourable, eminent'.

**Further information:** *Sharif* is used as an honorific title for descendants of the Prophet Muhammad through his daughter Fātima. This name is widespread throughout the Muslim world.

**Shariff**

- Current frequencies: GB 506, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- 1 Arabic, Muslim: see **Sharif**.  
 2 English: see **Sherriff**.

**Sharkey**

**Variants:** **Sharkie**, **Shirkey**, **Shirkie**

- Current frequencies: GB 3134, Ireland 1834
- GB frequency 1881: 683
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Donegal; Roscommon; also Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Searcaigh 'descendant of *Searcach*', a byname meaning 'beloved'.

**Early bearers:** Terlaghe Sharke, cottier, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §416 (Bancke); Bryan Duff O'Sharky, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clones Town, Monaghan); Torlogh O'Sharky, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Glen, Monaghan); Bryan O'Sharkey, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Clones Town,

Monaghan); Owen Shirkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); William Sharkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal).

**Sharkie**

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Lancs

Irish, Scottish: Scottish spelling of Ó Searcaigh, see **Sharkey**.

**Sharland**

**Variants:** **Shirland**

- Current frequencies: GB 897, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 783
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name from Sharland in Morchard Bishop (Devon), recorded as *Shyrlande* in 1579.

**Early bearers:** John Sherland, 1542 in *IGI* (Sherwell, Devon); Jane Shirland, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Hellen Sharland, 1606 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 410.

**Sharma**

- Current frequencies: GB 10774, Ireland 163
  - GB frequency 1881: 3
- Indian: Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *śarmā* 'joy, shelter'. It is regarded as a prestigious name and as such has been adopted in recent times in various non-Brahman communities.

**Sharman**

**Variants:** **Sharmon**, **Sherman**, **Shearman**, **Sheerman**, **Shurman**, **Surman**

- Current frequencies: GB 5791, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: 3918
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Suffolk; Northants
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin; Waterford

English: occupational name from Middle English *sherman*, *shirman*, *sharman* 'shearman', denoting either a sheep shearer or someone who used shears to trim the surface of finished cloth and remove excessive nap. Compare **Shearer**.

**Early bearers:** William le Shereman, 1281 in *London Letter Books* B; John Sherman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Philip Shareman (Sharman), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Nicholaus Schereman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); John Sharman, 1540 in *IGI* (Worthing, Sussex); John Sharman, 1550 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Katherina Sharman, 1567 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Nicolaus Sharman, 1575 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Richar Sharman, 1576 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs).

**Sharmon**

- GB frequency 1881: 106
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Lancs
- English: see **Sharman**.

**Sharnock**

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 15
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Charnock**.

**Sharon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- Jewish: modern Hebrew name from a Biblical place name *Sharôn*, part of the coastal plain of the Holy Land, mentioned for instance in 1 Chronicles 5:16.

**Sharp**

- Variants:** Sharpe, Shairp, Sharps
- **Current frequencies:** GB 27228, Ireland 231
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24378
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Antrim
- 1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *sharp(e)* ‘sharp, quick, smart’ (Old English *scearp*). **Early bearers:** England: Healðegn Searpa, 1026 in *Tengvik* (Kent); Ailmer Scharp, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Richard Serp, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Aylmer Sarp, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alan Sharp, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thoma Sharpe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); Beatrice Sharp, 1547 in *IGI* (Durham, Co. Durham); Isabell Sharp, 1549 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks). Scotland: William Scharp, 1376 in *Morton Register*, *Scotland* (Kilbucho, Peebles); Alexander Sharp, 1454 in *Scottish Arms* (Strathy, Perth); Helene Sharp, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Scharpe, merchant, 1656 in *Retours, Scotland* (Dumfries). 2 Irish: In Ireland, when not the English or Scots name, this has been adopted for *Ó Géaráin* ‘descendant of *Géaráin*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *géar* ‘sharp’. **Further information:** The bearers listed here may belong with sense (1). **Early bearers:** Thomas Sharp, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgoon, Cavan); Hugh Sharp, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Knockbride, Cavan).

**Sharpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13766, Ireland 628
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8640
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lincs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Galway
- English: see **Sharp**.

**Sharpin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: unexplained; apparently from an unidentified place-name. **Early bearers:** William Sharpyng, a London vintner, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Sharpyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langford and Bodney, Norfolk); William Sharpyng, 1392 in *PROB 11* (Saint James Garlikhithe, City of London); Margaret Sharpin, 1561 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Bridget Sharpinge, 1575 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Jone Sharpyn, 1606, Thomas Sharpen, 1609 in *IGI* (Pockthorpe, Norfolk).

**Sharples**

- Variants:** Sharpless, Surpllice, Sharpley
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5046, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5214
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: locative name from Sharples (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Scharples, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Salford hundred, Lincs); Ranulph de Scharples, 1246, William de Sharples, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Sharples, Lincs); John de Sharples, Adam de Sharples, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Roberto de Sharples, 1379, Robertus de Sharpuls, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lincs); Rogero de Sharplis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Livesey, Lincs); Robert Scharpiles, 1418 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Sharplys, 1543 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); Tho. Sharples, 1551 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); Daniell Sharples, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); George Sherples, 1582, William Shurples, 1845, Lawrence Sharpless, 1888 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lincs); Franchis Sharpplus, 1584, Margeret Sharpplous, 1567 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lincs); Elisabeth Sharples, 1591 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Marie Sharples, 1621 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henrye Sharpless, 1621 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lincs); James Sharples, 1681 in *IGI* (Fleckney, Leics); Edward Sharples, 1685, Joseph Sharpless, 1694 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks); Richard Sharpliss, 1701 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Hestera Sharples, 1724 in *IGI* (Colwich, Staffs). **References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, pp. 47–8.

**Sharpless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Leics
- English: see **Sharples**.

**Sharpley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 382
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Limerick
- 1 English: locative name from Sharplow in Tissington (Derbys), which is recorded as *Sharpelowe* in the 14th century, *Sharpley* in 1630. **Early bearers:** Walter de Sharpelowe, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Ricardo Scharplow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Elizabeth Sharpeley, 1567 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Cuthbert Sharpley, 1580 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Elizabeth Sharpley, 1617, Isabella Sharpeley, 1635 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); Bridgett Sharpley, 1632 in *IGI* (Kilby, Leics). **References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 409. 2 English: variant of **Sharples** with loss of -s. **Early bearers:** James Sharplic, 1606, Margret Sharples, 1703 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs).

**Sharps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: variant of **Sharp** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Sharrad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Sherrard** (2).

**Sharrah**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Sharrow**.

**Further information:** this form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Sharrard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Sherrard** (2).

**Sharrat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs
- English: see **Sherrard**.

**Sharratt**

- Variants:** Sharrat
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1813, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 906
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs
- English: see **Sherrard**.

**Sharrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys; also Beds
- 1 English: see **Sherrard**.  
2 English: see **Sarratt**.

**Sharrock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1368, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 915
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Shorrock**.

**Sharrocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Shorrocks**.

**Sharrod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Staffs, Warwicks
- English: see **Sherrard**.

**Sharrott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Derbys; Lincs
- English: see **Sherrard**.

**Sharrow**

- Variants:** Sharrah
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs; NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Sharow near Ripon (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Richard de Scharhow, 1299 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johannes de Sharowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Johanne Scharow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belton, Leics); Ricardo de Sharowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Sharowe, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Sharrow, 1567 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 157.

**Sharvin**

Variants: **Sherwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 173
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Searbháin, 'descendant of *Searbhán*', a personal name based on *searbh* 'bitter'.

**Early bearers:** Dermot O Sharvin, 1590 in *Fiants*

*Elizabeth* §5427 (Caronvilleie, Roscommon); James Sharvan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonbarry, Roscommon).

**Sharwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Kent and Sussex; Northants

English: see **Sherwood**.

**Shatford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Shadford**, itself a variant of **Shadforth**. (ii) perhaps a locative name from Shutford (Oxon), which is referred to once as *Shatford*, 1615 in *Northants Record Office*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Shatford, 1603 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Anne Shattforde, 1613 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Gloucs); Alice Shatford, 1639 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); John Shatford, 1814 in *IGI* (Weekley, Northants).

**Shatlock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Shadlock**.

**Shattock**

Variants: **Shattuck**, **Shaddock**, **Shaddick**, **Chattock**, **Chaddock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 539, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: origin uncertain. Possibly a variant of **Chadwick**, as Wilson suggests (*Reaney and Wilson*), or a variant of **Chaddock**, both from Lancs place-names, though the medieval surname forms in southern England are not easily reconciled with contemporaneous forms in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Saddok, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Codford, Wilts); Nicholas Saddok, 1350, Richard Saddok, 1434 in *Patent Rolls*; William Chattok', 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Luton, Beds); John Shattocke, 1562 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Agnys Shattick, 1566, Johanne Shaddock, 1584, Alice Shattock, 1590 in *IGI* (West Bagborough, Somerset); Peter Shaddock, 1618 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Joane Shattuck, 1639 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); Frances Shattuck, 1640 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Shaddock, 1640 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Humphrey Shaddock, 1665 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); James Shaddick, 1672 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

**Shattuck**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Shattock**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Shatwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: probably a variant of **Shadwell**. Shatwell Fold in Bollington (Ches) took its name from a family called *Shotwall* which held land there in 1495. This name, at this date, in this area, is consistent with the origin proposed. Alternatively, it may be related to the minor place-name *Shodwell* in Bromborough (Ches), which appears to descend from an earlier *Shotehale*.

**Early bearers:** Roberti Shotwall, 1566 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Frances Shattwell, 1566, Henry Shatwell, 1575 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Katheryn Shetwall, 1597 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Anna Shatwall, 1621 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 189; 4, p. 241.

**Shaughnessy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 936, Ireland 813
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 352
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Galway
- Irish: from Ó Seachnasaigh, see **O'Shaughnessy**.

**Shaukat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a male personal name based on Arabic *shawkat* 'power, might', this spelling being a representation of Urdu.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Shaul**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Cumb; Middx

Jewish (Sephardic): see **Saul**.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Shaul, 1731 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); Achsah Shaul, 1773 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Benjamin Shaul, 1780 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Benjamin Shaul, in *Census 1881* (Melksham, Wilts); Aaron Shaul, 1815, Isaac Johnson Shaul, 1839 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Barnet Shaul, fish and bird catcher, born in Wormegay, Norfolk, in *Census 1881* (Holbeach, Lincs).

**Shave**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

English: see **Shaw** (1).

**Shaves**

Variants: **Shayes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Shaw** (1) with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Wm Shaves, 1736 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Wm Shaves, 1796 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); John Shaves, 1808 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent).

**Shaw**

Variants: **Shawe**, **Shall**, **Shay**, **Shave**, **Shaves**, **Shafe**, **Shea**, **Show**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71133, Ireland 3143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54534
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English *s(c)hawe*, *s(c)haghe* 'small wood, grove, thicket' (Old English *sceaga*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a small wood, or toponymic, for someone from any of the many places so named. *Shaw* and *Shawe* are most frequent in Lancs and WR Yorks, where Shaw in Oldham (Lancs) may be a principal source of the surname. *Shay* is primarily a dialect form of Yorks and Lancs; there are examples of *The Shay* in Morley wapentake, WR Yorks. *Shave* is chiefly found in Hants and Dorset; *Shave Wood* appears in Minstead (Hants) and *Shave Cross* in Marshwood (Dorset). **Further information:** the English and Lowland Scottish surname was established in Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon de Schage, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Richard de la Schawe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John ate Shaw, 1295 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Henry del Schawe, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Bithe Shaghe, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johannes del Schaw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridge Hewick and Copt Hewick, WR Yorks); Stephen del Shawe, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Agnes Shawe, 1540 in *IGI* (Ovenden, WR Yorks); Agnes Shay, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Barbara Shave, 1558 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Richard Shay, Hugh Shey, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); Jane Shaw, 1560 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Agnes Shawe, 1561 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Evan Shaye, 1573 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Elizabeth Shafe, 1609 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex).

Scotland: John de Schau, 1284 in *Black* (Renfrews); Symon del Schawe, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks); John de Schawe, 1331 in *Black* (Angus); James Schaw, 1474 in *Black* (Clackmannans).

Ireland: William Shawe, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §761; Hugh Shawe, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §241; David Shawe, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Upper Creggan, Armagh); William Shaw, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrowbarra, Monaghan); Matthew Shaw, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down); Finley Shaw, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyleagh, Down).

2 Scottish Gaelic: Highland Scottish, see **Shiach**.

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Sithigh 'descendant of *sítheach*', a personal name based on *sítheach* 'peaceful'. Compare **Sheehy**.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 邵, see **Siu** (2).

**Shawcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Notts

English: (i) locative name from Shawcroft in Goostrey (Cheshire). (ii) perhaps sometimes confused with, and so a late variant of, **Chalcraft**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Shawcrofte, 1591 in *IGI* (Mlobberley, Cheshire); Anna Shawcroft, 1667 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 228.

**Shawcross**

Variants: **Shallercross**, **Shalercross**, **Shallercross**, **Shelleross**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 912, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 987
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Shallcross in Fernilee, near Whaley Bridge (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Shakelcros, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Matilda de Shalcros, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; Arthur Shawcross, 1594 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Henricus Shawcross, 1608 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Thomae Shawcross, 1610 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Leonarde Shawcross, 1625 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Ottowell Shallcross, 1686 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Johan. Shawcross, 1708 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); John Shellcross, 1769 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 99.

**Shawe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx

English: see **Shaw**.

**Shawl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Shall**.

**Shawyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: possibly a variant of **Sawyer**.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Shawyer, 1684 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants).

**Shay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English, Scottish: see **Shaw** (1).

2 Irish: from Ó Séaghdha, see **O'Shea** (where Shea is pronounced as Shay).

**Shayes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Shaves**. Compare **Shay**.

**Shayle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

English: see **Shale**.

**Shayler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Shellard**.

**Shaylor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks
- English: see **Shellard**.

**Shayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

Irish: variant spelling of **Shane**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is found mainly in the USA.

**Shazad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Shahzad**

**Shazia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab), Muslim: from a female given name of unexplained origin.

**She**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 佘, see **Sher** (3).

**Shea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2239, Ireland 666
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1997
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Kerry
- 1 Irish: from Ó Séaghdha, see **O'Shea**.
- 2 Irish: from Mac Séaghdha, see **McShea**.

**Sheach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus; Kinross

Scottish Gaelic: see **Shiach**.

**Shead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 541
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: see **Shed**.

2 Irish: from Ó Síoda, see **Sheedy**.

**Sheader**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: see **Sheather**.

**Sheaf**

Variants: **Sheaff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; Herts
- English: nickname from Middle English *shefe* 'sheaf, bundle' (Old English *scēaf*), hence possibly a name for a harvest worker, or for someone who paid or

collected tithes, from the same term in the sense 'tenth' (or other proportion of produce paid as a tithe).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Shef, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Hugo Schayf, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Scheffe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Stour, Dorset); Edmund Sheaffe, 1560, Alexander Sheaf, 1600 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**Sheaff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Sheaf**.

**Sheahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 791
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Kerry; also Cork

Irish: from Ó Síodhacháin, see **Sheehan**.

**Shealy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh, see **Shelley** (2).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Shean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Glamorgan; Lancs

English: see **Sheen**.

**Sheane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English, Irish: see **Sheen**.

**Shear**

Variants: **Shears**, **Sheer**, **Sheere**, **Sher**, **Shere**, **Sherr**, **Shier**, **Shire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cornwall

1 English: nickname from Middle English *scher*, *schir* 'bright, fair' (Old English \**scāere*, *scīr*) for a beautiful or radiant person, or one with fair hair.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald le Scher, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Schere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Somerset); Johanne Schere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Johannes Schere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sustead, Norfolk); John Shere, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Agneta Sheere, 1545 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Edward Sheer, 1547, Edward Shier, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Philippe Sheer, 1564 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Elizabeth Shear, 1568 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Sheere, 1574 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); John Shier, 1594 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Christopher Sher, 1604 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Wm Sheer, 1613, Edmund Shear, 1617 in *IGI*

(Totnes, Devon); Hugh Shier, 1678 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Willm Sherr, 1731 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).  
2 English: locative name from Shere (Surrey), named from the word in (1). There is an absence of early forms with a preposition, however, and any or all of the following bearers may properly belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** Walterus Schire, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Alicia Schire, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Farncombe, Surrey); Tho Sheere, 1583 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Thomas Sheere, 1651 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Anne Sheer, 1670 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Oliver Shear, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Owen Shear, 1714 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Shearan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

### Shearburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Sherburn**.

### Sheard

**Variants:** **Shard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2565, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2721
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *sherd* 'cleft, gap' (Old English *sceard*). The surname may be for someone who lived by a gap (perhaps in a hedge or fence or in range of hills), or for someone from a place so named, such as Shard End in Castle Bromwich (Warwicks), recorded as *le Sherd* in 1334, the lost Shert Hall in Disley Stanley (Ches), for which the surname is recorded in 1342, or possibly also Shard near Hambleton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William atte Sharde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Sherd, 1299 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam atte Sherd, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas atte Sherd, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Hugo del Sherd, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Robert de la Scherd, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Agnes Sherde, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Anne Sherd, 1557, Alicia Scherd, 1563, Abraham Shearde, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Shard, 1562 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 41; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 271.

### Sheardown

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: perhaps a nickname deriving from Middle English *sheren doun* 'to cut (woven fabric) from (the loom)' or *doun sheren* 'to overturn [something]', or from some sense of *sheren* 'to cut' seen also in the medieval *Sherberd* and modern **Shergold**.  
**Early bearers:** George Sheredonne, 1587 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs); Bartholomew Sheredowne, 1611, William Sheredown, 1613 in *IGI* (Barnoldby le Beck,

Lincs); Edward Sheredoune, 1641 in *IGI* (Alvingham, Lincs); Jane Sheardown, 1669 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs).

### Shearer

**Variants:** **Sheerer, Sherer, Scherer, Sherar, Shera, Sharer, Shirer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5028, Ireland 210
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3788
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central and NE Scotland: esp. Lanarks; Orkney
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *sherer(e)* 'shearer', for a reaper of standing crops, a sheep shearer, or someone who used shears to trim the surface of finished cloth and remove excessive nap. Compare **Sharman**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert le Sherer, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Willelmus le Scherar de Cycestr', 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William Le Scherer', Le Schirere, 1305 in *Fransson* (Hants); Johannes Scherere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Alicia Shearer, 1572 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops); John Shearer, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Acon, London); Ann Shearer, 1654 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).  
Scotland: William Scherar, 1324 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Berwicks); Johannes Scherar, 1399 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeens); John Scherar, 1405 in *Edinburgh Register* (Midlothian); William Scherer, 1427 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Angus); William Sherar, 1451 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); John Scharrar, 1587 in *Scottish Antiquary* (Stirlings); James Shearer, 1640 in *IGI* (Shapinsay, Orkney); Janet Shearer, 1662 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

### Sheares

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Midlothian; Caithness; Devon
- English, Scottish: see **Shears**.

### Sheargold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Shergold**.

### Shearin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Durham
- Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

### Shearing

**Variants:** **Sheering, Sherin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 725
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Sheering (Essex) or Shearing Place in Belchamp Saint Paul (Essex), recorded as *Schiringa* in 1181.

**Further information:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 50–51, 410.  
**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Sheringg, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Sheryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Norfolk); Joan Shearing, 1556 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Frauncis Shearing, 1611 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk).

2 Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

### Shearman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1200, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Lincs; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: see **Sharman**.

### Shearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: apparently a nickname from a regional form of Middle English *sharn* 'dung', sometimes with an epenthetic vowel between *-r-* and *-n*.  
**Further information:** Some confusion with the variant *Sherrin* of **Sherring** may be possible.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Sherne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petersham, Dorset); Willelmo Scherrene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridge, Wilts); Agnes Sheren, 1580 in *IGI* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Philip Sherren, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Mary Sherne, 1697, Betty Shearn, 1744 in *IGI* (Midsomer Norton, Somerset); Joseph Shearn, 1763 in *IGI* (Paulton, Somerset).

### Shearon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: Irish Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

### Shears

**Variants:** **Sheares, Sheeres, Sheers, Shiers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1880, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English: variant of **Shear** or **Shire** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare John Shier, 1594, John Sheeres, 1628 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon).  
Edward Shier, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks);  
**Early bearers:** Paule Sheeres, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Agnes Sheers, 1581 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Nicolas Sheeres, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Margery Sheeres, 1617 in *IGI* (Abbotskerswell, Devon); Anthony Shears, 1628 in *IGI* (Wolvercote, Oxon); Mathusala Shears, 1631 in *IGI* (Duloe, Cornwall); Thomae Shears, 1640 in *IGI* (Wanlip, Leics); Ann Shears, 1672 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Robert Shears, 1672 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Joane Shears, 1683 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

### Shearsby

**Variants:** **Sheasby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- English: locative name from Shearsby (Leics).  
**Early bearers:** Sible Shersby, 1641 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Shearsby, 1664 in *IGI* (Fenny Compton, Warwicks); Frances Sheasby, 1689 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Warwicks).

### Shearsmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205

## Shearwood

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *shere* 'shears' + *smith* 'smith', for someone who made shears or scissors.

**Early bearers:** Walter Scheresmythe, 1325 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Gloucs); Johannes Schersmyth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Geoffrey Sheresmyth, 1391 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Mary Shearsmith, 1634 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs); Richard Shearsmith, 1683 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); William Shearsmith, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Richard Shearsmith, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Shearsmith, 1743 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

## Shearwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs; Staffs; Beds

English: see *Sherwood*.

## Sheasby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see *Shearsby*.

## Sheat

**Variants:** Sheate, Sheet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks

English: locative name from Middle English *shete*, Old English *scēat*, *sciete*, or *scȳte* 'projecting piece of land'. Compare *Shute*, with which this name was interchangeable in western dialects of Middle English. It survives as a place-name in Sheat (IoW), Sheet (Hants), Sheet's Heath in Woking (Surrey), and Sheetland in Ambersham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Agn' Schete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Schete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Pennard, Somerset); Henricus atte Schete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burley, Hants); Johannes Schete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Iwerne Courtney, Dorset); Ricardus Schete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunham, Norfolk); Robertus atte Shete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); John Sheate, 1563, Edward Sheat, 1637 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Elizabeth Sheete, 1599 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); George Sheate, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); Anne Sheet, 1632 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Sheete, 1639 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk); Jane Sheete, 1640 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Henry Sheete, 1645 in *IGI* (Birling, Kent); Peter Sheet, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Sheat, 1691 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Daniel Sheat, 1695 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks).

## Sheate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset, Wilts, Dorset

English: see *Sheat*.

## Sheath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492

- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *sheth(e)* 'sheath' (for a sword or knife), perhaps for someone who made or sold sheaths. Compare *Sheather*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shethe, 1448 in *Patent Rolls*; Edeth Shethe, 1556 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Ann Sheathe, 1609 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); John Sheath, 1628 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); John Sheath, 1678 in *IGI* (Shorwell, IoW).

## Sheather

**Variants:** Sheader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: occupational name from Middle English *shether(e)*, *sheder(e)* 'maker of sheaths for swords or knives'. Note Ricardo *Shethyer*, *shether*', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts). Compare *Sheath*.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Shethere, 1277 in *Close Rolls*; Henry le Schether, 1302 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard le Schethere, 1304 in *London Court Rolls* (London); Robert le Shether, 1334 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Alexander le Shether, 1334 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Roberti Shedere, 1374 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction* (Norfolk); Johannes Scheder', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Roberto le Shether, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Peter Shedere, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Battle, Sussex); Alis Sheader, 1558 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Ann Sheder, 1606 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Nicholas Sheader, 1811 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

## Shed

**Variants:** Shead, Shedd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *shedde*, *shidde* (Old English \**scydd*) 'small house, hut, hovel', also 'shed for livestock' (such as a pigsty), for someone who lived in or worked at such a building. **Further information:** *Shed* or *Sched(d)e* is a SE dialect form. In N England the expected form would be *Shid* or *Schid(d)e* rather than *Schede* in the 1301 example, which may therefore have a different origin.

**Early bearers:** John Schede, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); John de Schedde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Shidde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Knowle, Dorset); Margeria Schide, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chidden, Hants); Robert Shedd, 1596 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Nicolas Shed, 1610 in *IGI* (Turners Puddle, Dorset); Mary Shead, 1615 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); George Shedd, 1622, Robart Shead, 1682 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Mathias Shedd, 1639 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Elizabeth Shed, 1644 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Beniamyn Shed, 1645 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Mary Shead, 1663 in *IGI* (Fakenham Magna, Suffolk); William Shed, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

## Shedd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see *Shed*.

## Shedden

**Variants:** Sheddun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; also Lanarks and Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from, or associated with, Sheddens in Cathcart (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** James Sheddan, 1672, Martha Shedden, 1693, William Sheden, 1720 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr); Robert Sheddine, 1689, Shussana Sheddon, 1758 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

## Sheddun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Lanarks, Ayr
- Scottish: see *Shedden*.

## Shedlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

English: see *Shadlock*.

## Shee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- Irish: from Ó Séaghda, see *O'Shea*.

## Sheed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also London
- Irish: from Ó Síoda, see *Sheedy*.

## Sheedy

**Variants:** Sheed, Shead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 662
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick

Irish: from Ó Síoda or Mac Síoda, 'descendant (or son) of Síoda', a byname meaning 'silk', used metaphorically to mean 'soft-spoken'.

**Early bearers:** Ó Síoda: Florence O'Shydie, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §996 (Killen, Tipperary).

Mac Síoda: Rory merigagh mcTeig McShydye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3092 (Cownagh, Clare); Hugh McShydd, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4663 (Inishkealtera, Clare); Donell mcHugh McShida, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5689 (Kilkridane, Munster); Teige mcDonell McShida, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802 (Leotrym, Clare); Shane and Owen McShydae, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Backreogh, Clare); Rorie McShidae, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6615 (Bridgetowne, Clare); Teige McShyde, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6515 (Monegenaghe, Clare); Michael Sheedy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacduane, Clare).

## Sheehan

**Variants:** Sheahan, Shehan, Sheen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4756, Ireland 6608
- **GB frequency 1881:** 733

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Glamorgan; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork Irish: from Ó Síodhacháin ‘descendant of *Síodhachán*’, a diminutive of the personal name *Síodhach* ‘peaceful’. Compare **Sheehy**.
- Early bearers:** John and Ellen Shieghan, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3539 (Kensale, Cork); Mortagh O Sheahan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6173 (Dromynine, Cork); Donegho mcWilliam O Sheighane and Dermot mcWilliam O Shieghane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499 (Munster); David O Shieghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6571; Connor O Shehan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6576; Donogh mcWilliam O Shaghan, yeoman, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Drunnyne); William O Shehane and Donogh O Shehan, yeomen, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6762 (Killmore); Daniel Sheehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballynamona, Limerick); David Sheehane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Cork).

### Sheehy

- Variants:** **Sheekey**, **Seth**, **Shee**, **McSheehy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 1989
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Limerick and Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Síthigh, ‘descendant of *Sítheach*’, a form of the Irish personal name *Síodhach* ‘peaceful’. Compare **Sheehan** and **McSheehy**. Wolfe believes that **Mac Síthigh** was the original form, see **McSheehy**. **Further information:** This name was established in Ireland from the early 14th century, when a branch of the Scottish McDonnells, descended from *Sítheach*, great-grandson of Domhnaill, settled in the country.

**Early bearers:** Richard fitz Walter Sheathe, and Thomas moile fitzTeig O’Sheathe, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2078 (Ballyvadig); Donnogh Oduff Sheath, Nicholas Sheath fitz Donnell, and Donnogh fitz Walter Sheath, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2084 (Knockgraffin); Rich. Sheethe, esq., 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2424 (Kilkenny); Rich. Sheath, esquire, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3918 (Kilkenny); Christopher Sheathe, merchant, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3982 (Dublin).

### Sheekey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- Irish: from Ó Síthigh, see **Sheehy**, with phonetic re-interpretation of internal *-h-* as *-k-*.

### Sheeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh, see **Sheely**.

### Sheely

- Variants:** **Sheeley**, **Shealy**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx; Lanarks and Midlothian
- Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh, see **Shelley** (2).

### Sheen

- Variants:** **Shean**, **Sheane**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2129, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1992
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Cheshire; Glamorgan
- 1 English: locative name from either of two places called Sheen (Surrey, Staffs). Any of the following examples without a preposition may alternatively belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** John de Schene, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johanne Schene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylestone, Leics); Adam Scheyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Johannes Schene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winnington, Shrops); Willelmus de Schene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Gylbertus Schene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); Willelmus Schene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); John Sheen, 1607 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Shean, 1685 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Samuel Sheane, 1776 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks).
- References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 541.
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *schene* ‘fair, comely, handsome’ (Old English *scīne*, *sciēne*). Compare **Shone** and **Shine**.
- Early bearers:** Robert Schene, 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Schene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dagworth, Suffolk); Robert Sheane, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Juliana Sheane, 1636 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); John Sheene, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Sheane, 1652 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).
- 3 Irish: from Ó Síodhacháin, see **Sheehan**.
- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 沈, see **Sam** (1).

### Sheep

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: nickname from Middle English *shep* ‘sheep’ (Old English *scēap*), probably for a shepherd or a dealer in sheep.
- Early bearers:** Simon Shep, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Sheep, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Willelmo Schep, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Paul Sheep, 1703 in *IGI* (Kenardington, Kent); John Sheep, 1709 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Frances Diana Sheep, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Sheep, 1735 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); John Sheep, 1774 in *IGI* (Masbrough, WR Yorks).

### Sheepshanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *shep* ‘sheep’ + *shank(e)* ‘leg’, for someone whose legs were thought to resemble those of a sheep.
- Early bearers:** William Shepescanke, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William Shepescanke, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Joane Sheepshanks, 1662 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Isabell Sheepshanks, 1692 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Elizabeth Garland Sheepshanks, 1782 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Nancy Holmes Sheepshanks, 1799 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Thomas Sheepshanks, 1839 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Sheepwash

- Variants:** **Shipwash**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name from Middle English *shepwash* ‘place for washing sheep’ (Old English *scēapwæsse*). The surname may be topographical, for someone who lived near a sheepwash, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Sheepwash (Devon, Northumb), Sheepwash in Bishops Nympton (Devon), or Sheepwash Farm in Nuthurst (Sussex).
- Early bearers:** Robert Sepwas, de Sepwass’, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Philip atte Shepewassh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Shepwassh’, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Sheypwesshe, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks).

### Sheer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx
- English: see **Shear**.

### Sheera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Mac Séartha, see **McSherry**.

### Sheeran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 613
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Mayo, Leitrim, and Donegal; Westmeath
- Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.
- Further information:** this name has also been adopted in Roscommon for Ó Searbháin, compare **Sharvin**.

### Sheere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Shear**.

### Sheerer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Shearer**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sheeres

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Surrey
- English: see **Shears**.

### Sheerin

- Variants:** **Shearin**, **Shearing**, **Sheeran**, **Shearon**, **Shearan**, **Sherin**, **Shirran**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 950
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Donegal and Tyrone

## Sheering

Irish: from Ó Sírin ‘descendant of Sírin, *Síorán*’, a personal name from a diminutive of *síor* ‘long-lasting’.

**Early bearers:** John O Shirine mcTirrelagh, Tirrelagh mcShane I Hiren and Melaghlen mcTirrelagh I Hyryin, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2196; Tirlach mcShane O Shirine, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5507 (Carbre); Tirlagh O Sherin, Laghlin O Sheran, James and John O Sherin, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539 (Rosse, Cork); Farrell O Shearane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6577.

## Sheering

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Shearing**.

## Sheerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants
- English: see **Sharman**.

## Sheers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Shears**.

## Sheet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Norfolk; Somerset
- English: see **Sheat**.

## Sheeter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London
- English: see **Shooter**.

## Sheffield

Variants: **Sheffle**, **Shuffield**, **Shevill**, **Shevel**, **Shevels**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1780, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1539
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks; Warwicks, Leics, and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: locative name principally from Sheffield (WR Yorks), but perhaps also from Sheffield in Berks or Sussex.

**Early bearers:** William de Shefeld, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Sheffeld, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas de Scheffeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Isabella Scheffeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Ralph Sheffeld, 1456 in *Goring Charters* (Oxon); George Sheffield, 1584 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Margerett Sheffield, 1606 in *IGI* (Liddington, Rutland); George Sheafeild, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 206–7; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 347; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 204–5.

## Sheffle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sheffield**.

## Shefford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks; Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from East or Great Shefford (Berks), recorded as *Siford* in 1086 and *Sifford* in 1204, or from Shefford (Beds).

**Early bearers:** John Schefford, 1291 in *Yorks Wills*; Robert de Shefford, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Shefford, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Shefford, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Edmund Shefford, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Joan Shefford, 1568 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); Richard Shefford, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Hamlet Sheafford, 1593, Sisely Sheford, 1586 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 172; *Place-Names of Berks* p. 325–6.

## Shehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: from Ó Siodhacháin, see **Sheehan**.

## Sheikh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5290, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Shaikh**.

## Sheil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 422
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Galway
- 1 Irish: from Ó Siadhail, see **Shiel**.  
2 English: see **Shield** (1).

## Sheilds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 110
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Ayr and Renfrews; Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Shields**.

## Sheils

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 539
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian and Lanarks
- 1 Irish: from Ó Siadhail, see **Shiel**.  
2 English, Scottish: see **Shields**.

## Sheirecliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Shirtcliffe**.

## Shek

- Variants: **Shi**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1008, Ireland 81
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 石 (Shi or Shih in Mandarin romanization, Sek in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘stone’ in Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Shi Que (石碯), a highly esteemed official in the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn

period (770–476 BC). (ii) from one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’, also known as ‘nine surnames of Zhaowu’, because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China. During the Sui and Tang dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *Shi* (石) in Chinese. Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong of the Tang Dynasty. The natives and their descendants from the state of *Shi* (石) in China acquired the surname *Shi* (石). (iii) from the personal name Zi Shi (子石), a style name of a prince of the state of Zheng and another prince of the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from the personal name Bo Shi (伯石), the style name of an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) adopted as a surname by the Wu Shi Lan (烏石蘭) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (vi) adopted in place of several other surnames, including Zhang (張), Ran (冉), and Lou (婁).

## Shelbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Shelbourne**.

## Shelbourne

Variants: **Shelbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Flints; also Herts; Kent

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost minor place-name from Middle English \**shelwe* ‘shallow’ + *bourne(e)* ‘stream’ in the general region of Newark on Trent (Notts).

**Early bearers:** William Shelbourne, hatter, 1467 in *Close Rolls* (London); Thomas Shelborne, 1542, Katharen Shelburne, 1621, Cisseley Shelbourne, 1638 in *IGI* (Kilvington, Notts); Margaret Shelborne, 1569 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Alice Shelborne, 1587 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs); Augustine Shelburne, 1590 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs).

## Shelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Essex and Middx

English: probably a variant of **Selby**.

**Further information:** this name is more numerous in the USA.

## Shelden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Sheldon**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Sheldon

Variants: **Shelden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6461, Ireland 56



- **GB frequency 1881:** 4538
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: locative name from any of three places called Sheldon (Derbys, Warwicks, Devon), although the first named is probably the main source.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Scheldona, 1189–90 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Cecily de Sheldon, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Sheldone, 1367 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Richard de Sheldon, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Scheldon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Roberto Scheldon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Golding, Leics); Richard Sheldon, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* 1, p. 164; *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 569; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 48; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 91.

### Sheldrake

**Variants:** Sheldrick, Shildrick, Shildrake, Shadrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1232, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 985
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *scheldrak*, *shelledrake* 'sheldrake' (the male of the shelduck, a mainly white duck with a conspicuous red-brown breastband), perhaps for a showy person.

**Early bearers:** Roger Scheldrac, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Adam le Sceldrake, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh Sheldrake, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Johannes Scheldrake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toppesfield, Essex); Tamasin Sheldrake, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk).

### Sheldrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 595
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex and Cambs
- English: see **Sheldrake**.

### Sheley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English, Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh, see **Shelley** (2).

### Shelford

**Variants:** Shelver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts; also Essex

English: locative name primarily from Great and Little Shelford (Cambs), but also from Shelford (Notts) and perhaps occasionally from Shelford in Burton Hastings (Warwicks) or Shallow Bridge (*Schele(f)ford* in 1262) in Beauchamp Roding (Essex). **Early bearers:** John de Shelford, 1220 in *Select Pleas* (Herts); Walter de Shelford, 1304–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Shelford, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Willelmo Schelford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Twyccross, Leics); Thomas Shelford, chaplain, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John de Shelford of Ollerton, chaplain, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Shelford, 1594 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 87; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 76; *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 241–2; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 103.

### Shell

**Variants:** Shill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 623
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Wilts; London

1 English, Irish: see **Shield**.

2 English: locative name from Shell in Himbleton (Worcs). The Staffs name may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** William de Shelle, 1282 in *Close Rolls* (Shell, Worcs); John Shelle, 1340 in *Worcs Inquisitiones*; George Shill, 1570 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); William Shell, 1586 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 138–9.

### Shellbeare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Shillbeare**.

### Shellaker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Sherliker**.

### Shellam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: see **Shillam**.

### Shellard

**Variants:** Shaylor, Shayler, Shailer, Shaler, Sheller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 741, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: nickname for someone with a limp or a shambling gait, from Middle English \**shailard*, a side form of *shailere* 'one who limps or shambles', with the pejorative suffix *-ard*. Only *Shailard* has been found as medieval surname, which has subsequently developed to or merged with *Shailer*. Compare **Shale**.

**Further information:** A possible alternative origin is Old French *eschaillier*, 'oyster seller', but there is no evidence for this in Middle English, although the source verb *eschaillier* 'to take the husk or shell off (something)', 'to shell oysters', is paralleled in Middle English *shalen*. This might have given rise to a noun *shaler*, perhaps meaning 'thresher' or 'oyster seller', but it is not attested.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shaylard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Shailard, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); William Shaylard, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Shellard, 1539 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Richard Shayler, 1571 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); John Shayler, 1586, John Shailer, 1697 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Shayller or Shaylarde, 1590 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Willm. Shaler, 1594, 1826 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Austine Shailer, 1594, John Shailer, 1710, John Shailer 1837 in *IGI* (Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); John Shaler, 1616, George Shaylor, 1824 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Shellard, 1636 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Johan Shayler, 1665, John Shailor, 1764 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Benjamin Sheller, 1699 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts).

### Shellcross

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Shawcross**.

### Sheller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Shellard**.

### Shelley

**Variants:** Shelly, Shealy, Sheeley, Sheely, Sheley, Shelvey, Shallow, Sealey, Sealy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4054, Ireland 217
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Shelley (Essex, Suffolk, WR Yorks) or from Shelley Plain in Crawley (Sussex).

**Further information:** The family of Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792–1822) had lived in Sussex for centuries, and are therefore likely to have taken their name from Shelley Plain in Crawley, Sussex. The poet was born less than 10 miles away, in Broadbridge Heath in Warnham, Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Selleg, Richard de Selueleg', 1201 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); Henry de Schellay, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Shelley, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Robert Shelley, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Shelley, 1491–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 415; *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 76–7; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 261; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 248–9.

2 Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh 'descendant of Sealbhach', a byname from the adjective *sealbhach* 'having possessions, wealthy'.

**Early bearers:** John O Shielly, husbandman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2776 (Gracecastell, Tipperary); John Shallie, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2968; Gilpatrick O Shallowe, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6583 (Lysmalyn); William O Shallowe, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6706 (Tullaghossane); Donill and Gilleduffe O Shelly, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; James Shalvey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killashandra, Cavan); Thomas Shally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moynod, Longford); James Shelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford).

### Shellis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: probably a variant of *Shallis*, itself a variant of **Challis**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Schelych', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); John Shellis, 1821 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Caroline Shellis, 1822 in *IGI* (Lower Mitton, Worcs).

### Shellito

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Shillito**.

### Shelly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 276
- **GB frequency 1881:** 698

## Shelmerdine

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx; Lancs; Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny; also Laois
- 1 Irish: from Ó Sealbhaigh, see **Shelley** (2).  
2 English: see **Shelley**.

### Shelmerdine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name probably from Chelmortton (Derbys), which was *Cheylmeredune* in 1240 (*Feet of Fines*, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus de Chelmerd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Robert Shelmerdyne, Shelmardyn, 1545 in *Ancient Deeds* (Warwicks); James Shelmerden, 1561 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); James Shelmerdyne, 1564 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Ales Shelmerdyne, 1571 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Elizabeth Shelmerdine, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 74.

### Shelswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Shelswell (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Alyce Shelleswell, 1607 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Anne Shalswell, 1630 in *IGI* (Welton, Northants); Fraunces Shelswell, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Pauls, London); Henry Shelswell, 1778 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon* 1, pp. 231–2.

### Shelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4585, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3461
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: locative name primarily from Shelton (Notts), but also from Shelton (Beds, Norfolk, Shrops, Staffs).

**Further information:** Occasional confusion with **Shilton** is not impossible.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Schelton', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); John de Schelton', 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Shelton', 1385 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Dorothy Shelton, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agneta Shelton, 1546 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); William Shelton, 1546 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Thomas Shelton, 1561 in *IGI* (Legsby, Lincs); Harry Shelton, 1562 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Robert Shellton, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Wootton Under Wood, Bucks).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 487; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 19, 80; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 216; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 261–2; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 542.

### Shelver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, E Anglia
- English: see **Shelford**.

### Shelvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from Shelvin in Sibertswold, also known as Shepherdswell (Kent).

**Early bearers:** John Shelvey, 1654, Mary Shelvy, 1677 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

2 Irish: see **Shelley** (2).

### Shelvoock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: see **Shilvoock**.

### Shemeld

**Variants:** **Shemilt, Shimeld, Shimell, Shimmell, Shimmel, Shimells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** A nickname derived from an unrecorded compound, Middle English *shene* 'beautiful' + *milde* 'mild, gentle' is theoretically possible, but this would be an exceptionally rare formation. Alternatively, a relationship name could be considered from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Shemhild*, in which the first element is related to the Old English root *scim-* 'shine' (see **Shemming**). However, \**Scim-* or \**Scem-* is otherwise unknown as a first element in Old English personal names and is apparently attested only in the rare Continental Germanic name *Scimo*, a name recorded uniquely in the confraternity book of Saint Gallen, Switzerland (*Morlet, Noms de Personne* 1, p. 196).

**Early bearers:** Adam and Robertus Schemyld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Robert Shemyld, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Richard Shemeld, 1539 in *Ancient Deeds* (WR Yorks); Jone Shimell, 1547 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Richard Shemyld, 1455 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Elizabetha Shemeld, 1560 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Edward Shimell, 1565 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Elizabeth Shymmelde, 1567, Elizabeth Shemelde, 1567, Anna Shymmeild, 1569 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Alice Sheemeld, Shimeld, 1568 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Dorithe Shemelde, 1570 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Henry Shimell, 1571, Edward Shimmell, 1582 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Elizabeth Shymeled, 1582 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts).

### Shemilt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Shemeld**.

**Early bearers:** Ales Semelte, 1578, Thomas Seamelt, 1655, Margrett Semelt, 1656, John Semilt, 1657, John Shemelt, 1661, Richard Shemalt or Seamell, 1682 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

### Shemmans

**Variants:** **Shimmins, Shimmings, Shemmings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Shemming** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Shemans, 1664 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex); John Shemans, 1696 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Grace Shemons, 1572, Thomas Shemons, 1679, Mary Shemmonds, 1713 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Shemons, 1620 in *IGI* (Marks Tey, Essex); William Shemans, 1823 in *IGI* (Hartshill, Warwicks).

### Shemming

**Variants:** **Shimmin, Shimmon, Shemmans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: nickname, relationship name apparently from an unrecorded Middle English \**shimming* (Old English \**scimming*) 'bright, attractive person'. It is a derivative of the Old English root *scim-* 'shine' (compare the verb *shimmer*) + the noun-forming suffix *-ing*, and may have been used as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** E England: Roger Scymming, John Schemmeng, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Shemmyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John Shemyng, 1582 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); Henry Shemyng, 1592 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Thos Shimman, 1630 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Thomas Shiman, 1695, Mary Shimmon, 1749, Thomas Shiming, 1796, George Shemming, 1815 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Rachel Shimmon, 1702 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); John Sheman, 1703 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); John Shemming, 1734 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

S and W England: Richard Shymmyng, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John Shymmyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Allesley, Warwicks); Johannes Schymmyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Gregorius Shymmyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Zeals, Wilts); John Shemyng, 1463 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Hughe Shemond, 1571, John Shemon, 1609 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Sheman, 1716 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); John Shemmon, 1777 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

N England: Willmi. Shiminge, 1579 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Thomas Shyming, 1610 in *York Registry Wills* (Burstwick, ER Yorks); Henrye Shimminge, 1613 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Thomas Shiming, 1715 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks); William Shimmon, 1734 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

2 Manx: see **Shimmin**.

### Shemmings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Shemmans**.

### Shemwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: see **Shimwell**.

### Shen

**Variants:** **San, Sham, Sing, Shin, Sin, Sun**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 申 (**San** in Cantonese romanization, **Shin** or **Sin** in Hokkien and Taiwanese romanization), meaning 'state, explain' in Chinese: (i) from *Shen* (申), an ancient state (located in Ningxia and Shaanxi provinces), also known as West Shen. After it was annexed by the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), some people used the name of the state as their surname. (ii) from *Shen* (申), the name of a state (located in Nanyang in Henan province), also known as South Shen, granted to Shen Bo, uncle of king Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people kept the name of the state as their surname. (iii) from the place-name *Shen* (申), the name of a fief (located in Nanyang in Henan province) granted to Shen Shu, an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from the place-name *Shen* (申), the name of a fief (located in Xiangcheng in Henan province) granted to Shen Hou, an official in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 沈, see **Sam** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 孫, see **Sun** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

5 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Shen, 1578 in *IGI* (Adisham, Kent); John Shen, 1580 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Alice Shen, 1589 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk).

### Shenfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Shingfield**.

### Shennan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: see **Shannon**.

### Shenston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; also London

English: see **Shenstone**.

### Shenstone

**Variants:** **Shenston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Staffs; Essex

English: locative name from Shenstone (Staffs) or Shenstone in Stone (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Scheneston', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey de Shenstone, 1348 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Shenston, 1426–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 256; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 488; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 542.

### Shenton

**Variants:** **Shinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2902, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1913
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Sheinton (Shrops), Shenton (Leics), or Shavington (Cheshire), which was recorded as *Shaynton* in 1400 and *Shenton* in 1514.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Shenton, 1305 in *Close Rolls* (Sheinton, Shrops); Robert de Sheynton, 1307 in *Close Rolls* (Sibson, Leics); John de Shenton, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Rogerus Scheynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nailstone, Leics); Thoma Sheyndon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norton juxta Twycross, Leics); Margareta Sheynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sparkenhoe hundred, Leics); Willelmus de Schaynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adderley, Shrops); Margeria de Scheynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cound, Shrops); Johannes de Sheinton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford, Shrops); John de Sheynton, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Maria Shenton, 1552 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Shentonn, 1586 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 92; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 69–70; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 260–1; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 541.

### Shepard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 844
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Middx; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Shepardson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Shepherdson**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Shepherd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheperd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheperdson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Shepered

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheperson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Shephard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2814, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2862
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Shephardson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Shepheard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx; Norfolk

English: see **Shepherd**.

### Shepherd

**Variants:** **Sheppard, Shephard, Shepard, Sheheard, Shepperd, Sheper, Sheppherd, Shepphard, Sheppeard, Shepeard, Shipperd, Shippard, Shephered, Shepered, Sheppards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28246, Ireland 212
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21602
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Tyrone

English: occupational name from Middle English *schepherde* 'shepherd' (Old English *scēaphyrde*, \**scēap-weard*).

**Early bearers:** William Sepherd, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Henry Sephurde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Emma le Schepherde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Walter le Shepperde, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Alice the Schiphird, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Shipherde, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Walter le Sheparde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam le Shepherd, 1328 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Robert le Shephard, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); George Shepherd, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Nicholas Shepherd, 1540 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Willmi Shepherd, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Robertti Shepherd, 1547 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Edward Shepherd, 1548 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts).

### Shepherdson

**Variants:** **Shephardson, Sheperdson, Shepperdson, Shepardson, Sheppardson, Shepperson, Sheperson, Shepherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 378
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also NR Yorks

English: relationship name from **Shepherd** + the patronymic suffix *-son*.

**Early bearers:** John Schepherdson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus Scheperson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwood, WR Yorks); Ralph Schiperdson, 1509 in *York Guild Register*.

### Shephered

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Shepherd**.

## Shepherson

### Shepherson

- GB frequency 1881: 3
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Shepley

#### Variants: Shipley

- Current frequencies: GB 581, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 814
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire; also WR Yorks and Derbys

English: locative name, variant of **Shipley**, from the Derbys place-name.

**Further information:** An alternative derivation from Shepley near Huddersfield (WR Yorks) is attested in Robert de Sheplay, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks), and Willelmus de Sheplay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shepley, WR Yorks). However, *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that this family died out in the male line in the early 1400s, and that the modern surname in southern WR Yorks is from Shipley (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Alice Shepley, 1551 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### Sheppard

- Current frequencies: GB 15153, Ireland 789
  - GB frequency 1881: 10294
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Wilts, Gloucs, Somerset; Surrey
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Down and Armagh; Tipperary and Offaly
- English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheppards

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs; Hants
- English: variant of **Shepherd** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sheppardson

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks; Norfolk
- English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Sheppard

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Herts
- English: see **Shepherd**.

### Shepperd

- Current frequencies: GB 426, Ireland 5
  - GB frequency 1881: 1287
  - Main GB location 1881: S England; also Lancs
- English: see **Shepherd**.

### Shepperdson

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Shepperley

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 20

- Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Shipperley**.

### Shepperson

- Current frequencies: GB 364, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 265
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Hunts; Notts
- English: see **Shepherdson**.

### Sheppey

#### Variants: Shippey, Shippee

- Current frequencies: GB 114, Ireland 8
  - GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lancs; Worcs
- English: locative name from the Isle of Sheppey (Kent), Sheepy Magna and Parva (Leics), and possibly also from Shippea Hill on the Isle of Ely (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Henrico Schepeye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Ricardus Schephey, 1377, Willelmo de Schepey, Johanne Schepey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); John Shepey, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Shepey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Shepie, 1562 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); William Shippey, 1572 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Sara Sheppey, 1574 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Alicia Shippie, 1584 in *IGI* (Redbourn, Herts); Richard Shippie, 1616 in *IGI* (Conington, Cambs).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 92; *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 222; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 543.

### Sheppard

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 75
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheppherd

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 198
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Shepherd**.

### Sheppick

- GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: Dorset
- English: locative name from Shapwick (Dorset), or perhaps Shapwick Grange in Uplyme, Devon. **Early bearers:** Henry de Schepewic, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Nicholas Shapwick, 1412 in *TNA* (Devon); Grace Shipwicke, 1579 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Elizabeth Shepicke, 1613, Francisca Shippick, 1644 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Elizabeth Sheppick, 1689 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbott, Dorset); John Shapwick, 1746 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset); Joseph Shepwick, 1754 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon 2*, p. 649; *Place-Names of Dorset 2*, pp. 176–7.

### Shepstone

- Current frequencies: GB 128, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 169
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset and Gloucs
- English: see **Shipston**.

### Sher

#### Variants: She, Sia, Sai

- Current frequencies: GB 468, Ireland 3

- GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- 1 English: see **Shear**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Sher, 1581 in *IGI* (Stutton Veny, Wilts); Joseph Sher, 1663 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); Thomas Sher, 1710 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Joseph Scher, coal miner, born in Craighall, Yorks, in *Census 1881* (Tudhoe, Durham); Timothy Sher, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

2 German, Dutch, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Scher**.

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 余 (**She** in Mandarin pinyin, **She** or **Sheh** in Cantonese romanization); perhaps a miswritten and mispronounced form of another Chinese surname, 余. See **Yu** (1).

### Shera

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lincs
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Séartha**, see **McSherry**.  
2 English: variant of **Shearer**.

### Sherar

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: E Scotland: esp. Banffs
- Scottish: see **Shearer**.

### Sherard

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 53
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Kent
- English: see **Sherrard**.

### Sheraton

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 150
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- English: locative name from Sheraton (Durham), *Scurvertune* in 1190. **Early bearers:** Robert Scurveton, 1407 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 111.

### Sherbon

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 20
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks; also Lancs; Hants and Surrey
- English: see **Sherburn**, with loss of the second *-r-* by dissimilation. **Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sherborn

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Somerset; Berks; WR Yorks; Suffolk
- English: see **Sherburn**.

### Sherborne

- Current frequencies: GB 286, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 180
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; also Gloucs
- English: see **Sherburn**.

**Sherbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Oxon; Sussex; ER Yorks

English: see **Sherburn**.

**Sherburn**

**Variants:** Sherburne, Shearburn, Sherbourne, Sherborne, Sherborn, Sherbon, Shirbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs; ER Yorks

English: locative name from any of several places named with OE *scīr* 'bright, clear' + *burna* 'stream', including Sherburn in Elmet (WR Yorks), Sherburn (ER Yorks, Durham), Shirburn (Oxon), Sherborne (Dorset, Gloucs), Sherborne Saint John, Monk Sherborne (Hants), Sherbourne (Warwicks), Sherbourne in Albury (Surrey), and Sherborne in Litton (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Pagan de scirburna, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Ralph of Shyreburne, 1251–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Shirborne, 1368 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Sherborn, 1388 in *Muster Rolls* (Middx); Richard Shirborne, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Mary Sherburn, 1565 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); William Sherborne, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Benjamin Sherbon, 1709 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).

**Sherburne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sherburn**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Shercliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Shirtcliffe**.

**Shere**

**Variants:** Shire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

English: see **Shear**.

**Sherer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs

1 English: see **Shearer**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Scherer**.

**Sheret**

**Variants:** Sherret, Sherrett, Sherit, Sherrit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Kincardines, and Aberdeens

Scottish: probably a variant of **Sherrard**, though the lack of medieval bearers makes this slightly uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Jon Sherat, 1631, Alexander Sherit, 1649, James Shearet, 1655, Janet Sherate, 1655 in *IGI* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines); James Sherrat, 1671 in *Black* (Dunbartons); Isobell Sheret, 1687 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs); William Shirret, 1696 in *IGI* (Drumoak, Aberdeens); Christian Sherret, 1698 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

**Sherfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Hants

English: locative name from Sherfield on Loddon or Sherfield English (both Hants).

**Early bearers:** John de Shirfeld, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Shirfield of Salisbury, 1377 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanna Scherefeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Richard Shirfeld, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Edward Sherfild, 1560 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Cecilie Sherefield, 1587 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); William Sherfeld, 1608 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Katherin Sherfeld, 1617 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Edward Sherfeild, 1631 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, pp. 147–8.

**Shergill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from *sher* 'lion'+ an unexplained second element.

**Shergold**

**Variants:** Shargold, Sheargold, Sargood, Shergill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1124, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 745
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Hants

English: nickname, occupational name for a goldsmith, from Middle English *sheren* 'to cut' + *gold* 'gold'; *sheren* could mean 'to cut or fashion (a ring from gold)'.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from an unrecorded personal name, Middle English \**Shergot*, Old English \**Scīrgōd* can be put aside. The only evidence for this name is in Essex: Reginaldus Schergoth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Waltham, Essex); William Shergot, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Benedictus Schergot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); Jone Shurgood, 1568 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex). It seems to have died out and there is no evidence to connect it with *Shergold*, which is primarily a Wilts surname.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sheregold, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Laverstock, Wilts); John Shergall, 1545, Robert Shergolld, Thomas Shargall, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Agnes Shergolde, 1553, Alice Shergolle, 1572 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Blase Shergall, 1559 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Elizabeth Sargood, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Anna Shergell, 1588 in *IGI* (Minster in Thanet, Kent); Ann Shurgall, 1650, Elizabeth Shirgold, 1682, Edith Shurgold, 1754 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Shergoll, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Thomas Shergill, 1686, Ann Shargold, 1724 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Henry Shurgle, 1705 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts); Henry Shergall, 1718 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); John Shergote, 1733 in *IGI*

(Devizes, Wilts); Henry Shurgold, 1784 in *IGI* (Lyndhurst, Hants).

**References:** *MED*, at *sheren*, sense 1.

**Sheridan**

**Variants:** Sheriden, Sherridan, Shurden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6760, Ireland 6145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1783
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Meath; Mayo

Irish: from Ó Sirideáin 'descendant of Sirideán', a personal name of uncertain origin, possibly akin to *sirim* 'to seek'.

**Early bearers:** Katherine O'Shiridan, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1183; Thomas bane McKillepatrick O'Shiridan, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5466; Cahill O'Sheridane, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5792 (the Derry); Tirrelagh O'Shiridane, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735.

**Sheriden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Sirideáin, see **Sheridan**.

**Sherif**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Muslim: see **Sharif**.

2 English: see **Sherriff**.

**Sheriff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1223, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 830
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; N Midlands; Devon; E Scotland: esp. Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish: see **Sherriff**.

**Sheriffs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland
- Scottish: see **Sherriffs**.

**Sherin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks; Midlothian

1 Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

2 English: see **Shearing**.

**Sheringham**

**Variants:** Sherringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Sheringham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Scheringham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Sheryngham, 1389 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; Thomas Sheringham, 1566 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Johis Sen Sheringham, 1573 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Dennys Sheringham, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Sheringham, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Sheringham, 1707 in *IGI* (Hindon, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 37.

**Sherington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Middx English: see **Sherrington**.

**Sherit**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Angus English, Scottish: see **Sheret**.

**Sherlaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Northumb English, Scottish: see **Shirlaw**.

**Sherley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs English, Irish: see **Shirley**.

**Sherliker**

**Variants: Shellaker, Shillaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from the lost place-name Shurlacres in Halsall (Lancs), recorded as *Shirwalacres* in 1323 and *Shirwallacres* in 1476. **Early bearers:** Adam de Shirwalacres, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests*; Walteri de Shirwalacres, 1334 in *Lancs Record Office*; Willelmo de Shuracres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarbrick with Hurlston, Lancs); Nicholao de Shurwalacres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Woolton in Childwall, Lancs); Nicholaus de Shurwolattres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halsall, Lancs); Grace Shyrlaceres, 1550 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); John Shorlicars, 1558, Elizabeth Shurlacars, 1559, Jane Shorlikers, 1565, Ellen Shorlikares, 1580 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Isabella Sherlacar, 1561 in *IGI* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); John Shirlaker, 1570 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); William Shirlakar, 1575 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Shorleycarr, 1596 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Sherlacre, 1599 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Shellakers, 1671 in *IGI* (Loddington, Leics); Ann Shellaker, 1763 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Rutland). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 120.

**Sherlock**

**Variants: Shurlock, Scurlock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3289, Ireland 1372
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2003
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Surrey, Middx, and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin; Sligo; Cork; Antrim

English: nickname from Middle English *shir* 'bright, fair' (Old English *scir*) + *lok* 'lock (of hair)' (Old English *loc*), for someone with fair hair. **Further information:** this surname has been established since the 13th century in Ireland, where it has been gaelicized as **Scurlóg**. **Early bearers:** England: Ralph Shirloc, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Simon Shirloc, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Ade Shirloc, 1250 in *Close Rolls* (Gloucs); William

Shirlok, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Schirlok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Rutland); Edmond Sherlock, 1551 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Joan Sherlock, 1560 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); William Sherlock, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Elizab. Sherlock, 1570 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Susan Sherlock, 1570 in *IGI* (Pangbourne, Berks). Ireland: Richard Scurlage, 1251 in *CDI* §3151; Maurice Scorage, 1279 in *CDI* §1587; David Scurlag, 1286 in *CDI* §271 (Kildare); Emma Scurlarg, 1289 in *CDI* §466 (Dublin); Roger Syrok, 1293 in *CDI* §104; James Sherloke, gent., 1537 in *Fiants Henry* §63 (Wexford); Roland Scurloke, bachelor of physic, 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §275 (Wexford or Dublin); Patrick Sherlock, gent., 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1102 (Waterford); Barnabas Scurloke, gent., 1556 in *Fiants Mary* §110 (the Bectif); Nicholas Scurlock, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §845 (Rathcredan); Barnaby Scurlok, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2117; Walter Scurlocke, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3847 (Frain, Meath); James Sherloge, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3863 (Nase).

**Sherman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2530, Ireland 131
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1678
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh English: see **Sharman**.

**Shermer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs English: see **Shurmer**.

**Sherr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 German, Dutch, and Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Scher**.  
2 English: see **Shear**.

**Sherrad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; WR Yorks; also Cornwall
- English: see **Sherrard** (2).

**Sherrard**

**Variants: Sherard, Sherreard, Sharrard, Sharrad, Sharrod, Sherrad, Sherred, Sherrrod, Sharrat, Sharratt, Sarratt, Sharrett, Sharrott, Sherratt, Sheret, Sherrett, Sherritt, Skerritt, Sherrott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent; Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim

1 English: nickname, probably a derivative of Middle English *shir* (Old English *scir*) 'bright, fair', with the addition of the Anglo-Norman French suffix *-ard*. The name was confused with **Sherwood** in (2) and with **Scarratt** in (3), and some of the following post-medieval bearers may belong with either. **Early bearers:** Robert Schyrarde, about 1250 in *Staffs Chartulary* (Cheddeyton, Staffs); William Shirard, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Schirard, 1323 in

*Ancient Deeds* (Staffs); William Sherard, 1337 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Olivero Shirard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Robert Sherard, 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Henry Sherard, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Geoffrey Sherard, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Sherrott, 1576, John Sherratt, 1586, John Sharratt, 1590, Joane Sherrard, 1625 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); William Sherratt, 1578 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cheshire); William Sharrett, 1580 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Joane Sherrett, 1591 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Richard Sherrard or Sherratt, 1586 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cheshire); Radulphi Sherrard, 1601 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks); Elizabeth Sherrard, 1602, Francis Sharrard, 1639 in *IGI* (Gautby, Lincs); Joanna Sherrard, 1603, John Sharratt, 1555 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Raff Sherrard, 1612 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Johes. Sherratt, 1634 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Thomas Sharrott, 1678, William Sharrard, 1723 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs).

2 English: local pronunciation of **Sherwood**, especially perhaps in Leics, Kent, Lincs, Norfolk, Sussex, and WR Yorks. It may also have been much confused with *Sherrard* in (1), and with **Skerritt**, and some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with either.

**Further information:** This name, or the name in (1), has been established in Ireland (Derry) since the 17th century, along with *Sherwood* (in most provinces). **Early bearers:** Jo. Shearwood, 1616, Joane Sherrard, 1625 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Anne Sherrard, 1742 in *IGI* (Lympne, Kent); William Sharrard, 1754 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex).

3 English: variant of **Scarratt**.

**Early bearers:** Rich. Scarratt, 1675, Thos. Sharott, 1726 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); James Skerratt, 1716, William Sherrard, 1776 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

**Sherratt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2822, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1711
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lancs; Kincardines

English, Scottish: see **Sherrard** and compare **Sheret**.

**Sherreard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sherrard**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Elizabeth Marsh Sherreard, 1808 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

**Sherred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Sherrard** (2).

**Sherrell**

**Variants: Sherrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one or more of the five places in Devon named with Old English *scir* 'bright, clear' + *wella* 'spring, stream': Shirwell near Barnstaple, Sherwell in Plympton Saint Mary, Sherwill in Cornwall, Sherrill in Dunterton, and Sherril in Widdecombe in the Moor.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Shirewell, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); [ . . . ] Sherewell, 1438 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Johane Sherrill, 1610 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); William Sherrell, 1695 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 255, 271.

### Sherret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Kincardines
- Scottish: see **Sheret**.

### Sherrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, Cheshire; also Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Sherrard** and compare **Sheret**.

### Sherridan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Sirideáin, see **Sheridan**.

### Sherriff

**Variants:** Sherriffs, Sheriff, Sherif, Shariff, Shirreff, Shireff, Shreeve, Shreve, Shrieve, Shrive

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2025, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 905
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Lincs; Devon; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *shirreve*, *sher(r)ve*, *shereff(fe)* ‘sheriff, officer of the Crown’ (Old English *scirgerēfa*), literally the reeve or steward of a shire, whether that of a county or a smaller administrative unit. Some of the following early 13th-century bearers may have been sheriffs, but it is uncertain that their names became hereditary. In medieval Sussex a number of persons with this surname were customary tenants or villeins. The surname in these instances could also be a nickname.

**Early bearers:** England: Hugo le Sirreve, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Alan Sciriue, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walter Sherrev’, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Shyrreue, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Schiref, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Schirreue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maund Bryan, Herefs); Willelmus Sherreue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sherston, Wilts); Gilbertus Sherrefe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Swingfield, Kent); Robertus Shirref, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Schyref, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Sherreve, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boreham, Essex); Lennard Sherrife, 1582 in *IGI* (Torksey, Lincs); Joice Shereve, 1588 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Joseph Sherriff, 1723 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Thomas Sherriff, 1744 in *IGI* (South Huish, Devon).

Scotland: Robert Schirraff, 1398 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens), probably identical with Robert Schirafe, 1400 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens);

Helene Shereff, 1613 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Shereff, 1620, Mungo Schereff, 1636 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Issobell Sherriff, 1687 in *IGI* (Clatt, Aberdeens); Patrick Shirra, 1672 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E

Lothian); William Sherriff, 1750 in *IGI* (Monikie, Angus); Robert Sherriff, 1789 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 236.

### Sherriffs

**Variants:** Sheriffs, Sherris, Shirreffs, Shirrefs, Shrieves, Shrives, Shreeves, Shreves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

English, Scottish: variant of **Sherriff** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** England: Rogerus Scherreues, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); James Shreves, 1541 in *IGI* (Lammas with Little Hautbois, Norfolk); Christopher Sherriffs, 1571 in *IGI* (Treswell, Notts); Andrew Shrives, 1687 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants).

Scotland: James Sherrifs, 1739 in *IGI* (Fintray, Aberdeens).

### Sherrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent

English: see **Sherrell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sherrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: variant of **Sherring**.

### Sherring

**Variants:** Sherrin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Somerset and Gloucs; London

English: unexplained. Some confusion with **Shearn** may be possible; or this may be an irregular development of it.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Shyrnye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Berks); Clement Sherrine, 1565, Christian Sherrin, 1595, Benjamin Sheerin, 1605 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Agnes Sheringe, 1576, John Shearing, 1627 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Elianor Sherring, 1590 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Annie Sherin, 1611 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); Jane Sherrin, 1624 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Anna Sherin, 1627 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Alice Sheringe, 1629 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); John Sherring, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Sherringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: see **Sheringham**.

### Sherrington

**Variants:** Sherington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1180, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham

English: locative name from Sherington (Bucks), Sherrington in Selmeston (Sussex), or possibly Sherrington (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Schirinton’, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Margaret de Sherynton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de Shiryngtone, 1337 in *London Letter Books F*; John de Shiryngton of Newport Pagnell, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Walter Sheryngton, Shiryngton, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Sheryngton, clerk, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Sheryngton of London, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alles Sherington, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Ellyn Sherinton, 1556 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Arthur Sherrington, 1561 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); Cicely Sherington, 1564 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Agnes Sherington, 1566 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Catherine Sherington, 1581 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Elizabeth Sherington, 1581 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Alicia Sherington, 1587 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 38–9; *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, pp. 338–9; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 229.

### Sherris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; NR Yorks
- English: see **Sherriffs**.

### Sherrit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Kincardines and Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Sheret**.

### Sherritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Leics and Lincs; Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Sherrard** and compare **Sheret**.

### Sherrod

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Notts and Derbys

English: see **Sherrard** (2), a variant of *Sherwood*. Compare George Sharwood, 1722, George Sherrod, 1725 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Sherrott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Middx
- English: see **Sherrard**.

### Sherry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1913, Ireland 1144
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1037
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs; Lanarks; Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan
- 1 Irish: from Mac Séartha, see **McSherry**.  
2 English, Scottish: unexplained; in Scotland perhaps sometimes a variant of **Sherriff**, which is

## Sherston

recorded without final *-f* from the 17th century onwards. Surnames without final *-f* appear early in England, but only very late in Scotland.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Scherrye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chadnor, Herefs); Willelmus Scheri, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Preen, Shrops); Johannis Sherry, 1612 in *IGI* (Haydon, Dorset); Willm Sherry, 1613 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Christopher Sherry, 1620 in *IGI* (Iford, Sussex); Thomas Sherry, 1624 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Anne Sherry, 1637 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Charles Sherry, 1839 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Sherston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Sherston (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John de Sherston, 1541 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Sherston of Saint Albans, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); William Sherston, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 109–10.

### Shervington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Shevington (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Janett Shervington, 1541 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Susannah Shervington, 1559 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Humfray Shirvington, 1585 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); George Shervington, 1589 in *IGI* (Shipston on Stour, Warwicks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 128, 263–4.

### Sherwen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see *Sherwin*.

### Sherwin

Variants: *Sherwen*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2047, Ireland 270
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1606
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands: esp. Staffs and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *shere(n)* ‘(to) shear, cut’ + *wind* ‘wind’, probably used to denote a swift runner.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert scerewind, scorewint, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Alani Scherewind, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Scherewind, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Simon Scherewynd, 1377, Is Scerwynd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); John Shirwyn, 1479 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Sherwyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Sherwin, 1566 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Robt. Sherwen, 1689 in *IGI* (Irton, Cumb).

2 Irish: from Ó Searbháin, see *Sharvin*.

**Further information:** the early bearer below may belong with the English sense above.

**Early bearers:** James Sherwin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal).

### Sherwood

Variants: *Shearwood*, *Sharwood*, *Sherrard*, *Skerritt*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6230, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3792
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and Yorks; Staffs; SE England; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin and Wicklow; Limerick

1 English: locative name from any of several places named with Old English *scīr* + *wudu* ‘clear, perhaps sparsely-grown wood’. The WR Yorks name usually refers to Sherwood (Hall) in Eggborough (WR Yorks), but some examples could alternatively derive from Sherwood (House) in Stainforth (WR Yorks) or from the Notts forest name in (2). The Devon name is from Sherwood (Green) in Yarnscombe (Devon). These are well evidenced as medieval place-names, and there may be similar, but unrecorded places that could account for the medieval surname in other counties such as ER Yorks, Norfolk, Oxon, and Sussex. *Sherwood* occurs in minor place-names in Berks, Hants, Herts, Kent, NR Yorks, Sussex, and Wilts, but they are recorded only in modern times and in many cases will have been named from the surname or perhaps in imitation of (2).

**Further information:** This name was established in Ireland in the 17th century. See also *Sherrard*.

**Early bearers:** N England and Lincs: William de Shirewude, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter de Schirwod, 1337, William Shirwood, 1444 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); Richard de Shirwod, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Shirwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Allexander de Shyrwode and Henricus Shyrwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eggborough, WR Yorks); Thomas de Shirwodde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopthorpe with Middlethorpe, WR Yorks); Johannes de Shirwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johannes Shirwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); John Shirwod, 1405 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Shirrewood, 1524 in *York Registry Wills* (Rowley, ER Yorks); Hierointus Sherwood, 1565 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Matthew Sherwoode, 1594 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Marye Sherwood, 1605, Simon Shearwood, 1661 in *IGI* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Godard Shearwood, 1609 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Ann Sherwood, 1617, John Shearwood, 1628 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Thomas Shearwood, 1633 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Dorothea Sherwood, 1668 in *IGI* (Melsonby, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Shirwood, 1696 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Sharwood, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

SW England: [ . . . ] Shirewod, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John de Shirewode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beaford, Devon); Walter Shirwode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yarnscombe, Devon); Ursula Sherwod, 1584 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Robert Sherwood, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Sherwood, 1604 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset).

SE England: Alan de Shirewod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sidlesham, Sussex); William Shirwod, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Sherwood, 1574, Richard Shearwood, 1577 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Godley Sherwood, 1563 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Elyzabeth Shearwood, 1582 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); Joane Shirwood, 1583 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Ame Sharwood, 1600 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex); John Sherwood, 1618 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Thomas Sharwood, 1677 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

E Anglia: Johannes de Shirwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Sherwood, 1556 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Abyguell Sherwood, 1561 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Sherwood, 1652 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Sharwood, 1752 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); George Sharwood, 1722, George Sherrod, 1725 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

W Midlands: Waltero Shirwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Oxford, Oxon); William Sherwood, 1542 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Annys Sherwood, 1558, Henrey Shearwood, 1622 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Joana Sherwood, 1566 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Richard Sherwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Edmund Sharwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Jane Sherwood, 1586 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); William Sherwood, 1595 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Sharwood, 1714 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Thomas Sharwood, 1660 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

S Midlands: John Sherwood, 1551 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts); Joane Sherwood, 1561 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); Jane Sherwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds); Judith Sherwod, 1602 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); Roberte Shearwood, 1616 in *IGI* (Great Eversden, Cambs); William Sharwood, 1629 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Cambs); John Sharwood, 1637 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Elizabeth Shearwood, 1639 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); Thomas Sharwood, 1710 in *IGI* (Biddenham, Beds); William Shearwood, 1798 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds); Willian Sharwood, 1816 in *IGI* (Rushden, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 57; 6, p. 154; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 83; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: from Sherwood Forest in Notts (‘the shire wood’). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1). The name may have become confused with *Sherrard*.

**Early bearers:** Joh’es de Shirewod, burgess, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Simon Shirwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirby Muxloe, Leics); Thomas Shirwod, 1494 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Elizabeth Sherwood, 1539 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (Notts); Jo. Shearwood, 1616, John Sherwood, 1621, Joane Sherrard, 1625 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Sarah Sharwood, 1728 in *IGI* (Hugglescote and Donington, Leics).

### Sheth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see *Seth*.

### Shettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks

English: see *Shuttle*. Compare William Shettle, 1732, Mary Shuttle, 1748 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Catherine Shettle, 1670 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Thomas Shettle, 1732 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Shettle, 1756 in *IGI* (Binley, Warwicks).

### Shetty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0



Indian (Karnataka): Hindu and Jain, found among the people of the Bunt or Nadava community in coastal Karnataka, from Sanskrit *śreṣṭhī*, which refers to the head of a mercantile or other guild, but, unlike bearers of the cognate names **Seth** and *Setty*, the Bunts are not a mercantile community; they are a land-owning and farming class in South Kanara, a coastal district of Karnataka. This name is also found among the Jains of this region.

### Sheung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 常, see **Chang** (1).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 商 and 尚, see **Sang** (2) and (3).

### Shevel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham  
English: see **Sheffield**.

### Shevels

Variants: **Shevills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Sheffield** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Shevill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; WR Yorks

English: variant of **Sheffield**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Shevill, 1577, Jane Sheavell, 1601, Isbell Shevels, 1638 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Eleanor Shevell, 1585, Robert Shevill, 1591, Elizabeth Shevill, 1594 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Ann Sheavell, 1627 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Margaret Shevills, 1692 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Shevills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Shevels**.

### Shevlin

Variants: **Shovlin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 531
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; also Monaghan

Irish: from Ó *Seibhleáin* ‘descendant of *Seibhleán*’, a personal name possibly derived from a diminutive of *siabhal* ‘fast-moving’.

**Early bearers:** Manus and Donell cam O Syvelane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761 (Tireconnell, Ulster); Mary Shovelan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Inishkeen, Monaghan); Nicholas Shovelin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killanny, Monaghan); Owen Shovlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford); Nogher Shevlin, 1796 in

*Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); Laurence Shevelan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

### Shew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset

1 English: see **Shoe**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 蕭 (or 肖), and 邵, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

### Shewan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 519, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Shetland

Scottish: see **Sawin** and compare Donald Schewaneson, 1431 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock*, and John Schewynsoun, witness in Dundrennan, 1545 in *Laing Charters*.

**Early bearers:** Mathew Sewane, 1444 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); William Sewan, 1509 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); John Schewane, 1589 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); William Shewin, 1597 in *Shetland Surnames*; Adam Schewan, 1623 in *Orkney-Shetland Sasines* (Shetland); Peill Shewin, 1633 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Merion Shewne, 1767 in *IGI* (Sandwick, Orkney).

### Sheward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks

English: perhaps a variant of **Seward**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Sheward, 1545 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs).

### Shewbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Shoebridge**.

### Shewell

Variants: **Sewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Lancs

English: variant of **Sewell** with palatalization of the initial S-. Compare Jane Sewell, 1578, Richard Shewell, 1674 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs); Thomas Shewell, 1566, Jane Sewell, 1624 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Anna Shewell, 1571, Johes Sewell, 1587 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Derivation from the English dialect word *shewel*, for a scarecrow, is unlikely, though it may have influenced the pronunciation of *Sewell* through folk etymology. Middle English forms of the word carried a final -s (e.g. *schawles*, *s(c)heules*, *shueles*, *shewelys*); see *OED*.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Shewell, 1575 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Jno. Shewell, 1757 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

### Shewring

Variants: **Showring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: unexplained; perhaps a derivative of Middle English *shour* ‘shower’ in the sense ‘an outpouring or bestowal of grace, mercy, etc.’; also, an abundance of food and drink’ (*MED*).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Shouryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); Yedyth Shuryng, 1556 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); Anna Showring, 1587 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); An Showeringe, 1604 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Edithe Shuringe or Suringe, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Downton, Wilts); Thomas Showringe, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Nettleton, Wilts).

### Shewry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of *Shorey*.

### Shi

Variants: **Chik, Su, See, Si, Sze, Shih, Soo, Seah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 740, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 施 (**Shih** in Mandarin romanization, **Sze** or **Si** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘give, grant’ or ‘execute’ in Chinese: (i) from *Shi* (施), name of an ancient state (probably located in Shandong or Hubei province), which existed during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) one of the seven major family surnames during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from the first element of the personal name Shi Fu (施父), the style name of Wei, son of king Lu Hui Gong (reigned 768–723 BC) in the state of Lu.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 時 (**Shih** in Mandarin romanization, **Sze** or **Si** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘time, hour’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Shi* (時), name of a fief (probably located in present-day Henan province) granted to Lai, an official in the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), a descendant of one of the royal families of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from *Shi* (時), name of an ancient state (located in Shandong province), which was annexed by the state of Chu. (iii) from the personal name *Shi* (時), style name of Shen Shu Shi (申叔時), an official who lived in the state of Chu at some time during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 史 (**Shih** in Mandarin romanization, **Sze** or **Si** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘history’ or ‘official historiographer’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Cang Jie, the official historiographer during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). Cang Jie is said to have been the inventor of Chinese characters. (ii) from *Shi* (史), post name of an official in charge of recording historical events during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). The surname was subsequently adopted as a surname by descendants of official historiographers in many states during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from one of the ‘Nine Sogdian Surnames’, also known as ‘nine surnames of Zhaowu’, because their ancestors came from Zhaowu, an ancient city in present-day Gansu province in NW China. During the Sui and Tang

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dynasties (AD 581–987) there were nine Sogdian states in Central Asia, one of which was called *Shi* (史) in Chinese. Between AD 649 and 655, these states submitted to the emperor Tang Gao Zong of the Tang Dynasty. (iv) adopted as a surname by the A *Shi* Na (阿史那) family, members of a Turkic tribe during the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907). (v) borne by descendants of Shi Ji (史繼), who was endowed with the surname *Shi* (史) by Tang Su Zong (reigned AD 756–762).

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 師 (**Shih** in Mandarin romanization, **Sze** or **Si** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘teacher’, ‘musician’, or ‘leaders’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Shi* (師), the ancient appellation of official musicians, whose descendants acquired *Shi* (師) as their surname. (ii) from the first element of the post name *Shi* Yin (師尹), an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) adopted in place of the surname 尹 by Shi An Shi (師安石), an official who lived during the Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 司 (**Si** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sze** or **Si** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘take charge’ or ‘department’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Si Chen (司臣), an official who lived during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) shortened form of several Chinese compound surnames, including *Si*-Ma (司馬), *Si*-Kou (司寇), *Si*-Tu (司徒), *Si*-Cheng (司城), most of which were originally names of official posts in ancient China. 6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 石, see **Shek**.

## Shiach

**Variants:** **Sheach**, **Seath**, **Seth**, **Shaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays

Scottish Gaelic: relationship name, reduced form of various surnames from the Gaelic personal name *Sitheach*, derived from \**sithech* ‘wolf’. Compare **Shaw**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sythach Macmallon, 1234 in *Moray Register* (Badenoch, Inverness). surnames: Hutcheon siache or Shaw, 1613 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Inverness); James Shioche, 1652 in *Hunter, Dunkeld* (Perths); Elspeth Shiach, 1727 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); David Shiach, 1733 in *IGI* (Speymouth, Morays).

## Shibley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk

1 English: variant of **Sibley**. Compare Joseph Shibley, 1762, John Sibly, 1772 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jane Shibley, 1691 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Mary Shibley, 1764 in *IGI* (Stibbington, Hunts); James Shibley, 1773 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Thomas Shibley, 1779 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk). 2 English: variant of **Shiple**. Compare Godfrey Shepley, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Batley, WR Yorks) with Joshua Shibley, 1743 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

## Shickell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Cheshire; London

English: see **Shickle**.

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**Variants:** **Shickell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *shitele* ‘rash, hasty’, found only in *Promptorium Parvulorum*, an E Anglian document; or from *shitel* ‘(weaver’s) shuttle’. Euphemism may have speeded the development from /t/ to /k/.

**Early bearers:** Simon Shitel, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Shittle, 1544 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Shikelle, 1586 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks); Roger Shittell, 1591 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rose Shickle, 1661 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); Mary Shickle, 1741 in *IGI* (Hickling, Norfolk).

## Shiel

**Variants:** **Sheil**, **Shiell**, **Shields**, **Shield**, **Sheils**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 985, Ireland 386
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England and SE Scotland

1 Irish: from Ó *Siadhail* ‘descendant of *Siadhail*’, an Irish personal name possibly meaning ‘slow-moving, slothful’. This was a well known medical family. As is common after *l*, *n* in transliteration from Irish, the anglicized spelling may be given a final *-d*, as in **Shields**.

**Early bearers:** Cyrewraghe alias Graciarus O’Sheill, leche, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §417 (Dunfert); Con O’Sheyll, 1559 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §183 (Powerscourt, Dublin); Hugh O’Shiell, servant, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §429 (Bagatrath, Dublin); Morghe O’Sheyle and Mortaghe O’Sheile, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §588 (Molesterney, Kildare); Christopher Sheale, clerk, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1443 (Carekenlis, diocese of Emly); James Shiell, surgeon, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3314 (Russellswood, Kildare); Donogh O’Shiell, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4023 (Ballemacgillero, Westmeath); Deirmod O’Siegal, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4666 (Killin, King’s County [Offaly]); Nich. O’Shill, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4965 (Newe Castle, Meath); Fyninge and Delten O’Sheale, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6145 (Antrim); Cormock, Rory and Hugh O’Shiell, surgeons, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6574 (Camase); Murtagh and Survreagh O’Sheall, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6616 (Magneisse country, Down); James O’Shiell, shot, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Cloghan, Westmeath); Fynyne O’Shielle and Daltyne O’Shielle, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6629. 2 English: see **Shield** (1).

## Shield

**Variants:** **Shiel**, **Shiell**, **Sheil**, **Shell**, **Shill**, **Shields**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1478, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: locative name from Middle English *s(c)hele* ‘hut’ (Old English \**scela*), a term that was confined to N England and S Scotland. The surname may be for someone who lived in or near a hut, or for someone from a place so named. The element is found in several minor place-names in the forms *Shiel* and *Shield* in northern England and southern Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert del Schele, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Croft, NR Yorks); William del Schele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Abshields, Northumb); Willelmus Schele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Shield, 1567 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Henry Shell, 1576, Helen Shiell, 1787 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Shill, 1618 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); John Shield, 1619 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Northumb); Cuthbert Shiell, 1726 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

Scotland: Marion Sheil, 1632 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Jenet Shiel, 1643 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); William Shill, 1648 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Isobel Shiel, 1660 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Issobel Shiel, 1665 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Helen Shield, 1670 in *IGI* (Oldhamstocks, E Lothian); Robert Shield, 1670 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perths).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs* p. 200.

2 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *s(c)held* ‘hut’ (Old English *sceld* ‘shield’ in the sense ‘protection, shelter’), synonymous with (1) but found across England. (ii) locative name from one or more places named from Old English \**sceldu* ‘shallow (water)’, perhaps including Shell Farm in Soham (Cambs). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Ad. Chelt, 1327, Ad. Sheld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Packington, Warwicks); Roger ate Schelde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William Sheld, 1267 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne Sheld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wormbridge, Herefs); Ricardus Shel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hendred, Berks); Johanne Shylt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Tacie Shield, 1566 in *IGI* (Elmore, Gloucs); Simon Shield, 1571 in *IGI* (Newton by Castle Acre, Norfolk); Johan Shell, 1572 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Hugh Shell, 1574 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Willmi. Shell, 1582 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Thomas Shell, 1585 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); William Shell, 1586 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Robart Shill, 1589 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Nicholas Shill, 1607 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); William Shill, 1613 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Sibilla Shield, 1618 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks); Jecob Shield, 1630 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Henry Shill, 1680 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs).

3 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *sheld(e)*, *shield(e)* ‘shield’ (Old English *scild*, *sceld*), perhaps for an armoured. Compare *scyldwyrhta*, about 1114 in *Revised Medieval Latin Word List*; Geoffrey le Seldmakere, 1285 in *Fransson* (Essex); Adam Scheldman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). (ii) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Schild*, \**Scheld* (Old English *Sceld*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Scild, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).

4 Irish: anglicized from Ó *Siadhail*, see **Shiel**.

## Shields

**Variants:** **Sheilds**, **Shiells**, **Shiels**, **Sheils**, **Shield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9398, Ireland 2431

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4588
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Antrim, and Armagh

1 English: variant of **Shield** (1) with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. In the plural form, the surname may be for someone who lived in or near some huts, or for someone from a place so named, such as North Shields (Northumb), South Shields (Durham), though these are unlikely to be the main sources of the surname.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnetis Shields, 1604 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Marye Shields, 1619 in *IGI* (Rosedale, NR Yorks); Katherin Shields, 1624 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Robt. Shields, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bishophill Junior, York); Margaret Shields, 1660 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Scotland: Agnes Shields, 1675 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Shields, 1677 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

2 Irish: from Ó Siadhail, see **Shiel**.

3 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Shield** (2) or (3) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Shiell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 236
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England

1 Irish: from Ó Siadhail, see **Shiel**.

2 English: see **Shield** (1).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Angus; E Lothian

Scottish: see **Shields**.

### Shiels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1505, Ireland 1351
- **GB frequency 1881:** 704
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Shields**.

### Shier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex

1 English: see **Shire**.

2 English: see **Shear**.

### Shiers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

1 English: see **Shires**.

2 English: see **Shears**.

### Shih

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: variant romanization of the form **Shi**, see **Shi**.

### Shilcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Silcock**.

### Shildrake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Sheldrake**.

### Shildrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk

English: see **Sheldrake**.

### Shill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: see **Shield**.

2 English: see **Shell**.

### Shillabeer

**Variants:** **Shillibeer**, **Shellabeer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from the lost place *Shillibeer* in Meavy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Shullebere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Henry Shelabere, 1552 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Martin Shelbeer, 1584, Nicolas Shellaber, 1587 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Judith Shellabere, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Marye Shillabere, 1604 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 230.

### Shillaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Rutland

English: see **Sherliker**.

### Shillam

**Variants:** **Shellam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Shillam, 1570 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Alicia Sheelam, 1588 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Josephe Shillem, 1609, Sara Shallom, 1609, Mathew Shellam, 1617, John Shillum, 1658 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Joseph Shilom, 1717 in *IGI* (Kingswood near Dursley, Gloucs); John Shilham, 1727 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Willm Shellum, 1769 in *IGI* (Meysey Hampton, Gloucs); Alice Shilim, 1814 in *IGI* (Avening, Gloucs).

### Shillcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Rutland

English: see **Silcock**.

### Shiller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Schiller**.

**Early bearers:** Martha Shiller, 1635 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Mary Shiller, 1699 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset); Joseph Shiller, 1751 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Shiller, 1756 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Shilleto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Shillito**.

### Shillibeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Shillabeer**.

### Shilliday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Shilliday, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyroney, Down); Mary Shelliday, 1863 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Backaderry, Down); Anne Shiliday, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Mullaghmore, Down); Elizabeth Shilliday, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumnascamp, Down); Samuel Shellady, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Darkley, Armagh).

### Shilling

**Variants:** **Skilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 900, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 725
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Selling**.

2 English: (i) nickname from the Middle English coin name *schilling* 'shilling' (Old English *scilling*), probably referring to a fee or rent owed or paid. Compare **Farthing**, **Grote**, **Halfpenny**, and **Penny**. (ii) relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Shilling* (Old English *Scilling*).

**Early bearers:** John Eschelling, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Scelling, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John Eskeling', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); William Schilling, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Schilling, 1309 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Warwicks); Henrie Shilling, 1566 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Susan Shilling, 1568 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); Andrew Shilling, 1592 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Shilling, 1599 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); Edmund Shilling, 1625 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk).

3 German and Jewish: see **Schilling**.

### Shillingford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks and Oxon

English: locative name from Shillingford (Oxon, Devon) or Shillingford in Bampton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Shillingford, 1295 in *Patent Rolls*; Ralph de Shillyngford, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thoma Shilyngford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); John Shelyngford, clerk, of Devon, 1387

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in *Patent Rolls*; William Shillyngford, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Shillingford, Devon); Rowland Shillingford, 1591 in *IGI* (Long Crenon, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, pp. 503, 532; *Place-Names of Oxon* 1, p. 139.

### Shillinglaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland and NE England: esp. Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from the lost place Shillinglaw in Traquair (Peebles).

**Further information:** a tower house formerly stood on the site, which is marked on a map of 1654, and the Stewarts of Shillinglaw are on record in the 17th century (<http://www.scotlandspices.gov.uk/>, at Shillinglaw Walls, accessed 24 May 2011).

**Early bearers:** William Shillielaw, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Shillielaw, 1670 in *Lauder Testaments* (Berwicks); Andro Shillinglaw, 1679 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); Agnes Shillinglaw, 1681 in *IGI* (Lauder, Berwicks); John Shillinglaw, 1683 in *Lauder Testaments* (Berwicks).

### Shillington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Shilvington (Northumberland), recorded as *Schillington*, 1323 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*. (ii) locative name perhaps also euphemistically for one or other place called *Shitlington* (WR Yorks and Beds, the latter now *Shillington*). Compare Rafe Shittleton, 1604 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts), for the latter; and Williame Shitlingtoun, 1668 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess), for the former.

**Early bearers:** John Shillington, 1593 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne); Isabell Shillington, 1594 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon); Anthonie Shillington, 1601 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne); William Shilvington, 1639 in *IGI* (Woodhorn, Northumb).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPn*, p. 417; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 173–4; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 205–6.

### Shillito

**Variants:** Shillitoe, Shilleto, Shellito, Scillitoe, Sillito, Sillitoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**shelli*, \**shilli* ‘shelly, scaly’ + *to* ‘toe’, an expression suggesting severe athlete’s foot. A document of about 1400 refers to ‘schellis, þat comþ of brennyng þat is in þe skyn’ ‘shells (scales) that come from a burning in the skin’. The 1327 example of the surname would then represent a depalatalized pronunciation of *Sheli-* as *Seli-*. Most dictionaries explain the name as ‘happy toe’, containing Middle English *seli*, *sili* ‘blessed, fortunate, happy’, but the phrase makes an odd nickname, and forms with *Silli-* may be partly the result of confusing *Shilli-* with the common word *sili*, *silly*.

**Further information:** the expression forming this name must be the source of the modern *shelly toe*, a

footrot-like disease of sheep (not in *OED*), characterized by ‘[o]uter layers of horn separat[ing] on the outside of the toe’. Perhaps this sense is old enough, though the term is unrecorded, to be the actual source of the name, being used to describe similar conditions in animals and humans or to make a joking comparison.

**Early bearers:** Richard Solito (for Selito?), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Almington, Staffs); William Shillito, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes Shillito, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwood, WR Yorks); Adam Selito, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); William Shillyto, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); William Shelito, 1398 in *Yorks Deeds* I; John Shelyto, 1536 in *Yorks Freeman’s Register*; Ellena Sillitoe, 1540, Alicia Syllitoe, 1545 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Agna Scheletow, 1544, Eliz. Shylleto, 1549 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Ellen Shyllyto, 1548 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Agnes Shelito, 1561, Katherine Shelitoe, 1571 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Abraham Shilito, 1565 in *IGI* (Huggate, WR Yorks); Alice Sillitoe, 1570 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Catherina Shillito, 1574 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Thomas Shillito, 1684 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** John Webb Ware, *Footrot control and eradication*, 2nd edn, Melbourne: Cooper’s (2005), p. 10.

### Shillitoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see *Shillito*.

### Shilston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see *Shilston*.

### Shilston

**Variants:** Shilstone, Shilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one or more of six places in Devon called *Shilston(e)*, in Bishops Tawton, Chittlehampton, Drewsteignton, Exbourne, Modbury, and Throwleigh parishes.

**Early bearers:** John Shilston, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Willyam Shilston, 1550, John Shilstone, 1567 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Katheryn Shilson, 1550, Nicholas Shilston, 1557 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); Simon Shilson, 1563 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Gilbert Shylston, 1573 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 141, 280, 340, 353, 433, 453–4.

### Shilstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see *Shilston*.

### Shilston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1026, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 923
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from any of three places called Shilton (in Warwicks, Berks, Oxon) or from Earl Shilton (Leics).

**Further information:** Occasional confusion with *Shelton* is not impossible.

**Early bearers:** Henry of Shilton, 1231 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Shilton, 1311 in *Patent Rolls*; William Shilton, 1502 in *York Guild Register*; Tho. Shilton, 1554 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Jeffrey Shilton, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Pauli Shilton, 1572 in *IGI* (Throckmorton, Worcs); Tho. Shilton, 1575 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Francis Shilton, 1576 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Merieln Shilton, 1576 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Peter Shilton, 1576 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 33; *Place-Names of Oxon* 2, pp. 328–9; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 119.

### Shilvoock

**Variants:** Shelvoock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from Shelvoock in Ruyton-XI-Towns (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Katheren Shelvoock, 1581 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops); Richard Shelvoock, 1587 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Elyzabethe Shelvoocke, 1604 in *IGI* (Great Ness, Shrops); Anne Shelvoocke, 1605 in *IGI* (Baschurch, Shrops); Elizabeth Shelvoock, 1639, Benjamin Shilvoock, 1746 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

### Shimeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see *Shemeld*.

### Shimell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Devon

English: variant of *Shemeld*.

### Shimells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of *Shemeld* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Shimmel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see *Shemeld*.

### Shimmell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Staffs and Derbys; Northants

English: see *Shemeld*.

### Shimmin

**Variants:** Shimmins, Shimmon, Shemming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 796
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

1 Manx: relationship name from a reduced form of Gaelic *mac* 'son of' + the Old Scandinavian personal name *Sigmundr*, usually rendered as *Simon(d)* in the later medieval period.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mac Sheman, Mac Shemine, 1430, Mac Symond, Symyn, 1515, Mac Hymment, 1550, Shemyn, 1611, Shimin, 1615, in *Kneen*; Wm Shemyne, 1608 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); John Shimmin, 1653 in *IGI* (Arbory, IoM); Ellin Shimine, 1668 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Jo Shimmin, 1674, Hugh Shimen, 1732 in *IGI* (German, IoM); Elizabeth Shimman, 1717 in *IGI* (Kirk Rushen, IoM); Ann Sheming, 1770, James Shemmin, 1858 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

2 English: see **Shemming**.

### Shimmings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Shemmans**.

### Shimmins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; NR Yorks and ER Yorks; Ayr

1 Manx: variant of **Shimmin** with English post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Shimmins, 1789, Thomas Shimmins, 1795 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: see **Shemmans**. This name may sometimes have been confused with **Simmons** and **Simmonds**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Shimmings, 1673 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); William Shimmins, 1730 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

### Shimmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

1 English: see **Shemming**.

**Further information:** This name may sometimes have been confused with **Simon**, **Simmon**, and **Simmond**. Compare John Sheman, 1703, John Simmon, 1750 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); James Simmonds, 1762, James Shimmonds, 1763 in *IGI* (Alrewas, Staffs).

2 Manx: see **Shimmin**.

### Shimwell

**Variants:** **Shemwell**, **Shinwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name clearly from a place-name meaning 'shining stream' (Middle English *shim* + *well*), but this has not been definitely located. However there is Shining Well in Darley Dale (only known from an 1836 map; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 83), suitably placed for Bakewell and Chesterfield Poor Law Unions where the name is most numerous in 1881. The surname may derive from an earlier name for that.

**Early bearers:** Isabell Shymwell, 1598, Gartrude Shimwell, 1617 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); William Shimwell, 1645, Anne Shinwell, 1723 in *IGI* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Isaac Shimwell, 1651 in *IGI* (Alport, Derbys); Gulielmus Shemwell, 1694 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys).

### Shin

**Variants:** **Sing**, **Shing**, **Sin**, **San**, **Sun**, **Hing**, **Heng**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 辛 (**Xin** in Mandarin pinyin, **San** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'hot and spicy' or 'suffering' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Shen* (莘), the name of a fief (originally located in Heyang in Shaanxi province, later moved to Chenliu in Henan province during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC)), granted to descendants of Qi, the second king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). When the name of the fiefdom was adopted as a surname, the written form of the Chinese character was simplified to 辛, which was pronounced the same as 莘 in ancient Chinese. (ii) said to be traced back to Gao Xin Shi (高辛氏), the title of the legendary king Di Ku, who lived prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

2 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 申, see **Shen** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 邢, see **Hing** (2).

4 Korean: (신; Chinese character: 申) There are three Chinese characters for the Shin surname, but two are rather rare and are not treated here. The Shin (申) family is divided into two clans. The Pyöngsan Shin family is descended from Sam Nüng-san (삼 산삼), who assisted the founding king of the Koryö Kingdom in the early tenth century. To honour him, the king bestowed a new name on him: Shin Sung-kyöm (申崇謙). According to legend, one day while he was out hunting with the king, three wild geese flew out of some bushes in front of them. The king challenged his companions to shoot one of them; Shin Sung-kyöm said he would hit the third goose on the left wing. He successfully did this and in recognition of his marksmanship the king bestowed upon him a tract of land in Pyöngsan County of Hwanghae Province. Shin Sung-kyöm was later killed in battle while protecting the king. The other clan, the Koryöng Shin clan, is descended from Shin Söng-yong (申成用), a Koryö official whose descendants claimed Koryöng County in Kyöngsang North Province as their clan seat.

5 English: see **Shinn**.

### Shindler

**Variants:** **Schindler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herefs

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schindler**.

2 English: see **Shingler**.

**Further information:** *Shindle* is recorded in *OED* in 1585 as a local variant of *shingle*. Compare also Johannes Schindele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hartridge, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Alicia Shindler, 1605 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Thomas Shindler, 1637 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Alphege, Canterbury, Kent).

### Shine

**Variants:** **Shin**, **Shinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 948
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick; also Roscommon

1 Irish: from Ó **Seighin** 'descendant of *Seighin*', a personal name most probably derived from *séaghainn* 'accomplished'.

**Early bearers:** Dermot oge I Sheine, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3321 (Munster); Owen O Sheyne mcConoghor, householder, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4533; Owen mcConnoghor O Sheine, yeoman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4814 (Lohirt, Cork); Murriertagh O Sheine, yeoman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4997 (Cork); Owin O Sheyne mcConnoghor, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5226 (Toughor, Cork); William Sheyne, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5457 (Liksnaue, Kerry); Philip mcTeig O Sheine, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6558 (Castle m'Awliffe, Cork); William O Shyne, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6566; Timothy Shine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballymoney, Cork).

2 Irish: a reduced and altered form of **Mac Seáin**, see **McShane**.

3 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *shene* 'beautiful, handsome'. Compare **Sheen**. (ii) variant of **Shinn**.

**Early bearers:** William Shine, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Sabine Schyne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); William Shine, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willm. Shyne, 1553 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); David Shine, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Patricii Shyne, 1795 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

### Shiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Somerset; Hants

English: see **Shinner**.

### Shinfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Derbys
- English: see **Shingfield**.

### Shing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 盛, see **Sing** (2).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 成, see **Cheng** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 邢, see **Hing** (2).

### Shingadia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from the place-name *Shingada*.

### Shingfield

**Variants:** **Shinfield**, **Shenfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: possibly a locative name from Shinfield (Berks) or Shenfield (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Walter Shingfield, 1606, John Shinkfield, 1616 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); William Shinfield, 1611, Alice Shingfield, 1616 in *IGI* (Withyham, Sussex); Willm. Shinkfeld, 1613 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Shinkefelde, 1638 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Robt Shingfield, 1655 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Joseph Shinkfield, 1658 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Shingfield, 1661 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Sar Shingfield, 1669 in *IGI* (Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Tamisin Shenfeld, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Shingfield, 1683 in *IGI* (Wotton, Surrey); John Shinfield, 1685, Thomas Shenfeld, 1687 in *IGI* (Dun stable, Beds); John The Greater Shinfield, 1732 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

## Shingler

**Variants:** Shindler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 646
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *schingle* ‘shingle’, for someone who laid wooden tiles (shingles) on roofs.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Shynglere, 1276 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Henricus le Schingler, 1310 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Roger le Shinglere, 1335 in *Thuesson* (Essex); William Shyngelere, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Joan Shingler, 1549 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); William Shingler, 1563 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Henrici Shingler, 1579 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Margret Shingler, 1587 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Edward Shingler, 1604 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Shingles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *schingle* ‘shingle’ with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, perhaps for someone who laid wooden tiles (shingles) on roofs. See **Shingler**.

**Early bearers:** John Shingel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rog’o Schyngel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry Schingel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Schyngel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); John Shingles, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); John Shingles, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Thomas Shingles, 1579 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Francis Shingles, 1589 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); William Shingles, 1603 in *IGI* (Hassingham, Norfolk).

## Shingleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Kent; Somerset; Staffs

English: variant of **Singleton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Shyngleton, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Ales Shingleton, 1572, Thomas Singleton, 1612 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Richard Shingleton, 1572 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Roger Shingleton, 1578 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Nycholas Shingleton, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Joane Shingleton, 1606 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Ann Shingleton, 1770, Sarah Singleton, 1772 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

## Shinh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, based on Sanskrit *simha* ‘lion’. It is often added to male personal names, and may have come to be taken as a family name.

## Shinn

**Variants:** Shin, Shynn, Shine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: nickname from Middle English *shin* ‘hide, pelt’ (Old English *scinn*), perhaps for someone who wore animal skins or fur or who prepared and sold them (see **Shinner**). Compare **Skinn**.

**Early bearers:** Herveus Schin, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo Scin, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Alexander Schinne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Edward Shyn, 1547 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Larrance Shine, 1562, Thomas Shinn, 1665 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Jone Shyn, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Johannes Shine, 1603 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); Joanna Shinn, 1611 in *IGI* (Naughton, Suffolk); Georg Shyn, 1612 in *IGI* (Holton Saint Mary, Suffolk); Richard Shinn, 1680 in *IGI* (Berrow, Worcs).

2 English: variant of **Shine**.

## Shinner

**Variants:** Shiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name from southern Middle English *schinner* ‘skinner’, an agent derivative of Middle English *schin* ‘skin’ (Old English *scinn*), for someone who stripped the hide from animals, to be used in the production of fur garments, or to be tanned for leather. Compare **Skinner**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus le Scynnere, 1255 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); John le Scinner, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey le Schinnere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Schynnere, 1305 in *Fransson* (Hants); Adam Le Schinner, 1305 in *Fransson* (Somerset); John Shinner, 1588 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Shinner, 1590 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Antonie Shinner, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Shinner, 1608 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robert Shinner, 1613 in *IGI* (Bishop Wilton, ER Yorks).

## Shinners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Clare
- Irish: from Ó Sionnigh, see **Shinnick**.

## Shinnick

**Variants:** Shinners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Seanaigh ‘descendant of *Seanach*’, from a personal name meaning ‘old, wise’. In Connacht it was understood as Ó Sionnigh ‘descendant of fox’ and consequently anglicized as **Fox**. Compare **Tinney**.

**Early bearers:** Ó Seanaigh: Phelim Shannagh, horseman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4924 (Crooboooy). Ó Sionnagh: John Sheny, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4078 (Cahir Dangin, Galway); Teige oge O Sunny, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467 (Banduffe); James Shinoch, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertoghill, Derry).

## Shinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Shenton**.

## Shinwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Sussex; Lancs

English: see **Shimwell**.

## Ship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Shipp**.

## Shipham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- English: see **Shippam**.

## Shiplee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex

English: see **Shipley**.

## Shipley

**Variants:** Shiplee, Shibley, Shepley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3783, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2644
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name from any of various places called *Shipley*, including those in Derbys, WR Yorks, Shrops, Durham, Northumb, and Sussex. Some northern bearers may belong with **Shepley**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Sciplay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Shiplee, 1360 in *Close Rolls* (Notts); Willelmus de Schippeley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Notts); Johannes Schepeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Shipley, 1402–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert Shipley, 1571 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Shepley**.

## Shipman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1100
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Leics

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *shipman* ‘ship man’ (Old English *scipmann*), for a mariner, or occasionally perhaps for a boatbuilder. **Further information:** the 1243 early bearer was drowned from a boat in the River Parrett.

**Early bearers:** William Scipman, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Rogeri Shipman, 1550 in *IGI* (Glemsford,

Suffolk); Joan Shipman, 1558 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Shipman, 1561 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Robert Shipman, 1564 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Francis Shipman, 1566 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *schep*, *ship* 'sheep' + *-man*, for a shepherd. Some early bearers listed here may belong with sense 1.

**Early bearers:** Hubert Scipman, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Hunts); Simon le Sipman, 1267, Simon Schipman, 1290 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Richard le Schepman, 1296 in *Thuresson* (Herts); Adam le Schepman, 1316 in *Thuresson* (Essex); Ricardus Shipman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Willelmo Schepman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Johanne Schippeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Johannes Shepman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Robertus Shepman, Christiana Shipman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Laurencius Shipman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex).

**References:** See *Thuresson* pp. 63, 257.

## Shipp

**Variants:** Ship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1664, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 931
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also London and E Anglia

1 English: nickname from Middle English *schip* 'ship', for a mariner or perhaps a boatbuilder. See **Shipman**. Some of the early bearers may belong with sense 2.

**Early bearers:** Roger de, del Schipp, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Walter del Schippe, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomae Shipp, 1565 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Alice Shipp, 1577 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); John Shipp, 1585 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Margaret Shipp, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Shipp, 1604 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *schip* 'ship', for someone who lived at the sign of the ship. **Early bearers:** Richard Stonham atte Shippe withouten Crepulgate, 1423 in *London English* (London).

## Shippam

**Variants:** Shipham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Notts and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Shipham (Somerset) or Sheephham in Modbury (Devon); perhaps sometimes from Shipdham (Norfolk), but no definite connection has been made.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Sheppam, 1559, Joane Shepham, 1569 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); Jane Shipham, 1568 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Agnes Shippum, 1588 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Cicily Shipham, 1591 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jonan Shippam, 1608 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); John Shippam, 1618, Robert Shipham, 1625 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); John Shippam, 1628 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Lindsey, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 281; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 545.

## Shppard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs

English: see **Shepherd**.

## Shippee

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Sheppey**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Shippen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Northumb, Cumb, and Durham

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *shipen* 'cattle shed' (Old English *scypen*). The name may be for someone who lived by a cattle shed, or for someone from a place so named, such as Shippen in Barwick in Elmet (WR Yorks) or Shippon (Berks). See also **Skippen**. (ii) nickname; in some cases the name may have been used for a cowman, who would often have lived in the same building as his animals. **Early bearers:** Richard de Shepene, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); William Shepene, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Adam atte Shupene, 1327, Henry ate Shypene, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Adam atte Shepene, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Schepon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Fraunces Shippen, 1570 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Willm. Shippen, 1571 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Thomas Shippen, 1591 in *IGI* (West Harnham, Wilts); Johannis Shippen, 1630 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Anne Shippen, 1668 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).

## Shipperbottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Shufflebotham**.

## Shipperd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex

English: see **Shepherd**.

## Shipperlee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Shipperley**.

## Shipperley

**Variants:** Shipperlee, Shipperly, Shepperley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ann Shepperley, 1705 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Richard Shipperly, 1722, Mary Shepperly, 1724, Ann Shiperly, 1761 in *IGI* (Dorton, Bucks); Mary Shepardon, 1752 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); Thomas Shipperlee, 1760 in *IGI* (Pitstone, Bucks); Peggy Shipperley, 1784 in *IGI* (Buckingham, Bucks); Sophia Shepperdly, 1826 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks).

## Shipperly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Shipperley**.

## Shippey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Cambs; Middx

English: see **Sheppey**.

## Shipsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Durham; Somerset

English: see **Skipsey**.

## Shipster

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Shapter**.

**Early bearers:** Matilda le Scipstere, 1320 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Isabel Shipstere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Agn' Shippestere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Peter in the East, Oxon); Agnes Shepster, 1553 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); George Shipster, 1628 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

## Shipston

**Variants:** Shipstone, Shepstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from Shipston on Stour (Worcs). (ii) locative name, possibly also from a lost Midlands place-name which is suggested by the surname of Alicia de Seperston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Shipston, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Shipston', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Agnis Shepston, 1573 in *IGI* (Desford, Leics); Jennett Shepstone, 1580 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Anna Shipston, 1582 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); Agnes Shipston, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Luce Shepston, 1599 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 165.

## Shipstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also WR Yorks

English: see **Shipston**.

## Shipton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1313, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1235
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Gloucs; Staffs; Essex

English: locative name from any of various places called Shipton, including three in Gloucs, two in Oxon, and one each in Bucks, Dorset, Hants, Shrops, ER Yorks, and NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Sipton, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Baudewyn de Shipeton, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Schypton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Headington, Oxon); Roberto del Shepton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Shipton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Shepton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Closworth, Somerset); John Shipton, 1447 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Francys Shipton, 1538

## Shipwash

in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Ricus. Shipton, 1556 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Adrie Shipton, 1581 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); John Shipton, 1608 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 545–46.

### Shipwash

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Sheepwash**.

### Shipway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 547
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; London
- English: locative name from one or more places named with Old English *scēap* ‘sheep’ + *weg* ‘way’, including Sharpway Gate in Stoke Prior (Worcs).  
**Early bearers:** Jhon Shipway, 1567 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); Dorithie Shipway, 1569 in *IGI* (Bedwardine, Worcs); Thomas Shipwey, 1573 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Alicia Shipway, 1574 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Willimus Shipway, 1578 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Edmundus Shipwaye, 1583 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); George Shipway, 1584 in *IGI* (Badminton, Gloucs); Jana Shipwaye, 1586 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs); Dorethea Shipway, 1591 in *IGI* (Saintbury, Gloucs).  
References: *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 361.

### Shipwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: occupational name from Middle English *shipwright* ‘shipwright’ (Old English *scipwyrhta*), for someone who built ships or boats.  
**Early bearers:** Warin Sipwriet, 1199–1216 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Alice le Schipwrith, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John le Shipwrighte, 1309 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanna Shipwryghte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Henricus Schypwryght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Rychard Shipwright, 1576 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); Roberti Shipwright, 1584 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Jane Shipwright, 1588 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Surrey); John Shipwright, 1606 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomasin Shipwright, 1623 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent).

### Shirazi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian: denoting a descendant of someone from the Iranian city of Shiraz.

### Shirbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Sherburn**.

### Shircliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Shirtcliffe**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Shire

**Variants:** **Shier, Shires, Shears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- 1 English: variant of **Shear**. Compare Ede Shire, 1602, Richard Sheere, 1634 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Walter Leschir, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Walter Shire, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Thomas Schire, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland in the Moor, Devon); Johannes Schyre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johannes Shire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Polden, Somerset); Stephanus Shire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Sussex); Willelmus Shyre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); Johanne Shir, Simone Shire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Rogerus Schir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); William Shire, 1422 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Margaret Shire, 1587 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Richard Shire, 1625 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); Charles Shire, 1693 in *IGI* (Luffincott, Devon); John Shire, 1702 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *s(c)hire* ‘shire’ (Old English *scīr*), denoting someone who lived at or near the meeting place of a shire, hundred, or smaller administrative unit. West Grinstead, in the 1296 example below, was a Sussex hundred. Modbury (Devon) in the 1332 example was probably named with Old English *gemōt* ‘meeting place’, and may have been the meeting place of Ermington Hundred. However, any examples of the surname without a preposition may alternatively belong with (1).

**Further information:** This name was established in Ireland by the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Schyre, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Roger de Shyre, 1312 in *Patent Rolls*; William Schyre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Gregory atte Shire, 1335 in *London Letter Books E*; Roberto del Shir, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Alice Shire, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, 182; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 279.

### Shireff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Sherriff**.

### Shirehampton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Shrimpton**.

### Shireman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Shirman**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Shirer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Middx
- Scottish: see **Shearer**.

## Shires

**Variants:** **Shiers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1010, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 832
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name perhaps from Shiregreen in Sheffield (WR Yorks), recorded as *Sschires* in 1220, or in many instances almost certainly from Skier’s Hall in Nether Hoyland (near Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks). The latter is the source of the family name *de Skiris*, which Redmonds shows was sometimes changed to *Shires*, citing John Skyres (1397) and John Shyres (1464), both from Alderthwaite in Nether Hoyland. Although originating in S Yorks, the name apparently proliferated later in the Skipton area, but this may alternatively be the SE Lancs name in (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Scyres, about 1226 in *Yorks Deeds* (West Melton, Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Robert de Schires, 1290 in *Close Rolls* (ER Yorks); Roger del Shires, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Mergareta de Skyres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); Thomas Skyrs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hiendley, WR Yorks); John Skyres, 1397 in *Yorks Deeds* (Alderthwaite, WR Yorks); Margery del Skyres, 1398 in *York Registry Wills* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); John de Skyres of Skyres, 1413 in *Yorks Deeds* (Brampton Bierlow, WR Yorks); Robert Shires, 1458 in *York Freeman’s Register* (Yorks); John Shyres, 1464 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Alderthwaite, WR Yorks); Ralph Skyres, 1499 in *Yorks Deeds* (Alderthwaite, WR Yorks); Brian Schyres, 1522 in *Early Yorks Families* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Rid Shires, 1555 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Skyres, 1560 in *York Registry Wills* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); William Shyres, 1579, Robert Shiers, 1636 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Henrie Shyres, 1602 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Thomas Shyres, 1607 in *York Registry Wills* (Mitton, WR Yorks).  
References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 112, 213; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: in Lancs, the Midlands, and S England alternatively a variant of **Shire** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare Page Shier, 1734, Richard Shires, 1749 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Isabell Shyers, 1560 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Brianus Shiers, 1568 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); James Shires, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Anne Shiers, 1596, Johnnis Shyers, 1609 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Rafe Shires, 1601 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); John Shires, 1746 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Shirkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- Irish: from Ó Searcaigh, see **Sharkey**.

### Shirkie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, Dumfriess
- Irish: from Ó Searcaigh, see **Sharkey**.

### Shirland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys



1 English: locative name principally from Shirland (Derbys), but occasionally also from Sheerland in Pluckley (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Scirland', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Alexander de Syrlund, about 1250 in *Glappwell Charters* (Derbys); Robert de Shirland, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Simon Schyrland, 1379 in *The Church in London*; Samuel Sherland, 1688 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Shirland, 1702 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 395; *Place-Names of Derbys 2*, p. 299.

2 English: see **Sharland**.

## Shirlaw

**Variants:** Sherlaw, Shirlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English, Scottish: locative name from Skirlaugh (ER Yorks), recorded as *Schirlawe* in 1260.

**Further information:** Black's assertion that this name is a variant of **Shirley** is untenable.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter de Skirlawe, keeper of the privy seal, 1382 in *Patent Rolls*; Philip Skirlowe, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Skirlowe, bishop of Durham, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

Scotland: Nicol Schirlaw, 1488 in *Black* (Lanarks); Matho Scherlaw, 1526 in *Black*; William Schirrilaw, 1570 in *Black*; Walter Schirilaw, 1610 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Anna Shirlaw, 1687 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Thos Sherlaw, 1739 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks* p. 49–50, 51.

## Shirley

**Variants:** Sherley, Shurley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4188, Ireland 231
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2429
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs, Warwicks, and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: locative name from any of the places called Shirley (in Warwicks, WR Yorks, Derbys, Hants, and Surrey).

**Further information:** A family of this name, who have held the title Earl Ferrers since 1711, are said to be descended from a certain Sewallis (died 1129) who held the manor of Shirley in Derbys. The name *Shirley* first appears in Ireland in the late 17th century, following the granting of lands to a *Shirley* family in the barony of Farney, Monaghan.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Schirle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Shirleye, 1318–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Shirley, 1442–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Jno. Shirley, 1563 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Richardi Shirley, 1568 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); John Shirley, 1588 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Zacarye Shirley, 1594 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); John Shirley, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Thos Shirley, 1608 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks).

Ireland: John Shirly, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballygalvert, Wexford); William Sherlow, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Antrim); James Shirley, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Dunaree, Monaghan); Evelyn P. Shirley, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Corlea, Monaghan).

**References:** <https://archive.org/details/cu31924029787250>

## Shirlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Scottish: variant of Scottish **Shirlaw**.

## Shirman

**Variants:** Shireman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *schireman* literally 'shire man' (Old English *scirman*), for a sheriff or other administrative official of a county; later it came to mean 'bailiff' or 'steward'.

**Early bearers:** Ufegeat Scireman, 1000–14 in *Tengvik* (Kent); William Schiremon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ane Shirman, 1651 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Thomas Shirman, 1654 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); John Shirman, 1670 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Wm. Shirman, 1675 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Shirman, 1688 in *IGI* (Horningsea, Cambs).

## Shirra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Lanarks

1 Scottish: perhaps a locative name from Shirrel near Bellshill, Lanarks.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Shirra, 1672 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Agnes Shirra, 1674 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Liberton, Edinburgh); Elspeth Shirra, 1676 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Shirra, 1684 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; William Shirah, 1764 in *IGI* (Denny, Stirlings); Jean Shirra, 1803 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Irish: from Ó Sióchfradha, see **Sugrue**.

## Shirran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Irish: from Ó Sírin, see **Sheerin**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Anthony Shirane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo). Scotland: Elspeth Shirran, 1676 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Shirran, 1743 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Shirreff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlothian and Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Sherriff**.

## Shirreffs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Sherriffs**.

## Shirrefs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Sherriffs**.

## Shirt

**Variants:** Short

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 664
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *shirt(e)*, *sherte*, *shurt(e)* 'shirt, short undergarment' (Old English *scyrte*), perhaps for someone who wore a distinctive shirt (perhaps a hair shirt) or who made or sold shirts.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shirt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johannes Schert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Rogerus Shourte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton, Dorset); Robert Shurte, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Shirt, 'ferroure', 1418 in *Patent Rolls*; William Shurte, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Shurte, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Bideford, Devon); John Shurte, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Stogursey, Somerset).

2 English: locative name, variant of **Short**, especially in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

## Shirtcliffe

**Variants:** Shirliff, Shercliff, Sheircliffe, Shirecliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Derbys

English: locative name from Shirecliff in Sheffield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Shirclyf, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomas Shirliffe, 1510, Richard Shirtcliffe, 1564, Robert Sheirclyff, 1593 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 1*, p. 212.

## Shirtliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Shirtcliffe**.

## Shitler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

English: see **Shutler**.

## Shittu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nigerian (Yoruba): unexplained, from *Şitù*, a name of possibly Muslim origin—perhaps from Arabic *şiddūq* 'truthful'—also found elsewhere in west Africa, and spelt in French-language contexts (e.g. Benin) as *Chitou*.

## Shiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 蕭 (or 肖) and 邵, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

## Shivers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

## Shivji

Irish, Scottish, English: Folk-etymological for **Chivers**.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Bridget Shivers, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Broagh, Derry); Henry Shivers, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lemnaroy, Derry); Daniel Shivers, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Craiganee, Antrim).  
England: Christyan Shyvers, 1572 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Shiuers, 1664 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Shivers, 1672 in *IGI* (Wilcot, Wilts); Mary Shivers, 1692 in *IGI* (Earlham, Norfolk); Jane Shivers, 1823 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs).  
Scotland: Bessie Shivers, 1641 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).

### Shivji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman) and Muslim, from Gujarati *śiv* 'auspicious' (Sanskrit *śiva*), epithet of the god Mahesha + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

### Shoab

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim (Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia, UAE): from a male personal name based on Arabic *Shu'aib*, borne by a Midianite prophet mentioned in the Qur'an.

### Shobbrook

**Variants:** Shobrook, Shoebrook, Shubrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Shobrooke (Devon).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Shobroke, 1556 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Margaret Shobroke, 1565 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Adryan Shobrowke, 1566 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Henry Shobrooke, 1568, Margrett Shobrooke, 1581 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Diana Shoebrook, 1677 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 416.

### Shobrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Shobbrook**.

### Shock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herefs
- English: nickname see **Shuck**.

### Shocker

**Variants:** Shuker, Sugar, Choker, Suker, Shoker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *\*shokere*, Old English *scēcere* 'robber'.  
**Further information:** Reaney's explanation of the name as occupational, from Middle English *shokken* 'to heap up, arrange sheaves in a shock' is doubtful, partly because the occupation was lowly and seasonal and therefore an unlikely one for someone as well off as Sibilla Shokere of West Grinstead (or her husband); she was assessed for taxation in 1327 at

the relatively high sum of 3s 6d. Furthermore the vowel of *shokken* is short, whereas the vowel of *Shoker* and *Choker* seems to be long.  
**Early bearers:** John le Schokere, 1296, Sibilla Shokere, 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Johannes Schokere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Grinstead, Sussex); William Choker, 1583 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Willia Shocker, 1633, in *IGI* (London); Will. Choker, 1676 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); James Shoker, 1677 in *IGI* (Westminster, London).

### Shoe

**Variants:** Shew

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *sho* 'shoe' (Old English *scōh*), possibly for a maker or seller of shoes or horseshoes. Compare **Boot**.  
**Early bearers:** England: William Shogh, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Shugh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Elinor Shoe, 1548 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Bathsheba Shooe, 1581 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Elsebeth Shooe, 1584 in *IGI* (Nutfield, Surrey); Leonarde Shew, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).  
Scotland: Alexander Shew, 1647 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings); Harie Shew, 1651 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth).

### Shoebotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Shufflebotham**.

### Shoebottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Shufflebotham**.

### Shoebridge

**Variants:** Shoobridge, Shewbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Surrey and Sussex

English: nickname, apparently altered from early Modern English *shew-bread* 'the twelve loaves that were placed every Sabbath "before the Lord" on a table beside the altar of incense, and at the end of the week were eaten by the priests alone' (*OED*), first recorded in Tyndale's Bible translation (1530). The earliest name-form may be genuine, but a reinterpretation sparked by the contemporary interest in Bible-translation; it may stand as an intermediate form between the modern name and an original unlocated place-name in SE England, perhaps Shoebury (Essex). Compare Thomas Shewbery, 1571 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Kent), or possibly the recurring minor place-name *Shovelbrede* 'shovel's breadth' as in *Shulbrede* (Sussex), but both these possible origins offer phonological difficulties.

**Early bearers:** Edward Shewbred, 1552, Joane Shoebridge, 1571 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Michael Shobridge, 1572, Brigit Shubridge, 1600 in *IGI*

(Cowden, Kent); Alice Shoobridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Alexander Shewbridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex).

### Shoebrook

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey
- English: see **Shobbrook**.

### Shoemaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Dutch, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, anglicization of Dutch (de) **Schoenmaker(e)**, **Schoumacher** or German and Jewish **Schumacher**.  
**Further information:** Reaney records a Hugh *S(c)homaker*, 1365 in *Colchester Court Rolls*. However, the English name seems not to have survived the medieval period.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Shoemaker, 1614 in *PROB 11*; Peter Shoemaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Durham); Frederick Shoemaker, born in Bonn, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Swansea, Glamorgan); John Shoemaker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).  
**References:** *Reaney, Dictionary*.

### Shoeman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized form of **Schumann**.

### Shoemark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Dutch: anglicized and altered form of **Schoenmaker** 'shoemaker'.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Shumack, 1636 in *IGI* (Wells, Somerset); Henry Shoemake, 1715 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); John Shoomake, 1727 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); George Shoemark, John Shomark, labourers, in *Census 1841* (Butliegh Wootton, Somerset).

### Shoesmith

**Variants:** Shoosmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 987, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 891
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Sussex
- English: occupational name from Middle English *sho* 'shoe' (Old English *scōh*) + *smith* 'smith' (Old English *smið*), for a blacksmith who specialized in shoeing horses, a farrier.  
**Early bearers:** William Le Shosmith, 1288 in *Fransson*; William Sosmyth, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Bryged Shusmyth, 1559 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Agnes Shosmyth, 1559 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Katherine Shewsmith, 1560 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Edmund Shoughesmithe, 1564 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Ellen Shoosmith, 1601 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

### Shokar

**Variants:** Shoker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Shoker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Middx
- 1 Indian (Panjab): see **Shokar**.  
2 English: see **Shocker**.

### Sholl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 151
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall
- 1 Cornish: unexplained, but perhaps identical with (2).  
**Early bearers:** Richard Scholl, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Richard Shole, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Margery Sholl, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Pentire Sholl, 1695 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).  
2 German, Dutch: anglicized form of German and Dutch **Scholl**, which is either a nickname for a lumpish person or a farmer, from Middle High German, Middle Dutch *scholle* 'clod of earth', or a nickname for a fisherman or fish seller, or for someone thought to resemble a flounder, from Middle Dutch *scholle*, *schulle* 'flounder, plaice'. German **Schöll** may also be a variant of German **Schell**, which is a nickname for a loud or obstreperous person, from Middle High German *schel* 'noisy, loud'.  
**Early bearers:** Ruiter Sholl, 1809 in *IGI* (London); Emma Terrezza Sholl, 1834 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Shon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Bucks
- English: see **Shone**.  
**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Shone

- Variants:** Shon, Shown
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2177, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Flints
- 1 Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Siôn*, a Welsh pronunciation of **John**. This fits the modern distribution of *Shone* (Shrops, Staffs, Flints, Cheshire, S Lancs) but there may have been some confusion there with the name in (2), which is recorded as *le Schon* early in late 14th-century Lancs.  
**Early bearers:** Ricardus Schon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Harley, Shrops); Anne Shone, 1589 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints); Thomas Shone, 1601 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints); John Shone, 1619 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Elizabeth Shone, 1627 in *IGI* (Bangor is y coed, Flints); Elezabeth Shonne, 1654 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); David Shion, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Llansannan, Denbighs); Thomas Shon, 1705 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); Gaynor Siôn, 1727, Edward Shione, 1750, in *Parish Registers* (Conway, Carnarvons); Humphry Shown, 1735 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Martha Shone, 1739 in *IGI* (Pattingham, Staffs).  
**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 135–6.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *shone* 'fair, comely, handsome' (Old English *scēone*). The name is synonymous with **Sheen** (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shoune, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Shoune of Salisbury, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Johanne Shonne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Bishop, Wilts); Johannes, Rogerus, and Thomas Shoune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Galfridus Shoune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roudham, Norfolk); Matill' Schone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Raynham, Norfolk); Matilda Schone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); Johannes Schone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewlish, Dorset); Johannes Schone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Child Okeford, Dorset); Thomas le Schon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Margery Shone, 1565 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Jane Showne, 1587 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Margareta Shonne, 1600 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Sara Shone, 1609 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Shonn, 1634 in *IGI* (Stowe, Bucks); Anne Shon, 1662 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Shoufin*, *Showin*, *Shoune*, perhaps an anglicized pronunciation of an unrecorded Old Scandinavian \**Skógfinnr*. It is uncertain that this name survived into the modern period and the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Schoufin, 1298, Robert Showyn, 1316 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Colston Basset, Notts); Walt'o Shoune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langford, Notts); Nicholaus filius Shoun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Orston with Stanton, Notts); Willelmus Schowne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Edward Shone, 1633 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Ann Shone, 1729 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics).

### Shoobridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Shoebidge**.

### Shoosmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Lancs
- English: see **Shoosmith**.

### Shooster

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Schuster**.

### Shoot

- Variants:** Shute, Shutt, Shutes
- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan; Surrey
- English: (i) from Middle English *shot(e)*, *shute*, representing Old English \**scēot*, \**sceōt*, or a SW and W Midlands dialect form of Old English *scyte*, both denoting 'steep slope'. Names with this sense are difficult to separate from those in (ii). See also **Shutt** and **Shott**. (ii) from Middle English *shot(e)* or *shut(e)*, Old English *scēat*, \**sceāt* or a SW and W Midlands dialect form of Old English \**sciete* 'projecting piece of land or corner of land'; see **Shute**.

**Further information:** The 1340 and 1341 examples may refer any of several minor places in Staffs, such as Shutt Green, near Brewwood, Shut Heath, near Haughton, and Shut End, near Himley; see *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 494. The 1381 example may refer to Shoot Hill in Ford (Shrops); see *Place-Names of Shrops* 2, p. 19. Compare Shot Farm in Rawreth (Essex), *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 194.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] La Shute, 1271–2 in *Place-Names of Shrops*; Alan atte Shute, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam atte Shute, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Robert de la Shote, 1341 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Shote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mundesley, Norfolk); Johanne Schote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Johannes Schote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Hugo de Shute, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hopton Wafers, Shrops); Margareta Shute, 1582 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); John Shoot, 1653 in *IGI* (Winston, Durham); Anthony Shute, 1654 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Mary Shoot, 1738 in *IGI* (Nun Monkton, WR Yorks).

### Shooter

- Variants:** Shotter, Shuter, Shutter, Sheeter
- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 443
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: occupational name from Middle English *shot(t)er*, *shut(t)er*, *sheter* 'archer' (Old English *sceotere*).

**Early bearers:** Robert scotere, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Stephen le Shotiere, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Henry Schueter, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph Scheter, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skeffling, ER Yorks); William Schoter, 1316 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Henry le Shotter, 1320 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Schetere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John le Schotiere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Simon le Shutter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John Schewter, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Richard Shoiter, 1554 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Richard Shooter, 1579 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*.

### Shop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: nickname from Middle English *shoppe* 'shop' (Old English *sceoppa*), for a shopkeeper or someone who worked in a workshop. Compare **Shopper**.  
**Early bearers:** William en le Shope, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas atte Shoppe, 1341 in *London Letter Books F*; Hugo ate Shoppe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Johannes atte Shoppe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Adam Shoppe, Matilda Schoppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); John Shoppe, 1380–1 in *Salisbury Clerical Poll Taxes*; Ricardo Shop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); Thomas Shop, 1714 in *IGI* (Staunton on Arrow, Herefs); Mary Shop, 1756 in *IGI* (Corton, Suffolk); Catherine Shop, 1764 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Mary Shop, 1816 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

### Shopland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Shapland**.

**Shopper**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *shoppe* ‘shop’ + *-er*, for a shopkeeper or someone who worked in a workshop. Compare **Shop**.

**Early bearers:** John Shopper, 1353 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Wilts); James Shopper, 1635 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Mary Shopper, 1667 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); William Shopper, 1825 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); Mary Shopper, 1833 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

**Shore**

**Variants:** **Shores**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3871, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Cheshire, Staffs; Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Laois

1 English: locative name from Middle English *s(c)hore* ‘shore, bank, coast, steep slope, cliff’ (Old English \**scora*). The surname may be for someone who lived near such a feature, or in Lancs and WR Yorks especially, for someone from a place so named, such as Shore in Rochdale (Lancs) or Shore in Todmorden (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** England: William del Shore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Schore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Schore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes del Schor’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterworth, Lancs); Henry Shore, 1435 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Shore, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Shore, 1539 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Gille Shore, 1560 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Barnabas Shore, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Shore, 1577 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).

Ireland: William Shore, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkerranmore, Cork).

2 English: in SW England probably a variant of **Score**, which has the same etymology as (1). Compare Tamsine Score, 1599, John Shore, 1650 in *IGI* (Lynton, Devon); Elizabeth Shore, 1673, James Score, 1788 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Rebecka Shore, 1583 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon); Egidii Shore, 1627 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

**Shoreland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Monmouths

English: see **Shorland**.

**Shoreman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: occupational name, possibly, for a man engaged in using props (Middle English *shore*), but medieval bearers are needed.

**Early bearers:** Alice Shorman, 1562 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Elizabeth Shorman, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); William Shoreman, 1631 in *IGI* (Morton near Bourne, Lincs); James Shoreman, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas at Wade, Kent); Mary Shoreman, 1654 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Shores**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs

English: variant of **Shore** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Shorey**

**Variants:** **Shewry, Shurey, Shury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; London; Worcs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** *Reaney, Dictionary* suggests that it is from Middle English *schore* ‘shore’ + *eye* ‘island’, but no such place-name is known and the description is unparalleled. Perhaps to be compared with **Sherriff**: ‘All presentes.were.chosyn Mayr and Shoreffes for the Cite of London’, ‘Shoreff of London’, both 1500 in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shorie, 1305 in *Patent Rolls*; John Shorie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Shorye, 1341 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus Schory, 1377, Ricardo Shorye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Willelmus Shorye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Thomas Shory, 1535 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alse Shory, Katharine Shorry, 1542 in *IGI* (Merstham, Surrey); William Shewry, 1555 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Chas Shorye, 1559 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Elizabeth Shorey, 1570 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); Agnes Shorie, 1575 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Elizabeth Shorey, 1576 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Margaret Shewry, 1597 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks); Joane Shurey, 1614 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Catherina Shewrie, 1616, Henry Sheurie, 1618, Drurie Shewry, 1620 in *IGI* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks).

**Shorland**

**Variants:** **Shoreland, Shortland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

Norman: (i) locative name from the village of La Cerlangue in Seine-Maritime, an obscure name popularly said to derive from hart’s tongue fern (*cervi lingua* in Latin). (ii) some late instances of the name may be from Shorland in Bratton Fleming (Devon).

**Further information:** William de Shorland was also known as Wm de Serland (*VCH* (Northants), IV, under Mears Ashby).

**Early bearers:** William de Shorland, a Norman, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Anne Shorland, 1569 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Alice Shoreland, 1580 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Edmund Shoreland, 1589 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Elizabeth Shoreland, 1593 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); Christopher Shoreland, 1604 in *IGI* (Huntsham, Devon).

**Shorney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: apparently an adjective in *-y* derived from the regional word *sharn* ‘(cow-)dung’, found as *shorn* in Devon.

**Early bearers:** John Shorney, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Brompton Ralph, Somerset); Gabriell Shorny, 1607 in *IGI* (Spaxton, Somerset); John Shorney, 1633 in *IGI* (Brompton Ralph, Somerset); John Shorney, 1638 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Peeter Shorney, 1640 in *IGI* (Fitzhead, Somerset).

**Shorrock**

**Variants:** **Sharrock, Shurrock, Shorrocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1283, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1472
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Shorrock Green in Blackburn (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Shorrok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); George Sharrocke, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls*.

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 74.

**Shorrocks**

**Variants:** **Sharrocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Shorrock** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Short**

**Variants:** **Shortt, Shirt, Shorts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16018, Ireland 410
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11555
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin; Tipperary

1 English: nickname from Middle English *short* ‘short’ (Old English *sceort*), for a short person.

**Early bearers:** S England: Ordric Scort, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard le Sorte, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Schort, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Piddletrenthide, Dorset); Richard Shorte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parracombe, Devon); Gervase Schorte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Modbury, Devon); Galfridus Short, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kenninghall, Norfolk); John Shorte, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Holy Trinity Exeter, Devon); William Shorte, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Gussage All Saints, Dorset); John Shorte, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Welford, Gloucs).

N England: Johannes Schort, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Northumb); Johan Schort, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Northumb); Johan Schort’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Snitter, Northumb); Willelmus Short, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Alicia Schort’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Schort, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leathley, WR Yorks); Thomas Shorte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); John Shorte, 1606 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Alexander Short, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Robert Short, 1688 in *IGI* (Earsdon by North Shields, Northumb).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived at a detached or cut-off piece of land (Middle English *shurte*, *shorte*, *shirte*, *sherte* from Old English \**scierte*, \**scerte*, \**scyrte*) or from a place so named such as Shoart in Harbeldown (Kent) and Shuart in Saint Nicholas at Wade (Kent). Compare the synonymous **Shorter**. Some of the following early bearers without a preposition may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Godwin de la Sirte, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); John atte Shurte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Petworth, Sussex); William Short, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berwick, Sussex); Johanne Short, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tangmere, Sussex); Willelmus Short, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Paul, Kent); Willelmus and Johannes Schort, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Sherthe, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Peter Short, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Tenterden, Kent); Joanne Shorte, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Climping, Sussex).

References: *Kent Place-Names* pp. 498, 605.

3 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: adopted for **Mac an Gheairr**, **Mac an Ghirr** 'son of the short man', see **McGirr**, **McGarr**.

### Shortall

Variants: **Shortell**, **Shorten**

- Current frequencies: GB 448, Ireland 549
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Kilkenny

Irish: from **Seartal**, **Soirtéil**, gaelicized forms of the obsolete English surname **Shorthals**, from Middle English *s(c)hort* 'short' + *hals* 'neck': see **Shorthouse**. The name was taken to Ireland in the reign of King Edward I (1272–1307).

Early bearers: Ralph Schortals and Robert Schorthals, 1287 in *CDI* §309 (Dublin); Robert Schortehals, 1294 in *CDI* §140 (Kilkenny); John Schorthals, 1306 in *CDI* §538 (Kilkenny); Robert Shortall, prior of Fertnekeraghe, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §158; Leonard Shertall, horseman, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §245 (Buttlerswodde, Kilkenny); Peter Shertall, 1550 in *Fiants Edward* §480 (Cloghourde, Kilkenny); Robert oge Shortal, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §946; Nicholas Shortals, gent., 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4339; Robert Shertoll fitz Nicholas, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6110 (Kildrinaghe, Queen's County [Laois]); Katherine Shortall fitz Edmond, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484; Richard mcJames Sertill, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6534 (Shankill).

### Shortell

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 77
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; London
- Irish: re-anglicized form of **Seartal**, **Soirtéil**; see **Shortall**.

### Shorten

- Current frequencies: GB 622, Ireland 302
- GB frequency 1881: 329
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

1 Irish: from **Seartáin**, a variant of **Soirtéil**, see **Shortall**.

2 English: see **Shorton**.

### Shorter

Variants: **Shorters**

- Current frequencies: GB 1452, Ireland 10
- GB frequency 1881: 1391
- Main GB location 1881: Kent, Surrey, and Middx; also Berks and Oxon

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a detached or cut-off piece of land known in Middle English as a *sherte*, *shirte*, or *shurte* (Old English \**scerte*, \**scierte*, \**scyrte*). The addition of + *-er* to a topographical term to form an agent noun is typical of Surrey, Kent, Sussex, and Hants, and may also have occurred in Berks and Wilts. The name is

synonymous with *atte Scherte* and *atte Schurte*; see **Short** and **Shortman**.

Further information: Wilson's derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Middle English *shortere* 'the smaller' can be safely disregarded.

*Shorter* may have become confused with **Shotter**; according to McKinley, William Shottere, a 15th-century Sussex cleric, is also referred to as William Shorter, but this could be the result of a scribal or transcriptional error.

Early bearers: Roger le Shorter, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Schortar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury borough, Wilts); Johannes Schertere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Henricus Schertere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Willelmo Schorture, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Welford, Berks); Johanne Schurter', Ricardo Scherter', Willelmo Schurter', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Shorter (tailor), 1386–1486 in *Chancery Proceedings*; Robert Shorter, 1481 in *Close Rolls* (Surrey); Nycholas Shorter, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Jane Shorter, 1615 in *PROB 11* (London); William Shorter, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Reading, Berks).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 169–70.

2 English: in Staffs the surname appears to be a reduced form of **Shorters**, a variant of **Shorthouse**.

### Shorters

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: contracted form of **Shorthouse**.

### Shorthose

- Current frequencies: GB 216, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 63
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys and Staffs

English: see **Shorthouse**.

### Shorthouse

Variants: **Shorthose**, **Shortis**, **Shorters**, **Shorter**, **Shorto**

- Current frequencies: GB 1011, Ireland 9
- GB frequency 1881: 597
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; also Warwicks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *short* 'short' + *hose* 'stocking, boot', for someone who wore short stockings or boots. Compare **Curthoys**. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong with sense 2.

Early bearers: England: William Shorthose, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henry Schorthose, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Shorthose, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardus Schorthose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Ricardus Shorthose, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Richard Shorthose of Sudbery, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Catteren Shorthose, 1565 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Ricardus Shorthouse, 1596 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Marke Shortis, 1625 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margaret Shortus, 1654 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs). Scotland: John Schurthouss, 1376 in *Black* (Fife); Thomas Schorthouss, 1505 in *Black* (Angus); Valter Schorthouss, 1532 in *Black* (Fife); Margaret Shortus, 1560 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Shortes, 1561 in *Black* (Fife).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *short* + *hals* 'neck', for someone with a short neck. See also **Shortall**.

Early bearers: Robert Schorthals, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John Schorthals, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

### Shortis

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs
- English: see **Shorthouse**.

### Shortland

- Current frequencies: GB 1222, Ireland 41
  - GB frequency 1881: 718
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants; also London
- English: (i) variant of **Shorland**. The connection of the 13th-century William de Shorland with Northants appears to justify the connection. (ii) possibly from one of several minor places named 'Short Land', i.e. 'short strip of ploughland in an open field' or similar, but it is very doubtful whether any of these were significant enough to give rise to a surname.

Early bearers: Thomas Shortland, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Helmdon, Northants); Joseph Shortland, 1617 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Northants); Edward Shortland, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Coggeshall, Essex); Elizabeth Shortland, 1621 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); John Shortland, 1629 in *IGI* (Lower Lemington, Gloucs); Judith Shortland, 1634 in *IGI* (Desborough, Northants); Elisabeth Shortlands, 1651 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon); Eliz. Shortlands, 1653 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics).

### Shortman

- Current frequencies: GB 506, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 196
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; also Monmouths and Glamorgan

English: (i) locative name, perhaps for someone who lived on a detached piece of land, synonymous with **Shorter**, but the absence of medieval evidence for this name is a difficulty. (ii) nickname for a short man, but the examples below are too late to be sure that this is a correct explanation.

Early bearers: Ann Shortman, 1707 in *IGI* (Byfleet, Surrey); Anne Shortman, 1727 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Shorto

- Current frequencies: GB 101, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 72
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset and Devon

English: probably a variant of **Shorthose** (see **Shorthouse**) arising from hypercorrection of supposed final excrement -s; compare Ricardus Schorthose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puddletown, Dorset).

Early bearers: Elizabeth Shorto, 1675 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Elizabeth Shortoe, 1712 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon).

### Shorton

Variants: **Shorten**

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: locative name from Shorton in Paignton (Devon) and perhaps one or more unidentified places. Early bearers: John de Shorton, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Margery Shorten, 1545 in *IGI* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon); George Shorten, 1555 in *IGI* (Littlehempston, Devon); Alice Shortin, 1559 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Shorten, 1566 in *IGI*

## Shortreed

(Lowestoft, Suffolk); Elyzabeth Shorton, 1567 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Jn Shorton, 1570 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); John Shorten, 1572 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Robert Shortton, 1572, James Shortan, 1573 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Alicia Shorton, 1576, Anstice Shorten, 1620 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); John Shorten, 1580 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Priscilla Shorten, 1584 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* p. 518.

## Shortreed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks and Roxburghs

Scottish: nickname from Middle English *short* 'short, limited' + *red* 'advice, wisdom', for someone who was either impatient or of limited intelligence.

**Early bearers:** England: Martin Shortrad, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Richard Shortrede of Walyngford, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Simon Shortrade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo Shortrede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs).

Scotland: William Shortreid, 1660 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs); Margaret Shortreed, 1673 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Janet Shortrid, 1677 in *IGI* (Channelkirk, Berwicks); Janet Shortreed, 1677 in *IGI* (Lauder, Berwicks).

## Shortridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cumb and Lancs; Kirkcudbrights

English, Scottish: locative name from various places named with Old English *sceort*, Middle English *short* 'short' + Old English *hrycg*, Middle English *rigge* 'ridge', including Shortridge in Crediton (Devon), Shortridge in Yarnscombe (Devon), and Shortrigg near Ecclefechan (Dumfriess).

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas de Shortrig', Henry de Shortrugg', 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Alles Shorteridge, 1560 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Ollyver Shortrydg, 1572 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Robert Shortrudge, 1583, Dorythie Shortridge, 1587, Marrayn Shortrydge, 1588 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Shortregg, 1587, William Shortrig, 1592 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Thomas Shortrigge, 1594 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Tristriam Shortridge, 1602 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall).

Scotland: John Schortrig, 1592 in *Black* (Dumfriess); Jonet Shortrig, 1621 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); John Shortrig, 1626 in *Black* (Dumfriess); Elizabeth Shortrigg, 1689 in *Black* (Dumfriess).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 83, 407.

## Shorts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Warwicks; Lanarks

English: variant of **Short** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Shortt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 968
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Wicklow; also Monaghan

1 English, Scottish: see **Short**.

2 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: adopted for **Mac an Gheairr**, **Mac an Ghirr** 'son of the short man', see **McGirr**, **McGarr**.

## Shot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Shott**.

## Shotbolt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Lincs

English: see **Shadbolt**.

## Shott

Variants: **Shot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Lancs

1 English: see **Shutt**.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schott**.

## Shotter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Hants, IoW, and Sussex

English: see **Shooter**. McKinley notes that in Sussex the name probably originated in Linchmere, and developed in the 16th and 17th centuries to *Shotcher*, *Scotcher*, and *Satcher*.

**Early bearers:** Jone Shotter, 1564 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Henrye Shotter, 1589 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); John Shotter, 1600 in *IGI* (Vernham Dean, Hants).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 270–2.

## Shotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1439, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1017
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: locative name from one or more of various places in Durham and Northumb called Shotton, and Shotton near Harmer Hill (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** England: Simon de Shotton, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Shotton of Shrewsbury, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Shotton, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Nicholas Shetton alias Shotton of Shrewsbury, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); John Shotton, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Johanna Shotton, 1549 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); John Shotton, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Elizabeth Shotton, 1573 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Elizabeth Shotton, 1587 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks).

Scotland: Robert de Schottun, about 1180 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Huwe de Shottone, 1296 in *Black* (Roxburghs).

References: *Place-Names of Durham* 1, p. 185; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, pp. 179–80; *Place-Names of Shrops* 4, pp. 132–3.

## Shoulder

Variants: **Shoulders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Durham; Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *shulder*, *sholdur* 'shoulder' (Old English *sculdor*), for someone with broad shoulders or some peculiarity of the shoulders.

**Early bearers:** Rau Sculdur, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Robert Schuldre, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon Shulder, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Scholder, Johannes Shulder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Willelmus Schulder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); William Shoulder, 1564 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Agnes Shoulder, 1565 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Nicholas Shoulder, 1584 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Clement Shoulder, 1620 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Alyce Shoulder, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

## Shoulders

Variants: **Shalders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Shoulder** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Shouler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Shoveller**.

## Shove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *shouve* 'shove, push' (Old English \**scufa*), for someone with violent habits. Compare **Showers**.

**Early bearers:** Leuuius Scufe, about 1067 in *Tengvik* (Herts); Aluricus Scoua, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Wolnold Scoue, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Elizabeth Shove, 1557 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Edward Shove, 1606 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Edward Shove, 1636 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); John Shove, 1701 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Elizabeth Shove, 1714 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); John Shove, 1721 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

References: *Tengvik*, p. 333.

## Shovel

Variants: **Showell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *schovel* 'shovel', for someone who made or sold shovels, or for someone who regularly used a shovel in his work. See also **Shoveller**.

**Early bearers:** Turoidus scuuel, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants).

## Shoveller

Variants: **Showler**, **Shouler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey and Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *s(c)hoveler* ‘shoveller’, for someone who made or worked with shovels. See also **Shovel**.

**Early bearers:** William le Schovelere, 1301 in *Thuesson* (Oxon); Walter le Shouelere, 1314 in *Thuesson* (Herts); Nicholas Schoueler, Schoveler, 1366 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Anne Shoveller, 1696 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Martha Shoveller, 1700 in *IGI* (Wingham, Kent); Thur Clousley Shoveller, 1755 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Wm Shoveller, 1764 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Mary Shoveller, 1822 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Shovelton

**Variants:** **Shuffleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: possibly a heavily reduced variant of **Shufflebotham**; compare Alice Shovelbotham, 1692 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs), and Wm. Shufflebotton, 1762 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

**Further information:** Unlikely to be from Shoulton (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Shovelton, 1713, Anna Shuffleton, 1716 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Thomas Showleton, 1818, Thomas Shovelton, 1824 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Shovlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings

Irish: from Ó Seibhleáin, see **Shevlin**.

### Show

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs (Furness) and Cumb

English: see **Shaw** (1).

**Further information:** It is not certain that this is a variant of *Shaw*, but the N Cumb stream-name *Show Burn* is recorded as *Shawburne* in 1603 (*Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 27). There, it may represent a blend in Middle English of Old English *sceaga* and Old Scandinavian *skógr*, both meaning ‘wood’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Schow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetwang, ER Yorks); Ricardo Schowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); Rowland Show, 1615 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Show, 1701 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).

### Showell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Showell in Steeple Barton (Oxon) or Showell in Little Tew (Oxon). See also **Sewell**.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin de Showell, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); William Showell, 1563 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jone Showell, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Thomas Showell, 1578 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Henrye Showell, 1600 in *IGI*

(Banbury, Oxon); Edward Showell, 1601 in *IGI* (Hints, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon 2*, pp. 249, 291. 2 English: see **Shovel**.

### Shower

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk
- English: (i) nickname from an agent noun of uncertain application derived from Middle English *shouven* ‘to prop, push, shove’. The word *shove* itself is found very early as a by-name: Wulnod Scoue, 1185 in *Reaney, Dictionary*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *shouer* ‘shower, outpouring, abundance’.
- Early bearers:** Ricardo le Shouere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); Georgius Shower, 1550 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Isabell Shower, 1576 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Shover, 1591 in *IGI* (Teston, Kent); John Shower, 1626 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

### Showering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: see **Shewring**.

### Showers

**Variants:** **Shower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: originally a form of the now almost extinct *Show*, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Schoures, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Helyn Showers, 1587 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Showers, 1566 in *IGI* (Stragglethorpe, Lincs); John Showers, 1572 in *IGI* (Totteridge, Herts).

### Showler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Lincs

English: see **Shoveller**.

### Shown

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs
- English: see **Shone**.

### Shram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schramm**.

### Shrapnel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Shrapnell**.

### Shrapnell

**Variants:** **Shrapnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Gloucs; Middx

English: a metathesized form of *Charbonnel*, see **Carbonell**. For the change of initial consonant, compare Thomas Scharite, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Richard Sharpanel, 1218–22 in *Cockersand Chartulary* (Lancs); Frances Shrapnell, 1613 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Robert Sharpnell, 1645 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Shrapnel, 1670 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Shread

**Variants:** **Shred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs and Warwicks

English: nickname from ME *shrede* ‘strip, fragment (of cloth etc.)’.

**Early bearers:** Johana Schryde, 1543 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Shredd, 1572, Thomas Shread, 1575 in *IGI* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Mary Shredd, 1577 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Robart Shred, 1586 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Henry Shread, 1623 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs).

### Shred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Warwicks; Cambs

English: see **Shread**.

### Shreeve

- **Current frequencies:** GB 988, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 577
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Sherriff**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Shirreue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Necton, Norfolk); Edmundus Schreve, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Thomas Shreeve, 1457 in *Annals of Ipswich* (Suffolk); Agnes Shreeve, 1546, Brigett Shreve, 1548 in *IGI* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Robert Shryve, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Shrive, 1607 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Robert Shrieve, 1611 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk).

### Shreeves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; London
- English: see **Sherriffs**.

### Shrestha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 854, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Nepalese: Hindu name from Sanskrit *śrestha* ‘greatest’.

### Shreve

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Sherriff**.

### Shreves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Sherriffs**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Shrewsberry**

- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Herts

English: see **Shrewsbury**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Shrewsbury**

Variants: **Shrewsberry, Shrosbree**

- Current frequencies: GB 213, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 223
- Main GB location 1881: Notts; also London

English: locative name from Shrewsbury (Shrops).

Early bearers: John Shrouesbury, 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William de Schrouesbir, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Johannes Schrowesbyry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Willelmo Shrowesbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Staffs); Edward Shrewsbury, 1633 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); William Shrewsbury, 1641 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Elizabeth Shrewsbury, 1674 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Mary Shrewsbury, 1688 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Mary Shrewsbury, 1695 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 267–71.

**Shrieve**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Derbys

English: see **Sherriff**.

**Shrieves**

- Current frequencies: GB 73, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; also Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Sherriffs**.

**Shrigley**

- Current frequencies: GB 178, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 194
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire; also Lancs; Staffs; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Pott Shrigley (Cheshire).

Early bearers: Pimecok de Scriggel, 1285, Silkot de Shriggel, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robert Shrygeley, 1545 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1 107.

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 130–1.

**Shrimplin**

Variants: **Shrimpling**

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; also Essex; Devon

English: locative name from Shimpling (Norfolk), recorded as *Simplingham* about 1035, or Shimpling (Suffolk).

Further information: The modern alteration must have come about through association with the word *shrimp*.

Early bearers: Andrew of Shimpling, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph de Shymplyng, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Isabella Shymplyng, 1364 in *King's Bench Cases* (Norfolk); Johannes Schymplyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cambs); Radulphus de Shimplingham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johane Shrimpling, 1540, Heleyen Shrimplinge, 1542 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk);

Elisabeth Shrymplyn, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Shrympling, 1553 in *Ancient Deeds* (Norfolk); John Shrimplin, 1617 in *IGI* (Repps with Bastwick, Norfolk); Hannah Shimpling, 1829 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

References: *Ekwall, DEPN*, pp. 417–18; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 545.

**Shrimpling**

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 21
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Shrimplin**.

**Shrimpton**

Variants: **Shirehampton**

- Current frequencies: GB 1506, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1276
- Main GB location 1881: London; also Bucks

English: locative name from Sherington (Bucks), recorded as *Shrington, Schrington* in the 13th and 14th centuries.

Further information: There is no connection with Shirehampton (Gloucs) as has sometimes been alleged, but the rare surname *Shirehampton* has been remodelled from *Shrimpton* on this false assumption (*London Gazette*, 28 Sept. 1915, p. 9596), regarding William Bruford Shrimpton's adoption of *Shirehampton*.

Early bearers: John de Shryngton, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Also Shrimpton, 1545 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Robert Shrinton, 1669, Alice Shrimton, 1675 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts); Jone Shrimpton, 1561 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Agnis Shrimton, 1562, Anna Shrimpton, 1569 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Jone Shrempton, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Agnes Shrimpton, 1570 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Johes. Shrimpton, 1576 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks).

References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 38–9.

**Shrine**

Variants: **Scrine**

- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: London; Lancs; Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *shrine, scrine* 'shrine' (Old English *scrin*), for someone who lived near a religious shrine. It may sometimes have been confused with **Shrive**.

Early bearers: William atte Shryne, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Shyryne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Berks); John Shreine, 1630 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); John Shrine, 1638 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Jeremiah Shrine, 1672, Anne Scrine, 1681 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); James Shreen, 1745 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Shrine Or Shrive, 1848 in *IGI* (Southwick, Northants).

**Shrive**

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 154
- Main GB location 1881: Northants

English: see **Sherriff**.

**Shrives**

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 195
- Main GB location 1881: Northants

English: see **Sherriffs**.

**Shroff**

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

1 Indian (Gujarat and Mumbai): Hindu (Vania) and Parsi, from Gujarati *səraf* 'banker, money-changer', from Arabic *ṣarrāf*.

Further information: There has possibly been some confusion with Arabic *sharif* 'noble' and *sharāfat* 'nobility', which have also been borrowed into Hindi and other modern Indian languages. *Shroff* is used as a vocabulary word in Indian English to denote a banker or money changer.

Early bearers: Ardsbur Dhnneebohy Shroff, 1876 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey); Mariockja D. Shroffs (born in India) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Surrey).

2 German: from *schroff* 'curt, brusque'.

Early bearers: Fredk. Shroff (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Durham).

**Shropshire**

- Current frequencies: GB 177, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 102
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops

English: locative name from the English county name Shropshire.

Early bearers: Edith de Shropshir, 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Alice de Shrops, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Shropeshyre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Ricardus de Schropshire, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Johannes Shropshir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Richard Shropshire, 1414 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 549.

**Shrosbree**

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 50
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Warwicks

English: see **Shrewsbury**.

**Shrub**

- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; also Sussex and Kent

English: see **Shrubb**.

**Shrubb**

Variants: **Shrub, Shrubs**

- Current frequencies: GB 564, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 321
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *shrub*(be), *shrob*(be) 'shrub, scrubland' (Old English *scrybb*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a bush or on scrubland, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Shrub Farm in Burwash (Sussex), Shrub End in Colchester (Essex), or Shrob Lodge in Passenham (Northants). A number of the Essex medieval early bearers apparently came from Shrubs in Hatfield Broad Oak (Essex).

Early bearers: Hugo de Scrubbe, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls*; Ricardum Scrobbe, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Matthew de Shrobb, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William Shrob, Agnes Shrub, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Roberti de Schrobbes, 1297 in *Forest Pleas*



(Essex); Robert Shrub, 1288 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John in the Schrobbes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Jone Shrub, 1590 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Sibill Shrub, 1590 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Shrub, 1619 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Thomas Shrub, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Allen Shrub, 1639 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).  
References: *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 462; *Place-Names of Essex* pp. 41, 377; *Place-Names of Northants* p. 102.

### Shrubbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Sussex
- English: variant of **Shrub** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Shrubshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Shrubsole**.

### Shrubshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Shrubsole**.

### Shrubsole

Variants: **Shrubshall**, **Shrubshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a place whose name is recorded as *Sobesole* and *Shopesole* in medieval documents. The surname develops an intrusive -r- from the 15th century. The place-name is probably lost, and the location unidentified, but there is a possibility that it survives in heavy disguise as Cobrahamsole Farm in Sheldwich (Kent), which is recorded as *Copersole*, *Copesham Sole*, and *Copshole-farm* in 1782.

**Early bearers:** [...] de Sobesol', 1270 in *Kent Place-Names* (Sheldwich, Kent); [...] de Sobesole, 1270 in *Kent Place-Names* (Badlesmere, Kent); Joh'e de Sobesole, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Faversham hundred, Kent); [...] de Shopesole, 1327, [...] de Schobesole, 1332, [...] Shobbesole, 1348 in *Kent Place-Names* (Faversham hundred, Kent); William Shropssole, 1460 in *Kent Wills* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Peter Shropssole, 1476, William Shrubsole, 1509 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); John Shroubsoll, 1558, Mary Shrobsoll, 1560, Julyan Shroubsell, 1578 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Aves Shrubsell, 1574, Dority Shrubshall, 1576, Dorate Shrubshall, 1586 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Moses Shrubsole, 1579 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent).  
References: *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 293–4.

### Shubert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: see **Schubert**.

### Shubotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Shufflebotham**.

### Shubrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts
- English: see **Shobbrook**.

### Shuck

Variants: **Shock**, **Suck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

1 English: from Middle English *shucke*, *shokke* 'fiend, devil' (Old English *scucca*, *sceocca*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Shok, 1286 in *Patent Rolls*; John Shok, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Schouk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Devon); Thoma Schok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Johannes Schock, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Joyce Shucke, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thos. Shouke, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Marie Shocke, 1603 in *IGI* (Farningham, Kent); Margaret Shock, 1611 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Sussex); Richard Shuck, 1783 in *IGI* (Bishops Frome, Herefs); John Shuck, 1785 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 German: respelling of **Schuck**.

**Early bearers:** Emma Shuck, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Leamington Priors, Warwicks); Rudolf Shuck, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Frederick Shuck, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Northumb).

### Shuckburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Devon and Somerset; Herefs; Bucks

English: locative name from Shuckburgh (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Sukeberge, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William Shukkebourgh, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Henricus Shukkeburgh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Willelmus Shukkebourgh', Johannes de Schukeburgh', Alicia Schukkeborgh', Nicholas Schukeburg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Thomas Shukburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); John Shukburgh, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 143–44.

### Shucksmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Sixsmith**.

### Shuffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Bucks, and Middx
- English: see **Sheffield**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Shufflebotham

Variants: **Shufflebottom**, **Shipperbottom**, **Shubotham**, **Shoebottom**, **Shoebottom**, **Shovelton**, **Shuffleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 803, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Shipperbottom in Bury (Lancs), recorded as *Shippalbothum* in 1489, and subject to many alterations through the influence of other words.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Schyppewallebothem, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Shipwallebothum, 1323 in *Lancs Inquests*; Margerie Sheplebothom, 1559 in *IGI* (Alstonfield, Staffs); Edward Shiplebothom, 1569 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Agnes Sheplebotom, 1569, Benit Shuplebotom, 1583 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Shippobothum, 1578 in *IGI* (Huyton by Roby, Lancs); Francisca Shupplebotham, 1584 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); James Shipabotam, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Outwell, Norfolk); Jacobus Shippobotham, 1596 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); An Shepabotham, 1599 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Charles Shifabothom, 1625 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Thomas Shippobotham, 1641 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Isaac Shufflebotham, 1662 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Thomas Shufflebotham, 1678 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Sara Shufflebotham, 1680 in *IGI* (Whitmore, Staffs); Abraham Shovelbotham, 1688 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); An. Shufflebottom, 1691 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Alice Shovelbotham, 1692 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Eliz Shufflebotham, 1720 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Rich. Shufflebottam, 1723 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); John Shufflebotham, 1747 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Showbottom, 1796 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 63.

### Shufflebottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Shufflebotham**.

### Shuffleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Shovelton**.  
2 English: see **Shufflebotham**.

### Shugar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Sugar**.

### Shugrue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Irish: Irish Ó Siochfhradha, see **Sugrue**.

### Shuker

Variants: **Suker**, **Sucker**, **Sugar**, **Siviter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 559
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *sifocere*, *sivekere*, *seuker* 'sieve maker' or 'one who sieves (flour)', a derivative either of Middle English \**sifoc* 'sieve' + *-ere* or of Middle English *siven* 'to pass

through a sieve' + the rare suffix *-kere*. Roger Sewker, 1409 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*, possessed a pair of wooden sieves. The sequence /seu:/ developed to /sju:/, /su:/, /ʃu:/, and /ʃju:/ in early Modern English, so *Sewker* may also appear as *Suker*, *Sh(o)uker*, and *Shewker*. With voicing of the intervocalic /k/ as /g/, as in the 1275 Worcs example and the 1308 Staffs example, the name would also sometimes develop to **Sugar**.

**Further information:** Spellings with *-n-* in *Assize Rolls*, *Hundred Rolls*, *Patent Rolls*, *Poll Tax*, and *Subsidy Rolls* have been silently altered to *-u-*, i.e. /v/.

Compare the early bearers cited under **Singer** (3) for further possible examples of *Siveger* mistranscribed as *Sineger*.

**Early bearers:** William le Siuoker, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Rog. Sivekere de Knytton, 1265 in *Leicester Borough Records* (Knighton, Leics); Ric. le Siueker de hospitalis extra Grantham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Joh. Sivekere, cottar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Stibbington, Hunts); Joh' le Siueker, 1291–2 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Notts); Joh. le Siueker, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas le Siuekere, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam le Seuker, 1323 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; William le Siueker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry le Seueker, 1328 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Robertus Seueker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Ricardus Siuecker', Ricardus Seueker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Johanne Syueker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dipford, Somerset); Adam Syueker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Foliat, Wilts); Johannes Syfoker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Willelmus Syueker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longnor with parcels, Shrops); Johanne Seueker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Shuker, 1560, Robertus Shucer, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops); John Shewker, 1575 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops); Margaret Shuker, 1586 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); John Shouker, 1699 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Johanis Shugar, 1704 in *IGI* (Llanfair Waterdine, Shrops); Jos. Sewker, 1792 in *IGI* (Woore, Shrops).

**References:** McClure, *Siveker*.

2 English: see **Shocker**, and compare the early forms of Shootersway in Northchurch, Herts: *Shokersesweye*, 1357, *Shukers waye*, 1603–25, *Shookers Way*, 1627 in *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 49.

## Shukla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *śukla* 'white, bright, pure'.

**Further information:** A shukla Brahman was supposed to take up only *shuklavritti* 'pure employment', i.e. maintenance derived from serving or begging from Brahmans only.

## Shuldham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name from Shouldham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Shuldham, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John of Shouldham, 1312 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Sholdham, 1454 in *Paston Letters*.

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 548.

## Shuler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; York
- English: anglicized spelling of German and Jewish **Schuler**.

## Shulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a Talmudic scholar or the sexton of a synagogue, from Yiddish *shul* 'synagogue' + *man*.

**Early bearers:** Barnet Schulman, 1868 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Marks Shulman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jetty Shulman, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Wolfe Schulman, 1893 in *Directory of UK Jews* (West Bridgford, Notts); Myer Shulman, gold blocker, born in Russia, Davis Schulman, costermonger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Benjamin Shulman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Harry Shulman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

2 German: occasionally an anglicized spelling of German **Schulmann**, an occupational name for a teacher, from Middle High German *schuol(e)* 'school' + *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Johann Schulman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Auguste Schulman, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey)

## Shults

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from medieval Dutch *schults* 'village headman', cognate with German **Schultz**. This is also found as a Jewish name.

## Shulver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: perhaps a variant of **Shelford**.

**Further information:** Unlikely to be from Sholver (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Sholver, 1568 in *IGI* (Bardwell, Suffolk); Anne Shulver, 1607 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Jeremy Shulver, 1613 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); An Shelver, 1718 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Shulfer, 1824 in *IGI* (Colkirk, Norfolk).

## Shum

**Variants:** **Sham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

1 English: unexplained; possibly early instances of (2).

**Early bearers:** Susanna Shum, 1748 in *IGI* (London); Richard Shum, 1768 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds).

2 German: see **Schumm**.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 沈 and 岑, see **Sam** (1) and (2).

## Shuman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kirkcudbrights
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): respelling of German and Jewish **Schumann**.

## Shurden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish: from Ó Sirideáin, see **Sheridan**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Shurety

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: possibly a re-etymologized form of **Surtees**. Compare Ridley Surtees, 1797 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London), and Richard Surtees, 1787 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Surety, 1796 in *IGI* (Hampstead, Middx).

## Shurey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

English: see **Shorey**.

## Shurley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Berks and Oxon
- English: see **Shirley**.

## Shurlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Sherlock**.

## Shurman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Sharman**.

## Shurmer

**Variants:** **Shermer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Wilts

English: locative name from an unidentified place named with Old English *scīr* 'bright' or 'shire' + *mere* 'pool, pond', *gemære* 'boundary' or *mōr* 'moor, marsh'.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Scherrermer [error for Scerremmer], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridge, Wilts); Jane Shurmer, 1576, in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Elen Shermer, 1578 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Agnes Shurmore, 1578 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Shurmor, 1592 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); Elyzabeth Shermer, 1615 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

## Shurrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon; also Lancs
- English: see **Shorrock**.

### Shury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Shorey**.

### Shuster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of **Schuster**.

### Shut

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; also Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: see **Shutt**.

### Shute

**Variants:** Shoot, Shutt, Shutes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1113, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from any of several places named with Middle English *shute*, Old English *\*scēte* ‘projecting piece of land’ (often in the corner of a parish), in particular those in Devon, which include Shute near Axminster, Shute in Kelly, Shute in Ugborough, Shute in Shobrooke, Shute Farm in Bishopsteignton, and Shewte in Bovey Tracy. Other sources of the surname may include Shute Farm in Longbridge Deverill (Wilts), and Shute Farm in Donhead Saint Mary (Wilts). See also **Shoot** and **Sheat**.

**Early bearers:** Simon atter Schute, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heene, Sussex); Augustine de Schute, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kelly, Devon); Nicholas atte Shute, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Alphington, Devon); John atte Shute, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donhead Saint Mary, Wilts); Augustin atte Schute, Robert atte Schute, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kelly, Ugborough, Devon); Johannes atte Shute, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shute hamlet, Devon); Johannes Shute, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Shoot, 1542 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Shute, 1545 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Katherine Shute, 1573 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mary Shoot, 1660 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon).

### Shuter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 371
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Worcs and Warwicks; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Shooter**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from an agent derivative of Middle Low German *schutten* ‘to protect’.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Shuter, born in London, in *Census 1851* (London); Eleazar Shuter, 1852 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (London), probably identical with Eleazar Shuter, born in London, *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Samuel Shuter, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Shutes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Notts
- English: variant of **Shoot** or **Shute** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Johna Shutes, 1570 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Henry Shutes, 1693 in *IGI* (Bishopstrow, Wilts); Mary Shutes, 1760 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Shutlar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Shutler**.

### Shutler

**Variants:** Shutlar, Shuttler, Shitler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Hants

English: occupational name probably from an unrecorded Middle English *\*scuteler*, *\*shuteler*, *\*shiteler* ‘one who makes or uses a weaver’s shuttle’, a derivative of Old English *scutel*, *scytel* ‘dart’. Compare Thom. Schetilmaker, 1361 in *Thuresson*, and Willelmus Schitelmaker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Further information:** The Middle English forms cited here could alternatively represent Middle English *scuteler* ‘dish-maker’, also ‘one in charge of a scullery, a scullion’; compare Anglo-Latin *scutellarius* ‘scullion’ and see *Thuresson*, p. 125.

However, this would not regularly have become *Shutler* or *Shittler*.

**Early bearers:** William le Scuteler, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Scutelere, 1296, Ralph and William Scoteler, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rottingdean, Sussex); Hugo le Scotiler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William Shitler, 1596 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Eliz. Shutler, 1699, Tho Shuttler, 1723 in *IGI* (West Wittering, Sussex); John Shuttler, 1729 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Susannah Shuttler, 1735, William Shitler, 1753 in *IGI* (Wareham, Dorset); William Shutler, 1747, Thomas Shitler, 1752 in *IGI* (Evershot, Dorset); Samuel Shutler, 1776 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset); Catharine Shutlar, 1843 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

### Shutt

**Variants:** Shutte, Shut, Shott, Shutts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1282, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1080
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Staffs

1 English: variant of **Shoot** or **Shute**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Adam Schut, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Johannes Shutt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nidd, WR Yorks); Johannes Schot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Johannes Schot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westow, ER Yorks); Henry Shotte, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Shut, 1559 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Maria Shutt, 1576 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thome Shotte, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Xpopher Shutt, 1583 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Richarde Shutte, 1603 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Ralph Shut, 1618 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Margrett Shutt, 1627 in *IGI* (Whorlton, Durham); John Shott, 1638 in *IGI* (Wardleworth,

Lancs); Thomae Shutt, 1703 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Dorothy Shott, 1706 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham); Henry Shut, 1745 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs).

E England: Roger Schot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Schut, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Schot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirtton in Lindsey, Lincs); Robertus Schot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); Robertus Schot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thetford, Norfolk); Caterina Schot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); Katerine Shott, 1565 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs); Frauncis Shutt, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs); Wm. Shutt, 1657 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Shott, 1676 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts); Carmaly Shutt, 1706 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk).

SE England: Alice Shott, 1547 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Wylliam Shotte, 1551 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Joan Shott, 1559 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent).

S W England and W Midlands: Matilda Schot, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coleworth, Sussex); Michael and Matilda Shut, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donnington, Sussex); Walter Shot, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Johanne Shot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Willelmo Schot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martin, Wilts); Nicholas Shot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blewbury, Berks); Johannes Shot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Hugh Shutt, 1559, Hugh Shutte, 1562 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Thomas Shutt, 1560 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Richard Shut, 1574 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Wm. Shutt, 1564 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Margaret Shotte, 1572 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Manuell Shutt, 1579 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Marjoria Shutt, 1596 in *IGI* (Edingale, Staffs); Thomas Shut, 1600 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Willia. Shut, 1604 in *IGI* (Blymhill, Staffs); Roberte Shutte, 1608 in *IGI* (Codsall, Staffs); Benjamin Shott, 1623 in *IGI* (Rowde, Wilts); Will Shott, 1649 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *schut(te)*, *schit(te)* ‘archer’ (Old English *scytta*, a derivative of *scēotan* ‘to shoot’). Compare **Shooter**. Liuricus Shitte, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk), and John Shit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk) probably illustrate the eastern dialect form of this word but examples with *Shut(te)*, a form that would belong to south-western and W Midlands dialects, are impossible to distinguish from names in (1).

### Shutte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Shutt**.

### Shutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset
- English: see **Shooter**.

### Shuttle

**Variants:** Shettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Berks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *shitel(le)*, *\*shutel* ‘rash, hasty’. (ii) alternatively perhaps a reduced form of **Shutler**, but this is conjectural.

**Early bearers:** William le Schutel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bine, Sussex); Simon Shitel, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas Schetelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johannis Shuttle, 1593 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); William Shuttle, 1649 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants); Benjamin Shuttle, 1652 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); Mary Shuttle, 1689 in *IGI* (Inkpen, Berks).

### Shuttler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset
- English: see **Shutler**.

### Shuttlewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; also Essex
- English: see **Shuttleworth**.

### Shuttleworth

**Variants:** Shuttlewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3542, Ireland 34
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name mostly from one or other of three places named Shuttleworth in Lancs, or occasionally from Shuttleworth, now Littleworth, in Rossington (WR Yorks), or Shuttlewood in Bolsover (Derbys).

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Henry de Shuttleworth whose son, Ughtred, lived at Gawthorpe Hall, near Burnley (Lancs), in the 14th century. Ughtred is still used as a given name in the family today; see Charles Ughtred Shuttleworth, 1824 in *IGI* (Broughton near Preston, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** N England: Henry de Schutlesworth, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Shutelisworth, 1338 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henry de Shotelesworth, 1344 in *Pudsey Deeds* (Bowland, WR Yorks); Elias de Shotelworth, 1438 in *Yorks Deeds* (Waddington, WR Yorks); William Shuttleworth, 1543 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Robert Shuttleworth, 1583 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Thomas Shuttleworth, 1585 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Ursula Shuttleworth, 1586 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

E Midlands and Essex: Jayne Shuttleworth, 1576 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Shuttlewood, 1605 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Henry Shuttleworth, 1628 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); James Shittleworth, John Shettleworth, Grace Shettlewood, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Martha Shuttlewood, 1663, Thos. Shuttleworth, 1694 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); William Shuttleworth, 1729 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Kath Shuttleworth, 1745 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 63, 80, 101; *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 215; *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, p. 49.

### Shutts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks

English: variant of **Shutt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Theophilus Shutts, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); William Shutts, 1749 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Richard Shutts, 1775 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Louisa Shuts, 1870 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Shynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk
- English: see **Shinn**.

### Si

**Variants:** Sze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 斯 (**Sze** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'this' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name *Si* Guan (斯观), where Xia Jie, last king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC) hid. (ii) adopted in place of the surname Shi (史) by an official named Shi Hao in order to avoid persecution during the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280). (iii) traced back to minority ethnic groups in ancient S China.
  - 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 施, 時, 史, 師, and 司. Also Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 司. See **Shi** (1–5).
  - 3 Dutch: unexplained.

### Sia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Spanish (mainly Latin America): locative name, variant of *Cia*, from either of two places so named in Navarra province.
  - 2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 佘, see **Sher** (3).
  - 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

### Sian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Indian (Panjab): based on the name of a Jat clan.
  - 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 洗 and 冼, see **Sin** (1).
  - 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 咸, see **Ham** (2).

### Siaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 蕭 (or 肖) and 邵, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

### Sibanda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1134, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Zimbabwean: an isibongo or totemic name ('praise-name') from Ndebele *isibanda* 'any small carnivorous wild animal' or perhaps the cognate in a related language such as Zulu. Bearers of the surname generally claim that it means 'lion'.

### Sibary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Siberry**.

### Sibald

**Variants:** Sibold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 896, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 782
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Scots personal name *Sybold*, *Sibald* (Old English *Sēbeald*, or more likely *Sigebeald*). The name was reinforced in the early Middle Ages by the Norman introduction of a Continental Germanic cognate, in its French form *Sibaud*.

**Further information:** Confusion with **Sibble** in modern times is theoretically possible, but that is largely S English in distribution.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sibaldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants).

surnames: Walter filius Sibaldi, 1203–14 in *Arbroath Register*; Donatus Sibbaud, 1246 in *Nisbet, Heraldry*; David Sibald, about 1250 in *North Berwick Charters*; Sir Duncan Sybald, 1286 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Thomas Sibalde, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); David Sibbald, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks); Thomas Sebalde or Sybald, 1386 in *Family of Wemyss* (Fife); Daniell Sibbald, 1590 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); David Sibbald, 1608 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perth); Thomas Sibbald, 1619 in *IGI* (Tealing, Angus); Eliza. Sibbald, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); William Sibbald, 1632 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Sibbald, 1718 in *IGI* (Manor, Peebles).

### Sibbeck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Sibbick**.

### Sibbes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sibbs**.

### Sibbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northumb; Lancs
- English: see **Sibbit**.

### Sibbick

**Variants:** Sibbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: possibly a locative name from Seabeach in Boxgrove (Sussex), but the change of final consonant is irregular.

**Early bearers:** Jane Sybbeck, 1687, Charles Sibbeck, 1697 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); Sarah Sibeck, 1704 in *IGI* (Northwood, IoW); William Sibick, 1709 in *IGI* (Mottistone, IoW); Elizabeth Sebbeck, 1784 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

**Sibbit****Variants:** Sibbitt, Sibbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Lancs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Sibot*, a pet form of Sibyl (see **Sibble**). Compare Johannes Sibotson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langsett, WR Yorks); Thomas Sibbotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sybot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); William Sibbitt, 1581, Roger Sybbett, 1594 in *York Freeman's Register*; Rogeri Sibbit, 1599 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); William Sibbit, 1612 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); James Sibbett, 1741 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sebode*, representing either Old English \**Sigeboda* or a Norman introduction of Continental Germanic *Sigibodo*. There has probably been some confusion with **Sibbald** and with (1) above.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sebode, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

surnames: William Sibode, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Sybod, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Sibbitt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Sibbit**.

**Sibble****Variants:** Sibbles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) female personal name *Sibil(le)* (Latin *Sibilla*, Greek *Sibylla*). Compare **Sibley**, an alternative form of the same name.

**Further information:** Confusion with **Sibbald** in modern times is theoretically possible, but that is of Scottish origin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sibilla de Fednes, 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Sibilla, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Sibilla, 1219 in *Court Rolls* (Northants); Sibilla Hay, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Sibil de Kerdif, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Sibile Ingham, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Walter filius Sibile, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Walter Sibilla, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Johannes filius Sibille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Sybile, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex). Willelmus Sibil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gumley, Leics); Johannes Sibile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Alicia filia Sibille, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks); John Sibble, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Ann Sibble, 1682 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); John Sibble, 1695 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Sarah Sibble, 1718 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Henry Sibble, 1724 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx).

**Sibbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus

English, Scottish: variant of **Sibble** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sybyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk).

**Sibbons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

English: variant of **Seabourne** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Sibborn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: see **Seabourne**.

**Sibbs****Variants:** Sibbes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Durham

English: relationship name usually from the Middle English female personal name *Sibbe*, a pet form of *Sibil* or *Sibily* (see **Sibble**, **Sibley**), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. There is a slight possibility that a Middle English male name *Sibbe*, from Old English *Sibba* or Old Scandinavian *Sibbi*, survived long enough to have given rise to a surname but there is no certain evidence of this. Compare **Sibson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sibbe Hamond, 1306 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley, WR Yorks). surnames: John filius Sibbe, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Sibbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Sibbe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Sybbys, Henricus Sibbes, Johannes Sibbis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Sarra Sybbys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Andreas Sybbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); William Sybbes, 1563 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Robert Sybbes, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Sybbes, 1570 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); Thomae Sybbes, 1579 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Sibbes, 1688 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Robert Sibbes, 1693 in *IGI* (Barningham Norwood, Norfolk); Emmeline Sibbis, 1791 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**Sibcy****Variants:** Sibsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Sibsey (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Sibeteia, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Ralph de Sibicy, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henricus de Sibsey, Robertus de Sybsey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Johanne Sibsay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); John Sybsey, 1393 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Joseph Sibcy, 1756 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs); Edward Sibcy, 1759 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 109.

**Siberry****Variants:** Sibery, Sibary, Sibree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Cheshire, Lancs; also Sussex

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Sibry* (Old English *Sigeburh*).

**Early bearers:** William Sibry, about 1227 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks); Stephen Fibry [sic for Sibry], 1259 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Drax, WR Yorks); Alan Sibri, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen son of Stephen Sybry, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Drax, WR Yorks); Thomas Sybry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gowdall, WR Yorks); Richard Sybrey, 1560 in *York Registry Wills* (Heck, WR Yorks); Awsten Sibrey, 1568 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Roberti Sybry, 1610 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); William Sibery, 1614 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Anna Sibery, 1634 in *IGI* (Maltby near Rotherham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Sibery, 1648 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Samuelis Sibery, 1691 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); William Siberry, 1715 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Mary Syberry, 1725 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Sarah Sibery, 1736, John Sibary, 1736 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Jonathan Sibery, 1732 in *IGI* (Stretford, Lancs); Elizabeth Siberry, 1867 in *IGI* (Ringway, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: sometimes probably a variant of **Seabury**. **Early bearers:** Anne Siberry, 1681 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Hanna Sibery, 1790 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); John William Ebenezer Siberry, 1888 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**Sibert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

1 English: see **Seabright**.

2 English: see **Seabury**.

**Sibery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, Surrey

1 English: see **Seabury** and compare **Sibree**.

2 English: see **Siberry**.

**Sibley****Variants:** Sibly, Shibley, Sebley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3608, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2303
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London and Essex; Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Sibily*, Old French *Sibilie*, a vernacular form of Latin *Sibilia*. It is a side-form of **Sibble** and may have been interchangeable with it in medieval usage.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Sibilie, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William Sibeli, Sibli, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard Sebely, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Sebely, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cheveley, Cambs); Johanne Sibely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Johannes Sybely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); Ricardo Sybily, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Wroughton, Wilts); Johannes Sibely, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickney, Essex); Johannes Sebely, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toppesfield, Essex); Johannes Sebyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ovington, Essex); Willelmus Syblye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilbury iuxta Clare, Essex); Thomas Sybile, Thomas Sybile, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little

Yeldham, Essex); Elizabeth Sibley, 1559, Elizabeth Sibly, 1665 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); Thomas Sibley, 1569, Elizabeth Sibly, 1595 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Frances Sibley, 1570 in *IGI* (Studham, Beds); Nicholas Sibley, 1571 in *IGI* (West Peckham, Kent); Cyprian Sibley, 1580 in *IGI* (Hillingdon, Middx); Woolmadine Sibley, 1580 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); Robert Sibley, 1599 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); John Sibly, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); William Sibley, 1722 in *IGI* (Kittisford, Somerset).

### Sibly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Cornwall
- English: see **Sibley**.

### Sibold

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sibbald**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sibree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; ER Yorks; Gloucs

1 English: variant of **Seabury**.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Sibree, 1755 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Sibree, 1773 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Harriett Edith Sibree, 1825 in *IGI* (Wethersfield, Essex).

2 English: see **Siberry**.

### Sibsey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts
- English: see **Sibey**.

### Sibson

**Variants:** Sipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also WR Yorks; Cumb

1 English: locative name from Sibson (Leics), also known as *Sibstone*, recorded as *Sibetesdone*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, and in Middle English as *Sibesdon* and *Sibeston*. There is another Sibson (*Sibestune*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, Hunts), but the distribution of the post-medieval surname points to the Leics place-name. The shift from *-esdon* and *-eston* to *-son* in the place-names is first recorded in the 16th century. Influence from (and confusion with) Middle English *Sibbeson* 'Sibyl's son' seems likely, and some examples of the post-medieval Leics surname may alternatively derive from the relationship name. See (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Joh. de Sibesdon, 1311, Joh. de Sibbesdon, 1318 in *Leicester Borough Records*; Johannes Sibbesdon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birstall, Leics); Agn' Sibbisdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dadlington, Leics); Marget Sibson, 1565, Thomas Sibson, 1676, Charles Sibson, 1837 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics); Mary Sibson, 1685; Joseph Sybson, 1700 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).  
**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 93; *Watts Dictionary*, pp. 549–50.

2 English: relationship name from Middle English *Sibb*, a pet form of the female personal name *Sibyl*, + *-son*. Compare **Sibble**, **Sibley**, and **Sibbs**.

**Early bearers:** William Sibbison, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John son of Sibbe, 1297, perhaps identical with John Sibson, 1314, John Sibbeson, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Sibbeson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Willelmus Sibbesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); Johannes Sibson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks); Ricardus Sybson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Willelmus Sibson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Ricardo Sibbesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); Bartholomeus Sibson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Nicholas Sybson, 1573 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Tho. Sibson, 1583 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb).

3 English: locative name from Sipson (Middx), recorded as *Sibston* in 1391 and *Sypson* in 1638.

The examples below may alternatively belong with (1) or (2).

**Early bearers:** William Sibson, 1628 in *IGI* (London); John Sibson, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx* p. 39.

### Sibthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Herts, Beds, Essex

English: see **Sibthorpe**.

### Sibthorpe

**Variants:** Sibthorp, Siphthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Essex, Herts, Beds

English: locative name from Sibthorpe (Notts).

**Early bearers:** William de Sibetorp', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Petri de Sibthorp', 13th cent. in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Sibthorpe, Notts); Symon de Sibbethorp, 1301 in *Blyth Cartulary* (Notts); Thomas de Sybthorpe, 1340, Robert de Sybthorp, 1367 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Sibthorp, 1369, Simon de Sibthorp of Newerk, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas Sythorp of Storteford, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 216.

### Sibun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: see **Seabourne**.

### Sicely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Sisley**.

### Sich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Sitch**.

### Sicker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; ER Yorks; London

English: nickname from Middle English *siker* (Old English *sicor*) 'trustworthy'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Sykyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Everdon, Northants); Thomas Sicker, 1590 in *IGI* (Brant Broughton, Lincs); William Sicker, 1747 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk).

### Sicklemore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Sycamore**.

### Sickling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also WR Yorks
- English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unattested Middle and Old English personal name \**Siceling* In some medieval cases it is possible that the name is from the town of Seclin in Flanders (*Syklyng*, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Sicling, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Siklyng, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Alan Sikelyng, 1361, John Siklyng of Lincoln, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Margareta Siklyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johanne Syklyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); John Siklyng', 1387 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Sickling, 1581 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Christophorus Sickling, 1587 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Richard Sickling, 1682 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Thomas Sickling, 1718 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Sickling, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).  
 Scotland: Thomas Sicling, about 1253 in *Black* (Midlothian).

### Sidat

**Variants:** Seedat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: unexplained; often Pakistani.

### Sidaway

**Variants:** Siddaway, Siddoway, Sidway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 845, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs

English: locative name from either Sidaway (pronounced /sɪdəweɪ/) or Sidway in Staffs.

**Early bearers:** William Sydeway alias Sedeway alias Sydeweve of Kele, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Katherine Sidway, 1569 in *IGI* (Madeley); Anne Sydway, 1642 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names* pp. 494–5.

### Siddal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Siddall**.

### Siddall

**Variants:** Siddal, Syddall, Siddell, Sidell, Siddle, Sidle, Seedall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2573, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also NR Yorks

1 English: locative name presumably from either Siddal in Middleton (Lancs), first recorded as *Sydall* in 1548, or from Siddal in Southowram (WR Yorks), recorded as *Sydale* in 1483. The only doubt, as Redmonds points out, is that the surname is recorded earlier than either of the places; in fact the 1379 Blackburn example, if it refers to Siddal in Middleton, points to a different place-name etymology than the one supposed by Ekwall.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Sedehill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackburn, Lancs); Ricardus de Sedale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bashall Eaves, WR Yorks); Alexander Siddall, 1573 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Rychard Syddall, 1575, Thomas Syddalle, 1577 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Elisabeth Syddell, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Martin cum Gregory, York); Henrye Syddal, 1596 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Anthony Siddle, 1601 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks); Edmund Siddell, 1619 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Margareta Sidell, 1628 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Edward Siddel, 1667 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); William Siddall, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Lancs Place-Names*, p. 54; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 93.

2 English: see **Siddell**.

### Siddalls

**Variants:** Seedhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: locative name from The Siddalls in Sutton in Ashfield (Notts), recorded as *Sydehalgh* in 1316, *Syddalles* in 1530, or from Sidneys Farm in Stretton (Derbys), recorded as *Sydenhale* in the 13th century, or possibly from The Sidnalls in Tardebigge (Worcs), recorded as *Sidenhale* in about 1245. The final -s was added to the place-names or the surnames in post-medieval times. *Seedhouse* is probably an altered form of *Sidalls* by folk etymology. Compare the Yorks and Lancs name **Siddall**.

**Early bearers:** Rog' de Sidenhale, late 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Henry Syddall, 1563 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); George Siddale, 1654 in *IGI* (Church Broughton, Derbys); Adam Syddale, 1708 in *IGI* (Bakewell, Derbys); Elizebeth Seedhouse, 1709 in *IGI* (Bingham, Notts); Nathaniel Seedhouse, 1729 in *IGI* (South Wingfield, Derbys); John Siddall, 1776 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); John Siddels, 1777 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Grace Syddle, 1790 in *IGI* (Eyam, Derbys); Elizabeth Seedhouse, 1790 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Joseph Siddalls, 1815 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Seedhorse, 1863 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 135; *Place-Names of Derbys* p. 308; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 363.

### Siddaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Sidaway**.

### Siddell

**Variants:** Siddle, Sidell, Sidle, Siddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; also Cheshire and WR Yorks

1 English: perhaps from Siddle in East Harlsey (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Syftehyll* in the 13th century. Its spellings consistently end in *-thill* or *-thell* into the 16th century and there is currently no medieval evidence that it gave rise to a surname. However, the location of the following early bearers fits better with this origin than with that in (2).

**Early bearers:** Anne Sidell, 1645, George Siddell, 1664, Ralf Siddall, 1673 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Mary Siddle, 1679 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Mary Sidle, 1694 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Isable Siddle, 1757 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); George Siddell, 1781 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 216.

2 English: see **Siddall**.

### Sidden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Siddon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Siddens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs

English: see **Siddons**.

### Sidder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Sider**.

### Sidders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Syder** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ann Sydders, 1692 in *IGI* (Stodmarsh, Kent); William Sidders, 1729 in *IGI* (Frodingham, Lincs); William Siders, 1763 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent).

### Siddiq

**Variants:** Siddique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *siddiq*, meaning 'most truthful, righteous'.

**Further information:** *Siddiq* was an epithet of the first 'rightly guided' caliph, Abu Bakr, who ruled 632–634.

### Siddiqi

**Variants:** Siddiqui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from Arabic *siddiqi* meaning 'descended from or associated with *Siddiq*'; see **Siddiq**.

### Siddique

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1943, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Siddiq**.

### Siddiqui

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1849, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Siddiqi**.

### Siddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; also Lancs

1 English: see **Siddell**.

2 English: see **Siddall**.

### Siddon

**Variants:** Siddorn, Sidden, Siddons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Derbys; Lincs

English: unexplained, but apparently from an unidentified place-name meaning 'broad hill' (Old English *sīd + dūn*); or perhaps to be associated with **Seddon**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Siddin, 1557 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Agn. Siddonne, 1571 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Henry Siddowne, 1577, John Sytdowne, 1584 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Helen Sidden, 1586 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); Anthony Sydon, 1586 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Elyn Siddon, 1590 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Anthonius Sidowne, 1592 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Katherine Syddon, 1596 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Henry Syddowne or Siddowne, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Wednesbury, Staffs); Mary Siddorn, 1691 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent).

### Siddons

**Variants:** Siddens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 957, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Staffs; Leics

English: variant of **Siddon** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thom. Siddons, 1636 in *IGI* (Plumtree, Notts); Judith Siddons, 1636 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Thomas Siddens, 1663 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Siddorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Siddon**.

### Siddoway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Sidaway**.

### Side

**Variants:** Sides, Sydes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks and Northants; Cumb

English: locative name from Middle English *side* 'slope, hillside'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by or on a hillside, or

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toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Syde (Gloucs) or Side in Saint Bridget Beckermet (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Side, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry Beside, 1290 in *Essex Record Office*; Michael Aside, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam del Syde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johe atte Seyde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Seyd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Richard Side, 1598 in *IGI* (Thurlaston, Leics); Thomas Side, 1601 in *IGI* (Thurlaston, Leics); John Side, 1638 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent); Anthony Side, 1662 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Side, 1664 in *IGI* (Caldbeck, Cumb).

### Sidebotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 610
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Sidebottom**.

### Sidebothan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Sidebottom**.

### Sidebothom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Sidebottom**.

### Sidebottom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Lancs
- English: see **Sidebottom**.

### Sidebottom

**Variants:** Sidebotham, Sidebothom, Sidebothan, Sidebottomam, Sidebottom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1323, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1705
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; also Derbys

English: locative name from Sidebottom near Stalybridge (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Sidbothume, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Chesh); John Sydebothome, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 318; 3, p. 299.

### Sidebottom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Sidebottom**.

### Sidell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks; Northumb

English: see **Siddell** and **Siddall**, although the Norfolk name illustrated here might have a different but unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Siddell, 1691, John Sidle, 1697 in *IGI* (West Acre, Norfolk); Matthew Siddle, 1696 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Sider

**Variants:** Sidder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Syder**.

### Sides

**Variants:** Sydes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also WR Yorks and Lancs; Durham

English: variant of **Side** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Sides, 1567 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Johana Sydes, 1580 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks).

### Sidey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus; London; also Lancs and Northumb

1 Scottish: see **Suttie**.

2 English: locative name from an unidentified place, possibly in Suffolk, named with Old English *sid* 'wide' + (*ge*)*hæg* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Sydhaghe, Alan de Sidhey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alanus de Syday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); William Sydey, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Sidey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Annes Siday, 1540 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Edward Syday, 1566 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Antony Sidey, 1566 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Sara Sidey, 1567 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Annis Sydey, 1584 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Sydie, 1589 in *IGI* (Westerfield, Suffolk).

### Sidgewick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Sedgwick**.

### Sidgwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, WR Yorks

English: see **Sedgwick**.

### Sidhu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3928, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, from the name of a major Jat tribe, from Sanskrit *siddha* 'accomplished'.

**Further information:** The Sidhu trace their origin to Jaisal, a Bhatti Rajput who was founder of Jaisalmer. Among his descendants was Khiwa, who married a Jat woman and had by her Sidhu, the ancestor of the Sidhu tribe.

### Sidle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Siddell**, **Siddall**, and **Sidell**.

### Sidley

**Variants:** Sedley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Sidley Green in Bexhill (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Sedeleghe, 1296, John de Sydelegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Sedle, 1447 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Sedley, 1501 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edmond Sydley, 1565 in *IGI* (Morley Saint Peter, Norfolk); Abigail Sedley, 1579 in *IGI* (Morley Saint Botolph, Norfolk); George Sedley, 1566, Anne Sydley, 1569 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 494.

2 English: possibly a variant of the Lancs name **Sidlow**.

### Sidlow

**Variants:** Sidley, Sigley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name perhaps from the unrecorded Old English female personal name \**Sidelufu*, believed to be present in the place-name Sidlow Bridge in Horley (Surrey). Compare Thomas Siduluesmer', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sideloue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Jonne Sidlowe, 1543 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Sidlowe, 1626, Edward Sidlow, 1649 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); George Sydlaw, 1641 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Elizabeth Sidley, 1715 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 295.

### Sidman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Sedman**.

**Further information:** this name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sidnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name from various places named from Old English *sidan heale* 'broad corner of land', including Sidenhales Farm in Tanworth (Warwicks), Sidnal in Chirbury (Shrops), Sidnall in Middleton Priors (Shrops), The Sydnall in Sutton upon Tern (Shrops), Sydney in Coppenhall (Cheshire), recorded as *Sidenhale* in 1260, and possibly also The Sidnalls in Tardebigge (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Sidenhal', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Sydenhale, 1339–40 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Thomas Sydynhale, Henricus Sydunhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Ricardus Sydunhal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Walterus de Sydenhale, Hugo de Sidenhal', Thomas Sydenhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Robert Sydnall, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).



**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks* p. 294; *Place-Names of Shrops* 3, p. 134; 5, p. 235; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 24; *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 363.

### Sidney

**Variants:** Sydney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: (i) locative name from Sidney Farm in Alfold (Surrey). (ii) locative name; the name is sometimes said to be from Saint Denis (Normandy), but proof is lacking. The only evidence noted is: Roger de Sancto Dionisio, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); John Seyndenys, 14th century in *Archaeologia Cantiana*, 29. This is not conclusive. **Further information:** A family of this name, who hold the title Viscount de l'Isle, trace their descent from John de Sydenie, who held lands about 1280 at Alford, Surrey, where Sidney Farm and Sidney Wood are situated. His descendants include Sir William Sidney (?1482–1554), a commander at Flodden, who was granted Penshurst Place, Kent, by Edward VI. The poet Sir Philip Sidney (1554–86) was a descendant, born at Penshurst. The Australian city of Sydney was named in 1788 after the politician Thomas Townshend, First Viscount Sydney (1733–1800).

**Early bearers:** John ate Sydenye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Katerina atte Sydeneye, Nicholaus atte Sydenye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); William Sydny, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 224.

### Sidoli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Guilio Sidoli, born in Caybello, Italy, in *Census 1871* (Holborn, London); Peteri Sidoli, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Sidway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Sidaway**.

### Sidwell

**Variants:** Sitwell, Sedwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1142, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 819
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: (i) from the Middle English phrase *sitten wel* 'to be proper, fitting' (cf. *wel sittinge* 'well chosen, befitting'). (ii) from the name of the Anglo-Saxon female saint Sidefulle (*Sattivola* in Latin), associated with Exeter, which became *Sidwell* by 1434 (*Place-Names of Devon*, p. 437). There was a minor name *Sidefollwelle* in the time of Richard II which testifies to her cult in Wilts, but *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 450, does not state which parish this well was in.

**Further information:** The two names *Sitwell* and *Sidwell* seem to have distinct origins, northern and southern respectively, but may have become confounded in their overlapping distribution centred on Warwicks.

**Early bearers:** Simon Sitwell, 1301 in *Hey, Family Names* (Ridgeway [in Eckington], Derbys); Thomas Sitwele, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henricus Sytwell', Amicia Sytwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); William Sidwell, 1561 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Johanna Sidwell, 1570 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); William Sydwell, 1581 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Charles Sedwell, 1596 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Agnes Sidwell, 1597 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks); An Sedwell, 1599 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Elizabeth Sitwell, 1601 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Siebert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: from the male given name *Sigbert*.

Compare **Seabright** (2).

**Early bearers:** Carl Heinrich Siebert, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Conrad Siebert (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Lincs).

### Siegel

**Variants:** Segal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Middle High German *sigel* 'seal', denoting a maker of seals or signet rings or an official in charge of a seal. The Jewish name may also be ornamental. Some examples may belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** German: William Siegel, 1779 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Henry Siegel, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Christian Siegel, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Otto Siegel, tailor, born in Berlin, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Max Siegel, waiter, born in Saxony, in *Census 1901* (Paddington, Middx); Robert Siegel, motor cab driver, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

Jewish: Morris Siegel, jeweller, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Harris Siegel, boot finisher, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); David Siegel, boot finisher, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Nathan Siegel, trouser machinist, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

2 German: relationship name from a pet form of any of various personal names such as *Siebert* formed with Middle High German *sigi* 'victory' as the first element.

3 Jewish: variant of **Segal**.

### Sier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Worcs and Gloucs

English: see **Sire**.

### Siers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Middx

English: see **Syers**.

### Sievwright

**Variants:** Sievwright, Sivewright, Seivewright, Seiwright, Severwright, Seawright, Searight, Seright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks

Scottish, English: occupational name from Middle English *sive* 'sieve' + *wright*, *wricht* 'wright', for someone who made sieves.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon le siuewright', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John le Syfewryct', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Sievwright, 1796 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Seivwright, 1806 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Archibald Sievwright, 1810 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent).

Scotland: William Suffwright, 1512 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Andrew Sifwright, 1567 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; John Seivwright, 1702, William Sievwright, 1705 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Sievwright, 1704 in *IGI* (Kildrummy, Aberdeens); Elizabeth Sievwright, 1709 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobel Sievwright, 1710 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian); Jean Sievwright, 1721 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

### Sievwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Aberdeens; Lanarks

Scottish: see **Sievwright**.

### Siew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 萧 (or 肖) and 邵, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

### Siffleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Sifleet**.

### Sifford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Siford**.

### Sifleet

**Variants:** Siffleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name \**Sifled* (Old English *Sigeflæd*).

**Early bearers:** John Sifled, Syfled, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* (Warwicks); John Syflet, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; John Sifled of Coventre, merchant, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Syfled, 1403 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Syflete, 1490–1508, William Syfflett, about 1566 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 49 (Kent); Nicholas Siflat, 1634 in *PROB 11* (Ifield, Sussex).

**Siford****Variants:** Sifford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: possibly a relationship name from the Middle English male given name \**Siferth* (Old English *Sigeferth*).

**Further information:** Unlikely to be from Shifford (Oxon) for phonological reasons (*Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 327).

**Early bearers:** Jacobus Sifford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Mary Syforde, 1559 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Thomas Syfford, 1560 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); William Sifford, 1604 in *IGI* (Pucklechurch, Gloucs); John Syfford, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Yate, Gloucs); Elizabeth Siford, 1624 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Jhon Sifforde, 1625 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs).

**Siger**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Sigger**.

**Sigg****Variants:** Siggs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from *Sigga*, a short form of the Middle English female personal name *Sigrith* (Old Scandinavian *Sigrithr*, Old Danish *Sigrith*). Compare **Syrett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Sigga*, 1162 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); *Sigge de Anemere*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Aunketillus Sigge, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); John Sygge, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon).

**Sigger****Variants:** Siger, Seago, Sedger, Siggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Sigar*, *Siger*, and *Sigher*, from either Old English *Sigegār*, Continental Germanic *Sigger*, or Old Norse *Sigarr*, Old Danish and Swedish *Sighar*. In medieval Norfolk the source of the name was probably mostly Scandinavian. Middle English *Sege*, *Segor* may have been variants, leading to confusion with **Seager**, from Old English \**Sægār*. Compare **Sedger** and **Seggar**, as well as **Seago**.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Sigar*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); *Sigarus* in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); *Sigar*, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); *Sigherus*, 1180–1207 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); *Sigerus*, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); *Sygor Wythier*, 1250 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: *Edricus Sigarus*, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); *Eluiua Sigar*, 1221 in (Norfolk); *Martinus filius Siger*, 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); *William Siger*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); *Laurence Sigor*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Beatr' Sygher*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); *Johannes Sygar*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cambs); *Willelmus Sigor*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); *Johanne Sygere*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); *Johannes Sigar'*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); *Stephanus Sigger*, *Thomas Siger*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk);

*Henricus Sygar'*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Surrey); *Johannes Syger*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); *Sarah Sigger*, 1646 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); *George Sigger*, 1782 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); *Sophia Sigger*, 1880 in *IGI* (Walworth, Surrey).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, II, 144.

2 English: it is likely that the Middle English personal name *Sagar*, *Segar* (Old English \**Sægar*) has also contributed to this surname; see **Seager**.

**Siggers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: variant of **Sigger** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Siggery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Surrey

English: locative name from *Seagry* (Wilts), recorded as *Seggereye* in 1225 and *Segre* in 1242.

**Early bearers:** *Simon de Segre*, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); *Simon de Seggre*, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); *Simon de Segre*, 'chivaler', 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); *John Segary*, 1581 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); *Anne Segree*, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); *Francis Seagrey*, 1595 in *IGI* (Rotherwick, Hants); *Elsabeth Segrey*, 1606 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants); *Jane Siggerey*, 1625 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); *William Segry*, 1695 in *IGI* (Draycot Cerne, Wilts); *Ric Siggary*, 1712 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); *Ann Sigery*, 1716 in *IGI* (Epsom, Surrey); *George Siggery*, 1729 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts* pp. 72–3.

**Siggins****Variants:** Seggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Norfolk; Herts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Sligo

Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Segwin* (Old French *Seguin*, Continental Germanic *Sigwin*) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This surname was established in Ireland in the Middle Ages, and has been gaelicized as **Sigin**. The 1410 early bearer Robert Sygyn was stated to have been born 'in a town called Kymhallok in Ireland' (Kilmallock, Limerick) and brought to England at the age of 14, where he settled at Hooton Levitt in Maltby (WR Yorks) for more than 40 years (*Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Segwinus*, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); *Segwin'* forestarius, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); *Segwinus*, citizen of Cologne, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); *Segwin Barbe*, citizen of Bordeaux, 1257 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex). surnames: *William Seguin*, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); *Richard Segin*, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); *Alan Segin*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); *William Sigwyn*, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); *Alicia Sigyn*, *Margareta Sygon'*, *Thomas Segyn*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); *Johanne Segyn*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackland, Wilts); *Johanna Sygyn'*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Enborne, Berks); *Thomas Syggyn*, 1394 in *Patent*

*Rolls*; *Robert Sygyn*, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); *Thomas Sygon'*, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); *Kather. Siggins*, 1547 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); *John Seggins*, 1626 in *IGI* (Bengeo, Herts); *Anne Seggins*, 1726 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); *John Siggins*, 1831 in *IGI* (Great Witchingham, Norfolk); *Mary Ann Seggins*, 1851 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

**Siggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Middx and Essex

English: variant of **Sigg** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** *John Sygges*, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Sigh**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name see **Sye**.

**Sigley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: possibly a late variant of **Sidlow**.

**Early bearers:** *Joyce Sigley*, 1627 in *IGI* (Dowles, Shrops); *Jonathan Sigley*, 1679 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); *John Segley*, 1714 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); *John Segley*, 1743 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs).

**Sign**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Sine**.

**Sigston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Kirby Sigston (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** *Robert de Siggeston*, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brompton, NR Yorks); *John de Sigeston*, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); *John de Siggeston*, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); *Katerina de Siggeston'*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); *Katherine Sigston*, 1576 in *IGI* (Topcliffe, NR Yorks); *Johanna Sigston*, 1578 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); *Samuel Sigston*, 1683 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 212.

**Sigsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: locative name from Sigsworth Grange in Fountains Earth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Sixford* in 1184.

**Early bearers:** *Thomas de Sixforth'*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); *Jennett Sigsworth*, 1564 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); *Agnes Sigsworth*, 1566 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); *Ellen Sygesworthe*, 1567 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); *Anna Siggsworth*,

1574 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Anthony Sigsworth, 1587, George Sigsworth, 1645 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Anna Sigsworth, 1590 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Joane Segsworth, 1609 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 203.

### Sihota

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Sihra

Variants: **Sira**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found in the Jat community.

### Sikes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also WR Yorks

English: see **Sykes**.

### Sikora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname from Polish *sikora* 'titmouse, coalmouse', used to denote a small, dark person.

### Silabon

Variants: **Silburn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *seli* 'happy, blessed' (Old English *sælig*) + *barn* 'child' (Old English *bearn*). Compare **Sellman**, **Sillifant**.

Early bearers: Adelina Salibern, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Selybarn', 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Seliberne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Nicholao Selibarn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Selbarn, 1407, John Sillibarn, 1528, James Silburne, 1689, in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Silber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *silber*, German *Silber* 'silver', possibly denoting a silversmith, or someone with silver hair. Among Jews, however, it may have been acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

Early bearers: German: Ludwig Silber, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Albert Martin Silber, born in Schleswig Holstein, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Martin Silber, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rudolf Silber, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Ludwig Robert Silber, born in Germany, Siegfried Robert Silber, in *Census 1911* (Tendring, Essex).

Jewish: Moses Silber, jeweller, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Solomon Silber, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Silber, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Malka Silber, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx)

### Silberman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Silverman**.

### Silberstein

Variants: **Silverstein**, **Silverstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name, German, either toponymic from Silberstein in Bavaria, or topographic, from Middle High German *silber* 'silver' + *stein* 'stone'. (ii) occupational name, locative name, Jewish, either an ornamental compound of German *Silber* 'silver' + *Stein* 'stone', or else a locative name as above.

Early bearers: Jewish: Jacob Silverstone, 1822 in *New and Hambro Synagogue Records* (Brighton, Sussex); Barnett Silverstone, hawker, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Newport, Monmouths); Israel Silverstone, clothes seller, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Isaac Silverstone, clothier, pawnbroker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1841* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Michael Silberstein, language teacher, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Bishopsgate, London); Israel Silverstone, clothier, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Barnett Silverstein, riveter, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Wolf Silberstein, hawker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Sunderland, Durham); Abraham Silverstone, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Ramsgate, Kent); Isaac Silberstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jacob Silverstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Silverstone, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Hyman Silverstone, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Barnett Silberstein, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Marcus Silberstein, grocer, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Frederick Silverstone, labourer in sugar refinery, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Essex); Willie Silberstein, electrical engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Hymen Silverstein, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Philip Silberstone, boot repairer, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Myer Silberstein, born in Warsaw, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East); Gershon Silverstein, feather dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx); Leopold Silberstein, watchmaker, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Aldgate, London); Julius Silverstein, picture frame maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

### Silburn

Variants: **Sillibourne**, **Selborne**, **Selbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; ER Yorks

1 English: locative name from Selborne (Hants) or another place similarly named, such as Silesbourne Farm in Wootton Wawen (Warwicks), recorded as *Sillebourne* in 1457 and *Seliborne*, *Selborne* about 1500. Compare **Shelbourne**.

Early bearers: Robert de Seleburn, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Selebourne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Selbourne, 1362–64 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls*; Thoma Seleborne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Willelmus Seleborne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); James Silburn, 1684 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Phillip Silburn, 1689 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Eliz Silburn, 1691 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); James Silburn, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); William Silburn, 1757 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

References: *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 145; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 246.

2 English: see **Silabon**.

### Silby

Variants: **Silsby**, **Selsby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Northants

English: locative name from Sibley (Leics), recorded as *Silesbi* in 1205, *Silebi* in 1207, and *Silby* in 1328.

Early bearers: William de Sibley, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Sibley, 1311–12 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Roger de Syleby, 1332–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas de Silleby of Sutton upon Derwent, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John Silby of Warrewyk, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Syleby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne Sylby, Johanne Silby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Simon de Sylleby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Zachari Silby, 1577 in *IGI* (Thistleton, Rutland); Francis Silby, 1610 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds); Elizabeth Silby, 1611 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Margery Silby, 1616 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Silby, 1623 in *IGI* (Exhall and Wixford, Warwicks).

References: *Place-Names of Leics* 3, p. 215.

### Silcock

Variants: **Shilcock**, **Shillcock**, **Silcox**, **Silcott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1791, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and Derbys

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Silcoc*, a diminutive of *Sil* (see **Sill**), a pet form of **Silvester** or the much rarer *Silvein* (see **Selwyn**).

Early bearers: given names: Silcockus de Altricheham, 1283 in *Close Rolls* (Cheshire); Silkoc of Middlewich, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Cheshire). surnames: William Selecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Silkoc of Wortlay, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus Silkoc, Adam Silkok', Johannes Silkoc', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Henrico Silkoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Walterus Selicok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Johannes Silkoc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Sibilla Sellecok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); Margareta Silcock, 1539 in *IGI* (West Hallam, Derbys); Margerye Silcock, 1579 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Gregory Silcock, 1582 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); William Silcock, 1600 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs); Robert Silcock, 1604 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Silcocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125

## Silcott

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset
- English: see **Silcox**.

## Silcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) locative name, possibly in some cases an irregular development of the place-name *Chilcote* (Leics), though the records point to a lost Middle English place-name from *seli* + *cot(e)* 'blessed cottage(s)'. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Silcock**. In the 1379 Poll Tax occur Willelmo Silkot and Henrico Silkoc, both in Sablesbury (Lancs).

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Antigua and Barbuda, and in Montserrat.

**Early bearers:** Hugoni de Sylicot, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics and Rutland); Hugh de Silicot, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); Thomas Silcote, 1603, Mary Silcott, 1692 in *IGI* (London); Anne Silcott, 1606 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs); James Silcote, 1634 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 24; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 133.

## Silcox

**Variants:** **Silcocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; Middx

English: variant of **Silcock** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ales Silcox, 1618 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Worcs); Ann Silcocks, 1746 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts).

## Silence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Sellings**.

## Silk

**Variants:** **Silke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1954, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1471
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; W Midlands; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *silk*, *selk* 'silk' (Old English *seolc*), for someone who made or sold silk. Compare Alice la Selkwimman, 1334 in *Colchester Court Rolls*. (ii) relationship name from a shortened form of the Middle English personal name *Silkin*, a diminutive of *Sil* (see **Sill**).

**Early bearers:** Ædwardus Selk, John Selke, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Silke, 1350 in *London Letter Books F*; John Silke, 1353 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Wilts); Edwardus Selk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Ricardo Selk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Adam Selke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Willelmo Selke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); George Silk, 1619 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Silk, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Elizabeth Silk, 1644 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); William Silk, 1644 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Richard Silk, 1653 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó *Sioda*, but never adopted for Mac *Sioda*, see **Sheedy**.

## Silke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- English: see **Silk**.

## Silkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, probably a reduced form of German *Silkiner*, denoting someone from the village of *Silgyany* (now in Lithuania); see *Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*.

**Further information:** Derivation from the Middle English personal name *Silkin*, a pet form of *Sil* (see **Sill**), is unlikely as there is no evidence of any Middle English surname based on this personal name, such as Johannes Selkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent), surviving into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Silkin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Lewis Silkin, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Silkstone

**Variants:** **Silson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: locative name from Silkstone (WR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that the name was sometimes confused with **Sigston** and **Silson**, noting in the parish registers of Rothwell (WR Yorks) that Benjamin Silkston was clearly the same man as Benjamin Sigston, Silson, or Sillstone. **Early bearers:** Andrew de Silkiston', 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Silkeston, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John de Silkeston, 1374 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Rogerus de Silkeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robertus de Silkeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Silkeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Silkeston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willmi Silkstone, 1569 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Marie Silkeston, 1639 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Mary Silkstone, 1707, Elizabeth Silstone, 1709 in *IGI* (Clarborough, Notts); Richard Silkstone, 1734 in *IGI* (Coates by Stow, Lincs); Mary Silkstone, 1802 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 310.

## Sill

**Variants:** **Sills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from one or more places named with Old English *syle*, *sylu* 'bog, mire'. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John del Sille of Birkebek, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Roberto del Syle, Margareta del Sile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm); Johanne de Syll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Nicholas Sill, 1552 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Thomas Sill, 1559 in *IGI*

(Kendal, Westm); Richard Sill, 1585 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Wm. Sill, 1589 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Richardus Sill, 1590 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sil*, a pet form of **Silvester**, *Silvein* (see **Selwyn**), or perhaps *Cecily* (see **Sisley**). Compare **Silcock**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sylle, Willelmus Sille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Robert Sille, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs).

## Sillance

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Sellings**.

## Sillars

**Variants:** **Sillers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bute, Ayr, and Lanarks
- Scottish: nickname from an anglicized form of Gaelic **Mac an Airgid** 'son of the Silver', possibly originally a nickname for a silversmith.
- Early bearers:** Agnes Sillars, 1724, Janet Sillers, 1768 in *IGI* (Craigie, Ayr); John Sillars, 1728 in *IGI* (Kilbride, Bute).

## Sillence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Sellings**.

## Sillers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Bute
- Scottish: see **Sillars**.

## Sillery

**Variants:** **Sellery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Bucks; Devon and Somerset

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin

French, English: possibly a locative name from Sillery (Marne, Champagne province, France); in some cases apparently from, or influenced by, Middle English *salari(e)* (Anglo-Norman French *salarie*) 'compensation, wage; stipend of a chantry priest'.

**Early bearers:** England: Johanne Seleri, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts); Joy Selary, 1571 in *IGI* (Aylestone, Leics); Cutbeard Sellery, 1601 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Mary Sellery, 1637, Sarah Selary, 1639 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Cisely Sillery, 1674 in *IGI* (Brushford, Somerset); Henry Salary, 1732 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); John Sallary, 1734 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Henry Sillery, 1749 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

Ireland: John Sillery, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildemock, Louth); Marmaduke Sillery, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Dublin); Nathaniel Sillery, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Cloghmacoo, Meath); John

Sellary, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumgoon, Cavan).

### Sillet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Sillett**.

### Sillett

Variants: **Sillet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk
- 1 English: relationship name from *Silet*, *Silot*, diminutive forms of the Middle English personal name *Sil* (see **Sill**). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** given names: Siled, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: Richard Silat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Agn' Sylot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thomas Sylet, 1390–1 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; John Sillett, 1539 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 40; Frances Sillett, 1575 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk); Elizabeth Sillett, 1639 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent).
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *seli* 'fortunate, blessed' (Old English *sælig*) + *hed*, *heved* 'head, person' (Old English *hēafod*), for a lucky or blessed person.
- Early bearers:** William Seliheved, 1315, Richard Seliheved, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).

### Silley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Sealey**.

### Sillbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Silburn**.

### Sillick

Variants: **Sillock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset and Devon
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Silac*, probably from the unrecorded Old English \**Sigelāc*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Silac', 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition*; Silac Passur, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs).  
surnames: Robert Silac, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Silak, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Cecilia Silok', 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Henrie Sillock, 1621, Abraham Sillick, 1790 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Sillick, 1740 in *IGI* (Bidford, Devon); Mary Sillick, 1756 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Samuel Sillick, 1762 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).
- 2 English: see **Sellick**.
- 3 Norman, English: locative name from Chillac in Charente (France).
- Early bearers:** Elias de Syllak, Bertram de Sillak, 1242 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes de Sillak and Elias her son, 1243 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Sillifant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall
- English: nickname from Middle English *seli* 'happy, blessed' (Old English *sælig*) + *infaunt(e)* 'child' (Old French *enfant*). Compare William Selisaule, 1268 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks) 'fortunate soul, person', and see **Silabon**.
- Further information:** It has been suggested that significant scribal variants with initial *L*- are often met. However, alleged variants in *P*- are more likely to be a nickname from Middle English \**pil-aveine* 'pill-oats' (Old French *aveine* 'oats'), for which compare *pil-corn*, if it is not a form of **Bullivant** as suggested by Reaney.
- Early bearers:** Richarde Solephen, 1597 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); Awdri Sillifant, 1631 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Sillefant, 1633 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Treak Silvant, 1647 in *IGI* (London); Margaret Sillifant, 1677 in *IGI* (Frithelstock, Devon); Danyell Sillifant, 1678, Duans Silliphant in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall); Elizabeth Sillafant, 1685, John Sylephant, 1687, Jane Syllophant, 1690, Ann Silaphont, 1696 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Henry Silliphant, 1695 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Sillavant, 1698, Charles Silavant, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Siliphan or Sullivan, 1768 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).
- References: [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/sillifant](http://one-name.org/name_profile/sillifant)

### Sillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: unexplained. Origin in a given name is suggested by Johannes Selison', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardley, WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Pernell Syllis, 1551, Helen Sillis, 1562 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Thomas Selys, 1570 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Robertus Syllis, 1578 in *IGI* (Houghton Saint Giles, Norfolk); William Sillice, 1581 in *IGI* (Staple, Kent); Moyseselle Sellis, 1598 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Thomas Selis, 1599 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Edmond Sellys, 1619 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs).

### Sillito

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Shillito**.

### Sillitoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 423
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Staffs and Shrops; Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Shillito**.

### Sillman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Glamorgan
- English: see **Selman**.

### Sillock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English and Norman, English: see **Sillick**.

### Sills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1009, Ireland 60
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 930
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Middx and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Wexford
- English: variant of **Sill** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sillwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants and Wilts
- English: see **Selwood**.

### Silly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in W England and S Wales
- English: see **Sealey**.

### Silman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Selman**.

### Silsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: variant of **Selsby**, itself a form of **Silsby**. The existence of William Selsbey, 1700, John Selsby, 1702 in *IGI* (Brook, IoW), and Frances Silsbey, 1756 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW), along with the the early bearer examples below, suggests that the name was altered under the influence of **Salisbury**. There is no support in the place-name record for the idea that it may be a form of *Salisbury* itself.
- Further information:** This influence, or a not dissimilar one, may have occurred more than once, because we find Francis Selsbery, 1723 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs), not far from one of the early-modern heartlands of *Selsby*, for which compare Sarah Selsbie, 1619, Robt Selsby, 1629 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).
- Early bearers:** William Silsbury, 1761 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); Richard Silsbury, 1764 in *IGI* (Mottistone, IoW); George Silsbury, 1767, Jane Selsbury, 1811 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

### Silsby

Variants: **Selsby**, **Silsbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Herts
- English: uncertain; perhaps a locative name from Sibley (Leics), see **Silby**. Sibley is recorded as *Silesbi*, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls*, *Syleby alias Sylesby*, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*.
- Early bearers:** Giles Sillesby, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Cyclicie Selsbie, 1569 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk); Juda Selsby, 1578 in *IGI* (Naughton, Suffolk); Bethiah Sillesbye, 1607 in *IGI* (Duston, Northants); Abdiell Sillesby, 1615 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants); Robt Selsby, 1629 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Andrew Selsbie, 1633 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Ann Selsbie, 1644, Alice Selsby, 1664 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Selsbey, 1690 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex); Hannah Silsby, 1732 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex).

## Silson

### Silson

#### Variants: Selson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sil* (see **Sill**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Cyllson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks); Henry Silson, 1561 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Anne Silson, 1563 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Jane Silson, 1564 in *IGI* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Myhill Silson, 1568 in *IGI* (Martham, Norfolk); Xpo. Silson, 1609 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Silson, 1718 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

2 English: see **Silkstone**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Anne Sillson, 1788 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Silton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from Nether or Over Silton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Siltun, about 1170–84 in *Mowbray Charters*; Henricus de Silton, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William de Silton 1299–1300, 1405 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henry de Silton, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 422; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 201–2, 207.

### Silva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4286, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Portuguese, Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from any of the many places called Silva, or a topographic name from *silva* 'thicket, bramble'. Compare **Da Silva**.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Silva, 1689, Abraham Silva, 1754 in *IGI* (London); Emanuel Silva, 1769 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); Esther Silva, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Shoreditch, Middx); Aaron Silva, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Jose Silva, born in Portugal, in *Census 1871* (West Ham, Essex); Nicolau R. Silva, born in Brazil, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Emanuel Silva, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Manuel Silva, born in Spain, in *Census 1891* (Stoke Demerel, Devon); Cassio Bernadino Silva, student, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Conway, Carnarvons); Simon Silva, born in Colombo, Ceylon, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Silvain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: perhaps a variant of **Selwyn** (2).

### Silver

#### Variants: Silvers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3024, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1656
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and Berks; Kincardines and Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: nickname from Middle English *silver(e)* 'silver', for someone with silver-coloured hair, a rich man, or a silversmith. Some examples below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Baldewinus Silver, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Lucas Siluer, 1205–13 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Lincs); John Siluer, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Silver, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Willelmo Sylver, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Richard Siluere, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Malton, NR Yorks); John Silver, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Jethronis Silver, 1584 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Edethe Silver, 1587 in *Parish Registers* (Winterbourne Gunner, Wilts); John Silver, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Bourton, Oxon).

Scotland: James Silvir, 1497 in *Black* (Glasgow); William Silver de Stobo, 1506 in *Black* (Peebles); William Siluer or Silver, 1540 in *Black* (Aberdeen).

2 English: locative name from Monksilver in Somerset, recorded as *Selvere*, *Selvre* in 1086, or one or more other places named with Old English *seolfor* 'silver', especially when referring to the appearance of a stream.

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Selure, 1327, Thomas of the silvere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas atte Selver, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* 5; Thomas Selvere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset).

**References:** *Löfvenberg; Ekwall, DEPN* at Monksilver.

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Silber**, an ornamental name from German *Silber*, Yiddish *silber*, 'silver'. Some of the examples below may belong under (4).

**Early bearers:** Emanuell Silver, 1693 in *IGI* (London); Moses Silver, 1750, Aaron Silver, 1753 in *IGI* (London); Myers Silver, musical instrument dealer, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Silver, pastry cook, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Gideon Silver, hawker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Bishopsgate, London); Davis Silver, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Silver, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abram Silver, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Stockport, Cheshire); Joseph Silver, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Whitford, Flints); Philip Silver, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Hanley, Staffs); Hyman Silver, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Kivah Silver, cabinet maker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

4 Portuguese, Spanish, Jewish (Sephardic): anglicization of **Silva**.

**Early bearers:** Manuel Silver, 1813 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Antonio Silver, born in Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Silvera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese: locative name, Spanish, castilianized or anglicized form of Galician and Portuguese *Silveira*, a toponymic name from places named *Silveira* (Lugo and Pontevedra provinces), or topographic from *silveira* 'woodland'.

### Silverlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *silver* 'silver' + *lok* 'hair, lock (of hair)', for someone with silvery-grey hair.

**Early bearers:** Adam Seluerloc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John Silverloc, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Silverlok of Wiggenhale, 1318 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Ricardo Selverlok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks); John Siluerlok, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Nicholas Siluerlok, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

### Silverman

#### Variants: Silberman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks; WR Yorks

Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Silberman(n)**, an ornamental compound of Yiddish *silber* 'silver' + *man* 'man' (German *Silber* + *Mann*).

**Early bearers:** Martha Silverman, 1717 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Betty Silverman, 1725 in *IGI* (North Bradley, Wilts); Mark Silberman, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Aron Silverman, furniture broker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Isaac and Mindel Silberman, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Silverman, goldsmith, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Davis Silverman, watchmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Salom Silvermann, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Silverman, draper, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); Myer Silverman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abraham Silverman, furrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Silverman, cabinet maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Silverman, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Israel Silvermann, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Morris Silberman, tailor, born in Lemberg, Austria, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Rueben Silverman, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Silvers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Derbys

English: variant of **Silver** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Silvers, 1634 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Stodmarsh, Kent); John Silvers, 1649 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

### Silverside

#### Variants: Silversides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *silver* 'silver' + *side* 'side (of the body, ?head)'. Compare Richard Silvereghe ('silver eye'), 1414–15 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam Siluermouth ('silver mouth'), 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Silvertop

(‘silver hair’), 1478 in *York Freeman’s Register*. Some early bearers may belong with sense 2.

**Early bearers:** Elena Silverside, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Elizabeth Silversyde, 1566 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Edward Silverside, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

**2** English: locative name from Silver Side in Farlam (Cumb), so recorded in 1485.

**Early bearers:** John de Silversyd, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Margerie Silverside, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Silverside, 1577 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Silverside, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Roger Silverside, 1621 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs); Katherine Silverside, 1641 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 86.

### Silversides

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Silverside** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Silversides, 1608 in *IGI* (Askam Richard, WR Yorks); Roger Silversides, 1627 in *IGI* (South Willingham, Lincs).

### Silverstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Jewish (Ashkenazic), German: part-anglicization of **Silberstein**.

### Silverstone

**Variants:** **Silverton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

**1** English: locative name from Silverstone (Northants), recorded as *Silvestone* in 1207, *Silvestun* in 1221, *Shelveston* in 1237, *Silvereston* in 1253, and *Selvestone* in 1314.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Silveston, Ralph de Selveston, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Richard de Sulveston, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); John de Shelveston, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Thomas de Silverston’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Edmund Silverstone, 1604 in *IGI* (Little Welnetham, Suffolk); Wm Silverstone, 1647 in *IGI* (Hingham, Norfolk); William Silverstone, 1775 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Richard Silverstone, 1777 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); Daniel Silverstone, 1785 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 423; *Place-Names of Northants* pp. 43–4.

**2** German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Silberstein**.

### Silverthorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths, Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset

English: see **Silverthorne**.

### Silverthorne

**Variants:** **Silverthorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Gloucs
- English: unexplained. It is very local to the Steeple Ashton area of Wilts, and may be from a lost place-name or even the proper name of a local tree such as a hawthorn (whitethorn).
- Early bearers:** Jane Sylverthorne, 1541 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Anthony Silverthorne, 1585 in *IGI* (West Ashton, Wilts); Henry Silverthorne, 1585 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Joan Silverthorne, 1588 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Alice Sylverthorne, 1593 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts).

### Silverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) locative name from Silverton (Devon). (ii) see **Silverstone** (1).

**Further information:** the evidence of early bearers suggests that Silverstone (Northants) is the dominant source of this name, and the 1785 form is an anomaly.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Silverton, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Silverton of Leverington, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Dorathie Sylverton or Silverton, 1565, William Solverton, 1566, William Silverton, 1576 in *IGI* (London); Alls. Sylverton, 1596 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Mary Silverton, 1785 in *IGI* (Silverton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 2, p. 569.

### Silverwood

**Variants:** **Silwood, Selwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 641
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: locative name from one or more places named with Middle English *silver* ‘silver’ (Old English *seolfor*) + *wode* ‘wood’ (Old English *wudu*). The colour presumably refers to birch trees. One source of the surname appears to be a lost place in Greasley (Notts), on the edge of Sherwood Forest. Daude de Siluerwode, who was a tenant of Lenton Priory in *Siluerwode* in 1298, appears to be the same man as Radulphus de Siluerwode, a tenant of the priory in *Neuthorp* (in Greasley) in the previous year. Another source may be Silver Wood in Ravenfield (WR Yorks), first recorded in 1483 in the court rolls of Conisbrough, and there may have been another in the Craven area of WR Yorks. The surname was sometimes contracted to *Silwood* and *Selwood*.

**Early bearers:** Johanne, Willelmo de Siluerwode, 1297, Johanne de Silwode, 1298 in *Lenton Priory Accounts* (Newthorpe, in Greasley, Notts); William de Sylverwod, William Syllerwod, 1404 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); John Silverwod, 1507 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Ardsley, WR Yorks); John Sylverwode, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Henry Silferwood, 1553 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Beds); Godfridus Silvrwood, 1560 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Johannes Silverwod, 1562 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Anna Silverwood, 1566 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Agnes Syluerwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Swatton and Spanby, Lincs); Wm Silverwood, 1585 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics); Agnes Sylverwood, 1588 in *IGI* (Worsbrough, WR Yorks); Anne Silverwood, 1596 in *IGI* (Horbling, Lincs); John

Silverwoode, 1602 in *IGI* (Billingborough, Lincs); Josiah Siluerwood, 1627 in *IGI* (Asfordby, Leics); William Sillverwood, 1675 in *IGI* (Langar cum Barnston, Notts); William Sellwood, 1786, William Selwood, 1789 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Hy. Sillwood, 1790, Thomas Silwood, 1810 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); William James Silwood, 1880 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Silvester

**Variants:** **Sylvester, Selvester, Siviter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3028, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2298
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also London; Hants
- English: relationship name from the Middle English and Latin personal name *Silvester* ‘dweller in the forest’, the name of three popes, which seems to have been first used in England by clerics.

**Early bearers:** given names: Siluester capellanus 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Seluester filius Walteri, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: Thomas Silvester’, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); William Silvester, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Ricardus Selvester’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Radulphus Silvester, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Willelmus Silvestre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Radulpho Selvester, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Thomas Silvester, Robertus Silvester, Henricus Sylvestr’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Robertus Silvester, Agnes Sylvestr’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Matilda Selvestr’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); William Sevester, 1455 in *London Letter Books* Kent; Deonys Sylvester, 1539 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Nicholaus Sylvester, 1540 in *IGI* (Upper Wield, Hants); Wllm. Sylvester, 1542 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Selvester, 1563 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Elizabeth Sylvester, 1565 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); James Silvester, 1572 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Thomas Sylvester, 1597 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs).

### Silvestri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: relationship name, patronymic or plural form of **Silvestro**, which is from the personal name *Silvestro* (Latin *Silvester*, a derivative of *silva* ‘wood’).

### Silvey

**Variants:** **Selvey, Selvy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Silveyn*, with loss of final *-n*; see **Selwyn** (2). (ii) relationship name, possibly an altered form of *Selwin*; see **Selwyn** (1). Compare Margret Selwyn, 1625, Richard Silvy, 1741 in *IGI* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); John Selwin, 1665, Richard Silvey, 1712 in *IGI* (Cam, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Passifal Sylvy, 1595 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); William Silvey, 1595 in *IGI* (London); Sara Selvey, 1620 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Peeter Selvy, 1635 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Mary Silvy, 1656 in *IGI* (Colesborne, Gloucs); Jaone Siluey, 1664, John Selvey, 1717 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Phillip Selvey, 1679 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Jn Sylvey,



## Silwood

1690 in *IGI* (Bromham, Beds); Florence Silvie, 1705 in *IGI* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Godfrey Silvey, 1706, Godfrey Selvey, 1710 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); John Silvey, 1736 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Silwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Selwood**.  
2 English: reduced form of **Silverwood**.

### Sim

**Variants:** **Simm, Sym, Syme, Sime, Sims**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4533, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- 1 English, Scottish: relationship name from *Sim(m)* or *Sime*, a Middle English and Older Scots pet form of the personal name **Simon**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Sym Clerk, 1446 in *Brechin Register*.

surnames, England: Ralph Simme, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Symme, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Gorge Sym, 1569 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Agnes Sime, 1578 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); James Sim, 1583 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Markes Sim, 1594 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Richard Simm, 1595 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Jaine Sim, 1613 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Ann Simm, 1629 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
surnames, Scotland: John Sym de Banchry, 1503 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Kincardines); Andrew Sym, vicar of Comrie, 1530 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Perths); Katherine Sym, 1575 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Jonet Sime, 1576 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Elsebit Sim, 1596 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Hew Sim, 1598 in *IGI* (Dunbarney, Perths); Mariorie Sim, 1606 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bartlemew Sim, 1608 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Margrat Sime, 1627 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspet Simm, 1643 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 沈 (**Shen** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sam, Sham, Sum, or Shum** in Cantonese romanization). This form is mostly found in Taiwan, Fujian province, and Eastern Guangdong province, from where people migrated to SE Asian countries, such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. See **Sam** (1).

- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 岑, see **Sam** (2).  
4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 單, see **Shan** (4).

### Simans

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- 1 English: see **Simons**.  
2 English: see **Simmons**.

### Simble

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Scottish, Norman, English: see **Semple**.

### Simco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwick; Bucks; London
- English: see **Simcoe**, a variant of **Simcock**.

### Simcock

**Variants:** **Simcox, Simcoe, Sincok, Sinker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1357, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 870
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Simcock* 'young Simon', a compound of *Sim(m)* or *Sime* (see **Sim**) + the diminutive suffix *-cock*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Symcot [*sic*], 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Simecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Simcok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marton, Warwick); Ricardo Symcok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Johanne Symcock', Nicholao Symmecock', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Margerie Symcocke, 1560 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Richard Simcock, 1565 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Simcocke, 1572 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Alice Symcocke, 1602 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Simcocks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

English: see **Simcox**.

### Simcoe

**Variants:** **Simco, Sinker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Northants

English: see **Simcock**; for the pronunciation of *-cock* as *-coe*, compare **Alcoe**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Symcoe, 1611, Bartholmew Simcoe, Edwarde Simcowe, 1616 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); John Simco, 1683 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); William Symcoe, 1718 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks); John Symco, 1771 in *IGI* (Warrington, Cheshire); Henry Simco, 1783 in *IGI* (Potterspurty and Yardley Gobion, Northants); Thos. Simco, 1796 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

### Simcox

**Variants:** **Symcox, Simcocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1306, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 761
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwick
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Simcock** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Symcokes, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard Simcox, 1582 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Margery Symcocks, 1584 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomae Symcox, 1594 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Elinor Symcox, 1595 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Robert Simcox, 1637 in *IGI* (Hampton Lucy, Warwick); Roberte Simcox, 1654 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Margaret Simcocks, 1673 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire).

### Sime

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1099, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Sim**.

### Simeon

**Variants:** **Simion, Simeons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Simeon*, in origin the Biblical name *Shimeon*, said to be based on a Hebrew root meaning 'hearken, listen'. It is generally regarded as a different name from Greek **Simon**, although there has been some confusion between the two.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Simeonis, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Simeon, 1254 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); William Symeon, 1278 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Simeon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alphamstone and Bures, Essex); Richard Simeon, 1572 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Richard Simion, 1597 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Elizab. Simeon, 1627 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Anthony Simeon, 1672 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Edward Simion, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Simeone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian: relationship name Southern Italian, from the personal name *Sim(e)one*, the Italian equivalent of **Simon**.

**Early bearers:** Nicole Simeone (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Simeons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Simeon** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Simeons, 1611 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Simeons, 1649 in *IGI* (Rockbeare, Devon).

### Simer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *sime* 'cord, rope' (Old English *sima*), or Middle English *simen* 'to load' (Old English *siman*), for a roper or a loader.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Simer, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholous Symer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Ricardus Symere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Galfridus Symere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Issobel Simer, 1679 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); Robert Simer, 1684 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); Ann Simer, 1701 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); James Simer, 1763 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Richard Simer, 1803 in *IGI* (Drayton Bassett, Staffs).

### Simes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 336
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Sims**.

### Simester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0



- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Lancs, and Shrops; Middx
- English: see **Simister**.

### Simey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks
- English: relationship name perhaps from the unrecorded Old English personal name \**Sigemæg*. **Early bearers:** Robert Sygemay, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Thomas Simey, 1701 in *IGI* (Washington, Durham).

### Simion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Simeon**.

### Simison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; also Midlothian; NR Yorks

Scottish: reduced form of **Simonson**. For the name in Orkney compare James Simonson, 1723 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: James Simmison, 1701 in *IGI* (New Kilpatrick, Dunbartons); Jane Simmison, 1709 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

England: Willm Symmisson, 1598 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); James Simison, 1654 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Helen, Durham); Anne Simison, 1712 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks).

### Simister

Variants: **Simester**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 773
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

1 English: occupational name, variant of **Sumpster** (Middle English *somester*) with unrounding of /u/ to /i/ before the nasal consonant. This is a post-medieval dialect feature of NW England and SW England, and perhaps also of the NW Midlands. Compare **Simmers** for **Summers**, **Simnor** for **Sumner**, **Simpson** for **Sumsion**.

**Further information:** McKinley mentions that *Somister* is recorded as the name of two minor tenants in 1422 at Ashton under Lyne (*Surnames of Lancs*, p. 266), and traces the name's development to *Simister*.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *semester* (Old English *sēamestre*) 'sewer, tailor, sempstress'. The medieval name is mostly borne by women, and as such may not have become hereditary, but there are also a few men so named. Compare **Seamer**.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Semester, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Alicia Semester, 1376 in *York Memorandum Book* (Yorks); Alicia Semestre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Julia Semster, 1380 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johanna Semester, 1377, Margareta Sembster, 1381, Willelmus Semester, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Sissota Seymster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Margret Simister, 1609 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Simester, 1701 in *IGI*

(Leicester, Leics); Thos. Simester, Thomas Semester, 1748 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs).

### Simkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 627
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Simpkin**.

### Simkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1046, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 867
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; London

English: see **Simpkins**.

### Simkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: reduced form of **Simpkins**.

**Early bearers:** John Simpikiss, 1656 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Thomas Simkiss, 1686 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Richard Simkiss, 1766 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Simm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2040, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb and Durham

English: see **Sim**.

### Simmance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Simmons**.

### Simmans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex; also Lancs
- English: see **Simmons**.

### Simmen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: (i) see **Simon**. (ii) 'Sim's servant', from Middle English *Sim* (Simon, see **Simm**) + *man*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Simman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, ER Yorks); Johannes Simman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); John Simmen, 1791 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Ann Simmen, 1797 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Edward Simmen, 1825 in *IGI* (Besthorpe, Norfolk).

### Simmens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Simmons**.

### Simmers

Variants: **Symmors**, **Symers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: variant of **Summers**, with unrounding of /u/ to /i/ before the nasal consonant, a dialect feature of post-medieval northern English and Scots.

**Further information:** *Simmers* was probably interchangeable with the now extinct name *Simmer*, a variant of **Summer**, especially in Aberdeens (*Black*): George Symmer, 1529 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*; John Symer, 1641 in *Old Aberdeen Records* (Aberdeens); Margt. Symmer, 1587 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jonat Symmer, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jeane Symmer, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Simmers, 1666 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife).

### Simmerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: variant of **Summerson**, reflecting a northern dialectal change of /u/ to /i/ before a nasal consonant, as in **Simmers** for **Summers**, and **Simister** for **Sumpster**. *Simmerson*, with this etymology, may have been further reduced to *Simpson* and confused with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Simmerson, 1684 in *IGI* (Cumwhitton, Cumb).

2 English: variant spelling of early Modern English *Simmeson*, which was either a reduced form of **Simonson** or a conservative pronunciation of **Simpson**. In early Modern English, the consonant /r/ was sometimes vocalized in unstressed syllables and absorbed into the preceding vowel. This led to the occasional use of *-er-* as an alternative spelling of *-e-* in unstressed syllables.

**Early bearers:** John Simmerson, 1667 in *Parish Registers* (Rampton, Cambs); John Simmerson, 1721 in *IGI* (Kirkby la Thorpe, Lincs); Elizabeth Simmerson, 1767 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; English Pronunciation 2*, § 332.

### Simmie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus, Perths, and Inverness

Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive form of either of the Middle English personal names *Sim(m)* or *Sime* (see **Sim**).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Simmey, 1613 in *Black* (Aberdeen); James Simmie, 1619 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths).

### Simmins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Staffs; Durham

English: see **Simmons**.

### Simmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

English: see **Simon**.

**Further information:** This name may sometimes have been confused with **Shimmon**.

## Simmond

### Simmond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: see **Simon**.

### Simmonds

Variants: **Symmonds, Summons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11141, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7960
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Simmons**.

### Simmonite

Variants: **Simonite, Simonett, Simnett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the personal name **Simon** + the diminutive suffix *-et*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Simon Corder, also called Simonet, 1377 in *London Pleas*.

surnames: William Symonet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Asselin Simonett', 1346 in *London Letter Books F*; Johannes Symonet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (IoW); Martin Simmonite, 1783 in *IGI* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Simmonite, 1797 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Mary Simmonite, 1821 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); John Simmonite, 1831 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); George John Simmonite, 1876 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Simmons

Variants: **Symmons, Simmans, Simans, Simmance, Simmins, Simmens, Simmonds, Symonds, Simonds, Simons, Simones, Symons, Summons, Seamons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18503, Ireland 307
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12125
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

English: variant of **Simon** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Margery Simondes, 1308 in *Essex Archaeological Transactions* xviii; er Agnes Simmons, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Johana Simmons, 1551 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Robt Simmons, 1552 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Richard Simmons, 1570 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops).

### Simms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6702, Ireland 437
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Sims**.

### Simner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Sumner**.

### Simnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Norfolk
- English: see **Simmonite**.

### Simnor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sumner**.

**Early bearers:** John Simnor, 1718 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Simoos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Portuguese: relationship name **Simões**, from the personal name *Simão*, Portuguese form of *Simon*.

### Simon

Variants: **Symon, Simmon, Simmen, Simond, Symond, Simmond, Simmons, Summan, Summon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4122, Ireland 143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1952
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England and N Wales: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

English: relationship name from the common Middle English personal name *Simon*. It mostly represents the Biblical New Testament name *Simon* (Greek *Simōn*, from *simos* 'snub-nosed') and as such it often appears as *Simond* with an excrescent *-d*. This name absorbed Old Scandinavian *Sigmund(r)*, which was borrowed into late Old English, and the cognate Continental Germanic *Sigmund*, which was merged with the Old Scandinavian name in Norman usage and brought to England after the Conquest. For pet forms of *Simon* see **Sim, Simcock, Simpkin, and Simmonite**.

**Further information:** The Biblical and Scandinavian names were confused very early. Simon, also named as Simundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs), is elsewhere called 'Simund quidam, genere Danus' (*Feilitzen*). His name was thus Old Scandinavian *Sigmund(r)*, and some examples of *Simon* in 12th-century Norfolk and Lincs were probably Scandinavian and contributed to the surname. Others may have been introduced from Normandy. After the Conquest, in England, *Simund* was a common form of Biblical *Simon*. Wycliffe uses *Symound* for the disciple Simon Peter. Simon de Montfort is called Simond by Robert of Gloucester. Adam Cimond, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London), is identical with Adam Simon, 1292 in *London Letter Books A*, and with Adam son of Simon, 1290 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Simon, Simundus, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Symon de Cheurolcurt, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Symundus de Ludham, 1150–60, Simon de Ludham, 1155–89 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Simund, Simon clericus de Abi 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: William le fiz Simon, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Simund, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); John Symont, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Simon, Simond, 1291 in *London Letter Books A*; John Simon, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Symond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Shelford, Cambs); Ricardus Simon, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Stratton, Cornwall); Ricardus Symon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Tawton, Devon); Willelmus Simmond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fordham, Essex); Agnes Symmond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Haseley, Oxon); Galfrido Simon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Odstone, Leics); Nicholaus Simon, Willelmus Simond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harling, Norfolk); Walterus Symond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); Walterus Symond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thakeham, Sussex); Ricardus Symon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ilmington with Foxcote, Warwicks); Willelmo Simonde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wexcombe and Wilton, Wilts); Johannes Symond', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knottingley, WR Yorks); Johanne Simon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatford, Berks); Adam Simond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton, Staffs); Johis Simon, 1538 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Joan Symon, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); George Simon, 1562 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); Henry Simon, 1587 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Edward Simon, 1613 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); William Simmon, 1623 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Jhona. Symon, 1543, Richard Simmond, 1637 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Sisslii Simon, 1655 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Francis Simmond, 1669 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); James Simmond, 1723 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Gay Simmond, 1744 in *IGI* (Fakenham, Norfolk).

### Simond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Simon**.

### Simonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 771
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Berks
- English: see **Simmons**.

### Simone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from the personal name *Simone*, the Italian equivalent of **Simon**.

**Early bearers:** Italian: Francesco Simone, in *Census 1861* (Glamorgan); Alessandro Simone, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Emiglia Simone, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (WR Yorks); Luigi Simone, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Plymouth, Devon); Filomena Simone, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

Jewish: Simon Simone, silk agent, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Aldgate, London); Jacob Simone, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Harris Simone, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Malke Simone, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Jessy Simone, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Morris Simone, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Yorks).

### Simones

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Lincs; Aberdeens
- English, Scottish: see **Simmons**.

**Simonett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Simmonite**.

**Simonite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Simmonite**.

**Simons**

Variants: **Simans, Symons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5430, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3873
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs, Leics, and Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath
- English: see **Simmons**.

**Simonson**

Variants: **Symondson, Simison, Simmerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; London

1 English: locative name from Simonstone (NR Yorks). The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2). The two names are bound to have been confused.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Symundston, 1346 in *Yorks Wills* (Cotton near Topcliffe, NR Yorks); Richard Simondson, 1587 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Robert Simonson, 1695 in *IGI* (Thornton Steward, NR Yorks); Francis Symondson, 1750 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Richard Symondson, 1764 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Swale, NR Yorks); Hannah Simonson, 1813 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 260; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Simon(d)* (see **Simon**) + *-son*. **Early bearers:** England: Ricardus Simondson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tibthorpe, ER Yorks); Richard Symondson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yeavinger, Northumb); Petrus Symondson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Ricardo Simondesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Philip Simondson, 1430 in *York Freeman's Register*; Marques Symondesson, 1473 in *Parliament Rolls*; Genet Symondson, 1568, John Simonson, 1639 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); John Simonson, 1569 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Thomas Simonson, 1614, Christopher Simondson, 1621 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); William Symondson, 1615, Dorothee Simondson, 1619, John Simonson, 1684 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

Scotland: Hendrie Symonson, 1686 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Laurence Simonson, 1747 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

**Simper**

Variants: **Semper, Samper, Samber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Suffolk; Wilts

Norman, English: locative name from any of various places in northern France called *Saint-Pierre*, from the dedication of their churches to Saint Peter.

**Further information:** Geoffrey de Clinton, chamberlain of Henry I, came from Saint-Pierre-de-Semilly (Manche). The Count of Meulan and his under-tenants, the Mandevilles, were associated with the abbey of Saint-Pierre-des-Preaux (Eure). Modern names with etymologically accurate spellings may be antiquarian revivals, or evidence of fresh immigration.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sancto Petro, de Sempere, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Richard Saunper, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Simon Saunper, 1345 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Seyntper, 1353 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph de Seynpere, 1371 in *Derbys Charters*; Urian Seintpier, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Semper, 1466 in *Derbys Charters*; Richard Simper, 1605 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); John Simper, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Charles Sampeire, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Mary Samper, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Richard Saint Piere, 1791 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); Mary Ann Saint Pierre, 1844 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Simpkin**

Variants: **Simkin, Sinkin, Semkin, Semken, Simpkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1435, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Leics; Cambs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sim(e)kin*, a compound of *Sim(m)* or *Sime* (see **Sim**) + the diminutive suffix *-kin*.

**Further information:** In 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics), there is a reference to Symkyn Symeon, an esquire of Henry, duke of Lancaster. His name is annotated Simon in the margin.

**Early bearers:** given names: Symekyn Sadeler, 1378 in *London Pleas*; Symond or Symkyn Skynner, 1466 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Warwicks).

surnames: Anand Simekin, 1199 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings iv*; Reginaldus Symkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); William Symkyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ellen Simkin, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Simkin, 1578 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Simpkin, 1602 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Zacharie Simkin, 1626 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thomae Simpkin, 1628 in *IGI* (Dadlington, Leics); Margaret Simkin, 1638 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); John Simpkin, 1679 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Howard Sinkin, 1699, John Simkin, 1714 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samuel Sinkin, 1755, Elizabeth Simkin, 1784 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Ann Simkin, Thos. Sinkin, 1792 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**Simpkins**

Variants: **Simkins, Sinkins, Sinkings, Simkiss, Simpkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1864, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London
- English: variant of **Simpkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Symkyns, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Lavington, Wilts); Mat' Symkyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Joane Simkins, 1549 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Richard Symkins,

1561 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Henry Symkins, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Simkins, 1593 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Matilda Simkins, 1604 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Jeffery Simpkins, 1648 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Katherine Simkins, 1668 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs); Eli Sinkins, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Sinkins, 1774 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Josias Sinkins, 1719 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**Simpkinson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Sinkinson**.

**Simpkiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Simpkins** and **Sinkiss**.

**Simple**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also NR Yorks, Durham, Northumb
- English: see **Sample**.

**Simpole**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs
- English: see **Sample**.

**Simpson**

Variants: **Simson, Sympson, Simmerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69804, Ireland 3255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51705
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Durham; Middx; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim

1 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Sim(m)*, *Sime* (see **Sim**) + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Symmeson, 1353 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johan Simson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glantles, Northumb); Willelmus Simeson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Costock, Notts); Willelmus Simson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Simson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); Ranulphus Simson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Adam Symson, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); John Simpson, 1397 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Henry Symmesson, 1450 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs); John Symson or Sympson, 1487 in *London Letter Books L*; Hellen Simpson, 1540 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Simson, 1540, John Simpson, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Margret Simpson, 1548 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Th. Simson, 1550 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Richard Simpson, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Simpson, 1563 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Alexander Simpson, 1564 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Richard Simpson, 1563 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Nicholas Simson, 1576 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Agnes Simpson, 1576 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Sympson, 1578 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Margaret Simpson, 1627 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); David Simpson, 1632 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Jhon Simpson, 1640 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); David Sympson, 1644 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); William Simpson, 1646 in *IGI* (Kingsbarns, Fife); Helen Simpson, 1656 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margaret Simpson, 1678 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Sumsion**.

3 English: locative name from any of three places in Devon called Simpson. The one in Holsworthy parish is recorded as a surname [*de*] *Synnyaneston*, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon), and developed to *Symmeston* by 1390 and *Simpston* by 1472. The one in Diptford is recorded as a surname [*de*] *Siwineston*, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon) and had developed to *Symyston* in 1394. The one in Torbryan is recorded as a surname [*de*] *Sewenneston*, 1238, and [*de*] *Seuennestone*, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon) and appears as *Seeweneston* in 1378.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Syneston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holsworthy, Devon); Gillian Sympson, 1606, Water Simpson, 1615, James Simson, 1671 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 148, 301, 523.

## Sims

**Variants:** Simms, Simes, Symms, Symmes, Syms, Symes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12225, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8878
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: variant of **Sim** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Symmes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Waltero Simmes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers, Wilts); Johannes Symmes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woolhampton, Berks); William Sims, 1551 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Richard Sims, 1563 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts).

2 English: locative name for one who lived or worked at the house of someone called *Symme* (Simon).

**Early bearers:** Galfrido atte Symes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Leics); Johannes del Symmes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wales, WR Yorks); Nicholaus atte Symmes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ockley, Surrey); Alicia Sims, 1566 in *IGI* (Corby, Lincs); John Sims, 1567 in *IGI* (Brookland, Kent); Elizabeth Sims, 1581 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks).

## Simson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 488, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 778
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan English, Scottish: see **Simpson**.

## Sin

**Variants:** Sian, Sen, San

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 洗 and 冼 (Xian or Hsien in Mandarin romanization). The two surnames can be traced back to minority ethnic groups in present-day

Guangdong province, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, and Hainan province dating back to the Three Kingdoms period (AD 220–280).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 單, see **Shan** (4).

3 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 申, see **Shen** (1).

4 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 辛, see **Shin** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 盛, see **Sing** (2).

6 Korean: see **Shin**.

7 English: see **Sine**.

## Sinar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Senior**.

## Sinclair

**Variants:** Saint Clair, Sinclair, Sinclar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20178, Ireland 736
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim Norman, Scottish, English: locative name from Saint-Clair-sur-Elle (Manche).

**Further information:** The tenants of Eudo Dapifer in Essex came from Saint-Clair-sur-Elle (Manche): see *Anglo-Norman Families*. This was also the place of origin for the Scottish family, who came to southern Scotland in the twelfth century from Hunts with the de Morvilles: see *Barrow, Kingdom of the Scots, Barrow, Anglo-Norman Era*. Descendants of these Sinclairs became earls of Caithness in the 15th century. The frequency of the surname in Caithness and Orkney is largely due to the adoption by tenants of the name of their overlord.

**Early bearers:** England: Hubertus de Sancto Claro, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Richard de Sencler, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Richard de Seincler, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph de Seintcler, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Emma de Sancler, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John de Sentcler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginaldus Sencler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Mary Sinclair, 1653 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Georg Sinclair, 1681 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Alan de Sancto claro, 1196–1200 in *Diplomata Scotiae* (Lauderdale, Berwick); John de Sauncler, about 1225 in *Dryburgh Register*; John Singular, about 1450 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Lassæ Saengkaer, 1504, also recorded as Laffris Saenckellar, 1508 in *Diplomatarium Norvegicum*; Heleine Sinclair, 1604 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian).

## Sinclair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; Middx; ER Yorks

Scottish: see **Sinclair**.

## Sinclar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Aberdeens and Perth; Shetland
- Scottish: see **Sinclair**.

## Sincock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: probably a variant of **Simcock** with /m/ developing to /n/ before /k/. Compare Simon Simecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Maria Sincocke, 1546 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Thomas Sincock, 1560 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Katharina Sincock, 1625 in *IGI* (Ruan Minor, Cornwall).

## Sindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Lincs

English: see **Sendall**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Sindall, 1597 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Rich Sendall, 1676, John Sindall, 1699, Marth Sendell, 1723, Richard Sindal, 1771, John Sindale, 1774, Sarah Sindle, 1818 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Susan Sandall, 1677, Thomas Syndal, 1756 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Robert Sandel, 1686, Anne Sindel, 1780 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); Daniell Sindall, 1690 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); William Sindale, 1790 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

## Sindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Sendall**.

## Sinden

**Variants:** Sindon, Sinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1008, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name probably from Saynden Farm in Staplehurst (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Hwe Synden, 1558 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Thos Synton, 1559 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Annys Senden, 1604 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Elizabeth Synton, 1608 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Edmund Senden, 1608, Anne Sindon, 1632, Ellen Scinden, 1685 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); Ann Sindon, 1669 in *IGI* (Penhurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 45.

## Sindon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sinden**.

## Sine

**Variants:** Sign, Sin, Sines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *signe*, *sine*, *sine*, *sinne*, *seine* (Old English *seg(e)n*), Old French *seing*, *sain*) ‘sign, mark’, more specifically ‘(pilgrim’s) badge’ and ‘heraldic banner

or device', perhaps given to someone who wore or carried one of these.

**Early bearers:** S and SW England: Robert Synge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sampford Courtenay, Devon); William Syne, Thomas Syne, 1331 in *TNA C 241/112/300* (Devon); Thomas Seyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arreton, Hants); Johane Syn, 1559 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Joanne Sine, 1563 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts); Joan Sine, 1568 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Elizabeth Syne, 1574, William Signe, 1650, Frances Sign, 1810 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Anne Syne, 1592 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Signe, 1630 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); John Syne, 1707, Willm. Sine, 1737 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); Elizabeth Sign, 1738 in *IGI* (Hambledon, Hants); Susan Sign, 1743 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Andrew Syne, 1773 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey); William Sine, 1802 in *IGI* (Great Bookham, Surrey).

E Anglia: Henricus Seyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Johannes Seyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John Sinn, 1607 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk).

Midlands and N England: Willelmus Seyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Bryan Synne, 1588 in *IGI* (Gonalston, Notts); Thomas Syne, 1599 in *IGI* (Tarporey, Cheshire); Mary Sine, 1603, Margaret Sin, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); An. Sine, 1621 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Siner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Worcs
- English: see **Senior**.

### Sines

#### Variants: Sins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; also Renfrews; Leics

English, Scottish: variant of **Sine** with excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** John Synes of the city of London, 1378 in *Close Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Synnes, 1541 in *IGI* (London); Anna Synnes, 1561 in *IGI* (York); Richard Synes, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Milton, Oxon); Walter Sines, 1588 in *IGI* (Sidmouth, Devon); Jennet Sinnes, 1598 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

### Sinett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Sinnott**.

### Siney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Hants, and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Edward Syney, 1559 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jacob Synney, 1579 in *IGI* (Sunbury, Middx); Edward Synai, 1579 in *IGI* (London); Marie Synney, 1579 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Sarah Sinney, 1580 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Richard Syney, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); William Synye, 1612, Abigaell Syney, 1617 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); William Senny, 1655 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Sinfield

#### Variants: Singfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 395
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: unexplained; apparently a locative name from an unidentified place in E England.

**Further information:** If it were not for the first, clearly toponymic, bearer, one might consider Middle English *senefee* (Old French *senef*) 'mustard' as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Senfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Chris Senfeild, 1581 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); William Senfeilde, 1583 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Anne Sinfeild, 1628, Henry Singfield, 1703 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); Ann Sinfield, 1648 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Mary Singfield, 1713 in *IGI* (Millbrook, Beds).

### Sing

#### Variants: Shing, Seah, Sin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Middx

1 English: nickname for a singer, reciter, or musician, from Middle English *sing(en)* '(to) sing, recite verse, play a musical instrument'. Compare **Singer**.

**Early bearers:** John Synge, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Synge, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Synge of Morton in Devon, 1439 in *Patent Rolls*; John Singe, 1541 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); William Synge, 1545 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Singe, 1552 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Mary Syng, 1576, Joan Sing, 1604 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 盛 (**Sheng** in Mandarin pinyin), which means 'flourishing, prosperous': (i) from *Sheng* (盛), the name of a state during the reign of Zhou Mu Wang (reigned 976–922 BC), the fifth king of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from the name of Sheng Bao (盛苞), an official in the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220), whose original surname was Shi (贛). He changed it to Sheng (盛), because his original surname was identical with the given name of the emperor Han Yuan Di (75–33 BC), which was taboo in ancient China.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 成, see **Cheng** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 邢, see **Hing** (2).

5 Chinese: Teochew romanization of the Chinese surname 辛. This form of the surname is found in eastern Guangdong province, from where people migrated to S Asian countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. See **Shin** (1).

6 Chinese: Teochew romanization of the Chinese surname 申. This form of the surname is found in eastern Guangdong province, from where people migrated to S Asian countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. See **Shen** (1).

7 Indian: see **Singh**.

### Singer

#### Variants: Singers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2095, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Somerset; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *singer(e)* 'singer, cantor, reciter of verse, player of a musical instrument'. See also **Sing**, **Sanger**.

**Early bearers:** England: Lucas le Syngere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Syngur, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Synger', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harling, Norfolk); Willelmus Syngare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westington, Gloucs); Ricardus le Synger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burtonwood, Lancs); Johannes Synger', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Etton, ER Yorks); John Singer, 1543 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Cristian Singer, 1562 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Peter Singer, 1562 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Johnn Singer, 1569 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Agnes Singer, 1577 in *IGI* (Ferring, Sussex).

Scotland: Robert Singer, 1689 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *zinger* 'singer' for a cantor in a synagogue.

**Early bearers:** Harris Singer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Abraham Singer, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Wolff Singer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Joshua Singer, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Cheshire); Mayer Singer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Northumb); Harris Singer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Rebecca Singer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

3 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Anglo-Norman French and Middle English personal name \**Sinegar*, an Old French borrowing of Continental Germanic *Sineger*. In 1848 the surname was apparently still extant as *Sinigar* in Dursley (Gloucs) and Gloucester respectively. They survive as *Sinigar*, *Siniger*, and *Sinniger* in *Census 1881* but may also have been absorbed by *Singer*. It is equally possible, however, that *Sinige(ar)* is a variant of *Singer* (see (1) above) with an intrusive *-i-*. Compare James Singer, 1739 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Sarah Singer, 1720, Joseph Singer, 1853 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Sarah Singer, 1743, Thomas Singer, 1849 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Further information:** Some of the medieval name forms may alternatively represent Middle English *siuegar* (i.e. *sivegar*), with *-u-* mistranscribed as *-n-*. This might be a variant of Middle English *siveker* 'sieve-maker' with voicing of /k/ to /g/ (see **Shuker**). Alternatively *sivegar*, *siveger* could be spellings of Middle English *sivyer* ('sieve-maker'), which is how Fransson explains the following: Gena (for *Geua*) la Siuegar, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Laur' le Siuiger, 1308 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Synegar, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Syneger, Laurence Synegher, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lamerton, Devon); Johanne Synegar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Johannes Syneger', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tysoe with members, Warwicks); Thoma Seneger', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Johanne Seneger', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Symon Syneger, Galfridus Syneger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sudeley, Gloucs); Willelmus Synegeare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormington Daston with Littleton, Gloucs); Wm Sinigar, 1704 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Daniel Sinigar, 1800 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); George Sinigear, 1848 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Singers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; Cumb

Scottish, English: variant of **Singer** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Singfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sinfield**.

**Singh**

Variants: **Sing**, **Sinha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56446, Ireland 255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

Indian (northern states): from Sanskrit *simha* 'lion', hence 'hero' or 'eminent person'. Originally a Hindu Kshatriya name, it is now adopted by many different communities. It is freely added to Rajput and Sikh male personal names and in the UK often serves as a Sikh surname.

**Early bearers:** Rampal Singh (born in India) in *Census 1881* (Middx); Soolan J. Sing (born in India) in *Census 1881* (Surrey).

**Single**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; Jersey

1 English: locative name from one or more places named with Old English \**sengel*, perhaps meaning 'brushwood' or 'burnt clearing', such as Cowdray in Cocking (Sussex), recorded as *la Cengel*, *la Sengle* in the 13th century. The 1296 early bearer was apparently from this place.

**Early bearers:** Alan de la Sengle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John ate Sengle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus Sengle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Widow Singull, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN* at Singleton (Sussex); *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 17.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *sengle*, *single* 'single, unmarried', perhaps also 'living alone, solitary' (Old French *sengle*). See **Singler**.

**Early bearers:** William le Sengle of Somerton, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John le Sengle, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Robertus le Sengle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); William Single, 1723 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

**Singlehurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts; Northants

English: probably a variant of **Swindlehurst**, though it is possible that it derives from the name of some unidentified separate place.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Shungolhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Nicholas Shynggyllhurst, 1540 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Singlehurst, 1546, Marie Singglehurst, 1550 in *IGI* (London); Elinora Shinglehurst, 1603 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Jacobus Singlehurst, 1605 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); James Singlehorse, 1677 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Singler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Somerset; Brecknocks; Wilts

English: nickname from Middle English *sengler*, *syngler*, 'single, unmarried', perhaps also 'living alone, solitary' (Old French *sengler*, *seingler*). See also **Single**.

**Early bearers:** Arnald Singlere, 1195–1215 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters*; Richard le Sengler, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Singler, 1507 in *IGI* (Thwaite Saint Mary, Norfolk); Johes Singler, 1574 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Anne Singler, 1579 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Singler, 1639 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); Elizeth Singler, 1664 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk).

**Singletary**

Variants: **Singleterry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: possibly a nickname from Middle English *swingel-tre* 'swingletree', i.e. either a board on which flax or hemp is swungled, or the crossbar of a harrow, to which the traces are attached.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Joan Synngletarye, 1594, Richard Syngltary, 1633 in *IGI* (Surfleet, Lincs); John Singleterry, 1654 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Mary Singletary, 1675 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

**References:** Titford, John (2002), *Searching for Surnames*. Newbury: Countryside Books.

**Singleterry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk

English: see **Singletary**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Singleton**

Variants: **Shingleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7916, Ireland 475
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5885
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from Singleton in Lancs. **Further information:** Bearers of this surname are said to be descended from Ughtred de Sinleton, holder of lands in Amounderness wapentake (Lancs) about 1160–90 (see also the 1205 early bearer). This name was first recorded in Ireland in 1308 and firmly established in Louth and Monaghan during the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard son of Ughtred de Singleton, 1205 in *Lancs Inquests* (Amounderness and Blackburn wapentakes); Adam de Singelton', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Adam de Syngleton', Adam de Syngleston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Matilda de Syngleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Margret Singleton, 1540 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Singleton, 1550 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Singleton, 1567 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); William Singleton, 1581 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thoms. Shingleton, 1582 in *IGI* (Prescot,

Lancs); Matheus Singleton, 1561 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks).

Ireland: William de Sengleton, 1308 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Dublin); Thomas Singleton, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballymore, Armagh).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 154–5; *Surnames of Lancs*, pp. 126–30.

2 English: locative name from Singleton in Sussex.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Sengelton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Appledram, Sussex); Walter de Sengleton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Midhurst, Sussex); John Singleton, 1560 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Richard Singleton, 1568 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Henry Singleton, 1664 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Sarah Singleton, 1674 in *IGI* (Fovant, Wilts); Samuell Singleton, 1713 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 53.

**Sinha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 918, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Singh**.

**Sinker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Staffs; Cambs

English: *Sinker*, *Sinkah*, and *Sinkoe* represent local pronunciations of **Simcoe**, a variant of **Simcock**. For the change of *-m-* to *-n-* see **Sincock**, **Sinkinson**.

**Further information:** The explanation in *Reaney and Wilson* 'one who engraves figures or designs on dies' has no evidential basis. Cited early forms such as *le Synoker* (1260), *le Synekere* (1314), and *le Syneker* (1327) are unlikely to derive from Middle English *signe* 'sign, seal, imprint', which seems to be Wilson's thinking. They are mistranscriptions of *Syuoeker* and *Syueker(e)*, see **Shuker**. Wilson's reference to Thomas Synkman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks), is better explained as a derivative of Middle English *sink* 'water basin, sump, cesspit', or more likely Middle English *cinck*, *sink* 'girdle, lace'.

**Early bearers:** Thoms. Simcock, 1616, Symon Sinkoe, 1687 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Jhan Sinkho, 1692 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb); Anthonie Simcock, 1568, Elizabeth Simcove, 1636, James Sinkah, 1750, James Sinkcock, 1759 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); James Sinker, 1744 in *IGI* (Doddleston, Cheshire).

**Sinkey**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish: from **Mac Seanchaidhe**, see **Sankey**.

**Sinkin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: see **Simpkin**.

**Sinkings**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Simpkins**, where /m/ has developed to /n/ before /k/ and final /ns/ to /nɪs/.

**Sinkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Somerset  
English: variant of **Simpkins**, where /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/.

### Sinkinson

Variants: **Simpkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sim(e)kin* (see **Simpkin**) + *-son*. The more common form *Sinkinson* shows /m/ developing to /ŋ/ before /k/. Compare **Tonkinson** for **Tomkinson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Symkynson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southburn, ER Yorks); Thomas Simpkinson, 1553 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Henri Simpkinson, 1574 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Robert Simpkinson, 1633 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts); Thomas Simpkinson, 1713 in *IGI* (Thornton by Horncastle, Lincs); Robert Sinkison, 1717, James Sinkenson, 1809 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Joseph Sinkingson, 1726 in *IGI* (Pilling, Lancs); Mary Simpkinson, 1742 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Mary Sinkenson, 1751 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks).

### Sinamon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 124
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh  
English: see **Cinamond**.

### Sinnatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham  
English: see **Sinnott**.

### Sinner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London  
English: see **Senior**.

### Sinnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Pembrokes  
English: see **Sinnott**.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Mathewe Synnett, 1601 in *IGI* (Uzmaston, Pembrokes); Edward Sinnet, 1736 in *IGI* (Llanstadwell, Pembrokes); Ann Sinnett, 1835 in *IGI* (Prendergast, Pembrokes).

### Sinnott

- Variants: **Synott**, **Synnott**, **Synnot**, **Sennott**, **Sennitt**, **Sennett**, **Senett**, **Sinett**, **Sinnett**, **Sinnatt**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1452, Ireland 1502
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sinod*, *Sinot*, Old English *Sigenōð*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Synodus, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).  
surnames: Robertus filius Sinothi, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Dionisia filia Sinod, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Stephen Sinot, Sinut, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Suffolk); Warin Sinat, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Synet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Sinnott, 1575 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon).  
2 Irish: although of English origin, the surname is now far more common in Ireland than in England or Wales; it has been prominent in Wexford since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** William Seynde, 1297 in *CDI* §409 (Wexford); Martin Synnot, gent., 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §302 (Ballylodge); William Synnot, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §314 (Mollestown); William Synote, fisherman, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1107 (Wexford); John Synnote, gent., justice of the liberty of Wexford, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §213 (Wexford); Richard Synnot, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2680 (Ballybrennane, Wexford); Richard Synote, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3594 (Mallrangan, Wexford); Egidia or Gilina Synnot, 1580 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3665 (Wexford); Walter Synnott, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6517 (Mangancowlin); Patrick Sinnott, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford).

### Sins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
English: see **Sines**.

### Sinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 573, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Northumb and Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh  
1 Scottish: locative name from the barony of Synton, in Ashkirk (Selkirks).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Sintun, about 1200 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Andrew de Synton, 1215–1248 in *Scotland Calendar*; Marie de Synton, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); George Sinton, 1665 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Agnes Sinton, 1695 in *IGI* (Ettrick, Selkirks).

2 English: (i) locative name from one or more places called *Sinton*, including Sinton Green in Grimley (Worcs) and Leigh Sinton in Leigh (Worcs). Both Worcs names are from Old English *sūð in tūne* 'to the south of the village'. Compare **Norrington** (1) and **Astington**. (ii) sometimes, in Kent, perhaps a variant of **Sinden**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Synton, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Sinton, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Synton, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Johannes Synton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Elizabeth Sinton, 1634 in *IGI* (Newland, Worcs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 128, 207.

### Sinyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: see **Senior**.

### Siow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 蕭 (or 肖) and 邵, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Siu** (1) and (2).

### Sippings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
English: see **Seppings**.

### Sipson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys  
English: variant of **Sibson** with /b/ unvoiced to /p/.  
**Early bearers:** Alice Sipson, 1585 in *IGI* (Carlton le Moorland, Lincs); Georgius Sipson, 1589 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thomas Sipson, 1641 in *IGI* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks); Edward Sipson, 1746 in *IGI* (Leics)(Barkby); John Sipson, 1838 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts).

### Sipthorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Bucks  
English: see **Sibthorpe**.

### Sira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Indian: see **Sihra**.

### Siraj

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sirāj* 'lamp, light'  
**Further information:** Siraj-ud-Dawlah, meaning 'lamp of the state', was the last independent Nawab of Bengal, who fought against Clive at the battle of Plassey (1757).  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Sirdefield

- Variants: **Sirdifield**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
Norman, English: locative name from either of two places called *Sourdeval* (Calvados, Manche).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Surdeual, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Robert de Surdeuall', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); John Sowrdewall, 1488 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Necholas Surdivall, 1551 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Nicholis Surdefall, 1584 in *IGI* (Searby cum Owmbly, Lincs); Jacobi Surdefield, 1706, Sara Syrdifield, 1708, James Surdifield, 1744, Finney Sirdefield, 1749 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

### Sirdifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Norman, English: see **Sirdefield**.

### Sire

- Variants: **Sier**, **Sirr**
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Syer**.

### Sired

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts  
English: (i) see **Syrett**. (ii) see **Syvret**.

## Sirett

### Sirett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and London; also Lancs

English: see **Syrett**.

### Sirkett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Circuit**.

### Sirman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Surman**.

### Sirmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon

English: see **Surman**.

Further information: this name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Sirr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 Irish: unexplained. Perhaps a reduced form of **Beausire**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sirr, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Funshin, Galway); Patrick Sirr, 1857 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Abbeytown, Roscommon).

**References:** *A Genealogical History of the Family of Sirr of Dublin*. London, 1903.

2 English: see **Sire**.

### Sirrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

Norman: see **Surrell**.

### Sirrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Syrett**.

### Sisam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs

English: see **Sysum**.

### Sise

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Size**.

### Sisk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 244
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 Irish: of uncertain origin, recorded in Cork since the 18th century. Perhaps from Ó Siosta, see **Cheasty**.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Sisk, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilmoney, Cork); John Sisque, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Knocknagalty, Limerick); William Sisk, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Castlehyde, Cork); John Sisk, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyvaloon, Cork).

2 English: unexplained. The distribution in parish records (*IGI*) suggests that it may represent early immigration of (1).

**Early bearers:** Amey Sisk, 1774 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Charlotte Sisk, 1789 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Arthur Sisk, 1797 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Sisley

**Variants:** **Sicely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the popular Middle English female personal name *Sisely*, Old French *Cecile*, *Cicile*, Latin *Caecilia*, the name of a favourite medieval saint. Compare **Cecil** and see also **Size**, **Sisson**.

**Further information:** The surname is generally spelt with C- in the Middle Ages, following the trend of the given name, and with S- in modern times. The given name also sometimes appears with S- in modern times, witness **Sisley Hemlock**, late 16th century in *TNA* (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** given names: Cecilia celleraria 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Leics).

surnames: Henricus filius Cecilie, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus Cecilie, 13th cent. in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Henry Cecili, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Richard Cecely, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Cysely, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Barbara Sisley, 1576 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Martha Sisley, 1626 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Ursalaw Sisley, 1661 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Susanna Sisley, 1666 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex); Wm. Sisley, 1749 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison and Rules of the Fleet, London).

### Sisman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Northants
- English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English female personal name *Sis(se)*, a pet form of *Cecily* (see **Sisley**), + *-man*, 'servant of *Sis*'. Compare Johannes Sissotman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks), formed with *Sisot* (see **Sisterson**).
- Early bearers:** Ricardus Sysman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Anthony Sisman, 1686 in *IGI* (Leighton Bromswold, Hunts).

### Sismey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Rutland, Lincs, and Cams

English: see **Sismore**.

### Sismore

**Variants:** **Sizmur**, **Sizmore**, **Sizemore**, **Sissmore**, **Sismey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Old French *sis* 'six' + *mars* 'marks', i.e. the monetary sum of six marks (the equivalent of four medieval pounds sterling).

Compare **Dismore**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sysmore, 1432 in *Petre Documents* (Essex); Margaret Syesmore, 1556, John Seysmore, 1559 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Hellen Sisemore, 1559, Alice Cysmore, 1574, Elizabeth Scysemore, 1575 in *IGI* (London); Margret Sismier, 1568, Katherine Sysemer, 1577 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Anne Sismore, 1586 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs); John Sysemore, 1591 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs); Dorithie Sismore, 1594 in *IGI* (Downham, Cams); Catherine Sismey, 1636 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland).

### Sisodia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Rajasthan and neighbouring states): Hindu (Rajput), based on the name of a Rajput clan.

### Sissens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Sissons**.

### Sissmore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Sismore**.

### Sisson

**Variants:** **Syson**, **Sissons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1306, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; also Cumb and Westm
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Sis(se)*, *Cisse*, a pet form of *Cecily* (see **Sisley**), + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas filius Sisse, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Nicholas filius Sisse, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bentham, WR Yorks); Thomas Cissone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Robertus Sississon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Rogerus Sisseson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gilling East with Grimston, NR Yorks); Johanne Sysson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Willelmo Sysson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Johannes Cisson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johannes Sisson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scotton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Sysson, 1543 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); William Sysson, 1610 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb).

2 English: see **Syson**.

### Sissons

**Variants:** **Sissens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 924



- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks; also Notts

English: (i) variant of **Sisson** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) see **Sessions**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Sissons, 1641 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

### Sisterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 167

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: relationship name from *Sis(s)ot*, a diminutive form of *Sis(se)*, a pet form of the Middle English feminine personal name *Cecily* (see **Sisley**), + *-son*, 'son of *Sis(s)ot*'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Cissota, 1298, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Sissota Scote, Cisota de Hustcroft', Cysota Trescher', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks).

surnames: Thomas Sissotson', Ricardus Cisotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Roberto Sissotson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Thomas Syssotson, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Agnes Sissotson, 1470 in *York Guild Register*; Agnes Sisterson, 1580 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Sisum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts

English: see **Sysum**.

### Siswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 112

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Sedgwick**; see William Sidgewick, Sigswick or Siswick, 1668–9 in *Parish Registers* (Lindley [near Huddersfield], WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Sit

Variants: See, **Sue**, **Xue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 薛 (**Xue** or **Hsueh** in Mandarin romanization), originally denoting 'a type of grass' in ancient

Chinese: (i) from *Xue* (薛), the name of an ancient state (originally located in Shandong province)

dating back to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the

Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) from the

place-name *Xue* (薛), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to Meng Chang Jun

(Lord Meng Chang), a famous prince of the state of Qi, known as one of 'the four princes during the

Warring States period (475–221 BC)'. (iii) adopted as the surname by the Chi Gan family from the Xianbei

ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) borne by descendants of

*Xue Huai Yi* (薛懷義), a famous general of the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907).

### Sitch

Variants: **Sich**, **Seach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 168

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *sich(e)* 'stream, ditch' (Old English *sic*), for someone who lived near a small stream, especially one flowing through flat or marshy ground, or near a gully, dip, or hollow. This appears to have been primarily a W Midlands name until the 17th century, when the focus shifts to Essex, perhaps by migration. Compare **Sykes**, from an equivalent word of Scandinavian origin, and with a northern distribution.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Sich, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Sitche, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard del Siche, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John atte Siche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard in le Syche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Sich, 1551 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Mgret Sich, 1582 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); George Sitch, 1588 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Elizabeth Sitch, 1600 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edwarde Sitch, 1605 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Edward Sitch, 1618 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Humfridi Sitch, 1624 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Thomas Sitch, 1634 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); Edward Seach, 1647 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); John Sitch, 1672, Richard Sich, 1674 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Cornelius Seach, 1721 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Sitford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, Middx

English: see **Setford**.

### Sithole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Zimbabwean: an isibongo or totemic name ('praise-name') from Ndebele *isithole* 'heifer' or perhaps the cognate in a related language such as Zulu.

### Sitton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: possibly a variant of **Seaton**.

**Early bearers:** Eliz Sitton, 1628 in *IGI* (London); Joane Sitton, 1638 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Ane Sitton, 1651 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Mary Sitton, 1688 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon).

### Sitwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Shrops

English: see **Sidwell**.

### Siu

Variants: **Chiu**, **Siu**, **Shaw**, **Shew**, **Siaw**, **Siew**, **Siow**,

**Shiu**, **Seow**, **Saw**, **Xiao**, **Hsiao**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蕭, also written as 肖 (**Xiao** or **Hsiao** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'desolate, dreary' in

Chinese: (i) said to have been one of the six major family names during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046

BC). (ii) from *Xiao* (蕭), the name of a state (located in Xiaoxian in Anhui province) that was granted to

Daxin, a noble in the state of Song, because of his contributions to crushing rebellions. After it was annexed by the state of Chu in 597 BC, the name of the state was adopted by some people as a surname. (iii) said to be borne by descendants of Bo Yi, an official who lived during the reign of the legendary emperor Shun (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (iv) said to be one of the seven big surnames during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 邵 (**Shao** in Mandarin pinyin, **Shiu** or **Sio** in Cantonese romanization): from a place-name, Chinese 邵 (originally pronounced *Shao* in Mandarin), the name of a fief (located in Qishan in Shaanxi province) granted to Shi, also known as Shao Gong (召公), son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC).

### Sivakumar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states, especially Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Śivakumāra* 'son of (the god) Shiva'. *Śivakumāra*, also known as *Kumāra* and *Kārtikeya*, is among the major Hindu gods, especially in South India.

**Further information:** *Śivakumar* is a male given name in South India but has come to be used as a family name, especially among South Indians who have migrated to other countries.

### Sivakumaran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Śivakumāra* 'son of (the god) Shiva' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*. Compare **Sivakumar**.

**Further information:** *Śivakumaran* is a male given name in Kerala and Tamil Nadu but it has come to be used as a family name among people who have migrated from their native states, especially to other countries.

### Sivalingam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Śiva* '(the god) Shiva' and *linga* 'phallus'. Shiva's phallus is an object of worship in India.

**Further information:** This is a male given name in Tamil Nadu but is now used as a family name among people who have migrated from their native state, especially in other countries.

### Sivanesan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from *Śivan* (a Tamil-Malayalam name from *Śiva* '(the god) Shiva' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular ending *-n*) + *esa* (Sanskrit *eśa*, variant of *īśa* 'lord') + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular ending *-n*.

**Further information:** This is a male given name in the Tamil-Malayalam area but is used as a family name elsewhere, especially overseas.

### Sivapalan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0

## Sivarajah

• **GB frequency 1881:** o  
Indian (Kerala and Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Śiva* ‘(the god) Shiva’, *pāla* ‘protector’ + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular ending *-n*.  
**Further information:** This is a male given name in Kerala and Tamil Nadu but has come to be used as a family name among people who have migrated to the West and elsewhere.

### Sivarajah

• **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** o  
Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *Śiva* ‘(the god) Shiva’ + *rājā* ‘king’.  
**Further information:** *Śivarajah* is a male given name in South India but is now also used as a family name, especially overseas.

### Sivell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 7  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 132  
• **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; also Gloucs and Worcs  
English: variant of **Civil**.

### Siver

• **GB frequency 1881:** 11  
English: see **Sever**.

### Siverns

• **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Severns**.

### Sivers

• **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 88  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants; Durham  
English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Severs**, itself a form of **Sever**.  
**Early bearers:** Joan Syvers, 1559 in *IGI* (Long Clawson, Leics); Hellen Sivers, 1561 in *IGI* (Ketton cum Tixover, Rutland); Annys Syvers, 1569 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); Willm. Syvers, 1573 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs); Anne Sivers, 1593 in *IGI* (Toft next Newton, Lincs); Catherine Sivers, 1596 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds); Anna Sivers, 1599 in *IGI* (Creeton, Lincs).

### Sives

**Variants:** **Sivis**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 60  
• **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian  
Scottish: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Georg Sives, 1620 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Margrat Sivis, 1636 in *IGI* (Whittingehame, E Lothian); Bessie Seves, 1638 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife); Margaret Sivis, 1657 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

### Siveter

• **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 66  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Siviter**.

### Sivewright

• **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 198  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens  
Scottish: see **Sievewright**.

### Siveyer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 9  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Sivyer**.

### Sivier

• **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 115  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, IoW  
English: see **Sivyer**.

### Sivis

• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
• **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian  
Scottish: see **Sives**.

### Siviter

**Variants:** **Siveter**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 288  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs  
English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Silvester** (a common Staffs name) with assimilation of *-l-* and *-s-* to the following consonants. (ii) alternatively a variant of Middle English *Siveker* (see **Shuker**), with /k/ altered to /t/.  
**Early bearers:** Josia Siveter, 1695, Moses Siviter, 1713, Sarah Sivitor, 1745 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Joseph Siviter, 1751 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

### Sivyer

**Variants:** **Siveyer**, **Sivier**, **Seviour**, **Seviour**, **Sevior**, **Sevier**, **Sever**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 205  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent  
English: occupational name from Middle English *siv(i)er*, ‘sieve-maker’. Compare **Sievwright**.  
**Early bearers:** Edith Siuiere, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Ralph le Siviere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Walter le Seuyare, 1327 in *Fransson* (Hants); Daniell Sivyer, 1661 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Sarah Sivyer, 1726 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); Saml. Sivyer, 1788 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent).

### Sixsmith

**Variants:** **Sexsmith**, **Sucksmith**, **Shucksmith**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 500  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois  
English: occupational name from Middle English *sok* ‘ploughshare’ (Old French *soc*) + *smith* ‘smith’, for someone who made ploughshares.  
**Early bearers:** Bryan Suchsmith, 1585, Alis Suxsmith, 1589, Bryane Syxsmith, 1617 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs); Ambros Syxsmith, 1587 in *IGI* (Grasby, Lincs); Anne Sixsmith, 1619 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lincs); Henry Sucksmith, 1628 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire); Elizabeth Sicksmith, 1653 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham,

Lincs); Elizabeth Shucksmith, 1705 in *IGI* (North Kelsey, Lincs).

### Size

**Variants:** **Sise**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 62  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Donegal  
1 English: relationship name from *Sis(s)e*, a pet form of the Middle English female personal name *Cicely*, *Sisely*. See **Sisley** and for the Lincs and Yorks name compare **Sisson**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Cisse de Wassedene, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames: Richard Syse of Waltham, 1351 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Syse, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Galfridus Syse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Philippus Syse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thearne, Sicey and Woodmansey, ER Yorks); Edmond Sysse, 1562, Jeffrey Syse, 1564 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Henry Sise, 1590 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Henricus Sise, 1602, Johannes Size, 1625 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Henry Size, 1829 in *IGI* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); Margaret Size, 1837 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs).  
2 English, Huguenot, Cornish: alternatively, a variant of **Sye** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sizeland

**Variants:** **Syzling**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland o  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 162  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk  
English: locative name from **Sisland** (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Adam Sysland, 1604, Richard Siseland, 1631, Mary Sisland, 1632 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Mgt. Sizeland, 1631 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 423.

### Sizemore

• **GB frequency 1881:** o  
English: see **Sismore**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sizer

• **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 515  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, Cambs, Norfolk, Lincs, and Yorks  
English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *sysour* ‘assizer’, a shortened form of *assisour*, denoting a jurymen or sworn witness in a court of assize.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Syser, 1303 in *Book of Fees*; Willelmus Sisar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Robert Syser, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Susan Sisar, 1565 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Dorethe Syser, 1568 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants); Franncis Siser, 1580, Mary Sisar, 1630 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); Margret Syser, 1589 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Edward Siser, 1590 in *IGI* (Croft, Lincs); Nicholas Siser, 1603 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Gyles Siser, 1635 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Siser, 1647 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

**Sizmore**

- GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Sismore**.

**Sizmur**

- Current frequencies: GB 72, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Sismore**.

**Skae**

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 86
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Skea**.

**Skaife**

- Current frequencies: GB 256, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 202
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Scaife**.

**Skakle**

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens and Banffs
- Scottish: of uncertain origin; possibly a nickname from Scottish Gaelic *sgagaire* 'coward'.  
Early bearers: William Skaikell, 1675 in *IGI* (Deskford, Banffs).

**Skane**

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Warwicks; Lancs
- English: see **Scane**.

**Skanes**

- GB frequency 1881: 1
- English: see **Scane**.

**Skarratt**

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 57
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Scarratt**.

**Skarratts**

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- English: variant of **Scarratt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
Early bearers: Ann Scarretts, 1835 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Thomas Skarrets, 1870 in *IGI* (Parr, Lancs); John Whitham Skarratts, 1873 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Skate**

- Variants: **Skates**
- Current frequencies: GB 53, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 43
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- 1 English: the Norfolk name is probably a variant of **Skeet**.  
2 English: nickname; there is some evidence for a Middle English surname derived from the word *scate* in one or other of its senses but its survival as a modern surname is uncertain. It might be identical

with the the name for the sea-water fish, the common European skate, or it might be Middle English *scathe*, *scate* (Old Scandinavian *skaði*) 'harm, injury', applied to someone who has received harm or who might do harm to others.  
Early bearers: Gotte Scate, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Skate, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nosterfield, NR Yorks); William Scate, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Skate, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Henry Skate, 1601 in *IGI* (Duncton, Sussex); James Skate, 1602 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Skate, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Skate, 1666 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

**Skates**

- Variants: **Scates**
- Current frequencies: GB 299, Ireland 35
  - GB frequency 1881: 169
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and IoW; also London
- English: variant spelling of **Skeates**. For the etymology see **Skeet**.

**Skay**

- GB frequency 1881: 4
- English: see **Skey**.

**Skea**

- Variants: **Skae**
- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 242
  - Main GB location 1881: Orkney; also Angus
- Scottish (Orkney): locative name from Skea in Deerness (Orkney).  
Early bearers: Magnus Sca, 1480 in *Black* (Orkney); James Scay, 1523 in *Black* (Orkney); John Skay, 1559 in *Black* (Orkney); Madie Scae, 1597 in *Black* (Orkney); Cathreine Skea, 1633 in *IGI* (Shapinsay, Orkney); John Skae, 1657 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); Helen Skae, 1679 in *IGI* (Dun, Angus); Thomas Skae, 1699 in *IGI* (Marykirk, Kincardines).

**Skeat**

- Current frequencies: GB 59, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 79
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Skeet**.  
Early bearers: Edmund Skeat, 1792, Henry Skate, 1821, John Skeat, 1823 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Henry Skate, 1748, Benjamin Skeet, 1751, John Skeat 1847 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Skeates**

- Variants: **Skeats**, **Sceats**, **Skates**
- Current frequencies: GB 425, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 202
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants; Gloucs and Somerset; London
- English: variant of **Skeet** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See also **Skeat**, **Skate**.

Early bearers: Robert Skeetes, 1563 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); John Skates, 1586 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Agnes Scates, 1598 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Margerie Scates, 1626 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Symond Skates, 1629 in *IGI* (Paglesham, Essex); Alexander Skates, 1678 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants); Robert Skates, 1679 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Joseph Skates, 1701 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts).

**Skeath**

- Variants: **Skeith**
- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 40
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh
- Scandinavian, English: locative name from one or more places named with Old Scandinavian *skeið* 'racecourse', including The Skeyth (lost) in Leicester (Leics), and Wickham Skeith (Suffolk).  
Further information: Old Scandinavian *skeið* also means 'weaver's reed'; 'war-galley'; 'sheath'.  
Early bearers: Willelmus Skeyth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); John Skeeth, 1559 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Bartholomew Skeathe, 1561 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Katheryn Scaythe, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkby la Thorpe, Lincs); Eliz. Skeathe, 1569 in *IGI* (Pockthorpe, Norfolk); Henry Skathe, 1574 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Als Scathe, 1585, Eline Scath, 1594 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Anne Skaeth, 1589 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Isabell Skeath, 1591 in *IGI* (Barrowby, Lincs).  
References: *Place-Names of Leics* 1, p. 144.

**Skeats**

- Current frequencies: GB 327, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 338
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and Berks; London
- English: see **Skeates**.

**Sked**

- Variants: **Skedd**
- Current frequencies: GB 272, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 150
  - Main GB location 1881: E Lothian and Midlothian
- Scottish: unexplained; perhaps related to Scots *skey* 'slanting, sloping'.  
Early bearers: Helene Skayde, 1583 in *Black* (Millades); James Skaid, 1600 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Dunatye); James Sked, 1621 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Marie Skead, 1625 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Sked, 1634 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Margrit Skede, 1640 in *IGI* (Ormiston, E Lothian); Issoble Sked, 1656, William Skeed, 1669 in *IGI* (Gordon, Berwicks); Bessie Skedd, 1696 in *IGI* (Whitekirk, Berwicks).

**Skedd**

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Roxburghs and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Sked**.

**Skeel**

- Variants: **Skeels**, **Skeeles**
- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 64
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- English: nickname from Middle English *skele*, *skeyll* 'wooden bucket', for someone who made or sold buckets.  
Early bearers: Richard Skele, 1272 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar*; John Skele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Skele, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Adam Skele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Robertus Skele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); William Skeel, 1681 in *IGI* (Doddington, Cambs); Mary Skeel, 1684 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Johannis Skeel, 1688 in *IGI*

## Skeeles

(Great Snoring, Norfolk); Thomas Skeel, 1688 in *IGI* (Farlington, Hants); William Skeel, 1695 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

### Skeeles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Northants
- English: variant of **Skeel** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Skeels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Middx
- English: variant of **Skeel** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Elynor Skeales, 1577; Andrew Skeeles, 1593 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); William Skeeles, 1636 in *IGI* (Wilburton, Cambs).

### Skeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; London
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from **Mac Sceacháin** or **Ó Sceacháin**, see **Skene**.

### Skeens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Scottish: variant of **Skene** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Skeens, 1732 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Skeer

- Variants: **Skyers**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Squire**.
- Early bearers:** Richardus Skere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton in the Hedges, Northants); Johannes S kyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Johannes S kyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Willelmus S kyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Hants); Thomas S kyr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Philip S kyre, 1591 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Wm Skeere, 1615; Jeames Skeer, 1618 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent).

### Skeet

- Variants: **Skeete**, **Skeat**, **Skeats**, **Sceats**, **Skeates**, **Skate**, **Skates**, **Skett**, **Skitt**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 853, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 567
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk; also London
- English: (i) relationship name; the E Anglian name is from the Middle English personal name *Sket*, derived from the word in (ii). The personal name is not found after the 12th century, so the hereditary surname must be of 13th-century origin. (ii) nickname; elsewhere the name is probably from the word itself, Middle English *skete* 'swift, lively, fierce' (Old Scandinavian *skjotr*), with shortening of the vowel in **Skitt** and **Skett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sketh, 11th cent. in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Scheit, Schett, Scet, Esket, Eschet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sloley, Dersingham, Edgefield, Binham, all Norfolk); Scet, about 1135–1140 in *Castle Acre Cartulary* (Massingham, Norfolk).  
surnames: Ricardus filius Schet, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Eudonis filii Scet, about 1175 in *Castle Acre Cartulary* (Massingham, Norfolk); Walter Sket, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Skeet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholaus Skeyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bilney, Norfolk); Ricardus Skete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Johannes Sket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Thomas Skeet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Adam Skete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Johannes Skete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramshaw and Canterton, Hants); Johannes Sket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Thoma Sket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne, Berks); Olyff Skeitt, 1556 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); John Skete, 1561 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); John Skett, 1562 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); Nicholas Skett, 1569 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Thomas Skeete, 1570, John Skeate, 1594, Edward Skate, 1601, Jn. Skeat, 1776 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Skeete, 1579 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Richard Skeet, 1629, Mary Skeett, 1730 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 335–6.

### Skeete

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Skeet**.

### Skeffington

Variants: **Skevington**, **Skiffington**, **Skivington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 118
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; London; also Lancs; Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

English: locative name from Skeffington (Leics).  
**Further information:** This surname was brought to Ireland in 1529 by Sir William Skeffington, Lord Deputy of Ireland under Henry VIII.  
**Early bearers:** England: Simon de Scheftinton, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Henry de Skefyngton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Skevyngton, 1520 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); Hester Skeffington, 1609 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Wilhelmi Skeffington, 1649 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).  
Ireland: William Skevington, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1683; John Skeffington, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 3 (Antrim, Antrim); Leift. Skevington, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 480 (Pyerc townne, Meath).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 3, pp. 220–1.

### Skegg

Variants: **Skeggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: (i) nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**skegg* 'beard' (Old Scandinavian *skegg*), from someone with a beard. (ii) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Skegg* (Old Scandinavian *Skeggi* 'bearded one').

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Skeg, 1235 in *Close Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Skegge, 1304 in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts*; Thomas Skegge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saltmarsh, ER Yorks); Waltero Skegg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muckton, Lincs); William Skegge of Staynton, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Henry Skegg, 1556 in *IGI* (Edworth, Beds); John Skegge, 1562 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts).

### Skeggs

Variants: **Skiggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: variant of **Skegg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Alis Skegs, 1565 in *IGI* (Addington, Bucks); Robert Skeggs, 1575 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).

### Skehan

Variants: **Skeen**, **Skene**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 363
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Clare, and Kilkenny

Irish: from **Mac Sceacháin** or **Ó Sceacháin** 'son (or descendant) of *Sceachán*', a personal name probably based on a diminutive of *sceach* 'briar, thorn bush'. It has been anglicized as **Thornton**.  
**Early bearers:** Gilliduff alias Melaghlin O Skeghan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6522; Skehan, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 473 (Drogheda, Louth).

### Skeith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lincs

Scottish, English: see **Skeath**.

### Skelcey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 German: see **Skelcher**.  
2 English: see **Skelsey**.

### Skelcher

Variants: **Skelcey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

German: of continental origin, found as **Schelcher** in Hämikon, canton Lucerne, Switzerland, in the first half of the 17th century, and also known in Germany. According to *Brechenmacher* 2, p. 495, it means 'boatman', from a regional word for a type of boat used on the river Main, but it might derive from the regional word *Schelch* '(wild) stallion'.  
**Further information:** **Skelcey** is found in the 18th century in the same area of Warwicks as **Skelcher**, but must also represent **Skelsey**, which occurs much earlier.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Schelcher, 1680 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Jane Skelcher, 1743 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Joseph Skelcher, 1749, William Schelecher, 1822 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks); Wm. Skelcey, 1776, Mary Skelcy, 1787 in *IGI* (Bulkington, Warwicks); Mary Skelcey, 1827 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks).  
**References:** Geneanet: <http://tinyurl.com/ohyngxgz>

**Skelding**

Variants: **Skeldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Staffs

English: (i) locative name from Skelding near Ripon (WR Yorks), recorded as *Skeldon* in 1328. (ii) locative name possibly from Skeldon (Ayrshire), although there is a lack of evidence for a historic presence in this part of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Skelding, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Skeldyng, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Walter Skelden, 1433 in *Patent Rolls*; John Skeldyng, 1463 in *York Freeman's Register*; Nycolas Skelding, 1568 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); John Skeldon, 1592 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Skelding, 1594 in *IGI* (Conistone, WR Yorks); John Skelding, 1596 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Elizabeth Skelding, 1602 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Elizabetha Skeldon, 1620 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Barbara Skelding, 1601, Jonett Skeldin, 1609, Margaret Skeldon, 1612 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Rachiel Skeldon, 1699 in *IGI* (Spott, E Lothian); Kirstine Skelding, 1711 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 198; 7, pp. 137–8.

**Skeldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; E Lothian, Berwicks, and Northumb

English, Scottish: see **Skelding**.

**Skellhorn**

Variants: **Skellorn, Skellon, Skellern, Skillern, Skillan, Skillen, Skillicorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Staffs

English: locative name from one or more places named with Old Scandinavian *skáli* 'temporary shelter' + *horn* 'horn-shaped piece of land', such as Skeleron in Rimington (WR Yorks), recorded as *Skellhorn* in 1616. Skellorn Green in Adlington (Cheshire) may be an alternative source, although it is only recorded from the 19th century and may have taken its name from the family. The medieval field names *Skeylhornrudying* 1315 and *Skellhornes Ruding* 1330 are recorded in Odd Rode (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John Scalehorne, 1467 in *Pipe Rolls*; Lawrence Skelhorne, 1560 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Mary Skellhorne, 1572 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Anna Skeallehorne, 1578 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Anne Skellhorne, 1584 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire); James Skalehorne, 1579, Alse Scalehorne, 1585 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 177; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 184; 2, p. 316.

**Skelland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire

English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Skelling**, itself a form of **Skilling**.

**Early bearers:** Parnell Skelland, 1559 in *IGI* (London); Susanna Skeland, 1599 in *IGI* (Newark upon Trent, Notts); Eliz. Skelland, 1748 in *IGI* (Horton, Staffs); Martha Skelland, 1775 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Skellern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Skelhorn**.

**Skellet**

Variants: **Skillet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Rutland, and Leics; Cornwall

English: nickname from Middle English *skellet* 'skillet (a cooking pan)', for someone who made or sold skillets. Compare **Skilleter**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Skylet, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Skelete, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Skellit, laborer, 1522 in *Tudor Rutland* (Stretton, Rutland); Anne Skellet, 1588 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Elis. Skillet, 1710 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Skillet, 1773 in *IGI* (Market Overton, Rutland).

**Skelley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Cheshire, and IoM

Irish, Manx: see **Skelly**.

**Skelling**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Devon; Lancs
- English: see **Skilling**.

**Skellington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Skillington**.

**Skellon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Skelhorn**.

**Skellorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Skelhorn**.

**Skelly**

Variants: **Skellely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1324, Ireland 874
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. IoM; Northumb; Lancs; Devon (Plymouth);
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Longford, Westmeath, and Meath

Irish, Manx: (i) according to MacLysaght from Gaelic **Mac Scolaidhe** or **Ó Scolaidhe** 'son or descendant of the scholar', see **Scully**. (ii) according to Kneen the

Manx name is from Gaelic **Mac Scalaihe** 'son of Scalaihe (the crier)'.  
**Early bearers:** IoM: Macscali, 1343, Mac Skaly, 1408, Mac Skealy, 1422, Mac Scaly, 1511, Skellie, Skealley, 1630 in *Kneen* (IoM); Jon Skellie, 1630, Ellin Skelly, 1687, Jane Scaly, 1712 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); Eleanr Skelly, 1752, John Summers Skelley, 1800 in *IGI* (Rushen, IoM).

**Skelsey**

Variants: **Skelcey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx; WR Yorks

English: unexplained; apparently a form of **Kelsey** with prosthetic S-.

**Further information:** The surname's distribution shows a not fully understood relationship with **Skelcher**.

**Early bearers:** John Skelsy, 1549, Alice Skelsey, 1577 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Vrsellye Skelsye, 1611 in *IGI* (Somerby by Grantham, Lincs); William Skelsey, 1707 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks).

**Skel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Kent; Norfolk

English: perhaps a form of **Skellet**; its early appearance in Shrops suggests the possibility of the regional word *skelt* 'worthless person' found in Herefs.

**Early bearers:** Anne Skilt, 1565, George Skelt, 1566 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); George Skelte, 1581 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Marmaduke Skelts, 1586 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*.

**Skelton**

Variants: **Skilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6418, Ireland 588
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4333
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone

English: locative name mainly from Skelton in Cumb, NR Yorks, or WR Yorks, and occasionally from Skelton in Essex.

**Further information:** This English surname has been established in Queen's County [Laois], Ireland, since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Hamo de Skelton, about 1160–93 in *Yorks Charters*; John de Skelton, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Skilton, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Robertus de Skelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Robertus de Skelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton Sessay, NR Yorks); Johannes Skelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes de Skelton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); Johanne de Skelton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soulby, Westm); John Skelton, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Elizabeth Skelton, 1540 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Edmdd Skelton, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Katheryne Skelton, 1546 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Willm. Skelton, 1562 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); William Skelton, 1572 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

Ireland: Matthew Skelton, gent., 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1120; Matthew Skelton, gent., 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

## Skemp

§1339 (Skelton rathe, Queen's County [Laois]); Martin Lynte alias Skelton, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1649 (Sleyty alias Skeltons rathe, Queen's County [Laois]); James Skelton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Thomas Skelton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killyman, Tyrone).

**References:** *MacLysaght* p. 273; *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, pp. 239–40; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 255; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 16–7, 145, 293; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 120; 5, p. 153.

## Skemp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; Lancs

English: variant of **Kemp** with a prosthetic *S*-. Compare **Scamp**.

**Early bearers:** John Kemp, 1592, 1726, Grizela Skemp, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); George Skemp, 1768 in *IGI* (Stoke Ferry, Norfolk); Thomas Kemp, 1669, Joshua Skemp, 1775 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

## Skempton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Scampton**.

## Skene

**Variants:** Skeen, Skeens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 862, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 645
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens and Angus

1 Scottish: locative name from Skene (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Johan de Skene, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Aberdeens); Giliane de Skene, 1358 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Alexander Skene, of that ilk, 1506 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Skene, Aberdeens).

2 Irish: from Mac Sceacháin or Ó Sceacháin, see **Skehan**.

## Skeoch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; also Lanarks and Renfrews; Northumb

Scottish: locative name from one or more places called Skeoch (Ayr, Lanarks, Dumfriess, Stirlings). Skeoch near Mauchline (Ayr) appears to be the principal source.

**Early bearers:** John Skeoch, 1507 in *Black* (Ayr); Andrew Skeoch, 1522 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Allan Skeoch, 1617 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Jannat Skeoch, 1663 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr).

## Skepper

**Variants:** Skipper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *skopper*, *skipper* 'basket maker'. See **Skip** and compare Roger le Skepmakere, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardus Skepmaker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Simon Sceppere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Walter le Skeppere, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Skepper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk);

Johannes Skeper, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eslington, Northumb); Johannes Skeper', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horstead, Norfolk); Ricardus Skepper, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Henricus Skeppere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenhams, Norfolk); Edwardi Skepper, 1595 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Christopher Skepper, 1596 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Willm. Skepper, 1599 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Thomas Skepper, 1625 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex); Helen Skepper, 1635, Stephen Skepper, 1806 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs). **References:** *Fransson*, p. 171.

## Skerner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Staffs

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *skirmen* 'to fence' (Old French *eskirmir*), for a fencing-master. Compare **Scrimshaw**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Skiremar', Thomas le Scuremer, Hugh Skermere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William le Skurmere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert le Skirmer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Skermer, 1614 in *IGI* (Belton, Leics); Samvell Skermer, 1696 in *IGI* (Belton, Leics); Elizabeth Skermer, 1703 in *IGI* (Meopham, Kent); Joseph Skermer, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Skermer, 1779 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Skerratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs

1 English: see **Scarratt**.

2 English: see **Skerritt**.

## Skerrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs; also Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

1 English: see **Scarratt**.

2 English: see **Skerritt**.

## Skerritt

**Variants:** Skerrett, Skerratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 135
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 286
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk; also Notts and Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *skirwhit(e)* 'skirret, water parsnip' (*Sium sisarum*), apparently an alteration of Old French *eschervis*. The plant was cultivated for its tubers, which were used in sauces and medicine, so the surname may have been acquired by someone who grew or sold it, or who used it in cooking or medicinally. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Skyret, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Ricardo Skyrwytt and Nicholao Skyrewhit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tarrant Keynston, Dorset); Alice Skyrewhit, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Holland, Essex); Thomas Skyrewytt, Roger Skyrewytt, 1332 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Skyrwhytt, 1377 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Skirwit, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Eustis Skeritt, 1652 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Miles Skeritt, 1672 in *IGI* (Gimingham, Norfolk); Judith Skirrit, 1731 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Alice Sherrit, 1733, Samuel Skeritt, 1738, John Skirrit, 1795 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Charles Skirrit, 1771 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Elizabeth Skirrit, 1793 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

2 English: variant of **Sherrard** or **Sherwood**. The names were probably much confused, and it is difficult to say which form of the name is historically prior.

**Early bearers:** John Sherrott, 1576, John Sherratt, 1586, John Skerratt, 1614, John Sherwood, 1621 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Elizabeth Sherret, 1697, Charles Skerit, 1704 in *IGI* (North Collingham, Notts).

3 English: variant of **Scarratt**.

4 English: perhaps a local pronunciation of the Devon surname **Sherwood**. The development of *Sh-* to *Sk-* in early Modern English is a feature of Devon dialect; see *Place-Names of Devon*, p. xxxv. With the 1577 and 1666 examples cited below compare Robert Sherwood, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Raphe Skirrette, 1577, Agnes Skirrit, 1666, Zacheriah Skirrett, 1677 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Skerret, 1668 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon).

5 English: locative name from Skirwith (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Eudo de Skirwhit, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); John de Skirwith, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Skirwith, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Jno. Skirret, 1737, Christo. Skirrett, 1739, Thos Sherrit, 1782 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* pp. 242–3.

6 English: sometimes perhaps a variant of **Skirrow**, though the evidence for this is slight.

## Skerrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Durham
- English: see **Skirrow**.

## Skerry

**Variants:** Scarry, Scurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: (i) from Ó *Scurra* 'descendant of *Scurra*', a personal name of unexplained origin. (ii) from Ó *Scoireadh* 'descendant of *Scoireadh*', a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Further information:** Woulfe believes that Ó *Scoireadh* and Ó *Scurra* (see also **Scarry**) are variants of the same name, while MacLysaght regards them as two different names.

**Early bearers:** Mary Scurry, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Curraghmore, Kilkenny); Nicholas Scurry, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilmanahin, Kilkenny); Bridget Scurry, 1851 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Longcourse, Waterford); John Skerry, 1855 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyboy, Galway); Maria Skerrie, in *Griffith's Valuation* (Townparks, Antrim).

## Sketchley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Sketchley in Burbage (Leics).

**Early bearers:** William Sketchley, 1559 in *IGI* (Thornton, Leics); Rob Sketchley, 1599 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Alice Sketchley, 1607 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Elizabeth Sketchley, 1608 in *IGI* (Snarestone, Leics).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 94.

### Skett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: see **Skeet** and **Skitt**.

**Early bearers:** William Skytte of Kydermynster, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); William Skett, 1737 in *IGI* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); Charles Skeet, 1743, John Skyt, 1771, William Skett, 1779 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Skevington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; Northants and Beds

English: see **Skeffington**.

### Skewes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Skews**.

### Skews

**Variants:** **Skewes**, **Skuse**, **Scuse**, **Skuce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Middx and Kent

Cornish: locative name from any of various minor places named with Cornish *skaw* 'elder bush' + the locative suffix *-es*, notably *Skewes* in Crowan, Cury, and Saint Wenn, or possibly, with the loss of the initial syllable from *Treskewes* in either *Stithians* or *Saint Keverne* (all Cornwall).

**Further information:** The forms *Skuse* and *Scuse* are now mainly found in the Bristol area. *Skuse* was taken to southwestern Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** John Thomas Skuys, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Crowan, Cornwall); John and William Treskewes, 1524, but Robert Skewis, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stithians, Cornwall); Sandry Skewes, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Elizabeth Skuse, 1578 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Elizabeth Scuse, 1605 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Elizabeth Skuce, 1634 in *IGI* (Edington, Wilts); Abigail Skews, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Jane Skuce, 1646 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Sarah Skuce, 1665 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Aldwyn, Gloucs); Thomas Scuce, 1675, Elizabeth Skuse, 1679 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Skey

**Variants:** **Skay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon; London

English: nickname from Middle English *skei* 'timid (esp. of horses)', ultimately from a Scandinavian word corresponding to *shy*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus le Scai, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls*; Robert le Skay, 1315 in *Close Rolls*; William Skay of Westonbrit [Westonbirt], 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Skey, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John Skeye of Spaldyng, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gilbertus Skey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Ricardus Skay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); John Skay of Gloucestre, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Skey, 1582 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Joane Skay, 1631 in *IGI* (Churchill, Oxon).

### Skiba

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname from *skiba* 'thin strip of land between two furrows'; perhaps for a peasant or a ploughman.

### Skidmore

**Variants:** **Skitmore**, **Scudamore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3249, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: unexplained. The early forms suggest a locative name but no suitable place in England or France has been identified and the preposition may have been added as a sign of social status.

**Further information:** Peter de Skydemore held the manor of Upton Scudamore in 1216 (*Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 156). *Ekwall*, *DEPN* notes that the manor was given to Godfrey Escudamore shortly after 1150 and asserts that *Scudamore* was a French family name (it is not clear on what grounds). It is noted in *Hanks and Hodges* that a family with the name *Scudamore* trace their descent from Ralph, holder of *Opton* (Upton, Wilts) in 1086, whose son was known as Reginald Escudemor.

**Early bearers:** Godefrid de Scudemor, Waleran de Scudimor, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Wilts); Hugh de Scudimore, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Peter de Skidemor, about 1170 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Jacobo de Skidemor, 1219 in *Patent Rolls*; Godefridus de Scudemore, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey Escudemor, Eskidemor, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Upton Scudamore, Norton, and Fifield, Wilts); Peter de Skydemore, 1282 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Ralph Skydemore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Johannes Skydemor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Richard Skidemore of Hereford, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); John Skydemore of la Verne, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Skydemour, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Skydemore of Edrop, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Skidemore, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Scutamore, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 706.

### Skiffington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Skeffington**.

### Skiggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Essex, and Middx
- English: see **Skeggs**.

### Skilbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 256
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: locative name apparently from one or other of the streams called *Skill Beck*, which flow into Bassenthwaite Lake (Cumb), or Scale Beck in Westm, or perhaps the River Skell (WR Yorks), which is known as *Skell Beck* in its upper reaches.
- Early bearers:** Alice Skelbeck, 1561 in *IGI* (Saxton, WR Yorks); Barbarie Skilbecke, 1563 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Magaret Skelbecke, 1564 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Barbarye Skilbeck, 1583 in *IGI* (Watermillock, Cumb); Barbara Skilbeck, 1590 in *IGI* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Cuthbart Skilbecke, 1593 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Alyce Skylbecke, 1595 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); John Scalebeck, James Skelbecke, in *Hearth Tax* (Kirkby Stephen, Westm).
- References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 27; *Place-Names of Westm*, p. 13; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 7, p. 137.

### Skill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: nickname from Middle English *skill* ('reason, discernment' (Old Scandinavian *skil*), for someone possessing these qualities. Compare Geoffrey Scilful, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs), William Skylful, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs), and see **Skillman**.
- Early bearers:** William Skille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Skyl, 1302 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Rogero Skyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lincs); Willelmus Skille, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Robertus Skille, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Walterus Skyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gloucs); Henricus Skyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset); Brigit Skill, 1577 in *IGI* (Haugham, Lincs); John Skill, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Will. Skill, 1597 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Richard Skill, 1612 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Margrett Skill, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Skillan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Skelhorn**.

### Skillen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 351
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs and Cumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- 1 English, Scottish: see **Skelhorn**.  
2 English, Scottish: see **Skilling**.

### Skillern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Worcs and Gloucs
- English: see **Skelhorn**.

**Skilleter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *skellet* 'skillet (a cooking pan)' (see **Skellet**) + *-er*, for someone who made or sold skillets.

**Early bearers:** John Skellattour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Skilleter, 1549 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Thomas Skilleter, 1684 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Mary Skilleter, 1748 in *IGI* (Caldecote, Cambs); Stephen Skilleter, 1807 in *IGI* (Hartford, Hunts); William Skilleter, 1843 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

**Skillett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Skellet**.

**Skillicorn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lancs

English: of uncertain origin, but it may be an altered form of **Skelhorn**, by false association with Middle English *skillinge* 'grain separated from the husk' + *corn* 'corn, grain'. The surname was taken from Lancs to IoM, perhaps in the late 15th century.

**Further information:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 372, states that the surname occurs from the early 14th century in Lancs records as the name of a landowning family at Preese.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Skillingcorne, about 1350 in *Ewen, Guide* (Lancs); Adam Skyllyngcorn, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne Skelycorne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardhorn, Lancs); Edmund Skillicorn, 1398 in *Patent Rolls*; John Skillicorn, 1459 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Thomas Skillicorne, 1540, Margret Skulicourne, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

IoM: Skylicorne, 1511 in *Kneen*; Sir Philip Skillicorne, 1521 in *Moore*; Jon Skillicorne, 1696 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Dan Skillicorn, 1710 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM).

**Skillin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Ayrs; IoM

English, Scottish: see **Skilling**.

**Skilling**

**Variants:** Skillen, Skillin, Skillings, Skelling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 50
- **GB frequency 1881:** 300
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Dumfriess, and Ayrs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: (i) locative name from Skelling in Skirwith (Cumberland). (ii) relationship name from the Old English personal name *Scilling*, in a scandinavianized form unrecorded in Middle English or Scots.

**Further information:** Its early presence in the S of England and not in the N is unexplained. It may be associated with the name of Agnes Killing, 1550 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); see **Killing**. A *Kyllyngesmylle* in Bridport (Dorset) recorded in 1291 is referred to as *Skylllyngesmulle* in 1364 (*Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 362).

**Early bearers:** England: Michael Skylllyng<sup>2</sup>, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Michael de Skillyng, Michael de Skillyng, 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; Michael Skylllyng<sup>3</sup>, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Michael Skylllyng<sup>4</sup>, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Michael Skylllyng, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Skylllyng, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Annys Skylllinge, 1562 in *IGI* (Salisbury). Scotland: Elizabeth Skilling, 1670 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayrs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 243.

2 English: possibly a Scots variant of **Shilling**.

**Skillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Durham

English, Scottish: variant of **Skilling** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Skillings, 1612 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayrs).

**Skillington**

**Variants:** Skellington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

English: locative name from Skillington (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Skilington of Lincoln, Robert de Skilington, burgess of Graham, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John de Skylington, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Skylington, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Joyce de Skylington, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Simone de Skelyngton<sup>1</sup>, 1379, Johannes de Skyllyngton<sup>2</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wavertree, Lancs); John Skyslyngton<sup>3</sup>, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Skillyngton, precentor of the cathedral church of Dublin, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Skyllyngton, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Skillyngton, parson of Eccles, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 111.

**Skillman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: nickname from Middle English *skil(l)* 'reason, discernment' (Old Scandinavian *skil*) + *man*. The name represents an anglicization of Old Scandinavian *skilamaðr* 'trustworthy man'. Compare **Skill**.

**Early bearers:** John Skyleman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Matthew Skylman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Skylman, Nicholas Skillman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Walterus Skylmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Ricardus Skillman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Ales Skillman, 1576 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Radulfi Skillman, 1624 in *IGI* (Wotton Underwood, Bucks); Richard Skillman, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Peter Skillman, 1695 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Skillman, 1792 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts).

**Skilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 792
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: (i) probably a variant of **Skelton**. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Shilton**: compare

Agnes Shilton, 1605 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent) with the 1564 early bearer below.

**Early bearers:** John Skilton, 1564 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Richard Skilton, 1683 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

**Skimming**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish Gaelic: reduced form of **McSkimming**.

**Skin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Skinn**.

**Skiner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Skinner**.

**Skingle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Skingley**.

**Skingley**

**Variants:** Skingle, Skingsley, Skinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Dutch, English: possibly from Dutch *schinkel* 'thigh' in some unascertained sense (but compare **Shank**). The development of the last syllable to *-ley* is not understood.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Skingle, 1559 in *IGI* (Widford, Herts); Bandine Skingle, 1561 in *IGI* (Furneux Pelham, Herts); Cathrine Skyngle, 1568 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); John Skingle, 1570 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); John Skingle, 1580–98 in *Muster Rolls* (Thundridge, Herts); Baldwyne Skyngell, Bawlden Skingle, 1580–98 in *Muster Rolls* (Much Hadham, Herts); Geo Skingle, 1584 in *IGI* (Fairstead, Essex); Thomas Skingley, 1597 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); John Skingle, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Saint Leonard Shoreditch, Middx); Mary Skingley, 1646 in *IGI* (Codicote, Herts); Elizabeth Skingley, 1658 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); George Skingsley, 1663 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); John Skingly, 1664 in *IGI* (Woodham Mortimer, Essex); Henry Skinkell, 1697 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Skinkle, 1721 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Sarah Skinley, 1800 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex).

**Skingsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Skingley**.

**Skinley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex and Suffolk; Warwicks

English: see **Skingley**.



**Skinn**

Variants: **Skin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *skin(n)* 'skin' (Old Scandinavian *skinn*), perhaps for someone who wore animal skins or fur or who prepared and sold them (see **Skinner**). Compare **Shinn**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Skin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Skin, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Nicholas Skynne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Jacobus Skyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Willelmo Skyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Johannes Skyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Willelmus Skyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Skinn, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); John Skin, 1575 in *IGI* (South Willingham, Lincs); Katherina Skin, 1579 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Skin, 1627 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Thomas Skin, 1675 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Hannah Skinn, 1722 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**Skinnard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** S London

English: see **Skinner**.

**Skinner**

Variants: **Skynner, Skyner, Skiner, Skinnard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17679, Ireland 217
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14978
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Devon; also N and E Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *skinner* 'skinner', an agent derivative of Middle English *skin(n)* 'skin' (Old Scandinavian *skinn*), for someone who stripped the hide from animals to be used in the production of fur garments, or to be tanned for leather. Compare **Skin** and **Shinner**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert le Skynner, 1263 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Ralph le Skinnere, 1269 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Herts); Willelmus Skynner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Offington and Heene, Sussex); Thamsyn Skinner, 1539 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Steven Skinner, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Symon Skinner, 1546 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs).

Scotland: John Skinner, about 1360 in *Chiefs of Grant* (Inverness); Stephan Skynnar, 1361 in *Moray Register* (Inverness); John Skinner, 1470 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Bartholomew Skinner, 1487 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**Skipp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; also Warwicks; Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *skep(pe)* 'basket' (Old Scandinavian *skeppa*), for someone who made or sold baskets. See **Skepper**.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Sceppe, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); John Skip, 1282 in *London Letter Books A*; William Skyp, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Skyp, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Skep,

William Skyp, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardo Skipe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Henricus Skep, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Ricardus Skype, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Ric Skipp, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Agnes Skipp, 1568 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); John Skipp, 1637 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); William Skipp, 1638 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Skipp, 1656 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Skippen**

Variants: **Skippon, Skippins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name, nickname from a scandinavianized form of Middle English *shipen* 'cattle shed' (Old English *scypen*); see **Shippen**. Shippen in Barwick in Elmet (WR Yorks) is recorded with the forms *Skipen* in 1232 and *Skepen* in 1276.

**Early bearers:** John Skippon, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Skypyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsham, Norfolk); John Skippen, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Skipping, 1449 in *Paston Letters*; Alys Skepens, 1562 in *IGI* (London); Ann Skippen, 1572 in *IGI* (East Lexham, Norfolk); Franncisca Skippon, 1589 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Elizabeth Skippon, 1590 in *IGI* (Heacham, Norfolk); Annes Skippins, 1596 in *IGI* (Swanscombe, Kent).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 109.

**Skippence**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Skippins**.

**Skipper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1624, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: (i) occupational name, commonly a variant of **Skepper** 'basket maker'. Examples of *Skypard* probably belong here. (ii) occupational name, nickname more rarely from Middle English *skypper* 'skipper, master of a ship'. (iii) occupational name occasionally perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**skipper* 'acrobat or tumbler' (compare Middle English *skip(en)* 'to jump or spring') but this sense lacks evidence.

**Early bearers:** Godard le Scipre, 1177, Ansketillus Scippere, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls*; Geoffrey le Skippere, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robert le Skypper, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Cicely la Skippere, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Skypard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Gunner, Wilts); Thomas Skippere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Draycot Foliat, Wilts); Simon Skiper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ditchling, Sussex); Willelmus Skypard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Robertus Skypper', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pebmarsh, Essex); Johannes Skypare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Johan Skipper, 1572, John Skipper, 1679 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elnor Skipper, 1613 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Thomas Skipper, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 243.

**Skippins**

Variants: **Skippence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: variant of **Skippen** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Skippon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Skippen**.

**Skipsey**

Variants: **Shipsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Skipsea (ER Yorks). Away from Yorks, the name has developed a later variant with *Ship*, presumably because of the association with *sea*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Skipse, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Skypcycy, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Robert Skipse, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Robert Skipsy, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Skipsey, 1559, Jana Skypsey, 1588 in *IGI* (York); Isabell Skipse, 1583 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Skippsey, 1584 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Skipsey, 1587 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Anne Shipsey, 1603 in *IGI* (London); Charles Shipsea, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts); Thomas Shipsey, 1645 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 82.

**Skipton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; also Hants; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Skipton (WR Yorks) or Skipton on Swale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Skiptun, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Robert de Skipton', 1258 in *Forest Pleas* (Hunts); Henry de Skipton, 1335 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Johannes de Skyp-ton', Johannes Skyp-ton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (WR Yorks); Thomas Skipton, 1564 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Ninean Skipton, 1584 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Milo Skipton, 1590 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); John Skipton, 1601 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Peter Skipton, 1615 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 186; *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, pp. 71–2.

**Skipwith**

Variants: **Skipworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey

English: locative name from Skipwith (ER Yorks). **Further information:** A family of this name moved from Yorks to Lincs in the 13th century, perhaps contributing to the concentration of the variant *Skipworth* in Lincs.

**Early bearers:** William de Skipwyth, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Skipwyth, 1374 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Marg' de Skipwith', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johanne de Skypwyth', Marg' Skipwyth', 1379 in *Poll*

## Skipworth

*Tax* (ER Yorks); Katerine Skipwith, 1502 in *Yorks Wills*; Thomas Skipwith, 1558 in *IGI* (Saleby, Lincs); Rich Skipworth, 1590 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe All Saints, Lincs); John Skipwith, 1641 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

References: *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 262–3.

## Skipworth

- Current frequencies: GB 413, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 280
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Skipwith**.

## Skirrow

Variants: **Scarrow**, **Scarah**, **Skerrow**, **Skerritt**

- Current frequencies: GB 342, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 409
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name from Skirwith in Ingleton (WR Yorks), recorded as *Skyrhouth* in 1306, *Skerith* in 1615, *Skirrith* in 1724.

Early bearers: Laurencius de Skiront (correctly de Skirout), 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Skyrhow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Skerawth', Henricus Skerawth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Alexander Skyrowe, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Hugh Skirrow, 1568 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lincs); Margaret Skarowe, 1590, Ann Scaroe, 1681 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks); Anne Skyrowe, 1598 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); George Skirrey, 1605 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Francis Skirray, 1625 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Thomas Skirrow, 1656 in *IGI* (Settle, WR Yorks); Edward Skerro, Thomas Scarrou, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Jno. Skirrah, 1722 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Eliza Skirrow, 1825, Thomas Scarrow, 1833, William Skerrow, 1838 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 244; *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 246.

## Skirvin

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Scottish: see **Skirving**.

References: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Skirving

Variants: **Skirvin**

- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 210
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Scriven**, with metathesis of *-ri-* to *-ir-*.

Early bearers: Black John Skirving, the Earl Marischal's standard bearer at Flodden, referring to 1513 in *Black*; Agnes Scrivens, 1564 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Thomas Skirvin, 1599 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); James Skirvin, 1608, Alisone Skirving, 1611, Alexander Skirvine, 1638 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andro Skirvin, Marioun Skirvan, 1611 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Jean Skirven, 1634 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Georg Skervin, 1636 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); Helleine Skirving, 1636 in *IGI* (Saltoun, E Lothian).

## Skitmore

- Current frequencies: GB 70, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 56
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Skidmore**.

## Skitrall

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: see **Skittrall**.

## Skitt

Variants: **Skett**

- Current frequencies: GB 728, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 395
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Skeet**.

Further information: Alternative derivations from a hypothetical Middle English \**skit(t)e* (Old Scandinavian *skyti*) 'archer' (*Reaney and Wilson*), or from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Skyti* or *Skytta*, derived from the same word, are theoretically possible but there is no certain evidence for their currency in medieval England.

Early bearers: Nicholas Sket, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Geoffrey Skitte, 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald Skyte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Skyt, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Skitt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Skyte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); John Skyte, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Warminster, Wilts); Francis Skett, 1568, John Skett, 1687, Thomas Skett, 1770, George Skett, 1827 in *IGI* (Claverley, Shrops); Thomas Skitt, 1657 in *IGI* (Forton, Staffs); Mary Skett, 1670, Elizabeth Skytt, 1714 in *IGI* (Lilleshall, Shrops); John Skett, 1775, John Skitt, 1825 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

References: *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 255.

## Skitteral

- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Wilts

English: see **Skittrall**.

## Skitterall

- Current frequencies: GB 45, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 19
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts

English: see **Skittrall**.

## Skittrall

- GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts
- English: see **Skittrall**.

## Skittrall

Variants: **Skittrall**, **Skitrall**, **Skittrell**, **Skitterall**

**Skitteral**

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: Wilts; Surrey

English: nickname from the Middle English ethnic term *Scot* + the abusive or affectionate diminutive suffix *-erel*.

Early bearers: William Scoterel, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; James Scottrell, 1565 in *IGI* (London); Joane Scottterell, 1567 in *IGI* (Seaford, Sussex); Jhone

Scotterill, 1589 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Jhone Scottterall, 1591 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Kathrine Sketterell, 1593 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Scottrell, 1596 in *IGI* (Denby, Derbys); Elynor Scottrell, 1599 in *IGI* (Bishopstone, Sussex); Dorothee Scottterell, 1605 in *IGI* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Dinah Skitterill, 1667 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts).

## Skittrell

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey

English: see **Skittrall**.

## Skivington

- Current frequencies: GB 478, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 146
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks and Midlothian; also Staffs; Hants

Scottish, English: see **Skeffington**.

## Skone

Variants: **Scone**, **Scoon**

- Current frequencies: GB 142, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 65
- Main GB location 1881: Pembrokes

English: possibly a very early instance of a Dutch or Flemish borrowing, from *schoon* 'clean, beautiful'.

Early bearers: Robertus Skone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stebbing, Essex); Thomas Skone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Sarah Skone, 1618 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); Rebecca Skone, 1620 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); John Skone, 1626 in *IGI* (Trevine, Pembrokes); Anne Skone, 1629 in *IGI* (Botus Fleming, Cornwall); Alice Scone, 1652 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); William Skone, 1655 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Scone, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Twynnels, Pembrokes).

## Skoyles

- Current frequencies: GB 242, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 144
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Scales**.

## Skrimshire

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 32
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; also Brecknocks; Cumb

English: see **Scrimshaw**.

## Skrzypek

- Current frequencies: GB 90, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Polish, Jewish: nickname for a fiddle player, from Polish *skrzypek* 'scraper, groaner' (from *skrzypiec* 'to creak or groan', ultimately cognate with English *scrape*).

## Skuce

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 74
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Warwicks

English: see **Skews**.

## Skudder

- Current frequencies: GB 226, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 82
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Kent

English: see **Scudder**.

**Skull**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Scull**.

**Skupham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Scupham**.

**Skuse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 521
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: see **Skews**.

**Skutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: see **Scutt**. The Wilts name sometimes occurs in the same parishes as **Scott**. Compare John Scott, 1586 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts) and Margery Scott, 1628 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts) with the early bearers below. Whether they are variants of the same name or are family names of different origin is impossible to say without genealogical evidence. **Early bearers:** Thoma Skut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Semington, Wilts); Egidio Skut, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Agnes Skutt, 1563 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Cuteberd Scute, 1613 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts); Henry Skutt, 1589, John Scutt 1722, George Skutt, 1846 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Skyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Skeer** with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Skyers, 1657 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearn, WR Yorks).

**Skyner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Skinner**.

**Skyenner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Skinner**.

**Skyrme**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Pembrokes
- English: nickname from Middle English *skirme* 'fight, struggle'.
- Early bearers:** Richard Skirme, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Skyrme, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Edmond Skirme, 1540 in *IGI* (Lugwardine, Herefs); George Skirm, 1547 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Skerme, 1559 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent);

Thomas Skyrme, 1562, Annys Skerme, 1575 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Elizabeth Skirme, 1584 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Gregory Skirme, 1588, George Skyrme, 1598 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Peter Skerme, 1589 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs).

**Slabbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Dutch, Afrikaans: nickname from Middle Dutch *slabbaerd*, *slabbaert* 'glutton, foul-mouthed person'. **Further information:** The name was taken to South Africa by Floris Slabbert in 1699. **References:** [http://www.ballfamilyrecords.co.uk/notes/Slabbert\\_arrival.htm](http://www.ballfamilyrecords.co.uk/notes/Slabbert_arrival.htm).

**Slack****Variants: Slacke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5882, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4687
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; also Cavan
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *slak* 'small shallow valley, hollow in the ground' (Old Scandinavian *slakki*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a shallow valley or hollow, or toponymic, for someone from one of numerous minor places so named, principally in Derbys, Yorks and Lancs. **Early bearers:** Thomas Slakk, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholas del Slac, 1331 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Thomas Slack, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); William Slack, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Ryc. Slack, 1558 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Emy Slack, 1571 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Hy. Slack, 1612 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).
- 2 English: nickname from Middle English *slak* 'lazy, careless, slow' (Old English *slæc*). **Early bearers:** Gerebod le Slac, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Slak, 1359 in *London Letter Books G*.

**Slacke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; also Lancs
- English: see **Slack**.

**Sladden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: unexplained; probably from an unidentified place-name in Kent. **Early bearers:** Robert Slooden, 1477 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Elham, Kent); John Sloden, 1481 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Sloden, 1518 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Lyminge, Kent); Richard Slodden, 1557–8 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Littlebourne, Kent); William Sladdyn, 1573 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Mary Sladden, 1574, Nychas. Sloden, 1576 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Thomas Sladden, 1580 in *IGI* (Lyminge, Kent); William Slodden, 1588 in *Assize Rolls* (Lyminge, Kent); Henry Sladden, 1589 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Mercy Slodden, 1610 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ann Sladden, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Mary in the Marsh, Kent); Anthony Sladden, 1625 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); Thomas Sladden, 1643 in *IGI*

(Folkestone, Kent); Ann Sledden, 1712 in *IGI* (Stodmarsh, Kent).

**Sladdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Sladen**.

**Slade****Variants: Sleeth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7597, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5931
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- English: locative name from Middle English *slade* 'valley, low-lying marshy ground' (Old English *slæd*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a valley or marsh, or toponymic, for someone from any of several minor places so named: the place-name Slade is especially common in Devon, where eighteen examples are known.

**Early bearers:** Sabern de la Slade, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Slede, Stephen de Slede, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Reginald atte Slade, 1306 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Middx); Walter in the Slade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert atte Slade, Richard de la Slade, 1330, John in the Slade, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Roberto atte Slade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Matilda atte Slade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Galhampton, Somerset); Johannes Slade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Johannes Slade, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Johannes Slade, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chigwell, Essex); Waltero Sladde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); Johes Slade, 1541 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Julyan Slade, 1541 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Margaret Slade, 1547 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Harry Slade, 1560 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Robert Slade, 1561 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire).

**Sladen****Variants: Sladdin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 517
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Sladen near Calderbrook in Rochdale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Quenilda de Slaneden (for de Slaueden), 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ade de Slaueden, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Hugh de Slaneden [sic], 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johannes Sladen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warley, WR Yorks); Annes Sladen, 1548, Edward Sladdin, 1584 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Edrus Sladen, 1568 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Anne Sladen, 1570, William Sladdin, 1634 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Ambrose Sladen, 1589 in *IGI* (Warley, WR Yorks); Edmund Sladen, 1596 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 58; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Slader**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *slade* 'valley, low-lying marshy ground' (Old English *slæd*)

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+ *-er*, for someone who lived in or by a valley or marsh, or at a place so named: see **Slade**. Compare Thomas Slademam, 1325 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Slader, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brook, IoW); Willelmus Slader, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chillerton, IoW); Christopher Slader, 1546 in *IGI* (North Tawton, Devon); Henry Slader, 1551 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Andrew Slader, 1562 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Esbell Slader, 1562 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Alice Slader, 1563 in *IGI* (Hastings, Devon); Eliabeth Slader, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Helens, IoW); Agnis Slader, 1569 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW).

## Slaney

**Variants:** Slaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 200
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Angus; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- Irish (Meath), Norman: locative name from **de Sláine**, a rare Norman Irish locative from Slane, Meath.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Slane, 1225 in *CDI* §1273; Osbert de Slane, 1288 in *CDI* §371 (Dublin); John de Slane, 1292 in *CDI* §1148 (Connacht); William de Slane, 1293 in *CDI* §90 (Dublin); Edmond Slane, gent., 1585 in *Fianis Elizabeth* §4783 (Slaneston, Westmeath); John Slane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kildress, Tyrone).

## Slaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1248, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 926
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Staffs
- 1 English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Marg' Slanugh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley Bond, Leics); Anne Slenye, 1560 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Anne Slayny, 1576 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); Anne Slayne, 1580 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs); Ales Slanie, 1591 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).  
2 Irish: from **Mac Sleimhne**, see **Sliney**.  
3 Irish: from **de Sláine**, see **Slane**.

## Slann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Margret Slanne, 1561 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); William Sland, 1575 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Edwarde Slann, 1586 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Agnes Slann, 1593, Thomas Sland, 1693 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

## Slape

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset; Hants
- English: see **Sleep**.

## Slapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Sleep**.

## Slark

**Variants:** Slarke, Slarks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- English: unexplained.  
**Further information:** In SE England, the distribution of this group of names mirrors to some extent that of **Lark**.  
**Early bearers:** Mathewe Slarke, 1575, Richard Slark, 1576, Jane Slurk, 1583, Ales Slarcke, 1608 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Elizth Slarcke, 1589 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Susanna Slark, 1596 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Katheren Slarks, 1616 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Margrett Slarkk, 1660 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

## Slarke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Sussex
- English: see **Slark**.

## Slarks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: variant of **Slark** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

## Slasor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Slessor**.

## Slasor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Slessor**.

## Slat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Slate**.

## Slatcher

**Variants:** Sletcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks; WR Yorks
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Alice Slecher, 1563 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Katheren Sletcher, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ane Slecher, 1576 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs); Thoma Slecher, 1599 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Margaret Slatcher, 1629 in *IGI* (Newark upon Trent, Notts); Elizabeth Slatcher, 1665 in *IGI* (Wymington, Beds); Elizabeth Slatcher, 1693 in *IGI* (Wappenham, Northants); Temperance Sletcher, 1695 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds).

## Slate

**Variants:** Slat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *s(c)lat(e)* 'slate' (Old French *esclat*), perhaps for a slater or roofer, or a supplier of slates, cf. Rob. Sklatemanger in *Fransson*. See **Slater**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Slat, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Johanne Sclat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Wilts); John Slate, 1548 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Edward Sclat, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ann Slate, 1579 in *IGI* (Everdon, Northants); George Slat, 1607 in *IGI* (Docking, Norfolk); Sara Slat, 1608 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

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**Variants:** Sclater, Slatter, Slator, Slayter, Sloyter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23185, Ireland 400
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17970
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands: esp. Lancs, WR York, and Derbyss
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Longford; Sligo

1 English: occupational name for someone who lays slates on roofs, from Middle English *sclat(t)er*, occasionally *slater*, 'slater' (a derivative of Old French *esclate* 'slate' + the Middle English agent suffix *-er*). See also **Slate**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas le Sclatere, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Saundr' le Sclattur, 1278 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger Sclatiere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Sclatter, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Thoma Slater, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ravenser Odd, a lost port on the Humber, ER Yorks); John Le Sclatter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus Sclattar, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rousham, Oxon); Johanne Sclater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leicester, Leics); Johannes Sclattere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton on the Heath, Warwicks); Willelmo Sclater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandford, Westm); Johanne Sclattere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade, Wilts); Johannes Sclater, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brierley, WR Yorks); Rogerus Sclatterre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Willelmo Sklattar, tegulator ('tiler'), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Johannes le Sclater, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); Johamn Slater, 1540 in *IGI* (Edensor, Derbys); Jeneta Slater, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Joane Slater, 1546 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); John Slater, 1550 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Edward Slater, 1554 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).  
Scotland: Henry Sclatur, 1399 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Robert Sklatere, 1430 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Sclater, 1458 in *Black* (Arbroath, Angus); John Sclatar, 1497 in *Black* (Angus); William Sclater, 1508 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Sklaitter, slater of the palace of Dunkeld, 1514 in *Black* (Perths); Nicoll Sclaitter or Sklaitter, 1616 in *Black* (Shetland).  
2 English: in Sussex and adjacent counties, *Slater* and *Slatter* are probably post-medieval pronunciations of **Slaughter**, as suggested by the surnames in Thakeham, Shipley, and Billingshurst below. There seems to be no medieval evidence in the S coast counties for the occupational name *Slater* in (1).

**Further information:** McKinley observes that Edward Slutter, a tenant of land in Thakeham near West Grinstead (Sussex) in the mid 16th century, is also called Edward Slater. He deduces from this that the now extinct West Grinstead surname *Slutter* (a derivative of Middle English *slutte* 'muddy place', and a name for someone who resided at such a place) was assimilated to *Slater*. This may have

happened, but it should be noted that Edward's family name was probably not *Slutter* but *Slater* or *Slatter* (from *Slaughter*, an attested surname in Thakeham), which was no doubt miswritten as *Slutter* through confusion with the other name. **Early bearers:** Julia Slater, 1560 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Richard Slater, 1593 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex); Margerite Slatter, 1596, Madlin Slater, 1610 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); John Slater, 1651 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 170.

**3** English: occupational name for a butcher, from Middle English *sleght*, a variant of *slaught* 'slaughter, butchery' (Old English *-slæht* 'blow, stroke'), + the agent suffix *-ere*. Middle English *Sleyghtere* has only been found in Essex and is formally related to the synonymous occupational name **Slaughter**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Sleghtere, 1304 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William le Sleghtere (Sleyter), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Osyth, Essex); Waltero et Johanne le Sleytere (Sleghtere), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (White Notley, Essex); Edward Slater, 1585 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Thomas Slater, 1670 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex).

### Slatford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts

English: locative name from Slaughterford (Wilts), recorded as *Slahteford* in 1291.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Slagtreford', 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Edmund de Slaughtreford, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes Slatford, 1580 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 111.

### Slator

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Armagh; Dublin and Meath

English: see **Slater**.

**Early bearers:** Jo Slator, 1594 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs).

### Slatter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1279, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; also Shetland

English: see **Slater**.

**Early bearers:** Anthonye Slatter, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon).

### Slattery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2032, Ireland 2580
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary

Irish (Munster): from Ó Slatara 'descendant of Slatra', a byname meaning 'robust, strong, bold'. **Early bearers:** Thomas Slatter, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §980 (Waterford); John O Slattery, husbandman, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2729; Lougchelin roe O Slatterye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3041 (Inchequin, Clare); William Slatteri, butcher, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3318 (Dublin); Donnogh O Slatterie,

husbandman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4752 (Ballihighan); Donell oge O Slattra, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5083 (Ballekatra, Connacht); Teige O Slatterie, 1598 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6222; Conoghor O Slattery, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6532 (Donnaghmore).

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**Variants:** Slater, Slaughter, Slowther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1659, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Norfolk

**1** English: locative name in Sussex and Surrey denoting residence at one or other of several minor place-names such as Slaughter Bridge in Slinfold, Slaughter Bridge in Shipley (compare the 1606 surname), Slaughterford (Farm) in Itchingfield (compare the 1296 surname), and Slaughtertwicks Barn in Charlwood (Surrey). The editors of *Place-Names of Sussex* derive these names from Middle English *slo(gh)* 'sloe, blackthorn' (Old English *slah*) + *tre* 'tree' (Old English *treow*). However, on topographical and formal grounds Löfvenberg suggests they derive from Middle English \**sloghtre*, \**sloghtere* 'slough, mire, muddy place', or perhaps 'deep river valley', or 'ditch' (Old English \**slohtre*). This is certainly the etymology of Upper and Lower Slaughter (Gloucs) and The Slaughter in English Bicknor (Gloucs), from either of which the Gloucs surnames derive.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Scloctres, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Robert de Sloutre, 1251 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Sim. de la Sloztre, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Mariota de la Sloghtere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Itchingfield, Sussex); Edward atte Sloghtre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thakeham, Sussex); John Sloutere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thoma Slouther, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melksham hundred, Wilts); Alicia Slouhtre, Walterus Slouter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Slaughter, Gloucs); Johannes Sloutor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Parracij Slaughter, 1585 in *IGI* (Rudford, Gloucs); Dorethe Slaughter, 1606 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); Alice Slaughter, 1629 in *IGI* (Putney, Surrey).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 190–1; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 206, 208; 3, p. 212; *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 150, 160, 177–8, 191.

**2** English: occupational name in E Anglia and Essex, from Middle English \**slaughter* 'butcher', a derivative of Middle English *slaught* 'butchery' + *er*, or from a reduced form of the synonymous Middle English \**slaughterer*, a derivative of *slaughter* 'butchery' + *-er*. See also **Slaytor**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Slaghterere, 1296 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry le Sclauterter, Stephen le Slawterer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Slaghtere, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Henricus Slaughterre, bocher ('butcher') 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Ricardus Slawtere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Saxham, Suffolk); Walterus Slautere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow, Suffolk); John Slaughter, 1575 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Roberti Slaughter, 1588 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Hester Slaughter, 1663 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

### Slauter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Slaughter**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Slaven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 979, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- Irish: from Ó Sléibhín, see **Slevin**.

### Slavin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 801, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone: also Monaghan

**1** Irish: from Ó Sléibhín, see **Slevin**.

**2** English: nickname from Middle English *sclavin(e)* 'pilgrim's cloak or mantle' (Old French *esclavine*), perhaps for a pilgrim, or someone who made or sold such garments.

**Early bearers:** Roger Sclauin, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Goditha Sclauine, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Willelmus Sclavine, 1284–5 in *Feudal Aids*; John Slavin, 1770 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Philip Slavin, 1787 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts).

### Slawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Leics, and Notts; Denbighs

English: locative name from Slawston (Leics), with the loss of *-t* characteristic of this area.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Slauston, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Slauston', vicar of Welton, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Adam de Slauston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rolleston, Leics); Thoma Slauston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Illston on the Hill, Leics); Edwardo Slawston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welham, Leics); Galfridus Slauston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, Northants); Thomas de Slauston' of Ilueston', 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Adam Slauston', 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Richard Slawson, 1559 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Alice Slawson, 1577 in *IGI* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Ellen Slawson, 1582 in *IGI* (Northborough, Northants); William Slawson, 1582 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland); Jone Slawson, 1602 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); William Slawson, 1610 in *IGI* (Wistow, Leics).

**References:** *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 94.

### Slay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

**1** English: nickname from Middle English *slay(e)* 'slay (an instrument used in weaving to beat up the weft)' (Old English *sleage*), for someone who made or used slays. Compare William le Slaer, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Slayare, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*, which are formed with Middle English *slay(e)* + *-er*. See also **Slaymaker** and **Sleeman**. Some of the early bearers listed below may belong with senses 2 or 3.

**Early bearers:** John Slay, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Slaye of Wyndesore, 1387 in *Patent Rolls*; Symon Slay, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Enocher, Cornwall); James Slay, 1637 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Elizabeth Slay,

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1645 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Slay, 1652 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Edward Slay, 1679 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

2 English: see **Slee**.

3 Irish, English: see **Sly**.

### Slayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Sleaford**.

### Slaymaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Oxon

English: occupational name from Middle English *slay(e)* ‘slay (an instrument used in weaving to beat up the weft)’ + *-maker*, for someone who made slays. Formerly more common, but now apparently extinct, was the surname *Slaywright*: Robert le Sleywrihte, 1334 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Slaywryghte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Thomas Slaywright’ of Bedeford’, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds). Compare **Sleeman**.

**Early bearers:** John Slaymaker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Dionisia Sleymakere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Slaymaker or Slymaker, 1594 in *Oxford University Register*.  
**References:** *Fransson* p. 167.

### Slayter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: see **Slater**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Slayter, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks).

### Slaytor

Variants: **Sleator**, **Slaughter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx

English: see **Slater**.

**Early bearers:** Issabell Slaytor, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Richard Slaytor, 1632 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

### Sleaford

Variants: **Slayford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts

English: locative name from Sleaford (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sleaford, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus de Sleaford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas de Sleaford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus Sleaford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes de Sleaford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Sleaford’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Sleaford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heckington, Lincs); Thomas Sleaford, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Sleyforth, 1465 in *Paston Letters*; Thomas Sleaforthe, 1562 in *IGI* (Dorrington, Lincs); George Slefurthe, 1566 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Elizabeth Sleaforthe, 1574 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Elizabeth Sleaforde, 1581 in *IGI*

(Theddlethorpe, Lincs); Edward Sleaford, 1708 in *IGI* (Digby, Lincs); Jane Slayford, 1793 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 112; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 555.

### Sleaman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Lancs

English: see **Sleeman**.

### Sleap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sleep**.

### Sleat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Sleight**.

### Sleath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English, Scandinavian: (i) see **Sly**. (ii) nickname, possibly from Old Scandinavian *slíðr* ‘fierce, cruel’, though Björkman (*Scandinavian Loan-Words*) does not record this word as borrowed into Middle English.

**Early bearers:** William Sleath, 1567 in *IGI* (Queniborough, Leics); Thomas Sleath, 1582 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); Francis Sleath, 1592 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics).

### Sleator

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Laois

English: see **Slaytor**.

**Early bearers:** England: Margreatt Sleator, 1660, Anne Slaytor, 1709 in *IGI* (Taxal, Cheshire).

IoM: Samuel Sleator, 1796 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

Ireland: Samuel Sleator, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Keady, Armagh); John Sleator, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

### Sledge

Variants: **Slegg**, **Sleggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *slegge*, *slegg* ‘sledge hammer’ (Old English *slegc*), perhaps for someone who made, sold, or used them.

**Early bearers:** John Slegges, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Roberto Slegge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shepshed, Leics); John Slegge, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Slegge, 1422, Stephen Slegge, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Richard Sledge, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

### Sledmere

Variants: **Sledmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Sledmere (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Sleddemer, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Sledmere, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannes de Sledmer’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eastburn, ER Yorks); Robertus Sledmar’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Johannes de Sledmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Sledmer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Agnes Sledmer, 1432 in *Yorks Wills*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 126–7.

### Sledmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Sledmere**.

### Slee

Variants: **Slay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cumb

1 English: see **Sly**.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*sle* ‘grassy slope’ (Old English *\*slēa*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a grassy slope, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Slay Down in Enford (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Stephen del Sle, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus atte Sle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Stanmore, Middx); Thoma atte Sle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elstow, Beds); Robertus de Slay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Johanne Slee, 1539 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); John Slee, 1560 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Humfrey Slee, 1565 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Agnes Slee, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Mary Slee, 1575 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 329.

### Sleeman

Variants: **Sleman**, **Slemon**, **Slemming**, **Sleaman**, **Slyman**, **Slymand**, **Sliman**, **Slimmon**, **Slimmond**, **Slimming**, **Slemmings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 964

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *slē(i)gh* ‘sly, clever, skilful’ (Old Scandinavian *slœgr*) + *-man*, for a sly or skilful person. See also **Sly**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *slay(e)* ‘slay (an instrument used in weaving to beat up the weft)’ (Old English *slege*) + *-man*, for someone who made or used slays. See also **Slay**. (iii) locative name from Middle English *\*sle* ‘grassy slope’ (Old English *\*slēa*) + *-man*, for someone who lived on or by a grassy slope. See also **Slee**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Sleman, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Slyman, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Auicia Sleyman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Slyman, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Slegghan of Thornham, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Slyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Walton, Norfolk); Englisha Sleman, 1552 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); John Slyman, 1553 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Johan Sleeman, 1564, John Sleaman, 1589 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Elyzabeth Sleemon, 1570, Lannselate Slymon, 1574, Anne Sleeman, 1597, Katheren Slyman, 1611 in *IGI*

(Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Ales Sleaman, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Jane Sleaman, 1582 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Mary Sleyman, 1593 in *IGI* (Mawnan, Cornwall); Johanna Sleeman, 1599 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon).

Scotland: Margaret Slyman, 1643 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Jonet Slimman, 1647, James Sliming, 1677, James Slimmon, 1694 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Jean Sliman, 1670 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elizabeth Slyman, 1685 in *IGI* (Covington and Thankerton, Lanarks); Jean Slimman, 1691 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); Mary Sliman, 1696 in *IGI* (Wiston and Robertson, Lanarks); Agnass Slimman, 1704 in *IGI* (Morton by Thornhill, Dumfriess); Agnes Slimmon, 1718 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

## Sleep

Variants: **Sleap, Slape, Slapp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 556

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon  
English: locative name from Middle English \**slape*, \**slape* 'slippery muddy place, slipway' (Old English \**slæp*). The surname may be for someone who lived in or by a muddy place or a slipway, or for someone from a place so named, such as Sleap (Shrops), *Slepe*, now Saint Ives (Hunts), or Slape in Netherbury (Dorset). See also **Sleeper**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Slape, 1255 in *Patent Rolls*; Coc de Slepe, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Adam de la Slape, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard de Slape, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); Elena atte Sclape, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Cristina atte Slepe, 1332 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Johannes Slape, Thomas Slap', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Johannes Slappe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Philippus de Slepe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wem, Shrops); Alicia de Slepe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Shrops); Willelmus Slepe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, Shrops); Robert Slepe, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Agnes Slappe, 1541 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Johane Slape, 1557 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Agnes Sleape, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Alice Slappe, 1562 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Alicia Slape, 1563 in *IGI* (Dymchurch, Kent); Dorothea Slape, 1563 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Phelis Slape, 1564 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); John Sleape, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Alice Slapp, 1580 in *IGI* (Dillham, Norfolk); Marie Sleepe, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in Meaneage, Cornwall).

## Sleeper

Variants: **Slipper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *sleper* 'sleeper' (Old English *slæpere*), for a lazy or sluggish person. (ii) see **Slipper** and compare **Sleep**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Slepere, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); John le Slepere, 1232 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Sleppe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Meldreth, Cambs); Johannes Sleppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willersey, Gloucs); Robert Sleppe alias Slepere of Norwich, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk).

## Sleet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx  
English: see **Sleight**.

## Sleeth

Variants: **Sleith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Lanarks

English: (i) see **Sly**. (ii) see **Slade**.

**Early bearers:** England, Scotland: Mary Sleith, 1589 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Elizabeth Sleith, 1595 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Robert Sleith, 1620 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Thomas Sleith, 1629 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Sleith, 1637 in *IGI* (Kilconquhar, Fife); Marie Sleith, 1649 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Thomas Sleith, 1655 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife); Elizabeth Sleith, 1663 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); John Sleith, 1693 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Charles Sleeth, 1698 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Mary Sleeth, 1699 in *IGI* (Bushbury, Staffs); John Sleeth, 1734 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Sarah Sleeth, 1734 in *IGI* (Norton Canes, Staffs); Hannah Sleeth, 1809 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Samuel Sleeth, 1809 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Mary Sleeth, 1822 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr).

Ireland: Samuel Sleith, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); Mary Sleith, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); John Sleith, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Muckno, Monaghan); William Sleeth, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh).

## Slegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Sledge**.

## Sleggs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Sledge** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Sleight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 885, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 660

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Sly**.

## Sleight

Variants: **Slight, Sleet, Sleat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1145, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 611

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *sleight*, *slet* 'wise, clever, skilful, sly', derived from the noun of the same form (Old Scandinavian *sloegð* 'slyness'). (ii) locative name from Middle English \**sleyte* 'level field' (Old Scandinavian *slétta*). The surname may be for someone who lived on or by a level field, or for someone from a place so named, such as Sleights in Kirkby Moorside (NR Yorks) or Sleights in Whitby (NR Yorks). (iii) locative name from Middle English \**sleyte* 'sheep pasture' (Old English *slæget*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a sheep pasture, or toponymic, for

someone from a place so named, such as Sleight in Corfe Mullen (Dorset). (iv) see **Slight**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Slutte, Wm atte Slucte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Sleght, 1297 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Alan Sleght, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Edith atte Sleyte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Sleyt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Alicia Sleght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Willelmo Sleght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandholme, ER Yorks); Hugo de Slyght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scoulton, Norfolk); Willelmus de Slyght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk); John Sleght of Great Yarmouth, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Sleght, 1394 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Elizabeth Sleate, 1567 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Ann Sleete, 1580 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent); Susan Slete, 1587 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); George Sleat, 1658 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 63, 120; *Place-Names of Dorset 2*, p. 15.

## Sleightholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 139

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham  
English: see **Sleightholme**.

## Sleightholme

Variants: **Sleightholm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 170

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name principally from Sleightholme Dale in Kirkbymoorside (NR Yorks), but perhaps occasionally from Sleightholme in Bowes (NR Yorks) or the lost *Sleightholme* in Lythe (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Amfrid de Sletholm, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Sletholm, 1353 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter of Sleyghtholme, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Slegtholme, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John Sleightholme, 1549, in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Dorothee Sleightholme, 1567, Anne Slygtholme, 1573 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Alice Sleightholme, 1582 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Issabell Sleightholme, 1582 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Christopher Sleightholme, 1597 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks* pp. 62, 135, 305.

## Sleith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 34

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: see **Sleeth**.

## Sleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Lancs

English: see **Sleeman**.

## Slemming

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks

English: see **Sleeman**.



## Slemmings

### Slemmings

Variants: **Slemmonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Sleeman** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Slemmonds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Slemmings**.

### Slemon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Cornwall
- English, Cornish: see **Sleeman**.

### Slender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: apparently a nickname from Middle English *scendre* 'slim, gaunt, delicate' (Anglo-Norman French *esclendre*), but no medieval bearers have been found.

**Further information:** Perhaps rather a migrating name from *Sclanders*, as in John Sclandars, 1710 in *IGI* (Dalmeny, W Lothian), a Scots name of uncertain origin but perhaps an irregular development of **Alexander** comparable with **Sanders**.

**Early bearers:** James Slander, 1738 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Frances Slender, 1757 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Slesser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Slessor**.

### Slessor

Variants: **Slesser**, **Slassor**, **Slasor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: unexplained; possibly from German *Schlösser* 'locksmith', but this form is High German and therefore not due simply to coastal migration from a Low German-speaking area.

**Early bearers:** Robert Sller (perhaps an error for Slesser), 1487 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Robert Slessor, 1605 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Slessor, 1623 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); Elizabeth Slesser, 1669 in *IGI* (Peterhead, Aberdeens); Margaret Slassor, 1727 in *IGI* (Rathen, Aberdeens).

### Sletcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Slatcher**.

### Slevin

Variants: **Slavin**, **Slaven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 772, Ireland 1246

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; also Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Tyrone
- Irish: from Ó *Sléibhín* 'descendant of *Sléibhín*', a name probably derived from a diminutive of *sliabh* 'mountain'.

**Early bearers:** Owen O'Sleavin, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Teenacree and Dunbanwell, Armagh); Andrew Sleaven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmore, Monaghan); Patrick Sleavin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killaghtee, Donegal); Sarah Slevin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dromore, Tyrone); Francis Sleven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magheracluone, Monaghan); Thomas Slaven, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathkenny, Meath); Edward Slavin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone).

### Slick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *slik*, *\*sliche*, *\*sleke* (Old English *\*slice*) 'sleek, plump, fat'. There may have been a side form *\*sliche*, *\*slech(e)*, accounting for the Sussex surname, which seems to have died out by 1881, unless it survived as *Sleeke*; it is remembered in the minor name *Sleeches* in Buxted (Sussex), see *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 391.

**Early bearers:** William Slech, 1327, John Slech, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Thomas Slich, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ide, Devon); Thomas Slech, 1573, John Sleach, 1575 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Valentine Slech, 1622, Elizabeth Sleach, 1623, Stephen Sleatch, 1632 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Richard Sleach, 1716 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Johannes Sleach, 1729 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Hannah Slick, 1758 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Edward Sleak, 1785 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); James Slick, 1789 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Sarah Sleek, 1834 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Arthur Sleeke, 1845 in *IGI* (Petersham, Surrey).

### Sligh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks; also Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Sly**.

### Slight

Variants: **Sleight**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 759
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts; Hants; Midlothian

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *slight* 'smooth, sleek, slender' (Old Scandinavian *sléttr*). Compare Rado Slytbody, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Slegthved, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks). (ii) see **Sleight**.

**Early bearers:** John Slight, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Thomas Slyghte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackham, Sussex); Walter Slyght, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Slim

Variants: **Slimm**, **Slymm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs; also Notts

English: locative name from Middle English *s(c)lim(e)* 'mud, slime' (Old English *slim*). The surname may

be topographical, for someone who lived in a muddy place, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named.

**Further information:** Most places with this name are minor locations like fields, but Slindon (Staffs) was called 'Slindom alias Slyme' in a document of 1558–1603 (*TNA C2/Eliz/B10/24*).

**Early bearers:** John atte Sclyme, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Jane Slyme, 1605 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Sara Slim, 1610 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Symon Slyme, 1612 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Mary Slim, 1614 in *IGI* (Bicker, Lincs); Anckerett Slyme, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Slymme, 1629 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Sliman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Sleeman**.

### Slimm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Slim**.

### Slimming

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Angus; Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Sleeman**.

### Slimmon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Sleeman**.

### Slimmond

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- English: see **Sleeman**.

### Sliney

Variants: **Slyne**, **Slaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Glamorgan; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Waterford

Irish: from **Mac Sleimhne** 'son of *Sleimhne*', a personal name based on a word meaning 'smoothness, sleekness, polish'.

**Further information:** The etymology given here seems probable. However, both Woulfe and MacLysaght maintain that it is not a true Gaelic name but rather a patronymic adopted by the Fitzstephen family of County Cork.

**Early bearers:** Gerald Mac Sleyne, footman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1257 (Ballygeanna, Cork); David McSleyne, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4108 (Ballygeany, Cork).

**References:** *Supplement to Irish Families* p. 139.

### Sling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs



English: nickname from Middle English *sling(e)* 'sling', for someone who used a sling. The word was used either for a hand-held weapon for throwing missiles, or for a device used for lifting blocks of stone during building operations. Compare **Slinger**. **Further information:** It might in theory be from Middle English *sling* 'narrow strip of land', but there is no evidence of e.g. *atte sling*.

**Early bearers:** Reyner Sleng, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Norfolk); William Slynge, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Slings, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Slenge, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Slynge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Slynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willo Slynge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Matilda Slynge, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Slynge of Wittelsey, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); Mariona Slynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Galfridus Slynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Slings, 1558 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); Mary Slings, 1688 in *IGI* (Broxholme, Lincs).

### Slinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1038, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 896

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *slinger(e)* 'slinger', either for a soldier or hunter armed with a sling, or for someone who used a device known as a sling for lifting blocks of stone on a building site. See **Sling**.

**Early bearers:** William Slinger, Slynge, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Warwicks); John Slingere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Adam le Sclnynggere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Henricus Slynge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Alicia Slynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Johannes Slynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Slinger, 1575 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Ambrose Slinger, 1576 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Tempeste Slinger, 1599 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Josephus Slinger, 1608 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York); Willya. Slinger, 1608 in *IGI* (Conistone, WR Yorks).

### Slingo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** There is a Slingo family tradition that it is of Romani origin.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Slingoe, 1730, Isabella Slingo, 1732 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cams); Margaret Slingo, 1738 in *IGI* (Church Handborough, Oxon); Samuel Slingo, 1738 in *IGI* (Combe, Oxon).

### Slingsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 827

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Kent

English: locative name from Slingsby (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Roger de Slingsby, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Higdon de Slyngeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scriven, WR Yorks); Henricus de Slyngeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Slyngeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Adam de Slyngeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Willelmo Slingsby,

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibson, Leics); Henry Slingsby, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 48–9.

### Slinn

**Variants:** Slyn, Slyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs; also Northants

English: locative name principally from Slynne in Bolton le Sands (Lancs), but perhaps also from one or more other places named with Old English \*slind, \*slinu 'slope'.

**Early bearers:** Gamel de Slin, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Henry de Sline, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Slinde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus de Slynne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); William de Slynne, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Roberti Slinn, 1674 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Slinn, 1679 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); George Slinn, 1682 in *IGI* (Hathersage, Derbys); John Slinn, 1684 in *IGI* (Longford by Newport, Shrops); John Slinn, 1709 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 185; *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 159.

### Slipper

**Variants:** Sleeper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London

English: (i) occupational name from a derivative of Middle English *slipen* 'to polish, sharpen', for someone who sharpened swords or other blades.

Compare William Suerdsliper, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). (ii) nickname from Middle English *sliper* 'having a smooth or slippery surface' (Old English *slipor*), perhaps for a bald person.

Compare Reginaldo Slipertop, 1262 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Johannes Slypercop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne, Sussex), formed with Middle English *sliper* + *top*, *cop* 'head'. (iii) locative name from Middle English *slip(pe)* 'sloping landing place by a navigable waterway' + *-er*. The surname may be for someone who lived by a slipway.

**Further information:** There is a minor name Slipper Mill, in Westbourne, NW of Chichester (*Slipper*, 1640 in *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 56) but its relation to the 14th-century Chichester surname is not known.

**Early bearers:** William Slipere, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Middx); Laurence Slyper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rumboldswyke, in Chichester, Sussex); Willelmus Slyper, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Willelmus Slyper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rumboldswyke, Sussex); Johannes Slipar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Johanne Sliper, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Slipper, 1562 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cams); Edw Slipper, 1571 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Elizabeth Slipper, 1642 in *IGI* (Trotton, Sussex); Hanna Slipper, 1651 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Phillip Slipper, 1653 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex).

### Sloan

**Variants:** Sloane, Sloanes, Slone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5754, Ireland 2633
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2775

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down and Antrim

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Sluaghadháin 'descendant of *Sluaghadhán*', a diminutive of the personal name *Sluaghadh* 'raider'. See also **Slowey**.

**Further information:** A family with the name *Sloane* emigrated from Scotland to Ireland during the reign of James I.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Slowan, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 83 (Newry, Down); Allexr Sloane, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 84 (Lissnagh, Down); Patrick Sloan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dundalke, Louth); William Sloan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullynure, Armagh); John Sloan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ballynahone, Armagh); John Slowan, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Fernisky, Antrim); John Sloane, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Antrim Town, Antrim); Alexander Sloan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saintfield, Down); Matthew Sloan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghery, Tyrone); Elenor Sloane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Anne Sloane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilkeel, Down); Andrew Sloane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumgath, Down); James Slone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgall, Armagh).

Scotland: William Slowane, 1504 in *Midlothian Charters*; Andro Sloan, 1567 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Sloane, 1648 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr). England: Mary Sloane, 1560 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Albertus Slone, 1581 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon); Anne Sloan, 1617 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks).

### Sloane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 314
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Scottish Gaelic, Irish: from Ó Sluaghadháin, see **Sloan**.

### Sloanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Staffs; Lancs

Irish: variant of **Sloan** with post-medieval excrescent English -s.

**Early bearers:** Adam Sloanes, 1770 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); Henry Sloanes, 1827 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

### Slocomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Slocombe**.

### Slocombe

**Variants:** Slocomb, Slocum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1390, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 956
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Devon

English: locative name from Slocombeslade in Brendon (Devon), recorded as *Slocumb* in 1330.

**Early bearers:** Alson Slocombe, 1544 in *IGI* (East Down, Devon); Agnis Slocombe, 1559 in *IGI* (Shirwell,

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Devon); Alson Slowcom, 1568 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Katheren Slocum, 1578 in *IGI* (Pilton, Devon); Agnes Slocome, 1581 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Alice Slocombe, 1588 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Anthony Slocum, 1590 in *IGI* (Taunton, Somerset); Bridget Slocumb, 1593 in *IGI* (Barrow Gurney, Somerset); Ann Slocumbe, 1606 in *IGI* (Fremington, Devon); Anna Slocuum, 1617 in *IGI* (Pilton, Devon); Agnes Slockam, 1617 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* p. 60.

## Slocum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; Middx
- English: see **Slocombe**.

## Sloggett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Middx; Glamorgan
- English: see **Sloggett**.

## Sloggett

Variants: **Sluggett**, **Slogget**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alson Sloggett, 1560 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Katherine Sloggett, 1565, Katherine Sloggatt, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Maby, Cornwall); Alice Slogget, 1571 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Elizabeth Slogat, 1580 in *IGI* (Quethiok, Cornwall); Alce Sloget, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Emblen Slogett, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Elizabeth Sluggett, 1768 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon).

## Sloley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Slowley**.

## Sloman

Variants: **Slowman**, **Sluman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *slou* 'slow' (Old English *slaw*) + *-man*, denoting a sluggish person. See also **Slow**. (ii) locative name, from Middle English *slough* 'swamp, muddy place' (Old English *sloh*) + *-man*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a muddy place, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named. See **Slough**. (iii) locative name, perhaps from Middle English *slo* 'sloe tree, blackthorn' (Old English *slah*) + *-man*, denoting someone who lived by a blackthorn. See also **Slaughter**.

**Early bearers:** William Sloman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Sloman, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Sloman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Walterus Sloman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderton, Wilts); Johannes Slewman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kintbury, Berks); Henry Sloghman, 1392 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Essex); Elizabeth Sloman, 1544 in *IGI*

(Northam, Devon); Peter Sloman, 1547 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Nycolas Sloman, 1550 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Margret Sloman, 1564 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); William Sloman, 1577 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall).

## Slone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- Irish: from Ó **Sluaghadháin**, see **Sloan**.

## Sloper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 537
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London
- English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *slop(e)*, denoting a loose outer garment, for a maker or seller of these. Compare Emma le Sclopmongere, 1317 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).
- Early bearers:** Agatha le Slopere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Geoffrey le Slopere<sup>1286</sup> in *Fransson* (Norfolk); William le Slopere, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richarde Sloper, 1559 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Mary Sloper, 1561 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); John Sloper, 1591 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Nicholas Sloper, 1598 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Thomas Sloper, 1622 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs).

## Slora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Slorach**.

## Slorach

Variants: **Slora**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Banffs
- Scottish Gaelic: appears to be an unexplained variant, with *-r-* for *-d-*, of the name of the *Slógadach* mentioned as a leader of the host of the Bishop of Saint Andrews in 1128. This is for Medieval Gaelic *Slúagadach*, literally 'host leader', modern name *Sluaghach*.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Slorath (*c* misread or miswritten as *t*), 1562 in *Moray Register* (Morays); Duncan Slora, 1571 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); James Slorach, 1633 in *Strathbogie Presbytery Book* (Aberdeens); Duncan Slora, 1572 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); George Slorach, 1685 in *IGI* (Grange, Banffs); Alexr Slorach, 1687 in *IGI* (Huntly, Aberdeens); Wm Slorah, 1689 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs).

References: Paradox of Medieval Scotland web-site, <http://www.poms.ac.uk/db/record/person/690/>.

## Sloss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish: locative name from an irregularly, but well documented, shortened form of *Auchincloss*, a name of lands in Kilmarnock (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** James Auchincloss of that ilk, 1493 in *Acts of Council, Scotland* (Ayr); James Aslois, 1617 in

*Retours, Scotland* (Ayr); Adam Aslos, 1643 in *Black* (Ayr); Adam Slose, 1646 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Janet Slose, 1658 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr); Catharin Sloss, 1685 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Slough

Variants: **Slow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: locative name from Middle English *slough* 'swamp, muddy place' (Old English *sloh*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a muddy place, or toponymic, for someone from any of numerous places so named. Slough (Bucks) appears to have been an important source of the surname. See also **Sloman**.

**Early bearers:** Hemming de Slo, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Unfridus de la Slowe, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Hugh Aterslo, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William de la Slo, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Henry de la Sloo, John atte Slo, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richard atte Slouh, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John dil Slow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter atte Slogh, 1337 in *London Letter Books* E; Johannes atte Sloo, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Johanne Slow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Edmund Slough, 1608 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Slough, 1609 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Richard Slough, 1614 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Heaster Slough, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Daniell Slough, 1683 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts).

## Slow

Variants: **Slowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts; Northants

English: (i) see **Slough**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *slou* 'slow' (Old English *slaw*), denoting a sluggish person. See also **Sloman**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Slou, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Slowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berrington, Gloucs); Jo. Slow, 1562 in *IGI* (Kings Walden, Herts); Catherina Slow, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Phillipp Slow, 1587 in *IGI* (Compton, Sussex); Joseph Slow, 1588 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Rychard Slow, 1596 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

## Slowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Slow**.

## Slowey

Variants: **McSloy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

Irish: from Ó **Sluaghadhach** 'descendant of *Sluaghadhach*', a personal name meaning 'raider', derived from *sluaghadh* 'expedition, raid'. In Ulster there was also **Mac Sluaghach**, which was also

anglicized as McSlowey, McSloy, and in some cases **Molloy**.  
**Early bearers:** Maol Patraicc ua Sluaghadaigh, sage of Ireland, 1015 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Mac Sluaghadaigh, priest of Clonmacnoise, 1051 *Annals of the Four Masters*; Giolla Bearaigh Ua Sluaghadaigh, 1190 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Michael Slowey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Currin, Monaghan); Owen Sloey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan); Thomas Sloaey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clones, Monaghan).

**Slowley**

Variants: **Sloley**, **Slowly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset
- English: locative name from various places named with Old English *slāh* ‘sloe, blackthorn’ + *lēah* ‘wood, clearing’, including Slowley in Arley (Warwicks) and Sloley (Norfolk). Most current bearers appear to derive their name from Sloley in Shirwell (Devon), though Slowley Farm in Luxborough (Somerset) is another possible origin.

**Early bearers:** Juliana de Slogeg, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Peter de Sloleye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard de Sloleg, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Sloleg, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Adam de Slole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Limpenhoe, Norfolk); Marg’ Slolay, Reginaldus Sloleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ansty, Warwicks); Ricardus Sloley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley, Warwicks); Henricus Sloley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Richard Sloleye, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Annis Sloligh, 1540 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); George Sloleg, 1566 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Elizabeth Soly, 1569 in *IGI* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); Elizabeth Slolie, 1575 in *IGI* (Stoke Rivers, Devon); Anne Sloley, 1563 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Grace Slowley, 1627 in *IGI* (Porlock, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 68.

**Slowly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Slowley**.

**Slowman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Sloman**.

**Slowther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Slaughter** whose form has been influenced by **Lowther**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Slothard, 1767 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham); George Slowther, 1817, Margaret Slouthter, 1824 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Sludden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Irish, Scottish: unexplained.  
**Further information:** It is not clear whether Patrick mcHugh O Sladdy, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4812, is relevant.  
**Early bearers:** Terence and Owen Sluddin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone).

**Sluggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Sloggett**.

**Sluman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall
- English: see **Sloman**.

**Sly**

- Variants: **Slye**, **Sligh**, **Slay**, **Slee**, **Sleeth**, **Sleath**, **Sleith**, **Sleigh**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1016, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *sle(i)gh* ‘sly’ (Old Scandinavian *sloegr*), which in the 12th-13th centuries developed the sense ‘skilful, expert’, but also ‘crafty, guileful, underhand’. In the North, this word became *slee*, while in the South and Midlands it became *sligh*, *sly*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Sleh, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Sleh, Sleigh, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Sley, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John le Slege, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Ralph Sly, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Slygh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Sleg, 1333 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johannes Sly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Simon Sley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irchester, Northants); Isabella Slygh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henfield, Sussex); Johanne Sleghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Wroughton, Wilts); Johanne Sleghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Johannes Sly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Walterus Sly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stottesdon, Staffs); Henrico Sly, Johanne Sleigh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Yanworth, Gloucs); Johannes Sly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); John Slee, 1446 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**Slye**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx
- Irish: mainly Irish variant of **Sly**.

**Slyfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks
- English: locative name from Slyfield Green in Stoke near Guildford (Surrey), and perhaps also from Slyfield in Great Bookham (Surrey).  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Slyfelde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); Nicholas Slyfeld, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Slyfeld, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Jane Slyfield, 1540 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Ann Slyfeild, 1567 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); John Slyfeild, 1577 in *IGI* (East Clandon, Surrey);

Marye Slyfeild, 1586 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Elizabeth Slifield, 1592 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); James Sliffeld, 1598 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey* pp. 100, 151.

**Slyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Galway
- English, Cornish: see **Sleeman**.

**Slymand**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Sleeman**.

**Slymm**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Slim**.

**Slyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 English: see **Slinn**.  
 2 Irish: see **Sliney**.

**Slynn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Slinn**.

**Smail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 567, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 564
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Midlothian, Selkirks, and Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Smail**.

**Smailes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Smales**.

**Smails**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Smales**.

**Smaje**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Lancs
- Hebrew, Dutch: Dutch spelling of the Hebrew male given name *Shmaya*, borne by a notable Pharisaic rabbinic sage of the 1st century BC.  
**Further information:** In 1812, the surname *Smaje* was adopted by Eliaser Simon Levi in Amsterdam. His Hebrew name was Eliaser ben Shmaya ha-Levi; his father’s given name was *Shmaya*.

## Smaldon

**Early bearers:** Louis D. Smaje (born in the Netherlands) in *Census 1881* (York).

**References:** <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=516933.0>.

### Smaldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Smalldon**.

### Smaldone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Smalldon**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Smale

**Variants:** Small, Smiles, Smile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1807, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1962
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

1 English: see **Small**.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from one or more places named with Old English

\**smægel* 'hole, burrow', such as the lost *Smegle* in Broxmead, Sussex. However, the 1552 example may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Smegle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Annie Smale, 1552 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 262.

### Smales

**Variants:** Smalls, Smailes, Smalls, Smiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 938, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 790
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also ER Yorks

English: (i) locative name perhaps from Smailes in Ryton (Durham), recorded only from 1614, or more likely from a lost place similarly named in Wolsingham (Durham), recorded from the 12th century. Compare William Smales, 1681 in *IGI* (Wolsingham, Durham). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Smale** (see **Small**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Smales, 1472 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls* (Hilton, Durham); Jennet Smales, 1561 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Robti. Smailes, 1575 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Agnes Smales, 1590, Nicholas Smailes, 1618 in *IGI* (Boldon, Durham); Christopher Smales, 1627, Henry Smailes, 1640 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Smales, 1635 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Daniel Smalls, 1680 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Robert Smales, 1684 in *IGI* (Longframlington, Northumb); Susanna Smales, 1691 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); John Smails, 1693 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Smailes, 1708 in *IGI* (Shilbottle, Northumb); Margaret Smails, 1708 in *IGI* (Felkirk, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 113; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Small

**Variants:** Smale, Smail, Smeal, Smeall, Smales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11487, Ireland 1011
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7520
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Angus

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *smal(e)*, *smel(e)* 'small, slender, thin' (Old English *smæl*), for a person of slender build or diminutive stature.

**Early bearers:** England: William Smale, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); William Smale, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander le Smele, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); William le Smale, 1294 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmus Small', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); John Small, 1540 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Johan Small, 1545 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Johanns Small, 1561 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Robert Small, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Robt Small, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Scotland: Richard Smale or Small, about 1329 in *Papal Letters* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Smale, about 1338 in *Dryburgh Register* (Roxburghs); Simo Smale, 1402 (Aberdeens), John Smale, 1407 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens); Rankin Small, 1446 in *Prestwick Records* (Ayr); David Smal of Jedburgh, 1450 in *Arbroath Register* (Roxburghs); Henry Smaill, 1657 in *Melrose Records*.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Beag** 'small', see **Begg**.

3 English: see **Smale**.

### Smalacombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Smallcombe**.

### Smallbone

**Variants:** Smallbones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *smal* 'small, narrow' + *bon*, *ban* 'bone', probably for someone with short or skinny legs. Compare for example **Longbone**, **Rabone**.

**Early bearers:** Wilk Smalbon, 1198 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; John Smalbayne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Smalbayn, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thoma Smalbon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Wilts); Elena Smalbon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Turvey, Beds); Galfrido Smalbon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); William Smalbon of Eydon, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Richard Smalbone, 1558 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); Jane Smalbone, 1562 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); Dorethy Smalbone, 1590 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Edyth Smalebone, 1598 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks).

### Smallbones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks; Hants and Wilts

English: variant of **Smallbone** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Marie Smallbones, 1580 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Frances Smalebones, 1628 in *IGI* (Ravenstone, Bucks); Edith Smellbone, 1662 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Smallcombe

**Variants:** Smalacombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *smæl* 'narrow' + *cumb* 'valley', including, Smallcombe in Dean Prior (Devon), Smallcombe in Bathwick (Somerset), Smallacombe in Lifton (Devon), and Smalacombe Farm in Dawlish (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Smalecomb, 1330, John de Smalecombe, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William Smalcombe, 1366 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Smalcombe, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Smalcumbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Smalcombe, 1452 in *Patent Rolls*; Phillip Smalacomb, 1559 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); George Smalacombe, 1567 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); John Smalcombe, 1570 in *IGI* (Ashwater, Devon); Mergett Smalacomb, 1570 in *IGI* (Parkham, Devon); Nicholaus Smalacom, 1574, Thomas Smalacombe, 1575 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); Petronell Smalacomb, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); Thomas Smallcom, 1592 in *IGI* (Twerton, Somerset).

### Smalldon

**Variants:** Smaldon, Smaldone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name principally from Smalldon in Swimbridge (Devon), but perhaps occasionally from Smalldane in Ospringe (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Josias de Smaldene, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Hugh de Smaldane, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Margeria de Smaldane, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Batin de Smaledon, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richard Smaldon, 1568 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); George Smaldon, 1611 in *IGI* (Yarnscombe, Devon); Elizabeth Smaldon, 1612 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Christopher Smalldon, 1666 in *IGI* (Charles, Devon).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 292; *Place-Names of Devon* p. 351.

### Smaller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained. Perhaps a locative name from Smalley (Derbys); see **Smalley**. It is not clear whether the spellings in *-d* are late elaborations or whether they represent forms of **Smallwood**.

**Early bearers:** Wm Smaller, 1611 in *IGI* (Alstone, Worcs); Margaret Smaller, 1615 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Susannah Smaller, 1669 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Smallard, 1687 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Robt Smaller, 1688 in *IGI* (West Keal, Lincs); John Smalward, 1709 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Sary Smalord, 1763 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks).

### Smalley

**Variants:** Smally, Smellie, Smiley, Smillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3575, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2674
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name chiefly from Smalley in Balderston near Blackburn (Lancs), but occasionally from Smalley (Derbys), and perhaps also from Smalley in Stanley (WR Yorks). In Scots pronunciation the name developed to *Smellie*, *Smillie*, and *Smiley*.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Smalleghes, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls*; Henry de Smalleve of Wodehous, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Robertus Smalley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Satchville, Leics); Willelmo de Smalley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balderston, Lancs); Henrico de Smalley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Rogero Smalley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hathern, Leics); Richard de Smalley, 1388–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Alexander Smalley, 1532 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

Scotland: Oliverus et Ricardus Smally, 1283, Ricardus Smalee, about 1280–90 in *Glasgow Burgesses*; John Smalee, 1440 in *Aberdeen Register*.

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 70; *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 505; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 161.

### Smallfield

**Variants:** Smawfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Kent and Sussex  
English: locative name from Smallfield in Bradfield (WR Yorks) and apparently also a lost place similarly named in Sussex or Kent.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Smalefeld, 1279 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Smalfeld, 1290 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; John de Smalefeld, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Smalfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); William Smalefeld, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Joan Smalfelde, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Elyzabeth Smalfelde, 1571 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Anna Smalfield, 1578 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 227.

### Smallhorn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Smallhorne**.

### Smallhorne

**Variants:** Smallhorn, Smalling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *smal* 'small' + *horn* 'horn' (Old English *smæl* + *horn*). The exact meaning of the name is unclear, though it is possible that *horn* has the sense 'penis', as it appears to have in the surname **Whitehorn**.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Smallhorne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Temple Newsam, WR Yorks); Jane Smalhorne, 1604 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Jo. Smalhorne, 1660 in *IGI* (Addingham, WR Yorks); John Smallhorne, 1668 in *IGI* (Caldbeck, Cumb); Sarah Smallhorn, 1683 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb); Johanis Smallhorne, 1702 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks).

### Smalling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: (i) of uncertain origin; perhaps from a diminutive form of Middle English *smal* 'small, little'. Alternatively, perhaps from an anglicized form of the German surname *Schmaling*, from a

diminutive form of Middle High German, Middle Low German *smal* 'small, slight'. (ii) possibly a variant of **Smallhorne**, with remodelling of the unstressed syllable.

**Early bearers:** Radulfj Smaling, 1634, John Smalin, 1730 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); Jane Smalling, 1719 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Smallen, 1771 in *IGI* (Scampton, Lincs); Sarah Smallen, 1783 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Mary Ann Smalling, 1810 in *IGI* (Hatfield, Herts).

### Smallman

**Variants:** Smalman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1863, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 980
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Lancs; Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *smal* 'small, narrow' + *-man*, for a small or skinny person. (ii) status name from Middle English *smal(e)man*, apparently denoting an order of medieval peasantry. The term is evidenced in the phrase *de Tainis et Dreinis et Smalemannis* ('of thanes and drengs and smallmen') which occurs in the *Pipe Rolls* in 1130 in relation to Durham. See also *Place-Names of Essex* p. 584.

**Early bearers:** Hubert Smaleman, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard Smaleman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Smalemane, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Henry Smalman of Bradeleye, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Smalmon, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Rogerus Smalman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Robertus Smalman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); John Smalman, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset).

### Smallpage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *litel* 'little' + *page* 'boy, servant', for a small boy or servant, synonymous with **Littlepage**. However, as Redmonds notes, there is no medieval evidence for this Yorks and Lancs name, and it may in fact be an altered form, by folk etymology, of the extinct name *Smallpace*, attested in Roger Smalpas, 1295–96, Robert Smalpas, 1313–14 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks). The name denotes someone with a small step (Middle English *smal* + *pas*), synonymous with the extinct Anglo-Norman French name *Petipas*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Smalpage, 1425 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Earby, WR Yorks); Thomas Smalpage, 1455 in *Ripon Memorials* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Smalpage, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (East Marton, WR Yorks); Thomas Smalpage, 1559 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Smalepage, 1574 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Elizabeth Smalpage, 1579 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Jenett Smalepage, 1589 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Smalepage, 1590 in *IGI* (Surfleet, Lincs); John Smalpage, 1591 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Smallpeice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Smallpiece**.

### Smallpiece

**Variants:** Smallpeice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: (i) locative name perhaps from Middle English *smal* 'small, narrow' + *pece* 'piece (of land)', for someone who lived on or by a small or narrow piece of land, or as a nickname for someone who held only a small parcel of land. (ii) nickname perhaps involving Middle English *pece* 'small slice of meat', for someone who ate food in a fastidious manner, or else 'item, object, person', for a person of small stature or physical attributes.

**Early bearers:** John Smallpece of Neuport, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Geoffrey Smallpece, 1414 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Elisabeth Smallpeice, 1551, Briget Smallpeice, 1569, Custance Smalepece, 1571, Alice Smalpeece, 1583 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Anne Smalpiece, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Smalepeece, 1561 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey); Hellen Smallpiece, 1563 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); James Smallpeace, 1564 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey).

**References:** *MED*, at *pece*.

### Smallridge

**Variants:** Smaridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *smæl* 'narrow' + *hrycg* 'ridge', principally Smallridge in Langtree and Smallridge in Axminster (both Devon).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Smalrug, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William de Smalerugge, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Jone Smalridge, 1542 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Anthonius Smalrydge, 1550 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon); Johan Smaleridge, 1557 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Dewnes Smalrudge, 1559 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); John Smalridge, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Barrington, Gloucs); Scilia Smalridge, 1561 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Anys Smalryge, 1575 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Alls Smalryges, 1581 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Cicilia Smalrudge, 1595 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Agnis Smaridge, 1691 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 96, 634.

### Smalls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Down

English: see **Smales**.

**Early bearers:** Gorge Smalls, 1601 in *IGI* (Stubton with Fenton, Lincs); Robertt Smalls, 1639 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Willyam Smalls, 1681 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

### Smallshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Smallshaw in Ashton under Lyne (Lancs), Smallshaw in Thurlstone (WR

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Yorks), and perhaps also Smallshaw in Wadsworth (WR Yorks). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in the Thurlstone area the suffix in the surname shifted to *-cher* and *-schar*, suggesting that Middle English *share* 'a share of land' was substituted for *shaw* 'copse'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Smalshagh, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Dobbe de Smaleschawe, 1298, Roger Smalchaghe, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Margareta Smalther (for Smalcher), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingbirchworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Smalschar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Richard Smallchare, 1423 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Penistone, WR Yorks); John Smalchar, 1549 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Oxspring, WR Yorks); Cecily Smalshaw, 1558 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Smalshaw, 1558 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Ellen Smaleshaw, 1568 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Rich Smallshaw, 1603 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Smallshaw, 1616 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 340; 3, p. 207;

2 English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *smal* 'small, narrow' + *sho* 'shoe'. (ii) locative name, perhaps from a lost place *Smelesho*, recorded in 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Beds) and again in 1420 in *London Letter Books I*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Smalsche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Good Easter, Essex); William Smalsho, 1378 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Good Easter, Essex); Richard Smallshaw, 1657 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Christian Smallshaw, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Phoebe Smallshaw, 1713 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 481.

## Smallthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: (i) perhaps an altered pronunciation of **Smurthwaite**. (ii) alternatively from Smallthwaite, in Millom (Cumb), recorded as *Smalthwett* in 1611, but there are no early surname forms to bear this out.

**Early bearers:** John *Smallthwaite*, 1777 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 419.

## Smallwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3201, Ireland 88
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2754
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; also Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: locative name from various places named with Middle English *smal* 'small, narrow' (Old English *smæl*) + *wode* 'wood' (Old English *wudu*), including Smallwood (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** William Smallwod', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); John de Smalwode, 1332 in *London Letter Books E*; William de Smalwode, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Ricardus Smalwod, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorby, NR Yorks); Gillota Smalwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ormside, Westm); Willelmo de Smalwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Roberto de Smallwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); Ricardo de Smallwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Elizabetha Smallwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ricardus Smalwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston and Shredicote, Staffs); Johannes

Smalwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chevington, Suffolk); Johanna Smalwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourne, Essex); Richard Smalwode, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Smalwode, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); John Smalewode, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (York).

## Smally

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Smalley**.

## Smalman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Lincs

English: see **Smallman**.

## Smardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Smerdon**.

## Smaridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Smallridge**.

## Smark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Smirk**.

## Smart

**Variants:** **Smartt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18657, Ireland 272
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13297
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland; esp. Gloucs; also Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster; esp. Down; also Dublin

English: nickname from Middle English *smert*, *smart* 'brisk, vigorous' (Old English *smæart*), for a brisk or active person.

**Early bearers:** England: Lifwinus Smart, about 1180 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 8 (Kent); William Smart, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Smert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Kent); Ricardus Smart, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Smart, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Willelmus Smert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Huntercombe, Oxon); Henricus Smert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Constantine, Staffs); Willelmus Smert, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Willelmus Smart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalfleet, Hants); Rogero Smart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Thomas Smart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Wretham, Norfolk); Galfridus Smert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnacle, Warwicks); Agn' Smert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wharton, Westm); Johannes Smert, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (High Swindon, Wilts); Willelmus Smert', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Johanne Smart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eling, Berks); Willelmus Smert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Poyntz, Dorset); Johannes Smert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wickham Bishops, Essex); Matheo Smart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Willelmus Smart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Galfridus Smert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Ricardus Smert, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willaston, Shrops); Johannes

Smart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); John Smart, 1539 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Richard Smart, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Izabill Smart, 1544 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Willm. Smart, 1549 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Jaferie Smart, 1550 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Richard Smart, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); William Smart, 1560 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Mawde Smart, 1562 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Smart, 1565 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Joan Smartt, 1580 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Larence Smart, 1593 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Thomas Smartt, 1697 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

Scotland: William Smert, 1376 in *Morton Register*, *Scotland* (Fife); John Smert, 1452 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Johannes Smert, 1488 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Daudid Smart, 1596 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Margaret Smart, 1659 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Smartt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Smart**.

## Smathers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Durham; Cheshire

English: see **Smithers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

## Smawfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Lancs

English: see **Smallfield**.

## Smead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Sussex; Lancs

English: see **Smeeth**.

## Smeal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks

Scottish: see **Small**.

## Smeall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

Scottish: see **Small**.

## Smeardon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Smerdon**.

## Smeath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx

English: see **Smeeth**.

**Smeathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Smithers**.

**Smeaton**

**Variants:** Smeeton, Smitton, Smiton, Smitten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 839
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lanarks; WR Yorks; also Midlothian; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English, Scottish: locative name from various places, including Smeaton (Midlothian), Kirk Smeaton and Little Smeaton (WR Yorks), Great and Little Smeaton (NR Yorks), and Smeaton Westerby (Leics), all of which are named with Old English *smīða-tun* ‘settlement of the smiths’.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Henry de Smythetone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh); Henricus de Smythetone, 1359 in *Dunfermline Register* (Midlothian); Alexander Smythetone, 1506 in *Bannatyne Miscellany* (Shetland).  
 England: Johel de Smythetone, 1201, Jukel de Smythetone, 1204 in *Pleas* (Yorks); Robert de Smythetone, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard de Smythetone, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Richard de Smeton, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); John Smeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Amicia de Smythetone, Willelmus de Smeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Foxton, Leics); Rogero Smythetone, Rogerus Smeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Johannes Smeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranford, Northants); Nicholas Smeaton, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Wynifrid Smeaton, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Henry Smeaton, 1584 in *IGI* (Flitton with Silsoe, Beds); Rosamonda Smeaton, 1592 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Tho. Smeaton, 1594 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks).

**Smedley**

**Variants:** Smedly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3347, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: locative name from Smithley in Wombwell (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Smythelay, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Smythelay, 1307 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam de Smytheleye, 1311, Robert de Smythle, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Ricardus de Smythelay, 1377, Willelmus de Smythlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Johannes Smythlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Henricus de Smetley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cheetham, Lancs); John Smythley alias John Smytheley alias John Bolton of Bolton, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Agneta Smethlie, 1548 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Adamus Smedlay, 1554 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Michael Smetheley, 1564, Katherine Smithley, 1567, John Smedley, 1575 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Anna Smedley, 1570 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Anna Smedley, 1593 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 103.

**Smedly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys and Notts
- English: see **Smedley**.

**Smedmore**

**Variants:** Smidmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants and Dorset

English: locative name from Smedmore House in Kimmeridge (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** William Smedemor, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Peter Smethemor, 1332 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Smedemor, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset or Somerset); Johannes Smedmour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tyneham, Dorset); Thomas Smedmor, 1619, Agnis Smedmore, 1622 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Thomas Smidmore, 1733 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 86.

**Smee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 623
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: see **Smeech**.

**Smeed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 320
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Smeech**.

**Smeech**

**Variants:** Smeth, Smeath, Smead, Smeed, Smee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Hants and Wilts

1 English: nickname from Middle English *smethe* ‘smooth, calm, gentle’ (Old English *smede*), for someone with smooth skin or hair, or someone with a calm or gentle manner. Compare Robert Smetheberd, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks) ‘smooth beard’. See also **Smout**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Smethe, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); William le Smeth, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Philip le Smeþe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts).

2 English: variant of **Smith**.

3 English: locative name from Middle English *smethe* ‘flat or open place, level’, for someone who lived on or by a level. The term was widely used in East Anglia.

**Early bearers:** William del Smethe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Smeeton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 379, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks, Notts, and Leics

English: see **Smeaton**.

**Smellie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1302
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Scottish: see **Smillie**.

2 English: see **Smalley**.

**Smelt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *smelt* ‘smelt’, denoting a type of small fish allied to the salmon, perhaps for someone who caught or sold such fish. Richard Smelt, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* was London fishmonger. (ii) relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Smelt*, a survival of Old English *Smelt*, which was perhaps originally a nickname from the word in (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Smelt, 1035 in *Redin, Studies* (Dorset); Esmellt capellanus regis (in 1066), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Esmeld presbyter (in 1066), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex).

surnames: Alexander Smelt de Oreford, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Smelte, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Thomam Smelt, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Smelt, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John le Smelt, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Smelt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Topcliffe with Gristhwaite, NR Yorks); Thomas Smelt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sinderby, NR Yorks); Willelmus Smelt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seasalter, Kent); Richard Smelt of Topclyf, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Robert Smelt, 1415 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**Smerdon**

**Variants:** Sardon, Smeardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 465
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name predominantly from Smeardon Down in Petertavy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Beaton Smerdon, 1561 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); John Smerdon, 1572, George Smeardon, 1575 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Ricardus Smerdon, 1595, Alicia Smeardon, 1599 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); John Smirdon, 1598 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 232.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Smerden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Guy de Smereden, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Alan de Smerdenne, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Smerdon, 1572 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Henrye Smerdon, 1621 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); Wm. Smerdon, 1747 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Smerdon, 1791 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); John Smerdon, 1803 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 399.

**Smeth**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Smeech**.

**Smetham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northumb; Lancs; Wilts

English: see **Smitham**.



## Smethills

### Smethills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Smithills in Halliwell (Lancs), recorded as *Smythell* in 1322, *Smethehill*, *Smethehylls* in 1506.

**Early bearers:** Henrico de Smythull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Willelmus Smythull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Ellyne Smethills, 1621 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Mary Smethell, 1676 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Mary Smithills, 1702 in *IGI* (Blackrod, Lancs); Eliz. Smithill, 1759 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 44.

### Smethurst

**Variants:** Smithurst, Smithers, Smithhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1798, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Smethurst in Middleton by Oldham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** . . . de Smethehirst, 1324 in *Lancs Place-Names*; Henricus Smethurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bury, Lancs); William Smethurst, 1551 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Richard Smethurst, 1593 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); John Smithurst, 1603 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Elisabeth Smithurse, 1779 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 54.

### Smewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks

English: see **Smewing**.

### Smewing

**Variants:** Smewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; Middx and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Smewin* (Old English \**Smēawine*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Smeuwin, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Smeuwinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Oxon); Smewinus, about 1130 in *Ewen, History* (Dorset).

surnames: Martin Smewyne, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); John Smewyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Matilda Smywyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmund Smewyn, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Smewyn of Sutton, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); George Smewing, 1606 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); John Smewing, 1609 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); Rebecca Smewing, 1663 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Ann Smewing, 1686 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Thomas Smewing, 1724 in *IGI* (Radley, Berks).

### Smiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 Irish: variant of **Smithers**, or perhaps **Smithwick**.

2 English: see **Smithey**.

### Smidmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Smedmore**.

### Smikle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Of uncertain origin; in Britain typically associated with Jamaica, possibly an altered form of **Michael**. In the USA it is from Yiddish *shmeykhl*, German *Schmeichel* 'flattery'.

### Smile

**Variants:** Smiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Durham

1 English: nickname from Middle English *smile* 'smile', for a cheerful person, or perhaps ironically for a grumpy person. Compare Adam Smyler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks). Some of the early bearers given here may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Henry Smyle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Arthur Smile, 1562 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Jone Smyle, 1568 in *IGI* (London); John Smile, 1609 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Johane Smile, 1622 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Elizabeth Smile, 1667 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Smale**. However, the change in the vowel would be irregular.

3 English: variant of **Smiles** with loss of final -s.

**Early bearers:** George Smile, 1701 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

### Smiles

**Variants:** Smile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 930, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 621
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb

English: (i) apparently a variant of **Smile** with an excrescent -s. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Smales** and **Smailes**, whose modern distribution it shares.

These names may also have been confused with **Miles**. Compare Henry Smailes, 1625, William Smiles, 1761, William Miles, 1783 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Smyles, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lythe, near Whitby, NR Yorks); John Smyles, 1579 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Roger Smiles, 1597 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Smiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 137
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs and Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down
- Scottish: probably a variant of **Smillie**.

### Smillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: see **Smillie**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Smilley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Smillie**.

### Smillie

**Variants:** Smilie, Smilley, Smyle, Smellie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2037, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: (i) variant of **Smalley**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *smelli*, *smilli* 'smelly': Latin *odorabilis* is glossed as *smilly* (variant reading *smelly*) in a 15th-century manuscript (*MED*). This is perhaps the source of the Derbys name *Smiley*, *Smelly*, though confusion with **Smalley** (from the Derbys place-name) cannot be completely ruled out.

**Further information:** This Scottish name was taken to Ireland (Tyrone) in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andro Smely, 1588, Barbra Smellie, 1613 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Rot. Smellie, 1619, James Smaille, 1646 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonat Smilie, 1637 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Jonat Smaille, 1647 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Agnes Smellie, 1648 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Agnes Smellie, 1658, Jonnet Smaille, 1659, Robt. Smealy, 1673 in *IGI* (Kirkintilloch, Dunbartons); Christian Smylie, 1670 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Margaret Smaille, 1671 in *IGI* (Gartshore, Dunbartons); John Smely, 1683, Agnes Smellie, 1685 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Huge Smiley, 1693 in *IGI* (Galston, Ayr); Elisabeth Smillie, 1694 in *IGI* (Craigie by Kilmarnock, Ayr).

England: Jane Smiley, 1572 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Cesilia Smily, 1572 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Marye Smelley, 1624 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

### Smirk

**Variants:** Smark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb and Durham

English: nickname derived from the Middle English verb *smirken* 'to smile'. There is also an Early Modern English adjective *smirk* 'neat, trim, spruce', but it is not certain to be old enough to form a surname.

**Early bearers:** Willelmi Smirk, 1279–80 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard Smerk, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Katrone Smark, 1561 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs); Grace Smarke, 1574 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Thomas Smirke, 1583, Annas Smirk, 1594 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Richard Smyrk, 1594 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); John Smyrk, 1595 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Smyrcke, 1595, Anne Smirck, 1597, John Smyrke, 1599 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Christ. Smirk, 1599 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

### Smirthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: see **Smurthwaite**.



### Smissen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Smithson**.

### Smisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Kent
- English: see **Smithson**.

### Smit

Variants: **Smits**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Aberdeens; ER Yorks

Dutch: occupational name from Middle Dutch *smet*, *smit* 'smith'. Compare **Smith**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Smit (born in the Netherlands) in *Census 1881* (Middx); Charlotte F. Smit (born in South Africa) in *Census 1881* (ER Yorks).

### Smith

Variants: **Smithe, Smeeth, Smyth, Smythe, Smye, Smy, Smiths**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546960, Ireland 18612
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416438
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread

1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *smith* 'smith' (Old English *smið*), denoting a worker in metal, especially iron, such as a blacksmith or farrier. Early examples are also found in the Latin form **Faber**. See also **Smither**. Post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Eceard Smið, about 975 in *Tengvik* (Durham); Ælfword þe Smith, about 1100 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); William le Smyth, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Radulphus le Smyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); Dorathia Smith, 1538 in *IGI* (Bayford, Herts); Esabell Smith, 1538 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Joan Smith, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johis Smith, 1542 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon).

Scotland: Alan Smyth, 1398 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Jonet Smith, 1557 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Janet Smith, 1572 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

2 English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *smithe*, *smethe* 'smithy, forge' (Old English *smiððe*, *smeðe*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a blacksmith's shop, occupational, for someone who worked in one, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Smeeth (Kent) or Smitha in King's Nympton (Devon). Compare **Smithy**.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Smethe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); John de la Smythe, 1311 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); William atte Smithe, 1313 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Sussex); John atter Smythe, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Robert atte Smyth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Guydo atter Smythte, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Ralph atte Smythe, 1370 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus atte Smethe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fairfield, Kent); Johannes de Smethe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johan atte Smithe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountfield, Sussex); Willelmus atte Smythe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 255, 386, 644.

3 The English surname has absorbed, by assimilation and translation, cognates and equivalents from many other languages, including Dutch **Smit** and German and Jewish (Ashkenazic) **Schmidt**.

**Early bearers:** Franz Smith, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Abraham Smith, 1857 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Peter Smith, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Swansea, Glamorgan); George Smith, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Wavertree, Lancs); Frederick Smith, born in Dresden, Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hammersmith, Middx); Samson Smith, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Harris Smith, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Jacob Smith, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bromley, Kent); Hyman Smith, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Norwich, Norfolk); Wodak Smith, hairdresser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

4 Irish, Scottish: in Scotland and Ireland, sometimes adopted for Gaelic **Mac Gobhann**, Irish **Mac Gabhann** 'son of the smith', see **McGowan**.

### Smitham

Variants: **Smetham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: locative name from Smytham in Little Torrington (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Smetham, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Joan Smitham, 1562, Henrie Smytham, 1566 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Peter Smytham, 1564 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Anee Smythem, 1573 in *IGI* (Westleigh by Bideford, Devon); Nicholas Smithem, 1666, James Smetham, 1706 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Sarah Smetham, 1708 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 111.

### Smithard

Variants: **Smitherd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Smither** with post-medieval excrement *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Smithard, 1633 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys); Henry Smythard, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Elizabeth Smithard, 1683 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey).

### Smithe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales

English: see **Smith**.

### Smitheer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: see **Smithy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Smitheman

Variants: **Smithman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *smith* 'smith' (see **Smith**) + *-man*, for someone who assisted a smith. Compare

**Smitherman**.

**Early bearers:** Alan 'Smythesman', 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Henricus Smythman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Robertus Smytheman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Johanne Smythman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barby, ER Yorks); Johanne Smytheman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laxton, ER Yorks); Thomas Smythesman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); William Smythman of Pountfreit, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Smitheman, 1581 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Marye Smitheman, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Richard Smitheman, 1646 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Thomas Smitheman, 1662 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Thos Smitheman, 1738 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs).

### Smithen

Variants: **Smithin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent

English: unexplained; possibly a locative name consisting of a weak plural form (in *-n*) of Middle English *smith(e)* 'smithy'.

**Early bearers:** Anne Smythen, 1552 in *IGI* (London); Margaret Smithen, 1565 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Thomas Smithen, 1571 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Ryc Smethen, 1575 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Alles Smythend, 1583, Nycholas Smythen, 1592 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs); Gyles Smithin, 1596 in *IGI* (Welford on Avon, Gloucs); Elizabeth Smithinge, 1602 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Phillip Smythine, 1602 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Robert Smithen, 1602 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Elizabeth Smythen, 1604 in *IGI* (Butterwick, Holland, Lincs); Thomas Smythenge, 1615, Edward Smethinge, 1619 in *IGI* (Scremby, Lincs); George Smithin, 1682 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs).

### Smither

Variants: **Smithard, Smithers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

English: occupational name from Middle English *smithiere* 'blacksmith', a derivative of Middle English *smithen* 'to make (something) in metal, to forge'.

Compare **Smith**, and for the formation **Sawyer**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Smether, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmo Smither de Newton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nethercote, Leics); John Smythiere, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks), perhaps identical with Johannes de Barwe, Smethier, 1384 in *MED* (Coventry), and John Smythier alias Smythiere of Coventre, merchant, 1417 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Smether, 1546 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey); Alice Smither, 1551 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Anis Smither, 1567, Clemens Smyther, 1571 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Dorathia Smyther, 1577 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Annable Smyther, 1583 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey).

## Smitheram

### Smitheram

Variants: **Smitherham**, **Smitherem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Somerset

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Smitherman**, the first spelling with *-r-* in which is from Somerset: George Smitherman, 1724 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John Smitheram, 1701, Ann Smythron, 1719 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Mary Smitherm, 1733 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Mary Smithrem, 1740 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall); Tilny Smethrome, 1745 in *IGI* (Lanivet, Cornwall); Jane Smetheram, 1748 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); James Smitheram, 1820 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Smitherd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Smithard**.

### Smitherem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Somerset
- English: see **Smitheram**.

### Smitherham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Smitheram**.

### Smitheringale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English: locative name from Smither Gill in Flasby, WR Yorks (*Smychargill* in 1577, *Smigergill* in 1623), achieving its modern form near Bourne, Lincs, where it was influenced by the name of Ripplingale, 6 miles north.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Smithergill, 1565 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); William Smigersgill, 1590 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Smythergill, 1594 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Oliver Smithergale, 1631 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Anne Smitheringale, 1662 in *IGI* (Careby, Lincs); Mary Smitheringale, 1663 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Elizabeth Smitheringal, 1736 in *IGI* (Barnack, Northants); Robert Smithersgill, 1739 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Samuel Smiggarsgell, 1743 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Elizabeth Snickersgill, 1751 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); John Smithergar, 1773 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).
- References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 49.

### Smitherman

Variants: **Smithyman**, **Smitheram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) occupational name, status name from Middle English *smithiere* 'blacksmith' + *-man*, for someone who assisted a blacksmith. See also **Smither** and compare **Smitheman**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *smthy* 'smithy, forge' + *-man*, for someone who worked in a forge. Compare William del Ker, '*smthyman*', of Halumshire, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks). See also **Smithey**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Smythyman, 1309 in *Close Rolls* (Yorks); Henrye Smythyman, 1587 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); John Smythyman, 1607 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); George Smitherman, 1724 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); John Smitherman, 1790 in *IGI* (Aylesford, Kent).

### Smithers

Variants: **Smythers**, **Smeathers**, **Smathers**, **Smothers**, **Smiddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1744, Ireland 199
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1611
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: (i) relationship name, locative name, variant of **Smither** with Middle English genitival *-s*, either denoting a relative or servant of a smith, or a someone who lived or worked at a smith's house or forge. (ii) variant of **Smither** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** this name is well established in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Smythers, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dunston with Drayton, Staffs); Mary Smythers, 1553 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Rauphe Smeathers, 1558 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Agnes Smithers, 1574 in *IGI* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Caterne Smothers, 1587 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Alicia Smathers, 1589 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Smithers, 1614 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Anna Smetherds, 1631 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

2 English: in north-west England, perhaps a modified form of **Smithurst**.

### Smithey

Variants: **Smithee**, **Smiddy**, **Smoothy**, **Smithies**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, occupational name from northern Middle English *smithi* 'smithy, forge' (Old Scandinavian *smiðja*), for someone who lived in or by a blacksmith's shop, or who worked in one. Compare **Smith** (2).

**Early bearers:** John del Smythy, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus del Smethi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); Johannes del Smethy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Rogero atte Smethy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waltham on the Wold, Leics); John del Smythy, 1385 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Joane Smithey, 1564 in *IGI* (Loxton, Somerset); Isaac Smithey, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Susan Smithey, 1647 in *IGI* (Strubby, Lincs); John Smithey, 1657 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Ann Smithey, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Smithurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Smethurst**.

### Smithies

Variants: **Smithyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1063
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Smithey** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Smythes, 1568, John Smythies, 1586, Thomas Smiddies, 1629 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Smithin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs
- English: see **Smithen**.

### Smithman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- English: see **Smitheman**.

### Smiths

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Smith** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. The *-s* may also be locative, implying '(at the) smith's (workshop)'.

**Early bearers:** Julian' le Smithes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Mergareta del Smythes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Benedictus atte Smethes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Elnor Smiths, 1627 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Smiths, 1636 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Richard Smiths, 1651 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Peetter Smiths, 1667 in *IGI* (Armley, WR Yorks); John Smiths, 1716 in *IGI* (Aikton, Cumb).

### Smithson

Variants: **Smythson**, **Smission**, **Smissen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3585, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2867
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: relationship name from Middle English *smith* 'smith' + *-son*, for a son of a smith.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Smythessone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry le Smithson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Peter Smitson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Smythson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newsham, NR Yorks); Stephano Smythson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilberdike, ER Yorks); Johannes Smytheson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Robertus Smetheson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Johannes Smithson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Willelmus Smythesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Ricardus le Smythesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lancs); Johannes Smysson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Richard Smithson, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Smithson, 1553 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Edmund Smithson, 1557 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johannes Smithson, 1557 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Jenetta Smithson, 1562 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks).

2 Irish, Scottish: in Scotland and Ireland, sometimes adopted for **Mac Gobbann**, **Mac a'ghobhainn** 'son of the smith', see **McGowan**.

### Smithurst

Variants: **Smithers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: see **Smethurst**.

**Smithwhite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Surrey
- English: see **Smurthwaite**. For this change in pronunciation compare *Hebblewhite* for **Hebblethwaite**.
- Early bearers:** James Smithwhite, 1713 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

**Smithwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths, Gloucs, and Somerset; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Cork

English: locative name from the lost place-name Smithwick in Southover (Sussex), last recorded about 1608, Smethwick Green near Brereton Heath (Cheshire), and Smethwick (Staffs).

**Further information:** this surname has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Smythewyk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger de Smythewyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Smythewyk, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Ricardus Smythewyke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Smethewyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Hamo de Smethewyk, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Marie Smythweeke, 1552 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants); Sense Smithwicke, 1568, Henry Smethwicke, 1599 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts).

Ireland: Henry Smithwick, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 357 (Ballidurtane, Carlow); Capt. Henry Smithwick, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 174 (Drogheda, Louth); Henry Smithick, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 621 (Catherlogh).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 275; *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 322; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 498; *Supplement to Irish Families* p. 139.

**Smithyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; York; Suffolk
- English: see **Smithies**.

**Smithyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Smitherman**.

**Smiton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: see **Smeaton**.

**Further information:** This is the more common spelling in Ireland.

**Smits**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Dutch: variant of **Smit** 'smith'.

**Early bearers:** Jan A. Smits (born in the Netherlands) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Smitten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Smeaton**.

**Smitton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; Lancs; also Warwicks

Scottish, English: see **Smeaton**.

**Smock**

**Variants:** **Smoke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *smok* 'smock, shift, woman's undergarment' (Old English *smoc*), for someone who made or sold such items of clothing. See also **Smoker**.

**Early bearers:** Randulf Smoc, 1170–90 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Monmouths); Robert Smok, 1314 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); William Smok' of Hallys, Somerset, chapman, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Smock, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Thomas Smock, 1737 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Eliza Smock, 1740 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Elizath. Smock, 1776 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Benjamin Henry Smock, 1822 in *IGI* (Horsleydown, Surrey).

**Smoke**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Smock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Smoker**

**Variants:** **Smooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *smok* 'smock, shift, woman's undergarment' (Old English *smoc*), for someone who made or sold such items of clothing. See also **Smock**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Smokere, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Smoker, William Smoker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Mary Smoker, 1765 in *IGI* (Swanscombe, Kent); Richd. Smoker, 1768 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Mary Smoker, 1772 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); Eliz. Smoker, 1778 in *IGI* (Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset); Richard Smoker, 1783 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

**Smollen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Irish: from Ó Smolláin, see **Smullen**.

**Smollett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: see **Smollett**.

**Smollett**

**Variants:** **Smollet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Angus and Perth

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *smal* 'small' + *hed*, *heved* 'head', though surviving today in a Scots form.

**Further information:** The novelist Tobias George Smollett (1721–71) was born in Dunbartons but worked in London.

**Early bearers:** England: John Smalheued, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); William Smalhed, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Smallyd, 1547 in *The East Anglian* (NS) ii (Suffolk); Johen Smalowde, 1556 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margery Smalhede, 1585, Henry Smalhed, 1586 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Wm. Smallhead, 1592 in *IGI* (Ufford, Suffolk); Anne Smallet, 1626 in *IGI* (Norfolk); Joane Smalet, 1679 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

Scotland: John Smolate, 1457 in *Black*; John Smolet, 1513 in *Black*; Tobias Smallet, 1604 in *Black* (Dunbartons); James Smollet, 1681 in *IGI* (Cardross, Dunbartons); James Smollett, 1698 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Robert Smollett, 1690 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Smooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; also Durham

English: see **Smoker**.

**Smoothery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex; Monmouths

English: see **Smoothy**.

**Smoothy**

**Variants:** **Smoothery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and Suffolk

English: perhaps an altered pronunciation of **Smithey**. For the vowel, compare **Smothers**.

**Smorthwaite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; NR Yorks

English: see **Smurthwaite**.

**Smothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Smithers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Smoult

### Smoult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Smout**.

### Smout

#### Variants: Smoult

- **Current frequencies:** GB 720, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: nickname from Middle English *smolt*, with common vocalization of /l/ before a following consonant, in one of three senses: an adjective meaning ‘mild, gentle’, or a noun meaning either ‘young fish (esp. salmon)’ or ‘lard’.

**Early bearers:** England: Agn’ Smolt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (unidentified parish in Northumb); Agnes Smoot, 1560 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Hughe Smoute, 1561, Hugh Smoote, 1595, in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Smoute, 1564, Leonard Smout, 1565 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Jocosia Smowt, 1569 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Alicia Smoute, 1594 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Edmund Smoult, 1630 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Smout, 1653 in *IGI* (Shrawardine, Shrops); Elizabeth Smoot, 1705 in *IGI* (Scarcliffe, Derbys); Jane Smoult, 1709 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); William Smouth, 1714 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); James Smolt, 1718 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb); Ann Smote, 1725 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Alexander Smowte, 1597, Alexander Smowt, 1609 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Thomas Smout, 1612 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Jhone Smout, 1632 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens); Thomas Smolt, 1701 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian).

### Smullen

#### Variants: Smollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 449
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wicklow and Offaly

Irish: from Ó *Smolláin* ‘descendant of *Smollán*’, a personal name of uncertain origin. According to *Woulfe, Irish Names and Surnames*, it is a variant of Ó *Spealáin*, see **Spillane**.

**Early bearers:** William Smullen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); Catherine Smullins, 1850 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Milltown, Dublin); Catherine Smullin, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Thomastown, Kildare); James Smollen, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Yellowbog Common, Kildare); John Smollon, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Kilcorby, Offaly); Anne Smullen, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Wooddown, Westmeath); James Smullan, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Drumcliff, Donegal); Peter Smollan, 1862 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Drumkeen, Fermanagh); Bridget Smollin, 1854 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Killnabinia, Offaly).

### Smurfit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Smurthwaite**.

### Smurthwaite

**Variants:** Smirthwaite, Smorthwaite, Smallthwaite, Smithwhite, Smurftit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 738, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 446
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also NR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from one or other of several places named with Old Scandinavian *smjor* ‘butter’ + *thveit* ‘clearing’, such as Smorthwaite (Sedbergh, WR Yorks) and the lost Yorkshire *Smerthwayt* in Guiseley (WR Yorks), recorded in 1323 in *Calverley Charters*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Smartwayt, Adam de Smeretwat, Willelmus de Smeretwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dent, WR Yorks); John Smerethwayt of Calton, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Matilda Smarthwate, 1489, Robert Smerwhaitt, 1518 in *York Guild Register* (York); John Smerthwaite, 1547 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Dent, WR Yorks); Thomas Smothwaite, 1556 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Smurthwait, 1561 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Margaret Smirthwait, 1562 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Agnes Smyrwhytt, 1562 in *IGI* (Waddingworth, Lincs); Christopher Smurthwayt, 1556 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls*; John Smarthwaite or Smarthwait, 1564 in *PROB 11* (London); Elizabeth Smirthwayte, 1571 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); Anthonius Smourthawt, 1574, in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Smirthwaite, 1577, Thomas Smorthwait, 1627, Matthew Smurwhaite, 1657, Edward Smurfett son of Matthew Smurfett, 1713 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Elizabeth Smurthwait, 1582 in *IGI* (Melsonby, NR Yorks); Simon Smartwhat, 1585 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Margaret Smearwhyte, 1588 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); Annes Smartwhott, 1596 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Antonius Smorthwayte, 1597 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); John Smythworth alias Smurfit, 1677 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Alnwick, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 263.

2 English: locative name from either of two places in Cumb named Smaithwaite, one in Saint John’s in the Vale (now in Keswick), the other in Lamplugh. This name may have been absorbed into (1) through confusion of the two names. It is possible, for example, that Isabell Smatwaight or Isabelle Smatewaight, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Le Bow, City of London), was the daughter of John Smarthwaite or Smarthwait, 1564 in *PROB 11* (London).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Smetwayt, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas de Smythwait, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Agnes Smaytwhait, 1567 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 314–5, 407.

### Smy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 739, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: variant of **Smith**.

### Smye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Smith**.

### Smylie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 320
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish, Irish: see **Smillie**.

**Further information:** in the 17th century this name was taken to Ireland, where this spelling is particularly common.

**Early bearers:** William Smyly, 1730 in *IGI* (Strabane, Tyrone).

### Smyth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9216, Ireland 13463
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2774
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Lanarks; Devon

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cavan

English: variant of **Smith**.

**Further information:** This spelling is particularly common in Ireland.

### Smythe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1796, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Galway

English: see **Smith**.

### Smythers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Hunts; Middx

English: see **Smithers**.

### Smythson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey; Middx

English: see **Smithson**.

### Snadden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Clackmannans

Scottish: see **Sneddon**.

### Snaddon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Clackmannans

Scottish: see **Sneddon**.

### Snailham

#### Variants: Snailum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Snailham in Guestling and Icklesham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Sneylham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Snaylham, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William de Snaylham, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Denise Snaylham, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Snehham of Winchelse, 1431 in

*Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John Snayleham of Britlyng, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Kath Snailom, 1607 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Elinora Snealum, 1622 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Edward Snayleham, 1647 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Mary Snaylham, 1664 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Elizabeth Snalum, 1665 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Elizabeth Snailum, 1709 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 510.

### Snailum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Wilts

English: see **Snailham**.

### Snaith

#### Variants: Sneath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1784, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Snaith (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ithelard de Snayth, 1250–1 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Snayth, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Snayth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Santon, Lincs); Johanne de Snayth', Johanne Snayth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes de Snayth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Snayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Thomas de Snayth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Thomas Snayth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Snayth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wharton, Westm); Rogerus Snayth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Snaith, 1568 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Susan Snaith, 1618 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Feabie Snaith, 1629 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); John Snaith, 1630 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ralph Snaith, 1641 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Thomas Snayth, 1708 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 25–6.

### Snake

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *snake* 'snake' (Old English *snaca*). Compare Adam Snakesnoute, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* 'snake snout'.

**Early bearers:** Johanni Snake, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol); William Snak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Snake, 1588 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Ann Snake, 1600 in *IGI* (York); Elizabeth Snake, 1623 in *IGI* (Thornford, Dorset).

### Snap

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx

English: see **Snape**.

### Snape

#### Variants: Snap, Snapp, Snepp, Sneap, Snapes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3639, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2754
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs, Warwick, Cheshire, Derbys, and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Middle English *snap* (Old Scandinavian \**snap*) 'poor or winter pasture'. Of the many minor place-names containing this

word in N England it was Snape in Ormskirk (Lancs), Snape in Well (NR Yorks), and Snape in Sowerby (WR Yorks) which gave rise to surnames there.

**Early bearers:** Reginaldo de Snape, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bedale, NR Yorks); William del Snape, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Adam del Snape, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Snape, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes del Snape, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rishworth, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Snape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbury, Lancs); Willelmus Snaype, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Garforth, WR Yorks); Anabilis Snape, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Snape, 1582 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Johes. Snape, 1609 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

References: *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 132; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Surnames of Lancs*, p. 145.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *snap*, *snep* (Old English \**snæp*) possibly meaning 'boggy piece of land'. It may be the source of Snape in Suffolk and of numerous minor places called Snap or Snape in Cheshire, Devon, Notts, Sussex, and Wilts, but it is difficult to tell apart from the word in (1). Snape (Farm) in Weston (Cheshire) is the likely source of the surname in Staffs, while one or other of the Sussex places gave rise to the Sussex surname *Snepp*.

**Early bearers:** Agnes del Snappe, 1242 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); John, Richard, and Thomas atte Snap, 1290 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upwood, Hunts); John atte Sneppe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wivelridge, in Peasmarsh, Sussex); Johanne Sneppe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Snape, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rowde, Wilts); Thomas Snape, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Johanne Snappe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stitchcombe, Wilts); John Snape, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Roger Snape, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanns Snape, 1549 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwick); Thomas Snape, 1550 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); John Snape, 1551 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Thoman Snapp, 1562 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Jone Snape, 1563 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Elizabeth Snap, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Richardi Snape, 1569 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Anna Snepp, 1581 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Joane Sneap, 1663 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys); William Sneap, 1690 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Stephen Snap, 1733 in *IGI* (Ockbrook, Derbys); Thomas Snap, 1797 in *IGI* (Haughton, Staffs); John Snapp, 1862 in *IGI* (Salehurst, Sussex).

References: *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 132; *Tooth* 1, p. 42.

### Snapes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: variant of **Snape** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Willm. Snapes, 1553 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Raphe Snapes, 1599 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); George Snapes, 1610 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Snapp

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; Herefs English: see **Snape**.

### Snare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk English: (i) nickname from a Middle English derivative of Old Scandinavian *snarr* 'swift; bold; keen'; therefore an unsuffixed relative of **Snart**. (ii) perhaps in some cases a nickname from Middle English *snare* 'snare, trap', as claimed for Matilda Snere, 1378 in *Ewen, History*.

**Early bearers:** Magota Snare, Thomas Snayre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whiston, WR Yorks); Matill' Snere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Robertus Snerre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Johannes Snar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); William Sner, 1573 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Agnes Snarr, 1576 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Thomas Snarr, 1577 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Joan Sner, 1579 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Willyam Snare, 1594 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anne Snare, 1626 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

### Snarey

#### Variants: Snary, Sneary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland; Surrey; Hunts; Berks

English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old Scandinavian personal name *Snarri* (from Old Scandinavian *snarr* 'swift').

**Early bearers:** given names: Snarri de Wurðintona, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: Richard Snarri, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Andrew Snary, 1224 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Snarry, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Reginald Snarry of Assyndon, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Snarry of Byntre, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Snarry, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo Snarry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); William Snarry of Somercotes, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Snarey, 1708 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk); Ann Snarey, 1714 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity, York); John Snarey, 1715 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Robert Snarey, 1734 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); Elizabeth Snarey, 1743 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).

### Snart

#### Variants: Snartt, Snare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Rutland, and Leics English: (i) nickname from Middle English *snart*, recorded in the sense 'painful, smarting' but probably meaning 'quick, sharp' when applied to people. It is a borrowing of Old Scandinavian *snart*, the neuter form of *snarr* 'swift; bold; keen'. (ii) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Snqrtr*, \**Snart*, recorded in England only in the Lincs place-name Snarford, recorded as *Snertesforde*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*. The personal name is derived from the base of the adjective in (i). **Early bearers:** Will. Snart de Kexby, before 1314 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Patrick Snart, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Snart, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Leics); Johannes Snart, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Steeton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Snart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas Snarte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus Snart, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sefton, Lancs); Elysabete Snart, 1561 in *IGI* (Algarkirk, Lincs); Henry Snarte, 1565 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Anne Snarte, 1576 in *IGI* (Brant Broughton, Lincs); Allis Snart, 1579 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Catherine Snart, 1582 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).  
References: *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*.

**Snartt**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 11
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Snart**.

**Snary**

- Current frequencies: GB 84, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 81
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Middx; ER Yorks; Rutland
- English: see **Snarey**.

**Snashall**

Variants: **Snoxall, Snoxell**

- Current frequencies: GB 226, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 196
  - Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Kent
- English: locative name from Snoxhall in Cranleigh (Surrey), recorded as *Snokeshull* in 1279.  
Further information: Wilson's explanation of this name as from Snaizelholme in Hawes (NR Yorks) or Snowshill (Gloucs) would appear to be incorrect.  
Early bearers: William de Snokeshull, 1354 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Snokeshull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shere, Surrey); John Snokeshull, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Snokeshull of Cranle, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Henry Snakeshulle of Ewhurst, 1452 in *TNA* (Surrey); Edward Snokeshull, 1495 in *Centre for Bucks Studies* (Great Kimble, Bucks); Thomas Snoxil, 1549 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); James Snashall, 1596 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex); John Snashall, 1615 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Eduardus Snoxall, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Horwood, Bucks); Johannes Snoxell, 1619 in *IGI* (Totternhoe, Beds); Jone Snashall, 1628 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex); Elizabeth Snashall, 1647 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); William Handscombe Snockshill, 1823 in *IGI* (Barton in the Clay, Beds).  
References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 231–2.

**Snawdon**

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Devon
- English: see **Snowden**.

**Snead**

- Current frequencies: GB 237, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 303
  - Main GB location 1881: W Midlands: esp. Shrops and Staffs
- English: see **Sneyd**.

**Sneade**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 41
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops and Worcs
- English: see **Sneyd**.

**Sneap**

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 56
  - Main GB location 1881: Derbys
- English: see **Snape**.

**Sneary**

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex
- English: see **Snarey**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Sneath**

- Current frequencies: GB 498, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 514
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and Rutland
- English: see **Snaith**.  
Early bearers: Robt Sneath, 1577 in *IGI* (Normanton, Lincs); Mary Snath, 1598 in *IGI* (Somerby by Grantham, Lincs); John Sneath, 1618 in *IGI* (Waltham on the Wolds, Leics); Jane Sneath, 1710 in *IGI* (Cottesmore, Rutland).

**Snedden**

- Current frequencies: GB 642, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 398
  - Main GB location 1881: W Lothian, Midlothian, and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Sneddon**.

**Sneddon**

- Variants: **Snedden, Sneden, Snaddon, Snadden, Snodden**
- Current frequencies: GB 4758, Ireland 84
  - GB frequency 1881: 1776
  - Main GB location 1881: Lanarks; also Stirlings
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Sneddon in Paisley (Renfrews), called *Snawdon* in 1490, *Snawdon* in Garvald and Barra (E Lothian), or perhaps *Snawdon* near Thirlestane in Lauderdale (Berwicks), recorded as *Snawdone* in 1350.  
Early bearers: James Snadan, 1614, William Snodon, 1665, Elizabeth Snadon, 1669, Bessie Snadoun, 1683, Catharine Snawdon, 1735 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Johnne Snadoune, 1634, Janet Snadon, 1638 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); James Snawdoune, 1653 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); Alexander Snaddon, 1684, Walter Sneddon, 1718 in *IGI* (Bo'ness, W Lothian); James Snedden, 1720 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife); James Snedden, 1726 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks); Alexander Snedden, 1729 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Daniel Snedden, 1807 in *IGI* (Uphall, W Lothian).  
References: *Paisley Burgh Charters* pp. 33, 34; *Black*, p. 735.

**Sneden**

- Current frequencies: GB 10, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Dumfriess
- Scottish: see **Sneddon**.  
Further information: This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Snedker**

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 66

- Main GB location 1881: Northants
- German: occupational name from Middle Low German *sniddeker* 'joiner, woodcarver', filtered through Dutch.  
Further information: Jan Gerritsz *Snedeker* (son of Gerrit *Schnittker*—recorded in the High German form) was born in about 1608 in Oldenburg, Germany, and died about May 1680 in Midwout (later called *Flatbush*), King's County, New York. He had married in 1632 in Sloten Reformed Church, Sloterdijk, Netherlands. This establishes the source of the name, but its arrival in England has not been traced.  
Early bearers: John Snedker, 1736 in *IGI* (Towcester, Northants); Elizabeth Snedaker, 1837 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).  
References: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/k/a/u/Allan-David-Kaufmann/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0145.html>

**Snee**

- Current frequencies: GB 604, Ireland 110
  - GB frequency 1881: 225
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo and Sligo
- 1 English: variant of **Sneyd** with loss of the final consonant.  
Early bearers: Luke Snee, 1741, Peter Sneyd, 1742 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Ralph Sney, 1754, Johis Sneyd, 1683 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).  
2 Irish: from Ó *Sniadhaigh* 'descendant of *Sniadhach*', a personal name apparently meaning 'nitty', from *sneadh* 'nit'.  
Early bearers: Cathasach Ua Snedhiusa, deacon of the Mulrooney's, 1243 *Annals of the Four Masters*; Shane O'Sney, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Ederline, Sligo); Andrew Snee, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo).  
3 Huguenot: unexplained.  
Early bearers: Peter Snee, 1684 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Pierre Snee, 1699 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Tho. Snee, 1703 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); Marie Snee, 1710 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

**Sneed**

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: London; also Worcs
- English: see **Sneyd**.

**Sneesby**

- Current frequencies: GB 166, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 136
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Hunts
- English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from Smisby (Derbys).  
Early bearers: Frances Sneezybee, 1632, John Snisbye, 1638 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Sneesby, 1632 in *IGI* (Godmanchester, Hunts); William Sneesby, 1671 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); William Sneesby, 1674 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys).

**Sneezum**

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 58
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex and Suffolk
- English: locative name from a local pronunciation of Snettisham (Norfolk).

**Further information:** The phonological gap between the earlier and later names is partly filled by the record of Harriet Laws, born 'Snitcham', Norfolk, in 1864. **Early bearers:** Richard de Snetesham, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Snetesham, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Snetesham, 1411 in *PROB 11* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Sarah Sneezum, 1795 in *IGI* (Castle Hedingham, Essex).

**References:** *Reaney, Origin*, p. 42; *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 557.

## Snel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Snell**.

## Snelgar

**Variants:** Snelgrove, Snellgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Snelgar* (Old English \**Snelgār*). **Early bearers:** given names: Snelgarus, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Snelgarus, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Snelgarus de Broke, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent). surnames: Thomas Snelgar, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Snagar, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Richard Snelgorre of Boxley, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Edieth Snelger, 1575 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts); Allice Snelgar, 1598 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts); Joane Snelger, 1601 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

## Snelgrove

**Variants:** Snellgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 744
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants
- English: irregular variant of **Snelgar**. It has the appearance of a place-name, but none of the right form has been found. It has a very similar distribution to *Snelgar*; compare Katheren Snelgrove, 1642 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts) and Thomae Snelgrove, 1629 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts) with Joane Snelger, 1601 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts), and Allice Snelgar, 1598 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts); and for general uncertainty about the final syllable compare Katharine Snelgrave, 1642 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts), and William Snelgrave, 1647 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts), and Ann Snelgrass, 1827 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts). **Early bearers:** Gorge Snelgrove, 1576 in *IGI* (Great Wishford, Wilts); Brydgett Snellgrove, 1579 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Suspian Snelgrove, 1583 in *IGI* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Janne Snelgrove, 1587 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Alice Snellgroe, 1609 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Alice Snelgrove, 1618 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomae Snelgrove, 1629 in *IGI* (Codford Saint Peter, Wilts).

## Snell

**Variants:** Snel, Snelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6239, Ireland 117
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5648
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also London; Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *snell* (*l*) 'swift, vivacious, bold' (Old English *snell* (*l*), Old Scandinavian *snjallr*), for a quick, lively, or courageous person. See also **Sneller**, **Snelling**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Snell* (*l*) (Old English *Snell*, Old Scandinavian *Snjallr*, with the same origins as the nickname).

**Early bearers:** Johannes filius Snel, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alexander filius Snell, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Snel, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Edwinus Snell, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thurstan le Snel, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Johanna Snell, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johis. Snell, 1541 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Thomas Snell, 1546 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); Hugo Snell, 1548 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Susanna Snell, 1549 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk).

## Snelle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Snell**.

## Snellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Snelling**.

## Sneller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Norfolk
- English, Dutch, Huguenot: (i) nickname whose base is Middle English *snell* (*l*) 'swift, vivacious, bold' (compare **Snell**), or a Dutch cognate, + the suffix *-ard* seen added to adjectives in e.g. *Dullard*, *Dollard* from *dull*. (ii) nickname from a Dutch or other Germanic cognate of Middle English *snell* (*l*) 'swift, vivacious, bold', with a cognate of the suffix *-ard*, in some cases via French, and possibly anglicized to the form of the indigenous name. **Further information:** It is impossible to distinguish the two with certainty in later centuries except through genealogical research. Some bearers in either set might belong in the other. It is possible that all post-1550 names are of continental immigrants. **Early bearers:** England: William Snellard, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls*; Richard Snellard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Snellard, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Jo. Sneller, 1596 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Robert Snellar, 1601 in *IGI* (Selsey, Sussex). Dutch, Huguenot: Catherine Snellart, 1636 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Mary Sneller, 1684 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Leendert Snellaart, 1692 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Snellgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; London
- English: see **Snelgrove**.

## Snellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Snelling**.

## Snelling

**Variants:** Snellin, Snellen, Snowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2546, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2420
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey; also Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Snelling* (Old English *Snelling*), a derivative of **Snell**. Some post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Snellinc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Snelling, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex). surnames: Andrew Snelling, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Brithmarus Snelling, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Ricardus Snellyn, Ricardus Snellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Johannes Snellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Norfolk); Johanne Snellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Thoma Snellyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Thomas Snellyng, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Julian Snelling, 1542 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Robert Snelling, 1561 in *IGI* (Whatfield, Suffolk); Elizabeth Snelling, 1569 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Snelland (Lincs). Compare Mary Snelling, 1725, John Snelland, 1730 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Snellund, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William de Snelleslunde, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William de Snelleslonde of Thorgraneby, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Snellond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 112.

## Snelson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 680
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs

1 English: locative name principally from Snelson in Over Peover (Cheshire), but perhaps also from Snelson in Lavendon (Bucks) and Snelston (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Snelleston, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes de Snelleston, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dry Stoke, Rutland); William de Snelleston of Lincoln, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Snellesdon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Margaret Snelson, 1568 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Roger Snelson, 1576 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 10; *Place-Names of Cheshire 1*, pp. 93–4; *Place-Names of Derbys 3*, p. 602.

2 English: relationship name perhaps occasionally from the Middle English personal name **Snell** + *-son*, 'son of **Snell**'.

## Snepp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Snape**.

## Sneyd

**Variants:** Snead, Sneade, Sneed, Snee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294



## Snidall

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Dublin
- English: locative name from Sneyd in Burslem (Staffs), The Sneyd near Bloxwich (Staffs), or Snead Farm and Snead Common in Rock (Worcs), all derived from Middle English *sne*, Old English *snæd* 'detached piece of land or woodland'. Compare **Snoad** and **Snaith**.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Sned, Agnes Sned, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert atte Snede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Snede, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Adam de Sned, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Roger de Snede, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Sned, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); William Snede, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); John Sneade, 1549 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Ralph Snead, 1568 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Roland Sneed, 1576 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Margreat Sneyd, 1588 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); Francis Sneyd, 1602 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jane Snead, 1674 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Lucy Sneyd, 1768 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Francis Sneyd, 1862 in *IGI* (Edge Hill, Lancs).

## Snidall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Snydale (WR Yorks). **Further information:** There is a place of the same name in Deane parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Snydale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gowdall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Snydall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); Antony Snidall, 1609 in *IGI* (Dorrington, Lincs); Rob Snidall, 1647 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Samuel Snidall, 1807 in *IGI* (South Ottrington, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 122–3.

## Snyder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs; Warwicks; Kent

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Schneider**.

## Snidars

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Dutch, German, Jewish: see **Snyders**.

## Snipe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; also WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Snipe*, *Snype* (Old English *Snip*, Old Scandinavian *Snípr*), or directly from the Middle English or Old Scandinavian bird-name which gave rise to it. Compare Nicholas Snynewife, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the suggestion in *Black* that the Scottish surname derived from Snipe (House) in Alnwick, recorded as *Swinleysnepe* in about 1290. It is feasible that it might be a variant of **Snape**, a rare Lanarks name that Black derives from Snape, near Coulter in Lanarks, but again there is insufficient evidence to go on.

**Early bearers:** England: Matthew Snype, 1293 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Robert Snyppe of Carleton, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Snype, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Michaelis Snypp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Alyod Snip, 1562 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Roger Snipe, 1573, Jenett Snype, 1576 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); George Snipe, 1740 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Snipe, 1780 in *IGI* (Redditch, Worcs).

Scotland: William Snype, 1534 in *Black* (W Lothian); John Snype, 1575 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Issobell Snypp, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Snypp, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 English: as Redmond shows, the WR Yorks name is a variant of **Knipe**, pronounced *Nipe*, with prosthetic S-. He cites a tenant in Ilkley rentals named John Knype in 1578 and John Snype in 1582; Thomas Knipe alias Snipe, 1608 *West Yorks Deeds* (Bradford); and William Snipe, William Knipe of Kirkgate, recorded in Leeds parish registers 1634–37. The same pattern appears in William Snype, 1576, Michael Knype, 1579 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Joes. Snyppe, 1540, Genet Snype, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Snipe, 1602 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jacobus Snipe, 1607 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks).

## Snoad

**Variants:** **Snode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Snoad's Hole in Linton, Snoad Farm in Otterden, or Snoadhill in Betterden, all in Kent, and derived from Middle English *snod*, Old English *snad* 'detached piece of land or woodland'. Compare **Sneyd**, with which this name was sometimes interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Ailnoth de Snode, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus ate Snoth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hunton, Kent); Ricardus ate Snothe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bethersden, Kent); John atte Snode of Beatrisden alias John atte Snothe of Newenham, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Snode of Hunton, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Jhon Snode, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Snoad, 1626 in *IGI* (Harty, Kent).

## Snodden

**Variants:** **Snodin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- 1 English: see **Snowden**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Snodden, 1569 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); John Snoden, 1572, John Snodden, 1577, Margary Snowdon, 1580 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Ralphe Snodin, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Snoden, 1615 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Thomas Snoden, 1621 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); John Snodden, 1769 in *IGI* (Bolton, Cumb).

2 Scottish: see **Sneddon**.

**Early bearers:** Agnas Snodden, 1734 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks); Janet Snodden, 1742 in *IGI* (Polmont, Stirlings); Marion Snodden, 1750 in *IGI* (Penicuik, Midlothian).

3 English: relationship name, occasionally perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Snodding*, Old English *Snodding*. However, post-

medieval instances of *Snodding* (as in the Rutland name) may alternatively be variants of (1).

**Early bearers:** John Snodding, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Thomas Snoddyng, 1308 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Richard Snoddyng, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Clement Snoddyng, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Snodin, 1719 in *IGI* (Whissendine, Rutland); Mary Snodding, 1751 in *IGI* (Burley, Rutland).

## Snoddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 184
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews; Middx; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish, English: nickname from northern Middle English and Older Scots *snod* 'neat, trim, smart' + a diminutive suffix.

**Further information:** this surname is now commonest in Northern Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Andrew Snoddie, 1661 in *Black* (Caithness); Adam Snoddy, 1705, George Snoddie, 1720 in *IGI* (Wick, Caithness). England: Judithe Snoddye, 1590 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Joane Snoday, 1611 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

## Snode

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Snoad**.

## Snodgrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 123
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Scottish: locative name from the lands of Snodgrasse in Irvine (Ayr).
- Early bearers:** Adam Snorgrys, 1372 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Patrick Snodgrass, 1578 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Snodgers, 1621 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Andrew Snodgrasse, 1679 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elspa Snotgrase, 1652, Agnes Snoggrass, 1673 in *IGI* (Kilbarchan, Renfrews).

## Snodin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Lincs
- English: see **Snodden**.

## Snook

**Variants:** **Snooke**, **Snooks**, **Snookes**, **Snuggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2598, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2099
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Dorset

English: nickname from Middle English *snoke* 'mucus', from *snoken* 'to snuffle'.

**Early bearers:** Eduuardus Snoch, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Stene snoc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); John Snok, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday*; Thomas Snok, 1356 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robert Snouk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Snook, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Robert Snok, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thoma Snugg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Robert Snook,



1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Henry Snook, 1614 in *IGI* (Sutton Mandeville, Wilts); Rebecca Snook, 1665 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Vincent Snook, 1665 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); Joan Snook, 1678 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); John Snuck, 1736 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

### Snooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Notts
- English: see **Snook**.

### Snookes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- 1 English: see **Snooks**.  
2 English: see **Snook**.

### Snooks

Variants: **Snookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. London

English: variant of **Snook** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** John Snuggs, 1621 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); John Snugs, 1627 in *IGI* (East Stratton, Hants); John Snugges, 1648 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Robert Snooks, 1656 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Ann Snookes, 1661 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Nicholas Snookes, 1666, Nicolas Snooks, 1668 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); John Snuggs, 1727 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Jonathan Snoogs, 1795 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks).

### Snow

Variants: **Snowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4630, Ireland 122
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4032
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Devon; Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Waterford

English: nickname from Middle English *snou*, *snow* 'snow' (Old English *snaw*), for someone with snow-white hair or an exceptionally pale complexion.

**Early bearers:** Richard Snow, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Snou, 1239 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Gilbert Snawe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William le Snow, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Snow, Thomas Snowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maddington, Wilts); Johannes Snow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Robertus Snow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dilham, Norfolk); Johannes Snaw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burn, WR Yorks); Johannes le Snou, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Willelmus Snawe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Anne Snow, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Snow, 1542 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Willi Snow, 1543 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Gregory Snow, 1555 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); John Snow, 1562 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).

### Snowball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 970
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: nickname from Middle English *snou*, *snow* 'snow' + *ball*, 'a white streak, a bald place', for someone with a snow-white patch of hair or a whitish bald spot amid dark hair. *Snowbald* may be evidence of the latter meaning, from Middle English *ballad* 'bald', or the *-d* may be excrement. Compare **Bald, Ball**.

**Early bearers:** Pavia Snawball', 1247 in *Close Rolls* (Cumb); Walter Suanball [for Snauball], about 1330 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Hartlepool, Durham); Robert Snawbal, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ingleby Arncliffe, NR Yorks); Elcok Snaubal, 1304 in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts*; Roger Snowbald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Snaubal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Snaubal of Galmton, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John Snaubal of Driffeld, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Ricardus Snowball', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); John Snoweball, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Cuthbert Snowball, 1615 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Marie Snowball, 1649 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Snowden

Variants: **Snowdon, Snawdon, Snodden, Snudden, Sneddon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3366, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2647
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands; also Suffolk; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from any of the many minor places named from hills where the snow lay long. The WR Yorks name is either from High and Low Snowden in Askwith (WR Yorks) or Snowden Hill in Hunshelf. The Devon name is probably from Snowden in Buckfastleigh or Snowden in Rattery. The precise sources of the name in other counties have not been identified. Snow End in Anstey (Herts), recorded as *Snowdon* in 1362, is a possibility but it is not known if it gave rise to a surname. Compare the Scottish surname **Sneddon**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas de Snyderon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Painley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Snawdon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yeadon, WR Yorks); Johannes Snawedon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Robert de Snawedon' of Layburn', 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Johes. Snowden, 1542, Phillis Snawdon, 1544 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Lanclote Snowdon, 1543 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); James Snawdon, 1572 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Christoferi Snowden, 1575 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); John Snowdon, 1590 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Rose Snowden, 1600, Katharine Snowden, 1603 in *IGI* (Kirk Deighton, WR Yorks). Devon: John de Snoudon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rattery, Devon); Richard de Snowdon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chawleigh, Devon); Joha Snowdon, 1547 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon).

Other: Henry de Snewedon, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Matthew de Snoudon', 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey de Snoddon, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Giles Snowedon, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Snowdon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Johannes Snodden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rockley, Hants); Johannes Snodden', Robertus Snodden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gatcombe, IoW); Johannes Snowdone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Temple Guiting, Gloucs); William Snowden, 1547 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Johis Snowden, 1563 in *IGI* (North

Thoresby, Lincs); Robert Snowden, 1569 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Henry Snowden, 1573 in *IGI* (Holton by Halesworth, Suffolk); Elixander Snawdon, 1578 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Alice Snowden, 1583 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Alice Snowden, 1598 in *IGI* (Wood Enderby, Lincs); John Snowden, 1603 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); John Snowdon, 1627 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 329; 5, p. 61; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 294, 311; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 170; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Snowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2847, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Snowden**.

### Snowe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Snow**.

### Snowling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Snelling**.

### Snowsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Snowsill**.

### Snowshall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lincs
- English: see **Snowsill**.

### Snowshill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Snowsill**.

### Snowsill

Variants: **Snowshill, Snowsell, Snowshall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Snowshill (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Snoushill, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard de Snoweshill, parson of the church of Huntyngton by York, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John de Snareshill, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Richard de Snareshull, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Johanne de Snareshill', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Snaushill, 1416, William Snausell, 1436 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Snausell, 1455 in *York Guild Register*; Elizabetha Snowsell, 1573, Symon Snowsel, 1596 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Jone Snowshall, 1576 in *IGI* (Eastleach Martin, Gloucs); John Snowsill, 1663 in *IGI* (Little Compton, Gloucs); William Snozel, 1731 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 21.

### Snoxall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0

## Snoxell

- GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: Beds
- English: see **Snashall**.

### Snoxell

- Current frequencies: GB 143, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: Beds; also Bucks
- English: see **Snashall**.

### Snudden

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 135
  - Main GB location 1881: IoW and Hants
- English: see **Snowden** and compare **Snodden**.  
Early bearers: John Snudden, 1695 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW).

### Snuggs

- Current frequencies: GB 201, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 146
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants, Surrey, and Berks
- English: variant of *Snooks*, itself a variant of **Snook**, with the unexplained voicing of /k/ to /g/ seen also in *Snugg*.

### Snyder

Variants: **Snyders**

- Current frequencies: GB 151, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Main GB location 1881: London

Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Dutch *snijder* 'tailor'.

### Snyders

Variants: **Sniders**

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: o

Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Snyder** with excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Salomon Snyders, cigar maker, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1871* (Spitalfields, Middx); Elizabeth Snyders, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Henry Emanuel Snyders, pianist, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Camden, Middx); Leon Snyders, musician, born in Holland, *Census 1891* (Hendon, Middx); Esther Snyders, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx).

## So

Variants: **Soh**

- Current frequencies: GB 478, Ireland 20
- GB frequency 1881: o

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 索 (**Suo** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'thick rope or chain' in Chinese: (i) one of the seven big family surnames during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). It is said to be from *Suo* (索), the name of an ancient state (possibly located in Henan province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), which was annexed during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) traced back to a minority ethnic group in ancient N China.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 舒, see **Su** (3).

4 Korean: see **Seo**.

## Soady

Variants: **Soddy, Sody, Sodey, Soda, Sawday, Sawdy**

- Current frequencies: GB 184, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 159
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall; also Devon
- English: relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Soude* or \**Soudy*, \**Saude* or \**Saudy*, which could be pet forms of *Isoud* and *Isaud*, i.e. *Isold* (see **Izzard**). The final -y would represent either a typical Devon and Cornwall pronunciation of final -e or the Middle English hypocoristic suffix -y. This explanation easily accounts for the variation between *Soady* and *Sawdy* in many Devon and Cornwall parishes. However, the absence of any medieval evidence for either the given name or the surname makes it an uncertain explanation.

Early bearers: SW England: Walter Sawdy, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); Thomas Saudy, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Hempston, Devon); Richard Sawedy, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); John Sawde, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sampford Spiney, Devon); Thomas Sowdy, 1545, Agnes Sawdye, 1570, Mary Sowdie, 1577 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Elizabeth Sawdye, 1587 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Katherine Soday, 1588, Sipreon Sawdie, 1634 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Danyell Sodey, 1588, Danyell Sody, 1590 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Saudie, 1591 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Sodye, 1591, James Sawdey, 1620 in *IGI* (Landrake, Cornwall); Thomas Sawdey, 1599 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); John Sawde, 1621 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Thomas Sowdie, 1625, John Sawdie, 1631, John Soady, 1752 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Katteran Soday, 1634 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); John Saudy, 1659, Thos Soady, 1699 in *IGI* (Saint Martin by Looe, Cornwall); Nicholas Sawdey, 1677 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Joshua Soddy, 1714 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Stephen Sawdy, 1715, Bridgett Saudey, 1739, Stephen Sowday, 1744 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Soadey, 1814 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Edwd. Soda, 1815 in *IGI* (Devonport, Devon).  
London and Middx: Anthonye Soda, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Anthony Sodee, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Chrystophor Sodey, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Pattens, London); Constance Soday, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Roger Sodie, 1610 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Ann Sody, 1750 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Soakell

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks, WR Yorks, Durham

English: see **Sokell**.

### Soal

- Current frequencies: GB 108, Ireland 13
  - GB frequency 1881: 72
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex and Hants
- English: see **Sole**.

### Soall

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Sole**.

## Soame

Variants: **Soham, Soames**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 71
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Saham Toney (Norfolk), Earl and Monk Soham (Suffolk), or Soham (Cambs); and perhaps Siam Hall near Newton (Suffolk), which has the same etymology as all the others ('lake estate').

Early bearers: Warin de Saham, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Warinus de Saham, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Hervey de Saham, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Saham, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Soham, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes de Soham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Johannes Saham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Testerton, Norfolk); Ricardus de Soham, 1379, Ricardus de Saham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Richard Soham of Checchele, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ann Some, 1569 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margaret Soame, 1581 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Thomas Soome, 1590, Samuel Soame, 1618 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Soane**, through confusion of the two names. Compare Edward Sone, 1614, Phillis Soame, 1637 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex).

## Soames

Variants: **Somes**

- Current frequencies: GB 433, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 389
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and London; also Suffolk and Essex; Northants

1 English: variant of **Soame** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Agnes Soms, 1562 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); James Soames, 1627 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Elizabeth Soames, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Henry Soms, William Soumes, Widow Soames, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 English: perhaps sometimes a variant of **Soanes** (a Kent name) but alternatively the presence of the name in Kent may be due to migration down the east coast from Norfolk and Suffolk or from London. The two names may also have been confused.

Early bearers: Robert Soames, 1591 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent).

## Soan

- Current frequencies: GB 216, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 144
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Sussex

1 English: see **Soane**.

2 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 宣, see **Suen** (1).

## Soane

Variants: **Soan, Sone, Soanes, Soon**

- Current frequencies: GB 308, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 151
- Main GB location 1881: Hants, Sussex, and Surrey

1 English: variant of **Son** (1).

Further information: The -o- in Middle English and early Modern English *son(e)* is a conventional spelling of /u/ before an *n*. This /u/ became /ʌ/ in Standard English, hence the current pronunciation of *Son*. If /u/ was lengthened it became /o:/ in Middle

English, and then /u:/ in Modern English, hence the occasional spelling *Soon*. In some speakers' dialects, however, it seems that Middle English /u/ may have been lowered to /ɔ/ and lengthened to /ɔ:/, becoming Modern English /əu/ represented in the spelling *Soane*. At any rate, *Soon* and *Soane* (also *Sone*) appear together in the same counties and are presumably alternative pronunciations of the same name.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Soon, 1545 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Elyzabeth Soone, 1548, Wyllyamus Sone, 1551 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); John Sone, 1561 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); William Soane, 1572 in *PROB 11* (West Ham, Essex); Sarah Sone, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Robert Soone, 1581 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Willo Soane, 1583 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Thoms. Sone, 1584 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William Soan, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Maldon, Essex); William Soan, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Michael Crooked Lane, London); John Soane, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Lewisham, Kent); Anne Soane, 1625, Alexander Sone, 1633 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Adam Soane, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Bexhill, Sussex).

**2** English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Soame** or possibly confused with it. However, the following early bearers may otherwise belong with (1); compare Roger le Son, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Tho Sone, 1580, My Soane, 1648 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); Josua Sone, 1591 in *IGI* (Wingfield, Suffolk); John Sone, 1611 in *IGI* (Ellough, Suffolk); Richard Soane, 1633, Ban. Sone, 1657 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk).

### Soanes

**Variants:** Soans, Sones, Soons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Oxon

**1** English: perhaps an altered form of **Soames**. Compare John Soames, 1576, Elizabeth Soames, 1731, Samuel Soans, 1735, James Soones, 1751 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); and Margaret Soames, 1641, Roger Soanes, 1645 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk). See also **Soane** and **Soame**. Alternatively any of the following bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Marie Soanes, 1637 in *IGI* (Tannington, Suffolk); James Sones, 1652 in *IGI* (South Elmham All Saints, Suffolk); Robert Soones, John Soanes, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Rich. Soons, 1706 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jn. Sones, 1729 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk).

**2** English: variant of **Soane** with post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Marget Soanes, 1620 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Annis Soanes, 1623 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Alexander Sones, 1628 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Mary Soans, 1706 in *IGI* (Headington, Oxon).

### Soans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent
- English: see **Soanes**.

### Soaper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
- English: see **Soper**.

### Soar

**Variants:** Soare, Sore, Sour, Soares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 706
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

**1** English: nickname from Middle English *sor(e)*, *sour* 'reddish brown' (Old French *sor*), for someone with reddish brown hair. Compare **Sorrell**.

**Early bearers:** John le Sor, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Roger le Sor, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Cornwall); Gilbert le Sour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger le Soure, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Richard le Sour, 1310 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); John le Soor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Soure, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warcombe, Devon); John Sure, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hemyock, Devon); Johannes Sor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Johannes Sorre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Edmund Sower, 1545 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); William Sore, 1578, Henry Soar, 1695 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Joane Soare, 1592 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); William Sower, 1625, Eline Soare, 1661 in *IGI* (Allestree, Derbys); Rebecca Sower, 1631 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); John Soare, 1637 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Sore, 1639 in *IGI* (Horringer, Suffolk); Elizth. Sour, 1735 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

**2** English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *sour*, *sore* 'mud, slime' (Old Scandinavian *saurr*), for someone who lived in or by a muddy place, but there is no evidence that this gave rise to a hereditary surname.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support a derivation from the River Soar (Leics).

**Early bearers:** John atte Sore, 1392 in *Hastings Court Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Soar, 1605 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); William Soar, 1611 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Henry Soar, 1637 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Mathew Soar, 1658 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Hugh Soar, 1663 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

### Soards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Swords**.

### Soare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts
- English: see **Soar**.

### Soares

**Variants:** Soars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

**1** English: variant of **Soar** with post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Jana Soares, 1570 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Katherine Sores, 1602 in *IGI* (London); William Soars, 1675 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Deborah Sores, 1683 in *IGI* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts); Wm. Soares, 1690 in *IGI* (Rearsby, Leics); Sarah Soares, 1717 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts).

**2** Portuguese: occupational name from *soeiro* 'swineherd' (Latin *suerius*).

**Early bearers:** Augusto Joao Soares, 1858 in *IGI* (Notting Hill, Middx); Ricardo Da Silva Soares, 1865 in *IGI* (Streatham, Surrey). Jose A. Soares (born in Portugal) in *Census 1881* (Lancs, Surrey).

### Soars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Soares**.

### Soave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: ethnic name, locative name from *Soave* 'Swabia' or possibly from one of the towns in N Italy of this name, notably one near Verona.

**Early bearers:** John Soave, in *Census 1841* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Soave, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Bernardo Soave, Maria Soave, in *Census 1891* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Rocco and Antonio Soave, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Alfonso Soave, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Forfar, Angus); Antonio Soave, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Burnley, Lancs); Francesco Soave, floor worker, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

### Sober

**Variants:** Sobers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**1** English: nickname from Middle English *sobre* 'sober, moderate, temperate', for a person of moderate habits, or a teetotaler. Compare Johannes Soberemon, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wishaw, Warwicks) 'sober man'.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jane Sober, 1577 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); William Sober, 1591 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); William Sober, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Bagby, NR Yorks); Elizab. Sober, 1681 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); John Sober, 1768 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Sarah Sober, in *Census 1841* (South Stoneham, Hants).

**2** Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name, respelling of **Sauber**, from German *sauber* 'clean' (Middle High German *süber* 'smart, neat').

**Early bearers:** Abraham and Leah Sober, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Morris and Fanny Sober, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London); Solomon Sober, tailor's presser, born in Grodno, Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Harry Sober, barber's assistant, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx); Sam Sober, hairdresser, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx).

### Sobers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Sober** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados.

**Early bearers:** William Sobers, 1771 in *IGI* (Stannington, Northumb); William Sobers, 1789 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

## Sobey

**Variants:** **Soby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: locative name, perhaps a reduced form of *Sobbery*, a Middle English form of Sodbury (Gloucs), for which see **Sudbury**. Compare John de Sobbury, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon). No evidence has been found that definitely links these names, but for a similar reduction of *-bury* to *-by* see **Southby**.

**Early bearers:** John Soby, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); John Soby, 1525, Thomas Sobbye, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Petheryck Sobbye, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eglosayle, Cornwall); Harri Sobby, 1558 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); John Soby, 1566 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Isatt Sobie, 1583 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Trustrum Soby, 1594 in *IGI* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Richardi Soby, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Walter Sobey, 1638 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Stephen Soby, 1641 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon); Thomas Soaby, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall).

## Soby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Sobey**.

## Sock

**Variants:** **Suck**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sugge*, \**soke* 'small bird', attested in Middle English *heysoke*, Modern English dialect *haysuck* 'duncock, hedge sparrow'.

**Further information:** Alternative derivations from Middle English *sok* 'ploughshare' (Old French *soc*) or from Middle English *sok* 'slipper, light shoe' (Old English *socce*) are formally possible and the name might in theory have been given to someone who made ploughshares (compare **Sixsmith**) or who made or sold slippers. However, the definite article in the medieval forms of the name does not suit either explanation.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Soch, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Younsmere hundred, Sussex); Robert Soc, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Simon le Sok of Colesden, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John le Sok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Neots, Hunts); John Soke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brailes, Warwicks); William le Sok of Wyboldeston, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Thomas le Sock, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Soke, keeper of the king's prison of Bedford, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Johanne le Sok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crofton and Wolf Hall, Wilts); Richarde Socke, 1598 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Edward Socke, 1657 in *IGI* (Uffington, Berks); Edward Sock, 1719 in

*IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Sally Sock, 1752 in *IGI* (Warfield, Berks).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 183.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *sok(e)* 'marsh, bog, quagmire' (Old English *soc*, from *sūcan* 'to suck' or *socian* 'to soak'). The surname may be for someone who lived in or by a boggy place, or for someone who came from a place so named, such as Sock Dennis (Somerset) or Sock in Mudford (Somerset). Some of the following names without a preposition may alternatively belong with (1) or (3). **Early bearers:** Henry ate Soke, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Michael Sok, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas de Sok, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Sock, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Henricus atte Soke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maplescombe, Kent); Johannes Soc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); William Soke, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Sokke, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset). 3 English: relationship name, rarely from the Middle English personal name *Soke* (Old English \**Socca*, Old Scandinavian *Sokki*). Compare Willelmus Sokeson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Shrops) 'son of *Soke*'. The following bearers may alternatively belong with one of the other senses. **Early bearers:** Godwin Socche, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Willelmus Sokke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); William Sock, 1706 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

## Sockell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Sokell**.

## Socket

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Carnarvons; Staffs
- English: see **Sockett**.

## Sockett

**Variants:** **Socket**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Lancs

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *soket* 'spearhead, lancehead', possibly for someone who made such items.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Somet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); Johannes Somet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waters Upton, Shrops); Thomas Somet, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Robte. Somet, 1542 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Margarette Sockette, 1563 in *IGI* (Upton Magna, Shrops); Willia. Sockett, 1581 in *IGI* (Moreton Corbet, Shrops); Richard Somet, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Stainton, Durham); Jane Somet, 1587 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham); Elizabeth Somet, 1590, Anne Sockett, 1596 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops).

## Socratus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek: relationship name from the old genitive of the personal name *Socrates*.

## Soda

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Soady**.

## Soddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Cornwall; Glamorgan; Lancs; Kincardins

English: see **Soady**.

**Early bearers:** John Sodie, 1666 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs).

## Soden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 145
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: (i) see **Sowden**. (ii) see **Sudden**. (iii) locative name perhaps from Southdown (Barn) in Hawling (Gloucs), recorded as *Souden* (1777) and *Sowdon* (1807), unless it was named after a family of this name; see **Sowden** (2).

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is particularly common in Ireland (Sligo), where the name was established in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Soudun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meon Hill, Gloucs); Marye Sowden, 1575, John Souden, 1639 in *IGI* (Stoke Prior, Worcs); Robte. Soden, 1589 in *IGI* (Bourton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Sibill Soden, 1632 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Joseph Soden, 1641 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs). **References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p.18.

## Sodey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Soady**.

## Sodha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Sodhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community, from Sanskrit *sodhī* 'one who has endured'.

**Further information:** Some of the Sikh gurus came from this clan. The Sodhis claim descent from an ancestor called Sodhi Rai.

## Sody

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Soady**.

## Soe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 帥, see **Sui** (1).

## Soffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: nickname from Middle English *sauf* ‘unscathed, healthy; redeemed’ (Old French *sauf*), the source of Modern English *safe*. But this name is distinct from **Safe**.

**Early bearers:** Roggerus Sauf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); Roberto Solf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Cheverell, Wilts); Ricardo Soffe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Robert Soffe, 1587 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Henry Soffe, 1632 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); An Sofe, 1680 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants).

### Sofroniou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Sōphronios*, from a Greek word meaning ‘self-disciplined, self-controlled, practising moderation’.

### Softley

**Variants:** **Softly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Northumb and Durham

Scottish, English: locative name from Softley (Durham, Northumb) or Softlaw near Kelso (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Roger de Softlaw, about 1235–58 in *Black*; Aylmer de Softlawe, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks); Adam de Softlawe, 1296 in *Black* (Roxburghs); John de Softelaw, 1368 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Thomas Softlaw, 1547 in *Black* (Peebles).

England: Richard Softley, 1541, John Sofley, 1559, Anthony Softley, 1565, Isabel Softlay, 1569 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Agnes Soflye, 1573, Barbara Softlye, 1585 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Alice Softlaye, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 185.

### Softly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Durham; Hants
- English: see **Softley**.

### Soh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Su** (1).  
 2 Korean: see **Seo**.  
 3 Chinese, Korean: see **So**.

### Sohail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Muslim, from a personal name based on Arabic *su hail*, ‘the star Canopus’

### Sohal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1552, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: Sikh and Muslim, based on the name of a Jat clan.

### Soham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Soame**.

### Sohanpal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Sohi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found in the Jat community.

### Sohn

**Variants:** **Sonn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Sohn* ‘son’.

### Sokel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Sokell**.

### Sokell

**Variants:** **Sokel, Sokill, Sockell, Soakell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 N English: in N England probably a variant of **Salkeld**, though some of the following early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Mary Sokell alias Grynoe, 1613 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); William Sokill, 1718 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Sokeld, 1799 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Soakell, 1813 in *IGI* (Wold Newton, ER Yorks).

2 S English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Simon Sokil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Willelmo Sokyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langford, Berks); Galfridus Socle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunthorpe, Norfolk); John Sockell, 1677 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Norfolk); Margery Sokell, 1744 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Sokhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found among Jats and Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Sokill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks

English: see **Sokell**.

### Solan

**Variants:** **Solon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; also Galway

Irish: from Ó Sochlacháin ‘descendant of *Sochlachán*’, a personal name formed with a diminutive of *sochlach* ‘renowned’.

**Early bearers:** Aodh mac Duinn Uí Sochlacháin, erenagh of Cong, 1226 in *Annals of the Four Masters*; Dael h-Ua Sochlachan, 1305 in *AU*; Rory and Cale O Soghlaghchane, husbandmen, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4675 (Kilkoane, Galway).

### Solanki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2382, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Rajput), unexplained.

**Further information:** The Solankis, earlier known as Chalukyas, are a Rajput clan that ruled in Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh. They consider themselves one of the Agnikulas or Fire Tribes. See **Chauhan** for the Agnikula legend.

### Solari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Italian (northern): locative name from any of various places called Solaro or Solara, from *solaro* ‘site, plot, meadow’, literally ‘land exposed to the sun’.

**Early bearers:** John Solari (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Warwicks); Giovanni Solari (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Soldan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Sowden**.

### Sole

**Variants:** **Soal, Soall, Soles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 963, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 648
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; Herts

1 English: locative name from Middle English *sol(e)* ‘muddy pond, wallowing place’ (Old English *sol*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a muddy pond, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Sole Farm in Great Bookham (Surrey). Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** William de la Sole, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Sole, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Erburgh de la Sole, 1296, John atte Sole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John ate Sole, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Seman’ atte Sole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ospringe, Kent); Thomas atte Sole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Findon, Sussex); Johanne atte Sole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Montis, Somerset); Alicia othe Sole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John at the Sole, 1493 in *Kent Wills* (High Halstow, Kent); Rafe Sole, 1554 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Marye Sole, 1563 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Anne Sole, 1566 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Elizabeth Sole, 1567 in *IGI* (Stratford Saint Mary, Suffolk); Elizabeth Sole, 1569 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 101.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *sol(e)* ‘sole, single, lonely’ (Old French *sol*), for someone who was unmarried, lived alone, or was lonely.

## Soleiman

**Early bearers:** Osbert Sole, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Sole, 1207 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Godfrey le Sol, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Osbert le Sol, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agn' Sole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, ER Yorks).

### Soleiman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Soles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Kent; also Hunts  
1 English: locative name from Soles Court in Nonington (Kent) or Sole Street in Selling (Kent), recorded as (*de*) *Solis* about 1211.

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Soles, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Kent); Godelena de Soles, Henricus Soles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Harry Soles, 1567 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Alyce Soles, 1574 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); Symon Soles, 1622 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); Rowland Soles, 1652 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Richard Soles, 1667 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names* pp. 306, 537.

2 English: variant of **Sole** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** James Soles, 1567 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts).

### Soley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs and Herefs; Lancs

English: see **Sully**.

### Soliman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Sollars

**Variants:** Sollers, Soller, Sollas, Sollis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 Norman, English: locative name from Soliers (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Solaris, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Rustengo de Solar[iis], 1217 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Solers of Little Markeley, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); John Solares, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Willelmo Solers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, Gloucs); Willelmo Solers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Robert Solers, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robert Solers, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs).

2 English: variant of **Soller** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Sollas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

1 English: see **Sollis**.

2 English: see **Sollars**.

### Soller

**Variants:** Sollars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *soler(e)*, *solar(e)* 'upper chamber or storey of a house', probably for a servant whose duties lay there.

**Early bearers:** John del Soler, citizen of Lincoln, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Cecilia le Soliere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Walter atte Solere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Soler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Johannes othe Soler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Johannes de Soler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Willelmus Soler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Danbury, Essex); John Solere, 1417 in *London Letter Books I*.

2 English: see **Sollars**.

### Sollers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Gloucs

English: see **Sollars**.

### Solley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Sully**.

### Sollis

**Variants:** Sollas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Oxon, and Berks

1 English: see **Sollars**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *solas*, *solace* 'comfort' (Old French *solaz*).

**Early bearers:** Walter Solace, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robert Solace, 1372 in *London Letter Books H*; Ricardus Solace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); Willelmus Solas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kemble, Wilts); Ann Sollis, 1776 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Mary Sollis, 1813 in *IGI* (Minety, Wilts).

### Sollitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: unexplained; perhaps for Latin *solitus*, understood as *solitarius*, 'widower'.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Solate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Robertus Sollitt, 1577, Agneta Sollitt, 1580 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Rebecka Sollitt, 1689 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Ann Sollitt, 1752 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); William Sollitt, 1806 in *IGI* (Westow, Yorks).

### Solloway

**Variants:** Soloway, Solway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Worcs; also Lancs

1 English: variant of **Salloway**, see **Selway**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Solloway, 1628 in *IGI* (Cotheridge, Worcs); John Solloway, 1661, William Soloway, 1728 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs); Thomas Solloway, 1680 in *IGI* (Quinton, Gloucs); Anne

Solloway, 1685 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Solway, 1708 in *IGI* (Powick, Worcs); Mary Soloway, 1735 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); John Solloway, 1748 in *IGI* (Coddington, Herefs); Sarah Solway, 1756 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Johnson Soloway, 1801 in *IGI* (Eccleston by Chorley, Lancs); Martha Solway, 1804 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): anglicized form of *Solovei*, an ornamental name or occupational nickname for a cantor in a synagogue, from Russian *solovei* 'nightingale'.

**Early bearers:** Esther Solloway, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Sarah Solloway, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Solly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Norman, English: see **Sully**.

2 Irish: from **Mac Soilligh**, see **Sally**.

3 Jewish: comparatively recent coinage from a pet form of the personal name **Solomon**.

**Early bearers:** Marks and Sarah Solly, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Ruben Solly, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Lewis Solly, in *Census 1911* (London); Yetta Solly, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Solman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon

English, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Salmon** (1).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Solman, 1572 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Solman, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); George Solman, 1641 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).

Jewish: Hyman Solman, furrier, born in Russia, *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Solman, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Harris Solman, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Tower Hamlets, Middx).

### Soloman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 652
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Cornwall
- English, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Salmon** (1).

**Early bearers:** England: Rose Soloman, 1604 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); Richard Soloman, 1611 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Beatris Soloman, 1611 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Christopher Soloman, 1637 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Arthur Soloman, 1647 in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon); Grace Soloman, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall).

German, Jewish: Samuel Soloman, cigar maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Old Artillery Ground, London).

### Solomon

**Variants:** Solomons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3566, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2027
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall; W Midlands and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Derry
- English, Jewish: see **Salmon** (1).

**Early bearers:** England: Elizabeth Solomon, 1569 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Solomon, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Dorithe Solomon, 1603 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Elyzabeth Solomon, 1603 in *IGI* (Bardney, Lincs); John Solomon, 1630 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Philip Solomon, 1661 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon); John Solomon, 1674 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall).

**Jewish:** Joseph Solomon, 1772 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Nathan Solomon, 1809, Isaac Solomon, 1815 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Louis Solomon, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Parkhurst, IoW); Judah Solomon, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs).

### Solomons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 633
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**Jewish:** variant of **Solomon** (see **Salmon**), with genitival *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Solomons, 1792, Isaac Solomons, 1793, Levi Solomons, 1795, Zipporah Solomons, 1802 in *IGI* (Great Synagogue, London); Phillip Solomons, 1796 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); David Solomons, 1797 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Anna Hendelah Salomons, 1839 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Elias Solomons, 1832 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Benjamin Solomons, optician, born in Kingston upon Hull, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx).

### Solomou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**Greek** (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Solomōn*, see **Solomon**.

### Solon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Middx

1 Irish: from Ó Sochlacháin, see **Solan**.

2 French: locative name from Les Solons (Oise, France).

**Early bearers:** Louis Mark Solon (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Staffs).

### Soloway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Monmouths; Guernsey

English: see **Solloway**.

### Solt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Cornwall

English: see **Salt**.

### Soltan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx and Essex
- English: see **Sowden** and compare **Sultan**.

### Solway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Guernsey

English: see **Solloway**.

### Somaiya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

### Somal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Somani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Rajasthan): Hindu and Jain, from *Som-* (a reduction of an ancestral name formed with this element from Sanskrit *soma-* ‘moon’) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. ‘descendant of’).

**Further information:** The Somanis are a business community. The name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Somasundaram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *soma* ‘moon’ + *sundara* ‘beautiful’ + the Tamil ending *-m*. However, it does not mean ‘beautiful moon’ but ‘one who looks beautiful with the moon (as his diadem)’, that is, the god Shiva.

**Further information:** This is a male given name in Tamil Nadu but is now also used a family name, especially overseas.

### Somer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Surrey and Kent

English: see **Summer**.

### Somerfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: see **Summerfield**.

2 Jewish, German: see **Sommerfeld**.

### Somerford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Summerford**.

### Somers

**Variants:** **Summers**, **Somerville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2240, Ireland 1289
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1010
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: see **Summers**.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Somacháin ‘descendant of *Somacháin*’, a personal name meaning ‘soft, gentle, innocent’, due to confusion with *samhradh* ‘summer’.

3 Irish: in Northern Ireland, adopted for **Mag Shamradháin**, see **McGovern**. In Irish *samhradh* means ‘summer’.

### Somersby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx

English: see **Summersby**.

### Somerscale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs

English: see **Summerscale** and compare

**Summerscales**. The Lincs name is presumably identical with the WR Yorks surname, by family migration.

**Early bearers:** Johis Somerscales, 1574 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Mary Summerscales, 1618 in *IGI* (Fotherby, Lincs); Ann Somerscale, 1720 in *IGI* (Scothern, Lincs); Thomas Somerscale, 1777 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks).

### Somerscales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs; London

English: see **Summerscales**.

### Somerset

**Variants:** **Summersett**, **Sommersett**, **Somersett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 534, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Derbys; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Antrim  
English: (i) locative name from the English county of Somerset. (ii) locative name possibly from one or more places named with Old Scandinavian *sumar* ‘summer’ + *sætr* ‘shieling, hill pasture’, such as Summerseat in Elton (Lancs); but decisive northern early bearers are lacking.

**Further information:** The *Somerset* family who are Dukes of Beaufort are descended from the Plantagenets. The surname was assumed by Charles Somerset (1460–1520), illegitimate son of Henry Beaufort, Duke of Somerset. The latter was himself descended illegitimately from Edward III through John of Gaunt. A later member of the family was Fitzroy Somerset (1788–1855), who, as Lord Raglan, was the commander of British forces in the Crimea, one of the men responsible for the charge of the Light Brigade.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Sumersset, 1206 in *Pleas* (Lincs); John de Somersete, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); John de Somersete, 1331 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Robert de Somersete, 1352 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Johanne Somersete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Johanne Somersete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latton, Wilts); Alice Somerset, ‘... sister of John Somerset late Chancellor of the Exchequer’, 1456–60 in *TNA*; Edmund Somerset, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 428.

## Somerset

### Somerset

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks
- English: see **Somerset**.

### Somerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Northants; Somerset; Staffs
- English: see **Summerton**.

### Somerville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Somerville**.

### Somervell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Somerville**.

### Somerville

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Somerville**.

### Somervill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Devon
- 1 Scottish, English: see **Somerville** (1).  
2 English: see **Summerwill**.

### Somerville

**Variants:** **Sommerville**, **Summerville**, **Somerville**, **Somervell**, **Somervill**, **Somerville**, **Summerfield**, **Summerwill**, **Summerbell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3523, Ireland 532
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Tyrone and Fermanagh; Cork

1 Norman, English: locative name probably from Graveron-Sémerville (Nord).

**Further information:** the surname was taken to Scotland in the 12th century by William de Somerville, a retainer of David, Earl of Huntingdon, brother of King Alexander I of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Somervila, 1153 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); William de Summeruill', 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Rogero Somerville, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cossington, Leics); Johannes Somervill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newnham, Northants); Johannes Somervyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adderbury, Oxon); Johannes Sumervylle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helporthorpe, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Somerville, 1609 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Margreta Somerville, 1619 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); John Somerville, 1701 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Anne Whichnoure Somerville, 1725 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Eric William Somerville, 1727 in *IGI* (Bramshall, Staffs).  
Scotland: Robert de Sumeruilla, 1162–72 in *North Berwick Charters*; Thomas de Somervilla, 1208–18 in *Melrose Register*; William Somerwele, 1492 in *Highland Papers* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Semrell, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs).

2 Irish: adopted for Irish Ó Somacháin or Mag Shamradháin, see **Somers**.

### Somes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Kent; Suffolk; Northants

English: see **Soames**.

### Sommer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; Morays
- 1 English, Scottish: see **Summer**.  
2 German, Jewish: see **Summer**.  
3 Huguenot: occupational name, perhaps a variant of French **Sommier** from Old French *somm(i)er* 'packhorse (man), mule(teer)'. See **Summer**.  
**Early bearers:** Jacob Sommer, 1612 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

### Sommerfeld

**Variants:** **Summerfield**, **Somerfield**, **Sommerfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German: locative name from Middle High German *sumer*, Middle Low German *somer* 'summer' + Middle High German, Middle Low German *velt* 'open country'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by land cultivated only in summer, or toponymic, from several places so named.

**Early bearers:** George Sommerfield, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Francis Lewis Sommerfeld, 1850 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Bernhard Sommerfeld, clerk, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey); Louis and Johanna Sommerfeld, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Leopold Sommerfeld, stone, sand, and lime merchant, born in Camberwell, in *Census 1891* (Wandsworth, Surrey); William Fritz Sommerfeld, hairdresser born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German *Sommer* 'summer' + *Feld* 'field', acquired as a locative, ornamental, or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Sommerfield, porter, born in Hackney, in *Census 1851* (Hackney, Middx); James Sommerfeld, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Morris Summerfield, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Hyman Moses and Rachael Somerfield, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Sollie Dyke Somerfield, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Isaac Summerfeld, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Sommerfeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; also Staffs

1 English: see **Summerfield**.

2 Jewish, German: see **Sommerfeld**.

### Sommerlad

**Variants:** **Summerland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sumerlad*, *Sumerled* (Old Scandinavian *Sumarliðr*, *Sumarliði* 'summer warrior/seafarer'). The personal name was common in Scotland, where it became Gaelic *Somhairle*: see **McSorley**.

**Further information:** There is a long gap in the record during which only examples of the variant types under *Summerland* appear to be found. The 19th-century examples may be a variant of this variant which happens to coincide with the original type without *-n-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sumerlet, Summerled(e), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon, Suffolk, Hunts, Lincs).

surnames: Adam filius Sumerlad', 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Sumerlede, 1184 in *Gage*; Robert Sumerlede, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Georgii Sommerlad, 1834 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

### Sommers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 90
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Carlow

English, Irish, Jewish: see **Summers**.

### Sommersett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Somerset**.

### Sommerville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1499, Ireland 97
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Down and Armagh
- Scottish: see **Somerville**.

### Sommer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts; Middx; Lanarks; Roxburghs
- English, Scottish: see **Summer**.

### Son

**Variants:** **Sonn**, **Sone**, **Soane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Derbys

1 English: relationship name, nickname from Middle English *son* (Old English *sunu*) 'son'.  
**Early bearers:** John Sune, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); James le Sone, 1275 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Middx); Roger le Son, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Sonne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Ricardus le Son', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Johanne Sone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Lovell, Wilts); Willelmus Son, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); Henrico Sonne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tonge, Leics); Johannes Sone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kington Magna, Dorset); Nathaniell Son, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard



Eastcheap, London); Sarah Son., 1667 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); John Son, 1681 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from Yiddish *son* 'son'; compare **Sohn**.

**Early bearers:** Leah Son, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (London); Joseph Son, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (London); Simon and Sarah Son, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Louis and Becky Son, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Wolf Son, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

3 Korean: (손; Chinese character: 孫, meaning 'grandson'). Some sources mention as many as 118 clans for the Son family, but only seven have been documented. According to legend, the Son clan's founding ancestor was named Kuryema (俱禮馬) and was one of the six pre-Shilla elders, who made Pak Hyökköse (朴赫居世) the first Shilla king. The first documented ancestor was Son Sun (孫順), who lived in the Shilla period and whose rise from poverty to prosperity is the subject of legends. (ii) The founding ancestor of the Iljik (or Andong) Son clan originally bore the surname *Sun*, but during the reign of Koryŏ king Hyŏnjong (1009–31), *Sun* was changed to *Son*.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 宋, see **Song** (1).

### Sond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Sand**.

2 Indian: see **Sondh**.

### Sondh

**Variants:** **Sond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained. This name is also found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Sondhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

### Sone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Soane**.

### Soneji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *sonu* 'gold' + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

### Sones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Soanes**.

### Song

**Variants:** **Sung, Soong, Sang, Tong, Son, Seong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 878, Ireland 14

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs

1 Chinese: Mandarin form and Cantonese variant of the Chinese surname 宋 (**Sung** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Song* (宋), the name of a state (located in Shangqiu in Henan province) granted to Wei Ziqi by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) in 286 BC, some descendants of the royal family from the state adopted 宋, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) for some families, the surname can be traced back to the minority ethnic groups in Chenzhou (located in present-day Hunan province).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 桑 (**Sang** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'mulberry' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name of Qiong Sang (窮桑). It was located in present-day Qufu in Shandong province, where the legendary king Shaohao (2598–2525 BC) ascended the throne. Some of his descendants then acquired part of the place name *Sang* (桑) as their surname. (ii) from the personal name of Zi Sang (子桑), the style name of Gong-Sun Zhi, an official in the state of Qin (located in present-day W Shaanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited *Sang* (桑), part of his style name, as their surname. (iii) from *Sang* (桑), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Henan province). After it was annexed by the state of Qin (located originally in present-day W Shaanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people adopted 桑 as their surname.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 常, see **Chang** (1).

4 Korean: (송; Chinese character: 宋, denoting the Song kingdom). Borne by descendants of Song Chu-ün (宋株殷), who apparently migrated from Tang China to Korea sometime during the Shilla period. Song Chu-ün's descendants split into fifteen different clans, which are scattered throughout Korea.

5 Korean: (Sŏng, Seong, 성; Chinese character: 成, meaning 'success'). Borne by descendants of Sŏng In-bo (成仁輔), who lived just prior to the establishment of the Koryŏ kingdom in AD 918. According to legend, Sŏng In-bo died in Seoul. His son set out to transport his father's body back to Ch'angnyŏng, but, the weather being poor, he decided to stop for the night and finish the journey in the morning. When he awoke, he discovered that his father's body had been dragged off by a tiger to a secluded grave site in the mountains near Ch'angnyŏng. It was there that the son buried his father and established the clan seat. Many of the members of the Sŏng clan today live in the Ch'angnyŏng area of Kyŏngsang South province.

6 English: see **Sang** (1).

### Songer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *songere* (Old English *sangere*) 'singer', synonymous with **Sanger**. Compare **Singer**.

**Early bearers:** John le Songere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Herts); Ricardo le Songere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Stanway, Essex); Robertus Souger' (for Songar'), 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Henricus Songar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Editha Sougare (for Songare), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Florence Songer, 1560 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent); Robert Songer, 1629 in *IGI* (Great Wigborough, Essex); Mary Songer, 1640 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk).

### Songest

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Songhurst**.

### Songhurst

**Variants:** **Songest**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name from Song Hurst in Ewhurst (Surrey) and Songhurst Farm in Wisborough Green (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Sunghurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Adam Songhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wotton, Surrey); Ricardus Songhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); John Songhurte, 1581 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Richard Songhurst, 1582 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Anne Songest, 1680 in *IGI* (Send and Ripley, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 241; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 135.

### Soni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1419, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat): Hindu (Khatri, Bania, Vania) and Sikh name meaning 'goldsmith' in the languages of the region, derived from *son-* 'gold', from Sanskrit *svarna*. Banias and also the Panjabi Khatrias have clans called *Soni*.

### Sonley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Sunley**.

### Sonn

**Variants:** **Son**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, ornamental name from German *Sonne* 'sun', denoting someone living either at a house distinguished by the sign of a sun or by a field so named. As a Jewish name, this may be an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Sonn, 1866 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Adolph Sonn, commercial traveller, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Hackney, Middx); Lipmann Sonn, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Stash Sonn, labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Adolf Sonn, journalist, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Gustav Sonn, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Marylebone, Middx); Daniel Lipman Sonn, commercial traveller, born in Bishopsgate, in *Census 1911* (Brentford,

Middx); Joseph Sonn, watchmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Izy Sonn, watchmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mountain Ash, Glamorgan); Samuel Sonn, watch and clock repairer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

2 English: see **Son** (1).

### Sonnex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Sevenoaks**.

### Sonter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Aberdeens; Hants
- English: see **Sumpter**.

### Soo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: variant of **Su**.

### Sood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1055, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, from the name of a Hindu mercantile community of the Panjab, believed to be derived from Persian *sūd* 'benefit, interest'.

### Soon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- 1 English: see **Soane**.  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 孫, see **Sun** (1).

### Soones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Souness**.

### Soong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 宋, see **Song** (1).

### Soons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Soanes**.

### Soor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found among Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Soord

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** York
- English: see **Sword**.

### Sooter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Souter**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sooth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: nickname from Middle English *soth* 'truth, justice' (Old English *sōð*). Compare William Sothman, 1226 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk) 'true man'.  
**Early bearers:** Haldan Soth, 1216–72 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas le Sooth' 13th *Durham Priory Fees*; Peter Sothe, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Sooth of Leverton, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Sothe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Samuel Sooth, 1828 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ann Sooth, 1872 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Soothill

- Variants:** **Suttle**, **Southwell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Soothill (in Dewsbury, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Michael de Sothil, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Michael de Suthill, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John de Sothill, 1266 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Soothill, WR Yorks); Almerica de Sotill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Johannes Sotill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Johanna de Sutill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soothill, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Sutill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lofthouse, WR Yorks); John Sootell, 1472, Katerina Sottell, 1497, Robert Suttell, 1526 in *York Guild Register*; Ricus Sootell, 1589 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Jane Soothill, 1615 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Robt. Suttle, 1618 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Suttle, 1679 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 193, 196.

### Soper

- Variants:** **Sopper**, **Soaper**, **Saper**, **Sapier**, **Sapp**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2062, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1841
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: occupational name from Middle English *soper(e)*, *sap(i)ere* (Old English *sāpere*) 'maker or seller of soap'.  
**Early bearers:** Edgar le soppier, 1138–60 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); William (le) Sopere, 1195–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Roger Sapere, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Alexander le Soppere, about 1260 in *Essex Record Office*; Emma la Sapere, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (York); Robert Sapier, 1327, Robert le Sapiar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Sopere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erringham, Sussex); Jon Soper, 1543 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Walterus Soper, 1543 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Agnes Soper, 1549 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Alice Soper, 1561 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Thomas Soper, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Sopp

- Variants:** **Sapp**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 293

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, Berks
- 1 English: (i) nickname evidently from Middle English *soppe* 'piece of bread dipped or soaked in wine, water, milk, etc.', also 'a soup with croutons of toasted bread', and therefore a name for someone with a partiality for sops or for a cook, or perhaps short for Middle English *milkesoppe* 'milksop, coward'. (ii) relationship name, alternatively, perhaps, from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Soppe*, Old English *Soppa*.  
**Early bearers:** William Soppe, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); John Soppe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Sope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ugborough, Devon); Johanne Sope, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingstone, Herefs); Simon Sop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecton, Northants); John Sopp', 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johes Sappe, 1546 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richi. Sopp, 1561, Richus. Sappe, 1564, Margareta Sapp, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rebecca Sopp, 1576 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); Humfrey Sopp, 1595 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Edmond Sappe, 1604 in *IGI* (Clebury Mortimer, Shrops); Jo. Sope, 1627 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Richard Sopp, 1628, Susan Sapp, 1688 in *IGI* (Slindon, Sussex); Jas. Soppe, 1780 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants).  
2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *sope* (Old English *sāpe*) with shortening of the vowel. It may have been given to someone who made or used soap. See (1) for Middle English examples of *Sope* and compare **Soper**.

### Sopper

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Soper**.

### Soppet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Angus; also Durham
- English, Scottish: see **Soppitt**.

### Soppett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; Middx
- English: see **Soppitt**.

### Soppit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Angus; Midlothian
- English, Scottish: see **Soppitt**.

### Soppitt

- Variants:** **Soppit**, **Soppett**, **Soppet**, **Sopwith**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: locative name from Soppit in Otterburn (Northumb), recorded as *Sokpeth*, *Soppeth* in 1323.  
**Early bearers:** William de Sokpeth, 1584 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Willyam Soppet, 1584 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Barbery Sopatt, 1588 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Suppet, 1589, Elizabeth Soppat, 1591 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Cuthbert Soppot, 1592 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Barbara Sopwith, 1638

in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Roger Soppeth, 1663 in *IGI* (Corbridge, Northumb); Jane Sopworth, 1771 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 185.

### Sopwith

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Northumb

English: see **Soppitt**.

Further information: Sopworth (Wilts) does not appear to have contributed towards this surname.

### Sorbie

- Current frequencies: GB 268, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 212
- Main GB location 1881: Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Sorbie (Wigtowns), which gives its name to a prominent medieval Galloway family. This place-name has the same ultimate origin as **Sowerby**, and representatives of the two surnames, one English and one Scottish, may occasionally be confused in areas where their distribution overlaps.

Early bearers: Anna Sorbie, 1663 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Sorbie, 1683 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Margret Sorbie, 1714 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Lanarks).

### Sorby

- Current frequencies: GB 408, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 297
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Sowerby**.

### Sore

- Current frequencies: GB 220, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 117
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; Surrey

English: see **Soar**.

### Sorell

- Current frequencies: GB 13, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx, Essex, and Kent
- English: see **Sorrell**.

### Sorensen

Variants: **Sorenson**

- Current frequencies: GB 599, Ireland 45
- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

Danish and Norwegian: relationship name from **Sørensen** 'son of *Søren*'. *Søren* is the Danish form of the Latin personal name *Severinus*.

Early bearers: John Sorenson, 1547 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Elsbet Sorensen, 1646 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Margaret Sorrenson, 1663 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Northumb).

### Sorenson

- Current frequencies: GB 138, Ireland 33
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

Danish, Norwegian: anglicized form of Danish and Norwegian **Sorensen**.

### Sorfleet

- Current frequencies: GB 77, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 64

- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: see **Surfleet**.

### Sorley

- Current frequencies: GB 268, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 228
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Stirlings

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Somhairle**, see **McSorley**.

### Sorlie

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: Perth

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Somhairle**, see **McSorley**.

### Sorohan

- Current frequencies: GB 28, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cavan

Irish: from Ó **Soracháin** 'descendant of *Sorachán*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *sorcha* 'bright'.

Early bearers: Donell oge O Soroghan, yeoman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6714 (the country of Tyrone, Ulster); Hugh O'Soraghan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Cooltrim, Monaghan); Patrick O'Soraghan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tirnaskea, Monaghan); Donell Duff O'Soraghan, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Drumee, Monaghan); Thomas Soraghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford); Mary Sorihan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcar, Louth); Patrick Sorohan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Haynestown, Louth).

### Sorrel

- GB frequency 1881: 63
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Sorrell**.

### Sorrell

Variants: **Sorrel**, **Sorell**, **Sorrill**, **Sorrells**, **Surrell**

- Current frequencies: GB 1564, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 893
- Main GB location 1881: Middx and Essex

English: nickname from Middle English and Old French *sorel* 'reddish-brown, chestnut-coloured', for someone with reddish-brown hair.

Early bearers: William Sorell, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Sorel, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Sorel, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); Simon Sorel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Faulkbourne, Essex); Robt Sorrell, 1542 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); John Sorrel, 1549 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); John Sorrell, 1561 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Rose Sorrell, 1595 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); William Sorrell, 1607 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Benjamin Sorrell, 1609 in *IGI* (Stoke Newington, Middx); Thomas Sorril, 1677 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex).

### Sorrells

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: variant of **Sorrell** with post-medieval excrement -s.

Further information: This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Sorrentino

- Current frequencies: GB 152, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 0

Italian: locative name, southern Italian, for someone from Sorrento, from an adjectival derivative of the place-name.

### Sorrie

Variants: **Sorry**

- Current frequencies: GB 154, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

1 Scottish: see **Sawrey**.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *sori* 'sad, sorry, melancholy' (Old English *sārig*). This name has probably died out.

Early bearers: Ralph Sori, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Fulco Sori, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Sorei, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Sorry, 1632 in *IGI* (Leeds, Kent); Amos Sorry, 1706 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs).

### Sorrill

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 51
- Main GB location 1881: Worcs and Staffs; NR Yorks

English: see **Sorrell**.

### Sorry

- GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Sorrie**.

### Sorsbie

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Sowerby**.

### Sorsby

- Current frequencies: GB 290, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 137
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Sowerby**.

### Sorton

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 105
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Sworton Heath in Rostherne (Cheshire).

Early bearers: [ . . . ] Scwerton, 1320 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; John Soretton, 1542, Ellen Sworton, 1574 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Sworton, 1561 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Joane Soretton, 1561, Ryc. Sorton, 1573 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Richard Sworten, 1646 in *IGI* (Guilden Sutton, Cheshire).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 46.

### Sortwell

- Current frequencies: GB 39, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 58
- Main GB location 1881: Essex, Middx

English: see **Saltwell**.

### Soteriou

Variants: **Sotiriou**

- Current frequencies: GB 272, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0

## Sotham

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Sōtērios*, an adjectival derivative of *sōtēr* ‘saviour’.

### Sotham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks
- English: see **Southam**.

### Sothcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Southcott**.

### Sotheby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon
- English: see **Suddaby** and compare **Sutherby** and **Southerby**. See John Sutherby, 1787, John Sotheby, 1803 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks), and compare Ethel Sutherby, 1892 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks) with the 1624 bearer below.  
**Early bearers:** James Sotheby, 1624 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Samuel Sotheby, 1662 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); William Sotheby, 1755 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Catherine Sotheby, 1841 in *IGI* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx).

### Sotheran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Southern**.

### Sotherden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Southerden**.

### Sothern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Southern**.

### Sotheron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Southern**.

### Sotherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: see **Southerton**.

### Sotiriou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek (typically Cypriot): see **Soteriou**.

### Soto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

- 1 Spanish: locative name from any of numerous places named Soto or El Soto, from *soto* ‘grove, small wood’ (Latin *saltus*).
- 2 Spanish: locative name, castilianized spelling of Asturian-Leonese **Sotu**, from Sotu (Asturia).

### Sott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English *sot*, Old English *sott* ‘foolish, stupid’, also commonly used as a noun ‘a fool or simpleton’. This is probably the main source of the name, but some instances without the definite article may alternatively have one of the following senses. (ii) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *sot(e)*, *swot(e)*, Old English *swōt* ‘sweet, pleasant, beloved’, also used as a noun ‘dear one’, and possibly used as a personal name. This word would normally have kept the long vowel, appearing in later English as *S(w)oot*, but *sott(e)* with a shortened vowel is also found. Compare **Sweet**. (iii) nickname, relationship name from Middle English, Old English *sōt*, Old Scandinavian *sót* ‘soot’, also used as an adjective ‘sooty’. It may have been given to someone with black hair. Among the Scandinavians it was used as a given name, *Sóti*, which was brought to England by the Vikings and is attested in the Lincs place-name Sotby and probably in the Lincs given name *Sota* cited below. This word, too, shows an occasional alternation between long and short vowel.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sota, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Sotte [son of Johanne Godeman], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham on the Hill, Leics).  
surnames: Hugh Sot, 1201 in *Select Pleas* (Cornwall); Thomas Sote, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Sote de Leuerton, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nigellum Sote, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Sot, 1289 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Adam Sote, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Sot of Coveheth, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John le Sot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Johannes Sott, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irchester, Northants); Rogerus Sotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwick); Robertus Sot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Johanne Sot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sewstern, Leics); Willelmus Sote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wareham, Dorset); Alicia Sote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Thomas Sott, 1638 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks); Mary Sott, 1721 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).  
Scotland: Margaret Sott, 1610 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); John Sott, 1752 in *IGI* (Kirkton, Roxburghs).  
**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 259; *Feilitzen*, p. 368.

### Sou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

### Souch

**Variants:** **Such**, **Suteh**, **Zouch**, **Chuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Oxon

Norman, English: locative name from Old French *souche* ‘tree-stump’, identical in meaning with English **Stump**. The name may have been brought from some minor French place named La Souche. Compare Ashby de la Zouch in Leics, which was held by Roger de la Zuche in 1200 (*Feet of Fines*).  
**Early bearers:** Alan de Lachuche, 1172, la Zuche, 1177, de la Zuche, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants, Sussex); Roger la Zuche, de la Suche, de la Soche, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Devon), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Alan La Sutche, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Suche, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Walter le Chuck, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William la Zouche, de la Souche, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Warwick, Sussex); Roger Souche, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Leics); Gualter Souch, 1578 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Petrock, Devon); Jane Souch, 1601 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Souch, 1603 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Mary Souch, 1608 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Climence Souch, 1643 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts).

### Souden

**Variants:** **Sowden**, **Sudden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Yorks; Kent; Somerset; Cornwall

1 Scottish: locative name from Southdean (Roxburghs), recorded as *Souden* in 1319 (*Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Soudden, 1682 in *Melrose Records* (Roxburghs); Alexander Sudden, 1683 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian); James Sudden, 1692 in *IGI* (Legerwood, Berwick); William Souden, 1717 in *IGI* (Monymusk, Aberdeens); George Sowden, 1725 in *IGI* (Oyne, Aberdeens).

2 English: see **Sowden**.

### Soul

**Variants:** **Soule**, **Sowle**, **Sowl**, **Soules**, **Soulis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; also Lancs; Middx

Norman, English: locative name from Soules near Saint-Lô (Manche).

**Further information:** The Scottish family of this name apparently originates with Ranulf de Soulis (d. before 1170), a Norman knight who came to Scotland with King David I and served as his cupbearer. Sir John Soulis (d. before 1310) was appointed guardian of Scotland by King John Balliol in 1301.

**Early bearers:** England: John Soule of Kerdington, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Ralph Soulis of Tolthorp, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Rutland); John de Soules, a Scot, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Soules, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Soulis, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Bampton, Oxon); Katerina de Soule, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Robertus Soules, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Richard Soule of Peterburgh, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Soul, 1624 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Hilliard Soul, 1672 in *IGI* (Doynton, Gloucs); John Soul, 1688 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

Scotland: Randolph de Sules, royal butler, 1124–29 in *David I Charters*; Fulco de Sules, 1211–14 in *Newbattle Register* (Gilmerton, Midlothian); William de Soulis, 1267 in *Melrose Register* (Fogo, Berwick); George Soul, 1729 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings).

**References:** T. McMichael 'The feudal family of de Soulis', *Transactions of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society*, 3rd ser., 26 (1949), pp. 163–93; *DNB* at Sir John Soulis.

### Soulby

**Variants:** Soulsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from either of two places called *Soulby* (Cumb, Westm). For the intrusive *-s-* in *Soulsby*, compare **Sowerby** and its variants.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Soulby, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); John de Soulby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam de Soulby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough Sowerby, Westm); Johanne Soulby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); William de Soulby, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); George Soulby, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Ane Soulsby, 1656 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, p. 188; *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 22.

### Soule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Soul**.

### Soules

**Variants:** Soulis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Somerset

English: see **Soul**.

### Soulis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish: see **Soules**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Soulsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1263, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Soulby**.

### Sound

**Variants:** Sund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also WR Yorks; Middx

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sound*, *sund* 'sound, healthy, prosperous' (Old English *sund*), for a healthy or prosperous person.

**Early bearers:** Simon Sund, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Johannes Sound, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rugley, Northumb).

2 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *sound*, *sund* 'sound (body of water, sea)' (Old English *sund*), for someone who lived by a sound or strait. (ii) variant of **Sand**.

**Early bearers:** John de Sunde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Reginald atte Sound, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John atte Sunde, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Jacob Sound, 1830 in *IGI* (Timsbury, Somerset).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* pp. 205–6.

### Soundy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Berks

English: perhaps a form of **Sunday**.

**Early bearers:** William Sounday, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; Wyllyam Soundye, 1565 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Richard Soundy, 1570 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex).

### Sounes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Surrey

English: see **Souness**.

### Souness

**Variants:** Sounes, Soones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian

Scottish: locative name apparently from Soonhouse in Blainslie, Melrose (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sounes, 1655, James Souness, 1681 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); John Sounis, 1667, James Sounous, 1703 in *IGI* (Channelkirk, Berwicks); Wm. Sounhouse, 1691 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); William Sounness, 1774 in *IGI* (Bolton, E Lothian); Christian Soones, 1811 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

### Sour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

English: see **Soar**.

### Sourbut

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sowerbutts**.

### Sourbutts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sowerbutts**.

### Sousa

**Variants:** Souza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Portuguese, Galician: locative name, Portuguese and Galician, see **De Sousa**.

### Souster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: occupational name from Middle English *sewester*, *sowester* 'sempstress'.

**Early bearers:** Cristiana Seustere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Alice Sewstere, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks);

Emma le Sowester, 1307 in *Close Rolls*; Juliana le Suster, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Margery le Sewester, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Souster, 1571 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Mary Souster, 1694 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); John Souster, 1704 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Elizabeth Souster, 1783 in *IGI* (Tilsworth, Beds); John Souster, 1793 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Soutar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1201, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1064
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Perth

Scottish: see **Souter**.

### Souter

**Variants:** Soutter, Souttar, Soutar, Sooter, Sowter, Suter, Sutter, Sutor, Sueter, Sauter, Sautter, Sawter, Sewter, Sutters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2132, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1583
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens; also London: Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry

English: occupational name from Middle English *souter(e)*, *suter(e)* 'shoemaker' (Old English *sutere*, from Latin *sutor*).

**Early bearers:** England: Lewinus sutor, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Nicholas le Soutere, 1263 in *Fransson* (Sussex); John le Sutere, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William le Soutare, Richard Suter, Roger Soutere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nota la Souteres, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Sowter, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Thomae Souter, 1566 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Anna Souter, 1582 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Wm. Souter, 1589 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Jn. Souter, 1610 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). Scotland: Roger Sutor, about 1214 in *Kelso Register* (Dumfriess); Moricius Sutar, Simo Sutar de Der, 1402 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Reginald Sowtar, 1422 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Soutar, 1457 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Perths); Duncan Seuttar, 1511 in *Aberdeen Register* (Perths); Kathrine Souter, 1609 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perths).

### South

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3566, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2790
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: locative name from Middle English *south* 'south', denoting someone who had migrated 'from the south', especially someone from southern England living in the north of the country. It may also have been used to denote someone living in the southern part of a settlement or region. Compare **Southern** and **Bysouth**.

**Early bearers:** William de la Sothe, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Isabella South, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Hugh South, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Galfridus South, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus del South, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Southe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Johannes Sothe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Thomas de Sowth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); Simon Sowthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Seagrave, Northants);

## Southall

Rychard South, 1539 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); John South, 1564 in *IGI* (Much Cowarne, Herefs); Elisabeth South, 1565 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs); Elizabeth South, 1565 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); Joane South, 1566 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk).

### Southall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3753, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwicks and Worcs

English: locative name primarily from Southall in Billingsley (Shrops) and Southall Farm in Doverdale (Worcs), but occasionally from other places so named, including Southall in North Owersby (Lincs). Southall (Middx) does not appear to have contributed significantly to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Suthalle, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John atte Southalle of Ouresby, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Suthall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterden, Norfolk); Nicholaus Southall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); Henricus Southale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kinlet, Shrops); Petrus Southall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmarsh, Sutton, and Hampton, Shrops); Willelmus Southall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billingsley, Shrops); Ricardus Suthal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stottesdon, Shrops); John Southalle of Maydeston, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Richard Southall', 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Alice Sowthall, 1547 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Edward Sowthall, 1550 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Anne Southall, 1564 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Abowe Sowthall, 1568 in *IGI* (Sidbury, Shrops); Katherin Southall, 1568 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 240.

### Southam

Variants: **Sotham, Southan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1509, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks

English: locative name primarily from Southam (Warwicks) and occasionally from Southam (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Suham, 1199 in *Pleas* (Northants); Ralph de Sutham, 1237 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; William de Southham, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Southam, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Southam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ufton, Warwicks); Willelmus Southam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Johanna Southam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Johanne Southam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scraptoft, Leics); Johannes Southam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); William Southam, 1388 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Rycharde Southam, 1589 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Rycharde Southam, 1591 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Joyce Southam, 1598 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Jane Southam, 1614 in *IGI* (Shelton, Norfolk); William Southam, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, pp. 89–90; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 144–5.

### Southan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Southern**.

### Southard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Southwood**.

### Southart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Southworth**.

### Southby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Sowberry (i.e. 'Southbury') Court in Moulsoford (Berks), with reduction of *-bury* to *-by*. Compare **Sudbury**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Southbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lockinge, Berks); Richard Southby, 1595 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 2, p. 528.

### Southcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset

English: locative name from one or more of four places in Devon called Southcombe, in Holsworthy, Northlew, Milton Abbot, and Widdecombe in the Moor parishes.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Bysouthcombe, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Southcombe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holsworthy, Devon); John Southcombe, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 148, 155, 217, 530.

### Southcote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; NR Yorks
- English: see **Southcott**.

### Southcott

Variants: **Sothcott, Southcote**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 512
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name primarily from one or more of several minor places in Devon called Southcote or Southcott, but occasionally from other places similarly named, perhaps including Southcott in Pewsey (Wilts), Southcote (Berks), Southcott in Linslade (Bucks), and the lost Southcote in Stone (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Suthcot, 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Stephen de Southcote, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Southcote, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard Southcote, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Suthcote, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter Southcote, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 177; *Place-Names of Bucks* pp. 80, 165; *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 93, 112, 124, 149, 206, 340, 363, 374, 410, 483, 569, 625; *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 352.

### Southerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Suddaby** and compare **Sutherby**. It is an ER Yorks name that had migrated to the south of London by the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** William Southerby, 1731 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Mary Ann Sutherby, 1825, William Southerby, 1837 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Southerden

Variants: **Sotherden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Southernden in Boughton Malherbe (Kent) or the adjacent Little Southernden in Headcorn.

**Further information:** The form *Surrenden* is the form now used in the name of Old Surrenden in Bethersden (Kent), which is the manorial source of the early bearers mentioned here.

**Early bearers:** Will's de Switheryndenn', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyborne hundred, Kent); John Surrenden or Suthrinden, 14th cent. in *Kent Place-Names* (Bethersden, Kent); Henry Switherynden, 1496 in *Kent Wills* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Walter Swederinden or Sodrenden, 1508 in *Kent Wills* (Chart Sutton, Kent); John Sothernden, 1541 in *Kent Wills* (Charing, Kent); Thomas Sutterden, 1551, Anthony Sotherden, 1561, Anne Southernden, 1579, Robarte Swethernden, 1579 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); John Sotternden, 1560 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Repent Sotherden, 1589 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 63, 331–2; *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 95–6.

### Southerin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb
- English: see **Southern**.

### Southerland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Scottish, English: see **Sutherland**.

### Southern

Variants: **Sothern, Suthern, Southorn, Southon, Southan, Suthren, Sudron, Sutheran, Sotheron, Sotheran, Southerin, Sutherns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4352, Ireland 91
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2751
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Wicklow

English: nickname from Middle English *s(o)uthern(e)*, *sothron* 'southern' (Old English *sūðerne*, Old Scandinavian *súðrænni*), for someone 'from the south', particularly as a northern English nickname for someone from the south of the country and as a Scottish nickname for an Englishman.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Sutherne, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert le Sotherun, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert le Sotheren, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); John le Southeren, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Henry le Suthreen, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh le Sotheron, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Agnes le Southeron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Sotheran, 1352 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Sothryn, 1387 in *Ancient Deeds iv* (Yorks); Robert Sudurrom, 1496 in *York Guild Register*; William Sothoryng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Andrew Suddren, 1755 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Southerns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Sutherns**.

### Southernwood

Variants: **Sutherwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: perhaps a variant of **Southwood** with *south(e)*- reinterpreted as *souther(n)*- 'lying to the south'. Compare Thomas Sowthwood, 1568 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William Sothernwood, 1559, Thomas Sowtherwood, 1565 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); James Sothernwood, 1564 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Sothernwood, 1567, Johane Sothernwood, 1576 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Elizabeth Sothernwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts); Willm. Sothernwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics); Nicholas Sothernwood, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, City of London).

### Southerst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Suthers**.

### Southerton

Variants: **Sutherton, Sotherton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from one or more places called *Southerton* or *Sotherton*, including Sotherton (Suffolk). The two earliest bearers may really be for Sutton (Sussex); compare **Sutton**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Southeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stedham, Sussex); Thomas Southetoun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Leonarde Sotherton, 1542 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Sotherton, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Horkesley, Essex); Will Southerton, 1648, Nicholas Sutherton, 1683 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 664–5.

### Southey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Cornwall

1 English: (i) locative name primarily from Southey in Culmstock (Devon), composed of Middle English *south* + *ey* (Old English *ēa*) 'south of the water'. (ii) the name in Oxon and Berks may alternatively derive from a lost place containing Middle English *south* + *ey*, denoting either 'south island' or 'south (of the) water' (Old English *ēg* 'island' or *ēa* 'water'). Compare the 13th-century field name *Southeye* in

Wokingham (*Place-Names of Berks* 1, p. 146) and Southey Farm in Isle Brewers (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Sarr' Bysoutheya, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Culmstock, Devon); Johannes Southey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mongewell, Oxon); Nichola Southey, 1539 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Sowtheye, 1563 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Agneta Sowthie, 1577 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); William Sowthy, 1626 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Christopher Southey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Deborah Southey, 1668 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks); Joane Southey, 1683 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 613.

2 English: from Southey Green (Middle English *south* + *hey* 'south enclosure') in Sible Hedingham, Essex, but the 1672 example may belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** John Ofthesuthhey, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Southey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Susanna Southey, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 442.

3 English: perhaps from Southey Wood ('south enclosure') in Ufford, Northants, but the absence of any medieval evidence for the surname makes this origin particularly uncertain and the 1669 example below may belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Robert Southey, 1669 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants* p. 244.

4 English: locative name from Southey in Ecclesfield (WR Yorks), containing Middle English *south* + *hagh* 'south enclosure', but the modern Lancs name may have migrated from elsewhere and belong with one of the other senses.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Suthag', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam de Sowthagh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langsett, WR Yorks); Hen. Southey, 1684 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 248.

### Southfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Cornwall; Lancs

English: probably a rendering of **Suffield** into a form more closely representing a modern version of its etymology.

**Early bearers:** Robert Southfield, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); William Southfield, 1794 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Southgate

Variants: **Suggate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2999, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2325
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Essex

1 English: locative name from either of two places in Norfolk called Southgate, and perhaps also from Southgate in Edmonton (Middx) or from any number of minor localities so named, either from Middle English *south* 'south' + *gate* (Old English *geat*) 'gate', or from Middle English *south* 'south' + *gate* (Old Scandinavian *gata*) 'street'.

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Sudgate, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Alice de Southgate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Southgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waterden, Norfolk); Thomas de Southgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Johannes de

Southgate, Stephanus Southgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Simond de Southergate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Arthur Southgate, 1566 in *IGI* (Whitwell, Norfolk); Lyanna Southgate, 1613 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Sarah Southgate, 1749 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx* p. 69.

2 English: See **Suggitt**.

### Southin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx; Leics
- English: locative name from Southings in Westfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Southinne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard de Southynne, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Sussex); Chri Southin, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); William Southin, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London); John Southin, 1746 in *IGI* (Northchapel, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 506.

### Southman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Notts
- English: see **Sowman**.

### Southon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 362
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: see **Southern**.

### Southern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Southern**.

### Southouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *south* 'south' + *hou*s 'house', for someone who lived in or by the 'south(ern) house'. Compare **Southcott**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert atte Suthhuse, 1296, William atte Southouse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmund de Southese (Southouse, in the margin), 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Edmund de Southous of Saham Toney, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon del Southous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); Johannes Southous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chailey, Sussex); Ricardus de Southous, Agn' atte Southous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saham Toney, Norfolk); Edmund Southous, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Southous, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas Southous, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Elizabeth Sowthowse, 1564 in *IGI* (Northbourne, Kent); Johannes Southouse, 1561 in *IGI* (Houghton Saint Giles, Norfolk).

### Southward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 796, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 627
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- 1 English: see **Southworth**.

## Southway

**Early bearers:** Thomas Southward, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

2 English: see **Southwood**.

**Early bearers:** Radolphi Southward, 1620 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset).

### Southway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset  
English: locative name from Middle English *south* 'south' + *wei* 'way, road'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived 'by the south way' or 'south of the way' (note the names with an explicit preposition *by*), or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Southway in Wells (Somerset), Southway in Tamerton Foliot (Devon), Southway in Whitestone (Devon), and Southway in Widdecombe in the Moor (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Suthwey, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Robert Bysoutheweue, Walter Bysoutheweue, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Ralph Bysoutheweue, 1344 in *Place-Names of Devon*; John Southwaie, 1605 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 243, 457, 529.

### Southwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2139, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1865
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Hants; also Lincs and Cambs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Dublin; Limerick

1 English: (i) locative name from Southwell (Notts) and possibly also from Southwell on the Isle of Portland (Dorset). (ii) locative name from Middle English *south* 'south' + *wel(le)* 'well, pool, spring', for someone who lived 'by the south well' or 'south of the well'.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Suthewell, clerk, 1264 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Suthwelle, 1287 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Henry de Suthwell, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Alicia de Sotherwell, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmo Southwell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Willelmo de Suthwel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Richard Sowthwell, 1451 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); Richard Southwell, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Richard Suth'well, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Edwardus Southwell, 1559 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); John Southwell, 1736 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Thomas Southwell, 1606 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 219; *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 175.

2 English: locative name as Redmonds shows, although the surname in (1) was current in medieval Yorks, the modern WR Yorks and Lancs name is more often than not a hypercorrect form of **Soothill**. He cites Jonas Soothill, 1678, Michael Soothel, Robert Southwel, 1742, from the Heptonstall parish registers. The same pattern of variation is evident in early bearers cited below.

**Early bearers:** Mary Soothill, 1703, Edmond Southwell, 1754 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Michael Soothill, 1633, 1727, Joseph Southwell, 1762 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); James Soothill, 1705, Robert Southwell, 1784 in *IGI* (Todmorden, WR Yorks);

Robt Soothill, 1713, Mary Southwell, 1791 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Southwick

**Variants:** **Suddick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 444
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Staffs

English: locative name from various places called Southwick, including those in Durham, Gloucs, Hants, Northants, Sussex, and Wilts.

**Early bearers:** Ogga æt Suthwydan 972 *Tengvik* (Northants); William de Sudwic, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Suthewyk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Sothewyk' of Staunford', 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Southwyke, 1363 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John de Suthewyk', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Alicia de Southwyk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Walterus Suthewik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Suthwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nevill Holt, Leics); Robertus Suthwyke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwell, IoW); John Southwyk of Boreford', 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Southwyk', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Suthwyk, 1466 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Isabel Suddick, 1551 in *IGI* (Escomb, Durham); Margarine Sudwick, 1664 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Southwood

**Variants:** **Sowood, Southard, Southward, Southernwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 793, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 866
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also London; Lancs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *south* 'south' + *wode* 'wood' (Old English *wudu*). The surname may be topographical, for someone who lived in or near the 'south wood' or 'to the south of the wood', or toponymic, for someone from one of several places so named. The minor place-name *Southwood* is particularly common in Devon, where at least seven examples are recorded.

**Early bearers:** Elfere de Sudwude, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Suthwud, 1225 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger Bisothewode, 1283 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); Margaret Suwode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Bysouthewode, 1330, Adam Bisouthwode, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Henrico de Sothewode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs); Thoma de Suthwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Adam del Southwod, Willelmu de Southwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton, WR Yorks); Johannes Southwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newall, WR Yorks); Caterina de Southwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Turf, Norfolk); Robertus de Southwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Hugo Southwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bransley, Shrops); Willelmu Southwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Doddington, Shrops); Agn' Southwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fingrith, Essex); Henry Southheard, 1590, Edward Southard, 1596 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jno Southwood, 1618 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

2 English: see **Southworth**.

### Southworth

**Variants:** **Sudworth, Sudduth, Southwood, Sowood, Southward, Suthard, Southart, Suddards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1548, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1470
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Southworth in Winwick (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Southworthe, de Sotheworth, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Gilbert de Sotheworth, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne de Sotheworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Gilbertus de Sotherworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Burtonwood, Lancs); Thomas de Sotheworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southworth with Croft, Lancs); Johannes de Sotheworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woolston, Lancs); Matthew de Southworth', 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Matthew de Sotheworth', 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John de Suthworth', knight, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Nicholas Suthworth', 1482 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Grace Southworth, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Francis Sudworth, 1599 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Willm. Southworth, 1604 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 97–98.

### Souttar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus  
Scottish: see **Souter**.

### Soutter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; Midlothian  
Scottish: see **Souter**.

### Souza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Midlothian; Stirlings  
Portuguese and Galician: see **De Sousa**.

### Sow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Essex  
English: see **Sowe**.

### Soward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Seward**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Soward, 1590 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Mary Soward, 1600 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Wilelmus Soward, 1607 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks).

### Sowden

**Variants:** **Sowdon, Souden, Soden, Soldan, Soltan, Sultan, Sudden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1998, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1675
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cornwall and Devon

1 English: locative name from South Dean in Stanbury, Bradford (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert del Southdene, 1323 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Brighouse, WR Yorks); Thomas Sowden,



1511 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Dorothy Sowdon, 1634 in *IGI* (Weston, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 270; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
 2 English: from Sowden in Barnstaple (Devon), Sowden in Lymptstone (Devon), and perhaps Sowden in Hartland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Herlewyn Bysouthedon, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John de Bysouthedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Luke Bysouthedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brixham, Devon); William Bisouthedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Appledore, Devon); Roger Bysouthedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exminster, Devon); John Bysouthedon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton Saint Mary, Devon); William Sowdon, 1554 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Sowden, 1573 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); Harry Sowden, 1584, Tho. Sowdon, 1607 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Edward Souden, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Rebecca Souden, 1625 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 27, 79, 592.

3 Scottish: see **Souden**.

4 Norman, English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *soldan*, *souda(i)n*, a borrowing of Arabic *sulṭān* ‘ruler’, specifically the ruler of the Ottoman Empire. In medieval England this was used as a nickname, either for someone who behaved in an outlandish and autocratic manner, or for someone who had played the part of a sultan in a pageant. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with other senses.

**Early bearers:** Alan Soldenc, 1166, Alan Soldench, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry Soldan, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; Soutan, Soldangus, 1190–9 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Roger le Soudan, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Soudain, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nigel Soudein, 1231 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert le Sowden, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Geoffrey Soudan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Soldank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johannes Soudan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Thomas Sowden, 1428 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; Thos Sowden, 1587 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Sowden, 1588 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Souden, 1669 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Lucy Souden, 1874 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent).

### Sowdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Sowden**.

### Sowe

**Variants:** Sow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; NR Yorks
- 1 Of African origin, unexplained.

2 English: locative name from Walsgrave on Sowe (Warwicks), recorded as *Sowe* in 1293, and generally known as Sow until the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Sowe, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Sou, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Margery de Sowe, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Sowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Margeria Sowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolvey and Copston Parva, Warwicks); Johannes Sowe, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Newbold on Avon, Warwicks); Thomas Sowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shilton, Warwicks); Richard Sow, 1717 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizth Sow, 1731 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Sowe, 1746 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Mary Sowe, 1778 in *IGI* (Oldberrow, Warwicks).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 432; *Place-Names of Warwicks* p. 188.

### Sowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cornwall
- English: see **Sewell** (3).

### Sowerbutts

**Variants:** Sourbutts, Sourbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name probably from the lost place-name *Sourbut* in Garstang (Lancs), with excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thoma del Sourebutt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornley with Wheatley, Lancs); Richard de Sourbuttes, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Mary Sourbutts, 1480 in *Yorks Wills*; William Sowerbutes, 1552, Annis Sowerbutes, 1583 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); William Sowreboutes, 1561 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Grace Sowrbutts, 1564, Agnes Sourbutts, 1573 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); John Sourbutts, 1689 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 252.

### Sowerby

**Variants:** Sowersby, Sorby, Sorsby, Sorsbie, Surbey, Sarsby, Sausby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2618, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1595
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Cumb

English: locative name from any of various places in northern England called Sowerby, including Sowerby and Sowerby Bridge (WR Yorks), Castle Sowerby (Cumb), Brough and Temple Sowerby (Westm), Sowerby and Sowerby under Cotcliffe (NR Yorks), and Sowerby near Inskip and Sowerby Hall in Dalton (Lancs). The unetymological medial *s* is found in 1202 in *Kirkesoreshi* for Castle Sowerby (Cumb), and note also Alanus de Souresby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** England: Odierna de Sourebi, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Sourby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Johannes de Soureby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Willelmus de Soureby, Nicholaus Soureby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Custancia de Souresby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); William Sourby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Thomas Sowrby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); Johannes Sowrby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Richard Surby, 1381 in *London Pleas*; Isabel Soreby, 1485 in *York Guild Register*; Jacob Or James Sowerby, 1574 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Thomas Sowerby, 1597 in *Oxford University Register* (Cambs); Christopher Soursbye, 1615, Robert Sorsbie, 1626 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*.

Scotland: Gilbert de Sowreby, about 1268 in *Black*; William Sowerby, 1792 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

### Sowersby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Lincs; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Sowerby**.

### Sowl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Soul**.

### Sowle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cheshire

English: variant of **Soul**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sowman

**Variants:** Southman, Suman, Summon, Summons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *south* ‘south’ + *-man*, for someone ‘from the south’. See also **Southern**.

**Early bearers:** John Southman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Southman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fen Ditton with Horningsea, Cambs); Thomas Southman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow Bardolph with Wimbotsham, Norfolk); John Souman, citizen and ‘letterseller’ of London, 1433 in *Patent Rolls*; Johan Sowman, 1561 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Margaret Suman, 1570 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Aves Sowman, 1581 in *IGI* (Stone in Oxney, Kent).

### Sowood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: see **Southworth**.

2 English: see **Southwood**.

### Sowray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Sawrey**.

### Sowry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Sawrey**.

### Sowter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 649
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Derbys; Suffolk; Sussex

English: see **Souter**.

### Sowton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall; Sussex

English: locative name from one or more places named Sowton, including Sowton (Devon), Sowton in Buckerell (Devon), Sowton in Buckland Monachorum (Devon), Sowton Barton in Dunsford (Devon), and Sowtontown in Peter Tavy (Devon), and one or more unidentified locations in Sussex, perhaps Sutton near Bignor or less likely Sutton in Seaford. In Sussex, the spelling is archaic. All derive their names from Old English *sūð* 'south' + *tūn* 'farm, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Southton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Patcham, Sussex); Thomas Southetoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Thomas Southeton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stedham, Sussex); Elizabeth Sowton, 1554 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Sussex); Constance Sowton, 1560 in *IGI* (Broadwater by Worthing, Sussex); John Souton, 1564 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Elizeus Soweton, 1583 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Johannes Sowton, 1584 in *IGI* (Mary Tavy, Devon); Heughe Souton, 1616 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 226, 233, 435, 445, 610; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 120, 364.

## Spacey

**Variants:** Spacie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 557, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Lincs and WR Yorks

English: unexplained. It might be identical with **Pacey** with a prosthetic *S*-, though definite evidence for this is lacking.

**Further information:** The following early bearers may also belong here, though perhaps not if the source is *Pacey*: Agnes Specy, 1262 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Walter Specy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (High Roding, Essex); Johannes Specy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Roding, Essex). *Specy* may be the origin of the Essex surname *Speasey* (5 bearers in the 1881 Census), which could be another variant of *Spacey*.

**Early bearers:** William Spacy, 1291 in *Patent Rolls*; William Spacy, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Felpham, Sussex); Johannes Spacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Richard Spacie, 1541 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Jn Spacye, 1568, Elizabeth Spacie, 1572 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Jone Spacye, 1576 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); John Speasie, 1576 in *IGI* (Oakley, Hants); Anne Spacie, 1586 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); Jonas Spacy, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York); Roger Spacy, 1648 in *IGI* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks).

## Spacie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Spacey**.

## Spack

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Spake**.

## Spackman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 907, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 876

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Speakman**.

## Spademan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: occupational name apparently from Middle English *spad(e)* 'spade, shovel' + *-man*, a name for a labourer. The word *spademan* is not recorded in *OED* before 1559.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spademan, 1273 in *Close Rolls* (Oxon); Margaret Spademon, 1559 in *IGI* (Sutton Bonnington, Notts); John Spademan, 1585 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Cuthbartus Spademan, 1591 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Thomas Spaidman, 1599 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lincs).

## Spafford

**Variants:** Spawforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts

1 English: locative name; as Redmonds suggests, this name usually derives from Spalford (Notts). It may sometimes have been confused with *Spofforth* in (2), especially through the shared variant *Spawforth*.

**Early bearers:** Nigel de Spaldeford, 1307 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Nigello de Spaldeford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Spalford, Notts); Will'i Spafford, before 1455 in Rental, TNA, MS SC11/538 (Barnby, Notts); William Spaford, 1533, John Spaforth, 1546 in *York Registry Wills* (Collingham, Notts); Alice Spafford, 1602 in *IGI* (North Collingham, Notts); George Spawdford, 1601 in *IGI* (Lea, Lincs); Dinis Spafford, 1614 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Wm. Spawforth, 1731 in *IGI* (South Muskham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 207; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Spofforth**.

## Spaight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Tipperary
- English: see **Speight**.

## Spain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1050, Ireland 557
- **GB frequency 1881:** 754
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

1 Norman, English: (i) locative name from Épaignes (Eure). (ii) locative name from Espinay (Ille-et-Vilaine) in Brittany. (iii) nickname from Middle English *Spain(e)* 'Spain' (Old French *Espaigne*), for a Spaniard.

**Further information:** Alueredus de Hispania came from Épaignes (Eure), whilst Herueus de Ispania was probably a Breton and may have come from Espinay (Ille-et-Vilaine).

**Early bearers:** Alueredus de Hispania, Herueus de Ispania, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Richard de Espaigne, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Spane, 1302 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Spaigne, 1318 in *London Letter Books E*; John Spayne, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Spayne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Paddlesworth, Kent); Rogerus Spaign', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus Spane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Alano de Spaygne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burgh on Bain and Girsby, Lincs); Willelmus de Spayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Spaygne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Agneta Spain, 1564 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Spain, 1573 in *IGI* (Bishopsbourne, Kent); John Spain, 1667 in *IGI* (Bedlington, Northumb); George Spain, 1682 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); James Spain, 1687 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

2 Irish: from *Spáinneach* 'Spanish', a descriptive name given to someone who had been to Spain which later supplanted the original surname. Many Irish Catholics took refuge in Spain during the 17th-century wars.

**Early bearers:** Donell Cavanaghe alias Spainagh, gent., 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5788 (Clonmollen, Wexford or Carlow); Mary Spain, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clonmore, Tipperary); Roger Spain, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisgarode, Tipperary).

## Spake

**Variants:** Spack, Speak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *spak(e)* 'gentle, wise, clever', also 'quick, eager' (Old Scandinavian *spakr*). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Spac*, *Spak* (Old Scandinavian *Spakr*), from the same word as in (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Spac frater [Petri filius Aldith], 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Martham, Norfolk). surnames: Walter Spac, 1209 in *Feet of Fines* (Scratby, Norfolk); William Spake, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Malina Spak, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Spake, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Cerney, Gloucs); Thomas Spake, 1327, Thomas Spak, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Robertus Spak, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chevington, Suffolk); Wm. Spack, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London); William Spake, 1686 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Paul Spake, 1719 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Eliz. Spake, 1726 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Sarah Spake, 1815 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Mary Spak, 1833 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk).

**References:** For the personal name, see *Inslay, Scand. Personal Names*.

## Spakman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Speakman**.

## Spalding

**Variants:** Spaulding, Spalton, Spolton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2812, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London; Angus

English, Scottish: locative name from Spalding (Lincs).

**Further information:** The surname was first brought to Scotland in the 13th century by Radulphus de Spalding (see the 1225 Scotland early bearer).

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert de Spaldingis, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Spalding, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Johannes de Spaldyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Spalding, 1561 in *IGI* (Holton cum Beckering, Lincs); John Spalding, 1563 in *IGI* (Holton cum Beckering, Lincs); Eliz Spalding, 1566 in *IGI* (Spexhall, Suffolk); Katherine Spalding, 1585 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); William Spalding, 1613, Alice Spaldin, 1634, Mary Spauldon, 1803 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

Scotland: Radulphus de Spalding, 1225 in *Black* (Kincardines); John de Spaldyn, about 1294 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Johan de Spauyding, 1304 in *Black* (Morays); Symon de Spalding, 1296 in *Black* (Ayr); William Spaldyng, 1398 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Thomas de Spalding, 1442 in *Black* (Angus).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 114.

## Spall

**Variants:** Spaul, Spaul, Spawl, Spells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 964, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 564
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from a Middle English continuation of the Old English male given name \**Spalda*. (ii) perhaps a nickname from Middle English *spalle* 'chip, splinter'. (iii) perhaps a nickname from a Middle English adoption of Anglo-Norman French *espaule* 'shoulder'; compare **Shoulder**.

**Early bearers:** William Spalla, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Anger Spalle, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Spaule, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogerus Spalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Radulphus Spalle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Will. Spall, 1635 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Spall, 1668 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 335.

## Spalton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: variant of **Spalding**. Compare **Spaughton** and **Spolton**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabetha Spalton, 1564, William Spaulton, 1705, William Spaulden, 1720 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Tho. Spauton, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Henry Spalding, carpenter, 1633, Mathew Spalding, carpenter, son of Henry Spalding, 1662, Henry Spawlden, son of Henry Spalden, carpenter, 1672, Marcus Spalding, carpenter, son of Mathew Spalton, carpenter, 1689, Mathew Spalding, son of Mathew Spalding, carpenter, 1702, Henry Spaldon, son of Henry Spaldon, taylor, 1713 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

## Spann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Middle English *spann(e)*, *sponn(e)* 'span' (Old English *spanm*), perhaps denoting a footbridge or narrow strip of land. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a footbridge or narrow strip of land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, including Spon End in Coventry (Warwicks), Span

in Ventnor (IoW), and Spon Lane in West Bromwich (Staffs). See also **Spanner** and compare **Spong**.

**Early bearers:** Elena atte Spanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); Ricardus del Spon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drighlington, WR Yorks); Johannes atte Spanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Lawrence and Nettlecombe, IoW); Willelmo atte Sponne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); John Spon, 1573, Elizabeth Sponn, 1605, Margaret Spann, 1609 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* p. 135; *Place-Names of Warwicks* p. 168.

## Spanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: locative name from Span, near Wroxall, in Ventnor (IoW), recorded as *La Spanne* in 1287–90, + *-er*, for someone who came from Span. Compare ... atte Spanne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*, and Johannes atte Spanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Lawrence and Nettlecombe, IoW), and see also **Spann**.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus Spanner, Willelmus Spanner eius clericus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxall, IoW); Richard Spanner, 1431 in *Quarr Charters* (Arretton, IoW); Donsabel [i.e. Dousabel] Spanner, 1572 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Joan Spanner, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Christchurch, Hants).

**References:** *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 160.

## Spanswick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

English: locative name from Painswick (Gloucs) with prosthetic *s-*. Compare **Penswick**.

**Further information:** *Paynswick, Spainsweck*, and *Spainswick* are all found in the parish registers of Wantage (Berks) around 1600.

**Early bearers:** Alice Spanesweeke, 1589 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Berks); Katherine Spanswicke, 1590 in *IGI* (Inglesham, Wilts); Agnes Spaynesweeke, 1591, Katherine Spansweeke, 1603 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks).  
**References:** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/SpanswickOrigins.html>; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 132.

## Spanton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Spaunton (NR Yorks), recorded as *Spanton* in 1207.

**Early bearers:** Dolfin de Spanton, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John de Spaunton, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Spaunton, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Agnes Spanton, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Andrewe Spanton, 1563 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Spanton, 1578 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); Robt. Spanton, 1594 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Josephus Spaunton, 1652 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 61.

## Spare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Leics, and Warwicks; also Cornwall
- English: nickname from Middle English *spare* 'sparing, frugal' (Old English *spær*), for a frugal person.

**Early bearers:** Walter Spare, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John Spare, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Spare, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Willelmus Spare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shackerstone, Leics); Edwarde Spare, 1584 in *IGI* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Spare, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Spare, 1663 in *IGI* (Chilcote, Leics); Elizabeth Spare, 1674 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Daniel Spare, 1675 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwicks).

## Sparey

**Variants:** Sparrey, Spary, Sperry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English adjective in *-i* derived from *spere* 'weak, frail', or *spare* 'frugal'. For the latter, compare Walterus Spare, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** John Sperry, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Sparry of Warrewyk, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Sperey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wix, Essex); Anne Sparey, 1599 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); William Sparey, 1622 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Eliz. Sparey, 1744 in *IGI* (Berwick Saint James, Wilts).

## Spargo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 548
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Higher and Lower Spargo in Mabe (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Sisly Spargo, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Joan Spargo, 1640, James Spargoe, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 305.

## Sparham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: locative name from Sparham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Sparham, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register*; Willelmus de Sparham, 1226 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Sparham, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); William Sperham of Saham Tony, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogerus Sparham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); Johannes de Sperham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leatheringset, Norfolk); Stephanus Sperham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmham, Suffolk); John Sparham of Sparham, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John of Sparham, 1448 in *Paston Letters*.

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*, p. 564.

## Spark

**Variants:** Sparke, Sparks, Sparkes, Sprake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1251, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1282
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also E Scotland; London; Devon; Suffolk

## Sparke

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *spark*, *sperk*, Old English *spearca*, *spærca*, *sperca* ‘fiery particle, spark’. It may have been used of a lively person or ironically of its opposite (compare Willelmus Dulle Sperke, 1293 in *Book of Fees*); or it may have been given to someone who created sparks, such as a blacksmith. Some of the early bearers may belong under sense (2). (ii) identical with **Sprake**, of which *Spark* was a metathesized form.

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Spere, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Sparke, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William Sparke, 1280 in *Somerset Pleas*; Alexandro Spark’, Thoma Sparck’, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Heslerton, ER Yorks); Simone Sparck’, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Marfleet, ER Yorks); Henrico Spark’, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ormesby, NR Yorks); Astino Spark’, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thornton Dale, NR Yorks); Ricardo Spark’, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnby, NR Yorks); Nicholas Spark of Derleye, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Johannes Spark, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Margaret Spark, 1548 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Margaret Spark, 1571 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham). Scotland: John Sperek, 1472 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Little Perth, Perth); James Spark, 1539 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens).  
**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 184.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by an area of shrubs or brushwood. Middle English *sparke*, *sperke*, Old English \**spearca*. The term appears in place-names across England, including Sparkhayne and Sparkwell in Devon, a county where the surname *Spark* is well evidenced. However, examples without the preposition cannot be distinguished from sense (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Waltero atte Sperke, Ricardo Sparc, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Osmington, Dorset); Arnold Spearke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashreigny, Devon); Walter Spearke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Battleford, Devon); John Sparke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon); William Sparke, Benedict Sparke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colaton Raleigh, Devon).  
**References:** *English Place-Name Elements*, at \**spearca*.

## Sparke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Northumb; Devon

English: see **Spark**.

## Sparkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4251, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2170
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England, E Anglia; also W Midlands and Lancs

English: see **Sparks**.

## Sparkman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants

English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English surname **Spark** + *-man*, for a servant of someone called *Spark*.

**Early bearers:** John Sparkman, 1549 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Mergeria Sparkman, 1549 in *IGI* (Upper

Wield, Hants); Stefani Sparkeman, 1584 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants).

## Sparks

**Variants:** **Sparkes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4572, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4474
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England and E Anglia; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: variant of **Spark** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Sparks**, which may be another form of the same name.

2 English: nickname possibly from a plural form of Middle English *spark* ‘fiery particle’, perhaps given to a blacksmith.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Sparkes, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks); Robert Sparks, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Sparks, 1570 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Jone Sparks, 1574 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Ane Sparks, 1577 in *IGI* (Aldenhham, Herts); Christian Sparks, 1577 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks).

## Sparling

**Variants:** **Spurling**, **Sperling**, **Spirling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 79
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Middx and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sperling*, *Sparling*, *Spirling*, *Spurling*, Old English \**Spyrling*. Ekwall suggests this could be a metathesized and reduced form of Old English \**Spyrtling*, a derivative of \**Spyrt(t)el*, which forms the first element in the Lincs place-name Spirdlington. (ii) nickname from Middle English *sperling*, *sparling*, *spirling*, *spurling*, Anglo-Norman French *esperlinge*, Middle Dutch *spierlinc*, denoting some kind of small fish, perhaps smelt, sprat, pilchard, or whiting. It may have been given to someone who caught, sold, or resembled such fish.

**Early bearers:** given names: Spirling (a moneyer), 1100–35 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN* (London); Sperling (an alderman), about 1130 in *Saint Paul’s Manuscripts* (London). surnames: Jordan son of Sparling, 1148–67 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN* (London); Alexander filius Esperling’, 1173, Alexander Sperleng, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Ralph Sperling, Spurling, Spurlenc, Sperlenc, about 1223–53 in *Ancient Deeds* (London); Gilbert Sperling, 1304 in *London Husting Wills*; Simon Sperling 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph Esperlang’, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Ælstanus Sperling, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Johannes Spirling, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Strathern, Leics); Thomas Spiryng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ulrome, ER Yorks); Johanne Spirling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Thomas Speryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwell, IoW); Willelmus Spuryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Paulus Spiryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranwich, Norfolk); Johannes Speryng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Snoring, Norfolk); Johannes Sparlyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alphamstone and Bures, Essex); Willelmus Spiryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadmayne, Dorset); Joane Sparling, 1572 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); John Sparling, 1577 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Willm. Sparling, 1581 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Constance

Sparling, 1587 in *IGI* (Beaumont cum Moze, Essex); Jane Sparling, 1589 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *ELPN*.

## Sparrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Sparey**.

## Sparron

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Irish: from Mac an Sparáin, see **McSparron**.

## Sparrow

**Variants:** **Sparrowe**, **Sparrows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3835, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3781
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. E Anglia; also Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: nickname from Middle English *spar(e)we*, *sparow(e)* ‘sparrow’ (Old English *spearwa*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Sperewe, 1160–5 in *Ekwall*, *ELPN*; Rahe Sparwe, about 1175 in *Newark Documents* (Newark, Notts); Ralph Sparewe, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ibbota Sparow, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Anne Sparrow, 1544 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Thomas Sparrow, 1546 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Leonard Sparrow, 1557 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Westcheap, London); William Sparrow, 1560 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); William Sparrow, 1561 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).

## Sparrowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Sparrow**.

## Sparrowhawk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Surrey; Oxon

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *sparhawk* ‘sparrowhawk’ (Old English *spearh(e)afoc*), for someone thought to resemble the bird. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sparhawk* (Old English *Spearh(e)afoc*), of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sparhauoc, Spherhauoc, Sperafoe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts, Suffolk); Sparhauec vtlagus, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Sparhawk Outlaw, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). surnames: Geoffrey Sparheuec, Robert Sparhauec, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Sparhawk, William Sparhawk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanna Sparhawk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Preston, Northants); Johanne Sparhawk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Johannes Sparhawk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Henricus Sparhawk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leatheringsett, Norfolk); Johanne Sperrhawk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shilton, Berks); Ricardus Sparhauke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Richard Sparhauke, 1576 in *IGI* (Kenton, Suffolk); Elisabethae Sparrowhawk, 1674 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); John Sparrowhawk, 1695 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Dan. Sparrowhawk, 1718 in *IGI*

(Fritton, Suffolk); Robert Sparrowhawk, 1718 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon).

### Sparrows

- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: variant of **Sparrow** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Sparshatt

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Hants

English: see **Sparshott**.

### Sparshot

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: Hants and Surrey

English: see **Sparshott**.

### Sparshott

Variants: **Sparshot**, **Sparshatt**, **Spershott**

- Current frequencies: GB 349, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 266
- Main GB location 1881: Hants; also Surrey and Sussex

English: locative name from either of two places called Sparsholt (Hants, Berks).

**Early bearers:** William de Spersholte, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Nicholas de Spershet, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Peter de Sparshete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Sparsholt, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Johannes Spersalt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asthall and Asthall Leigh, Oxon); Edmundo Spersholte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hendred, Berks); John Spershot, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; John Spershotte, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Edmund Spershalt, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks).  
**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 154; *Place-Names of Berks 2*, p. 489.

### Spary

- Current frequencies: GB 213, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 75
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Herts and Beds; Somerset

English: see **Sparey**.

### Spashett

Variants: **Spatchett**, **Spatchet**

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 52
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Essex; Lincs

English: variant of **Patchett** with prosthetic initial S-. Compare **Sturgess**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Pachat, Robert Spachet, Leticia Spachet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Peter Spashett, 1706 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Thomas Spashett, 1707 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Hants); Mark Spashett, 1753 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Mary Spashett, 1796 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Jacob Spashett, 1797 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

### Spatchet

- GB frequency 1881: 20
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Spashett**.

### Spatchett

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Spashett**.

### Spate

- Current frequencies: GB 164, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: possibly a late form of **Speight**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Spate, 1624 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Spate, 1774 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Spate, 1812 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Spaul

- Current frequencies: GB 191, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 196
- Main GB location 1881: London; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Spall**.

### Spaulding

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens; Cambs and Norfolk

Scottish, English: see **Spalding**.

### Spaull

- Current frequencies: GB 141, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 59
- Main GB location 1881: London; also Norfolk

English: see **Spall**.

### Spaven

Variants: **Spavin**, **Spavins**

- Current frequencies: GB 407, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *spaveine*, an affliction causing swelling on horses' legs.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Spaven, 1573 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Jenet Spaven, 1573 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ellinge Spavinge, 1583 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); Richus. Spaving, 1583 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Spavand, 1585 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks).

### Spavin

- Current frequencies: GB 140, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 197
- Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks and ER Yorks; also Lancs

English: see **Spaven**.

### Spavins

- Current frequencies: GB 144, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 31
- Main GB location 1881: Beds

English: variant of **Spaven** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Spawforth

- Current frequencies: GB 56, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

1 English: see **Spofforth**.

2 English: see **Spafford**.

### Spawl

- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Middx; Staffs; Suffolk

English: see **Spall**.

### Speaight

- Current frequencies: GB 57, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Speight**.

### Speak

Variants: **Speake**, **Speke**, **Speck**, **Spetch**, **Speaks**

- Current frequencies: GB 882, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 1041
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name from Speke (Lancs). The name is difficult to separate from that in (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo del Speck, 1379, Willelmus de Speke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Henry Speake, 1540 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Herre Speke, 1572 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Jane Speak, 1665 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Jon. Speak, 1709 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 110–11.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *spek(e)*, *spec* 'woodpecker' (Old French *espech(e)*, *espek*). The name was occasionally interchanged with the synonymous **Speight**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Further information:** *Espec* or *Espek* is recorded as a nickname or byname in Normandy from 1036. By 1086 ancestors of the Speke family were in possession of lands in Yorkshire, where Walter Espec founded Kirkham and Rievaulx abbeys in the 12th century. The present family trace their descent from Richard Espec, steward of the Fitzregis family about 1160. A later member of the family was the explorer John Hanning Speke (1827–64), who identified the source of the Nile. He was born in Bideford, Devon, into a branch of the Yorkshire family which had migrated to Devon in the 15th century.

**Early bearers:** William Spech, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Walter Espec, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ailfwyn Speke, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); William le Spec, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Ralph le Speke, 1321 in *Patent Rolls*; Elvered Specke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); Roberto Spekke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); John Speke of Haywode, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Reginald Spek, 1500 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Howden, ER Yorks); Rici Speake, 1551 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Reynold Specke, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Escrick, ER Yorks); Henricus Speake, 1577 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Anne Speck, 1602 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Persevall Speck, 1605 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); John Speke, 1644 in *IGI* (Fitz, Shrops).

**References:** *DNB*.

### Speake

- Current frequencies: GB 778, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 456
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops

English: see **Speak**.

**Speakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Speaks**.

**Speakman**

Variants: **Speckman, Spackman, Spakman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2068, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *spekeman* ‘advocate, spokesman’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *spak(e)* ‘gentle, wise, clever’, also ‘quick, eager’ (Old Scandinavian *spakr*) + *-man*. Compare **Spake**.

**Further information:** William Spackman, born Clyffe Pypard, Wilts, in 1800, transported to Australia in 1818, later active in New Zealand, was also known as *Spikeman*. This is a rare variant, apparently originating in London in the 17th century, but too early to be influenced by *spike* ‘casual ward of the workhouse’.

**Early bearers:** Nigel Spakeman, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Spakeman, *Spekeman*, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Robert Spakeman, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey Spakeman of Basselowe, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Spakeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dauntsey, Wilts); Walterus Spakman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Emma Spakeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Agneis Spakeman, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); James Spackemon, 1565 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Elizabeth Spekman, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Spakman, 1577 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**References:** Prokhovnik, R.M. (1991) *A reluctant pioneer*. Kerikeri (New Zealand): Northland Historical Publications Society.

**Speaks**

Variants: **Speakes, Speeks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Berks

English: variant of **Speak** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Speakes, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Richard Speaks, 1656 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Speaks, 1673 in *IGI* (Wigmore, Herefs); Michael Speakes, 1765 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Richard Speakes, 1815 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Esther Speakes, 1832 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Spear**

Variants: **Speare, Speer, Spier, Spears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1647, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1405
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Derry, Antrim, and Donegal

English: nickname from Middle English *spere* ‘spear’ (Old English *spere*), perhaps for a tall, thin person, or for a maker or skilled user of spears. Compare **Spearman**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Speare, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Spere, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Roger Speare, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Molton,

Devon); Stephen Spere, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Marg’ Spere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Covenhope, Herefs); Johanne Sper’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grittleton, Wilts); Philippus Sper’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Richard Spere of Estchynnok, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Harry Speare, 1540 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Water Speare, 1561 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

**Speare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Spear**.

**Speares**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Spears**.

**Spearing**

Variants: **Sperring, Sperrin, Sperryng, Spurring, Spiring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 747, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 570
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London; also Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick
- English: nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*spiring*, a derivative of Old English *spīr* ‘spike, blade of a plant, reed’ + the agent noun-forming suffix *-ing*. It may have denoted a tall, thin person. Compare **Spir**.
- Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney’s derivation from Middle English *\*sporun*, *\*sperun* ‘spur’ (Old French *esporon*, *esperun*).

**Early bearers:** SW England: William Spiring, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Lyme Spiring, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Gloucs); Henry Spiryng, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Spiring of Farham, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Spyring, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Geoffrey Spyring, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Robert Spyring, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardo Spuryng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Trull, Somerset); Ricardo Spyring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blagdon, Somerset); Willelmus Spyring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beaminster, Dorset); Robertus Spyrine, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardley and Yaverland, IoW); Agnes Spiring, 1547 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); William Spearing, 1613 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants); Mary Spearing, 1617 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Anthon Sperring, 1620 in *IGI* (Winterborne Kingston, Dorset); Edmund Sperrin, 1626, Ann Speering, 1716 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Spiring, 1635 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Joseph Sperring, 1688 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks); Susannah Sperring, 1679 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Speering, 1683 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Anne Spearing, 1695 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Edith Sperrin, 1708 in *IGI* (Marksbury, Somerset); Mary Sperring, 1722 in *IGI* (East Harptree, Somerset); James Sperrian, 1782 in *IGI* (Erlestone, Wilts); Simon Spurring, 1867 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset).

E Anglia and N England: William Spiryng of Briggefod, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Agnes Spyring, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Santon, Norfolk); Ellen Spearing, 1633 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Speering, 1698 in *IGI* (Skeyton, Norfolk).

**Spearman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 815, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk; also Devon; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *spere* ‘spear’ + *man*, for a spearman, a soldier armed with a spear. See also **Spear**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Spereman*, of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Spereman, 1267 in *Antiquities of Shropshire*; William Spermon, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); John Spereman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Spermon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Spereman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Marrington, Shrops); Johannes Sperman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sandon, Essex); Hugo Spermon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moreton and Wilbrighton, Staffs); Ralph Sperman of Elstowe, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds).

**Spearpoint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Pierpoint** with prosthetic *S-*, influenced by the words *spear* and *point* and their relevant relationship.

**Further information:** This variant is mainly Kentish but was formerly more widespread, as the bearers show.

**Early bearers:** Robert Spearpoint, 1541 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Katherin Sperpoint, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Ricardus Spearpoint, 1559 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Jacobus Spearpointe, 1567 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Marye Sparepoint, 1577 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts); Elizabeth Sparpointe, 1581 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); George Spearpoint, 1604 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Ingram Sparepoint, 1631 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); William Pierpoint, 1673, William Spearpoint, 1676 in *IGI* (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire); Sarah Spearpoint, 1707, Hannah Pierpoint, 1716 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); John Spearpoint, 1715, John Pearpoint, 1716 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**Spears**

Variants: **Speares, Speers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1172, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 712
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim

English, Scottish: variant of **Spear** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name has sometimes been confused with **Pearse**; compare Margaret Speare, 1619, Walter Spears, 1652, Thomas Pearse, 1662 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** England: Jacobus Spears, 1637 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset).

Scotland: Elizabeth Spear, 1629, Margret Spears, 1667, George Spears, 1679 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adam Speers, 1737 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks).

**Speck**

Variants: **Peck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 761, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 532

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs; Wilts and Dorset
- 1 English: see **Speak**.
- 2 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Peck** with a prosthetic S-.

### Speckman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: see **Speakman**.

### Spector

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): occupational name from *szpektor* ‘teacher’s assistant in a Jewish school’, a derivative of Polish *inspektor* ‘supervisor’.

**Early bearers:** Juan Spector, upholsterer, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Abraham Spector, tobacco cutter, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Spector, cigarette maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Spector, boot maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Nathan Spector, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Davis Spector, tobacconist, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Spector, cabinetmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Joseph Spector, draper, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan).

### Spedding

- Variants:** Speding, Speeding, Speeden, Speddings
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1281, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 925
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb

English: nickname from Middle English *speding* ‘success, achievement’, a derivative of the verb *speden* ‘to succeed’, perhaps used to refer to a successful person. See also **Speed**.

**Further information:** A possible earlier bearer is Thomas Spethyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Papcastle, Cumb). **Early bearers:** John Speddinge, 1561 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Margery Spedden, 1575 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Margaret Speddyng, 1576 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); John Speddinge, 1583 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Agn. Speedinge, 1584 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); Margaret Speeding, 1586 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Isabel Speddin, 1587 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Spydine, 1588 in *IGI* (Bircham Newton, Norfolk); Robert Speddinge, 1589 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); William Speding, 1599 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Elizabeth Spedding, 1611 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Anne Speding, 1618 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Speddings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Spedding** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Speddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English: see **Speedy**.

### Speding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Hants
- English: see **Spedding**.

### Speechley

- Variants:** Speechly
- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Hunts, Northants, and Lincs

English: locative name from Spetchley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Spechele, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Spechesle, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William Spechesley, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); John Specheley, 1454, Robert Spacheley, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Jane Specheley, 1541, Johan Speacheley, 1556 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Speechley, 1543 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Johne Speechley, 1575, Anne Speechley, 1594 in *IGI* (Stainfield near Lincoln, Lincs); Thomas Speechley, 1579 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Johne Spechlye, 1585 in *IGI* (Stixwold, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 165–6.

### Speechly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Lincs and Northants

English: see **Speechley**.

### Speed

- Variants:** Speid
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3498, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Lincs; Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sped* ‘success, prosperity, wealth’, also ‘speed, quickness’ (Old English *sped*), either for a fortunate, wealthy, or successful person, or for a swift runner.

**Early bearers:** England: Godfrey Sped, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John Spede, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); John Spede, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rauffe Speed, 1553 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Henry Speed, 1562 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Thomas Speed, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Hart Street, London); William Speed, 1568 in *IGI* (Fowlmere, Cambs); Anthony Speed, 1572 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks). Scotland: John Speid, 1410 in *Black* (Angus); Thomas Speed, 1667 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Speed, 1683 in *IGI* (Wemyss, Fife).

2 Irish: in Ireland, when it is not the English name, it was adopted for Ó Fuada, which is based on *fuad* ‘haste’; see **Foody**.

### Speeden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also W Lothian

English: see **Spedding**.

### Speedie

**Variants:** Speedy, Speddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife and Perth

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *spedi* ‘fortunate, successful, swift’. Compare **Speed**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Spedy of Corton, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Janet Speedy, 1698 in *IGI* (Chillingham, Northumb).

Scotland: Thomas Spedy, 1553 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Spidie, 1571 in *Black* (Fife).

### Speeding

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Middx
- English: see **Spedding**.

### Speedy

**Variants:** Speddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; NR Yorks; Middx and Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English: see **Speedie**.

### Speeks

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Speaks**.

### Speer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 149
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster

English: see **Spear**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is common in Ireland.

### Speers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 480, Ireland 471
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Spears**.

**Further information:** this is now a very common form of the name in Ireland.

### Speid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- Scottish: see **Speed**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica and Panama.

### Speight

**Variants:** Speaight, Spieght, Spight, Spaight, Speights

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3121, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2419
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *speght* ‘woodpecker’ (Old English \**speht*, \**speht*).

Compare **Speak**.



## Speights

**Early bearers:** William Speyt, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); John Speht, 1313, John Speght, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Speght, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Speyt', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Willelmus Speght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gomersal, WR Yorks); Johannes Speght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drighlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus Speght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnhill, WR Yorks); Matthew Speight, 1539 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Speight, 1540 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Edmund Speight, 1544 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Margaret Speight, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Edmond Speight, 1615 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs).

### Speights

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: variant of **Speight** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Speir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish: see **Spier**.

### Speirs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2950, Ireland 104
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Renfrews, and Ayr

Scottish: see **Spiers**.

### Speke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops

English: see **Speak**.

### Spellar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex

1 English: see **Speller**.

2 English: see **Spiller**.

### Spellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Spelling**.

### Speller

**Variants:** **Spellar**, **Spiller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1360, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 826
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *speller(e)* 'preacher', also perhaps 'speaker (at an assembly)', 'story-teller', a derivative of Middle English *spellen*, *spil(i)en* (Old English *spellian*, *spillian* 'to speak, tell, relate'). Compare Roberto le Spellerson 'the *speller's* son', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick with Hurlston, Lancs). (ii) nickname, occupational name from Middle English *speller(e)* 'one who can spell', perhaps also 'interpreter, one

who can explain the written word', a derivative of Anglo-Norman French *espeleir* 'to mean, signify; to explain, interpret'. Such a name would be suitable for a clerk or for someone who pretended to have clerical skills, but it is unlikely to be the main source of the modern name. (iii) see **Spiller** (i, ii).

**Early bearers:** Robert Speller', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannis le Speller' de Rudeham, 1267 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); Wydon' le Speller, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Gerard le Speller, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Galfrido Speller, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cliffe, Manfield, NR Yorks); Will. le Spelere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Speller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Ricardus Speler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); Willelmus Speler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Elizabeth Speller, 1588, Sarah Speller 1723 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Olive Spiller, 1729, Abraham Speller, 1745 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); James Spellar, 1757 in *IGI* (Hatfield Heath, Essex); Abraham Speller, 1762, Peter Spiller, 1807 in *IGI* (Elsenham, Essex).

### Spelling

**Variants:** **Spellen**, **Spilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English \**spelung* or \**spiling*, of uncertain meaning. It could be a derivative of either Old English *spel* 'story, spell', or Old English *spile*, *spele* 'sport, revelry, play', and have a similar sense to either **Speller**, **Spiller**, or **Spilman**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Spelyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Stephen Spelyng of Gestyngthorpe, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Spelyng', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Thomas Spillyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus Spelyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Alicia Spelyngge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); William Spelyng, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); John Spilling, 1563 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk); Thomas Spelling, 1590 in *IGI* (Clophill, Beds).

2 Irish: from **Mac Spealáin** or **Ó Spealáin**, see **Spillane**.

**Spillane.**

**Early bearers:** Joseph Spelling, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Deal, Kent); Thomas Spelling, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Middx).

### Spellman

**Variants:** **Spelman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 373
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht

1 English: variant of **Spilman**.

**Further information:** Reaney suggests that *Spel(l)man* may alternatively derive from a Middle English compound of *spel(l)* 'discourse, homily, story' + *-man*, synonymous with **Speller** 'speaker, preacher, or professional story-teller'. While theoretically possible, there is no evidence for such a word in Middle English, and it seems an unnecessary hypothesis given that *Spel(l)man* has such a similar distribution to that of *Spilman*.

2 Irish: anglicized version of **Mac Spealáin** and **Ó Spealáin**, see **Spillane**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spellman, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Burnley, Lancs); Patrick Spellman, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *MacLysaght*.

### Spells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Essex

English: possibly a variant of **Spall** with genitival or excrescent -s; compare Tho Spalls, 1673 in *IGI* (Barnham Broom, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John Spells, 1604 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Spelman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 471, Ireland 156
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Norfolk; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Galway

1 English, Irish: see **Spellman**.

2 English, Irish: see **Spillman**.

### Spence

**Variants:** **Spens**, **Spense**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13680, Ireland 1854
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9815
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; also Donegal; also Armagh

Scottish, English: nickname from Middle English *spense*, *spence*, 'pantry, larder, storeroom' (Old French *despense*), for a servant employed in the pantry of a great house or monastery. Compare **Spencer**.

**Further information:** Alan de la Spense sometarius Domini Roberti de Shirlaunde, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent), is also called Alanus sometarius, Alanus seruiens, and Alanus homo Domini Roberti. He was the servant or pack-horse driver who carried provisions to the buttery. A Scottish family with the name *Spens* has become widespread throughout Europe, especially in France and Sweden. They are descended from Henry de Spens (died about 1300), who was compelled to submit to Edward I of England in 1296. The family became established in France in 1450 when Patrick de Spens went there as an officer in Charles VII's bodyguard of Scots Guards, settled in Gascony and married the heiress of the Estignols family; this family has since been known by the name *de Spens d'Estignols*. The surname *Spens* was also established in Sweden by Sir James Spens, originally sent as an ambassador of James I of England, and created Baron of Orreholmen in 1635.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon del Spens, de la Despense, 1300 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Amice atte Spense, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William atte Spence, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne atte Spense, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Willelmus atte Spens', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bettiscombe, Dorset); Johannes Spens', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmham, Suffolk); Katheren Spence, 1542 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); John Spence, 1560 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Elizabeth Spence, 1562 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Georg Spence, 1564 in *IGI*



(Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Johnes Spence, 1568 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks).

Scotland: John Spens, 1260 in *Irvine Muniments* (Ayr); Thomas de Spensa, 1296–1324 in *Midlothian Charters* (Midlothian); Nicholaus de Dispensa, 1315–21 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (E Lothian); Thomas de Spensa, 1375 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perths); Fergus de la Spens, 1392 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John de Spensa, 1426 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Perth, Perths); Dawid Spence, 1587 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths).

### Spenceley

Variants: **Spencely**, **Spencley**, **Spensley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 237

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks

English: probably, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, a variant of **Spendley** in which the consonant cluster /ndl/ has become pronounced /nsl/. *Spendley* is itself a variant of **Spendlow** alias **Spendlove**. *Redmonds* provides circumstantial evidence from *York Guild Register*, where Thomas Spensley, (1477) can be compared with Walter Spenlowe (1433) and Elizabeth Spendlay (1522). Further evidence appears in *IGI* data for Oswaldkirk (NR Yorks), where Johanne Spencley (1547) is possibly identical with John Spenlay (1550), and in *IGI* data for Bishopwearmouth (Durham): Tho. Spenley (1648) and Richard Spencley (1651). The same developments occurred outside N England. Compare Henry Spendelowe, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds) with William Spendley, 1569, Thomas Spenley, 1571, and John Spensly, 1611 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

**Further information:** *Spencely* is particularly well evidenced in upper Swaledale. However, the suggestion in *Titford* that it derived from the lost place-name Low Spenceley otherwise Spenselay in Grinton (Swaledale, NR Yorks) is doubtful. The place is not recorded before the 16th century and was quite likely named after the family that lived there. In any case the surname also occurs, apparently independently, in counties well away from NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spensley, 1477 in *York Guild Register*; John Spensley, junior, 1538 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Grinton, NR Yorks); James Spenslay, 1549 in *Swaledale Wills* (Marrick, NR Yorks); Georg Spenslay, 1572, Ralph Spencley, 1648, Ralph Spenceley, 1675 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); John Spensley, 1565 in *IGI* (Newton by Toft, Lincs); Ann Spenceley, 1566 in *IGI* (Linton in Craven, WR Yorks); Radulphus Spencley, 1569 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Humfray Spensley, 1576 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Elizabeth Spensley, 1581 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Spenceley, 1585 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Bridgget Spensley, 1585 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs); Willia Spensley, 1609 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); George Spenceley, 1627, Anna Maria Spencley, 1716 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Isabella Spenceley, 1630 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); John Spencely, 1654 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Spenseley, 1721 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

### Spencely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 147

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Middx

English: see **Spenceley**.

### Spencer

Variants: **Spenser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35937, Ireland 503

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27066

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Wexford, Cork, and Kilkenny; Dublin

English: occupational name from Middle English *spenser(e)*, *spencer(e)* 'household steward, butler, almoner' (Anglo-Norman French *espenser*, Old French *despensier*), for someone who dispensed provisions or money. Compare **Spence** and **Spender**.

**Further information:** There is some dispute about the origins of the Spencer family, whose most famous member in recent times was the late Princess of Wales, born Lady Diana Spencer (1961–97). Some sources say that they are descended from William the Conqueror's steward, Robert Despencer. What is clear is that by the 15th century they had become prosperous from sheep farming in Northamptonshire. Robert Spencer (died 1627) was said to be the wealthiest man in England. Their titles have included Earls of Sunderland and Earls Spencer; and through the female line the 5th Earl of Sunderland also became Duke of Marlborough in 1733. This connection was the result of the marriage, in 1700, of the 3rd Duke of Sunderland to the daughter of John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough. The youngest son of this union, John Spencer (1708–46), was the father of the 1st Earl Spencer (1734–83).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Despenser', 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); William le Spencer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Ralph le Spenser, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard le Espenser, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Spencer, 1524 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Jhon Spencer, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Stephen Spencer, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Johes Spencer, 1545 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Thomas Spencer, 1558 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Spencley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham

English: a 16th-century spelling of **Spenceley**, which some families have retained.

### Spendelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 116

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Essex

English: see **Spendlove**.

### Spender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 233

- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Shrops and Staffs; London

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *spender(e)*, *spendour* 'steward, treasurer', a shortened form of Middle English, Old French *despendour*, for someone who managed money or supplies.

Compare **Spencer**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *spender(e)*, *spendour* 'spender (of money), spendthrift', for someone free or sparing with their money.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Despendur, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Peter de Spendure, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Agnes Spendure, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam le Spendur, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne Spender, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scorborough, ER Yorks); Willelmo Spender', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); William Spendour, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Spendour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Colehurst, Shrops); Johannes Spendour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brocton, Staffs).

### Spendiff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Kent

English: of uncertain origin. It may be a reduced form of **Spendlove**.

**Early bearers:** John Spendiff, 1754 in *IGI* (Leeds, Kent).

### Spendley

Variants: **Spenley**, **Spindley**, **Spenceley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Durham and Yorks

English: variant of **Spendlow**, see **Spendlove**. For the change in pronunciation compare Henry Spendelowe, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds) with William Spendley, 1569, William Spenley, 1575 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* similarly compares Walter Spendeluf, 1415, Walter Spenlowe, 1433 in *York Guild Register*, with Elizabeth Spendlay, 1522 in *York Guild Register*; and Robert Spendlove, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boltby, NR Yorks) with Thomas Spenley, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Thornton in Pickering Lythe, NR Yorks). The name was once particularly common in Lincs, where it mainly occurs as *Spindley* in 1881.

**Early bearers:** Johes. Spenlai, 1541, Richi Spinley, 1581, Robertus Spendley, 1625 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Robert Spenlay, 1562, Richard Spanly, 1592 in *IGI* (Swaton and Spanby, Lincs); Johannes Spenley, 1566 in *IGI* (Wainfleet Saint Mary, Lincs); Thomas Spendly, 1586 in *IGI* (Quadrang, Lincs); Helena Spenlae, 1588 in *IGI* (Alvingham, Lincs); Agnas Spendlae, 1590, Ane Spendlay, 1591, Anna Spenlaye, 1592, Caterine Spendlay, 1594 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Tho. Spenley, 1648 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Richardi Spendley, 1675 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); John Spinley, 1786 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Mary Spendley, 1799 in *IGI* (Harwich, Essex).

### Spendlove

Variants: **Spendlow**, **Spendelow**, **Spindlow**, **Spindley**, **Spendley**, **Spensley**, **Spenceley**, **Spendiff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 37

- **GB frequency 1881:** 456

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Northants; also Shrops

English: nickname from Middle English *spend(en)* '(to) spend, squander' (Old English *spend(an)*) + *love* 'love' (Old English *lufu*), presumably for someone who was free with his affections.

**Further information:** There is insufficient evidence to support the suggestion in *Titford* that the name may sometimes have derived from a lost place-name.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Spendeluue, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Spendelove, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Robert Spendlove, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls*

## Spendlow

(Boltby, NR Yorks); Henry Spendelowe, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Willelmus Spendelof, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby le Marsh, Lincs); Rogerus Spendeloue, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johanne Spendeloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leics); Johannes Spendeloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tudenham, Norfolk); Johannes Spendoue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markington, WR Yorks); Johanna Spenlof, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledston, WR Yorks); Thomas Spenloff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorp Arch, WR Yorks); Agn' Spendelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Johannes Spendlowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Derby, Lancs); Walter Spendeluf, 1415, Walter Spenlowe, 1433 in *York Guild Register*; Ann Spendlove, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Spendlove, 1607 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Peter Spendelow, 1689 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Mary Hornbukle Spendelow, 1797 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

### Spendlow

Variants: **Spendley, Spenceley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Spendlove**.

### Spentley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Spendley**.

### Spens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Spence**.

### Spense

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Spence**.

### Spenser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Spencer**.

### Spensley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and WR Yorks

English: see **Spenceley**.

### Sperling

Variants: **Spirling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: see **Sparling**.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *sperling*, Middle Low German

*sperlinc*, German *Sperling* 'sparrow'. Among Jewish bearers it may alternatively have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Further information:** *Sperling* is a well-established surname on the southern Baltic coast. Bearers of it settled in Sweden, where they were raised to the nobility as barons in 1653 and as counts in 1687. A member of this family, Henry Sperling (1657–1737), settled in England, where his descendants can still be found.

**Early bearers:** German: Wilhelmina Sperling, governess, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Gottfried Sperling, miller, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Bertha Sperling, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Robert Sperling, plasterer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx). Jewish: Emanuel Sperling, chandelier glazier, born in Shoreditch, in *Census 1871* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Samuel Sperling, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Plymouth, Devon); Rebecca Spirling, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Sperling, tailor's dresser, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Morris Sperling, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lipman Spirling, carpenter, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Sperling, Hebrew teacher, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Woolf Sperling, bootmaker, born in Riga, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Islington, Middx).

### Sperrin

Variants: **Sperring, Sperryn, Spurring, Spiring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx

1 English: see **Spearing**.

2 English: nickname occasionally perhaps a variant of **Perrin** with a prosthetic S-. Both names occur in Gloucs and Somerset but this may be pure coincidence.

### Sperring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

1 English: see **Sperrin**.

2 English: see **Spearing**.

### Sperry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Sparey**.

### Sperryn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: see **Sperrin**.

2 English: see **Spearing**.

### Spershott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

English: see **Sparshott**.

## Spetch

Variants: **Petch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: (i) apparently a variant of **Speak** (2), alias **Speck**. Compare Margaret Spetche, 1583, Roger Speck, 1616, Ellen Speck, 1626 in *IGI* (Aycliffe, Durham). It may go back directly to Old French *espech(e)* as a variant of *espek* 'woodpecker', but that first French form is not recorded in Middle English, so *Spetch* may be a later development. (ii) alternatively *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that *Spetch* is a variant of **Petch** with a prosthetic S-, perhaps influenced by dialectal use of *spetch* to mean 'patch'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Spech, 1566 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Alicia Spetche, 1567 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Thomas Spetch, 1570 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Agnita Spetch, 1587 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Spetch, 1588 in *IGI* (Londonthorpe, Lincs); Thomas Spech, 1589 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Henery Spech, 1589 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Bevys Speche, 1602 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Lincs).

### Spibey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N Midlands

English: see **Spivey**.

### Spiby

Variants: **Spibey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Spivey**.

### Spice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 687
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *spice* 'spice' (Old French *espice*), perhaps a nickname for a dealer in spices or an apothecary. See also **Spicer**.

**Early bearers:** William Spice, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard Spice, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Calehill hundred, Kent); Johannes Spice, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Johannes Spycy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woodham Ferrers, Essex); Clement Spice, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams); Jone Spice, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Spice, 1561 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Anne Spice, 1597 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Susan Spice, 1689 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cams); William Spice, 1833 in *IGI* (Chelmsford, Essex).

### Spicer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5183, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4008
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: occupational name from Middle English *spicer* 'dealer in spices, apothecary' (Old French *espicier*, *especier*). See also **Spice**.

**Early bearers:** William le Espicier, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Bertram le Specier, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert le Spicer, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo le Especer, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cams); Isabell Spicer, 1550 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Jone

Spicer, 1551 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Henry Spicer, 1561 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Agnes Spicer, 1563 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Thomas Spicer, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London).

### Spick

Variants: **Spike, Spikes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *spik(e)*, *spic(e)* ‘spike’, denoting a metal spike or type of large nail, for someone who made, sold, or used such items, or for someone who resembled a spike, i.e. a tall, thin man. See also **Spiking** and compare Godfrey Spicenail, 1307–8 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames*. (ii) nickname from Middle English *spic*, *spik*, *spiche* ‘fat meat or bacon; lard, animal fat’ (Old English *spic*), perhaps for a butcher or for a rotund person. Compare William Spichfat, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts) ‘bacon fat’.

**Early bearers:** Aldwin Spich’, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Simon Spich, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Geoffrey Spik, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Spiche, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Spyke, 1322 in *Norwich Deeds II* (Norfolk); Gilbert Spik’ of Castelbitham, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh Spik’, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Daw Spik, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhorn, Northumb); Ricardo Spik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxelby, Leics); Thomas Spik’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Adam Spyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Walsham, Norfolk); William Spykke, vicar of Mannsefeld, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); William Spike, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Spicke, 1596 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Marmaduke Spike, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thoms Spicke, 1611 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Lincs); Nicholas Spick, 1623 in *IGI* (Wycomb and Chadwell, Leics); James Spike, 1656 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Spike, 1672, German Spick, 1679 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); John Spicke, 1673 in *IGI* (Langar, Notts); Robert Spick, 1693 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Notts).

### Spickernell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Spicknell**.

### Spickett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 195
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: possibly a variant of **Pickett** with prosthetic S-.

**Early bearers:** Robert Spycckett, 1574, John Spicket, 1601 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Frances Spicket, 1629 in *IGI* (Monkton, Kent); Thos Spickett, 1750 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Spicknell

Variants: **Spickernell, Pickernell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Norman, English: (i) occupational name, status name from Anglo-Norman French *\*(e)spigurnel*,

*\*sprigonel* ‘sealer of writs’ (in the royal chancery). It is a word of obscure origin and is only certainly recorded in its Medieval Latin forms (*e)spigurnellus* and *sprigonellus* (which are attested in English documents from 1193 onwards) and in the related Latin terms for the office itself: *espicornauca* (1279), *espicornelia* (about 1283), and *spigurnalia* (1286). Members of the Spigurnel family in the late 12th and 13th centuries may have taken their name from having held the office (which was perhaps a hereditary one), though there is no independent confirmation of this. (ii) nickname, possibly from Middle English, Old French, and Anglo-Norman French *spigurnel(le)*, Modern English *spignel*, the name of a herb, particularly the umbellifer *Meum athamanticum*. Its aromatic root was formerly dried, ground up, and used in medicine as a carminative or stimulant or as a spice in cookery. It might have been given as a nickname for a herbalist or physician. However, the earliest bearers of the surname were members of a high-ranking family in royal service, one of whom was Edmund le Espycurnel’ (1285), where the use of the definite article points strongly to the sense suggested in (i).

**Further information:** Much of the geographical distribution of the medieval surname corresponds to the location of properties known to have been held by members of the Spigurnel family who were in service to the king. In 1207 king John granted Godfrey Spigurnel 5 bovates of land and a mill in Skegby, Notts (*Charter Rolls*). One of his grandsons, Henry Spigurnel (about 1263–1328), was a law lord with a reputation dispensing harsh justice; he had estates in Warwicks, Beds, Berks, Bucks, Oxon, Essex, and Leics. Edmund Spigurnel (Henry’s brother?) held manors in Skegby (Notts) and Stondon Massey (Essex), and it may be the same Edmund, or a relative of the same name, who had property in Hants. The loss of the medial syllable seen in *Spicknell* occurs already in Middle English: Johanna Spignell’ (1379).

**Early bearers:** Richard Spigurnel, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Walter Spigurnell, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Godefrido Spigurnel, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); John Spigurnel, 1259 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Nicholas Spickernell, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Edmund Spigurnel, son of Nicholas Spigurnel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Skegby, Notts); Hugh Sprigonel’, 1297 in *Lenton Priory Accounts* (Lenton, Notts); Edmund Spygurnel, 1280 in *New Forest Documents* (Ford hundred, Hants); Edmund le Espycurnel’, Geoffrey Espigurnel, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Adam Sprigunel (Sprigonel), 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); John Spigurnel of Staundone (Stondon Massey, Essex), lord of Skegby, 1308 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Skegby, Notts); Henrico Spigurnel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bobbingsworth, Essex); Beatrice Spigurnel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stondon Massey, Essex); William Spigurnel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southwood in Bosham, Sussex); Thomas Spigurnel, king’s esquire, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Johannes Spygurnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Hill, Warwicks); Johannes Spygurnel’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Churchover, Warwicks); Johannes Spigurnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Johanna Spignell’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Old Fishbourne in Bosham, Sussex); Johannes Spegurnel’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mowsley, Leics); William Spickernell, 1425 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Johan Spickernell, 1565 in *IGI*

(Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Gulielmus Spickenell, 1591, Adrianus Spickernell, 1594 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Georg Spickernell, 1615 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Godfrey Spickernell, 1625 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Mathew Spickernell, 1638 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Mary Spikanell, 1660 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); John Spickernell, 1734, Elizabeth Spicknell, 1752 in *IGI* (Fisherton Anger, Wilts); Joshua Spicknell, 1762 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

**References:** *DNB*; *Anglo-Norman Dictionary*.

### Spieght

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx
- English: see **Speight**.

### Spier

Variants: **Speir, Spyer, Spiers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx; also Ayrs

1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *spier(e)* ‘spy, watchman, scout’ (Old French *espierre*, *espieur*). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William le Spiour, 1302 in *Cheshire Chamberlains’ Accounts*; John le Spyor, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Spyer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Spyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Henrico Spyer’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Thomas Spier, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Tuffield, Oxon); Raphe Spier, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Forrest Hill, Oxon).

2 English: see **Spear**.

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name from any of several places in Germany called Spier, including the city in Rhineland-Palatinate now spelled Speyer (Yiddish *Shpire*), where there was a substantial and long-established Jewish community before the Holocaust. (ii) nickname from Middle Low German *spir* ‘trifle, small piece’, used for a small person. Except perhaps as a handout name, this is unlikely to be a source of the Jewish family name.

**Early bearers:** Haufman [*sic*] Spier, clerk, born in Hesse, Germany, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Montague Hyam Spier, born in Manchester, in *Census 1851* (Salford, Lancs); Herman Spier, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Bernhard Spier, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Sara Spier, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Adolph Spier, stockbroker’s clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Abraham Spier, minister to Hebrew congregation, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Plymouth, Devon); Franz Spier, clerk in German Embassy, born in Berlin, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Lewis Spiers, 1899 in *United Synagogue Members* (London); Hyman Spier, clerk, born in Staffs, in *Census 1901* (Ecclesall, WR Yorks); Philip Spier, tailor, born in Arnhem, Holland, in *Census 1911* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Julius Spier, importer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, London); Sundel Spier, cap machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Luca Spier, mantle and costume maker, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs).

## Spiers

### Spiers

Variants: **Spyers, Speirs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3668, Ireland 471
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2422
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Worcs and Warwicks; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Scottish, English: variant of **Spier** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Spier** with exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Spiers, 1899 in *United Synagogue Members* (London).

### Spight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Norfolk

English: see **Speight**.

### Spike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks

English: see **Spick**.

### Spikes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Spick** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Further information:** The 1316 spelling is either an error for *Spike* or a genitival form, perhaps denoting 'servant of man surnamed *Spike*'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Spikes, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Anna Spikes, 1681 in *IGI* (Badlesmere, Kent); Charles Spikes, 1733 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Lincs); Christopher Spikes, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx).

### Spikin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx and Kent
- English: see **Spiking**.

### Spiking

Variants: **Spikin, Spikings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *spiking(e)* 'large iron nail', for someone who made, used, sold, or perhaps even resembled such items. Compare **Spick**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Spikyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Langford, Wilts); Johannes Spikyng, Ellota Spikyngmayden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); William Spikyng, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); John Spiking, 1561 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Richard Spiking, 1618 in *IGI* (Old Bolingbroke, Lincs); James Spiking, 1822 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

### Spikings

Variants: **Spikins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: variant of **Spiking** with post-medieval exrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Dorothy Spykins, 1654 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Spikins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Spikings**.

### Spill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Middx
- English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Spil(le)*, which could represent Continental Germanic *Spilo*, Old English \**Spila* (from the word for 'play'), or Old Scandinavian \**Spillir* (from the word for 'destroy'). (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *spile* 'play, sport, revelry'. Compare **Spilman**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Spille, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Spilo filius Brette, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds). surnames: Robert Spil, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; Robert Spyle, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Spyle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Spile, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Spyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Spille, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Johane Spill, 1574 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); George Spill, 1583 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Wm. Spill, 1593 in *IGI* (Burstall, Suffolk); Sarah Spill, 1813 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Mary Spill, 1814 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent).
- References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 260; *Redin, Studies*, p. 54.

### Spillane

- Variants: **Splaine, Splain, Splane, Spollen, Spelling, Spilling, Spellman, Spillman, Spilman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 1390
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Cork
- Irish: from **Mac Spealáin** or **Ó Spealáin** 'son (or descendant) of *Spealán*', a personal name based on *speal* 'scythe'.
- Early bearers:** Philip O Spillan, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2282 (Synon); Edmond O Spallane, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2650; Shane O Spillane, husbandman, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3103 (Ballyadyne, Cork); Dermot O'Spallan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4351 (Owles, Mayo); Moritagh O Spallan, clerk, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5095; Donogh O Spollane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6495 (Caherbosrur, Kerry); Fardorogh O Spillan, yeoman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Bollenehowe); Gilleduff, Shane roe and Rorie O Spillane, yeomen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Garran); John and Dermot O Spallan, husbandmen, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Callanefirse, Kerry); Ó Spillane and Ó Spellane, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 228 (Carbery, Cork); Thomas Spollan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumraney, Westmeath); Matthew Spollen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers*

*Ireland* (Rahan, Offaly); Edward Spollin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilbride, Westmeath); Edmund Spillane, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballinvoher, Kerry).

### Spillar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset
- English: see **Spiller**.

### Spiller

Variants: **Spillar, Spillers, Speller, Spellar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2041, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1696
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**spiler(e)*, \**speler(e)*, Old English *spilere* 'player of games, jester', perhaps 'master of the revels'. Compare *Spilman*. The Spiller family of Colyton (Devon) may have taken their name from games played in Spilcombe in Monkton parish, a chapelry of Colyton. Spilcombe is recorded as *Spillecumb*, 1238, *Spelecomb(e)*, 1423 in *Place-Names of Devon*, where it is explained as 'valley where sports or games were held'. (ii) occupational name; an alternative but less likely source is an unrecorded Middle English \**spiler*, \**speler* 'maker of spills', a derivative of Middle English *spile*, *spele* 'a fragment of wood, a splinter'. (iii) nickname occasionally perhaps from Middle English *spiller* 'one who causes ruin', a spoiler or waster. Compare William Spillbrede 'spoil (or waste) bread', 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*, and similar nicknames in *Reaney and Wilson*, at Spillbread, though none of these phrasal names has survived as a surname. (iv) variant of **Speller**.
- Early bearers:** Will. le Spelere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Spyller, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axmouth, Devon); Humphrey Speller, 1535, John Spillar, 1786, William Spiller, 1848 in *IGI* (Taunton, Devon); Alice Spiller, 1540 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Alice Spillar, 1546, Elizabeth Spiller, 1548 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

### Spillers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: variant of **Spiller** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Spillett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: unexplained. It has a partly similar modern distribution to *Pillet(t)*, variants of **Pilot**, and it may also be a variant of this with prosthetic S-.
- Early bearers:** Jone Spylty, 1566, Susan Spyltyt, 1571 in *IGI* (Bearsted, Kent); Henry Spillett, 1597 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent).

### Spilling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London; also Lancs

1 English: see **Spelling**.

2 Irish: from Mac Spealáin or Ó Spealáin, see **Spillane**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Henry Spilling, born in Castlebar (Mayo, Ireland), in *Census 1881* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

### Spillman

**Variants:** Spelman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 136

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Spillman**.

2 Irish: from Mac Spealáin, Ó Spealáin; see **Spellman** and **Spillane**.

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, anglicized form of German and Jewish **Spillmann**, **Spelmann**, or Dutch **Speel(e)man**, **Spielman**, **Speleman**, composed of Middle High German *spil*, Middle Low German *speel* 'play, jest, sport' + *-mann*. It was probably a term for a professional entertainer, especially a travelling minstrel, whose skills may have included acrobatics, jesting, juggling, and dancing. Unlike its Middle English equivalent (see **Spilman**), it does not seem to have been used as a personal name. Some examples may belong under (4).

**Early bearers:** Edwin Spielman, 1849 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Adam Spielman, bullion merchant, born in Prussia in *Census 1851* (London); Isaac Speelman, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); Marcus Spielman, engineer, born in Frankfurt, Germany, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lancs); Henry Spielman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston on Thames, Surrey); Simon Speelman, professor of music, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Solomon Spellman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Hyman Spellman, master tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Spillman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End New Town, Middx); Marks and Barnett Spillmann, boot finishers, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Barnett Spillman, boot finisher, born in Poland Russia, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Joseph Spillman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

4 Dutch: occupational name for a spindle maker, Dutch *spil* 'spindle' + *man*.

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

### Spillsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Cheshire and Staffs

English: see **Spillsbury**.

### Spilman

**Variants:** Spillman, Spelman, Spellman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 228

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the early Middle English personal name *Spileman*, *Speleman*, late Old

English \**Spilemann*. Its original sense was probably 'entertainer' (literally 'play-man'), corresponding to Middle High German *spilmann*, Middle Low German *speelman*. Compare **Spillman**. However, although *spile* 'play, sport, revelry' and *spilen* 'to play' occur in Middle English, there is no evidence for a word \**spileman*, and all the English evidence points to this surname being a relationship name rather than an occupational name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Spileman, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Spileman, about 1160–65 in *Northants Charters*; Spileman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Spilemannus, late 12th cent. in *Ancient Deeds*(London); Spilemanus de Richam, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

sumames: Goduine filius Spilemanni, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Edwine Spileman, 1103–15 in *Tengvik* (Devon); William Spileman, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Swayn Spileman, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Spileman, Speleman, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Adam filius Spilemani de Richam, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Richard Spileman, 1255, John Spelamon, 1336 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Kingston on Soar, Notts); John Speleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Spilman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witcomb, Wilts); Johannes Spilman, Willelmus Spylman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, IoW); Willelmus Spilmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Guntun, Norfolk); Ricardus Spylman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edgefield, Norfolk); Lucia Speleman, Johannes Spelman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Johannes Spelman, Christina Spylman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Thoma Spilman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Thos Spilman, 1556 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Joane Spilman, 1557 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Worcs); Willm. Spilman, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Johan Spilman, 1563 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Elzabett Spilman, 1567 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs).

**References:** *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 64; *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, p. 149.

2 Irish: in Connacht, an anglicization of **Mac Spealáin** and **Ó Spealáin**, see **Spillane**.

**Early bearers:** Bridget Spilman, born in Connacht (Ireland), in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Bernard Spilman, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Bradord, WR Yorks).

**References:** *MacLysaght*.

### Spillsbury

**Variants:** Spillsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 836, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 571

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs

English: locative name from Spelsbury (Oxon), recorded as *Spillesbury* in 1343, and perhaps also from Spillsbury Hill in Mamble (Worcs), although it is possible that this feature was named from the family.

**Early bearers:** William de Spellesbury, 1180 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Philip de Spillesbury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Spelesbury, 1370 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Spelhisbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Richard Spillesbury, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Spellsbury, 1599 in *Bedwardine Churchwardens' Accounts* (Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon 2*, p. 379; *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 61.

### Spindle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Bucks; Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *spindel* 'spindle' (Old English *spinel*), for someone who made, sold, or used spindles. See also **Spindler**.

**Further information:** It is unclear whether the names of certain foreigners recorded in *Patent Rolls* as *Spinellus* and *Spinola* may have contributed to this surname. It is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Spinell, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*; John Spindle, 1634 in *IGI* (Freston, Suffolk); Mary Spindle, 1770 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, respelling of Jewish **Spindel**, from German *Spindel*, Yiddish *shpindl* 'spindle, distaff', used to denote a spindle maker, or possibly someone who was either extremely thin or extremely fat.

**Early bearers:** Joseph and Sophie Spindel, *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town), identical with Joseph Spindle, tailor, born in Austria, and Soffi, his wife, born in Russia, also sons Barnet Spindle and Woolf Spindle in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Spindel, cloth-cap maker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Spindler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 297

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Middx; Berks and Oxon

1 English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *spindel* 'spindle' (Old English *spinel*), for someone who made, sold, or used spindles. See also **Spindle**.

**Early bearers:** William le Spinlere, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William le spindlere, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Petrus Spyndlere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Spindelere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Johannes Spyndlere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulsham, Essex); Alce Spindler, 1573 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon); Thomas Spindler, 1602 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Mary Spindler, 1659 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks); John Spindler, 1730 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Edwd. Spindler, 1732 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London).

2 Jewish, German (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a spindle maker, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *spindel*, German *Spindel*, Yiddish *shpindl* 'spindle, distaff', cognate with (1).

**Early bearers:** William Spindler, butler, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Harry Spindler, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Spindler, tailor, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Hermann Spindler, timber agent, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hendon, Middx); Hyman Spindler, tailor's presser, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Henry Spindler, bass player, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Warwick, Warwicks); Isak Spindler, cleaner of clothes, born in Libaczow, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Walter Spindler, artist, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx); Adolf Spindler, cook, born in

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Zurich, Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Spindler, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Spindley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Spendley**.

### Spindlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Spendlove**.

### Spink

Variants: **Spinks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2819, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2406
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Norfolk and Suffolk; Angus

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *spink* 'chaffinch, finch'.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Spink, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Thomas Spink, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William Spink, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Spynk of Stylyngton, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Hellena Spink, 1544 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Editha Spink, 1574 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Spink, 1591 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Christen Spink, 1593 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs); Alis Spink, 1596 in *IGI* (Thurilton, Norfolk).

Scotland: Robert Spinc, 1261 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Morays); Bessie Spink, 1605 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Spink, 1624 in *History of Arbroath* (Arbroath, Angus); Catharine Spink, 1631 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cristan Spink, 1651 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Spinks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2888, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2001
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: variant of **Spink** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Spinner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: occupational name from Middle English *spinner(e)* 'spinner', for a spinner of wool or yarn.

**Early bearers:** John le Spinner, 1270 in *Fransson* (Worcs); Michael le Spinner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Spinnere, 1356 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Devon); Petronilla Spinner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes Spynner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barcombe, Sussex); Vsselly Spinner, 1578 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Richard Spynner, 1582 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Spyner, 1634 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent).

### Spinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants and Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *spyn(n)eye*, 'spinney' (Old French *espinei* 'place where thorn trees grow'). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a thicket or small copse, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Spinney Abbey in Wicken (Cambs). **Early bearers:** Robert de la Spinei, 1198 in *Cartae Antiquae*; John atte Spynney, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); William de la Spynnee of Cocton, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Spynney, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Emma Spynney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hallaton, Leics); Richard Spynney, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William Spinney, 1721 in *IGI* (Anderson, Dorset); John Spinney, 1723 in *IGI* (Anderson, Dorset); John Spinney, 1734 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Edwin Spinney, 1876 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Cambs* p. 204.

### Spir

Variants: **Spire, Spires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *spir(e)* 'stalk or stem of a plant, especially one of a tall and slender growth' (Old English *spir*), perhaps a nickname for a tall or slender man. Compare **Spearing**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spir, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William Spir, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas le Spyr, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Spir of Wotton, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Spire, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Knaptoft, Leics); Willelmus Spyre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Morcott, Rutland); Reginaldus Spire, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Johannes Spir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Johanne Spir, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Elmestree, Gloucs); Willelmus Spyr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Dalton, ER Yorks); Mary Spir, 1706 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); William Spir, 1823 in *IGI* (Stroud, Gloucs).

### Spire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs

English: see **Spir**.

### Spires

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; W Midlands

English: variant of **Spir** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Spirett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Spirit**.

### Spiring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset and Gloucs

English: (i) see **Spearing**. (ii) see **Sperrin**.

## Spirit

Variants: **Spirett, Spright**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: nickname from Middle English *spuret*, of uncertain origin. It might be a reduced form of Middle English *Sporehard* 'spur hard', no doubt for a horseman, attested in the name of Galfr. Sporehard, 1327, Galfr. Sporard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brailes, Warwicks). However, there is no evidence for *Sporehard* in the records of N England, and a reduction to *Spuret* to account for the 1287 bearer below would be surprisingly early. Perhaps the name represents an unrecorded Middle English \**spuret* 'little spur'. The change to *Spirit*, by folk etymology, is recorded by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, noting that Joshua Spurrirt of Holbeck is likely to be identical with Joshua Spirit or Spright of Holbeck, 1753–61 in *Parish Registers* (Leeds).

**Early bearers:** Richard Spuret, 1287 in *Bolton Priory Computus* (WR Yorks); Robertus Sporet, 1379, Benedictus Sporet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Richard Spurrirt or Sporet 1524–43 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Anthonie Spurret, 1564 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Jane Spurret, 1638 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Richard Spurrirt, Sperritt 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Thomas Spright, 1730 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Richard Spurrirt, 1740 in *IGI* (Bolton Abbey, WR Yorks); John Spurrirt, 1786, Elizabeth Spirett, 1819 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Spearritt, 1803 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Stephen Spirit, 1852 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

2 English: (i) relationship name perhaps from Middle English \**Spirhard*, a Norman French borrowing of an unrecorded Continental Germanic personal name composed of *spir* 'spear' + *hard* 'brave'. Whether this name has survived to the present time is unclear, for although the medieval name is recorded in Yorks there is no evidence that it lies behind or influenced the pronunciation of the name in (1). The Norfolk form *Spurrett* (1615) shows a post-medieval change in pronunciation. For alternative interpretations of *Spirhard* see (ii). (ii) nickname from Middle English *spir* (Old English *spīr*) 'shoot, blade, reed' + the Old French suffix *-(h)ard*, for a tall thin man, perhaps, and synonymous with **Spearing**. For this type of hybrid compound see **Sherrard**. Alternatively *Spirhard* might mean 'breathe hard', or 'search hard', a compound of either Middle English *spiren* (Old French *espīrer*) 'to breathe out' or Middle English *spiren* (Old English *spīrian*) 'to enquire, search' + the Middle English adverb *hard*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (3).

**Further information:** Germanic personal names in *Spir*- are rare but one occurs in the patronym of a Norman tenant, 1086 in *Domesday Book*: Eudo filius Spireuic (Lincs), filius Spirewich or Sperewich (Cambs), filius Spireuic (Suffolk), filius Spīruwic (Norfolk). He also appears as Eudo filius Spīrewin in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk), where the element *-win* 'friend' has been substituted for *-wic* or *-wig* 'battle'. This last form is possibly recorded in Ricardus Spūrwyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs), where Middle *spur* 'spur' may have been substituted for *Spir*-. See also **Spivey**. Eudo Spirewic was of Breton origin, and the ancestor of the Tattershalls of Tattershall (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Osbert Spirhard, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Spirhard, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Spirhard, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robertus Spirard, Willelmus Spirard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allerton Gledhow, WR Yorks); Johannes Spirard', Ricardus Spyrard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, WR Yorks); Magota Spirard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Thomas Spyrat, 1597 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Joane Spirit, 1605 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Dorothy Spurrirt, 1615 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Tristrum Spright, 1687 in *IGI* (Appleby, Lincs); Jane Spright, 1749 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 198; *Domesday People*, p. 195.

**3** English: the following bearers clearly point to another possible origin, but remain unexplained. Perhaps it is variant of Middle English *skirwhit(e)* 'skirret, water parsnip' (see **Skerritt**), altered by folk etymology through association with Middle English *spir(e)* 'stalk, blade of a plant'. The Gloucs form *Spurrett* (1610) shows a post-medieval change in pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** Editha Spriwhit, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts); Roberto Spyrewhyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Johannes Spirwite, Willelmus Spirwhite, Ricardus Sparwite, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Spurrett, 1610, Thomas Spurret, 1672 in *IGI* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); William Spirit, 1616 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Samson Spirit, 1743 in *IGI* (Wickham, Berks); Sarah Spirit, 1751 in *IGI* (Aldbourne, Wilts).

### Spirling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**1** English: see **Sparling**.

**2** German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Sperling**.

### Spiro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from *Shpire*, the Yiddish name of Speyer in Germany.

**Further information:** This surname appears in central Europe in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Naphtali Spiro, 1847 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Simon Spiro, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Nastule Spiro, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Moses Lazarus Spiro, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac Spiro, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Francis Spiro, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Hants); David Mendel Spiro, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Spital

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Spittle**.

### Spite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. Suffolk; Cumb

English: nickname from Middle English *spite* 'insolence, shame, ridicule, anger'.

**Early bearers:** John Spyte of Romenee, mariner, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Spyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Johanna Spite, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); John Spyte of Lydeneye, 1380 in *Patent Rolls*; Georgij Spite, 1585 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint James, Lincs); Edward Spitt, 1587 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); James Spite, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jn O: Spite, 1730 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

### Spiteri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Maltese, S Italian: from medieval Greek **Spiteris**, occupational name from a derivative of Medieval Latin *hospitarius*, denoting someone who ran a lodging house.

### Spitler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- German: see **Spitteler**.

### Spittal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 302
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Fife and Perth
- English, Scottish: see **Spittle**.

### Spittall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs and IoM; Oxon
- English: see **Spittle**.

### Spittel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; ER Yorks

English: see **Spittle**.

### Spitteler

**Variants:** **Spittler**, **Spitler**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German: German, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *spital*, *spittel* 'hospital', denoting someone who lived or worked at a such a place. Compare **Spittle**.

### Spittle

**Variants:** **Spittel**, **Spittal**, **Spittall**, **Spital**, **Spittles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1148, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 851
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks; London

English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *spitel* 'hospital, infirmary, religious house of the Knights Hospitallers' (Old French (*h*)*ospital*), for someone who lived in or near a hospital, or who worked in one. Compare Adam Spitelman, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls*. (ii) locative name from one of the places named with *spitel*, such as Spital-in-the-Street (Lincs) – note Johannes de Spittel', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks) – or minor places in several, mainly northern and Midland, counties, including Enville (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey del Hospital, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); Adam del Spittel, 1307 in

*Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Walter atte Spitele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William del Spytel, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); John atte Spytell, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Staffs); Johannes de Spittel', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Ricardus del Spytill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Churchover, Warwicks); Alexander Spittle, 1553 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Spittle, 1563 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); William Spittle, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Anne Spittle, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); William Spittle, 1654 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

Scotland: Mathew del Spitel, 1285 in *Black* (Berwicks); Walter del Spetalle alias Walterus de Hospitali, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Johannes de Spitale, 1395 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; John Spitale, burghess of Edinburgh, 1423 in *Edinburgh Register*; William Spittale de Luquhat, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*.

**References:** Spittal, Jeffrey, *A significant tribe: remarks on some of the Spittles of Enville and Wednesbury, c.1300-c.1920*, privately published, 2nd edition (1999).

### Spittlehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *spitel* 'hospital, infirmary, religious house of the Knights Hospitallers' (see **Spittle**) + *hous* 'house'. The surname may be topographical, for someone who lived or worked in a hospital, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Spittal Houses in Wentworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Spittlehouse* in 1572.

**Early bearers:** Johannes del Spittelhus', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Robert de Spytellhus, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Toms Spityllhowse, 1560 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Spittlehouse, 1566 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Ellen Spittlehouse, 1573 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Georgius Spittlehowse, 1597 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Spyttehouse, 1599 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 121.

### Spittler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- German: see **Spitteler**.

### Spittles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; also Kent
- English: variant of **Spittle** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Spitzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** German: locative name, German, denoting someone from any of the numerous minor places throughout Germany named *Spitz*, the suffix -*er* denoting an inhabitant.

**Early bearers:** John Spitzer, 1629 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Spitzer, born in Hungary, in *Census 1871* (London); Ludwig Spitzer, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (London); Frederick Spitzer, born in



Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Richard Spitzer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London).  
2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): origin uncertain; possibly from German *Spitz* 'point'.

**Early bearers:** Charles Spitzer, born in Romania, and Rachel, his wife, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Notts); Morris Spitzer, born in Austria, and Sarah, his wife, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Spivey

**Variants:** Spiby, Spibey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 647
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Spivi*, of unknown origin. There is a slight possibility that it could be a pet form of Continental Germanic *Spirwig*, attested in the patronym of a Norman tenant, Eudo filius Spireuic, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); see further under **Spirit** (2). The alteration of *Spivey* to *Spib(e)y* occurs from the 15th century.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the view, advanced in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 253, that the name is connected with dialect *spiff(y)* 'fine, smart', which is not attested in *OED* before the 1820s.

**Early bearers:** William filius Spiui, about 1100 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Richard son of Spivey, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Rushall, Staffs); Thomas son of Spuyvy, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Tettenhall, Staffs); William Spivi, 13th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Jordan Spyvi, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Spyvay, 1350 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Yorks); Johannes Spyfe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lofthouse, WR Yorks); Thomas Spyve of Lofthous, husbandman, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Spybe of East Bridgford, 1475 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Agneti Spivie, 1560 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Elsabeth Spyvie, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Richard Spyve, 1569, Gilbert Spybie, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Spibye, 1592 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); William Spiby, 1627 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts); Tho. Spiby, 1644 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); Edmundi Spivey, 1658 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Henry Spibey, 1761 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Richard Spibey, 1771 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).

## Splain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Irish: from Mac Spealáin or Ó Spealáin, see **Spillane**.

## Spaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Notts

Irish: from Mac Spealáin or Ó Spealáin, see **Spillane**.

## Splane

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Irish: from Mac Spealáin, Ó Spealáin, see **Spillane**.  
**Further information:** This form of the name is not found in Ireland and is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Splatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *splot(te)* 'small patch, plot of land' (Old English *sploott*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a plot of land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Splatt in Broadwoodkelly (Devon), Splatt in Spaxton (Somerset), The Splatts in Heddington (Wilts); Devon seems to be the dominant origin.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Spotte, 1262 in *Manorial Select Pleas* (Wilts); William atte Spotte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Rogerus Splot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Povington, Dorset); John Splat, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Peter Splatte, 1562 in *IGI* (Ilstington, Devon); Isabell Splatt, 1563 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Somerset); George Splatt, 1570 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Henry Splat, 1571 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Christopher Splatte, 1573 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); George Splot, 1591 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 137; *Place-Names of Wilts* pp. 263, 446.

## Spode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: perhaps from Middle English *spudde*, a word for a small knife; less likely from an English adaptation of Medieval Latin *spodium* 'ashes of ivory', used as a medicament.

**Further information:** Josiah Spode (1733–97) rose from very humble beginnings in a Stoke-on-Trent orphanage to become the proprietor of a pottery factory bearing his name, famous for the quality of its bone china and in particular for its blue underglaze.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spode, 1565, Johnis. Spode, 1568 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Mary Spood, 1596 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Radulphi Spode, 1605 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); John Spode, 1605 in *IGI* (Marton, Cheshire).

## Spofford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Spofforth**.

## Spofforth

**Variants:** Spofford, Spawforth, Spafford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Spofforth (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Hynge de Spoufford', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Spofford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ricardus de Spofford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Robertus Spofforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Spoford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darton, WR Yorks); Johannes Spoford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Rogerus Spofforth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Richard Spafford, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Grace Spawforth, 1565 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Johannes Spofford, 1647 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella,

ER Yorks); Margaret Spofforth, 1654 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Joseph Spawforth, 1686 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 33.

## Spokes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 792, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 384
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Berks, Oxon, and Warwicks

English: nickname of uncertain origin. It may be from an unrecorded Middle English *\*spok(e)*, a cognate of Low German *spōk* 'spectre, apparition, ghost'. Compare Middle English *p(o)uk(e)*, *poke* 'devil, goblin, evil spirit' (Old English *pūca*), of which *Spoke* might alternatively be a variant with a prosthetic *S-*. See **Pook** and **Poke** (2). The final *-s* is excrescent and post-medieval.

**Early bearers:** Adam Spok, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Roger Spoke, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Montgomerys); John Spokes, 1548 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Richard Spokes, 1574, William Spookes, 1580, Peter Spookes, 1633, Elizabeth Spok, 1704, Mary Spooke, 1707 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Spokes, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Franses Spoke, 1656 in *IGI* (Chobham, Surrey); Ann Spookes, 1724 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Elizabeth Spokes, 1788 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

## Spollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath

Irish: from Mac Spealáin, Ó Spealáin, see **Spillane**.

## Spolton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Hunts

English: variant of **Spalding**. Compare **Spalton** and **Spaughton**.

**Early bearers:** Wilyam Spalden, 1657, Joane Spolton, 1661, Thomas Spalding, 1701 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Sarah Spolton, 1801 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs).

## Sponer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks

English: see **Spooner**.

## Spong

**Variants:** Sponge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 520
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *spong* 'narrow strip of land or ground' (origin uncertain, but compare **Spann**). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a narrow strip of land, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Spong Hill in North Elmham (Norfolk), Spong Carr in Cantley and Limpenhoe (Norfolk), and Spong Farm in Elmsted (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Robert Spong, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Sponge, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); William Spong, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Spong', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Necton, Norfolk); Simon Spongge, 1379 in *Poll Tax*



(Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk); Anne Sponge, 1575, Ann Spong, 1579 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey).

### Sponge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and Leics
- English: see **Spong**.

### Sponer

Variants: **Sponer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5847, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4298
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia; Staffs; WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Laois, and Kildare

English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**sponer* of uncertain meaning. It appears to be a derivative of Middle English *spōn* 'chip of wood, shingle, spoon', and could denote either someone who made or fitted wooden roofing shingles or who made and sold spoons as eating implements, typically of wood or horn.

**Early bearers:** Roger Lesponere, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Sponere, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Sponere, 1254 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Sponer, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harome, NR Yorks); Robert Sponere, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Emma le Sponer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Willelmo Sponer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yokefleet, ER Yorks); Rogerus Sponere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme Hale, Norfolk); Roberto Sponer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibley, Leics); Robertus Sponere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Ricardus Sponere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Robertus Sponer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus Sponer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Adam Sponer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Johannes Sponer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex); John Sponer, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Francis Spooner, 1541 in *IGI* (Caston, Norfolk); Willm Sponer, 1543 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Ralph Spooner, 1548 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); William Spooner, 1548 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); Thos. Spooner, 1551 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Richarde Sponer, 1557 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Alsse Sponer, 1561 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Edmundus Spooner, 1561 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Hugo Spooner, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Sponer, 1574 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

### Spoor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Spurr**.

### Spoore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Spurr**.

### Spoons

Variants: **Spurs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: variant of **Spurr**, with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spours, 1684 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Joseph Spours, 1701 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb).

### Spore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Spurr**.

### Sporle

Variants: **Spurrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also London; Cheshire

English: locative name from Sporle (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Sporle of Saint Edmunds, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Spurel, 1314 in *Norwich Deeds* II; Roger de Sporle, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Sporle of Ely, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Ricardus Sporle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Easthorpe, ER Yorks); Avicia Sporle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrugh, WR Yorks); Ricardus Sporle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roudham, Norfolk); Henricus Sporle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Johannes Sporle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quidenham, Norfolk); John Sporle, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Spurle, 1555 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 434.

### Spotswood

Variants: **Spottiswood, Spottiswoode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

Scottish: locative name from Spottiswoode in Gordon (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Spotteswode, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); William de Spottiswod, 1309 in *Concilia Magnae Britanniae*; Henrie Spottiswood, 1598 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Anna Spotswood, 1610 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Agnes Spotswode, 1623 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Adame Spotswod, 1630 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Robert Spottiswood, 1787 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Spott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English *spot* 'spot, blemish' (Old English *spot*), for someone covered with spots. (ii) locative name from Middle English *spotte* 'small plot of ground'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a small plot of ground, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Spott (E Lothian) and Spout House in Leeds (Kent).

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Geoffrey Spot, 1268 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); William Spot, 1313 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; Thomas atte Spotte, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Spotte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Spotte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Edm Spott, 1610 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks);

Nicholas Spott, 1615 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); William Spott, 1673 in *IGI* (Chobham, Surrey).

Scotland: Moyses de Spot, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Adam of Spot, baillie of Edinburgh, 1386 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Ninian Spot, 1437 in *Midlothian Charters* (Midlothian).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names* p. 223.

### Spottiswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Perth
- Scottish: see **Spotswood**.

### Spottiswoode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Roxburghs; Lincs

English: see **Spotswood**.

### Spouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks; also Northumb and Durham

English: relationship name from Middle English *spous(e)*, *spows(e)* 'spouse, husband' (Old French *spous*), for a married man. Compare **Husband**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Spowse, 1624 in *IGI* (Old Buckenham, Norfolk); Thos. Spowse, 1628 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Henry Spouse, 1667 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robt. Spouse, 1681 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth).

### Spowage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys

English: perhaps a post-medieval variant of either **Powis** or **Powers** with prosthetic *S*- and palatalization of *-is* or *-ers* to *-age*. Compare **Cottage** as a variant of **Cottis**. However, no evidence has been found to confirm either hypothesis.

**Early bearers:** Alce Spowage, 1672 in *IGI* (East Bridgford, Notts); Joseph Spouge, 1713 in *IGI* (Whatton, Notts); William Spouge, 1757 in *IGI* (Radcliffe on Trent, Notts); Wm Spouege, 1759 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Thomas Spouage, 1788 in *IGI* (Langar cum Barnston, Notts).

### Spowart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Northumb

Scottish: form of Scots *powart* 'tadpole' with prosthetic *S*-; compare Peter Powat, 1616 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks), with the etymologically expected lack of /r/ in the final syllable.

**Early bearers:** Alisone Spowart, 1614 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Agnes Spowart, 1648, Thomas Spoward, 1660, Andrew Spouart, 1682 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

### Sprackett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Sussex; IoW
- English: see **Spraggett**.

## Spracklen

### Spracklen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Somerset
- English: see **Sprackling**.

### Spracklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Sprackling**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Sprackling

**Variants:** Spracklin, Spracklen, Sprankling, Spranklin, Spratling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Somerset
- English: relationship name from the early Middle English personal name *Sprakeling*, Old English *Spracaling*, possibly an anglicization of the Old Scandinavian nickname *Sprakaleggr* (literally 'creaking leg').

**Early bearers:** given names: Sprachelingus, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Sprachelingus, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent). surnames: Vnspac Spracheling, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Sparkeling, 1170–87 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Gervase Sparkeling 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus filius Sprakeling, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardo Spraklyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eggardon Hundred, Dorset); Richard Spraklyng', 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Agn' Sprakelyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinhead, Wilts); Johanne Spragelyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chitterne, Wilts); Johannes Spartelyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wellsworth, Hants); John Sprackling, 1559 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Robart Spracklin, 1620 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Spracklen, 1659 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Margery Sprackling, 1678 in *IGI* (Wraxall, Dorset); John Sprackling, 1694 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Jeames Spracklin, 1673, Sarah Spracklen, 1696 in *IGI* (Odcombe, Somerset); Sar Spracklin, 1676 in *IGI* (Wraxall, Dorset); John Spracklen, 1780 in *IGI* (Compton Valence, Dorset).

**References:** *Nordische Personennamen*, p. 127; *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 80; *Cottle*, at Sprackling.

### Spradbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Spreadbury**.

### Spradbrow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Spreadbury**.

### Spradbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Spreadbury**.

### Spradley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: possibly a variant of **Spreckley**, via **Spratley** with intervocalic voicing of /t/ to /d/.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Spragge

**Variants:** Spragge, Sprague, Spraggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1472, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 831
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs
- English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English \**sprag* 'brisk, energetic', a variant of **Sprake** with voicing of the *-k-*, and which survives in the 19th-century dialect word *spragg* 'lively, ingenious'. It was occasionally used in the 12th century as personal name, recorded as *Spreg'*, about 1177–86 (15th-cent. copy) in *Yorks Charters*. Compare **Spraggon**.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Sprag, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Anne Spragg, 1561, Robert Spragg, 1727, Edward Spragg, 1812 in *IGI* (Offenham, Worcs); Thomas Sprage, 1567 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); Zipporah Sprags, 1830, Anthony Sprague, 1832 in *IGI* (Redditch, Worcs).

**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*; *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 261.

### Spragge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Spragg** and compare **Sprague**.

### Spragget

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Warwicks
- English: see **Spraggett**.

### Spraggett

**Variants:** Spragget, Sprackett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: nickname perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English \**spraket* or \**sprakot*, a suffixed derivative of *sprak* 'lively, brisk', see **Sprake**. The word is recorded as *sprackt*, *spracket* 'smart, active, brisk; quick, ready-witted, intelligent, sharp' in the 19th-century dialect of Worcs and Gloucs. For the voicing of /k/ to /g/ compare **Spragg**, a W Midlands variant of *Sprake*.

**Early bearers:** William Spragat of Eton, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Richard Spraget, 1448, Richard Spragat, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Spragot, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Antonia Spraggett, 1566 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Katherine Spragat, 1588 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Alce Spragott, 1592 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Anne Spragat, 1599 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henricus Spragott, 1617, Elizabetha Spragit, 1718, Matilda Spraggett, 1841 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Richard Spraget, 1743 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs).

**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*, at sprackt.

### Spraggins

**Variants:** Spraggons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Staffs
- English: variant of **Spraggon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Spraggon

**Variants:** Spraggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 201
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Spragin*, \**Sprakin*, a pet form of *Sprag* (see **Spragg** and **Sprake**).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Spragyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Longframlington, Northumb); Johanne Sprakyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Grafton and West Grafton, Wilts); George Spragen, 1547, Humfrye Spragyne, 1563 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lincs); Alyce Spraginge, 1569 in *IGI* (Boothby Pagnell, Lincs); Margaret Spraggon, 1585 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); John Spragon, 1586, Agnes Spraggon, 1598 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Alles Spraggin, 1592 in *IGI* (Great Ponton, Lincs); Jacob Spraggonn, 1594 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

### Spraggons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Spraggins**.

### Spraggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia

English: variant of **Spragg** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Sparks**, which may be another form of the same name.

**Early bearers:** Edward Spragg, 1677, George Spraggs, 1700, Ann Sprage, 1724, John Spraggs, 1740 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Spraggs, 1807, Richard Spragg, 1832 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Elizabeth Spraggs, 1818, William Spragg, 1825 in *IGI* (Mattishall, Norfolk).

### Sprague

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 681
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Spragg**.

**Early bearers:** Hewghe Spragg, 1612 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Nicholas Sprague or Sprake, 1663, John Sprague, 1687, Richard Sprague, 1778 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon).

### Sprake

**Variants:** Sprakes, Spragg, Sprague, Spragge, Spraggs, Spark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, IoW, and Somerset

English: (i) nickname primarily from Middle English *sprak* 'energetic, brisk', perhaps a borrowing of Old Scandinavian *sprækr*. Compare dialect *sprack* 'brisk, lively', found widely in 19th-century England, including Dorset, Hants, and Somerset, and the surname **Spragg**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from a metathesized form of Middle English *sprak*

'fiery particle'. See **Spark**, with which *Sprake* may sometimes have been confused in form and sense. **Early bearers:** Richard Sprak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roberto Sprake, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nether Compton, Dorset); William Sprake, 1327–8 in *New Forest Documents* (Ford, Hants); Jeremias Sprake, 1579, Israel Sprake, 1681 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Dorset); Mary Sprake, 1586 in *IGI* (Thorncombe, Dorset); Susan Sprake, 1610 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Hannah Sprake, 1697 in *IGI* (Winsham, Somerset); Eliz. Sprake, 1743 in *IGI* (Brockhampton, Hants); Elizabeth Sprake, 1760 in *IGI* (Chale, IoW).

**References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*.

### Sprakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Sprake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Sparks**. Alice Sprakes, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Somerset) was probably the wife or widow of a man surnamed *Sprake*, but this genitival form of the name is unlikely to have given rise to a hereditary surname.

### Spranklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants

English: see **Sprackling**.

**Early bearers:** John Spranklin, 1780 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Benjamin Spranklin, 1815, Hannah Sprankling, 1819 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW).

### Sprackling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset

English: see **Sprackling** and **Spranklin**.

### Sprason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 English: see **Sproxtion**.  
2 English: see **Sproston**.

### Sprat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Ayr; Northumb; London and Kent; Hants

Scottish, English: see **Spratt** and **Sprott**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Sprat, 1599, George Sprote, 1608, William Sprat, 1694 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Spratt, 1665, James Sprott, 1698 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian).

### Spratley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks

English: possibly a variant of **Spreckley**.

**Early bearers:** Lettyce Spratlye, 1563, Anne Spratly, 1565 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Elizabeth Spratley, 1589 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Frances Spratley, 1683, Ann Spradley, 1750 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks).

### Spratling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Somerset

1 English: see **Sprackling**.

2 English: nickname from a diminutive form of Middle English *sprot*, *sprat* 'sprat (fish)' (Old English *sprot*), perhaps used as a nickname for a small or insignificant person. See **Spratt**.

### Spratt

**Variants:** **Sprat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1738, Ireland 706
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1651
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Somerset; Hants; Norfolk; also Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Sprott**, of which *Spratt* is a variant with unrounding of the vowel. This name is now proportionally more common in Ireland than England.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Sprot of Hinton, 1330 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Richard Sprat, 1553, Robert Spratt, 1584, Mary Sprotte, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Thomas Sprot, 1559, Anna Spratt, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermay, London); Mary Spratt, 1568, Frances Sprott, 1575 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Margeria Sprat, 1573 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Lenard Sprat, 1573, Harrye Spratt, 1574, Arthur Sprat, 1736 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants); Katherine Sprote, 1573, Mary Spratt, 1586, 1690, 1750 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Catheryne Sprate, 1578 in *IGI* (Ospringe, Kent); Alice Spratte, 1579 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); Mary Sprat, 1597, William Sprat, 1713, Maria Spratt, 1802 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); John Spratt, 1627, Mary Sprote, 1679, Barbara Spratt, 1733 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Sproat, 1652, Margaret Sprat, 1721 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); John Sprott, 1696, William Sprat, 1767 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Anna Sprote, 1704, Jane Sprat, 1730 in *IGI* (Warkworth, Northumb).  
Ireland: James Sprat, 1727 in *IGI* (Antrim, Antrim); Margt Spratt, 1747 in *IGI* (Castletownroche, Cork); Alixander Spratt, 1748 in *IGI* (Dublin, Dublin); Elizabeth Spratt, 1770 in *IGI* (Belfast, Antrim); Jane Spratt, 1777 in *IGI* (Donaghadee, Down).

### Sprawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Sproxtion**.

### Spray

**Variants:** **Sprey**, **Spry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 913, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 892
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; Sussex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *spray* 'slender shoot or twig', for a thin person.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Espray, Lesprai, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Spraye, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Clement Spray, citizen and mercer of London, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Richard Spray of Northluffenham, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Thomas Spray, 1688 in *IGI* (Wilsford, Lincs); Saml. Spray, 1761 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

2 English: see **Spry**.

### Spreadborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Hants

English: see **Spreadbury**.

### Spreadbury

**Variants:** **Spreadborough**, **Spredbury**, **Spradbury**, **Spradbery**, **Spradbrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 442
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: locative name from Sprotbrough (WR Yorks), recorded as *Sprodeburgh* in 1524.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Sprotburgh of Byingham, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); William de Sprotesburgh, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Sprotburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Adam de Sprotburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes d' Sprotburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Sprotburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Johannes Sprotburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Ricardo Sprotbourgwe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rearsby, Leics); Cecily Sprodeburgh, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Marye Spreadborow, 1592 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Spradborow, 1613, Elizabeth Spradborough, 1615, Mary Spratbery, 1631 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); John Spradborow, 1615 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Anna Spradborough, 1618 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs); Mary Spreadborough, 1624 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts); George Spratberry, 1638 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); George Spreadbury, 1660 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts); Catherine Spreadbury, 1669 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 64.

### Spreckley

**Variants:** **Spratley**, **Spradley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants and Leics

English: locative name possibly from Spreakley in Frensham (Surrey), but the distribution of the known bearers does not support this. The earliest forms are against derivation from Middle English *sprakli* 'lively, sprightly'.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Sprakelay, 1379, Robertus Spracle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scraptoft, Leics); Mathew Spreckley, 1574 in *IGI* (Stoke Rochford, Lincs); Dorothy Sprecklie, 1584 in *IGI* (Garthorpe, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 179.

### Spredbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Spreadbury**.

### Spree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Spry**.

### Spreull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

- Main GB location 1881: Angus
- Scottish: see **Sproul**.

### Sprey

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 5
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Spray**.

### Spriddell

Variants: **Spriddle**

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

English: relationship name from a putative Old English personal name \**Sprytel*, unrecorded in independent use, but found in Spridlington (Lincs). Further information: The name is found in two Devon place-names: Spriddlestone in Brixton, recorded as *Espredelestona* in 1086, and Spriddlescombe in Modbury, recorded as *Cumb Spridel* in 1242. It is a moot point whether the surname derives by back-formation from the place-name or whether the place is named from the underlying Old English given name.

Early bearers: William Spridel, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon); William Spriddelle, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Henry Spridel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); William Sprydel, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Devon); Walter Spridel, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John Sprydel, clerk, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Silverton, Devon); John Sprydell of Monkensele, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Spreddel 1569 in *Cornwall Muster*, (Gwinear, Cornwall); William Spridle, 1641 in *Protestation Returns* (Saint Germans, Cornwall).  
References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 250–1, 280. For the suggested personal name, see *Journal of the English Place-Name Society* 41 (2009), p. 76.  
References: Information from Andrew Millard, Guild of One-Name Studies; also <http://www.dur.ac.uk/a.r.millard/genealogy/Spriddle/origins.php>.

### Spriddle

- Current frequencies: GB 40, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Spriddell**.

### Spridgen

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 4
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Spridgeon**.

### Spridgeon

Variants: **Spridgen**, **Spriggins**

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 54
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants; also Lincs
- English: variant of **Pridgeon** with prosthetic *S-*. Compare John Pridgen, Will. Spridgen, 1751 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); John Pridgeon, 1703, Edward Spridgin, 1715 in *IGI* (Colsterworth, Lincs); Will Sprigen, 1717, Mary Spridgeon, 1733, Thomas Pridgin, 1757 in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs).  
Early bearers: Thomas Spridgeon, 1821 in *IGI* (Marholm, Northants).

### Sprigg

Variants: **Sprigge**, **Spriggs**

- Current frequencies: GB 439, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 309
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Staffs; also Leics and Notts

English: nickname from Middle English *sprig(ge)* ‘twig, branch’ (of obscure origin), for a tall, thin person.

Early bearers: William Sprig, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Osbert Sprigge, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Maurice Sprigg, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Sprigge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Essex); Thomas Sprig, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berners Roding, Essex); Hugh Sprig, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter Sprigg, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); John Sprigg, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants).

### Sprigge

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Sprigg**.

### Spriggins

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Herts

English: probably a variant of **Spridgeon** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: Izabell Spriggins, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Emmanuill Spriggins, 1607 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts).

### Spriggs

- Current frequencies: GB 1681, Ireland 21
- GB frequency 1881: 1471
- Main GB location 1881: Leics and Northants; also London
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Cork

English: variant of **Sprigg** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Spright

- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Spirit**.

### Spring

Variants: **Springs**, **Sprinks**, **Sprink**

- Current frequencies: GB 1865, Ireland 194
- GB frequency 1881: 1381
- Main GB location 1881: London; Gloucs; E Midlands; Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin; Kerry

1 English: nickname from Middle English, Old English *spring* ‘young growth’, for a young man. The word is first recorded in the 16th century, but is quite likely much older. Compare **Springall**, **Springett**.  
Early bearers: William Espring, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Henry le Springe, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; William Spring, 1280 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Robart Spring, 1570 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Robt. Spring, 1574 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); William Spring, 1576 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Robt. Spring, 1577 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Margaret Spring, 1578 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Middle English, Old English *spring*, for someone who lived by a plantation of young trees or (less often) a spring of water.

Early bearers: Robertus ad Springe, before 1350 in *Ramsey Cartulary*.

### Springall

Variants: **Springle**, **Springhall**, **Springell**, **Springett**, **Springwell**

- Current frequencies: GB 718, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 551
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

1 English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *spring(h)ald* ‘youth, stripling’, in modern parlance ‘teenager’, first recorded in the 15th century but likely to be older. It may also have been used as a personal name. The word is probably related to Old English *springan* ‘to spring up’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *springald*, Old French *espringalle*, Anglo-Norman French *springalde* ‘catapult, a siege machine for hurling missiles’, perhaps given to a soldier who operated one in battle. Compare **Mangnall** (2), which has a similar sense. The French word is probably a borrowing of a Germanic word with the basic sense ‘that which springs up’, and may be identical in origin with (i) above. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong with sense (2).

Early bearers: given names: Springald, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Springaldus, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls*; Springoud, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

surnames: Robert Springout, 1245–6 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Northants); Emma Springhalt, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Springald, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Walter Springaud, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Iohanne Springot, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); William Springold, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Elias Springout, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Somerset); Deynes Springat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Alexander Springold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roberto Sprigalt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Cerney, Gloucs); Also Springall, 1547 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Simon Springall, 1558 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Tho Spryngall, 1607, Mary Springall, 1706, Edward Springale, 1818 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

References: *Tooth*, p. 71; *Debrabandere*, at Springa(e).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *spornegold* ‘spurn gold’, perhaps for someone who despised wealth, though the name may have been used ironically. By metathesis of *-r-*, *Spornegold* may have become confused in later times with *Springold* in (1) above; compare the 1327 Suffolk example.

Early bearers: Robertus Sp[or]negold, 1327, Robertus Spornegold, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk);  
References: *Seltén*, *Shakespeare Names*, p. 17.

### Springate

- Current frequencies: GB 439, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 377
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent; also Essex
- English: see **Springett**.

### Springell

- Current frequencies: GB 42, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 55
  - Main GB location 1881: Bucks
- English: see **Springall**.

## Springer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1055, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW  
 1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *springer(e)* ‘dancer(?)’, ‘fencer(?)’, or perhaps ‘one who traps animals or birds(?)’. Compare Thomas Pitreham, *Sprynger*, of Whitstable (Kent), 1346–7 in *Canterbury Freeman’s Rolls*. It is a derivative either of Middle English *springen*, Old English *springan* ‘to spring up, leap’ or Middle English *spring* ‘a dance’, ‘a fencing stroke’, ‘a bird snare’. (ii) locative name from Middle English \**springer*, for someone who lived by a spring. This type of topographical name is particularly common in Kent, Sussex, and Hants. Compare **Spring**.

**Early bearers:** William Springer, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Simon Springer, 1296, Willo Sprynger, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Springere, 1302 in *Close Rolls*; John Springer, 1664 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

2 German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German *springen*, Middle Dutch *springhen*, Yiddish *shpringen* ‘to jump or leap’ + the agent suffix *-er*.

## Springet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Kent
- English: see **Springett**.

## Springett

**Variants:** **Springet**, **Springate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 907
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, and Suffolk

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a plantation of young trees, a copse, from an unrecorded Middle English, Old English \**springet*. Compare **Spring**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English diminutive of **Spring**, ‘young man’. (iii) variant of **Springall**, whose Middle English form *Springald* sometimes developed to *Springot* and *Springat*. This could be a source of the Suffolk name; compare Thomas Springell, 1627 in *IGI* (Lavenham).

**Early bearers:** William Springet, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); William Springet, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Sprynget, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); John Sprynget, 1487 in *Kent Inhabitants* (Offham, Kent); Agnes Springgett, 1505 in *Kent Wills* (Hawkhurst, Kent); James Springate, 1586, Lydia Springgett, 1836 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Rose Springet, 1598 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Rebecca Springatt, 1636 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Ellenor Springatt, 1661, John Springate, 1694 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); James Springat, 1683, Charles Elliott Springate, 1853 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Thomas Springate, 1760 in *IGI* (Great Henney, Essex).

## Springfield

**Variants:** **Stringfield**, **Springwell**, **Springford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London

1 English: locative name from Springfield (Essex). **Early bearers:** John de Springefeld, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Hugh de Spryngfeld, 1361 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Spryngfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmsford,

Essex); Thomas Spryngfeld’ of the county of Essex, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johana Springfild, 1560 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Wyllia. Springfeild, 1568 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Maryon Springfyld, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Alicia Springfield, 1581, Jacobus Sprinkfeild, 1613 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Debora Springefeld, 1616 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Sprinkfield, 1670 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); William Springfield, 1683 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willm. Springfield, 1734 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 268.

2 English: in N England perhaps an altered form of **Stringfellow**. Compare **Stringfield** and Willus Stringfellow, 1701 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Moses Springfeild, 1686, Martha Springfield, 1691 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Springford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also London

English: perhaps a variant of **Springfield**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Springford, 1657 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); John Springford, 1658 in *IGI* (Etchilhampton, Wilts).

## Springhall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Kent; NR Yorks
- English: see **Springall**.

## Springham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: (i) locative name from Springham Farm in Hellingly (Sussex). (ii) It may have been conflated with the name represented by Willelmus Spryngand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex), Johannes Spryngaunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Perching, Sussex); of uncertain origin. This may be an altered form of **Springall**, since Anglo-Norman *espringal(d)* ‘catapult’ also occurs in the form *espringant*, possibly an error for *espringaut* but supported by the *Poll Tax* surnames.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Springham, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Robert Springham, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John de Spreham, 1318 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; Walter Spryngom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Philip Springham of Grasdieu in Ireland, 1374 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Springam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland and Barcote, Berks); Richard Springham, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Magdalin Springham, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange, London); Anne Springham, 1569 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Francis Springham, 1637 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); William Springham, 1844 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex). **References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 441.

## Springle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Norfolk
- English: see **Springall**.

## Spring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Spring** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Springthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and Rutland
- English: locative name from Springthorpe (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Johannes Spryngthorp’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Dry, Rutland); Alicia Spryngthorp’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John de Spryngthorp, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Spryngthorp’, 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs). **References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 115.

## Springwell

**Variants:** **Stringwell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: (i) locative name perhaps from Springwell, in Little Chesterford (Essex). (ii) alternatively it may be an altered form of **Springall**. (iii) alternatively perhaps a variant of **Springfield**. Compare **Stringwell**.

**Early bearers:** George Springwell, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Martha Springwell, 1706 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Samuel Springwell, 1711 in *IGI* (Cholesbury, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 520.

## Sprink

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Spring**, once found quite widely in E Anglia and NE England as well as in SE England.

**Early bearers:** Walter Sprink, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Sprynk, 1405 in *Patent Rolls*; Annys Sprink, 1565 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Elizabeth Sprincks, 1578 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Elizabeth Sprinks, 1697 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Mary Sprink, 1734 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk); Gertrud Sprink, 1789 in *IGI* (Kirkharle, Northumb); Henry Sprink, 1783 in *IGI* (Selham, Sussex).

## Sprinks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: variant of *Sprink*, itself a variant of **Spring** found in names (*MED*), with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Sproat

**Variants:** **Sproates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 695, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb and Durham; Kirkcudbrights

English: see **Sprott** and compare **Spratt**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Sproat, 1560 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lincs); James Sproate, 1592 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Jane Sprott, 1609, Arthur Sprote, 1612, George Sprott, 1772, Andrew Sproat, 1823 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Michael Sprott, 1646, John Sproat, 1652, Margaret Sproat, 1813 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Thomas Sprot, 1723, John Sproat, 1789 in *IGI* (Moresby, Cumb).

## Sproates

Scotland: Agnes Sproat, 1743 in *IGI* (Anworth, Kirkcudbrights); Hugh Sproat, 1749, William Sproat, 1873 in *IGI* (Borgue, Kirkcudbrights).

### Sproates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Sproat**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. See **Sprott**.

**Early bearers:** Jo Sprotes, 1669 in *IGI* (Addingham, Cumb); Rachel Sproates, 1771 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb); Thomas Sproates, 1780 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

### Sproson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Sproston**.

### Sproston

**Variants:** Sproson, Sprason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 993, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs

1 English: locative name from Sproston Green (Cheshire), recorded as *Sprostune* in 1086.

**Early bearers:** [...] Sprouston, 1230 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; [...] Sproxtion, 1299 in *Fine Rolls*; Anne Sproston, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Robt. Sproston, 1619 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Amia Sproson, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Ellen Sprawson, 1646 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Sarah Sprouson, 1698 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); John Sprowston, 1807 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 254.  
2 English: see **Sproxtion**.

### Sprot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Sprott**.

### Sprott

**Variants:** Sprot, Sproat, Sproates, Sprout, Spratt, Sprat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and Wigtowns; Cumb and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: (i) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *sprot*, *sprat* (Old English *sprott*) ‘small species of herring, sprat’, perhaps for a small person. It may also have been used as a given name. (ii) nickname, relationship name from Middle English *sprote*, *sprotte* (Old English *sprotā*, *sprot*) ‘a shoot, twig, rod’, perhaps for a small, thin person. It is also an alternative source of the Old English and early Middle English personal name *Sprot*. It gave rise to *Sprott* and *Sproat*, and was more or less synonymous with Middle English *sprout* ‘(new) shoot of a plant, bud’, hence perhaps the alternation between *Sprot*, *Sproat*, and *Spr(o)ut* in some family names.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sprot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Sprot, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Sprot de Spaldintona, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks). surnames, England: Alduinus Sprot, about 1140 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Willelmus filius Sprot, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Sprot, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Sprot, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Roberto Sprot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charminster, Dorset); John Sprot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yealmpton and Noss, Devon); Michael Sprott, 1646 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Thomas Sprot, 1723 in *IGI* (Moresby, Cumb).

surnames, Scotland: Hugh Sprot of Ur, 1262 in *Black*; Richard Sprot of Bryset, 1307 in *Black* (Roxburghs); Walter Sprot, 1376 in *Black* (Dumfriess); William, John Sprout, 1398, William Sprot, 1443, John Sprut, 1457, William Sprut, 1479 in *Black* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Sprott, 1703 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayr); Susan Sprot, 1798 in *IGI* (Kirkolm, Wigtowns).  
**References:** *Feilitzten*, pp. 370–1; *Black*.

### Sproul

**Variants:** Sproull, Sproule, Sprowl, Spreull, Spruell, Sprules

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish, English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter Spreul, about 1280 in *Lennox Cartulary*; Walter Spreul, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Walter Sproull, 1366 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Sprowl, 1368 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Sprewl of Coldoun, 1460 in *Ayr Charters* (Ayr); Patrick Spruyle, 1580 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Keit Spreull, 1589 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Spreul, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Sprewl, 1659 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Isobell Spruil, 1692 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife); Kathrine Sproule, 1702 in *IGI* (Dunlop, Ayr); Isabell Spreulls, 1722 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Ustler Sprewl, 1751 in *IGI* (Inchinnan, Renfrews); Daniel Sproulls, 1816 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

England: Agn’ Sprule, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Sprewle, 1600 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Thom Sprowell, 1705 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Reignold Sproul, 1712 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Jane Sprowel, 1722 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Ann Sproul, 1798 in *IGI* (Maryport, Cumb). Ireland: Archibald and John Spruell, gents., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 52 (Boggagh and Stranorlaghan, Donegal); Thomas Sprewell, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Town of Belfast, Antrim); Thomas Sprowle, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Town of Belfast, Antrim); Robert Sprowl, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longfield East, Tyrone); Andrew Sprowle, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonamogon, Tyrone); David Sproul, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); John Sproul, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyaughnish, Donegal).

### Sproule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 460
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wigtowns; Lanarks; also scattered in S England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Donegal and Fermanagh  
Scottish: see **Sproul**.

### Sproull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Sproul**.

### Sprouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Spruce**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sprott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *sprout* ‘(new) shoot of a plant, bud’, given perhaps to a small, thin (young?) person. It may have been used interchangeably with **Sprott** and **Sproat**, either because the medieval sense was similar or because, with a different pronunciation, it was an alternative spelling of *Sproat*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sprout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Elizabeth Sprout, 1698 in *IGI* (Bispham with Norbreck, Lancs); Elz Sprout, 1705 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Sprowl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; also Midlothian

Scottish: see **Sproul**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sproxtion

**Variants:** Sproston, Sprawson, Sprason

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Sproxtion in Leics and NR Yorks both of which are recorded as *Sproxtun(a)* in the 13th century. The place-names probably derive from an Old Scandinavian personal name \**Sprok* (genitive \**Sproks*) + Old English *tūn* ‘farmstead, estate’. The name may occasionally have been confused with the Cheshire name **Sproston**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Sproxtun, about 1160–9 in *Mowbray Charters*; Richard de Sproxtion, 1214 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Sproxtion, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sproxtion, NR Yorks); Nicholas de Sproxtion, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Thomas de Sproxtion, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sproxtion, NR Yorks); William Sproxtion, 1417 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Sprason, 1607 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Alice Sprawson, 1638 in *IGI* (Marsh Gibbon, Bucks); Sarah Sprawson, 1639 in *IGI* (Caythorpe, Lincs); Marie Sprason, 1655 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Richard Sprowston, 1643, Robert Sproxtion, 1686 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 2, pp. 245–6; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 70–1.

**Spruce**

Variants: **Sprouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1262, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 604
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Lancs; also Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *Spruce*, *Sprowse* 'Prussia' (an alteration of Middle English *Prus(se)*), for someone from Prussia. Compare **Prowse**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus le Sprus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Sprou, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Mary Sprou, 1671, Sarah Sprouse, 1682, Hester Sprows, 1684 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Sprouse, 1692 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops).

**Spruell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

Scottish: see **Sproul**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Sprules**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; also Middx

Scottish: variant of **Sproul** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Sprules, 1568 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); John Sprules, 1600 in *IGI* (Compton, Berks); Elizabeth Sprules, 1657 in *IGI* (Caversham, Oxon); Tho. Sprules, 1699 in *IGI* (Overton, Wilts).

**Sprunt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth and Angus; Lanarks; also Norfolk

English: nickname apparently from an unrecorded Middle English *\*sprunt* 'brisk, active'. The word with this sense is first recorded in 1631 in *OED*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Sprunt, 1237 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar*; Matilda Sprunt, 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); William Sprunt, 1361 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Sprunt, mayor of Oxford, 1406 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Edus Sprunte, 1554 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Rogeri Sprunt, 1560 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

Scotland: John Sprunte, about 1443, Andrew Sprount, Patrick Sprund, 1473 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Andrew Sprwnt, 1447 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeens); Girsild Sprunt, 1617 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perth); Mariorie Sprunt, 1626 in *IGI* (Breachin, Angus).

**Spry**

Variants: **Spray**, **Spree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1116, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 879
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

1 English: locative name from Sprytown in Stowford (Devon), which is recorded as *Sprei* in 1086 and *Sprey* in 1276.

**Early bearers:** William de Spray, Espray, 1180–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Agnes Sprye, 1558 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Annys Sprye, 1571 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Thomas Spree, 1574 in *IGI*

(Coldridge, Devon); Elizabeth Spree, 1581 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Henry Spree, 1731 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 208–9.

2 English: see **Spray**.

**Spur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cornwall

English: see **Spurr**.

**Spurden**

Variants: **Spurdon**, **Spurgeon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also London

English: variant of **Spurdens** with loss of final *s*-. Compare Mary Spurdens, 1695, Robert Spurden, 1725 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Jhon Spurden, 1599 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Thomas Spurden, 1677 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Sarah Spurdon, 1712 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Spurdon, 1774 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

**Spurdens**

Variants: **Spurden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; also Devon

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *spore*, *spure* (Old English *spora*, *spura*) 'spur' or the derived verb *sporen* 'to urge, incite' + *daunce* 'dance'. Alternatively the first element may be *spurnen*, *spornen* 'stumble, trip, kick' or 'spurn, reject' with assimilation of the first *-n*- giving *Spordance*. This last sense would make it an antonym of the nickname *Makedaunce* (see *Jönsjö*, *Nicknames*, p. 126).

**Further information:** For other Middle English nicknames with *spurn-* as the first element see *Jönsjö*, *Nicknames*, p. 168 and *MED*, at *spurnen*.

**Early bearers:** John Spordance of Eslyng, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Purdance, bailiff of Norwich, 1403, Richard Spurdance, mayor of Norwich, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johane Spurdance, 1571, France Spurdans, 1584 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Joseph Spurdens, 1634, Joseph Spurdance, 1640 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Spurdens, 1695, Robert Spurdance, 1774 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

**Spurdle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset

English: unexplained; perhaps a development of the locative name seen in Johannes Spurdwill, 1598 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon), Oliver Spurdwell, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Joane Spurdle, 1703 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Joan Spurdell, 1731 in *IGI* (South Perrott, Dorset).

**Spurdon**

Variants: **Spurdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Spurden**.

**Spurge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *sparage*, *sparge*, *sperage*, *sperge* (Old French *esparge*, Anglo-Norman French *sparge*) 'asparagus'. The early post-medieval spelling *Spurge* may reflect confusion (noted in *MED*) with the Middle English plant name *spurge* (Old French *espurge*) 'spurge'. It may have been a nickname for someone who grew or liked eating asparagus.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sparesche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Clare Spurge, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Johanna Spurge, 1570 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex).

2 English: alternatively perhaps a reduced form of **Spurgeon**.

**Spurgen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Spurgeon**.

**Spurgeon**

Variants: **Spurgen**, **Spurging**, **Spurgen**, **Spurge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1089, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 949
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex

English: apparently a variant of **Spurden**. Compare Robert Spurgen, 1602, Joseph Spurdens, 1634 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Spurgeon, 1681, Richd. Spurden, 1711 in *IGI* (Great Oakley, Essex); Fra. John Spurgeon, 1719, Eliz. Spurdens, 1748, Elizabeth Spurden, 1761, John Spurgens, 1838 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk). However, the change in the medial consonant is difficult to explain without an intermediary *\*Spurdion* (or something similar), which is not on record and would be an irregular development of *Spurden*. The name may have been influenced by confusion with **Pridgeon** and **Spridgeon** but the evidence for this is slight.

**Further information:** The story that the Spurgeon family of Essex were 16th-century immigrants from the Netherlands (related in *Titford*) does not seem to be supported by any evidence.

**Early bearers:** Agnetam Spurgion, 1558 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Mary Spurgin, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Alice Spurgen, 1562 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Joan Spurgeon, 1566 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Robert Spurgen, 1621, William Spurging, 1707 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Spergeon, 1748 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Lydia Spurgeon, 1771 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

**Spurgin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Spurgeon**.

**Spurging**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey
- English: see **Spurgeon**.



## Spurle

### Spurle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Spurrell**.

### Spurling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 711, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 439
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London

English: see **Spurling**.

### Spurlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: probably a post-medieval variant, with prosthetic S-, of **Portlock**, from Porlock (Somerset), which is spelt *Purlok*, 1332 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Spurlocke, 1609 in *IGI* (Farrington Gurney); Gregory Spurlock, 1624 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, pp. 135–40.

### Spurr

**Variants:** **Spur**, **Spore**, **Spoor**, **Spoore**, **Spoons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1609, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1245
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *spore*, *spur(e)* ‘spur’ (Old English *spora*), for someone who made, sold, or wore spurs. Compare John Spureman, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk) and see also **Spurrier**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Spore, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Osmund Spore, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Alice Spore, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); John Spur, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); William Spur, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Johanne Spore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Willelmus Spore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great and Little Henny, Essex); Thomas Spore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Willelmus Spore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderton, Wilts); Walterus Spur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Johanne Spore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Over Stratton, Somerset); Robert Spur of Wyncestre, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Spurre, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants).

### Spurrell

**Variants:** **Spurle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Spirewell in Wembury (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Spurwell, 1567, Faitha Spurwill, 1583 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Kathereen Spurrell, 1586 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 261.

2 English: see **Spotle**.

### Spurrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and SW England; Surrey and Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *sporie(e)*, *spurrie(e)* ‘spurrier’ (an agent derivative of Middle English *spore*, *spure* ‘spur’), for someone who made spurs.

**Early bearers:** Walter Spurrier 199–1216 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Benedict le Sporie, 1298 in *London Court Rolls*; Roger Spurreour, 1360 in *Leicester Freemen Register*; Wylliam Spurrier, 1550 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); John Spurrier, 1555 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Agnes Spurrier, 1565 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Willm. Spurrier, 1568 in *IGI* (Stedham, Sussex); Anne Spurrier, 1574 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Spurring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Denbighs

1 English: see **Sperrin**.

2 English: see **Spearing**.

### Spurs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs

English: see **Spoons**.

### Spurway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Spurway Barton in Oakford (Devon).

**Further information:** Hanks and Hodges note a Robert Grede, alias Spurway, known to have held lands at *East Spurway* (a name used for Spurway Barton up to the 15th century) in 1242.

**Early bearers:** William Spyreway of Tyverton, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Spurway, 1574 in *IGI* (Oakford, Devon);

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 388.

### Spyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx

English: see **Spier**.

### Spyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Oxon

English: see **Spiers**.

### Spyrou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the popular Greek personal name *Spyros*, a derivative of *Spyridōn*, from the Latin word *spiritus* ‘spirit, breath’.

**Further information:** Saint Spyridon (c.270–348) was bishop of Trimythous (Tremetousia) in Cyprus; he is venerated especially in Cyprus and in Corfu, where his remains are buried.

### Squair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Nairns; Midlothian

Scottish: see **Squire**.

### Squance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: probably a variant of **Quance** with a prosthetic S-.

**Early bearers:** Walteri Quannce, 1540 in *IGI* (Kilkhampston, Cornwall); John Squance, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Kilkhampston, Cornwall); Jane Squance, 1612 in *IGI* (Kilkhampston, Cornwall); Elynor Squance, 1624 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon).

### Square

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Squire**.

### Squarey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: nickname from Old French *esquerré*, more usually *esquarre* ‘square’, giving the Middle and Modern English word, for a thick-set or strongly-built person.

**Early bearers:** John Squerry, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Richard Squery, 1403–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Thomas Squery, 1462 in *Close Rolls* (Kent); Mary Squarey, 1756 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon).

### Squelch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Berks; Warwicks

English: variant of **Quelch** with prosthetic S-.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Squelche, 1566 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Thomas Squalch, 1794 in *IGI* (Aston by Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Squib

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: see **Squibb**.

### Squibb

**Variants:** **Squib**, **Squibbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 640
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also IoW

English: probably a nickname from an unrecorded Middle English *\*squibbe*, attested first in Early Modern English, and meaning ‘firework’, later metaphorically ‘lampoon, satirical attack’, perhaps for an irascible or unpredictable person.

**Early bearers:** John Squibbe, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Squybbe, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Richard Squibb, 1586 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Squibbe, 1597 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Ambrose Squibb, 1615 in *IGI* (Ashill, Somerset).

### Squibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Surrey



English: variant of **Squibb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Squibbes, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Williams Squibbs, 1717 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex).

### Squier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Middx; Somerset

English: see **Squire**.

### Squiers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Devon; Warwick; ER Yorks

English: see **Squires**.

### Squire

**Variants:** Squier, Squair, Square, Skeer, Swire, Quire, Squires

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4006, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; WR Yorks

English: status name, occupational name, nickname from Middle English *squyer*, *squer*, *skier*, \**sker*, northern Middle English *swire* (Old French *escuyer*, *escuier*) 'shield bearer, esquire, personal attendant to a knight; landowner below the rank of knight; young man of gentle birth; household attendant, retainer, page, messenger'. McKinley points out that many early bearers of this name were of modest means and cannot have been members of the gentry. In such cases the name may have been used hyperbolically for a low-ranking servant or as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** England: Alword se Scur, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); William Scuer, about 1180 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Richard Lesquier, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Simon Esquier, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland); Roger le Esquier, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey le Swyer, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Roger Squier, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Johannes Swyer, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thwing, ER Yorks); William Swyer, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Johannes Squyer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoodleigh hamlet, Devon); Willelmo Squier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quorndon, Leics); Thomas Squier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Squer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Johannes Skyer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Richard Squire, 1540 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Cecile Squier, 1552 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Thome Squier, 1556 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johes. Squier, 1562 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Robert Squire, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Johes. Swire, 1568 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); George Squire, 1586 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Honnor Square, 1657 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Sarah Squier, 1736 in *IGI* (Little Burstead, Essex); Saml. Swire, 1775 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).

Scotland: Thom Squier, 1260 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Johan le Squier of Whyhope, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Midlothian); William Squier, 1316 in *Dunfermline Register* (Fife); William dictus Squyer, 1375 in *Perth Blackfriars* (Perths); John Squyer or Skuyer, 1387 in *Edinburgh Charters* (Edinburgh,

Midlothian); Thomas Squiar, 1408 in *Aberdeen Charters* (Aberdeens); John Squhar, 1439 in *Brechin Register* (Aberdeens); Margaret Square, 1760 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Hugh Square, 1817 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 239.

### Squirell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, and London
- English: see **Squirrel**.

### Squires

**Variants:** Squiers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6359, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4072
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Devon; London; also Leics

English: variant of **Squire** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robt. Squires, 1602 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); James Squires, 1708 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Squires, 1731 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); William Squires, 1766 in *IGI* (Parracombe, Devon).

### Squirrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Beds

English: see **Squirrel**.

### Squirrel

**Variants:** Squirrel, Squirell, Scurrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *squirrel* 'squirrel' (Old French *esquireul*, *escureul*), for someone bearing a supposed resemblance to a squirrel, perhaps in agility or thrift.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Squirel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Scurell, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey le Esquirel, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Peter Squirel, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Squirrel, 1562 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); John Squirrel, 1570 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon); Jn. Squirrel, 1626 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Daniel Squirrel, 1748 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Srinivasan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *śrīnīvāsa* 'abode of good fortune or prosperity' (from *śrī*, a byname of Lakshmi, wife of Vishnu, also meaning 'good fortune' + *nivāsa* 'abode') + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is used only a given name in South India, but in the West it has come to be adopted as a family name.

### Sritharan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *śrīdhara* 'possessor of Lakshmi or of good fortune' (*śrī* 'Lakshmi (wife of the god Vishnu)' or 'good

fortune' + *dhara* 'possessing', 'holding'). It is an epithet of the god Vishnu.

**Further information:** Originally, a male given name, it has become a family name in places where migrants from Kerala and Tamil Nadu have settled, especially abroad.

### Srivastava

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Kayasth), from Hindi *śrīvāstāv* 'from Srivasta', based on the name of a subgroup of the Kayasth community.

**Further information:** Srivasta is the name of an ancient city of northern India (from Sanskrit *śrīvasta* 'abode of wealth').

### Staal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Dutch, German): (i) locative name from Dutch *van Staal*, *van der Staal*, from any of various places called *De Staal*, for example in Izenberge, West Flanders. (ii) nickname from Middle Low German *stāl* 'steel'.

**Further information:** This name appears to have been brought to the British Isles mainly, if not exclusively, by Jewish immigrants from Holland and the Russian empire, although the name was also used among the wider populations of Holland and Germany.

**Early bearers:** Meyer Levy Staal, metal sorter, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Staal, cloth cutter, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Staal, shoe manufacturer, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Solomon Staal, leather cutter, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1891* (Aldate, London); Benjamin Staal, painter and paper hanger, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Emanuel Staal, musician, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1911* (Hammersmith, Middx).

### Stabb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *stabbe* 'stab wound', perhaps for a person afflicted with one.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Stabba, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wendron, Cornwall); Thomas Stabbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Flixton, Suffolk); William Stabbe, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Also Stabb, 1581 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Stabeler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Stabler**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that this comes from the German surname **Stabler**.

### Stable

**Variants:** Stables, Staple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

## Stableford

English: (i) locative name, occupational name from Middle English *stable* 'stable' (Old French *estable*), for someone who lived near, or worked in, a stable; compare **Stabler**. (ii) nickname occasionally perhaps from Middle English *stable* 'constant, steadfast, resolute' (Old French *estable*).

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Estable, 1199 in *Charter Rolls*; Roger Stable, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Stable, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Walter de la Stable, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert del Estable, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Stable, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus de Stabill, Robertus dil Stabyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Thome Stable, 1556 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Allan Stable, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Roberte Stable, 1563 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jo. Stable, 1569 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs).

Scotland: James Stubyll, 1460, William Stabyll, 1468 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*.

## Stableford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lancs

English: see **Stapleford**.

## Stableforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; Durham
- English: see **Stapleford**.

## Stabler

**Variants:** **Stabeler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 517
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *stabler* 'stable-worker, ostler' (Old French *establer, establier*). See also **Stable**.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that the name was sometimes confused with **Staveley**.

**Early bearers:** Laurence le Stabler, 1196 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Alan le Establer, 1257 in *Thuresson* (Yorks); Roger Stabler, 1546 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Roger Stabler, 1548 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Johanis Stabler, 1561 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Robert Stabler, 1607 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Christiana Stabler, 1714 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York).

## Stables

**Variants:** **Staples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1708, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1117
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NW England; also Aberdeens and Banffs

1 English: variant of **Stable** or **Staple** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: William Stables, 1545 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Mawde Stables, 1570 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Nicholas Stables, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Willim Stables, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); William Stables, 1597 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent).

Scotland: Janet Stables, 1694 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 208.

2 English: see **Staples**.

## Stace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stace* (Latinized as *Stacius*), the vernacular form of **Eustace**. Compare **Stacey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Stacius, 1147–65 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Stacius de Hant', 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Stacius Porcherde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex).

surnames: John Stace, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Roger Stace, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Johannes Stace, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Robert Stace, 1542 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Johanis Stace, 1543 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Kateryn Stace, 1559 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richardi Stace, 1564 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Cristopher Stace, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Gabriel Fenchurch, London).

## Stacey

**Variants:** **Stacy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10216, Ireland 279
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6656
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stacy*, a diminutive form of **Stace**, a pet form of **Eustace**. The 1292 early bearer Staci de Gynes is called Eustace, 1299 in *London Letter Books C*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Staci de Gynes, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Stacy Hernowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Stacy Bocher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants).

surnames: Robert Staci, 1270 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William Stacy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Lucia Eustasy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Stacy, 1377, Robertus Stasy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Gilbertus Stacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibberton, Dorset); Thoma Stacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anstey, Leics); Johannes Stasy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finedon, Northants); Rogerus Stacy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes borough, Sussex); Willelmo Staci, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodenham, Wilts); Johanne Stacy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sparsholt, Berks); Anna Stacey, 1599 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Johannes Stacy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Susan Stacey, 1603 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); William Stacey, 1610 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); William Stacey, 1612 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); John Stacey, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Franc Stacey, 1625 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jone Stacey, 1646 in *IGI* (Lancing, Sussex).

## Stack

**Variants:** **Stake, Stacks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1284, Ireland 1659
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stak(ke), stack(e)* 'haystack' (Old Scandinavian *stakkr*), perhaps either for someone who built haystacks, or for a hefty, well-built person. Compare Robert le Stacker, 1264 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Herts), 'maker of haystacks'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Stac, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Simon Stakke, 1244 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Anthony Stack, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Stack, 1661 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Elizabeth Stack, 1670 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Ursula Stack, 1671 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Edmond Stack, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

2 Irish: from **Stac**, a Gaelicized form of the English name (see 1 above), which has been in Ireland (County Kerry) since the end of the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Stake, 1282 in *CDI* §1912 (Kerry); Alexander Stak, 1286 in *CDI* §215 (Kerry); Maurice Stack fitz Moris fitz Gerrote oge Stake, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5578 (Killenea, Kerry); Thomas Stacke and Thomas fitz William Stack, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5578 (Pollnellullie, Kerry); Thomas Stak, gent., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Garyna, Kerry).

## Stackhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 628, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs

English: locative name from Stackhouse in Giggleswick (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stakhous', 1447 in *York Freeman's Register*; Anthonius Stackhouse, 1559 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Catheryne Stackhowse, 1570 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Joseph Stackhouse, 1738 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 144–5.

## Stackpole

**Variants:** **Stackpool, Stackpoole**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

1 English, Welsh: locative name from Stackpole (Pembrokes).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stakpole, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Stakpol, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Adam Stakpoll, 1394 in *Patent Rolls*; John Stakpole, 1443 in *Patent Rolls*.

**References:** *Mills, Dictionary*, at Cheriton, p. 110.

2 Irish: in Ireland, the Gaelic name **de Stacapúl** is of the same origin as sense 1; it was taken to Ireland by settlers of Norman descent, where it is recorded in Dublin as early as 1200. The family was also known in Irish as **Galdubh** 'dark stranger'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Stakepol, before 1200 in *Dublin Documents*; Robert Stakebolle of Dublin, 1391 in *Patent Rolls*.

## Stackpool

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English, Welsh: see **Stackpole**.

## Stackpoole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; Cork
- English, Welsh: see **Stackpole**.

**Stacks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. WR Yorks

English: variant of **Stack** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Stacy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 871
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. S England
- English: see **Stacey**.

**Stadden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon

English: see **Staddon**.

**Staddon**

**Variants:** **Stadden, Staden, Stoddon, Statton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 968, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 662
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset

English: locative name from any of the six minor places in Devon called *Staddon*, in Hartland, Holsworthy, Broadwoodwidge, Plymstock, North Tawton, and Cheriton Bishop parishes, or *Staddon* in Winsford (Somerset). A number of the places appear in medieval records as *Stoddon* or *Stoddun*. **Early bearers:** Hugh de Stoddon, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robertum de Stoddun, 1221 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas Stoddon, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Staddin, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 79, 149, 181, 257, 371, 430.

**Staden**

**Variants:** **Staton, Statton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also E Anglia; Somerset

1 English: locative name from Staden in King Sterndale (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus de Staden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Johannes de Staden, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Agnes Staden, 1562 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); David Staden, 1612 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Jenet Staden, 1627 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John Staden, 1649 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); John Staden, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* pp. 135–6.

2 English: see **Staddon**.

**Staff**

**Variants:** **Staves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1264, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 758
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

English: nickname from Middle English *staf* ‘rod, staff, stave’ (Old English *stæf*), for a tall, thin person,

someone who made staves, or for anyone who carried a staff of office.

**Early bearers:** William Staf, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas le Staf, 1297 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Staff, 1594 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Elizabeth Staff, 1595 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Eliza. Staff, 1647 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Geo. Staff, 1647 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Eliz. Staff, 1674 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts).

**Stafford**

**Variants:** **Staffurth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8876, Ireland 1745
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6339
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name principally from Stafford (Staffs), but occasionally from other places similarly named, such as East and West Stafford (Dorset), Stafford House in Ifield (Sussex), recorded as *Stereford* in 1327, East and West Stowford in East Down (Devon), recorded as *Eststaufford* and *Westafford* in 1289, and three minor places in Devon called Stafford, in Dolton, Broadhembury, and Colyton parishes.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stadford, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Robert de Stafford, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Adam de Stafford, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Felicia de Stereford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter de Sterford, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); John Stafford, 1423 in *Assize Rolls* (London). **References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 41–2, 367, 559, 623; *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 209, 243; *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 208; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 506.

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac an Stocaire**, see **Stocker**.

**Staffurth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Northants

English: see **Stafford**.

**Stagg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts and Hants; Northumb

English: see **Stagg**.

**Stagg**

**Variants:** **Stagge, Stag, Staig, Staggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2247, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1981
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *stag(ge)* ‘stag, male deer’ (Old English *stæga*), for a strong, powerful, or virile man. In northern dialects of Middle English the term was also used of a young horse, especially one unbroken.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Stagge, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Stagge, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Willelmus Stagge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tockwith, WR Yorks); Helen Stagge, 1538 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Robart Stagge, 1560 in *IGI* (Bermundsey, Surrey); Thomas Stagge, 1562 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); Margaret Stagge, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Abchurch, London); Thomas Stagge, 1571 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs).

Scotland: John Stag, 1291 in *Ragman Rolls* (Perths); Henry Staig, 1564 in *Dysart Records* (Fife).

**Stagge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Stagg**.

**Staggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- English: variant of **Stagg** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Stahl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: occupational name from Middle High German *stal* ‘steel, armour’, for a smith or armourer. **Early bearers:** Franz Stahl (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Surrey); Frederick Stahl (born in Prussia) in *Census 1881* (Kent).

**Staig**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Perths; Midlothian; Northumb

Scottish: see **Stagg**.

**Stain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Steen**.

**Stainbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; Sussex
- English: see **Stonebank**.

**Stainburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Stainburn (WR Yorks). **Further information:** There is another place called Stainburn in Cumb but there is no evidence that it gave rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Stainburne, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam de Stayneburn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weardley, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Stayneburn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tockwith); Willelmo de Staneburn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Wyllm Stainburn, 1578 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); William Stainburn, 1605 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Stainburn, 1829 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 48.

**Staincliffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- English: see **Stancliffe**.

**Staine**

- GB frequency 1881: 22
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks; also Somerset
- English: see **Steen**.

**Stainer**

Variants: **Stayner, Steynor, Stenner**

- Current frequencies: GB 986, Ireland 7
  - GB frequency 1881: 632
  - Main GB location 1881: Dorset and Hants
- English: occupational name from Middle English *stainer*, *ste(i)nour*, *steynour* 'stainer', denoting someone who stained, painted, or dyed materials, such as glass, wool, cloth, or wood.
- Further information: In 1427, Thomas Staynour of Windsor (Berks) was paid 4d 'for painting the fenestral like a glass window': *Salzman, Building*.
- Early bearers: Henry Stainer, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John le Stainer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William le steignour, 1353 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Peyntour alias Steynor, 1430 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Staines**

Variants: **Stains, Staynes, Steans, Steens, Stines, Stanes**

- Current frequencies: GB 2201, Ireland 71
  - GB frequency 1881: 1645
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex and Middx
- 1 English: locative name from Staines (Middx) or occasionally perhaps from Steane (Northants), recorded as *Steanes* in 1249.
- Early bearers: Richard de Stanes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Dorothy Staines, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Staines, 1556 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); William Staines, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Middx*, pp. 18–19; *Place-Names of Northants* p. 57.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *stones* 'stones', either for someone who lived near prominent stones, or for someone from a minor locality so named. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (3).

Early bearers: Johannes de Stanes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton le Vale, Lincs); Johannes del Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lincs); Thomas de Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Willelmus Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmus del Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arthington, WR Yorks); Walterus del Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Henricus de Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Robertus del Stanes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Mathewe Staines, 1559, Francis Steans, 1626 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lincs); Elizabeth Staines, 1577 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Elizabeth Staines, 1593 in *IGI* (Raithby cum Maltby, Lincs); Samuell Staines, 1609 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk).

3 English: variant of **Steen** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

Early bearers: William Steans, 1604 in *IGI* (Tilton, Leics); Edward Staines, 1628 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex).

**Stainford**

- GB frequency 1881: 26
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Stainforth**.
- 2 English: see **Stanford**.

**Stainforth**

Variants: **Stanforth, Stainford**

- Current frequencies: GB 336, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 249
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks; also WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys

English: locative name; one group of family names is from Stainforth in Hatfield (near Doncaster, WR Yorks), and another from Stainforth in Giggleswick (near Settle, WR Yorks). The first of these has probably become confused with **Staniforth** (from a locality in Sheffield).

Early bearers: Hugh de Steynford, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nigel de Staynford, 1306 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Staynford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Staynforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas de Staynford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Robertus de Staynford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); William Steynforth, 1395 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Robert Stainforth, 1551 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Stephanus Stainforth, 1562 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Willmi. Stainforth, 1569 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Willm. Stainforth, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Jane Stainforth, 1674 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 12; 6, p. 154; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Stainland**

- GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: Notts
- English: see **Staniland**.

**Stainrod**

- Current frequencies: GB 86, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 83
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: locative name, Redmonds suggests that the name is from an unidentified minor place called *Stevenrode*, probably in or near Carlton, in Royston (WR Yorks). *Stainrod* ramified in S Yorkshire before migrating into Derbys and Lincs.

Further information: *Stevenrode* may mean 'Steven's assart or clearing' or perhaps less likely 'clearing by the meeting place' (Old Scandinavian *stefn* 'meeting (place)'). Alternative origins of *Stainrod* might theoretically include Stoney Royd 'stony clearing' in Southowram (WR Yorks), recorded as *Stonirode* about 1270, and Stony Royd in Farsley (near Leeds, WR Yorks), recorded as *Stoni Rode* in 1291, but no forms in *Stani-* are on record (see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 95, 230), nor has it been possible to establish any connection of the surname with these places.

Early bearers: John of Stevenrode, 1317 in *Ripon Memorials* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Richard de Stevenrod, 1349 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hepworth, WR Yorks); Robertus de Stenrode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Robert Stevenroide, Robert Steynroide, 1444 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Shelley, near Thurstonland, WR Yorks); Anthony Staynrod, 1568 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Anna Steynrodd, 1599 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Willia Stanrod, 1610 in *IGI* (Hemingly, Lincs); Philip Staynroide, 1619 in *York Registry Wills* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Francis Stanrode, 1686 in *IGI* (Fulleton, Lincs);

Lawrence Stanroyd, 1689 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Tho Stanroad, 1741 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Stains**

- Current frequencies: GB 25, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 198
- Main GB location 1881: Essex and Middx; also Beds

English: see **Staines**.

**Stainsby**

Variants: **Stanesby, Stansby, Stansbie**

- Current frequencies: GB 801, Ireland 4
  - GB frequency 1881: 490
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- 1 English: locative name from Stainsby in Stainton (NR Yorks),

Early bearers: Walter de Steinesbi, 12th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Walter de Stainesby, 1192–9 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Walter de Staynesby, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Walter de Staynesby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stainsby, NR Yorks); Robert de Stanesby, 1328 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Laurentius Stainsby, 1591 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Elizabetha Stainsby, 1600, John Stanesby, 1662 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Mary Stanesby, 1716, Jane Stainsby, 1721 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 171; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name from Stainsby (Lincs).

Early bearers: Henry de Stanesby of Winthorpe, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Wm Stainsby, 1774 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs).

References: *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 116.

3 English: locative name from Stainsby (Derbys).

Early bearers: Hugh de Staynesby, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Stansby, 1632, Sarah Stansbie, 1668 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); Henry Stansby, 1663 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Thomas Stainsby, 1722, Thomas Stanesby, 1735 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 270.

**Stainthorp**

- Current frequencies: GB 134, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 128
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and NR Yorks; also Durham
- English: see **Stainthorpe**.

**Stainthorpe**

Variants: **Stainthorp**

- Current frequencies: GB 481, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 362
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham

English: locative name from Staindrop (Durham).

Early bearers: Gilbert de Steyndrope, 1346 in *London Letter Books* F; Gilbert de Steynthorp, late sheriff of London, 1353 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Standrope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Threshfield, WR Yorks); Stephanus de Stayndrop', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunsforth, WR Yorks); Robertus Stayndrop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Deighton, ER Yorks); John Stayndrop', 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Guilielus Stainthorpe, 1590 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); George Stainthorp, 1710 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Tho. Stainthorpe,

1736 in *IGI* (Whorlton, NR Yorks); Jno. Stainthorpe, 1742 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

References: *Durham Place-Names*, p. 117.

### Stainton

Variants: **Stenton, Stanton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1125, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 971

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and N England

English: locative name from any of various places called *Stainton*, including Stainton by Langworth, Market Stainton, and Stainton le Vale (Lincs), Stainton Dale (NR Yorks), and Stainton (Cumb, Durham, Lincs, Lancs, Westm, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks). The name was probably sometimes confused with or absorbed by **Stanton**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Staintone, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Margaret de Staynton, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John de Stayntone, 1324 in *London Letter Books E*; Jenet Stainton, 1543 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Johannis Stainton, 1556 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Anne Stainton, 1560 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Willimus Stainton, 1569 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); John Stainton, 1578 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

References: *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 436.

### Stair

Variants: **Stear, Stare, Stairs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Sussex; Dorset; Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *steir(e)*, *ste(i)gher* 'stair, flight of steps, ladder', also (Kent and Sussex) 'ascent, rising ground' (Old English *stæger*), for someone who lived by a ladder or steps, or on rising ground. (ii) post-medieval examples may alternatively be variant spellings of **Stare**.

**Early bearers:** William de Stegre, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William de Stegher, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Robert atte Steghere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Stegre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Margaret Stayre, 1574, Elizabeth Stare, 1621, Martha Stear, 1664 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Mary Stayer, 1587 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Robert Stair, 1662 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Joannes Stair, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Mary Stair, 1748 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex).

### Stairmand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Starman** with excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Alce Starmand, 1680 in *IGI* (Little Munden, Herts); John Stairman, 1676, Elizabeth Stairmond, 1779, John Stairman, 1816 in *IGI* (Catterick, NR Yorks); Charles Starman, 1785 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ann Stairmand, 1828 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).

### Stairs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds; Lanarks and Dunbartons

English: variant of **Stair** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Stairs, 1685 in *IGI* (Wymering with Widley, Hants); Jane Stairs, 1735 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks).

### Stait

Variants: **Staitte, Stayt, Stayte, State, States**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 220

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Gloucs, and Worcs

English: unexplained; perhaps sometimes a form of the northern name **Tait** with prosthetic *s-*.

**Early bearers:** Ales Steayt, 1564, Jhon Stayt, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Coxwell, Berks); John State, 1589 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); John Stayte, 1598 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Staitte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 315

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Stait**.

### Stake

Variants: **Stakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stake* 'stake' (Old English *staca*), denoting someone who made wooden stakes, or possibly a thin person, one as narrow as a stake. Compare **Staff**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Stake, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Hugh Stake, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Rebecca Stake, 1813 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from the same word as sense 1, probably denoting someone who lived near a boundary post.

**Early bearers:** William de Lestake, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Alice ate Stake, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Stake, 1740 in *IGI* (Chenies, Bucks); Thomas Stake, 1871 in *IGI* (Newington, Surrey).

3 English: see **Stack**.

### Staker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 120

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also London

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *stake* 'stake' (Old English *staca*) + *-er*, for someone who lived by a stake. Compare **Stake**. (ii) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *stake* 'stake' (Old English *staca*), for someone who made wooden stakes or who drove them into the ground. Compare **Stake**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Staker, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Leics); Giles Steyker alias Moubray, late of London, 1435 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam Staker, 1567 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex).

### Stakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Stake** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Staley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1512, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 978

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Durham

English: locative name from Staveley in Derbys, recorded as *Staley* in 1383, or Stayley in Lancs (now Stalybridge in Cheshire), recorded as *Stavelegh* in 1389, *Staley* in 1422, or perhaps Staveley (Westm), Staveley (Lancs), and Staveley (WR Yorks), though these are not recorded with forms that have lost the medial *-v-*. See **Staveley**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Staley, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Ales Staley, 1564 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); John Staley, 1609 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Staley, 1630 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Humphry Staley, 1671 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Adam Stealey, 1785 in *IGI* (Smethcott, Shrops); John Staley, 1784 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Martha Staley, 1787 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); James Staley, 1791, Mary Stealy, 1817 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 29, 199; *Place-Names of Derbys* 2, p. 301; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 172, 175; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 89.

### Stalford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 34

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Lancs

English: locative name probably from Stolford (Somerset) or Stolford in Modbury (Devon). However, the distribution suggests there may also be some other source.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stalford, 1756 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Elizabeth Stalford, 1774 in *IGI* (Newburn, Northumb).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* 1, p. 281.

### Stalham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Sussex

English: locative name from Stalham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Clement de Stalham, 1213 in *Charter Rolls*; Antigonía de Stalham, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Richard de Stalham, 1288 in *Norwich Deeds I*; Xpofer Stalham, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Joanna Stalham, 1642 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

References: *Mills, Dictionary*, p. 433.

### Stalker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1470, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1439

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; central Scotland

English, Scottish: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *stalker(e)* 'stalker', for a stalker of game, or for someone who walks stealthily or sneaks about.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter le Stalkere, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Nicholas Stalkere, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Johannes Stalker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Rycharde Stalker, 1567 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Michael Stalker, 1576 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Wilts); William Stalker, 1622 in

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*IGI* (Clee, Lincs); Tho Stalker, 1668 in *IGI* (Castle Sowerby, Cumb).

Scotland: Patrick Stalcare, 1427 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock*; Donald Stalkair, 1447 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; Marion Stalker, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Issobell Stalker, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Stalker, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Stallabrass

Variants: **Stallebrass, Stallerbrass, Stallibrass, Stallybrass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs

Norman, English: nickname from a compound of Anglo-Norman French *estaler* 'to pay by instalments' + *pres* 'loan', for a habitual debtor. **Further information:** In the Pipe Roll of 1167–8, it is recorded that William Stalipres owed the Crown £40, and he still owed £30 6s 2d in 1194. It is fair to suppose that this William was the original bearer of the name, and that he entered an arrangement with the Treasury in about 1166, possibly already with a reputation.

**Early bearers:** William Stalipres, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Winchester, Hants), 1220 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Radulfo Stalipres, 1201 in *Beds Record Office*; Willelmi Stalipras, 1225–38 in *Cartulary of Newnham Priory* (Beds); William Stalipres, 1240 in *Eyre Rolls*; Samson Stalipras, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Tayllepres, 1248–50 in *Winchester Surveys* (Winchester, Hants); Matilda Stalipras, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Stalybras, 1445 in *Court Rolls* (Newsells, Herts); Mathewe Stallebras, 1548 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); John Stallibrase, 1558 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); Felix Stallibrasse, 1586 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Edmund Stollebrase, 1587 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Edward Stallabrass, 1612 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Stallowbrass, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); William Stallybrass, 1688 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

**References:** Stallybrass, Michael P., *Stallybrass family history*, <http://people.math.gatech.edu/~stallybr/ancestors.pdf>, including a vast range of early spellings.

## Stallan

Variants: **Stallon, Stallion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *stal(o)un* 'stallion' (Old French *estalon*), perhaps for a promiscuous man. (ii) locative name from Stalland Common in Great Ellingham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Alfwyn Stalun, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Alexander Stalon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Staloun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Stalon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Launditch hundred, Norfolk); Willelmus Stallound, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham); Thomas Staloun, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Launditch hundred, Norfolk); Johannes Stalonde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Stallan, 1662 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); John Stallan, 1663 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Wm. Stallan, 1715 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Stallan, 1866 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs).

## Stallard

Variants: **Stollard, Stallwood, Stallworthy, Stolworthy, Stalworth, Stollery, Tolliday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2036, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1307
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Somerset; also Hants and IoW

English: nickname from Middle English *stalward*, *stalworth(i)* 'stalwart' (Old English *stælwierðe*), denoting either a sturdy, well-built person, or someone who was brave and reliable. Compare William Stallworthman, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

**Early bearers:** Reiner Stalwurd, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John le Stalwrthe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Stalworthi, 1285 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); William Staleworthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Stalworthy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard le Stalewerthe, 1330 in *Quarr Charters* (Newport, IoW); Sybyll Stalward, 1572, Sybyll Stallard, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Ledbury, Herefs); Thomas Stollard, 1645 in *Bardsley*.

## Stallebrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Northants; WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Stallabrass**.

## Stallerbrass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

Norman, English: see **Stallabrass**.

## Stalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Stalley, 1584 in *IGI* (Woodmancote near Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); William Stalye, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Lingfield, Surrey); Willyam Stalle or Staley, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Fenny Stratford, Bucks); Elizabeth Stalley, 1760 in *IGI* (Great Abington, Cambs); Amy Stalley, 1768 in *IGI* (Chignal Saint James, Essex).

## Stallibrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Lincs

Norman, English: see **Stallabrass**.

## Stallion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Stallan** (i).

## Stallman

Variants: **Stalman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Worcs

1 English: locative name from Stalmine (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Stalmyn, 1292 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Lancs); William Stalmyn, vicar of Gykelswyk [Giggleswick], 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks);

Lawrentius Stalman, 1578 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Margareta Stallman, 1599 in *IGI* (Clapton, WR Yorks); Catharine Stalmin, 1784 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 159.

2 German (Stallmann): occupational name from Middle High German *stal* 'stall, barn' + *-mann*, for someone who worked in cattle or sheep stalls.

**Early bearers:** Julius Stallman (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Worcs).

## Stallon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Hunts

English: see **Stallan**.

## Stallwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 492, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Stallard**.

## Stallworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk

English: see **Stallard**.

## Stallybrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys; Glamorgan

Norman, English: see **Stallabrass**.

## Stalman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Stallman**.

## Stalworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Stallard**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Stalworthe, 1541 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Thos. Stallworth, 1619 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Mary Stallward, 1631 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Joseph Stalwood, 1695 in *IGI* (Fleet Marston, Bucks); Eliz Stalward, 1719 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks).

## Stambridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

English: see **Stanbridge**.

## Stamer

Variants: **Stammer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stamer(e)* 'stammer' (from Old English *stamerian* 'to stammer'), for someone with stammering speech.

**Early bearers:** Ædelwearde Stameran, 1015 in *Tengvik*; John Stamer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert le Stamere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). Willelmus Stamer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Elizabeth Stamer, 1571 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex).  
2 English: see **Stammer**.

### Stamford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 476, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 592
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England: esp. ER Yorks; Cambs
- English: see **Stanford**.

### Stammer

**Variants:** **Stamer**, **Stammers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Suffolk
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stanmar*, *Stanmer* (late Old English *Stānmær*), chiefly found in East Anglia.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Stanmar, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Stanmer, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Stanmarus, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk).  
surnames: Widwinus Stammere, 13th cent. in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Martinus Stamer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Downham, Essex); Johanne Stammere, Stammere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckhampton, Wilts); Willelmus Stamer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); John Stammer, 1561 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); John Stammer, 1590 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); John Stammer, 1591 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Josias Stammer, 1605 in *IGI* (Chevington, Suffolk); Daniell Stammer, 1617 in *IGI* (Kimpton, Herts).  
2 English: see **Stanmore**.

### Stammers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1202, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 792
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London

1 English: relationship name variant of **Stammer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** John Stammers, 1582 in *IGI* (Belchamp Otten, Essex); John Stammers, 1636 in *IGI* (Great Yeldham, Essex); John Stammers, Robert Stammers, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).  
2 English: variant of **Stanmore** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Stamp

**Variants:** **Stamps**, **Stemp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3049, Ireland 122
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- 1 Norman, English: (i) locative name from Étampes (Seine-et-Oise), earlier *Estampes*. (ii) locative name perhaps from Middle English *stamppe*, a variant of *stank* '(mill) pond, dam', sometimes with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Salamon de Stampes, John de Stampes, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); John Staumpys, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scotter and Scotterthorpe, Lincs); Is' Stamppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Raynham, Norfolk);

John Stamppe of Colleston, 1390 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Colston Bassett or Carcolston, Notts); Thomas Stamppe, 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Stamps, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); George Stamp, 1545 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Isabella Stamp, 1547 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Anne Stamp, 1561 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Stamp, 1562 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Richard Stamp, 1568 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Thomas Stamps, 1607 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Xpofor Stamp, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robt. Stamp, 1619 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); John Stamps, 1630 in *IGI* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Ann Stamps, 1739 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Thos. Stamps, 1796 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).  
2 English: occasionally perhaps a reduced form of **Stamper**. Compare Guilielmi Stamper, 1551, Tho. Stamp, 1609 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

### Stamper

**Variants:** **Stamp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 676
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; also Durham; Lincs
- English: occupational name from Middle English *sta(u)mpere*, recorded only in the sense 'one who treads grapes' but possibly also denoting one who who crushes or pounds ingredients, or who threshes grain.  
**Early bearers:** John Stamper, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Stamper, 1496, John Stamper, 1558 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Stamper, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Stamper, 1544 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Anthonii Stamper, 1551 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Stamper, 1572 in *York Registry Wills* (New Malton, NR Yorks); John Stamper, 1574 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Cudbert Stamper, 1587 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Adam Stamper, 1595 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Thom Stamper, 1604 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); John Stamper, 1653 in *York Freeman's Register*; Fra. Stamper, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Stamps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Stamp**.

### Stanage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Stannage**.

### Stanard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- English: see **Stannard**.

### Stanaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Staffs
- English: see **Stanway**.

### Stanbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Stonebank**.

### Stanberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Stanborough**.

### Stanborough

**Variants:** **Stanbrough**, **Stanberry**, **Stanbra**, **Stanbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; also London

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Stanburgh*, representing an unrecorded Old English \**Stānburh*. (ii) locative name occasionally from one or more places so named, including Stanborough in Bishops Hatfield (Herts), and perhaps also Stanborough in Halwell (Devon), Stamborough in Old Cleeve (Somerset), and Stanbro in Elmstone Hardwicke (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** given names: Stamburc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Stanburch, 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*.

surnames: Alan Stanborw, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Waltero Stanborgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calstone Wellington, Wilts); John Stanbergh of Lincoln, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Stanberwe, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Stanbergh', 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alicia Stanborow, 1540 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Ellyn Stanborow, 1550 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Alice Stanborough, 1559 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx); Joan Stanbrough, 1608 in *IGI* (Hedgerley, Bucks); Alice Stanborough, 1638 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Elizabeth Stanborough, 1815 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Ann Stanbury, 1847 in *IGI* (Holywell, Cambs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts* p. 128; *Place-Names of Devon* p. 324; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 82.

2 English: see **Stanbury**.

### Stanbra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warws
- English: see **Stanborough**.

### Stanbridge

**Variants:** **Standbridge**, **Stambridge**, **Stonebridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1243, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Sussex and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Middle English *ston* 'stone' (Old English *stan*) + *bridge* 'bridge' (Old English *brycg*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a stone bridge, or toponymic, for someone from one of various places so named, including Stanbridge (Beds, Hants), Stanbridge Grange in Slougham (Sussex), Great and Little Stambridge (Essex), and Stone Bridge in Shalford (Surrey).



## Stanbrock

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Stanbrugge, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Walter de Stanbrugge, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon atte Stanbrugge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus de Stanbrygge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shelford, Notts); Robertus Stanbregg, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stambridge, Essex); Johannes Stanbrugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants); Johannes Stanebregge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Johannes Standebrug, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); William Stanbridge, 1544 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Ann Stanbridge, 1548 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Joane Stanbridge, 1548 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Stanbridge, 1560 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex); John Stanbridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 278; *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 248.

## Stanbrock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Stanbrook**.

## Stanbrook

**Variants:** Stanbrooke, Stanbrock, Standbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks

English: locative name from Stanbrook in Powick (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stanbroc, 1275, John de Stanbrok, 1327, Nicholas de Stanbrock, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Wyllm Standbruke, 1561, John Standbroke, 1563 in *IGI* (Peasmore, Berks); Richard Stanbrooke, 1564 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Elizabeth Stanbrooke, 1576 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Beterige Stanbroke, 1584 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); John Standbrooke, 1621 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 226.

## Stanbrooke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Stanbrook**.

## Stanbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; NR Yorks

English: see **Stanborough**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Stanbury

**Variants:** Stanberry, Stansbury, Stanborough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1022, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 787
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name primarily from Stanborough in Halwell (Devon) or perhaps Stanbury in Morwenstow (Cornwall), but also from Stanbury and Stainborough (both WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Staynburgh, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Berwicks); Ricardus de Standbury, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Agn' de Staynburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Thomas de Staynburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (High Melton, WR Yorks); Annicia Stanburth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainborough, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Stanbere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Adam de

Stanburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashill, Norfolk); William Staynburgh, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); John Stanburye of Dertemuth, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Stanbury, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Stanbery, 1564 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Jane Stanbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks); William Standbury, 1641 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); George Standburie, 1647 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); John Stansbury, 1788 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); William Stanbury, in *Census 1881* (South Tawton, Devon); George Stanbury, in *Census 1881* (Millom, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 324; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 312; 3, p. 269.

2 English: see **Stanborough**.

## Stancer

**Variants:** Stanser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; also Northants

English: probably a variant of **Stansall**; compare Mary Stancell, 1692 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John Stansre, 1617 in *IGI* (Surfleet, Lincs); Edmond Stancer, 1672 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Wm Stanzer, 1706 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Jarvis Stancher, 1794 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs).

## Stancill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Stansall**.

## Stancliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Cheshire; London

English: see **Stancliffe**.

## Stancliffe

**Variants:** Stancliff, Staincliffe, Stankley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: locative name; as Redmonds has shown this is from Scout in Northowram (WR Yorks), recorded as *Staynclif* in 1309 and *Stancliff Skoute* (the home of Edward Stankliff) in 1536. No evidence has been found to link the modern surname with other WR Yorks places similarly named, such as Stancliffe in Kirkheaton, Stonecliff Lodge in Shitlington, Stancliffe in Bank Newton, or Staincliffe in Batley. Derivation from Stancliffe Hall in Darley (Derbys) is difficult to assess, since all the earliest forms cited in *Place-Names of Derbys* appear to be surnames, and the Hall may therefore have been named from the family (a branch of the Northowram family?), which is recorded there since before 1231. Here belongs Alicia de Stanclif, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Stanclif, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh son of Henry de Stanclif, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); John de Stanclif, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Stayncliff, 1377, Johannes de Stayneclif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); William de Stanclif,

1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Agnes Stancliff, 1541, Isabelle Stancliffe, 1545 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Michis Stancliff, 1589 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); John Stancliffe, 1599 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Agnes Stayncliffe, 1605 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); James Stancliffe, 1616 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Samuall Stankley, 1653 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Thomas Stancliffe, 1657 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Joseph Stanklif, 1707 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks); Will. Staincliff, 1731 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 102; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 82.

## Stancomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs; also Devon

English: see **Stancombe**.

## Stancombe

**Variants:** Stancomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall

English: locative name from various places called Stancombe, including three in Devon, in Sherford, Harberton, and Ilsington parishes, and three in Gloucestershire, in Bisley, Winchcombe, and Stinchcombe.

**Early bearers:** William Stancombe, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Roberto Stancombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bisley, Gloucs); Cicely Stancombe, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Ellis Stancomb, 1565 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Sarah Stancom, 1646 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 327, 329, 478; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 123; 2, pp. 35, 251.

## Standage

**Variants:** Standidge, Stannage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Bucks and Surrey

1 English: locative name, probably a variant of **Standish**. From Quarter Sessions records relating to Huddersfield (WR Yorks), Redmonds cites Richard Standish or Standidge (1679) and William Stannage or Standidge (1687). There is no evidence to link the surname with Standedge in Marsden (WR Yorks), recorded as *Stanegge* about 1272, but this place-name may have influenced local pronunciation of *Standish*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Stannage, 1597, John Stanlage, 1599 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Robert Standage, 1617 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); George Standidge, 1625 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 277.

2 English: locative name; the Leics and Bucks name may alternatively be from Stanedge Grange in Hartington Nether Quarter (Derbys), recorded as *Stanege* in 1286, or Stange End in Outseats (Derbys), recorded as *Stannage End* in 1656; but evidence is needed for this, and the midlands surnames may reflect migration of the name in (1).



**Early bearers:** John Standidge, 1590 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Katherine Stange, 1600, Mary Stannidge, 1609, Edward Standige, 1646 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Elizabeth Stannidge, 1608 in *IGI* (Long Clawson, Leics); Faith Standage, 1615 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, pp. 157, 369.

### Standall

**Variants:** Standell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *ston*, *stan* 'stone' (Old English *stan*) + *delf* 'quarry' (Old English *gedelf*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a stone quarry, a nickname, for someone who worked in one, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Standhill (Oxon), recorded as *Stangedelf* in 1002, *Standelf* about 1180, and *Standell* in 1492.

**Early bearers:** William Standelf, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Robert de la Standelwe, 1275 in (Worcs), Jordan atte Standelue, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Dorothe Standill, 1622, Henry Standell, 1625 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Alicia Standall, 1663 in *IGI* (Chesteron, Hunts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon* p. 90.

### Standard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Lancs

English: (i) locative name from, Standard Hill in Ninfield (Sussex). (ii) locative name, possibly from Middle English *standard* 'pole, solitary tree'.

**Further information:** Confusion with **Stannard** and its variants is possible in some areas.

**Early bearers:** Stephen atte Staandard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Standerd, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert Standard, 1562 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Francis Standurd, 1567 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); John Stonderd, 1585 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Standbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Beds and Herts; Surrey

English: see **Standbridge**.

### Standbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Standbrook**.

### Standell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Derbys

English: see **Standall**.

### Standen

**Variants:** Standing, Standon, Standeven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2185, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1683

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Lancs

English: locative name predominantly from Standen (Lancs) and Standean in Ditchling (Sussex), but also from other places similarly named, including Standen in East Grinstead (Sussex), Standen in Biddenden (Kent), Standen in Benenden (Kent), Upper and Lower Standen in Hawkinge (Kent), Standen (Berks, Wilts, IoW), and Standon (Devon, Hants, Herts, Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Standon', 1200 in *Pleas* (Beds); Thomas atte Standenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Standen', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Hoe, Hants); Thomas Standene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westmeston, Sussex); Elias de Standen', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Standeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grindleton, WR Yorks); Tibota de Standon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas de Standon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Simon Standen, 1443 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Standon, 1541 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); William Standen, 1549 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Robert Standing, 1553 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Richardi Standon, 1557 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Annes Standen, 1560 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); Henry Standen, 1611 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Marie Standing, 1614 in *IGI* (Twineham, Sussex); Robert Standing, 1624 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Johis Standen, 1635 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Robertus Standen, 1636, Stephanni Standing, 1687 in *IGI* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Henery Standen, 1665 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 155; *IoW Place-Names*, pp. 97–8; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 201; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 451; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 77; *Place-Names of Berks 2*, pp. 304–5; *Place-Names of Devon 1*, p. 233; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 196; *Place-Names of Sussex 2*, pp. 302, 335; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 341; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 507.

### Standering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Standring**.

### Standerline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *stand* 'stand' + *alon(e)* 'alone', for a resolute, self-reliant man.

**Early bearers:** Richard Standalan, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Standallane, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Elizth. Standerline, 1752 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Betsy Standerline, 1778 in *IGI* (Hibaldstow, Lincs).

### Standerwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 95

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; London

English: locative name from Standerwick (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John de Standerwyk, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); John Standerwike, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Elizabeth Standerweeke, 1574 in *IGI* (Beer Crocombe, Somerset).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, p. 437.

### Standeven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 268

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, hypercorrect form of **Standen**. Citing Nicholas Standen or Standeven of Slaidburn (1561–81), Redmonds rightly infers that *Standen* was re-interpreted by folk etymology as though it were a vulgar pronunciation of *stand even* as *stand e'en*.

**Early bearers:** Mgarete. Standeven, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Standeven, 1544 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Standeven, 1559 in *Patent Rolls*; John Standeven, 1574 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*.

**References:** *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Standfast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 78

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *stand* 'stand' + *fast* 'firm', for someone with a steadfast, resolute character. Compare **Standeven**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stanfast, Stampfast, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Statfast, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizab. Standfast, 1612 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Richard Standfast, 1633 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Sarah Standfast, 1692 in *IGI* (Ardingley, Sussex); Susanna Standfast, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London).

### Standfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 179

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: see **Stanfield**.

### Standidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Standage**.

### Standing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1980, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1905

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs

English: see **Standen**.

### Standish

**Variants:** Standidge, Standage, Stannage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 766, Ireland 25

- **GB frequency 1881:** 580

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Limerick, and Cork

English: locative name from Standish (Lancs).

Standish (Gloucs) does not appear to have contributed towards the surname.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Stanedis, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh de Stanedyhs, 1270 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Standysh, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus de Standysh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Lancs); Jane Standish, 1550 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Willm. Standish, 1562 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thoms Standish, 1566 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs); Symon Standish, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew by the Exchange,

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London); John Standish, 1607 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 127.

### Standlake

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- English: see **Stonelake**.

### Standley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 998, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 507
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Leics; Norfolk
- English: see **Stanley**.

### Standon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Staffs; Sussex
- English: see **Standen**.

### Stranding

Variants: **Standering**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 871
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained; apparently a locative name deriving from some stone circle (Middle English *ston*, in the older form *stan* used in compound words, + *ring*), but none is known from the right area.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Stanringes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs); Elizabeth Stannaring, 1563, James Stantering, 1564 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Isabell Stanringe, 1584 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

### Stanes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex
- English: see **Staines**.

### Stanesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Derbys and Staffs

English: see **Stainsby**.

### Staney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Staffs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Stanney** and **Stoney**.

### Stanfield

Variants: **Standfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 208
- **GB frequency 1881:** 829
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from Middle English, Old English *stan* 'stone' + *feld* 'field'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a stony field, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Stanfield (Staffs, Norfolk).

**Further information:** this surname is also common in County Down, Ireland; it appears to have been established there since the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** Ascelina de Stanfelde, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Hugh de Stanefeld', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Jane Stanfield, 1565 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire); Charles Stanfield, 1586 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Xpofer. Stanfield, 1586 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Holland, Lincs); Jhon Stanfield, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Johanes. Stanfield, 1601 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

### Stanford

Variants: **Stamford**, **Stanforth**, **Staniford**, **Stainford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3637, Ireland 158
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2435
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim

English: locative name from various places called *Stanford*, including Stanford (Beds, Kent, Norfolk), Stanford Dingley and Stanford in the Vale (Berks), Stanford le Hope and Stanford Rivers (Essex), Stanford Bishop and Stanford Regis (Herefs), Stanford on Avon (Northants), Stanford on Soar (Notts), and Stanford on Teme (Worcs); also from Stamford (Lincs, Northumb) and Stamford Bridge (ER Yorks), all of which appear as *Stanford* in medieval documents.

**Further information:** This surname has been established in Ireland since the 16th century, where it is also found under the variant spelling *Stankard*.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Stanford, 1190–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Stanford, 1252 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Staunforde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Stanford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robertus de Stanford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Avenbury, Herefs); Agnes Stanford, 1547 in *IGI* (Edenbridge, Kent); Alse Stanford, 1547 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Thomas Stanford, 1552 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Stanford, 1560 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Mary Stanford, 1560 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex). Ireland: Henry Stanckforde mcRobert boy, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$4579 (Mayo); Henry Stanckard, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5574 (Clonyne, Mayo); Francis Stanford, merchant, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 368 (Bridge St., Dublin); Elizabeth Stanforth, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mohill, Leitrim).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, pp. 568, 569.

### Stanforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Norfolk and Suffolk

1 English: probably mainly a variant of **Stanford**, which may have migrated to NR Yorks and Northumb from Norfolk and Suffolk by the North Sea coastal trade.

**Early bearers:** Antony Stanforth, 1578 in *IGI* (Little Steeping, Lincs); John Stanforth, 1650 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Sarah Stanforth, 1689 in *IGI* (Bodney, Norfolk); Mary Stanforth, 1725 in *IGI* (Eryholme, NR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: (i) see **Stainforth**. (ii) see **Staniforth**.

**Early bearers:** Margareta de Stanforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hillam, WR Yorks); John Stanforth, 1562 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

### Stanger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1029, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 753
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney; Kent; Northants and Lincs; NR Yorks and Durham

1 Scottish, English: locative name from Stanger in Birsay (Orkney) or Stanger in Embleton (Cumb), both named with Old Scandinavian *stangir*, the plural form of *stong* 'pole'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Isobell Stanger, 1731 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney).

England: Robert de Stangre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Stanger, 1563 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Margrett Stanger, 1572 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

References: *Birsay Place-Names*, p. 65; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 384.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *stan* 'stone' (Old English *stān*) + *gor(e)* 'gore, triangular piece of land' (Old English *gāra*), for someone who lived at or near a place so named. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1) or (3) by migration.

**Further information:** Such a feature was recorded in the bounds of Upminster (Essex) in 1062 as (to) *stangare*; see *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 131.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Stangar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Stangor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Richus. Stanger, 1578 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Edmond Stanger, 1597 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs); Sicely Stanger, 1604 in *IGI* (Saint Nicholas Cole Abbey, London); Jn Stanger, 1742 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

3 English: in NR Yorks a variant of **Stangoe**.

### Stangoe

Variants: **Stanger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Stanghow, in Skelton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Gregory de Stanghou, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanghow, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Stanghow, 1619, Frances Stangoe, 1640, William Stanger, 1662 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 146–7.

### Stangroom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Stanground (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Richard Stanground, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Simon Stanground, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; Ambrose Stangreeme, 1625, Thomas Stangrune, 1683, Hester Stangroome, 1683, Joseph Stanground, 1738 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

References: *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 199.

### Stanham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Norfolk; also Sussex and Kent

English: see **Stoneham**.

### Stanhill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Stonehill**.

### Stanhope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 918, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 716
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also N Midlands

English: locative name from Stanhope (Durham). **Further information:** A family of this name have held the title Earl of Harrington since 1742, and were Earls of Chesterfield from 1628–1967. Philip Stanhope, 1st Earl of Chesterfield, was a Royalist soldier in the English Civil War. He was captured in 1643 and died in prison in 1656.

**Early bearers:** Swayn de Stanhop, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William Stannop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Stanhop, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Willelmus de Stanhop', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepwash, Northumb); Richard Stanhope, 1427 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Roberti Stanhope, 1576 in *IGI* (Threekingham, Lincs); Edward Stanhope, 1606 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Symon Stanhope, 1630 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Henerie Stanhope, 1631 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Edward Stanhope, 1714 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 118.

### Stanier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Stonehewer**.

### Staniford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants; Beds; also Lancs

1 English: locative name from a lost locality called 'stony ford' in Burghfield (Berks), known only from a derived surname, recorded as *Stoniford* in the late 13th century (*Place-Names of Berks*, p. 210).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus atte Stonyford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hartley Dummer, Berks); Johannes Stonyford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grazeley, Berks); Elizabeth Staniford, 1562 in *IGI* (Burghfield, Berks); Jacob Staniford, 1604 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Daniel Staniford, 1772 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds).

2 English: see **Staniforth**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Staniford, 1560 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Johis Staniford, 1688 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Staniford, 1788 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Staniforth

**Variants:** Staniford, Stanforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1963, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1133
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place so named, probably near Sheffield (WR Yorks), where the surname is common. The name has probably become confused with **Stainforth**.

**Early bearers:** Matild' de Staniforþe, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Stanyforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Handsworth, WR Yorks); Robti Staniforth, 1581 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Staniforth, 1597 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs);

William Staniforth, 1660 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York).

**References:** *Sheffield Surnames*, p. 59; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Staniland

**Variants:** Stainland, Stanland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 904, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Stainland (WR Yorks). The 1272 Staffs example 'at the stony land', cited below, seems not to have become a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** William atte Stanylond, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Stanland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heaton, WR Yorks); Johannes Staneland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southwram, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stanland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainland, WR Yorks); Nicholas Staniland, 1601 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); John Staniland, 1605 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Anna Staniland, 1624 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts); Petri Staniland, 1629 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Richd. Staniland, 1729 in *IGI* (Corringham, Lincs); Susannah Stanland, 1770 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 49.

### Stanion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants; also Lancs

English: see **Stanyon**.

### Stanislas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Slavic: variant of **Stanislaus** in use in French.

### Stanislaus

**Variants:** Stanislas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Slavic: relationship name from a latinized form of the Slavic personal name ('glory achiever') which appears in forms like Polish *Stanisław*.

**Further information:** In Polish tradition it derives from the name of the Roman Catholic martyr Stanislaus of Szczepanów (Stanisław Szczepanowski, 1030–1079).

**Early bearers:** Philip Stanislaus, 1803 in *IGI* (Westminster, London); Charles Franeris Stanislas, 1805 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, London); Sobolewski Stanislaus, printer, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Finsbury, Middx); Louis Stanislaus, 1879 in *IGI* (Manchester); Davis Stanislaus, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

### Stanistreet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs

English: locative name from Stanystreet near Worsley in Eccles (Lancs). Compare **Stonestreet**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stanystrete, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Ellin Stanistreet, 1620 in *IGI* (Walton

on the Hill, Lancs); William Stanistreet, 1624 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Alfred Foden Stanistreet, 1846 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 41.

### Stankley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Stancliffe**.

### Stanlake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Stonelake**.

### Stanland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Staniland**.

### Stanleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Stanley**.

### Stanley

**Variants:** Stanly, Stanleigh, Standley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18918, Ireland 1265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin; Armagh; Cork

1 English: locative name from any of various places called *Stanley*, including those in WR Yorks, Staffs, Derbys, Durham, Gloucs, and Wilts.

**Further information:** this English name has been established in Ireland since the 13th century where it was gaelicized as **de Stainléigh**. The *Stanley* family who have been Earls of Derby since 1485 trace their descent from Adam de Aldithley, a companion of William the Conqueror. Some of his descendants have the name Audley, but another branch adopted the name *Stanley* when Adam de Aldithley's grandson married the heiress to the manor of Stanley in Staffs. A member of this family, Sir John Stanley (died 1414), was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and was granted sovereignty over the Isle of Man by Henry IV.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Stanleya, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Alan de Stanlai, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Stanleye, 1323 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Geoffrey de Stanley, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Stanley, 1398 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Joan Standley, 1539, Jone Stanley, 1543 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Stanley, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Joan Stanley, 1543 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Ane Stanley, 1552 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Sence Stanley, 1556 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Thomas Stanley, 1557 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Georgius Standley, 1562 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); George Stanley, 1564 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Issabell Stanley, 1600 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Adam de Stanley, 1285 in *CDI* §149 (Uriel); Thomas de Stanle, sheriff, 1291 in *CDI* §884 (Uriel);

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Thomas de Stanleie, 1292 in *CDI* §1020 (Uriel); John de Standley, 1293 in *CDI* §104; Richard Stanley, undergaoler of the castle of Trym, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §268 (Trym, Meath); John Stanley, merchant, 1548 in *Fiants Edward* §194 (Athboy, Meath); George Stanley, knight, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §241 (Meath); William Standley, knight, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4219 (Kerry); William Stanly, knight, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6314.

2 English: see **Stoneley**.

## Stanly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Staffs; Lancs

English: see **Stanley**.

## Stanmore

Variants: **Stammer, Stammers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks

English: locative name from Stanmore (Middx) or Stanmer (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stanmere, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Reginald de Stanmere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Stanmore, 1588 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Willm Stanmore, 1590 in *IGI* (Tetford, Lincs); Henry Stanmore, 1731 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); William Stanmore, 1732 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Mary Anne Stanmore, 1821 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 65; *Place-Names of Sussex* 2, p. 312.

## Stannage

Variants: **Stanage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lanarks

English: see **Standage**.

## Stannah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Stanworth**.

## Stannard

Variants: **Stanard, Stonard, Stannett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3320, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2076
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Kilkenny

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stanhard* (Old English *Stanheard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Stanhard, Stanhart, Stanardus, Stanart, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Stannard, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Stanardus le Couhirde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs). surnames: Ralph Stanhard, Richard Stanhert, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Henry Stonhard, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday* (Herts); Walter Stonhard, about 1250 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Herts); Laurence Stannard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Stanard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clare, Suffolk); John Stannard, 1559 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Myldred Stannard, 1561 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Johane

Stannard, 1571 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); James Stannard, 1610 in *IGI* (Great Abington, Cambs); John Stannard, 1620 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

## Stanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Kent

English: variant of **Stanworth**.

## Stanners

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford

1 Scottish, English: see **Stenhouse**.

2 English: see **Stonehouse**.

## Stannett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Stannard**.

## Stanney

Variants: **Staney, Stoney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs

1 English: from Stanney (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Perot Staneye, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thangustella de Staneye, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Adam de Staneye, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); William Staneye, archdeacon of Lincoln, 1318 in *Patent Rolls*; Amira de Staneya, 1328 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Robert Staney, 1566 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); Robert Stanney, 1584 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Robtus Stoney, 1610 in *IGI* (West Kirby, Cheshire); Robt Staney, 1611 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire).

2 English: see **Stoney** (1).

## Stanning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, mainly Lancs and Devon

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** It may in a few cases be a locative name from Staining (Lancs) or Steyning (Sussex), for which compare **Stenning**; but these cannot account for all the records for phonological as well as geographical reasons. All forms in *-o-* must have a different origin.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Stonyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Doddiscombsleigh, Devon); Johannes Stonyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); Johane Stoninge, 1573, John Stoning, 1579 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); George Stanninge, 1583 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); William Staning, 1607 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); Richard Stanning, 1613 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); William Staning, 1646 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); George Stonninge, 1676 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Dorothy Stanning, 1678 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex); Rich. Stanning, 1698 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs); Robert Stannin, 1767 in *IGI* (Melling near Lancaster, Lancs).

## Stannus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey; Warwicks
- English: see **Stonehouse**.

## Stansall

Variants: **Stansell, Stanshall, Stancill, Stancer, Stanser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Stancil in Tickhill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stansall, 1354 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Stansale, Johannes de Stansall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); John Stansall' of Tikhill', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Alicia Stansall, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Mary Stancell, 1692 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 60.

## Stansbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Stainsby**.

## Stansbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Herefs
- English: see **Stanbury**.

## Stansby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; also Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Stainsby**.

## Stansell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Somerset
- English: see **Stansall**.

## Stanser

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- 1 English: see **Stancer**.
- 2 English: see **Stansall**.

## Stansfeld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Stansfield**.

## Stansfield

Variants: **Stansfeld**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3495, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Stansfield (WR Yorks) and Stansfield in Rochdale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard Stanesfeld, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Stansfeud, 1277 in *Wakefield Court*

*Rolls* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); Johanne de Stansfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Nicholaus de Stansfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stansfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); John Stansfeld, 1561 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Stansfeld, 1567 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Anne Stansfeld, 1571 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Charles Stansfeld, 1594 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Stansfeld, 1599, Jno. Stansfield, 1616 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 58; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, pp. 177–8.

### Stanshall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Stansall**.

### Stant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Denbighs
- English: perhaps a nickname from the singular form of Middle English *stantis* (probably a borrowing from Medieval Latin *stantio* 'prop, stanchion'). **Further information:** The distribution is quite unrelated to that of **Stent** or **Stunt**, and *Stont* probably belongs with the latter.
- Early bearers:** Morgan Stant, 1670 in *IGI* (Malpas, Cheshire); Sarah Stant, 1698 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints).

### Stanton

Variants: **Staunton, Stenton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9031, Ireland 195
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5821
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs and Worcs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- 1 English: locative name from any of numerous places in England called Stanton or Staunton, especially Stanton in Staffs and Staunton in Worcs. All named with Old English *stan* 'stone' + *tun* 'farm, enclosure'.
- Further information:** this surname has long been established in Ireland.
- Early bearers:** Walter de Stanton', 1199 in *Pleas* (Notts); John de Staunton, 1290 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Stanton, 1395–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Robert Staunton, 1445–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Stanton, 1540 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); William Stanton, 1620 in *IGI* (Hints, Staffs).
- 2 English: locative name; the Lancs surname is alternatively a variant of **Stainton**. Compare Edward Stanton, 1676, Edd. Stainton, 1702 in *IGI* (Sambesbury, Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Richard Stanton, 1583 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Stanway

Variants: **Stanaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1364, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 828
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from any of four places named Stanway (Shrops, Essex, Gloucs, and Herefs).
- Early bearers:** Hawise de Stanweie, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanna de Stanweye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Stanewey, 1380 in *The Church in London*; Frances Stanway, 1564 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); John Stanway, 1570 in *IGI*

(Loppington, Shrops); Symon Stanway, 1570 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); William Stanway, 1633 in *IGI* (Little Marlow, Bucks); Johannis Stanway, 1637 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

### Stanwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs
- English: locative name from Stanwell (Middx).
- Early bearers:** Alan de Stanewell, 1257 in *Patent Rolls*; John Stanewell of Stanes, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Stanwell, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh Stanwell', 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Stanwelle, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants).
- References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 20; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 141.

### Stanwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: locative name from Stanwix (Cumb), Stanwick Saint John (NR Yorks), or Stanwick (Northants). Compare **Stanwix**.
- Early bearers:** Maryon Stanwike, 1579 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Agnes Standwick, 1594 in *IGI* (Malton, NR Yorks); Helenora Stannick, 1594 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham).
- References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* 1, pp. 108–9; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 296–7.

### Stanwix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham
- English: locative name from Stanwix (Cumb), recorded as *Stainwegges* in 1197, or Stanwick Saint John (NR Yorks), recorded as *Stainwegges* in 1228. Compare **Stanwick**.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Staynwigges, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); John Stanix, 1561 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Leonard Stanwix, 1583 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb).
- References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 108–9; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, pp. 296–97.

### Stanworth

Variants: **Stanner, Stannah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 477
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Stanworth in Leyland (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Elezabeth Stanworth, 1551 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Agnes Stanworth, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Hufreye. Stanworth, 1578 in *IGI* (Lee Brockhurst, Shrops); Johanna Stanner, 1579 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Edward Stanner, 1651 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Stanner, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Elizth. Stannah, 1789 in *IGI* (Cheddleton, Staffs).
- References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 132.

### Stanyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Staffs; also WR Yorks

English: variant of *Stanier* with excrescent *-d*, itself a variant of or parallel of **Stonehewer**.

**Early bearers:** Jas Stanyard, 1617 in *IGI* (Potton, Beds); Samuel Stanniard, 1610 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Elinor Stanniard, 1624 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Stanyard, 1658 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon).

### Stanyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 322
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Stonehewer**.

### Stanyon

Variants: **Stanion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 303
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Hunts
- English: locative name from Stanion (Northants), recorded as *Stanern* in 1162.
- Early bearers:** Robert de Stanerne, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Stanern', 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Charles Stanyon, 1633 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 171.

### Stap

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Step**.

### Stapeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Stapley**.

### Stapelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Norfolk
- English: see **Stapleton**.

### Stapely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Stapley**.

### Staple

Variants: **Staples, Steeple, Stables**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 412
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; also Cornwall; London
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *stapel* 'post' (Old English *stapol*) and given to someone who lived near a boundary post or who came from a place so named, such as Staple Fitzpaine (Somerset) or Staple (Kent).
- Early bearers:** Walter de Stapel', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Osmund atte Staple, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John Stapel, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thoma Staple, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Stacia atte Stapyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, Hants); Walterus Stapel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Robertus Stapell', 1379 in

## Stapleford

*Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Brygytt Staple, 1544 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Staple, 1546 in *IGI* (Keston, Kent); Humphrey Staple, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Staple, 1580 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Alicia Staple, 1592 in *IGI* (Wambrook, Dorset).

2 English: in N Lancs a variant of **Stable**.

**Early bearers:** John Staple, 1654 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 208.

## Stapleford

**Variants:** **Stableford**, **Stapleforth**, **Stableforth**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 168

• **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Hants and Wilts

English: locative name from any of various places called Stapleford (Cambs, Cheshire, Essex, Herts, Leics, Lincs, Notts, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Alfgar de Stapleford, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Richard de Stapleford, 1277 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Stapulford, 1369 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); William Stapulford, 1437–8 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts).

## Stapleforth

• **GB frequency 1881:** 28

• **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Dorset and Devon

English: see **Stapleford**.

## Staplehurst

• **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 144

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Staplehurst (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ursula Staplehurst, 1558 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Mary Staplehurst, 1571 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 326.

## Stapler

• **GB frequency 1881:** 41

• **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *stapel* 'post' (Old English *stapol*) + *-er*, for someone who lived near a boundary post. Compare **Staple**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Stapeler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Stapeller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lindfield, Sussex); Ricardo Stapeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slington, Sussex); Richard Stapelere, about 1405 in *Fitzalan Surveys*; John Stapler, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

## Staples

**Variants:** **Stables**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 4014, Ireland 39

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2843

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and London; Lincs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Derry; Laois

1 English: variant of **Staple** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*. The woman in the 1377 example was probably the wife or widow of a man surnamed *Staple*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Staples, 1321 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanna Staples, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Staples, 1549 in *IGI* (Castor,

Northants); Thoms. Staples, 1560 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Staples, 1564 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Emme Staples, 1587 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

2 English: see **Stables**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Staples, 1582 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 208.

## Stapleton

**Variants:** **Stapylton**, **Stapelton**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 4668, Ireland 1533

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2669

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; also Notts, Lancs, and WR Yorks; Norfolk; Devon

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Kilkenny

English, Irish: locative name from any of various places called Stapleton (in Devon, Gloucs, Somerset, Herefs, Shrops, Leics, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, Cumb), all named in Old English with *stapol* 'post' + *tūn* 'enclosure, settlement'.

**Further information:** For the NR Yorks family (which typically used Brian and Milo as forenames) see *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 8. The name is common in Ireland, where it has been established since medieval times in the counties of Tipperary and Kilkenny. The family also adopted the Irish surname **Mac an Ghaill** 'son of the foreigner', see **McGill**.

**Early bearers:** England: Randulf de Stapeltuna, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); domino de Stapilton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stapleton, NR Yorks); Milone de Stapelton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wath, in Hovingham, NR Yorks); John, Robert de Stapilton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard de Stapildon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langtree, Devon); Richard Stapelton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ugborough, Devon); Willelmo Stapelton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laxton, ER Yorks); Johannes Stapelton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmo de Stapilton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Brianus and Milo de Stapilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Healaugh, WR Yorks); Johannes Stapilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes de Stapilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorp Arch, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stapilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Green Hammerton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stapilton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Womersley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Stappulton, 1395 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); William Stapulton, 1460 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Omfridi Stapelton, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Robart Stapelton, 1560 in *IGI* (Belchford, Lincs); Thomasyn Stapleton, 1560 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); William Stapleton, 1563 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Johes. Stapleton, 1567 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); William Stapleton, 1572 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); William Stapleton, 1573 in *IGI* (Cople, Beds); Alicia Stapleton, 1575 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Josua Stapleton, 1583 in *IGI* (Longham, Norfolk); Richard Stapleton, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Elizabeth Stapleton, 1608 in *IGI* (Plumtree, Notts); Arther Stapleton, 1651 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Henry Stapylton, 1654 in *IGI* (Myton on Swale, NR Yorks); Sisalie Stapelton, 1680 in *IGI* (Richmond, NR Yorks).

Ireland: Robert de Stapleton, 1280 in *CDI* §1740 (Cork); Roger de Stapelton, sheriff of Cork, 1293 in *CDI* §4 (Cork); Redmund Staplet[on], husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4526 (Tipperary); Walter

mcEdmond Stapleton, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4907 (Durlissbeig); William mcRedmond Stapleton alias McYgeill, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4907 (Keillveill urisc); Peirse Stapleton, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6442 (Drom, Tipperary).

## Stapeley

**Variants:** **Stapey**, **Stapeley**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1204, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 824

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: locative name from a lost place called *Stapele* recorded in the 13th century in the manor of Wootton in East Chiltington (Sussex).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to derive the modern surname from Stapeley in Odiham (Hants) or Stapeley (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Stapelea, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John de Stapeleg, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Osbert de Stapele, about 1230 in *unpublished rental of Wootton* (Sussex); Willelmus de Stapelay, Cecilia de Stapilay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); John Staplee, 1401 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Godfridus Stapley, 1559 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Agnes Staplye, 1567 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Elyn Stapeley, 1570 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Robert Stapeley, 1641 in *IGI* (Wilmington, Sussex).

**References:** Canterbury Cathedral Archive MS. U63 70496, an unpublished rental of Wootton, East Chiltington (Sussex); information on Wootton, Sussex, from Pamela Combes and Christopher Whittick.

## Stapp

• **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 44

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Berbys  
English: see **Step**.

## Stappard

**Variants:** **Stawpert**, **Stoppard**, **Stopper**, **Stupart**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 43

• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: (i) nickname, perhaps for someone with a heavy stride or an awkward way of walking, from a conjectural Middle English word *\*stauper*, *\*stouper* or, with substitution of the pejorative suffix *-ard*, Middle English *\*staupard*, *\*stoupard*. Compare 19th-century Whitby (NR Yorks) dialect *stauper* 'a clumsy fellow, a clown', from the dialect verb *staupe*, *stowp*, *stoope* 'to walk clumsily and heavily', which is recorded in *English Dialect Dictionary* from Northumb and Cumb southwards as far as Derbys and Lincs. The name was sometimes confused with **Stobbart** and perhaps with **Stoford**. (ii) occupational name, perhaps for a maker of stoups. *\*Stauper*, *\*Stouper*, and *\*Stoper* would be unrecorded derivatives of Middle English *\*staupe*, *stoupe*, *stope* (Old Scandinavian *staupe*, reinforced by Middle Dutch *stoope*), 'a jug, often made of leather; a measure for liquids; a vessel or container for holy water'. This explanation accounts for the variation between *Stauper*, *Stoper*, *Stoooper*, and possibly *Stopper*, but not the forms with final *-d*, *-t* or *-th*, unless through false association with other names, such as (1) above. **Early bearers:** England: Symond Stauper, 1589 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); Rauphe

Staporth or Stawporthe, 1589, Isack Stauper, 1604, Philip Stawport, 1675, Henry Stauphard, 1682, Thomas Stapert, 1792, Ann Stappard, 1848 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Stephen Stawper, 1602, Alice Stoper, 1633, in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); John Stoooper, 1623 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Phillas Stawpert, 1633 in *IGI* (Newton Reigny, Cumb); Isabell Stauper, 1644, John Stawpert or Stobbart, 1677, William Stoppert, 1757 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Margaret Stopper, 1656, George Stawpert, 1657, Robert Stauper, 1672 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Margaret Stoper, 1683, Isable Stawper, 1697 in *IGI* (Simonburn, Northumb); Michael Stapert, 1694, John Stoptart, 1780 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

Scotland: Robert Stawpart, 1513, Robert Stalpart, 1522 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Stawpert, 1783 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth).

### Stapylton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Stapleton**.

### Star

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 257
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset
- English: see **Starr**.

### Starbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Starbuck**.

### Starbruck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Starbuck**.

### Starbuck

Variants: **Starbruck**, **Starbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1076, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 483
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Leics, and Derbys
- English: variant of **Tarbuck**. Addition or loss of initial *S-* is found in other medieval surnames such as Johannes Prynice, alias Sprynce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks), and Thomas Skelmerthorp', 1377, Thomas de Keltmerthorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darton, WR Yorks). Compare James Starbuck, 1781, James Tarbuck, 1795 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Leics). **Further information:** Wilson's derivation from Starbeck in Harrogate (WR Yorks) is ruled out by the medieval forms in *-bok*, *-bouk*, as well as by the lateness of the first record of this minor place-name (1817 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 109. The surname was taken to America by Edward Starbuck in the 1630s, but the Starbucks chain of coffee houses is named after the first mate of the Pequod in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. See George Redmonds, 'A Starbuck surname study', in *New England Ancestors*, 9:4 (Fall, 2008), 30–1. **Early bearers:** Robert Starbok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Robert de Starbouk, forester of the Duke of Lancaster, 1397 in *Patent Rolls*

(Lancs); Richard Stirbouk, tailor, 1438 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnis Starbuck, 1540 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Ales Starbucke, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Jacobus Starbucke, 1603 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Edward Starbuck, 1608 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Starbuck, 1614 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); John Starbock, 1739 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Mary Starbrook, 1757 in *IGI* (Osmaston by Derby, Derbys).

### Starck

Variants: **Stark**, **Sterck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; London
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname (**Stärck**), from Middle High German *stark(e)*, modern German *stark* 'strong, brave'. Compare **Stark**. **Early bearers:** Alfred Louis Sterck, professor of languages, born in Strasbourg, in *Census 1881* (Honiton, Devon); Aaron Stark, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Stark, portmanteau manufacturer, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Dalston, Middx); Hyman Stark, tailor, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Solomon Stark, boot repairer, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Woolwich, Kent); John Starck, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks). Channel Islands: Elias Starck, in *Census 1841* (Saint Martin, Jersey); George Starck, shoemaker, in *Census 1851* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Clement Starck, in *Census 1871* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Philip Starck, blacksmith, in *Census 1881* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Thomas Starck, in *Census 1901* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Jessie Starck, in *Census 1911* (Saint Sampson, Guernsey). 2 English: see **Stark**.

### Stare

Variants: **Stares**, **Stear**, **Stair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *star(e)*, *ster* (Old English *stær*) 'starling'. (ii) relationship name, in N and E England perhaps sometimes from a Middle English personal name \**Stare* (Old Scandinavian *Stari* 'starling'). See **Starey**. **Early bearers:** Hugo Stare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Stare, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanie Stare, 1567 in *IGI* (Boughton Monchelsea, Kent); Anne Stare, 1571 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Roberti Stare, 1581 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Anstis Stare, 1615 in *IGI* (Meonstoke, Hants). 2 English: Post-medieval examples in (1) may alternatively be variant spellings of **Stair**.

### Stares

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Stare** with post-medieval excrement *-s*. Compare **Stairs**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Stares, 1588 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Anstis Stares, 1614 in *IGI* (Meonstoke, Hants); Henry Stares, 1628 in *IGI* (Titchfield, Hants).

### Starey

Variants: **Starie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stari* (Old Scandinavian *stari* 'starling'). Compare **Stare**. **Early bearers:** Aluric Stari, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); John Starie, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Stary, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holsworthy, Devon); Richard Starey, 1599 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); Richard Starey, 1604 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs); Richard Starey, 1703 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Susanna Starey, 1707 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Ann Starey, 1812 in *IGI* (Great Thurlow, Suffolk).

### Starie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Starey**.

### Stark

Variants: **Starke**, **Starck**, **Starks**, **Starkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4624, Ireland 44
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4087
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Tyrone
- 1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *stark* 'strong, sturdy; harsh, severe' (Old English *stearc*). **Early bearers:** England: Rannulf Stark, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Stark, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Starke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Thomas Sterke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Dorset); John Stark, 1539 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); Mary Stark, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Stark, 1575 in *IGI* (Lacey, Lincs); Henry Stark, 1577 in *IGI* (Garvestone, Norfolk); Richard Starck, 1676 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); William Stark, 1700 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Mary Stark, 1738 in *IGI* (Thorley, IoW). Scotland: Margaret Stark, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Stark, 1596 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings). 2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Starek**.

### Starke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk; also IoW
- English: see **Stark**.

### Starkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: see **Starks**.

### Starkey

Variants: **Starkie**, **Starky**, **Storkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3974, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2965
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Cork
- 1 English: nickname perhaps a diminutive form of **Stark**.



## Starkie

**Further information:** this English surname has been established in Ireland (Dublin) since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Starky, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Lawrence Starky, 1446 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Cheshire); George Starkey, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thomas Starkey, 1547 in *IGI* (Bradley, Staffs); Rich. Starkie, 1554 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Starkie, 1559 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Laurance Starkey, 1577 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Willmus. Starkey, 1579 in *IGI* (Frankton, Warwicks); Joseph Starkey, 1653 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

Ireland: Arthur Starkye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3135 (Carickfergus, Antrim); John Starky, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6409; Robert Starkie, gent., William Starkie and Bryan Starkey, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 166 (Dromolland, Clare); Catherine Starkey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Maghera, Down); Matthew Starky, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drinagh, Cork).

2 English: variant of **Storkey** perhaps. Compare Margaret Storkey, 1583; Thomas Starkye, 1596 in *IGI* (Ewell, Kent); Thomas Starkye, 1607 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Starkie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1141, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 957
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Starkey**.

## Starkin

**Variants:** Starkings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: (i) relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Old French personal name \**Starkin*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names beginning in *Stark-* ('strong'), such as *Starc(w)ulf* and *Starcher*, both of which appear in 1086 as names of *Domesday Book* tenants in E Anglia: *Starcolf* (Norfolk) and *Starker* (Suffolk). However, no medieval evidence for *Starkin* as a given name or a surname has been found, unless Hugh Tarchin, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ware, Herts), bears a variant of this name in which initial *S-* has been lost. (ii) nickname; an alternative possibility is a derivation from an unrecorded Middle English \**starking* 'strong one' (see **Stark**) but in the absence of any medieval evidence this is highly conjectural.

**Early bearers:** Katheryn Starkyn, 1563 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Thomas Starkinge, 1576 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Cystely Starkin, 1579; Henry Starking, 1718 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

## Starkings

**Variants:** Starkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Starkin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Starkings, 1665 in *IGI* (Sandon, Herts); Henry Starkins, 1669 in *IGI* (Buckland, Herts); Amy Starkins, 1719 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Starkings, 1732 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk).

## Starkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Starkings**.

## Starks

**Variants:** Starkes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Dorset, and Somerset

English: variant of **Stark** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Starky

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts; London

English: see **Starkey**.

## Starley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: unexplained; possibly a nickname from an unrecorded Middle English adjective \**stereli*, derived from *stere* 'strong, hardy, powerful, steadfast', like *sickly* from *sick*.

**Further information:** But if the oldest record is relevant, there must be some different origin, because this is clearly a locative name from a place that has not been firmly identified: possibly Startley in Great Somerford (Wilts), recorded as *Sterkele*, *Sterkle*, in medieval sources.

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Sterlegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calstone Wellington, Wilts); Christopher Starly, 1545 in *PROB 11* (place not specified); Guilielmi Starley, 1667 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Tho. Starley, 1689 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Ann Starly, 1757 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 73.

## Starling

**Variants:** Sterling, Stirling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2355, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2193
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

English: relationship name from Middle English *Starling*, *Sterling* (Old English *Stærling*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Starlingus, Starlinc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).

surnames: Willelmus filius Sterling, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Jordan Starling, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Wimumd Starling, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Sterling, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Walterus Starlyngg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Bradenham, Norfolk); Richard Starling, 1551 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Robert Starling, 1565; Edward Sterling, 1572 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Ann Sterling, 1567 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Robbin Starling, 1583 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Anthonius Starling, 1586; Roberti Starling, 1709; Margaret Stirling, 1752 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Rebecca Sterling, 1769 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).

## Starman

**Variants:** Stairmand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: (i) see **Stearman**. (ii) see **Sturman**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Starman, 1578 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Starman, 1584 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sara Starman, 1620 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Bengamin Starmin, 1726 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Starmin, 1747 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

## Starmer

**Variants:** Starmore, Starsmore, Starsmoor, Starsmeare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Lincs and Leics

1 English: locative name from Starmore in Westrill (Leics), which is recorded as *Stormeorde* in 1086, *Storme(s)worth* in the 13th century, and *Stormore* in 1518.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stormesworth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Welford, Northants); Johanne Stormeworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poultney, Leics); Robertus Stormesworth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Langton, Leics); George Starmore, 1585 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Alice Staesmore, 1594 in *IGI* (Uppingham, Rutland); Katharyn Staesmore, 1597; Georg Staremore, 1606 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Mary Starmoore, 1632 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Leics* 5, p. 208.

2 English: locative name from the lost place-name *Stermore* near Stowe by Chartley (Staffs), recorded as *Sterremor(e)* about 1275 and *Staesmore* in 1605. The post-medieval bearers listed here may belong to (1).

**Early bearers:** James Staesmor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Richard Staesmor, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); William de Staesmore, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Amy Starmer, 1619 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Elizabeth Starmar, 1666 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names* p. 510.

## Starmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants

English: see **Starmer**.

## Starn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Northants; Suffolk

English: see **Stearn**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Starnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London

English: see **Stearns**.

## Starns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk

English: see **Stearns**.



**Starr**

Variants: **Star**, **Starrs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2611, Ireland 145
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1460
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Somerset; also Cambs; Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Tipperary
- 1 English: nickname, relationship name from Middle English *sterre* 'star' (Old English *steorra*), used, like the Old Scandinavian *Stjarna*, as a nickname, but also, occasionally, as a personal name.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sterre, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Hants).

urnames, England: Leuenot Sterre, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Derbys); Simon Sterre, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Sturre, Sterre, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Sterre, Starre, 1305–6 in *London Letter Books B*; Edwardo Starr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); John Starr, 1583 in *PROB 11* (West Teignmouth, Devon); Anthony Starres or Stares, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Leicester, Leics).

urnames, Ireland: James Starre, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Magheragall, Antrim); John Starr, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Kilcory, Antrim); Jeremiah Star, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annagh, Cavan); Rose Stars, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryvullan, Fermanagh).

2 English: locative name; occasionally, for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a star.

**Early bearers:** Richard ate Sterre, 1322 in *London Letter Books E*.

**Starratt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Stirrat**.

**Starrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 146
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal
- Irish: see **Stirrat**.

**Starritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish: see **Stirrat**.

**Starrs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: variant of **Starr** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Starsmeare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Starmer**.

**Starsmoor**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Starmer**.

**Starsmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Warwicks; Notts and Lincs

English: see **Starmer**.

**Start**

Variants: **Starte**, **Sturt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 800, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex; Notts and Leics

English: locative name from Middle English *stert* 'tail' (Old English *steort*), used in its transferred sense 'promontory, tongue of land, hill spur'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near such a feature, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stert in Cornwood (Devon), Stert in Diptford (Devon), Start in Slapton (Devon), Start Farm and Start Point in Stokenham (Devon), Stert (Wilts), Sturtwood Farm in Newdigate (Surrey), Sturt Lane in Frimley (Surrey), and Sturt Farm in Haslemere (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Lesturte, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Tomas de Sterte, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Walter de la Sterte, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard de la Sturte, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Richard de Stirt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Richard de la Sterte, 1291 in *Inquisitiones ad quod Damnum* (Surrey); John Sterte, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John ate Sturte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Gilbert atte Sturte, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Mabel de Sturte, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Start, 1564 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); Katherine Start, 1573 in *IGI* (Tewin, Herts); Anne Start, 1589 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richardi Start, 1601 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Margery Start, 1603 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 271, 301, 330, 332; *Place-Names of Surrey* pp. 85, 128, 207.

**Starte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Start**.

**Startin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Warwicks

English: probably a locative name from Staverton (Gloucs or Northants), both recorded as *Starton* in post-medieval documents, or Stareton (Warwicks), which has the same origin but shows reduced forms in medieval times (e.g. *Starton* in 1279).

**Further information:** The early and persistent -i- or -y- is unexpected, but late-medieval *Martin* often appears in place-names of the type *Marton*, e.g. in Wilts, Worcs, and Lincs, under the influence of the male saint's name and given name; *Startin* may appear for *Starton* by analogy with this. This name is not from Staverton (Devon), whose early forms are completely different.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Startyn of Bromwych, 1351 in *Patent Rolls*; Henricus Startyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ellastone, Staffs); Robertus Starton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton Underwood, Northants); Eliz. Startin, 1560

in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Christian Staverton, 1619 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); Margaret Starton, 1682 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops).

**Startup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *sterren*, *stirten*, *sturten* (Old English *styrtan*) '(to) start, leap, jump' + *up(pe)*, *hup*, *hop* 'up'. It might have denoted a messenger or a hasty person (compare **Sturtivant**) or perhaps 'an upstart', a sense of *start-up* first recorded in about 1598 in *OED*. Some of the variations in the Middle English vowel (-e- spellings in W England and a -u- spelling in Rutland) are dialectally puzzling but no alternative explanation can be offered.

**Further information:** *OED* also records from 1517 onwards a noun *startup*, *stertup*, *startop*, *sturtup* 'a kind of high-legged boot, worn by rustics', but whether this sense was current in Middle English and was therefore a possible source of a nickname is unknown.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Stephen Sturthup, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Stertup of Ledwelle, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Johanne Stertup, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Barrington, Berks); Johannes Sturthop (for Sturthop), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Widford, Gloucs); Jone Startup, 1548 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Margaret Stirtup, 1568 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); William Sturtup, 1607 in *IGI* (Kington Saint Michael, Wilts); Edith Stirtup, 1626 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Mary Sturtup, 1768 in *IGI* (Freshford, Somerset).

Midlands and E Anglia: Geoffrey Sturchup (for Sturthup), 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland); William Stercup (for Stertup), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Stertup, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hertford, Herts); Reginald Sterthup, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Paul's Walden, Herts); Johanne Sterhup', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Geoffrey Startup, 1541 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); John Startuppe, 1559 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Startup, 1563 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk).

London and Kent: Nicholas Stirtup, 1359 in *London Letter Books G*; Thomas Startup, 1562 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Annes Startop, 1566, Anne Stertuppe, 1589 in *IGI* (Linton, Kent); Agnes Startup, 1580, Nicholas Startopp, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Startupe, 1609 in *IGI* (Buckland by Dover, Kent); William Starttupe, 1611, Elizabeth Starthup, 1789 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Mary Sturtup, 1624 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Elizabeth Startopp, 1633 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Mary Starthop, 1714, Roger Starthope, 1727 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Hannah Sturtup, 1725 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

**State**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Berks; London
- English: see **Stait**.

**Stater**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon; Kent
- English: see **Statter**.

**States**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London

English: variant of **Stait** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth States, 1621 in *IGI* (Widford, Herts); Eliza Staits, 1724 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants).

**Statham**

**Variants:** **Steatham, Stathem, Statom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2672, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1716
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Lancs

English: locative name from Statham (Cheshire), recorded as *Stathum* in 1285.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stathum, 1413 in *Derbys Charters*; John Stathum, 1450 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Henry Stathum, 1488 in *Close Rolls* (Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 38.

**Stathem**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Statham**.

**Stather**

**Variants:** **Stathers, Statter, Stother**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name, probably from a locality on the River Trent formerly known as *Stather* (Old Scandinavian *stǫðvar*, ‘jetties, landing-places, wharves’) in the neighbouring parishes of Burton upon Stather and Flixborough (Lincs). It is attested in *Burton Statheher* (1208), *Flikesburgh Stather* (1299), *Burton cum Stather* (1343), *Southstathere* (in Burton parish, 1347), *Northstather* (in Burton parish, 1502), *Burton iuxta Stather* (1544), and *Burton with the Stather* (1580).

**Further information:** The 1379 bearer, John de Stather, appears in an unlocated list of taxpayers following the list for Hive in Howdenshire (ER Yorks). Hive is from Old English *hýð* ‘landing place on a river’, and is one of several places in the vicinity with wharves and access to the rivers Ouse and Humber. John de Stather may therefore have been a shipman. Burton upon Stather and Flixborough Stather lie only about ten miles south-east of Hive, which would have easily been reached via the Trent’s confluence with the Ouse.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Stather, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howdenshire, ER Yorks); John Stather, 1571 in *IGI* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Abigall Stather, 1590 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); William Statter, 1719, Christopher Stather, 1731 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 4, pp. 43 and 56.

**Stathers**

**Variants:** **Statters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Stather** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Statter, 1700, Joseph Statters, 1737 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Thomas Stathers, Mary Statters, 1732 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**Statom**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Statham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Staton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 891, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 577
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Stathern (Leics).

**Early bearers:** William de Stathern, 1362 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Stathern, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); John Stathern, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Annis Stathern, 1574 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Roger Staton, 1590 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Mary Stathon, 1607 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); Dorothy Staton, 1616 in *IGI* (Great Dalby, Leics); Audery Staton, 1678 in *IGI* (Queniborough, Leics); Wm. Stathorn, 1712 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

2 English: see **Staden**.

**Statter**

**Variants:** **Stater, Statters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English, Scottish: perhaps from Anglo-Norman French *estater* ‘balance-beam’, understood as an agent noun with the suffix *-ere*, for a person somehow involved legally or administratively with these.

**Early bearers:** Roberto le Statere, burgess of Berwick, 1253 in *Close Rolls* (Northumb); Laurentius le Stater, 1264 in *Newbattle Register* (Northumb); Thomas Stator, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick, Somerset); Johannes Statour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Margaret Stater, 1688 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs).

2 English: see **Stather**.

**Statters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Lancs

1 English: see **Stathers**.

2 English: variant of **Statter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Geo Statters, 1759 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**Statton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Northumb

English: unexplained; probably a variant of **Staden** or **Staddon**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Statten, 1675 in *IGI* (Talland, Cornwall); John Statton, 1687 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall); John Statten, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall).

**Staughton**

**Variants:** **Stoughton, Stoten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: locative name from Great Staughton (Hunts) or Little Staughton (Beds), both of which appear in medieval documents as *Stokton*. Compare **Stockton**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Staughton’, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Gilbert Staughton’, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Anna Stowton, 1541 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Agnes Stoughton, 1566 in *IGI* (Offord Darcy, Hunts); Lawrence Stoughton, 1627, Robert Staughton, 1641 in *IGI* (Little Paxton, Hunts); Susan Stoaton or Stoughton, 1690 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Joane Stoton, 1694 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Joseph Stoten, 1760 in *IGI* (Stanstead Abbots, Herts).

**Staunton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1010, Ireland 1509
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; also Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Galway; Cork

English, Irish: see **Stanton**. This English name has been established (in this spelling) since medieval times in Ireland (Mayo, Connacht), where it has been gaelicized as *de Stonndún*. Compare **McEville**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabetha Staunton, 1547 in *IGI* (Savern Stoke, Worcs); Alice Staunton, 1560 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); Thomas Staunton, 1582 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Catheryn Staunton, 1605 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); William Staunton, 1635 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs).

**Staveley**

**Variants:** **Stavely, Stevely, Staley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 948, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

English: locative name from any of four places called Staveley (Lancs, WR Yorks, Derbys, Westm), or Stayley (Lancs, formerly *Staveley*, now known as Stalybridge in Cheshire).

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows that the name was sometimes confused with **Stabler**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Staueleia, 1183–99 in *Yorks Charters*; Robert de Staueleye, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas de Staueleye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); George Staveley, 1549 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Alice Staveley, 1560 in *IGI* (York); Margaret Stevely, 1563, Humfridus Staveley, 1567 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Edward Staveley, 1565 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); John Staveley, 1571, Jaymes Stavely, 1593 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jayne Staveley, 1596 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); James Staveley, 1600 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Elizabeth Stevely, 1779 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

**Stavely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts, and ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Staveley**.

**Staver**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Stavers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Lettis Staver, 1546 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Anthony Staver, 1584 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Bartholomew Staver, 1595 in *IGI* (Castle Camps, Cambs); Henrie Staver, 1607 in *IGI* (Gamford, Durham).

**Stavers**

**Variants:** **Staver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; London

English: (i) originally a variant of **Staver** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. *Staver* is of unexplained origin, but possibly connected with Middle English *staver* 'an upright bar in a rack for hay or fodder' (*MED*), which is recorded from County Durham, or a term for a stave-maker. (ii) possibly a variant of the now extinct **Staverd** arising in SE Scotland and NE England through confusion with (i).

**Early bearers:** William Staver, 1578 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs); John Stavers, 1602 in *IGI* (Shepreth, Cambs); Edward Stavers, 1608 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Isabell Stavers, 1643 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Francis Stavers, 1753 in *IGI* (Simonburn, Northumb).

**Stavert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs and Midlothian; also Westm

Scottish: unexplained; traditionally said to be a form of *Staward* (*Black*).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Stavert, 1636 in *IGI* (Ashkirk, Roxburghs).

**Staves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 386, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: nickname variant of **Staff** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Ann Staves, 1584 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Robert Staves, 1589 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Mathewe Staves, 1594 in *IGI* (Woodhall, Lincs).

**Stavrou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Stavros*, from ancient Greek *stauros* 'cross' (with reference to the cross on which Christ was crucified).

**Stawell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Stowell**.

**Stawpert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Stappard**.

**Stay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, IoW, Dorset, and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *staye* 'support, prop' (Old French *estaye*), for a supportive person.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Stay, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Stay, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Benedict Stay, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Anne Staye, 1592 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs).

**Stayne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Steen**.

**Stayner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Derbys; London

English: see **Stainer**.

**Staynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Staines**.

**Stayt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

English: see **Stait**.

**Stayte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Stait**.

**Staziker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Stirzaker**.

**Stead**

**Variants:** **Steade, Steed, Steeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7043, Ireland 59
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6076
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name. Redmonds argues that the WR Yorks and Lincs surname is primarily from Stead (*le Stede*, 12th century) near Storiths in Hazlewood (Skipton, WR Yorks), which became a grange of Bolton Priory. The family appears to have moved down Wharfedale to Burley, where Redmonds believes that the family gave its name to the farmstead there known from the 13th century as *Stede* (modern Stead). A long-standing connection of Bolton Priory with Wentworth (WR Yorks) may

also explain the occurrence of the name there and elsewhere in S Yorks by the late 14th century.

Alternative origins might include Stead Farm in Nether Hoyland (WR Yorks), although this may also have been named from a branch of the same family, and Stidd in Ribchester (Lincs) but it is not known if this produced a surviving hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** Gamil de Stede, 1189–1219 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Bolton priory cartulary, WR Yorks); Richard de Stede, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Peter del Stede, 1314 in *Yorks Deeds* (Austby, WR Yorks); Robert del Stede, 1336 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Laurencius del Stede, 1377, Petrus del Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Petrus and Robertus del Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burley in Wharfedale, WR Yorks); Robertus del Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Keswick, WR Yorks); Jacobus del Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Addingham, WR Yorks); Robertus del Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potter Newton, WR Yorks); Peter del Stede, 1408 in *Yorks Deeds* (Askwith, WR Yorks); Johannes Stead, 1553 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Leonarde Stead, 1554 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Margret Stead, 1571, Nycolas Stead, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Graice Stead, 1585 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks); Agnes Steed, 1568 in *IGI*, Alice Stead, 1624 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Alice Stead, 1634 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 112; 4, p. 197; 5, p. 75; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 144.

2 English: from one or other minor places which, like those mentioned in (1), were named with Middle English *stede* 'farm, estate; hamlet' (Old English *stede*). One of these is The Stude in Church Lawford (Warwicks). The word was especially common in minor names and field names in S and SE England. Some of the following examples without a preposition may alternatively belong with (3). **Early bearers:** John atte Stede, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Philip del Stede, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Adam Stede, 1377, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coven, Staffs); Stephanus Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnford, Hants); Gilberto Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonbury with Weston, Herefs); Robertus atte Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Robertus Stede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Willelmus Stede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Johannes Stede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset); Johannes Stede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Creting Saint Peter, Suffolk); Wyllm Stead, 1553 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henrie Steade, 1564, Willm Stead, 1566 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Priscilla Stead, 1570 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Radulphi Steade, 1570, Rici Stead, 1574 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Henrie Stead, 1593 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Jane Stead, 1626 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Stead, 1629 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ann Steed, 1647, Roberta Stead, 1697 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Mary Steed, 1663, Bridget Stead, 1679 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Simon Davy Stead, 1725, Jane Steed, 1727 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, pp. 147–9; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 137; *East Anglian Bynames*, p. 99.

3 English: nickname see **Steed** (1).

**Steade**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

## Steadham

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys  
English: see **Stead**.

### Steadham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Stedham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Steadman

**Variants:** **Stedman, Stedmond, Steedman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3704, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1828
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also WR Yorks and Lancs; Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: (i) locative name, occupational name from Middle English *stede* ‘place, farm, estate’ (Old English *stede*) + *-man*, for someone who lived or worked on a farm, or at a place so named. Compare **Stead**. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *sted(e)* ‘horse, stallion’ (Old English *steda*) + *-man*, for someone who worked with horses. Compare **Steed**. **Early bearers:** England: Ralph le Stedman, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Robert le Stedeman of Swynnerton, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robert le Stedeman, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Stedman, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Ricardus Stedman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johannes Stedeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sullington, Sussex); Johannes le Stedman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pilkington, Lancs); Salomon Stedman, 1539 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Jorge Stedman, 1540 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Ann Stedman, 1542 in *IGI* (Eggescliffe, Durham); Robert Steadman, 1560 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Steedman, 1561 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Arthur Steedman, 1564 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Humphrey Steedman, 1565, John Steadman, 1584 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); An Steedman, 1584 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Simpson Steadman, 1586 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Christofer Steadman, 1597 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm); Thoms. Steedman, 1637 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Richard Stedmond, 1678 in *IGI* (Westbury, Shrops); Mary Stedman, 1769 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). Scotland: Symon le Stedeman, 1321 in *Scotland Calendar*; James Steedman, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Steedman, 1658 in *IGI* (Penicuik, Midlothian); Agnes Steedman, 1670 in *IGI* (Ballingry, Fife).

### Steads

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Steads**.

### Steady

**Variants:** **Steddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *stedi*, *stedy(e)* ‘stubborn, steadfast, firm’.

**Early bearers:** William Steady, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Steady, 1657 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Alexander Steady, 1716 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Ann Steady, 1812 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex).

### Stean

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks
- English: see **Steen**.

### Steane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Steen**.

### Steans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lancs
- English: see **Staines**.

### Stear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Steer**.  
2 English: see **Stair**.  
3 English: see **Stare**.

### Stearman

**Variants:** **Starman, Steerman, Sterman, Sturman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 234
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Durham
- English: (i) occupational name chiefly from Middle English *stere(s)man* (Old English *stēor(es)mann*) and Middle English *stereman, stireman* (Old Scandinavian *stýreman*) ‘one who steers a ship, skipper, sea-captain’. (ii) occupational name occasionally perhaps from Middle English *steer* (Old English *stēor*) ‘bullock’ + *-man*, for someone responsible for tending cattle.

**Further information:** *Feilitzten*, p. 235, notes that Edricus stirman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs), was formerly *stermannus navis episcopi* (the captain of the Bishop’s ship), according to a document dated 1072; he was in charge of the sea and land forces of the Bishop of Worcester in the service of Edward the Confessor. Middle English *steresman* has not survived as a surname, perhaps because it was absorbed into *Stearman*.

**Early bearers:** Hugolinus, Stefanus Stirman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks, Hants, Warwicks); Turchil Stirman Regis E(dwardi), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); William Stereman, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Stereman, 1288 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robert le Steresman of Cambridge, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Simon Sterman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ascelina Steresman, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmo Steresman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (ER Yorks); Johannes Sterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bourton and Hardwick, Oxon); Willelmus Sterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Marg’ Sterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Johannes Sterysman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calthorpe, Norfolk); Richard Stearman, 1749 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); James Steerman, 1797 in *IGI* (Sall, Norfolk).

### Stearn

**Variants:** **Stearne, Stern, Sterne, Starn, Stearns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Suffolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *stern(e)*, *stirn(e)*, *stiarn(e)* ‘severe, strict, cruel; strong, powerful’.

**Further information:** Richard Sterne was Archbishop of York from 1664 to 1683. His great-grandson was the novelist Laurence Sterne, who was ordained as a priest in 1738 and served the churches of Sutton on the Forest and Stillington, both in NR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Henry Sterne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Sterne, 1289 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Nicholas Sterne, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (North Mimms, Herts); Joan Stern, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Stow cum Quy, Cambs); Thomas Stern, 1611 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Thomas Stearn, 1674 in *IGI* (Chrishall, Essex); Charles Stearn, 1695 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk).

### Stearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambs

English: see **Stearn**.

### Stearns

**Variants:** **Sterns, Starns, Starnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx

English: variant of **Stearn** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Fellex Starnes, 1611 *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Fayth Starnes, 1638 in *IGI* (Holton Saint Mary, Suffolk); Thomas Starns, 1664 in *IGI* (Christall, Essex); Wilyam Starns, 1708 in *IGI* (Harston, Cambs).

### Stears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; also Hants; Beds and Herts

English: see **Steers**.

### Steatham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Statham**.

### Stevenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Stevenson**.

### Stebbens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Wilts; Essex
- English: see **Stebbing**.

### Stebbing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 635
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia
- English: see **Stebbing**.

**Stebbing**

Variants: **Stebbing, Stebbins, Stebbens, Stebings, Stubbing, Stubbings, Steppings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1081, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

English: locative name from Stebbing (Essex), recorded as *Stubbings* in 1183, *Stebinges* in 1212, *Stub(b)ing* 1233–91, and *Stobbyng* in 1285.

**Early bearers:** Edith de Stebbing, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Stebing, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas de Stebbinges, 1283–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edward Stebbings, 1622 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); John Stebbings, 1641 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Mary Stebbings, 1665 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); William Stebbings, 1723 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); William Stebbings, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 457.

**Stebbins**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Stebbing**.

**Stebings**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Stebbing**.

**Steckles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Steggles**.

**Steddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Steady**.

**Stedeford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Stirlings

English: variant of **Stentiford**.

**Further information:** Richard Stedefot, 1298 in *Norwich Deeds I*, Richard Stedefote, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks), from Middle English *stede* ‘stallion, horse’ (Old English *steda*) + *foṭ* ‘foot’ (Old English *fōt*), are unlikely to be ancestral to this name.

**Stedford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Stentiford**.

**Stedham**

Variants: **Stedham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Hants

English: locative name from Stedham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Stedeham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stedham, Sussex); Johannes Stedham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fratton, Hants); Jone Steddham, 1547 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Thomas Stedhame, 1564, Richard Steddome, 1573, John Steddame, 1586 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

**Stediford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Stentiford**.

**Stedman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1928, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1855
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Wexford

English: see **Steadman**.

**Stedmond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Steadman**.

**Steed**

Variants: **Steede, Stead, Steeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1917, Ireland 110
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent; also Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Galway

1 English: from Middle English *sted(e)* ‘horse, stallion’ (Old English *steda*), perhaps for a strong or lusty man or someone who worked with horses. Compare **Steadman**. The following examples without a definite article may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Vchtred Stede, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Henry le Stede, 1281 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William Stede, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hareberton, Devon); Elizabeth Steed, 1668, Bucknel Stead, 1671 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Benjamin Stead, 1716 in *IGI* (Duloe, Cornwall).

2 English: variant of **Stead**.

**Steede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Oxon; Suffolk
- English: see **Steed**.

**Steeden**

Variants: **Steedon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Oxon; London
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Amye Steeden, 1603 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Alice Steeden, 1663 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Ann Steedon, 1758 in *IGI* (Cassington, Oxon).

**Steedman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1062, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 772
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Fife
- Scottish: see **Steadman**.

**Steedon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London
- English: see **Steeden**.

**Steeds**

Variants: **Steads**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Steed** or **Stead** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Steads, 1585 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); Henricus Steeds, 1616 in *IGI* (Cadney, Lincs).

**Steel**

Variants: **Stell, Still**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10366, Ireland 56
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12060
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- English: see **Steele**.

**Steele**

Variants: **Steel, Steels, Still**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16672, Ireland 1724
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7887
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *stel(e)* ‘steel’, for someone considered as hard and durable as steel, or for a foundry worker.

**Further information:** the English and Scottish surnames (for the latter, see (2)) are also common in N Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Walter Stel, 1206 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Robert Stel, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Jordan le Stel, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Steel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Anthonie Steele, 1539 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Sibill Steele, 1543 in *IGI* (Fairsted, Essex); Alice Steele, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Alice Steele, 1550 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Jone Steele, 1558 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk); Xpopher Steele, 1558 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Elyzabeyth Steele, 1562 in *IGI* (Weston, Lincs); Roger Steel, 1567 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Nicholas Steele, 1564 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); John Steill, 1571 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Christopher Steel, 1592 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); John Steele, 1602 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants).

2 Scottish: locative name from one or more of the places named in Steel(e) or Steill in Ayr, Berwicks, and Dumfriess.

**Early bearers:** Jannet Steel, 1528 in *IGI* (Dalry, Ayr); Robert Steill, 1571 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Steill, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Steill, 1616 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Margrat Steill, 1630 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Jonet Steill, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); James Steele, 1651 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Andrew Steele, 1658 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); James Steele, 1662 in *IGI*

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(Longformacus, Berwicks); Margaret Steel, 1689 in *IGI* (Holywood, Dumfriess); George Steel, 1698 in *IGI* (Turriff, Aberdeens); John Steele, 1719 in *IGI* (New Cumnock, Ayr).  
3 English: see **Style**.

### Steeles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks; Rutland

English: see **Steels**.

### Steeley

**Variants:** Steely, Stillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also ER Yorks; Durham

1 English: locative name from Steeley (in Lanchester, Durham), recorded as *Steley*, 1284 in *Durham Place-Names*.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Steely, 1567 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Cecily Steley, 1589 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Jhon Steley, 1593 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); William Steely, 1863 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

2 English: the 1827 Warwicks example below might be an altered form of *Steley*, see **Staley**, but the surname in Westm is more problematic. **Staveley** (but not its reduced form *Staley*) is a well recorded surname in Westm (including Kendal), and derives from the Westm place-name. However, it is unlikely that *Sta(ve)ley* would have developed to *Steeley*.

There are also people named **Stell** and **Steel** in the right area, such as Steven Stell, 1592, Susanne Steel, 1595 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb), and Thomas Steele, 1561 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm), but the addition of an excrescent *-y* is difficult to explain. It is probably safer to infer that the Durham surname in (1) may have migrated to Westm.

**Early bearers:** John Stelye, 1570, Elizabeth Stelye, 1578 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Isabel Steely, 1572, William Stelie, 1592 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Agnes Steleye, 1578, John Stelley, 1819 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); John Stelye, 1594 in *IGI* (Newton Reigny, Cumb); John Stelie, 1616, Sarah Stealey, 1710 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Steely, 1694 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); William Steely, 1827 in *IGI* (Haseley, Warwicks).

### Steels

**Variants:** Steeles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 349
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Steele** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hugon Steels, 1615 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Samuel Steels, 1674 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Tabitha Steels, 1712 in *IGI* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks).

### Steely

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Steeley**.

### Steen

**Variants:** Stean, Steane, Steene, Steyn, Steyne, Stayne, Stain, Staine, Stein, Staines, Stine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1164, Ireland 221
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Renfrews, Lanarks, and Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Derry, and Tyrone

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Steyne* (Old Scandinavian *Steinn*, *Sten*, from a word of this form meaning ‘stone’). Some of the following surname examples may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Stain, Stein, Sten, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks, Cheshire, Shrops); Steyne de Holton, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs). given names, Scotland: Steyn Tran, 1450 in *Irvine Muniments*; Steyne of Wod, 1519 in *Protocol Book Simon*. surnames, England: Galfridus filius Steyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alfricus Stein, 1155–66 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Richard Steyn, Robert le Steen [*sic*], 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Steyn, 1581 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Margerie Steene, 1618 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

surnames, Scotland: John Steyne, 1575 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Stein, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Janet Stein, 1619, Jonett Steen, 1638 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Margaret Stein, 1620 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Agnes Stein, 1622 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); Margret Stain, 1633 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Jeane Steen, 1645 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Jon. Steen, 1652 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Isobell Steen, 1663 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); Thomas Steen, 1672 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

2 Scottish: relationship name from a contracted form of **Stephen**. The post-medieval forms of the given name and surname are difficult to tell apart from *Stein* in (1), and some of the examples there may belong here.

3 English: locative name from any of various minor places named in N England and Scotland with Old English *stān* ‘stone, rock’ (northern Middle English *stayn*), or in the rest of England with Old English *stāne* ‘stony place’ (Middle English *stane*, *stayne*, *stene*), including Steane (Northants), Stein Farm in East Dean (Sussex), Stains in Funtington (Sussex), what is now Old Steine in Brighton (Sussex), and Steyne in Chale (IoW). Examples without a preposition may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** . . . de la Stene, 1271 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Elena de Stayne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmus Stayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whittington, Leics); Johannes Stayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes de Stene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharow, WR Yorks); Johannes atte Stane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Margareta de Stayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Claythorpe, Lincs); John Steane, 1561 in *IGI* (Misterton, Leics); Thomas Steyne, 1560, Agnes Steane, 1562 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks); Anne Steene, 1565 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jone Steane, 1589, Richard Staine, 1604 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Willimi. Staine, 1595 in *IGI* (Theydon Mount, Essex); Theodor Staine, 1599 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Mary Stean, 1658 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants* p. 57; *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 48, 61, 292.

4 Norwegian: from any of ten or more farmsteads in southeastern Norway, so named from Old Scandinavian *steinn* ‘stone, rock’.

**Early bearers:** Peter Steen (born in Norway) in *Census 1881* (Lancs); John Steen (born in Norway) in *Census 1881* (Glamorgan); Joseph Stein (born in Norway) in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

### Steene

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cheshire; also Lanarks

English: see **Steen**.

### Steens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Staines**.

### Stenson

**Variants:** Steinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 452
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Monaghan

1 Scottish, English: reduced form of **Stevenson**.

Compare **Steen**, **Stenson**.

**Early bearers:** John Stenson, 1455 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Lanarks); Edward Stynson, 1539 in *Bardsley* (Northumb); Thomas Stensoun, 1556 in *Prestwick Records* (Ayr); Walter Stenson, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Stinson, 1576 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Henry Stenson, 1601 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

2 Norwegian, Danish: relationship name, **Steensen**, **Stensen**, from the Scandinavian personal name *Sten* (Old Scandinavian *Steinn*, *Sten*) + *-son*. Compare **Steen**.

### Steeper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *stepe(n)* ‘(to) steep’ (Old English *stiepan*), for someone who steeped flax or cloth; probably a bleacher.

**Early bearers:** Alice Relicta le Stepere, Robert le Stupere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Stuper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Rich. Steeper, 1584 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); George Steper, 1586 in *IGI* (Kirtton in Lindsey, Lincs).

### Steeple

**Variants:** Steeples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Steeple Grange in Wirksworth (Derbys) ‘steep hill’, recorded as *Stephul(l)* about 1230 and *Steeple* in 1363.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Steple, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Nicholas de Stephull, 1387 in *Patent Rolls*

(Derbys); Joan Steeple, 1588 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys).

References: *Place-Names of Derbys* p. 415.

2 English: locative name occasionally from Middle English *stepel*, *steple* 'tower, steeple; steep place' (Old English *stepel*), and given to someone who lived by a tower or a steep place, or who came from a place so named, such as Steeple Court in Botley (Hants) and Steeple (Dorset, Essex).

Early bearers: Henry atte Steple, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Steeple in Botley, Hants); Johannes Stepil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frettenham, Norfolk); [ . . . ] de Stupole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Knowle, Dorset).

### Steeples

- Current frequencies: GB 499, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 253
- Main GB location 1881: Derbys

English: variant of **Steeple** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Isbell Steples, 1565 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks); Georg Steeples, 1662 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys).

### Steer

Variants: **Steere**, **Stear**, **Stere**, **Styer**, **Steers**

- Current frequencies: GB 4416, Ireland 14
- GB frequency 1881: 3478
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; also Surrey and Sussex

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *stere* 'strong, stout' (Old English \**stere*). (ii) nickname alternatively from Middle English *ster(e)* 'steer, bullock' (Old English *steor*), perhaps for a heavily built person.

Early bearers: Geoffrey Ster, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Steer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Hoathly and Chiddingly, Sussex); Nicholas Steere, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Steere, 1539 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Charles Steare, 1541 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Thamsyn Steere, 1556 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elyzabethe Stere, 1558 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Steere, 1562 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Mgt Steare, 1566 in *IGI* (Marrow, Surrey); Anna Stere, 1574 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent); Honor Steer, 1578 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); Ralph Stear, 1596 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Willmi Steere, 1680 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 382–3.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *stere* 'steersman, helmsman' (Old English *steora*), for someone responsible for steering a boat or ship. Compare **Stearman**.

Early bearers: Willelmus Stere, shippman, 1376–7 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Steere

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 232
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Sussex; Devon
- English: see **Steer**.

### Stearman

- GB frequency 1881: 10
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Sussex
- English: see **Stearman**.

### Steers

Variants: **Stears**

- Current frequencies: GB 707, Ireland 18
- GB frequency 1881: 519
- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Surrey and Kent

English: variant of **Steer** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Edmundo Steres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charney Bassett, Berks); Richard Steers, 1587 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Nicholas Stears, 1623 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Eliz. Steers, 1628 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Steers, 1663 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); John Steers, 1681 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); Agnes Steers, 1693 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Steevenson

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 13
- Main GB location 1881: Northants; Derbys

English: see **Stevenson**.

### Steeves

Variants: **Steves**

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: relationship name from a reduced form of **Stevens**. Compare **Steveson**.

Early bearers: Johannes Steves, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Haseley, Oxon); Bartholomeus Stevys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Addington, Northants); Phebe Steves, 1587 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Steeves, 1657 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent).

### Steff

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 56
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; Oxon

English: nickname from Middle English *stef* 'firm, unyielding, strong'. Compare **Stiff**.

Early bearers: Thom. Stef, 1332 in *Hjertstedt* (Warwicks); Johannes Stef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Northants); Robert Steff, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Steffe, 1651 in *IGI* (Carlton, Beds).

### Steffan

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- German, Dutch: See **Steffen**.

### Steffen

Variants: **Steffan**, **Steffens**

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

German, Dutch: relationship name from the personal name *Steffen*, a Low German cognate of **Stephen**.

Early bearers: Claud Steffen, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Sophie Steffen, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Kent).

### Steffens

- Current frequencies: GB 95, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: London

1 German, Dutch: relationship name variant, of **Steffen** with genitival or patronymic -s. Early bearers: Herman Steffens, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

2 English: see **Stevens**.

### Steggall

Variants: **Steggell**, **Steggel**, **Steggle**, **Stygall**, **Stygal**

- Current frequencies: GB 234, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 248
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Style**.

Early bearers: Nicholas Stegell, 1569 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Katherine Stegell, 1588 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk); Richard Steggall, 1623, John Stigall, 1686 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Ralph Steggall, 1664 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Robt. Stygall, 1694 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Mirabella Stygall, 1732 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); William Steggal, 1746 in *IGI* (Monk Soham, Suffolk).

### Steggalls

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 30
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Steggles**.

### Steggals

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk; Middx

English: see **Steggles**.

### Steggel

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Steggall**.

### Steggell

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 14
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Steggall**.

### Steggle

- Current frequencies: GB 30, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Steggall**.

### Steggles

Variants: **Steggals**, **Steggalls**, **Steckles**, **Stickells**

- Current frequencies: GB 617, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 349
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia: esp. Norfolk and Suffolk

English: variant of **Steggall** (see **Style**) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

Early bearers: Jacobus Steckles, 1607, Prudence Steggals, 1766 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Kercher Stickells, 1651 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Steckles, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Caleb Steggells, 1769 in *IGI* (Thurston, Suffolk).

### Stein

Variants: **Stone**

- Current frequencies: GB 1450, Ireland 44
- GB frequency 1881: 708

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, also W Lothian; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone and Derry; Laois; Limerick

1 English, Scottish, Norwegian: see **Steen**.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, for someone who lived by a prominent rock or on stony ground, from Middle High German *stein* 'stone, rock'. The Jewish surname is ornamental.

**Further information:** This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe, not only in German-speaking regions.

**Early bearers:** German: John Stein, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); John Stein, RC priest, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Prescot, Lancs); Hendrich Stein, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); Konrad Stein, skin dyer, born in Hessen, in *Census 1881* (Loughton, Essex).

Jewish: Jacob and Yetta Stein, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Isaac Stein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Samuel Stein, tailor, born in Poland, *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Abraham Stein, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Harris Stein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Steinberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx; Sussex

German, Jewish: locative name, German and Jewish (Ashkenazic), from any of several places so named. The Jewish name can also be ornamental, from German *Stein* 'stone' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill'.

**Early bearers:** German: Frank Steinberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Preston, Sussex); Adolph Steinberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Middx). Jewish: Morris Steinberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Steinberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Benjamin Steinberg, born in Russia, Morris Steinberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Levy and Naomi Steinberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

## Steiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40

German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German *stein* 'stone', denoting someone who worked with stone; a quarryman, stonemason, or stonemason. (ii) locative name from Middle High German *stein* 'stone, rock' + the locative suffix *-er*, denoting someone who lived on stony ground or near a prominent outcrop of rock.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Isidor Steiner, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (London); Morris and Leah Steiner, in *Census 1911* (London); Isaac Steiner, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (London); Samuel Steiner, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London).

Other: Hermann Steiner, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Frederika Steiner, born in Württemberg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Michael's Mount, Cornwall); Charles Steiner, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Wandsworth, Surrey);

Ludwig Steiner, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (London); Anton Steiner, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1901* (London); Marie Elise Steiner, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (London).

## Steinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Banff; Lancs
- Scottish, English: see **Steenson**.

## Stelfox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *stel(e)* 'steel' + *fax* 'hair', for someone with grey (steel-coloured) hair. Compare **Fairfax**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Steyllfox, 1438 in *Warrington Library* (Lancs); Thomas Stealefox, 1633 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Elizabeth Stealfox, 1669 in *IGI* (Knutsford, Cheshire); Anne Stelfox, 1687 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs); Mary Stelfax, 1705 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Stell

**Variants:** **Still**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 476
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *stelle*, *stille* 'place in a river for catching fish' (Old English *stell*, *stæll*, *stiell*), for someone who lived by such a place. Some of the following bearers may belong with (2) or (3).
- Early bearers:** Johannes Stell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Roberti Stell, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Annes Stell, 1592 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Ralph Stell, 1608 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Mary Stell, 1675 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).
- References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 200; V. E. Watts, 'Medieval fishery names in the Wear, Tyne, and Tweed: the place-name evidence', *Nomina* 7 (1983), 35–45 (36).
- 2 English: see **Style**.
- 3 English: see **Steel**.

## Stelling

**Variants:** **Stilling**, **Stellings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: (i) locative name from northern Middle English *stelling* 'cattle fold' (Old English \**stelling*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by, or worked at, a cattle fold, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stelling (Northumb). (ii) locative name, perhaps occasionally from Stelling (Kent).
- Early bearers:** William Stelling, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Geoffrey Stelling, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Stelyng, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne Stellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westm); Rogerus Stelyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downham Market, Norfolk); Christorfer Stillynge, 1555 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Margaret Stelling, 1584 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); William Stelling, 1587 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Stelling, 1645 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); Richd

Stilling, 1723, Richd. Stelling, 1726 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 150.

## Stellings

**Variants:** **Stillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham

English: variant of **Stelling** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Stillings, 1695 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); John Stillings, 1706 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Robert Stellings, 1776 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs).

## Stembridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Somerset and Dorset

1 English: locative name from Middle English *stenen* 'made of stone' (Old English *stænen*) + *brigge* 'bridge' (Old English *brycg*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near a stone bridge, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stembridge in Kingsbury Episcopi (Somerset) and perhaps also Steanbow in Pilton (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Christopherus Stembridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Isle Abbotts, Somerset); Agnes Stembridge, 1586 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Elizabeth Stembredge, 1588 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Anthony Stembridge, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset).

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Stean Bridge in Bisley (Gloucs), 'Stephen's bridge'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Attestenebrugg, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, pp. 119–20.

## Stemp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Sussex and Kent

English: variant of **Stamp** in a characteristically Kentish dialect form.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Stempe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); John Stempe, constable of Suthuover by Lewes, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Jane Stempe, 1544 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); Agnes Stemp, 1573 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

## Stenhouse

**Variants:** **Stanners**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1434, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1235
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Fife; Midlothian; also Northumb

Scottish: locative name principally from the barony of Stenhouse in Larbert (Stirlings), but perhaps also from places so named in Midlothian and Dumfriess. Compare **Stonehouse**.

**Further information:** post-medieval forms with *-a-* in the first syllable may represent anglicization of the Scots name, reflecting the now extinct **Stainhouse** in N England.

**Early bearers:** John de Stanhus, about 1200 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; John Stenhus, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Isobel Stenhus, 1583 in *IGI*



(Dunfermline, Fife); Margaret Stanhows, 1601, William Stenhouse, 1645, Agnes Stanners, 1672 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); Geils Stainhouse, 1664 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Stanners, 1717 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); David Steenhouse, 1736 in *IGI* (Dalgety, Fife).

### Stening

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Stenning**.

### Stenlake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Stonelake**.

### Stenner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Stainer**.

### Stennet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Stennett**.

### Stennett

**Variants:** Stennet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from a pet form of *Sten*, a reduced form of the personal name **Stephen**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Stennett, 1560 in *Patent Rolls* (Cams); An Stenet, 1569 in *IGI* (Blankney, Lincs); Allic Stennett, 1578 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); Mr Stennett, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** Calendar of Lincolnshire Consistory Court Wills, 1701–1800.

### Stenning

**Variants:** Stening, Stennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1345, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 840
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name from Steyning (Sussex), recorded as *Stenynges* in 1259, and still pronounced as the main surname spelling indicates.

**Early bearers:** William de Stenyng of Gildeford, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes Stenyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Agnes Stenyng, 1550 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Susan Stenyngs, 1601 in *IGI* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

### Stennings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Glamorgan

English: variant of **Stenning**, possibly retaining the ancient final *-s* seen in early records of the place-name, or possibly with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Stenson

**Variants:** Stinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1051, Ireland 433
- **GB frequency 1881:** 549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Sligo; Antrim

1 English: locative name from Stenson (Derbys), recorded as *Steineston* in 1206.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Stenson, 1566 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Austen Stenson, 1599 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Godfrey Stenson, 1605 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

2 English, Scottish: reduced form of **Stevenson**.

3 Norwegian, Danish: see **Steenson**.

### Stent

**Variants:** Stint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 672
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey and Hants

English: locative name from Stent Farm in Northiam (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Stenth, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Stynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Agnes Stente, 1567 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Agnes Stent, 1572 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 523–4.

### Stentaford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Middx
- English: see **Stentiford**.

### Stentiford

**Variants:** Stentafoard, Stuttaford, Stedeford, Stediford, Stedford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Stentafoard Land in Whitchurch (Devon).

**Early bearers:** . . . Stenteford, 1408 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Robtus Stentavord, 1549, Katherina Stentafoard, 1578 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Anne Stittsiefords, 1611, Johane Studdeford, 1645, James Stedifford, 1667, Elizabeth Studdiford, 1670 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Stitafoard, 1663 in *IGI* (Plympton Saint Mary, Devon); Abraham Stuttover, 1672 in *IGI* (Sheepstor, Devon); William Stentaver, 1677 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Stentiford, 1719 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Nicholas Stentover, 1724 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Lavinna Stuttafoard, 1833 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 249.

### Stenton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 802, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 537
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Stainton**.

**Early bearers:** Jenet Stenton, 1568, Elizabeth Stainton, 1656 in *IGI* (Austerfield, WR Yorks); John Stenton, 1571, Jo. Stainton, 1598 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lincs).

2 English: variant of **Stanton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Stenton, 1566, Margret Stanton, 1568 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Johannis Stanton, 1567, Johannis Stenton, 1652 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs).

### Step

**Variants:** Stap, Stapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Berks

English: locative name from Middle English *step(pe)*, *stap(pe)* ‘step’ (Old English *stæpe*), probably denoting someone who lived by a ford with stepping stones.

**Early bearers:** William a la Stappe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert atte Stappe, Robert Stappe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robart Step, 1591 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Rychard Step, 1620 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); George Step, 1789 in *IGI* (Faringdon, Berks).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 198.

### Stepney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Stepney**.

### Stephan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 279, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Worcs

1 German: from the personal name *Stephan*, a vernacular form of Latin *Stephanus* (see **Stephen**).

**Early bearers:** Christopher Stephan (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Yorks).

2 English: see **Stephen**.

### Stephans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Shrops; Gloucs and Warwicks

English: see **Stevens**.

### Stephen

**Variants:** Steven, Stephan, Stiven, Stevens, Steen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6510, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4847
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered  
 Scottish, English: relationship name from the personal name *Stephen*, a partially vernacular form of Biblical Latin *Stephanus*, Greek *Stephanas* (from the Greek *stephanos* ‘crown’). The fully vernacular Modern English form is *Steven*, and the *-ph-* spelling is due to clerks’ knowledge of the Biblical form. It is normally pronounced with /v/, but the occurrence of *Steffen(s)* in Devon in the 17th century suggests that it may locally have had a spelling-pronunciation with /f/.

**Further information:** This was a popular name throughout Christendom in the Middle Ages, having been borne by the first Christian martyr, stoned to death in Jerusalem three years after the death of Christ.

**Early bearers:** given names: Stefanus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Stephanus capellanus, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Steffan(us), 1142–53 in

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*Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Steffan(us), 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames, England: Robert Stephen, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Agnes Stiven, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roger Stefne, 1283 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Thomas Stephene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton, Warwicks); Henry Steven, 1539 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); John Stephen, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Jane Stephen, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Nycholas Stephen, 1543 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); John Stephen, 1544 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); Richard Stephen, 1549 in *IGI* (Seale, Surrey).  
surnames, Scotland: Mcady Stephen, 1611 in *IGI* (Inverness, Inverness); Andro Steven, 1618 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Dauid Stephen, 1649 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Margaret Stephen, 1655 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Stephen, 1675 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens).

### Stephens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20859, Ireland 1019
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16558
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Gloucs; Glamorgan
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread; esp. Wexford; Dublin; Mayo
- English: see **Stevens**.

### Stephenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23050, Ireland 579
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17043
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim; Donegal
- English: see **Stevenson**.

### Stephinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Stevenson**.

### Stepien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish (Stępień): nickname for a plodder, someone with a slow gait, from *stpać* 'to plod', Old Polish *stępać*.

### Stepney

Variants: **Stepeney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Middx
- English: locative name from Stepney (Middx), recorded as *Stebenheth* in 1242.  
**Early bearers:** John de Stebenhith, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Stuppeney, 1540 in *Kent Wills*; Katherne Stepney, 1565 in *IGI* (London).

### Steppings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Cambs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Stebbing**.

### Stepto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Steptoe**.

### Steptoe

Variants: **Stepto**, **Steptowe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 526
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon; London
- English: nickname from Middle English *step* 'step' + *toe* 'toe', for someone who treads lightly. Compare John Stepesoft, 1260 in *Oseney Cartulary* 'step softly'.  
**Early bearers:** Katherina Stepto, 1587 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); William Steptoe, 1665 in *Hearth Tax* (Oxon); John Steptoe, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Steptowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Steptoe**.

### Sterck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- German; Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Starck**.

### Stere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Steer**.

### Sterland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; Warwicks
- English: see **Stirland**.

### Sterling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1551, Ireland 156
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 626
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; London; also WR Yorks and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- 1 Scottish: see **Stirling**.  
2 English: see **Starling**.

### Sterman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: see **Stearman**.  
2 English: see **Sturman**.

### Stern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1234, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Middle High German *stern*, German *Stern* 'star', denoting someone living at a house distinguished by the sign of a star. Among Jews, however, it may have been acquired as a handout or ornamental name.

**Further information:** This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe. In Slovenia it is commonly spelled **Stern**.

**Early bearers:** German: Sigismond Stern, born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Barnet, Herts); Leopold Stern, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Twickenham, Middx); Ludwig Stern, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Franz Stern, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Berthold Stern, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

Jewish: David Stern, merchant, born in Frankfurt, in *Census 1851* (Marylebone, Middx); Moses Stern, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Isidor and Esther Stern, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ferdinand Stern, 1899 in *United Synagogue Members* (London); Marks Stern, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Stern, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Stern, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx); Jacob and Rachel Stern, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx).  
2 English: see **Stearn**.

### Sternberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name, German and Jewish (Ashkenazic), from any of various places so named all over Germany. (ii) ornamental name, Jewish (Ashkenazic), from German *Stern* 'star' + *Berg* 'mountain, hill'.

**Early bearers:** Jewish Samuel Sternberg, pawnbroker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Jacob Sternberg, born in Russia, *Census 1891* (Lancs); Morris Sternberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Israel Sternberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Staffs); David Sternberg, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London).

Other: Oscar Sternberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Hermann L. Sternberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Siegfried Sternberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Erich Sternberg, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Sterndale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from King or Earl Sterndale (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Sterndale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Thomas Sterndale, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Robert Sterndale, 1603 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys).

### Sterne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Stearn**.

### Sterns

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Stearns**.

**Sterrett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 81
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Surrey; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down English, Irish: see **Stirrat**.

**Sterritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 211
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim Irish: see **Stirrat**.

**Sterry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 999, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 482
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Suffolk
- English: nickname, possibly from the Middle English adjective *stere* 'hardy, strong' and a range of related senses, with a further suffix *-i*; or perhaps from an adjective formed from *stire* 'stire', a word for two well-regarded types of cider apple once grown in the Welsh Marches.

**Early bearers:** Richard Stiry, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; William Stery, 1343 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Stary, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Anthony Stirri, 1546 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Alice Starye, 1547 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johanna Sterrye, 1552 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Anne Stary, 1567 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Katerine Stirry, 1572 in *IGI* (Shobdon, Herefs); Daniele Sterry, 1594 in *IGI* (Mutford, Suffolk).

**Stetson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Stitson**.

**Steuart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
- Scottish: see **Stewart**.

**Stevans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Stevens**.

**Stevley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Scottish: see **Staveley**.

**Steven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2485, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Caithness; Angus
- Scottish: see **Stephen**.

**Stevens**

- Variants: **Stephens, Stephans, Steffens, Stivens, Stevans**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 46084, Ireland 357

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30742
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: variant of **Stephen** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Alice Stevenes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Alice Stephenes, 1346 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Sibilla ate Stevenes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Elyzabeth Stevens, 1536 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Helen Stevens, 1539 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richardus Stevens, 1539 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); William Stevens, 1539 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs).

**Stevenson**

Variants: **Stephenson, Stepkinson, Steavenson, Steevenson, Stevinson, Steveson, Steenson, Stenson, Stimpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30867, Ireland 2596
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20635
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland; Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Steven*, *Stephen* (see **Stephen**) + *-son*. Compare **Stevenson**. Some of the Scottish examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Further information:** This surname is also very common in northern Ireland, where it has been interchangeable with **Steenson** and **Stinson**. See *Ulster Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** England: Adam Steveson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Stevinson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clennell, Northumb); Willelmus Stevensone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Watnall Chaworth, Notts); Ricardus Stevenson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Johanne Stevensone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cropston, Leics); Thomas Stevenson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Johannes Stehensson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irstead, Norfolk); Ricardus Stevensone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Regis, Warwicks); Willelmo Stevenson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Johannes Stephenson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Askham Richard, WR Yorks); Thomas Stevenson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johannes Stevenson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Willelmus Stevenson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); John Stephenson, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); Willm. Stevenson, 1538 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Rychard Stevenson, 1541 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Edward Stephenson, 1543 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Stephenson, 1547 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Jhon Stephenson, 1549 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Joes Stevenson, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thome Stevenson, 1559 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Isabell Stephenson, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Richard Stephenson, 1561 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Robt. Stephenson, 1561 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Anthony Stephenson, 1562 in *IGI* (Hurworth on Tees, Durham); Margrett Stephenson, 1568 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys).

Scotland: Thomas Stevenson, 1642, Agnas Stephenson, 1668 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); James Stevenson, 1653 in *IGI* (Dalmellington, Ayr); John Stevenson, 1667 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); John

Stevenson, 1671 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Agnes Stevenson, 1675 in *IGI* (Guthrie, Angus); Thomas Stephenson, 1735, Margaret Stevenson, 1763 in *IGI* (New Deer, Aberdeens).

2 Scottish: see **Stevenson**.

3 English: locative name from Stevenstone (Devon). **Early bearers:** Johannes Stephenson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stevenstone, Devon); Cornelius Stevenson, 1635 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Stephenson, 1749 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

**Stevenson**

Variants: **Stevenson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Stevenston (Ayr), Stevenson in Newlands (Peebles), or Stevenson in Haddington (E Lothian).

**Early bearers:** Stevene de Stevenstone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Johan de Stevenstone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Margaret Stevenstone, 1652 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Barbra Stevenstoune, 1659 in *IGI* (Beith, Ayr); Thomas Stevenstone, 1664 in *IGI* (Aberlady, E Lothian); Isobel Stevenston, 1678 in *IGI* (West Linton, Peebles).

**Steventon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1487, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 726
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name primarily from Steventon in Ludford (Shrops), but also from Steventon (Berks, Hants), Steventon in Ashdon (Essex), and Stevington (Beds), recorded as *Steventon* about 1284. **Early bearers:** John de Styventon, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholas de Styventon, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam de Stivynton, 1325 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Steuenton' of Lodelowe, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Willelmus Stevynnton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Morton, WR Yorks); Robertus Stiventon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Latchford, Oxon); Johanne Styuynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westbrook, Berks); Francis Steventon, 1581 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Margreat Steventon, 1585 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Henrie Steventon, 1657 in *IGI* (Radley, Berks); Lucy Steventon, 1804 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Fanny Steventon, 1822 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon).

**Steverson**

Variants: **Stiverson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Berks and Oxon
- English: variant spelling of **Stevenson**.

**Further information:** In early Modern English, the consonant /r/ was sometimes vocalized in unstressed syllables and absorbed into the preceding vowel. This led to the occasional use of *-er-* as an alternative spelling of *-e-* in unstressed syllables.

**Early bearers:** Jaine Steverson, 1619 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Katherin Steverson, 1656 in *Bardsley* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); John Steverson, 1681 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Henry Steverson, 1710 in *IGI* (Holme next the Sea, Norfolk); John Steward Steverson, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**References:** *English Pronunciation* 2, §332.

**Steves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Steeves**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Steveson**

**Variants:** **Stevison**, **Steverson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland: esp. Derbys

English: relationship name from a reduced form of **Stevenson**. With the post-medieval bearers cited below compare William Stevenson, 1545 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Johes Stevenson, 1550 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Edward Stephenson, 1543 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Richard Stevenson, 1561 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Steveson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Henrye Steveson, 1540 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Oliveri Steveson, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); George Steveson, 1545 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Margareta Steveson, 1548 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

**Stevinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England
- English: see **Stevenson**.

**Stevison**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Steveson**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Stevison, 1722 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Anne Stevison, 1781 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys); Richard Stevison, 1790 in *IGI* (Shustoke, Warwicks).

**Stew**

**Variants:** **Stewe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Glamorgan

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *stew(e)* 'fish pond' (Old French *estui*), either for someone who lived near a fish pond, or for someone employed to maintain one. Compare William le Steweman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ric. atte Stuwe, 1327 in *Kristensson, French*; Rogerus Stewe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Adbaston, Staffs); Elizabeth Stew, 1611 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); John Stew, 1613 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Richard Stew, 1739 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); John Stew, 1749 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); Elizabeth Stew, 1789 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

**Steward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3932, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3828
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford and Cavan; Cork

English: see **Stewart**.

**Stewardson**

**Variants:** **Stewartson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: relationship name from Middle English *steward* 'steward' (see **Stewart**) + *-son*, 'son of the steward'.

**Early bearers:** England: Osbertus filius Stiwardi, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Willelmo Stywardson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Agnes Stewardson, 1576 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); John Stewardson, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Stewardson, 1630 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

Scotland: William le fiz le Stywarde, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Helen Stewardson, 1858 in *IGI* (Dunbar, E Lothian).

**Stewart**

**Variants:** **Stewart**, **Steward**, **Stuart**, **Steuart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67336, Ireland 8477
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45837
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Lanarks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name, status name from Middle English *steward* 'steward' (Old English *stigward* 'household guardian'). In the Anglo-Saxon period this title was used of an officer controlling the domestic affairs of a household, especially of the royal household. After the Norman Conquest it was also used more widely as the native equivalent of **Senescall**, for the steward of a manor or manager of an estate. In Scotland the term was also used of a magistrate originally appointed by the king to administer crown lands forming a stewardry.

**Further information:** *Stewart* or *Stuart* is the surname of one of the great families of Scotland, the royal family of Scotland from the 14th century and of England from 1603, when James VI of Scotland acceded to the English throne as James I, until 1688. The House of Stewart is descended from a Norman baron of Breton origin, Walter FitzAlan (1106–1177), who was appointed High Steward of Scotland by King David I in about 1150. His descendants held this hereditary office in successive generations until, in 1371, Robert Stewart, 7th Hereditary High Steward, succeeded to the throne of Scotland. Many branches of the Stuart family remained in Britain after the flight in 1688 of the head of the house of Stuart, King James II of England and VII of Scotland, but not every bearer of the surname can claim relationship with the royal house, even in Scotland. Every great house in medieval Scotland and England had its steward, and in many cases the office gave rise to a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** England: Rogere se Stiwerd, 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Alwinus Stiward, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Reginald le Stiward, 1205 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Martin Steuhard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Steward, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Lincs); Robertus Styward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barmer, Norfolk); William Stuart, 1564 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Aggens Stewart, 1565 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Johan Stewart, 1570 in *IGI* (Marksbury, Somerses); Scotland: Phelippe Styward, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); John Stywarde, 1357, Richard Stiward,

1371, John Stywarde, 1371 in *Scotland Calendar*; Adame Stewart, 1561 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Isobel Stewart, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Vilyem Stewart, 1565, Jhone Stuart, 1566 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

**Stewartson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Westm; also WR Yorks

English: see **Stewardson**.

**Stewe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Stew**.

**Stewart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and S Scotland
- Scottish: see **Stewart**.

**Steyn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 English: see **Steen**.

**Early bearers:** Wm Steyn, 1729 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs). 2 South African: (i) apparently a Dutch spelling of the German word *Stein* 'stone', or a Dutch dialect variant of the same word. (ii) In theory it may also represent *Stijn*, a male given name which was originally an abbreviation of *Augustijn*.

**Further information:** Most people bearing the surname *Steyn* in South Africa today are descendants of Douwe Gerbens Steyn from Leeuwarden, Netherlands, who arrived in the Cape in about 1668, and is generally known to posterity as Douwe Gerbrandts Steyn.

**References:** <http://www.steyn.pro/genealogy/steyn/douwe/index.htm>.

**Steyne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Steen**.

**Steynor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Stainer**.

**Stezaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stirzaker**.

**Stibbard**

**Variants:** **Stibbards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Stibbard (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Basil' de Stiberde, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); James de Stiberde, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Styberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Swafeld, Norfolk); Jhanea Stibbard, 1610 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Joannae Stibbard, 1613 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Amy Stibbard, 1707 in *IGI* (Brisley, Norfolk).

### Stibbards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Stibbard** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Stibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Stubbs**.

### Stichbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Stuchbury**.

### Stick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *stikke* 'stick, twig, wooden rod' (Old English *sticca*), perhaps for a slender man or for one with a particular thin feature; compare Johannes Stikeberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts), if *-berd* is for *beard* and not *bird*. **Early bearers:** Gilbert Stikke, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Wido Stik', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Margorit Sticke, 1569 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Stick, 1576 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon); Moryce Stycke, 1587 in *IGI* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Joseph Stick, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Dennis, Cornwall).

### Stickel

Variants: **Stickells**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *stikel* 'steep, rough, difficult', used later (1615; see *OED* *stickle*, adj. 4) for 'rough, bristly, stickle-haired'. Compare Johannes Stikeberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts) 'rough beard'. (ii) nickname, also perhaps from Middle English *stikel* 'stickleback', a common, small freshwater fish. Compare **Gudgeon**. (iii) locative name, variant of **Style**. See **Steggall**. **Early bearers:** Richard Stikel, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Stephen Stikel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Willm. Stickle, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); John Stickel, 1829 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Stickel, 1862 in *IGI* (Kennington, Surrey).

### Stickells

Variants: **Stickels**, **Stickles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: in Kent a variant of **Stickel** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stickells, 1601 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Thomas Stickeles, 1782 in *IGI* (Hastingleigh, Kent).

2 English: in E Anglia a variant of **Steggles**.

### Stickels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Steggles**.

2 English: see **Stickells**.

### Sticker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: (i) occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *stikke* 'stick, twig, wooden rod' (Old English *sticca*), for someone who gathered firewood. In Clarendon Park (Wilts) persons called 'stikkers' were appointed 'to go about in the said park and gather dry underwood': 1440 in *Patent Rolls*. (ii) nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *stike(n)* '(to) stab, thrust, pierce, kill with a knife' (Old English *stician*), probably for a butcher, and perhaps also for a soldier.

**Early bearers:** Richard Stiker, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herefs); John le Stikkere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Stykkere, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *stike(n)* '(to) kill with a knife' (Old English *stician*) + *hare* 'hare' (Old English *hara*), for someone who hunted or butchered hares.

**Early bearers:** Aluuin Stichehare, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Middx); William Stichehare, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh Stikehare, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Sticking

Variants: **Stickings**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Stigant** with devoiced medial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Mary Sticking, 1701 in *IGI* (Ryarsh, Kent).

### Stickings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Sticking** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Stickings, 1692 in *IGI* (London); Wllm. Stickings, 1705 in *IGI* (Ryarsh, Kent); John Stickings, 1763 in *IGI* (Milton next Sittingbourne, Kent).

### Stickland

Variants: **Sticklen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1306, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants; Somerset

English: locative name from Winterbourne Stickland (Dorset), recorded as *Winterburn Stickellane* in 1203 and named with Old English *sticol* 'steep, difficult' + *lane* 'lane'. The second element of the affix alternated or became confused with Old and Middle English *land* 'land' from an early date (*Stikeland* in 1205).

**Early bearers:** William de Stikelane, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); William de Stikelane, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Stykelane, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Dorset); Cristina Stikelands, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimstone, Dorset); Edward Stykelane, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); John Stikelane, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Henry Stickland, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Frances Stickley, 1707, George Stickland, 1728, Frances Sticklen, 1785, Francis Sticklin, 1812 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 131.

### Sticklen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Stickland**.

### Stickler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts; also Glamorgan

English: see **Stickley**.

**Early bearers:** John Sticklay, 1580, Robert Sticklee, 1637, Mary Stickler, 1674 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts).

### Stickles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Steggles**.

2 English: see **Stickells**.

### Stickley

Variants: **Stickler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 635, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Warwicks; London; Berks

English: locative name from either of two unidentified places probably named with Old English *sticca* 'stick, rod' + *lēah* 'woodland clearing', one in Oxon (or Warwicks) and the other in Somerset.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Sticlea, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Willelmo atte Sticlegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Elizabeth Sticklye, 1579 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Johanna Stickley, 1580 in *IGI* (Osborne, Dorset); Anne Stickley, 1593 in *IGI* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Thomas Styckley, 1599 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Ellen Styckley, 1616, Thomas Styckly, 1625 in *IGI* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Hen. Sticklee, 1619 in *IGI* (Pillerton Hersey, Warwicks); Rebecca Stickly, 1625 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Elizabeth Stickley, 1736 in *IGI* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks).

### Stickney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Stickney (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Stikenay, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Stykeneye, 1336 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William Stykenay, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus de Stikney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Richard Stickney, 1561 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Thomas Stickney, 1566 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); William Stickney, 1713 in *IGI* (Goodmanham, ER Yorks); John Stickney, 1789 in

## Stiddard

*IGI* (Balby with Hexthorpe, WR Yorks); William Stickney, 1796 in *IGI* (Burstwick, Yorks).

### Stiddard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Stoddart**.

### Stidolph

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stidolf* (Old English *Stiðwulf* ‘hard wolf’).
- Early bearers:** John Stithulf, Richard Stidolf, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Stidulf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Richard Stydolf, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Bryan Stiddole, 1564 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* xxi.

### Stidson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Stitson**.

### Stidston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Stitson**.

### Stidwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** John Stidwell, 1555 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Mathewe Stedwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex); Richard Studwell, 1626 in *IGI* (Hooe, Sussex); Lawrence Stedwell, 1710 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall); William Stedwell, 1794 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon).

### Stiff

- Variants:** **Stiffe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1030
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *stif* ‘rigid, inflexible; resolute, steadfast’ (Old English *stif*), either for someone who had difficulty in bending, or for someone who was resolute or steadfast.
- Early bearers:** Robert Stife, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William Styf, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Gye Stiffe, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Stiffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Stiff**.

### Stigant

- Variants:** **Sticking, Stiggants**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stigand* (Old Scandinavian *Stigandr*). Compare **Styan**.

**Further information:** The most famous Stigand in history (d. 1072) was Bishop of Winchester and later Archbishop of Canterbury. He was born in Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** given names: Stigand, Stigan, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Stigandus presbiter, 1126–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Gervasius filius Stigandi, 1154–8 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Radulfus filius Stigant’, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Stigaunt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus Stigant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Matthew Stigan, 1419 in *London Letter Books I*; Jesper Stigant, 1640, Thomas Stigand, 1706 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants).

### Stiggants

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: variant of **Stigant** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** James Stiggins, 1613 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Peeter Stiggins, 1655 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Edward Stiggins, 1677 in *IGI* (Mereworth, Kent); Ann Stiggants, 1818 in *IGI* (Southwick, Hants).

### Stile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Style**.

### Stileman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Sussex
- English: see **Stillman**.

### Stiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1590, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1647
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands and S England
- English: see **Styles**.

### Stilgoe

- Variants:** **Stillgoe**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: nickname from Middle English *stille* ‘silently; meekly; secretly; constantly’ (Old English *stille*) + *go* ‘go, walk’, perhaps for someone who went about silently or secretly, or for someone who was constantly ‘on the go’.
- Early bearers:** John Stillego, constable of Eye castle, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Stillego, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogerus Stylgo, 1576 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Katherine Stilgoe, 1596 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Staffs).

### Stiling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English *stiling(e)* ‘silence; discretion’.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Stillyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax*; Richard Styllinge, 1598, Richard Stilinge, 1627 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Margery Stiling, 1610 in *IGI* (Willand, Devon); Anne Stilinge, 1635 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon).

### Still

- Variants:** **Stille**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2764, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1803
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *still(e)* ‘still, quiet, calm’ (Old English *stille*).
- Early bearers:** Aluuius Stilla, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Lefwinus Stille, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Stille, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Dionis Still, 1548 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Anne Still, 1560 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Marie Still, 1567 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent).
- 2 English: (i) see **Style**. (ii) see **Stell**.
- Early bearers:** John atte Stille, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John atte Stille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Reginald atte Style, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Edward Still, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Willmi Still, 1566 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex).
- 3 Scottish: see **Steele**.
- Early bearers:** Elspaitt Still, 1574 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).
- 4 German: see **Stille**.

### Stille

- Variants:** **Still**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 English: see **Still**.
- 2 German: (i) nickname, German, from Middle High German *stille* ‘calm, still, quiet’, denoting either a calm or quiet person, or a (deaf) mute, from the same word in the sense ‘silent’. (ii) locative name, German, from Still in Alsace, near Strasbourg.
- Early bearers:** Frederick Stille (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Middx); John Still (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Surrey).

### Stiller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lancs
- 1 English: see **Styler**.
- 2 German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *stille* ‘calm, still, quiet’ + *-er*, for a calm or deaf person. See also **Stille**. (ii) locative name for someone from a place called Still, of which there is one in Alsace.
- Early bearers:** Lesser Stiller (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Lancs).

### Stilley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Scottish, English: see **Stillie**.

### Stillgoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: see **Stilgoe**.

**Stillie**

Variants: **Stilley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; also Lanarks and Stirlings

1 Norman, Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Tillie** (see **Tilley**) with a prosthetic *S-*, but evidence for this is very slight. Compare *Otho de Tilli*, 1165–96 in *Dryburgh Register* (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Henry Stille de Saulton, about 1300 in *Dryburgh Register* (Berwicks); James Stillie, 1537 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Trabeach, Ayr); Marioun Stillei, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Christian Stillie, 1606 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); William Stillie, 1634 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; William Stillie, 1643 in *IGI* (Saltoun, E Lothian); Bessie Stilly, 1645 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayr).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Steeley**.

**Stilling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
- English: see **Stelling**.

**Stillingfleet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Herefs; Berks
- English: locative name from Stillingfleet (ER Yorks). **Further information:** It has been claimed that the Blue Stockings Society, a literary discussion group for women founded in the early 1750s, took its name from the botanist Benjamin Stillingfleet. He is said to have been invited to one of the group's meetings which he attended wearing blue stockings.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Steuelingflet, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Stephen de Stivelingflet, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo de Stylyngflete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Duffield, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Stillyngflete, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Tho. Stillingfleet, 1656 in *IGI* (Sessay, NR Yorks).

**Stillings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Stellings**.

**Stillman**

Variants: **Stileman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks; Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from from Middle English *stile*, *stigel*, *stighel*, *steghel* 'stile; steep ascent' (Old English *stigel*, *stigol*) + *-man*, for someone who lived by a stile or steep ascent. See also **Styler** and compare **Styler**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Stegelman, 1270 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); John Stighelman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Stileman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo Stileman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keevil, Wilts); Nicholas Stillman, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); James Stillman, 1615 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs); Elizabeth Stillman, 1661 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elizabeth Stillman, 1664 in

*IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Elizabeth Stillman, 1665 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**Stillwell**

Variants: **Stilwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 675, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Sussex and Hants

English: locative name, unexplained, but apparently from an unidentified place named with Middle English *stile* 'stile' + *wel(le)* 'well, spring, stream'.

**Early bearers:** William Stilewell, 1324–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Ricardus Stylwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Richard Stylewell, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Stephen Stylewell of Great Bokeham, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Agnes Stillwell, 1545 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey).

**Stilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts

English: locative name from Stilton (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Stilton', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Thomam de Stilton, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Richard de Stilton', 1255 in *Forest Pleas* (Hunts); John de Stylton, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Stilton, Hunts); Willm. Stilton, 1570 in *IGI* (Patrinton, ER Yorks); Wilhelmi Stilton, 1571 in *IGI* (Patrinton, ER Yorks); Willm Stilton, 1637 in *IGI* (Pitchcott, Bucks); Elizabeth Stilton, 1772 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

**Stilwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 640, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Stillwell**.

**Stimson**

Variants: **Stimson**, **Timson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2161, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Middx; Berks

English: (i) relationship name, variant of **Stevenson**, with a progressive reduction of *Steven-* to *Sten-*, *Stin-*, and finally *Stimp-*. Compare **Stenson**, **Stinson**. (ii) sometimes perhaps a variant of **Timson** with a prosthetic *S-*. Compare Martha Timson, 1620, Magnus Stimpson, 1678 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Elizabeth Timson, 1780, William Stimpson, 1794 in *IGI* (Paston, Northants). (Alternatively *Tim(p)son* could be a variant of *Stim(p)son* with loss of initial *S-*.)

**Early bearers:** Anne Stimpson, 1590 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Jane Stimson, 1606 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Stimpson, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Joanna Stimson, 1637 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Elina Stimpson, 1642 in *IGI* (Caister on Sea, Norfolk); Daniel Stimpson, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Stimson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1321, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 733
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cambs, Beds, and Northants

English: see **Stimpson**.

**Stinchcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Stinchcombe**.

**Stinchcombe**

Variants: **Stinchcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Stinchcombe (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Stintescombe, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William de Styntescombe, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William de Stynchescombe, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Stinchcombe, 1577 in *IGI* (Cromhall, Gloucs); Thomas Stinchcombe, 1599 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs).

**Stine**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Steen**.

**Stines**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex
- English: see **Staines**.

**Stinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 345
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 322
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Stenson** and compare **Stimpson**.

**Stint**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Hants
- English: see **Stent**.

**Stinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs; Cambs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: locative name probably from Stinton in Salle (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William of Stinton, 1218–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Stinton, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph of Stinton, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Simon de Stinton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); Anne Stinton, 1567, John Stynton, 1571 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

**Stirch**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Sturch**.

**Stiring**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Styring**.

**Stirk****Variants:** *Stirke*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 753, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *stirk* (Old English *stirc*, *styr*) 'bullock', for someone thought to resemble a bullock, or for someone who had charge of bullocks.

**Early bearers:** William Sturc, Stirc, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Hugh Stirc, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Styrke, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sandal, WR Yorks); Henry Sterck, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Camsb); [sons of] Rainerus Styrk', 1305, Adam Styrck, 1307, Thomas Styrk, 1321 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (WR Yorks); Thomas Stirke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Riby, Lincs); Cecilia Stirk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stancill, WR Yorks); Ricardus Styrk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradleys Both, WR Yorks); Johannes Styrke, Robertus Styrke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Styrke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stirton, WR Yorks); Willelmus Styrke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Anthony Styrke, 1560 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Alexander Stirk, 1607 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Ingram Stirke, 1623 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**Stirke**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey and Kent
- English: see *Stirk*.

**Stirland****Variants:** *Sterland*, *Sturland*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: unexplained; perhaps a locative name from Starling in Ainsworth (Lancs).

**Further information:** There is a reference to the 'town of Magna Stirland in Westmoreland', 1216 in *Cumbria Record Office (Carlisle)*, but the place has not been traced.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Stereland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); An Sterlande, 1559, Francis Stirlande, 1566, Daniel Stirland, 1712 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Ellinor Sturland, 1622 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**Stirley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: see *Sturley*.

**Stirling****Variants:** *Sterling*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5238, Ireland 488
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3867
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Stirling (Stirlings). **Further information:** this surname is also common in northern Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert Stirling, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); James Sterling, 1654 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Andrew Stirling, 1736 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Peter Sterling,

1743 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Ruth Sterling, 1778 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Elizabeth Stirling, 1574, Andrew Sterling, 1614 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Stirling, 1575 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johnne Sterling, 1589 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Margaret Stirling, 1600 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jhone Sterling, 1610 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Jhone Stirling, 1610 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Margaret Sterling, 1665 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

2 English: see *Starling*.

**Stirman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Northants
- English: see *Sturman*.

**Stirrat****Variants:** *Starratt*, *Starrett*, *Starritt*, *Sterrett*, *Sterritt*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews

Scottish: locative name from Stairaird (now Stirie) in Dalry (Ayr).

**Further information:** This surname is flourishing in Northern Ireland.

**Early bearers:** James Sterhede, 1493 in *Edinburgh Charters*; Robert Sterhed, 1499 in *Protocol Book Simon*.

**Stirrip**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see *Stirrup*.

**Stirrop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see *Stirrup*.

**Stirrup****Variants:** *Sturrap*, *Stirrop*, *Stirrip*, *Stirrups*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 446
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Styrrup (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Rannulf de Stirap, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); William de Styrop, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Styrap, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Willelmus Styrap', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); William Styrappe of Tikhill, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Anne Stirrup, 1627 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Kateren Stirrup, 1645 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Thomas Stirrup, 1677 in *IGI* (Warrington, Cheshire); William Stirrup, 1678 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Aliciae Stirrup, 1682 in *IGI* (Stanhoe with Barwick, Norfolk).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *stir(r)op* 'stirrup', for someone who made, sold, or wore stirrups. Compare *Stripp*.

**Early bearers:** John Stirapp, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Stirop, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Stirrups**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of *Stirrup* with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Mary Stirrups, 1778 in *IGI* (Southwell, Notts); Mary Stirrups, 1780 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

**Stirton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perth

1 Scottish: locative name from Stirton in Kilmany (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Stirton, 1688 in *IGI* (Caputh, Perth).

2 English: see *Sturton*.

**Stirzaker****Variants:** *Sturzaker*, *Stezaker*, *Staziker*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 627, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Stirzacre in Garstang (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Steresacre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Steresaker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Richard Steresacre, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Stirzaker, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Garstang, Lancs); Thomas Styrsaker, 1620 in *Oxford University Register* (Leics); Robert Sturzaker, 1664 in *Bardsley* (Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 164.

**Stitch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see *Styche*.

**Stitchbury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see *Stuchbury*.

**Stitson****Variants:** *Stetson*, *Stidson*, *Stidston*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Stidston in South Brent (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Anna Stidston, 1568 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Anne Stitson, 1607 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon); Anna Stidson, 1608 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Marie Stetson, 1628 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 291.

**Stitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 400
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland: esp. Dumfriess
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Down

Scottish, English: possibly in some instances from Scots *steet* 'prop, support', a variant of *stut* which is also recorded in this sense from N England. For the sense compare also *Stant*. Alternatively, compare Old Scandinavian *stytti*, which is found in the same



sense as *stytting* 'shortening; shortness, unfriendliness', which may be the source of a lost English or Scots word.

**Early bearers:** England and Scotland: Johannes Stytt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dale Town, NR Yorks); Jonet Stitt, 1621 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Edmond Stitt, 1691 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Agnes Stitt, 1717 in *IGI* (Kirkgunzeon, Kirkcudbrights).

Ireland: Richard Stitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tynan, Armagh); James Stitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Magherafelt, Derry); William Stitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down).

### Stittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see *Stuttle*.

### Stiven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish: see *Stephen*.

### Stivens

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Gloucs
- English: see *Stevens*.

### Stiver

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: (i) occupational name from Old French *estivur* 'ploughman' (Latin *stivarius*). (ii) occupational name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *stivour* 'bagpiper' (Old French \**estiveor*), for someone who played the *stive* (Old French *estive*), a kind of bagpipe.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Richard Stivarius, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition*; William Stiuur, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas le Estivur, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Styuere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Iwerne Courtney, Dorset); Thomasine Stiver, 1615 in *IGI* (Kilmersdon, Somerset).

### Stiverson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see *Steverson*.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Stoakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 227
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs
- English: see *Stokes*.

### Stoakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs
- English: see *Stockley*.

### Stoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex; Lancs
- English: see *Stote* and compare *Stout*.

### Stoate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Cumb
- English: see *Stote* and compare *Stout* and *Stott*.

### Stobart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 562
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also WR Yorks
- English: see *Stobbart*.

### Stobbard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Cumb; WR Yorks
- English: see *Stobbart*.

### Stobbart

- Variants:** *Stobart*, *Stobbard*, *Stubbert*, *Stupart*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 946, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stubard*, *Stobard*, late Old English \**Stubheard*, recorded only in E Anglia, so the surname in post-medieval NE England may be due to migration from there via the east coast trade route. The post-medieval surname may have been confused with *Stappard* and *Stoppford*, and in E Anglia it may have been absorbed into *Stibbard*.
- Early bearers:** given names: Stubart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Stubhard Pape, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).
- surnames:** Simon filius Stubbard', 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Symon Stubard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Stobard, 1336 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Stobhard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sturston, Norfolk); Willelmus Stopperde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk) Johannes Stubbard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); Johannes Stubbard, 1545 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Margaret Stobert, 1548, William Stobbert, 1680, John Stobbart, 1760 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Margery Stubberd, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Thomas Stobbert, 1602, Thomas Stobart, 1769, Joseph Stobbart, 1796 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Stobard, 1669 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); William Stubbard, 1706 in *IGI* (Bothal with Hebburn, Northumb); Richard Stobbard, 1805 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); Mary Ann Stubbert, 1862 in *IGI* (Southwick, Durham); John Stubbert, 1876 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire).

### Stobbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see *Stubbe*.

### Stobbie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Perths and Angus
- English: see *Stobie*.

### Stobbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1400, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 866
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see *Stubbs*.

### Stobie

- Variants:** *Stobbie*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 420, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 440
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Berwicks; Fife
- Scottish: perhaps a locative name from Stobo (Peebles), but it appears to originate further north.
- Early bearers:** Henry Stoby, clerk at Perth, 1356 in *Scotland Calendar* (Perths); Adam Stobie, 1582 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexr. Stobie, 1618 in *IGI* (Aberdalgie, Perths); Andro Stobbie, 1635 in *IGI* (Scone, Perths).

### Stobo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 323
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- Scottish: locative name from Stobo (Peebles).
- Early bearers:** David de Stubhou, about 1177–99 in *Paisley Register*; Adam de Stobhou, 1262 in *Peebles Charters* (Peebles); John Stobo, 1583 in *Maitland Miscellany*; Andro Raff Stobo, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Androw Stobo, 1652 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

### Stock

- Variants:** *Stok*, *Stocke*, *Stocks*, *Stoke*
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4813, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3560
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Somerset; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *stok(ke)*, *stock(e)* 'tree trunk, tree stump' (Old English *stoc*). In some cases the reference may be to a primitive footbridge over a stream consisting of a felled tree trunk. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a tree stump or footbridge, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stock Green and Stock Wood in Inkberrow (Worcs) or Stokke in Great Bedwyn (Wilts). Compare *Stocker*.
- Early bearers:** John de la Stokke, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph atte Stokk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Roesia atte Stocke, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rose atte Stocke, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Stokke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stokke and Forde, Wilts); William atte Stokken, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Stoke, in Amersham, Bucks); John Stok', 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Luddesdown, Kent); Richarde Stocke, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Loughton, Bucks); John Stock, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Highworth, Wilts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 329; *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 333.
- 2 English: see *Stoke*.
- 3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) locative name, nickname from Middle German *stoc* 'tree, tree stump', hence a topographic name equivalent to (1), but sometimes perhaps a nickname for an impolite or obstinate person. (ii) the Jewish name is a borrowing of (i).

## Stockall

**Early bearers:** Conrad Stock, boot maker, born in Germany, in in *Census 1871* (Bishopsgate, London); Charles Stock, jeweller, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Spitalfields, Middx); Frederick C.T. Stock, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Blackburn, Lancs); Emanuel Stok, diamond polisher, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Stock, master tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Morris Stock, master tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Stock, tailor, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Kurs Stock, bank clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx); Morris Stock, tailor's machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Wilhelm Stock, button manufacturer, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Bloomsbury, Middx); Solomon Stock, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Stockall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Stockwell**.

## Stockbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 533, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 478
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Kent
- English: locative name from any of various places so called, including Stockbridge (Hants), Stockbridge in Chichester (Sussex), Stockbridge in Bentley (WR Yorks), Stock Bridge in Brantingham (ER Yorks), and Stockbridge in Chiseldon (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Stokebrigg, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas de Stocbrugg', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Stocbrigg', 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William de Stokebrugge, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johanne Stokebrigge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Johannes de Stokbrig, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Stokebrugg', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Bartholomew Stockbridge, 1569 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); John Stockbridge, 1571 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); Edward Stockbridge, 1630 in *IGI* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Henry Stockbridge, 1752 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey); Thomas Stockbridge, 1763 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 14; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 25; *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 282.

## Stockdale

**Variants:** Stogdale, Stockdill, Stogsdill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2788, Ireland 101
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2314
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and NR Yorks, and Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Monaghan
- English: locative name from Stockdale in Settle (WR Yorks), Stockdale in Longsleddale (Westm), Stockdale in Uldale (Cumb), and perhaps also Stockdale in Salterforth (WR Yorks). Compare Hugo Stokdaleman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm).
- Early bearers:** Alan de Stokdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William de Stokdale, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stokdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Johanne de Stokdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); John Stokdale, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); William Stockdale, 1571 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Robarti Stockdale, 1591 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Jayne Stockdale, 1595 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Josephe Stockdale, 1646 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ralph Stockdale, 1637 in *IGI* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 37, 152; *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 328; *Place-Names of Westm* 1, p. 161.

## Stockdill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Stockdale**.

**Early bearers:** Guilielmi Stockdill, 1678 in *IGI* (Kirby in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Jane Stockdill, 1708 in *IGI* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks).

## Stocke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Stock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Stockeld

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Stockill**.

## Stockell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Stockwell**.  
2 English: see **Stockill**.

## Stocken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Middle English *stok(k)en*, the weak plural of *stok(ke)* 'tree stump' (Old English *stocc*): see **Stock**. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near tree stumps, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stocken in Inwardleigh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Stokyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Stokken', 1402, William Stokken', 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Agnes Stocken, 1570 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Jone Stokken, 1586 in *IGI* (Cavenham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* 151.  
2 English: see **Stocking**.

## Stocker

**Variants:** Stoker, Stoke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2651, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1558
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Cornwall; Cambs, Hunts, and Beds

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *stokker* 'one who sells stockfish' (fish dried in the air without salt). Compare Henricus Stokkefischmonger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey) and Johannes Stoccefysher', 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Stall Street, Bath, Somerset). This is the usual source of the name in medieval London, where a bylaw of 1419 stated that no *stokker* should board a ship to buy fish (presumably in order to forestall the market).

(ii) locative name for someone who lived by a tree stump or a log structure such as a footbridge, or at a place called Stock, deriving from Middle English *stok(ke)*, *stok(e)* 'tree trunk, tree stump' (Old English *stocc*) + *-er*. The name is synonymous with **Stock** (1). The topographic name is identical with *atte Stok(ke)* and is mainly found in S England, especially Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and Hants but also in the S Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Stokkere, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday* (London); Walter le Stockere, 1259–60 in *London Husting Wills*; Richard le Stocker, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Elena le Stocker, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Roberto Stokker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Johannes Stokker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soberton, Hants); Johannes Stokker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Willelmus Stokkere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southeast with Telscombe, Sussex); Johanne Stokkere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Henrico Stokker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Henry Stocker, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Margerie Stocker, 1546 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon); Annes Stocker, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Johannis Stocker, 1565 in *IGI* (Offord Darcy, Hunts); Ricci Stocker, 1571 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Marye Stocker, 1573 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex); Marye Stocker, 1576 in *IGI* (Fen Drayton, Cambs); Thomas Stocker, 1583 in *IGI* (East Tisted, Hants).

2 English: see **Stoker**. *Stocker* is difficult to distinguish etymologically from *Stoker*, both spellings being found for the same name: compare Elizabeth Stoker, 1551, Elizabeth Stocker, 1584 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

3 Irish: from **Mac an Stocaire**, 'son of the trumpeter'.

## Stockett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Middle English *stoket* 'clearing with tree stumps' (Old English *\*stoccectt*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or near a clearing with tree stumps, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stockhurst Farm in Oxted (Surrey), recorded as *Stockette* 1587–91.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John atte Stoket, 1311 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John atte Stockette, 1320–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de la Stoket, 1322 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Simon de Stockette, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Radulphus Stoket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Alicia Stoket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poynings, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 334.

## Stockey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Stuckey**.

## Stockford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 472, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: locative name; in N England and the N Midlands this is usually a variant form of *Stockport* (see **Stoford**), but elsewhere it may have a different origin, such as Stokeford (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Emma de Stokeford, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* ('Stokford', Lincs); William de Stokeford, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Johes Stockeford, 1577 in *IGI* (Lower Lemington, Gloucs); Josephus Stokford, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Elyzabeth Stockford, 1618 in *IGI* (Bourton on the Water, Gloucs); Oakly Stockford, 1731 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

### Stockforth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stoford**.

### Stockham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 398
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Monmouths

1 English: locative name from Stockham in Witheridge (Devon), recorded as *Stodcumbe* in 1281.

**Early bearers:** Andrewe Stockam, 1548, Elizabeth Stockcumb, 1549, Agnes Stokcomb, 1569, Agnes Stockham, 1571 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); Gartrude Stockham, 1564, John Stockcombe, 1564 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Dorothe Stockcombe, 1566 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 399.

2 English: locative name from Stockham Marsh in Bremhill (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Johna Stocham, 1545 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); An Stockham, 1610 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Nicholas Stocham, 1632 in *IGI* (Christian Malford, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts* p. 88.

3 English: locative name from Stokeham (Notts), recorded as *Stokum* in 1242.

**Early bearers:** William de Stokum, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Amana Stockham, 1597 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Elizabeth Stokeham, 1616 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts).

### Stockhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks and Durham

English: see **Stockill**.

### Stockil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Stockill**.

### Stockill

Variants: **Stockil**, **Stockhill**, **Stockell**, **Stokell**, **Stockeld**, **Stokeld**, **Stockwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from Stockeld in Spofforth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Stockhild* in 1166 and

*Stockell* in 1209, and perhaps also Stockheld Grange in Barwick in Elmet (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Tomas de Stochill, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Baldewin de Stokeld, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John de Stockeld, 1268 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (North Deighton, WR Yorks); Richard de Stochille, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Stockeld, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stockeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Killinghall, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stokhild, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Ouseburn, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Stokhild, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherby, WR Yorks); Robertus Stokhill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); Roland Stokhall, 1515 in *York Registry Wills* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Stokkall, 1546 in *York Registry Wills* (Ganton, ER Yorks); Roger Stockill, 1618 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); John Stockill, 1680 in *IGI* (Wroot, Lincs); John Stockill, 1696 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Stockill, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); Patience Stockeld, 1731 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Mary Ann Stockill, 1815 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 109; 5, p. 35.

### Stocking

Variants: **Stocken**, **Stockwin**, **Stockings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Norfolk and Suffolk; London and Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *stocking* 'ground cleared of stumps' (Old English \**stoccing*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near ground cleared of stumps, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stocking Gate in South Kirkby (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Edmund del Stocking, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Stokyn, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Johannes Stockyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johannes de Stokyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stokyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Stokkyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brierley, WR Yorks); Johannes Stokyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Thomas Stokyn, 1524, Thomas Stokyng, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Stretton and Wistanstow, Shrops); Thomas Stocking, 1585 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Edd. Stocking, 1591, Edward Stockin, 1604 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Stocking, 1606 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Rob Stocking, 1625 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willus Stocking, 1650 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 42.

### Stockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: variant of **Stocking** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Joyce Stockings, 1624 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); William Stockings, 1663 in *IGI* (Flixton, Suffolk).

### Stockle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Stockley**.

### Stockley

Variants: **Stokeley**, **Stokely**, **Stoakley**, **Stokley**, **Stockle**, **Stokle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2201, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dorset and Hants; also Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: locative name from various places called *Stockleigh* or *Stockley*, including Stockley in Rolleston (Staffs), Stockley in Asthall (Oxon), Stockleigh English and Stockleigh Pomeroy (Devon), and Stockley in Brancepeth (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Pagan de Stockley, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert de Stokele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmo de Stokkeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Willelmus de Stockley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Roger Stokkeley, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Bartholomew Stoakley, 1564 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Ric. Stockley, 1589 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); John Stokeley, 1621 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); John Stockley, 1627 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 301.

2 English: see **Stokesley**.

### Stockman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: (i) locative name from any of numerous places called Stoke or Stock (named with Old English *stoc* 'place') + *-man*, for someone from such a place. See **Stoke**, **Stoker**. (ii) locative name from Middle English *stok(ke)*, *stock(e)* 'tree trunk, tree stump' (Old English *stoc*) + *-man*, for someone who lived at or by a tree stump, or for someone from a place so named. See **Stock**, **Stocker**. (iii) occupational name, perhaps for a stockfishmonger, from Middle English *stok* 'stockfish' (fish preserved by drying without salt in the open air) + *man*.

Compare **Stocker**.

**Early bearers:** Emma Stokeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Stokman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Stokkeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranwich, Norfolk); Johannes Stokman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Johanne Stokman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, Somerset); Johanne Stokeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Cheverell, Wilts); Mabell Stockman, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); Richarde Stockman, 1584 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Ellioner Stockman, 1592 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Stockman, 1594 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thome Stockman, 1606 in *IGI* (Caversfield, Oxon).

### Stockoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Stokoe**.

### Stockport

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Stoford**.

**Stocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4536, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3204
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Stock** with plural or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. In the plural form, the surname may be topographic, for someone who lived near tree stumps, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stocks in Thurstonland (WR Yorks). It may also denote someone who lived by, or operated, the obsolete instrument of punishment known as the stocks (Middle English *stokkes*) owing to its construction from two wooden planks set edgewise one over the other.

**Early bearers:** William atte Stokkes, 1310 in *London Letter Books D* (Herts); Rose atte Stockes, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes del Stokkes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); Willelmo Stokkes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinedor, Herefs); Johannes Stoks, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Essex); John Stocks, 1563 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Willm. Stocks, 1563 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Edmund Stocks, 1568 in *IGI* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Susan Stocks, 1573 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Doritie Stocks, 1587 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 252.

**Stockton**

**Variants:** Stocton, Stogdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3108, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1816
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Staffs, and Shrops

English: locative name from any of various places called Stockton (Cheshire, Herefs, Norfolk, Shrops, Wilts, Warwicks, WR Yorks), Stockton Heath (Cheshire), Stockton on Tees (Durham), Stockton on Teme (Worcs), Stockton on theForest (NR Yorks), Great Staughton (Hunts), Little Staughton (Beds), or Stoughton (Leics, Surrey, Sussex).

Compare **Staughton, Stoughton**.

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Stocton', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Richard de Stoketon', 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert de Stokton, parson of Great Stokton, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmus Stokton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leyton, Essex); Willelmus de Stokton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton on the Forest, NR Yorks); Johannes de Stokton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colton, WR Yorks); Johanne, Roberto de Stokton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics); Robertus Stocton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Ricardus Stocton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eathorpe, Warwicks); Willelmus Stokton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Hill, Warwicks); Rogerus Stocton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Johannes de Stokton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Philippus de Stocton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Rogers, Shrops); Johannes Stokton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Thoma de Stokton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Stokton, 1465–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rogerus Stockton, 1540 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Elline Stockton, 1551 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); William Stockton, 1571 in *IGI* (Great Edstone, NR Yorks); Jhon Stockton, 1578 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Richard Stockton, 1609 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**Stockwell**

**Variants:** Stockell, Stockall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2251, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1764
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks; Gloucs; Hants

English: (i) locative name from any of various places called *Stockwell*, including Stockwell (Surrey) and Stockwell in Cowley (Gloucs). (ii) perhaps sometimes in N England a variant of **Stockill**; compare Thomas Stockwell, 1638 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks) in the area of S Yorks where *Stockill* is prevalent.

**Early bearers:** John de Stokewell, 1195–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John de Stokwel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John de Stokwalle, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Johannes Stokwall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Byford, Herefs); Willelmus de Stokwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loversall, WR Yorks); Elias de Stokwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brancroft, WR Yorks); Ricardo Stokwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cranham, Gloucs); Henricus Stokewell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waterstock, Oxon); John Stokwell, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Anne Stockwall, 1565 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); Roger Stockwall, 1566 in *IGI* (Astley Abbotts, Shrops); Alis Stockall, 1595 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs); Elizabeth Stockall, 1622 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 157.

**Stockwin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants

English: variant of **Stocking** via the form *Stockin*.

**Early bearers:** William Stocking, 1707, William Stockwin, 1708 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops); Mary Stocking, 1707, William Stockwin, 1712 in *IGI* (Wistanstow, Shrops); Edward Stockwin, 1771 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); William Stockwin, 1812 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**Stockwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

English: locative name from any of various places called Stockwood, including Stockwood in Keynsham (Somerset), Stockwood (Dorset), and possibly Stoke Woods in Stoke Canon (Devon), recorded as *Stokewode* in 1322.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Stokwod, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Stokwode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Stokwod, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pylle, Somerset); Johannes de Stokwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); Persis Stockwood, 1573 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Thomas Stockwood, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); William Stockwood, 1832 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Anna Stockwood, 1872 in *IGI* (Minehead, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 448.

**Stocton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

English: see **Stockton**.

**Stodard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Stoddart**.

**Stodart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish, English: see **Stoddart**.

**Stoddard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 515, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs; also Durham

English: see **Stoddart**.

**Stoddart**

**Variants:** Stodart, Stoddard, Stodard, Stodhart, Studdard, Studdart, Studart, Studdert, Stiddard, Stothard, Stuttard, Stothart, Stothert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3365, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian and Lanarks; Durham and Cumb

Scottish, English: occupational name from Middle English *stod* 'horse' or *stot* 'steer, bullock' + *herd(e)* 'herd', denoting someone who looked after horses or bullocks.

**Early bearers:** England: Vlfus Stodhyrda, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Geoffrey Stodhurd', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); William Stothard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John the Stodhirde, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John le Stothirde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Stothurd, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Stotard, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas le Stotherd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Willelmus Stodehird', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rimington, WR Yorks); Richard le Stodehard, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Yorks); Johanne Stodhard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford, Herefs); Thomas Stoderd, 1481, John Stodard, 1482 in *York Freeman's Register*; Cuthbert Stoddart, 1574 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Margaret Stoddart, 1577 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Simon Stoddart, 1592 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb). Scotland: David Stodhirde, John Studehird, William Studhirde, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Kirkcudbrights); Margaret Stoddart, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helene Stoddart, 1598 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Johne Stoddart, 1623 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles).

**Stodden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx

English: see **Stoddon**.

**Stoddern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Stoddon**.

**Stoddon**

**Variants:** Stodden, Stoddern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: see **Staddon**.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Studding's Farm in Herstmonceux (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Symon de Stoddenn, 1296, Jacobus de Stoddenne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Stodhart**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Dumfriess; Sussex; WR Yorks

Scottish, English: see **Stoddart**.

**Stoffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Notts
- English: see **Stopher**.

**Stogdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb

English: see **Stockdale**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Stogdale, 1692 in *IGI* (Cantley, WR Yorks); Joseph Stogdale, 1744 in *IGI* (Cockermouth, Cumb).

**Stogdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

1 English: locative name from Stockadon in Cheriton Fitzpaine (Devon), or one or more other places similarly named with Old English *stoc* 'tree stump' or *stoc* 'place' + *dun* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stockdon, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Robert de Stokedon, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John Stogdon, 1588 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Hannah Mary Stogdon, 1823 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 415.

2 English: see **Stockton**.

**Stogsdill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Stockdale**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Stojanovic**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

South Slavic: relationship name from Stojanović, a patronymic in several South Slavic languages from the male given name *Stojan*, which derives from the verbal root meaning 'stand'.

**Stok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Stock**.

**Early bearers:** Georg Stok, 1607, Jane Stok, 1610, in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Stok, weaver, 1700 in *Parish Registers* (Nettleton, Wilts).

**Stoke**

**Variants:** **Stock**, **Stooke**, **Stokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

1 English: locative name from any of numerous places in England named with Middle English *stoke*,

Old English *stoc*. The exact sense of the word is not clear, but it seems to have originally meant 'place' and was chiefly used for settlements dependent on a nearby estate centre. Compare **Stoker**.

**Early bearers:** Cnut de Stoch, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); William Stoc, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Adam del Stoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnhill, WR Yorks); Christina atte Stoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Johannes de Stoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irchester, Northants); Susanna Stoke, 1583 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Mary Stoke, 1792 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks); James Stoke, 1803 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).  
2 English: see **Stock**. Some of the medieval bearers in (1) with *atte* or *del* may alternatively belong here. Compare **Stocker**.

**Stokeld**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Stockill**.

**Stokeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Northants; London

English: see **Stockley**.

**Stokell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; also ER Yorks

English: see **Stockill**.

**Stokely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk and Cambs

English: see **Stockley**.

**Stoker**

**Variants:** **Stocker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2859, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2020
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also WR Yorks; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Laois; Dublin
- 1 English: in NE England a variant of **Stokoe**.

Compare Agnes Stoker, 1589, and Roger Stokoe, 1597, both in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Anthony Stoker, 1587, Thomas Stoker, 1664, Andrew Stoker, 1807 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Albani Stoker, 1633, John Stoker, 1844 in *IGI* (Ryther, WR Yorks); Christopher Stoker, 1646, Robert Stoker, 1802 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived at a place called Stoke; it is synonymous with **Stoke**.

According to Reaney, the 1227 bearer came from Stoke Goldington (Bucks). The Staffs name might allude to Stoke on Trent or to Little Stoke near Stone, unless it is identical with (1) and brought to Staffs from NE England.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Stoker, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Robertus Stoker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Eliza. Stoker, 1664 in *IGI* (Haughton, Staffs).  
3 English: in S England, especially in Sussex and Surrey, alternatively a variant of **Stocker**. With the 1381 bearer compare Juliana atte Stoke alias Juliana Stoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey). *Stocker* and *Stoker* are potentially interchangeable forms of the same name, and it is difficult to tell which etymology is the correct one.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Stokere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber, Sussex); Johannes Stokere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Elizabeth Stoker, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Thomas Stoker, 1572 in *IGI* (North Stoke, Sussex).

4 Irish: from **Mac an Stocaire**, see **Stocker**.

**Stokes**

**Variants:** **Stoakes**, **Stookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19607, Ireland 1479
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12350
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry, Tipperary, and Limerick

English: variant of **Stoke** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** this name has been established in Ireland since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Ricerus de Stochas, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Ailwin de Stokes, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Galfridus del Stokes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stokes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); Joane Stokes, 1538 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Gefferey Stokes, 1539 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); Margett Stokes, 1539 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs); Thomas Stokes, 1539 in *IGI* (Whittington, Gloucs); Joan Stokes, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London).

**Stokesley**

**Variants:** **Stockley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: locative name from Stokesley (NR Yorks), recorded as *Stokelay* in 1254.

**Early bearers:** John de Stokesley, 1347 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne de Stokeslay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robertus Stokeslay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); John Stokelay, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John de Stokesley, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks* p. 179.

**Stokey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

English: see **Stuckey**.

**Stokle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Stockley**.

**Stokley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0

## Stokoe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Stockley**.

### Stokoe

**Variants:** **Stockoe, Stoker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1597, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 987
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from High and Low Stokoe near Falstone (Northumb), recorded as *Stokehalgh* in 1330.
- Early bearers:** John de Stokhalgh, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John de Stokhalgh, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Stokhalgh, son of William de Newburgh, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Stokhalowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wydon, Northumb); Jane Stokoe, 1581, Elizabeth Stocoe, 1583, Agnes Stockoe, 1585 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Elizabeth Stockoo, 1594 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Roger Stokoe, 1597 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).
- References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham* p. 190.

### Stoll

**Variants:** **Stolle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also London
- 1 German: nickname from Middle High German, Middle Low German *stolle* 'prop, support, frame', for a carpenter, or perhaps for a person of rigid habits. **Early bearers:** Johann Heinrich Stoll, 1860 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Christian G. Stoll, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); William Stolle, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Fritz Stoll, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Bertha Stoll, lady's companion, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Clifton, Gloucs); Conrad Stoll, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Surrey); Friedrich Stoll, jeweller, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).
- 2 English: nickname for someone who made, wore, or sold stoles, from Middle English *stole* 'stole'. Compare **Stoller** (3).
- Early bearers:** Ricardus Stole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ettington, Warwicks); Johanne Stole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swannington, Leics); Adam Stole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irstead, Norfolk); Johannes Stoll, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Anthony Stoll, 1649 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Mary Stoll, 1660 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Johannes Stoll, 1684 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

### Stollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Gloucs; Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Stallard**.

### Stolle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German: German, see **Stoll**.

### Stoller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 English: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *stole* 'stole', for someone who made, wore, or sold stoles. Compare **Stoll**.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Stolere, 1343 in *London Pleas*; Johannes Stoler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Addington, Northants); Robertus Stoler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Robt. Stoller, 1623 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) occupational name for a joiner, from a word of Slavic origin. (ii) German (Switzerland and Upper Rhine), for someone from a place called Stolle, near Zurich (now called Stollen).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Friedrich Stoller, 1865 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Leopold Stoller, born in Pest, Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Newington, Surrey); Barnatt Stoller, born in London, in *Census 1891* (London); Marks and Fannie Stoller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Isaac Stoller, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); Hyman Stoller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Azabab Lazarus Stoller, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Stollery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: variant of **Stallworthy**, see **Stallard**.
- Early bearers:** Mrs Stollery, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Michael Stollery, 1763 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

### Stolworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Stallworthy**, see **Stallard**.

### Stonard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Stannard**.

### Stone

**Variants:** **Stones**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29931, Ireland 733
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21502
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England, Somerset; London, also Derbys;
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from Middle English *ston(e)* 'stone, rock'. The surname may be topographic for someone who lived on stony ground, by a notable outcrop of rock, or by a stone boundary-marker or monument, or toponymic from a place named Stone, for example in Bucks, Gloucs, Hants, Kent, Somerset, Staffs, Worcs.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stone, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger del ston, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Robert atte Stone, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Cecilia de Stone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Willelmo atte Stone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chisenbury, Wilts); Willelmus de Stone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Regis, Warwicks); Edeth Cook Stone, 1538 in *IGI* (Little Bromley, Essex); James Stone, 1538

in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Walter Stone, 1539 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Johan Stone, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Johannes Stone, 1541 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *ston(e)*, *stan(e)* 'stone, rock', denoting a worker in stone, or perhaps a tough, resilient person, as hard as stone. **Early bearers:** Robert Ston, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

3 Irish: in Ireland this name was adopted for Irish **Ó Clochartaigh** (see **Cloherly**) and/or **Ó Clochasaigh** (see **Clohesy**), and possibly also other names containing or thought to contain the element *cloch* 'stone'.

4 German, Jewish: translation of various surnames in other languages, including German and Jewish (Ashkenazic) **Stein**.

**Early bearers:** Lazarus Stone, born in Devonport, Devon, in *Census 1851* (Portsea Island, Hants); Myer Stone, born in Devonport, in *Census 1871* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Hermann Stone, coachman, born in Ottery Saint Mary, in *Census 1881* (Alphington, Devon); Isaac Stone, slipper maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Max Stone, born in Klossenburg, Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Myer Stone, cabinet maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Harris Stone, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Hyman Stone, grocer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Aaron Stone, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Isaac Stone, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx).

### Stoneage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: apparently from Stonehenge in Amesbury (Wilts), whose traditional pronunciation was /ˈstɒnɪdʒ/. Stonehenge is about 11 miles from Nunton. **Early bearers:** Stephano, Roberto Stonyg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nunton, Wilts); Thomas Stonedg, 1711, Andrew Stoneage, 1726, Henrietta Stonage, 1742 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants); Elizabeth Stoner or Stonedg, 1814 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Hants).

### Stonebank

**Variants:** **Stainbank, Stanbank, Stonebanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from Middle English *ston(e)*, *stan(e)* 'stone' (Old English *stān*, Old Scandinavian *steinn*) + *bank(e)* 'bank' (Old English *banca*, Old Scandinavian *banke*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a stony bank, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Stainbank Green in Kendal (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Staynbank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); John de Staynebank, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Sarah Stanbanke, 1549 in *IGI* (London); Jenett Stainebanke, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Adame Stonbanke, 1576, Cathren Stonbank, 1585 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs); Ann Stonebancke, 1614 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Stonbanke, 1698 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of Westm 1*, p. 121.

**Stonebanks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: variant of **Stonebank** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Stonebanks, 1675 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); Margery Stonebanks, 1707 in *IGI* (Halton, Northumb); Robert Stonebankes, 1719 in *IGI* (Haltwhistle, Northumb).

**Stonebridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Cambs
- English: see **Stanbridge**.

**Stoneham**

Variants: **Stonham, Stanham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 823, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 688
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin
- English: locative name from North and South Stoneham (Hants), Stonham Aspal (Suffolk), Little Stonham (Suffolk), or Stoneham Farms in South Malling (Sussex).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Stanham, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Stanham, 1205 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); Roger de Stonham, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robertus Stoneham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); John Stoneham, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).
- References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 355.

**Stonehewer**

Variants: **Stonier, Stanier, Stanyer, Stanyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English *ston(e)*, *stan(e)* 'stone' + *heuer(e)* 'hewer', denoting someone who cut or quarried stone.

**Further information:** The variants may not be phonetic reductions of *Stonehewer*, but could rather be new formations with Middle English *stan*, *ston* 'stone', with the agent suffix seen also in **Sawyer**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Stanhewer, 13th cent. in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); Thomas Stonehewer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanne Stonehewer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Robertus Stoneheuer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); John Stonehewer or Stonier, 1605, Nathaniell Stanyar, 1689 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire).

**Stonehill**

Variants: **Stonhill, Stanhill, Stonell, Stonnell, Stunell, Stunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Stonehill in Chertsey and Stonehill House in Windlesham with Bagshot (both Surrey). Some of the bearers given may belong under (2) or (3).
- Early bearers:** Henry atte Stonhill, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes Stonhelle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Maidstone, Kent); William de Stonhulle, 15th cent.

in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Surrey); Eliz Stonnell, 1567 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Thos. Stunnell, 1604 in *IGI* (High Wycombe, Bucks); Lawrance Stonhill, 1613 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Henry Stonehill, 1638 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Francis Stonill, 1657, William Stonehill, 1663, William Stonnel, 1697 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Willm. Stonehill, 1720 in *IGI* (Send and Ripley, Surrey); David Stunell, 1753 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx); Samuel Thomas Stunnell, 1829 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 114, 154.  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Stonild*, *Stanild*, from an unrecorded Old English \**Stanhild*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Stonilda, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent).  
surnames: Robertus filius Stanilde, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Adam filius Stanilde, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Robert Stonild, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

3 English: locative name from Stonehill in Wilmington (Kent), named with Old English *stanig* 'stony' + *helde* 'slope'.

**Early bearers:** Will's atte Stonihelde, Ric'us Stonihelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Greenwich, Kent); Matil' de Stonihelde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dartford, Kent); William Attestonihelde, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Blackheath hundred, Kent); John de Stonheld, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axton hundred, Kent); [ . . . ] de Stonyheld', [ . . . ] de Stonyelde, 1347 in *Kent Place-Names* (Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 36.

**Stonehouse**

Variants: **Stanners, Stannus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1774, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1308
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *ston*, *stan* 'stone' (Old English *stan*) + *hous(e)* 'house' (Old English *hus*). The surname may be for someone who lived in or by a stone house, or for someone from a place so named, such as Stonehouse (Devon, Gloucs, Northumb). The principal source of the surname is perhaps Stonehouse Cote in Bilsdale (NR Yorks), recorded as *Staynhouse* in the 14th century.

Compare **Stenhouse**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Stonhuse, 1257 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* iii (Kent); Robert de Stanehouse, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); Ranulf del Stonhouse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henry atte Stonhouse, 1359 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Anne Stonehouse, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Sara Stonehouse, 1565 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Edward Stonehouse, 1571 in *IGI* (Hollingbourne, Kent); Thoms. Stonehouse, 1599 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks* p. 69.

**Stonelake**

Variants: **Stanlake, Standlake, Stenlake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name primarily from Stanlake in Walkhampton (Devon), but also from other places named with Old English *stān* 'stone' + *lacu* 'stream', including Standlake (Oxon) but less likely Stanlake

near Twyford (Berks) unless that is the unrecorded earlier name of Ruscombe Lake.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Stanlac', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Stanlake, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Johannes Stanlac', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Talmage, Oxon); Thomas Stanlake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); John Stanlake, 1559 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Lewes Stonelake, 1666 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 246; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 329.

**Stoneleigh**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Stoneley**.

**Stoneley**

Variants: **Stonely, Stoneleigh, Stonley, Stanley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: locative name from Stoneley Green in Burland (Cheshire), Stoneleigh (Warwicks), or Stonely (Hunts). Compare **Stanley**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Stonle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Stonley, 1330–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Stonley, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register*; Willelmus Stonley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Shrops). ã; Elizabeth Stoneley, 1561 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Anna Stoneley, 1565 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Robert Stoneley, 1566 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Jane Stoneley, 1710 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Charles Stoneley, 1767 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 135.

**Stonell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Stonehill**.

**Stonely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Durham; Staffs and Leics
- English: see **Stoneley**.

**Stoneman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1619, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall
- English: (i) locative name from any of several places called Stone (see **Stone**) + *-man*, for someone from such a place. There are numerous minor places called Stone in Devon, the likely principal origin of the surname. (ii) nickname from Middle English *ston(e)*, *stan(e)* 'stone' + *-man*, for someone who worked with stone. Compare **Stonehewer**.
- Early bearers:** Hugh Staneman, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Staneman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Staneman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birchanger, Essex); Annisse Staneman, 1557 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elinor Stonman, 1566 in *IGI* (Coldridge, Devon).



**Stoner****Variants:** Stonor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1400, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1037
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *ston(e)* 'stone' + *-er*, for someone who lived by a stone or came from a place called Stone (see **Stone**).

**Early bearers:** John Stonere, 1376 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo Stonere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Johanne Stonere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); Simon Stonere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newick, Sussex); Alicia Stonere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); Johannes Stonere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Thomas Stoner, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elysabett Stoner, 1541 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Bridget Stoner, 1620 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

**Stones**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4319, Ireland 109
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3543
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Westmeath

English: variant of **Stone** (1), with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. A number of the places named Stone are sometimes recorded with plural spellings in the medieval period, including Stone (Staffs), *Stanes* in 1187, which was home to Walter de Stanes about 1130.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Stanes, about 1130 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Elias atte Stonis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John in le Stones, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William del stones, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal*; Ricardus atte Stones, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Adam del Stones, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Thomas de Stones, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyke, WR Yorks); Roberto del Stones, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Nicholas in the Stones, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Andrew Stones, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); John Stones, 1546 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Willm. Stones, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Jone Stones, 1547 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); John Stones, 1551 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**Stonestreet****Variants:** Stanistreet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: locative name from Middle English *stan*, *ston* 'stone' (Old English *stan*) + *stret(e)* 'street, Roman road' (Old English *stræt*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a Roman or paved road, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stone Street (Kent, Suffolk). Early bearers in Sussex are presumably associated with the Roman road from London Bridge to Colchester, known from the medieval period as Stane Street, and those in Essex with the Roman road from Braughing (Herts) to Colchester (Essex), also called Stane Street. Compare **Stanistreet**.

**Early bearers:** Salomon de Stonstret', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Stephen de Stonstred, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Elias de Stonstrete, 1279 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Ralph atte Stanstrete, 12936 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Stonestreet, 1570 in *IGI*

(Bishopsbourne, Kent); Martha Stonestreet, 1617 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Wilm. Stonestreet, 1633 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Stonestreet, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Henry Stonestreet, 1703 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 7–8; *Place-Names of Essex* p. 3.

**Stoney****Variants:** Staney, Stanney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 538, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

1 English: locative name according to *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, the WR Yorks surname is a standardized pronunciation (recorded from the 17th century) of *Stanehow* or *Staney*, an unidentified locality in or near Kettlewell (WR Yorks) named with northern Middle English *stane* 'stone' + *how* 'mound'.

**Early bearers:** Henricus, Willelmus de Stanehow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Adam Stany, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gateforth, WR Yorks); Willm. Stanney, 1571 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Thome Stoney, 1624 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name see **Stanney** (1).

**Stonham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 328, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex

English: see **Stoneham**.

**Stonhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Stonehill**.

**Stonier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 529
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Stonehewer**.

**Stonley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs and Cheshire; Kent

English: see **Stoneley**.

**Stonnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Bucks

English: see **Stonehill**.

**Stonor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Oxon

1 English: locative name from Stonor (Oxon).

**Further information:** A family of this name hold the title Baron Camoys. The family seat is at Stonor (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** John de Stonore, 1323 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Northants); Edmundus de Stonore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Thomas Stonor, 1472–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Stonor, 1575 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Charles Stonor, 1769 in *IGI* (Stonor, Oxon).

2 English: occasional variant of **Stoner**.

**Stoodley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset

English: see **Studley**.

**Stooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Stoke**.

**Stookes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs

English: see **Stokes**.

**Stooksbury**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Stockbury (Kent).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Stokebery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Nicholas Stokesbury of Canterbury, merchant, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent).

**Stoop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Dutch and North German: from Middle Dutch *stoop*, Middle Low German *stop* 'pitcher, stone bottle', hence a nickname for a heavy drinker, or an occupational name for a wine seller or innkeeper. Compare **Stopp**.

**Early bearers:** Frederick C. Stoop (born in the Netherlands) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

2 English: see **Stopp** (1).

**Stoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Cornwall

English: see **Stout**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Stoote, 1689, Christopher Stout, 1759 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); John Stout, 1855, John Stoot, 1856 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

**Stopard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: see **Stoppard**.

**Stopes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Shrops; Oxon and Berks

English: see **Stopp**.



**Stopford**

Variants: **Stopforth, Stopard, Stoppard, Stopper, Stockford, Stockforth, Stockport**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Cork  
English: locative name from Stockport (Cheshire), which is recorded as *Stokeport* in 1188, *Stockford* in 1283–8, *Stopford* in 1347, *Stoppord* in 1337, and *Stapporte* in 1583.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stokeport, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Stokeford, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Stokeport, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Warin de Stoppport, 1370 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Stoppforth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Nicholaus de Stopporde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Alis Stockporth, 1571, Wms. Stoppport, 1646 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Ann Stoppport, 1584 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Stockport, 1596 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Edward Stoppport, 1602, James Stockport, 1617 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Mawde Stoppord, 1613 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Clearis Stockforth, 1618 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Henry Stopford, 1669 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Joseph Stockport, 1680, Margaret Stoppport, 1688 in *IGI* (Dukinfield, Cheshire); Elin Stochford, 1695 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 294–5.

**Stopforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stopford**.

**Stopher**

Variants: **Stoffer, Stopper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also London

English: relationship name from Middle English *Stoffer*, a Flemish pet form of **Christopher**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Stuffer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Willelmus Stoffer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Gyelles Stofer, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

References: *Debrabandere*, at Stofferus.

**Stopp**

Variants: **Stoop, Stopps**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Bucks; also Middx

1 English: locative name for someone who lived in or by a hollow (Middle English *stoppe*, Old English *stoppa* 'bucket', used topographically), or who lived in or came from a place so named, such as Stop in Fonthill Gifford (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus del Stopp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarby, WR Yorks); Robert Stope, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Edmund Stopp of Angmarring, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Stope, 1574 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Alice Stoppe, 1587 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 190.

2 German: from Middle Low German *stop* 'pitcher, stone bottle', hence a nickname for a heavy drinker or an occupational name for a wine seller or innkeeper. Compare **Stoop**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Stopp (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Stoppard**

Variants: **Stopard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also WR Yorks

English: (i) see **Stopford**. (ii) see **Stappard**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Stopperd, 1621, Job Stopherd, 1710, Job Stoppard, 1783, Harriet Stoppard, 1804 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

**Stopper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: see **Stappard**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Stauper, 1553 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Alice Stawper, 1587 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Lincs); Edward Stawper, 1592 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); George Stoper, 1610 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Richard Stopper, 1710 in *IGI* (Swinderby, Lincs); John Stopper, 1749 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs).

2 English: (i) occupational name; later forms of the Lincs surname may alternatively derive from an unrecorded Middle English \**stopper*, perhaps 'a maker of pails, buckets, or jugs', a derivative of Middle English *stoppe* (Old English *stoppa*). The examples of *Stopper* cited below may otherwise belong under **Stappard**; compare Joshua Stopard, 1666 in *IGI* (York). (ii) see **Stopford**.

**Early bearers:** John Stopper, 1471 in *York Guild Register* (York); Robert Stopper, typpler, 1478–9 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Elezabeth Stopper, 1683 in *IGI* (York).

**Stopps**

Variants: **Stops, Stopes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Bucks

English: variant of **Stopp** (1) with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Stoppes, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Robertus de Stopes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Stopes, 1564 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts).

**Stops**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Northants

English: see **Stopps**.

**Storah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys

English: see **Storer** and compare **Storrow**.

**Storan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish: from Ó Stóirín 'descendant of Stóirín', which is perhaps a diminutive of *stór* 'treasure, riches', also 'darling' (a term of endearment), borrowed from English *store* 'something precious; treasure'.

**Early bearers:** Mary Storin, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Curraheen, Limerick); James Storan, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (O'Briensbridge, Clare); Honoria Storan, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clonboy, Clare); William Storen, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballynaguila, Limerick).

**Stordy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Sturdy**.

**Store**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: (i) see **Storrs**. (ii) see **Storr**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Store, 1554 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Wyllm Store, 1578 in *IGI* (Utterby, Lincs); Marie Store, 1612 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex).

**Storer**

Variants: **Storrah, Storrer, Storah, Storey, Storrow, Storrier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2998, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1873
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Derbys and Leics

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *storour*, *storer*, a derivative either of Old French and Middle English *store* 'store(s), stock, provisions, livestock' or of Middle English *store* 'a kind of cloth'.

It is impossible to know which senses applied to individual surnames without contextual evidence. Joh's Storer de Lenton, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls*, was a linen draper, but other men with this name may have been in charge of provisions in a great house or monastery, stewards who collected rents, or humble herdsman. (ii) sometimes perhaps a post-medieval pronunciation of **Storey**. The two names may have been confused.

**Further information:** For **Storah** and **Storrow**, compare **Farrar** and **Farrow**.

**Early bearers:** England: William le Estorur, 1309 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (Yorks); Thomas le Storer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam le Storour, 1357 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Storour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Northumb); Robertus Storour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ayton, NR Yorks); Radulpho Storour mercator (merchant), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Johannes Storour cissor (tailor), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); Johannes Storour' laborer (labourer), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharow, WR Yorks); Johannes Storer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Johanne Storour bocher (butcher), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); John Storrer, 1501 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Willmus Storer, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Humphridi Storer, 1551 in *IGI* (Trusley, Derbys); Thomas Storer, 1571 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Antonii Storer, 1577 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks);

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Margaret Storer, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Thome Storer, 1665 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb).  
Scotland: William Sturror, 1534 in *Bamff Charters* (Perths); Jhone Storrer, 1565 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Jonet Storrer, 1608 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perths); Issobel Storrar, 1629 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife); Geils Storer, 1641 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); John Storrour, 1642 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Johne Storer, 1655 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perths); Marion Storer, 1680 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian); Bessie Storrar, 1732 in *Dunkeld Testaments* (Easter Cash, in Strathmiglo, Fife).

References: *McClure, Occupational bynames 2*, p. 226.

### Stores

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Cheshire and Lancs

English: see **Storrs**.

### Storery

Variants: **Storie, Storrie, Story, Storry, Storer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12208, Ireland 506
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7576
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham and Northumb

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Fermanagh  
English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stori* (Old Scandinavian *Stóri*, from *stórr* 'big'). (ii) variant of **Storer** (especially in NE England) or vice versa. The names were probably confused. Compare Willmus. Storer, 1539, Robert Storrey, 1666 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Wm. Storer, 1561, Isabell Stork, 1575 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Geo. Storrey, 1659, Isabel Storer, 1681 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb).

Further information: this name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

Early bearers: given names: Stori, Estori, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Storicus de Wychem, 1132–60 in *Miller, Ely* (Camsb).

surnames, England: Reginaldus filius Story, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alexander Story, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Water Story, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Stratford at Bow, Middx); John Story, 1563 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Mary Storry, 1564 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Robt. Storrie, 1591 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Edward Storie, 1593 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Issabell Story, 1599 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Robert Story, 1599 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Charles Storky, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Kendal, Westm); Joane Storie, 1592 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

surnames, Scotland: William Stori, 1281 in *Black* (Dundee); Agnes Storie, 1598, Effy Storry, 1607 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Thomas Storie, 1605 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Richard Storrie, 1666 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian).

### Storie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Midlothian and Roxburghs

English, Scottish: see **Storery**.

### Storier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Scottish: see **Storrier**.

## Stork

Variants: **Storkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Storkhill in Beverley (ER Yorks), formerly known just as *Stork*.

Early bearers: Hugh de Storque, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Storkhill, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Stork, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sicey, Storkhill, and Hull Bridge, ER Yorks); Robert de Stork, 1399 in *York Registry Wills* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Storke, 1508 in *York Registry Wills* (Hutton Cranswick, ER Yorks); Isabell Stork, 1570 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Henry Stork, 1615 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *storc* 'stork', probably for a thin man with long legs.

Early bearers: Osbert Storc, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Hugo Stork, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Stork', 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Teby Stork, 1574 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Ellin Stork, 1586 in *IGI* (Harty, Kent); Thomas Stork, 1622 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs).

### Storkey

Variants: **Starkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Stork**, in which the final *-e* of Middle English *stork* was pronounced *-y*, a feature of Sussex dialect, for example, or perhaps a diminutive form with the suffix *-y*.

Early bearers: Laurens Storkey, 1544 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Alyce Storkey, 1549 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joh Storkie, 1604 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Susan Storkey, 1624 in *IGI* (Great Mongeham, Kent).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Starkey**.

### Storm

Variants: **Storms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham; also Lincs; also Morays and Nairns

English: nickname from Middle English *storm* 'storm, tempest', perhaps for someone with a stormy temperament. Compare **Tempest**. It is possible that *Storm* is sometimes a reduced form of **Sturme**, which occurs in some of the same counties in medieval records, but no certain evidence of this has been found.

Early bearers: England: William Storm, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Storm, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Willelmus Storme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belby, ER Yorks); Petrus Storm, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blunsdon Gay, Wilts); Alexander, Johannes Storm, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Johannes Storm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Nicholas Storm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Walterus Storm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westmeston, Sussex); Ricardus Storm, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Adam, Johannes, Robertus Storm, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Willelmus Storm, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Henricus Storm', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Bartholomew, John, Matthew, Peter, Robert and William Storm, about 1540 in *Whitby Chartulary*

(NR Yorks); Janeta Storme, 1548, Wm. Storm, 1603 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); George Storme, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mathei Storme, 1599 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs); Thomas Storme, 1615 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Ursaley Storm, 1667 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Edward Storm, 1669 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Mary Storm, 1736 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

Scotland: Thomas Storme, 1507 in *Dunkeld Rentale* (Nairns); John Storm, 1686 in *IGI* (Dyke, Morays); John Storm, 1692 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns).

### Storman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Sturman**.

### Stormes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Storms**.

### Stormont

Variants: **Stormonth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Kincardines
- Scottish: locative name from Stormont, a district in Perthshire.

Early bearers: Richard Stormonth, 1507 in *Bamff Charters* (Banffs); Nance Stormont, 1599 in *IGI* (Anstruther Wester, Fife); Agnes Starmount, 1658 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfriess).

### Stormonth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Aberdeens; also Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Stormont**.

### Storms

Variants: **Stormes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: variant of **Storm** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

Early bearers: John Storms, 1572 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); William Stormes, 1773 in *IGI* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks).

### Storr

Variants: **Store, Storrs, Stower**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1543, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1026
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stor(re)* 'big, large; strong, robust; harsh, bold, resolute' (Old Scandinavian *stórr*, late Old English *stōr*). Some of the following examples in N England and the N Midlands may alternatively belong with (2).

Early bearers: Geoffrey Stor, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Anger Sturre, 1206 in *Pleas* (Berks); John Stor, 1290 in *London Letter Books A*; Geoffrey Stur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton, Sussex); Johanne Storre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks);

Galfridus Stour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, IoW); Johannes Storre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gautby, Lincs); Agnes Stor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blakeney, Norfolk); Nicholaus Stor', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Thomas Storre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Roger Storre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robertus Store', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs); Johannes Storre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grafton, Gloucs); Johannes Stor', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aintree, Lancs); Stephanus Store, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Arthurus Storr, 1551 in *IGI* (Swillington, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Storr, 1561 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); James Storr, 1567 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); John Storr, 1606 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Isabell Storr, 1608 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Richard Storr, 1624 in *IGI* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); John Storr, 1786 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); William Henry Storr, 1828 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name variant of **Storrs**.

### Storarr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Storer**.

### Storrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 917, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Lanarks

Scottish: see **Storey**.

### Storrier

Variants: **Storier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

English, Scottish: (i) occupational name, nickname perhaps from Middle English *storier(e)* 'chronicler, historian; a teller of tales', from a reduced form of *historier* (Old French *historieur*). (ii) occupational name, alternatively a variant of **Storer**. Compare John Storer, 1655, Helen Sturarr, 1722, Lillias Storiour, 1768, Elizabeth Sturrier, 1863 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perths). **Early bearers:** England: John le Storiere of Dunmow, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Storiere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); Rosa Storiere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Willelmus Storiere brasiar' (brewer), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Johannes Storyer', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stadhampton, Oxon); Will. Storiour, before 1525 (1450?) in *Coventry Leet Book* (Warwicks); Brigitt Storrrier, 1560 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); George Storiier, 1569 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs). Scotland: Georg Storie, 1687 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Barbara Storrrier, 1695 in *IGI* (Monkie, Angus); Thomas Sturrier, 1702 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus).

### Storror

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Somerset; Glamorgan

English: see **Storer**.

### Storrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; also Durham and NR Yorks

English: see **Storer**.

**Early bearers:** Willmus. Storer, 1539, Edwini Storrow, 1594 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); James Storrah, 1687, Elizabeth Storrow, 1702 in *IGI* (Hipswell, NR Yorks); Edward Storra, 1717 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Jno. Storrow, 1724 in *IGI* (Crosby on Eden, Cumb).

### Storrs

Variants: **Stores, Storr, Store**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cheshire; Notts

1 English: locative name from one or more minor places in N England and the N Midlands named with the singular or plural form of Middle English *storth* (Old Scandinavian *storð*) 'brushwood; young plantation'. In Lancs these include Storrs (in Arkholme with Cawood), and in WR Yorks Storrs (in Bradfield), Storr Hill (in Wyke), Storthes Hall (near Huddersfield), and Dungworth Storrs (near Sheffield). In Notts and Derbys the surname is associated with terrain on the western edge of Sherwood Forest. The singular form may occasionally have survived as **Storr** and **Store** but the addition to them of post-medieval *-s* has ensured that *-s* forms are far more numerous in the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Stordes, 1275, Robert de Storthes, 1284, Henry del Storres, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Geoffrey de le Storthes, 1279 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Brinsley and Trowell, Notts); Ricardus de Storthes, 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Alfreton, Derbys); Henry del Storthes, 1316 in *Yorks Deeds* (Thurstonland, WR Yorks); John de Stor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bulwell, Notts); Thomas de Storres de Annesley, 1359 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Annesley, Notts); Johannes del Storth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Storres, 1540, Thomas Store, 1554 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anthony Storres, 1564 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Alexander Stores, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Thomas Stores, 1585 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 227, 239; 3, p. 33; *Lancs Place-Names* p. 181; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: nickname, variant of **Storr** with post-medieval *exrescent -s*.

### Storry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 377
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; also Lanarks

English: see **Storey**.

### Storton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also London; Lancs

English: see **Stourton**.

### Story

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1840

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

English: see **Storey**.

### Stot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Aberdeens; Lancs

English: see **Stott**.

### Stote

Variants: **Stoat, Stoate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) nickname, probably in most cases a variant of **Stout** (Anglo-Norman French *estot, estout* 'bold'). The names have a similar distribution in SW England. Compare Ricardo Stote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset) with John Stout, 1769 in *IGI* (Wimborne Minster, Dorset); and Richard Stote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lympstone, Devon) with Agnes Stout, 1692 in *IGI* (Lympstone, Devon). However, in modern times *Stote* and *Stoat(e)* are the predominant forms in the SW. (ii) nickname alternatively from Middle English *stote* 'stoat'.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Stote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stratton, Dorset); Henry Stote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Linton, Devon); Thomas Stote of Radeford, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Petrus Stote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stokenham, Devon); Ricardus Stote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Willelmus Stote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stratton, Dorset); Richard Stote, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Thomas Stoate, 1550 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Henry Stote, 1590 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); John Stoat, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Christover Stote, 1665, William Stoate, 1734 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

### Stoten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

1 English: see **Stoughton**.

2 English: see **Stoughton**.

### Stotesbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Stuchbury**.

### Stothard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1208, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 661
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: see **Stoddart**.

### Stothart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; Durham

Scottish, English: see **Stoddart**.

### Stother

Variants: **Stothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0

## Stothers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) perhaps a variant of one or other member of the **Stoddart** cluster. (ii) in Lincs, perhaps a variant of **Stather**, though spellings with *-o-* are not recorded in the place-name.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Stotthere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adderley, Shrops); Mathew Stother, 1580 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Elizabeth Stother, 1605 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Betty Stother, 1811 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Stothers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 85
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Angus; Lanarks; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English, Scottish: variant of **Stother** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.
- Early bearers:** Mary Stothers, 1648 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Thomas Stothers, 1669 in *IGI* (London); Anne Stothers, 1696 in *IGI* (Langton by Wragby, Lincs).

### Stother

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb
- English: see **Stoddart**.

### Stott

- Variants:** **Stot**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 8871, Ireland 76
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Durham; Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Ulster
- English: nickname from Middle English *stott* 'bullock, steer', for someone who resembled a bullock in build or temperament, or perhaps for someone who had charge of bullocks. The term was also occasionally used in Middle English of a horse or heifer (and so as a term of abuse for a woman) and it survived into the 19th century as a dialect word for a clumsy, stupid person: these senses may lie behind some examples of the surname. The name may have been confused with **Stote** and **Stout**.
- Early bearers:** England: Gamel Stot, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Stotte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elena la Stott, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Stotte, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Stott, 1560, Wm Stote, 1570 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Jane Stott, 1565, Janet Stot, 1584 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Marry Stott, 1577 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Charles Stott, 1585 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Anne Stot, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirby Sigston, NR Yorks); Richard Stott, 1590 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mrgrt. Stott, 1598 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); John Stott, 1605 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).
- Scotland: Mariore Stott, 1584 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); James Stot, 1643 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

### Stoughton

- Variants:** **Stoten**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Cambs

1 English: locative name from any of three places called Stoughton (Leics, Surrey, Sussex), all of which appear in medieval documents as *Stokton*. Compare **Stockton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stoghton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Richard de Stoghton', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Stoughton, 1375 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Bartholomeus Stogton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Peter de Stoghton', 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); John Stoughton', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gilbert Stoughton, 1498–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey).

2 English: see **Staughton**.

### Stour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Glamorgan; Staffs; WR Yorks

English: see **Stower** and compare **Storr**.

### Stourton

- Variants:** **Storton, Sturton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from any of three places named Stourton (Staffs, Wilts, Warwicks).
- Further information:** A family of this name, who are the current Barons Mowbray, Segrave, and Stourton, trace their descent from a William de Stourton, living in 1325. Their name is from Stourton in Wilts.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Sturton', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Storton, 1264 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard de Stourton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Anne Stourton, 1599 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Edward Stourton, 1605 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); William Stourton, 1800 in *IGI* (East Lulworth, Dorset).
- 2 English: see **Sturton**.
- 3 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Storrington (Sussex), which is recorded as *Storgetune* in 1086.
- Early bearers:** William de Storgheton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Stout

- Variants:** **Stoute, Stoutt, Stote, Stoot, Stutt**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1965, Ireland 161
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1434
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Durham; Orkney and Shetland; Hants; Warwicks; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *stout* 'bold, daring, brave' (Old French *estolt, estout*, Anglo-Norman French *estut, estot, estout* 'bold, fierce, randy, stubborn'). (ii) nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *st(ou)ut* 'gnat, horse-fly' (Old English *stūt*, Old Scandinavian *stútr* 'gnat'), possibly for someone with a biting tongue or for a small, quick-moving person.
- Further information:** The name may sometimes have been confused with **Stott**.
- Early bearers:** N England: Osbert Stute, Stutte, 1190–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walterus Stute, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Wm. Stout, 1561 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); James Stout, 1581 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Stote, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Stout, 1599 in *IGI* (Witton le

Wear, Durham); Thomas Stout, 1606 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Stoutt, 1672 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Stout, 1712 in *IGI* (Alston, Cumb).

E and SE England: William Stutte, Stute, le Estut, Stut, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam Stout, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Edward Stout, 1577 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Richard Stout, 1599 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Lincs).

S and SW England: Johanne le Stout, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canford Magna, Dorset); William Estoute, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Stoute, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Truro Vean, in Saint Clement, Cornwall); Tho. Stoutt, 1589 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Anne Stout, 1591 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); John Stout, 1600 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); George Stout, 1657 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Hewbert Stout, 1703 in *IGI* (Lymptstone, Devon); Thomas Stout, 1732 in *IGI* (Cranborne, Dorset).

Scotland: Donald Stout, 1660 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Will. Stout, 1707 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Andrew Stout, 1709, Isaac Stoutt, 1825 in *IGI* (Walls and Flotta, Orkney); James Stout, 1726 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jean Stout, 1754 in *IGI* (Delting, Shetland).

2 English: locative name from one or more minor places named with Middle English *stout* (Old English *\*stūt*) 'stumpy hillock', such as Stout Farm in Yarcombe (Devon) and Stout Farm in Honiton (Devon). The 1605 example may nevertheless belong with (1) and the survival of this name to the present day is unknown.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] la Stute, 1249 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Honiton, Devon); Henry atte Stoute, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Yarcombe, Devon); Alice Stout, 1605 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* pp. 640, 652.

### Stoute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Stout**.

### Stoutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks; Orkney
- English: see **Stout**.

### Stove

- Variants:** **Stoves**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland and Orkney
- 1 Scandinavian: locative name from one or more of various minor places in Orkney and Shetland called *Stove*, including that in Sanday (Orkney), from which the 1648 early bearer took his name.
- Early bearers:** Laurence Stove, 1648 in *Shetland Testaments* (Shetland); Elspit Stove, 1662 in *IGI* (Holm and Papay, Orkney); Robert Stove, 1733 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland).
- 2 English: perhaps from Middle English *stoven* 'tree-trunk or -stump' (Old Scandinavian *stofn*), understood as a plural in *-n* and made singular accordingly.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Stove, 1581 in *IGI* (Eling, Hants); Will Stove, 1709 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

### Stovel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Stovell**.

### Stoveld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Stovell**.

### Stovell

**Variants:** **Stovel**, **Stoveld**, **Stovold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Sussex

English: locative name from Stovoldshill in Hascombe (Surrey), recorded as *Stofold* in 1284. **Early bearers:** Roger Stofold of Crundale, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Stofold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Alice Stoffold, 1575 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Johannes Stowfold, 1584 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Alice Stovall, 1593 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Stovauld, 1614 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); Elizabeth Stovell, 1655 in *IGI* (Compton near Guildford, Surrey); John Stovold, 1688 in *IGI* (Elstead, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 243–4.

### Stoven

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lincs
- English: see **Stovin**.

### Stoves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 159
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Stove** (2) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Judeth Stoves, 1616 in *IGI* (Snargate, Kent); John Stoves, 1632 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); John Stoves, 1726 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham).

### Stovin

**Variants:** **Stoven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name perhaps from Stoven (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Stouene, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Jenet Stovphin, 1571, Xpopher Stovene, 1580, Jaine Stoven, 1594 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); George Stovin, 1609 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Susannah Stovins, 1733 in *IGI* (Withern, Lincs); Thos Stovins, 1746 in *IGI* (Gayton le Marsh, Lincs); James Stoving, 1761 in *IGI* (Thimbleby, Lincs); Emma Stovings, 1834 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

### Stovold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Stovell**.

### Stow

**Variants:** **Stowe**, **Stowes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1392, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; WR Yorks; Suffolk and Essex

English: locative name from any of various places called Stow or Stowe, all named with Old English *stow* 'place, holy place, assembly place'. In a few cases the surname appears to be topographic, from Middle English *stow(e)* 'holy place, church, monastery', denoting someone who lived by a church or monastery.

**Early bearers:** Wlnopus de Stoue about 975 *Book of Ely* (Cambs); Osbert de Stowa, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William de la Stowe, 1315 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Richard Stow, 1545 in *IGI* (Irstead, Norfolk); Johan Stow, 1547 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Betres Stow, 1551 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); John Stow, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Zachary Stow, 1590 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 203.

### Stowar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Stower**.

### Stowe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1194, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 871
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs; WR Yorks; Essex

English: see **Stow**.

### Stowell

**Variants:** **Stawell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 695
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM; Lincs and WR Yorks; Somerset

English: locative name from Stowell (Somerset), Stowell (Gloucs), East and West Stowell in Wilcot (Wilts), or Stawell (Somerset). The surname was taken to IoM by 1511, from where it migrated to Lincs and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** England: Henry de Stowell, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Richard de Stawell, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey de Stawell, 1270 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Johanna Stowill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Francis Stowell, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; John Stowell, 1566 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); James Stowell, 1586 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Radulphus Stawell, 1640 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Stephen Stowell, 1775 in *IGI* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); William Stowell, 1790 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs).  
IoM: Mac Stoile, Mac Stole, 1511, Stoell, 1603 in *Kneen*; Robert Stowell, 1763 in *IGI* (Douglas, IoM).

### Stower

**Variants:** **Stowar**, **Stour**, **Stowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; London

1 English: nickname for a large, strong man; see **Storr**.

**Early bearers:** William Stor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Holcombe, Devon); William Stur, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kings Tamerton, Devon); John Sturre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Salcombe Regis, Devon); Thomas Stoure, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Cristina Stoure, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitestaunton, Somerset); Joane Stower, 1545 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Joane Stower, 1594 in *IGI* (Lapford, Devon); John Stower, 1622 in *IGI* (Street, Somerset); John Stour, 1712 in *IGI* (Hawkrigde, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Stour Provost, East and West Stour, or Stourpaine (Dorset), recorded as *Stur(e)* in 1086 and named from the River Stour. The following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Sture, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Stour, Dorset); Henry Stower, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Stephen Stower, 1783 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); John Stour, 1817 in *IGI* (Minterne Magna, Dorset).

3 Norman: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Stur* (Old Scandinavian *Sture*). It is not known if this survived as a hereditary surname.

**Early bearers:** William filius Stur after 1162 *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Stur after 1162 *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Hants).

**References:** *Adigard, Noms de Personnes*, pp. 141, 247, 249, 317.

### Stowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk

1 English: locative name from the River Stour in Essex. The surname has developed a post-medieval excrescent -s. The Suffolk and Norfolk name alternatively belongs with (2).

**Early bearers:** William atte Sture, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Rogerus atte Stowr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brundon and Ballingdon, Essex); Thomas Stowers, 1564 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Thomas Stowers, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Robert Stowers, 1581 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk); John Stowers, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 English: variant of **Stower** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stowers, 1612 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Robert Stowers, 1622 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Stowes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Norfolk; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: variant of **Stow** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Ellen Stowes, 1560 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex).

### Stowey

**Variants:** **Stoy**, **Stoye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

## Stoy

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Over or Nether Stowey, Stowey in Cutcombe, or Stowey near Bishop Sutton (all Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Stoy, 1608, Henry Stowey, 1666 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Edward Stoye, 1630 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Mary Stoy, 1673, Robert Stowy, 1717 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Richard Stowey, 1722 in *IGI* (Oare, Somerset); James Stowey, 1806 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Stoy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Stowey**.

## Stoye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Stowey**.

## Stoyle

Variants: **Stoyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *stoyle* 'star' (Old French *estoile*).

**Early bearers:** William Stoile, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Eliot Stoyle, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Stephen Stoyl, 1284 in *Feudal Aids* (Devon); Johannes Stoyl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Toynton, Lincs); Alicia Stoyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); Ricardo Stoyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Stoyle, 1594 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Thoma Stoyle, 1605 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Henry Stoyle, 1645 in *IGI* (West Down, Devon); John Stoyle, 1825 in *IGI* (Old Windsor, Berks); William Stoyle, 1891 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

## Stoyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Devon

English: variant of **Stoyle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Stoyles, 1578 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

## Stracey

Variants: **Stracy**, **Strachey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts and Essex

English: nickname from an unrecorded adjective derived from Middle English *strace* (Old French *estrace*) 'a mark left by a skin disease, scar'. Compare John Strace, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Strachy, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willm Strachy, 1542 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Johanne Strachye, 1589 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); William Strachye, 1561 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Stracie, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

## Strachan

Variants: **Strachen**, **Straughan**, **Straghan**, **Straughn**, **Strahan**, **Strain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7229, Ireland 35

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4891
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Srutháin, Ó Sruitheáin, 'descendant of *Sruthán*', a personal name from a diminutive of *sruith* 'sage, elder'.

**Early bearers:** Teige O Sreighan, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5796 (Boynin); Teig O Streffan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6529 (Glestenan); William Strachan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); Elizabeth Strain, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Henry Straine, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donacavey, Tyrone).

2 Scottish: locative name from Strachan in Banchory (Kincardines), pronounced *Strawn*.

**Early bearers:** Waldeus de Stratheihan, about 1200 in *Saint Andrews Charters*; Ranulph de Stratheuchin, 1203–14 in *Arbroath Register*; David Straughin, 1512 in *Scottish History Society Miscellany*.

## Strachen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs
- Scottish: see **Strachan**.

## Strachey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London
- English: see **Stracey**.

## Stracy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; London; Lincs
- English: see **Stracey**.

## Stradling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 546, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 380
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Glamorgan

Swiss, English: locative name from Strättlingen near Thun in Switzerland.

**Further information:** The English landed family, seated at Saint Donats (Glamorgan), can trace its origins to John de Estratlinges (d. about 1293), who came to England from Switzerland with Otto de Grandison, Edward I's companion-in-arms.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Stradlinge(s), 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward de Stradlyng, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); William Stradlyng of Somerset, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Stradlyng of Halseweye, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Ann Stradling, 1606 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elizabeth Stradling, 1619 in *IGI* (Churcham, Gloucs); Anne Stradling, 1620 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); William Stradlinge, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Elizabeth Stradling, 1667 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).  
**References:** *DNB* at Stradling.

## Stradwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Strudwick**.

## Strafford

Variants: **Stratford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lancs; London

1 English: locative name principally from Stratford Sands (lost) in Mexborough (WR Yorks), presumed to be the ancient meeting-place of Strafforth Wapentake.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Straford, Johanna Strafford', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Strafforth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); George Strafford, 1656 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 1, 78; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Stratford**.

## Straghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: a mainly Irish spelling of **Strachan**.

## Strahan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 148
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: a mainly Irish spelling of **Strachan**.

## Straight

Variants: **Strait**, **Streit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *streight* 'straight, upright', presumably applied in a either literal or figurative sense.

**Early bearers:** Richard Streht, 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Worcs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *streit* 'strict, severe' (Old French *estreit*).

**Early bearers:** Godwin Streit, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Roger Streit, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls*.

## Strain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1285, Ireland 846
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down; Donegal

Scottish, Irish: see **Strachan**.

## Strange

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Somerset
- English: see **Strange**.

## Strait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Straight**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Straiton

**Variants:** Stratton, Straton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland; also Kirkcudbrights; Cumb

Scottish: locative name from Straiton (Ayr), Straiton in Liberton (Midlothian), or South Straiton in Logie (Fife).

**Further information:** Some additional early bearers may be found at **Stratton**.

**Early bearers:** Brice Strayton, 1480 in *Scotland Calendar*.

### Straker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 544
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Northumb; also London

1 English: occupational name from Middle English \**straker*, \**streker*, unrecorded derivatives of northern Middle English *straken* (Old English *strācian*) ‘to stroke or rub (something), to smear (something with a substance)’ and Middle English *streken* (Old Scandinavian *strjúka*) ‘to stroke, make smooth, spread or smear (a substance) evenly’. In some instances \**straker*, \**streker* may have denoted a waxer of shoe-leather or a sharpener of knives, senses which fit the occupations of the 1352 and 1440 York freemen cited below (a shoemaker and a cutler). In other cases a *straker* or *streker* may have been a polisher of goods made of wood, metal, or other materials, or he may have been an official corn measurer, who used a flat stick or *strike* to level off the quantity of corn he was measuring. See also the etymologically related **Striker** and **Stroker**, which were probably to some extent synonymous and interchangeable with *Straker*, as implied for example by John Straker, 1587, Margaret Stryker, 1603, Mary Streaker, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Straker, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert Stracour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Strakour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Strakour, 1327 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Osballdwick, NR Yorks); Adam Stracour, cordwainer (i.e. shoemaker), 1352 in *York Freemen's Register*; Nicholous Strakour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clennell, Northumb); William Strakour, cutler, 1440 in *York Freemen's Register*; Eduardus Strayker, 1550 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Willm Strakar, 1563, Thomas Straker, 1575, John Streaker, 1602 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Alice Streaker, 1581 in *IGI* (Hagworthingham, Lincs); Philippus Strayker, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); Gorge Streakar, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York); Thomas Straker, 1619, Isabell Streaker, 1683, Joseph Straker, 1779 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Straker, tailor, 1653 in *York Freemen's Register*.

2 English: occupational name, perhaps for someone who made iron strakes, working in a smithy, or for someone who used strakes to make wheels or ploughshares. This would be a plausible, though unrecorded derivative of Middle English *strake* (Old English \**stracca*) ‘band, strip, strake’, most often used to denote the strips of iron that formed the rim

of a cartwheel or that fastened a ploughshare. Middle English *strake* also denoted a wooden plank, including the planking on a ship's hull, so the surname could also have been given to someone who made planks or who built ships. However, there is no contextual evidence to confirm either of these possibilities.

### Stranaghan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Ó Sranacháin ‘descendant of *Sranachán*’, a personal name apparently derived from *sran* ‘snoring’ (‘little snoring one’). Intrusive *t* is common in anglicizing *sr* in Irish.

**Early bearers:** James Stranaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); Denis Stranaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Horseleap, Westmeath).

### Strand

**Variants:** Strond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also London; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Middle English *strand(e)*, *strond(e)* ‘coast, river bank’ (Old English *strand*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on the coast or on a river bank, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as The Strand in London.

**Early bearers:** Editha de la Stronde, 1229 in *Löfvenberg*; Petrus de Strand, 1236 in *Book of Fees*; Stephanus de la Strande, 1266 in *Close Rolls*; John atte Stronde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John del Stronde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Cecilia Strande, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fockerby, WR Yorks); Mark Strand, 1615 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Marci Strand, 1619 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Elizabeth Strand, 1622 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Strand, 1623 in *IGI* (Little Wilbraham, Cambs); Julian Strand, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx).

### Strang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1685, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1335
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland: esp. Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; also Kilkenny

1 Scottish: see **Strong**.

2 Scottish: see **Strange**.

### Strange

**Variants:** Strainge, Lestrangle, Strang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4143, Ireland 192
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central S England: esp. Wilts and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *strange* ‘foreign’ (Old French *estrangle*), for a newcomer to a district.

**Early bearers:** John Lestrangle, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Leestrange, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Ralph le Estrangle, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugh le Strange, 1221 in *Assize Rolls*

(Shrops); Fulco Strange, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Ralph le Esstrangle, 1228 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Willelmo Strange, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindon, Wilts); Jone Strange, 1538 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Willm Strange, 1539 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Johane Strange, 1540 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); Roberti Strange, 1548 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); William Strange, 1552 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

2 Irish: this name is also common in Ireland, where, in addition to its French and English etymology, it may represent an anglicization of any of several Irish names containing the element *gall* ‘stranger’, e.g. **Doyle**, **Gallagher**.

### Stranger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Guernsey; London

English: nickname from Middle English *stra(u)nger(e)* ‘stranger, foreigner’ (Old French *estrangier*), for a newcomer to an area. Compare **Strange**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Stranger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Christian Straunger, 1562 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Agnes Stranger, 1574 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon).

### Strangeward

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: see **Strangward**.

### Strangeway

**Variants:** Strangeways, Strangways, Strangwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative from Strangeways in Manchester (Lancs), probably ‘(place by) a stream with a strong current’: Old English *strang* + (*ge*)*wæsc*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Strangwas, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cheetham, Lancs); James Strangwishe, about 1450, James Strangwych, 1467, James Strangwesh, 1489, Anna Strangwish, 1501, Richard Strangeways, 1513, Martin Strangways, 1527 in *York Guild Register*; Alicia Stranwege, 1558 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Margerie Strangewiche, 1587 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs).

### Strangeways

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Strangeway**.

### Strangewood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Strangward**.

### Strangman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Lancs
- English: see **Strongman**.

### Strangward

**Variants:** Strangeward, Strangwood, Strangewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152

## Strangways

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Hunts; Lincs  
English: locative name from Strangford in Sellack (Herefs) or Strangworth Farm in Pembridge (Herefs), recorded as *Strangeford* in 1442.  
**Early bearers:** William de Strangeford, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); William de Strongeford, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Strongeford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pembridge, Herefs); Willelmo Strongford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Richard Strangward, 1634 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Robert Strangwood, 1759 in *IGI* (Aymestrey, Herefs); Ethel Jane Strangewood, 1858 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).  
**References:** *Herefs Place-Names* pp. 158, 180.

## Strangways

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 28  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Essex  
English: see **Strangeway**.

## Strangwick

• **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
English: see **Strangeway**.

## Strangwood

• **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Hunts  
English: see **Strangward**.

## Strank

Variants: **Stranks**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 29  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Lydia Stranke, 1618 in *IGI* (Bromborough, Cheshire); Sarah Strank, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susanna Strank, 1713 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Elizabeth Stranck, 1715 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon).

## Stranks

• **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 117  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Warwicks and Staffs

English: variant of **Strank** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Lydia Stranks, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Stranks, 1755 in *IGI* (Grandborough, Bucks); Thomas Strankes, 1778 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks).

## Strapp

Variants: **Strapps**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 53  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; also Lancs  
English: unexplained. The ordinary word *strap* is a late (16th-century) variant of *strop*, which may have contributed to this surname, but forms with *-a-* appear too early here to be the whole story, unless these early forms can be viewed as Scots ones which have migrated south along the coast to Norfolk.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Strape, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Strape, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robertus Strop, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Edith Weston,

Rutland); Johannes Stroppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Newnham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Strape, 1547 in *IGI* (Irstead, Norfolk); Grace Strapp, 1655 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

## Strapps

• **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 48  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Sussex  
English: variant of **Strapp** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Annes Strappes, 1563 in *IGI* (London).

## Stratfield

• **GB frequency 1881:** 22  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London  
English: see **Streatfield**.

## Stratford

Variants: **Strafford**, **Stretford**, **Strefford**, **Strawford**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2785, Ireland 63  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 2019  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Central S England: esp. London; Bucks; Gloucs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Wicklow  
1 English: locative name from any of various places named *Stratford*, for example in Beds, Bucks, Middx, Northants, Suffolk, Warwicks, and Wilts, from Old English *stræt* ‘Roman road’ + *ford* ‘ford’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Stratford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Athelstan de Straford, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Stratford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Stratford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Johannes Stratford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newnham, Northants); Johanne Stratford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Elizabeth Stratford, 1565 in *IGI* (Aldermaston, Berks); John Stratford, 1569 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Mary Stratford, 1571 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs); Martha Stratford, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Wylm Stratford, 1590 in *IGI* (Great and Little Hale, Lincs).  
2 English: see **Strafford**.  
3 English: see **Strefford**.  
4 English: see **Stretford**.

## Stratful

• **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
English: see **Streatfield**.

## Stratfull

• **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 26  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks  
English: see **Streatfield**.

## Strath

• **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 159  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens  
Scottish Gaelic: from Gaelic topographic ‘dweller in/by a valley’, or from one of the many places including the suffix *Strath*.  
**Early bearers:** Patrick de Strath, 1312 in *Papal Letters*; Adam del Strath, vicar of Elgin, about 1333–6 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock* (Morays); Thomas Strath, 1479 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeens).

## Strathdee

• **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 257  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Banffs and Aberdeens  
Scottish: locative name from Deeside (Aberdeens), which is alternatively known as Strathdee.  
**Early bearers:** Isobell Strathdee, 1685 in *IGI* (Insch, Aberdeens); Agnas Strathdee, 1687 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Isabel Strathdee, 1752 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); John Strathdee, 1777 in *IGI* (Boleskine, Inverness); James Strathdee, 1778 in *IGI* (Botriphnie, Banffs).

## Strathearn

Variants: **Strathern**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 195  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr; Angus  
Scottish: locative name from Strathearn (Perths).  
**Early bearers:** Maucolum de Stratherne, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Patrick of Strathern, 1331 in *History of Arbroath* (Drumelzier, Angus); Thomas of Strathern or Strethern, 1474 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book* (Perths); Mungo Stratherne, 1538 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, West Lothian).

## Strathern

• **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 29  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 210  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr  
Scottish: see **Strathearn**.

## Strathie

• **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 60  
• **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian, Midlothian, and Stirlings  
Scottish: locative name from one or more of various minor places called Strathie or Strathy in Aberdeen, Perths, Ross and Cromarty and Caithness.  
**Early bearers:** Symon de Strathy, 1291 in *Ragman Rolls* (Perths); William de Strathy, 1380 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cathrein Strathie, 1591 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Patrick Strathy, 1607 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Tillicoultry, Stirlings); Andrew Strathie, 1631 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Margaret Strathie, 1642 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

## Straton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 103  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perths; Wilts and Hants; Lincs  
1 Scottish, English: see **Straiton**.  
2 English: see **Stratton**.

## Stratten

• **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 108  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; London  
English: see **Stratton**.

## Stratton

Variants: **Stratten**, **Straton**, **Stretton**, **Stretten**, **Streton**, **Strutton**, **Strotton**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 3513, Ireland 143  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 2468



- **Main GB location 1881:** Central S England; also Perth and Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- 1 English, Scottish: locative name from any of several places called Stratton or Stretton, all named with Old English *stræt* ‘paved road, Roman road’ + *tūn* ‘enclosure, settlement’. Stratton in Cornwall, which may also be a partial source of the surname, probably has as its first element Cornish *stras* ‘valley’.

**Early bearers:** England: Hervey de Strettona, about 1165 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Richard de Stratton, 1199 in *Pleas* (Dorset); Peter de Stratton, 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Hugh de Stretton, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Stretton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); John Stratton, 1366 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Stretton, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Stratton, 1539 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Fraunces Strutton, 1559 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Elizabeth Strutton, 1591 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex).

Scotland: Richard de Straton, 1285, Thomas de Straton(e) of Edinburghshire, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; George Stratton, 1662 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Anna Stratton, 1668 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Mary Stratton, 1743 in *IGI* (Moneydie, Perth).

2 English: see **Sturton**.

3 Scottish: see **Straiton**.

### Straub

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; Ayr
- German: nickname, German, from Middle High German *strūp* ‘rough, unkempt’.

**Early bearers:** Adolphus Straub, 1864 in *IGI* (Hutchesontown, Lanarks); Ferdinand Straub (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey).

### Straughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 498
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- Scottish: see **Strachan**.

### Straughtn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: see **Strachan**.

### Straughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of the Scottish name **Strachan** via its typical N English form *Straughan*.

**Early bearers:** Anna Straughton, 1588 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Petr. Straughton, 1676 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); William Straughton, 1725 in *IGI* (Hartburn, Northumb).

### Strauss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle High German *strüz* ‘quarrel; complaint’, for

a quarrelsome or difficult person. (ii) locative name, ornamental name, from Middle High German *strüze*, German *Strauss* ‘ostrich’, used to denote someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of an ostrich, as for example, the house called ‘Zum Strauß’ in the Jewish quarter of Frankfurt am Main (1545); or for someone thought to resemble the bird in some way; or, among German nobility, whose coat-of-arms featured the bird. The Jewish name is also an ornamental adoption.

**Early bearers:** John Strauss, 1806 in *IGI* (Gosport, Lancs); Abraham Strauss, born in ‘foreign parts’, in *Census 1841* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Wilhelm Strauss, schoolmaster, born in ‘foreign parts’, in *Census 1841* (Stepney, Middx); Falk Strauss, language teacher, born in Baden, Germany in in *Census 1851* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Isidore Strauss, cigar merchant, born in Austria, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Sudivig [*sic*] Strauss, clerk, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Gustave Strauss, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Abraham Strauss, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Bishopsgate, London); Ludwig Strauss, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Haddington, E Lothian); Solomon Strauss, tobacconist, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Davis Strauss, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Carl Ferdinand Strauss, publican, born in Saxony, in *Census 1901* (Watford, Herts); Jonas Strauss, tailor’s presser, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Franz Strauss, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx).

### Straw

**Variants:** **Stray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1942, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1043
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *strau(w)* ‘straw’ (Old English *strēaw*), for a dealer in straw, an exceptionally thin man, or someone with straw-coloured hair.

**Further information:** Jack Straw is known as a type in literary works in the 14th century (Chaucer, *Nun’s Priest’s Tale*).

**Early bearers:** John Strawe of Amondesham, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Amersham, Bucks); John Strawe of Saint Osyth, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Osyth, Essex); Aliciam Strawe, 1559 in *IGI* (Glensford, Suffolk); Grace Stray, 1563, Alice Straw, 1604 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); Willi Strea, 1578 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Franncis Strey, 1602 in *IGI* (Nuthall, Notts).

### Strawbridge

**Variants:** **Strowbridge, Strobridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 315
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Strawbridge in Hatherleigh (Devon).

**Further information:** this name has been established in Ireland since the late 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: John Strowbridge, 1559 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Strobridge, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax*

(Dorset); Jone Strawbridge, 1683 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

Ireland: Hugh Strawbridge, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3819 (Leinster); Hugh Strobridge, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4025 (Cavan); Hugh Strowbridge, gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4917 (Dublin); Hugh Strawbridge, gent., 1592 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5738 (Dublin); Robert Strowbridge, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6633; Robert Shrewbridge, gent., 1660 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisinduffe, Antrim); Thomas Strawbridge, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Deryllsnehawle, Armagh); Robert Strabridge, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lisinduffe, Antrim); Thomas Strawbridge, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Donegal); Robert Strawbridge, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 144.

### Strawford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Warwicks
- English: probably a variant of **Stratford**.  
**Early bearers:** Marjery Strawford, 1567 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Elizabeta Strawford, 1580 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs).

### Strawson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Stroxtton (Lincs), with the loss of /t/ in names of this structure characteristic of the Lincs-Leics boundary area.

**Early bearers:** Martin de Strouston, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Strouston of Kercolston, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*; William Straweston alias Strouson of London, wolman, 1397 in *Patent Rolls*; Katherina Strawsone, 1579 in *IGI* (Irnham, Lincs); Christopher Strawson, 1583 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); Mary Strowson, 1676 in *IGI* (Bassingthorpe, Lincs); Henry Strososon, 1721 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Joseph Strososon, 1767 in *IGI* (Ludford Magna, Lincs).

### Stray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and WR Yorks; Middx

English: northern variant of **Straw**.

### Streak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Essex
- English: see **Streek**.

### Stream

**Variants:** **Streames**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Cambs

English: locative name from Middle English *stre(a)m(e)* ‘stream’ (Old English *strēam*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived beside a stream, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Stream in Williton (Somerset).

## Streamer

**Early bearers:** Henry ate Streme, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes de Streme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Robertus Streme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greinton, Somerset); Willelmo Strem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowde, Wilts); Elizabeth Stream, 1627 in *IGI* (Oving, Bucks); Sarah Stream, 1628 in *IGI* (Wendover, Bucks); Mary Stream, 1760 in *IGI* (Peasemore, Berks).

### Streamer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Essex

English: locative name from Middle English *stre(a)m(e)* ‘stream’ (Old English *strēam*) + *-er*, for someone who lived beside a stream. Compare **Stream**. **Early bearers:** Anes Stremmer, 1541 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Willia Streamer, 1560 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Alce Streemer, 1575 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); John Streamer, 1573 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW).

### Streames

**Variants:** Streams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London

English: variant of **Stream** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Philip Streames, 1595 in *IGI* (Pertenhall, Beds); Elizabeth Streams, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Missenden, Bucks).

### Streams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx; Brecknocks
- English: see **Streames**.

### Streat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Berks

English: see **Street**.

### Streater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent
- English: see **Streeter**.

### Streatfield

**Variants:** Streetfield, Stratfield, Stratfull, Stratful

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 312
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- English: locative name from Stratfield Saye (Hants), Stratfield Turgis (Hants), Stratfield Mortimer (Berks), and possibly also Streetfield Wood in Ewhurst (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Stratfeld, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus de Stratfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Haltham, Lincs); Henricus Stratfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxon); Robert Streatfield, 1627 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Richard Streatfield, 1636 in *IGI* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Jane Streatfield, 1650 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Barbara Streatfield, 1759 in *IGI* (Saint John the Baptist Walbrook, London); John Streatfield, 1768 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* p. 520.

### Streather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Streeter**.

### Stredder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Herts and Middx

German: apparently related to Low German *strede* ‘stride, pace’, with an agentive suffix, perhaps for someone who measured distances by pacing; or for someone who lived by a *ströde* ‘thicket’.

**Early bearers:** Joan Stradder, 1609 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Jane Strader, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); William Streader, 1722, Mary Stredder, 1744 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); Josiah Stredder, 1756 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); William Streder, 1779 in *IGI* (Wheathampstead, Herts); John Stredder, 1814 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

### Stredwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: see **Strudwick**.

### Streek

**Variants:** Streak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks

English: (i) see **Stretch**. (ii) see **Strike**.

**Early bearers:** Rose Streeke, 1589 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Hercules Streeke, 1595 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); Francis Streeke, 1681 in *IGI* (Ashampstead, Berks); Gulielmus Streak, 1697 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks).

### Street

**Variants:** Streete, Streat, Streets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8827, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6765
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

1 English: locative name from Middle English *stret(e)* ‘street, Roman road’ (Old English *stræt*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in the main street of a village or town or by a Roman road, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Street (Kent, Herefs, Somerset), Street on the Fosse (Somerset), Strete in Blackawton (Devon), Strete Raleigh in Whimble (Devon), or Streat (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Modbert de Strete, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Roger Stret, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William de la Stret’, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Devon); Richard del Strete, 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Adam of the Strete, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Reginald atte Strete, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; William Street, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Marget Street, 1547 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Marie Street, 1549 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Elizabeth Street, 1551 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); Elen Street, 1560 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey).

2 Jewish (Sephardic): from an anglicized form of **Chetrit**, a surname of unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** Israel Street, waterproof maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs); Harris Street, tailor’s presser, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Streete

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

English: see **Street**.

### Streeten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; also Sussex

English: see **Streeting**.

### Streeter

**Variants:** Streater, Streather, Stredder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1677, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *stret(e)* ‘street, Roman road’ (Old English *stræt*) + *-er*, for someone who lived in the main street of a village or town, by a Roman road, or who came from a place so named, in particular Streat (Sussex). Compare **Street**.

**Early bearers:** John Streter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margereta Streter’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Brooke, Sussex); Richard Streter of Gouteherst, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Goudhurst, Kent); Agnes Streater, 1555 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Joane Streder, 1606 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Thomas Streather, 1668 in *IGI* (Angmering, Sussex).

### Streetfield

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Streatfield**.

### Streetin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Streeting**.

### Streeting

**Variants:** Streetin, Streeten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *stret(e)* ‘street, Roman road’ + *end(e)* ‘end, outlying settlement’. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at the end of a street or in an outlying settlement near a Roman road, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Street End in Heathfield (Sussex), Street End in Sidlesham (Sussex), Street End in Lower Hardres (Kent), or Street End in Bishops Waltham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Roger de la Stretend, 1261–72 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Roger de la Stretende, 1262 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); John Strethende, 1296 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Sussex); Robert ate Stretende, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Willelmus Strethende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chailey, Sussex); Petrus Stretende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Johanne Stretende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Dean and Chilgrove, Sussex); Stephanus Stretende, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Streeting, 1596 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Sara Streeting, 1609 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); John Streeting, 1695 in *IGI* (Harmondsworth, Middx); George Streeting, 1733 in *IGI* (Tillington, Sussex).

### Streeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds; Notts and Lincs

English: see **Stratton**.

### Streets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Street** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Streetes, 1596, Alice Streets, 1599 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

### Strefford

Variants: **Stretford, Stratford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name from Strefford (Shrops).  
**Early bearers:** Frances Streford, 1562 in *IGI* (Abdon, Shrops).  
 2 English: see **Stretford**.  
 3 English: see **Stratford**.

### Streit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Straight**.

2 German, Swiss: nickname for a quarrelsome person, from German *Streit* 'strife, argument'.

**Early bearers:** Clotilde Steit [*sic*], born in [?W]eimar, in *Census 1861* (London); Samuel Streit, courier, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1891* (Chelsea, Middx); Rudolf Streit, lithographer, born in Silesia, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Stockport, Cheshire); Christian Streit, blacksmith, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Frederick Streit, foreign correspondent, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Catford, Surrey); Albert Streit, clerk, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

### Strelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Flints

English: locative name from Strelley (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Strelley, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Samson de Strelleye, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Thomas de Strelley of Wodeburgh', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Woodborough, Notts); Sampson Strelley, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Nicholas Strelley, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys).

### Stretch

Variants: **Stritch, Streek, Streak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 936, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 672
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon; also Galway

English: nickname from Middle English *strec(c)h(e)*, Old English *stræc*, *strec* 'strong, violent'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Estrech', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Richard le Strech', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Adam Strecche, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Godwin Streke, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Walter Streke, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willm Stretch, 1572, William Stretch, 1693 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); John Strecche, 1604, Henery Stretch, 1659, Mary Stretch, 1767, Esther Stritch, 1832 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

### Stretford

Variants: **Strefford, Stratford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from either of two places called Stretford (Lancs, Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Houwel Stretford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonsall, Herefs); Agnes de Stretford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Thomas Stretford, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

2 English: see **Strefford**.

3 English: see **Stratford**.

### Stretten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx, Kent, and Sussex

English: see **Stratton**.

### Stretton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2383, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Kerry; Down

English: see **Stratton**.

### Strevens

Variants: **Strivens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; London

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Rechyrd Streuene, 1562 in *IGI* (Hale, Lincs); Elen Streven, 1568 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicholas Striven, 1574 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); John Strivens, 1577 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); John Stryborne, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Henry Streven, 1619 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent); Henry Striben, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Jane Strevins, 1632 in *IGI* (Ramsgate, Kent); Roger Strivens, 1647 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent); Henry Strevenes, 1668 in *IGI* (Thanet, Kent).

### Stribbling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Stribling**.

### Stribley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained. William and John Strebylhyll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chittlehampton, Devon), were replaced a year later by William Stryblyne and Joan Streblyn widow. If the 1569 record is a genuine variant of earlier *Strebyly* in the same parish, it looks as if *Strebyly(n)* may be a corrupt form of a lost place-name *Strebylhyll* or the like, possibly in Devon but unidentified, which had migrated to mid-Cornwall. **Further information:** This supposed place-name resembles *Treblehayes*, recorded as *Thurbelhegh*, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon), but is probably not identical with it since this place is in Membury in the south-east of the county.

**Early bearers:** Lewis, William Strebly, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Petherick, Cornwall); John Strebly, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Breock, Cornwall); Thomas Streblyn, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Little Petherick, Cornwall); Richard Stribly, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); William Stribley, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall); Alicia Stribley, 1601, Arthur Striple, 1604 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall).

### Stribling

Variants: **Stribbling, Stripling, Striplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *stripling* 'youth, male adolescent'.

**Early bearers:** Symon Stripling, 1259 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William Strupelynge, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Stripplyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorton, Leics); William Stribling, 1577 in *IGI* (Chittlehampton, Devon); Elizabeth Stribling, 1586 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Joseph Stribling, 1695 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); David Dewing Stribling, 1838 in *IGI* (Saint Anne and Saint Agnes, London).

### Strick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Glamorgan; Cumb

English: see **Strike**.

### Strickland

Variants: **Strickleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2917, Ireland 98
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: locative name from Great and Little Strickland (Westm) or Strikland Ketel and Strickland Roger (Westm).

**Early bearers:** England: Vchtred de Stirclanda, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); William de Strikeland, 1278 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Westm); John de Strikland, 1327 in *York Freeman's Register*; Walter Strykland, 1442 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Thomas Strikland, 1459 in *York Registry Wills* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Edmund Strikeland, 1510 in *York Registry Wills* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robt. Strickland, 1540 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); William Strickland, 1553 in *IGI*

## Strickleton

(Ulverston, Lancs); Jana Strickland, 1560 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Strickland, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Roger Strickland, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

Ireland: Thomas Strickland, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Island McKelley, Antrim).

### Strickleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Strickland**. For a parallel spelling development, compare **Threapleton**.

**Early bearers:** Alec Strickleton, 1611 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs).

### Strickson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, and Hunts

English: locative name from Strixton (Northants), which is recorded as *Stricston'* in 1275, *Strickson* in 1658.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Stricston', 1202 in *Place-Names of Northants* (Northants); Ricardus Strixton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johes Stryxton, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yarwell, Northants); Jeane Strixson, 1586 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); Elizabeth Strickson, 1592 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Kezia Strickson, 1691 in *IGI* (Elton, Hunts); Mary Strickston, 1764 in *IGI* (Thorpe Achurch, Northants).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 197.

### Stride

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1541, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1052
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London; Somerset

1 English: nickname from Middle English *strid(e)* 'stride, long pace', for someone with long legs or a purposeful gait. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William le Stride, 1357–8 in *Cheshire Chamberlains' Accounts*; Jone Stryde, 1571 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Basilla Stride, 1579 in *IGI* (Thornford, Dorset); Isaac Stride, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Sarah Stride, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

2 English: locative name possibly from one or more places named with Middle English *stride* 'stride' or its Old English ancestor, perhaps denoting a location where a stream or other feature can be crossed in one stride: The Strid in Bolton Abbey (WR Yorks) is apparently so named.

**Early bearers:** Adam atte Stryd, 1296 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Thomas Stride, 1613 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 64.

### Strike

**Variants:** Strick, Streek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 638, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 493
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *strike*, \**streke* (Old English *strica*) 'a line or streak', perhaps with reference to a mark on the face, a

differently coloured streak of hair, or thinness of body. (ii) relationship name from Old English \**Stric(a)*, either a personal name derived from the nickname in (i) above, or perhaps a borrowing of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Stríkr*, though this is would be a less likely source for the Cornwall surname. Evidence for the personal name is scarce and confined to Northants.

Wulnoð Strices sune (son of *Stric*) is recorded in 972 (*Cartularium Saxonicum*), while *Domesday Book* states that in 1066 a man named Stric held Bozeat and Wollaston (Northants). The village next to Wollaston is called Strixton 'Stric's estate' (see **Strickson**).

**Early bearers:** Alestan Strick, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Richard Stric, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Stric, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Stryke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Strike, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yealmpton and Noss, Devon); William Strike, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Ann Strike, 1591 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Robart Stricke, 1599 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Florence Strike, 1608 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Marten Strieck, 1658 in *IGI* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall); Mary Strike, 1659, Elizabeth Stricke, 1670 in *IGI* (Gimingham, Norfolk); Garthred Strike, 1696 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall).

**References:** *Redin, Studies*, p. 79; *Tengvik*, p. 337; *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 197, 291.

### Striker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: (i) occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**striker*, probably in most instances a derivative of Middle English *striken* 'to stroke, rub, make (something) smooth, spread (something) evenly'. The exact sense of the surname cannot be determined without defining contexts, but it was probably synonymous with the etymologically related **Straker** and **Stroker**, and could therefore have denoted a waxer or polisher of goods made of leather, metal, wood, etc., or perhaps a sharpener of knives (honing blades with a whetstone), or else a public official who would measure (or strike off) a standard quantity of corn for sale by using a flat stick called a *strike* to make the corn level. (ii) occupational name; formally it could alternatively be a derivative of Middle English *striken* 'to strike or hammer (metal)', and naming a smith, perhaps, or a minter of coins, but \**striker* is not a recorded term for either occupation.

**Early bearers:** Reginald le Strikere, 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Lincs); Thomas Strikere, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Striker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brunton and Ballingdon, Essex); Cecillia Strikere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Willelmus Stryker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); Johannes Strikere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); Richard Stryker, 1593 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Richard Striker, 1658 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Salzman, Trade*, pp. 43–7.

### String

**Variants:** Stringe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs, Cumb, and Durham

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *streng(e)*, *string(e)* 'string, cord' (Old English *streng*), perhaps for someone who made or worked with string. Compare (ii). (ii) occupational name, perhaps a reduced form of **Stringer**.

**Early bearers:** William Streng, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Henry Streng, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Elizabeth String, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex); John String, 1592 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts); Elyzabeth Stringe, 1614 in *IGI* (Bobbington, Staffs); William String, 1704 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham); William String, 1708 in *IGI* (Quatt, Shrops); Edward String, 1720 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Joshua String, 1752 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

### Stringe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **String**.

### Stringer

**Variants:** String

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8177, Ireland 295
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5891
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Staffs and Warwicks; also
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Armagh

1 English: occupational name from Middle English \**strenger*, \**stringer* 'man who worked at a string-hearth or furnace', synonymous with **Stringfellow**. The name occurs frequently in districts where iron was smelted in medieval times. Thornhill (WR Yorks), for example, where Johannes Strynger, nayler, was taxed in 1379, was a local centre for the making of nails (*Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 40).

**Early bearers:** Thomas called le Strenger, about 1270 in *Yorks Deeds* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Roger le Strenger, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Will. le Strenger, 1334 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmo Strynger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Willelmus Stringer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Willelmus Strenger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Willelmus Strenger', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradford, WR Yorks); Johannes Strynger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Rogerus le Strenger', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warrington, Lancs); Adam Stringer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Johis Stringer, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Denis Stringer, 1545 in *IGI* (Areley Kings, Worcs); Thomas Stringer, 1554 in *IGI* (Bearley, Warwicks); Humphrey Stringer, 1562 in *Parish Registers* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Ellen Stringer, 1575 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); James Strenger, 1586 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Jonne Stringer, 1589 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: occupational name for someone who made or worked with string, from Middle English \**strenger*, \**stringer*, an agent derivative of Middle English *streng(e)*, *string(e)* 'string, cord' (Old English *streng*). The term was used of someone who made strings for bows in 1420 (*OED*). Note also Agnes Strengestre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts), and Gilb. le Strengmakere, 1338 in *London Pleas*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Stringere, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Godwyna Strenger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Rob. le Strengare, 1344 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Strenger', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Recardo Strengere, 1377 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Robertus Stringere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Elias Strengere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Margareta la Strengere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johannes Strengar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Nycholas Strenger, 1541 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

### Stringfellow

Variants: **Stringfield**, **Springfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 780
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts

English: occupational name from Middle English *string-felagh* 'string-fellow, man who works at a string-hearth'. This was the hearth or furnace at which iron was heated for its second working (*OED*, recorded in Durham, 1409). A 1547 document from south Yorks defines the string-fellow's duties: 'the stringefeloe wages, for layeing the stone and breakeinge and feyng of synders and breakeinge of the blowme and hewing' (quoted in *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 41). Thornhill and Ecclesfield (see the 1308 and 1379 examples) were two of several iron-working districts in WR Yorks. See also **Stringer**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's explanation that it was from a nickname for a strong man, from Middle English *strang*, \**streng* 'strong' + *felagh* 'fellow, man'.

**Early bearers:** William Strengfellow, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John le Strengfelagh, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); John Stryngfelowe, 1489 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Laurencius Stryngfelagh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Stringfellowe, 1547 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Ralphe Stringfelow, 1573 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Strengthfellowe, 1574 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Ralph Strengthfellowe, 1611 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Nichus Stringfellowe, 1613 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Willus Stringfellow, 1701 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Stringfield

Variants: **Stringwell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk and Suffolk; WR Yorks; Somerset

1 English: apparently a variant of **Stringfellow**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Ralphe Stringfelow, 1573, Elizabeth Stringfeild, 1580 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); John Stringfeild, 1742 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks).

2 English: perhaps an altered form of **Springfield**, originally an Essex name. Compare **Stringwell** as a possible variant of **Springwell** and dialect *strinkle* as a synonym of *sprinkle* (*English Dialect Dictionary*).

**Early bearers:** Gyllian Stringfild, 1588 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds); Elizabeth Stringfeild, 1630, Thom. Strinkfeild, 1638 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); John Stringfield, 1682 in *IGI* (Elstree, Herts); Wm Stringfield, 1712 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Susan Stringfield, 1816 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk).

### Stringham

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Tringham**.

### Stringwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Stringfield**. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Springwell**.

**Early bearers:** William Stringwell, 1735 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Samuel Stringwell, 1826 in *IGI* (Campsall, WR Yorks).

### Stripe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London

English: see **Stripp**.

### Striplin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Stribling**.

### Stripling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; also Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Stribling**.

### Stripp

Variants: **Stripe**, **Strype**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *strep(es)*, *strip(es)* 'stirrup(s)', for someone who made, wore, or sold stirrups. Compare **Stirrup**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Strips, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Henry Strype, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Hugo Strype, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Richard's Castle, Herefs); Johanna Strype, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks); John Strippis, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willimi Stripp, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); John Stripp, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); Wm. Stripp, 1603 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Stripp, 1774 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Surrey); John Stripp, 1781 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

### Stritch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare; also Galway and Roscommon

Irish: see **Stretch**. This form of the Lancs name was taken to Ireland.

**Early bearers:** James Stritch, 1704 in *IGI* (Limerick, Limerick).

### Strivens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex

English: see **Strevens**.

### Strobridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Strawbridge**.

### Strode

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Stroud**.

### Stroker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Worcs

1 English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English \**stroker*, a derivative of Middle English *stroken* 'to stroke, rub, make smooth', also 'to sharpen'. The exact sense or senses of the surname cannot be determined without defining contexts, but like the etymologically related **Straker** or *Streaker* it may have denoted a waxer or polisher (of leather for example) or a sharpener of knives. The names were evidently interchangeable:

Elizabeth Streaker, 1586, Chareles Stroaker, 1590 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Thomas Stroaker, 1705, Thomas Streaker, 1715 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks). It may also have been synonymous with **Striker**, one of whose other senses may have been 'corn measurer', a market officer who stroked the top of the corn level with a flat stick.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Stroker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Doddington, Lincs); William Stroker, 1577 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Stroker, 1635 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Tho. Stroker, 1695 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); Joseph Stroker, 1749 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *stroken* 'to stroke' + *her* 'hair'. The post-medieval bearers cited below may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Strokeher, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cocking, Sussex); Katteren Stroker, 1573 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Anne Stroker, 1651 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Alis Stroaker, 1661 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Strom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx

1 Swedish, Danish: from Swedish (**Ström**) and Danish (**Strom**), from *ström*, *strøm* 'current', probably an arbitrarily adopted ornamental name but possibly a topographic name for someone who lived by a river.

**Early bearers:** John C. Strom, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); O. Strom, born in Denmark, in *Census 1911* (London).

Swedish: Ayred Strom, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Durham); Eric Strom, born in Sweden, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

2 Norwegian: locative name from any of numerous farmsteads so named, from Old Scandinavian *straumr* 'current, stream', the ancestor of the forms in (1).

**Early bearers:** Ever Strom, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Westoe, Durham); Oskar Karl Strom, born in Norway, in *Census 1911* (NR Yorks).

## Stronach

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, ornamental name from German *Strom* 'stream, river'.  
**Early bearers:** Harris Strom, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Ephraim Strom, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Joseph Strom, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Yorks); Samuel and Ester Strom, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Notts); Annie Strom, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (WR Yorks); Morris Strom, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Notts).

### Stronach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Banffs, and Morays

Scottish Gaelic: nickname from Gaelic *srònach* 'nosey'.

**Early bearers:** Duncan Stronoch, 1447 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; James Stronach, 1524 in *Family of Rose of Kilravock*; Andro Stronach, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Dippill, Morays).

### Strond

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Sussex
- English: see **Strand**.

### Strong

**Variants:** Stronge, Strang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5733, Ireland 339
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4459
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Cumb; S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Donegal; Down

English: nickname from Middle English *strong(e)*, *strang(e)* 'strong, powerful' (Old English *strang*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Stronge, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); William le Stronge, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Adam Strang, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Martin Strong, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Johna Strong, 1540 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); George Strong, 1545 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Gownare Strong, 1548 in *IGI* (Thorley, Herts); Johis Strong, 1558 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

### Stronge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 157
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wilts; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: see **Strong**.

**Further information:** this spelling is particularly common in Ireland.

### Strongetharm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Strongitharm**.

### Strongitharm

**Variants:** Strongetharm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *strong(e) in the arm(e)* 'strong in the arm'. Compare **Fairbrass**.

**Early bearers:** John Strongharme, 1379 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Margaret Strongtharme, 1568 in *IGI*

(Wilmslow, Cheshire); Ellen Strongetharme, 1578 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Elizabetha Strangitharm, 1579 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics); Robt. Strongedarme, 1584 in *IGI* (Castle Bytham, Lincs).

### Strongman

**Variants:** Strangman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *strong* 'strong' + *-man*, for a strong man. Compare **Strong**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Strangman* (Old English \**Strangmann* 'strong man').

**Early bearers:** given names: Strangman, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

urnames: Robert Strangman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Strangman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Cristiana Strongman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Strongman, 1551 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Richard Strongman, 1560 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Elizabeth Strongman, 1833 in *IGI* (Burnham, Essex).

### Strood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Stroud**.

### Strother

**Variants:** Del Strother, Struther, Strover, Struthers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; WR Yorks and Cheshire; also Inverness

English: locative name from Middle English *strother*, *struther*, *stroder* 'marsh' (Old English \**strōðer*), a word that is found in many minor place-names in Northumb and Durham. According to *Durham Place-Names*, Strother House in Boldon (Durham) may have been named after the family of *del Strother* (recorded in 1473), who came from Strother in Northumb. Compare Scottish **Struthers** and **Struth**.  
**Early bearers:** Henry del Strothre, 1363 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Northumb); John Strother, 1459 in *Yorks Wills*; Ninian Strodre, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Robert Strother, 1581 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Richard Strother, 1622 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Thomas Struther, 1639 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); George Strother, 1712 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### Struthers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Struthers**.

### Strotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Stratton**.

### Stroud

**Variants:** Stroude, Strode, Strood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4314, Ireland 28

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3092
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent, Middx, Surrey, and Berks

English: locative name from Middle English \**strode* 'marshy ground' (Old English *strōd*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near marshy ground, or toponymic, for someone from one of several places so named, including Stroud (Gloucs, Middx), Strood (Kent), and Strode in Winford (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Aluina de Strodes, 1206 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas de la Strode, William Strodde, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William atte Strode, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Edytha atte Strode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Magota atte Strode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wotton, Surrey); Johannes Strode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Henwick, Berks); Willm Stroud, 1541 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Henry Stroud, 1576 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Richardus Stroud, 1578 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); Anne Stroud, 1579 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Philippa Stroud, 1583 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall).

### Stroude

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; ER Yorks; Lancs; Wilts

English: see **Stroud**.

### Strudley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Strudley**.

### Stroulger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Northants

English: see **Strowger**.

### Strout

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Strutt**.

### Strouts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Strutt** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Strover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: possibly a variant of the north-country surname **Strother**, which is found occasionally in Kent.

**Early bearers:** Henry Strover, 1668 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); William Strower, 1705 in *IGI* (Stockbury, Kent).

### Strowbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent and Middx English: see **Strawbridge**.

### Strowger

Variants: **Stroulger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: occupational name perhaps from a shortened form of Middle English *astrologer* ‘astrologer’ (from an agent derivative of Old French *astrologie* ‘astrology’).

**Early bearers:** William Strowgeor, 1504 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Strowger, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Stroger, 1588 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Elizabeth Strowger, 1593 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Anne Strowgeor, 1610 in *IGI* (Covehithe, Suffolk); Adam Stroulger, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Stroyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns and Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: unexplained. According to Black, it is a relationship name from Irish Ó **Sruith(e)áin**, but this is likely to be a source of **Strachan**; alternatively, it may be a locative name from the barony of Struan (Perths), although no early bearers have been found in that area.

**Early bearers:** Nevin Astrowane, 1526 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Margaret Stroyen, 1716 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns); John Strowan, 1731 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights); Anna Stroyan, 1733 in *IGI* (Penninghame, Wigtowns).

### Strudley

Variants: **Stroudley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: unexplained; from an unidentified place named with Old English *strōd* ‘marsh overgrown with brushwood’ + *lēah* ‘wood, glade’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Strodle, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts/Derbys); Agneta Strodley, 1606 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Martha Stroudly, 1764, John Stroudley, 1768 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Oxon); Hannah Strudley, 1785 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey).

### Strudwick

Variants: **Strudwicke**, **Studwick**, **Stradwick**, **Stredwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1570, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 944
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and London

English: locative name from Strudgwick in Kirdford (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Stroudwyke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Richard StrodeWyk, 1441 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Strudwick, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Strudwick, 1535, Richard Strudewyke, 1546 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Stradwick, 1609 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); John Strudwicke, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Strudwick, 1611 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); Elizabeth Strudwicke, 1721 in *IGI* (Mitcham,

Surrey); Richard Stradwick, 1727 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 107.

### Strudwicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Strudwick**.

### Struggles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs; London

English: locative name from Chepstow (Monmouths), known in the medieval period in English texts as *Strugull* or *Strigull*. The surname gained an excrescent -s in the post-medieval period. **Further information:** The verb *struggle*, which is of obscure origin, is recorded during the Middle English period, but the noun not till later.

**Early bearers:** William de Strogail, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Strugulio, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Strogel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Essex); Ralph Strogull, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Strogull, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Stroggull, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Strogull, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Anna Struggle, 1548 in *IGI* (Dunsby by Bourne, Lincs); Mary Struggle, 1608 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Mary Struggles, 1645 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex).

### Strugnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Hants

English: see **Strugnell**.

### Strugnell

Variants: **Strugnel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: unexplained; perhaps a drastic alteration of Middle English *spigurnel*, a word for an official who sealed the king’s writs, and also the name of a medicinal plant (dialectal Modern English *spignel*), as in Johannes Spigurnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (King’s Hill, Warwicks), Johanna Spignell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishbourne (Old), Sussex), via some such forms as \**Stigurnel*, \**Strigunel*, \**Strugunel*. For uncertainty about the form of the original name, compare Richard Sprigurnel, about 1275 in *Staffs Archives*, and Anglo-Norman French *springunelle*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Strugnel, 1562, Anna Strugnell, 1582 in *IGI* (Fugglestone Saint Peter, Wilts); John Strugnell of St. Helens, 1580 in *IoW Record Office*; Henrie Strognell, 1573 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Henry Strugnill, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Strognell, 1650 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); Thomas Strugnall, 1693 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks).

### Struminger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: occupational name from Middle English *strau* ‘straw’ + *monger(e)* ‘monger, dealer’, for someone who sold straw.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Strumonger, 1285 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Straumongere, 1294 in *Thuresson* (Herts).

### Strut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Strutt**.

### Struth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland: esp. Perths

English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English, Older Scots *stroth(e)* ‘marshy place’, for someone who lived in or by a marshy place.

Compare **Strother**, **Struthers**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Struth, 1677 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Alexander Struth, 1688 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); John Struth, 1751 in *IGI* (Culross, Perths); Margaret Struth, 1780 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews); William Struth, 1802 in *IGI* (Langton, Berwicks).

### Struther

- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews; Lancs; Durham and Northumb

1 Scottish: locative name from Struther near Stonehouse (Lanarks).

2 English: see **Strother**.

### Struthers

Variants: **Strothers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1291, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

1 Scottish: locative name from Struthers in Ceres (Fife), or perhaps Struthers near Kilmarnock (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** John Strwtheris, 1555 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Strotheris, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs).

2 English: variant of **Strother** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** James Struthers, 1756 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Strutt

Variants: **Strut**, **Strout**, **Strouts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1418, Ireland 57
- **GB frequency 1881:** 929
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Essex; WR Yorks and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Antrim

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *strout*, *strut* ‘strife, dispute, debate’ (Old English \**strūt*), for an argumentative person. (ii) relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Strútr*, *Strut*.

**Early bearers:** Ailric Strut, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Walter Strut, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Norfolk); William Strout, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Anne Strutt, 1563 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); John Strout, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Zachary Strutt, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Strutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Stratton**.

**Strydom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- South African: locative name; Afrikaans form of Flemish (**van**) **Strijdonck**, from a place named *Strijdonk*, most probably the one in Waasland region, near Antwerp.
- References: *Debrabandere*.

**Strype**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Stripp**.

**Stuart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12489, Ireland 691
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7006
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England: esp. Aberdeens and Banff; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish: see **Stewart**.
- Further information: This French form of the name, there being no W in the French language, was adopted by Mary, Queen of Scots, on her return to Scotland in 1561 and has since come to be more popular among royalists than the earlier spellings.

**Stubbe**

- Variants: **Stobbe**, **Stubbs**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *stub*(be), *stob*(be), *stib*(be) ‘tree stump’ (Old English *stubb*, \**stobb*, *stybb*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a tree stump, or toponymic, for someone from any of several minor places so named. (ii) from Middle English *stub*(be), *stob*(be), *stib*(be) ‘stump, stub’ (Old English *stubb*, \**stobb*, *stybb*), for a short, squat person.
- Early bearers:** Richard Stubbe, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Rogerum Stibbe, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Stob, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Stibbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Stibbe, 1425 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Alan atte Stubbe, 1264 in *Place-Names of Wilts*; Thomas de la Stubbe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard ate Stubbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice atte Stibbe, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).
- 2 German and Dutch: locative name, nickname from Middle Low German, Middle Dutch *stuppe* ‘(tree) stump’, with the same applications as senses 1 and 2.
- Early bearers:** William Stubbe (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Pauline Stubbe (born in Belgium) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Stubber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *stub*(be) ‘tree stump’, *stubben* ‘to

dig up by the roots’, for someone who grubs up roots or removes stumps from the ground. Compare **Stubbe**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan Stubbere, 1181–91 in *Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters* (London); William le Stubber, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Stubber, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**Stubberfield**

- Variants: **Stubbersfield**, **Stubblefield**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name perhaps from Stubblefield in Otterden (Kent).
- Early bearers:** Harry Stubberfeld, 1559 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Elizabeth Stubberfeild, 1569 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Anne Stubblefeild, 1574 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent); Margaret Stubblefield, 1584 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs).
- References: *Kent Place-Names*, p. 230.

**Stubbersfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Stubberfield**.

**Stubbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Stobbart**.

**Stubbing**

- Variants: **Stubblings**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, and Herts
- 1 English: see **Stebblings**.
- 2 English: locative name from Middle English *stubbing* ‘land cleared of trees’ (Old English \**stybbing*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by land recently cleared of trees, or toponymic, for someone from one of several minor places so named, such as Stubbing in Grinton (NR Yorks) or Stubbing Wood in Hucknall Torkard (Notts).
- Early bearers:** Richard del Stubbyng’, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Henricus de Stubbyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Gamaliel Stubbing, 1729 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).
- References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks* p. 271; *Place-Names of Notts* p. 119.
- 3 English: nickname from Middle English \**stubbing* ‘the stumpy one’ (Old English \**stybbing*), for a short, squat person. See **Stubbe**. Some early bearers may belong with (1).
- Early bearers:** William Stubbing’, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Astin Stubbing’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Stubbin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Edward Stubbing, 1695 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

**Stubblings**

- Variants: **Stubbins**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1344, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1035

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and Middx; also Notts
- 1 English: see **Stebblings**.
- 2 English: variant of **Stubbing** (2) or (3) with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Stubbington**

- Variants: **Stubington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 303
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: locative name from Stubbington (Hants).
- Early bearers:** Johannes Stobynton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Elinor Stubinton, 1635, James Stobington, 1645 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

**Stubbins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 494
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Stubbings**.

**Stubblefield**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Stubberfield**.

**Stubble**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Stubley**.

**Stubbs**

- Variants: **Stubs**, **Stobbs**, **Stibbs**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 10153, Ireland 169
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7885
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- 1 English: variant of **Stubbe** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Stubbes, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert del Stobbes, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robert Stibbes, 1555 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Alice Stibbs, 1560 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); Rich. Stibbs, 1587 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); John Stibbs, 1595 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).
- 2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *stub*(be) ‘tree stump’ + *hous* ‘house’, for someone who lived in a house by a tree stump.
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Stubhus, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Yorks); Henry of Stubhuse, 1251 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William de Stubhus, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Samuel Stubbs, 1803 in *IGI* (of Tewston, Yorks).

**Stubington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Sussex
- English: see **Stubbington**.

**Stubley**

- Variants: **Stubbley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs
- English: locative name principally from Stubley in Heckmondwike (WR Yorks), and occasionally from Stubley in Dronfield Woodhouse (Derbys).



**Further information:** Reaney supposed that the name derived from an unidentified minor place, presumably in Essex, citing William de Stublegh, 1239–40, William de Stubleye, 1313, and John Stubliegh, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Stublay, 1335 in *Yorks Deeds* (Birstall, WR Yorks); Robert Stublegh of Shefeld, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas de Stublay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heckmondwike, WR Yorks); Allocus de Stublay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ledston, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stubley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Richard Stubley, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Thomas Stubley, 1579 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Gualteri Stubley, 1589 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 24; *Place-Names of Derbys* p. 244; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Stubs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; Lincs; Gloucs

English: see **Stubbs**.

### Stuchbury

**Variants:** Stutchbury, Stichbury, Stitchbury,

#### Stotesbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Northants

English: locative name from Stuchbury (Northants), recorded as *Stotesburi* in 1284.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stotesbiri, 1338 in *Patent Rolls*; John Stottesbury, 1399 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Stotesbury, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); John Stotesbury of Sulgrave, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants* p. 58.

### Stuchfield

**Variants:** Stutchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Edward Stuchfield, 1683, Christopher Stutchfield, 1697 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Stuck

**Variants:** Stuk, Stuke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *stuk(e)* 'short', denoting a short person.

**Early bearers:** Guganum Stuke, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Carmarthens); Phebe Stucke, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Margerie Stuke, 1564 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Alexander Stuke, 1589 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks).

### Stuckey

**Variants:** Stucky, Stukey, Stockey, Stokey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 998, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: locative name primarily from Stockey in Meeth (Devon), but perhaps also from one or more

unidentified places similarly named, from Old English *stocc* 'tree stump' + *(ge)hæg* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** William de Stochey, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Stokeye, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Stokehay, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Stokeye, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Stokeheye, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Stokkeg', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Andrew Stuckey, 1560 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Alis Stuckey, 1578 in *IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Agnetem Stokye, 1579 in *IGI* (Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset); John Stukie, Nicholas Stuckey, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 99.

2 English: locative name occasionally perhaps from Stiffkey (Norfolk), pronounced *Stukey*.

**Early bearers:** Iwyn de Stiukeye, 1108 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Geoffrey de Stivekeye, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Rose Stewkey, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Stucky

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; Kent
- English: see **Stuckey**.

### Stucley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name primarily from Stukeley (Hunts), recorded as *Stivecle* in 1086, but occasionally from Stewkley (Bucks), recorded as *Stiuecelea* in 1183.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Stiuacle, 1198 in *Pleas* (Hunts); Geoffrey de stiuacleg', 1224 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Thomas Stukele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Stukele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); George Stukeley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Studart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Stoddart**.

### Studd

**Variants:** Studds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 642, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 506
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk and Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stod(e)*, *stud(e)* 'horse, stallion', for someone whom looked after horses or who resembled a horse in some way. Compare **Stoddart**.

**Early bearers:** Alnod Stud, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; William Studd, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter Stud, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Willelmo Stud, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Robertus Stud, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Cristina Stode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); John Stud', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Studde, 1540 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

2 English: (i) locative name, occupational name from Middle English *stod(e)*, *stud(e)* 'stud', for someone who lived or worked in an establishment where horses were kept for breeding. (ii) locative

name from Middle English *sted(e)*, *stud(e)* 'place; site of a building, farmstead' (Old English *stede*, *stýde*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at a farmstead, or toponymic, from a place so named.

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Stud', 1231 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Ralph Studd, 1686 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Studdard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Glamorgan
- English: see **Stoddart**.

### Studdart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stoddart**.

### Studder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *stod(e)*, *stud(e)* 'stud' + *-er*, for someone who lived or worked at a stud. Compare **Studd**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Stodere, 1277 in *Patent Rolls*; Bartholomew Studdere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Studdert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

English, Scottish: see **Stoddart**.

**Further information:** this is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Stodhard, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 621 (Wexford); Matthew Stoddard, 1660 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 640 (Wexford); Jonas Studdart, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondagad, Clare); John Studdert, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmihil, Clare).

### Studds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Studd** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Frances Studdes, 1574 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Beds).

### Studdy

**Variants:** Study

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Devon; Lancs

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *stōd* 'horse' + *(ge)hæg* 'enclosure', such as Studdah in Finghall (NR Yorks), Stodday (Lancs), Stody (Norfolk), and Studhayes in Kilmington (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Hamo de Stodhag', 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Stody, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls*

## Studham

(Worcs); Thomas Studdy, 1581 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Studdy, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ann Studdy, 1790 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Henry Studdy, 1829 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

### Studham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Durham

1 English: locative name from Studham (Beds) or Stadhampton (Oxon), recorded as *Stodham* about 1246.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Stodeham, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary*; William de Stodham, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Adam de Stodham, 1243 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Ricardo Stodham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Studham, 1616 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

2 English: see **Studholme**.

### Studholm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb, and Durham

English: see **Studholme**.

### Studholme

Variants: **Studham**, **Studholm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 531, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Westm

English: locative name from Studholme in Kirkbampton (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Stodeholme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Studholme, 1504 in *Place-Names of Cumb*.

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 143.

### Studley

Variants: **Stoodley**, **Stuteley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 625, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Devon

English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *stōd* 'stud, horses' + *lēah* 'clearing', including Studley (Oxon, Wilts, Warwicks, WR Yorks), and especially the parish of Stoodleigh and the village of Stoodleigh in West Buckland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Gamel de Stodlay, about 1144–56 in *Mowbray Charters*; William de Stodley, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); William de Stoddeley, 1282 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas de Stodleggh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoodleigh, Devon); William de Stodleggh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Buckland, Devon); Henry Studley, 1373 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Ricardus de Stodelay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Magota de Stodeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Monkton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Stodelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clotherholme with Bishopton, WR Yorks); Adam de Studelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drighlington, WR Yorks); Johannes de Studelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Johannes de Studeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Stainley with Cayton, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Studele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); John

Studley, 1539 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Henry Studley, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Jerome Studley, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Henry Studley, 1574 in *IGI* (Winttringham, ER Yorks); Susan Studley, 1580 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Nathaniell Studley, 1589 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Elnathan Studley, 1660 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); James Stoodly, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Edward Studley, 1756 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

### Studman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds; Fife

English: occupational name from Middle English *stod(e)*, *stud(e)* 'stud; horses' + *-man*, for someone who looked after horses at a stud. Compare **Studd**. **Early bearers:** England: Walter Stodman, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Adam Stodman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Radulpho Stodman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Metham, ER Yorks); Giles Studman, 1562 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Studman, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thos Studman, 1684 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds).

Scotland: Allexander Studman, 1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cathrine Studman, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

### Studwick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: variant of **Strudwick**.

### Study

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Studdy**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Stuffin

Variants: **Stuffins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained. It was the surname of a single 13th-century family with estates on the Notts/Derbys border. One branch became a merchant family in Newark by the 14th century and moved into Lincs by the late 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Alan Stoffin, forest verderer, 1268, Hugh Stuffyn, forest verderer, 1281 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Hugh Stuffin de Shirbrok, 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Derbys* (Shirebrook, Derbys); Alano filio Roberti Stuffyn, 1291–2 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts); Robertus Stuffyn, merchant, 1341 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Johannis Stuffyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarsdale wapentake, Derbys); John Stuffyn de Maunsfeld Wodhousez, 1450 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Notts); Edmond Stuffing, 1569, Frances Stuffin, 1625 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); Willm. Stuffinge, 1586 in *IGI* (Walesby, Notts); Anne Stuffen, 1605 in *IGI* (Perlethorpe, Notts); Charles Stuffinge, 1639 in *IGI* (Mattersey, Notts); Bridget Stuffing, 1643 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Elizabeth Stuffin, 1672 in *IGI* (Tuxford, Notts); Will Stuffin, 1686 in *IGI* (Kettlethorpe, Lincs); Ann Stuffing, 1797 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, at \*Stúfr; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 75; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 298.

### Stuffins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Stuffin** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Mary Stuffins, 1689 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Stuffings, 1832 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs).

### Stuk

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Stuck**.

### Stuke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Stuck**.

### Stukey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Glamorgan; Northants

English: see **Stuckey**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Stumbles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *stomble*, *stumble* 'stumble', for someone who walked in an unsteady manner. Compare Richard Stombelere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex). The surname gained an excrescent *-s* in the post-medieval period. Some of the early bearers may belong with sense 2.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Stumbel, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Stombel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Stombyl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Johanne Stumbul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaston, Leics); Willelmus Stumble, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *\*stumble* 'tree stump' (Old English *\*stumbe*), for someone who lived by a prominent tree stump. The surname gained an excrescent *-s* in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Gervase atte Stumble, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agnes Stumbles, 1881 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 205.

### Stump

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; Gloucs and Wilts

1 English: locative name from Middle English *stumpe* 'tree stump', for someone who lived by a prominent tree stump.

**Early bearers:** Luke atte Stompe, 1329 in *Chertsey Abbey Court Rolls*.

**References:** *Löfvenberg* p. 201.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *stumpe* 'stump', for a short, stocky person. Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Martino Stumppe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Martin Stumpe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henry Stompe, Stoompe, 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Ellen Stump, 1843 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex).

### Stunell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Stonehill**.

### Stunnell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Stonehill**.

### Stunt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and SE England
- English: nickname from Middle English *stunt* 'foolish, stupid'.

**Early bearers:** Simon Stunt, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Simon le Stunt, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Robert le Stonte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Also Stunt, 1552 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Also Stunt, 1556 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); William Stunt, 1636 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Mary Stunt, 1724 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks); Edward Stunt, 1761 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Stupart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian and Midlothian; Perth and Angus; Devon

Scottish: (i) perhaps a variant of **Stappard**. Compare William Stalpert, 1617, Archibald Stupart, 1665 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Stobbart**. Compare Ferdinandi Stupart, 1740, Brian Stobbard, 1743 in *IGI* (Escomb, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Beatrix Stupard, 1629, Jeane Stupert, 1654 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Jone. Stupert, 1627 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Robert Stupard, 1711 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings); Georg Stupard, 1716 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Thomas Stupart, 1774 in *IGI* (Tulliallan, Perth); Elizabeth Stupard, 1821 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus).

### Stupple

**Variants:** **Stupples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *stoples*, plural of *stople* 'step of a staircase', for someone who lived near a flight of stairs or steps.

**Further information:** Baldewinnus Stoppelkin, 1242 in *Close Rolls*, suggests that this may not always be a locative name.

**Early bearers:** Roger atte Stoples, 1301 in *London Letter Books C*; William atte Stupple, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thomas de la Stupple, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thoma Stopell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Ricus Stupple, 1567 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent).

### Stupples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Stupple** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** J. Stupples, 1594 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

### Sturch

**Variants:** **Stirch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: locative name possibly from the minor place Stirch in Priors Marston (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Henricus Stirch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Acton Burnell with parcels, Shrops); Thomas Sturche, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Annyband Mary Stirch, 1572 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Elizabeth Sturch, 1583 in *IGI* (Stretton on Fosse, Warwicks); Thomas Sturch, 1595 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 271.

### Sturdee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Hants
- English: see **Sturdy**.

### Sturdevant

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sturivant**.

### Sturdivant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sturivant**.

### Sturdy

**Variants:** **Sturdee**, **Stordy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1228, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 950
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: nickname from Middle English *st(o)urdi* 'bold, valiant; reckless, rash' (Old French *esto(u)rdi(t)*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Estordet, Estordit, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Hugo Sturdy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks), Sturdi, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Sturdy, 1220 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Geoffrey Sturdi, 1220 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Johanne Sturdy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fremington; also Thornton Steward, NR Yorks); Roger Sturdy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); Willelmo Sturdy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hutton Hang, in Bedale, NR Yorks); Roberto Sturdi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Flamville, Leics); Robertus Sturdy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Joonne Sturdy, 1538 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Hue Sturdy, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Thomas Sturdy, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Alice Sturdee, 1570 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Jeffra Sturdy, 1582 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Thomas Sturdy, 1595, John Sturdy, 1612 in *IGI* (Wem, Shrops); Thomas Sturdy, 1664 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb); Richd. Sturdee, 1749 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); Thankful Sturdee, 1808 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

### Sturge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: see **Sturgess**.

### Sturgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1648, Ireland 133
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh, Down, and Antrim

English: nickname from the fish, Middle English *sturgeon* 'sturgeon' (Old French *esturgeon*).

**Early bearers:** William Sturjon, 1281 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); Richard Sturioun, Richard Storioun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Sturgeon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerton, WR Yorks); William Sturgeon, 1380 in *London Letter Books H*; Ann Sturgen, 1608 in *IGI* (Pakenham, Suffolk).

### Sturges

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 695
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Northants
- English: see **Sturgess**.

### Sturgess

**Variants:** **Sturges**, **Sturgis**, **Sturge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2622, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1636
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Derbys; Northants; Hants and Wilts

English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Borgils*, *Thorgisl* (see **Turgoose**), with prosthetic initial *S-*.

**Early bearers:** John Sturgys, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Joan Sturge, 1379 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Sturgeys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billesdon, Leics); Richard Sturges, 1481 in *London Letter Books L*.

### Sturgis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts; Northants
- English: see **Sturgess**.

### Sturland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Stirland**.

### Sturley

**Variants:** **Stirley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; Pembrokes; Glamorgan

English: locative name unexplained; possibly from Startley (Wiltshire), recorded as *Sterkele*, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Radulpho Sterlegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calstone Wellington, Wilts); John Sturley, 1545 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Stirley, 1563 in *IGI*

## Sturman

(Aston juxta Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Sturley, 1567 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

### Sturman

**Variants:** Stirman, Starman, Storman, Sterman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 639
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Northants and Leics

1 English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Sturmin*, probably a diminutive in *-in* of *Sturmi* (see **Sturme**). The surname has probably become merged or confused with (2) below.

**Early bearers:** William Sturmyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Sturmyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John and Thomas Stormyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Sturmyn, 1546 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Sturmin, 1728 in *IGI* (Stratton Saint Mary, Norfolk).

2 English: (i) variant of **Stearman** in which the main vowel of Middle English *ster(e)man*, *stir(e)man* has shortened, giving rise in the 17th century to the modern pronunciation variously spelled *-er-*, *-ir-*, and *-ur-*. However, examples of *Sturman* below may be altered forms of *Sturmin* in (1) above. (ii) relationship name possibly from the Middle English personal name *Stireman*, *Stereman* (Old Scandinavian *Stýreman*, originally a nickname from the Old Danish word for a helmsman or skipper); see **Stearman**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Matildis que fuit uxor Stermanni, 1176–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Steremanno le bone, about 1190, Steremanno le bee, about 1200 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names* (Plumstead, Norfolk).

surnames: Ann Sturman, 1560 in *IGI* (Brington, Northants); Richardus Sturman, 1600 in *IGI* (Watford, Northants); Samuell Sturman, 1607, John Stirman, 1609, Thomas Steerman, 1749 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Agnes Stvrmane, 1622 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Mary Sturman, 1736 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Mary Sturman, 1755 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 347–8.

### Sturmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Cambs, London, and Kent

English: locative name from Sturmer (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William de Sturmere, 1286 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Stormer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Mathew Sturmer, 1718 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Edward Sturmer, 1790 in *IGI* (Finsbury, Middx); Richard Sturmer, 1824 in *IGI* (Horningsea, Cambs); Emma Sturmer, 1869 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent).

### Sturme

**Variants:** Sturmy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 436, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants and Wilts

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *stormi* ‘stormy’ (Old French *estormi*), for someone with a stormy temperament. Compare **Storm** relationship name from the Middle English personal name

*Sturmi*, *Sturmy* (Old French \**Estourmi*, Continental Germanic *Sturmi*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sturmidus de Cotenham, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Sturmi, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Sturmy de Straton, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames: Richard Estormid, Estormit, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Wilts); Richard Sturmid, Sturmi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Surrey, Hants); Ralph Turmit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); John Esturmit, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Esturmit, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Esturmi, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Hugo Sturmi, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Roger Esturmy, le Esturmi, le Sturmy, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Suffolk); Andrew, Gregory Sturmy, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manhood, Sussex); Richard Stormy, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Drayton and Grave, Sussex); Johanne Sturmy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bromham, Wilts); Ferdinando Sturmey, 1587 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Sturmey, 1596 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Henry Sturmey, 1693 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Robert Sturmey, 1778 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Sturmey, 1801 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

### Sturmy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and IoW; Staffs; Gloucs

English: see **Sturme**.

### Sturrock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1417, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1043
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: nickname from Scots *stur(r)och* ‘oatmeal mixed with milk and water, porridge’.

**Early bearers:** Laurentius Sturrok, 1448 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Alexander Storrok, 1509 in *Arbroath Register* (Angus); Alexr. Sturrock, 1658 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus); Jean Sturroch, 1683 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); James Sturroch, 1783 in *IGI* (Kirriemuir, Angus).

### Sturrup

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Stirrup**.

### Sturt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Start**.

### Sturtevant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Sussex; Lincs

English: see **Sturtivant**.

### Sturtivant

**Variants:** Sturtevant, Sturdevant, Sturdivant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Notts

English: nickname from Middle English *stirten*, *stert(en)* ‘(to) start, leap’ (Old English *styrtan*) + *avaunt* ‘forward’ (Old French *avaunt*), perhaps for a messenger or a hasty person. Compare **Startup**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Styrtavant, servant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); John Stirtavant of York, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Stirtavaunt, 1413, Thomas Stirtavaunt, 1447 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Alan Stertevaunt, 1445 in *York Guild Register*; John Sturdyvaunt, 1570 in *Bardsley*; Anthonie Sturtivant, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London); John Sturtivant, 1640 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

### Sturton

**Variants:** Stirton, Stourton, Stratton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Lincs, and Northants; London

1 English: locative name from Sturton le Steeple (Notts), Great Sturton (Lincs), Sturton by Stow (Lincs), or possibly Sturton (Northumb), all of which place-names share the same etymology and early spellings as **Stratton**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Sturton, 1563 in *IGI* (Frisby, Lincs); Alice Storton, 1569 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Alice Stirton, 1584 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs); Agnes Sturton, 1597 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs).

2 English: see **Stourton**.

### Sturzaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stirzaker**.

### Stutchbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Northants and Bucks

English: see **Stuchbury**.

### Stutchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Stuchfield**.

### Stuteley

**Variants:** Stutely, Stutley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Great Stroatley in Haslemere (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Stotele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Ann Stutley, 1660 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); William Stutely, 1690 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 206.

2 English: the Warwicks and WR Yorks names may alternatively be variants of **Studley**.

### Stutely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Stuteley**.

**Stutfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman: locative name from Estouteville (Seine-Maritime).

**Further information:** See also **Stuttle**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Stutteuile, 1106 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* E; Ralph Stutville, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Francis Stutville, 1561 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); John Stuteville, 1564 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Thomas Stutfield, 1576 in *IGI* (Charlton near Woolwich, Kent); Margaret Stutfield, 1595 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Bridget Stutfield, 1605 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Roger Stutvill, 1636 in *IGI* (Brinkley, Cambs); Thomas Stuteville, 1692 in *IGI* (Stetchworth, Cambs).

**Stutley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Devon; Suffolk

English: see **Stuteley**.

**Stutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; ER Yorks

English: see **Stout**.

**Early bearers:** Margarete Stutt, 1563 in *IGI* (Mablethorpe, Lincs); Williamus Stutt, 1639 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Stutt, 1672 in *IGI* (Uplowman, Devon); Samuel Stutt, 1722 in *IGI* (Holmpton, ER Yorks); John Stutt, 1838 in *IGI* (Bishops Hull, Somerset).

**Stuttaford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Stentiford**.

**Stuttard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 654
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Stoddart**.

**Stutter**

**Variants:** **Stutters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Suffolk

English: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *stutten*, *stoten*, ‘to stutter, stammer’, for someone who stutters.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Stotere, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Stotere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Stotter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); Johannes Stotthere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adderley, Shrops); Anna Stutter, 1549 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Stutters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Herts

English: variant of **Stutter** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Stutters, 1594 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Thomas Stutters, 1713 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk).

**Stuttle**

**Variants:** **Stittle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained. The range of spellings points, in E Anglia, to a Middle English word deriving from Old English \**styt(t)el*, but no such word is known.

**Further information:** The area in which *Stuttle* is found overlaps substantially with the range of **Stutfield**. The two names are distinct, though confusion of the two from the 18th century onwards is a theoretical possibility.

**Early bearers:** Wluuin Stettel, 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ralph Stuttl, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); John Stettel, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Sarah Stetle, 1667, William Stethill, 1694 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); John Stittell, 1728 in *IGI* (Coton, Cambs); Susannah Stuttle, 1730 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

**Stutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Stutton in Tadcaster (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Stutton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stutton, WR Yorks); Adam de Stutton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); Robert Stutton, 1604 in *IGI* (Blyton, Lincs); Alce Stutton, 1682 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Thomas Stutton, 1803 in *IGI* (Rawdon, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 75.

**Styan**

**Variants:** **Styant**, **Styants**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 238
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Stiand*, a form of *Stigand* (Old Scandinavian *Stigandr*). See also **Stigant**.

**Further information:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that in WR Yorks *Styan* may be the same name as that of Clement Styham of Barwick in Elmet (1425), Marjory Styam of York (1425), Robert Styholme of Roundhay (1503), Michael Styam of Leeds (1591), and Matthew Stiam of Shadwell (1610). *Redmonds* suggests that they are locative names, of which *Styan* is a variant, but he has not been able to identify a suitable place of origin. Perhaps they are variants of *Styan* (from the personal name), influenced by false association with place-names and surnames ending in *-ham* and *-holme*. However, the lack of medieval examples of the personal name and relationship name in Yorks makes the matter difficult to resolve.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Stian, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas Stiant, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardus Styand, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); Carolus Styan, 1543 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); An Styan, 1608 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty,

WR Yorks); Thos. Styan, 1611 in *IGI* (Whitley, WR Yorks); John Stion, 1712 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Styance**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Styants**.

**Styant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Styan**.

**Styants**

**Variants:** **Styance**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Styan** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Styance, 1598 in *IGI* (Sandal Magna, WR Yorks); James Styants, 1762 in *IGI* (Caerwent, Monmouths).

**Stych**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Staffs
- English: see **Styche**.

**Styche**

**Variants:** **Stych**, **Stitch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Middle English *stic(c)he* ‘piece, fragment’ (Old English *stycce*), denoting a piece of land, perhaps, as in Essex dialect, a ploughing land. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by or cultivated a ‘stitch’ of land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, notably Styche in Moreton Say (Shrops). **Early bearers:** William Steche, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Stiche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus de Styche, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Church Eaton, Staffs); Ricardus de Stuche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shawbury, Shrops); Johannes Stiche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); Willelmus Stitche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fryerning, Essex); Margaria Styche, 1562 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); John Styche, 1573 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Styche, 1594 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Richard Styche, 1835 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs). **References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, pp. 185–6.

**Styer**

**Variants:** **Styers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Steer** with early raising of Middle English /e:/ to /i:/.

**Early bearers:** Reg' Styr, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bormer, Sussex); Herbert Styr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Alyce Styer, 1545 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Willm Styre, 1540, Ric Stire, 1566 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Margaret Styer, 1607 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**Styers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Styer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Steers**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Styers, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Richard Styers, 1679 in *IGI* (London).

**Stygal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Steggall**.

**Stygall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Steggall**.

**Style**

**Variants:** **Styles**, **Stile**, **Still**, **Stell**, **Steele**, **Steggall**, **Steggles**, **Stickel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 257

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks; Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *stile*, *stigel*, *stighel*, *stikel*, *steghel*, *stekel* 'stile; steep ascent' (Old English *stigel*, *stigol*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a stile or steep ascent, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stile in Castle Sowerby (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Reginald atte Stighel, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William de Stile and Richard del Stigele, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Osmund Atthe Stihele, 1234 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Robert de la Stiele, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Elyas atte Stigle, 1272–1307 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); William ate Stegele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Attestichell, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John del Steghel, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Style, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thorncombe, Devon); Symon de Stele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); Simon del Stele of Ebor', 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Edmond Stegyll, Margery Stekyll, William Stykyll, William Steykell, Richard Stegold, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Style, 1544 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Gilbert Style, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras Soper Lane, London); William Style, 1559 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Augnes Style, 1566 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 248.

**Styler**

**Variants:** **Stiller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 177

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; also Sussex and Hants

1 English: locative name for someone who lived by a stile or steep ascent, from Middle English *stile*, *stigel*, *stighel*, *stikel*, *steghel*, *stekel* 'stile; steep ascent' (Old English *stigel*, *stigol*) + *-er*. Forms with *-k-* may have been influenced by Old English *sticol* 'steep'. This type of name is characteristic of Sussex, Surrey, and Kent. See also **Style** and compare **Stillman**.

**Early bearers:** William le stygheler, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Hugo Stighelere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Willelmus Stylere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ockley, Surrey); Roger Stylere, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Sussex); Ann Stiller, 1555 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Thomas Styler, 1562 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Tho Stiler, 1589 in *IGI* (West Thorney, Sussex); Ellyne Stiller, 1596 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); James Stiller, 1729 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey). 2 English: of uncertain origin. It might rather doubtfully be a reduced form of **Stickler**, a variant of **Stickley**. Compare Johann Stiler, 1587, Gulielmus Stickley, 1616 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks).

Alternatively it could be identical with (1), if that family name had migrated to the W Midlands from SE England.

**Early bearers:** Edw. Stiler, 1690, Josiah Styler, 1783 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

**Styles**

**Variants:** **Stiles**, **Steggles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4626, Ireland 138

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3133

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and SE England; also Worcs and Warwicks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster; esp. Wexford

English: variant of **Style** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Stiles, 1538 in *IGI* (Bayford); Wm. Styles, 1576 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk); Dorothy Styles, 1577 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); William Styles, 1589 in *IGI* (Simpson, Bucks); William Styles, 1602 in *IGI* (Chevening, Kent); Phillip Styles, 1625 in *IGI* (Alderminster, Warwicks); Arthuri Stiles, 1663 in *IGI* (Bidford on Avon, Warwicks); Mary Styles, 1673 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Stylianou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 838, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Stylianos*, an adjectival derivative of *stylos* 'pillar'.

**Further information:** Saint Stylianos (6th century) is venerated in the Eastern Church, not least on account of his role as carer for children (born and unborn) and the sick, and his resolutely cheerful disposition.

**Styne**

**Variants:** **Stynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: perhaps a variant of the English branch of **Steen** (3).

**Early bearers:** John Styne, 1601 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Anne Styne, 1614 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lincs).

**Stynes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Laois

English: variant of **Styne** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Anne Stynes, 1754 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

Ireland: William Stynes, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballyfoyle, Laois); Patrick Stynes, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killabban, Laois); Bridget Stynes, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Nicholstown, Kildare).

**Styran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Styring**.

**Styring**

**Variants:** **Stiring**, **Styran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 175

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *stiring*, used of persons to mean 'busy, active, agile'. It is the present participle of Middle English *stiren* (Old English *styrian*) 'to stir, move about energetically'. The typical SW Midlands form is Middle English *sturing*, which is presumably attested in Johanne Sturyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Watchfield, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Stiring, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); John Styring, 1567 in *IGI* (Kilwick, ER Yorks); Susanna Styring, 1572 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Richerd Stearing, 1640 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Maria Styren, 1663 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Su**

**Variants:** **So**, **Soo**, **Soh**, **Soe**, **Sou**, **Sui**, **Saw**, **Hsu**, **Too**, **Chuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 8

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蘇 (**So** in Cantonese romanization), the Chinese name for perilla (a herb of the mint family); also meaning 'revive' in Chinese: (i) from *Su* (蘇), the name of an ancient state (originally located in Henan province, then moved to Hebei province) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC) and the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). During the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC), the state of *Su* (蘇) was granted to Su Fen Sheng (蘇忿生), a revered official who made great contributions to the establishment of the Western Zhou dynasty. After the state was annexed by minority ethnic groups in N China during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Ba Lue family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) traced back to the Wu Huan ethnic group in NE China and the Di ethnic group in N China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 宿 (**Suk** or **Sok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'lodge for the night' in Chinese: (i) from *Su* (宿), the name of an ancient state (located in Dongping in Shandong province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the *Su* Liu Jin (宿六斤) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 舒 (**Shu** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'stretch, unfold' or 'leisurely' in Chinese: from *Shu* (舒), the name of an ancient state (located in Anhui province)

during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). The state was once annexed by the state of Xu in 657 BC but later restored. It was eventually annexed by the state of Chu in 552 BC, and the name of the state was adopted as a surname.

**4** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 束 (**Shu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chuk** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'bind, restrain' in Chinese: adopted in place of the Chinese surname *Shu* (疏, also written as 疎 in ancient Chinese) by Shu Guang (疎廣), who migrated from Donghai (located in Shandong province) to Sha Lu Hill (located in Henan province) and simplified his surname *Shu* (疎) to *Shu* (束) in order to escape from the wars during the late Xin dynasty (AD 9–23).

**5** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 徐 and 胥, possibly based on their Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Xu** (1) and (3).

**6** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 史, 師, and 司, probably based on their Hokkien or Taiwanese pronunciation, found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, and other parts of SE Asia. See **Shi** (3–5).

**7** Vietnamese: unexplained; probably from one of the Chinese surnames mentioned above.

### Suarez

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Spanish: occupational name **Suárez**, for a swineherd, Latin *Suerius*.

### Suart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW England: esp. Lancs
- Irish: from Ó **Suaird**, Ó **Suairt**, see **Sword**.

### Subhan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *subhān* 'praise, glory'

**Further information:** Most frequently encountered in the phrase *Subhānallāh*, 'Glory be to Allah'.

### Subramaniam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh): variant of **Subramanian**.

### Subramanian

Variants: **Subramaniam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu): Hindu, from Sanskrit *subrahmanya* 'dear to Brahmins' (an epithet of the god Kartikeya, son of Shiva) + the Tamil-Malayalam third-person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

**Further information:** This is used only a given name in South India, but has been adopted as a family name elsewhere.

### Such

- **Current frequencies:** GB 907, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 644

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Lancs and Cheshire; Essex  
English: see **Souch**.

### Suchak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

### Suck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks; Middx
- English: (i) see **Sock**. (ii) see **Shuck**.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Suck, 1700 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); George Suck, 1713 in *IGI* (Loxley, Warwicks); Ann Suck, 1833 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs).

### Sucker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

**1** English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *s(o)uken* 'to suck, draw out' (Old English *sūcan*), perhaps for a blood-letter. Some of the following 15th-century and post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Sukkere, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); William Souker, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scackleton in Hovingham, NR Yorks); Roger Sokere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tavistock, Devon); Peter le Sukere, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; Ricardus Sucker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Adam Suker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brinsley, Notts); Ricardo Suker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johannes Suker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Hugo Suker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales with members, Staffs); Richard Suker, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Robert Suker, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robart Sukar, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Sucker, 1665 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Sucker, 1732 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs).

**2** Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Sugar**.

**3** English: see **Shuker**.

### Suckley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Flints, Lancs, and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Suckley (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** John de Suckeleg', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Suceleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Kateren Suckeley, 1558 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs).

### Sucklin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Suckling**.

### Suckling

Variants: **Sucklin**, **Suttling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1223, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 878
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *suckeling(e)* 'suckling, infant or young animal not yet weaned', perhaps for a youthful, weak or dependent person.

**Early bearers:** John Sokeling, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Richard Sukeling, 1253 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Mabilia Sucling, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert le Suklyng, 1302 in *Staffs Plea Rolls*; Robertus Sokelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Margeria Succlyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); John Suckling, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Suckling, 1553 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Suckling, 1581 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); Thomas Sucklin, 1701, David Suckling, 1735 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex).

### Sucksmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Sixsmith**.

### Sudberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys

English: see **Sudbury**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Sudbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Sudbury**.

### Sudbury

Variants: **Sudbery**, **Sudberry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; London and Essex

**1** English: locative name from any of three places called Sudbury (Derbys, Middx, Suffolk) or from Sudborough (Northants).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Suthberia, 1159 in *Pipe Rolls*; William de Sobbury, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Henry Sudbury, 1367 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Johannes Sudbery, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Sudburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Irthlingborough, Northants); Petrus Sudber, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Anne Sudburye, 1568 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Johes Sudbury, 1576 in *IGI* (Holkham, Norfolk); Robert Sudberie, 1592 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Elizabeth Sudbery, 1600 in *IGI* (Maplebeck, Notts); Jane Sudberrie, 1602 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Francis Sudbury, 1602 in *IGI* (Egmanton, Notts); Robert Sudburie, 1603 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Sudbury, 1649 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Willia Sudberye, 1675 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Catherine Sudborough, 1717 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

**2** English: locative name from Chipping or Old Sodbury (Gloucs). This name does not appear to have survived unless **Sobey** is an altered form of it, but this is quite uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Sobbury, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Sudbury, 1359 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Adam de Sobbury, sacristan of Glastonbury, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John de Sobbury, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John de Sobbury, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Sobbury, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Henrico Sobbery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kington Saint Michael,

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Wilts); Agnes Sobbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanna de Sudbery, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wrickton and Walkerslow, Shrops); John Sudbury, 1587 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Laurence Sudbury, 1588 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Richard Sudbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Suddaby

Variants: **Sutherby**, **Southerby**, **Sotheby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 501, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 400
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from a Middle English form \**suð i(n) bi* of Old Scandinavian *suðr í bý* ‘south in the village’, for someone who lived at the south end of a settlement. Compare **Easterby**, **Oxtoby**, and **Westoby**.

**Early bearers:** John Suthiby, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ruston, ER Yorks); Henrico Suthinby, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cowden, ER Yorks); Johannes Suththyby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walcot, Lincs); Johannes Sothiby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saxby, Lincs); Robertus Suthiby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); William Sothybe, 1479, John Suddebe, 1516 in *York Guild Register*; Gorge Suddaby, 1600 in *IGI* (Wainfleet, Lincs); Joh. Suddaby, 1669 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks).

### Suddards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham

English: variant of Suddard (see **Southworth**) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare Dorothy Suddard, 1775 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Betty Suddards, 1795 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Sudell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sudell**.

### Sudden

Variants: **Soden**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Perth; Berwicks; also Lancs

1 Scottish: see **Souden**.

2 English: locative name from Sudden in Lancs.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sudden, 1612 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Richard Sudden, 1630 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

3 English: locative name from Sudden(e) Farm in Grafton (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Johanna Suddenne, Johanne Suddone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Johanne Suddon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowley, Wilts); Margaret Sudden, 1659 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts); George Sudden, 1762 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

4 English: see **Sowden**.

### Suddery

Variants: **Sutthery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants English: locative name from Southrey (Lincs) or Southery (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Sothereye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Sotherei, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Sotherey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Robertus Sutheray, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Johanne Sotherey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dalby, Leics); Robertus Sothereye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); John Sotherey, 1435 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Thomas Sowthry, 1560 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabetha Sowtherye, 1571 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Elinora Suddery, 1588 in *IGI* (Osborne, Dorset).

### Suddes

Variants: **Sudds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: probably a variant of the now extinct name *Sudd* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. *Sudd* is recorded in Simon Suddle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fremington, NR Yorks), but its origin is uncertain. It might be a locative name from Middle English *sudde* ‘mud, bog’ (Old English \**sydde*) but the expected form in NE England would be *sidde*. Alternatively *Sudd* might be from Middle English *shudde*, *sudde* (Old English *scyddde*) ‘small house, hovel’ or ‘shed’ (for animals), ‘pigsty’ (see **Shed**), but again the expected form in NE England would be *sid(de)* or *shidde*. It might be related to the Kent name **Sudds** via the eastern coastal trade but the origin of this is also obscure.

**Early bearers:** James Suddes, 1625, James Soudis, 1631, John Suddiss, 1789 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Patricke Sudds, 1641, Patricke Suddis, 1645 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Dorothy Suddes, 1794 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

### Suddick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Southwick**.

### Sudds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) variant of the now rare or extinct Kent name *Sudd* with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, unless *Sudd* is a reduced form of *Sudds*. Compare Sara Suddle, 1558, Jeremie and John Suddle, 1561 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent). *Sudd* might be from Middle English *sudde* ‘mud, bog’ (Old English \**sydde*) but the expected dialect form in Kent would be *sedde*, attested in Joh. atte Sedde, 1356, and Stephen atte Sedde, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent). *Sudde* would, however, belong to W Sussex dialect. (ii) alternatively a variant of the NE England name **Suddes**, which may have reached Kent through the coastal trade down eastern England.

**Early bearers:** John Sudds, 1577 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); William Suddes, 1642 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Thos Suds, 1641 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Richard Sudds, 1674 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent); Jane Sudds,

1702 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Francis Suds, 1716 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, at Sedde.

### Sudduth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Southworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sudeley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name from Sudeley (Gloucs) or Soudley in East Dean (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Sudlega, about 1150–66 in *Earldom of Gloucester Charters*; Bartholomew de Sudleye, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Gloucs); Eleanor de Sudleye, 1361 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs).

### Sudell

Variants: **Suddell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in Lancs, named with Old English *hyll* ‘hill’ preceded by an unexplained element.

**Early bearers:** Simone de Sudihull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bickerstaffe, Lancs); Ann Sudell, 1541, Joan Suddall, 1550, Richard Sudyll, 1561, Ana Sudyll, 1571 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Johannes Sudall, 1604 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Anna Sudel, 1621 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Roger Suddell, 1639 in *IGI* (Ribchester, Lancs); William Sudale, 1665 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Robert Sudal, 1719 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Gratia Suddle, 1785 in *IGI* (Alston, Lancs).

2 English: locative name from an unidentified place named with Old English *sūð* ‘south’ + *dael* ‘declivity, valley’.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Sudale, de Suthdale, 1201–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes Sudall, 1562 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Edward Sudell, 1572 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Nicholas Sudell, 1663 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Samuel Sudul, 1821 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); John Sudell, 1868 in *IGI* (Irstead, Norfolk).

### Sudhurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Suthers**.

### Sudlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Shrops

English: locative name from Sudlow Farm in Tabley Superior (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Ellen Sudloe, 1563 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Elizabeth Sudlow, 1605 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 61.

### Sudra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.



**Sudron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Southern**.

**Sudworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Southworth**.

**Sue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 薛, see **Sit**.

**Suen**

Variants: **Soan, Sun, Xuan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宣 (**Xuan** or **Hsuan** in Mandarin romanization): (i) from *Xuan* (宣), posthumous title of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC), one of the kings of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from Xuan (宣), posthumous title of Song Xuan Gong (reigned 747–729 BC), 13th king of the state of Song (located in Shangqiu in Henan province). (iii) from Xuan Bo (宣伯), posthumous title of Shusun Qiaoru, an official in the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**Further information:** In ancient Chinese, 宣 denoted the grand hall of an imperial palace; it was also used to refer to imperial edicts and to an extremely rare and valuable kind of jade. (Jade is regarded in Chinese culture as an auspicious material that can bring good luck and ward off evil.) These meanings might explain why this Chinese character was sometimes used as a posthumous title by members of royal families.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 孫, see **Sun** (1).

**Suess**

Variants: **Suss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname. ornamental name from Middle High German, German *süss* 'sweet, pleasant, agreeable'. The Jewish name is generally ornamental.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Suss, 1791 in *Parish Registers* (Chiddingfold, Sussex); William Suss, 1813 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); Barnett Suess, in *Census 1871* (Lincs); Otto Suss, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Zygmund Suss, cork cutter, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jacob Suss, baker and cabinetmaker, born in Germany, *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Carl Max Süß, cotton goods dyer, born in Saxony, in *Census 1901* (Rochdale, Lancs); Gottlob Suss, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Blackburn, Lancs); Louis Suss, photographer, Joseph Suss, photographer's assistant, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Himan Suss, second-hand clothes dealer, born in

Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Morris Suss, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Albert Suss, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx); Jacob Süß, baker and confectioner, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Streatham, Surrey).

**Sueter**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Souter**.

**Suett**

Variants: **Suit, Suite**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Hants; Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Siwat* (Old Scandinavian *Sighvatr*, \**Sighvati*, *Sighwat*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Siuuat (Lincs), Siuuate (Oxon), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Sygwat Radbode, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Gilbertus filius Siwat', 1180–1218 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Gilbert filius Siwat', 1180–1218 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard filius Sewate, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Geoffrey Siwath', 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Sewhat, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; John Suet, Simon Suet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Richard Sewet, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Suett, 1573 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Robert Suite, 1596 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Suett, 1626 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants); Harriet Suite, 1789 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Rebekah Suit, 1852 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Anthony Suit, 1803 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

**Suffell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Suffield**.

**Suffield**

Variants: **Suffill, Suffell, Southfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks; Worcs

English: locative name from either of two places called Suffield (NR Yorks, Norfolk), and perhaps from an unidentified place in Lancs similarly named with Old English *sūð* + *feld* 'southern field or open country'.

**Early bearers:** William de Sudfeld', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas de Sudfeld, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Suffeld', 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam de Suthfield, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Allerston, NR Yorks); Willemus Sutfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Ricardo de Southeheld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Willi Suffield, 1582 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Willia. Suffield, 1613 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); John Sutfield, 1713 in *York Freeman's Register*; Mary Suffield, 1782 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret, York); Margaret Suffield, 1791 in *IGI* (Topcliffe by Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Suffield, 1805 in *IGI* (Naburn, WR Yorks).

**Suffill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Suffield**.

**Suffling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: unexplained; perhaps a nickname for a person from Suffolk, but the structure is obscure if so.
- Early bearers:** Rob Suffline, 1653 in *IGI* (Trimingham, Norfolk); Catharine Suffling, 1682 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hannah Sufling, 1756 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Lidia Sufflen, 1790 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk).

**Suffolk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Notts; Norfolk

English: locative name from the county of Suffolk.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Suffolk, 1154–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Edmund de Suffolk, 1301 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); John de Suthfolke, 1317 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Thomas de Suthfolke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banham, Norfolk); Stephanus Suthfoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Johannes de Sufolke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wereham, Norfolk); Robertus of Sutfolk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pleshey, Essex); Jacobi. Suffolk, 1581 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Anna Suffolk, 1586 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Wm Suffolk, 1610 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Willia. Suffolk, 1686 in *IGI* (Fenny Drayton, Leics); John Suffolk, 1693 in *IGI* (All Hallows the Less, London).

**Sufi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *ṣūfi* 'Sufi'.

**Further information:** *Sufi* is derived by some from Arabic *ṣūf* 'wool', said to refer to the simple cloaks that early Muslim ascetics wore. Islamic scholars define Sufism as the main mystical strand of Islam, the inner or esoteric dimension of religion which is necessarily supported and complemented by general outward or exoteric practices such as sharia (Islamic law).

**Sugar**

Variants: **Sugars, Shugar, Shuker, Sucker, Suker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *suġre*, *suker* 'sugar' (Old French *sucre*, Anglo-Norman French *soucre*, *suġre*), for a sweet-natured person, or perhaps for a confectioner or dealer in sugar, in which case *Sugar* might be a reduced form of \**Sugarer*. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2) or (3). (ii) relationship name possibly from the Continental Germanic personal name *Sudgar*, *Suger*, although there is no evidence of its use as a given name in medieval Normandy or in Anglo-Norman England.

## Sugarman

Some of the following bearers may alternatively bear the same name as that in (2), but its origin is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Souger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Editha Sougare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ampney, Gloucs); Johanne Sugar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Diseworth, Leics); Christine Sugar, 1513 in *IGI* (Martock, Somerset); William Sugar, 1544 in *IGI* (Hessett, Suffolk); Alice Sugar, 1556 in *IGI* (Maiden Newton, Dorset); Wllm. Sugare, 1577 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Henry Shugar, 1591 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Rachell Shugar, 1591 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John Sugar, 1616 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Henry Shugar, 1690 in *IGI* (Axmouth, Devon); Robert Shugar, 1717 in *IGI* (Charlton Horethorne, Somerset); Elizabeth Shugar, 1752 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jean Shugar, 1771 in *IGI* (Wootton Fitzpaine, Dorset).

2 English: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* draws attention to the surname *Sulgar* or *Sulger* in medieval Wakefield, which had developed to *Sugar* and *Suger* by the 16th century when a branch of the family had moved to Halifax. A connection of this family with the Sugar family of Broughton (in Craven) is possible but uncertain. The origin of *Sulgar* or *Sulger* is unknown. There is no evidence for a Continental Germanic personal name \**Sulger*. **Early bearers:** William Sulger, 1332 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robertus Sulgar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Thomas Sulgar, 1485 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Suger, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Broughton, WR Yorks); William Sulger or Sugar, 1550–1 in *Halifax Wills* (Ovenden, WR Yorks); Richard Sugar, 1592 in *York Registry Wills* (Broughton, WR Yorks); Tristram Sugar, 1646 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); George Suger, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Henry Sugar, 1831 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks). 3 English: see **Shocker**. Compare Sugarwell in Tysoe, Warwick, recorded as *Shokerswell*, 1318, *Sugorswell*, 1517, *Shuckerswell*, 1550 in *Place-Names of Warwick*, p. 285; and Sugar Hill in Aldbourne, Wilts, named from a road called *Sceocera wege* in 854 (in a 12th-century copy), and *Shuger waie* in 1591 (see *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 292).

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization or translation of **Zucker**.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Sucker, tailor, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Aldgate, London); Joseph Sucker, 1852 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Solomon Sugar, cap maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Manchester, Lincs); Isaac Sugar, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lewis Sugar, restaurant keeper, born in Warsaw, Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Sugarman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Jewish: anglicization of Jewish **Zuckerman**.

## Sugars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: variant of **Sugar** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Sugars, 1664 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Eliz. Sugars, 1684 in *IGI* (London); Thos Sugars, 1705 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds).

## Sugden

**Variants:** Sugdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2717, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3457
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- 1 English: locative name principally from Sugden in Haworth (WR Yorks) or Sugden in Bingley (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** William de Sugden, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus de Sugden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Sugden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Robertus de Sugdeyn, Ricardus Sugden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Robert Sugden, 1468 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Sugden, 1511 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Johis. Sugden, 1556 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Sugden, 1564 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Diones Sugden, 1565 in *IGI* (Croxtan, Lincs); William Sugdon, 1576 in *IGI* (Barnoldby le Beck, Lincs); Johes. Sugden, 1605 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Norman Sugden, 1613 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Anne Sugdon, 1734 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 262; 4, p. 169; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. 2 English: locative name occasionally from Sugdon in Rodington (Shrops). **Early bearers:** Adam de Suggedone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Jn. Sugden, 1732 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Sugdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Sugden**.

## Sugg

**Variants:** Suggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset
- English: nickname from Middle English *sugge* '(small) bird, sparrow' (Old English *sucga*), perhaps for a small person. **Early bearers:** Wadnod Sugge, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard Sugge, 1196–1237 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); Johannes Sugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Joseph Sugg, 1592 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Hellen Sugg, 1602 in *IGI* (Kersey, Suffolk); Wm. Sugg, 1622 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Richard Sugg, 1644 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); William Sugg, 1648 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs).

## Suggate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Southgate**. **Early bearers:** Sara Suggate, 1607 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Benjamin Suggate, 1618 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

## Suggett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 301
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Suggitt**.

## Suggitt

**Variants:** Suggett, Southgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Durham: esp. NR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *south* 'south' + *gate* 'street' (Old Scandinavian *gata*), for someone who lived on a street so named. The modern surname originated in NR Yorks; Redmonds mentions a Southgate in Whitby (NR Yorks) and another near Silpho (NR Yorks). But there were plenty of other streets named 'south gate' in Yorks, some of which gave rise to surnames that appear not to have survived, such as Thomas de Southgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walden Stubbs, WR Yorks), and Cecilia Southgate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Anlaby with Wolfeaton, ER Yorks). The modern name generally takes the form *Suggitt* or *Suggett* but is sometimes restored to its earlier form *Southgate*, presumably because *Suggitt* was felt to be a vulgar pronunciation. Compare **Southgate** (1).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Suthgat, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stainton, NR Yorks); Richard Suggett of Skinningrove, fisher, 1492 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Suggett, 1516 in *York Guild Register*; John Sugaite, 1548 in *York Registry Wills* (Danby, NR Yorks); William Suggett, fisherman, 1553 in *York Registry Wills* (Marske, NR Yorks); Robertus Suggett, 1603 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Raiph Southgate, 1637 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); John Southgate, 1642 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Margaret Suggitt, 1644 in *IGI* (Sockburn, Durham); Rowland Suggitt, 1655 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Suggs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Somerset

English: variant of **Sugg** with genitival or excrement -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sugges, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Baldon, Oxon); Bridgett Suggs, 1667 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Suggs, 1705 in *IGI* (Paddington, Middx); William Suggs, 1793 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

## Sugrue

**Variants:** Shirra, Shugrue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 685
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Irish (Kerry): Ó *Siochfhradh* 'descendant of *Siochfhradh*', Gaelic form of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Sigfrid*.

2 Irish: see **McSherry**.

## Sui

**Variants:** Soe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 帥 (*Shuai* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘general, commander-in-chief’ in ancient Chinese: adopted in place of the Chinese surname Shi (師), because the surname Shi (師) happened to be the given name of the king Jin Jing Di (AD 208–255), and it was taboo in ancient China to bear the same name as a member of a royal or imperial family.
  - Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 水 (*Shui* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘water’ in Chinese: acquired as a surname by people who lived near a place with plenty of water, for example a river or a lake.
  - Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 稅 (*Shui* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘tax’ in Chinese: from *Shui* (稅), the name of an ancient state (mainly located in Sichuan province).
  - Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 隋, see **Tsui** (2).
  - Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 胥, see **Xu** (3).
  - Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 徐, See **Xu** (1).
  - Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

### Suit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Suett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Suite

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Suett**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Suker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Shuker**.

2 English: see **Shoeker**.

### Sulaiman

**Variants:** **Soleiman**, **Soliman**, **Suleiman**, **Suleman**, **Suliman**, **Suleyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the Arabic personal name *Sulaiman* (see **Solomon**).

**Further information:** *Suleiman* (Solomon) is regarded in Islam as a prophet (Qur’an 27:17). Suleiman the Magnificent (1498–1566) was a renowned khalif of the Ottoman Empire. This name, variously spelled, is widespread throughout the Muslim world.

### Sule

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

2 Indian (Maharashtra): pronounced as two syllables: Hindu (Maratha) name, from Marathi *sula* ‘pointed tooth’, from Sanskrit *śūla* ‘spike, spear’.

1 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Sule, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bockhampton, Dorset); James Sule, 1584 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); George Sule, 1799 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks).

### Suleiman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Suleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2025, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Suleyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Suliman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sulaiman**.

### Sullivan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 548
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan; Lancs

English: see **Sullivan**.

### Sullen

**Variants:** **Sullinge**, **Sullens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: nickname from Middle English *solein(ge)*, *sulayn(e)* ‘solitary; sullen’.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Soleyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johanne Solyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Berks); Joane Sullen, 1584 in *IGI* (Westerham, Kent); Joan Sullen, 1613 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); John Sulling, 1718 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).

**References:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Sullens

**Variants:** **Sullings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: variant of **Sullen** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** John Sullens, 1670 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); Tho. Sullings, 1732 in *IGI* (Langdon Hills, Essex).

### Sulley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Sully**.

### Sullinge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Sullen**.

### Sullings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex, and Suffolk

English: see **Sullens**.

### Sullivan

**Variants:** **Sullivan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21587, Ireland 5731
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12489

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Glamorgan

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Munster: esp. Cork and Kerry

Irish: from Ó Súilleabháin, see **O’Sullivan**.

### Sully

**Variants:** **Sulley**, **Solley**, **Soley**, **Solly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1174, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 997
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

1 Norman, English: locative name from any of three places called Sully in Normandy (Calvados, Aisne, Loiret).

**Early bearers:** Sir John de Sully, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon).

2 Norman, English: locative name perhaps from Sully (Glamorgan), recorded as *Sulie* in 1193.

However, the place-name is manorial in origin, from the Norman family name in (1), which is recorded in Glamorgan in the 12th century, and all the general bearers may therefore be instances, directly or indirectly, of (1).

**Early bearers:** Reymund de Sully, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Glamorgan).

**General:** Ralph de Sulleg’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Walter de Sullye, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Henry de Sully of Edulvesly, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William de Sulle (or Sulleye), 1311 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Solleye, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Solleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bedwyn, Wilts); Johanne Sulye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); John Solly late of Lotton, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Soly of Holford, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Soly late of Ayssh, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Robert Solley, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); John Sowly, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Nicholaus Sully, 1566 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Stephen Sully, 1568 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Elizabeth Sully, 1680 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Sully, 1689 in *IGI* (East Anstey, Devon).

3 English: locative name from Old and New Sulehay in Nassington (Northants), recorded as *Suleye* in 1286. It is not clear whether this name survives to modern times.

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew de Suleye, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 205.

4 Cornish, English: locative name from the Isles of Scilly (Cornwall), recorded as *Sully* in the 12th century. It is not clear whether this name survives to modern times.

**Early bearers:** Oliver de Sullye, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall).

5 English: locative name from Sudeley (Gloucs), recorded as *Sul(l)ey* in the 13th century, recorded as *Suleie* in 1221. Some of the bearers mentioned may belong with (1).

## Sulman

**Early bearers:** John de Sulleia, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Sulleye, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 26.

## Sulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also London
- English: occupational name from Middle English *sul(l)* (Old English *sulh*) ‘plough’ + *-man*, denoting a ploughman.
- Early bearers:** Johanna Sulman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Anne Sulman, 1568 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); William Sulman, 1629 in *IGI* (Madingley, Cambs).

## Sultan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1650, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- 1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *sultān* ‘ruler’.
- Further information:** *Sultan* was the title of rulers in many parts of the Muslim world, including the monarch of the Ottoman Empire.
- 2 Spanish, Polish: Spanish (*Sultán*), Polish (*Sultan*), nickname for someone who behaved in an outlandish or autocratic manner, from Arabic *sultān* ‘sultan’. Compare **Sowden**.
- 3 English: see **Sowden**.
- Early bearers:** Jane Soltan, 1772 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).

## Sultana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2354, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Maltese, Italian: nickname for someone who behaved in an autocratic manner, from Arabic *sultāna* ‘queen, wife of a sultan’.
- 2 Muslim: from the feminine form of **Sultan**.
- References:** *Ahmed*.

## Sum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 沈 and 岑, see **Sam** (1) and (2).
- 2 English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Ada Sum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilstone, Herefs); Ann Sum, 1678 in *IGI* (Fulstow, Lincs); Hannah Sumb, 1787 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

## Suma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 司馬 (**Sima** in Mandarin pinyin, **Sima** or **Szema** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the post name *Si-Ma* (司馬) in ancient China in charge of the national security and the military. (ii) said to be adopted in place of the surname Niu (牛) by the emperor Si-Ma Rui (司馬睿), known as Jin Yuan Di (AD 276–323) in the Eastern Jin dynasty (AD 316–420). (iii) adopted by the other families during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

## Sumal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found in the Jat community.

## Suman

- Variants:** **Suman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- 1 English: see **Sowman**.
- 2 English: see **Summon**.
- 3 Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, probably from Panjabi *suman* (Sanskrit *sumana* ‘benevolent’).

## Sumar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat), Muslim: unexplained; possibly from the place of that name in Kota, Rajasthan, India.

## Sumbler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: probably a local variant of **Sumner**; compare Agn’ Somenour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stockley, Wilts), and Johanne Sompnour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Dourkuss Sumbler, 1672 in *IGI* (Potterne, Wilts); Henry Sombler, 1707 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Ann Sambler, 1816 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

## Sumeray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Jewish: see **Sumray**.

## Sumerfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Summerfield**.

## Sumerling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs
- English: see **Summerland**.

## Sumers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout
- English, Irish, Jewish: see **Summers**.

## Suman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of *Simmon(d)*. See **Simon** and for the change in vowel see **Summons**.
- 2 Indian: see **Suman**.

## Summer

- Variants:** **Sommer**, **Somer**, **Summers**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 6

- **GB frequency 1881:** 663
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and NW Midlands; also Middx, Surrey, and Kent

1 English: (i) relationship name, nickname from a Middle English (Old English) personal name \**Sumor*, \**Sumer*, originally a nickname from the word for ‘summer’ and perhaps still a nickname (for someone with a warm or sunny disposition) in the period of surname formation. The personal name is not independently recorded but appears in the place-names Somersall (Derbys) and Somersham (Suffolk and Cambs). Compare **Winter**. William Somer and Adam Wynter both appear in the *Subsidy Rolls* for Stokenham, Devon in 1332. (ii) occupational name from Middle English \**somer*, \**somour*, perhaps a reduced form of \**sommerer*, \**somerour* ‘packhorse man, carrier’, a derivative of Middle English *somer* (Old French *sommier*) ‘beast of burden, packhorse’. Compare Anglo-Latin *summarius*, usually meaning ‘packhorse’ but also ‘packman, groom of packhorse’, which implies that *summarius* was sometimes a reduced form of \**summararius*. For similar simplifications of double *r* see **Pepper** and **Wafer**. (iii) occupational name alternatively, perhaps ‘porter, carrier’. It is possible that \**somer* and \**somour* are derivatives of Middle English *som(m)e*, *sum(m)e* ‘weight’, derived from Old French *somme*, *some* ‘weight, burden’. Compare Middle English *seme*, \**some* (Old English *sēam*, *sēom*) ‘load, burden, weight’. (iv) occupational name possibly from a Middle English assimilated form of **Sumner**.

**Further information:** The surname is widely recorded across medieval England but the absence of any Middle English examples with the definite article and of any relevant contextual evidence makes an occupational sense difficult to confirm. However, Middle English surname *Somister*, which appears to be occupational (see **Sumpster**), may imply the existence of a twin form *Somer*, similar to pairs like *Baker* and *Baxter*, *Webber* and *Webster*.

**Early bearers:** N England: Will’o Somre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harwood, Lancs); Johanna Somyr, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes Somer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton and Wassand, ER Yorks); Johannes Summer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Somyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Elena Sumur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprotbrough, WR Yorks); Anthony Summer, 1576 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Summer, 1637 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs).

W England: Geoffrey Sumer, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); William Somer, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Somer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longford, Gloucs); Henricus Somer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wheatfield, Oxon); Johannes Somur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shavington, Shrops); Joes Sommer, 1539 in *IGI* (Sewern Stoke, Worcs); Mauld Somer, 1562 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Anne Summer, 1570 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); William Somer, 1594 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

E England: Adam Sumer, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Somer, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Johannes Somer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Emma Somour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); Anne Summer, 1542 in *IGI* (Lammas, Norfolk); Richd. Summer, 1602 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Elisha Summer, 1622 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

S England: William Sommere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thurlestone, Devon); Willelmus Sumer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston, Kent); Johannes Somere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melbury Abbas, Dorset); Willelmus Somur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Johannes Somer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bedenham, Hants); Elizabeth Somer, 1549 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Nicholas Somer, 1550 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Richard Summer, 1559 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jone Summer, 1567 in *IGI* (Donnington, Sussex); Richard Sommer, 1650 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

Scotland: William Sumer, 1180–1214 in *Midlothian Charters*; William Somyr, 1326 in *Scottish Arms*; Johannis Soumer, burgess of Perth, 1365 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; William Sumer, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; George Somyr, 1478 in *Acts of Lords Auditors*; Daud Sommer, 1599 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Andro Sommer, 1614 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Wm. Summer, 1645 in *IGI* (Kilmadock, Perth); Margaret Sommer, 1649 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Cristian Summer, 1651 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Sommer, 1662 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Henry Sommer, 1863 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays).

References: McClure, *Occupational bynames*, 2,

pp. 224–5.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname, relationship name from German **Sommer**, from Middle High German *sumer* ‘summer’, perhaps also used as a personal name like the English name in (1). This name was also adopted by Jewish families in Germany, Poland, and Russia. (ii) nickname alternatively from Middle High German *summer* ‘woven basket’ and, by extension, a measure of grain, possibly given to a basket maker or a grain dealer.

**Early bearers:** Charles Sommer, die sinker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Erich Sommer, leather case maker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Mary, London); Joseph Sommer, Professor of Music, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Engel Somer, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Twickenham, Middx); Dagobert Sommer, Roman Catholic priest, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Franz Summer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leamington Spa, Warwicks); Ruben Summer, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Newport, Monmouths); Isaac Summer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Israel and Rebecca Sommer, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Adalbert Sommer, merchant, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1891* (Altrincham, Cheshire); Louis Sommer, litho artist, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Albans, Herts); Gustaf Schach Sommer, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Fritz Sommer, engineer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Isaac Summer, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Solomon Summer, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Summerbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Summersby**.

### Summerbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 221

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Somerville**.

**Early bearers:** England: Fraunces Sommerbell, 1590 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); John Sumerbell, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Rychart Somerbell, 1631 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Summerby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Somerset; London; Lincs

English: see **Summersby**.

### Summerell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 94

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: see **Summerhill**.

### Summerfield

Variants: **Sumerfield, Sommerfield, Somerfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2952, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1743

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Beds; London

1 English: locative name from any various places named with Old English *sumor* ‘summer’ + *feld* ‘field, open land’, denoting summer pasture or fields cultivated only in summer, such as Summerfield in Woodnesborough (Kent), Sumerfield Court in Sellindge (Kent), and Summerfield in Marlborough (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Herlewine de Sumerfeld’, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Geoffrey of Sumerfeud, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Allexander de Sumerfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Sommerfeild, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry Summerfield, 1628 in *IGI* (Ipsley, Warwicks).

References: *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 469, 590; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 300.

2 Norman, English: see **Somerville**.

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicization of **Sommerfeld**.

### Summerford

Variants: **Somerford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds and Bucks

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *sumor* ‘summer’ + *ford* ‘ford’, denoting a ford only usable in summer, such as Sumerford (Cheshire), Sumerford Keynes (Gloucs), Great and Little Sumerford (Wilts), Sumerford in Brewood (Staffs), Summerford Farm in Withyham (Sussex), and Summerford Farm in Maresfield (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Martin de Sumerford, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); William of Sumerford, 1240–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ralph de Sumerford, 1285 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; John de Sumerford, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Sumerforde, 1372 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Johanne Sumerforth’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); Willelmus Sumerford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); Thomas Sumerford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackham, Sussex);

Henricus Somerford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Alice Summerford, 1604 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Edward Summerford, 1607 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Joseph Summerford, 1730 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); Sarah Summerford, 1779 in *IGI* (Astwood, Bucks).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 351, 372; *Staffs Place-Names* p. 501.

### Summerhayes

Variants: **Summerhays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 191

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Summerhayes in Upottery (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Summerhays, 1590 in *IGI* (Aller, Somerset); George Sommerhayes, 1599, Thomas Summerhays, 1601 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon* p. 651.

### Summerhays

- **GB frequency 1881:** 93

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Summerhayes**.

### Summerhill

Variants: **Summerill, Summerell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 205

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Lanarks; Staffs

1 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian female personal name *Sumarhild*.

**Early bearers:** William Sumerild, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Nicholas Sumerhild, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard Sumerhild, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Agn’ Summerhil’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Thomas Sumerhild, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Phebe Summerhill, 1838 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

2 English, Scottish: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *somer* ‘summer’ + *hyll* ‘hill’, denoting a hill used for summer grazing, such as Summerhill in Ashburton (Devon). In Scotland there is one such place in New Machar (Aberdeens) and another in Ayton (Berwicks).

**Early bearers:** Jacobo Sumerhull’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston Saint Michael, Wilts); Henrie Summerell, 1612 in *IGI* (Swainswick, Somerset); Jonet Summerell, 1639 in *IGI* (Baldernock, Stirlings); James Summerell, 1681 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Allathea Summerhill, 1689, Stephen Summerill, 1726 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 465.

### Summerill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 141

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Durham

English: see **Summerhill**.

### Summerland

Variants: **Summerlin, Summerling, Sumerling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Lincs; also Warwicks

English: an early corruption of **Sommerlad**.

## Summerlin

**Early bearers:** Adam filius Sumerland, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ann Summerland, 1579 in *IGI* (Old Warden, Beds); Joan Summerlin, 1685 in *IGI* (Souldrop, Beds); Hester Summerling, 1772 in *IGI* (Stagsden, Beds).

### Summerlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Northants and Cambs

English: see **Summerland**.

### Summerling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants

English: see **Summerland**.

### Summers

**Variants:** **Sumers**, **Sommers**, **Somers**, **Simmers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12727, Ireland 73
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8336
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Gloucs; Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 English: variant of **Summer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Jone Summers, 1546 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Willia. Summers, 1576 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Ric Summers, 1582 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Thomas Summers, 1599 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Summers, 1600 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Robert Summers, 1602 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Fortune Summers, 1605 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Summers, 1613 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

Scotland: Charlotte Summers, 1780 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

2 English: locative name, occupational name for someone who lived or worked at the house of someone named *Somer* (**Summer**).

**Early bearers:** Alice at Someres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Easewrithe Hundred, Sussex).

3 Irish (Sligo): from Ó Somacháin, see **Somers**.

4 Jewish (Ashkenazic): variant of **Summer**.

**Early bearers:** Julius Summers, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Toxteth Park, Lancs); Aaron Isaac Summers, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Levi Summers, born in Warwicks, in *Census 1911* (Warwicks).

### Summersby

**Variants:** **Somersby**, **Summerby**, **Summerbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Somersby (Lincs) or either of two places called Somerby (Lincs, Leics), all of which have similar early spellings.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Sumardebi, 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Rutland); John de Somerdesby, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Walter de Somerby, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Someresbye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somersby, Lincs); Henrico de Somerby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Benjamin Summersby, 1726 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Elizth. Summersby, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Summerscale

**Variants:** **Somerscale**, **Summerskill**, **Summersgill**, **Summerscales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: locative name in most cases, from Summerscales in Hazlewood (WR Yorks). The name is a compound of Middle English *somer* (Old Scandinavian *sumar* + *scale(s)* ‘summer sheiling(s)’, Old Scandinavian *skáli*; see **Scale**). Shielings were seasonal huts or sheds from which a cattle or sheep farm was managed in the summer months. In Hazlewood this was the name of a farm on the Bolton Priory estate. The surname appears with and without final *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Somerscales, 1297 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (Stead, WR Yorks); Adam de Somerscal, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Somerscales, 1377 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (Bolton Priory, WR Yorks); Johannes de Somerscale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Johannes de Somerscales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); John Somerscalis, 1473 in *Bolton Priory Rentals* (Cononley, WR Yorks); William Somerscale, 1522, William Somerscailes, 1543 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Edward Summerscale, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Geor. Somerscales, 1564 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Richard Somerscales, 1570 in *IGI* (Settle, WR Yorks); Margaret Summerskill, 1611, Ann Summersgill, 1731 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); John Summersgill, Ann Summerskill, 1715 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 174; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Summerscales

**Variants:** **Somerscales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 360
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: plural form of **Summerscale**.

### Summersett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Somerset**.

### Summersgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 388
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: variant of **Summerscale** in which the final syllable has been confused in pronunciation with the common WR Yorks place-name ending *-gill* (‘ravine’).

### Summerside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Derbys

English: unexplained; possibly a variant of **Somerset**, or a locative name from Summerseat (Bury, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Sommerside, 1573 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Agnes Summerside, 1587, Isabel

Sumersidde, 1594 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Eliz. Somersyde, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks).

### Summerskill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: variant of **Summersgill** (see **Summerscale**).

### Summerson

**Variants:** **Simmerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England: esp. Durham

1 English: relationship name either ‘son of the packhorse man’ or ‘son of someone named *Summer*’ (see **Summer**).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Somerson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Elizabeth Somerson, 1583 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); William Summerson, 1661 in *IGI* (Medomsley, Durham); Elizabetha Summerson, 1689 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Robert Somerson, 1795 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

2 English: in the E Midlands, E Anglia, and Essex, *Summerson* may alternatively be a variant of **Summerton**. Compare **Winterson** for **Winterton**.

However, any of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1), perhaps through migration from northern counties.

**Early bearers:** Robert Somerson, 1548 in *IGI* (Chappel, Essex); John Sommersom, 1560, Elizabeth Somersome, 1593, John Summerson, 1618 in *IGI* (Great Waldingfield, Suffolk); Edward Somersome, 1587 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Johana Somersone, 1588 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); Thos. Summerson, 1625 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); Ab. Sumerson, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Henry Summerson, 1680 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Ann Somerson, 1734 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Elisabeth Sommersome, 1765 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs).

### Summerton

**Variants:** **Somerton**, **Summerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from any of various places called Somerton, particularly in Oxon and Somerset, but also in Lincs, Suffolk, and Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** Basilia de Sumorton’, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Beatrice de Sumerton’, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmo Somerton’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Burstead, Essex); Willelmus Somerton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Somerton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwark, NR Yorks); Nicholaus Somerton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Johannes Somerton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham borough, Wilts); Johannes Somerton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Johannes de Somerton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brockley with Rede, Suffolk); John Somerton, 1479 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); Maria Somerton, 1581 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); John Somerton, 1628 in *IGI* (Oxhill, Warwicks); George Somerton, 1632 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Laws. Summerton, 1611, Jno. Somerton, 1633 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks).

**Summerville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lanarks; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Fermanagh; also Antrim

English, Scottish, Irish: see **Somerville**.

**Further information:** this spelling of the name is particularly common in Ireland.

**Summerwell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; York
- English: see **Summerwill**.

**Summerwill**

Variants: **Summerwell, Somervill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Summerwell in Hartland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Jacobus de Somerville, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Somerwell, 1377 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); John Sommerwill, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 76.

2 Norman, English, Irish: see **Somerville** (1).

**Summon**

Variants: **Suman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; WR Yorks; Glamorgan

1 English: see **Sowman**.

2 English: see **Simon** and compare **Summons**.

**Summons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Simmonds**, which occurs in some of the same parishes as *Summens*, *Summons*, and *Sumonds*. For the variation in the main vowel compare *Sumpsion* and *Summerson*. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Sowman** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Henry Summons, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint John Zachary, London); Wm. Summons, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Robert Simmons, 1709, Sarah Simmonds, 1772, Samuel Summens, 1785 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Elizabeth Summons, 1730, Ann Simmons, 1746, William Simmonds, 1786, Elizabeth Summens, 1792 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Summons, 1756, John Simmons, 1813 in *IGI* (Leiston, Suffolk); Sarah Simmons, 1777, James Summens, 1789 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Jno Simmons, 1784, William Sumonds, 1811 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Mary Sumonds, 1791 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk).

**Sumnall**

Variants: **Sunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: unexplained; possibly a form of the now extinct surname **Sinnel**, from Middle English *simenel* 'bread loaf, bun made of fine flour', for which compare Galfridus Simenell, 1207 in *Fine Rolls*. For the change in vowel, rounding before the labial consonant /m/, see **Summons**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sumnell, 1630 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Ann Sumnell, 1697 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Elizabeth Sumnall, 1762 in *IGI* (Madeley, Shrops).

**Sunnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Sunnall**.

**Sumner**

Variants: **Somner, Simnor, Sumpner, Sumner, Sunner, Sunners, Simner, Sumbler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6817, Ireland 46
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4731
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire; Warwick; Lincs; Hants

English: occupational name from Middle English *som(p)neur(e)* 'summoner' (Old French *somoneor*, *semoneor*), for an official who was responsible for ensuring the appearance of witnesses in court.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Sumonur, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Matthew le Sumener, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William le Sumnir, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Somnour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camsb); Johannes Sumenour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Somnour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sussex); Johanne Sompnour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Galfrido Somnour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanney, Berks); Rogerus Sumnor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wethersfield, Essex); Johannes le Somonour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Rich. Sumner, 1549 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); William Somner, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Georg Somner, 1553 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Ellen Somner, 1558 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Tho. Sumner, 1560 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Agnes Somner, 1567 in *IGI* (West Allington, Lincs); Margret Sumner, 1570 in *IGI* (Snitterfield, Warwick); Sara Sumner, 1574 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Elizabeth Sumpner, 1610 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Joseph Somner, 1616 in *IGI* (Seend, Wilts); Ann Somner, 1786 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**Sumners**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Notts

English: variant of **Sumner** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Anninell Sumners, 1634 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); John Sumners, 1644 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); James Sumners, 1647 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); John Sumners, 1671 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Sumners, 1680 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

**Sumpner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Sumner**.

**Sumpster**

Variants: **Simister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *\*someseter*, *\*sumester*, probably a variant of Middle English *\*somer*, *\*sumur* 'packhorse man' (see **Summer**) in which the suffix *-ester* has been substituted for the *-er* in *somer*, as with **Baxter** for **Baker** and **Webster** for **Webber**. With this sense, and with the common development of an intrusive /p/ between /m/ and /p/, *\*someseter* will have been synonymous with **Sumpter** and probably confused with it; see (2). Some of the following post-medieval examples beginning in *Som-* or *Sum-* may alternatively belong with (2), while some of those beginning in *Sim-* and *Sem-* may belong with **Simister** (2). (ii) occupational name; alternatively Middle English *\*someseter*, *\*sumester* might denote 'load bearer, porter, carrier'; compare **Summer**. (iii) occupational name; derivation from early Modern English *summister* 'schoolman, abridger', as suggested in *Bardsley*, is improbable. However, Bardsley notes several medieval examples (undated) of *Sum(m)aster*, *Summayster*, and *Somayster*, while John Somaister, degher ('dyer'), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exeter, Devon) may be compared with John le Mayster, degher, in the same document. Bardsley records Samuel Summaster of Devon, 1607 in *Oxford University Register*, and a Michael Summaster is recorded in 1623 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall). Perhaps a *summayster* was a weigh master, a man in charge of weighing wool, etc. at the market. It is unclear whether this name survived beyond the 17th century. **Early bearers:** Galfridus Somestr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Jane Somester, 1566, Thomas Sumister, 1688, Thomas Simester, 1708 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Jenet Somyster, 1577 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Mary Somester, 1582, George Semister, 1612 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Alexr. Summister, 1596, Rowland Somyster, 1605 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Richard Sumpster, 1602, John Sumpster, 1727 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Somyster, 1606 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); George Simister, 1617 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Jane Sumpster, 1617 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); Alice Simester, 1643 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Rondell Simester, 1679 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); James Simester, 1712 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Thomas Sumster, 1756, John Sumpster, 1794 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); John Sumpster, 1822, Sarah Sumster, 1823 in *IGI* (Odiham, Hants).

2 English: variant of **Sumpter** with an intrusive -s. **Early bearers:** Martha Sumpster, 1702, Tho Sumpster, 1717 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

**Sumpter**

Variants: **Sumter, Sunter, Sonter, Sumpster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 734, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also London

English: occupational name from Middle English *sompter*, *sumpter*, *sometour*, *sum(m)eter* 'sumpter' (Old French *som(m)etier*), for someone who drove a packhorse. Compare **Summer** (1).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Summeter, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William le Sumeter, 1221 in *Assize Rolls*



## Sumption

(Gloucs); William le Sumeter, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Sompter, Alan Sumpter, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Petrus Sompter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sherford, Devon); Thomas Sompter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shrewton, Wilts); Johanne Sumter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); Thomas Sumpter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Addington, Northants); Richi Sumpter, 1549 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Agnes Sumpter, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Sunter, 1558 in *IGI* (Little Hempston, Devon); Jacobi Sumpter, 1560, Francisca Sumter, 1605, Emme Sunter, 1646 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Radulphi Sunter, 1579 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Jana Sunter, 1589 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); Robert Sumpter, 1606 in *IGI* (Thorpe Langton, Leics); Barbaire Sunter, 1611 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); William Sumpter, 1612 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); William Sumpter, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Robert Sumpter, 1723 in *IGI* (Rockingham, Northants); Thomas Sunter, 1786 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

### Sumption

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: see **Sumsion**.

### Sumpton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; also ER Yorks

English: locative name from the lost place-name Sunton in Cleator (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sumpton, 1584, Tristram Sumpton, 1595 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); Elicia Sumpton, 1617 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb* p. 358.

### Sumra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Gujarat): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan

### Sumray

Variants: **Sumeray**, **Sumrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Jewish (Ashkenazic): unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Sumeray, in *Census 1901* (London); Harris Sumrie, in *Census 1901* (Yorks); Maurice Sumrie, in *Census 1901* (Yorks); Lewis and Esther Sumray, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); David and Mirium Sumray, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Samuel Israel Sumeray, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Morris and Annie Sumeray, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Sumrie

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Jewish: see **Sumray**.

### Sumsion

Variants: **Sumption**, **Simpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs

English: (i) relationship name; from the evidence of the 1381 example below, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Somme* or \**Summe*, of uncertain origin, + *son*. The development of *Sunson* to forms spelled with *-sion*, *-tion*, and *-shon* is the result of palatalization of /s/, similar to that in **Gratton** for **Grayson** and **Motion** for **Mowson**. (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *sumpcion*, *somsion*, a shortened form of *assumpcioun* 'assumption', denoting the Feast of the Assumption (15 August), for someone born on or around that date. However, no medieval evidence has been found to support this derivation.

**Further information:** From around 1600, in some northern and south-western dialects, including that of Wilts, /u/ was often unrounded to /i/ before a nasal consonant. Compare northern **Simister** for **Sumpster** and **Simmerson** for **Summerson**. In Wilts *Sums(i)on* becomes *Simps(i)on* and is indistinguishable from **Simpson** ('son of Sim or Simon'). The variation is explicit in Thomas Sympson or Sumption, 1755, and Anne Sympson or Sumption, 1757 in *IGI* (Castle Combe, Wilts), and is implied somewhat earlier in sequences like Alice Sumsion, 1600, Thomas Sympson, 1669, Mary Simson, 1661 in *IGI* (Box, Wilts); John Sumption, 1612, Isaac Sympson, 1679 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); and Mary Sumson, 1734, Thos Simpson, 1751 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops). It is also possible that *Sumsion* was confused with *Sam(p)s(i)on*: compare Rychard Samson, 1567, Richard Sampson, 1727 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts), Richard Sampson, 1761 in *IGI* (Colerne, Wilts), James Sampson, 1868 in *IGI* (Arlecdon, Cumb), and William Sampson, 1865 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops). See **Sampson**, but it is most unlikely that *Sumsion* would derive from *Sam(p)son*, since it would involve an otherwise unrecorded sound change.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Sommesson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Cressett, Shrops); John Sumption, 1621 in *IGI* (Barrington, Somerset); Christian Sumpson, 1648 in *IGI* (Upottery, Devon); Mary Sumption, 1676 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Richard Somsion, 1627, Samuell Sumsson, 1668 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Josephus Sumsion, 1727 in *IGI* (Colerne, Wilts); Mary Sumson, 1734 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Sarah Sumpson, 1775 in *IGI* (Arlecdon, Cumb); Francis Sumshon, 1775, Francis Sumsion, 1806 in *IGI* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts).

**References:** *English Pronunciation 2*, §96.

### Sumter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Sumpter**.

### Sun

Variants: **Shen**, **Suen**, **Sen**, **Sam**, **Soon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1349, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 孫 (**Suen** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'grandson' in Chinese: (i) from Hui Sun (惠孫), style name of the son of Wei Wu Gong (c. 853–758 BC). Hui Sun's grandson later inherited 孫, part of the style name of his grandfather, as his surname. (ii)

from Sun Shu (孫書), an official in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province). He was given the surname 孫 by Qi Jing Gong (died 490 BC) because of his contributions in the war between the state of Qi and the state of Lü (located in Shandong province). Sun Wu (孫武, also known as Sun Tzu), a prominent militarist during the Warring States period (475–221 BC), famous for his book *The Art of War*, was a descendant of Sun Shu. (iii) from Sun Shu (孫叔), the style name of Sun Shu Ao (about 630–593 BC), a famous official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). His descendants inherited 孫, part of the style name, as their surname. (iv) for some families, the surname is traced back to *Xun* (荀). People with the surname 荀 changed it to 孫 during the reign of Liu Xun (劉恂), also known as Han Xuan Di (91–49 BC), because it had the same pronunciation as the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China. After the death of Han Xuan Di, some people kept the surname 孫, while others changed it back to their original surname 荀.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 荀 (**Xun** or **Hsun** in Mandarin romanization), originally denoting a type of grass in ancient Chinese: (i) it is said that the surname can be traced back to one of the 25 sons of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC), who was given the surname 荀 (*Xun*) by his father. (ii) from *Xun* (郇), the name of a state (located in present-day Shanxi province) that was granted to Xun Bo, son of king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC), which was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). When the name of the state was adopted as a surname, the written form of the Chinese character was changed from 郇 to 荀, the two characters being pronounced the same. Xun Zi (荀子), a Confucian philosopher during the the Warring States period (475–221 BC), was a descendant of Xun Bo.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 申 (See **Shen** (1)), 辛 (See **Shin** (1)), and 山 (See **Shan** (3)). See also **San**.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 沈 and 岑, see **Sam** (1) and (2).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 宣, see **Suen** (1).

6 English: this is also found, though comparatively rarely, as an English name. It is perhaps a locative name for someone who lived at the sign of the Sun. **Early bearers:** William Sun, 1615 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Susan Sun, 1648 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Sund

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

1 Swedish and Danish: locative name, ornamental name from *sund* 'strait, sound', probably an arbitrarily adopted or ornamental surname, but possibly a topographic name adopted by someone who lived near the shore by a strait.

2 Norwegian: locative name from any of twenty-five or more farmsteads so named, mainly in Nordland.

3 English: see **Sound**.

### Sunday

Variants: **Sundy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 1



- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

English: nickname from Middle English *Sondai*, *Sunday* 'Sunday' (Old English *sunnandæg*), perhaps for someone born on a Sunday or having some other association with that day of the week.

**Early bearers:** John Soneday, about 1270 in *Essex Record Office*; John Sunday, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Jacobus Sounnday, 1377, Jacobus Soneday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Weald Bassett, Essex); Johannes Sunday, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Robert Sunday, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Thoms. Sunday, 1582 in *IGI* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset).

### Sunderland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2780, Ireland 215
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3428
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; also Carlow

English: locative name primarily from High Sunderland in Northowram, Halifax (WR Yorks), but occasionally from other places so called, for example in Durham, Cumb, Lancs, and Northumb. **Early bearers:** Ralph de Sunderland', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Matthew de Sundreland, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Robert Sonderlaunde, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ricardus de Sundirland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northowram, WR Yorks); Thomas de Sundirland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ovenden, WR Yorks); Rici. Sunderland, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Wi. Sunderland, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Sunderland, 1580 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Nicholas Sunderland, 1591 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Georgii Sunderland, 1615 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 99; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Sundy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Warwicks
- English: see **Sunday**.

### Sung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- 1 Chinese: variant Mandarin or Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 宋, see **Song** (1).
  - 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 崇, see **Chong** (2).
  - 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 沈, see **Sam** (1).

### Sunley

**Variants:** Sonley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 668, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 400
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks
- English: locative name from Sunley Hill in Kirkdale (NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Adam Sonlay, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gillamoor, NR Yorks); William de Sonle, 1349 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Sonley, 1541 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkdale, NR Yorks); Elisabeth Sonley, 1579 in *IGI* (Nunnington, NR Yorks); Sycilye Sunley, 1583 in *IGI* (York); Anne Sunley, 1608 in *IGI* (Whitby,

NR Yorks); Christopher Sunley, 1622 in *York Registry Wills* (Fadmoor, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks* pp. 66, 192; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Sunman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Notts; Norfolk; also Beds

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Suneman*, probably representing Old English \**Sunmann* but alternatively the rare Continental Germanic *Suneman*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Suneman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk, Yorks); Sunemannus filius Benedicti, 1228 in *Assize Rolls* (Suffolk); Sunemannus del Fen (former tenant), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk). surnames: Estmundus filius Suneman, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Hugo Suneman, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Soneman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Soneman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Benedictus Soneman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Galfridus Soneman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brockley with Rede, Suffolk); Marye Sunman, 1548 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); John Sunman, 1554 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Thomas Sunman, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, York, Yorks); John Sunman, 1704 in *IGI* (Holtby, NR Yorks); John Sunman, 1730 in *IGI* (Leven, ER Yorks); John Sunman, 1744 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Robert Sunman, 1765 in *IGI* (Gresham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage* 2, p. 154.

### Sunner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Sunner**.

**Early bearers:** Jone Sunner, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ellana Sunner, 1579 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Thomas Sunner, 1638 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); John Sunner, 1761 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs).

2 Indian: unexplained.

### Sunnucks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Sevenoaks**.

### Sunshine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

1 German: locative name, nickname, anglicization of German **Sonnenschein**, from Middle High German *sunne* 'sun' + genitive *-n* + *schin* 'shine'. In part it may be topographic for someone who lived at a place which caught the sun, toponymic from a house sign, or a nickname for someone of a sunny disposition.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Sunshine, 1758 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Whitechapel, Middx); Elizabeth Sunshine, 1748, Jacob Sunshine, 1786 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Henry Sunshine, 1811, in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Edward Adolf Sonnenschein, 1851 in *BMD* (Islington, Middx); Edward A. Sonnenschein, German teacher, born in Moravia, in

*Census 1871* (Hackney, Middx); William Sonnenschein, book publisher, born in Highbury, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Wagner Sunshine, 1901 in *BMD* (Edmonton, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): from modern German *Sonnenschein* 'sunshine', acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Morris Sunshine, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Sunshine, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Sunshine, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Brauch Sunshine, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Hyman Sunshine, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Pontypridd, Glamorgan); Barnett Sunshine, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Harris Sunshine, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Manasseh Sunshine, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Pontypridd, Glamorgan).

### Sunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 450
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: see **Sumpter**.

### Super

**Variants:** Supper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *soper*, *sopper*, *souper*, *super* (Old French *soper*, *souper*, Anglo-Norman French *super*) 'supper, meal (especially one taken in the evening)'. This fits the Middle English surname forms well but the reason for its possible use as a surname is unclear. (ii) relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Super* (Latin *Superius* 'greater, higher') but this is so rare that it may not be a safe explanation. (iii) occupational name, alternatively perhaps a post-medieval variant of **Soper**. Compare Robertus Soper, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oldham, Lancs), but the evidence for such a variant is too slight to bear much weight.

**Early bearers:** given names: Superius de Baiocis, 1228–32 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

surnames, England: Robert Souper, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Roger le Supere, 1309 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Henrie Supper, 1599 in *IGI* (Darley Dale, Derbys); Abigall Supper, 1609 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex); Sarah Super, 1676 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

surnames, Scotland: Kaithrene Souper, 1640, Bessie Super, 1653 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Anna Soupar, 1744 in *IGI* (Nigg, Kincardines);

### Supper

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics
- English: see **Super**.

### Supple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 167
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

## Sura

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick; also Kerry  
Irish (Munster), Norman: from **Suipéal**, the Gaelicized form of the Norman name **de la Chapelle**, which was taken to Ireland in the 12th century. It became well established in the counties of Limerick and Cork.

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Chapelle, 1243 in *CDI* §2631; James de la Chapelle, 1302 in *CDI* §47; Philip and William Suppell, gents., 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2317 (Kilmochwo); Suppel, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2474 (Kilmakow); Maurice Suppell, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4256; Edmond Supple, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4257 (Castletowne); Morris Suppell, horseman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4487 (Gogan Ruth); Edmund Supple, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4676 (Aghaddy); Ellis Suppell, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §486 (Carrig Inoury).

## Sura

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, unexplained.

## Surbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Sowerby**.

## Surch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Search**.

**Early bearers:** Katherin Surch, 1619 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Ann Surch, 1657 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Surch, 1676 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs).

## Surendran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala, Tamil Nadu), Sri Lankan: Hindu, from Sanskrit *surendra* 'king of gods' + the Tamil-Malayalam third person masculine singular suffix *-n*. **Further information:** This is a male given name in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which has been adopted as a family name by people who have migrated to other areas or overseas.

## Suresh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *sureśa* 'lord of gods' (*sura* 'god' + *iśa* 'lord'), an epithet of Indra, the king of gods.

**Further information:** Although it is a male given name in India's southern states, it has been used as a family name by people who have migrated to other areas or abroad.

## Surfleet

Variants: **Sorfleet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Surfleet (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Margareta de Surflete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Duffield, ER Yorks); Thomas Surflet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Surflet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freebridge hundred, Norfolk); Magdalena Surfleet, 1580 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Surfleet, 1582 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Joseph Surfleet, 1830 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Surgenor

Variants: **Surgeoner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 320
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *surgener* 'surgeon', a late extended form of *sur(ri)gien* (Anglo-Norman French *surgien*).

Compare **Surgeon**.

**Further information:** this form of the name is now more common in Ireland than in England or Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: James Surgener, 1580 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Surgener, 1591 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Lincs); Issabel Surginer, 1614 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Samuel Surgenor, 1670 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: Mathew Surgeoner, 1723 in *IGI* (Riccarton, Ayr).

Ireland: Elizabeth Surgener, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killycoogan, Antrim); Hugh Surgenor, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Brooklamont, Antrim); George Surgenor, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballymena, Antrim); James Surginer, 1862 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gloonan, Antrim).

## Surgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English *sur(ri)gien* 'surgeon' (Anglo-Norman French *surgien*). Compare **Surgenor**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas le Surigien, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Robert le Surgien, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Camsb); Peter le Surigien, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs/Shrops); William le Surigien of Winchester, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants); Elizabeth Surgion, 1586 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Surgeon, 1588 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

Scotland: Andrew Surgeon, 1787 in *IGI* (Kirkbean, Kirkcudbrights); Thomas Surgun, 1835 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).

Ireland: John Surgeon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Errigal Keerogue, Tyrone).

## Surgeoner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: see **Surgenor**.

## Surgey

Variants: **Surgy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and WR Yorks

English: unexplained. Roberto Sourdy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylestone, Leics), may be relevant.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Surgey, 1587 in *IGI* (Ashfordby, Leics); John Surgaye, 1611 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Alce Surgey, 1620 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, Lincs); Richard Sorgay, 1689 in *IGI* (Blyton, Lincs).

## Surgison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Sargeantson**.

## Surgy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Surgey**.

## Suri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community, from Sanskrit *sūri* 'sun, priest, sage'. It is also an epithet of Krishna.

2 Hungarian: (i) if the spelling is the key, from the surname **Súri**, a locative name for someone from any of the places called *Súr* in Komárom and Veszprém counties, and in former Pozsony county in Hungary, now in Slovakia. (ii) if the pronunciation is the key, an Anglicization of the surname **Szuri**, a locative name from the place-name *Szur* (Baranya county).

## Surman

Variants: **Sarman**, **Sermon**, **Sermin**, **Sirman**, **Sirmon**, **Sermans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 882, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 671
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; also Warwicks and Worcs

English: occupational name, variant of **Shurman**, **Shirman** or **Sherman** (see **Sharman**) with *Sh-*unpalatalized to *S-*.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for Reaney's suggestion that it was derived from Middle English *serm(o)un* 'sermon' or a reduced form of *sermoner* 'preacher'.

**Early bearers:** Roger Sereman, 1207 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; William Serman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uckfield, Sussex); Roger Serman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex); William Surman, 1540, John Serman, 1587 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Sirmon, 1540, Florice Sirman, 1543 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); John Surman, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); An Sermon, 1560 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Richard Surman, 1572 in *IGI* (Birlingham, Worcs); William Surmon, 1584, William Surman, 1619 in *IGI* (Ashleworth, Gloucs); Willm. Serman, 1618 in *IGI* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs); William Surman, 1665 in *IGI* (Little Compton, Warwicks).

## Surplice

Variants: **Surplus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: perhaps a de-palatalized variant of **Sharples** (i.e. \**Sarples*), altered by folk etymology to resemble *surplice* 'white overgarment worn by Anglican priests and choristers'. *Sharples*, *Sharpless*, and *Sharplus* are Lancs surnames, which appear in London and the Midlands in the post-medieval period. The change in the vowel to *Sherp-*, spelled *Shurp-*, probably originated in Lancs itself, though it happens to be recorded later than in more southerly counties: Sarah Shurples, 1743, Edward Sharples, 1852 in *IGI* (Gorton, Lancs); Robert Sharpless, 1823, James Surplus, 1855 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Edward Sharples, 1868 in *IGI*, Thomas Surpluss, 1881 in *IGI* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Anna Surples, 1555 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Joyce Surplus, 1604, Mawde Surplis, 1606 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Cambs); Grace Surplice, 1619, Richard Surplisse, 1626 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Philip Surplice, 1673 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); William Shurpless, 1714, Mary Sharpless, 1717 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Surplice, 1762 in *IGI* (Lenton, Notts); Thomas Surplice, in *Census 1841* (Loughborough, Leics).

### Surplus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Surplice**.

### Surr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: possibly from Old French *sor*, *sieur*, the oblique case form of *sire*; see **Syer**.

### Surrage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, and Essex
- English: see **Surridge**.

### Surrell

**Variants:** **Sirrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: variant of **Sorrell**.

**Further information:** Reaney's derivation from one of the places called Sourdeval in Normandy (see **Sirdefield**) is incorrect.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Sorell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worton, Wilts); John Surrell, 1547, Rychard Syrrell, 1566, Roger Sirrell, 1567 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Elizabeth Surrell, 1570 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Rich Surrell, 1615, Richard Sorrell, 1616 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Henry Surrell, 1624 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Frances Sorrell, 1757, James Surrell, 1761 in *IGI* (Leysters, Herefs); John Surril, 1769, Richard Sorell, 1700, in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Richard Surril, 1762, William Sirill, 1786 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Mary Ann Surrell, 1798, Joseph Surrall, 1856, Ellen Sorrell, 1873 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs).

### Surrey

**Variants:** **Surry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; also ER Yorks; Durham

English: locative name from the English county of Surrey.

**Early bearers:** John de Surreye, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Surreye, 1377 in *Patent Rolls*; Dorothy Surye, 1592 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Surridge

**Variants:** **Surrage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; also Devon and Somerset

1 English: regional name from Old French *surreis* 'southerner', for someone who had migrated from the South (of England). See also **Search**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Surrais, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Geoffrey le Surreys, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Christofer Surridge, 1574 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Andrue Surridge, 1599 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon); Albone Surridge, 1609 in *IGI* (East Lockinge, Berks); John Surridge, 1624 in *IGI* (Clapham, Beds); Thomas Surridge, 1633 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from Surridge in Morebath (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Ambrose Surradge, 1580, Robert Surridge, 1609, Edward Surredge, 1625 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

### Surry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: see **Surrey**.

### Surtees

**Variants:** **Surless**, **Shurety**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1575, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 886
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name from the River Tees (Durham) with the Old French prefix *sur* (Latin *super*) 'upon, by', for someone who lived on or by the Tees.

**Early bearers:** Randulf de Super Teise, 1174 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Ricardus super Teisam, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Ralph de Supertay, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Ralph sur teyse, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas de Surteys, 1315 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Nicholas de Surteys, 1315 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); William Surtees, 1681 in *IGI* (Ebchester, Durham); Elizabeth Surtees, 1698 in *IGI* (Ovingham, Northumb); William Surtees, 1759 in *IGI* (Wortley by Penistone, WR Yorks); Robert George Surtees, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); John Surtees, 1770 in *IGI* (Gilling West, NR Yorks).

### Surteess

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Surtees**.

### Surti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): locative name, Hindu and Muslim, denoting someone 'from Surat', from *Surat*, a city in Gujarat + the adjectival suffix *-ī*.

### Susan

**Variants:** **Susans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Susanna* (Hebrew *Shushannah* 'lily, lily of the valley').

**Early bearers:** given names: Susanna, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Susanna Agnell, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Susanna Paches, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Hill, Gloucs).

surnames: William Susann, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Eustace Susanne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus filius Sussane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Edw Susan, 1612 in *IGI* (West Hoathly, Sussex); Alington Susan, 1614 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); Gregory Susan, 1629 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Elisabeth Susan, 1635 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Susan, 1657 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Jewish (Sephardic): from the male personal name *Susan*, a derivative of Persian *sūsan* 'lily'.

**Early bearers:** Morris Susan, Elias Susan in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Simon and Rebecca Susan, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Elias Soesan, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Baruch Susan, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Soesan, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Susan, clothier's cutter, born in Netherlands, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Meyer Susan, general merchant, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Philip Susan, newspaper agent, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Susans

**Variants:** **Sussams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: variant of **Susan** (1) with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Edward Susans, 1587 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Suss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- German, Jewish: see **Suess**.

### Sussams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained. *Sussam* is probably an assimilated form of *Sursam*, but the origin of *Sursam* is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Jeremiah Sussims, 1654 in *IGI* (Rushbrooke, Suffolk); Jno. Sursam, 1667, Alice Sussom, 1756 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ann

Susham, 1684, Ann Widow Sussoms, 1716, Phyllis Sussins, 1733, Ann Sushams, 1812, Ann Sussem, 1823 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Susams, 1699 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Robert Sussams, 1699 in *IGI* (Tostock, Suffolk); Johannes Sursham, 1726, Keturah Sursum, 1751 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); John Sussham, 1729 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Robert Sussum, 1732 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); William Sussons, 1738 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); James Sisams, 1754, Robert Sussums, 1761 in *IGI* (Trowse, Norfolk); Geo. Surshams, 1772, Geo. Sursham, 1779 in *IGI* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Willm. Susson, 1773, John Sarsom, 1775 in *IGI* (Trunch, Norfolk); Robert Sussams, 1794 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Emma Sussens, 1795 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); John Sussence, 1804 in *IGI* (Oulton, Suffolk).

### Sussex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Glamorgan
- English: locative name from the English county of Sussex.

**Early bearers:** William de Sudsex, about 1210 in *Northants Charters* (Northants); Robert de Sussex, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Southsex, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westover, Hants); Isabella Southsex, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Osbaston, Leics); Roberto Sowtsex, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Verdon, Leics); John Sussex, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey).

### Sutch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Kent; Worcs; Lancs

English: see **Souch**.

### Sutcliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sutcliffe**.

### Sutcliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 428
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: see **Sutcliffe**.

### Sutcliffe

**Variants:** **Suteliff**, **Sutlife**, **Sutliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9052, Ireland 173
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11790
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Kilkenny

English: locative name from Sutcliff Wood in Brighouse (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Suthclif, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperhplme, Yorks); Willelmus Sothcliff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Southclif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southowram, WR Yorks); Adam Southclif, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Southcliff, 1465 in *York Registry Wills* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Johes. Sutcliff, 1547 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elyzabeth Sutlyff, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Adam Sutcliffe, 1584 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Grace Sutcliffe, 1586, Ann Sutliff, 1694 in *IGI* (Rochdale,

Lancs); George Sutcliffe, 1589 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Jno. Sutcliff, 1616 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); John Sutliff, 1678 in *IGI* (Northowram, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 77; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Suter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1198, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 888
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex and Hants; also Hunts

English: see **Souter**.

### Suthard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Flints; also Herefs; Cumb

English: see **Southworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

### Sutheran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Southern**.

### Sutherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: see **Suddaby**. William Suddaby (1735) and Elizabeth Sutherby (1813) are both registered in Easington near Patrington (ER Yorks) in *IGI*. **Early bearers:** John Sutherby, 1787 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); Sarah Southerby, 1792 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); William Sutherby, 1789, Robert Southerby, 1824 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Thomas Southerby, 1809 in *IGI* (Withernwick, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Sutherby, 1826 in *IGI* (Selby, WR Yorks).

### Sutherland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Sutherland**.

### Sutherland

**Variants:** **Southerland**, **Sutherlan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16483, Ireland 226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14750
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Scotland: esp. Caithness
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly; Antrim
- Scottish: locative name from the Scottish county of Sutherland.

**Further information:** This is the name of a Highland Scottish clan associated with the county of Sutherland, which is so named as being to the south of Caithness.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: David de Sothirlandae, 1332 in *Scone Charters*; Maurice de Sotherland, 1364 in *Caithness and Sutherland Records*; Nicholaus de Suthirlandia, 1389 in *Moray Register*; Alexander Sutherland, 1441 in *Old Lore Miscellany*; Robert Sutherland, 1565 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Elspit Southerland, 1592 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Alexr. Sutherland, 1662 in *IGI* (Thurso, Caithness). England: Richard Sutherlond, 1342 in *London Pleas*.

### Suthern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Lancs

English: see **Southern**.

### Sutherns

**Variants:** **Southern**s

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Southern** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Suthers

**Variants:** **Sutherst**, **Suthurst**, **Southerst**, **Sudhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from an unidentified place-name formed with Old English *sūð* 'south' + *hyrst* 'wood', presumably near the border between Lancs and WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Southurst, 1677 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); John Suthurst, 1678, John Southurst, 1685, John Sudhurst, 1727 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs); John Sutherst, 1708, Ann Suthers, 1709 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Robert Suddens alias Suthurst, Southurst or Sutcliffe, 1766 in *Lancs Record Office*.

### Sutherst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Suthers**.

### Sutherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Southerton**.

### Sutherwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Southernwood**.

### Suthren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Southern**.

### Suthurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Suthers**.

### Sutliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also WR Yorks

English: see **Sutcliffe**.

**Sutor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Morays; Worcs
- Scottish, English: see **Souter**.

**Sutter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Souter**.

**Sutterby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Sutterby (Lincs).

**Further information:** Not to be confused with the name of Johannes de Sotteby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Legsby with members, Lincs), Thoma de Soteby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Humberstone, Leics), which is from Sotby (Lincs). **Early bearers:** George Sutterbie, 1613 in *IGI* (Wainfleet Saint Mary, Lincs); Robert Sutterbye, 1618, Edward Sutterby, 1625 in *IGI* (Farforth cum Maidenwell, Lincs).

**Sutters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Souter** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Sutthery**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Bucks

English: see **Suddery**.

**Suttie**

**Variants:** Sidey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Fife

Scottish: locative name, perhaps from Suttie in Fintray (Aberdeens) or Suddie in Knockbain (Ross and Cromarty). Black suggests an unidentified place called *Suthie* recorded in Perth Retours.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Sudy, 1316 in *Black* (Fife); Nicol Syddie, 1574 in *Black* (Berwicks); George Sutie, 1609 in *Black* (Edinburgh); James Suttie, 1617 in *Black* (Forfar).

**Suttill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Suttle**.

**Suttle**

**Variants:** Suttill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *sotil*, *sutel* 'subtle, clever, cunning' (Old French *sotil*).

**Early bearers:** Adam le Sutel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Reginald Sutel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Oxon); Petrus Sotel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Totham, Essex); Rose Suttle, 1575 in *IGI* (Great Barford, Beds); Maria Suttle, 1579 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Anne Suttle, 1581 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Thos Suttle, 1604 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex).

2 English: for the WR Yorks name see **Soothill**.

**Suttling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

English: variant pronunciation of **Suckling**, with recent numbers perhaps inflated by the absorption of some bearers of that name. Compare Martha Suckling, 1787, Edwd. Sutling, 1811 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex). The 1357 example may be a mis-transcription of *Sucl yng*.

**Early bearers:** William Sutlyng, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Johnes Sutlin, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robart Sutlyn, 1650, Richd. Suttling, 1732 in *IGI* (London); Richd. Sutlin, 1735, Anne Sutling, 1738 in *IGI* (Broxbourne, Herts); Ann Sutling, 1745 in *IGI* (Wigginton, NR Yorks); John Sutling, 1816 in *IGI* (Aveley, Essex).

**Sutton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25263, Ireland 1120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18745
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow; also Kilkenny; Dublin

English: locative name from any of numerous places called Sutton.

**Further information:** The English name is also common in Ireland (Wexford, Kildare), where it has been established since the 13th century and gaelicized as *de Sútún*.

**Early bearers:** England: Ketel de Sudtone, Suttune, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Alnod Suttuna, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cams); Ricardus de Sutton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick, Lancs); Agnes Sutton, 1526 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Alicia Sutton, 1538 in *IGI* (Croxton, Cams); Willmi Sutton, 1538 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); John Sutton, 1539 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Recharidi Sutton, 1539 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs).

Ireland: Robert de Sutton, 1210 in *CDI* §403 (Dublin); Gilbert de Sutton, 1280 in *CDI* §1634; Stephen de Sutton, 1286 in *CDI* §215 (Tipperary); Gilbert de Sutton, 1287 in *CDI* §341 (Wexford); John de Suttone, 1292 in *CDI* §1148 (Dublin); David Sutton, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §174; John Sutton, 1547 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §111 (Typper, Kildare); David Sutton alias Da begg, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5483 (Ballesop).

**Suzuki**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Japanese: variously written, usually with characters meaning 'bell tree'. The name is probably taken from the word for Japan's pampas grass, *susuki*. This is one of the two most common surnames in Japan, the other being *Satō*.

**Svensden**

**Variants:** Svenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northumb
- Danish, Norwegian: relationship name, from the personal name *Sven* (Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*) + *-son*. See also **Swanson**.

**Early bearers:** Mathias Svendsen, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Svend Svendsen, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Maker, Cornwall); Adolf Svenson, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

**Svenson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent

1 Swedish: anglicized spelling of Swedish **Svensson**.  
2 Danish, Norwegian: anglicized spelling of Danish and Norwegian **Svendsen**.

**Svensson**

**Variants:** Svenson, Swenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks

Swedish: relationship name from the personal name *Sven* (Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*) + *-son*. See also **Swanson**.

**Early bearers:** Oscar Svensson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Stranton, Durham); Gustav Svenson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Deptford Saint Paul, Kent); Thomas Swenson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Swabey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Swaby**.

**Swaby**

**Variants:** Swabey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1311, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Swaby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Suabi, 12th cent. in *York Guild Register*; Philip de Swaby, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter de Swaby, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Robertus de Swaby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scrafield, Lincs); Willelmo de Swaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Ana Swabey, 1628 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs).

**Swaddle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Swaledale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Swaldale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scorton, NR Yorks); Martin de Swaldale, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Johannes Swaldal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, ER Yorks); Merg' Swaldal', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leppington, ER Yorks); Annes Swaldayll, 1561, Anne Swaddell, 1570, Cuthbert Swadale, 1579 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Swaddle, 1587 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Robert Swaddell, 1591 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Anne Swaudwell, 1626 in *York Registry Wills* (Loftus, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Swaddling

### Swaddling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and Berks; London

English: see **Swadling**.

### Swadling

#### Variants: Swaddling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Oxon, and Bucks
- English: locative name probably from Swaythling (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Joanna Swadlinge, 1554 in *IGI* (Sunningwell, Berks); Edward Swadling, 1567 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Felix Swadlinge, 1599 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Jone Swadlyng, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Richard Swathling, 1771 in *IGI* (Brightwell, Berks); Eliza Swaddling, 1803 in *IGI* (South Hinksey, Berks).

### Swaffer

#### Variants: Swoffer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Swatfield Bridge in Willesborough (Kent), recorded as *Swatford* in 1254. **Early bearers:** Robert Swoffer, 1518 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Robert Swoffa, 1518 in *Kent Wills*; John Swaffer, 1523, Robert Swafford, 1549 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)*; Joane Swafer, 1559 in *IGI* (Goodnestone near Sandwich, Kent); Mary Swaffer, 1616 in *IGI* (Sevington, Kent); Anna Swoffer, 1620 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names* p. 421.

### Swaffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Swafeld (Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Julian de Swafeld', 1201 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Robertus Swafeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Withybrook and Hopsford, Warwicks); Johanne Swafeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Elena de Swafeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robert de Swaffeld, 1406 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Joane Swaffeylde, 1580 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Thamasin Swaffield, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Swales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 321
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Durham

English: see **Swales**.

### Swails

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Beds

English: see **Swales**.

### Swain

#### Variants: Swaine, Swayne, Swane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8106, Ireland 184

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5570
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; N Midlands; SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow; Cork
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swain*, *Swein* (Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*, *Sven*). See also **Swan** (2). Some bearers may represent sense (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Suein, Suen, Suuain, Suan, Suuan, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Swein de Hecham, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Suanus, Swein' carpentarius, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Swayn of Ossett, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

urnames: Robert Suein, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus filius Swain, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Swayn, 1295 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Simon Swayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rearsby, Leics); Johannes Swayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Willelmus Swayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Margerie Swaine, 1540 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robti. Swayne, 1544 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Edward Swane, 1548 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Lawrence Swaine, 1562 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); James Swain, 1577 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Swain, 1618 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Swain, 1667 in *IGI* (Long Clawson, Leics); Dorothy Swain, 1673 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts); Gulielmi Swain, 1696 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Thomas Swain, 1700 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).

2 English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *swein* 'servant, attendant; boy, young man' (Old Scandinavian *sveinn*). The word could also denote a swineherd or a peasant in general. The name was thoroughly confused with **Swan** (1). Some of the following examples may belong with (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Swein, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); James le Swayn, 1300 in *London Letter Books C*; Willelmo le Sweyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dedham, Essex); Thomas Swayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiard Millicent, Wilts); Henricus Swayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harbridge, Hants); Nicholaus Swayne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johannes Swayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broxton, Essex); Joane Swayne, 1565 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); John Swayne, 1570 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Rychard Swayn, 1563 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); John Swayne, 1569 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Swane, 1572 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); John Swayne, 1580 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs); Joanna Swain, 1605 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

3 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the English name, it may also be an anglicization of **Mac Suibhne**. See **Sweeney**.

### Swainbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks

English: see **Swithenbank**.

### Swaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1272, Ireland 257
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1314
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois, Carlow, and Wicklow

English: see **Swain**.

### Swainsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Swanborough**.

### Swainson

#### Variants: Swenson, Swinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 558
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and Westm

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swain*, *Swein* (Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*, *Sven*) + *-son*. See **Swain** and compare **Swanson**. The 1379 bearer cited below may have been related to Swayn of Ossett, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). (ii) relationship name perhaps sometimes from Middle English *swein* 'servant, attendant; boy, young man' (Old Scandinavian *sveinn*) + *-son*. See **Swain** and compare **Swanson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Swaynson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alicia Swaynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Thomas Swaynsson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soothill, WR Yorks); Ricardus Swaynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roger Swaynson, 1511 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Alis Swenson, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Swainson, 1565 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Jenett Swainson, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

### Swainston

#### Variants: Swainstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 789, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name from Swainston in Elwick (Durham).

**Further information:** Swainston (IoW) and Swainstone in Ermington (Devon) appear unlikely to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Mag' de Sweneston, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Henry Swainstone, 1566 in *IGI* (Bishop Middleham, Durham); Margaret Swainston, 1586 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Richard Swainston, 1601 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 193.

### Swainstone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Swainston**.

### Swaisland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Swaylands in Penshurst (Kent).

**Further information:** Swaynesland in Limpsfield (Surrey) is probably named from an early bearer with this surname: *Place-Names of Surrey* p. 327.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Sweyneslonde, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Swyneslond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); [ . . . ] Sweynesland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Folkenhurst, Sussex); Margaret Swaiseland,

1560 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Henry Swaynesland', 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Elizabeth Swaseland, 1568, Edward Swaysland, 1605 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); William Swainsland, 1665 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

References: *Kent Place-Names* p. 93.

## Swale

Variants: **Swales**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name for someone who lived near or on the other (mostly northern) side of the River Swale (NR Yorks), generally perhaps for someone who came from Upper Swaledale.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Swale, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); William ultra Swale, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Reeth, NR Yorks); William Overswale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grinton, NR Yorks); William Over Swale, 1306–7 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William de Swale, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmus de Swale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Stainley with Cayton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Swale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Nicholas Swale, 1422 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Swale, 1443 in *York Registry Wills* (Bridlington, ER Yorks); John Swalle, 1564 in *York Registry Wills* (Bilsdale, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Swale, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Rabecka Swale, 1581 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Hew Swale, 1582 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); George Swale, 1594 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Frans. Swale, 1597 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the Middle English female personal name Swale (Old Scandinavian *Svala*), but it is not known if this name became hereditary.

**Early bearers:** Roberti filii Swale, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Manthorpe with Little Gonerby, Lincs); Richard Swale, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Adam Swal, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

References: *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 273.

## Swales

Variants: **Swails, Swalls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3175, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2004
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: variant of **Swale** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Humphray Swayles, 1595 in *IGI* (York); John Swayles, 1635 in *York Freeman's Register*.

## Swallow

Variants: **Swallows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3333, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3006
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *swal(e)we*, *swalu* 'swallow' (Old English *swælw(e)*), for someone thought to resemble the bird, perhaps in swiftness and grace. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William Sualewe, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William Swalewe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Worcs); Adam Swalwe, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Willelmus Swalowe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, WR Yorks); Johannes Swalogh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Johanne Swalow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorkefleet, ER Yorks); Stephanus Swalwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorney, Suffolk); Henricus Swaloo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Richard Swallowe, 1422 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holme, WR Yorks); Roger Swallow, 1545 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Samuella Swallow, 1577 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Mary Swallow, 1639 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Daniel Swallow, 1729 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Grace Swallow, 1787 in *IGI* (Monkypston, Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Swallow (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Sualewe, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Christopher Swallow, 1561 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs).

## Swallows

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess

English, Scottish: variant of **Swallow** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Margrett Swallows, 1636 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts).

## Swallowwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Swallow**.

## Swalwell

Variants: **Swallowwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Swalwell (Durham).

**Early bearers:** William Swalwels, 1473, John Swalwell, 1596 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls* (Durham, Durham); Annas Swalwell, 1582 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Elizabeth Swallowwell, 1599 in *IGI* (Grindon by Stockton on Tees, Durham).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Swamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Sami**.

## Swan

Variants: **Swann**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8363, Ireland 730
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7711
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Meath

1 English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *swan(e)*, *swon(e)* 'swineherd; peasant; male servant' (Old English *swān*). Compare **Swain**, with which this name was thoroughly confused, as in Thomas Swan, 1543, Henry Swane, 1545, Brydgett Swayn, 1575 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex). Some post-medieval bearers may belong under other senses.

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Swan, John le Swon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter le Swon, Stephen le Swan, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus le Swon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); John Swan, 1539 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); Robert Swan, 1542 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Robert Swan, 1559 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Robert Swan, 1560 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swan*, an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*. Compare **Swain**. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Suannus faber, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Suan' filius Arkill', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Eduuardus filius Suani, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Middx, Essex); Hugo Suan, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John Swann', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Gilbert Swan, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs).

3 English: locative name for someone who lived at the sign of the Swan.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey atte Swan, 1344 in *London Pleas*; Thomas atte Swan, 1364 in *London Letter Books G*.

4 Irish: in Ireland, also an anglicization of **Mac Suibhne** (see under **Sweeney**), as well as an adoption of the Old Scandinavian personal name in (2).

**Early bearers:** John Swan, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Lislot, Armagh); John Swann, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullaghglass, Armagh); Art McSwany, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Dromart, Armagh); James Swan, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullybryan, Monaghan); Hugh Swann, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cumber Upper, Derry); Alexander Swan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan).

## Swanborough

Variants: **Swansborough, Swanbury, Swansbury, Swainsbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; also London

English: locative name from Swanborough Tump in Manningford Abbots (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Martha Swanborow, 1575 in *IGI* (Pewsey, Wilts); Mara Swanborowgh, 1593, Joane Swanbury, 1669 in *IGI* (Stern, Wilts); William Swanborough, 1642 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Thomas Swansbury, 1751 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Philip Swanborough, 1752 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts* pp. 317, 320; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 318.

## Swanbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Swanborough**.

## Swanby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Swainby in Pickhill (NR Yorks) and perhaps also Swainby in Whorlton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Swanby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Escrick, ER Yorks); John Swanby, 1401 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks* pp. 178, 225.

## Swancoat

### Swancoat

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Montgomerys

English: see **Swancott**.

### Swancott

Variants: **Swanscott**, **Swancutt**, **Swancoat**

- Current frequencies: GB 130, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 126
- Main GB location 1881: Montgomerys and Radnors; also Staffs

English: locative name from Swancote in Worfield (Shrops) or Swancote Farm in Chaddesley Corbett (Worcs).

Early bearers: Henry de Swanecote, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William de Swanecote, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Alicia Swanscote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whittington, Gloucs); Ellen Swancott, 1562 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Amea Swanncot, 1565 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Isabell Swancote, 1572 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).

References: *Staffs Place-Names* p. 524; *Place-Names of Worcs* p. 238.

### Swancutt

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Radnors and Shrops

English: see **Swancott**.

### Swane

- Current frequencies: GB 41, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 38
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex

English: see **Swain** and compare **Swan**.

### Swanepoel

- Current frequencies: GB 290, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Flemish: locative name from a place called Zwaenepoel, near Vladсло, Belgium.

References: *Debrabandere*.

### Swaney

- Current frequencies: GB 62, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 101
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Orkney

Scottish: see **Swanney**.

### Swanick

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 37
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Shrops
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo

English: see **Swanwick**.

### Swankie

- Current frequencies: GB 326, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 186
- Main GB location 1881: Angus

Scottish: nickname, from Scots *swankie* 'lithe, agile, strong'.

Further information: According to the *Dictionary of the Scots Language*, '[a] surname common among the fisher population of Arbroath and neighbourhood ...'.

Early bearers: David Swankie, 1605 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Margaret Swankie, 1612 in *IGI* (Monifieth,

Angus); William Swankie, 1647 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Christan Swankie, 1655 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Swann

- Current frequencies: GB 5438, Ireland 317
- GB frequency 1881: 3238
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Midlands; E Anglia

- Main Irish location 1847–64: scattered

English: see **Swan**.

### Swannack

- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: see **Swanwick**.

### Swannel

- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Herts, Beds, and Northants

English: see **Swannell**.

### Swannell

Variants: **Swannel**, **Swonnell**

- Current frequencies: GB 425, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 253
- Main GB location 1881: London and SE Midlands: esp. Beds

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Swan(h)ild(a)* (Old Scandinavian *Svanhildir*).

Early bearers: given names: Swanild(a), 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Swanild(a), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Swanhild de Herteford, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks).

sumames: John Swonild, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Swonild, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Cambs); Ralph Swanyld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Joan Swannell, 1540 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks).

### Swanney

Variants: **Swaney**

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 175
- Main GB location 1881: Orkney

Scottish: locative name, probably from **Swannay** in Birsay (Orkney), which is recorded as *Suannay*, *Swanney* in 1595.

Early bearers: Magnus Svinnay, 1574 in *Birsay Place-Names* (Birsay, Orkney); Donald Swany, 1664 in *IGI* (Canisbay, Caithness); Robert Swannay, 1749 in *IGI* (Stronsay, Orkney); Magnus Swannay, 1773 in *IGI* (Sanday, Orkney).

References: *Birsay Place-Names*, p. 44.

### Swannick

- Current frequencies: GB 210, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 46
- Main GB location 1881: Shrops; Lancs; also Notts and Derbys

English: see **Swanwick**.

### Swansborough

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 59

- Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English: see **Swanborough**.

### Swansbury

- Current frequencies: GB 85, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 63
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset; Surrey

English: see **Swanborough**.

### Swanscott

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: see **Swancott**.

### Swanson

- Current frequencies: GB 2398, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 2148
- Main GB location 1881: Caithness

1 Scottish, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Older Scots personal name *Swan*, an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Sveinn*, + *-son*. In N England, Middle English *Swanson* was in fact an occasional variant of **Swainson**. Compare Alicia Swaynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks) with the 1379 bearer cited below. (ii) relationship name, possibly sometimes from Middle English *swan(e)*, *swon* (*e*) 'swineherd, peasant, male servant' (Old English *swān*) + *-son*, but this is unlikely to be the usual origin. Compare **Swainson**.

Early bearers: England: Matilda Swanson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Swanson, 1575 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

Scotland: Alanus filius Swani, 1298 in *Scone Charters*; Thomas Swanson, 1619 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife); James Swanson, 1624 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Windhouse, Shetland); James Swanson, 1626 in *IGI* (Innerwick, E Lothian).

2 Scandinavian: relationship name from anglicized forms of Swedish **Svensson** and Danish and Norwegian **Svensen**.

Early bearers: Peter Swanson, born in Sweden, in *Census 1881* (Hartlepool, Durham); Lars Swanson, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (North Shields, Northumb); John Swanson, born in Denmark, in *Census 1881* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

### Swanston

- Current frequencies: GB 805, Ireland 11
- GB frequency 1881: 642
- Main GB location 1881: Berwicks, Midlothian, and Roxburghs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Fermanagh and Donegal

Scottish: locative name from Swanston in Edinburgh (Midlothian).

Early bearers: Duncan de Swaynystoun, about 1221–38 in *Midlothian Charters* (Midlothian); Jennet Suanstone, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Euphame Swanston, 1655 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks).

### Swanton

- Current frequencies: GB 523, Ireland 210
- GB frequency 1881: 229



- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Swanton Court in Sevington (Kent), Swanton in Lydden (Kent), Swanton Farm in Littlebourne (Kent), or any of the three places in Norfolk called Swanton (Swanton Abbott, Swanton Morley, and Swanton Novers). **Early bearers:** Ralph de Suaneton, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Walter de Suanton, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Swanton, 1373 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Willelmus Swantone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sevington, Kent); Willelmus de Swantone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); John Swanton, 1626 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names* pp. 419, 453, 524.

### Swanwick

Variants: **Swannick, Swanick, Swannack**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Staffs and Cheshire; Leics

English: locative name from Swanwick in Alfreton (Derbys) and Swanwick Green in Norbury (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John de Swanwyk, 1339 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Swanewyk, 1350 in *Patent Rolls*; Katheryn Swanwicke, 1572 in *IGI* (Conover, Shrops); Jane Swanicke, 1625 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Joane Swanwick, 1628 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops); John Swannike, 1663 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Mary Swanwick, 1663 in *IGI* (Basford, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys* p. 189; *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 109.

### Swap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus
- Scottish: see **Swapp**.

### Swape

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Swapp**.

### Swapp

Variants: **Swap, Swape**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Lancs

Scottish: possibly of English origin given Benedict Swap, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs), and therefore perhaps a nickname either from Scots or Middle English *swap* ‘stroke or blow, or the mark left by one’.

**Early bearers:** Barbara Swap, 1635, Isobel Swape, 1645, Alexr. Swapp, 1652 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Patrick Swap, 1688 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Swarbreck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Swarbrick**.

### Swarbrick

Variants: **Swarsbrick, Swarbreck, Swarbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1732, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Swarbrick Hall in Preese (Lancs), recorded as *Swartebrecke* in 1286. **Early bearers:** Edo de Swarbreke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton with Preese, Lancs); Ricardo de Swartbouk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Annes Swarbreck, 1554, Annes Swarbrick, 1558 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Christopher Swartbreck, 1598 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Samuelis Swarthprick, 1723 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); William Swarbrook, 1756 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 153.

### Swarbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and Notts
- English: see **Swarbrick**.

### Swarby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Swarby (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Juliana Swarby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brandon, Lincs); John de Swarby, John Swarby, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Swarby, 1605 in *IGI* (Luddington, Lincs); Anne Swarby, 1697 in *IGI* (Langton by Wragby, Lincs); John Swarby, 1775 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs).

### Swarsbrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Swarbrick**.

### Swart

Variants: **Zwart, Swarts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *swart* ‘dark, swarthy’ (Old Scandinavian *svartr*, Old English *swæart*), for a dark-haired or dark-skinned person.

**Early bearers:** Suenus, Mannius Suart, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Walter Swart, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John le Swart, 1285 in *London Letter Books A*; Willelmo Suart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Lawrence Swart, 1615 in *IGI* (Skelton by York, NR Yorks); Margaret Swart, 1705 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jno. Swart, 1720 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Elizabeth Swart, 1762 in *IGI* (Littlehampton, Sussex); John Swart, 1765 in *IGI* (Hawkshead, Lancs).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic), Dutch: nickname from Dutch *zwart* ‘dark, swarthy’.

**Early bearers:** Dutch: Willim de Swart, in *Census 1901* (London); Adrianus de Swart, in *Census 1901* (Herts). Jewish: Aron and Leah Swart, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Moses Swart, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Reuben Swart, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Swarts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

1 Dutch: variant of **Swart**.  
**Early bearers:** Anne Swarts, 1597 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Peter Swarts, in *Census 1841* (London); George Swarts, journeyman tailor, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx).  
2 Jewish: anglicized spelling of **Schwarz**.  
**Early bearers:** Leah Swarts, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Swartz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashenazic): see **Schwarz**.

### Swash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales

English: of uncertain origin. It may be a variant of **Wash** or **Wass** with a prosthetic *S-*. Compare Anne Wasse, 1592, Elizabeth Swash, 1756 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs). However, the evidence is too slight to be relied on.

**Early bearers:** John Swashe, 1565 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Mary Swash, 1587 in *IGI* (Beesby in the Marsh, Lincs); Ellen Swash, 1590 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Edmund, Lincs); Chamberlayne Swashe, 1594 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs).

### Swateridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Swatridge**.

### Swatheridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Devon and Dorset
- English: see **Swatridge**.

### Swatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Norfolk and Suffolk
- English: see **Sweetman**.

### Swatridge

Variants: **Swatridge, Swateridge, Swatheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Swetrich* (Old English \**Swētrīc*).

**Early bearers:** William Suetrik, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam, William Swetrich, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Elizabeth Swatridge, 1741 in *IGI* (Yetminster, Dorset); Jenny Swatridge, 1746 in *IGI* (Evershot, Dorset); Mary Swatridge, 1820 in *IGI* (Yeovil, Somerset).

### Swatten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Somerset

## Swatton

English: see **Swatton**.

### Swatton

Variants: **Swatten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

1 English: locative name from Swaton (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Swaton, 1368 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus de Swaton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Robertus Swafton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Keythorpe, Leics); Willelmus de Swaton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robertus Swaton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Margery Swaton, 1562 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Mychaell Swaytone, 1563 in *IGI* (Scotton, Lincs); Edmond Swaton, 1566 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Kathern Swatton, 1628 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Sweaton, 1791 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Charles Swatten, 1872 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

2 English: possibly a late variant of **Sweeting**, found in 14th- and 16th-century Wilts, but the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1). The names may have been confused. Compare John Swayton, 1581, David Sweeting, 1638 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**Early bearers:** Harry Swatton, 1757 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts); Benjamin Swatten, 1765, John Swaton, 1806 in *IGI* (Bulford, Wilts).

### Swattridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths
- English: see **Swatridge**.

### Swayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 100
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: see **Swain**.

### Sweaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham
- Irish: see **Sweeney**.

### Sweat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Sweet**.

### Sweatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Sussex

English: see **Sweetman**.

### Sweatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sweet**.

### Sween

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Irish: reduced from **McSween**.

### Sweeney

Variants: **Sweenie**, **Sweeny**, **Sweaney**, **Swinney**, **McSweeney**, **McSweeny**, **McSwiney**, **McSeveney**, **McSeveny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12857, Ireland 7921
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3983
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Cork

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: relationship name reduced from **Mac Suibhne** 'son of *Suibhne*', a personal name meaning 'pleasant' (*bh* originally pronounced as *v*). The family came to Ulster from Scotland as mercenary soldiers or gallowglasses and the full name was anglicised as McSeveney and McSweeney. Loss of initial *Mac* in this surname seems to have been encouraged by the Irish variant form *Ó Suibhne*. For the Scottish form with loss of the final syllable and lenition of the personal name after *Mac* (*Mac Shuibhne*), compare **McSween** and **McQueen**. **Early bearers:** Murchadh Mac Suibhne, 1267 in *AU*; Eoghan Mac Suibhne, 1351 in *AU* (Donegal); Toirrdelbach Mac Suibhne, ardstábla cóicidh Connacht, 1378 in *AU*; Toirdelbach mac Mail-Muire Mic Shuibhne, tigherna Fanat, 1400 in *AU* (Donegal); Ruaidhri Mac Suibhne Fanat, and Eoghan Mac Suibhne Baghaineach, 1497 in *AU* (Donegal); Cavatius or Collee McSuine, galloglass, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1993 (Ormond); Brian oge McBrien McSuyny, gent., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2941 (Courtbrake, Cork); Owen og McSwyne alias McSwyne na Duah, and Donall McSwyne alias McSwyne Fanad, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4914 (Donegal); Brewne mcFirre McSownye, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6302 (Cork); Rorie O'Swenie, husb., 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6507 (Donowre, Westmeath).

### Sweenie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Scottish, Irish: Scottish spelling of **Sweeney**.

### Sweeny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Donegal; Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Suibhne**, see **Sweeney**.

### Sweet

Variants: **Sweett**, **Sweat**, **Sweatt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3967, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2693
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swet(e)* (Old English *Swēt(a)* (male), *Swēte* (female)). (ii) nickname from Middle English *swet(e)* 'sweet; pleasing; beloved; attractive' (Old English *swēte*, *swōt*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Suet, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Suot, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Swet carbonel, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London). surnames: Æluric Suede filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wimund Svote, 1179–

94 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Beds); Adam Swet, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Swote, 1313 in *London Letter Books B*; William le Swete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Swete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Robert Sweet, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Willmot Sweet, 1548 in *IGI* (Georgeham, Devon); Joan Sweet, 1567 in *IGI* (Blisland, Cornwall); John Sweet, 1571 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Nycholas Sweet, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).

### Sweetapple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset
- English: nickname from Middle English *swet(e)* 'sweet' + *appel* 'apple'. Contrast Alicia Sourhappell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks). **Early bearers:** Henry Suetappil, 1259 in *Alrewas Court Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph Swetappul, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Edward Sweetapple, 1358 in *Patent Rolls*; Jacobus Swetapel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bratton, Wilts); Johanne Swetappel', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heytesbury, Wilts); John Swetappull, 1404 in *Patent Rolls*.

### Sweeten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham; WR Yorks; Ayr

Irish: see **Sweeting**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sweeting, 1618, Wilm Sweethinge, 1647 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Timothie Sweeten, 1670 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Francis Sweetin, 1690 in *IGI* (Cockfield, Durham); Thomas Sweeting, 1693 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); William Sweetin, 1739 in *IGI* (Airmyn, WR Yorks).

### Sweetenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Swettenham**.

**Early bearers:** Giles Swettenham, 1604 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); James Sweetenham, 1792 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Sweetin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Wigtowns
- Scottish: see **Sweeting**.

### Sweeting

Variants: **Sweetin**, **Sweeten**, **Swatton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2021, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1193
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Essex

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sweting* (Old English *Swēting*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *sweting* 'darling, sweetheart'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Sueting Cadica, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Sweting de Hunebir', 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

surnames, England: Ralph Suetinge, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Herts); John Sweting', 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); John Swetyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iford,

Sussex); Johanne Sweting, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Hatch, Wilts); Henricus Swetyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grewelthorpe, WR Yorks); Simond Swetyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stebbing, Essex); Willm. Sweeting, 1563 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Sweeting, 1567 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Margaret Swetyng, 1569 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Thomas Sweeting, 1596 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Betsey Sweeten, 1790 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).

surnames, Scotland: Elizabeth Sweeting, 1856 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### Sweetingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW

English: locative name, unexplained. It is apparently independent of **Swettenham** even if possibly confused with it in modern times; compare James Sweetenham, 1792 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Swetyng'ham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cheselbourne, Dorset); John Swetyng'ham, 1392 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Swettingam, 1599, William Swettingham, 1604 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

**References:** [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/sweetingham/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/sweetingham/)

### Sweetland

**Variants:** Swetland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 382
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Dorset

English: locative name from Sweetlands Farm in Uptontery (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Sweteland, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Ane Switland, 1544, Edward Sweetland, 1607 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Ambrose Swetland, 1560 in *IGI* (Uptontery, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon* p. 650.

### Sweetlove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Lancs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *swet(e)* 'sweet' + *love* 'love'. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Swetelove* (Old English \**Swētlufu*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Swetelove, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: William Sueteluue, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Margeria Swetelove, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Swetelove, 1377, Agn' Suetelove, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hammerwich, Staffs); Ailicia Swetelove, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Petherton hundred, Somerset); Nicholas Sweetlove, 1587 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); John Sweetlove, 1663 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); John Sweetlove, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Sweetlove, 1714 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

### Sweetman

**Variants:** Sweatman, Swetman, Swatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1573, Ireland 420
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1062
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Cork

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swetman* (Old English *Swētmann*, Old Scandinavian *Svetman*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *swet(e)* 'sweet, beloved, handsome' + *-man*.

**Further information:** This name was established in Ireland in the 13th century where it was gaelicized as *Suatman*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Suetman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Suetman Kempe, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Swetmannus ate Optone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames, England: Eche Suetman, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Robert Sweteman, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Swatman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames, Ireland: William Swetman, 1308 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)*; Richard Swetman, 1311 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Thomasestoun, Kilkenny); Edmund Sweteman, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §401 (Kilkenny); William Sweteman, sheriff, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §682 (Kilkenny); Peirce Sweteman fitz Edmond, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5203 (Castellife, Kilkenny); Peirs Sweeteman, gent., 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6765 (Knockagh).

### Sweetmore

**Variants:** Swetmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, and Derbys; Angus

English, Scottish: unexplained.

**Further information:** The name appears very late in the record, but is compatible with such minor place-names as *Swetewalleomor* (Shenstone, Staffs), 1375 in *Staffs Archives*, and *Sweetmoor Willows* (Olveston, Gloucs), 1761 in *Gloucs Archives*; and partly comparable with *Swetmers* in 'Sheshill', 1749 in *London Met Archives*, and the 'close of pasture called Sweetmore' in Harshill (Warwicks), 1775 in *Derbys Record Office*. It is probably from some such name, perhaps that in Shenstone.

**Early bearers:** Jane Sweetmore, 1736 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Thos. Swetmore, 1777 in *IGI* (Alstonfield, Staffs); Thos. Sweatmore, 1813 in *IGI* (Rosliston, Derbys).

### Sweetnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English, Irish: see **Swettenham**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is well established in the county of Cork, Ireland, where it has become confused with **Sweetman**.

**Early bearers:** Francis Sweetnam, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Rahine, Cork); Matthew Sweetnam, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Munnane, Cork); Samuel Swetnam, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Lisheenapingina, Cork); John Sweetnam, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Skibbereen, Cork).

### Sweetser

**Variants:** Sweetsur, Sweetzer, Switzer, Switsur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *swet(e)* 'sweet, pleasant, agreeable' + *sire, sier* 'master', often used to address an older man. Compare **Sire** and also **Cyster**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Swetesire, 1355 in *Close Rolls* (Beds); John Swetesyr, 1467 in *Rochester Wills* (Chislehurst, Kent); Peter Swetesyre, 1498, Richard Sweytsyer, 1553 in *Rochester Wills* (Foots Cray, Kent); John Sweetsir, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); James Switzer, 1602, Bengemen Sweetser, 1624 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Elizabeth Switzer, 1700 in *IGI* (Cholesbury, Bucks); Elizabeth Sweetzer, 1782 in *IGI* (Baughurst, Hants); Daniel Sweetser, 1784 in *IGI* (Stratfield Saye, Hants).

### Sweetsur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Sweetser**.

### Sweett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Sweet**.

### Sweetzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Sweetser**.

### Swell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; IoW, Hants, and Surrey

English: locative name primarily from Upper and Lower Swell (Gloucs), but also from Swell (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Ingelram de Suell', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Roger de Swell', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Godfrey de Swelle, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Rogerus Swele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dunkeswell, Devon); Radulphus Swele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton and North Newington, Oxon); Johannes Swelle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Anne Swell, 1591 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Thomas Swell, 1593 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Elisabeth Swell, 1615 in *IGI* (Eastleach Turville, Gloucs); Samuel Swell, 1711 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Richd. Swell, 1764 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon).

### Sweney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Irish: see **Swinney**.

### Swenson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Lancs

1 English: see **Swainson**.

2 Swedish: anglicized spelling of Swedish **Svensson**. **Early bearers:** Lars Oscar Swenson, 1890 in *IGI* (West Hartlepool, Durham).

**Swepson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; also Lancs
- English: see **Swepstone**.

**Swepston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Swepstone**.

**Swepstone**

Variants: **Swepston**, **Swepson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Swepstone (Leics).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Suepiston, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Johanne de Swepston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swepstone, Leics); Joh' Swepston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibstock, Leics); Edw. Swepstone, 1615 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Martha Swepson, 1626 in *IGI* (Elstow, Beds).

**Swetenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Swettenham**.

**Swetland**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Devon
- English: see **Sweetland**.

**Swetman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Surrey; IoW
- English: see **Sweetman**.

**Swetmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; Lancs
- English: see **Sweetmore**.

**Swetnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Swettenham**.

**Swettenham**

Variants: **Swetenham**, **Sweetenham**, **Sweetnam**, **Swetnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

English: locative name from Swettenham (Cheshire).  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Swetenham, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Swetenham, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Nicholaus Swetenam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwick); Hugone Swetenam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Stretton, Leics); Johannes Swetnam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics); Matthew Swetenham, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Hankyn

de Swetenam, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Swetnam of Coventre, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwick); Thomas Swetnam, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Canterbury, Kent); Rodger Swetnam, 1540, Reignold Swettenham, 1626 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Swetnam, 1544 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Georgius Sweetnam, 1618, Dorothisa Swetenham, 1619 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Ann Swetenham, 1700, Thomas Swettenham, 1761 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Joseph Swetenham, 1715 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Walter Sweetnam, 1754, Walter Swettenham, 1759 in *IGI* (Blore, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 283.

**Swidenbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Swithenbank**.

**Swiers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Swires**.

**Swiffen**

Variants: **Swiffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; also Derbys
- English: possibly a variant of **Swinfen** with loss of /n/ before a fricative consonant.

**Early bearers:** Anne Swiffen, 1559 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Richard Swiffin, 1617 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Richard Swyfen, 1641 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Phillip Swiffen, 1642 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Agnes Swiffing, 1733 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); Benjamin Swiffin, 1833 in *IGI* (Holme, Hunts).

**Swiffin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Swiffen**.

**Swift**

Variants: **Swifte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12902, Ireland 491
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Meath; Fermanagh

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *swift* 'swift, fleet' (Old English *swift*) for a rapid runner.

(ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Swift* (Old English *Swift*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Suift, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

sumames: Nicholaus filius Swift, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Swift, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Swift, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Swyft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Emily Swift, 1545 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Annes Swift, 1546 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thoms. Swift, 1547 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); William Swift, 1554 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Jane Swift, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johanna

Swifte, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Swifte, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Jone Swift, 1566 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Swifte, 1569 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

2 Irish: in Ireland, when it is not the English name, it was adopted for Ó Fuada, which is based on *fuad* 'haste'; see **Foody**.

**Swifte**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Swift**.

**Swin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Swinn**.

**Swinard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Swinerd**.

**Swinbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Swithenbank**.

**Swinborn**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex and Herts
- English: see **Swinburn**.

**Swinborne**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; Essex; Northumb
- English: see **Swinburn**.

**Swinbourn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Pembrokes; Durham
- English: see **Swinburn**.

**Swinbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick and Staffs
- English: see **Swinburn**.

**Swinburn**

Variants: **Swinburne**, **Swinbourn**, **Swinbourne**, **Swinborn**, **Swinborne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 713, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 563
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: locative name primarily from Great and Little Swinburne (Northumb), but perhaps occasionally from one or other places similarly named, from Old English *swin* 'pig' + *burna* 'stream'.  
**Early bearers:** John de Swynburn, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John de Swynbourne, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Robert de Swynebourne, 1325 in

*Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robert Swynbourn, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Widow Swingbourne, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

### Swinburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 794, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Swinburn**.

### Swindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Swindell**.

### Swindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London

English: see **Swindell**.

### Swindell

Variants: **Swindle, Swindale, Swindall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1008, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 711
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Lancs

1 English: see **Swindells**.

2 English: locative name from one or more places named with Old Scandinavian *svin*, Old English *swin* 'swine, pig' + Old Scandinavian *dalr*, Old English *dæl* 'valley', including Swindale in Shap Rural (Westm). Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Swindale, 1584 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs); Margaret Swindale, 1587 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Williamus Swindle, 1587 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); Ane Swindall, 1594 in *IGI* (Langton by Wragby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 171.

### Swindells

Variants: **Swindles, Swindels, Swindell, Swindley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2066, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1905
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Swindells Orchard in Cheadle (Cheshire), recorded as *Swyndelues* in 1368, *Swyndelfs* in 1519, and *Swyndells* in 1563.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Swindells, 1562 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Agnes Swyndles, 1575, Katheren Swyndels, 1577 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Thomas Swindells, 1594 in *IGI* (Disley, Cheshire); Anna Swindley, 1665 in *IGI* (Waverton, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 256.

### Swindels

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys, and Staffs

English: see **Swindells**.

### Swinden

Variants: **Swindin, Swindon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 281
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name mostly from Swinden in Langsetts and sometimes from Swinden in Gisburn, both in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Swinden', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus de Swyndon', 1377, Henricus Swynden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlstone, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Swenden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Johannes de Swynden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johannes de Swyndene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langsetts, WR Yorks); John Swyndeyne, 1440 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Percival Swynden, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Stirton, WR Yorks); Thomas Swyndyn, 1535 in *York Registry Wills* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Johes Swindin, 1642 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Radulphi Swindin, 1672 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 181; 1, p. 332; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Swindon**.

### Swindin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks

English: see **Swinden** and **Swindon**.

### Swindle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Northumb, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Down

English: see **Swindell**.

### Swindlehurst

Variants: **Swinglehurst, Singlehurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 554, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Swinglehurst in Bowland Forest Higher Division (WR Yorks), recorded as *Swinelhirst* in 1343.

**Early bearers:** Rogerus de Swynhirst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); John Swynlehurst, 1550, John Swinlehurst, 1612 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Ane Swinglest, 1560, Christoph Swinglehurst, 1572 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Margaret Swinglehurst or Synglehurst, 1565, Agnes Swinglehurst, 1571 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Ellys Shynlehurst, 1587, Elizabeth Swinglehurst, 1584 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Agnes Swinglehurst, 1591 in *IGI* (Linton in Craven, WR Yorks); James Swinglehurst, 1598 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Margareta Swindlehurst, 1601 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 212.

### Swindles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: see **Swindells**.

### Swindley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs; also Staffs

1 English: see **Swindells**.

2 English, Scottish: see **Swinley**.

### Swindon

Variants: **Swinden, Swindin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks; WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Swindon, for example in Wilts, Staffs, and Gloucs.

**Early bearers:** John de Swindon, 1271 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Willelmus de Swyndone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bagots Bromley, Staffs); John Swyndon, 1380–1 in *Salisbury Clerical Poll Taxes* (Wilts); Johan Swindon, 1590 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Henry Swindon, 1700 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Swindin, 1724 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts).

2 English: for the WR Yorks name see **Swinden**.

### Swine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset; Middx
- English: see **Swinn**.

### Swinerd

Variants: **Swinard, Swinnard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *swin(e)herd(e)* 'swineherd', for someone who looked after pigs.

**Early bearers:** Adam Swynherde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter le Swynhurde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Swynerde, 1332 in *Thurresson* (Norfolk); Thomas Swynhird', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Agnes Swinheard, 1677 in *IGI* (Shoreham, Kent); Thomas Swinerd, 1779 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); George Swinnard, 1795 in *IGI* (Smeeth, Kent).

2 English: see **Swinyard**.

### Swinerton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Swinnerton**.

### Swiney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham; also Berwicks; Gloucs

Irish: see **Swinney**.

### Swinfen

Variants: **Swiffen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics; London

English: locative name from Swinfen (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John de Swynfen, 1348 in *Patent Rolls*; Rogero Swynfen, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Robert Swynfen, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Mary

## Swinfield

Swinfen, 1594 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Richard Swinfen, 1596 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs).

### Swinfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Swingfield (Kent), recorded as *Swinesfeld* in 1202 and *Swynfeld* in 1413, or another unidentified place similarly named, perhaps in Leics, though such a name there might have been absorbed by **Swinford**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Swynefelde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Nichous Swinfilde, 1553 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); John Swynfeild, 1596, George Swinefeylde, 1599 in *IGI* (Shackerstone, Leics); Thomas Swynfeld, 1598 in *IGI* (Peckleton, Leics); Margareth Swinfield, 1701 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Swinford

**Variants:** **Swingewood**, **Swingwood**, **Swinwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Oxon

English: locative name from Old Swinford (Worcs), Kingswinford (Staffs), and Swinford (Berks, Leics). **Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Suinford, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); William de Suyneford, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Roger de Swyneford, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Swynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leamington Priors, Warwicks); Johannes Swynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton Maybank, Dorset); Johannes Swynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Churchover, Warwicks); Stephanus Swynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, Northants); Sara Swingewood, 1649 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Edward Swingwood, 1680 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Zabulon Swingwood, 1746 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

### Swinger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Warwicks

English: probably an agent noun in *-er(e)* from Middle English *swingen* 'to beat, strike, punish'; occasionally treated as if from *swinken* 'to toil', though that could be a separate name.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Swyngere of Andevere, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Andover, Hants); William le Swyngere, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Johannes Swynker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Swinger, 1562 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Dorothy Swinger, 1564 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Edward Swinger, 1601 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Jn. Swinger, 1680 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk).

### Swingewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Swinford**.

### Swingle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *swingel* 'swingle', denoting a wooden implement used for

beating flax or hemp, for someone who made, sold, or used such an implement. See also **Swingler**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Swingle, 1662 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Anne Swingle, 1690 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops).

### Swinglehurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm

English: see **Swindlehurst**.

### Swingler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 595, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 554
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Northants

English: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *swingel* 'swingle' (see **Swingle**) or Middle English *swingelen* 'to beat (flax)', for someone who worked in the linen or hemp industry.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Swingler, 1547 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Alse Swingler, 1612 in *IGI* (Liddington, Rutland); Anne Swinglar, 1663 in *IGI* (Skeffington, Leics).

### Swingwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Swinford**.

### Swinhoe

**Variants:** **Swinney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative name from Swinhoe (Northumb). **Early bearers:** Thomas de Swinhowe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Long Houghton, Northumb); Isabel de Swynhowe, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Walter de Swynhowe, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Rock, Northumb); Robert Swynhowe, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Eleanor Swinhoe, 1578 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Henrie Swynnow, 1579 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Franciscus Swinnow, 1598 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham).

### Swinley

**Variants:** **Swindley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; WR Yorks and Lancs

English, Scottish: locative name from Swinley in Wigan (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes de Swynlegh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wigan, Lancs); William de Swynley, 1416 in *Access to Archives* (Liverpool, Lancs); Philippe Swindley, 1666 in *IGI* (Taxal, Cheshire); Mary Swinley, 1695 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); Ann Swinley, 1709 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs). Scotland: Janet Swinley, 1779 in *IGI* (Kettle, Fife). **References:** *Lancs Place-Names* p. 104.

### Swinn

**Variants:** **Swin**, **Swine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Swine (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Swyne, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Swyne, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Galfridus de Swyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Peter Swinn, 1722 in *IGI* (Theddlethorpe Saint Helen, Lincs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *swin(ne)* 'swine, pig' (Old English *swīn*), for a swineherd (see **Swinerd**) or for someone who resembled a pig in some way. Some early bearers may belong with (1). **Early bearers:** Robert Swin, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas le Swyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmo Swyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Petrus Swyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); John Swyne, 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Swyne, 1407 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard Swyne, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

### Swinnard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Swinerd**.

### Swinnerton

**Variants:** **Swinerton**, **Swynnerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 648, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Swynnerton (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Suinerton, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Swinnerton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Roger de Swynnerton, 1295 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), 1322 in *London Letter Books E*; Margeria de Swynerton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); Edward Swinnerton., 1573 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Mary Swinnerton, 1584 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Dorothe Swinnerton, 1591 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Thomas Swinnerton, 1688 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops).

### Swinney

**Variants:** **Swiney**, **Sweeney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 323
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

1 English: variant of **Swinhoe**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Sweeney, 1562, Orsilly Sweeney, 1568, William Swinnay, 1596 in *IGI* (Durham); Agn. Swinney, 1571 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Ales Swinney, 1587 in *IGI* (Barholm with Stowe, Lincs); John Swinney, 1580 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Clare Swinhoe, daughter of John Swinhoe, 1698, Lucy Swinney, daughter of John Swinney, 1701 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Mary Swinhoe, daughter of George Swinhoe, 1736, Dorothy Swinney, daughter of George Swinney, 1747 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

2 Irish: also perhaps, by assimilation, a variant of Irish **Sweeney** (Mac Suibhne).

### Swinnock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Sevenoaks**.

### Swinsco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Swinscoe**.

**Swinscoe**

Variants: **Swinscow**, **Swinsco**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 451, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys

English: locative name from Swinscoe (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Maurice de Swynescu, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Anne Swinsco, 1566 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys).

**Swinscow**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Derbys
- English: see **Swinscoe**.

**Swinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Derbys

English: perhaps a variant of **Swainson**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Swinson, 1566 in *IGI* (Lidlington, Beds); Richard Swinson, 1573 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard Swinsonn, 1590 in *IGI* (Pleasley, Derbys); John Swynson, 1593 in *IGI* (Papworth Saint Agnes, Cambs).

**Swinstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Swinstead (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Gocelin de Swynested, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William de Swynestede, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Swynstede, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John Swynsted', 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Thomas Swynsted', 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds).

2 English: locative name from various places named with the genitive singular of Old English *swin* 'swine, pig' + *hēafod* 'head', primarily including Swineshead (Lincs, Beds), but perhaps also Swineyard Hall in Rostherne (Cheshire), recorded as *Swinesheued* in 1184, and *Swineserd* in Saint Martins without Worcester (Worcs).

**Further information:** This surname has either died out or been absorbed by *Swinstead*. The place-name *Swineyard* in Rostherne (Cheshire) was formerly an instance of *Swineshead*, and euphemism may have been at work in both cases.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Swinesheved, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); Robert de Swynesheved, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Swynesheved, 1288 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Stephanus de Swynesheued, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Swinstead, 1698 in *IGI* (Stickford, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 46; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 161.

**Swinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Fife; Lincs and Notts

Scottish, English: locative name from any of various places called Swinton, for example in Berwicks, NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs.

**Further information:** A family who derive their name from Swinton in Berwicks were granted lands there about 1098 by King Edgar of Scotland.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Swintona 1162–about 1176 in *Yorks Charters*; Nicholas de Swynton, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Nicholaus de Swynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Epworth, Lincs); Thomas de Swynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Swynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beckworth in Killinghall, WR Yorks); Robt Swinton, 1580 in *IGI* (New Sleaford, Lincs); William Swinton, 1581 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Elizabeth Swinton, 1627 in *IGI* (Eakring, Notts).

Scotland: Alan de Swynton, about 1240 in *Black*; Henry de Swynton, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Berwicks); Robert Swinton, 1648 in *IGI* (Newburn, Fife); Henry Swinton, 1660 in *IGI* (Cramond, Midlothian).

**Swinwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs

English: see **Swinford**.

**Swinyard**

Variants: **Swinerd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: locative name from one or more unidentified places named with Old English *swin* 'pig' + *geard* 'yard'.

**Early bearers:** John de Swynyard, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); John Swiniard, 1621, Benjamin Swinyard, 1659 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Anne Swinyard, 1640 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Swinyard, 1606 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent); James Swinyerd, 1804 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

**Swire**

Variants: **Swires**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Squire**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sweier of Skipton in Craven, 1462 in *Ripon Memorials* (WR Yorks).

**Swires**

Variants: **Swiers**, **Swyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Swire** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Swyers, 1668 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); William Swires, William Swiers, 1758 in *Parish Registers* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); William Swiers, 1790 in *IGI* (Leathley, WR Yorks);

**Swithenbank**

Variants: **Swithinbank**, **Swidenbank**, **Swinbank**, **Swainbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 381
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from a lost locality in Crosby Garrett (Westm) called *Swithenbanc* ('hill slope cleared by burning') in 1278. It is next to Ravenstonedale, where the reduced surname form *Swinbank* is recorded in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** William Swynbank, 1495 in *Yorks Wills* (Thornaby, NR Yorks); Miles Swythybank, 1505 in *Yorks Deeds* (Eppleby, NR Yorks); Alice Swinbank, 1559 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Ambrosio Swinbanke, 1559 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Janatt Swinbanke, 1574, Cuthbartt Swinbank, 1577 in *IGI* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Elisabeth Swinbanke, 1586 in *IGI* (Redmarshall, Durham); John Swinebanke, 1592 in *IGI* (York); John Swynbancke, 1608 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Margreat Swithenbanke, 1675 in *IGI* (Methley, WR Yorks); Sarah Swithenbank, 1706 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Swidenbank, 1721, Margaret Swinbank, 1736, Richard Swithinbank, 1756 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Robert Swinbanks, 1731 in *IGI* (Wallsend, Northumb); Betty Swiddenbank, 1772, Mary Swithinbank, 1777, William Buttle Swainbank, 1790 in *IGI* (Bentham, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, pp. 41, 232, 292.

**Swithinbank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Swithenbank**.

**Switsur**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Sweetser**.

**Switzer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 107
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; also Tipperary

1 German, Swiss, Huguenot: from Early Modern English *Switzer* 'Swiss person' (from the Alemannic dialect form, *Schwyzzer*, of German *Schwei(t)zer*).

**Further information:** The name is recorded in England as early as the 16th century and first arrived in Ireland in 1709, along with other Palatine families (for example, **Ruttile**), who came from Germany via England and settled in Munster in the first half of the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** England: James Switzer, 1602 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Tho. Switzer, 1614 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Luke Switzer, 1622 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Elizabeth Switzer, 1700 in *IGI* (Cholesbury, Bucks); Tho. Switzer, 1704 in *IGI* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent); John Switzer, 1722 in *IGI* (Caversham, Oxon). Ireland: Jonathan Switzer, 1850 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballybrown, Limerick); Amos Switzer, 1851 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Garranroe, Limerick); Tobias Switzer, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killcheen, Limerick).

2 English: see **Sweetser**.

**Swoffer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Swaffer**.

**Swonnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Somerset
- English: see **Swannell**.

## Sword

### Sword

Variants: **Soord, Swords, Soards, Suart, Seward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 820, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus and Perthshire; Lanarks and Midlothian; Durham

1 English: (i) relationship name, probably a reduced form of **Seward**. (ii) nickname perhaps from Middle English *sword(e)*, *swerd(e)* 'sword', for a swordsman or armourer. See also **Sworder**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Suerd, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Peter Swerd, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Agn' Swerd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Sword, 1562 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops); Robt Sword, 1562 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); Mathew Sword, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Marmaduke Sword, 1627 in *IGI* (Sibthorpe, Notts); Isabell Sword, 1652 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Elis. Sword, 1782 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

Scotland: Alexander Suerd, burgess, 1536 in *Protocol Books Johnsou* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Harry Sword, 1569 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Bessie Sword, 1575 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire); Crystie Sword, 1587 in *IGI* (Stirling, Stirlings); Johnne Sword, 1602 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Alexr. Sword, 1627 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jean Sword, 1789 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

2 Irish: from Ó **Suaird**, Ó **Suairt** 'descendant of *Suairt*', a personal name derived from Old Scandinavian *Sigvarðr* 'victory keeper', a cognate of Old English *Sigeward*; see under **Seward**.

**Early bearers:** Eithne ingen H. Suairt, 1016 in *AU*; William O Swerte, 1558 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §10; William O Sword, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §451; William O'Swerte, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §615; Keeran Swords, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Gallen, Offaly).

### Sworder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: nickname from an agent derivative of Middle English *sword(e)*, *swerd(e)* 'sword', for a swordsman or armourer. See also **Sword**.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Sorder, 1324 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Sussex); Richard Swordere, John Swerdere, 1354–77 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Johannes Swordere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Easter, Essex); John Swerdere of Great Leghes, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Leighs, Essex); Simon Swerdere of Whitrothyng, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (White Roding, Essex); John Swerder, 1485 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).

### Swords

Variants: **Soards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 431
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Devon; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare, Offaly, and Westmeath

1 English, Irish: variant of **Sword** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Swords, 1770 in *IGI* (York).

2 Irish: adopted for Irish Ó **Claimhín** (see **Clavin**), by folk-etymological association with *claidheamh* 'sword'.

### Swyre

Variants: **Swyre, Swyers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Swyre (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Swyre, 1739 in *IGI* (Durweston, Dorset).

### Swyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

1 English: variant of **Swyre** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Hannah Swyers, 1826 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

2 English: see **Swires**.

### Swynnerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Swinnerton**.

### Swyre

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Swyre**.

### Sycamore

Variants: **Sicklemore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Surrey

English: locative name possibly from a field called *Sykylmere* in Great Barton (Suffolk), which is referred to in 1314 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)*. It has been transformed in modern times as if for the tree *sycamore*, which was introduced into Britain in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** John Sykylmere, 1403, John Sekylmer, 1473, John Sekylmere of Bramford, 1495 in *Suffolk Record Office (Ipswich)* (Suffolk); Thomas Sikilmore, 1544 in *ER Yorks Archives*; Humfreye Sicklemore, 1562 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henrie Syckelmoore, 1579 in *IGI* (York); Edward Sekilmore, 1580 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Sicklemore, 1615 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Sicklemore, 1622 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Joseph Sicklemore, 1649 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Isaac Succamore, 1712, Mary Syccamore, 1724 in *IGI* (Great Henney, Essex); Isaac Suckamore, 1717, Mary Sucamore, 1719 in *IGI* (Alphamstone, Essex); Elizabeth Sickamer, 1719 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Frances Sicomore, 1722 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex).

### Syddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Siddall**.

### Sydenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Dorset; London

English: locative name from Sydenham in Bridgwater (Somerset), Sydenham Damerel (Devon), and Sydenham (Oxon).

**Further information:** A family of this name, originally from Sydenham in Somerset, held the manor of Wynford Eagle in Dorset from the mid-16th century. Thomas Sydenham (1624–89), an English physician regarded by many as the founder of clinical medicine, was a descendant of this family.

**Early bearers:** Ascelin de Sidenham, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Walter de Sydenham, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John de Sydenham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Sydenham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Titchmarsh, Northants); Johannes Sydenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwinckle, Northants); Ricardo Sydenham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bicknoller, Somerset); Johanne Sydnam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Richard Sydenham, 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Francis Sydenham, 1643 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Richardj Sydenham, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Susan Sydenham, 1661 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); An Sydenham, 1671 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Robt. Sydenham, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Colechurch, London).

### Syder

Variants: **Sider, Sidder, Sidders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English, Norman: (i) nickname perhaps from Middle English *sider(e)* 'cider', for someone who made, sold, or drank cider. (ii) relationship name perhaps from an unrecorded Old French form of the Continental Germanic personal name *Sidehar*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Sidher, burgess of Great Yarmouth, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Isabella Sidere, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Sidar, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Luddington, Lincs); Johanne Sydhar', Willelmo Sidhar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howdenshire wapentake, ER Yorks); Dorothee Sidder, 1558 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Alicia Syder, 1559 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Agnis Syder, 1568 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richardus Sydder, 1585 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Elizabeth Syder, 1612 in *IGI* (Milton by Canterbury, Kent); Joseph Syder, 1708 in *IGI* (Brandiston, Norfolk).

**References:** *Morlet, Noms de Personne* 1, at Siderius.

### Sydes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Side**.

### Sydney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Sidney**.

### Sye

Variants: **Sigh, Size**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs

1 English: unexplained, but perhaps from a short form of the Middle English female personal name



*Cicely, Sisely*, Old French *Cecile, Cicile*, Latin *Cecilia*, the name of a favourite medieval saint.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Sy, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Grace Sye, 1713, James Sye, 1803 in *IGI* (Philleigh, Cornwall); Jane Sigh, 1799 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**2** Huguenot: locative name, French Sy, perhaps from Sy (Ardennes).

**Early bearers:** Marie Sy, 1610 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers' Church, Canterbury, Kent); Jacques Sy, 1663 in *IGI* (French Huguenot Church, Thorney, Cambs).

**3** Cornish: possibly a nickname from Cornish *sêgh* 'dry'; compare **Dry** (ii).

### Syed

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3018, Ireland 16

• **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Arabic, Muslim: see **Sayed**.

### Syeda

• **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on the Arabic honorific *sayyida* 'lady'

### Syer

**Variants:** Sier, Sire, Sirr, Surr, Syers

• **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 320

• **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; London

English: status name, nickname from Middle English *sire, sier* 'master' (Old French *sire*), for the master of a household or group of apprentices, or for an elderly man or perhaps a pompous or domineering person.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Sire, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Matheus le Sire, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Notts); Ralph le Seyr, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Surr, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Syer, 1545 in *IGI* (Horningtoft, Norfolk); Ellin Syer, 1550 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Margaret Syer, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Priscilla Syer, 1574 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Robt. Syer, 1606 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk).

### Syers

**Variants:** Siers

• **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 179

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: variant of **Syer** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Sygrave

• **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 29

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Seagrave**.

### Sygrove

• **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 26

• **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Seagrave**.

### Syke

• **GB frequency 1881:** 21

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name see **Sykes**.

### Sykes

**Variants:** Sikes, Syke

• **Current frequencies:** GB 14752, Ireland 124

• **GB frequency 1881:** 14239

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Wicklow

English: locative name from Middle English *sik(e)* 'stream, ditch' (Old Scandinavian *sik*), for someone who lived near a small watercourse, especially one flowing through flat or marshy ground, or near a gully, dip, or hollow. Early and later examples of the surname occur in alternate singular and plural forms: Willelmus de Syke (of Fishlake, 1379), alias William de Sykes of Fisshelake (1396), who may have lived at Sykehouse in that township; Elizabeth Sykes, 1601, Rebecca Syke, 1841 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Johis. Syke, Edmundi Sykes, 1606 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks). It is the plural or -s form that has become the general usage as a family name, perhaps re-inforced by the common practice in the post-medieval period of adding an excrescent -s to topographic surnames with an original singular form. By the 16th century the name had spread by migration into the N Midlands. Elsewhere, only Norfolk seems to have produced this name independently, but its survival into the present day is uncertain. Compare **Sitoh**, which once flourished in the W Midlands, and derives from an equivalent word, Middle English *sich*, of Old English origin.

**Further information:** The almost exclusive distribution of the medieval name in WR Yorks is striking, although it is not known how many of these names were dispersed examples of the same family name. For different views on whether the modern surname has a single origin or multiple origins see Brian Sykes and Catherine Irven, 'Surnames and the Y Chromosome', *American Journal of Human Genetics*, 66 (2000), 1417–19, and *Redmonds, King, and Hey*, pp. xi, 19, 51, 72, 74, 171–2. The hereditary surname has a long history in townships near the boundary of SE Lancs and WR Yorks, particularly in Rochdale and in Flockton and Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield (see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*), but also in the SE of the Riding (Fishlake, Pollington, Snaith). These look like two unrelated family names.

**Early bearers:** Yorks and Lancs: William del Sicks, late 13th cent. in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 4, p. 162 (Flockton, WR Yorks); John del Siki[?] (probably for del Sikes), 1296, Richard del Sikes of Longfield, in Todmorden, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holme, in Almondbury, WR Yorks); Henry del Syke (of Flockton, WR Yorks), 1378 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes del Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Baildon, WR Yorks); Johannes del Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Robertus del Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Henricus del Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Robertus del Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Patricius Syke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langcliffe, WR Yorks); Robertus atte Syk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Rogerus del Sykes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quy, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Sykes, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Newton, WR Yorks); Johannes, Magota del Sikes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterworth in Rochdale, Lancs); William de Sykes of Fisshelake, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John del Sike of Yngbircheworth', 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Ingbirchworth in Penistone, WR Yorks); John Sike of Beverley, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Sykes, 1541 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Margret Sikes, 1559 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Dorothy Sykes, 1615 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Dorathie Sikes, 1564, Richard Sykes, 1745 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Susanna Sykes, 1690, James Sykes, 1800 in *IGI* (Slaithwaite, WR Yorks); Christopher Sykes, 1724, Joseph Syke, 1790 in *IGI* (Flockton, WR Yorks); William Sykes, 1724, Jacob Sike, 1763 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks); Samuel Sykes, 1859 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks). Midlands and E Anglia: Johannes Syke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Johnes Sykes, 1545, Thomas Syke, 1576 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Alyce Syke, 1557 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Dorithea Sykes, 1563 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); John Sykes, 1563, David Syke, 1790 in *IGI* (Motttram in Longendale, Cheshire); William Sikes, 1572 in *IGI* (Markfield, Leics); Elizabeth Sykes, 1574 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Wm. Sykes, 1593 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Charls Sike, 1695 in *IGI* (Acle, Norfolk); Robert Sykes, 1711 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Sylvester

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2601, Ireland 51

• **GB frequency 1881:** 992

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Silvester**.

### Sym

• **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 151

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr

Scottish: see **Sim**.

### Symcox

• **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 55

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Simcox**.

### Syme

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1394, Ireland 15

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1119

• **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Sim**.

### Symeou

• **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Symeon*; see **Simeon**.

### Symers

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20

• **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Simmers**.

**Symes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2589, Ireland 112
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin, and Wicklow

English: see **Sims**.

**Symington**

Variants: **Symmington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 893, Ireland 187
- **GB frequency 1881:** 826
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Symington (Lanarks), Symington (Ayr), and perhaps Symington in Stow (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** John of Symonton, 1478 in *Acts of Lords Auditors* (Lanarks); Jean Syminton, 1677 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); Joan Symmington, 1707 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Isbel Syminton, 1713 in *IGI* (Hutton, Berwicks); James Symmington, 1725 in *IGI* (Abbey Saint Bathans, Berwicks).

**Symmers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Simmers**.

**Symmes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Sims**.

**Symmington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; Lanarks

Scottish: see **Symington**.

**Symmonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England and Wales; also Durham

English: see **Simmonds**.

**Symmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Pembrokes; also Devon and Somerset

English: see **Simmons**.

**Symms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Sims**.

**Symon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 587, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 488
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland

Scottish: variant of **Simon**, of whichever origin.

**Symond**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- English: see **Simon**.

**Symonds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4535, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3588
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; London; Herefs
- English: see **Simmons**.

**Symondson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Simonson**.

**Symons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3974, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4096
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 English: see **Simons**.

2 English: see **Simmons**.

**Sympson**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Simpson**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Sympson, 1569 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); William Sympson, 1603 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey).

**Syms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Sims**.

**Synnot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Sinnott**.

**Synnott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 448
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: see **Sinnott**.

**Synott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; also Mayo
- English, Irish: see **Sinnott**.

**Syner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Senior**.

**Syrad**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Syrett**.

**Syratt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks
- English: see **Syrett**.

**Syred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also London and S Midlands; ER Yorks

English: see **Syrett**.

**Early bearers:** see **Syvret**.

**Syrett**

Variants: **Syratt**, **Sirett**, **Sirrett**, **Sired**, **Syred**, **Syrad**, **Sarratt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 798, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and London; also Bucks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Sired*, *Siret* (Old English *Sigeræd*). Some post-medieval surname bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Sired, Siret, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Sired(us), 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk). surnames: Wulfwine Sired, 1077 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Robert Sired, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Radulfus filius Siredi, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, identical with Radulfus Sired, 1202 in *Select Pleas* (Norfolk); Roger Syred, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Johannes Zyred, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Canfield, Essex); Edward Syrett, 1550 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Mary Siret, 1600 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk); Elyzabeth Syered, 1614 in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks); Will Syret, 1710 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Ann Syrett, 1767 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from the the Middle English female personal name *Sireth*, *Sigrith* (Old Scandinavian *Sigríðr*, *Sigrith*). **Early bearers:** given names: Sigreda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Sigreth wife of Gilbert, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Sigerith filiam Alani, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Sirith widow of Adam de Faxflet, 1218–19 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Syrith filia Osberti de Aynoluesdale, about 1240 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Syrith de Dumigton, 1245; Sigerith, 1266; Sigreda, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Sigreda, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Sireda de Kirkby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb). surnames: Willelmus filius Sigerith, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Benedictus filius Sigerith de Farlton, mid-13th cent. in *Cockersand Chartulary* (Lancs); Willelmi filii Sigrith, 1245–54 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Whisby, Lincs); Adam Serych (read Seryth), 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charlton, in Singleton, adn East Dean, Sussex); Johanne Seryth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Singleton and East Dean, Sussex).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 234; *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 330–1.

3 English: the available post-medieval evidence suggests that in the northern counties *Syrett*, *Sirret*, etc. are late variants of **Sarratt**.

**Syson**

Variants: **Sisson**, **Seston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Derbys; also Durham

1 English: locative name from Syston (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Syston', 1377, Johanne de Sistone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Leics); Willelmo Sitheston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics); Roberto Sytheston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Theddingworth, Leics); Johanne Sithston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Elizabetha Syson, 1573 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Syson, 1595 in *IGI* (Peckleton, Leics); Hugonis Siston, 1599 in *IGI* (Wanlip, Leics); Henricus Syston, 1604 in *IGI* (Prestwold, Leics); Mary Siston, 1684, Gervas Syson, 1729 in *IGI* (Cossall, Notts); Thomas Siston, 1796, Isaac Syson, 1803 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys).

2 English: the Notts and Derbys names may alternatively be variants of **Searston**.

3 English: pronounced /sɪsn/, a variant of **Sisson**.

### Sysum

**Variants:** Sisam, Sisum

• **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 57

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Herefs

English: apparently from an unidentified place-name suggested by the 1381 form. But if the apparent short vowel in the first syllable of this is misleading, then possibly a nickname from Middle English *sisamie* 'sesame', or rather from a related form without the final syllable (perhaps perceived as a dispensable suffix). This word has the appropriate long vowel in the first syllable.

**Early bearers:** Nicolaus Sissam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Didbrook with Hailes, Gloucs); John Seisam, 1562 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Elezbeth Sisom,

1564 in *IGI* (Hathern, Leics); Jane Sysome, 1571 in *IGI* (Wickenby, Lincs).

### Syvret

**Variants:** Sired, Syred

• **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 201

• **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, French (Channel Islands): relationship name from Old Scandinavian *Sig(f)røðr*. Balleine suggests that this is a French form of *Selfrid*; two bishops of Chichester of this name are called *Sifroi* by Norman chroniclers. The range of attested forms, said to include *Sirette*, *Sired*, *Syred*, *Syrad*, *Syratt*, *Syvred*, *Syvrett*, would be better suited by a descendant of *Sig(f)røðr*, in which the *-f-* is sometimes lost.

**Early bearers:** Kateline Sivret, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Elie Sivret, Philippe Syvret, 1815 in Muster (Jersey).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 327–8; Balleine, G. R. (1940) *Some Jersey Surnames: their Origin and Meaning*. Online at <http://members.societe-jersiaise.org/whitsco/balleinenam.htm>; [http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/1815\\_Muster\\_S](http://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/1815_Muster_S).

### Syzling

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 12

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Norfolk

English: see **Sizeland**.

### Szabo

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 31

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Hungarian: occupational name, Szabó, for a tailor, Hungarian *szabó*.

### Sze

• **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 施, 時, 史, 師, and 司, see **Shi** (1–5).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 斯, see **Si** (1).

### Szeto

• **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 司徒 (**Situ** in Mandarin pinyin): from the post name *Si-Tu* (司徒) in ancient China, title of an official in charge of administration.

### Szulc

• **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 13

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: equivalent to German **Schultz**.

### Szymanski

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1005, Ireland 31

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name from either of two places called Szymany in Poland, in Konin and Łomża voivodeships.

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## Ta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Vietnamese: Tà, representing the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

## Taaffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent

Irish, English: of Welsh origin, see **Taaffe**.

## Taaffe

Variants: **Taafe**, **Taff**, **Taffe**, **Taffs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 775
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; also Meath
- Welsh, Irish: (i) locative name of Welsh origin, from the River Taff (Glamorgan) or the River Taf (Pembrokes). (ii) relationship name, possibly also from a pet form of the Welsh personal name *Dafydd*, the Welsh form of **David**, though Morgan and Morgan consider such an origin highly improbable. **Further information:** An Irish family of this name held the earldom of Carlingford (Louth) in the 17th century, which they were granted as a reward for their support of the House of Stuart.

**Early bearers:** England: John Taffe, 1565 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Annis Taffe, 1582 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); Thomas Taffe, 1631 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Ludlow, Shrops); Addam Taffe, 1637 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

Ireland: Nicholas de Taffe, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Dublin); John Taff, formerly archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Taffe, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §763 (of Mullaghecurre); Nicholas Taff, 1568 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1230 (Rathosker, gent. of the office of chief serjeant of county Louth); Robert Tathe, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1832 (Cokyston); Nicholas Tafe, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2117 (Ballbraghan); Robert Taff, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2345 (Sheriff of Louth); William Tath, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5420 (of Bonendden).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 30, 193.

## Taak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

## Taank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat, Haryana, Panjab): Hindu, found among goldsmiths. They claim Rajput descent.

## Tab

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Cornwall

English: see **Tabb**.

## Tabard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Tabrett**.

## Tabassum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from a female personal name based on Arabic *tabassum* 'smile'.  
**References:** *Ahmed*.

## Tabb

Variants: **Tab**, **Tabbs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 70
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English: (i) relationship name from a Middle English personal name derived from Old English \**Tæbba*. (ii) possibly a nickname from Middle English *tabbe* 'tab, short strap'.

**Early bearers:** Aluuidus Tabe, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Hugh Tabbe, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Tabbe, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus Tabbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Richard Tabbe, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Annes Tabe, 1559 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Alice Tabbe, 1560 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Austice Tabb, 1584, Avise Tab, 1589 in *IGI* (Stokenham, Devon); Nathanaelus Tabb, 1613 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 338.

## Tabbener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Taberner**.

## Tabbenor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Taberner**.

## Tabberer

Variants: **Taberer**, **Tabrar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Leics, and Warwicks

English: occupational name from Middle English *tabo(u)rer*, *taburer* 'drummer', for someone who played the taborn (a kind of small drum). Compare **Tabor**, **Tabern**, **Taberner**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Taburer, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Peter le Taburur, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Bernard le Taborer, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Walter le Tabourer, 1327 in *Thursson* (Suffolk); John Taberer, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Hugone Taberer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orcheston Saint George, Wilts); Johanne Taberrere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradford on Avon, Wilts); Johannes Taberer', 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Johannes Taborer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denmead, Hants); Anne Tabberer, 1577 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Gillian Tabberer, 1605 in *IGI* (Allestree, Derbys).  
**References:** *Thursson*, p. 185.

## Tabberner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Taberner**.

## Tabbemor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Taberner**.

## Tabbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Tebbitt**.

## Tabbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon and Cornwall; Warwicks

English: variant of **Tabb** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Tabbes, 1582 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Richaurd Tabbs, 1594 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

## Tabener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- English: see **Taberner**.

## Tabenor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Taberner**.

## Taber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Taborn**.

## Taberer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Warwicks, and Derbys
- English: see **Tabberer**.

## Tabern

Variants: **Taborn**, **Tabron**, **Tayburn**, **Tabram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *taborn(e)*, *taburn(e)*, *tabroun* 'tabor' (Old French *taborne*, *tabourin*), a type of small drum. Compare **Taberner**, **Tabor**, **Tabberer**. See also **Tabram**.
- Early bearers:** Sarah Tabron, 1581 in *IGI* (Melbourn, Cambs); William Taburne, 1621 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Anne Taberne, 1628 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Johannes Taberne, 1632 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Jas. Tabern, 1782 in *IGI* (Southport, Lancs).

### Taberner

- Variants:** **Tabberner**, **Tabbernor**, **Tabbener**, **Tabbenor**, **Tabener**, **Tabenor**, **Tabiner**, **Tabinor**, **Tabner**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 349
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *tabo(ur)ner*, *taburner*, denoting someone who played the tabor (a kind of small drum). Compare **Tabern**, **Tabor**, **Tabberer**. (ii) see **Taverner**.
- Early bearers:** Benedict Taberner, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Robert le Taburner, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Taburner, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Yorks); Anselm Tabourner, minstrel, 1368 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Taberner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Matill' Taburner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Taburner', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blacktoft, ER Yorks); Johannes Taburner', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martons Both, WR Yorks); Edward Taberner, 1571 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Francis Taberner, 1581 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Margaret Taberner, 1594 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Thomas Taberner, 1614 in *IGI* (Hackington, Kent); Anna Taberner, 1617 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks). **References:** *Thuresson*, p. 185.

### Tabiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Taberner**.

### Tabinor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Taberner**.

### Tabley

- Variants:** **Tapley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- English: locative name from Over and Nether Tabley (Cheshire).
- Early bearers:** William de Tabbeleye, 1346 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Tabbeleye, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Wyllyam Tapley, 1564, Rachel Tabley, 1731 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Henrie Tapley, 1586 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Elizabeth Tabley, 1624 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire). **References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 2, p. 60.

### Tabner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; London, Suffolk; Shrops
- English: see **Taberner**.

### Tabois

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Norman, English: see **Talboys**.

### Tabone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Maltese and Italian (Sicily): (i) nickname from Sicilian and Maltese *tabbuni* 'silly, foolish'. (ii) nickname; alternatively, it may from Arabic *tābūna*, denoting a kind of hollowed-out hearth in which a fire was kept alight. (iii) of unexplained origin, from Piedmont.
- Early bearers:** Antonio Tabone, born in Malta, in *IGI* (Royal Navy).

### Tabor

- Variants:** **Taber**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 849, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 656
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Cambs and Essex; Wilts
- English: nickname from Middle English *tabor*, *tabour* 'tabor' (Old French *tabour*, *tabur*), denoting a type of small drum. Compare **Tabberer**, **Tabern**, **Taberner**.
- Early bearers:** Suein Tabor, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Tabur, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholao Tabour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Boreham, Essex); Willelmo Tabour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinhead, Wilts); Johannes Taber, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boreham, Essex); Lancelott Tabor, 1554 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Richard Tabor, 1591 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Jacobi Taber, 1606 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Joan Tabor, 1615 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts).

### Taborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Leics; Hunts
- English: see **Tabern**.

### Tabraham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Tabram**.

### Tabram

- Variants:** **Tabraham**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Suffolk, and Hunts; London
- English: probably a variant of **Tabern**.
- Early bearers:** Agnes Tabram, 1572 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Marie Tabrome, 1600 in *IGI* (Rampton, Cambs); John Tabram, 1614 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); William Tabraham, 1687 in *IGI* (Stow cum Quy, Cambs).

### Tabrar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Tabberer**.

### Tabrett

- Variants:** **Tabard**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Somerset
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *tabard*, *tabart* 'tabard' (Old French *tabarde*, *tabart*), denoting either a sleeveless coat worn primarily by members of the lower classes, or a richly decorated overgarment worn by noblemen.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Tabart, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Peter Tabard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Cecilia Tabarde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Rutland); Johannes Tabard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grafham, Sussex); Johannes Tabbard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); John Taberd, 1561 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William Tabrett, 1569 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Robert Tobberde, 1595 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Richard Tabret, 1595 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Gregorius Tabart, 1597 in *IGI* (Witton Gilbert, Durham); Mary Tabard, 1663 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); James Tabret, 1685 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); William Tabrat, 1687 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Thomas Tabbert, 1757 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).
- 2 English: locative name for someone who lived at an inn or house with the sign of a tabard (see above).
- Early bearers:** John atte Tabard, 1371 in *London Pleas*; John Tabrett, 1569 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Abell Tabrett, 1615 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Sarah Tabrett, 1703 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Frank Tabrett, 1854 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henry Charles Tabrett, 1879 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs).

### Tabron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Lancs
- English: see **Tabern**.

### Tace

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Tacey**.

### Tacey

- Variants:** **Tacy**, **Tace**, **Tassie**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Leics
- English: relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Eustace* (male and female). Compare **Stacey**, **Stace**, **Tesseyman**.
- Early bearers:** England: William Tacy, miller, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thorpe Achurch, Northants); Adame Tace, 1550 in *IGI* (London); Agnes Tacy, 1562 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Anne Tassie, 1589 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire); Katherine Tacy, 1607 in *IGI* (Stonesby, Leics); Anne Tasey, 1625 in *IGI* (Radwell, Herts); Ann Tacy, 1631, Adam Taseye, 1635 in *IGI* (Glington, Northants); Jerome Tacie, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Alice Tacye, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset). Scotland: Agnes Tassie, 1612, James Tasje, 1629 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jenet Tacy, 1697 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr).

## Tack

### Tack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants and Hunts

1 Norman, English: see **Tagg**.

2 Dutch, North German: (i) of uncertain origin: possibly from Frisian *Tjadeke*, a pet form of any of several compound personal names with the first element *thiad-*. (ii) alternatively, from a short form of a personal name formed with Old High German *tac* 'day' + *berht* 'bright'. (iii) alternatively, perhaps from *tak* 'twig, sprout, branch', Middle Low German *tack(e)* 'twig'. This may be formed from an ironic nickname for a big man, or a reduced form of personal names of which *-tack* formed the second element.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Tack, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Tack (born in the Netherlands) in *Census 1881* (East Mount Street, Middx).

### Tackley

**Variants:** Tuckley, Tokley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 English: locative name from Takeley (Essex).

**Early bearers:** William de Takel', 1200 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); John de Takele, 1325–6 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Nicholao de Takeleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Takeley, Essex); Johanne de Takelegh', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Waltham Holy Cross, Essex); Johannes Takelye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Canfield, Essex); John Takele, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Alexander Tacle, 1437 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Wyllyam Takeley, 1568 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Elisabeth Tacklee, James Tackley, 1586 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nathaniel Takely, 1625 in *IGI* (Ashingdon, Essex).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 535.

2 English: locative name from Tackley (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Nigelli de Takkelea, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Martinum de Tackele, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Roger de Tackele, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); William Takkele, 1367 in *Patent Rolls* (Ditchley in Spelsbury, Oxon); Hugh Takkeley, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Pitstone, Bucks); Joane Tackley, 1552 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Radulphus Takley, 1602 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 285.

### Tacon

**Variants:** Takon, Dagon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

Norman, English: relationship name from an Anglo-Norman French personal name \**Tachon*, \**Takon*, \**Tagon*, a pet form of names of Continental Germanic origin formed with *Dag-*, *Tag-* as the first element, such as Dagobert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs). See **Tagg**, **Takle**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Takoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Raynham, Norfolk); Thomas Takoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willingham, Norfolk); Thomas Tagon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton West, WR Yorks); Johanne Dagon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); Hugo Takane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holwell, Dorset); Willm

Teacon, 1619, Abraham Takon, 1738 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Samll. Tacon, 1717 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk).

### Tacy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Tacey**.

### Tadd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Sussex; also Cornwall

English: (i) see **Toad**. (ii) variant of **Todd**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

**Early bearers:** Agnita Tade, 1570 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks); Margaret Tad, 1572 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Catharine Tadd, 1589 in *IGI* (Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Edward Tadd, 1645 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts).

### Tadhunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: see **Todhunter**.

### Tadman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Kent

1 English: see **Tatman**.

2 English: variant of **Todman**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

### Taff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs
- Irish, English: of Welsh origin, see **Taaffe**.

### Taffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Cork; Dublin
- Irish, English: of Welsh origin, see **Taaffe**.

### Taffinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Taverner**.

### Taffs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants

Irish: variant of **Taaffe** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert Taffs, 1684 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent).

### Tafner

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Taverner**.

### Taft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 841, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys; also Lancs

English: see **Toft**.

### Tag

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: see **Tagg**.

### Tagart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Oxon

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **Taggart**.

### Tagert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- Irish and Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an tSagairt**, see **Taggart**.

### Tagg

**Variants:** Tagge, Tag, Tack, Take

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1538, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1127
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys

1 Norman, English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an Anglo-Norman French personal name \**Tag(g)*, \**Tak*, \**Dag(g)*, a pet form of Continental Germanic names in *Dag-*, *Tag-* such as Dagobert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs). Compare **Dagg**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tag* 'something hanging loose', especially a piece of hanging cloth, a tatter. The name may have been given to one who wore tattered clothing or perhaps fashionable clothing decorated with strips of fabric. See **Dagg**. (iii) nickname; examples of the name with final *-ch* or *-k(e)* may alternatively derive from Middle English *tak*, *tache* (Old French *tache*) 'clasp, buckle', perhaps for someone who wore a distinctive buckle. **Early bearers:** Suinus Tagge, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Hugh Tagge, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Tagge, 1350 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Take, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, NR Yorks); Hugo Tak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushden, Northants); Thoma Tach', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Johannes Tagge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Tag', Willelmus Tage, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Edittha Take, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Richard Tagg, 1405 in *Yorks Deeds* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Henricus Tagge, 1523 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); William Tagge, 1536, William Tagg, 1538 in *Feet of Fines* (Matlock, Derbys); Thomas Tagg, 1560 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Elizabeth Tacke, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Tagg, 1563 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Dorothy Tagg, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Cornwell, Oxon); John Tag, 1566 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Thomas Tack, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); George Tagge, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Dorothie Tagg, 1608 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Tack, 1629 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Rafe Tag, 1644 in *IGI*

(North Wingfield, Derbys); Ann Tack, 1725 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys).

2 Irish: from Ó Taidhg or Mac Taidhg, see **Tighe, McTigue**.

### Taggard

- GB frequency 1881: 17
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an tSagairt, see **Taggart**.

### Taggart

Variants: **Tegart, Tagart, Tagert, Taggard, Tigar**

- Current frequencies: GB 2724, Ireland 1516
- GB frequency 1881: 1126
- Main GB location 1881: IoM; Lancs; Glasgow
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Antrim Manx, Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an tSagairt ‘son of the priest’, see **McTaggart**.

Early bearers: IoM: Otes Mac tagart, 1511 in *Moore*; Robt Taggart, 1631 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Finloe Taggart, 1652 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM); Robt Taggart, 1691 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM).

Ireland: James Taggart, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Legacory Town, Armagh); William Taggart, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Billy, Antrim); Gabriel Taggart, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Dunluce, Antrim).

Scotland: Elizabeth Taggart, 1642 in *IGI* (Livingston, W Lothian); Thomas Taggart, 1683 in *IGI* (Saltoun, E Lothian); Margaret Taggart, 1695 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Tagge

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Norman, English: see **Tagg**.

### Taggart

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 12
- GB frequency 1881: 35
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; Cumb; Ayr
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an tSagairt, see **McTaggart**.

### Tagoe

- Current frequencies: GB 279, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

### Tague

- Current frequencies: GB 490, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs; NE England; Glasgow

Irish: from Ó Taidhg or Mac Taidhg, see **Tighe, McTigue**.

### Taha

- Current frequencies: GB 369, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- Muslim (Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Sudan, Morocco): from a personal name based on the Arabic letters *tāhā*, the title of the twentieth sura of the Qur’an.

Further information: The twentieth sura of the Qur’an is important to Muslims as it proclaims the greatness of Allah, recounts the story of Allah’s guidance given to Musa (Moses), and contains prophecies about the

hereafter, including the reward that is due to the faithful and the punishment of disbelievers.

### Tahaney

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 2
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

Irish: from Ó Teitheánaigh, see **Taheny**.

### Taheny

Variants: **Tahaney, Teaney**

- Current frequencies: GB 47, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 0
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Sligo

Irish: from Ó Teitheánaigh ‘descendant of Teitheánach’, probably derived from *teitheachán* ‘fugitive’. Compare **Teehan**.

Early bearers: Peter, Patrick, and James Tahany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilvarnet, Sligo); John Teany, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lavey, Cavan); Matthew Tagheny, 1858 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Tully Beg, Sligo).

### Taher

- Current frequencies: GB 342, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Tahir**.

### Taheri

- Current frequencies: GB 177, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Iranian: locative name denoting someone from the ancient city of Taheri (now known as Siraf) on the coast of the Persian Gulf.

### Tahir

Variants: **Taher**

- Current frequencies: GB 1943, Ireland 23
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *tāhir* ‘pure, virtuous’.

### Tahira

- Current frequencies: GB 150, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Muslim: from a female personal name based on Arabic *tāhira* ‘pure, virtuous’ (feminine form of **Tahir**).

### Tai

Variants: **Dai, Tye, Tay, Toy, Tey, Teh**

- Current frequencies: GB 544, Ireland 14
- GB frequency 1881: 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 戴 (**Dai** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘respect, support’ in Chinese: (i) from Dai (戴), the posthumous title of King Song Dai Gong (died 766 BC), in the state of Song. (ii) from *Dai* (戴), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province). After it was annexed by the state of Zheng in 713 BC, the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (iii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, **Yin** (殷), because they shared a similar meaning, ‘deep feeling’, in ancient Chinese.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 代 (**Dai** in Mandarin pinyin, **Toi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘historical periods’ in Chinese: (i) from *Dai* (代), the name of an ancient state (located in Hebei province). After it was

annexed by the state of Zhao during the Warring States period (475–221 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) traced back to the Dai (代) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郚 (**Toi** or **Toy** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from the place-name *Tai* (郚), the name of a fief (located in Wugong in Shaanxi province) granted to Hou Ji, an official during the reign of the legendary king Yao, or Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC). (ii) complicated form of the Chinese character *Tai* (台), the name of a place (located in Shandong province) in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) adopted as a surname by the Da Li Ji family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 載, see **Tsai** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

### Tail

- GB frequency 1881: 55
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Hants

1 English: nickname from Middle English *tail* ‘tail’ (Old English *taegl* ‘tail’). The reference may be to horsehair: compare Old Scandinavian *tagl* ‘horse’s tail’, and note Peter Taylmonger, 1332 in *Fransson* (Norfolk), apparently ‘seller of (horses’) tails’. A lewd connotation is also possible, as the word was jocularly applied to human genitalia, both male and female. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

Early bearers: Edwin Taile, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); William Tayl, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John Tail, 1560 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Agnes Tayle, 1591 in *IGI* (Bucknall, Lincs); Juliana Tayle, 1644 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Christopher Taile, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Tail, 1711 in *IGI* (Kyloe, Northumb).

References: *Fransson*, p. 99.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *tail* ‘tail’ (Old English *taegl*), denoting either a projecting piece of land or the part of a mill race leading away from the waterwheel, for someone who lived by such a feature.

Early bearers: Walter del Teil, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robert de la Taill, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Mary Tail, 1716 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); James Tail, 1753 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Tail, 1760 in *IGI* (Ruskington, Lincs); James Tail, 1770 in *IGI* (Founders Hall Lothbury Scots Church, London).

### Tailby

Variants: **Tealby, Tilby**

- Current frequencies: GB 324, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 377

• Main GB location 1881: Leics and Northants  
English: locative name from Tealby (Lincs), which is recorded as *Tavelesbi* in 1086, *Teilebi* in 1210, and *Teleby, Thevelbe* in 1252.

Early bearers: Roger de Tavelesby, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); John de Thevelby, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); John de Tevelby, tailor, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); John Telby, 1401, John de

## Tailford

Teleby, 1414, John Teulby, 1429, in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Alicia Tayleby, 1588 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 3, p. 131.

### Tailford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Taillefer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Tailor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2579, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 518
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Britain
- English: see **Taylor**.

### Tailyour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- English, Scottish: see **Taylor**.

### Tainsh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth
- Scottish: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** David Tance, 1654, Jonet Tanch, 1660, John Tansh, 1696, in *IGI* (Kinglassie, Fife); George Tanshe, 1659 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Jonnet Tainsh, 1701 in *IGI* (Crieff, Perth); Elizabeth Tanch, 1705 in *IGI* (Findo Gask, Perth); Mary Tainish, 1797 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian).

### Tainter

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: occupational name from Middle English *teinturer* ‘dyer’ (Old French *teinturier*), for someone who dyed cloth.
- Early bearers:** Thomas le Teinturer, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys/Notts); Peter le Teyntur, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas le Teyntour, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Roberto Teyntour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade, Wilts); Margret Tainter, 1652 in *IGI* (Latton, Wilts); William Tainter, 1654 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Tainter, 1707 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); Eliza Tainter, 1844 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants).
- References:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Tainton

- Variants:** **Taynton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: locative name from either of two places called Taynton in Oxon and Gloucs.
- Early bearers:** Henry de Teynton, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Richard de Teynton of Coventre, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Jacobus de Teynton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Messingham, Lincs); Johannes Teynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham,

Oxon); Johannes Teynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fawler, Oxon); Johanne Teynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Richard Taynton late of Dadyngton, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Deddington, Oxon).

### Tait

- Variants:** **Taitt, Taite, Tate, Tett**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 10912, Ireland 213
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8742
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Northumb; Midlothian; Shetland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Derry
- English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English and Older Scots *tait(e)* ‘merry, eager, lively’ (Old Scandinavian *teitr*), also used as a personal name.
- Early bearers:** given names: Teit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).
- surnames, England: Ralph Tait, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Robert Teyt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thomas Tayte, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Topcliffe, NR Yorks); Nicholaus Tayte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, NR Yorks); Agn’ Tayte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Johannes Tayte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timple, WR Yorks); Robert Tayt, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset and Wilts); William Tayt, 1452 in *Ripon Memorials* (WR Yorks); Margaret Tate, 1546 in *IGI* (Aldborough, WR Yorks); Thomi Tayt, 1581 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Henrici Tayte, 1590, Christopheri Tate, 1616 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Isabel Tate, 1663, Isabel Tait, 1685 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Margaret Taite, 1672, Margaret Tate, 1708 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb).
- surnames, Scotland: Thomas dictus Tayt, 1329 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Alexander Tayt, 1381 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adam Tayt, 1432 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lanarks); Alesoun Tait, 1598 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Alexander Tait, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); James Tait, 1600, Alison Tayt, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elizabeth Tait, 1655 in *IGI* (Holm and Papay, Orkney); Joh. Tait, 1696 in *IGI* (Tingwall, Shetland).

### Taite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Durham
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English, Scottish: see **Tait**.

### Taitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Tait**.

### Taiwo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Nigerian (Yoruba): from a Yoruba *àmúṣò’runwá* or circumstance name *Táiwò* (a contracted form of Yoruba *tò ayé wò* ‘who tastes the world first’), traditionally bestowed on the elder of twins.
- References:** *Oduyoje*, p. 86.

### Taj

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *tāj* ‘crown’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Takacs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Hungarian: occupational name, Hungarian (**Takács**), from Hungarian *takács* ‘weaver’.

### Take

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Tagg**.

### Takel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Glamorgan
- Norman, English: see **Takle**.

### Takhar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found in the Jat community.

### Takle

- Variants:** **Takel, Tatchell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Devon
- Norman, English: relationship name, probably from an Anglo-Norman French given name *Tachel*, *Takel*, in origin a Continental Germanic name *Dacil(us)*, \**Tacil(us)*. This was a pet form of names in *Dag-*, *Tag-* such as Dagobert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs). The double diminutive form *Dachelin* is recorded in *Domesday Book* (Dorset) and as the surname of Alicia Dacolyn, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Beds). The spelling *-ch-* represents the sound /k/. The earliest known bearer of *Tachel* or *Takel* as a surname is a Lincs knight with the forename *Samson*, a particular favourite among Bretons, many of whom were given estates in Lincs after the Conquest. This tells against Reaney’s suggestion that the source of the name is an unrecorded Old English given name \**Tacela*, though it remains a theoretical possibility.
- Early bearers:** Geoffrey Takel, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls*; Samson Tachel, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Lincs), 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Yawthorpe, Lincs); Samson Takel, about 1170–86 in *Mowbray Charters*; Sansone Takel de Brunhom, late 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Burnham in Haxey, Lincs); Thomas Takel, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johannem filium Takel’ de Kotingham, 1218–19 in *Assize Rolls* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); John Takel of Cottingham, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (ER Yorks); John Tachel of Kyngesbury Episcopi, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); Johannes Takul, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Johanne Tachell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seavington Saint Mary, Somerset); Thoma Tathel’ (for Tachel’), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Over Stratton, Somerset); Johannes Takell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomam Tackele, 1406 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Elizabetha Tackle, 1573 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Elnor Tackell, 1581 in *IGI* (Chippingham, Wilts); Dorithie Tackhill, 1572 in *IGI*



(Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Willm Tackell, 1594 in *IGI* (Worlaby by Brigg, Lincs); John Tackle, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1120.

### Takon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- Norman, English: see **Tacon**.

### Talati

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu name meaning ‘village accountant’ in Gujarati.

### Talbert

**Variants:** Tolbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Norman, English, Scottish: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Talbert*. Compare **Talbot**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Talbard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus Talberd, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Johannes Talbard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Edward Talbert, 1647 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Talbert, 1685 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Marthia Tolbert, 1755 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey).

Scotland: David Talbert, 1592 in *Retours, Scotland* (Fife); Alexr. Talbert, 1627, William Talbert, 1632 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); John Talbert, 1634 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Poofald, Perth).

### Talbot

**Variants:** Taulbut, Talbutt, Talbut, Talbott, Tolbot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12253, Ireland 894
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7401
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Kerry

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Talebot*, a pet form of Old French *Talebert* (Continental Germanic *Talaberht*). Compare **Talbert**.

**Further information:** William Taillebot, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs), seems to suggest an alternative derivation from Old French *taille* ‘cut’ + *botte* ‘faggot’, but this is unlikely given the high social status of the bearer. It may be an error for *Talebot* or **Talboys**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Talebotus prior, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Talebod de Neweham, 1146–8 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Essex); Talebot, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Talebot, 1283 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

surnames: Geoffrey Talebot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Richard Talebot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Gilbert Talebot, 1190, in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Andrew Talebot, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Thalebot, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Taleboth, 1229 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Gilbert Talbot, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Talbut, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Talbot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eslington, Northumb); Alice Talbot, 1548 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey); Willm Talbot, 1560 in *IGI*

(Thirsk, NR Yorks); Edwardus Talbot, 1561 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Talbot, 1561 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Roberti Talbot, 1562 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

2 Irish: as well as being a well-established Norman English name, this is also a Norman Irish name of great historical importance, gaelicized as **Talbóid**. **Further information:** Talbot is the name of an ancient Irish family of Norman origin, which has held the earldoms of Shrewsbury and Waterford since the 15th century. They were granted the baronial estate of Malahide, near Dublin, by Henry II (1154–89), an estate which they held for over 850 years. They trace their descent from Richard de Talbott, mentioned in *Domesday Book*. His son, Hugh de Talbot or Talebot’h, became governor of Plessis Castle, Normandy, in 1118.

**Early bearers:** William Talebot, 1210 in *CDI* §401 (Nassam, Kildare); Reginald Talbot, 1224 in *CDI* §1168 (Dalkey, Dublin); Robert Talebot, 1226 in *CDI* §1342 (Finegal); Robert Talbot, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260 (Belgard); Reginald Talbott, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §646; Richard Talbot, chief justice, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2444; William Talbot, knight, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3182 (Mullaghid); Gilbert Talbot, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4462 (Belgard).

### Talbott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 682
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Somerset; Staffs; also Leics

Norman, English: see **Talbot**.

### Talboys

**Variants:** Tallboys, Tabois, Tallboy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, Oxon, and Berks

Norman, English: locative name from Taillebois (Orne).

**Further information:** A derivation from Old French *taille* ‘cut’ + *bosc* ‘wood’, for a woodcutter, is unlikely in view of the high social standing of the early bearers.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tailgebosc, Taillebosc, Tallbosc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Yvo Tailleboys, 1133–60 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Roger de Tallebois, 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Reginald Taillebois, Tallebos, Tallebys, Taullebois, 1203–21 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Robert Tayleboys alias Taleboys, 1257 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Northumb); Robert de Talbois, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John Talboys, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Robert Talboys, 1554 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Woolnoth, London); Anne Talboys, 1568 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Raphell Talboys, 1593 in *IGI* (Saltwood, Kent); Mary Talboys, 1623 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs).

### Talbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Talbot**.

### Talbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Talbot**.

### Talen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Tallant**.

### Talent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Tallant**.

### Talford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Hants
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Talfourd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Talib

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from Arabic *ṭālib* ‘student, seeker (of knowledge)’.

**Further information:** ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib, the fourth and last of the ‘rightly guided’ khalifs, was a cousin of the Prophet Muhammad, under whose care he had been brought up and educated. He married the Prophet’s daughter Fatima Zahra.

### Talkington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Angus

English: see **Torkington**.

### Talks

**Variants:** Tawlks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Talke (Staffs), with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Gregory de Talk, 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*; Johannes de Talk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stone, Staffs); Alanus Talk’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); George Talks, 1572 in *IGI* (Fotherby, Lincs); Aelse Taulkes, 1577 in *IGI* (North Elkington, Lincs). **References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 528.

### Tall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cambs

1 English: locative name from Talle in Payhembury (Devon). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Tale, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); William Talle of Torre, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Torre, Devon); Johane Tall, 1568 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Johan Talle, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon).

## Tallack

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 567.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *tal(le)* 'handsome; valiant; lively' (Old English *getæl*). The modern sense of the word *tall* (of high stature) did not develop until the end of the 16th century. See also **Talman**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Talle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmus Tall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Povington, Dorset); Robertus Talle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Litcham, Norfolk); Avelina Talle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Joseph Tall, 1583 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Gilbert Tall, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Boniface Tall, 1608 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Georg Or Allerton Tall, 1615 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Elizabeth Tall, 1618 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Tallack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the Middle Cornish nickname \**Talek* 'foreheaded (one)'.

**Early bearers:** John Talek, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornwall); William Talek, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Thomas Taleke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall); Paul Talek, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Illogan, Cornwall); Georgij Tallack, 1599 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Frances Tallack, 1608 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).

## Tallamy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: perhaps, like the Sussex surname **Talmey**, a variant of **Talmage**.

**Early bearers:** John Talamie, 1614 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); John Tallamy, 1616 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Temperance Tallamy, 1681 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon).

## Tallant

**Variants:** **Tallent**, **Talent**, **Talen**, **Talling**, **Tallents**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *talent* 'will; lust; courage' (Old French *talente*).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Tallant, 1589 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Tallent, 1616 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); Robert Talant, 1640 in *IGI* (Doveridge, Derbys); Ann Tallant, 1642 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Alice Tallent, 1684 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Thomas Tallent, 1719, Thomas Talent, 1721 in *IGI* (Cratfield, Suffolk); Sarah Tallent, 1724 in *IGI* (Throapham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Tallant, 1740 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Talland (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Odo de Talent, 1155–60 in *Templars Records* (Dorset); Robert Tallant, 1570 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); Anthony Tallant, 1588 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Tallant, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Anthony Tallen, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

3 Irish: in Ireland, the English name was gaelicized as **Talant** and is recorded from the 16th century. It may also be a variant of **Tallon**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Tallant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6408; Morish Tallant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6408; Hubert Tallant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6408; Peirse Tallant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6408.

## Tallantire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham
- English: see **Tallentire**.

## Tallantyre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: see **Tallentire**.

## Tallboy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales: esp. Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Talboys**.

## Tallboys

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs

Norman, English: see **Talboys**.

## Tallemach

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Talmage**.

## Tallent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lancs and WR Yorks; London

English: see **Tallant**.

## Tallentire

**Variants:** **Tallentyre**, **Tallantire**, **Tallantyre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 416, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Cumb

English: locative name from Tallantire (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Tarentir, 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Galfridus de Talentir, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Geoffrey Talentir, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Agnes Tallentire, 1585 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Margaret Tallentire, 1587 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Tallentire, 1648 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Anne Tallentire, 1658 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Tallentire, 1727 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham).

## Tallents

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Notts

English: variant of **Tallant** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Mary Tallents, 1663 in *IGI* (North Wingfield, Derbys).

## Tallentyre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Tallentire**.

## Tallet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Northants; Herts
- English: see **Tallett**.

## Tallett

**Variants:** **Tallet**, **Tallott**, **Tallot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; London

1 English: nickname; either a term of abuse, from Middle English *tailarde* 'someone who has a tail' (the devil?), or from Old French *taillard*, a sword for cutting (especially in fencing). For *-et* and *-ot* as a late development of *-ard*, compare **Pickett**.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Taillard, 1155 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Robert Taillard, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Taillard, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Ricardo Tailard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Thomas Taylard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); Petronilla Taylard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Singleton, Sussex); Vincent Tallet, 1579 in *IGI* (Aston near Birmingham, Warwicks); Alice Tallet, 1610 in *IGI* (Epwell, Oxon); Thomas Tallot, 1673 in *IGI* (Bucknell, Oxon).

2 English: relationship name, possibly from an unrecorded Old French personal name \**Talot*, \**Talet*, a diminutive form of Continental Germanic \**Talo*. Compare **Tallon**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Tallot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); James Tallett, 1633 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); James Tallett, 1633 in *IGI* (Upton Warren, Worcs); William Tallett, 1752 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Mary Tallett, 1793 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Thomas Tallett, 1802 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Talley

**Variants:** **Tally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys; London

1 Norman, English: locative name from one or more of the places in France named Tailly (Somme, Ardennes, Côte-d'Or).

**Early bearers:** William de Talaye, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Roberto de Taylay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lancs); Margaret Tallie, 1560 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Elisabeth Tally, 1563 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Adrian de Tallie, 1570, Richard Talley, 1588 in *IGI* (London); Thomas Tallie, 1575 in *IGI* (Frocester, Gloucs).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*, at Tailly.

2 Irish: from Ó **Taithligh** 'descendant of *Taithleach*', a byname or personal name meaning 'peaceable'.

**Early bearers:** Giolla na n-Aingel Ó Taichligh, archdeacon of Innis [Devenish], 1328 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Fermanagh); Maol Maedhóg Ó Táichligh, official of Lough Erne, 1347 in *Annals of the Four Masters* (Fermanagh); Edward Tally, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Castleterra, Cavan).

**References:** *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 143.

**Talling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tallant**.

**Tallis**

Variants: **Talliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 682, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 283
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Isabella Talis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Thomas Tallis, about 1505–85 in *DNB*; Katherina Tales, 1547, Henry Tallys, 1568 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Margery Tallys, 1571 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jefferay Tallis, 1574 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Dorothy Tallis, 1595 in *IGI* (Loddington, Leics); Nichalal Tallas, 1596 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); William Tallice, 1637, Richard Talles, 1646 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks).

**Talliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Tallis**.

**Tallman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Talman**.

**Tallon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 637, Ireland 583
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 243
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Meath
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Talo(n)* (Continental Germanic \**Talo*).
- Early bearers:** Henry Talon, Talun, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugh Talun, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Talun, 1187 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johanna Taloun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Taloun, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); James Loyon Tallon, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Step. Tallon, 1697 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Tallon, 1713 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Anthony Tallon, 1724 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); George Tallon, 1733 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb).
- 2 Norman, Irish: probably Norman, gaelicized as *Talún*, and so of the same origin as (1).
- Early bearers:** James reogh mcWilliam Tallan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1374; Shane Tallan mcWilliam Tallan, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1374; Charles Tallon, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995; Edmund (McHobbert) Tallon, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4009; Shane riaghe Tallon, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3995 (Rasallagh); Maurice Tallon fitz Richard, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4372.

**Talot**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tallett**.

**Tallott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs
- English: see **Tallett**.

**Tally**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Norman, English: see **Talley**.

**Talmdage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Talmage**.

**Talmage**

Variants: **Talmadge**, **Talmedge**, **Tallemach**,

**Tollemache**, **Talmey**, **Tallamy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Hants

English: nickname from Old French *talemache* ‘pouch, knapsack, beggar’s bag’, perhaps a nickname for an itinerant merchant.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Talamasche, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Talemache, 1150 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Hugo Talemache, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Talemach, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); William Talmage, 1512 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Elizabeth Talmage, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Lionel Talmache or Talmage, 1552, Lionell Tallemache, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Helmingham, Suffolk); William Talmage, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barton Stacey, Hants); Edmond Tulmaige, 1597, John Tallmadge, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Whitsbury, Hants); Rose Talmage, 1620 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Elizabeth Tallmash, 1704 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Mary Talmage, 1751, Thomas Talmadge, 1754 in *IGI* (Clapham, Sussex).

**Talman**

Variants: **Tallman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

1 English: nickname from Middle English *tal(le)* ‘handsome, valiant, lively’ (Old English *getæl*) + *man* ‘man’. Compare **Tall**.

**Early bearers:** Reginald Taleman, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Talmon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moreton Morrell, Warwicks); Thomas Talman of Hyngham, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Hingham, Norfolk); Rad. Talman, butcher, 1360–1 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Johannes Talman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk); Walterus Talleman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fareham, Hants); John Talman of Ghrymston, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Grimston, Norfolk); Wenyfryth Talman, 1561 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Thomas Talman, 1579 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Wm. Talman, 1586 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Josias Talman, 1609 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey).

2 English: probably also a variant of **Tolman**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

**Talmay**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Talmey**.

**Talmedge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Talmage**.

**Talmey**

Variants: **Talmay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: apparently a local variant of **Talmage**.

**Early bearers:** Clemence Talmie, 1593 in *IGI* (Stopham, Sussex); Eliz. Talmy, 1596 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

**Talton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Staffs

1 English: locative name, apparently from Tallington (Lincs), though the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong rather to (2).

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Thalington, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Taylinton, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainton, Northants); William de Talyngton, 1377 in *Feet of Fines* (Maxey, Northants); Johanne Talyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goscote hundred, Leics); John Talton, 1561 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Edwarde Talton, 1565 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Henricus Talton, 1598 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lincs); Anne Tallton, 1610, Mary Talton, 1657 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Joseph Talton, 1691 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Joseph Talton, 1777 in *IGI* (South Witham, Lincs).

2 English: probably also a variant of **Tolton**, with unrounding of [o] to [a].

**Talty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 242
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

Irish (Clare): from Ó **Tailtigh** ‘descendant of *Tailteach*’, a personal name which Woulfe believes to be a variant of *Taithleach*, a byname or personal name meaning ‘peaceable’. Compare **Talley**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Talty, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ballyillaun, Clare); Ellen Talty, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cloonlaheen, Middle, Clare); Peter Talty, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Doonsallagh West, Clare).

**Talwar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri?), meaning ‘sword’ in several languages.

**Tam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 781, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 譚, 覃, and 談, see **Tan** (1–3).

2 English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tam*, a pet form of **Thomas**. Compare **Thom**.

## Tamber

Early bearers: Annis Tam, 1593 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex).

### Tamber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- 1 Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.  
2 English: see **Tumber**.

### Tambini

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: perhaps a reduced form of **Tamburrini**.

### Tamblin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tamlyn**.

### Tambling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Somerset
- English: see **Tamlyn**.

### Tamblyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tamlyn**.

### Tamburrini

Variants: **Tambini**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: occupational name, nickname for a drummer or a drum maker, from Italian *tamburino* 'drum, drummer'.

References: *De Felice*.

### Tame

Variants: **Thame**, **Thames**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 556
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks

English: locative name, primarily from Thame (Oxon) or the River Thame which flows through it, but perhaps occasionally from one or more of the three English rivers named Tame, in Staffs/Warwicks, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks/Lancs.

Early bearers: Aluered de Tame, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Claricia de Thame, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Walterus de Thame, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chinnor, Oxon); Thomas de Tame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Johannes Tame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johanne Tame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walcote, Leics); Stepheno Tame, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Arnold, Leics); Ricardus Thame, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stadhampton, Oxon); Elizabeth Tame, 1555, William Thame, 1594 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Robertus Thame, 1556 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Ellyn Tame, 1570 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Francis Thame, 1625 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Jane Thame, 1636 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Tames

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Cheshire
- English: see **Thames**.

### Tamkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: variant of **Tomkin** with dialect unrounding of [o] to [a] (compare **Tamlyn** and **Tamsett**).  
Early bearers: George Tamkin, 1586 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Peter Tamkin, 1597 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); James Tamkyn, 1631 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); Thomas Tamkine, 1647 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Tamlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Tamlyn**.

### Tamlyn

Variants: **Tamlin**, **Tamplin**, **Tambyln**, **Tamblin**, **Tambling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tamelin*, a variant of *Tomelin* 'little Thomas' with unrounding of the vowel; see **Tomlin** and compare **Tam**. By the post-medieval period, the surname was developing forms with intrusive *-p-* and *-b-*.

Further information: John Tamlyn, 1558 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Prospidnick manor, Sithney, Cornwall), may well be the same person as John John alias Tomlyn, 1585 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Prospidnick manor, Sithney, Cornwall).  
Early bearers: Peter Tamelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Tamelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); John Tamlyn, 1558 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Prospidnick manor, Sithney, Cornwall); Roger Tamlyn, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Maby, Cornwall); Silvester Tamlyn, 1575 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Tamlin, 1586 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); Thomas Tamlyn, 1579, John Tamlin, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Maby, Cornwall).

### Tampin

Variants: **Tampion**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Middx
- English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *tampon*, *tampine*, *tampioun* 'a pad or wad in cannonry; a plug or stopper'.

Early bearers: Henry Tamyng, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Dorothy Tampan, Suasns Tampion, 1570 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Henry Tampion, 1573, Thomas Tampion, 1580 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Annes Tampion, 1573 in *IGI* (Oakham, Rutland); Amy Tampon, 1689 in *IGI* (Somersham, Suffolk); William Tamypon, 1731 in *IGI* (Braunston, Rutland); Mary Tampion, 1747, Abraham Tampen, 1778 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk).

### Tampion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Tampin**.

## Tamplin

Variants: **Taplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; London; also Kent and Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: variant of **Tamlyn** with intrusive *p*, itself a variant of **Tomlin**. For the development of the name in Sussex compare John Thomeling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warningcamp, Sussex) with Elizabeth Tompline (1636) and Gilles Tamplin (1638), both registered in Crawley in *IGI*. The name may possibly have further developed to **Taplin**, with assimilation of the first nasal consonant.

Early bearers: Mary Tamplyn, 1600 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); John Tamplin, 1614 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Rebacka Tamplin, 1618 in *IGI* (Goudhurst, Kent); Roger Tamplin, 1622 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Abraham Tamplin, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Edward Tamplin, 1716 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Tamplin, 1718 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths), Anne Tamplyn, 1744 in *IGI* (Chapel Hill, Monmouths).

### Tams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 873, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Thames**.

Early bearers: Roger Tams, 1633, Sara Tamms, 1663 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Hanna Taumes, 1666 in *IGI* (Penn, Staffs).

### Tamsett

Variants: **Tamsitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Tomsett** with dialect unrounding of [o] to [a] (compare **Tamkin** and **Tamlyn**).

Early bearers: Stephen Tamset, 1588 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Thomas Tamset, 1605 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); James Tamset, 1640 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Frances Tampsett, 1739 in *IGI* (Wittersham, Kent).

### Tamsitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tamsett**.

### Tamson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name, 'son of *Tam*', from the Middle English personal name **Tam**, a pet form of **Thomas**, + *-son*. Compare **Thompson**.

Early bearers: William Tamson, 1395 in *The East Anglian* (Cams); Agnes Tamson, 1558 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Johne Tampion, 1566 in *IGI* (Owersby, Lincs); Audrie Tamson, 1567 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); John Tampion, 1570 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

### Tamworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
 English: locative name from Tamworth (Staffs).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tamewurthe, 1189–99 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); William de Tamwurth, 1262 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Hugh Tampworth, 1380 in *The Church in London*; Johanne de Tamworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Willelmo Tamworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Tamworth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Nathaniell Tamworth, 1607 in *IGI* (Silk Willoughby, Lincs); Robt. Tamworth, 1696 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Willm. Tamworth, 1779 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Charles Tamworth, 1823 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Tan

**Variants:** Tann, Than, Tam, Tham, Tarn, Tom, Chin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3521, Ireland 62
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 譚 (**Tam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'magnificent' in ancient Chinese: from *Tan* (譚), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Shandong province). After the state was annexed by the state of Qi in 684 BC, people kept the name of the state as their surname.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 覃 (**Tam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'long' or 'extend' in ancient Chinese. It is said that in some cases the surname evolved from a simplification of the surname 譚 (see 1 above). People with the surname 譚 changed it to 覃 in order to escape persecution by their enemies.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 談 (**Tam** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'talk' in Chinese: (i) from *Tan* (談), the name of an ancient state (location unknown). After this state was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people adopted 談, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) from the name of the state of *Tan* (談, also written 鄰), which was located in present-day Shandong province. It was annexed by the state of Yue during the early Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Ji Tan (籍談), an official who lived during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

4 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

6 English: see **Tann**.

## Tancock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tancock*, from \**Tan* (a pet form of **Andrew**) + the diminutive suffix *-cock*. Compare **Tann**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Tancocke, 1592 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); John Tancock, 1619 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Robert Tancock, 1619 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent).

## Tancred

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; Gloucs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin  
 Norman, English: relationship name, metathesized variant of **Tankard**. There is no evidence that the modern surname derived from the Old French personal name *Tancred* (Continental Germanic *Tancred*), though the given name is attested in Tancredus filius Bernardi, Tancredus de Witton, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts), and a derived surname is apparently recorded in John Tankred, 1389 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs).  
**Further information:** A family with the name *Tancred* trace their descent from William Tankard, steward of Knaresborough Forest during the reign of Henry III (1216–72), further supporting the explanation that this name is a variant of *Tankard*.  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Tandon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community (see **Khatri**).

## Tandy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2098, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Gloucs; also Staffs

English, Irish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tandy*, a pet form of **Andrew**. Compare **Dandy**.

**Further information:** The surname has been in Ireland since the 14th century, especially in County Meath.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Tandy de Jay, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops).

surnames: Richard Tandy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Tandy, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William Tandys, 1340 in *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (Worcs); Willelmus Tandy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Copston Magna, Warwicks); Johannes Tandy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hidcote Bartrim, Gloucs); Thomas Tandy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Farmcote, Gloucs); Julian Tandy, 1539 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); John Tandy, 1542 in *IGI* (Crowle, Worcs); Humphrey Tandy, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Brygett Tandy, 1586 in *IGI* (Collington, Herefs); Richard Tandy, 1606 in *IGI* (Adlestrop, Gloucs).

## Taney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Tawney**.

## Tanfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: locative name, primarily from East and West Tanfield (NR Yorks), but perhaps occasionally also from Tanfield (Durham).  
**Early bearers:** Matilda de Tanfeld', 1203–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Elias de Tanfelde, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Alicia de Tanfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes de Tanfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Johannes de Tanfeld', 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Tanfeld', 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Tanfeld, 1463 in *Yorks Wills*; Elizabeth Tanfield, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Bassishaw, London); Johnis. Tanfield, 1602 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Wmi. Tanfield, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Denis, York); Mary Tanfield, 1660 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

## Tang

**Variants:** Teng, Tong, Tung, Ting, Tseng, Dang, Deng, Ding, Hong, Thong, Ong, Tin, Tan, Tun, Tom, Dunn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4450, Ireland 205
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 湯 (**Tong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'soup' or 'hot water' in Chinese: (i) from part of the title of Cheng Tang (成湯), a title of Lü, founder of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Tang Yue (湯悅), who changed his original surname, Yin (殷), to Tang (湯) during the Northern Song dynasty (AD 960–1127).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 唐 (**Tong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'boastful' or 'vain' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Tang* (唐), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shanxi province), which is said to have belonged to the legendary king Yao, or the Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC). The state of Tang was annexed by Zhou Cheng Wang (reigned 1042–1021 BC). The original inhabitants migrated to the state of Du (located in present-day Shaanxi province), adopting 唐 as their surname. Later, Zhou Cheng Wang granted the fiefdom of Tang to Shu Yu, also known as Tang Shu Yu, the third son of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). The fiefdom was eventually annexed by the state of Chu in 505 BC. Some of his descendants, too, inherited 唐, the name of the fief, as their surname. (ii) in some families this surname can be traced back to a minority ethnic group in the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220) in SW China.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 滕 (**Teng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning '(water) surging' in ancient Chinese: from *Teng* (滕), the name of a state (located in present-day Tengxian in Shandong province), which was given to Cuo Shu Xiu, the fourteenth son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鄧 (**Deng** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) from *Deng* (鄧), the name of a state (located in Dengxian in Henan province) granted to Man Ji, uncle of Yin Wu Ding, a king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from Deng Bowen (鄧伯溫), head of an ancient state (located in present-day Shandong province) dating back to the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (iii) from *Deng* (鄧), a fief (located in Hubei province) granted to descendants of Xia Zhong Kang, a king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (iv) from *Deng* Cheng (鄧城, City of Deng), a town in the state of Cai (located in present-day Henan province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) from *Deng* (鄧), a title of Li Tianyi, the eighth son of Li Yu, the last king of the state of Southern Tang (AD 937–75) during the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (AD 907–60) periods. The state of Southern Tang was annexed by Song Tai Zong (AD 939–97) in AD 975, and the royal families of South Tang were hunted down. Li Tianyi's son fled

## Tangney

and changed the surname (Li) to Deng (鄧), his father's title.

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 黨 (**Tong** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'faction, party' in Chinese, which is traced back to a minority ethnic group in ancient NW China, said to be descended from Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

6 Chinese: Teochew form of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

### Tangney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

1 Irish (Kerry): from Ó Teangana 'descendant of Teangana', a personal name of unknown etymology. **Early bearers:** Patrick O Tagney, butcher, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6569 (Traley, Kerry); Patrick Tangney, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ardeetgalvan, Kerry); Jeremiah Tangney, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Scartaglin, Kerry).

**References:** *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 143.

2 Breton, Cornish: see **Tingey** and compare **Tangye**.

**Early bearers:** Thomae Tangney, 1806 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Daniel Tangney, 1852 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Tanguay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French, Breton: see **Tanguy**.

### Tanguy

Variants: **Tanguay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French, Breton: relationship name from the Breton personal name *Tan(ne)guy*. See also **Tingey** and **Tangye**.

**Early bearers:** Philomene F. Tanguy (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Jersey).

### Tangye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: a 16th-century reintroduction of the Breton name which gave rise to **Tingey**. It is seen at first in Cornwall as a given name, and the surname may have actually arisen in Cornwall. Compare also **Tangy**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tangy Breton, alien, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); Tangy Kestoll, alien, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Manaccan, Cornwall).

surames: James Tangy, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Breage, Cornwall); John Tangye, 1610 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Luce Tangye, 1726 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Tank

Variants: **Taank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Tancred*, *Tancard*, of French origin (see **Tankard**). (ii) alternatively, perhaps a nickname from the rare Middle English word *tank* 'blast on a horn'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tank, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Tanke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Thomas Tank of Shalflete, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Richard Tanke, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); Daudi Tancke, 1648 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Stephen Tank, 1659 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall).

2 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu name of a Rajput clan, of unknown meaning. It is unclear whether this name is connected with the English word *tank*, itself of Indian origin; compare Gujarati *tānkh* 'underground reservoir'.

### Tankard

Variants: **Tancred**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 540, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 460
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Tancard* (Continental Germanic *Tancard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tankardus Flandrensis, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

surames: Radulfus filius Tancard', 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); William Tankard, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Radulfus filius Tankardi de Kerebi, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kearby, WR Yorks); John Tancart, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Rogerus Tancard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton, Hants); Johanne Tankerd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Bullingham, Herefs); Johannes Tankard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shepshed, Leics); Robertus Tankard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Ricardus Tankard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leathley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tankard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); Ricardus Tankard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hargrave, Suffolk); William Tankard, 1300 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Boroughbridge, WR Yorks); William Tankerd, 1494 in *York Guild Register*; Maria Tankard, 1594 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Ann Tankard, 1616 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks); Helen Tancred, 1619 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Tankard, 1628 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Mary Tankard, 1644, Henry Tancred, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Willm. Tanchred, 1664, Wm. Tankerd, 1673 in *IGI* (Kirby Hill by Boroughbridge, NR Yorks); Charles Tancred, 1662 in *IGI* (Hawnby, NR Yorks).

2 English: nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *tan(c)kard(e)* 'cask, tun; drinking vessel', for someone who made or sold casks or drinking vessels. Compare John le Tanckardmaker, 1298 in *London Court Rolls*; Johannes Tankardmaker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Willelmus Tankerder, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey). However, the Yorks name unquestionably belongs with (1).

### Tankersley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: locative name from Tankersley (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** James de Taunkerleye, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Walesby, Lincs); Agnes de Tankirley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gateforth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Tankyrlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Tankyrlay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); William Tankyrsle, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (South Leverton, Notts); Robert Tankersley, 1573 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs).

2 English: occasional variant of **Donkersley**, itself a variant of **Dunkerley**, see **Dunkley**. Alternatively *Tankersley* may have been altered to *Donkersley*. In the parish register for Emley (WR Yorks), *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes Adam Tankersley, Dankersley, Doncarley, or Doncarsley (1666–99).

### Tann

Variants: **Tan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 701, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tan(ne)* 'oak bark' (Old French *tan*), i.e. crushed oak bark used in tanning. See also **Tanner**. (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tan*, a pet form of **Andrew**. Compare **Tancock** and **Tandy**.

**Early bearers:** William Tanne, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Tan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ousefleet, WR Yorks); Johannes Tanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harling, Norfolk); Henrico Tan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kilpin, ER Yorks); Marg' Tanne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert Tann, 1553 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Richard Tann, 1573 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Rogeri Tann, 1586 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); Jane Tann, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Thomas Tann, 1632 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

2 Chinese: from the Chinese surname 譚, see **Tan** (1).

### Tanna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, unexplained.

### Tannahill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 83
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry  
Scottish: locative name from Tannahill in Kilmarnock (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Tannahill, 1683 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr).

### Tanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8064, Ireland 282
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6703
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Gloucs and Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *tanner(e)* 'tanner' (Old English *tannere*, Old French *taneor, tanour*), for a tanner of skins.

**Early bearers:** Henry Taneur, le Tanur, 1166–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Lemmer le Tannur, about 1175 in

*Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); William le Tanner, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Philippus Tannere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Tanner, 1539 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Nicholas Tanner, 1539 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Ralph Tanner, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Joan Tanner, 1540 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ric. Tanner, 1540 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs).

### Tannoch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Tannock**.

### Tannock

Variants: **Tannoch, Tinnoek, Tennoek, Tunnock, Tenwick, Tenwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Scottish: locative name from Tunnoch in Maybole (Ayr) or perhaps from one or other of the places called Tannoch or Tannach elsewhere in Scotland, such as Tannoch near Cumbernauld (Dunbartons). **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Tunno, 1160–1200 in *Black* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Thomas Tunnok, 1400 in *Black* (Aberdeens); Nycholaus Tonnok, 1414, Nicholas Tunnok or Tunoh, 1421 in *Black*; Jhone Tinnock, 1600, Jenat Tunoch, 1656 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Catharin Tannoch, 1639 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Agnes Tinnock, 1644, Bessie Tennoek, 1689 in *IGI* (Ochiltree, Ayr); Margaret Tanoch, 1668 in *IGI* (Campsie, Stirlings); Agnes Tannock, 1672, Christian Tinnock, 1675, Isabel Tanoch, 1681 in *IGI* (Mauchline, Ayr); Adam Tunnoch, 1673, Jane Tunock, 1674 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); Adam Tunoch, 1731 in *IGI* (Stewarton, Ayr). England: Johannis Tinnok, 1296 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Merrington, Durham); John Tennick, 1710 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); George Tennick, 1716 in *IGI* (Stanwick Saint John, NR Yorks); Thomas Tinwick, 1744 in *IGI* (Bolton on Swale, NR Yorks); Sarah Tenwick, 1772 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

### Tanser

Variants: **Tanzer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name from Tansor (Northants), which is recorded as *Tanesovre* in 1086 and *Tanshore* in 1314.

**Early bearers:** Philip de Tanshoure, 1347, Richard Tansore, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tansouere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); John Tannesouere, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Henry de Tansore, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Rico Tansor, 1524–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Draughton, Northants); Mary Tanser, 1696, Mary Tansor, 1718 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 208.

### Tansey

Variants: **Tanzey, Tansy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 359
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Leics

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Sligo and Roscommon

1 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac an Tánaiste** ‘son of the tanist’. In traditional Gaelic society, the tanist was a senior and respected member of a clan who was heir presumptive to its chief. Clan leadership was not hereditary, but depended on ability.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig riag McEtanestie, husbandman, 1588 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$5143 (Eris, Galway or Roscommon); Tanist, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 602 (Correnn, Sligo); Rory Tanist, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrowreagh, Sligo); Cahall McTanist, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Rathmcternane, Sligo); Mleaghlin McTaniste, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrocashell, Sligo); Luke Tansey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmacumys, Roscommon). Scotland: Patrick Tansey, 1850 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Patrick Tansey, 1855 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); Michael Tansey, 1861 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Tansey, 1865 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Bridget Tansey, 1872 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *taneseey*, *tansey* ‘tansy’ (Old French *tanésie*), a plant which was used for medicinal and culinary purposes in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Tanzey, 1586 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Alexander Tansey, 1591 in *IGI* (Waddingworth, Lincs); Ann Tanzie, 1616 in *IGI* (Broadoak, Cornwall); Elizabeth Tansye, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Alexaander Tanzey, 1626, Alexander Tanzy, 1662 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Tansey, 1654 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Sarah Tansey, 1788 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Tansley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1577, Ireland 52
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1012
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs; Notts

English: locative name, from Tansley (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Hemming de Taneslea, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Robert de Tannesleye, 1361 in *Patent Rolls*; Henrico de Tannesleye, Sibilla de Tannesley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); John Tannesley of Notyngnam, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Nottingham, Notts); Anna Tansley, 1605 in *IGI* (Prestwold, Leics); John Tansley, 1631 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts).

### Tanswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Somerset; Shrops

English: locative name, apparently from an unidentified or lost place called *Daneswell*.

**Early bearers:** Philippa de Daneswell, 1364 in *Patent Rolls*; James Danswell, 1672, James Tanswell, 1708 in *IGI* (Weston Beggard, Herefs); John Tanswell, 1710 in *IGI* (Felton, Herefs); Ann Tanswell, 1733, James Tanswill, 1735 in *IGI* (Wimbourne Minster, Dorset).

### Tansy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks
- Irish, English: see **Tansey**.

### Tant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Muriel Tante, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Tante of Hauleye, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Petrus Tante, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great and Little Cowden, ER Yorks); Radulphus Tante, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Willelmus Tant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton, Warwicks); Elizabeth Tante, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Tant, 1567 in *IGI* (Harborough Magna, Warwicks).

### Tanti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Maltese: relationship name from a short form of a compound Italian personal name such as the old Tuscan name *Tantobene*, or possibly from the Germanic personal name *Tanto*.

**References:** *Cassar*.

2 Greek (Cypriot): relationship name from *Tantis*, a medieval Greek personal name of uncertain origin.

### Tanton

Variants: **Taunton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent; also ER Yorks

1 English: locative name from Taunton (Somerset)

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Tanton', 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Walter de Tanton, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Taunton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud, Hants); Christiana Taunton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johanne Taunton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Wilts); John Tanton, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Tanton, 1561 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); John Tanton, 1564 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); Henrye Taunton, 1576 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marie Taunton, 1593 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Henry Taunton, 1664 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 46.

2 English: locative name from Taunton (Farm) in Coulsdon (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Tanton, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Taunton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Taunton, 1381 in *The Church in London*; John Tanton, 1573 in *IGI* (Hernhill, Kent); Living Taunton, 1601 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

3 English: locative name from Tanton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tanton, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Sancton, ER Yorks); Ricardo de Taunton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Ric. Tanton, 1564 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Richard Tanton, 1548 in *York Registry Wills* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); Richard Tanton, 1605 in *York Registry Wills* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks).

### Tanveer

Variants: **Tanvir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (subcontinent): from the personal name based on Arabic *tanwīr* ‘illumination; blossoming’.

**References:** *Ahmed*.



**Tanvir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Muslim (subcontinent): see **Tanveer**.

**Tanzer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- 1 English: see **Tanser**.
- 2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle High German, German *tanzen* 'to dance' (from Old French *danser*; the initial *t-* is the result of hypercorrection of a presumed Low German form), denoting a skilled or enthusiastic dancer, or, in the case of the German name, a professional acrobat.

**Further information:** Among Jews, the name may have been taken by Chasidim, since members of this branch of Jewry (which arose in the 18th century) place great emphasis on dancing, and in other cases it may have been acquired as an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** Doris Tanzer, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (London); Karl Tanzer, 1882 in *BMD* (Liverpool, Lancs); Carl Tanzer, patent agent, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx); Isidore Tanzer, 1919 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx).

**Tanzev**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Irish, English: see **Tansev**.

**Tao**

**Variants:** **Toh, Dou, Dow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 竇 (**Dou** or **Tou** in Mandarin romanization, **Tau** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'hole' in ancient Chinese: (i) adopted as a surname by Yue Zhu and Yue Long, two sons of the emperor Shao Kang, the sixth ruler of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). Yue Zhu and Yue Long are said to have adopted Dou (竇) (meaning 'hole') as a surname because their pregnant grandmother had escaped from a rebellion through a hole in the wall before giving birth to their father, Shao Kang, who later recaptured the throne. (ii) traced back to the Dou (竇) family from the Di ethnic group and He Dou Ling family from the Xianbei ethnic group in ancient China.
- 2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 陶, see **To** (5).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 杜, see **To** (1).

**Tap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Devon
- English: see **Tapp**.

**Tape**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tapp**.

**Taper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cornwall
- English: nickname from Middle English *taper(e)* 'taper, candle' (Old English *tapor*), for someone who made or sold candles. Compare Ric. le Tapermaker, 1322 in *Thuresson*. This surname may have become confused with **Tapper**.
- Early bearers:** Robert Taper, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Taper, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Tapere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fivehead, Somerset); Jone Taper, 1594 in *IGI* (Selsey, Sussex); Alexander Taper, 1606 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Richard Taper, 1634 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Nathanaull Taper, 1638 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Taper, 1663 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Taphouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants and Surrey; Oxon
- 1 English: locative name from Tapners in Leigh (Kent), which is recorded as *Teppanhyse* in 765–91. The spelling of this surname has apparently been influenced by (2).

**Early bearers:** Benedict de Teppenese, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Kent); Emma de Tappenesse, 1324 in *Close Rolls* (Kent); Wm Taphouse, 1737 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); William Taphouse, 1745 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Ann Taphouse, 1745 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 74, 77–9; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 86.

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Middle English *tappheous* 'alehouse'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by an alehouse, or toponymic, from a place so named, such as Taphouse in Tedburn Saint Mary (Devon), recorded as *la Tappheous* in 1356, and Taphouse in Braddock (Cornwall), so recorded in 1532.

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 452.

**Tapley**

**Variants:** **Taply**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 54
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 572
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Cheshire; also Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- 1 English: locative name from Tapeley in Westleigh (Devon), which is recorded as *Tappeleg* in 1177.
- Early bearers:** John de Tappelega, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Tapelegh', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Robert de Tapelegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tapeley in Westleigh, Devon); John Tapley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Tapley, 1587 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Elizabeth Tapley, 1588 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 124.
- 2 English: see **Tabley**.

**Taplin**

**Variants:** **Tapling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1452, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1033
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London; also W Midlands

1 English: (i) nickname, variant of **Toplin** (1), with unrounding of /o/ to /a/. The 1653 example Taplaine fits well with this derivation but also with that in (2). (ii) relationship name, possibly from a pet form of an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tapp* (see **Tapp**) with the Old French double diminutive suffix *-elin*. No evidence has been found for this name in the medieval records, but compare **Toplin** (2).

**Early bearers:** Elyn Taplyn, 1546 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Taplyn, 1563 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Edw. Taplyn, 1564 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Anes Taplynge, 1569 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Johis. Tapline, 1578 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Alice Taplaine, 1653 in *IGI* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants); John Taplyn, under-forester, 1660 in *New Forest Documents* (Battramsley, Hants).

2 English: nickname, perhaps from a metathesized form of Middle English *Tolpayn*, becoming Talpayn in the 1431 example by unrounding of the first vowel, and then \**Taplain*, *Taplin*. The 1379 Warwicks bearer is a *meleward* ('mill keeper') so it may be a nickname from Middle English *tollen* 'to exact a charge on (something)' + Middle English (Old French) *pain* 'bread', though the tolls that the miller exacted were on the flour he ground not the bread that was made from it. Alternatively, if *-payne* is a spelling of Middle English (Old French) *peine* 'tax', it may be an occupational nickname for a tax collector.

**Further information:** The derivation in *Hjertstedt*, p. 193, 'cut bread' (employing Old French *tailler* 'to cut'), is phonetically unlikely.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tolpain, 1327, Robert Tolpayn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kineton, Warwicks); Johannes Tolpayn, meleward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kineton, Warwicks); Willelmus Tolpayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Williamscot, Oxon); Thomas Talpayn, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Fenny Compton, Warwicks); John Taplin, 1653 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).

**Tapling**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs; Oxon
- English: see **Taplin**.

**Tapliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Topliss**.

**Tapner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: occupational name from Middle English *ta(u)penner*, *tapiner*, *taponer* 'weaver, clothmaker' (Old French *taponner*).
- Early bearers:** Gregory le Tapiner, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Henry le Tapyenr, 1327, Henry le Taupeny in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hunston, Sussex); Thomas Taupener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwater, Sussex); Johannes Taupener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, IoW); Johanne Taponer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); Johannes Tapener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roger Tapner, 1591 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Thomas Tapner, 1681 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Ricd Tapner, 1695 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex).
- References:** *Fransson*, p. 97; *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 272.



**Tapp**

Variants: **Tap, Tape, Tappe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1511, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Northants; Kent and Sussex

English: (i) relationship name from the early Middle English personal name \**Tapp* (Old English \**Tæppa*).

The unrecorded Old English personal name is thought to be the first element of Taplow (Bucks), Tappers (Kent), Tappington (Kent), and Tapton (Derbys). See also **Tapping, Taplin**. (ii) variant of **Topp** with southern dialectal unrounding of the vowel. For the development compare Richard Top, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Molton, Devon) with Alce Tapp, 1542 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon). (iii) possibly a nickname from Middle English *tape* 'ribbon, tape', or *tappe* 'plug, tap'; 'tap, knock'. **Early bearers:** John Tappe, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Roger Tappe, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John and Thomas Tappe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warmwell, Dorset); Petrus Tappe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Bovey, Devon); Thomas Tappe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alby, Norfolk); Thomas Tape, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heybridge, Essex); Edus Tap, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bredy, Dorset); Johannes Tapp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rollington, Dorset); Alce Tapp, 1542 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Margery Tapp, 1601 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); Joseph Tape, 1736 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall).

**Tappe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Tapp**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Tappenden**

Variants: **Tappendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Tubbenden in Farnborough (Kent), recorded as *Tubindenn* in 1240.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Topynden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Farnborough, Kent); Richard Tobynden, 1386 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Tepynden, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Toppinden, 1567 in *IGI* (London); John Toppenden, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); Marye Tappenden, 1595 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent). **References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 26.

**Tappendon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Tappenden**.

**Tapper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1053, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 647
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *tapper(e)* 'beer-seller, tavern-keeper' (Old English *tæppere*). See also **Tapster**. Some early bearers may belong with (2). This surname may have become confused with **Taper**. Compare **Tipler, Tipper**.

**Early bearers:** Ulfuine Teperesune, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John le Tapper, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert le Tapper, 1332

in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Tappere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alton Pancras, Dorset); Willelmus Tappere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runcion, Sussex); Alson Tapper, 1542 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Thomas Tapper, 1542 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Allice Tapper, 1558 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Robtus Tapper, 1570 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); Robt. Tapper, 1574 in *IGI* (Lissington, Lincs).

**Tappin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 619, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Tapping**.

**Tapping**

Variants: **Tappin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London

1 English: variant of **Topping** with unrounding of the vowel. However, it is also possible that *Topping* has been substituted for *Tapping*; see (2).

**Early bearers:** Jho. Tapping, 1565 (compare Robert Topping, 1560) in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Willm. Tapping, 1673, Will. Tappin, 1712 (compare Willm. Topping, 1681) in *IGI* (Monks Risborough, Bucks). 2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tapping*, from Old English \**Tæpping*, a pet form of *Tæppa*. See also **Tapp**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tapping, 1220 in *Book of Fees* (Berks); Geoffrey Tapping, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Robert Tappying, Tepping, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Johannes Tappying, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ludgershall, Wilts); Johanne Tappying, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Foliat, Wilts); Thomas Tappying, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Tappin, 1598 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Richard Tapping, 1608 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); John Tapping, 1620 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); John Tappin, 1634 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops); William Tapping, 1636 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); Christian Tapping, 1637 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); John Tappin, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London).

3 English: the Sussex name may be a variant of **Tuppen**.

**Early bearers:** John Tapping, 1665 in *IGI* (Eastergate, Sussex); Sarah Tappin, 1802 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex).

**Tapply**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tapley**.

**Tapsall**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Tapsell**.

**Tapscott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from a lost Devon place-name, perhaps in or near Barnstaple, recorded as *Tappyscote* in 1504–15. See also **Tapp** for the Middle

English personal name *Tapp*, which is most frequent in Devon.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tapiscote, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Tappiscote, 1408 in *Little Red Book of Bristol*; Dorothy Tapscott, 1556 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Thomas Tapiscott, 1560 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills* (North Molton, Devon); Johan Tappscothe, 1587 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Dennys Tapscat, 1591 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon).

**References:** *TNA*, C 1/290/2.

**Tapsell**

Variants: **Tapsall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 259
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: variant of **Topsfield**, with unrounding of [o] to [a], loss of *-f-* in the cluster *-psf-*, and loss of final *-d*.

2 English: nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *topseil(e)* 'topsail, uppermost sail of a ship'.

**Early bearers:** Vincent Topsail, 1375, Vincent Topseil, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Tapsfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Surrey

English: see **Topsfield**.

**Tapson**

Variants: **Topson, Topson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: locative name from Topsham (Devon), recorded as *Toppesham* in 937, *Tapsam* in 1359, *Appisham al. Toppisham* in 1588, and *Topsham vulg. Apsum* in 1675. The unrounding of the vowel is characteristic of Devon dialect. The development of *-sham* to *-son* can be seen in Buckland Monachorum, where the surname proliferated in the 16th and 17th centuries. A branch of the family appears to have moved to the London area in the 18th century.

**Further information:** Derivation from the unrecorded early Middle English personal names \**Tapp* or \**Topp* (see **Tapp**) + *-son* is unlikely in Devon, where Middle English patronymics in *-son* are very rare (see *Surnames of Devon*, pp. 179–80).

**Early bearers:** SW England: Richard de Toppesham, 1262 in *Place-Names of Devon* p. 306; John Toppesham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Loddiswell, Devon); Philip, William, Thomas, John, Hugh Topsham, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Johanna Tapson, 1543, Priscilla Tapson, 1678 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Julyan Tapson, 1619 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); John Tapsin, 1654, George Tapsham, 1718 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); John Topsham, 1713 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); Thomas Thopson, 1806 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon).

London, Middx, and Essex: George Tapson, 1730 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jno. Tapson, 1737 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Tapson, 1760 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); Robert Tapson, 1775 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex); Jonathan Tapsham, 1789, John Topson, 1819 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); Sarah Topson, Sarah Topson, 1811 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 454.

**Tapster**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Herts; Lincs

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *tap(p)ester(e)* ‘tavern-keeper, beer-seller’ (Old English *tæppestere*). This word, the feminine form of **Tapper**, originally denoted a female beer-seller. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gonne Tappestere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Beatrice Tappestere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Elisota Tæpester, 1379 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Dionis’ Tappester’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Alicia Tapster, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Alicia Tapstere, 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Mary Tapster, 1667 in *IGI* (Harlington, Beds); Mary Tapster, 1683 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); John Tapster, 1733 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Mary Tapster, 1739 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); James Tapster, 1740 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *tapicer*, *tapis(t)ere* ‘maker or seller of tapestries or figured cloth’ (Old French *tapicer*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph le Tapicer, 1282 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Middx); Thomas le Tapicer, 1306 in *London Court Rolls*; Petrus Tapysser, Johannes Tapustere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

**Tarbard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

**Tarbat**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Tarbet**.

**Tarbath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

**Tarbert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lanarks; also Lincs; Angus

Scottish, English: see **Tarbet**.

**Tarbet**

**Variants:** **Tarbert**, **Tarbat**, **Torbet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Renfrews and Lanarks; also Lincs

1 Scottish: locative name from one or more places named with Gaelic *tairbeart* ‘narrow isthmus, portage’, such as Tarbat (Ross and Cromarty). **Early bearers:** Walterus de Tarbard, 1375 in *Moray Register*; John Tarbatt, 1421 in *Duke of Athole Charters* (Perth, Perth).

2 English: see **Torbet**.

**Tarbin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Thorburn**.

**Tarbitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

**Tarbox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts; also Middx

English: variant of **Tarbuck** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Johannis Tarbox, 1560 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Tarboxe, 1577 in *IGI* (Little Wymondley, Herts); John Tarboxe, 1599, Joseph Tarbox, 1607 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Elizabeth Tarboxe, 1600 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Sara Tarbox, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Mary Tarbucks, 1675 in *IGI* (Stantonbury, Bucks); Dorothea Tarbucks, 1677 in *IGI* (Soulbury, Bucks); Robert Tarbox, 1776 in *IGI* (Drayton Parslow, Bucks).

**Tarbrook**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Tarbuck**.

**Tarbuck**

**Variants:** **Tarbrook**, **Tarbox**, **Starbuck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Staffs

English: locative name from Tarbock (Lancs). In the medieval records, the place is mostly called *Torbok*, and occasionally *Torbrok* and *Tarbok*, while the derived surname also appears as *Starbok* (see **Starbuck**).

**Further information:** *Torbok* or *Tarbok* was evidently an obscure place-name even in medieval times, and some alterations in the pronunciation of the surname may be the result of folk etymologies. Henry de Torbok, bailiff between the Ribble and the Mersey (1232–56), is also called Henry de Thornebrooke, (*Lancs Place-Names*, p. 263). Ekwall infers that *Torbok* was an altered form of *Thornebrooke*, but the reverse change is equally possible. *Starbok* and *Storbok* may be variant pronunciations of *Tarbok* and *Torbok*, or may reflect earlier (but unrecorded) forms of the place-name, from which the initial *S-* was dropped.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Torbok, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Ellen Torbok, 1324 in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II*; Adam de Tarboc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Henrico de Torbok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wavertree, Lancs); Henricus de Torboc, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tarbock, Lancs); Thomas Tarboke, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Saint Paul Cray, Kent); George Tarboke, 1569 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Willm. Tarbock, 1572, John Tarbuck, 1592 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Tarbuck, 1663 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Tarbrook, 1737 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).

**Tarburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: see **Thorburn**.

**Tarbutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Surrey

Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

**Tardif**

**Variants:** **Tardiff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

English, French: nickname from Old French or Middle English *tardif* ‘slow, sluggish’.

**Early bearers:** England: William Tardif, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Geoffrey Tardif, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Hugh Tardy, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henry Tardi, 1272–1307 in *Nottingham Borough Records*. Channel Islands: Pierre Tardif, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Guernsey).

**Tardiff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: see **Tardif**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Targett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 585
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts, Hants, and Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *target(te)*, denoting a type of shield, often small and round in shape, for someone who made or used such items. Compare **Tarves**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Target, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Alice Targatt, 1549 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); John Targett, 1563 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Margaret Targett, 1568 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Johannes Targett, 1599 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts).

**Tariq**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2214, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *tāriq* ‘morning star’.

**Further information:** *Al-Tāriq* is the title of the 86th sura of the Qur’an.

**Tarleton**

**Variants:** **Tarlton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lancs; also Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Laois

English: locative name from Tarleton (Lancs) or Tarlton (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Maien de Torleton', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Gilbert de Tarleton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardo de Tarleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton le Dale, Lancs); Willelmus de Tarleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, Lancs); Magota de Tarlton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Adam de Tarleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Henry Tarleton, 1543 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Henricus Tarleton, 1551 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Raffe Tarleton, 1567 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); George Tarleton, 1584 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Wm. Tarleton, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Tarling

**Variants:** Terling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1121, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Gloucs

English: locative name from Terling (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Terlinges, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); John de Terling, 1303 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Terlyng, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Terlyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Merton hundred, Warwicks); John Terlyng, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Matthew Tarling, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex).

### Tarlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Derbys and Notts

English: see **Tarleton**.

### Tarmey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Tormaigh, see **Torney**.

### Tarn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: locative name from Middle English *terne*, *tarne* 'tarn, small lake' (Old Scandinavian *tjörn*).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo del Tern, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alexander Tarne, 1559 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edward Tarne, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ralph Tarne, 1627 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).  
 2 Chinese: anglicized spelling of the Chinese surnames 譚, 覃, and 談 (Tan in Mandarin pinyin), based on their Mandarin pronunciation. See **Tan** (1–3).

### Tarney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham; Ayr

Irish: from Ó Tighearnaigh, see **Tierney**.  
**Early bearers:** Sarah Tarnei, 1633 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Grace Tarney, 1647 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Tarney, 1694 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Marey Tarney, 1710 in *IGI* (Tadlow, Cambs); Thoms. Tarney, 1790 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM); Margaret Tarney, 1794 in *IGI* (Rutherglen, Lanarks).

### Taroni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

Italian: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** John Taronie, 1825 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Francis Taroni, 1830, Mary Ann Taronie, 1853 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Gaetano Taroni (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (North Shields, Northumb).

### Tarpey

**Variants:** Tarpy, Torpey, Torpy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 221
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Tarpaigh 'descendant of *Tarpach*', a byname meaning 'sturdy'.  
**Early bearers:** Ireland: Shane O'Tarpey, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (of Iskerowen); Thomas oge O'Tarpy, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805 (of Iskerowen); Dermot O'Tarpe (McCormucke O'Dowde), 1593–4 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5805.  
 England: Bridget Tarpey, 1836 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Tarplee

**Variants:** Tarpley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs

English: locative name from Tarporley (Cheshire), recorded as *Torperley* in 1198–1216, *Torpelegh* about 1208, *Thorple* in 1282, and *Tarpley* in 1665.  
**Early bearers:** John de Torperlegh, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Radulphus Torpley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Marg' de Torporlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); John Torpley, 1577 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Jone Torperley, 1586 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Rycharde Torpurlie, 1587 in *IGI* (Didcot, Berks); Mary Tarple, 1601 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Elizabeth Torpley, 1612 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Xtian Tarplea, 1736 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Elizabeth Tarplee, 1824 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 294–5.

### Tarpley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Tarplee**.

### Tarpy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

Irish: from Ó Tarpaigh, see **Tarpey**.

### Tarr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1532, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1088
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Gloucs

English: (i) locative name from Tarr in Hawkridge (Somerset) or Tarr in Lydeard Saint Lawrence (Somerset). (ii) nickname from Middle English *tar(re)* 'tar' (Old English *teoru*), for someone who

worked with tar, such as a person who tarred ships to keep them watertight.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Tarre, 1445 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Tarre, 1547 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sidwakll Tarre, 1575 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); John Tarre, 1578 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); Agnes Tarr, 1640 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon).

### Tarran

**Variants:** Tarren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints; Durham; London

English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Laurence Tarren, 1574, Elizabeth Tarran, 1627 in *IGI* (Mickleton, Gloucs); Henrie Tarran, 1592, William Tarren, 1599 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs).

### Tarrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3033, Ireland 255
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: locative name from any of eight places in Dorset and Hants named from the River Tarrant.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald de Tarenta, 1190 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John de Tarent, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Ralph Taraunt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de Tarente, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Willelmo Tarant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elcot, Wilts); Johanne Tarente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Wilts); Rogerus Tarente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Iwerne Courtney, Dorset); Joanna Tarrant, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Constance Tarrant, 1564 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex); Johannes Tarrant, 1570 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Thomas Tarrant, 1577 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Willm Tarrant, 1598 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks).  
 2 Irish: from Ó Toráin 'descendant of *Torán*', a personal name based on a diminutive of *tor* 'lord, hero, or champion'.  
**Early bearers:** John Tarran, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Louth, Louth); William O'Tarran, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; William duff O'Tarrane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6552.

### Tarras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Ayr

Scottish: see **Terris**.

### Tarren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks; Worcs

English: see **Tarran**.

### Tarres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Terris**.

### Tarrier

**Variants:** Terrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

## Tarring

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Beds  
English: (i) status name from Old French *terrier*, *tierier* ‘landowner, freeholder’, Middle English *terrerr* ‘bursar for the landholdings of a monastery, estate manager’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *terrere*, *terriere*, *taryer* ‘terrier, hunting dog that burrows in pursuit of its prey’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le terrier, 1191, Geoffrey le terrer, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); John Terror, 1332 in *Thursson* (Lincs); Nicholas Terrier of Normandy, canon of Exeter cathedral, 1347, Nicholas Terror, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Taryer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liberty of Cinque Ports, Kent); Johannes Teryor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fryerning, Essex); Thos. Tarrier, 1715 in *IGI* (Ickleford, Herts).

**References:** *Thursson*, p. 45.

## Tarring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Devon

English: locative name from Tarring Neville (Sussex) or West Tarring (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Reynold Terryng, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Peter de Terringe, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Terryng, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Anicia Tarring, 1622 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Thomas Tarring, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Tarrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs; Lancs

1 English: locative name, variant of **Torrington**.  
2 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Tarrington (Herefs), but there is no clear link between the 1379 example and the 18th-century Staffs and Lancs name cited below, which may instead belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Tarynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westhild, Herefs); William Tarrington, 1783 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); James Terrington, 1727 in *IGI* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs); John Tarrington, 1738 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

## Tarry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1362, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 989
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics

English: see **Terry**.

## Tart

**Variants:** **Tarte**, **Tartt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Lancs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tart(e)* ‘sharp, severe’ (Old English *teart*). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tart(e)*, perhaps of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Teart Iuo le messagier, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

surnames: Alwin filius Tarte, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Walter Tart, 1302 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William la Tart, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Tart of Hoby, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Huby, NR Yorks); Willelmo Tart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton, ER Yorks); Rogerus Tart, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham,

Norfolk); Margaret Tarte, 1481 in *Yorks Wills*; Thomas Tart, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

## Tartaglia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Italian: nickname denoting a stammerer, from Italian *tartagliare* ‘to stutter’. This is the name of a stock character in the commedia dell’arte.

**Early bearers:** Antonio, Arcangelo, and Pietro Tartaglia, all born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Loranzo Tartaglia, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Norfolk); Cesidio Tartaglia, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Suffolk).

## Tarte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Tart**.

## Tartt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Tart**.

## Tarver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Tolfree**.

## Tarves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from Tarves in Buchan (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tarwas, abbot of Paisley, 1459 in *Paisley Register*; Thomas Tarvass, 1502 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen); Symson Terwes, 1544 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen); Girsell Tarves, 1626 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Johne Tarves, 1640 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens).

## Tarvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Tarvin (Cheshire), recorded as *Tervin* in 1209.

**Early bearers:** John Tervyn, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; George Tarven, 1558 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Edward Terven, 1564 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); John Tarvin, 1580 in *IGI* (Lymm, Cheshire).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

## Tarvit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Tervit**.

## Tasch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tash**.

## Tash

**Variants:** **Tesh**, **Tasch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Middle English *asche* ‘ash tree’ (Old English *æsc*), by misdivision of the phrase *atte asche* ‘at the ash tree’. Compare **Ash**, **Nash**, **Rash**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Tassh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus atte Assche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shenton, Leics); Thoma Tash, 1650 in *IGI* (Southacre, Norfolk).

## Tasker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4272, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3106
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Lincs; Angus; Sussex

English: occupational name from an unrecorded Middle English *\*tasker*, a derivative of Middle English *task(e)* ‘task, piece of work’ (Old French *tasque*), for someone who was paid for piecework, especially threshing grain.

**Early bearers:** John le Tasker, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Hugh Tasker, Benedict le Taskur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Ricardus Taskere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Warwicks); Johannes Tasker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tasker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berrington, Gloucs); Johannes le Tasker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); William Tasker, 1538 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); John Tasker, 1542 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Johis. Tasker, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Tasker, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Hubbard with Saint Mary at Hill, London); Rodger Tasker, 1561 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire).

## Tasney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac (an) tSasanaigh**, see **McChesney**.

## Tassel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Hunts Norman, English: see **Tassell**.

## Tassell

**Variants:** **Tassel**, **Teasel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 509
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 Norman, English: locative name, probably from Tessel (Calvados).

**Further information:** Some additional early bearers may perhaps be found under (2).

**Early bearers:** Wimund de Taisell, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Jacob Tassell, 1541 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Johannis Tassell, 1560 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Walter Tassell, 1563 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Guilielmi Tassell, 1586 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); John Tassell, 1592 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon).  
**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 115.

2 English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *tassel* ‘fastener or clip for a mantle; tassel’,

perhaps a nickname for someone who made such clips or who ornamented fabric with tassels, or who was distinguished by wearing tassels.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Wilson's explanation 'a nickname from the hawk, Old French *tiercel*, Middle English *tassel*' (*Reaney and Wilson*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tatel (probably for Tacel), 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Tassell', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Bartholomew Tassel, 1288–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Tatel (for Tacel), 1373 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Tassel, Johannes Tacel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Alicia Tassell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Godshill, IoW); Edmund Tassell, grocer, 1653–4 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

### Tassie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Scottish: see **Tacey**.

### Tatam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks; Derbys

English: see **Tatham**.

### Tatchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- Norman, English: see **Takle**.

### Tate

**Variants:** **Tatt**, **Teat**, **Tates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8523, Ireland 684
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5731
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Armagh

1 English: usually a variant spelling of **Tait**.

2 English: relationship name in S England from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tate* (Old English *Tāta*).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Tate, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Richard Tate, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Tate, mercer, 1462 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Robert Tate, 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Tate, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Tatem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Tatham**.

### Tates

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Tate** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tates, 1797 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs).

### Tatham

**Variants:** **Tatum**, **Tatem**, **Tatam**, **Tatom**, **Tattam**, **Tattum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 956, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1006
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Tatham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Tateham, 1208 in *Pleas* (Yorks); William de Tatham, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Tatham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmsford, Essex); Robertus de Tatham, Johannes de Tatham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); John Tatham, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Nicholas Tatam, 1561 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Edmund Tatham, 1569 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Johannis Tatam, 1577 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Anne Tatham, 1581 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Christopher Tatham, 1594 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Benjamin Tatam, 1595, Ann Tattam, 1653 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Thomas Tatham, 1654 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Elizabeth Tatem, 1645 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); William Tatom, 1677 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Tatler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire

English: see **Tetley**.

### Tatley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Tetley**.

### Tatlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 313
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** Wilson's explanation in *Reaney and Wilson*, from a Lancs place-name Tatlock, seems unfounded since no such place-name has yet been identified.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tatelok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus Tatlok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melling, Lancs); Katherin Tatlocke, 1547 in *IGI* (Church Wilne, Derbys); Ellin Tatlocke, 1559 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Tatlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs; Warwick; also Lancs

English: see **Tetley**.

### Tatman

**Variants:** **Tadman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Hunts

English: relationship name from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Tātmann*, found in the place-name Totmonslow (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tatemán, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Tatemán, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Tademan, 1363, Robert Tatemán, 1364, parson of the church of Bothale, in *Patent Rolls* (Bothall, Northumb); Robert Tatman, master in theology, of the house of friars preachers, York, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Mary Tatman, 1663 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

### Tatnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Worcs, Shrops, and Cheshire

English: see **Tatnell**.

### Tatnell

**Variants:** **Tatnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London

English: locative name from Tatenhill (Staffs) or Tattenhall (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Tatenhull, 1220 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Matthew de Tatenhull, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Tatenhale of London, 1344 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tatenhale, 1398 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); Roger Tatnall, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rawfe Tatnell, 1542 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Tatnell, 1561 in *IGI* (Cheddington, Bucks); Agnes Tatnall, 1565 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Randall Tatnall, 1569 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ash Tatnell, 1622 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Abraham Tatnell, 1624 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent). Scotland: William de Tatenhill, about 1180 in *Aberdeen Register*; William de Brenneth dictus Tatenel, 1286 in *Moray Register*; William de Tattenel, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*.

### Tatom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tatham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Taton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Tatton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Tatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; London and Kent; Suffolk

English: probably a variant of **Tate**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Tatt, 1540 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Tatt, 1727 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds).

### Tattam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145

## Tatter

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: see **Tatham**.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Tatam, 1583, Thomas Tattam, 1641 in *IGI* (Quainton, Bucks).

## Tatter

**Variants:** **Tatters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs; Middx
- English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *tater* ‘tatter, rag, torn strip (especially of clothing)’.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Tatter, 1450 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Tater, 1580 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Ayles Tatter, 1609 in *IGI* (Bag Enderby, Lincs).

## Tatters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Northumb

English: variant of **Tatter**, either with post-medieval excremental -s or in the plural form (Middle English *tateres* ‘tatters, rags’).

**Early bearers:** William Tatters, 1713 in *IGI* (Alston, Cumb); William Tatters, 1734 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb).

## Tattersall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tattershall

**Variants:** **Tattersal**, **Tattershall**, **Tatterstall**, **Tattershaw**, **Tattersdale**, **Tattersfield**, **Tattersley**, **Tatterson**, **Tatterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3256, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Tattershall (Lincs).  
**Early bearers:** Hugo de Tateshal, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Joan de Tatersale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Tatarsale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Shilton, Leics); Roberto de Tateshall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barkwith, Lincs); Robertus Tatirsall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snydale, WR Yorks); Johanne Tatirsall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); Samuel Tattersall, 1627, Betty Tattersfield, 1744, Joseph Tattersley, 1747 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Henricus Tattersall, 1653, Johannes Tatterson, 1675 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Mary Tattersall, 1678, John Tattersdale, 1688, Willm. Tatersley, 1713 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Mary Tatterton, 1712 in *IGI* (Spondon, Derbys); James Tattersall, 1690, Ann Tatterstall, 1717 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); William Tattershall, 1718, William Tattershaw, 1755 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 136; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Tattersdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tattersfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 279
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tattershall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also London
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tattershaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tattersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tatterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tatterstall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tatterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Tattersall**.

## Tatton

**Variants:** **Taton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 959, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 775
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: locative name, primarily from Tatton (Cheshire), but occasionally from Tatton in Portesham (Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Avicia de Tatton, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Henry de Tatton, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John Tatton, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); John de Tatton, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (IoW); Ricardus Taton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Roger Tatton, 1541 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Margaret Tatton, 1544 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); John Tatton, 1567 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Marie Tatton, 1617 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Eliz. Tatton, 1702 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

## Tattum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Flints
- English: see **Tatham**.

## Tatum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tatham**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tattum, 1596 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); John Tatam, 1610, Christopher Tatum, 1651 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk).

## Taub

**Variants:** **Taube**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) nickname from Middle High German *toup*, German *taub* ‘deaf’. The adjective also had the sense ‘dull, stupid’, and this may lie behind some examples of the German name. (ii) see **Taube**.

**Further information:** In the UK this name is predominantly Jewish.

**Early bearers:** David Taub, picture frame dealer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1891* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Adolph Taub, bookbinder, born in Budapest, Hungary, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Jacob Taub, tailor, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Wisbech, Cambs); Solomon Taub, boot maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Lewis Taub, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Taub, Hebrew teacher, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Abram Taub, cap machiner, born in Riga, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Taube

**Variants:** **Taub**, **Doupe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname, occupational name from Middle High German *tübe*, German *Taube* ‘pigeon, dove’. The German name is either a nickname for a keeper of doves or pigeons or a nickname for a mild and gentle person; the Jewish surname is ornamental. Some Jewish examples may belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** German: Ernest Taube, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Albert Taube, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (London); Adolph Taube, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Sussex); Marie Taube, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London). Jewish: Samuel Taube, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Barnett Taube, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); David Taube, born in Sukan, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Esther Taube, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Toybe* (from Yiddish *toyb* ‘dove’).

3 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Taub**.

## Taubman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

English: see **Tubman**.

**Early bearers:** England: Elisabeth Taubman, 1688 in *IGI* (London); Edward Taubman, 1707 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey).

IoM: Silvr Taubman, 1708 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM); Elizabeth Taubman, 1721 in *IGI* (Onchan, IoM); Catherine Taubman, 1728 in *IGI* (Malew, IoM).

### Taulbut

- Current frequencies: GB 63, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- Norman, English: see **Talbot**.

### Taunton

- Current frequencies: GB 222, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 333
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Somerset and Wilts; Warwicks
- English: see **Tanton**.

### Tavares

- Current frequencies: GB 622, Ireland 35
  - GB frequency 1881: 3
- 1 Portuguese: locative name, toponymic from any of at least seven minor places named Tavares.  
2 Spanish: locative name, **Tavarés**, variant of **Tabarés**, toponymic from **Tábara** (Tamora province).

### Tavendale

- Current frequencies: GB 192, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 156
  - Main GB location 1881: Angus
- Scottish: see **Teviotdale**.

### Tavender

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 97
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; also Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Tavener

- Current frequencies: GB 663, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 513
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Gloucs, Somerset, and Devon
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Tavenner

- GB frequency 1881: 16
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; Devon
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Tavenor

- GB frequency 1881: 111
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; Staffs
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Taverner

Variants: **Tavernor**, **Tavener**, **Tavenor**, **Taviner**, **Tavenner**, **Tavner**, **Tafner**, **Tavender**, **Taffinder**, **Taberner**

- Current frequencies: GB 621, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 542
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; London

English: occupational name from Middle English *taverner*, *taberner* ‘taverner’ (Old French *tavernier*), for someone who kept a tavern.  
Early bearers: William le Tauerner, 1175, William Tauernier, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William le Taverner, 1268 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William le Taverner alias Tabernar’, 1269 in

*Miscellaneous Inquisitions*; John Tavender, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Taffindar, 1729 in *IGI* (Hatfield near Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Tavernor

- Current frequencies: GB 186, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 83
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Taviner

- Current frequencies: GB 132, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 99
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Wilts and Somerset
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Tavner

- Current frequencies: GB 87, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Essex; Gloucs
- English: see **Taverner**.

### Taw

- Current frequencies: GB 116, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 59
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: locative name from the River Taw (Devon).  
Early bearers: John de Tau, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John Tawe, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); William de Taw, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Tau, 1372 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Tawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Johannes Tawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); Edward Tawe, Beaton Taw, 1558 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).  
References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 14.

### Tawlks

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Talks**.

### Tawn

- Current frequencies: GB 182, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 74
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs
- English: see **Town**.

### Tawney

Variants: **Taney**

- Current frequencies: GB 55, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 40
- Main GB location 1881: Gloucs and Oxon; Sussex

Norman, English: locative name, from Saint-Aubin-du-Thenney or Saint-Jean-du-Thenney (Eure).  
Early bearers: Hasculfus de Tania, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Annys Tawney, 1545 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Anna Tawny, 1565 in *IGI* (Alberbury, Shrops).  
References: *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Taws

- Current frequencies: GB 155, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 69
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb; also Lincs; Angus
- Scottish: see **Tawse**.

### Tawse

Variants: **Taws**

- Current frequencies: GB 359, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 296
- Main GB location 1881: Aberdeens

Scottish: relationship name from a phonetic spelling of Scottish Gaelic *Támhais*, a Scottish form of the personal name **Thomas**. Compare **McTavish**.

Early bearers: given names: Tawus McGilliese, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Tawis Michison, 1415 in *Scone Charters*.  
surnames: John Tais, burgess of Stirling, 1481 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; Jonet Tais, 1608 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); James Toise, 1617 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Elspet Taws, 1649 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wm. Tawes, 1656 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Malcome Taus, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus).

### Tay

Variants: **Taye**, **Tai**

- Current frequencies: GB 400, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 157
- Main GB location 1881: Warwicks, Worcs, and Staffs

1 English: (i) locative name, see **Tee**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *tei(e)* ‘rope, cord’ is also theoretically possible but cannot be verified.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, probably representing its Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Cheng** (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 謝, see **Tse** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 戴, see **Tai** (1).

### Tayburn

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 17
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Tabern**.

### Taye

- Current frequencies: GB 24, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; also Gloucs; Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Tay**.

### Taylor

- Current frequencies: GB 1154, Ireland 9
  - GB frequency 1881: 1641
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin
- English: see **Taylor**.

### Taylorson

- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 68
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and NR Yorks; Lincs
- English: see **Taylorson**.

### Tayleur

- GB frequency 1881: 55
  - Main GB location 1881: Shrops; Devon
- English: see **Taylor**.

**Taylforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and WR Yorks

English: see **Telfer**.

**Taylor**

**Variants:** **Tailor, Taylour, Tailyour, Tayler, Tayleur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250780, Ireland 5657
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189341
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim, Down, and Derry

1 English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French, Middle English *tailour* ‘tailor’ (Old French *tailleur*, *tailleur*).

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Taylur, about 1180 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (Kent); William le Taillur, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); John le talliuur, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander le Tailleour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Willm. Tayler, 1538 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Nicholas Taylour, 1538 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); John Taylor, 1538 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Richardus Taylor, 1538 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Joan Tailor, 1541 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); John Tayleur, 1626 in *IGI* (Stantonbury, Bucks).

Ireland: Thomas Taylor, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1151; Maurice and Sanky Tailor, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1311; George Taylor, recorder, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3688; Dermond O’Camenan alias Tayler, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5481.

2 Adopted for cognates and equivalent names in other European languages, such as **Schneider** and **Szabo**.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Taylor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jacob Taylor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**Taylorson**

**Variants:** **Taylorson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: relationship name from Middle English *tailour* ‘tailor’ + *-son*, ‘son of the tailor’. See also **Taylor**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Tayllernessone, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas le Taillourson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard le Tailloursone of Blakeburn, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Blackburn, Lancs); Rogerus Taylourson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anston, WR Yorks); Robertus le Tayleurson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ditton, Lancs); Alicia Telyerson, 1566 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Ann Taylerson, 1598 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham).

**Taylour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London

English: see **Taylor**.

**Tayman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Tyman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Taynton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also London

English: see **Tainton**.

**Tazziman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Tesseyman**.

**Tazyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Tesseyman**.

**Tea**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: see **Tee**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

**Teager**

**Variants:** **Teger, Teago**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Shrops

English: unexplained. More than one name may be represented here, one perhaps Cornish (perhaps without original *-r*), and the other E English (perhaps with original *-r*), but both types have been found in both areas, and the relation between the two, if any, has not been worked out. Either or both may sometimes, if rarely, also have been confused with **Teckoe**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tegowe, yeoman, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Tegowe, 1524, John Tegaw, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gulval, Cornwall); John Tego, 1570 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Phillip Teger, 1596 in *IGI* (London); Margaret Tegoe, 1602 in *IGI* (Moulton, Lincs); Margaret Teager, 1616 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); Nicholas Tegoe, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech, Cambs); Eliz. Teager, 1681, in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Peter Teauger, 1706 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Teago, 1720 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Nichls. Teager, 1724 in *IGI* (Sithney, Cornwall); John Teager, 1727 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Mary Teager, 1757 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Samuel Teagoe, 1791, Sarah Teger, 1801, Sarah Teago, 1803, Mary Tegar, 1811 in *IGI* (Parham, Suffolk).

**Teagle**

**Variants:** **Teakle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; also Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Teagell, 1560, William Tegell, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Margaret Tecele, 1580 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Thomas Tegall,

1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heckfield, Hants); Alice Tegle, 1593 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Bucks); Ann Tegle, 1594 in *IGI* (Salford, Beds); Hannah Teakle, 1621 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Thomas Tegle, 1627 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs).

**Teago**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Teager**.

**Teague**

**Variants:** **Teke, Tegg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2767, Ireland 436
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1689
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Gloucs, Worcs, and Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 Welsh, Cornish: nickname from Welsh *teg* ‘fair, handsome, beautiful’, or possibly Cornish *tek*, but names from Cornish adjectives are rare.

**Further information:** It is probable that many or all of the instances of this name in Cornwall derive from (2); there are records of Teke Yrysshe, Irysshe, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Ludgvan, Cornwall), Teek Irishe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall), and Teage Yris, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stithians, Cornwall), evidently Teague (*Tadhg*) the Irishman.

**Early bearers:** England: William Tege, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Tewington in Saint Austell, Cornwall); Richard Teake, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Johannes Tege, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Henrie Teake, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Rawlin Teack, 1548 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Polmorla in Breock, Cornwall); Elizabetha Tege, 1552, Willmus Teege, 1587 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Agnes Teage, 1562 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Ales Teagge, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Agnes Teage, 1576 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Rycharde Teage, 1588 in *IGI* (Diddlebury, Shrops); Christian Tege, 1599 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall).

Wales: Lewelyn Tek, 1292, Morgan Tec, 1360–7, Davie Deygge, 1538, Thomas David Tegge, 1544, Ieuan Deke, 1556 in *Morgan and Morgan*.

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 194–6.

2 Irish: from Ó Taidhg, see **Tighe**.

**Further information:** There has been confusion between the Welsh and Irish names, both in Wales and in Ireland.

**Teahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- Irish: from Ó Téacháin, see **Teehan**.

**Teakle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Teagle**.

**Teal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 3



- **GB frequency 1881:** 1131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Teale**.

### Tealby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Leics and Derbys
- English: see **Tailby**.

### Teale

Variants: **Teal, Teall, Teel, Tell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1623, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1078
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Gloucs
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *tele* 'teal', for someone who resembled the waterbird in some way.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tele, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robert Tele, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); German Tele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Tele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glusburn, WR Yorks); Henricus Tele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Thomas Teele, Katerina Tele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marsham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Teale, 1572, Faith Teele, 1583, Fraunces Tele, 1586, Willm Teyle, 1588 in *IGI* (York).

2 English: locative name, possibly from residence by a plank bridge, Middle English *thele* (Old English *þelu* 'planks') or from Theale in Berks or Somerset, named from the same word. However, it would involve a change of the initial consonant to *T-*, for which no certain evidence has yet been found, and the following post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Rad. atte Thele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Alicia atte Thele, 1314 in *Kent Eyre* (Kent); Robart Teall, 1605 in *IGI* (Yanworth, Gloucs); Willam. Teall, 1621 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Margaret Teal, 1680 in *IGI* (Cowley, Gloucs).

### Teall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Gloucs and Warwicks; Kent
- English: see **Teale**.

### Teanby

Variants: **Tenby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Tumbly (Lincs), recorded as *Tumbi* in 1086, *Tumbi* about 1115, and *Tuneby* in 1223. The modern development is irregular, but it seems impossible to connect it with Tenby (Pembrokes).

**Early bearers:** John de Tumbly of Boston, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); John de Tumbly of Notyngnam, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Nottingham, Notts); Alicia de Tumbly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingson upon Hull, ER Yorks); Galfrido Tynby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kegworth, Leics); William Tynby, 1402 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tumbly, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Ellyn Teynbye, 1561, Annes Tynbe, 1562, John Tembe, 1565, Doritia Tenebie, 1589, Annas Temby, 1596 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Elezabeth Tenebe, 1562, Elizabeth Tenby, 1587 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs);

Agnes Tenbie, 1582 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Anne Tinbee, 1588 in *IGI* (West Rasen, Lincs); Willm Timeby, 1595 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs); Jana Teembie, 1596 in *IGI* (West Barkwith, Lincs); Francis Teanby, 1658 in *IGI* (Worlaby by Brigg, Lincs).

References: *Watts, Dictionary*, at Tumbly.

### Teaney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Irish: from Ó Teitheanaigh, see **Taheny**.

### Tear

Variants: **Teer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Northants; Lancs; also Cumb; IoM

1 English: nickname from Middle English *ter(e)* 'of fine appearance or character'. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Terry**. Compare Johs Teare, 1591, Elizabeth Terry, 1695 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Galfridus Ter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Johannes Tere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); John Teere, 1578 in *IGI* (Draughton, Northants); Suzana Teare, 1630 in *IGI* (Rothwell, Northants); John Tear, 1692 in *IGI* (Nocton, Lincs).

2 Manx: see **Teare**.

### Tearall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Tyrrell**.

### Teare

Variants: **Teer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 655
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: from Gaelic **Mac an tSaoir**, Manx *Mac y Teyir* 'son of the craftsman'. Compare Irish **McAteer**, Scottish **McIntyre**.

**Early bearers:** IoM: Mactyr, 1372, Mac Tere, 1417, 1511, Mac Terre, 1504, Mc Tyre, 1532, Mac Teare, 1580, Mcatere, 1583, Teare, 1599 in *Kneen* (IoM); Alice Teare, 1609 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); Marid Tear, 1611 in *IGI* (Michael, IoM); Gilbert Teer, 1676 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM).

England: Robert Teare, 1635 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Margaret Tear, 1760, Thomas Teer, 1785 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Tear, 1778 in *IGI* (Workington, Cumb).

### Tearl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- Norman, English: see **Tearle**.

### Tearle

Variants: **Tearl**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

Norman, English: probably a reduced form of *Terel*, see **Tyrrell**. Compare William Terrel, 1654 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

**Early bearers:** William Tearle, 1649, Joseph Tearl, 1704, James Tearle, 1823 in *IGI* (Stanbridge, Beds).

### Tearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; WR Yorks

English: see **Dearn**.

### Tearney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham; Lanarks and Midlothian

Irish: from Ó Tighearnaigh, see **Tierney**.

### Teasdal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Teasdale**.

### Teasdale

Variants: **Teesdale, Teasedale, Tesdale, Teasdal, Teasdel, Teasdill, Tisdale, Tisdall, Tisdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3913, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2514
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham

English: locative name from Teesdale, the valley of the River Tees (Durham and NR Yorks). Compare **Surtees, Tees**.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Tesedale, 1235–6 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Alan de Tesedale, 1293 in *Patent Rolls*; Alan de Thesdale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lartington, NR Yorks); Mariota de Tesdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes de Tesedale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Petro de Tesedale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robert Tesedale, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Henry Tesdale, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); Robert Tyesdale, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Agneta Teasdel, 1565 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Alicia Tysdale, 1572 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Alice Tisedale, 1588 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Thomas Tisdale, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Robt. Tesdall, 1604 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Sus Tisdall, 1709, William Teasdle, 1721, Elizth. Teasel, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Teasdel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Lincs

English: see **Teasdale**.

### Teasdill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Teasdale**.

### Tease

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Teece**.

## Teasedale

### Teasedale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Teasdale**.

### Teasel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: (i) probably a variant of **Tassell** or **Titshall**. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tesel* 'teasel' (Old English *tāsel*), for someone who used dried teasel heads to finish cloth or to card wool prior to spinning. Compare **Teaser**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Teasel, 1716, Elizth. Teasel, 1732, in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Teasel, 1779 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent).

### Teat

#### Variants: Teate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; also Lincs; Staffs; Lancs

English: probably a variant of **Tate**.

### Teate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; NR Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: see **Teat**.

### Teather

#### Variants: Tether, Tetther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts; also Lincs

English: see **Tedder**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Tether, 1566, Edward Teather, 1583, Alyce Teether, 1585 in *IGI* (London); Anthony Tether, 1574 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Thomas Tether, 1578 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Elizabeth Teather, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Richardi Tether, 1608 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Roger Tether, 1653 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Nicholas Tether, 1633 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Ruth Teather, 1670 in *IGI* (Bilsthorpe, Notts); Edward Tetther, 1770 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Samuel Teather, 1789 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks).

### Tebay

#### Variants: Teebay, Tebby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; also WR Yorks

English: locative name from Tebay (Westm), recorded as *Tibbay* about 1200.

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Tibe, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); Hugh de Tybbay, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Elena de Tybay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Waltero de Tybay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Adam de Tybay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough, Westm); Johannes Tybey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Thomas Tebbay, 1591 in *IGI*

(Ravenstonedale, Westm); Elizabeth Teebay, 1669 in *IGI* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, p. 50.

### Tebb

#### Variants: Tebbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: (i) relationship name, usually from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Tebbold* (see **Theobald**). Compare **Tibb**. (ii) relationship name, alternatively from a rhyming form of *Ebb* as a pet form of **Isabel** (compare **Ibbs** and **Ebbs**).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Tebbe de Wifardeb, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Tebbe filius Toke, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Tebbe servient, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackfordby, Leics).  
surnames: Adam Tebbe, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Leics); John Tebbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Tebbe of Threngeston, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Thringstone, Leics); Johannes Tebbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Rogerus Tebbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Roberto Tebbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Claybrooke, Leics); Johannes Tebbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Margareta Tebbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heckington, Lincs); Stephanus Tebbe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Maud Tebb, 1563 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Katheren Tebb, 1565 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Richarde Tebb, 1579 in *IGI* (Ashby Folville, Leics); John Tebb, 1580 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Thome Tebb, 1583 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

### Tebbell

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Tebble**.

### Tebbenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tibbenham**.

### Tebbet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlands
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tebbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Warwicks and Derbys

English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tebbetts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tebbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Tebby**.

### Tebbit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tebbitt

#### Variants: Tabbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants and Cambs
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tebble

#### Variants: Tebbell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Northumb; Essex

English: see **Theobald** and compare **Tibble**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Tebol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibberton, Dorset); Henricus Tebbell, 1566 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Thomas Tebbol, 1588, Thomas Tebol, 1589 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Mary Tebbel, 1676 in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); John Tebol, 1626, Ann Tebble, 1704 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Tebboth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx

English: see **Tebbutt**. Final *-th* is a hypercorrect spelling of */t/*.

### Tebbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants; also WR Yorks

English: variant of **Tebb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Tebbes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Tebbes, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Tebbut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tebbutt

- Variants: **Tebbet**, **Tebbett**, **Tebbit**, **Tebbitt**, **Tebboth**, **Tebbut**, **Tibbett**, **Tibbert**, **Tibbitt**, **Tibbott**, **Tibbetts**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1544, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1056
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Leics

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Tebot*, *Tibet*, or *Tibot*. These may be diminutives of **Tebb** and **Tibb**, pet forms of the male name *Tebaud* or *Tibaud* (see **Theobald**), or rhyming forms of the female personal name *Ibet*, *Ibot*, or *Ebot* (see **Hibbitt** and **Ebbutt**), diminutives of *Ibb* and *Ebb*, pet forms of **Isabel**. The female name is attested in the latinized given names *Tibota* and *Tebota*.

**Early bearers:** given names (female): Tibota Foliot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Tybota de Byforde, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thibota Glym, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Tebota del [ . . . ], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Tybota le Bayly, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Tibota de Standon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs).

**urnames:** John Tybote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Stephen Tybet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Tybote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Poultney, Leics); Agn' Tebot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Houghton, WR Yorks); Alicia Tybet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Symond Tybott', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Meols, Lancs); Walterus Tibote, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mickleton, Gloucs); William Tebott, 1405 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Thomas Tebot late of Uppyngham, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Uppingham, Rutland); James Tibbett, John Tebbet, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Tebby

**Variants:** Tebbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Northants
- 1 English: variant of **Tibby**.

**Early bearers:** Joanis Tebby, 1572 in *IGI* (Steppingley, Beds); Mary Tebbey, 1607 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds).

2 English: see **Tebay**, but it is uncertain whether this surname survived in the S Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tebay, 1376 in *Luffield Charters* (Northants).

### Tebenhham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Tibbenham**.

### Teckoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- Welsh: nickname from Welsh *tecaf*, *teca*, *deca*, \**tega* 'most fair, most handsome, most beautiful' (the superlative form of *teg* 'fair, handsome, beautiful'), sometimes used as an epithet attached to a personal name. Compare **Teague**. The name may sometimes have become confused with **Teager** and its possible variant **Teago**, and the relations among these forms are not clear.

**Early bearers:** Wales: Cadwgon Deca, 1215–1350, Je[uan] Teka, 1406, Decca alias Deio, 15th cent., David Deccaf, Ieuan Tega, n.d. in *Morgan and Morgan*. England: William [Te]ckowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pimhill hundred, Shrops); John Tecka, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrawardine, Shrops); Thomas Teckah, 1582 in *IGI* (Acton Burnell, Shrops); Georgii Teckoe, 1605 in *IGI* (Berrington, Shrops); John Teckoe, 1667 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Eliz. Teager, 1681, Mary Tecko, 1694 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops). **References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 194–6 (esp. p. 195).

### Tedbury

**Variants:** Tidbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Tedburrow Farm in Hemyock (Devon).
- Early bearers:** Roger Tydebury, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Valentyne Tedburie, 1578, Agnes Tydbury, 1602 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Elizabeth Tidbury, 1672 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Joane Tedbury, 1693 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon).
- References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 618.

### Tedd

**Variants:** Teed, Tedds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; London; Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Ted(de)*, a pet form of a name such as *Edgar*, *Edmund*, *Edward*, or *Edwin*. Compare **Ede**.

**Early bearers:** Jordan Tedde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Allesley, Warwicks); Robert Tedde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fillongley and Corley, Warwicks); Johannes Tede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Tedde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Withington, Lancs); Johes Tedd, 1543, Elizabetha Teed, 1546, Thomas Tedde, 1546, Alicia Ted, 1548, Gulielmi Teed, 1607 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); George Tedde, 1571 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Elizabetha Ted, 1595 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Mary Teed, 1625 in *IGI* (Wigginton, Herts); William Teed, 1646 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Teddar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Tedder**.

### Tedder

**Variants:** Teddar, Teather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 258
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey
- English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name \**Thedere*, \**Teddere*, either from Old English *þeodhere* or the cognate Continental Germanic *Theudher*, which may have been used by Normans. (ii) occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *teddere* 'one who teds hay', i.e. spreads mown grass for drying, a seasonal occupation.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tedder, 1550 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Jone Tedder, 1563 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Tho Tedder, 1566 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Robert Tedder, 1571 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Margaret Tedder, 1571 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Hew Tedder, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Ales Teddar, 1593 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Griffine Tedder, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Greenwich, Kent); Wm. Teddar, 1782 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

### Tedds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Tedd** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Teddes, 1611 in *IGI* (London); Robt. Teds, 1683 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Maria

Teds, 1708 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs), Joseph Teds, 1737 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Tedesco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Italian, Jewish (Ashkenazic): ethnic name from Italian *tedesco* 'German'. As a Jewish name, it was given to or taken by Ashkenazic Jews in Italy. Compare **Deutsch**.
- Early bearers:** Mordecai Tedesco, 1798 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Flora Todesco, 1804 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Louis Tedesco, born in Austria, in *Census 1861* (New Forest, Hants); Louis A.L. Tedesco, clerk, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1881* (Reigate, Surrey); Antonio, Achillo, Bernadetta Tedesco, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Darlington, Durham); Angelo Tedesco, 1906 in *BMD* (Camberwell, Surrey); Lorenzo Tedesco, fruit seller, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Tedford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: see **Titford**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, this name has been in Ulster, Ireland since the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** William Tedford, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogherny, Tyrone).

**References:** *MacLysaght*, p. 370.

### Tedham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Tedham Farm in Horne (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Thudeham, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); [ . . . de] Tudehame, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Tedham, 1587 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); William Tedham, 1609 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Andrew Tedhame, 1620 in *IGI* (Greenwich, Kent); William Tedham, 1620 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Thomas Tedham, 1633 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 322.

### Tedman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Monmouths

English: see **Tidman**.

### Tedstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Warwicks
- English: locative name from Tedstone Delamere or Tedstone Wafer (Herefs).
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Tedston, 1713, Margery Tedstone, 1726 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs).

### Tee

**Variants:** Tey, Tea, Tay, Teo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 10

## Teebay

- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Northants; Sussex

1 English: variant of **Tye** (1), from Middle English *atte Teye* (occasionally spelled *taye*) ‘at the enclosure or common pasture’. Compare John Tye, 1538, Adrian Teye, 1564, in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Charles Tye, 1726, Thos. Tee, 1772 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Oxon). Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Teye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Radulphus Tay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westbury, Hants); Philipus atte Tegh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Agn’ Teye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, ER Yorks); Johannes del Tee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Cecilia Tay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); William Teye, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex); Annys Tey, 1558 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Johannes Tee, 1560 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); Anna Tay, 1567 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Margrett Tay, 1580 in *IGI* (Linton in Craven, WR Yorks); Ales Teye, 1592 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs); John Tee, 1593 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robte. Tea, 1619 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Elizabeth Tee, 1625 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants); John Tee, 1629 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Joseph Tay, 1636 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Thomas Tee, 1659, William Tea, 1696 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants); James Tee, 1689 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Edward Tea, 1746 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs).

2 English: locative name from a misdivision of Middle English *atte e* ‘at the stream’.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Ee, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes atte Ee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedham, Norfolk).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

## Teebay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tebay**.

## Teece

**Variants:** Teese, Tease, Tees, Tice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) female personal name *Ti(e)ce* or \**Tece*. It was a Norman borrowing of Continental Germanic *Ti(e)ts(i)a*, *Tetsia*, pet forms of various Continental Germanic names in *Theud-*. See also **Tice**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tieceia, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Tieceia Ramona, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).  
surnames: John Tece, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicolaus Teyse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); William Tece of Baldok’, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Baldock, Herts); Robert Tees of Westby, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Westby, Lincs); Richard Tese, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (High Ercall, Shrops); Ambrose Teese, 1559 in *IGI* (Eythorne, Kent); John Teese, 1644 in *IGI* (Bramley, Hants); John Tees, 1647 in *IGI* (Sherfield upon Loddon, Hants); Anne Teese, 1667 in *IGI* (Shawbury, Shrops); Sarah Teas, 1722 in *IGI* (Shipley,

Sussex); Rachel Teaze, 1743 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Teed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cambs
- English: variant of **Tedd**.

## Teehan

**Variants:** Teahan, Tehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

Irish: from Ó Téacháin ‘descendant of *Téachán*’, a personal name probably derived from *teitheachán* ‘fugitive’. Compare **Taheny**.

**Early bearers:** Teige a Tighane, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4888 (Skarh, Kerry); Teig O Tauhan and Philip O Taughan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555 (the Ilande, Kerry); Michael Tehan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilgarrylander, Kerry).

## Teel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs; Lancs
- English: see **Teale**.

## Teeling

**Variants:** Telling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin

English: locative name, perhaps from a lost place somewhere in southern England.

**Further information:** The surname was established in Meath, Ireland, in the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Telyng, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Meath and Leinster); John Telyng of Molaghtelyng, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Mullaghteelein, Meath); John de Telyng, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Stabannan, Louth).

England: Robt Teeling, 1560, John Teeling, 1561, Jane Teling, 1569 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Jone Teelinge, 1581 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Margerit Tealing, 1639 in *IGI* (Falmer, Sussex).

## Teer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Irish: from **Mac an tSaoir**, see **McAteer**.

2 English: see **Tear**.

## Tees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also London; Lancs

Scottish: (i) see **Teece**. (ii) locative name, perhaps from the River Tees (Durham), though there is a lack of historical evidence to support this derivation. Compare **Surtees**.

**Early bearers:** Johne Tees, 1667 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Alexander Tees, 1695 in *IGI* (Glassford, Lanarks).

## Teesdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 474
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Durham
- English: see **Teasdale**.

## Teese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Teece**.

## Teevan

**Variants:** Teven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Stirlings and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Ó Teimheáin ‘descendant of *Teimheán*’, a personal name derived from a diminutive of *teimh* ‘dark, grey’. Compare **Tynan**, formerly also anglicized as *Tivnan*, from a diminutive of the related term *teimhean* ‘dark, grey’.

**Early bearers:** Owen O Tewan, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5847 (Fermanagh); Bryan Teevan, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Killybern, Monaghan); Michael Teevan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumlane, Cavan); Andrew Tevens, 1856 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Townparks, Leitrim).

## Tegart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Scottish, Manx, and Irish: see **Taggart**.

## Teger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex
- English: see **Teager**.

## Tegerdine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; WR Yorks
- Huguenot: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Tegredin, 1655, Marie Tesgredin, 1675, Judith Tregardin, 1679, Piere Tegredein, 1681 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); John Tegardine, 1775, Mary Tegerdine, 1789 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

## Tegg

**Variants:** Tigg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Hants

1 English: nickname from Middle English \**teg(ge)* ‘teg, young sheep’ (Old English \**teggā*, \**tagga*). The word *teg* is not on independent record in English before the 16th century, but it appears in place-names from the 13th century. Compare Johannes Tegherde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex), i.e. ‘teg herd’.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Tig, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Henry Teg, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Tegge, Tiggē, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Somerset); Agnes Tege, 1558 in *IGI* (Pangbourne, Berks); Andrew Tegge, 1560 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Francis Tegge, 1562 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Mary Tegg, 1594 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Alice Tegg, 1632 in *IGI* (Yarmouth, IoW); Ellen Tig, 1676 in *IGI* (Sherborne Saint John, Hants).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 175.  
2 Cornish, Welsh, Irish: see **Teague**.

### Teggart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 310
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim
- Irish: from Mac an tSagairt, see **McTaggart**.

### Teggert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish, Scottish Gaelic: from Mac an tSagairt, see **McTaggart**.

### Teggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Shrops
- Welsh, Cornish: (i) nickname from a derivative of Welsh *teg* ‘fair, handsome, beautiful’, with the suffix *-yn*. Compare **Teague**. (ii) locative name from the medieval cantref of *Tegeingl* (alias *Englefield*), the part of Flints which lies broadly between the rivers Clwyd, Dee, and Wepre Brook.

**Early bearers:** Giles Teagin, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Thomas Tegan, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Davids, Pembrokes); Thomas Tagine, 1617 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Joseph Teggen, 1617, Jane Teggin, 1631 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 194–6 (esp. pp. 195–6); *Flints Place-Names*, pp. 160–1.

### Teh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 鄭. It is mostly found in Taiwan, Fujian province, and Eastern Guangdong province, where people migrated to parts of SE Asia, such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. See **Cheng** (3).  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 戴, see **Tai** (1).

### Tehan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- Irish: from Ó Téacháin, see **Teehan**.

### Tehrani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Iranian: locative name meaning ‘person from Tehran’.

### Tei

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

### Teixeira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1066, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Portuguese, Galician: locative name from any of the places in Portugal and Galicia named Teixeira (written *Teijeira* in Castilian Spanish), from a derivative of Portuguese and Galician *teixo* ‘yew tree’ (Latin *taxus*).

### Tek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 狄, see **Dee** (3).

### Teke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- Welsh, English: see **Teague**.

### Telfair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Durham
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Telfar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English: see **Telfer**.

### Telfer

**Variants:** **Telfair**, **Telfar**, **Taillefer**, **Telford**, **Tilfourd**, **Tilford**, **Tilforth**, **Talfourd**, **Taylforth**, **Tailford**, **Talford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2782, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1789
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland and N England
- English: nickname, relationship name from Old French *taille* ‘cut’ + *fer* ‘iron’, perhaps for a strong man or ferocious warrior, or for someone who worked with iron. Redmonds notes that Robert Tailfare, 1478 in *York Freeman’s Register*, was a smith. The nickname was also used as an Anglo-Norman personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Taillefer de Scaccario, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx); Taillefer de Fraxineto, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs).

surnames: Dunning Tailifer, before 1103 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Humphrey Tallifer, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Richard Taillefer, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Stephen Tayleford, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Robertus Taulvere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormington Daston, Gloucs); Nicholas Tailford’, 1481 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Talyver, Tollfeyre, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Tarver, 1550 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Margarete Talforth, 1561 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Margaret Taylford, 1571 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); Isabel Taylforth, 1571 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); William Tylford, 1615 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Edward Tulford, 1631 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); William Taylford, 1639 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Tolver, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); George Telford, 1685 in *York Freeman’s Register*; George Tealfer, 1696 in *Bardsley* (Cumb).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Telford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3807, Ireland 439
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2619
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Cumb, and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Telfer**.

**Further information:** The new town of Telford (Shrops) is named after the celebrated Scottish civil engineer Thomas Telford (1757–1834).

### Tell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: possibly a variant of **Teale**.

**Early bearers:** John Telle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yealmpton, Devon); Henry Tell, 1562 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Francis Telle, 1572 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Alleas Telle, 1597 in *IGI* (Willoughby with Sloothby, Lincs); Elizabeth Tell, 1605 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Jno. Tell, 1722 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

### Tellam

**Variants:** **Tellum**, **Tillam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tylem, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Quarley, Hants); Richard Tylame, 1544, Richard Tellum, 1726 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Margerie Tillam, 1544 in *IGI* (Doddenham, Worcs); Johanna Tylham, 1560, Katharina Telham, 1579, Faitha Tilham, 1583 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Alice Tillam, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); Alice Tyllam, 1585 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Tyllam, 1598 in *IGI* (Strensham, Worcs).

### Teller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *tel(l)er*, *telier* ‘maker or seller of linen cloth’ (Old French *telier*).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Telier, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Teller, 1725 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *teller(e)* ‘messenger; accountant’. Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas le Teller, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Teller, 1323 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Teller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robt. Teller, 1801 in *IGI* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks).

3 Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from German *Teller*, Yiddish *teler* ‘plate’, perhaps for someone who made or sold dishes.

**Early bearers:** Barnett Teller, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Telling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Gloucs

## Tellum

1 English: see **Tilling**.

2 Irish: see **Teeling**.

## Tellum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Durham
- English: see **Tellam**.

## Tellwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English *tile* ‘tile’ + *wright(e)* ‘wright’ (Old English *tigelwyrhta*), denoting someone who made tiles. Compare **Tiler**, **Tillman**.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Tywelwrighte, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Franciscus Tylryght, 1542 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Thos. Tolright, 1560, Richardus Tellright, 1567 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Thomas Telwright, 1578 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

## Temblett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Temlett**.

## Temby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Welsh, Cornish: locative name from Tenby (Pembrokes), which is recorded as *Tymby* in 1351 and *Tynby* in 1374 (*Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** Rafe Timby, 1567, Nicholas Tinby, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Thomas Tenby, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Anne Tymby, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Grace Timby, 1667, Mary Temby, 1708 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Robart Temby, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Roseland, Cornwall).

## Temlett

Variants: **Temblett**, **Timlett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Devon

English: apparently a variant of **Tremlett** with loss of *-r-*.

**Early bearers:** Rychaude Temlett, 1561, Francis Tremlet, 1627 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Thomas Tymblet, 1561, Benet Temlet, 1564, Giles Temblett, 1594, Thomas Tremlet, 1606 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Elyzabeth Temlett, 1566, William Tremlett, 1701 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); Thomas Tymlett, 1572 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Tho. Tymlet, 1592, Elisabeth Tremlett, 1606 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Temlett, 1661 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

## Tempany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English, Irish: see **Timpany**.

## Temperley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 505, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Lancs

English: see **Timperley**.

## Temperly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Timperley**.

## Temperton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Tymparon Hall in Dacre (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Timparon, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Tymperon, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Tymparon, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Margret Timperon, 1575 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); An Timperton, 1640 in *IGI* (Allerthorpe, ER Yorks); Alice Temperton, 1651 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Katherine Temperton, 1659 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Joseph Temperton, 1694 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 188–9.

## Tempest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1523, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1393
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *tempest* ‘tempest, storm’ (Old French *tempeste*), perhaps for someone with a violent and unpredictable temperament. Compare **Storm**.

**Further information:** ‘The family had important estates near Skipton, notably in Bracewell and Broughton, and to those were added lands in Bradford in 1497 when Richard Tempest married Rosamund Bolling and moved to Bolling Hall: the family’s history there and subsequently at Tong Hall brought several names from Ribblesdale into the Bradford area and resulted in the expansion of Tempest over a much wider region’ (*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*). **Early bearers:** Roger Tempestras, 1156 in *Pontefract Chartulary* (WR Yorks); Roger Tempeste, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Tempest, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Tempest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bracewell, WR Yorks); Isabella Tempest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley Royal, WR Yorks); Yayn Tempest, 1541 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); James Tempest, 1561 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Mary Tempest, 1566 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Jane Tempest, 1575 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Willimi Tempest, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk).

## Templar

Variants: **Templer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; London; also Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *templar*, Old French *templier*, denoting a member of the military and religious

order of the Knights Templar. The name may occasionally have been taken by members of the order, as in the examples ‘le Templer’, but it is most likely to have become hereditary as a surname adopted by their servants. Compare **Temple**, **Templeman**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Templer, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert le Templer, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Thom. le Templer, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh le Templer, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Templer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Temple, Somerset); Thomas Templer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lindsell, Essex); Johannes Tempeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willelmo Templer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poulton, Wilts); Johannes Templer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halford, Warwicks); Agatha Templer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwincle, Northants); Roberto Templer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); Agnies Templar, 1565 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); Edward Templar, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Johne Templar, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Martin Templar, 1606 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Johannes Templar, 1620 in *IGI* (Burlcombe, Devon).

2 English: see **Temple** (2).

## Temple

Variants: **Templar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5077, Ireland 355
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3907
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Monaghan; Offaly

1 English, Scottish: locative name, nickname from Middle English, Old French *temple* ‘temple’, denoting a religious house or manorial estate of the Knights Templar. The surname may be for someone who lived or worked at such an establishment, or for someone from a place so named, such as Temple (Cornwall, Midlothian). Compare **Templar**, **Templeman**.

**Early bearers:** England: Paganus de Templo, 1141 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Matilda du Temple, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John del Temple, 1360 in *Ancient Deeds* (Leics); Henrico othe Tempul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Johanne Temple, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Mandeville, Bucks); Petrus del Tempil, Matilda de Tempell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Copmanthorpe, WR Yorks); Walterus atte Temple, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorking, Surrey); William Temple, 1380 in *London Pleas*; Wm. Temple, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Tho. Temple, 1544 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); John Temple, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Christopherus Temple, 1559 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Joan Temple, 1560 in *IGI* (Waddesdon, Bucks); Christopher Temple, 1568 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Rychard Temple, 1578 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Margaret Temple, 1578 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

Scotland: Agnes de Tempill, 1429 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian); Johannes Tempill, 1489 in *The Lennox*; James Tempill, 1597 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

2 English: nickname given to foundlings baptized at the Temple Church, London, so called because it was originally built on land belonging to the Knights Templar. Between 1728 and 1755 no fewer than 104

individuals were baptized with the surname Temple or Templar.

**Early bearers:** Martha Temple, 1733, Robert Templar, 1737 in *IGI* (Temple Church, London).

**References:** *Ewen, History*, p. 270.

### Templeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1741, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Notts and Lincs; London; Fife

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English, Old French *temple* 'temple' + *-man*, denoting someone who worked for the Knights Templar or who lived on one of their estates. Compare **Temple**, **Templar**.

**Early bearers:** William Templeman, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Reginald Templeman, 1260 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Ambrose le Templeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Templeman of Balne, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (Balne, WR Yorks); Richard Templeman, 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Willelmus Tempulman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pollington, WR Yorks); Father Leonard Templeman, 1569 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Templeman, 1570 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Thomas. Templeman, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Thoms Templeman, 1574 in *IGI* (Greatford, Lincs).

### Templer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx

English: see **Templar**.

### Templeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2462, Ireland 296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2093
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: locative name from Templeton in Kilmarnock (Ayr). There are other places so named in Angus, Berks, Devon, and Pembrokes, but they do not appear to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Gilbertus de Tempilton, 1295 in *Paisley Register* (Rothesay, Bute); Jacobus de Templetone, 1306–29 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Ayr); Johne Tempiltoun, 1491 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Ayr); Jean Templeton, 1689 in *IGI* (Kilwinning, Ayr); Agnes Templeton, 1696 in *IGI* (Campbelltown, Argyll).

### Temporal

Variants: **Temprell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs and Notts

English: perhaps a variant of **Timbrell**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Tempbrall, 1618, Richard Temporall, 1622 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Richerd Temporall, 1603, Elizabeth Temperall, 1695 in *IGI* (Treswell, Notts).

### Temprell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

English: see **Temporal**.

### Tenant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 152
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Scottish, English: see **Tennant**.

### Tenby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Cheshire and Lancs; ER Yorks

English: see **Teanby**.

### Tench

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands: esp. Shrops; also Durham; Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *tench(e)* 'tench' (Old French *tenche*), for someone who caught, sold, or ate tench, or who resembled the fish in some manner.

**Early bearers:** Alan Tenche, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Tenche, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Tenche, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Tench, 1431 in *Close Rolls*.

### Tendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Norfolk

English: see **Tindall**.

### Tendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex

English: see **Tindall**.

### Tenent

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Tennant**.

### Teng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 滕 and 鄧, see **Tang** (3) and (4).
- 2 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 丁, see **Ding** (2).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).

### Tenison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Tennyson**.

### Tennan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Cumb

1 Scottish, English: see **Tennant**.

2 Irish: Irish Ó Teimhneáin, see **Tynan**.

### Tennant

Variants: **Tennent**, **Tenant**, **Tenent**, **Tennan**, **Tennet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4467, Ireland 189
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Wexford; Down

Scottish, English: status name from Middle English *tena(u)nt* 'tenant' (Old French *tenant*), for someone who held property from a lord by feudal service. Compare **Tenner**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Tenand, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robert Tenaunt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Rogerus Tenaunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Rogerus Tenant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emmeth, Norfolk); Willelmo Tenant, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Wm. Tennant, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Gennet Tennant, 1570 in *IGI* (Conistone, WR Yorks); William Tennant, 1574 in *IGI* (Harmston, Lincs); Margery Tennant, 1577 in *IGI* (Whatcote, Warwicks); Johnes. Tennant, 1585 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). Scotland: Thomas Tenaunt, 1309 in *Concilia Magnae Britanniae*; John Tenant, 1339–40 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Tennand, 1366 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Stirling, Stirlings); Andro Tenand, 1500 in *Ayr Friars Charters* (Ayr); Robert Tenent, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Tennat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tennet**.

### Tennett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 543, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish, English: see **Tennant**.

### Tenner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: status name from Old French *teneor*, *teneur*, *tenor* 'tenant', for someone who held property from a lord by feudal service. Compare **Tennant**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Tennore, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard le Tenur, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Tenere, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Tener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Johannes Tennor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Agnetis Tenner., 1558 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Anne Tenner, 1624 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Hannah Tenner, 1711 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); John Tenner, 1724 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Tenner, 1724 in *IGI* (Framfield, Sussex).

### Tenneson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: see **Tennyson**.

### Tennet

Variants: **Tennett**, **Tennat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0

## Tennett

- GB frequency 1881: 129
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; also NR Yorks
- English: probably a variant of **Tennant** with dissimilatory loss of *-n-*.
- Early bearers: Thomas Tennet, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Eme. Tennett, 1575 in *IGI* (London); Jane Tenet, 1576 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robert Tinett, 1578 in *IGI* (Repps with Bastwick, Norfolk); John Tenned, 1595 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Mareta Tennet, 1612 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Willia. Tennatt, 1664 in *IGI* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Margaret Tennet, 1750 in *IGI* (Whorlton, Durham).

## Tennett

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 29
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Tennet**.

## Tenny

Variants: **Tenny**

- Current frequencies: GB 50, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 74
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tenny*, of uncertain origin. No evidence has been found to show that it is a devoiced variant of **Denny**, a pet form of Middle English *Denis* (see **Dennis**). The name appears to have originated in the Holderness district of ER Yorks. See also **Tennyson**.

Early bearers: given names: Tenny de Pyrii, 1260 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks). surnames: William Tenny of Piddose Burton, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Burton Pidsea, ER Yorks); Nicholas Tenny of Brustewyk, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Burstwick, ER Yorks); Walterus Tenny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Paull Fleet, ER Yorks); Agnes Tenny, 1566 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Elenour Tenny, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); Guilielmi Tenney, 1611 in *IGI* (Brockslesby, Lincs); Francis Tenney, 1625 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); William Tenny, 1641 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); George Tenney, 1671 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, York); Joannes Tenney, 1674 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.  
2 English: in SW England occasionally a variant of **Tinney**.

## Tennick

- Current frequencies: GB 195, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 52
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham
- Scottish: see **Tannock**.

## Tennyson

- Current frequencies: GB 189, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 147
  - Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks
- English: see **Tennyson**.

## Tenniswood

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 42
  - Main GB location 1881: NR Yorks
- English: see **Tinniswood**.

## Tennock

- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Scottish: see **Tannock**.

## Tenny

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Staffs
- English: see **Tenny**.

## Tennyson

Variants: **Tennison**, **Tenison**, **Tenneson**, **Tinson**

- Current frequencies: GB 340, Ireland 338
  - GB frequency 1881: 105
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs, Cheshire, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; Renfrews
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Tyrone
- English, Irish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tenny* (see **Tenny**) + *-son*. There is no evidence to prove that it is a variant of **Dennison**, though this remains a theoretical possibility.
- Further information: This name has been established in Ireland since the mid-17th century and is now as common there as it is in England.

Early bearers: England: John Tennyson, 1361 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Yorks); William Tennyson, 1528 in *Yorks Wills* (Ryhill, WR Yorks); Robert Tennyson, 1572, William Tennisonne, 1654 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); Roger Tennyson, 1566 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Isabell Tenison, 1606 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Tenison, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Rampton, Cambs); Edward Tennyson, 1691 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman* (Norfolk); Martha Tinson, 1706 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); William Tennison, 1716 in *IGI* (Beeford, ER Yorks); Ralph Tennyson, 1717 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Ralph Tennyson, 1721 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Elizabeth Tennyson, 1798 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham).

Ireland: Matthew Tenisson and John Tennisson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killasnet, Leitrim); Samuel Tennison, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Clonfeacle, Tyrone); Edward Tennison, 1864 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gallrock, Armagh).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Tenpenny

- GB frequency 1881: 23
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Midlothian
- English, Scottish: see **Timpany**.

## Tenwick

- Current frequencies: GB 68, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 36
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham; Surrey
- Scottish: see **Tannock**.

## Teo

Variants: **Teoh**

- Current frequencies: GB 307, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: IoW

1 English: perhaps a variant spelling of **Tee**.

Early bearers: John Teo, 1561 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Wm. Teo, 1734 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Sarah Teo, 1806 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1). The dialects in which this pronunciation is found are

spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1). The dialects in which this pronunciation is found are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

4 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 刁, see **Diao**.

## Teoh

- Current frequencies: GB 191, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1). The dialects in which this pronunciation is found are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

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3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 刁, see **Diao**.

## Teow

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 趙, see **Zhao** (1).

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 刁, see **Diao**.

## Terling

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Tarling**.

## Ternant

- GB frequency 1881: 44
  - Main GB location 1881: Northumb
- Scottish: see **Ternent**.

## Ternent

Variants: **Ternant**, **Tranent**

- Current frequencies: GB 417, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 200
- Main GB location 1881: Berwicks, Northumb, and Durham

Scottish: locative name from Tranent (E Lothian).

Early bearers: Scotland: Thor de Trauernent, about 1127 in *Holyrood Register* (Edinburgh); William de Trauernent, about 1190–1238 in *Midlothian Charters* (Midlothian); William de Trauernent, 1374 in *Yester House Writs* (Haddington, E Lothian); Margaret Tranent, 1635 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Margaret Tranent, 1638 in *IGI* (Sprouston, Roxburghs); James Tirnent, 1768 in *IGI* (Longformacus, Berwicks).

England: Patrick Trement, 1594, Katheren Trenante, 1599, Thomas Tranent in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anne Tarnent, 1731 in *IGI* (Chatton,



Northumb); Andrew Ternent, 1748 in *IGI* (Belford, Northumb).

### Terney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; WR Yorks and Lancs

Irish: from Ó Tíghearnaigh, see **Tierney**.

### Terrace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Lanarks and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Terris**.

### Terrance

Variants: **Terrence**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Irish: adopted for **Mac Toirdhealbhagh** (see **Turley**). *Terence* was sometimes used as an English equivalent of the Gaelic personal name *Toirdhealbach*.

**Early bearers:** Francis *Terrence*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Andrew *Terence*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone).

### Terras

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

Scottish: see **Terris**.

### Terrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Monmouths

Norman, English: see **Tyrrell**.

### Terrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 742, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 500
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England; also London; Lancs

Norman, English: see **Tyrrell**.

### Terrence

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Irish: see **Terrance**.

### Terres

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Midlothian and Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Terris**.

### Terret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

Welsh: see **Terrett**.

### Terrett

Variants: **Territt**, **Terret**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 11

- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Offaly
- Welsh: (i) relationship name, perhaps from the Welsh personal name *Tegwaret*, *Tegwared*. (ii) possibly from Middle English *teret*, *tyret* 'harness-ring', from a maker of such things; but the modern distribution suggests explanation (i).

**Early bearers:** given names, Wales: Tegwareth filius Idneueth de Goinet, 1191, Tegwaret, 1199, Tegwaret, 1215 in *Ystrad Marchell Charters* (Montgomerys); Tawaret le Enginur, 1241 in *Patent Rolls*; Tegwaret ab Griffyd, Tegwaret Ruffo, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Teuwaret ap Propert, 1344 in *Patent Rolls*. surnames, Wales: Wion ap Tegwaret, Ioreword filio Tegwaret, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths). surnames, England: Anne Tirrett, 1559 in *IGI* (Chaceley, Gloucs); Agnis Tyrret, 1562 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Ann Terrett, 1564 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs).

### Terrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Notts

English: see **Terry**.

### Terrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tarrier**.

### Terrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: see **Tyrrell**.

### Terrington

Variants: **Tarrington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: locative name, in S Lincs and E Anglia a variant of **Torrington** (2).

2 English: locative name in N England from Terrington (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Tiverington, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Johannes Tyryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Lutton, ER Yorks); Ralph Tyryngton, 1407 in *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Teryngton, 1520 in *York Registry Wills* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); Richard Terrington, 1597 in *York Registry Wills* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); John Terrington, 1635 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Bartho. Terrington, 1661 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Terris

Variants: **Terres**, **Terras**, **Terrace**, **Tarras**, **Tarres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Essex

Scottish: locative name from Tarras in Rafford (Morays).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Tarays, John de Tarays, 1375 in *Arbroath Register*; Jacobus Terras, 1569 in *Moray*

*Register* (Moray, Morays); John Tarrus, 1612, James Tarres, 1639 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Anna Tarres, 1669 in *Retours, Scotland* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Anna Terres, 1669 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus); John Tarras, 1687 in *IGI* (Keith, Banff); John Terras, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife); John Terrace, 1712 in *IGI* (Abdie, Fife).

### Territt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Herts

Welsh: see **Terrett**.

### Terry

Variants: **Terrey**, **Tarry**, **Tyrie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10284, Ireland 282
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7629
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent; also WR Yorks and Lancs; Warwick
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Cork

1 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Thierry*, *Tierrri*, *Terrri* (Continental Germanic *Theudoric*, latinized as *Theod(e)ricus*). Many of the early Middle English bearers of the name were Flemish or German merchants, frequently described as *Teutonicus*, *Alemannus*, or *Flandrensis*. The name was perhaps sometimes confused with Middle English forms of Old English *Þeodric* (see **Detheridge**) and certainly with *Theodore*: both Terricus de Treiagol and Theoricus de Wycheford, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cornwall, Warwick) are alternatively called Theodorus.

**Further information:** An Anglo-Norman family of this name has been in County Cork, Ireland, since the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Theodricus, Tedric(us), Teodericus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Theodericus, 1124–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); Terri Vsuarius, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Terricus de Mudiford, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Theoricus de Werdesford', 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Jordanus frater Tedric', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Tyrrri de Athelartone, 13th cent. in *Ronton Chartulary* (Staffs). surnames, England: Willelmus filius Teorri, 1114–30 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (London); Ricardus filius Thedrici, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwick); Ralph Teri, 1199 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); John Terry, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwick); Thomas Therry, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo Tyry, Tyeri, Terry, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Beds); William Tarri, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Tarry (Thary), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Rogerus Terry, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bozeat, Northants); Johannes Terry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Falmer, Sussex); Petrus Terre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Michael Terry, 1558 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); James Terry, 1577 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Marmaduce Terry, 1578 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Robert Terry, 1580 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); Thomas Terry, 1584 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwick); Robt. Terry, 1603 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Terry, 1619 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Walter Terry, 1682 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Terry, 1715 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

## Tervet

surnames, Ireland: William Tiry, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1854; Henry (McShane) Tirry, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4146; Gilleduff (Phillipi) O'Terray, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4639 (Gorteneameare).

2 Irish: sometimes it has been adopted for **Mac Toirdhealbháigh**, see **Turley**.

### Tervet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Tervit**.

### Tervit

Variants: **Tarvit**, **Tervet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Angus; Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Tarvit in Cupar (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Tarueth, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); Alexander Teruat, 1516 in *Fife Court Book* (Cupar, Fife); John Tervet, Elias Tervett, 1509 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland*.

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 4, pp. 312–17.

### Tesdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; Cornwall
- English: see **Teasdale**.

### Tesh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks

English: see **Tash**.

**Early bearers:** William Teshe, 1599 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Tesler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

1 English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *tesel* 'teasel' (Old English *tæsel*), for someone who used dried teasel heads to finish cloth or to card wool prior to spinning.

**Further information:** The teaseler used teasels, the dried heads of the 'fuller's thistle', to draw up from the body of the cloth all the loose fibres (*Salzman, Industries*, p. 225).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Taseler (Taslere), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Matilda la Taselere, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Richard le Tesler, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Mathewe Tesler, 1588 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Anne Tesler, 1610 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Tessler**.

### Tesseyman

Variants: **Tessyman**, **Tissyman**, **Tissiman**, **Tisseman**, **Tazzyman**, **Tazziman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

1 English: as a Yorks surname, of uncertain origin. The persistent *-e-* in early spellings of the Yorks name is at odds with the tentative derivations offered

in (2), although the 1543 and 1545 examples from Norwich do occur in the same county as some of the examples illustrated in (2).

**Early bearers:** William Tesman, 1283 in *York Freeman's Register*; Brian Tezemon, 1515, James Teismond, 1527, James Tesimond, 1557 in *York Freeman's Register*; Brian Tesymon, 1537 in *York Guild Register* (York); Alce Tesmonde, 1543, Cicely Tesemoude, 1545 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Tesymond, 1558 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizabethes Tesymoude, 1568 in *IGI* (York); Anne Tessayman, 1699 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Francis Tissiman, 1753 in *IGI* (Scalby near Scarborough, NR Yorks); Samuel Tisseman, 1813 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks).

2 English: (i) occupational name, status name, perhaps 'servant of *Tacy*' (see **Tacey**). (ii) relationship name, perhaps from a pet form of the Middle English personal name *Tacy* + the hypocoristic suffix *-man*. (iii) occupational name, alternatively perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English *\*tasseman* 'purse-maker' (Old French *tasse* + Middle English *man*). It is recorded in medieval Flanders; see *Debrabandere*, at Tazsman. It is possible, however, that the following bearers from Norfolk and Lincs belong with the unexplained name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Tassiman, 1324 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tasman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mileham, Norfolk); Thomas Tasman, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Tazzyman, 1812, Elizabeth Tazziman, 1873 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs).

### Tessier

Variants: **Tissier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; also Jersey

Huguenot: occupational name, French and French Huguenot, from Old French *tissier* 'weaver'. Compare **Tisser**.

**Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jacques Tessier, 1691 in *IGI* (The Artillery French Huguenot church, Spitalfields, Middx).

Channel Islands: Gabriel Tissier, 1734 in *IGI* (Castel, Guernsey).

### Tessler

Variants: **Tesler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *tesler* 'carpenter'.

### Tessyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, WR Yorks, and NR Yorks

English: see **Tesseyman**.

### Testa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

1 Italian: nickname from *testa* 'head' (Late Latin *testa*, originally used to denote an earthenware pot); hence a nickname for someone who was exceptionally learned or intelligent or for someone who had a large or otherwise remarkable head.

**References:** *DAFN*.

2 Galician, Portuguese: nickname, possibly from Galician and Portuguese *testa* 'forehead, brow'.

**References:** *DAFN*.

### Testar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Tester**.

### Tester

Variants: **Testar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1905, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1325
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex

English: nickname from Old French *testard*, a pejorative form of *teste* 'head', for a know-all or someone with a big head.

**Early bearers:** Roger Testard, 1135 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Hugh Testard, 1172 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Gilbert Testar, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Testart, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Ricardus Testard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whalesborne hundred, Sussex); Thomas Tester, 1551 in *Sussex Wills*.

### Tether

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks; Worcs

English: see **Teather**.

### Tetler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

English: see **Tetley**.

### Tetley

Variants: **Tetlow**, **Tetler**, **Tatley**, **Tatlow**, **Tatler**, **Titley**, **Titlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1157, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1190
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Tetlow in Manchester (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tetlowe, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Tettelowe, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Alicia de Tetlaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oldham, Lancs); Alexander de Tetlaw, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Royton, Lancs); Richard de Tetlawe, 1389 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Robert Tettelawe of Oldum, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Oldham, Lancs); Johes. Tatlow, 1542, Richardus Tatley, 1561, Maria Tetlowe, 1564, Samuel Teytlow, 1570, Martha Taytlawe, 1573, Isaac Tetlaw, 1585 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Edmund Tetlowe, 1554 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Thomas Tatloe, 1587 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); George Tatlow, 1679, Elizabeth Tatler, 1683 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Ann Tettler, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 33. See also *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, p. 306.

2 English: locative name, occasionally from Tetley in Crowle (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Tetteley, 1310 in *Selby Coucher Book* (Axholme, Lincs); Adami Tetley, 1581 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Henrye Tetley, 1610 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Elisabeth Tetley, 1645 in *IGI* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); John Tetley, 1659 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Margretta Tetley, 1676 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy*, p. 249; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 124.

## Tetlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tetley**.

## Tetsall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- 1 English: see **Titshall**.  
2 English: see **Tetstall**.

## Tetsell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: see **Tetstall**.

## Tetstall

**Variants:** Tetstill, Tetsell, Tetsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Staffs

English: locative name from Tetstill in Neen Sollars (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Tettesell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Richard Tedstill, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oldbury, Shrops); Thomas Tedstyll, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chetton, Shrops); Katrina Tedstill, 1541, Edward Tedstell, 1568 in *IGI* (Chetton, Shrops); John Tetsal, 1721, Jno. Titsal, 1755 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Mary Tetsal, 1810 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 290–1 (as Tetsill).

## Tetstill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Tetstall**.

## Tett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tette*, either a female name (Old English *Tette*) or a male name (Old English \**Tetta*, equivalent to the female *Tette*, which is not on independent record but may be safely inferred from place-name evidence).

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Tette, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardus filius Tette, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Tette, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richardi Tette, 1587 in *IGI* (Etwall, Derbys); Elyzabetha Tett, 1619 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Thomas Tett, 1631 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Tett, 1726 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Judeth Tett, 1726 in *IGI* (Nymet Tracey, Devon).

2 Scottish: probably an occasional variant of **Tait**.

**Early bearers:** David Tett, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Tett, 1685 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Thomas Tett, 1720 in *IGI* (Ellon, Aberdeens).

## Tetteh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 410, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Ghanaian: unexplained.

## Tetther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Teather**.

## Teven

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Teimheáin, see **Teevan**.

## Tevendale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus
- Scottish: see **Teviotdale**.

## Teversham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: locative name from Teversham (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Ulfric de Teuersham, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition*; William de Teversham, 1227 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Jeffery Teversham, 1560 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Roberti Teversham, 1564 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs).

## Teviotdale

**Variants:** Tevendale, Tavendale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Midlothian

Scottish: locative name from Teviotdale (Roxburghs).

**Further information:** The variants with *-n-* in the second syllable may be due to the phenomenon which produces English *nightingale* from earlier forms without the *-n-*.

**Early bearers:** Archibaldus Teuidall, 1233 in *Glasgow Register*; Archibald Theuidalie, about 1328 in *Kelso Register* (Roxburghs); Johne Tevidale, 1617 in *IGI* (Kinneff and Catterline, Kincardines); John Tevidale, 1419 in *Scotland Calendar*; Agnes Tevioddale, 1651 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian); Robert Tivedaill, 1683 in *Old Edinburgh Book* (Edinburgh); David Tevioddale, 1661 in *IGI* (Kirkden, Angus); James Tevendale, 1684 in *IGI* (Carmyllie, Angus); Janet Tavidale, 1691 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); William Tavendale, 1693 in *IGI* (Insch, Aberdeens).

## Tevlin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish (Meath, Cavan): from Ó Teibhlin 'descendant of *Teibhlin*', a personal name of unknown origin (possibly related to **Shevlin**).

**Further information:** This name has died out in Ireland but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Tevlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Navan, Meath); Michael Tevlin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Granard, Longford).

**References:** *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 146.

## Tew

**Variants:** Tue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1874, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Tew (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Tiw, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Ricardus Tue, 1377, Ricardus Tewe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); William Tewe, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Tue, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); John Tue, 1564 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Richard Tue, 1566 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Frannycs Tue, 1574 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard Tue, 1579 in *IGI* (Epwell, Oxon); Katherin Tue, 1589 in *IGI* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Rbt. Tue, 1654 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); John Tue, 1616, Jn Tew, 1666 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Ann Tew, 1796 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants).

2 Welsh: nickname from Welsh *tew* 'fat, plump', sometimes appearing in the lenited form *dew*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Tyw, le Tuy, 1286–8 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Iuan Teewe, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wales); John le Tue, 1323, in *South Lancs in Reign of Edward II*; Eignon Tew ap David, 1346 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Rees ap Tudur dew, 1406 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Ales Tew, 1567 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); William Tue, 1620 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 334; *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 196.

3 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 張. The dialects of this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, where some people migrated to parts of SE Asia such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. See **Cheung** (1).

4 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese form of the Chinese surname 趙. The dialects of this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, where some people migrated to parts of SE Asia such as Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia. See **Zhao** (1).

## Tewkesbury

**Variants:** Tewksbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; IoW; Alderney
- English: locative name from Tewkesbury (Gloucs).  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Teukesbury, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Rogero Teukesbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aldsworth, Gloucs); John Tewekebury of London, goldsmith, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Joane Tewksburie, 1598 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset).

## Tewksbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35

## Tewson

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Hants
- English: see **Tewkesbury**.

## Tewson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Rutland; also Lincs
- English: see **Tuson**.

## Tey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- 1 English: see **Tee**.  
2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).  
3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 戴, see **Tai** (1).

## Thacher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
- English: see **Thatcher**.

## Thackara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; WR Yorks; Oxon
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackaray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thacker

Variants: **Thaker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3833, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands: esp. Staffs; Lincs; also Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Dublin
- English: occupational name from Middle English *thak(k)er(e)*, *thacker(e)* ‘thatcher’ (either representing Old English \**þæcere*, or an agent derivative of Old Scandinavian *þak* ‘thatch, roof’). Compare **Thatcher**, **Thaxter**, and **Theaker**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard the Thaker, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Roger le Thacchere, le Thakkere, 1339 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Henricus Thacker’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); Ricardus Thakkere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sporle, Norfolk); Robertus Thaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Johannes Thakker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Rogar Thacker, 1550 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Henrici Thacker, 1551 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); John Thacker, 1555 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); Peter Thacker, 1558 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Thomas Thacker, 1560 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds).

## Thackeray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1039, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 436
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackerey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Middx
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 259
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Middx
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackra

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Northumb
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackrah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackray

Variants: **Thackwray**, **Thackrey**, **Thackrah**, **Thackra**, **Thackara**, **Thackaray**, **Thackeray**, **Thackerey**, **Thackery**, **Thackway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1687, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1274
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Thackray in Fewston (WR Yorks), a place now submerged beneath a reservoir.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Thakwra, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Thakwra, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); John Thackerowe, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anne Thackarawe, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); James Thackerey, 1602 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas Thackwrey, 1613 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 130; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Thackrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thackston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Theakston**.

## Thackstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cheshire
- English: see **Theakston**.

## Thackway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: probably a variant of **Thackray**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabetha Thackway, 1585 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Johannes Thackway, 1627 in *IGI*

(Ilkley, WR Yorks); Richard Thackway, 1678 in *IGI* (Holme Lacy, Herefs).

## Thackwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S Wales
- English: unexplained.  
**Early bearers:** Alice Thackwell, 1541 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Thomas Thacwell, 1569 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Johes. Thackwell, 1609 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk).

## Thackwray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 187
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thackray**.

## Thai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).  
2 Vietnamese, Cambodian: unexplained.

## Thain

Variants: **Thaine**, **Thayne**, **Thane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1815, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 946
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Banffs; also E Anglia

Scottish, English: status name from Middle English *thein*, *theyn* ‘thane’ (Old English *þegn*), for a noble retainer or attendant. In Scotland in the later Middle Ages the term was used to denote someone who held land directly from the king.

**Early bearers:** England: Robertus filius Thein, Robert Tein, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey le þein, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Adam þein, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William le Theyn, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Theyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Norfolk); John Thain, 1607 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Matthias Thain, 1684 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Scotland: Lorne Theine de Ures, about 1222 in *Brechin Register*; William Theynus de Kintor, 1253 in *Lindores Chartulary*; Patone Thane, 1493 in *Arbroath Register*; David Thane, 1541 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; Richard Thayn, 1563 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus); Alexander Thaine, 1585 in *Scone Charters*; Patrick Thain, 1608 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Thaine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Scottish, English: see **Thain**.

## Thair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Thyer**.

## Thaire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

- Main GB location 1881: Herts

English: see **Thyer**.

### Thakar

- Current frequencies: GB 198, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): see **Thakkar**.

### Thake

- Current frequencies: GB 604, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 409

Main GB location 1881: Essex and Herts  
English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Richard Thake, 1378 in *Patent Rolls*; John Thake, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Brent Pelham, Herts); Ann Thake, 1566 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Agnes Thake, 1574 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts); John Thake, 1584 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

### Thaker

- Current frequencies: GB 508, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

1 Indian (Gujarat): see **Thakkar**.

2 English: see **Thacker**.

### Thakkar

Variants: **Thakar**, **Thaker**, **Thakker**, **Thakor**, **Thakore**, **Thakur**, **Thakrar**

- Current frequencies: GB 616, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, meaning ‘deity, god, lord’ in modern Indian languages, from Sanskrit or Middle Indo-Aryan *thakkura*.

Further information: Although this name is commonly associated with Kshatriyas, it is also found among Brahmans and other communities. In the 11th century a Brahman called Kashiraj Thaker or Thakkar came to Gujarat from Kashmir in order to promote Hinduism.

### Thakker

- Current frequencies: GB 245, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): see **Thakkar**.

### Thakor

- Current frequencies: GB 204, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): see **Thakkar**.

### Thakore

- Current frequencies: GB 206, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): see **Thakkar**.

### Thakrar

- Current frequencies: GB 1299, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), see **Thakkar**.

### Thakur

- Current frequencies: GB 519, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat, Panjab): Hindu (Lohana) and Jain, see **Thakkar**.

### Thallon

- Current frequencies: GB 75, Ireland 23
- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: central Scotland

Scottish: unexplained.

Early bearers: William Thalland, 1574 in *Wodrow Miscellany* (Auchtertool, Fife); Robert Thalland, 1612 in *Laing Charters* (Burntisland, Fife); Thomas Thallan, 1620, John Thallon, 1678 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); David Thalland, 1677 in *IGI* (Aberdour, Fife).

### Tham

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 3

1 Scottish: from the personal name *T(h)am*, a pet form of **Thomas**.

Early bearers: John Tham, 1666 in *IGI* (Forfar, Angus); Hector Tham, 1794 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Archbold Tham, in *Census 1881* (Eglingham, Northumb).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 譚 and 覃, based on their Cantonese pronunciation. See **Tan** (1) and (2).

3 Vietnamese: **Thảm**, probably of the same origin as (2).

### Thame

- Current frequencies: GB 170, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 99
- Main GB location 1881: Bucks, Oxon, and Berks

English: see **Tame**.

### Thames

Variants: **Tames**, **Tams**

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 28
- Main GB location 1881: London and Kent

1 English: locative name from the River Thames.

Early bearers: Thomas Tamese, 1371 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Ricardus of Themes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Thomas Tamse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Surrey); Thoma Temese, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Johanne Temese, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longworth, Berks); Thomas Thames, 1631 in *IGI* (Milton by Gravesend, Kent).

2 English: variant of **Tame** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Than

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 4

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Chan** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 譚 and 覃, based on their Mandarin pronunciation, see **Tan** (1) and (2).

3 Vietnamese: unexplained.

### Thandi

- Current frequencies: GB 679, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

### Thane

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 88
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England

Scottish, English: see **Thain**.

### Thanki

- Current frequencies: GB 503, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Brahman), unexplained.

### Thapa

- Current frequencies: GB 1187, Ireland 4
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Nepali: (Chhetri and Magar), of unexplained etymology. This is a very frequent name among people of Nepali origin.

### Thapar

Variants: **Thaper**

- Current frequencies: GB 254, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, name of a Khatri clan.

### Thaper

- Current frequencies: GB 120, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 0

Indian (Panjab): see **Thapar**.

### Tharby

Variants: **Therby**

- Current frequencies: GB 179, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 80
- Main GB location 1881: Herts and Essex

English: variant of **Ferraby**.

Further information: The 1424 bearer, or a member of his family, is believed to have given his name to the place called Tharbies in Sawbridgeworth (Herts).

Early bearers: Robert Ferby of Sabrichesworth', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Anne Therby, 1572, Also Tharbe, 1602, Grace Tharby, 1616 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs); John Thurbye, 1632, Mary Tharby, 1639 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

References: *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 195–6.

### Tharme

- Current frequencies: GB 211, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 112
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; also Warwicks

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *tharm(es)* ‘intestine(s), entrails’.

Early bearers: Stephano Tharm, Ricardo Tharms, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Huntspill, Somerset); Joseph Tharme, 1680, Johannes Tharm, 1707 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); Sarah Tharm, 1741, Francis Tharme, 1761, Nancy Tharms, 1772, John Tharmes, 1781 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs).

### Tharp

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 61
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and London

English: see **Thorpe**.

### Tharpe

- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Thorpe**.

### Thatch

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

## Thatcher

English: nickname from Middle English *thach(e)* 'thatch' (Old English *þæc*), for a thatcher (see **Thatcher**) or perhaps for someone with thick blonde hair resembling straw thatch.

**Further information:** The pirate Blackbeard, whose name is often given as Edward Teach, was almost certainly Thatch.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Theche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Johannes Thech', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirk Sandall, WR Yorks); Edwardus Thatche, 1545, Jhon Thache, 1593, Anna Thach, 1613 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Richard Thach, 1616 in *IGI* (Barrow, Suffolk).

## Thatcher

**Variants:** Thacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3175, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2743
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks; Somerset and Gloucs

English: occupational name from Middle English *thec(c)her(e)*, *thac(c)her(e)* 'thatcher' (Old English *\*þæcere*). Compare **Thacker**, **Thaxter**, and **Theaker**. **Early bearers:** Reginald le Thechare, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Thechere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John le Thacchere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Thatcher, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Peter Thatcher, 1547 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Agnes Thatcher, 1551 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Jn Thatcher, 1554 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); John Thatcher, 1556 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Joan Thatcher, 1560 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

## Thaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and England

English, Scottish: variant of **Thew** (ii). It may alternate with **Thow**.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Thaw, 1544 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Isabella Thaw, 1565 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Thaw, 1657 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

Scotland: Johnne Thaw, 1610 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Jon Thaw, 1650 in *IGI* (Boharm, Morays); Elspit Thaw, 1670 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines).

## Thawley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Derbys; WR Yorks

English: see **Thorley**.

## Thaxter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Cambs
- English: occupational name from Middle English *thakester(e)*, *thaxter(e)* 'thatcher' (Old English *\*þæcestre*). The word originally denoted a female thatcher, but came to be used by thatchers of both sexes. Compare **Thacker**.

**Early bearers:** Elena la Thakestere, 1295 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Robertus Thakster', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fring, Norfolk); Thomas Thakystere, 1379 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Robertus Thaxstere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Henricus Thaxter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Johannes Thaxtere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Norfolk); Thomas Thaxter, 1564 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Edmundus Thaxter, 1566 in *IGI* (Brumstead, Norfolk); Willm Thaxter, 1787 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

## Thaxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Theakston**.

## Thayaparan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian, Sri Lankan (Tamil): Hindu, from Sanskrit *dayāpara-* 'merciful' + the Tamil third person masculine singular suffix *-n*.

## Thayer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Sussex

English: see **Thyer**.

## Thayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Fife
- Scottish, English: see **Thain**.

## Thayre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Thyer**.

## Theadom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Theedom**.

## Theaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 691
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts; also NR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *\*thek(k)er* 'thatcher, roofer' (an agent derivative of Old Scandinavian *þekja* 'to cover'). The craftsmen of the York Mystery Plays included the *Tille-thekers* 'men who cover roofs with tiles'. Compare also Thomas Ledtheaker, 1305 in *Fransson* (Yorks), who used lead for this purpose. Compare **Thacker** and **Thatcher**.

**Early bearers:** William le Theker, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Thekere, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Anabilla thekker', 1327 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Molda Thekker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Johannes le Theker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Embsay, WR Yorks); Robertus Thekar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Theker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Christopher Theaker, 1551 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Emmot Theaker, 1556 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John Theaker, 1570 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Christopher

Theaker, 1619 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Richard Theaker, 1624 in *IGI* (South Leverton, Notts).

**References:** *Fransson*, pp. 178–9.

## Theakestone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Theakston**.

## Theakston

**Variants:** Theakstone, Theakestone, Thackston, Thackstone, Thexton, Thaxton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Theakston (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** John de Thexton, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William de Thexton, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Thexton' de Tanfeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Tanfield, NR Yorks); Robert de Thekeston, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); John Texton, 1439 in *Patent Rolls*; John Thekeston of Feyrby by Masham, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Fearby, NR Yorks); William Thaxton, 1582 in *IGI* (Binton, Warwicks); Thomas Theackstone, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

## Theakstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; WR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Theakston**.

## Theal

**Variants:** Theall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from Middle English *thele* 'plank, board; footbridge or path formed with planks or boards' (Old English *þel*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a footbridge or boardwalk, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Stanstead Saint Margarets (Herts), recorded alternatively throughout the medieval period as *Thele*, Theale Farm in Slinfold (Sussex), or Theale (Berks, Somerset). **Early bearers:** Ralph atte Thele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William de la Thele, 1299 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Thele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margret Theale, 1564 in *IGI* (Aspenden, Herts); Ellen Theale, 1586, Thomas Theall, 1622 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 230; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 160.

## Theall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Theal**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Thearle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Therll, 1573, Ione Thearle, 1574 in *IGI* (Carisbrooke, IoW); Thomas Therle, 1594 in *IGI* (Northwood, IoW); Joan Thirle, 1682 in *IGI* (Godshill, IoW); Dorrity Thearl, 1692 in *IGI* (Boarhunt, Hants).

### Thebridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Thedbriht* (Old English *þēodbeorht*). **Early bearers:** Robert Tedbrith, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Thedbryt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Thebridge, 1601 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, pp. 100–1.

### Thede

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lincs

English: see **Theed**.

### Theed

**Variants:** **Thede**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herts; also Bucks; Hunts

English: (i) relationship name from an Old English personal name \**þēoda*, a short form of names in *þēod-* (see, for example, **Thebridge**). Alan, son of Thede, held land called *Theduluesmere* in Burstall (Suffolk), 1216–72 in *Ancient Deeds iii*. Compare Geoffrey Thedolf, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John Thedwyne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent). (ii) relationship name, occasionally from the Old English female personal name \**þēode*. Compare Theberga vidua, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Richard Thedware, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Gerbaga Thedlef, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). **Early bearers:** given names: Thieda de Westweniz, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Theda mater Herlewini, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: Goduuine Thede filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Willelmus filius Thede, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alan Þede, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Nicholas Thede, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Thede, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witham, Essex); Thomas Theed, 1585 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Thos. Theed, 1590 in *IGI* (Addington, Bucks); Robert Theed, 1613 in *IGI* (Hornton, Oxon); William Theed, 1634 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Theed, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Theedam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; London

English: see **Theedom**.

### Theedom

**Variants:** **Theodom**, **Theedam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *thedam*, *thedom* ‘vigour; prosperity’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Thedam, 1308 in *Close Rolls* (Norfolk); William Thedam, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Richard, Gerard Thedom, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Gerard Thedom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Thedam, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Johannes Theddham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Belmesthorpe, Rutland); Johannes Thedam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Finborough, Suffolk); Henry Theedom, 1619 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Emily Theedom, 1866 in *IGI* (Bradwell by Coggeshall, Essex).

### Theis

**Variants:** **Theiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name from a reduced form of the personal name **Matthias**. **Early bearers:** Jakob Theis (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Clapham, Surrey); Jacob Theiss (born in Prussia) in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx).

### Theiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx

German: see **Theis**.

### Thelwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Thelwell**.

### Thelwell

**Variants:** **Thelwall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Thelwall (Cheshire). This name may be confused with **Thirlwell**. **Early bearers:** John de Thelwall', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts, Beds); Thomas Thelwall', 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Thomas Thelirwall', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Adam de Thelwall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Symone de Thelewall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pleasington, Lancs); Robertus de Thelwall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huyton, Lancs); Robert Thelwell, 1621 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Ambros Thelwell, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Thomas the Apostle, London); Mary Thelwell, 1717 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Willm Thelwell, 1728 in *IGI* (Tattenhall, Cheshire); Joseph Thelwell, 1838 in *IGI* (Church Gresley, Derbys).

### Theobald

**Variants:** **Theobalds**, **Theobold**, **Tidboald**, **Tidball**, **Tudball**, **Tebble**, **Tibble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3077, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1893
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England: esp. Suffolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tebald*, *Tedbald*, *Te(d)bold*, *Tibald*, *Tibaud*. It was a borrowing of Old French *Theobald*, *Teobaud*, *Tibaut* (Continental Germanic *Theudobald*, *Thiobald*), a common Continental name. The most common version of the modern surname, *Theobald*, is a learned spelling of any one

of the Middle English pronunciations. Some of its vernacular variants are difficult to distinguish from pet forms of *Isabel*; see **Tibble**, **Tebbutt**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Teobald, Tedbaldus, Tetbald, Tebaldus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Theobaldus, 1161–77 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Thebaldus de Valeines, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Tebbaldus de Valeines, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Tibaldus Walteri, 1212 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*; Tybaud de Valeines, 1212 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*.

surnames: Tomas Teobald', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Hugo Tebaud, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Theobald, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Simon Tebalde, 1255 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Stephen Thebaud, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Rustikill Thebald, 1277 in *London Letter Books B*; Thomas Tedbald, Margery Tebbolt, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Rog'us Tebaud de Beston' 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Beeston, Notts); John Tebold, Tebbel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Tedbold of Beeston, 1326 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Tybold, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Welcombe, Devon); Philip Tubald, Tubbald, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Tedbot, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Ricardo Theobald, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Johannes Thebaude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waterstock, Oxon); Geoffrey Tebbaut 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds ii* (Northants); John Tidball, 1595 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joane Tudball, 1600 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); An Theobald, 1608 in *IGI* (Teston, Kent); Thomas Theobald, 1608 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); Anne Theobald, 1639 in *IGI* (Great Wilbraham, Cambs); John Tidbald, 1763 in *IGI* (Tetcott, Devon).

### Theobalds

**Variants:** **Tibbalds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Theobald** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** Compare Nicholas Thebaudeservant le Taillour of Ingoldeby, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Robert Thebaudesservant of Swynford, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Swinford, Leics).

**Early bearers:** Anne Theobaldes, 1627 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Theobaldes, 1632 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

### Theobold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Suffolk

English: see **Theobald**.

### Theodore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales: esp. Montgomerys; WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Theodore* (Greek *Theodōros* ‘gift of God’), which was relatively popular in the Middle Ages because of its auspicious meaning.

## Theodorou

There has been considerable confusion with the Germanic personal name *Theodoric* (see **Terry**).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Theodorus de Cremplesham, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Theodore de Nevel, 1366 in *Patent Rolls*.

**urnames:** John Theodore, 1611 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs).

2 English, Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Theodore*, which was widely adopted in Wales, either as an approximation to the Welsh personal name *Tewdwr* (see **Tudor**) or, among Nonconformists, with reference to the New Testament Greek name *Theodōros* (see 1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Theodore ap Mered', 1394 in *Patent Rolls*.

**urnames:** Johannes Theodore, 1608 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); David Theodore, 1747 in *IGI* (Llanfyllin, Montgomerys).

3 French: relationship name from **Théodore**, of the same origin as (1).

**Early bearers:** Jacques Theodore (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Theodorou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Theodōros* 'gift of God'.

## Theodosiou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Theodosios* 'God-giving'.

## Theodoulou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from an old genitive case of the personal name *Theodoulos* 'servant (literally, slave) of God'.

## Theophanous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Greek: relationship name from the old genitive of the personal name *Theophanēs*, meaning 'manifestation of God'.

## Theophilus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Carmarthens; also Cardigans

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Biblical personal name *Theophilus* (Greek *Theophilos* 'dear to God').

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Theophilus, 1690 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Edward Theophilus, 1724 in *IGI* (Bonvilston, Glamorgan).

## Therby

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Tharby**.

## Thetford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o

- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Thetford (Norfolk).  
**Early bearers:** Stephen de Thetford, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes de Thetford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Larling, Norfolk); Ellyn Thetford, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Thetford, 1562 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex).

## Thethi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, unexplained.

## Thew

**Variants:** Thewes, Thaw, Thow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 478, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lancs; Beds

English: (i) status name from Middle English *thew(e)*, \**thow(e)* (Old English *þēow(a)*, \**þeōw(a)*) 'servant, serf'. (ii) nickname for someone with good manners or character, from Middle English *thew*, \**thaw*, northern Middle English \**thow* '(good) behaviour' (Old English *þēaw*, \**þeāw*, and Northumbrian Old English *þēow*, \**þeōw*). Compare **Thewlis** and **Thowless**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Thewe, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Thewe, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robertus Thew, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Thomas Thew, 1594 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Wm. Thew, 1727 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Nancy Thew, 1745 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); William Thew, 1814 in *IGI* (Harrold, Beds).

## Thewes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Thew** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Margaret Thewes, 1571 in *IGI* (London).

## Thewles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- English, Scottish: see **Thewlis**.

## Thewless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English, Scottish: see **Thewlis**.

## Thewlis

**Variants:** Thewles, Thewless, Thowless, Thouless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 821, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 663
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *thewles*, *theweless*, northern Middle English, Older Scots \**thowless* 'lacking in moral fibre, immoral' (Old English *þeawlēas*, \**þeowlēas*). In modern Scots and northern English dialect *thewless* and *thowless* mean 'lethargic, spiritless, feeble'. Compare **Thew** and **Thow**. The WR Yorks surname *Thewlis* is locally pronounced 'Towless' (*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*), confirming the interchangeability of

*Thewles* and *Thowles* in the 19th-century Morley examples below.

**Further information:** A family with this surname evidently gave its name to Thorp Thewles in Grindon (Durham), which is recorded as *Thorpp Thewles* in 1265 (*Watts, Dictionary*).

**Early bearers:** England: John Theules, William Theules, 1327 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Thewelesse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Edmudi. Thewlis, 1588 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Ruth Thewles, daughter of James and Jane Thewles, Jane Thowles, daughter of James and Jane Thowles, 1838 in *IGI* (Morley, WR Yorks).

Scotland: William Thowlas, 1464, Robert Thoulace, 1469, William Thowless, 1493 in *Brechin Register*; Katherine Thoules, 1512 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Dictionary of the Scots Language; English Dialect Dictionary*.

## Thexton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 223
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs
- English: see **Theakston**.

## Theyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Thyer**.

## Thiara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.

## Thick

**Variants:** Thicks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts
- English: nickname from Middle English *thikke* 'thick-set, stout'.

**Early bearers:** John le Thike, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Thikke, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Thick, 1610 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Jane Thick, 1621 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Rachell Thick, 1665 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset).

## Thickbroom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs; also WR Yorks; Herts

English: locative name from Thickbroom in Weeford (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Emmota de Thikebrome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Richard de Thikebrom, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 533.

## Thicket

- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thickett**.



**Thickett**

Variants: **Thicket**, **Thickitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 658, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 416
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name, sometimes perhaps from Thicket in Thorganby (ER Yorks), recorded as *Thicked* in 1180–1203 and *Thikeheved* in 1204. (ii) locative name; alternatively *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the WR Yorks name derives from an unidentified locality in Methley named with the plural of Middle English \**thicket(te)* (Old English *þiccet(t)*) ‘thicket’, and cites Adam de Thicketts of Methley (1340), William Thekaytes or Thekayt of York (1499), and Thomas Theket of Methley (1597).

**Further information:** Further evidence of the otherwise unrecorded Middle English \**thicket(te)* is provided by Edith atte Thickette, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts), cited in *Reaney and Wilson*.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Thickeheved, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; John Thykheved, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Agnes Thickett, 1601 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); Johannis Thickett, 1666 in *IGI* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Martha Thickehead, 1781 in *IGI* (Bolsterstone, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 264.

**Thickitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Thickett**.

**Thicknesse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from the lost place-name *Thicknes* (Staffs).

**Further information:** ‘Considerable uncertainty has surrounded the precise location of this place, which existed in the Balterley, Audley, Podmore, Apedale area from at least the 13th century until 1565.’ (*Staffs Place-Names* p. 533).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Thyknes, 1295 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Thirknesse, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Stephen de Thiknes of Newcastle under Lyme, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Thiknesse, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); James Thykenes of Barterley, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Balterley, Staffs).

**Thicks**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: variant of **Thick** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Thicks, 1644 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Thiel**

Variants: **Thiele**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German (North), Dutch: relationship name, from a reduced form of the personal name *Thietilo*, an early medieval pet form of *Dietrich* (German), *Diederik*

(Dutch) (see **Dietrich**), or from some other compound name with the same first element.

**Early bearers:** Ernest Thiel, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Hans Thiele, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Thiele**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German: see **Thiel**.

**Thier**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Thyer**.

**Thiers**

Variants: **Tyers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England

English: variant of **Thyer** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tyers, 1564 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Mary Thayres, 1678 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); James Turner Theirs, 1795 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

**Thimblebee**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Thimbleby**.

**Thimbleby**

Variants: **Thimblebee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Cambs

English: locative name, primarily from Thimbleby (Lincs), but also from Thimbleby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Odo de Thimelbi, 1170–98 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Thymelby, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Richard de Thymelby, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Elianora Thimulby, 1483 in *York Guild Register*; Richard Thymbulby, 1507 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**Thin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Selkirks, and Berwick; also WR Yorks; Staffs

1 Scottish: see **Thynne**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 禰, see **Xuan** (1).

**Thind**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu, Sikh, and Muslim, borne chiefly by Khatris and Jats.

**Third**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from one or more of various minor places so called because they were at one time farms divided among three tenants.

**Early bearers:** Adam Third, 1596 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Mariorie Third, 1643 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Aberdeens); Margaret Third, 1644 in *IGI* (Bendochy, Perth).

**Thirkell**

Variants: **Thirkill**, **Thirkill**, **Thurkle**, **Thirtle**,

**Thurtell**, **Thurtle**, **Turtle**, **Turtill**, **Tuttle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks

1 English: locative name; according to *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, the modern Yorks and Durham name is probably not from the name in (2) but a metathesized variant of **Threlkeld**. The connection is unambiguous in Lancelot Threlkeld, 1472 in *Yorks Deeds* (Londesborough, ER Yorks), and Christopher Thirkyde, 1556, Elizabeth Therkill, 1608 in *York Registry Wills* (Goodmanham, ER Yorks). Later examples include Thomas Thirkell, 1624, Thomasine Threlkeld, 1673 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); John Thirkeld, 1741, Dorothy Threlkeld, 1755 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); John Threlkeld, 1776, James Thirkell, 1822 in *IGI* (Kirkby Fleetham, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Thurkyld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Charles Thirkeld, 1549 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirby Grindalythe, ER Yorks); Anna Thirkeld, 1579 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Christofer Thirkill, 1587 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Thomas Thirkell, 1622 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); Elisabeth Thirkeld, 1635 in *IGI* (Coniscliffe, Durham); Elizabeth Thirkell, 1636 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Frances Thirkell, 1672, Margaret Thirkeld, 1701 in *IGI* (Hipswell, NR Yorks); Tristram Thirkill, 1692 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Eliza Thurkeld, 1712, George Thirkell, 1799 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); John Thirkil, 1737, John Thirkell, 1768, Joseph Thirkeld, 1783 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Charles Thirkill, 1795 in *IGI* (Topcliffe by Thirsk, NR Yorks); Elizh. Thirtle, 1827 in *IGI* (Heworth, Durham).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)irkill*, *T(h)urkill* (Old Scandinavian *Þorkell*, *Þorkil*, *Þurkil*, a contracted form of *Þorketill*). Compare **Thirkettle**. If the NR Yorks family name, cited in several examples below, survived into the modern period, it will have been confused with and absorbed by (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Thorchill, Thurchill, 1066 in *Ely Inquisition* (Herts); Turkil, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Turchil, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Turchil, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thirkillus, 12th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Turkillus de Danecastria, 1159–63 in *Yorks Charters*; Turkil Palmer, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Turkill de Bretgate, 1179–86 in *Yorks Charters* (York); Turkillus filius Johannis, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Southburgh, Norfolk); Turkild, about 1270 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Rougham, Suffolk). surnames, Midlands, S England, and E Anglia: Robert Turkil, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); John Thurkil, 1224–46 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); William Thorekil, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Turkild, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Thurkeld, Alan Thurkild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Thurkel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Witherley, Leics); Johannes Thorkeld, 1379 in *Poll*

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*Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Richard Turtill, John Thyrthyll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Thyrkle, 1544 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); John Tuttell, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Tirtle, Henry Turtle, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Tuttle, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Isabella Thirkell, 1548 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Henry Thurtle, 1562, Margaret Thurkle, 1579 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Nicolas Thirkell, 1581 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); John Thirkell, 1585 in *IGI* (South Walsham, Norfolk); Wm Thirkill, 1595 in *IGI* (Gedney Hill, Lincs); John Thirtle, 1595 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Robert Thirkhill, 1611 in *IGI* (Colston Bassett, Notts); Michael Thirkell, 1644 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robt. Thirkell, 1673 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); John Thurtell, 1756 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

urnames, Yorks: William son of William son of Thurkil, 1281 in *Yorks Deeds* (Easby, NR Yorks); William Thurkyl, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Easby, NR Yorks); John Thurkille, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Easby, NR Yorks); Richard Thurkell, 1342, Richard Thurkhill, 1346 in *Yorks Deeds* (Easby, NR Yorks); Thomas Thurkyll, 1392 in *Yorks Deeds* (York); John Thurkyll, 1425 in *York Freeman's Register*.  
References: *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*; *Innsley, Scand. Personal Names*.

## Thirkettle

Variants: **Thurkettle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)urketel* (Old Scandinavian *Þorketill*). Compare **Thirkell**.

Early bearers: given names: Turketel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Suffolk); Thurketel, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thurketil' filius Aky, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk).  
urnames: Robert Turketil, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Turchetel, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes filius Turketilli, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Thurketel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Starston, Norfolk); John Thurketell, Therketell, William Throwketyll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Thirkhill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thirkell**.

## Thirkill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thirkell**.

## Thirlaway

Variants: **Thurlaway, Thirlway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from one or more unidentified places named with Old English *þyrel* 'gap, hollow' + *weg* 'way', perhaps denoting a hollow or sunken lane. Saint John's Beck, a stream running into Thirlmere (Cumb), was referred to in 1589 as a *Ryver called thirlway Water*: *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 36.

Early bearers: Catherine Thurlwaye, 1571 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Francis Thurlwaye, 1579 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Henry Thirelwaye, 1581 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Thurlwaye, 1593 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Bartholomew Thirleway, 1596 in *IGI* (Linwood, Lincs); Jane Thirlaway, 1723 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham).

## Thirlbeck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Thurlbeck**.

## Thirlby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Thurlby**.

## Thirley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Thurlow**.

## Thirling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Essex; Norfolk and Lincs
- English: see **Thurling**.

## Thirlwall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 184
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Durham
- English: see **Thirlwell**.

## Thirlway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Thirlaway**.

## Thirlwell

Variants: **Thirlwall, Thurlwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 399
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Thirlwall (Northumb). This name may be confused with **Thelwell**.  
Early bearers: Richard de Thirlwal, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John Thirlwalle, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Thirlwall, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); John Thurlwall, 1666 in *IGI* (Farlam, Cumb); Hannah Thirlwell, 1676 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Christopher Thurlwell, 1774 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).

## Thirsk

Variants: **Thrisk, Thrush, Thresh, Trask**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Thirsk (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Tresche, Trescke, Threske* in the 12th and 13th centuries.

Early bearers: Reginald de Tresch, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Duva de Tresk', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Threske, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hutton Rudby, NR Yorks); Ralph de Thresh, citizen of Lincoln, 1362 in *TNA* (Lincs); Johannes Treske, 1377, Johannes de Thresk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); John de Thresk', 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Thirske, mayor of York, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Thomas Thrisk, 1480 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Thirske, 1503 in *York Registry Wills* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); Thomas Thurske, 1566 in *York Registry Wills* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Michael Thruske, 1588 in *York Registry Wills* (Gate Fulford, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Thresh, 1602 in *IGI* (Osballdwick, NR Yorks); John Thirsk, 1604 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Mark Thresh, 1618 in *IGI* (Adel, WR Yorks); William Thrisk, 1666 in *IGI* (Brantingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Thirsk, 1678 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks).

References: *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 188.

## Thirtle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk; Durham

English: variant of **Thirkell** with late dissimilation of *kl* to *tl*.

## Thiselton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Rutland; Herefs
- English: see **Thistleton**.

## Thisleton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Thistleton**.

## Thistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Norfolk
- English: nickname, locative name, apparently from Middle English *thistel* 'thistle' (Old English *þistel*), either as a nickname (compare Robert Thistilberd, 1290 in *Chester Eyre Rolls* (Chester, Cheshire), i.e. 'thistle beard'), or a locative name for someone who lived in a place overgrown with thistles.  
Early bearers: Aelce Thistill, 1571 in *IGI* (Barney, Norfolk); Sissely Thistle, 1575 in *IGI* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Edward Thistell, 1590 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); James Thistle, 1673 in *IGI* (Egton, NR Yorks).

## Thistlethwaite

Variants: **Thistlethwayte, Thistlewaite, Thistlewhite, Thistlewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Westm

English: locative name from Thistlewood in Castle Sowerby (Cumb), recorded as *Thystelweit* in 1241 and *Thistelthwayt* in 1340, or perhaps a lost place-name *Thistelthwait* in Lancaster parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** John Thistilwate, 1510 in *York Registry Wills* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Marye Thislethwate, 1565 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Willm Thieslewett, 1567, Ralph Thiesellwett, 1577 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Miles Thissilthwate, 1581 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Thislthwaite, 1612 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Thome Thislethwaite, 1619, Tho. Thislewaite, 1626 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); George Thislewood, 1643 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 246; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 253.

### Thistlethwayte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Thistlethwaite**.

**Early bearers:** John Thistlthwait, 1603, Thomas Thistlewaight, 1612 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).

### Thistleton

**Variants:** **Thisleton, Thiselton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Thistleton in Kirkham (Lancs) or Thistleton (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** Symon de Thiselton, 1250 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Adam de Thiselton, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes Thiselton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ketton, Rutland); William Thistylton, 1480 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Thistleton, 1587 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs); William Thistleton, 1617 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 154.

### Thistlewaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Thistlethwaite**.

### Thistlewhite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Thistlethwaite**.

### Thistlewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; also Lancs

English: see **Thistlethwaite**.

**Further information:** A locative origin from Thistleworth Farm in West Grinstead (Sussex), suggested by Reaney and Wilson, seems unlikely, as this is a northern English surname..

### Thoams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Toms**.

### Thoburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and Cumb

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thoday

**Variants:** **Thody**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Thode, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Hornead, Herts); Walter Thoday, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Thomas Thody, 1525 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Eaton Socon, Beds); William Thody, 1531 in *Beds Wills (Prerogative)* (Beds); William Thody, 1542–3 in *Hunts Archives* (Stukeley, Hunts); John Thody, 1546–7, Geoffrey Thodye, 1562–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Fenstanton, Hunts); Alicia Thodie, 1569 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); George Thody, 1577 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Geo. Thoadye, 1600 in *IGI* (Wilstead, Beds); Agnis Thody, 1601, Robert Thodey, 1645 in *IGI* (Dry Drayton, Cambs); Stephen Thody, 1621 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts); Mary Thoday, 1640 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); Samwell Thody, 1659 in *IGI* (Hail Weston, Hunts); Elizabeth Thoady, 1666 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds).

### Thody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Beds

English: see **Thoday**.

### Thole

**Variants:** **Thould**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Towle** or **Towell**.

**Early bearers:** Joanna Tholle, 1497, Elizabeth Toll, 1534 in *PROB 11* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

### Thom

**Variants:** **Thome, Tom, Tomb, Toms, Thoms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2884, Ireland 134
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2516
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim  
Scottish, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)om(me)*, a pet form of **Thomas**. (ii) in Scotland, *Thom* is also an anglicization of Gaelic *Mac Thom*, see **McComb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Thome de Bekwyth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomme de Spaldyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Casterton, Rutland).

• **English:** William Tom, 1245 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); John Thomme, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Thomme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Frithelstock, Devon); Roberto Thomme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Maizey, Wilts); Robertus Thom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puriton, Somerset); Rogerus Thome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Brady, Dorset); Maria Thom, 1636 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Judath Thom, 1663 in *IGI* (Stantonbury, Bucks).

• **English:** Alexander Thome, vicar of Stracathro, 1433 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Walter Thome, 1497 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow); Jon.

Thom, 1590 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Thom, 1605 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings).

### Thoma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan
- 1 English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the Middle English personal name **Thomas**. (ii) relationship name, perhaps occasionally from the Middle English female personal name *T(h)oma*. See **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Toma Cosyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birstall, Leics); Thoma Henry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Congerstone, Leics).

• **English:** Johannes Thoma, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Compton, Devon); Margaret Thoma, 1600 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Tho. Thoma, 1613 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Elinor Thoma, 1813 in *IGI* (Llanddewi Aberarth, Cardigans).

2 German: relationship name from a pet form of **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** Conrad Thoma (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

### Thomas

**Variants:** **Tomas, Tommis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159643, Ireland 1768
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123177
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wales; also Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Donegal; Dublin

English, Welsh: relationship name from the New Testament personal name *Thomas*. Its popularity as a given name among the Normans and then the English reflected the cults of Saint Thomas, Christ's disciple, and of Saint Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyred in 1170. By the end of the 13th century it had become one of the most frequently used personal names in all classes of society, and it gave rise to many different surnames. The basic surname form *Thomas* or *Tomas* is widespread in England but occurs most frequently in the southern counties, from Kent across to Cornwall, and in the counties bordering Wales. In Wales itself *Thomas* (often an anglicization of Welsh *Tomos*) became exceptionally popular as a personal name and surname in the post-medieval period, although the surname was not generally hereditary until well into the 19th century. It was especially common in south Wales, notably Carmarthens, and is one of the top-ranking Welsh surnames, far outnumbering its equivalent in England. Middle English pet forms of the personal name also survive as surnames. See **Tam, Tamplin, Tamsett, Tom, Tomkin, Tomlin, Tomsett**, and compare **Toms, Thompson, Tomkinson, Tomlinson, and McComb**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tomas Tawell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whissendine, Rutland); Thomas Wydowson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Theakston, NR Yorks).

• **English:** Walter Thomas, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Hugo Tomas, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johanne Thomas, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stourpaine, Dorset); John Tomas, 1464–5 in *Cornish Lands* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Water Tomas, 1562 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

• **English:** David Thomas, 1673 in *IGI* (Carmarthen, Carmarthens); Hugh Thomas, 1737 in

## Thomason

*IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Thomas Thomas, 1742 in *IGI* (Pentraeth, Anglesey); William Thomas, 1800 in *IGI* (Eglwysilian, Glamorgan); John Thomas, son of Jacob Thomas and Mary Davis, 1841 in *IGI* (Carmarthen, Carmarthens).

### Thomason

Variants: **Thomasson, Thomerson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2103, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1687
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Shrops

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Thomas** + *-son*, 'son of *Thomas*'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Thomassone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Brian Thomasson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tomasson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Newbald, ER Yorks); Gilbert Thomasson, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Willimus Thomason, 1564 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Roger Thomerson, 1671 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Thomasson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 909, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Thomason**.

### Thomazin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from the male and female Middle English personal name *T(h)omasin*, a diminutive form of **Thomas**. The modern surname is rare, having been almost completely absorbed by **Thomason** and **Thompson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Thomaysin, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomasyn filia Roberti, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thomazyne Spynnester, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).

surnames: Walter Thomasyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Thomasyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Issabella Tomasin, 1585 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Shery Thomazin, 1599 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Thomasine, 1639 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); John Thomazin, 1731 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs).

### Thombs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Bucks

English: see **Tombs**.

### Thome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey
- English: see **Thom**.

### Thomerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Thomason**.

### Thomis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tommis**.

### Thomkin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tomkin**.

### Thomkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; Middx
- English: see **Tomkins**.

### Thomkinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Staffs
- English: see **Tomkinson**.

### Thomley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Townley**.

### Thomline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- English, Scottish: see **Tomlin**.

### Thomlins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Tomlins**.

### Thomlinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 532
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Tomlinson**.

### Thompkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Bucks; Sussex
- English: see **Tompkins**.

### Thompkinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Leics
- English: see **Tompkinson**.

### Thompsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 170
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Tomsett**.

### Thompson

Variants: **Tompson, Thomson, Tomson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127966, Ireland 10394
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88687
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. N England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)om(me)* (see **Thom**) + *-son* 'son of *Tom*'. *Thomson* is usually the Scottish form, that with the intrusive *-p-* being English. Both forms are common in Ireland. Compare **Tamson** and see also **Thompsonstone**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Thompson, 1349 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); John Thomesson 'Scot', 1375 in *London Pleas*; Ralph Thommysone, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Tommesson, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); William Tomstone, 1395 in *The East Anglian* (Cambs); John Tompson, Tomson, 1591 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks).

Scotland: John Thomson, 1318 in *Annals of Scotland*; Adam Thomson, about 1370–80 in *Laing Charters* (Ayr); John Thomsoun, 1426 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Dunipace, Stirlings).

Ireland: Richard Tompson, precentor of Christ Church, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2438 (Dublin); Richard Tompson, treasurer of Saint Patrick's Dublin, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5547 (Dublin).

### Thompston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Thompsonstone**.

### Thompsonstone

Variants: **Thompston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: locative name from Thompson (Norfolk), recorded as *Tomestun* in 1191. This name may have been partly absorbed by **Thompson**.

**Early bearers:** William de Tomestona, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey de Thomestune, 13th cent. in *Lewes Chartulary* (Norfolk); John Tomston, 1606 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs); Edward Thompston, 1624 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Ellin Tompston, 1630 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Mary Thompston, 1674 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Ralph Thompsonstone, 1707 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Thoms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Thom** and **Toms**.

**Early bearers:** Charles Thoms, 1747 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Mary Thoms, 1755 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Thomsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lanarks

Dutch, German, Scandinavian: 'son of *Thomas*'. Compare English **Thompson**, Scottish **Thomson**.

**Early bearers:** Niels Thomsen (born in Denmark) in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Thomas Thomsen (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx).

### Thomsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Tomsett**.

### Thomson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49605, Ireland 417
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38831
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. central and E Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
  - 1 Scottish, N Irish, English: see **Thompson**.
  - 2 Scottish: in Scotland, *Thomson* is also found as an anglicization of Gaelic *McThomas*; see **McTavish**, **McComish**.
- Early bearers:** Alexander McThomas alias Thomsoune, 1590 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Tain, Ross and Cromarty).

### Thong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔣, see **Jiang** (1).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 湯 and 唐, based on their Cantonese pronunciation, see **Tang** (1) and (2).
- 4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 童, 佟, and 仝, based on their Mandarin pronunciation, see **Tong** (2–4).
- 5 Vietnamese, Cambodian: unexplained; perhaps from one of the Chinese surnames above.

### Thonger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Shrops; Hunts
- English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *thong(e)* ‘thong’ (Old English *þwang*), denoting a strip of leather used for tying or fastening something, for someone who made or sold thongs.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Thonger of Lichefeld, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Henry Thonger, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts).

### Thorburn

- Variants:** **Thoburn**, **Thornburn**, **Thurburn**, **Thubron**, **Thurbon**, **Thurban**, **Thulborn**, **Thulbon**, **Thulbourn**, **Thulbourne**, **Tarburn**, **Tarbin**, **Turbin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2088, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1697
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland; also N England

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)orbern*, *T(h)urbern* (Old Scandinavian *Þorbiörn*, *Thorbiörn*, composed of the elements *Þórr* ‘Thor’, the name of the god of thunder in Scandinavian mythology, + *björn* ‘bear, warrior’). The forms *Tarburn*, *Turbun*, and *Turbin* preserve an Anglo-Norman pronunciation of *Th* and may represent a diminutive form of the personal name. Compare Robert son of Turbyn, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Unwinus filius Turbini, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex).

**Further information:** The four variants with *-ul-* in the first syllable are all local to Cambs, and have been influenced by the place-name *Fulbourn*, five miles

east of Cambridge. The surname *Fulbourn* itself, now extinct, was however a Yorks name. Gilbert Gillingham Fulborne, 1789 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs), may have been ancestrally a *Thulborne*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Thurbernus, Turbern, Torbern, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Thurbarnus filius Ailiue, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Turbern, 1209 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Thomas filius Thurberni, Turberni, 1153–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Richard Turbern, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); William Thurbern, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Thurubern, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Norfolk); Richard Þorebarn, William Thorebern, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Thourubern, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Walter Thurbarn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Thurbern, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whinburgh, Norfolk); Johannes Thurbern, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); John Turbing, 1566 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Bartholome Turbine, 1602 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Tarbin, 1638 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Elizabeth Thulburn, 1663, Martha Thulborn, 1689 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); [ . . . ] Thurbin, Thomas Thurbon, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Elizabeth Thubron, 1750 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham).

### Thorby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and London

English: variant of **Thorsby**. Compare Robertus Thorebyman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirby, Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alice Thorby, 1587 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Bartholomew Thorby, 1597 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs); John Thorby, 1614 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Thomas Thorby, 1643 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

### Thore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx

English: (i) relationship name, chiefly from the Middle English male personal name *T(h)or(e)*, *Thure*, representing Old Scandinavian *Þórir* or *Þóri*, or Anglo-Scandinavian *Þórr*, all short forms of Old Scandinavian personal names containing the first element *Þór-*, *Þúr-* ‘Thor’, the name of the god of thunder in Scandinavian mythology. (ii) relationship name, occasionally perhaps from the corresponding Middle English female personal name *Thore* (Old Scandinavian *Þóra*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tor, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Tori, Thori, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Thor de Trauement, 1130–50 in *Dunfermline Register*; Tor de Feriby, 1167–81 in *Yorks Charters*; Thura (female), 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thora filia Gamel, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thore prepositus, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).  
surnames: Frane filius Tor, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Robertus filius Tor, about 1155–80 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Peter Thore, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robertum filium Thori, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Doddington, Lincs); Peter Thur, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Thorr, 1352–3 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robert Thore, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Hugo Thor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth

Harcourt, Leics); Wyllm. Thore, 1566 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Sarah Thore, 1736 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); John Thore, 1766 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen*, *Scand. Personal Names*.

### Thoresby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; also Lincs and Notts
- English: see **Thorsby**.

### Thorgood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, and Essex; WR Yorks
- English: see **Thurgood**.

### Thorington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Thorrington**.

### Thorlby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Thurlby**.

### Thorley

**Variants:** **Thawley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2985, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1940
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: see **Thornley**.

2 English: locative name from Thorley (Herts) and Thorley, a lost place-name in Minting (Lincs). Thorley (IoW) does not appear to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Thorlee, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); John de Thorleye, 1310–11 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Thorlay of Barton, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Barton on Humber, Lincs); Richardus Thorley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Goodmanham, ER Yorks); Rogerus Thorlee, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Waltham, Essex); Hubert de Thorleye, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William de Thorley, 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); John Thorley, 1440–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johannis Thorley, 1581 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Elizabeth Thornally, 1679 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Duckmanton, Derbys); James Thornalley, 1794 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 125.

### Thorman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Notts; Caernarvons

1 English: see **Thurman**.

2 English: metathesized variant of the ER Yorks name **Thornham**. Redmonds notes John Thurnam or Thurman, 1596–8 in the parish registers of Settrington (ER Yorks), and Christopher Thurnam or Thurman of the Headrow, 1668–70 in the parish registers of Leeds (WR Yorks). Compare also Robert

## Thorn

Thurnham, 1613, John Thorman, 1752 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Thorman, 1671 in *IGI* (Rillington, ER Yorks); William Thorman, 1787 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Thorn

**Variants:** Dorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3484, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Limerick
- English: see **Thorne**.

### Thornalley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Thornley**.

### Thornally

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Suffolk
- English: see **Thornley**.

### Thornber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 643, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 713
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- 1 English: locative name from one or more of the five minor places in WR Yorks called Thornber, particularly Thornber in Halton West. This name may have become confused with **Thornborough** and **Thornbury**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Thornbargh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); Edmond Thornebergh, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Rimington, WR Yorks); William Thorneber, 1498 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); Johis. Thornber, 1576 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Edmond Thornber, 1671 in *IGI* (Dufton, Westm); Mary Thornber, 1713 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Robert Thornber, 1735 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); James Thornber, 1744 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, pp. 67, 143, 153, 157, 241; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish names containing an element meaning 'thorn'; compare **Thornton**.

### Thornberry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 103
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English, Irish: see **Thornborough**.

### Thornbery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Thornborough**.

### Thornborough

- Variants:** Thornborrow, Thornburrow, Thornburgh, Thornberry, Thornbery
- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Warwicks

1 English: locative name from any of various places, including Thornborough in Allerton Mauleverer (WR Yorks), Thornbrough in South Kilvington (NR Yorks), Thornbrough in Corbridge (Northumb), and Thornborough (Bucks). See also **Thornbury** and **Thornber**.

**Early bearers:** Markerus de Torneberga, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Robert de Thorneberg', 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Thornburgh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Thornbergh', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upsall with Thornbrough, NR Yorks); Johannes de Thornburgh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); William de Thorneburgh', 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); William Thornburgh, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); William Thornburgh of Meburn, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Meaburn, Westm).

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish names containing an element meaning 'thorn'; compare **Thornton**.

### Thornborrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb
- English: see **Thornborough**.

### Thornburgh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English, Irish: see **Thornborough**.

### Thornburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; WR Yorks
- English: see **Thornburn**.

### Thornburrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm
- English: see **Thornborough**.

### Thornbury

**Variants:** Thornsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Warwicks; also WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: locative name from any of various places called Thornbury, in particular Thornbury (Gloucs), but also Thornbury (Herefs), and perhaps also Thornbury (Devon) and Thornbury in Bradford (WR Yorks). There has probably been some confusion with **Thornborough**.

**Early bearers:** William de Thornesbyry, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Thornbury, chancellor of the Exchequer, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Stephanus de Thornebery, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard de Thornbury, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); John Thornbury, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); John Thornebury, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Jone Thornbury, 1580 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Joane Thornbury, 1591 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Anne Thornbury, 1611 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); Dorothea Thornbury, 1615 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); Edward

Thornbury, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish names containing an element meaning 'thorn'; compare **Thornton**.

### Thornby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Kent
- English: locative name from Thornby (Northants).
- Early bearers:** Walter de Thorneby, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Philip de Thornby, 1336–7 in *London Coroners Rolls*; Johannes Thorneby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmus Thornby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Alan Thorneby, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Ruth Thornby, 1567 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); Rici. Thornby, 1617 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); John Thornby, 1702 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); Elizabeth Thornby, 1716 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Catherine Thornby, 1718 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Thorndick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Essex
- English: see **Thorndyke**.

### Thorndike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lincs
- English: see **Thorndyke**.

### Thorndyke

**Variants:** Thorndick, Thorndike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Suffolk
- English: locative name from a lost place-name composed of Middle English *thorn* 'thorn' + *dike* 'ditch, dyke' (Old English *þorn* + *dic*), perhaps in Lincs.
- Early bearers:** William de Thorndyk' of Stalyngburgh', 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Stallingborough, Lincs); Herbert Thorndyke or Thornedike, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Little Carlton, Lincs); Dorite Thorndike, 1569 in *IGI* (Little Carlton, Lincs); Ane. Thornedike, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Carlton, Lincs); Frances Thorndicke, 1619 in *IGI* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Simon Thornedike, John Thorneditch, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Thorne

**Variants:** Thorn, Thornes, Thorns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10744, Ireland 109
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6235
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *thorn(e)* 'thorn (bush)' (Old English *þorn*). The surname may be for someone who lived by one or more thorn bushes, or for someone from any of several places so named, such as Thorne Saint Margaret, Thornfalcon, and Thorne Coffin (all Somerset), or Thorne (WR Yorks). There are twelve minor places named Thorne and ten minor places named Thorn in Devon.

**Early bearers:** William Thorn, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William del þorn, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Richard atte Thorn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Martin de Thorne, 1312 in *York Freemen's Register*; Willelmus atte Thorne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Slapton, Devon); Johannes in le Thorne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaton, Notts); Johannes de la Thorne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Petro de Thorn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); Johannes Thorne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Thorne, 1538 in *IGI* (Great Hornead, Herts); George Thorne, 1539 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Walter Thorne, 1539 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Barbara Thorne, 1540 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Alyce Thorne, 1543 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Rich. Thorn, 1607 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon, passim*.

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish names containing an element meaning 'thorn'. Compare **Thornton**.

### Thorneley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Thornley**.

### Thornell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Thornhill**.

### Thornely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Thornley**.

### Thorner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

1 English: locative name from Middle English \**thorner* 'dweller at the thorn bush(es)'. Compare **Thorne**, and for the formation with *-er* compare **Waterer**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Thornere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Rogerus Thornere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); John Thorner, 1540 in *IGI* (Oldbury, Gloucs); Anthonye Thorner, 1572 in *IGI* (West Thorney, Sussex); Richard Thorner, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

2 English: locative name from Thorner (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Thorenour', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Thornour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scotton, WR Yorks); Johannes de Thornouer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherby, WR Yorks); Thomas de Thorner, 1393 in *Calverley Charters* (WR Yorks); Thomas Thornour, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Jonye Thorner, 1592 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks).

### Thornes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Thorns**.

### Thornet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Thornett**.

### Thornett

**Variants:** **Thornet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Oxon

English: locative name, apparently from Middle English \**thornet* 'thorn copse'.

**Early bearers:** Angnes Thornett, 1551 in *IGI* (Stretton on the Fosse, Gloucs); John Thornett, 1557 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); An Thornett, 1580, John Thornitt, 1625 in *IGI* (Barcheston, Warwicks).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 205.

### Thornewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; also Derbys

English: see **Thornewill**.

### Thornewill

**Variants:** **Thornwill, Thornewell, Thornwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: possibly a local variant of **Thornhill**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Thorniwell, 1606 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); George Thornywall, 1613, Jana Thorniwall, 1631, Dorothea Thornewall, 1643, Jarvis Thornwell, 1666 in *IGI* (Tatenhill, Staffs); Sarah Thornywell, 1664 in *IGI* (Croxall, Derbys).

### Thorney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; ER Yorks; also Glamorgan; Middx

English: locative name from various places called Thorney (Cambs, Middx, Notts, Suffolk, Somerset) or West Thorney (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Thornay, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Simon de Thorneye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Thorney, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mucking, Essex); Henricus Thorney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); John Thorney, 1549 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Thorney, 1550 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts).

### Thornycroft

**Variants:** **Thornicroft, Thornycroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 763, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Staffs

English: locative name from Thornycroft (Hall) in Siddington (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Thornicroft, late 13th cent. in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; Agnes Thornicroft, 1562 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); Ales Thornycrofte, 1571 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Edward Thornicroft, 1579 in *IGI* (Thornicroft, Cheshire); William Thornicraft, 1581 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Ellyne Thornicrofte, 1594 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Joseph Thornycroft, 1725 in *IGI* (Cold Higham, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 85.

### Thornham

**Variants:** **Thurnham, Thorman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: locative name from Thorneholme in Burton Agnes (ER Yorks), recorded as *Thurnum* in 1333.

**Early bearers:** John de Thurnom, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John de Thirnom of Thirnom, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Thornholme, ER Yorks); Katherina Thournam, 1559, Jenie Thurnam, 1565, Christopherus Thornam, 1569 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Robert Thurnham, 1613 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 90.

2 English: locative name from Thornham (Norfolk), Thornham Magna and Parva (Suffolk), or Thurnham (Kent), and perhaps other places similarly named, such as Great and Little Thurnham (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Thorneham, 1168 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (Kent); William de Þornham, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Blakewin de Thornham, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Stephanus de Thornham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Witham, Essex); Johannes de Thornham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Runton, Norfolk); Thoma Thornham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Johannes Thornham, 1599 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk).

### Thornhill

**Variants:** **Thornill, Thornell, Turnell, Thornewill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2813, Ireland 144
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1843
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from various places called Thornhill, principally Thornhill (WR Yorks, Derbys), but also Thornhill in Stalbridge (Dorset) and perhaps Thornhill in Broad Town (Wilts).

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Thomas de Thornhill, who held the manor of Thornhill in WR Yorks in the early 14th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Tornhull', 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); [. . . de] Thornhill, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Dorset); John de Thornhill, 1297 in *York Registry Wills* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Walter de Thornhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas de Thornhull, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Derbys); Willelmus de Thornehill', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Thornnyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes de Thornill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Thorneill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Thornhull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); William Thornhill of Dorset, 1529–32 in *Chancery Proceedings*; Robert Thornell, 1547 in *TNA* (Notts); Elizabetha Thornhill, 1604 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Johannis Thornhill, 1606 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 283; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 265.

### Thornicroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148

## Thorniley

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Thorneycroft**.

### Thorniley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Thornley**.

### Thornill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Thornhill**.

### Thorning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English \**thorning* 'dweller by the thorn bush', from Middle English *thorn* + *-ing* 'man', a type of locative formation particular to Devon.
- Early bearers:** Walter Thornyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); Philip Thornyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashcombe, Devon); John Thornyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broadhembury, Devon); John Thornyng, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); William Thornyng, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Andreas Thornyng, 1578 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Henry Thorning, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Surnames of Devon*, p. 23.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Thurning (Northants, formerly in Hunts) or Thurning (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Rogero de Thurning, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Johannes de Thernynge, chaplain, 1306–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Buckworth, Hunts); William Thernyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Huntingdon, Hunts); Hugh Thornyng, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); William Thirnyng of Orlyngbere, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Orlinsbury, Northants); William de Thrynyng, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Elizabeth Thurning, 1791 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 221.

### Thornley

- Variants:** **Thorniley**, **Thornely**, **Thorneley**, **Thornalley**, **Thornally**, **Thorley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2805, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Derbys

English: locative name, principally from Thornley (Lancs), but also from Thorny Lee in Chapel en le Frith (Derbys), recorded as *Thorneley* in 1251, and perhaps also from Thornyleigh near Heaton in Leek (Staffs) and Thornleigh in Huddersfield (WR Yorks). The two Durham places named Thornley do not appear to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Nelle de Thornley, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Thornelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping, Lancs); Radulpho de Thornelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornley, Lancs); Evota de Thornelegh, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Thornelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Thornnelegh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Henricus de Thornelegh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Richardi Thornley, 1570 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Anne Thornley, 1585 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Marie Thornley, 1621 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 63; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 535; *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 299.

### Thorns

**Variants:** **Thornes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; WR Yorks; Staffs
- English: variant of **Thorne** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. There are various minor places named Thorns or Thornes, including Thornes in Wakefield (WR Yorks) and Thornes in Stonnall (Staffs), which appear to be principal sources of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Magge de Thornes, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert de Thornes, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Henricus Thornes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johannes del Thornes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Adam de Thornes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Robert Thornes, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); Johannis Thornes, 1573 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Rychard Thornes, 1594 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 168; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 534.

### Thornsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Thornbury**.

### Thornthwaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs
- English: locative name from any of three places in Cumb called Thornthwaite, in Dalston, Above Derwent, and Boltons parishes, and Thornthwaite (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Thornthweyt, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Cumb); Adam de Thornthweyt, 1285 in *Forest Pleas* (Cumb); Robert de Thornythwayt, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Thornesthwayt, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Adam de Thornthwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks); Elioer Thornetwhait, 1576 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Thomas Thornewhaite, 1588 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb); Isabell Thirnthat, 1633 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 135, 270, 371.

### Thornton

**Variants:** **Thorton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18380, Ireland 2000
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14933
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo; Dublin; Louth and Monaghan

1 English: locative name from various places in England and Scotland called Thornton. The place-name is most frequent in northern England, especially Yorks, where there are at least 16 possible sources for the surname. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that some of the most prolific families took their name from Thornton near Bradford.

**Early bearers:** England: Beatrice de Thornton, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ralph de Thorntone, 1312 in *London Letter Books*; Henry Thornton, 1362–4 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls*; Willelmus de Thornton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Thornton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Philippus de Thornton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Johannes de Thornton, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Gosforth, Northumb); Willelmo Thornton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Cottingwith with Thorganby, ER Yorks); Johanne de Thornton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weeton with Preese, Lancs); Johannes Thornton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Elynour Thornton, 1538 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs); Syslye Thornton, 1539 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Robertus Thornton, 1542 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Xpofer. Thornton, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); William Thornton, 1543 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent).

Scotland: Laurence de Thorneton, about 1204–11 in *Arbroath Register*; Johan de Thorntone, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Kincardines); Alexander de Thorntoun, 1455 in *Arbroath Register*; John Thorntoun, 1491 in *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonat Thornton, 1605 in *IGI* (Mid Calder, Midlothian).

2 Irish: adopted for various Irish names containing an element meaning 'thorn', e.g. **Mac Sceacháin** (*sceach* means 'briar or thorn bush'; see **Skehan**) and **Ó Draighneáin** (Irish *draighneán* means 'blackthorn'; see **Dreannan**).

**Early bearers:** George Thorneton, captain of the queen's ship Handmaide, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3938; George Thorneton, provost marshal of Munster, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4455.

### Thornwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Derbys; also Gloucs
- English: see **Thornewill**.

### Thornwill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Thornewill**.

### Thornycroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cheshire
- English: see **Thorneycroft**.

### Thorogood

**Variants:** **Thorowgood**, **Thorrowgood**, **Thorougood**, **Thoroughgood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1937, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also London, Herts, and Beds

English: variant of **Thurgood**. There is no evidence to support Ekwall's explanation of this name as a nickname, from Middle English *thur(ogh)*



‘thorough; completely’ + *gode* ‘good’. Its distribution matches that of **Thurgood** and there are comparable medieval forms of similar personal names, e.g. Matilda Porustan, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds), and Walter Thorouston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs), for T(h)urstan (see **Thurstan**).

**Early bearers:** Stephen Thorghugod, 1301, John Thourgod, 1330 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Walter Thorougod, 1306 in *London Letter Books* (London); William Thorowgood, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Ekwall, ELPN*, p. 169; also *Reaney and Wilson*.

### Thorold

**Variants:** **Thorrold, Torode, Turrall, Tural, Turrill, Turrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Rutland

English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman and Middle English personal name *T(h)urolde*, *T(h)orold*, *T(h)orald* (Old Scandinavian *Bóraldr*). The initial *T* is due to the Anglo-Norman pronunciation of *Th-*. *Toralde* and *Torold* became *Toraud* and *Toroud*, giving the modern surname *Torode*. This name may have become confused with **Tyrrell**, **Turrill**, and **Torrell**.

**Further information:** A family of this name have been baronets of Marston (Lincs) since 1642. Sir Richard Thorold, of Selby (WR Yorks), acquired the manor there in 1368 when he married Joan de Hough of Marston.

**Early bearers:** given names: Turolde, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Turoldeus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Wilts); Toroldus, Thoroldus, Turoldeus capellanus, 1121–61 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Toroudus, Toroldus presbiter, 1143–7 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Azor filius Turaldi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Nicholaus filius Turolde de Estuna, about 1170 in *Abingdon Chronicle* (Berks); Robertus filius Thoradi, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); William Turolde, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Simon Turolde’ (Turoll’), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Henry Turaud, 1258, Robert Thorald, 1261 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Edmund Thorold, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Symon Turrad, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter Turald, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agn’ Toralde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Casterton and Tolethorpe, Rutland); Henricus Turrald, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Barrington, Gloucs); Thomas Thorrold, 1563 in *IGI* (South Somercotes, Lincs); Edmundi Thorold, 1565 in *IGI* (Hough on the Hill, Lincs).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 392–8.

### Thoroughgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; also Berks

English: see **Thorogood**.

### Thorougood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London

English: see **Thorogood**.

### Thorowgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants and Sussex

English: see **Thorogood**.

### Thorp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2860, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4029
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare and Dublin

English: see **Thorpe**.

### Thorpe

**Variants:** **Thorp, Sharp, Tharpe, Thorp, Turp,**

**Thorpes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17476, Ireland 344
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11756
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: locative name from Middle English *thorp(e)* ‘village, hamlet, farmstead’ (Old Scandinavian, Old English *þorp* ‘secondary settlement’). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in such a settlement, or toponymic, for someone from any of several places named Thorp(e), which are most frequent in Yorks, the Midlands, and E Anglia. Compare **Thorp**.

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Sir Robert Thorpe, of Thorpe Waterville (Northants), who became a knight before 1315. One of his sons, William de Thorpe, was Chief Justice of the King’s Bench from 1346 to 1350, while another, Robert Thorpe, was made Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in 1356 and became Lord Chancellor in 1371.

**Early bearers:** William de Torp, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Robert de Turp, 1177, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Robert de Thorp, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); William in le Thorp, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Jak del Thorp, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam Tourpp, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes of Thorpe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caldecott, Rutland); Cecilia o Thorp’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Johannes atte Thorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bodham, Norfolk); Johanne Thorp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barrow upon Soar, Leics); Simon Thorpe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford Bridge, ER Yorks); Richard Thorpe, 1522 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Jone Thorpe, 1538 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Richard Thorpe, 1539 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Thomas Thorpe, 1540 in *IGI* (Granborough, Bucks); Wi. Thorpe, 1543 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Thorpe, 1588 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants).

### Thorpes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Derbys
- English: variant of **Thorpe** with post-medieval excrement -s.
- Early bearers:** Robert Thorpes, 1576 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Ralfe Thorps, 1664 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Thorrington

**Variants:** **Thorington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Staffs
- English: locative name from Thorrington (Essex) or Thorington (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Thorynton, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Thorinton, 1280 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert de Thuriton, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Thorintone, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Joane Thorington, 1574 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); Edmond Thorington, 1713 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Alice Thorington, 1719 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); William Thorrington, 1729 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts).

### Thorrold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs
- English: see **Thorold**.

### Thorrowgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Thorogood**.

### Thorsby

**Variants:** **Thoresby, Thorby, Thursby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

English: locative name from North and South Thoresby (Lincs), Thoresby (NR Yorks), and Thoresby in Perlethorpe cum Budby (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Mabel de Thoresby, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John de Thoresby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Reeth, NR Yorks); Geoffrey de Thoresby, 1334 in *Forest Pleas* (Notts); Robert de Thoresby, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Willelmus de Thoresby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saleby, Lincs); Ricardo de Thoresby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robertus de Thoresby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wigglesworth, WR Yorks); Richard Thoresby, 1405, William Thuresby son of Richard Thoresby, 1417 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William Thoresby, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Thomas Thorsby, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Thomas Thursby, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Lynn Bishop, Norfolk); Thomas Thorresby, 1544 in *PROB 11* (Hautbois, Norfolk); William Thursby, 1564 in *Feet of Fines* (Walburn, NR Yorks); Thomas Thursby, 1614 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Thorsby, 1646, Timothy Thoresby, 1657 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Thorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. WR Yorks

English, Irish: reduced form of **Thornton**.

### Thory

**Variants:** **Torrey, Torry, Tory**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Middx

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)ori*, *T(h)uri* (Old Scandinavian *Bórir*, *Thōrir*, *Thōri*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Thori, Tori, Thuri, Thure, Turi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

## Thould

urnames: John Thori, about 1140 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Alice filia Thuri, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Hugo filius Thory, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Reginald Thory, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Adam Thurry, 1247 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Henry Torry, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); William Torry, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Isabel Thouri, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter Thoury, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Tory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolfhampcote and Nethercote, Warwicks); Roberto Thory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tur Langton, Leics); Willelmus Thourey, Johannes Thoury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cropredy, Oxon); Stephanus Turry, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bulcamp, Suffolk); James Tory, 1559 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire); Willm. Torrey, 1567 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Robert Tory, 1576 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); William Torry, 1572 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Thomison Thory, 1588 in *IGI* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Agnes Torrey, 1592 in *IGI* (Rowston, Lincs); Thomas Torrye, 1594 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); John Torrey, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); John Tory, 1622 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs); William Torry, 1611 in *IGI* (Digby, Lincs); William Tory, 1637 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Thould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: perhaps a variant of **Thole** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Told**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Thold, 1586, Marget Thould, 1584 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); John Thold, 1560, Edmond Thould, 1613, Mary Thould, 1734 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Anne Thould, 1726 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); William Thole, 1815 in *IGI* (Bengeworth, Worcs).

## Thouless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English, Scottish: see **Thewlis**.

## Thow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland

Scottish, N English: variant of **Thew**. Compare **Thaw** and **Thowless**.

**Early bearers:** Elspet Thow, 1607 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

## Thowless

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Kent; Staffs
- English, Scottish: see **Thewlis**.

## Thoyts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Berks, and Hants
- English: see **Thwaites**.

## Thrale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Notts

English: see **Thrall**.

## Thrall

**Variants:** **Thrale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Derbys

English: status name from Middle English *thral(le)*, *threl(le)* 'slave, servant, serf' (Old Scandinavian *þræll*, Old English *þræl*).

**Early bearers:** John Thral, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Richard le Threl, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberto Thral, Ricardo Thralle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Ricardo Thrall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chawston with Colesden, Beds); Radulphus Threle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); Johanne Threl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chiddingfold, Surrey); John Threle alias Threlle alias Threll alias Threle alias Threelle alias Threll alias Thryele alias Thryll alias Thryell alias Thryelle, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx).

## Thrasher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Somerset

English: see **Thresher**.

## Thraves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Hellen Threive, 1592 in *IGI* (Muston, Leics); Sara Threaves, 1610 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Willyam Threaves, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Gonerby, Lincs); Francis Threves, 1616 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); John Threive, 1628, Thomas Thrave, 1639 in *IGI* (Whatton, Notts); Richard Thraves, 1680 in *IGI* (Cotgrave, Notts).

## Threader

**Variants:** **Thredder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Herts, and Beds

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *t(h)red(e)* 'thread' (Old English *þræð*), denoting someone who threaded cord, yarn, or string as part of their work, perhaps in weaving or the manufacture of bows.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Thredere, 1365 in *London Pleas*; Galfrido Thradare, Johanne Thradar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Willelmus Treder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); William Threder, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Alicia Threddar, 1553 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Annis Threeder, 1560 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Agnes Threder, 1562 in *IGI* (Barton in the Clay, Beds).

## Threadgale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Suffolk; Durham
- English: see **Threadgold**.

## Threadgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Cambs and Suffolk

English: see **Threadgold**.

## Threadgold

**Variants:** **Threadgould**, **Threadgale**, **Threadgill**, **Tredgold**, **Treadgold**, **Thridgould**, **Threadkell**, **Threadkill**, **Trudgill**, **Trudgell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 717, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and WR Yorks; Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *t(h)red(e)* 'thread' + *gold* 'gold', for an embroiderer (who used golden thread). This surname may have become confused with **Tredgett**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Tredegold, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Reginald Tredegold', 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Wilts); Agnes Tredegold', 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Tredegold of Cycestre, 1269 in *Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); Johanne Tredegold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Nicholaus Tredegold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Prescote, Oxon); Sawallus Tredegold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witham, Essex); Agnes Tredgold, 1569 in *IGI* (Magdalen Laver, Essex); Barbara Tredgell, 1575 in *IGI* (Eastwick, Herts); John Tredgould, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Sara Tredgoule, 1645 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Edmund Thredgall, Daniel Thredkill, Widow Thredkell, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Thridgale, 1681 in *Protestation Returns* (Suffolk); Sarah Trudgill, 1772 in *IGI* (Wilby, Norfolk); Thomas Trudgell, 1813 in *IGI* (Market Weston, Suffolk).

## Threadgould

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Threadgold**.

## Threadkell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Threadgold**.

## Threadkill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Threadgold**.

## Threadwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Treadwell**.

## Threapleton

**Variants:** **Threapleton**, **Thrippleton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from one or more places named with Old English *þræp* 'dispute' + *land* 'land', such as Threapland in Cracoe (WR Yorks) or Threapland (Cumb). For the spelling change to *Threapleton*, compare **Strickland**, which developed the form **Strickleton**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Threpeland, about 1200 in *Yorks Charters* (Wilsden, WR Yorks); John de Threpeland, 1363 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Threpeland, Johannes de Threpeland', 1377 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); John Threpland, 1443 in *Yorks Wills*; John Threpland, 1443 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Threpland, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); Isabell Threpland, 1550 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Samuel Threpland, 1690, Samuel Threpleton, 1715 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); William Threpleton, 1769 in *IGI* (Pudsey, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 89; *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 271; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Threaplepton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Threaplepton**.

### Thredder

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Middx; Lancs; Suffolk

English: see **Thredder**.

### Threlfal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Threlfal**.

### Threlfall

**Variants:** Threlffall, Threlfal, Threlfell, Trelfall, Trelfa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1604, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1306
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Threlfall (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Threlfiffal, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Adam del' Threllefare, 1374 in *Patent Rolls*; William Threlfall, 1558, Raffe Trelfall, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Katherine Threlfell, 1682 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Trelfa, 1752 in *IGI* (Middlewich, Cheshire).

### Threlfell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- English: see **Threlfall**.

### Threlkeld

**Variants:** Thirkell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Westm

English: locative name from Threlkeld (Cumb), recorded as *Threlkeld(e)* about 1240 and in the metathesized form *Thirkeld* from 1278. In medieval times this gentry family held property not only in Cumb and Westm, but in ER Yorks and NR Yorks, where the name more commonly appears as *Thirkell(d)*.

**Early bearers:** John de Threleked, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); William Thrylkeld, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); William de Threlkeld, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Henry de Threlkeld, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Westm); Lancelot Threlkelde, 1472 in *Yorks Deeds* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Lancelot Threlkeld, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Henry Threlkeld, 1580 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Richard Threlkeld, 1583 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Thomasine

Threlkeld, 1673 in *IGI* (Brancepeth, Durham); William Threlkeld, 1731 in *IGI* (Bolton upon Swale, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 252; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Threllfall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Threllfall**.

### Thresh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Thirsk**.

2 English: see **Thrush**.

### Thresher

**Variants:** Thrasher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 477, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *thresher(e)* (from an agent derivative of Old English *þerscan*, *þrescan*, *þryscan*), denoting someone who threshed cereal crops, or someone who beat a person, thing, or animal.

**Early bearers:** Richard þrescere, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Geoffrey le Thresher, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Thrasshere, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Threcher, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Haseley, Oxon); Roberto Threscher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dowdeswell, Gloucs); Henrico Threschere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatherop, Gloucs); Thoma Thresher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longworth, Berks); Thomas Threshere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Canfield, Essex); John Thrassher, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk).

### Thridgould

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Threadgold**.

### Thrift

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent

1 English: variant of **Fright** (from Middle English *friht* 'wood, woodland') in which the pronunciation of the medial *-h-* has been altered to /f/ (compare **Frift**) and initial *F-* has been dissimilated to *Th-*, no doubt partly through association with the word *thrift*. See **Freed**.

**Further information:** Middle English *friht* freely alternated with *frithe*, another form of the same word (see **Firth** and **Freed**). Compare minor place-names like The Thrift in Tardebigge (Worcs), recorded as (*atte*) *Frithe* in 1275, and Thrift in Warlingham (Surrey), which may have been named from the family of Stephen ate Frith, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* Surrey).

**Early bearers:** John Thrift, 1647 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Thrift, 1684 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); George Thrift, 1697 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, pp. 72–3.

2 English: nickname for a prosperous, respectable, or well-organized person, from Middle English *thrift*

'prosperity, value, good management' (Old Scandinavian *þrift*).

**Early bearers:** William Thrift, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes Thrift, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dunsforth, WR Yorks); Willelmus Thrift, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Thomas Thrift, 1592 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks).

### Thring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 231
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; London

English: see **Tring**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Thring, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Edgar Thring, 1584 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Edgar Thring, 1586 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Henry Thring, 1602 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Mary Thring, 1642 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Thring, 1674 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Thripp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds

English: see **Throp**.

**Further information:** This form has not survived as an independent place-name, but it is found in the unstressed position in Eastrip (Somerset), Westrip (Gloucs), and Williamstrip (Gloucs).

### Thrippleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Threaplepton**.

### Thrisk

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

English, Scottish: see **Thirsk**.

### Throckmorton

**Variants:** Throgmorton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Throckmorton (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Throkemerton, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Throkemarton, 1327 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Throkemarton, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); John Throckmorton, 1442 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Throgmorton, 1464 in *Ancient Deeds* (Warwicks); Robert Throgmorton, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs).

### Throgmorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Throckmorton**.

### Throop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Derbys; Lancs
- English: see **Throp**.

## Throp

### Throp

**Variants:** **Thropp, Throop, Throup, Thrupp, Thripp, Troop, Troup, Troupe, Trupp, Troops**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: a metathesized form of **Thorpe**.

**Early bearers:** Andrwe Throp, 1589 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); Rogger Throp, 1614 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Throup, 1702 in *IGI* (Lea, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *throp* ‘village, hamlet, farmstead’ (Old English *þrop* ‘secondary settlement’). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in such a settlement, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Thrupp (Berks, Gloucs, Oxon), Thrupe (Somerset), Throop (Dorset, Hants, Somerset), and Throope (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Thropp’, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John de Trope, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Thrope, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rousham, Oxon); Avelyna de la Throp, Johanna atte Throp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eastrof, Wilts); Johannes Throp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); Jane Throp, 1565 in *IGI* (Kingston Lisle, Berks); John Thrupp, 1581 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Mary Thrupp, 1594 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks).

### Thropp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Throp**.

### Throssel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Thrussell**.

### Throssell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Cambs, and Hunts

English: see **Thrussell**.

### Throup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Throp**.

### Thrower

**Variants:** **Trower, Trowers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1648, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 944
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *throw(en)* ‘to throw’ (Old English *þrāwan*), for someone who made silk thread from raw silk. From the 13th century the verb began to be used in other senses, including throwing clay on a potter’s wheel and turning wood on a lathe, and so it is possible that the surname may also have been given to a potter or a turner, although these occupations gave rise to other common surnames, such as **Potter** and **Turner**.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Throwere, 1293 in *Ancient Deeds* (Norfolk); Alice la þraweres, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Thomas le Throwere, Trowere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Edmundus Thrower’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Pickenham, Norfolk); Thomas Throwere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Joan Thrower, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Thrupp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; London

English: see **Throp**.

### Thrush

**Variants:** **Thresh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 198
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset; WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *thrush*, *threshe* ‘thrush’ (Old English *þrysce*). Compare **Thrusell**. In SW England this name may have been confused with (2); see **Trask**.

**Early bearers:** William Thresse, about 1204 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); William Thrusse, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Clement Thresshe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Thrusse or Thrushe, 1581 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Thrush, 1594 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Edward Thresh, 1625 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); Edward Thrush, 1673 in *IGI* (Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts).

2 English: see **Thirsk**.

### Thrusell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; WR Yorks

English: see **Thrussell**.

### Thrussell

**Variants:** **Thrusel, Thrustle, Throssell, Throssel, Trussell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also ER Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *thros(t)el*, *thrus(t)el* ‘song thrush’ (Old English *þros(t)le*). Compare **Thrush**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Throsle, 1282 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Richard Throstel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Throstell’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johanne Throustel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wootton Rivers and Easton, Wilts); Nicholas Throstle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Johannes Throstull’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tyldesley, Lancs); Thomas Thrussell, 1585, Thomas Thrustell, 1612, Edward Trussell, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Danbury, Essex); Robart Thrussell, 1600 in *IGI* (Little Wymondley, Herts).

### Thrustle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks

English: see **Thrussell**.

### Thruston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Merioneths; Herefs

English: (i) a metathesized form of **Thurstan**. (ii) a metathesized form of **Thurston**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Thruston’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lidgate, Suffolk); Johannes Thruston’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allesley, Warwicks); Emma Thrustan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Andrew Thruston, John Thryston, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Thubron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thuell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Thule in Gidleigh (Devon), named with reference to a tuft or clump of vegetation (Old English *þyfel*).

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Thivele, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Richard atte Thyvele, 1340 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Mary Thuell, 1659, Issack Thuell, 1728 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Thulbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thulborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thulbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thulbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Cambs

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *thumb*, *thumb* ‘thumb’, perhaps for someone with a missing or deformed thumb, or for someone of very small size. Compare William Thumbeles, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs), i.e. ‘thumbless’, and the folk tale of Tom Thumb.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Thumb, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Thumbe, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Thumb, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); John Thumb, 1711 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Hannah Thum, 1836 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

2 German: (i) relationship name, from a short form (of Slavic origin) of the personal name **Thomas**. (ii) locative name, from Thum in Rhineland and Saxony, or Thumen in Bavaria, or a topographic name from Middle High German *tuom* ‘episcopal church’.

**Early bearers:** Valentine A Thum (born in Germany) in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants).

### Thumbwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Thumwood**.

### Thumwood

**Variants:** **Thumbwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Hants
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Margery Thumwood, 1659, William Thumbwood, 1700 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Henry Thumwood, 1660 in *IGI* (Bray, Berks).

### Thunder

**Variants:** **Dindar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *thonder*, *thunder* ‘thunder’ (Old English *þunor*), perhaps used for someone with a thunderous voice. The surname is synonymous with **Toner**. Compare William Tonitruus, 1160 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk), where the name has been translated into Medieval Latin *tonitruus* ‘thunder’. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *tunder* (Old French *tondour*) ‘shearman; one who shears the nap of woollen cloth’. It is difficult to distinguish early forms of this name from those belonging to (i), though the definite article in some of the Norfolk and Sussex examples points to the occupational term rather than the nickname in (i). The forms with *Th-* would therefore reflect a conventional Anglo-Norman French spelling for /t/. McKinley argues, for example, that William le Tundur, who lived in Chichester in the late 13th century, was probably the same man as William le Thundre, who held land in Steyning and Bramber (Sussex) at the same time. However, the Sussex occupational surname seems to have survived as *Thunder*, in a pronunciation with initial /θ/, perhaps through false association with the word *thunder*.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Thunre, Tundur, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); Hugh le Tondor, 1261 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John le Tundur, 1289 in *Norwich Deeds* (Norfolk); Roger Thunder, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Nicholas and William le Thunder, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chinting and Sutton, Sussex); Willelmus Thunder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Thomas Thunder, 1473 in *PROB 11* (Winchelsea, Sussex); Johane Thunder, 1567 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Thomas Thunder, 1568 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Symon Thunder, 1569 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 263–4.

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for Ó Tomhraid, Gaelic form of the Scandinavian personal name *Thorr*, the name of the god of thunder. See **Toner**.

### Thundercliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Notts
- English: see **Thundercliffe**.

### Thundercliffe

**Variants:** **Thundercliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Notts
- English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Thundercliffe Grange (lost) in Ecclesfield (WR Yorks), a medieval grange of Kirkstead Abbey, recorded as *Tunnoccliffe* in 1216–72 and *Thundercliffe* in 1535. (ii) alternatively, a late variant of **Tunnicliffe**. **Early bearers:** John Thundercliff, 1725 in *IGI* (Sutton cum Fenton, Notts); John Thunnercliff, 1750 in *IGI* (Walkeringham, Notts); Wm. Thunderclif, 1753 in *IGI* (Littleborough, Notts); Thomas Thundercliffe or Thunnercliffe, 1761 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Maria Thundercliff, 1813 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 248.

### Thurban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Essex
- English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thurbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs and Hunts

English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thurburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. London
- English: see **Thorburn**.

### Thurgar

**Variants:** **Thurgur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Norfolk

Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman and Middle English personal name *T(h)urgar*, *T(h)urger* (Old Scandinavian *Þorgeirr*, *Thorger*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Turgar, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Worcs, Herefs, Northants); Thurgarus, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Turger filius Ade, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Henry Thurger, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; Paganus Thurgar, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Hugo Thurger, Matilda Thorgor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Thorger of Spaldyng, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Spalding, Lincs); Olive Thurger, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Maude Thurgore, 1426 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Suffolk); John Thurgor of Lymmyng, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Lymminge, Kent).

### Thurgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk
- English: see **Thurgood**.

### Thurgood

**Variants:** **Thorgood**, **Thorogood**, **Thurgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1201, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1046
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Herts
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)urgod*, *T(h)urgot* (Old Scandinavian *Þorgautr*, *Thorgot*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Turgot, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Turgod, 1087–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thurgod de Fynnyngersh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). surnames: Hunfridus filius Turgoti, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Turgod<sup>1</sup>, 1207 in *Charter Rolls* (Dorset); Magnus filius Thurgot, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Þurgod, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Thorgot, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Torgod, 1298 in *London Letter Books*; Adam Thorgod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henricus Thurgood, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scoulton, Norfolk); Waltero Thurgot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cannon Bridge, Herefs); Nicholas Thurgood, 1543 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Prisilla Thurgate, 1605 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); David Thorgood, 1631 in *IGI* (Braughing, Herts).

### Thurgur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Norfolk, and Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Thurgar**.

### Thurkettle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: see **Thirkettle**.

### Thurkle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Thirkell**.

### Thurland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London; also Wilts
- English: see **Turland**.

### Thurlaway

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Thirlaway**.

### Thurlbeck

**Variants:** **Thirlbeck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: unexplained.

## Thurlby

**Early bearers:** Agnes Thurlbeck, 1593 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Thirlebeck, 1593 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham).

### Thurlby

**Variants:** **Thorlby, Thirlyb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 340
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and Leics
- English: locative name, primarily from one or more of the three places named Thurlby in Lincs, but occasionally also from Thirlby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Alan of Trilleby, 1254 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henry de Thurleby, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Thorleby, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Thurleby of Estbytham, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Bytham, Lincs); Richard Thirlby, 1683 in *IGI* (Newbold Verdon, Leics).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 127.

### Thurley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; also Herts, Beds, and Northants

English: see **ThurLOW**.

### Thurling

**Variants:** **Thirling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also London
- English: locative name of unexplained origin. It is possibly a variant of **Thorning** (2) with dissimilation of *n-ng* to *l-ng*.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Therlyng of Houeden, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (Howden, ER Yorks); John de Therlyng, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholes Thirlyng, 1550, Alice Thurling, 1554 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Thomas Thurlyn, linen-weaver, 1576–7 in *Lynn Freemen* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); William Thurling, 1591 in *IGI* (East Walton, Norfolk); Thomasin Thirling, 1675 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk).

### Thurloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx
- English: see **ThurLOW**.

### ThurLOW

**Variants:** **Thurloe, Thurley, Thirley, Turley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2087, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1441
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk; also Yorks

English: locative name from Great and Little ThurLOW (Suffolk), recorded as *Thrillaue* in about 1095 and *Trillawe* in 1254. Some of the medieval bearers cited here may alternatively belong to **Trillo**. **Further information:** Thurleigh (Beds) does not appear to have contributed to this surname.

**Early bearers:** John de Thrillowe, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Philip de Trillowe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John de Trillawe, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de Therlawe, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); John de Thrillowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Trillowe, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Henricus ThurLOW, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Whaplode, Lincs); John Thirlowe, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Thurlowe, 1471 in *PROB 11* (Thriplow, Cambs); Antony Thurlowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Thurlow, 1563, Elizabeth Thurleye, 1567, William Thurley, 1571 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); George Turlay, 1567 in *IGI* (Kirkby Underwood, Lincs); Audery Thurloe, 1570 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); John Torley, 1576 in *IGI* (Knoddishall, Suffolk); Robert Turley, 1581, John Turly, 1585, Francis Thirley, 1590 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP.N*.

### Thurllwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Thirlwell**.

### Thurman

**Variants:** **Thorman, Thurmand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 850, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 740
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)urmund* (Old Scandinavian *Þormund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Turmund, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Somerset).

urnames: Adam Thuremund, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Hants); Henry Purmond, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Thurmond of Burton upon Trent, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Thurman, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willm. Thorman, 1560 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Thurmott**. The personal name in (1) was rare and Reaney suggests that *Thurman* may also have derived from the commoner Middle English personal name *T(h)urmod*, *T(h)urmot* by assimilation of the second theme *-mod*, *-mot* to the element *-mund*, which is found in several other compound personal names.

**References:** *Reaney and Wilson*.

### Thurmand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Thurman**.

### Thurmott

**Variants:** **Thurman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)urmod*, *T(h)urmot* (Old Scandinavian *Þormóðr*, *Thormoth*, *Thormodh*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Thurmot, Turmod, 1066 in *Domesday Book*; Turmod, 1165–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk or Suffolk); Þurmod, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk).

urnames: Hubert Thurmod, 1212 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Suffolk); Alan Thormod, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas Thurmoode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Westley, Suffolk); Ricardo Thurmoode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Dorathe Thirmode, 1564 in *IGI* (Semer, Suffolk); Suzan Thurmoode, 1579 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Thurmot, 1818 in *IGI* (Stonham Aspell, Suffolk).

### Thurnham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lancs; Herts and Beds

English: see **Thornham**.

### Thurrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Lincs, and Rutland

English: see **Turrill**.

### Thursby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Cumb

1 English: locative name from Thursby (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Thurisby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Janet Thursbye, 1586, Janeta Thursbie, 1608, Robert Thuresby, 1629, Rebecca Thursby, 1650 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb).

2 English: see **Thorsby**.

### Thursfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 465, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 424
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Thursfield (now called Newchapel) in Kidgrove (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Ales Thursfeild, 1576 in *IGI* (Norton in the Morrs, Staffs); Rich. Thursfield, 1581 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 537.

### Thurstan

**Variants:** **Thurstans, Thurston, Thruston, Thursting, Tustin, Tutin, Duston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

1 English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman, Anglo-Scandinavian, and Middle English personal name *T(h)u(r)stan*, *T(h)o(r)sten* (Old Scandinavian *Þorsteinn*, *Thorsten*, anglicized as Old English *Þurstān*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Turstan (Yorks), Turstinus (Staffs), Tursten (Yorks), Tostin (Herefs), Turtin (Shrops), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Turstin (Thursten), 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Thurstanus, Turstan, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Turstin', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Turstanus, Tostenus Bodin, 1180–1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Turston, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendrar* (Suffolk); Tosten' Basset, 1190–4 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Bucks); Thurstan le Brok, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Tustanus cocus, Tostin coc, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* (Northants); Thurstan Pulter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shernbourne, Norfolk).

urnames: Wlmer Þurstan, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); John Turstein, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); William Thurstan, Thursteyn, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Matilda Þurustan, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); William Thurston, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); Walter Thorouston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henry

Thursteyn, Richard Thurstein, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sherborne, Gloucs); William Thursten, 1354 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Johannes Thorstain, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beaminster, Dorset); Johannes Thurstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton, Norfolk); Willelmus Thurston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rugby, Warwicks); Editha Thurstayne, 1379, Johanne Thurston, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cherhill, Wilts); Johannes Thurstane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Johannam Thurston, 1573 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Catherine Thurston, 1582 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jacobi Thurston, 1588 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Mathula Thurston, 1593 in *IGI* (Doddington, Kent); Thomas Thurston, 1626 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); Willia. Thurston, 1630 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Sybilla Thurstan, 1713 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Charles Thurstan, 1826 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Christian Names*, pp. 61–3.  
2 English: see **Thurston**.

### Thurstans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Thurstan** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare Hugone Thurstansmon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs), 'Thurstan's man'.

**Early bearers:** Dorothy Thurstans, 1654 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Thursting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: probably a variant of **Thurstan**.

### Thurston

**Variants:** Thruston, Thurstan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3161, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2103
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also London

1 English: locative name from Thurston (Suffolk). Without the preposition it is difficult to distinguish this origin of the E Anglian name from that in (2).  
**Early bearers:** Oswald de Turstun', 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Herueus de Thurston, 1221 in *Cotton Claudius D xiii* (Suffolk); Margaret Thurston, 1544 in *IGI* (Pettistree, Suffolk); John Thurston, 1546 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rebecca Thurstan, 1785 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

2 English: see **Thurstan**.

### Thurtell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Essex

English: variant of **Thirkell** with late dissimilation of *kl* to *tl*.

### Thurtle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Thirkell** with late dissimilation of *kl* to *tl*.

### Thwait

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Thwaite**.

### Thwaite

**Variants:** Thwait, Twaite, Thwaites, Twite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 646, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 675
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: locative name from various places named with Old Scandinavian *þveit* 'meadow; clearing', such as Thwaite in Dinnington (WR Yorks), Thwaite in Sedburgh (WR Yorks), Thwaite (near Aylsham, Norfolk), Thwaite Saint Mary (Norfolk), and Thwaite (Suffolk). Compare **Tuite**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph del Thweit, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph de Thweit (Twaet), 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Ymanye de Thuyt, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Thomas de Thwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Thwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Robertus Thweyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ryburgh, Norfolk); Galfridus de Thwyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Ricardus Twhayte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Richard Thwayt, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); John Thwaith, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Hardingham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 145; 6, p. 270.

### Thwaites

**Variants:** Thwaites, Thwaytes, Thoys, Twaits, Twaites, Twaets

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2386, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1760
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Thwaite** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s. The plural form is found in a handful of place-names, including Thwaites in Keighley (WR Yorks), which is a principal source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Anabella de Thwaythes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Thwaytes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamsley, WR Yorks); Robertus del Twaytes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); Thomas de Twaytes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coniston Cold, WR Yorks); Henry Thwaytes, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (ER Yorks); William Twaytes, 1492 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Wills* (Suffolk); Matthew Thwayts son of James Twayts, 1618 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 4.

### Thwaits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham and Cumb

English: see **Thwaites**.

### Thwaytes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm

English: see **Thwaites**.

### Thyer

**Variants:** Thayer, Thayre, Theyer, Thair, Thaire, Thier, Tier, Thiers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)iar(d)* (Continental Germanic *Theudhard*, Old French *Thiart*). Compare **Tyeman**.  
**Early bearers:** Osbert filius Thiardi, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry filius Tihardi, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry son of Tiard, 12th cent. [recorded in 1404] in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Osbert Tiart, about 1110 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Thomas Tyard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Matill' Theyr, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, Northants); Johannes Theyr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Baddow, Essex); Alice Thayer, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Joane Thayre, 1561, Thomas Thayer, 1563, Rose Thaire, 1569 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Joannes Thaire, 1571 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

### Thyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Midlothian

Scottish: see **Thynne**.

### Thynne

**Variants:** Thyne, Thin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Durham; Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare

1 English: nickname from Middle English *thin* 'lean, slender' (Old English *þynne*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Thin, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert Thynne, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Wynifrid Thynne, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Ursula Thynne, 1604 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); John Thynne, 1612 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Thynne, 1616 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Judy Thynne, 1668 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

2 Irish: from Ó **Teimheáin** 'descendant of *Teimheán*', a personal name derived from a diminutive of *teimh* 'dark'. In this spelling *th* indicates a dental t rather than a fricative. Also anglicized as **Teevan** (where the earlier pronunciation of *mh* is retained).

### Tian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 382, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 田, see **Tin** (1).

### Tibb

**Variants:** Tipp, Tibbs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Essex; Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tibbe*, which was used in the 13th century as a pet name for both men (from *Tibald* (Theobald)) and women (a shortened form of *Tibot*, a pet form of *Isabel*, see **Tibbett**). See also **Tebb**.

## Tibbalds

**Further information:** Tibb's Farm in Udimore (Sussex) owes its name to the family of Robert and Nicholas Tebbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tibbe, 1286, Tybbe, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

surnames: William Tibbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Tibbe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Radulphus Tibbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Clifton, Notts); Robert Tibb, 1591 in *IGI* (Stratton with Grimstone, Dorset); Elisabeth Tibb, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Dominick, Cornwall); William Tibb, 1619 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Elizabeth Tibb, 1621 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Richard Tibb, 1658 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 517.

2 English: see **Dibb**.

### Tibbalds

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Theobalds** and compare **Tibbles**.

### Tibballs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Tibbles**.

### Tibbals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Tibbles**.

### Tibbatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Worcs, and Herefs; Middx and Bucks
- English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tibbenham

**Variants:** **Tibenham**, **Tebbenham**, **Tebenham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also Essex

English: locative name from Tibenham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Tibenham, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus de Tybenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Thomas Tebenham alias Tybenham of Schathewell, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Shawell, Leics); John Tybenham, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Tybenham, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Walter Tybbenham, 1604 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Thomas Tebenham, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Tibbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Northants; Derbys
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tibbetts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tibbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; NR Yorks
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tibbetts

**Variants:** **Tibbets**, **Tibbits**, **Tibbitts**, **Tibbotts**, **Tibbatts**, **Tebbetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 664, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Tebbutt** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Tybotes, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tibbotes, 1591 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); My. Tebbets, 1763 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks).

### Tibbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Shrops; Warwicks

English: see **Tibby**.

### Tibbins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Tibb** with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*, to which has been added post-medieval excrescent *-s* (compare **Hobbins**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tibben, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); George Tibbins, 1593, Ann Tibbens, 1624 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); Will. Tibbin, 1707 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Tibbits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tibbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; Sussex
- English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tibbitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs; London

English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tibble

**Variants:** **Dibble**, **Tibbles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 303
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name, either from the Middle English female personal name *Tibel*, a diminutive form of **Tibb** (pet form of *Isabel*), or a weakened

form of the male name *Tibald* (see **Theobald**). See also **Tipple**.

**Early bearers:** Ulketellus Tibel, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); William Tybel, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); John Tybel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Torrington, Devon); Roberto Tybel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Isle Brewers, Somerset); Phillip Tibble, 1734 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); Ino. Tibble, 1743 in *IGI* (Newton Longville, Bucks); James Tibble, 1749 in *IGI* (Wickham, Berks); John Tibble, 1759 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Mary Tibble, 1761 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent).

### Tibbles

**Variants:** **Tibballs**, **Tibbals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 503
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: relationship name, variant of **Tibble** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Compare **Theobalds**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tibels, 1677 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Jane Tibbels, 1690 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Tibbott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English: see **Tebbutt**.

### Tibbotts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset
- English: see **Tibbetts**.

### Tibbs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 973, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 660
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin

English: variant of **Tibb** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Mat' Tybbes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childrey, Berks); John Tybbes or Tybbs, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Thorncombe, Dorset).

### Tibby

**Variants:** **Tibbey**, **Tebby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from a diminutive form of the Middle English personal name **Tibb**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tibi, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Tyby, 1286 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes Tybi, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Tiby, 1413 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Thomas Tibie, 1565, Magdelyn Tyby, 1569, Avis Tybie, 1572, Richard Tibbie, 1619 in *IGI* (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Richard Tybye, 1572 in *IGI* (Kempston, Beds).

### Tibenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks and Lancs; Warwicks
- English: see **Tibbenham**.



**Tice**

Variants: **Tyce, Tyes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London

1 English: see **Teece**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Tice, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Johanne Tyce, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Tyce, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Spaldwick, Hunts); Alice Tyce, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

2 English: see **Tyas**.

3 English: variant of **Tye** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Ticehurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from Ticehurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Roger Tysherst, canon of Combewell, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Combwell Priory, Kent); Alan Tysherst of Ashburnham, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashburnham, Sussex); Thomas Tiseherst, 1575 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Jeffrey Tyshurst, 1584 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex).

**Ticer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: see **Tisser**.

**Tichband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: variant of **Tichborne** with excrement -d. Compare **Chadband**, **Goodband**, **Osband**, and **Rathband**.

**Tichbon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Sussex

English: see **Tichborne**.

**Tichborne**

Variants: **Tichbourne, Tichbon, Tichband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Hants

English: locative name from Tichborne (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Ticheburne, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John de Tycheburn, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Richard de Tychebourne, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Tycheborne, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Pet Tichbon, 1675 in *IGI* (Buckland, Surrey); Sophia Tichband, 1853 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

**Tichbourne**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: see **Tichborne**.

**Tichner**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks

English: see **Titchener**.

**Tick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tike**.

**Tickel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Cornwall; Cumb

English: see **Tickle**.

**Tickell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Tickle**.

**Tickle**

Variants: **Tickell, Tickle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1622, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1337
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Devon

1 English: locative name from Tickhill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Tikehill, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Tikell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Nicholas de Tikhill, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johanne de Tykel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Tickhill, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Alicia Tikill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cotness, ER Yorks); Johannes Tykell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldrake, ER Yorks); Rogerus Tykyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cowlam, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Tykull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Golborne, Lancs); William Tickell, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Tickell, 1566, Elizabeth Tickle, 1569 in *IGI* (Crosdwaite, Cumb); Eliz. Tickle, 1599 in *IGI* (Frosham, Cheshire); John Tickle, 1619 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs).

2 English: of uncertain origin. It might be from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tikel* (Old English \**Ticol*, perhaps a pet form of *Tica*).

**Early bearers:** John and Nicholas Tykela, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kenton, Devon); William Tickle, 1563 in *IGI* (Haresfield, Gloucs); William Tickle, 1576, William Tickell, 1585 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

**Ticknor**

Variants: **Ticknor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1497, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1286
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey

English: unexplained. This name has become confused with **Titchener**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Tykenore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Tykenore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey); William Tyknor, 1485 in *Place-Names of Surrey*; Agnis Tickner, 1543 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); John Tickener, 1545, Ann Tickenor, 1596 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Alice Ticknor, 1558 in *IGI* (Wonersh, Surrey).

**Ticknor**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Tickner**.

**Ticktum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Titeombe**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Ticktum, 1720 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jonathan Ticktum, 1720 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Grace Ticktom, 1736 in *IGI* (Hilmarton, Wilts); John Tictum, 1761 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Ticktomb, 1777 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Tidball**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon

English: see **Theobald**.

**Tidboald**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Warwicks

English: see **Theobald**.

**Tidbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 444, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also London

1 English: locative name from Tidbury in Bullington (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Tydbury, 1564, Edward Tidbury, 1565 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks).

2 English: see **Tedbury**.

**Tidcombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Titcombe**.

**Tidd**

Variants: **Tydd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare

1 English: locative name from Tydd Saint Mary (Lincs) or Tydd Saint Giles (Cams).

**Early bearers:** Gerbod de Tid, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Tidde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Radcliffe on Trent, Notts); Willelmus de Tyd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Johannes de Tyde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Johannes de Tidde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Lincs); Tho. Tidd, 1581 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Ellin Tidd, 1596 in *IGI* (Metheringham, Lincs); Mary Tidd, 1608 in *IGI* (Stetchworth, Cams); William Tidd, 1614 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts); Henrye Tidd, 1618 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps also from a Middle English personal name \**Tide*, \**Tidde* (Old English *Tida*). Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Walter Tyde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Tyde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Nicholas Tidde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Agn' Tydde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Howell, Lincs); Reginaldus Tyd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Hugo Tyde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wareham,

## Tiddeman

Dorset); John Tydde, 1392 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts).

### Tiddeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London, and Sussex

English: see **Tidman**.

### Tidder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Lancs Welsh, English: see **Tudor**.

### Tiddiman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Tidman**.

### Tiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tidy**.

### Tideswell

**Variants:** Tidswell, Tidsall, Tidewell, Tidwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Tideswell (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Warin de Tideswell, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry de Tiddeswelle, 1336 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus de Tyddeswelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Henrico de Tiddeswell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York).

### Tidewell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks, Lancs, and Notts

English: see **Tideswell**.

### Tidey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and London

English: see **Tidy**.

### Tidiman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tidman**.

### Tidings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tydings**.

### Tidman

**Variants:** Tydeman, Tiddeman, Tiddiman, Tidiman, Tidyman, Titman, Tedman, Tudman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 414

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and E Anglia; W Midlands

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tideman*, *Tedeman* (Old English *Tideman*). Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tydemannus le Swarte, 1300 in *Patent Rolls*; Tydeman de Lubyk, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Tideman Toller, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Tidyman Swyf, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Cray, Kent); Tideman de Wynchecombe, abbot of Beaulieu, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Tidemann, bishop of Llandaff, 1395 in *Patent Rolls*; Tideman, bishop of Worcester, 1398 in *Patent Rolls*; Tedeman, bishop of Worcester, 1432 [1400] in *Patent Rolls*. surnames: Thomas Tiddeman of Barton, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Amicia Tytman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Flamville, Leics); Roberto Tidman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Tytman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); George Tedman, 1561 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Harye Teddeman, 1565, Alexander Tyddeman, 1580, Agnes Tideman, 1608 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

2 English: status name from Middle English *tithing(e)man* 'tithingman' (Old English *tēoðingmann*), denoting a man responsible for a tithing, originally a group of ten households.

**Early bearers:** William tedingman, 1193, William teðingman, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Adam le Tythingman, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); John Tytheman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Titheman, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Sampson Tytheman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Caston, Norfolk).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *tidi* 'brave, virtuous; healthy, beautiful' + *-man*. Compare **Tidy**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tidyman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Petrus Tidymon, Henricus Tidyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs).

### Tidmarsh

**Variants:** Tidmas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 888, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 593
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Oxon, and Gloucs

English: locative name from Tidmarsh (Berks). There may have been some confusion with **Titchmarsh**.

**Early bearers:** John de Thedemersshe, 1293 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Thedmers, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Stephen de Tydemersh', 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Roger Tydemersh, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John de Tydemerssh, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Johannes Tydemersh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tidmarsh, Berks); Edvardus Tidmas, 1686 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks).

### Tidmas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Tidmarsh**.

### Tidsall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Tideswell**.

### Tidswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 712, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 701
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tideswell**.

### Tidwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Tideswell**.

### Tidy

**Variants:** Tidey, Tiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1078
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *tidi* 'brave, virtuous; healthy, beautiful'. Compare **Tidman**.

**Further information:** Wilson's derivation from Middle English *tidif* 'the name of a small bird' is incorrect.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tydye, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Margaret Tydy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cams); Roger Tydy, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Robert Tydy, 1371 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Cams); Alicia Tydy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratby, Leics); Johanne Tyday, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Robertus Tidy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Robertus Tydye, Willelmus Tydie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Johannes Tydi, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Robert Tydy, 1394 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); Jhoa Tydy, 1547 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Dorathie Tydie, 1549 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); John Tidy, 1561 in *IGI* (Codicote, Herts); Agnis Tydie, 1569 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey); Annyes Tyddy, 1599 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Margeret Tyddy, 1608 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Stephen Tiddy, 1636 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Richard Tiddye, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Grampond borough, Creed, Cornwall); Susanna Tiddy, 1672 in *IGI* (Creed, Cornwall); James Tyddy, 1705 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

### Tidyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, Durham, and NR Yorks

English: see **Tidman**.

### Tieman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts
- English: see **Tyman**.

### Tien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 田, see **Tin** (1).

2 Vietnamese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 錢, see **Chin** (8).

### Tier

**Variants:** Tyer, Tyre, Tyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
 1 English: locative name from Middle English *tye* ‘enclosed piece of land; large area of common pasture’ (see **Tye**) + *-er*, for someone who lived on or near such a piece of land. Some early bearers may belong with (3).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tyer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Up Mardon, Sussex); Johannes Tyere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colworth, Sussex); Nicholas Tyre, 1560, Nicholas Tyer, 1628, Jane Tier, 1647 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Edward Tyer, 1582 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

2 English: see **Thyer**.

3 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: reduced form of **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tyre, 1572 in *IGI* (Perth, Perthshire); Margaret Tyer, 1684 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian).

### Tierman

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: see **Tyerman**.

### Tiernan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 1115  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 117  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Leitrim

Irish: from Ó Tíghearnáin ‘descendant of Tíghearnán’, a diminutive of *Tíghearna*, a byname meaning ‘lord, master’. Compare **Tierney**, **McKiernan**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas O’Ternane, 1592–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5802.

### Tierney

**Variants:** **Tearney**, **Terney**, **Tarney**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 5692, Ireland 3411  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1219  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Glasgow; Middx  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Galway

Irish: from Ó Tíghearnaigh ‘descendant of Tíghearnach’, a byname meaning ‘lord, master’. It has also been anglicized as **Lord**.

**Early bearers:** Teig O’Tierne, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1864; Riccard O’Tearney of Fyny, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3077; Daniel duff O’Therne of Eury, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6538; Shane reogh O’Tierna, husbandman, of Toullenan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6562; Teige O’Tierna, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6519 (Killchonane); Gillenenevae O’Tierny, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6707.

### Tiffaney

• **GB frequency 1881:** 13  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: see **Tiffin**.

### Tiffany

• **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 364  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: see **Tiffin**.

### Tiffen

• **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 8

• **GB frequency 1881:** 249  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Suffolk and Essex  
 English: see **Tiffin**.

### Tiffin

**Variants:** **Tiffen**, **Tuffin**, **Tuffen**, **Tiffany**, **Tiffaney**, **Tiffney**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 758, Ireland 5  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 528  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb; also Essex and London

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Tiffan(ia)*, *Teffan(ia)* (Old French *Tiphaine*, from Late Latin, Greek *Theophania*, which is based on words meaning ‘manifestation of God’, another name for the Epiphany). This name was often given to girls born around the feast of Epiphany.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tephania 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Theophania, Teffania, Theffanie, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Tiphina le Justiser, 1322 in *Ancient Deeds* (Devon); Tiffania, 1323 in *Ancient Deeds* (Norfolk); Teffan Danyll’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Toulston, WR Yorks).

surnames: Gilbert Tyffayne, 1288 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Norfolk); Cristina Typhayn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Tufphan, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tufyn, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Galfridus Teffeyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Felsted, Essex); William Tyffen, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ellin Tuffine, 1588 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Mary Tiffanye, 1627 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk); Thomas Tiffyn or Tiffin, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Tyffin or Tiffeyn, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Crimplisham, Norfolk); Henry Tuffin, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Lytchett Matravers, Dorset); Henry Tiffany, 1643, Henry Tiffany, 1645 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); John Tiffany, 1730 in *IGI* (Rastrick, WR Yorks).

### Tiffney

• **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 23  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 51  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Angus  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh  
 English: see **Tiffin**.

### Tift

• **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 32  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; Staffs  
 English: see **Toft**.

### Tigar

**Variants:** **Tiger**, **Tyger**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 19  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tiger* (Old French *Tigier*, Continental Germanic *Thiodger*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tigerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk).  
 surnames: John Tygre, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); John Tygre, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Tygre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Tygar, 1471 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Tigar, 1758, Ellin Tiger,

1790 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); August Tiger (born in France) in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx).

2 Irish: see **Taggart**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Tigar, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Ulverston, Lancs).

### Tiger

• **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 3  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Middx  
 Irish, English: see **Tigar**.

### Tigg

• **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 125  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; London  
 English: see **Tegg**.

### Tighe

**Variants:** **Teague**, **Tague**, **Tigue**, **Tagg**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 2154, Ireland 1341  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 693  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo, Sligo, and Roscommon

Irish: from Ó Taidhg ‘descendant of Tadhg’, a byname meaning ‘bard, poet, or philosopher’. Compare **McTigue** and Scottish Gaelic **McCaig**, which is from the same word, lenited.

**Early bearers:** Rory O’Teig, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1863; Edmund O’Teige, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2858; Maurice mcThomas O’Teig, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4360 (Coollranno); Donell mcDonoghe Teige, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4777 (Ballintober); Grany ny Teig, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4694; Fynollie nyne Edmund ynyne Teig, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069; Shiefe innine William inine Teige, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5069.

### Tigue

• **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 10  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 35  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo  
 Irish: from Ó Taidhg, see **Tighe**.

### Tigwell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 201  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks  
 English: locative name from Tigwell Farm in East Meon (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Tygenhale, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Reynold Tygehale, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey and Hants); Edmundus Tygehale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westbury, Hants); Christina Tigehale, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Margaret Tiggall, 1595, James Tighall, 1675 in *IGI* (Bramley, Hants); Edward Tigwel, 1706 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); Joseph Tigwell, 1735 in *IGI* (Old Basing, Hants).

### Tike

**Variants:** **Tiek**

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx; Glamorgan

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tike* ‘dog, bitch’ (Old Scandinavian *tík*), used as a term of abuse for a low-born or lazy person. (ii) nickname from

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Middle English *tik(e)* ‘tick’ (Old English *ticia*), denoting a blood-sucking insect. (iii) relationship name, perhaps from the Old English personal name *Tica*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Tike, 1141–9 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Thomam Tyke, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); John Tyke, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Tyk, 1296 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Thomas Tike, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholaus Tyke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sustead, Norfolk); Anna Tyke, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johannes Tike, 1566 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Katherine Ticke, 1592 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts).  
**References:** *Redin, Studies*, p. 110.

## Tilbrook

**Variants:** Tilbrooke, Tillbrook, Tillbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 383
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and Cambs
- English: locative name from Tilbrook (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** William de Tilebroc, 1200 in *Pleas* (Hunts); Alexander de Tilebrock, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Henry de Tilbroke, 1340 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Thomas Tilbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Thomas Tilbrook, 1599 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Robert Tilbrook, 1605 in *IGI* (Hunts); Alexander de Tilebrock, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Henry de Tilbroke, 1340 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Thomas Tilbrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Thomas Tilbrook, 1599 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Robert Tilbrook, 1605 in *IGI* (Hunts); Nicholas Tilbrook, 1632 in *IGI* (Tuddenham Saint Mary, Suffolk); Jane Tilbrook, 1806 in *IGI* (Saint Neots, Hunts); John Tilbrook, 1816 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs).

## Tilbrooke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Tilbrook**.

## Tilburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also ER Yorks
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Wyllm Tylborne, 1563 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen Tupholme, Lincs); Margaret Tilburne, 1573 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Robert Tilbourne, 1583, Elizabeth Tilburne, 1593 in *IGI* (Romalldkirk, NR Yorks); Margaret Tilborne, 1597 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Willm Tilbourne, 1597 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

## Tilbury

**Variants:** Tillbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1657, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Bucks; Hants
- English: locative name from Tilbury (Essex).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Tillebury, 1262 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); William de Tyllebury, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; John de Tillebury of Boston, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Richard de Tillebury, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Philippus Tillebury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Henrico Tylbury, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Ridware, Staffs); Hugh Tilbery, 1599 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants); William Tilbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops); Elizabeth Tylbery, 1627 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks).

## Tilby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: possibly a variant of **Tailby**, which derives from Tealby (Lincs), but this place-name usually appears in forms like *Tevelby* and *Teleby* in the medieval period and seems unlikely to have given rise to the early *Tilby* spellings cited below. A reference to Michael Johnson of London, sawyer, born at Tylby, in the parts of Brabant, 1436 in *Patent Rolls*, suggests that the name may be an English rendering of *Tilburg*.

**Early bearers:** Hugonem de Tilby, 1230 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Tilby, mayor of Bristol, 1325 in *TNA* (Bristol, Gloucs); Willelmus Tilby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caythorpe, ER Yorks); Thomas Tilbi, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); Radulpho Tilleby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kegworth, Leics); John Tilby, 1411–12 in *TNA* (Herts); John Tylby, 1479 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alice Tylbie, 1553 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Ann Tylby, 1618 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent).

## Tilcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Herts
- English: see **Tillcock**.

## Tilden

**Variants:** Tylden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name from Tilden in Benenden, Great and Little Tilden in Marden, or Tilden in Headcorn (all Kent).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Tildenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Luke Teldene, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Downhamford hundred, Kent); Robertus Tylden, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Biddenden, Kent); Simon Tylden, 1463, Joane Telden, 1476 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Benenden, Kent); Robert Tylden, 1477, John Telden, 1492 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Marden, Kent); Roger Tylden, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent); Richard Tylden, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Tilden, 1550 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); John Tilden, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Hendry Tilden, 1587 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Freegift Tilden, 1625 in *IGI* (Ewhurst, Sussex).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 217, 317, 349; *Kentish Place-Names*, pp. 201–2.

## Tildesley

**Variants:** Tyldesley, Tildsley, Tyldsley, Tilsley, Tillsley, Tillesley, Tilzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 564, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs
- English: locative name from Tyldesley (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** Hugo de Tildesle, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Ricardo de Tildesley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Jacobus de Tildislegh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Astley, Lancs); Johannes de Tildisley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bedford, Lancs); Ricardus de Tildysley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Matheus de Tyldysley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ditton, Lancs); Anne Tilseley, 1565 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Anne Tyllysley, 1570 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Anna Tillisley, 1570 in *IGI* (Ashley, Staffs).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 136.

## Tildsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Tildesley**.

## Tiler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; W Midlands
- English: see **Tyler**.

## Tiley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 734
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Tilley**.

## Tilford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Notts
- 1 English: see **Telfer**.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Tilford (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** William de Tyleford, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes Tylford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Iping, Sussex); Gilbert Tilford, 1394 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tilford, 1542 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex); Sara Tilford, 1611 in *IGI* (Milton, Kent); John Tilford, 1625 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Tilford, 1648 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Tilford, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).

## Tilforth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Telfer**.

## Tilfourd

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Telfer**.

## Till

**Variants:** Tille, Tills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2671, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2097
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Till*, a pet form of *Matill* (in its Latin form *Matilda* or Norman French *Maud*). Compare **Malt**. Diminutive forms occur in **Tillet**, **Tillotson**, and **Tillecock**.

**Further information:** The full form of the personal name is now extinct as a surname (*Mattle*). Compare: Smale Mautild, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Maughtild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William Matild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Anne Mattle, 1610 in *IGI* (Ringstead, Northants); Alexander Mattle, 1770 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Thomas Mattel in *Census 1881* (Horsleydown, Surrey).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tilla, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Tille, 1325 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Tille, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Tilla Bedow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen, Westm).

**surnames:** William Tyl, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Tille, Richard Tille, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Tille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Offley, Staffs); William Tyll, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodbury, Devon); Richardus Tille, 1557 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Christopher Till, 1562 in *IGI* (Feniton, Devon); Ellinor Tyle, 1574 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Sicilie Tyll, 1579 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Henric Tyle, 1595 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Robert Tyll, 1606 in *IGI* (London); Margt Till, 1610 in *IGI* (Marston, Staffs); Francis Till, 1629 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); John Till, 1679 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).

### Tillam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Tellam**.

### Tillard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Beds; Sussex
- English: see **Tillyard**.

### Tillbrook

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Suffolk, Essex, and Cambs
- English: see **Tilbrook**.

### Tillbrooke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Suffolk
- English: see **Tilbrook**.

### Tillbury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Bucks
- English: see **Tilbury**.

### Tillcock

**Variants:** Tilecock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Middx

English: relationship name from Middle English *Tilcok*, a pet form of the female personal name *Matilla* (*Matilda*). See also **Till**.

**Early bearers:** William Tylkocke, 1539 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); Agnes Tilcocke, 1565 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds).

### Tille

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Till**.

### Tiller

**Variants:** Tillier, Tillyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1059, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 788
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England; esp. Hants
- English: occupational name from Middle English *tilliere*, *tilyer* 'one who tills the soil, husbandman,

farmer, farm labourer'. This is a derivative of Old English *tilian* 'to till', taking the place of Old English *tilia*, Middle English *tilie*; see **Tilley**. Some of the early bearers may belong with **Tyler**, with which this name may have become confused.

**Early bearers:** John le Tillere, 1299 in *London Letter Books C*; William le Tiller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Tyllere, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Johannes Tyller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fen Ditton with Horningsea, Cambs); Rogeri Tiller, 1558 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margery Tiller, 1559 in *IGI* (Horfield, Gloucs); William Tiller, 1584 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Stephen Tiller, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Moris Tiller, 1599 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

### Tillery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Scottish: locative name from Upper Tillyrie in Orwell (Kinross).

**Further information:** It is by no means certain that the 17th-century bearers in England are connected with the Scottish name, but no alternative explanation is available.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Margt. Tillery, 1582 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Annas Tillery, 1626 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).

England: Robt. Tillury, 1611 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Henry Tillerie, 1657 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Elizabeth Tyler, 1664 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

### Tillesley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Tildesley**.

### Tillet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Tillett**.

### Tillett

**Variants:** Tillet, Tillott, Tillot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 927, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 642
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; esp. Norfolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Tillot*, a diminutive form of **Till**, itself a pet form of *Matilla* (*Matilda*). Compare **Tillotson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tillota Hobwyff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Tillota Styot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenstonedale, Westm); Tilot de Sutton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sproxtton, Leics); Tyllota Daye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinderclay, Suffolk).

**surnames:** Cecilia Tillote, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); George Tillote, 1303 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Robert Tillot of Bradefeld, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Bradfield, Suffolk); Robertus Tylot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, Sussex); Willelmi Tillot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derbys); Willelmus filius Tiliot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Thomas Tillot, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Tillett, 1569 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomae Tillett, 1574 in *IGI*

(Great Walsingham, Norfolk); Samewell Tillett, 1596 in *IGI* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Lawrence Tillett, 1614 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Joseph Tillett, 1870 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Tilley

**Variants:** Tilly, Tillie, Tiley, Tily, Tyley, Tylee, Stillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5930, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3919
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. Northants and Leics

1 Norman, English: locative name from Tilly-sur-Seulles (Calvados) or Tilly (Eure). Some additional early bearers may be found under (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Ralph de Tilio, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Oto de Tilli, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Walterus de Tilly, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Wulwordus Tillie (de Tilie), 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent).

Scotland: Otho de Tilli, 1165–96 in *Dryburgh Register* (Berwicks); David Tillie, 1614 in *Black* (Kinmont, Perth); Alexander Tillie, 1791 in *IGI* (Stow, Midlothian).

2 English: (i) locative name from Tyley (Gloucs), Tiley (Dorset), or Tilley (Shrops). Some of the early bearers given below may alternatively belong under (1) or (3). (ii) relationship name from a possible diminutive of the Middle English female personal name **Till**, a pet form of *Matilda*.

**Early bearers:** John Tilly, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Matilda Tilly, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Thomas Tilly of Cyrencestre, 1286 in *Patent Rolls* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Simon Tyly, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Tilly, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gussage Saint Michael, Dorset); Roger Tilie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Affpuddle, Dorset); Ricardus Tylie, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dittisham, Devon); Johanne Tyllay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cricklade, Wilts); Johannes Tyly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Johannis Tilley, 1546 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); Willm Tilley, 1560 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Richard Tilly, 1566 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); John Tilley, 1572 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *tilie* 'one who tills the land, a husbandman'. Compare **Tiller**. Some additional early bearers may be found under (2).

**Early bearers:** William le tylie, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey).

4 Irish: from Ó Taithligh or Ó Maol Tuile, see **Tully**.

### Tilliard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tillyard**.

### Tillie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian, Berwicks, and Northumb
- Norman, English: see **Tilley**.

### Tillier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Berks
- English: see **Tiller**.

## Tillin

### Tillin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks
- English: see **Tilling**.

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#### Variants: Tillin, Telling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 972, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 736
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London; also Hants, Wilts, and Berks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Tylling, William Tulling, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Tylling, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Tulling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Tellyng, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Tylling, 1378 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholao Tylling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Potterne, Wilts); Willelmus Tellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bremhill, Wilts); Johanne Tellyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Chelworth, Wilts); Jacobus Tullyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rodmell, Sussex); Stephanus Tylling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Drax, WR Yorks); Johanne Tillyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southrop, Gloucs); Rogerus Tillyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Thomas Tillyng, of Suthampton, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Southampton, Hants); Elizabeth Telling, 1560 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Elizabetha Telling, 1639 in *IGI* (Windrush, Gloucs).

### Tillinghast

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Tillinghurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tellingherst, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Barbara Tillinghurst, 1570 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex); Ane Tyllinghast, 1597 in *IGI* (Streat, Sussex).

### Tillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tills**.

### Tilison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Tilson**.

### Tillman

#### Variants: Tillmon, Tilman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 307
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *tilman* 'farmer, husbandman, farm labourer, ploughman'. Compare **Tiller**. Some early bearers may belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Tilman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Isabella Tilman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Galfridus Tilman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Tylman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swafeld, Norfolk); Richard Tylman, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alice Tillman, 1563 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

**References:** *Thuresson*, pp. 31–2.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *tile* 'tile' + *man* 'man', for a tile-maker or roofer. Compare **Tyler**. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Tileman, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Alan Tileman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); John Tillman, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Richard Tillman, 1630 in *IGI* (Musbury, Devon); Samuell Tillman, 1649 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Tillman, 1674 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

3 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English female personal name **Till** + *-man*, 'servant of *Till*'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Tilleman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

### Tillmon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tillman**.

### Tillot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk

English: see **Tillet**.

### Tillotson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 938, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1157
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Tillot* (see **Tillett**) + *-son*, 'son of *Tillot*'.

**Further information:** 'This is a surname with a single origin and the progenitor can be identified as Tillot de Northwod of Cowling whose name in the poll tax of 1379 appears alongside those of her two sons, John and William Tillotson. The surname ramified in Kildwick parish and surrounding parts of Airedale and has remained there in good numbers to the present day.' (*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tillotson, Johannes Tillotson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cowling, WR Yorks); Peter Tellytson, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Cowling, WR Yorks); Arthur Tillotson, 1553 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Agnes Tyllotson, 1564 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Tillitson, 1597 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Tillott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; London

English: see **Tillet**.

### Tills

#### Variants: Tillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Till** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Tylles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretford, Herefs); Walterus Tylles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Jacobus Tylls, 1556 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbot,

Norfolk); Gulielmus Tylles, 1563 in *IGI* (Burgh next Aylsham, Norfolk).

### Tillsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: see **Tildesley**.

### Tilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Lincs
- English: see **Tilson**.

### Tilly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 913
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England; also Lancs; Durham; W Lothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Tilley**.

### Tillyard

#### Variants: Tilyard, Tilliard, Tillard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk and Cambs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Tillyard, 1565 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts); Hen. Tellyard, Catherine Telyear, 1566 in *IGI* (Chalgrave, Bucks); Robrt. Tyllard, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Johes Tyliarde, 1588 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Dorothee Tiliard, 1599 in *IGI* (Kings Langley, Herts); Margaret Tillyarde, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Tillard, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Totnes, Devon); Abraham Tilliarde or Tilliard, 1628 in *PROB 11* (Saint Albans, Herts).

### Tillyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 218
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants
- English: see **Tiller**.

### Tilman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Hants; Lancs

English: see **Tillman**.

### Tilney

#### Variants: Tinley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Tilney (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** William de Tilnea, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter de tilneye, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Adam de Tylneye, 1292–3 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes de Tylneie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Geoffrey Tylneye, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Spurryer or Tylne or Grynley, Robert Spurryer or Grenchley or Tylney, 1567 in *Assize Rolls* (Boughton under Blean, Kent).

**Tilsed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Tilshead (Wilts), recorded as *Tidolvshyde* in about 1190, *Tyleshide* in 1403, *Tilsett* in 1639, and *Tilsed* in 1675.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tidolvshid, 1238 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Henry de Tidolside, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Walter de Tydeleshid, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Tydolvshide, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardus Tylsot [Tilset?], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thorton with Todber, Dorset); Thomas Tilsed, 1623 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Charles George Francis Tilsett, 1818 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 236–7.

**Tilsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 365
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; Montgomerys

English: see **Tildesley**.

**Tilson**

**Variants:** Tillson, Tillison, Tilston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 102
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name **Till** + *-son*, ‘son of **Till**’. Compare **Tillotson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tilleson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherby, WR Yorks); Galfridus Tillesson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Willelmus Tylsson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); William Tylson, 1539 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); George Tilson, 1719, Catherine Tilston, 1802 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 English: see **Tilston**.

**Tilston**

**Variants:** Tilstone, Tilson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Denbighs

1 English: locative name from Tilston (Cheshire) or Tilston Fearnall (Cheshire). The *-t-* was sometimes absorbed into the preceding *-s-*, becoming **Tilson**.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Tylestan, 1260 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; John Tylston, 1576, Mary Tilstone, 1676 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); William Tilston, 1606 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Jas. Tylson, 1755, Robert Tilston, 1750 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 317–18; 4, p. 58.

2 English: variant of **Tilson** with intrusive *-t-*.

**Tilstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Tilston**.

**Tilt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217

• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; London  
English: locative name from Middle English *tilth(e)* ‘cultivated land’ (Old English *tilðe*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by cultivated land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Cobham Tilt in Cobham (Surrey) or Tiltwood in Worth (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de la Tilthe, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Emma Bytilde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John ate Tilthe, 1297 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Soloman de Tilthe, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Alicia ate Tilthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus atte Tylthe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Alles Tylte, 1568 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Robert Tilte, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Rush, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 89; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 283.

**Tiltman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 157
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from one or more places named with Middle English *tilth(e)* ‘cultivated land’ (Old English *tilðe*), such as Tiltwood in Worth (Sussex), + *-man*, for a resident of such a place. See also **Tilt**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Tiltman, 1567 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Elisabeth Tiltman, 1608 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

**Tilton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Lancs

English: locative name from Tilton (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tilton’, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; John de Tilton’, 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics or Warwicks); Richard de Tilton’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Willelmus Tylton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Loddington with Launde, Leics); Willelmo de Tylton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); Elizabeth Tilton, 1563 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); John Tilton, 1568 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Thomas Tilton, 1602 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); William Tilton, 1752 in *IGI* (East Ilsley, Berks); Thomas Tilton, 1782 in *IGI* (Tottington, Lancs).

**Tily**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Tilley**.

**Tilyard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tillyard**.

**Tilzey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs; Beds

English: see **Tildesley**.

**Tim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Derbys, and Notts

English: see **Timm**.

**Timan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics; Lancs

1 English: see **Tyman**.

2 Irish: see **Tymon**.

**Timber**

**Variants:** Timbers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Bucks; also Norfolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** David Tymber, 1576, Agnes Timber, 1587 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Alice Timber, 1652 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Elizabeth Timber, 1694 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

**Timberell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Timbrell**.

**Timberlake**

**Variants:** Timblick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 325
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Middx, and Bucks

English: locative name from the lost place called Timberlake in Bayton (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** John de Tymberlake, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Tymberlak, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Mary Timberlaake, 1541 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Rychard Timberlacke, 1565 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Elenora Timberlake, 1571 in *IGI* (Amersham, Bucks); Henrie Timberlake, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Titchfield, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 40.

**Timbers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Timber** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Timbers, 1797 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbots, Norfolk).

**Timblick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Timberlake**.

**Timblin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: variant of **Timlin** with intrusive *-b-*.

**Early bearers:** Francis Timblin, 1848 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Johannes Timblin, 1858 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Timbrel

### Timbrel

- GB frequency 1881: 7
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks and Gloucs
- English: see **Timbrell**.

### Timbrell

Variants: **Timberell**, **Timbrel**, **Temporal**

- Current frequencies: GB 1025, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 495
  - Main GB location 1881: Gloucs; also Wilts
- English: unexplained.

Early bearers: Francis Timbrell, 1559 in *IGI* (Preston on Stour, Gloucs); Jane Timbrill, 1578 in *IGI* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); John Timbrell or Tymbrell, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Naunton, Gloucs); William Tymbrell, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Coln Rogers, Gloucs); John Tymbrell or Timbrill, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Shorcote, Wilts); Jone Timbrill or Timbrell, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Kemble, Wilts).

### Timbs

- Current frequencies: GB 99, Ireland 29
  - GB frequency 1881: 175
  - Main GB location 1881: Oxon and Bucks
- English: variant of **Timms** with intrusive *-b-*.
- Early bearers: John Timbs, 1640 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Jane Timbs, 1654 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds).

### Times

- GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs; also Staffs; Surrey
- English: see **Timms**.

### Timewell

- Current frequencies: GB 151, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 161
- Main GB location 1881: Devon and Somerset; WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name from Timewell in Morebath (Devon).

Early bearers: Thomas Tymewell, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Aldenham, Herts); Elizab. Tymewell, 1574 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Christopher Tymewell, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Bampton, Devon); Edmund Tymewell, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Broadford, Somerset); Willm. Tymewell, 1589 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); William Timewell or Tymewell, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Morebath, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 537.

### Timings

- Current frequencies: GB 46, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 51
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks
- English: see **Timmings**.

### Timlett

- Current frequencies: GB 74, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 25
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Temlett**.

### Timlin

Variants: **Timblin**

- Current frequencies: GB 582, Ireland 310
- GB frequency 1881: 209
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; Northumb and Durham; also Midlothian

• Main Irish location 1847–64: Mayo; also Sligo

1 Irish: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Thomas**. This was the name of a family of Norman Welsh origin, which formed an Irish sept in the barony of Tirawley, Mayo. The name is recorded as *Tomilin* in 1641 and was gaelicized as **Mac Toimilin**. It is probably the source of the name in late 19th-century N England.

Early bearers: Ireland: Cahir McTomylin and Tomelyn oge McTomelyn, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6761; James Timblin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Doonfeeny, Mayo).

England: Mary Timlin, 1840 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Michael Timlin, 1859 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Edwardus Timlin, 1864 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Scotland: Mary Timlin, 1855 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Timlin, 1865 in *IGI* (Carrington, Midlothian).

2 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Timmelin*, a pet form of *Timme* (see **Timm**) + the Middle English, Old French double diminutive suffix *-elin*. Its survival as a modern surname is uncertain but compare **Tinlin** and **Tinkling**. (ii) an altered form of **Tomlin**. Compare Eliz Tomlin, 1723, John Timlin, 1725 in *IGI* (Osbourby, Lincs).

Early bearers: Denyse Timlin, 1546 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset).

3 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes a late variant of *Timberland*, from the place of that name in Lincs. Compare Bridget Timberland, 1570 in *IGI* (Heydour, Lincs) and Robert Timberland, 1609 in *IGI* (Quarrington, Lincs).

### Timm

Variants: **Timme**, **Tymm**, **Tym**, **Tim**, **Timms**

- Current frequencies: GB 264, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 167
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lincs

English: relationship name, from a Middle English personal name \**Timme*, which also gave rise to **Timson**. It may be a survival of an unrecorded Old English \**Tima*, indirectly attested by what looks like an Old English pet form \**Timoc* in the surnames of Alexander Timmok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs) and Thomas Timmock, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs), and by another apparently Old English pet form \**Timing* in the surnames of Richard Tymyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), and Richard Tymmyng, 1477 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts). A pet form, Middle English *Timcok*, is evidenced in Hugo Timecok, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pavenham, Beds) and Johannes Tymecok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants). Historically, the surname *Timm* was interchangeable with **Timms** and **Timmin**.

Further information: Anthony Tyme alias Tymothie, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent) is apparently evidence that by the 17th century *Tim* was perceived as a pet form of **Timothy**, but as this Biblical personal name is not recorded as a given name in England until after the Reformation it is unlikely to be a source of Middle English *Timm(e)* and *Timson*. The suggestion in *Reaney and Wilson* that *Timme* could be the (Continental) Germanic name *Thiemmo* is also doubtful, for it was extremely rare on the Continent and there is no evidence of its use among the Normans either there or in England.

Early bearers: William filius Tymme, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Alicia Timme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Worcs); Margareta Tym, 1544 in *IGI* (Badsey, Worcs); John Tym, 1565 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire); Wm Tyme, 1593 in *IGI* (Gunby by Spilsby, Lincs); Mattheus Tymme, 1623, Willm. Timms, 1681, Mathew Timm, 1765 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Timme, 1635, Margareta Timmes, 1639, Robert Times, 1690, James Timm, 1746 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs).

### Timme

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 6

English: see **Timm**.

### Timmerman

Variants: **Timmermann**

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 6
- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

German: occupational name from Low German *Timmer* 'timber' + Low German *Mann* 'man', for a carpenter or dealer in timber. Compare **Zimmermann**.

Further information: The equivalent native name, from Middle English *timberman* 'dealer in timber, carpenter', as in Margeria Tymberman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), has died out.

Early bearers: Ludwig Timmermann, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Cliffe at Hoo, Kent); John Timmerman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Frederich G. Timmerman, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Timmermann

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; Lancs

German: see **Timmerman**.

### Timmin

Variants: **Timmins**

- GB frequency 1881: 11
- Main GB location 1881: London; Worcs; Lancs

1 English: relationship name 'Tim's (relative/servant)', from Middle English *Timmen*, a W Midlands genitival form of the Middle English personal name *Timme*, see **Timm**. It was interchangeable with Middle English *Timmes*, where the genitival ending is the more usual *-es* (see **Timms**). The name is more commonly found as *Timmins*, and the rare modern instances without *-s* may be reduced forms of *Timmins* rather than survivals of the original Middle English form without *-s*.

Further information: For the occurrence of genitival *-en* in Warwicks and Worcs relationship names see *Reaney, Origin*, p. 96, and *Hjertstedt*, pp. 226–9. There is no evidence to support Wilson's explanation in *Reaney and Wilson* that *Timmins*, *Timmings*, and *Timmon(s)* are diminutive forms of either Continental Germanic *Thiemmo* or Old English \**Tima*.

Early bearers: Ric. Tymme, 1327, identical with Ric. Tymmen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wellesbourne Mountford, Warwicks); Hannah Maria Timmen, 1780 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

2 Irish: in Lancs the name may be Irish, see **Timmons**.



**Timmings**

Variants: **Timings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Timmins**.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support the suggestion that the modern name derives from an Old English personal name \**Timing*; see **Timm**.

**Timmins**

Variants: **Timmings, Timmons**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4343, Ireland 310
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2404
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow and Wicklow

1 English: variant of **Timmin** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Timmings, 1577, Richard Timins, 1616, Rachel Timmins, 1721, Ruth Timmins, 1823 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Elizabeth Timens, 1578, Alice Timmings, 1603, Catherinah Timens, 1716, Josh. Timmins, 1818 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs).

2 Irish: see **Timmons**.

**Timmis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1206, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire

English: see **Timms**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tymyas, 1614 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Timmies, 1619 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Chrystian Timis, 1637 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Ellinor Timmis, 1680 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

**Timmon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Irish, English: see **Timmons**.

**Timmons**

Variants: **Timmin, Timmins, Timmon, Tymon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 725, Ireland 792
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Durham; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Kilkenny and Dublin; Cavan

1 Irish: from Ó **Tiomáin** ‘descendant of *Tiomán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *tiom* ‘pliant, soft’. Some of the early bearers below may belong with **Mac Toimin** in sense (2).

**Early bearers:** Thady Tomyne, horsekeeper, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1093 (Dyrre, Kildare); Arthur Tomen, 1563 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §508 (Stratedrusshoke, Queen’s county [Laois]); Art Tomyn, gent., 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1116 (Cloingaghe, Carlow); Arthur Tomyn, horseman, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1442 (Enescorthie, Wexford); Patrick mcShane Tomyne, 1589 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5382 (Carlow); James Tomyne, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6189; Wm. Tomyn, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6752 (Clonygagh, Carlow).

2 Irish: from **Mac Toimin** ‘son of *Toimin*’, a pet form of *Tomás*, Irish form of **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick rowe McTomyn, 1558 in *Fiants Mary* §258 (Downysshoston); Patrick roo Mac Tomeen, yeoman, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1006 (the

Churchton of Carge, Wexford); Morogh mcEdmond McTomen, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2402 (Yongeston, Wexford); Recard oge McTumyn, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5076.

3 English: see **Timmins**.

**Timms**

Variants: **Tims, Timbs, Tymms, Times, Timmis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4946, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2949
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Westmeath

English: variant of **Timm** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s. Compare **Timmins**.

**Early bearers:** William Tymmes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Jane Tymms, 1541, Mary Tims, 1700 in *IGI* (Cropredy, Oxon); Jane Tymmes, 1612, Henrie Tymes, 1626, Henry Tims, 1774 in *IGI* (Sutton under Brailes, Warwicks); Thomas Tymms, 1636, Edward Tymbs, 1749 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Timney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Durham

Irish: from Ó **Tiománaigh**, see **Timoney**.

**Timol**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Unexplained.

**Timon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Derbys and Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Roscommon

Irish: see **Tymon**.

**Timoney**

Variants: **Timony, Timney, Tomney, Tomany, Tominey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Donegal

Irish: from Ó **Tiománaigh** ‘descendant of *Tiománach*’, a diminutive byname meaning ‘driver’.

**Early bearers:** England: James Timoney, 1826 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Mary Timoney, 1845 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Ireland: Laurence Timmeny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Lissan, Tyrone); Teague Timminey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Urney, Tyrone); Patrick Timoney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumhome, Donegal).

**Timony**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Ayr

Irish: from Ó **Tiománaigh**, see **Timoney**.

**Timothy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 779, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; also London; Lancs; Ayr
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Roscommon

1 English, Welsh: relationship name from the New Testament Greek personal name *Timotheos*, from Greek *timē* ‘honour’ + *theos* ‘God’. As the name of one of Saint Paul’s companions, it was occasionally favoured among Protestant families after the Reformation.

**Further information:** This personal name has not been recorded in Britain before Tudor times, so as a surname it must be a relatively recent formation, especially in Wales, where many surnames became established in hereditary use only in the 19th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Tymothie Timothy, 1625 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Ezekell Timothy, 1654 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Elisha Timothy, 1667 in *IGI* (Clungunford, Shrops).

Wales: Mary Timothy, 1688 in *IGI* (Llansannan, Denbighs); Timothy Timothy, 1726 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

2 Irish: in Ireland, adopted for **Mac Tomaltaigh** or **Ó Tomaltaigh**, see **Tumelty**.

**Timpany**

Variants: **Tempany, Tenpenny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr; Lancs; also Dunbartons

1 English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *timpanie* ‘small drum or tambourine’ (an extended form of Old French, Middle English *timpan*). Compare Richard Timpon, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Rogero Tympan, 1296 in *MED* (Sussex). There may have been some confusion with **Turnpenny**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas Tympanye, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Barnard Tympenne, 1651 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Tempenny, 1676 in *IGI* (Glatten, Hunts); John Tempenny, 1692 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Denis, Gloucs).

Scotland: Janet Tympany, 1734 in *IGI* (New Cumnock, Ayr); Jean Timpony, 1766 in *IGI* (Old Cumnock, Ayr).

2 Irish: reduced anglicized form of **Mac an Tiompánaigh**, see **McAtamney**.

**Timperley**

Variants: **Temperley, Temperly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 662
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: locative name from Timperley (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Walter de Timperleie, 1211–25 in *Saint Paul’s Cathedral Charters*; John Tymperley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas Temperle, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Henricus Tymperleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); John Tymperley, 1448 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tymperley, 1475 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Elisabeth Tymperly, 1562 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Elizabetha Temperley, 1674 in *IGI* (Lee Saint John, Northumb); Thomas

## Timperon

Temperly, 1685 in *IGI* (Tideswell, Derbys); Thomas Temperly, 1699 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

### Timperon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: locative name from Tymparon Hall in Dacre (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tymparoun, 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Tymperon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Timperon, 1621 in *IGI* (Wigton, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 188–9.

### Timpson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kildare; Wexford
- English: variant of **Timson** with intrusive *-p-*.

### Tims

- **Current frequencies:** GB 484, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 642
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo, Offaly, Roscommon, and Westmeath

English: see **Timms**.

### Timson

**Variants:** **Timpson**, **Tinson**, **Stimpson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1422, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 926
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Timme* + *-son*, ‘son of *Timme*’. See **Timm**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tymmeson, 1348–9 in *Surnames of Leics and Rutland* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); John Tymmesone, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Robertus Tymmessone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ridlington, Rutland); Johannes Tymson’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Northumb); Henrico Tymmeson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Congerstone, Leics); Willelmus Tymmison, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); Johannes Tymmsson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yaxham, Norfolk); Johannes Tymson’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Grace Timson, 1595 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Willam Tymson, 1605 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Elizabeth Timson, 1571 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Alys Tymson, 1576 in *IGI* (Aylestone, Leics); John Tymson, 1578 in *IGI* (Weston by Welland, Northants); Marie Tympson, 1628 in *IGI* (Ashley, Northants); John Timpson, 1681 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Stimpson** with loss of initial *S-*.

### Tin

**Variants:** **Tian**, **Tien**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 田 (**Tian** or **Tien** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘farmlands’ in Chinese: (i) perhaps from the place-name *Tian* (田) (which has a similar pronunciation to that of the Chinese character 陳 in

the dialects of the state of Qi), the name of a fief in the state of Qi granted to Chen Wan (陳完), a prince in the state of Chen, who fled to the state of Qi in order to escape persecution. (ii) possibly from the post name of an official in charge of the management of farmlands, dating back to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname *Huang* (黃) by the son of an official called Huang Zi Cheng during the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644), in order to escape persecution.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 丁, see **Ding** (2).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

### Tincknell

**Variants:** **Tinknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Tintinhull (Somerset). *Tyntenhull* and *Tincknell* are equated in the index for 1604 to the *Cecil Papers*, vol. 16.

**Further information:** Anthonii Tinteny, 1608 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset), represents a different development.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Tintenhull, mid-13th cent. in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Somerset); Laurencio de Tyntenhulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sherborne, Dorset); Johannes Tyntenull’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Nicholai Tyntenhull’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Tyntenhull, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Tyntenhull, cellarer, 1440 in *Somerset Archives* (Somerset); Alicia Tincknell, 1562 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Dorothe Tynknell, 1583 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Edward Tinknell, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Wembdon, Somerset).

### Tincombe

**Variants:** **Tinkham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Teigncombe in Chagford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tonnecumbe, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Geoffrey de Teyncombe, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Augustine Tynckeham, 1568 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon); Alce Tyncombe, 1573 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Richus Tinkham, 1575 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Grace Tencomb, 1576 in *IGI* (North Bovey, Devon); Christofer Tinckum, 1577 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Christian Tincome, 1578 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Henry Teyncomb, 1579 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 425–6.

### Tindal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 437
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Angus; also Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

Scottish, English: see **Tindall**.

### Tindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 888, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 863

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks  
English: see **Tindall**.

### Tindall

**Variants:** **Tindal**, **Tindale**, **Tindell**, **Tindel**, **Tindle**, **Tindill**, **Tyndall**, **Tyndal**, **Tyndale**, **Tyndell**, **Tyndel**, **Tendall**, **Tendell**, **Tinley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2408, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1792

• **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Tynedale, the valley of the River Tyne (Northumb), or from Tindale in Farlam (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Tindal’, 1165 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Ricardum de Tindal, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Roger Tindale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William de Tyndale, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Cristiana de Tyndale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes de Tendall’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bossall with Barnby, NR Yorks); Robertus de Tyndale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Johannes Tendale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwinckle, Northants); John Tyndall, 1395 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); John Tyndale, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Tendale, 1429 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Tyndale, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Agnes Tindall, 1546 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); William Tyndall, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Walter Tyndale, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Eynesbury, Hunts); Thomas Tindall, 1605 in *Assize Rolls* (Arlington, Sussex).

Scotland: William de Tindal, 1208–13 in *Glasgow Register*; Robert de Tyndale, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess); Walter Tyndell or Tindell, 1493 in *Glasgow Register* (Angus); John Tendall, 1525 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 36.

### Tindel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

English, Scottish: see **Tindall**.

### Tindell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks; also Berks

English: see **Tindall**.

### Tindill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Tindall**.

### Tindle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 705, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also ER Yorks

English: see **Tindall**.

### Tindley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Essex; also Lincs

English: see **Tinley**.

**Tine**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants
- English: see **Tyne**.

**Tinegate**

Variants: **Tynegate, Tingate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tynegate, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alice Tingat, 1561 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Agnis Tingate, 1562 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); Dunston Tyngate, 1579, Isabell Tyngate, 1582 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Margret Tengait, 1594, Annas Tengate, 1605 in *IGI* (Dalston, Cumb).

**Tiney**

Variants: **Tiny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Middx
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tiny, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); William Tyny, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset, Devon); Thomas Tyny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughton, Lincs); Elizebeth Tiney, 1684 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Jno. Tiney, 1693 in *IGI* (Walsoken, Norfolk); William Tiney, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); Henery Tiney, 1711 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); John Tiney, 1724 in *IGI* (Cricklade, Wilts).

**Ting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese and alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 丁, see **Ding** (2).  
 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 陳, see **Chan** (1).  
 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 滕, see **Tang** (3).

**Tingate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Kent

English: see **Tinegate**.

**Tingay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Beds
- Breton, Norman, English: see **Tingey**.

**Tingey**

Variants: **Tangye, Tingay, Tangney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 568, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; also Cambs and Herts

Breton, Cornish: relationship name from the early Breton personal name *Tangi*, *Tanguy* (see also **Tanguy**), which was borne by a possibly 6th-century saint. Compare **Tangye**.

**Further information:** In the 12th and 13th centuries the name was found in England in districts where Bretons are known to have settled, usually as *Tengi*, occasionally as *Tingi*. **Tangye** in Cornwall is due to 16th-century immigration from Brittany.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tinghi, 1182 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Tengi de angulo, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

sumames: Rogerus filius Teingi, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); Ralph Tenghy, 12th cent. in *Lichfield Muniments* (Staffs); Richard Tengi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Alexander Tingy, William Tengy, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Richardus Tingey, 1582 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Peter Tangye, 1597 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Richard Tingy, 1608 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

**Tingle**

Variants: **Tingley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1342, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 951
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *tingel*, denoting a very small nail or tack, for someone of small stature perhaps, or for someone who made, sold, or used such nails. Compare William Tingenail, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk), and see also **Tingler**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Tingel, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); John Tyngil, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardus Tyngil, 1377, Ricardus Tynghill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tinghill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Thomas Tyngyl, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam Tyngle, 1542, Adam Thyngyll, 1545 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Doryte Tynggell, 1599 in *IGI* (Donington, Lincs).

**Tingler**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *tingel*, denoting a very small nail or tack, for someone who made, sold, or used such nails. See also **Tingle**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

**Tingley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and Kent

1 English: see **Tinley**.

2 English: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* cites Adam Tyngle, Thyngill, or Tyngley, 1542–5 in Dewsbury parish registers, to argue that in that area of WR Yorks it was a variant of **Tingle**, influenced by the local place-name Tingley.

**Tink**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Suffolk

English: relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Timke*, \**Tinke*, reduced forms of \**Timkin* and *Timcok*. Compare Eustacio Tymcok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds), Johannes

Tymcok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants), and Hugo Tynkok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wardington and Coton, Oxon). These are pet forms of *Timme*; see **Timm**. For the change of nasal consonant compare **Tinson** for **Timson**, **Tonkin** for **Tomkin**, **Sinkin** for **Simkin**, and **Sincock** for **Simcock**.

**Early bearers:** William Tynke, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Tynke, 1558 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Margaret Tynke, 1560 in *IGI* (Flixton, Suffolk); Anas Tenke, 1561 in *IGI* (Worlaby by Brigg, Lincs); Dorcas Tinke, 1574 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Johes Tincke, 1595 in *IGI* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); Henrie Tink, 1638 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); William Tink, 1683 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk).

**Tinker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1504
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: occupational name from Middle English *tinker(e)* 'tinker', for someone who made and mended pots, kettles, and other metal kitchen utensils. Compare **Tinkler**.

**Early bearers:** Laurence tinekere, 1244–6 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Robert le Tinker, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ralph le Tynckere of Floketon, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Flockton, WR Yorks); Ralph Tynker of Coton, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Coton, Northants); William Tynker of Claybrok, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Claybrooke, Leics); Robertus Tinker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lingwood, Norfolk); Johannes Tynker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tyncker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Willelmo Tyncker, Johanne Tynker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bourton and Easton, Wilts); Johannes Tynkere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Sutton, Norfolk); Richardus Tinker, 1570 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Chropherus Tinker, 1574 in *IGI* (Edingthorpe, Norfolk); Mitting Tinker, 1575 in *IGI* (Cloford, Somerset); John Tinker, 1581 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Hughe Tinker, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

**Tinkham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tincombe**.

**Tinkler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1970, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1294
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and E Midlands: esp. Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Offaly  
 English: occupational name from Middle English *tink(e)ler(e)* 'tinker', for someone who made and mended pots, kettles, and other metal kitchen utensils. Compare **Tinker**.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Tinkelere, 1268 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Thomas le Tinclere, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Tynkeler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wrelton, NR Yorks); Willelmus Tynkler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Robertus Tynkiller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Ricardus Tyncler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Simon' Tinkeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Rogerus Tynkler, 1379 in *Poll Tax*

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(Kippax, WR Yorks); Johannes Tynkeler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Johanne le Tynkler', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balderstone, Lancs); Annas Tinkler, 1566 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); Annas Tinkler, 1567 in *IGI* (Askham, Westm); James Tinkler, 1582 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); John Tinkler, 1583 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); Isabell Tinkler, 1584 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs).

## Tinklin

**Variants:** Tinkling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained. The possibility that it is an altered form of **Timlin** is suggested by the occurrence of Denyse Timlin, 1546 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset), along with the 1705 early bearer below. However, the evidence is too thin to form a reliable judgement.

**Early bearers:** George Teinkling, 1669 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Heaster Tinkling, 1677 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity in the Minorities, London); Grace Tinklin, 1705 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset).

## Tinkling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Tinklin**.

## Tinknell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Tincknell**.

## Tinley

**Variants:** Tindley, Tingley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands and N England; esp. Notts; also Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: (i) locative name from Teenley Hill in Wigglesworth (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Tyndeley* in 1538, and *Tineley* in Ellingham (Northumb), which is recorded as *Tyndeley* in 1278. Possibly also from Tinley Lodge Farm in Hildenborough (Kent), though no early records of this place-name have been noted and it may derive from the surname. (ii) probably sometimes a variant of **Tindall** or **Tilney**.

**Early bearers:** John Tynle, 1384 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Davy Tyndley, 1562, Sibbell Tynley, 1593 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Joane Tynly, 1565, Thomas Tynlay, 1581 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Anne Tyndlie, 1581 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Margt Tinley, 1597 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Robert Tinley, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Witham, Essex); Wm. Tinley, 1620 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Tindley, 1625 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Mary Tinley, 1627 in *IGI* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Phillip Tingley, 1650 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Mary Tindlay, 1690 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 163; *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 197.

## Tinlin

**Variants:** Tinline, Tinling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Roxburghs; also Selkirks

English, Scottish: unexplained. The formal possibility that it might be a variant of **Timlin** (2) is not supported by the distribution of the two names.

**Early bearers:** England: Johannes Tynelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sustead, Norfolk); Wyllym Tynlyne, 1561 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Eliz. Tindlinge, 1574 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); John Tyndlen, 1585, John Tinlin, 1615 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Patrick Tindling, 1654, Elizabeth Tinlin, 1655 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Jane Tinling, 1668 in *IGI* (Hayton by Brampton, Cumb).

Scotland: Barbra Tinling, 1648, Agnes Tinline, 1670 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); Agnes Tinlin, 1682 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs).

## Tinline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Tinlin**.

## Tinling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb; also Westm and Lancs

English: see **Tinlin**.

## Tinmouth

**Variants:** Tynemouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Tynemouth (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Tynmowth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Tynemouth, 1576, Anna Tinmouth, 1631 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Barbary Tynmouth, 1622, Ellena Tinnmouth, 1635 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks).

## Tinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Gregory Tynne, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, ER Yorks); Joan Tynn, 1565 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Joan Tynne, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Johana Tinne, 1583 in *IGI* (Hartwell, Bucks); John Tynn, 1688 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Tinn, 1695 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

## Tinner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and Lancs; also Cornwall and Devon

English: occupational name from Middle English *tinnere*, *tinier*, *tinnour*, denoting someone (in

Cornwall and Devon) who mined tin, or (elsewhere) who worked with tin.

**Further information:** The 1357 early bearer owned tin-workings on Bodmin Moor (Cornwall), employing 300 men: *Black Prince's Register*.

**Early bearers:** Alexander le Tinnere, 1272 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh le Tynnour, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); William Tinier, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Abraham le Tynnere, le Tennere of Cornewaille, 1357 in *Black Prince's Register* (Cornwall); John Tynner, 1589 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); William Tinner, 1665 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall).

## Tinney

**Variants:** Tenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 318
- **GB frequency 1881:** 326
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

1 English: locative name from Tinhay in Lifton, Tinney in Pyworthy, or Twinyeo in Kingsteignton (all Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Twinyeo, 1311 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John Tynny, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre without Newgate, London); Joane Tynnye, 1555 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Richard Tynnye, 1559, Richo Tinny, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Jone Tynnye, 1572 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Grace Tyney, 1582, Xpian Tynnie, 1589 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Martha Tynny, 1608 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Andrew Tynney, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Sherborne, Dorset); Peter Tynny or Tynney, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Lewannick, Cornwall); John Tinney, 1653 in *IGI* (Lifton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 163, 190, 479.

2 Irish: from **Mac an tSionnaigh** 'son of the fox', from *sionnach* 'fox'. Compare **Shinnick**.

**Early bearers:** Henry McShonag, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4078 (Sayfyn, Galway).

## Tinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Dumfriess
- Irish: from Ó **Teimhneáin**, see **Tynan**.

## Tinnion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Irish: from Ó **Teimhneáin**, see **Tynan**.

## Tinniswood

**Variants:** Tenniswood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** James Tenniswood, 1577, Willmus. Denyswood, 1585 in *IGI* (York); Anthony Tenniswood, 1627 in *IGI* (Terrington, NR Yorks); Anne Tenneswood, 1630 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Francis Tinswood, 1667 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Ann Tinniswood, 1696 in *IGI* (Hayton by Brampton, Cumb); Mary Denniswood, 1744 in *IGI* (Coxwold, NR Yorks).

**Tinnock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Ayr; WR Yorks
- Scottish: see **Tannock**.

**Tinsdale**

Variants: **Tinsdeall, Tinsdill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Dinsdale**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes this variant developed in the Leeds area, citing Reynold Dynsdall, Reynold Tinsdayle, 1592–1607 in Leeds parish registers, and Samuel Dinsdale, Samuel Tinsdale, 1698–1716 in the registers of the neighbouring parish of Kippax.

**Tinsdeall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Tinsdale**.

**Tinsdill**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Tinsdale**.

**Tinslay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts

English: see **Tinsley**.

**Tinsley**

Variants: **Tinslay, Tunsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3346, Ireland 223
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1774
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name from Tinsley (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Tyneslawe* in 1196.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Tineslawe, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry de Tynneslawe, 1277 in *Yorks Survey* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Henry de Tynneslawe, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Richard de Tyneslowe, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes de Tynneslawe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ravenfield, WR Yorks); Lecia de Tyneslawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); Agnis Tinslye, 1566, Alice Tynesley, 1576 in *IGI* (Fosdyke, Lincs); William Tynsley, 1592 in *York Registry Wills* (Skelton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Edmond Tinsley, 1598 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); John Tinsley, 1640 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Sarah Tinsley, 1685 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 190.

2 English: from Tinsley Green in Worth (Sussex). The name may have been absorbed by **Tunsley**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Tindesle, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Richard de Tyntesle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 Irish: in Ireland, this name is found mainly in Ulster, where there has been some confusion with **Townsley**.

**Tinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 609, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 454

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Wilts, Berks, and Worcs; also ER Yorks

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Timson** with assimilation of [m] to the following [n]. Compare Saml. Timson, 1762, Wm. Tinson, 1798 in *IGI* (Honeybourne, Worcs); Elizabeth Tinson, 1784, Thomas Hilliard Timson, 1798 in *IGI* (Kintbury, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Anthony Tinson, 1617 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); Anthonie Tinson, 1618 in *IGI* (Duntisbourne Abbots, Gloucs); Robert Tinson, 1681 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Edmund Tinson, 1728 in *IGI* (Chipping Norton, Oxon).

2 English: in N England perhaps a reduced form of **Tennyson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tinson, 1630 in *IGI* (Croft, Lincs); Betty Tinson, 1769 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

**Tinto**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Tinto near Symington (Lanarks).

**Early bearers:** John of Tyntow, 1402 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland*; Bessie Tinto, 1567 in *Kelso Register*; James Tinto, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mary Tinto, 1707 in *IGI* (Dalsersf, Lanarks).

**Tinton**

Variants: **Toynton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from High and Low Toynton (Lincs), recorded as *Tynton* in 1254. Some additional early bearers may be found at **Toynton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tynton, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Tynton of Stikeswald, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Stixwoud, Lincs); John Tynton, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Tynton', parson of Uffynyton', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Uffington, Lincs); Johanne Tynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxhall, Suffolk); Thomas Tynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shelland, Suffolk); Alicia Tinton, 1593 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Tinworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Timworth (Suffolk), recorded as *Tynworth* in 1350 (*Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tymeworthe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Symon Tymeworthe', Johannes Tymworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); William Tynworth, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Catherine Tinworth, 1630 in *IGI* (Caxton, Cambs); John Tinworth, 1707 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex).

**Tiny**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Middx; Gloucs

English: see **Tiney**.

**Tiong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

**Tiplady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 707
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Yorks
- English: nickname from Middle English *tip(pe)* 'knock' + Middle English *lavedi, levedi, ladi* 'lady' (Old English *hlæfdige*), either for a promiscuous man (one well able to 'knock' a lady), or perhaps for a man who had succeeded in making love to a woman of higher status than himself. Compare **Shacklady**.

**Further information:** The extinct surnames *Taplady* and *Toplady*, the latter famously borne by Revd Augustus Toplady (1740–78), Anglican clergyman and hymn-writer, may derive from Middle English *tap(pe)* 'tap, lightly hit' + *ladi(e)* 'lady', with the same sense as *Tiplady*. Compare John Taplady, 1400 in *Ancient Deeds* (Derbys); Mary Tapladye, 1628, Elizabeth Topladie, 1633, Joseph Toplady, Betsy Taplady, 1805 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts). **Early bearers:** Johanna Tippedevdy, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirkby in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Thomas Typlady, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks); John Typlady, Henry Tipelady, 1490 in *York Guild Register*; Thomas Typlady, 1540 in *PROB 11* (London); Anthonius Typlady, 1561 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Ant Tipladie, 1573 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Ann Tiplady, 1574 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks).

**Tipler**

Variants: **Tippler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 620, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: occupational name from Middle English *tipeler* 'seller of ale, alehouse-keeper'. Compare **Tipper** and **Tapper**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Tipelere, 1250 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); William Tipeler, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Tyelere, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert le Tyelere, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Tyelper of Brunne, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Bourne, Lincs); William Typplayre, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Great Hayle, Lincs); Robert Typler, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Bowden Magna, Leics); Edmund Tipler, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Aspeden, Herts).

**Tiplin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Monmouths; WR Yorks

English: see **Tipling**.

**Tipling**

Variants: **Tippling, Tiplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham

English: of uncertain origin. Derivation from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tipelin*, \**Tibelin* is formally possible; it could be a pet form of *Tibald* (see **Tibble** and **Tipple**), but there is insufficient evidence to judge how plausible this is. **Early bearers:** William Tupelyn [sic], 1309, Robert Tiplryn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northill, Beds);

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Willelmo Typelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Robert Typplyng, late of Spofforth, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Thomas Tipling, 1503 *York Freeman's Register*; Robert Tippling, 1521 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Langtoft, ER Yorks); William Typlyng, 1545 in *Thoresby Society* 9 (Thorner, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Typlin, 1576 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jacobi Tipling, 1593 in *IGI* (Drypool, ER Yorks); Willm. Tiplin, 1601, Jane Tipling, 1630, John Tippling, 1699 in *IGI* (Whitkirk, WR Yorks); Symon Tiplin, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, York); Henry Tipling, 1669 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Timothy Tippling, 1770 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Richard Tiplin, 1784 in *IGI* (Thorner, WR Yorks).

## Tipp

Variants: **Tipp**s

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Durham
- 1 English: see **Tibb**.  
2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tipp* (Old English \**Tippa*). Compare **Tippling**. The 1279 example may alternatively belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Tipp' filius Harding, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: William Tip, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

## Tippell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Dorset; Suffolk
- English: see **Tipple**.

## Tippen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent
- English: see **Tippling**.

## Tippens

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Tippins**.

## Tipper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1653, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1273
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin, Kildare, and Wicklow

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English \**tipper(e)*, derived from *tippen* 'to furnish with a tip', for someone who made and fitted metal, bone, or horn tips to items such as staffs, arrows, and spears. (ii) occupational name, perhaps from Middle English \**tipper* 'seller of ale; alehouse-keeper'. Compare **Tipler** and **Tapper**.

**Early bearers:** William Tipere, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); William (le) Tipper, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwick); William le Tipper, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Tipper, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); John le Tipper of Shrewsbury, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Geoffrey le Tipper, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwick); John Typpere, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Adam Tipper, 1378 in *Patent Rolls*

(Hunts); Willelmus Typpere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwick); Johanne Tipper, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dowdeswell, Gloucs); Thomas Tipper, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Tormarton, Gloucs).

## Tippet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 267
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tippett**.

## Tippets

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tippetts**.

## Tippett

Variants: **Tippet**, **Tippitt**, **Turpitt**, **Tippetts**, **Tippit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1007, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1051
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tippet*, a diminutive of *Tipp* or *Tepp*. See **Tip** and compare **Tibb** and **Tibbett**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Tynet, messenger of the Lord King, 1355–7 in *Dover Accounts* (Kent).  
surnames: Wimer Tippet', about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Hugh Tynet, Tepet, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Tynet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Tupet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johanne Typat, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowde, Wilts); Robertus Tynet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston, Dorset); John Tynet, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Newbold Pacy, Warwick); James Tippett or Tippet, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); William Turpitt, 1696, Thamasin Turpit, 1711 in *IGI* (Parracombe, Devon); Samuel Tuppert, 1706 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).

2 English: nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *tippet* 'a long, narrow piece of cloth covering the shoulders' (sometimes part of a hood). The name may have been given to someone who was distinguished by the wearing, making, or selling of tippets.

## Tippetts

Variants: **Tippetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: relationship name, variant of **Tippett** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Tippetts, 1680 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs); Ann Tippetts, 1684 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

## Tippin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 165
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs and Herefs; also London and Kent
- English: see **Tippling**.

## Tippling

Variants: **Tippen**, **Tippin**, **Tippins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2119, Ireland 198
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1866
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also W Midlands

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Louth

1 English: relationship name from a Middle English and Old English personal name \**Tippling*, a pet form of Old English \**Tippa* (unrecorded name except in place-names). See **Tip**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Robert Tipping', 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); Ricardus Typyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shipton Thorpe, ER Yorks); Thoma Typpynge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Thomas Typpynge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Robt. Typpyn, 1561 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Anne Typpinge, 1564 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Florentia Typpynge, 1581 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Catrine Tipping, 1605 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); George Typping, 1607 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

W Midlands: John Typpynge of Littlebarowe, 1363 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Barrow, Cheshire); Isabell Typpen, 1569 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Radus. Typpinge, 1579 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Anne Typpynge, 1608, Johannis Tippin, 1614 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwick); Edward Tippin, 1612 in *IGI* (Neenton, Shrops); John Tipping, 1626 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Francisci Tippin, 1632 in *IGI* (Stokesay, Shrops); Edvardus Tipping, 1670 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); German Typpynge, 1675, Francis Tippyn, 1688 in *IGI* (Culmington, Shrops); George Tippin, 1682 in *IGI* (Rostherne, Cheshire); Thomas Tippin, 1709 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick).

E England: Walterus Tipping, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Robert Typpyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Typpyn, 1572 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); John Tippinge, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Worminghall, Bucks); John Tipping, 1575 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs); Thomasin Tippin, 1578 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Stephen Tippin, 1587 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); William Tippin, 1608, Sara Tippin, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Humfrey Tipping, 1610 in *IGI* (Chearsley, Bucks); Edward Tipping, 1640 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Tippin, 1663 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John Typping, 1743 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 320.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tipun* or *Tipin*, diminutives of the personal name **Tip** or **Tibb**. The name was probably later absorbed by *Tippling*, *Tippin*, and *Tippen*, and some of the early bearers under (1) may alternatively belong here.

**Early bearers:** Seman Typoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Typon', Philippus Typoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lynch, Sussex).

3 English: sometimes apparently a variant of **Topping**, or perhaps the names were confused. Compare Georgius Toppin, 1573, Richardus Tipping, 1627 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Alice Topping, 1606, Thomas Tipping, 1687 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Nathanael Tippin, 1674, William Topping, 1712 in *IGI* (Eton, Bucks); Richard Toppin, 1755, Catherine Tipping, 1780 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs).

## Tippings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Tippins**.

**Tippins**

Variants: **Tippens**, **Tippings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 371, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths, Herefs, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Tipping** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Eliz Tippins, 1637 in *IGI* (Withington, Herefs); Margreate Tippings, 1661 in *IGI* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs); Martha Tippings, 1662 in *IGI* (Mobberley, Cheshire); Elizabeth Tippens, 1693 in *IGI* (Hope Mansell, Herefs); David Tippens, 1697 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex).

**Tippit**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cornwall
- English: see **Tippett**.

**Tippitt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Staffs; Cornwall

English: see **Tippett**.

**Tipple**

Variants: **Tippell**, **Tipples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 411
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tippel*, a form of **Tibble** with unvoicing of -b- to -p-.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tipel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk).

surnames: Albreda Tepple, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); John Typull, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edmund Tipall, Robert Tiple, Robert Tiptel, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Tipler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Hunts
- English: see **Tipler**.

**Tipples**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Glamorgan

English: variant of **Tipple** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** James Tippells, 1703 in *IGI* (Nympsfield, Gloucs).

**Tipling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Tipling**.

**Tipps**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Tipp**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Tipson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Tibb** (a pet form of either *Theobald* or *Isabel*) + -son.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tibson, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Tybessone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Johannes Tibbeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newall, WR Yorks); Johannes Tybbeson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Johanne Tybesone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Herefs); Thomas Tybson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Willelmo Tybsone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skeffington, Leics); Willelmo Tibbesone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bidfield, Gloucs); Walterus Tibbissoun', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brisley, Norfolk); Ann Tipson, 1580 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Maude Tipson, 1582 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ric. Tipson, 1583 in *IGI* (Turville, Bucks); John Tipson, 1618 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Tipson, 1639 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon).

**Tiptaft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants; Middx

Norman, English: locative name of uncertain origin. **Further information:** Eminent members of this important family include Robert, Lord Tiptoft (1228?–98), soldier and administrator; John, first Baron Tiptoft (c.1378–1443), administrator and Speaker of the House of Commons; John, first Earl of Worcester (1427–70), administrator and humanist.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Tybetot, 1229 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Tynetot, 1275 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Payn Tybotot, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Elys Tybetot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John de Tiptoft, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); John Tippetoft, 1346 in *Feudal Aids* (Essex); Robertus Tynetot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (unlocated); John Tiptoft, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk and Cambs); John Typtofte, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Edward Typtoe or Tiptoe, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Northchurch, Herts); Nathaniel Tiptot, William Tiptod, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

References: *DNB*.

**Tipton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1289, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 726
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- English: locative name from Tipton (Staffs). **Early bearers:** Katherina Tipton, 1541 in *IGI* (Pontesbury, Shrops); Agnes Tipton, 1574 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Edmund Tipton, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs).

**Tirrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 222
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Surrey
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Tyrrell**.

**Tisdale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 289, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Warwicks; London; also Lancs
- English: see **Teasdale**.

**Tisdall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath and Dublin
- English: see **Teasdale**.

**Tisdell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Kent and Essex
- English: see **Teasdale**.

**Tiso**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- 1 English: see **Tysoe**.  
2 Italian: said to be from a personal name of Germanic origin, but in some cases at least more likely to be a locative name from Tiso in Bolzano province.

**Tisseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Tesseyman**.

**Tisser**

Variants: **Ticer**, **Tycer**, **Tyser**, **Tizzard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: occupational name from Old French *tisseur* 'weaver'. Compare **Tessier**.

**Early bearers:** John Tissere, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas Tisser, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Tyssur', 1327 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Etheldrida Tyser, 1561 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Agnes Tisser, 1575 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); John Tycer, 1608 in *IGI* (Lambourne, Essex).

**Tissier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- French: see **Tessier**.

**Tissiman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. NR Yorks
- English: see **Tesseyman**.

**Tissington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 215
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts
- English: locative name from Tissington (Derbys), recorded as *Tyscinton* in 1242.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tiscunton, 1223 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Tissington, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Ralph de Tyssyngton, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Tissyngton', 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Richard de Tyssyngton', 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Johannes Tissyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Helena Tissington, 1583 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

### Tissyman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Tesseyman**.

### Titchen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- English: see **Twitchen**.

### Titchener

**Variants:** Tichner, Titchner, Tutchener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks and Wilts; Surrey

English: locative name for someone who lived at a crossroads, from an agent noun based on Middle English *twichen(e)* (Old English *twicen(e)*), denoting a place where two or more roads or tracks met). See **Twichen**. This name has become confused with **Tickner**.

**Early bearers:** John Twychenere, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Richard Twichener, 1432 in *London Letter Books* K; Margerye Tuchener, 1563, George Tutchener, 1585, Simon Tuchenor, 1628 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Tichener, 1647 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Ann Titchener, 1697 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Titchmarch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

### Titchmarsh

**Variants:** Titmarsh, Titchmarch, Titmas, Titmass, Titmus, Titmuss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: locative name from Titchmarsh (Northants), which is recorded as *Titemerse* in 1206. The surname became associated by folk etymology with the word *titmouse* (Middle English *titmose*), denoting a small songbird. There may have been some confusion with **Tidmarsh**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tichemers, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Ralph de Thychemers', 1255 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); William Tytemers, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Tichemers, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Peter de Tytemersshe, 1339 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Agneta Tytmouse, 1542 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Alice Titmouse, 1567 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Ann Tytmarse, 1570, Ann Tytchmas, 1572 in *IGI* (Northill, Beds); Joan Titmus, 1572 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Ellen Titmas, 1586, An

Titmarch, 1626 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Francis Titmuss, 1698 in *IGI* (Datchworth, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 221.

### Titchner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Titchener**.

### Titcomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 325
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks
- English: see **Titcombe**.

### Titcombe

**Variants:** Titcomb, Tidcombe, Ticktum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 342
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks; also SE England

English: locative name from Titcomb in Kintbury (Berks), recorded as *Tydecumb'* in 1220, or Tidcombe (Wilts), recorded as *Titecumbe* in 1242. **Early bearers:** John de Tidecombe, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); William Tytecombe, 1369 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Tiddecombe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kintbury, Berks); John Titcome, 1563, Dorithie Titcombe, 1595 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Elizabeth Titcom, 1591 in *IGI* (Southbroom, Wilts); Michael Tidcombe, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Devizes, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 317; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 356.

### Tite

**Variants:** Tyte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 608
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; also Dorset; Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Tite* (Latin *Titus*).

Compare **Titus**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tite, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Richard Tite, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Ricardus Tyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pensthorpe, Norfolk); Johannes Tite, Alicia Tyte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Easton, Leics); William Tite, 1564 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Margaret Tyte, 1567 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Elisabeth Tyte, 1593 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Titus Tite, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Titerington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and WR
- Yorks

English: see **Titherington**.

### Titerton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Titterton**.

### Titford

**Variants:** Tedford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants, Wilts, and Somerset

1 English: locative name from North Tidworth (Wilts) or South Tidworth (Hants) with substitution of *-ford* for *-worth*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tuddeworth, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Reginald de Tudeworth of New Sarum, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); John de Todeworth, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus Tudeworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johanne Tudeworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Gunner, Wilts); John Todeworth, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Tydeworth', 1491 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Katherine Tutford, 1549 in *IGI* (Bratton, Wilts); Georgus Tytford, 1557 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Richard Titeforde, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Saint Gregory Stoke, Somerset).

2 English: locative name from Tetworth (Hunts) with substitution of *-ford* for *-worth*.

**Early bearers:** William Tetworth, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Agnes Titworth, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Agnes Titford, 1581 in *IGI* (William, Herts); Agnes Tytford, 1583 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Christopher Titforde, 1596 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Mary Tetford, 1604 in *IGI* (Ampthill, Beds).

3 English: locative name from Tetford (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Jacobo de Tyteford, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); William de Tetford of Esterkele, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (East Keal, Lincs); Rogero de Tetford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lissington, Lincs); William Tetford', 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Tetworth, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robt. Titferth, 1563 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Sarah Tedford, 1668, William Tedforth, 1681, in *IGI* (Quadring, Lincs).

### Tithe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name, apparently from Middle English *tithe* 'tithe, tenth' (Old English *tēoda*), perhaps denoting land subject to the payment of tithes, though this hardly seems a distinctive feature since most land was subject to such payment.

**Early bearers:** Richard atte Titthe, 1279, in *Pipe Rolls*; Peter atte Tethe, 1296 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Anne Tithe, 1570 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Godfrey Tyth, 1580 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 211.

### Tithecott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Glamorgan
- English: locative name from Tythecott in Buckland Brewer (Devon), recorded as *Todecote* in 1394 and *Tothcote* in 1496.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Tuddecote, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Tethcot, 1574 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Elizabeth Tothacot, 1611 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); Anthony Tythacot, 1651, Thomas Tithecott, 1672 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 89.

### Tither

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Welsh, English: see **Tudor**.



**Titheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- 1 English: locative name; the Hants name is presumably from Totteridge in Milton Lilborne (Wilts), recorded as *Tetherigg(e)* from 1199 onwards, *Toteryg* in 1315, and *Tyterigge* in 1545.
- Early bearers:** John Titheridge, 1642, James Titheridge, 1816 in *IGI* (Bighton, Hants); Maria Tetheridge, 1688 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Daniel Titherige, 1743 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Elizabeth Titheridge, 1770, Lucy Titeridge, 1775 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 349–50.
- 2 English: elsewhere, especially in the Midlands, alternatively a variant of **Detheridge**.

**Titherington**

- Variants:** Titterington, Titerington
- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name, principally from Tytherington (Cheshire), but perhaps occasionally from Tytherington (Gloucs), Tytherington in Frome (Somerset), Tytherington in Chippenham (Wilts), or Tytherington in Heytesbury (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Hugh de Tyderyngton, 1308 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter Tyderyngton, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Frome, Somerset); John de Tidryngton, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Johannes Tyteryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Mitton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Tedryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); John Tyderyngton', 1396 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Xpabell. Titteryngton, 1554, Annes Tetrenton, 1563, Agnes Tytrington, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ales Tyderington, 1561, Katheryn Tyderington, 1566 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Elizabeth Titterington, 1594 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs).
- References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 19; *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 91–2, 168.

**Titherley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Devon
- English: see **Tytherleigh**.

**Titherly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Devon
- English: see **Tytherleigh**.

**Title**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Northants and Beds
- English: see **Title**.

**Titler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Lancs; Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Tytler**.

**Titley**

- Variants:** Tittley, Tityly
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1584, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 801
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- 1 English: locative name, principally from Tittenley in Adderley (Shrops, formerly Cheshire), recorded as *Titteleg* in 1286, but perhaps occasionally from Titley (Herefs).
- Early bearers:** William de Titteley, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); William de Tittele, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); William de Tytteleye, 1292 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas de Tytteleye, 1300 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes de Tytteley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woore, Shrops); Christofer Titley, 1567 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Catherine Tytley, 1572 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Alice Tittley, 1595 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Thomas Titley, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks).
- References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 3, pp. 90–1.
- 2 English: see **Tetley**.
- Early bearers:** Jacob Titley, 1638 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

**Titlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also Derbys
- 1 English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Tyteloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Spurle, Norfolk); Johannes Tytelene [?Tyteleue], 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Acre and Newton, Norfolk); Anne Tytlaw, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Eliz Tytlowe, 1598, Jn. Titloe, 1602 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).
- 2 English: see **Tetley**.
- Early bearers:** Fortune Titlow, 1607 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks).

**Titly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Shrops
- English: see **Titley**.

**Titman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 195
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Lincs
- English: see **Tidman**.

**Titmarsh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

**Titmas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

**Titmass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

**Titmus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 434, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx; also Warwicks
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

**Titmuss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Middx
- English: see **Titchmarsh**.

**Titshall**

- Variants:** Tetsall, Teasel
- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London
- 1 English: locative name from Tivetshall Saint Margaret and Tivetshall Saint Mary (Norfolk), recorded as *Tyteshal* in 1225 (*Patent Rolls*). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2).
- Early bearers:** Richard Tyteshall, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Tyteshale, parson of Palgrave, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Palgrave, Suffolk); Willelmus de Tyteshale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston Saint Andrew, Norfolk); Thomas de Teteshale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Necton, Norfolk); John Tyteshale, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Ann Tytsall, 1544 in *IGI* (Runham, Norfolk); Richard Tetsall, 1563 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); John Tittsell, 1583 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Anthony Titsale, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Upwell, Cambs); Thomas Tittsell, 1660 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Tittsill, 1726 in *IGI* (Outwell, Norfolk); Thomas Tetsall, 1731 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Richard Titshall, 1748 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Tetsel, 1777 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Charles Tetsel, 1779 in *IGI* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Richard Titsel, 1789 in *IGI* (Otley, Suffolk).
- 2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Tittleshall (Norfolk), if dissimilatory loss of *-l-* occurred in the surname.
- Early bearers:** Robertum de Titteshal', Herbertum de Titteshal', 1198, Robertum de Titeleshal', 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); John de Tittleshale, 1358–9, John Titteshall, 1375–6 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Titshall, 1800 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Titshall, 1830 in *IGI* (Ditchingham, Norfolk); Richard Titshall, 1840 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Titshall, 1855 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks).

**Titt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Titte* (Old English *Titta*).
- Early bearers:** Stephen Tit, 1270 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs); William Titte, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Titt, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

**Tittensor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 185
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: locative name from Tittensor (Staffs), recorded as *Titneshovere* about 1200.

## Titterington

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Titnesoveres, 1288 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Titnesore, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Tutesovere, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Titnesore, Thomas de Tittenesore, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thomyson Tyttenzor, 1610 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Wm. Tittensor, 1649 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 539.

### Titterington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 72
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Cumb, and Westm
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Titherington**.

### Titterton

**Variants:** Titterton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Dorithie Tyttertton, 1546, George Tyttertton, 1548 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); John Titterton, 1587 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks); Elyzabeth Tyttertton, 1595 in *IGI* (Snelston, Derbys); Anna Titterton, 1597 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

### Title

**Variants:** Title

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *titel*, ‘a telltale, gossip’. Compare **Tytler**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Titel, ‘ye priorservant of Castelaacre’, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); Robertus Tytel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Harry Tittle, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); Wm Tittle, 1593 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs); Ellen Tittle, 1634 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jane Tittle, 1719 in *IGI* (Church Eaton, Staffs); James Tittle, 1741 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Tittler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb
- English: see **Tytler**.

### Tittley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops
- English: see **Titley**.

### Titus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens and Glamorgan

English, Welsh: relationship name from the Latin personal name *Titus* (probably Etruscan in origin). Compare **Tite**.

**Further information:** The given name was popular in the Middle Ages since it had been borne by a disciple of Saint Paul who became bishop of Crete. The record of Ricardus Tithous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham,

Norfolk), if accurately transcribed, suggests an alternative origin for the surname.

**Early bearers:** England: Katherine Titus, 1602 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Silas Titus, 1614 in *IGI* (London); Katharine Titus, 1625 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Titus, 1666 in *IGI* (Milsted, Kent). Wales: Peter Titus, 1696 in *IGI* (Bryngwn, Monmouths); Mary Titus, 1775 in *IGI* (Machynlleth, Montgomerys); Mary Lewis Titus, 1802 in *IGI* (Carmarthen, Carmarthens).

### Tiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 刁, see **Diao**.
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, see **Cheung** (1).

### Tiverton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Tiverton (Devon).
- Further information:** Tiverton (Cheshire) does not appear to have contributed towards the surname.
- Early bearers:** John de Tevertton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tiverton, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Martha Tyvertton, 1645 in *IGI* (Barnet, Herts); William Tyvertton, 1663 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon); Jone Tiverton, 1678 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Tivey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 310
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- 1 English: nickname from the Middle English ancestor of the word represented in modern Yorks and Derbys dialect as *tivvy* (verb and noun) ‘to move about actively; speed’.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Tyvie, 1572 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Anne Tyvy, 1573 in *IGI* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); Eliz. Tivy, 1579 in *IGI* (Ridge, Herts); Darothe Tyvy, 1603 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics); George Tyvy, 1605 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics).
- References:** *English Dialect Dictionary*.
- 2 English: locative name, possibly from Tivy Dale in Cawthorne (WR Yorks), though this small place is recorded only late.
- References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 325.

### Tivnan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Irish: from Ó Teimhneáin, see **Tynan**, a form in which the *v* (Irish *mh*) is no longer pronounced.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain and Ireland, but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Tiwana

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab; Sikh and Muslim): unexplained.

### Tiwari

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *tripāthi* ‘one that has studied the three Vedas’ (see **Trivedi**), from *tri-* ‘three’ + *pātha* ‘reading, studying’.

### Tizard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: see **Tizzard**.

### Tizzard

**Variants:** Tizard, Tyzzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 389
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: (i) variant of **Tisser** with post-medieval excrescent *-d*. (ii) relationship name, alternatively from the Old French personal name *Tisard*, a diminutive form of Continental Germanic names beginning in *Theud-*.

**Early bearers:** John Tysard of Harleston, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (Harleston, Norfolk); Agnes Tizard, 1570, Emy Tissarde, 1589 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Helena Tysard, 1586 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); Johane Tissarde, 1587, George Tezard, 1589 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset); Helena Tisord, 1589 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); Adbrobal Tissard, 1592 in *IGI* (Mawgan, Cornwall); Anne Tissard, 1623 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Jane Tizard, 1625 in *IGI* (Cattistock, Dorset).

### To

- Variants:** Tu, Toh, Too, Tao, Do, Du, Doo, Dao, Dou
- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 杜 (Du or Tu in Mandarin romanization, Tou in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘birchleaf pear’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of Du Kang (杜康), an official noted as a winemaker during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Du* (杜), the name of a city (located in Shaanxi province) granted to Du Bo, head of the state of *Du* (杜), who was eventually killed by Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). After that, the state of *Du* (杜) was annexed and the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (iii) adopted as a surname by the Du Gu Hun family from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 都 (Du or Tu in Mandarin romanization, also Tou in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘capital’ in Chinese: (i) from the personal name Zi Du (子都), the style name of Gong Sun Yu, an official in the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname Gong Du (公都), which is sometimes traced back to Tian, a prince in the state of Chu who was granted the fief *Du* (都), or alternatively to Gong Du Zi (公都子), an official in the state of Qi.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 塗 (or 涂) (Tu in Mandarin pinyin, Tou in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘paint, smear’ in Chinese: (i) from *Tu* (塗 or 涂), the ancient name of the Chu river (located in present-day Anhui and Jiangsu provinces). (ii) borne by descendants of Tu

Qin (塗欽 or 涂欽) (AD 246–337), an official during the Western and Eastern Jin dynasty (AD 265–420), who migrated to southern China.

**4** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 屠 (**Tu** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tou** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘slaughter’ in Chinese: (i) shortened form of the compound surname Zou-Tu (鄒屠), the name of an ancient place (possibly located in Shandong province). (ii) simplified form of the place-name *Tu* (屠), the name of a fief (located in Shaanxi province), which was said to be one of the families’ surnames, also written as Tu (荼) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from Tu Peng (屠朋), post name of officials in charge of slaughtering animals in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**5** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陶 (**Tao** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tou** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘ceramics’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Tao* (陶), said to be the original residence of the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (ii) from Tao Zheng (陶正), ‘ceramics officer’, post name of an official in charge of the making of ceramics during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) one of the seven major family surnames during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**6** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 度, referring to a unit of length in ancient China: adopted in place of the surname *Du* (度), see **Tu** (1).

**7** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3).

**8** Vietnamese: from the surname Tô, the equivalent of the Chinese **Su** (1), 蘇.

## Toad

Variants: **Tadd**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks; Kent  
English: nickname from Middle English *tade*, *tadde*, *tode* ‘toad’. Compare Alueredus Taddebelloc, 1066 in *Feilitzen*, *Winton* (Hants), and Adam Tadebely, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Cumb).

**Early bearers:** England: Xpofer Tode, 1549 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); John Tode, 1569 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Awdrey Tode, 1569 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); Anthony Tode, 1606 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Christopher Toad, 1616 in *IGI* (Wispington, Lincs); Wm Toade, 1684 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); James Toad, 1701 in *IGI* (Dilham, Norfolk); Mary Toad, 1727 in *IGI* (Kirby Wiske, NR Yorks).

Scotland: Bessie Tode, 1618 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); James Tode, 1621 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Margaret Toad, 1653 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Georg Toad, 1655 in *IGI* (Smailholm, Roxburghs); Jennet Toade, 1687 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, *Winton*, p. 216.

## Toal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1140, Ireland 880
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh  
Irish: from Ó Tuathail, see **O’Toole**.

## Toan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 41
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 段, see **Dwan** (1).

## Toas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and WR Yorks

English: see **Tooze**.

## Toase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tooze**.

## Tobey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Toby**.

## Tobias

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex; Carmarthens and Glamorgan

**1** English, Welsh: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tobias*, Greek form of Hebrew *Tobiah*; see **Toby**.

**Further information:** The 12th-century Essex early bearer listed here gave his name to Thoby Priory in Mountnessing (Essex).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tobias prior, about 1142–50 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Tobias 1189–99 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).

surnames: Alan Tobyas, 1306 in *Patent Rolls*; John Toabowes, 1615, Priscilla Tobowes in *IGI* (Wembury, Devon); Robert Tobias, 1633 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Anna Tobias, 1638 in *IGI* (Kerry, Montgomerys); Henricus Tobias, 1718 in *IGI* (Clynnogfawr, Caernarvons).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 261.

**2** Jewish (Ashkenazic): from the Hebrew personal name *Tobiah*; see **Toby**.

**Early bearers:** Davis Tobias, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Marks Tobias, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leah Tobias, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx).

## Tobin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3946, Ireland 3873
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork, and Waterford

**1** Norman, Irish: from **Tóibín**, a gaelicization of the Norman French surname **Saint Aubin**, from Saint-Aubin in Brittany.

**Early bearers:** John Toby, born in Ireland, 1413 in *Patent Rolls*; David (moyle fitz James) Tobin, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §900 (Keappog); Adam Toby, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1054 (Kilkenny); James Tobbine (fitz Morishe), 1571–2 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2059; James Toby, gent. and Sheriff liberty of Tipperary, 1572 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2140; Thomas Ballagh Tobbin, horseman, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3328 (Kepaghingerran, Tipperary); Jowen Tobbyen (Fitz Thomas), 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4480.

**2** English: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Tobias** or **Toby**.

**Early bearers:** Peter Toby of Alyngton, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Allington, Lincs); Anthony Tobin, 1590 in *IGI* (Edlington, Lincs); Margerit Tobin, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); James Tobin, 1710 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks); Tho. Tobin, 1718 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Jo Tobin, 1728 in *IGI* (Braddan, IoM).

## Tobitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Tobutt**.

## Tobutt

Variants: **Tobitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Sussex
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Tobott, 1579, Abram Tobut, 1583 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Eliz. Tobitt, 1649 in *IGI* (Cranley, Surrey); John Tobut, 1729 in *IGI* (Newdigate, Surrey); Betty Tobutt, 1757 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

## Toby

Variants: **Tooby**, **Tobey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Toby*, the vernacular form of **Tobias**. **Early bearers:** Simon Toby, 1271 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Cambs); William Toby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Toby of Crek, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (North or South Creake, Norfolk); Roberto Toby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lockington, ER Yorks); Johanne Tobby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); Rogerus Tobbye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); John Toby of Haylesham, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Hailsham, Sussex); Thomas Tobbye, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Maidstone, Kent); Thomas Tooby, 1509–47 in *TNA* (Worcs).

## Tocher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Banffs
- Scottish: locative name from Tocher in Rayne (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Tocher, 1649 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Tocher, 1683 in *IGI* (Monquhitter, Aberdeens).

## Tock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Tooke**.

## Tocker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Devon
- English, Irish, Jewish: see **Tucker**.

**Tocknell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Tocknells (House) in Painswick (Gloucs), recorded as *Tokynhale* in 1368. **Early bearers:** [ . . . ] atte Tochale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucs); Grace Tocknell, 1600, Johane Toknell, 1603 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Mary Tocknell, 1605 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Walter Tocknell, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Painswick, Gloucs). **References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 133.

**Tod**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 729, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Todd**.

**Todd**

**Variants:** **Tod**, **Tood**, **Tadd**, **Todds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21256, Ireland 1491
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15028
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England; also E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *tod*, *todde* ‘fox’. Compare **Todhunter**, **Todman**. **Further information:** This name was brought to Ulster from Scotland in the 17th century. **Early bearers:** England: Hugo Tod, 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Arding Tod, 1225 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Todd, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Richard le Todde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Tod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whichford, Warwicks); Matill’ Todde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Tuddenham, Norfolk); Willelmus Todd’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Johannes Tod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Elloughton and Brough, ER Yorks); Xpofer Tod, 1518 in *Kent Wills* (Dartford, Kent); Issabell Todd, 1539 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Ellen Todd, 1547 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Esabell Toodd, 1552, Alexander Tood, 1555, Else Todde, 1572 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Jn. Todd, 1559 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk). Scotland: Baldwin Tod, about 1270 in *Berwicks History* (Berwicks); John Todd, 1329 in *Papal Letters*; Thomas dictus Todde, canon of Glasgow and rector of Old Roxburgh, 1329–71 in *Scottish Arms*; John Tode, 1445 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen). Ireland: John Todde, 1561 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §392 (gent. of the office of constable of the castle of Wikelow).

**Toddington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Shrops

English: locative name, primarily from Toddington (Beds) or Toddington (Gloucs), but occasionally from Tuttington (Norfolk), recorded as *Todingtone* in 1257. **Early bearers:** Philippus de Tudinton, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Walter de Todynton, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger de Todington, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey de Todyngton, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Nicholao Todyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bray with Whipsnade, Beds); Agnes Toddington, 1546 in *IGI* (Madingley, Cambs); John Todington, 1590 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics);

John Toddingeton, 1610 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); George Tuddington, 1610, John Toddingeton, 1612 in *IGI* (Bassingham, Lincs). **References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk* 3, p. 106.

**Todds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Derbys and Leics

English: variant of **Todd** with post-medieval excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** George Todds, 1598 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe, Lincs).

**Todhunter**

**Variants:** **Tadhunter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs

English: occupational name from Middle English *tod(de)* ‘fox’ + *hunter(e)* ‘hunter’. Compare **Todman**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Todhunter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Annas Todhunter, 1561 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Anne Todhunter, 1627 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Berks); John Tadhunter, 1638 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent).

**Todman**

**Variants:** **Tadman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 338
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent

English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *tod(de)* ‘fox’ + *-man*, for a fox hunter. Compare **Todhunter**. (ii) perhaps also a variant of **Tottman**. **Early bearers:** Juliana Todman, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roger Todman, 1549 in *IGI* (Farmhurst, Sussex); Thomas Todman, 1563 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Jeen Toodmane, 1596 in *IGI* (Findon, Sussex); Thomas Todman, 1599 in *IGI* (Catherington, Hants); John Tadman, 1687 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Todrick**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian; Devon

Scottish: locative name from Todrick or Todderick (Selkirks). **Early bearers:** Scotland: William Tothrik, 1428 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Tothric, 1453 in *Swintons of that Ilk* (Cranshaws, Berwicks); Archibald Tothrik, 1482 in *Edinburgh Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Toddryk, 1536 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); George Toddrick or Dodrig, 1558 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian). England: William Todrick, 1787 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Toe**

**Variants:** **Too**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants; also Bucks

English: locative name from a misdivision of Middle English *atte hoze*, denoting someone who lived on a ridge or hill spur. See **Howe**.

**Early bearers:** Ede Too, 1550 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Catherine Too, 1553 in *IGI* (Pulloxhill, Beds); Agnes Toe, 1563 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Thomas Toe, 1589 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

**Toes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Tooze**.

**Tofield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Beds; also Surrey

English: see **Tovell**.

**Toft**

**Variants:** **Taft**, **Tuft**, **Tift**, **Tofts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1320, Ireland 82
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs

English: locative name from Middle English *toft(e)* ‘toft’ (Old Scandinavian *toft*), denoting a plot of land on which a house stands or formerly stood. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by or on a toft, or toponymic, for someone from one of numerous places so named, including Toft (Cambs, Lincs, Warwicks), Toft Monks (Norfolk), and Toft next Newton (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Elyas del Toft, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Toft, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John de Taft, 1340 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Emery de Taft, 1359 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmus Toft, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alne, NR Yorks); Thomas Toft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brownsover, Warwicks); Johannes Toft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Johannes de Toft, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Johannes Tofte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sible Hedingham, Essex); John de Toft, 1421 in *PROB 11* (Knutsford, Cheshire); Alyce Toft, 1540 in *IGI* (Barford, Warwicks); Agnes Toftte, 1564 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

**Tofts**

**Variants:** **Tufts**, **Tuffs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 337
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; also SE Scotland

English: variant of **Toft** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s. Places named with the plural form of the noun include Toftrees (Norfolk), recorded as *Toftes* in 1086 and 1254, Bircham Tofts (Norfolk), recorded as *Toftes* in 1205, and Toft (Cambs), recorded as *Toftes* 1086–1314. In Scotland, the name is very often from Tofts in Kirkton (Roxburghs). **Early bearers:** England: Gilbert de Toftes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Hugo de Toftes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blofield, Norfolk); Robertus de Toftys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Riddlesworth, Norfolk); Thomas Toftys, 1485 in *PROB 11* (London); Johannes Toftes, 1562 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Susanna Tufts, 1622 in *IGI* (Southburgh, Norfolk); Frances Tuffs, 1730 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk). Scotland: Ingram de Toftes, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburghs); William of Toftys, 1363 in *Melrose Register* (Roxburghs); Robert Toftis, 1499 in *Privy Seal*

of *Scotland Register*; Issobell Tofts, 1628 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian).

### Togher

Variants: **Tougher, Toher, Tooher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Kildare

Irish: from Ó Tuachair ‘descendant of *Tuachar*’, a personal name based on *tuath* ‘people’ + *car* ‘dear’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Denis Toker, 1570–71 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1722; Denys Tocker, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3418; Dermot O’Tougher, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6618 (Teghsarany); Mulrony O’Tougher, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6627 (Ballencorie).

England: Evan Tougher, 1760 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Mary Toher, 1873 in *IGI* (West Hallam, Derbys).

### Toghill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: locative name from Tog Hill in Cold Ashton (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Toghul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); Thomas Toghell, 1552, Andrew Toghill, 1583 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Henricus Toghil, 1596 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Anselme Togghill, 1601 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 63.

### Togneri

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: unexplained.

### Togood

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Toogood**.

### Togwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Oxon

English: perhaps a variant of **Toghill**.

**Early bearers:** Alson Togwell, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Taunton, Somerset); Emmett Togwill, 1554 in *IGI* (Buckland Saint Mary, Somerset); William Togwell, 1578 in *IGI* (Elkstone, Gloucs); Anne Togwell, 1602 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Gylles Togwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Bishops Cannings, Wilts).

### Toh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

- 1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 杜, 都, 塗 (or 涂), 屠, and 陶, see **To** (1–5).
- 2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 陶, see **Tao** (1).
- 3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 豆, see **Dou** (1).
- 4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 卓, probably based on its Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese pronunciation, which can be found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia. See **Cho** (3).

5 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 褚, see **Chu** (6).

### Toher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Offaly

Irish: from Ó Tuachair, see **Togher**.

### Tohill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 242
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dunbartons; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Tuathail, see **O’Toole**.

### Tointon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Toynton**.

### Tok

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3).

### Toke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Tooke**.

### Tokeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Tokley**.

### Tokely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Tokley**.

### Toker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham; ER Yorks

English, Irish, Jewish: see **Tucker**.

### Tokley

Variants: **Tokeley, Tokely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Tackley** (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomasyn Tockley, 1559 in *IGI* (Burgh, Suffolk); William Tokeley, 1561 in *Assize Rolls* (Alresford, Essex); John Tookley, 1561 in *IGI* (Dallinghoo, Suffolk); Margaret Tokly, 1562, James Tokley, 1564 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Tokeley, 1568 in *IGI* (Nacton, Suffolk); Sarah Tokeley, 1703 in *IGI* (Great Henney, Essex).

### Tolan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 416

- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal; Mayo

Irish: from Ó Tuathaláin, see **Toland**.

### Toland

Variants: **Tolan, Tollan, Tolland, Toolan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 818
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** N Ulster: esp. Donegal

Irish (Ulster): from Ó Tuathaláin ‘descendant of *Tuathalán*’, a pet form of the personal name *Tuathal*. Compare **O’Toole**.

**Early bearers:** Conoghor mcTeig O Twohillane, yeoman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2241 (Ballynrisig); Owen grome O Logher mcManus duffe O Tolan, 1594 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5848 (Nyskreowen, Sligo); Ó Toolan, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 45 (Tirhugh, Donegal); James Tolan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rye, Donegal); Owen Toland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmany, Donegal); Bryan Toland, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondavaddog, Donegal); Francis Toolan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Boyle, Roscommon); Patrick Toolen, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killoran, Sligo).

### Tolbert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Talbert**.

### Tolbot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Talbot**.

### Tolchard

Variants: **Tolcher, Toulcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Olchard in Ideford (Devon), recorded in Middle English only in the surname *\*Tolchet*. The loss of initial *T-* is not uncommon in the place-names of southern England.

**Early bearers:** Walter Tolchet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ideford, Devon); William Tolchet alias Fokeray, about 1408 in *Surnames of Devon* (Devon); Thomas Tolchet, 1491–4 in *Ashburton Churchwardens’ Accounts* (Devon); Christopher Tolchard, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dean Prior, Devon); Hugo Tolcharde, 1542 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Thomas Tolcherd, 1581 in *Devon Taxes* (Holne, Devon); William Tolchard or Tolcheard, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Ashburton, Devon); Johanna Tolcher, 1607 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Jelian Toolcher, 1630 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Mary Toulcher, 1666 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

**References:** *Padel, Two Devon Place-Names*.

### Tolcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tolchard**.

## Told

### Told

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Suffolk
- English: variant of **Towle** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Thould**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tole, 1641, Henry Toll, 1644, Henry Tould or Toule, 1649 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Elizabeth Told, 1819 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Tole

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Devon
- English: see **Towle** and compare **Toll**.

### Toledano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Spanish and Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from an adjectival form of the place-name *Toledo*, Spain. **Early bearers:** Moses Toledano, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Simka Toledano, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (London); Joseph Toledano, born in Morocco, in *Census 1911* (London); Moses Toledano, born in Morocco, in *Census 1911* (London); Maurice Toledano, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (London); Esther Toledano, born in Portugal, in *Census 1911* (London); Amedeo Toledano, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Colombo Angelo Toledano, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Colombo An Toledano, in *Census 1911* (Lancs).

### Tolefree

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Tolfree**.

### Toleman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset, and Dorset
- English: see **Tolman**.

### Toler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx; Durham; Devon
- English: see **Towler**.

### Toley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon
- English: see **Tolley**.

### Tolfree

**Variants:** **Tollfree**, **Tolefree**, **Tolfrey**, **Tuffrey**, **Turfrey**, **Tuffery**, **Tollervey**, **Tolver**, **Tarver**, **Turver**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Toruerd*, *Toruard* (Old Scandinavian \**Þorfrøðr*, *Thorfridh*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Toruert, Toruerd, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Toruard Cappe, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

**urnames:** Godric Turuerde filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Torfray, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Tolfry, William Tholfry, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Tolfrut, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Johannes Tolfry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Trotton, Sussex); Johanne Tolfre, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Broughton, Leics); John Tolvery, 1545, Johanna Tolfre, 1562, Alicia Tolfree, 1588 in *IGI* (Stoke Charity, Hants); James Torver, 1565 in *IGI* (Aldingham, Lancs); Johannis Tarver, 1600 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Edward Tollervey, 1677 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Tolfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Tolfree**.

### Tollhurst

**Variants:** **Tollhurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 743, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 652
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Tollhurst in Frittenden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Tuluerhurst, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); [ . . . ] de Tolueherst, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Tolherst, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); George Tolherst, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Tolherst, 1580 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 326; *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 94.

### Tolkien

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from an anglicization of the German surname *Tollkühn*, from a non-standard form of German *tollkühn* ‘foolhardy’. J. R. R. Tolkien wrote the following in a letter to the Houghton Mifflin Co.: ‘My name is *Tolkien* (not -kein). It is a German name (from Saxony), an anglicization of *Tollkühn*, i.e. *tollkühn*. But, except as a guide to spelling, this fact is as fallacious as all facts in the raw. For I am neither “foolhardy” nor German, whatever some remote ancestors may have been. They migrated to England more than 200 years ago, and became quickly intensely English (not British), though remaining musical – a talent that unfortunately did not descend to me.’ Others, such as Mechow (1994), have suggested the name is derived from the village of Tolkynen, near Rastenburg in East Prussia (now in north-eastern Poland), although the fully German (non-policized) name of this place is *Tolksdorf* and it is far from Saxony, where Tolkien places the geographical origin of his name.

**Further information:** The writer and philologist J. R. R. Tolkien was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa, in 1892. His parents had moved there from England for his father’s career, though J. R. R. Tolkien lived in England from the age of 3, remaining in the country

after a family visit there with his mother and brother, during which time his father died in Bloemfontein. **Early bearers:** Maria Tolkien, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Martha Tolkien, 1788 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx); Charlotte Tolkien, 1797 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Thomas Tolkien, in *Census 1841* (Worcs); John Benjamin Tolkien, 1856 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** [http://www.e-reading.ws/bookreader.php/139008/The\\_Letters\\_of\\_J.R.R.Tolkien.pdf](http://www.e-reading.ws/bookreader.php/139008/The_Letters_of_J.R.R.Tolkien.pdf) (letter 165 to the Houghton Mifflin Co.); M. Mechow (1994), *Deutsche Familiennamen preussischer Herkunft*, Tolkemita.

### Toll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 491
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Norfolk; also Cornwall and Devon; Lancs

English: see **Towle** and compare **Tole**.

**Early bearers:** Norfolk: Thomas Tolle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham); Thomas Toll, 1579 in *IGI* (Whitwell); Robert Towl, 1589 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth); Rychard Towle, 1611 in *IGI* (Woodbastwick).

Devon and Cornwall: Johannes Tole, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hemyock, Devon); Josephe Toll, 1569 in *IGI* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Robert Tole, 1605 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); John Towle and William Toll, 1633 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Towle, 1640 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall).

### Tolladay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Warwicks
- English: see **Tolliday**.

### Tollady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk; Hunts
- English: see **Tolliday**.

### Tollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; ER Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaláin, see **Toland**.

### Tolland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaláin, see **Toland**.

### Tollemache

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Beds; Lancs
- English: see **Talmage**.

### Toller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Somerset; London; Suffolk and Cambs

1 English: locative name from Toller Fratrum and Toller Porcorum, or Toller Whelme in Corscombe (all Dorset).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tolra, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas de Tolre, 1326 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Willelmo de Tolre, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Godmanstone, Dorset); Henry de Tolre, 1353 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Gilbertus Tolre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Corscombe, Dorset); Thomas Tolre, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); An Toller, 1576 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Jone Toler, 1612 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Thomas Toller, 1708 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, p. 291.

2 English: see **Towler**.

### Tollerfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also WR Yorks

English: locative name, apparently from Tollerford in Frome Vauchurch (Dorset), with substitution of *-field* for *-ford*, though it is not certain that there is any connection between the medieval and post-medieval bearers.

**Early bearers:** Roberto Tolreford', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Milton Abbas, Dorset); Francis Tollerfeild, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Tollerfield, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Yeovil, Somerset); William Tollerfeilde, 1641, Elizabeth Tollerfield, 1642 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Margret Tollerfeild, 1680 in *IGI* (Folke, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 75, 97.

### Tollerton

**Variants:** Towlerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Tollerton (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Tollerton, 1276 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas de Tollerton, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Tollerton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Poppleton, WR Yorks); Rogero de Tollerton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Brian Towllerton, 1563 in *York Registry Wills* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); Christofer Tollerton, 1580, Francis Towlerton, 1615 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Brian Tollerton 1611 *York Registry Wills* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); John Towlerton, 1667; Mary Tollerton, 1734 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Tollerton, 1687 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

2 English: locative name, perhaps from Tollerton (Notts) but there is currently no evidence that the surname which derived from this place has survived.

**Early bearers:** [... de] Turlaueston, 1181, [... de] Torlauetun, about 1190, [... de] Thorlaxton, 1294 in *Place-Names of Notts* (Notts); Henr' de Torlaton', 1308 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Johannes de Torlaton', 1412 in *Rufford Charters* (Notts); Johannis Thurleton de Thurleton, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 242–3.

### Tollervey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Middx

English: see **Tolfree**.

### Tolles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Towles**.

### Tollet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; also Devon and Dorset

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tollett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon; also Lancs

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tolley

**Variants:** Tolly, Tooley, Toley, Tully

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3494, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1549
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs, and Warwick; Devon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Toli* (Old Scandinavian *Tóli*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Toli, Thole, Tholi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

sumames: Richard Toly, about 1150 in *Saint Thomas Priory Chartulary* (Staffs); Peter Toli, 1155 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Reginaldus filius Toli, Tuly, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Simonem Toli, 1224 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Toly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sibford, Oxon); Johannes Toly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Willelmus Toly, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wood Enderby, Lincs); Robertus Toly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Creake, Norfolk); Thomas Toly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chelmscote, Warwick); Willelmus Toly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westonzoyland, Somerset); Johannes Tolley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Swarby, Lincs); Walter Toly, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Richard Toly alias Tuly, late citizen and vintner of London, 1441, in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Tolley, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Stanfield, Norfolk); Thomas Tullie, 1562 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Margrete Tulley, 1563 in *IGI* (Gisleham, Suffolk); Martin Tully, 1565 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Philippe Tollye, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Evesham, Worcs); Anne Tulley, 1581 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Nicholas Tooley, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Burmington, Warwick); Ann Tuley, 1621 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); William Tuley, 1674 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 377–9.

### Tollfree

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Tolfree**.

### Tollhurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tolhurst**.

### Tolliday

**Variants:** Tolladay, Tollady, Tollworthy, Tolworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Lincs
- English: variant of **Stallworthy** (see **Stallard**) with loss of initial S-.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Towlewardie, 1574, Thomas Towlardy, 1664, Isaacke Towlworthy, 1672 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Katherine Tolworthie, 1603 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Simon Tolwordy, 1663 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs); Elizabeth Tolleday, 1665 in *IGI* (Teversham, Cambs); Eliz Tolliday, 1672 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Thomas Tilladay, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Tollwarday, 1682 in *IGI* (Wicken, Cambs); William Towleworthy, 1718 in *IGI* (Mildenhall, Suffolk).

### Tollit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Oxon

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tollitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Oxon

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tollman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Devon
- English: see **Tolman**.

### Tollson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Herts
- English: see **Tolson**.

### Tollworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Tolliday**.

### Tolly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 251
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Tolley**.

### Tolman

**Variants:** Toleman, Tollman, Tolmon, Talman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 391
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Devon; also Norfolk

English: occupational name from Middle English *tol(le)* 'toll' (Old English *toll*) + *man* 'man', for a toll collector or the keeper of a toll gate.

**Early bearers:** Hereward Tholeman, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Tolman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger Tolman, 1327 in *Thureson* (Lincs); Willelmus Toleman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tollesbury, Essex); Cornelius Tollman, 1609 in *IGI* (Kingstone, Somerset); Thomas Tollman, 1646 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

**References:** *Thureson*, p. 142.

## Tolmie

### Tolmie

**Variants:** Ptolomey, Ptolmey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 487
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Ross and Cromarty and Inverness

Scottish: locative name from a lost or unidentified place named *Tolmach* or similar.

**Early bearers:** John Tolmach, 1611 in *Black*; Andrew Tolmi, 1612–16 in *Inverness Records* (Inverness); Helen Tolmy, 1738, John Tolmie, 1747 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Christian Tolmie, 1740 in *IGI* (Galston, Ayr); Alexr. Tolmie, 1751 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Tolemy, 1761, Margaret Tolomy, 1764, Elizabeth Ptolemy, 1781, Janet Tolmie, 1795 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr).

### Tolmon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tolman**.

### Tolputt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Roger Tolpit, 1560, Elizabeth Tolpitt, 1575 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); James Tolpott, 1561, Eliz Tolpet, 1563 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elizabeth Tolpatt, 1567 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); John Tolputt, 1652 in *IGI* (Milton next Sittingbourne, Kent).

### Tolson

**Variants:** Toulson, Towlson, Tollson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 987, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 853
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Toulston in Newton Kyme (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Tolleston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colton, WR Yorks); Robert Tolleston', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs and Notts); Robert Tolleson, 1431, Richard Tolleston, 1435 in *York Freeman's Register*; James Tolleson, 1527 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Steven Tolson, 1547 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); James Tolson, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Johis Towlson, 1562, Johis Toulson, 1579 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 80;

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tol(l)e* (see **Towle**) + *-son*, 'son of *Tol(l)e*'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tollesone, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Tolson of Totwyk, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Tolleson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, WR Yorks); John Tollesone, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; Christopher Towson, Tolson, 1553, 1593 in *Ipswich Manuscripts* (Suffolk); Thomas Toulson, 1607 in *IGI* (Woolverstone, Suffolk).

3 English: see **Townson**.

### Tolton

**Variants:** Toulton, Talton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Lidia Towlton, 1605 in *IGI* (Riby, Lincs); Christopher Toulton, 1632 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Mary Towlton, 1635 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Elizabeth Toulton, 1665 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); Abigail Tolton, 1680 in *IGI* (Mixbury, Oxon); Theophilus Tolton, 1684 in *IGI* (Little Bowden, Northants).

### Tolver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Tolfree**.

### Tolworthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tolliday**.

### Tom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Aberdeens and Banffs

1 English: see **Thom**.

2 Chinese: variant romanization of the Chinese surname 譚, see **Tan** (1).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 湯 and 唐, based on their Cantonese pronunciation. See **Tang** (1) and (2).

### Toma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 Arabic, Muslim: from *Tūma*, Arabic form of *Thomas*.

2 Italian, Spanish, French (Huguenot): from the New Testament personal name *Thomas*.

**Early bearers:** Messio Toma, 1596 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Norwich); Mary Toma, 1700 in *IGI* (North Hill, Cornwall).

### Tomalin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also London

English: see **Tomlin**.

### Toman

**Variants:** Tooman, Tumman, Tummon, Tummond, Tummons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 341
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)om(me)* (see **Thom**) + *-man*, 'servant of *T(h)om(me)*'. Compare Johannes Tomman Cisson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hetton, WR Yorks), 'John, servant of Tom Cisson'. Some post-medieval bearers may belong with (3) or (4). **Early bearers:** Nicholas Thomasman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (York); Willelmus Thomeman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Willelmus Thomman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parlington, WR Yorks); Alicia Tomman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meon, Gloucs); Marg' Thommon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willersey, Gloucs); Ann Toman, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); George

Tummon, 1778 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Joseph Tumman, 1785 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Samuel Tummon, 1799 in *IGI* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall).

2 English: nickname, status name from Middle English *t(o)unman*, *t(o)unmon* 'villein, tenant farmer; villager' (Old English *tūnmann*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tuneman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Adam Tuneman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Pagan Toneman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Tounman, 1365 in *London Pleas*; Richard Tonman, Toneman of Newenham, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Newnham, Gloucs); Robertus Tonneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frampton, Dorset); Anne Tunman, 1592 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); James Tunman, 1641 in *PROB 11* (London).

3 English: locative name from Tumholme in Owston (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Tumbholme, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Skelbrooke, WR Yorks); Willelmus Tumbholme, 1377, Adam, Willelmus de Thomholme, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Thomas de Tumbholm', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Tumbholm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Robert Thomholme, 1543 in *York Registry Wills* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Willm. Tomholme, 1603, Thomas Tumholme, 1632 in *IGI* (Pattrington, ER Yorks); John Tummam, 1699 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 33; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

4 Irish: from Ó Tuamán 'descendant of Tuamán', a personal name based on a diminutive of *tuaim* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Tomen, 1562–3 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §508; Edmund Tomy, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §857; James Thomyn, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §957; Art Tomy, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1116; Arthur Tomy, 1569 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1442 (Wexford, Enescorthie); Moriertagh O'Tomen, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1598.

### Tomany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Tiománaigh, see **Timoney**.

### Tomas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Staffs and Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 English: see **Thomas**.

2 Spanish and Portuguese (Tomás), Catalan (Tomàs), Czech (Tomáš), and Polish, from a personal name equivalent to English **Thomas**.

### Tomaso

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Italian: see **Tomasso**.

### Tomasso

**Variants:** Tommaso, Tomaso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey



Italian: relationship name from the personal name *Tommaso*, equivalent to *Thomas*.

**Early bearers:** Alexandre Tomasso, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Jack Tomaso, ice-cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Chatham, Kent).

### Tomaszewski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name for someone from any of the many places in Poland called Tomaszew or Tomaszewo, formed with the personal name *Tomasz* (see **Thomas**).

### Tomb

**Variants:** **Tume**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlands

English: variant of **Thom** with exrescent *-b-*.

Compare **Tombs**, **Tomblin**, **Tombleson**.

**Early bearers:** Leonerd Tombe, 1567 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Luce Tombe, 1578 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomisina Tomb, 1583 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Michael Tomb, 1616 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Gloucs).

### Tombleson

**Variants:** **Tomblinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs, Cambs, and Norfolk

English: variant of **Tomlinson** with intrusive *-b-*. Compare **Tomblin**, **Tomb**.

**Early bearers:** John Tomblinson, 1571 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Johannis Tomblinson, 1633 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Joseph Tombleson, 1692 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops).

### Tomblin

**Variants:** **Tumblin**, **Tombling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: variant of **Tomlin** with intrusive *-b-*.

Compare **Tomb**, **Tombleson**.

**Early bearers:** Susan Tomblin, 1611 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Tho Tombling, 1664 in *IGI* (Osournby, Lincs); Ellenor Tomblin, 1726 in *IGI* (Wing, Rutland); William Tombling, 1727 in *IGI* (Preston, Rutland); Elizabeth Tombling, 1735 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); Michael Tumblin, 1779 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).

### Tombling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Durham and Northumb

English: see **Tomblin**.

### Tomblinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Lincs

English: see **Tombleson**.

### Tombs

**Variants:** **Toombs**, **Toombes**, **Thombs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1492, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1502
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Oxon; also London

English: variant of **Toms** with intrusive *-b-*. Compare **Tomb**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tombs, 1594 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); Elizabeth Toombs, 1636 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Toombes, 1678 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Tomelty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr

Irish: from **Mac Tomaltaigh** or **Ó Tomaltaigh**, see **Tumilty**.

### Tomer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Toomer**.

### Tomes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 519
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Dorset; Bucks
- English: see **Toms**.

### Tomey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

Irish: from **Ó Tuama**, see **Twomey**.

### Tominey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 244, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from **Ó Tiománaigh**, see **Timoney**.

### Tomkies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Derbys; London
- English: reduced form of **Tomkins**.

### Tomkin

**Variants:** **Thomkin**, **Tompkin**, **Tonkin**, **Tonkyn**, **Tonking**, **Tamkin**, **Tomkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford and Wicklow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)omkin*, a diminutive of *T(h)om(me)* (see **Thom**), itself a pet form of **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** William Thomekyn, 1323 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Robertus Thomkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainburn, WR Yorks); Robertus Thomkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colkirk, Norfolk); Willelmo Tomekyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Singleton, Sussex); Nicholas Tomkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Stowe, Northants); Ricardus Tomkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwicks); Johannes Thomkyne, 1381 in

*Poll Tax* (Idbury, Oxon); Annes Tonckin, 1563 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); William Tonking, 1598 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall).

### Tomkins

**Variants:** **Thomkins**, **Tompkins**, **Tomkies**, **Tomkis**, **Tomkys**, **Tomkiss**, **Tonkins**, **Tonkings**, **Tonkiss**, **Tonks**, **Tunks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3829, Ireland 197
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3022
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: variant of **Tomkin** with genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** William Tumkyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Geoffrey Tomkynes, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmus Tomkyns, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton, Staffs); Willelmo Tomkyns, Johanne Thomkyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brilley, Herefs); Willelmus Tomkenes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops); Hugo Tomkynnes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minsterley, Shrops); Jane Tonkys, 1563 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Alas Tonkes, 1574 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Hugh Tunckes, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Penton Newsey, Hants); Humfrey Tomkys, 1585 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Rychard Tunks, 1582 in *IGI* (Donington, Shrops); Margaret Thomkins, 1585 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Somerset); William Tonkins, 1593 in *IGI* (Halstock, Dorset); Thomas Tomkies, 1624 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); Mary Tomks, 1652 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Margery Thomkis, 1655 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Jane Tonkiss, 1732 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops); Arthur Tunkiss, 1758 in *IGI* (Oldbury, Shrops).

### Tomkinson

**Variants:** **Thomkinson**, **Tompkinson**, **Tonkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2578, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1947
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)omkin* (see **Tomkin**) + *-son*, 'son of *T(h)omkin*'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Tomkynson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pemberton, Lancs); John Tomkynson, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); John Tumkynson of Legh, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Leigh, Lancs); Alice Tomkinson, 1561 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Henry Thomkinson, 1578 in *IGI* (Gnossal, Staffs); John Tonkinson, 1656 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs).

### Tomkis

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: reduced form of **Tomkins**.

### Tomkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Staffs, and Warwicks

English: reduced form of **Tomkins**.

### Tomkys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: reduced form of **Tomkins**.

## Tomley

### Tomley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Townley**.

**Further information:** Thomley (Oxon) does not appear to have contributed to the surname: see *Reaney and Wilson*.

### Tomlin

**Variants:** Tomline, Thomline, Tomblin, Tomalin, Tomling, Tomlins, Tamlyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3923, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2622
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Herts; Leics; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Carlow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)omelin*, a double diminutive of *T(h)om(me)* (see **Thom**), itself a pet form of **Thomas**. **Early bearers:** given names: Thomelinus Anglicus, 1287 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomelinus Herys, 1380 in *Moray Register*.

surnames, England: Robert Thomelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Thomeling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warningcamp, Sussex); John Tomelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Thomelyne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fleckney, Leics); Henricus Tomelyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Roberto Thomelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Willelmo Tomeling, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chute, Wilts); Ricardus Tomlyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardo Thomelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Avening, Gloucs); Martin Tomelyn, 1407–8 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); James Tomlyn, 1488 in *Cornish Lands* (Phillack, Cornwall); Rychard Tomlin, 1562 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); Thomas Tomline, 1591 in *IGI* (Bekebourne, Kent); Richard Tomalin, 1601 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon). surnames, Scotland: James Thomline, 1645 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs).

### Tomline

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; Lincs; Staffs

English: see **Tomlin**.

### Tomling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Tomlin**.

### Tomlins

**Variants:** Thomlins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 599
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops
- English: variant of **Tomlin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tomlyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwicks); Roberto Thomelins, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chute, Wilts); Ricardo Thomelynes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Ginge, Berks); John Tomlins, 1541 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Richardi Tomlins, 1575 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops).

### Tomlinson

**Variants:** Thomlinson, Tumlinson, Tombleson, Townson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17111, Ireland 125
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13623
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *T(h)omelin* (see **Tomlin**) + *-son*, 'son of *Tomlin*'. See also **Townson**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tomlynson', Ricardus Thomlynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Henricus Thomlinson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Ricardo Tomlynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, ER Yorks); Nicholao Thomlynson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Wylliam Thomlesson, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); George Tomlinson, 1542 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Margaret Tomlinson, 1545 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); John Thomlinson, 1560 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Edward Tumlinson, 1565 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs).

### Tommaso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Italian: see **Tomasso**.

### Tommis

**Variants:** Thomis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Thomas**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes the change in Bradford (WR Yorks) from Christopher Thomas (1539) to Samuel Thomisse (1635).

**Early bearers:** Edmund Tommys, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Tomys or Tommys, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Almeley, Herefs); Anna Thomis, 1673 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Katherine Tommis, 1685 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs).

### Tomms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

English: see **Toms**.

### Tomney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan and Tyrone

Irish: from Ó Tiománaigh, see **Timoney**.

### Tomos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Tomos*, the Welsh form of **Thomas**.

**Early bearers:** Rice Tomos, 1776 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Tompkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, and WR Yorks; Staffs

English: variant of **Tomkin** with intrusive *-p-*.

**Early bearers:** Jams Tompkin, 1584 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Elizabeth Tompkyn, 1611 in *IGI* (Arlington, Sussex); Johan Thompkin, 1654 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs).

### Tompkins

**Variants:** Thompkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2821, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2247
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Beds, and Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: variant of **Tomkins** with intrusive *-p-*.

**Early bearers:** John Tompkins, 1541 in *IGI* (Ashperton, Herefs); John Tompkyns or Tomkyns, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Tirley, Gloucs); Thomas Thompkins, 1677 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks).

### Tompkinson

**Variants:** Thompkinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

English: variant of **Tomkinson** with intrusive *-p-*. Compare **Tompkin**.

**Early bearers:** John Tompkynson, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Halwater, Staffs); Henry Tompkinson, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Knightly, Staffs); Jane Thompkinson, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Giles without Cripplegate, London).

### Tompsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 661, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Tomsett**.

### Tompson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 626
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: see **Thompson**.

### Toms

**Variants:** Tomes, Tomms, Thoms, Thoams, Tooms, Tombs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3564, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Dorset; London

English: variant of **Thom** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Thoms, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter Tomes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henricus Tomes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cary Fitzpaine, Somerset); Willelmo Thomes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chedworth, Gloucs); Agnes Toms, 1553 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Johis. Thoms, 1563 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Thoams, 1609 in *IGI* (North Witham, Lincs).

Wales: Joan Thoams, 1617 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Pembrokes); Philip Thoams, 1709 in *IGI* (Llandefiog, Carmarthens).

### Tomsett

**Variants:** Thomsett, Tompsett, Thompssett, Tamsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 457
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Thomset*, *Tomset*, a pet form of the personal name **Thomas**, formed with *Thomas* + *-et*. **Further information:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 316, notes an example of Tomset at Ewhurst in 1395, from the *Hastings Court Rolls*. **Early bearers:** William Thomsette, 1518 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Biddenden, Kent); Henry Tompsett, 1542 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); Thomas Thomsette, 1552 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Warehorne, Kent); Agnes Tomsett, 1563 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Anne Tomset, 1578 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); James Tomsett, James Tompsett, 1586 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Hester Thomsett, 1591 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Stephen Tompsett, 1610 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex).

### Tomson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England; also Ross and Cromarty; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Thompson**.

### Tonbridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Sussex
- English: see **Tunbridge**.

### Tone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Westmeath; Down

English: see **Town**.

**Further information:** According to MacLysaght, this form of the name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Francis Tone, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumraney, Westmeath).

### Toner

**Variants:** **Tonner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2105, Ireland 2114
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Armagh and Tyrone

1 Irish: from Ó **Tomhráir** ‘descendant of *Tomhrar*’, a gaelicized form of the Scandinavian personal name *Thorr*. Compare **Thunder**.

**Early bearers:** Ó Toner, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 35 (Upper and Lower Fews, Armagh); Rorye Toner, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tullyhappies, Armagh); Eneas O’Toner, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Carrickstickin); Owen O’Tonner, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Solsan, Armagh); Cecilia Toner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); Margaret Toner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Termonfeckin, Louth); Denis Tonry, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killadoon, Sligo). 2 English: nickname from Old French *toner* ‘thunder’, perhaps for someone with a thunderous voice. Compare **Thunder**.

**Further information:** Turners Puddle (Dorset) takes its name from members of the Toner family. Walter Tonitruus held the manor in 1086 and Henry Tonere was lord in 1280. The place-name, recorded as *Pudell Toner* in 1264 and *Tournerespedyll* in 1428, suggests that the surname *Toner* may have become confused with **Turner**.

**Early bearers:** Edmund Tonere, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Edmund Toneir, 1344 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugo Tonor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); Nicholas Toner, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, pp. 294–5.

3 English: see **Towner**.

### Tones

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Towns**.

### Toney

**Variants:** **Tony**, **Totney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

Norman, English: locative name from Tosny (Eure). **Further information:** In 1086 Ralph de Tosny held lands in Berks, Essex, Gloucs, Herefs, Herts, Norfolk, and Worcs, including Clifford Castle (Herefs) and Flamstead (Herts), later the capital of the Tosny barony. His kinsman Robert de Tosny was seated at Belvoir (Leics). In the following centuries members of the family held estates widely across England, including Saham Toney (Norfolk), Stratford Tony (Wilts), and Newton Tony (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Ralph, Robert de Tosny, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ricardo de Toni, 1220, Radulfo de Toeny, 1223, Ralph de Thony, 1256, Roger de Thoni, 1257, Roger de Tony, 1264 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Tony, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert de Touney, 1308, Geoffrey de Tonny, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Johanne Tony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Galfridus Tony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Willelmo Tony, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Walter Toney or Tonie, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Thurlbear, Somerset).

**References:** *DNB*, at Ralph de Tosny; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 738–41.

### Tong

**Variants:** **Tung**, **Dong**, **Dung**, **Thong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2243, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1057
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent; also WR
- Yorks and Lincs

1 English: see **Tonge**.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 童 (**Tung** in Cantonese romanization), also an alternative Cantonese romanization, meaning ‘children’ in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Lao Tong (老童), son of the legendary king Zhuan Xu (2514–2437 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Xu Tong (胥童), the name of an official in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 佟 (**Tung** in Cantonese romanization), also an alternative Cantonese romanization: (i) from Zhong

Gu, an official during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), who submitted to the king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC) and changed his surname to 佟. (ii) traced back to the Nüzhen ethnic group, the ancestors of the Manchus, originating in present-day Liaoning province in far NE China.

4 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 仝, simplified form of another homophonous Chinese surname *Tong* (同), derived from an ancient state (located in Shaanxi province) during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC) or an official post called Dian Tong (典同) in charge of royal musical instruments during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 董 (**Dong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tung** in Cantonese romanization), also an alternative Cantonese romanization, meaning ‘supervise, superintend’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Dong Fu (董父), said to be a descendant of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). He was supposedly given the surname 董 by the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) from *Dong Du* (董督), which means ‘supervision and management’ in ancient Chinese. This was the duty of an official post called Tai Shi, responsible for the supervision, management, and censorship of the compilation of the annals in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 東 (**Dong** in Mandarin pinyin, **Tung** in Cantonese romanization), also a variant Cantonese romanization, meaning ‘east’ in Chinese: (i) said to be from the personal name of Dong Bu Shi (东不识), a friend of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) said to be from the compound surname Dong-Fang (東方) (meaning ‘east’ in Chinese).

7 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 湯 and 唐, see **Tang** (1) and (2).

8 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 黨, see **Tang** (5).

9 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

10 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 張, based on the Gan dialect spoken in Jiangxi province, see **Cheung** (1).

11 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 莊, based on the Gan dialect spoken in Jiangxi province, see **Chong** (1).

12 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 宋, see **Song** (1).

### Tongate

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Norfolk
- English: see **Tungate**.

### Tonge

**Variants:** **Tong**, **Tongue**, **Tongs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2373, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1887
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name, primarily from Tonge (Lancs), but also from other places similarly named, including Tong (WR Yorks), Tonge (Kent), Tong in Headcorn (Kent), Tonge (Leics), and Tong (Shrops).

## Tongs

Some of these places appear to be named from Middle English *tong(e)* 'tongue' (Old English *tunge*), and the surname may occasionally be topographic, for someone who lived on a tongue-like projection of land; others are ultimately from Old English *t(w)ang(e)* 'tongs, fork (of a river)'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Tanga, 1160–1 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard de Tanga, de Tong, about 1200–10 in *Calverley Charters* (Yorks); Elias de Tong, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); William in la Tunge, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); [ . . . ] de Taunge, 1249 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes de Tong, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleshill, WR Yorks); Johanne de Thonge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Diseworth, Leics); Willelmus de Tonge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, WR Yorks); Henrico de Tong, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Johannes de Thong', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleshill, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Tongh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Middleton, Lancs); Richard de Tonge, 1400 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John atte Tonge, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); James a Tonge, 1545 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (Kent); Willms Tonge, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Ales Tonge, 1564 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 217.

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tonge* 'tongs, forceps' (Old English *tang(e)*), for someone who made or used tongs or forceps. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *tong(e)* 'tongue' (Old English *tunge*), perhaps for a chatterbox or scold.

**Early bearers:** Wluricus Tunge, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Nicholas Tonge, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Tonge, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Rycharde Tonge, 1605 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Roger Tonge, 1615 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

## Tongs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: variant of **Tonge** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*. Some place-names in **Tonge** (1) are recorded in the medieval period with *-s* spellings; for example, Tonge (Kent) as *Tonges* in 1254. Alternatively, some medieval bearers may reflect the plural form of Middle English *tonge* 'tongs, forceps': see **Tonge** (2).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Tanges, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Tonges, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); George Tonges, 1561 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Mary Tonges, 1638 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Prudence Tongs, 1606 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 266.

## Tongue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1072, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 986
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Warwicks, Staffs, and Worcs; Notts

English: see **Tonge**.

## Tonkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Tomkin**, where /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/. Compare **Sincock** as a variant of **Simcock**.

## Tonking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Tomkin**, where *-ing* has been substituted for *-in* and /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/.

## Tonkings

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Devon

English: variant of **Tonkins**, see **Tomkins**.

## Tonkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon

English: variant of **Tomkins**, where /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/.

## Tonkinson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 450, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 288
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Tomkinson**, where /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/.

## Tonkiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: reduced form of **Tonkins**, see **Tomkins**.

## Tonks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3183, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1573
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: reduced form of **Tonkins**, see **Tomkins**.

## Tonkyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Tomkin**, where /m/ has developed to /ŋ/ before /k/.

## Tonna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Maltese: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Carlo Tonna, born in Florianne, Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

## Tonner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1010, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Tomhraid, see **Toner**.

## Tony

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

Norman, English: see **Toney**.

## Too

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: see **Toe**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 杜, 都, 塗 (or 涂), and 屠. See **To** (1–4).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蘇, see **Su** (1).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 褚, see **Chu** (6).

## Tooby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Worcs, Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks

English: see **Toby**.

## Tood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Durham

English: see **Todd**.

## Toogood

**Variants:** **Togood**, **Towgood**, **Tugwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1633, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1383
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset

English: nickname from Middle English *to* 'exceedingly, too' + *god(e)* 'good', perhaps ironic in application. Compare Hamon Toproud, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire), i.e. 'too proud'. See also **Trapnell**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Togod, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Togod, Togot, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Robert Togod, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Cambs); Agnes Tougod, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Stephen Tougod, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephen Togood, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Togod, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glaston, Rutland); Johanne Togot, 1379, Robertus Togod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shangton, Leics); Symon Togode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Elworthy, Somerset); Margerie Toogood, 1473 in *Saint Radegund Priory Cambridge* (Cambs); Ric Towgood, 1568 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Robertus Twogood, 1630, Anna Togood, 1637, Johannes Tugwood, 1672 in *IGI* (Ambrosden, Oxon); Thomas Twogood, 1765, Hilton Tugwood, 1761, James Toogood, 1828 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks).

## Tooher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly and Tipperary

Irish: from Ó Tuachair, see **Togher**.

## Toohey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 103
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Offaly

Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

**Toohill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs and Yorks
- Irish: from Ó Tuathail, see **O'Toole**.

**Took**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk; London
- English: see **Tooke**.

**Tooke**

Variants: **Took, Toke, Tock, Tuke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 937, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 457
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk; London

English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman and Middle English personal name *Toka, Toke, Tuke* (Old Scandinavian *Tóki*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tochi, Toke, Toche, Toca, Tuka, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.  
 surnames: Ormus filius Toki, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Henry Thoche, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Wrangle Tocha, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter filius Tuke, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Toke, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Toke, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Rogerus filius Toke, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Henry Tuke, 1246 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); Henry Tuke, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Robert Touk, 1325 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Tok, Johannes Toke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worstead, Norfolk); Thomas Tuk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Adam Tuk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Walterus Tuk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Duddlewick, Shrops); John Tuke, 1468 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard Tuke, 1487 in *Paston Letters*; Wyllyam Took, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alec Toke, 1569 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Agnes Tuke, 1575 in *IGI* (Ringwouuld, Kent); Elizab Tuke, 1575 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Robte. Tooke, 1576 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Elizab Tuke, 1581 in *IGI* (Silk Willoughby, Lincs); Alyce Tooke, 1583 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Jhon Tock, 1587 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Susan Took, 1601 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Tock, 1604 in *IGI* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Clarae Toke, 1607 in *IGI* (Milsted, Kent); Alles Tuke, 1607 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Tuke, 1612 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); William Took, 1622 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 371–6.

**Tooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English, Irish: see **Tucker**.

**Tookey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 378
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks; London and Herts; Lancs
- English: see **Tuckey**.

**Tool**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 171
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Durham; Lanarks
- Irish, English: see **Toole**.

**Toolan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 202
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon and Sligo
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaláin, see **Toland**.

**Toole**

Variants: **Tool, Tooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1650, Ireland 231
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1606
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Northumb and Durham; also central Scotland; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Galway; Kildare
- 1 Irish: from Ó Tuathail, see **O'Toole**.

**Early bearers:** Ann Toole, 1795 in *IGI* (Sorn, Ayr); Patrick Toole, 1810, Patrick Toole, 1824 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Patrick Toole, 1855 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Toole, 1857, Sarah Toole, 1865 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Henry Toole, born in Dublin, Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, London).  
 2 English: variant of **Towle**. Some of the 19th-century bearers may belong under (1).  
**Early bearers:** Northumb and Durham: Richard Toll, 1613, Dorothy Toll, 1701 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); William Toll, 1713 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Robert Towl, 1743 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Toole, 1819 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Richard Toole, 1830 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb).  
 Lancs: Richard Toole, 1630 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk); Wm. Toll, 1756 in *IGI* (Hindley); Thomas Towle, 1807 in *IGI* (Bolton).  
 London and Middx: Wm Towle, 1633, Robert Toole, 1706 in *IGI* (London); Elizth. Toole, 1720, Job Towle, 1742 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Tooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1184, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1028
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs; London
- 1 English: see **Tolley**.  
 2 Irish: from Ó Tuathail, see **O'Toole**.

**Tooman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Irish: from Ó Tuamáin, see **Toman**.

**Toombes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Worcs
- English: see **Tombs**.

**Toombs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 25

- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Northants; Cambs
- English: see **Tombs**.

**Toomer**

Variants: **Tomer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 613, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts, and Somerset; London

English: locative name from Toomer in Henstridge (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** John Tomer, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Tomere de Tomere, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Toomer, Somerset); Richard Tomer, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Toomer, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Wimborne, Dorset); Gratia Toomer, 1615 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Tumer, 1627 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); Elizabeth Toomer, 1669 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); Elizabeth Tomer, 1716 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Toomey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1198, Ireland 640
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 575
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Tuama, see **Twomey**.

**Tooms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Leics and Northants
- English: see **Toms**.

**Toon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1887, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Derbys, and Staffs
- English: see **Town**.

**Toone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 726
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Town**.

**Toons**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lincs
- English: see **Towns**.

**Toop**

Variants: **Toope, Tope, Topp, Tupp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 645, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 533
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Dorset
- 1 English: in SW England a variant of **Topp** with the vowel pronounced long.  
 2 English: relationship name in E and N England from the Middle English personal name *Tope*, *Toppe*, \**Tupe* (Old Scandinavian *Tōpi* and *Tūpi*, pet forms of names beginning in *Forb-* or *Burb-*).  
**Early bearers:** given names: Topi, Tope, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Tope, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Topi, 1169–70 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk).

## Toope

surnames: Ulf Tope sune, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Aldene Tope, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Godardus filius Topi, about 1170 in *Castle Acre Cartulary* (Norfolk); Herueius filius Toppe, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Topi, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alan Tupe, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Top, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Tupe, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert Tope of Lenton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lenton, Notts); Roger Toop, 1372 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Toup of Algarkirk, 1374 in *Patent Rolls* (Algarkirk, Lincs); Henricus Top', Johannes Toppe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Manton, Rutland); Henrico Topp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newtown Linford, Leics); Holwisia Toppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); Johannes Toppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Johannes Top, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brunton and Ballingdon, Essex); Galfridus Toup, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); John Top, 1410 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics).

### Toope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Toop**.

### Toor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Indian (Panjab): from a Sikh name based on the name of a Jat tribe.

### Toose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Tooze**.

### Tootal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Middx; Derbys
- English: see **Toothill**.

### Tootell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 378
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Toothill**.

### Tooth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 862
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: nickname from Middle English *toth(e)* 'tooth' (Old English *tōð*), for someone with one or more prominent or distinctive teeth.
- Early bearers:** Hugo cum dentibus, about 1102–11 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Robert Tothe, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Toth, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Tooth, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Toth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langport, Somerset); Robertus Toth, Joc' Tothe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Ricardus Tooth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wereham, Norfolk); John Tothe of Kyllom, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Richard Tothe, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Toth, 1604 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex).

### Toothill

**Variants:** Tootill, Tootell, Tootle, Tootal, Tothill, Tottle, Tuthill, Tutill, Tuttle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 379
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name from various places named with Old English *\*tōt-hyll* 'lookout hill', primarily Toothill in Rastrick (WR Yorks) and perhaps Tootle in Longridge (Lancs), but also Tuttle Hill in Nuneaton (Warwicks), and Tothill (Lincs). There are several further minor place-names of this type that may have contributed to the surname. (ii) locative name, occasionally from Tottenham (Norfolk), recorded as *Totehill* in 1251.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Totehille, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Hugh de Totehill, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Totel of Lincoln and Robert de Totel, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Totil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Ryburgh, Norfolk); Johannes Totell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Johannes de Totehill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Totehill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Maltby, WR Yorks); Rogero de Totehull', de Totehill', 1379, de Totull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Johanne de Totyll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tothill and South Reston, Lincs); Robert Totyll', 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Tutehill' of Staynton' by Edlyngton', 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Stainton, WR Yorks); John Totehill, 1582 in *PROB 11* (East Harling, Norfolk); Edmund Tuttle, 1657 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 40; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 91.

### Tootill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 405
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Toothill**.

### Tootle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Toothill**.

### Toovey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London
- English: see **Tovey**.

### Tooze

**Variants:** Toose, Towse, Toase, Toas, Toes, Tose, Toze, Towes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Gloucs

English: relationship name, possibly from a Middle English personal name *\*Tos(s)e* (Old English *\*Tossa*, a pet form of *Torhtsige*). Compare Willmo Tosseman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Goring and Ferring, Sussex). Although Old English *\*Tossa* is not on independent record, it has been proposed as the first element in the place-name Tosberry in Hartland (Devon).

**Early bearers:** S England: Thomas Tosse, Walter Tossa, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Churchstanton, Devon); Thomas Tose, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); John Tose, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John Tose, 1502 in *PROB 11* (Taunton, Somerset); John Towse, 1541 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); James Tosse, 1556 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); James Toose, 1559 in *IGI* (Clyst Hydon, Devon); Elizabeth Toos, 1576 in *IGI* (Swell, Somerset); Joane Towes, 1577 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Richard Towse, 1577 in *IGI* (Datchet, Bucks); Joann Tooze, 1621 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Tows, 1678 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Edvardus Toaz, 1724 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon).

N England: William Touse, 1455, William Towce, 1471 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Tows, 1565 in *York Registry Wills* (Garton, ER Yorks); Anne Tosse, 1588, Anne Toase, 1742 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); George Toes, 1590, Crispin Tows, 1709 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Gulielmus Toos, Willm. Toes, 1603 in *IGI* (Collingham, WR Yorks); George Tose, 1630 in *IGI* (Kirklington, NR Yorks); Cicilia Toes, 1609, Susannah Toase, 1799 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); John Towes, 1685 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Juditha Towse, 1689 in *IGI* (York); John Toas, 1709 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 76.

### Toozer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Monmouths, Gloucs, and Somerset
- English: see **Tozer**.

### Top

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics; Somerset; also Aberdeens
- English: see **Topp**.

### Topcliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Topliff**.

### Tope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Toop**.

### Toper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Topper**.

### Topham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2059, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2126
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Dublin and Meath; Cork

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *Toppam*, of uncertain meaning. The second element is perhaps Middle English *pan(ne)* 'crown of the

head', while *Top-* could be derived from several different words. If from Middle English *toppen* 'to shave (the head)', then *Toppan* might have been a name for a barber who provided tonsures for the clergy. Alternatively *Top-* might represent Middle English *tup*, *top(pe)* 'ram, male sheep', hence 'ram-head', or Middle English *top(pe)*, Anglo-Norman French *tupe* 'hair on the head, tuft of hair, forelock', denoting someone with a distinctive head of hair. Compare Willelmus Toppeheved, 1238 in *Close Rolls of Henry III*, and William Tupeheved, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs), 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem*. See also **Topping**, **Tuppen**, and **Topper**. (ii) alternatively, some examples of the post-medieval name may be variants of **Topping**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Toppan, Willelmus Toppayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Francis Toppan, 1555, Alice Topham, 1608 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); John Tophan, 1564 in *IGI* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Edmundus Toppen, 1567 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Anna Toppon, 1574, Henricus Toppen, 1578, Esabell Topan, 1586, An Tophan, 1593, Mary Topham, 1657 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: for the Lincs name see **Tupholme**.

3 English: locative name; in S England the name is rare and may be from an unidentified place-name there, as implied by the following early bearers.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for Wilson's explanation, in *Reaney and Wilson*, that the name derives from Topham in Sykehouse (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Topeham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Robertus Topeham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ockley, Surrey); Galfrido Topham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denchworth, Berks); John Topham, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Thome Topham, 1613, Thomas Seaber Topham, 1860 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Edward Topham, 1756 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey).

### Toplas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Toppliss**.

### Toplass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Toppliss**.

### Topless

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Toppliss**.

### Topley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 880, Ireland 93
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Lincs; London and Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: (i) variant of **Toppliff** with the same development of *-cliff* via *-liff* to *-ley* as seen in such place-names as Cronkley (Northumb), Catsley (Dorset), and Gatley (Cheshire). See also **Hinchley**. (ii) alternatively a hypercorrect form of *Toppliss*, without final *-s*, although *Toppliss* itself could be an *-s*

variant of *Topley* as a pronunciation of *Toppliffe*. Compare Mary Toppliss, 1753, Samuel Topley, 1760, Samuel Toppliss, 1789 in *IGI* (Ticknall, Derbys).

### Topliff

**Variants:** **Topliffe**, **Topcliffe**, **Toppliss**, **Topley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham; also Middx

English: locative name from Topcliffe by Thirsk (NR Yorks) and Topcliffe by Wakefield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Topeclive, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (NR Yorks); Herueus de Toppecliu, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); [ . . . de] Toftclive, 13th cent. in *Yorks Charters* (WR Yorks); Nicholas de Topcliff, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Hutton le Hole, NR Yorks); John de Topclif, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Gamello de Topcliff, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Elena Topklyff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snydale, WR Yorks); Thomas de Topclyff, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Thirkleby, WR Yorks); John Topcliff, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Topplyffe, 1491 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Richard Topcliff, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Eliz. Toppelyffe, 1548, Willm Topplyffe, 1559 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Alice Topcliffe, 1575 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Bredgit Topclyff, 1581 in *IGI* (Heapham, Lincs); John Toppliph, 1698 in *IGI* (Stockton, Durham).

### Topliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Surrey
- English: see **Toppliff**.

### Toplin

**Variants:** **Taplin**, **Tuplin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Gloucs; Lincs
- 1 English: nickname for someone who used the Old French expression *tut plein* 'completely'. The medieval Sussex name may have become **Taplin** and the Lincs name **Tuplin**. Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong under (2). **Early bearers:** William Tutpleyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rogate, Sussex); Johannes Tutpleyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Edmund Toplin, 1617 in *IGI* (Chedgrave, Norfolk); An Toplin, 1628 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Wm Topling, 1746 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks); William Toplin, 1790 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs); Thos. Toplin, 1787 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).

2 English: relationship name, perhaps from a pet formed with the Middle English personal name **Topp** formed with the Old French double diminutive suffix *-elin*.

**Early bearers:** William Topelyn of Newland (Newland, Northumb, or Newlands, Cumb?), 1310 in *Patent Rolls*; Raiph Toplin, 1645 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

### Toppliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 542, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 577
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Toppliss**.

### Toppliss

**Variants:** **Topplis**, **Topless**, **Toplass**, **Toplas**, **Tapliss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1011, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 483
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Derbys, and Staffs

English: variant of **Toppliff**.

**Further information:** The surname *Toplady*, cited for comparison by Reaney and Wilson, is not relevant.

See **Tiplady**.

**Early bearers:** John Topplis, 1541 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); William Topleys, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Tissington, Derbys); Alicia Topplis, 1575 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Elizabeth Topplis, 1594 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); William Toppliss, 1595 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robert Topples, 1596 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); John Toppliss, 1678 in *IGI* (Teversall, Notts); William Topplis, 1685, Joseph Toplass, 1752 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Robert Toplas, 1734 in *IGI* (Alton, Staffs).

### Topman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Middx; Lancs

English: see **Tupman**.

### Topp

**Variants:** **Top**, **Toop**, **Tapp**, **Topps**, **Tupp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 839, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 670
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Hants; Lancs; Aberdeens

English: (i) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *top(pe)*, *tope*, Old English *topp(a)* 'hair on the head; tuft of hair', for someone with distinctive hair.

Compare **Topping**. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *top(pe)*, *tope*, Anglo-Norman French *toup*, side-forms of Middle English *tup(pe)* 'ram, male sheep', see **Tupp**. (iii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Top(pe)*, *Tope*, perhaps representing an unrecorded Old English *\*Top(p)* or *\*Toppa*, or else (especially in E and N England) Old Scandinavian *Tōpi*, *\*Tupe*; see **Toop** (2). **Early bearers:** England: Robert Toppe, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); John Toppe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stoke Abbot, Dorset); Richard Top, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Molton, Devon); Walterus Top, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Penleigh, Wilts); Johannes Toppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middlezoy, Somerset); Willelmus Tope, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); Robertus Tope, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Robert Topp, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Durley, Wilts); Alicia Towpe, 1542, Johes. Toupe, 1568 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Alice Toope, 1567 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Jane Tooppe, 1583 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Christina Toope, 1588 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Henry Toop, 1594 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); Joan Top or Toppe, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Berwick Saint John, Wilts); Ann Topp, 1720, Honour Toop, 1785 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants). Scotland: Edward Top, 1486 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Top, 1688 in *IGI* (Rayne, Aberdeens); James Topp, 1771 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margt. Toop, 1804 in *IGI* (Daviot, Aberdeens).

### Topper

**Variants:** **Tooper**, **Tupper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0

## Toppin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Cambs and Hunts

English: (i) occupational name, nickname from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *toppen*, *topen*, meaning either 'to take the top off (something), to shave' or 'to put the top on something'. *Topper* could, for example, denote a barber, a sheep shearer, or a roofer, but there is no contextual evidence at present to settle the matter. Compare **Topp**. (ii) locative name, perhaps for someone who lived at the top of a hill (Middle English *toppe* + *-er*), a type of name common in Sussex and the adjacent counties, but McKinley notes that no examples of the equivalent *atte Toppe* have been found there. **Further information:** There is no reason to suppose, as Reaney does, that a *topper* was 'probably the one who put the 'toppe' [the tuft of wool] on the distaff'. As McKinley points out, this was unlikely to give rise to a distinct occupation and in any case spinning was a female occupation, whereas all early examples of the surname belong to men.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Toppere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Toppere, 1327 in *Ancient Deeds* (Marlborough, Wilts); Simon le Toppere, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Marlborough, Wilts); Henricus Topere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Henrico Toppere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elcot and Neubury Street, Wilts); Annys Topper, 1562 in *IGI* (South Witham, Lincs); Ellen Topper, 1562 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Adryan Topper, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Deunes Toper, 1594 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elyzabethe Toppar, 1597 in *IGI* (Titchhurst, Sussex). **References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 273.

## Toppin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 272
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs
- English: see **Topping**.

## Topping

**Variants:** **Toppin**, **Tapping**, **Tipping**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3289, Ireland 471
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2056
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *topping(e)* 'hair on the head', probably given to someone with a distinctive head of hair or forelock. Compare William Redtopping, 1246–7 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs). See also **Topp**, **Tuppen**, and **Topham**. (ii) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Old English personal name \**Topping*, a pet form of \**Topp*. See also **Topp**. (iii) locative name, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *topping* 'hilltop' but no locative surname forms have been found to bear this out.

**Early bearers:** John Toppyng, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Joh' fil' Will'i Toppyng, burgess, 1397, Ric'us Toppyng junior, burgess, 1542 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Preston, Lancs); Robert Toppyng, 1422 in *Yorks Wills* (Teesdale, NR Yorks); Alace Topping, 1540, Thome Toppin, 1575 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Jefferay Topping, 1564 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Willam. Toppin, 1568, Ann Topping, 1574 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Agnes Toppin, 1571 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Topping, 1571 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Georgius Toppin, 1573, Ellenor

Topping, 1667 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Rob. Toppin, 1575 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks).

## Toppie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Topel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, ER Yorks); Robert Toppele, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Alice Tople, 1579 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk); Rich Tople, 1586 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex); Wyllam Toppel, 1592 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Katherin Tople, 1598 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs); John Topple, 1624 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

## Toppis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Leics; Gloucs
- English: variant of **Topp** with late medieval and post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Robert Toppes of Norwich alias Robert Toppe alias Robert Topp, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Godfrey Toppes, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Dennys Toppis, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Arthur Toppes, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Chelmsford, Essex).

## Toppisfield

**Variants:** **Tapsfield**, **Tapsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Toppesfield (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Elias de Topesfeld, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); William de Topesfeld, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Eobert de Topesfeld, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Toppesfeld, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Toltingtrough hundred, Kent); Dionisia Toppesfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton, Hants); Francis Toppesfeld of Toppesfeld, 1421–2 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Anna Topfelde, 1543 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Annes Tapsell, 1544 in *IGI* (London); Agnes Topsell, 1560 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Anthonie Tapsill, 1566 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); Annis Tapsell, 1569 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Alyce Topsaille, 1584 in *IGI* (Lyminster, Sussex); Arthure Topsfelde, 1587 in *IGI* (Mereworth, Kent); George Tapsfield, 1588 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Henry Tapsell, 1589 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey).

## Topsom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Suffolk

English: see **Tapson**.

## Topson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tapson**.

## Toran

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó **Toráin**, see **Torrens**.

## Torbert

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

## Torbet

**Variants:** **Torbett**, **Torbert**, **Torbitt**, **Tarbet**, **Tarbitt**, **Tarbutt**, **Tarbath**, **Tarbard**, **Turbard**, **Turbett**, **Turbet**, **Turbitt**, **Turbutt**, **Turbot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Ayr and Wigtowns

1 Norman, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Anglo-Norman and Middle English personal name *T(h)urbert*, *T(h)orbert*, a hybrid of Old Scandinavian *Þorr* 'Thor', the name of the god of thunder, + Continental Germanic *-bert* 'bright, famous'. The name was probably formed on the Continent and is identical with *Turbert* found in the Normandy place-name Thouberville (see **Turberville**); hence the Norman initial *T* and the frequent loss of the second *r*. Only one example of the personal name is found in England before the Conquest, but it is found in *Domesday Book* and continued in use until at least the 13th century. It was sometimes confused with *T(h)orbern*, *T(h)urbern*: see **Thorburn**. (ii) nickname, perhaps in some cases from Old French and Middle English *turbot*, *turbut* 'turbot', for someone who caught or sold this fish.

**Early bearers:** given names: Turbert, Torbertus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Thurbert, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Suffolk); Turbertus, about 1160–70 in *Northants Charters* (Beds).

surnames: Alanus, Gaufridus Torberti, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); John Turbut, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); William Turbert, 1248 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); John Turberd, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Torebat, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Eudo Turbot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Turbat, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middle Barton and Steeple Barton, Oxon); Johannes Turbot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Adam Turbut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); Agneta Turbotte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Giles Turbett or Turbette, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Kings Sutton, Northants). 2 Scottish: variant of **Tarbet** or **Tervit**.

## Torbett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus; NR Yorks; Lanarks

Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

## Torbitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Somerset; Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Norman, English, Irish: see **Torbet**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Moses Torbet, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrea, Derry); Matthew Torbite, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanloo, Derry); William Torbitt, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghanloo, Derry).



**Torch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 English: nickname from Middle English *torch(e)* ‘torch; large wax or tallow candle’ (Old French *torce*), perhaps for someone who made or bore torches.

**Early bearers:** Alueue Torce, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robert Torche, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Custumals* (Sussex); Francis Torch, 1749 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); John Torch, 1769 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Richard Torch, 1793 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

2 Huguenot: nickname from French *torche* ‘torch’ (Old French *torce*), as in (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard Torche, 1615 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

**Tordiff**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- Scottish, English: see **Tordoff**.

**Tordiffe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Cumb; Somerset

Scottish, English: see **Tordoff**.

**Tordoff**

Variants: **Tordiff**, **Tordiffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 706
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Scottish: locative name from Torduff in Gretna (Dumfriess).

**Further information:** Members of the family living in Bradford (WR Yorks) in the 19th century are said to have spoken to local historians of a Scottish connection.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Johan de Dordofe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Dumfriess).

England: William Tordoff, 1499 in *York Freeman's Register*; Jo Tordiffe, 1585, Tho. Tordeef, 1592, Mary Tordaf, 1703 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); Thomas Torduffe, 1588 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Tordoff, 1645 in *IGI* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Lancelot Tordiff, 1678 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb); Mary Tordoff, 1681 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); George Tordiffe, 1689 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb); John Torduffe, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Torkington**

Variants: **Talkington**, **Turkington**, **Turkentine**, **Turketine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Torkington (Cheshire). **Further information:** Turkington Hill in Somersham (Hunts) may be named from the 1551 bearer or his family.

**Early bearers:** NW England: Hugo de Torkynton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); Edwd. Torkinton, 1580, Henrie Torkintonne, 1599, Thomas Torkenton, 1605 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Thomas Torkington, 1594 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs);

Katharen Torkynton, 1601 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Betty Turkiton, 1776 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

**Other:** Laurence Turkyngton, 1551 in *Feet of Fines* (Somersham, Hunts); Robert Turkynton, 1560 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Thomas Turkenton, 1560, Alice Torkenton, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Henry Turkinton, 1571 in *IGI* (Little Stukeley, Hunts); Frannces Torkinton, 1570, Henrici Turkington, 1598, Henrici Torkington, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Stukeley, Hunts); Elizabeth Turkton, 1599 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Marget Turkeinton, 1603 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Nathaniel Turquentine, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Shotley, Suffolk); Robert Turkentine, 1660 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); George Turkintine, 1664 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Martha Turketine, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Hormead, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 299; *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 223.

**Torley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- Irish, English: from Mac Toirdealbhaigh and English, see **Turley**.

**Tormey**

Variants: **Tarmey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 579
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath, Cavan, and Westmeath

Irish: from Ó Tormaigh ‘descendant of *Tormach*’, a derivative of the Old Scandinavian personal name *Thormod*.

**Early bearers:** h-Ua Tormaidh, bishop of the Conmaicne, 1237 in *AU*; Shane O Tormo, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6573 (Cavan); John Tormey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilskeer, Meath); Walter Tormy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Stonehall, Westmeath).

**Torney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Irish: from Ó Tórna ‘descendant of *Tórna*’, a personal name of unexplained origin.

**Early bearers:** Ó Torney, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 120 (Fermanagh); Peter Torney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cong, Mayo); Henry Torney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Saul, Down).

2 Norman, English: locative name from Tournay (Calvados) or Tournai-sur-Dive (Orne), and perhaps also from Tournai (Hainaut) in Belgium.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Toreigni, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Tornei, 1207, in de Torenni, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Margery de Tornay, 1244 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Torneye of La Boxe, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Box, Wilts); Johannes Torneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Thomas Tornay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); John Torney, 1593 in *IGI* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Wm. Torney, 1749 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thos. Torney, 1784 in *IGI*

(Tenterden, Kent); Willm Torney, 1805 in *IGI* (Over by Middlewich, Cheshire).

3 English: locative name from Thorney (Somerset). **Early bearers:** John de Torny, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); John Torny, 1405 in *PROB 11* (Wolfrington, Somerset).

**Torode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 383
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey
- English: see **Thorold**.

**Torpey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 115
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- Irish: from Ó Tarpaigh, see **Tarpey**.

**Torpy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Irish: from Ó Tarpaigh, see **Tarpey**.

**Torr**

Variants: **Torre**, **Torres**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1071, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 643
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands, WR Yorks, and Lancs; Devon

1 English: locative name from Middle English *tor(re)* ‘rocky peak, hill’ (Old English *torr*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a hill, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as *Torre*, the earlier name of Torquay (Devon). The element is especially common in place-names in south-west England, particularly Devon, but it is occasionally found in other English regions, such as Sussex and Derbys.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Torra, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Martin de la Torre, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Walter atte Torre, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Torre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Johanne Torr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dinedor, Herefs); Johannes del Tor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Henricus del Torr, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Roger atte Torre, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Torr, 1544 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); Johis Torr, 1562 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Georgius Torr, 1563 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Willyam Torr, 1582 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Elizabeth Torr, 1590 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 523–4; *English Place-Name Elements*, p. 184.

2 English: nickname from Old French *tor* ‘bull’. Compare **Torrell**.

**Early bearers:** John le Tor, 1240 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Gilbert le Tor, 1276 in *London Letter Books*.

**Torrance**

Variants: **Torrence**, **Torrens**, **Turns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1863, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1276
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

## Torre

1 Scottish: locative name from Torrance in East Kilbride (Lanarks) or Torrance in Campsie (Stirlings).

**Early bearers:** John Torrance, 1555 in *Protocol Books Glasgow*; John Torrance, 1563 in *Newbattle Register*; Agnes Torrens, 1603, Janet Turrens, 1688 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Torrence, 1648 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian).

2 Irish: from Ó Toráin, see **Torrems**.

## Torre

• **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 25

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Devon

1 English: see **Torr**.

2 Italian, Galician, Catalan, Aragonese, Spanish, and Portuguese: (i) locative name from Italian *torre* 'tower' (Latin *turris*), either for someone who lived in or near a tower, or for someone from a place so named, such as Torre Annunziata or Torre del Greco in Naples province, Torre de' Passeri (Pescara, Abruzzo), or Torre di Ruggiero (Catanzaro, Calabria). (ii) locative name, Galician, Catalan, Aragonese, Spanish, and Portuguese, from *torre* 'tower' (Latin *turris*), either for someone who lived in or near a tower, or for someone from any of the numerous places so named in Galicia (often in the form **De la Torre**), in Catalonia and Aragon (as, for example, La Torre de Fontalbella, La Torre del Compte, La Torre de Fluvia), or from any of the many places in Spain and Portugal named Torre or La Torre.

**Early bearers:** Bennerdine Torre, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Chester, Cheshire); Manuel Gdela Torre, born in Spain, in *Census 1881* (Tottenham, Middx).

## Torrell

• **GB frequency 1881:** 25

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Northants; Glamorgan

1 English: (i) nickname from Old French *torel* 'young bull'. See also **Torr**. Some of the bearers below may belong under (2). (ii) variant of **Turrell**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Torel, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); John Torel of Westhurok, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (West Thurrock, Essex); Thomas Torel, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Torell, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Henrico Torel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Johannes Torel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tottington, Norfolk); Johannes Torel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackford, Somerset); Willelmus Torell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Henry Torell', 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Torell, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived or worked at a lime kiln or a malt kiln (Middle English *torel*, Old French *toraile* 'little tower, kiln').

**Early bearers:** Ralph de la Thorail', 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas del Torail, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Mgaret. Torrell, 1569 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); William Torrell, 1569 in *IGI* (Willingdon, Sussex); John Torrell, 1628 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Henry Torrell, 1650 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Jeremiah Torrell, 1693 in *IGI* (Ide, Devon).

**References:** *Kristensson, French*, p. 483.

## Torrence

• **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 119

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also London; Sussex; Lancs

1 Scottish: see **Torrance**.

2 Irish: from Ó Toráin, see **Torrems**.

## Torrems

**Variants:** **Torrance, Torrence, Toran**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 297

• **GB frequency 1881:** 91

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs and Cumb; Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim; also Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó Toráin, Ó Taráin, 'descendant of *Torán*', a personal name formed from a diminutive of Gaelic *tor* 'champion, hero'.

**Further information:** Some of the early bearers here may belong with sense (2).

**Early bearers:** William O Tarran, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6389; William duff O Tarrane, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6553; James Torance, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Doagh, Antrim); Archbold Torrens, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Doagh, Antrim); James Terens, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Doagh, Antrim); James Torance, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Banagher, Derry); David Torens, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); James Torence, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Balteagh, Derry); John Torrance, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumachose, Derry); Robert Torrrens, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Leckpatrick, Tyrone); Joseph Torrence, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Conwal, Donegal); Samuel Torrens, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmore, Donegal).

2 Scottish: see **Torrance**.

## Torres

• **Current frequencies:** GB 942, Ireland 17

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Galician, Catalan, Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): from any of the numerous places named Torres, all named with the plural of *torre* 'tower' (see **Torre**).

**Early bearers:** David Torres, shipping merchant, born in Salonica, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Eugenio Torres, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in *Census 1891* (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Solomon Torres, born in Salonica, Turkey, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Antonio Torres, outfitter's assistant, born in Cardiff, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Joseph Torres, calico printer, born in Salonica, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Manuel Torres, foreign correspondent, born in Corunna, Spain, in *Census 1901* (Dudley, Staffs); Elia David Torres, calico printer, born in Turkey, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs); Fernando Torres, born in Bogota, Colombia, in *Census 1911* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Carlos Torres, importer, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

2 Italian: from Torres in Belluno or Porto Torres in Sassari. In southern Italy the surname is sometimes a borrowing from Spanish (see 1).

## Torrey

• **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 11

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Argyll

1 English: see **Thory**.

2 Scottish: see **Torrie**.

## Torrie

**Variants:** **Torrey, Torry, Tory**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 9

• **GB frequency 1881:** 212

• **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Kincardines; Argyll

Scottish: locative name from any of various places called Torry or Torrie, for example in Kincardines, Fife, and Aberdeens.

**Early bearers:** David Torry, 1590 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Elgin, Morays); Alexander Torrie, 1653 in *Lauder Testaments* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); James Tory, 1705 in *IGI* (Auldearn, Nairns); Margret Torrey, 1752 in *IGI* (Kilbride, Bute).

## Torrington

**Variants:** **Terrington, Tarrington**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 17

• **GB frequency 1881:** 167

• **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London; also Glamorgan

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English: locative name, mainly from Black, Great, or Little Torrington (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William de Torinton', 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Philip Torynton, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Agathe Toriton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johanne Toryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boyton, Wilts); William Torryngton of Watlyngton, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Watlington, Oxon); Diana Torington or Torrington, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Saint Decuman, Somerset); William Tarrington, 1683, Rebecca Torrington, 1690 in *IGI* (Credton, Devon).

2 English: in Lincs and E Anglia from East or West Torrington (Lincs), recorded as *Terintone* in 1086 and *Tiringtuna* about 1115, or from Terrington (Norfolk), recorded as *Tirintuna* between 1103 and 1131.

**Early bearers:** William de Tyrington', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fleet, in Holland, Lincs); Adam de Tyrington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Nicholaus de Tyrington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Alicia de Tyrington', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Thomas Torington, 1570, Elizabeth Tyrrington, 1575, Alexander Tarrington, 1586, Ellen Turrington, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirton in Holland, Lincs); Elyzabette Torrynton, 1565 in *IGI* (Toynton All Saints, Lincs); John Tarrington, 1595 in *IGI* (Ancaster, Lincs); Margaret Tarrington, 1761 in *IGI* (Barford, Norfolk); Ann Tarrington, 1773 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEP.N*.

## Torry

• **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 233

• **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. E Lothian; Kincardines; Lincs and WR Yorks

1 Scottish: see **Torrie**.

2 English: see **Thory**.

## Tort

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: nickname from Middle English, Old French *tort(e)* 'twisted, crooked'. Compare Robert Tortesmans, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks) 'twisted

hands'; Deudon' cum pedibus tortis, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (London) 'with twisted feet'.

**Early bearers:** John le Tort, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph le Tort, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Tort, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Tort, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); Agn' Tort', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Raph Tort, 1554 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants).  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *tourte* (Old French *torte*), denoting a tart or a kind of coarse brown bread, for someone who baked or sold such food items. Compare John Roke, tourtbaker, 1355 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Tourte dictus Gorld, 1303 in *MED* (Canterbury, Kent); Margareth Tourt, 1547 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex).

### Tortise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Tortoise**.

### Tortoise

Variants: **Tortise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: nickname from Middle English *tortuse* 'tortoise', perhaps for a slow person.  
**Early bearers:** Hubert Turtuse, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Gilbert Tortouse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Saray Tortus, 1757 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe, Lincs); Martha Torteas, 1792 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Norfolk); Jemima Tortoise, 1794 in *IGI* (Swafeld, Norfolk); William Tortise, 1800 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Tortolano

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Italian: unexplained.

### Tory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Dorset
- 1 English: see **Thory**.  
2 Scottish: see **Torrie**.

### Tosdevin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- French: see **Tostevin**.

### Tosdevine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- French: see **Tostevin**.

### Tose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Durham
- English: see **Tooze**.

### Toseland

Variants: **Tosland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Hunts
- English: locative name from Toseland (Hunts), which is recorded as *Tollesland* in 1321 and *Touslond* in 1378.  
**Early bearers:** John de Tolleslond, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts); Willelmus Towslond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elsworth, Cambs); Alex Towslande, 1572 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); Elizabeth Tosland, 1586 in *IGI* (Comberton, Cambs); Robert Toseland, 1604 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, p. 272.

### Toser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Somerset; Glamorgan
- English: see **Tozer**.

### Tosh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 216
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 634
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central and E Scotland; esp. Angus
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish: reduced form of **McIntosh** (**Mac an Toisich**).  
**Early bearers:** Alexander Tosh, 1608 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bessie Tosh, 1625 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jonat Tosh, 1654 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Toshach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: see **Toshack**.

### Toshack

Variants: **Toshach**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife
- Scottish: status name from Gaelic *toiseach*, *toiseach* 'chief, leader'.  
**Early bearers:** Simon Tuschech or Tuschecce, 1219–37 in *Arbroath Register*; Andrew Toische, 1450 in *Inchaffray Charters* (Perths); Finlay Tosscheach, 1516 in *Duke of Athole Charters*; William Toscheoch, 1544 in *Privy Seal of Scotland Register*; David Toscheocht, 1552 in *Taymouth Black Book*; Anabell Toshach, 1658 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perths); Arthur Toshach, 1669 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens); John Toshack, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews, Fife).

### Toshney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus
- Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac (an) tSasanaigh**, see **McChesney**.

### Tosland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; also Hunts
- English: see **Toseland**.

### Tosney

Variants: **Toshney**, **Tasney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland and N England

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac (an) tSasanaigh**, see **McChesney**.

**Early bearers:** England: William Tosney, 1816 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Ellen Tosney, 1831 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Tosney, 1834 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Catherine Tosney, 1844 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Scotland: Margaret Toshney, 1836, John Tosney, 1861 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Tosney, 1860 in *IGI* (Troqueer, Kirkcudbrights); Anne Jane Tasney, 1862 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Mary Tosney, 1866 in *IGI* (Bridgeton, Lanarks).

### Tossell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 138
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Jone Tossell, 1562 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Mariane Tossell, 1566 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Elizabeth Tossell, 1567 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants); Arminell Tossell, 1579 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Alice Tossell, 1591 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Henrie Tossle, 1606 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon).

### Tostdevine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- French: see **Tostevin**.

### Tostevin

Variants: **Tostdevine**, **Tosdevine**, **Tosdevin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Guernsey

French: nickname from the phrase *\*tost de vin* 'toast with wine', reflecting the medieval and later practice of dunking spiced toast in wine to improve the wine's flavour. The phrase was applied figuratively to a person to whom a company was requested to drink.  
**Further information:** The surname was taken to the USA in the 17th century, when a Nicholas Toadvine settled in Maryland.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Abraham Tostevin, 1641 in *IGI* (Saint Pierre du Bois, Guernsey).

England: Judith Tosdevin, 1776 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

**References:** *OED*, at toast n.1, n.2, v.2.

### Tot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Tott**.

### Tote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northants
- English: see **Tott**.

## Toth

### Toth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Hungarian: ethnic name **Tóth**, from Hungarian *tót*, denoting a Slovak or a Slovenian.

### Totham

#### Variants: Tottem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Great or Little Totham (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Totham, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Totham, 1365 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Totham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Totham, Essex); Johanna Totham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Totham, Essex); William Totham of Canewdon, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Canewdon, Essex); Johannes Totham, 1732 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Totham, 1736 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Tothill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Toothill**.

### Totman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Tottman**.

### Totney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

1 Norman, English: variant of **Toney** via *Todeni*, the Latin form of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Lord Robert Totney, late earl of Belvoir, William Totney, son of the said Lord Robert, 1502 in *Lincs Archives* (Lincs).

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Tetney (Lincs), recorded as *Toteny* in 1303 and *Toteneye* in 1342. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John Totney of Sutton, 1354 in *Northants Record Office* (Sutton, Northants); Richard Toteneye, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Ricardo Totney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Norton, Leics); Alan Tctnay, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Totney, 1602 in *IGI* (Albury, Herts); Margaret Totney, 1604 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); Roger Totney, 1605 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Eliza Totney, 1819 in *IGI* (Powick, Worcs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 5, p. 152.

### Tott

#### Variants: Tot, Tote, Tutt, Totts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts; also Hunts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tot(te)* (Old English *Totta*, *Tota*). See also **Totty**, **Tutt**, and compare Sabyna Tottedoghter', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Radulphus Totusone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Frisby

on the Wreak, Leics). Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Iweinus Tottes, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert Tot, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Tott, Adam Totte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Robertus Tot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Knottingley, WR Yorks); Willelmo Tot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burgh on Bain and Girsby, Lincs); Johannes Tot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Ricardus Totte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Lexham, Norfolk); Andrew Tot, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *tot(te)* 'simpleton, fool'.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Tot, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Thoms. Tott, 1548 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); George Tott, 1649 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); James Tott, 1739 in *IGI* (Crewkerne, Somerset); Robert Tott, 1773 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Tott, 1799 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset).

3 English: locative name from Middle English *tot(e)* 'lookout hill' (Old English *tôt(e)*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or by a lookout hill, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Toat Farm in Pulborough (Sussex) and Toat Hill in Slinfold (Sussex). Compare **Toothill**.

**Early bearers:** Ida atte Tote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter atte Tote, 1357 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; Johannes Tote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elsted, Sussex); Mary Totte, 1605 in *IGI* (Pulborough, Sussex).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements*, pp. 184–5; *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 155, 161.

4 English: perhaps also a variant of **Tutt**.

### Tottem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Notts
- English: see **Totham**.

### Totton

#### Variants: Totton, Tutton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 350
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; also Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim

1 English: see **Tutin**.

2 English: locative name from Totnes (Devon), recorded as both *Totton* and *Totten* in 1273 (*Patent Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Totton, 1256 in *Patent Rolls*; John Totens, 1278–9 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Geoffrey de Tottenes, 1296 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter de Totton, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas Tottenes alias Tottenesse, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tutton, 1561 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Alexander Tutton, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Wedmore, Somerset); Donfry Totten, 1606 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Elizabeth Toton, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); William Toton, 1639 in *IGI* (Wolborough and Newton Abbot, Devon); Henrie Toton, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Uffculme, Devon); Miriam Totton, 1656 in *IGI* (Monkleigh, Devon); Mary Tutton, 1666, Benjamin Totten, 1787 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Richard Totten, 1715 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Nicholas Tutten, 1667, Richard Tuton, 1761 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 222.

3 English: unexplained. Perhaps compare Johanne Tuttyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Codford, Wilts), and see (1). Tottens (in Coombe Bissett, Wilts) is probably named after the family of John Totyn (1327).

**Early bearers:** John Totyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Ricardo Totyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Rycharde Totten, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Willim Totten, 1608 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Totten, 1645 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

### Tottenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Hants; also Fife

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim; Wexford

English: locative name from Tottenham (Middx).

**Early bearers:** Anfred de Totenham, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John de Totenham, 1340 in *London Letter Books*; Walter Totenham, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Alicia de Totenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); Willelmus Totenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Thomas Totenham, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Totnam, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Barrington, Cambs); Thomas Tottenham, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Royston, Herts).

### Totterdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; also Gloucs; Devon

English: see **Totterdell**.

### Totterdell

#### Variants: Totterdale, Totterdill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Hants

English: locative name from Totterdale Farm in Wardour (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Totereshull, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); [ . . . de] Toterdehull, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Catherina Totterdell, 1638 in *IGI* (Nether Compton, Dorset); Matthew Totterdell, 1702 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Ann Totterdale, 1730 in *IGI* (West Bagborough, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 198.

### Totterdill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Totterdell**.

### Tottey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Warwicks
- English: see **Totty**.

### Tottle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: see **Toothill**.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Totel* (Old English *Tottel*). **Early bearers:** Custanc Totel, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Robert Totele, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Totel, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Mary Tottle, 1738 in *IGI* (Thurston, Suffolk); Charles Tottle, 1775 in *IGI* (Trusthorpe, Lincs).

### Tottman

**Variants:** Totman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Herts

English: occupational name from Middle English *tote* 'lookout, watch' (Old English *tôt*) + *-man*, for a watchman. See also **Todman**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Toteman, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Annes Tottman, 1576 in *IGI* (Coldred, Kent); Abraham Totman, 1581 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex).

### Totton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Lanarks; Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh

English, Irish: see **Totten**.

### Totts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: variant of **Tott** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Totes, 1689 in *IGI* (Ashby Magna, Leics); Eliz. Totts, 1704 in *IGI* (Bawsey, Norfolk).

### Totty

**Variants:** Tottey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cheshire; Staffs

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tot(ti)*, which could be a pet form of *Tot(te)*. See **Tott**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *toti* 'dizzy, unsteady, befuddled'.

**Early bearers:** Edwin Toti, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Totty, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Totty, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Beatrix Totey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Preston, WR Yorks); Laurencius Totty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Fenton, WR Yorks); Johannes Totty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Johannes Totty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Johanne Toty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalbourne, Berks); Thomas Totty, 1415–16 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Totty, 1540 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Henry Totty, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); William Tottie or Totty, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Rednall, Shrops).

### Touch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Argyll; Stirlings; Cambs

1 Scottish: see **Tulloch**.  
2 English: see **Tough**.

### Tough

**Variants:** Touch, Tow, Towe, Toves, Tuff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1634, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1003
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland: esp. Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 Scottish: see **Tulloch**.  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *to(u)gh(e)*, *tow(e)* 'strong, vigorous, stubborn' (Old English *tōh*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Towe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Gilbert Towe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Alicia la Towe, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas le Toghe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Robertus Tow, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glenfield, Leics); Willelmus Towe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Willelmo Tough', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Johannes Tou, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Podimore, Somerset); Willelmus Togh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford manor, Shrops); Thomas Tough, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Cossington, Leics).

### Tougher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lanarks

Irish: from Ó Tuachair, see **Togher**.

### Touhey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

### Touhy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare, Tipperary, and Offaly; Mayo

Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

### Toulcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tolchard**.

### Toulmin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anne Tollmyne, 1620, Ellin Tolmin, 1626 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Jeneta Toulmin, 1647 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Joshua Tolmin, 1659, Mary Towlminge, 1671, Sarah Towlmine, 1675 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs).

### Toulouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs

French, English: locative name from Toulouse (Haute-Garonne) in France.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tolowse, 1305 in *Luffield Charters*; Giles de Toulouse, 1314 in *Patent Rolls*;

William de Tholosa, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Tolous, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Henry de Toulouse, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Tolouse, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); William Toulouse, 1355–9 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); John Tolloos, 1548 in *PROB 11* (London); Jas. Toulouse, 1790 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs); Leontine Toulouse, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Erith, Kent).

### Toulson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 871, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 409
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Tolson**.

### Toulton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Tolton**.

### Tousand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Kent

English: see **Townsend**.

### Tourle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 145
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Turl**.

### Tournay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: see **Turney**.

### Tourney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs; Notts

Norman, English: see **Turney**.

### Tours

**Variants:** Towers

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs

Norman, English: locative name from Tours (Indre-et-Loire) in France.

**Early bearers:** Picoth de Turs, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert de Tours, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robertus Tours, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Halton Hologate, Lincs); Simon Toures, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, Sussex); Agnys Tours, 1547 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds).

### Toussaint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 356, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Alderney and Jersey

French: nickname, relationship name from French *tous* 'all' (plural) + *saints* 'saints'. The name was given to someone who was born on All Saints' Day (1 November) or chosen as an invocation of the protection of all the saints of the calendar.

## Tout

**Early bearers:** Lewis Toussaint, 1758 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Charles Augusta Terence Tousaint, 1758 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Louis Toussaint, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Alderney); Matilda V. Toussaint, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Willesden, Middx).

## Tout

**Variants:** Tutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 536, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 499
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Hants

1 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *t(o)ut(e)* 'projection of rock, hill' (Old English \**tūte*), for someone who lived by such a feature. (ii) nickname from Middle English *t(o)ut(e)* 'buttocks, rump' (Old English \**tūte*).

**Early bearers:** Cissota Toute, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Toute, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); John de la Toute, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); John Toute of Watton, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Toute of Wolferysworthy, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Woolfardisworthy, Devon); John Tout, 1576 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Richard Tout, 1604 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants).

2 English: see **Tutt**.

## Touzel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: nickname from Old French *touzel*, a derivative of *tousé* 'shaven', denoting someone who wore their hair short.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Touzel, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Jersey); Maximillian Le Touzel, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

## Tovee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Tovey**.

## Towell

**Variants:** Tofield, Tuffill, Tuffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Tovild* (Old Scandinavian \**Tófa-Hildir*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Touillda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Touilt, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Touild', 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: Willelmo filio Touild', 1174–5 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk or Suffolk); Robertus filius Touild', 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Stephen Tovild, 1473, John Tovell, 1491, Alice Tovyld, 1506, in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Robert Toveld, William Tuffeld, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Anne Tovyll, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Kirkby on the Soke, Essex); Robert Tuffell, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Harling, Norfolk).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, pp. 367–8.

## Tovey

**Variants:** Tovee, Toovey, Tuvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2559, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1743
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tovi*, *Tove* (Old Scandinavian *Tófi*, *Tövi*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Toui, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Toue fox de Salebi 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Toui Hering', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: Richard, William Toui, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Toui, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Tovy, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Agnes Tovee, 1541 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Alice Tovyve, 1562 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); Alice Toovye, 1573 in *IGI* (Alcester, Worcs); Ann Tovy, 1576 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Katherin Toovey, 1585, Margaret Toovy, 1591 in *IGI* (Turville, Bucks); Anne Tovyve, 1588 in *IGI* (Preston near Dymock, Gloucs); Anthony Toovie, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Quinton, Gloucs); John Toovy or Toovye, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Barnsley, Gloucs).

## Tow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks; Leics

English: see **Tough**.

## Toward

**Variants:** Towart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Lanarks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *toward* 'compliant, docile, gentle'.

**Early bearers:** Margery Toward, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Toward, 1576 in *IGI* (Sutton Veny, Wilts); Ane Toward, 1604 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Anne Toward, 1608 in *IGI* (Crosby Ravensworth, Westm); Dorothy Towart, 1667 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 Scottish: locative name from Toward in Dunoon (Argyll).

**Early bearers:** Patrick Towart, 1600 in *Glasgow Burgesses* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Agnes Towart, 1667 in *IGI* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Jean Toward, 1672 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

## Towart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Durham
- Scottish, English: see **Toward**.

## Towe

**Variants:** Toves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 225, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Leics, and Staffs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: see **Tough**.

## Towel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Towell**.

## Towell

**Variants:** Towel, Towill, Towl, Towells, Thole, Towle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1218, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 849
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also E Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Down

1 English: variant of **Attwell**, from late Middle English *atte well* 'at the well or spring', with loss of the first vowel in *atte* instead of the second. This is consistent with the retention in Devon dialect of certain unstressed vowels; compare *Smallcombe* for **Smallcombe**. The remaining /tə/ is then understood as *to* and spelled accordingly.

**Early bearers:** John Towell otherwise Atwill alias Atwell, 1589 in *PROB 11* (West Teignmouth, Devon); Alice Towill alias Atwill, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Broomfield, Somerset); Thomasine Towill, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Saint Decuman, Somerset); William Yeo Towell, 1829 in *IGI* (West Teignmouth, Devon).

2 English: variant of **Towle**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Towell, 1628 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Towell, 1737 in *IGI* (Braunston, Rutland).

## Towells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: variant of **Towell** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Towells, 1598 in *IGI* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon).

## Towend

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: variant pronunciation of **Townend** with the first /n/ lost by assimilation. It is the same name as **Townhead** and **Townshhead**, where the second /n/ has been assimilated.

**Early bearers:** Elisabeth Towend, 1555 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Towend, 1594 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Towned, 1607, Isabelle Townend, 1611, Richard Towend, 1790 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs).

## Tower

**Variants:** Toyer, Towers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *taw(er)e*, *tow(er)e* 'tawer' (from Middle English *tauen*, Old English *tāwian* 'to taw'), denoting someone who prepares animal skins or hides for use by dressing, curing, or treating them. Compare **Tuer**. **Early bearers:** Gilbert le Tower', 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas le Touere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Ralph le Tawyere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); William le Towyere, le Tawyere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Martin le Tauier, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; Willelmo Tauer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weobley, Herefs); Henrico le Tawer, Simone le Tower, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wavertree, Lancs); Johanne Tawyer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Henry Tawar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverly, ER Yorks); Margeria Toyer, 1542 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Robert Tower, 1555 in *IGI* (Thwaite Saint Mary,

Norfolk); Maria Tawyer, 1601 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Richard Toyer, 1610 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizabeth Tauer, 1628 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs).  
References: *Fransson*, p. 122.

**2** English: locative name, occasionally from Middle English *tour(e)*, *tur(e)* 'tower' (Old French *tour*, Old English *tūr*), for someone who lived in or near a tower.

**Early bearers:** William de la Tur, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Theobald atte Tur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanna atte Tour', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rochester, Kent); Simon Tur, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ruckinge, Kent); Henrie Tower, 1632 in *IGI* (Slinfold, Sussex); Edmond Tower, 1655 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Tower, 1682 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

## Towers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4416, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3448
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs; also Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

**1** English: variant of **Tower** with post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Towers, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Ulverston, Lancs).

**2** English: see **Tours**.

## Towersey

Variants: **Towerzey**, **Towsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; London

English: locative name from Towersey (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Thureseya, Tursey, 1241 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Nicholas de Toureseye, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William Toureseye, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Nicholas Toursey, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Kathere Towsey, 1557 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Emme Towsie, 1560, Joane Towersie, 1583 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Alice Thowssey, 1577 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Henry Towersey, 1599 in *IGI* (Quainton, Bucks).  
References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, pp. 128–9.

## Towerzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Towersey**.

## Towes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also ER Yorks

**1** English: see **Tooze**.

**2** English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Towe** with post-medieval excremental -s.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Towis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Williams Towes, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Kelshall, Herts).

## Towey

Variants: **Toye**, **Tuffy**, **Tuffey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 316
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

**1** Irish (Mayo): relationship name from **Ó Toghtha** 'descendant of *Toghtha*', a personal name based on *toghtha* 'chosen'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Towey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Caslemore, Mayo); Patrick Towhey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballintober, Mayo); Thomas Toy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysakeery, Mayo); Catherine Tuffy, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Callow, Mayo).

**2** Irish: from **Ó Tuathaigh**, see **Tuohy**.

## Towgood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts and Cambs; London

English: see **Toogood**.

## Towill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Towell**.

## Towl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Devon

**1** English: see **Towle**, and compare **Toll** and **Tole**.

**2** English: see **Towell**.

## Towle

Variants: **Towl**, **Towll**, **Toll**, **Tole**, **Toole**, **Told**, **Thole**, **Towell**, **Towles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1041, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 791
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs and Derbys

**1** English: relationship name from Middle English *Tolle* or *Tole*, usually a pet form of Anglo-Norman *Toral*, a well-used personal name by the Normans in Normandy and England and ultimately from Old Scandinavian *þórald*. Roger filius Tolle, 1297 in *Gringley Extent*, is identical with Roger filius Torald, 1272–1307 in *Gringley Rental* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts). Middle English *Tole* was also an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Tóli* (see **Tooley**) and could alternatively have derived from Old English *Tola*. Compare **Tolson**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tolle le grangier, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Tolle de Retford, 1273 in *Blyth Cartulary* (Notts).

surnames: William filius Tole, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Roberti filii Thole, Roberti filii Tolle, 1232 in *Blyth Cartulary* (Blyth, Notts); Nicholas Tolle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Tolle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh Tole, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Roger filius Tolle, 1297 in *Gringley Extent* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Peter Tole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Towle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Week, Hants); Johannes Toll', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Amport, Hants); Margett Toll, 1561 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Georg Towle, 1573 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Frances Towle, 1592 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Homfray Towle, 1606 in *IGI* (Hucknall Torkard, Notts); Richard Toole, 1615 in *IGI* (Normanton on Soar, Notts); George Tole, 1632 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Vallentine Tole, 1662 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Notts); Edward Towl, 1726 in *IGI*

(Trowell, Notts); Tho. Towle, 1736 in *IGI* (Castle Donington, Leics); John Tool, 1793 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

References: *McClure, Hypocoristic forms*, pp. 116–17.

**2** English: locative name, variant of **Towell**.

**3** English: locative name, perhaps from a Middle English \**toll* 'clump of trees', though not attested until 1664 in *OED* and as a dialect word only in southern counties from Hants to Kent. The 1327 Worcs name might be the origin of **Thould**.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Tolle, Roger Tolle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

## Towler

Variants: **Toler**, **Toller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2049, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1336
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Tyrone

English: occupational name from Middle English *toller* 'tax collector, toll gatherer' (Old English *tollere*).

**Early bearers:** N England: William le Tollere, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William le Toller, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Thomas Toller, 1336 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials* (Arncliffe, WR Yorks); William le Tollere, 1355 in *Feet of Fines* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Toller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arkendale, WR Yorks); William Tollar, 1458 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Thomas Toller, 1534 in *Fountains Abbey Lease Book* (Malham Moor, WR Yorks); Christopher Towler, 1594 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Margret Towler, 1561 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Tho. Toller, 1568, Tho. Towler, 1571 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Willia. Toler, 1579 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Johannes Towler, 1601 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Thomas Toller, 1612 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs); Peter Towler, 1620 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Richard Towler, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

N Midlands: Robert Toller', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thom' le Toller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Spalford, Notts); Gilb' le Toller, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Retford, Notts); John Toller of Spalford, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Toller, 1521 in *York Registry Wills* (Balderton, Notts); Elyzabeth Toller, 1564 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Nicholas Toller, 1569, William Toler, 1610 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Georg Towler, 1572 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs).

SE England and E Anglia: John le Tollere, 1255 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Gilberto le Tollere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturmer, Essex); Benedict Toller, 1560 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Peter Towler, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Saxham, Suffolk); Thomas Toller, 1567 in *IGI* (West Stow, Suffolk); Elizabeth Toler, 1612 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); William Towler, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Horringer, Suffolk).

## Towlerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tollerton**.

## Towles

Variants: **Tolles**

## Towl

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Leics
- English: variant of **Towle** with genitival or post-medieval excremental *-s*. Compare **Tole**, **Toll**, and **Towl**.
- Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.
- Early bearers:** Richard Tolles of York, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Barwake Tolls, 1593 in *IGI* (Saleby, Lincs); Margaret Towles, 1593 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Elizabeth Tools, 1651 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics); Ursula Tolles, 1669 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

## Towll

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Towle**.

## Towlson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Tolson**.

## Town

**Variants:** **Towne**, **Tawn**, **Tune**, **Tone**, **Toon**, **Toone**, **Toyn**, **Toyne**, **Towns**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1523, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1445
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Kent

English: locative name from Middle English *toun(e)*, *t(h)one*, *tun(e)* ‘town, village, settlement’ (Old English *tūn*), often in the senses ‘primary settlement within an area’, ‘manor, estate’, and ‘hamlet, farm’, for someone who lived in such a place.

**Early bearers:** S England: Peter de la Tune, before 1219 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Surrey); Arnold Inthetune, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Mabel atte Tune, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes atte Toune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Henry Town, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Devon); Gregory Town, 1608 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Steven Town, 1609 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Richard Town, 1628 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Elesabeth Town, 1654 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex);

Midlands and E Anglia: John de la Tone, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Tone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Dounintheoune, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alan de Toune, William dil Toun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Towyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Ricardus Toyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Henry Tone, 1555; Josephi Toon, 1681 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mathias Toyne, 1555; Elizabeth Towne, 1560; Bryget Tune, 1569 in *IGI* (Laceby, Lincs); Anne Toon, 1648 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Mary Tawn, 1717; Elizabeth Town, 1755 in *IGI* (Wisbech Saint Mary, Cambs).

N England: John del Toun, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johannes Tone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littlethorpe, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Thone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paythorne, WR Yorks); Willelmus dil Toune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skelmersdale, Lincs); John del Toun, senior, 1438 in *Yorks Deeds* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Oliver de Toune, 1443 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Burnley, Lincs); Robert Towne, 1524 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Newton in Bowland, WR Yorks); Elisabeth Town, 1553 in *IGI*

(Ulverston, Lancs); Elizab. Towne, 1578 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); James Town, 1610 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Easter Tone, 1640 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Martha Town, 1658 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Steeven Tone, 1676 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb); Thomas Toon, 1799 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Towndrow

**Variants:** **Townrow**, **Townroe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, perhaps in Derbys, probably formed with Middle English *toun* ‘town’ + *row(e)*, *raw(e)* ‘row’, denoting a row of houses in a settlement. The surname gained an intrusive *-d-* in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Tounrowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Joanna Townerawe, 1571 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Richard Townerowe, 1571 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Henricus Towneroe, 1576 in *IGI* (Baslow, Derbys); An Townrawe, 1586 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Elizabeth Townerawe, 1588 in *IGI* (Campsea Ash, Suffolk); Elizabeth Townerow, 1588 in *IGI* (Auborn, Lincs); Dorothy Towndrow, 1598 in *IGI* (Ollerton, Notts); Adam Townroe, 1609 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs).

## Towne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent; also Oxon; WR Yorks; Leics

English: see **Town**.

## Towneley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Townley**.

## Townell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Townhill**.

## Townend

**Variants:** **Towning**, **Towend**, **Townshead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2883, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2554
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs, Lincs, and ER Yorks

English: common variant of **Townsend** without genitival *-s-*, especially in N England. The names were generally interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** Adam Attetounhend, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nidd, WR Yorks); Richard Attetounyend, 1333 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Thomas atte Tounehend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Ricardus at the Tounend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Parlington, WR Yorks); Johannes att Tounehend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rocliffe, WR Yorks); Isabella atte Tounehend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Emma at Townend, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Weighton, ER Yorks); Willim Townend, 1541 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Johanna Townend, 1542; Jennet Townsend, 1560 in *IGI*

(Normanton, WR Yorks); James Townend, 1545 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Nycolas Townend, 1548 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Townend, 1609 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks).

## Towner

**Variants:** **Toner**, **Tuner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 798
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

1 English: locative name from Middle English *toun(e)*, *ton(e)* ‘town, village, settlement’ (Old English *tūn*) + *-er*, for someone who lived in a ‘town’. Compare **Town**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Tunere, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Andrew le toner, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); John Townere, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Adam Tounere, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Mergerett Tuner, 1562 in *IGI* (Bonby, Lincs); Anne Towner, 1593 in *IGI* (Stanmer, Sussex).

2 English: occupational name, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *tolenar* ‘toll gatherer’ (Old English *tolnere*). Compare **Towler**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Tolnur, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Margery Towner, 1562 in *IGI* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Towner, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edward Towner, 1589 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Thomas Towner, 1597 in *IGI* (Newnham, Kent); Samuel Towner, 1599 in *IGI* (Church Pulverbatch, Shrops).

## Townes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; London; also WR Yorks

English: see **Towns**.

## Townhead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks and Cheshire

English: see **Townshead**.

## Townhill

**Variants:** **Townell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Townell, 1559 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); Margareta Townell, 1604 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Willia. Townell, 1620; Joane Townel, 1642; Sarah Townil, 1683; Elliner Townill, 1691; Robert Townhill, 1727 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Mary Townhill, 1767 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

## Towning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Durham; Gloucs and Somerset

1 English: local pronunciation of **Townend**.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Townend, 1651; Henry Towing, 1656 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Towing, 1655; John Townend, 1793 in *IGI* (Leyland, Lancs); Georg Townend, 1569; Bartell Towing, 1662 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Towing, 1856 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).



2 English: locative name from Middle English \**touning*, a characteristic Devon formation denoting someone who lived in a town, village, hamlet, or farm. See **Town** and compare **Towner**.

**Early bearers:** John Townyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Broad Clyst, Devon); Lawrence Townyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (High Bickington, Devon); Cecilia Towninge, 1589 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); John Towning, 1619 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon).

**References:** *Surnames of Devon*, p. 23.

3 English: relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English (Old English) \**Tuning*, which may have been a pet form of Old English *Tūn*. **Early bearers:** Nicholas Tounyng', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Tounyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalford, Oxon); Willelmus Tounyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lovel Barn, Sussex); Richard Towning, 1607 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Robt. Towning, 1706 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

### Townley

**Variants:** Townsley, Townly, Towneley, Tomley, Thomley, Tunley, Tunaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2314, Ireland 129
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1867
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Derry and Antrim

English: locative name from Towneley (Lancs), recorded as *Tunleia* about 1200.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland since the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Tounlegh, 1287 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Margeria de Tunleye, Adam Tunleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johanne de Tounley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dutton, Lancs); Johannes de Townlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easington, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Tonley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pilkington, Lancs); Laurence of Tounlay alias Laurence of Lehg, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Leigh, Lancs); John Towneley, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Richard Towneley, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Towneley, Lancs); Richard Tunley, 1574 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Thomas Townleye or Townley, 1583 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Towneley de Towneley, 1622 in *Preston Guild Rolls* (Lancs); John Townsley, 1622 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Henry Townmley, 1671 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); John Thomley, 1739 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Hezekiah Tunaley, 1750 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys). Ireland: Laurence Townley, gent., 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §254 (Dublin); Richard Townley, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3459 (Balfedogg, Dublin); George Townley, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullycorbet, Monaghan); Joseph Townly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyallen, Louth); Luke Tomelly, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoyn, Monaghan).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

### Townly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westminster, London

English: see **Townley**.

### Townroe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Towndrow**.

### Townrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Towndrow**.

### Towns

**Variants:** Townes, Tones, Toons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 939, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 924
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; Angus

English: variant of **Town** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Townes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Towns, 1544, Thomas Tones, 1548, Jennet Towns, 1575 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham). Scotland: Robert Tounneis or Tounnis, 1531 in *Protocol Books Johnsoun* (W Lothian); John Townes, 1649, William Townes, 1656 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

### Townsend

**Variants:** Townend, Townshend, Townshead, Tounsensend, Towsend, Townsin, Townson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17927, Ireland 406
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12629
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name from Middle English *toun(es)ende*, with or without the genitive case suffix *-es*, denoting the edge or outskirts of a settlement, for someone who lived in such a location. Compare **Town**. There may have been some confusion with **Townson**. For further examples see the synonymous **Townend**; the names were generally interchangeable. **Early bearers:** Wulfric atte tunesende, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Godmannus atte Tounsene, 1284 in *Ramsay Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Richard atte Tounende, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William atte Townsene, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John atte Touneshende, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Littleham, Devon); Rogero atte Townsene, Thoma atte Townend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anstey, Leics); John Townsene, 1459 in *PROB 11* (Lechlade, Worcs); Thomas Townsynd, 1489 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Townsene or Townsene, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Ely, Cambs); Alice Townsend, 1539 in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); John Townsend, 1547 in *IGI* (Cherington, Warwicks); Brygyt Townsend, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkby la Thorpe, Lincs); Richard Townsend, 1566 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); John Townsend, 1568 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Tounsene, 1581 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Henry Townsend, 1583 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Tho Townsend, 1585 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Roger Townshend or Townsene, 1591 in *PROB 11* (East Raynham, Norfolk).

### Townshead

**Variants:** Townhead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs and Cheshire

English: pronunciation of **Townsend** or **Townend** with assimilation of the second /n/ and clerical reinterpretation of *-ed* as a vulgar pronunciation of

*-head*. This is confirmed by the variant surname forms cited below, located in the same parishes. No evidence has been found to show that the origin is a synonymous Middle English \**atte tounehed* 'at the head of the town or village', though this is theoretically possible.

**Early bearers:** John Towned of Newark, 1440 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Willelmus Townsend, 1600, Sarah Townhead, 1793 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Thomas Towned, 1607, Isabelle Townend, 1611, John Townshead, 1732, George Townsend, 1736 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Repentance Towneshead, 1622 in *IGI* (Lusby, Lincs); John Townsend, 1733, John Townshead, 1734 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Townsend, 1750, John Townshead, 1790 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); Richard Townhead, 1780 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Isaac Townend, 1807, David Townhead, 1810 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

### Townshend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 917
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; also Sussex; Lancs; W Midlands

English: see **Townsend**.

### Townsin

**Variants:** Townsing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Berks

1 English: probably a variant of **Townsend**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Townsin, 1582 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Gloucs); Thomas Townsin, 1610 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); William Tounsyng, 1612 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Alice Townsin, 1626 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Gorg Townsin, 1658 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks); Richard Townsing, 1659 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); John Townsin, 1859 in *IGI* (Etton, Northants).

2 English: variant of **Townson**.

**Early bearers:** David Townsing, 1857, Richard Townson, 1859 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs).

### Townsing

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Gloucs

English: see **Townsin**.

### Townson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1583, Ireland 153
- **GB frequency 1881:** 576
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; esp. WR Yorks; also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Down

English: see **Townley**.

**Further information:** In Ireland this name was confused with **Tinsley**.

### Townson

**Variants:** Towson, Tolson, Townsin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1384, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- 1 English: north Lancs pronunciation of **Tomlinson**. Compare **Ronson** for **Rollinson**. There may have been some confusion with **Townsend**, which occurs in NW England.

## Towse

**Early bearers:** Richard Townson, 1539, Richard Towlson, 1552 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Anne Tomlinson, 1553, Myls Townson, 1571, John Tolson, 1780 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Edmund Tollenson, Townson, 1571 in *Lancs Wills*; Robert Tolneson, Townson, 1580 in *Lancs Wills*; Agnes Towson, 1584, Antoni Townson, 1597, Robert Tolson, 1730 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Richard Towlson, Tounson, 1587 in *Lancs Wills*; Jenet Tomlinson, Towenson, 1588 in *Lancs Wills*; Catherine Toinson, Towenson, 1591 in *Lancs Wills*; Joan Tomlynson, 1602, Robert Townson, 1620 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs).

2 English: outside NW England probably an occasional pronunciation of **Townsend**.

**Early bearers:** Jone Townson, 1566 in *IGI* (Dowsby, Lincs); John Townson, 1584, Lawrence Tounson, 1592, Hary Townsend, 1607 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Samuel Townsend, 1798, John Townson, 1839 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Towse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also Sussex  
English: see **Tooze**.

## Towsend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Wilts, Gloucs, and Monmouths; Hunts  
English: see **Townsend**.

## Towsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lincs; NR Yorks; Sussex  
English: see **Towersey**.

## Towson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Notts and Derbys; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin  
English: see **Townson**.

## Toy

**Variants:** **Toye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 895, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Cornwall

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *toy(e)*, *toi(e)* 'trifling thing; play, sport', perhaps for a light-hearted or frivolous person. Some of the early bearers listed here may belong with (2) or (3). (ii) nickname from Old French *toie* 'sheath' (Latin *theca*), perhaps for a sheath maker.

**Early bearers:** Aluric Toi, 1086 in *Winton Domesday*; Aldwin Toie, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Wydo, Alan Toye, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Toy of Gaynesford, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Gainford, Durham); Johannes Toy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Robert Toy, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Ludlow, Shrops); Arthur Toye, 1564 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops);

Bridgett Toye, 1583 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Alice Toye, 1589 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Toye*, of obscure origin.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey filius Toye, 1200 in *Charter Rolls* (Lincs).

**References:** *Tengvik*, p. 372.

3 English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place-name, most probably in ER Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Toy, 1310 in *Patent Rolls* (South Cave, ER Yorks); Walter de Toye, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Faxfleet, ER Yorks); Willelmo, Johannes Toye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scalby, ER Yorks); Johannes Toye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Isabell Toie, 1574, Also Toi, 1587 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Dorothe Toye, 1613 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陶, see **Tai** (3).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 蔡, see **Choi** (1).

## Toye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 253
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Warwicks; Devon

1 English: see **Toy**.

2 Irish: Ó Toghtha or Ó Tuathaigh, see **Towey** and **Tuohy**.

## Toyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; also Herts; Devon  
English: see **Tower** (1).

## Toyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also NR Yorks  
English: see **Town**.

## Toynbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Middx; Sussex  
English: locative name from Tumby (Lincs), which is recorded as *Tunnebi* in 1209.

**Early bearers:** Alicia de Tumby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Tumby, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Gregory Tonby, 1574 in *IGI* (Normanby le Wold, Lincs); Miles Tunebie, 1596, William Toynbye, 1609, Miles Tuneby, 1633, Thomas Tunbye, 1670 in *IGI* (Waddington, Lincs); Robert Toynbie, 1662, Elizabeth Toynby, 1671, John Toynby, 1672, Robert Toinby, 1696 in *IGI* (Coleby Kesteven, Lincs); Robert Toynbee, 1699 in *IGI* (Wyberton, Lincs).

**References:** *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 130.

## Toyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 343
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks  
English: see **Town**.

## Toynton

**Variants:** **Tointon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: locative name from Toynton All Saints and Toynton Saint Peter (Lincs), recorded as *Totintun(e)* in 1086. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Daudid de Totingtona, about 1158 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Hugh de Totinton', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Toynton', 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Toynton, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus Toynton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Laceby, Lincs); Henry de Toynton of Louth, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Louth, Lincs); John Toynton of Boston, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); John Toynton, 1538 in *PROB 11* (Mablethorpe, Lincs).

2 English: see **Tinton**.

## Toze

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lancs  
English: see **Tooze**.

## Tozer

**Variants:** **Toser**, **Toozzer**, **Tozier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1774, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1779
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: occupational name from an agent derivative of Middle English *tosen* 'to tease, card' (Old English \**tāasian*), for someone who teased or carded wool, flax, etc., so as to clean and separate the fibres.

**Early bearers:** John le Tosere, 1249 in *Fransson* (Sussex); William le Thosere, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John Tosere, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Toser, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Toser', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Toser, 1493 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); John Toser, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Uffculme, Devon); Agneta Tozer, 1565 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Alsia Toozzer, 1613 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

## Tozier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: see **Tozer**.

## Trace

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Tracey**.

**Early bearers:** Christopher Trasse, 1554, Elyzabeth Tracse, 1568, Marie Trace, 1589, William Tracey, 1618 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); John Trace, 1589, Thibbot Tracie, 1611 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon).

## Tracey

**Variants:** **Tracy**, **Trace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4200, Ireland 1575
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1887
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway, Tipperary Offaly, and Kilkenny

1 Norman, English: locative name from Tracy-Bocage or Tracy-sur-Mer (Calvados).

**Further information:** The manor of Nymet Tracey (Devon) was held by Oliver de Trascy in 1212. Bovey Tracey (Devon) was held by Eva de Tracy in 1219. **Early bearers:** Henry Traci, 1139 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Henry de Traci, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Oliver de Trazi, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Tracy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Horrington, Somerset); Willelmus Trasy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwicks); Johannes Traci, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Johannes Trasy, Hugo Trassy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toddington, Gloucs); Henry Tracy, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Toddington, Gloucs); William Tracey, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Northam, Devon). **References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*.

2 Irish: from Ó Treasaigh, see **Treacy**.

### Tracy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 569, Ireland 226
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 821
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glasgow; London; Suffolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: see **Tracey**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Treasaigh, see **Treacy**.

### Tradewell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Treadwell**.

### Tradwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs
- English: see **Treadwell**.

### Trafford

**Variants:** De Trafford, Trayford, Trayfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1567, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Lancs; also Staffs; Oxon

English: locative name from Trafford (Lancs), Trafford in Chipping Warden (Northants), and Bridge, Mickle, and Wimbolds Trafford (Cheshire). **Further information:** Early members of the de Trafford family from Trafford (Lancs) were also recorded in medieval documents as de Stratford(e). Both the surname and the place-name lost the initial S-. The manor of Trafford was carved out of Stretford township, and perhaps because its manor house was located at some distance from Stretford village, *Trafford* was adopted for the new settlement from an early date. See also **Stratford** and **Stretford**, and compare *Strafford* and *Strefford*, surnames which may also have lost the initial S- from time to time. For examples see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, at **Strafford**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Trafford, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard de Trafford, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John de Trafford, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Byfield, Northants); Henry de Traford, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Farthingstone, Northants); Stephen de Trafford, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Robert de Trafford, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Trafford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ketton, Rutland); Johanne de Trafford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Johannes Trafford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brierley, WR Yorks); John Trafford, 1481 in *Inquisitiones post*

*Mortem* (Notts); William Trafford, 1485 in *PROB 11* (Oakham, Rutland); Jese Trafford, 1548 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richardi Trafford, 1550 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Thomas Trafford, 1561 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Agnys Trayford, 1578 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Mary Trayford, 1591 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Trafford, 1645 in *IGI* (Normanby le Wold, Lincs); Ann Treyford, 1657 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 32; *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 37.

### Trahan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French: see **Trehan**.

### Trahearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Herefs and Worcs; Flints and Denbighs
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

### Trahern

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

### Traherne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

### Traies

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Devon; Middx
- English: see **Trays**.

### Trail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 506
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; also Angus; Fife; Glasgow
- Scottish: see **Trail**.

### Trail

- Variants:** Trail
- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 403
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Fife; Angus and Aberdeens; Orkney
- Scottish: unexplained, perhaps from a lost or unidentified place-name. There is a stream called Abhainn Traill running into Upper Loch Torridon (Ross and Cromarty).

**Further information:** Walter Trail (d. 1401), perhaps a member of a family seated at Blebo in Kemback (Fife), was created bishop of Saint Andrews (Fife) in 1385 and is believed to have been responsible for building the episcopal castle there. Members of the Blebo Trail family later took the surname to Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Trayle, 1366 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeens); Thomas Trayl, 1395 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Saint Andrews, Fife); Johannes Trayle, 1408 in *Edinburgh Guildry* (Aberdeens); Thomas Trail, 1424 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks);

David Traile, 1523 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Thomas Trel, 1576 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus).

**References:** *Black; DNB*.

### Train

**Variants:** Tran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 791, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; ER Yorks; also Devon; Durham and Northumb

1 English, Scottish: nickname, relationship name from northern Middle English *\*tran(e)* 'crane' (Old Scandinavian *trani*), perhaps also used as a personal name. Compare Alicia Traynedoghter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainburn, WR Yorks). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Trane, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Trane, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Windle, Lancs); Anne Trane, 1621 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys); Mary Train, 1654 in *IGI* (Kelstern, Lincs). Scotland: Thomas Tran, 1455; Mariot Trane, 1460, William Trayne, 1557 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Patrick Trane, 1653 in *Retours, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Trane, 1701, Helen Train, 1748 in *IGI* (Sorn, Ayr).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *train(e)* 'trap, snare' (Old French *traine*), perhaps a nickname for a trapper. See **Trainer**. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Warin Traine, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Robert Trayne, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Wilielmus Traine, 1625 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Trayne, 1639 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

3 English: see **Treen**.

### Trainer

**Variants:** Trainor, Trayner, Traynor, Tryner, Triner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1167, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; Cumb; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Irish: from **Mac Thréinfhir**, see **Traynor**.

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*trainer* 'trapper of wild animals', an agent derivative of *trainen* 'to set a trap or snare'. See **Train** and compare **Trapp**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Treiner, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Hugo Traner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Walter Trayner, 1406 in *Patent Rolls*; Joan Tryner, 1589 in *IGI* (Blendworth, Hants); Bridgitt Trayner, 1613 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Lincs); Sarah Tryner, 1634 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Mary Trainer, 1692 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs).

### Trainor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1230, Ireland 1139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Tyrone; Louth; Wicklow

1 Irish: from **Mac Thréinfhir**, see **Traynor**.

2 English: see **Trainer**.

### Trammer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

## Tran

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Tranmer**.

## Tran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2766, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian; Perth; ER Yorks
- 1 Vietnamese: from the surname *Trần*, rendering Chinese 陳. It therefore corresponds to Cantonese **Chan** and Mandarin **Chen**.
- 2 English, Scottish: see **Train**.

## Tranent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland
- Scottish: see **Ternent**.

## Trangmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *tranque* 'cut, cleave' + *mer* 'sea', for a seaman. The modern form of the surname appears to have been influenced by the Sussex place-name Tangmere.
- Further information:** Alan Trenchemere, recorded in Sussex in the late 12th century, where he owned land in Shoreham, was a shipbuilder and seaman who built royal ships under Richard I. 'Very possibly he was well-known for constructing fast ships for cross Channel purposes. It seems clear in any case that his bye-name was originally a nickname arising from his activities as a shipbuilder and seaman': *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 407. *Keane and Wilson*, at Trenchmer, adds: 'compare Robert Trencheuent ('cut the wind'), 1199 in *Pleas* (Hunts), a nickname for a fast runner; Robert Trenchevot ('cut the foot'), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls*'.
- Early bearers:** William Trancamare, Alan Trenchemere, late 12th cent. in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Alan Trenchemer, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Thomas Trenchemer, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Adam Trenchemer, 1294 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Trenchemere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Trenchemar, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Trenemer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thorney, Sussex); Thomas Trenchemere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Trenchmere, 1365 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Cowfold, Sussex); Willelmus Trangemere, Simon Trankemere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Sussex); Stephanus Trankemere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brighton, Sussex); Robert Trenchemere of Erpyngham, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Erpingham, Norfolk); John Trenchemere of Bery Saint Edmunds, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Alice Trenchmore, 1564 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Jane Trenchmore, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Tranckmore, 1572, Roger Tranckmer, 1616, Elizabeth Trangmar, 1686 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Marye Trangmere, 1601 in *IGI* (Keymer, Sussex); William Trankmar, 1631, Thomas Trankmore, 1655, John Trangmore, 1663 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex).
- References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 407–8; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 212.

## Tranmer

**Variants:** **Trammer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Tranmires in Hackness (NR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Tranmyr, 1327 in *Yorks Miscellanea* (Fylingdales, NR Yorks); Robert Tranmer, 1432 in *Yorks Deeds* (Everley, NR Yorks); John Tranmer, 1568 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Ellinora Tranmer, 1600 in *IGI* (Hutton Buscel, NR Yorks); William Trammer, 1796, Mary Tranmor, 1797, Willm. Tranmer, 1804 in *IGI* (Burton Agnes, ER Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Trant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 134
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 160
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Lancs and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry
- 1 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tr(u)a(u)nt* 'beggar; vagabond; scoundrel' (Old French *truant*).
- Early bearers:** Thomas le Truan, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Thomas truan, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Martin Truant, 1248 in *Patent Rolls* (Corby, Northants); Colin le Truan, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey); Stephen Truant, Stephen Truan, 14th cent. in *Lacock Charters* (Wilts); Johanne Traunt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lydiard Millicent and Shaw, Wilts); Elenor Trewant, 1564 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); Elizabeth Traunte, 1570 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Joane Trant, 1587 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Gilbert Trante, 1623, Merrie Truant, 1629 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); George Truant, 1653 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon).
- 2 Irish: from **Treamhant**, a gaelicized form of an as yet unidentified surname, which MacLysaght believes was borne by a pre-Norman family of Scandinavian origin who settled on the south-west coast of Ireland in the counties of Limerick and Kerry.
- Early bearers:** Hugh Trawent, 1295 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Limerick or Kerry); Henry Trawent, 1295 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Trayly, Kerry); Gilbert Trawent, parson, 1295 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Fyntray, Kerry); Nicholas fitz Gerrot Trant, merchant, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1721 (Dyngle, Kerry); Gerald Trant and James Trante, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2479; James Trant fitz Morrice, 1595 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5915 (the Dingan); Philip Trant, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6555 (Dingle, Kerry).
- References:** *More Irish Families*, p. 233.

## Tranter

**Variants:** **Traunter, Trenter**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3877, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs
- English: occupational name from Middle English *traunter, traventer* 'pedlar, hawker' (Late Latin *travetarius*).
- Early bearers:** Terri Trauetarius, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Philip Trenter', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Hugo le Traunter, 1292 in *Fransson* (Essex); Mark le Traveter, 1306 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cornwall); Simon le Traunter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Warwicks); Rogero Tranter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); Elena Traunter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Elena Traverter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Aldsworth, Gloucs); Nicholaus Tranter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Condover, Shrops); William Trantur, 1522 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs).

## Trantham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Trentham**.

## Trantom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Trentham**.

## Trantum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Trentham**.

## Trap

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Trapp**.

## Trapnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- Norman, English: nickname from the Old French phrase *trop isnel* 'too swift', perhaps for an impetuous person.
- Early bearers:** William Tropisnel, 1183 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter Tropinel, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William Tropinell, 1201 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Tropenel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sherrington, Wilts); Jacobus Tropenell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harting, Sussex); Johannes Tropyne', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwood, IoW); Johannes Tropinell', Henricus Tropyne', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Robert Tropnell, 1497 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Edward Trapnell, 1549 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Elizabeth Trapnell, 1551 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset).

## Trapp

**Variants:** **Trappe, Trap**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs and Worcs; also Stirlings
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *trappe* 'trap, gin, snare' (Old English *træppe*), probably for someone who trapped wild animals or fish. Compare Henry le Trappere, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks), and see also **Train, Trainer**.
- Early bearers:** John Trappe, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Trappe about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Walterus Trap, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Corsley, Wilts); Johanne Trapp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Ricardus Trappe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sudeley, Gloucs); Rogerus Trape, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stebbing,

Essex); Richard Trappe, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Nicolaus Trapp, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset).  
**2** German: (i) nickname from Middle High German *trappe* ‘bustard’ (of Slavic origin), for a stupid person. (ii) nickname from Middle Low German *treppe*, *trappe* ‘step’, for someone living by a step-like feature in the terrain, or by a flight of steps, standard German *Treppe*.  
**Early bearers:** Ludwig Trapp, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Beckenham, Kent); Augusta M. Trappe, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey).

### Trappe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Irish: see **Trapp**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland, where it has been established since the 16th century.

### Traquair

**Variants:** **Traquire**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Dunbartons

Scottish: locative name from Traquair (Peebles).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Tracquare, about 1250–70 in *Midlothian Charters* (Berwicks); Thomas de Treuequer or Trouequer, 1265 in *Arbroath Register*; Johannes de Traquair, 1306–29 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Elspaih Traquair, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Traquire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Traquair**.

### Trash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, and Dorset
- English: (i) locative name, either topographical, from Middle English *trash* ‘brushwood, broken twigs’ (of unknown etymology), or toponymic from a place named with this word, such as Trashurst in Dorking (Surrey), which is recorded as *Trasshes* in 1381, *le Trashshis* in 1385. (ii) nickname from Middle English *trash* ‘brushwood, broken twigs’ (as above), which also had such senses as ‘rag, tattered garment, rubbish, trash’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmi Trassche, 1296–7 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (ER Yorks); Robert Trasshe, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln, Lincs); Henr’ Trasshe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bersted, Sussex); John Trash, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Trasshe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Oxon); Johannes Trache, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puriton, Somerset); Robtj Trash, 1584 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Samuell Trash, 1682 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); John Trash, 1757 in *IGI* (Cheselbourne, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 273.

### Trask

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: apparently a variant of the Yorks surname **Thirsk**.  
**Early bearers:** John de Thresk, rector of Sutton Montis, 1361, Walter de Thresk, clerk, 1364 in *Athelney Register* (Somerset); Elizabeth Trask, 1568 in *IGI* (East Coker, Somerset); James Trask, 1569 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Traske, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Trent, Dorset); Henry Traske, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Fordingbridge, Hants).

### Trasler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Leics
- English: see **Trussler**.

### Trat

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: south-western dialect development of **Trott**.

### Trathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trathen**.

### Trathen

**Variants:** **Trathan, Trevathan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: possibly a locative name from Trevathan in Saint Endellion (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Mary Trevethen, 1604, John Trevathan, 1655 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); William Trathan, 1678, Rich. Trathen, 1679 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Richard Trathine, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall).

### Tratt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Devon
- English: south-western dialect development of **Trott**.

### Trattle

**Variants:** **Trattles, Rattle**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants
- English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tratel*, *tratyll* ‘talk idly, gossip, chatter’.  
**Early bearers:** Robert Tratel, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skelton, NR Yorks); Richard Tratyll, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Skelton, NR Yorks); Isabella Trattle, 1567 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Trattle, 1575 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Ellenn Trattell, 1578 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Thomas Trattell, 1601 in *IGI* (Skegness, Lincs); Grace Trottell, 1606 in *IGI* (Hareby, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Trattles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: variant of **Trattle** with post-medieval excrescent -s, perhaps influenced by early modern English *trattles* ‘idle tales, gossip; sheep droppings’.  
**Early bearers:** Agnes Trattles, 1607 in *IGI* (Barrow upon Humber, Lincs); Elizabeth Trattles, 1615 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Trattles, 1655, Jane Trattles, 1666 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Traunter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; WR Yorks
- English: see **Tranter**.

### Travel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs; Northants
- English: see **Travell**.

### Travell

**Variants:** **Travel, Travill, Travil**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; Northants, Beds, and Bucks

**1** English: (i) nickname from Old French and Middle English *travail* ‘work, exertion, suffering, travel’. (ii) nickname from the past participle of Old French *travaillier*, *traveillier* ‘to work, struggle, suffer, travel’, corresponding with Middle English *traveled*, *travailed* ‘weary, burdened, travelled’.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Trauel, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); William le traueillie, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas Trauail, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Trauel, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Malger le Travaile, le Travaillie, le Travallie, 1205–7 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William Trauayl, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Travel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Colville, Cambs); Johanne Travail, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); John Trauell’, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Travell, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Irchester, Northants).

**2** English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Treales in Kirkham (Lancs), recorded as *Trivel*, *Trevel* in 1249.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Travel, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hundersfield, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 152.

### Travers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3322, Ireland 1165
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1491
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Dorset; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Donegal
- 1** Norman, English: see **Travis**.  
**2** English: see **Trevors**.  
**3** Irish: in Ireland this Anglo-Norman name was also adopted for Ó **Treabhair**, see **Trower**.

### Traverse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Travis**.

## Traves

### Traves

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks Norman, English: see **Travis**.

### Travil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Bucks English: see **Travell**.

### Travill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx English: see **Travell**.

### Travis

Variants: **Traviss, Traves, Trevis, Travers, Traverse, Trevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4038, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks Norman, English: nickname, locative name from Old French and Middle English *travers*, also Middle English *travas*, *travis*, a word with several meanings. It may denote a toll paid for the right to cross a boundary or bridge, the surname perhaps being for someone who paid or collected such tolls. Alternatively, it may mean 'crosswise, sideways' or 'dispute, disagreement'. The Old French word also had the sense 'crossing, passage' (compare **Matravers**) and it is more than likely that the surname is Norman in origin, for someone who lived at a crossing place (of a body of water?) or at a place so named. The presence of the preposition 'de' (and perhaps also 'le') in early forms of the surname appears to indicate a locative explanation, but the French preposition and definite article were sometimes added gratuitously to Norman surnames as a sign of their high social status. **Early bearers:** Midlands, E Anglia, and Channel Islands: Robert Trauers, Traues, trauese 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Pagan Travers, Radulf Travers, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Worcs); Walter Travers, 1172 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); John le Travers, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John de Travers, Travers, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Channel Islands); Johannes Travers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldwincle, Northants); Thomas Travers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Birdingbury, Warwicks); William Travas alias Travers of Cokefeld, 1405 in *Patent Rolls* (Cockfield, Suffolk); William Travis, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Aldborough, Norfolk); John Travise or Travyse, 1521 in *PROB 11* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Ales Traves, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Warwick, Warwicks); John Travis, 1566 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Marten Travers, 1588 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Lucy Trevis, 1670, Elizabeth Treavis, 1673 in *IGI* (Blockley, Worcs); Marie Trevers, 1708, John Trevis, 1734 in *IGI* (Bradford Peverell, Dorset). N England: Richard Traveris, 1284 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Sutton, Yorks); T. le Travers, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Travers of Wygan, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Wigan, Lincs); Johanne Travers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lincs); Michaelis Travers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Johannes Travas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR

Yorks); Margareta Travas, 1433 in *York Guild Register*; Katherine Travers, 1480 in *York Registry Wills* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanna Travis, 1555 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lincs); Rowland Travis, 1577, John Traverse, 1560 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ellen Travers, 1583 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lincs); Edithe Travis, 1592 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks). **References:** *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 1128–9.

### Traviss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks Norman, English: see **Travis**.

### Tray

Variants: **Trays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks; Monmouths
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *trey(e)* 'grief, suffering, misfortune' (Old English *trega*). (ii) nickname from Middle English *tray(e)* 'trick, treachery, deceit' (Old French *tray*). **Early bearers:** Lefstan Trege, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Elfred Treye, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Robert Tray, 1273 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Tray, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ivedon, Devon); Robertus Treye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Frettenham, Norfolk); Adam Tray, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); William Tray, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Adam Trey, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon).

### Trayes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Cornwall; also IoM; Glamorgan
- English: see **Trays**.

### Trayfoot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants
- English: variant of **Trafford**.

### Trayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northants
- English: variant of **Trafford**.

### Trayhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Surrey
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

### Trayhurn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Devon
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

### Traylen

Variants: **Trayling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Cambs, and Suffolk; London

English: unexplained. There may be a connection with **Traylor**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Trayland, 1629, Frances Trailand, 1665 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Ann Trailand, 1651 in *IGI* (Raydon, Suffolk); Dorothy Traylan, 1696 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Ursula Taylor Traylen, 1788, Christopher Trayling, 1792 in *IGI* (West Wickham, Cambs).

### Traylor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Traylor**.

### Trayling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Traylen**.

### Traylor

Variants: **Trayler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Herefs and Shrops
- English: unexplained. There may be a connection with **Traylen**. **Early bearers:** Jodoca Trailer, 1605 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Nicholas Traylor, 1617 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Edward Trayler, 1629 in *IGI* (Woodham Walter, Essex); Thomas Trayler, 1656 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex).

### Trayner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 280
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Angus; Glasgow; Lincs
- 1 Scottish, Irish: a Scottish spelling of Irish **Mac Thréinfhir**, see **Traynor**.  
2 English: see **Trainer**.

### Traynor

Variants: **Trainor, Treanor, Trainer, Trayner, McCreanor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3700, Ireland 1814
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 705
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; also Louth
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Thréinfhir** 'son of *Tréanfhear*', a byname meaning 'warrior, champion', from *tréan* 'strong' + *fear* 'man'. **Early bearers:** Gillepatrick McKreaner, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4891 (Beglewe, Cavan); Cale McCrenir, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6667 (Monaghan); Adam McTrenor, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullaghbane, Monaghan); James Treanor, 1663 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Corneliss, Monaghan); Adam McTrenor, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullaghbane, Monaghan); Manus Mac Treanor, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Annagh, Monaghan); Stephen Trainer, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaderg, Down); Philip Tranor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donagh, Monaghan); Thomas Trayner, 1796 in

*Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Longford); Rose Traynor, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmegan, Down).  
2 English: see **Trainer**.

### Trays

**Variants:** **Trayes, Traies, Treays, Trease, Trees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Tray** with post-medieval -s.  
**Early bearers:** Harry and Peter Treys, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stoke Climsland, Cornwall); William Treis, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Egloskerry, Cornwall); Otes Treas, 1565 in *IGI*, John Treyse, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Katherine Trease, 1584, Alice Treis, 1637 in *IGI* (Saint Stephens by Launceston, Cornwall); Catherine Tres, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Winnow, Cornwall).

2 English: for the WR Yorks name see **Trees**.

3 Norman, English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Treix (Haute-Marne), or from one of several places named Trie in Oise (Normandy), but the absence of a preposition in any of the early surname forms makes this an uncertain origin. (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *trays, treys* (Old French *trais*), denoting either one of a pair of ropes by which a harnessed animal pulls its load, or the whole harness of a draught animal, or a team of harnessed horses, or something pulled by a horse, perhaps a sledge.

**Further information:** It is not certain that this surname has survived as a hereditary surname, though *Trease* does appear in 19th-century Leics: George Trease, 1874 in *IGI* (Coalville, Leics). It is likely in any case that the name was confused early on with **Trees** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert Trays, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Trece, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Agnes Treys of Alvystan, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Allerston, NR Yorks); Adam Treys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Overy, Leics); Robert Trays, 1399 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).

### Treacher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, Bucks, and Berks

English: nickname from Middle English *trechour, trichour* 'traitor, deceiver, cheat' (Old French *trecheor, tricheor*). Compare **Tricker**.  
**Early bearers:** Walter le Trichur, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert Trechour, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Adam Trecher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Agnes Trecher, 1548 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Alyce Tracher, 1552 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Treacher, 1596 in *PROB 11* (High Wycombe, Bucks).

### Treacy

**Variants:** **Tracey, Tracy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1062, Ireland 2954
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Treasaigh 'descendant of *Treasach*', a personal name meaning 'warlike, fierce'.

**Early bearers:** Rory O Trassy, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2225; David roo O Trassy, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth*

§4082 (Yllan mcKegan, Galway); Moragh O Tressy, 1583 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4140 (Galway); Tumoltagh O Trassy mcRowry oge, kern, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4675; Teige O Tressy, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5682 (Clonecony, Galway); Katherine Trassy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6575; Donell O Trasey, husbandman, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6727 (the Horetowne, Wexford); William Tracy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killinvooy, Roscommon); John Tracey, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmacnoise, Offaly).

### Treadaway

**Variants:** **Treadway, Tredway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *treden* 'to tread, trample' + *wei(e)* 'way', perhaps for a vagrant or a well-travelled man. Compare Thomas Tredebalk, 1251 in *MED*; Johannes Tredagate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Tredewey, 1265 in *Close Rolls*; Robert Tredway, 1545 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Richard Tredway, 1610 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Peter, Bucks); Francis Tredaway, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Francis Treadaway, 1635 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Tredway, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London).

### Treadgold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 221
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Northants, Warwicks, and Worcs
- English: see **Threadgold**.

### Treadway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Treadaway**.

### Treadwell

**Variants:** **Tredwell, Threadwell, Tradwell, Tradewell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1224, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 777
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands and SE England

English: nickname from Middle English *tred(de)* 'tread, walk, trample' + *wel(le)* 'well', perhaps for a fuller or someone who trod grapes for wine production. Compare Symon Tredhard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks), 'tread hard'.

**Early bearers:** Seeman Treddevel, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Suffolk); Richard Tredewelle, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Alice Tredwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Kirtlington, Oxon); Diang Treadwell, 1572 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); John Tradewell, 1703 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Treagus

**Variants:** **Treagust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

1 Norman, English: locative name from Troisgots (Manche).

**Further information:** The manor of Lydiard Tregoze (Wilts) came to Robert Tregoz by marriage before 1198. Eaton Tregose in Foy (Herefs) was held by Robert Tregoz in 1242. Tolleshunt D'Arcy (Essex), recorded as *Toleshuntetregoz* in 1239, was held by members of the Tregoz family until the early 15th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Tresgos, 1199 in *Pleas* (Essex); Henricus de Tregoz, 1226 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard de Tregos, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Tregoz, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Tregose, 1382–4 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Somerset); Robert Tresgois, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Tregose of Oxford, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); John Tregose, 1562, Alic. Tragoese, 1582, Martha Treegosse, 1601, Robert Treygose, 1602, Bridgett Treigose, 1604, Margaret Tregase, 1614, Elisabeth Treges, 1619, Catherine Tregus, 1767, Ann Tregus, 1771 in *IGI* (West Dean near Chichester, Sussex); Anne Tregust, 1759 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*.

2 Cornish: locative name, possibly from one of the places in Cornwall named *Treagoose*, for example in Sithney parish. This applies only to instances without -s- before medial -g-. Some early bearers may simply be Cornish members of the landed family referred to in (1), and the same applies to all modern bearers.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tregos of Tregos, 1429, 1452 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Richard Tregos, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Richard Treagoose, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Mawgan in Meneage).

### Treagust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Hants, and IoW
- Norman, English: variant of **Treagus** with excrescent final -t.

### Treanor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 1445
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Armagh, and Monaghan

Irish: from Mac Thréinfhir, see **Traynor**.

### Trease

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Leics

1 English: variant of **Trays**.

2 English: see **Trees**.

### Treasure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 739, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Monmouths

English: nickname from Middle English *tresor* 'treasure, wealth, riches' (Old French *trésor*, from Latin *thesaurus* 'hoard'), for a treasurer or person in charge of financial administration, or as an affectionate nickname for a loved or valued person.  
**Early bearers:** Ansgod Tresor, Clement treisor, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Adgar Treissor', 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Laurence Tresor, 1207, Laurence Thresor, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Nicholas le

## Treavett

Tresor, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Margeria Tresour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Vowchurch, Herefs); Johanne Tresour<sup>r</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Quantoxhead, Somerset); Willelmus Tressor<sup>r</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Finchingfield, Essex); Johanne Tresor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourn, Berks); Christofer Treasure, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Mathew Treasor, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Huish, Somerset); Elizabeth Tresure, 1655 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset).

### Treavett

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs
- English: see **Trevett**.

### Treays

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 28
  - Main GB location 1881: London; also Devon
- English: see **Trays**.

### Treble

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 171
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; also Devon
- English: see **Treble**.

### Trebilcock

Variants: **Trebillcock**, **Trebilcook**, **Treblecock**

- Current frequencies: GB 348, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 451
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trebilcock in Roche (Cornwall).

Early bearers: Catherine Trebilcocke, 1566, Elizabeth Trebelcock, 1602, Colan Trebillcock, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Katherine Trebilcock, Francis Trebilcock, 1605 in *IGI* (East Newlyn, Cornwall).

### Trebilcook

- GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx
- Cornish: see **Trebilcock**.

### Trebillcock

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland o
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Trebilcock**.

### Treble

Variants: **Treble**, **Tribble**, **Tribble**

- Current frequencies: GB 329, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 394
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; London

English: locative name from Treble Farm in Cheriton Bishop (Devon), recorded as *Tryfebel* in 1242 and *Trebell* in 1412.

Early bearers: [... de] Treffebele, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Walter Trebel, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Trebell, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Trebell<sup>r</sup>, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Trebell of Huwys, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Huish, Somerset); John Trebbill, 1549, Richard Trebell, 1551 in *IGI* (Atherington, Devon); John Treble, 1586, William Treable, 1616 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 429.

### Treblecock

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

Cornish: see **Trebilecock**.

### Treby

- Current frequencies: GB 149, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 155
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: see **Treeby**.

### Tredaway

- GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: London; also Somerset
- Cornish: see **Trethewey**.

### Treddenick

- Current frequencies: GB 23, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 7
- Main GB location 1881: Durham

Cornish: see **Tredinnick**.

### Tredennick

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 24
- Main GB location 1881: Westm; Devon; Lincs

Cornish: see **Tredinnick**.

### Tredget

- Current frequencies: GB 119, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 18
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Tredgett**.

### Tredgett

Variants: **Tredget**, **Trudgett**, **Trudget**

- Current frequencies: GB 350, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 178
- Main GB location 1881: Essex; also Cambs

English: nickname from Middle English *treget* 'trickery, illusion' (Old French *tresget*), for a juggler or illusionist. See also **Trippett** and compare Robert le Tregettur, 1203 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Symon le Tregetor, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs), from Middle English *tregetour* 'juggler, illusionist' (Old French *tresjet or*). There appears to have been some confusion with **Threadgold**.

Early bearers: Roger Treget, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margaret Treget, 1561 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Henry Truget, 1562, Margaret Tregett, 1590 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Titus Trodget, 1604, Thomas Trudgett, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Yeldham, Essex); John Tredgett, Richard Tridgitt, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Tredgold

- Current frequencies: GB 89, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 48
- Main GB location 1881: Hants, Surrey, and London

English: see **Threadgold**.

### Tredinnick

Variants: **Tredennick**, **Treddenick**

- Current frequencies: GB 168, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 172
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from any of several places in Cornwall named Tredinnick (Saint Issey, Saint Keverne, Newlyn East, Morval, Probus) or Tredinick (Saint Breock, Saint Mabyn).

Early bearers: Ralph de Tredenek<sup>r</sup>, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Robert Tredenek, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Simon Tredynek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Simon Tredenek, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Tredenek<sup>r</sup>, 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Annys Tredeneyck, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Charitie Tredenicke, 1578, John Tredinnick, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Philip Tredennick, 1636 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall).

### Tredway

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Treadaway**.

### Tredwell

- Current frequencies: GB 283, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 233
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Treadwell**.

### Tree

Variants: **Trow**, **Trees**

- Current frequencies: GB 889, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 690
- Main GB location 1881: Kent, Sussex, and London

English: locative name from Middle English *tre*, *tree*, *treu*, *trew*, *trow* 'tree' (Old English *tr o(w)*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a prominent tree, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Tree, Trew (2), True, and Trow (2) in Devon. See also **Trewin**, **Attree**.

Early bearers: Richard de la Triwe, 1244 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Hugo de la Truwe, de la Trowe, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Adam atte Trewe, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Laurence atte Trowe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agnes atte Trewe, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus in the Treu, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stretton near Newbold, Warwicks); Laurence Tree, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Brede, Sussex).  
References: *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 79, 170, 400, 417, 576, 595.

### Treeby

Variants: **Treby**

- Current frequencies: GB 297, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 139
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

English: locative name from Treby in Yealmpton (Devon), which is recorded as *Driby* in 1281.

Early bearers: [... de] Driby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); [... de] Dryby, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Elizabeth Tribye, 1570 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Jone Treby, 1600, John Trebye, 1605, Agnes Trabye, 1606, Elizabeth Treeby, 1631 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 262.

### Treece

- Current frequencies: GB 278, Ireland o
- GB frequency 1881: 109



- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, Lincs, and Staffs

English: see **Trees**.

### Treen

Variants: **Train, Trewin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 287
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks

English: locative name from Middle English *tren(e)*, *tre(a)wen* 'trees', the weak plural form of *tre* 'tree' (see **Tree**). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a group of trees, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Trewyn in Holsworthy (Devon), Train in Wembury (Devon), Traine in Modbury (Devon), or the lost Trehane in Calstock (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Trewen, 1311 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Thomas atte Nitheretrewen, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John atte Trewen, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); John Tirry atte Trewen, 1370 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Waltero Trewon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackfordby, Leics); Griffey Trane, 1653 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Arthur Trewin, 1665 in *IGI* (Brocklesby, Lincs); Ann Treen, 1674 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 148, 261, 281; *East Cornwall Place-Names*, p. 89.

### Trees

Variants: **Treece, Trease, Truce, Trays**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham
- 1 English: variant of **Tree** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s. Trees in Fewston (WR Yorks) appears to be an important source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry en le Tres, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Ralph de Treis of Derlyngton, 1352 in *Patent Rolls* (Darlington, Durham); Thomas del Tres, 1377, Thomas de Trees, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); Thomas de Trees, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timple, WR Yorks); Johannes del Trees, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nidd, WR Yorks); Richard of the Trees, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Richard Trees, 1484 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Trees, 1494 in *PROB 11* (Leen, Norfolk); Elizabeth Tresse, 1591 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Trees, 1592 in *IGI* (Allerton Mauleverer, WR Yorks); Mary Treece, 1662 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 5, p. 125; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Trays**.

### Treet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Trett**.

### Treeton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name from Treeton (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Tretton', 1377, Robertus de Trettonne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wales, WR Yorks); Robertus de Tretton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Johannes de Tretton', 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Harthill, WR Yorks); Grace Treeton, 1561 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); John Tretton, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Eckington, Derbys); Alice Treeton, 1599 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Dorithea Treeton, 1599 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

### Treffry

Variants: **Trefry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall called *Treffry* (Saint Gluvias, Lanhydrock, and Merther parishes).

**Early bearers:** Roger Trefry, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Trefrye, Treffry, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Fowey, Cornwall); William Treffry, 1504, Tresighnye Treffrye, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Fowey, Cornwall); Thomas Treffry, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall).

### Trefry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treffry**.

### Trefusis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Bucks; Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Trefusis near Flushing in Mylor (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** James Trefusis, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); Jacobus Trefusys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mylor, Cornwall); James Trefusis, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Penryn, Cornwall); John Trefusys, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Falmouth, Cornwall); John Trefuses, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyon, Cornwall); Thomas Trefusys or Trefusis, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Landewednack, Cornwall); Richard Trefusis, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Lanleake, Cornwall); William Trefusis, 1643 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

### Tregale

Variants: **Triggle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained; it is possible that it is a variant of **Threadgold**, but this seems to have no early West Country connections.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tregold, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Totnes, Devon); Thomas Tregell of Plymmouth, 1444 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); William Tregell, 1576 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Jone Tregle, 1584 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); William Tregale, 1727 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon).

### Treganza

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Devon

Cornish: see **Tregenza**.

### Tregaskes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Kent
- Cornish: see **Tregaskis**.

### Tregaskis

Variants: **Tregaskes, Tregaskiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Tregascoe (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall), found as *Tregascur* (1473), *Tregascour* (1504), and *Tregascor* (1569), from Cornish *tre* 'farmstead' + the Old Cornish personal name \**Cad-gor* or similar. Compare John Tregascor, about 1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Clement). The place-name has irregularly lost final -r, and post-medieval excrescent -s has been added to the derived surname. The surname development apparently occurred specifically in Saint Clement parish and had settled into its later form there by the 1560s; presumably the surname has subsequently spread from that centre of origin.

**Early bearers:** John Tregascosse 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Clemence Tregaskes, 1566, Jo Tregaskies, 1619, Azazias Tregaskyes, 1622, Jacob Tregascus, 1644, Honnor Tregascas, 1681, Tho Tregaskis, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Samp Tregaskeys, 1609 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

**References:** The place-name forms are from deeds in the Royal Institution of Cornwall, Truro.

### Tregaskiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

Cornish: see **Tregaskis**.

### Tregear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall called Tregear (Bodmin, Crowan, Saint Eval, Gerrans, Ladock, Saint Mawgan in Meneage), Tregear (Egloskerry, Saint Kew), or Tregair (Newlyn East).

**Early bearers:** Constance Tregear, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Christian Tregear, 1561 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Anna Tregear, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Dunis Tregear, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Elizabeth Tregear, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall).

### Tregellas

Variants: **Tregellis, Tregelles, Tregillus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Tregellas (Probus, Saint Keverne), or perhaps from Tregellast (Ludgvan) or Tregelles (Saint Kew), all in Cornwall. **Further information:** Nicholas de Tregellest, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*, may be relevant but cannot be placed.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tregelast, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Probus, Cornwall); Israell Tregelas, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); James Tregellase, 1567 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Israell Tregellas, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Humfry Tregellis, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Dorithee Tregelles, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall).

## Tregelles

### Tregelles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Tregellas**.

### Tregellis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

Cornish: see **Tregellas**.

### Tregenna

Variants: **Tregunna**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: from any of the places called *Tregenna* in ten parishes in Cornwall. See also **Tregunna**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tregenna, 1560 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Robert Tregenow, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Johis. Tregennow, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Anne Tregenna, 1606 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Mary Tregennah, 1774 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall).

### Tregenza

Variants: **Treganza**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from a lost place called *Tregenza*, recorded as *Tregensith* in 1327, in the vicinity of Higher Tregonjohn Farm in Creed (Cornwall) around OS grid reference SW 941476.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Tregensyth, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Probus, Cornwall); John Tregenza, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Sam Tregensa, 1660, Ann Tregenza, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Oliue Treginsa, 1668 in *IGI* (Colan, Cornwall); Ann Trigensa, 1687, Francis Tregenza, 1697 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

**References:** Research by Paul Tregenza at [www.tregenza.org](http://www.tregenza.org).

### Tregidga

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs

Cornish: see **Tregidgo**.

### Tregidgo

Variants: **Tregidga**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon

Cornish: locative name from Tregidgeo in Creed (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** William and John Tregregiow, 1525, Thomas and John Tregegyow, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Creed, Cornwall); Thomas Tregidgeo, 1616, Tristra Tregidgoh, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); John Tregidgeo, 1657 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Hawkin Tregidgeo, 1697 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); Thomas Tregidgoe, Mary Tregidgo, 1713, William Tregidga, 1837 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall).

### Tregilgas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Tregilgas in Saint Ewe (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Tregilgis, 1525, John Tregylgis, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Sibella Tregilgis, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Jone Tregellges, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Edmunde Tregilgis, 1600, William Tregillgis, 1601, Hannah Tregilgas, 1616 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Anthonie Tregelgus, 1601, Thomas Tregelgas, 1604 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall).

### Tregillus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Tregellas**.

### Tregloan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treglown**.

### Treglohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treglown**.

### Treglowan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treglown**.

### Treglown

Variants: **Treglowan, Tregloan, Treglohan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Treglohan in Saint Keverne (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Douglas Treglohan, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Ann Treglawan, 1709 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); Dorothy Treglone, 1713, Anthony Treglaun, 1727, Anthony Treglown, 1758 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Trego

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; London

Cornish: locative name from Trego in Crantock (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Treiagu, 1463, Thomas Treyagu, 1480 in *Cornish Lands* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); John Trega, John Treyaga, 1499 in *Cornish Lands* (Crantock, Cornwall); Joanna Tregogh, 1540, Welthin Tregoe, 1588, Thomas Trego, 1599, Henry Trego, 1618 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon); Thos. Tregoe, 1615, Thomas Trego, 1616 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); George Trego, 1619, John Traygoe, 1620, Robert Tregoe, 1627 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); John Trago, 1764 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).

**References:** *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, p. 308.

### Tregoning

Variants: **Tregonning**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name, independently from several small places called *Tregonning* in Breage, Luxulyan, and Stithians parishes, and *Tregoning* in Saint Keverne parish, all in Cornwall.

**Further information:** There is no evidence that the surname is connected with the places called *Tregonning* in Morgan in Pyder and Newlyn East parishes, *Tregonan* in Saint Ewe, or *Tregonian* in Saint Michael Penkevil.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Tregonan, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Breage, Cornwall); John Tregonyon, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Philip Tregonyn, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Stithians, Cornwall); John and Nicholas Tregonen, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Joseph Tregoning, 1654 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall); Elizabeth Tregonin, 1679 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall); Elizabeth Tregoning, 1679 in *IGI* (Crowan, Cornwall); Anne Tregonning, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

### Tregonning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Tregoning**.

### Tregunna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: (i) locative name from Tregunno (Breage), and possibly also from Tregunna (Saint Breock), Tregonna (Little Petherick), and Tregona (Saint Eval), all in Cornwall. (ii) possibly also from one of ten places called *Tregenna*, and therefore a variant of **Tregenna**, but this has not been conclusively shown. **Early bearers:** John Tregonow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey*, John Tregonowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Breage, Cornwall); John Tregona, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Petherick, Cornwall); John Tregonna, 1543, Katherine Tregona, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Agnes Tregonna, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Thomas and John Tregonow, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Breage, Cornwall); Jane Tregonna, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Aribella Tregunna, 1665 in *IGI* (Budock, Cornwall).

### Trehan

Variants: **Trahan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: occupational name, altered or variant form of **Trahand**, from a derivative of *traire* 'to draw or stretch', for a silk worker whose job was to draw out the thread from cocoons. It has sometimes been 'translated' into English as **Strong** and may have been confused with **Trehane**.

**Early bearers:** Madeleine Francoise Trahan, 1759 in *IGI* (Walton, Lancs); P. Trehan, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Newport, Monmouths).

**Trehane**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Trehane in Probus; possibly also from Trehane in Davidstow and Trevalga or Trehan in Saint Stephen by Saltash, all in Cornwall. **Early bearers:** Oliver, Otis Treyaghan, 1525, John Treahan, Treyahan, 1543, John Trehain, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Probus, Cornwall); John Trehane, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Probus, Cornwall); Steven Trehane, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Harrie Trehane, 1593 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Elizabetha Trehane, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall).

**Treharne**

- Variants:** Traherne, Treherne, Trehern, Trehearne, Trahearn, Trahern, Trayhurn, Trayhorn, Tryhorn
- **Current frequencies:** GB 840, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 672
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan and Carmarthens
- Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Trahaearn*, composed of the elements *tra* 'most, very' + *haearn* 'iron'. **Early bearers:** given names: Trahern Voyl, Trahaern ap Eynon, Trahaern ap Adaf, Trahaern ap Edeneuet, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Trehern ap Rethrech, 1301 in *Morgan and Morgan*. surnames, Wales: Maddoc ap Treharne, 1292 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Adaf ap Trahairn, Gurgenu ap Trahaern, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); D'd ap Jevan ap Treharne, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Carmarthens); William Treherne, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Skenfrith, Monmouths). surnames, England: Willielmus Traheron, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Traheron, 1524, Richard Traharen, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newland, Gloucs); Edmond Treheron, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Philipp Treherne, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Treharne, 1562, William Treherne, 1565 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Ann Treyerne, Treherne, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Ledbury, Herefs); Margery Trewhorne, 1587, Thomas Trahearne, 1623, Anthony Trayhorne, 1665, Ann Tryhorn, 1696 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks).

**Trehearne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Glamorgan and Monmouths
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

**Trehern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks; also Devon; Gloucs
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

**Treherne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 239
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Gloucs; London; also Glamorgan
- Welsh: see **Treharne**.

**Trelawney**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Cheshire; Dorset
- Cornish: see **Trelawny**.

**Trelawny**

- Variants:** Trelawney
- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Cornish: locative name from Trelawny (Altarnun, Cornwall). **Further information:** In 1600, Sir Jonathan Trelawny (died 1604) purchased Trelawne manor in Pelynt from Elizabeth I, probably motivated partly by the similarity of its name to his own surname; it became the chief seat of his family. **Early bearers:** William de Trelouny, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Johanne de Trelenny, 1378 [charter dated 1291] in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William Trelouny, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall, Devon, and Berks); John Trelawny, 1426 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Peter Trelany alias Trelauny alias Trevlauney alias Trelawny alias Trelylany, 1499 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Trelawney, 1510, John Trelawnye, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Menheniot, Cornwall); John Trelawny, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Trelawny, 1619 in *IGI* (Pelynt, Cornwall).

**Treleaze**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Treleaze (Saint Hilary, Ruan Major, Kea, Saint Keverne). **Early bearers:** Robert Trelece, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Saint George the Martyr, Middx); Debora Treleace, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Whitechapel, Middx); Marie Treleaze, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, Cornwall); Wilmata Trelass, 1602, Gulihelmus Trelas, 1604, Elizabeth Trelase, 1608, Samson Trelace, 1612 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Dorothe Treleaze, 1663 in *IGI* (Stithians, Cornwall).

**Treleavan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Surrey
- Cornish: see **Treleaven**.

**Treleaven**

- Variants:** Treleven, Treleavan, Trelevan, Treliving
- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Treleaven in Mevagissey (Cornwall). **Early bearers:** John Trelevin, 1605, Charity Treleven, 1610, Agnes Trelevan, 1621, Charity Treleaven, 1630 in *IGI* (Lanlivery Rural, Cornwall); Grace Trelavan, 1610 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Alice Trelivan, 1633, Cislely Trelevon, 1638, Dorythye Treleven, 1647 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Barbara Treliving, 1676 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall).

**Trelevan**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Kent
- Cornish: see **Treleaven**.

**Treleven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: see **Treleaven**.

**Trelfa**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; also Lancs; Derbys
- English: reduced form of **Threffall**.

**Trefall**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Threffall**.

**Treliving**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- Cornish: see **Treleaven**.

**Treloar**

- Variants:** Treloare
- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 579
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Treloar in Wendron (Cornwall), recorded as *Trelowarth* in 1333. **Early bearers:** Gregory de Trelouargh', 1297 in *King's Bench Pleas* (Cornwall); Wearne Treloworth, 1573, Agnes Trelowarth, 1577, Mary Treloarth, 1591, Benedict Treloar, 1629 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall). **References:** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~patricia/treloar.htm>.

**Treloare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs
- Cornish: see **Treloar**.

**Tremain**

- Variants:** Tremaine, Tremayne, Tremane, Treman
- **Current frequencies:** GB 573, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 381
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also London and Kent
- Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Tremayne (Saint Columb Major, Crowan, Saint Martin in Meneage), Tremaine, or Tremain (Pelynt). **Early bearers:** Odo de Tremeyn, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Nicholas Tremayn, 1394 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Tremayn of Tremayn, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Tremayne, 1472 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Alson Tremaine, 1541, Fraunces Treman, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Degorie Tremane, 1594 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Elizabeth Tremain, 1660 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon).

**Tremaine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland o

## Treman

- GB frequency 1881: 175
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall and Devon; Kent

Cornish: see **Tremain**.

### Treman

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Cornish: see **Tremain**.

### Tremane

- GB frequency 1881: 4
- Cornish: see **Tremain**.

### Tremayne

- Current frequencies: GB 341, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 310
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Tremain**.

### Trebath

- Current frequencies: GB 463, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 526
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trebath in Madron (Cornwall).

Early bearers: Arthur Trebath, 1663 in *IGI* (Morvah, Cornwall).

### Trebeth

- Current frequencies: GB 35, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 42
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trembleath in Saint Mawgan in Pydar (Cornwall).

Early bearers: John de Trebeth, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Robert de Trebeth, 1361 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Trebeth, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall).

### Tremble

- Current frequencies: GB 360, Ireland 8
- GB frequency 1881: 293
- Main GB location 1881: Cumb

English: see **Trumble**.

### Tremear

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 12
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

Cornish: see **Tremeer**.

### Tremeer

Variants: **Tremere**, **Tremear**

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 73
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Tremeer (Saint Clether, Lanivet, Lanteglos by Fowey, Saint Tudy) or Tremear (Saint Ive).

Early bearers: Laurence de Tremur, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Thomas de Tremur, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Lawrence Tremur, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Tremure of Polshet, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Polzeath, Cornwall); Richard Tremayre, 1545 in *IGI* (Dartington, Devon); Elizabetha Tremere, 1581 in *IGI* (Landalph, Cornwall); Johana Tremear, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); Dina Tremier, 1592, Mary Tremere, 1596, Phillip Tremeer, 1596 in *IGI*

(Holsworthy, Devon); Joanna Tremere, 1594, Elizabeth Tremeere, 1601 in *IGI* (Botus Fleming, Cornwall).

### Tremellen

- Current frequencies: GB 51, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 32
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Tremelling**.

### Tremelling

Variants: **Tremellen**

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Tremellin in Saint Erth (Cornwall).

Early bearers: Cheston Tremellen, 1594, Sibbell Tremellin, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Andrew Tremellyn, 1609 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Ane Tremelen, 1622 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Antho. Tremelling, 1733 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall).

### Tremenheere

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 5
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Tremenheere (Ludgvan), Tremenheire (Wendron), or Tremenhere (Saint Keverne, Stithians).

Early bearers: Thomas Tremenhir, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); Stephen Tremenhir, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William Tremenhire, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Henrie Tremenheere, 1568, Passkus Tremenheere, 1596, Jenkin Tremenheer, 1597 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall).

### Tremere

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Devon

Cornish: see **Tremeer**.

### Tremlett

Variants: **Trimlett**, **Temlett**

- Current frequencies: GB 597, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 504
- Main GB location 1881: Devon; also Somerset

Norman, English: locative name from Les Trois Minettes (Calvados).

Early bearers: Walter de Tribus Minetis, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard Tremilet, 1179–85 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Cullompton, Devon); Joslen Treismunettes, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard de Treminettes, 1204 in *Pleas* (Staffs); Richard Treminet, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); John Tremenet, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William Tremenet, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Tawton, Devon); Edward Tremlett, 1543 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); James Tremlet, 1568 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Harry Tremlett, 1595 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); Jaine Trimlet, 1595 in *IGI* (Hythe, Kent); Jone Trimlet, 1604 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Edward Trimlett, 1616 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

### Trenam

- Current frequencies: GB 61, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 48
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: see **Trenholme**.

### Trenary

Variants: **Trenery**

- GB frequency 1881: 12
  - Main GB location 1881: Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trenerry**.

### Trench

- Current frequencies: GB 464, Ireland 86
- GB frequency 1881: 280
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Midlothian
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Galway; Limerick; Laois

1 English, Scottish: locative name, nickname from Middle English *trench* 'path cut through woods; cutting or ditch' (Old French *trenche*, a derivative of *trenchier* 'to cut, hack, slice'). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a path or ditch, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Trench Lane in Huddington (Worcs), Trench in Ellesmere (Shrops), or The Trench in Hildenborough (Kent). It may perhaps also be a nickname for someone who cut ditches.

Early bearers: England: Richard Trench, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry de Trench, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Cecilia Trench', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Johannes Trenche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hempstead, Norfolk); John de Trench, 1389 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Trenche, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); John Trench, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Trenche, 1496 in *PROB 11* (Leicester, Leics); Annes Trench, 1561 in *IGI* (Fritwell, Oxon).

Scotland: James Tryncche, 1557, Helen Trynsche, 1558 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts*; Andrew Trinche, 1586 in *Dunfermline Parish Registers* (Fife); John Trinche, 1629 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Eyemouth, Berwicks); David Trinsche, 1658 in *Retours, Scotland* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 143; *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 66; *Kent Place-Names*, p. 179.

2 Huguenot, Irish: locative name from La Tranche (Poitou).

Further information: The Trench family which holds the Irish earldom of Clancarty traces its descent from Frederic de la Tranche, who settled in Northumb from France around 1575. They became established in Ireland in the 17th century, when Frederick Trench went there and purchased an estate in Garbally, Galway in 1631.

Early bearers: Frederick Charles Trench, 1851 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Kilfinnane, Limerick); Henry Trench, 1856 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Drumatober, Galway); Lady Louisa Trench, 1859 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Gulladuff, Derry).

### Trenchard

- Current frequencies: GB 372, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 322
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset; also Devon and Dorset

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *trenche*, a derivative of *trenchier* 'to cut, hack, slice' (compare **Trench**) + the suffix *-ard*, for someone skilled in cutting, perhaps for a swordsman, butcher, or ditch-cutter.

**Further information:** The forms without medial *-h-* appear to represent a N French dialect form.  
**Early bearers:** Ralph Trencart, Trenchard, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Somerset); Robert Trenchart, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Antony Trenchard, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Payn Trencard, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Raulyn Trenchard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Johanne Trenchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Downton, Wilts); Egidius Trenchard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shalfleet, Hants); Johannes Trencard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yarmouth, IoW); Thomas Trenchard, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Wolveton, Dorset); Francis Trenchard, 1617 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).

### Trenchfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Trunkfield**.

### Trend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *trende* ‘rounded, circular’.  
**Early bearers:** John Trenda, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Tawton, Devon); Roberto Trende, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); John Trende, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Elizabeth Trend, 1552, Alicia Trende, 1572 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Elnor Trend, 1556 in *IGI* (Bridford, Devon).  
**References:** *MED*, at *trende*; compare *English Place-Name Elements*, at \*trind.

### Trendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Kent; also Bucks, Oxon, and Berks
- English: see **Trundle**.

### Trendell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon, Berks, and Bucks
- English: see **Trundle**.

### Trender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon
- English: see **Trinder**.

### Trendle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Trundle**.

### Trenear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trener**.

### Trener

Variants: **Trenear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Treneere (Madron, Cornwall) or Trenear (Wendron, Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de Trenyer, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); James Trenere, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Agnes Trenere, 1589, Elizabeth Treneare, 1590, Henry Treneare, 1593 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); William Treneyre, 1599 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Elenora Trenere, 1600, Elizabeth Trenear, 1601, Marcus Treneare, 1605 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall).

### Trenerry

- Variants: **Trenery, Trenary**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trenerry in Saint Allen (Cornwall).  
**Early bearers:** John Trenery, 1562, Christopher Trenerie, 1569, Annys Trenerye, 1574 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Elizabeth Trenerry, 1650 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Elizabeth Trenary, 1775 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon).

### Trenery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: see **Trenary**.

### Trenfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs; also Warwicks

English: perhaps a variant of **Trunkfield**.  
**Early bearers:** France Tranfeld, 1688, Mary Trenfeld, 1690, Ann Trenfeild, 1693, Margerett Trinfeild, 1696 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Robert Trenfield, 1698 in *IGI* (Beckford, Worcs); Sarah Trunfield, 1773 in *IGI* (Cradley, Herefs); Esther Tronfield, 1784 in *IGI* (Overbury, Worcs).

### Trengove

- Variants: **Trengrove**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one of the places in Cornwall named *Trengove* in Constantine and Illogan parishes, and possibly Trengrove in Menheniot or Trengoffe in Warleggan, all in Cornwall.  
**Early bearers:** John Trengoff, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Henry Trengove, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Illogan, Cornwall); William Trengove, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Constantine, Cornwall); John Trengoffe, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Illogan, Cornwall); Toms Trengove, 1571 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Mellior Trengove, 1587 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Jane Trengove, 1591 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Elioner Trengove, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Andrewe Trengove, 1627 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall).

### Trengrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trengove**.

### Trenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Trenholme**.

### Trenholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Trenholme**.

### Trenholme

Variants: **Trenholm, Trenham, Trenam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from Trenholme in Whorlton (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Tranelholm, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (NR Yorks); Robert de Tranholme, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whorlton, NR Yorks); William de Tranholme, John Tranholme, 1405 in *Patent Rolls*; Ellenor Tranam, 1572 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Alice Trainam, 1577 in *IGI* (Leake, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Traynham, 1597 in *IGI* (Stonegrave, NR Yorks); Janne Trenham, 1647 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); Ann Trenholme, 1669 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 178; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Trenouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trenoweth**.

### Trenow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

Cornish: locative name, possibly from Treknow (Tintagel, Cornwall) or Tranno (Breage, Cornwall), though it has not been shown that either of these places definitely gives rise to a modern surname.  
**Early bearers:** Clement Trenowe, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; [ . . . ] Treanow, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster*; John Tranaw, 1603 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Christian Trenow, 1637, Agnes Tranow, 1654, Joanme Trinow, 1670 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Thomas Trenow, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Saint Buryan, Cornwall); Francis Trenow, 1672 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Trenoweth

Variants: **Trenouth, Trenwith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more of at least twenty places in Cornwall named with Cornish *tre* ‘house, settlement’ + *nowyth* ‘new’, with the spellings

## Trent

*Trenewth, Trenouth, Trenowah, Trenower, Trenoweth, Trenowth, Trenute, or Trenuth.*

**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Trenewyth, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Cornwall); Simon de Trenewyth, 1303 in *Patent Rolls*; Michael Trenewith of Saint Columb, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Michael Trenewith, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Ivo Trenewith, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lelant, Cornwall); Adam Trenewyth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Michaelstow, Cornwall); Ralph Trenewyth of Padestowe, 1403 in *Patent Rolls* (Padstow, Cornwall); John Trenowith, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Dorythy Trenoweth, 1574 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Johane Trenouth, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall).

## Trent

- **Current frequencies:** GB 709, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 433
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also London; Hants and IoW

1 English: locative name, principally from Trent (Dorset), which takes its name from the Trent Brook, a tributary of the River Yeo, but also from other rivers so named, such as the Piddle or Trent (Dorset) and the Trent (north Midlands).

**Early bearers:** John de Trente, 12th cent. in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Somerset); William Trent, 1300 in *London Court Rolls*; William Trente, de Trente, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Henry de Trente, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Peter Trente, 1351 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas de Trente of Holne, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Trente, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Thomas Trente, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barby and Onley, Northants); Willelmo Trent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eastleach Turville, Gloucs); Alicia de Trent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); William Trent, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

2 Scottish: locative name, possibly from a reduced form of Tranent (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** William Trent, monk, 1456 in *Panmure Register* (Angus); Petrus Trent, 1521 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Angus); John Trent, 1563 in *Newbattle Register*.

## Treter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tranter**.

## Trentham

**Variants:** **Trantham, Trantum, Trantom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, and Warwicks; Devon

English: locative name from Trentham (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Trentham, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Caernarfon, Caernarvons); William Trentham, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Henricus Trantham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Minsterley, Shrops); Thomas de Trentham, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Trentham, Staffs); Agnes Trentam, 1550 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Margerie Trentham, 1586 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Shrops); John Trantum, 1615 in *IGI* (Prees, Shrops); Mary Trantom, 1649 in *IGI* (Pitchford, Shrops).

## Trenwith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: see **Trenoweth**.

## Trerise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Trerise (Crowan, Ruan Major) or Trerice (Saint Allen, Saint Breock, Saint Dennis, Newlyn East, Sancreed).

**Early bearers:** William Trerys of Plymmuth, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Plymouth, Devon); John Trerys, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Trerys, 1430 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Margret Treriss, 1603 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Mary Trerise, 1671 in *IGI* (Ruan Minor, Cornwall); Alice Trerice, 1782 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall).

## Tresadern

**Variants:** **Tresarden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs

Cornish: locative name from either of two places in Cornwall named Tresadern (Ruan Major, Saint Columb Major).

**Early bearers:** Robert Tresodorne, 1414 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Margaret Trezatherne, 1586, Joan Trezaderne, 1588, Francis Tresaderne, 1619 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Alse Tresodarn, 1589, Elizabeth Tresodern, 1594 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Jane Tresodderne, 1612 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); William Tresaddarn, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Margaret Tresaddren, 1632, Adeodata Tresoddren, 1633, Bartholamew Tresadern, 1641 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Grace Tresadern, 1734 in *IGI* (Illogan, Cornwall); Mary Tresadern, 1803, Joseph Tresarden, 1807, Chas Trisharding, 1811 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx).

## Tresarden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Cornish: see **Tresadern**.

## Trescott

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

Cornish: see **Truscott**.

**Further information:** Trescott in Tettenhall Regis (Staffs) does not appear to have contributed to the surname.

## Treseder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Tresidder**.

## Tresham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks; Somerset

English: locative name from Tresham in Hawkesbury (Gloucs).

**Further information:** Several members of the Tresham family of Sywell and Rushton (Northants) achieved national prominence in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries, including William Tresham (d. 1450), lawyer and Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Thomas Tresham (d. 1471), administrator and Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Thomas Tresham (d. 1559), landowner and prior of the hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem in England, and Francis Tresham (d. 1605), a conspirator in the Gunpowder Plot.

**Early bearers:** Laurence de Tresham, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard de Tressham, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs, Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset); Thomas Tresham, 1383 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Tresham of Northampton, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); William Tresham, 1439 in *Newington Longeville Charters*; Thomas Tresham, 1460 in *Paston Letters*; Thomas Tresham, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Rushton, Northants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 31; *DNB*.

## Tresidder

**Variants:** **Tressider, Treseder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall  
Cornish: locative name from Tresidder in Constantine (Cornwall).

**Further information:** Tresidder in Saint Buryan (Cornwall) does not appear to have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** William de Tresoder, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; James Tresyder, 1584, Elizabeth Treseder, 1595, Grace Tresiddar, 1612, Charytie Tresidder, 1619, Bridgett Tresedder, 1642 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Anne Trezudder, 1669, Thomasin Tressider, 1769 in *IGI* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

## Tresilian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx

Cornish: locative name from either of two places called Tresillian (Merther, Newlyn East).

**Further information:** Sir Robert Tresilian (d. 1388), justice, held land at Tresillian in Merther, although much of his early career was spent in Berks and Oxon, where he also had estates.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tresulyan, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Robert Tresilian, 1379 in *Ancient Deeds* (Cornwall); Roberto Tresilian, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Appleton, Berks); Elizabeth Tresilian, 1568, Grace Tresillian, 1623 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Temperance Tresylian, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall).

**References:** *DNB*.

## Tresise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treize**.

## Tress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Lancs English: nickname from Middle English *tresse* ‘tress, lock of hair, braid; hairnet’ (Old French *trece, tresse*).
- Early bearers:** Wayter Tresse, yeoman, 1557 in *Kent Wills* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent); Francis Tresse, 1585 in *IGI* (East Malling, Kent); Anna Tress, 1592 in *IGI* (Hoo Saint Werburgh, Kent).

### Tressider

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Tresidder**.

### Trestrail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Trestrayle in Probus (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** John Trestraill, 1602 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Trestrayle, 1602 in *IGI* (Veryan, Cornwall); Grace Trestrayle, 1629 in *IGI* (Cuby with Trezony, Cornwall); Grace Tresstrayle, 1634, Elizabeth Trestrayle, 1667, Elizabeth Trestrail, 1692 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

### Tretheway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Trethewey**.

### Trethewey

- Variants:** **Tretheway, Trethewy, Tredaway**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 394
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from several among nine places in Cornwall named from Cornish *tre* ‘homestead, settlement’ + *Thewi*, a lenited form of the personal name *Dewi* (equivalent to **David**), such as Trethewey (Saint Levan), Trethevey (Lanlivery), and Tretheyy (Saint Cleer).
- Further information:** This name is definitely not from Trethevey in Saint Mabyñ, which has a different origin. *Trethewey* may occasionally have been confused with **Treadaway**.
- Early bearers:** Andrew de Tredewi, about 1210 in *Book of Fees* (Cornwall); Henry de Trethewy, 1279 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Henry de Trethewy, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Saint Ervan, Cornwall), Martin de Tredeuy, Thomas de Tredeuy, 1302 *Assize Rolls* (Zennor, Cornwall); Henry Tredewy, 1327 *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Levan, Cornwall); Henry de Tredewy, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Philippus Trethewy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); John Tredewy, citizen and skinner of London, 1428 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trethewy, citizen and skinner of London, 1431 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tredewy, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Trethewey, Cornwall); Robert Trethewy, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); John Trethewy, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Germoe, Cornwall); Thomas Trethuy, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Tho. Tretheway, 1621 in *IGI* (All Hallows

London Wall, London); Richard Trethewy, 1687 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

### Trethewy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trethewey**.

### Trethowan

- Variants:** **Trethowen**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from the lost place-name Trethowan near Merthen in Constantine (Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** Alan Trethouen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornwall); Nicholas Trethowen, 1575, John Trethowan, 1583, Harry Trethowen, 1590 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall).
- References:** Research by Mary Gyseman at <http://www.trethowan.org>.

### Trethowen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Cornish: see **Trethowan**.

### Trett

- Variants:** **Treet**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *tret*, a shortened form of *tretis* ‘neat, slender, graceful, handsome’ (Old French *traitiz*), used of the face, nose, and neck.
- Early bearers:** Baldwin le Tret, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); John Treet, 1558, Susan Trett, 1559, Awdrye Trette, 1565 in *IGI* (Beeston Saint Lawrence, Norfolk).

### Trevail

- Variants:** **Treveal**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from one or more of Trevail (Cubert), Treveal (Zennor), or Treveale (Ladock), all in Cornwall.
- Early bearers:** William de Treuael, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Joan Trevele, 1467 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Treveale, 1568, Mary Trevayle, 1586 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Phillipe Trevail, 1592, Mary Trevayle, 1594 in *IGI* (Churston Ferrers, Devon); Marie Treveall, 1601 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Jñ Treveale, 1607 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Florence Trevail, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Dennis, Cornwall).

### Trevalion

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevallion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevarthan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trevarthen**.

### Trevarthen

- Variants:** **Trevarthan, Trevarthon, Treverton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from Trevarthain (Newlyn East, Cornwall) or Trevarthian (Saint Hilary, Cornwall).
- Early bearers:** Benedict de Trevarthian, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Treverthean, 1383 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Trevarthian, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Trevarthean alias Trevarthyān, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Christopher Trevarthen, 1562, Also Treverthen, 1567, Marten Treverton, 1598 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Henry Treverthan, 1610 in *IGI* (Manaccan, Cornwall); John Treverton, 1637, Jane Trevarthon, 1678, Jane Treverton, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Issey, Cornwall).

### Trevarton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lancs
- Cornish: see **Trevarthen**.

### Trevascus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trevaskis**.

### Trevaskis

- Variants:** **Trevaskiss, Trevascus, Trevascus**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Trevaskis (Gwinear) or Trevascus (Gorran).
- Early bearers:** John Trewaskis, 1565, Marye Trevascus, 1665 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall); Richard Trevascus, 1627 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Grace Trevasques, 1632, Jane Trevascas, 1648, Katherine Trevascus, 1679, Edward Trevascus, 1683, Jane Trevaskis, 1746 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

### Trevaskiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Cornish: see **Trevaskis**.

### Trevaskus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- Cornish: see **Trevaskis**.

### Trevathan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

## Trevatt

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Cornish: see **Trevethan**.  
2 Cornish: see **Trathen**.

### Trevatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex, Surrey, and Hants

English: see **Trevett**.

### Treveal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Trevail**.

### Trevelion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevellick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lancs

Cornish: locative name from any of four places in Cornwall called *Trevillick*; perhaps also from other places with similar names, including *Trefullock* (Saint Enoder).

**Early bearers:** John de Treuellek, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Michaelstow, Cornwall); Alice Trevelyek, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Creed, Cornwall); Agnes Trevellack, 1543 in *IGI* (Gerrans, Cornwall); Jenkin Trevelek, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Thomas Trevelake, 1574 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Robert Trevellocke, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Feock, Cornwall); Joyce Trevellack, 1740, Jane Trevelick, 1798, Peggy Trevellick, 1783 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall).

### Trevelyan

**Variants:** Trevelion, Trevelyn, Trevillian, Trevillyan, Trevillion, Trevallion, Trevalion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon

Cornish: locative name from Trevelyan in Saint Veep (Cornwall).

**Further information:** Sir John Trevelyan was Sheriff of Cornwall in the mid-15th century. There is no evidence for a derivation from Trevillian in Warbstow or Trevillyn in Luxulyan (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Richard Trevilien, 1404 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Laurence Trevelen of Trevelen, 1428 in *Patent Rolls* (Trevelyan, Cornwall); Henry Treuyluan', 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Trevilian alias Trevelyn, 1452 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trevilion, 1553 in *PROB 11* (Kingsbury, Somerset); Thomas Trevelyan, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Yarnscombe, Devon); Richard Trevelian, 1570, Richard Trevilian, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Drayton, Somerset); Wyllyam Trevelian, 1575 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); John Trevillian, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Cotleigh, Devon); Thomas Trevellion, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Anne Trevillion, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Leominster, Herefs); James Trevelyan, 1777 in *IGI* (Netherwitton, Northumb).

### Trevelyn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevena

**Variants:** Trevenna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Trevena (Breage, Tintagel), Trevenna (Saint Mawgan in Pydar, Saint Neot, Tywardreath), or Trevenner (Saint Hilary).

**Early bearers:** Alexander Trevena, 1612 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); John Trevena, 1613 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Hugh Trevena, 1651, Ann Trevena, 1664 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Margeret Trevenna, 1686 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall).

### Trevenna

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Trevena**.

### Trever

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and N Wales: esp. Shrops; also Lincs
- English: see **Treavor** (1).

### Trevers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Berks; Devon
- 1 English: see **Treavors**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Travis**.

### Treverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; London

Cornish: see **Trevarthen**.

### Trevethan

**Variants:** Trevathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named *Trevethan* (in Budock, Saint Eval, Gwennap).

**Early bearers:** Joyce Trevethan, 1442 in *Patent Rolls*; John Treuethen', 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Costentyne Trevethan, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Ellen Trevethen, 1624, Dority Trevethon, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Anna Trevethan, 1640 in *IGI* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall).

### Trevethick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Lincs

Cornish: see **Trevithick**.

### Trevett

**Variants:** Trevitt, Trevatt, Treavett, Trevett, Trivett, Trivitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *trivet*, *trivet* 'trivet, tripod' (Old English *trefet*), especially for a three-footed stand for a pot, kettle, or pan placed over a fire during cooking or heating. In Yorks, Lincs, and the N Midlands this name has become confused with **Trewhitt** and some early bearers may belong there.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Treuet, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William Trivet, Trivet, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); James Trivet of Baggedripe, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Bawdrip, Somerset); Thomas Tryuet, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Tryvet, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Camsb); Thomas Trevet, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Oliver Trivet, 1575 in *IGI* (Stoke Abbott, Dorset); Bartholomeus Trevett, 1577, Rychard Trevit, 1577, Graice Treuett, 1589 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Amye Trivet, 1589 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); John Tryvett, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Dorset).

### Trevillian

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cornwall; Somerset; Lancs
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevillion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also London
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevillyan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Cornish: see **Trevelyan**.

### Trevis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 392, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants; W Midlands

Norman, English: see **Travis**.

### Trevithick

**Variants:** Trevethick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon

Cornish: locative name from any of several places in Cornwall named *Trevithick* (in Saint Columb Major, Saint Columb Minor, Perranzabuloe, and Saint Ewe), probably named in Cornish with *tre* 'house' + a mutated form of *methek* 'doctor'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Treuethec, 1359 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cornwall); Christiana Trevithicke, 1545 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Barbara Trevethicke, 1560, Elizabt. Trivithicke, 1561, Edmond Trevythicke, 1570, Betteritia Trevithicke, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Also Trevethick, 1563 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Joes. Trevethick, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Rebecca Trevithick, 1674 in *IGI* (Lanivet, Cornwall); Grace Trevithick, 1684 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall); Nicholas Trevithick, 1688 in *IGI* (Saint



Columb Major, Cornwall); Gregory Trevithick, 1694 in *IGI* (Sithney, Cornwall).

### Trevitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 319
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Trevett**.

### Trevor

Variants: **Treuer, Trevors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1083, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 922
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lancs; Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Down
- 1 Welsh, English: locative name, principally from Trevor (Denbighs), but occasionally from other places in Wales named from Welsh *tre(f)* 'homestead, settlement' + a mutated form of *mawr* 'large', such as Trefor (Anglesey) and Trefor (Caernarvons).

**Further information:** Two men named John Trevor [Siôn Trefor] held the bishopric of Saint Asaph (Flints) in the second half of the 14th century. A prominent branch of the family was later seated at Trevalyn Hall, Trevalyn (Denbighs).

**Early bearers:** Roland de Trevor, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trewavre, 1391 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trevoire, Trevaure, 1395 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Robert Trevor, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Richard Trevor, Lewelin Trefaur, 1538 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbighs); Reginaldus Trevor, 1563 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops); George Trever, 1563 in *IGI* (Cheswardine, Shrops); John Trevor, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Trevalyn, Denbighs); John Trevor, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Plas Teg, Flints); Ellinor Trefor, 1832 in *IGI* (Llandwrog, Caernarvons).  
**References:** *DNB*.

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Treabhair, see **Trower**.

### Trevorrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trevorrow in Ludgvan (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Margerie Trevorow, 1571, Nyclis Trevorow, 1573, Elizabeth Trevorowe, 1594 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Peter Trevoroe, 1633 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Constance Trevorrore, 1677 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Mary Trevorrow, 1727 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

### Trevors

Variants: **Trevers, Travers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Trevor** (1) with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Katherine Trevers, 1625 in *IGI* (Newport, Shrops); Richard Trevors, 1708, Mary Trevor, 1723 in *IGI* (Stoke upon Tern, Shrops).

### Trevett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Trevett**.

### Trew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1146, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 673
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales

English: see **Trow**.

### Trewartha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Glamorgan; WR Yorks

Cornish: locative name from one or more places in Cornwall named Trewartha (Saint Agnes, Lelant, Veryan).

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Trewartha, 1604 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Ann Trewartha, 1704 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall).

### Trewby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Truby**.

### Treweek

Variants: **Treweeke, Treweekes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Treweege (Stithians, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Trewyk, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Richard Trewyk, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Truro, Cornwall); John Trewyke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lelant, Cornwall); John Treweke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stithians, Cornwall); John Treweke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Mgett Trewick, 1564, Jane Treweeke, 1591 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Mary Treweeke, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Christen Treweeke, 1576 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Melsant Trewicke, 1577, Grace Treweeke, 1592 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall); Elizabeth Treweeke, 1579 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Thamsin Treweke, 1584 in *IGI* (Gerrans, Cornwall); Henry Trewicke, 1593 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

### Treweeke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Treweek**.

### Treweekes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: variant of **Treweek** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Martyn Treweekes, 1624, Mary Treweekes, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall).

### Trewella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Trewhella**.

### Trewern

Variants: **Trowern**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trewern in Madron (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** John Trewern, 1784 in *IGI* (Paul, Cornwall); Anne Trewern, 1828 in *IGI* (Sennen, Cornwall); Charles Trewarn, 1835, William James Trowern, 1839, Charles Henry Trewern, 1866 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall).

### Trewfoot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

### Trewhella

Variants: **Trewella**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trewhella in Saint Hilary (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Charity Trewhella, 1583, Blanch Treweela, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); Elizabeth Trewilla, 1603, An. Trewhella, 1617 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); George Trewhella, 1608 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall).

### Trewhitt

Variants: **Trewitt, Tyrwhitt, Truitt, Truett, Truefitt, Truffitt, Truffitt, Trufhitt, Trewfoot, Triffitt, Triffitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88

• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

English: locative name from High and Low Trewhitt in Rothbury (Northumb), recorded as *Tyrwit* in 1236 and historically pronounced *truffit*. In Yorks, Lincs, and the N Midlands this name has become confused with **Trevett**.

**Further information:** Sir Robert Tyrwhitt, justice, son of Sir William Tyrwhitt of Kettleby (Lincs), died in 1428 leaving his son Sir William fourteen manors in Lincs, several more in other counties, and an inn in London. His descendants frequently served as knights of the shire and sheriffs of Lincs. (*DNB*).

**Early bearers:** John de Tyrwytt, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William de Tirwite, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Tyrwhit', Willelmus Tyrwhit, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Tosson, Northumb); Thomas Tyrwhyte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Tyrwhit, 1383 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Tyrwhit, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Truwhet, 1515 in *York Guild Register*; Felix Trowghett, 1541, John Trewhit, 1568 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Edward Troughwit, 1577 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Alison Trewghett, 1583, Jane Truett, 1604, Margrett Trewhett, 1633, Anne Truffit, 1715, Anne Truefoot, 1747, Isabella Triffitt, 1809 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*.

### Trewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

## Trewin

English: locative name from Trewick in Bolam (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Marjer' de Trewyk, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); John Trewyk, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John Trewick, 1620 in *IGI* (Earsdon by North Shields, Northumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 200.

### Trewin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 497, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 410
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- 1 Cornish: locative name from any of a number of places in Cornwall called Trewin (Shevioc) or Trewen (in at least six parishes).

**Early bearers:** Petrus Trewen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Camborne, Cornwall); John Trewyne, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Trevarga, Cornwall); John Trewen 1543 *Subsidy Rolls* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Dorothy Trewyne, 1603, Jonathan Trewine, 1625, Susanna Trewene, 1627, Jonathan Trewin, 1688 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall).

2 English: see **Treen**.

### Trewitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

### Trewman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: see **Trueman**.

### Trewren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Berks
- Cornish: see **Truran**.

### Trezise

Variants: **Tresise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trezise (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall) or Tresayes (Roche, Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** William Tresyse, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall); James Tresyse, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Manaccan, Cornwall); John Treseys, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Roche, Cornwall); John Treyses, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Mawan, Cornwall); Andrew Tresise, 1578 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in Meneage, Cornwall); Anthony Trezies, 1612 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); John Treseyes, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Ann Trezise, 1734 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall).

### Tribbeck

Variants: **Tribbick**, **Tribick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW

English: locative name, perhaps from Trebick in Thrushelton (Devon), recorded as *Trybuk* in 1544.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Trybuke, 1408, Trebek, 1482 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Elizabeth Tribbecke, 1563, Margaret Tribicke, 1564, Ralph Tribick, 1584, Ann Trebicke, 1585, Dorothy Trebeck, 1616 in *IGI* (Hurley, Berks); Johan Treebeecke, 1616 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks); Elizabeth Trebicke, 1639 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Anne Tribuck, 1671 in *IGI* (Cookham, Berks); James Tribbeck, 1750 in *IGI* (Botley, Hants).

### Tribbick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

English: see **Tribbeck**.

### Tribble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Treble**.

### Tribe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1002
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Hants

English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *tribe* 'tribe, family, group'.

**Early bearers:** William Tribe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Willelmus Trybe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); William Tribe, 1547 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Margaret Trybe, 1547 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); George Tribe, 1562 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Ralph Tribe, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Buriton, Hants); Richard Tribe, 1612 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex).

### Tribick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Durham

English: see **Tribbeck**.

### Trible

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Treble**.

### Trice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 458, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 324
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Umfridus Trice, 1242–3 in *Book of Fees*; Gervasio Trice de Ivelcestria, 1250 in *Close Rolls of Henry III* (Ilchester, Somerset); John Tryce, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); William Tryse, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Preston, Sussex); Simon Trys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wartling, Sussex); Ralph and Henry Trys, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kingston in Ferring and East Preston, Sussex); Ralph Trice, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Tryce, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tilshead, Wilts); Nicholas Tryce of London, 1387 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Tryce, 1561 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Trice, 1570, Thomas Tryce or Trice, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Godmanchester, Hunts); Annis Trice, 1572 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Walter Trice, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Hadlow, Kent).

### Trick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Glamorgan

English: nickname from Old French *trique* 'trick, deception'.

**Early bearers:** John Tryk, 1284, John Tricke, 1298 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Stanley WR Yorks); William Tryk', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas Tryk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melchbourne, Beds); Alice Tricke, 1551 in *IGI* (Bradworthy, Devon); Alis Tricke, 1562 in *IGI* (North Curry, Somerset); Abraham Trick, 1567 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Christopher Tricke, 1574 in *IGI* (Boyton, Cornwall).

### Tricker

Variants: **Trigger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 666
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *\*triker*, *\*trikur* 'traitor, deceiver, cheat, trickster', Anglo-Norman French forms of Old French *trecheor*, *tricheor*. Compare **Treacher**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Trykere, 1260 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam le Trikur, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Thornes in Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johanne Tryker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Agnes Tryckar, 1549 in *IGI* (Ingham, Suffolk); George Tricker, 1583 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Suffolk); Joane Tricker, 1603 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Wyllyam Tricker, 1604 in *IGI* (Swimbridge, Devon).

### Tricket

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Trickett**.

### Trickett

Variants: **Tricket**, **Trickitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1700, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Warwicks

Norman, English: nickname from a Norman-Picard form of Old French *trichet*, *trichot*, perhaps a variant of *trichard*, *tricar* 'cheat, deceiver'. Compare **Trick**, **Treacher**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Trichet, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); Robert Triket, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Matilda Triket, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Willelmus Triket, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Sibilla Trigot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Emma Trigot', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Elmsall, WR Yorks); Ricardus Trykat, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dunmow, Essex); John Trygot of Southekirkeby, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Agnes Treket, 1561, Alexander Trickett, 1577 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Trickey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Somerset

English: locative name from Trickey in Churchstanton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Trikeheie, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Robert Trekey alias Trykhey of Sheldon, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Robert Trykkey, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Ann Trickey, 1590 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 620.

### Trickitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Trickett**.

### Tricklebank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Dorrothy Trittlebank, 1679, Mary Tricklebank, 1783 in *IGI* (Alrewas, Staffs); Robert Tricklebank, 1691 in *IGI* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); Elizabeth Trickelebank, 1701 in *IGI* (Rolleston, Staffs); John Tricelbank, 1723 in *IGI* (Newton Solney, Derbys).

**References:** [http://records.ancestry.co.uk/roger\\_trittlebank\\_records.ashx?pid=71558062](http://records.ancestry.co.uk/roger_trittlebank_records.ashx?pid=71558062).

### Trier

**Variants:** **Tryer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *tr(e)iour* ‘assessor, adjudicator, examiner’ (Old French *traieor, treieour*), sometimes ‘tax assessor’, also ‘officer in charge of a household’s wine cellar accounts’. In Old French the term often denoted a wine merchant or tapster, but there is no evidence for this sense in English records.

**Early bearers:** William le Treyere, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert le Treyour, 1299 in *London Letter Books*; John le Treyere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Isaac Tryer, 1581 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Jane Trier, 1713 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** *Thuresson*, p. 92.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Trier (Germany).

**Early bearers:** Gottlieb Augustus Treyer, 1780 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Moritz Trier, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hampstead, Middx).

### Triffit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks and ER Yorks; Durham

English: see **Trewhitt**.

### Triffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; also ER Yorks

English: see **Trewhitt**.

### Trigg

**Variants:** **Trigge, Triggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2641, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1660

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also London; Lincs

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *trig(ge)* ‘trustworthy, faithful’ (Old Scandinavian *tryggr*). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Trig(ge)* (Old Scandinavian *Tryggr*), of the same origin as (i).

**Early bearers:** given names: Trig, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Trig, about 1200–11 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs).

urnames: William Trig, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Trig, 1240 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Norfolk); Ralph Trigge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Cecilia Trig, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johannes Tryg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Edus Tryg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Johannes Trygge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Galfrido Trigge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckminster, Leics); Henry Trygge of Dymmok, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Dymock, Gloucs); John Tryg of Walyngton, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Wallington, Herts); Nicholas Trygge, 1505 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Tryge, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Richard Trigge, 1595 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Anne Trigge, 1641 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex).

### Trigge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: see **Trigg**.

### Trigger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 225
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Staffs and Warwicks

English: perhaps a variant of **Tricker** with intervocalic voicing of /k/ to /g/.

**Early bearers:** John Trigger, 1578 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Ellen Trigger, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

### Triggie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: probably a variant of **Trigwell**, or possibly of **Tregale**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Trigoll, 1636 in *IGI* (Boldre, Hants); William Trigall, 1636 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); James Trigal, 1748, Sarah Triggol, 1761 in *IGI* (Pentridge, Dorset); Flower Triggle, 1770 in *IGI* (Tarrant Hinton, Dorset).

### Triggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1145, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1001
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex; Cornwall and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: variant of **Trigg** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Trigges, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Nicholas Trygges, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great and Little Milton, Oxon); Edward Trigges, 1570, Roger Triggs, 1616, John Trigs, 1690 in *IGI* (Rogate, Sussex).

### Trigwell

**Variants:** **Triggle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname from Old French *trigal* ‘banter, mockery’.

**Early bearers:** Robri Trigal, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (New Shoreham, Sussex); Joseph Trigwell, 1721 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Joseph Trigwell, 1723 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex).

### Trill

**Variants:** **Trille**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 282, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 261
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent

1 English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tril(le)* ‘turn, roll, whirl, spin’ (origin unknown, but perhaps Old English \**tyrl*). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert Trille, 1282 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Tryl of Fynstok, 1296 in *Patent Rolls* (Finstock, Oxon); Willelmus Tryll, Alicia Trylle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finstock, Oxon); Ricardus Tryl, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dunstall Green and Dalham, Suffolk); Johannes Tryl, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Syderstone, Norfolk); Willelmus Trille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Morston, Norfolk); Henricus Trille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dundon, Somerset); Nicholao Trylle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skilgate, Somerset); Johannes Tril, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Asterleigh and Over Kiddington, Oxon); William Trill, 1409 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Trill of Upchirche, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Upchurch, Kent); Roberte Trill, 1566 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Anne Trill, 1586 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); William Trill, 1593 in *IGI* (South Stoke, Sussex).

2 English, Welsh: locative name from one or more places named with Middle English *tril(le)* ‘turn, roll, whirl, spin’ (Old English \**tyrl*), often used to describe moving water, such as Trill in Axminster (Devon), Tirl Brook (Gloucs and Worcs), and Trill Mill Brook (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Tryl, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Valentine de Tryl, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Trill, Devon); Mary Trill, 1690 in *IGI* (Selworthy, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 634; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 15; *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 11.

3 Irish: perhaps from **Tyrrell**.

### Trille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Trill**.

### Trillo

**Variants:** **Trilloe, Trillow, Turley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Radnors; Lancs

English: locative name from Tirley (Gloucs), which is recorded as *Trilley* in 1248. See **Thurlow** for some possible additional early bearers.

**Early bearers:** John Trillowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Rissington, Gloucs); Richard Trylleye, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Thomas Tryllowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

## Trilloe

(Didbrook with Hailes, Gloucs); John Trille, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Hereford, Herefs); Elizabetha Turley, 1568 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); Richard Turloe, 1572 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Antonius Trillo, 1593 in *IGI* (Fownhope, Herefs); Edward Turloe, 1595, James Trillo, 1692, Anne Trilloe, 1707 in *IGI* (Pipe and Lyde, Herefs); Henry Turley, 1617 in *IGI* (Pauntley, Gloucs); Margret Trillow, 1622 in *IGI* (Mordiford, Herefs); Richard Trilleo, 1768, Margaret Trillio, 1786 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs).

References: *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 149.

## Trilloe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Trillo**.

## Trillow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Trillo**.

## Trim

Variants: **Trimm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1149, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 887
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Somerset

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Trim* (Old English *Trymma*). (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *trim* 'smart, neatly dressed', though the word is poorly evidenced in medieval sources.

**Early bearers:** given names: Trim, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; surnames: Bernardus Trim, 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Henry Trym, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardo Trym, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Alice Tryme, 1552 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Ambrose Trym, 1567, Ambrose Trim, 1600 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Humphrey Tryme, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Buxted, Sussex); John Trimme, 1590 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); William Trim, 1619 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

2 Irish: from Trim (Meath). This is one of the very few Irish locative surnames.

**Early bearers:** John de Trim, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas de Trym, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Downpatrick, Down).

## Triman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Trimming**.

## Trimbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Trimby**.

## Trimbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Trimby**.

## Trimble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 785, Ireland 767
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Down; Fermanagh

Irish, English: see **Trumble**.

**Further information:** This name has been recorded in northern Ireland since the 17th century.

## Trimboy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Trimby**.

## Trimby

Variants: **Trimbey**, **Trimbee**, **Trimboy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Eliner Trymby, 1591 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Mary Tremby, 1615, Andrew Trimby, 1624, Cutbert Trimboy, 1645 in *IGI* (Stourton, Wilts); Charles Trimbee, 1661 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Dorothy Trimby, 1691 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon).

## Triming

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Trimming**.

## Trimlett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- Norman, English: see **Tremlett**.

## Trimn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset
- English, Irish: see **Trim**.

## Trimmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 606, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 589
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also London
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*trimmer*, a derivative of the verb *trimmen* (Old English *trymman*) which had multiple meanings, including 'to strengthen, confirm, make ready'. The modern sense 'to cut, trim' is not attested in Middle English literature, but it is possible that the surname was for someone who cut something, perhaps cloth. **Early bearers:** William le Trymmare, 1327 in *Fransson* (Hants); Anne Trimmer, 1574 in *IGI* (Somercoates, Lincs); Joane Trymmer, 1576 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Miles Trimmere, 1582, Anthony Trimmer or Trymmer, 1593 in *IGI* (Carsholton, Surrey).

References: *Fransson*, p. 112.

2 English: relationship name, perhaps occasionally from the Middle English personal name *Triamor*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Triamor Payn of Caumbrygge, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs).

surnames: Edward Triamore, 1567, Edward Tryamore, 1588 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Agnes Triamore, 1573, Sarah Trimoure, 1576, in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); Elizabeth Trimer, 1599, William Trimer, 1603, John

Tryamor, 1649 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds); John Trimore, 1611 in *IGI* (Barley, Herts).

References: Baldwin, C.C. (1881) *The Baldwin genealogy from 1500 to 1881*. Privately published, p. 57.

## Trimming

Variants: **Triming**, **Trimnings**, **Triman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and London
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Triman, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Ricardus Tryman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedham, Norfolk); Thomas Trymman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acle, Norfolk); Ricardus Trimman, 1582 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Elinor Tryman, 1588 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Jonas Trimming, 1596, Eliz. Trimminge, 1597 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Johan Triman, 1601 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elizabeth Trimming, 1613 in *IGI* (Bramshot, Hants); Anne Trymmy, 1614, Tho. Trymyn, 1637 in *IGI* (Mortlake, Surrey); John Trimman, 1687 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

## Trimnings

Variants: **Trimmins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants; Oxon
- English: variant of **Trimming** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Joane Trimens, 1622 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); Isabell Trimninges, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Westminster, Middx); Anne Trimmins, 1677 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

## Trimmins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Trimnings**.

## Trimnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; also Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *\*Trimnel*, a double diminutive form of **Trim** (Old English *Trymma*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Trymenel, 1259–60 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Nicholas Trimenell, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholaus Trymenel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newbold Pacey, Warwicks); Ricardus Trymenel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Robertus Trymnel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litchborough, Northants); William Trymmenell, 1385 in *Patent Rolls*; William Trymnel, 1388 in *London Letter Books*; Robert Trymnel, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); John Trimnell, 1593 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts).

## Trindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; also Pembrokes
- English: see **Trundle**.

## Trinder

Variants: **Treuder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1628, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1169

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs; also Berks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from a derivative of Middle English *trenden* ‘to turn, roll, twist’ (Old English *trendan*), for someone who turned something, perhaps wood (compare **Turner**) or fibres (compare **Spinner**).

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Trinder, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John le Trendare, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thoma Tryndar’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Down Ampney, Gloucs); Thomas Trindar, 1561 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Alice Trinder, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Annes Trender, 1588 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts).

### Trindle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Lincs; Middx

English: see **Trundle**.

### Triner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire
- English: see **Trainer**.

### Tring

Variants: **Thring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Beds; also London; WR Yorks

English: locative name from Tring (Herts), recorded as *Treinge* and *Trengre* in 1201.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Treinge, 1286 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trengre, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Richard de Trengre, 1369 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tring, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brookhampton, Oxon); Agnes Tringe, 1572 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); George Tryngre, 1578 in *IGI* (Harrow on the Hill, Middx).

References: *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 51.

### Tringham

Variants: **Stringham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Warwicks; Lanarks; Herefs

English: locative name from Strensham (Worcs), which is recorded as *Strengesham* about 1198, *Stringesham* in 1328, and *Stringham* in a document of 1337 in *TNA*. The initial S was lost in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Strengesham, 1204–34 in *TNA* (Strensham, Worcs); Thomas Streynesham of Teukesbury, 1416 in *Patent Rolls* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Richard Strengham, 1448 [charter of 1361] in *Patent Rolls* (London); Thomas Stryngham, 1539 in *Muster Rolls* (Staunton on Wye, Herefs); John Stryngham, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Almeley, Herefs); Hugh Stringham, 1581 in *IGI* (Brilley, Herefs); Roger Stringham, 1582, Elizabetha Tringham, 1589 in *IGI* (Dilwyn, Herefs); Alicea Tringham, 1635, James Stringham, 1671 in *IGI* (Yazor, Herefs).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 229.

### Trinh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Vietnamese: from the surname *Trinh*, said to be a rendering of Chinese 鄭 and therefore corresponding to **Cheng, Zheng**.

### Trinick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: locative name of uncertain origin; perhaps from Trennick in Saint Clement (Cornwall), of which the 1543 record offers a conservative spelling. **Further information:** The early bearers in Devon may have a different origin, but if so it is unidentified.

**Early bearers:** Renold Treneke, 1524, Richard Trenecke, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Nicholas Tretheneke, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Maria Trenicke, 1543, Blancia Treynycke, 1555 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Richard Trenecke, 1601 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); William Trenicke, 1608, Phillip Trinnick, 1613, Eliz. Trinick, 1688 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Wm Trenicke, 1610 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall); Thomas Treonacke, 1624 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); Mary Trynnick, 1639 in *IGI* (Gerrans, Cornwall).

### Trip

- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tripp**.

### Tripe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Tripp**.

### Triplet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Suffolk
- English: see **Triplet**.

### Triplett

Variants: **Triplet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Petrus Tripelot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tottington, Norfolk); Elizabeth Triplett, 1567 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Alice Triplett, 1579 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Elizabeth Triplet, 1584 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); James Tryplette, 1591 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Edward Triplatt, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Cuddesden, Oxon); Daniel Triplett, 1727 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Tripetto

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings; Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, perhaps in Stirlings.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Trippeneth, 1273, Nicholas de Tripena, 1283 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Stirlings); Nicol de Trippeneye, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*;

Thomas de Trypnay, 1381, Patrick de Tripnay, 1402 in *Newbattle Register*; Thomas Tripney, 1645 in *IGI* (Abercorn, W Lothian).

### Tripp

Variants: **Trip, Trippe, Tripe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1376, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1455
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset and Gloucs; Cornwall
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *trip(pe)(n)* ‘(to) dance; stumble’ (Old French *tripe(r)*), either for a dancer, or for someone who had difficulty walking. Compare William le Trippere, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Trip, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Tryppe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hugh Trip, 1312 in *London Letter Books* (London); Walwynus Trippe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Zeal Monachorum and Down Saint Mary, Devon); Stephen Trippe, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Tripp’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Donington on Bain, Lincs); Johanne Trippe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwick, Leics); Ricardus Tryp’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackford, Somerset); Johanne Tryp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almeley, Herefs); Editha Trip, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Porton, Wilts); Rogerus Trypp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Darley, Derbys); Roberto Tryppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steventon, Berks); Willelmus Trip, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Roger Trype or Tryppe, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Lavenham, Suffolk); William Trippe, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Christon, Somerset); Richard Trip, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Launcells, Cornwall); Elizabeth Trip, 1673 in *IGI* (Warleggon, Cornwall).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *trip(e)* ‘tripe’ (Old French *tripe*). Compare **Trippier**. Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Herbert Tripe, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); John Tripe, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Tripe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Smallbrook, Devon); Johannes Tripe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Wretham, Norfolk); Simon Trype, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); Margaret Trype, 1568 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

### Trippe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Somerset
- English: see **Tripp**.

### Trippett

Variants: **Trippitt, Trippit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *tripet(te)*, *trepet(te)* ‘trickery, evil scheme’ (Old French *tripot*), for a trickster. Compare **Tredgett**.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tripet, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Peter Tripet, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); William Tripat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Richard Tripet of London, 1345 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Trypet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Katerina Tryppett, 1542, Brydgete Trippett, 1569 in *IGI* (Awre, Gloucs); Alyce Tripett, 1559 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Fransisc Trippett, 1564 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**Trippier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Huguenot: occupational name from Old French *trippier* ‘tripe seller’ (compare **Tripe**) or perhaps an unrecorded agent noun from *treper*, *tripper* ‘to dance’.

**Early bearers:** Maria Trippiee, 1631, Rennes Trippier, 1652, Robertus Tripper, 1672 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Isaac Trippier, 1646 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); Danielis Tripeire, 1679 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); George Trippier, 1715 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Alice Tripear, 1748 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.*

**Trippit**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Trippett**.

**Trippitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lincs

English: see **Trippett**.

**Trist**

**Variants:** **Trister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: (i) see **Trust**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *trist(e)* ‘sad, sorrowful’ (Old French *trist*). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Trist, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Richard Trist, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Johannes Tryst, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brook, Rutland); Matilda Trist, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shelland, Suffolk); Richard Tryst, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Christiana Triste, 1566 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); William Trist or Tryst, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Maidford, Northants).

2 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *trist(e)*, *trest(e)*, *tristre*, *trist(o)ur* ‘an appointed post where hunters await game’ (Old French *triste*, *tristre*), perhaps a locative name for someone who lived by such a place, or a nickname for the man in charge of preparations for the hunt.

**Early bearers:** Peter ate Treste, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); William Trystour, 1394 in *London Letter Books* (London); William Trystour, the king’s saddler, 1412, William Tristour, late citizen and saddler of London, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

**Trister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Trist** (2).

**Tristram**

**Variants:** **Trustram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs and Derbys; also Herefs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tristram* (Celtic *Drystan*).

**Further information:** *Tristan* is a variant appearing in Germany and well known in Britain through the opera by Wagner.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tristram Cementarius, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Tristram Merewyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Trystram Bere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chadnor, Herefs).

surnames: Henry Tristram, 1207 in *Pleas* (Essex); Leonard Tristram, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Tristram, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Adam Tristram, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Trystrem, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Waltero Tristram, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rodborough, Gloucs); George Trestram, 1539 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Trustram, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); William Trustram, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Wellington, Shrops).

**Triton**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tritton**.

**Tritton**

**Variants:** **Triton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Tretton (aias Tritton) in Tydd Saint Mary (Lincs). The surname in Kent may have a different origin, but no plausible alternative has been found.

**Early bearers:** E Midlands and E Anglia: Richard de Tretton, clerk, 1361–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John de Tryton, merchant of Yarmouth, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard de Tretton, clerk of the Common Bench, 1382 in *Bishop of Lincoln’s Writs*; Richard de Treton, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Hunts and Cambs); William Tryton, 1584 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Alice Triton or Treton, 1606 in *IGI* (Folkingham, Lincs).

SE England: Rog’us Tryton’, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Charing, Kent); John Tryton’, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Treton of Smerden, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Smarden, Kent); Simon Tritton, 1481 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Throwley, Kent); John Treton, 1489 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Sheldwich, Kent); Simone Tritton, 1507 in *Kent Wills* (Ospringle, Kent); Alice Tritten, 1574 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Ambrose Tritten, 1587 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Alexander Tritton, 1650 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 288.

**Trivedi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 879, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman) name from Sanskrit *trivedī* ‘one who knows the three Vedas’, from *tri-* ‘three’ + *veda* ‘(sacred) knowledge’.

**Further information:** The Vedas are the oldest sacred texts of the Hindu religion. Three of them are regarded as primary but a fourth one was added later.

**Trivett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 611, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 355
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Norfolk; also Notts and Derbys; Hants

English: see **Trevett**.

**Trivitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey; Warwicks; Norfolk

English: see **Trevett**.

**Troak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Troke**.

**Troake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Troke**.

**Troakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Troke** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Johanna Trokes, 1624 in *IGI* (Winkleigh, Devon); Abraham Troakes, 1719 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Mary Trokes, 1745 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset).

**Troath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs

English: see **Troth**.

**Trobridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Warwicks and Staffs

English: see **Trowbridge**.

**Trodd**

**Variants:** **Trude**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by a path or track (Middle English, Old English *trod*). (ii) locative name, alternatively a variant of **Road** or **Roud**, from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atte rode*, either ‘at the clearing’ (Old English \**rod*, \**rodu*) or ‘at the reed bed’ (Old English *hrēod*).

**Early bearers:** John Trod, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Churchstanton, Devon); Roger Trode, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); William Trode, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Eidith Trodd, 1569 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Richard Trode, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Trotton, Sussex); Elizabeth Trod, 1586 in *IGI* (Bramshot, Hants); Ellen Trodd, 1593 in *IGI* (Upton cum

Chalvey, Bucks); Anne Trodd, 1598 in *IGI* (Upton Grey, Hants); Margaret Trod, 1598 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); Agnes Trodd, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Eversley, Hants).

### Trodden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- Irish: from Ó Trodán 'descendant of Trodán', a personal name probably based on a diminutive of *trod* 'fight', thus 'little fighter'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Teig O Tredane, husbandman, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6494 (Adart, Kerry); Phelemy Trodden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); Bridget Troden, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh).

England: Catharine Trodden, 1815 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Ann Trodden, 1860 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Petri Trodden, 1861 in *IGI* (Broom, Durham).

Scotland: Margaret Trodden, 1835 in *IGI* (Monkton, Ayr); Susan Trodden, 1854 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robina Trodden, 1856 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Troke

**Variants:** Troak, Troake, Troakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *troke* 'rope, line, chain'. (ii) locative name, perhaps from a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atter oke* 'at the oak', for someone who lived by a prominent oak tree. Compare **Oke**, **Nock**, and **Rock** (2).

**Early bearers:** William Trok, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Troke, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Johanne Troke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton, Leics); Rogerus Troke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prestwich, Lancs); John Trok of Yevele, 1418 in *Patent Rolls* (Yeovil, Somerset); Thomas Troke, 1549, Thomas Trock, 1630 in *PROB 11* (Cullompton, Devon); Bartholomew Troake, 1563 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Henry Clod Troacke, 1578 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Agnis Troke, 1590 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

### Troll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Trull**.

### Trolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Cambs, Hunts, and Northants

Norman, English: locative name from Treilly (Manche).

**Early bearers:** Goisfrid' de Traillgi, Goisfrid' de tralgi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds); Wydo Treylli, 1100–89, Galfrido Trailli, 1291–2 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Northants); Gilberto de Treyly, Gilberto de Treyli, steward of the Bishop of Lincoln, about 1226 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs);

Willelmus Treylli, 1301, Willelmi Traylly, 1315, Henricus Trailly, 1316 in *White Book of Peterborough* (Woodford near Thrapston, Northants); John Trayly, William Trayle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodford near Thrapston, Northants); William treili, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thorpe Achurch, Northants); John de Traylly, 1304–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); John de Trayly, 1330, William Trayli, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Thomas Trolley, 1531 in *PROB 11* (Dursley, Gloucs); John Trolly, 1553 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Anne Trolley, 1603, Katherine Trolly, 1610 in *IGI* (Honington, Warwicks); Thos. Trolley, 1639 in *IGI* (Halford, Warwicks); Michael Trolye, 1663 in *IGI* (Sotby, Lincs); Robert Trowley, 1663 in *IGI* (Sixhills, Lincs); Anna Trolly, 1686 in *IGI* (Immingham, Lincs).

### Trollop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Wilts and Somerset

English: see **Trollope**.

### Trollope

**Variants:** Trollop, Tulip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 616
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Norfolk and Lincs; London

English: locative name from Troughburn in Hethpool (Northumb), formerly known as *Trollop*. **Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from John Tro(w)lope, who lived at Thornlaw (Durham) in the late 14th century. One of his descendants was the novelist Anthony Trollope (1815–82).

**Early bearers:** John de Trollop, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Trolhop, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Edward Trolleup, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Hervey de Trolhope, 1403 in *Patent Rolls*; John Trollop, 1427 in *Ancient Deeds* (Durham); Thomas Trollop of Carethorp, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Carthorpe, NR Yorks); Andrew Trollop, 1461 in *Paston Letters*; Andrew Trollope or Trollopp, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Boston, Lincs); Andrew Trowlopp, Thomas Trollopp, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Trollope, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Jone Trollop, 1614 in *IGI* (Horningsham, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northumb and Durham*, p. 200.

### Trolove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Lincs
- English: see **Truelove**.

### Troman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: see **Trueman**.

### Tromans

**Variants:** Trumans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 669
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs

English: variant of **Trueman** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Tromans, 1634, Ruth Truemans, 1813 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Trowmans, 1764 in *IGI* (Kingswinford, Staffs); Reuben Trumans, 1820 in *IGI* (Cradley, Worcs).

### Tromp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Trump**.

### Tron

**Variants:** Trone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

1 Vietnamese: unexplained.

2 English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *trone* 'weighing machine' (Old French *trone*), denoting someone who lived by a public balance or someone in charge of such apparatus.

**Early bearers:** Walter Trone, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Alicia atte Trone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John Trone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus Tron, Stephanus Troune, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Thomas Trone, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Christofer Trowne, 1546 in *IGI* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Symon Trone, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Newton, Cambs); Jules Tron, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Urmston, Lancs).

### Trone

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

English: see **Tron**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Tronson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Devon
- English: see **Trounson**.

### Trood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall

English: see **Trude**.

### Troon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from one or more of several places in Cornwall with names deriving from Middle Cornish *tre* + *goen* ('farm on the downs'), such as Troon in Camborne, Trewoon in Budock, Trewoon in Saint Mewan, Troon in Breage, Trewoon in Mullion, and Trewoone in Phillack.

**Early bearers:** Simon Trewoen, 1327 in *Cornish Place-Names* (Cornwall); John Trewone, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Budock, Cornwall); Jenkin Trewone, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mabe, Cornwall); Roger Troon, 1700, Henry Trown, 1750 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall).

## Troop

References: *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 173; *Cornish Place-Name Elements*, pp. 317–18.

### Troop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Lancs
- 1 English: see **Throp**.  
2 Scottish: see **Troup**.

### Troops

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: variant of **Throp** with post-medieval excrescent -s. Compare **Thorpes**.  
**Early bearers:** Susan Troops, 1669 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

### Trot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Dorset; Notts; Middx
- English: see **Trotter**.

### Troth

Variants: **Troth**, **Troath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 682, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 315
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Warwicks
- English: nickname from Middle English *tro(u)th(e)*, *trowth(e)*, *truth(e)* ‘good faith, loyalty’ (Old English *trēowþ*), for a loyal person.  
**Early bearers:** William Truthe, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Roger Troth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Truthe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Adam Trowth’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Margaret Troth, 1540 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); Johann. Trothe, 1540 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); John Troath, 1700 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Mary Truth, 1767 in *IGI* (Warrington, Warwicks).

### Trotman

Variants: **Trotman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1847, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also London
- English: nickname from Middle English *trot(te)*, *trat(te)* ‘trot, walk fast’ (Old French *trot*) + *-man*, perhaps for someone with a quick gait or who rode horses at a trot, in which case it may have been a nickname for a messenger. Compare **Trotter**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Trotteman, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Robert Trotteman, 1281 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Sussex); John Trotteman, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Tratman, 1577, Katherine Trottman, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Cam, Gloucs); Edwarde Trotman, 1580 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Guilielmis Trattman, 1609 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs).

### Trott

Variants: **Trot**, **Tratt**, **Trat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2973, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1935
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London

English: (i) nickname; in SW England usually a variant of **Trotout**. (ii) nickname, alternatively perhaps for one who moves quickly, at the pace of a trotting horse, from Middle English *trot(te)* (Old French

*trot*) ‘trot’, perhaps given to a messenger. Compare **Trotter**, **Trotman**. (iii) nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *trot(te)*, *trat(te)* ‘old woman, hag’ (Anglo-Norman French *trote*).  
**Further information:** In south-western dialect, *Trott* often developed to *Tratt*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Trot, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Trot, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William le Trot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Mundham, Sussex); John Trote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bovey Tracy, Devon); Johannes Trot’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Willelmus Trotte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warminghurst, Sussex); Rogerus Trote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Hugh Trot, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Trotte, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); John Trott, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Selworthy, Somerset); John Tratt, 1564, Catherine Trott, 1583 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Willm. Trat, 1574 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); John Trote, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Compton Bishop, Somerset); John Trot or Trott, 1590 in *PROB 11* (Martock, Somerset).

### Trotter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3645, Ireland 172
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3121
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and S Scotland: esp. Durham and Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Armagh

English: (i) nickname, occupational name, perhaps from an unrecorded sense of Middle English *trotter* ‘one who rides a trotting horse’, a derivative of Middle English *trotten* ‘to ride at a trot, at a fast pace’. It may have been given to a messenger. *MED* records a John son of Thomas Dennyson, trotter, in 1366, which seems to imply its use as an occupational term. Compare **Trotman**. (ii) occupational name, alternatively perhaps from a reduced form of an unrecorded Middle English *\*trotterer* ‘dealer in trotting horses’, a derivative of Middle English *trotter* (Old French *trotier*) ‘horse that trots’.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert trotar, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Adam le Trotter, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Trotter of Little Stirkland, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Strickland, Westm); Thomas Trotter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shawdon, Northumb); Johannes Trotter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scackleton, NR Yorks); Johannes Trotter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bilton with Syningthwaite, WR Yorks); Isabella Trottar’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ratby, Leics); John Trotter of Okeham, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Oakham, Rutland); Ralph Trotter, 1547 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Mary Trotter, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Margareta Trotter, 1561 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); John Trotter, 1569 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); George Trotter, 1581 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Alexander Trotter, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). Scotland: Margrat Trotter, 1566 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cuthbert Trotter, 1601 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); John Trotter, 1605 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Barbery Trotter, 1606 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Trottman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Monmouths; Surrey
- English: see **Trotman**.

### Troubridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs; Sussex
- English: see **Trowbridge**.

### Trough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cumb
- English: locative name from Middle English *tro(u)gh* ‘trough, tub’ (Old English *trog*), used in a topographical sense to denote a valley or hollow. The surname may be toponymic, for someone who lived in a valley or hollow, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as the Trough of Bowland in Bowland Forest (WR Yorks), Trough in Spotland (Lancs), or Trough House in Danby (NR Yorks). Compare Ricardus Troghman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** William of the Trogh, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Richard Trough, 1630 in *IGI* (Abdon, Shrops).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 212; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 61; *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 132.

### Trought

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glamorgan; Lincs and ER Yorks
- English: see **Trotout**.

### Troughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 948, Ireland 89
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 965
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; also Cumb; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: locative name from Troughton Hall in Kirkby Ireleth (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** England: Nicholl off Troghton, 1432 in *Place-Names of Cumb*; Ricus Troughton, 1506 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows Staining, London); Elizabeth Troghton, 1549 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); John Troughton, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Francisc Troughton, 1575 in *IGI* (Garthorpe, Lancs); Nicholas Troughton, 1607 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William Troughton, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon). Ireland: Isaac Troughton, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Drumanphy, Armagh); Anne Troughton, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Mullalelish, Armagh); William Trouton, 1864 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cloncore, Armagh).  
References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 221.

### Trounce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *traunce* (Norman French *trans*, *trauns*) ‘trance, swoon, ecstasy’. (ii) nickname perhaps from an unattested Middle English derivative of Old French *tronche* ‘club, cudgel’, for someone who made, sold, or used cudgels. See also **Trouncer**, **Trounson**.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Traunce, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); John Trons, c.1535 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Erth, Cornwall); William Trouns, 1569



in *Cornwall Muster* (Breage, Cornwall); Thomas Trounse, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Germoe, Cornwall); Peter Trounce, 1592 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Katerina Trounce, 1628 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Gabriel Trounce, 1634 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall).

### Trouncer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Shrops
- English: occupational name, perhaps from an unattested Middle English derivative of Old French *tronche* ‘club, cudgel’, for someone who made, sold, or used cudgels. Compare **Trounson**.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert le trunchier, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Henry le Truncer, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Hanna Trouncer, 1718 in *IGI* (Saint Weonards, Herefs); Thomas Trouncer, 1748 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs).

### Trounson

- Variants:** Tronson, Trunchion
- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 109
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- English: nickname from Middle English *troncho(u)n*, *trunch(o)un*, *tro(u)nson*, ‘truncheon, club, cudgel’ (Old French *truncun*, *trunchon*), for someone who made or sold truncheons, or for an official who carried one. Compare **Trounce**, **Trouncer**.
- Early bearers:** William Trunchun, 1209 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Henry Trunchun, 1258 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Thomas Trunson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Trunchun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chippenham, Wilts); John Trounson, 1592, John Trounson, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Anne Tronson, 1640 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); William Trunchen, 1683 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Benjamin Truncheon, 1761 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Troup

- Variants:** Troop, Troupe
- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 645
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also scattered in England
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Troup in Gamrie (Banff).
- Early bearers:** Hamelin de Troupe, Truppe, 1332 in *Papal Letters* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William de Troup, 1357 in *New Spalding Miscellany*; Finlay Troupe, 1481 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Kincardines); Thomas Troup, 1538 in *Protocol Books Johnstown* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Gorge Troup, 1602 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Wm. Troupe, 1641 in *IGI* (Banff, Banff); Alexr. Troop, 1716 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens).
- 2 English: see **Throp**.

### Troupe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; also Angus
- 1 Scottish: see **Troup**.
- 2 English: see **Throp**.

### Trousdale

- Variants:** Trousdell, Trowsdale, Trowsdall, Truesdale, Truesdell, Trusdale
- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English, Irish: locative name, perhaps from Trouts Dale (NR Yorks), recorded as *Trousdale* in 1362 (*Patent Rolls*). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that ‘in 1334 when the officers of the forest of Pickering (NR Yorks) reported several men for poaching offences, one of them was said to be from *Trollesdale*’. This may be an earlier form of *Trousdale*.
- Early bearers:** John de Trollesdale, 1327, John Trowsdayll, 1549 in *Yorks Miscellanea* (Westerdale, NR Yorks); Edward Truysdayll, 1561, Elizabeth Trowsdale, 1607 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Johs. Trusdale, 1576, Robtus. Truysdale, 1579, Samuel Truesdale, 1712 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Thomas Truisdale, 1576, Anne Truesdall, 1583 in *IGI* (Willoughby with Sloothby, Lincs); Jo. Trousdale, 1585, Jo. Trousdall, 1614, Jane Trousdill, 1655, Thomas Trousdell, 1662 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); John Trowsdall, 1594 in *IGI* (Cabourne, Lincs); Jane Trowsdayle, 1595, Margret Trowsdaile, 1617, Jane Trowsdale, 1618 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Wilyam Trowsdell, 1599 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Dorethie Trusedall, 1601 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); John Trowsdall, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Hundon, Lincs); Richardi Trowsedale, 1670 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Jonathan Trowsdal, 1715 in *IGI* (Over Siltan, NR Yorks); Martha Trowsdale, 1798 in *IGI* (Ebberston, NR Yorks).

### Trousdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English, Irish: see **Trousdale**.

### Trouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; NR Yorks
- English: see **Trowse**.

### Trout

- Variants:** Troutt, Trought, Trowt, Trute, Trott
- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 553
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also WR Yorks and Notts; Warwicks and Worcs
- English: nickname from Middle English *trout(e)*, *trut(e)*, *trought(e)*, *trot* ‘trout’ (Old English *trūht*), for someone who caught or sold trout, or for someone who was thought to resemble the fish in some way.
- Early bearers:** William Trute, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Troute, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Michael Trut, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robert Troute, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sharperton, Northumb); Johannes Trought, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Thomas Trout, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Airmyn, WR Yorks); Simon Trowte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); John Troute of Routhbiry, 1389

in *Patent Rolls* (Rothbury, Northumb); John Trought of Dunstaple, 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstaple, Beds); Nicholas Trute of Pelham Furneux, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Furneux Pelham, Herts); Johane Trowt, 1546, Richard Trout, 1555, Richard Trowte, 1562 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Gulielmi Troute, 1562 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Robert Trutt, 1614 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Richard Trought, 1617 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); John Troutt, 1663 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset).

### Troutbeck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: locative name from either of two places called Troutbeck (Westm and Cumb).
- Early bearers:** Adam Troutbeck, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blackrod, Lancs); William Troutbek, 1401 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); William Troughtbek, chamberlain of Chester, 1415 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); William Troutebek, chamberlain of Chester, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); William Truthebek, chamberlain of Chester, 1438 in *Patent Rolls* (Cheshire); John Troutbeck, 1595 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Grace Troutbecke, 1600 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Henry Troutbeck, 1617, Henry Troutbacke, 1620 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Troutback, 1627 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire).

### Trouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Troth**.

### Troutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts
- English: see **Trouth**.

### Trow

- Variants:** Trew, True
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1267, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 754
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *trew(e)*, *trow(e)* ‘faithful, loyal, trustworthy’ (Old English *trēowe*). Compare **Trueman**. Some early bearers may belong with (2).
- Early bearers:** Rannulfus Truue, Triue, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Ralph Truue, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Roger Trowe, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); William Trewe, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henry le Trewe, 1327 in *Ancient Deeds* (Wilts); Thome Trow, 1563 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Trow, 1573 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Henry Trow, 1618 in *IGI* (Filby, Norfolk); Thomas Trow, 1618 in *IGI* (Sunbury, Middx); Thomas Trow, 1629 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).
- 2 English: see **Tree**.
- 3 English: locative name, occasionally from Trow Farm and Trow Down in Alvediston (Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Trow, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Jacobus de Trewe, 1219, de Trowe, 1222 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts).
- References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 200.

## Trowbridge

### Trowbridge

Variants: **Trobridge, Troubridge, Trubridge, Truebridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 797
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Wilts, and Hants
- English: locative name from Trowbridge (Wilts) or Trobridge House in Crediton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Trobrigge, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William de Trewbrugge, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . de] Trowbregg, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Edward Troubrigge, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Troubrugge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); John Trowbrigge, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Troubryge, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Trobridge, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Saint Decumans, Somerset); Thomas Trowbridge, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Taunton, Somerset); Johane Truebridge, 1642 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Jane Trubridge, 1653 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 406.

### Trowel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Trowell**.

### Trowell

Variants: **Trowel, Trowill, Trowhill, Truell, Trull, Trowles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also ER Yorks; Northants; Derbys
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: locative name, principally from Trowell (Notts), but occasionally from one or more places similarly named, such as Trowell in Chipstable (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Trowell, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robert de Trowell, William de Trowelle, 1283 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Walter de Trowell of Shesencote, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Sezincote, Gloucs); Thomas Trowell, 1377, Ricardo de Trowell, Thoma de Trowell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Ricardo Trowyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipstable, Somerset); Tho. Trowell, 1556 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Nicholas Trowell, 1562 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Robert Trowell, 1567 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Anne Trowell, 1569 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joane Trowell, 1579 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *trouel*, *tro(u)wel(le)*, *truel(le)*, *trull(le)* ‘trowel’ (Old French *truelle*), perhaps for a mason. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Trowell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longborough, Gloucs); Tho. Trowell, 1556, Thomas Trowl, 1682 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Alice Trowell, 1584 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Richard Trowell, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Joahis. Truell, 1595 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Mary Trowel, 1655, William Trowill, 1728 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Martha Truell, 1666, Wm. Trowel, 1671 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); John Trowhell, 1862 in *IGI* (Bempton, ER Yorks).

### Trower

- **Current frequencies:** GB 856, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 484

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and London; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- 1 English: see **Thrower**.  
2 Irish: from Ó Treabhair ‘descendant of Treabhar’, a byname meaning ‘industrious, prudent’. The name has been anglicized as **Trevor** in Leitrim.  
**Early bearers:** Donald O’Trover, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §505; Carberry and Arte boy O Trevoire, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5440 (Killergaig, Leitrim); O Trower, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 569 (Rosslogher, Leitrim); Owen Trower, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Enniskillen, Fermanagh).

### Trowern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Cornish: see **Trewern**.

### Trowers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent
- English: variant of **Thrower** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Vincent Trowers, 1607 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Mary Trowers, 1715 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Throwers, 1820 in *IGI* (Carleton Rode, Norfolk).

### Trowhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Trowell**.

### Trowill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Trowell**.

### Trowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: variant of **Trowell** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Edmund Trowlles, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Trowles, 1569, John Trowlls, 1573 in *IGI* (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Joseph Trowles, 1710 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex).

### Trowman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs
- English: see **Trueman**.

### Trowsdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Trousdale**.

### Trowsdall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Trousdale**.

### Trowse

Variants: **Trouse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name from Trowse Newton (Norfolk), recorded as *Trous* in 1254 and *Trowes cum Newton* in 1316.

**Early bearers:** Lawr. Trowse, 1559 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Niches Trowse, 1562 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Clement Trowse, 1612 in *IGI* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Edward Trows, 1708 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Frances Trowsse, 1797 in *IGI* (Corpusty, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

### Trowt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Trout**.

### Troy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 1059
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford, Tipperary, Offaly, and Cork

1 Norman, English: locative name from Troyes (Aube).

**Further information:** Some of the early bearers in Ireland may belong with those of Ó Troighthigh at sense (2).

**Early bearers:** England: Elys de Troie, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Copyn de Troys, 1276 in *London Letter Books*; Bateman de Troye of Sandwich, merchant, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Richard de Troye, 1345 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Troye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowde, Wilts); Jul’ Troyes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrivenham hundred, Berks); Johannes Troys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); Vioula Troy, 1639 in *IGI* (Leeds, Kent).

Ireland: Richard Troy, 1279 in *CDI* §1618 (Bablorkan and Drumdelgyn, Kilkenny); Robert de Troy, 1286 in *CDI* §215 (Dublin); Theobald Troye, 1291 in *CDI* §884 (Limerick); Thomas Troy, glover, 1552 in *Fiants Henry* §1040 (the Irishton of Kilkenny, Kilkenny); Philip Troye, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1045 (Shian, Waterford); James Troye, butcher, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2955 (Frerinstreet by Kilkenny, Kilkenny); David Troye, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2964 (Shian, Waterford).

**References:** *Irish Families*, p. 278.

2 Irish: in Ireland, when it is not the Norman name, this is Irish Ó Troighthigh ‘descendant of Troightheach’, a byname meaning ‘foot soldier’.

**Early bearers:** Margaret, Katherine, and Grany Trohie, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3534 (Ballibeg, Tipperary); Donald O Trohie, physician, 1579 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3534 (Ballibeg, Tipperary); Donnogh O Trye, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3952; Teige O Trehi, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5445 (Ballecarne, Limerick); Daniel O Trighie, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6484; Donoghoe O Trehie, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6583.

**Truan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained; perhaps from *Trewoon* (Saint Mewan, Cornwall), which is pronounced in the appropriate way; or possibly from places called *Troon* (in Breage, Camborne, and Phillack).

**Early bearers:** Grace and William Troone, 1660 in *Cornwall Hearth and Poll Taxes* (Helston, Cornwall); Ruth Truan, 1760 in *IGI* (Redruth, Cornwall); Thomas Truan, 1762 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

**Trubee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: see **Truby**.

**Trubey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Glamorgan

English: see **Truby**.

**Trubridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: see **Trowbridge**.

**Trubshaw**

**Variants:** **Trubshawe**, **Trubshoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Trubshaw in Newchapel (Staffs), recorded as *Trubbeshawe* in 1231.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Trubbeschawe, 1377 in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Trublesshawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Thomas Trobbeschawe, 1388 in *Shrops Archives* (Newport, Shrops); [ . . . ] Trubschawe, 1451 in *Staffs Place-Names* (Staffs); Agnes Trubshawe, 1551, Thomae Trubshaw, 1553 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Roberti Trubshall, 1568 in *IGI* (Sutton on the Hill, Derbys); Tabitha Trubshaw, 1584 in *IGI* (Staunton, Gloucs); Elizabetha Trubshaw, 1592 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Mary Trubshoe, 1646 in *IGI* (Moreton in Marsh, Gloucs); Henry Trupshaw, 1680 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 544.

**Trubshawe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Trubshaw**.

**Trubshoe**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; London; also Somerset

English: see **Trubshaw**.

**Truby**

**Variants:** **Trubey**, **Trubee**, **Trewby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 385, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Oxon

English: probably a reduced form of **Truebody**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Trewby, 1562 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Gloucs); Ellionora Trubie, 1589 in *IGI* (Windrush, Gloucs); John Truby, 1605, John Trubee, 1641 in *IGI* (Wyck Rissington, Gloucs); William Trubey, 1679 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Anne Truby, 1708, John Trubee, 1740 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks).

**Truce**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; ER Yorks; Oxon

English: see **Trees**.

**Early bearers:** Juliana in Trewes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Roberto Trewes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hampnett, Gloucs); Agnes Truse, 1578 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Marye Truce, 1611 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

**Truckle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Wilts

English: see **Truckle**.

**Truckell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; IoW

English: see **Truckle**.

**Truckle**

**Variants:** **Truckel**, **Truckell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Hants

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Truckwell, 1591 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); John Truckwell, 1608 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); John Truckle, 1674 in *IGI* (Enford, Wilts); Robert Truckle, 1706 in *IGI* (Amesbury, Wilts); John Truckell, 1742 in *IGI* (Berwick Saint James, Wilts).

**Trude**

**Variants:** **Trood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) variant of **Trodd**. This is most likely the source of the 1692 example from Churchstanton, where someone surnamed Trod is recorded in 1332. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Rude** through a misdivision of the Middle English phrase *atte rude* ('at the reed bed'), referring to Rhude in Holsworthy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Trude, 1646 in *IGI* (Newton Saint Cyres, Devon); John Trood, 1664 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); John Trude, 1690 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); James Trood, 1692 in *IGI* (Churchstanton, Devon); James Trude, 1714 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

**Trudgell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk

English: see **Threadgold**.

**Trudgen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Trudgeon**.

**Trudgeon**

**Variants:** **Trudgon**, **Trudgen**, **Trudgian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Tregian in Saint Ewe (Cornwall), recorded as *Trehydian* in 1331 and later *Trudgian*.

**Early bearers:** John Tregian, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); William Tregyan, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Roche, Cornwall); Richard Trudgeon, 1669 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Thomas Trudgen, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Wm Trudgian, 1692, Thomas Trudgion, 1722 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall); Margaret Trudgan, 1773 in *IGI* (Mylor, Cornwall); Ann Trudgean, 1799 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); John Trudgon, 1814 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall).

**Trudget**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Tredgett**.

**Trudgett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Cambs

English: see **Tredgett**.

**Trudgian**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Trudgeon**.

**Trudgill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Staffs

English: see **Threadgold**.

**Trudgon**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Trudgeon**.

**Trueblood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; Lancs
- English: nickname from Middle English *treu(e)*, *trew(e)*, *trou(e)*, *tru(e)* 'faithful' (Old English *trēow*) + *blo(u)d* 'blood' (Old English *blōd*), for a loyal person. Compare **Truebody**, **Trueman**.

**Early bearers:** William Trewblode of Walshale, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Walsall, Staffs); Thomas Trublode, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Trewelblode, 1450–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Robert Trueblood, 1570, Richard Trublood, 1602 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Robt Trewblood, 1599 in *IGI* (Westborough, Lincs); William Truebloud, 1712, William Trublud, 1724 in *IGI* (Irby in the Marsh, Lincs).

**Truebody**

**Variants:** **Truby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0

## Truebridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; also Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *tru(e)*, *trew(e)*, *trou(e)*, *tru(e)* ‘faithful, loyal’ (Old English *trēow*) + *bod(d)i* ‘body, person’ (Old English *bodig*). Compare **Trueman**, **Trueblood**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Trewbody, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Treubody, 1301 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (Kent); Henry Treubody, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leamington Spa, Warwicks); Henry Trewbody of Haverhill, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); William Trewbody of Tydrynton, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Tredington, Gloucs); Richard Trubody, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Roger Truebody, 1423 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Rogerus Trewbody, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hanham Abbots, Gloucs); Joan Trubodie, 1539 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jone Trubodie, 1559 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall); Marie Trubodie, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Erney, Cornwall); Thomas Trewbodye, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Cleer, Cornwall); Jane Truebody, 1600 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Joan Trubody, 1600 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall); Wallter Truboddy, 1668 in *IGI* (Tywardreath, Cornwall).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 195.

## Truebridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Trowbridge**.

## Truefitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks; London

English: see **Trewhitt**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*

## Truell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset
- English: see **Trowell** (2).

## Truelock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Wilts; Kent
- English: see **Trulock**.

## Truelove

**Variants:** Trolove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 252
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- English: nickname from Middle English *tru(e)*, *trew(e)*, *trou(e)*, *tru(e)* ‘faithful’ (Old English *trēow*) + *lov(e)*, *luf(e)* ‘love’ (Old English *lufu*), for a sweetheart.
- Early bearers:** Roger Trewelove, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Treuweloue, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Treulove, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cundall, NR Yorks); Richard Trewelove, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Trewelov, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Teath, Cornwall); Thomas Trewlof, Willelmus Trewluf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Willelmus Trewelove, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Church Eaton, Staffs); John Truloue, 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Trewelof of Gedney, 1419 in

*Patent Rolls* (Gedney, Lincs); Robert Trulofe, 1429 in *York Registry Wills* (York); Robert Treulofe, 1478 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Trulove, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Petworth, Sussex); Alice Truelove, 1594 in *IGI* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Edward Trewlove, 1611 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Trolove, 1733 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs).

## Trueman

**Variants:** Truman, Trewman, Trowman, Troman, Tromans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2986, Ireland 87
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1982
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; N Midlands and WR Yorks; also Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim
- English: nickname from Middle English *tru(e)*, *trew(e)*, *trou(e)*, *tru(e)* ‘faithful’ (Old English *trēow*) + *-man*, denoting a loyal or trustworthy person.
- Early bearers:** Richard Treweman, about 1215 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); William Trueman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Trowman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Trouman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Robertus Troweman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarehill, Norfolk); Johannes Treweman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blandford Forum, Dorset); Johannes Trewman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bocking, Essex); Petrus Trwemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley Pontlarge, Gloucs); John Trewman, 1412 in *York Freeman’s Register*; George Truman, 1542 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Joane Trewman, 1547, Marie Trueman, 1560 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); William Truman, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (Felixkirk, NR Yorks); John Trueman, 1563 in *IGI* (Bagby, NR Yorks); William Trowman, 1637, Henry Troman, 1647 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Hannah Trueman, 1647 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

## Truesdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland 225
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Ayrs

English, Irish: see **Trousdale**.

**Further information:** This is the most common spelling in Ireland, where the name appears to have been established since the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert Truesdale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumballyrone, Down); Samuel Truesdall, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonduff, Down); Thomas Trusdale, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughinisland, Down).

## Truesdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English, Irish: see **Trousdale**.

## Truett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Trewhitt**.

## Truffitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

## Truffitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

## Truffitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

## Truitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Trewhitt**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is flourishing in the USA.

## Trull

**Variants:** Troll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Kent

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *trol*, *trulle* ‘sorcerer, demon’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *trulle* ‘trollop, strumpet’.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Trol, 1212 in *MED*; Reginald Trull, 1222 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Robert le Trulle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Lettice Trulle of Walcryngham, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Walkeringham, Notts); Henry Trolle, 1363 in *Feet of Fines* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Hugone Trulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Dalby, Leics); Petrus Trull’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); Thomas Trulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus Trulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bawtry, WR Yorks); Wyllyamus Troll, 1551 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Robti Trull, 1568 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Willia Trull, 1577 in *IGI* (Ozleworth, Gloucs).

2 English: see **Trowell** (2).

## Trulock

**Variants:** Trulocke, Truelock, Truluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Wilts and Berks

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tru(e)*, *trew(e)*, *trou(e)*, *tru(e)* ‘faithful’ (Old English *trēow*) + *lok* ‘lock (of hair)’ (Old English *loc*), denoting a loyal person. Compare **Trueblood**. (ii) nickname, from Middle English *treulac* ‘fidelity’.

**Early bearers:** Joan Trulocke, 1539, Elizabeth Trulock, 1544 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); William Trewlocke, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Appleford, Berks); Georg Truelocke, 1634 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Lettice Truelock, 1678 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks); Thomas Trueluck, 1703, Martha Truluck, 1740 in *IGI* (Radley, Berks).

## Trulocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Trulock**.

## Truluck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Trulock**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Truman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2026, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1853
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; London; Warwicks; also Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: see **Trueman**.

### Trumans

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs
- English: see **Tromans**.

### Trumble

**Variants:** Trumbull, Trimble, Tremble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**T(h)rumbald* (Old English \**Trumbeald*), some of the following bearers in NE England and NW England may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Alan Tumbald, 1313, Peter Thrumbald, 1315, Alan Thrumball, 1316, Alice Thrumbald, Trumbald, 1316–17 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Reginald Thrumbald, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Thrumbald, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Elizabeth Trumbel, 1565, William Trimble, 1687, Jno. Trumbull, 1774 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Elizabeth Trumble, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Trumbull or Trumbell, 1570 in *PROB 11* (London); Isabell Trumble, 1587, Elisabeth Tremble, 1614 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Trimble, 1601 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Robert Trimble, 1607 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Will Tremble, 1629 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham); Jo. Trimble, 1711, John Tremble, 1721 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb).

2 Norman, Scottish: locative name from Le Tremblay (Eure). As Black suggests, this may be the source of families named *Trumble* in Fife. Alternatively, the Scottish and Irish names cited here belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter de Trembley, tenant of the lands of Delany in the Mearns, 1263 in *Black*; Robert de Tremblay, 1281 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Fife); Robert de Tremblee, de Tremblay, de Trembley, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Elgin, Morays); John de Trumbeley, 1321 in *Spalding Club Miscellany*; George Trumbull, 1581, Henry Trumble, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Trumble, 1594, David Trimble, 1604 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Georg Trumble, 1598 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Effie Trumbull, 1655 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Trimble, 1666 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); James Tremble, 1695 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks).

Ireland: Trumble, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 602 (Correnn, Sligo); George Trimble, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (C'fergus Towne, Antrim); John Tremble, 1666 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Brondod, Antrim); John Trimble, 1669 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland*

(Brondod, Antrim); Harloe Trumble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilmorgan, Sligo); James Trumble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Carrigallen, Leitrim); Rose Trimble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Armagh); James Trimble, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Artrae, Tyrone).

3 Scottish: see **Turnbull**.

### Trumbull

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE England

English: see **Trumble**.

**Further information:** This name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Trump

**Variants:** Tromp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 458
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon and Somerset; also Monmouths

English: nickname from Middle English *trump(e)*, *tromp(e)* 'trumpet, horn' (Old French *tromp(e)*), for a trumpeter or horn player. Compare **Trumper**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Trumpe, 1275 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cumb); Nicholas Trumpe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Patrick Trump, 1304 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); Henry Trompe, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Willelmo Trump, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); Robertus Trumpe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dunkeswick, WR Yorks); John Trumpet alias Trumpe, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Trump, 1581 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Thomas Trumpe, 1602 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); Mary Tromp, 1688 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon).

### Trumper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Shrops, and Worcs; also London

English: occupational name from Middle English *trompo(u)r*, *tromper(e)*, *trumpo(u)r*, *trumper(e)* 'trumpeter, horn player' (Old French *trompeor*, *trompou*, *trumpour*). Compare **Trump**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Trumpur, 1253 in *Ancient Deeds* (Essex); William Trompour, 1320 in *London Letter Books*; John le Trumpour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Trompour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walsgrave on Sowe, Warwicks); Walterus Trumper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Glass Houghton, WR Yorks); Johannes Trumper, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johanne Trumpour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Allextion, Leics); Walter Trumper, 1566, Margaret Tromper, 1619 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs).

### Trunchion

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Beds

English: see **Trounson**.

### Trundell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also London

English: see **Trundle**.

### Trundle

**Variants:** Trundell, Trendle, Trendell, Trendall, Trindle, Trindall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Norfolk

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *trendel*, *trindel* 'circle, sphere' (Old English *trendel*), used topographically to denote a range of circular features, notably prehistoric stone circles, earthwork enclosures, and rounded hills. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived beside such a feature, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Trendell's Wood in Stokenchurch (Bucks), documented as *Trindele* in 1227, The Trundle, a hillfort on Saint Roche's Hill in Singleton (Sussex), and Trull (Somerset), recorded as *Trendle* in 1255. Compare Johne Trandelman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aldwick, Sussex), and Ricardus Trandelman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldingbourne, Sussex), presumably 'man from The Trundle'. (ii) nickname, perhaps also from Middle English *trendel*, *trindel* 'circle, sphere' (Old English *trendel*), used to denote a wheel or spindle, for someone who made or used such items. (iii) nickname, perhaps also a derivative of Middle English *trendlen* 'to roll, bounce, revolve' (Old English \**trendlian*).

**Early bearers:** Ernald Trendel, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John ate Trandle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bognor Regis, Sussex); John de Trendele of Aston Clynton, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Aston Clinton, Bucks); John Trendel, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Galfrido Trendele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Trendil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Willelmo Trendel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blaby, Leics); Thomas Trendle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Helen Trendyll, 1541 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elysabth Trendell, 1548 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Katherine Tryndle, 1554 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Trendall, 1563 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); Agnes Trindell, 1565 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); Joanna Trundle, 1587 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Agnes Trundell, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex).

**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN; Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 54; *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 195; *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 198–9.

### Trundley

**Variants:** Trunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts; Staffs

English: locative name from Trenleypark in Wickhambreaux (Kent), which is recorded as *Tryndley* in 1278, or from a lost or unidentified place similarly named.

**Early bearers:** Will'm's de Tryndle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Longbridge hundred, Kent); John de Trendele, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Aston Clinton, Bucks); Rosa Trindeleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Galfrido Trendele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Trendele, 1379 in *Patent Rolls* (Hope, Kent); Agn' Tryndeleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); Thomas Trindley, 1579 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs); Richardus Trundley, 1641 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Ralph Trunley, 1674 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Trundly, 1680, Sarah

## Trunk

Trunley, 1681 in *IGI* (Rocester, Staffs); Sarah Trundle, 1798 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs).  
References: *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 278.

### Trunk

Variants: **Trunks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: nickname from Middle English *trunk*, *tronk* 'trunk of a tree or human body; storage chest, coffer'.  
Early bearers: Richard Trunk, 1315, Peter Trunk, Stephen Trunk, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Johan Trunke, 1589, Mary Trunk, 1633 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

### Trunkfield

Variants: **Trenchfield, Trenfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Gloucs
- Norman: (i) locative name from one or more places named Trancheville or Trencheville, such as Trancheville-la-Petite in Coulommiers (Seine-et-Marne). Compare Richard de Trancheville, de Trancheville, 1368 in *Chartes Normands* (Saint-Cyr d'Estrancourt, Orne). (ii) nickname, perhaps also from Old French *tranque* 'cut, shear' + *foille* 'leaf; sheet of metal'.

Further information: Walter Trencheville, a servant employed by William Warwyk of Salisbury (Wilts), a merchant, was sent to Brittany in 1440 by his master, where he was imprisoned and tortured in the castle of Guildo by the lord of Montafliant. (*TNA*)

Early bearers: Goscelin Trenchefoil, 1129–30 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Trenchefoil, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Philip Trenchefoil, 1259 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Richard de Trenchefeud, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants and Wilts); Simon Trenchefoil of Netherhavene, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Netheravon, Wilts); Nicholas Trenchefoil, 1376 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); William Trenchesvil, 1333–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Walterus Trenchevill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashurst, Sussex); Walterus Trenchefoil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dorset); Walter Trenchevyle of Little Shelford, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); John Trenchefoyle, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Trenchefeld, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); Walter Trenchevile, 1440 in *TNA*; Margaret Trenchfield, 1571 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Trenchfeilde, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent); Richard Trunckfield, 1799, Richard Trumchfield, 1800, Elisabeth Trunkfield, 1813, William Trenchfield, 1850 in *IGI* (Kenilworth, Warwicks).

### Trunks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Trunk** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

Early bearers: Rich Trunkes, 1573 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Mary Trunks, 1681 in *IGI* (Digswell, Herts); Sarah Trunks, 1714 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Holborn, Middx); John Trunks, 1855 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset).

### Trunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Trundle**.

### Truong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 584, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Vietnamese: from the family name **Truong**, representing the Chinese surname 張 and therefore corresponding to **Zhang**.

### Trupp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Monmouths; also Essex
- English: see **Throp**.

### Truran

Variants: **Trewren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trewern (Madron, Cornwall), spelled *Trewren* in 1701, *Truren* in 1748.  
Early bearers: John Trewren, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Willm Treuryrn, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Madron, Cornwall); Willm. Truren, 1572, Milson Truryrn, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Robert Treuren, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Richarde Trewren, 1606 in *IGI* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Elizabeth Truren, 1626, Als Treuren, 1632, Avis Trewron, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); John Trewren, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Robert Treuren, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Madron, Cornwall); John Truron, 1667 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Richard Truran, 1702 in *IGI* (Lelant, Cornwall).

### Truscot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Truscott**.

### Truscott

Variants: **Truscot, Trescott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1465, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1620
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon
- Cornish: locative name from Truscot in Saint Stephen by Launceston (Cornwall).  
Early bearers: Johnis Truskot, 1547, Susanna Truscot, 1608 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Jane Truskott, 1566, Mary Truscott, 1580 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Martyn Trescott, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Richard Truscott, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Maker, Devon); John Trescot, 1673 in *IGI* (Cuby with Tregony, Cornwall).

### Trusdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Trousdale**.

### Trushell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Renfrews
- English: see **Trussell**.

### Trusler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 384, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex; Northants
- English: see **Trussler**.

### Truslove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 310, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 152
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- English: see **Trussler**.

### Truslow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Trussler**.

### Truss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Northants and Bucks

English: nickname from Middle English *trusse* 'bundle, package' (Old French *trousse*), perhaps for a porter. See also **Trussell**.

Early bearers: Robert Trusse, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); John Trusse, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Trusse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); John Trusse of Dunwyche, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Dunwich, Suffolk); Robert Trusse, 1551 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Andrew Trusse, 1602, Christover Truss, 1607, Andrew Truse, 1648 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); John Trus, 1608 in *IGI* (Silk Willoughby, Lincs); Elizabeth Truss, 1616 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs).

### Trussell

Variants: **Trushell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Essex; Leics
- 1 English: see **Thrusell**.  
2 English: nickname from Middle English *trus(s)el(le)* 'bundle, parcel' (Old French *troussel*), perhaps for a porter (see **Truss**), or from the same word in the sense 'stamp, mould (for stamping coins)', for someone who minted coins.  
Early bearers: Robert Trusel, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Godfrey Trussel, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Trussell, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Troussel, 1285 in *Feudal Aids* (Staffs); Ricardo Trussel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Theobald Trussel, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johanne Trossel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lyonshall, Herefs); Ricardus Trosel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buddington, Sussex); Johanne Trussel, 1379, Willelmus Trussell, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stoney Stanton, Leics); John Trussell, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Saint Faith, London); John Trussell, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Billesley, Warwicks).

### Trussler

- Variants: **Trusler, Trasler, Truslow, Truslove, Trustlove**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 747, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 387
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- English: nickname, occupational name from Old French *troussier* 'to truss, bind, carry off' + *love* 'wolf', probably for a wolf-hunter. Compare **Bindloss**, **Catchlove**, **Manlove**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de [*sic*] Trusseluue, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert Trosselove, 1284 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Nicholas Trusselove, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Trosselone [Trosseloue], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Johanne Trusselove, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Almeley, Herefs); Thomas Truslove of Hammessay, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Hamsey, Sussex); Thomas Truslowe, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Joanna Truslow, 1559 in *IGI* (Aldingbourne, Sussex); Elizabeth Trusler, 1597 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Sarah Traslove, 1620 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Thomas Trussler, 1656 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants); John Trustlove, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Castlegate, York); Ann Trasler, 1703 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

### Trusswell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Notts
- English: see **Truswell**.

### Trust

**Variants:** **Trist**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: nickname from Middle English *trust*, *trist* 'trustworthy, faithful, loyal'. Compare **Trusty**. Further early bearers may perhaps be found at **Trist**. **Early bearers:** Johannes Trust, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmo Trust, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cradley, Herefs); Anne Trust or Truste, 1527 in *PROB 11* (Harpenden, Herts); Margerie Trust, 1584 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Mary Trust, 1638 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Mary Truste, 1649 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon).

### Trustlove

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Trussler**.

### Trustram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also Sussex
- English: see **Tristram**.

### Trusty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; London
- English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *trusty* 'trustworthy, faithful, loyal'. Compare **Trust**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Trustey, 1645 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Sarah Trustee, 1663, John Trusty, 1689 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); James Trusty, 1879 in *IGI* (Monkwearmouth, Durham).

### Truswell

**Variants:** **Trusswell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Treswell (Notts), recorded as *Tireswelle* in 1086 and *Truswell* in 1511. **Early bearers:** Hugh de Tyreswell, 1302 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tereswell, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); John de Tireswell', 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Margrett Truswell, 1564 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Susanna Truswell, 1593, Robt. Truswel, 1632 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); Willm. Truswell, 1602 in *IGI* (Egmanton, Notts); John Trusswell, 1788 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 61.

### Trute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Trout**.

### Try

**Variants:** **Trye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname from Middle English *trie*, *trize* 'trustworthy, faithful' (Old French *trie*). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Trie, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Juliana Trye, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Trye, 1485 in *PROB 11* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Mary Try, 1557 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Alicia Trye, 1564 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks).

2 Norman: locative name from Trie (Oise).

**Early bearers:** Matthew de Trye, knight, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Ellis de Trye, burgess of Gisors, 1259 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter de Trye, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Giles de Trie, 1294 in *Patent Rolls*; Elizabeth Try, 1772 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

### Trye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks and Derbys; Gloucs

English: see **Try**.

### Tryer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: see **Trier**.

### Tryhorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts
- Welsh: anglicized form of **Treharne**.

### Tryner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs; also Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Trainer**.

### Tryon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Rutland, and Northants

English: of Dutch origin and uncertain derivation. **Further information:** A Northants family of this name trace their descent from Peter Trieon (died 1611), who came to England from the Netherlands about 1562. His son, Moses Tryon, was High Sheriff of Northants in 1624.

**Early bearers:** William Tryon, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Mary Tryon, 1761 in *IGI* (Seaton, Rutland); Frederick Tryon, 1813 in *IGI* (Bulwick, Northants).

### Trythall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: locative name from Trythall in Gulval (Cornwall), found as *Trevrythall* in 1457.

**Early bearers:** John Trewrythall, William Trerythall, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Gulval, Cornwall); William Treythall, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gulval, Cornwall); Michael Trethall 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gulval, Cornwall); Saundry Terithall, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Gulval, Cornwall); Richard Trythall, 1593 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); Thomas Trythall, 1623 in *IGI* (Gulval, Cornwall); Jane Trythal, 1724 in *IGI* (Camborne, Cornwall).

### Tsai

**Variants:** **Choi, Tsoi, Tai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 載 (**Choi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'year' or 'record' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Zai* (載), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Henan province), annexed by the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from the second element of the personal name Ji Zai (季載), style name of the tenth son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 柴 and 齊, see **Chai** (1) and (2).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 蔡 and 宰, see **Choi** (1) and (2).

### Tsang

**Variants:** **Tseng, Chang, Chong, Chung, Choong, Cheang, Ching, Chan, Chen, Chin, Jung, Jang, Zang, Zeng, Tong, Dong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2865, Ireland 218
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 曾 (**Zeng** or **Tseng** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'high' or 'add' in ancient Chinese: from *Zeng* (鄞), an ancient state (located in present-day Cangshan in Shandong province) granted to Qu Lie, son of the emperor Shao Kang (reigned 1940–1880 BC) in the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). The state was annexed by the state of Ju (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) in 567 BC. The crown prince of the state, Wu, fled to the state of Lu (located mainly in present-day Shandong province). He simplified the name of the state from 鄞 to 曾, and adopted it as his surname.

## Tse

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 臧 (**Zang** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chong** in Cantonese romanization), which means ‘good, right’. The surname is traced back to Kou, son of Lu Xiao Gong (died 769 BC). He was given the fief *Zang* (臧) (located in present-day Qixia in Shandong province), and his descendants inherited the name of the fiefdom as their surname.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 蒼 (**Chong** in Cantonese romanization), which means ‘dark green’. In some traditions this surname is traced back to Cang Lin (蒼林), son of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC) and to Cang Shu (蒼署), one of the eight academic talents during the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 張 and 章. See **Cheung** (1) and (2).

## Tse

Variants: **Ceah**, **Chia**, **Chee**, **Cha**, **Chay**, **Che**, **Sha**, **See**, **Xie**, **Zia**, **Sia**, **Seah**, **Tay**, **Ta**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1168, Ireland 9

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 謝 (**Xie** or **Hsieh** in Mandarin pinyin, **Che** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘thank’ in Chinese: (i) from *Xie* (謝), the name of an ancient state (possibly located in Nanyang in Henan province), annexed around the time of the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from *Xie* (謝), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) granted to Shen Bo, the brother-in-law of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). After it was annexed during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (iii) adopted in place of the surname Zhi-Le by Xie Xiaozheng (謝孝政), an official during the Northern Qi dynasty (AD 550–77).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 朱, see **Chu** (1).

## Tseng

• **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).

## Tsim

• **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 詹, see **Chan** (2).

## Tso

• **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 曹, see **Cao** (1).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 左 and 卓, see **Cho** (2) and (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒, based on its Mandarin or Teochew pronunciation, see **Chau** (1).

4 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 祝, see **Chu** (3).

5 Navajo: unexplained.

## Tsoi

• **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 7

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surnames 蔡 and 宰, see **Choi** (1) and (2).

2 Chinese: Cantonese romanization of the Chinese surname 載, see **Tsai** (1).

## Tsui

Variants: **Sui**, **Chui**, **Choi**, **Choy**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 6

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 崔 (**Cui** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chui** or **Choi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘lofty’ in ancient Chinese: from the place-name *Cui* (崔), the name of a fief (located in Zhangqiu in Shandong province) that was granted to Ji Zi, the eldest son of the king Qi Ding Gong (reigned 1014–976 BC), originally the crown prince, who ceded the throne to his younger brother Shu Yi.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 隋 (**Sui** in Mandarin pinyin): (i) borne by descendants of Sui Yu (隋昱), an official who lived during the reign of the emperor Guang Wu Di (5 BC–AD 57). (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname *Sui* (隨), sharing the same pronunciation as the Chinese character *Sui* (隋).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 徐, see **Xu** (1).

## Tu

Variants: **To**, **Du**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 度 (also **Du** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘measurement of length’ in ancient Chinese: (i) traced back to the inhabitants of the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of officials in charge of regularizing units of length measurement in markets in ancient China. (iii) said to be one of the seven surnames of the Bandun Man, ancestors of today’s Tujia ethnic group in China, who, in the third century BC, lived in SW China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 杜, 都, 塗 (or 涂), and 屠, see **To** (1–4).

3 Vietnamese: this is also found as a Vietnamese name.

## Tubb

Variants: **Tubby**, **Tubbs**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1173, Ireland 6

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1210

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, Berks, and Oxon

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tub(b)e*, *Tub(b)i* (Old Scandinavian *Tubbi*, *Tubbe*), of unknown origin, possibly a pet form of *Thorbjörn* (see **Thorburn**). Some early bearers under (2) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tubi, Tube, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks, Warwicks).

surnames: Reginaldus filius Tobbe, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Tubbi, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Laurentius filius Tubb, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Tubbay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barsham, Norfolk); Thomas Tubby of Ratlesden, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Rattlesden, Suffolk); Emme Tubbye, 1588 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*, p. 383.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *tub(be)* ‘tub, large wooden vessel formed of staves and hoops’, for a cooper or someone who made or used tubs. Compare **Tubman**. Some early bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** John Tub, 1212–23 in *Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Cartulary* (Middx); Roger Tubbe, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Tubbe, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Matilda Tubbe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Glaston, Rutland); Thomas Tubb’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Tubb, 1544 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); William Tubbe, 1552, William Tub, 1573 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks).

## Tubbs

• **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 682

• **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; Hants and Dorset

English: variant of **Tubb** with genitival, plural, or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** William Tubbes, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Wentworth, Cambs); Willus Tubbs, 1591 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks).

## Tubby

• **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 441

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Tubb** (1).

## Tuberville

• **GB frequency 1881:** 23

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Herefs and Monmouths

Norman, English: see **Turberville**.

## Tubman

Variants: **Taubman**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 62

• **GB frequency 1881:** 137

• **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; also Lancs, Westm, and Durham

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Fermanagh

English: (i) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Tub(b)e* (see **Tubb**) + *-man*, ‘servant of *Tub(b)e*’. (ii) nickname from Middle English *tub(be)* ‘tub, large wooden vessel formed of staves and hoops’ + *-man*, for a cooper or someone who made or used tubs. Compare **Tubb**. **Early bearers:** Robert Tubman, 1430 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Robert Tubman, 1541 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hants); Nycolas Tubman, 1581 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Richard Tubman, 1586 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Tubman, 1594 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb).

## Tubridy

• **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 24

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0



• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare Irish: from Ó *Tiobraide* ‘descendant of *Tiobraid*’, a personal name based on *tiobraid* ‘well, source, fount’.

**Early bearers:** Englyn Otybryth, 1311 in *Justiciary Rolls (Ireland)* (Carlow); Robert Tubbred, husbandman, 1564 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §677; Donald ny Tuberidd, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3070 (Palis, Cork or Kerry); Mary Tubardy, 1851 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Kilfeacle, Tipperary); Mary Tubberty, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Knockagh, Tipperary); William Tubbrid, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Boderan, Wexford); Hannah Tubbridgy, 1855 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Cooor West, Clare).

## Tuck

Variants: **Tucke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4536, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3825
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Hunts; also S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tuk(ke)*, *Tuck(e)* (Old Scandinavian \**Tukk(a)*). See also **Tuckett**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tukke faber, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Tucke’ filii Leuerun, about 1205 in *West Dereham Cartulary* (Norfolk).

surnames: Besi Tuk, 1051 in *Codex Diplomaticus* 795 (Lincs); Wlfmerum filium Tukke, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Radulfus filius Tokke, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Symon filius Thocche before 1187 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Henry Thoche, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert Tucke, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes filius Tuch, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Petrus Tucke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catton, Norfolk); Nicholaus Tucke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Beckham, Norfolk); Johannes Tuck, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Roger Tucke of Glynton, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Glinton, Northants); John Tucke, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Great Bromley, Essex); Joane Tuck, 1576 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Tucke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Tuck**.

## Tucker

Variants: **Tocker**, **Toker**, **Tooker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19895, Ireland 413
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16470
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Sligo and Mayo

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *tuker(e)*, *toker(e)* ‘tucker, fuller’, a derivative of *tuken* ‘to torment, beat’ (Old English *tūcian*), for someone who fulled and finished cloth. This name for the occupation was characteristic of the West Country. Compare **Fuller** and **Walker** and see also **Tuckerman**.

**Early bearers:** Baldwin Tuckere, 1236 in *Battle Abbey Customals* (Sussex); Wolward le Tukare, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo le Tukker’, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Cornwall); John le Tuckere, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Richard le

Touker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William le Tokere, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Willelmus Toker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Flete, Devon); Adam Tokere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colebrooke, Devon); John Tooker, 1538 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); William Tucker, 1540 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Robert Toker, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Valentine Tocker, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó **Tuachair**, see **Togher**.

3 Jewish: occupational name, adopted for **Tokarz**, from Polish *tokarz* ‘turner’.

**Early bearers:** Moses Toker, born in Warsaw, in *Census 1861* (Cheetham, Lancs); Hyman Tucker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Tocker, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx).

## Tuckerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London; Durham and Northumb

English: nickname from Middle English *tuker(e)*, *toker(e)* ‘tucker, fuller’ (see **Tucker**) + *-man*, either for a tucker, or for his servant or assistant.

**Early bearers:** William Tokerman’, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Walter Tokerman, 1557 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); William Tuckerman, 1581 in *IGI* (Stokeinteignhead, Devon); Richard Tockerman, 1587 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

## Tuckett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also London

Norman: relationship name, probably from a Norman personal name \**Tuket*, a diminutive of Old Scandinavian \**Tukk(a)*. See **Tuck** and compare **Hackett**.

**Early bearers:** Alan Tuchtet, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Nicholas Tochet, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johanne Toket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds); Johannes Toket, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); Willelmus Tuket’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Johanne Tochet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarstone, Leics); Rychard Tuckett, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Roger Tucket, 1612 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon).

## Tuckey

Variants: **Tookey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 671, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 595
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Northants; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from Middle English *Toki*, *Toke* (Old Scandinavian *Tóki*).

**Early bearers:** Simon Thoky of Lynn, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Touky of Fladebury, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Fladbury, Worcs); Philippo Tuckeye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Webton, Herefs); Johannes Toky, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arley with Slowley, Warwicks); Johanne Toky, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Parva, Leics); Johannes Towki, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Mundham, Sussex); Willelmus Towky, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Milton and Little Milton, Oxon); Edmund Toky of Gloucester, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Toky alias Touke alias Touker, 1409 in *Patent Rolls*; Alice Tuckey, 1542 in *IGI* (Solihull,

Warwicks); Thomas Tookye, 1599 in *Oxford University Register* (Leics); Anne Towky, 1606 in *IGI* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); William Tuckey or Tuckey, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Tirley, Gloucs); Ann Tookey, 1641 in *IGI* (Barrowden, Rutland).

## Tuckfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London
- Norman, English: see **Tugwell**.

## Tuckley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; also Northants

English: probably a variant of **Tackley** (2). Note that Tackley (Oxon) is recorded as both *Tackley* and *Tuckley* in 1675.

**Early bearers:** John Tuckley, 1560 in *IGI* (Sheldon, Warwicks); John Tuckley, 1562 in *IGI* (Bickenhill, Warwicks); John Tuckele, 1594 in *West Devon Record Office* (Bratton Clovelly, Devon); William Tuckley, 1684 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Humphrey Tuckley, 1688 in *IGI* (Himley, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 285.

## Tucknot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Tucknott**.

## Tucknott

Variants: **Tucknot**, **Tucknutt**, **Tugnet**, **Tugnett**, **Tugnutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: of uncertain origin, but in Sussex apparently influenced by Early Modern English *tucknet(t)*, denoting a small fishing net used to bring fish to the surface, used especially off the Sussex coast. The annual Brighton fishing trip known as *tucknet fare* is referred to in a local customal of 1542.

**Further information:** The name may be French; Jehan Taquenot, or Touquenot, attended the States-General held at Tours in 1484, and Joachim Touquenot married in Namur (now Belgium) in 1753.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Tucknutt, 1576 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); John Tucknott, 1617 in *IGI* (Falmer, Sussex); Mary Tucknot, 1677 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Sarah Tucknet, 1726 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); William Tugnut, 1762 in *IGI* (Coombes, Sussex); William Tucknott, 1783 in *IGI* (Piddinghoe, Sussex); George Tucknot, 1785 in *IGI* (Alfriston, Sussex); John Tucknutt, 1797 in *IGI* (Ninfield, Sussex); Ann Tugnott, 1804, Ann Tugnett, 1820 in *IGI* (Washington, Sussex).

**References:** Thierry, Augustin (1859), *The Formation and Progress of the Tiers État, or Third Estate in France*, vol. 2. London: Henry G. Bohn.

## Tucknutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Tucknott**.

**Tuckwell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 778, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 515
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Oxon and Berks Norman, English: see **Tugwell**.

**Tuckwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts English: see **Tuxford**.

**Tudball**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset English: see **Theobald**.

**Tuddenham**

**Variants:** **Tudenham, Tudman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name, principally from from East or West Tuddenham (Norfolk), but also from Tuddenham (Suffolk) or Tuddenham Saint Martin (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Tudeham, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert de Todenham, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Todenham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Willelmus de Tudenham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catton, Norfolk); Simon Todynham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Thomas Tudenham, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Cams and Essex); Thomas Tudman or Tudnam, 1465 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Tudnham, Thomas Tudnam, William Tudman, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agathy Tuddenham, 1542 in *IGI* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); Thomas Tudenham, 1610 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk).

**Tudehope**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland
- Scottish: see **Tudhope**.

**Tudenham**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Tuddenham**.

**Tudgay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; Somerset and Wilts

English: variant of **Chedzoy**, with dissimilation of the first of two palatal affricate consonants to the alveolar /t/.

**Early bearers:** William Tudgye, 1559, Leonard Tuggie, 1565, John Tudgie, 1568, Barnabas Tudgue, 1575, Barnabas Tudgay, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Frome, Somerset); John Tudguy, 1669 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset); Joseph Tudgay, 1683, James Tudgey, 1684 in *IGI* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); John Tudgy, 1718 in *IGI* (Kingston Deverill, Wilts); James Frith Tudgee, 1746 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts).

**References:** Information from Martin Taylor.

**Tudge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Herefs, and Radnors; Lancs

French, English: unexplained; possibly from Old French *toche, tosche* ‘réserve de bois entre des défrichements, bosquet’ (‘small wood left standing between cleared areas, grove’), or from one of the place-names, especially in W France, incorporating this word (compare the French surname **Destouche**).

**Early bearers:** Rogerus Tugge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alveley, Shrops); Alice Tudge, 1541 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); William Tudge, 1554 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); William Tudge, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Kerry, Montgomerys); Thomas Tudge or Tugd, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Beguilly, Radnors); Thomas Tugd, 1710 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Rich. Tugd, 1715 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*, p. 680.

**Tudgee**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see *Tudgay*, itself a variant of **Chedzoy**.

**Tudgey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see *Tudgay*, itself a variant of **Chedzoy**.

**Tudhope**

**Variants:** **Tudehope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 304, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: locative name from Tudhope in Jedburgh (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Isobel Tudhop, 1635 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Marie Tudhope, 1700 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs); John Tudhope, 1700, Mary Tudope, 1770 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks); John Tudop, 1705 in *IGI* (Bedrule, Roxburghs); John Tudhope, 1780, George Tudehop, 1810 in *IGI* (Lesmahagow, Lanarks).

England: Ayles Towdop, 1606, Willi Tudope, 1611 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elinora Tudop, 1609 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Thomae Tuddup, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint John Lee, Northumb).

**Tudman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Norfolk
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Tidman**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Tudman, 1371 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); John Tudman, 1574 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Richd. Tudman, 1578 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); William Tudman, 1605 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); Ellin Tudman, 1608 in *IGI* (Wrenbury, Cheshire).

2 English: variant of **Tuddenham**. Compare **Debenham**.

**Tudor**

**Variants:** **Tudur, Tidder, Tither, Tyther**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3585, Ireland 12

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2011
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands and NE Wales: esp. Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin
- Welsh: relationship name from the personal name *Tudur*, a derivative of British Celtic \**Toutorix*, literally ‘people’ + ‘king’. It has sometimes been taken as a Welsh equivalent of Latin *Theodorus*, from Greek *Theodōros* ‘gift of God’ (see **Theodore**), for which the usual Welsh form is *Tewdwr*.

**Further information:** The Tudor royal family, English sovereigns from the accession of Henry VII in 1485 to the death of Elizabeth I in 1603, was of Welsh origin, being descended from Owain ap Maredudd ap Tudur, who held lands at Penmynydd in Anglesey. The name was regularly pronounced /tidər/ ‘Tidder’, an anglicized version of the Welsh pronunciation, in the early Tudor period, as some of the evidence presented shows. A 1484 proclamation of Richard III refers to the rebels’ captain, ‘oon Henry Tidder, son of Edmand Tidder, son of Owen Tidder’, i.e. the future Henry VII. The most frequent modern pronunciation is a spelling-pronunciation, but the original survives in the variants.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tudor, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Tider Kest, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Tudur ap Llywelyn, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent* (Flints). surnames: David ap Tudir, 1287 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Ieuan ap Teder, 1326 in *Black Book of Saint David’s*; Christian Tudor, 1327–9 in *Canterbury Freeman’s Rolls* (Kent); John Tewdre, 1334–5 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Eyyvyn’ ap Tudor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alkington, Shrops); Thomas Tudur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hopton and Espley, Shrops); Willym ap Tudur, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tydur, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hopton and Espley, Shrops); Edward Tyddar, 1544, John Tither, 1551 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Tyther, 1558, Cadwallader Tither, 1560 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Margaret Tudor, 1561 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); David Tyddy, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Langattock Vybon Avel, Monmouths); George Tidder, 1560 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Anne Tuder, 1589 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Tyder or Tuder, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Denbigh, Denbighs); Cadwallader Tydder, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Everton, Hunts).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 199–200.

**Tudur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Merioneths
- Welsh, English: see **Tudor**.

**Tue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Cheshire and WR Yorks
- English: see **Tew**.

**Tuer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 138
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Westm, and Durham

English: occupational name from Middle English \**tewer(e)* ‘tawer’, a derivative of *teuen* ‘to taw’ (Old English \**tēwian*), for someone who prepared animal

skins or hides for use by dressing, curing, or treating them. Compare **Tower**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Teware, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geram le Tewer of Beverley, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); John Tewer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus Tewer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Roberto Tewer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Orton, Westm); Elyas Tewar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas Tewere of Ullesby, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Ousby, Cumb); Alexander Tuer, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Abdias Tuer, 1613 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); George Tuer, 1690 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Joshua Tewer, 1742 in *IGI* (Dufton, Westm); John Tuer, 1747 in *IGI* (Milburn, Westm).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 122.

## Tuesday

**Variants:** Twisaday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from the Middle English phrase *twies a dai* (also *twies on the dai*) 'twice a day'.

**Early bearers:** John Twysontheday of Arnaldby, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Arnaby, Cumb); Thomas Twyssaday, 1485 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Twyseaday, 1487 in *Close Rolls* (London); Richard Twyssoday, 1496 in *York Guild Register* (Yorks); Thomas Twysaday, Twysday, or Twysadey, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (London); Harry Twisedaie, 1548 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); Henry Twysaday, 1576 in *IGI* (Whicham, Cumb); Myles Twysday, 1658 in *IGI* (Millon, Cumb); Peter Tuesday, 1787 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Henry Tuesday, 1823 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex).

## Tufail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *tufail* 'small child'.

**Further information:** This is the diminutive form of the Arabic word *tifl* 'child'.

## Tuff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Durham and Northumb

English: probably a post-medieval respelling of **Tough**.

**Early bearers:** Margarete Tuffe, 1542 in *IGI* (Birdham, Sussex); Thomas Tuff, 1585 in *IGI* (East Dean near Chichester, Sussex); William Tuff, 1635 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Dorothie Tuffe, 1645 in *IGI* (Hilmarton, Wilts); William Tuffe, 1674 in *IGI* (Gravesend, Kent); Thomas Tuff, 1770 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb).

## Tuffen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and London; Essex
- English: see **Tiffin**.

## Tuffery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Oxon
- English: see **Tolfree**.

## Tuffey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Durham; Monmouths

Irish: from Ó Toghtha, see **Towey**.

## Tuffield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Kent and Surrey

English: see **Tovell**.

## Tuffill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cambs

English: see **Tovell**.

## Tuffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 721, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 497
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Essex

English: see **Tiffin**.

## Tuffley

**Variants:** Tufley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: locative name from Tuffley in Gloucester (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** John Tuffley, 1572 in *IGI* (North Cerney, Gloucs); Robert Tufley, 1582 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 142.

## Tuffnail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Tuffnell**.

## Tuffnell

**Variants:** Tufnell, Tufnail, Tuffnail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; also London

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place-name, perhaps the field in Harpenden (Herts) recorded as *Tuffnales* in 1520, though this may derive from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Agnes de Tuffenal, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts and Beds); Johannes Tuftenel, Is' Tuftenal, 1379, Galfridus Tuftenol, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); Robert Tuffenale of Westhyde, 1439 in *Ancient Deeds* (West Hyde, Beds); Edmond Tuffinell, 1561, Willm. Tuffnail, 1574 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Herts); John Tufnaile, 1565 in *IGI* (Kilmington, Herts); Jerom Tuftnell, 1587 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Alice Tufnell, 1598, Susan Tufnail, 1676 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); John Tufnail, 1606 in *IGI* (Bengeo, Herts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 270.

## Tuffrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 162
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Tolfree**.

## Tuffs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 406, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 228
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk

English: see **Tofts**.

## Tuffy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo

Irish: from Ó Toghtha, see **Towey**.

## Tuffley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Tuffley**.

## Tufnail

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Tuffnell**.

## Tuffnall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Tuffnell**.

## Tuffnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts, Essex, and London
- English: see **Tuffnell**.

## Tuft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Armagh
- English: see **Toft**.

## Tufton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset; also Northants

English: locative name, primarily from Tufton Place in Northiam (Sussex), the home of Matilda de Tuktone in 1332, but also from Tufton (Hants), recorded as *Tokinton* 1189–99, *Tuketon* in 1256.

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Tuktone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon de Toketone, 1361 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Northiam, Sussex); William Toughton, 1451 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Northiam, Sussex); Nicholas Tufton', 1498 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Susan Tufton, 1573 in *IGI* (Warbleton, Sussex); William Tufton, 1582 in *IGI* (Abbotts Ann, Hants); Elizabeth Tufton, 1593 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); Mary Tufton, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Hothfield, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 523; *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 165.

## Tufts

### Tufts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Tofts**.

### Tugby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics; also Notts and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Tugby (Leics), recorded as *Tokebi* in 1176.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Tokeby, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Johanne de Tokeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Illston on the Hill, Leics); Ricardus Tokeby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thurnby, Leics); Margaret Tugby, 1640 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics).

**References:** *Watts, Dictionary*.

### Tugnet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Tucknott**.

### Tugnett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Tucknott**.

### Tugnutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Tucknott**.

### Tugwell

**Variants:** Tuckwell, Tuckfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 881, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 596
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Kent; Wilts

Norman, English: locative name from one or more places called Tocqueville, such as Tocqueville (Eure, Manche), Tocqueville-en-Caux (Seine-Maritime), Tocqueville-les-Murs (Seine-Maritime), or Tocqueville-sur-Eu (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Henry Tokevill, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); John de Tokevill, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Tokevyle, late constable of Eye, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Tokenyle [Tokeuyle], 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chesham, Bucks); William Sele alias Tokevyle of Yevele, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Yeovil, Somerset); Thomas Tokeuylle, 1503 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William Tuckwell, 1539 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks); Rychard Tuckfeild, 1553, Emme Tuckfeilde, 1564 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); John Tuckfyld or Tucfyld, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Johis Tuckfeld, 1561 in *IGI* (Credition, Devon); Tristram Tuckwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Longworth, Berks); Alice Tokefeild, 1566 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Thomas Tokefield, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks); Thomas Tugwell, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); Richarde Tucwell, 1633, Mary Tugwell, 1635 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Elizabeth Tuckfill, 1684 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Tugwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Berks, and Oxon
- English: see **Toogood**.

### Tuhy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaignh, see **Tuohy**.

### Tuite

**Variants:** Tuitt, Tweed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 806
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Westmeath and Meath

Norman, Irish: locative name from one or more places named with Old Scandinavian *bveit* ‘meadow; clearing’, such as Le Thuit (Eure), Le Thuit-Anger (Eure), Thuit-Hébert (Eure), Le Thuit-Signal (Eure), or Le Thuit-Simer (Eure). See also **Twite** and compare **Thwaite**.

**Further information:** This is the name of a family established in Ireland by Sir Richard de Tuite (d. 1211), a member of the force which accompanied Strongbow’s invasion of Ireland in 1172.

**Early bearers:** Ricardi de Tuit, 1217, Richard de Tuyd, de Twyd, 1234 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Richard Tuit, 1289 in *AU*; Richard Tuyt, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); John de Tuyt, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Lawrence Tuit, 1382 in *AU*; Edmund Tuite (son of Andrew son of the Blue Gillie Tuite), 1495 in *AU*; Richard Tuit, knt., and John Twyt, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §405 (Twyttiston, Westmeath); William Tuet, esq., 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2757 (Tuitston, Westmeath); Wm. and Farrall McGilleroy alias Tuite, gents., 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4624 (Mollingar, Westmeath).

### Tuitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, Irish: see **Tuite**.

### Tuke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 392
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: see **Tooke**.

### Tulett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey and Hants

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tuley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English, Irish: see **Tully**.

### Tulip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 737, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 482

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: probably a late variant of **Trollope**.  
**Early bearers:** Marie Tulip, 1691 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Margret Tulip, 1695, James Tulipp, 1695, Margaret Tullip, 1742 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); James Tulop, 1746 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham).

### Tulk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset; London

English: nickname from Middle English *tulk(e)*, *tolk(e)* ‘man; soldier, fighting man’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Tulke, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richardus Tulk, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Tolk of Wokingdon, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Ockendon, Essex); Thomas Tolk, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Tulk, 1730 in *IGI* (Semley, Wilts); Betty Tulk, 1737 in *IGI* (Cann, Dorset).

### Tull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 980, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 713
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Berks; London
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tulle* (Old English *Tulla*).

**Early bearers:** Roger Tulle, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Tull, 1285 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Ricardus Tulle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ross on Wye, Herefs); Johanna Tulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littleton with Kimpton, Hants); Ricardus Tulle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crookham, Berks); Richard Tulle of Stammere, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Stanmer, Sussex); George Tulle, 1552 in *IGI* (Balcombe, Sussex); John Tull, 1553, Rich. Tulle, 1561 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); John Tull, 1590 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants).

### Tullet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Tullett**.

### Tullett

**Variants:** Tullet, Tulett, Tollett, Tollet, Tollitt, Tollit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1152, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 617
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English \**tuleit*, a diminutive of *tuile*, *toile* ‘plate of armour covering the front of the thighs’ (Old French *tuile*, *teule* ‘tile, plaque’).

**Early bearers:** Walter Tulet, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Roger Tulet of Naveneby, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Navenby, Lincs); Robert Tuylet, 1295 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); John Tolet, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Tulleyt of Cambridge, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Tuylet, 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Toliet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Robert Tolyet, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Tulyet, 1449, Tuliot, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Tollett or Tollet, 1528 in *PROB 11* (Exeter, Devon); Katerin Tollett, 1571 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Richard Tullett, 1578 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Anne Tollett, 1615 in *IGI* (Marton by Congleton, Cheshire); Charles Tollit, 1627 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); John

Tullett, 1656, Anne Tullitt, 1667 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts).

### Tulley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 617
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex; Lancs
- English, Irish: see **Tully**.

### Tullie

**Variants:** **Tully**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs; also Glasgow
- Scottish: locative name from any of various places called Tullo (Angus, Kincardines, Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** Andrew of Tullowe, 1424 in *Scotland Calendar*; David Tullie, 1588 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Perths); Margrat Tullie, 1621 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Helen Tully, 1648 in *IGI* (Jedburgh, Roxburghs).

### Tullis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 224, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Lanarks and Midlothian; Angus

Scottish: locative name, probably from the lands of Tullois (Fife), described as the *Mylnetown of Tullois* in 1600.

**Early bearers:** Francis Tullois, Michael Tullois of Hilcairny, 1555 in *Retours, Scotland* (Hillcairnie, Fife); James Tullus, 1598 in *Dysart Records* (Burntisland, Fife); James Tullous, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Tullois, 1628, Alexander Tullous, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Bessie Tullosse, 1633 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife); Margret Tullus, 1636 in *IGI* (Balmerino, Fife); Andrew Tullace, 1685 in *IGI* (Newburn, Fife); David Tullies, 1713 in *IGI* (Kilmarny, Fife); Rachel Tullice, 1734, Helen Tullis, 1763 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); William Tulloes, 1740 in *IGI* (Dairsie, Fife).

### Tulloch

**Variants:** **Tulloch, Tough, Tough**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2182, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1969
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney and Shetland; also Morays, Nairns, and Inverness

Scottish: locative name from various places named with Gaelic *tulach* 'hillock, mound', such as Tulloch in Dingwall (Ross and Cromarty) and Tough (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Isabel Toulch, 1329–71 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Nicholas de Tolach, 1364, Fergus de Tulache, 1372 in *Brechin Register* (Angus); Walterus de Tolacht, 1387 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Sande Towcht, 1538 in *Aberdeen Council Register* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Touch, 1561 in *Old Aberdeen Records* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Marie Tough, 1663 in *IGI* (Old Machar, Aberdeens); Agnes Tullock, 1664 in *IGI* (Kilspindie, Perths); William Tulloch, 1681 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Kathren Tulloch, 1723 in *IGI* (Mid and South Yell, Shetland); John Tulloch, 1736 in *IGI* (Sanday, Orkney).

### Tulloch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 386
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland and Orkney; also NE England

Scottish: see **Tulloch**.

### Tully

**Variants:** **Tulley, Tuley, Tilley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3353, Ireland 1694
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1598
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Northumb; Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; Galway; Meath

1 Irish: from Ó Taithligh 'descendant of *Taithleach*', a personal name meaning 'quiet, peaceable'.

**Early bearers:** John Till, 1562–64 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §520; Shane McDonogh Thilligh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6539.

2 Irish: abbreviated from Ó Maol Tuile 'descendant of the devotee of the will of God' (from *tuil* 'will [of God]'), a medical family. Alternatively, by misinterpreting *tuile* as the homonym meaning 'flood', the surname has often been anglicized as **Flood**.

**Early bearers:** John O'Multullee, yeoman, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1617 (Kilkenny); Connor O Multully, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4812 (Cavan); John O Multully, idleman, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5015 (Westmeath).

3 English: see **Tolley**.

4 Scottish: see **Tullie**.

### Tumber

**Variants:** **Tamber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 352, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: occupational name from Middle English *tumber(e)*, *tomber(e)* 'tumbler, dancer' (Old English *tumber(e)* or Old French *tombeor*, *tumbear*).

**Early bearers:** John Tumber, 1276 in *Thuresson* (Oxon); Henry le Tombere, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Hasts); Thoma Tomber, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); Richard Tumber, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Stroud, Kent); Rychard Tomber, 1592 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Ruth Tumbor, 1651 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Edward Tamber, 1786 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent).

### Tumblin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Tomblin**.

### Tumbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Essex

English: see **Tunbridge**.

### Tume

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Lancs

English: possibly a respelling of **Tomb**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Tume, 1617 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts); Thomas Widower Tume, 1707, Thomas Tomb, 1784 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Tumilty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 260

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Roscommon
- Irish: from Mac Tomaltaigh or Ó Tomaltaigh, see **Tumilty**.

### Tumilty

**Variants:** **Tumelty, Tumulty, Tomelty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 195
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

Irish: from Mac Tomaltaigh or Ó Tomaltaigh 'son (or descendant) of *Tomaltach*', a byname meaning 'glutton', from *tomaltach* 'bulky'.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Kahir, Turlagh, and Fally McTomolty, servants, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2652 (Clonagawna, King's county [Offaly]); Morghe backagh O Tomelty, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3045; Ouin mac Teig McTomoltagh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3941 (Croghan, Roscommon); Dermot reogh McTomolty, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4980 (Cloneffry, Longford); Edmond McTymolty, husbandman, 1590 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5398 (Kilkenny, Kilkenny); Catherine Tumalti, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathkenny, Meath); Bernard Tumalty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moneymore, Louth); Ellen Tumelty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghaguy, Down); Elizabeth Tumilty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballykinler Lower, Down); Peter Tummelty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rassan, Louth); Peter Tummulty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Spiddal, Meath); Anne Tumulty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Legoniel, Antrim); Melissa Tomalty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Village of Doagh, Antrim); James Tomelty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Warrenpoint); Peter Tomilty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Annaclarey, Armagh).

England: Jane Tumilty, 1797 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); John Tumilty, 1800 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); John Tumilty, 1806 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Tumlinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- English: see **Tomlinson**.

### Tumman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Toman**.

### Tummon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English, Irish: see **Toman**.

### Tummond

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Toman** with post-medieval excrescent *-d*. **Early bearers:** William Tummond, 1766 in *IGI* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

## Tummons

### Tummons

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London
- English: variant of **Toman** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tummons, 1794 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

### Tumulty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- Irish: from **Mac Tomaltaigh** or **Ó Tomaltaigh**, see **Tumilty**.

### Tun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄧, see **Tang** (4).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 段, see **Dwan** (1).
- 3 Mexican: unexplained; probably from a native American language.

### Tunacliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Notts
- English: see **Townley**.

### Tunbridge

Variants: **Tonbridge**, **Tumbridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 520, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 493
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London, and Kent
- English: locative name, principally from Tonbridge (Kent), but occasionally from other places similarly named, such as Two Bridge in Writtle (Essex), home to the 1274 bearer, and Tunbridge in Stapleford Abbots (Essex), home to the 1323 bearer.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Tonebrige, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Kent); Salom' de Tunbrygge, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Robert de Tonebrugge, 1323 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); John atte Tunbregg, 1345 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Johanne Tonbregge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Willelmus Tonbrugg', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dean, Oxon); Johannes Tonbrugge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tysoe, Warwicks); Johannes Tunbrig', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fyfield, Essex); Thomas Tunbrygg, 1433 in *PROB 11* (Eynsford, Kent); James Tumbrege, 1547 in *PROB 11* (Ditton, Kent); John Tumbridge, 1617 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Cray, Kent).
- References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 279, 604.

### Tune

- **Current frequencies:** GB 731, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 374
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and ER Yorks
- English: see **Town**.

### Tuner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- English: see **Towner**.

### Tung

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 童, 佟, 仝, 董, and 東, see **Tong** (2–6).
- 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 滕 and 鄧, see **Tang** (3) and (4).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鐘, see **Chung** (1).

### Tungate

Variants: **Tongate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 324, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Tungate in North Walsham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Alicia Tungatt, 1552, Isabella Tongate, 1572 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Dthy. Tungate, 1560 in *IGI* (Trimingham, Norfolk); Bridgett Tungatt or Tungate, 1562 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Norfolk 2*, p. 181.

### Tuncliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Derbys
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tuncliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire and Lincs

English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; also Herefs and Shrops

English: reduced form of **Tonkins**; see **Tomkins** and compare **Tonks**.

### Tunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Shrops and Radnors

1 English: see **Townley**.

2 English: locative name from Tunley in Bisley (Gloucs), recorded as *Tonley* in 1303.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Tonle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Painswick, Gloucs); Willelmo Tonle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Over Lypiatt and Tunley, Gloucs); John Tunley, 1569 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Elizabeth Tunly, 1677 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs 1*, p. 121.

3 English: Raymond Tunley states that his surname is due to a recorded family name change from *Tunningley* in the late 1800s. This may be a variant of **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Tunmore**.

### Tunmore

Variants: **Tunmer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained. Possibly a locative name from a lost or unidentified place, apparently in E Anglia.

**Early bearers:** John Tonemer, 1379–80 in *Feet of Fines* (Brettenham, Suffolk); Peter Tunmere of London, 1410 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricd. Tunmer, 1624, James Tunmore, 1783 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Richard Tunmar, 1665 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); Robert Tunmore, 1723 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Robert Tunmore, 1726 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint Margaret, Suffolk); Sara Tunmore, 1728 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk).

### Tunn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Northants, Beds, Bucks, and Cambs

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tunne* (Old English *Tunna*, a pet form of such names as *Tünræd*, *Tünwulf*, and *Tünric*). Some early bearers may belong with (2). (ii) nickname, perhaps also from Middle English *tonne*, *tunne* 'tun, large barrel for holding liquids' (Old English *tunne*), for a maker of tuns. See **Tunner**.

**Early bearers:** Hugo filius Tunne, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Tun, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert Tunne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Reginald Tunne, 1311 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Alicia Tunne, 1570 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset).

**References:** *Redin, Studies*.

2 English: see **Tunney**.

### Tunnacliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunnah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs; Lincs; Northumb

1 Irish: from **Ó Tonnaigh**, see **Tunney**.

2 English: see **Tunner**.

### Tunnard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*tunherd(e)* (Old English *\*tūn-hierde*), denoting someone who guarded the animals belonging to a town or village. Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John le Tunhirde, 1261 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Augustin Tunherd, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls*

(Cambs); Robert le Tunherd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Osbert le Tunhird, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Beds); Johannes Tunhird, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Thomas Tunnard, 1539 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Richard Tuner, 1563 in *IGI* (Fosdyke, Lincs).  
2 English: relationship name, perhaps also from the Middle English personal name \**Tunherd* (Old English \**Tūnheard*). Some early bearers at (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** given names: Tonhardus, 1066–87 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk).

**surnames:** Johannes filius Tunherd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Tunnard, 1667 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Edward Tunnard, 1736 in *IGI* (Thorney, Cambs); John Tunnard, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Tunnard, 1773 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Tunncliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunncliffe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Durham
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunnecliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, Derbys, and Leics; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Tunnell**.

### Tunnell

**Variants:** Tunnel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: relationship name, apparently from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name \**Ton(h)ild* (Old English \**Tūnhild*).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Tonild, William Tonild, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Tonild, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Thonild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Tonnel late of Brokford, 1448 in *Patent Rolls* (Brockford, Suffolk); Raph Tunell, 1581 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Tho Tunell, 1592 in *IGI* (Fetcham, Surrey); Thomas Tunnell, 1604 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Avis Tunnel, 1670 in *IGI* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk).

### Tunner

**Variants:** Tunnah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: occupational name from an *-er* derivative of Middle English *tonne*, *tunne* ‘tun, large barrel for holding liquids’ (Old English *tunne*), for a maker of tuns. Compare Robert le Tunnewrytte, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb), and see also **Tunn**.

**Early bearers:** William le Tunnere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Thomas Tunner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurlaston, Warwick); Joseph Tunner, 1657 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Bradford Tunner, 1666 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

2 English: occupational name, possibly also from Anglo-Norman French *tundour*, Old French *tondeur* ‘shearer (of sheep)’.

**Early bearers:** Hugh le Tundur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Tundur, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Tunner, 1628 in *IGI* (Timberland, Lincs); Francis Tunner, 1684 in *IGI* (Preston upon the Weald Moors, Shrops); Mary Tunner, 1686 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

### Tunney

**Variants:** Tunny, Tunnah, Tunn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 767, Ireland 259
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo and Sligo; Donegal

1 Irish: from Ó **Tonnaigh** ‘descendant of *Tonnach*’, a personal name meaning either ‘billowy’ (from *tonn* ‘wave’) or ‘shining’.

**Early bearers:** Neal Tunney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tullyleague, Roscommon); Michael Tunney, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Cuilmore, Mayo); Anne Tunny, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Moherrevan, Leitrim).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Tunne* (Old Scandinavian *Tunni*, *Tunne*). Compare Adam Tunnyson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** given names: Tunne, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs).

**surnames:** Gillibertus filius Tunny, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Simon Tunnie, 1327 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Tuney, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Johanne Tunne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Easton Maudit, Northants); Elizabeth Tunney, 1564, Anne Tunny, 1565 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Tunnie, 1637, Elizabeth Tunney, 1641, Isaac Tunny, 1668 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Tunncliffe

**Variants:** Dunicliffe, Dunicliff, Dunicliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 445
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunncliffe

**Variants:** Tunncliff, Tunicliffe, Tunicliff, Tunnycliff, Tunnaccliffe, Tunacliffe, Tunnecliff, Tunncliffe, Tunncliff, Dunicliffe, Dunicliff, Dunicliffe, Dunicliff, Tunley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2011, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 984
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Derbys, WR Yorks, and Lancs

English: locative name from Tonacliffe near Healey in Rochdale (Lancs), recorded as *Tunewallclif* in the 13th century. See also **Thundercliffe**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Tunwaleclif, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Thunwalclif, 1397 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Richard Tonwallclyf, 1416 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thurstonland, WR

Yorks); Robin of Tonalclyf, 1455 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); John Tonyclyff, 1545 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Honley, WR Yorks); Ales Duniclifte, 1568, Elinor Dunicliffe, 1572 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Tonyclyff, 1584 in *IGI* (Snelston, Derbys); Thomas Tonicliffe, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Anne Tunncliffe, 1595 in *IGI* (Cubley, Derbys); William Tunnecliffe, 1610 in *IGI* (Bradley, Derbys).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 60; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Tunningley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, perhaps from Dunningley in East and West Ardsley (WR Yorks), as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. The place-name is recorded as *Dunynglawe* in 1581 and *Duningley* in 1616, and probably derives from the Old English personal name *Dun(n)ing* + Old English *hlāw* ‘mound, hill’, but may alternatively derive from the Old English personal name *Dun(n)* + the connective particle *-ing-* + *hlāw*.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Doniglawe, 1298 in *York Registry Wills* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Donynglawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardsley, WR Yorks); John Dunynglaw, 1452 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (West Retford, Notts); John Tunningley, 1712 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); John Tunningley, 1723 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks); Samuel Tuninlay, 1725 in *Parish Registers* (Wragby, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 175; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Tunnock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham; Wigtowns

Scottish: see **Tannock**.

### Tunny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham
- Irish, English: see **Tunney**.

### Tunnycliff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Tunncliffe**.

### Tunsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) locative name from Townslow in Pyrford (Surrey), which is recorded as *Toundesle* in 1303. (ii) perhaps a late variant of **Tinsley**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Tundesle, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Adam de Tundesle, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Godley hundred, Surrey); [ . . . ] Tondesle, 1332 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Thomas Tunsley, 1807 in *IGI* (Herne, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 132–3.

## Tunstall

### Tunstall

Variants: **Dunstall**, **Tunstill**, **Tunstell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2467, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Staffs; WR Yorks; Cumb and Durham

English: locative name from various places named with Old English *\*tūn-stall* 'site of a farm, farmstead', notably Tunstall (Lancs) and one or more of the Staffs places (Tunstall near Stoke on Trent, Tunstall near Adbaston, and Dunstall), but possibly also Tunstall (Durham, Kent, Norfolk, Shrops, Suffolk, ER Yorks, and NR Yorks) and Dunstall (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Reginald de Tunstal, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Dunstall, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas de Tunstall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo Tunstall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shangton, Leics); Willelmus de Tonstall, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstall, Shrops); Willelmus de Tunstal, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Robert Tunstall, 1419 in *PROB 11* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Agatha Dunstall, 1464 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); John Tunstall, 1550 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Margaret Tunstall, 1562 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Edwardus Tunstall, 1565 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Anthoni Tunstall, 1569 in *IGI* (Houghton le Skerne, Durham); Moses Tunstall, 1740 in *IGI* (Dearham, Cumb).

### Tunstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; also Carlow
- English: locative name, principally from Tunstead (Norfolk), but occasionally also from Tunstead (Derbys, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Augustine de Tunsted, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Johannes de Tunsted, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tunstead, Norfolk); John Tunsted, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Robert Tunsted or Tunstead, 1621 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Thoma Tunstead, 1664 in *IGI* (Coltishall, Norfolk).

### Tunstell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey and Essex
- English: see **Tunstall**.

### Tunstill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tunstall**.

### Tuohey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

### Tuohy

- Variants: **Toohy**, **Touhey**, **Touhy**, **Tuohey**, **Tuhy**, **Towey**, **Twohy**, **Twohig**, **Toye**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 590, Ireland 1298

- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Munster: esp. Tipperary; Mayo and Galway

Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh 'descendant of *Tuathach*', a byname meaning 'chief, lord' (i.e. ruler over a *tuath* 'tribe or territory').

**Early bearers:** John O Towhygg, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2249 (Granshigg, Cork); Conogher O Thuoty, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4695 (Cnockannemin, Tipperary or Limerick); Moleyn O Twohy, 1587 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5056 (Grainsaghe, Cork); Shane O Toohicke, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5558 (Shanafoyle); Dermot mcTeige ny Towhy, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6446 (Pallace, Limerick).

### Tupholme

Variants: **Topham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Tupholme (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** John de Tupholme, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Tupholme, 1545 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs); Johnes. Tupham, 1549 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Gregory Tupham, 1562, Elizabeth Tupholme, 1565, Wills. Tupholme or Tupham, 1566, Georgius Tuphome, 1575, Anna Tuppom, 1593 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Tuphame, 1564, Richard Topam, 1567, James Tuppham, 1572, Margaret Topeham, 1592, Dorothy Toppham, 1594 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Robert Tupham, 1567, Thomas Tupholme, 1571, Thomas Toppam, 1589 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs).

### Tuplin

Variants: **Tupling**, **Toplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

1 English: nickname, identical with **Toplin**, from Old French *tut plein* 'all plain, completely'.

**Early bearers:** William Tuppelyne, 1298 in *Bishop Sutton's Register* (Kyme, Lincs); Joan Tuppeleyne, Emma Tuppelyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Kyme, Lincs); John Tuplin, 1569, Annie Eliza Tupling, 1867 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Jhon Tuplyn, 1592 in *IGI* (Waltham, Lincs); Ellina Tupplin, 1595 in *IGI* (Clee, Lincs).

**References:** Anne Astling, personal communication.

2 Norman, English: relationship name, perhaps a variant of **Turpin**, with *l/r* substitution giving *Tuplin*, and then *Tuplin* by metathesis. Compare Grace Turpin, 1608, Mathew Turpin, 1613, William Tupling, 1673 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs), and Johannes Turpyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs), Yzabella Turpin, 1566, Anne Turpin, 1634, Thomas Tuplin, 1764 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs). A similar change of *Turpin* to *Tuplin* and *Tuplin* in the equivalent French and Flemish surnames is noted in *Debrabandere*, at *Tuplin(ck)*. However, *Turpin* and *Tuplin(g)* could be names of different origin coinciding in the same parishes; see (1).

### Tupling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Notts; ER Yorks

English: see **Tuplin**.

### Tupman

Variants: **Topman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Derbys; Devon

English: occupational name, status name, probably from the surname **Tupp** + Middle English *man*, for a servant of a man with the surname *Tupp*. Compare **Fentiman**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Tupman, 1553–5 in *TNA* (Wickersley, WR Yorks); Rosse Tupman, 1572 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Willmus Tupman, 1577 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Robert Topman, 1699 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Tupp

Variants: **Topp**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *tup(pe)*, *tope*, *top(pe)* 'ram, male sheep' (compare Anglo-Norman French *tup*, *toup*). The nickname was possibly given to a sexually overactive man or (as in modern dialect) to a stupid person. Compare **Topp**. (ii) nickname, alternatively from Middle English *top(e)* 'hair on the top of the head, forelock' (Anglo-Norman French *toup*, *tupe*). See **Topp**. (iii) relationship name; in N and E England alternatively perhaps a variant of **Toop** (2); compare **Topp**.

**Early bearers:** Martin Tuppe, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); William Tuppe, 1329 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robertus Tuppe, 1377, Robertus Tup, 1379, in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Tupp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Edward Tupp, 1589 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants).

### Tuppen

Variants: **Tuppin**, **Tapping**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: nickname, possibly from an unrecorded diminutive of Middle English *top*, Anglo-Norman French *toup*, *tupe*, *tup* 'forelock, tuft of hair on the top of the head', formed with the suffix *-in*. Compare **Tupp**, **Topping**, **Topper**, and **Tupper**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Topyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Grinstead, Sussex); William Topyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Uley, Gloucs); Nicholas Topyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cam, Gloucs); Adam Toppyn, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); George Tuppine, 1542 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); James Tuppen, 1561, Richard Tupen, 1640 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Annis Tuppen, 1574 in *IGI* (Rottingdean, Sussex); John Tuppen, 1590 in *IGI* (Newhaven, Sussex); Joane Tuppen, 1607 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Margaret Tuppyn, 1610 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex).

### Tuppeney

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Tuppeney**.

### Tuppeney

- Variants: **Tuppeny**, **Tuppenny**, **Tuppeney**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18



• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Sussex and Kent  
English: nickname from Middle English *two* ‘two’ + *pen(i)s* ‘pennies, pence’, perhaps for a rent paid.  
Compare Alice Fouerpenys, 1285 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk) ‘four pence’; John Fivepeni, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon) ‘five pence’; Jacobus Twelpans, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newhaven with Piddinghoe, Sussex) ‘twelve pence’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Twopenes, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Twapenis, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Roger Twapens of Boynton othe Walde, 1362 in *Patent Rolls* (Boynton, ER Yorks); John Tweypanes, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Chichester, Sussex); Robertus Twapens, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beswick, ER Yorks); Johannes Twapens, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Abraham Twopenny, 1637 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Mary Twopenny, 1676 in *IGI* (Eastchurch, Kent); John Twopenny, 1680, Mary Twopeny, 1683, Thomas Tuppny, 1696, Judith Tupenny, 1727 in *IGI* (Boxley, Kent); Thomas Tuppenny, 1687 in *IGI* (Warden, Kent); Katharine Tuppenny, 1689 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent).

### Tuppenny

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent  
English: see **Tuppenney**.

### Tuppeny

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 31  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Sussex and Kent  
English: see **Tuppenney**.

### Tupper

• **Current frequencies:** GB 654, Ireland 2  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 535  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent  
1 English: (i) occupational name, variant of **Topper**, whose etymological base (Old English *topp*) may have been reinforced by Old French *top*, *tupe*, *toup* ‘top’, also ‘tuft of hair, topknot, forelock’. McKinley (*Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 273–4) observes that *le Topere* and *le Tuper* both occur in 1321 in Preston (Sussex). (ii) occupational name, possibly a derivative of Middle English *tup(pe)* ‘ram’, though it is unclear what the sense might be. Reaney suggests that a *tupper* might have denoted a workman who used a battering ram to beat down earth, but this is little more than conjecture.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tupper, 1314 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Edith Tupper, 1560 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Robert Tupper, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Chichester, Sussex); Elizabeth Tuper, 1663 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

2 English: occupational name; the modern surname could theoretically derive from a late form of *tup-herd* ‘shepherd’ (based on Middle English *tup(pe)* ‘ram’), as in the case of Robert Tophird, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Tuphird, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beamsley, WR Yorks). However, there is no evidence for this in the counties where the modern surname is mostly found.

### Tuppin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 41  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey  
English: see **Tuppen**.

### Turan

• **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1  
Iranian, Turkish: ethnic name denoting someone from Turan, a region of central Asia, said to have been named after Tūr, son of Faridun, a legendary king of Persia, who ruled around 750 BC.

### Turay

• **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Mandinka: from a surname *Tuure* of uncertain origin and meaning (compare Mandinka *tuuraa* ‘bull’), widespread in West Africa (e.g. Sierra Leone, Mali, Guinea, Ivory Coast) in a range of spellings, notably the French-influenced *Touré*. In Sierra Leone, a ruling house of the Gbanti Kamaranka traditional chiefdom.  
**References:** Peace Corps, *Mandinka-English Dictionary* (1995), <http://www.africanculture.dk/gambia/ftp/mandinka.pdf>, p. 102.

### Turbard

• **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 15  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex  
Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

### Turbefield

• **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 57  
• **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Gloucs; Staffs  
Norman, English: see **Turberville**.

### Turberfield

• **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 57  
• **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs  
Norman, English: see **Turberville**.

### Turbervill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 10  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Glamorgan  
Norman, English: see **Turberville**.

### Turberville

**Variants:** **Turbervill, Tuberville, Turberfield, Turbefield, Turbeyfield, Turbill, Turvill**  
• **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 3  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 172  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Gloucs and Monmouths  
Norman, English: locative name from Thouberville (Eure).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tuberilli, 1115 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Robert de Turbertualla, 1121 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Herefs); Hugo de Turbevilla, 1123 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Herefs); William de Truble villa, about 1125–30 in *Stenton, Feudalism*; William de Turbertuilla, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Maud de Turbevill, 1269, Maud de Trubleuille, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Payn de Turbeville, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Glamorgan); Richard Torbeville, 1344 in *Patent Rolls*; Richard Turburvill, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Turberuelde, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Richard Turbervylde or Turbervyle, 1546 in *PROB 11*;

Robert Turbarfeld, 1559 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Turbarvill or Tubarville, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Woolbridge, Dorset); William Turbevill alias Turbill, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Edmund Turbevile alias Turvile, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).  
**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 391.

### Turbet

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Midlothian and Lanarks  
Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

### Turbett

• **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 39  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 13  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Selkirks; Warwicks  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Dublin; Leitrim; Antrim  
Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

### Turbeyfield

• **GB frequency 1881:** 16  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks  
Norman, English: see **Turberville**.

### Turbill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 48  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Worcs; NR Yorks and WR Yorks

Norman, English: (i) reduced form of **Turberville**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *turble*, *turbil* ‘troubled, disturbed; stormy’ (Old French *torble*, *turble*).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Turbill, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stambourne, Essex); John Turbylle, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Newhall, Derbys); Thomas Turbill, 1539 in *Muster Rolls* (Little Hereford, Herefs); John Turbylle, 1539, John Torbyll, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Hatfield, Herefs); John Turbill, 1558 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Anne Turbill, 1572 in *IGI* (Stoke Bliss, Herefs); Thomas Turbile, 1575 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); James Turbill or Turbyll, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Llantwit, Glamorgan); Anne Turbill, 1597, Fraunces Turbell, 1600, John Turble, 1601 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

### Turbin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 24  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Essex; Durham; Lincs  
English: see **Thorburn**.

### Turbitt

• **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 82  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 52  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Oxon  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Tyrone  
Norman, English, Irish: see **Torbet**.

### Turbott

• **GB frequency 1881:** 19  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; Middx  
Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

## Turbutt

### Turbutt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Torbet**.

### Turcotte

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- French: ethnic name, nickname from a diminutive of *turc* 'Turk', which may be an ethnic name but is also found as a nickname for someone who had travelled to the eastern Mediterranean on a Crusade. Compare **Turk**.

### Turfery

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Tolfree**.

### Turford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 226, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 91
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Roger Turford, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Richards Castle, Shrops); John Turford, 1542 in *Muster Rolls* (Brimfield, Herefs); Johannes Turford, 1563 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); John Turfat, 1581 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Henrici Turfott, 1585 in *IGI* (Pembroke, Herefs); Thomas Turford, 1593 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Turfoote, 1619 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); William Turfoot, 1692 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs).

### Turfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx; also Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Tolfree**.

### Turgis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Middx
- English: see **Turgoose**.

### Turgoose

- Variants: **Turgis**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 271, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Notts
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Turgis* (Old Scandinavian *Porgils*, *Thorgisl*). Compare **Sturgess**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Turgis, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Thurgis filius Owani, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Turgisius de Stokes Aubeny, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*.
- surnames: Hugo filius Turgisi, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Shrops); Henry Turgis, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Adam Thurgis, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); William Turgeis, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Turgyis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Up Waltham and Eartham, Sussex); Thomas Turgeys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Turgis, 1381 in *Poll Tax*

(Foxton, Leics); William Turges, 1432 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Turgos, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Turgos, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alys Turges, 1553 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Erwin Turgis, 1568 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); William Turgoose, 1572 in *IGI* (Upton, Lincs); Edw Turgoose, 1592 in *IGI* (Toft next Newton, Lincs).

### Turk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1074, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 748
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; Gloucs and Wilts
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Armagh, and Tyrone
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Turk*, a pet form of *Turkill* (see **Thirkill**). Some early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Turch, Turcus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Turche, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Turkus fugitivus, 1172 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex).  
surnames: Ricardus filius Turke, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus filius Turk', 1205 in *Charter Rolls* (Kent); Robert Turk, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Henricus Turk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Martinshorpe, Rutland); Nicholaus Turk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lamarsh, Essex); Joan Turke, 1492 in *PROB 11* (Mereworth, Kent); Richard Turke, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Swanscombe, Kent); John Turk, 1571 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Elizabeth Turk, 1596 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *turk* 'Turk' (Old French *turc*), used in the Middle Ages in England to denote someone with black hair and a swarthy complexion.

**Early bearers:** Eadwin Turcus (le Turch, Tercus), about 1140 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; William Turc, 1193, le Turc, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs).

3 Scottish: from a reduced form of **Mac Tuirc**, see **McTurk**.

4 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): ethnic name, nickname from Middle High and Low German *Turc* 'Turk', with the same sense as (2).

**Early bearers:** Adolf Turk, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Isaac Turk, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Joseph Turk, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Cheetham, Lancs).

### Turkentine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Torkington**.

### Turketine

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Torkington**.

### Turkington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 627
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lanarks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

1 Irish, English: see **Torkington**.

**Further information:** In this spelling, the name has been established in northern Ireland (Armagh) since the 17th century.

2 Irish: in Ireland, this name has also been adopted for the Scottish Gaelic name **Mac Tuirc**, see **McTurk**.

### Turl

Variants: **Turle**, **Tourle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Hants; London

English: variant of **Tyrrell**.

**Early bearers:** Simon' Turle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edward Tourle, 1540 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Johan Torle, 1548 in *IGI* (Chalvington, Sussex); John Turle, 1564 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Richard Turle, 1566, William Tourle, 1573 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Wyllyam Tourle, 1573 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex); Wiatt Turl, 1611 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex); John Turle, 1627 in *IGI* (Bridgwater, Somerset); Edward Torle, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Lyme Regis, Dorset); George Turle, 1640 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon); John Turl, 1667 in *IGI* (Buxton, Norfolk); Will Turl, 1683 in *IGI* (Shawell, Leics).

### Turland

Variants: **Thurland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Leics and Warwicks

English: locative name from Thurland in Tunstall or Thursland in Cockerham (both Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William Thorlande, 1445 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Thurland, mayor of Nottingham, 1449 in *TNA* (Notts); William Thurland', 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Thurlond, 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Thurlond, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Wyllyam Turland, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old, Northants); Edward Thurlande, 1568 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hants); William Thurland, 1584 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Thurland, 1589 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Richard Thurlande, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Kings Sutton, Northants); Maria Turland, 1661 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Thomas Turland, 1676 in *IGI* (Leighton Bromswold, Hants); John Thurland, 1734 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 170, 183.

### Turle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Middx; also Hants

English: see **Turl**.

### Turley

Variants: **Turly**, **Torley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3084, Ireland 830
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1611
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs and Gloucs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 Irish: from **Mac Toirdhealbhagh** 'son of *Toirdhealbhach*', a personal name based on an Irish form of the the Old Scandinavian name *þórr* 'Thunder' + the Gaelic word *dealbhach* 'like, in the

shape of. Compare **McCurley**, which is from the lenited form of the same name.

**Early bearers:** Brian Mac Toirrdhelbaigh, 1236 in *AU*; Concobur Buidhe Mac Toirrdhelbaigh, 1237 in *AU*; Tadhg Mac Toirrdhelbaigh, 1275 in *AU*; Aedh Mac Toirrdhelbaigh, 1353 in *AU*; Fergynanym McTerrely, kern, 1549 in *Fiants Edward* §313 (Ballylongorta, Carlow); Hugh alias Eff ballagh McTerrellagh, 1562 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2680 (Dengen in the Moroes); Moroghe ballaghe McTurraghe, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3473 (Knights Cowrte, Limerick); Patr. McTerrelly, horseman, 1581 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3829 (Emper, Westmeath); Shane moyle McTurlogh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3954 (Ballenecloughy, Offaly); Donogh mcSheron McTerrelagh, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4504 (Carlow); Donogh McTorrilogh, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4685; Morertagh McTerrelagh, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4743 (Kerry); Gillernow McTirlay, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6108 (Lihiry, Longford); Kellagh McTerrelagh, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6521.

2 English: see **Thurlow**.

3 English: see **Trillo**.

### Turlington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; also Cumb

English: locative name from Tur Langton (Leics), recorded as *Tirlingeton* in 1206.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tyrllington, 1265 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Tirlyngton, 1364 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); Johannes de Tirlington', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dalby, Leics); Hugo de Tyrlygton', 1377, Hugone de Tirlyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burrough on the Hill, Leics); Johanne de Terllington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); Willelmo Tyrlyngton', 1379, Willelmo Tirlyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Cicelye Turlington, 1564 in *IGI* (Gunby near Grantham, Lincs); Alice Turlington, 1586 in *IGI* (Birstall, Leics); Beatrice Tirlington, 1599 in *IGI* (Heckington, Lincs).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

### Turly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland

Irish, English: see **Turley**.

### Turnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Turnidge**.

### Turnam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Turnham**.

### Turnball

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Lanarks; London
- English: see **Turnbull**.

### Turnbell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Turnbull**.

### Turnbill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Turnbull**.

### Turnbul

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NE England; also Cumb; Roxburghs
- English, Scottish: see **Turnbull**.

### Turnbull

**Variants:** Turnbul, Turnball, Turnbell, Turnbill, Trumble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15527, Ireland 158
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12514
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Roxburghs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English, Scottish: nickname, occupational name for one who herds bulls, from Middle English *turnebole*, a compound of Middle English *t(o)urnen* 'turn, direct, steer' + *bul(l)e* 'bull'. It is on record as a name for a type of dog used in herding bulls (1456 in *MED*), while a horse called *Turnebull* was bequeathed by a Yorkshireman Thomas de la Mare in his will dated 1358 (*Yorks Wills*, quoted in *Ewen, History*, p. 226). Presumably the same name was used of bull-herds. Compare **Bulman** and **Bullard**.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon Turnebul, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John Turnbull, 1377–80 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Durham); Thomas Tornebole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Nicholaus Tornebull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardus Turnebull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Womersley, WR Yorks); Johannes Turnbull', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Martons Both, WR Yorks); Wyllmo Turnbull, 1560 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Joan Turnbull, 1562, Thomas Turnball, 1721 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs); Willm. Turnbull, 1591, Ann Turnbell, 1796 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Samuell Turnbull, 1663 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Martin Turnball, 1653 in *IGI* (Farnham, WR Yorks); John Turnball, 1661, Jonathan Turnbell, 1788 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Turnbull, 1667 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Robt. Turnbull, 1701 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

Scotland: Willelmus dictus Turnebule, 1314 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Walter Tornebole, about 1354 in *Duke of Roxburghe Manuscripts*; Thomas Tornebule, 1398, William Turnbul, 1433 in *Scotland Calendar*; Margarit Turnbull, 1557 in *IGI* (Errol, Perths); Beatrix Turnbull, 1577, Janet Turnbell, 1693 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Turnbull, 1611 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Issobell Turnbull, 1620 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Alexander Turnbill, 1639, Jonet Turnbull, 1702 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Turnball, 1645 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Grizall Turnball, 1656 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); John Turnball, 1659 in *IGI* (Cambuslang, Lanarks); William Turnball, 1671 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Nicolas Turnball, 1683 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Isobell Turnball, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).

2 Scottish: in the Scottish borderlands the name was either confused with or derived from **Trumble**.

Compare David and George Trumbull or Turnbull, 1495 in *History of Liddesdale*; Issobell Turnbull, 1620, Walter Trumbull, 1645 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs). This also occurred in Fife, where both names had a presence: Beatrix Turnbull, 1577, George Trumbull, 1581, Henry Trumble, 1585 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Turnedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Essex
- English: see **Turnidge**.

### Turnel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Turnell**.

### Turnell

**Variants:** Turnel, Turnill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; WR Yorks; also Lincs

English: (i) see **Thornhill**. (ii) locative name, nickname, perhaps occasionally from Old French *tornele* 'small tower', for someone who lived in a small tower, or perhaps applied as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** Wyther cognomento Turnel, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William Turnel, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Hugo Turnell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tadcaster, WR Yorks); Richard Turnill, 1559, Thomas Turnell, 1602 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Thomas Turnell, 1602 in *IGI* (East Markham, Notts); Zachariah Turnel, 1683 in *IGI* (Deeping Saint James, Lincs); Joseph Turnall, 1697 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Thomas Turnhill, 1697, Sarah Turnill, 1711 in *IGI* (Eakring, Notts).

### Turner

**Variants:** Turnor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103308, Ireland 1995
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82645
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, Armagh, and Down; Dublin

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *t(o)urnour*, *turner* 'turner' (Old French *to(u)rn(e)our*), primarily for someone who fashioned small objects of wood, metal, or bone on a lathe, but also for a variety of other occupations, including turnspit and translator or interpreter. (ii) occupational name, perhaps also from Middle English *t(o)urn(e)our* 'joustier, one who takes part in a tournament' (Old French *tornoieor*, *tournoieur*).

**Further information:** This name may have become confused with **Toner** (2) and **Turnough**.

**Early bearers:** England: Warner le Turnur, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Ralph le tornur, tornator, le turner, 1191–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Robert Tornor, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Johannes Turner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Peterborough, Northants); Willelmus Torner, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scawton, NR Yorks); Johannes Tornour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Luffenham, Rutland); Agnes Turnur, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Thomas Turnour, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Stowford, Devon); Adam le Turnour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Samlesbury, Lancs); Margeria le Tornor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Johannes Turnor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes Tornur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlpost, Sussex); Willelmo Tourner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Studley, Wilts); Johanne Tournour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Catherina Turner, 1538 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Nicholas Turner, 1538 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Nicolaus Turner, 1538 in *IGI* (Bayford, Herts); Petrus Turner, 1538 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); John Turner, 1539 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks).

Scotland: Thomas dictus Turnour, 1382 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Turnoure, 1426 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); Bartholomew Turnor, 1554 in *Dysart Records* (Dysart, Fife).

2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *turn-hare*, a compound of Middle English *tournen* ‘to turn, direct, steer’ + *hare* ‘hare’, a name for someone in charge of the greyhounds in hare coursing or an exaggerated compliment for someone who could run fast. If the name became hereditary it will have been absorbed into the name in (i). Compare the similarly formed nickname of Alicia Turnebuk (‘turn buck’, i.e. a male deer), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marr, WR Yorks), perhaps originally her husband’s name. See also **Turnbull**.

**Early bearers:** Bernard Turnehare, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Rob. Turnehare, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (NR Yorks); Richard Turnehare, 1323 in *London Coroners Rolls*.

3 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): (i) locative name from a place called Turno or Turna, in Poland and Belarus, or from the city of Tarnów (Yiddish *Turne*) in Poland. (ii) translated or anglicized form of any of various other like-meaning or like-sounding Jewish surnames.

**Early bearers:** Benjamin Turner, money lender, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Lewis Turner, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Israel Turner, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Wrexham, Denbighs); Marks Turner, greengrocer, born in Lodz, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Turney

**Variants:** **Tourney, Tournay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 883
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Beds, Bucks, and Herts; also Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down Norman, English: (i) locative name from Tournai-sur-Dive (Orne), Tournay-sur-Odon (Calvados), or Tourny (Eure). (ii) locative name, occasionally from Tournai in Hainaut (Belgium). (iii) occupational name, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *tournei*, *turnai* ‘lawyer’ (Anglo-Norman French *tourné*). (iv) nickname, perhaps occasionally from Middle English *tournei(en)* ‘(to) joust, take part in a tournament’ (Old French *torneier*). Compare **Turner**.

**Further information:** The 1086 bearer came from Tournay (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Goisfridus Tornai, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Thomas de Turnay, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Margery de Tornay, 1244 in *Patent Rolls*; John Turnay of Lescluse [Sluis, Netherlands], merchant of Flanders, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk);

Ricardus Turnay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haldenby, WR Yorks); Johannes Tornay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kent); Johannes Torneye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Johannes Turnay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Turnay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mildenhall, Suffolk); Johannes Tourny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, Berks); William Turney, 1467 in *PROB 11* (Staines, Middx); Walter Turney, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); Thomas Turney, 1566 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Elyzabeth Tourny, 1583 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Alice Tournay, 1631 in *IGI* (Saltwood, Kent).

## Turnham

**Variants:** **Turnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx

English: locative name, primarily from Turnham Green in Chiswick (Middx), but occasionally also from Turnham Hall in Cliffe (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Turnham, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Middx); Stephen de Turneham, 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Simon de Tournham, 1322 in *Coroners’ Rolls* (London); Simon de Tornham, citizen of London, 1340 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes de Turneham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Audlin, WR Yorks); John Turnam, 1602, John Turnham, 1604 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Turnam, 1607 in *IGI* (Hoggeston, Bucks); Joseph Turnham, 1702 in *IGI* (Swanbourne, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 90; *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 259–60.

## Turnidge

**Variants:** **Turnnidge, Turnedge, Turnage**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: nickname from Middle English *turn(en)* ‘to swing (a door, gate) open or closed’ (Old English *turnian*, Old French *torner*) + *hacche* ‘small door, gate’ (Old English *hæcc* ‘hatch, grating’), perhaps a nickname for a doorman or gatekeeper.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Turnehache, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Hanningfield, Essex); Robert Turnish, 1562 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Willm. Turnishe, 1574 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); Mary Turnidge, 1654 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); James Turnedge, 1662 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Sarah Turnige, 1689 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

## Turnill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; also Northants
- English: see **Turnell**.

## Turnnidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Turnidge**.

## Turnock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 742, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 440
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Cheshire
- English: locative name from Turnock in Siddington (Cheshire), recorded as *Turnoc* about 1260.

**Early bearers:** Margrett Turnocke, 1555 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Jacobus Turnick, 1614 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Thomas Turnock, 1614 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Joseph Turnock, 1699 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Michael Turnack, 1771 in *IGI* (Rushton Spencer, Staffs); Ellin Turnoch, 1776 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, p. 85.

## Turnor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Lincs; Staffs
- English: see **Turner**.

## Turnough

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Turnough (also known as Turnagh or Turner) near Milnrow (Lancs). This name may have become confused with **Turner**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Turnhagh, 1274 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); [ . . . ] de Turnagh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Robart Turnough, 1577, Joane Turnoughe, 1583 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Arthuri Turnaugh, 1632, John Tornough, 1704 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 56.

## Turnpenney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Turnpenny**.

## Turnpenny

**Variants:** **Turnpenney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 182
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Middx; Warwick

English: nickname from Middle English *turn(en)* ‘(to) turn’ + *peni* ‘penny’, from the phrase ‘to turn a penny’, denoting a person intent on making a profit. There may have been some confusion with **Timpany** and its variants.

**Early bearers:** Ralf Turnepenny, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); John Tornepenny, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Turnepenny, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holcombe, Oxon); Adam Turnepany, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk); Alexander Turmpenny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whaplode, Lincs); Richard Turnepenny, 1585 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Abraham Turnepenie, 1589 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

## Turns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish, English: probably a variant of **Torrance**.

**Early bearers:** George Turrens, 1738, John Turns, 1794 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

## Turp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Durham
- English: see **Thorpe**.

**Turpie**

Variants: **Turpy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland: esp. Fife
- Scottish: relationship name from a pet form of the Old French and Middle English personal name **Turpin**.

**Early bearers:** James Turpie, 1593 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Ballomyne, Fife); Thomas Turpie, 1603 in *IGI* (Kinghorn, Fife); John Turpy, 1607, William Turpie, 1610 in *Retours, Scotland* (Fife); Margaret Turpay, 1664 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); James Turpi, 1667 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Alexander Turpy, 1676 in *IGI* (Scoonie, Fife); Elspeth Turpee, 1671 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**Turpin**

Variants: **Tuplin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1975, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; WR Yorks; London and Essex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Turpin*. See also **Turpie**. In France the personal name and its derived surname are specific to Picardy and Normandy. This led Reaney to argue persuasively that its source is a native Norman name (from Old Scandinavian *Þorfinnr*) rather than Old French *Turpin* (Latin *Turpinus*), to which French scholars assign the Picard and Norman name. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that early charters in the family papers of the Ingilbys of Ripley (WR Yorks) record Thomas son of Torphin (1170) becoming Thomas Turpin (1200), after which the name *Turpin* was hereditary: Henry Turpyn (1302, Ripley), William Turpyn (1414, Killinghall, WR Yorks). The same change can be inferred from Thorfyn (a landholder), 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Austwick, WR Yorks), and Willelmus Turpyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks). *Þorfinnr* was also independently current in England before and after the Conquest and is probably the source of **Turvin**. **Further information:** Latin *Turpinus* is a diminutive of *Turpius*, based on Latin *turpis* 'ugly, base'. This was one of the self-abasing names adopted as a mark of humility by the early Christians. French scholars attribute its later revival in Normandy to the fame of Turpin, the 8th-century archbishop of Rheims, who appears in the Charlemagne legend.

**Early bearers:** given names: Turpin, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Turpinus, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Thorpinus filius Simonis, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon). surnames: William Turpin, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Richard Turpin, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Thurpin, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Simon Turpyn, Tropyn, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Agnes Turpyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Langford, Essex); Geoffrey, Guy, Robert, and Stephen Turpyn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harberton, Devon); Johannes Turpyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coniston Cold, WR Yorks); Simon Torpyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Helhoughton, Norfolk); Thomas Turpyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Thomas Turpyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Killinghall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Turpyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heybridge, Essex); Johannes Turpyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Willelmus Torpyng, 1381 in

*Poll Tax* (Wellingborough, Northants); Jenet Turpin, 1539 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Turpin, 1541 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Ane Turpin, 1561 in *IGI* (Ewerby, Lincs); Alse Turpin, 1569 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Petri Turpin, 1584 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Susan Turpin, 1585 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Marye Turpin, 1589 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Wm Turpin, 1712 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex). **References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire, Michaëlsson, Noms de Personne* 1, pp. 106–8.

**Turpitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Glamorgan; Devon
- English: see **Tippett**.

**Turpy**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Fife
- Scottish: see **Turpie**.

**Turrall**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Turrell**.

**Turrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Turrell**.

**Turrell**

Variants: **Turrill, Turrall, Turrall, Torrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1806, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 901
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia
- 1 English: relationship name from Middle English *T(h)urild* (Old Scandinavian *Þórhildr*, *Thorild*, the latter a rare woman's name). This name may have become confused with **Tyrrell** and **Torrell**. Compare Joseph Tyrell, 1703 in *IGI* (Brisley, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** given names: Durilda, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Thurildam, 1225 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Brisley, Norfolk).

surnames: Claricia Þourild, Walter Purild, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Torild, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Turrell, 1562 in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex); William Turrell, 1563 in *IGI* (Reed, Herts); Zethe Turrell, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Katherine Turrell, 1581 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Myles Turrell, 1583 in *IGI* (Happisbury, Norfolk).

2 English: often perhaps a variant of **Thorold**, but some of the examples below may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Turrill, 1575 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Ann Turrill, 1585 in *IGI* (West Stoke, Sussex); Richard Turrell, 1599 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Antho. Turrill, 1609 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Turrill, 1625, George Turrell, 1644 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Alice Turrill, 1671 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Thomas Turrall, 1682, Thomas Turrall, 1689 in *IGI* (Church Lawford, Warwicks); Catherin Turrill, 1701 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

**Turriff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: locative name from Turriff (Aberdeens). **Early bearers:** David Turreff, 1682 in *Old Aberdeen Records* (Aberdeens); James Turreffs, 1804 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Turrill**

Variants: **Thurrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Turrell**.

**Turtill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Turtle**.

**Turtle**

Variants: **Turtill, Tuttle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 572, Ireland 234
- **GB frequency 1881:** 579
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: variant of **Thirkell** with late dissimilation of *kl* to *tl*.

**Early bearers:** John Turtle, 1706 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *turtel*, *turtle* 'turtle dove' (Old English *turtel*, *turtla*). (ii) nickname, sometimes possibly from Old French *tourtel*, a diminutive of *tour* 'crooked', for a disabled or deformed person.

**Early bearers:** Robert Turtell', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Walter Turtel, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); Henry Turtle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Susanna Turtle, 1566 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Turtle, 1610 in *IGI* (Histon, Cambs); Roger Turtle, 1613 in *IGI* (Sapperton, Gloucs); Margaret Turtle, 1614 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds); William Turtle, 1616 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent).

**Turton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4867, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3355
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also N Midlands

English: locative name from Turton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Turton, 1278 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John de Turton, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Turton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Johanne de Turton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Lancs); Ricardo de Turton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Livesey, Lancs); Johannes de Turton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Johannes de Turton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); William Turton, 1416 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ingbirchworth, WR Yorks); William Turton, 1478 in *Yorks Wills*; Hugh Turton, 1540 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Margery Turton, 1540 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Charls Turton, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Turton, 1569 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Turvell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27

## Turver

- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Surrey; Lancs Norman, English: see **Turvill**.

### Turver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
- English: possibly a variant of **Tolfree**.  
**Early bearers:** James Turver, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Hunston, Sussex); Katherine Turver, 1578 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Richard Turver, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Jane Turver, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York).

### Turvey

Variants: **Turvy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1946, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Beds, and Bucks; W Midlands; also Norfolk

English: locative name from Turvey (Beds).

**Further information:** This name may have become confused with **Turvill**.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Torfeia, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); John de Torveye, de Turveye, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Edmund de Turuey, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Turuey, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Agatha Turvay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenham, Norfolk); Willelmus Turvey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Leics); John Turvey, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); John Turvey, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rychard Turvy, 1608 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks).

### Turvil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman, English: see **Turvill**.

### Turvill

Variants: **Turville**, **Turvil**, **Turvell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants

1 Norman, English: locative name from Turville-la-Campagne (Eure).

**Further information:** The surname is not connected with Turville (Bucks), since the original *-feld* in this name was not replaced by *-ville* until the 19th century. This name may have become confused with **Turvey**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Tureuilla, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Maurice de Turuill', 1206 in *Pleas* (Hants); Robert de Turevill', 1280 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); John Turuyll, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwick); Robertus Turvell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Warwick); Radulpho Turvile, Hugone Turvyle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); Mary Turvyll, 1552 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Thomas Turvill, 1563, Frances Turvell, 1616 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); William Turvell, 1577, George Turvill, 1579, Grace Turville, 1644 in *IGI* (Aston Flamville, Leics); Rycharde Turfyldre, 1581 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

2 Norman, English: occasionally a reduced form of **Turberville**.

### Turville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; also Leics
- Norman, English: see **Turvill**.

### Turvin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Thorfin* (Old Scandinavian *Þorfinnr*). Some of the following names may alternatively be early examples of Norman **Turpin**, which has an identical etymology.

**Early bearers:** given names: Torfin, Turfin (tenant in 1066), 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Yorks); Turfinus filius Torfini, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Torphinus, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), about 1227 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Turfin, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Thorfyn, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Austwick, WR Yorks). surnames: Gaufridus filius Thorphini, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Arnald son of Torfin, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Willelmo Thorphyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Riccail (Saint Cuthbert), ER Yorks); Robert Turvin, 1603 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Ellin Torvin, 1790 in *IGI* (Newton Heath, Lancs).

**References:** *Fellows Jensen, Scand. Personal Names*, at Þorfinnr.

### Turvy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwick; London

English: see **Turvey**.

### Tushingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Tushingham (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Tussinhgham, 1260 in *Place-Names of Cheshire*; Thomas de Tussingham, 1301, John son of Hugh de Tussingcham, 1316, Kenewreyck son of John de Tussingtham, 1334 in *Cheshire Record Office* (Tushingham, Cheshire); Jana Tussingam, 1614 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); George Tushingham, 1634 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 4, p. 47.

### Tuson

Variants: **Tewson**, **Dewson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 666, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 358
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name, 'son of *Tewe*', perhaps a Middle English survival of Old English \**Tiwa*, a short form of names like *Tēowald* and *Tēowulf*.

**Early bearers:** NW England: Simon son of Tywe, 1324–5 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lathom, Lancs); Simon Tuesone of Snape, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Lathom, Lancs); Thomas Tuson, 1606 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); James Tewson, 1676 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs).

E England: John Tewsonne, 1575 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Jo. Dewson, 1587 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Thomas Tewson, 1592, Jayne Tuson, 1594 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Suzan Tewson, 1597, Ben. Dewson, 1696, James Tuson, 1765 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 334.

### Tustain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Tustin**.

### Tustian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Tustin**.

### Tustin

Variants: **Tustain**, **Tustian**, **Tusting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 759, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 504
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwick, and Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Thurstan**.

**Early bearers:** Marg' Tusteyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lark Stoke, Gloucs); Willelmus Tustyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ebrington with Hidcote Boyce, Gloucs); Ricardus Tustyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charingworth, Gloucs); Juliana Tustyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lark Stoke, Gloucs); Richard Tustian, 1592, John Tustin, 1723 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); Egidij Tustian, 1597 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwick); Elioner Tustian, 1611, Leonard Tustin, 1612 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); John Tustian, 1612, Thomas Tustain, 1795, Richard Tustin, 1818 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Tustin, 1632 in *IGI* (Marnham, Notts); John Tustian, 1632 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon); Francis Tustin, 1635, Elizabeth Tusting, 1698 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Thomas Tustian, 1639, Margaret Tustin, 1662 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Edvardi Tustin, 1669 in *IGI* (Wincombe, Gloucs); Edwd Tustain, 1707 in *IGI* (Avon Dasset, Warwick); Ann Tustain, 1758 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Marey Tustin, 1770, Edward Tustain, 1773 in *IGI* (Barford, Oxon).

### Tusting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks; Cambs

English: see **Tustin**.

### Tutchener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Titchener**.

### Tutchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Twitchings**.

### Tute

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Tutt**.

### Tuten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cumb
- English: see **Tutin**.

**Tuthill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare and Limerick; Dublin

English: see **Toothill**.

**Tutill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks: esp. WR Yorks
- English: see **Toothill**.

**Tutin**

**Variants:** **Tuting, Tuten, Tuton, Totten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts, WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Tot(t)ing* or \**Tut(t)ing*, pet forms of Old English *Tot(t)a* or \**Tut(t)a*. (ii) locative name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English word \**toting* 'lookout place', a derivative of Old English *tōtian* 'to peep out, stick out'.

**Further information:** Reaney explains the name as a variant of **Thurstan**, perhaps on the evidence of the personal name Tutan, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs), but the reduction of *-rst-* to *-t-* is unparalleled and *Tutan* may be a scribal error.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Tutying, 1377, Johannes Totyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burghwallis, WR Yorks); Ricardus Totyng, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bellerby, NR Yorks); Thomas Toting', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Ralph Tutying, 1554, Isabel Tuten, 1589 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Johannes Tuting, 1559 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Johis. Tuting, 1572 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Isabell Tutten, 1581 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Nicholas Tutine, 1594, Annas Tutyn, 1597 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Georgus Tutin, 1608 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); William Tuttan, 1610, Henry Tutting, 1711 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Tutin, 1623, Marmaduke Tuton, 1626 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Tewtin, 1602, Mary Tutin, 1626, William Tuetin, 1679, Jane Tuten, 1707, Elizabeth Tuting, 1724 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Jene Tutine, 1627, Thomas Tuetin, 1638 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); John Tuteing, 1641 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Tueton, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); William Tewtin, 1682, William Tutyn, 1697 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Wm. Tuton, 1710, Sarah Tuting, 1734, Ann Toton, 1750 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Hannah Totten, 1755, James Tuton, 1795 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); John Tutting, 1784, Nancy Tuttin, 1790 in *IGI* (Owthorne, ER Yorks).

Scotland: Margaret Tuton, 1683 in *IGI* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Agnes Totten, 1851 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

**References:** *Redin, Studies*, pp. 70, 111.

**Tuting**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Tutin**.

**Tuton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks; Ayr; also Somerset

1 English: see **Tutin**.

2 English: for the name in Somerset see **Tutton**.

**Tutt**

**Variants:** **Tutte, Tute, Tout, Tott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1273, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 841
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also Wilts

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tut(te)* (Old English *Tutta*). Compare **Tott**, **Tutty**. Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Further information:** The Old English personal name is preserved in various place-names, including Tutnall (Worcs) and Tuttington (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Richard Tut, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Isabel Tut, 1263 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Tut, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Simon Tut, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes Tut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Willelmo Tut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wick, Wilts); Johannes Tut, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cawthorne, WR Yorks); John Tutt, 1523 in *PROB 11* (Chilbolton, Hants); John Tutte, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Elizab. Tutte, 1559 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex).

2 English: see **Tout**.

3 English: perhaps also a variant of **Tott**.

**Tutte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Bucks and Beds; Hants

English: see **Tutt**.

**Tuttye**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks
- English: see **Tutty**.

**Tuttie**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Hants

English: see **Tutty**.

**Tuttiert**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from the lost place-name *Tuttierte* in Westonzoyland (Somerset), recorded in 1384.

**Early bearers:** Agn' Totyete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Othery, Somerset); Thomas Tuttiert, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Stoke Saint Gregory, Somerset); William Tuttiert, 1718 in *IGI* (Pitney, Somerset); Henry Tuttiert, 1822 in *IGI* (Somerton, Somerset).

**References:** *Patent Rolls*.

**Tuttle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385

- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; also Berks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Clare
- 1 English: possibly a variant of **Thirkell**.  
2 English: variant of **Toothill**.

**Tuttlebee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from either of two places called Thirkeby (ER Yorks and NR Yorks). For the development of *Tuttle-* from *Thirkel-*, see **Thirkell**. **Early bearers:** Roger de Turkelby, 1241 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger de Thirkeby, 1257 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Alexander Turkeby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thompson, Norfolk); Johannes Turkoby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Canfield, Essex); Agnes Turtleby, 1561 in *IGI* (Pampisford, Cambs); Willm. Turtleby, 1740, Adam Tuttleby, 1749 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

**Tutton**

**Variants:** **Tuton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 574
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; IoW; also Monmouths

English: variant of **Totten**.

**Tutty**

**Variants:** **Tuttye, Tuttie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 260
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, ER Yorks, and WR Yorks; Oxon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Tut(t)i*, a pet form of *Tut(te)*. See **Tutt**.

**Further information:** This English name has been established in Ireland since the mid-17th century and has been wrongly assumed to be an anglicized form of the surname Ó Tuathaigh (see **Tuohy**).

**Early bearers:** England: John Tuttye, 1558 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Joane Tutty, 1559 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Edwarde Tuttie, 1562 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Edmond Tutty, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Elizabeth Tuttie, 1571 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Henry Tuttie, 1572, Barbara Tutty, 1573 in *IGI* (Horsington, Lincs); Margaret Tutty, 1599 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); John Tuttye, 1680 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset). Ireland: Susan Tutty, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Killalish Lower, Wicklow); Martha Tutty, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Arklow, Wicklow); William Tutty, 1854 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Blackditch, Wicklow).

**Tuvey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Tovey**.

**Tuxford**

**Variants:** **Tuxworth, Tuckwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 243

## Tuxworth

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks; Notts

English: locative name from Tuxford (Notts), recorded as *Tukesford* in 1212.

**Early bearers:** John de Tukesford, 1298 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Tuxford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Simone Tuxford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South and North Marefield, Leics); John de Tuxeford, 1398 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); John de Tuxford', 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); John Tuxforth, 1587 in *IGI* (Asterby, Lincs); Anne Tuxford, 1590, Robt Tuxworth, 1592 in *IGI* (Farforth cum Maidenwell, Lincs); Joseph Tuckwood, 1739 in *IGI* (Ab Kettleby cum Holwell, Leics); Elizabeth Tuckwood, 1741 in *IGI* (Willoughby on the Wolds, Notts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 62.

### Tuxworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Tuxford**.

### Twaddel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Twaddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Twaddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Longford
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Twaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Thwaite**.

### Twaites

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks; Norfolk
- English: see **Thwaites**.

### Twaits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Suffolk
- English: see **Thwaites**.

### Twambley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English, Irish: see **Twemlow**.

### Twamley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Leinster: esp. Wicklow

English, Irish: see **Twemlow**.

**Further information:** This form of the surname has been in Ireland (Wicklow) since the 18th century.

**Early bearers:** Robert Twamley, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Mangans, Wicklow); Elias Twamley, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Raheenakit, Wicklow); Bridget Twamley, 1853 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Ballynabarney, Wexford).

### Twatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shetland; also Orkney
- Scottish: locative name from Twatt in Birsay (Orkney) or Twatt in Aithsting (Shetland).
- Early bearers:** John Twatt or Tuait, 1563, Magnus Tuait, 1580 in *Orkney Records*; Thomas Twat, 1648, George Twatt, 1671 in *IGI* (Birsay, Orkney); Nicol Twat, 1756, Elspet Twatt, 1820 in *IGI* (Sandsting and Aithsting, Shetland).
- References:** *Birsay Place-Names*, p. 78.

### Tweats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Thwaites**.

### Tweddall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; also NR Yorks and Durham
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Tweddell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Midlothian; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Tweddell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 245
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Tweddle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Tweddle

**Variants:** **Tweddell, Tweddell, Twedell, Tweddall, Tweedle, Tweedale, Tweeddale, Twiddle, Twidle, Twidell, Twydell, Twidale, Twidal, Twaddle, Twaddel, Twaddell, Tweed**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1444, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1030
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Cumb, and Northumb

English, Scottish: locative name from Tweeddale, the valley of the River Tweed (Peebles, Selkirks, Roxburghs, Northumb). Compare **Tweed**.

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Twedhall', 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John de Twydale, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmus Tweedale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hazon, Northumb); John Twedale, 1429 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Twydayll or Twydall, 1551 in *PROB 11* (Grasby, Lincs); Richus Twidale, 1561 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Tweddell, 1563 in *York Registry Wills* (Nunkeeling, ER Yorks); Nicholas Tweedall, 1583 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Elizabeth Tweddell, 1578, Nycholas Tweddell, 1597 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Sara Tweadell, 1592 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Margrett Tweddle, 1595 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elsie Twaddell, 1622 in *IGI* (Whitfield, Northumb); John Tweedale, 1655 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Edward Twydell, 1735 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds).

Scotland: John de Tweddale, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; John Twedale, 1404 in *Scotland Calendar*; Besse Tuodall, 1566 in *Black* (Lanarks); Marioun Twedaill, 1625, Marione Tweedale, 1683 in *IGI* (Peebles, Peebles); James Twaddell, 1649 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Tweddell, 1671, John Tueeddaill, 1711 in *Lanarks Justices of the Peace* (Lanarks); Jean Tweedal, 1690 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

### Twedell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twedey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Northumb and Durham
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

### Tweed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 306
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 692
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Cambs; WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 Norman, Irish: see **Tuite**.
- 2 English: probably a variant of **Twite**.
- Further information:** Twydes Gate in Stebbing (Essex) may take its name from the family of Robert Twyt, recorded in 1329: *Place-Names of Essex*, pp. 459–60.
- Early bearers:** Adam Twede, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Twyde, 1558 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); John Tweyd, 1561, Jenet Tweed, 1594 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Willm Tweed, 1573, Elizabeth Twede, 1575 in *IGI* (Lexden, Essex); Nicholas Twidd, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Stoke next Olave, Suffolk); Susan Tweed, 1684 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs).
- 3 Scottish: locative name, probably a reduced form of **Tweddle**.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Tweed, 1655 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Tweed, 1685 in *IGI* (Dalry, Ayr); Thomas Tweid, 1688 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian).

### Tweedale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 516, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 905
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Tweddle**.



**Tweeddale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Tweddle**.

**Tweedie**

Variants: **Tweedy**, **Tweddie**, **Twedy**, **Twiddy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1543, Ireland 296
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1150
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Scottish: locative name from Tweedie in Stonehouse (Lanarks).

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ulster since the early 17th century. Tweedyhill in Kingwater (Cumb) is probably named after the family of John Twedie, recorded in 1581. In England this name may have become confused with **Twiddy**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Finlay de Twydy, 1296, Walter de Twydy, 1303 in *Scotland Calendar*; James of Twedy, 1389 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Thomas Twedy, 1542 in *Irvine Muniments (Ayr)*; Thomas Tueadie, 1583 in *Aboyne Records (Aberdeens)*; John Tweedie, 1612 in *IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian)*; Elspet Twidie, 1612 in *IGI (Leith, Midlothian)*; Janet Twedy, 1632 in *IGI (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian)*; Archbald Tweedy, 1651 in *IGI (Drumelzier, Peebles)*; William Tweddie, 1668 in *IGI (Dalkeith, Midlothian)*; Margaret Tweeddie, 1683 in *IGI (Haddington, E Lothian)*.

England: John Twedie, 1581 in *Place-Names of Cumb (Cumb)*; John Tweedy, 1632 in *IGI (Thirsk, NR Yorks)*; Thomas Twedy, 1664 in *IGI (Northallerton, NR Yorks)*; Christopher Tweedy, 1682 in *IGI (Darlington, Durham)*; James Tweedy, 1686 in *IGI (Bamburgh, Northumb)*; John Tweddy, 1701, Robert Twedy, 1715 in *IGI (Warkworth, Northumb)*.

Ireland: Walter Tweedy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland (Kilmore, Down)*; James Tweedy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland (Mullaghbrack, Armagh)*; Joseph Tweedy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland (Annaduff, Leitrim)*.

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 97; *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 150.

**Tweedle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Tweddle**.

**Tweedy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 614
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish: see **Tweddie**.

**Tween**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Twinn**.

**Twelftree**

Variants: **Twelvetree**, **Twelvetrees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; also Beds
- English: locative name, probably from Wheldrake (ER Yorks), which appears as *Queldrich* in 1193, *Queldrik* in other 12th-century records, and which has been associated more recently with *twelve* and *tree*. See **Weldrick**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Tweltrigge, 1572 in *Parish Registers (Asfordby, Leics)*; Maria Tweltricke, 1573 in *IGI (Melton Mowbray, Leics)*; Mary Tweltrick, 1600 in *IGI (Asfordby, Leics)*; Elizabeth Tweltricke, 1666, Nicholas Tweltricke, 1672, Catherine Twelftree, 1691, Henry Twelvetree, 1705 in *IGI (Bythorn, Hunts)*; Samuel Twelvetrees, 1743 in *IGI (Biggleswade, Beds)*; Jael Twelvetrees, 1743 in *IGI (Alconbury Weston, Hunts)*; Sarah Twelvetricks, 1768 in *IGI (Scalford, Leics)*; Wm Twelvetrig, 1787, William Twelvetridg, 1790 in *IGI (Muston, Leics)*; Joseph Twelvetrees, 1824 in *IGI (Gedney, Lincs)*.

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 269–70.

**Twell**

Variants: **Twells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: a reduced form of **Attwell**.

**Early bearers:** Guilhelmi Twell, 1566 in *IGI (Wainfleet, Lincs)*.

**Twells**

Variants: **Twelves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Notts

English: variant of **Twell** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Twelves, 1569 in *IGI (Sutton, Cambs)*; Edmundi Twells, 1591 in *IGI (Edenham, Lincs)*; Charles Twells, 1603, John Twelues, 1613, Roger Twelves, 1664 in *IGI (Nottingham, Notts)*; Godfry Twelves, 1626, Godfrid Twells, 1627 in *PROB 11 (Cambridge, Cambs)*; John Twells, 1653 in *IGI (Lockington, Leics)*.

**Twelves**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Twells**.

**Twelvetree**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 97
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts; Middx

English: see **Twelftree**.

**Twelvetrees**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also WR Yorks; Middx

English: variant of **Twelftree** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Twemlow**

Variants: **Twomlow**, **Twamley**, **Twambley**, **Twombley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; also Staffs

English: locative name from Twemlow Green (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Twemlowe, 1398 in *Patent Rolls*; Johis Twemlow, 1583, Ellena Twemlowe, 1616 in *IGI (Sandbach, Cheshire)*; Francis Twamley, 1615 in *IGI (Stafford, Staffs)*; Marie Twamloe, 1625 in *IGI (Nantwich, Cheshire)*; John Twamley, 1624, Edward Twomley, 1632, George Twamlow, 1652, Guilielmi Twomly, 1667 in *IGI (Hamstall Ridware, Staffs)*; Josiah Twamley, 1715, William Twambley, 1763 in *IGI (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks)*; John Twombley, 1723 in *IGI (Yoxall, Staffs)*.

**Twentyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: occupational name, status name from Middle English *twenti* 'twenty' + *-man*, for a soldier in charge of twenty troops.

**Early bearers:** Adam Twentyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax (Turvey, Beds)*; William Twentyman, 1384 in *Patent Rolls*; Alyce Twentyman, 1567 in *IGI (Flamborough, ER Yorks)*; John Twentyman, 1571 in *IGI (Great Orton, Cumb)*.

**Twibell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Quibell**.

**Early bearers:** Elizab Twibell, 1608 in *IGI (Sheffield, WR Yorks)*; Richardus Twibill, 1611 in *IGI (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks)*; James Twybill, 1615 in *IGI (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks)*; Willi Twibell, 1642 in *IGI (Sheffield, WR Yorks)*; Thomas Twybell, 1650 in *IGI (Crofton, WR Yorks)*; Joseph Twibell, 1700 in *IGI (East Markham, Notts)*; Wm. Twibill, 1689 in *IGI (Crofton, WR Yorks)*; James Twybel, 1741 in *IGI (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks)*; William Twibell, 1771 in *IGI (Laneham, Notts)*; Elizabeth Twible, 1777 in *IGI (Attenborough, Notts)*.

**Twibill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Quibell**.

**Twible**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Quibell**.

**Twichet**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Twitchett**.

**Twichett**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Twitchett**.

## Twidal

### Twidal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twidale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also ER Yorks
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twiddle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Cumb
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: (i) apparently a variant of **Twitty**, with intervocalic voicing of [t] to [d]. (ii) possibly also a variant of **Tweedie**.

**Further information:** This name may have become confused with **Tweedie**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Twedy, 1515 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Twitye, 1548 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Essex); Roger Twedie, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ric Twedy, 1569 in *IGI* (South Creake, Norfolk); Maryon Twyddye, 1573 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Twedy, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Boreham, Essex); Robert Twydy or Twyttye, 1579 in *Assize Rolls* (Stock Harward, Essex); William Tweedy, 1590 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Twiddye, 1607, John Twidy, 1620 in *IGI* (East Walton, Norfolk); Jefferye Twiddie, 1632 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Susanna Twiddy, 1649 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 235.

### Twidell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twidle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs; also Kent
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twig

- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lanarks
- Irish, English: see **Twig**.

### Twigg

**Variants:** **Twigge**, **Twig**, **Twiggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2865, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2080
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Staffs; also Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *twig(ge)* ‘twig, shoot’ (Old English *twig*), perhaps for a slender person.

**Early bearers:** John Twyg, 1296 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Twygg, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Adam Twygg, 1354 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johannes Twig, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fouldon, Norfolk); Ricardus Twyg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockton and Walton, Staffs); Ric. Twyg, 1544 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Henry Twyg, 1441 William Twygg, 1487 John Twygge, 1560 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Radulfi Twigg, 1567 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys).

2 Irish (Ulster): a reduced anglicized form of *Twigley*, from Ó Coighligh, see **Quigley**.

**Further information:** Some of the bearers below may belong with sense (1) above.

**Early bearers:** Charles Twigg, 1660 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (C’fergus Towne Garrison, Antrim); Robert Twigg, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Raphoe, Donegal); John Twigg, 1857 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Knockthomas, Mayo); Francis Twig, 1861 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Magheraboy, Antrim); Mary Twigg, in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Belfast, Antrim).  
**References:** *Irish Families*, p. 249, *Supplement to Irish Families*, p. 127.

### Twigge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English, Irish: see **Twig**.

### Twigger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 360
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; also Notts
- English: occupational name, apparently from an unrecorded Middle English *\*twigger*, an agent derivative of *twig(ge)* ‘twig, osier rod, supple branch used in basketwork and wickerwork’, perhaps denoting someone who cut, collected, or wove withies.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Twygger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Braunston, Northants); John Twygger, 1566, Thomas Twigger, 1602 in *IGI* (Hillmorton, Warwicks); John Twigger, 1813 in *IGI* (Radford, Notts).

### Twiggs

**Variants:** **Twigs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Leics; Devon

English: variant of **Twig** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thoms Twiges, 1566 in *IGI* (Great Rissington, Gloucs); Thomas Twigg, 1584 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Gregory Twiggs, 1588 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Twigs, 1628 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Twigs

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Twiggs**.

### Twilley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Lincs; also NR Yorks

English: nickname, probably from Middle English *twil(l)i*, *tweli(e)* ‘twill’, denoting a kind of woven fabric.

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Twely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbourne, Wilts); William Twyly, 1545 in *PROB 11* (London); John Twylly, 1569 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); John Twillye, 1541 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Johanes Twilly, 1582 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Elizabeth Twilley, 1689 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs).

### Twin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Twinn**.

### Twiname

**Variants:** **Twynholm**, **Twynham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Kirkcudbrights

Scottish: locative name from Twynholm (Kirkcudbrights), recorded as *Twynham* in 1300.  
**Early bearers:** Scotland: Walter de Twynham, 1279, Walter de Tuinan, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; Walter de Twinham, 1329 in *Panmure Register*; Walter de Twinam, canon of Glasgow, 1337 in *Papal Letters*; John Twynholme, 1658 in *Dumfries Testaments* (Dumfriess); Agnes Twynham, 1695 in *IGI* (Glencairn, Dumfriess); Marion Twynam, 1698 in *IGI* (Kirkpatrick Durham, Kirkcudbrights); Janet Twynname, 1699 in *IGI* (Dumfriess, Dumfriess); Robert Twynholm, 1749 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights); William Twyname, 1825 in *IGI* (Crossmichael, Kirkcudbrights).

England: Adam de Twynham, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Walter de Twinham, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); William Twinam, 1768 in *IGI* (Loveswater, Cumb); James Twiname, 1816 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

**References:** *Patent Rolls*.

### Twinberrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Richard Twynbarow, 1533–8 in *TNA* (Worcs); John Twynbarow, 1539 in *Muster Rolls* (Westhide, Herefs); Robert Twinbarowe, 1562, Marie Twinborough, 1618 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Edward Twinbarowe, 1620 in *IGI* (Westhide, Herefs); John Twynborowe, 1637 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Twinberrow, 1753 in *IGI* (Cotheridge, Worcs).

### Twine

**Variants:** **Twyne**, **Twinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 695, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 379
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; Wilts
- English: nickname from Middle English *twine(e)*, *twinne* ‘twine, thread, string’ (Old English *twīn*). See also **Twiner**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Twyne, 1376 in *Patent Rolls*; Edmund Twyne, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Middx); Adrian Twine, 1565 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); John Twyne, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Wonston, Hants); Thomas

Twyne or Twine, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Monxton, Hants); William Twine, 1569 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Margaret Twine, 1588 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Twineham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks English, Scottish: see **Twynham**.

### Twiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also Northants

English: occupational name from Middle English \**twiner* 'someone who makes twine or spins thread' (an agent derivative of *twinen* 'to twine, twist'). Compare Agnes Twynmaker, 1367 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex), i.e. 'twine maker'. See also **Twine**. **Early bearers:** Simon le Twynere of Horle, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Horley, Surrey); William le Twynere, Twynere, of Langwith, 1325 in *Patent Rolls* (Nether Langwith, Notts, or Langwith, Derbys); Adam Tweyner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmo Twynere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Twynere, 1429 in *London Letter Books K* (London); Rychard Twiner, 1592 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Saxhar Twiner, 1602 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

**References:** *Thurresson*, p. 205.

### Twinham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Middx English, Scottish: see **Twynham**.

### Twining

**Variants:** Twyning, Twinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks, and Worcs

English: locative name from Twyning (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** John de Twynyng, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Willelmus Twenyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coates, Gloucs); John Twenyng, monk of Gloucester, 1431 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); John Twynnyng, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Ayles Twynynge, 1548 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Mgeret Twynning, 1554, Syble Twynyinge, 1564 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); John Twynyinge, 1573 in *IGI* (Hartpur, Gloucs); John Twynnyng, 1606 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); John Twinning, 1619, John Twynying, 1654 in *IGI* (Quedgeley, Gloucs).

### Twinn

**Variants:** Twin, Tween

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 266
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; also Suffolk and Essex

1 English: nickname from Middle English *twin(ne)* 'twin' (Old English *(ge)twinn*), for someone born as a twin. Some early bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Twin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Edmund Twyne, 1422 in *Feet of Fines*

(Hunts); Edmund Twyn, citizen and grocer of London, 1433 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Twyn, 1578 in *PROB 11* (Hinnton, Cambs); Dorythe Tween, 1588 in *IGI* (East Halton, Lincs); Thomas Twin, 1607 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Elizabeth Twinn, 1651 in *IGI* (Great Abington, Cambs); Felix Twinne, 1661 in *IGI* (Hildersham, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from Tewin (Herts), recorded as *Tewing* in 1198.

**Early bearers:** John de Tewing, de Twynge, Godfrey de Tiwing, de Twynge, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Tewin, Herts); John Tuwing, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tuwyng, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks and Cambs); Robert Tuwyng, 1383 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Twinge, 1580 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); Anna Tewing, 1613 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts).

3 English: see **Twine**.

### Twinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; also Worcs English: see **Twining**.

### Twisaday

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx English: see **Tuesday**.

### Twiselton

**Variants:** Twistleton, Twisleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name, primarily from Twistleton in Bentham (WR Yorks), but also from Twiston (Lancs), recorded as *Tuisleton* in 1102.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Twysilton, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Twyselton, 1251 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Ewcross, WR Yorks); Hugh de Twyselton, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Reginald de Tweselton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); Matheus de Twyselton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Nicholas de Twysilton, 1425 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); John Twysilton, 1490 in *Yorks Wills*; John Twysilton, 1503 in *York Registry Wills* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Robert Twysilton, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Francis Twysilton, 1541 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Robert Twysilton, 1551 in *York Registry Wills* (Ledston, WR Yorks); John Twislstone, 1559 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johes. Twisleton, 1565 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Ekwall*, *DEPN*.

### Twisleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Northants English: see **Twiselton**.

### Twiss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry English: see **Twist**.

### Twisse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs English: see **Twist**.

### Twissel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths and Gloucs; also Berks English: see **Twizell**.

### Twissell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs English: see **Twizell**.

### Twist

**Variants:** Twiss, Twisse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1746, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1421
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name, primarily from Twiss Green in Culcheth (Lancs), but occasionally from one or more other places named with Middle English *twis(se)* 'place where two streams meet' (Old English *(ge)twis*), such as The Twist in Butterton (Staffs). Compare **Twizell**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Twisse, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*; Roger del Twysse, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Hugh del Twys, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Matheo dil Twys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowton with Kenyon, Lancs); Ricardus dil Twys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Culcheth, Lancs); Jordan del Twys, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); Gilbert de Twysse of Ylom, 1423–4 in *TNA* (Ilam, Staffs); John Twysse, 1539 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Roger Twys, 1543 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Twisse, 1559 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Willm Twys, 1561, Tho. Twiss, 1604 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Richard Twist, 1571 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Jane Twiste, 1619 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 97; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 550.

### Twistleton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks English: see **Twiselton**.

### Twit

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx English: see **Twite**.

### Twitchell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; also London English: locative name from Middle English *twichel* 'narrow path or passageway'. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a narrow path, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Twitchills in Yoxall (Staffs), recorded as *Twychele* in 1341, or Twitchill Farm in Hope (Derbys), recorded as *Twycell* in 1376.

## Twitchen

**Early bearers:** Ad. atte Twychele, 1327, Ad. atte Tuechele, 1332, Thom. atte Twychele, 1357 in *Kristensson, Topographical*; Stephen atte Twychyll, 'hostiler', 1408 in *Close Rolls* (Middx); Gustavie Twichell, 1559 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Abraham Twichell, 1560 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); Eliz Twichell, 1567, Wm Twichill, 1611 in *IGI* (Hoby, Leics); Thomas Twichill, 1606, Samuel Twichell, 1622, Thomas Twichell, 1624, Damaris Twichil, 1626 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks).  
**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 549; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 120.

## Twitchen

**Variants:** Twitchin, Titchen, Twitchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx
- English: locative name from Middle English *twitchen(e)* 'crossroads; place where two or more roads meet' (Old English *twicen(e)*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in such a place, or toponymic, for someone from one of various places so named, such as Touchen End in Bray (Berks), recorded as *Twychene* in 1274–5, Bonsey's Farm in Horsell (Surrey), known as *Twichen* in 1615 and home to the 1317 early bearer, and Twitchen (Devon). There are at least seven minor places in Devon named with the element, six called Twitchen and one called Tutchenor. See also **Titchener**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Twichene, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Gilbert ate Thuychene, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John atte Twychene, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John de Twychene, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); [ . . . ] atte Twichene, 1333 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Robertus atte Twychene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Waterstock, Oxon); John atte Twychene, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Berks and Wilts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, p. 47; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 129; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 42, 54, 57, 61, 90, 116, 131, 362.

## Twitchet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Twitcheff**.

## Twitcheff

**Variants:** Twitchet, Twichett, Twichet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 273
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: unexplained; possibly a locative name or nickname from Old French *tochet* 'corner'.  
**Early bearers:** William Tuchet, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); William Touchet, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Ricardo Tuchet, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ugley, Essex); Agnes Tuchett, 1576, William Twitcheff, 1579 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts); Willm. Twitchet, 1582 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); James Twitcheff, 1643 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Elizabeth Twitcheff, 1680 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Thomas Twichet, 1749 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

## Twitchin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Middx
- English: see **Twitchen**.

## Twitichings

**Variants:** Tutchings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Brecknocks; Gloucs

English: variant of **Twitchen** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Grace Twitchins, 1624, Peter Twitichings, 1626 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

## Twite

**Variants:** Twit, Dwight, Tweed, Twitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: variant of **Thwaite**.

**Further information:** Old English \**þwit* or Old Scandinavian \**þvit* is a side-form of *þveit* 'clearing' which survives in Twit (Lincs), but the main source of the surname is one or other of the places named Thwaite in Norfolk and Suffolk. *Tuit* may also be from an Anglo-Norman spelling for *thwaite*; compare Tuit, 1086 in *Domesday Book*, referring to Thwaite near Aylsham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Lambert del Tuuit, about 1190 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Hugh de Twyt, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Isabella de Twyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); Willelmus Tweyt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thwaite, Suffolk); Henry Twite, 1604 in *IGI* (Ashill, Norfolk); Jonathan Twight, 1644 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Anthonie Twite, 1672 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Twight, 1681 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

2 Norman, English: (i) perhaps a variant of **Tuite**. Some early bearers may belong with (i). (ii) nickname, alternatively from the bird name *twite*, denoting a species of linnet found in hilly and moorland districts in northern Britain, although the word is not on record before 1562.

**Early bearers:** Richard Twit, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William, Robert Twyt, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Cissota Twete, 1309, John Twyt, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John Tuyt, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Robert Twyt, 1329 in *Place-Names of Essex*; William Twite, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardo Tuyt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Bassett, Wilts); Willelmus Twythy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cholsey, Berks); John Twytte alias Twyte, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thos. Twytt, 1544 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon, Oxon); John Twytte, 1558 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs).

**References:** *OED*.

## Twitt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Twite**.

## Twitthey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Worcs and Warwicks

English: see **Twitty**.

## Twitty

**Variants:** Twitthey, Twiddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** William Twety, William Twyty, 1315 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wadborough, Worcs); Willelmo Twyti, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kempsey, Worcs); Willelmi Twyti, 1340 in *Worcs Inquisitions* (Kempsey, Worcs); William Twyty, 1422 in *Patent Rolls*; Anna Twytty, 1582 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); John Twyttie, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Solihull, Warwicks); Sara Twittie, 1609, John Twitthey, 1664 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Twittye, 1611, John Twitty, 1613 in *IGI* (Himbleton, Worcs); Willim Twitty, 1631 in *IGI* (Cublington, Warwicks).

## Twizell

**Variants:** Twissell, Twissel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; also Durham
- English: locative name from Middle English *twisel(e)* 'fork (of a river)' (Old English *twisla*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived by a fork in a river, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Twizel in Northumb, Twizell in Bamburgh (Northumb), Twizzle Well in Hawkesbury (Gloucs), or Twissell's Mill in Heathfield (Sussex), home to the 1379 Sussex early bearer.  
**Early bearers:** Richard Twisle, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Durham); Richard de Twysel, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Twysill, 1352 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh Twysel, 1369 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); [ . . . ] de Twysel, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alnwick, Northumb); Magota atte Twisele, 1379 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Heathfield, Sussex); Willelmus Twissell, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Twysill, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs); Anthonius Twisle, 1605 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb); Isabel Twissell, 1614 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); William Twissell, 1667 in *IGI* (Bisley, Gloucs); Margaret Twizell, 1668 in *IGI* (Newbiggin by the Sea, Northumb); Cuthbert Twizel, 1684 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb).  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 34; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 467.

## Twohig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 646
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

## Twohy

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Derbys; Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Tuathaigh, see **Tuohy**.

## Twombley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English, Irish: see **Twemlow**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Twomey

**Variants:** Toomey, Tomey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1000, Ireland 3187

- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hants; Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: from Ó Tuama ‘descendant of *Tuaim*’, a personal name apparently derived from *tuaim* ‘burial mound’.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Thomas O Twomy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6467; Dermot mcShane O Twomegh and Donegh mcShane O Twomy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6499; Teige O Twomy, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6511 (the island of Whuidy, Cork); Ó Twomy, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll*, p. 195 (Corke City, Cork); Jeremiah Twomy, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fanlobbus, Cork).

England: Jeremiah Twomey, 1814 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Eleanor Twomey, 1817 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Hannah Twomey, 1830 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Twomlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Twemlow**.

### Twort

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *Twort!*, *Twotte!*, an exclamation of contempt. Presumably the nickname was bestowed on one who used the term frequently. Compare **Faith**, **Goodyear**, and **Purday** for examples of oath names.

**Early bearers:** Helen Twort, 1624 in *IGI* (Ham, Kent); William Twort, Thomas Tworte, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Horsmonden, Kent); Eliz Twort, 1714 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); William Tworte, 1753 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent).

### Twose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Mary Twose, 1561 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); John Twoze, 1753, Henry Twose, 1762 in *IGI* (Wellington, Somerset).

### Twycross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Twycross (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Willelmi filii Herberti de Tuicros, after 1158 in *Danelaw Documents*; William de Twicros, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Twycros, 1354 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Twycros, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Magna, Leics); John Twycrosse of Leycestr’, 1468 in *Feet of Fines* (Leicester, Leics); Alice Twycrosse, 1549 in *IGI* (Nether Whitacre, Warwicks); Simon Twycross, 1686 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs).

### Twydell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; ER Yorks; Beds
- English: see **Tweddle**.

### Twyford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 422
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Derbys and Staffs; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Wicklow
- English: locative name from various places named Twyford (Berks, Bucks, Derbys, Hants, Herefs, Leics, Lincs, Middx, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Juliana de Twiford’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Twyford, 1316 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Robertus Twyford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Ricardus Twyforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wiston, Sussex); Roger Twyvorde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex); Willelmo Twyforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Milton Lilbourne and Fyfield, Wilts); Johannes Twiford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Twyford, 1418 in *PROB 11* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Rauffe Twyforde, 1579 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).

### Twyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 859, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 444
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Twymere* or similar, perhaps in Kent. The development of the second syllable to *-man* is first noted in the 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Ricardi de Twymere, 1316–17 in *Assize Rolls* (Chatham, Kent); Ric’us de Twymere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chatham hundred, Kent); Robert Twymer, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Aylesford, Kent); Robert Twymere, 1406 in *Ancient Deeds 1* (Boxley, Kent); Richard Twymer, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Maidstone, Kent); Rychard Twymor, 1583 in *IGI* (Milton Regis, Kent); Edmond Twymer, 1586, Edmond Twymar, 1587 in *IGI* (Borden, Kent); Willmi. Twyman, 1595 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Joane Twiman, 1597 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Edmond Twymer, 1635 in *PROB 11* (Chatham, Kent).

**References:** *TNA*, C 131/37/6.

### Twynam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Hants; Devon
- English, Scottish: see **Twynham**.

### Twyne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Essex
- English: see **Twine**.

### Twynham

**Variants:** Twynam, Twineham, Twinham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Warwicks, and Oxon

1 English: locative name from Twineham (Sussex), recorded as *Twyne* in 1225 and *Twynem* in 1242, or Christchurch (Hants), which was formerly known as *Twinham*. See also **Twine**. The Yorks early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John Twynem, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter de Twynham, 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Twynam, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); Henry Twynam, 1406 in

*Patent Rolls* (ER Yorks); Robarti Twinam, 1599, Richard Twineham, 1661, Elizabeth Twynam, 1676, William Twinham, 1713 in *IGI* (Skirpenbeck, ER Yorks); Thomas Twynim or Twynam, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Middle Claydon, Bucks); John Hills Twynham, 1652 in *IGI* (Bolney, Sussex); Jane Twyneham, 1726 in *IGI* (South Stoneham, Hants); Thomas Twineham, 1740 in *IGI* (Fittleworth, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 279.

2 Scottish: see **Twiname**.

### Twynholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess
- Scottish: see **Twiname**.

### Twyning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Twining**.

### Tyack

**Variants:** Tyacke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: from Modern Cornish *tiak*, *teeack* ‘husbandman, farmer’.

**Early bearers:** John Tyack, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wendron, Cornwall); John Tyeke, 1548 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Trevemedar in Saint Eval, Cornwall); Willia. Tyack, 1618, Nicholas Tyacke, 1655 in *IGI* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Christopher Tyack, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Germoe, Cornwall); James Tyack, 1641 in *Cornwall Protestation Returns* (Lelant, Cornwall).

### Tyacke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish: see **Tyack**.

### Tyas

**Variants:** Tyass, Tyers, Tyres, Tice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 868, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: ethnic name from Anglo-Norman French *t(i)eis*, *tiais* ‘Teuton, German’, denoting someone from Germany or the Low Countries. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Everard le Tieis, 1170–90 in *Hatton’s Book of Seals* (Herts); Francis Tyais or Tyays, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Baldwin le Tyeys, 1236 in *Yorks Charters* (Farnley Tyas, WR Yorks); Fulbrich Tyes, 1236–7 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Johannes Tyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley Tyas, WR Yorks); Johannes Tays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Thomas Tyas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornhill, WR Yorks); Thomas Tyas, 1542 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Annes Tyes, 1571 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Norman, English: locative name, occasionally from Thais (Val-de-Marne). Compare Nicholas de Tyeys, canon of the church of Saint Stephen de Gressibus, Paris, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*.

## Tyass

**Early bearers:** Franco de Tyeys, 1279 in *Patent Rolls* (Ireland); Francis de Tyeys, 1300 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Henry de Tyeis, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (IoW); Robt. Tyas, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Ralfe Tyas, 1577 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Tyas, 1599 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); Tho. Tyas, 1599 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts).

## Tyass

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Derbys
- English: see **Tyas**.

## Tyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx
- English: see **Tice**.

## Tycer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Tisser**.

## Tydd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Tidd**.

## Tydeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Tidman**.

## Tydings

### Variants: Tidings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: unexplained; probably Middle English *tiding*, singular or plural, '(good) news, information'; compare Walter Yltithyng 'bad news', 1290 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Further information:** Probably not from *tithing* 'a tenth', since this seems to appear in medieval surnames mainly in the form *Tithingman*, from a word for a locally selected official, and never alone. (*MED*)

**Early bearers:** John Tydings, 1625 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sarah Tiding, 1773 in *IGI* (Stalmine, Lancs); Elizabeth Tiding, 1787 in *IGI* (Bishopstoke, Hants); Mary Tydings, 1810 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Irish: adopted for Ó Tuaruis(c), an altered form of Ó hUarghuis 'descendant of Uarghus', a personal name meaning 'cold choice'. The English form is a translation of Gaelic *tuairisc* 'tidings', a word that is unrelated to the Gaelic name. Ó hUarghuis has also been mistranslated as **Waters** and **Caldwell**, being wrongly taken as Ó Fuaruisce 'son of cold water'.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Tidings, 1852 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Rathbane, Limerick); Honoria Tidings, 1851 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrigane, Kerry).

## Tye

### Variants: Tee, Tice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2397, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1713

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; Suffolk; WR Yorks and Lincs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *tye*, *teghe*, *teye* 'enclosed piece of land; large area of common pasture' (Old English *tēag*, *tiege*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived on or near such a piece of land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Teigh (Rutland) or Great, Little, and Marks Tey (Essex). **Early bearers:** John del Teie, 1221 in (Suffolk); Hugo de la Tye, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Richard ater Tye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eastbourne Hundred, Sussex); Walter de Teye, 1294 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John atte Tye, 1327, John atte Teghe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Burleigh, Sussex); Stephano de Teghe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Jacobus de Ty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johannes de Teye, 1377, Johannes Teye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Robertus atte Tye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolbeding, Sussex); Henricus Tye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Northney, Hants); Richard Tye, 1429 in *PROB 11* (Surrey); John Tye, 1538 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Joane Tye, 1539 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Jane Tye, 1561 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); John Tye, 1569 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs); John Tye, 1594 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Anne Tye, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); William Tye, 1675 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); James Tye, 1709 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); William Tye, 1752 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄭, probably representing its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Cheng** (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 戴, see **Tai** (1).

## Tyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Staffs
- English, Irish, Scottish: see **Tier**.

## Tyerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 320, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Tyreman**.

## Tyers

### Variants: Tyres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 949
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands and Yorks; esp. Leics and Rutland

1 English: see **Thiers**.

2 English: variant of **Tier** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Tyers, 1593 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex).

3 English: see **Tyas**.

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Tyes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Tice**.

## Tyger

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish, English: see **Tigar**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Tylden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Tilden**.

## Tyldesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 396
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tildesley**.

## Tyldsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Tildesley**.

## Tylee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Tilley**.

## Tyler

### Variants: Tylor, Tiler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12242, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8734
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England; esp. London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry; Kilkenny
- English: occupational name from Old French *tiuleor*, *tiewelier*, *tuilier*, Middle English *tiler(e)*, *tizeler* 'tiler', for someone who made or laid tiles for floors or roofs. Some of the early bearers may belong with **Tiller**, with which this name may have become confused.

**Further information:** Wat Tyler was a leader of the English Peasants' Revolt in 1381. He is referred to in Thomas Walsingham's *Chronicon Angliae* as Walterus Helier, suggesting his name was not hereditary at the time. Compare **Hellier**.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Tuiler, 1185 in *Templars Records* (London); Alard le Tuilur, 1198–1212 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Richard le Tiwelur, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Tiler, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Nicol tyulur, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Hamo le Tewler, 1276, John le Tuler, 1281 in *London Letter Books B*; Geoffrey le Tylere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Simon le Tyeler', 1286 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Stephen Le Tygeler', 1288 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Richard le Tyghelere, Simon le Teylur', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William le Tielere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Alan le Tyliere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robertus Tyler, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Robertus Tiler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Jane Tyler, 1539 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Jana Tyler, 1540 in *IGI* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); Thomas Tyler, 1540 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); William Tyler, 1540 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Elizabeth Tyler, 1541 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Tyley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs and Wilts; Shrops

Norman, English: see **Tilley**.

**Tylor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London

English: see **Tyler**.

**Tym**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks
- English: see **Timm**.

**Tyman**

Variants: **Tieman, Timan, Tayman, Tymon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also scattered in N England

1 English: unexplained; possibly from Middle English *tei(e)* 'enclosure, enclosed field' + *man* 'man', denoting the holder of some kind of responsible position.

Further information: Alternatively, it could in some cases represent the Dutch male given name seen in Tymon Gysebrosk, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk), 'born in Utright'.

Early bearers: Walterus Tyman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Ricardus Tyeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Baddow, Essex); Ayles Tyman, 1545, Thomas Tymon, 1578 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Huegh Tymon, 1579, George Tyman, 1588 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Henry Tayman, 1657 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks).

2 Irish: see **Tymon**.

**Tymm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Timm**.

**Tymms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Gloucs

English: see **Timms**.

**Tymon**

Variants: **Timon, Tyman, Timan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; Lanarks; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon, Sligo, and Mayo

1 Irish: from Ó Tiomáin or Mac Toimín, see **Timmons**.

Early bearers: Bryan Tyman, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballysadare, Sligo); John Tymon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tibohine, Roscommon); James Tymon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilvarnet, Sligo); Patrick

Timon, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Killukin, Roscommon).

2 English: see **Tyman**.

**Tynan**

Variants: **Tinnion, Tinning, Tennen, Tivnan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1258, Ireland 1350
- **GB frequency 1881:** 353
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Kilkenny

Irish: from Ó Teimhneáin 'descendant of *Teimhneáin*', a personal name based on a diminutive of Old Irish *teimhean* 'dark'. Compare **Teevan**.

Early bearers: Ireland: Donill riogh O Teynan, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4916 (Gragevale); William O Teynane, husbandman, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4916 (Rathdeawny); Owen O Tyvmane, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5685 (Sligo); William O'Tynine, 1593 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5798 (Bonneny); Teige O Teynan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6091 (Uolgrainge, Kilkenny); Elizabeth Teynan, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6140 (Carlow); Rory O Tinan, 1599 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6309; Shane O Tynnan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6551 (Piprath). England: William Tinnion, 1680 in *IGI* (Great Orton, Cumb); John Tinion, 1680 in *IGI* (Kirkbampton, Cumb); Blanch Tynning, 1693, Eliz. Tining, 1695, Margaret Tinnen, 1700, John Tinning, 1703 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); William Tinning, 1697 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb); John Tinnyean, 1753 in *IGI* (Moresby, Cumb); Francis Edwd. Tynan, 1804 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs).

**Tyndal**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Tindall**.

**Tyndale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex; Notts

English: see **Tindall**.

**Tyndall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 225
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland: esp. Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Wicklow

English: see **Tindall**.

**Tyndel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Tindall**.

**Tyndell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Tindall**.

**Tyne**

Variants: **Tine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: nickname, perhaps from Middle English *tine* 'bucket, vat, cask, brewing vessel'.

Early bearers: Henricus Tyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puddletown, Dorset); Jone Tyne, 1553 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norris, Berks); Anne Tyne, 1564 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Joane Tine, 1565 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Catherine Tine, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Tudy, Cornwall); Elias Tine, 1658 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

**Tynegate**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Tinegate**.

**Tynemouth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: see **Tinmouth**.

**Tyre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs; also Morays
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

1 Scottish Gaelic, Irish: reduced form of **Mac an-tSaoir**, see **McIntyre**.

2 English: see **Tier**.

**Tyrel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Tyrrell**.

**Tyrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 404
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1087
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia; Oxon and Northants; Lancs; Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Dublin

Norman, English: see **Tyrrell**.

**Tyreman**

Variants: **Tyerman, Tierman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: occupational name, status name, perhaps from the surname **Tyer** (see **Tier**) + Middle English *man*, for a servant of a man with the surname *Tyer*. Compare **Fentiman**.

Early bearers: John Tyreman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); William Tireman, 1529 in *York Registry Wills* (Carlton Miniott, NR Yorks); Margerie Tyerman, 1563 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Johis. Tireman, 1569 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Alice Tyreman, 1573 in *IGI* (Pickhill, NR Yorks); Thomas Thirman, 1592 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Anne Tierman, 1629 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York).

**Tyrer**

Variants: **Tyror**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1871, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *tiren* 'tire, exhaust' (Old English *teorian*) or less likely 'draw,

## Tyres

tear' (Old French *tirer*) + *hare* (Old English *hara*), and perhaps naming someone who hunted hares or who could run faster than a hare. The 1381 form in *-hard* looks like a scribal error, possibly influenced by *tirart*, a name for the hare, recorded before 1300 in *MED*.

**Early bearers:** Sim. Tirehare, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Tirehare, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kirkby, Lancs); Henricus Tyrhard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby, Lancs); Thomas Tyrhar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melling, Lancs); Symon Tyrhar', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Agnes Tyrare, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Elizabeth Tyrer, 1553 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Thomas Tirer, 1592 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Richard Tyror, 1672 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); Thomas Tyrar, 1681 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Ralph Tyrah, 1694 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 177.

## Tyres

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

1 English: see **Tyers**.

2 English: see **Tyas**.

## Tyrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 35
- **GB frequency 1881:** 308
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Glasgow; Durham

1 Scottish: locative name from Tyrie (Perths) or Tyrie (Aberdeens).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Maurice or Murdoch de Tiri, 1292 in *Panmure Register* (Angus); Thomas de Tyry, 1433 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); Gilbert Tyrye, 1485 in *Brechin Register* (Cargill, Perths); William Tyre, 1558 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Perth, Perths); Williame Tyrie, 1629 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Tyrie, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Vigeans, Angus); Robert Tyree, 1785 in *IGI* (Stevenson, Ayr).

England: Mary Tirrey, 1636, Henry Tirrie, 1655 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Catharine Tyrie, 1778 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**References:** *Black*.

2 Norman, English: see **Terry**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Tyrry, 1555 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Robert Tirrie, 1556 in *IGI* (Little Chart, Kent); John Tyrry, 1574 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Robt Tirrie, 1577 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Austen Tyrry, 1592 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jacob Tirrie, 1591 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Mary Tirrey, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Vedast Foster Lane and Saint Michael le Querne, London); Margery Tyrry, 1593 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); Thomas Tyrie, 1605 in *IGI* (Bitton, Gloucs); Henrie Tyrie, 1610 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs);

## Tyror

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Tyrer**.

## Tyrrrel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England Norman, English, Irish: see **Tyrrell**.

## Tyrrell

**Variants:** Tyrrel, Tyrell, Tyrel, Tirrell, Terrell, Terrel, Terrill, Tearl, Tearle, Tearall, Turl, Trill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4699, Ireland 1259
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; E Anglia; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster
- 1 Norman, English, Irish: nickname of uncertain origin; perhaps from a derivative of Old French *tirer* 'to pull', in the same sense as French *Tirand* which *Dauzat, Noms de Personnes* explains as 'one who pulls on the reins', hence 'obstinate, stubborn'. This name may have become confused with **Turrell** and **Torrell**.

**Further information:** A branch of this Anglo-Norman family has been in Ireland since the 12th century. Its name has been gaelicized as **Tirial**.

**Early bearers:** England: Walter Tirel, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Rocelinus Tirel, 1127 in *Cartae Antiquae* (Gloucs); Simon Tirel, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Hugo Tirell, 1153 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Essex); Eudo Tirell, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Terel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Tirel, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tawstock, Devon); Saierus Tyrell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Haseley, Oxon); Robarte Tyrrell, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Tyrrell, 1540 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Johanna Tyrrell, 1542 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Jane Tyrell, 1550 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Terryll, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); James Tyrell, 1615 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Richardi Terrel, 1619 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Robt Tyrell, 1619, Robt. Terrel, 1720 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Mary Terrel, 1683 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Margaret Tyrell, 1686 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); William Tearall, 1696, Mary Tyrell, 1834 in *IGI* (Brabourne, Kent). Ireland: Richard Torel, 1210 in *CDI* §399; Hugh Tyrell, 1232 in *CDI* §1950; Walter Tyrel, merchant, 1236 in *CDI* §2324 (Kilkenny); Huigin Triél, 1363 in *AU*; John Tirrell, 1540 in *Fiants Henry* §94; Walter Tirrell, merchant, 1542 in *Fiants Henry* §326 (Dublin); Richard Tyrell and Redmond Tirrell, gents., 1547 in *Fiants Henry* §516 (Newcastell, Westmeath); Thomas Tyrrell . . . commonly called Tirrell, captain of his nation, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1147 (Fertullaghe, Westmeath); John Terrell, vicar, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1148 (Rathkeny); Shane mcShemes Terrell, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §731; James Tyrell, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §832 (Newcastell, Westmeath); William Tirrell, horseman, 1573 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2227 (Ballaboy, Westmeath); William Tirrell, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6661 (Foer, Westmeath).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1125.

2 English: locative name from Tirril (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Agn' de Tyrell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Robert de Tyrell, 1396 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm).

## Tyrwhitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Shrops
- English: see **Trewhitt**.

## Tysall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Warwicks
- English: locative name from Tessall in King's Norton (Worcs), recorded as *Thessale* in 1086 and *Teshale* about 1270.

**Further information:** There is little or no evidence to support the derivation in *Reaney and Wilson* from Tyersall in Pudsey (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Tessala, 1186 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . de] Thesale, 1276 in *Place-Names of Worcs*; Philip de Teshale, 1311 in *Shakespeare Centre* (Northfield, Worcs); Matthew Tissull', 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Isabell Tysall, 1544, John Tysoll, 1677, Sarah Tyshall, 1681 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Ric Tysall, 1606 in *IGI* (Market Bosworth, Leics); Samuel Tissell, 1656, Samuel Tissel, 1658, Gilbert Tissall, 1682 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 357.

## Tyser

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Herts; Lancs; ER Yorks

English: see **Tisser**.

## Tyso

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Beds; Surrey
- English: see **Tysoe**.

## Tysoe

**Variants:** Tyso, Tiso

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: locative name from Tysoe (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Tisho, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas de Tysho, 1349 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Tyso, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Richard Tysho, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey); Margaret Tyso, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johanne Thysowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Long Wittenham, Berks); John Tyso, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); William Tyshoo, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Nicholas Tysoe, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Over Tysoe, Warwicks); John Tisoe, 1637 in *IGI* (Turvey, Beds).

## Tyson

**Variants:** Dyson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4790, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3859
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname from Old French *tison* 'firebrand', perhaps for someone with a fiery temperament. Some later bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Tison, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Notts); Adam Tisun, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus Tisson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hazon, Northumb); Johannes Tyson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Harting, Sussex); William Tyson of Staunton Saint John, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (Stanton Saint John, Oxon); John Tyson, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Aylburton, Gloucs); William Tyson, 1554 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs).

2 English: see **Dyson**.



**Tyte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Gloucs
- English: see **Tite**.

**Tyther**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Welsh, English: see **Tudor**.

**Tytherleigh**

**Variants:** Titherley, Titherly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Somerset and Devon

English: locative name, principally from Tytherleigh in Chardstock (Devon), but also from East and West Tytherley (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Matthew Tiderley, 1365 in *Patent Rolls*; William Tyderley, citizen and merchant of London, 1377 in *Patent Rolls*; John Tyderle, 1381 in *London Letter Books*; John Tyderle, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Annys Tytherly, 1547 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Cicilie Tytherly, 1551 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); John Tetherley or Titherley, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Bideford, Devon); Francis Tytherley or Titherley,

1631 in *PROB 11* (Heytesbury, Wilts); Nathaniel Titherley, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 654.

**Tytler**

**Variants:** Titler, Tittler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens and Angus; also Midlothian; Lancs

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *titiller*, *titler*, *tuteler* 'telltale, gossip'. Compare **Tittle**.  
**Early bearers:** England: Richard le Titteler, Symon le Titteler, Symon le Tuteler, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Tuteler of Kirkele, 1311 in *Patent Rolls* (Kirkley, Suffolk); John Tuteler, 1341 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Christofer Tutler, 1572, Marye Titler, 1611 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Tho. Titler, 1666 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk).

Scotland: William Tytler, 1720 in *IGI* (Midmar, Aberdeens); Margaret Titler, 1736 in *IGI* (Crail, Fife); William Titler, 1759 in *IGI* (Tough, Aberdeens).

**Tyzack**

**Variants:** Tyzak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 229
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Durham

Huguenot: locative name, probably from Thise (Doubs) in France.

**Early bearers:** Jan du Tisac [of Buckholt], 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Walloon Church, Southampton, Hants); Joyce Tyzake, 1614, Elizabeth Tizake, 1618, Bridget Tyzacke, 1636, Samuel Tizack, 1681, Edward Tisack, 1697 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Joseph Tizick, 1620, Judeth Tizaack, 1682 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Tizack, 1651 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Paul Tizack of Hagley, glassmaker, 1678 in *Birmingham Archives* (Hagley, Worcs); John Tyzack, 1774 in *IGI* (Ecclesall, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Hey, Family Names*, pp. 94–5; D. Tyzack (1997) *Glass, Tools and Tyzacks* (3rd edn.); www.tyzack.net.

**Tyzak**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Huguenot: see **Tyzack**.

**Tyzzar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Tizzard**.

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## Ubank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Westm
- English: see **Ewbank**.

## Ubhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, also found among the Ramgarhia Sikhs.

## Udal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Somerset and Wilts
- English: see **Udall**.

## Udale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Udall**.

## Udall

- Variants: **Udale, Udal, Udell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 650, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 554
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs
- English: see **Yewdall**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Udall, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Esabell Udall, 1588 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Thomas Udall, 1602 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Pascoe Udall, 1607 in *IGI* (Sowton, Devon); William Udale, 1609 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Ellinor Udall, 1617 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Phillip Udall, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, London); John Udall, 1642 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thoma Udale, 1679 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Rebeckah Udell, 1708 in *IGI* (Corsley, Wilts); John Udell, 1768 in *IGI* (Chideock, Dorset); Joseph Udale, 1723 in *IGI* (Threlkeld, Cumb); Geo Udale, 1758 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Charles Udale, 1759 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks).

## Uddin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10135, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *ud-dīn* (*al-dīn*), meaning '(of) religion', commonly attached to another word to form a compound Arabic personal name such as *Salāh ud-Dīn* (see **Saladine**).

## Udell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 136
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset; also Guernsey
- English, Channel Islands: see **Udall**.

## Uden

- Variants: **Euden**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 464, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 289
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: of uncertain origin; apparently from a place named with Old English *īw* 'yew' + *denu* 'valley' or *dūn* 'hill', but no place with a name resembling this has been found in or near Kent. Any connection with Johannes Ude, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Surrey), is uncertain.

**Early bearers:** Cycdium Uden, 1563 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); John Euden, 1583 in *IGI* (Shalford, Surrey); Nicholas Uden, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall); John Uden, 1608 in *IGI* (Elmsted, Kent); Thomas Euden, 1677 in *IGI* (Stelling, Kent); Thomas Euden, 1703 in *IGI* (Petham, Kent); Bennet Youden, 1736 in *IGI* (Chartham, Kent).

## Udy

- Variants: **Eddy, Edy**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 182
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the Middle English given name *Ude*, *Udy* (becoming Cornish *Edy*), latinized as *Udo* and *Odo*. It may represent Old French *Eude* (Continental Germanic *Eudo*), whose usual Latin form is *Eudo*: compare Eudo le Pedit (le Petit), 1289 in *Feet of Fines* (Predannack, Cornwall). This agrees with later evidence that the original pronunciation of the initial vowel of *Udy* was /y:/ (as in French *tu*). The Devon spellings *Ew-* and *You-* reflect the development of Middle English /y:/ to Modern English /ju:/, and the given name variation between *Udy* and *Edy* in the 1503–5 example reflects the unrounding of /y:/ to /i:/ (spelled *-e(e)-*) in 16th-century Cornish. See **Eddy**, **Edyvean**. *Uda* (1332) is a dialect spelling of *Ude*. The final *-y* is perhaps a local pronunciation of final *-e*, though it might alternatively represent the hypocoristic suffix *-y*. Compare the Cornwall name **Oatey**, which is probably a different name, though its medieval forms are not necessarily distinguishable from those of *Udy*.

**Further information:** O. J. Padel (in a personal communication) observes that *Odo* occurs as a given name more than 20 times in the Cornwall Subsidy Roll of 1327, especially in the western, Cornish-speaking half, where Eudo le Petit's family held lands. However, it was also (and more usually) the regular Latin form of Old French *Ode* (Continental Germanic *Odo*, *Udo*), which in Cornwall gave rise to **Oates** and **Oatey**. For the substitution of *Odo* for *Eudo*, see **Forssner**, p. 84. It is difficult to know which name *Odo* represents, or to what extent *Udy* and *Ode/Ote/Oty* may have been regarded as interchangeable names, even though of different origins.

**Early bearers:** given names: Udy Tomyov, 1481 in *Cornish Deeds*; Udy Ferres, about 1486 in *Narration of Evidence* (Cornwall); Udy alias Edy Gove, 1503–5 in *Cornish*

*Personal Accounts*, identical with Odo Angoff, 1504 in *Arundell Leases* (Cornwall); Udy Gogh, deceased, 1515 in *Cornish Bond* and Udo Gogh, 1518 in *Cornish Receipt*; Udy Robert, about 1535 in *Cornwall Timmers Muster Roll* (Roche, Cornwall); Udy Phelippe, Udy Petroke, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornwall); Udy Jagowe, 1569 in *Muster Rolls* (Roche, Cornwall). surnames, Cornwall: Matthew Uda, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Probus); Odo Ude de Lostwithiel, 1389 in *Dynham Account Book*; John Udy, Edward Udy, 1434 in *Cornish Manorial Accounts*; William Ude, 1443 in *Lanhadron Court Roll* (Saint Ewe); John Udy, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Roche); Joan Udie, 1551, John Eudye, 1713 in *IGI* (Saint Columb); Elizabeth Udie, 1639, Jenifer Udy, 1795 in *IGI* (Luxulyan). surnames, Devon: Benedict Ude, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Highweek); William Uda, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newton Ferrers); William Oda, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Plympton); John Udy, rector of Ideford (Devon), 1441–63 in *Narration of Evidence*; Joan Ewdie, 1600, Eleanor Youdie, 1630, Pertesy Euddye, 1649, William Eudy, 1719 in *IGI* (Plymouth).

**References:** O. J. Padel, personal communication; *Cornish Place-Names*, p. 174; *English Pronunciation*, II, §178–88.

## Uff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: possibly a variant of **Ough**, but geographically distant from it.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Uff, 1668 in *IGI* (Bow Brickhill, Bucks).

## Uffen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Devon; Cambs
- English: see **Offen**.

## Ufford

Variants: **Hufford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Northumb
- English: locative name from either of two places called *Ufford* (Northants, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Vffewurda, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Turstan de Vfford', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John de Offord', 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Galfridus Ufforth, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Ufford, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Wm Ufford, 1584 in *IGI* (Great Bealings, Suffolk); Daniell Ufford, 1663 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); William Hufford, 1753 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts).

## Ufton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lincs

English: locative name from Uftonfields in South Wingfield (Derbys) or possibly Ufton Nervet (Berks).

**Early bearers:** William de Ufton' 1216–72 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); Robert Ufton, 1614 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); John Ufton, 1667 in *IGI* (Breadsall, Derbys); Mary Ufton, 1674 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys).

### Uglow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

English: unexplained. Possibly from an English-language place-name ending in *-hlāw* 'mound', with an Old English personal name as first element, as in the place-names *Ugborough* and *Ugbrook* (both in Devon). However, no suitable place with such a name has been identified.

**Further information:** Attempts to give this surname a Cornish-language etymology are untenable.

**Early bearers:** Robert Uglove and Nicholas Oglow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Stratton); John Uggelow, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls*, Cornwall (Marhamchurch); William Uglove, 1559, Nicholas Uglo, 1601, Richard Ugloe, 1603, Thomas Uglove, 1637 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); George Uglove, 1653 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 537.

### Ugo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Italian: from the personal name *Ugo*, Italian equivalent of **Hugh**.

**Early bearers:** Domenico Ugo, Giovanni Ugo, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Ugradar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: unexplained.

### Ulhaq

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Haq**.

### Ul-haq

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Haq**.

### Ullah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4307, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Muslim: literally *Allāh* '(of) God', originally the second part of one of many Muslim personal names formed from a compound such as 'Abd-Ullah 'servant of Allah' (see **Abdullah**).

2 English: see **Ulley**.

### Ullathorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham

English: locative name from Ullathorns (Westm). The place-name probably derives from Old

Scandinavian *úlfr* 'wolf' + *leik* 'play, place where animals play' + *þorn* 'thorn tree'.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Ullaythorne, 1357 in *Place-Names of Westm*; Thomas de Ullethornes, 1394 in *Yorks Deeds* (Pinchinthorpe, NR Yorks); John Ullathorne, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); John Ulythorn, 1557 in *Ripon Memorials* (Sleningford, WR Yorks); Ann Ullathorne, 1755 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks).

### Ullett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Middx

English: variant of **Woollett**; see **Ulyatt** and compare **Ollett**.

### Ulley

**Variants:** Ullah, Hulley, Hully, Hullah, Huller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English, Norman: (i) locative name from Ulley, near Sheffield (WR Yorks). The derived surname sometimes developed a prosthetic *H-*. In the 18th and 19th centuries, dialect pronunciation of final *-ey* produced the written forms *Hulla(h)* and *Huller*. (ii) locative name; in NR Yorks and northern WR Yorks (Burnsall and Bilton Ainsty are now in NR Yorks) it could alternatively derive from Ully-Saint-Georges in Normandy (Oise). The 1304 bearer, in particular, might have Norman ancestry.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's suggestion that the surname derives from the rare female personal name *Uliā*, which is attested only as the name of the wife of Gilbert de Turribus, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Startforth, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Ulley, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Sutton on the Forest, NR Yorks); Johannes de Ullay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Ullay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Thomas de Ullay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hellifield, WR Yorks); Thomas de Ullay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); William Hully, 1468 in *York Freeman's Register*; Francis Huly, 1573 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Annas Hulley, 1601 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); Margaret Hulley, 1608 in *IGI* (Burnsall, WR Yorks); Isabell Huly, 1616, Joseph Hulla, 1702 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Margreta Ully, 1617, Tho. Hully, 1777, Joseph Ulley, 1798, Thomas Huller, 1847 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Joanna Hulley, 1638 in *IGI* (Bilton Ainsty, WR Yorks); Frances Hulley, 1642, Edward Hullah, 1696, Elizabeth Crossfield Huller, 1834 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Joseph Hullah, 1783 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Ulliott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

### Ullman

**Variants:** Ulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Devon; Middx; Lancs

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *oli*, *oyle*, *uile*, Old French *oile*, *uille* 'oil' + Middle English *man*, denoting a maker or seller of oil.

**Early bearers:** John le Ulemon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Olmon, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Bartholomew Ulman, 1563 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Phillip Ullman, 1689 in *IGI* (Bruera, Cheshire); Eliza Ullman, 1837 in *IGI* (Cheam, Surrey).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name, see **Ullmann**.

### Ullmann

**Variants:** Ullmann, Ullman, Ulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

1 German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Ulrich**.

**Early bearers:** Carl Ullmann, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Paddington, Middx); Herman N. Ullmann, born in Berlin, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); William Wolf Ullman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Plymouth, Devon); Edward Ullman, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Christian Ullmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey); Sigmund Ullmann, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): in many cases no doubt an adoption of the German name, but *Ullman* in particular is also found among Jews as a locative name for someone from the city of Ulm in Baden-Württemberg.

**Early bearers:** David Ullman, 1870 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Benjamin Ullman, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Estella Ullman, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Plymouth, Devon); Solomon Ullmann, born in Dresden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Morris Ulman, Abraham Ulman, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

### Ullmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Woolmer**.

### Ullock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Hullock**.

### Ullrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Wooldridge**.

2 German: see **Ulrich**.

**Early bearers:** Gustave A. Ullrich, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Jacob Ullrich, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Greasborough, WR Yorks).

### Ulyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, and Lincs

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

## Ullyett

### Ullyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

### Ullyott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

### Ulman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 English: see **Ullman**.

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Ullmann**.

### Ullmann

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Ullmann**.

### Ulph

Variants: **Hulf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 216
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name Ulf (Old Scandinavian *úlfr* ‘wolf’). Compare **Wolf**.

**Further information:** A medieval man named *Ulf* is commemorated in the place-name Burnham Ulph (Norfolk); perhaps Ulf, the 1066 holder of various estates in Burnham (*Domesday Book*), or Uluus Bunting, recorded between 1161 and 1177 in connection with Brancaster, Burnham, and Burnham Deepdale (*Watts, Dictionary*). **Early bearers:** given names: Vlf, Ulfus, Olf(us), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ulf, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ulf Pigge, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs).

surnames: Alwinus Wlf, about 1125 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ædwin’ Vlf, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogero filio Hulfi, about 1180 in *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*; Walterum filium Ulf, 1232 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Alice Hulf, 1258 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert Vlf, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Hulf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sporle, Norfolk); Nicholaus Hulff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt hundred, Norfolk); John Ulf, 1386 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Eliz. Ulph, 1620 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk).

**References:** *Insley, Scand. Personal Names*; Ulph One-Name Study at [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/ulph/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/ulph/)

### Ulrich

Variants: **Ullrich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Ayr

1 German: relationship name from the personal name *Ulrich*, Old High German *Odalric*, composed of the elements *odal* ‘inherited property, fortune’ + *ric* ‘power’.

2 English, Scottish: see **Wooldridge**.

### Ulyate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

### Ulyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs

English: see **Woollett**, and for the loss of initial *W*-compare **Ollett**.

**Early bearers:** Anne Ullyott, 1571 in *IGI* (Old Bolingbroke, Lincs); Mary Ulliott, 1708 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Susanna Ullyett, 1722 in *IGI* (Orby, Lincs); Henry Ulyatt, 1722 in *IGI* (Egmontan, Notts); Edward Ulliott, 1732 in *IGI* (South Ormsby, Lincs); Rich. Ulliott, 1736 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Notts); Mary Ulyett, 1714, George Ulyatt, 1717, John Ulyatt, 1750, Ann Ullyott, 1801 in *IGI* (Great Driffield, ER Yorks); John Ulyate, 1742, John Ulyatt, 1748 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); James Ullett, 1786 in *IGI* (Barholm and Stowe, Lincs); Sarah Ulyatt, 1791 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); Gulielmus Ulyett, 1878 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Ulyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Woollett** and compare **Ulyatt**.

### Umar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 610, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim: see **Omar**.

### Umarji

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian (Gujarat): Muslim, from *Umar*, a personal name of Arab origin + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

### Umer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Muslim: see **Omar**.

### Umfreville

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Kent

Norman, English: locative name from Umfreville (Manche) or Offranville (Seine-Maritime). **Further information:** Robert de Umfreville was granted the manor of Redesdale (Northumb) by William the Conqueror.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Vnfranuilla, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Gilbert de Umframuell’, 1358–9, in *Feet of Fines*; Robert Umframvill, knight, 1378, alias Robert Umfreville, ‘chivaler’, 1402, in *Patent Rolls*; Willelmo Umberville, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); George Umfreville, 1715 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey).

### Umney

Variants: **Ommaney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Anthony Umney, 1562 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds); Christofer Umney, 1599 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Umny, 1604 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds).

### Umpelby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; WR Yorks

English: see **Umpleby**.

### Umpleby

Variants: **Umpelby, Humpleby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 448, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 559
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also NR Yorks

English: locative name, perhaps a variant of *Uppleby* with an intrusive /m/. Compare **Campleman** for **Cappleman**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* plausibly suggests that *Uppleby* is a variant pronunciation of Middle English *up in by* ‘up in the village’ (i.e. at the top end), a name which is recorded in Haisthorpe (ER Yorks) in 1297. The development to *Uppiby* and *Uppilby* can be seen in villages not far away, in Seamer, Old Malton, New Malton, and Buckton. *Redmonds* notes that one part of Easingwold (NR Yorks) is still known as Uppleby. From ER Yorks the name migrated to N Lincs, on the Humber, where there was still one family with the name in the 1881 Census, and apparently to WR Yorks, where the presumed variant *Umpleby* is the only recorded form.

**Further information:** Reaney derives *Umpleby* from Anlaby (ER Yorks), citing William de Anlauby, 1289 in *Patent Rolls*, but this is linguistically most unlikely. The 11th-century spelling *Umlouebi* for Anlaby in *Domesday Book* is a scribal error for *Anlouebi*.

**Early bearers:** Uppleby: Robert and Hugh Uppinby, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Haisthorpe, ER Yorks); Richard and Wymarck Uppiby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seamer, NR Yorks); Richard Uppilby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); Robert Uppilbe, 1483 in *York Registry Wills* (Buckton, ER Yorks); Christopher Upplebie, 1541 in *York Registry Wills* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Henry Uppleby, 1567 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Margaret Upplebie, 1577, George Charles Uppleby, 1865 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); John Upleby, 1597 in *York Registry Wills* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Rob. Upleby, 1605 in *IGI* (Bempton, ER Yorks); William Uppleby, 1718 in *IGI* (Kilham, ER Yorks); George Uplebie, 1725 in *IGI* (Heslington, ER Yorks); John Upleby, 1738 in *IGI* (Sessay, NR Yorks); William Henry Uppleby, 1881 in *IGI* (Bonby, Lincs).

Umpleby: Thomas Umpleby, 1604 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Martyne Umpleby, 1608, William Humpleby, 1613 in *IGI* (Fewston, WR Yorks); William Umpleby, 1647 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Geo Umpelby, 1702 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Rich. Humpleby, 1712, Jane Uppleby, 1806 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); George Uplebie, 1725, William Umpleby, 1803 in *IGI* (Heslington, ER Yorks); Hannah Umpelby, 1804 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

**Unadkat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

**Uncle****Variants:** Uncles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts
- 1 English: relationship name from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Úlfketel*, *Úlfkell*. Compare **Anketell**. Some of the later bearers may belong with sense (2).  
**Further information:** The *Domesday Book Hunchil* (Yorks) is explained by von Feilitzen as Old Scandinavian \**Húnkell* or \**Hundkell*, or if the *H* is inorganic, as identical with Anglo-Scandinavian *Unketel*. In *le Huncl* the *H* is undoubtedly not original, just as it is not in *Hulfkettel*. *Ulfkettel* and *Ulfkell* became *Ulketel*, *Ulkell*, and then by dissimilation of *l-l* to *n-l*, *Unketell* and *Unkell*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Ulfketel, Ulketel, Vlchetel, Vlchel, Vlchil, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Unchel de Mersca, 1170–85 in *Yorks Charters*; Ulketel, 1186–8, and Ulfketellus presbiter, 1189–98, in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ulfkillus, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks).  
 surnames: Willelmus filius Ulkilli, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Robert Hulfkettel, 1199 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* 4 (Suffolk); Robert Huneketel, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Unketel, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset); Symon, Thomas Ulfketel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Unketul, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fleckney, Leics); John Unkyl, 1445 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); Henry Ulketyll, 1460 in *Norwich Wills*; Thomas Unketyll, 1500 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Myghell Uncketyll, John, William Unkyl, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Christofer Ungle, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Uncle, 1570 in *IGI* (Old Bolingbroke, Lincs); Joane Uncle, 1592 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts).  
 2 English: relationship name from Middle English *uncle*, Old French *oncle* ‘uncle’. Compare **Eames** and **Neame**.  
**Early bearers:** William Uncle, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Eustace le Uncle, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 6 (Kent); William le Huncl, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

**Uncles****Variants:** Ungless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Wilts
- English: variant of **Uncle** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Underdown**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1007, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 594
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name for someone who lived ‘(at the) foot of the hill’ (Old English *dūn*) or at a place called Underdown.

**Early bearers:** Wulfwinus Vnderdune, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Theobald de Vnderdoune, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes Underdoune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Drewsteignton, Devon); Johannes

Underdon’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Astley Abbots, Shrops); Margaret Underdown, 1616 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Robertum Underdown, 1618 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Francis Underdown, 1637 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); Job Underdown, 1719 in *IGI* (Bodiam, Sussex); Sarah Underdown, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Underhay**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 201
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Underhays in Ideford (Devon), named in Old English as ‘below the enclosure’, Old English *under* + (*ge*)*hæg* ‘enclosure’.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Underhay, 1572 in *Bardsley*; George Underhaye, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Underhill****Variants:** Undrill, Undrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3127, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2087
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from Middle English *under* + *hill* for someone who lived below or in the lee of a hill.

**Early bearers:** Henry Underhulle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Geoffrey Undrehille, 13th cent. in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Robert de Underhull, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Underhulle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Radlow, Herefs); Johannes Undryhyll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ricardus Underhull’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Toddingtong, Glocs); Mrgrett. Undrell, 1563, Elenor Underhill, 1584 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex); Jone Undrell, 1565, Wm. Underill, 1591, Abram. Underhill, 1677 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); John Underhill, 1620, John Underill, 1624 in *IGI* (Alvechurch, Worcs).

**Underwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9934, Ireland 120
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7892
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Wexford; Sligo

English: locative name for someone who lived below a wood on a hillside or at any of the places so named.

**Early bearers:** William de Underwode, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); William Underwode de Clokton’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Under the Wode, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Ricardus Underwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Roberts, WR Yorks); Johannes Undirwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Thomas Undurwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Habberley, Shrops); Willelmus Underwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); William Underwood, 1541 in *IGI* (Worplesdon, Surrey); Johen Underwood, 1542 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); William Underwood, 1551 in *IGI* (Weston, Herts).

**Undrell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Underhill**.

**Undrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Cambs and Herts
- English: see **Underhill**.

**Unett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: variant of **Onyett**.

**Ung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 吳 and 伍, see **Wu** (1) and (2).  
 2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黃, see **Wong** (3).  
 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 洪, see **Hong** (1).

**Ungar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- German, Jewish: see **Unger**.

**Unger****Variants:** Ungar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): ethnic name meaning ‘Hungarian’.  
**Early bearers:** Nathan Unger, musical instrument maker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Liverpool, Lancs); Henry Unger, shoe maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Salford, Lancs); Leopold Ungar, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Isaac Unger, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Lewis Ungar, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Stepney, Middx); Herman Unger, butcher, born in Saxony, in *Census 1901* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Carl Ungar, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Herman Unger, tailor, born in Bulgaria, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).  
 2 English: variant of **Hunger**.

**Ungless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: variant of **Uncles**.

**Uniack**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Hants
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Uniacke**.

**Uniacke****Variants:** Uniack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Devon; Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- Norman, English, Irish: locative name, probably from Saint-Uniac in Ille-et-Vilaine département, Brittany, France (*Sant-Tewiniav* in Breton).

## Union

**Further information:** In Ireland, where this name has been established since the 13th century, families bearing it are called **Doinggeard** in Irish.

MacLysaght, in *More Irish Families*, quotes Richard Foley: 'Father Woulfe says it is taken from their place of residence – not their Irish place, however, as this is Baile Uí Mhirgin . . . The reference may apply to some place of theirs in England.' The unidentified place of residence could equally well be in France or Wales.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Bernardus Unak, 13th cent., Thomas Unak, 1386 in *More Irish Families* (Youghal, Cork); Maurice Uniacke, 1649 in *IGI* (Ballyvergyn); John Manwaring Uniack, 1762 in *IGI* (Cork). England: Bartholomew Uniacke, 1770 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Mary Magdalene Uniack, 1774, Mary Uneck, 1780 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

## Union

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Glamorgan; Renfrews; Notts; Middx; Somerset and Gloucs

English: (i) sometimes probably a variant of **Unwin**. Compare William Unwin, 1561, and John Union, 1607 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Robert Unwin, 1634, and Robert Union, 1660 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Onion** (though this, too, may be for Unwin). Compare John Union, 1686, and Jno Onion, 1732 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** James Union, 1585 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Edward Union, 1667 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Anne Union, 1680 in *IGI* (Edwinstowe, Notts); Benjamin Union, 1684 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); John Union, 1686 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Unit

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; Surrey
- English: variant of **Onyett**.

## Unitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English: variant of **Onyett**.

## Unstead

**Variants:** **Unsted**, **Ounsted**, **Ounstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Middx

English: locative name from Unstead (Farm) in Shalford (Surrey), recorded as *Tunhamstede* ('Tūn's settlement') in 1235, *Tounsamstede* in the 14th century, *Unsted* in 1547, *Unsted* alias *Townehamsted* in 1588.

**Further information:** Wilson associates the surname with 'Hounstead Bury in Sanderstead (Surrey), from the family of *Ovenstede* 1332, later *Oownstead*' but gives no sources for the place or the family name. The names *Hounstead* and *Oownstead* are alternative pronunciations of *Unstead*, while *Ovenstede* (1332) is probably an error for *Ounstede* as an early reduction of *Tounstede*. This family, though originating in Shalford, presumably acquired a *bury* or manor in Sanderstead.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Tuneshamstede, 1241 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); John Unsteade, 1558 in *Patent Rolls*

(London); Harry Ownstede, 1560, William Unstead, 1791 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Remember Unsted, 1589 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Georgij Ownstede, 1600, George Ounsted, 1614 in *IGI* (Sanderstead, Surrey); Thomas Ounsted, 1602 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Unsted, 1617 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Henrie Ounstead, 1641 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Elizabeth Unstead, 1667 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); John Ounsted, 1772 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); William Unstead, 1779 in *IGI* (Oxted, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 247.

## Unsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Unstead**.

## Unsworth

**Variants:** **Unsworth**, **Hunsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4407, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3437
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- 1 English: locative name from Unsworth (Lancs). This name was easily confused with that from Hunsworth in WR Yorks (see 2), each having the same etymology, 'Hund's worth or settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Undysworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Isaac Unsworth, 1555 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Vnssworthe, 1572 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Isaak Unsworth, 1587 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); Charles Unsworth, 1594 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Wood Street, London); John Unsworth, 1601 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs); Henry Hunsworth, 1656 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); Joseph Unsworth, 1700 in *IGI* (Ripponden, WR Yorks); Richard Hunsworth, 1712 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

2 English: see **Hunsworth**. It is unclear whether the NR Yorks and Durham surname has a WR Yorks or Lancs origin.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Unsworth, 1661 in *IGI* (Hovingham, NR Yorks); Abraham Unsworth, 1783 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Unthank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: locative name from one of the places of this name in NR Yorks, Durham, Northumb, Cumb, or Dumfriess, named in Old English with *unþances* 'without leave', denoting the dwelling of a squatter.

**Early bearers:** John de Unthanc, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Northumb); Alan de Unthanke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus Unthank, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holywell, Northumb); John Unthank, spicer, 1408, Richard Unthanke, capper, 1479 in *York Freeman's Register*; Rowland Unthank, 1575 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); William Unthanke, 1588 in *York Registry Wills* (Wilton, NR Yorks); Mary Unthank, 1626 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks).

## Unwin

**Variants:** **Hunwin**, **Union**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3733, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2941
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Unwine* (Old English *Hūnwine*). There may have been some confusion with **Onion** and **Union**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Hunuuinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Onouinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset); Vnwine, Hunwine de Batha, 1166–7 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk). surnames: Hugo filius Unwini, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Rannulf Vnwine, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Unwin, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Gilbert Unwine, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Kent); Reginald Hunwyn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Edmund Hunwine, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Hunwyne, Onewyne, 1295, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Willemus Unnewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Alicia Unwene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melchbourne, Beds); Johanne Unwyne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Calmsden, Gloucs); Thomas Onwyn', 1476 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); George Unwyne, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Stawnton Bernal, Wilts); Thomas Unwyn alias Onyon, 1559 in *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 428; William Unwin, 1561 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Wm. Unwin, 1563 in *IGI* (Keele, Staffs); Richard Unwin, 1571 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Thome Unwin, 1597 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Stephen Hunwin, 1616 in *IGI* (Rendham, Suffolk); Edward Unwyn, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Hardingswood, Staffs).

2 English: nickname from Old English *unwine* 'unfriend, i.e. enemy'. *þonwyne* in the 1275 example below is a contraction of *the unwin* 'the unfriend'. **Early bearers:** Walter þonwyne, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

## Upadhyay

**Variants:** **Upadhyaya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 273, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states and Karnataka): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *upādhyāya* 'teacher' (from *upa* 'with, under' + *adhyāya* 'studying').

## Upadhyaya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian: see **Upadhyay**.

## Upcher

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Northants; WR Yorks

English: see **Upsher**.

## Upchurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts, Cambs, and Herts

English: locative name from a place named as 'the high church' or possibly the higher of two churches. There is a village of this name in Kent, near Chatham, but the geographical distribution of the surname suggests its origin is in Hunts or Cambs. **Early bearers:** Robert Upchurch, 1572 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); William Upchurch, 1599 in *IGI* (Steeple Morden, Cambs); Alice Upchurch, 1604 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs).

## Upcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one or other of the numerous places in Devon called Upcot(t), or from Upcote Farm in Withington (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Vppeccote, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Stephano Upcote, 1381 in *IGI* (Skilgate, Somerset); John Uppecote, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Thomas de Upcote, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Thomas Uppecote, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Buckland, Devon); Alice Upcott, 1543 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon).

### Upcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk

English: (i) locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Upcroft*, apparently in Norfolk. The place-name may derive from Middle English *up* 'upper' + *croft* 'croft, enclosure, small field'. As it is by no means certain that the earliest bearer cited below, Alan de Hopcroft, actually belongs here, it is difficult to judge how much weight should be given to the *Hop-* spelling. (ii) alternatively, a Norfolk variant of the Oxon surname **Hopcroft**.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Hopcroft, 1307–27 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Gillingham, Norfolk); Stephen Upcroft, 1546, William Upcraft, 1654 in *Norfolk Record Office* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Brigitta Upcroft, 1582, Edmondi Upcrofte, 1586, Susanna Upcraft, 1617 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Wm. Upcraft, 1636, Susan Upcroft, 1674, Charles Hopcraft, 1789 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Francis Upcraft, 1691 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Edwd. Hopcroft, 1734 in *IGI* (Cockley Cley, Norfolk); James Upcraft, 1776 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Upex

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Hunts

English: unexplained. Formally it appears to be derived from Up Exe ('settlement higher up the River Exe') in Rewe (Devon), but there are no early surname forms to bear this out and it would also require migration of the surname from Devon to Northants. Alternatively it might be a variant of the lost surname *Upwick* with post-medieval excrescent -s. There is an Upwick ('the upper dairy farm') in Albury (Herts), from which Robert and Alice de Upwik, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Albury, Herts), and Guy de Upwyk', 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Albury, Herts), were named.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Upex, 1495 in *Northants Record Office* (Northants); [ . . . ] Uppex, about 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainton, Northants); John Uppex, 1637 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Ann Uppex, 1704 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); William Upex, 1813 in *IGI* (Warmington, Northants); Richard Upex, 1814 in *IGI* (Peterborough, Northants); Thomas Upex, 1822 in *IGI* (Huntingdon, Hunts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 169.

### Upfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name for someone living in the 'upper part of the field (area of treeless, open country)'.

**Early bearers:** John Upfield, 1670 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Edward Upfield, 1683 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); Rob Upfield, 1684 in *IGI* (Stoke next Guildford, Surrey); John Upfield, 1704 in *IGI* (Pagham, Sussex).

### Upfold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 211
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) upper enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Uppefolde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Johannes Upfolde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Alce Upfold, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Lurgashall, Sussex); William Upfold, 1606 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Johis Upfold, 1620 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); John Upfold, 1632 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); William Upfold, 1639 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); John Upfold, 1663 in *IGI* (Frensham, Surrey).

### Upham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Upham Farm in Farrington (Devon), Upham in Aldbourne (Wilts), or Upham (Hants).

**Early bearers:** William de Vpham, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Alexander de Upham, 1210–11 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Rogerus Upham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burwell, Hants); John Upham, 1455–6 in *Chancery Proceedings*; Thomas Ophome, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon).

### Uphill

**Variants:** Hoople

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset

English: locative name from Uphill (Devon) or topographic for someone who lived '(up the) hill', Middle English *uppe hylle*, or '(up on) the hill', Middle English *uppan hylle*.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Vphull', 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cornwall); Henry Upphenull, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John Uphulle, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Uppehelle, 1320 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Johannes Uppehull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butleigh, Somerset); Thomas Uppehull, 1381 in *IGI* (Middlezooy, Somerset); Richard Uphull of Grimstead, Wilts, 1419 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); William Uphill, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

### Upjohn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Dorset
- Welsh: relationship name from Welsh *ap John* 'son of John'.

**Early bearers:** John Upjohn, 1547 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Roger ap-John, 1638 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Richard Upjohn, 1778 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*.

### Uppal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1496, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Jat, Khatri) and Sikh. The Jats have a tribe and the Khatri have a clan called *Uppal*.

### Upperton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx

English: locative name from any of three minor places in Sussex called Upperton (in Eastbourne, in Harting, and in Tillington).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Upperton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Upperton, 1590 in *IGI* (Heyshott, Sussex); Thomas Upperton, 1597 in *IGI* (Cocking, Sussex).

### Uppington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: locative name from Uppington (Shrops). **Early bearers:** Adam de Uppinton', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Uppynton' 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harbridge, Hants); William Uppington, 1636 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset); Mary Uppington, 1641 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Richard Uppington, 1645 in *IGI* (Cruwys Morchard, Devon).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived '(up in the) village', from Middle English *up in the tun*, Old English *upp in tūne*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Uppinton', 1275, Geoffrey Uppinton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Up-in-the-ton of Waterfal, 1318 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Upynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asthall and Asthall Leigh, Oxon).

### Uprichard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 304
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Armagh

Welsh: relationship name, variant of **Pritchard** in which Welsh *ap* has been fully preserved.

**Early bearers:** John Uprichard, 1551 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Edmund Uprichard, 1571 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts); Thos Uprichard, 1576 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); John Uprichard, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Mary Uprichard, 1864 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

### Upright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon; also Kent (Thanet)

English: nickname from Middle English *upriht* 'erect, stiff' (Old English *ūpriht*).

**Early bearers:** William Uprict, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Symon Upright, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Walter Upright, 1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne Upright, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hilperton, Wilts); Richard Upright, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Richard Upright, 1635 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).

## Upsall

### Upsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Dorset

1 English: locative name from Upsal (NR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Upshale, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Upsal', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Upsale of Kyngeston, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); William Uppesale, 1349 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Ricardo de Upsale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Margret Upsall, 1585 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Alece Upsall, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Elizabeth Upsall, 1684 in *IGI* (Weston, Notts); William Upsall, 1717 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Thomas Upsall, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: see **Upshall**.

### Upshall

#### Variants: Upsall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name of uncertain origin. It may be a variant of **Upsall** due to early migration from Yorks, but more probably it is from Apshill Farm in Tisbury (S Wilts), or some similarly named minor place in S England.

**Early bearers:** Maude Upshall, 1554, and John Upshall, 1560, in *IGI* (Pitcombe, Somerset); Marie Upshall, 1675 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Thomas Upshall, 1676 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 194

### Upshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs and Norfolk; Wilts

English: locative name for someone living by 'the upper copse' or 'the distant copse', from Middle English *up* (adj.) 'high' or 'remote' + *scawe*, *shaw* 'copse, thicket, small wood' (Old English *sceaga*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Upshaw, 1599 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); Mary Upshaw, 1755 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Jno. Upshaw, 1727 in *IGI* (London); Susan Upshaw, 1828 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

### Upsher

#### Variants: Upcher, Abshire, Abshir, Upshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Essex

English: locative name from Upshire in Waltham Holy Cross (Essex), recorded as *Upscire* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** John Upchar, 1420 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Essex); Maria Upcher, 1561 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Margaret Upsher, 1566 in *IGI* (Kelvedon, Essex); Frances Upchere, 1580 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Ann Upshire, 1608 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Thomas Upshere, 1645 in *IGI* (London); George Upsher, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 31.

### Upshire

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Upsher**.

### Upson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 911, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 642
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex, and Middx
- English: see **Upstone**.

### Upston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Oxon; Surrey; also Norfolk
- English: see **Upstone**.

### Upstone

#### Variants: Upston, Upson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Worcs

English: locative name from Ubbeston (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Ubbeston', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Upston, parson, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Shimpling, Suffolk); John Upston, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henrie Upson, 1610 in *IGI* (Shotley, Suffolk); Jas. Upson, 1645 in *IGI* (Assington, Suffolk); Thomas Upstone, 1691 in *IGI* (Leckhampstead, Bucks); Wm Upstone, 1704 in *IGI* (Woughton on the Green, Bucks); Edward Upstone, 1727 in *IGI* (Ascott under Wychwood, Oxon); Mary Upstone, 1728 in *IGI* (Ascott under Wychwood, Oxon); Robert Upstone, 1729 in *IGI* (Twyford, Bucks); Martha Upstone, 1732 in *IGI* (Burford, Oxon); Thomas Upstone, 1732 in *IGI* (Quinton, Bucks).

### Upton

#### Variants: Hupton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7470, Ireland 195
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5600
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick and Cork
- English: locative name from any of the many places in England called Upton.

**Further information:** This name was brought to Ireland (Antrim) in 1598 by Henry Upton, from Upton in Devon.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Vpton', 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Swetmann atte Uppeton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne de Uppeton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs); Johannes de Upton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Thomas Upton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Walterus Uptoune, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Richard Upton, 1426–32 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Baketon and Colepitte, Devon); Richard Upton, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Upton, Herefs).

### Upward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; IoW

English: locative name, probably from Upwood in Sispenny Handley (Dorset). If this is correct, the form of the name has been altered by folk etymology.

**Early bearers:** Margeria Upwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shaftesbury, Dorset); John Upward, 1599 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Upward, 1673 in *IGI*

(Carisbrooke, IoW); Thomas Upward, 1693 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset); Thomas Upward, 1695 in *IGI* (Shillingstone, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 120

### Upwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and Essex

English: locative name from Upwood (Hunts) or for someone living by 'the upper wood' or 'up in the wood'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Upwod', 1258 in *Manorial Select Pleas* (Hunts); Adam de Upwode, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Upwode, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Upwode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); John Upwood, 1635 in *IGI* (Hauxton, Cambs); Thurgood Upwood, 1669 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Thorowgood Upwood, 1686 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs).

### Uran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Carmarthens

Breton: see **Uren**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

### Urban

#### Variants: Urben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 561, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Sussex; Durham

English: relationship name from the comparatively rare Middle English personal name *Urban*, Latin *Urbanus*, from an adjective meaning 'of the city'.  
**Further information:** Urbanus was the name of a 3rd-century saint and seven popes. The personal name was more popular in continental Europe than in England, and in most cases the modern surname was brought to England comparatively recently from other European countries.

**Early bearers:** given names: Vrbanus de Herlingdon', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks).

surnames: William Urban, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Herts); Edwardus Urbayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Steepleton, Dorset); John Urban', 1392 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Urias Urban, 1625 in *IGI* (Adbaston, Staffs); Thomas Urban, 1832 in *IGI* (West Grinstead, Sussex).

### Urben

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Sussex

English: see **Urban**.

### Urch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: of uncertain origin. It might be from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Urch*, representing a hypothetical Old English \**Eohric*. This has been inferred as the first element in



Urchfont (Wilts), recorded as *Ierchesfonte* (1086), *Erchesfonte* (1175), *Urchesfunte* (1289) in *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 315.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Urrch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Guiting Power, Gloucs); Gulielmus Urch, 1603 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Joan Urch, 1621 in *IGI* (Winscombe, Somerset).

## Ure

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1056, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 926

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings  
Scottish: from the Older Scots personal name *Ure*, a variant of *Ivor*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Ure Campbell, 1545 in *Highland Papers* (Strachur, Argyll).

urnames: John Ure, 1502–7 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (West Kilbride, Ayr); John Ure or Ur, 1543 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Methven, Perth); Alexander Ure, songster, 1561 in *Treasurer Accounts* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Donald Ure, 1622 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Torwoodhead, Stirlings).

## Uren

**Variants:** Uran, Urin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1055, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Breton, Norman: relationship name from the Breton personal name *Ur(i)en* (Old Breton *Urbien, Urien*). As used by Normans (such as the family of de Saint Pierre, see *Simper*) it may have given rise to a hereditary surname in the Midlands, but it is uncertain that this has survived into the present day. It is sometimes unclear whether the name as used in Wales is the Breton-Norman name (as in the de Saint Pierre family who also held lands in Wales), or a parallel survival of a Welsh name of the same origin. In Cornwall the surname cannot represent a native patronymic, as Cornish personal names were no longer current in the period of surname formation, so it must be the Breton surname **Urien**, brought to Cornwall in the 16th century, as clearly indicated by the given names recorded 1524–45 and the surnames recorded in 1543 and 1545.

**Further information:** The explanation of the Breton surname *Urien* given in *Morlet, Dictionnaire* (a locative surname arising from a misdivision and reduction of *Saint-Thurien*, a place-name in Eure) is unnecessary.

**Early bearers:** given names: Urian de Saint Pierre, 1272 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Urin Breton, alien, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Constantine, Cornwall); Uryn Bretton, alien, 1524, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camborne, Cornwall); Urin Bretton, alien, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).

urnames, S and E Midlands: John filius Urian', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Christopher Uren, 1612 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Faith Uren, 1629 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

urnames, SW England: Roger Urine, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sancreed, Cornwall); Nowell Uryn, alien, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grade, Cornwall); John Uryn, alien, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Redruth, Cornwall); Nicholas Uren, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); Phillip Uren, 1607 in *IGI* (Breaage, Cornwall); Mary Uren, 1616, Edward Youren, 1682 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); Henry Urine, 1634 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall); Gregory Vryn, 1642 in *Protestation Returns*

(Devon); Margt Uren, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Lore Urin, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Bennett Uren, 1684, Henry Youren, 1746 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); Henry Uran, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Erth, Cornwall).  
urnames, Wales: Iwan ap Huren, Erduduil fil' Uryen, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Ieuan ap Uran, Ll' ap Uryen, Marg'ia Uryan, 1326 in *Black Book of Saint David's*.  
**References:** *Loth, Bretonne*, p. 170; *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 201–2.

## Urey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: see **Urry**.

## Uridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: locative name from Eridge in Frant (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Iwruigg', 1327, Thomas Euregg, 1332, and Richard Ewreg, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

## Urie

**Variants:** Hurrie, Hurry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow

Scottish: locative name from Urie (Kincardines).

**Early bearers:** Adam Urie, 1260 in *Black*; Hugh de Urre, 1296 in *Black* (Perths); Huwe Urry, 1296 in *Black* (Ayr); John Hurrie, 17th cent. in *Black* (Aberdeens); Jonet Urie, 1667 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Allan Urie, 1690 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Urie, 1729 in *IGI* (West Kilbride, Ayr).

## Urin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Derbys; Northants; Durham; Cornwall

Breton, Norman, Welsh: see **Uren**.

## Urior

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Urien* (Old Welsh *Urbgen*). Compare the equivalent Breton name **Uren**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Urien ab Iorwerth, 1325 in *Morgan and Morgan*.

urnames: Robert Vryen, 1459 in *Shrewsbury Guild Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Urian, 1671 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Urior, 1748 in *IGI* (Whittington, Shrops); Wm Urian, 1779 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Robert Urior, 1827 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 201–2.

## Urling

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 Norman, English: see **Urlwin**.  
2 Norman, English: see **Harling**.

## Urlwin

**Variants:** Urling, Hurling, Harling, Harlin, Hurlin, Arling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name (*H*)*erlwin*, Old French *Herluin, Arluin*, Continental Germanic *Erlewin, Herlewin* (composed of elements meaning 'earl' and 'friend'). There is late Middle English loss of /w/ after /l/ in forms such as *Urlin(g)*, *Earling*, *Harlin(g)*. The name has probably been confused with **Harling** (1), especially in E Anglia, and with **Harling** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Herluinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts, Norfolk, Warwicks); Urleuine, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Herlewine de Sumerfeld', 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Harlewyn, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams).

urnames: Balduinus filius Herluini, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs); Radulfus filius Herluini, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); John Erlewin, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Roger Herlewyn, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Simon Arlewine, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Peter Harlewyne, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Richard Urlewyn', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Harlewine, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Winestead, ER Yorks); Alice Hurlewyne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Roberto Herlewyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freeby, Leics); Thomas Herlewin', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Docking, Norfolk); Clemens Herlewyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Harlewyn, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Peter's in Thanet, Kent); Thomas Harlyng, 1451 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Harlewyn, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Harlinge, 1538 in *York Registry Wills* (Wilberfoss, ER Yorks); Hugh Harlinge, 1576 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Roger Urten, 1581 in *Oxford University Register*; Nynyon Urlyn, 1582 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Ann Earling, 1591, Edward Hurling, 1617, Grace Harlin, 1645, John Urling, 1696 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Urllyn, 1624, John Urlwyn, 1626, Elizabeth Urlwin, 1662 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); Thomas Urlin, 1647, John Urlwin, 1675, Richard Urling, 1717, William Urllyn, 1719 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Marmadux Urlin (siue, ut Atavi scripsere, Earlewyn), 1654, Mr Urling, 1698 in *Cambridge Antiquarian Society* 34; James Hurlin, 1732, Jenny Urlwin, 1758, Jenny Urllyn, 1758 in *IGI* (Rickmansworth, Herts).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 79.

## Urmson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 190
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Urmston**.

## Urmston

**Variants:** Urmson, Ormson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from either of two places called Urmston (in Lancs and Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** William de Vrmestone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne de Urmeston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Westleigh, Lancs); Cecilia de Urmeston', 1381 in *Poll*

## Urquart

*Tax* (Urmston, Lancs); John Urmston, 1572 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Humfrey Urmestone, 1581, Humfray Urmson, 1617 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Andrew Urmstone, 1588 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); James Urmston, 1612, Elizabeth Urmson, 1624, Gilbert Ormeston, 1653, Gilbert Ormson, 1655 in *IGI* (Wallasey, Cheshire).

### Urquart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Urquhart**.

### Urquhart

Variants: **Urquart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4420, Ireland 47
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4042
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Dublin
- Scottish: locative name from any of the various places in Scotland so called, notably the barony of Urquhart (Inverness), or places of that name in Ross and Cromarty, Morays, and Fife. Compare **Orchison**.

**Further information:** Some bearers of this name trace their descent from William de Urchard, who fought for Robert the Bruce between 1297 and 1328.

**Early bearers:** Gylleroch de Urchard, 1234 in *Moray Register* (Inverness); Adam Urquhart, 1358 in *Great Seal of Scotland*; Alexander of Hurcharde, 1381 in *Papal Petitions* (Dunkeld, Perth); Arthur Urquhart, 1608 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bessie Urquhart, 1616 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); David Urquhart, 1621 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Adame Urquhart, 1629 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

**References:** *Place-Names of Fife* 1, p. 363–4; 4, pp. 711–4; 5, pp. 321–2.

### Urry

Variants: **Ury, Urey, Hurrey, Hurry, Horry, Horrey, Orrey, Orry, Oury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 592, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 522
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants; also Lincs
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Urri*, which is a reduced form of either the Old English personal name *Wulfric* (see **Wooldridge**) or the cognate Continental Germanic personal name *Wulfric*, Old French \**Urri*. The name often appears with prosthetic *H-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Vlfric, Vlfricus, Vlrucus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Urrius de la haie, about 1148 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Herefs); Urric' Arbelestier, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Wlrucus Balistarius, 1233 in *Book of Fees* (Essex); Hurri, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts).

sumames: Reginaldus filius Vrri, 1182–98 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary* (London); Walter Urri, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Herueus Urri, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Uri, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Alan Hurry, 1219 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey Orry, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); Walter Horry, 1290 in *Book of Fees* (IoW); Robertus Urich', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppingham, Rutland); Nicholas Urry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Freshwater, IoW); Simon Urry, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); John Ulricus, 14th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* 6

(Cambs); Elnor Urry, 1580 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Jno Urry, 1609 in *IGI* (Radclive, Bucks); John Urry, 1614 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); Robart Urry, 1620 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Thos. Urry, 1620 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Henry Urry, 1654, Mary Urey, 1711 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Anna Orray, 1700, Robert Orrey, 1735, John Orrah, 1743 in *IGI* (Ebberston, NR Yorks); George Orray, 1732, George Orrey, 1746 in *IGI* (Folkton, ER Yorks); Tamar Orrah, 1789 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); George Orrah, 1796 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage II*, pp. 180–1. 2 English: in Lincs and E Anglia, this may be a derivative of the Middle English personal name *Orred*; see **Orritt**.

### Ursell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 348, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Ursel* (from a diminutive of Latin *ursus* 'bear') or the female personal name *Ursula*.

**Early bearers:** William Vrsel, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Ursellus de Busco, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); John Ursell, 1750 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs).

### Urton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: locative name, variant of **Orton**. Compare John Orton, 1693, Geo. Urton, 1723 in *IGI* (Cuckney, Notts).

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Urton, 1561 in *IGI* (Orby, Lincs); James Urton, 1600 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Elizab. Urton, 1615 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Urwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1797, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1363
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; also Northumb
- English: variant spelling of **Erwin**.

### Ury

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW
- English: see **Urry**.

### Usborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Osborne**.

### Usher

Variants: **Ussher, Husher, Lusher, Asher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4718, Ireland 228
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3179
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; London; also ER Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Galway
- 1 English: occupational name from Middle English *usher* 'usher, doorkeeper', Old French (*le*) *ussier*, *huissier*, Anglo-Norman French *usser*.

**Further information:** This name has been in Ireland since 1302, when John le Ussher was constable of Dublin Castle.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Ussier, 1216–72 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); William le Usset, Lussier, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Usset, 1274 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Skelton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); Geoffrey le Uscher, 1300 in *London Letter Books C*; Richard Lusscher, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Adam Husser, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Henricus Luscher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Willelmus Usscher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Downham Market, Norfolk); Richard Lusschere, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Dean Prior, Devon); John Ussher, 1461 in *York Registry Wills* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); John Huscher, 1506 in *York Guild Register* (York); John Usher, 1540 in *IGI* (Atwick, ER Yorks); Robert Ussher, 1552 in *York Registry Wills* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Thomas Usher, 1592 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham).

Ireland: Arland Uschere, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$3319.

2 Jewish (from Poland and Ukraine): see **Ascher**.

**Early bearers:** Hyman Usher, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Byker, Northumb).

### Usherwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 319
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Isherwood**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Usherwood, 1567 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Joane Usherwood, 1574 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Henricus Usherwood, 1576 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Francys Usherwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Adam Usherwood, 1598 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Thomas Usherwood, 1614 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

### Usman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1004, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Muslim (Pakistan, India; UAE; Nigeria, Indonesia): from the Persian form of the Arabic personal name 'Uthmān.

**Further information:** 'Uthmān ibn 'Affān (reigned 644–56) was the third of the 'rightly guided khalifs'.

### Usmani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Muslim (Pakistan): form corresponding to, and probably derived from, **Osmani** used in the Indian subcontinent.

### Usmar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Osmar**.

### Ussell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Uzzell**.

### Ussher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Galway
- English: see **Usher**.

### Uthayakumar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: unexplained.

### Utley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 663, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Uttley**.

### Utridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Uttridge**.

### Utteridge

Variants: **Utridge, Uttridge, Outridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Outrich*, which presumably goes back to an unrecorded Old English name \**Ūhtric*. The medieval forms may, however, contain misreadings of *ch* for *th* and belong under **Outred**. There seems also to have been some phonetic confusion between these surnames in the post-medieval period.

**Early bearers:** John Outrich, 1333 in *Essex Record Office*; Johannes Utrech, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barlow, WR Yorks); John Outridge, 1546, Martha Uttridge, 1591 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Utteredge, 1663 in *Buxhall History* (Suffolk); William Uttridge, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Thomas Uttridge, 1699, Thomas Uttridge, 1707 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Thomas Utterage, 1723, Thomas Uttridge, 1748 in *IGI* (East Dereham, Norfolk); Sarah Uttridge, 1779 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

### Uttersen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian

Scottish: relationship name, patronymic meaning 'son of Uchtreð', an Old Scandinavian personal name. Compare **McAughtrie**.

**Early bearers:** Jane Outterston, 1643 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Robart Outterston, 1646, Christian Outerson, 1824 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Outterstone, 1655 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Alison Uterstone, 1666, John Uterstone, 1670, John Utterson, 1690 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Patrick Outerston, 1679 in *IGI* (Longformacus, Berwicks); Robert Uterstone, 1695 in *IGI* (Coldingham, Berwicks); Mary Utterson, 1703, Alison Uterson, 1706 in *IGI* (Foulden, Berwicks); William Utterson, 1703 in *IGI* (Spott, E Lothian); James Owterstown, 1705 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian); Janet Utterson, 1708 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb); Isabel Outerson, 1735 in *Parish Registers* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Outerston, 1749 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Utting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Norfolk
- English: see **Utting**.

### Utting

Variants: **Utton, Uttin, Outen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 786
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name \**Utting*, a derivative of *Utta*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Utting', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Willelmus filius Uttingi, Coket Uttingus, 1183 in *Boldon Book* (Durham); Tomas Vtting, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Beatrix Uttyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Simon Uttyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fishtoft, Lincs); Thomas Utting, 1545 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); William Utting, 1624 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Lincs); Elizab. Outing, 1630 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Jone Outing, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement, Sandwich, Kent); Anthony Uttinge, Goody Utten, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Uttley

Variants: **Utley, Hutley, Huttley, Huttly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1363, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1439
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Utley in Keighley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Huttelege, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Johannes Utlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stansfield, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Uttelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Keighley, WR Yorks); William Utlay, 1415 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Margaret Utley, 1594 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Uttley, 1617 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); John Utley, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Stansfield, WR Yorks).

### Utton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London
- English: variant of **Utting**.

### Uttridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Cambs; also Warwicks
- English: see **Uttridge**.

### Uwins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Sussex
- Scottish, Welsh: see **Ewens**.

### Uzzell

Variants: **Ussell, Hussell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- Norman: nickname from Old French *oiseil* 'bird'. Compare **Oslar**.

**Early bearers:** Matthew Oisel, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Geoffrey Oysel, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Margeria Ussell, John Ossell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs).

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## Vaccaro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Italian: occupational name from *vaccaro* ‘cowherd’ (Late Latin *vaccarius*, a derivative of *vacca* ‘cow’).

**Early bearers:** Dominico Vaccaro, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Bedford, Beds).

## Vacher

Variants: **Vatcher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

Norman, English: occupational name from Old French *vachier* ‘cowherd’.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Vacher, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh le Vachir, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robertus Vacer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tollerton, Notts); Rogerus Vacher, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bremhill, Wilts); Roberto Vacher, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Thomas Vatcher, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Poole, Dorset); Mary Vacher, 1712 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

## Vadera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), unexplained.

## Vadgama

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

2 Portuguese, Indian (Goa): perhaps a reduced form of *Vasco da Gama*, surname of the great Portuguese navigator (about 1469–1524), who landed in Calicut, Kerala (modern name: Kozhikode) in 1498, opening the way for the European spice trade with India and Portuguese colonial expansion in the East.

## Vadher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 634, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Vadukul

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

## Vagg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

English: see **Fagg**.

## Vaggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks

English: variant of **Fagg** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Eliz Vaggs, 1730 in *Parish Registers* (Pendomer, Somerset); James Faggs, 1733 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); David Vaggs, 1736 in *IGI* (Farleigh Hungerford, Somerset).

## Vaghela

- **Current frequencies:** GB 896, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Rajput), from Gujarati *vagh* ‘tiger’ (Sanskrit *vyāghra*).

**Further information:** The clan name is from the village of Vaghela ‘the tiger’s lair’, which was granted to the clan founder, Anoka, nephew of King Kumarpal Solanki of Gujarat (reigned 1143–1174). Eventually, the whole of Gujarat came under the control of the Varghelas, until, in 1297 the invasion of a massive army under Sultan Ala ud-din Khilji culminated in the destruction of the capital at Anhilwara and the expulsion of the Vaghel ruler.

## Vahey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Irish: from **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.

## Vaid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, from Sanskrit *vaidya* ‘practitioner of *Ayurveda*’ (a native Indian system of medicine).

## Vaidya

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *vaidya* ‘scholar, physician’ (from Sanskrit *vid-* ‘to know’).

**Further information:** The surname is found among several communities. It is the name of a clan of the Konkanasth Brahmins.

## Vail

Variants: **Vaill, Vaile, Veail, Veil, Vial**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Essex, and London

English: occupational name from Old French *de la veille* ‘of the watch, watchman’, with loss of *de*. There has been some confusion with the topographic name **Vale** and the nickname **Veal**.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Ueille, 1127–34, and Richard la Veille, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Richard la Veyle, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Geoffrey de Veel, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Veyle, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas le Veyl, 1276 in *Assize Rolls*

(Somerset); Hubert la Veyle, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Veille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Loversall, WR Yorks); Edmund Veyl, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Elstree, Herts); John Viall, 1526 in *PROB 11* (Cathedral Churr of Hereford, Herefs); Richard Vail, 1685 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

## Vaile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx

English: see **Vail**.

## Vaill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Vail**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Vaillant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see **Valiant**.

## Vain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Devon and Cornwall; Lanarks

Norman, English: see **Vane**.

## Vaines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

Norman, English: see **Vanes**.

## Vair

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Scotland; also WR Yorks; Norfolk

Scottish, English: see **Fair**.

## Vairo

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Varrow**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Vairy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Varey**.

## Vaisey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; Monmouths
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vaizey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Essex
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vaja

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Valance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: Dorset and Devon; WR Yorks and Notts
- Norman, English: see **Vallance**.

### Valand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Vale

Variants: **Valle**, **Veal**, **Wale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2905, Ireland 22
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Middx and Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 English, Norman: locative name for someone who lived ‘(in the) vale or valley’ (Middle English *val(e)*, *valle*, Old French *val* ‘valley’, or for someone who came from one of the French places so named, such as Le Val (Sarthe) or any number in and around Normandy called Vaux. Compare **Vause**.
- Early bearers:** Wido de la Val, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Robert del Val, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Walter ate Vale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lovel Barn, in Chailey, Sussex); Roberto le Vaal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Grinstead, Sussex); Willelmus de Wale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); John Vale, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Humfrey Vale, 1566 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Robert Valle, 1567 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul, Canterbury, Kent); Symon Vale, 1569 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Vale, 1572 in *IGI* (Willingale Doe, Essex); Flowre Vales, 1602 in *IGI* (Homersfield, Suffolk); Thomas Vales, 1615 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Nicholas Vayle, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).
- 2 Irish: from **Mac Pháil** ‘son of Paul’.
- 3 Irish: see **Veale**.

### Valence

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Vallance**.

### Valencia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- Spanish, Catalan, Jewish (Sephardic): locative name from any of several places in eastern Spain called Valencia.

**Further information:** The great city and seaport of Valencia was the capital of an independent Moorish kingdom until it was conquered by the Christian king James I of Catalonia (known as Jaume el Conqueridor in Catalan), in 1239, when it became part of the Kingdom of Aragon. From census evidence, the name appears to have been brought to England, evidently from Amsterdam, in the mid-19th century by one family of Jewish immigrants, which then ramified and spread throughout the east end of London.

**Early bearers:** Mordica Valencia, tailor, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Valencia, cigar maker, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyham Valencia, boot maker, born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Valencia, printer (compositor), born in Spitalfields, in *Census 1901* (Leicester, Middx); Prescilla Valencia, teacher, born in London, in *Census 1911* (Newton Abbot, Devon).

### Valente

- **Current frequencies:** GB 781, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian; also Portuguese: (i) nickname from the vocabulary word *valente* ‘brave, valient’. (ii) relationship name from the Italian personal name *Valente* (of the same origin and meaning as i), which was especially popular in medieval Italy, having been borne by a 6th-century bishop of Verona.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Valente, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Dudley, Worcs); Damiano Valente, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Glamorgan, Wales); Filomena Valente, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Warwicks); Mingo Valente, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Angelo Valente, lodging house keeper, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Wrexham, Denbighs).

### Valenti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Italian: relationship name patronymic from the personal name **Valente**.

**Early bearers:** Vittore Valenti, born in “foreign parts”, in *Census 1841* (Shoreditch, Middx); Pietro Valenti, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Guiseppe Valenti, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Joseph Valenti, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Northumb); Lorenzo Valenti, artist of singing, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx); Rasato Valenti, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

2 Catalan: relationship name from the Catalan personal name *Valentí*.

### Valentin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English, Scottish: see **Valentine**.

2 French, German: relationship name from the personal name *Valentin*, vernacular form of Latin *Valentinus*; compare **Valentine**.

**Further information:** In this form, the name is also borne by immigrants from many other parts of Europe.

**Early bearers:** Auguste Valentin, agricultural labourer, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Kings Mills, Guernsey); Coralie Valentin, governess, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Lewisham, Kent); Némours Valentin, clock maker, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); Emile Valentin, tailor, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Islington, Middx); Ferdinand Valentin, dry goods agent, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Willesden, Middx); Jean Marie Valentin, infirmarian, born in France, in *Census 1911* (Battle, Sussex).

Isidor Valentin, commercial clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); Felten Valentin, baker’s man, born in Bingen, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Strand, Westminster, Middx); Villiger Valentin, night porter, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Farringdon, London); Richard Valentin, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Kew, Surrey).

### Valentine

Variants: **Valentin**, **Valentine**, **Valentin**, **Vallintine**, **Valintine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6115, Ireland 371
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3696
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Angus and Aberdeens; London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Antrim

English, Scottish, Huguenot, Jewish: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Valentin*, Latin *Valentinus*, a derivative of *valens* ‘strong, healthy’. It was the name of a 3rd-century Roman saint and martyr.

**Further information:** McKinley, *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 317, records that from the 13th century a family called Valentine were landowners at Flixton (Lancs), presumably the descendants of Valentine of Flixton, who lived in the early 13th century.

**Early bearers:** given names: Valentinus, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts), 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Valentyn le Warner, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs). England: Matilda Valentyn, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Valentin, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Johanne Valentyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Johannes Valentyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Neatishead, Norfolk); John Valentyn, 1414–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Valentine, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Lawrence Valentine, 1562 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); William Vallentine, 1573 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts); George Valentine, 1599 in *IGI* (Sefton, Lancs); Nicholas Vallentyne, 1616 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Abraham Valintine, 1635 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Lowranc Vallintin, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Edward Valentine, 1720 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs).

Scotland: Alexr. Vallentyne, 1633 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Alexr. Vallentein, 1642 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); James Valentine, 1658 in *IGI* (Auchterhouse, Angus); Jean Valantine, 1699 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); William Valentin, 1706 in *IGI* (Banchory, Kincardines); David Vallantyne, 1799 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perth).

Huguenot: Pierre Valentin, 1699 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jean Vallentin, 1763 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx). Jewish: Zillah Deborah Vallentine, 1836 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Nathan Bennaton Vallentine, 1837 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Benjamin Vallentine, 1839 in *IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Benjamin Vallentine, 1843 in

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*IGI* (Hambro Synagogue, London); Mordecai Valentine, cigar maker, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Valentine, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Valentine, clothier, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Moss Valentine, insurance agent, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Valentino

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian, Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Valentino*, a pet form of **Valente**. **Early bearers:** Mary Valentino, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Eastham, Cheshire); Joseph Valentino, cotton weaver, in *Census 1861* (Blackburn, Lancs); George Valentino, collier, in *Census 1871* (Wolstanton, Staffs); Bernardo Valentino, ice cream vendor, born in England, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Columba Valentino, domestic servant, born in England, in *Census 1901* (Peterborough, Northants); Rigozzi Valentino, waiter, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Antoinette Valentino, nurse, born in Valletta, Malta, in *Census 1911* (Chertsey, Surrey); Guiseppa Valentino, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey).

### Valerio

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Italian, Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Valerio* (Latin *Valerius*, a Roman family name ultimately derived from Latin *valere* ‘to flourish, to be strong and healthy’).

**Further information:** The name was borne by several minor Christian saints, among them 4th-century bishops of Trier and Zaragoza and 5th-century bishops of Sorrento and of Antibes in southern France.

**Early bearers:** Charlotte Valerio, born in Norfolk, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); George Valerio, 1885 in *Parish Registers* (Derby, Derbys); Mariette Valerio, born in Liverpool, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Salvatore Valerio, ice cream dealer, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Guilio Valerio, confectioner, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Carmine Valerio, organ player, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Wrexham, Denbighs); Gaetano Valerio, ice cream hawker, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1901* (Portsmouth, Hants); Erminto Valerio, confectioner, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Celestino Valerio, fried fish vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Gallo Valerio, waiter, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Valet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English, Huguenot: see **Vallet**.

### Vali

**Variants:** **Valli**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Turkish, Greek: status name from Turkish *vali* ‘governor’, Greek *valis* ‘prefect’, itself from Arabic *wali* ‘lord, protector, friend’; compare **Wali**.

2 Iranian: from a tribal name found in the province of Khuzestan, Iran (adjacent to the border with Iraq).

### Valiant

**Variants:** **Vaillant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; E Anglia

Norman, English: nickname from Old French *vaillant* ‘courageous, sturdy’.

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Vaillant, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Gilbert le Valiand, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Gilbert Valiant, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); John Vaillant, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Snape, Suffolk); Walter Vaylaunt, 1347 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam Derby alias Vaillant, king’s herald, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Radus. Valiant, 1571 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Willmi. Valiant, 1603 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Anna Valiant, 1608 in *IGI* (Burmars, Kent); Abraham Valiant, 1658 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Valiant, 1665 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs).

### Valin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Vallings**.

### Valins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent

English: see **Vallings**.

### Valintine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Staffs; Angus and Aberdeens

English, Scottish: see **Valentine**.

### Vallance

**Variants:** **Valance, Valence, Vallans, Vollans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2096, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1344
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Midlothian; Devon; Middx; Notts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois

Norman, English, Scottish: locative name from Valence (Drôme), named in Latin with the word *valentia* ‘strength, capacity’.

**Early bearers:** England: Reiner de Valenc’, 1158 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Almerus (Eymerus) de Valencia, de Valence, de Valenz, 1303–46 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Isabel de Valeyngnes, Robert de Valyntz, Hamon de Valoynes, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Emma Valence, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cropredy, Oxon); Robert Valaunce, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Dunstable, Beds); Robert Valance, 1451 in *Feet of Fines* (Tenterden, Kent); Jone Vallance, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Prudence Vallans, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Wisbech, Cambs); Thomas Valence, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Lincolns Inn, Middx); John Vollence, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mildred, Tenterden, Kent); Joane Vallance, 1654 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Peter and Paul, Boughton under Bleau, Kent); Cathrin Vollans, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Hartburn, Northumb); Thomas

Vollans, 1710 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Giles, Pontefract, WR Yorks); Edward Volence, 1726 in *IGI* (Birkin, WR Yorks); Edw. Volins, 1738 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent); Mary Volens, 1769 in *IGI* (Barmby on the Marsh, ER Yorks).

Scotland: Symon Walense, 1269 in *Saint Andrews Charters* (Kilspindie, Fife); William de Valognes, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Fife); Andrew Valance, 1392 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Robert Valence, 1451 in *Aberdeen Register* (Aberdeen).

### Vallans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Vallance**.

### Valle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

1 Italian, Spanish: locative name from any of the many places in Spain and Italy named with *valle* ‘valley’.

**Early bearers:** Jos Marquis de la Valle, 1816 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Luigi Valle, valet, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Manuel del Valle, West India merchant, born in Mexico, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, Middx); Francesco Valle, waiter, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Hammersmith, Middx); Frank Valle, chandler, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Antonio Valle, kitchen man, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

2 English: see **Vale**.

### Vallely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 305
- **GB frequency 1881:** 122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

Irish: of unexplained origin. Possibly an irregular anglicization of **Mac Giolla Mhura** (see **Gilmore**). **Early bearers:** Francis Vallely, 1804 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Andrew Vallely, 1810 in *BMD* (Greenwich, Kent); Sarah Vallely, 1832 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Michael Vallely, labourer, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Vallender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: apparently an anglicized form of the Swedish surname **Wallander**. This is an ornamental name from Swedish *vall* ‘grassy bank’ + the suffix *-ander*, from Greek *anēr*, *andros* ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vallender, 1723 in *Parish Registers* (Maisemore, Gloucs); Mary Vallender, 1724 in *IGI* (Maisemore, Gloucs); Sarah Vallender, 1740 in *Parish Registers* (Guildford, Surrey); Jn Vallendar, 1769 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John, son of Alexander Wallender, mariner, 1814 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); Anna Maria Wallander, 1857 in *BMD* (Dudley, Staffs).

### Vallentin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 6
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey
- English, Scottish: see **Valentine**.

### Valentine

- Current frequencies: GB 20, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 73
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey and Middx
- English, Scottish: see **Valentine**.

### Valler

#### Variants: Vallor, Vallier

- Current frequencies: GB 259, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 214
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Sussex, and Middx
- English: locative name denoting a 'dweller in the vale', from an agent derivative of Old French *val*.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Valer, 1263 in *Fransson* (Sussex); John le Valier, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Valer, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandwich, Kent); Symon le Valer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Swell, Gloucs); Frauncis Valler, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Judith Valer, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (All Hallows London Wall, London); Lawrence Vallor, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Wonersh, Surrey); Thomas Valler, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Chalton, Hants); Lewis Valer, 1643 in *Parish Registers* (Petersfield, Hants).

### Vallet

#### Variants: Valet

- Current frequencies: GB 33, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 21
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx; Lancs; Jersey
- English, Huguenot: occupational name from Middle English *val(l)et*, *valette* 'man servant, groom', Old French *val(l)et*.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Vadlet, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Valet, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard le Vallet, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Valet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Ellis Valet, 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Vallet, 1583 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Humphrey Valett, 1595 in *IGI* (Goldington, Beds); Henry Vallet, 1664 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Paul Valet, 1726 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).  
 Huguenot: Marie Vallett, 1666 in *IGI* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Jaques Valette, 1711 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Hanar Vallet, 1719 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Jean Vallet, 1726 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Marie Vallet, 1755 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields, Middx); Elizabeth Vallet, 1767 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Valley

- Current frequencies: GB 100, Ireland 10
  - GB frequency 1881: 56
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered: Lincs, WR Yorks, and ER Yorks; Devon; Cumb; Perth;
- English: locative name for someone who lived '(in the) valley', Middle English *valei(e)*.  
**Early bearers:** Richard atte Valeye, 1346 in *London Letter Books F*; Robertus Valey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Johannes Valeye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); William Valley, 1512 in *PROB 11* (Boxley, Kent).

### Valli

- Current frequencies: GB 461, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 2
- 1 Italian, Spanish: locative name from Spanish *valle* 'valley' or from the Italian equivalent or its plural *valli*, or from a place named with this word in either language; see also **Valle**.  
**Early bearers:** Domenico Valli, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Noah Valli, born in Bergamo, Italy, in *Census 1871* (Clerkenwell, London); Elias Valli, RC priest, born in Italy *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); Vermondo Valli, waiter, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Andrea Valli, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ariodante Valli, hatter, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Middx); Guido Valli, improver, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Brentford, Middx).  
 2 Muslim, Turkish, Iranian: see **Vali, Wali**.  
 3 Hungarian: locative name from the surname **Váll**, denoting someone from Vál (Fehér county) or Vály (Gömör county), now in Slovakia.

### Vallier

- Current frequencies: GB 78, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 13
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Valler**.

### Vallin

- Current frequencies: GB 17, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 0
- 1 English: see **Vallings**.  
 2 Spanish, French: locative name from any of various places named with a diminutive of *val* 'valley'.  
 3 Swedish: locative name from any of various place-names formed either with *val* (from Latin *vallis* 'valley', a learned form representing Swedish *dal*) or with *vall* 'grassy bank, pasture', + the characteristic Swedish surname suffix *-in*, from Latin *-inius*.

### Vallings

#### Variants: Vallins, Valins, Valin, Vallin

- Current frequencies: GB 19, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 9
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- Norman, English: locative name from Valognes (La Manche).  
**Early bearers:** Petrus de Valoignes, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Robert de Valeynes, 1155–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Robert de Valuynes, 1238–42 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); John de Ualin', before 1237 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary*; William de Valoynes, 1307 in *Patent Rolls* (Windsor, Berks); Henry de Valoignes, Warresius de Valoignes, in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Stephen de Valeins, 1337, probably identical with Stephen de Valoignes, 1354, and Stephen de Valogyns, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Emery de Valens, 1408 in *Patent Rolls*; John Valans, 1421 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Valens, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Joane Vallens, 1640 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Joseph Vallins, 1713 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Isabel Vallings, 1756 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); George Vallings, 1770 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Sophia Vallings, 1801 in *IGI* (Stone by Dartford, Kent).

### Vallins

- Current frequencies: GB 156, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 106
  - Main GB location 1881: Kent
- English: see **Vallings**.

### Vallintine

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 1
- English, Scottish: see **Valentine**.

### Vallis

- Current frequencies: GB 730, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 349
  - Main GB location 1881: Wilts and Somerset; Bucks and Oxon; London
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from the old province of Valois in the Ile-de-France.  
**Early bearers:** Sibil de Valeyse, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thoma Valeys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinhead, Wilts); John Valleys, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Vallis, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Westminster, Middx); Robart Vallis, 1599 in *IGI* (Kilminster, Somerset); James Valloyes, Valleys, 1601–2 in *Bardsley*.  
 2 Greek: status name from Greek *valis* 'prefect', Turkish *vali* 'governor'. See also **Vali**.

### Vallor

- Current frequencies: GB 21, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants
- English: see **Valler**.

### Valpy

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 139
  - Main GB location 1881: Jersey
- Channel Islands: unexplained.  
**Further information:** Richard Valpy (1754–1836) and Edward Valpy (1764–1832) were sons of Richard and Catherine Valpy of Saint John, Jersey. Each became notable English schoolmasters, of Reading Grammar School and Norwich Grammar School, respectively.  
**Early bearers:** Ch. Isles: Georges Valpy, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Edouard Valpy, farmer, in *Census 1851* (Saint John, Jersey); Philip Valpy, ship carpenter, in *Census 1871* (Saint Clement, Jersey); John Valpy, farmer, in *Census 1891* (Saint Martin, Jersey); George Clement Valpy, bank clerk, in *Census 1911* (Grouville, Jersey).  
 England: Magdalen Valpy, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anne Blackfriars, London); Anne Valpy, 1687 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); Sara Valpy, 1775 in *IGI* (Savoye De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs French Huguenot, Westminster, Middx); Benjamin Valpy, 1778 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Robert Harris Valpy, magistrate, born in Reading, Berks, in *Census 1851* (Enborne, Hants).  
**References:** DNB.

### Vamplew

- Current frequencies: GB 222, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 117
  - Main GB location 1881: Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: probably of Dutch origin, from **Van Ploeg**, a locative name from any of various minor places named (*de*) *Ploeg*, in East Flanders, West Flanders,

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and Antwerp, or a contracted form of **Van der Ploeg** 'of (the) plough', an occupational nickname for a farmer.

**Further information:** The earliest bearers are in the Ouse-Trent marshland drained by Dutchmen in the late 17th cent., and the name then gravitates to other marshy areas of Lincs.

**Early bearers:** Esther Vamplew, 1701 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence, Hatfield, WR Yorks); Isaac Vamplugh, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Pancras, Wroot, Lincs); Elizabeth Vanplew, 1727 in *IGI* (Gayton le Marsh, Lincs); Samuel Vamplew, 1729, Peter Vamplue, 1739 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs); Peter Vamplough, 1760 in *IGI* (Huttoft, Lincs); Ann Vampleugh, 1763 in *IGI* (Sutton in the Marsh, Lincs); Saml Vampleau, 1767 in *IGI* (Leverton, Lincs); Peter Vamplue, 1836 in *IGI* (Fulletby, Lincs).

## Van

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

1 English: see **Vann**.

2 Vietnamese: **Văn**, apparently from the Vietnamese word *văn* 'literature'.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 范 and 樊, see **Fan** (1) and (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 萬 and 文, see **Man** (2) and (3).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雲, see **Wan** (4).

## Vance

**Variants:** **Vans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1166, Ireland 687
- **GB frequency 1881:** 569
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow and SW Scotland; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down; Donegal

Scottish: locative name originally due to a misreading of *-u-* as *-n-* in **Vause**, which is found early at Lanercost (Cumb), according to *Black Vause* is a locative surname deriving from a frequent French place-name. This surname has been established in Ireland since the 17th century. The name in England is unexplained unless by migration.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Elyas de Vaus, 1307 in *Scotland Calendar* (Barnbarroch, Wigtowns); Robert the Vanss, 1467 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland* (Wigtowns); John Vance, 1645 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Florence Vance, 1671 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); John Vance, 1695 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns); Agnes Vans, 1704 in *IGI* (Kirkcinner, Wigtowns); Margaret Vance, 1704 in *IGI* (Minnigaff, Kirkcudbrights).

Ireland: Hasting Vanse, gent., 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4840 (Cork); Katherine Vans 'from Scotland', 1625 in *Irish Patent Rolls, James I* 585a (Portaferry).  
England: Margareta Vance, 1561 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwick); Aleson Vance, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret, York); Francis Vans, 1590 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Eethen Vans, 1670 in *IGI* (Rippingale, Lincs); Frances Vance, 1706 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb).

## Van den Berg

**Variants:** **Vandenberg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Dutch, Flemish: locative name from Dutch and Flemish *van den Berg(h)*, denoting someone 'from the hill', or from any of numerous places named with Dutch *berg* 'hill'.
- Early bearers:** Jozef van den Berg, 1831 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Louis Arnold Van Den Bergh, 1840 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Chas Vandenberg, in *Census 1841* (Chelsea, Middx); Jacob Vanderberg, rag and metal dealer, born in Rotterdam, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Teresa Wilhelmina van den Berg, 1866 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); James van den Berg, born in The Hague, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Tetbury, Gloucs).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- Dutch: see **Van den Berg**.

## Vandeppeer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Dutch: locative name for someone who lived by an enclosed place or private land, or a minor place so named, examples of which are found in the provinces of Antwerp and East Flanders.
- Early bearers:** Margaret Vandeppeer, 1692, Thomas Vandeppeer, 1730, Susannah Vandeppeer, 1814 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Herne, Kent); Frederick William Vandeppeer, 1880 in *Parish Registers* (Teynham, Kent); Albert Van de Peer, printer's assistant, in *Census 1911* (Northfleet, Kent).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

## Van der Merwe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 585, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Dutch, Afrikaans: locative name denoting someone who lived on the banks of the Merwede river (South Holland). The name was taken to South Africa by Boer settlers.
- Early bearers:** Albert Vander Merwe, 1890 in *BMD* (Devonport, Devon); Jacobus Van der Merwe, 1918, in *BMD* (Lambeth, Surrey).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

## Vandervelde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from Dutch *van der veld*, denoting someone 'from the field'.
- Early bearers:** Henry Vanderveld, 1550 in *Patent Rolls*; Pieter Van De Velde, 1655 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Wllm Vandervelde, cordwainer, in *Census 1841* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Morris Van der Velde, born in Holland, and sons Barnett and Abraham, in *Census 1881* (Newcastle, Northumb); Emanuel Vandervelde, provisions merchant, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Hampstead, Middx); Isador Van der Velde, tailor, born in London, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Fanny van der Velde, born in Kempen, Prussia, in *Census 1911* (Cricklewood, Middx).

## Vandervell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- Dutch: of uncertain derivation; possibly a variant of **Vandervelde**.
- Early bearers:** Charlotte Vandeval, housekeeper, born in Kent, in *Census 1881* (Folkestone, Kent); Harry Vandervel, stockbroker, born in London, in *Census 1901* (Sutton at Hone, Kent).

## Van Dijk

**Variants:** **Vandyke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Dutch, Flemish: locative name denoting someone from any of the numerous places in the Netherlands and Belgium called Dijk, Dijke, or Dyck, or someone who lived by a dyke, Middle Dutch *dike*.
- Early bearers:** Johannah Vandyke, 1685 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Vandyke, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (South Malling, Sussex); Cornelius Vandyke, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Van Dyke, 1734 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
- Dutch, Flemish: anglicized form of Dutch **Van Dijk**.
- Early bearers:** Winefreth Vandyke, 1626 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); John Vandyke, 1656 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Cornelius Vandyke, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

## Vane

- Variants:** **Vain, Vayne, Vein, Vanes**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 387
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent
- 1 Norman, English: see **Vanes**.
- 2 English: variant of **Fane** with voicing of initial [f] to [v].

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- Variants:** **Vaines, Vane**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 128
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- 1 Norman, English: locative name from Vains (La Manche). Some post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).
- Early bearers:** Richard de Vein (Veym), 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Margaret Vanes, 1590 in *IGI* (Rugeley, Staffs); Willimus Vanes, 1600 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); John Vanes, 1628 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Benjamin Faines, 1631 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Vanes, 1632 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Thomas Vanes, 1638 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Samuel Vains, 1704 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Isaac Vains, 1711 in *IGI* (Handsworth, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

2 English: variant of **Vane** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Vango

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42



- **Main GB location 1881:** London

-: origin uncertain. Perhaps an anglicized form of Dutch **Van Gogh**, a locative name denoting someone from Goch (North Rhine Westphalia), although conclusive evidence is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Isac Vango, 1711 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx); Bartholomew Vango, 1734, Bartholomew Vangoe, 1736 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Vango, 1772 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Whitechapel, Middx); William Vango, hand loom silk weaver, in *Census 1851* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Vanhinsbergh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Flemish: locative name variant or anglicized form of **Van Heinsberg**, denoting someone from Heinsberg (Rhineland), or possibly, as Debrabandere suggests, from Hengsberg in Tielen (Antwerp) or Hingsberg (Hincxberch) in Gooik (Brabant, North Rhine).

**Early bearers:** John Vanhinsbergh, chemist, born in Brussels, Belgium, in *Census 1861* (Westminster, Middx); Francis Vanhinsbergh, 1874 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, London); Theodore Vanhinsbergh, painter and decorator, born in Belgium, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Betild Vanhinsbergh, born in Belgium, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Adolph Vanhinsbergh, house decorator, born in Belgium, in *Census 1891* (Hackney, Middx); Peter Vanhinsborgh, marble mason, born in Belgium, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

### Vann

**Variants:** Van, Vanns, Avann, Fan, Fann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1085, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 668

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwick

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *fan* (*ne*), a dialect variant in SE England of *fen* (*ne*) 'marsh, fen' (see **Fenn**). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in a marshy place, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Vann in Hambleton (Surrey), and Vann in Ockley (Surrey). Compare **Avann** and **Fanner** nickname from Middle English *fan* (*ne*) 'basket or fan for winnowing', for someone who made or used such a utensil. Compare John *Fanwryghte*, *Vanwryghte*, 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johanne *Fanmaker*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Luton, Beds). See also **Fanner**.

**Early bearers:** John del Fan, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Essex); Richard ate Fanne, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Beds); John in the Vanne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus atte Vaune, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Broxted, Essex); Johannes ate Vanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treyford, Sussex); Gilbertus atte Fanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burlleigh, Sussex); Johanne Fanne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Streatley with Sharpenhoe, Beds); Thomas atte Fanne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ockley, Surrey); Richarde Fanne, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Thaxsted, Essex); Dorcas Fann, 1548 in *IGI* (Ardeley, Herts); Mary Fanne, 1559, Agnes Fan, 1568 in *IGI* (Shillington, Beds); William Vann, 1575 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Alexander Van, 1578 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey* pp. 203, 278.

### Vanner

**Variants:** Fanner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also IoW

1 English: see **Fanner**.

2 English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *vannere* 'basket maker' (Old French *vanneur*).

**Early bearers:** Roger le Vanur, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph le Vannere, 1305 in *Patent Rolls* (Surrey, Sussex); Robert le Vannere, 1313 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Vannere, 1390 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Sus Vanner, 1584 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); William Vanner, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); John Vanner, 1621 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Stephen Vanner, 1631 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Isaac Vanner, 1638 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).

### Vannet

**Variants:** Vannett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** John Vannet, 1696 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Patrick Vannet, 1699 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); James Vannet, 1722 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus); Elspet Vannet, 1725 in *IGI* (Arbroath, Angus).

### Vannett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Vannet**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Van Niekerk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Dutch, Afrikaans: locative name denoting someone from Niekerk ('new church') in Groningen.

**Further information:** The name was taken to South Africa in the 17th century by Boer settlers.

**Early bearers:** Christiana Vanniekerk, cook, born in South Africa, in *Census 1901* (Hornsey, Middx); Daniel Van Niekerk, 1917 in *BMD* (Staines, Middx).

### Vanns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Vann** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Peter Vannes, 1563 in *PROB 11* (London); Susana Fanns, 1706 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); Thos. Vanns, 1738 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Samuel Vanns, 1802 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent).

### Van Rensburg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Dutch, Afrikaans: locative name denoting someone from either of two places called Rensberg: in Vollezele (Brabant) and in Rijsburg (South

Holland). The name was taken to South Africa by Dutch settlers.

**References:** *Debrabandere*

### Van Rooyen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Dutch: locative name from one or other of the numerous places such as Roden (Drente) named with *rode* 'cleared woodland'. Compare English **Rhodes**.

**Early bearers:** Maria Lucia Vanroyen, 1757, Gydbert Van Royen, 1769, Adrianus Van Royen, 1779 in *Canterbury Wills* (*Prerogative Court*); Hendrik Jan Van Royen, 1895 in *BMD* (Westminster, Middx); Stephanus Van Royen, 1911 in *BMD* (Edmonton, Middx).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

### Vans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: see **Vance**.

### Vanson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Cornwall

English: see **Vanstone**.

### Vanston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Glam; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Laois

English: see **Vanstone**.

### Vanstone

**Variants:** Vanston, Vanson, Fanstone, Fanson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1169, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 857
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Fauntstone in Shaugh (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Faunteston, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; William de Faunteston, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); William de Fantyston, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Georgius Fanston, 1545 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Johanna Vanston, 1551 in *IGI* (Roborough by Torrington, Devon); John Vanson, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Priscilla Vanstone, 1598 in *IGI* (High Bickington, Devon); Edith Fanstone, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Downton, Wilts); John Fanson, 1609, Thomas Fanstone, 1694 in *IGI* (Tetcott, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 259.

### Vant

**Variants:** Fant, Faunt, Font

- **Current frequencies:** GB 250, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

Norman, English: nickname from Middle English *infaunt* (*e*) 'baby, child' (Old French *enfant*), for a childish person. The surname appears to have arisen in England when Anglo-Norman French *l'enfant* was misunderstood for *le fant*, perhaps aided by the loss of the first *-n-* through dissimilation. The

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surname form *Vant* represents southern English dialectal voicing of initial *F-* to *V-*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Lenfaunt, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); William le Faunt, 1271 in *Select Pleas of the Forest* (Staffs); John Faunt, 1277 in *London Letter Books A*; Walter le Font, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alan Fant, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogerus Faunt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Penkhull, Staffs); Johannes Fant, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pulham, Norfolk); Willm Fant, 1560 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Dorythe Fant, 1580 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); John Faunt, 1583 in *IGI* (East Torrington, Lincs); John Faunt, 1591 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Anne Font, 1615 in *IGI* (Waddingworth, Lincs); James Vant, 1632 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Vant, 1641 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Elizabt. Vant, 1648 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Norman: nickname from Old French *vaunteur* 'boaster, braggart'.

**Early bearers:** John le Vaunteur, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Vanter, 1555 in *PROB 11* (Tiverton, Devon); Bennytt Vaunter, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks); John Vanter, 1593 in *IGI* (Sidmouth, Devon); William Vanter, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

## Van Wyk

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic) : locative name from any of several places in the Netherlands called *Wijk*, from Dutch *wijk* 'district, settlement, village'.

**Early bearers:** Anna Maria Van Wyk, 1692 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Frederic Van Wyck, in *Census 1851* (Surrey); Anthony Van Wyck, jeweller, in *Census 1861* (Finsbury, Middx); David van Wyke, hide and skin merchant, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Meyer Van Wyk, artist, born in Rotterdam, Holland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Frederick Van Wyk, in *Census 1881* (Leyton, Essex); Isidor Van Wyke, in *Census 1881* (Clapham, Surrey); Willem Van Wyck, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Willem Pieter Van Wyk, 1894 *Electoral Registers* (Harrow, Middx); Heinrich Van Wyk, shop keeper, born in Haarlem, Holland, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Lucas Van Wyk, gas fitter, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

## Van Zyl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 411, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Dutch, Afrikaans: locative name denoting someone who lived by a water course or water pipe, Middle Dutch *sijl*, *zijl*.

**Early bearers:** Phillipus A. Van Zyl, scholar at RC of Surgeons, born in Cape Colony, in *Census 1901* (Ealing, Middx); Gideon Van Zyl, student of medicine, born in Cape Colony, in *Census 1901* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Henry Louis van Zyl, engineer, born in Rotterdam, Holland, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

## Vara

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Portuguese, Spanish: (i) nickname from *vara* 'rod, stick', 'yardstick' (Late Latin *vara* 'forked stick'), possibly used to denote a keeper of animals, or for an official who was responsible for checking weights and measures or who carried a rod as a symbol of his office. (ii) locative name from Vara (Galicia), Vara del Rey (Cuenca), or La Vara (Asturia).

**Further information:** This name is common in Goa and western India, where it was taken by Portuguese settlers from the 16th century onwards.

## Varah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Cumb
- English: see **Varey**.

## Varco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Cornish: see **Varcoe**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Varcoe

**Variants:** **Varco**, **Vercoe**, **Varker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 501
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: relationship name from the given name *Mark* + Cornish patronymic or pet-form suffix *-ow*, and with Cornish lenition (though no grammatical or phonological motivation is apparent) of the initial *M-* to *V-*.

**Early bearers:** Andrew Marcow, 1380 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Henry Marcov, 1434 in *Cornwall Record Office* (Mawgan in Meneage, Cornwall); Robert Varcow, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Ruan Major, Cornwall); Nicholas Varcow, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); John Varcowe, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Dennis, Cornwall); Phillipp Vercoe, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Mathew Varcow, 1649 in *IGI* (Luxulyan, Cornwall); Joyce Vircoe, 1714, William Varko, 1729 in *IGI* (Saint Austell, Cornwall).

## Varden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lancs and Cheshire; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

Norman, English: see **Verdon**.

## Vardey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys; Surrey; Hants

English: see **Vardy**.

## Vardon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, English: locative name see **Verdon**.

## Vardy

**Variants:** **Vardey**, **Fardy**, **Fardey**, **Faraday**, **Farraday**, **Ferdy**, **Fereday**, **Ferreday**, **Ferriday**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1318, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 602
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; also Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

English: nickname from Middle English *fair(e)*, *faier*, *fei(e)r*, *vair* 'fair, beautiful' (see **Fair**) + *dai* 'day', perhaps a nickname for someone with a cheerful disposition. Compare **Fairweather**.

**Early bearers:** William Fairday, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Simon fayrday, 1327 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Lincs); John Fayrday, Feirday, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Fayrday, 1378 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Fairday, 1449 in *Patent Rolls*; Mabell Fearday, 1578 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Richard Veryde or Feredy, 1595–9 in *Tooth* (Sedgley, Staffs); Thomas Vardey, 1633 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Richard Fereday, 1639, Edward Feriday, 1649, Sarah Ferriday, 1657, Abraham Fearday, 1667, William Ferreday, 1684 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Edward Vardy, 1649 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Jean Vardie, 1655, Peter Verdy, 1668 in *IGI* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Roger Farraday, 1667, John Faraday, 1691 in *IGI* (Cockerham, Lancs); William Faraday, 1674, John Ferraday, 1676 in *IGI* (Wellington, Shrops); Ann Farraday, 1689 in *IGI* (Mitford, Northumb); Samll. Fardey, 1699 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Fardy, 1710 in *IGI* (Lesbury, Northumb).

**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 86.

## Vare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Cheshire
- English: see **Fair**.

## Varela

- **Current frequencies:** GB 296, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Galician, Portuguese: locative name denoting someone from any of several places in Galicia named Varela, from a diminutive of *vara* 'rod, stick'.

## Varey

**Variants:** **Vary**, **Vairy**, **Varah**, **Varo**, **Vayro**, **Vero**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 695, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 458
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Westm
- 1 English: variant of **Farrar**. Compare Margrett *Farrer*, 1585, Katheryn *Varey*, 1591 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John *Vary*, 1663, William *Farrar*, 1675 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Robert *Farrar*, 1665, Anne *Varo*, 1708, Jno. *Varey*, 1716 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); John *Farrar*, 1689, John *Varey*, 1696, Tho. *Varah*, 1724 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Margrett *Varey*, 1542 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Thomas *Varah*, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (Plemonstall, Cheshire); Thomas *Vary*, 1646 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm); Robert *Vary*, 1633 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Roberto *Vary*, 1634 in *IGI* (Long Marston, WR Yorks); Willm *Vary*, 1658 in *IGI* (Langwathby, Cumb); Esther *Varey*, 1695 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William *Varey*, 1702 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks); Thos. *Varah*, 1716 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Elln. *Varey*, 1745 in *IGI*

(Lancaster, Lancs); William Varey, 1746 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Jane Vara, John Varah, 1791 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Robt. Verow, 1747 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb).

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *varay*, *verrei*, *verri*, *werr(e)i* (Old French *veraie*, *vareï*, Anglo-Norman French *verri*) ‘truthful, upright, trustworthy’. As *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out, the NR Yorks name appears to have a different origin from that in (1), while the 16th-century spellings for the Rotherham name (implying a long vowel or diphthong) also look more like this name than that in (1), where a short vowel is more usual. However, the two names may easily have been confused, especially in S Yorks. **Early bearers:** William Werry, Werrey, or Verri, 1295–9 in *Yorks Deeds* (Dalton Travers, NR Yorks); Willelmo Werry, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dalton Travers, NR Yorks); John Vaire, 1546 in *York Registry Wills* (Kilvington, NR Yorks); Richard Vayray, Varay or Veyrie, 1566–72 in *Feet of Fines* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Vayry or Vayrhe, 1591 in *Swaledale Wills* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Rich Varah, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Margaret Varey, 1701 in *IGI* (Romaldkirk, NR Yorks); Wm. Varah, 1708 in *IGI* (Maltby near Rotherham, WR Yorks); Richd Varo, 1739, Chris Vero, 1797 in *IGI* (Coverham, NR Yorks); John Vara, 1745 in *Parish Registers* (Coverham, NR Yorks); Ann Vayro, 1804 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Varga

- **Current frequencies:** GB 747, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Hungarian: occupational name from Hungarian *varga* ‘cobbler, shoemaker’.

**Further information:** This family name is also found in easternmost Slovenia.

2 Czech, Slovak: nickname denoting a miserable or complaining person, from *vargaì* ‘lament, moan, complain’.

3 Slovak, Ukrainian: nickname from *varga* ‘lip’.

### Vargas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Spanish, Portuguese: locative name from *vargas*, plural of *varga*, a dialect term used in various senses (‘thatched hut’, ‘steep slope’, or ‘fenced pastureland which becomes waterlogged in winter’) or from a place named with this word, notably Vargas in Santander province.

### Varghese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1155, Ireland 72
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Kerala): from the Greek personal name *Geōrgios* (see *George*), found as a personal name among Christians in Kerala (southern India).

**Further information:** in the West it is used as a family name by immigrants from Kerala.

### Varia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Varian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants (Portsmouth); Anglesey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

Irish: unexplained. This name has been associated with Cork since at least the mid 17th century. An Irish poet used the Irish form *Ó Bhiorraín*.

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*; <http://en.geneanet.org/search>; *Cornish Place-Names*.

### Varker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: variant of *Varcoe*, with reduction of *-ow* to [ə], spelt (irregularly) *-er*, as sometimes in other surnames and place-names in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** George Varker, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Tywardreath, Cornwall); Robert Varker, 1716 in *Parish Registers* (Cornelly, Cornwall); Roger Verker, 1716 in *IGI* (Probus, Cornwall); William Varkar, 1741, Robert Varker, 1750 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall).

### Varley

**Variants:** Virley, Verley, Ferley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4668, Ireland 214
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4088
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway and Mayo

1 Norman, English: locative name from Vesly (La Manche, also Eure), Verly (Aisne), or Vrèly (Somme).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Verleio, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (ER Yorks); Hugo de Verli, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus de Verly, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Virley, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Virly, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Verly of Harleston, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Yelverton, Norfolk); Thomas Varley, 1543 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Anthonius Varley, 1561 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Ame Varley, 1565 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Roberte Varley, 1587 in *IGI* (Patcham, Sussex); William Varley, 1611 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

**References:** See *Anglo-Norman Families*. See also *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 323, *Tengvik*.

2 English: locative name from Varley (Devon), earlier recorded as *Falleia* (1086), *Fernlegh* (1330).

**Further information:** The surname cannot derive, as has been suggested, from Virley (Essex), which did not have this name until the 16th century, when the place-name was derived from the surname. It was originally called *Salcota*, later *Salcote Verly*, from its Domesday lord Robert *de Verli*, who came from Verly (Aisne).

**Early bearers:** John Ferlegh or Ferley, of Ottery Saint Mary, Devon, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Richard Varley, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Cullompton, Devon).

3 English: southern variant of *Farley*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Varley, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk); Robert Varely, 1593 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Varlee, 1629 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants).

4 Irish: possibly a variant of *Varrelly*, a rare Irish surname of uncertain origin. Woulfe has it as *Mac an Bhearshúiligh* ‘son of the sharp-eyed man’.

### Varlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Dutch: probably from *Verloot*, a Flemish contraction of the Dutch topographical name *van der Loo* (literally) ‘of the wood’, showing the English (or perhaps French) change of [er] to [ar] before a consonant.

**Early bearers:** Elz. Varlow, 1580 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Leonarde Varloe, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Willm. Verlow, 1607 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Thomas Varlow, 1621 in *IGI* (Mareham le Fen, Lincs); Anthony Varloe, 1629 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Jo. Varloe, 1702 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); John Varlow, 1706 in *IGI* (Stixwoud, Lincs); John Varlo, 1729 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); John Verlow, 1739 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

### Varma

- **Current frequencies:** GB 704, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (north central India): see *Verma*.

### Varnals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see *Vernalis*.

### Varnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Staffs

English: variant of *Farnham* with voiced initial consonant.

### Varnava

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (Cypriot), Serbian: relationship name from a local form of the personal name *Barnabas*.

**Further information:** Saint Barnabas the Apostle is traditionally credited with being the founder of the Church of Cyprus. There is a famous monastery north of Famagusta, and *Varnavas* is a common given name and surname in Cyprus.

### Varndall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Berks
- English: see *Varndell*.

### Varndell

**Variants:** Varndall, Farndell, Fendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: locative name from Farthingdale in Lingfield (Surrey), recorded as *la Farndelle* in 1418.

**Early bearers:** John Farndell, 1592 in *IGI* (Heyshott, Sussex); John Varndell alias Ferrenden, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Haslemere, Surrey); Mathew Varndell, 1639, Edward Varndall, 1702 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); George Farndall, 1670 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Will Varndale, 1676 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); William

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Varndel, 1693 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); William Farndel, 1709 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey).  
References: *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 329.

### Varnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Berks
- English: see **Farnell**.

### Varnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Ferns**.

### Varney

Variants: **Verney**, **Verny**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2626, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1530
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Middx; also Oxon

Norman, English: locative name from a French place named *Vernay*, probably chiefly Saint-Paul-de-Vernay (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Vernai, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Elnor Varney, 1585 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Anne Varney, 1588 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks); Kathern Varney, 1588 in *IGI* (Kirk Ireton, Derbys); Grevell Varney, 1601 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Thomas Varney, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

### Varnfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Farnfield**.

### Varnham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Surrey
- English: variant of **Farnham** with voiced initial consonant.

### Varnish

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; also Gloucs
- English: variant of **Farnish** with W English voicing of initial *F*-; see **Furness** and **Furneaux**.  
**Early bearers:** Edward Varnish, 1639 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Varnish, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); William Varnish, 1732 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Sarah Varnish, 1737 in *IGI* (Kempford, Gloucs); Mary Louisa Varnish, 1862 in *IGI* (Little Witley, Worcs).

### Varnon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- Norman, English: see **Vernon**.

### Varns

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Ferns**.

## Varo

Variants: **Varrow**, **Vearer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; also Suffolk and Cambs

English: see **Farrar** and **Varey** (1).

**Early bearers:** Anne Varo, 1708 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Richd Varo, 1739 in *IGI* (Coverham, NR Yorks); William Varo, 1739 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Mary Varow, 1790 in *IGI* (Clare, Suffolk); David Varrow, 1818, John Vearer, 1831 in *IGI* (Great Welnetham, Suffolk).

### Varrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks

English: see **Fairhall**.

### Varran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Farren**.

### Varrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey
- English: see **Varo**.

### Varsani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1315, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Vars-* (a reduction of an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').  
**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Varty

Variants: **Virtue**, **Verity**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 724, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb
- English: nickname from Middle English and Older Scots (*a*)*verti* 'wise, prudent' (Old French *averti* 'shrewd, prudent, well bred'). The name was sometimes altered to *Virtue*, in which form the Scottish name still survives, and perhaps also to *Verity*.  
**Early bearers:** England: Adam Verty, 1350 in *Pudsay Deeds* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Thomas Verty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Agnes Verty, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Roger Verty, 1429 in *Yorks Deeds* (Sleningford, WR Yorks); Roger Verty, 1518 in *York Freeman's Register*; Maryan Vertye, 1577 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Jennett Vertie, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Hesket, Cumb); Timothie Vertie, 1592 in *IGI* (Foston by Malton, NR Yorks); William Varty, 1640 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Bridget Vartye, 1659, Mathew Verty, 1703 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Henry Verty, 1670, Hannah Varty, 1732 in *IGI* (Melmerby, Cumb).  
Scotland: Thomas Verty, 1473 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Angus); William Verty, burgess, 1485 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens);

Jenet Vertie, 1621 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Jeane Vertie, 1626 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Issobell Vertie, 1628 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Mathow Vertie, 1633 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans); Cristian Vertie, 1647 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William Verty, 1643 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Andrew Vertie, 1689 in *Lauder Testaments*.  
References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Varvel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Farwell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Varwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Farwell**.

### Vary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks

English: see **Varey**.

### Vasey

Variants: **Vaisey**, **Vaizey**, **Veysey**, **Vezey**, **Vesey**, **Veazey**, **Veasy**, **Veasey**, **Voizey**, **Voyzey**, **Voysey**, **Voisey**, **Faizey**, **Fazey**, **Fasey**, **Facey**, **Feazey**, **Feasey**, **Feeseey**, **Feacey**, **Fessey**, **Foizey**, **Phazey**, **Pheysey**, **Pheasey**, **Phaisey**, **Phasey**, **Pheazey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1709, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1063
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *enveisé*, Old French *envoisié* 'playful', latinized in *Domesday Book* as *invesiatius* (compare Medieval Latin *invasus* 'possessed by a demon') and paralleled by *lascivus* 'wanton'. The first syllable was lost early, resulting in numerous dialectal and orthographic variants; only **Lenfestey** preserves the fuller form, with an intrusive medial *-t-* (compare **Vesty**).

**Further information:** There has been some confusion with **Vessey**.

**Early bearers:** Robertus Invesiatius, Lascivus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Robert Lenveiset, 1131 in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (Yorks); Thomas le Envaiset, about 1150 in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; Jordan Veiset, le Envaise, 12th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary*; William le Enveise (Lenvesie), 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Adam le Veyse, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert le Enueysi, 1277 in *Assize Rolls*; Alice Vesey, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Peter le voyse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Fecy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Beatrice a Vesey, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Veysy, 1357 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Nicholas Vaysi, 1386 in *Ancient Deeds* iv; Robert Feysy, 1395 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; John le Vesie, 1420 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41; John Vasey, 1456 in *Norwich Wills* (Suffolk); John Veysey, or Vesey, or Voysye, or Pheysy, 1512 in *Oxford University Register*; Maud Fyseye, 1541 in *Walthamstow Wills* (Essex); William

Fessie, 1573 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Elizabeth Fessy, 1605 in *IGI* (Granborough, Bucks); Peter Vazey, 1665 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Christian Facy, 1671 in *Devon and Cornwall Wills*; Philip Veasy, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk) Mathew Vazey, 1693 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizabeth Vazey, 1725 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham); James Vazey, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

### Vasiliou

Variants: **Vassiliou**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): relationship name from the old genitive case of the personal name *Vasilios* (*Basilios*) 'royal', an adjectival derivative of *basileus* 'king'. Compare **Basil**.

### Vasquez

Variants: **Vazquez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Spanish: relationship name from the personal name *Vasco*, a reduced form of **Velasco**.

**Early bearers:** Miguel Vazquez, company secretary, born in Spain in *Census 1901* (Hackney, Middx); Agustin Vasquez, born in Peru, in *Census 1911* (Chorlton, Lancs); Henry Vasquez, clerk, born in Gibraltar, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx); Juana Maria Vasquez, Spanish teacher, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Elham, Kent); Visita Vazquez, cook, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx).

### Vass

Variants: **Vasse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1485, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 961
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ross and Cromarty; also Middx, Surrey, Hants, and Berks

Norman, Scottish: status name from Old French *vasse*, Latin *vassus* 'servant, vassal'. Like *Vassal*, occasionally used as a personal name.

**Early bearers:** given names: Vasse le Poynur, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames, England: Johannes Vasse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Jan Vasse, 1600 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Frances Vass, 1604 in *IGI* (Hannington, Wilts); Joane Vass, 1613 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Nicholas Vass, 1679 in *IGI* (Westoning, Beds); Robert Vass, 1707 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); Martha Vass, 1721 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

surnames, Scotland: Elspet Vass, 1622 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Vass, 1641 in *IGI* (Mains and Strathmartine, Angus); Katherine Vass, 1653 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexr. Vass, 1719 in *IGI* (Cromarty, Ross and Cromarty).

### Vassall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: status name see **Vassell**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica.

**Early bearers:** given names: Vassallus de Aunfoilliis, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Rutland).

surnames: Hugo Vassall', 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry Vassall, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John

Vassall, 1580, and Anna Vassall, 1594 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Vassall, 1622 and Abraham Vassall, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew Undershaf, London); Thomas Vassall, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London).

### Vassallo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: status name from *vassallo* 'vassal'. Compare **Vassall**.

**Early bearers:** Lorenzo Vassallo, 1829 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John, Smith Square, Westminster, Middx); Peter Thomas Vassallo, 1837 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Holborn, Middx); Louis Vassallo, 1860 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Botolph, Northfleet, Kent); Michael Vassallo, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Emanuel Vassallo, interpreter, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (South Leith, Midlothian); Lewis Vassallo, musician, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Alberto Vassallo, wardroom cook, born in Malta, in *Census 1911* (Devonport, Devon).

### Vassar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: status name from Old French *vasseor*, *vasseur* 'vassal'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vasour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Vasour, 1332 in *Thuresson* (Norfolk); Willelmus Vasour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Thomas Vassar, 1772 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); William Vassar, 1777 in *IGI* (Westfield, Norfolk); Harriett Vassar, 1831 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent); Mary Emma Vassar, 1862 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

### Vasse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Norman, Scottish: see **Vass**.

### Vassel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Huguenot: status name from Old French *vassel* 'vassal, servant, dependent'. See **Vassell**.

### Vassell

Variants: **Vassall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: status name for a retainer who was under the protection of a king or powerful lord, Middle English, Old French *vassal* (Late Latin *vazallus*).

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is recorded in Jamaica from the 18th century. Most present-day bearers of the name in the UK are of West Indian origin.

**Early bearers:** Galfridus Vassall, 1226 in *Patent Rolls*; John Vassell, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); William Vassell', 1415 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Vassell, 1578 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Nicholas Vassell, 1592 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); William Vassell, 1614 in *IGI* (Cold Norton, Essex); John

Vassell, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Stepney, Middx); Frances Vassell, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx).

### Vassie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Norman, Scottish: locative name from Vassy (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Marion Vassie, 1648 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jannet Vassie, 1698 in *IGI* (Dunsyre, Lanarks); James Vassie, 1726 in *IGI* (Mochrum, Wigtowns); Helen Vassie, 1751 in *IGI* (Kirkliston, W Lothian); Jean Vassie, 1810 in *IGI* (Kippen, Stirlings).

England: Walter de Vaschi, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon).

### Vassiliou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Greek (typically Cypriot): see **Vasiliou**.

### Vaswani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian, Pakistani (Sind): Hindu, from *Vasu* (presumably from a reduced form of an ancestral name beginning with this element, such as *Vasudeva*, which is an epithet of the god Krishna and a popular personal name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is found mainly among people from Sind, Pakistan.

### Vatcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Dorset

Norman, English: see **Vacher**.

### Vater

Variants: **Veater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Dorset
- English: from Middle English *faitour* 'deceiver, imposter, cheat' (Old French *faiteor*), with south-western voicing of the initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Faytor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shipton under Wychwood, Oxon); Alice Feator, 1570 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Elenor Vater, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Mary and John, Melcombe Regis, Dorset); George Vater, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Canterbury, Kent); John Vater, 1625 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Thomasin Vater, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Selworthy, Somerset); Edward Vater, 1734 in *IGI* (Ibberton, Dorset); John Faylor, 1744, Charles Fayter, 1797 in *IGI* (Aylesbeare, Devon); Jesse Vater, 1828 in *IGI* (Varteg Hill, Monmouths); Angel Dore Vater, in *Census 1841* (Clutton, Somerset) identical with Angel Dore Veater, shoe binder, in *Census 1851* (Clutton, Somerset); James Veater, 1845 in *Parish Registers* (Rhymney, Monmouths).

### Vaudin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142

## Vaudray

- **Main GB location 1881:** Channel Islands
- French: see **Gaudin**.

### Vaudray

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Vaudrey**.

### Vaudrey

Variants: **Vawdrey, Vaudray, Vaudry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- French, Huguenot: (i) locative name from Vaudrey (Jura). (ii) relationship name possibly in some cases an anglicized spelling of **Vaudré(e)**, from the Germanic personal name *Waldrad*, composed of *waldan* 'ruler' + *rad* 'counsel'.
- Early bearers:** Randle Vaudrey, 1548 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Anne Vawdrey, 1573 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Edward Vaudrey, 1599 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); John Vaudraye or Vaudray, 1618 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Vaudrey, 1619 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Elizabeth Madeleine Vaudry, 1696 in *IGI* (French Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Vaudry, 1704 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street French Huguenot, Spitalfields, Middx); John Vaudrey, 1720 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Diana Vaudrey, 1727 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Charles Vawtrey, 1853 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

References: *Morlet, Dictionnaire*

### Vaudry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Vaudrey**.

### Vaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors; Warwicks
- Welsh: from a lenited form of **Baugh**.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Vaugh, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Leonard, Bridgnorth, Shrops); Edward Vaugh, 1630 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops); Samuel Vaugh, 1762 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Vaughan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 141
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. W Midlands; Also Lancs; London
- Welsh: see **Vaughan**.

### Vaughan

Variants: **Vaughn, Vaughan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17058, Ireland 2175
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10150
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales and W England; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Clare and Cork

Welsh: nickname from Welsh *fychan*, the lenited form of *bychan* 'small, little'. The lenited form of adjectives is the most frequent one in surnames, following the pattern in Welsh names proper seen in *Ednyfed fychan* 'little Ednyfed', the name of a 13th-cent. warrior and ancestor of the Tudor dynasty. The name was typically used to distinguish father and

son bearing the same name, as in Guyn *Vaghan* ap Guyn, 1325 in *Morgan and Morgan*. The name is also anglicized in the unlenited form **Baughan**.

**Further information:** This Welsh surname is common in Ireland, where it has been established since the early 16th century.

**Early bearers:** Wales, W England: Grifit Vehan, 1222–64 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Brecon); William Vachan, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Gronou Vahan, 1285 in *Charter Rolls* (Radnor); Phillip ap Adam Waghan, 1292 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Rogero Vaugham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Welyn Vaghan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Alberbury, Shrops); Jeanu Vachann, Vaghann, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Thomas Vaghan or Vaugham, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Rockfield, Monmouths); William Vaghan, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Winforton, Herefs); Edward Vaghan, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Llandoghe); John Vaughn, 1649 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Mr Vaugham, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Robert Vaun, 1682 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs).

### Vaughn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 891
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and W England

Welsh: see **Vaughan**.

### Vaughton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Warwicks and Staffs

English: unexplained; no medieval bearers have come to light. In early-modern records the form *Voughton* is also found. It may therefore be an alteration of **Vaughan**, for which *Vaughan*, *Voughan*, and *Voughon* are found in early Shrops records, to resemble an English place-name.

**Further information:** The name is known in Tamworth (Staffs) from about 1500.

**Early bearers:** Francis Vaughton, 1578, Marie Vaughton, 1580 in *IGI* (Elford, Staffs); Margaret Voughton, 1589, Mary Vaughton, 1668 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Roger Vaughton, 1608, Robt. Vauton, 1694 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Mary Vaughton, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); Geo. Vaughton, 1773 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks).

References: *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 58–60; <http://www.pjohnp.me.uk/famhist/vaughton.htm>.

### Vaus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Vause**.

### Vause

Variants: **Vaus, Vaux, Voase, Voas, Voakes, Wass**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 458
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, ER Yorks, and Lancs

1 Norman, English: locative name from Vaux, a common French place-name, singular and plural of *val* 'valley', the plural form being latinized in surnames as *de Vallibus*. Compare **Vale**. The earliest

known bearer is Robert de Vallibus, a tenant of Roger Bigod, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; he is thought to have come from Vaux-sur-Seulles in Calvados, and was lord of the manor of Pentney in Norfolk, where he founded a priory in about 1130. Norman lords with this surname are recorded in 12th- and early 13th-century records in Cumberland (Irthington), Devon (Farwood, in Colyton), ER Yorks (Warter), Essex (Belchamp), and Leics (Belvoir). The occasional initial *W* survives in Wasse's Fm in Terling, from Nicholas *Vaux* (1522 *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 298) and so may have contributed to **Wass**.

**Early bearers:** N England: Ralph de Vaus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Walter Vaus, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hilton, NR Yorks); Thoma le Vaws, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Formby, Lancs); Willelmus Vause, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Adam Vause, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Johannes Waus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Cecily Vause, 1560 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Agnes Vaux, 1569 in *IGI* (Haughton le Kerne, Durham); Robt. Vause, 1572 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Joan Vaux, 1582 in *IGI* (Newton Reigny, Cumb); Henrie Vaus, 1610 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); John Vaux, 1618 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Marmaduke Vaus, 1695 in *IGI* (Elvington, ER Yorks).

Midlands: Richard de Vause, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Hugo Vaux, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johanne Vaus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Radulpho Vaws, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Smeeton Westerby, Leics); Jacobo Vause, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); Johannes Waus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Ricardus Walse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wishaw, Warwicks); Richardi Vause, 1585 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Eliz Vause, 1586 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks).

E Anglia: Robert de Vals, de Valibus, de Vaux (Essex), de Wals (Norfolk), 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Robert de Wals, de Vallibus 1134–40, 1188 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Willelmus Vaus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlestone, Norfolk); Thomas Vaus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Leighs, Essex); Johannes Vaus, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shelland, Suffolk); Thomas Vause, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Katheryn Vause, 1574 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Mary Vause, 1576 in *IGI* (Stony Stratford, Bucks).

S England: Walterus Vaus, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Waltero Vaus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Richardson, Wilts); Thomas Vaux, 1473 in *PROB 11* (London); Grace Vause, 1599 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); William Vause, 1620 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Mary Vaux, 1754 in *IGI* (South Petherton, Somerset).

References: *Domesday People*, p. 382; *Domesday Descendants*, pp. 756–7.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *fals, faus, vaus* (Old French *fals, faus*, Old English *fals*) 'deceitful, disloyal, dishonest, mendacious'.

However, since the definite article *le* is sometimes substituted for the preposition *de* in Anglo-Norman names, the following bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Agnes le Vaus, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Nicol' le Vaus, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Runcton, Sussex); Alexander, Robert, and John le Vaus, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Vause, 1591 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Nicholas Vause, 1613 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex).

**Vautier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 204
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Huguenot: regional variant of the French name **Gautier**. This is found mainly in the Channel Islands, but it is also a Huguenot name.

**Early bearers:** Channel Islands: Aaron Vautier, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Ouen, Jersey); David Vautier, 1728 in *IGI* (Saint Martin, Jersey); Marie Vautier, 1799 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, Jersey).

Huguenot: Isaac Vautier, 1687 in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers church, Canterbury); Louis Vautier, 1702 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Madleine Vautier, 1717 in *IGI* (Saint Jean, Spitalfields, Middx); Jaque Vautier, 1728 in *IGI* (Wheeler Street French Huguenot, Spitalfields, Middx); Jaques Vautier, 1765 in *IGI* (La Patente, Spitalfields).

**Vaux**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 394
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham; Somerset

Norman, English: see **Vause**.

**Vavasour**

**Variants:** **Vavasseur, Vawser, Bavister**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Norman, English: status name for a feudal tenant ranking immediately below a baron, Old French *vavas(s)jour, vavasseur*, Latin *vassus vassorum* ‘vassal of vassals’.

**Further information:** the status of a vavasour varied with time and place. In England at the time of Domesday Book the vavasours were men of very moderate estate. By the 12th century the whole of military society was divided into two great classes, barons and vassors. See *Stenton, Feudalism* 16–23.

**Early bearers:** William Vavassur, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); Gilbert le Vauassur, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John le Vavasseur, 1288 in *London Letter Books A*; John le Vauassour of Helpestrop’, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Helsthorpe (in Drayton Beauchamp), Bucks); Ricardus Vausour, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Wharfe, WR Yorks); John Vauassour, 1453 in *Feet of Fines* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Thomas Vauassour, 1504 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Anna Vavasour, 1594 in *IGI* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Vavasour, 1597 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); George Vavasour, 1627 in *IGI* (Bubwith, ER Yorks); Mauger Vavasour, 1655 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Walter Vavasour, 1662 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Thomas Vawser, 1665, and Joseph Vawser, 1714, in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Richard Vawser, 1708, and William Vawser, 1749 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Susanna Vawser, 1816, and Josiah Vawser, 1819 in *IGI* (March, Cambs).

**Vavasseur**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Vavasour**.

**Vawdrey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Vaudrey**.

**Vawser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: reduced form of **Vavasour**.

**Vayne**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- Norman, English: see **Vane**.

**Vayro**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Varey**.

**Vaz**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name from the genitive form of the Portuguese personal name *Vasco*.

**Further information:** This name is common on the west coast of India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Vaz, 1811 in *Bevis Marks Records* (London); Mordecai Vaz, 1856 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Vaz, 1863, Isaac Nunes Vaz, 1868 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sarah Nunes Vaz, domestic servant, born in Amsterdam, and son Isaac Vaz, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Vaz, retired cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Jacob Nunes Vaz, clothier’s manager, in *Census 1911* (Bow, Middx).

Cosmo de Vaz, officers’ steward, born in Goa, India, in *Census 1911* (Royal Navy).

**Vazquez**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 367, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: relationship name from Spanish *Vázquez*, see **Vasquez**.

**Vaail**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Vail**.

**Veal**

**Variants:** **Veale, Veall, Veel, Vile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1503, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1801
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon, and Somerset; Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Waterford

Norman, English: (i) nickname from Anglo-Norman French *viel*, Old French *vieil* ‘old’ (i.e. ‘the elder’). Without the article, this name is indistinguishable from the relationship name **Vial** (many of the early bearers cited there may alternatively belong here), and there has also been some confusion with **Vail** nickname from Middle

English *vel(e), veille, fel(e)* ‘calf; veal’, Old French *veel* ‘calf’. (iii) there has also been confusion with **Vale**, as in the case of Martin *Veal, Vale*, 1774, 1780 in *Parish Registers* (West Stow, Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Reginald Leviel, 1173 in *Pipe Rolls* (London); Geoffrey Viele, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); William le Viel, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard le Veale, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Vel, 1276 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas called Viel, 1294, Thomas Fyhel, 1294–6, Thomas Vyel, 1303 in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas le Veel, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Veel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); John Veale, 1464 in *Feet of Fines* (Orchard, Cornwall); George Viell’, 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Randalli Veal, 1569 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); John Veele, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Longford, Gloucs); William Veal, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Richarde Veal, 1660 in *IGI* (Milton Abbot, Devon); Humphredus Veal, 1666 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**Veale**

**Variants:** **Vail, Vale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1510, Ireland 309
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- Norman, English, Irish: see **Veal**. This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland, where it has been Gaelicized as **de Bhial**.

**Veall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lincs
- Norman, English: see **Veal**.

**Vear**

**Variants:** **Veare**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 260
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Hants
- Norman, English: see **Vere**.

**Veare**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Vere**.

**Vearer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Varo**.

**Vearncombe**

**Variants:** **Verncombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Farncombe in Douling, Somerset (Old English *fearn* ‘fern, bracken’ + *cumb* ‘valley’). Compare **Farncombe**.

**Early bearers:** Elsbeth Vernecombe, 1558, Tho. Verncombe, 1597, Jn. Verncomb, 1609 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); Thomas Fearncombe, 1740 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset); Thomas Verncombe, 1757 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Kingston, Somerset); Hugh

## Veasey

Fearncombe, 1807 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); William Vearncombe, 1820 in *IGI* (Churchstanton, Devon).

### Veasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 777, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 556
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Veasy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Leics; Suffolk
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Veater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Vater**.

### Veazey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Veck

Variants: **Vick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: occupational name from Old French *le veske* 'the bishop'. This became *leveske*, which was wrongly taken for *le vesk*, becoming *Vesk* and later *Veck*, *Vick*. The full form survives as **Levick**.

Compare **Bishop**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Eueske, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Richard Veke, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Wilts); Robert Vesk, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert le Veck, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Richard le Veske, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Veske, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Besthorpe, Norfolk); Ralph Vesk, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Vick, 1589 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); John Veck, 1702 in *IGI* (Whitchurch, Hants).

### Veel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- Norman, English: see **Veal**.

### Veer

Variants: **Veer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Vere**.

### VeEVERS

Variants: **Vevers**, **Vivers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: of uncertain origin. Redmonds questions the derivation from *vivers* 'victuals', proposed by Weekley and others, since the earliest OED references to this sense date from the 16th century and thus postdate the family name; he believes that

the distribution of the name points to a source in Cumberland or north Lancashire, as yet unidentified.

**Early bearers:** William Vevery [sic], 1440 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thorner, WR Yorks); Thomas Vevere, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alic Vevers, 1540 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Hy Vevers, 1542 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Richard Vivers, 1588 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Sussana Veevers, 1596 in *Parish Registers* (Weaverham, Cheshire); Richard Vyvers, 1597, Vevers, 1621 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Vevers, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); John Veevers, 1653 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward William Veevers, 1667 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); John Vevers, 1717 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Miles Veavers, 1789 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Frederic Veever, 1792 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Vega

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: locative name for someone from any of the numerous places named Vega or La Vega, from *vega* 'meadow' (of pre-Roman origin, probably originally denoting irrigated land).

**Early bearers:** Domingo Vega, banker, born in South America, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Marion Vega, general labourer, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Auchinleck, Ayr); Jesusa Vega, nurse, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Uckfield, Sussex).

### Vegad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania), unexplained.

### Veil

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey; Cornwall
- English: see **Vail**.

### Vein

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Vane**.

### Veitch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2286, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1966
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh and Cavan

Norman, Scottish: nickname apparently from Old French *vache* (Latin *vacca*) 'cow'. It is presumably identical in origin with the modern French surname *Vache* or *Vaque* in Artois and Picardy, which *Morlet, Dictionnaire* suggests was given to a corpulent man.

**Early bearers:** Radulphus uacca, about 1200 in *Newbattle Register*; Alexander la uache, 1214–19 in *Glasgow Register*; Alexander de Vacca, 1235–58 in *Midlothian Charters*; William le Wache of Peeblesshire (Willelmi Vache on his seal), 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; William de Vache, 1316 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Drumelzier, Peebles); Philip la Vache, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Hook Norton, Oxon); Joan Vache, 1478 in *PROB 11* (London); John Vache,

1566 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Dalkeith, East Lothian); John Veitch, 1604 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Geills Veitch, 1633 in *IGI* (Liberton, Midlothian); Agnes Veitch, 1641 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian); John and Robert Veitch, 1642 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isobell Veitch, 1645 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

### Vekaria

- **Current frequencies:** GB 876, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu, unexplained.

### Velasco

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Spanish: (i) relationship name from the personal name *Velasco*, *Belasco*, formed with Basque *bel-* 'raven' + the diminutive suffix *-sco* locative name from any of several places in Spain named Velasco (Logroño, Soria, and Seville provinces).

**Early bearers:** Juan Velasco, 1862 in *BMD* (Saint James, Westminster, Middx); Antonio Velasco, born in Spain, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey); Vincent Belasco, born in Madrid, Spain, in *Census 1871* (Sussex); Vincent Velasco, born in Madrid, Spain, in *Census 1871* (Hastings, Sussex); Isabel Velasco, born in West Indies, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Lucio Velasco, architect, born in Bolivia, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

### Velden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Caernarvons

English: see **Fielden**.

### Vella

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1144, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Maltese, Italian: possibly a form of the Italian surname **Bella**, a feminine form of **Bello**. *Cassar* points out that in Malta **Bellucci** also appears as **Vellucci**.

**Early bearers:** Antonio Vella, born in Malta, in *Census 1861* (Royal Navy); Philip Vella, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Cornelia Vella, 1883 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul, Newport, Monmouths); Eugene Vella, born in Malta, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); Frank Vella, born in Malta, in *Census 1891* (Newport, Monmouths); Tommaso Vella, ice-cream maker born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Vella, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Headington, Oxon).

### Vellacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: locative name from Vellacott in Tawstock (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vellacott, 1547 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Edward Vellacott, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Kentisbury, Devon); John Vellacote, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**References:** *Hanks and Hodges*



**Veltom**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Feltham**.

**Velvick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name apparently from Welwick (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Welewich, 1191 in *Place-Names of ER Yorks* (ER Yorks); Robert de Welwyk', 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William de Wellewyk, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Welwyk', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Rainham, Kent); John Welwyk', chaplain, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent and Herts); Richard Welwick, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Lincs); Sarah Velvick, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Worth, Sussex); William Velvick, 1793 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); John Velwick, 1802 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Kent); Mary Velwick, in *Census 1841* (Hollingbourne, Kent); George Velwick, in *Census 1871* (Lewes, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 22.

**Ven**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; Glamorgan
- English: see **Fenn**.

**Venable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Pembrokes
- Norman, English: see **Venables**.

**Venables**

**Variants:** **Venable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2942, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2098
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Shrops, Cheshire, and Lancs; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

Norman, English: locative name from Venables (Eure).

**Early bearers:** William de Venables, about 1200 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Roberto Venabules, 1379, Robertus Venables, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); John Venables, 1415 in *PROB 11* (Congesbury, Somerset); Roger Venables, 1547 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Henry Venables, 1555 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); Ellin Venables, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Arthure Venables, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Henricus Venable, 1571 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Venables or Vennables, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Kingsley, Staffs).

**Vender**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *vendour* 'seller, dealer', Old French *vendeor*, \**vendier*. Compare the Latin equivalent in Henricus Venditor, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Peter le Vendier, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William le Vendour William le Vendur, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John Vendur, 1357 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark, Notts); Robert Vendour, 1378 in *Feet*

*of Fines* (Harpswell, Lincs); John Vendour, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Powerstock, Dorset); Susanna Vender, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); John Vender, 1718 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx).

**Venes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: see **Veness**.

**Veness**

**Variants:** **Venes, Venis, Venus**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 418
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: locative name from Venoix (Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Venuiz, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William de Venuz, de Venoiz, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls*, 1205 in *Charter Rolls* (Hants); Robert de Veniz, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants); John de Venoiz, 1220 in *Feet of Fines* (Eastleigh, Hants); William de Venus, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Venuz, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); John de Venuz, 1348 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); John Venis, 1603, Joane Venes, 1636 in *Parish Registers* (Odiham, Hants); Robert Venus, 1606 in *PROB 11* (London); James Venus, 1617 in *IGI* (Sandhurst by Cranbrook, Kent); William Veness, 1740 in *IGI* (Heyshott, Sussex).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Vening**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: see **Fenning**.

**Venis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Norman, English: see **Veness**.

**Venison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: nickname from Middle English *veneso(u)n*, *venisun* 'wild animal hunted for food or sport, game; a deer; the meat of a game animal' (Old French *venesoun*), perhaps a nickname applied to a hunter or hunt servant.

**Early bearers:** John Venesoun, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Veneson, [ . . . ] Veneyson, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; John Venison, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bewsborough hundred, Kent); William Venison, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Aldeburgh, Suffolk); John Venison, 1584 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Veneson, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (Tarvin, Cheshire); John Vennison, 1654 in *Black*; Nathaniell Vennison, 1706 in *IGI* (Northampton, Northants).

**Venn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1956, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1358

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; also Gloucs
- English: see **Fenn**.

**Vennall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Vennell**.

**Vennard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 202
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: variant of **Venner** with excrescent *-d*.

Compare John *Venard*, 1582, Wilmott *Venner*, 1602 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

**Early bearers:** England: Joan Vennard, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Kenn, Devon); Richard Vennard, 1563 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); John Vennarde, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Christopher Vennerd, 1601 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Anna Vennard, 1606, Henrirus Vennard, 1609 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Germani Vennard, 1629, Margareta Vennard, 1613 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); John Vinnard, 1827 in *IGI* (Lanlivery, Cornwall).

Ireland: John Vennard, 1834 in *IGI* (Armagh).

**Venne**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Fenn**.

**Vennell**

**Variants:** **Vennall, Vinell, Vinnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Kent and Sussex

1 English: locative name for someone who lived in a lane or alley, from Middle English (Old French) *venelle* 'small street'. It was synonymous with the more usual **Lane**.

**Early bearers:** Reginald de la Venele, 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Michael in la Venele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Henry de la Venele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Harting, Sussex); James atte Venele, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wadhurst and Mayfield, Sussex); Rogerus Venel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Jhon A Vennell, 1571 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); Bryan Vennell, 1591 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Margarite Vennell, 1650 in *IGI* (Thurnham, Kent); Thomas Vennell, 1695 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Samuel Vennell, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London).

2 English: variant of **Fennell** with voicing of initial *F-*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1). See also **Funnell**. **Further information:** The 1571 example is probably a topographical name alluding to a place growing with fennel; see *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 189.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Venel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Jhon A Vennell, 1571 in *IGI* (Westham, Sussex); John Vinell, 1587 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); James Vennell, 1598 in *IGI* (Hastings, Sussex); Jeane Vennall, 1616 in *IGI* (Albourne, Sussex); John Vinnell, 1798 in *IGI* (Cowfold, Sussex); Betty Vinnell, 1813 in *IGI* (Frome, Somerset).

## Venner

### Venner

**Variants:** Venour, Vennor, Venor, Vennard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 816, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 589
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London; SW England

1 English: occupational name from Old French *veneor*, *veneur* 'hunter, huntsman'. Some bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Walter le Veneur, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); David le Venur, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William le Venur, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Adam le venour, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Herts); Robert Venour, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Oakford, Devon); Willelmo Venour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Johannes Venor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Richard Venner, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Stone, Staffs); John Venner, 1539 in *IGI* (Shirwell, Devon); John Vennor, 1618 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Venour, 1636 in *IGI* (Church Lench, Worcs); William Venor, 1637 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent).

2 English: see **Fenner**.

### Venni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Cambs

Italian: probably of Italian origin, from Brescia province in Lombardy.

**Early bearers:** Judeth Venni, 1683 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Venni, 1705 in *Parish Registers* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Abraham Venney, 1749 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Peter Venny, 1780 in *IGI* (Hilgay, Norfolk); Jacob Venny, 1820 in *IGI* (Denver, Norfolk); Abraham Venni, 1858 in *Parish Registers* (Downham, Norfolk); John Venni, agricultural labourer, in *Census 1881* (Ely, Cambs); Jacob Venni, farmer, in *Census 1911* (Downham West, Norfolk).

### Vennimore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Finnemore**.

### Venning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 487
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; also Somerset
- English: see **Fenning**.

### Vennor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Glamorgan; Cornwall

English: see **Venner**.

### Venor

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Venner**.

### Venour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks; Dorset

English: see **Venner**.

### Vent

**Variants:** Vint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; also Perth

English, Scottish: (i) variant of **Went**. (ii) locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *vent* 'drain, water outlet'.

**Early bearers:** England: Iohannes Vent, 1377–8 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Johanne Vente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); William Vent, 1603 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent); Richard Vent, 1646 in *IGI* (Saxilby, Lincs); Isabel Vent, 1669 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Dorothy Vent, 1733 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk).

Scotland: Johnne Vent, 1601 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Barbara Vent, 1727 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Venter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 408, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs; NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: see **Ventre**.

### Venters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 405, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; also Northants

Scottish, English: see **Ventress**.

### Ventham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Venton**.

### Ventom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Monmouths; WR Yorks; Hants

English: see **Venton**.

### Venton

**Variants:** Ventom, Ventham, Vinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 394, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from one or more of several places in Devon so named, such as Venton in Highampton, Venton in Plympton Saint Mary, Venton in Dartington, Ventonhills in Rattery, Venton in Dolton, Venton in Drewsteignton, and Venton in Widecombe in the Moor. See also **Fenton**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Fenton, 1238 in *Devon Eyre* (Devon); Walter de Fenton, 1249 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Adam de Fenton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stanborough hundred, Devon); William de Fenton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Highampton, Devon); John de Fentone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Robert Ventham, 1564, Richard Ventom, 1616, Oumfferi Ventam, 1628 in *IGI* (East Tytherley, Hants); Dorithie Venton, 1567 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Rob. Venton, 1569 in *IGI* (Wood Eaton, Oxon); Roberte Venton, 1570 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Thomas Venton, 1571 in *IGI* (Painswick,

Gloucs); William Venton, 1574 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Philipus Vinton, 1578 in *IGI* (Quethiock, Cornwall); John Venton, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); William Vinton, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Will. Ventom, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Hew Ventem, 1701 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 146, 255, 298, 311, 367, 433, 530.

### Ventre

**Variants:** Venter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 French, Italian: nickname for a man with a large paunch, from Old French, Italian *ventre* 'belly' (Latin *venter*).

**Early bearers:** Maurice Ventre, priest, born in France, in *Census 1861* (Peckham, Surrey).

2 Italian: relationship name probably from a pet form of the personal names *Bonventre* or *Brazzaventre*. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Lorenzo Ventre, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Liverpool, Lancs); Giovanni Ventre, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Plymouth, Devon); Anselmo Ventre, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Benedetto Ventre, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Torquay, Devon).

3 English: variant of **Venture**.

### Ventress

**Variants:** Ventris, Ventriss, Venters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 Scottish, English: locative name of uncertain origin. It is perhaps, as Redmonds suggests, from one or other of the Scottish places called Fintry in Stirlings and Aberdeens, with *-s* substituted for final *-f* or *-th* in the original Scottish forms and *F-* voiced to *V-*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Ada de Fyntrif, about 1175–99 in *Lennox Cartulary*; Gilbert of Fyntreth, burgher, 1271 in *The Aberdonians* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

England: John de Fintres, 1290 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Marton in Cleveland, NR Yorks); John de Fymtres, 1335 in *Gisborough Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Elizabeth Ventris, 1548 in *York Registry Wills* (Yarm, NR Yorks); Robt. Fyntresse, 1566 in *IGI* (Ingleby Greenhow, NR Yorks); Lanclotus Ventris, 1594, Elizabetha Venters, 1604 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Robert Fentris, 1598 in *York Registry Wills* (Guisborough, NR Yorks); Alicea Fentress, 1611 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Margret Ventresse, 1639, Ann Ventries, 1746, /Mary Fentris, 1819 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Fentress, 1750, Thomas Ventres, 1758 in *IGI* (Loftus, NR Yorks); Ann Fentris, 1790 in *IGI* (Danby, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English, Older Scots (*a*)*venturous* 'adventurous' (Old French *aventuros*). No medieval evidence for the name has yet been found, and the name in S England and Scotland could be that in (1) by migration.

**Early bearers:** England: Richarde Venteris, 1557 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Dionis Ventris, 1560, Bettrys Ventres, 1583 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Rafe Ventris, 1593 in *IGI* (Shere, Surrey); Francis Ventreys,

1600 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); Willam Ventres, 1605 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edward Ventres, 1642 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Mrs Ventris, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Ventres, 1691 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

Scotland: David Venters, 1670 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Charles Venters, 1696 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); David Venteurs, 1708 in *IGI* (Beath, Fife); Bessie Venters, 1715 in *IGI* (Auchterderran, Fife).

### Ventris

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: see **Ventress**.

### Ventriss

- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks
- English: see **Ventress**.

### Ventura

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic): relationship name, nickname from a short form of *Bonaventura* or *Buenaventura*, meaning 'good fortune'. The Italian name may alternatively derive from *ventura* 'fortune, luck', applied as a nickname.

**Further information:** The name *Bonaventura* was borne in honor of a saint (1221–74) who was given this nickname by Saint Francis of Assisi when he cured him miraculously as a child.

**Early bearers:** Juliana Ventura, 1809 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Angelo Benedetto Ventura, 1836 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Alegro Ventura, corn cutter, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Abraham Ventura, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Miguel Ventura, merchant, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Ventura, cigar maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Armando Ventura, merchant, born in Saint Domingo, West Indies, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx); Joseph Ventura, plasterer's labourer, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); John Ventura, boot maker, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Ventura, waiter, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Sisto Ventura, furniture repairer, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Abram Ventura, born in Canea, Crete, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Venture

**Variants:** **Ventre**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Northumb
- English: nickname from Middle English (*a*)*venture* 'chance, hazard', in the same sense as **Venters** and **Ventura**.

**Early bearers:** William Aventur, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Thomas Ventre, 1217 in *Patent Rolls*; William le Ventre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thoma Ventre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex);

Steven Venter, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Hernhill, Kent); Mary Venter, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Francis Venter, 1610 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Ventre, 1792 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Stamford Baron, Northants); Ann Tombleson Venter, 1827 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs).

### Venus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 560, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham; Kent and Sussex

Norman, English: see **Veness**.

**Early bearers:** Alison Venis, 1571 in *York Registry Wills* (Loftus, NR Yorks); Ann Venus, 1635 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).

### Vera

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

1 Spanish: locative name from any of various places called Vera or La Vera, named with *vera* 'river bank'.

**Early bearers:** Avillina Vera, nurse, born Chile, in *Census 1871* (Marylebone, Middx); Angel Sanchez Vera, Spanish Vice Consul, born in Spain, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 Italian: of uncertain origin. The Italian adjective *vera* is the feminine of *vero* 'true, genuine'; the noun *vera*, on the other hand, denotes a well-head or parapet round a well, though neither may lie behind the family name, which is rare in Italy.

**Early bearers:** Carmino Vera, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Joseph Vera, waiter, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Loreto Vera, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

3 English: possibly a variant of **Verey**.

### Vercoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: see **Varcoe**.

### Verden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Norman, English: see **Verdon**.

### Verdi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Italian: relationship name patronymic from the medieval personal name *Verde*, literally 'green'.

**Early bearers:** Carlos Verdi, traveller, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks), apparently identical with Carlo Verdi, professor of music and Italian, born in Sardinia, in *Census 1861* (Kensington, Middx); Gregory Verdi, steward R.N., born in Greece, in *Census 1871* (Portsea, Hants); Calo Verdi, compositor, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Dennis Verdi, born in Corfu, Greece, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Spero Verdi, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Portsea, Hants); Antonio Verdi, born in Glasgow, in *Census*

1901 (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Verdi, teacher of singing, born in United States, in *Census 1911* (Hammersmith, Middx).

### Verdier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Norman, English, Huguenot: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *verder*, *verdour* 'verderer, judicial officer of a royal forest' (Old French *verdier*, *verdeur*). Some post-medieval examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Bartholomew Verder of Arras, 1260, 1267 in *Patent Rolls*; Walter le Verder, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard le Verdour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Nicholas and William Verdier, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Hampton, Middx); Petrus Verder' 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Luffenham, Rutland); Willielmi Verder, 1560 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Jonas Verder, 1617 in *Parish Registers* (Great Saxham, Suffolk); James Verder, 1666 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Verdier, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

2 Huguenot: locative name, nickname for someone who lived near or worked in an orchard, from Occitan *verdier* 'orchard' (Late Latin *virid(i)arium*). **Early bearers:** Jean Verdier, 1624 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street, London); Gabriel Verdier, 1703 in *IGI* (Tabernacle Milck Alley, Westminster, Middx); Ezechias Verdier, 1737 in *IGI* (Savoyde de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Jean Verdier, 1763 in *IGI* (Artillery, Spitalfields, Middx).

### Verdin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- Norman, English: see **Verdon**.

### Verdon

**Variants:** **Vardon**, **Varden**, **Verdin**, **Verden**, **Verdun**, **Verduin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 138
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; Derbys
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; also Connacht

Norman, English: locative name from Verdun (La Manche). See also **Wearden**.

**Early bearers:** England: Bertrannus de Verduno, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); Iue de Verdun, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William de Verduin, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); John de Verdoun, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Nicholaus de Verdon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Verdon', 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Bodicote, Oxon); John Verdon, 1522 in *PROB 11*; Alyce Verdon, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Edmonde Verdon, 1562 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Valentin Varden, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Hugh Verdon, 1601 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Jonas Verdon, 1618 in *PROB 11* (New Buckenham, Norfolk); Hannah Verdon, 1628 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); John Verdin, 1629 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Samuel Verden, 1680 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); John Verdon, 1745 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks). Ireland: Bertram de Verdun, 1171 in *CDI* §10; Nicholas de Verdun, 1215 in *CDI* §624; Theobald de Verdon,

## Verduin

1280 in *CDI* §1673 (Meath); Theobald de Verdoun, 1283 in *CDI* §2156; Oliver Werdon, gent., 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §222 (Kiltalaght, Louth); David Verdon, burgess, 1570 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1469 (Killocca or Kilmohalloke, Limerick); Patrick Verdon mcThomas, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6735 (Verdonston).

**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*, *Woulfe*, *Irish Names and Surnames*.

## Verduin

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
Norman, English: see **Verdon**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name has died out in Britain but continues to thrive in the USA.

## Verdun

• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx  
Norman, English: see **Verdon**.

## Vere

**Variants:** **Veare, Vear, Veer, Virr**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 231  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Bucks; Lincs; Lancs and Cheshire

Norman, English: locative name from Ver (La Manche, Calvados).

**Early bearers:** Alberic de Ver, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Roger, Walter de Ver, 1121–35 in Bury, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Gilbert de Veer, 1303 in *London Letter Books C*; Robert Veer, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Vere, 1557 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Michael Vear, 1603, Susanna Veare, 1612 in *IGI* (Scampton, Lincs).

## Vereker

• **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
• **Main GB location 1881:** IoW  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Limerick

Dutch: of uncertain meaning, but of Flemish (Dutch) origin. It was borne by a First Minister of Brabant in the 16th cent., and was established in county Limerick, Ireland, in the later 17th cent., possibly as a result of migration due to religious persecution. It is not absolutely certain that the bearers of European origin mentioned here in England share this name. There is no connection with the Somerset name **Fouracre**, as sometimes alleged.

**Further information:** John Standish Surtees Prendergast **Vereker**, 6th Viscount Gort (1886–1946), was a distinguished Anglo-Irish soldier, who won the VC in World War I and was appointed commander of the ill-fated British Expeditionary Force in France in 1940. His ancestor Charles Vereker (1768–1842) became 2nd Viscount Gort on the death of his maternal uncle, the 1st Viscount, and inherited an estate in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** England: Capt Vereker, born in Ireland, in *Census 1841* (Richmond, Surrey); Thomas Geo. Vereker, lieutenant, 12th Regt., born in Ireland, in *Census 1851* (Harwich, Essex); Harry Verecker, labourer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Foley Charles Prendergast Vereker, 1881 in *IGI* (East Cowes, IoW); John Gage Prendergast Vereker, 1886 in *IGI* (East

Cowes, IoW); Marcel M. Verecke, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx).

Ireland: John Vereker, 1671 in *Debrett 1840* (Roxborough, Limerick), also referred to as John Varicar or Veracre, yeoman at Cork, in contemporary local documents, according to Brian de Breffny.

Scotland: Georgina Vereker, 1827 in *IGI* (Craigie, Ayrs).

**References:** De Breffny, Brian (1973) The Vereker family. *The Irish Ancestor* 5.2, pp. 69–75.

## Verey

**Variants:** **Verrey, Verry, Very, Vera**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 118  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and adjacent counties

English: nickname from Middle English *verrei*, *verie* ‘true; reliable, trustworthy’, Old French *verai*.

**Early bearers:** Edward le Verreis, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Rogerus Verie, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brendon, Devon); John Verie, 1552 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Very, 1585 in *Parish Registers* (Kimpton, Herts); Thomas Verey, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Frances Verrey, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Gilston, Herts); James Verey, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Eton, Bucks); Edward Verey, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; George Verry, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Verge

• **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 59  
• **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: status name from Middle English *verge* ‘rod, pole, or perch (unit of length); half-acre’ (Old French *verge*), denoting the owner of that amount of land.

**Early bearers:** Petrus de la Verge, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; Joseph Verge, a foundling, 1692 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); Sarah Verge, 1728 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants).

## Verger

• **GB frequency 1881:** 15  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Hants

1 English: occupational name for a verger, the usher or door-keeper of a church, a rod-bearing official, Middle English *verger*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Ivo le Vergier, 1443 in *Patent Rolls*; Agnes Verger, 1543 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Verger, 1612 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent); Mary Verger, 1682 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Joseph Verger, 1855 in *IGI* (Battersea, Surrey).

2 English: locative name, nickname for someone who lived by or worked in an orchard or garden, Middle English *verger(e)*, *vergier*.

**Early bearers:** John de Verger, del Vergier, 1230 in *Close Rolls*; Matilda le Virger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

## Vergin

• **GB frequency 1881:** 10  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset  
English: see **Virgin**.

## Vergine

• **GB frequency 1881:** 4  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
English: see **Virgo**.

## Vergo

• **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 26  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan  
English: see **Virgo**.

## Verity

**Variants:** **Virtue**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1365, Ireland 5  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 1258  
• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: in Yorks perhaps an altered form of *Verty* (see **Varty**), as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. *Verity* is not recorded in medieval Yorks documents, whereas *Verty* occurs from the 14th century in Lancs and nearby settlements in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Richard Veritie, 1591, Issabell Veritye, 1600 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Henry Veritie, 1598 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Lancelot Veretie, 1606 in *York Registry Wills* (Thorpe near Linton, WR Yorks); Thomas Veritie, 1615 in *IGI* (Patington, ER Yorks); Anthony Verity, 1623 in *IGI* (Ripley, WR Yorks); Christofer Veritie, 1629 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Sarah Verity, 1681 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Caleb Verity, 1692 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Edd. Verity, 1728 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); William Verrity, 1748 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); William Verity, 1827 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *verite* (Old French *verité*) ‘truth, righteousness, trustworthiness’.

**Early bearers:** Adam le Verite, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Verite, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (North Marden, Sussex); William Verite, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Susanna Veritie, 1687 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks).

## Verlander

• **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 107  
• **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex

Dutch: locative name of Dutch origin, a respelling of *Verlende*, itself a reduced form of **Van der Lende**, denoting someone from a place called *ter Lende*.

**Early bearers:** Jacob Van Der Lende, 1645, Sara Verlande, 1646, Abigail Verlinde, 1673, Joannes Verlander, 1701 in *IGI* (Dutch Church, Colchester, Essex); David Verlander, 1656 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Colchester, Essex); Mary Verlander, 1699 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Colchester, Essex); Abr. Verlander, 1705 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Dunstan, Stepney, Middx).

## Verley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 7  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
English: see **Varley**.

## Verma

**Variants:** **Varma**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1851, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (north central India): Hindu, from Sanskrit *varman* 'armour, protection'.

**Further information:** Although this name was once associated exclusively with the Kshatriya class, it has now been adopted by many non-Kshatriya communities.

### Vermeulen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

Dutch, Flemish: locative name reduced form of **Van der Meulen**, denoting someone 'from the mill'.

**Early bearers:** Susanne Vermeulen, 1645 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Jacob Vermeulen, 1833 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Louis Vermeulen, 1838 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Robert Vermeulen, railway policeman, born in Guernsey, in *Census 1901* (Wandsworth, Surrey); William Maria Joseph Vermeulen, Roman Catholic priest, born in Antwerp, Belgium, in in *Census 1911* (Thorne, WR Yorks).

### Vern

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Warwicks

English: see **Fearn**.

### Vernal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews

English: see **Farnell**.

### Vernall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; also Worcs and Shrops

English: see **Farnell**.

### Vernalis

**Variants:** **Vernalis**, **Varnals**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: variant of **Farnell** with voiced initial consonant and post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Vernalis, 1541 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Elinor Varnals, 1608 in *IGI* (Neenton, Shrops); William Vernalis, 1646 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs).

### Vernalis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Herefs

English: see **Vernalis**.

### Vernazza

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Italian: locative name from Vernazza (La Spezia).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vernazzi, born in Cheshire, in *Census 1841* (Cheshire); Pietro Vernazzi, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, London); Max Vernazzi, waiter and shopman, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Verncombe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; also Suffolk; Gloucs

English: see **Vearncombe**.

### Verne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

1 French: for someone who lived near a grove of alders, French *verne*, a word of Gaulish origin.

2 English: see **Fearn**.

### Verner

**Variants:** **Vernor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 201
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; otherwise widely scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone, Antrim, and Armagh

1 Scottish: of uncertain origin; possibly a locative name from Vernours (Midlothian), although it seems more likely that this place name is derived from the family name.

**Further information:** A branch of the family was established in Ireland in the 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: John Verner, 1428 in *Arbroath Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Vernour, 1447 in *Edinburgh Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Vernour, 1478 in *Scottish Arms* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Vernoror Vernour, 1529 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Auchendinny, Midlothian).

England: Thomas Verner, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Jacob Verner, 1659 in *Parish Registers* (Topsham, Devon); Samuel Verner, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

2 German, Jewish (Askenazic): relationship name anglicized spelling of **Werner**, from the latter as a personal name, composed of the Germanic elements *war(in)* 'guard' + *heri, hari* 'army'.

**Early bearers:** Louis Verner, boot maker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Yorhem [*sic*] Verner, butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Charles Verner (Carl Werner), born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Gustave Verner, born in Cologne, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Selmeston, Sussex); Morris Verner, pawnbroker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Aston, Warwicks); Julius Anton Verner, land and mining surveyor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Louis Verner, leather dresser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Hyman Verner, wool merchant, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Solomon Verner, baker, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Meta Verner, dressmaker, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

### Verney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 459, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 414
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Oxon, and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Varney**.

### Vernon

**Variants:** **Varnon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6802, Ireland 174
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4892
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Norman, English: locative name from Vernon (Eure).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Vernon, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cheshire); William de Vernun, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (IoW, Hants); Nicholao Vernoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nettleton, Wilts); Robertus Vernon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashley liberty, Hants); William Vernon, 1468 in *PROB 11*; Arthur Vernon, 1517 in *PROB 11* (Bogeston, Derbys); Jacobus Vernon, 1558 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Elizabeth Vernon, 1560 in *IGI* (Tarporely, Cheshire); Hugh Vernam, 1564 in *PROB 11* (London); George Vernom, 1595 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Grace Varnum, 1617 in *IGI* (Dunton Bassett, Leics); George Varnam alias Vernam, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Lutterworth, Leics); Thomas Varnom, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Thomas Vernum, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Neston, Cheshire).  
**References:** *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Vernor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Verner**.

### Vernum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Norman, English: variant of **Farnham** with voiced initial consonant.

### Verny

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- Norman, English: see **Varney**.

### Vero

**Variants:** **Verow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 86
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Farrar** and **Varey** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Humfry Vero, 1586 in *IGI* (Aswardby, Lincs); Xpoferi. Verow, 1610 in *IGI* (Claxby by Alford, Lincs); Thomas Vero, 1654 in *IGI* (Branston, Leics); Edward Vero, 1669 in *IGI* (Whittington near Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Verow, 1758 in *IGI* (Nailstone, Leics); Joshua Varey, 1760, Ann Vero, 1818 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Verow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Vero**.

### Verrall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 867, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 585
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent
- English: see **Fairhall**.

## Verralls

### Verralls

Variants: **Verrells**, **Verrills**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick; Kent

English: variant of **Verrall** (see **Fairhall**) with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** James Verralls, 1777 in *IGI* (Wilmington, Kent); Elisabeth Verrells, 1786 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent).

### Verran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish, English: variant of **Farrant**.

**Early bearers:** John Verant, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); John and William Verant, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Neot, Cornwall); William Verant, 1525 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Luke Veran, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Lansallos, Cornwall); Stephen Verren, 1576 in *Parish Registers* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Bennet Verran, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Phillack, Cornwall); Edward Veran, 1651, Marke Verran, 1656 in *Parish Registers* (Gwinear, Cornwall).

### Verrecchia

Variants: **Verrechia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Italian: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Bernardo Verrecchia, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwick); Carmino Verechia, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Bath, Somerset); Antonio Verrecchia, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Luigia Verrecchia, organ grinder, born in Santo Elia, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Newark, Notts); Saverio Verrecchia, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Greenwich, Kent); Grevorno Verrecchia, boot maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Nicolas Verrecchia, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Hamilton, Lanarks); Bartolomeo Verrecchia, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Pasquale Verrecchia, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwick); Clorinda Verrecchia, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex); Filippo Verrecchia, musician, born in Cardito, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Antonio Verechia, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Verrechia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

Italian: see **Verrecchia**.

### Verrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; Surrey

English: see **Fairhall**.

### Verrells

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey

English: see **Verralls**.

### Verrey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwick

English: see **Verrey**.

### Verrier

Variants: **Verriour**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 179
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *verr(i)er*, *verr(e)our*, ‘worker in glass, glazier’, Anglo-Norman French *verrer*, Old French *verrier*, *verrieur*. **Early bearers:** Roger Verer, about 1100 in *Medieval East Anglia* (Norfolk); Fulko le Verrier, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Walter le verroure, 1313 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Robert Vereer, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Nonington, Devon); James Verier, 1480 in *Feet of Fines* (Barnstaple, Devon); John Verrier, 1588 in *PROB 11*; Willm Veriar, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Denton, Kent); Thomas Verrier, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Kingsbury, Somerset); Marie Verrier, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Sandwich, Kent).

### Verrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: variant of **Fairhall**. The pronunciation, with initial /v/, is appropriate for a Sussex origin, and the presence of this spelling of the name in NR Yorks suggests that a branch of the Sussex family had migrated to NR Yorks by the mid 17th century. **Further information:** Anna *Verrill*, 1651 in *IGI* (Hinderwell, NR Yorks); John *Verrill*, 1798 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Verrills

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Verralls**.

### Verrinder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: (i) unexplained. Perhaps an altered form of Middle English *feriter* ‘lightly armed soldier’, with typical late Middle English *-n-* in an unstressed medial syllable (compare *nightingale*), and with south-western voicing of the initial consonant, but this is a book-word. No medieval spellings have been found. (ii) perhaps a nickname from Old French *vereder* ‘wren’, likewise with insertion of inorganic medial *-n-*. (iii) perhaps an alteration of *verderer*, a word denoting a category of forest official, for example in the Forest of Dean (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Bridget Verinder, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Painswick, Gloucs); Andrew Verinder, 1621 in *IGI* (Beverstone, Gloucs); Edward Verrinder, 1672 in *IGI* (Bisley, Gloucs); Sarah Verrinder, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Stroud, Gloucs); George Ferrener, 1713 in *IGI* (Ebrington, Gloucs); William Verrinder, 1775 in

*Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Birmingham, Warwick); John Verrinder, 1791 in *Gloucs Archives* (Barton Street near Gloucester, Gloucs); Harriet Ferrinder, 1833 in *IGI* (Churcham with Bulley, Gloucs).

### Verriour

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Verrier**.

### Verry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

1 English: see **Verrey**.

2 Irish: see **McVerry**.

### Versey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also Lincs

French: locative name apparently French, from France or Flanders; perhaps from Verzy (Marne) or Verzé (Seine et Loire), but no French surname corresponding to either is known. Philip de Versay is described in 1276 as a “merchant of Hu”, i.e. Eu (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Philip de Versay, 1276 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter de Versey, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Newport, IoW); Johannes Versey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Warwick); John Virsey, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Portsmouth, Hants); Robert Virsey, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Newport, IoW); Anna Versey, 1573, Ann Versye, 1574 in *IGI* (Ingoldsby, Lincs); Mary Versie, 1588 in *IGI* (Coleby, Lincs); Michael Versye, 1605 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs); John Versey, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Robert Versee, 1659 in *IGI* (Thrigby, Norfolk); Jesse Versey, 1817 in *IGI* (Felixstowe, Suffolk).

### Verth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** East Lothian and Midlothian

Scottish: possibly from a French place-name of the type (*Le*) *Vert*, or possibly a nickname from a respelling of a homophonous French word such as *vair* ‘ermine’.

**Early bearers:** Heleine Verth, 1611 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Cristiane Verth, 1631 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Hew Verth, 1642 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); James Vert, 1683 in *Register of Edinburgh Marriages* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jenet Verth, 1701 in *IGI* (Gladsmuir, E Lothian).

**References:** *Morlet, Dictionnaire*.

### Vertigan

Variants: **Vertigans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Dutch: apparently of Dutch origin. If so, it is probably a remodelling of the surname *Vanderstegen* (a locative name from a place such as Stegen in Asten (Noord-Brabant), which is recorded as

*Steghen* in 1420). Compare **Verlander** for a well-evidenced development along similarly radical lines. **Early bearers:** Isaac Vertegans, 1638 in *IGI* (Earlham, Norfolk); Isaack Vertegants, 1699 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); John Vertegans, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary in the Marsh, Norwich, Norfolk); Judith Vertegan, 1747 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Bromsberrow, Gloucs); Amy Vertigan, 1802 in *IGI* (Tatterford, Norfolk); James Moore Vertigan, 1805 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Catherine Vestegan, 1832 in *IGI* (Sculthorpe, Norfolk); Robert Virtigan, 1840 in *BMD* (Walsingham, Norfolk); Jacob Virtigans, 1849 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

**References:** G. van Berkel and K. Samplonius (2006), *Nederlandse plaatsnamen: herkomst en historie*, 3rd edition, Utrecht: Prisma, p. 426.

### Vertigans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Dutch: variant of **Vertigan** with excrescent -s.

### Vertue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Virtue**.

### Very

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Verrey**.

2 Irish: see **McVerrey**.

### Veryard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; London

English: unexplained, but perhaps from a lost place name with Old English *geard* 'yard' as the final element.

**Early bearers:** Elise Veryard, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Branscombe, Devon); Isot Veryard, 1571 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Judith Veryard, 1580 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Mary Veryard, "formerly of Cornwall", 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Walkern, Herts).

### Vesey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 165
- **GB frequency 1881:** 248
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Connacht: esp. Mayo and Galway

Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vessell

Variants: **Wessel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Sussex

English: occupational name for an officer in charge 'of the vessel' in a great household, from Anglo-Norman French *vesselle*, *wessel* 'vat, (wine) cask', 'cup, goblet', 'plate, precious metal', 'tableware, kitchenware'. He may have been the butler or cup bearer (compare **Butler**) or the household steward (compare **Spence** and **Spencer**).

**Further information:** Compare Middle English *Vesseler*, *Wesseler*, the name of a Sussex family attested in Rob. *le Wesseler*, 1249, Rob. *le Vessilir*, 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex), William *le Vesseler*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Trotton, Sussex), Joh. *le Vesseler*, 1305 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex), and John and Agnes *le Vesselyr*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chithurst, Sussex). *Fransson* interprets the name as 'one who makes or sells vessels (for the table and household)'. However, McKinley points out in *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 230, that the Sussex name was that of a landed family, so it is more likely that it was synonymous with *de la Vesselle*.

**Early bearers:** Iohannes de la Uesselle, about 1210 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Vessell, 1701 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

### Vessey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 691, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman: locative name from Vessey (La Manche).

**Further information:** There has been some confusion with **Vasey**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Veci, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Northants); William de Vescy, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Essex); Robert Vessi, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Wiggenhall, Norfolk); Rogerus Vescy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Johannes Vecy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (South Kelsey, Lincs); Robertus Vessy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Hugh Vessy, chaplain, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); William Vescy, chaplain, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Altofts, WR Yorks); William Vescy, merchant, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Gilbert Vessey, 1592 in *IGI* (Bigby, Lincs); William Vescie, 1595 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs).

**References:** *Tengvik*.

### Vest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: possibly a variant of **West**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Vest, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hiendley, WR Yorks); Robert Vest, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Homfray Vest, 1617 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Rose Vest, 1628 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Vest, 1664 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Vest, 1707 in *IGI* (Jarrow, Durham).

### Vestey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Vesty**.

### Vesty

Variants: **Vestey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: probably a variant of **Vasey** with intrusive -t- (compare **Lenfestey**). The 14th-century *Poll Tax* forms cited below may be early examples or may represent misreadings of orthographically similar -t- for -c-.

**Early bearers:** Gilberto Vesty, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Isabella Vesty, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Mare Vesty, 1539 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Mary Vestey, 1706 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); James Vesty, 1760 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics).

### Vettese

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Italian: unexplained.

**Further information:** In Italy the name is now most frequent in Lazio.

**Early bearers:** Petro Vettese, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Canterbury, Kent); Giuseppe Vettese, confectioner and ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Coupar, Angus); Libero Vettese, organ player, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Reading, Berks); Michelangelo Vettese, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Walsall, Staffs); Pasquale Vettese, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Antonio Vettese, street organ player, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Windsor, Berks).

### Vevers

Variants: **Veevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Cumb and Northumb

English: see **Veevers**.

### Vey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx; Hants and Sussex

Irish: reduced form of **Mac Bheatha**, see **McVeigh**.

**Further information:** This form of the name has died out in Ireland but continues to thrive in the USA.

### Veysey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vezey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset; Middx

Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vial

Variants: **Viall**, **Viel**, **Vile**, **Vials**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Viel*, a Norman French form of *Vitel*; see **Vital** and also **Vidal**. There has undoubtedly been confusion with **Veal** (1 i), and some of the bearers cited here may well belong there.

**Early bearers:** given names: Viel Luuet, about 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Adam filius Viell, 1154–89 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); Richard Viel, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls*

## Viall

(Devon); Henry Vyel, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Viel, 1365 in *Feet of Fines* (Swinford, Leics); Willelmo Vyel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Ricardo Vyle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Henry Vyell', 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Claverham, Somerset); Lawrence Viel, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Vvall, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Alice Vile, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Nonington, Kent); Joan Vile, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Weston Zoyland, Somerset).  
2 English: see **Vail**.

## Viall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk, and London

Norman, English: see **Vial**.

## Vialls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon
- English: see **Vials**.

## Vials

Variants: **Vialls, Viles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Vial** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Martin Viles, 1577 in *Parish Registers* (Howden, ER Yorks); Sarah Vialls, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Great Oxenden, Northants); Amos Vialls, 1688, Martha Viles, 1706 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Ann Vialls, 1660, Edward Vials, 1661, John Vyals, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Denys, Kelmars, Northants); Thomas Vyles, weaver, 1823 in *Parish Registers* (Langley Burrell, Wilts).

## Vian

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Norman, English: locative name probably from Vienne (Calvados), recorded as *Viana* 1198.

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Viana, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Hugh de Vyena(na), 1286–8 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John de Vyenne of Buckingham, 1304, Richard de Vyene, 1304 in *Patent Rolls*; Luke de Vyenne, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas Vian, 1572 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Mary Vian, 1579 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Johanna Viane, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Robert Viane, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); John Vian, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Goran, Cornwall).

## Viant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

Norman, English: nickname for a seller of foodstuffs, from Old French *viande* 'meat, food'.

**Early bearers:** William Viant', 1161 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Emma Viaunde, 1324 in *Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Cartulary*; Kathren Viant, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement, Sandwich, Kent); Mary

Viant, 1652 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Anthony Viand, 1688, Thomas Viant, 1815 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen in Brannel, Cornwall).

## Vibert

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

French: relationship name from a variant of the personal name *Guibert*, which is of Germanic origin, from *wig* 'battle' + *bold* 'bold, audacious'. In some if not all cases the name was brought to the British Isles by Huguenot refugees.

**Early bearers:** Joan Vibert, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London); Margeria Vibert, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Gulval, Cornwall); Matthieu Vibert, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Walloon church, Southampton, Hants); Daniell Vibbert, 1631 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Barbara Vibart, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London); Elizabeth Vibert, 1730 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Aaron Vibert, in *Census 1841* (Saint Ouen, Jersey); Amice Vibert, in *Census 1841* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey).

## Vicar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Vicker**.

## Vicarage

Variants: **Vickerage, Vickridge, Vickress**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks

English: relationship name denoting '(the) vicary's (servant)', with the dialectal change of *s* to *sh* as in *Parish* for *Paris*. See also **Vickery**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Vicaries, 1332 in *London Letter Books E*; Ricardus Vicarys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wroxton, Oxon); William Vicaries, 1510 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); John Vicarish, 1547 in *Bardsley*; Alice Vicaridge, 1665 in *Bardsley*; John Vickridge, 1688 in *IGI* (Knighton on Teme, Worcs); Anne Vickris, 1706 in *Deputy Keeper's Report 41* (Somerset); Frances Vickerage, 1754 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Edward Vickress, 1771 in *IGI* (Bodenham, Herefs); Sarah Vickrage, 1807 in *IGI* (Cleeve Prior, Worcs).

## Vicarey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Vickery**.

## Vicars

Variants: **Vickers, Vickars, Viccars**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 517
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cumb; WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name, occupational name '(servant) at the vicar's'; see **Vicker**.

**Early bearers:** William del Vikers, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); William de Vykeres, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Margery le Vikers, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry Attevicars, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); John atte Vykers, 1357 in *Feet of Fines*

(Retford, Notts); Johannes del Vykers, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Cowton, NR Yorks); Alexander at the Vykaris, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Nicholao del Vikers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whalley, Lancs); Roberto atte Vikers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Willelmo del Vykers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Rogerus del Vikers, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Malzeard, WR Yorks); Johannes del Vikers, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Joan Atvicars, 1400 in *Yorks Wills*; Robert Vyccars, 1517 in *PROB 11* (Grimsby, Lincs); Robt Vickers, 1539 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Eliz. Vicars, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Thomas Vickers, 1542 in *IGI* (Brodsworth, WR Yorks); Isabell Vicars, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Allis Vicars, 1559 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Nicholai Vicars, 1563 in *IGI* (South Kilworth, Leics); Mathew Vicars, 1569 in *IGI* (Kirkby Green, Lincs); Agnes Vickers, 1580 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Anne Vickers, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Margaret Vicars, 1618 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Edw. Vickers, 1692 in *IGI* (Baswich, Staffs); Jane Vicars, 1708 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Richard Viccars, 1737 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

## Vicary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 796
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Vickery**.

## Viccars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: see **Vicars**.

## Vicary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Vickery**.

## Vice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Vyse**.

## Vicente

- **Current frequencies:** GB 260, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Spanish and Portuguese : relationship name from the personal name *Vicente*, Spanish and Portuguese equivalent of **Vincent**.

**Early bearers:** Manuel Vicente, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (West Ham, Essex).

## Vick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 887, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 689
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; IoM; also Hants

1 English: see **Veck**.

2 German: variant of **Fieck** (1) or (2) with voicing of the initial consonant.

## Vickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93



- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- English: see **Vicars**.

### Vickary

- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Vickery**.

### Vicker

#### Variants: Vicar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Middx

English: from Anglo-Norman French *vikere*, *vicare*, *vicare* 'vicar', denoting someone who acted as a parish priest in place of the parson or rector.

**Early bearers:** Richard Vicar, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas le Vicayr, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Stephen le Vyker, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Rogerus Viker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Robert Viker, 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Richard Vicker, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Soham, Cambs); Bennett Vicker, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Vincent, Littlebourne, Kent); Ball Vickar, 1650 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Somerset).

### Vickerage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Shrops
- English: see **Vicarage**.

### Vickerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 528
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: occupational name, status name 'the vicar's servant' (Middle English *vikar + man*).

**Further information:** Compare Richard le *Wycarisman*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henricus *homo Vicarii*, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skeckling, ER Yorks); Ricardus *serviens Vicarii*, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Edlington, WR Yorks); Willelmus *Vikeresman*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, Northants); Alys *Vicarwoman*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rickergate, Cumb); Alicia *Vickerwoman*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Isabella *Vikerwoman*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Johanna *Vikerwoman*', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timble, WR Yorks); Cecilia *Vicarwoman*', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hayton, ER Yorks); Johanna *Vikarservaunt*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Darfield, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam le Vikerman, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Everingham, ER Yorks); Johannes Vickerman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Market Gate, ER Yorks); Roberto Vikerman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwick, Leics); Willelmo Vikerman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somercotes, Lincs); Willelmus Vikarman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willelmus Vikerman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Campsall, WR Yorks); Adam Vykerman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wighill with Easedike, WR Yorks); Clement Vicarman, 1519, John Vicarman, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Hunmanby, ER Yorks); Robte Vickerman, 1590 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); Thomas Vickerman, 1590 in *IGI* (Thorganby, Lincs); Thomas Vickerman, 1657 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR

Yorks); Betty Vickerman, 1738 in *IGI* (Kirkheaton, WR Yorks).

### Vickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11016, Ireland 372
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7637
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Dublin; Laois

1 English: see **Vicars**.

2 Irish, Scottish: anglicized form of Scottish Gaelic *Mac á Bhiocair* or Irish *Mac an Bhiocaire*, see **McVicar**.

### Vickerson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb
- English: relationship name denoting 'son of the vicar', see **Vicar**.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert filius vicarii, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Oxon); John Vikerson, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (North Ferriby, ER Yorks); John Vicarson, 1381 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Mgt Vickerson, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Stamfordham, Northumb); Isaac Vicarson, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Bywell, Northumb).

### Vickerstaff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 198
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands and Lancs
- English: late variant of **Bickerstaff** by analogy with *vicar*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vickerstaf, 1662 in *IGI* (Osmaston by Ashbourne, Derbys); Willelmi Vickerstaff, 1697 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs); Anne Vickerstaff, 1698 in *IGI* (Bingham, Notts).

### Vickery

#### Variants: Vickary, Vicary, Viccary, Vicarey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3143, Ireland 85
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: occupational name from Middle English *vicari(e)* 'substitute' (Latin *vicārius*), used for example for the office of a lieutenant or cleric; perhaps sometimes used as a locative name from the residence of a vicar (compare **Vicarage**).

**Further information:** Alexander *at the Vykaris*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland), may be named with this word with an unexplained excrescent -s, or it may be an instance of **Vicarage**.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Vicarie, 1249 in *Thuresson* (Sussex); William Vikery, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Sarra atte vicar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Thomas Vycory, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barby and Onley, Northants); Sibley Viccarie, 1540 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); William Vicarie, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Roshashe alias Asheraff, Devon); John Vicary, 1605 in *IGI* (Exton, Somerset); Englishe Vicarie or Viccary, 1632 in *PROB 11* (North Molton, Devon).

### Vickress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs; Sussex
- English: see **Vicarage**.

### Vickridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Gloucs
- English: see **Vicarage**.

### Victor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 562, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Middx
- English: relationship name from the Late Latin personal name *Victor*, meaning 'victor, conqueror', which was borne by several early Christian martyrs and saints.
- Early bearers:** given names: Victor Toryne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey).
- surnames: Symonis Victor, 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Humphry Vyctor, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Liskeard, Cornwall); William Victor, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Liskeard, Cornwall); John Victor, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Davidstow, Cornwall); William Victor, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinnars Muster Roll* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Vyctor, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Creed, Cornwall); Willmot Victor, 1593 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Wm. Victor, 1595 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall); Richard Victor, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Saint Columb Minor, Cornwall); John Victor, 1617 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall); Edward Victor, 1623 in *PROB 11* (Little Petherick, Cornwall).

### Victory

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 121
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks and Lancs; Essex

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

1 Irish: in Ireland, adopted by mistranslation for *Mac an Anabadha* 'son of the unripe one', as if from *Mac na Buadha* 'son of victory'. This name is also anglicized as **McNaboe**.

2 English: possibly an occasional variant of **Vickery**, but there is no conclusive evidence. James *Vickworthy*, is recorded in 1627 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); the surname may trade on the Devon pronunciation of *-worthy* in place-names as *-ery*, and *Victory* may also be a rationalization.

**Early bearers:** England: Mary Victory, 1634 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); James Wr. Victory, 1753 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); John Victory, 1779 in *IGI* (Antony, Cornwall); Horatio Nelson Victory, 1835 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

### Vidal

#### Variants: Vidall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 577, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Spanish, S French; Jewish (Sephardic): from the Occitan and Catalan personal name *Vidal* (Latin *Vitalis*), see **Vital**.
- Early bearers:** Huguenot: Jean Vidal, 1704 in *IGI* (Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields, Westminster, Middx); Marianne Vidal, 1713 in *IGI* (West Street Chapel of Lincoln's Inn, Soho, Westminster, Middx); Françoise Vidal, 1715 in *IGI*

## Vidall

(Wheeler Street, Spitalfields, Middx); Louis Vidal, 1750 in *IGI* (Savoye De Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); John Vidall, 1672 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Urbain Vidal, 1809 in *IGI* (Fryerning, Essex); Adolph Edward Vidal, 1866 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey); Alexander Vidal, born in “foreign parts”, in *Census 1841* (Tooting Graveney, Surrey); Adolph Vidal, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Newton Abbot, Devon); (Sig[no]r) Vidal, professional singer, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Walter Vidal, merchant’s clerk, born in Finsbury, in *Census 1891* (Kensington, Middx); Maurice Vidal, wine traveller, born in Bordeaux, France, in (Westminster, Middx); Benveniste Vidal, dealer in tobacco, born in Turkey, in *Census 1901* (Hammersmith, Middx); Andre Vidal, cook, born in France, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Surrey); Domingos Martins Vidal, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Henri Andre Vidal, sculptor, born in Paris, France, in *Census 1911* (Marylebone, Middx).

## Vidall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- Spanish and S French; Jewish (Sephardic): see **Vidal**.

## Videan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Hants
- English: see **Vivian**.

## Vidgen

Variants: **Vidgeon**, **Vigeon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of the Kent name **Videan**. For the origin see **Vivian** and compare **Fidgeon**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Vidyan, 1607, Geo. Vidin, Vigin, 1621–2 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent).

## Vidgeon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Vidgen**.

## Vidler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1240, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 886
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Kent; Hants
- English: a southern English dialect form of **Fidler**.

## Vie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Vye**.

## Viegas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Portuguese: relationship name patronymic composed of Semitic *ben* ‘son’ + the medieval personal name *Ega(s)*, probably of Visigothic origin. This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.

**Early bearers:** Gose Viegas, sailor, born in Lisbon, Portugal, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Roche Viegas, musician, born in India, in *Census 1911* (Camberwell, Surrey).

## Vieira

- **Current frequencies:** GB 944, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Portuguese, Galician: (i) from *vieria* ‘scallop’ (Late Latin *veneria*), a derivative of *Venus*, name of the Roman goddess of love (the goddess was often depicted riding on a scallop). The scallop shell was also a symbol of a pilgrim who had visited the shrine of Saint James at Santiago de Compostela, hence it came to be adopted as a religious byname. (ii) locative name from any of numerous minor places called *Vieiria*.

**Early bearers:** Emanuel Vieira, grocer, born in Madeira, in *Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Joao Vieira, born in Portugal, in *Census 1901* (Kensington, Middx); Francisco Alvas Vieira, Brazilian consul, born in Brazil, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx).

## Viel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey

Norman, English: from the Norman French personal name *Viel*, see **Vial**.

## Vieler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

German: unexplained.

**Further information:** *Reaney and Wilson* cite evidence for a Middle English surname *Vieleur* from Old French *violour* ‘viol or fiddle player’, but the name does not seem to have survived into the modern period.

**Early bearers:** Philander Vieler, 1826 in *IGI* (Bridge, Kent); Carl Vieler, foreign provision merchant, born in Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Bradford, NR Yorks); Albert Vieler, wool noil buyer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Rudolph Vieler, photographer, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Isidor Vieler, clock maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Camberwell, Surrey); Otto Vieler, born in Holland, in *Census 1901* (Blackpool, Lancs); Ernest Augustus Vieler, woollen buyer, born in Bradford, in *Census 1911* (Shipley, WR Yorks).

## Vig

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh name based on the name of a Khatri clan.  
2 Hungarian: nickname from Hungarian *víg* ‘happy, cheerful’.

## Vigar

Variants: **Vigour**, **Vigor**, **Viggor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 341, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey and Sussex

English: nickname from Middle English *vigour* ‘vigour, vitality’, Old French *vigor*, *vigur*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Vigur, 1224, Stephen Vigor, 1260 in *Patent Rolls*; Peter Viger, 1284 in *London Letter*

*Books A*; Waltero Vigur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Stephyn Vigar, 1489 in *PROB 11*; Thomas Vigar, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Menheniot, Cornwall); Alis Vigor, 1589 in *IGI* (Wanstrow, Somerset); James Vigour, 1606 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Giles, Dallington, Sussex); Johis Viggor, 1640 in *IGI* (Blockley, Gloucs); James Vigor, 1657 in *IGI* (Dallington, Sussex); John Vigar, 1676 in *Parish Registers* (Blessed Virgin Mary, Bruton, Somerset); William Vigour, 1761 in *Parish Registers* (Fonthill Gifford, Wilts); Ann Viggor, 1819 in *IGI* (Over, Cheshire).

## Vigars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

## Vigeon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Vidgen**.

## Vigers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London; Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

## Viggars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

## Viggers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Oxon, and Warwicks; Devon
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

## Viggor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Vigar**.

## Vigne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Gloucs

Huguenot: from French *vigne* ‘vine’, see **Vine**.

**Early bearers:** Francois Vigne, 1689 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Francoise Vigne, 1703 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); James Vigne, 1739 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison, London); William Vigne, 1740 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Vigor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Vigar**.

## Vigors

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47

- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Carlow Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

### Vigour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Vigar**.

### Vigrass

Variants: **Vigus, Vigurs, Viggars, Vigers, Vigers, Viggers, Vigors**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

Norman, English: nickname from Anglo-Norman French *vigrus*, Old French *vigoro(u)s* 'hardy, lusty, strong'.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Vigrus, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Henry Vigrus, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugh Vigeros, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Vigerus, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Vigerous, 1305 in *London Letter Books B*; Willelmus Vigerous, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple, Essex); Henrico Vigours, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tisbury, Wilts); Ralph Vygerous, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Hinxworth, Herts); Johannes Viggars, 1595 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Margeria Vigors, 1597 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Lewis Viguers, 1598 in *Oxford University Register* (Devon); Robt Vigurs, 1602 in *IGI* (Bradford, Devon); Richerd Vigers, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Henry Viggers, 1676 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Samuel Vigars, 1746 in *Bardsley*; Mary Vigus, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Antony, Cornwall); Richard Vigrass, 1836 in *Parish Registers* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Vigurs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Wilts; London
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

### Vigus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 313, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Vigrass**.

### Vij

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a Khatri clan.

### Vijayakumar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (southern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *vijaya* 'victory' and *kumāra* 'son, prince'.

### Vilain

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- Norman, English: see **Villain**.

### Vile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 510
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- 1 Norman, English: variant of either **Vial** or **Veal**.  
2 German: anglicized spelling of the German surname **Weil**.

### Viles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 342, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks; also Somerset and Wilts
- English: see **Vials**.

### Viljoen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Afrikaans: from the French family name **Villion**, a locative name from Villon (Yonne), recorded in the 11th century as *de Villione*.

**Further information:** It is believed the name was taken to South Africa in 1671, by a Huguenot settler called François Villion, who was born in Clermont, France. In 1676 he married Cornelia Campenaar (born in Middelburg, Netherlands), at the Cape of Good Hope, and they later became established as farmers, near Stellenbosch.

**References:** Huguenot Society of South Africa: [www.hugenoot.org.za](http://www.hugenoot.org.za)

### Villa

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 49
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 Spanish: from any of several places in Spain (mainly in Asturia), so named from *villa* 'outlying farmstead'.

**Early bearers:** Anna Villa, 1638 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Sandwich, Kent); Anty. Villa, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jose Benito de Villa, butler, born in Madrid, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Manuel Villa, born in Huelva, Spain, in *Census 1911* (Plymouth, Devon).

2 Italian: locative name for someone who lived in a village as opposed to an isolated farmhouse, or in a town as opposed to the countryside, from Latin *villa* 'country house, estate', or from any of various places named with this word.

**Early bearers:** Giacomo Villa, 1832 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Holborn, Middx); Francesco Villa, asphaltier, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Holborn, Middx); Emilio Villa, merchant, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Giuseppe Villa, professor of singing, born in Milan, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Santiago Villa, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Leopoldo Villa, wine steward, born in Lugano, Switzerland, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

### Village

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Villiers**. Compare **Villers** for the disyllabic pronunciation.

**Early bearers:** John Village, 1587, George Villers, 1678, William Villars, 1688 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Anne Village, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Ann Villidge, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (All

Saints, Northampton, Northants); Samuel Village, 1726 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Peter and Paul, Aston, Warwicks); Joseph Village, 1769 in *Parish Registers* (Newton Ferrers, Devon).

### Villain

Variants: **Vilain**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: status name from Anglo-Norman French *vilain*, *vilein* 'serf, bondman, servile tenant', denoting an occupier or cultivator of land who was entirely subject to a lord or was attached to a manor. **Early bearers:** Ernald Vilein, 1167 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert Vilain, 1188 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Roger le Vilain, 1196 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Johannes le Vilein, 1225 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh Vyleyn, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Terricus le Vyleyn, 1306 in *Patent Rolls*; Matilda Vylan', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Robert Vileyn, 1408 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Charles Vilain, 1590 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Villain, 1601 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Jacob Villain, 1723 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

### Villanueva

- **Current frequencies:** GB 309, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Spanish: locative name from any of the numerous places named Villanueva, from Spanish *villa* '(outlying) farmstead, (dependent) settlement' + *nueva* 'new' (Latin *nova*).

**Early bearers:** Fernando Villanueva, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Geo. Lorenzo Villanueva, born in Birmingham, in *Census 1881* (Hertford, Herts); Carlos Villanueva, diplomat, born Caracas, Venezuela, in *Census 1901* (Lewisham, Kent); Manuel Villanueva, marine fireman, born in Spain, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Villar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Villiers**.

### Villars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Villiers**.

### Villers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Villiers**.

### Villiers

Variants: **De Villiers, Villers, Villars, Villis, Villar, Village, Willers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 624, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Kilkenny
- Norman, English: locative name from one or more of the many places in France named *Villier(s)* or *Viller(s)*.

## Villis

**Further information:** Roger de Vilers (of Dorset), 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer*, came from Villiers-le-Sec (Calvados). See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

**Early bearers:** William de Vilers, about 1130 in *Staffs Chartulary*; William de Viliers, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Nicholas de Vylirs, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardo Vilers, 1379, Ricardus Vilere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brocksby, Leics); John Vyllers, Bartholomew Vyllers, 1477 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Geo Villiers, 1561 in *IGI* (Rotherby, Leics); Johannes Villiers, 1625 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); George Duke Of Buckingham Villiers, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Villers, 1642 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Benjamin Villiers, 1643 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Edward Villiers, 1655 in *IGI* (Bartlow, Cambs).

## Villis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Villiers**.

## Vimpany

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Winpenny**.

**Early bearers:** Ales Vimpany, 1573 in *IGI* (Westbury on Trym, Gloucs); Thomas Vimpeny, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset); John Vimpany, 1675, Thomas Vimpeny, 1770 in *Parish Registers* (Yatton, Somerset); Edmund Vimpany, 1756 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs).

## Vinal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex
- English: see **Vinall**.

## Vinall

**Variants:** **Vinal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 605, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 492
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from Vinnal's Farm in Pebmarsh (Essex), which apparently takes its name from a Roger *Weyenild* (1281 in *Feet of Fines*).

**Early bearers:** John Vynale, 1378 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Vynall, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Lambert Vynall, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Pene); Agnes Vynale, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Glynde, Sussex); Nathaniel Vynall, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Saint Peter Sandwich, Kent).

## Vince

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2387, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1800
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England, esp. Suffolk
- English: relationship name from a short form of the personal name **Vincent**.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Vinc', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); John Vynce, 1552 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Wingfield, Suffolk); George Vince, 1554 in *Parish Registers* (Oldbury on Severn, Gloucs); William Vince, 1582 in *PROB 11* (Great Bedwin, Wilts); Antony Vince, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

## Vincent

**Variants:** **Vinson, Vinsen, Vincett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13862, Ireland 221
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9230
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout S England; also E Anglia
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; otherwise scattered

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Vincent* (Latin *Vincentius*, from *vincens* 'conquering', the name of a 3rd-century martyr).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vincencius, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Vincentius filius Wuluiet, 1222 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Vincent' de Wyke, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Vincent Loges, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton Mackrell, Somerset); Vinsent de Hasulhurst, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bowden, Derbys); Vincent Fyshor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk).

sumames: William Vincent, 1230 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Agatha Vincent, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberto Vincent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Muston, Leics); Galfridus Vyncent, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mattishall, Norfolk); Johannes Vynsant, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); Stephano Vyncent, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton Waldrist, Berks); John Vincent, 1549 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); John Vincent, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Jn. Vincent, 1560 in *IGI* (South Creak, Norfolk); Susanna Vinsant, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Newlyn, Cornwall); Ric. Vincente, 1581 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); John Vincent, 1587 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Georg Vincent, 1588 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Susan Vincent, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnes Vincent, 1599 in *IGI* (Piddlehinton, Dorset); Gillian Vinsent, 1612, Nathaniell Vyncent, 1621 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Abram Vincent, Anthony Vinson, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 Irish: the English surname has been established since the 17th century in Ireland, where it has also been adopted for Irish **Mac Dhuibhinse** literally 'son of the dark man of the island'.

## Vincer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: perhaps a variant of **Windsor**.

**Early bearers:** Mark Vinsor, 1603 in *Parish Registers* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Edward Vinsor, 1670, Edward Vincer, 1684 in *IGI* (Ashford, Kent); Ann Vinsor, 1716 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Godfry Vincer, 1732 in *IGI* (Godmersham, Kent); Susan Vinzer, 1779 in *Parish Registers* (Willian, Herts).

## Vincett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Vincent**.

## Vinck

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- German, English: see **Vink**.

## Vine

**Variants:** **Vigne, Vines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3462, Ireland 20

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2722

• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London

Norman, English: locative name from Old French *vigne*, Middle English *vine* 'vine', denoting someone who lived or worked at a vineyard. In towns it may have denoted someone who lived 'at the sign of the vine', i.e. a wine merchant. Compare **Viner**, **Winyard**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Vigne, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Somerset); Henry de la Vine, 1283 in *London Letter Books A*; Roger atte Vine, 1297 in *London Letter Books B*; Richard atte Vygne, brewer, 1311 in *London Letter Books D*; Richard Vygn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Fox Vine, 1523 in *IGI* (West Chilmington, Sussex); Franniscus Vine, 1549 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Anthony Vine, 1554 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Robert Vine, 1558 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); An Vines, 1563 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); George Vines, 1583 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thome Vines, 1585 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Candace Vines, 1590 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Jane Vines, 1591 in *IGI* (Woodmancote, Sussex); Edmund Vines, 1610 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Richard Vines, 1611 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

## Vinell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Vennell**.

## Viner

**Variants:** **Vyner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1211, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 973
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *viner* 'vine-grower, vine-dresser', Old French *vignour, vigneur, vigneour*.

**Further information:** This surname may have become confused with, or perhaps even also be a variant of, **Finer**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le Vinnur, le Viniur, le Vinur, 1207, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hunts); Symon le Vignur, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William le Vinyour, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter le Vynour, 1309 in *London Letter Books B*; John Vyner, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); George Viner, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Lezant, Cornwall); William Vyner or Viner, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Warwick, Warwicks).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name anglicization of German *Wiener*, denoting someone from Vienna, Austria (German *Wien*).

**Early bearers:** Samuel Viner, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Viner, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Samuel Viner, glazier and decorator, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Southwark, Surrey); Barnett Viner, watchmaker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs); Ephraim Viner, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Lazaras Vyner, bootmaker, born in Russian Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Barnett Vyner, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).

## Vines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1223, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 989

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow
- English: variant of **Vine** with plural or excrescent *-s*.

### Viney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1350, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1131
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Hants and Wilts

English: see **Finney 2**.

**Early bearers:** Johanna atte Vyneye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Albury, Surrey); Elizth. Viney, 1594 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex); John Viney, 1607 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent).

### Vineyard

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Surrey

English: locative name see **Winyard**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA, where it may also have alternative origins.

### Vingoe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

Cornish: unexplained; possibly a pet-form of **Vincent**, also found in E Cornwall and Devon in the 16th cent.

**Further information:** Forms such as Alfred *Vingol*, 1870 in *IGI* (Newlyn, Cornwall), and Thomas *Vingol*, 1871 in *IGI* (Isles of Scilly, Cornwall), are likely to be variants of *Vingoe* with hypercorrection of a perceived lost final *-l*.

**Early bearers:** Nicoll Vingow, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Sennen, Cornwall); Tammasson Vingoe, 1653 in *Parish Registers* (Eggbuckland, Devon); Degory Vincoe, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Helston, Cornwall); Henry Vingo, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall); Elizab: Vingoe, 1697 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); William Vingoe, 1701 in *IGI* (Sennen, Cornwall); Jenkin Vingoe, 1705 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Cornwall); Jenkin Vengo, 1760 in *Parish Registers* (Falmouth, Cornwall).

### Vinicombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Vinnicombe**.

### Vining

**Variants:** Vinning, Fining, Finning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 309
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; London

1 English: (i) relationship name from an Old English personal name \**Finning*. Some early bearers may belong under (2). (ii) perhaps a variant of **Finning**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Fininge, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll*; Thomas Finning, 1228 in *Close Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Vininge, 1564 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Walter Vininge, 1609 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Richard Vining, 1637, Henry Vineing, 1653, Edward Vinning, 1696 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Mary Vinning, 1688 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon).

2 English: locative name from Fyning in Rogate (Sussex), recorded as *Fyning* in 1275 and *Fenyng* in 1412. See also **Finning**.

**Further information:** A record of Clays *de Vynnyng*, burgess of the town of Sluys (Esclust), 1316 in *Patent Rolls*, suggests the possibility of an additional Flemish source.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Finnyng, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph de Vynnyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alan Fynnyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Radulphus Fynnyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Francis Vining, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Richard Vining, 1637 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); George Vining, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); John Vining, 1649 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Elizabeth Vining, 1675 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex* pp. 39–40.

### Vink

**Variants:** Vink

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: variant of **Finch** with southern Middle English voicing of the initial fricative /f/ to /v/.

2 German: see **Fink**.

### Vinnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Oxon

English: see **Vennell**.

### Vinnicombe

**Variants:** Vinicombe, Vinycomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 563, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Vinnicombe in Crediton (Devon), or occasionally possibly from Venniscombe (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Hugh Venicombe, 1553 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Joan Vinicom, 1585 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); John Vinnecombe, 1625 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); John Vinicombe, 1655 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Miniver, Cornwall); Francis Veny-combe, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Somerset); William Vinnicombe, 1689 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Ann Vinycomb, 1704 in *Parish Registers* (Madron, Cornwall); Samuel Vinnicombe, 1755 in *Parish Registers* (Ashton, Devon); Andrew Vinycomb, born in Scotland, in *Census 1841* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Vinning

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Guernsey

English: see **Vining**.

### Vinsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Vincent**.

### Vinson

**Variants:** Vinsun

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Devon and Cornwall

English: altered form of **Vincent**, as if a patronymic.

### Vinsun

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Vinson**.

### Vint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lanarks; WR Yorks; Northumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Down, and Armagh

English, Scottish: variant of either **Went** or **Vent**.

**Early bearers:** England: John Vynt, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Fynt, 1374 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus Vynt, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Vynt, 1378 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Felicia Vynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); William Vynt, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Weldon, Northants); William Vynt, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Vinte, 1645 in *PROB 11* (Farnborough, Warwicks); Christopher Vint, 1689 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

Scotland: John Vint, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Elespeth Wint, 1607 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

### Vinten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 284, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Vinton**.

### Vinter

**Variants:** Winter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Norman, English: occupational name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *viniter*, *vineter*, *vinter* ‘vintner, wine-merchant’; compare **Vintiner**.

**Early bearers:** Saulfus uineter, 1170 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Baldwin le Vineter, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); John le vynter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Vinter, 1561 in *IGI* (Thornton, Lincs); William Vinter, 1568 in *IGI* (Thornton, Lincs); Charles Vinter, 1569 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Marie Vinter, 1625 in *IGI* (Glattton, Hunts); John Vinter, 1627 in *IGI* (Ingatstone, Essex).

### Vintiner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: occupational name from Middle English *vint(i)ner* ‘wine merchant’, probably from Anglo-Norman French *vineter*; compare **Vinter**.

**Early bearers:** Robert le uintner, about 1179 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Richard le Vyntener, 1327 in *Fransson* (Lancs); Elizabetha Vintiner, 1718 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Thomas Vintiner, 1756 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds).

## Vinton

### Vinton

Variants: **Vinten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Essex; Devon
- 1 English: variant of **Venton** (a Devon and Cornwall name) or **Winton** (a Sussex and NR Yorks name, for example), although the change of initial consonant is not recorded in the place-names. Compare John *Vinton*, 1638, John *Winton*, 1638, Barbara *Vintin*, 1665 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Cutbert *Winton*, 1638, Thomas *Vinton*, 1781 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William Vynton<sup>1</sup>, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Jeremy Vinton, 1571 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex); Philipus Vinton, 1578 in *IGI* (Quethiok, Cornwall); Abm Vinton, 1586, Roger Vinten, 1661 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Alexander Vinton, 1609 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); William Vinton, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Withycombe Raleigh, Devon); Elysabeth Vinten, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Benenden, Kent); Frances Vinten, 1622 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); John Vintin, 1708 in *IGI* (Ebchester, Durham); William Vinton, 1739 Catherine Vintin, 1741 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

2 French: unexplained. Two Frenchmen from Normandy with the name *Vynton* or *Vynten* appear in the Denizens Rolls of the 1540s as workers in the Sussex and Kent Weald iron industry. They married English wives and by the 1570s a member of one of the families had moved to Sheffield to install blast furnaces there. Hey records that William Vintin married Ann Holmes of Rotherham at Sheffield in 1611 (*Sheffield Surnames*, pp. 62–3). Their surname is not recorded in either *Morlet, Dictionnaire or Debrabandere*. The English surnames *Vinten* and *Vinton* in (1) were probably already current in Kent by the time the Frenchmen arrived and may have been used as anglicizations of the Frenchmen's own name, though it is difficult to say what this might have been. **Early bearers:** John Vynton, Peter Vynten, 1544 in *Identification of French Ironworkers*; Willmi Vintin, 1615, Petrus Vintin, 1676 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Maria Vinton, 1874 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks). **References:** *French Ironworkers in Sheffield*.

### Vinyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name, nickname see **Winyard**.

### Vinycomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Vinnicombe**.

### Viola

- **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: from the female personal name *Viola*, from *viola* 'violet' (Latin *viola*).
- Early bearers:** Pietro de Viola, foreign correspondent, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Eugene Viola, felt hatter, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Stockport, Cheshire); Angelo Viola, confectioner, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexandre Viola, ice cream vendor and musician, born in Saint Elia, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Violet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: nickname from Middle English *violet(te)*, *violet* 'violet', denoting the plant, which was used in cookery and medicine, the colour, and also cloth of this colour. As a name it may have been applied, possibly ironically, to a sweet-smelling person, or to someone who habitually wore violet, but, more likely perhaps, it was used as an occupational nickname for a cook, an apothecary, or a dyer.
- Early bearers:** Robert Violet, 1291 in *Close Rolls*; Nicholaus Vylet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Stour, Dorset); Walter Vyolet, 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Lewisham, Kent); Henry Violet or Violett, 1505 in *PROB 11*; Joan Violet, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Bromley, Kent); William Violett, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Charmouth, Dorset).

### Vipan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; E Anglia
- Norman, English: see **Vipond**.

### Vipond

- Variants: **Vippond, Vipan**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 597, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Durham, and Lancs
- Norman, English: locative name from Vieuxpont (Calvados).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Viezponte, de Vezpunt, 1159, 1178 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Roger de Vipont, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Simon de Vespoint, Robert de Vespoint, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Hugh de Vepount, 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William de Veupount, 1329 in *Patent Rolls*; Gylbert Vipan, 1565, Joan Vipon, 1571 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Albans, Herts); John Vepond, 1660 in *IGI* (Middleton in Teesdale, Durham); John Vipond, 1668 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Thomas Vipont, 1689 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Vipound, 1744 in *IGI* (Thornton in Lonsdale, WR Yorks); Ann Vippant, 1795, James Vippond, 1823 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

### Vippond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- Norman, English: see **Vipond**.

### Virani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat), Pakistani (Sind): Hindu, Muslim, and Jain, from *Vir*, from Sanskrit *vīra* 'hero' (presumably an ancestral name or the initial element of one, such as *Virender*) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').
- Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

### Virdee

- Variants: **Virdi**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1596, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, found among Jats and Ramgarhia Sikhs.

### Virdi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 956, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian: see **Virdee**.

### Virgil

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- English: relationship name from the Latin personal name *Virgilius*.
- Further information:** The Latin personal name survived in the Middle Ages because the Latin poet Virgil (70–19 BC), though a pre-Christian pagan, was interpreted as a herald of Christianity.
- Early bearers:** given names: Uirgilius clericus, 1177–93 in *Peterborough Cartulary*; Virgilius Chapman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Virgil Godespeny, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent).
- sumames: Reginald Virgil<sup>1</sup>, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Hamon Virgil, 1285 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Isabell<sup>1</sup> Virgile, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Virgil, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); Simon Vergile, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham (tenants of the King), Rutland); Thomas Virgyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Thomas Virgill, 1491 in *PROB 11* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Edward Virgil, 1646 in *Parish Registers* (Harrietsham, Kent); Henrietta Virgil, 1738 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx).

### Virgin

- Variants: **Vergin**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Beds
- English: status name from Middle English *virgin(e)*, *virgen*, *vergin(e)* 'young, unmarried woman', Old French *virgin(e)*, *virgene*, variants of *virge* from Latin *virgo*.
- Early bearers:** Johannes Virgyn, 1431 in *Feudal Aids*; Richard Virgin, 1543 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Umpheri Vergin, 1570 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); John Vergine, 1610 in *Bardsley*; Edward Vergen, 1657 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Virgo

- Variants: **Vergo, Virgoe, Vergine**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1023, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 765
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Gloucs
- English: nickname from Latin *virgo* 'virgin', possibly, as Bardsley suggests, given to someone who had played the part of the Virgin Mary in a miracle play. See also **Virgin**.
- Early bearers:** Simon Virg<sup>1</sup>, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Reginaldus Virgo, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Isabella Virgo, 1428 in *Feudal Aids* (Warwicks); Nycholas Virgo, 1562 in *IGI* (Ripe, Sussex); Franncis Vergoe, 1585 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Thomas Virgoe, 1588 in *IGI* (Westmeston, Sussex); Francis Vergo, 1590 in *IGI* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Edward Virgo, 1665 in *IGI* (Wivelsfield, Sussex); Thomas Vergo, 1727 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs).

**Virgoe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey
- English: see **Virgo**.

**Virji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Vania) and Muslim, from Gujarati *vir* 'brave, hero' (Sanskrit *vīra*) + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

**Virk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 848, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Panjab): Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan. The founder of the clan is believed to have been a Rajput called Virak.

**Virley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Beds
- English: see **Varley**.

**Virr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: of uncertain origin and derivation; perhaps a local variant of **Vere**.
- Early bearers:** Edward Vir, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Wisbech, Cambs); Elz. Vir, 1695 in *Parish Registers* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Edd. Veer, 1699 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Joseph Virr, 1719, John Verr, 1808 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks).

**Virtue**

Variants: **Vertue**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 47
- **GB frequency 1881:** 320
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwicks and Midlothian; Northumb; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

1 Scottish, English: nickname usually a hypercorrect variant of *Verty* (see **Varty**), influenced by *verty* as a vulgar pronunciation of the word *virtue*.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Bessie Vertie, 1627, Eupham Virtue, 1771 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Georg Vertie, 1622, Christian Virtue, 1776 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks).

England: Peter Vertue, 1598, Margery Vertie, 1628 in *York Registry Wills* (Sheriff Hutton, NR Yorks); George Verty, 1641, Andrew Vertue, 1705 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Timothy Verty, 1698, William Vertue, 1715 in *IGI* (Bossall, NR Yorks); John Virtue, 1773 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Armstrong Virtue, 1794, Hannah Verty, 1839 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

Ireland: John Virtue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Templecar, Donegal); Carthan Virtue, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donegal, Donegal).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Black.*

2 English: occasionally a hypercorrect variant of **Verity**, itself perhaps a variant of *Verty* or **Varty** in WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Anne Verity, 1737, William Virtue, 1777 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

3 English: nickname from Middle English (Old French) *vertu* 'moral virtue, valour, physical strength', although no evidence has yet been found for the name in medieval records and some or all of the following bearers might alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Simon Vertu, 1510 in *Oxford University Register*; Agnes Virtue, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Grace Vertue, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Anne Vertue, 1596 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Hanna Virtue, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); George Vertue, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

**Vise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London and Essex
- English: see **Vyse**.

**Visick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Physick**.

**Visram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:**
- Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, probably from Gujarati *viśrām* 'repose' (Sanskrit *viśrāma*).

**Visser**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- Dutch: occupational name from Middle Dutch *visser* 'fisherman, angler'.
- Early bearers:** Pieter Visser, 1775, Joannes Antonius de Visser, 1782 in *Canterbury Wills (Prerogative Court)*; Wilmena Sophia Visser, 1789 in *Parish Registers* (Dover, Kent).

**References:** *Debrabandere*

**Vital**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Vitel* (from Latin *vitalis* 'pertaining to life, vital'), the name of ten or more Christian saints. This was a common given name for a time in England after the Conquest, both in its learned form *Vitalis* and in its northern French form **Vial**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vitalis, Vitel, Fitel, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Vithele abbode, 1076 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle E*; Fiþele abbode, 1077 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle Devon*; Uīðel æt Culumtune, 11th cent. in *Pelteret*, p. 105 (Devon), is the same person as Vitalis de Colintone, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon). surnames: Estanus Fitele, 1175–86 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); John Vitele, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Vytele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Dorethe Vitell, 1550 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Michaell Vittall, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); John Vitall, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Antoine Vital, 1758 in *IGI* (Stanwix, Cumb); John Vital, 1771 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Peter Vital, 1804 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *vital* in the sense 'full of vitality'.

**Early bearers:** Adam, Matilda le Vytele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Vitale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian, Jewish: relationship name from the medieval Italian personal name *Vitale* (Latin *Vitalis*, a derivative of *vita* 'life').

**Further information:** The personal name was popular among Christians as a symbol of their belief in eternal life, and was borne by a dozen early saints; it became especially popular in Emilia-Romagna because of two saints, San Vitale of Bologna and San Vitale of Ravenna. As a Jewish personal name it represents a calque of the Hebrew personal name *Chayim* 'life' (compare **Hyam**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Vitale, in *Census 1871* (Pembroke); Gavazzurni Vitale, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Egidio Vitali, merchant, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Bromley, Kent); Vitantonio Vitale, street organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Chichester, Sussex); Angelo Vitale, industrial designer, born in Alexandria, Egypt, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Oswaldo Vitale, waiter, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Brighton, Sussex).

**Vithlani**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu (Lohana), from *Vithl-* (a reduction of an ancestral name, *Vithhala*, an epithet of the god Krishna) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of').

**Further information:** This name is also found among people from Sind, Pakistan, who have migrated into India.

**Vito**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Italian: from the personal name *Vito*, Latin *Vitus*, related to *vita* 'life'.

**Further information:** The name was popular in the Middle Ages as the result of the cult of an early Christian martyr in southern Italy, about whom very little is known. He was regarded as a patron against epilepsy and the nervous tremor named after him, 'Saint Vitus' dance'. It may also derive in part from the Lombardic name *Wido* or Frankish *Wit(t)o*.

**Early bearers:** Angelo Vito, musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Antonia Vito, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Casolino Vito, barber, born in Naples, in *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx).

**Vitty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, NR Yorks, and Durham

English: perhaps a local reduced form of the Scottish surname **McVittie**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Vityte, 1587, Ellyne Vittie, 1600 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Tho. Vitty, 1597 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robt Vittie, 1623 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Michael, Spurriergate, York); William Vitty, 1705 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George, Middleton, Durham); Ann Vittey, 1723 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks).

**Vivash**

**Variants:** **Viveash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name apparently from some place named from five ash-trees, such as Five Ashes Farm in Colemore and Priors Dean (Hants), though none of a relevant age has been firmly identified. Medstead (in the list of bearers) is about six miles from Colemore. If so, the *V-* will be due to south-western voicing of the initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Fiveashe, 1565 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Walterus Vivash, 1574, Agnes Vivash, 1582 in *IGI* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); John Viveash, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (North Newton, Wilts); Peter Vivash, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Speen, Berks); William Vivaish, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Compton Bassett, Wilts); Richard Vivashe or Vivash, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Yatesbury, Wilts); Thomas Fyveashe, 1644 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Elizabeth Fiveash, 1655 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Syman Fiveaish, 1697 in *IGI* (Preshute, Wilts); John Viveash, 1705, Robert Viveish, 1738 in *IGI* (Clyffe Pypard, Wilts); John Fivish, 1856 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent).

**Viveash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Vivash**.

**Vivers**

**Variants:** **Veevers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfries; Cumb Norman, Scottish, English: see **Veevers**.

**Vivian**

**Variants:** **Vyvyan, Vivien, Videan, Vidgen, Fidgeon, Fiddian, Fithen, Fithian, Phythian, Phethean**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1133, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1379
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Devon; Hants; London

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French and Middle English personal name *Vivian*, *Vivien* (Latin *Vivianus*, a derivative of *vivus* 'living', the name of a 5th-century martyr). As a given name its comparative rarity in medieval England gave it a distinctiveness that encouraged its use as a surname. Its pronunciation appears to have caused difficulty and it is found in a large variety of forms, not all of which have survived. Developments include the interchange of initial *V* and *F*, the interchange of intervocalic *v* and *th*, and the further interchange of *th* and *d*; thus *Vivian* became *Fivian*, which became *Fithian* which became *Fidian*. There was also some interchange of intervocalic *v* and *b*; see **Fibbens**. The initial *Ph* is merely a scribal variant of *F*. As *Goodier* becomes *Goodger* (see **Goodyear**), so *Fidian* became *Fidgeon* and *Vidian* became *Vidgeon*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Viuien, about 1127 in *Pelteret*, p. 101 (Exeter, Devon); Vivianus de Cattle, about 1200 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Fithian alias Vivian, 1514 in *Withycombe*. surnames, SW England.: John Fifian, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Odo Vyuyvan, 1451–64 in *Cornish Lands*

(Saint Columb town, Cornwall); Robert Vyuyon', 1506 in *Feet of Fines* (Cornwall); Richard Vivian, 1566 in *Cornish Lands* (Carnabeggas in Saint Erth, Cornwall); John Vivian, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Hugonis Vivyan, 1605 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); David Vivvian, 1652 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon). surnames, S England: Johannes filius Viuian, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); John Vivyan, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hants); Is' Vyvyvan, 1296, David Fyuyen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shoreham, Sussex); John Videan, 1488 in *New Forest Documents* (Hants); Stephen Videan, 1504 in *Kent Wills* (Kent); James Vydean, Vydyan, 1513, 1548 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (Kent); John Vivian, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Anthony Vivian, 1577 in *IGI* (Lynsted, Kent); James Vivian, 1771 in *IGI* (Fawley, Hants).

surnames, E England: William Phythien, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Barnwell, Cambs); William Phivien, 1271 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Herts); Roger Fidian, Robert Fithion, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Agatha Fydion, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Roger Fythien, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Henry Fyuyan, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); William Fetheon', 1379 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Joan Fithyan, 1406 in *London Letter Books I*; Laurence ffedyan, 1493 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Fiffeon, Phiffion, Pfiffian, Phithien, Fitheon, 1604–38, Thomas Phydian, Fythion, Pythian, Pitheon, 1712–34 in *The Essex Review* (Essex) 55. surnames, W and N England: Henry Vivien, 1235 in *Stone Cartulary* (Staffs); Ricardus Vivyen, 1279–80 in *Warwicks Hundred Rolls* (Warwicks); John Fiuian, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Fyddian, 1572 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Johan Phidian, 1634 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); John Phythian, 1639 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Dyanna Phitthion, 1665 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs); Ann Fiddian, 1670 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Fiddian, 1681 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Anna Phythian, 1682 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Josiah Phethean, 1765 in *IGI* (Enville, Staffs); Joseph Phethean, 1770 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Elisabeth Fiddian, 1771 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Vivien**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Vivian**.

**Vizard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts

1 Norman: possibly a nickname from Anglo-Norman French *vis* 'face' + the pejorative suffix *-ard*. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Visard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meonstoke, Hants); Johannes Vissard, 1381, Henricus Vissard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Denmead, Hants); Hierome Vizard, 1578 in *IGI* (Luckington, Wilts); Umphry Vizard, 1608, Humphry Vizerd, 1658 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); John Vizzard, 1675 in *IGI* (Dursley, Gloucs).

2 English: possibly sometimes for Middle English *wisard* 'wise man'.

**Early bearers:** Alice Wizzard, 1722 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Vize**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 44
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois
- English: see **Vyse**.

**Vizer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Vizor**.

**Vizor**

**Variants:** **Vizer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: occupational name from Middle English *vyser*, *vysur* 'observer, overlooker', Old French *viseur*.

**Early bearers:** John le Visur, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Vyser, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northcott, Devon); Thoma Vysur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grittleton, Wilts); John Viser, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Chippenham, Wilts); Edward Viser, 1594 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); John Vizer, 1622 in *IGI* (Lacock, Wilts); Israel Vizor, 1738 in *IGI* (Easton Grey, Wilts); Elizabeth Vyzer, 1753 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin, Birmingham, Warwicks) George Vyser, 1787 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Philip, Birmingham, Warwicks).

**Vlach**

**Variants:** **Vlachos**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Czech: ethnic name from *Vlach*, a word that originally meant 'Wallachian' but that was subsequently broadened in sense to denote an Italian or Romanian; compare **Bloch**.

**Vlachos**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Czech: see **Vlach**.

**Vo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 southern Vietnamese: **Võ**, variant of **Vu**, representing the Chinese surname 武 (see **Wu** (3)) or more rarely 禹 (see **Yu** (8)).
- 2 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 和, see **Ho** (3).

**Voaden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Voden**.

**Voak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Hants; London
- English: see **Voke**.

**Voakes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks



Norman, English: variant spelling of **Vaux**; see **Vause**.

**Early bearers:** Georgii Vokes, 1588 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Richard Voakes, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Bramley, Hants); Marie Voakes, 1620 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); John Vox, 1761 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Voakes, 1790 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Miles Voakes, 1856 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence, York).

### Voas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

Norman, English: see **Vause**.

### Voase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: see **Vause**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Voase, 1590 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); Edward Voase, 1669 in *IGI* (Formby, Lancs); Ellin Voas, 1707 in *IGI* (Rufford, Lancs); John Voase, 1725, in *IGI* (Aughton, ER Yorks); John Voase, 1786 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Voce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 527, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 397
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Lancs

-: see **Vose**.

### Vockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Somerset

English: see **Vockins**.

### Vockins

**Variants:** Vokins, Vockings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Wilts

English: of uncertain origin and derivation; perhaps a locative name from Woking (Surrey), with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Wocking, canon of Saint Thomas the Martyr, 1280 in *Patent Rolls* (Newark, Notts); William Wocking of London, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Acton, Middx); William Vokins, 1557, William Vokyns, 1560 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Thomas Vokin, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Elizabeth Vockins, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Warnborough, Wilts); Richard Vokins, 1646 in *PROB 11* (West Challow, Berks); Roger Woking, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); William Vockins, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Shrivenham, Berks); William Vockings, 1677 in *IGI* (Ashbury, Berks); Mary Vockins, 1691 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Anne Soho, Westminster, Middx); John Wokings, 1779 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Banstead, Surrey).

### Vodden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 368, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Voden**.

### Voden

**Variants:** Vodden, Vowden, Voaden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; also Cornwall; Glamorgan

English: probably a post-medieval variant of **Foden**, with voiced initial consonant.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Foden, 1509–10 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Cornwall); Urith Voden, 1579 in *IGI* (Hatherleigh, Devon); Richard Vowden, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Launceston, Cornwall); Hum. Voden, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Kenwyn, Cornwall); Annis Voden, 1621 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Richard Voaden, 1661 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon); Daniell Vodden, 1694 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Grace Vodden, 1719 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Charles Vowden, 1702 in *Parish Registers* (Gosport, Hants); Stephen Vowden, 1735 in *IGI* (Sheepwash, Devon); Hannibal Foaden, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (South Tawton, Devon).

### Vogan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 67
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; Sussex and Surrey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Cavan
- Irish: of Welsh origin, see **Wogan**.

### Vogel

**Variants:** Vogl, Fogel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 556, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname from Middle High German, Middle Low German *vogel* 'bird', denoting a happy person or someone who liked to sing, or occupational name for a bird catcher,

**Further information:** This name is found throughout central Europe, not only in German-speaking countries.

**Early bearers:** George Vogel, warehouse clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Westminster, Middx); Augustus F. Vogel, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Everton, Lancs); Johanna Vogel, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stretford, Lancs); Otto Vogel, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx); Moritz Vogl, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Rudolph Vogel, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Nottingham, Notts); Charles Vogel, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Fred Fogel, butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (New Brighton, Cheshire); Fritz John Vogl, waiter, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1911* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

2 Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name from the Yiddish female personal name *Foygl*, cognate with 1 above. Some early bearers may belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Jacob Fogel, slipper maker's assistant, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Spitalfields, Middx); Louis Vogel, ship broker, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); David Vogl, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (London); Louis F. Vogel, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Isaac Vogel, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Maurice Vogel, born in Amsterdam, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Joseph Vogel, tailor, born in

Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Vogel, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Monty Vogl, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1901* (London); Solly Fogel, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Noah Vogel, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Simon Fogel, baker, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Stepney, Middx); Barnet Fogel, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Vogl

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Vogel**.

### Vogt

**Variants:** Voigt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 287, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German, Dutch: occupational name denoting a farm manager, reeve, or other person with supervisory authority, from Middle High German *voget* (Dutch *voogd*, Late Latin *vocatus*, from Latin *advocatus*, past participle of *advocare* 'to call upon, to help').

**Further information:** The term originally denoted someone who appeared before a court on behalf of some party not permitted to make direct representations, typically an ecclesiastical body which was not supposed to have any dealings with temporal authorities.

**Early bearers:** William Voight, 1785 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Henry Charles Casar Voigt, 1812, Henry Frederic Phillip Voight, 1815 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Fideli(u)s Vogt, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1861* (Thrapston, Northants); Conrad Vogt, born in Germany in *Census 1861* (Middx); William Vogt, born in Darmstadt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (London); Conrad Vogt, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Essex).

### Vohra

**Variants:** Vora

- **Current frequencies:** GB 454, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

1 Indian (Panjab): Hindu (Khatri) and Sikh, based on the name of a clan in the Khatri community. It is of uncertain origin, but is popularly thought to derive from Sanskrit *vyūha* 'battle array'.

2 Muslim (Pakistan): perhaps an occupational name from Urdu *bohora* 'merchant'.

### Voice

**Variants:** Voyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Surrey; also Gloucs

Norman, English: locative name from Voise (Eure-et-Loir).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Voyce, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); John Voyce, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

### Voigt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:**

German, English: see **Vogt**.

**Voisey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 311
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- Norman, English; see **Vasey**.

**Voisin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Jersey
- Norman, English, French: from Anglo-Norman French *veisin* ‘neighbour’ or Old French *voisin*. The application is uncertain; it may be a nickname for a ‘good neighbour’, or for someone who habitually used the word as a term of address, or it may be locative, denoting someone who lived on a neighbouring property. It is uncertain whether the medieval name survived unbroken in England into the modern period or whether it was replaced from the 16th century onwards by Huguenot refugees from France and the low countries.

**Early bearers:** England: John le Veysin, 1325, John le Veysin, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorchester, Oxon); Henry, son of William Veysin of West Draiton [West Drayton], Isabella, daughter of William Vaisyn of West Draiton, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Henry le Veysin, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Warborough, Oxon); Claude Voisin, 1628 in *Parish Registers* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Margerite Voisin, 1631 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Jean Pierre Voisin, 1720 in *IGI* (Savoie de Spring Gardens and Des Grecs, Westminster, Middx); Mary Voisin, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Anne Voisin, 1797 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Gaston Voisin, language teacher, born in France, in *Census 1891* (Brighton, Sussex).

Ch. Isles: Jacob Voisin, farmer, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Francis Voisin, draper, in *Census 1851* (Saint Lawrence, Jersey); Auguste Voisin, physician, born in France, in *Census 1871* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Jacques Voisin, agricultural labourer, born in Manche, France, in *Census 1891* (Saint Clement, Jersey); Philip Voisin, boot maker, in *Census 1911* (Trinity, Jersey).

**Voizey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English; see **Vasey**.

**Voke**

Variants: **Voak**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Sussex
- English: southern dialect variant of **Fowke** with voicing of the initial consonant. Compare **Volk**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Voak, 1684 in *IGI* (Thurnham, Kent); Susanna Voak, 1687 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Anne Voak, 1743 in *IGI* (Bedhampton, Hants).

**Vokes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 670, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 531
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English: see **Foulkes**.

**Vokins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 145
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Vockins**.

**Volante**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Italian: nickname apparently from Italian *volante* ‘flying’.
- Early bearers:** Gaitana Volante, born in Atina, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Andrew Volante, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Siciedo Volante, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ardivino Volante, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (East Stonehouse, Devon); Francesco Volante, tube work labourer, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Valente, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Aston, Warwicks); Guilio Volante, boot maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

**Volke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; Cornwall; Sussex; Midlothian

1 Norman, English: southern dialect variant of

**Fowke**. Compare **Voak** and **Focke** (1).

**Early bearers:** Samuel Volke, 1763 in *IGI* (East Lavant, Sussex).

2 German: relationship name see **Volke**.

**Volke**

Variants: **Volk**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb

German: relationship name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Folco*, a pet form of various names beginning with *Folc-*; cognate with **Fowke**. Compare **Focke**, with which this name may have been interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** William Volke, baker, born in Germany in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); William Volke, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint George in the East, London); Sophia Volk, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kensington, Middx); Theodore Volke, born in Lagan, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Jesmond, Northumberland); Kunigunder Volke, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex).

**Volker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Somerset
- German: locative name from the Continental Germanic personal name *Folcher*. Compare **Fulcher**. **Early bearers:** John Volker, shoemaker, in *Census 1841* (Alverstoke, Hants); John Volker, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); William Volker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Gottlieb Volker, cabinet maker’s assistant, born in Wolgast, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Shoreditch, Middx); Clarisse Volker, born in Toulouse, France, in *Census 1881* (Chard, Somerset); August Volker, tailor, born in Stettin, Germany, in

*Census 1891* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Herman Volker, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Volker, waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Ilford, Essex).

**Volkes**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Foulkes**.

**Vollans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Vallance**.

**Voller**

Variants: **Vollers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 568
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Sussex
- English: variant of **Fuller** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

**Vollers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: variant of **Voller** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Volpe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Italian: nickname for a crafty person, from *volpe* ‘fox’ (Latin *vulpes*).

**Early bearers:** Louis Volpe, born in “foreign parts”, in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Gironalmo Volpe, professor of Italian literature, born in Venice, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Vincenzo Volpe, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Deptford, Kent); Tore Volpe, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Lorenzo Volpe, cook, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

2 Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name from a place in Belarus, southeast of Grodno, the Yiddish name of which is *Volp(e)* (Belorussian, Russian *Volpa*, Polish *Wolpa*).

**Early bearers:** Robert and Rachel Volpe, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

**Vondy**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoM

Manx: relationship name reduced form of Manx *Mac Vondi* ‘son of *Bondi*’, from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Bóndi*, a transferred use of *bóndi* ‘farmer’. Compare **Bundy** and **Bond** (2). **Early bearers:** IoM: [ . . . ] Mac Wanté, 1417, [ . . . ] Mac Whanty, 1422, [ . . . ] Mac Vandy, Mac Vaundy, 1580, [ . . . ] Vantie, 1602, [ . . . ] Vandy, [ . . . ] Vondy, 1606 in *Kneen*; Wm Vondy, 1667, Bahie Vandy, 1678, Thomas Vandy, 1695, and Patrick Vandy, 1733 in *IGI* (Jurby, IoM); Margt Vondy, 1757, Margt Vandy, 1761 in *IGI* (Lezayre, IoM); Ellinor Vandy, 1778, Judith Vondy, 1841 in *IGI* (Andreas, IoM); John Vandy, 1793 in *IGI* (Kirk German, IoM).

England: George Vandy, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); William Vandy, 1820 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Margaret Vondy, 1825 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Vandy, 1851 in *IGI* (Stranton, Durham). **References:** *Kneen*.

**Vong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Vietnamese, Chinese: Vietnamese and variant Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 王, 汪, and 黃; see **Wong** (1–3).

**Vooght**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

Dutch, Flemish: occupational name from Middle Dutch *vo(o)cht*, *voecht* ‘guardian, protector, sponsor’.

**Early bearers:** Francis Vooght, 1674 in *IGI* (Dunchideock, Devon); Agnes Vooght, 1713 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Henry Vooght, 1833 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Derik Vooght, 1765, Magdalena Jacoba, 1774 in *Canterbury Wills (Prerogative Court)*.

**References:** *Debrabandere*

**Voon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 溫, see **Wan** (3).

**Voong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Vietnamese: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Vuong** or consisting of a Vietnamese word meaning ‘bay’, seen in such place-names as *Vüng Tàu*.

**Vora**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian: see **Vohra**.

**Vorajee**

**Variants:** **Voraji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 147, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:**

Indian (Gujarat): Muslim, from the name *Vora* + the honorific suffix *-ji* or *-jee*.

**Voraji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian : see **Vorajee**.

**Vorley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: probably a variant of **Worley**.

**Early bearers:** Margaryt Vorley, 1562 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs); Rogeri Vorly, 1643 in *IGI* (Great Gidding, Hunts); Mary Vorlee, 1719 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

**Vos**

**Variants:** **Vose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 Dutch, Jewish: nickname from Dutch *vos* ‘fox’, denoting someone with red hair or someone considered untrustworthy.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Vos, 1578, Henrick de Vos, 1591, Paul de Vos, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London); George de Vos, 1625 in *PROB 11*; Gerrit Vos, 1690 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Solomon Vos, born in Holland, in *Census 1851* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Judith Vos, 1862 in *Great and Hambro Synagogue Births* (London); Edward Vos, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Liverpool, Lancs); Dinah Vos, born in Holland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Vos, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jack Vos, tailor, born in Holland, in *Census 1911* (Hackney, Middx).  
2 English: see **Foss**.

**Vose**

**Variants:** **Voce**, **Vost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

–: of uncertain origin. Probably in some cases a variant of Dutch **Vos**, but an alternative explanation may also be needed.

**Early bearers:** Ales Vos, 1576, Eliz. Vose, 1595 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Richard Voce, 1593 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); John Vose, 1597 in *Parish Registers* (Tarvin Cheshire); Tillman Vost, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Southwark, Surrey); Johes Vose, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Weaverham, Cheshire); Eliz. Vost, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Voss, 1672 in *IGI* (Oadby, Leics); Thomas Voce, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Peter, Chester, Cheshire); John Vost, 1711 in *IGI* (Burton Overy, Leics); Grace Vosse, 1724, Elizabeth Vost, 1730 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

**Vosper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

Cornish, English: locative name from Trevosper in South Petherwin (Cornwall), of obscure origin, with loss of unstressed *Tre-*.

**Further information:** Forms with initial *F-* are due to hypercorrection of SW English initial fricative voicing which results in *V-* for original *F-*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Trevospor, 1208–12 in *Book of Fees I* (South Petherwin, Cornwall); Willelmus Treuosburgh, 1400 in *TNA* (Foymore stannary, Cornwall); Richard Trefosburgh, 1409 in *Exeter Episcopal Registers*; William Trefosseburgh, 1428 in *Feudal Aids I* (Jacobstow, Cornwall); John Vosper, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); William Trevosper, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); John Vosper, 1555 in *Parish Registers* (Liskeard, Cornwall); Margerie Vosper, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); William Vosper, 1571 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Edward Vosper, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Thomas Wosper, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Shevlock, Cornwall); Ann Fosper, 1679 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Stithians, Cornwall); Nicholas Vospar, 1690 in *IGI* (North Petherwin, Devon); Anne Vesper, 1701 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Henry Vesper, 1731 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Paternoster Royal, London); James Fosper, 1786 in *Parish Registers* (Trelleck, Monmouths).

**Voss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 964, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 723
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Warwicks; Dorset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny
- English: variant of **Foss**.

**Vost**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- : see **Vose**.

**Voules**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Wilts; London

English: variant of **Fowles** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

**Vousden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Fosten Green in Biddenden (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Symon de Fosde’ne, 1327, Simon de Forsdenne, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barclay hundred, Kent); William Fosden, 1499, Joan Fosten, 1520, John Forsten, 1569 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Cranbrook, Kent); Johan Vowsden, 1568 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Tho. Vosden, 1571 in *IGI* (Mereworth, Kent); Isaack Vowsten, 1575, Rychard Vousdene, 1602 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); John Vousden, 1583 in *IGI* (Lamberhurst, Kent); Margaret Fowsden, 1620, William Vousden, 1631 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Edward Vowsden, John Vousden, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (Marden, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 332.

**Vout**

**Variants:** **Voutt**, **Voute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname apparently from Middle English *voute*, *wut* ‘countenance, mien’ (Old French *volt*, *voult*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo Vote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bulkington, Wilts); Robert Vout, 1612 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Agnes Vowte, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk); James Vowte, 1617 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Mary Vout, 1687, John Voutt, 1762 in *IGI* (Salle, Norfolk); Susan Vought, 1764 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Voute, 1788 in *IGI* (Little Dunham, Norfolk); Mary Voutt, 1834 in *Parish Registers* (Sall, Norfolk).

**Voute**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Vout**.

**Voutt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Vout**.

## Vowden

### Vowden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Voden**.

### Vowell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English: see **Fowle**.

### Vowells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Monmouths
- English: variant of **Fowles** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

### Vowels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: variant of **Fowles** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

### Vowler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: variant of **Fowler** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

### Vowles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2110, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1419
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: variant of **Fowles** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

### Voyce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 274
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- Norman, English: see **Voice**.

### Voyle

#### Variants: Foyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes; also Glam
- 1 Welsh: nickname from a mutated form of Welsh *moel* 'bare, bald'. Compare *pen-foel* 'bald-headed'.  
**Early bearers:** Griffid Voyl, Edenowen Voil, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Dauid Voil, 1332 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbys); Alice Voill, 1579 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Edward Voyle, 1583 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); George Voyell, 1586 in *Oxford University Register* (Pembrokes); William Voile, 1609 in *Oxford University Register* (Herefs).  
**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 167–8.  
2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Foyle** (1) or (2) with voicing of the initial consonant, a dialect feature of W England and of SW England as far as W Sussex. The Shrops examples may alternatively belong here.

### Voyles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

Welsh: nickname variant of **Voyle**, from a lenited form of *moel* 'bald'.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Daniel Voyles, 1841 in *Census 1841* (Narberth, Pembrokes); Esther Voyles, 1851 in *BMD* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Tom Voyles, 1873 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Woolos, Newport, Monmouths); Phillip Voyles, in *Census 1891* (Bedwellty, Monmouths).

### Voysey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Voyzey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- Norman, English: see **Vasey**.

### Vranch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: from Middle English *fransh*, an alternative form of *frensh* 'French', therefore a variant of **French**.  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Franch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); Johannes Fraunch, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Challow, Berks); Agnes Franch, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Julian, Wellow, Somerset); Jane Franch, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Ludgvan, Cornwall); Thomas Vranch, 1714 in *Parish Registers* (Whitestaunton, Somerset); Betty Vranch, 1779 in *Parish Registers* (Long Brady, Dorset); James Vranch, 1819 in *Parish Registers* (Saints Peter and Paul, Kilmersdon, Somerset).

### Vreede

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Dutch, Flemish: nickname for a tough, cruel, uncouth man, Dutch *wreed*.  
**Early bearers:** Cornelis Van Vreede, 1774 in *Canterbury Wills (Prerogative Court)*; Anne-Arabella Vreed, 1781 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James the Less, Westminster, Middx); Sarah Wrede, 1788 in *Parish Registers* (Saint George, Hanover Square, Westminster, Middx); William Devred, 1846 in *BMD* (Manchester, Lancs).  
2 English: variant of **Freed** with voicing of initial *F*.  
**Early bearers:** John Vright, 1846 in *IGI* (Dunkirk, Kent); Enid Vreede, in *Census 1911* (Bromley, Kent).

### Vroome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Froom** with southern voicing of the initial fricative.

### Vu

#### Variants: Vo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 532, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1 northern Vietnamese, Chinese: *Vũ*, representing the Chinese surname 武, see **Wu** (3).

2 Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 馮 and 胡, see **Wu** (5) and (6).

### Vuong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Vietnamese: **Vuong**, representing the Chinese surname 王, see Mandarin **Wang**, Cantonese **Wong**.

### Vyas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1486, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (northern states): Hindu (Brahman), from Sanskrit *vyāsa* 'compiler'.

**Further information:** This was the name of the Sanskrit sage said to have compiled the Mahabharata.

### Vye

#### Variants: Vie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; also Kent

English: perhaps a variant of **Wye**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Vie, 1556 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Henrye Vye, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Colyton, Devon); John Vie, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Long Burton, Dorset); Agnis Vye, 1591 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Robert Vie, 1615 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Alphage, Canterbury, Kent); Edward Vie, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Affpuddle, Dorset).

### Vyner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English, Jewish (Ashkenazi): see **Viner**.

### Vyse

#### Variants: Vize, Vise, Vice

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; London and E Anglia

English: locative name for someone who lived '(by the) boundary' (Old French *devisé*), as at Viza in Ashwater (Devon), Vyse Wood in Morthoe (Devon), or from Devizes (Wilts), formerly called *The Devise, Visés*, and *The Vyse (Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 243). See **Devis**.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Vise, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shoreham, Sussex); John de la Vise, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashwater, Devon); Ricardus atte Vise, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ashwater, Devon); William del vyse, 1421, unstated source in *Tooth*, p. 170; Joan Vice, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Stephen, Nayland, Suffolk); William Vise, 1572 in *IGI* (Standon, Staffs); Agnes Vise, 1573 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); George Vice, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Lawrence, Gnosall, Staffs); John Vice, 1620 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 128.

### Vyvyan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: see **Vivian**.

**Waby****Variants:** Woby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name, see **Walby**.

**Wace**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Norman, English: see **Wass**.

**Wacey****Variants:** Wasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: relationship name from an Anglo-Norman French personal name *Wac(e)y*, a form of *Wace* (see **Wass**). In the early bearers below, the latinized form *Wascius Cokus* is identical with *Waszo cocus* 'Waszo the cook'. This form probably survived as the surname *Wacey*; however, it might also derive from a rare Continental Germanic personal name \**Waswig*, not documented in continental records but possibly evidenced by *Wasuic*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Wascius Cokus*, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); *Gaceus de Broughton*, 1322 in *York Freeman's Register* (York).

surnames: *Robertus filius Wacey*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); *Johanne Wacy*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moulsham, Essex); *Aogn' Wasy*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); *Richard Wasey*, 1573 in *IGI* (South Repps, Norfolk); *Amy Wasey*, 1622 in *IGI* (Great Hautboys, Norfolk); *Ann Wacey*, 1684 in *IGI* (Great Bircham, Norfolk).

**Wacher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: occupational name from Middle English *wacher* 'watchman', an agent noun derivative of Old English *wæcce* 'watch, vigil'. Compare **Watchman**.

**Early bearers:** *Ralph le Wacher*, 1227 in *MED*; *Johan Wachere*, 1237 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); *Elys le Wacher*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); *Johanne Wacher*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Balkholme, ER Yorks); *Thomas Wacher*, chaplain, 1392 in *London Wills* (London); *Hipolito Vatcher*, 1558 in *IGI* (Hackney, London); *Sara Wacher*, 1567 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); *Jane Wacher*, 1577 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); *John Wacher*, 1584 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); *Susanna Watcher*, 1612 in *IGI* (Lydden, Kent); *John Watcher*, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Penwith, Cornwall).

**Watchman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English, Scottish: see **Watchman**.

**Wack****Variants:** Wake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: (i) relationship name perhaps from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Wacke*, a Picard form of Continental Germanic *Wacco*. This was a pet form of Germanic names beginning in *Walh-* as was *Walkelin* (see **Walklin**), with which *Wacke* was evidently interchangeable: *Wacke de Monsorel* (1269) is identical with *Walkelino de Monsorel* (1270) in *Leicester Borough Records* (Leics). Compare **Wackett**. (ii) alternatively a variant of **Wake** (1).

**Early bearers:** *Michael Wack*, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Leake, Notts); *Ane Wack*, 1629 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); *Robert Wack*, 1634 in *IGI* (Arrow, Warwick); *William Wack*, 1699 in *IGI* (Abingdon, Berks); *Nickel Wack*, 1750 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham).

**Wackett****Variants:** Waggott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 305
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Herts, and Essex
- English: relationship name, perhaps from the Old French (Picard) personal name *Waquet*, a diminutive of *Wacke* (see **Wack**).

**Further information:** *Debrabandere*, at *Waquet*.

**Early bearers:** *Alicia Wakot*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Roydon, Essex); *Ada Waket*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); *Johanne Waket*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brixton Deverill, Wilts); *Johannes Waget*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malmesbury, Wilts); *Sara Waggott*, 1565 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); *Peter Waggett*, 1570 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); *Jonathan Wackett*, 1593 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); *Robert Wakett*, 1617 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); *Anne Waggott*, 1628, *William Waggett*, 1630 in *IGI* (North Wootton, Dorset); *Abraham Waggett*, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); *William Wackett*, 1671 in *IGI* (Ayot Saint Peter, Herts).

**Wackley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: see **Wakeley**.

**Wackrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Warwick and Gloucs

English: see **Wakerell**.

**Wadams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Waddams**.

**Wadcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Lincs

English: nickname from the Middle English personal name \**Wad(e)cok*, a pet form of **Wade**.

**Early bearers:** *William Wadecok*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); *Walter Wadecok*, 1349 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); *Thomas Wadcock*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); *Cristina Wadecokkes*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Richardson, Wilts); *William Wadcoke*, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Shinfield, Berks); *William Wadcock*, 1609 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); *Sarah Wadcock*, 1735 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwick); *Charles Wadcock*, 1819 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics).

**Wadd****Variants:** Wadds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 105
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland; Surrey
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Wadde*, probably a short form of *Waltheof* (see **Walthew**).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Wadde* forestar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb). surnames: *Henricus Wadde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Badsworth, WR Yorks); *Thomas Wadde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); *Agn' Wadde*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulley, WR Yorks); *Ann Wadd*, 1572 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); *Margaret Wadd*, 1587 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); *Mary Wadd*, 1781 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics).

2 English: see **Wade**.

**Waddacor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Waddicor**.

**Waddams****Variants:** Wadams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of **Wadham** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** *Agnes Wadams*, 1544 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); *Edward Waddams*, 1556 in *IGI* (Dudley, Worcs); *John Waddams*, 1589 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); *Elizabeth Waddams*, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Longdon, Staffs).

**Waddecar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Waddicor**.

**Waddel**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 1

## Waddell

- GB frequency 1881: 212
  - Main GB location 1881: Scotland
- Scottish: see **Waddell**.

## Waddell

Variants: **Waddle, Weddell, Waddel, Wadell, Weddle, Weddel, Widdall**

- Current frequencies: GB 3437, Ireland 261
  - GB frequency 1881: 2653
  - Main GB location 1881: Scotland; Lancs; Kent
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Ulster: esp. Down
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Wedale near Galashiels (Selkirk), which is recorded as *Wedhale* in 1184. According to Black it was also ‘the old name of the parish of Stow in Midlothian’.
- Early bearers: Scotland: Adam de Wedale, 1204 in *Scotland Calendar*; Symon de Wedhale, 1327 in *Bishops of Scotland*; Ellen Waddell, 1590 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); James Weddell, 1596 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Bessie Waddell, 1601, Thomas Weddel, 1605, Agnes Weddle, 1641 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Rot Wedell, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Weddall, 1701 in *IGI* (Torphichen, W Lothian); Agnas Waddle, 1707 in *IGI* (Redgorton, Perth); Abigaill Waddell, 1770 in *IGI* (New Monkland, Lanarks).
- N England: John Weddell 1496 in *York Guild Register*; Henry Weddall, 1531 in *York Freeman’s Register*; William Weddle, 1654 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb); Margarita Weddell, 1569 in *IGI* (York); Margaret Waddell, 1699 in *IGI* (Kirkwhelpington, Northumb).
- References: J. B. Johnston, *Place-Names of Berwickshire*, p. 50, at *Waddelscairn*.

2 English: locative name from Wadden Hall in Waltham (Kent), which is recorded as *Wadehale* in 1179.

Early bearers: Maurice de Wadehala, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas Waddell, 1587 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Richard Waddall, 1591 in *IGI* (Monks Horton, Kent); Phillipe Waddayle, 1617 in *IGI* (Westbere, Kent).

3 English: (i) locative name, perhaps rarely from Woodhill Park in Clyffe Pypard (Wilts), which is recorded as *Wadhulle* in 1086, *Wadhella* in 1270. However, the definite article *le* in the 1357 example seems to point to an unknown nickname (though it might be a scribal error for *de*) and the persistent *-el* in the surname does not fit entirely well with derivation from the place-name. (ii) alternatively, if the definite article is ignored, perhaps from a hypothetical Middle English personal name \**Wadel* (Old English \**Wædel*).

Further information: It is not known if the Wilts surname survived into modern times.

Early bearers: Ralph Wadel’, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas le Wadel, 1357 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thoma Wadel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calne borough, Wilts); Waltero Wadele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint Andrew, Wilts).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 267.

## Waddelow

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Cambs and Norfolk
- English: see **Wadlow**.

## Waddicar

- Current frequencies: GB 49, Ireland 0

- GB frequency 1881: 83
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Waddicor**.

## Waddicker

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Waddicor**.

## Waddicor

Variants: **Waddicar, Waddacor, Waddicker, Waddecar, Woodacre**

- Current frequencies: GB 203, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 211
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: locative name from Waddicar in Melling by Maghull or Woodacre in Barnacre with Bonds (both Lancs).

Early bearers: Simon de Wadacre, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Melling by Maghull, Lancs); [ . . . ] de Wedacre, 1245–8, [ . . . ] de Wedakre, 1293 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Lancs); Johanne de Wedacre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dutton, Lancs); Annas Wedicar, 1580 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Ralphe Weddiker, 1605 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Elizabeth Waddicar, 1635, John Waddicor, 1766 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Clara Woodacre, 1789 in *IGI* (Bamber Bridge, Lancs).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 119, 164.

## Waddie

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 39
  - Main GB location 1881: Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Waldie**.

## Waddilove

- Current frequencies: GB 315, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 193
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks

English: nickname perhaps for an infatuated lover, from Middle English *waden* (Old English *wadan*) ‘to wade, go deeply, be heavily committed’ + *i(n) love*. It appears to have been a regular expression. One 15th-century writer warned ‘In love of women wade nat over depe’, while another advised ‘In loves art men must deype wade, or [i.e. before] that ye be conquerd and e-wonne’ (both recorded in *MED*, at *waden*).

Further information: Reaney’s explanation, that the name is a metathesized form of the personal name *Waldeve* (see *Walthew*), is formally possible but it cannot be substantiated and the medieval evidence points to the nickname proposed above.

Early bearers: William Wadylove, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph Wadiluue, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; John and William Wadeinlove, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); John Wadylove, 1321 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Lincs); Rob. Wadyloue, 1327, Rob. Wadiloue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Willelmus Wadyloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnburgh, WR Yorks); Robertus Wadyloef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burton Leonard, WR Yorks); Thomas Wadyloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dalton, WR Yorks); Adam Wadinlof, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Johannes Wadyloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurnscoe, WR Yorks); Nycholas Wadilove, 1613 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Thos. Waddelove, 1756 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Richard Waddilove, 1650, Edward Wadlove, 1798 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Waddelove, 1791 in *IGI* (Ainsworth, Lancs).

## Wadding

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 27
  - Main GB location 1881: Hants and IoW; Gloucs
- English: variant of **Waddon**.

## Waddingham

- Current frequencies: GB 841, Ireland 5
- GB frequency 1881: 460
- Main GB location 1881: Lincs

English: locative name from Waddingham (Lincs).

Early bearers: Nicholas de Waddingham, about 1160 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Alan de Wadingeham, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Nicholas de Waddingham, 1264–5 in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Richard de Wadyngham, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Waddingham, Lincs); Christopher Waddingham, 1566 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Thomas Waddingham, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Miningsby, Lincs).

## Waddington

Variants: **Wadington**

- Current frequencies: GB 4398, Ireland 16
- GB frequency 1881: 4845
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs

English: locative name mostly from Waddington in WR Yorks, but also from Waddington in Lincs, and perhaps occasionally Waddington in Surrey (though early evidence for this is wanting).

Early bearers: Ogis de Wadintona, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter de Wadington, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne Wadyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); Johannes de Wadyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); Laurencius de Wadyngton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Waddington, WR Yorks); John Waddington, 1539 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Christoferus Waddington, 1550 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Margaret Waddington, 1563 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Susane Wadington, 1570 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Johannes Waddington, 1599 in *IGI* (Waddington, WR Yorks); Christian Waddington, 1700 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Waddison

- Current frequencies: GB 65, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 8
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- English: see **Wadeson**.

## Waddle

- Current frequencies: GB 295, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 352
- Main GB location 1881: Durham, Northumb; Lanarks

Scottish, English: see **Waddell**.

## Waddon

Variants: **Wadding**

- Current frequencies: GB 185, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 59
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

1 English: locative name from Waddon in Portisham (Dorset). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) below. There may have been some confusion with **Whaddon**.

Early bearers: William de Waddun’, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Alexander de Waddon’, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Radulpho de Waddon’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Portisham, Dorset); Thomas Waddon, 1565 in

*IGI* (Kingsbury Episcopi, Somerset); William Waddon, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Breamore, Hants); Elizabeth Wadding, 1700 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Samuel Waddon, 1752 in *IGI* (Broadwindsor, Dorset); Ann Waddin, 1773 in *IGI* (Kilmiston, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 30–1.

2 English: locative name from Waddon in Croydon (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Rogeri de Waddon, 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Wallington hundred, Surrey); Andrew de Waddon, 1241–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Beddington, Surrey); Simon de Waddon, 1306 in *King's Bench Cases* (Surrey); Nicholas Waddon, 1427–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 51.

### Waddoups

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: variant of **Waddup** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Cislely Waddops, 1595 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, Yorks); Richard Waddups, 1814 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks).

### Wadds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Leics and Lincs; Lancs; Lanarks

English: variant of **Wadd** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wadds, 1715 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); William Wadds, 1761 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Ann Wadds, 1771 in *IGI* (Flixborough, Lincs); Elizabeth Wadds, 1774 in *IGI* (Market Harborough, Leics).

### Waddup

**Variants:** Waddoups

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: nickname possibly from a Middle English \**wad-dop* 'grey grebe', with some allusion to the bird's habits or appearance.

**Early bearers:** Stepho Wadup, 1296, Johne Wadop, 1327, Johe Wadup, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donnington, Sussex); Iohanni Warhoppe [*sic*], 1361, identical with Iohanne Wadop, 1366 in *Luffield Charters* (Lillingstone Lovell, Bucks); Edward Wadupp, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sulgrave, Northants); John Wadhoope, 1582 in *Subsidy Rolls* (All Hallows in Honey Lane, London); Elizabeth Waddoppe, 1599 in *IGI* (Swanbourne, Bucks); Alice Waddope, 1602 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Anthony Wadup, 1614 in *IGI* (Clapham, Beds); Richard Waddopp, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Finmere, Oxon); Richard Waddup, 1637 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks).

### Waddy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and S Wales

English: see **Wadey**.

### Wade

**Variants:** Wadd, Wedd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15557, Ireland 1269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11903
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin; Galway

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wade* (Old English *Wada* or, via Norman French, from Continental Germanic *Wado*). Compare **Wadeson**. Some surname early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wada, Wade, Wado, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wade de Langad, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Wade le fol, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*.

surnames: Godwin Wade, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Gilbert Wade, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Juliana Wade, 1284, Hugh Wade, 1350 *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Johannes Wade, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Johannes Wade, 1538 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Robti. Wade, 1538 in *IGI* (Pirton, Worcs); Richard Wade, 1541 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Cecillie Wade, 1542 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Wade, 1545 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Jams Wade, 1546 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Susanna Wade, 1562 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name, either topographical from Middle English *wade* 'ford' (Old English (*ge*)*wæd* 'ford, especially a tidal crossing') or toponymic from a place so called, such as Wade Hall in North Cove (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ordmar de la Wade, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard del Wade, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas atte Wade, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Haytor hundred, Devon); Johannes del Wade, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caverswall, Staffs).

3 Irish: from Mac Uaid, see **McQuaid**.

### Wadeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Wadley**.

### Wadell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Stirlings; Cumb; London

Scottish: see **Waddell**.

### Wademan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wadman**.

### Wader

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: occupational name from Old French *wesdier*, *waisdier*, *quesdier* 'woad merchant' or 'dyer using woad', a word that fell together with Old English \**wādere*. The latter became Middle English *wōdere*, which should give a surname *Woader* or *Woder*, rather than *Wader*. However, this would

have been indistinguishable from Middle English *wodere* 'woodman', as in Andr' le Wodere, 1275 in *Fransson* (Sussex), which may explain the retention of the older spelling. Compare **Wadman**.

**Further information:** Robert le Woder de Merthone is identical with Robert de Merthone, wayder, 1276 in *London Letter Books B* (London).

**Early bearers:** William le Waisdier, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Erkenbald Wesdier, le Waisder, le Weisdier, le Waisdier, 1191–98 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Alan le Wader, le Weider 1227–37 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Reiner le Waider, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thorald de Caston le Wader, 1290 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); William Wader, 1707 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Wader, 1745 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Wader, 1780 in *IGI* (Leathley, WR Yorks); Tho'S. Wader, 1797 in *IGI* (West Chilton, Sussex); Thomas Wader, 1820 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Wadeson

**Variants:** Waidson, Waddison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 441, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 262

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs  
English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Wade** + *-son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wadesone, 1303 in *Patent Rolls* (Caldbeck, Cumb); Bridgett Wadeson, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Waydson, 1574 in *Boston Assembly Minutes* (Lincs); Wm. Wadeson, 1583 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs); John Waidson, 1593 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Tobias Waidson, 1614 in *Bardsley*; Ann Waidson, 1631 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Wadeson, 1633 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Jacobi Waideson, 1643 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Wadeson, 1697 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs).

### Wadey

**Variants:** Waddy, Wady

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1009, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 463
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Surrey

1 English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Wady*, a pet form of **Wade**. (ii) in N England, alternatively a reduced form of **Walthew**. Compare Scottish **Wadie**, **Waldie**.

**Further information:** The 1377 and 1379 examples from Herefs and Oxon may be from *Wadin*, an attested pet form of Continental Germanic *Wado* and very likely used by the Normans. Compare Henricus Wadyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tillington, Burghill, and Burlton, Herefs); Johanne Wadyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); and Walterus Wadyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cary Fitzpaine, Somerset). See *Debrabandere*, at *Wadin*.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Waddy, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); William Wady, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johanne Wady, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Ricardus Wady, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Finstock, Oxon); Thoma Wady, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Pyon, Herefs); John Wady, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Margaret Waddie, 1564 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Benedict Wadie, 1566 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Willm Wadie, 1569 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Thomas Wadie, 1577 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Wadie, 1578 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks);

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Laurence Wadie, 1582 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); Christofer Waddy, 1584 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Antonij Waddey, 1619 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Edward Wadie or Wady, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Angmering, Sussex); William Wadey, 1640 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

2 English: see **Willday**.

### Wadge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Durham

English: perhaps a variant of **Watch**.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Wadge, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Germans, Cornwall); Margerie Wadge, 1647 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

### Wadham

Variants: **Wadhams, Waddams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Dorset and Somerset; London

English: locative name from Wadham in Knowstone (Devon).

**Further information:** Wadham College, Oxford, was founded in 1610 by Dorothy Wadham, widow of Nicholas Wadham (died 1609), a wealthy Somerset landowner.

**Early bearers:** William de Wadham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Molland, Devon); John Wadham, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Wadham, 1397 in *Hylle Cartulary* (Somerset); Walter Wadham, clerk, 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon and Somerset); John Wadham, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Merifield, Somerset); William Wadham, 1508 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Sturminster Marshall, Dorset); Margareta Wadeham, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Ilminster, Somerset); Johes Wadham, 1563 in *IGI* (Marshfield, Gloucs); Dorothie Wadham, 1574 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Thomas Waddam, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Marshfield, Gloucs); William Wadham, 1606 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset); Dorothy Wadham, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Edge, Devon); Robert Wadham, 1756 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 341; *Place-Names of Dorset 2*, p. 50.

### Wadhams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 317, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Warwicks; Northants

English: variant of **Wadham** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Wadhwani

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

Indian, Pakistani: Muslim and Hindu, from *Wadhwa* (an ancestral name) + *-ani*, an adjectival suffix denoting derivation from (i.e. 'descendant of'). **Further information:** This name is found mainly among people from Sind, Pakistan.

### Wadie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Waldie**.

### Wadington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Waddington**.

### Wadkin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 175
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Lancs

English: see **Watkin**.

### Wadkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Watkins**.

### Wadland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Wadland Barton in Ashbury (Devon) or Wadland in Liskeard (Cornwall).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Wadelond, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Jeminianus de Wadelond, parson of the church of Asshebury, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Ashbury, Devon); Edmund Wadland, 1573 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Wadland, 1584 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); William Wadland, 1588 in *PROB 11* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 126.

### Wadleigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Wadley**.

### Wadley

Variants: **Wadeley, Wadleigh, Wadlow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 716, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 579
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and London; Gloucs, Worcs and Herefs

1 English: (i) locative name from Wadley in Faringdon (Berks) or perhaps from Whatley (Somerset), Whately in Kingsbury (Warwicks), Wheatley (Oxon), or Wheatley in Rayleigh (Essex), with voicing of the *-t-*. Wheatley often appears as *Watelegh* in the medieval records. See **Wheatley**. (ii) in SE England *Wadley* may alternatively be a post-medieval variant of **Wadlow**.

**Early bearers:** William de Wadleg', 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex and Herts); Nicholas de Wadelegh, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Roger de Wadeley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); William Wadley, 1564 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); George Wadeley, 1565 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Elyn Wadley, 1581 in *IGI* (Cropton, Worcs); Jone Wadley, 1586 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Jhon Wadeley, 1589 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs); Thomas Wadeley, 1590 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Anne Wadley, 1594 in *IGI* (Chelmarsh, Shrops); Anne Wadley, 1621 in *IGI* (Whaddon, Gloucs); Thomas Wadley, 1733 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs); Jonathan. Wadley, 1786 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 367–8.

2 English: locative name from Wadley in Witton le Wear (Durham).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Waddeleya, about 1200 in *Durham Place-Names* (Durham); Emma de Wadley, 1374 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Durham); William Wadley, 1562 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham); Thomas Wadly, 1627 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham).

**References:** *Durham Place-Names*, p. 131.

### Wadlow

Variants: **Waddelow, Wadley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Shropshire; Norfolk

English: (i) locative name from a lost place, in some cases no doubt *Wadlow* in Toddington (Beds). Other possibilities include Wadloo Farms in West

Wratting (Cambs), on record as *Wadeloweweeye* in 1319 and *Wadloo Field* in 1605, though it is unknown whether this was an inhabited place in the period of surname formation. The name in Suffolk or Norfolk may be from an unidentified place there. (ii) perhaps a variant of **Wadley**, particularly in the case of the Shrops name.

**Early bearers:** John de Wadelaw', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Robert de Wadelone (for de Wadeloue), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wood Walton, Hunts); Willelmus Wadeloue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blo Norton, Norfolk); Margaret Wadelow, 1551 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Edmund Wadelowe, 1558 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Thomas Wadilow, 1582 in *IGI* (Ickworth, Suffolk); John Wadlo, 1584 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Robert Wadloe, 1588 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds); Mary Waddelow, 1603 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Amye Waddelowe, 1617 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Margaret Waddeloue, 1624 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); William Wadlow, 1627, Thomas Wadlo, 1682 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); George Wadlow, 1667 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Elizabeth Wadlow, 1677 in *IGI* (Detling, Kent); John Wadlow, 1794 in *IGI* (Southery, Norfolk); Mary Wadlow, 1812 in *IGI* (Easthope, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 138–9; *Place-Names of Cambs*, pp. 122–3.

### Wadman

Variants: **Wademan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *wade-man* 'woad-seller, or dyer who uses woad'. Compare Richard de Norham, waddeman, 1375 in *York Freeman's Register* (York). See also **Wader**. **Further information:** Woad, a blue dye-stuff obtained from the leaves of the woad plant, *Isatis tinctoria*, was in great demand in the Middle Ages. Compare the extinct surname *Woadster*, as in William le Wadster, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Symon le Wademan, 1296 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); Johannes Wademan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hexthorpe and Balby, WR Yorks); William Wadman, 1417 in *Fransson* (Yorks); William Wadman, 1574 in *IGI* (Horsington, Somerset); Edward Wadman, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Rowley, Wilts); Susan Wadman, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Farleigh Hungerford, Somerset).

**References:** *Fransson*, pp. 107–8.



**Wadmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Kent

English: variant of **Whatmore** with voicing of *-t-* to *-d-*.

**Further information:** The name may sometimes have been an inverted spelling of *Wadmough*, a variant of **Watmough**. Compare Robert Wadmough, 1518, Richard Watmore, 1580 and 1616 (Stevington, Beds), both cited in *Wadmores of London*; William Wadmore, 1690 in *IGI* (Riseley, Beds), Jane Wadmough, 1708 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds).

**Early bearers:** John Wadmoore, 1626, Thomas Watmore, 1691 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Elizabeth Wadmore, 1628 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Cristopher Wadmore, 1640 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); John Wadmoore, 1764 in *IGI* (Newchurch, IoW).

**Wadsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Wadsley in Sheffield (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Osbert de Waddeslega, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Waddeslay, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Robert de Waddesley, 1310 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Waddeslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); William Waddisley, 1481 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); William Wadesley, 1487 in *York Registry Wills* (Warsop, Notts); Thomas Wadsley, 1569 in *IGI* (West Torrington, Lincs); Edward Wadsley, 1576 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Willm. Wadsley, 1676 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, pp. 213–14.

**Wadsworth****Variants:** **Wordsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4034, Ireland 63
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4133
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: locative name from Wadsworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Waddeswrth, 1275 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardus de Waddesworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes de Wadesworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Haworth, WR Yorks); Thomas de Waddesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Settle, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Waddesworth, Agn' Waddesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middop, WR Yorks); Edward Wadsworth, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, Yorks); Hughe Wadsworth, 1571 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lincs).

**Wadworth****Variants:** **Woodworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Wadworth (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Elias de Waddewurth', 1202, Hugh de Waddeworth', 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Thomas de Wadworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Wadworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Mathew Wadworth, 1568 in *IGI* (Ottringham, ER Yorks); John Wadworth, 1606

in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Willm. Wadworth, 1608 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire).

**Wady**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent; also Warwicks

English: see **Wadey**.

**Wafer****Variants:** **Waferer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 114
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English, Irish: occupational name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *wafre* 'waferer', i.e. a maker or seller of wafers or thin cakes. *Wafre* was reduced to *Wafre* or *Wafer* to avoid the awkward repetition of the *-r-*. The post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Further information:** Waferers sold sweet spiced cakes, but they were also concerned with the provision of wafers for the eucharist.

**Early bearers:** England: Simon le Wafre, le Wafrer, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); Simon le Wafrer, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Ralph le Waverer, about 1227, Ralph le Wafrur, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Yorks); John le Wafrer, 1300–1 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Ricardus le Waferer, 1315 in *Daventry Priory Cartulary* (Northants); Isabella Waferer', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Rogerus Waffrer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Foxton, Leics); Radulphus Wafrou, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Margareta Wafer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Ibota Waferer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Francis Wafer, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Alice Wafer, 1582 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs); John Wafer, 1583 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); Jn Wafer, 1637 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); Ezekiel Wafer, 1763 in *IGI* (Burton by Lincoln, Lincs).

Ireland: Robert le Wafre, 1278 in *CDI* §1470; William Wafre, 1292 in *CDI* §1094 (Corbally, Dublin); William Wafere, 1292 in *CDI* §1094; Alice le Wafere, 1292 in *CDI* §1094; Henry Wafre, 1293 in *CDI* §21 (Dublin); Henry le Waffre, 1293 in *CDI* §21; Thomas Wafre, abbot, 1539 in *Fiants Henry* §76 (Meath); Roger Wafre, gent., 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1835 (the Navon, Meath); Lucas Wafer, 1596 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5995 (Adamston, Queen's County [Laois]).

2 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Waifar*, *Waifer*, Old French *Gaifier*, of Continental Germanic origin.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus filius Waifier, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Waifer, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Richard Wafir, Richard Waifer, Robert Waifer, 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Ranus Wayfer, 1267 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Waiffer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langley Michael, Wilts).

**Wager**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 795
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Gloucs

Norman, English: nickname, occupational name from an Anglo-Norman French variant of *gaugeor* 'gauger (official who measured liquids)', or of *gag(e) ure* 'bet, wager'. Compare **Gager**, though the

evidence for that suggests more strongly an occupational name.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Waygor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmsall, WR Yorks); Willelmus Wagur', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Elmsall, WR Yorks); Ricus Wager, 1540 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Edward Wager, 1545 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Clemence Wager, 1546 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Rychard Wager, 1549 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Richard Wager, 1584 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Prisscila Wager, 1654 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex).

**Wagg****Variants:** **Wagge, Wegg, Wedge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 886, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 699
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs, Notts, and Derbys

1 English: (i) nickname; apparently a nickname from the Middle English verb *waggen* (Old English *wagian*) 'to shake, tremble, stagger, waver, or vacillate' or 'to move (something) to and fro, up and down (etc.)'. The name may be an elliptical form of longer nicknames involving this verb; see **Waple**, **Waghorn**, and **Wagstaff**. (ii) nickname; alternatively *Wagge* may have the noun sense 'a mischievous boy', which is not recorded until the mid 16th century, but was probably in colloquial use considerably earlier.

**Early bearers:** Walter Wagge, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Wagg', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbert Wagge, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Bartholomei Wagge, 1543 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Richard Wagge, 1563 in *IGI* (Edenham, Lincs); Thomas Wagg, 1581 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Kathryn Wagg, 1596 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); John Wagg, 1606 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Thomas Wagg, 1681 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name from Middle English \**wagge* 'marsh, quaking bog', a word found only in place-names, related to the verb *waggen* 'to move or shake'.

**Early bearers:** Henry atte Wagge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

**References:** *Löfvenberg*, p. 218.

**Wagge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Wagg**.

**Waggett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 246
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Yorks, and Durham

N English: see **Waggott**.

**Waggitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- N English: see **Waggott**.

**Waggot**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; also Westm
- N English: see **Waggott**.

**Waggott**

Variants: **Waggot, Waggett, Waggitt, Walgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 475, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

N English: (i) variant of **Wackett** with voicing of medial /k/ to /g/. (ii) nickname; an alternative possibility in NE England is an unrecorded Middle English word \**wagge-hed* from Middle English *waggen* ‘to wag’ + *he(ve)d* ‘head’; *waggen with the hed* meant ‘to nod’; also, nod in a coquettish or provocative manner’ *MED*. Absence of any known medieval bearers of the name is a difficulty but Thomas Waghepol, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, and Rogerus Waghpoll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud, Hants), may provide evidence of a comparable name, if these are for ‘wag poll (head)’ and not for ‘wag pole’.

**Early bearers:** John Waget, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Elizabetha Waggitt, 1623 in *IGI* (Patrick Brompton, NR Yorks); Roger Waggott, 1643 in *PROB 11* (Muchelney, Somerset); John Waggitt, 1657 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); John Waggott, 1661 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Ralph Waggott, 1672 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Ralph Waggot, 1760 in *IGI* (Heversham, Westm); Anne Waggot, 1771 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); John Waggott, 1777 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

**Waghorn**

Variants: **Waghorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1344, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, Sussex

English: nickname evidently from Middle English *waggen* ‘to wag’ + *horn* ‘horn’, perhaps an occupational nickname for a hornblower (i.e. as a watch keeper or a huntsman; see **Hornblower**) or perhaps a ribald nickname with sexual connotations. **Early bearers:** England: Roger Waggehorn, 1332, [...] Waghorn, 1348 in *Kent Place-Names* (Washlingstone hundred, Kent); John Waghorne, citizen and brewer, 1444 in *London Wills* (Saint Andrew Undershaft, London); Thomas Waghorne, 1513–14 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Edward Waghorne, 1514 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Richard Waghorne, trugger, 1565 in *Assize Rolls* (Speldhurst, Kent); Henry Wagehorne, 1598 in *Kent History Centre* (Iden, Sussex); Mary Waghorn, 1605 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Johannis Waghorn, 1679 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent).

Scotland: Peter Waghorne, 1357 in *Black* (Dumbarton).  
**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 185.

**Waghorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 269
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: see **Waghorn**.

**Wagland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; also London

English: locative name from a lost place called *Wagland* in Dunster (Somerset), which is recorded as *Wageland* in 1348 and *Waggelond* in 1430 (*Somerset Archives*), or from *Wagland* in Diptford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Waglande, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); William Wagland, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Wishford, Wilts); William Wagland, 1665 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 301.

**Wagner**

Variants: **Wegner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1577, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 609
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a carter or cartwright, from an agent derivative of German *Wagen* ‘cart, wagon’.

**Further information:** The family name became established in Britain with the arrival, from the 16th century onwards, of German miners who came to Cumberland and Westmorland to work on the extraction of copper, lead, silver, and other minerals. The German surname is also found in Scandinavia, the Netherlands, eastern Europe, and elsewhere as well as in German-speaking countries.

**Early bearers:** Dutch and German: Richard Wagner, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Holy Cross, Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Wagner, 1710 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds); Melchior Henry Wagner, 1749 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Charles Gustave Louis William Wegener, 1837 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Rudolph Ludwig Leopold Wagner, 1854 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Heinrich Wagner, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey); August Wagner, shopkeeper, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Fritz Wagner, born in Saxony, in *Census 1881* (Edmonton, Middx); Eberhardt Wagner, born in Württemberg, in *Census 1881* (Bradford, WR Yorks); Franz Wagner, domestic servant, born in Vienna, Austria, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Otto Wegner, confectioner, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Gustav Alwin Wagner, head waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Boscombe, Hants).

Jewish: Abraham Wagner, boot maker, born in Holland, in *Census 1871* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Hy Wegner, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Surrey); Lazarus Wagner, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon Wagner, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Isaac Wagner, tailor’s machinist, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Davis Wagner, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London); David Wagner, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Israel Wagner, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Sam Wagner, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bethnal Green, Middx); born in Russia, *Census 1911* (WR Yorks).

**Wagstaff**

Variants: **Wagstaffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4574, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3474
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, N Midlands, W Midlands; Beds

English, Scottish: nickname probably for a beadle, literally one who wagged a staff or rod. It may also have been a ribald nickname: compare **Waghorn**;

*Wagpole* under **Waple**; Walter Waggespere, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); and **Shakespeare**.

**Early bearers:** William Waggestaf, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Robert Waggestaff, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Thoma Waggestaffe, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dishforth, NR Yorks); Willelmo Waggestave, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Colburn, in Catterick, NR Yorks); Robertus Wagstaff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Norfolk); Johannes Waggestaf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby with members, Northants); Ricardus Wagstaff, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Thomas Wagstaffe, 1545 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex); Agnes Wagstaff, 1549 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); Hen. Wagstaffe, 1550 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Ellen Wagstaff, 1576 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Tho. Wagstaff, 1577 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Lewis Wagstaffe, 1576 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Katherin Wagstaff, 1579 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent); Thomas Wagstaffe, 1582 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Ralphe Wagstaff, 1595 in *IGI* (Peckleton, Leics); Georgius Wagstaffe, 1596 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Robertus Wagstaff, 1596 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Richardi Wagstaff, 1606 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwick); Dorotheie Wagstaffe, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Richard Wagstaff, 1617 in *IGI* (Bishampton, Worcs); Henrie Wagstaff, 1621 in *IGI* (Podington, Beds); Tho. Wagstaff, 1625 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Alice Wagstaff, 1689 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Wagstaffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 718, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 413
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Wt Yorks and N Midlands
- English: see **Wagstaff**.

**Wah**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 華, see **Hua** (1).

**Wahab**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *wahhāb* ‘giver’.

**Further information:** *al-wahhāb* ‘the All-giver’ is one of the attributes of Allah, and gives rise to the compound personal name ‘*Abdul-wahhāb*’ ‘servant of the All-giver’.

**Waheed**

Variants: **Wahid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 997, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: from an Arabic personal name based on *wahīd* ‘unique, matchless’.

**Wahid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Waheed**.

**Wai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 懷 (**Huai** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘miss, yearn for’ in Chinese: (i) said to be borne by descendants of the legendary king Wu Huai Shi (無懷氏), who lived prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) possibly from the place-name *Huai* (懷), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) originally granted to Tang Shu Yu, son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). (iii) possibly from *Huai* (懷), the posthumous title of Chu Huai Wang (楚懷王) (died 296 BC). (iv) possibly adopted in place of another Chinese surname, Wei (隗). (v) possibly traced back to Song Wei Zi, the founder of the state of Song.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 韋 and 衛, see **Wei** (3) and (4).

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 惠, see **Hui** (1).

### Waide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Irish: from Mac Uaid, see **McQuaid**.

### Waidson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wadeson**.

### Waigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; NR Yorks
- English: see **Way**.

### Waight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 454
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
- English: see **Waite**.

### Wailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 290
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb; WR Yorks
- English: see **Wales**.

### Wain

Variants: **Waine, Wayne, Wane, Waines**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3640, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2497
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Leics; also Lancs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wain* ‘wagon’, probably a nickname denoting someone who drove a wagon or built wagons. Compare **Wainer** and **Wainwright**.

**Early bearers:** John Wayn, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Wayn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Middle Barton and Steeple Barton, Oxon); Willelmus Wayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Roberto Wayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton Curlieu, Leics); Christina Wayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); Richard Wayn, 1386 in *London Pleas* (London); Thomas Wayn, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Christopher Wayne, 1551, Raph Wain, 1681 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Richard Wayne, 1568 in *IGI* (Dunstable, Beds); Robert Wayne, 1584 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Henrie Waine,

1589 in *IGI* (Kempford, Gloucs); Francys Wayne, 1592 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Thomas Wane, 1607 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Johis. Wane, 1610 in *IGI* (Urswick in Furness, Lancs); Thomas Wain, 1633 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Margaret Wain, 1669 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall).

2 English: occasionally a variant of **Wawne** with the Middle English diphthong /au/ simplified to /a:/. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in Swaledale, the following spellings are found in a sequence of wills dating between 1542 and 1580 for a family at Low Whitaside in Grinton (NR Yorks): *Wawne, Waune, Waine, Wane*.

**Early bearers:** John Wayne or Wawyne of Waghene, 1550 in *York Registry Wills* (Wawne, ER Yorks).

### Waid

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Want**.

### Waide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Want**.

### Waine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1051, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 741
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: see **Wain**.

### Wainer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: occupational name from Middle English *wainer* ‘wagon driver’.

**Early bearers:** Walter the Wayner, about 1230 in *Gloucester Records* (Gloucs); Margeria Wayner, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southam, Warwicks); Henry le Wayner, 1381 in *London Pleas* (London); Robart Wainer, 1553 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Henry Wayner, 1584 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Richard Wainer, 1678 in *IGI* (Tuxford, Notts); Joh Wainer, 1724 in *IGI* (Aslackby, Lincs); Wm. Waner, 1744 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).  
References: *Thurresson*, p. 94.

### Waines

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks

English: variant of **Wain** (2) with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Mary Waines, 1703, Robt. Waynes, 1711 in *IGI* (Leconfield, ER Yorks).

### Wainwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Suffolk

English: see **Wainwright**.

### Wainhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 118
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *wain-hous* ‘wagon house’, perhaps for a waggoner. Compare **Wainman**.  
**Early bearers:** William le Weynhous [sic], 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics); William atte Waynhous, William othe Waynhous, 1333, Roger de le Waynhous, 1355 in *Kristensson, Topographical* (Leics); Petrus de Waynhouse, Thomas del Waynhouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Edward Wainhouse, 1584, Edward Waynhowse, 1618, John Waynehouse, 1656 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); Susanna Wainhouse, 1601 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Wainman

Variants: **Whenman, Wenman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 632, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 369

• **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks  
English: occupational name from Middle English *wain-man* ‘wagon-driver’.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Waynman, 1281 in *Patent Rolls*; Roger Waynman, 1294 in *Bolton Priory Compotus* (WR Yorks); John Waynman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Helya le Waynman, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Skelton, NR Yorks); Johanne Wenneman, Johanne Weneman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barling, Essex); Thomas le Waynmon, 1332 in *Thurresson* (Lancs); [ . . . ] Waynman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alnwick Canongate, Northumb); [ . . . ] Waynemon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tonge, Leics); Johannes Wayneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Thornton and Nidderdale, WR Yorks); Thomas Waynman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnhill, WR Yorks); Adam Waynman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flasby, WR Yorks); Hugo Wayneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Selby, WR Yorks); Richard Waynman, 1473 in *Bolton Priory Rentals* (Eastby, WR Yorks); William Wayneman, 1524 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Eastby, WR Yorks); John Wainman, 1570 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Matthew Wainman, 1580 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Brion Wainman, 1583 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Sara Wenman, 1587 in *IGI* (Marden, Kent); Margaret Wainman, 1597 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Charles Whenman, 1769 in *IGI* (Langley Marish, Bucks); Elizabeth Whenman, 1788 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

References: *Thurresson*, p. 94.

### Wainright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Staffs

English: see **Wainwright**.

### Wainscoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wainscott**.

### Wainscot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Lancs; Hants
- English: see **Wainscott**.

### Wainscott

Variants: **Wainscot, Wainscoat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74

## Wainwright

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs; Herefs  
English: nickname from Middle English *waynescot* ‘wainscot’ (a word of uncertain etymology), which originally denoted superior quality oak boarding imported from the Continent. The surname presumably arose from a nickname for someone who imported or used such timber.
- Further information:** Early bearers: Ralph Wainscott, 1729 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); James Wainscott, 1751, Charles Wainscoat, 1798 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); John Wainscot, 1807 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

## Wainwright

**Variants:** Wainewright, Wainright, Winwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8420, Ireland 53
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6278
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin  
English: occupational name from Middle English *wain-wright* ‘wagon-builder, cart-maker’ (Old English *wægn-wyrhta*).
- Early bearers:** Ailmar Wanwrecthe, 1237 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); Adam the Waynwrith, 1285 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard le Waynwright, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Alan le Waynwright, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Henricus le Waynwryght, Robertus Waynwryght, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hale, Lancs); Agnes Wainright, 1542 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Johan Wainwright, 1560 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Joan Wainwright, 1564 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Thomas Wainewright, 1573 in *IGI* (Holt, Worcs); Peter Waynwright, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Ufford, Northants); Francis Wainewright, 1578 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); George Winwright, 1709 in *IGI* (Maulden, Beds).
- References:** *Fransson*, p. 161.

## Waison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: probably a variant of **Wason**.

## Wastell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Wastell**.

## Wait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1017, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1485
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- English: see **Waite**.

## Waite

- Variants:** Wait, Waitt, Wayte, Wayt, Weait, Whate, Whaite, Whait, Waight, Weight, Waites, Wate
- **Current frequencies:** GB 9173, Ireland 129
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread; esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; also Down
  - 1 Norman, English: (i) occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *waite* ‘watchman’, either in a castle or a town. Compare Parisian Old French *g(u)aite*, for which see **Gait**. (ii) *Wait* may sometimes be a late form of **Wheat**; compare spellings of *whete* ‘wheat’ in *MED*. (iii) see also **White**.

- Further information:** The town waits sometimes combined the functions of watchmen and musicians through being trumpeters or pipers (*Salzman, Life*).
- Early bearers:** Ailward Waite, 1170–87 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Roger le Wayte, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Hugh le Waite, 1241 in *Pontefract Chartulary* (Healough, WR Yorks); Hugh le Weyt, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Roger le Wate, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Henhurst hundred, Sussex); William le Wayte, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Richmond, NR Yorks); Adam le Whaite, 1349 in *London Letter Books G* (London); William Waite, 1457 in *York Registry Wills* (Bishopthorpe, WR Yorks); John Waite, 1544 in *Knaresborough Wills* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); William Waite, 1545 in *IGI* (Tittleshall, Norfolk); Richardi Waite, 1562 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Wilmote Waite, 1563 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon).- 2 Norman, English: occupational name from (*de*) *la waite* ‘(of) the watch’, with loss of *de*, as in early forms of **Battle**, **Veil**, and **Warr**. It is interchangeable with (1, i) and synonymous with **Wake**.
- Further information:** Robert la Waite, 1207, is also called Robert de la Waite, 1206, both in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex). Ralph la Waite is identical with Radulfus Vigil (Latin ‘the watchful’), 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Hants). Roger Vigil alias la Weite was a tenant of Robert de Stafford in Staffs and Warwicks, 1166 in *Domesday Descendants*.
- Early bearers:** Roger la Waite, 1197 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Ralph laweite, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); John la Wayte, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset).

## Waites

**Variants:** Waits, Wates, Whaites, Whaits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1214, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: variant of **Waite** with post-medieval excremental -s.
- Early bearers:** Wm. Waits, 1584 in *IGI* (Everton, Notts); Alisia Waytes, 1591 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Matthew Waites, 1593 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thoma Waites, 1599 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Johannes Waits, 1599 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Elizabeth Waits, 1664 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

## Waithe

**Variants:** Waythe, Wath, Wathes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 161, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shropshire and Herefs
- English: locative name, either topographical from Old Scandinavian *vað* ‘ford’, or toponymic from a place so named, such as Waithe (Lincs) and Wath (NR Yorks, WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Ioseph de Waða, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Walter del Wathe, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes atte Waythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swinton, WR Yorks); Ricardus Waith’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton, Lincs); Jhon Wathes, 1573 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs); Elizabeth Waith, 1726 in *IGI* (Monnington on Wye, Herefs).

## Waithman

**Variants:** Waitman, Wayman, Weyman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Wawicks  
English: occupational name from Old Scandinavian *veiðimann*, the oblique stem of *veiðimaðr* ‘hunter’, applied in particular to a forest outlaw.
- Early bearers:** Richard Weythman, Waitman, 1223 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Westm); Robert Waythman, 1437 in *York Freeman’s Register* (York); Margret Waithman, 1544 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Thomas Wayman or Waithman, 1612–13 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); Wilson Waithman, 1791 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Waiting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Westm, and Lancs
- English: (i) variant of **Waiton**. (ii) variant of **Wighton**.
- Early bearers:** Ralph Waiting, 1752 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Waiting, 1757 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Charles Waiting, 1789 in *IGI* (Clifton, Westm).

## Waitman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Berks
- English: see **Waithman**.

## Waiton

**Variants:** Weighton, Waiting, Wighton, Wigton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- 1 English: locative name from Market Weighton (ER Yorks), which is recorded as *Wighton* in the 13th century. The current pronunciation of the place-name is /wi:tən/.
- Further information:** Confusion with **Wigton** may sometimes have occurred.
- Early bearers:** Yorks and Notts: Godfrey de Wycton’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugh de Wyghton, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmo de Wighton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes Wighton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Thomas Weghton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Anlaby with Wolfraton, ER Yorks); Willm. Wighton, 1574 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks); John Wighton, 1655 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Wighton, 1663 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); George Weighton, 1792 in *IGI* (South Scarle, Notts); Elizabeth Waiton, 1796 in *IGI* (Crathorne, NR Yorks).
- NE England: William Waiton, 1636, Isabel Wayton, 1670 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Antony Waiton, 1638 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margery Wighton, 1654 in *IGI* (Seaham, Durham); Jane Wighton, 1803, Jane Weighton, 1804 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).
- Scotland: Laurence Wichtan, tenant in Balgerscho, about 1520 in *Cupar-Angus Rental Book*; William Wichtoun, 1548 in *Brechin Register*; Elspet Wighton, 1626 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Jonat Wighton, 1652 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Weightone, 1659 in *IGI* (Alyth, Perths); Wm. Weightone, 1662 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perths); James Weightoun, 1690 in *IGI* (Auchterhouse, Angus).
- References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, pp. 229–30; *Black*, at Weighton, Wighton.
- 2 English: locative name from Wighton (Norfolk), though some of the following bearers could belong

with (1), and it is uncertain whether this surname has survived to the modern day.

**Early bearers:** Alan de Wihnton, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Alanum de Wichtun, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Wighton, Norfolk); Peter de Wihnton, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thos Wighton, 1794 in *IGI* (Tunbridge Wells, Kent).

### Waits

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- English: see **Waite**s.

### Waite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 166, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb
- English: see **Waite**.

### Wake

**Variants:** **Wakes**, **Wack**, **Watch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3308, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb, and NR Yorks; also Hants and Berks; Somerset; Norfolk

1 English: occupational name ‘(man of the) watch’, from Middle English *wak*, *wake* ‘wake, vigil, watch, period of guard duty’ (Old English *wacu*, Old Scandinavian *vaka*). It alternates with the synonymous Middle English *wache* (Old English *wacce*), hence the variant **Watch**. The surname was also interchangeable with **Waite** (the equivalent Old French term) which, like *Wake*, was sometimes translated as Latin *vigil* ‘(one who is) watchful, alert’. When the bearers had high social status, the surname probably denoted an officer with responsibility for the security of a castle, town, or royal person. Compare **Wakeman**.

**Further information:** Hugh Wak(e) was a wealthy Norman, who in 1168 gave lands in the diocese of Bayeux, Normandy, to found the abbey of Saint-Laurent-de-Longues. The male line of his family died out in the 14th century, so the modern surname will be from other medieval families with the same name.

**Early bearers:** N England: William le Wacce, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks); Roberto Wake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Wak’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Elena Wake, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Thomae Wake, 1580 in *IGI* (Norton, Durham); William Wake, 1585 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Ralphe Wake, 1598 in *IGI* (Gilling East, NR Yorks); Robert Wake, 1617 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).

Midlands and E England: Hugo Vigil, 1133, Hugo Wac, 1153 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Hugo Wach, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry le Wake, 1298 in *London Letter Books C*; Alicia Wake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrusington, Leics); Johannes Wake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlestone, Norfolk); Annes Wake, 1539 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Roger Wake, 1569 in *IGI* (Market Deeping, Lincs). SW England: John Wacche, 1371 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Robertus Wake, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rockbeare, Devon); Johanna Wak, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fritham, Hants); Ricardo Wake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Montis, Somerset); Rogero Wake, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Somerford Keynes, Wilts); Ricardus

Wache, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Henwick, Berks); Johannes Wache, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Margery Wake, 1549 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Edwardi Wake, 1565 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Anne Wake, 1629 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks).

**References:** *Domesday Descendants*, p. 1140.

2 English: see **Wack**.

### Wakefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8304, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway
- 1 English: locative name from Wakefield (WR Yorks). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Malger de Wakefeld’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Wakefeld, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus de Wakefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Emma Wakefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hinckley, Leics); Thomas Wakefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Waltero Wakefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Christian Malford, Wilts); Willelmus Wakefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Tuddenham, Norfolk); Richard Wakefeld, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Tho. Wakefield, 1554 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); Richardi Wakefield, 1603 in *IGI* (Allerton Mauleverer, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Wakefield Lawn in Potterspurty (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Wackefeld, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Potterspurty, Northants); William Wakefeld, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Thomas Wakefyld, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Paulerspury, Northants); Robt Wakefeld, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Scaldwell, Northants); Frances Wakefield, 1670 in *IGI* (Hardmead, Bucks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 105.

### Wakeford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1013
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost place called *Wakeford* near Trotton (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Wakeford, 1235 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Johannes Wakeforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); John Wakeford’, 1541 in *Feet of Fines* (Godalming, Surrey); William Wakeforde, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Trotton, Sussex); Joane Wakeford, 1561 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Blanche Wakeford, 1572 in *IGI* (Terwick, Sussex); George Wakeford, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Binsted, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 43.

### Wakeham

**Variants:** **Wakem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1122
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; also Sussex and Middx

1 English: locative name from Wakeham in Aveton Gifford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Wakham, 1322 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); Richard Wakeham, 1566 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Alicia Wakeham, 1584 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); William Wakeham alias Wakam, 1715 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* 41 (Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 266.

2 English: locative name from Wakeham in Terwick (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Henrico de Wakeham, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dumford hundred, Sussex); Matild’ de Wakeham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Rogate, Sussex); Hugo Wakeham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Didling, Sussex); Wyllm Wakeham, 1554 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Dorcas Wakeham, 1584 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 43.

### Wakehurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Wakehurst Place in Ardingly (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Alice de Wekehurst, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Ricro de Wakehurst, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lindfield, Sussex); Johannes Wakehurst, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardingly, Sussex); Richard Wakehurst, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey and Sussex); Richard Wakehurst, 1451 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Northiam, Sussex); John Wakehurst, 1454 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 254.

### Wakelam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 314
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Worcs and Warwicks

Norman, English: variant of **Walklin**.

### Wakeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also Essex
- Norman, English: variant of **Walklin**.

### Wakeley

**Variants:** **Wackley**, **Wakley**, **Wakely**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; scattered in S England

English: (i) locative name from Wackley in Petton (Shrops), and perhaps also from Wakeley in Westmill (Herts). (ii) variant of **Wakerley**.

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Wakelegh’, 1327, Ricardo de Wakeleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hawkchurch, Dorset); Roger Wakeley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Henrico Wakeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountsorrel, Leics); Richard Wakeley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyton upon the Weald Moors, Shrops); Roger Wakeley, 1569 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); William Wakely, 1575 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Henrye Wakley, 1576 in *IGI* (Haresfield, Gloucs); Simion Wakely, 1576 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Wm. Wakeley, 1595 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Ricd. Wakley, 1601 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Thomas Wakely, 1604 in *IGI* (Chardstock, Devon); Ricardi Wakley, 1626 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Andrew Wakeley, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Atcham, Shrops); Richard Wackley, 1640 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Shrops* 5, p. 110; *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 210.

### Wakelin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1481, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1097

## Wakeling

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Oxon, Warwicks, and Staffs; Middx Norman, English: see **Walklin**.

### Wakeling

Variants: **Wakling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1774, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex
- 1 English: locative name from Great and Little Wakering (Essex), which usually appears as *Wakering* or similar in medieval documents but is recorded as *Wakelin* in 1695. This surname is well documented until the 19th century, but has now died out in the form *Wakering*, surviving instead as *Wakeling* and becoming indistinguishable from variants of (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Wakeryngge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great and Little Wakering, Essex); Johannes Wakeryngg, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Leighs, Essex); Johannes Wakryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stambourne, Essex); John Wakeryng, master of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital, 1444–5 in *Feet of Fines* (London); Thomas Wakeryng', 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Reynold Wakeringe, 1563 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex); John Wacring, 1578 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); George Wakering, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Belchamp Saint Paul, Essex); Gilbert Wakeringe, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Rickmansworth, Herts); John Wakeringe, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Ely, Cambs); Dionysius Wakering, 1655 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Esther Wakering, 1806 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 203.

2 Norman, English: see **Walklin**.

### Wakely

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 491
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Dorset and Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth; Tipperary
- English: see **Wakeley**.

### Wakem

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Wakeham**.

### Wakeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1645, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 903
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs; Middx and Kent

English: occupational name from Middle English *wakeman* 'watchman, town guard', also 'municipal officer responsible for night-time security and the town musicians'.

**Further information:** *Wakeman* was the title of the chief magistrate of the borough of Ripon until 1604, when it was changed to mayor. He was the head of the body of wakemen whose duty was to blow a cow's horn every night at nine o'clock. If between then and sunrise any burglary took place, it was made good at the public charge. See also **Walkman**, **Watchman**, and **Watchorn**.

**Early bearers:** William Wakeman, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard le Wakeman, 1225–50 in

*Dublin Documents*; Alan le Wakeman, 1294–5 in *Mansfield Rentals* (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts); Henry Wakeman, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Newark, Notts); Johannes Wakeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Whitsbury, Wilts); Johannes Wakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodbastwick, Norfolk); Johannes Wakeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks); Ricardo Wakeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johannes Wakeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stow on the Wold, Gloucs); Gilbert Wakeman, 1435 in *Patent Rolls* (Basildon, Berks); John Wakeman, 1539 in *IGI* (East Horn, Worcs); Alice Wakeman, 1602 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); Edward Wakeman, 1628 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

### Wakenshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: see **Walkinshaw**.

### Waker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 132
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *waker* 'watchful, vigilant' (Old English *wacor*). (ii) perhaps sometimes a variant of **Walker**.

**Early bearers:** William Waker, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Richard le Waker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberto Wakere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Thomas Waker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Johannes Waker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brampton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Alicia Waker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Willelmus Waker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Peper Harow, Surrey); Thomas Waker, 1547 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); John Waker, 1560 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thomas Waker, 1567 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Wm. Waker, 1572 in *IGI* (Midhurst, Sussex); James Waker, 1574 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Lyonel Waker, 1613 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks).

### Wakerell

Variants: **Wackrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Wakerild* (Old English \**Wacerhild*, formed from *wacor* 'watchful' + *hild* 'war'; compare Continental Germanic *Wagarhilt*). **Early bearers:** given names: Wakerilda, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN* (London); Wekerild, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Wakerilde, 1190–1202 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); Wakerilda, 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Middx). surnames: William Wakerild, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk); Justinus filius Wakerild, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Osbert Wakerild, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Agnete Wakerild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nazeing, Essex); William Whaykrille, 1374 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Middx); Rycharde Wakerell, 1562, Elisabeth Wakerill, 1594, Joane Wakerill, 1627 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Margery Wakerell, 1576 in *IGI* (Chelsfield, Kent); John Wakerell, 1592 in *IGI* (Harting, Sussex).

### Wakerley

Variants: **Wakerly**, **Wakeley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 120
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts
- English: locative name from Wakerley (Northants). **Early bearers:** Richard de Wakerle, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Henrico de Wakerle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Rutland); Thomas de Wakerle, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wothorpe, Northants); Willelmus de Wakerle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wakerley, Northants); Robertus Wacurle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Coston, Leics); Henrico Wakyrle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langton, Leics); Henricus Wakerle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodford, Northants); Johannes Wakerlee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Johis Wakerley, 1562 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs); Philippe Wakerly, 1628 in *IGI* (Long Clawson, Leics); Sophia Wakerley, 1794 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts). **References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 172–3.

### Wakerly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics
- English: see **Wakerley**.

### Wakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Wake** with post-medieval excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** Thomas Wakes, 1542 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Mary Wakes, 1631 in *IGI* (South Tatton, Devon); Esther Wakes, 1679 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Peter Wakes, 1704 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Jane Wakes, 1733 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Eliz. Wakes, 1738 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Wakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Wakeley**.

### Wakling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Wakeling**.

### Walbancke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Wallbank**.

### Wallbank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 406
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Wallbank**.

### Walbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Monmouths  
English: see **Walby**.

### Walborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

English: see **Walburn**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Walbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Walburn**.

### Walbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Walburn**.

### Walbran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Walburn**.

### Walbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Wallbridge**.

### Walbrook

**Variants:** **Walbrooke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Somerset

English: locative name from Walbrook (a district in the City of London).

**Early bearers:** Albino de Walebroc, 1197 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Middx); Richard de Walebrok, 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Walbroke, 1362 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Gloucs); John Walbrooke, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Deptford, Kent); Mary Wallbrooke, 1695 in *IGI* (Rochester, Kent); Elizabeth Wallbrooke, 1700 in *IGI* (Smethcott, Shrops); John Walbrook, 1700 in *IGI* (Saint John the Baptist Walbrook, London); James Walbrook, 1709 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

### Walbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Walbrook**.

### Walburn

**Variants:** **Walbourn, Walbourne, Walborn, Walbran**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Walburn in Downholme (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Herveo de Walburn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Walburn in Downholme, NR Yorks); Johanne de Walbrun, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Healey in Masham, NR Yorks); John Walbourn, 1626 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Francis Walburn, 1656, Jennet Walbran, 1759 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Margery Walbourne, 1720 in *IGI* (Wath by Ripon, NR Yorks); William Walbran, 1744 in *IGI* (Topcliffe by Thirsk, NR

Yorks); James Walburn, 1761 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 270.

2 English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Walebron*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walebrun, about 1155 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

surnames: Robert Walebrun, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Walebron, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Walbroun, 1375 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Thomas Walbroun, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Walburn, 1819 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Caroline Matilda Walbourn, 1846 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Walby

**Variants:** **Walbey, Waby, Woby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 460, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 271

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Northumb; Herts

1 English: locative name from Walby in Crosby on Eden (Cumb). As with the name in (2), the /l/ must have been vocalized to /u/ in Middle English, giving \**Wauby*, then *Waby* through simplification of the diphthong.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Walby, 1292, [ . . . de] Waleby, 1306 in *Place-Names of Cumb* (Cumb); William de Walby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hayton, Cumb); Willelmus Walby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); [ . . . ] de Walby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Thomas Wabie, 1580, Magdalene Walbey, 1618 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); John Walby, 1684 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Barbary Waby, 1713 in *IGI* (Hebron, Northumb); Alexander Walby, 1719 in *IGI* (Alwinton, Northumb); James Walby, 1774 in *IGI* (Darlington, Durham); Jane Wabie, 1790 in *IGI* (Glanton, Northumb); John Woby, 1840 in *IGI* (Brampton, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, p. 76.

2 English: locative name from Walesby (Lincs), recorded as *Waleby* in 1196. It is in fact a variant of the less common **Walesby**. For the name in Herts compare John Walesby, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts). **Further information:** There is no evidence that this name is a variant of **Waudby**, as supposed by Reaney.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Walebi, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Walby, 1341 in *Lincs Royal Inquest* (Lincs); Johannes Walby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); Ricardo Walby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bagworth, Leics); Thomas de Walby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Edwardi Wabye, 1577 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts); Roberte Walby, 1580 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk); Willmi. Waby, 1583 in *IGI* (Thorpe Market, Norfolk); Ana Waby, 1596 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); Thomas Walby, 1605 in *IGI* (Wheatthampstead, Herts); Phillip Walby, 1609 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); George Walby, 1613, Anne Waby, 1654 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); Alice Wauby, 1651 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Wm. Woby, 1771 in *IGI* (Redgrave with Botesdale, Suffolk); Hannah Waby, 1788 in *IGI* (Hackthorn, Lincs); Thos. Woby, 1810 in *IGI* (South Lopham, Norfolk); Mary Woby, 1818 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs).

### Walbyoff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Norman, English, Welsh: locative name from Elbeuf-sur-Andelle or Elbeuf-sur-Seine (Seine-Maritime Normandy), which were recorded respectively as *Wellebeuf* in 1236–44 and *Wellebuoht* in 1070–81.

**Early bearers:** Oliver de Welleboeuf, 1201–2 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts and Derbys); Geoffrey Waldebeof, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Nicholas Waldebef, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts and Dorset); John Waldebuff, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); Robert Walbeef, 1545 in *PROB 11* (Barholm, Lincs); Caroli Walbeoff, 1696 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs); John Walbeoff, 1735 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); John Walbeoff, 1782 in *IGI* (Llanarth, Monmouths); James Walbyoff, 1843 in *Parish Registers* (Blaenavon, Monmouths).

### Walch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Welsh: see **Welsh**.

### Walcock

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walcoc*, a pet form of Norman French *Walo*.

**Further information:** This surname has almost died out, having probably been absorbed by **Walcott**.

**Early bearers:** Alienora Walkoc, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Peter filius Walcoc, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Hervey Walcoc, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Walcoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ferry Fryston, WR Yorks); Thomas Walkoc, Willelmus Walcoc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goose Haddlesey, WR Yorks); Henry Walcoc, goldsmith, 1406 in *Patent Rolls*; John Walkoc, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henry Walcock, 1578 in *IGI* (Morton, Derbys); Robert Walcock, 1696 in *IGI* (Wrestlingworth, Beds); Timothy Walcock, 1766 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Walcot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: see **Walcott**.

### Walcott

**Variants:** **Walcot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 641, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Hants; Middx

English: locative name from any of the numerous places so named, such as Walcot (Somerset), Walcott (Norfolk), Walcot in Charlbury (Oxon), Walcot in Swindon (Wilts), Walcote End in Grandborough and Walcot in Haselor (both Warwicks), Walcot Lodge in Fotheringhay and Walcot Hall in Southorpe (both Northants), Walcot near Folkingham, Walcott near Billinghay, and Walcot in Alkborough (all Lincs), Walcot in Chirbury, Walcot in Wrockwardine, and Walcot in Lydbury North (all Shrops), Walcote in Misterton (Leics), Walcot in Pershore Holy Cross (Worcs), and Wawcott in Kintbury (Berks).



## Walcroft

**Further information:** This surname is frequent in Barbados and Jamaica.

**Early bearers:** Stephen de Walecote, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Warin de Walecote, 1259 in *Ronton Chartulary* (Staffs); William de Walkote, 1297, Adam de Walecote, 1306 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Walcot, 1379 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Oxon); Denefride Walcott, 1539, Homfryde Walcot, 1566 in *IGI* (Walcot near Folkingham, Lincs); Gulielmus Walcott, 1576 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); Humfrey Walcot, 1653 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops); John Walcott, 1717 in *IGI* (Havant, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of Oxon*, p. 416; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 277; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, pp. 130–1, 212; *Place-Names of Northants*, pp. 202, 242; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 134; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 297–8; *Leics and Rutland Place-Names*, p. 110; *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 221; *Place-Names of Berks*, pp. 317–18.

## Walcraft

**Variants:** Wallcroft, Wallcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from a lost place in Old Swinford (Worcs), which is recorded in 951–5 as *to wala crofte* 'to the Welshmen's croft', and in 1699 as a field name, *Wall Croft*. The surname appears in Walcroft Farm in Shelsley Beauchamp (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** William de Walcroft, 1324 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Simon Walcroft, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Thomas Walcroft, 1483 in *Birmingham Archives* (Ledbury, Herefs); Anne Walcroft, 1569 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Alicia Walcroft, 1591 in *IGI* (Leigh, Worcs); Job Walcraft, 1793 in *IGI* (South Littleton); Charlotte Woolcroft, 1793 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs).

**References:** *Cartularium Saxonicum*, no. 1023; K. Cameron (1979–80), 'The meaning and significance of Old English *walh* in English place-names', *Journal of the English Place-Name Society* 12, 1–53, at pp. 9–10; *Worcs Charter Bounds*, p. 164, item 13; Dr. Keith Briggs, personal communication.

## Walczak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: relationship name from the personal name *Walek*, a pet form of *Walenty* (Latin *Valentinus*), *Walerian*, or some other personal name beginning with *Wal-*.

## Wald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Orkney
- English: see **Would**.

## Waldby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks
- English: see **Waudby**.

## Walde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Would**.

## Waldegrave

**Variants:** Walgrove, Walgrave, Allgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Walgrave (Northants), which is recorded as *Waldgrave* in 1086.

**Further information:** A family of this name trace their descent from Sir Richard Waldegrave, speaker of the House of Commons during Richard II's reign.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Waldegrave, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Waldegrave, 1314–16 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Robert de Waldegrau, 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Flore, Northants); Thomas Waldegrave, 1375, Thomas Walgrave, 1379 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Johannes Waldegrave, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northants); Willelmo Walgrove, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leics); Richard Waldegrau, knight, 1444 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); William Walgrave, 1591 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Robert Waldegrave, 1612 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk); Willia Waldegrave, 1630 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Francis Waldegrave, 1805 in *IGI* (Burton Overy, Leics); Daniel Burton Waldegrave, 1836 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 131.

## Walden

**Variants:** Wallden, Waldin, Waldon, Wolden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2931, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2167
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Middx and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Kings Walden and Saint Pauls Walden (Herts). The name in post-medieval London and Surrey may alternatively belong with other senses below.

**Early bearers:** Godeman de Waldena, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Humphrey de Waleden, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barkway, Herts); Robertus Walden, 1544 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Mary Waldon, 1588 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); William Walden, 1591 in *IGI* (Walkern, Herts); John Walden, 1595 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Basill Wallden, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Samwell Waldin, 1627 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); William Walden, 1647 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); John Wallden, 1655 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); Thomas Waldon, 1712 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

2 English: locative name from Saffron Walden (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Humfrido de Waleden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Parndon, Essex); Thomas Walden, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Walden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); George Waldon, John Walden, 1547 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thoas. Walden, 1557, Elizabeth Waldin, 1575 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); William Walden, 1618 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

3 English: locative name from Waldon in Milton Damerel (Devon). The farm is first alluded to in the surname itself.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Waldon, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Arthur Walden, 1560 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Alice Waldon, 1579 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Thoms Waldon, 1582, John Wallden, 1688 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 153.

4 English: locative name from Walden (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Waldene, 1304 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Johannes de Walden, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedburgh, WR Yorks); Peter Wallden, 1614 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs).

## Walder

**Variants:** Wallder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1001, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 657
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 English: locative name from Middle English *\*walder*, *\*welder*, *\*wolder* 'dweller in the wooded region or upland'. See **Would** and compare **Waldman** (2). This type of formation, where the suffix *-er* is added to a topographical term, is mostly found in S England, especially in Sussex, Surrey and Kent. Apart from the single example noted with the definite article (William le Weldere, 1333), any of the bearers cited here may alternatively belong to (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Robro Walder, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sompting, Sussex); Petro Waldere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harting, Sussex); William le Weldere, 1333 in *Fransson* (Hants); William Waldere, 1333 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Johannes Waldar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Harting, Sussex); Ricardus Walder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Apsley, Sussex); John Walder, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Sevenoaks, Kent); Thomas Walder, 1542 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); John Wolder, 1558 in *Sussex Wills* (Sussex); Margrett Walder, 1588 in *IGI* (Nuthurst, Sussex).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 202.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walder* (Old English *Wealdhere*).

**Early bearers:** Robert, son of Waldere, 1150–67 in *Merton Priory* (Surrey); Robertus filius Walderi, 13th cent. in *Black Book of Canterbury* (Kent); Adam filius Walderi, 13th cent. in *Missenden Cartulary* (Bucks); Adam Waldere, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Alicia Walder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bourton and Hardwick, Oxon).

## Waldern

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cumb; Devon

English: see **Waldron**.

## Waldie

**Variants:** Waldy, Waddie, Wadie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 455, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Roxburghs; also Angus; Northumb

Scottish: relationship name from the Older Scots personal name *Wal(d)ef*; compare the English form **Walthew**. The /l/ was often lost in Scots and the final syllable reduced either to /o/ or to /i/, giving it the appearance of a pet form. In NE England the Scottish name sometimes appears as *Waudie*, *Wawdey*. For the native English form of the name see **Wadey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wallef filius Arnabol, about 1153–65 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs). surnames, Scotland: Adam Waldi, 1400 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Thomas Watho,



1539 in *Black* (Kelso, Roxburghs); James Waddie, 1543 in *Midlothian Charters* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Waddo, 1567 in *Kelso Register* (Kelso, Roxburghs); George Waddie, 1599, Margaret Waddie, 1602, Bessie Wadie, 1633 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Wadie, 1599 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); John Waddy, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Archibald Wadie, 1603 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Elizabeth Waddie, 1629 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); George Waddie, 1633 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Jonett Waddie, 1639 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwick); Margaret Waldie, 1650, Jonet Wadie, 1660 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Mariorie Wadie, 1638 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Mary Waddy, 1734 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Helen Waldie, 1735 in *IGI* (Selkirk, Selkirks); John Walldie, 1742 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); James Waldy, 1747 in *IGI* (Lochlee, Angus); Issobel Wadey, 1766 in *IGI* (Maxton, Roxburghs).

urnames, England: James Waudey, 1581 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Emot Wawdie, 1590 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); George Wawdy, 1627 in *IGI* (Pittington, Durham); Alexander Waldy, 1758 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Isabella Waldie, 1763 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb).

### Waldin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Walden**.

### Walding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Welding**.

### Waldman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): from German **Waldmann** 'forest dweller'. As a Jewish name this is most probably an ornamental adoption of the German name or a handout name. Very few Jews would have been living anywhere near a forest at the time when they acquired surnames. In other cases it may be a metonymic occupational name for someone whose job was connected with forestry, for example a timber merchant.

**Early bearers:** Hans Waldman, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Islington, Middx).

2 English: nickname, locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *wald* 'forest' (see **Wold**) + *mann* 'man', denoting someone who lived in a wooded region or upland. Compare **Walder** (1). **Further information:** Unless bearers after the 14th century come to light, it may be best to assume that this English surname has died out.

**Early bearers:** William Waldeman, 1329 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cambs); Thomas Waldman, 1349 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Willelmus Waldeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Adam Waldeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks); Walterus Waldeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aylsham, Norfolk); Thoma Waldman', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 207.

### Waldo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx  
English: see **Walthew**.

**Early bearers:** Bryan Waldo, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Margaret Waldoe, 1584, Lawrence Waldo, 1591 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Ebbott Waldo, 1634 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); John Walto, 1635 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Daniell Waldo, 1659 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Daniel Waldoe, 1724 in *IGI* (Wanstead, Essex); Mary Waldo, 1735 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Frederick Waldo, 1806 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Waldock

**Variants:** **Walduck**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 860, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 462
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: apparently a variant, with loss of *-r-*, of the Yorks surname **Weldrick**, which is well evidenced in Bucks since the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Rob. Walduck, 1568 in *IGI* (Newton Longville, Bucks); Elisabeth Waldock, 1585 in *IGI* (Moulsoe, Bucks); John Waldock, 1594, Thomas Walduck, 1628 in *IGI* (Bletchley, Bucks); Richard Walduck, 1607, Elizabeth Waldock, 1610 in *IGI* (Clapham, Beds); Martha Waldock, 1718, Sarah Walduck, 1721 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts).

### Waldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 316
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Middx and Kent
- English: see **Walden**.

### Waldram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 139
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Leics
- English: see **Waldron**.

### Waldren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants and Surrey; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo
- English: see **Waldron**.

### Waldridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Jersey
- English: see **Wooldridge**.

### Waldron

**Variants:** **Waldren, Walrond, Waldrum, Waldern, Waldram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5259, Ireland 972
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2608
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; W Midlands; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

1 Norman, English, Irish: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Waleran, Galeran*

(Continental Germanic *Walahrām*, Old French *Galeran(t)*). Compare **Walraven**.

**Further information:** In Ireland, where it is common, this name was Gaelicized early as **Mac Bhalronta**, also later as **Mac Bhaildirin** and **de Bhaldraithe**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Waleran, about 1135–54 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walran 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Walerannus de Crikelade, 1182, Galerannus de Crikelade, 1191, Walerandus de Crikelade, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

urnames, England: Iohannes filius Waleranni, Galerami, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); John Waleram, Walrand 1196–8, 1218–20 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Richard Walrond, 1262 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Waldron, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Matilda Walrond, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Roysa Walraunt, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); William Galeram, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Walrand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Stonesfield, Oxon); Robertus Walrond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Snibston, Leics); Willelmus Walrand, 1377, Willelmo Walronde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henset and Puthall, Wilts); Willelmo Waleron', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gilmorton, Leics); Matilda Walron', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Johanne Waleround, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holt, Berks); Gilbert Waldron, 1545 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); John Waldron, 1545 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); Margery Waldron, 1554 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); John Walronde or Walron, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Bovey, Devon); Alice Waldron, 1570 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Wm Waldron, 1572 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Humphrey Walronde or Waldron, 1580 in *PROB 11* (Sea, Somerset).

urnames, Ireland: Margreg ingen tSemuis mic Mic Balront, granddaughter of Mac Balront, 1490 in *AU*; Seon and Remunn riabhach mac Semais mic Mic Balronta, 1495 in *AU*; Oliver mcBaron McFalronte, kern, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1164 (Creanagedaghe); John mcThomas McValronte, soldier, 1602 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6627 (Clonnemea).

2 English: locative name from Waldron (Sussex), which is recorded as *Walderne* in 1197.

**Early bearers:** Julian' de Waldere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brightling and Penhurst, Sussex); Henr' Walderne, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hollington, Sussex).

### Waldrum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Angus
- English: see **Waldron**.

### Walduck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Waldock**.

### Waldwyn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Walwyn**.

### Waldy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- Scottish: see **Waldie**.

**Wale****Variants:** Whale, Wales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1594, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1417

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Wale*, Continental Germanic *Walo* (Old French *Gal*, *Galon*, a source of **Gale** and **Gallon**). Compare **Wales** (3). Many of the following surname forms may alternatively belong under (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** given names: Walo, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Sussex); Walo, Wale, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Robert Wale, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ricardus filius Wale, 1208 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); Lewin Wale, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); William Wale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Aylburton, Gloucs); Walter Wal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Walter Wale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Donington, Lincs); Johannes Wale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Thomas Wale, 1558 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Anne Wale, 1560 in *IGI* (Corley, Warwicks); Joane Wale, 1574 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Nicholas Wale, 1577 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Anne Wale, 1581 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics).

2 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *wale* 'excellent, noble, goodly'. Compare **Wheal**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *wale* (Old English *wealh*) 'foreigner, Welshman'.

**Early bearers:** Hugo le Wale, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Worcs).

3 English: (i) locative name from Middle English *wale* 'ridge, bank' (Old English *walu*). (ii) variant of **Vale**, with vocalization of initial *V-*. Compare Wido de la Val, 1190, Richard de Wale, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Laur' de la Wale, 1296, Walt'o atte Vale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lovel Barn, in Chailey, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Philip atte Wale, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upperton, Sussex); Willelmus de Wale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Slawston, Leics); Rogerus atte Wale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts).

4 English: see **Wheal**.

5 English: see **Whale**.

**Wales****Variants:** Wailes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3716, Ireland 38

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2367

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan; Antrim

1 English: (i) locative name from Wales near Sheffield (WR Yorks). The early bearers in WR Yorks are most probably from this place. (ii) locative name from Wales (the country).

**Early bearers:** Amicia de Wales, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes de Wales, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Monnington, Herefs); Willelmus Wales, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yazor, Herefs); Christiana de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wales, WR Yorks); Hugo de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crofton, WR Yorks); Cecilia de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Beatrix de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston, WR Yorks); Magota de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Treeton, WR Yorks); Johanna de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingstone, Herefs); Henrico de Wales, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainton by Langworth, Lincs).

2 Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Anglo-Norman French personal name *Wales* (see **Wale**). Compare **Gales**. The post-medieval bearers cited here may equally belong to (1) or (3). (ii) variant of **Wale** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** given names: Wales (Waleis) de Possbroc, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: Ricardus filius Wales (Walis), 1175, Ricardus filius Wales, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Elizabetha Wales, 1581 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); John Wailes, 1587, James Wales, 1612 in *Lancs Wills* (Lancs); Martha Wales, 1615 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); John Wales, 1616 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Mary Wales, 1731 in *IGI* (Moulton, Northants).

3 Norman, English: see **Wallis**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in Leeds (WR Yorks) there occur James Wallis, 1508, identical with James Wales, 1516 in *Thoresby Society* 4, and Thomas Wallis, John Wailes, 1672 in *Hearth Tax*.

**Early bearers:** William le Wales, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

**Walesby****Variants:** Walsby, Walby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Suffolk; Lincs

English: locative name from either of two places called Walesby (Lincs, Notts).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Walesbi, before 1184 in *Danelaw Documents* (Rufford, Notts, and Holme in Beckingham, Lincs); John de Walesby, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William de Walesby, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Joh'e de Walesby, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Grimston, Notts); John de Walesby, 1346, William de Walesby, 1393 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Simon de Walesby, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Walesby, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); William Walesby, clerk, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants and Essex); Cambrow Walsby, 1591 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Richard Walesby, 1616 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Marie Walsby, 1662 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Deborah Walesby, 1683 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); George Walesby, 1765 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thos Walesby, 1801, Thomas Walsby, 1817 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lincs).

**Waley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48

- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; WR Yorks

English: see **Whalley**.

**Walford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2446, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1825

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Essex and London

1 English: locative name from one or more of several places so named, such as Walford (Herefs), Walford in Leintwardine (also Herefs), Walford in Baschurch (Shrops), and possibly Walford Hall in Hampton in Arden (Warwicks), though this last may be a manorial place-name deriving from the surname.

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Valford, 1148–55 in *Herefs Place-Names* (Herefs); William de Waleford', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry de Walford, 1279 in

*Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Gilbert Walford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter de Walford', chaplain, 1383, William Walleford', chaplain, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); George Walford, 1553 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Thomas Walford, 1567 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); John Walford, 1575 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Maria Walford, 1586 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks).

**References:** *Herefs Place-Names*, pp. 127, 197; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, p. 298; 5, p. 15; *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 62.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Walford in Wimborne Minster (Dorset), which is recorded as *Walteford* in 1086, *Waldeford* in 1280, *Walford* in 1323, and *Walford* in 1535.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Walteford, 1225 in *Feet of Fines* (Dorset); [. . . de] Walteford, 1280 in *Place-Names of Dorset* (Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, pp. 189–90.

**Walgate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: (i) locative name from an unidentified or lost place called *Walgate*, probably in either Yorks or Lincs. (ii) the post-medieval bearers may alternatively represent a variant of **Waggott**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Walegate, 1298 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Walgate, chaplain, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Thomas Wallgat, 1568 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Ryc Wallgat, 1577, Gregory Walgate, 1589 in *IGI* (Wigtoft, Lincs); Elizabetha Walgate, 1591, Martha Wallgatt, 1654 in *IGI* (Yelling, Hunts); Robert Walgate, 1635, Petri Wallgatt, 1681 in *IGI* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Jane Wallgate, 1648, William Walgate, 1664 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 139.

**Walgrave**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Waldegrave**.

**Walgrove**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Waldegrave**.

**Wali****Variants:** Vali, Valli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 332, Ireland 4

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (mainly Pashto): from a personal name based on Arabic *wali* 'lord, protector, friend'. In the Ottoman Empire this word was used as a title for a local administrator; compare **Vali**.

**Further information:** In Islam, this name is sometimes interpreted as a short form of Arabic *Wali Allāh* 'friend of God', which is an epithet of the Prophet Muhammad. In Kashmir it is also found as a Hindu (Brahman) name.

**Walia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 9

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Indian (Panjab): Hindu and Sikh, unexplained.

**Walji**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Gujarat): Hindu and Muslim, comprising an unexplained first element + the honorific suffix *-ji*.

**Walk**

Variants: **Walke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name apparently from Middle English *walk* 'path, footway, place for walking'. Some of the south-western bearers cited here may belong rather to the unexplained surname **Walkey**.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Walk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Condover hundred, Shrops); William Walke, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Richard Walk, Stephen Walke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Helland, Cornwall); John Walke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lewannick, Cornwall); William Walke, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Richard Walke, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Helland, Cornwall); Thomas Walk, 1564 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Jane Walke, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); John Walke, 1592 in *IGI* (Helpringham, Lincs); William Walke, 1593, William Walk, 1621 in *IGI* (Singleton, Sussex); Walter Walke, 1623 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon); Nicholai Walke, 1628, Frederick Walk, 1703 in *IGI* (Yealmpton, Devon); Thomas Walke, 1628, John Walk, 1654 in *IGI* (Cheriton, Kent); John Walk, 1661 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Walkden**

Variants: **Walkeden, Walkerdine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1209, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1336
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Walkden in Worsley (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Walkeden, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls* (Lancs); Henrico de Walkeden, Johanne de Walkedon', 1379, Johannes de Walkedene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lancs); Ralph Walkeden, 1560, Ellen Walkden, 1562 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Richardus Walkeden, 1575 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Margret Walkedeyne, 1579 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Walkedon, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Clifton Campville, Staffs); Raph Walkedin, 1653 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Maria Walkerdine, 1732, Joseph Walkadine, 1736 in *IGI* (Sandon, Staffs); Sarah Walkedine, 1768 in *IGI* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs); Mary Walkerden, 1815 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).  
**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 41.

**Walke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Walk**.

**Walkeden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Walkden**.

**Walkem**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Woolcombe**.

**Walker**

Variants: **Waker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133929, Ireland 4922
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98570
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in N England, the Midlands, and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster
- English, Scottish: occupational name for a fuller, from Middle English and Older Scottish *walker* (Old English *wealcere*) 'one who trampled cloth in a bath of lye or kneaded it, in order to strengthen it'.

Compare **Fuller** and **Tucker**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard le Walkere, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Warwicks); Robert le Walker, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Nicholaus Walker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sheepy Parva, Leics); Johannes Walker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scamblesby, Lincs); Adam Walker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rothbury, Northumb); Willelmus Walker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ellerton with Stainton, NR Yorks); Thomas Walker', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Slaughterford, Wilts); Hugo Walker, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Johannes Walker, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Walker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Prescote, Oxon); Thomas Walker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmo Walker', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ormside, Westm); Alanus Walkar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Willelmo Walker', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Faringdon, Berks); Davidus Walkar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hinton on the Green, Gloucs); Galfridus Walker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Hugo le Walker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wistanswick, Shrops); Agnes Walker, 1538 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Edw. Walker, 1538 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Gulielmus Walker, 1538 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Eme Walker, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Isabella Walker, 1539 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Marmaduke Walker, 1539 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Agnes Walker, 1541 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Elizabeth Walker, 1541 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); John Walker, 1578 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Margaret Walker, 1578 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Katherina Walker, 1578 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); Robert Walker, 1578 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Willim Walker, 1580 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts).

Scotland: Thomas dictus Walkar, 1324 in *Cambuskenneth Register* (Berwicks); William Walkere, 1361 in *Moray Register* (Inverness); Donald Walcare, 1457 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Isbell Walker, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johne Walker, 1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alyson Walker, 1597 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); David Walker, 1599 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Issobell Walker, 1605 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margaret Walker, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elizabeth Walker, 1620 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Issobell Walker, 1620 in *IGI* (Scone, Perth).

**Walkerdine**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Walkden**.

**Walkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 307, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 237
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon
- English: unexplained. Compare **Walk**.  
**Early bearers:** William Walky, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Lewannick, Cornwall); John Walkey, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Altarnum, Cornwall); John Walky, about 1535 in *Cornwall Tinners Muster Roll* (Lewannick, Cornwall); Clement Walkey, 1539 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Stephen Walkye, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Mellion, Cornwall); William Walkye, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Lewannick, Cornwall); Stephen Walkey, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); Margarat Walkey, 1574 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

**Walkham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Woolcombe**.

**Walking**

Variants: **Walkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walkin*, which is probably a variant of *Walchelin* with dissimilatory loss of the second *-l-*. See **Walklin**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walkyn le Porter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys).

urnames: Johannes Walkeyn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Richard Walkyn, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Marazion, Cornwall); George Walkin, 1612 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Thomas Walkin, 1613 in *IGI* (Somersall Herbert, Derbys); Henry Walkin, 1675 in *IGI* (Sedbergh, WR Yorks); Wichard Walkin, 1686 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Samll Walking, 1714 in *IGI* (Chiddingly, Sussex); Henry Walking, 1773 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent).

**Walkingshaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry
- Scottish: see **Walkinshaw**.

**Walkington**

Variants: **Walkinton, Walkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 347
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name from Walkington (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** William de Walkyngton', merchant, 1380 in *Feet of Fines* (Hedon, ER Yorks); Henry de Walkyngton, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Johannes Walkington', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Thomas Walkyngton', citizen, 1412 in *Feet of Fines* (York); Richard Walkyngton, 1520 in *York Registry Wills* (Burythorpe, ER Yorks); Edmund Walkynton, 1557 in *York Registry Wills* (York); George Walkinton, 1574, Nicholaus Walkington, 1576 in *IGI* (Keelby, Lincs); Joane Walkinton, 1592 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate,

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York); Anna Walkington, 1617 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks).

### Walkins

- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs

English: variant of **Walking** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Walkins, 1583 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Walkins, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Alicia Walkins, 1605 in *IGI* (Mainstone, Shrops); Thomas Walkins, 1639 in *IGI* (Loose, Kent).

### Walkinshaw

**Variants:** Wakenshaw, Walkingshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr; also Berwicks and Northumb

Scottish: locative name from Walkinshaw in Renfrew (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Walkynschaw, 1551, Constantine Walkinschaw, 1562 in *Black*; Jean Walkingshaw, 1644 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Walkenshaw, 1647 in *IGI* (Cockburnspath, Berwicks); Issobell Walkenshaw, 1687 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jonet Walkingshaw, 1696 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Agnes Walkingshaw, 1698 in *IGI* (Paisley, Renfrews).  
England: James Walkenshaw, 1729 in *IGI* (Norham, Northumb).

### Walkinson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also London

English: probably, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, a variant of **Walkington**, influenced perhaps by the very common **Wilkinson**. The variation is illustrated in Thomas Walkinton, 1679, Jane Walkinson, 1680 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Edward Walkinson, 1584 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Thomas Walkinson, 1586 in *York Registry Wills* (Middleton, near Pickering, NR Yorks); Thomas Walkinson, 1597 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Henry Walkinson, 1700 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Walkinton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Warwick; IoM
- English: see **Walkington**.

### Walklate

**Variants:** Walklett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 345, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 227
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: nickname from Middle English *walken* 'to walk, wander, go about outdoors' + the adverb *late*, which can mean 'slowly, reluctantly' or 'in the evening'. In the days before street lighting, to go walking at dusk was not altogether safe or respectable, while nightwalking was the preserve of criminals and nightwatchmen.

**Early bearers:** William Walkelate, 1353 in *London Letter Books G* (London); John Walkelate, 1365 in *London Pleas* (London); Willelmus Walklate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Glossop, Derbys); William Walklate, 1565 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Catherina Walkelate, 1592 in *IGI* (Leigh, Staffs); Thomas Walklate, 1745 in *IGI* (Wolstanton, Staffs); John Walklett, 1788 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); Mary Ann Walklate, 1792 in *IGI* (Eynsham, Oxon); John Walklett, 1857 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon).

### Walklett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs; Oxon and Berks

English: variant of **Walklate**.

**Further information:** The shift from *Walklate* to *Walklett* seems to have taken place in the 18th century. There is no evidence to support the suggestion that the modern surname derives from the Middle English personal name *Walkelet* or *Walkelet*, Norman French double diminutives of Continental Germanic *Walho*, *Walico*.

### Walkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Walkley in Ecclesall (WR Yorks), and perhaps also from a lost or unidentified place with a similar name in southern England.

**Early bearers:** N England: Robert de Walkelay, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Walkelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

S England: Willelmo Walkeley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fivehead, Somerset); Johannes Waukeley, Ricardus Walkeley, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Robert Walkley, 1563 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Edwd. Walkley, 1580 in *IGI* (Leonard Stanley, Gloucs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 196.

### Walklin

**Variants:** Walkling, Wakelin, Wakeling, Wakelam, Wakeland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey; also Oxon

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walchelin*, *Wakelin*, a Norman French double diminutive of the Continental Germanic personal name *Walho* or *Walico*. See also **Wack**, **Walklett**, and **Walking**. The post-medieval bearers in Essex cited here may alternatively belong to **Wakeling** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Walcelin, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wauchelinus Maminot, 1157 in *Templars Records* (London); Walclinus de Normentun about 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Wakelinus de Roking, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks).  
surnames: Ricardus filius Walkelini, 1119 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Wakelin, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (London); Nicholas Walklin, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Rogerus filius Wakelin, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Chester le Street, Durham); Galfridus Walcleyn, 1279 in *Oxon Hundred Rolls* (Witney,

Oxon); Ricardus Wakelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Roberto Wakkelyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Gunner, Wilts); Robertus Wakeleyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cropredy, Oxon); Agnes Walkelyn, 1381 in *Place-Names of Essex* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); John Wakelam, 1544 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John Wakeling, 1583, John Wakelin, 1641 in *IGI* (Shalford, Essex); William Wakelin, 1589 in *IGI* (Blackfordsby, Leics); Henricus Wakeland, 1620 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); William Wakeling, 1676 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Robert Wakeland, 1708 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex); Robert Wakling, 1718 in *IGI* (Bumpstead Helion, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 420.

### Walking

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 242
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- Norman, English: see **Walklin**.

### Walkman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Staffs

English: occupational name from Middle English \**walkeman* 'watchman, town guard', based apparently on Middle English *walk(e)* 'journey on foot', in this context perhaps 'watchman's or town guard's circuit'. It is synonymous with **Wakeman**, as is shown in two versions of Trevisa's translation of Bartholomew de Glanville's *De Proprietatibus Rerum*. The manuscript version (before 1398) has 'wakemen and wardeyns' while de Worde's printed version (1495) has 'walkmen and wardeyns'. A similar substitution apparently occurs in surname usage some 150 years earlier, when the place of Henry Walkeman of Winkburn in the 1327 Notts subsidy roll quoted below is taken by John Wakeman in the 1332 roll. Compare also **Watchman**.  
**Early bearers:** Henry Walkeman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winkburn and Hockerton, Notts); Andrew Walkman, 1574 in *IGI* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Armelina Walkeman, 1587 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Ester Walkeman, 1617 in *IGI* (Bewdley, Worcs); John Walkman, 1764 in *IGI* (Saint Neots, Hunts).

### Walkom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Woolcombe**.

### Wall

**Variants:** Walls, Walle, Whall, Whale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15407, Ireland 3140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10374
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Kilkenny, Waterford, and Cork

1 English: (i) locative name, either topographical from Middle English *wall* 'wall' (Old English *wall*, *weall*) or toponymic from a place so named, such as Wall (Staffs). (ii) in the West Midlands, *walle* is a dialectal form of *welle*, so here the reference may alternatively be to residence by a stream.

**Early bearers:** Robert de la Walle, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Robert del Wal, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Alexander super le Wal, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Walter Opethewalle, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); John Bithwalle, 1321 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Robert atte Walle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Walle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus atte Walle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs); Robertus ate Walle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johannes othe Walle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton Curliu, Leics); Agn' de Walle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Thomas Wall, 1538 in *IGI* (Lapley, Staffs); Robert Wall, 1539 in *IGI* (Pedmore, Worcs); Katherin Wall, 1540 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs); Elyzabeth Wall, 1541 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Elizabeth Wall, 1541 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Jennet Wall, 1542 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Gulielmi Wall, 1561 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Johane Wall, 1563 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Maria Walle, 1564 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Elisabeth Wall, 1589 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Wall, 1602 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

**2** Norman, Irish: anglicized form of **de Valle** (gaelicized form **de Bhál**), the name of a Norman family established in Munster and Connacht.  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Vale, 1277 in *CDI* §1348; Adam du Val, 1285 in *CDI* §169 (Waterford); John du Val, 1295 in *CDI* §276; John fitz Ulylke Walle, 1551 in *Fiants Edward* §869 (Maghareanalltay); William Wall, horseman, 1576 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2776 (Tullaghmelan, Tipperary); Patrickin Wall, kern, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3011 (Grange, Kildare); Thomas Walle mcRickard, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3037 (Kilcasshe, Tipperary); Walter Wall, gent., 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3833 (Promleston, Kildare); Ullick de Wale called the Faltagh, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3874 (Don Millin, Limerick); John Walle, 1586 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4940 (Ballynecourte, Galway); Ullick Wall, merchant, 1600 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6461 (Limeric, Limerick).

## Wallace

**Variants:** Wallas, Wallice, Wallage, Walledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31755, Ireland 4924
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20058
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. E Ulster; also Limerick

**Scottish:** ethnic name from Anglo-Norman French *Waleis*, *Walais*, literally 'Welsh'. This is the Scottish term for a Welshman, brought from the Welsh March by a family of tenants of the Stewarts in the 12th century. Compare **Wallis**.

**Further information:** The idea that the surname refers to the Welsh-speaking Britons of Strathclyde is erroneous.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Richard Walensis or Waleis, about 1173 in *Melrose Register* (Ayr); William Wallace, 1297 in *Stevenson, Documents*; John Walays, 1372 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Innerwick, Midlothian); Euphen Wallace, 1515 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayr); Robert Wallace, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Thomas Wallace, 1577 in *IGI* (Kingham, Fife); Effie Wallace, 1595 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans).

**England:** William Wallas, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Richard Wallice, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Wallace, 1565 in *IGI* (Wissett, Suffolk); John Wallice,

1566 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Wallice, 1576 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Margaret Wallace, 1589 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); John Wallace, 1598 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Samuell Walledge, 1686 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert Wallage, 1688 in *IGI* (Debenham, Suffolk).

## Wallach

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29

**German and Jewish (Ashkenazic):** ethnic name from German *Wallach* 'Wallachian' (i.e., a speaker of Romanian), Middle High German *walhe*, *walch*, a term that was also used loosely to denote a speaker of any Romance language. Subsequently, it came to be applied in central Europe more narrowly as a nickname for someone from Italy.

**Early bearers:** Meyer Wallach, 1726 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Jeremiah Wallach, 1727 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Wallach, 1863, and Hermann Wallach, 1865 in *IGI* (Kelton, Kirkcudbrights).

## Wallage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and SE England
- Scottish, English: see **Wallace**.

## Wallaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- Norman, English: see **Wallinger**.

## Wallas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumberland; Renfrews
- Scottish, English: see **Wallace**.

## Wallbank

**Variants:** Walbank, Walbancke, Wallbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1496, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 916
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; W Midlands

**English:** locative name from a lost place called *Wallbank* in Darwen (Lancs), which is recorded as *Walbonk* in 1461 (*Lancs Record Office*).

**Early bearers:** Ad' de Wallebonk, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Willelmo de Walbonk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Alexandre de Walbonk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdale, Lancs); Willelmus de Wallbank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slaidburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Walbanke, 1489 in *York Guild Register* (York); John Walbank, 1593 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Marie Walbank, 1599 in *IGI* (Barnoldswick, WR Yorks).

## Wallbanks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

**English:** variant of **Wallbank** with post-medieval excrement -s.

## Wallbridge

**Variants:** Walbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 437, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 257
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset, and Hants

**English:** locative name from a lost place called *Walbridge*, recorded as such in 1700, in Hooke (Dorset). The exact location is uncertain but it may be identifiable with the present Hooke Bridge, over the River Hooke.

**Early bearers:** Idonia Walebrigge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sherborne, Dorset); Walterus Walbrygge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Abbotsbury, Dorset); William Walbrigge, chaplain, 1393 in *Patent Rolls* (Frome Saint Quintin, Dorset); George Walbridge, 1611, Dorathy Wallbridge, 1585 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); Richard Wallbridge, 1693 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 4, pp. 57, 58.

## Wallcraft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

**English:** see **Waleroft**.

## Wallcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands
- English:** see **Waleroft**.

## Wallden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Lancs
- English:** see **Walden**.

## Wallder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and IoW
- English:** see **Walder**.

## Walle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; WR Yorks
- English:** see **Wall**.

## Walledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- Scottish, English: see **Wallace**.

## Wallen

**Variants:** Wallin, Walling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 524, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Devon and Somerset

**English:** (i) locative name from Wallen Barton in Stockleigh Pomeroy or Wallon in Drewsteignton (both Devon). (ii) variant of **Walling**.

**Early bearers:** Peter atte Wallen, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William atte Wallen, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dunsford, Devon); Agnes Walling, 1547, Richardi Wallen, 1593 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Phillip Wallin, 1613 in *IGI* (Brendon, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 418, 434.

**Waller**

**Variants: Wallers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10429, Ireland 123
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; E Anglia and SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary and Limerick
- 1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *waler*, *waliere*, *walour*, *waller* 'builder of walls, mason'. (ii) locative name, in Sussex perhaps for someone who lived by a wall. McKinley notes John de la Walle, a tenant of the honour of Lewes in 1266, who is also called John le Wllere [sic].

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas Waller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); Paton' Waller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sharperton, Northumb); Alanus Waller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Ricardo Waller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crosby Garrett, Westm); Thomas Waller, 1544 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Ane Waller, 1545 in *IGI* (Whittington, Lancs); Thomasina Waller, 1563 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); William Waller, 1563 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Willelmi Waller, 1567 in *IGI* (Stainton in Cleveland, NR Yorks).

E England: John le Walur 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Henry le Waller', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John le Wallere, 1312 in *London Letter Books C*; Nicholas le Walour, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William le Waller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Waller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langford and Bodney, Norfolk); Willelmo Waller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burgh on Bain and Girsby, Lincs); Thomas Walour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Briston, Norfolk); Johannes Waller, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Ham, Essex); Niccolas Waller, 1539 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); John Waller, 1554 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); Anthony Waller, 1566 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Jhon Waller, 1569 in *IGI* (South Weald, Essex).

S and SW England: William Waliere, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Kent); Adam le Walere, 1280 in *Fransson* (Hants); Willelmus Waller, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arcnott, Oxon); Adam Wallere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Alice Waller, 1542 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Ellenor Waller, 1545 in *IGI* (Shorne, Kent); Nycholas Waller, 1573 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, p. 158.

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a spring, stream, or man-made well, from Middle English \**waller*, a derivative of Middle English *walle*, Old English *wælle*, *wælle*. It is a W Midlands dialect form of **Weller**. The following early bearers may alternatively belong under (1).

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Reaney's derivation from Old French \**walure*, \**wal(l)ier* 'a coxcombe, spark' or 'a man of pleasant temper', though it remains a theoretical possibility. See **Gallier**.

**Early bearers:** John le Waller', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas Waller, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halesowen, Shrops).

**Wallers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 117
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs
- English: see **Waller**.

**Wallles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and London
- English: see **Wallis**.

**Wallet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also SW Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Wallett**.

**Wallett**

**Variants: Wallet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 222
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wallet* (perhaps an *-et* diminutive of Anglo-Scandinavian *Walþēof*; compare **Walthew**).

**Early bearers:** given names, England: Wallauiet, Walhauiet, Welleuiet, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); Waletto de Bygestrode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Heathfield, Sussex). given names, Scotland: Wallet, about 1249–86 in *Black*. surnames, England: Thomas Walet, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Walot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Simon Walet, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Johannes Walet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Willelmo Walet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gaddesby, Leics); Richard Walet, 1431 in *Feet of Fines* (Faversham, Kent); Peter Wallet, 1544 in *IGI* (North Cray, Kent); John Wallet, 1549 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk); Johis Wallett, 1566 in *IGI* (Witham on the Hill, Lincs); John Walett, 1653 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Thomas Wallett, 1695; Joseph Wallott, 1701 in *IGI* (Little Wenlock, Shrops); James Wallett, 1805 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs). surnames, Scotland: Marjory Wallet, 1562; David Wallett, 1599 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexander Wallet, 1679 in *Black*.

**Walley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1562, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1407
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Whalley**.

**Wallhead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 380, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from an unidentified place named as 'well-head' (Old English *welle* 'spring', in the Mercian form *wælle*, + *hēafod* 'head, source'), possibly one of at least ten examples in WR Yorks, where the place-name Well Head(s) is found in Airton, Almondbury, Cowling, Denholme, Dent, Glusburn, Halifax, Keighley, Saddleworth, and Sowerby Bridge.

**Early bearers:** Roberto de Wallheved, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billington, Lancs); Robert Walleheved, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Rowland Wallhead, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Hutton, Essex); Anne Wallhead, 1623 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); Edmund Wallhead, 1642 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Maria Wallhead, 1652 in *IGI* (Hathersage, Derbys); Anne Wallhead, 1713 in *IGI* (Cammeringham, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, pp. 261, 317; 3, pp. 108, 155, 258; 6, pp. 10, 15, 17, 129, 259.

**Wallice**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 162
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- Scottish, English: see **Wallace**.

**Walliker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Essex and Middx
- Norman, English: see **Wallinger**.

**Wallin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks and Leics; Berks
- English: see **Wallen** and **Walling**.

**Walling**

**Variants: Wallin, Wallen**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 631, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 594
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Westm; Devon
- English: (i) in SW England, probably often a variant of **Wallen**. (ii) elsewhere, unexplained. Some of the post-medieval bearers in central and S England cited here may well belong to **Wallen**, but another explanation is surely required for the medieval *Walling* spellings and for the presence of the surname in N England.
- Early bearers:** Richero Wallinge, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Biggleswade, Beds); William Wallyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Feniton, Devon); Johannes Wallyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Polsloe, Devon); Robertus Wallyng', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cannington, Somerset); William Wallyng, 1409–10 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Richard Wallen, 1569; Mary Walling, 1729 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Ann Wallen, 1572; Robert Walling, 1628 in *IGI* (Warton near Lancaster, Lancs); Wyllyam Wallen, 1572 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robert Wallin, 1579 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); Willm. Wallin, 1585; Willm. Wallen, 1593; Thomas Walling, 1704 in *IGI* (Hitchin, Herts); Thomas Wallin, 1617 in *IGI* (Thurlaston, Leics); Susanna Walling, 1672 in *IGI* (East Shefford, Berks); Grace Walling, 1683 in *IGI* (Burbage, Leics); Wm Walling, 1769 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm).

**Wallinger**

**Variants: Wallaker, Walliker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 85
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Northants; also Yorks
- Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman personal name *Waringar* (Continental Germanic *Warengar*, *Guarenger*), with dissimilation of *r-r* to *l-r*.

**Further information:** The occasional loss of *-n-* in the second syllable may be due to hypercorrection of the change by which Middle English *nightegale* becomes *nightingale*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Warengerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk and Suffolk); Garengerus,

1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex and Suffolk); Waringari Frost, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Walingerus filius Hugonis, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops).

surnames: Roger Wareng', 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Johanne Walynger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Radulphus Warenger, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Waltham, Essex); Thomas Warenger, 1482 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Robert Walenger, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wallenger, coroner, 1567 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Walycar, 1575 in *Essex Record Office*; John Wallinger, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Jon Wallinger, 1636 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Sarah Walliker, 1682 in *IGI* (Wethersfield, Essex); Alice Wallaker, 1735 in *IGI* (Kedington, Suffolk); Dinah Wallaker, 1751 in *IGI* (Saint Ives, Hunts); William Walliker, 1760 in *IGI* (Kedington, Suffolk); Harriet Wallinger, 1824 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks).

### Wallingford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants

English: locative name from Wallingford (Berks). **Early bearers:** Wigot de Walingeford, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Berks); Richard Wallyngford, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); John de Walyngford', 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Albans, Herts); Willelmo Walyngford, 1377, Willelmo Wallyngford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johannes Walyngford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning hundred, Sussex); Johannes Walyngford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Johannes Walyngford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ullenhall, Warwicks); Waltero Walyngforde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hatford, Berks); John Walyngford', 1445 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Jon. Wallingford, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Walingford, 1673 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants); Thomas Wallingford, 1751 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); James Wallingford, 1821 in *IGI* (Inkpen, Berks).

### Wallington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1500, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 927
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: locative name from Wallington (Herts), which is recorded as *Wandelington*, *Wendlington*, *Wanlington*, and *Walingeton* in the 13th century. **Further information:** There is no medieval evidence to suggest that either Wallington (Norfolk) or Wallington (Northumb) gave rise to a surname. Wallington in Beddington (Surrey), in which the medial *-ing-* is a relatively late development, is also an unlikely source, being recorded as *Waleton* in the 12th century, *Walton* in 1227–44, and *Wallyngton* in 1377. **Early bearers:** [... de] Welingeton, 1199, [... de] Wenlinggetone, 1201 in *Place-Names of Herts* (Herts); John de Wallington, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wymondley, Herts); Eustace de Wandlyngton', 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Wallington, Herts); Thomas de Walyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stamford, Lincs); Adam Walyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Inglewood, Berks); Thomas Walyngton', draper, 1395 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Thomas Walyngton, 1403 in *PROB 11* (Saint Benet Pauls Wharf, City of London); Alice Wallington, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Rychardus Wallington, 1563 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); John

Wallington, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Leonard Eastcheap, London); Alice Wallington, 1591 in *PROB 11* (Shenley, Herts); Martha Wallington, 1591 in *IGI* (Bawsey, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 168; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 55.

### Wallis

**Variants:** Walliss, Wallice, Walles, Wales, Wallage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12344, Ireland 123
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10041
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick, Kerry, and Cork

Norman, English, Welsh: ethnic name from Anglo-Norman French *Waleis*, *Walais* 'Welshman, Briton'. In western and central England the medieval reference is clearly to Welshmen. In Norfolk and Lincs, the reference was probably to Bretons, many of whom settled in the Eastern counties after the Conquest. Compare **Wallace**, the Scottish form of the name.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Waleis, 1156–85 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Warwicks); Robert Waliscus, 1166, Robert Waleis, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Eudo le Waleis, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Richard le Waleis, 1225, Richard le Walles, 1244 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Maddock le Waleys, 1283 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Waleys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Learmouth, Northumb); Robertus Waleys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Snailwell, Cambs); Ricardus Waleys, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Adam Waleys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Ricardus Waleis, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning and Bramber, Sussex); Alicia Walas, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Willelmus Walayse, 1377, Willelmus Walas, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks); Thomas Waleys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Springfield, Essex); John Waleys, 1430 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); William Wallis, 1463 in *London Letter Books L* (London); Anthony Wallis, 1539 in *IGI* (Chaddleshaw, Berks); John Wallis, 1543 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Ralph Walles, 1554 in *York Registry Wills* (Lockington, ER Yorks); Richard Wallice, 1561 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Walliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; Hants; Lincs
- English: see **Wallis**.

### Wallman

**Variants:** Walman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: (i) occupational name, status name meaning 'servant of *Wale*'; see **Wale**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a wall; see **Wall**.

**Early bearers:** Ailwin Waleman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); John Waleman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Waleman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kimbolton, Hunts); Ralph Walleman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Walman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Willelmus Walman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxton, WR Yorks); Robertus Walman',

1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kexby, ER Yorks); Johannes Walleman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tolleshunt Knights, Essex); Ricus Walman, fletcher, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Northampton, Northants); Richard Wallman, 1590 in *IGI* (Thurlby near Bourne, Lincs); William Wallman, 1626 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Edward Wallman, 1631 in *IGI* (Wrampingham, Norfolk); Roger Walman, 1643 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk).

### Wallop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: locative name from Nether and Over Wallop (Hants).

**Early bearers:** England: Adam de Wollop, 12th cent. in *Saint Denys Cartulary* (Winchester, Hants); Matthew de Wallop, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Johannis de Wellop', about 1240 in *Beaulieu Cartulary* (Soberton, Hants); Robert de Wallop, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Wallop, 1322 in *Patent Rolls* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); John de Wallop, 1344, John Wallope, 1440 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); Philip Wallop, 1371 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Rogerus Walop, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Richard Wallop, 1391 *Feet of Fines* (Nether Wallop, Hants); Richard Wallop, 1402 (Southampton, Hants), Richard Wallop 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Robert Wallop, 1566 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); William Wallop, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upper Wield, Hants); John Wallop, 1674 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs). Ireland: John Walop, knight, 1521 in *Fiants Henry 8* (Trym).

### Wallraven

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Walraven**.

### Walls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4126, Ireland 579
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3523
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 English, Scottish: variant of **Wall** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
2 Irish: in Ireland this name is also sometimes a variant of **Walsh**.

### Wallsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Walsworth**.

### Wallwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Walwyn**.

### Wallwork

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1419, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1733
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: probably a variant of **Wallworth**. **Early bearers:** Richard Wallwork, 1633 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lincs); Jo. Wallwork, 1657 in *IGI* (Bunbury,



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Cheshire); James Wallwork, 1665 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs).

### Wallworth

**Variants:** **Walworth, Wallwork, Walsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 265
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Walworth in Heighington (Durham) and Walworth in Newington (Surrey), both named with Old English *w(e)alh* 'Briton' (genitive plural *wala*) + *word* 'enclosure'.

**Early bearers:** N England and Midlands: Willelmum de Walleworth, 1372, Roberto de Walleworth, 1374, Petrus Walleworth, 1380 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Durham); John de Walleworth, 1375 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Willelmo Walworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Johanni Walworth, 1577 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); John Wallworth, 1578 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Tho. Walworth, 1580, Elizabeth Wallworth, 1582 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Thome Walworth, 1589 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks). S England: Sampsonus de Walewurth', 1263 in *Assize Rolls* (Walworth in Newington, Surrey); John de Walworth, 1340 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William de Walworth, 1385 in *PROB 11* (City of London); John Walworth, 1396–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Newington, Surrey); Richard Walleworth, 1400 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Walworth, 1488 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Frannc Walworthe, 1576 in *PROB 11* (Newington, Surrey); George Walworth, 1588 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London). **References:** *Durham Place-Names*, pp. 131–2; *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 27.

### Wally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Whalley**.

### Walman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Wilts; Cambs

English: see **Wallman**.

### Walmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: locative name perhaps from Walmer (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Walemere, sub-prior of Saint Martins, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Dover, Kent); D'na de Walem'e, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cornilo hundred, Kent); John de Walemere, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Folkestone hundred, Kent); Sarah Walmer, 1798 in *IGI* (Sutton near Deal, Kent).

2 English: variant of **Woolmer**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Woolmer, 1604, George Wolmer, 1733, Joseph Walmer, 1817 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Walmer, 1709, Joseph Woolmer, 1757 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elizabeth Woolmer, 1785, William Walmer, 1859 in *IGI* (Kettering, Northants); Willis Walmer, 1819, Theophilus Woolmer, 1837 in *IGI* (Swaffham, Norfolk).

### Walmesley

**Variants:** **Walsley, Walmisley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Walmisley**.

### Walmisley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent; Cheshire

English: see **Walmisley**.

### Walsmsley

**Variants:** **Wamsley, Walmesley, Walmisley, Warmsley, Waumsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6586, Ireland 140
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Down

English: locative name from either Walmersley or Walmesley in Bolton le Moors, both in Lancs. As *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes, the names are distinct in the medieval period, because of the presence of absence of *-r-*, but impossible to separate thereafter.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Walmereslegh, 1318 in *Lancs Inquests* (Lancs); Rog' de Walm'eslegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bury, Lancs); Ricardo de Walmersley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Livesey, Lancs); Simon de Walmesley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Turton, Lancs); Ricardus de Walmesley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Steven Walmesley, 1541 in *York Registry Wills* (Mitton, WR Yorks); Anthony Wamesley, 1543, Anthony Walmersley, 1545 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Bashall, WR Yorks); John Wamesley, 1549 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Ellys Walmesley, 1550 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); John Walmisley, 1558 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); John Wamsley, 1570 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Willms Wamsley, 1575 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Wamsley, 1582 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Henry Walmesley, 1582 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Izabella Walmisley, 1586 in *IGI* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Sam Warmsley, 1600 in *IGI* (Tonbridge, Kent); Edward Warmsley, 1673 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs); William Warmsley, 1688 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Waumsley, 1622 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomas Waumsley, 1688 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Warmsley, 1701 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Betty Warmsley, 1726 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs); Jane Waumsley, 1764 in *IGI* (Scrivelsby, Lincs).

### Walne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Wawne**.

### Walpole

**Variants:** **Waple**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1725, Ireland 115
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim and Roscommon; Laois and Kilkenny

English: locative name from either of two places called Walpole (in Norfolk and Suffolk).

**Further information:** The British Statesman Sir Robert Walpole (1676–1745), 1st Earl of Orford, was born at Houghton Hall, Norfolk. An ancestor of his was Ralph de Walpole, Bishop of Ely 1299–1302.

**Early bearers:** Godfrey de Walpoll', 1198 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); Jocelini de Walepol, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Henry de Walepol, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent); William Walpol, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Henricus de Walpol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton, Norfolk); Thomas de Walpol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Bartholomeus Walpol, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whalesborne hundred, Sussex); Ricardus Walpole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Simon Walpool, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melchbourne, Beds); Rogerus de Walpol, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blything hundred, Suffolk); Radulphus Wallepole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halesowen, Shrops); Geoffrey Walpole, citizen and goldsmith of London, 1382 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Andrew Walpole, Thomas Wapyle, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Waple, 1614 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Elizabeth Walpole, 1554 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hillary Wapolle, 1557 in *Bardsley*; Alice Walpole, 1561 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Galferye Walpole, 1562 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

### Walraven

**Variants:** **Wallraven**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walraven* (Old English *Wælhrafen*, an anglicized form of Continental Germanic *Walahram*, composed of elements meaning 'slaughter' + 'raven'). This is not Scandinavian, as sometimes suggested, but was probably introduced into England by Franks and other Germanic peoples who came over with early Scandinavian settlers (*Feilitzen*, p. 409). After the Conquest it was reintroduced in its later Continental Germanic and Romance form *Waleram*, which survives in the surname **Waldron** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Walrauen, Welrauen, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Walrafnus de Muirteus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

surnames: John Walraven, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Agnes Walreuen, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alan Walrauen, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Willelmo Walreuen, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoke Mandeville, Bucks); Ann Wallraven, 1783 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); [ . . . ] Walraven, 1792 in *East Kent Records* (Sandwich, Kent); James Wallraven, 1791 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent).

### Walrond

**Variants:** **Warland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon Norman, English: see **Waldron**.

### Walsall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Hants

English: locative name from Walsall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Waleshal', 1219 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Walshale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston Capes, Northants); Willelmo Walsale, 1379



in *Poll Tax* (Shackerstone, Leics); Adam Walsale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bascote, Warwick); Johanna de Walsale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Walsal', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Staffs); Petronilla de Walesale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Robertus dil Wolsall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Huyton, Lancs); Galwin Walsall, 1581 in *IGI* (Eastling, Kent); John Walsall, 1594 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Willm. Walsall, 1596 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jane Walsal, 1747 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs).

### Walsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Walesby**.

### Walsgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: locative name from Walsgrave on Sowe (Warwick).

**Early bearers:** William de Walesgrave, 1264 in *Medieval Coventry* (Coventry, Warwick); Richard de Wallesgrave, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Walsgrove, 1540 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Margrett Walsgrave, 1580 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Edwardi Walsgrove, 1598 in *IGI* (Omersley, Worcs); Anne Walsgrove, 1757, John Walsgrave, 1759 in *IGI* (Newbold Pacey, Warwick).

### Walsh

Variants: **Walshe, Walls**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39725, Ireland 35040
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15790
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Kilkenny; Cork

Irish: denoting a Welsh speaker, especially a Welsh-speaking immigrant to Ireland and in particular any of the Welshmen who arrived in the wake of Strongbow's Anglo-Norman invasion of 1170.

Compare **Branagh**.

**Early bearers:** Gerald Walshe, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §185 (Kildare); William Walshe, 1543 in *Fiants Henry* §363 (Yoghull, Cork); James Walche, son of Oliver Walche, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §515 (Moyvally, Kildare); Johanna Welshe, 1552 in *Fiants Edward* §1124 (Conowgh, Kildare); Richard and Walter Walche, 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1243 (Drogheda, Louth).

### Walsha

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Walshaw**.

### Walsham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks; Middx

English: locative name from North and South Walsham (Norfolk) or Walsham le Willows (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wallesham, 1141–49 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Roger de Walsham, 1283 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogerus de Walsham,

1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tottington, Norfolk); Johannes de Walsham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Honing, Norfolk); Willelmus de Walsham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brockley with Rede, Suffolk); Johannes Walsham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); Robert Walsham, 1466 in *PROB 11* (Sutton, Lincs); Samuel Walsham, 1602 in *IGI* (Springthorpe, Lincs); James Walsham, 1623 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Simon Walsham, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Beckingham, Notts); Samll. Walsham, 1719 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

### Walshaw

Variants: **Walsha**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 933, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 788
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Walshaw in Briercliffe (Lancs) or Walshaw in Wadsworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Walleshagh', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Briercliffe, Lancs); Adam de Walschagh, 1333 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); William de Walschagh, 1374 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Wadsworth, WR Yorks); Adam de Walschagh', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton, WR Yorks); Adam Walschawe, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Adam de Walshagh, 1457 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); John Walshawe, 1461 in *London Letter Books L* (London); Mathew Walshaw, 1586 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Marye Walshaw, 1614 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 202; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 85.

### Walshe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1150, Ireland 1784
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London

Irish: see **Walsh**.

### Walsingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Warwick; Lincs

English: locative name from Great and Little Walsingham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Stephani de Walsingham, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Stephen de Walsingham, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Reginald de Walsingham, 1301 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); William de Walsyngham of London, 1342 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Ricardus de Walsyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Johannes Walsyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgford, Norfolk); Edmund Walsyngham, 1418 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Walsyngham, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Francis Walsingham, 1564 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Richard Walsingham, 1567 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Anne Walsingham, 1579 in *IGI* (Grundisburgh, Suffolk); John Walsingham, 1608 in *IGI* (Exhall and Wixford, Warwick).

### Walster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: occupational name from Middle English \**walkster* 'fuller', in origin a feminine form of **Walker**, though used (like **Baxter**, **Dempster**, **Hoster**, **Kempster**, and **Malster**) also of men.

**Early bearers:** Dionisius Walkster, 1373–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Haxey, Lincs); Walterus Walkster', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Johannes Walkester, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liversedge, WR Yorks); Hugone Walkestr', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Wm Walster, 1532 in *Notts Archives* (Loughton, Essex); Richard Walster, 1793 in *IGI* (Kelham, Notts); John Walster, 1804 in *IGI* (Fulbeck, Lincs).

### Walston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs; also Sussex

1 English: locative name perhaps from Walsden (WR Yorks, formerly in Lancs), though the lack of early bearers in NW England suggests that a different origin should be sought.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Walston, 1566 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Walston, 1571 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); George Walston, 1578 in *IGI* (Hunsdon, Herts); Cicely Wallston, 1589 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); John Walstone, 1598 in *IGI* (Widford, Herts); Thomas Walston, 1633 in *IGI* (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); Richrd Walston, 1717 in *IGI* (Sommerby by Grantham, Lincs); William Lupton Walsten, 1790 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Jams. Walsden, 1800 in *IGI* (Todmorden, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 186; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 58.

2 Scottish: locative name from Walston (Lanarks). **Early bearers:** Janet Walston, 1660 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Thomas Wallston, 1663 in *IGI* (Eddleston, Peebles).

### Walsworth

Variants: **Wallsworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Lancs

English: (i) variant of **Wallworth**. (ii) locative name perhaps also from Wellsworth in Idsworth (Hants), which is recorded as *Waleswrthe* in 1222, or Wallsworth in Sandhurst (Gloucs), though medieval evidence that either gave rise to a surname is lacking.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Walsworth, 1620 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); William Walsworth, 1728 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs); Nathan Walsworth, 1734 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Walsworth, 1835 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 172; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, p. 153.

### Walten

- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Walton**.

### Walter

Variants: **Walther, Walters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3945, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4489
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Dublin and Meath

Norman, English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old Norman French) personal name *Walter*, which is of Continental Germanic origin, composed of the Germanic elements *walt*

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'rule, power' + *heri, hari* 'army'. This personal name was introduced into England both in the reign of Edward the Confessor and by the Normans. After the Norman Conquest it soon became one of the most popular given names in Britain. See also **Water**, **Gautier**, **Fitzwalter**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walterus episcopus, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Galterus le Lingedraper, 1210 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Walter Ayre, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hethpool, Northumb); Walter Heliere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Wauterus Swan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Walter Wytyngold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brightling, Sussex).  
**surnames:** Robertus filius Walterii, Galterii, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Petrus Walterus, 1182 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Petrus Walteri, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Walter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johan fitz Waulter, 1350 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Henricus Waltar', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Oliver Walter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Feltwell, Norfolk); Johanne Waltere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pagham hundred, Sussex); Willelmus Walter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crupton, Dorset); Ricardo Waltare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Coberley, Gloucs); Robert Walter, 1402 in *Feet of Fines* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Walter, 1496 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Nycholas Walter, 1538 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); David Walter, 1539 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Robert Walter, 1552 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); John Walter, 1558 in *IGI* (Eynsford, Kent); Also Walter, 1561 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).

## Walters

**Variants:** **Wolters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22523, Ireland 200
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14164
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Wales
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; also Cork; Wexford

English: variant of **Walter** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** William Walters, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne Walteres, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witherington, Wilts); Thoma Walteres, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tetbury, Gloucs); John Walters, 1540 in *IGI* (Harrietsham, Kent); Christopherus Walters, 1556 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Willimi Walters, 1635 in *IGI* (Panteg, Monmouths); Thos. Walters, 1759, Elisabeth Wolters, 1760 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Ann Wolters, 1796, Elizabeth Walters, 1798 in *IGI* (Austrey, Warwicks).

## Walthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 81
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Cheshire
- English: see **Walthew**.

## Waltham

**Variants:** **Wattam**, **Whatham**, **Whattam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 426
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Waltham (Lincs, Essex, Leics) or any of the numerous other places so named.

**Early bearers:** John de Waltham, 1119–27 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Geoffrey de Waltham, 1190 in *Pipe*

*Rolls* (Lincs); Richard de Waltham, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Rogerus de Waltham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Waltham, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Gilbert Waltham, 1540 in *IGI* (Kenn, Devon); Robt Waltham, 1565 in *IGI* (Holton le Clay, Lincs); Thomas Waltham, 1627 in *IGI* (Welton le Wold, Lincs); George Walthem, 1672 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon).

## Walther

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

German: variant of **Walter**.

**Further information:** This name is also found in Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands, from where it may also have been brought to Britain.

**Early bearers:** Herman Walther, master tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Carl Walther, painter, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, Middx); George Walther, born in Dresden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Penge, Surrey); Franz Walther, wool merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lambeth, Surrey); Alfred Friedrich Walther, 1896 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emil Walther, cook, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1901* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Herman Christian Walther, 1907 in *BMD* (West Ham, Essex); Herrman [sic] Walther, upholsterer, born in Leipzig, Saxony, in *Census 1911* (Barking, Essex); Carl Walther, spelter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Swansea, Glam).

## Walthew

**Variants:** **Waldo**, **Waltho**, **Wilthew**, **Wathew**, **Wattthey**, **Walthall**, **Wealthall**, **Wealthy**, **Wathall**, **Wadey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Walthef*, *Waldef*, *Walthew*, *Wallef* (Old English *Wælp̄eōf*, an anglicized form of Old Scandinavian *Valþjófr*). The personal name is mostly recorded in N England and the N Midlands. For the name in Scotland, see **Waldie**. See also **Walleff**, **Whattoff**.

**Further information:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 314, records the surname *Walthew* in the Wigan and Upholland area from the 14th century to the 17th.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walfef, Walteu, Walteif, Waldeuus, Walleuus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Beds, Cambs, Derbys, Hunts, Leics, Lincs, Middx, Northants, Surrey, and Yorks); Wallief de Stotleia, 1139–40 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Waldeuius filius Wesescop, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Waldeuus filius Meriue, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts and Derbys); Waldeve de Walton, 12th cent. in *Staffs Cartulary* (Staffs); Walfef de Northcotes, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Walfef filius Suani, about 1202–10 in *Yorks Charters* (Yorks); Waldef filius Waldef, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cumb); Walyf de Derby, 1327–77 in *Rydwere Cartulary* (Staffs).

**surnames:** Willelmus filius Walfef, about 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Willelmus filius Waldeu', 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henricus filius Waldief, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Robert Wlthef, about 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Adam Walfef, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Hugo Waldef, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alexander Walfef, Walthew, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks);

Ric' Walfef, 1304, Ric' Walfef, 1315 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); William Walfef, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam Walfef, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Upholland, Lancs); Adam Walfef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Ricardus Walfef (for Walfef), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hawksworth, WR Yorks); John Walfef, 1441 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Elizabeth Walfef, 1541 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Walfef, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs).

## Waltho

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Walthew**.

**Further information:** *Tooth 4*, p. 78, mentions Thomas Walthowe (1385) or Walthewe (1388) in the manor court rolls of Newcastle under Lyme (Staffs), and William Waltho (1532) as a resident of Stafford, who enlisted in the Stafford militia as William Walthall (1539).

**Early bearers:** Homfrey Walthew, 1555 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs); Thos. Walthoe, 1566 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Thomas Walthowe, 1614 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Elizabetha Walthew, 1651 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Joseph Walthow, 1714 in *IGI* (Castle Church, Staffs).

## Walton

**Variants:** **Wauton**, **Walten**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27405, Ireland 320
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20852
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Durham; also Staffs and Warwicks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cork; also Clare

English: locative name from one or other of the many places of this name.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey, Osmund de Waltona, 1189 in *Glastonbury de Soliaco Inquisition* (Somerset); Richard de Walton, 1253 in *Forest Pleas* (Northants); Alan Walton, 1352 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thomas de Walton', poultier, 1356 in *Feet of Fines* (Walton, Bucks); Willelmus Walton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlecote, Warwicks); Willelmus de Walton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Elena Walton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Sussex); Ad' Walton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Johannes de Walton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkdale, Lancs); Matilda Walton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lichfield, Staffs); Nicholaus de Walton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); John Walton', 1492 in *Feet of Fines* (West Walton, Norfolk); Dorothy Walton, 1539 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Henrie Walton, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Susans Walton, 1539 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Alicia Walton, 1540 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Ellen Walton, 1541 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

## Walvin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts
- English: variant of **Walwyn**.

## Walwin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32

- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Derbys and Notts

English: see **Walwyn**.

### Walworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and Durham; also Staffs

English: see **Wallworth**.

### Walwyn

Variants: **Wallwin, Walwin, Waldwyn, Wawne, Walvin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wal(d)wine*, *Wel(d)wine*. The *Walduinus* of *Domesday Book* is derived by von Feilitzen from Continental Germanic *Waldwin*, a possible explanation, but the existence of an Old English \**Wealdwine* is proved by the later *We(a)l-* forms. (ii) relationship name from the Anglo-Norman personal name *Walweyn*, *Walwain*. Compare **Gavin, Gawen**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Walduinus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Wealdwine, 1087–1100 in *Searle, Onomasticon*; Welwin, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); Wawanus filius Ricardi, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex).

urnames, England: William Walwein, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Wawayn, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Johanne Wawayn, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Matilda Wawayne, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Mable Welwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Walweyn, Alice Waweins, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thoma Walewayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Overton, Wilts); Rogerus Walwayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shalford, Essex); Ricardus Walweyn, Hugo Walwyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Longford, Shrops); Willelmus Walwen, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Baslow, Derbys); Elizabeth Walwyn, 1538 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Elizabeth Walwen, 1557 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); John Walwin, 1562 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); Thomas Walwyn, 1571 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); John Walweyne, 1606 in *IGI* (Lugwardine, Herefs); Israel Walwyn, 1744 in *IGI* (Market Lavington, Wilts); Richard Walwyn, 1744 in *IGI* (Dorchester, Dorset); Frederic Walwyn, 1842 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).

urnames, Scotland: Adam Wawayne, about 1372 in *Black*; William Wawne, 1502 in *Black*.

### Wamsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: see **Walmsley**.

### Wan

Variants: **Win, Wen, Woon, Wong, Yin, Yung, Yun, On, Oon, Hoon, Huan, Van, Voon, Bong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2333, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

1 Scottish: variant of **Wann**.

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 尹 (*Yin* in Mandarin pinyin), a term for the official title in ancient Chinese taken from: (i) the place-

name *Yin* (尹), name of a fief (said to have been located in Shexian in Shanxi province or Xin'an in Henan province), which was granted to *Yin*, the son of the legendary king Shao Hao (2598–2525 BC). (ii) the personal name of Shi Yin (師尹), literally meaning 'head of officers', the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) the second element of Ling Yin (令尹), the name of an official post in charge of the military in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). This post was held by a prince of the state of Shen called Cheng, who migrated to the state of Chu when he took up the post.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 溫 (*Wen* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'warm' in Chinese: (i) from *Wen* (溫), the name of an ancient state during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). During the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC) this state was annexed by the state of Di and the prince of Wen fled to the state of Wei (located around present-day Hebi and Xinxiang in Henan province). His descendants acquired 溫, the name of their original state, as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Wen* (溫), the name of a fief granted to *Wen Ji* (溫季), an official in the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the *Chi Wen* (叱溫), *Wen Pen* (溫盆), and *Wen Gu* (溫孤) families of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China. (iv) from the personal name of *Wen Sheng* (溫昇), who went into exile and changed his original surname, *Liu* (劉), to *Wen* 溫 after his father, *Liu Yicong* (劉易從), an official in the Tang dynasty (AD 618–907), suffered persecution and death.

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雲 (*Yun* in Mandarin pinyin), from a word meaning 'cloud' in Chinese: (i) from *Yun* (郢), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Hubei province), which was annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). The name of the state was adopted as a surname, but a different character pronounced the same was chosen as the written form. (ii) from the *Die Yun* (牒雲), *Xi Yun* (悉雲) and *You Lian* families of the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who acquired this surname during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) shortened form of *Jin Yun* (縉雲), said to be the name of an official post during the reign of the legendary *Huang Di*, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC).

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宦 (*Huan* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'officials' in ancient Chinese: probably borne by descendants of officials in ancient China.

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 萬, see **Man** (2).

7 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 袁, see **Yuen** (1).

### Wand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 494
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Notts; London
- English: see **Want**.

### Wandless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 202
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

Scottish, NE English: variant of **Wanless** with intrusive *-d-*.

### Wands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 261, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 132
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: variant of **Wann** with post-medieval excrescent *-s* and intrusive *-d-*.

**Early bearers:** *Isobell Wands*, 1686 in *IGI* (Stirlings, Stirlings); *Robert Wands*, 1699 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); *Andrew Wands*, 1707 in *IGI* (Muckhart, Perth); *Janet Wands*, 1761 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

### Wane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 365, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 297
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wain**.

### Wang

Variants: **Wong, Ong, Wang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6763, Ireland 146
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 王 and 汪, also non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黃, see **Wong** (1–3).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 王, see **Hong** (5).

3 Korean: (왕; Chinese character: 王, meaning 'king'). Some sources indicate that there are fifteen Wang clans in Korea, but only two can be identified: the *Kaesŏng Wang* clan and the *Chenam Wang* clan. The *Kaesŏng Wang* clan, which originated in China, ruled the Korean peninsula for almost five hundred years as the ruling dynasty of the *Koryŏ* period (918–1392). There are some indications that the *Kaesŏng Wang* clan was present in the ancient *Chosŏn Kingdom* (?194 BC). When the *Chŏnju Yi* clan seized power in 1392 and established the *Chosŏn kingdom*, many of the members of the *Kaesŏng Wang* clan changed their names and went into hiding to avoid being persecuted by the new ruling dynasty. The *Chenam Wang* clan, which is much smaller than the *Kaesŏng Wang* clan, is also of Chinese origin.

4 Norwegian: locative name from any of numerous farmsteads and other places named with Old Scandinavian *vangr* 'field'.

**Early bearers:** *Pider Carl Wang*, born in Bergen, Norway, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); *Hans Peter Wang*, born in Norway, in *Census 1881* (Westoe, Durham); *Ervin Wang*, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Northumb); *Hans Wang*, born in Norway, in *Census 1901* (Northumb).

### Wangford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: locative name from *Wangford* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** *John de Wangeford*, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); *John Wangford*, *Nicholas de Wangford*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); *Henricus Wangeforthe*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk); *John Wangforde*, 1433–4, *William Wangford*, 1449–50 in *Lynn Freeman* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); *John Wangford*, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); *Elizabetha Wankford*, 1664 in *IGI* (Toppesfield, Essex); *Elizabeth Wankford*, 1691 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); *Rebeckah Wangford*, 1738 in *IGI* (Denver,

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Norfolk); Anne Wangford, 1741 in *IGI* (Fleet Prison Chapel, London).

### Wanhill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Wannell**.

### Wanklin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 116
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Herefs, and Gloucs

English: variant of **Wantling**.

### Wankling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks
- English: variant of **Wantling**.

### Wanklyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Herefs, Monmouths, and Brecknocks
- English: variant of **Wantling**.

### Wanless

Variants: **Wandless, Wanliss, Wanley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1062, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 515
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- Scottish, NE English: nickname from Middle English and Older Scots *wanles* 'luckless, hopeless, despairing'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Simon Wanles, 1451 in *Irvine Muniments* (Montrose); Robert Wanless, 1538 in *Laing Charters* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); James Wandless, 1625 in *IGI* (Kinfauns, Perth); Jonat Wandless, 1652 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); Margaret Wandless, 1686 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

England: John Waneles, about 1346 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames* (Yorks); Henry Wanless, 1585 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Henry Wanless, 1598, Henry Wandless, 1665 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); George Wanliss, 1646 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb).  
**References:** *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, p. 183.

### Wanley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: variant of **Wanless** with loss of final -s.  
**Early bearers:** Mary Wanley, 1775 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Wanliss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish: see **Wanless**.

### Wann

Variants: **Wan, Wands**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; also Cavan

Scottish, N English: nickname from Older Scots and Middle English *wan* 'wan, pale'.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Wan, 1411 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); William Wane, 1433 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Martin Wanor Wanne, 1473 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Wann, 1500 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Dumbarton, Dunbartons); Adam Wane, 1500 in *Protocol Book Simon* (Adamhill, Lanarks); Margaret Wand, 1608 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jonat Wann, 1611 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Kathrein Wand, 1623 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Marable Wan, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife).  
England: Warner Wan, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Wan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Rogero Wan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh, Somerset); Johis. Wann, 1593 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Elizabeth Wann, 1594 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Richard Wann, 1616 in *IGI* (Bearstead, Kent); Elizabeth Wann, 1620 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

### Wannell

Variants: **Wanhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Rogero Wauenyle, Johanne Wanyle, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stodden hundred, Beds); Willo Wanel, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eyeworth, Beds); Henry Wanill', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Covington, Hunts); Johannes Wanill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Afton, Hants); Georgii Wannell, 1575 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); John Wannell alias Voysie, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); John Wannell, 1609 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Eliza Wannill, 1703 in *IGI* (Shillingford Saint George, Devon); John Wannil, 1745 in *IGI* (Topsham, Devon); Thomas Wanhill, 1816 in *IGI* (Poole, Dorset).

**References:** *TNA C 142/55/80*.

### Wannop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: nickname from Middle English *wanhope* 'despair, hopelessness; vain hope, presumption'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Wanhope, 1486 in *York Guild Register* (York); Christopher Wannopp', 1556–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Neots, Hunts); Hugh Wanop, 1600 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Margaret Wannop, 1609 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Micklegate, York); Thomas Wannupp, 1636 in *PROB 11* (Saint Saviour Southwark, Surrey); Tho Wannop, 1682 in *IGI* (Irthington, Cumb); Christopherus Wannop, 1687 in *IGI* (Crosby on Eden, Cumb); Isabel Wanhop, 1724 in *IGI* (Nether Denton, Cumb); Thomas Wanhope, 1756 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb).

### Wanse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Norman, English: locative name from Wanchy (Seine-Maritime).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Wanceio, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Roger de Wanci, 1146–8 in *Hatton's*

*Book of Seals* (Essex); Johannis Wansy, 1232 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stockbury, Kent); Ricardo Wancy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Wilts); Thomas Wansy, 1570 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Marie Wansy, 1588 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Jehu Wansy, 1770 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex).

**References:** See *Anglo-Norman Families*.

### Wanstall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Wenstall*, apparently in Kent.

**Early bearers:** Joh'nes ate Wenstalle, 1327, John atte Qwenstalle, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Petham hundred, Kent); William Wanstall, citizen and writer, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Joane Wanstall, 1477, Henry Wanstell, 1510 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Lydd, Kent); William Wanstell, 1496 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Molash, Kent); Edward Wanstall, 1591 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Thomas Wanstall, 1586, Sisley Wanstoll, 1661 in *IGI* (Molash, Kent); John Wanstall, 1598 in *IGI* (Chillenden, Kent); Thomas Wanstall, 1708, Anne Wenstall, 1770 in *IGI* (Charing, Kent).

### Want

Variants: **Whant, Wand, Waind, Wainde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 649, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Norfolk; Herts

1 English: (i) nickname from Middle English *wand*, *want* 'mole' (Old English *wand*), perhaps a nickname for a short-sighted person. (ii) nickname perhaps also from Old French *want* 'glove'.

**Early bearers:** Aluric' uuand, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Rodbertus Lewante, [ . . . ] Wante, 1163–7 in *Angevin Canterbury* (Canterbury, Kent); Edwin Wante, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Ralph Wande, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Benedict le Want, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (East Preston, Sussex); William Wonde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John le Want, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woodcote in Leek Wootton, Warwicks); Thomas Wante, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lodsworth, Sussex); Henrico Want, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Petworth, Sussex); [ . . . ] Wante, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); John Want, 1471 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Percival Wande, 1555 in *York Registry Wills* (Smeaton, NR Yorks); Richard Wand, 1556 in *IGI* (Skillington, Lincs); John Wand, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Waynd, 1595 in *York Registry Wills* (Skewsby, NR Yorks); Barzillai Wand, 1599 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); William Wande or Wainde, 1627 in *York Registry Wills* (Newark, Notts); George Want, 1667 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Richd. Want, 1723 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex).

**References:** *Hjertstedt*, p. 200.

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Middle English *want* 'cross-roads', a dialect form of **Went**.

**Early bearers:** James atte Wante, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (MeechingSussex).

### Wantling

Variants: **Wanklyn, Wanklin, Wankling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Derbys, and WR Yorks

Welsh: relationship name, an anglicization (with stress on the first syllable) of the Welsh female given name *Gwenllian*, which appears as *Wentiliana*, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); *Wantliana*, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); *Wanthliane*, 1352, *Wentliana*, 14th cent. in *Morgan and Morgan*; *Wenthelen*, 1411 in *Fine Rolls* (Glamorgan).

**Early bearers:** Albreda Wentelien', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Willyam Wankeley [sic], 1556 in *PROB 11* (Lymster [Leominster], Herefs); William Wancklen, 1565 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); Ellis Wancklin, 1614 in *PROB 11* (All Saints Hereford, Herefs); Johanna Wancklyn, 1618 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); Henricus Wankeling, 1619 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Edward Wankling, 1637 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Arthur Wanklin, 1645 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); John Wanklin, 1645 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Elizabeth Wantling, 1662 in *IGI* (Munslow, Shrops); Thomas Wanklin, 1664 in *IGI* (Kington, Herefs); John Wanclyn, 1681 in *IGI* (Goodrich, Herefs); Roger Wanklyn, 1682 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Walter Wanklyn, 1689 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); Ambrose Wanklyn, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); James Wanklyn, 1706 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs).

## Wanton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English, Scottish: nickname from Middle English *wanton* 'unruly, thoughtless, or promiscuous'.

**Further information:** This surname was quite frequent until the 18th century, but in the 19th it underwent a sharp decline in numbers, presumably due to people changing their name because of the negative sexual connotations of the vocabulary word, which had become salient.

**Early bearers:** England: William Wantoun, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Stephen Wantoun, 1312 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Caterina Wantoun, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rushford, Norfolk); Agn' Wanton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Chrystofar Wanton, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Thomas Wanton, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Johanes Wanton, 1599 in *IGI* (Waddingham, Lincs); Judith Wanton, 1706 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

Scotland: Isabell Wanton, 1679 in *IGI* (Burntisland, Fife); Andrew Wanton, 1724 in *IGI* (Muiravonside, Stirlings).

## Waple

**Variants:** Waples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Walpole**.

2 English: nickname, perhaps a survival of the medieval surname *Wagepole*, apparently meaning 'wag pole', synonymous with **Wagstaff**, although the form *Wagpoll* suggests an alternative sense, 'wag head'.

**Early bearers:** Everard' Wagepol, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William Wagepole, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Waghepol', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Waupol, Wagpoll, 1271 in *Leicester Borough Records* (Leics); Rogerus Waghpoll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roud in Godshill, IoW).

## Waples

- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: variant of **Waple** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Catherine Waples, 1586 in *IGI* (Dingley, Northants); John Waples, 1596 in *IGI* (Sharnbrook, Beds).

## Waplington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 153

- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name from Waplington (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Wappington, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thirkleby, ER Yorks); Elena de Wapplington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acomb with Holgate, WR Yorks); Willelmus Waplington, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirpenbeck and Thoraby, ER Yorks); Thomas Waplyngton', 1383 in *Feet of Fines* (Kilham, ER Yorks); Johannis de Waplington, 1395 in *Nottingham Borough Records* (Notts); Henry Waplingtonne, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Beeston, Notts); John Waplinton, 1606, Robert Waplington, 1609 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Susanna Waplington, 1634 in *IGI* (Sneinton, Notts).

## Wapshot

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks; IoW

English: see **Wapshott**.

## Wapshott

**Variants:** Wapshot

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Bucks

English: locative name from Wapshott House in Horsell (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Wopshete, 1216–72, [ . . . de] Wopesete, 1294, [ . . . de] Wopschete, 1327–77 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Agatha de Wopshete, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pyrford, Surrey); John Wapshott, 1561, John Wabshott, 1566, Walter Wapshott, 1573 in *Assize Rolls* (Surrey); Richard Wapshett, 1627, Robert Wapshott, 1628 in *IGI* (Chertsey, Surrey); John Wapshott, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Aldershot, Hants); Eliz. Wapshot, 1668 in *IGI* (Staines, Middx); Gulielmi Wapshott, 1636 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); Henry Wapshat, 1669 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Whapshot, 1735 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Wobshot, 1837 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, pp. 130–1.

## Warbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Warboy**.

## Warboy

**Variants:** Warbey, Warby, Worbey, Worby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Warboys**, perhaps with the *-s* having been wrongly taken as a plural form.

**Early bearers:** Brigit Warbie, 1568 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); John Warby, 1634 in *IGI* (Leventon, Lincs); Elizabeth Warbie, 1645 in *IGI* (Saint Pauls Walden, Herts); Samuel Warby, 1703 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Wm. Warbey, 1710 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); William Warby, 1716 in *IGI* (Little Berkhamsted, Herts); Diana Warby, 1723 in *IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Michael Warby, 1725 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Richard Warby, 1726 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); John Worboy, 1757 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); Thomas Worby, 1760 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); John Worboy, 1816 in *IGI* (Great Munden, Herts).

## Warboys

**Variants:** Worboys, Warboy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 248, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 204

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Cambs

1 English: locative name from Warboys (Hunts). Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** William de Wardeboys, 1261 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Augustine de Wardeboys, 1290 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Raveley, Hunts); Geoffrey de Wardeboys, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Cambridge, Cambs); Henry de Wardebois, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Houghton, Hunts); Johanne Wardeboys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyboston, Beds); Walter Wardeboys, 1452 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Oliver Warboys, 1605 in *IGI* (Buckworth, Hunts); Richard Warbis, 1609 in *IGI* (Guilden Morden, Cambs); John Warbois, 1678 in *IGI* (Steeple Morden, Cambs); William Warbice, 1722 in *IGI* (Biggleswade, Beds).

2 French, English: nickname, occupational name from Old Parisian French *garder*, Norman *warder*, 'guard' + *bois* 'wood', used to describe a forester or officer in charge of a forest.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wardebois, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Silvester Wardebois, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Wardebois, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); John Gardeboys, 1280 in *London Letter Books A* (London).

## Warbrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 338

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Warbreck (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Rob'to de Warthebrek, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Singleton, Lancs); Richard Warbrecke, 1608 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); William Warbreck, 1636, Thomas Warbricke, 1654 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); John Warbrick, 1690 in *IGI* (Lytham Saint Annes, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 156.

## Warburton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7663, Ireland 68

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7367

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Offaly  
English: locative name from Warburton (Cheshire). **Further information:** Warbleton in Sussex was recorded as *Warburton* in 1211 but is unlikely to be the source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Mabilia de Warberton', 1212 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex and Herts); William de Warbilton, 1278 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Geoffrey de Werberton', 1325

## Warby

in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); John Warberton or Warbulton, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Peter Warburton, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Hammet Warburton, 1573 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire).

### Warby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 655, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx and Herts
- English: see **Warboy**.

### Warcup

Variants: **Warkup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 168
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Warcop (Westm).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Wardecop, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Westm); William de Wardecop', 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thoma de Warthcop', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warcop, Westm); Willelmo de Warthcop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Thomas Warcop', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Roberto Warcop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibson, Leics); Willelmo Wardecop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Richard Warecope, 1340–1450 in *Coventry Guild Register* (Warwicks); Johnes. Warcoppe, 1542 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Cutbert Warcup, 1549 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); John Warcopp, 1578, Anthonie Warcup, 1622 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks).

### Ward

Variants: **Warde, Wards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94153, Ireland 10015
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64587
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Donegal; Galway

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ward* 'watchman, guard' (Old English *weard*).

**Early bearers:** William Warde, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Warde, 1257 in *Thuresson* (Sussex); Thomas le Warde, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Simon le Warde, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *warde* 'armed guard' (Old English *weard* 'watching, guarding'), with the same meaning as (1), i.e. '(man) of the watch, watchman'. Compare **Wardman**. See *Löfvenberg* 220.

**Early bearers:** William de la Warda, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); William de la Warde, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Robert del Warde, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Peter ate Warde, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey).

3 Irish: from **Mac an Bhaird** 'son of the bard or poet'.

**Early bearers:** Mael-Isu Mac in Baird, bishop of Cluana Ferta Brenaind (Clonfert), 1173 in *AU* (Galway); Goffraigh Mac an Baird, 1478 in *AU* (Donegal); Nuadha Mac an Bhaird, Mac an Baird of Oirghialla, 1488 in *AU*.

### Wardale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 402, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 235
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Wardle**.

### Wardall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and N Midlands

English: see **Wardle**.

### Warde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 29
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 236
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; Louth
- Irish: mainly Irish spelling of **Ward**.

### Wardel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Wardle**.

### Wardell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1504, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1188
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin

English: see **Wardle**.

### Warden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2345, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2103
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

1 English, Scottish: occupational name from Anglo-Norman French *wardain*, Old French *gardein* 'one who keeps guard, a warden', i.e. a gate-keeper, porter, or sentinel.

**Early bearers:** Wluric Uerderenus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herts); Walter Wardein, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John le Wardeyn, 1289 in *Barnwell Memorandum Book* (Cambs); Johannes Wardyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rudge (Episcopi), Devon); Johannes Wardayn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burleigh, Sussex); Hugone Wardeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bredwardine, Herefs); Johannes Wardeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hornung, Norfolk); Johannes Wardyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Radulphus Wardayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saxtead, Suffolk); Johannes Warden, 1555 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); William Warden, 1582 in *IGI* (Oxford, Oxon); Katheren Warden, 1588 in *IGI* (Stapleford, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from any of several places called Warden (in Beds, Durham, Kent, Northumb, Northants).

**Early bearers:** Symon de Waredon', 1232 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Kent); Elyas de Wardon', 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Rutland); Nicholas de Wardon', chaplain, 1340 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Wardeiden, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Thomas de Wardon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pickworth, Rutland); Johannes Wardone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Chart, Kent); Willelmo Wardon', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Foxton, Leics); Thoma de Wardon', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Jacobus Warden, 1562 in *IGI* (Iwade, Kent).

### Warder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 378, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 441
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Essex

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *warder* 'guard, sentinel, warden'. Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) below.

**Early bearers:** Adam Wardur, about 1272, John le Wardur, about 1285–8, Simon Wardour, 1356 in *Hornchurch Priory Kalendar* (Essex); William le Wardour, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Giles le Wardour, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Coventry, Warwicks); Willelmus Warder', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ningwood, Hants); Thoma Wardour, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meysey Hampton, Gloucs); Thomas Warder, 1584 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Thomas Warder, 1622 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Ruth Warder, 1668 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

2 English: locative name from Wardour (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** John de Werdore, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Westbury hudred, Wilts); John de Werdour, 1341 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John de Wardore, 1342 in *Edington Cartulary* (Wilts); Mariatte Warder, 1563 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Thomas Warder, 1571 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

### Wardhaugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham; Kirkcudbrights

English Scottish: locative name from Wardhaugh Farm in Inverkeithny (Banffs, formerly Aberdeens), or from a lost or unidentified place with a similar name in NE England or SE Scotland.

**Early bearers:** William Wardhaugh, 1417, Richard Wardhaughe, 1457 in *Northumberland Record Office* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas Wardhaugh, 1585 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Thomas Wardhough, 1588, William Wardhaugh, 1589, Margery Wardhawgh, 1596 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Robert Wardhagh, 1700 in *IGI* (Long Houghton, Northumb); Jean Wardhaugh, 1801 in *IGI* (Newlands, Peebles); Joannae Wardhufe Or Wardhaugh, 1813 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); James Wardhaugh, 1820 in *IGI* (Parton, Kirkcudbrights).

### Wardill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Wardle**.

### Wardlaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 797, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 544
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Edinburgh and Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish: Scottish variant of **Wardlow**.

### Wardle

Variants: **Wardel, Wardell, Wardill, Wardale, Wardall, Wordell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7723, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5772
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

1 English: locative name from Weardale (Durham). There is much confusion of post-medieval forms with those under (2).

**Early bearers:** N England: William de Werdale, 1216, William de Werdall, about 1217, William Wardell, 1539 in *Durham Priory Fees* (Durham); John de Weredale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Eberston, NR Yorks); Robert Werdale, Robert Wardale, burgess of Scarborough, 1452 in *York Registry Wills* (NR Yorks); John Wardall, 1509 in *York Registry Wills* (Lastingham, NR Yorks); John Wardall, 1521 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Janet Wardell, 1539 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Thomas Wardaill, 1557, William Wardell, 1616 in *York Registry Wills* (New Malton, NR Yorks); George Wardale, 1609, Edward Wardall, 1612 in *IGI* (Easington, Durham); Thoma Wardale, 1636 in *IGI* (Kirk Ella, ER Yorks); Christoper Wardill, 1645 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Robartt Wardle, 1677 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); James Wardill, 1707 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Robert Wardle, 1748 in *IGI* (Kirby Misperton, NR Yorks).

NE Midlands: Richard de Wardle, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes Werisdal, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Morton, Lincs); Thomas Wardall, 1540 in *IGI* (Habrough, Lincs); Johes. Wardale, 1562 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Rachell Wardell, 1567 in *IGI* (Roughton, Lincs); Edwardi Wardill, 1576 in *IGI* (Killingholme, Lincs). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative from Wardle (Lancs) and possibly Wardle (Cheshire), both named with Old English \**weard-hyll* 'watch hill'. Post-medieval forms are indistinguishable from those belonging to (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wardhill, 1218 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Alexander de Wardhull, about 1238, Alexander de Werdul, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Alexandre de Wordill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rossendale Chase, Lancs); Adam de Wordul, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Lancs); Henricus dil Wordhale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarbrick, Lancs); Robertus Wordhull, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adderley, Shrops); Willm Wardell, 1560 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Michael Wardell, 1562 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Rychard Wardle, 1571 in *IGI* (Bilton in Ainsty, WR Yorks); Hughe Wardle, 1583 in *IGI* (Edlaston, Derbys); Martha Wardel, 1584, Jacob Wardle, 1585 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Ricus Wardell, 1586 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Henry Wardle, 1601 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Richard Wardle, 1620 in *IGI* (Breedon on the Hill, Leics); Randll. Wardell, 1627, Joana Wardle, 1630 in *IGI* (Astbury, Cheshire); William Wardle, 1643 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Wardle, 1787 in *IGI* (Dawley, Shrops).

### Wardleworth

**Variants:** Wordsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Wardleworth in Hundersfield (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Werleworth, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Nicholas Wardleworth, 1553 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); William Wardleworth, 1584 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, pp. 56–7.

### Wardley

**Variants:** Wordley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 739

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, Notts, and Derbys; Suffolk; London
- 1 English: locative name from Wardley (Rutland). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2), (3), or (4).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Warlei, 1199 in *Place-Names of Rutland* (Rutland); Pylipus de Wardeley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wardley, Rutland); Henricus Wardley, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Seaton, Rutland); Johannes de Wardleye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barleythorpe and Oakham, Rutland); Ricardus Wardley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stockerston, Leics); Johannes Wardeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saddington, Leics); Ann Wardlie, 1577 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk); Sara Wardly, 1584 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Thomas Wardley, 1593 in *PROB 11* (London); Margaret Wardley, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Augustine Watling Street, London); Garrad Wardly, 1699 in *IGI* (Icklingham, Suffolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Rutland*, pp. 126–7.

2 English: locative name from Wardley near Swinton in Worsley (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Joh. de Wordeley, about 1300 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Eccles, Lancs); Johannes de Wordeley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manchester, Lancs); Ellen Wardley, 1582 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); Alice Wardley, 1614 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 41.

3 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Wardley in Iping (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Wardelegh, 1279 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Rado de Wardly, 1296, Henr' de Wardely, 1327, Thom' de Wardely, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Iping, Sussex); Willmo de Wardlegh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Danehill, Sussex); Alexander Wardley, 1572 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 23.

4 English: variant of **Wardlow**.

**Early bearers:** Robti Wardley, 1565, William Wardlo, 1673 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); William Wardley, 1662 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); William Wardlay, 1720 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Wardlow

**Variants:** Wardlaw, Wardley, Warlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and WR Yorks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Wardlow (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** England: Henry de Wardlowe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys); John de Wardlowe, 1348 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36 (Derbys); Thoma Wardelowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Bishop, Herefs); Henricus de Wardelowe, Robertus de Wordelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashford, Derbys); Nicholaus de Wardlow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Elena de Wardlowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxton, Derbys); Robertus Wardlowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Matilda de Wordelowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wormhill, Derbys); Thomas Wardlowe, 1508 in *PROB 11* (Holy Trinity Coventry, Warwicks).

Scotland: Walter de Wardlaw, 1358 in *Scotland Calendar* (Aberdeens); John of Wardlawe, 1464 in *Scotland Calendar* (Riccarton, Midlothian); Alexander Wardlaw, 1467 in *Newbattle Register* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Wardman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 870, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 768

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *ward-man*, either in the general sense 'watchman, guard' (compare **Ward**) or in the administrative sense 'representative of a ward within a borough' (see *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Wardeman, 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Oadby, Leics); Willelmus Wardman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Embsay, WR Yorks); Johanne Wardeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton on the Hill, Leics); William Wardeman, 1409 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Christopher Wardeman, 1491 in *York Guild Register* (York); Anthony Wardeman, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Edward Wardman, 1560 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Parsabell Wardman, 1575 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Wardeman, 1585 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Thuesson*, p. 139.

### Wardrobe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and ER Yorks Norman, English, Scottish: see **Wardrop**.

### Wardrop

**Variants:** Wardrope, Wardrobe, Whatrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 922, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland, esp. Lanarks; Ayr and W Lothian

Norman, English, Scottish: status name for an official of the wardrobe, in medieval usage the department of a royal or noble household responsible for clothing, armour, bedding, and other personal items; from Norman French *warderobe*, Central French *garderobe* (*warder*, *garder* 'to watch over, guard' + *robe*); the modern form of the word, with final /b/, has sometimes re-influenced the surname. Some bearers from the 17th century onwards may belong with (2). Compare **Wardroper**, with which there may have been some interchange.

**Further information:** The occurrence of Andrew Wardrobe in Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London (1675 in *IGI*) is presumably a happy coincidence rather than evidence of an otherwise unknown locative derivation.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Warderob, about 1210 in *Black*; Joscelin de la Warderob(e), 1219, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Thomas de Garderoba, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); John atte Warderobe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Warderobe, 1334 in *London Letter Books E* (London); Juliana atte Wardrobe, 1338 in *Ancient Deeds 6* (Princes Risborough, Bucks); John Wardrap or Wardraper, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); Dorathia Wardrop, 1550 in *IGI* (Bayford, Herts); Ellyn or Helene Wardroppe, 1556 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Magdalene Richmond, Surrey); Thomi Wardrop, 1578 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); William Waddrope, 1608 in *Black*; Thomas Whatrup, 1864 in *IGI* (Chipping Warden, Northants).

### Wardrope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland, esp. Lanarks; W Lothian, Stirlings Norman, English, Scottish: see **Wardrop**.



**Wardroper**

Variants: **Waredraper, Wardropper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Northumb, Worcs Norman, English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *warderobier* 'official of the household in charge of the robes and wearing-apparel' (Old French *garderobier*). **Early bearers:** England: William Wardrober, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); William Wardroper, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Garderobier, (le) Wardrober, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John Wardrap or Wardraper, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Hereford, Herefs); Thomae Wardroper, 1574, Hugonis Wardropper, 1589 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Helen Wardroper, 1628 in *IGI* (Portslade, Sussex); Dorothy Wardroper, 1667 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Elizabeth Wardraper, 1699 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex). Scotland: Thomas Wardroppare, 1465 in *Black*; Andro Wardroper, 1604, James Wardrober, 1626 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Wardroper, 1639 in *IGI* (Livingston, W Lothian); Jonat Wardrapper, 1653 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); John Wardrouper, 1748 in *IGI* (Abernyte, Perth).

**Wardropper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Wardroper**.

**Wards**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: variant of **Ward** with post-medieval excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** Thoma Wards, 1575 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); John Wards, 1587 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Ware**

- Variants: **Wayre, Wear, Weare, Where, Were, Weyer, Wire, Wyre, Wears, Wares, Wyers, Quire, Warre, Warr, Wyer, Whear**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5690, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4883
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and SW England; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Down and Antrim

1 English: locative name from Weare (Somerset), Weare Giffard (Devon), or Ware (Herts), which is recorded in the plural form *Wara(s)*, *Wares* in *Domesday Book*; or for someone who lived by or looked after a weir, dam, or fish trap. The place-names and the topographic term derive from Old English *wær*, *wer*, Middle English *war(e)*, *warre*, *wer(e)*, *werre* 'weir'. For the name in N England see **Wear** and **Weir**. For the name in W and E England see **Wyer**. It may also survive as **Warr**. **Early bearers:** Anschil de Waras, de Wara, de Wares, 1086, in *Domesday Book* (Ware, Herts); John de Ware, 1276 in *London Letter Books B* (London); William ater Ware, 1296, John atte Wer, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Roberto atte Were, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Winterborne Stickland, Dorset); Richard atte Ware, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Giles atte Ware, 1346 in

*Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Nicholas Betheware, 1369 in *London Letter Books G* (London); John Ware, 1539 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); John Ware, 1540 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Thomas Ware, 1545 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); James. Ware, 1551 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Ware, 1554 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Jone Weare, 1560 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); Joan Were, 1562, Frances Weere, 1630 in *IGI* (Horsmonden, Kent); Robert Where, 1572, Michael Wheare, 1641 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Ware, 1580 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); John Weare, 1598 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Henry Ware, 1602 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Hester Weare, 1611 in *IGI* (North Cadbury, Somerset); Thomas Ware, 1617, Oliffe Wayar, 1628 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Joseph Weare, 1631 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon); Robert Ware, 1641 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by a horse pond or fishpond, Anglo-French, Middle English *wayour*, which became early Modern English *ware*, *wear*. Some post-medieval examples of *Ware*, *Wear(e)* and *Wayar* in (1) may alternatively belong here.

**Early bearers:** Henry ate Wayhore, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Laur. atte Waiur, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lincs); Will. atte Wayer, about 1340 in *Langar Extent* (Notts); Cuthberd Wayer, 1565 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs).

3 English: nickname from Middle English *war(e)* (Old English *wær*) 'wary, cautious', also 'wise, skilful, cunning'. The Middle English forms are difficult to disentangle from those belonging to (4).

**Early bearers:** Thoma le Ware, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wool and Bexington, Dorset); Gilberto le Ware, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Abbotsbury, Dorset).

4 Norman, English: see **Warr**.

5 Flemish, English: nickname from Flemish (**de**) **Weer**, from Middle Dutch *we(d)er* 'wether, ram'. **Early bearers:** Jan Wer, son of Jan Wer, 1605, Anne Weer, daughter of Jan Weer, 1616, in *IGI* (Walloon or Strangers Church, Canterbury, Kent).

**Waredraper**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Wardroper**.

**Wareham**

Variants: **Warham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2519, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1665
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Hants
- English: locative name from Wareham (Dorset), or perhaps sometimes Warham (Herefs, Norfolk). **Early bearers:** Alexander de Warham, 1207 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William de Warham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Walterus de Warham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bradle, Dorset); Bartholomeus de Warham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grimston, Norfolk); Thomas Warham, 1554 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Thomas Warham, 1569 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Wareham, 1569 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Rychard Wareham, 1583 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); George Warum, Edward Warham, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**Wareing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2273, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1682
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Waring**.

**Wares**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 307
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Sussex
- English: variant of **Ware** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Warf**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews
- Scottish: see **Wharfe**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.

**Warfield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from Warfield (Berks). **Early bearers:** Simon de Warefeld', 1218 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); John de Warfelde, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Robertus Warfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, WR Yorks); Thomas Warfield, 1608 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Robert Warfeild, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*.

**Warford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: locative name, possibly from Woodsford (Dorset), which appears as *Werdesford* in *Domesday Book* and other medieval sources and as *Werdesford*, 1297 in *Patent Rolls*, rather than from Warford (Cheshire). **Early bearers:** Thomas Warford, 1564, Justin Warford, 1589 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); William Warforde, 1573 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Wm. Warford, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Danll. Warford, 1726 in *IGI* (Manuden, Essex).

**Warham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 303, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire, Lancs
- English: see **Wareham**.

**Warhurst**

- Variants: **Warriss**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 752, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 838
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Derbys
- English: locative name, probably from Warhurst Fold Farm in Charlesworth (Derbys), though this is recorded only late. **Early bearers:** Jana Warhurst, 1629 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); Richard Warhurst, 1638 in *IGI* (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys) Caleb Warhurst, 1718 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire); Enoch Warhirst, 1761 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**Warin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks; also Derbys
- English: variant of **Warren** or **Waring**.



**Early bearers:** Willimi. Warin, 1545 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Richard Warin, 1547 in *IGI* (Arlesey, Beds); Mariana Warin, 1548 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Thomas Warin, 1602 in *IGI* (Normanton, WR Yorks).

### Waring

**Variants:** Wareing, Warring, Wearing, Warin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5204, Ireland 312
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3716
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down

English: see **Warren**.

**Early bearers:** John Waring, 1550 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Thomas Waring, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thoms Waring, 1564 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Sara Wareing, 1590 in *IGI* (Muckton, Lincs).

### Wark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 544, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 348
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal and Derry
- Scottish, English: see **Work**.

### Warke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 196, Ireland 206
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- Scottish, English: see **Work**.

### Warkup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Wareup**.

### Warland

**Variants:** Worland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 233
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

Norman, English: possibly a metathesised variant of **Walrond**. Compare Willelmo Walronde and Thoma Warlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henset and Puthall, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Thoma Warlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Henset and Puthall, Wilts); Thomas Warlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kilsby, Northants); Thomas Warland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Richard Worland, 1561 in *IGI* (Thundridge, Herts); John Warland, 1582 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Josias Warland, 1602 in *IGI* (Noke, Oxon); William Worland, 1614 in *IGI* (Haddenham, Cambs).

### Warleigh

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Essex
- English: see **Warley**.

### Warley

**Variants:** Warleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 194
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. ER Yorks
- English: locative name from one or more of the places so named, such as Great and Little Warley

(Essex), Warley Salop and Warley Wigorn (both Worcs), Warley (WR Yorks), Warleigh in Bathford (Somerset), and Warleigh House in Tamerton Foliot (Devon). There may have been some confusion with **Worley**, **Whalley**, and perhaps **Wardley**.

**Early bearers:** William Warlege, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*; Walter Warlagh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Thomas de Warlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Addingham, WR Yorks); Johannes Warlay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brayton, WR Yorks); Johannes Warlee, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Chiltington, Sussex); Johannes Warley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); William Warley, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Souldrop, Beds); Henry Warley, 1497 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); John Warley, 1564 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Raphe Warley, 1621 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Thomas Warley, 1668 in *IGI* (Wrighton, Somerset); Ralph Warley, 1677 in *IGI* (Loughton, Essex); William Warley, 1753 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Thomas Warley, 1760 in *IGI* (Bridlington, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 242–3.

### Warlock

**Variants:** Worlock, Wherlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset

English: nickname from Old Scandinavian \**varðlokka*, singular of *varðlokkur* ‘incantations’, perhaps understood as equivalent to Old English *wærloga* ‘traitor, enemy, devil’, for which see **Warlow**.

**Further information:** The name of the composer Peter Warlock is an assumed name.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Warloc, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Simon (le) Warlok, 1290–1 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); John Werlok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Warlok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cottonham, Cambs); Edward Worlocke, 1575 in *IGI* (Cromhall, Gloucs); Geo. Warlock, 1739, James Wherlock, 1882 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Warlow

**Variants:** Whorlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 693, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 508
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Pembrokes
- 1 English: nickname from an unrecorded Middle English \**warlow*, continuing Old English *wærloga* ‘traitor, enemy, devil’, perhaps later understood like **Warlock**.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Warlowe, 1545 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Johnis Warlow, 1570 in *IGI* (Steeplingley, Beds); William Warlowe, 1587 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Warlo, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Elizabeth Warloe, 1636 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Martha Warlow, 1727 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs).

2 English: variant of **Wardlow** or **Warrilow**.

### Warman

**Variants:** Warmen, Werman, Worman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2052, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1397
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in S England

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *ware-man* ‘market trader’ (Old English *waru* ‘articles of merchandise, wares’ + *mann* ‘man’).

Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Waremanni, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Henry Wareman, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Richard Wareman, 1263 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 3 (Kent); William Warman, 1338 in *London Letter Books F* (London); Gualterus Warman, 1562 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Edward Warman, 1653 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Mary Warman, 1665 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Eliz. Warman, 1770 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Warmund* (Old English *Wærmund*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Warmundus, 1199 in *Memoranda Roll* (Surrey).

sumames: John Waremund, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); Isabella Wermund, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs).

### Warmen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Warman**.

### Warmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. Norfolk; Staffs

English: unexplained; possibly a form of **Wormald** through variants like *Warmoll*.

**Early bearers:** Joane Warmer, 1594 in *IGI* (Kelvedon near Colchester, Essex); Francis Warmer, 1660 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk); Sarah Warmar, 1683 in *IGI* (Wrentham, Suffolk); Thomas Warmer, 1784 in *IGI* (Chilvers Coton, Warwicks).

### Warmingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs and Warwicks

English: see **Warmisham**.

### Warmington

**Variants:** Wormington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 28
- **GB frequency 1881:** 545
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Warwicks;
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: locative name from either of two places called Warmington (Northants, Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** William de Warmintona, 1185 in *Templars Records*; Richard Warmyngton, 1376 in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Surrey); Johannes Warmyntone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catesby, Northants); Agneta Warmington, 1558 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall); Margaret Warmington, 1559 in *IGI* (Morwenstow, Cornwall); Willmus. Warmington, 1561 in *IGI* (Poughill, Cornwall).

### Warmisham

**Variants:** Warmingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs
- English: locative name from Warmingham (Cheshire). The place-name was formerly

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pronounced 'Warmincham' (compare the current spelling of *Altrincham*, also in Cheshire, pronounced 'Altringham'). This could be spelt as *Warmingham* with the -g- pronounced as 'soft' /dʒ/. *Warmincham*, or *Warminsham* as illustrated by the surname. In some forms the -n- in the second syllable was lost, including the variant that appears in Lancs, where the final -sham has been replaced by the characteristic Lancs place-name element -shaw. *Warmiham* and *Warminham* seem to be aberrations.

**Early bearers:** [...] Weremingham, 1327 in *Chester Recognizance Rolls*; [...] Wernycham, 1478 in *Chester Recognizance Rolls*; Thomas Warmishame, 1546 in *IGI* (Conway, Caernarvons); Thomas Warmingham, 1565 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Humfridus Warmincham, 1571 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Marie Warmiham, 1583, Thomas Warmisham, 1584, George Waremincham, 1604 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Warmishawe, 1594 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Humfrey Warmishaw, 1637 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Warminsham, 1661, Charles Warminham, 1692 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Johannis Warmisham, 1682 in *IGI* (Bebington, Cheshire); Timothy Warmingsham, 1770 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire 2*, p. 262.

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- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Wormald**.

## Warmasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
- English: see **Walmsley**.

## Warn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 452, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 539
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Hants; Middx
- English: see **Warne**.

## Warne

**Variants:** **Warn**, **Wearn**, **Wearne**, **Worn**, **Worne**, **Warnes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3021, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2168
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon; Hants and IoW; Suffolk; London; also Lancs

1 English: reduced form of **Warren**, as shown by examples cited below.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Thomas Warren, 1562, Edith Warne, 1594 in *IGI* (Portishead, Somerset); Henrie Warn, 1562, Peter Warren, 1576, Henry Warne, 1584 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); George Warren, 1572, Thos Warne, 1701, Sarah Worne, 1751 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Thomas Warren, 1572, John Warne, 1684 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Wynfrith Warren, 1576, Thomas Warne, 1663, Susan Wearn, 1687 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Willm. Warne, 1581, William Warren, 1585 in *IGI* (Linkinhorne, Cornwall); Harry Wearne, 1625, Nicholas Warren, 1683 in *IGI* (Constantine, Cornwall).

E Anglia and London: Elizabeth Warne, 1539 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Guilielmus Warne, 1561 in *IGI*

(Cratfield, Suffolk); Roberti Warren, 1564, James Warne, 1580 in *IGI* (Great Walsingham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Warren, 1564, Richard Warne, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Joane Warren, 1565, Jane Warne, 1660 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mark Warne, 1602, Thomas Waryn, 1613, Christian Warren, 1612 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk); Matthew Warne, 1753, William Worne, 1775, Robert Warn, 1780, Mary Warren, 1796 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk).

Lancs: Samuel Warren, 1693, Mary Wearn, 1810, Caroline Worne, 1868 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 English: locative name occasionally perhaps from Wearne (Somerset). If the Somerset name survived, it will have been confused with and probably absorbed by the much commoner name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Jervase and John de Werne, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Somerset).

## Warneford

**Variants:** **Warnford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb; WR Yorks; Sussex

English: locative name from Warnford (Hants).

**Early bearers:** Wulfric æt Wernæforda, about 1050 in *Tengvik* (Hants); Ralph de Warneford, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Warneford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenhampton, Wilts); John Warneforde, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Anne Warnford, 1607 in *IGI* (Highworth, Wilts); Lancelot Warnford, 1632 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); George Warnford, 1685 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## Warnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk; Gloucs; Leics

English: unexplained. It may be linked to the name of Johannes Waronhale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxlingham, Norfolk), which is probably a locative name.

**Early bearers:** John Warnell, 1612 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Francis Warnall, 1648 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Thom. Warnell, 1684 in *IGI* (Weobley, Herefs); Thomas Warnell, 1691 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Richard Warnal, 1727 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

## Warner

**Variants:** **Worner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15732, Ireland 290
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10652
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- 1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Warnier* (Old French form *Garnier*). Compare **Garner**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Warnerus de Lusoriis, 1140 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Garnerus, Gwarnerius, Warnerus de Campania, about 1160 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Warner (Garner) de Waxtunesham, 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Wariner le Botiler, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks). surnames: Robert Warnier, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Geoffrey Warner, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey);

Willelmus Warner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lower Slaughter, Gloucs); Alice Warner, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Joan Warner, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Walter Warner, 1539 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Joanna Warner, 1540 in *IGI* (Great Hornead, Herts); Rychard Warner, 1540 in *IGI* (Rushton, Northants). 2 Norman, English: reduced form of Old French *warrennier* 'warrener'. See **Warrener**.

**Early bearers:** Peter le Warner, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks).

3 Irish: in Ireland, when this is not the Anglo-Norman name, it is Ó Murnáin, see **Murnane**, found in *Fiants Elizabeth* as *Iwarrynane* in 1603.

**Early bearers:** Connoghor mcShane Iwarrynane, 1603 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6764 (Carignecorie, Cork); William and Elizabeth Warner, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 199 (Bandonbridge, Cork); Randall Warner, gent., 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 208 (Lisnecrimine, Cork); Elizabeth Warner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Desertserges, Cork); James Warner, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Tedavnet, Monaghan).

## Warnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1804, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 983
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Warne** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Margareta Warnes, 1561 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Joanna Warnes, 1563 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Edmund Warnes, 1566 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk).

## Warnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Garnett**.

## Warnford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; also WR Yorks

English: see **Warneford**.

## Warnock

**Variants:** **Mernock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1397, Ireland 795
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 641
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Down
- Scottish Gaelic, Irish: relationship name reduced from *Mac Giolla Mhearnóg* 'son of the devotee of Saint Mearnóg', a hypocoristic for *Earnóg*. As a sept of the Grahams in Scotland, the surname might also be replaced by **Graham**.

**Further information:** Saint Mearnóg 'My Earnóg' is the patron saint of Kilmarnock in Scotland, and can be identified with *Earnán* or *Tearnóg* 'Thy Earnóg' of Kilnasaggart in south Armagh.

given names: Gillemernoch McGilleandris, about 1185 in in *Black* (Ayr).

**Early bearers:** surnames, Scotland: Andree Warnoche, 1505 in *Criminal Trials in Scotland* (Lanark, Lanarks); John Warnok, about 1530 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Warnok, 1562 in *Hunter Family Papers* (Ayr); John McIlvarnak, 1579 in *Black* (Ardkinglas); Thomas McIlvernok, 1586 in *Black*

(Uchiltrie); Andrew Warnok, 1597 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Phippismilne, Lanarks); Rev. Archibald Graham alias McIlvernock, 1667 in *Black* (Rothesay, Bute).

surnames, Ireland: John Warnack, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Mullaghbrack, Armagh); William Warneck, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clogher, Tyrone); John Warnock, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clondermot, Derry); Stewart Warnook, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughgilly, Armagh).

References: Ó Riain, P. (2011) *Dictionary of Irish Saints* (Dublin: Four Courts Press).

## Warr

Variants: **Warre, Ware, Weir**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1994, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1672
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Dorset and Somerset; also Warwicks; Bucks
- 1 Norman, English: nickname from Norman French *were, waire, werre*, central French *guerre* ‘war’, short for *de la werre, de la guerre* ‘of the war’, or from a reduced form of Old French *werreur* ‘warrior’. Compare Geoffrey le Werreur, also known as le Werre, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks). For the common loss of the preposition, compare **Battle, Veil**. Some of the medieval examples with a preposition may alternatively belong at (2).

**Early bearers:** Herebertus la Guerre, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); John la Werre, la Guerre, 1187, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); William de la War’, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Tomas la Werre, la Guerre, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Tomas de la Warre, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Peter le Werre, de Warre, 1199, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Peter le Ware, 1218 in *Charter Rolls* (Gloucs); Peter de la Were, 1242 in *Book of Fees*; Peter le Ware, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Rog. de la Warre, 1311 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Johannes le Ware, 1313 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); Johanna la Warre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); George Warre, 1468 in *London Letter Books L*; Joane Warre, 1561 in *IGI* (Barcheston, Warwicks); Thomas Warre, 1591 in *IGI* (Lydlinch, Dorset); Robte Warr, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks); Alice Warr, 1623 in *IGI* (Yatton, Somerset).

2 English: see **Ware**.

## Warrack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: see **Warrick**.

## Warrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Lancs
- English: variant of **Worrall**.

## Warran

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Warren**.

## Warrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Scotland; Leics

Scottish, English: variant of **Warren** with excrescent *-d*. Compare **Warrant**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Helene Warrant, 1596 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); David Warrant, merchant, 1659 in *Black* (Elgin); Alexander Warrant, merchant, 1744 in *Black* (Forres).

England: Thomas Warrant, 1578 in *IGI* (Kinver, Staffs); Jane Warrant, 1590 in *IGI* (Ludborough, Lincs); Henry Warrant, 1629 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs).

## Warrant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs; London

Norman, English: variant of **Warren** with excrescent *-t*. Compare Crristopheri Warren, 1540, Ann Warrant, 1614 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs), and see **Warrant**.

**Early bearers:** Joan Warant, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Pirton, Herts); Francis Warrant, 1615 in *IGI* (Great Snoring, Norfolk).

## Warre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

1 English: see **Warr**.

2 English: see **Ware**.

## Warrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 328
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Staffs; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: variant of **Worrall**.

## Warren

Variants: **Warran, Warrant, Warrant, Waring, Wharin, Werren, Garon, Warin, Warne, Warrens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26109, Ireland 1212
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19515
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Wexford; Dublin

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name *Warin, Werin*, a borrowing of Continental Germanic *Warin, Werin*. The spellings *Garin, Gwarin* of the names of early bearers represent the Parisian French form *G(u)arin*. The name often attracted an excrescent *-g* in Middle English and later an excrescent *-d* or *-t*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Warinus, Waring(us), early 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Warin(us), the same man as Werin(us), early 12th cent. in *Durham Liber Vitae*; Warinus filius Toruerdi, 1142 in *Northants Charters* (Lincs).

surnames, medieval: Robertus filius Warini (Warin), 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); Gislebertus filius Garini, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Willelmus filius Warin, Gwarini 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Robert, Gilbert Warin’, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks), about 1209 in *Book of Fees* (Durham); John Waryng, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Roberto Waryn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sturminster Marshall,

Dorset); Johanne Waryn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Prittlewell, Essex); Henry Waryn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shipton with Hampen, Gloucs); Semannus Waryn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Stokenham, Devon); Richard Weryn, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Preston and Hove, Sussex); Roger Wareng, 1478 in *London Letter Books Lincs*.

surnames, post-medieval: John Warren alias Waryng, 1512 in *Oxford University Register*; John Warren, 1540 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon); Ade Warren, 1540 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Crristopheri Warren, 1540 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Thomas Warren, 1545 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); John Warren, 1548 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Thomas Warren, 1554 in *IGI* (Great Canfield, Essex); Nicolas Warren, 1560 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); John Warren, 1560 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); John Warren, 1575 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Georgius Warren, 1580 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Derbys); Thomas Warren, 1604 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Josephus Warren, 1630 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Wairin, 1665 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Warring, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).

2 Norman, English, Irish: locative name from Varenne (Seine-Maritime, Normandy), the name of a major Norman family after the Conquest. **Further information:** In Ireland, this name has been gaelicized as (**de**) **Bharain**.

**Early bearers:** William de Warene, de Warenne, de Garenna, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Hamelinus de Warrena, 1187 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); William de Warenne, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne de Garenne (de Garrene), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Prittlewell, Essex); Johanne de Warenne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Matching, Essex); John Count Warenn’, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brighton, Sussex).

References: *Anglo-Norman Families*, pp. 111–2;

*Domesday Descendants*, pp. 776–8.

3 Irish: adopted for Ó Murnáin, see **Murnane**.

## Warrender

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 473
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; Fife; Aberdeens

English, Scottish: variant of **Warrener** with intrusive *-d*.

**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Warendier, 1216–72 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; John Warrender, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); William le Warendier, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Warrender, 1682 in *IGI* (Rand cum Fulnetby, Lincs); Mary Warrender, 1692 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs).

Scotland: John Warrander, 1601 in *Dunfermline Register* (Balchristie Links, Fife); William Warrander, 1613 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Thomas Warrander, 1620 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); James Warrender, 1622 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Andrew Warrender, 1688 in *IGI* (Lonmay, Aberdeens).

## Warrener

Variants: **Warner, Warriner, Warrender**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 636, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 514
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and Lincs

Norman, English: occupational name from NE Old French *warrennier* ‘warrener’, an officer employed to

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watch over game in a park or game preserve. The central Old French form is *garennier*.

**Early bearers:** William le Wariner, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Adam le Warner, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); John le Warner, le Warener, le Wariner, le Warrenner, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William le Warrenner, 1317 in *Ancient Deeds* 3 (Wilts); Johannes Warener, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Boreham, Wilts); Robertus Warener, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gestingthorpe, Essex); Willelmo Warener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Burgoland, Leics); Rogerus Warener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bozeat, Northants); Alanus Wariner, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); Edward Warrenner, 1546 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Mabell Warrenner, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Mary Warrenner, 1563 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); William Warrenner, 1583 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); John Warrenner, 1621 in *IGI* (Aughton, ER Yorks).

## Warrens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24

English: variant of **Warren** with genitival or excrescent -s.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Waryns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, Norfolk); Ricardo Warynes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Margret Warens, 1579 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Wm. Warrens, 1791 in *IGI* (Sedgebrook, Lincs).

## Warrick

**Variants:** Warrack, Wharrick, Worrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 451
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *warrok* 'wedge or twisting stick used to tighten the lashings on a scaffold', perhaps an occupational nickname for a maker of warrocks or a builder of scaffolds. There has been much confusion with **Warwick**.

**Further information:** In the building trades the lashings for scaffolds were tightened by driving in wedges called *warrocks*. *Salzman, Building*, p. 320, records payment at Westminster in 1324, 'for 6 pieces of timber for warrokis for binding the scaffolds' and 'for half a hundred of talwode of ash for warrokes for making scaffolds'.

**Early bearers:** Walter Warrock, 1271 in *Staffs Forest Pleas* (Staffs); Roger Warrock, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Warrok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Johanne Warrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sompting, Sussex); Ricardus Warrok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johannes Warrok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Greet, Gloucs); Mary Warrick, 1805 in *IGI* (Birchanger, Essex).

2 English: variant of **Warwick**.

## Warricker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Warwick**.

## Warrior

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Warrior**.

## Warrillow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 245, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Warrilow**.

## Warrilow

**Variants:** Warrillow, Worrallo, Warlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 949, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 525
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from one of two or more minor places in Staffs, most probably the site now called Mount Pleasant (NGR SJ 9637) in Fulford, which was *Warylowe* in 1266, *Warrylowe* in 1611, developing (through mistranscription) to *Morrelowe* in 1645, *Morrillow* in 1890. Related field-names in nearby parishes include *Warrilow* recorded in 1672 (Cheadle), *Werlows* in 1865 (Checkley), and *Lytle Warrelowe* in 1528 (Rocester). Further south, the field-name Warrilow in Acton Trussell (recorded as *Warelowe* in 1574, *Warrelow* in 1604, perhaps the same place as *Warrelow* in adjacent Penkridge) is an alternative source of the surname, but the earliest bearers of the surname are generally located much closer to Mount Pleasant.

**Early bearers:** John de Warilowe, 1246 in *Staffs Archives* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Robert de Warilowe, 1297 in *Staffs Plea Rolls* (Loxley, Staffs); William de Wariloe, 1272–1307 in *Staffs Archives* (Loxley, Staffs); Geoffrey de Warilowe, 1305 in *Staffs Archives* (Chartley Holme, Staffs); Adam de Warilowe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sandon, Staffs); Henry de Warilowe, 1341 in *Staffs Archives* (Tixall, Staffs); William Warelowe, 1461 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Staffs); Rauff Warrelowe, 1572 in *Staffs Archives* (Stone, Staffs); Ralph Warrilow, 1573 in *IGI* (Caverswall, Staffs); William Worrelow, 1634 in *IGI* (Sibson, Leics); Ann Worrilow, 1699 in *IGI* (Marchington, Staffs); John Worrallo, 1768 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); William Worrelow, in *Census 1881* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Staffs*, vol. 1, p. 29; *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 397, 560.

## Warriner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1334, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 877
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Warrener**.

## Warring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Devon and Cornwall; Cheshire and Lancs; Worcs

English: see **Waring**.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Warring, 1547 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Warring, 1556 in *IGI* (Mamhead, Devon); John Warring, 1562 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs).

## Warrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3477, Ireland 106
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, WR Yorks, and Staffs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan, Longford, and Fermanagh

English: locative name from Warrington (Lancs). **Further information:** There is also a place called Warrington in Bucks, but it is unlikely to be the source of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Warynton', 1316–17 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Agnes de Werynton, 1354 in *Statutes of Labourers* (Cheshire); Johannes de Weryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brotherton, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Weryngton', 1379, Ricardus Weryngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holyoake, Leics); Ricardus Waryngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calcutt, Warwicks); Agn' Werynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Oxon); John Warrington, 1578 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margery Warrington, 1578 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Thomae Warrington, 1578 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Jhon Warrington, 1602 in *IGI* (Barlings cum Langworth, Lincs); Issabella Warrington, 1603 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics).

## Warrior

**Variants:** Wharrier, Warriar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 Norman, English: occupational name from Old Norman French *werrieior*, *werrieur* 'warrior, soldier'. Compare **Warr**, **Guerrier**.

**Early bearers:** Herbert le Werreur, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Jordan le Werreur, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herefs); Thomas le Werreor, 1324 in *London Pleas* (London); John Werour of Auldestonmore, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas le Werrou of Drayton', 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Johannes Werrou, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Dorcas Warriar, 1653 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Richard Warriar, 1689 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys).

2 English: occupational name, in N England alternatively a variant of **Quarrier**, as suggested by the *Wh-* spellings.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wharrier, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Wharrier, 1728 in *IGI* (Shilbottle, Northumb); John Warriar, 1780 in *IGI* (Felton, Northumb); Thomas Warrior, 1795 in *IGI* (West Tanfield, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Warriss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: possibly a late variant of **Warhurst**.

## Warry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 308, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 332
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Werry**.

## Warsame

- **Current frequencies:** GB 633, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Somali: relationship name from the Somali male given name *Warsame*, from *warsame* 'good news'.

## Warsap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Warsop**

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Variants: **Warsap, Worsop**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: locative name often from Warsop (Notts), but sometimes from Worksop (Notts). Some medieval forms of these two place-names are very similar, with the occasional loss of *-k-* in forms of the place-name Worksop (recorded as *Wyrshop* in 1340 and *Worksoppe al. Worsoppe* in 1571). This means that it is not always clear whether each individual instance of the surname derives from Worksop or Warsop.

**Early bearers:** Badelota de Wirkeshop', 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Beatrix de Wyrkesop, 1297 in *Blyth Cartulary* (Blyth, Notts); Thomas de Warsop, 1343 in *Patent Rolls* (Newark, Notts); Johannes de Worsoppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); William de Wyrshop, 1379, de Wyrsope, 1397 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; John Wursop, 1429 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Worsope, 1474 in *PROB 11* (London); John Worsopp, 1538 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Warsop, 1596 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Richard Warsopp, 1611 in *PROB 11* (New Sleaford, Lincs); Mary Worsop, 1628 in *IGI* (Eastwood, Notts).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, pp. 105–6.

### Warter

Variants: **Warters**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Warter (ER Yorks). In recent times the name may have been confused with **Water** and so spelled.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Warter, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William Warter, 1486 in *PROB 11* (Saxby, Lincs); Anne Warter, 1550 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Millonn Warter, 1561 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Maria Warter, 1564 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

### Warters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 190
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and ER Yorks

English: variant of **Warter** with post-medieval excrement *-s*. The name was probably also sometimes confused with and absorbed by *Waters*.  
**Early bearers:** Roberte Warters, 1584 in *IGI* (Bobbing, Kent); Jonathan Warters, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Roger Warters, 1637 in *The East Anglian* (NS) ii (Suffolk); John Warters, 1722 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks).

### Warth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs; Cambs
- English: locative name from Middle English *warth* 'shore' (Old English *waroð*).  
**Further information:** The name is found almost exclusively in the Chatteris area for 200 years from 1600.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Warthe, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Richardi Warthe, 1561 in *IGI* (Balsham, Cambs); Jane Warth, 1613 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs).

### Wartnaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Lincs

English: locative name from Wartnaby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Wartnaby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); William Wartnaby, 1660 in *IGI* (Saxelby, Leics); Willm Wartnaby, 1707 in *IGI* (Somerville by Grantham, Lincs).

### Warton

Variants: **Wharton, Quarton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 211, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 478
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England and W Midlands

English: locative name from Warton (Lincs, Northumb, Warwicks) or from Wharton in Westm, Cheshire, or Lincs; see **Wharton**, of which *Warton* is a common variant spelling.

**Early bearers:** Ruffus de Wertona, about 1175 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Norfolk); Adam de Warton, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John de Warton, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Edmundus de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Johannes de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Utterby and North Ormsby, Lincs); Robertus de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yawthorpe, Lincs); Simon de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Tosson, Northumb); Thomas de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alton, Staffs); Willelmus de Warton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Audlin, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Warton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Atherton, Lincs); Robertus, Willelmus de Warton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lincs); Johannes, Robertus Warton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Johannes Warton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Peter Warton, 1527 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Warton, 1541 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); John Warton, 1542 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Mary Warton, 1565 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); Anne Warton, 1568 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lincs); Thomas Warton, 1581 in *IGI* (Burton Fleming, ER Yorks); Alice Warton, 1641 in *IGI* (Cawood, WR Yorks); Robert Warton, 1642 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs).

### Warwick

Variants: **Warrick, Wharrick, Worrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5785, Ireland 261
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4053
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Middx; Northants; Lincs and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: locative name from Warwick, county town of Warwickshire, or (in NW England and SW Scotland) possibly from Warwick in Cumb.

**Early bearers:** Turchil de Waruic, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Warwicks); Richard de Warewic before 1196 *Glasgow Register* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Roger Warwick, 1546 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); John Warwick, 1564 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Marie Warwick, 1575 in *IGI* (Meare, Somerset); Florence Warwick, 1577 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); Williami Warwick, 1577 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts).

### Warwicker

Variants: **Warricker, Woricker, Woraker, Woracker**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 117
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name apparently from an agent noun derived from Middle English *warrok*, denoting a kind of wedge driven in to scaffolding in order to tighten the lashings. The surname denotes a maker of warrocks or a builder of scaffolds. See **Warrick**. However, no medieval bearers of the name can be found.

**Early bearers:** Sarah Warwicker, 1697 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Rich'D Warwicker, 1698 in *IGI* (Little Waltham, Essex); Sarah Warricker, 1729 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex); Joseph Warwicker, 1802 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Louisa Worricker, 1883 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

### Warwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; Kent; Middx

English: unexplained. Probably a variant of

**Worwood**.

### Wadsen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: possibly a variant of **Woolston**. Compare **Woston** for the short vowel and the loss of *-l-*.

**Early bearers:** Robtus. Wadsen, 1610 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Joan Wasten, 1614 in *IGI* (Shrewton, Wilts); William Wadsen, 1638 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John Wasten, 1655 in *IGI* (Cranleigh, Surrey); Robert Wasten, 1662 in *IGI* (Steventon, Berks); Robert Wasten, 1791 in *IGI* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Robert Wadsen, 1808 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Wase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Suffolk; Sussex; Durham

Norman, English: see **Wass**.

### Waseem

Variants: **Wasim**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *wasīm* 'handsome'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Wasey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

Norman, English: see **Wacey**.

### Wash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 243, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

Norman, English: see **Wass**.

## Washbourn

### Washbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Washbourne**.

### Washbourne

#### Variants: Washbourn, Washburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Great and Little Washbourne (Gloucs) or Washbourne in Halwell (Devon). The variant *Washburn* could also be from Washburn (WR Yorks), but there is comparatively little evidence that this place yielded a surname.
- Early bearers:** William de Wasseburn', 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); [ . . . de] Wasseburne, 1221 in *Place-Names of Gloucs* (Gloucs); John Washburn', about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Sarah de Wassebourn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Washbourne, Gloucs); Walter de Waysheborn', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harberton, Devon); William de Wassebourn, 1333 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes Wasseborne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Willesey, Gloucs); John Washburn, 1542 in *IGI* (Bretforton, Worcs); John Washburn, 1678 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Pauls Wharf, London); John Washbourn, 1683 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Robert Washburn, 1702 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); Samll. Washburn, 1706 in *IGI* (Overbury, Worcs); Thomas Washburn, 1709 in *IGI* (Covent Garden, Middx).
- References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 2, pp. 46–7, 51; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 324.

### Washbrook

#### Variants: Washbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 517, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 253
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: locative name from Wash Brook in Aston juxta Birmingham (Warwicks), Washbrook (Suffolk), or Washbrook in Chapel Allerton (Somerset).
- Early bearers:** John de Wassebroc', 1202 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); Margaret Wassebrook, 1374 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Caleb Washbrook, 1628 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Edvardi Washbrook, 1664 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); Samuel Washbrook, 1715 in *IGI* (Sherbourne, Warwicks); Johan Washbrook, 1726 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).
- References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 33.

### Washbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Washbrook**.

### Washburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Cheshire; WR Yorks; London
- English: see **Washbourne**.

### Washer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; also Somerset

English: occupational name from Middle English *washer(e)* 'one who washes (something)', usually a washer of clothes (compare **Lavender**). The Sussex name might alternatively have referred to one who washed sheep, as McKinley suggests.

**Further information:** *MED* records the use of *washer(e)* to denote someone who washed coins with a corrosive solution in order to remove some of the precious metal, but like the clipping of coins this was illegal and is unlikely to have given rise to an occupational surname.

**Early bearers:** Henry le Wassere, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alan le Wascere, 1295 in *Gaol Delivery Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus le Wassar, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradfield in Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Steph. Wascher, mercer, 1350 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Willelmus Wasour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Riddlesworth, Norfolk); Robertus Wasscher', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rogate, Sussex); Roberto Wasshere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slindon, Sussex); Rogerus Washar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Washere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); John Wassher, 1533 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Elyzabeth Washer, 1566 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Washer, 1572 in *IGI* (Rustington, Sussex); Thomas Washer, 1598 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Grace Washer, 1609 in *IGI* (Fitzhead, Somerset).

**References:** *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 275–6.

### Washford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name apparently from Washford (Somerset) or Washford Pyne (Devon), although almost all early bearers are found much further east, especially in Surrey and Sussex.
- Early bearers:** Richard de Washforde, 1337 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Jone Washford, 1551 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Alice Washford, 1570 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); Thomas Washford, 1582 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey); Thomas Washford, 1590 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Washford, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex); Richard Washford, 1673 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Thomas Washford, 1720 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent).

### Washington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2233, Ireland 32
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1398
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cheshire and Staffs; also Guernsey
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon
- 1 English: locative name from Washington (Durham). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2) below.
- Further information:** The great-grandfather of George Washington, 1st President of the United States, emigrated from Dillicar in Westm in 1658. His ancestor, William de Hertburn, was granted the manor of Washington in Durham in 1185.
- Early bearers:** Robertum de Wessington', 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Edus de Wassingdon', Robertus de Wassington, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Robert de Wassington, 1395 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Wasshynton, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes Wessynton', prior of Durham, 1438 in *York Visitations* (Durham); Isabell Washington, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm);

Jedidiah Washington, 1595 in *IGI* (Sotby, Lincs); Mary Washington, 1596 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Washington, 1605 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Francis Washington, 1634 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Henry Washington, 1639 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Hannah Washington, 1798 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from Washington (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Rado de Wassington, 1327, Rado de Wassington, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Steyning, Sussex); Regin' de Wassington, 1327, Reginaldo de Wassington, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shoreham, Sussex); Joh Washington, 1646 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

### Washtell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Wastell**.

### Wasilewski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 387, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: locative name denoting someone from Wasilew (Siedlce voivodeship).

### Wasim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 246, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Waseem**.

### Waskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: regional name, nickname, probably a diminutive of *Wask*, the Norman form of Old French *Gasc* 'Gascon, native of Gascony' (see **Gask**). Compare the French surname *Gasquet*. The same development appears in Adam Waskin, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Derbys), for *Gaskin* (see **Gascoigne**).
- Early bearers:** Elyas Wasket, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Elya Vasqet, Elya Wasket, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Writtle, Essex); John Wasket, 1351, Robert Wascott, 1563 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William Waskett, 1705 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); George Waskett, 1776 in *IGI* (Leaden Roding, Essex).

### Wasley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 439
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs; Cornwall
- English: locative name, perhaps from Wesley's Farm in Romsley (Worcs), which is recorded as *Westleye* in 1272, *Wasteleye* in 1500.
- Early bearers:** Alexander de Wastele, merchant, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*; [ . . . de] Wesley, 1270 in *Place-Names of Worcs* (Worcs); William Wasteley, 1370 in *Northumberland Record Office* (Lincs); Geoffrey Wasteley, 1430 in *Lancs Record Office* (Salford, Lancs); Elyzabth Wastley, 1553 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); William Wasley, 1613 in *IGI* (Tiverton, Devon); Geffre Wastley, 1562, Ellin Wasley, 1631 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Mary Wasley, 1646 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs); Thomas Wasly, 1679 in *IGI* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs); Wm. Wasley, 1703 in *IGI*

(Gwennap, Cornwall); Edward Wasley, 1705 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

References: *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 301–2.

### Waslin

Variants: **Wastling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Wazelin*, *Wa(s)celin*, a double diminutive of Continental Germanic *Wazo*. Compare **Wass**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wacelinus clericus, 1154–89, Wascelinus de Brunham, about 1200 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs).

urnames: William Wacelin, about 1150, William Waselin, 1157 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Thomas Wazelin, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Samson Wascelin', 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Adam Wastelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wastling, 1570, Richard Waslinge, 1580, in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Peter Waslinge, 1581 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Gratia Waslin, 1630 in *IGI* (York); George Washlinge, 1665, Lucy Wastling, 1714, Alice Waslin, 1743 in *IGI* (North Cave, ER Yorks).

References: *Forssner*, p. 249.

### Wasmuth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: form of the surname now most often found as **Wachsmuth**, from Middle High German *was* 'keen, sharp' + *muot* 'spirit', especially frequent in N Germany.

**Early bearers:** Christian Friederich Wasmuth, 1810 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Wasnidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- Norman, English: see **Wasteny**.

### Wason

Variants: **Wasson**, **Waison**, **Wayson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 254
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Ayr

Norman, English, Scottish: relationship name from *Wason*, the Old French oblique case form of the personal name *Wace*; see **Wass** and compare **Gasson**.

**Early bearers:** England: Wido Wasun, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Wason, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); Geoffrey Wasoun, 1357 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Issabellam Wason, 1564 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Flower Wason, 1586, Thomas Wason, 1721 in *IGI* (Ditchat, Somerset); Maria Wasson, 1634 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset). Scotland: William Wasson, 1667, Janet Wason, 1691 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Alexander Wasson, 1814 in *IGI* (Blantyre, Lanarks).

### Wasp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81

- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Waspe**.

### Waspe

Variants: **Wasp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 195, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *wasp(e)*, *wap(pe)s* 'wasp' (Old English *wæps*, *wæsp*), perhaps used for someone of an irritable nature.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Waps, 1202–16 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters* (London); Richard Wasp, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Roger le Waps, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Michael le Waps, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Horley, Surrey); John Waps, 1339 in *London Coroners Rolls* (London); Henricus Wasp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Giles Waps, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Yalding, Kent); John Waspe, 1565 in *PROB 11* (East Mersey, Essex); John Waspe, 1583 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Thomas Wasp, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Wass

Variants: **Wase**, **Wace**, **Wash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1994, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1623
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands, Yorks, and Durham; Essex

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Wace* (Continental Germanic *Waz(z)o*), a pet form of any of the various Continental Germanic personal names beginning with *Wad-*. It was common among Normans, alongside the Parisian French variant *Gace* (see **Gaze**), and was latinized as *Wazo* (nominative), *Wazonis* (genitive). Compare the diminutive form **Wastling**.

**Further information:** A locative name from **Wass** (ER Yorks) is theoretically possible but lacks supporting evidence.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Wazo*, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; *Wace* armiger (seal: *Wazo*), about 1150–60 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); *Waszo cocus* [ . . . ] *ipsi Wasconi*, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); *Wazo*, *Wace de Norton*, 1195–6 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks and Northants). surnames: Robertus filius *Wazonis*, 1087 in *Canterbury Domesday Monachorum* (Kent); Herebertus filius *Watson'*, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Reginaldus filius *Wasce*, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); William *Wase*, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); William *Was*, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); William *Wace*, *Waze*, *Wasce*, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, 1235 in *Book of Fees* (Oxon); Peter son of *Wasse* of Walton, 13th cent. in *Yorks Deeds* (Chevet, WR Yorks); Reginaldus filius *Wace*, 1225–31 in *Newark Documents* (Notts); John *Wace de Watenou* [Watnall], 1287 in *Sherwood Forest Eyre* (Notts); John filius *Wace* and Thomas *Wace*, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutterton, Lincs); Willelmo *Wace*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Ricardus *Wase*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birdingbury, Warwicks); Johannes *Wace*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); William *Wace*, 1467 in *PROB 11* (Upwell, Cambs); Margareta *Wase*, 1550, Thomas *Wace*, 1593 in *IGI* (Sutterton, Lincs); Marye *Wace*, 1555 in *IGI* (Bramfield, Suffolk); Henry *Wase*, 1563 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex); Roger *Wase*, 1565 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); William *Washe*, 1566 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Leonard

*Waice* or *Wace*, 1568 in *Oxford University Register*; Richard *Wasse*, 1577 in *IGI* (White Notely, Essex); Luke *Waze*, 1579 in *IGI* (Moze, Essex); Theophilus *Wash*, 1584 in *IGI* (Saffron Walden, Essex); Isabell *Wase*, 1593 in *IGI* (Frampton, Lincs); William *Wash*, 1596 in *IGI* (South Hykeham, Lincs); Thomas *Wasse*, 1608 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Madge *Wasse*, 1628 in *IGI* (Coggeshall, Essex); Thomas *Wasse*, 1633 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Mary *Wass*, 1663 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts); Matthias *Wasse*, 1684 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John *Wase*, 1699 in *IGI* (Stoke upon Tern, Shrops).

2 Norman, English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Vause** with vocalizing of initial *V-*.

### Wassall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 443, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

English: variant of **Wastell**.

### Wassel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Wastell**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wassell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 459
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Hants

English: variant of **Wastell**.

### Wasson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England; Lanarks and Renfrews
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal; also Tyrone

Norman, Irish, Scottish: see **Wason**.

**Further information:** The name in this spelling is more common in Ireland than Britain. It has been established in the county of Antrim since the late 17th century.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: Jane *Wasson*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Loughguile, Antrim); James *Wason*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardstraw, Tyrone); Archibald *Wason*, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Taughboyne, Donegal).

England: Thomas *Wasson*, 1568 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Willm. *Wasson*, 1579 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Eliz *Wasson*, 1739 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

### Wastall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Lancs

English: see **Wastell**. There has also been some confusion with **Westall**.

### Wastell

Variants: **Waistell**, **Wastall**, **Washtell**, **Wassell**, **Wassel**, **Wassall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 407, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206



## Wasteneý

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; also NR Yorks; Warwicks
- 1 English: nickname from Old French *wastel* ‘wastel, cake or loaf made from fine-quality wheat flour’ (a north-eastern form of *g(u)astel*, modern French *gâteau*). Compare John Wasteler’, 1327 in *Fransson* (Lincs); Robert Wastelmonger, 1317 in *Thuesson* (Oxon); Johannes Wastelman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Nackington, Kent).
- Early bearers:** Ralph Wastel, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Reginaldus Wastel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Creake, Norfolk); Thomas Wastell’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yetminster, Dorset); Simone Wastelles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puckington, Somerset); John Wastell’, 1429 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Richard Wastell, 1560 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Simond Waistell, 1559 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Robt Wastall, 1589 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Elizabeth Wastall, 1600 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Georgij Wastall, 1611 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); William Wastall, 1617 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); William Wastall, 1617 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Wassall, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk).
- 2 English: see **Westall**.

## Wasteneý

- Variants:** **Wastnage, Wastnidge, Wasnidge, Westnage, Westnedge, Westnidge, Westney**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys
- Norman, English: locative name from the Norman French pronunciation of *le Gâtinais* (formerly *Gastinois*), a province occupying parts of the modern Seine-et-Marne and Loiret.
- Further information:** The name re-entered England with the Huguenots, this time in a Central French form close to the modern geographical name. Mathurin Gastineau, 1697 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Pierre Gastineau, 1706 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Mathurin Gattineau, 1717 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).
- Early bearers:** Robert de Wastenays, about 1165 in *Staffs Chartulary*; William Wastineis, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William de Westenay, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Westeneis, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Wastneys, 1249 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Leics); William de Wastenays, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Notts); Ralph le Wastenays, 1281 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Edmund de Wastenays, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Flints); Edmund Wastenays, 1303 in *Yorks Survey* (Treeton and Ullay, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wastenays, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Cadeby, WR Yorks); Thoma Wastenays, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Donington, Leics); Johanne Wasteneý, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ecton, Northants); William Wastenes, 1420 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Robert Wastenes, 1477 in *York Registry Wills* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Bartholomew Wastnes, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Wollaton, Notts); Mary Wastnes, 1577 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Judith Wastnes, 1580 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Sara Wastney, 1596, James Wastnes, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Sarah Westney, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Helen Bishopsgate, London); Hardolphe Wastneis, 1612, Anne Wasteneys, 1675 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); William Wastnage, 1685 in *IGI* (Norton, Derbys); Sarah Wastneys, 1705 in *IGI* (Maltby near

Rotherham, WR Yorks); Edmund Wastnes, 1720, Joseph Wasteneý, 1797 in *IGI* (Todwick, WR Yorks); Anne Wasteneý, 1738 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Wasnidge, 1751 in *IGI* (High Hoyland, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Wastnidge, 1793 in *IGI* (Killamarsh, Derbys); William Wastnidge, 1807 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

## Wastie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 148, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; London
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Wastee, 1629 in *IGI* (Thatcham, Berks); James Wastie, 1743 in *IGI* (Eynsham, Oxon).

## Wastling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Waslin**.

## Wastnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

## Wastnidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

## Wat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 𠵼, see **Chu** (9).
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 滑, see **Hua** (3).
- 3 English, Scottish: see **Watt**.

## Watch

- Variants:** **Wadge**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Hants, and Dorset; Derbys
- English: variant pronunciation of **Wake**. Compare William Wake, 1697, Edward Watch, 1732 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).
- Early bearers:** Eliz. Watch, 1700 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Mariae Watch, 1790 in *IGI* (Bishops Caundle, Dorset).

## Watcham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: locative name from Wattisham (Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** Osbertus de Wachesham, about 1190–1 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Cosford, Suffolk); John de Wachesham, 1308–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William de Wachisham, 1310, Giles de Wachesham, 1316 in *Ipswich Recognizance Rolls* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Robert de Wachesham, knight, 1359 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Watcham, 1634, Susan Watsham, 1638 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk); Willm. Watchem, 1775

in *IGI* (Frating, Essex); Thomas Watsham, 1799 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); William Watcham, 1801 in *IGI* (Alresford, Essex).

## Watchman

- Variants:** **Wachman**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 249, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English, Scottish: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *waccheman* ‘watchman, guard, sentry’, also used as a nickname for a person characterised by wakefulness. Compare **Wakeman** and **Walkman**.
- Early bearers:** England: Willelmus Wacheman, 1168–84 in *MED* (*Oseney Cartulary*); Stephen Wacheman, 1335 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Jane Watchman, 1608 in *IGI* (Great Ryburgh, Norfolk); Thomas Watchman, 1759 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham).
- Scotland: Robert Wachman, 1513 in *Protocol Book Ros*, 52 (Coylton, Ayr); James Watchman, 1564 in *Dunfermline Parish Registers* (Dunfermline, Fife); Georg Wachman, 1632 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian).

## Watchorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 204
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 283
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered in Leinster
- English: nickname apparently from Middle English *wache* ‘vigil, wake, watch’ (Old English *wacce*) + *horn* ‘horn’. Compare the discussion of **Wakeman**.
- Early bearers:** John Wacheorne, 1560, Richard Watchorne, 1592 in *Leics Wills* (Leics); Henry Watchehorne, 1587 in *Leics Record Office* (Wycomb and Chadwell, Leics); William Watchehorne, 1597 in *Leics Record Office* (Eastwell, Leics); Barbara Watchorne, 1632, Francis Watchorn, 1687 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Watchhorne, 1694 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Mathew Watchern, 1771, John Watchhorn, 1778 in *IGI* (Ropsley, Lincs).

## Wate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England; Surrey, Hants
- English: probably a variant of **Waite**.

## Water

- Variants:** **Fitzwater, Waters, Walter, Waterson, Wetter**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 116
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English (Old French) personal name **Walter**, the common pronunciation of which was *Water*. Theobald Walter is also called Theobaldus filius Walteri, Theobaldus Walteri, and Tebaut Water, 1212–36 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** given names: Waterus de Cantelupo, about 1135 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Walterus, Waterus filius Herberti 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Water Dey, 1479 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* Wilts (Suffolk).
- urnames: John Watter, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard Wauter, Roger Water, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh Water, 1279 in *Assize*



*Rolls* (Northumb); Willelmus Watter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Mallory, Leics); William Wauter, 1405 in *Feet of Fines* (Hannington, Northants); Thomas Watter, 1509 in *York Guild Register*.

**2** English: locative name, occupational name for a dweller 'by the water or stream' or, as Redmonds notes, for a ferryman, as in Johannes atte Water feriman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ferry Fryston, WR Yorks). Compare **Attwater** and **Bywater**, of which *Water* may sometimes be a reduced form. The 1515 example may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** William de la Watere, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Thomas del Water, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William atte Watere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes atte Watre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrupp Grounds and Norton, Northants); Willelmus atte Watere, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); John atte Watere, 1407 in *Feet of Fines* (Stokenchurch, Oxon); Richard Water, 1515 in *PROB 11* (Reach, Cambs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Waterall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 89
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts

English: locative name, probably from Waterhall in Penistone (WR Yorks) as suggested by *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus atte Waterhall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Penistone, WR Yorks); William Waturhall, 1475 in *Monk Bretton Cartularies* (Penistone, WR Yorks); Roberti Waterhall, 1578 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); John Wateralle, 1590 in *York Registry Wills* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Willa Waterhall, 1621, James Waterall, 1621, Prudence Waterall, 1642 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Will Waterall, 1630, John Waterall, 1790 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); John Waterall, 1710 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Mary Waterhall, 1825 in *IGI* (Bawtry, WR Yorks).

### Waterer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Surrey; also Middx, Sussex, Kent, and Hants; also Devon

English: locative name from Middle English \**waterer*, denoting one who lived by a stretch of water such as a village pond or a stream, as proven by the 1547–50 alias *Atwater*. Topographic names in *-er* were especially common in Surrey, Sussex, and Hants. This example became particularly numerous as a hereditary surname in Surrey, where it was still most frequent in the 1881 Census. There is no evidence to support Reaney's view that the name was occupational, from Middle English *waterer* 'a person responsible for watering animals' (attested once before 1500 in *MED*), or Cottle's view that it meant 'water-seller'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Waterer, 1443 in *Hastings Court Rolls* (Sussex); Jone Waterer, 1569 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Robert Waterer of Mayford, 1531 in *Woking Will* (Surrey), probably identical with Robert Atwater, 1496 in *Woking Deed* (Surrey); William Waterer alias Atwater, John Waterer alias Atwater, 1547–50 in *Woking Rental* (Surrey); William Waterer, 1623 in *IGI* (Mayford, Woking); Johannes Watrer, 1542 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); William Waterer, 1561, Michael

Watrer, 1772 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey); Henry Watarar, 1647 in *IGI* (Farnborough, Hants).

**References:** Reaney (1991), at Waterer; Cottle, at Waterer; Fransson, pp. 192–4; McClure (1982).

### Waterfall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 708, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 494
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Waterfall (Staffs), Waterfall in Guisborough (NR Yorks), a lost *Waterfall* in Pontefract (WR Yorks), or a topographic name meaning 'dweller by the waterfall'.

**Early bearers:** Herbert de Waterfale, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Robert de Waterfale, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Henry de Waterfal, 1316 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Maltby, NR Yorks); Johannes Waterfall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Edward Waterfall, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Jewry and Saint Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London); Mathew Waterfall, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London); Rycharde Waterfall, 1585 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

### Waterfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1984, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1216
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlands Norman, English: from Vatierville (Seine-Maritime), anglicized by folk etymology.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Walteruile, 1137 in *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle E*; Guefridus de Walteriuill, about 1142 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Herefs); Ralph de Walteruill', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ascelina de Watervill', 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Roger Wateruile, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Waterfield, 1601 in *Oxford University Register*; Thomas Waterfield, 1615 in *IGI* (Woodnesborough, Kent); Thomas Waterfield, 1676 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Gullielmus Waterfield, 1687 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Maria Waterfield, 1690 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Robert Waterfield, 1693 in *IGI* (Braceby, Lincs).

### Waterhouse

**Variants:** Watrous

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4534, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4511
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also Derbys and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name for someone who lived at a house by a river or some other stretch of water (Middle English *water* + *house*).

**Further information:** For the name in Lancs compare Hen' de Waterhouses, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs), but there is no evidence that this survived as a hereditary surname. The modern Lancs name probably migrated from WR Yorks, where a hereditary name flourished first in the Almondbury and later in Halifax. Redmonds identifies the source as a settlement in Almondbury, later known as Waterside.

**Early bearers:** Adam del Waterhouse, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Edi Waterhouse, 1543, John Waterhouse, 1774 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Christophorus Waterhouse, 1559 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Waterhouse,

1569 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Edward Watrhouse, 1603 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Joannes Waterhouse, 1714 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Surnames of Lancs*, p. 213.

### Wateridge

**Variants:** Watridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Wateridge* or similar, apparently in Hants.

**Early bearers:** John de Waterigge, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); William Waterygge, 1385 in *Hants Record Office* (Hants); John Waterygge, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Dogmersfield, Hants); Richard Wat'erygge, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (West Worldham, Hants); Henry Wateridge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nately Scures, Hants); John Watridge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hambledon, Hants); Anne Watridge, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wymering, Hants); Ritchard Watridge, 1593, Walter Wateridge, 1622 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Elizabeth Wateridge, 1600 in *IGI* (Medstead, Hants); Antony Watrige, 1605 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants); Robert Watridg, 1615 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); John Wateridge, 1623 in *IGI* (Hothfield, Kent).

### Waterland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, WR Yorks, and Lincs

Dutch: locative name possibly from Waterland in North-Holland, centred on the town of Broek. The earliest bearers found are in the Isle of Axholme (Lincs), suggesting that this surname may be evidence of Dutch drainage engineers here before the involvement of Cornelius Vermuyden (1595–1677).

**Early bearers:** William Watterland, 1578 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Robte Waterland, 1602, Henrica Waterland, 1607 in *IGI* (Haxey, Lincs); Elizabeth Watterland, 1606 in *IGI* (Owston, Lincs); Christofer Waterland, 1627 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

### Waterlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

Huguenot: locative name from the Dutch (Flemish) place-name *Waterloo* in Brabant (United Provinces, now Belgium). Post-1815 spellings in *-loo* may be restorations of a Flemish spelling due to the fame of the battle in that year.

**Early bearers:** Suzanne Watterlo, 1638, Susan Waterlow, 1668, Susanne Waterloo, 1679 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Peter Waterlow, 1682 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susannah Waterlow, 1687 in *IGI* (Crowle, Lincs); Etienne Waterlow, 1709 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London); John Waterlow, 1716 in *IGI* (Scawby, Lincs); David Waterloo, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Waterloo, 1850 in *IGI* (Winteringham, Lincs).

**Waterman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2764, Ireland 41
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2291
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Somerset

1 English: (i) occupational name from Middle English *waterman*, denoting a man working with boats, especially one licensed to ply for hire to carry passengers on the river in London. (ii) occupational name from Middle English *waterman*, denoting a man who carried fresh water from a spring or stream for drinking or domestic use. Compare William Waterladar', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks) 'a man who carted water for sale', and Richard Waterberere, 1381 in *London Pleas*. (iii) locative name from Middle English *water + man*, denoting someone who lived by a pond or a stretch of river water. Some of the following bearers could alternatively belong with (2). **Early bearers:** Wilke Waterman, 1196 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; William le Waterman, 1249 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); William Waterman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex); Ricardus Waterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Willelmus Waterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton, Sussex); Roberto Waterman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilmark, Wilts); Johanne Waterman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Goosey, Berks); Robertus Waterman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manston, Dorset); Johannes Waterman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Laver, Essex); Johanne le Waterman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Rogerus Waterman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Closworth, Somerset); Willi. Waterman, 1541 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Christian Waterman, 1553 in *IGI* (Clayhanger, Devon); William Waterman, 1556 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Peter Waterman, 1561 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Amy Waterman, 1562 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks); Rici. Waterman, 1564 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Waterman, 1565 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); Christopher Waterman, 1568 in *IGI* (Ansford, Somerset); John Waterman, 1584 in *IGI* (Upper Clatford, Hants); John Waterman, 1647 in *IGI* (Good Easter, Essex).

2 English: occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name **Walter** or **Water + man** 'servant of Walter'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Walterman, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey Walterman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); John Walterman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gateborough, in Rye, Sussex).

**Waters**

**Variants:** **Watters, Wartars, Worters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15798, Ireland 1637
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11908
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Sligo

1 English, Scottish: variant of **Water** (1) (i.e. **Walter**), with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Alice Waters, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wauters, 1348 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Warwicks); Nicholas Waters, 1523 in *IGI* (West Chiltonington, Sussex); William Waters, 1540 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Hughe Waters, 1548 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Hugh Waters, 1553 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Waters, 1553 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

2 English, Scottish: variant of **Water** (2) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

3 Irish: in Ireland, when it is not the English surname, this is an anglicized form of various Irish names wrongly assumed to be derived from *uisce* 'water', for example Ó hUiscin (see **Haskins, Heskin**) and Ó hUisce (see **Hiskey**).

**Early bearers:** Michael Waters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Crossmolina, Mayo); Connor Waters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drumcliff, Sligo); Charles Waters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kilcullane, Limerick); Mary Waters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Drummully, Fermanagh).

**Waterson**

**Variants:** **Watterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1398, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1253
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Derry; Fermanagh

English, Scottish: relationship name 'son of *Walter*'; see **Water**. Compare also **Watherston**.

**Early bearers:** England: Henricus Wauterson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Willoughby, Warwicks); Johannes Wauterson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); Willelmus Wauterson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); Thomas Wauterson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, ER Yorks); William Watterson, 1507 in *York Guild Register*; William Watterson, 1557 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Waterson, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Waterson, 1565 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Jno. Waterson, 1574 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); George Watterson, 1578 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Alice Waterson, 1587 in *IGI* (Tealby, Lincs); Richard Waterson, 1592 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Edward Watterson, 1593 in *IGI* (Stallingborough, Lincs); John Waterson, 1595 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lincs).

Scotland: Barbara Waterson, 1585 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Alexander Watterson, 1637 in *IGI* (Kinnoull, Perth).

**Waterston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 431
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland; Northumb

Scottish: see **Watherston**.

**Waterstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr, Lanarks, and Midlothian

Scottish: see **Watherston**.

**Waterton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 436
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Herts

English: locative name from Waterton (Lincs). **Early bearers:** Richard de Waterton, 1341 in *King's Bench Cases* (Middx); Johanna de Waterton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Hugh Waterton, 1400 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Robert Waterton, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Henrie Waterton, 1550 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Francys Waterton, 1565 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Emma Waterton, 1571 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds);

William Waterton, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Waterton, 1573 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts).

**Waterworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1676, Ireland 139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1285
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: locative name from an unidentified or lost place called Waterworth, probably in Lancs or WR Yorks.

**Early bearers:** John Waterworth, 1560 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Gregorie Waterworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Margret Waterworth, 1575 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Stephenus Waterworth, 1599 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Steven Waterworth, 1605 in *IGI* (Hinxtton, Cambs); John Waterworth, 1622 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

**Wates**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: see **Waites**.

**Watford**

**Variants:** **Whatford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 350, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in SE England

English: locative name from either of two places called Watford (in Herts and Northants). **Early bearers:** Eustace de Watford', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Walter de Watford, 1287 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John de Watford, 1362 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Henricus Watford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worcester, Worcs); Thomas Watford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bidford, Warwicks); Willelmus Watford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrupp Grounds and Norton, Northants); Katherina Watford, 1577 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey).

**Wath**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Derbys; Gloucs

English: see **Waithe**.

**Wathall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: unexplained. John Wathew, 1574 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire), suggests the possibility that it is an irregular variant of **Walthew**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wathall, 1580 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Peter Wathall, 1583 in *IGI* (London); Alice Wathawe, 1590 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Wathall, 1599 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Johanns Wathal, 1712 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Richard Wathhall, 1791 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

**Wathan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan, Gloucs
- Welsh: variant of **Wathen**.

**Wathen****Variants:** Wathan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 550, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 401
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh: said in *DAFN* to be a relationship name from (the ancestor of) the given name *Gwaiddon*, but this name does not appear in surnames in *Morgan and Morgan*. The Pembrokes place-name *Robeston Wathen* is attributed to *Gwaiddan*, but in earlier scholarship to a form *Warthan* seen in the neighbouring place-name *Llangwathan*.

**Early bearers:** Maria Wathen, 1584 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); Phillip Wathen, 1587 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Roberti Wathan, 1593 in *IGI* (Llangarron, Herefs); William Wathen, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Monmouth, Monmouths).

**References:** Owen, Hywel Wyn, and Richard Morgan (2007) *Dictionary of Place-Names in Wales* (Llandysul: Gomer Press), p. 424.

**Watherston****Variants:** Weatherston, Weatherstone, Weatherson, Waterston, Waterstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian, Roxburghs

Scottish: from an unidentified place-name, presumably in the Scottish Borders.

**Further information:** Black's explanation that it is a form of *Waterson* cannot be right, though in later centuries the forms of the two names may overlap.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Watherstoun, 1612 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Patrick Watherston, 1615 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margeret Weatherstone, 1618 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Watherstoune, 1623 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); John Wadderstaine in Swyntoune, 1652 in *Lauder Testaments*; Madge Watherston, 1655 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Dorothy Weatherston, 1656 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Thomas Waderstoune in Clackmae, 1662 in *Melrose Records*; William Watherstown, 1669 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); Jonet Watherstaines, 1678 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Watherstane, 1679 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Agnis Wathersone, 1680 in *IGI* (Roberton, Selkirks); Robert Weathirstaines, 1682 in *Melrose Records*; William Watherston, 1683 in *IGI* (Lauder, Berwicks); Adam Woderstoune, 1689 in *Melrose Records*; James Watherston, 1690 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Alexander Watherstones, 1703 in *IGI* (Stitchel, Roxburghs); Janet Watherstons, 1715 in *IGI* (Lauder, Berwicks); James Watherston, 1746 in *Lauder Testaments*; Ralph Weatherson, 1797 in *IGI* (Makerstoun, Roxburghs).

**Wathes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics

English: variant of *Waithe* with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Jhon Wathes, 1573 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs); Benjamin Wathes, 1777 in *IGI* (Warsop, Notts); Richd. Wathes, 1790 in *IGI* (Martley, Worcs).

**Wathew****Variants:** Watthews

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cheshire and Staffs

English: see *Walthew* and compare *Waltho*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wathew, 1560 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); John Wathew, 1574 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Joyce Wathoe, 1581 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Janeta Wathoe, 1605 in *IGI* (Christleton, Cheshire); Roger Wathew, 1655 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Richard Wattho, 1793 in *IGI* (Pipe Ridware, Staffs).

**Wathey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics; Lancs
- English: see *Watthey*.

**Watkeys**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens

Welsh: see *Watkins*.

**Watkin****Variants:** Watking, Wadkin, Gwatkin, Watkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2534, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2594
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales and N central England

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh widespread in Wales and central England: from the personal name *Watkin*, a diminutive of *Walter*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Watkin, 1252 in *Bardsley*; Watkyng Llooyde, 1623 in *Bardsley* (Gloucs). surnames: Adam filius Walterkini, 1200 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); John Watkyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Johanne Watkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fleckney, Leics); Joane Watkins, 1547 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Edward Watkins, 1550 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); John Wattkyn, 1552 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Catherine Watkins, 1560 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Mary Watkiss, 1604 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Williemi Watkiss, 1608 in *IGI* (Cardington, Shrops); Ann Watkiss, 1651 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops); Barbery Wadkin, 1618 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Anna Wadkin, 1619 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Watkys, 1662 in *Preston Guild Rolls*.

**Watking**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see *Watkin*.

**Watkins****Variants:** Wadkins, Watkiss, Watkis, Watkeys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24680, Ireland 318
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17967
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; Herefs and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Dublin; also Fermanagh

English, Welsh: variant of *Watkin* with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Joane Watkins, 1547 in *IGI* (Woodford, Wilts); Edward Watkins, 1550 in *IGI* (Feckenham, Worcs); Richardi Watkins, 1564 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); George Watkis, 1575 in *IGI* (Clunbury, Shrops); Mary Watkiss, 1604 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Christian Wadkins, 1621 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); John Watkeys, 1735 in *IGI* (Grosmont, Monmouths).

**Watkinson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4398, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3361
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: relationship name 'Son of *Watkin*', a pet form of *Walter*.

**Early bearers:** Adam Watkynson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); John Watkynson, 1485 in *York Guild Register*; John Watkinson, 1549 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); James Watkinson, 1558 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Henr. Watkinson, 1560 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks).

**Watkis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see *Watkins*.

**Watkiss**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 869, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: see *Watkins*.

**Watler****Variants:** Whattler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: occupational name denoting a maker of wattle for walls or fencing; see *Dauber*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Watelere, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Anne Watler, 1680 in *IGI* (East Wittering, Sussex); Robert Watler, 1692 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Ann Watler, 1694 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent).

**Watley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset and Wilts

English: see *Wheatley*.

**Watling****Variants:** Whatling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1530
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Whatling*, *Watling* (Old English \**Hwaetling* 'son of \**Hwaetel*', a diminutive of names in *Hwaet*- (compare *Weetman*) or a derivative of Old English *hwæt* 'active, bold, brave').

**Further information:** The otherwise unrecorded Old English personal name \**Hwaetel* is the first element of the place-name *Whatlington* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** given names: Whatlingus, Watlin' portarius, Watling janitor, 12th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*.

## Watman

surnames: Edmund Watlyng, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

### Watman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; London
- English: see **Weetman**.

### Watmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 423, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 249
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Surrey, Middx
- English: see **Whatmore**.

### Watmough

Variants: **Whatmough, Watmuff, Whatmuff, Watmore, Whatmore, Wadmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 688, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 727
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wat*, a pet form of *Walter*, and Middle English *maugh, mough* 'kinsman by marriage, brother-in-law, son-in-law'. See **Mowe** (1), and compare Robert Waltersmaghe, 1305 in *Black*. In origin it was mainly a Lancs surname, that spread eastwards and southwards in post-medieval times. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that in 1634 Joshua Watmough of London granted land to a man from Bradford (WR Yorks), and was described as 'a younger son of Hugh Watmough late of Bury' (Lancs).

**Further information:** This type of name was common in Lancs and WR Yorks, and survives also in **Hickmott** and **Hudsmith**. Compare Geoffrey Cokesmahc, 1183 in *Boldon Book*; Henry Ravestmaghe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; William Matheumogh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Adam Duncanmaugh, Thomas Nicholmagh, William Raynaldmagh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Adam Dyemogh, William Robertmogh, John Wilkemogh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); John Godesmagh, 1351 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Elysmagh, Richard Gepmouth, John Taillourmoghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robertus Watmaghe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Johannes Watmogh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knowsley, Lancs); Henrici Watmough, 1556 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Henry Watmough, 1562 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); John Watmoooghe, 1565 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); William Watmough, 1571, Thomas Wadmough, 1647, both in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Thomas Whatmough, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Jonathan Whatmouth, 1709 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Jno Watmough, 1737, John Watmuff, 1764 in *IGI* (Bradford, WR Yorks); John Whatmuff, 1782 in *IGI* (Otley, WR Yorks).

### Watmuff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 133
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Watmough**; compare **Mowe** (1) and **Muff**.

### Watton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Durham
- English: see **Watton**.

### Watret

- **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess

Scottish: variant of **McKittrick**.

**Early bearers:** John Wataret, 1685 in *Black*.

**References:** *Black*, at *Wateret*.

### Watridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Wateridge**.

### Watrous

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Waterhouse**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Watsham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: from Wattisham (Suffolk).
- Early bearers:** Osbert de Wachesham c, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Susan Watsham, 1638 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk); Maria Watsham, 1649 in *IGI* (Bacton, Suffolk).
- References:** *Ekwall, DEP*, p. 501; *Suffolk Place-Names*, p. 94.

### Watson

Variants: **Watson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90940, Ireland 3904
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68520
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N and E England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

Scottish, English, Irish: relationship name 'son of *Wat*', a pet form of **Walter** that was particularly common in Scotland and N England.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Janet Watson, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Alexr. Watson, 1563 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); John Watson, 1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

England: Richard Watson, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Wattesson, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Watson, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Branxton, Northumb); Willelmus Watson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bentley, WR Yorks); Ricardus Watson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bascote, Warwicks); Willelmus Watson, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hanging Grimston, ER Yorks); William Wattesson, 1409, and William Wattysson, 1430 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); Elizabeth Watson, 1538 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Richard Watson, 1540 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); John Watson, 1545 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs). Ireland: Thomas Watson, 1597 in *Fiants Elizabeth* \$6050 (Owld Rosse); Thomas Watson, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Corhennagh, Armagh); Alexander Wattson, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Leatry, Armagh); Elizabeth Watson, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Aghaloo, Tyrone).

## Watt

Variants: **Watts, Wat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14408, Ireland 940
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10761
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; esp. Aberdeens and Angus; Lanarks; Midlothian; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim, Tyrone, Derry, and Down

Scottish: relationship name from the personal name *Wat*, a pet form of *Walter*.

**Further information:** Compare Matilda Walte, 1278 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon).

**Early bearers:** England: Watte, 1292 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire), 1306 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Wat of Carnegy, 1446 in *Black*; Paganus Wat, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); William Watte, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Wattes, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Roger Wattys, 1381 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk). Scotland: Alexander Wat, 1512 in *Panmure Register*; William Watt, 1576 in *IGI* (Monifieth, Angus); Katrin Watt, 1582 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Walter Wat, 1586 in *Brechin Register* (Brechin, Angus); John Watt, 1587 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Patrick Wat, 1609 in *New Spalding Miscellany* (Turriff, Aberdeens).

### Wattam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 565, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 272
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: probably a variant of **Waltham**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wattam, 1551 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); Rycharde Wattam, 1561 in *IGI* (Grainsby, Lincs); Wyllm Wattam, 1566 in *IGI* (Utterby, Lincs); Georg Wattham, 1598 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Eleanor Whattam, 1744 in *IGI* (Thoresway, Lincs); Mary Whatham, 1756 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

### Watten

Variants: **Watton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; also Staffs and Warwicks

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wat*, a pet form of *Walter* (see **Watt**), with the characteristically West Midland genitival suffix *-en*.

**Early bearers:** Robert Watten, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); David Watten, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Fraunces Watten, 1550 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); William Watten, 1562, Peter Watton, 1577 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Nycholas Watten, 1583 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Tho. Watten, 1706 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Watters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2705, Ireland 1544
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 938
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Fife, Midlothian, and Lanarks; also Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Laois
- Scottish, English, Irish: relationship name, see **Waters**.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Watters, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Robert Watters, 1566 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Peter Watters, 1567 in *IGI* (Great

Yarmouth, Norfolk); Agnes Watters, 1571 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Joane Watters, 1572 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Willi Watters, 1573 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Thomas Watters, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes near Truro, Cornwall).  
 Scotland: William Watters, 1605 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); George Watters, 1640 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).  
 Ireland: Owen Watters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Donaghmoyne, Monaghan); Loughlin Watters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Muckno, Monaghan); James Watters, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clontibrey, Monaghan).

### Watterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1065, Ireland 407
- **GB frequency 1881:** 969
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England and Scotland; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
 English, Scottish: see **Waterson**.

### Wathews

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: variant of **Wathew** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Wathewes, 1673 in *IGI* (Marton, Warwicks); Mary Wathewes, 1692, William Wathews, 1710 in *IGI* (Drayton Bassett, Staffs).

### Watthey

- Variants: **Wathey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: probably a variant of **Wathew**. For the loss of *-l-* compare **Wathew** and **Whattoff**.  
**Early bearers:** Willm Whathey, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Thomas Wathey, 1685 in *IGI* (Scalford, Leics); Helena Wathey, 1692 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys); Frances Wathey, 1806 in *IGI* (Greasley, Notts); Eliza Watthey, 1810, Thomas Whathey, 1846 in *IGI* (Ilkeston, Derbys); John Watthey, 1826 in *IGI* (Oxton, Notts).

### Wattie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: relationship name from a diminutive of *Wat*, a pet form of the personal name **Walter**. Compare **Watty**.  
**Early bearers:** Alexr. Wattie, 1639 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); Alexander Wattie, 1677 in *IGI* (Strathdon, Aberdeens).

### Wattis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 42
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs
- English: see **Watts**.

### Wattley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; Hants
- English: see **Wheatley**.

### Watton

- Variants: **Waton**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1949, Ireland 302
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1080
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Warwicks, and Worcs; also Hants
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- 1 English: see **Watten**.  
 2 English: locative name from Watton (ER Yorks), or perhaps in some cases from Watton (Norfolk), Watton at Stone (Herts), or Wattons in Bere Ferrers (Devon).  
**Further information:** There may be confusion with **Whatton**, which overlaps it in distribution in the Midlands.  
**Early bearers:** John de Wauton', 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Robert de Watton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert de Wadeton, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); William de Watton, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Watton, ER Yorks); Thomas de Watton, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas Watton', 1430 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 224.

### Watts

- Variants: **Wattis**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 33432, Ireland 404
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24592
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; Somerset, Gloucs, and Warwicks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Antrim and Down; Cork; Dublin
- English: variant of **Watt** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Wattson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 99
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Berks; W Lothian
- English, Scottish: see **Watson**.

### Watty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 26
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: relationship name from a diminutive of *Wat*, a pet form of the personal name **Walter**. Compare the Scottish surname **Wattie**.  
**Early bearers:** William Watti, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John Waties, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Agnes Watty, 1573 in *IGI* (Stone, Bucks); Ales Watty, 1578 in *IGI* (Chilham, Kent); Raph Watty, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Keverne, Cornwall); Susanna Watty, 1623 in *IGI* (Breage, Cornwall); Henry Watty, 1633 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); Elizabeth Watty, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); Ric Watty, 1647 in *IGI* (Mevagissey, Cornwall).

### Wauchope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Midlothian
- Scottish: locative name from the district of Wauchopedale in Langholm (Dumfriess).  
**Early bearers:** William Wauchup, 1615 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Margaret Wawchop, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jean Wauchob, 1676,

Elizabeth Wawchop, 1700 in *IGI* (Newton, Midlothian).  
**References:** *Black*.

### Waud

- **Current frequencies:** GB 235, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Would**.

### Waudby

- Variants: **Waldby**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 205
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: locative name from Wauldby (ER Yorks). There may well have been some confusion with **Walby** (1).  
**Early bearers:** Tomas de Waldebi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Waldeby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tunstall by Catterick, NR Yorks); Willelmo de Waldby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Portington, ER Yorks); Ricardo Waldby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, ER Yorks); William Waldbie, 1536 in *York Registry Wills* (Wauldby, ER Yorks); Gilbert Waudby, 1600 in *IGI* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); William Waudby, 1624 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Benjamin Waudby, 1666 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks).

### Waugh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5367, Ireland 309
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4050
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham, Borders
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- Scottish: nickname from Middle English *wale* 'foreigner' (in a form reflecting the final consonant of Anglian Old English *walh*), a word applied by the Northumbrians to Strathclyde Britons, in the same way that Gaelic *Gall* was applied by Highlanders to Lowlanders. The word usually denoted speakers of Celtic or Romance languages.  
**Further information:** *Black*'s derivation from the place-name *Wauchope* is impossible, as is Harrison's from Scots and northern dialect *waugh* 'wall'. Places along Hadrian's Wall are named using Anglian Old English *wall*, not *wāg*, and the *-l-* remains in the documentary record, as in *Walker, Wallhead, Wallsend*. The only evidence that might indicate a place-name origin is David de Waughe, 1296 in *Black* (Lanarks), and this is probably an error for *le Waughe*.  
**Early bearers:** Robert, Thomas Walgh(e), 1296 in *Black* (Roxburgh, Peebles); William Wauh, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Waugh, 1436 in *Black*; Edward Wauch, 1526 in *Black*; William Waugh, 1565 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Alisone Wauche, 1574 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jeorg Wauch, 1578 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Issobel Wauch, 1601 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Adame Waugh, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Waughman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): of uncertain origin. The late emergence, the London distribution, and

## Waumsley

the presence of Morris Wachman, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (London), suggests an anglicization of the German or Jewish surname **Wachmann** 'watchman' rather than an English compound with **Waugh**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Waughman, carver and gilder journeyman, in *Census 1841* (London); Henry Waughman, 1851 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Waumsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Walmsley**.

### Wauton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Walton**.

### Wavell

**Variants:** Wevill, Wevell, Weavill, Wivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW and Hants

Norman, English: locative name from Vauville (Manche).

**Early bearers:** William de Waluile, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Robert de Wavill', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Wayvill, de Wavill, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Richard de Weavile, Henry de Wevile, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Johanne Wavel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Moulsham, Essex); Jannes de Weuyle, 1296, Thomas de Weyuile, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (West Blatchington, Sussex); John Wauel, 1376 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Anne Wevell, 1544 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Margeret Wavell, 1561 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Henry Wevill, 1580 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); John Wavell, 1607 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Robert Wevill, 1615 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); Joan Wevill, 1672, Mary Wevell, 1678 in *IGI* (Lewannick, Cornwall); Thomasin Weavill, 1730 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Ann Wavell, 1822 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

### Waverley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: locative name from Waverley (Surrey).
- Early bearers:** William de Wauerlegh, 1222 in *Henry III Building Accounts*; Edmund Waverley, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Suzanna Waverley, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Sarah Waverley, 1778 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Robert Waverley, 1824 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edith Waverley, 1894 in *IGI* (Ordsall, Lancs).

### Wawn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Wawne**.

### Wawne

**Variants:** Wawn, Walne, Wayne, Wain

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Wawne (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Wagena, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Geoffrey de Waghne, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robertus de Waghen, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Waghen, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Mebota de Waghen', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); John Waghen, 1403 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Wlm. Wawne, 1553, Rich. Wawn, 1581, Willm. Waun, 1721 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Elizabeth Wawne, 1565 in *IGI* (Wintringham, ER Yorks); Elline Walne, 1571, William Wawne, 1621 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); Xpoferi. Waune, 1580 in *IGI* (Saint Olave, York); Georgii Wawne, 1606 in *IGI* (Danby by Egton, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Walne, 1615, Mary Wawn, 1788, Jno. Waun, 1797 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Waun, 1651 in *IGI* (Bempton, ER Yorks); John Walne, 1765, John Wawn, 1766 in *IGI* (Wrightington, Lancs).

2 English, Scottish: variant of **Walwyn**.

### Wax

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: nickname denoting a seller of wax. Compare **Waxman**. Some of the later bearers below may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph Wax, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Wax, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Beaumont, Cumb); Robt. Wex, 1583 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Jmy Wax, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); Robert Wex, 1618 in *IGI* (Sittingbourne, Kent); Dorothy Wax, 1657 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Jane Wex, 1694 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Dennis Wex, 1729 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Dennis Wax, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Wax, 1737 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Stephen Wax, 1762 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent); Willaby Wax, 1763 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Jane Wax, 1776 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Lazaras Wax, 1778 in *IGI* (Moreton, Dorset); Isaac Wax, 1799 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from German *Wachs* 'wax', Middle High German *wahs*, denoting a gatherer or seller of beeswax.

**Early bearers:** Herman Wax, trunk maker, born in Prussia, in *Census 1851* (Whitechapel, Middx); Newman Wax, brass finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); Solomon Wax, jeweller, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Joseph Wax, cigarette maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Whitechapel, Middx); Myer Wax, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Edmonton, Middx).

### Waxman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name for a seller of wax or someone who had some other connection with wax. According to OED, *wax-man* is an obsolete term for an officer of a trade guild who collected contributions from members for wax candles to be used in processions.

**Further information:** Compare Robert le Waxmongere, 1310 in *Fransson* (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Adam Wexman, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Henricus Waxman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Barsham, Norfolk).

### Way

**Variants:** Waye, Weigh, Wey, Whay, Waigh, Attaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3724, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3262
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset; Middx

1 English: locative name from any of several places called Way(e) (Devon, Dorset) or Way (Somerset, Kent), or topographic name for someone who lived '(by the) road or path', Middle English *wei* (Old English *weg*).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Waie, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); William Waye, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Dorset); Richard de la Weye, 1249 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); John ate Wey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus atte Weye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorley, Hants); Robert Weye, 1413 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Alice Way, 1567 in *IGI* (Brading, IoW); Henry Waye, 1576 in *IGI* (Allington, Dorset); John de Wey, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate London); Dorrety Way, 1700 in *IGI* (Bridport, Dorset).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 魏, 危, 韋, and 衛, see **Wei** (1–4).

### Waycott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from an unidentified minor place, presumably in Devon, named as 'the cottage by the wayside'.

**Early bearers:** Susannah Waycott, 1769 in *IGI* (Sheepstor, Devon); John Waycott, 1786 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Richd Waycott, 1793 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon).

### Waye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent
- English: see **Way**.

### Waygood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: (i) relationship name, perhaps from a Middle English personal name \**Wigod* (surviving from Old English *Wiggod*). (ii) relationship name, perhaps a form of the personal name *Wigot*, as suggested by Thomas Wygod and Gilbert Wygot, both 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Meon Hill, Gloucs); in which case see **Wiggett**.

**Early bearers:** John Wigod, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Johannes Wygod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnwell, Northants); Roberto Wygod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Alyce Wygood, 1568 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Thomas Wygood, 1624 in *PROB 11* (London); Andrew Waygood, 1645 in *IGI* (Langford Budville, Somerset); James Weygood, 1761 in *IGI* (Minterne Magna, Dorset).

### Wayland

**Variants:** Weyland, Waylen, Wayling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 247
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Widespread in S England
- 1 Norman: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Weland*, from Continental Germanic \**Weland* (Old High German *Wiolant*), the name of the legendary smith known in Old English as *Weland*. The English name may have sometimes survived as a given name, and the 1318 form from Suffolk is significant for this, though expressed in French ('Wayland the smith').

**Early bearers:** given names: Welland, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon); Weilandus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Somerset); Weyland le Fevre, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk).

surnames: John Weland', 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); William Welond, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); William Weyland, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Waylond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Galmpton, Devon); Willelmus Weland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bugthorpe, ER Yorks); Ricardus Weyland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (St Paul, Kent); Andrew Wayland, 1565 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Edmund Wayland, 1573 in *IGI* (Aldermanbury, London).

**References:** Rosenfeld, Hellmut (1969) *Der Name Wieland, Beiträge zur Namenforschung* (new series) 4, pp. 53–62.

2 English: locative name from Wayland Hundred (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Haldan de Wegland, 1196–1203 in *Registrum Antiquissimum*; Thomas de Weylaund, 1280 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Robert de Weylond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robart Wayland, 1611 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset).

### Waylen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: see **Wayland**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Waylen, 1655 in *IGI* (Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts).

### Wayler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Wheeler**.

### Waylett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name meaning 'dweller at the crossroads', from Middle English *wei* 'road' + *lête* 'intersection' (Old English *weg gelæte*).

**Early bearers:** Aspelon atte Wylet (*sic*, probably in error for Weylet), 1240 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Peter Atteweilete, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Gundreda atte Weylete, 1280 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (Essex); Robert Weylate, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Isaack Waylett, 1640 in *IGI* (Chigwell, Essex).

### Wayling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 131
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and S England

English: see **Wayland**.

**Early bearers:** Martha Wayling, 1678 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Elizabeth Wayling, 1687 in *IGI* (Cliffe Pypard, Wilts).

### Wayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1133, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 775
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- 1 English: see **Wyman**.  
2 English: see **Waithman**.

### Waymark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 102
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- Norman, English: see **Wymark**.

### Wayment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: see **Wyman**.

### Waymont

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wyman**.

### Waymouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Weymouth**.

### Wayne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 901, Ireland 19
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 308
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Derbys
- 1 English: see **Wain**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 黄, see **Wong** (3).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 榮, see **Jung** (2).

### Wayre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Ware**.

### Wayson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4

English: see **Wason**.

### Wayt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Glamorgan
- English: see **Waite**.

### Wayte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 291
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Staffs; Oxon; Norfolk
- English: see **Waite**.

### Waythe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs
- English: see **Waithe**.

### Waywell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Whewell**.

### Wazir

- **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *wazīr* 'vizier, senior minister, adviser'.

**Further information:** Historically, viziers were senior officials in Muslim countries, with different roles in different places, ranging from chief minister to governor of a province.

### Wead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Weed**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Weadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Weedon**.

### Weafer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

Norman, Irish: variant of **Wafer**.

### Weait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Waite**.

### Weakley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 208
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts

English: see **Weekley**.

### Weaks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Weeks**.

### Weal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 255
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Lancs

English: see **Wheal**.

### Weald

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41

## Weale

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; London
- English: see **Would**.

## Weale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 550
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors and Shrops; also Surrey
- English: see **Wheal**.

## Weall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wheal**.

## Wealleans

Variants: **Wheellans, Whellans, Whillans, Willans, Whillans, Whillis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 329, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish: locative name from the lands appearing in 17th-century spellings as *Quheillands, Wherland, Whilland*, in the lordship of Liddisdail (Roxburghs). **Further information:** Confusion with **Willis** is theoretically possible.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Querland, 1505, *Querlance*, 1506, in *Peebles Charters*, James Quhillans, 1622, Thomas Whillans, 1675, in *Laing Charters* (Coldingham, Berwicks); Thomas Whillans, 1672 in *Home of Wedderburn Manuscripts* (Duns, Berwicks); Michael Whillans, 1797 in *IGI* (Branton, Northumb); James Whellans, 1832 in *IGI* (Lilliesleaf, Roxburghs).

## Wealthall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; Lancs
- English: see **Walthew**.

## Wealthy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) most probably an altered form of **Walthew**. (ii) nickname, possibly from Middle English *welthi* ‘rich, wealthy’; however, no Middle English surname forms have been found to support this possible origin.
- Early bearers:** Margret Welthy, 1636 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Alicia Wealthy, 1661 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); John Wealthy, 1718 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Frances Wealthy, 1813 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Jos. Wealthy, 1822 in *IGI* (Bolton, Lancs).

## Wear

Variants: **Weare, Wears**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 773, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 933
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Gloucs, Surrey

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by or looked after a weir or fish trap, a variant of **Ware** (1). See also **Weir** and **Wyer** locative name perhaps occasionally from the River Wear (Durham). **Early bearers:** N England: William de Were, 1329, Richard de Were, 1447 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Thomas de

Were, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); William Were, 1546 in *York Registry Wills* (Myton on Swale, NR Yorks); Peter Weere, 1560 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Margareta Weare, 1565 in *IGI* (York); Thomas Were, 1582 in *IGI* (Skelton, Cumb); Essabell Weare, 1608 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Weare, 1610 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); William Weare, 1642 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Wayre, 1780 in *IGI* (York); John Whear, 1794 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks).

## Wearden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 299, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained; apparently from a place-name. *VCH* (Staffs) takes John de Werdon, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs), as having his name from Verdun (Manche); compare **Verdon**. It is not certain that the medieval names in *-don* and the consistent modern names in *-den* are connected.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Werdon, 1322 in *Patent Rolls*; Roesia de Werdon, 1338 in *Patent Rolls*, who held certain manors in Staffs by the service of finding a knight in the garrison of Chester Castle for forty days; Elizabeth Werden, 1585 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Evani Wereden, 1611 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Rbt. Weerden, 1612 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Mary Wearden, 1626 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); John Wearden, 1631 in *IGI* (Penwortham, Lancs); Thos. Whereeden, 1796 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs).

## Weare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 498, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 521
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Surrey; also WR Yorks
- English: see **Wear, Ware**.

## Wearing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1042, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 909
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Waring**.

**Early bearers:** Joane Wearing, 1572 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Cicily Wearing, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Wearing, 1583 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); John Wearing, 1590 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Peeter Wearing, 1615 in *IGI* (Swanage, Dorset); John Wearing, 1684 in *IGI* (Tatham, Lancs).

## Warmouth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Bishop Warmouth or Monkwearmouth (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Wermouth’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Michaelis Wermowt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ulleskelf, WR Yorks); Alice Warmouthe, 1564 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Aranois Warmouth, 1576 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); Lyon Warmothe, 1588, Gregory Warmoth, 1589 in *IGI* (Hannah cum Hagnaby, Lincs); Timothy Warmouth, 1599 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Francis Warmoth, 1652 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham); William Warmouth, 1711 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham).

## Wearn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 461, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and IoW; also Cornwall
- English: see **Warne**.

## Wearne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 373
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; also Hants
- English: see **Warne**.

## Wears

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: variant of **Wear** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Weary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *weri* ‘weary, tired, drained’ (Old English *wearg* ‘wicked, accursed’); for which compare Jordan le Curseded, 1284 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks). **Early bearers:** Hugh Wery, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Ralph Wery, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Wery, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Joan Weary, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Pinnock, Cornwall); John Weary, 1623 in *IGI* (Madron, Cornwall); George Walter Weary, 1839 in *IGI* (Burton Bradstock, Dorset).
- 2 English: see **Wherry**.

## Weate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Wheat**.

## Weather

Variants: **Weathers**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: nickname from Middle English *wether*, *weder* ‘sheep’ (Old English *wēðer*). **Further information:** *Wether* was the Old English and Common Germanic term for ‘sheep’ and in some places survived until the later Middle Ages with this generic sense, in some places in competition with *sheep*. Where, in Middle English, *sheep* became the generic term, *wether* was usually specialized to denote a castrated ram or simply a ram. **Early bearers:** Almer Wether, Weder, 1180–82 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); William le Wether, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John le Wether, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johnis Weather, 1542 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Elene Weather, 1566 in *IGI* (Kirmington, Lincs); Hue Weather, 1607 in *IGI* (Meeth, Devon); Robert Weather, 1680 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Daniell Weather, 1682 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

## Weatherall

Variants: **Wetherall, Weatherill, Wetherill, Weatherell, Wetherell, Wederell, Witherall,**



**Witherell, Witherow, Weatherhill, Wetherhill, Weatherilt, Wetherilt, Wetherald**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1216, Ireland 94
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 581
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England and Notts
- N English: locative name from Wetheral (Cumb). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* points out that the name was sometimes confused with **Weatherhead**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wederhale, 1305 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richard de Wederhal, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes de Wederall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scriven, WR Yorks); William Wethereld, Wetherald, Wetherold, 1429–33 in *Annals of Ipswich* (Suffolk); Guillmi Weatherall, 1576 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Charles Wetherald, 1577 in *York Registry Wills* (Welburn, NR Yorks); Rychard Witherall or Wetherall, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Standon, Herts); Kathorne Weatherell, 1594 in *IGI* (Winterton, Lincs); Dorothe Witherall, 1598 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Jhone Wetherhill, 1610 in *IGI* (Easingwold, NR Yorks); Jane Weatherhill, 1611 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Christopher Weatherell, 1642 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); Marke Weatherell, 1642 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks); Edward Weatherilt, 1656 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Elizabeth Weatherall, 1661 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Thomas Wederell, 1762 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks).

**Weatherburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 341
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish: variant of **Wedderburn**.

**Weatherby**

**Variants:** Wetherby, Wetherbee, Witherby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 423
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Staffs. Cheshire; Northumb

English: locative name from Wetherby (WR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Ivo de Werreby, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Wetherby, 1302 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Johannes de Wetherby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Kirkby, WR Yorks); Radulphus Wederby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); William Wedderby, vintner, 1465 in *York Freeman's Register*; Jane Wetherby, 1580 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Wetherby, 1594 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); George Wetherbye, 1596 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Elizei Wetherby, 1606 in *IGI* (Childwall, Lancs); Robert Wetherbee, 1613 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Weatherby, 1635 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Josephus Weatherby, 1676 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Henri Wetherbey, 1700 in *IGI* (Stoke on Trent, Staffs).

**Weathered**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: see **Weatherhead**.

**Weatherell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 101
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: see **Weatherall**.

**Weatherhead**

**Variants:** Wetherhead, Weathered, Wethered, Weatheritt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 822
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: occupational name, altered form of Middle English *wetherherde* 'shepherd', from *wether* 'sheep' + *herde* 'herder, person who looks after animals'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas dictus Wethyrhyrde, about 1200 in *Black*; Augustin Wetherherde, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John le Wetherhirde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Wethirhird, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newton, Northumb); Johannes Wethirarde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Willelmus Wetherherd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewelme, Oxon); Willelmo Wetherhurde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterbourne Bassett, Wilts); Johanne Whethurhurde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts); Henricus Wetherherd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); Johanne Wethurherde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Meysey Hampton, Gloucs); Johannes Wetherhird, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Henry Weydurherd, Wedirhed, 1476 in *Derbys Charters*; Thomas Weatherheade, 1634 in *Lancs Wills*; Philis Wetheritt, 1734 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**Weatherhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- N English: altered form of **Weatherall**.

**Weatherill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1269, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 682
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- N English: see **Weatherall**.

**Weatherilt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Derbys
- N English: see **Weatherall**.

**Weatherington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Widdrington**.

**Weatheritt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

N English: altered vernacular form of **Weatherhead**.

**Weatherley**

**Variants:** Weatherly, Wetherley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1311, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 571
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx; also Northumb

English: locative name unexplained. Perhaps from Wetherley in Barrington (Cams); or perhaps in some cases from Witherley (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Rachell Wetherlye, 1580 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Hugonis Wetherly, 1598 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); George Wetherley, 1625 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Susan Wetherly, 1633 in *IGI* (Attleborough, Norfolk); John Weatherley, 1635 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Thomae Weatherley, 1636 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Weatherley, 1638 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks); Thomas Wetherley, 1644 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Susan Weatherly, 1647 in *IGI* (Sutton at Hone, Kent); Elizabeth Weatherley, 1658 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Susan Weatherley, 1675 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); John Wetherlee, 1682 in *IGI* (Eglingham, Northumb); Alexander Weatherley, 1710 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Eleanor Weatherle, 1712 in *IGI* (Tweedmouth, Northumb); Elizabeth Weatherley, 1710 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks); William Weatherley, 1720 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Arabella Wheatherly, 1771 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent).

**Weatherly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 375
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx; also Northumb

English: see **Weatherley**.

**Weathers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: variant of **Weather** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Weatherson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Berwicks
- Scottish: see **Watherston**.

**Weatherspoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Durham and Northumb

Scottish: see **Witherspoon**.

**Weatherston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 349, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 292
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Berwicks, Midlothian

English, Scottish: see **Watherston**.

**Weatherstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 192
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scottish Borders and Northumb

English, Scottish: see **Watherston**.

**Weatherup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

## Weaver

Scottish: locative name from a lost place-name of the Scottish Borders or Northumb. There is also a lost place near Debenham (Suffolk) called *Weatherup*, which may or may not contribute to the surname. The current most frequent spelling seems to have arisen in Ireland.

**Early bearers:** Scotland, England: William Wedrop, 1599 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margaret Weddrop, 1609 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Mary Wedrup, 1685 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); William Wethrop, 1837 in *IGI* (Northallerton, NR Yorks).

Ireland: David Weatherup, 1837 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland* xxxii 65 (Ballynure, Antrim); Thomas Weatheropp, 1860 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Shankill, Antrim); James Weatherup, 1861, Thomas Weatherop, 1861 in *Griffith's Valuation* (Carrickfergus, Antrim).

**References:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nychauta/Families/Books/Weatherup.htm>

## Weaver

**Variants:** Wheaver, Weafer, Weavers, Wever

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10940, Ireland 54

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7715

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in W England; also London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Mayo

1 English: occupational name from Middle English *wevere*, an agent noun based on Old English *wefan* 'to weave'. Compare **Webb**, **Webber**, **Webster**.

**Early bearers:** John le Weuere, William Weuere, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Alice Weaver, 1541 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); Elizabeth Weaver, 1548 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Christopher Weaver, 1549 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Thoms Weaver, 1552 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Joan Weaver, 1559 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops).

2 English: from Weaver Hall (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Simon de Wevere, 1259 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).

## Weavers

• **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 10

• **GB frequency 1881:** 583

• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk

English: variant of **Weaver** with post-medieval exrescent -s.

## Weavill

• **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 64

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: see **Whewell**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Weavill, 1783 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); Joseph Weavill, 1819 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

2 Norman, English: see **Wavell** and compare **Wevill**.

## Weaving

• **Current frequencies:** GB 747, Ireland 7

• **GB frequency 1881:** 355

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: perhaps a locative name from Weavern Farm in Biddeston (Wilts), about 10 miles from Purton, which was the main home of the surname for 100 years from the 1570s. This seems to have been originally *Weaver* Farm, from a local stream-name, and the -n seems to have sprouted in post-medieval times, affecting the surname also, encouraged perhaps by the prevalence of weaving as the main

local industry of the Cotswold area. However, the name of the 1309 early bearer, already with final -n, raises the possibility of an additional unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** John Wevyn, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); Elizabeth Weaving, 1579 in *IGI* (Purton, Wilts); Robert Wavin, 1666, Margarret Weavin, 1682 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); John Weaving, 1677, Sarah Waveing, 1687 in *IGI* (Hatherop, Gloucs); John Weuin, 1707 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Mary Weven, 1729 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Wevins, 1735 in *IGI* (Stoke Poges, Bucks).

## Webb

**Variants:** **Webbe**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 52013, Ireland 1014

• **GB frequency 1881:** 39875

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin

English: occupational name from Middle English *webbe* 'weaver' (Old English *webba*, m., or *webbe*, f.). Compare **Webster**, **Webber**, **Weaver**.

**Early bearers:** Jernagan, Osbert, Wigor Webbe, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Elyas le Webbe, 1255 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Alice la Webbe, Webbes, 1337 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Rogerus Webbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); John Webbe, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Whitstable, Kent).

## Webbe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 253, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 214

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Webb**.

## Webber

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10967, Ireland 70

• **GB frequency 1881:** 9067

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Derry

English: occupational name from Middle English *webber* 'weaver'. Compare **Webb**, **Webster**, **Weaver**.

**Early bearers:** John le Webber, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Hugo le Webbere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Webbere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Dartmouth, Devon); Willelmo Webbere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset); Anne Webber, 1538 in *IGI* (Littleham by Bideford, Devon); Jone Webber, 1538 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Mgt Webber, 1550 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); Thomas Webber, 1559 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); William Webber, 1559 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

## Webberley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 149

• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, also Derbys

English: see **Webley**.

## Webbley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Herefs

English: see **Webley**.

## Webdale

• **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 3

• **GB frequency 1881:** 74

• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Websdale**.

## Weber

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1024, Ireland 49

• **GB frequency 1881:** 373

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Middle High German *wëber*, German *Weber* 'weaver', an agent derivative of *weben* 'to weave'.

**Further information:** This name is widespread throughout central and eastern Europe.

**Early bearers:** German: Christian Frederic Weber, 1766 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, Middx); Magnus Weber, clock maker, born in Black Forest, Germany, in *Census 1851* (Stepney, Middx); Hans Weber, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1871* (Birkenhead, Cheshire); Conrad Weber, baker, born in Hessen, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Fritz Weber, butler, born in Baden, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Karl Weber, footman, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Friedrich Weber, sausage skins cleaner, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Ecclesall, WR Yorks); Christian Weber, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Burnley, Lancs); Bernhard Weber, baker and confectioner, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Fulham, Middx).

Jewish: Kaufman Weber, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Mark Weber, cap maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Simon Weber, pawnbroker, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Lazarus Weber, boot finisher, born in Poland, in in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Hyman Weber, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Esther Weber, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Nathan Weber, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

## Webester

• **GB frequency 1881:** 191

• **Main GB location 1881:** E Scotland; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English, Scottish: see **Webster**.

## Webley

**Variants:** **Wibbly**, **Webbley**, **Webberley**, **Wibberley**, **Wibberly**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1120, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 614

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, Somerset

English: locative name from Weobley (Herefs), recorded as *Wibelai* in 1086, *Webbeleye* in 1242.

**Early bearers:** John de Webbeleye, 1300 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas de Webbele, 1308 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Roger de Webbeleye, 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Ellerton (in Cheswardine), Shrops); Thomas de Webbeleye, clerk, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Richard de Webbeleye, 1363 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Joan Wibley, 1558 in *Feet of Fines* (Whatlington, Sussex); Anne Wibberley, 1593 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); William Webberley, 1625 in *IGI* (East Kirkby, Lincs); William Webley, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*; Isaac Webberley, 1691 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); William Webberly, 1723 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Bryan Wibberly, 1681 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); Mary Whibberly, 1824 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**Webman**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: occupational name for a weaver, from Middle English *webb* + *mann*.

**Early bearers:** Walter Webbemon, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks).

**Websdale**

**Variants:** *Webdale*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 316, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 209
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained; probably a locative name from an unidentified lost place in or near E Anglia.

Websdill Wood in Bedingham (Norfolk) may be from the surname or may represent its origin. It is not clear whether spellings with or without *-s* are closer to the original form.

**Early bearers:** Anne Websdell, 1596 in *IGI* (Croswick, Norfolk); Thomas Webdale, 1616 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); William Websdale, 1678 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Websdale, 1692 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); John Websdill, 1767 in *IGI* (Thelnetham, Suffolk); Sarah Websdall, 1778 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**Webster**

**Variants:** *Webster*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34061, Ireland 687
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25621
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; also E Scotland: esp. Kincardines and Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Dublin

English: occupational name from Middle English *webbester* ‘weaver’ (Old English *webbestre* ‘female weaver’). By the time of surname formation, the gender distinction of the *-stre* suffix had almost completely disappeared. Compare *Webber*, *Webb*, *Weaver*.

**Early bearers:** John le Webestere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William le Webbestere, 1284 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robt. Webster, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Robert Webster, 1540 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Thoms. Webster, 1540 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Thomas Webster, 1542 in *IGI* (Clay Coton, Northants); Margret Webster, 1543 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

**Wedd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 221
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: see *Wade*.

**Early bearers:** William Wedd, 1560, Henry Wed, 1569 in *IGI* (Great Shelford, Cambs); Judith Wedd, 1569 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks); John Wedd, 1616 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

**Weddel**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; W Lothian; Perth

Scottish: see *Waddell* (1).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Weddell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508

- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumberland, Durham, and N Yorks
- Scottish, English: see *Waddell*.

**Wedderburn**

**Variants:** *Weatherburn*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 719, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Aberdeens

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Wedderburn (near Duns, Berwicks), or from Wedderburn (Aberdeens), though the latter is likely to be a name transplanted from the former (*Black Berwicks History*).

**Further information:** A large range of other early spellings is given by *Black*, p. 806.

**Early bearers:** Wautier de Wederburne of the county of Edeneburk, 1296 in *Black*; Hugo de Wederburne, 1332 in *Berwicks History* 16, p. 327; Willelmus de Wedirburn, 1375 in *Douglas Book* 3; William Whedyrburn, 1431 in *Black*; Wm. Wederburne, 1580 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Bessie Wedderburn, 1600 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); David Wedderburne, 1603 in *IGI* (Pencaitland, E Lothian); Daudid Wedderburne, 1616 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); John Weatherburne, 1617 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Jane Weatherbourne, 1620 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham); Marion Wedderburn, 1625 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Thomas Weatherbourn, 1655 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); George Weatherburn, 1681 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Thomas Weatherburn, 1689 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Weatherbarn, 1817 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

**Wedderspoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** Perth

Scottish: see *Witherspoon*.

**Weddle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 286
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb

Scottish: see *Waddell* (1).

**Wederell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see *Weatherall*.

**Wedgbury**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: locative name from a local pronunciation of the name of Wednesbury (Staffs). Some later forms restore the official standard spelling of the place-name.

**Early bearers:** Ann Wedgbury, 1627 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Thomas Wedgbury, 1659 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Grace Wedgebury, 1674 in *IGI* (Studley, Warwicks); John Wedgborough, 1682 in *IGI* (Broughton Hackett, Worcs); George Wedgburgh, 1729 in *IGI* (Grafton Flyford, Worcs); John Wedgbery, 1730 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Anne Wedgeberrow, 1755 in *IGI* (Huddington, Worcs);

Mark Wednesbury, 1801 in *IGI* (Broughton Hackett, Worcs).

**Wedge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1127, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 882
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Staffs and Shrops

English: nickname from Middle English *wegge* ‘wedge, nail, coin’ in some undetermined sense, perhaps also used as a personal name. Some early spellings may represent *Wegg*, a variant of *Wagg*, because *-gg-* in Middle English can be ambiguous between the hard /g/ and soft /dʒ/ pronunciations. **Early bearers:** William Wedge, 13th cent. in *Taunton and Bradford Customs*; John Wedge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Waltero Wedge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Standlynch, Wilts); Robertus Wedge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southwick, Sussex); Robert Wedge, 1391–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Wedge, 1567 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Edward Wedge, 1579 in *IGI* (Lydbury North, Shrops).

**References:** *Feilitzen*, p. 460.

**Wedgewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered throughout N England: esp. NR Yorks and Cumb
- English: see *Wedgwood*.

**Wedgwood**

**Variants:** *Wedgewood*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 553, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 279
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Wedgwood (Staffs).

**Further information:** The famous family of pottery makers trace their descent from Stephen de Wedgewood, who lived in Brieryhurst (Staffs) in 1358. **Early bearers:** William Weggewode, 1371 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Weggewode, 1424 in *Layer*; John Wedgwood, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Rich. Wedgwood, 1567 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Elizabeth Wedgwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks); John Wedgwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Allesley, Warwicks); Johannes Wedgwood, 1573 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Warberia Wedgwood, 1574 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs); Johna. Wedgwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Fillongley, Warwicks).

**Wedlake**

**Variants:** *Widlake*, *Wedlock*

- **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall; Glamorgan

English: locative name from Wedlake in Petertavy (Devon).

**Early bearers:** John Wydlok, sheriff of Pembroke, 1384 in *Patent Rolls* (Pembrokes); George Widlake, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Exton, Somerset); John Widlake, 1578, John Wydlake, 1591 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); Catherine Wedlake, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Charles, Devon); William Wedlocke, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); Robert Wedlake, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Devon); John Wedlock, 1636 in *IGI* (Plympton, Devon); [ . . . ] Wedlocke, 1674 in

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*Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Ann Widlock, 1680 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset); James Wedloch, 1784 in *IGI* (Helston, Cornwall).

### Wedlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 354, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Glamorgan; Middx
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Cavan  
English: see **Wedlake**.

### Wedmore

Variants: **Wetmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Somerset
- English: locative name from Wedmore (Somerset).  
**Early bearers:** William Wedmor, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Richard Wedmore, 1621 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Elyzabeth Wedmore, 1634 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Richard Wedmore, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Mary Vedmore, 1791 in *IGI* (Wormbridge, Herefs).

### Wee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

1 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 黃, based on its Hokkien and Taiwanese pronunciation, which can be found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia. See **Wong** (3).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 魏, 危, 韋, and 衛, see **Wei** (1–4).

### Weech

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Wych**.

### Weed

Variants: **Wead**, **Weeds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 193
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Northants
- English: (i) nickname from Middle English *wed(e)* ‘mad, crazy’. (ii) nickname, possibly from the Middle English noun *wede* in one of its senses, ‘weed’ or ‘garment, habit’.  
**Early bearers:** William Wede, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); William le Weed, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Wede, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Cerney Abbey, Dorset); Ann Weeds, 1560 in *IGI* (Sloley, Norfolk); Marie Wede, 1594 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Willm Weed, 1630 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Marcipia Weeds, 1629 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk); John Weed, 1633 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Marion Weed, 1671 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Wead, 1685 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); John Weed, 1700 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); Mos. Wead, 1771 in *IGI* (Thorpe Mandeville, Northants).

### Weedall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs

English: unexplained, perhaps from an unidentified place-name in or near Cheshire.

**Further information:** John de la Wedel of Lost (Cornwall), 1371 in *Patent Rolls*, seems not to belong here. Late confusion of *Weedall* with **Waddell** is possible in Northumb; compare Jane Weedell, 1731 in *IGI* (Simonburn, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** John de Wedenhal, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*, referring to a wood in Cheshire; Adam de Wedenhale, 1290 in *Patent Rolls*; Emma de Wedall’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); Henrie Weedall, 1549 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Thome Weedall, 1633, Robertus Weedal, 1732 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Mary Weedale, 1789, Hannah Weedhill, 1821 in *IGI* (Wardleworth, Lancs); Robert Weedell, 1815 in *IGI* (Northwich, Cheshire); James Weedle, 1826 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Weeden

Variants: **Weedon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 726, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 609
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Kent
- English: see **Weedon**.

### Weeding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) locative name, possibly an altered form of the place-name *Weeting* (Norfolk). (ii) variant of **Weedon**.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Wetyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roudham, Norfolk); Johnis Weeding, 1570 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Elizabeth Weeding, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); John Weeding, 1661 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Eliz Weeding, 1705 in *IGI* (Slaugham, Sussex).

### Weedon

Variants: **Weeden**, **Weadon**, **Weeding**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1893, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts

English: locative name from Weedon (Bucks) or Weedon Beck or Weedon Lois (Northants). See also **Wheddon**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wedonia, about 1160 in *Stenton, Feudalism* (Northants); Ralph de Wedon’, 1207 in *Pleas* (Bucks); William Wedon, 1396–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Rychard Weedon, 1539 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Joan Weedon, 1541 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Frannces Weedon, 1548 in *IGI* (Berkhamsted, Herts); Anne Weedon, 1606 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Ellinor Weedon, 1649 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Robert Weedin, 1710 in *IGI* (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts).

### Weeds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Cornwall

English: variant of **Weed** with post-medieval genitive or excremental *-s*.

### Weedy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111

- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Widye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettering, Northants); Margaret Weeday, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermanbury, London); Johanne Weedie, 1581 in *IGI* (Bishops Stortford, Herts); Adam Weedie, 1730 in *IGI* (Ford, Northumb); Thomas Weedy, 1748 in *IGI* (Warkworth, Northumb); James Weedeey, 1773 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb).  
**References:** Information from Marion Gray (Guild of One-Name Studies).

### Week

- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S England: esp. Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Wick**.

### Weekes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2573, Ireland 133
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 734
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; also Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick; Dublin
- English: see **Weeks**.  
**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados.

### Weekley

Variants: **Weakley**, **Weekly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants, Hunts, Kent
- English: locative name from Weekley (Northants).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Wykele, 13th cent. in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Thomas Weekelie, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Elisabetha Weekly, 1667 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent).

### Weekly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; London
- English: see **Weekley**.

### Weeks

Variants: **Weekes**, **Wickes**, **Wykes**, **Weaks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6803, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6345
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Devon; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin and Wicklow; Limerick
- English: locative name variant of **Wicks**.

### Weel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Wheal**.

### Weems

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Lancs; also Kirkcudbrights
- Scottish: see **Wemyss**.

### Weerasinghe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Sri Lankan: anglicized spelling of a Sinhalese name formed from *vira* 'hero' + *siṅha* 'lion'.

### Weet

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics
- English: see **Wheat**.

### Weetch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Wych**.

### Weetman

**Variants:** **Wheatman, Whetman, Whatman, Watman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 600, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 265
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Warwicks, Staffs, and Cheshire; NR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wet(e)man*, *Wat(e)man* (Old English *Hwætmann*, formed from *hwæt* 'active, bold, brave' + *mann* 'man').
- Early bearers:** given names: Wateman, Wetman, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Dorset, Herefs); Whetman atte Brok, 1359 in *London Letter Books G* (London). surnames: Algar filius Watman, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Watemon, 1264 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Hugo Weteman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Ricardo Whateman, Johanne Wateman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canewdon, Essex); Willelmus Whateman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Falmer, Sussex); Amys Wateman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Steyning hundred, Sussex); Johannes Wateman', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Menston, WR Yorks); Willmi. Watman, 1545 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Alice Whetman, 1547 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Gelyan Whatman, 1561 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Vivian Weetman, 1615 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Janett Watman, 1627 in *IGI* (Forcett, NR Yorks); Sibill Weetman, 1683 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

### Wegg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 181
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Wagg**. Some spellings given under **Wedge** may belong here, because -gg- in Middle English can be ambiguous between the hard /g/ and soft /dʒ/ pronunciations.
- Early bearers:** Claricia Wegg, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Paston, Norfolk); Margareta Wegg, 1576 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); Roberti Wegg, 1609 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk).

### Wegner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Middx
- German, Dutch, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wagner**.

### Wehrle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- German: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Werner**.

### Wei

**Variants:** **Way, Wai, Wey, Wee, Ngai, Ngui, Gui**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 魏 (Ngai in Cantonese romanization), a term referring to 'the buildings at either side of the gates of the royal palace' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Wei* (魏), originally the name of a fief (located in Ruicheng in Shanxi province) granted to Bi Wan, an official in the state of Jin. In 403 BC, the state of Jin was split into three, one of which was the state of *Wei* (魏), established by Wei Huan Zi (魏桓子). After this state was annexed by the state of Qin in 225 BC, its name was adopted by some people as a surname. (ii) adopted in place of the surname Mi (卬) by Wei Ran (魏冉), an official who lived in the state of Qin during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iii) borne by descendants of Wei Liao Weng (魏了翁), a scholar during the Southern Song dynasty (AD 1127–1279), who changed his original name Gao (高) to his uncle's surname *Wei* (魏).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 危 (Ngai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'danger' or 'towering' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name San *Wei* (三危) (located in Gansu province) to which people from an ancient state called San Miao (located in present-day Hunan, Hubei, and Jiangxi province) are said to have migrated during the reign of the legendary emperor Shun (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) borne by descendants of Wei Su (危素), a scholar during the Ming dynasty (AD 1368–1644), who changed his original surname Huang to Wei (危).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 韋 (Wai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'leather' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name Shi *Wei* (豕韋), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) said to have originally been granted to Yuan Zhe by the emperor Shao Kang in the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) possibly from *Wei* (韋) as a title of an official in charge of the manufacture of leather goods. (iii) traced back to the *Wei* (韋) family in the ancient state of Shu Le (located in present-day Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region) during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). (iv) said to be borne by descendants of Han Xin (韓信), a revered official in the early Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25), who was killed on the orders of Queen Lü Hou. His descendants fled to southern Canton (present-day Guangdong province and Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region) and simplified their surname Han (韓) to *Wei* (韋) in order to avoid persecution. (v) borne by descendants of Huan Yan Fan, who was endowed with the surname *Wei* (韋) by the emperor Tang Zhong Zong (AD 656–710) as a token of appreciation.

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 衛 (Wai in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'defend, guard' in Chinese: (i) from *Wei* (衛), the name of a state (located in Henan province) granted to Kang Shu, also known as Wei Kang Shu (衛康叔), the 9th son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname by its original inhabitants. (ii) traced back to the *Wei* (衛) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China.

### Weidmann

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

German: occupational name from Middle High German *weideman* 'hunter'. Compare **Weidner**.

### Weidner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx; Northumb

German: occupational name from Middle High German *weidenære* 'hunter'. Compare **Weidmann**.

**Early bearers:** Johanna Elizabeth Weidner, 1773 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); William Weidner, 1817 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex); William Henry Weidner, 1856 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Weigall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts

English: see **Wiggall**.

**Early bearers:** William Wygle, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Cornhill, London); John Wigell, 1713, Elizabeth Wigall, 1717, Elizabeth Weigall, 1739 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Wiggell, 1764 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Wiggle, 1781 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Thomas Weigall, 1789 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Weigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Flints

English: see **Way**.

**Early bearers:** Margreta Weigh, 1595 in *IGI* (Hawarden, Flints).

### Weighell

**Variants:** **Weighill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 210
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham
- English: locative name probably from Wighill (WR Yorks), recorded as *Wighale* in the 14th century, *Wighell* in 1490, and *Wighill* in 1538.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Wighall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, WR Yorks); Adam de Wighall', Willelmo de Wighall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Wyghall, 1442 in *York Guild Register* (York); Margret Whighall, 1575, Elizabeth Wighehall, 1625, Otiwell Wighall, 1632 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); James Wighell, 1639, Elizabeth Wighall, 1642 in *IGI* (Stokesley, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Wighell, 1697, George Weighill, 1774, George Weighell, 1803 in *IGI* (Over Silton, NR Yorks); John Weighell, 1779 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); John Wighill, 1818 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Isabella Weighill, 1819 in *IGI* (Sunderland, Durham).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks IV*, p. 242.

### Weighill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 203
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: see **Weighell**.

## Weight

### Weight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 703, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 678
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Gloucs; Surrey; Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: see **Wight**.  
2 English: see **Waite**.

### Weightman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1545, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1171
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Northumb, Cumb, and Durham

English: see **Wightman**.

### Weighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish, English: see **Waiton**.

### Weil

#### Variants: Vile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

South German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of various places called Weil (Baden, Bavaria, Württemberg), from Latin *villa* 'country house, estate' (later used of a group of houses forming a settlement).

**Early bearers:** Conrad Reinhard Weil, 1846 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Ludwig Weil, 1874 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Weil, born in Adelsheim, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Carl Weil, born in Andermach, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Robert Weil, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Weil, coach builder, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Walcot, Somerset); Louis Weil, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Victor Weil, born in Darmstadt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Salomon Weil, born in Paris, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Rose Weil, inmate of Jewish home, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Esther Weil, pearl merchant, born in Vienna, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Isidor Weil, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Lili Weil, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

### Weild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Dumfriess

English: see **Would**.

### Weinberg

#### Variants: Winberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from a place called Weinberg or Weinberge, of which there are numerous examples, especially in Austria and Bavaria. Alternatively, the Jewish name may be an ornamental adoption.

**Further information:** This is a predominantly Jewish name in Britain.

**Early bearers:** William Winberg, 1801 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Sarah Winbourg, 1801 in *IGI* (Northwood, Hants); Caroline, daughter of Charles Frederick Weinberg, 1807 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Abraham Weinberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1851* (Watford, Herts); Jacob Weinberg, lace merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Nottingham, Notts); Isaac Julian Weinberg, linen merchant, 1867 in *Jews of Ireland* (Belfast); Moritz Weinberg, merchant, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Marks Weinberg, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Bristol, Gloucs); Davis Weinberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Aaron Weinberg, hairdresser and wig maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon Weinberg, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Leicester, Leics); Jacob Weinberg, waterproof maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Carl Weinberg, clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx); Gershon Weinberg, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Bow, Middx); Adler Weinberg, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx); Fritz Weinberg, importer of dry goods, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hampstead, Middx).

### Weiner

#### Variants: Wiener

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name from Yiddish *vayner* 'wine merchant, keeper of a wine shop'.

**Early bearers:** Lewis Weiner, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Samuel Weiner, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Marks Weiner, tobacco manufacturer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Portsmouth, Hants); Moses Barnett Weiner, 1907 in *Merthyr Tydfil Jewish Burials* (Dowlais, Glamorgan); Morris Weiner, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Abraham Weiner, barber, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Spitalfields, Middx).

2 German: (i) occupational name denoting a cartwright; a central German form of **Wagner**. (ii) respelling of **Wiener**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Weiner, 1756 in *IGI* (Kilmaurs, Ayr); Anna Christina Weiner, 1784 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Christian Weiner, professor of German, born in Germany, in *Census 1851* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Martin Weiner, sugar boiler, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Maria Weiner, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Adam Weiner, born in Freiburg, Germany, and Maria, his wife, born in Weibstadt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Richard Weiner, tobacconist's assistant, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Weinstein

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name composed of German *Wein* 'wine' + *Stein* 'stone'.

**Early bearers:** Israel Weinstein, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Moses Weinstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Noah Weinstein, born in Romania, in *Census 1901* (Lancs); Solomon and Rachel Weinstein, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (London); Aaron Woolf and Miriam Weinstein, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Weir

#### Variants: Wier, Wyer, Wyre, Moyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10808, Ireland 2476
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7698
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland; also Lancs; Northumb and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down

1 English, Scottish: locative name from Middle English, Older Scots *wer(e)* 'weir; fish-trap'. See also **Ware**, **Wear**, **Wyer**. In northern England and lowland Scotland there has been much confusion with the Irish and Scottish Gaelic names in (2) and (4), also (5) below.

**Early bearers:** England: Rob Wier, 1541 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Elizabeth Wier, 1575 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edward Wier, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Ospringe, Kent); Edwarde Wier, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Gilbert Wyer, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Upper Handley, Worcs); Maria Wayer, 1625 in *IGI* (Baldon, Durham); William Weere, 1698 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); Mary Wier, 1717 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Thomasine Weir, 1724 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Robert Weir, 1728 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Tho. Weir, 1732 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); Margaret Weir, 1745 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Phillis Were, 1729, Sarah Weir, 1731 in *IGI* (Lesbury, Northumb); Mary Wier, 1737, Isabella Weir, 1767 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabeth Weir, 1800, Thomas Weer, 1810, John Wire, 1815 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

Scotland: Margaret Weir, 1655 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mazie Wier, 1662 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); William Wier, 1670 in *IGI* (Newbattle, Midlothian); Johne Wier, 1695 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Weir, 1698 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Charles Weir, 1766 in *IGI* (Cranston, Midlothian).

2 Scottish Gaelic: relationship name; in Scotland this surname was sometimes used for **Mac an Mhaoir** 'son of the steward', more often anglicized in Scotland as **McNair**.

3 Norman, Scottish: (i) family historians of the Weir family of Blackwood (Lanarks) trace its descent from Ralph de Ver, a Norman baron associated with William the Lion between 1174 and 1184; see **De Vere**. The change in pronunciation from *Vere* to *Were* would be unusual in Anglo-Norman French, and the true source of the surname may lie elsewhere. One possibility is *Wierre* in Pas-de-Calais. (ii) nickname; another possibility, if *le* is not an error for *de* in the 1296 example, is that *le Wer* and *de Wer(e)* represent versions of the Norman surname *de la Were* 'of the war', a nickname for a warrior; see **Warr**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wer, Thomas le Wer, 1296 in *Black*; Rotaldus de Were, 1398–1400, Robert Weyre, 1497 in *Black* (Blackwood, Lanarks); Catherine Weir, 1716 in *IGI* (Blackwood, Lanarks); John Weir, 1725 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Robert Weir, 1784 in *IGI* (Carnwath, Lanarks).

**4** Irish: from **Mac an Mhaoir** 'son of the steward', due to the similarity of sound between lenited genitive *mhaoir* and the word 'weir' and also the loss of both *mac* and the article *an*. This surname was formerly anglicized as *McMoyer*, whence **Moyers**. In Scotland it more often became **McNair**.

**Early bearers:** Ewyre oge Mac Ewire, 1567 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1006 (the Morroes country, Wexford); Ferall McEwire, yeoman, 1585 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4678 (Carton, Roscommon); Peirce McMoyer, 1664 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Tierchogan, Armagh);

**5** Irish: adopted for Ó Corra (see **Corr**) and Ó Comhraidhe (see **Curry**), due to mistranslation of the name as *cora* 'weir' or 'stepping stones'.

## Weis

Variants: **Weiss, Weise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

**1** German: nickname German, from Middle High German *wis(e)* 'wise, clever, experienced', Middle Low German *wis*.

**2** German: German, see **Weiss**.

**Early bearers:** Anton Weis, blacksmith, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex); Charles Weis, cork cutter, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Albert Weis, sugar baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (West Ham, Essex).

## Weise

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 5

- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey; Durham  
German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) variant of **Weis**. (ii) sometimes a respelling of **Wiese**, from Middle High German *wise* 'meadow', frequent in place-names. (iii) variant of **Weiss**.

**Early bearers:** John F Weise, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (London); Herman Weise, born Gordberg, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Suffolk); Charles Henry Weise, born Stetton [Stettin] Naturalized British Subject, Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Essex).

## Weiss

Variants: **Weisz, Weis, White, Weise**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 781, Ireland 3

- **GB frequency 1881:** 156

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; also Warwicks

**1** German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): nickname for someone with white hair or a pale complexion, from Middle High German *wiz* 'white', German *weiss*. See also **White**.

**Early bearers:** Jewish: Joseph Weiss, born in Poland, *Census 1851* (Manchester, Lancs); Samuel Weiss, furrier, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Shoreditch, Middx); Solomon Weiss, born in Austria, *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); David Weiss, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Edmonton, Middx); David Weiss, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Weiss, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Strand, Middx); Rose Weiss, 1901 in *Jews' Hospital* (Finsbury, Middx); Solomon Weiss, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Isaac Weiss, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Salford, Lancs).

**2** German: (i) see **Weis**. Some examples may belong under (1). (ii) locative name from any of various

places named Weis(s) or Weissen. (iii) relationship name from a short form of a Germanic personal name formed with *wig* 'battle' or *widu* 'wood' as the first element.

**Early bearers:** Gottfried Weiss, tailor, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Stranton, Durham); Gustave Weiss, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Rudolph Weiss, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Nottingham, Notts); Michael Weiss, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Brighton, Sussex); Otto Weiss, civil engineer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Charlton next Woolwich, Kent); Rudolf Weiss, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Solihull, Warwicks); Karl Weiss, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1911* (West Derby, Lancs).

## Weisz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Hungarian and Jewish (Ashkenazic): Hungarian spelling of **Weiss**.

**Early bearers:** Magd. Margreth Weisz, 1765 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John George Weisz, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Augustus Weisz, born in Poland, in *Census 1841* (Northumb); Adolphe Weisz, born in Hungary, in *Census 1871* (Kensington, London); Earl Weisz, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Stockton, Durham); Sanders Weisz, born in Hungary, in *Census 1891* (London); Alexander Weisz, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (London); Henry Weisz, born in Hungary, in *Census 1901* (London).

## Welbeck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: from Welbeck (Notts).

**Early bearers:** Oliuer de Wellebec, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Robertus de Welbek, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Richard Welbeke or Welbek, 1489 in *PROB 11* (Putney, Surrey); Leonard Welbeck or Welbecke, 1564 in *PROB 11* (Garsington, Oxon); Anne Welbecke, 1577 in *IGI* (Higham, Suffolk); Richdi Welbeck, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

## Welbelove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55

- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Surrey

English: see **Wellbeloved**.

## Welbon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Northumb

English: see **Welbourn**.

## Welborn

Variants: **Welborne, Wellborn, Welbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 162

English: locative name from Welbourn (Lincs), Welbourne (Norfolk), Welburn (NR Yorks), or any of several other similarly names places.

**Early bearers:** Jno. Welbourne, 1575 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Alice Welbourne, 1609 in *IGI* (Caistor, Lincs); Willyam Welbourne, 1611 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Johannes Welbourne, 1617 in *IGI* (Saltfleetby,

Lincs); Ellen Wellborne, 1614 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Chris. Welbourn, 1619 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Thomas Welbourn, 1648 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); Anne Welbourn, 1671 in *IGI* (Stratton Saint Margaret, Wilts); Richard Welbourn, 1676 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); John Wellborn, 1695 in *IGI* (Hackthorn, Lincs); John Wellborne, 1733 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London);

## Welborne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37

- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland and Lincs

**1** English: see **Welborn**.

**2** See **Welbourn**.

## Welbourn

Variants: **Welbourne, Welborne, Wellbourn, Wellbourne, Wellborn, Wellborne, Welburn, Wellburn, Welbon, Whelband, Wilbourn, Wilbourne, Wilborn, Wilburn, Willbourne, Willburn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 586, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 380

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Welbourn (Lincs), Welburn (NR Yorks), and perhaps Welborne (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Ailmer de Welleburnia, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Johannes Welborn', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Peterborough, Northants); Robertus Wilbarne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Byram, WR Yorks); Magota Wilborne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Agn' Wilburne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Robertus de Welburn', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkham Abbey, ER Yorks); John Wilbarne, 1404 in *Patent Rolls* (Byram, WR Yorks); Alicia Wilborn, 1572 in *Parish Registers* (Haxey, Lincs); Jno. Welbourne, 1575 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Margritt Welburn, 1602 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Willyam Welbourne, 1611 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Edward Wilbourne, 1612 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Ellen Wellborne, 1614 in *IGI* (Horkstow, Lincs); Chris. Welbourn, 1619 in *IGI* (Filey, ER Yorks); Thomas Welbourn, 1648 in *IGI* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); James Wellbourne, 1667 in *IGI* (Stickney, Lincs); Richard Welbourn, 1676 in *IGI* (Broughton by Brigg, Lincs); James Wellburn, 1685 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Edward Wilbourn, 1696 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul, Covent Garden, Westminster, Middx); John Wilbourne, 1777, Isaac Willbourne, 1789 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); David Welbourn, 1789 in *IGI* (Wetwang with Fimber, ER Yorks).

## Welbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 188

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, and ER Yorks

English: see **Welborn**.

## Welburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1082, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 589

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Welbourn**.

## Welby

Variants: **Wellby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 10



## Welch

- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Oxon; Pembrokes
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name from either or both of Welby (Lincs, Leics).

**Further information:** The name is well established in Ireland (Galway) as well as England.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wellebi, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Henry de Welleby, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Geoffrey Welby, 1395 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Dorythy Welbie, 1550 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs); Richard Welby, 1559 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); William Welby, 1691 in *IGI* (Bicker, Lincs).

## Welch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13074, Ireland 132
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10309
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny; Antrim
- English: see **Welsh**.

## Welchman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- Welsh: see **Welshman**.

## Welcome

**Variants:** Willicombe, Wellicome, Wellcome, Welcomme, Elcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- 1 English: locative name from Welcombe (Devon) or Welcome in Stratford (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Hynulfus de Welecumb', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Wellecumb', 1275 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Welcome, 1563 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Richard Welcome, 1565 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lincs); Thomas Welcome, 1598 in *IGI* (Saint Breward, Cornwall); John Welcome, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); John Welcome, 1700 in *IGI* (Shorwell, IoW).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *welcum* 'welcome' (Old English *wilcume*), applied to someone who habitually used this expression.

**Early bearers:** Picotus Wilicom, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Roger Welcum, 1327–77 in *Rydwere Chartulary* (Staffs).

3 English: nickname, perhaps an altered form of the medieval name *Welkempt*, from Middle English *wel kempt* literally 'well-combed', extended to mean 'neat, well-dressed'.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Welikempt, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Lovekyn Welikembd, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Edmund Welkemt, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks).

## Welcomme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Welcome**.

## Weld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 40
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Middx and Kent; N England: esp. Lancs
- 1 English: see **Would**.

2 Dutch: in E England, perhaps sometimes a locative name from Weld (Brabant), 1436 in *Patent Rolls*, now Well in Limburg province (Netherlands).

## Welden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Weldon**.

## Welding

**Variants:** Walding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) relationship name from a Middle English survivor of an unattested Old English personal name, \**Wealding*, a derivative of the *Weald-* in *Wealdhelm*, etc. There has been some confusion with Continental Germanic *Waldin*. Wadin or Waldin Crede (1191, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls*) is also called Waldingus, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks). (ii) possibly sometimes a locative name or nickname derived from the district-name *The Weald* (Kent and Sussex).

**Further information:** In Lancs perhaps sometimes confused with **Wilding**, which is endemic in Lancs whilst *Welding* is a more recent arrival.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus filius Walding, 1171 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Walding, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents* (Bucks); Roger, Henry Walding, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs), 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Henry Wolding, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Welding, 1567 in *IGI* (Etchingham, Sussex); Thomas Welding, 1604 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Susanna Weldinge, 1619 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Clement Welding, 1626 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Susanna Welding, 1636 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Jo. Weldinge, 1642 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); James Welding, 1740 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); John Welding, 1789 in *IGI* (Calverton, Bucks); Edwd Welding, 1792 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs).

## Weldon

**Variants:** Welldon, Welden, Wellden, Whelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1972, Ireland 978
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath; also Dublin
- English: locative name from Weldon (Northants). **Further information:** This name was brought to Ireland (Dublin) in the 14th century. It has been gaelicized as **de Bhéalatún**.

**Early bearers:** William de Welledon', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Henry de Weldon, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Weldon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Barford with Glendon, Northants); William Weldon, 1468 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Weldon, 1470 in *PROB 11* (Saint Lawrence Jewry, City of London); Dorothy Weldon, 1561, Alice Welden, 1578 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Jhon Weldon, 1565 in *IGI* (Hougham, Lincs); Eliz. Wellden, 1578 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Charles Welden, 1601 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); Luke Welldon, 1644 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

## Weldrick

**Variants:** Wheldrake, Wheldrick, Waldock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Wheldrake (ER Yorks). Compare **Twelftree**.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Queldrik, 1272 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Adam de Queldryk', vicar of Swanbourne, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Robert de Qweldrik', 1361 in *Feet of Fines* (Beds); Johannes de Quelderik', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); John Waldryk, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes de Queldryk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Robertus de Wheldryk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); Robertus de Waldek', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); Ricardus Feldrak', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Roall, WR Yorks); Agnet' Waldrek, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenhams, Leics); Johanne de Queldrik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Leonard Wheldrick, 1610 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); Henry Wheldrake, 1625 in *IGI* (Hayton, ER Yorks); John Wheldrake, 1697 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Susy Weldrake, 1738 in *IGI* (Birstall, WR Yorks); William Weldrick, 1762 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

## Welfare

- **Current frequencies:** GB 615, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 418
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England, esp. Sussex
- English: nickname from Middle English *wel-fare* 'well-being, delight'. Compare **Farewell**.

**Early bearers:** Simon Welfare, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johanne Welfare, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); Johannes Welfare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); George Welfare, 1571 in *IGI* (Lingfield, Surrey); Jone Welfare, 1576 in *IGI* (Kingston near Lewes, Sussex); Elizab Welfar, 1584 in *IGI* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); William Welfare, 1583 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); John Welfare, 1651 in *IGI* (Leigh, Kent); George Welfare, 1662 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Mary Welfare, 1771 in *IGI* (Upwell, Norfolk); James Welfair, 1793 in *IGI* (Horsted Keynes, Sussex).

## Welford

**Variants:** Wellford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1653, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 827
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands, esp. Bucks; N England: esp. NR Yorks

1 English: locative name from one or other of the places named *Welford* (Berks, Gloucs, Northants). **Early bearers:** Ralph de Welleford', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Geoffrey de Welleforde, 1313 in *Balliol Deeds* (Oxford); Roberto Welford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ardington, Berks); Henry Welford, 1547 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Elizabeth Welford, 1561 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks); Gorge Welford, 1588 in *IGI* (Tingewick, Bucks).

2 English: nickname; in NE England it is an altered form of Middle English *wel (y)fed* 'well fed', via intermediate forms such as *Welfett*, *Welfit*, and *Welfoot*. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* shows the development to *Welford* in a series of entries from the parish registers of Lythe near Whitby (NR Yorks): Thomas Welfit, 1741, Henry Welfit, 1772, Mary Wellfoot, signed Welford, 1783, George Welford, 1803.



**Early bearers:** William Welifed, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Gaufr. Welifed, 1218 in *Pleas* (Yorks); William Welyfed, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lewes, Sussex); William Welliffed, 1364 in *Yorks Deeds* (Drax, WR Yorks); William Welfedd, John Welfed, 1366 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Newton Ketton, Durham); Johanne Welysed (error for Welyfyed?), 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Belgrave, Leics); Johannes Welyfed, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broadwell, Warwicks); Alicia Wellifod (error for Wellifed?), 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sherborne, Gloucs); William Wellefedd, 1397 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Welfed, 1411 in *Finchale Priory Charters* (Durham); Gregory Welfett, 1587 in *York Registry Wills* Crathorne (NR Yorks); Marie Welfote, 1593 in *IGI* (Cundall, NR Yorks); Alexander Welfoot, 1605 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Crathorne, NR Yorks); Margret Welfoot, 1611 in *IGI* (Eston, NR Yorks); Robert Welford, 1647 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham); William Welford, 1729 in *IGI* (Brompton by Northallerton, NR Yorks); John Welford, 1741 in *IGI* (Crathorne, NR Yorks); Thomas Welfit, 1748 in *IGI* (Lythe, NR Yorks); Robert Welfit, 1752, Francis Welford, 1755 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks).

**References:** Jönsjö, *Nicknames*, p. 185.

## Welham

**Variants:** Wellum, Wellam, Wellham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1576, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Essex

English: from any or all of the places named *Welham* (Leics, Notts, ER Yorks). *Welham*, *Wellam*, and *Wellom* are common variants (1560–1617) in the Horringer Parish Register (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Weleham, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Leics); Adam de Wellome, 1363 in *York Freeman's Register*; Peter Wellam, 1483 in *York Freeman's Register*; Edm Welham, 1559 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Richard Wellam, 1564 in *IGI* (Culford, Suffolk); John Welham, 1605 in *PROB 11* (Capel, Suffolk); Thomas Wellum, 1641 in *IGI* (Bildeston, Suffolk).

## Well

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name for someone who lived near a spring or stream, Middle English *well(e)* (Old English *well(a)*).

## Wellam

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Welham**.

## Welland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 698, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 363
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: locative name from Welland (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Welaund, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); William Welland, 1569 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Welland, 1576 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Mary Welland, 1579 in *IGI* (Pitminster, Somerset); William Welland, 1601 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); James Welland, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Wellard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 799, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 599
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: variant of **Weller**.

## Wellbelove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 130
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: nickname see **Wellbeloved**.

## Wellbeloved

**Variants:** Wellbelove, Wellbelove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. London; Midlothian

English: nickname from Middle English *wel + biloued* 'well beloved'. In surnames this is found without the final *-d* as early as 1259 (William Welbilove, in *MED*).

**Early bearers:** Richard Wellbyloved, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Wellbeloved, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Edward Wellbeloved, 1651 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); John Wellbeloved, 1664 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Wellbeloved, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Eliz. Welbelove, 1694 in *IGI* (Cobham, Surrey); Edward Wellbeloved, 1697 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); William Wellbeloved, 1706 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Philip Wellbeloved, 1711 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London).

## Wellborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Durham

English: see **Welbourn**.

**Further information:** In theory, this could possibly be a nickname from Middle English *\*wel-(i)boren* 'well born' (i.e. 'of good breeding'), as *MED* suggests for John Welborn de Tomlond, 1368 in a Norwich document, but the latter was more probably named from Welborne (Norfolk). The phrase 'well born' is evidenced in Old English, is absent from the Middle English record, and reappears in Modern English. It is therefore unlikely to be the source of any surnames.

## Wellborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Surrey

English: see **Welbourn**.

## Wellbourn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; London
- English: see **Welbourn**.

## Wellbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Northumb; Lincs

English: see **Welbourn**.

## Wellburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Welbourn**.

## Wellby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent
- English: see **Welby**.

## Wellcome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Welcome**.

## Wellden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Weldon**.

## Welldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Weldon**.

## Wellemin

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Willman**.

## Wellens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 193, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 110
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Wellings**. Compare Edward Wellings, 1662, Humphrey Wellens, 1684 in *IGI* (Wentnor, Shrops).

## Weller

**Variants:** Wheller, Willer, Waller, Wellard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5651, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Sussex, and Kent

1 English: locative name for someone who lived at a spring, stream, or man-made well, from Middle English *\*weller, willer*, a derivative of Middle English *welle* (in S England) and *wille* (in SW England), Old English *wella, well(e), wiella, wielle, willa, wyll(a), wylle*.

**Further information:** This type of name, a topographical term + *-er*, is particularly typical of Sussex and its neighbouring counties, though it is also found occasionally in Essex, E Anglia, and the S Midlands. **Early bearers:** Richard le Weller, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William le Weller, 1296, William le Weller', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (South Stoke, Sussex); Aunfr. le Willere, 1323, identical with Aunfr. le Wellere, 1324 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); William le Willer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ferring, Sussex); Simon Wellere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rodmell, Sussex); Waltero Qwelere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flitwick, Beds); Rogero Willere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shortsfield, Sussex); Willelmus Wyller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlpost, Sussex); Ricardo Wilere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (All Cannings, Wilts); Jhon Weller,

## Wellerman

1543 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Katherine Weller, 1544 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); Robert Weller, 1561 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Wellard, 1561 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); John Willer, 1642 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex).

2 English: occupational name for someone who casts metal or who boils salt, from Middle English \**weller*, \**willer*, a derivative with *-er* of Old English *wellan*, *wiellan* 'to boil'. Some of the following early bearers, especially from E Anglia and S Midlands, may alternatively belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Gregory Wellor, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Johannes Weller', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bartlow, Cambs); Roberto Weller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johannes Weller', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Robertus Weller, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holbeach, Lincs); James Willer, 1586 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Anna Willer, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Helynor Willer, 1604 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); An Willer, 1620 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk); John Willer, 1631 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire).

## Wellerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Surrey; Warwicks

1 English: occupational name apparently from Middle English \**weller*, \**willer*, a derivative with *-er* of Old English *wellan*, *wiellan* 'to boil' + *man*, but no early bearers can be found. Compare **Weller** (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wellerman, 1822, Henry Willermann, 1825 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Wellman**. Compare Lawretta Alice Wellman, 1838, Sarah Ann Jane Wellerman, 1846 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

## Welles

- **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Wells**.

## Wellesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Berks, Wilts, and Surrey; also Lanarks

English: locative name from Wellesley Farm (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Christiana de Welleslegh', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Somerset); William de Wellesleye, 1252 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Somerset); Robert Welleslegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Wellusle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ibberton, Dorset); Henry Wellesley, 1803 in *IGI* (Downham, Suffolk); Henry Richard Charles Wellesley, 1806 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Henry Torrens Wellesley, 1809 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); James Wellesley, 1809 in *IGI* (Burslem, Staffs); Arthur Wellesley, 1811 in *IGI* (Cheetham, Lancs).

## Wellford

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Devon

English: see **Welford**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Wellham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Welham**.

## Wellicome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: see **Welcome**.

## Welling

**Variants:** **Wellings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 608, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 402
- **Main GB location 1881:** London and Herts

English: (i) locative name from Welwyn (Herts) or Welling in Bexley (Kent), with a suspicion of an alternative unidentified source. (ii) relationship name; some surnames, particularly those close to the Welsh border, may represent a development of **Llewellyn**. See Welyn ap Mad', 1575 in *Ancient Deeds* (Shrops); compare Thomas Pawelin [possibly from *ap Welyn*], weaver, of Ebnall, 1623, with Thomas [son] of Thomas Llewelin, of Ebnall, weaver, 1626 in *Parish Registers* (Whittington, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Johanne Wellyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Faringdon, Berks); Johannes Wellyng', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Welling, 1582 in *IGI* (Husbands Bosworth, Leics); Wyllyam Wellynge, 1583 in *IGI* (Kempley, Gloucs); John Welwin, 1588 in *IGI* (Campton, Beds); John Welling, 1608 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Elener Wellin, 1635 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Rich. Welling, 1646 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Weling, 1679 in *IGI* (Harpenden, Herts); John Wellin, 1699, John Welling, 1726 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Thomas Wilwyn, 1835 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 147–51.

## Wellings

**Variants:** **Wellens**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1870, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1031
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs

English: variant of **Welling** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wellings, 1579, John Wellinges, 1585 in (Onibury, Shrops); Willmi Wellings, 1594 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); John Wellings, 1737 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

## Wellington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2102, Ireland 10
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1407
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary; Dublin
- English: locative from any or all of the places named *Wellington* (Hants, Shrops, Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Welington', 1209 in *Forest Pleas* (Shrops); John de Welington', 1332 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Stephanus de Welyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Doddington, Shrops); Johannes de Wellyngton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Clebury Mortimer, Shrops); Thomas Wellyngton, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Hughe Wellington, 1563 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Ellenora Wellington, 1594 in *IGI*

(Pembridge, Herefs); Peter Wellington, 1602 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall).

## Wellman

**Variants:** **Welman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1010, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 677
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset; Berks and Surrey

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wel(le)* 'spring, well, stream' + *man* 'man', for someone who lived by such a place.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Welleman, 1308 in *Fransson* (Norfolk); John Welman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ricardus Quelman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Margret Wellman, 1555 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Andrew Welman, 1607 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey).

2 English: see **Willman**.

## Wellock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 336
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

1 English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English personal name \**Waloc*, probably a pet form in *-oc* of Old English names formed with *Wealh-*, *Walh-*.

**Early bearers:** Emma Walhoc, 1313 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Richard Waylok, 1361 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials* (Newhouse, in Malham, WR Yorks); Willelmus Walok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Linton, WR Yorks); John Wallocke, 1496 in *Fountains Abbey Lease Book* (WR Yorks); Roger Walloc, 1586, Roger Wellocke, 1670 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Henrie Wallocke, 1597, Francis Wallock, 1704, Francis Wellock, 1735 in *IGI* (Kirkby Malham, WR Yorks); Anthony Wellocke, 1671, Elizabeth Wallocke, 1681 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: see **Wheelock**.

## Wells

**Variants:** **Welles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33182, Ireland 533
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24229
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. SE England; WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Tipperary and Waterford

English: locative name from Wells next the Sea (Norfolk) or Wells (Somerset), or topographic name from residence near a group of springs (Old English *wella*). The singular with a preposition, *atte*, *del*, *de la Welle*, is very common in medieval sources and survives in **Attwell** 'dweller by a spring or stream', but the form *Well* has been almost completely absorbed by *Wells*.

**Early bearers:** Toke de Welles, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Isabella Welles, 1312 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Willelmus Wells, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Holdenby, Northants); Thomas Welles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beaminster, Dorset); Ricardo de Welles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robertus de Welles, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Drayton, Shrops); Jeneta Wells, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Thomas Welles, 1540 in *IGI* (Stanford Dingley, Berks); William Wells, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Welles, 1541 in *IGI* (West Clandon, Surrey); Andrew Wells, 1547 in *IGI* (North

Elmham, Norfolk); Elsabz. Wells, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Wellsbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name probably from Wellsborough (Leics).

**Early bearers:** John de Wellesburgh, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Worcs); Sara ux' Wellesburgh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canes and Little Wyrley, Staffs); Waltero Wellesbury, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); John Wellisbury or Wellisburne, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Fullwell, Oxon); James Welsbury, 1787 in *IGI* (Middleton Scriven, Shrops); Sarah Wellsbury, 1807 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Joseph Wilsbury, 1851 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); John Willsberry, 1869 in *IGI* (Southwick, Durham).

### Wellsman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: see **Welshman**.

### Wellstead

**Variants:** **Welstead, Wellsted, Wellsteed, Welsted, Wellstood, Willsteed, Willstead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 418, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 352
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants

English: locative name from Middle English *wel(le)* 'well, spring', or perhaps *welwe* 'willow' in the case of the second bearer, + *stede, stide* 'place', as a topographical description; no such place-name is known, though the first bearer with *de* suggests the existence of one.

**Further information:** A few of the later spellings suggest derivation from a male personal name *Wealhstōd* (from Old English *wealhstōd* 'interpreter, translator') surviving into Middle English but not so far independently evidenced. However, the variant *Welstod* and the like, which seems suggest this personal name clearly, appears only late, the earliest record being from 1608.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wellested, 1305 in *London Letter Books C*; Willelmo Welusytyde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hinton, Dorset); Robertus Wellested, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Johannes Welsted, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broadmayne, Dorset); Jane Welsted, 1541 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Margrett Welsteede, 1562 in *IGI* (Rockbourne, Hants); Robert Welsted, 1567 in *PROB 11* (Milton Tregonwell, Dorset); Joan Welstead, 1572 in *IGI* (Woodchester, Gloucs); Thomas Welsted or Welsteede, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Hinton Martell, Dorset); Alice Welsted, 1574 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Henrie Welstod, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Mary Walsteede, 1614 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Matthew Wellstead, 1616, Willm Wellsteed, 1617 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs); William Welstid, 1618 in *IGI* (Calbourne, IoW); Rowland Welsteed, 1619, Clement Wellsted, 1654, George Wellstead, 1656 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts); Mary Wilstead, 1655 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); John Wellsteed, 1677 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); Richard Wellsted, 1678 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants); Charles Welstead, 1692 in *IGI*

(South Stoneham, Hants); Robert Wellsteed, 1696 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Elizabeth Willstead, 1698 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Betty Wellstead, 1741 in *IGI* (Wool, Dorset); James Wilsteed, 1766 in *IGI* (Chale, IoW); William Wellstood, 1782 in *IGI* (Wyke Regis, Dorset); James Welstood, 1797 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks).

**References:** Clerkenwell parish registers, online at <http://www.mocavo.co.uk/A-True-Register-of-All-Christenings-Mariages-and-Burialles-in-the-Parishe-of-St-James-Clarkenwell-From-the-Yeare-of-Our-Lorde-God-1551-Volume-13/334993/41>.

### Wellsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex

English: see **Wellstead**.

### Wellsteed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Wellstead**.

### Wellstood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Suffolk

English: see **Wellstead**.

### Wellum

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Suffolk

English: see **Welham**.

### Wellwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs; Fife
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny, Offaly, and Laois

Scottish: (i) locative name from the lands of Wellwood in Dunfermline (Fife). (ii) occupational name in Kent, from Middle English *wel(le)* + *ward* 'official' for a local official with responsibility for a well.

**Further information:** *Black*, p. 808, lists many other spellings of the Scottish name.

**Early bearers:** England: George Wellward, 1583 in *IGI* (Wootton, Kent); Alice Wellward, 1617 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Willia Wellwood, 1639 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Welwood, 1695 in *IGI* (Stoke, Kent); John Welwood, 1734 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

Scotland: William Walwood, 1422 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; Thomas Walwood, 1578 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; William Wallatt, 1588 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*.

### Welman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 106, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon; also Berks

English: see **Willman**.

### Welsby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1250, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Walesby (Lincs, and perhaps Notts).

**Early bearers:** William de Walesby, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; William Walesby, 1444 in *Patent Rolls*; William Walesby, 1458 in *PROB 11*; Wyllm Walsbye, 1575 in *IGI* (Oxcombe, Lincs); Bartholmew Walsbee, 1602 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Thomas Walsbie, 1612, William Welsbie, 1615, John Welsbee, 1623, Thomas Welsby, 1665 in *IGI* (Huyton, Lancs); Richard Walesby, 1616 in *IGI* (West Ashby, Lincs); Thomas Welsby, 1630 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Henry Welsby, 1738 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); James Welsbey, 1742 in *IGI* (Haslington, Cheshire).

### Welsford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs

English: locative name from Welsford in Hartland (Devon), or Wellisford in Langford Budville (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Wellesford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Mycheal Welsford, 1674 in *IGI* (Launcells, Cornwall); Richard Welsford, 1677 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Nath. Welsford, 1687 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Leics); Joseph Welsford, 1709 in *IGI* (Stratton, Cornwall); Mary Welsford, 1729 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Welsh

**Variants:** **Welch, Walch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13970, Ireland 518
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11723
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Scottish Lowlands: esp. Lancs; Lanarks

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

1 English, Scottish: ethnic name from Middle English *welsh*, Old English *wēalisc*, *wēlisc* 'foreign, Welsh'. See also **Walsh**.

**Early bearers:** Rose la Walesche, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Welsche, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Margery Wellis, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John le Walsche, le Walche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Welch, 1334 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; William Welsh, 1548 in *IGI* (Stoke Fleming, Devon); Elizabeth Welsh, 1559 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); John Welsh, 1563 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); John Welsh, 1572 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); William Welsh, 1574 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

2 Scottish: ethnic name; in Scotland this may also may be an ethnic name for a Strathclyde Briton.

**Early bearers:** John Walshe, 1360 in in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburgh); John Walche, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland* (Kilbucho, Peebles); Patrik Welsh, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Welsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant pronunciation of **Wiltshire**.

**Early bearers:** Izabella Wiltshere, 1552, Fraunciscus Welcher, 1561 in *IGI* (Severn Stoke, Worcs); Josephus Welsher, 1595 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset);

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Henry Wellshere, 1716 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts); Charley Welsler, 1771 in *IGI* (Tolland, Somerset).

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**Variants:** **Welsman**, **Wellsman**, **Welchman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 115
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down

English: ethnic name denoting someone from Wales. Compare **Walsh**.

**Further information:** John Walshman, tailor, 1324 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London) is probably identical with John le Walshe, tailor, 1340 in *London Letter Books F*. **Early bearers:** Walter Walseman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John Walshe, 1303 in *London Court Rolls*; Walter Walchewan, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Walishman, 1367 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Kent); Davye Welchman, 1544 in *Bardsley*; John Welsheman, 1564 in *Bardsley*.

### Welsman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Welshman**.

### Wellstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Wellstead**.

### Wellsted

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Wellstead**.

### Welton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1500, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1080
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; N England and N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; also Tyrone

English: locative from any or all of the places named *Welton* (Cumb, Lincs, Northants, Northumb, Somerset, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William de Welletun, about 1155 in *Gilbertine Charters*; Isabella de Welton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus de Welton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ketton, Rutland); Robertus Wellton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hutton and Cranswick, ER Yorks); Alicia de Welton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Welton, 1411–12 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Christian Welton, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Ricus. Welton, 1570 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Martha Welton, 1578 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Welton, 1600 in *IGI* (Litcham, Norfolk); Johanes Welton, 1611 in *IGI* (Cubbington, Warwicks); Margaret Wellton, 1642 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk).

### Wembridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: unexplained; possibly an alteration of **Wimbush**, which is found in London at the same period as the first bearer.

**Early bearers:** Ellin Winbridg, 1575 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Johannis Winbridge, 1609 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Alice Winbridg, 1638 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); John Winbridge, 1755 in *IGI* (Lopen, Somerset); Francis Wymbridge, 1775, William Wembridge, 1862 in *IGI* (West Hatch, Somerset).

### Wemyss

**Variants:** **Weems**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 403
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland and N England: esp. Fife

Scottish: locative name from the lands of Wemyss (Fife).

**Early bearers:** Michael de Wemeth, early 13th century in *Arbroath Register* 1, p. 69; Michael de Wemys, about 1268 in *Moray Register*, p. 461 (Morays); David Wemyss, 1286 in *Wyntoun Chronicle*; David de Wemes, Wemys, 1304 in *Scotland Calendar* 2, 1592 (Perths); John Wemys, 1484 in *Scotland Calendar* 4, p. 309 (Fife); Patrik Wemyss, 1592 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Christin Weems, 1655 in *IGI* (Cupar, Fife); Thomas Weemes, 1669 in *IGI* (Durham); Thomae Weemys, 1679 in *IGI* (Whittingham, Northumb).

### Wen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 331, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 温, see **Wan** (3).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 文 and 聞, see **Man** (3) and (5).

### Wenban

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: see **Wenborn**.

### Wenborn

**Variants:** **Wenban**, **Wenbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: from Wenbon's Farm in Wadhurst (Sussex).

**Further information:** Thomas Wenborne, 1772 in *Parish Registers* (Salehurst, Sussex), signed the marriage register as Wenban.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Waneburne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Wenbourne, 1410 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Katherine Wenborn, 1510 in *Court Rolls*; Elizabeth Wenborne, 1632 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); William Wenbourne, 1688 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Robert Wenbourn, 1709 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Mary Wenborn, 1732 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Mary Wenburn, 1733 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Amy Wenban, 1793 in *IGI* (Wadhurst, Sussex).

### Wenbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Wenborn**.

### Wenden

**Variants:** **Wendon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 188
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: from Wendens Ambo, or Wendon Lofts (Essex).

**Early bearers:** John de Wendon', 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William de Wendenne, 1207 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard ate Wendene, 1341 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Walterus Wendene, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Steeple Bumpstead, Essex); John Wendon, 1562 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); John Wenden, 1599, Thomas Wendon, 1603 in *IGI* (Ubbeston, Suffolk); Will Wenden, 1602 in *IGI* (Copford, Essex); Richard Wenden, 1647 in *IGI* (Childerditch, Essex).

### Wendon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Wenden**.

### Wendover

**Variants:** **Windover**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Wendover (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wendovr', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); John de Wendovre, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Wendover, 1470 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Michael Wendover, 1561 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); Robert Wendover, 1596 in *IGI* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Nicholas Wendover, 1696 in *IGI* (Stockbridge, Hants).

### Wendt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Danish: German and Danish, ethnic name for a Wend, Middle High German *wind(e)*. **Further information:** The Wends (also known as Sorbians) once occupied a large area of northeastern Germany, and many German place-names and surnames are of Wendish origin. Their Slavic language is still spoken in the eastern part of Germany, around Bautzen and Cottbus.

**Early bearers:** Christian Wendt, 1738 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Charles Wendt, 1846 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lincs); Christian Ludwig Wendt, 1850 in *IGI* (London, London); Fritz Wendt, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Wenger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Middx and Essex

German: locative name, denoting someone from any of various places in Bavaria named Weng or Wengen.

**Early bearers:** Johann Conrad Werner, 1872 in *IGI* (Ryton, Durham).

### Wenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1298, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 923

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex  
English: locative name from Great or Little Wenham (Suffolk), or Wenham in Rogate (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William de Wenham, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Willelmum de Wenham, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); Hawise de Wenham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus Wenham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Market Harborough, Leics); Robert Wenam, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margaret Wennam, 1544 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); Johes. Wenham, 1562 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Luke Wenham, 1566 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elizabeth Wennam, 1607 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex).

### Wenlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 427, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 294
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops

English: locative name from Wenlock (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** William de Wenlac, 1203 in *Pleas* (Shrops); John de Wenlak, 1323 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); William Wenlocke, 1421 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Angel Wenlocke, 1538 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Elizabeth Wenlock, 1560 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Reece Wenlock, 1601 in *IGI* (Hanmer, Flints).

### Wenman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 521, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 299
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Middx, and Berks
- English: see **Wainman**.

### Wenn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** E England: esp. Norfolk and Cambs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *wen* 'wen, wart', used to describe or name a hill or barrow. (ii) locative name from Middle English *wend(e)* 'bend, turn'.

**Further information:** There is no Middle English evidence that it may come from the basic use of the word *wen* 'wen, wart'.

**Early bearers:** John atte Wenne, 1316 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Walter atte Wen, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William atte Wend, 1332 in *East Anglian Bynames* (Norfolk); Johannes atte Wend, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Ellingham, Norfolk); John Wenn, 1548 in *IGI* (Wendling, Norfolk); Katherina Wenn, 1564 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Robert Wen, 1575 in *IGI* (Happisburgh, Norfolk); Prudence Wenn, 1615 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Wen, 1665 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); James Wenn, 1759 in *IGI* (Cutcombe, Somerset); William Wenn, 1773 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

### Wennell

**Variants:** Whennell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, London

English: relationship name apparently from a Middle English descendant of an unrecorded Old English female given name \**Wynnild* (from *wynn* 'joy' + *hild* 'battle'). But its distribution suggests it is really a variant of **Quennell**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Weynild, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wennell, 1643 in *IGI* (Chipping Ongar, Essex); Ann Wennell, 1699 in *IGI* (Felixstowe, Suffolk).

### Wennington

**Variants:** Winnington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: (i) locative name from Wennington (Hunts, Essex). (ii) see **Winnington**.

**Early bearers:** Michaelis Wenynton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fawler, Oxon); John de Wynnyngton of Norwich, 1400 in *Patent Rolls*; Edward Wennington, 1559 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Wennington, 1586 in *IGI* (Doddington, Essex); Josnes Wennington, 1602 in *IGI* (Elsworth, Cambs);

### Wensley

**Variants:** Winsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 552, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 534
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon; Lancs and WR Yorks

1 English: in SW England probably from Winsley (Wilts), recorded as *Winesleg*' in 1242 and *Weneslegh* in 1341.

**Early bearers:** Richardi Wensley, 1637 in *IGI* (English Bicknor, Gloucs); William Wensley, 1648 in *IGI* (Ditcheat, Somerset); Mary Wenslow, 1711 in *IGI* (Hartpury, Gloucs); Francis Wendsly, 1708 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset); Jane Wensly, 1715 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Johannis Winsley, 1734 in *IGI* (Burlescombe, Devon); Joseph Winsley, 1774 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 124.

2 English: locative name in N England (and perhaps in Lincs by migration) mainly or wholly from Wensley in NR Yorks. Possibly Wensley (Derbys), Winsley (n Derbys), and Winsley in Hartwich (WR Yorks) offer alternative origins but evidence to support any of these derivations is currently lacking.

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Wandesleye, 1204 in *Assize Rolls* Yorks; Walter de Wendeslay, 1339 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johannes de Wenselaw, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Buckden, WR Yorks); Thoma de Wenslay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Matthew Wynselay, 1437 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Wenslawe, 1441 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Oswaldkirk, NR Yorks); John Wensley or Wenslowe, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Yorks); Rycherd Wensley, 1545 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Richard Wensley, 1548 in *Swaledale Wills* (Blades, NR Yorks); Johes. Wenslay, 1547 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Joannes Wensley, 1562 in *IGI* (Brandesburton, ER Yorks); Richard Winsley, 1566 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); Briget Wenslye, 1573 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Richard Wenselay, 1582 in *Swaledale Wills* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Johannes Wenslowe, 1593 in *IGI* (Lenton, Lincs); Ralph Winsley, 1732 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks).

### Went

**Variants:** Whent, Wint, Vent, Vint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 590
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Herefs

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wente* 'passage, path, way'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de la Wente, Henry atte Wente, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Stephen ad le Wente, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); John atte Wente, 1327 in *East Anglian Bynames* (Norfolk); John Wente, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Went, 1358 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Walterus atte Wente, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas atte Went, Albreda Wynte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Taverham, Norfolk); Galfridus Wynte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Johannes atte Wente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castle Hedingham, Essex); Roberto Wente, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Combs, Suffolk); Johannes Wynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bacton, Norfolk); Rogerus Wynt, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Hugh Went, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Willms Went, 1542 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Walter Went, 1561 in *IGI* (Much Marcle, Herefs); Briget Went, 1579 in *IGI* (Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk); Ric. Wint, 1624 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Susan Went, 1759 in *IGI* (Burwell, Cambs).

2 English: locative name perhaps occasionally from the River Went (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Went, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Purston Jaglin, WR Yorks); Robertus de Went, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Darrington, WR Yorks); Adam de Went, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eggborough, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Went, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Malyn de Went, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 7, pp. 142-3.

### Wentworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 697, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 561
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Yorks, and Lincs; S and SE England

1 English: locative name from Wentworth (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** The Wentworths of Wentworth Woodhouse, near Barnsley, were a medieval gentry family that rose to political prominence in the 16th and 17th centuries.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wintewrth', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Wintteworth, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Brinsworth, WR Yorks); William de Wynteworth, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas de Wynteworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Roberts, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wentworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Wynteworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); Johannes de Wynteworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Richard Wenteworth, 1422 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Wentworth, 1451 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Wentworthe, 1548 in *York Registry Wills* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Mathew Wentworth, 1557 in *IGI* (Aberford, WR Yorks); Christopher Wentworth, 1583 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Judith Wentworth, 1594 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Rich. Wentworth, 1615 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); William Wentworth Fitzwilliam, 1839 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks).

## Wenzel

2 English: locative name from Wentworth (Cambs), though some of the following bearers could alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Anna Wentworth, 1565 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); Mary Wentworth, 1583 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); Elizabeth Wentworth, 1601 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Cicill Wentworth, 1603 in *IGI* (Eastwell, Kent); Nicholas Wentworth, 1608 in *IGI* (Haslingfield, Cambs); Thomas Wentworth, 1677 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Phillip Wentworth, 1727 in *IGI* (East Ilsley, Berks); John Wentworth, 1787 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Wenzel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: German, from the personal name *Wenzel*, a pet form (with the German diminutive suffix *-el*) of the Middle High German personal name *Wenze*, a borrowing from Slavic representing a short form of the Old Czech personal name *Věceslav*.

**Early bearers:** Heinrich August Wenzel, 1863 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Gustav Adolph Wenzel, 1883 in *IGI* (Bywell, Northumb); Johann Karl Emil Hubert Wenzel, 1885 in *IGI* (Buxton, Derbys).

### Were

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 175
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Ware**.

### Werman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Warman** or possibly **Workman**.

### Werner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 537, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 141
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Kent

German: relationship name from a personal name composed of the Germanic elements *war(in)* 'guard' + *heri, hari* 'army'. Compare **Warner**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Werner, 1602 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent); Anna Elisabetha Werner, 1689 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Thomas Werner, 1753 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

### Wernham

**Variants:** **Wornham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 366, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 258
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: locative name from Warnham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Warnham, 1369 in *Feet of Fines* (Enham, Hants); Thomas Wernham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Jacobi Warnham, 1558 in *IGI* (Lillingstone Lovell, Bucks); George Wornham, 1607 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Tho Wornham, 1653 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Jane Wernham, 1683 in *IGI* (Ufton Nervet, Berks).

### Werrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England, esp. Berks
- English: unexplained; perhaps a variant of **Worrall**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Werrall, 1573 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Arther Werrall, 1607 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Elizabeth Werrall, 1744 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London).

### Werren

**Variants:** **Werring**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Warren**.

**Early bearers:** Richard Werring, 1562 in *IGI* (Dean Prior, Devon); Henry Werren, 1592 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Beaton Werring, 1619 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

### Werrett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 389, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Monmouths

English: see **Wherrett**.

### Werring

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: see **Werren**.

### Werry

**Variants:** **Warry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon

Norman, French: relationship name from Old French *Guerra*, *Werri* (Continental Germanic \**Werric*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Guericus, Gueri, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, London); Werri de Marinis, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Yorks); Werreis de Pilledona, 1179 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Werricus, Warricus, Werrei, Werreys de Cadamo, 1219–20 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk). surnames: Nicholas, Geppe Werri, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs), 1228 in *Durham Priory Fees*; John Warry, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Henricus Werry, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall); Wilmus Werry, 1622 in *IGI* (Ashburton, Devon); Mary Werry, 1723 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Richard Warry, 1763 in *IGI* (Pillaton, Cornwall).

### Wesbroom

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Westbroom, a lost place in Woolpit (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Ælilmer de Westbrom, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Johannes Westbron, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wetherden, Suffolk).

### Wesby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Westby**.

### Wescomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Kent  
English: see **Westcombe**.

### Wescombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Westcombe**.

### Wescott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 383, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 261
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England: esp. Devon
- English: locative name see **Westcott**.

### Wesker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) locative name for someone who lived by the west fen, or possibly at a place with such a name (Middle English *west* + *kerr* 'bog, fen' (Old Scandinavian *kjarr* 'brushwood')). (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a place describable as the west wood, or at a place so named (Middle English *west* + \**skow* 'wood' (Old Scandinavian *skógr* 'wood')), such as Wescoe(hill) in Harewood (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Westscoth, 1247 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Weston, WR Yorks); Robert Westker, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William de Weskhough, 1351 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Henrici Wescoe, 1578 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Elizabeth Wescer, 1581 in *IGI* (Thwaite Saint Mary, Norfolk); Thomas Wescoe, 1586 in *IGI* (Pannal, WR Yorks); Mary Wescoe, 1621 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham).

### Weskett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- English: see **Westcott**.

### Wesley

**Variants:** **Westly**, **Westley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1930, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1095
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. Leics

English: from any or all of the places named *Westleigh* (Devon, Lancs), *Westley Waterless* (Cambs), or *Westley* (Suffolk).

**Early bearers:** Wlmar de Westle, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Adam de Westeleg', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Richard de Westleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Willelmo de Westley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tebay, Westm); Joane Westly, 1545 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Isbell Westley, 1549 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); George Wesley, 1573 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Margareta Westly, 1601 in *IGI* (Dullingham, Cambs); Richard Westley, 1627 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Wesley, 1632 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Westly, Robert Wesley, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Margaret Westleigh, 1681 in *IGI* (Great Sankey, Lancs); Charles Wesley, 1760 in *IGI* (Gwennap, Cornwall); John Westley, 1747, William Wesley, 1780 in *IGI* (Seaton and Beer, Devon).

### Wessel

**Variants:** **Wessell**, **Wessels**, **Wessells**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 Dutch, German: relationship name from the personal name *Wessel*, Old Low German *Wezzilo*, a pet form of Continental Germanic *Warinher*, modern Dutch and German *Werner*.

**Early bearers:** Wassell Wesselle, 1575 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph without Algate, City of London); John Wessell, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Leonard Wessel, 1699 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Gerhard George Wessell, 1778 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Diederich Wessel, 1811 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Christian Rudolph Wessel, 1839 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *wesil(e)*, *wesil(e)* 'weasel' (Old English *wesle*). Compare John Wesilheued ('weasel-head'), 1384 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** William Wesele, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Matilda Wesel', 1206 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Petrus Wesile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woodhill, Wilts); Alice Wessell, 1604 in *IGI* (Sotby, Lincs); Thomas Wessell, 1642 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

3 English: see **Vessell**.

### Wessell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sussex
- English: see **Wessel**.

### Wessells

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Wessel**.

### Wessels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- Dutch, German: variant of **Wessel** (1) with genitival or excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Joseph Wessels, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); John Frederick Wessels, 1808 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Wesson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1177, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 765
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands, esp. Leics; Kent
- English: see **Weston**.

### West

**Variants:** Vest

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38571, Ireland 745
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28068
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Fermanagh; Down

English: locative name for someone living in or hailing from the west of an unspecified place or region.

**Early bearers:** Maurice de West, 1152–70 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Goche West, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William del West, 1262 in *Forest Pleas* (Essex); Robert bi Westen de Copford, 13th cent. in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); John Bywest de Welde, undated in *London Letter Books D*; Thomas atte West,

1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Bromley, Staffs); Johannes othe West, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arkendale, WR Yorks); John in le West, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Johannes del West', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); John West, 1536 in *IGI* (Marrow, Surrey); George West, 1539 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Robert Weste, 1539 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Christian West, 1540 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edmonde Weste Or West, 1563 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey).

### Westaby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- English: see **Westoby**.

### Westacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 432, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 421
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Westacott (Devon). See also **Westcott**.

**Early bearers:** Emme Westacott, 1564 in *IGI* (Bishops Tawton, Devon).

### Westall

**Variants:** Wastell, Westell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1019, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 667
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Berks and Wilts

English: (i) from any of several places called *Westhall*, of which there is one in Oxon and another in Suffolk, or from West Hall in Whittington (Lancs). See also **Wastall**. (ii) the first of the early bearers listed below is from West Hills in Alvechurch (Worcs), and the name from this source, if it survives, has probably merged with *Westall*. (iii) the 1379 and 1381 bearers may take their names from a lost place named with Old English *west* 'west, western' + *hyll* 'hill', but the surname has probably since merged with *Westall*.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Washull', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Rogero de Westhull', 1379, Rogerus de Westull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton in Makerfield, Lancs); Thomas de Westhall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Bretton, WR Yorks); Nycholas Westall, 1554 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); George Westall, 1576 in *IGI* (Saxby All Saints, Lincs); John Westall, 1590 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Katherina Westall, 1593 in *IGI* (Barrow on Humber, Lincs); Grace Westall, 1596 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Rich. Westall, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Thomas Westhall, 1612 in *IGI* (Milton Bryan, Beds); Anne Westall, 1613 in *IGI* (Digswell, Herts); Thomas Westall, 1632 in *IGI* (Beaconsfield, Bucks); Samuell Westall, 1634 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Anne Westhall, 1717 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs).

### Westaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 580, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 658
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *west* 'west' + *wei* 'way', probably used as a place-name but if so unlocated. The first -a- in the modern form represents a typical Devon inflectional suffix.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Westway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); Agnes Westaway,

1562 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon); Rob Westway, 1670 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

### Westbey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Westby**.

### Westbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: from Westbourne (Middx, Sussex).
- Early bearers:** William Westbourne, 1443 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Agnes Wesbourne, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Westbrook

**Variants:** Westbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1687, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1377
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: locative name from any or all of the places named *Westbrook* (Berks, Devon, Kent, IoW).
- Early bearers:** Reginald de Westbroc, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John de Westbroke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Edmund Westbrook, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Petronill Westbrooke, 1544 in *IGI* (Froxfield, Hants); Thomas Westbrook, 1570 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Wilhelmi Westbrocke, 1573 in *IGI* (Aldershot, Hants); Oliver Westbroke, 1576 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Wm. Westbrook, 1581 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); John Westbroocke, 1613 in *IGI* (West Hanney, Berks).

### Westbrooke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Westbrook**.

### Westbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 983, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 805
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands, esp. W Midlands

English: locative name from any or all of the places named *Westbury* (Bucks, Hants, Shrops, Somerset, Wilts), or Westbury on Severn (Gloucs), or Westbury on Trym (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** William de Westbir', 1208 in *Book of Fees* (Worcs); John de Westbyr', 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Nicholao Westbury, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (St Mary the Virgin, Oxon); Waltero Westbery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bratton (in Chitterne), Wilts); Richard Westbury, 1573, Henrie Westburie, 1578 in *IGI* (Appleton, Berks); Edmund Wesberrie, 1583 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Margaret Westbury, 1588 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Edward Westbury, 1589 in *IGI* (Christchurch, Hants); Peeter Westbery, 1595, William Westberie, 1605 in *IGI* (North Cerney, Gloucs); John Wesbery, 1598 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Antonius Westberi, 1614 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); Thomas Westbury, 1622 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); John Wesberry or Wesberrie, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Warkworth, Northants); John Westbury, 1623 in *IGI* (Powick, Worcs); John Westberry, 1699 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Aldwyn, Gloucs).

### Westby

**Variants:** Wesby, Westbey



## Westcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 25
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 333
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Notts and Leics
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Clare
- English: locative name mainly from Westby in Lancs, but also from similarly named places in WR Yorks and Lincs.

**Early bearers:** William de Westebi, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Adam de Westby, 1259 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Westby, WR Yorks); Ustas' de Westby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westby with Plumpton, Lancs); Thomas de Westby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); John Westby, 1560 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Tomasyn Wesby, 1561 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); John Wesby, 1580 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); John Westby, 1616 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Henry Westby, 1618 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elisabeth Westby, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); William Westby, 1622, William Wesby, 1666 in *IGI* (Hickling, Notts); Ann Westby, 1646 in *IGI* (Thorpe Salvin, WR Yorks); John Westbey, 1656 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Edmond Westby, 1712 in *IGI* (Cawston, Norfolk); Elizabeth Westby, 1732 in *IGI* (Thornton Curtis, Lincs).

## Westcombe

**Variants:** Wescombe, Wescomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England, esp. Kent; Glamorgan

1 English: locative name from any of the three places named *Westcombe* in Devon.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Westecomb, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon*; Clemont Westcombe, 1574, Elizabeth Westcomb, 1578, Mary Wescomb, 1584, George Wescombe, 1613 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Ellnor Westcom, 1599 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Susan Westcome, 1614, Thomas Westcombe, 1615 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Westcomb, 1656, Thomas Wescome, 1664 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Elizabeth Westcomb, 1686 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 436.

2 English: locative name meaning 'dweller by the west field', from Middle English *west* + *camp* 'field' (from Latin *campus*).

**Early bearers:** Thomas atte Westcompe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Westcombe, 1807 in *IGI* (Hunston, Sussex).

## Westcott

**Variants:** Wescott, Weskett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2278, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1962
- **Main GB location 1881:** Mainly Devon and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford

English: locative name from any of the many places in various counties of England named 'the west cottage(s)', for example Westcott (Devon, Surrey, Bucks), Westcot (Berks), Westcote (Gloucs, Hants, Warwicks). See also **Westacott**.

**Early bearers:** Turbertus de Westcota, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Robert de Westecote, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert atte Westcote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Mary Wescote, 1567 in *IGI* (Tanworth, Warwicks); John Westcott, 1568 in *IGI* (Otterton,

Devon); Caterina Wescott, 1574 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); Edward Westcot, 1582 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Ellinor Westcote, 1589 in *IGI* (Bisham, Berks); Johanna Westcotte, 1595 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); Robertus Wescott, 1602 in *IGI* (South Peverton, Somerset); John Wescott, 1642 in *IGI* (Kingston on Thames, Surrey); Thomas Westcut, 1657 in *IGI* (Kingston on Thames, Surrey); Richard Westcot, 1673 in *IGI* (Whimple, Devon); Peter Westcott, 1682 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

## Westell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Oxon, Herts
- English: (i) variant of **Westall**. (ii) variant of **Westwell**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Westell, 1575 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Westell, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Thomas Westell, 1600 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); John Westell, 1609 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

## Westerby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs

1 English: locative name from Westerby, Smeeton Westerby (Leics).

**Early bearers:** John Westerby of Skegness, reign of Henry VI in *Patent Rolls*; Henry Westerby, 1591 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs); Anne Westerby, 1596 in *IGI* (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Robert Westerby, 1604 in *IGI* (Aswardby, Lincs).

2 English: variant of **Westoby**.

## Westerdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Westerdale (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Westerdale, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Urra, NR Yorks); John de Westerdale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Jacobo de Westerdale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); James Westerdale, 1406, Nicholas Westerdall, 1419 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Mungo Westerdale, 1535 in *Yorks Deeds* (North Cliffe, ER Yorks); Willm. Westerdale, 1572 in *IGI* (Roos, ER Yorks); Thome Westerdail, 1589 in *IGI* (Marske in Cleveland, NR Yorks); John Westerdale, 1589 in *IGI* (Humbleton, ER Yorks); Rauffe Westerdall, 1590 in *IGI* (Brompton by Sawdon, NR Yorks); John Westerdale, 1723, George Westerdal, 1758 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

## Westerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1427, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 976
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kilkenny
- English: locative name from Middle English *western*, *westrin* 'western' + *man* 'man'. Compare **Westman**.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Westrynnean, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Richard Westerman, 1383 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Matthew de Westrynman [sic], 1424 in *Thoresby Society* 26 (Pontefract, WR Yorks); William Westerman, 1539 in *Thoresby Society* 4 (Garforth, WR Yorks); Robt. Westerman, 1540 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Robert Westerman, 1621

in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Arthur Westerman, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Nicholas Westerman, 1673 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Wm. Westerman, 1782 in *IGI* (Garforth, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Western

**Variants:** Westron, Westren

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1995, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx

English: regional name for '(the man from the) west', from Old English *westerne* 'western'.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey le Westerne, about 1172–80 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Richard le Westerne, le Westerneys, 1286 in *Staffs Forest Pleas*; Adam, Richard le Westren, 1296, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Alan Westerne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Western, 1541 in *IGI* (Dodington, Somerset); George Western, 1569 in *IGI* (Anderby, Lincs); Humfrey Western, 1607 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon); Johis Western, 1636 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Western, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London).

## Westfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; London

English: locative name from any of several places called Westfield, named as 'the west field' (Old English *west*, *feld*).

**Early bearers:** John de Westfeld, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John de Westfeld, 1376 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lincs); Johannes de Westfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Willelmo de Westfeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Louth, Lincs); William Weistfeld, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Westgarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 804, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 521
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Northumb

English: locative name from Westgarth in Hayton (Cumb).

**Further information:** In theory it might be from any *west garth* 'west enclosure' in N England, but the place-name origin is certain in view of the 1682 record.

**Early bearers:** Robert Westgarth, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Robert Westgarth, 1564 in *IGI* (Shap, Westm); Cuthbert Westgarth, 1618 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Anthony Westgarth, 1620 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Edward Wesgarth, 1682 in *IGI* (Hayton, Cumb).

## Westgate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 962, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 466
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, esp. Norfolk; Sussex

English: from minor places called *Westgate* in any of Durham, Kent, Northumb, or Wilts, the evidence being strongest for Kent. Peter de Westgate of Canterbury (1198 *Pipe Rolls*) must have lived near the west gate of the city.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Westgate of Canterbury, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls*; William de Westgat', 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Johanna de Westgate, 1379 in *Poll Tax*



(Dilham, Norfolk); Willelmus de Westgate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Galby, Leics); Dorothee Westgate, 1586 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); Charles Westgate, 1595 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Margaret Wesgate, 1634 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Thomas Westgate, 1779 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

### Westhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1271, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 688
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Westhead in Lathom (Ormskirk parish, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert del Westheved, 1313 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Robertus dil Westhed, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); Margaret Westhead, 1560 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Edward Westheade, 1580 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Jane Westhed, 1596 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Westhorp

Variants: **Westhorpe, Westrip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

English: locative name from any of the various places of this name, such as Westhorpe (Suffolk) and Westhorpe in Southwell (Notts). Compare **Westrop**. **Early bearers:** Hugh de Westorp, 1194 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); Alicia Westhorpe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scorborough (part), ER Yorks); James Westthorp, 1682 in *IGI* (Keddington, Lincs); John Westhorp, 1692 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); David Westhorp, 1734 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham).

### Westhorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Norfolk
- English: see **Westhorp**.

### Westie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife

English: (i) in England, from Westhay (Northants) or from residence near some western enclosure (Old English *(ge)hœg*); this name may not survive. (ii) in Scotland, unexplained; possibly from some local place-name like *West Haugh*, found for example in Kettlebridge (Fife).

**Early bearers:** England: Andrew de Westheie, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex); Coleman de Westhaie, about 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Peter de Weysthagh, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex). Scotland: James Westie, 1739 in *IGI* (Cadder, Lanarks); Janet Westie, 1835 in *IGI* (Leslie, Fife).

### Westington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Middle English *west in tune*, denoting someone who lived to the west of a settlement or one who lived in the western part of a town. This was a common surname in Sussex, found in some 22 parishes between 1296 and 1332. Compare **Sinton**.

**Early bearers:** William a Westethun, de Westetoune, 1296, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Biwestetoun, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Westetoun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margaret Westyngton, 1436 in *PROB 11* (Herts); Humfrye Westyngton, 1558, Alce Westington, 1627 in *IGI* (Tedburn Saint Mary, Devon); Robert Westington, 1642 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Robt. Westington, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb).

### Westlake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2616, Ireland 23
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England, esp. Devon
- English: locative name from Westlake in Ermington (Devon); compare Richard Bywestelake, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon*, who lived at Westlake and whose name means literally 'on the west side of the lake'. **Early bearers:** Martin de Westlak', 1211 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Staffs); Jane Westlake, 1568 in *IGI* (Newlyn East, Cornwall); Eliza Westlake, 1589 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); John Westlake, 1606 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 274.

### Westland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Stirlings; Lincs

English, Scottish: from Middle English and Scots *west + land* 'land, arable field', perhaps used as a place-name, of which, and of *Westlands*, there are a number of minor examples from Devon to Bute. The Sussex example is from Westland Farm in Petworth (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Westlonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Westland, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Willelmus de Westland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Thomas Westlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Rudham, Norfolk); Sibota Westland, 1408 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Matheus Westland, 1571 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Richard Westland, 1578 in *IGI* (Benington, Lincs); Agnes Westlande, 1585 in *IGI* (Freiston, Lincs). Scotland: Helen Westland, 1674 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); Jon. Westland, 1678 in *IGI* (Kemnay, Aberdeens); Margaret Westland, 1698 in *IGI* (Maryculter, Kincardines).

### Westley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1482, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1180
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Central England, esp. Northants
- English: see **Wesley**.

### Westly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- English: see **Wesley**.

### Westmacott

Variants: **Westmancoat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 292
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Gloucs and Worcs; Hants and Surrey
- English: locative name from Westmancote (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Elena de Westmecote, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Isabella Westmakot', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stonton Wyville, Leics); John Westmoncote, 1407 in *PROB 11* (Gredelyngton [Grittleton], Wilts); James Wesmecote, 1573 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Dennis, Gloucs); Anne Westmacote, 1613 in *IGI* (Ampney Crucis, Gloucs); Thomas Westmecott, 1615, Ann Westmicott, 1655 in *IGI* (Somerset Keynes, Wilts); John Westmacot, 1640 in *IGI* (Chedworth, Gloucs); John Wesmecott, 1647 in *IGI* (Turkdean, Gloucs); Obediah Westmacott, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); John Westmacott, 1692 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Tho Westmacott, 1699 in *IGI* (Northleach, Gloucs); John Westmacoate, 1706 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Willm Westmacutt, 1769 in *IGI* (Somerset Keynes, Wilts); Charles Westmucket, 1757 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants); William Westmuckett, 1770 in *IGI* (East Meon, Hants); Lawrence Westmancot, 1784 in *IGI* (Shipton Oliffe and Shipton Sollars, Gloucs).

### Westman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 84
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Lancs and Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois and Offaly

1 English: locative name from Middle English *west + man* 'man from the west'. Compare **Westerman**. **Early bearers:** Thomas Westman, Robert le Westman, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Johanne Westman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sapperton, Gloucs); Johanne Westman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs); Ellye Westman, 1552 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hants); Rob Westman, 1647 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Westmund* (Old Scandinavian \**Vestmundr*), with the common reduction of *-mund* to *-man* in Middle English names. The examples from 1377 onwards may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Westmundus, about 1200 in *Place-Names of WR Yorks 1*, p. 278 (Carlton, in Staincross, WR Yorks); Edus' que fuit uxor Westmund' de Mirefeld, 1218 in *Pleas* (Mirfield, WR Yorks).

sumames: Suanus or Sueinus filius Westmund(i), late 12th cent. in *Yorks Charters*; Johannes Westman, 1377, Thomas Westman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Johannes Westeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hook, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Westman [sic], 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walden Stubbs, WR Yorks); Richard Westman, 1670 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Westman, 1734 in *IGI* (Kirkcleatham, NR Yorks).

3 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Westman*, possibly derived from the oblique stem *vestmann-* of Old Scandinavian *vestmaðr*, 'man from the west' (especially denoting an Irish Viking). There is a large time gap between the medieval and the 18th-century bearers cited below; the latter may therefore belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Herebertus filius Westman, Herebert Westman, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Elyas Westman, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); John Westman, 1728 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Joseph Westman, 1798 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants).

## Westmancoat

### Westmancoat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: see **Westmacott**.

### Westmarland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

English: see **Westmoreland**.

### Westmere

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: for someone who lived 'by the west mere'.

**Early bearers:** Isabell' de Westmere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Sibilia Uestmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Burlingham, Norfolk).

### Westmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: locative name for someone who lived 'by the west more' (Middle English *mor* 'heath, swamp, or fen').

**Early bearers:** Adam Westmour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Walterus Westmore, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chale, Hants); Anthonius Westmore, 1552 in *IGI* (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); Robert Westmore, 1554 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Lottis Westmore, 1567 in *IGI* (Niton, IoW); Geoarg Westmore, 1690 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants).

### Westmoreland

Variants: **Westmarland, Westmorland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 865, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 481
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs

English: locative name from the region or county of Westmorland.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Westmerland, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Robert de Westmerlaund, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William de Westmerland, 1327 in *York Freeman's Register*; William de Westmarlonde, 1375 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de Westmorlond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emneth, Norfolk); Johannes Westmerland', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Thomas Westmerlande, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hayton, ER Yorks); Adam Westmerlande, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Heslington, ER Yorks); Robertus de Westmerlond, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Scarbrick, Lancs); William Westmerlande, 1544 in *York Registry Wills* (Seaton, ER Yorks); Lebard Westmoreland, 1564 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Georg Westmorland, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Edmond Westmorland, 1575 in *IGI* (Normanby le Wold, Lincs); Thomas Westmoreland, 1588 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); William Westmerland, 1596 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robert Westmerland, 1597 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Westmarland, 1602 in *IGI* (Wootton, Lincs); Dorowtye Westmerlande, 1623 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Raph Westmorland, 1627 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Henrye Westmorland, 1652 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); John Westmerland, 1695 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); John Westmoreland, 1706 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Richard Westmoorland, 1730 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm).

### Westmorland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 371
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England, esp. Cumb, WR Yorks

English: see **Westmoreland**.

### Westnage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

### Westnedge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

### Westney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Norfolk; London

Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

### Westnidge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

Norman, English: see **Wasteneý**.

### Westoby

Variants: **Westaby, Westerby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 432
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and ER Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *west i(n) bi* (Old Scandinavian *vestr í by*) 'west in the village', for someone who lived at west end of a settlement.

*Westinby* shows substitution of Middle English *in* for Scandinavian *i*.

**Further information:** This type of name is characteristic of Lincs and Yorks, especially ER Yorks. In the 1297 *Subsidy Rolls* for ER Yorks, Peter Westinby, Stephen Suthinby ('south in the village'), and Stephen Northinby ('north in the village') are all listed as taxpayers in the same village (Patrington). Compare **Suddaby** and for 'east in the village' see **Oxtoby** and **Easterby**. *Nordaby* is now extinct but is further attested in Robert Northibi, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Theakston, NR Yorks); John Northobe, 1535 in *York Guild Register*, and Nicholas Northaby, 1617 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Early bearers:** Tomas Westibi, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ernebertus Westiby, 1208 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Peter Westinby, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Patrington, ER Yorks); Adam Westiby, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whenby, NR Yorks); John Westerbe, 1500 in *York Guild Register*; John Westobie, 1607 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Westaby, 1630 in *Yorks Wills*.

### Weston

Variants: **Wesson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16819, Ireland 239
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11911
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. Lancs, WR Yorks; Midlands, S and SE England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kilkenny and Tipperary; Westmeath

1 English: locative name from any of the numerous places called *Weston*. Some bearers may belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Godwinus de Westuna, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hunts); Adestan de Westuna, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition* (Cambs); William Weston, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes de Weston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Madeley, Staffs); Johannes de Weston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rossington, WR Yorks); Johanne de Weston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranoe, Leics); Johannes Westun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Catcott, Somerset); Avelina de Westoun', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Fransham, Norfolk); John Weston, 1427 in *PROB 11* (Ockham, Surrey); Kateryne Weston, 1540 in *IGI* (Worthing, Sussex); Anne Weston, 1541 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Radi Weston, 1543 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); Johes. Weston, 1544 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Wyllya Weston, 1564, Jone Wesson, 1582 in *IGI* (Kings Norton, Leics); Rychard Weston, 1590 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Ailce Weston, 1601 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Robart Westton, 1676 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants).

2 English: locative name from Middle English *atte west tun(e)* 'at the west farm', the source of the place-name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Weston, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Alan ate Weston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

3 English: locative name from the Middle English expression descending from Old English (*be*) *westan tūne* 'at or in the west of the village'; compare **Westington**. Robert Biweston, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex), illustrates the full original form.

### Westover

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: from Westover in Langport (Somerset), or in Calbourne (IoW), or from Westovers in Twineham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Westouer, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Westhouer, Richard Westouer, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Rogerus Westour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chilton Polden, Somerset); Roger Westover, 1549 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Grace Westover, 1567 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Westover, 1583 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); William Westofer, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Colyton, Devon); Christopher Westover, 1593 in *PROB 11* (New Windsor, Berks); Edward Westopher alias Coles, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Idsworth, Hants).

### Westow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wr Yorks and Lancs; Leics

English: see **Wistow**.

### Westrap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Westrop**.

**Westray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs
- English: locative name from Westray (Cumb).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Westwra, 1292 in *Place-Names of Cumb* 384; John Westray, 1614 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); Walter Westray, 1615 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Thomas Westray, 1769 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

**Westren**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Western**.

**Westrip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 65
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Essex, and E Anglia
- English: see **Westhorp** and **Westrop**.

**Westron**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Western**.

**Westrop**

**Variants:** Westrup, Westrap, Westropp, Westrope, Westrip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London and Essex
- English: locative name from a metathesized form of **Westhorp**, surviving in place-names such as Westrop in Highworth (Wilts), Westrip in Cherington (Gloucs), and the lost *Westropps* in Gestingthorpe (Essex).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Westrop, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Wilts); Johannes Westrop, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); John Westthrop, 1576, Ambrose Westroppe or Westropp, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Stansfield, Suffolk); Richard Westrope, 1579 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks); Francis Westthroppe, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Horseheath, Cambs); John Westrop, 1638 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex); Josipe Westrip, 1666 in *IGI* (Marsh Chapel, Lincs); Anthony Westrup, 1680 in *IGI* (Walsham le Willows, Suffolk); Samuel Westrap, 1770 in *IGI* (Haverhill, Suffolk).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 26; *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 90; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 628.

**Westrope**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 147
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, and Suffolk; Surrey.
- English: see **Westrop**.

**Westropp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Surrey; also IoW
- English: see **Westrop**.

**Westrup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Suffolk and Norfolk
- English: see **Westrop**.

**Westward**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Cambs
- 1 English: variant of **Westwood**, as the following bearers illustrate.  
**Early bearers:** Wm. Westwood, 1600, Mary Westward, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jonathan Westwood, 1615, Mary Westwood, 1668, An Westward, 1671 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Richard Westwood, 1668, Richard Westward, 1696 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Thos Westwood, 1699, Thomas Westward, 1708 in *IGI* (Roxwell, Essex); John Westwood, 1772, Mary Westward, 1776 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).  
 2 English: locative name, rarely perhaps denoting someone who lived 'to the westward' of an unspecified settlement, as attested in Robert a Westeward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon), but there is no evidence that this became a hereditary surname.

**Westwater**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 390
  - **Main GB location 1881:** C Scotland, esp. Fife
- Scottish: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in western Fife, according to *Black*; but no such name appears in *Place-Names of Fife*.  
**Early bearers:** John Westwalter, friar of Culross, 1565, John Vestualter, friar and notary of . . . Culross, in *Laing Charters*; Patrik Westwatter, 1580 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); David Westwatter, 1626 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); George Westwatter, 1658 in *IGI* (Kinglassie, Fife); May Westwater, 1680 in *Torphichen Records*.

**Westway**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from Westway Farm in Witheridge, Devon, named as the farm on 'the west road' (Old English *west + weg*).  
**Early bearers:** Willelmus Westway, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); George Westway, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Rob Westway, 1670 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon).

**Westwell**

**Variants:** Westell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 736, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 596
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: (i) locative name from Westwell (Kent, Oxon). (ii) sometimes possibly a late development of **Westall** or **Westell**, or readily confused with them.  
**Early bearers:** Ranulf de Westwelle, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Thomas de Westwell', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); Henry de Westwelle, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Henrico Westwale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Thomas Westwell, 1612 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Westwell, 1754 in *IGI* (Darwen, Lancs); Anne Westwell, 1763 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent).

**Westwick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 227, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks; Warwicks
- English: locative name from Westwick (Durham, Essex, Norfolk, WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Serlo de Westwic', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Gamell de Westwice, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Durham); Adam Westwyke, 1304–5 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Nicholaus de Westwyke, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Impington, Cambs); Serell' de Westwik, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Littlethorpe, WR Yorks); Stephanus de Westwyk', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westwick, WR Yorks); Johannes Westwik, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Essex); William Westwyk, 1469 in *York Guild Register*; John Westwick, 1540 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Sieth Westweike, 1587 in *Durham Wills* (Denton, Durham); William Westwick, 1628 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); John Westwick, 1748 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); William Westwick, 1758 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

**Westwood**

**Variants:** Westward, Westworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8427, Ireland 45
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5009
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands, esp. Staffs; Essex; Fife
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: locative name for someone who lived 'by the west wood' (Middle English *west + wode*) or came from one of the places named *Westwood* in Kent, Wilts, Warwicks, or Worcs.  
**Early bearers:** England: Robert de Westwood', 1207 in *Pleas* (Kent); Alan de Westwude, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Gloucs); John Westwod', 1371 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Essex); Thoma Westwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannes Westwode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Alvescot, Oxon); Christiana Westwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Welton, ER Yorks); Willelmus de Westwod', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Johanne Westwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); Ricardus Westwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oldbury, Shrops); Robertus de Westwod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Johannes Westwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); John de Westwode, 1425 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Clitheroe, Lancs); Isabella Westwood, 1552 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); John Westwode, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Hetton, WR Yorks); John Westwood, 1560 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks); Thomas Westwood, 1566 in *PROB 11* (Laver Magdalen, Essex); Anne Westwode, 1568, Joseph Weswood, 1762 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Elyzabeth Westwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); John Westwood, 1572 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Richard Westwod, 1584 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Richard Westwood alias Oldeburie or Oldbury, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Oldbury, Shrops); Robte. Westwoode, 1589 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Sarah Westwood, 1599 in *IGI* (Dumbleton, Gloucs); Anne Westood, 1603 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Henry Weswood, 1620 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex).  
 Scotland: Isobel Westwode, 1609, Christen Westwode, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Andrews and Saint Leonards, Fife); Thomas Westwod, 1620 in *IGI* (Alloa, Clackmannans).

**Westworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Westwood**. Compare John Westwood, 1560, Anne Westword, 1568 in *IGI* (Rylstone, WR Yorks). No evidence has been found to link the name with Westworth (NR Yorks), although this is formally possible.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Westworth', Walterus Westword, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Netton, Wilts); Thomas Westworth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ugford (North), Wilts); Edward Westworth, 1792 in *IGI* (Chute, Wilts); John Westworth, 1803 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); George Westworth, 1864 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs).

**Wetherald**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks, Durham, and Northumb

English: see **Weatherall**.

**Wetherall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 711
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Yorks, and Lancs; Berks and Middx
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Offaly
- English: see **Weatherall**.

**Wetherbee**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Weatherby**.

**Wetherby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 123
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Weatherby**.

**Wethered**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Berks
- English: see **Weatherhead**.

**Wetherell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 751, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 578
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Yorks
- English: see **Weatherall**.

**Wetherhead**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Weatherhead**.

**Wetherhill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: variant of **Weatherall**.

**Wetherill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 518, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 396
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks
- N English: see **Weatherall**.

**Wetherilt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; London
- English: altered form of **Weatherall**.

**Wetherington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Dorset; Lancs; Lincs
- English: variant of **Widdrington**.

**Wetherley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; also Durham
- English: see **Weatherley**.

**Wetherspoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Stirlings and Lanarks; Lancs
- Scottish: see **Witherspoon**.

**Wethington**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: variant of **Widdrington**.

**Wetmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Wedmore**.

**Wetter**

Variants: **Wetters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- 1 English: (i) variant of **Water** (2). (ii) in Cornwall, a variant of **Whetter**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Wetere, Atwater, 1328 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* 33; Thomas Wettas, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Wetter, 1607 in *IGI* (Shipley, Sussex); Martin Wetter, 1744 in *IGI* (Creed with Grampond, Cornwall).

2 German: (i) occupational name from Middle High German *wetter* 'weather', specifically 'stormy weather', perhaps a nickname for someone who made weather predictions, according to *Bahlow*; or perhaps an agent noun from Middle High German *wetten* 'to bet, wager'. (ii) locative name from any of the places named *Wetter*, e.g. those near Arnsberg (North-Rhine Westphalia) and Marburg (Hesse).

**Early bearers:** George Wetter, born in Germany, in Census 1911 (Islington, Middx).

3 Dutch: nickname from Middle Dutch *wetter* 'grindstone', possibly for a knife-grinder.

**Wetters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: variant of **Wetter** (1) with post-medieval genitive or excrescent *-s*.

**Wetton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1126, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 641
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs and Derbys

1 English: locative name from **Wetton** (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** John Wetton, 1582 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Thomas Weatton, 1681, Thomas Wetton, 1659 in *IGI* (Norton in the Moors, Staffs).

2 English: occasionally perhaps a variant of **Whitton** or confused with it.

**Wevell**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Norman, English: see **Wavell**.

**Wever**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Weaver**.

**Wevill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 83, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall, and Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Wavell**.

**Wey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset
- 1 English: see **Way**.

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 魏, 危, 韋, and 衛 (**Wei** in Mandarin pinyin), based on their Mandarin pronunciation. See **Wei** (1–4).

**Weyer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Ware**.

**Weyland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: see **Wayland**.

**Weyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 232
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- 1 English: see **Wyman**.
- 2 English: see **Waithman**.

**Weymont**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Wyman**.

**Weymouth**

Variants: **Waymouth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 12

- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SW England, esp. Devon; Kent
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford
- English: locative name from Weymouth (Dorset).  
**Early bearers:** Annis Weymouth, 1575 in *IGI* (Cornworthy, Devon); Izabell Weymouth, 1581 in *IGI* (Kingsbridge, Devon); Richard Waymouth, 1594, Margaret Weymouth, 1602 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon).

### Whaddon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs
- English: locative name from any of the various places called Whaddon (Bucks, Cambs, Gloucs, Wilts). There may have been some confusion with **Waddon**.  
**Early bearers:** William de Waddon, 1182 in *Newington Longeville Charters* (Bucks); Nicholas de Whaddon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Seckloe hundred, Bucks); Johanna Waddon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whaddon, Wilts); Henricus Whaddon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thoma Whaddon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Semington, Wilts); Thomas Whaddon, 1572 in *IGI* (Sutton, Beds); Anne Whaddon, 1579 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Joseph Whaddon, 1677 in in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs).

### Whait

- **Current frequencies:** GB 60, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Waite**.

### Whaite

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Waite**.

### Whaites

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Norfolk
- English: see **Waite**s.

### Whaits

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: see **Waite**s.

### Whalan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Faoláin, see **Whelan**.

### Whale

**Variants:** Whall, Wale, Whales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2065, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1672
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Wilts; Cornwall; W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Durham

1 English: nickname from Middle English *whal*, *whal*, *wale* 'whale' (Old English *hwæl*), a term that was used to denote any large fish or marine mammal, including the walrus, grampus, and porpoise. The nickname may refer to a rolling gait or to size and weight.

**Early bearers:** Hants: Richard le Wale, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Richard le Wayl, 1256 in *New Forest Documents* (Rumbridge, Hants); Herbert and William le Wahal, 1277 in *New Forest Documents* (Tatchbury and Winsor, Hants); William le Whal, 1315 in *New Forest Documents* (Rumbridge, Hants); John le Whal, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tatchbury and Winsor, Hants); Petrus Whael, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hants); William Whale, 1605 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); John Wale, 1622, Peter Whall, 1650, Peter Whale, 1661 in *IGI* (Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants). Norfolk and Essex: Hugh le Whal, 1249 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Willelmus Whal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Whall, 1545, Dan Whale, 1714 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Susan Whall, 1550 in *IGI* (Margaret Roding, Essex); Harry Wale, 1562, Jonathan Whall, 1768 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); John Whall, 1565, Alice Wale, 1571 in *IGI* (Bale, Norfolk); John Whale, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Whale, 1568 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Henrie Whale, 1572, Francis Whall, 1610 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).

2 English: (i) see **Wale**, though some of the following examples may alternatively belong with (1). The surnames are difficult to tell apart and may have been confused. (ii) alternatively see **Wheal**. (iii) alternatively see **Wail**, especially for the Staffs name.

**Early bearers:** Johan Whale, 1543 in *IGI* (Lezant, Cornwall); Agnes Whale, 1547 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Joan Whale, 1561 in *IGI* (Sawbridgeworth, Herts); Thomas Whale, 1657 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Richard Wale, 1678 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Charles Whall, 1681 in *IGI* (Whitstone, Cornwall); Ambroose Walle, 1663, Samuel Whall, 1794, Thomas Wale, 1796, Benjamin Whale, 1802 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Elizabeth Whale, 1745, Mary Wale, 1779 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Christopher Whale, 1699 in *IGI* (Tintagel, Cornwall).

3 English: from Whale, in Lowther (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** Ibbota de Qwale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wharton, Westm); Willelmus de Wale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs); Rossell Whale, 1616 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Jacobi Wale, 1622 in *IGI* (Preston, Lancs); Josephus Wale, 1641 in *IGI* (Hesket in the Forest, Cumb); Mary Whale, 1694 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); John Whale, 1745 in *IGI* (Swalwell, Durham).

### Whalen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 268
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- Irish: from Ó Faoláin, see **Whelan**.

### Whaler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 94
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Wheeler**.

### Whales

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 169
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk
- English: variant of **Whale** with post-medieval excrement -s.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Whales, 1593 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Mary Whales, 1706 in *IGI* (Saint

Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Whales, 1715 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Whaley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1435, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1003
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow; Armagh
- English: see **Whalley**.

### Whaling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- Irish: perhaps an anglicized variant of Ó Faoláin, see **Whelan**.

### Whall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 317
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 English: see **Whale**.  
 2 English: see **Wall**.

### Whalley

**Variants:** Whaley, Walley, Waley, De Whalley, Wally

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5206, Ireland 30
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4695
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Whalley (Lancs) or Whaley in Bolsover (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Walleg, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Ughtred de Walley, 1216 in *Pontefract Chartulary* (Great Marsden, WR Yorks); Robert de Walley, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Thoma de Walleya, about 1240, Willelmo de Walleg, about 1271 in *Glapwell Charters* (Derbys); William de Whalley, 1331 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Hipperholme, WR Yorks); John Waley, 1377 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Thomas de Wallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bolton by Bowland, WR Yorks); Magota de Quallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crigglestone, WR Yorks); John de Quallay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Rogerus Qualley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Betton, Shrops); William Whalley, 1539 in *Thoresby Society* 9 (Potter Newton, WR Yorks); Isabella Walley, 1545 in *IGI* (Betley, Staffs); William Walley, 1545 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Walley, 1546 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); George Walley, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); George Whalley, 1556 in *IGI* (All Hallows Bread Street, London); Henry Whalley, 1562 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Oliverus Walley, 1562 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); Robart Whalley, 1562 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Alis Waley, 1565 in *IGI* (Chipping, Lancs); John Whaley, 1565 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Raph Whalley, 1567 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Thome Whalley, 1572 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); Rolandi Whaley, 1572 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Thomas Whaley, 1574 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis Waley, 1694 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham).  
**References:** *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 136; *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 76; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 215.

### Wham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, England

## Whammond

English: locative name from Old English *hwamm* ‘corner, angle, or small valley’ (which may sometimes be from Old Scandinavian *hvammr*). This gives rise to several *Wham* place-names in Yorks, for example in Dent, Giggleswick and Saddleworth, but the surname is absent from Yorks. **Early bearers:** Nicol atte Wamme, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John atte Whamme, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Minian Wham, 1720 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Whammond

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Whamond**.

## Whamond

Variants: **Whammond**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: nickname, occupational name from Old Scandinavian *hvata-mann-*, the oblique stem of *hvata-maðr*, a compound agent noun with the dictionary definition ‘prompter’, i.e. ‘instigator’. There may have been some confusion with **Hammond** or with **Oman** and its variants.

**Further information:** This is a variant of **Wyman**, according to Reaney and Wilson. But if it were ultimately from an Old English personal name, it would be better suited by the *Hwætmynd* recorded in the Anglo-Saxon charter Sawyer 346. Such a connection is very far from certain.

**Early bearers:** William Quhoman, 1483 in *Bamff Charters* (Banffs); John Quhoman, 1534 in *Bamff Charters* (Banffs); Jean Whament, 1725 in *IGI* (Oathlaw, Angus); Andrew Whamont, 1756 in *IGI* (Tannadice, Angus).

**References:** Zoëga, Geir T. (1910) *A Concise Dictionary of Old Icelandic*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 217.

## Whan

Variants: **McWhan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 84
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Down
- Scottish Gaelic: relationship name from **Mac Shuain**, a lenited form of a Gaelic patronymic based on Old Scandinavian *sveinn* ‘boy, servant’, see **McSwan**. **Early bearers:** Scotland: John Makquhon, 1552 in *Black* (Bordland of Laik, Kirkcudbrights); Agnes McWhan, 1685 in *Black* (Kirkcudbright); Andrew McWhan or McQuhan, 1685 in *Black*. Ireland: John and William Whan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Derryloran, Tyrone).

## Whant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Norfolk and Suffolk

English: see **Want**.

## Wharam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206

- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Cheshire, and Lancs

English: see **Wharram**.

## Wharf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 223, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Wharfe**.

## Wharfe

Variants: **Wharff**, **Warf**, **Wharf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: (i) locative name from Wharfe in Austwick (WR Yorks). (ii) locative name occasionally from Middle English *w(h)arf* ‘wharf, quay, landing-place’, as the 1320 example shows; it probably denoted someone who worked at a wharf. However, there is little medieval evidence for this name and the post-medieval bearers cited below in counties outside WR Yorks may belong with (i) and descend from migrant Yorkshiresmen.

**Early bearers:** Alan ate Warf, 1320 in *London Letter Books E*; Bernard de Qwarf, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Walter de Qwerff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Quarf, 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (WR Yorks); Henry Wharff, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Royston, Herts); John Wharffe, 1561 in *IGI* (Clixby, Lincs); Augustyne Wharfe, 1569 in *IGI* (Gargrave, WR Yorks); Isabell Wharfe, 1579 in *IGI* (Horton in Ribblesdale, WR Yorks); Geo. Wharf, 1696 in *IGI* (Deal, Kent); Elizabetha Wharf, 1705 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Richard Wharf, 1732 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Warf, 1737 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); George Warf, 1770 in *IGI* (Castle Acre, Norfolk); John Fazakerley Wharf, 1782 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs);

## Wharff

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Wharfe**.

**Further information:** This spelling of the name is rare in Britain but more common in the USA.

## Wharin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Warren**.

**Early bearers:** John Wharin, 1765 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

## Wharmby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 661, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 583
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; Notts

English: locative name, variant of the WR Yorks name **Quarmby**. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes John Whernby, 1532 (Newark, Notts), and Bryan Warmbe, 1595 in Kirkburton parish registers (WR Yorks). Compare Roberti Wharmby, 1677, Farnworth Quarmby, 1795 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Katherine Wharmby, 1616 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Tho. Wharmby, 1626 in *IGI* (Northenden, Cheshire); Elizabeth Wharmby, 1661

in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); John Wharmby, 1766 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts).

## Wharram

Variants: **Wharam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Wharram Percy or Wharram le Street (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Hog de Warrum, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Alan de Warrum, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert de Wharrom, 1373 in *Feet of Fines* (Lowthorpe, ER Yorks); John Wharrom, 1438 in *York Registry Wills* (Lund, ER Yorks); John Wharom, 1464 in *York Registry Wills* (Bolton upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Margret Wharam, 1570 in *IGI* (Kirby Underdale, ER Yorks); John Wharram, 1584 in *IGI* (Sibsey, Lincs); Richard Wharam, 1590 in *York Registry Wills* (Adwick upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Willim. Wharam, 1591 in *IGI* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Christopher Wharram, 1622 in *IGI* (Wharram le Street, ER Yorks); An Wharram, 1631 in *IGI* (Wharram Percy, ER Yorks); Alice Wharram, 1633 in *IGI* (Strensall, NR Yorks); Francis Wharam, 1798 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); William Wharam, 1854 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire).

## Wharrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks

1 English: see **Warrick**.

2 English: see **Warwick**.

## Wharrie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr; WR Yorks
- Scottish: reduced form of **McWharrie**, for which see **McQuarrie**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Quharry or Quharrie in Kinkadyou, 1574 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register*; William Quherrie, 1597 in *Lanark Records*; Thomas Wharry, 1641 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Susanna Wharrie, 1653 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Wharry, 1663 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Jean Wharrie, 1693 in *IGI* (Pettinain, Lanarks); Argbell Wharri, 1693 in *IGI* (Muirkirk, Ayr).

## Wharrier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb, Durham

English: see **Warrior** (2).

## Wharry

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 111
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish Gaelic: from **Mac Guaire**, see **McQuarrie** and compare **Quarry**.

**Early bearers:** George Wharry, 1663 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks).

England: Lucy Wharry, 1780 in *IGI* (Chislehurst, Kent); Euphemia Mary Wharry, 1843 in *IGI* (Woolwich, Kent).

### Wharton

**Variants:** **Quarton, Wherton, Whorton, Warton**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 6382, Ireland 170  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 4154  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry; Down  
 English: locative name from Wharton in Westm, Cheshire, and Lincs, or from Warton in Lancs, Northumb, or Warwicks, of which **Warton** can sometimes be a variant spelling (and vice versa).  
**Further information:** See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wharton, 1324 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Willelmo de Querton<sup>1</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wharton, Westm); Alexander Wharton, 1481 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); John Wharton, 1552 in *IGI* (Saxton in Elmet, WR Yorks); Margaret Wharton, 1565 in *IGI* (Burnsall in Craven, WR Yorks); Adam Wharton, 1566 in *IGI* (Ashby Puerorum, Lincs); Elizabeth Wharton, 1566 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Charles Wharton, 1572 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); John Wharton, 1575 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Margarit Wharton, 1574, Ellyn Wherton, 1591 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Willm. Wharton, 1580 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Reginalde Wharton, 1580 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Charles Wharton, 1592 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Wharton, 1593 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Wherton, 1654 in *IGI* (Ilkley, WR Yorks); Thomas Wharton, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); John Wherton, 1790 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Whate

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 99  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Notts  
 1 English: see **Waite**.  
 2 English: see **Wheat**.

### Whateley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 151  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks  
 English: locative name, see **Wheatley**.

### Whately

• **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 77  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Kent  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Tipperary  
 English: see **Wheatley**.

### Whatford

• **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 73  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex  
 English: variant of **Watford**.  
**Early bearers:** Sarah Whatford, 1729 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); William Whatford, 1769 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Whatham

• **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: probably a variant of **Waltham**.

### Whatley

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1938, Ireland 17  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1153  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Somerset  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down  
 English: see **Wheatley**.

### Whatling

• **Current frequencies:** GB 669, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 316  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk  
 English: see **Watling**.

### Whatman

• **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 145  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex  
 English: see **Weetman**.

### Whatmoor

• **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: see **Whatmore**.

### Whatmore

**Variants:** **Whatmoor, Watmore, Wadmore, Woodmore**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 844, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 640  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; Lancs; Hants, Surrey, Kent

1 English: from Whatmoor (Shrops) or from one of the several minor places called *Wetmore*, *Wetmoor* or *Whatmoor* (as in Shrops and Staffs) or perhaps *Wedmore* (Somerset). Some of the following examples may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** W Midlands: William de Wetemor<sup>1</sup>, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Whatmore, 1561 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs); Ales Watmer, 1564 in *IGI* (Chorley, Stottesdon, Shrops); Marget Watmore, 1613 in *IGI* (Stottesdon and Farlow, Shrops); Ales Watmore, 1630 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); Humphrey Watmore, 1634 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Elizabeth Watmore, 1666 in *IGI* (Whittington near Lichfield, Staffs); Edward Watmer, 1680 in *IGI* (Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops); William Watmer, 1718 in *Deputy Keeper's Report* 41 (Worcs); Francis Watmore, 1767 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Joseph Whatmore, 1800 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops).

S England: Agnes Watmore, 1541 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants); Anys Watmore, 1545 in *IGI* (Micheldever, Hants); James Watmore, 1562 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Alys Watmor, 1562 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Ales Watmer, 1569 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Rose Whatmore, 1593 in *IGI* (London); Joan Watmore, 1609 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); William Watmore, 1619 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Anthony Watmore, 1629 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Humphrey Whatmore, 1636 in *IGI* (Wilton, Wilts).

2 English: occasionally an inverted spelling of **Watmough**, due to loss of /r/ in weakly stressed syllables. Compare **Wadmore**.

**Early bearers:** N England: John Watmore, 1633, Henry Watmough, 1642 in *IGI* (Whalley, Lancs); Hugh Watmoughe, 1763, John Whatmore, 1768 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Thomas Watmoor, 1751, Thos. Watmough, 1779 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

**References:** *English Pronunciation* 2, § 332.

### Whatmough

• **Current frequencies:** GB 574, Ireland 3  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 634  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: see **Watmough**.

### Whatmuff

• **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 36  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
 English: see **Watmough**.

### Whatnall

**Variants:** **Whetnall, Whatnell**  
 • **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 55  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: locative name apparently from Watnall (Notts), which appears as *Watenho*, 1205 in *Place-Names of Notts*.

**Further information:** There is potential for confusion with Wadenhoe (Northants), which also appears as *Watenho*, in 1254, indicated also by William Wadnall, 1537 in *PROB 11* (Saint Katherine by the Tower of London).

**Early bearers:** John Watnowe, 1477, Whatno, 1480, Watno, 1512 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Watno, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Hampstead, Middx); Anne Wadnowe, 1602 in *PROB 11* (Swaffham Market, Norfolk); Jane Whatnall, 1625 in *IGI* (Stourmouth, Kent); Phillip Watnall, 1686 in *IGI* (Little Ness, Shrops); Mary Whatnall, 1814 in *IGI* (Woodhouse Eaves, Leics); Thos. Watnall, 1785 in *IGI* (Woodhouse, Leics).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Notts*, p. 501.

### Whatnell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 20  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex  
 English: see **Whatnall**.

### Whatrup

• **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 6  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey  
 Norman, English: a late, originally Northants, variant of **Wardrop**.

### Whattam

• **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 112  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
 English: probably a variant of **Waltham**.

### Whattler

• **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Kent  
 English: see **Watler**.

### Whattoff

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see **Walthew**.  
**Early bearers:** George Whattoff, 1717, Joseph Wattoff, 1757 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Matt. Watthoff, 1773 in

## Whatton

*IGI* (Whetstone, Leics); John Wattoff, 1798 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Whatton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lincs; Warwick and Northants

English: locative name from Whatton (Notts), or Long Whatton (Leics).

**Further information:** There may be confusion with **Wotton**, which overlaps it in distribution in the Midlands.

**Early bearers:** Johanne de Whatton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halsall, Lancs); Johanne de Whatton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Long Whatton, Leics); John Whatton, 1454 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Jane Whatton, 1562 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Johis. Whatton, 1577 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Elizabeth Whatton, 1610 in *IGI* (Whatecote, Warwick).

### Whawell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Whewell**.

### Whay

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Way**.

**Early bearers:** Arthur Whay, 1675 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex).

### Whayman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** East Anglia
- English: see **Wyman**.

### Whaymand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Wyman**.

### Wheable

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Wheble**.

### Wheadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 591, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Wheddon**.

### Wheal

Variants: **Wheale, Wheel, Wheele, Whale, Wheals,**

- **Wheels, Weal, Wale, Weall, Weale, Weel**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 469, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 354
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Staffs

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wel* 'happy, prosperous', influenced perhaps by *wel* 'prosperity, wealth'. *Wheal(e)* and *Wheel(e)* appear to be modern re-spellings of earlier *Weal(e)* and *Weel(e)*, through false association with *wheal*

('pimple') and *wheel*. Compare **Wale**, with which *Wheal* may have been confused. Some forms of the name without the definite article may alternatively belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Midlands: Willelmo Wele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Congerstone, Leics); Ricardus Wele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Raunds, Northants); Willelmus Wele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lillington, Warwicks); Rogerus Wele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Penkridge, Staffs); Wenefride Weale, 1545 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); Dorothee Weale, 1560 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); William Weal, 1665, Moses Weel, 1710, Thomas Wheel, 1719, Benjamin Wheel, 1748 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Tho. Wheel, 1690 in *IGI* (Olney, Bucks); John Whele, 1674, Moses Wheel, 1729 in *IGI* (Aldridge, Staffs).

S and SW England: John le Wele, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tillington, Sussex); Petro le Wele, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Anderson, Dorset); Johannes Wele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Corfe Castle liberty, Dorset); Johannes Wele', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swainston liberty, Hants); John Weale, 1560 in *IGI* (Upleadon, Gloucs); Johanna Weale, 1576 in *IGI* (Pembridge, Herefs); John Wheele, 1603 in *IGI* (Hartland, Devon); Henryry Weal, 1610 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs).

SE England: John Weale, 1574 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); John Wheell, 1577 in *IGI* (Lydd, Kent); Elizabeth Weale, 1603, Susanna Wheel, 1755 in *IGI* (Great Burstead, Essex); Robt. Weal, 1635 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Robert Weal, 1674 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Stephen Weal, 1684 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

Scotland: Thomas Wheil, 1669, Thomas Wheel, 1670 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived near a deep pool (Middle English *wel*, Old English *wæl, wēl*), or who came from a place so called, such as Weel (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** N England and N Midlands: Isabella del Wele, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Johanne de Wele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Walterus de Wele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Grimsby, Lincs); Stephanus de Wele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Alicia atte Wele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saxby, Leics); John Weel, 1798 in *IGI* (East Cowton, NR Yorks).

S England: Johanne atte Wele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coombes, Sussex); Johanne atte Wele, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marlborough, Wilts); Wylliam Weale, 1584 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Robert Weel, 1678 in *IGI* (Hilperton, Wilts); Lucy Wheal, 1752 in *IGI* (Bremhill, Wilts); Ann Wheel, 1755 in *IGI* (Highway, Wilts); John Wheal, 1765 in *IGI* (Winterbourne, Berks).

3 English: locative name, occupational name for one who lived near or was in charge of a water-wheel (Middle English *whel*, from Old English *hwēol* 'wheel'). Compare **Wheelhouse**.

**Early bearers:** Hugh atte Wheole, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

4 English: nickname from Middle English *wevel* (Old English *wifel*) malt weevil'.

**Early bearers:** William Wewel, 1296, John le Wewel, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wepham, Sussex).

### Wheale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Wheal**.

### Wheals

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: variant of **Wheal** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Whear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 153
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- Cornish, English: variant of **Ware** or perhaps also **Wear**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Where, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); John Where, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Poundstock, Cornwall); John Wheare, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Thomas Where, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Stratton, Cornwall); Jane Where, 1599 in *IGI* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Christopher Wheare, 1602 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); John Whear, 1620 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); John Whear, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall).

### Whearty

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

Irish: a variant anglicized form of **Ó Faghartaigh** 'descendant of *Faghartach*', a personal name meaning 'noisy', see **Faherty**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Whearty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Port, Louth); Nicholas Whearty, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Clonmore, Louth).

### Wheat

Variants: **Weet, Weate, Whate, Wheate**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 703
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands, esp. Notts
- English: nickname from Middle English *whete* 'active, bold, brave' (Old English *hwæt*).

**Early bearers:** Bernard Hwette, Wete, about 1157, 1180 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Hugh, John le Wete, 1249, 1327 in *Place-Names of Essex*; Johannes Whete, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Empingham, Rutland); Johanne, Willelmo Whete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Thoma Whete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Throope, Wilts); Robertus Whete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Adam Whete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stanley, WR Yorks); Robertus Whete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tinsley, WR Yorks); Henry Whete, 1440, William Whett, 1484, William Wheate, 1563 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Thomas Weate, 1549 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richd. Weate, 1567 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Edmond Wheat, 1597 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Samuel Wheat, 1630 in *IGI* (Mansfield, Notts); Isaac Weet, 1667 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 483.

### Wheatcroft

Variants: **Whitcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Widespread in N and central England: esp. Derbys



English: locative name meaning ‘dweller by a croft where wheat was grown’, or from a minor place so named. Compare Wheatcroft Farm in Cullompton (Devon), which is recorded as *Whitcroft* in 1809 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 562.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wetecroft, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Whatecroth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas de Whatecroft, son of Adam Whatecroft, 1339 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Cath Wheatcroft, 1561 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Wm. Wheatcroft, 1564 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Wheatcroft, 1581 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Humphrey Wheatcroft, 1590 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Nicolas Wheatcroft, 1606 in *IGI* (Tallington, Lincs).

### Wheate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; Lancs; Staffs
- English: see **Wheat**.

### Wheater

- **Current frequencies:** GB 447, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 374
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: probably a phonologically northern variant of **Whiter**, lacking the southern diphthongization of [i:] to [ai].

### Wheatfill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: (i) locative name possibly from Whatfield (Suffolk), ‘wheat-field’, though there is no clear evidence that this name survived to modern times. (ii) locative name from Wheatfield (Oxon), ‘white field’, or from other places describable with this expression.

**Early bearers:** Ailmer de Hwatefelde, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Johannes Whitefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Whetfield, 1561 in *IGI* (Gillingham, Kent); Hughe Wheatfeild, 1587 in *IGI* (Stonegrave, NR Yorks); Rolande Whetfeild, 1636 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Willyam Wheatfield, 1655 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Sarah Wheatfield, 1690 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Jane Wheatfill, 1802 in *IGI* (Petersfield, Hants).

### Wheatland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 361, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 256
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: (i) locative name apparently from Middle English *whete* ‘wheat’ + *land* ‘(arable) land’; but perhaps really from Whitelands (formerly *Whiteland*) in Washington (Sussex) or a variant of **Whiteland** In Devon, *Wheatland* is from a family (*atte*) *Whytelond*, 1281, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 375, 331, where the place-name, as in Sussex, means ‘white land’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Whetlond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Heughe Wheatland, 1565 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Robertus Wheatland, 1572 in *IGI* (Chieveley, Berks); Thomas Wheatland, 1587 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 243.

### Wheatley

**Variants:** **Wheatly, Wheetley, Whateley, Whately, Whatley, Watley, Wattley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9324, Ireland 242
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5901
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and Derbys; Durham
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow and Dublin

English: locative name from Whatley (Somerset), Wheatley (Essex, Lancs, Notts, Oxon, WR Yorks), or Wattlehill Farm in Ewhurst (Sussex), all named with elements meaning ‘wheat’ + ‘lea’, or from Whateley (Warwicks). Compare **Wadley** and **Whiteley**.

**Early bearers:** Lambert de Watileia, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Martin de Watelega, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Roger de Wetelea, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Peter de Watteleg’, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Elyas de Hwatele, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Peter de Watteleg’, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Henry de Whateleia, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Walter de Whetele, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Notts); Reginald de Watele, Robert Wateleghe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Whetelay, 1374 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Emley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Qwhateleye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranworth, Norfolk); Mawde Whatley, 1539, Mawd Watley, 1550 in *IGI* (Steeple Ashton, Wilts); Janet Wheatley, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Emley, WR Yorks); Dyones Wheatley, 1559 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Robert Wheatley, 1560 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); Thomas Wheetley, 1666 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); Ann Watley, 1733, John Wattlely, 1751 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Wheatly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; Notts; Durham

English: see **Wheatley**.

### Wheatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. NR Yorks

English: see **Weetman**.

### Wheaton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 786, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Whiddon**.

**Early bearers:** John Wheaton, 1563 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); Elise Wheaton, 1564 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Anstice Wheaton, 1596 in *IGI* (Bickleigh, Devon).

### Wheatstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs, Shrops and Gloucs

English: (i) locative name from Wheatstone in Codsall (Staffs). (ii) nickname from Middle English *whet-ston* ‘whetstone’. It may sometimes allude to the whetstone serving as a token of falseness, hung about the neck of a convicted liar (*MED*).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Whetstan, 1245 in *Patent Rolls* (Cosby, Leics); Clemente Whetstone, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Peter Whetston, 1555 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Elizabeth Whetstone, 1587 in *IGI* (Bodenham, Herefs); Elizabeth Wheatstone, 1765 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Thomas Whetston, 1672 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

### Wheaver

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks

English: variant of **Weaver**.

### Wheawal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Whewell**.

### Wheble

**Variants:** **Wheable**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants

English: nickname from Middle English \**whei* ‘whey’ + *bolle* ‘bowl’. Compare Middle English *wheipote* ‘a vessel or container for whey, perhaps for receiving it as it is pressed out of the curds’ (*MED*).

**Early bearers:** Rogero Wheybole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Heddington, Wilts); Willelmo Weybole, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calne borough, Wilts); Roberti Wheble, 1641 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); William Wheable, 1695 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Edward Wheble, 1703, Edmond Wheeble, 1713, Maria Whebell, 1727 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Rachel Whibble, 1815 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon).

### Whedbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of *Whidby*, itself probably a variant of **Whitby**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wheddon

**Variants:** **Wheadon, Whedon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Warwicks; Somerset

English: locative name from Wheddon Farm, Wheddon Cross, in Cutcombe (Somerset), or perhaps Wheadown Farm in Witheridge (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Margareta Wheddon, 1609 in *IGI* (Buckland Monachorum, Devon); Thomas Wheddon, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Wootton Courtney, Somerset); Ralph Whedon, 1642 in *IGI* (Podimore, Somerset).

### Whedon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: variant of **Wheddon**, or from a similarly named but unidentified place in N England, perhaps one of those called *Weeton* (WR, ER Yorks).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

## Wheeker

### Wheeker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey

English: see **Wicker**.

### Wheel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 134
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Essex

English: see **Wheal**.

### Whelan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 276, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England, esp. Lancs; C Scotland; Monmouths
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

Irish: see **Whelan**.

### Whealans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Wealleans**.

### Wheelden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Derbys, and Staffs

English: see **Wheeldon**.

### Wheeldon

Variants: **Wheelden**, **Wheldon**, **Wheildon**, **Whieldon**, **Wildon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2362, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1464
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Cheshire

English: (i) locative name from Whielden Lane in Amersham (Bucks). (ii) locative name from High Wheeldon in Hartington Middle Quarter (Derbys). **Early bearers:** Hugo de Hweldon', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Peter de Whilden, 1281 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); William Wheeldon, 1582 in *IGI* (Ipstones, Staffs); Agneta Wheeldon, 1584 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Edward Wheeldon, 1635 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Willus Wheeldon, 1687 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Mary Wheeldon, 1721 in *IGI* (Salford, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 212; *Place-Names of Derbys*, p. 366; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wheele

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Wheal**.

### Wheeler

Variants: **Wheeller**, **Wheler**, **Whaler**, **Wayler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23650, Ireland 481
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17786
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Midlands and SE England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

English: occupational name for a wheelwright, from Middle English *wheler*, *whegheler*, a derivative of Old English *hweogol*, *hweowol*, *hwēol* 'wheel'.

**Early bearers:** Roger le Weweler, 1249 in *Fransson* (Sussex); John le Whelare, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Hugh le Welere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas le Wegheler, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Stephen le Whelere, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John le Wheghler, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Gilbert le Whygler, 1351 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Surrey); Thomas Wheler, husbandman, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Effingham, Surrey); Robert Wheeler, 1539 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Wheler, 1539 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); Isabell Wheeler, 1540 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Stephen Wheeler, 1543 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Water Wheeler, 1543 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Robert Wheeler, 1552 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Sara Wheeler, 1587 in *IGI* (Redmarley D'Abitot, Worcs); Thomas Wheeler, 1689 in *IGI* (Cowes, IoW).

### Wheeley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Monmouths; London

English: locative name from Weoley Castle (Worcs), evidently influenced by the word *wheel*.

**Early bearers:** William de Wheleye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomae Weeley, 1543 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Marie Wheeley, 1601 in *IGI* (Lea Marston, Warwicks); Mary Wheeley, 1607 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Roberte Weeley, 1613 in *IGI* (Yardley, Worcs); Anthonie Weoley, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Compton, Warwicks); Richard Wheeley, 1722 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs).

### Wheelhouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 924, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 670
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name for someone living near or working at a wheelhouse, perhaps meaning a place at a dammed-up stream where cutlers ground knives on a water-wheel; or from an unidentified place so named. It is sometimes treated as equivalent to *Wheeler*: James Wheelar, inholder, son of John Wheelas alias Wheelar, flax-dresser, 1740 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Early bearers:** Robertus de Whelehous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clint, WR Yorks); William de Whelehous, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; James Wheelhouse, 1604 in *IGI* (Hampsthwaite, WR Yorks); Willm Wheelhouse, 1605 in *IGI* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Martin Whelas, 1617, Joseph Wheelhouse, 1702 in *York Freeman's Register*; Issabell Whealous, 1620 in *IGI* (Spofforth, WR Yorks).

### Wheeller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wheeler**.

### Wheelock

Variants: **Whillock**, **Whellock**, **Wellock**, **Willock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Staffs

English: locative name from Wheelock (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Hugonis Wheelocke, 1571 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); John Wheelock, 1623 in *IGI* (Madeley, Staffs); Ralph Wellock, 1795 in *IGI* (Dilthorne, Staffs); Jno. Whellock, 1804 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Wheels

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28

English: variant of **Wheal** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Wheulton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Staffs

English: locative name from Wheelton in Leyland parish (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Anne Wheelton, 1612 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Isaaci Wheelton, 1672 in *IGI* (Butterton by Hulme End, Staffs); Eliz. Wheelton, 1696 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Jas. Wheleton, 1706 in *IGI* (Croxden, Staffs); Matthew Whelton, 1736 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire).

### Wheelwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 422
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: occupational name from Middle English *whelewright(e)*, *whelrihte* 'wheelwright: maker of wheels and wheeled vehicles' (Old English *hwēol* + *wyrhta*).

**Early bearers:** Brihtric Hueluurihte, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hugo le Wellewriche, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Walter Welwryhte, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Henry le welwrite, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Richard Whelwright, 1305 in *Fransson* (Yorks); Robert le Whilwright, 1349 in *Derbys Charters*; Simon Qwilwryth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kedington, Suffolk); Ricardus Qwelwryght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halton West, WR Yorks); Johannes Whelwryght', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Johes Wheelwright, 1571 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks).

### Wheen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: variant of **Queen**. With the following early bearers in Snaith compare Richard Queene of Heck, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Snaith, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Rich Wheine, 1577, Richard Wheene, 1623, Susannah Wheen, 1681 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Wheen, 1796 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks).

2 Scottish Gaelic: reduced variant of **McQueen** (the spelling *Wh* representing the *Sh* of *Mac Shuibhne*).

### Wheatley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wheatley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Wheildon**

Variants: **Wheldon**, **Whelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; Leics

English: see **Wheeldon**.

**Whelan**

Variants: **Phelan**, **Heelan**, **Holian**, **Whalen**, **Whalan**, **Wheelan**, **Whaling**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8313, Ireland 9993
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2002
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** E Munster and S Leinster: esp. Laois and Waterford

Irish: from Ó **Faoláin** ‘descendant of *Faolán*’, a personal name based on a diminutive of *faol* ‘wolf’, also anglicized as **Phelan** and **Folan** or ‘translated’ as **Woulfe**. The Irish name also occurs in a form without initial *f*, namely Ó **hAoláin** and Ó **hAoileáin**, anglicized as **Heelan**, **Hillan**, **Holian**, and with an excrescent final *-d* as **Hyland** and **Holland**. **Early bearers:** Derbe Whealan, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §787 (Phoullscorte, Kilkenny); Nicholas mcShane mcOwen O Whealane, husbandman, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4384 (Temple Iurick); Whelane, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 314 (Iffay and Offay, Tipperary); Whelann, principal Irish name, 1659 in *Irish Census and Poll* p. 350 (Waterford); Patrick Whelan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardagh, Longford); Mary Whelan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Duniry, Galway).

**Whelband**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: a late development of **Welbourn**.

**Early bearers:** Richd Wheelband, 1747 in *IGI* (Narborough, Leics); Jeremiah Wheelband, 1761, Wheelburn, 1764 in *IGI* (Ryhall, Rutland); Abraham Wheelbourn, 1774, Ann Whelband, 1794 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Robert Whelburn, 1777 in *IGI* (Thorpe on the Hill, Lincs); Alice Whelband, 1858 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics).

**Wheldale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Wheldale (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Queldale, about 1240 in *Pontefract Chartulary* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Thomas de Queldale, 1349, John de Wheldall, 1390 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Johanne de Queldale, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Willelmus de Queldale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castleford, WR Yorks); Thomas Queldall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks); Richard Wheldall, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Martin cum Gregory, York); Roger Wheldall, 1599 in *IGI* (Howell, Lincs); Marmaduck Wheldale, 1654 in *IGI* (Patrinton, ER Yorks); Richerd Wheldalle, 1601 in *IGI* (Great Steeping, Lincs); Roger Wheldell, 1639 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs).

**Wheldon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 500

- **Main GB location 1881:** N England, esp. NR Yorks

1 English: see **Wheildon**.

2 English: see **Wheeldon**.

**Wheldrake**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks and WR Yorks
- English: see **Weldrick**.

**Wheldrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Weldrick**.

**Whelehan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath; also Offaly

Irish: from Ó **Faoileacháin** ‘descendant of *Faoileachán*’, a byname based on *faoileach* ‘joyful’. **Early bearers:** Shane O’Feylaghan, footman, 1566 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §895 (Westmeath); Shane O’Whylegan, footman, 1571 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §1675 (Monalee, Westmeath); William O’Whylegane, kern, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3952 (Meath); Luke Wheelaghan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Kill, Westmeath); Andrew Wheelahan, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ballycommon, Offaly).

**Wheler**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Wheeler**.

**Whellans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs

Scottish: see **Wealleans**.

**Wheller**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 373, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset and Somerset

English: variant of **Weller**, perhaps modified by false association with **Wheeler**, a common surname in S England.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wheller, 1541 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Roger Wheller, 1561 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Margeret Wheller, 1563 in *IGI* (Padbury, Bucks); Jasper Wheller, 1567 in *IGI* (Ardingly, Sussex); Johane Wheller, 1570 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Elisabeth Wheller, 1580 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

**Whellock**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Wheellock**, but the 1582 bearer may have a different origin and the history of the name in Surrey is obscure.

**Early bearers:** Richard Whelelocke, 1582 in *Muster Rolls* (Surrey); Rychard Whellock, 1618 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Arthur Whellock, 1834 in *IGI* (Horsleydown, Surrey).

**Whelpton**

Variants: **Whelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name perhaps from West Whelpington or Kirkwhelpington (Northumb), with loss of the *-ing-*. It may share an origin with **Whelton**, which is also at present a name of Lincs. There is scope for confusion of both names with *Wheldon*, a variant of **Wheildon** and **Wheeldon**, which like *Whelpton* is associated with Chester le Street (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Whelpton, 1579 in *IGI* (Scruton, NR Yorks); Henry Whelpden, 1586 in *IGI* (Lanchester, Durham); William Whelpdon, 1587 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Thos. Whelpton, 1707 in *IGI* (Middle Rasen, Lincs).

**Whelton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in central England: esp. Lincs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: perhaps a variant of **Whelpton**. There is scope for confusion of both names with *Wheldon*, a variant of **Wheildon** and **Wheeldon**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Whelton, 1585, Florence Whelton, 1589 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

2 Irish: according to MacLysaght, this name was formerly written as **Houlton**, so probably it is a variant of **Houlihan**.

**Early bearers:** William Houlton, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Ardfield Cork); Cornelius Houltin, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Rathbarry, Cork); John Whilton, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Dunowen, Cork); Ellen Whelton, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Lislevane, Cork); Margaret Whelton, 1852 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Dunowen, Cork); Daniel Whelton, 1853 in *Griffith’s Valuation* (Ardagh, Cork).

**Whenman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 222, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 107
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Wainman**.

**Whennell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

English: see **Wennell**.

**Whent**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Suffolk
- English: see **Went**.

**Where**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Ware**.

**Whereat**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Wherrett**.

## Wherley

### Wherley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Durham

English: locative name possibly from the same sources as **Worley**, but its distribution stands out as different.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Whirley, 1769 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Ann Whorley, 1764 in *IGI* (Brafferton, NR Yorks).

### Wherlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: late variant of **Warlock**.

### Wherrett

**Variants:** Werrett, Whereat

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs

English: perhaps a nickname from Middle English *werede* 'sweet, pleasant', but this word is recorded only early (12th century), and the surname only late.

**Early bearers:** Margret Werrett, 1576 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs); Isbell Wherrett, 1584 in *IGI* (Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs); Walter Werrett, 1588 in *IGI* (Stinchcombe, Gloucs); Edward Wirrett, 1597 in *IGI* (White Waltham, Berks); Willimus Wherat, 1586, Johannes Wherret, 1619, Robeart Wherett, 1625 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); John Werret, 1618 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Jefferye Wherritt, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint George Southwark, Surrey); Frances Werratt, 1646 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Giles Wirret, 1658 in *IGI* (Coln Saint Aldwyn, Gloucs); John Weret, 1673, John Wherit, 1681 in *IGI* (Lapworth, Warwicks); Joseph Wirratt, 1678, Mary Weret, 1682 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs); Gratia Wherrett, 1689 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Francis Wherrett, 1714 in *IGI* (Pauntley, Gloucs); Richard Weratt, 1724 in *IGI* (Wickwar, Gloucs); Mary Whereat, 1746 in *IGI* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Ellen Whereatt, 1773 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Sarah Weirrit, 1775 in *IGI* (Tortworth, Gloucs).

### Wherry

**Variants:** Werry, Weary

- **Current frequencies:** GB 390, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; Lincs

English: nickname from Middle English *weri* 'weary'. The name has in some areas, especially E England, been influenced by Middle English *whery* 'wherry, rowing barge'.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Wery, 1221 in *Eyre Rolls*; Hugh Wery, 1280 in *Plea Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Weri, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe Satchville, Leics); Godewynus Wery, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pudding Norton, Norfolk); John Wery, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Poundstock, Cornwall); Henry Wery, 1543 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall); Wm Wery, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall); Ric Wery, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Saint Breock, Cornwall); Joanne Werrye, 1609, Richard Werrey, 1633 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); Henricus

Werry, 1616 in *IGI* (Saint Merryn, Cornwall); Phillip Wherry, 1646 in *IGI* (Week Saint Mary, Cornwall); Elizabeth Wherrey, 1658 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Werrey, 1674 in *IGI* (Germoe, Cornwall); Thomas Wherry, 1695 in *IGI* (Elsham, Lincs).

### Wherton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Wharton**.

### Whetham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 97, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Somerset

English: locative name from Whetham in Calne (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** William de Whetham, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Whetham, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Andreas Whettam, 1634 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); Sarah Whetham, 1670 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset); Joseph Whetham, 1693 in *IGI* (Stockwood, Dorset); Joseph Wetham, 1722 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); John Whettem, 1752 in *IGI* (Puddletown, Dorset); Joseph Wheatham, 1764 in *IGI* (Symondsbury, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 259.

### Whetman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Essex

English: see **Weetman**.

### Whetnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Shrops
- English: see **Whatnall**.

### Whetstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 323, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Cambs and Warwicks

English: locative name from either of the places called Whetstone (Leics, Middx) or from Wheston (Derbys), recorded as *Whetston* in 1271.

**Early bearers:** William de Wetstan, 12th cent. in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); James de Wetstan', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); John Whetston, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

### Whetter

**Variants:** Wetter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall

English: occupational name from Middle English *whetter* 'whetstone; sharpener of tools', a derivative of Old English *hwettan* 'to whet, sharpen'.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Wetthere, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); John Whetter, 1525 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Saint Austell, Cornwall); John Whetter, 1544 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Duloe, Cornwall); Jasper Whetter, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Duloe, Cornwall); Mary Whetter, 1592 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Johannis Whetter, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Luke

Whettar, 1602 in *Cornwall Manorial Surveys* (Brannell manor, Cornwall); Elizabeth Whetter, 1812 in *IGI* (Merton, Surrey).

### Whetton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 953, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 497
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N Midlands, esp. Derbys
- English: (i) locative name from Whetton (Staffs). (ii) locative name from some unidentified place in SW England, but possibly related to **Whiddon** through its attested variant *Witton*.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Whetton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Hempston, Devon); Ricardus de Whetton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Castleton, Derbys); Gartred Wheton, 1541 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); Sibell Wheaton, 1545 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); John Wheaton, 1556 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Thomas Whetton, 1582 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Berks); Henry Whetton, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, London); Elizabeth Whetton, 1636 in *IGI* (Little Torrington, Devon); Eliz Whetton, 1656 in *IGI* (North Muskham, Notts); Thomas Whetton, 1729 in *IGI* (Fenny Drayton, Leics).

### Whewall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Whewell**.

### Wheway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 199
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks
- English: see **Whewell**.

### Whewell

**Variants:** Whewall, Wheawall, Waywell, Weavill, Whawell, Wheway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 483, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 552
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably near the border between Lancs and Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Quenwall', Adam de Quenwall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quyke, WR Yorks); Adam of Whewall, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Thomas Whewall, 1455, Henry Whewalle son of Thomas Whewalle in *West Yorks Archives* (Bradford) (WR Yorks); Margaret Whewhall, 1543, Gilbti. Whewall, 1544 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Alice Wheewalle, 1593 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Marie Whewhall, 1593 in *IGI* (Mottram in Longdentdale, Cheshire); John Whewell, 1603 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Richard Whewall, 1649 in *IGI* (Kingsley, Staffs); William Wheewhall, 1670 in *IGI* (Twycross, Leics); Marij Whewill, 1674 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Georgius Whewell, 1698 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Wheewaw, 1719, Eliz. Wheewau, 1724, John Wheway, 1738 in *IGI* (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Ann Whewel, 1753 in *IGI* (Darwen, Lancs); Hannah Wewell, 1768 in *IGI* (Slaithwaite, WR Yorks); James Waywell, 1777 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Martha Whewhill, 1788 in *IGI* (Honley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wheybrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Whybrow**.

### Whibley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 462, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: locative name probably from an unidentified place on or near the Kentish boundary with Sussex. The *Wh-* spellings come later.
- Further information:** It is most unlikely to be for Weobley (Herefs).
- Early bearers:** Agnes Wiblye, 1567 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Elizabeth Wibley, 1572 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Henry Wibley, 1596 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Whibley, 1614 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Elizabeth Whibley, 1619 in *IGI* (Tenterden, Kent); Hannah Whibley, 1651 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent).

### Whicher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants; Pembrokes
- English: see **Whitcher**.

### Whick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Wick**.

### Whicker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 196
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Dorset, and Devon; London
- English: see **Wicker**.

### Whickman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Wickman**.

### Whidby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, E Anglia
- English: probably a variant of **Whitby**. For the formation, compare Willelmo Whidbred, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winterslow (West), Wilts), for **Whitbread**.
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Whidby, 1628 in *IGI* (Ixworth, Suffolk); Margeright Whedby, 1674 in *IGI* (Harston, Cambs).

### Whidden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Whiddon**.

### Whiddett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 110
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: variant of **Whittet**, itself a form of **Whitehead**.

### Whiddon

Variants: **Whidden, Wheaton, Whitton, Witton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name from any of the five places in Devon called Whiddon. Compare **Whitton**.
- Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Wyteden, 1244 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Whiddon in Marwood); [ . . . de] Whetedon, 1249 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Whiddon in Northlew); [ . . . de] Wyteton, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Whiddon in Ide); Thomas de Whitton and William de Wetedene, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*, Devon (Whiddon in Abbotskerswell); Walter Whiddon, 1568 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Elizabeth Wheaton, 1583 in *IGI* (Branscombe, Devon); John Whitten, 1593 in *IGI* (Widworthy, Devon); Atwill Whidden, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Mary Wheadon, 1653 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); William Wheddon, 1769 in *IGI* (Culmstock, Devon).

### Whieldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 204
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Wheeldon**.

### Whiffen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 431, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; S and E England
- English: see **Wiffen**.

### Whiffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 494, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 403
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Surrey and Middx; Cambs; Essex
- English: see **Wiffen**.

### Whiffing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; SE England
- English: see **Wiffen**.

### Whigham

- Variants: **Wigham**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** C Scotland, esp. W Lothian and Midlothian
- Scottish, English: unexplained. Forms with *W-* appear earlier than those with *Wh-*, suggesting a connection with **Wickham**, but since there are also early bearers in County Durham, it may be for *Whickham*, from the place of that name there. The surname **Whickham**, however, is a name of SE England in post-medieval times. Alternatively, *Whigham* may be from an unidentified place in the Scottish Borders.
- Early bearers:** Forms with *W-*: Robert of Wygam, 1471 in *Black*; Martin Wigham, 1573, Thomas Wigggame, 1592 in *IGI* (Auckland Saint Andrew, Durham); James Wigholme, 1579 in *Retours, Scotland* (Linthgow, W Lothian); Henrie Wighame, 1604 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); James Wigham, 1608 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Marioun Wigholme, 1609 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elianor Wigham, 1615 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Jenet

Wigholme, 1642 in *IGI* (Hawick, Roxburghs); Robert Wighome, 1648 in *IGI* (Pittenweem, Fife).  
Forms with *Wh-*: Issobell Whighome, 1618, Agnes Wigholme, 1621 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Johne Whiggum, 1636 in *IGI* (Tranent, E Lothian); Jeane Whiggame, 1641 in *IGI* (Saltoun, E Lothian); Helene Whighame, 1646 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); William Whigggame, 1648 in *IGI* (Humbie, E Lothian); Thomas Whiggam, 1663 in *IGI* (Yester, E Lothian); James Whiggim, 1679, Isobell Whiggam, 1681 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); William Wigholme, 1708 in *IGI* (Fala and Soutra, Midlothian); Jannet Whigam, 1714 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); William Whigham, 1719 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian); George Whigham, 1727 in *IGI* (Earsdon, Northumb); Tamor Whigham, 1730 in *IGI* (Crawford, Lanarks).

### Whight

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Wight**.

### Whild

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: variant of **Wild** with post-medieval intrusive *-h-*.

### Whilde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Wild**.

### Whilding

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 82
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors; Lancs
- English: see **Wilding**.

### While

- Variants: **Whyle**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 499, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 329
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, Staffs
- English: locative name from Whyle (Herefs).
- Early bearers:** Roger Whyle, 1561, Richard While, 1563 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs); Richard While, 1584, Sara Whill, 1664 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

### Whiles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 412, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 318
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, Lincs, Warwicks; Norfolk
- English: see **Wiles**.

### Whilesmith

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Wildsmith**.
- Early bearers:** Job Whilesmith, 1747 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); William Whilesmith, 1752 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

## Whiley

### Whiley

Variants: **Whyley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 830, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 466
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia, Lincs; Gloucs
- English: probably a nickname from Middle English *wili* ‘wily, crafty, deceitful’; see **Wiley**.
- Early bearers:** Richard Whiley, 1604 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Leonard Whiley, 1629 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Whyley, 1710 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Lawis Whyley, 1741 in *IGI* (Leake, Lincs); Wm Whily, 1755 in *IGI* (Wrangle, Lincs).

### Whillans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 96
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- Scottish: see **Wealleans**.

### Whillas

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian, Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Wealleans**.

### Whillis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 127
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- Scottish, English: see **Wealleans**.

### Whillock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 183, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Notts
- English: see **Wheelock**.

### Whimster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth; also Angus, Stirlings
- Scottish: see **Phimister**.

### Whincop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Norfolk
- English: see **Whincup**.

### Whincup

Variants: **Whincop**, **Wincup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 558, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 372
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: locative name apparently from an unidentified place named from, or describable as, Old English *\*hwin* (Old Scandinavian *hvin*) ‘whin, gorse’ + *copp* ‘hill, summit’, probably in Yorks.
- Early bearers:** Mildred Whincupp, 1584 in *IGI* (Copgrove, WR Yorks); Sarah Whincup, 1593 in *IGI* (Whixley, WR Yorks); Thomas Wincup, 1593 in *IGI* (Copgrove, WR Yorks); Mgt Wincup, 1611 in *IGI* (Thurlton, Norfolk); Isabella Whincopp, 1637, John Wincup, 1703, Elizabeth Wincup, 1745 in *IGI* (Hunsingore, WR Yorks); Rose Whincop, 1628 in *IGI* (Spexhall, Suffolk); James Wincop, 1727 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Whineray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Whinnerah**.

### Whinfrey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Winfrey**.

### Whinham

Variants: **Whinnom**, **Whinnem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Robert Whinham, 1735 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Walter Whinham, 1758 in *IGI* (Longframlington, Northumb); Robert Whinnham, 1774 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); John Whinnam, 1795 in *IGI* (Hartburn, Northumb); John Whinkam, 1855 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

### Whinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 72
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England, esp. Durham
- English: nickname or locative name from Middle English *whin* ‘gorse, furze’, an E English regional term of Old Scandinavian origin; the name appears to originate in or near Fenland.
- Early bearers:** Katherin Whin, 1583 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Whinn, 1620 in *IGI* (Coveney, Cambs); Katharine Whinn, 1716 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Jane Whinn, 1782 in *IGI* (Whorlton, NR Yorks).

### Whinnem

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham
- English: see **Whinham**.

### Whinnerah

Variants: **Whineray**, **Whinray**, **Whinnery**, **Winnery**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb
- English: locative name from Whinneray in Gosforth (Cumb).
- Early bearers:** Elizabeth Whinnery, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Whinray, 1584 in *Bardsley* (Lancs); Hugo Whyrnrowe, 1622 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; John Whinerall, 1682 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Thomas Winrow, 1695 in *IGI* (Blackrod, Lancs); Elin Whinnerah, 1724 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs).

### Whinnery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 51
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Whinnerah**.

### Whinnett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 187, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Winnett**.

### Whinney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: locative name from Winnon in Thursby (Cumb), recorded as *Whinney*, *Whynna* in 1589, or from Whinnah in Lamplugh (Cumb), recorded as *Whyney* in 1583.

**Early bearers:** John de Whinhow, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Whinney, 1662 in *IGI* (Pardshaw, Cumb); Maria Whinney, 1693 in *IGI* (Ulgham, Northumb); Thomas Whinny, 1695 in *IGI* (Tynemouth, Northumb); Margaret Whinnie, 1696 in *IGI* (Kirkinner, Wigtowns); Ann Whinna, 1818 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cumb*, pp. 156, 407.

### Whinnom

- **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb
- English: see **Whinham**.

### Whinray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Whinnerah**.

### Whinyates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Cheshire and Lancs
- English: see **Wingate**.

### Whip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Whipp**.

### Whipp

Variants: **Whippe**, **Whip**, **Whipps**, **Quipp**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 748, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 960
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: (i) relationship name from the unrecorded Middle English personal name *\*Wippe* (Old English *Wippa*). (ii) nickname, perhaps from Middle English *whip(pe)* ‘whip’, for someone who used a whip, either as corporal punishment or to drive or control animals.

**Early bearers:** Ralph Wip, about 1259 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Drax, WR Yorks); Alan Wyppe, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Whyppe, 1329 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Mabilia Qwyppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Johannes Qwhipe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cranworth, Norfolk); Johannes Wippe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Johannes Whip, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldfield, WR Yorks); Thomas Whippe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Markington, WR Yorks); Johannes Whyppe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hemsworth, WR Yorks); Johannes Whippe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brading, IoW); Johannes Whypp, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pentlow, Essex); Richard Whipp, 1495 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Clitheroe, Lancs); John Whipp, 1546 in *IGI*

(Whalley, Lancs); William Whippe, 1561 in *York Registry Wills* (Thirsk, NR Yorks); Robert Whipp, 1566 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Pendleton, Lancs); Jacobus Quipp, 1577, Edward Whipp in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Cutbert Whippe, 1591, Richard Whip, 1592, Symon Quipp, 1602 in *IGI* (Owersby, Lincs); Wm. Whipp, 1700, John Quipp, 1708 in *IGI* (Addingham, WR Yorks); Jno Quipp, 1736, George Whipp, 1783 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

References: [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/quipp/](http://one-name.org/name_profile/quipp/)

### Whippe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; also Gloucs
- English: see **Whipp**.

### Whipple

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Lincs; London
- English: nickname, probably from the word for a tree recorded in Middle English only in the compound *whippel-tre*, and of uncertain meaning; perhaps related to German *Wipfel* 'tree-top; top of anything', though this is not certain.
- Early bearers:** Thomas Wypel, 13th cent. in *Battle Abbey Custumals*; John Whepyll, 1504 in *Petre Documents*; Margaret Whiple, 1550 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); Mathei Whipple, 1583 in *IGI* (Bocking, Essex); Mathewe Whipple, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Barking, Essex); Emmott Wipple, 1623, John Wippell, 1627 in *IGI* (Ashbrittle, Somerset); Elizabeth Whipple, 1640 in *IGI* (Easton in Gordano, Somerset); George Wipple, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Judith Whippell, 1703 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Whipps

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; also Middx
- English: variant of **Whipp** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** Robert Wypps, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Richard Whippes, 1543 in *IGI* (Abbots Langley, Herts); Mary Whips, 1654 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex).

### Whisken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Whiskin**.

### Whisker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 285
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Yorks and Lancs; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down and Antrim
- Norman, English: see **Wishart**.

### Whiskin

- Variants: **Whisken, Wiskin, Wisken, Wisking**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Kent, Bucks, Derbys

English: relationship name apparently from a pet-form of a personal name through the addition of the diminutive suffix *-kin*, though it is not clear which personal name this pet-form might be derived from. It is possible that it is from a short form of Old Norman French *Wis(h)ard* (see **Wishart**), but the *-e-* in the name of the medieval early bearer from 1327 is not compatible with this origin.

**Further information:** The diminutive suffix *-kin* usually occurs in relationship names, but there is evidence of its use in other types of name too (see, for example, **Burdekin**). Based on the 1327 early bearer, there is a possibility that *Whiskin* could also be from Middle English *wise* 'wise, discreet' (Old English *wis*) + the diminutive suffix *-kin*.

**Early bearers:** John Wisekyn, 1327, in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wiskin, 1596 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs); William Whiskin, Robert Whisking, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Rampton, Cambs); Martha Whisken, 1610 in *IGI* (Ickleton, Cambs); Thos Wisken, 1690 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Elizabeth Wiskin, 1757 in *IGI* (Winston, Suffolk).

### Whisler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Whistler**.

### Whissell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- 1 English: nickname, occupational for someone who played a pipe or flute, from Middle English *whistle* 'pipe, flute'. Compare **Whistler** and Johannes Whistiltirour 'whistle puller (as if pulling at tough meat)', 1438 in *York Freeman's Register*.
- Early bearers:** Adam Whistle, 1236 in *Cartulary of Saint John, Oxford*; William Wytstle, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Richard Whistel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Willm Whistle, 1604, Edward Whissell, 1655 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks).
- 2 English: nickname, perhaps sometimes a nickname from Middle English *whit soul*, *sal* 'white soul', perhaps for someone perceived to be highly moral. It is not clear whether this is really a source of the modern surname. Compare **Godsal**.
- Early bearers:** Simon Whytsall, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); John, William, Nicholas Whitsaul(e), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Henrici Whitsall, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

### Whisson

- Variants: **Wisson**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- 1 French: locative name from Wissant (Pas-de-Calais). Some bearers may belong with (2).
- Further information:** Compare also **Whitson**.
- Early bearers:** Gilbert de Wiscand, de Wissand, de Witsand, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); William de Wisant, about 1180 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); William de Whitsand, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Whitsond, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); William de Wytsonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmund Whisson, 1557 in *IGI* (Edworth, Beds); William Whisson, 1566 in *IGI* (Isleham, Cambs); Peter Whisson, 1619 in *IGI*

(Assington, Suffolk); Emma Maria Phillips Whisson, 1833 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts).

2 English: possibly a locative name for someone who lived by a place marked by white sand, or at a place so named. Compare Thomas de la Witesand, 1236 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey).

### Whistance

- Variants: **Wistance**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Whitestones (NR Yorks) or from some other place describable as or named from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *stones* 'stones'. For a corresponding name which is singular in form, compare **Whitestone**.

**Further information:** The name of David Whitstaines, 1738 in *IGI* (Dalkeith, Midlothian), represents a Scottish equivalent.

**Early bearers:** Cissota de Wistones, 1309 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes de Whistan', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Levitt, WR Yorks); Ricardus de Whiston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Lizard, Staffs); Margaret Whitstones, 1575 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Rogeri Whistance, 1638 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Mary Whitstons, 1671 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Thomas Wistance, 1691 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Sarah Whistance, 1691 in *IGI* (Wootton Wawen, Warwicks); Maria Wistans, 1706 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops); Thomas Whistance, 1719 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Walter Whitstones, 1768 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs).

### Whistle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, mainly S England

English: nickname from Middle English *whistle* 'whistle'. Compare **Whistler**, but also **Whysall**.

**Early bearers:** Adam Whistle, 1236 in *Cartulary of Saint John, Oxford*; Willm Whistle, 1604, William Whissle, 1642, Edward Whissell, 1655 in *IGI* (Alcester, Warwicks); Nathaniel Whistle, 1675 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); John Whistle, 1723 in *IGI* (Copdock, Suffolk).

### Whistlecraft

- Variants: **Whistlecroft**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: variant of **Wolstencroft**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Wilson's proposal (*Reaney and Wilson*) of a locative name from Middle English *at twiselcroft*, for someone who lived 'at the croft in the fork of a stream' (from Old English *twisla* 'fork in a river or stream' + *croft*), becoming *at wiselcroft*, or from a place so named. No such place has been identified.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wysylcroft [*sic*], 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Francis Whistlecraft, 1707 in *IGI* (Southolt, Suffolk); Ann Whistlecraft, 1734 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk); John Whistlecraft, 1735 in *IGI* (Wetheringsett, Suffolk); Samuel Whistlecraft, 1749 in *IGI* (Shotesham, Norfolk); Ann Whistlecraft, 1769 in *IGI* (Ipswich, Suffolk).

## Whistlecroft

### Whistlecroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Whistlecraft**.

### Whistler

Variants: **Whisler, Wissler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England and E Anglia: esp. Norfolk

English: occupational name from Middle English *whistlere* ‘piper, flute player’ (Old English *hwistlere*).  
**Early bearers:** Osbert le Wistler, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Ricardus Whisteler, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawmarsh, WR Yorks); Johannes Wyster, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); Nicholao Whistler, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wantage, Berks); John Whistler, 1576 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Ralph Whistler, 1577 in *PROB II* (Fulscott, Berks); Richard Whisler, 1605 in *IGI* (Cholsey, Berks); Tho Whisler, 1618 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Rog Whistler, 1619 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Whiseller, Nat Whisler, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Wisler, 1747 in *IGI* (Hopton, Suffolk).

### Whiston

Variants: **Wiston, Whitestone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1237, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 771
- **Main GB location 1881:** N and W Midlands, esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

English: (i) locative name from Whiston (Staffs, WR Yorks), Lancs, Northants, or Wiston (Sussex). (ii) sometimes a variant of **Whitestone**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Whiston, 1297 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Wiston, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; William Whiston, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Whiston, 1563 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); Jhon Whiston, 1566 in *IGI* (Patttingham, Staffs); Tho Whiston, 1571 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon).

### Whitacre

- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Whittaker**.

### Whitaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7545, Ireland 67
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8408
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lancs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered
- English: see **Whittaker**.

### Whitmore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Whitmore**.

### Whitbourn

Variants: **Whitbourne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

1 English: locative name from Whitbourne (Herefs) or from some other minor place named as ‘the white stream’.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wytebourne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Whitbourn, 1644 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Christopher Whitbourn, 1647 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Susanna Whitbourn, 1694 in *IGI* (Lustleigh, Devon); Elizabeth Whitbourn, 1696 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Sarah Whitbourn, 1704 in *IGI* (Bramley, Surrey).

2 English: nickname meaning ‘fair child’, Middle English *whit barne*, Old English *hwit bearn*.  
**Further information:** Compare Richard Whiteboye, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset) and Roger Wytfelawe, 1264 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Robert Wytebarne, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); William Whitbarn, 1438 in *London Letter Books* K.

### Whitbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 92
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Surrey, and Sussex

English: see **Whitbourn**.

### Whitbread

Variants: **Whitebread**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1893, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1039
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex; Beds

1 English: nickname from Middle English *whit bred* (Old English *hwit brēad*), probably denoting a baker or seller of white bread, i.e. bread of the best quality (made from wheat). Compare Thomas Blancpayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Berks), named with Middle English *blaunk* ‘white’ + *pain* ‘bread’ (Old French *blanc* + *pain*).

**Early bearers:** Roger Wythbred, 1254–67, father of Richard Witbred, 1267–85 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Wytbred, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Witbred, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Whytbred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Whytebrede, 1436 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *whete bred* ‘wheat bread’ (Old English *hwæte brēad*), denoting a baker or seller of bread made from wheat.

**Further information:** Evidently two terms (‘white bread’ and ‘wheat bread’) that had different sense but identical reference, fell together. For the development of *whete bred* to *Whitbread*, compare **Whittaker**.

**Early bearers:** William Watebred, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Essex); John Wetebred, 1239 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert Whetbred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Whitebred, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Margreta Whitbread, 1566 in *IGI* (Horncastle, Lincs); Joane Whitbread, 1570 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); William Whitbread, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Dionis Backchurch, London); Jane Whitbread, 1581 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Agnes Whitbread, 1582 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall).

3 English: nickname, metathesized form of *Whitberd*, from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *berd* ‘beard’ (Old English *hwit* + *beard*).

**Early bearers:** William Witberd, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Walter Wyteberd, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Adam Whitberd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus Qwhitberd, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sprowston, Norfolk); John Whiteberd, 1503 in *Rochester Wills*.

### Whitburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon; Surrey
- English: (i) locative name from Whitburn (Durham). (ii) nickname, possibly sometimes from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *bern* ‘man; child’.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Whytebarne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Johanne de Whitburn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Sarah Whitburn, 1694 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); William Whitburn, 1702 in *IGI* (Milton Keynes, Bucks); John Whitburn, 1702 in *IGI* (Kea, Cornwall).

### Whitby

Variants: **Witby, Whidby, Whedbee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3081, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1799
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Ches; London; E Anglia and Midlands

English: locative name from Whitby (NR Yorks) or Whitby (Ches).

**Early bearers:** Tiece de Witebi, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Whiteby, 1295 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmo de Whyteby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Henrico de Whitby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Johannes Whitby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks); Robert Whytby, 1408–9 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Humphery Whitby, 1569 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); Henery Witby, 1688 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Jo. Whitby, 1598 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

### Whitcher

Variants: **Witcher, Wicher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 652, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 350
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: (i) occupational name for a maker of chests, from an agent noun derivative of Middle English *whicche* ‘chest’, Old English *hwicce*. The early loss of the *h* is shown by the synonymous William le Wyccewrichte, 1256 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset), who must have followed the same occupation as Richard Le Wycher, 1305 in *Fransson* (Somerset). (ii) occupational name, locative name; possibly for a dairy farmer or a ‘dweller at a place called *Wich*’, as in the case of Peter le Wycher and John Wych, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs), both of whom were assessed in the parish of Hambury juxta Wych. (iii) a third possibility is that in some cases this is a topographic name meaning ‘dweller by the wych-elm enclosure’, as at Witcha Farm in Ramsbury (Wilts), the home of Richard atte Wycheheye in 1332 (*Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 290).

**Early bearers:** William Wicher, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Richard Wicher, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Robert le Wiccher, 1288 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Richard Whychere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert le Whicchere, 1333 in *Fransson* (Hants); Robert Whitcher, 1621 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); John Whitcher, 1661 in *IGI* (Reading,



Berks); Mary Witcher, 1663 in *IGI* (Stoughton, Sussex); Elizabeth Witcher, 1698 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

### Whitchurch

Variants: **Whitechurch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. Notts and Gloucs

English: locative name from Whitchurch (Bucks, Devon, Hants, Herefs, Oxon, Shrops, Somerset, Warwicks), or Whitchurch Canonicorum (Dorset); many appear to relate to the place in Oxon.

**Early bearers:** William de Witchurch, 1205 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John Whitcherche, 1387 in *Patent Rolls*; William Whitchirche, 1413–14 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Katherine Whytechurch, 1561, John Whitchurch, 1565 in *IGI* (Dickleburgh, Norfolk); John Whitchurch, 1569 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts); Nicholas Whitchurch, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Richard Witchurch, 1628 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks).

### Whitcomb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; SW Midlands and SE Wales

English: see **Whitcombe**.

### Whitcombe

Variants: **Whitcomb, Witcombe, Witcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1456, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 538
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, W England and SE Wales; SE England

English: locative name; the first example is from Whitcombe (Somerset). As a place-name, *Whitcombe* ‘wide valley’ or ‘withy valley’ is found in Dorset, Wilts, and the Isle of Wight, and in Devon as ‘wheat valley’. *Witcombe* ‘wide or withy valley’ occurs in Devon, Gloucs, and Somerset. The surname may derive from any of these or from a lost place in Sussex, and may sometimes be identical in origin with **Widdecombe**, with which confusion is possible.

**Early bearers:** William de Whitecumbe, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Isoda Wytecoumbe, Robert de Wythecomb, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Tho. Whitcombe, 1562 in *IGI* (Ledbury, Herefs); Joan Whitcomb, 1583 in *IGI* (Tarrington, Herefs); Elizabeth Whitcomb, 1598 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks); Francis Whitcombe, 1623 in *IGI* (Atcham, Shrops); Henry Whitcomb, 1696 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Jane Whitcomb, 1720 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

### Whitcroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 31
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Monaghan

English: see **Wheatcroft**.

### Whitcut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Whitcutt**.

### Whitcutt

Variants: **Whitcut**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *cote* ‘cottage, cottages’. (ii) locative name from, or confused with, the now extinct **Whichcote**, from Wichcot, a deserted medieval village in Stanton Lacy (Shrops), as some forms from Shrops suggest; note Christopher Whichcote, 1599, Christopher Whichcott, 1610 in *IGI* (Burford, Shrops); Christofer Whichcott or Whichcote, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Stoke, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Richard Whitcote, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); William Whitcot, 1575 in *IGI* (Norbury, Shrops); William Whitcott, 1615 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Reginald Whitcot or Whitcott, 1617 in *PROB 11* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); William Whitcott, 1674 in *IGI* (Norbury, Shrops); Mary Whitcutt, 1805 in *IGI* (Worthen, Shrops).

### White

Variants: **Whyte, Whites, Whitt, Whitta, Witte, Witt, Witts, Wythe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123677, Ireland 9845
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94444
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Cork; Dublin; Antrim and Down

1 English: nickname from Middle English *white*, *wit* (Old English *hwīt* ‘white’), with reference to fair hair or pale complexion.

**Early bearers:** þurcil Hwita, Wite, Wita, 1038, 1086 in *Tengvik* (Herefs); Ordgar se Wite, about 1070 in *Tengvik* (Somerset); Alestanus hwit, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Alwin Wit, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Uuiaett Hwite, about 1097–1107 in *Black*; Lewinus Wite, about 1114 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs); Berwaldus le White 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Hugo Wit, 1190 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Calendar* (Suffolk); Walter le Whyte, 1284 in *London Letter Books A*; William le Wyt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Whytt, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Robertus le Qwyte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hengrave, Suffolk); Johannes le Quite, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); Thomas White, 1538 in *IGI* (Houghton Regis, Beds); Willmi Whyte, 1539 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); George White, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Margaret Whites, 1676 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks).

2 English: relationship name occasionally perhaps from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Hwīta*, a short form of names in *Hwīt-*, though there is no direct evidence for such survival. **Early bearers:** given names: Whita, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Wit filius Willelmi, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk).

3 English: locative name for someone who lived by a bend or curve in a river or road (Old English *\*wiht* ‘bend’), the source of the name of Great Whyte (Ramsey, Hunts). See **Wight**. The later bearer mentioned may represent sense (1).

**Early bearers:** Ralf de Wyte, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Wyte, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Sussex); Thomas White, 1547 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

4 Irish, Scottish Gaelic: adopted for any of several Irish and Scottish Gaelic names based on *bán* ‘white, fair’ (see **Bain, McIlwaine**) or *fionn* ‘fair’ (see **Finn**). The English name has been gaelicized in Ireland as **de Faioite**.

5 Jewish (Ashkenazic): adopted for German **Weiss** or a like-sounding or like-meaning name in some other European language.

**Early bearers:** Henry White, synagogue beadle, 1835 in *Gloucs Hebrew Community* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Hyman White, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); Israel White, boot finisher, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Barnett White, 1900 in *Jews’ Hospital* (Bethnal Green, Middx); Abraham White, ladies’ costume maker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Whiteaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Lancs
- English: see **Whittaker**.

### Whitear

Variants: **Whitehair, Whithear, Whithair, Whittier**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Surrey

English: occupational name for a dresser of white leather, someone who tawed skins into whitelather, from Middle English *whiit* ‘white’ + *tawyere*, *towyere*, *tewere*, an agent noun from West Saxon Old English *tāwian*, Anglian *\*tēwian* ‘to taw’.

**Early bearers:** Ralf Wittauere, 12th cent. in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Northants); Norman Wittowiore, 1224–46 in *History of Saint Barts Hospital* (London); Thomas le Wytewere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Eustace le Wittowere, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); William le Wyttawere, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); William le Whythawere, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); John Whitouer, 1364 in *London Letter Books G*; Willelmo Whytawer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); William Whittier, 1606 in *IGI* (Andover, Hants); Grace Whityer, 1634 in *Bardsley*; Adam Whithear, 1640 in *IGI* (Ilfracombe, Devon); Henry Whithear, 1659 in *IGI* (Old Alresford, Hants).

**References:** *Fransson*.

### Whiteaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Whiteway**.

### Whitebread

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx
- English: see **Whitbread** (1).

### Whitechurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England, Surrey; Derbys
- English: see **Whitchurch**.

**Whitecroft**

Variants: **Whitecross**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: locative name apparently from Middle English *whit(e)* ‘white’ + *croft* ‘field, enclosure’ (Old English *hwit* + *croft*). The surname may be topographic, for a person who lived at or near a ‘white field’, or perhaps toponymic, from Whitecroft in West Dean (Gloucs), though the earliest known form for this place-name is post-medieval, recorded as *Whitecroft* in 1669.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Whitecroft, 1770 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Anthony Boot Whitecroft, 1783 in *IGI* (Gratwich, Staffs); Samuel Whitecroft, 1791 in *IGI* (Caenby, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 3, p. 231.

**Whitecross**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** NE Scotland; Midlothian, E Lothian

Scottish, English: (i) locative name from either or both of Whitecross (Aberdeens, Stirlings). (ii) in England, perhaps a variant of **Whitecroft**, since the elements *cross* and *croft* may be confused in late records. But possibly migrated examples of (i).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Robert Whitecross, 1623 in *IGI* (Longside, Aberdeens); James Whitcrose, 1671 in *IGI* (Athelstaneford, E Lothian); John Whitecross, 1717 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); Mary Whitecross, 1723 in *IGI* (Fordyce, Banffs).

England: Mary Whitecross, 1771 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Whitcross, 1795 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham).

**Whitefield**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 604
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. Lanarks; Devon; Lancs

English: see **Whitfield**.

**Whitefoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 197
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Radnors

English: nickname from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *fof* ‘foot’.

**Early bearers:** Ulfuine Huitfot, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Weytefot, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Whitfott, 1311 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Mary Whitfoot, 1567 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); William Whytefoote, 1599, Jacob Whitefoot, 1633 in *IGI* (Condover, Shrops).

**Whiteford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1155, Ireland 64
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 791
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Ayr, Argyll; Northumb, Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; also Laois
- English, Scottish: see **Whitford**.

**Whitehair**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall; London; also Guernsey

English: variant of **Whitear**, altered by folk etymology.

**Whitehall**

Variants: **Whittall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 795, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 542
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in central and S England; also Scotland

English: (i) locative name from Whitehalgh in Blackburn (Lancs) or Whitehall (Shrops), which derive from Old English *hwit* + *halh* ‘nook’. (ii) some later examples may represent a locative name from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *hall* ‘hall’, or from a building or a place so named.

**Further information:** The early distributions of *Whittall* and *Whittle* overlap in Lancs and Cheshire, and some forms may belong with **Whittle**. *Whitehall* may in some cases be a revival of a form of the name which would be expected to develop to *Whittall* or *Whittle*. See also **Whiteoak**.

**Early bearers:** William de Withalgh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne del Whithalgh’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pendleton Chase, Lancs); Gilbert del Whithalgh, 1397 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Thomas Qwythalwe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tideswell, Derbys); Willmus. Whytoughe, 1546 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Margaret Whittall, 1569 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Shrops); Joane Whittall, 1582 in *IGI* (Onisbury, Shrops); James Qhithall, 1585 in *Black* (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Whitehall, 1598 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Elisha Whittall, 1642 in *IGI* (Stanton Lacy, Shrops); Grace Whitehalgh, 1651 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).

**Whitehand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs, and Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *hand*, *hond* ‘hand.’

**Early bearers:** Robert Withand’, 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard Whithand, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Elia Qhithand, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomasine Whitehand, 1577 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Roberte Whitehand, 1593 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Hellen Whitehand, 1611 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Whitehand, 1616 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Thomas Whitehand, 1629 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Hunts).

**Whitehart**

Variants: **Whiteheart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Whittard**.

**Early bearers:** William Whitehart, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); John Whitehart, 1605 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); William Whitehart, 1610, Georg Whiteheart, 1618 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Thomas Whiteheart, 1706 in *IGI* (South Newton, Wilts); Sarah Whiteheart, 1798 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants).

**Whitehead**

Variants: **Whythead**, **Whitehead**, **Whittet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21381, Ireland 175
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20071

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire; WR Yorks and Notts; Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leinster: esp. Louth; Dublin

1 English: nickname from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *hed* ‘head’ (Old English *hwit* + *hēafod*), denoting a man with white hair or fair hair.

**Early bearers:** England: John Whithaued, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); Roger Witheved, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Henrico Whiteheved, 1296–7 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Rutland); William Hwitheued, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); William Whithefd, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Whithede, 1338 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Yorks); Willelmus Qwythed, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scrainwood, Northumb); Johannes Qwythuud (scribal error for Qwytheuud), 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Austhorpe, WR Yorks); Robertus Quitheved, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shropham, Norfolk); Thomas Whitehead, 1541 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Sethe Whitehead, 1542 in *IGI* (Broughton by Briggs, Lincs); Allin Whitehead, 1548 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Henry Whitehead, 1554 in *IGI* (Leaveland, Kent); John Whitehead, 1558 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Willms. Whitehead, 1565 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Daniell Whitehead, 1607 in *IGI* (Worksop, Notts); Peter Whittet, 1713 in *IGI* (Toft, Cambs); Sarah Whiddett, 1729 in *IGI* (Harbledown, Kent).

Scotland: Catarine Whitehead, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Andrew Whittet, 1618, Cristiane Whitehead, 1625 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Androwe Whittet, 1640 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth).

2 English: nickname, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *hod* ‘hood’ (Old English *hwit* + *hōd*).

**Early bearers:** Agnes Wythod, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

3 Irish: adopted by erroneous translation for **Ó CeannDubháin** ‘descendant of the little black-headed one’ (see **Canavan**), as if from Gaelic *ceann* ‘head’ + *bán* ‘white’.

**Whiteheart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Whitehart**.

**Whitehill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 491, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews and Bute, Lanarks; Lancs

English, Scottish: from one of innumerable minor places in Scotland or N England called *Whitehill* or *White Hill*.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Whithill’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Elland, WR Yorks); Mary Whitehill, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Sampson, York); John Whitehill, 1701 in *IGI* (Greenock, Renfrews); Annabel Whitehil, 1721 in *IGI* (Renfrew, Renfrews).

**Whitehorn**

Variants: **Whithorn**, **Whitehorne**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 683, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 579

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Hants, Surrey, Berks

English: nickname, according to Reaney, “[c]learly a nickname, perhaps one with [*sic*] a splendid trumpet or drinking-horn (Old English *hwīt* ‘white, fair, splendid’ and *horn*).” However, the records of Joh. Wytepintell, 1317 in *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, Avelina Whyghtpincell’ [for -pintell’], 1381 in *Poll Tax*, clearly with Middle English *pintel* ‘penis’, suggest the possibility that *Whitehorn* is a nickname meaning ‘white or fair penis’, whatever that might imply. That said, the word *horn* is not found in the general vocabulary in this sense before the 18th century.

**Further information:** The name has nothing to do with the town of Whithorn (Wigtowns), though it might in theory represent an unidentified place-name or place-description of the same origin, from Old English *hwīt* ‘white’ + *ærn* ‘building’.

**Early bearers:** Martin Withorn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Whithorn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barcombe, Sussex); Guilihelmi Whitehorne, 1542 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW); Laurence Whitehorn, 1601 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); Thomas Whitehorn, 1616 in *IGI* (Stanford in the Vale, Berks); William Whitehorn, 1845 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).  
**References:** *Seltén, Bahuvrihi Names*, pp. 24, 42, 43; *Jönsjö, Nicknames*, pp. 90, 163.

### Whitehorne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey
- English: see **Whitehorn**.

### Whitehouse

**Variants:** **Whithouse, Whitters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12147, Ireland 128
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7737
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands, esp. Staffs
- 1 English: locative name from Middle English *whit* + *hous*, for someone who lived at a white house (sometimes taken to imply one built of stone), or at one of many minor places so named.  
**Early bearers:** Stephen atte Whitehous, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Willelmus Whythous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barton Seagrave, Northants); Joane Whitehouse, 1513 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); Elenor Whithouse, 1555 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Guilielmi Whytehouse, 1626 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Mary Whitus, 1729 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Sarah Whitters, 1797 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire).  
2 English: nickname, variant of **Whittles**. See *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** William Whitehals, 1368, Robert Whithawse, 1551, Marmaducus Whithaus, 1598, Anthonius Whitus, 1615 in *York Freeman’s Register*; Marmaduke Whittus, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Helen, York); Henry Whitehouse, 1545, Thomas Whithouse, 1578 in *York Registry Wills* (Marston, WR Yorks).

### Whitehurst

**Variants:** **Whithurst**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1797, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 951
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Cheshire, Derbys
- English: from Whitehurst in Dilhorne (Staffs), and sometimes from some other place with the same origin (Old English *hwīt* ‘white’ + *hyrst* ‘wood’), such as Whithurst in Kirdford (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Richard Whithurst, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Hawise Whytehurst, 1387–8 in *Hylle Cartulary*; Marie Whithurst, 1561, John Whitehurst, 1563 in *IGI* (Dilhorne, Staffs); Eliz. Whitehurst, 1729 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex).

### Whiteing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 150
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Kent
- English: see **Whiting**.

### Whitelam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 393, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; ER Yorks
- English: see **Whitlam**.

### Whiteland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 106
  - **Main GB location 1881:** SE England
- English: locative name from Whiteland in West Dean (Sussex) or another similarly named place; compare **Wheatland**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Wytlonde, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Whyteland, 1374 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Samuel Whiteland, 1637 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Richard Whiteland, 1656 in *IGI* (Binsted, Hants); Sarah Whiteland, 1791 in *IGI* (Ashington, Sussex); Thomas Whiteland, 1809 in *IGI* (Harwich, Essex).

### Whitelaw

**Variants:** **Whitlaw, Whytelaw**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2558, Ireland 38
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1776
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks, Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; Kildare; Leitrim and Longford

Scottish: locative name from either or both places named *Whitelaw* in Morebattle and Bowden (Roxburghs).

**Early bearers:** John de Wytelowe, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); John Whitelaw, 1430 in *Haddington Writs* (Haddington, East Lothian); Patrik Whitelaw, 1569 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Isobel Whitelaw, 1615 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Whytelaw, 1643 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian); Janet Whitlaw, 1692 in *IGI* (Whittinghame, E Lothian).

### Whitelegg

**Variants:** **Whitelegge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 347, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: nickname from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *leg*. Compare the Old Scandinavian nickname *Hvítbeinn* ‘white leg’, **Whitefoot** and the extinct surname of Robert Wytflais, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks) and William Witteflese, 1326 in *Durham Priory Fees* ‘white flesh’.  
**Early bearers:** Nicholas Whitelegge, 1563 in *PROB 11* (Christ Church, City of London); Agnes Whytlegge, 1584 in *Bardsley*; John Whitelegg, 1616 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Whitelegge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Whitelegg**.

### Whiteley

**Variants:** **Whitley, Whitely, Whittley, Witley, Whitla**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5640, Ireland 73
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5335
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from one or more of many places called Whitley (in WR Yorks, Cheshire, Northumb, Wilts, Warwicks), Whiteley, or Whitleigh (Berks). The place-name is common, generally with the meaning ‘white clearing’, or occasionally ‘wheat clearing’. Compare **Whitaker** (2) and **Whateley**.

**Further information:** Redmonds is convinced that the WR Yorks name originated in a locality in the Elland area, perhaps White Lee in Scammonden or White Lee in Mytholmroyd.

**Early bearers:** N England and N Midlands: R. de Witelay, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Hilda de Whitelai, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard de Whiteleg, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John del Wyteley, 13th cent. in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue* (WR Yorks); Robert de Wyteley, 1277, John de Whitelegh, 1400 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Edith de Wheteley, Thomas de Whiteley, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ricardus de Qwyteley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pemberton, Lancs); Georgij Whiteley, 1565 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Leonardi Whiteley, 1569 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Nicholas Whiteley, 1590 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); George Whiteley, 1606 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

W Midlands: William de Witteleia, 1125 in *Staffs Chartulary*; Henry de Hwittele, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Ricardus de Qhyteleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boreton with parcels, Shrops); John Whiteley, 1617 in *IGI* (Mancetter, Warwicks); John Whiteley, 1796 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); John Whiteley, 1834 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

SW England: Margery and Walter de Whetelegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Molland, Devon); Thomas Whiteley, 1686 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon).

### Whitell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, NR Yorks, and WR Yorks; Middx and Essex
- English: see **Whittle**.

### Whitelock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1480, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 845
  - **Main GB location 1881:** N England; also Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Whitlock**.

### Whitlocke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Whitlock**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

### Whitelow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

## Whitelum

- GB frequency 1881: 37
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Whitlow**.

## Whitelum

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Whitlam**.

## Whitely

- Current frequencies: GB 202, Ireland 23
  - GB frequency 1881: 622
  - Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Fermanagh
- English: see **Whiteley**.

## Whiteman

Variants: **Whitman**, **Wittman**, **Witman**

- Current frequencies: GB 2634, Ireland 52
- GB frequency 1881: 1785
- Main GB location 1881: widespread in England: esp. Middx; Sussex; Beds and Northants
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Down

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Whytman*, Old English *Hwitmān*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Quithmanus, 1121–38 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Witeman fugitiuus, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs).  
surnames: William Witman, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard Wytman, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Stephen Whytman, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Michael Whiteman, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Quytman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Johane Whitman, 1544 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Margret Witman, 1552 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Anthoi. Wittman, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Margerie Whiteman, 1572 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Elizabeth Whiteman, 1590 in *IGI* (Barcombe, Sussex); John Whiteman, 1597 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

## Whitemore

- Current frequencies: GB 246, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 161
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset
- English: see **Whitmore**.

## Whiten

- Current frequencies: GB 178, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 152
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Notts
- English: variant of **Whiting**.

## Whiteoak

- Current frequencies: GB 383, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 352
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: (i) see **Whittock**. (ii) given its late appearance, and its distance from the heartland of *Whittock*, perhaps altered in some cases from the Lancashire **Whitehall**, exemplified by Grace Whitehalgh, 1651 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Joseph Whiteoak, 1704 in *York Freeman's Register*; Sarah Whiteoak, 1712 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Anna Whytook, 1723 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth); Alexander Whiteoak, 1730 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thos. Whiteoak, 1736 in *IGI* (Skipton, WR Yorks); Martha Whiteoak, 1772 in *IGI* (Silsden, WR Yorks).

## Whiter

Variants: **Wheater**, **Whitter**

- Current frequencies: GB 237, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 203
- Main GB location 1881: Middx

English: occupational name for a whitewasher, caulker, or bleacher, from Middle English *whiter(e)*, an agent derivative of Old English *hwitian* 'to make white'. Compare Johanne Whitener, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hoton, Leics).

**Further information:** 'The Keep of the Tower of London was known as the White Tower from its being resplendent with whitewash.' (*Salzman, Building*, p. 157). Corfe Castle (Dorset) was all whitewashed outside, and the many references to white buildings in surnames (e.g. **Whitehouse**, **Whitchurch**, **Whitcutt**, **Whitrow**) testify to the practice.

**Early bearers:** John Witer, 1181–6 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (Essex); Henry le Witere, le Wytter', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Andrew le Whytere, 1310 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Thomas le Whittere, 1320 in *Fransson* (Somerset); Adam Qwyter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Narborough, Norfolk); Johannes Whitter, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horbury, WR Yorks); Alen Whitter, 1561 in *IGI* (Tarpurley, Cheshire); Roger Whiter, 1563 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Rychard Whitter, 1590 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Rose Whiter, 1600 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); George Quitter, 1619 in *IGI* (Aythorpe Roding, Essex); Richard Whitter, 1632 in *IGI* (Plemstall, Cheshire); Margery Whyter, 1659 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk).

**References:** *Fransson*, p. 177.

## Whiteread

- GB frequency 1881: 0
- English: see **Whittred**.

## Whiterod

- Current frequencies: GB 136, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 89
- Main GB location 1881: E Anglia

English: see **Whittred**.

## Whiterow

- Current frequencies: GB 27, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 41
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: see **Whitrow**.

## Whites

- GB frequency 1881: 36
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England; esp. Middx

English: variant of **White** with genitive or post-medieval excrement -s.

## Whiteside

Variants: **Whitesides**, **Whitsitt**

- Current frequencies: GB 3263, Ireland 678
- GB frequency 1881: 2358
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and N England; Lanarks and SW Scotland
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim and Down

English: locative name from one or more of several places called *Whiteside* in SW Scotland and Northumb. Since it is numerically very strong in central Lancs in the late 16th century, it may also derive from an unidentified place in this area. The name is now common in Ireland as well as England.

**Early bearers:** Robert Wytside, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); John Witside, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Hants); Richard Whitside, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); John Whiteside, 1592 in *IGI* (Poulton le Fylde, Lancs); Frances Whiteside, 1750 in *IGI* (Gosport, Hants); Mary Whiteside, 1771 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks).

## Whitesides

- Current frequencies: GB 31, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 44
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England
- English: see **Whiteside**.

## Whitesmith

- Current frequencies: GB 105, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 56
- Main GB location 1881: Durham; Lanarks, Argyll; Worcs

English: occupational name from Middle English *whit-smith* 'tinsmith' (recorded 1302, *OED*).

**Early bearers:** Richard, William le Wytesmith, 1260 in *Close Rolls* (Oxon), 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); John le Wytesmyt, le Whitesmyth, 1313, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Jaine Whitsmith, 1591 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks); Mathias Whitesmith, 1637 in *IGI* (South Ferriby, Lincs); Thomas Whitesmith, 1665 in *IGI* (Ainstable, Cumb); Anne Whitsmyth, 1698 in *IGI* (Alkborough, Lincs).

## Whitson

- Current frequencies: GB 29, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Whitson**.

## Whitestone

Variants: **Whitston**, **Whiston**

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 26
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: (i) locative name from Whitstone (Cornwall, Devon) or Whitestone Farm in Birdham (Sussex); in Scotland from Whitston (Perths) or Whitestone (Aberdeens), but the name may not have survived there. The plural form appears as **Whistance**. (ii) see **Whiston**, from one of the places named *Whiston* (Northants, Lancs, Sussex, Worcs, or one of two places in Staffs), and *Wiston* (Sussex).  
**Further information:** The older forms may also have developed as **Whiston**, and in some cases in recent centuries *Whitestone* may be due to a conscious attempt to return the name to its perceived original form.

**Early bearers:** England: Leofwine on Hwitastane, about 1100–30 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Walter atte Wyteston, 1279 in *Place-Names of Sussex*; John atte Whitestone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Whitstone, 1553 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Margaret Whitston, 1609 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Thomas Whitestone, 1719 in *IGI* (Glentham, Lincs); Jno Whitestone, 1720 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon).

Scotland: John Albo Petro de Ferne, 1267 in *Brechin Register*.

## Whiteway

Variants: **Whiteaway**

- Current frequencies: GB 475, Ireland 15
- GB frequency 1881: 410

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) locative name from the late-recorded Whiteways in Houghton (Sussex) or an unidentified place on the chalk Downs with a similar name. (ii) locative name from Whiteway Barton in Kingsteignton (Devon); or from Whiteway in Chudleigh (Devon), where the surname was recorded as *Whythaweve*, 1335 in *Place-Names of Devon*. (iii) less probably, simply from residence near a road perceived as white (Middle English *whit* 'white' + *wei* 'way').

**Early bearers:** William Wyttewey, Whitewe, 1296, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Whitewey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poynings, Sussex); Nicholaus Whiteway, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Litton Cheney, Dorset); Ann Whiteway, 1605 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon); Alexander Whiteway, 1612 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); John Whiteway, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Pomary, London); John Whiteway, 1648 in *IGI* (Shrivenham, Berks); Thomas Whiteway, 1657 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 143; *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 479, 491.

### Whitewick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex; WR Yorks
- English: see **Whittick**.

### Whitewood

**Variants:** Whitwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 359, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 284
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Kent and Sussex; also WR Yorks

1 English: locative name perhaps for someone who lived '(by the) white wood', from Middle English *whit* + *wod(e)* (Old English *hwit* + *wudu*), but medieval evidence for this is currently lacking, and the following names may be altered forms of some other name, as suggested in (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard Whytwoode, 1532 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Joannes Whitwood, 1581, Joannes Whitewood, 1587 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Marie Whitewood, 1609 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Joam Whitewood, 1610 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Julian Whitewood, 1628 in *IGI* (Norton Bavant, Wilts); Miles Whitwood, 1629 in *IGI* (Hemsby, Norfolk); Richard Whitewood, 1634 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks 2*, p. 124; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 573; *TNA, Decree Roll (C/78/58/1)*.

2 English: locative name perhaps from Whitwood (WR Yorks), but Redmonds points out that it may not have survived, since there is a long gap in the evidence between the late 15th century and its subsequent re-appearance in the 17th. He suggests that the modern name is a variant of **Whitworth**, citing Lawrence Whitworth, 1634, Lawrence Whitwood, 1636 in the Rothwell parish registers.

**Early bearers:** William de Whitewude, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Malger of Wytewode, 1276 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Thomas Qwytwod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Methley, WR Yorks); John Whitewod, 1475 in *Thoresby Society 24* (Methley, WR Yorks); Christopher Whitwood, 1628 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Lawrence Whitwood, 1637 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Kath Whitwood, 1638 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

### Whitewright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 52
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Midlothian
- English: see **Whitteridge**.

### Whitey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants
- English: see **Whitty**.

### Whitfield

**Variants:** Whitefield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8545, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5893
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England, esp. Durham, Lancs; Shrops
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Offaly

English: locative name from any or all of Whitefield (Gloucs, Lancs, IoW), or Whitfield (Derbys, Kent, Northants, Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Leonard de Witefelde, 1154 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); William, John de Whitefeld, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset), 1338 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Johannes Whytefeld, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Beauxfield, Kent); Robertus de Whitfeld', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Johannes Whitefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Arreton, IoW); Richard Whytefeld, 1396 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Alice Whitfield, 1555 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Agnes Whitfield, 1563 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Christopher Whitefield, 1587 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); David Whitefield, 1588, Anne Whitfield, 1597 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Thomas Whitefield, 1675 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Juliana Whitefield, 1705 in *IGI* (Yate, Gloucs); Robert Whitefield, 1718 in *IGI* (Wiveliscombe, Somerset).

### Whitford

**Variants:** Whiteford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1069, Ireland 139
- **GB frequency 1881:** 932
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon; Gloucs; scattered elsewhere
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; Antrim

English: locative name in England, from Whitford (Devon), or Whitford in Bromsgrove (Worcs); in Scotland, from Whiteford near Paisley (Renfrews).

**Early bearers:** England: Roger de Witeford, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); John de Whyteford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Whitford', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Constance Whitford, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Mabyn, Cornwall); Willm Whitford, 1598 in *IGI* (Crophorne, Worcs); Joseph Whiteford, 1716 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).  
Scotland: John de Wheteford, 1296 in *Scotland Calendar*; David Whiteford, 1655 in *IGI* (Lanark, Lanarks); Margrat Whitford, 1668 in *IGI* (Straiton, Ayr); Issabell Whiteford, 1693 in *IGI* (Kilbirnie, Ayr); Isobell Whiteford, 1770 in *IGI* (Campbeltown, Argyll).

### Whitgift

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: locative name from Whitgift (WR Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** William de Wytegift, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Qwhitgift, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); John Whitgyft, 1415–16 in

*Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); John Whitgifte, 1441 in *Yorks Wills*; Phillip Whitgifte, 1540 in *IGI* (Grimsby, Lincs).

### Whitgreave

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Kent
- English: from Whitgreave (Staffs).  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Witegreve, 1155 in *Staffs Chartulary*; William de Whitegreve, 1293 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Whitgreve, 1460 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Whitgreave, 1569 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs).

### Whithair

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Whitear**.

### Whitham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1886, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1741
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs
- English: see **Whitwam**.

### Whithead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 411
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Whitehead**.

### Whithear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
- English: see **Whitear**.

### Whithorn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 60
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Warwicks
- English: see **Whitehorn**.

### Whithouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Whitehouse**.

### Whithurst

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Whitehurst**.

### Whitie

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Peebles and Selkirks
- Scottish: see **Whitty**.

### Whiting

**Variants:** Whiteing, Whitting, Witting, Whiten, Whitten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8360, Ireland 33
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5645
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. E coast
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Whiting* (Old English *Hwiting*, a

## Whittington

patronymic from the personal name *Hwita*, which was still in use in the 12th century; from *hwit* 'white' applied as a nickname.

**Early bearers:** Roger Witenc, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); John Hwiteng, Witinge, 1128–34 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Simundus filius Witing, before 1150 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); William Witting, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); William Whiting, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Giffard Whytteng, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Walter le Witing, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas, Matilda Hwytynng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Andreas Qwytynng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bridgham, Norfolk); Agn' Wytetyngge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brought with Stainmore, Westm); Richard Whiting, 1542 in *IGI* (Scarning, Norfolk); Elizabeth Whiting, 1563 in *IGI* (Hogsthorpe, Lincs); Elizabeth Whiting, 1563 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Johan Whiting, 1566 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); John Whiting, 1568 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); Georgius Whitting, 1575 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); John Whyten, 1586 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); George Whiten, 1613 in *IGI* (Charminster, Dorset); John Whiten, 1646 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Benjamin Whiten, 1695 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

### Whittington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 197
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: see **Whittington**.

### Whitla

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 111
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dumfriess; London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- Irish: mainly Ulster variant of **Whiteley**.

### Whitlam

Variants: **Whitelam**, **Whitlum**, **Whitelum**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 500, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 250
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, and Lincs

1 English: locative name from a lost place in Milton, in Markham Clinton alias Little or West Markham (Notts), called *Whitelum* (Old English *hwit* 'white' + *\*lum* 'pool'). The name was later misunderstood as the nickname in (2).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Whytelom, Richard Whytelom of Milneton, Robert Whytelom, 1301 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (West Markham, Notts); Matil' Whitlome, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Tuxford, Little Markham, and Milton, Notts); William Witlu[m], 1380 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Little Markham and Tuxford, Notts); William Whyttelome of Milton, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Whitlome of Elkesley, 1416 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Richard Whitlame, 1547 in *York Registry Wills* (West Markham, Notts); Henry Whitlam, 1664 in *Hearth Tax* (South Leverton, Notts); David Whitelam, 1699 in *IGI* (North Clifton, Notts).

2 English: nickname from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *lomb* 'lamb'. Some or all of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (1), especially the Lincs names, perhaps.

**Early bearers:** Alicia Whitlambe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ribston, WR Yorks); Richard Whitelam, 1488 in *York Guild Register*; Richard Whytlam, 1529, John Whitelam, 1634 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Whitelame, 1572 in *IGI* (Stow in Lindsey, Lincs); Robert Whitelam, 1594 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Katheren Whitlambe, 1598, Gregorie Whitelam, 1600, Nicolas Whitelamb, 1641 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Josias Whitelam, 1763 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

### Whitlaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 146
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in S Scotland, esp. Berwicks, and N England
- English, Scottish: see **Whitelaw**.

### Whitley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2491, Ireland 195
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2415
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh
- English: see **Whiteley**.

### Whitling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks; Surrey; Dorset

1 English: relationship name probably from the Middle English personal name *Witling* (from Old English *\*Wihlting*).

**Further information:** *Witling* is known only from the given name example above, but it may also be the personal name that lies behind the place-name *Whitlingham* (Norfolk), which Ekwall derives from Old English *Wihthelm*. But *Wihthelm* is a compound not evidenced in the early spellings: *Wislingeham* in *Domesday Book*, *Wicthlingham*, 1206 in *Ekwall, DEPN*. *Witling* might alternatively be from a short form *\*Wihla* of the Old English personal name *Wihlāc*, from which was formed *\*Wihlting* 'son of Wihla'; or *\*Wihlting* might simply have been a pet-form of *Wihlāc*, in the same way that *Brihtling* and *Brihtric* interchange in the name of Brightlingsea (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 331).

**Early bearers:** given names: Witling de Inskip, 1261 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).

surnames: William Wytling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Whitling, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Cecilia Whytling, 1345 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Johannes Qwitlyng', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burnham Westgate with vills, Norfolk); Richard Whitling, 1601 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs); Anthnii. Whitling, 1605 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Ellin Whitling, 1671 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Mary Whitling, 1726 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Mary Whitling, 1730 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

2 English: locative name from Whitlinge in Hartlebury (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Whittingling', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William de Wykinge, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hartlebury, Worcs).

### Whitlock

- Variants: **Whitlocke**, **Whitelock**, **Whitelocke**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2575, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1721

- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts; Northants; London

1 English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Whitlak* (Old English *Wihlāc*). Some early bearers may belong with (2). (ii) nickname from Middle English *whit* 'white' (Old English *hwit*) + *lok* 'lock (of hair)' (Old English *loc*), for someone with white hair. Compare **Sherlock**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Witlac, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); Wislak, Willak, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Hants); Withlac de molend', 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Wihtlac de Longo Vado, 1207 in *Fine Rolls* (Hants).

surnames: Emma filia Witlok, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Toke Wictlok, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John Witloc, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Whytlok, 1285 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts); John Wyhtlok (Wytlok), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Juliana Whitelok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Henricus Whitlok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cary Fitzpaine, Somerset); Thome Whytlok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Alicia Qwytlok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blickling, Norfolk); Elias Wytlok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); Thomas Quytlok, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Launditch, Norfolk); John Whytlak, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Christofer Whitloke, 1539 in *PROB 11* (London); James Whitlake, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Whitlocke, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Wokingham, Berks).

**References:** Information from Peter Whitlock (Guild of One-Name Studies).

2 English: locative name from the Whitelake river near Pilton (Somerset), apparently named with Old English *hwit* 'white' + *lacu* 'stream'.

**Early bearers:** William atte Whytelak, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

### Whitlocke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants
- English: see **Whitlock**.

### Whitlow

Variants: **Whitelow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford

English: from an unidentified place named with Old English *hwit* 'white' + *hlāw* 'mound, tumulus'. An unlocated *Whitelawe* was recorded in Yorkshire in 1486, perhaps Whitelow in Sheffield. There is also a Whitlow in Alston (Northumb) which does not seem to have produced a surname. Compare **Whitelaw**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Whitloue, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); John de Whitlowe, 1415 in *Preston Guild Rolls*; Jhon Whitlow, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Olivor Whitlow, 1599 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Robert Whitlow, 1647 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); William Whitlow, 1650 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Richard Whitelow, 1732 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); John Whitelow, 1797 in *IGI* (Aysgarth, NR Yorks).

### Whitlum

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Whitlam**.

**Whitman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 570
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England; esp. London; Gloucs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down
- English: see **Whiteman**.

**Whitmarsh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 959, Ireland 37
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 628
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England, esp. Wilts, Hants, Surrey
- English: locative name from Whitemarsh Farm in Sedgell or Witmarsh Bottom in West Dean (both Wilts).
- Early bearers:** Henry de Wytemers, 1245 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Agnes Whitmarsh, 1539 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Joane Whitmarsh, 1540, Emme Whitmarsh, 1605 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); John Whitmarsh, 1624 in *IGI* (Shepton Mallet, Somerset); Henrie Whitemarsh, 1624 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Ann Whitemash, 1657 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Anne Whitmarsh, 1670 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Tristram Whitmarsh, 1676 in *IGI* (East Wellow, Hants).
- References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 192, 378.

**Whitmee**

- Variants:** **Whitmey**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: nickname from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *mei* 'young man' or *mai* 'maid'. The surname may mean 'fair youth' or may be a derogatory nickname 'fair maid'; the medieval evidence could be interpreted either way.
- Early bearers:** Henry Whitemay, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); William Wytemey, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Stephanus Whytemey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Monkton, Somerset); Willelmus Whyttemay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ansty, Warwicks); Johanne Whitemay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Donhead, Wilts); Isabell Whitmey, 1561 in *IGI* (Stoke Goldington, Bucks); William Whitmay, 1635 in *IGI* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); William Whitmee, 1662 in *IGI* (Bletsoe, Beds); William Witmey, 1792 in *IGI* (Milton Bryan, Beds).

**Whitmer**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Bucks
- English: see **Whitmore**.

**Whitmey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Hants
- English: see **Whitmee**.

**Whitmill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Northants
- English: (i) nickname from the recorded Middle English compound *whete-mele*, from *whete* 'wheat' + *mele* 'meal, flour', but it is recorded only in post-medieval sources. Compare **Whitbread**, and

Johannes Whetepayn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chickerell, Dorset). (ii) possibly a locative name from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *milne* 'mill', for a person who lived at a place described or named in this way, but no place with this name has been identified.

**Early bearers:** William Whitmill, 1618 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Elizabeth Whitmeal, 1653 in *IGI* (Granborough, Bucks); Thomas Whitmill, 1655 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); William Whitmill, 1680 in *IGI* (Stoke Lyne, Oxon); Richard Whitmill, 1684 in *IGI* (Ludgershall, Bucks); Ann Whitmall, 1813 in *IGI* (Chesham, Bucks); Henry Whitmele, 1823 in *IGI* (Nether Heyford, Northants).

**Whitmore**

- Variants:** **Whittemore, Whitemore, Whittamore, Wittamore, Whitamore, Whittimore, Whitmer**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 4081, Ireland 102
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2538
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England except SW and NE
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford
- English: locative name from Whitmoor (Devon) or Whitmore (Staffs and Dorset), or from one of numerous other places in England with names denoting a white moor or mere.
- Further information:** The form of the *Whittamore* type and similar variants, from the area N of London, is unexplained.
- Early bearers:** John de Witemore, 1199 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Adam de Whitemor, 1249 in *Place-Names of Devon* 353; Gilbert de Whitemere, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmo Whitemor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pipe Green with members, Staffs); Homfray Whitmore, 1559 in *IGI* (Sheriffhales, Staffs); Robti Whitmore, 1561 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Georgij Whitmore, 1564 in *IGI* (Albury, Surrey); Mary Whitmore, 1568 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Willm Whitmore, 1586 in *IGI* (Halesowen, Worcs).

**Whitnall**

- Variants:** **Whitnell**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 306, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 312
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Kent; Anglesey
- English: locative name from one or more of the following small places: Whitnal in Whitchurch (Hants), Whitnell in Fiddington (Somerset), Whitehill Wood in North Leigh (Oxon); *Witenhull* 11 (1279), or Witnells End in Upper Arley (Worcs); *Whytenhull* 11 (1295).
- Early bearers:** John de Wytenhull, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); William Whitnel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Roger Whitnell, 1570 in *IGI* (Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Joane Whitnall, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Wyllm. Whitnall, 1596, Anthony Whytnall, 1599 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent); Joan Whitnoll, 1602 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Henry Whitnal, 1687 in *IGI* (Ware, Herts); Josephus Whitnall, 1689 in *IGI* (Maer, Staffs); Ann Whitnell, 1706 in *IGI* (Kingston, Kent); Isaac Whitnull, 1708 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); John Whitnold, 1724 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); Wm Whitnell, 1724, Elizth Whitnel, 1727 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lancs).

**Whitnell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 149

- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. SE and SW England
- English: see **Whitnall**.

**Whitney**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2290, Ireland 242
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1524
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. Northants; W England and S Wales
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford; Longford
- English: from Whitney (Herefs) or Whitney (now represented by Whitney Wood) in Stevenage (Herts).
- Further information:** Some examples may derive from **Witney** because of the frequency of names beginning with *Whit-*.
- Early bearers:** John de Whyteneye, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Adam Whyteney, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Welford, Berks); John Whitney, 1561 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Emanuel Whitney, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); James Whitney, 1729 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths).

**Whitrick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; WR Yorks
- English: see **Whitteridge**.

**Whitridge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Lancs; Durham and Staffs
- English: see **Whitteridge**.

**Whitrow**

- Variants:** **Whiterow**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: of uncertain origin; perhaps a locative name from Whiterow in Thrushelton (west Devon), though this is not recorded till 1720, or from an unidentified similarly named hamlet ('white (washed) row of cottages') in the same county.
- Early bearers:** Walter Whiterow, 1405 in *Devon Record Office* (Stockleigh Pomeroy, Devon); Nicholas Whyterow in Middelleghe, manor of Whitecrosse, Cheriton Fitzpaine, 1481 in *West Devon Record Office*; John Whiterowe, 1541 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Edward Whytrowe of Bradninch, weaver, 1589 in *North Devon Record Office*; John Whitrow, 1610, John Whiterow, 1613 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); William Whitrow, 1636 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); John Whiteroe, 1668 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon).

**Whitsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Hunts
- English: probably a reduced form of **Whittlesey**.
- Early bearers:** Samuel Whitsea, 1770 in *IGI* (Seaton, Rutland); William Whitsey, 1773 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); William Whitsey, 1774 in *IGI* (Stockbury, Kent).

**Whitsitt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2



## Whitson

English: variant of **Whiteside**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Whitson

**Variants:** Whiteson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 456, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 430
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian

English: (i) relationship name, patronymic from the Middle English given name *Whit* 'white'. (ii) locative name, occasionally, a simplified form of *Whitston* ('white stone'); Whitson Farm is recorded in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 243. See **Whiston** and **Whitestone**. (ii) nickname, sometimes perhaps a nickname from an abbreviated form of Middle English *Whit-Sondai* 'Whit Sunday' or its Scots equivalent; compare **Christmas**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas Witesone, 1272–1307 in *Battle Abbey Custumals* (Sussex); Walter Hwyttesone, 1318 in *Ancient Deeds* iv (Shrops); John Whitesone, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus Qwhytsone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gooderstone, Norfolk); James Whitson, 1560 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Johan Whitson, 1576 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Elizabeth Whitson, 1592 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Whitson, 1609 in *IGI* (Saint Gluvias, Cornwall); An Whiteson, 1673 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). Scotland: William Quhitsoun, 1369 in *Black* (Perth, Perths).

### Whitston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 28, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Whitestone**.

### Whitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 196
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **White**.

### Whitta

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Norfolk

English: variant of **White**, with typical south-western preservation of a Middle English inflexional suffix. **Early bearers:** John Whyta, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Gwinear, Cornwall); Jenkin Whyta, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Phillack, Cornwall); John Whita, 1524 in *Cornwall Subsidies* (Crowan, Cornwall); Johis Whitter, 1567 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); Thomas Whita, 1569 in *Cornwall Muster* (Phillack, Cornwall); Isbell Whitta, 1573 in *IGI* (Little Steeping, Lincs); Marye Whita, 1575 in *IGI* (Phillack, Cornwall); Richard Whita, 1605 in *IGI* (Gwithian, Cornwall); Johannis Whitta, 1606 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Humphry Whitta, 1694 in *IGI* (Saint Agnes near Truro, Cornwall).

### Whittaker

**Variants:** Whiteaker, Whitaker, Wittaker, Widdaker, Whitticase, Whitacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16486, Ireland 267
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Cheshire, and Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

1 English: locative name from Whitacre (Warwicks) or High Whitaker (Lancs), both of whose names derive from Old English *hwit* 'white' + *æcer* 'field'.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Wit Acra, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Robert de Witacra, 1189 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Richard de Whitacre, 1336 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henry Wyteacre, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Adam Qwytares, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Quarmby, WR Yorks); Adam de Qertaker, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Butterworth, Lancs); John Whittaker, 1521 in *IGI* (Altham, Lancs); Thomas Whitacres, 1526 in *York Freeman's Register*; Richardi Whittaker, 1561 in *IGI* (Westbury, Wilts); Richard Whittaker, 1571 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Nicholas Whittaker, 1576 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Nathaniel Whitticase, 1704 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops).

2 English: locative name from Wheatacre (Norfolk) or Whiteacre in Waltham (Kent), both of whose names derive from Old English *hwæte* 'wheat' + *æcer* 'field'.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wetacra, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Furmentinus de Whetacre, 1254 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* xii; Walter Weat Aker, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Wheteacre, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Georg Whittaker, 1589 in *IGI* (Minster, Kent).

### Whittall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1235, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 600
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Worcs; also Radnors

English: (i) see **Whittle**. (ii) locative name, see **Whitehall**.

**Further information:** The early distributions of *Whittall* and *Whittle* overlap in Lancs and Cheshire, and some forms may belong with **Whittle**.

### Whittam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 942, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1094
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Whitwam**.

### Whittamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds, Herts and Middx
- English: see **Whitmore**.

**Early bearers:** John Whittamore, 1609 in *IGI* (Harlington, Beds); Thomas Whittamore, 1610 in *IGI* (Caddington, Beds); Ralph Whittimore, 1685 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Jane Wittamore, 1713 in *IGI* (Clifton, Beds).

### Whittard

**Variants:** Witard, Whitehart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 181
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: relationship name from Middle English *Witard*, representing either Old English *Witheard*, Old English \**Hwitheard*, or Old French *Witard* (Continental Germanic *Withard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wipardus de Foro, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex).

surnames: Thomas Wytard, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William Whitherd, Gilbert Whitard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Wytard, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Whytard', 1420 in *Feet of Fines* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); Edward Whitard, 1602 in *Parish Registers* (Marton, Cheshire); John Whittard, 1708 in *IGI* (Coaley, Gloucs); Richard Wittard, 1701, in *Parish Registers* (Uley, Gloucs); Charolus Whitard, 1718 in *IGI* (Uley, Gloucs).

### Whittell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Whittle**.

### Whittemore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 257, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds

English: see **Whitmore**.

### Whitten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 622, Ireland 179
- **GB frequency 1881:** 427
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp. Middx, Surrey; Suffolk; Notts; Cumb; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh

English: (i) variant, common in Ireland, of **Whitton**. Compare Jeames Whittton, 1594, Susan Whitten, 1603 in *IGI* (Preston next Wingham, Kent); Johanne Whitten, 1610, Lettice Whittton, 1618 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Elizabeth Whittton, 1672, William Whitten, 1696 in *IGI* (Kelham, Notts). (ii) alternatively a variant of **Whiting**. Compare Willm Whitten, 1682, William Whiting, 1710 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall); Ed. Whiting, 1644, Edward Whitten, 1644 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk). However, *Whiting* and *Whittton* were probably sometimes confused. With the above examples compare William Whittton, 1682 in *IGI* (Perranuthnoe, Cornwall) and James Whittton, 1769 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** England: Anne Whitten, 1565 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); John Whitten, 1569 in *IGI* (Headon, Notts); Thomas Whittton, 1579, John Whitten, 1583 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Jacobii Whitten, 1607 in *IGI* (Withiel, Cornwall). Ireland: Thomas Whittton, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3047 (Dublin); John Whitten, 1665 in *Hearth Money Rolls, Ireland* (Mullandavagh, Monaghan).

### Whittenham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: variant of **Whittingham**.

### Whitter

**Variants:** Witter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 404, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire

English: probably a variant of **Whiter** with shortening of the Middle English stem vowel.

### Whitteridge

**Variants:** Whitridge, Wittridge, Whitewright,

- Whitrick, Whitttrick, Wittrick, Witterick, Witherick
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London



1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wychterich* (Old English *Wihtric*, from *wiht* 'sprite' + *ric* 'realm'). Forms ending in /-k/ are phonologically northern or influenced by Scandinavian. The exact relation between the two forms in E England has not been worked out. In later centuries the two forms in (1) may have merged or been treated as equivalent, and in later centuries possibly also confused with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wihtric (Suffolk), Wictric, Witric (Shrops), Wistricus (Staffs), Wistrinc (Hants), 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames with -k: John Wickrik, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Berks); William Wickrik in *Hundred Rolls*; William Wyterik, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Witherick, 1618 in *IGI* (Stuntney, Cambs); Ann Witherick, 1633 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Witterick, 1694 in *IGI* (Elm, Cambs); William Whittrick, 1742 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thos. Whittrick, 1782 in *IGI* (Boughton, Norfolk).

surnames with -ch, -dge: Roger Wythrich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Simon Wheterich, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Henry Whytrich (Whytrich), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Helen Whitteridge, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint James Garlickhithe, London); Sara Whitridge, 1585 in *IGI* (Wavendon, Bucks); Mary Wittridge, 1702 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

2 English: locative name from one of the three places named *Whittrigg* in Cumb, all of which mean 'white ridge', or perhaps also from Wheatridge in Earsdon (Northumb), recorded as *Whytrig*, i.e. with final -g, in 1296. The latter is Old English; the former three include Old Scandinavian *hryggr* 'ridge', but spellings in -rik are also found. Some forms in -dge may belong with (1), but may also be from a form of *Whittrigg* with excrescent -s. In later centuries the two names (1) and (2) may have become confused. **Early bearers:** Robert de Wyterik', 1249 in *Close Rolls* (Cumb); Robert de Whiterig, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Stephen Whittriggs, 1738 in *IGI* (Bootle, Cumb); Jno. Whittrick, 1759, Jose. Whitridge, 1762 in *IGI* (Whitehaven, Cumb); William Whittriggs, 1762, Wm Whitteridge, 1776 in *IGI* (Whitbeck, Cumb).

### Whitters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English: see **Whitehouse**.

### Whittet

**Variants:** Whiddett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 297
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Perth, Angus
- Scottish: see **Whitehead**.

### Whitney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- English: see **Whitty**.

### Whitticase

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wales (Montgomerys)
- English: variant of **Whittaker** with post-medieval genitive or excrescent -s.

### Whittick

**Variants:** Whitewick, Wittick, Widdick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 211
  - **Main GB location 1881:** S England; Staffs
- English: locative name from Whitwick (Leics), pronounced /witik/. Compare also **Wightwick**. **Early bearers:** Euarard de Whitwic, 1208 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Euarard de Witic, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes Whityk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackfriargate, ER Yorks); Hatton Whitwick, 1583 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Christopher Whittick, 1584 in *IGI* (Corsham, Wilts); Robert Whitwicke, 1602 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Walter Whittick, 1606 in *IGI* (Yelden, Beds); Thomas Whitticke, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Yelden, Beds); Humfrey Whitwick, 1622 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Elizabeth Wittick, 1669 in *IGI* (Tong, Shrops); Tho. Whitewick, 1720 in *IGI* (Albrighton near Wolverhampton, Shrops); John Wittick, 1735 in *IGI* (Hoath, Kent).

### Whittier

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: see **Whitear**.

### Whittimore

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Whitmore**.

### Whitting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 389
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucs; also Middx
- English: see **Whiting**.

### Whittingham

**Variants:** Whittenham, Wittingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3731, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2227
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands and Mid Wales

English: (i) locative name from any or all of the places called *Whittingham* (Lancs, Northumb), *Little Whittingham*, now Little Whittingham Green (Suffolk), or less likely *Whittinghame* (E Lothian). (ii) locative name apparently from Wittenham (Berks), but the evidence is late and this may well really be for (i) but influenced by the Berks place-name.

**Further information:** The appearance of the name in Mid Wales is late.

**Early bearers:** Vhtred de Witingeham, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls*; Gilbert, Oliver de Whittingham, about 1214 in *Black*, 1279 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Whytenham, 1339 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Adam Whitynham, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Wittingham, 1548 in *IGI* (Worlingham, Suffolk); John Whittingham, 1553 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Tho Whittenham, 1622 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); Richard Whittenham, 1706 in *IGI* (Downham, Lancs); Mary Whittenham, 1741 in *IGI* (Droxford, Hants); Sophia Wittenham, 1854 in *IGI* (Soberton, Hants).

### Whittington

**Variants:** Whittington, Wittington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2968, Ireland 46

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1990
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered, esp, IoW, Sussex; Yorks, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone

English: locative name from any of the numerous places called *Whittington* (Gloucs, Derbys, Lancs, Northumb, Shrops, Staffs, Warwicks, Worcs). Most of these places are named with the Old English personal name *Hwita* + *ing* (a participle denoting association with) + *tūn* 'enclosure, farmstead, estate'.

**Early bearers:** Peter de Witinton', 1201 in *Pleas* (Cornwall); John de Whityngton', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johannes de Wytyngton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thorpe in the Fallows, Lincs); Richard Whityngton, 1420–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Catherinae Whittington, 1542 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); Thomas Whittington, 1553 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Thomas Whittington, 1559 in *IGI* (Ferring, Sussex); Katherina Whittington, 1560 in *IGI* (Eardisland, Herefs); Guy Whittington, 1562 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Arther Whittington, 1567 in *IGI* (Worfield, Shrops); Syndeny Whittington, 1573 in *IGI* (Edburton, Sussex); John Whittington, 1581 in *IGI* (Gnosall, Staffs); Francis Whittenton, 1600 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Richard Wittington, 1622 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

### Whittle

**Variants:** Whittell, Whitell, Whittall, Wittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8594, Ireland 265
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6460
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford; Wicklow; also Tyrone

English: (i) locative name from Whittle (Lancs, Northumb), Whittle le Woods (Lancs), or topographic for someone who lived '(by the) white hill', from Middle English *whit(te)* + *hil(le)*. Whittles Farm in Mapledurham (Oxon) is *Whitelewe*, 1493 in (*Place-Names of Oxon*), 'white hill', from Old English *hlāw*. (ii) locative name for someone who lived '(by the) clear spring or stream', from Middle English *whit(te)* + *wel(la)*, *wel(l)e*: Whittles Hall in Springfield (Essex) was the home of Hasculph de Whitewell, 1346 in *Close Rolls*, and Whitwell (Cambs) is pronounced *Whittle*.

**Further information:** The early distributions of *Whittall* and *Whittle* overlap in Lancs and Cheshire, and some forms may belong with **Whitehall**.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Withull, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Robertus de Qwetull', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Little Woolton, Lancs); Ricardus de Qwytell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Up Holland, Lancs); Thomas Whittle, 1547 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Richard Whittle, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); John Whittell, 1567 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); John Whittle, 1581 in *Bardsley* (Cheshire); Thomas Wittle, 1602 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Gilbard Whittel, 1606 in *IGI* (Bottesford, Leics); Anthonius Whitell, 1608, Christopher Whithill son of Anthonius Whithill, 1637 in in *York Freemen's Register*; Elizabeth Whittill, 1662 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs).

### Whittles

**Variants:** Whitehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 419, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 469
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; scattered elsewhere

## Whittlesea

English: nickname from Middle English *whit* ‘white’ + *hals* ‘neck’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Wythals, about 1295 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Dunnington, ER Yorks); Richard Wythals son of Ralph Wythals, 1316 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (Norfolk); William Whitehals, 1368, Robert Whithawse, 1551, Marmaducus Whithaus, 1598 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Whithalce, 1534 in *York Registry Wills* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); William Whittles, 1617 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks).

### Whittlesea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cambs
- English: see **Whittlesey**.

### Whittlesey

**Variants:** Whittlesea, Whitsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: locative name from Whittlesey (Cambs).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Wytlesheye, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Hunts); Jeremiah Whittlesea, 1686 in *IGI* (Chatteris, Cambs); Robert Whittlesea, 1691 in *IGI* (Houghton, Hunts); Elizabeth Whittlesey, 1708 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); Ann Wittlesea, 1748 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Aungier Wittlesey, 1790 in *IGI* (Manea, Cambridge).

### Whittleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Whittlestone**.

### Whittlestone

**Variants:** Whittleston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: probably an irregular late variant of the surname *Whittenstall*, which was also concentrated in WR Yorks but is now rare. See Gulielmus Whittenstall, 1625 in *IGI* (Badsworth, WR Yorks); Roberti Whittenstall, 1643 in *IGI* (Badsworth, WR Yorks). *Whittenstall* is of uncertain origin, but may be from Whittenstall (Northumb).  
**Early bearers:** Mary Whittleston, 1707, Thomas Whittlestone, 1711 in *IGI* (Thriplow, Cambs); Wm. Whittleston, 1749, James Whittlestone, 1755 in *IGI* (Kippax, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Whittleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 76
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: unexplained; apparently from a Norfolk place-name.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Wytenton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); John Whittleton, 1592 in *IGI* (Crostwick, Norfolk); Willmi. Whittleton, 1596 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk).

### Whittley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 50

- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; Devon, otherwise scattered
- English: see **Whiteley**.

### Whittock

**Variants:** Whittuck, Whytock, Whiteoak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 353, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 212
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: locative name from a Middle English descendant of the Old English male given name *Hwit(t)uc*, a diminutive of *Hwit* from *hwīt* ‘white’.  
**Further information:** Away from Somerset, it is sometimes found re-spelt as if from *white* + *oak*, although this may be a distinct name.  
**Early bearers:** John Wyttok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Whittoc, 1334 in *Ancient Deeds* ii (IoW); Walter Whittok, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Robert Whittok, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Idmeston, Wilts); Robt Whittock, 1568 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Wilyam Whyttocke, 1570 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); Sara Whittock, 1598 in *IGI* (Hemington, Somerset); John Whittuck, 1709 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

### Whittome

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk, Hunts

English: see **Witham**, probably from the place in Lincs so named.

### Whitton

**Variants:** Witton, Wyton, Whyton, Wetton, Witten, Whitten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2388, Ireland 39
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1825
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland (esp. Angus) and England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin and Wicklow
- 1 Scottish: locative name from Whitton in Morebattle (Selkirks).  
**Early bearers:** Michael de Witton, 1296, Michael de Whitton, 1303 in *Scotland Calendar* (Selkirkshire); David Qwitton, 1361 in *Scotland Calendar* (Roxburgh, Roxburghs); Elspeth Whittone, 1662, Thomas Whitton, 1703, John Whitton, 1861 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus); George Whitten, 1828 in *IGI* (Melrose, Roxburghs); William Whitton, 1871 in *IGI* (Galashiels, Selkirks).

2 English: locative name from any of the places called Whitton (Durham, Lincs, Middx, Northumb, Shrops, Suffolk) or Witton (Cheshire, Durham, Lancs, Herefs, Norfolk, Northumb, Warwicks, Worcs, NR Yorks); or possibly from Wyton (Hunts, ER Yorks); or possibly from Weeton, Market Weighton, or Little Weighton (ER Yorks), though the latter are generally pronounced with *-ee-* in modern English. The place-names do not all share the same etymology but most of their post-medieval spellings are interchangeable. The Oxon and Warwicks surnames *Wyton* and *Whyton* are almost certainly from Witton in Warwicks. The Warwicks and Staffs name may have been confused with **Wetton**.

**Early bearers:** W England: William de Whyttun', early 13th cent. in *Worcester Cartulary*; Richard Whitton, 1378 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Catherine Whitton, 1549 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margaret Wytton, 1565 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Richard Wyton, 1637 in *IGI* (Hook Norton, Oxon); John Witton, 1644 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); John Whitten, 1796 in *IGI* (Wednesbury, Staffs).  
E England: Robert de Wittun', 12th cent. in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); John Wytton, 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Whitton, 1421 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Elizabetha Whitton, 1549 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs); Agnes Wyton, 1558 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk); Katharyn Witten, 1567 in *IGI* (Stock, Essex); Johannes Whitton, 1569 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); John Whyton, 1568 in *IGI* (Easton Bray, Beds); William Whiten, 1663, William Whitten, 1735 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk).  
N England: William de Wyton', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert of Wyton, 1245–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Richard Wytton, 1563 in *IGI* (Didsbury, Lancs); Eden Whitton, 1584 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Witton, 1587, Robert Whitton, 1612 in *IGI* (Howden, Yorks); Alice Witton, 1640 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs); Peggy Weeton, 1779 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs).

3 English: for the Devon surname, see **Whiddon**.

### Whittred

**Variants:** Whiterod, Whiteread

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: relationship name from a Middle English descendant of the Old English male given name *Witræd* or *Hwitræd*, or possibly both, with a range of vowels in the unstressed second syllable in post-medieval times.

**Further information:** The given name of Wipardus de Foro, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Essex), is distinct in origin and probably ancestral to that of Johannes Wythard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Langdon, East Lee and Lee Chapel, Essex).

**Early bearers:** William Witered, 1380 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Thomas Whitrod, 1577 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Robert Whiterod, 1588 in *IGI* (Horseheath, Cambs); Magdalen Whittred, 1589 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Henry Whittred, 1589 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); John Whittered, 1591 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Mary Whittred, 1606 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Thomas Whitred or Whitered, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Dunwich, Suffolk); Elizabeth Whiterodd, 1609 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Bartholomew Whitwright (Whited in the margin), 1643 in *Great Yarmouth Freeman*; Kathrine Withred, 1657 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Whitered, 1669 in *IGI* (Whissonsett, Norfolk); Anthony Whythred, Richard Witered, Robert Whitered, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Judeth Whitread, 1727 in *IGI* (White Notley, Essex); John Whiterad, 1738 in *IGI* (Barton, Suffolk); John Whiterood, 1748 in *IGI* (Barnham, Suffolk); Mary Whittread, 1766 in *IGI* (Congham, Norfolk); William Wittred, 1785 in *IGI* (Bottisham, Cambs); Mary Witeread, 1810 in *IGI* (Stokesby with Herringby, Norfolk).

### Whittrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14

- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Kirkcudbrights English: see **Whitteridge**.

### Whittuck

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Whittock**.

### Whitty

Variants: **Whitney, Whitie, Whitey, Whitey, Wittey, Witty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 569
- **GB frequency 1881:** 412
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford

1 English: locative name, 'dweller by the white hedge or the white (forest) enclosure', from Middle English *whit* (Old English *hwit*) + *heie* (Old English *gehæg* and Old French *haie*) perhaps in reference to whitethorn (hawthorn) hedging. Some post-medieval bearers may belong with (2).

**Further information:** This English name has been recorded in Ireland (Wexford) since the 13th century. It has been gaelicized as **de Faoite**, see also **White**.

**Early bearers:** England: Nicholas de la Wytheg', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Bartholomew atte Withegh, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Edmund de Whitehey, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Whitty, 1619 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); John Whitty, 1649 in *IGI* (Axminster, Devon); Thomas Whitty, 1712 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset); John Whitty, 1714 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Ann Whitty, 1736 in *IGI* (Long Bredy, Dorset).

Ireland: Robert Wythie, 1287 in *CDI* §287 (Uriel); Thomas de Wythie, 1289 in *CDI* §466 (Cork); Richard Wythie and William Wythy, 1289 in *CDI* §466 (Dublin); Richard Wythy, 1299 in *CDI* §658 (Meath); Patrick Roche alias McNe Whitty, 1542 in *Fiants Edward* §287; Walter Whitty, gent., 1547 in *Fiants Edward* §27 (Ballytege); Walter Whittie, vicar, 1565 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §713 (Kyllagke); Edw. Whitte, clerk of the council of Connaghte, 1577 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §317.

2 English: nickname from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *eie* 'eye' (Old English *hwit* + *ēage*). Compare **Blackie** (2), **Brunyee**, and **Greeney**.

**Early bearers:** John Witege, 1186 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Richard Whiteye, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs).

3 English: see **Witty**, with which this surname may have been confused.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support the suggestion in *Reaney and Wilson* that the surname derives from Old English *witega* 'wise man, prophet, soothsayer', a term not recorded in Middle English.

### Whitwam

Variants: **Whitwham, Whitham, Whittam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 696
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name perhaps, as Redmonds suggests, from Whitwham in Northumb (Old English *hwit* + *hwamm* 'white valley'), the connection being that the Percy family in that county had lands in Ribblesdale. The name may sometimes have been confused with **Witham**.

**Further information:** Whitwam in Huddersfield or White Wham in Skipton (WR Yorks) are late names and are probably derived from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Richard Whitwham, 1412 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Thornton in Craven, WR Yorks); William Whitwhame of Wakefeld, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (WR Yorks); Thomas Whitwhame, 1472 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rugley Hall, Northumb); George Qwitqam, 1496, Robert de Whitham, 1425, George Qwitqam, 1496, William Whitwham, 1540 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls* (Colne, Lancs); Lawrence Whitwham, 1530 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Georgii Whitwham, 1541 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Willmus. Witham, 1546 in *IGI* (Ledsham, WR Yorks); Thomas Whitwam, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb); Robert Whitwham, 1593 in *Durham Wills* (Yetlington, Northumb); Petri Whittam, 1631 in *IGI* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Alice Whitwam, 1633 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); John Whitham, 1657 in *IGI* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); Jenet Whittam, 1664, Elizabetha Whitwam, 1709 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames; Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 294, and 5, p. 75.

### Whitwell

Variants: **Whitwill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 992, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 884
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, and Yorks; Middx and Essex

English: locative name from any of various places named Whitwell, especially those in Westm and NR Yorks (two places), and also in Rutland, Norfolk, and Herts.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Whitewell, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Thomas de Witewell', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); William de Wytewell, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hornby, NR Yorks); William de Wytewell, 1305–6 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Alicia de Qwitwell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes de Qwitewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Felmingham, Norfolk); Thomas Whytall, walker, 1398, William son of Thomas Whittall, walker 1457 in *York Freeman's Register*; John de Whitewell, 1418 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs); John Whitwell, 1542 in *York Registry Wills* (Seamer, NR Yorks); Edward Whitwell, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London); Issabell Whitwell, 1574 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); Robert Whyttell, 1583 in *York Registry Wills* (Sewerby, ER Yorks); Edmund Whitwell, 1583 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); William Whitwill, 1618 in *IGI* (Scruton, NR Yorks).

### Whitwham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 84
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Whitwam**.

### Whitwill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cambs; NR Yorks
- English: see **Whitwell**.

### Whitwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 236, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also NR Yorks
- English: see **Whitewood**.

### Whitworth

Variants: **Whitewood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4697, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4911
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks; N Midlands

English: locative name from Whitworth (Lancs, Durham).

**Early bearers:** John de Whitworth, 1336 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Leonard Whytworth, 1539 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Christofer Whitworth, 1562 in *IGI* (Pinxton, Derbys); Ruben Whitworth, 1562 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Jacob Whytworthe, 1582, Alexander Whytworth, 1583 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Elizab. Whitworth, 1586 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Elizabetha Whittworth, 1603 in *IGI* (Hatton, Lincs).

### Wholey

Variants: **Wholley, Whooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; Lincs

English: alternative spelling of **Howley**.

**Early bearers:** Nycholus Wholley, 1595 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Dorothy Wholey, 1603 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Anne Wholey, 1613 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Thomas Whooley, 1705 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robert Whooley, 1707 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Derbys); James Wholey, 1784 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Hannah Wholley, 1764 in *IGI* (Attenborough, Notts); Jane Wholley, 1766 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); William Whooley, 1786 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); William Wholley, 1789 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Rebecca Wholey, 1826 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs).

### Wholley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Midlands

English: see **Wholey**.

### Whooley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, WR Yorks, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: see **Wholey**.

### Whoriskey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland 119
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Irish: from Ó Fuaruisce 'descendant of *Fuaruisce*'. Irish *uisce* means 'water', and for this reason the name has sometimes been anglicized as **Waters**. However, the surname is more likely to be an altered form of Ó hUarghuis 'descendant of *Uarghus*', a personal name from elements meaning 'cold' and 'vigour'. Compare **Waters**, also **Hiskey**.

**Early bearers:** Cormock O Fworishe, 1591 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §5616 (Ballintobber, Roscomman).

### Whorley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77

## Whorlow

- **Main GB location 1881:** NR Yorks and Durham  
English: see **Worley**.

### Whorlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Warlow**.

**Early bearers:** Tho Warlowe, 1568, Nicholas Whorlow, 1604, Frances Whorlo, 1664 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Whorlow, 1767 in *IGI* (Whitstable, Kent); Thomas Whorlow, 1799 in *IGI* (Seasalter, Kent).

### Whorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; WR Yorks

English: (i) in S England, a variant of **Horton**. (ii) in N England, a variant of **Wharton** or **Worton**.

**Early bearers:** Gulielmus Whorton, 1561 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); William Whorton, 1565 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Annas Whorton, 1620 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm).

### Whotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 49
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Wootton**.

### Why

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Surrey
- English: see **Wye**.

### Whyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Wyard**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Whyard, 1755 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Elizabeth Whyard, 1818 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

### Whyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 899, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 744
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also N Midlands

English: Post-medieval variant spelling of **Wyatt**.

**Early bearers:** Willim Whyatt, 1670 in *IGI* (Bowdon, Cheshire); William Whyatt, 1754 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); John Whyatt, 1765 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomas Whyatt, 1774 in *IGI* (Southwold, Suffolk).

### Whyberd

**Variants:** **Whybird**, **Whybird**, **Wyburd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Wibert*, which is either from Old English *Wigbeorht* or from Old French *Wibert* (Continental Germanic *Wigbert*).

**Early bearers:** given names: *Wibert*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (York); *Guibertus*, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); *Wibertus*, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent);

*Wyberto Wolwy*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Maizey, Wilts).

surnames: *Rodbertus filius Wiberti*, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Laurence *Wybert*, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Sandwich, Kent); Robert, *Amicia Wyberd*, 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Bartholomew *Wyberd*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ricardus *Wyberd*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Combe, Oxon); Ricardus *Wybard*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (High Ongar, Essex); *Johnes Wyberd*, 1565 in *IGI* (Enfield, Middx); *Jeremia Wyberd*, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Margaret Lothbury, London); Richard *Wybird*, 1709 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London).

### Whybird

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Whyberd**.

### Whyborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Wyborn**.

### Whybra

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Whybrow**.

### Whybray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts
- English: see **Whybrow**.

### Whybrew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Whybrow**.

### Whybro

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Essex

English: see **Whybrow**.

### Whybrow

**Variants:** **Wybrow**, **Wibrow**, **Wibroe**, **Wibrew**, **Wybrew**, **Wiberg**, **Wiber**, **Wyber**, **Wybergh**, **Whybro**, **Whybrew**, **Whybray**, **Whybra**, **Wheybrew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1083, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 582
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs; London; also Kent

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English female personal name *Wyburgh*, Old English *Wigburh*.

**Early bearers:** given names: *Wyburgh*, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); *Wybur*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: *Osbertus filius Wiburge*, 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Leics); *Roger Wybir*, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); *Margeria Wyburgh*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas *Wybourgwe*, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); *Jacobus Wyborgh*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Haydon, Wilts); *Alce Wyborough*, 1625 in *IGI*

(Hollingbourne, Kent); *Thoms. Whybrow*, 1715 in *IGI* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); *William Whybrow*, 1739 in *IGI* (Stow cum Quy, Cambs); *John Whybrow*, 1776 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name, possibly occasionally from *Whyber* in Morland (Westm) or *Wyber* in Soulby (Westm), considering the bearer from 1379, although seventeenth-century forms of these place-names suggest that the first element is from Old English *hwīt* ‘white’, and so some surnames in *-t-* would be expected. Perhaps also from Great and Little Wigborough (Essex), given the 1881 distribution of the name. Some of the bearers in (1) may belong here.

**Early bearers:** *Willelmo de Wybergh*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clifton, Westm); *Johis Wybergh*, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); *Susannah Wyburgh*, 1755 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Westm* 2, pp. 23 and 140; *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 323.

### Whye

- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Leics
- English: see **Wye**.

### Whyke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 124, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: variant of **Wyke**; see **Wick**.

### Whyld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: see **Wild**.

### Whyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **While**.

### Whyler

**Variants:** **Wylar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: (i) of unexplained origin, though apparently from a place-name. (ii) perhaps sometimes from an agent noun with the suffix *-ere* from Middle English *wilen* ‘to deceive’, with late addition of *-h-* as if from *while*; if this word is of French origin, which is uncertain, compare **Guyler**.

**Early bearers:** With h: *John de Whylere* of Evesham, 1302 in *Patent Rolls*; *Johanne Whyler*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aldbourne, Snap and Upham, Wilts); *Joan Whyler*, 1545 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); *John Whyler*, 1561 in *IGI* (Hampstead Norreys, Berks); *Joan Whiler*, 1571 in *IGI* (Polstead, Suffolk); *Thomas Whiler*, 1595 in *IGI* (Pipe and Lyde, Herefs); *Samuel Whyler*, 1789 in *IGI* (Gedling, Notts).

Without h: *Henricus Wylor*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackham, Sussex); *Johannes Wylor*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hardley and Yaverland, Hants); *Jhon Wylar*, 1548 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); *Tobiyas Wylar*, 1588 in *IGI* (Bicker, Lincs); *Ellen Wylar*, 1742 in *IGI* (Ault Hucknall, Derbys).

**Whyles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, Northants; Durham

English: see **Wiles**.

**Whyley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Midlands

English: see **Whiley**.

**Whyman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1265, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 795
- **Main GB location 1881:** Widespread, esp. in E England

English: see **Wyman**.

**Whymant**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: see **Wyman**.

**Whymark**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 570, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

Norman, English: see **Wymark**.

**Whyment**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Leics and Warwicks

English: see **Wyman**.

**Whysall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 479, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: (i) locative name from Wysall (Notts). (ii) locative name from Whishaw, a minor place in Goostrey cum Barnshaw (Cheshire).

**Further information:** Both place-names have undergone substitution of *-l* for the final element of the diphthong in the last syllable, and since the loss of the distinction between *W-* and *Wh-* the names may appear similar. Bearers with medial *-s-*, or with *-s-* separated from *-h-*, seem traceable to Notts, whilst most bearers with medial *-sh-* seem traceable to Cheshire. The Notts name is possibly the source of the London-area name seen in James Wisewould, 1761 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey). There is also scope for confusion of the Notts name with **Whistle**.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Wisho, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Johannes de Wyshagh', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Parr, Lincs); Margreat Whishall, 1590, John Whishaw, 1670 in *IGI* (Goostrey cum Barnshaw, Cheshire); Elizabeth Whishall, 1697 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Apphia Whishaw, 1705 in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Samuel Whisall, 1741, Isaac Whiswall, 1748 in *IGI* (Pentrich, Derbys); Thos Wishall, 1745 in *IGI* (Warrington, Lincs); Samuel Whissal, 1772, Milly Whysall, 1784 in *IGI* (Ripley, Derbys); David Wiseall,

1838 in *IGI* (Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts); Isaac Wisehall, 1846 in *IGI* (Staveley, Derbys).

**Whyte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10277, Ireland 1843
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4970
- **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary, Waterford, and Cork; Dublin

Scottish: see **White**.

**Further information:** This spelling is common mainly in Ireland and Scotland.

**Whythead**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Sussex

English: see **Whitehead**.

**Whytelaw**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Scottish: see **Whitelaw**.

**Whytock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 189
- **Main GB location 1881:** Central Scotland, esp. Perth

Scottish, English: possibly a variant of **Whittock**, but markedly separate geographically from it.

**Early bearers:** John Whytok, 1663 in *IGI* (Methven, Perth); George Whytock, 1800 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East, Middx).

**Whyton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Wyton**.

**Wiatt**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Wyatt**.

**Wibberley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 768, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Webley** with post-medieval intrusive *-r-*.

**Wibberly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 58
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; Notts and Derbys; Northants

English: variant of **Webley** with post-medieval intrusive *-r-*.

**Wibbley**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: variant of **Webley**.

**Wiber**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sussex

English: see **Whybrow**.

**Wiberg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Whybrow**.

**Wiblin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 139, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks and Oxon

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Wibelin*, a double diminutive of *Wibbe* (Old English \**Wibba*). Compare Willelmus filius Wibbe, 1231 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb), Ricardus Wibbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Jordan Wibelin, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Godfrey Wybelyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmo Wybelyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Drayton, Berks); Thomas Wiblin, 1561 in *IGI* (Letcombe Regis, Berks); Margaret Wibline, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Longworth, Berks); Richard Wiblyn, 1644, William Wiblen, 1712 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Denchworth, Berks); Aron Wiblen, 1737 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Dinah Wiblyn, 1812 in *IGI* (Little Rissington, Gloucs).

**Wibrew**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Whybrow**.

**Wibro**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Whybrow**.

**Wibrow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Whybrow**.

**Wick**

Variants: **Whick**, **Wicke**, **Wike**, **Wyke**, **Week**, **Whyke**, **Wych**, **Atwick**, **Wicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 504, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also SE England; Durham; Orkney

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wik(e)* (Old English *wīc*) 'a building, an enclosed piece of land, or a dependent farm where a certain kind of work is done'. In place-names the term is frequently combined with words associated with food production, as in Butterwick 'butter wick', Chiswick 'cheese wick', Cowick 'cow wick', Hardwick 'herd wick', Gatwick 'goat wick', Shapwick 'sheep wick', Goswick 'goose wick', Berwick 'barley wick', Fishwick 'fish wick'. The most common sense is 'dairy farm'. In Essex as late as 1729 there is mention of 'a wick or dairy of 20 cows' at Saint Osyth (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 594). The surname may be topographic, denoting someone who lived or worked at a *wick* (compare **Wicker**), or toponymic, denoting someone who lived at or came from a place called Wick (of which there are examples in Berks, Gloucs, Somerset, Wilts, and Worcs), Wyke (Devon, Dorset, Surrey, WR Yorks), or Week (Cornwall, Devon, Hants, IoW, Somerset). The Middle English word

## Wicke

had three main forms, which are found in more or less free variation in place-names and surnames: (i) **Wyke** and **Wike**, rhyming with *like*, deriving from the long vowel of Old English *wic*, Middle English *wike*, although the vowel was often shortened, giving *Wick*; (ii) Middle English *wich*, rhyming with *ditch*, the usual source of **Wych**; (iii) *Weke*, recorded from the 15th century onwards, but now rare or extinct as a surname. See also **Wicks**, with which *Wick* was commonly interchangeable.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Aluredus de Uica, 1084 in *Geld Roll* (Somerset); Jordan de la Wike, 1194 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Gloucs); Nicholas Attewyche, 1270 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Cysley Wytche, 1566, Elizabeth Weech, 1640, 1811 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Wick, 1698 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); John Wick, 1700 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset).

W Midlands: Goscelin del Wich, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Sanders Weake, 1561 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Richard Wyche, 1581 in *IGI* (Davenham, Cheshire); John Weeke, 1647, John Wicke, 1676, John Wyke, 1677 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); William Wyche, 1659, James Wych, 1803 in *IGI* (Alderley, Cheshire); Mary Weck, 1790 in *IGI* (Dudley, Shrops). S Coast: Thomas atte Whic, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne atte Wyche, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Over Compton, Dorset); Johanne atte Wyke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halstock, Dorset); Willelmo de Wyke, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nether Coombe in Sherborne, Dorset); William Wick, 1742 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Dorset).

E Anglia: Robert de la Wyk, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Wiche, about 1280 in *Reaney and Wilson*, at Wich (Essex); Margery Weake, 1549, Timothy Wike, 1649 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Henry Wycke, 1568 in *IGI* (Dunston, Norfolk); Edward Whick, 1664, Henry Weak, 1689 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

N England: Robt. Wike, 1584 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Thomas Weke, 1588 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); James Weake, 1629, Richard Wyke, 1638 in *IGI* (Bolton le Moors, Lancs); Thomas Wycke, 1580, George Wike, 1710 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Weake, 1619 in *IGI* (Whitburn, Durham); James Wych, 1797 in *IGI* (Denton, Lancs).

Scotland: Andro Weak, 1601 in *IGI* (South Leith, Midlothian); Agnes Wick, 1763 in *IGI* (Birnne, Morays).

2 Scottish: locative name from Wick (Caithness), derived from Old Scandinavian *wik* 'bay'.

**Early bearers:** Sir James of Weik, 1456 in *Origines Parochiales* (Orkney); David Wick, 1781 in *IGI* (Deerness, Orkney).

## Wicke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts
- English: see **Wick**.

## Wicken

**Variants:** Wickens, Wickin, Wickins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 209
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: locative name from Middle English (*atte wicken*, a plural form of *wik(e)* 'building or dwelling, especially one where dairy products are made'; see **Wick**). The surname may be for someone who came

from a place so named, such as Wicken (Cambs, Northants), Wicken Bonhunt (Essex), (Ash)wicken (Norfolk), Wyken (Warwicks), Wykin (Leics), or Wigan (Hunts), but in view of the modern distribution it probably more often denoted someone who worked at a dairy farm. The commonest form of the name has post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de le Wikin, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Henry de Wikin, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Geoffrey Wykin, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johane Wickens, 1563 in *IGI* (Yapton, Sussex); Thomas Wickin, 1599 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent); John Wickin, 1636 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex); Elianor Wickins, 1676 in *IGI* (Tilehurst, Berks); William Wicken, 1731 in *IGI* (Godstone, Surrey).

## Wickenden

**Variants:** Quickenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1157, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 677
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from a lost place in Cowden (Kent), now represented by Polefields, first recorded in a charter of 1044 as *Wingindene* and in one of 1081 as *Wigendene* (*Kentish Place-Names*, p. 324). It is last mentioned as *Wykenden* in a list of church marks of 1542, but in that of 1663 it appears as *Polefields*, long occupied by the Wickenden family; 'ould mother wickenden of powlfilds' was buried in 1626. They were prosperous landholders in Cowden in the 16th century, so numerous that their surname required a further attribute: *Wickenden de Ludwells*, Thomas Wykinden de Cowden Streate (1558), Thomas Wickenden de Bechinwoode (1571), Thomas Wickenden de la hole (1589).

**Further information:** See *History of Cowden*.

**Early bearers:** Martin de Wiggindenn, about 1200 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi 210; John de Wykendene, 1337 in *London Letter Books F*; Marie Wickenden, 1561, Elizabeth Wickenden, 1566, and Fortune Wickenden, 1568, in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Marie Wickenden, 1566 in *IGI* (Cowden, Kent).

## Wickens

**Variants:** Wickins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2288, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1853
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, Surrey; also Berks

English: see **Wicken**.

## Wicker

**Variants:** Whicker, Wheeker, Wickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 440, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 367
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *wiker*, denoting someone who lived or worked at a dairy farm. See **Wick**.

**Further information:** The formation of topographical names with the suffix -er is typical of the Middle English dialects of Sussex, Surrey, and Hants.

**Early bearers:** Walter le Wykere, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alan le Wyker, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Ad. le Wykere, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Norfolk); Will. le Wykere, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); Joh. Wyker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Joh. Wykere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hants); Rogero

Wyker, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Mosterton, Dorset); Mary Wicker, 1561 in *IGI* (Farlington, Hants); Harry Wicker, 1575 in *IGI* (West Molesey, Surrey); Ann Wickers, 1576 in *IGI* (Thorncombe, Dorset); John Wheeker, 1592, John Whicker, 1618 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Jackamon Wyckar, 1595 in *IGI* (Boxgrove, Sussex); Clement Wicker, 1616 in *IGI* (Earls Colne, Essex); Mary Wickers, 1636 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex).

**References:** Fransson, p. 202; Thuresson, p. 47.

## Wickers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: variant of **Wicker** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Wickersham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: locative name from a lost place called *Wyckeresham* in Framfield (Sussex).

**Further information:** *Wyckeresham* is recorded as the name of a virgate within the borough (i.e. tithing) of Framfield in about 1285 in *Sussex Customals* (*Canterbury*), pp. 66–74, later recorded as 'the virgate of *Wickersham* in Framfield', 1598 in *East Sussex Record Office*.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wyckeresham, William de Wyckeresham, Mary de Wykerham [*sic*], about 1285 in *Sussex Customals* (*Canterbury*) (Framfield, Sussex); Walto de Wilkeresham [*sic*], Johe de Wykeresham [*sic*], 1327, Johe de Wykereshamme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Framfield, Sussex); John Wickersham, 1598 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Framfield, Sussex); Richard Wickersome, 1629 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Robert Wickersham, 1636 in *IGI* (East Blatchington, Sussex); John Wickersham, 1641 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex).

## Wickes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Northants and Warwicks

English: see **Weeks**.

## Wicket

**Variants:** Wicketts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Warwicks
- English: see **Wiggett**.

## Wickett

**Variants:** Wicketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 526, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 328
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall, Devon
- English: see **Wiggett**.

## Wicketts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Cornwall; Worcs, Warwicks

English: variant of **Wickett** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Wickham**

Variants: Wykeham, Whigham, Wigham

- Current frequencies: GB 2830, Ireland 449
- GB frequency 1881: 1956
- Main GB location 1881: SE England: esp. Kent and Sussex
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Wexford

English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *wīc* ‘specialized farm, dairy farm’ + *hām* ‘homestead’, \**wīc-hām*, such as Wicham (Kent), Wickham (Berks, Essex, Hants), Wickhambreux (Kent), Wickhambrook (Suffolk), Wyckham (Sussex), Wycombe (Leics), or Wykeham (Lincs, NR Yorks). Perhaps also from High Wycombe (Bucks) and West Wycombe (Bucks), which had forms in *-ham* from the sixteenth century.

**Early bearers:** Wulfric æt Wicham 955 in *Tengvik*; Robert de Wikam, 1218 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); William de Wykeham, 1305 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); Willelmus Wycham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Willingham, Cambs); Simon de Wykham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hurstpierpoint, Sussex); Johannes Wycham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Walter Wykham, 1400 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Edward Wickham, 1560 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Phineas Wickham, 1629 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Thomas Wickham, 1724 in *IGI* (Lillingstone Dayrell, Bucks).

References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 200. *Place-Names of Sussex* 1, p. 237.

**Wickin**

- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Wicken**.

**Wicking**

Variants: **Wickings**

- Current frequencies: GB 165, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 159
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey

English: locative name from Wickens in Cowden in Kent, where the surname appears as *de Wyking*’ in 1248. Compare **Wicken**.

**Further information:** The distribution of this surname does not support Reaney’s derivations from the Old Scandinavian personal name *Vikingr*, attested only in the 11th century, or from Middle English *wiking* ‘pirate’.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wykyng, 1456, Thomas Wekyn, Wikyng, 1505–10, Thomas Wycken, 1588 in *History of Cowden* (Cowden, Kent).

References: *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 324, n. 2.

**Wickings**

- Current frequencies: GB 155, Ireland 7
- GB frequency 1881: 91
- Main GB location 1881: Kent and Surrey

English: variant of **Wicking** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Wickins**

- Current frequencies: GB 277, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 288
  - Main GB location 1881: Surrey, Sussex, Kent
- English: see **Wicken**.

**Wickman**

Variants: **Whickman, Wigman**

- Current frequencies: GB 43, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 95
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: occupational name denoting someone who worked at a dairy farm or place where, for example, iron was smelted or salt processed, from Middle English *wik(e)* (Old English *wīc*) ‘(outlying) farm; processing place’ + *man*. Compare **Wicker**.

**Further information:** For its use as a personal name, compare Ewicman, 1066 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk), probably \**eowu wicman* ‘worker at the ewe farm’.

**Early bearers:** Herbertus filius Wycmanni, 1140–53 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Vxor Wichmanni, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Wikeman, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Alan Wichman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Wycman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Gilbert Wigman, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); George Wickman, 1560 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Willm Wickman, 1564 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Wm. Wickman, 1565 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); George Wickman, 1659 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey); Thomas Wickman, 1671 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs).

**Wicks**

Variants: **Wickes, Wykes, Weekes, Weeks, Wix**

- Current frequencies: GB 5329, Ireland 26
- GB frequency 1881: 4131
- Main GB location 1881: S England and E Anglia

English: (i) locative name, generally a variant of **Wick, Wyke**, or the obsolete form *Week*, with post-medieval excrement *-s*. (ii) locative name occasionally from a plural form of Middle English *wik(e)*, late Middle English *weke* ‘a building, especially one where dairy products are made’; see **Wick**. As such it appears as a place-name, Wix (Essex). The South Tawton (Devon) surname may allude to the group of four farms in that parish called North Wyke, and East, Middle, and West Week. An alternative Middle English plural form occurs in **Wicken**.

**Early bearers:** SW England: Roger atte Wykes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Richard Wekes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Axmouth, Devon); Henry Wekes, 1562, Frances Wicks, 1788 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Nicholas Weekes, 1572, Rudolph Wykes, 1588 in *IGI* (North Wyke in South Tawton, Devon); Roger Weeks, 1573, Thomas Wickse, 1610 in *IGI* (Chew Magna, Somerset).

S England: Johanne atte Wyke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Halstock, Dorset); Willelmo de Wyke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Nether Coombe in Sherborne, Dorset); William Wyxe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ellen Wekes, 1552, Dan Wicks, 1768 in *IGI* (Ash, Surrey); John Wiks, 1571 in *IGI* (Appleford, Dorset); Roger Weekes, 1575 in *IGI* (Sparsholt, Dorset); Roger Wicks, 1578, Aaron Wix, 1721 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtnay, Dorset); John Weekes, 1641 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Matthias Weekes Jr, 1625 in *IGI* (Orpington, Kent).

E Anglia: Thomas Wiches, 1302 in *Reaney and Wilson*, at Wich (Essex); John Wicks, 1560, Isaack Wix, 1629, John Wickes, 1753, Arthur Alfred Wicks, 1870 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Wicks, 1571, John Weeks, 1744, in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Wickes, 1577, Isaac Wix, 1673 in *IGI* (Belchamp Walter, Essex).

**Wickson**

- Current frequencies: GB 301, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 153
- Main GB location 1881: Oxon

English: see **Wigston**.

**Wickstead**

Variants: **Wicksteed, Wicksted, Wixted**

- Current frequencies: GB 235, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 227
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs and Shrops; Lancs and Cheshire

English: locative name from Wickstead (Cheshire), or possibly in some instances from Wicksted Farm in Highworth (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Wykestede, 1279 in *Place-Names of Wilts* 27; John Wicksted, 1539, Katherine Wycksted, 1547 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); John Wicksted, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Whitechurch, Shrops); Anne Wixsteed, 1587 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Wickstede, 1596 in *PROB 11* (London); John Whicksteed or Weecksteede, 1602 in *Oxford University Register*; Thomas Wicksteed, 1622 in *PROB 11* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Rogar Wixtid, 1677 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); Edward Wickstead, 1760 in *Great Yarmouth Freemen*.

**Wicksted**

- Current frequencies: GB 82, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 23
- Main GB location 1881: Midlothian; Leics

English: see **Wickstead**.

**Wicksteed**

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 27
- Main GB location 1881: scattered

English: see **Wickstead**.

**Wickwar**

Variants: **Wickwire**

- Current frequencies: GB 102, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 56
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: locative name from Wickwar (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** Philippe Wykwar, 1556 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Phillippe Wickwarre, 1594 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Wickwar, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Rodborough, Gloucs); Henry Wickwar, 1682 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Thomas Wickwar, 1755 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks); Emma Wickwar, 1824 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

**Wickwire**

- GB frequency 1881: 0

English: see **Wickwar**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Widdaker**

- GB frequency 1881: 3
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks

English: see **Whittaker**.

**Widdall**

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 185

## Widdas

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: (i) locative name from Widdale in Hawes (NR Yorks), which is recorded as *Withdale* in 1217, *Wyddale* in 1307. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of **Waddell**, as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*, but the evidence is inconclusive. **Early bearers:** Ricardus de Widale, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs); John Widhall, 1476 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Johanna Weddall, 1567 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Margret Widdall, 1570 in *IGI* (Eccles, Lancs); Joseph Widdall, 1657, Mary Widdal, 1714 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Standley Widdale, 1830 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of NR Yorks*, p. 267.

## Widdas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Durham

English: (i) variant of **Woodhouse**. (ii) possibly also a variant of **Widdows**.

## Widdecombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: see **Widdicombe**.

## Widden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 68
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) locative name from Middle English *wid(e)* ‘wide’ + *dene* ‘valley’, for someone who lived in ‘(the) wide valley’, or from some minor place so named (Old English *wid* + *denu*). (ii) in some instances possibly a variant of **Whiddon**.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wydden, 1269–70 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Johanna Wydene, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Laughton en le Morthen, WR Yorks); Richard Widden, 1379 in *London Assize of Nuisance*; Richard Wyddene, 1386–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Richard Widdene, 1392 in *PROB 11*; Randull Widden, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Ollise Widden, 1602 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Hugh Widden, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon).

## Widders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: (i) variant of **Woodhouse**. (ii) variant of **Widdows**.

**Early bearers:** William Widders, 1576 in *Leicester Freemen Register*.

## Widdeson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Widdowson**.

## Widdess

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: variant of **Widdows**.

## Widdick

**Variants:** **Widdicks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

1 English: probably a variant of **Whittick**, with voicing of [t] to [d].

**Early bearers:** Jacob Widdick, 1709 in *Parish Registers* (Christ Church, Canterbury, Kent); Lydia Widdick, 1730 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants); Jacobi Widdix, 1826 in *IGI* (Isleworth, Middx); Oliver Widdicks, 1829 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); Benjamin Witick, 1841 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

2 English: locative name possibly also from White Dyke in Hailsham (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** [. . . de] Wytydyke, 1312 in *Place-Names of Sussex* (Sussex); Agn’ atte Whitedik, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Battle, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 438.

## Widdicks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Widdick** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Oliver Widdicks, 1829 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts).

## Widdicombe

**Variants:** **Withycombe, Withecombe, Widdecombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 363, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 334
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Widdacombe, Widdecombe, or Widdicombe (Devon), or Withycombe (Devon, Somerset), all of which mean ‘withy valley’.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Widedcombe, 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); Simon Widedcombe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Challacombe, Devon); Walter Wydecombe, 1381 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Robert Wydecombe, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Gloucs and Worcs); Joan Withecombe, 1558 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Giles in the Wood, Devon); Laurence Widedcombe, 1607 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Andrew, Plymouth, Devon); William Widdicom, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Plymouth, Devon); Hugh Widedcombe alias Withecomb, 1700 in *Deputy Keeper’s Report* 41 (Devon).

## Widdison

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 165
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Widdowson**.

## Widdop

**Variants:** **Widdup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 535, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 677
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Widdop in Wadsworth (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Willi. Widdoppe, 1553 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Widdopp, 1573 in *IGI* (Mitcham, Surrey); Johannes Widdop, 1590 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Jenet Widdop, 1604 in *IGI* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Bridgett Widdope, 1616 in *IGI* (Heptonstall, WR Yorks); Walter Widuppe,

1652 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Arthur Widdop, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Yorks); Elizabeth Widdoup, 1766 in *IGI* (Thornhill, WR Yorks). **References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 202.

## Widdowes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Widdows**.

## Widdowfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place, apparently in NE England. **Early bearers:** Xpofor Widedfeld, Vidua Widedfelde, 1580 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Ferryhill, Durham); Roland Widdifeld, 1580 in *Durham Halmote Rolls* (Hett, Durham); Margaret Widdowfield, 1645 in *Parish Registers* (Hurworth, Durham); Peter Widdowfeild, 1651 in *Parish Registers* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); John Widdowfield, 1713 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); Robert Widdowfield, 1719 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

## Widdows

**Variants:** **Widdowes, Widders, Widdess, Widdas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 667, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 523
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Oxon; Norfolk
- English: status name from Middle English *widwe* ‘widow, widower’, with post-medieval excrescent -s. Or a variant of **Woodhouse**.

**Early bearers:** Alice Wedue, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Agnes le Wydu, Peter le Wydoue, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); John le Wydewe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Agn’ Wydow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Owston, Leics); Robert Widewe, 1505 in *PROB 11* (Wells, Somerset); John Widdows, 1547 in *IGI* (Dorney, Bucks); Clemet Widdows, 1577 in *IGI* (Hannah cum Hagnaby, Lincs); Mary Widdows, 1581 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Dorithie Widdows, 1607 in *IGI* (Hemingbrough, ER Yorks); William Widdows, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Aldermay, London).

## Widdowson

**Variants:** **Widowson, Widdison, Widdeson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2429, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1588
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands

English: relationship name denoting ‘the son of the widow’, from Middle English *widwe* + *son*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wyduesone, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Peter, John la Wydewesone, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Robert le Widwesone, 1331, in *Patent Rolls* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); William le Wydusone, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Simon Wydousone, 1366 in *Feet of Fines* (Stotfold, Beds); Ricardus Widdowson’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jhon Wyddyson, 1562 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); William Wyddowson alias Leeke, 1566 in *PROB 11* (London); Thos Widdison, 1564 in *Parish Registers* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); Raphe Widdowson, 1570 in *IGI* (Wingerworth, Derbys); Willia Widdeson, 1578 in *Parish Registers* (Datchworth, Herts); Margerie Widdowson, 1592 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts);



Thomas Widdowsonne or Widdowson, 1603 in *PROB 11* (Apeton, Staffs); Raphaell Widdowson, 1604 in *IGI* (Oving, Sussex).

### Widdrington

Variants: **Weatherington, Wethington, Wetherington, Witherington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham

English: locative from Widdrington (Northumb), recorded as *Vuderintuna*, about 1160.

**Early bearers:** Girard de Widdrington, 13th cent. in *Durham Priory Fees*; Roger de Woderyngton, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Roger de Wydryngton, 1364 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); John de Wytheryngton, 1397 in *Feet of Fines* (NR Yorks); John Wydrynton, knight, 1406 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); John de Whetheryngton, knight, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); Roger Wytheryngton, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Northumb); Thomas Witherington, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Upton, Bucks); Thomas Widdrington, 1636 in *York Freeman's Register*; Michael Widdrington, 1651 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); William Lord Widdrington, 1707 in *IGI* (Widdrington, Northumb); John Weatherington, 1747 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Mary Weatherington, 1821 in *IGI* (Warmington, Northants).

### Widdup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 258, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Widdop**.

### Wide

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Glamorgan

English: nickname from Middle English *wide*, *widde* 'wide, broad'.

**Early bearers:** Robert Wyde, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Chipstead, Surrey); William Wyde of Magna Glene, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Great Glen, Leics); Elya Wyde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton le Heath, Leics); Stephanus Wyde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Helions Bumpstead, Essex); Elizabeth Wyde, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Worthen, Shrops); Robt Wide, 1569 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Henry Wide, 1584 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Cornellis Wide, 1660 in *IGI* (Hemyock, Devon); Saml Wide, 1788 in *IGI* (Combe Florey, Somerset).

### Widger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Wihgtār*, composed of the elements *wyrt* 'elf' + *gār* 'spear'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wihgtarus, Witgarus, Withgarus, Wisgar, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Wyhtgarus presbiter, 1198 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex).

surnames: Ordric Wihgar, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); John Wyger, 1275 in *Patent Rolls* (Guernsey, CI); Adam Wydger, 1327 in

*Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Wigere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Chiltington, Sussex); John Wyger, 1394 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); John Wygger, 1573, John Wydger, 1575 in *IGI* (Widcombe in the Moor, Devon); Roger Widgar, 1587 in *IGI* (Stokenham, Devon); John Widger, 1605 in *IGI* (Saint Budeaux, Devon); John Widger, 1626 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Mary Widger, 1680 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

### Widgery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name, perhaps from Widworthy (Devon), which appears in the medieval record also as *Widworth* and similar.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Wideworth, junior, 1229 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); John de Wydeworthe, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset and Devon); Wm Widgery, 1647, Marmiduke Widgerye, 1683 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); George Wiggery, 1720 in *Parish Registers* (Huntsham, Devon); James Wiggery, 1763 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 632.

### Widlake

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Wedlake**.

### Widmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

English: locative name from Widmere in Ibstone (Bucks).

**Further information:** There is a rare personal name: Widmer, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, which may have contributed to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Widimer, 1222 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Henry de Wydemere, 1345 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Thomas de Wydemer, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Widmere, Bucks); John Wydmere, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (London); William Wydemere, 1421 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Nicholas Wydmere, clerk, 1448 in *Feet of Fines* (Tenterden, Kent); William Widmer, 1577 in *IGI* (Hartlip, Kent); Bridget Widmer, 1586 in *IGI* (Gunthorpe, Norfolk); Dorothe Widmer, 1601 in *IGI* (West Wycombe, Bucks).

### Widnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 88
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: probably a variant of **Wignall**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Wydnell, 1577 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Robert Widnall, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Ipswich, Suffolk); Peter Wydnall, 1593 in *IGI* (Claverdon, Warwicks); John Widnell, 1612 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); William Widnall, 1623 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Widnal, 1719 in *IGI* (Gonalston, Notts).

### Widowson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks; also London

English: see **Widdowson**.

### Wieczorek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 603, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname from a dialect word, *wieczorek* 'bat', a diminutive of *wieczór* 'evening'.

### Wieland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

German: relationship name, nickname from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *wīg* 'war' + *land* 'land, territory'. This was the name borne by the supernaturally skilled smith of Germanic folk legend, and may, in part, also have been used as a nickname for blacksmiths.

**Early bearers:** Frederick Wieland, 1729 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul, Covent Garden, Westminster, Middx); Watts Wieland, painter, in *Census 1841* (Camberwell, Surrey); Karl Wieland, porter, born in Steingrund, Prussia, in *Census 1871* (Southwark, Surrey); Gottleb Wieland, butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Greenwich, Kent); Carl Wieland, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Herman Wieland, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Sunderland, Durham); Gottlieb Wieland, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Wiener

Variants: **Weiner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Lancs; London

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name denoting someone from Vienna, Austria. Among Jews, this may on occasion also have been an ornamental or handout name.

**Early bearers:** German: Augustus Wiener, merchant's clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Islington, Middx); Henry Wiener, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (Oundle, Northants); Charles and Felix Wiener, born in Austria, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Martin Wiener, born in Hamburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Augustus F. Wiener, born in Darmstadt, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Herne Hill, Surrey); Bertha Wiener, cook, born in Hanover, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Paddington, Middx); Bernard Wiener, barber, born in Karlsbad, Austria, *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

Jewish: Leon Wiener, glazier, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jonas Wiener, cigar maker, born in The Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Dalton in Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Abram Wiener, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Nathan Wiener, watchmaker and dealer in jewellery, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Samuel Wiener, waterproof manufacturer, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Salford, Lancs); Hyman Wiener, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Samuel Wiener, house painter, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Adolph Wiener, general merchant, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Weiner**.

## Wier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 217
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Lanarks; Warwicks

English, Scottish: see **Weir**.

## Wiffen

Variants: **Wiffin, Whiffen, Whiffin, Whiffing**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 914, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 623
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** It is certain that this name originally had initial *W-* rather than *Wh-*, which would rule out a locative explanation from Middle English *whit* 'white' + *fen* 'fen, marsh', though Thomas Whytfen, a rent collector, is found, 1473–76, in *Cornwall Record Office* (Colquyte, Cornwall), far from the heartland of the name. Thomas Whitfen, 1740 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent), seems to represent *Whiffen* as if indeed understood to be 'white fen', unless this entry has been misread. *Wiffen* might alternatively be a nickname from Middle English *wif-thing* 'sexual intercourse, wedding', which is supported by the *-ng* in earliest spellings.

**Early bearers:** William, Mathew Wyffyn, 1318 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); William Wyffyn of Feryby [Ferryby, ER Yorks or Lincs], merchant, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (E England); Thomas Wyffyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Downe, Kent); Giles Wyffen, 1522 in *Suffolk Record Office (Bury)* (Hawstead, Suffolk); Richard Whyffyn, 1533–4 in *Gloucs Archives* (Ruardean, Gloucs); Edmund Wyffin or Wyffyn, 1565 in *PROB 11* (Great Thurlow, Suffolk); John Whyffen, 1578, George Whiffen, 1602 in *IGI* (Ash next Ridley, Kent); Thomas Wiffen, 1600 in *IGI* (Bradfield Combust, Suffolk); Johis Wiffin, 1613 in *IGI* (Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk); Thomas Whiffyn, 1615 in *IGI* (Linton, Cambs); Christian Whiffen, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Broad Sydling, Dorset); Anne Whiffin, 1618 in *IGI* (Bromley, Kent); William Wiffin, 1637 in *PROB 11* (All Hallows the Less, City of London); Ann Wiffing, 1650 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk); Richard Whiffin, 1654 in *IGI* (Ridley, Kent); John Whiffing, 1660 in *IGI* (Charlton near Woolwich, Kent).

**References:** Emanuel Green (1898), *Pedes Finium ... for the County of Somerset, 1307–1346*. Privately printed. See also [http://one-name.org/name\\_profile/whiffing](http://one-name.org/name_profile/whiffing)

## Wiffin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 72, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 322
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Wiffen**.

## Wigan

Variants: **Wiggan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 English: locative name from Wigan (Lancs). Some examples may belong under (2).

**Further information:** Derivation from Wigan Farm in Woodhurst (Hunts) is possible in theory, but all early spellings of this name have *-k-* not *-g-*.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wigain, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lancs); Matthew de Wygan, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thurston Wygan, 1367 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Willelmo Wygan', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Willelmus de Wygan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rawcliffe, WR Yorks); Thomas Wigan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Adam de Wegan', 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Saint Saviour, York); William Wiggan, 1526 in *PROB 11* (West Kirby, Cheshire); Adam Wigan, 1581 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Humfray Wigan, 1606 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); John Wigan, 1615 in *PROB 11* (Winterbourne, Wilts).

2 English: variant of **Wiggin**.

## Wigens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Wiggins**.

## Wigfall

Variants: **Wigfull, Wigfield, Quickfall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Lincs and Leics

English: locative name from Wigfield Farm in Worsborough (WR Yorks), recorded as *Wiggefall* in 1330.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Wigfall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Johannes Wigfall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); Joyse Wigfall, 1556 in *Parish Registers* (Worcester, Worcs); Robt Wigfall, 1560 in *Parish Registers* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Thomas Wigfall, 1601 in *Parish Registers* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); John Wickfall, 1685 in *IGI* (Great Limber, Lincs); Thomas Wigfield, 1669 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Rotherham, WR Yorks); John Wigfeild, 1731 in *IGI* (Wentworth, WR Yorks); Thomas Wickfall, 1746 in *Parish Registers* (Worcester, Worcs).

## Wigfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 340, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wigfall**.

## Wigfull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wigfall**.

## Wigg

Variants: **Wiggs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 696, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 812
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Suffolk and Norfolk

English: nickname probably from Old English *wicca* 'beetle'. Alternatively, some later examples may be an occupational nickname for someone who made or sold buns and cakes; see **Wigger**.

**Early bearers:** Ailmar Wigma, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Walter Wigge, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); William Wygge, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Brent Pelham, Herts); Thomas Wigge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); William Wygg', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts);

John Wigg, 1548 in *IGI* (Wing, Bucks); Phillip Wigg, 1580 in *IGI* (Greensted by Chipping Ongar, Essex); Daniel Wigg, 1590 in *IGI* (Martham, Norfolk); William Wigg, 1607 in *PROB 11* (Basingstoke, Hants); Richard Wiggs, 1642 in *PROB 11* (Saint Bartholomew the Great, London).

## Wiggall

Variants: **Weigall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: locative name from Wiggold in Ampney Crucis (Gloucs), recorded as *Wiggewald'*, 1109, *Wigolde*, 1609, *Wygall*, 1669, and *Wighill*, 1777 in *Place-Names of Gloucs*.

**Further information:** The name is unlikely to be derived from Wighill (WR Yorks), as supposed by Reaney; compare **Weighell**.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Wiggall, 1636, Robert Wiggall, 1715, Joseph Wiggill, 1824 in *IGI* (Cranham, Gloucs).

## Wiggan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 119
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Wigan**.

## Wiggins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wiggins**.

## Wigger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Staffs

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wigor*, which is from Old Scandinavian *Vigarr* or the Old English cognate \**Wiggār* (compare *Feilitzen* 413), or Continental Germanic *Wigger*. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wiger filius Roberti, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Wigor' Buebroc, Wigorus Webbe, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk). surnames: Roger Wygor in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Thomas Wygor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Robert Wigger, 1584 in *IGI* (Catfield, Norfolk); Christopher Wigger, 1609 in *IGI* (Heavitree, Devon); Ann Wigger, 1642 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elezebath Wigger, 1673 in *IGI* (South Hill, Cornwall); Sarah Wigger, 1708 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

2 English: occupational name for a maker or seller of buns or cakes, from an agent noun derivative of Middle English *wygge*, Middle Low German or Middle Dutch *wigge* 'wedge, wedge-shaped cake'. Compare Matilda la Wyggestr', 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** William le Wygger, 1332 in *Fransson* (Essex); Johannes Wigere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Chilton, Sussex); Ricardus Wyggere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, Sussex).

## Wiggett

Variants: **Wicketts, Wickett, Wicket, Waygood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 735, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 396
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Worcs and Warwicks; Norfolk

English: relationship name from a Middle English personal name *Wigot*, from Old Danish, Old Swedish *Wigot*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wigot, Wigod, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Willelmus filius Wigot, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); John Wiket, Wiget, 1180, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William Wigot, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); John Wigod, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Walter Wyket, 1284 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter Wyket, 1320 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugh Wygot, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Riby, Lincs); Willm. Wiggett, 1567 in *IGI* (Holt, Norfolk); Joane Wiggett, 1586 in *IGI* (Stanhoe, Norfolk); Richard Wiggett, 1631 in *IGI* (Coughton, Warwicks); Georgi Wiggett, 1661 in *IGI* (Inkberrow, Worcs); Willm. Wiggett, 1814 in *IGI* (Beccles, Suffolk).

**References:** *Feilitzen*.

### Wiggin

**Variants:** Wigan, Wigin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 582, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs Norman, English: see **Wiggins**.

### Wigginton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London; Northants
- English: see **Wiginton**.

### Wiggins

**Variants:** Wiggans, Wigen, Wiggin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4879, Ireland 161
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3145
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. London; Oxon, and Berks; Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; also Monaghan

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old French personal name *Wigein*, of Breton origin, Old Breton *Uuicon*, *Guegon* (*Loth, Bretonne*), with the addition of genitival or post-medieval exrescent *-s*. The personal name was introduced into England at the Norman Conquest.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wighen, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Cambs); Wygan le Breton, 1252 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

surnames: Radulfus filius Wigein, 1163 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); William Wygeyn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); John Wygen, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Ricardus Wygeyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); John Wiggins, 1541 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Peter Wiggins, 1616 in *PROB 11* (London); Ellen Wiggins, 1627 in *PROB 11* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Wiggins, 1614 in *PROB 11* (City of London); William Wiggins, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Worminghall, Bucks).

### Wiginton

**Variants:** Wiginton, Wigungton, Wiggington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 333

- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Rutland
- English: locative name from any of several places called Wigginton (in Staffs, Oxon, Herts, NR Yorks). **Early bearers:** Akeman de Wigentona, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Wigenton, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Oxon); Richard de Wygenton, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Berkhamsted, Herts); John de Wigetone, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Willelmo de Wygynnton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snarestone, Leics); Willelmo de Wygynnton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robert Wygynnton, 1522 in *Tudor Rutland* (Belton, Rutland); William Wigginton, 1578 in *IGI* (Carlton, Beds); Daniell Wiginton, 1629 in *IGI* (Wigginton, Herts); Elizabeth Wigginton, 1641 in *IGI* (Lubenham, Leics).

### Wigglesworth

**Variants:** Wigglesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1295, Ireland 17
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1467
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: from Wigglesworth (WR Yorks), recorded as *Wikelsworth* in 1303. The surname was often confused with **Wigglesworth**; see *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Wicleswrthe, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Wicklewourth, 1285 in *Yorks Survey* (Wigglesworth, WR York); Hugh de Wykklesworth 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Cottingley, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Wyglesworth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); Christopher Wygilswurth, 1473, Christopher Wykelworth, 1539 in *Bolton Priory Rentals* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Edwardde Wiggillsworthe, 1602 in *IGI* (Pilham, Lincs); Robert Wigglesworth, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Little Corringham, Lincs); Henrie Wigglesworth, 1629 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Wiggs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 270, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts and London

English: variant of **Wigg** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Wigham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 826, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 519
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: locative name see **Whigham**.

### Wight

- Variants:** Whight, Weight, White, Wightman, Wythe
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1604, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1513
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Widespread in S and E Scotland, Northumb

English, Scottish: (i) nickname from Middle English *wight* 'agile, strong, brave' (Old Scandinavian *vig* with the Old Scandinavian neuter suffix *-t*, for which compare the word *scant*), or from the corresponding Scots *wicht*. See also **White**. (ii) locative name for someone from the Isle of Wight, as probably in the case of Nicholas de Wight (1332). (iii) possibly sometimes a nickname from Middle English *wight* 'living creature; small portion, being, or thing', or from the corresponding Scots *wicht*.

**Early bearers:** England: Roger Wicht, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard Wiht, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Hugh Wyght, 1222 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds);

William le Wyhte, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas Whight, 1291 in *Black*; Nicholas de Wight, 1332 *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Margaret Wight, 1540 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Robert Wight, 1560 in *IGI* (Henlow, Beds); William Wight, 1565 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs).

Scotland: Thomas Whight, burgois de Seint John de Perth, 1291 in *Ragman Rolls*; James Wicht, 1554 in *Black* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexander Wycht, 1555 in *Inchaffray Charters*; Alison Wight, 1577 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Johne Wight, 1608 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Wightman

**Variants:** Weightman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2833, Ireland 153
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1949
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. in N England and S Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down; also Antrim

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English descendant of an unrecorded Old English personal name, \**Wihmann* (from *wiht* 'brave, strong' (see **Wight**) + *man* 'man'). (ii) nickname from Middle English *wiht* 'brave, strong' (see **Wight**) + *man* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wyctman de Freton, 1248 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex).

surnames: William Wihmtan, 1227 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); William Wightman, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus Wightman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Upper Poppleton, WR Yorks); John Wyghtman, 1439 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts; Norfolk); Thomas Wightman, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Aston Slanley, Lincs); Richard Wighteman, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Hinckley, Leics); Roger Wightman son of John Whightman, milloner, 1639 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Weightman son of John Weightman, milner, 1654 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Wighton

**Variants:** Waiting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 256, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus; also Perth; Lanarks

Scottish, English: see **Waiton**.

### Wightwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: (i) locative name from Wightwick (Staffs), recorded as *Wytewyk* in the 13th century, from the Old English personal name *Wih(a)* + Old English *wic* 'settlement, specialized farm or industrial centre'. (ii) Some of the bearers below, especially in the Midlands, may belong instead with **Whittick**.

**Early bearers:** John de Whytewyk, 1292 in *Patent Rolls*; Nicholas de Wyghtwyk, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Wolverhampton, Staffs), probably identical with Nicholas de Wyghtwyk, 1377 in *Patent Rolls* (Bentley, Staffs); Ricardo Wytwyk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Evington, Leics); Waltherus Wightwick, 1565 in *Parish Registers* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Johannes Wightwick, 1573 in *Parish Registers* (Penkridge, Staffs); Matthew Wightwicke, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Stafford, Staffs); John Wightwick, 1666 in *Parish Registers* (Kingsnorth, Kent); Jane Wightwick, 1661, Catherine Whitwicke,

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1743 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, East Ilsley, Berks); Thomas Whittwick, 1670 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Kintbury, Berks); Jane Wightwicke, 1681 in *IGI* (Wye, Kent); George Wightwick, 1788 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

### Wigin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1881: 8
- English: see **Wiggin**.

### Wigington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Wigington**.

### Wiginton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wigington**.

### Wiglesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lincs
- English: see **Wigglesworth**.

### Wigley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2393, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1894
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Derbys and Warwicks

English: locative name from either of two places called Wigley (Derbys, Hants).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Wygeley, 1292 in *Sheffield and Rotherham Catalogue*; Johanne Wygley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wistow, Leics); Johannes Wigheley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rowton with parcels, Shrops); William Wygeley, 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Diddlebury, Shrops); Elizabeth Wigley, 1543 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Alkmund, Derby, Derbys); Henry Wigley, 1554 in *PROB 11* (Scraptoft, Leics); Isabell Wiggley, 1561 in *Parish Registers* (Southam, Warwicks); William Wygley, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Margaret Wigley, 1594 in *Parish Registers* (Bramley, Hants); Henry Wiggley, 1638 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys).

### Wigman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx

English: (i) occupational name for a maker or seller of cakes; see **Wigger**. Compare **Cheeseman**. (ii) variant of **Wickman**.

**Early bearers:** Alexander Wigman, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Wyg(e)man, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Wighman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Edmund Wyghman, 1380 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); William Whigman, 1380 in *Patent Rolls*; Gilbert Wigman, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Watford, Herts); Margaret Wigman, 1594 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Richard Wighman, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Holme Hale, Norfolk); William Wigman, 1648 in *Parish Registers* (Datchworth, Herts); Jane Wigman, 1713 in *IGI* (Bisley, Surrey); Ann Wigman, 1747 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

### Wigmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1174, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 775
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Berks, Gloucs, and Wilts

English: from Wigmore (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Turstin de Wigmore, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Herefs); Roger de Wigmore, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Richard de Wyggemore of Clebery [Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops], 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); John Wygemore, 1407 in *King's Bench Cases* (Middx); Richard Wyggemore, John Wyggemore, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Herefs); Richard Wigmore, 1553 in *PROB 11* (London); Richard Wiggmore, 1614 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Richard Wiggmoore, 1693 in *IGI* (Oaksey, Wilts).

### Wignall

Variants: **Wignell**, **Widnall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2043, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1477
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Wiggenhall (Norfolk) or Wiggenholt (Sussex), the latter recorded as *Wikeholt* in 1212.

**Early bearers:** William de Wigenhal', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Wikenholt, 1219 in *Eynsham Cartulary* (Oxon); Adam de Wigenhal', Ada de Wigenhale, about 1236–48 in *Rufford Charters* (Notts); Nicholas de Wegenhale, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard Wygenale, 1398 in *Feet of Fines* (Holbeach, Lincs); William Wignall, 1514 in *PROB 11*; John Wignall, 1545 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Henry Wignall, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lincs); John Wiggenhall, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Aldeburgh, Suffolk); Alice Wignell, 1579 in *Parish Registers* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Wignall, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); William Wignall, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Tandridge, Surrey); James Wignell, 1641 in *Parish Registers* (Penwortham, Lincs).

### Wignell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Rutland

English: see **Wignall**.

### Wigram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England

English: nickname from Middle English *whit* 'fair, pale; attractive' + *grom* 'servant'. Compare Ralph le Whyteclerk, 1248 in *Assize Rolls* (Berks) 'fair cleric'; Henry Wythkenep, 1254 in *WAM* 'fair servant' (Old English *cnapa*).

**Early bearers:** Adam Wytegrom, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Whytegrom, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Petrus Whitgrom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sevenoaks, Kent); John Wygrym, 1468 in *PROB 11*; William Whytegrome, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Whitgrom, 1616 in *Parish Registers* (Broadwater, Sussex); Thomas Whitgram, 1624, Mary Wigram, 1668 in *Parish Registers* (Lancing, Sussex); Jane Whitegrom, 1638, John Whitegrome, 1639 in *Parish Registers* (Sompting, Sussex).

### Wigzell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wigzell**.

### Wigston

Variants: **Wickson**, **Wixon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 172
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Warwicks
- English: locative name from Wigston Magna or Wigston Parva (Leics). For the post-medieval alternation of *-ston* with *-son* compare **Sibson**. **Early bearers:** Rogerus Wykeston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Tiddington, Oxon); Robert Wygston', in *Feet of Fines* (Leics; Warwicks); Roger Wyggeston', 1474 in *Feet of Fines* (Theddingworth, Leics); John Wigston, 1513 in *PROB 11* (Newark, Notts); William Wigston, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Leicester, Leics); Jone Wycksun, 1574, Thomas Wickson, 1705 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Robertus Wigston, 1576, Will. Wigson, 1617, William Wigstone, 1762 in *IGI* (Barwell, Leics); Isabel Wickson, 1583 in *IGI* (Henley on Thames, Oxon); Rich. Wixson, 1598 in *IGI* (Cuddesdon and Wheatley, Oxon); John Wigson, 1615, Francis Wigstone, 1616 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Edwardus Wigson, 1625 in *IGI* (Radford Semele, Warwicks); Henry Wixen, 1644 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwicks); William Wigson, 1691, Elizabeth Wigstone, 1799 in *IGI* (Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwicks); Daniel Wigson, 1702 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); Richard Wigston, 1730 in *IGI* (Islip, Oxon).

### Wigton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow; London

English: locative name from Wigton (Cumb), named with the Old English personal name *Wicga* + *tūn* 'farm'. It is unclear whether the Scottish name is of independent origin, but it does not seem to be associated with Wigtown (Wigtowns).

**Further information:** Confusion with some variants of **Waiton** may sometimes have occurred.

**Early bearers:** England: Gilbert de Wygeton, 1316 in *Patent Rolls* (Wigton, Cumb); John de Wygeton, 1317 in *Patent Rolls* (Westm); Gilbert de Wyggeton', clerk, 1324–27 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts), probably identical with Gilbert de Wygeton', clerk, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Southampton, Hants); Johannes de Wygton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beeston, WR Yorks); John Wigton, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Timothy Wigton, 1632 in *Parish Registers* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Thomas Wigton, 1757 in *IGI* (Wooler, Northumb).

Scotland: James Wigtoun apud Dundee, 1492, *Privy Seal of Scotland Register* (Angus); Isobel Wigton, 1651 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); William Wigstone, 1655 in *Lauder Testaments* (Cupar, Fife); Janet Wigton, 1689 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Elspit Wigton, 1756 in *IGI* (Inchture, Perth).

### Wigzell

Variants: **Wigsell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Kent
- English: locative name from Wigsell in Salehurst (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John Wygeselle, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Wygsell, 1494 in *Feet of*

*Fines* (Kent); Thomas Wygsl, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rychard Wigsell, 1569 in *Parish Registers* (Staplehurst, Kent); Insworth Wygselle, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Nicholas, Ash, Kent); Elizabeth Wigzell, 1707 in *Parish Registers* (Chatham, Kent); John Wigzel, 1787 in *IGI* (Sevenoaks, Kent).

### Wike

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Wick** with the vowel pronounced long, rhyming with *bike*.

### Wilbe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wilby**.

### Wilbee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts; Kent

English: see **Wilby**.

### Wilber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

English: see **Wildbore**.

### Wilberforce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. ER Yorks

English: locative name from Wilberfoss (ER Yorks). **Further information:** William Wilberforce, born in Kingston upon Hull in 1759, was MP for Hull 1784–1812. His opposition to the British slave trade led to the Slave Trade Act of 1807. The spelling *-force* rather than *-foss* is consistently used in his branch of the family from at least the early 18th century. Since the 15th century the *-r-* in *-or-* was often lost in dialect pronunciation (compare *hoss* for *horse*), and *force* for *foss* ‘ditch’ is a mistaken correction by people who wanted to sound polite and educated. The *r* spelling occurs earlier in York (Edward Wilberforce, 1663 in *IGI*), in Leeds (Thomas Wilbeforth, 1653, Mary Wilberforth, 1658 in *IGI*, where *-forth* has been substituted for *-force*), and in Sussex, presumably through family migration from Yorks or Durham: Richard Wilberforce, 1590 in *IGI* (Birdham); Elizabeth Wilberforce, 1620 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux). Spelling of the surname with *-foss(e)* declined in the late 19th century and is now rare or extinct, but it survives in the modern place-name.

**Early bearers:** William de Wilburfoss, 1130–1154 in *Whitby Chartulary* (NR Yorks); Stephano de Wilberfosse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Saviour, Saint Saviourgate, York); Johanne de Wilberfosse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Helen, Stonegate, York); Hugo Wylberfosse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leconfield, ER Yorks); William Wilberfosse, 1473 in *Durham Quarter Sessions Rolls*; Christofer Wilberfosse, 1593 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Margreta Wilberfosse, 1642 in *IGI* (Wilberfoss, ER Yorks); Phillip Wilberfosse, 1648 in *IGI* (Saint Maurice, York); Jane Wilberfoss, 1660 in *IGI* (Shipton, ER Yorks); William Wilberforce, 1716, Thomas Wilberforce, 1762, Robert

Wilberforce, 1768 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Edward Wilberforce, 1747 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham).

### Wilborn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Welbourn**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wilbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys; also Herts

English: see **Welbourn**.

### Wilbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Welbourn**.

### Wilbraham

**Variants:** Wilbram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 684, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, Derbys, and Staffs

English: locative name from Great, Little Wilbraham (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Aluric de Wilburgeham, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs); Richard de Wilbirham, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Walter de Wylburgham, 1271 in *Patent Rolls* (Ely, Cambs); Alan de Wilburgham, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wilburgham, 1372 in *Patent Rolls* (Fleet Prison, London); Ralph Wilbram, 1435–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Wilbram, 1540, Margret Wilbraham, 1543 in *Parish Registers* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Wilbraham, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Brasenose College Oxford, Oxon); Richard Wilbraham, 1601 in *PROB 11* (Eyden, Northants).

### Wilbram

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Wilbraham**.

### Wilbur

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Wildbore**.

### Wilburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 312, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Welbourn**.

### Wilby

**Variants:** Wilby, Wilbee, Wilbe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2466, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1755
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia; WR Yorks; Northants

1 English: locative name from three places named *Wilby* (in Norfolk, Suffolk, Northants). The first is

probably named from an Old English *wilig* ‘willow’ + Old English *bēag* ‘circle’; the third has the same first element + Old Norse *býr* ‘farmstead’ or Old English *bēag*, and the second is named with the Old Scandinavian personal name *Vili* + *býr*.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Willeby before 1161 in *Yorks Charters*; Adam de Wilebi, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Rutland); Robert de Wyleby, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Robert Wilby, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Augustinus Wilby, Thomas Wylby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hempton, Norfolk); Nicholas Wilby, 1417 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Anthony Wilby, 1558 in *IGI* (Diss, Norfolk); Humfrey Wilbye, 1573 in *PROB 11*; Rosaumunda Wilbee, 1575 in *Parish Registers* (Elland, WR Yorks); Reynold Wilbe, 1591 in *Parish Registers* (Hacheston, Suffolk); John Wilby, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Colchester, Essex).

2 English: Redmonds has demonstrated that in the parish of Hipperholme, and subsequently elsewhere in WR Yorks, *Wilby* occurs as a variant of **Willoughby**.

**Early bearers:** John Wylby or Weloweby, 1397–1417, John Willoby, 1461 John Wilby, 1497, John Willowby, 1546 *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**References:** *Redmonds*, *Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wilce

- **Current frequencies:** GB 659, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 210
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Cornwall

English: variant spelling of **Wills**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wilce, 1538 Richard Wills, 1540 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Degory Wills, 1582 in *IGI* (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Mary Wilce, 1629 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

### Wilcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex

English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilcock

**Variants:** Wilcocke, Willcock, Wilcox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4760, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4214
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wilcoc*, a pet form of *William*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wilcok, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Wilcoc, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Wylecok Hervy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); Wylcok ap Jevan Moyl, 1401 in *Patent Rolls*. surnames: William Wylecok, 1254 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Godfrey Willecok, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wilcok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Cold Higham, Northants); John Wilcok, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Walter Wilcocke, 1540 in *PROB 11*; Evan Wilcock, 1586 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs); Richard Wilcok or Wilcock, 1587 in *PROB 11* (Luckington, Wilts); George Wilcocke, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Kingston, Leics); Sara Willcock, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Mirfield, WR Yorks).

### Wilcocke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Wilcock**.

## Wilcocks

### Wilcocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 626
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Wilcox**.

### Wilcockson

**Variants:** Wilcoxson, Wilcoxon, Wilcoxen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 623, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 385
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts

English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Wilcock*') from the Middle English personal name *Wilcoc*. See **Wilcock**.

**Early bearers:** William Wilcockson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); John Wilcockesson, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Bamburgh, Northumb); Willelmo Wilcockson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skelton, ER Yorks); Hugh Willcoxson, 1573, Raph Wilcokeson, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Tarpорley, Cheshire); Richard Wilcockeson, 1581 *Parish Registers* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Nicolas Willcoxson, 1647 in *Parish Registers* (Whitegate, Cheshire); Peter Wilcoxen, 1707 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Elizabeth Wilcoxson, 1772 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts).

### Wilcox

**Variants:** Wilcox, Willcocks, Wilcocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8764, Ireland 113
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5599
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lancs, Flints
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: relationship name, variant of **Wilcock** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Wilcokes, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Petrus Wilcokes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerset Keynes, Wilts); Stephano Wilcokkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Duntisbourne Rouse and Pinbury, Gloucs); John Wilcockys, 1507 in *PROB 11* (Chepping Wycombe, Bucks); Edward Wilcoxe, 1610 in *PROB 11* (Llanfihangel Rhydieithon, Radnors); Thomas Wilcoxe or Wilcocks, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Knipton, Leics).

### Wilcoxen

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Wilcockson**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wilcoxon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87

English: see **Wilcockson**.

### Wilcoxson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Surrey

English: see **Wilcockson**.

### Wild

**Variants:** Wilde, Wylde, Wyld, Whild, Whyld, Whilde, Wilds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10615, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12131
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Cheshire and Derbys

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary
- 1 English: nickname from Middle English *wilde* 'wild, violent'. Redmonds draws attention to Adam the Wild of Sowerby, who in 1314 was indicted for assault at the manor court (*Wakefield Court Rolls*).

**Early bearers:** Uluricus Wilde, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Lincs); William le Wilde, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Henry le Wylde, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas the Wilde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chalgrove, Oxon); Johannes Wild, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fulford, ER Yorks); Henricus le Wylde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Knoyle, Wilts); Johanne Wild, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tilton, Leics); Stephanus Wylde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Erpingham, Norfolk); Walterus Wilde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Somerset); Ricard Wilde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Mountfield, Sussex); Willelmus Wild', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tong, WR Yorks); Robertus le Wylde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Wytheford, Shrops); Elizabeth Wild, 1540 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Richard Wild, 1541 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); An Wild, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Johannis Wild, 1561 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Roberti Wild, 1561 in *IGI* (Great Hampden, Bucks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 English: locative name 'dweller by a stretch of uncultivated land' from Middle English *wilde* (noun) 'wild place, wasteland'.

**Early bearers:** William de Wilde, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Walter de la Wylde, 1256 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); William atte Wylde, 1347 in *London Letter Books F*; Silvester Wild, 1566 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Joannes Wild, 1707 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts).

3 English: variant of **Wile** with excrescent *-d*.

### Wildash

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Wildish**.

### Wilday

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Willday**.

### Wildblood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Shrops; WR Yorks

English: nickname for an untamed spirit or a rake, from Middle English *wild(e)* 'wild' + *blod* 'blood'.

**Further information:** Nicknames formed with a compound of *wild-* were common. Compare Richard Wildecate, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs), Robert Wildprest 13th cent. in *Gisborough Cartulary*, Roger Wildehog, 1246 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent), Stephen Wyldraven, 1300 in *Gisborough Cartulary*, William Wildebef, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex), William Wildecnave, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs), Margeria Wildebore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Blackham, Sussex). **Early bearers:** surnames: Roger Wyldeblod, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); William Wyldeblod, 1381 in *King's Bench Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus Wyldeblod, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Gulielmi Wildblood, 1573 in *IGI* (Barton under Needwood, Staffs); John

Wildblood, 1575 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Margaret Wildeblud or Wildblud, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Habberley, Shrops); Richard Wildeblod, 1649 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Wildeblod, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Marton, Cheshire); Willm. Wildblood, 1765 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Wildbore

**Variants:** Wyldebore, Wilbur, Wilber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 188, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 193
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Notts; ER Yorks; also London

English: nickname from Middle English *wilde-bor* 'wild boar', perhaps for a man with a fierce temper. **Early bearers:** William Wyldebar, 1242 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); William Wyldebor, 1307 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Johannes Wylbor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Willelmus Wyldebore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soothill, WR Yorks); William Wildbor, 1508, Agnes Wyldebore, 1515 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Harrietsham, Kent); Alice Wildbore, 1566 in *IGI* (Maxey, Northants); John Wildbore, 1567 in *IGI* (Glinton, Northants); Nicholas Wilbore, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Braintree, Essex); John Willbore or Wilboore, 1593 in *PROB 11* (Paston, Northants); Richard Wyldebore, butcher, 1604–5 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Dorithie Wilbor, 1609 in *IGI* (North Wheatley, Notts); John Wildbore, 1621 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); Jacobus Wildbore, 1632 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Thomas Wyldebore, 1681 in *IGI* (Saint Crux, York); Anne Wilber, 1777 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks).

### Wilde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7656, Ireland 222
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4336
  - **Main GB location 1881:** NW Midlands, Lancs, and WR Yorks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Wexford
- English, Irish: see **Wild**. This is the usual spelling of the surname in Ireland.

### Wilden

**Variants:** Willden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 390
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Worcs and Warwicks

English: locative name from either of the places named Wilden (in Worcs, Beds). The first is probably named with the Old English personal name *Wifel(a)* + *dūn* 'hill', and the second is possibly from Old English \**wilig* 'willow' + *denu* 'valley'.

**Early bearers:** William de Wilden', 1221 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); John Willedden, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Wylden, 1370–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Wilden, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Wylden, 1427 in *PROB 11*; [ . . . ] Wilden, 1480 in *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 247; William Wilden, 1556 in *IGI* (Flamstead, Herts); Alice Wilden, 1564 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Mary Wilden, 1566 in *Parish Registers* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Wylden, 1582 in *Parish Registers* (Corsham, Wilts); William Wilden, 1667 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts); Grace Willden, 1686 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); John Wilden, 1728 in *IGI* (Barton le Clay, Beds); John Willden, 1787 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs).

**Wilder**

Variants: **Willder, Wilders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 853, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 755
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Berks

English: probably from Old English *wildēor* ‘wild animal’.

**Early bearers:** William Wilder, Wyldere, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Robertus Wyledere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pyrton, Oxon); Humfridus Wilder, 1562 in *IGI* (Waltham Saint Lawrence, Berks); John Wilder, 1562 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); Nicholas Wylder or Wyldar, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Thatcham, Berks); Friswith Wylder, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Burghfield, Berks); Mary Wilder, 1605 in *IGI* (Chellaston, Derbys); Gawyn Wilder, 1605, Gawyn Willder, 1609 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); William Wilders, 1654 in *IGI* (Elvaston, Derbys); John Wilders, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Tamworth, Staffs); Catherine Wylder, 1741 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx).

**Wilders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 34
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: variant of **Wilder** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Wilderspin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Hunts

English: perhaps a variant of **Witherspoon**, with intrusive -l-. The bearers are relatively late, and some show typically Scottish given names despite being in E England.

**Early bearers:** Archby Wilderspin, 1701 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); Alexander Wilderspin, 1749 in *IGI* (Swavesey, Cambs); Archibald Wilderspin, 1788 in *IGI* (Bluntisham, Hunts); Samuel Wilderspin, 1791 in *IGI* (Blackfriars, London).

**Wildes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 51
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wilds**.

**Wildeg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 377, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts; also London and Kent

English: see **Willday**.

**Willgoose**

Variants: **Willgoss, Wildgust, Wilgus, Willgoose**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 681, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 775
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: nickname from Middle English *wilde gos* ‘wild goose’. In most languages and cultures of Europe geese are proverbial for aggressive but ill-directed behaviour.

**Early bearers:** Henry Wildegos, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Shrops); Roger Wildegos, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Osbert Wildgos, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Suffolk); Gerard Wyldegos, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Yoxall, Staffs); Roger Wyldegos, 1325 in *Lancs Court Rolls*; John Wildegos, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bradnop, Staffs); Adam Wildgose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Robertus Wyldgose, Alicia Wyldguse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Altofts, WR Yorks); Johannes Wylegouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Ricardus Wyldegos, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Johannes Wyldegos’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Milton and Little Milton, Oxon); Helena Wilgoose, 1547 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Ysabell Willgoose, 1549 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Nicholas Wilgoose, 1567 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Agnes Wildgoose, 1567 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Ursula Wildgoose, 1571 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); John Wilgoose, 1574 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Alexandri Wildegosse, 1575 in *IGI* (Easthampstead, Berks); Thomas Wildgoose, 1599 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Thurstan Wilgouse, 1600 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys); Matthew Wilegoos, 1650, Letitia Willgoss, 1737 in *IGI* (Aylesbury, Bucks); Emily Wilgus, 1874 in *BMD* (Wallingford, Berks).

**Wildgust**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 90
- **Main GB location 1881:** Notts

English: see **Willgoose**.

**Early bearers:** George Wildgust, 1799 in *IGI* (Arnold, Notts).

**Wildig**

Variants: **Willdig, Wildigg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, and Shrops

English: of uncertain origin. Possibly an anglicized form of the Dutch or Flemish family name (**van**) **Walde(c)k**, a locative name from Waldeck (South Holland).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Waldyk, 1338 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Robertus de Waldek’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cudworth, WR Yorks); Nicholas Waldak, alias Hychecek, of Flanders, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Newton Longville, Bucks); Elizabeth Wildig, 1583 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Katherin Wildick, 1592 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement Danes, Westminster, Middx); Jane Wildige, 1610 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Richard Wildigge, 1614, Raphe Wildigg, 1620, Mode Wildig, 1643 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Georgius Wildick, 1728 in *IGI* (Norton in Hales, Shrops).

**Wildigg**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: see **Wildig**.

**Wildin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Wilding**.

**Wilding**

Variants: **Willding, Whilding, Wildin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4597, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3482
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, W Midlands and E Wales; Suffolk and Essex

English: nickname from a Middle English survival of unattested Old English \**Wilding*, a derivative of *wilde*, ‘wild’, used both as a personal name and as a nickname; compare **Wildman**. Adekyn Wylding, 1285 *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire), was the son of Alice Wildegos, so the nickname may either have been synonymous with *wild-goose*, or simply derived from it.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wildingus Prepositus, 1224 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs).

urnames: Adam Wilding, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk), 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); John Wylding, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Elena Wildyng’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); John Wilding, 1544 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Joone Wilding, 1572 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Marg. Wildin, 1576 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Alexander Wilding, 1585 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Jeffrey Wyldinge, 1583, Wlm. Wylding, 1584 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Phillip Willding, 1586 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary, Shrewsbury, Shrops); John Wilding, 1596 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richardus Whilding (Llangurig, Montgomerys), 1699 George Wilding, 1713 in *IGI* (Monks Eleigh, Suffolk); John Wildin, 1786 in *IGI* (Stourport on Severn, Worcs); William Wildin or Wilding, 1825 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs).

**Wildish**

Variants: **Wildash**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 487, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 273
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name denoting someone ‘from the Weald’, from Old English \**wealdisc*; the inhabitants of the Weald were called Wealdish men.

**Further information:** The name survives in Kent farms: Wildage Farm in Elham (from John Weldisse, 1292, John Wealdish’, 1327); Welldishes Farm in Linton (William Woldishe 1542), Upper and Lower Woolwich in Rolvenden (Robert de Waldeys, de Weldysh’, 1278, 1317, William Weldisse, 1327). See *Kent Place-Names* pp. 434, 139, 355.

**Early bearers:** Simon le Wealdessh, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Robert de [sic] Weldysh, 1317 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Bertholomeus Wealdesse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Weldyshsh’, 1469 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Weldyshsh’, Thomas Weldisse, 1500 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas Weldysshe and William Weldysshe, 1502–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Allen Wildish, 1583 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Walter Wildish, 1583 in *IGI* (Hawkhurst, Kent); Thomas Weldish, 1641 in *PROB 11* (East Bedfont, Middx).

**Wildman**

Variants: **Willman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2483, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1575
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Beds
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone; Louth

English: nickname from Middle English *wild(e)* ‘wild, unrestrained, recalcitrant; wanton, perverse’ + *man, mon* ‘man’.

**Early bearers:** John Wyldeman, 1340 in *Patent Rolls* (Goldsborough, Yorks); Willelmus Wyldman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clapham, WR Yorks); Alicia Wildeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); John Wildeman,



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1393 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Wyldeomon, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Weoley, Worcs); Laurence Wildeman, 1593 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); William Wildeman, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Martin Wildman, 1609 in *Parish Registers* (Tatham, Lancs); Thomas Wylzman, 1714 in *IGI* (Marsden, Lancs).

## Wildmore

Variants: **Willmore, Wilmore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 52, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Wildmoor in Belbroughton (Worcs) and perhaps also from Wildmore Fen (Lincs), though early evidence that the latter gave rise to a surname is lacking. A third possible source is the Weald Moors (Shrops), recorded as *Wyldeomor* in 1291–2, for which see the place-names Eyton upon the Weald Moors and Preston upon the Weald Moors (Shrops). There may have been some confusion with the surname **Wilmer**; compare William Willmore, 1689, Angel Wilmer, 1713 in *IGI* (Little Horwood, Bucks).

**Early bearers:** William de Wiltemore, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas de la Wildemore, 1275 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Thoma de la Wildemore, 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Alice de Wyldeomore, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Chadwick, Worcs); Joh. atte Wildemor, 1327 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); William de Wyldeomor, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Willelmus de Wyldeomor, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Loynton, Staffs); Thos Wilmore, 1569 in *IGI* (Enderby, Leics); Edward Wilmore, 1587 in *IGI* (Budbrooke, Warwicks); Elizabeth Wildmer, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Thomas Willmore, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London); Agnes Wildmore, 1599 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Bradley, Staffs); Thom Willmore, 1621 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Jane Willmore, 1626 in *IGI* (Hambury, Worcs); William Willmoor, 1742 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Francis Wildmoor, 1743 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Sarah Willmoor, 1746 in *IGI* (Holbeach, Lincs); Catharine Wildmore, 1794 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); William Wildmor, 1797 in *IGI* (Wymondham, Norfolk).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, p. 278; *Lincs Place-Names*, p. 138; *Löfvenberg*, p. 232; *Place-Names of Shrops* 1, pp. 129–30, 243–4.

## Wildon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 203
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: (i) locative name from Wildon Grange in Coxwold (NR Yorks). (ii) perhaps sometimes a variant of **Wheeldon**.

**Early bearers:** William de Wilden, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hunderthwaite, NR Yorks); Galfridus Wildon, 1379, Johannes Wyldon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Queniborough, Leics); John Wylden, 1427 in *PROB 11*; Johana Wildon, 1565 in *IGI* (Settrington, ER Yorks); Richard Wildon, 1576 in *IGI* (Pickhill with Roxby, NR Yorks); Ellene Wyldon, 1600 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, Chester, Cheshire); Gabriell Wildon, 1635 in *Parish Registers* (Clunbury, Shrops).

## Wildridge

Variants: **Willdrige**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 103
- **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; ER Yorks

English, Scottish: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wilrich* (Old English *Wilric*, formed from *will* 'will' + *\*ric* 'ruler'), with an intrusive *-d-* in the consonant cluster *-lr-*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wildricus Mael, 1205 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herefs).

surnames, England: Hugo filius Wilrici, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); John Wellerych, 1434 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); Henry Wildriche, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Wildridge, 1640, Mawdlen Willdrige, 1654 in *IGI* (Marbury, Cheshire); Thomas Wildridg, 1644 in *Parish Registers* (Baddiley, Cheshire); Elizabeth Wildrich, 1660 in *Parish Registers* (Malpas, Cheshire); Thomas Wildrige, 1732 in *IGI* (Bromfield, Cumb); John Wildrich, 1758 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire); William Wildridge, 1779 in *IGI* (Whitby, NR Yorks); John Wildrick, 1808 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks).

surnames, Scotland: Williame Wildridge, 1646 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Thomas Wildridge, 1686, Alexander Wilrich, 1674 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); George Wildrich, 1726, George Wildridge, 1730 in *IGI* (Inverkeithing, Fife).

## Wilds

Variants: **Wylds, Wildes, Wyldes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 439, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 404
- **Main GB location 1881:** S England; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: variant of **Wild** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Wildes, 1572 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Wyldes, 1599 in *IGI* (Boughton Aluph, Kent); William Wilds, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Wilds, 1642 in *IGI* (Caton, Lancs); Robt Wylds, 1733 in *IGI* (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs); John Wilds, 1740 in *IGI* (Ampport, Hants).

## Wildsmith

Variants: **Whilesmith, Wilesmith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 719, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 638
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Notts, Derbys, and Staffs

1 English: relationship name, perhaps from Middle English *\*Willesmogh* 'Will's son-in-law', with an intrusive *-d-* and the refashioning by folk etymology of *-smogh* as *-smith*. Compare **Hudsmith** and Adam Wilmogh, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Pennington, Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William Wildsmith, 1560 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs); Ric. Wildsmith, 1562, Jeremiah Wildsmith, 1671 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Patricke Wildsmith, 1566 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Agnes Wildsmith, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); James Wildsmith, 1588 in *IGI* (Braithwell, WR Yorks); Richd. Wildsmythe, 1593 in *IGI* (Laxton, Notts); Johnis Wildsmith, 1604 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Robte Wildsmithe, 1608, Noah Whildsmith, 1797 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Godferre Wilesmith, 1713 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Samll. Weldsmith, 1785 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks).

2 English: occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *w(h)elsmith* (Old English *\*hwēol-smið*) 'wheel-smith', a maker of wheels, especially the iron parts. Compare **Wheelwright**. The vowel could have been shortened to *-i-*, producing *\*W(h)ilsmith*, then *Wildsmith* with an intrusive *-d-*. For the vowel change compare Robert le Whilwright, 1349 in *Derbys Charters*. However, Middle English *Welsmith* is rare and has so far only been noted in Essex, far from the main location of *Wildsmith* in post-medieval times.

**Early bearers:** Euota Welsmyth, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Ivo le Welsmyth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Fairstead, Essex); Alice Welsmithe, 1608, Susanne Welsmith, 1628 in *IGI* (Winthorpe, Lincs).

3 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *wild(e)* 'wild, reckless, mad', + *smith* 'smith'. The single Scottish example below is too early for the linguistic changes suggested in (1) and (2), and it is so isolated it is difficult to know whether or not it sheds light on the English name.

**Early bearers:** John Wyldesmyth, 1259 in *Scotland Calendar* (Peebles); Ric. Wildsmith, 1562 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Elizabeth Wildsmith, 1585 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

## Wildy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 112
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey; also Derbys, Notts, and Lincs

English: see **Willday**.

## Wile

Variants: **Wyle, Wiles, Wild**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wyle* 'a wicker trap for catching fish, especially eels' (perhaps Old English *wile* 'willy, osier basket' rather than Old English *wil* 'trick, trap').

**Early bearers:** William de la Wile, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Osbert de Wila, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Adam de la Wile, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Walter atte Wyle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Wyle, 1317 in *Ancient Deeds* iii (Warwicks); Henry de La Wyle, 1332 in *Feet of Fines* (Hants); John de Wyle, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); John Wyle, 1520 in *PROB 11* (Uppingham, Rutland); Robert Wyle, 1584 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Nicholas Wyle, 1589 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Peter Wile, 1610 in *IGI* (Kirkleatham, NR Yorks); Rich Wile, 1650 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

**References:** V.E. Watts, 'Medieval fishery names in the Wear, Tyne and Tweed', *Nomina*, 7 (1983), 41.

2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *wile* (Old English *wil*) 'trick'. However, the following early bearers may belong under (1) or represent a variant pronunciation of Middle English *wild* 'wild' (see **Wild**).

**Early bearers:** Robert le Wile, 1195 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Roberto Wile, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurmaston, Leics); Mial Wile, 1716 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk).

## Wileman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1441, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 679



• **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Leics  
 English: (i) occupational name, perhaps from Middle English *wyle* 'fish-trap' (see **Wile**) + *man* 'man', denoting someone who made or used same. (ii) see **Willman**.  
**Early bearers:** John Wyleman, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

### Wiles

Variants: **Wyles, Whiles, Whyles**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3895, Ireland 22  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 2467  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; ER Yorks; also Lincs and Norfolk  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Antrim  
 English: variant of **Wile** with plural or post-medieval excrement -s.  
**Early bearers:** John Wiles, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); John Wyles, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Wyles, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Ricardo Wyles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Melton, ER Yorks); Richi Wiles, 1559 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Nicholas Wyles, 1561 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Isabell Wiles, 1562 in *IGI* (Gedney, Lincs); Hugo Wiles, 1563, Robtus. Whiles, 1572, Willm. Whyles, 1607 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); Nycholas Wyles, 1563 in *IGI* (Broomfield, Kent); Rycchard Wiles, 1568 in *IGI* (Sutton Valence, Kent); Elizabeth Wiles, 1569 in *IGI* (Wiggenhall Saint Mary the Virgin, Norfolk); Willmi Wiles, 1594 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Jno Whyles, 1728 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); William Whyles, 1762 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

### Wilesmith

• **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs  
 English: see **Wildsmith**.

### Wiley

Variants: **Wyley, Wylie, Wyly, Willey**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1033, Ireland 157  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 723  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England  
 • **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Tyrone  
 English: locative name from various places named with Old English *wīg, wēoh* 'idol' + *lēah* 'wood, clearing', such as Wylve (Wilts), Wyly in East Hoathly (Sussex), Whiligh in Ticehurst (Sussex), Weeley (Essex), Weoley (Worcs), and Willey (Cheshire, Devon, Herefs, Shrops, Surrey, Warwicks).  
**Early bearers:** John de Wili, de Wylegh, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts), 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Wyly, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Simon Wylegh, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas de Wylve, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Leire, Leics); Richard Wyleye, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicholas Wyelegh', 1401 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Thomas Wiley, 1560 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Roger Wiley, 1574 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lincs); Maria Wiley, 1636 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); John Wiley, 1710 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); John Wiley, 1712 in *IGI* (Bulford, Wilts).

### Wilford

Variants: **Willford, Wilfred**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1362, Ireland 16  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 1200

• **Main GB location 1881:** Leics and Northants  
 English: locative name from Wilford (Notts, Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Roger de Willeford, 1199–1200 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Walter de Wyleford, canon of Saint Marys, Carlisle, 1278 in *Patent Rolls* (Carlisle, Camb); Gervase de Wyleford, sheriff of Nottingham, 1283 in *Patent Rolls*; Gervase de Wylford, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Robert Wylford, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Thomas Wylford, 1407 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Somerset, London); John Wilford, 1511 in *PROB 11* (Shalbourne, Wilts); Robert Wilford, 1545 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Katherine, Gosfield, Essex); Hellyn Wilford, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John, Peterborough, Northants); Thomas Wilforde, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); James Willford, 1581 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Mary the Virgin, Nonington, Kent); Gabriell Wilforth, 1593 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Julian Willford, 1610 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Clement, Sandwich, Kent); Elizabeth Wilforth, 1622 in *IGI* (Little Dalby, Leics); Samuel Wilforde, 1704 in *IGI* (Lubenhams, Leics).

### Wilfred

• **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 2  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 30  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Lincs, and Norfolk; Northumb  
 1 English: variant of **Wilford**.  
 2 English: relationship name possibly also from the Middle English personal name *Wilfrith* (Old English *Wilfrīð*, formed from *will* 'will' + *frīð* 'peace'), though this seems to have given rise only to *Wilfrey* as a (now extinct) surname and may be unconnected to modern *Wilfred* bearers.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Wilfrei miles, 1055 in *Durham Priory Fees*; Wilfredus filius Johannis, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thruscross, WR Yorks).  
 surnames: Robert Wilfrith, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Kedmore ap Wylfryth, 1291 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Willelmo Wilfray, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chichester, Sussex); Thomas Wilfry, sailor of the ship 'Blessing', 1638 in *PROB 11*.

### Willgress

• **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 31  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk  
 English: see **Willgress**.

### Willgus

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
 English: variant of **Wildgoose**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Williams

• **Current frequencies:** GB 146, Ireland 4  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 177  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in Wales  
 English, Welsh: see **Williams**.

### Wilke

Variants: **Wilke, Wilks, Wilkes**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 511, Ireland 15  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 72  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
 English: relationship name from Middle English *Wilke*, a pet form of **William** and probably a

shortening of **Wilkin**. The usage was very likely Flemish in origin.  
**Further information:** Alternative origins for Middle English *Wilke* from Old English *Willoc* and Old Scandinavian *Vigleikr* are theoretically possible but there is no evidence for them in the period when surnames were being created.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Wilke Waterman, 1196, Wilke furnur de Munsorel (Mountsorrel, Leics), 1225, Wilke de Pailinton (Pailton, Warwicks), 1242–3 in *Leicester Borough Records*; Wylke de Chyrchele, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Wilke, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).  
 surnames: Roger Wylk, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Thomas Wylke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, Surrey); Tho. Wilke, 1560 in *IGI* (Cropthorne, Worcs); Elizabeth Wilke, 1572 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Willm. Wilk., 1581 in *IGI* (Upton upon Severn, Worcs); Catherine Wilk, 1679 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent).

### Wilke

• **Current frequencies:** GB 68, Ireland 1  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 70  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs  
 English: see **Wilk**.

### Wilken

• **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 144  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens  
 Scottish: see **Wilkin**.

### Wilkens

• **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 85  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
 English: see **Wilkins**.

### Wilkinson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 159  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** widely scattered  
 English: see **Wilkinson**.

### Wilkerson

• **Current frequencies:** GB 263, Ireland 4  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 280  
 • **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia (esp. Norfolk) and SE Midlands

English: relationship name from Middle English *Wilkeson*, a reduced form of **Wilkinson**, 'son of Wilkin or young William'. The -r- is intrusive. See also **Wilk, Wilkes**.

**Early bearers:** Henry Wylkeson, 1391 in *McClure, Jack I*, p. 107 (Widmerpool, Notts); William Wilkeson, 1354 in *McClure, Jack I*, p. 107 (Tuxford, Notts), identical with William Wilkynsone, 1352, William Willson, 1354, William son of William, 1360 in *McClure, Jack I*, p. 107 (Tuxford, Notts); Lawrence Wilkerson, 1568 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); William Wilkerson, 1773 in *IGI* (Annesley, Notts); Clement Wilkerson, 1602 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Wilkerson, 1709 in *IGI* (Over, Cambs).

### Wilkes

Variants: **Wilks**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 9667, Ireland 58  
 • **GB frequency 1881:** 5169

## Wilkey

- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: relationship name, variant of **Wilk** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*. Some of the following early bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** John Wilkys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Wilkes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); John Wylkes, 1460 in *Feet of Fines* (Chipstead, Kent); Hugh Wilks, 1540 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Georgii Wilks, 1542 in *IGI* (Bromyard, Herefs); John Wylkes, 1543 in *IGI* (Adlestrop, Gloucs); Jone Wilks, 1547 in *IGI* (Clifford Chambers, Warwicks); George Wilks, 1573 in *IGI* (Bardsey, WR Yorks); Robert Wilkes, 1582 in *IGI* (Broadway, Worcs); William Wilkes, 1585 in *IGI* (Brailes, Warwicks); Alys Wylks, 1593 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Grace Wilks alias Wilkins, 1606 in *York Registry Wills* (York); Richard Wilks, 1626 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wilcus*, an uncommon pet form of a personal name in *Wil-*. The suffix is a double diminutive *-k + -us*, the latter being used with Old English female names. See **Aldous**, **Edis**. So *Wilcus* may be a pet form of an Old English female name such as *Wilburh*. Alternatively, it may have been used with Norman personal names of either gender, for example as a pet form of *William*. Compare Roger Wyleconesone (misreading of *Wylecousone*), 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sutton, Sussex) with the 1379 Sussex example of *Wilcous* below. If *Wilcus* became an inherited surname it would quickly have become merged with *Wilkes*; indeed some examples of W Midlands Middle English *Wilkus* could be alternative spellings of *Wilkes* and vice versa. Adam Wilkous and Ricardus Wilkes both appear in the 1381 *Poll Tax* for Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone (Staffs). *Wilcus* may also have been absorbed into **Wildgoose**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wilcus, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Studley, WR Yorks).

surnames: Emma filia Wilcus, 1296, Orand Wilcus, 1296, identical with Horanda filia Wilkus, 1297 in *Gringley Court Roll* (Gringley on the Hill, Notts); Willelmo Wilcous, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sedgewick, Sussex); Nicholao Wilkus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chisenbury, Wilts); Willelmo Wilkus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); Willelmus Wilkus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stivichall, Warwicks); Adam Wilkous, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brewood, Chillington, Horsebrook, Somerford, Engleton, Hatton and Gunstone, Staffs).

**References:** *McClure, Jack II*, pp. 41–2.

## Wilkey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name, see **Wilkie**.

**Early bearers:** Roger Wilky, 1390 in *Patent Rolls*; John Wilky, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon or Cornwall); Richard William alias Wilky, vicar of Asshehill, in *Patent Rolls* (Ashill, Devon); John Wilkey, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Lezant, Cornwall); Thomazine Wilky, 1590 in *Parish Registers* (Saint James, Sheldwich, Kent); Willyam Wilkey, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Pilton, Devon).

## Wilkie

**Variants:** **Wilkey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4947, Ireland 151
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Scotland: esp. Angus and Fife; Glasgow and Edinburgh
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

Scottish: relationship name from the medieval personal name *Wilky*, a diminutive of **Wilk**, itself a diminutive of **William**.

**Early bearers:** David Wilke, 1495 in *Laing Charters* (Fife); William Wilkie, 1529 in *Maitland Miscellany*; John Wilky, 1580 in *Maitland Miscellany* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Wilkin

**Variants:** **Wilken**, **Wilkins**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1840, Ireland 96
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1618
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia: esp. Norfolk and Cambs; also N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Fermanagh and Tyrone

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wilkin*, a pet form of *William* introduced to England by Flemings and Picards after the Norman Conquest. William de Ros, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent), and William Chubbe, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (London), are both also called *Wilekin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wilechin, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northumb); Wilekinus, 1191 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Wilekinus, 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Northants); Wylkyn filius Thome, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edgworth, Lincs).

surnames, England: Richard Wilekin, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); William Wilekin, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (London); John Wilkyn, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Herts); Johanne Wilkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Johanne Wylkyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (North Street, Sussex); Rogerus Wilkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Pickenham, Norfolk); Isak Wylkyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Westcombland, Somerset); Willelmo Wilkyn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Asby, Westm); Robertus Wylkyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Salamon Wilkyn, 1455 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William Wilken, 1563 in *Parish Registers* (Soham, Cambs); Robert Wilkin, 1620 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk).  
surnames, Scotland: Androw Wilken, 1670 in *IGI* (Cambusnethan, Lanarks); James Wilken, 1675 in *IGI* (Methlick, Aberdeens); Jane Wilken, 1702 in *IGI* (Foveran, Aberdeens).

## Wilkins

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Wilkins**.

## Wilkins

**Variants:** **Wilkens**, **Wilkings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15969, Ireland 163
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13078
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands and S England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: variant of **Wilkin** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Wylkyns, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Wylkyns, 1377 in *Poll Tax*

(Bullinghope, Herefs); Symone Wylkyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Wilmcote, Warwicks); Hugone Wylkyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Halstead, Leics); Ricardo Wylkyns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broad Town, Wilts); Johanne Wylkyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tipton, Staffs); Thomas Wylkyns, 1492 in *PROB 11* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Wilkinges or Wylkyns, 1594 in *PROB 11* (Bitton, Gloucs); Robert Wilkins, 1608 in *IGI* (Shapwick, Somerset); Thomas Wilkings, 1635 in *PROB 11* (North Bradley, Wilts); John Wilkins, 1640 in *IGI* (Kings Stanley, Gloucs).

## Wilkinson

**Variants:** **Wilkenson**, **Walkinson**, **Wilkison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56902, Ireland 1718
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45358
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Lancs, WR Yorks, Cumb, Westm, Durham, and Northumb; N Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Wilkin*'), from the personal name **Wilkin**, a common Middle English pet form of **William**. Compare **Wilkins**, **Wilkerson**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wilkynson, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); William Wilkynsone, 1352 in *McClure, Jack I* 107 (Tuxford, Notts); John, son of William Maison, alias John Wylkynson Mayson, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (NR Yorks); John Wilkynson, 1437 in *Patent Rolls* (Whitby, NR Yorks); Margaret Wylkynson or Wilkynson, 1536 in *PROB 11* (Saint Giles in the Fields, Middx); Joane Wilkison, 1539 in *IGI* (Saint Antholin Budge Row, London); Elisabeth Wilkenson, 1539 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Margaret, Westminster, Middx); Agnes Wilkenson, 1541 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Richard Wilkenson, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Heswall, Cheshire); John Wilkinson, 1559 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Jane Wilkison, 1602 in *IGI* (Gawsworth, Cheshire); William Wilkinson, 1656 in *IGI* (Bolton le Sands, Lancs).

## Wilkison

- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in Scotland, N Midlands, WR Yorks

English, Scottish: see **Wilkinson**.

## Wilks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4584, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4650
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo

English: see **Wilkes**.

## Wilkshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Worcs, and Staffs
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Will

**Variants:** **Wills**, **Willis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1403, Ireland 29
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1163
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens, Angus, and Kincardines

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Will*, a short form of

*William*. See also **Wills**. Some examples may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wille Walt', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Wille Bret, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Will' Wikes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Paddington, Surrey).

urnames, England: Robert Wille, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); Cecily Willes, 1279 in *Ancient Deeds v* (Wilts); William Wille, 1323 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Wille, 1457 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Will, 1542 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Johnis Will, 1546 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); Marke Will, 1546 in *IGI* (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); John Will, 1560 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops); James Will, 1566 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); Edward Wille, 1639 in *PROB 11* (Yatton, Somerset); Thomas Will, 1708 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex).

urnames, Scotland: Symon Will, 1576, Jonatt Will, 1585, Alexr. Will, 1612 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Janet Will, 1617 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Mathow Will, 1622 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Will, 1626 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); James Will, 1647 in *IGI* (Arbuthnott, Kincardines); Robert Will, 1692 in *IGI* (Edzell, Angus); Patrick Will, 1703 in *IGI* (Errol, Perth).

2 English: locative for someone who lived '(by the) spring or stream', from Middle English *wel*, *wel(l)e*, *wille*, in a southern dialect form. Compare **Wells**.

**Early bearers:** John atte Wylle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walter de la Wille, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Walterus atte Wille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Preston, Somerset); Robertus at' Wille, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Clayhidon, Devon); Johanne atte Wille, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ramsbury, Wilts).

### Willacy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 421, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 310
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name, perhaps from Willersey (Gloucs). But the complete loss in post-medieval times of the *-r-*, which is retained in the place-name, would be unusual, and suggests the possibility of an alternative origin. In Lancs the surname has been influenced in the long run by the place-name *Wallasey* (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wyllereseye, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Willersey, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (in an uncertain place); Roland Wylsey, yeoman, 1558 in *Shrops Archives* (Wenlock, Shrops); Judethe Wylseyey, 1560 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); William Willesey, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Ricd. Willesey, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Robtum Willesey, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Cheshire); Isabell Willasey, 1670 in *IGI* (Burnley, Lancs); Ann Willacy, 1698 in *Parish Registers* (Saint John the Baptist, New Windsor, Berks); Jane Willacy, 1709 in *IGI* (Goosnargh, Lancs); James Willacey, 1728 in *IGI* (Poulton, Lancs); Mary Wallacy, 1782 in *IGI* (North Meols, Lancs); Sarah Willasey, 1797 in *IGI* (Garstang, Lancs); Sarah Casteen Willasey, 1815 in *IGI* (Everton, Lancs); Michael Wallasey, 1839 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

### Williams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 114
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Denbighs
- English: variant of **Williams**, found chiefly in Wales.

### Willan

**Variants:** Willen, Willans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 657, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 824
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout N England

Norman, English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English and Old French personal name *Willan*, Continental Germanic *Wiland*. (ii) relationship name sometimes, perhaps, from *Willin* as a diminutive of *Will*, a pet form of *William*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wilanus de la Hele, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Devon).

urnames: John Willon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Johannes Wyllon', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Thomas Willan, 1581, in Francis Willans, son of Thomas Willance, 1608 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Willan, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Blaston, Leics); Edward Wyllan or Willan, 1615 in *PROB 11* (New Inn, Middx).

### Willans

**Variants:** Willins, Willings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 468, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 285
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) variant of **Willan** with genitival or post-medieval excrement *-s*. (ii) see **Wealleans**.

**Early bearers:** Johanne Wilayns, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seend, Wilts); Willelmus Willyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buxlow, Suffolk); Johannes Willyns, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mickleton, Gloucs); Roger Willins, 1561 in *PROB 11* (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Robert Willins, 1569 in *PROB 11* (Winterbourne Herringston, Dorset); Richard Willins, 1578 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Rycharde Wyllins, 1586 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Margerie Willings, 1617 in *IGI* (Burton Latimer, Northants); Nicholas Willings, 1617 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Henry Willings, 1658 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Thomas Willings, 1659 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Willins, 1660 in *IGI* (Gateshead, Durham); Thomas Willings, 1677 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

### Willard

**Variants:** Williard, Willett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1074, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 743
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and Surrey

English: (i) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Willard*, representing either Old English *Wilheard* or Old French *Willard* (Continental Germanic *Willihard*). (ii) relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Withelard*, reduced to *Willard* (Old French, Continental Germanic *Widelard*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wielardus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Willardus de Wridlint', 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Hwylardus de Wytherendenn, about 1180 in *Archaeologia Cantiana vi*; Wilardus uinitor, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks).  
urnames: Willelmus Wilard, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Wilard, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); Nicholas Wypelard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Nicholas Wylard, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoathly and Chiddingly, Sussex); Adam Willard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Withelard (Wythelard), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Thomas Willard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Grinstead, Sussex);

Emayn Wylard', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Colton, WR Yorks); John Willard, 1538 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); John Willard, 1556 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Robart Willard, 1594 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); John Willard, 1597 in *IGI* (Horley, Surrey).

**References:** *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, p. 171.

### Willars

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 128
- **Main GB location 1881:** Leics

English: see **Willers**.

### Willats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Willets**.

### Willatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 131
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Staffs, and Notts
- English: see **Willett**.

### Willbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys
- English: variant of **Welbourn**.

### Willburn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

English: see **Welbourn**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Willby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 137
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; E Anglia
- English: see **Wilby**.

### Willcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 925, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1074
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Cornwall and Devon

English: see **Wilecock**.

### Willcocks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1442, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1229
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; Middx
- English: see **Wilcox**.

### Willcox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2334, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1596
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Warwicks; London
- English: see **Wilcox**.

### Willday

**Variants:** Wilday, Wildey, Wildy, Wadey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101

## Willden

• **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Leics  
English: (i) probably a variant of **Walthew**. The originating personal name and surname are recorded in Staffs: Waldeve de Walton, 12th century in *Staffs Chartulary*; William Waldyf, 1305 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs). The name certainly survived in Staffs as **Waltho** and it may also have become \**Waldy* and perhaps \**Weldy*, but a change to *Wildy* by 1327 is unexpected. (ii) nickname, alternatively, perhaps, an extended form of *wild* ‘wild, violent’ (see **Wild**) + *-y* or possibly a reduced form of Middle English *wild* + *eye* ‘wild eye’.

**Early bearers:** William Wyldy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wheaton Aston, Staffs); Richard Wyldy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Whiston, Staffs); Willelmus Wyldy, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Derby, Derbys); Henricus Wyldy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newton Regis, Warwicks); Willelmus Wildy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lapley and Wheaton Aston, Staffs); John Willdey, 1562, Julianus Wildye, 1578, Joahne Wiledy, 1602 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Ricardi Willdey, 1579, Rici Wildy, 1605, Richard Willday, 1650 in *IGI* (Hinckley, Leics); Homfrey Wildy, 1586 in *IGI* (Tamworth, Staffs); Richard Willdey, 1592 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Elizabeth Willday, 1613 in *PROB 11* (Atherstone, Warwicks); William Wildey, 1626 in *IGI* (Stepney, London); Willia Wildy, 1639 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Frauncis Wildey, 1646 in *IGI* (East Hendred, Berks); Will. Wildee, 1649 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Elizabeth Wildee, 1663 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Moses Wildey, 1665 in *IGI* (Higham on the Hill, Leics); Susannah Wildy, 1692 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Mary Willday, 1700, Edward Wildy, 1705 in *IGI* (Colton, Staffs); Henry Wildy, 1718 in *IGI* (Normanton on Soar, Notts); William Wildee, 1834 in *IGI* (Beetley, Norfolk).  
**References:** *Tooth* 4, 77–8.

## Willden

• **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 55  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Norfolk  
English: see **Wilden**.

## Willder

• **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 116  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Surrey, and Middx  
English: see **Wilder**.

## Willdig

• **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 28  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Wildig**.

## Willding

• **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 15  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: see **Wilding**.

## Willdridge

• **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 13  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 21  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Renfrews  
English, Scottish: see **Wildridge**.

## Wille

• **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 38  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx; NR Yorks  
English: relationship name from *Wille*, a pet form of *William*.

## Willems

• **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 8  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 13  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx  
English: (i) see **Williams**. (ii) Some recent bearers are from the equivalent Flemish name, as for example John Willems, Ward Master, 1881 in *Census 1881*, British subject, born in Belgium.

## Willen

• **GB frequency 1881:** 57  
• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Lancs; Norfolk  
English: see **Willan**.

## Willer

### Variants: Willers

• **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 108  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Surrey and Sussex  
1 English: see **Weller**.

2 English: occupational name, perhaps in some cases a reduced form of *Willyer*, now extinct, but derived from Middle English *wilier* ‘one who works in willow’, a derivative of Middle English *wily* (Old English *wilige*) ‘willow’ + *-er* ‘worker in willow’, probably a maker of baskets or hurdles.  
**Early bearers:** John le Wylzare, 1327 in *Thuresson* (Hants); William le Wyliere, 1332 in *Thuresson*; Robert le Wyliar, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Wylier<sup>r</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, Hants); Willelmus Wylier, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bramley, WR Yorks); Richard Willier, 1579 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Anna Willer, 1595 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomae Willier, 1617 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); An Willer, 1620 in *IGI* (South Elmham Saint James, Suffolk); Thomas Willier, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Hannington, Wilts); Edward Willier, 1631 in *PROB 11* (Newbury, Berks); John Willer, 1642 in *IGI* (Ringmer, Sussex).

## Willerby

• **GB frequency 1881:** 8  
English: locative name from Willerby (ER Yorks).  
**Early bearers:** Yuo de Wilardebi, 1185 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); Henry de Wilardebi, 1208 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johanne de Wilardby, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Richard Willerby, 1450 in *PROB 11*; Elsbeth Willerby, 1626 in *IGI* (Burgh on Bain, Lincs).

## Willers

### Variants: Willars

• **Current frequencies:** GB 381, Ireland 12  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 165  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Lincs, and Essex  
English: (i) variant of **Willer** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. (ii) perhaps occasionally for **Villiers**, traditionally pronounced ‘Villers’, the family name of the Dukes of Buckingham. Compare Rebecca Villiers, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields,

Middx), with Maria Williers, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).  
**Early bearers:** James Willers, 1566 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Cornelia Willers, 1677 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Willars, 1705 in *IGI* (Tempsford, Beds); George Willers, 1738 in *IGI* (Llandogo, Monmouths); John Willars, 1750 in *IGI* (Barton upon Humber, Lincs); Michael Willers, 1753 in *IGI* (Whaplode, Lincs); William Willers, 1779 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Sarah Willars, 1810 in *IGI* (Ashby de la Zouch, Leics).

## Willerton

• **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 365  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs  
English: locative name from Willoughton (Lincs), recorded as *Willerton* on a number of occasions since the early 16th century.  
**Early bearers:** Peter de Wilughton, 1356, William Wylughton, 1389, Thomas Weleughton, 1411 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); George Willerton, 1573 in *IGI* (South Cockerington, Lincs); Ric Willerton, 1575 in *IGI* (North Cockerington, Lincs); Isbell Willerton, 1576 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Lincs* 6, p. 212.

## Willes

• **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 354  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England; esp. London  
English: variant of **Wills**.

## Willet

• **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 1  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 267  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Essex, Middx, and Surrey; WR Yorks; Ayr  
English: see **Willett**.

## Willetts

• **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 305  
• **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, Warwicks, and Shrops  
English: see **Willettts**.

## Willett

Variants: **Willet**, **Willette**, **Willitt**, **Willott**, **Willettts**, **Willatt**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 3252, Ireland 16  
• **GB frequency 1881:** 2292  
• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx, Surrey, and Sussex; also Staffs  
• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Dublin  
1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Wilot*, *Wilet*, pet forms of **Will**, itself a short form of **William**, with the diminutive suffixes *-ot* or *-et*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Wil(l)ot de Foxwist, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire).  
surnames: Matill’ Wylot, about 1248 in *Bec Abbey Documents*; Symon Wylot, 1269 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Thomas Wilet, 1277 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William Wyllet, Wylot (identical), 1327, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Stephen Wilotes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Henricus Wylotte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Banbury, Oxon); Thomas Wylot, 1379 in

*Poll Tax* (Weedon Bec, Northants); Willelmus Wyllot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crimsham, Sussex); Johanne Wylet, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Speen, Berks); Willelmus Wylot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Rugeley, Staffs); John Willett, 1540 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Willott, 1541 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Willetts, 1547 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Annis Willatt, 1563 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); Ellinn Willitt, 1628 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); John Willitts, 1656 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey); Aaron Willatts, 1662 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Giles Willotts, 1684 in *IGI* (Cheadle, Staffs).  
2 English: sometimes a late variant of **Willard**.  
**Early bearers:** Thomas Willard alias Willett, 1582 in *Feet of Fines* (Hunts).

### Willette

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Willett**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Willetts

**Variants:** Willets, Willitts, Willitts, Willats

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3708, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: variant of **Willett** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.

### Wiley

**Variants:** Willy, Willie, Wyly, Wyllie, Willies, Willis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2496, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2675
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs; Durham

English: (i) relationship name from a pet form of the personal name **Will**, a short form of **William**. (ii) in some instances a variant of **Wiley**.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Willy de Dalton, 1300 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Lancs).  
surnames: Henry Willy, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); William Wylli, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; John son of Willy, 1300 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions* (Lancs); Roger Willy, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Roberto Willy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sibley, Leics); Laurencius Willy, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Warborough, Oxon); Joan Willey, 1562 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Nicholas Willey, 1562 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); John Willey, 1566 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Thomas Willey, 1582 in *IGI* (Willoughby Waterless, Leics); Elizabeth Willey, 1589 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon).

### Willford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks, Lincs, Rutland, and Northants

English: see **Wilford**.

### Willgoose

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks, Lancs

English: see **Wildgoose**.

### Willgoss

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England; also Staffs

English: see **Wildgoose**.

### Willgrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Willgress**.

### Willgress

**Variants:** Wilgress, Willgrass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *wild* + *gris* 'boar' (Old Scandinavian *gríss*).  
**Early bearers:** Gilbert Wildegris 1154–89 *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Thomas Wyldegry of Couentre, draper, 1417–18 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); William Wyldegryce, 1511 in *Norwich Wills* (Norfolk); Elizabeth Willgress, 1634 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Mary Willgress, 1696, Mary Willgrass, 1819 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### William

**Variants:** Williams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1416, Ireland 60
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2529
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales, esp. Glamorgan, Caernarvons, and W England, esp. Lancs; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *William*, *Willam*, *Willem*, an Old Picard and Norman French form of Continental Germanic *Willihelm*, composed of the Germanic elements *wil* 'will, desire' + *helm* 'helmet, protection'.  
**Further information:** This Norman personal name became widely used in England, Scotland and Wales after the Conquest. By the 13th century it had already become the most popular given name in England. A Parisian form of the name *Guillaume* was also sometimes used (see **Gillam**), which in medieval Wales was adopted as *Gwilym* (see **Gwilliam**).  
**Early bearers:** England: Robertus filius Willelmi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Richard Willam, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Wylyam, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ralph Willeam, 1304, Willeam, 1315 in *Ancient Deeds* vi (Kent); Walterus William, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Landbeach, Cambs); Ricardus William, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Childswickham, Gloucs); Richard Wyllom, 1399 in *Feet of Fines* (Worcs); Roger Wilyam, 1414 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); John Willeam, 1446 in *Feet of Fines* (Cranbrook, Kent); Howell Wylliam or William, 1548 in *PROB 11* (Garweye, Herefs); William William, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Hewelsfield, Gloucs); Samuel Wilyam, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Willeam, 1694 in *Parish Registers* (Heanton Punchardon, Devon); Margaret Wiliam, 1770 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk). Catherine William ap Gruffith alias William, 1583 in *Parish Registers* (Montgomerys); Rolland ap William ap William, 1608 in *Parish Registers* (Penrhosligwy, Anglesey); Johanis ap William ap William, 1620 in *Parish Registers* (Alberbury, Shrops); Thomas

William John William, 1730 in *Parish Registers* (Hirnat, Montgomerys).  
Wales: Watkyn Wylliam or William, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Brecon, Brecknocks); Morgan William, 1557 in *PROB 11* (Llantrisant, Monmouths); Genet William, 1560 in *PROB 11* (Swansea, Glamorgan); Jenkin William, 1606 in *PROB 11* (Llewell, Brecknocks); John Willeam, 1768 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Issell, Saundersfoot, Pembrokes).

### Williams

**Variants:** Wiliams, Willems, Willams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294625, Ireland 4360
- **GB frequency 1881:** 213957
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Wales: esp. Glamorgan and Caernarvons; W England: esp. Lancs, Cornwall; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Dublin; Cork and Tipperary

English: relationship name, occupational name, variant of **William** with genitival or post-medieval excrement -s.  
**Early bearers:** England: Thomas Willames, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Williames, 1309 in *Assize Rolls*; Thomas William, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Philip Williames, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); John Williams, 1450 in *Feet of Fines* (Maulden, Beds); Jenet Williams, 1539 in *IGI* (Willoughby, Lincs); Sibell Williams, 1539 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Thomas Williams, 1539 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Anne Williams, 1542 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Caterine Williams, 1547 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Lucia Wiliames, 1569 in *IGI* (Great Hanwood, Shrops); Dorothy Wylliams, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Audlem, Cheshire); William Willeams, 1748 in *Parish Registers* (Prees, Shrops); John Willems, 1801 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Paul Covent Garden, Westminster, Middx).  
Wales: Elizabeth Williams, 1559, Godfrey Williams, 1561, Marget Williams, 1582, Catherine Williams, 1609, Misael Williams, 1696 in *IGI* (Goytre, Monmouths); Thomas Willems, 1767 in *Parish Registers* (Tenby, Pembrokes).

### Williamson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34530, Ireland 2237
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26346
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Ulster: esp. Antrim

English, Scottish: relationship name 'son of William.'  
**Early bearers:** England: Arnald Williamsson, 1360 in *Colchester Court Rolls*; Ricardus Williamesson', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Arthingworth, Northants); Johannes Williamesson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kempstone, Norfolk); Robertus Williamson, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roger Williamson, 1386 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Agnes Williamson, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jone Williamson, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); Agnes Williamson, 1540 in *IGI* (Haddon, Hunts); Ciprian Williamson, 1544 in *IGI* (Castor, Northants); John Williamson, 1544 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); Robert Williamson, 1545 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs).  
Scotland: John Willameson, 1388 in *Bamff Charters* (Angus); Alexander Williamson, 1463 in *Scotland Calendar* (Aberdeen); Thomas Williamson, 1528 in *Great Seal of Scotland* (Saint Andrews, Fife).

## Williard

### Williard

- GB frequency 1881: 61
  - Main GB location 1881: Sussex
- English: see **Willard**.

### Willicombe

- Current frequencies: GB 188, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 133
  - Main GB location 1881: Somerset; London
- English: see **Welcome**.

### Willie

- Current frequencies: GB 333, Ireland 1
  - GB frequency 1881: 239
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Scotland
- 1 English: see **Willey**.  
2 Scottish: see **Wylie**.

### Willies

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 122
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Notts
- English: variant of **Willey** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Williman

- Current frequencies: GB 22, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 14
  - Main GB location 1881: Northants and Beds; Norfolk
- English: see **Willman**.

### Williment

- Current frequencies: GB 101, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 47
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Willman**.

### Willimont

- Current frequencies: GB 32, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 35
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Willman**.

### Willimott

- Current frequencies: GB 342, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 150
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- English: see **Willmott**.

### Willing

- Current frequencies: GB 326, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 374
  - Main GB location 1881: London; Devon
- 1 English: locative name from Willing in Rattery (Devon). Some early bearers may belong with (2).  
**Early bearers:** John Willyng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); William Willyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ludbrook in Ugborough, Devon); Joan Willyng, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Morebath, Devon); Ricardus Willyng, Walterus Wylyng, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolavington, Somerset); John Wylyng, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); William de Wylyng, William Wylyng, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Johes Willinge, 1558 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); John Wylyng, 1568 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Jane

Willinge, 1589 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Jane Wylling, 1602 in *IGI* (Modbury, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 311; information from June Willing (Guild of One-Name Studies).  
2 English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *willing* ‘willing’. Some of the early bearers may belong with (1).  
**Early bearers:** William Willing, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); William Willing, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Johannes Wylyng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Manston, Dorset); John Willyng, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks).

### Willingale

- Current frequencies: GB 253, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 139
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: locative name from Willingale Doe or Willingale Spain (Essex).  
**Further information:** The 1817 spelling represents a compromise with the local pronunciation /winigl/.  
**Early bearers:** Richard de Wyllynghale, 1356 in *Hornchurch Priory Calendar*; Grisel Willingale, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Dunmow, Essex); Anne Willingale, 1602 in *IGI* (Easebourne, Sussex); Charles Willingale, 1772 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); William Winigale, 1817 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx); William Willingale in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Essex*, p. 500.

### Willingham

- Current frequencies: GB 797, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 429
  - Main GB location 1881: E England, esp. ER Yorks and Suffolk
- English: from North, South, Cherry Willingham, Willingham by Stow (Lincs), or Willingham (Camps, Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Odo de Willingeham, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Johannes Wylyngham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Wylyngham, 1394 in *Yorks Wills*; William Wylyngham, 1445–6 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); John Willingham, 1569 in *IGI* (Immingham, Lincs); Alice Willingham, 1599 in *IGI* (Wood Enderby, Lincs); Hanna Willingham, 1655 in *IGI* (Timworth, Suffolk).

### Willings

- Current frequencies: GB 79, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 169
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Wales
- English: see **Willans**.

### Willington

- Current frequencies: GB 308, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 351
  - Main GB location 1881: W Midlands, esp. Staffs, Warwicks; London
- English: locative name from any or all of the places named *Willington* (Beds, Cheshire, Derbys, Durham, Northumb, Warwicks), but there is little evidence from NE England.  
**Early bearers:** John de Wilentona, 13th cent. in *Burton Chartulary*; Nicholas de Wilentona, 1251 in *Burton Chartulary*; Johanne Wylyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eaton Socon, Beds); Elizabeth Willington, 1564 in *IGI* (Kingsbury, Warwicks); Henricus Willington,

1565 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Walter Willington, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset).

### Willins

- Current frequencies: GB 64, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 142
  - Main GB location 1881: Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Willans**.

### Willis

- Variants:** **Williss**, **Wyllys**
- Current frequencies: GB 23468, Ireland 1089
  - GB frequency 1881: 15706
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread, esp. Home Counties; Durham, Lancs
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Armagh and Antrim; Fermanagh; Cork; Dublin
- 1 English: (i) variant of **Will** with genitival *-s*. This surname represents a retention of the second syllable, introduced by the addition of the Middle English genitival suffix *-es*, which would have been pronounced in the Middle English period. Compare **Wills**. (ii) variant of **Willey** with genitival or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Willys, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Thomas Willis, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Worton, Oxon); Alicia Willys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tuttington, Norfolk); Adam Wyllis, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Henrico Wyllys, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Circourt, Berks); Roger Wyllys, 1438 in *London Letter Books Kent*; Richard Willys, 1517 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Wyllys, 1539 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Robert Willis, 1541 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs); Johes Willis, 1542 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks).  
2 English: variant of **Willows**. Compare George Willowes, 1538, Ralph Willowse, 1593, Ralph Willys, 1612 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Loftus, NR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Williscroft

- Current frequencies: GB 231, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 112
  - Main GB location 1881: Staffs
- English: see **Woolliscroft**.

### Willison

- Current frequencies: GB 677, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 562
  - Main GB location 1881: widespread in England and Scotland
- English: see **Wilson**.

### Williss

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 186
  - Main GB location 1881: scattered in England
- English: see **Willis**.

### Willits

- Current frequencies: GB 96, Ireland 2
  - GB frequency 1881: 119
  - Main GB location 1881: Warwicks, Staffs, and Shrops; Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Willetts**.

### Willitt

- Current frequencies: GB 36, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. London; Lancs
- English: see **Willett**.

### Willitts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 213
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Willett**s.

### Willman

Variants: **Wilman, Willmin, Williman, Willment, Williment, Willimont, Wellman, Wellemin, Welman, Wileman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

1 Norman, English: relationship name from the Norman French personal name *Willemin*, a diminutive of *Willelm* or *Willaume*. For the equivalent Central or Parisian French form see **Gillman**, from *Guillemin*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wileminus, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon).

surnames: John Wilemyn, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (London); John Wylemyn, 1301 in *London Letter Books B* (London); Ralph Welemyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robert Wylemin, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); Ralph Wyllemyn, 1341 in *Feet of Fines* (Hanslope, Bucks); Thomas Wylman, 1524 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Richard Williman, 1544 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Anna Willimont, 1562 in *IGI* (Shipdham, Norfolk); Willm. Willman, 1589 in *IGI* (Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York); Katherine Williment, 1615 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Richard Willman, 1623 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Mary Willmin, 1665 in *IGI* (Walton, Bucks); Ann Willment, 1683 in *IGI* (Beaminster, Dorset).

2 English: occupational name, status name denoting 'servant of *Will*', from the Middle English personal name **Will** + *man* 'man, servant'. Some bearers may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Symon Willeman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Adam Willeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shepley, WR Yorks); John Willeman, brewer of Fleet Street, 1400 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John Wilman, 1400–12 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); Johan Wilman, 1568 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Coney Street, York); Ellen Wilman, 1579 in *IGI* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Ursula Wilman, 1609 in *IGI* (Cuckfield, Sussex); Jane Wilman, 1612 in *IGI* (Boynton, ER Yorks); John Wilman, 1620 in *IGI* (Yeovil, Somerset).

3 English: variant of **Wildman**.

### Willment

- **Current frequencies:** GB 119, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 58
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Dorset
- English: see **Willman**.

### Willmer

Variants: **Wilmer, Wilmers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 482, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 282
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wilmer*, Old English *Wilmær* 'will-

famous'. There may have been some confusion with **Willmore**.

**Early bearers:** William, Simon Wilmer, 1296 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks), 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); John Wilmer, 1374–5 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Ricardus Wilmer, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (High Laver, Essex); Humfrey Willmer, 1548 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Lidia Wilmer, 1573 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); Briget Wilmer, 1575 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Thomas Wylmer or Wilmer, 1581 in *PROB 11* (Starton, Northants); Andrew Willmer, 1680 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex); John Wilmer, 1685 in *IGI* (West Chiltonington, Sussex); Luther Wilmer, 1686 in *IGI* (Ellesborough, Bucks).

### Willmett

Variants: **Willmetts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Willmott**.

### Willmetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant **Willmett** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Willmin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Willman**.

### Willmington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Somerset

English: see **Wilmington**.

### Willmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 819, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 527
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Staffs, Worcs, and Leics; also London

English: see **Wildmore**.

### Willmott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 277, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 425
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
- English: see **Willmott**.

### Willmott

Variants: **Willmot, Wilmot, Wilmott, Willimott, Willmett, Wilmut, Wilmoth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2964, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1853
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Will(i)mot(t)*, a hypocoristic form of *Willelm* (see **William**). Compare the Old French personal name *Guillemot*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Willimot, 1189–99 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Wylimot, 1306 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Walter Wilmot, 1252 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Henry Wilmot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas Wilmet, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Stephano Willemet, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tidcombe and Marten, Wilts); Willelmo Willmot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warnham, Sussex); Johanne Willemot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kempsford, Gloucs); John Wilmott, 1498 in *PROB 11* (Dorchester, Dorset); Richard Willmote or Wilmot, 1574 in *PROB 11* (Minsterworth, Gloucs); James Willimot, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Kelshall, Herts); Edmund Willmot, 1673 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs).

### Willock

Variants: **Willox, Willocks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 512, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 362
- **Main GB location 1881:** SW Scotland, esp. Ayr; Angus; W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh; Kildare

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English descendant of Old English *Willoc*, a derivative of names in *Wil-*.

**Early bearers:** England: Rannulfus filius Willoc, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Willoc, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Johanne Wyloc, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashton Keynes, Wilts); Thomas Wylock, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodford, Northants); Willm Willocke, 1577 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Ralph Willock, 1581 in *IGI* (Loppington, Shrops); Robte. Willock, 1585 in *IGI* (Quorndon, Leics); Thomas Willocke, 1633 in *IGI* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Jana Willock, 1670 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Richard Willock, 1684 in *IGI* (Church Hulme, Cheshire); Henrici Willock, 1703 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Sarah Wylock, 1849 in *IGI* (Evertton, Lancs). Scotland: Katrien Willock, 1646 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Patrick Willock, 1668 in *IGI* (Leuchars, Fife); Alexr. Willock, 1671 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus).

2 English: see **Wheelock**.

### Willocks

Variants: **Willox, Willox**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: variant of **Willock** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert Willoikis, 1576 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Gilbert Willox, wright, 1584 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* 5 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margratt Willoks, 1633 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Robert Willockes, 1677 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Issobell Willochs, 1689 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); John Wiliks, 1727 in *New Spalding Miscellany* 2 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Margt. Wylox, 1785 in *IGI* (Inverkeillor, Angus).

### Willott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 327, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Willett**.

### Willoughby

Variants: **Wilby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4182, Ireland 217
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2574



## Willow

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England, esp. WR Yorks, London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wexford, Kilkenny, and Wicklow

English: locative name from any or all of the places named *Willoughby* (Leics, Lincs, Notts, Warwicks). **Further information:** The family of this name who have held the title Baron Willoughby de Eresby since 1313 are descended from a William de Willoughby who held the manor of Willoughby (Lincs) in 1212 (*DNB*). **Early bearers:** Robert de Wilgebi, 1175–84 in *Yorks Charters*; William de Wylugby, 1301 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Johanne de Wylughby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Loughborough, Leics); Thoma de Willouby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wymeswold, Leics); Thomas Willoughby, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Margery Willoughby, 1539 in *IGI* (Oxborough, Norfolk); Ales Wyllowbye, 1563 in *IGI* (Swineshead, Lincs); Thomas Willoughby, 1571 in *IGI* (Pickworth, Lincs); Elenor Willoughby, 1576 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Thomas Wylloughbie, 1591 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); John Wiloughby, 1686 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Willow

Variants: **Willows**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 97
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: locative name from Middle English *wilwe*, *wilghe*, *wil(l)owe* ‘willow’ (Old English \**wilig*, *welig*), for a person who lived at or near a willow tree, or in an area where willow trees grew. Compare the more frequent surname from the plural form, **Willows**. **Early bearers:** Willelmus Wylogh, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Eliz. Willow, 1603 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Kent); Phillip Willow, 1608 in *IGI* (Fawley, Bucks); John Willowe, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Willow, 1634 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs);

## Willows

Variants: **Willis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 655
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- 1 English: locative name from a plural form of Middle English *wilwe*, *wilghe*, *wil(l)owe* ‘willow’ (Old English \**wilig*, *welig*), for a person who lived in an area where willow trees grew. **Early bearers:** Robert in le Willewys, 1290 in *Crowland Abbey Estates* (Cambs); John in le Welwes, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes in le Wilues, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Rudston and Thorpe, ER Yorks); Robertus in the Wilughes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Cottingham, ER Yorks); Hugo de Wilwes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lincoln, Lincs); Johanne de Wilyghs, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Myton, ER Yorks); Johanne atte Wylowes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cliffe, ER Yorks); Roberto Wylwes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ashby Folville, Leics); Elena in le Wylowes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (North Cliffe, ER Yorks); William Wyllowes, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Ashdon, Essex); Christopher Willows, 1567 in *IGI* (Addlethorpe, Lincs); Johanis. Willows, 1577 in *IGI* (Wanlip, Leics); John Willows, 1611 in *IGI* (Whittlesford, Cambs). 2 English: in some cases, this may be a variant of **Willow** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Willox

- **Current frequencies:** GB 715, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 318
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Willocks**.

## Willrich

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- German: relationship name from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements *wil* ‘will, desire’ + *rik* ‘powerful’; compare **Wildridge**. **Early bearers:** Jacob Willrich, gilder, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Whitechapel, Middx); Heinrich Willrich, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fulham, Middx); William Willrich, mental nurse, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Wakefield, WR Yorks).

## Wills

Variants: **Willes, Wilce**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10471, Ireland 371
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8855
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, and Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; otherwise scattered

English: variant of **Will** with genitival -s. Compare **Willis**. **Early bearers:** William Wylles, 1327 in *Patent Rolls* (Oxon); Rogerus Wylles, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Herne, Kent); Thomas Wills, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Up Waltham and Eartham, Sussex); Ricardus Wylles, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Standen, Hants); Thomas Wyls, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Haldenby, WR Yorks); Thoma Willes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cirencester, Gloucs); John Wylles, 1402 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mildred Poultry, City of London); Roger Willes, 1438 in *Feet of Fines* (Newchurch, Kent); Joane Wills, 1540 in *IGI* (Willesborough, Kent); Walter Wills, 1556 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Hugh Wills, 1571 in *PROB 11* (West Chinnock, Somerset); John Wills, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Kingskerswell, Devon).

## Willshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 192, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 250
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Willshear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; London
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Willsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 928, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 515
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Middx
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Willshere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Wiltshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408

- **Main GB location 1881:** S England: esp. Sussex, Hants, and Middx
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

## Willsmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Willmore**. **Early bearers:** Elizabeth Wilsmore, 1598 in *IGI* (Great Amwell, Herts); Jhon Wilsmore, 1599 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Francis Willsmore, 1622 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Willsmore, 1649 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); George Willsmore, 1753 in *IGI* (Wickham Bishops, Essex).

## Willson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2935, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3288
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E England, esp. Kent, Surrey, Middx; Lincs, Leics and Cambs
- English: see **Wilson**.

## Willstead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Wellstead**.

## Willsteed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Wellstead**.

## Willy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 331
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in SW, SE, N England
- English: see **Willey**.

## Wilman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 601
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Willman**.

## Wilmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 375, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 281
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Bucks and Northants; Sussex
- English: see **Willmer**.

## Wilmers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: variant of **Willmer** with post-medieval excrescent -s. **Early bearers:** Julyan Wylmers, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Rinnington upon Donnesmore, Warwicks).

## Wilmington

Variants: **Willmington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Devon



English: locative name from any or all of Wilmington (Devon, Kent, Shrops, Somerset, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** John de Wilminton', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset); Rogerus de Wylmyton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Wilmington, Shrops); Bartholomew Wylmynton, 1392 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); John de Wylmynton, 1510 in *Shrewsbury Guild Rolls*; John Wylmynton, 1543 in *PROB 11* (Worcester, Worcs); John Wilmington, 1615 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent); Ellen Wilmington, 1625 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

### Wilmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 288, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 366
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lincs; Worcs
- English: see **Wildmore**.

### Wilmut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2535, Ireland 162
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1955
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Dublin and Wicklow

English: see **Willmott**.

**Further information:** This name has been established in Ireland (Kerry) since 1614.

### Wilmoth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: see **Willmott**.

### Willmott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 905, Ireland 99
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 995
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick
- English: see **Willmott**.

### Wilmshurst

- **Current frequencies:** GB 566, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent

English: locative name from a lost or unidentified place called *Wilmshurst* or similar, probably in Kent or Sussex. The place-name means 'Wilmund's wood', from the Old English personal name *Wilmund* (genitive *Wilmundes*) + Old English *hyrst* 'wood, wooded hill'.

**Early bearers:** Walter de Wylemundesherst, about 1285 in *Sussex Customals (Canterbury)* (Mayfield, Sussex); John de Wylmondeshurst, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Laurence Wylmondeshurst, 1408 in *East Sussex Record Office* (Frant, Sussex); Stephen Wylmysherst, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Marden, Kent); John Wylmysherst, 1489, Stephen Wylmonsherste, 1498 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goudhurst, Kent); John Wylmysherst, 1562 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections* 50 (Mayfield, Sussex); Richard Wymsherst, 1588 in *Cranbrook Wills* (Kent); Thomas Wilmshurst, 1620 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex); Marie Wimshurst, 1624, John Wilmshurst, 1630 in *IGI* (High Halden, Kent); Richard Wilmehurst or Willmehurst, 1646 in *PROB 11* (Mayfield, Sussex); Richard Wilmhurst, 1714 in *IGI* (Laughton, Sussex).

### Wilmut

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Willmott**.

### Wilsden

**Variants:** **Wilsdon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name probably from Wilsden (WR Yorks), recorded as *Wylsiden(e)* from 1190–1220 and *Wulsinden* in 1248. However, the absence of post-medieval bearers from WR Yorks and other counties of N England before the late 18th century, along with their frequency in SE England, especially Kent, suggest that the surname may sometimes be a variant of **Wilsdon** (1).

**Early bearers:** Elyas de Wulsingden', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Willelmus Wyllesden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); Thomas Wilsden, 1612 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Tho. Wilsden, 1664 in *IGI* (Littlebourne, Kent); James Wilsden, 1788 in *IGI* (Haworth, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 3, p. 274.

### Wilsdon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 274
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

1 English: locative name from Willesden (Middx), early forms of which are in *-don*, *-dun* representing Old English *dūn* 'hill'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Willesdon, 1389 in *Patent Rolls* (Willesden, Middx); Richard Willesdon, 1397 in *Patent Rolls* (Fordington, Dorset); George Wilsdon or Wylsdon, 1570 in *PROB 11* (London); Christian Wilsdon, 1599 in *IGI* (Longburton, Dorset); Henry Wilsdon, 1603 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Thomas Willsdon, 1623 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Edward Wilsdon, 1725 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Richard Wilsdon, 1745 in *IGI* (Kidlington, Oxon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Middx*, p. 160.

2 English: variant of **Wilsden**; compare William Wilsdon and Harriott Wilsden, 1809 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

3 English: perhaps occasionally a variant of **Wilson**.

**Early bearers:** John Wilsdon or Wilsdoon alias Wilson, 1567 in *PROB 11* (East Winch, Norfolk).

### Wilshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1365, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 752
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; also Lancs

English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1031, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Essex, and Herts
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilshere

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 156
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts; Wilts
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 551
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Gloucs
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilson

**Variants:** **Willson**, **Willison**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186540, Ireland 12250
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135192
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name **Will** + patronymic *-son* 'son of *Will*'.  
**Early bearers:** England: Robert Willison, 1324 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Robert Wilson, 1341 in *Kirkstall Coucher Book* (Yorks); John Willison, 1366 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Hugo Wyllesone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Mucklestone, Staffs); Adam Wylsson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kettlewell, WR Yorks); Johannes Wyllyson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Skibeden, WR Yorks); Thoma Wylson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brough with Stainmore, Westm); Thomas Wylson', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ince Blundell, Lancs); Johanna Wilson, 1538 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs); Christopher Wilson, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Tho. Wilson, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Hannah Wilson, 1670 in *IGI* (Emswell, Yorks).

Scotland: Michael Wilsoun, 1418 in *Irvine Muniments* (Irvine, Ayr); John Wilson, 1467 in *Dunfermline Register* (Berwick, Berwicks); Thomas Wolsoun, 1563 in *Newbattle Register* (Roxburghs); William Wilson, 1562 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Katherine Wilson, 1564 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Finlay Wilson, 1566 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths).

### Wilstrop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, in most cases from Wilstrop (WR Yorks), but possibly sometimes from any of three places named Wilsthorpe (Derbys, Lincs, ER Yorks). Compare John Wyllesthorpman, 1366 in *York Freeman's Register*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wylstrophe, 1229 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Wilstrop, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wilstrop, 1335 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Johannes de Wilsthorp', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilstrop, WR Yorks); Guy Willesthorpe, 1511 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Wilstrop); Bartholomew Wilstrupp, 1652 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Wilstthrop, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Tockwith, WR Yorks); Anne Wilstrop, 1686 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Polly Wilsthorp, 1778 in *IGI* (Goldsborough, WR Yorks).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wiltcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wilthew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

## Wilton

English: perhaps a variant of **Walthew**.

**Early bearers:** Luke Wilthew, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirkwhelpington, Northumb); John Wilthew, 1760 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

### Wilton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3791, Ireland 183
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2797
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Cornwall
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan; also Derry
- English: locative name from any of the various places so named, including Wilton (Wilts, NR Yorks), Wilton in Haile (Cumb), and Wilton in Bridstow (Herefs).

**Early bearers:** Gerald de Wiltune, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Wilts); Hugh, Walter de Wilton, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls*, 1273 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Rogerus de Wylton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hessay, WR Yorks); John Wilton, 1390 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Guhielums Wilton, 1542 in *IGI* (Great Staughton, Hunts); John Wilton, 1547 in *IGI* (Evercreech, Somerset); William Wilton, 1556 in *IGI* (Lanreath, Cornwall); Anne Wilton, 1557 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Margaret Wilton, 1559 in *IGI* (Pocklington, ER Yorks); Robert Wilton, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Bodmin, Cornwall).

### Wilts

- **GB frequency 1881:** 123
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

England: unexplained. Perhaps a reduced variant of **Willetts** (also see **Willet**); compare Wm Willetts, 1583, Will Wilts, 1710 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs). Medieval instances are often abbreviations, as in the case of Samuel de Wiltes', 1266 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol) and the 1379 early bearer below, from the county-name Wiltshire, and while this may be one possible origin of the surname *Wilts*, the extent to which abbreviated medieval by-name and surname forms tended to persist is unknown.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Wylt', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Bampton, Oxon); Edward Wilts or Wiltes, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Wisbech, Cambs); Nicholas Wilts, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Portsmouth, Hants); Tho. Wilts, 1603 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Michael Wilts, 1611 in *IGI* (Upton Grey, Hants); John Wilts, 1625 in *IGI* (Stratton, Gloucs).

### Wiltshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wiltshear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wiltsher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London, Herts, and Surrey

English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wiltshier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex and Kent
- English: see **Wiltshire**.

### Wiltshire

**Variants:** Willshire, Wiltshier, Willshere, Willsher, Willshear, Wilkshire, Wilshire, Wilshere, Wilsher, Wilcher, Wiltsher, Wiltshear, Wiltcher, Wiltshaw, Wilshaw, Willshaw

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6133, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3934
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: locative name from the county of Wiltshire. **Early bearers:** Hunfr' de Wilechier, de Wilecher, 1157, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholas de Wiltesar', 1207 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Wilts); Robert Wylchar, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Wiltshire, 1298 in *Court Rolls* (Hants); Willelmus Wyltechyr', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puddletown, Dorset); William Wylkeshire, 1440 in *London Letter Books* (Kent); Richard Wylshyre, 1456 in *Oriel College Records* (Oxon); Thomas Wylshere, 1483 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Joan Wilshire or Wiltshire, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Bristol, Gloucs); Nathaniel Wilksheire, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Willshaw, 1758 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Wimberley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Middx; WR Yorks; Inverness

English: locative name apparently from a place named with an unidentified first element and Old English *lēah*. There is a place called Wimberley Mill (Gloucs), recorded as *Wymberle(y)* in 1307, which could have given rise to the surname, but the concentration of early bearers in Lincs and the 1379 early bearer from Westm suggest that the name has a different locative origin, from one or more places which are now lost.

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wymmerley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kaber, Westm); Maria Wymberley, 1612 in *IGI* (Dunsby, Lincs); Edwad. Wimberley, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Mildred Poultry with Saint Mary Colechurch, London); John Wimberley, 1631 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); Beuill Wimberley, 1643 in *IGI* (Englefield, Berks); John Wimberley, 1655 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs); John Wimberley, 1857 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

### Wimble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 237, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained; perhaps from Middle English *wimble*, also *wimbil*, 'auger, tool for boring holes in wood; surgical tool for boring holes in bone or penetrating tissue' (Anglo-Norman French \**wimble*, a variant of \**guimble*; compare Middle English *gimlet*, Anglo-Norman French *guimbelet* 'gimlet, boring tool')

**Early bearers:** Is' Wimbil, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Griston, Norfolk); Rosa Wymbil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); Johannes Wymbyl, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Suffolk); William Wymbyll, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); William Wymbyll, 1487 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Thomas Wymbyll or Wymbill, 1516 in *PROB 11* (Harwich, Essex); Thomas Wimble,

1595 in *IGI* (All Cannings, Wilts); Annis Wimble, 1619 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); Stephen Wimble, 1630 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); William Wimble or Wymble, 1641 in *PROB 11* (Ashburnham, Sussex).

### Wimbleton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW; Berks

English: locative name from Wimbledon (Surrey), occasionally recorded with *-t-* from the 14th century. **Early bearers:** John de Wymbeldon', 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Kimpton, Hants); Ralph Wymbelton, 1439 in *Patent Rolls* (High Ashurst, Surrey); John Wymbleton, 1588 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Thomas Wimbleton, 1611 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Wimbleton, 1633 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Leonel Wimbleton, 1640 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); Henrietta Wimbledon, 1839 in *IGI* (Newport, IoW). **References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 38.

### Wimbley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Wimberley**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** William Wimbley, in *Census 1841* (Northants).

### Wimborne

**Variants:** Wimbourne, Winborn, Winbourne, Winborne, Wynburne, Winburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: (i) locative from Wimborne Minster, Wimborne Monkton, Wimborne Saint Giles, or Up Wimborne (Dorset). (ii) locative name; given the high concentration of some variants, such as *Winborn* and *Winbourne*, in Sussex, perhaps also a late development of a surname from Wenbons Farm in Wadhurst (Sussex), which is recorded as *Wembourn* in 1461, with early bearers [ . . . de] Wanesburn, 1271, [ . . . de] Wenneburn, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex). **Early bearers:** Philip de Winburne, 1166 in *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, p. 267 (Dorset); Philippus de Winburn, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Dorset); Walter of Winburn', 1249 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Walter de Wymburn, 1276 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Wymbourn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cropredy, Oxon); John Winborne, 1562 in *IGI* (Brightling, Sussex); John Wimborne, 1666 in *IGI* (Clifton, Gloucs); William Wimborne, 1725 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 387.

### Wimbourne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Wimborne**.

### Wimbush

**Variants:** Winbush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 254, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 187

**Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks, Northants

English: locative name from Wimbish (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wymbys, 1198 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Walter de Wymbysse, 1326 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Willelmus Wymbys', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Johanne Wymbysch', 1381 in *Poll*

*Tax* (Bottesford, Leics); Robert Wymbyssh, 1403, in Wymbussh, 1442 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Judith Wimbishe, 1596 in *IGI* (Washingborough, Lincs); Anne Wimbish, 1632 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Radi. Wimbush, 1634 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk); Lidia Wimbush, 1653 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx); Elizabeth Wimbush, 1735 in *IGI* (Farnborough, Warwicks).

### Wimmer

Variants: **Wimmers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: relationship name possibly from the Middle English personal name *Winemer*, from Old English \**Winemār* 'friend-famous', as suggested by the 1187, 1279, and 1377 early bearers below. However, there is little evidence that this has persisted as a surname, and if it has it is likely to have been confused with **Wymer**. The surnames of the post-medieval bearers may be variants of **Wymer**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wynemer de Gymery, 1261 in *Patent Rolls*.

surnames: John filius Winemeri, 1187 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Richard, Roger Winemer, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Willelmus Wynmere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ketton, Rutland); Anne Wimmer, 1831 in *IGI* (Sprowston, Norfolk); Richard Wimmer, 1837 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Wimmers

- **GB frequency 1881:** o

English: variant of **Wimmer** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Wimpenny

- **Current frequencies:** GB 357, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 415
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wimpenny**.

### Wimpress

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts

English: unexplained.

**Further information:** The suggestion by Weekley, that this surname is for 'wine-press', is unlikely given the earliest forms of the name.

**Early bearers:** Bridgett Wimprose, 1593 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Wyllam Wymprose, 1616 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); Sarah Wimpres, 1663 in *IGI* (Welby, Lincs); John Wimpres, 1676 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); Ursula Winpress, 1683 in *IGI* (Barkston, Lincs); Thomas Wimpris, 1669 in *IGI* (South Kyme, Lincs); Tho Wimprise, 1686 in *IGI* (Kyme, Lincs); Ann Wimpriss, 1696 in *IGI* (Haceby, Lincs); Richard Wimpres, 1768 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Hunts); Robert Wimprus, 1773 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts); James Wimperis, 1786 in *IGI* (Bythorn, Hunts).

### Wims

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: perhaps a variant of Scottish **Wemyss**.

Compare James Wemyss, 1792 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants) with the 1715 early bearer below.

**Early bearers:** John Wims, 1715 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Mary Wims, 1755 in *IGI* (Saint George in the East,

Middx); Ann Wyms, 1764 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); James Wyms, 1803 in *IGI* (Fodderty, Ross and Cromarty); Christopher Wimms, 1856 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

### Winsett

Variants: **Winsett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: unexplained; perhaps from Winstead Hill (Kent), recorded as *Wincett Hill* in 1770.

**Early bearers:** Annie Winsett, 1569 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Winsett, 1575 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Margaret Wynsett, 1586 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Simon Wimsett, 1625 in *IGI* (Buxted, Sussex); John Wimset, 1664 in *IGI* (East Grinstead, Sussex); Thomas Wimsett, 1695 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); Mary Winsatt, 1835 in *IGI* (Bidborough, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 112.

### Win

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; also Cornwall

1 English: See **Winn** or **Wynne**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 尹, see **Wan** (2).

### Winand

Variants: **Wynands**, **Winant**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: from the Norman French personal name *Wynan(d)*, central Old French *Guinant*, Continental Germanic *Wignand* (composed of the elements *wig* 'battle, fight' + *nand* 'courage, bravery'). See *Forssner* 257.

**Early bearers:** Wynan Tirel, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Thomas Wynan, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

### Winant

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- Norman, English: see **Winand**.

### Winberg

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Weinberg**.

### Winbolt

Variants: **Winbow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Winebold*, Old English *Winebeald* 'friend-bold'.

**Early bearers:** given names: Winebaldus, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Winebold', 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks). surnames: John Winebald, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Wynebaud, 1229 in *Close Rolls* (Wilts); Peter Wynbaud, 1320 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucester, Gloucs); John Wynbald, 1359 in *Patent Rolls* (Hawkesbury, Gloucs); Johanne Wynebold, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); Anthony Winbowe, 1620 in *PROB 11* (Great Badminton, Gloucs); John Winbolt, 1636 in *IGI*

(Tilehurst, Berks); William Winbolt, 1646 in *IGI* (Wincanton, Somerset); Henry Winbow, 1673 in *IGI* (Westerleigh, Gloucs); John Winboul, 1738 in *IGI* (Enborne, Berks); William Winbolt, 1874 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Winborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 126, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Wimborne**.

### Winborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

English: see **Wimborne**.

### Winbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Wimborne**.

### Winbow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Worcs

English: see **Winbolt**.

### Winburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Wimborne**.

### Winbush

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Surrey

English: see **Wimbush**.

### Wincer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Windsor**.

### Winch

Variants: **Wynch**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1510, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1298
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Essex

1 English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *winche* 'winch, pulley' (Old English *wince*), later developing the meaning 'well', presumably because a winch would have been used to extract water from a well. The surname is probably for someone who lived by a well. See also **Wink**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a sharp bend in a river or valley, from a transferred sense of the same Middle English word as in (i). This sense appears to be behind some place-names, such as Wincham (Kent) and Winchbottom (Bucks). Some early bearers may belong under (2) or (3), excepting those from 1275 and 1332.

**Early bearers:** Walter Winch, 1184 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William de la Winche, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Thomas atte Wynche, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Winch, 1573 in *IGI* (Somerton, Suffolk); Adam Winch, 1577 in *IGI* (Hughenden,

## Winchcombe

Bucks); Elizabeth Winch, 1615 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); Johnis Winch, 1633 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); John Winch, 1792 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

**References:** *English Place-Name Elements* 2, p. 267.

**2** English: locative name from East and West Winch (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wynche, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton with Hockwold, Norfolk); Walterus de Wynch', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Creak, Norfolk); Hugo de Wynch', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk).

**3** English: nickname perhaps also from a further transferred use of the Middle English word in sense 1(i), for a lapwing (compare Middle English *lapwink* 'lapwing', Old English *hlēapewince*) or other bird known for its leaping and twisting flight.

**Early bearers:** William le Wynch, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

## Winchcombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts and Berks

English: locative name from Winchcombe (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Vincent de Winchecumbe, 1207 in *Pleas* (Oxon); Richard de Wynchecoumbe, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (London); John Wynchecoumbe, 1382 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Willelmus Wynchekombe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Saint Swithin, Worcs); Johannes Wynchecombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); Thomas Wynchecombe, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Cold Brayfield, Bucks); Frances Winchcombe, 1623 in *IGI* (Bucklebury, Berks); Gualter Winchcome, 1695 in *IGI* (Lambourn, Berks).

## Winchester

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1685, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1057
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Kent; Morays and Banffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from Winchester (Hants).

**Early bearers:** England: William de Wyncestre, 1286 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); John Wynchestre, 1360 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Johanne de Wynchestr', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Robertus Wynchestre, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Newtown, Hants); Thomas Winchester, 1547 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); John. Wynchester, 1547 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey); Robertus Winchester, 1555 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Edwarde Winchester, 1559 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Giles Winchester, 1561 in *IGI* (Ivinghoe, Bucks); John Winchester, 1562 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).

Scotland: George Winchester, 1618 in *IGI* (Elgin, Morays); Thomas Winchester, 1618 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Beatrix Winchester, 1625 in *IGI* (Ceres, Fife); Christian Winchester, 1687 in *IGI* (Banff, Banffs).

## Winchurch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 71
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs, Warwicks, and Staffs; WR Yorks

English: apparently an irregular development of an earlier surname *Winchurst*, occurring as *Wincehurst* or *Wyncehurst* in its earliest forms, suggesting a possible locative origin from a lost place named with Old English *wince* 'winch, pulley', also 'bend in a

river or valley', + *hyrst* 'small hill, mound, copse', though this cannot be certain without any medieval bearers; none can be found. The surnames

*Winchurst* and *Winchurch* were both concentrated in Dudley (Staffs) during the 17th and 18th centuries. **Early bearers:** Margery Wyncehurst, 1623 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Wincehurst, 1637 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); William Winchurch, 1642 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Thomas Winchurst, 1675 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); John Winchurch, 1679 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); Dorothy Winchurch, 1683 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Winchurch, 1727 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Emanuel Winchurch, 1743 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); George Winchurch, 1744 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); Kath Winchurch, 1765 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs); George Winchurch, 1802 in *IGI* (Dudley, Staffs).

## Wincote

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Wincott**.

## Wincott

**Variants:** **Wincote**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 299
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative name from Wilmcote in Aston Cantlow (Warwicks), recorded as *Wynnecote* in 1295, or from Wilnecote in Tamworth (Warwicks, Staffs from 1965), recorded as *Wincote* in 1656. **Further information:** Reaney and Wilson suggest the name is from 'Wincott in Whichford', in Warwicks, but this cannot be the case because, in *Place-Names of Warwicks*, this place is Wincott's Farm, and appears to be derived from the surname.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Wilmecote, 1228 in *Patent Rolls* (Warwicks); William de Wynnecote, 1253–4 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John Wynecotte, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Willelmus Wylnekote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ruin Clifford, Warwicks); Elizabeth Wincott, 1610 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Orgeyn Wincott, 1622 in *IGI* (Padiham, Lancs); Thomas Wincot, 1633 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwicks); Rachell Wincott, 1674 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Jo Wincott, 1688 in *IGI* (Church Lench, Worcs).

## Wincup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; E Anglia; Durham

English: see **Whincup**.

## Wind

**Variants:** **Wynde, Wynd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

**1** English: locative for someone who lived by a winding path, ascent, or stream (Middle English *wind*, Old English (*ge*)*wind*).

**Early bearers:** John de Wynd, 1268 in *Whitby Chartulary* (Yorks); William de la Wynde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Roger atte Wynde, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); John in ye Wyndde, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls*

(Yorks); Richard Wynde, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Eye, Herefs); Allison Wind, 1591 in *IGI* (Billingham, Durham).

**2** English: nickname from Middle English *wind*, perhaps for someone who was as speedy as the wind. Compare Richard Wyndswyft, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter Winde, 1197 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Geoffrey Wynd, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Clement and John le Wynd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Little Dunmow, Essex); Simon le Wynd, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Walthamstow, Essex); Edward Wind, 1546 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Johes. Wind, 1567 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Wyllame Wind, 1569 in *IGI* (Wold Newton, Lincs); Richard Wind, 1588 in *IGI* (Eye, Herefs).

## Windass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 54
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: variant of **Windows**, via the form **Windus**. Compare William Windas, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Sutton in Holderness, ER Yorks); William Windus, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Cottingham, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** David Windass, 1650 in *Parish Registers* (Drypool, ER Yorks); William Windass, 1731 in *IGI* (Mappleton, ER Yorks); John Windas, 1734 in *IGI* (Saint Saviour, York); David Windas, 1751 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Windeatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 301, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Wingate**.

## Windebank

**Variants:** **Windibank**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: locative name from Middle English *wind* 'wind' + the adjectival suffix *-i, -y* + *bank* 'bank, ridge, hill' (Old English *wind* + *-ig* + Old Danish *banke* or the Old English equivalent *banca*). The surname is likely to be toponymic, probably in most cases from Windy Bank in Southowram (WR Yorks), though there are six other places of the same name in WR Yorks and a place called Windy Bank in Hundersfield (Lancs) which could also have given rise to the surname. It is now rare in Yorkshire and N England but is heavily concentrated in Hants, where it has been recorded since the 17th century, suggesting migration to the county or perhaps a separate topographical origin, denoting someone who lived at a 'windy bank'.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wyndibonk, about 1300 in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Robert del Wyndybankes, 1315 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); Roberto del Wyndebonk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Harwood, Lancs); Thomas Wyndebank, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southowram, WR Yorks); Marye Windebank, 1577 in *IGI* (Davington, Kent); Aaron Windebank, 1584 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Windebank or Windbank, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Simon Windebanck, 1655 in *Hearth Tax* (Farrington, Hants); John Windibank, 1728 in

*IGI* (Farrington, Hants); Elizabeth Windebank, 1738 in *IGI* (Upper Wield, Hants); James Windebank, 1756 in *IGI* (Ropley, Hants).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Windell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 128, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts and Somerset

English: see **Windle**.

### Winder

Variants: **Winders, Wynder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2716, Ireland 65
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1883
- **Main GB location 1881:** NW England; also Sussex and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 English: locative name in NW England, from any of several places called Winder in Lancs, Cumb, Westm, and WR Yorks, and especially from Winder in Cartmel (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Winderge, 1225–45, [ . . . ] de Wynder, 1279 in *Lancs Place-Names* (Cartmel); Johannes de Wynder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Marion Winder, 1558 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Henry Winder, 1571 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Elizabetha Wynder, 1596 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Petri Wynder, 1596 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb).

2 English: locative name in Sussex and Kent, for someone who lived ‘(at the) winding path, ascent, or stream’, from Middle English *wind* + the agent suffix *-er*. Compare **Wind**.

**Early bearers:** Rucherde Winder, 1590 in *IGI* (Ticehurst, Sussex); William Wynder, 1603 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent); John Winder, 1620 in *IGI* (Rolvenden, Kent); John Wynder, 1624 in *IGI* (Lullington, Sussex).

References: *Surnames of Sussex*, pp. 171–2.

3 English: occupational name from Middle English *\*winder*, probably ‘wool winder’.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Winder(e), 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John le Winder(e), 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Thomae Winder, 1566 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Margery Wynder, 1567 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); Georgii Winder, 1618 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

References: *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 197; *Surnames of Lancs*, p. 149.

### Winders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 75
- **GB frequency 1881:** 278
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Worcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: variant of **Winder**, with Middle English or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Further information:** For Middle English excrescent *-s* in Lancs see **Brooks**.

**Early bearers:** Adam, Rogerus, and Willelmus Wynderys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale Wapentake, Lancs); Henry Winders, 1573 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Elizabeth Winders, 1609 in *IGI* (Bayton, Worcs); Elizabeth Winders, 1678 in *IGI* (Cowthorpe, WR Yorks); Robert Winderes, 1703 in *IGI* (Lytham Saint Annes, Lancs).

### Windham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Surrey, Middx, and Sussex; also Durham

English: see **Wyndham**.

### Windiate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 44, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Kent, and Surrey
- English: see **Wingate**.

### Windibank

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Windebank**.

### Windle

Variants: **Windell, Wintle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2053, Ireland 70
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1673
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry

English: locative name from Middle English *wind* ‘wind’ + *hille* ‘hill’ (Old English *wind* + *hyll*). The surname may be topographic, for a person who lived at or near an exposed or windy hill, or toponymic, for a person who lived at any of the numerous places so named, such as Windhill in Shipley (WR Yorks), Wind Hill in Stocksbridge (WR Yorks), or Windle (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Windhull, de Windul, 1201 in *Pipe Rolls*, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Walter del Wyndhel, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard atte Wyndhull, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmus de Wyndehill, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton, WR Yorks); Jhoan Windell, 1564 in *IGI* (Kirkby on Bain, Lincs); Thomas Windell, 1570 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); An Windell, 1603 in *IGI* (Great Waltham, Essex).

### Windle

Variants: **Winley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 277
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Notts, Derbys, and Staffs; Essex

English: locative name from Windley (Derbys).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wynleye, 1320 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Margery Windley, 1550 in *IGI* (Morley, Derbys); Willm. Windley, 1565, Gulielmi Winley, 1567 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Elizabeth Winley, 1638 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Richard Winley, 1639 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); John Windley, 1651, Benjamin Windly, 1710 in *IGI* (Kedleston, Derbys); John Windley, 1722 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Stephen Winley, 1742, Stephen Windley, 1745 in *IGI* (Great Coates, Lincs).

### Windmill

Variants: **Winmill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 547, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 443
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset; Staffs; Bucks

English: locative name, nickname from Middle English *wind-milne*, *wind-mill* ‘windmill’ (Old

English *wind* + *mylen*, *myln*), for a person who lived at or worked at a windmill. Compare William le Wyndmylneward, 1315 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** Isabella atte Wyndmylle, 1366 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Henrici Windmill, 1586 in *IGI* (Husborne Crawley, Beds); John Windmill, 1621 in *IGI* (Ridgmont, Beds); Mary Windmill, 1622 in *IGI* (Rowley Regis, Staffs); Anne Windmill, 1626 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks); John Winnmill, 1636 in *IGI* (Barston, Warwicks); Sarah Winnmill, 1745 in *IGI* (Potterspury and Yardley Gobion, Northants); Mary Windmill, 1763 in *IGI* (Chelwood, Somerset).

### Winton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: variant of **Wyndham**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Jane Winton, 1588 in *Parish Registers* (Whitstable, Kent); John Winton, 1604 in *Parish Registers* (Halse, Somerset); Thomas Winton, 1611 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); John Winton, 1640 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); John Winton, 1746 in *Parish Registers* (Saint Agnes, Cornwall).

### Windover

- **GB frequency 1881:** 33

English: apparently a variant of **Wendover**. Compare Nicholas Windover, 1696, Nicholas Windover, 1733 in *IGI* (Stockbridge, Hants); Samuel Windover, 1749, Samuel Wendover, 1756 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants). However, the 1345 early bearer raises the possibility of an additional unknown locative origin.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wyndehover, 1345 in *York Freeman's Register*; Henry Wyndover, 1432 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); Robert Wyndover, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Edward Windover, 1573 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Leonard Windouer, 1600 in *PROB 11* (Northampton, Northants); Edward Windover, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts).

### Window

- **Current frequencies:** GB 335, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: probably a variant of **Windows** with loss of *-s*, perhaps due to a false assumption that the surname *Windows* represented a plural form of Middle English *windowe* ‘window, opening’. Compare Francis Windows, 1684, John Window, 1688 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Sarah Windows, 1732, Sarah Window, 1754 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Sibill Window, 1562 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); William Window, 1566 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); Thomas Windowe, 1571 in *IGI* (Moreton Valence, Gloucs); John Windoe, 1625 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs).

### Windows

Variants: **Windus, Windass, Window**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Staffs

English: locative name, occupational name for a worker at a winding house (for threads, yarn, etc.), from a derivative of Middle English *winden* ‘to wind’ + *hous*. Compare **Winder**.

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**Further information:** From the 19th century onwards, when *-r-* ceased to be pronounced in many people's speech, there may have been some confusion of *Windows* with **Winders**. Before then the two surnames would normally have been kept distinct. **Early bearers:** N England: Willelmus de Wyndhows, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stirton, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wyndoghs, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Timble, WR Yorks); Robertus de Wyndehousus, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Farnley, WR Yorks); Thomas Wyndhouse, weaver, 1431, William Wyndowes, weaver, 1458, William Wyndes, weaver, 1530 in *York Freeman's Register*; David Windus, 1653 in *IGI* (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); William Windows, 1750 in *IGI* (Naburn, WR Yorks); William Windus, 1767 in *IGI* (Halsall, Lancs). W Midlands: Elizabeth Windows, 1622 in *IGI* (Castlemorton, Worcs); Jonathan Windows, 1707 in *IGI* (Bishops Cleeve, Gloucs); Sarah Windows, 1745, Ann Windus, 1772 in *IGI* (Longdon, Staffs); Hannah Windus, 1755 in *IGI* (Broadwas, Worcs).

## Windram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 274, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berwickshire; Leics

Scottish: unexplained. Black states that 'Winram was the name of an old family in Clydesdale'. **Early bearers:** Scotland: George and John Wynrahame, 1479 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Robert Winram, 1605 in *Black* (Dunfermline, Fife); Jonat Windram, 1646 in *IGI* (Brechin, Angus); Margaret Windram, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Madoes, Perthshire); Alexander Windrim, 1659 in *Black* (Stichill, Roxburghs); John Winderaham, 1668 in *Old Edinburgh Book* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Helen Windram, 1701 in *IGI* (Foulden, Berwickshire). England: Thomas Windram, 1708 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Windram, 1751 in *IGI* (Maidstone, Kent); Wm. Windram, 1768 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

## Windridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwickshire and Staffordshire

English: locative name from Windrush (Gloucs), recorded as *Wenerige* in 1250 and *Wyndridge* in 1590, or possibly from the river which gave its name to the Gloucs place. Alternatively, perhaps from Windridge Farm in Saint Michaels (Herts). Compare **Windross**. **Further information:** It is suggested in *Reaney, Dictionary* that the surname is from the Old English personal name *Wynric*, but there is little evidence to support this derivation. **Early bearers:** Robert Wenrich', 1327 in *Feet of Fines* (Newport Pagnell, Bucks); Robert de Wenrych, 1329 in *Patent Rolls* (Stoneleigh, Warwickshire); Thomas and Roger Wynruge, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Burford, Oxon); John Wynriss', 1389 in *Feet of Fines* (Burford, Oxon); Henry Windridge, 1674 in *IGI* (Polesworth, Warwickshire); Alice Windridge, 1681 in *IGI* (Alrewas, Staffs); John Windridge, 1697 in *IGI* (Kings Bromley, Staffs). **References:** *Place-Names of Gloucs* 1, p. 209

## Windross

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 135
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorkshire

English: unexplained. The suggestion by Reaney and Wilson that the surname is locative from Windros Laithe in Flasby (WR Yorks) is unlikely, as this late place-name appears to take its name from the surname. This Yorkshire surname may be connected in some way with the surname **Windridge**, probably from Windrush (Gloucs), though Redmonds states in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* that he can find no link between the surname *Windross* and Windrush (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** Thomas Wynderiche, 1419, John Wyndryse, 1467, John Wyndrise or Wyndres, 1490–1507 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Thomas Wyndros, 1558 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Kirkham, ER Yorks); Christopher Windresse, 1612 in *Parish Registers* (Holbeck, WR Yorks); Ellen Windross, 1659 in *IGI* (Hackness, NR Yorks); Widow Windross, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Holbeck, WR Yorks); Lawrence Windross, 1684 in *IGI* (Lytham, Lancs). **References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Windsor

**Variants:** Winsor, Winsor, Winzer, Winzar, Wincer, Vincer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4073, Ireland 95
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2465
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S and W England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Wicklow

1 English: locative name from Windsor (Berks), Windsor in Stratford upon Avon (Warwickshire), Winsor in Copythorne (Hants), Winsor in Yealmpton (Devon), or Broadwindsor and Little Windsor (Dorset). All these places have the same linguistic origin, whose meaning is controversial, but seems to be 'windlass bank'. **Further information:** the place-name occurs also in Pembrokeshire and Cumberland, and possibly Derbyshire, but the modern distribution suggests that these do not contribute to the surname. This is the name of the British Royal House of Windsor, who adopted it in place of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (a branch of the German House of Wettin) in 1917 as a result of anti-German feeling during World War I. **Early bearers:** Godfrey de Windelesor, 1086 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Reginald de Windesore', 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks) . . . de Windlesor' 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* [referring to Broadwindsor (Dorset)]; Dom. Hugh de Windlesor, rector of the church of Horton [Bucks], 13th cent. in *East Sussex Record Office*; Johannes Wyndesore, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Newnham, Wilts); Humfry Winsor, 1559 in *IGI* (Stoke in Teignhead, Devon); Dorothy Windsor or Windesoure, 1562 in *PROB 11* (Sheffield, Yorks); Jane Windsor, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Yavington, Hants); John Windsor, 1581 in *IGI* (Paignton, Devon); Andrew Winsor, 1592 in *IGI* (Staplehurst, Kent); Elizabeth Winsor, 1606 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Georg Windsor, 1644 in *IGI* (Staverton, Devon); William Winzer, 1665 in *IGI* (Dartmouth, Devon); Wm. Wincer, 1724 in *IGI* (Bilston, Staffs); Samuel Winzar, 1736 in *IGI* (Owermoigne, Dorset). 2 English: locative name in WR Yorks perhaps from Winds Over in Middleton (near Ilkley, WR Yorks), as suggested in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*. **Early bearers:** Robert de Wyndesore, 1319 in *Feet of Fines* (Plompton, WR Yorks); Willelmus de

Wyndesouer', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks); John Wynsover 1522, John Wynsor, 1525 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Malham, WR Yorks); Henry Windsor, 1586 in *York Registry Wills* (Malham, WR Yorks); George Windsor, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Addingham, WR Yorks).

## Windus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancashire; also Surrey

English: see **Windows**.

## Windust

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Hampshire

English: unexplained. Possibly a variant of **Windus**, itself a variant of **Windows**, with excrescent *-t*. Compare Ann Windus, 1799, Thomas Windust, 1832, Henry Windust, 1849 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey). **Early bearers:** Thomas Windust, 1801 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Edw'D. Windust, 1810 in *IGI* (Portsea, Hants); Mariah Windust, 1814 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants).

## Wine

**Variants:** Wyne, Wines, Wynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 89, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucestershire

English: see **Winn**. **Early bearers:** Anthony Wine, 1548 in *IGI* (Heddington, Wilts); Margaret Wine, 1576 in *IGI* (Walcott, Norfolk); Joan Wine, 1586 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Robert Wine, 1716 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk).

## Wines

**Variants:** Wynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 358, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: variant of **Wine** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*. **Early bearers:** Johan Wines, 1583 in *PROB 11* (Yetminster, Dorset); Charles Wynes, 1837 in *IGI* (Weston, Somerset).

## Winey

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

English: variant of **Winney**. Compare Richd. Winney, 1683, Martha Winey, 1689 in *IGI* (Marcham, Berks). **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Winfield

**Variants:** Wingfield, Winifield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4037, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2478
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire; also Staffordshire; Oxon

English: locative name from Wingfield (Derbys, Beds, Suffolk): the first two are recorded as *Winfeld* about 1200, and *Winefeld* in 1086 (*Domesday Book*). **Early bearers:** Nicholas de Wynefeld', 1228 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Richard de Winfeld, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northumb); John de Wingefeld, 1343 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorkshire); Willelmo de Quynfell', 1379

in *Poll Tax* (Soulby, Westm); Radulphus de Quynfell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardus de Wynfeld, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Youlgreave, Derbys); William Wyngfeld, 1419 in *PROB 11* (Denerton, Suffolk); Robert Wyngfeld, 1465 in *Paston Letters*; Margaret Wyngfolde or Wingfeld, 1546 in *PROB 11* (Ipswich, Suffolk); Rose Winfield, 1560 in *IGI* (Sarratt, Herts); Elizabeth Wingfield, 1572 in *IGI* (Great Bedwyn, Wilts); Henrici Winfield, 1574 in *IGI* (Ashbourne, Derbys); Richard Winfield, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Nicholas Wingfield, 1675 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys).

### Winfindale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Cheshire
- English: unexplained. Perhaps a late irregular variant of **Wolfenden**, via forms such as **Wolfendale**.  
**Early bearers:** John Winfindale, 1816 in *IGI* (Tideswell, Derbys); John Winfindale, 1822 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); James Henry Winfindale, 1851 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Winford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: locative name from Winford (Somerset), Winford in Newchurch (IoW), Wynford Eagle (Dorset), or Winfrith Newburgh (Dorset), recorded as *Winford* in 1212.  
**Early bearers:** Felicia attewenforde, 1303 in *Kökeritz, IoW*, p. 173; John Wynneford, 1312–13 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Thomas Wyneford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Ocle Pychard, Herefs); Johanne Wynford, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chicks Grove, Wilts); Walter Winford, 1580 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs); William Winford, 1585 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Richarde Winford, 1608 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset).  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*.

### Winfrey

- Variants:** Whinfrey
- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Winfrith*, Old English *Winfrith*.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Winfridus de Ethona, about 1190 in *Danelaw Documents* (Leics); Winfred serviens, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Winfrid', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks).  
 surnames: John Wynfray, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Cornwall); Alis Winfrey, 1572 in *IGI* (Egerton, Kent); Fabian Winfray, 1596 in *IGI* (Fleet, Lincs); Charles Winfrey, 1674 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Sarah Winfrey, 1794 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Winfrey, 1770 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks); Hannah Winfray, 1803 in *IGI* (Tickhill, WR Yorks).

### Wing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2821, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1861
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in E England: esp. London; Lincs and Cambs; also WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Weng*, Old West Scandinavian *Wenge*.  
**Early bearers:** Walter Wenge, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Northants); Geoffrey Weng, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).  
 2 English, Scottish: locative name from either of two places called Wing (Bucks, Rutland).  
**Early bearers:** Alured de Withunge, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Bucks); John Wynge, 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Thomas Wing, 1565 in *IGI* (Thurleigh, Beds); Angyl Wing, 1581 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Willm Wing, 1581 in *IGI* (Layham, Suffolk); Joane Wing, 1592 in *IGI* (Banbury, Oxon); John Wing, 1596 in *IGI* (Denton, Lincs).  
 3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 榮, see **Jung** (2).

### Wingar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 9
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 26
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Winger**.

### Wingard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- English: see **Winyard**.

### Wingate

- Variants:** Wingett, Winget, Windeatt, Windiate, Wynniatt, Whinyates
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1251, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1048
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lincs; Sussex, Kent, Surrey, and Middx
- English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English \**wind-geat* 'windy gap, wind-swept pass' (literally 'wind-gate'), such as Wingate (Devon, Durham), Wingates (Lancs), and Winnats (Derbys).  
**Early bearers:** England: Aldret de Windegate, about 1145–65 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Northumb); Henry de Wingate, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); David de Windyates, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Willelmus de Wyngates, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wingates with Garrett Lee, Northumb); Elizabeth Windeyate, 1440 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Wingate, 1581 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Tho Wynyatts, 1585 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Roger Wingate, 1591 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Rog Wingate, 1596 in *IGI* (Flamborough, ER Yorks); Edward Wingate, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Dunstable, Beds); Edward Wingate, 1601 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds); Tristram Wingate, 1601 in *IGI* (Lamplugh, Cumb); John Wynniatt, 1625 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs); Henry Wynyate, 1656 in *IGI* (Hungerford, Berks); Richard Windeatt, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); John Wingett, 1663 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon); William Winget, 1686 in *IGI* (Berry Pomeroy, Devon).  
 Scotland: Elspet Wingate, 1630 in *IGI* (Gargunnock, Stirlings); Thomas Winyett, 1653 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Elizabeth Wingyett, 1665 in *IGI* (Saint Ninians, Stirlings); Margaret Winyett, 1680 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

### Winger

- Variants:** Wingar
- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wingar*, Old English *Winegār* 'friend-spear'.  
**Early bearers:** given names: Winegar, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk).  
 surnames: Henry Wyngar, 1251 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); William Wyneger, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Wyngar, 1360 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Wynger, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Milford, WR Yorks); Margaret Wyngar, 1501 in *PROB 11* (London); Thomas Winger, 1559 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Egidius Winger, 1574 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex); Richard Wingar, 1585 in *IGI* (Cardington, Beds); Johanna Wingar, 1588 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex).

### Winget

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Wingate**.

### Wingett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 113
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Wingate**.

### Wingfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1474, Ireland 20
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1346
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks and Derbys; also Sussex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- English: see **Winfield**.

### Wingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 230
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex
- English: locative name from Wingham (Kent).  
**Early bearers:** Ralph de Wingham, 1148 in *Winton Domesday* (Hants); Henry de Wingham, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); William de Wingham, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Willelmus Wyngham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); John Wingham, 1543 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Robert Wingham, 1587 in *IGI* (Chalton, Hants); Robard Wingham, 1608 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Rich. Wingham, 1686 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent).

### Wingrave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 182, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 173
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds and Herts
- English: see **Wingrove**.

### Wingrove

- Variants:** Wingrave
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1320, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 865
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks
- English: locative name from Wingrave (Bucks), locally pronounced *Wingrove*.  
**Early bearers:** John de Wyngrave, 1302 in *Patent Rolls* (Essex); Thomas de Wengraue, 1346 in *Feet of Fines* (Bucks); William de Wengraue, 1367 in *Feet of Fines*



## Winham

(Hemel Hempstead, Herts); Willelmus Wengrave, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Middleham, Sussex); Ayves Wingrove, 1559 in *IGI* (Drayton Parslow, Bucks); Robertus Wingrave, 1562 in *IGI* (Hughenden, Bucks); John Wingrove, 1589 in *IGI* (Little Missenden, Bucks); Richard Wingrave, 1604 in *IGI* (Totterhoe, Beds); Richd. Winggrove, 1665 in *IGI* (Hambleton, Bucks); Anne Wingrave, 1672 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts).

References: *Place-Names of Bucks*, p. 88.

## Winham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hunts; Sussex and Surrey

English: locative name probably from Wyndham in Shermanbury (Sussex). The *-d-* is consistent in medieval forms of the place-name but Wyndham Hundred was recorded as Wynham in 1464.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Wynehame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringmer, Sussex); Aurthour Wynham, 1614 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); Harbart Winham, 1619 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex); Jane Winham, 1627 in *IGI* (Amberley, Sussex); William Winham, 1635 in *IGI* (Quainton, Bucks); George Winham, 1755 in *IGI* (Egham, Surrey); John Thomas Winham, 1845 in *IGI* (Chesteron, Hunts);

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, pp. 209 and 213.

## Winfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Winfield** and compare Thomas Winifield, 1822, Hannah Winfield, 1824 in *IGI* (Chaddesden, Derbys).

## Wink

Variants: **Winks**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 241
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; also Morays

1 English: (i) locative name, nickname from Middle English *winke*, a form of *winche* 'winch, pulley' (Old English *wince*), later developing the meaning 'well', presumably because a winch would have been used to extract water from a well. The surname is probably for someone who lived by a well. See also **Winch**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived by a sharp bend in a river or valley, from a transferred sense of the same Middle English word as in (i). The 1312 early bearer and some post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** William Wynn, 1312 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Stephen atte Wynke, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Elizabeth Wink, 1611 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Lionell Winkes, 1625 in *IGI* (Melton, Suffolk); Thomas Winks, 1692 in *IGI* (Carlton in Lindrick, Notts); Robert Wink, 1792 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk).

2 English: nickname, perhaps also from a further transferred use of the Middle English word in sense 1(i), for a lapwing (compare Middle English *lapwink* 'lapwing', Old English *hlæpewince*) or any bird known for its leaping and twisting flight. See **Winch** (3).

## Winfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Berks

English: locative name from Winkfield (Berks, Wilts), or perhaps from Wingfield (Suffolk), with devoicing of /g/ to /k/, considering the high concentration of bearers in Norfolk in 1881 and the 1379 early bearer. Compare **Winfield**.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Winkefeld', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Willelmus de Wynkefeld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Bradenham, Norfolk); John Wynkefeld, 1380 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Henry Winkfield, 1606 in *IGI* (Wilne, Derbys); Richard Winkfield, 1618 in *IGI* (Blean, Kent); Mary Winkfield, 1657 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); William Winkfield, 1687 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Winkfield, 1756 in *IGI* (Hurst, Berks).

## Winkle

Variants: **Winkles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 293
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway

English: locative name from Wincle (Cheshire) or possibly Winkhill in Waterfall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** [... de] Winkel, early 14th cent., [... de] Wynchull, 1357 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); John de Winkel, bailiff of Macclesfield, 1357 in *Chester Recognizance Rolls* (Cheshire); John Wincall, of the Middle Temple, London, 1609–10 in *Leicester Freeman Register* (Leics); Eliz. Winckle, 1610 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Jane Winkle, 1623 in *IGI* (Cheltenham, Gloucs); Thos. Winkle, 1633 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Elizabeth Winkell, 1649 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Johannis Winkle, 1639 in *IGI* (Biddulph, Staffs).

References: *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 164–5; *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 580.

## Winkler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

German. Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, either a topographic name for someone who lived on a corner or an occupational name for someone who kept a corner shop or farmed a corner of land, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *winkel* 'corner', German *Winkel* 'corner; corner-shop'.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Winkler, 1691 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); Christopher Winkler, 1771 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

## Winkles

Variants: **Winkless**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: probably a variant of **Winkle** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*, but compare **Winkless** for a possible alternative explanation.

**Early bearers:** Alles Winkles, 1582 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Richardi Winkles, 1607 in *IGI* (Broughton Astley, Leics); Richard Winkles, 1616 in *IGI* (Gilmorton, Leics); Thomas Winckles, 1633 in *PROB II* (Gorefield, Bucks); Willm. Winclas, 1637 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Will Winkels, 1666 in *IGI* (Loughborough, Leics); Rebecca Winkles, 1670 in *IGI* (Snargate, Kent).

## Winkless

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands; Essex

English: (i) see **Winkles**. (ii) possibly a nickname for someone who did not sleep a lot, though no medieval bearers have been found. The adjective *winkless* is not recorded before 1861 (*OED*).

**Early bearers:** John Winkless, 1665 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Jane Winkless, 1730 in *IGI* (Priors Marston, Warwicks); William Winkless, 1814 in *IGI* (Napton on the Hill, Warwicks); John Winchless, 1821 in *IGI* (Great Glen, Leics).

## Winkley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 396, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 408
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Lincs

English: locative name from Winkley in Mitton (Lancs), a lost place **Winkley** in Sheffield (WR Yorks) recorded as **Winkley** in 1345 and **Wynckley** in 1402, or perhaps Winksley (WR Yorks), recorded as **Winkeleie** in 1231.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wynkelay, 1330 in *Patent Rolls* (Ingleton, NR Yorks); Willelmus de Wynkelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Cecilia de Wynkelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beal, WR Yorks); Willm. Winkley, 1553 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Thos. Winkley, 1557 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Willm. Winkley, 1578 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Thomas Winkley, 1601 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Robt Winkeley, 1603 in *IGI* (Cowbit, Lincs); Thomæ Winkeley, 1608 in *IGI* (Barthomley, Cheshire); Thomas Winkley, 1629 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

References: *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 214; 5, p. 195.

## Winks

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 280
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Notts

English: variant of **Wink** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Winkworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 746, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Berks

English: locative name from Winkworth Farm in Lea (Wilts), recorded as **Winkeworthe** in 1248. It is also possible that the surname is from Winkworth Farm in Godalming (Surrey), considering the presence of medieval early bearers in the county, but there are no medieval forms for this place-name and so the early bearers in Surrey may be migrants from the Wilts place, who later gave their name to the place in Surrey.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wynkeworth, 1359 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (Surrey); Thomas Wynkeworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Witley, Surrey); Willelmus Wynkeworth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Godalming, Surrey); William Winkworth, 1597 in *IGI* (Hunton, Hants); Samuel Winkworth, 1623 in *IGI* (Marlborough, Wilts); Franciscus Winkworth, 1646 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks).

References: *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 61.

## Winley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33



- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs; Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Windley**.

### Winlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name, probably a variant of the rare surname *Winlaw*, which Black suggests is from Windlaw near Carmunnock (Lanarks); compare Adam Winlaw, 1739 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham). However, the 1637 and 1669 early bearers from S England suggest an additional unknown origin. **Early bearers:** Anne Winlow, 1637 in *IGI* (Poulshot, Wilts); Joh Winlow, 1647 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Wm. Winlow, 1665 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Winlow, 1669 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Frances Winlow, 1730 in *IGI* (Whitburn, Durham).

### Winman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Wineman* (Old English \**Winemann* 'friend-man'). **Early bearers:** given names: Wineman de Wanetun', 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts). surnames: Walter Wineman, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Wilts); Walter Wyneman, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Northants); William Wynemon, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Henricus Wyneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bowcombe, Hants); Thoma Wynneman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ridge, Wilts); John Wynman', 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Tattershall, Lincs); Edward Winman, 1708 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Hannah Winman, 1804 in *IGI* (Benson, Oxon).

### Winnmill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 295, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Wales: esp. Monmouths; Somerset; Northants
- English: see **Windmill**.

### Winn

- Variants:** Win, Winne, Wynn, Wyn, Wynne, Wine, Wynnes
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3292, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2878
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in N England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- 1 English: nickname, relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English word *wine* 'friend'. This is unattested in the Middle English period but the early bearers with the definite article, such as those from 1293, 1296 and 1377, suggest that the vocabulary word might still have been in use. There was also an Old English personal name *Wine*, derived from this word, which may have given rise to the surname. It is supported by the variety of surnames that evidently originated in patronymic or diminutive forms of this name, such as **Winson** and **Winnall**. **Early bearers:** Walter Win, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Osketel Wine, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); William Wine, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robert le Win, 1293

in *Book of Fees* (Derbys); Thomas le Wyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus le Wyn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (St Peter parish, Derbys); Antony Winn, 1541 in *IGI* (Rossington, WR Yorks); George Winn, 1572 in *IGI* (Bulmer, Essex); Johannis Winn, 1581 in *IGI* (Melksham, Wilts); An Winn, 1584 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); Margareta Winn, 1588 in *IGI* (Wending, Norfolk).  
2 Welsh: see **Wynne**.

### Winnall

- Variants:** Winnell
- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 168
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Win*, Old English *Wine*, with the addition of the diminutive suffix *-el*. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** Richard Winel, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Nicholas Wynel, about 1260 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Thomas Wynel, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Alouicia Winnell, 1559 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs); John Winnall, 1565 in *IGI* (Deerhurst, Gloucs); Dorothee Winnall, 1575 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Maria Winnall, 1594 in *IGI* (Madley, Herefs).  
2 English: locative name from Winnall (Herefs), Winnall in Ombersley (Worcs), or the now lost place Winnalls in Hasfield (Gloucs). **Early bearers:** William de Winhal', 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Bartholomew Wynhal, 1402 in *Feudal Aids* (Suffolk).

### Winnard

- Variants:** Winward
- **Current frequencies:** GB 722, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 377
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: possibly a variant of **Winyard**. **Early bearers:** Nicholaus Wynard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Chew Magna, Somerset); Rogero Wynard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton le Dale, Lancs); John Wynnard, 1468 in *PROB 11*; John Wynard, 1549 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Edwarde Wynarde, 1571 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Edward Winnard, 1589 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Ellen Winnard, 1615 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Maudeland Winard, 1656 in *IGI* (Northorpe, Lincs).

### Winne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 74
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England and Scotland
- English, Scottish: see **Winn** or **Wynne**.

### Winnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Winnall**.

### Winner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: nickname from Middle English *winnere* 'one who earns his keep or produces wealth', also

'profiteer' and 'winner of a prize or contest' (compare **Winspear**), an agent noun derivative of *winnen* 'to win, to strive' (Old English *winnan*). **Early bearers:** Alexander Winer, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls*; John and William Wynnur, 1264–5 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions*; Thomas Wynnur, 1352–2 in *Canterbury Freeman's Rolls*; William Winner, 1578 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); Annah Winner, 1650 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Hellen Winner, 1672 in *IGI* (Faldingworth, Lincs); Andrew Winner, 1754 in *IGI* (West Lexham, Norfolk).  
**References:** *MED*.

### Winnery

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Whinnerah**.

### Winnett

- Variants:** Whinnett
- **Current frequencies:** GB 398, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 217
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Warwicks
- English: relationship name, perhaps from the Middle English personal name *Win* (Old English *Wine*), with the diminutive suffix *-et*. Compare **Winnall**. **Early bearers:** Henricus Wynet', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Caversham, Oxon); Thomas Winnot, 1600 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); John Whinnet, 1601 in *IGI* (Droitwich, Worcs); Tho Winnet, 1609 in *IGI* (Great Bromley, Essex); John Wynnnett, 1633 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Jeffery Winnett, 1641 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks); Chris. Winnett, 1660 in *IGI* (Middleham, NR Yorks); Elizabeth Whinit, 1663, Julian Whinnett, 1667 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Guy Winnett, 1688 in *IGI* (Eldersfield, Worcs).

### Winney

- Variants:** Winny, Winey
- **Current frequencies:** GB 445, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 244
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; Herefs
- English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English female personal name \**Wyngifu*, \**Wyngeofu* 'joy-gift'. **Early bearers:** given names: Wengeue uidua, 1205 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk). surnames: Henry Wynny, 1306 in *Patent Rolls* (Gorleston, Norfolk); Robert Wyneue, Benedict Wynyeue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wyneue, 1478, Thoms Wynyff, 1479 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Wenef, Wyny, Robert Wyndyff, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Nicholas Wynnye, 1577 in *Muster Rolls* (Norfolk); Alice Winny, 1603 in *IGI* (Marsham, Norfolk); Rich. Winney, 1611 in *IGI* (Beaumont, Essex); Hugonis Winney, 1620 in *IGI* (Yazor, Herefs); John Winey, 1663 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Robertus Winney, 1695 in *IGI* (Euston, Suffolk); Thomas Alsop Winny, 1771 in *IGI* (Nayland, Suffolk).

### Winnick

- Variants:** Wynick, Winwick
- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: locative name from any of three places called *Winwick* in Hunts, Lancs, and Northants. **Early bearers:** Geruase de Winewich, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex/Herts); Fulco de Wynewik', 1241 in *Feet of*

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*Fines* (Hunts); Augustin de Wynewyk, 1276 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johanne Winwic, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Stretton, Leics); Johannes Wynwyk, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Stretton, Leics); John Wynnewyk, 1449 in *Patent Rolls* (Brampton, Hunts); Robert Wynwike, 1559 in *PROB 11* (Stamford, Lincs); John Winnick, 1742 in *IGI* (Saint Luke Old Street, Middx).

### Winnicott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 62, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall  
English: locative name apparently from Winnacott in North Petherwin (Devon), though no medieval bearers can be found, and the earliest known form of the place-name, *Wynnecott* in 1544, is post-medieval. **Early bearers:** John Winnacott, 1655 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall); Stephen Winnicot, 1722 in *IGI* (Rame by Plymouth, Cornwall); Christstepher Winnecot, 1769 in *IGI* (Saint Gennys, Cornwall); John Winnicott, 1774 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); **References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 160.

### Winnie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Winning**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Winnie, 1695–1727 in *Black* (Dumfries, Dumfriess).

**References:** *Black*.

### Winning

Variants: **Winnie**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 977, Ireland 83
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 662
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glasgow
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Cavan
- Irish: anomalous anglicization of Ó Fionnáin, see **Finan**.

### Winnington

Variants: **Wennington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

English: (i) locative name from Winnington (Cheshire, Staffs). (ii) see **Wennington**.

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Wenyngton, 1323 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus de Wenyngton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancs); Richard Wynyngton, 1432–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Peter Winnington, 1564 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Oliver Wynnyngton, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Jone Winnington, 1597 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Catherine Winnington, 1604 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire).

### Winyy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; London
- English: see **Winney**.

### Winpenny

Variants: **Wimpenny**, **Vimpany**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 175, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 164

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: nickname from Middle English *winnen*, *win* ‘to win’ + *peni* ‘money, coin, penny’ (Old English *winnan* + *pening*, *penig*), perhaps for a gambler. Compare John Wynnegold, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk), 1365 in *London Pleas*.

**Early bearers:** Richard Winepeni, 1219 in *Shrewsbury Guild Rolls*; Willelmus Wynpeny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Aismunderby with Bondgate, WR Yorks); Willelmus Wynpeny, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurgarton, Norfolk); Johannes Wynnepenny, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Richard Wynpeny, 1483 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (North Stanley, WR Yorks); Gilbertus Wimpenny, 1580 in *IGI* (Almondbury, WR Yorks); Gilbert Wympeneye, 1559 in *Parish Registers* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); John Winpeny, 1592 in *IGI* (Tarpoley, Cheshire); Ellin Wimpenny, 1622 in *IGI* (Tarpoley, Cheshire); John Wimpenny, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Anne Wimpenny, 1646 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); William Winpenney, 1715 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Winrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 685, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 383
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: possibly a variant of **Whinnerah**, but the frequency and mid-to-S Lancs distribution suggest otherwise; perhaps an unidentified alternative place-name.

### Winsor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 415, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 330
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex; also Devon

English: see **Windsor**.

### Winsett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey

English: probably a variant of **Wimsett**.

**Further information:** There is a place called Winsetts (ER Yorks), recorded as *Winsete* in 1165–79, but it is unlikely to have given rise to the surname.

**Early bearers:** Annie Winsett, 1569 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Thomas Winsett, 1575 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Jhon Winset, 1593 in *IGI* (Biddenden, Kent); Elizabeth Winsett, 1613 in *IGI* (Hellingly, Sussex).

### Winship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 613
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: unexplained. Reaney and Wilson suggest that the name is locative, from Wincheap Street in Canterbury (Kent), and while there are relevant medieval bearers from Kent (see John de Wenchep, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent)), the heavy concentration of the surname *Winship* in Durham and Northumb in 1881 strongly suggests that the present-day surname has a different but unknown origin.

**Early bearers:** William Wynship, 1509 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Riston, ER Yorks); Phill Winship, 1579 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Crestebell

Winshep, 1579 in *IGI* (Goxhill, Lincs); Robert Winship, 1611 in *York Freeman's Register*; Alce Winship, 1661 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Henry Winship, 1672 in *IGI* (Whickham, Durham).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Winskell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Lancs, and Westm

English: see **Winskill**.

### Winskill

Variants: **Winskell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 285, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Lancs, Westm, Northumb, and Cumb

English: locative name from Winskill, Winscales or Winscales in Saint John Beckermert (Cumb).

**Early bearers:** John de Wyndeskales, 1328 in *Patent Rolls* (Culgaith, Cumb); Thomas de Wynscales, John de Wynschale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Thomas Wynteskelf, 1542 in *York Freeman's Register*; Willm Winskill, 1661 in *IGI* (Langwathby, Cumb); William Winskill, 1669 in *IGI* (Kirkland near Penrith, Cumb); Isaack Winskill, 1716 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb); John Winskill, 1754 in *IGI* (Barnard Castle, Durham); William Winscale, 1773 in *IGI* (Kirkoswald, Cumb).

### Winslade

Variants: **Winslet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 530, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Surrey

English: locative name from Winslade (Hants) or Winslade in East Putford (Devon). The Hants place-name was *Winesflot* in 1086, *Winslode* in 1399, and had forms in *-a-* from the Tudor period. The Devon place-name was recorded as *Wydeslade* in 1360 and *Wynslade* by 1567.

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wydeslade, 1355 in *Patent Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Wynslade, 1497 in *PROB 11* (Winslade, Hants); Ellen Winslade, 1554 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); John Winslade, 1579 in *IGI* (Saint Minver, Cornwall); Nicholas Winslade, 1589 in *IGI* (Frithelstock, Devon); Tho. Winslade, 1596 in *IGI* (Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset); John Winslade, 1621 in *PROB 11* (Dunster, Somerset); James Winslade, 1744 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey);

**References:** *Hampshire Place-Names*, p. 178; *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 107.

### Winslet

Variants: **Winslett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: apparently a late variant of **Winslade**. Compare James Winslett, 1746, Wm Winslade, 1796 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); Samuel Winslade, 1774, John Winslet, 1785 in *IGI* (Richmond, Surrey). **Early bearers:** Arthur Winslett, 1616 in *IGI* (Buckland Brewer, Devon); James Winslett, 1746 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); John Winslet, 1785 in *IGI*

(Richmond, Surrey); William Winslett, 1796 in *IGI* (Hartley Mauditt, Hants).

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- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx
- English: see **Winslet**.

### Winsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx; Lancs
- English: locative name see **Wensley**.

### Winsloe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Winslow**.

### Winslow

Variants: **Winsloe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 588, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 364
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan and Fermanagh

English: locative name from Winslow (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** William de Wynselowe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwick); William Wynselawe, Wynselowe, 1370, 1372 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Wynselowe, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Agneta Winslow, 1548 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Agnes Winslow, 1560 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks).

### Winson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 833, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 599
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: relationship name from a Middle English survival of the Old English personal name *Wine*, with patronymic *-son* 'son of *Wine*'. See **Winn**.

**Further information:** Used as a given name in the 17th century: Winson Risdon, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert Wynneson, 1330 in *Nottingham Borough Records*; Robert Wynson, 1376 in *Patent Rolls* (Stert, Wilts); William Wynson, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Myles Wynson, 1549 in *PROB 11* (Blundeston, Suffolk); Willim Winson, 1558 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Thomas Winson, 1646 in *IGI* (Duffield, Derbys).

### Winsor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 920, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 880
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Windsor**.

### Winspear

Variants: **Winsper**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 676, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: nickname; Weekley suggests that the name is for a person who won a race and was awarded the

spear which was used as a winning post (from the Middle English verb *winnen*, *win* 'to win' + *spere* 'spear, lance'). This is supported by a known sense of Middle English *glaiue* 'spear, lance' (Old French *glaiue*), defined in *MED* as 'a lance set up as a winning-post in a race (sometimes given as a prize to the winner); also, the prize so won'.

**Early bearers:** John Winspeare, 1558–1603 in *TNA* (Duncote, Northants); Elisabeth Winspear, 1562 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); John Winspear, 1564 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Robert Sherebrook alias Winsper of Walton on Thames (Surrey), bargeman, 1581 in *London Met Archives*; Ricardi Winspeare, 1588 in *IGI* (Burneston, NR Yorks); Juline Winsper, 1603 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Juline Winsper, 1603 in *IGI* (Stoke, Warwicks); Elizabethia Winsper, 1670 in *IGI* (Darlaston, Staffs); Robert Winspur, 1683 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London); Ann Winspear, 1690 in *IGI* (Great Ayton, NR Yorks); Jane Windspear, 1750 in *IGI* (Lastingham, NR Yorks); John Winespear, 1788 in *IGI* (Helmsley, NR Yorks); Robert Winspear, 1838 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

**References:** *Weekley*, p. 162.

### Winsper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Winspear**.

### Winstanley

Variants: **Winstanly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5039, Ireland 39
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2981
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Winstanley (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Winstanesleg', 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Lancs); Madoc de Winstonesleg, 1254 in *Patent Rolls*; Hugo de Wynstanley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Billinge, Lancs); Hugh de Wynstanlegh, 1387 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Lancs), de Wynstanley, 1401 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John Winstandle, 1564 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Robt. Winstanley, 1566 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); John Winstanley, 1567 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Ralph Winstanley, 1570 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs); Thomas Winstanley, 1785 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs).

### Winstanly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 126
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Winstanley**.

### Winston

Variants: **Winstone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1106, Ireland 184
- **GB frequency 1881:** 346
- **Main GB location 1881:** S Wales; Gloucs; W Midlands; London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Roscommon

1 English: locative name principally from Winson and Winstone (Gloucs) or Winston (Suffolk), occasionally perhaps from Winston (Devon, Durham, IoW). Some of the following post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2) or (3).

**Early bearers:** Emma and Robert de Wineston, 1205 in *Pleas* (Suffolk); Robert de Wynnestone, 1298 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Adam de Winstone, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Andrew de Wynston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Richard Wynston, 1561 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Johis. Winston, 1570 in *IGI* (Fownhope with Fawley, Herefs); William Winston, 1599 in *IGI* (Ilmington, Warwicks); Robertus Winstone, 1606 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Elizabeth Winstonne, 1607 in *IGI* (Somerleyton, Suffolk); Thomas Winston, 1608 in *IGI* (Bredon, Worcs); Elizabeth Wynstone, 1610 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Dalaber Winstone, 1612 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Richard Wynston, 1616 in *IGI* (Cirencester, Gloucs); Ann Winston, 1639 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); Thos. Winstone, 1733 in *IGI* (Monmouth, Monmouths); Robert Winstone, 1735 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts).

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wynstan*, Old English *Wynstān*. Some of the following bearers may alternatively belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Burewold filius Wnstan, 1086 in *Domesday Book* Ælfwine filius UUenstani, 1087–98 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents*; Amice Wynston, 1303 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); Thoma Wynston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Riccall (Saint Cuthbert), ER Yorks); Bartholomve Winston, 1583 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Richard Winston, Richard Wynstone, 1584 in *IGI* (Brenchley, Kent); Isaac Winstone, 1637 in *IGI* (Newington next Hythe, Kent).

3 Welsh: adopted for Welsh *Trewin* 'house of Wyn'. **Further information:** According to *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 198, it is thought that Tre-wyn in Crucornau Fawr in Gwent is the source of this Welsh surname. This name has been established in the county of Waterford, Ireland, since 1573.

**Early bearers:** Drogo de Wynston, lord of the manor of Trewyn, 1623 in *Morris, Welsh Surnames*.

### Winstone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1419, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 776
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Somerset; S Wales

English, Welsh: see **Winston**.

### Wint

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 148
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Derbys
- English: see **Went**.

### Winter

Variants: **Winters, Wintour, Wynter, Wynters**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14287, Ireland 269
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10486
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England; also Angus
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Mayo; Tyrone; otherwise scattered

English, Scottish: (i) relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Winter* (Old English *Wintra* or Continental Germanic *Wintar*), originally a nickname from the word for 'winter' and perhaps still a nickname (perhaps for someone with a wintry appearance or disposition) in the period of surname formation. Compare **Summer**. (ii)

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occupational name, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *winter*, a variant of Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *vinitier*, *vinter* ‘wine merchant’; see **Winter**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Winter, about 1113 in *Burton Chartulary* (Staffs).

surnames, England: William Winter, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Warwicks); Roger Winter, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Andrew Wynter, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Storrington, Sussex); Hugh Wynter, 1307 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Hoddesdon, Herts); Johanne Wynter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnston, Essex); Robert Wynter, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Slimbridge, Gloucs); Richard, Roger, and William Wynter, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dolton, Devon); Willelmo Wynter, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York, Yorks); Thoma Wyntor, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Boyton, Wilts); Ricardus Wyntur, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Nether Hoyland, WR Yorks); Robine Winter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lambourne, Essex); Johanne Winter, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Coxwell, Berks); Johannes Wyntor, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hambledon, Hants); Rowlande Wynter, 1539 in *IGI* (Morland, Westm); Johannis Winter, 1539 in *IGI* (Thorndon, Suffolk); Roger Winter, 1547 in *IGI* (Watford, Herts); Marie Winter, 1562 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Elizabeth Wynter, 1566 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Richard Winter, 1588 in *IGI* (Baston, Lincs); George Winter, 1590 in *IGI* (Copgrove, WR Yorks); Thomas Wynter, 1599 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Giles Wintour, 1655 in *IGI* (Dymock, Gloucs).

surnames, Scotland: Elsi son of Winter, before 1162 in *Acts of Parliaments of Scotland*; Jop Wyntytr, 1374 in *Yester House Writs*; Thomas Wyntir, bailie, 1447 in *Glasgow Saint Mary Liber* (Glasgow, Lanarks); John Wyntytr, burgess, 1452 in *Arbroath Register* (Arbroath, Angus); John Winter, 1656 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Rebecca Winter, 1657 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

## Winterbone

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: apparently a late variant of **Winterborn**, itself a variant of **Winterburn** frequent in Norfolk in 1881. Compare John Winterbone, 1762, John Winterborn, 1770 in *IGI* (Fakenham, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Mary Winterbone, 1726 in *IGI* (Blewbury, Berks); Mary Winterbone, 1752 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Maria Winterbone, 1756 in *IGI* (Cranfield, Beds); John Winterbon, 1784 in *IGI* (Southminster, Essex).

## Winterborn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

English: see **Winterburn**.

## Winterborne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Winterburn**.

## Winterbotham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Gloucs
- English: see **Winterbottom**.

**Further information:** Its appearance in Gloucs in 1881 is doubtless through late southerly migration of the surname.

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**Variants:** **Winterbotham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1775, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2757
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks, Derbys, and Cheshire

English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably in Saddleworth (WR Yorks), known as Winterbottom, presumably a valley bottom where cattle or sheep were overwintered.

**Early bearers:** John Winterbottom, 1396 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Quick, in Saddleworth, WR Yorks); Nicolas Winterbotham, 1550, John Winterbottom, 1633 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Agnes Winterbotham, 1564 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Cheshire); Hester Winterbothome, 1609 in *IGI* (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Richard Winterbotham, 1614 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Georg Winterbottom, 1615 in *IGI* (Saddleworth, WR Yorks); George Winterbotham, 1645 in *PROB II* (Stockport, Cheshire); William Winterbottom, 1684 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys).

## Winterbourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; Middx

English: see **Winterburn**.

## Winterbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 275
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Middx, and Surrey
- English: see **Winterburn**.

## Winterburn

**Variants:** **Winterbourn**, **Winterbourne**, **Winterborn**, **Winterborne**, **Winterbone**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1175, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 830
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *winter-burna* ‘winter stream’, for a stream which only flows, or flows at a faster rate, during the winter, such as Winterburn in Gargrave (WR Yorks), Winterbourne (Berks, Gloucs), Winterbourne Bassett (Wilts), or one of thirteen parishes named Winterborne in Dorset, including Winterborne Abbas, Winterborne Monkton, and Winterborne Zelstone. In most cases, the surname form *Winterburn* can be associated with Winterburn in Gargrave (WR Yorks), though no such association can be made between other surname forms and corresponding place-names.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Winterburna, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Dorset, Somerset); James de Winterburn, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Oxon); John de Wynterbourne, 1341 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Wilts); William Wynterbourne, 1372 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Thomas Wynterborn, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Netheravon, Wilts); Johannes Wynterburne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northam, Devon); Thomas de Wynterburn, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Ricardo Wynterbourne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Grove, Berks); William Wynterburn, 1473 in

*Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Appletreewick, WR Yorks); Thomas Winterborn, 1579 in *IGI* (Welford, Berks); Cutbert Winterborn, 1585 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Thos. Winterburn, 1602 in *IGI* (Saint Michael Spurriergate, York); John Winterburn, 1617 in *IGI* (Buckland, Berks); Richard Winterborne, 1620 in *IGI* (Fairford, Gloucs); Robert Winterbourn, 1633 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Winterflood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 214, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 178
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Essex

English: locative name apparently from a lost place, likely to have been in Essex, named with Old English *winter* ‘winter’ + *flōde* ‘water channel’, for a stream which only flows, or flows more rapidly, during the winter. This type of place-name has analogies in the many places named with Old English *winter-burna* ‘winter stream’, such as Winterborne (Dorset), Winterbourne (Berks, Wilts), and Winterburn (WR Yorks) (see **Winterburn**). The family have given their name to Winterflood’s Farm in Birch (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Winterflood, 1196–1237 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex); Walter Winterflood, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Ralph Wynterflood, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Bardfield, Essex); Johannes Winterflood, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); John Wynterflood, 1535 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Mary Winterflood, 1572 in *IGI* (Little Sampford, Essex); Richard Winterflood, 1598 in *IGI* (Earsham, Norfolk); John Winterflood, 1606 in *IGI* (Great Chesterford, Essex).

## Winterringham

**Variants:** **Wintringham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs

English: locative name from Winterringham (Lincs) or either of two places called Wintringham (Hunts, ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Wintringham, 1204 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Reynold de Wynteringham, 1300 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Hubert de Wynteringham, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beverley, ER Yorks); Robert de Wynteringham, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Old Malton, NR Yorks); William Wynteringham, 1392 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Edward Wintringham, 1567 in *IGI* (Winterringham, Lincs); Harry Wintringham, 1577 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Francis Winterringham, 1615 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Robert Winterringham, 1655 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Robert Winterringham, 1663 in *IGI* (South Shields, Durham); Elizabeth Winterringham, 1712 in *IGI* (Hedon, ER Yorks).

## Winterman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx

English: (i) occupational name, status name from the Middle English personal name *Winter* + *-man*, for a servant of a man named *Winter*. See **Wint**. (ii) nickname from Middle English *winter* ‘winter’ + *-man*, perhaps for a person with a wintry appearance or disposition. See **Wint**. (iii) occupational name, occasionally perhaps from Middle English *winter*, a

variant of Middle English, Anglo-Norman French *vinitier*, *vinter* ‘wine merchant’ + *-man*, for a wine-merchant or wine-merchant’s servant. See **Wintier**. **Early bearers:** John Wynterman, 1312 in *London Letter Books D*; Thomas Winterman, 1741 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); James Winterman, 1743 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Winterman, 1793 in *IGI* (Coningsby, Lincs); Thomas Winterman, 1817 in *IGI* (Woolwich, Kent).

### Winters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2791, Ireland 922
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1207
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands: esp. Herts; also Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth, Monaghan, and Tyrone; Leitrim

1 English: variant of **Wintier** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Lettice Winters, 1580 in *IGI* (Grantham, Lincs); Joannes Winters, 1625 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Elizabeth Winters, 1634 in *IGI* (Wootton Waven, Warwicks); Daniel Winters, 1691 in *IGI* (Great Gransden, Hunts); Daniel Winters, 1714 in *IGI* (Ashwell, Herts).

2 Irish: adopted for **Mac Giolla Gheimhridh** ‘son of the lad of winter’, from *geimhreadh* ‘winter’.

**Early bearers:** John dorrogh McGwlyghirry, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2584 (Castleton, Cork); Edm. McGullyghirry, 1575 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2584 (Castleton, Cork).

### Wintersgill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 170
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: locative name for a person who came from either Winterscale in Rathmell, or Winterscales in Garsdale or Ingleton (all WR Yorks); the place-name is from Middle English *winter* + *scale* (Old Scandinavian *skáli*) ‘hut’ (sing. or pl.).

**Early bearers:** Magota de Wynterscale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ingleton, WR Yorks); William Wynterscale, 1584 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Robert Winterskill, 1721 in *York Freeman’s Register*; George Wintersgill, 1739 in *York Freeman’s Register*.

### Winterson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 199
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts; also London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Fermanagh

English: probably an altered form of **Winterton**, principally a Norfolk and E Midlands surname, which may have migrated to SW England in the 17th century.

**Further information:** The surname looks as though it should denote ‘son of someone named *Winter*’, either from the Middle English personal name or the surname (see **Wintier**). This is formally possible but there is no known medieval evidence for *Winterson*, perhaps because the personal name had gone out of use by the time surnames in *-son* were becoming hereditary in the 14th century.

**Early bearers:** Samuel Winterson, 1633 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Winterton, 1658, William Winterson, 1695, Margerat Winterson, 1712 in *IGI* (Devizes, Wilts); Mary Winterson, 1751,

Eleanor Winterson, 1785, William Winterton, 1837 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Margaret Winterson, 1762 in *IGI* (Tetbury, Gloucs); William Winterson, 1776, William Winterton, 1786 in *IGI* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Sophia Winterson, 1805 in *IGI* (Hackney, Middx).

### Winterton

**Variants:** **Winterson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 824, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 679
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Midlands: esp. Leics; and E Anglia

English: locative from Winterton (Lincs, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Tochus de Wintretune, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Osmund de Winterton’, 1204 in *Pleas* (Lincs); Willelmus Wynterton’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walton and Kimcote, Leics); Johannes de Wynterton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk); Willelmus Wynterton’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Carlton, WR Yorks); Thoma de Wynterton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); George Wynterton, 1563 in *IGI* (Tetney, Lincs); Wyllia Wynterton, 1582 in *IGI* (North Kilworth, Leics); Mathew Wynterton, 1589 in *IGI* (Long Buckby, Northants); Ralfe Winterton, 1590, Ralph Winterton, 1693 in *IGI* (Claybrooke, Leics); Em. Winterton, 1604 in *IGI* (Searby cum Owmbly, Lincs); Franncis Winterton, 1615 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); Martha Winterton, 1621 in *IGI* (Wyken, Warwicks); William Winterton, 1648 in *IGI* (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Gulielini Winterton, 1705 in *IGI* (Terrington, Norfolk).

### Winthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb, Lancs, and Cheshire

English: see **Winthrop**.

### Winthrop

**Variants:** **Winthrope**, **Winthorpe**, **Wintrup**, **Wintrip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 189, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Durham

English: locative name from either of two places called Winthorpe (Lincs, Notts).

**Early bearers:** John de Wynthorp’, 13th cent. in *Registrum Antiquissimum* (Lincs); Simon de Whynthorp’, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Robertus Wynthorp’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Crowland, Lincs); Adam Wyntrope or Wyntropp, 1563 in *PROB II* (Groton, Suffolk); John Winthrop, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Winthrop, 1619 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Elizabeth Wintrip, 1683 in *IGI* (Henbury, Gloucs); Jno Winthorpe, 1698 in *IGI* (Arthuret, Cumb); Elizabetha Winthrop, 1710 in *IGI* (Kirklington, Cumb); Robert Wintrip, 1764 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb); Alice Wintrup, 1769 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb).

### Winthrope

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb; Lanarks
- English, Scottish: see **Winthrop**.

### Wintle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1244, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 848

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

1 English: locative name from Winhill in Acton Beauchamp (Worcs, transferred to Herefs in 1897). **Early bearers:** Johannes Wynthull’, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bromyard foreign, Herefs); Willm. Wintle, 1571 in *IGI* (Wheatenhurst, Gloucs); Willm Wintle, 1572 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); Phillipe A. Wintle, 1577 in *IGI* (Stonehouse, Gloucs); John Wintell, 1588 in *IGI* (Blaisdon, Gloucs); Johan Wintle, 1605 in *IGI* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Samuel Wintell, 1607 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs). 2 English: variant of **Windle**. Compare Thomas Windell, 1570, William Wintle, 1872 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs).

### Winton

**Variants:** **Wynton**, **Vinton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1705, Ireland 69
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1097
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Angus and Perths; also Midlothian
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry

English: locative name from any of several places called Winton, such as those in Lancs, Sussex, Westm, and NR Yorks. The name’s distribution suggests it is often from Winton in Alfriston (Sussex). Some of the medieval examples cited below may alternatively represent the standard Medieval Latin rendering of **Winchester**. This is certainly so in the case of Peter de Wintonia, 1269 in *Patent Rolls* (Winchester, Hants). It is unlikely that this clerical form of the name ever entered vernacular speech as a hereditary surname.

**Further information:** Black has commented that this name is ‘of territorial origin from the lands of Winton in the parish of Pencaitland, East Lothian. Alan de Wyntoun witnessed a grant by Peter de Grame to the House of Soltre between 1190 and 1238’. These ‘lands’ are surely named after the *de Wyntoun* family, who apparently gave their name to Winton House (E Lothian) through connections with the Norman *de Seton* family, who held land in this area from the 12th century.

**Early bearers:** England: William de Winton’, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Nicholas de Wynton’, 1277 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johanne de Wynton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Stephen with Mallerstang, Westm); Johannes de Wynton’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Worsley, Lancs); Richard Wynton, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ann Winton, 1590 in *IGI* (Appleby, Westm); Blase Winton, 1561 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); Scotland: Patrick Winton, 1671 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**References:** *Black; Scots Peerage*.

### Wintour

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 92
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Winter**.

### Wintringham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Winteringham**.

### Wintrip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0

## Wintrup

- **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb and Durham
- English: see **Winthrop**.

### Wintrup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 78
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Roxburghs
- English, Scottish: see **Winthrop**.

### Winward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 413, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 317
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Winnard**.

**Early bearers:** Richd Winward, 1705 in *IGI* (Wigan, Lancs); William Winward, 1718 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Ralph Winward, 1721, Ralph Winnard, 1731 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs).

### Winwick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31

English: see **Winnick**.

### Winwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 990, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 498
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: unexplained, but perhaps a locative surname from a lost place named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' as the final element.

**Early bearers:** Stephanus Wynwode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Earnwood, Shrops); Simon Wynwode, 1465 in *Feet of Fines* (Seal, Kent); Thomas Wynwode, 1523 in *PROB 11* (London); Agnes Winwood, 1570 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Richard Wynwode, 1571 in *PROB 11* (Aynhoe, Northants); Franciscus Winwood, 1575 in *IGI* (Aston Botterell, Shrops); Alice Winwood, 1611 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); John Wynwood, 1621 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Mary Winwood, 1747 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs).

### Winwright

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Herts, and Essex
- English: see **Wainwright**.

### Winyard

**Variants:** Wynyard, Wingard, Winnard, Vinyard, Vineyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 372, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; Sussex; Suffolk
- English: locative name denoting someone who lived by or worked at a vineyard, from Middle English *vineyerde*, *vine-yard* 'vineyard' (Old English *wingearde*, given a partly French form), or from any place so named, such as Wynyard Hall in Grindon (Durham).

**Early bearers:** Sarra de Winiard', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); Juliana de la Wingarde, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); William ate Wynearde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Nicholas atte Wynyerde, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Folkestone, Kent); Julian Vynerde, 1539 in *PROB 11* (London); George Winyard, 1605, Elizabeth Vineyard, 1613 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); John Vinyard, 1625 in *Parish Registers* (Saint

Michael, Beccles, Suffolk); Elizabeth Winyard, 1638 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); William Vineyard, 1651 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Edvardi Vineyard, 1711 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); James Vinyard, 1745 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Moses Winyard, 1809 in *IGI* (Upper Arley, Worcs).

### Winzar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Windsor**.

### Winzer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Windsor**.

### Wiper

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wyper**.

### Wirdnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: locative name, probably from Warnham Lane in Compton near Newbury (Berks), which, if correctly identified, is recorded as *Werdham* in 1241 and *Werdenham* in 1252–55. The place-name may derive from an Old English personal name \**Weardra* (genitive \**Weardan*) + Old English *hamm* 'enclosure, hemmed-in land, water meadow'. As with the modern form of the place-name, there may have been some variants with loss of *-d-*, and so there may have been some confusion with **Wernham**; see Richard Wirnam, 1637 in *IGI* (Beedon, Berks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Werdeham, undated (medieval deed) in *Ancient Deeds* 1 (Berks); John Wirdnam, 1552, Elizabeth Wirdnam, 1553, Thomas Wirdnam, 1557 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); James Wirdnam, 1561 in *IGI* (Sutton Courtenay, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Berks* 2, p. 499.

### Wire

**Variants:** Wyer, Wyre, Wyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Kent; also Lancs

English: see **Wyer, Ware**.

### Wirth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: see **Worth**.

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, status name from Middle High German *wirt*, German *Wirt* 'innkeeper'. In some cases the German name is a status name for a man who was head of a family and master of his own household, from the same word in the sense 'provider'. Some of the German examples may belong under (3).

**Early bearers:** Lambart Wirth, 1747 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Lambert Kranen Wirth, 1785 in *IGI*

(Holborn, Middx); Godfred Wirth, 1819 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); Henry Wirth, photographer, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Liverpool, Lancs); Jacob and Philip Wirth, itinerant musicians, born in Germany, in *Census 1861* (Cockermouth, Cumb); Valentine Wirth, baker, born in Hesse, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Frederick Wirth, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Sunderland, Durham); Peter Wirth, musician, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Adam Wirth, boot repairer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Franz A. Wirth, born in Austria, in *Census 1891* (Marylebone, Middx); Gottlieb Wirth, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (Southwark, Surrey); Morris Joseph Wirth, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (London); Louis Wirth, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

3 German: relationship name from a short form of *Werdo*, which is from a Germanic personal name formed with *werd* 'worth' as the first element.

### Wisbey

**Variants:** Wisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 476
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex and Cambs

1 English: locative name from Wisby (Lincs). It is not clear that this name has any modern bearers, and all post-1500 names may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Wiceby, 1200 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); Robert de Wiscebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Julian Wisby, 1572 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Edward Wisbye, 1640, Dinah Wisby, 1642 in *IGI* (Cavendish, Suffolk); Mary Wisbee, 1661 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Thomas Wisbey, 1718 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Mary Wisbey, 1757 in *IGI* (Impington, Cambs); John Wisbey, 1758 in *IGI* (Ashdon, Essex); Prime Wisbey, 1760 in *IGI* (Babraham, Cambs).

2 English: locative name from Wisbech (Cambs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Wysbeche, 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Fleet, Lincs); Reginaldus de Wysebech, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Adam de Wysbech, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); John Wisbitche, 1594, Willm. Wisbitch, 1597 in *IGI* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Richard Wisbich, 1725 in *IGI* (Watton at Stone, Herts); James Wisbish, 1800 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs); James Wisbeach, 1800 in *IGI* (Little Shelford, Cambs).

### Wisby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 252
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Essex

English: see **Wisbey**.

### Wiscombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: locative name from Wiscombe Park in Southleigh (Devon)

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wiscombe, c1220 in *Access to Archives* (Devon); Nicholas Wiscombe, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); Samuel Wiscomb, 1748 in *Access to Archives* (Chardstock, Devon).

**Wisden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: probably a variant of **Wisdom**, with assimilation to the common type of south-eastern place-name in *-den*. Compare Nicholas Wisdom, 1663 in *IGI* (Ditchling, Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Henry Wisden, 1625 in *IGI* (Hove, Sussex); Jhon Wisden, 1628 in *IGI* (Heathfield, Sussex); John Wisden, 1662 in *IGI* (Bonnington, Kent); Simon Wisden, 1667 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**Wisdom****Variants: Wisden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1064, Ireland 61
- **GB frequency 1881:** 543
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, Hants, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Armagh

English: nickname from Middle English *wisdom* (Old English *wisdom*) ‘wisdom, learning’.

**Early bearers:** Durand Wisdom, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Gilbert Wysdom, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Wysdom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wilton borough, Wilts); Thomas Wysdom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk); Willelmus Wisdom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bloxham, Oxon); Johanna Wysdom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Johanna Wysdom, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lancing, Sussex); Ricardus Wysdom, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hurtmore, Surrey); Robt. Wisdom, 1546 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Richard Wysdom, 1570 in *IGI* (Lodsworth, Sussex); John Wysdome, 1577 in *IGI* (Womenswold, Kent); Richard Wisdom, 1593 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Robert Wisdom, 1599 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Thomas Wisdom, 1600 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).

**Wise****Variants: Wyse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7100, Ireland 54
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6170
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Surrey and Kent; also Yorks, Lancs, and Cumb
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wise* (Old English *wis*) ‘wise’.

**Early bearers:** Ædwin Wise, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Roger le Wis, 1203 in *Pipe Rolls* (Sussex); Richard le Wyse, 1326 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Ossett, WR Yorks); Amfrido le Wyse, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Treyford, Sussex); Thomas Wise, 1538 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); John Wise, 1540 in *IGI* (Basildon, Berks); John Wise, 1540 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); Thomas Wise, 1541 in *IGI* (Acrise, Kent); Thomas Wyse, 1552 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Persevell Wyse, 1577 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Tho Wyse, 1585 in *IGI* (Holme Cultram, Cumb).

2 English: locative name for someone who lived by the withies or willows (Middle English *withi*, Old English *wiþig*). Redmonds has been unable to find any evidence that the nickname became a hereditary surname in Yorks.

**Early bearers:** Henry del Wythes, about 1304 in *Yorks Deeds* Bentham (WR Yorks); John Withez, 1462 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Copgrove, WR Yorks); John Withes, 1531 in *Redmonds*,

*Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Westwick, WR Yorks); Marmaduc Wyse, 1577 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); Stephen Wythes or Wise, 1598 in *Yorks Deeds* (Farnley, WR Yorks) John Withes or Wise, 1672–3 in *WR Yorks Quarter Sessions* (Colton, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

**Wiseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Wisely**.

**Wisely****Variants: Wisley, Wiseley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal; Longford

Scottish: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elsp. Wisly, 1685 in *IGI* (Insch, Aberdeens); Alexr. Wisly, 1688 in *IGI* (Insch, Aberdeens); Robt. Wisely, 1755 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Wisly, 1777 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

**Wiseman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5879, Ireland 225
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3846
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. E Anglia; Lancs and WR Yorks; Banffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: nickname from Middle English *wise* ‘wise, discreet’ + *man*, also *wise-man* ‘wise, thoughtful, rational, skilled, or intelligent person, a cunning man’ (Old English *wis* + *mann*). The name may also have been used ironically: see Yonge Wyseman, othyrwyse callyd *foole*, 1471 in *OED* (wise man, n.)

**Early bearers:** English: Lewin Wisman, 1154 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Alexander Wisman, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); William Wiseman, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Camerton, ER Yorks); Amicia Wysman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Medbourne, Leics); Johannes Wysemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Farmcote, Gloucs); Syth Or Sytha Wiseman, 1539 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Elisabeth Wiseman, 1542 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Henry Wiseman, 1551 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Thomas Wyseman, 1557 in *IGI* (Horsham, Sussex); Robert Wiseman, 1559 in *IGI* (Stambourne, Essex); Rogerus Wiseman, 1559 in *IGI* (Garboldisham, Norfolk).

Scottish: Janot Wiseman, 1602 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); George Wiseman, 1604 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Alexr. Wiseman, 1646 in *IGI* (Drainie, Morays); James Wiseman, 1669 in *IGI* (Cullen, Banffs).

**Wisener****Variants: Wysner**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 48
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Irish: anglicization of **Weisener**, **Weissner**, seemingly from Middle High German *wizenere* ‘one who punishes’, but more probably a suffixal derivative of a place-name such as *Weissen* in Thuringia or Brandenburg.

**Further information:** Brechenmacher points to a wide range of other German names with which such a form might also have been confused, including the occupational name **Weisser**, **Weissler** ‘whitener, whitewasher’. The circumstances of the name’s appearing in Ireland in the early mid-19th century are unknown. In northern counties of Ireland it is now sometimes spelt *Wysner*.

**Early bearers:** England: Balthasar Wiesner, 1852, Wiessner, 1854 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); Christopher Wisner, sugar baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (London); Woolf Weasner, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (London); Thomas Wisener, born in Ireland, in *Census 1881* (Norwood, Middx); Philip Wisner, cellarman, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Soho, Westminster, Middx); Ollo [*sic*] Wiesener, watchmaker, born in Goslav, Germany, in *Census 1891* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Isaac Wisner, tailor, born in Pshermish, Galicia, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, London); Simeon Wisner, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Robert Weisner, hairdresser, foreign subject, Germany, in *Census 1901* (Essex); Rudolf Wiesner, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Durham); Felix Weisener, porter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hammersmith, Middx).

Ireland: James Wisener, 1852 in Marriage Records for Ireland (County Derry); William Wisener, 1870 in Baptismal/Birth Records for Ireland (County Derry). **References:** Baptismal/Birth Records for Ireland, Marriage Records for Ireland, [ifh.rootsireland.ie](http://ifh.rootsireland.ie)

**Wish**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Devon

English: locative name from an unattested Middle English *\*wische*, from Old English *wisce* ‘marshy meadow’ or perhaps *\*wisse* ‘meadow, marsh’, for a person who lived at or near a marsh or marshy meadow.

**Early bearers:** Hugo Wisc, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John de la Wisse, 1261 in *Place-Names of Sussex* 418; William atte Wyshe de la Rye, 1305 in *London Letter Books B*; Margaret Wyssh, 1381 in *Patent Rolls* (Lichfield, Staffs); Symond atte Wische, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Southwark, Surrey); David Wish, 1612 in *IGI* (Worth, Sussex); William Wish, 1622 in *IGI* (Offwell, Devon); Ann Wish, 1794 in *IGI* (Sheringham, Norfolk).

**Wishard**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

Norman, English, Scottish: see **Wishart**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Wishart****Variants: Wishard, Wisher, Whisker, Wisker, Wiskar, Witchard**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2398, Ireland 82
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2246
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E and central Scotland
- Norman, Scottish: relationship name from Old Norman French *Wisc(h)ard*, Central French *Guisic(h)ard*, *Guiscart* (Old Scandinavian *vizkr* ‘wise’ + the French suffix *-(h)ard*).

**Further information:** In general, the modern forms with *-sh-* are Central (Parisian) French and subsequently



## Wisher

Scottish, and the forms in *-sk-* are Norman and subsequently English.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wischardus Leidet, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Beds); Guichard de Charrun, 1270 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Northumb).

urnames, Scotland: John Wischard, about 1230 in *Arbroath Register* (Fordoun, Angus); Hugone, Henri Wiscard, about 1240 in *Lennox Cartulary* (Stratblaan, Stirlings); Jonet Wischart, 1596 in *Spalding Club Miscellany* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens); Andrew Wischart, 1599 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); William Wishart, 1600 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Janet Wishart, 1606 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Cristian Wishart, 1619 in *IGI* (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Jhone Vishart, 1632 in *IGI* (Belhelvie, Aberdeens).  
urnames, England: Walter Wiscard, Wishard, 1162, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); Rannulf Wichard', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Essex); John Wychard', 1330 in *Feet of Fines* (Leics); Johannes Wistard (error for Wiscard) 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ovington, Norfolk); Joane Wisker, 1583 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Annys Wishart, 1604 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); John Whisker, 1620 in *IGI* (Honiton, Devon); Roberti Wisker, 1612 in *IGI* (Kilnwick, ER Yorks); Anne Wiskarde or Wiskard, 1632 in *PROB 11* (Skeford, Devon); William Whiskard, 1638 in *PROB 11* (Ware, Herts); Robert Wishard, 1642 in *Parish Registers* (Ware, Herts); Antonie Whisker, 1668 in *IGI* (Swanton Novers, Norfolk); Ann Wesket, 1707 in *IGI* (Burnham, Bucks); David Wishheart, 1726 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Benjamin Whisker, 1741 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Wisher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 177, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 90
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- Norman, English: see **Wishart**.

### Wishon

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: unexplained.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.  
**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Wishon, 1731 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Ruth Wishon, 1755 in *IGI* (Buxton, Norfolk).

### Wiskar

- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- Norman, English: see **Wishart**.

### Wisken

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia
- English: see **Whiskin**.

### Wisker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 122
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and ER Yorks
- Norman, English: see **Wishart**.

### Wiskin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 121, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia and Kent
- English: see **Whiskin**.

### Wisking

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- English: see **Whiskin**.

### Wisley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens
- Scottish: see **Wisely**.

### Wisniewski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1317, Ireland 40
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: locative name from **Wiśniewski**, denoting someone from any of the many places in Poland called Wiśniewo, Wiśniew, or Wiśniewa, named with *wisnia* 'cherry'.  
**Early bearers:** Mihotai Wisniewski, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (London).

### Wissler

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Whistler**.

### Wisson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** mainly E England; Staffs
- English: (i) see **Whisson**. (ii) possibly sometimes a variant of **Whiston**.

### Wistance

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Whistance**.

### Wiston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 71
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London
- English: see **Whiston**.

### Wistow

- Variants:** **Westow**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks
- English: locative name from Wistow (Hunts, WR Yorks) or Westow (ER Yorks); the latter was recorded as *Wystowe* in 1365.  
**Early bearers:** John de Wistow, 1295 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Johannes Wistowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lowick, Northants); Robertus de Wystowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas de Wystow, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Willelmo de Wistow, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Thomas Wystowe, 1411 in *Feet of Fines* (Legbourne, Lincs); John Wistowe or Wystowe, 1539 in *PROB 11* (Stotfold, Staffs); William Wystowe, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Sudbury, Suffolk); Isaac Wistow, 1608 in *IGI* (Alconbury Weston, Hunts); Jefery Westow, 1719 in *IGI* (Stonegrave, NR Yorks); Antho Wistow, 1746 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); Geo Wistow, 1808, John Westow, 1810 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of ER Yorks*, p. 145.

### Wiswall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wiswell**.

### Wiswell

- Variants:** **Wiswall**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Wiswell (Lancs).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Wysewell, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Johannes de Wyswall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Horsforth, WR Yorks); Rogerus de Wyswall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hale, Lancs); John Wiswall, 1573 in *IGI* (Hale, Lancs); John Wiswall, 1576 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs).

### Witard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Whittard**.

### Witby

- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Cambs
- English: see **Whitby**.

### Witchalls

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- English: see **Witchell**.

### Witchard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Wilts
- Norman, English: see **Wishart**.

### Witchell

- Variants:** **Witchalls**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 449, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 351
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs, Wilts, and Somerset

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *whit(e)* 'white' + *child* 'child', 'fair child' (Old English *hwit + cild*). (ii) locative name alternatively, perhaps, from Witchells in Shirwell (Devon), recorded as *Wichehole* in 1423. Variants with post-medieval excrement *-s* may sometimes have been influenced by the place-name (see the 1612 early bearer).  
**Early bearers:** Alan Wytechild, Whitechill, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Whitchild, 1322 in *Leicester Freeman Register*; Leonard Witchell, 1570 in *IGI* (Shipbourne, Kent); Richard Witchell, 1600 in *IGI* (Alderley, Gloucs); William Witchalls, 1612 in *PROB 11* (Dawlish, Devon); Walter Witchall, 1622 in *IGI* (Wotton under Edge, Gloucs); Willm Witchell, 1623 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Elizabeth Witchell, 1684 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Anne Witchell, 1699 in *IGI* (Newbury, Berks); John Witchells, 1846 in *IGI* (Horsleydown, Surrey).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 68.

### Witcher

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 208
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Whitcher**.



**Witcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 510, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 251
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, Warwicks

English: see **Whitcombe**.

**Witcombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 602, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 530
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Whitcombe**.

**With**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Wythe**.

**Withall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: possibly a variant of **Whitehall**. However, the heavy concentration of the surname *Withall* in Surrey shows a distributional similarity to **Whittle**, which was fairly frequent in Surrey in 1881, having been more frequent only in Lancs and Dorset.

**Early bearers:** Richard Withall, 1590 in *IGI* (Headley, Hants); Robert Withall, 1590 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Robert Withall, 1598 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Marcie Withall, 1604 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey).

**Witham**

**Variants:** **Whittome, Withams, Wittams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1470, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1191
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread, esp. Essex; WR Yorks, Lancs, Notts

English: locative name from any of the places called *Witham* (Essex, Lincs, Somerset, Devon), though most often from Essex.

**Further information:** There may have been occasional confusion with **Whitwam**.

**Early bearers:** Warin de Whyteham, 1272–1307 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Peter de Wytham, 1295 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); John Witham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Margaret Witham, 1624 in *IGI* (Doddinghurst, Essex); William Whitham, 1655 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Lucie Wittams, 1701 in *IGI* (Bedingham, Norfolk); Robert Whittome, 1796 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Mary Withams, 1804 in *IGI* (Ecclesall Bierlow, WR Yorks); Charles Withams, 1833 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

**Withams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Witham** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Withe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Wythe**.

**Withecombe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Widdicombe**.

**Withell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Glamorgan
- 1 English: perhaps a variant of **Whittle** or **Whitehill**.  
**Early bearers:** Jenkin Whithelle, 1573 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Swaledale, NR Yorks); William Withell, 1791 in *IGI* (Goodmanham, ER Yorks); Sarah Withell, 1792 in *IGI* (Bulmer, NR Yorks); Ann Withell, 1798 in *IGI* (Blackburn, Lancs).  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

2 Cornish: locative name occasionally from Withiel (Cornwall).

**Further information:** The Cornish surname appears to have been common up to the 19th century, but is now rare.

**Early bearers:** Simon Wythel, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Saint Endellion, Cornwall); Susane Withell, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall); Elizabeth Withell, 1599 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); John Withell, 1606 in *IGI* (Padstow, Cornwall);

**Wither**

**Variants:** **Withers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 168, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 239
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wigtowns; otherwise scattered

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wither* (Old Scandinavian *Viðarr, Withar*).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wither, Wider, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk, Lincs); Wyther cognomento Turnel, 1134–40 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

England: Richerus filius Wither, 1153–68 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); William Wither, about 1160 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs); Robert Wither, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Geoffrey Wider, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Galfridus Wither, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Blackawton borough, Devon); Johannes Wyther, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Weston under Penyard, Herefs); Johannes Wither, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mere, Wilts); John Wither, 1544 in *IGI* (Norton, Suffolk); Harry Wither, 1554 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); John Wither, 1566 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Alice Wither, 1569 in *IGI* (Pilton, Somerset); Rycharde Wither, 1569 in *IGI* (Wootton Saint Lawrence, Hants).

Scotland: Roger Wyther, 1312 in *Scotland Calendar*; Eustace Wethir, 1327 in *Exchequer Rolls of Scotland* (Inverness); Margaret Wither, 1652 in *IGI* (Longforgan, Perth); Patrik Wither, 1659 in *IGI* (Liff, Benvie, and Invergowrie, Angus); Bessie Wither, 1672 in *IGI* (Kettins, Angus); Alexander Wither, 1696 in *IGI* (Stranraer, Wigtowns).

2 Welsh: in the W Midlands, possibly a rendering of **Gwyther**.

3 English: locative name possibly for someone who lived by a willow (Old English *wīþig*). Compare **Withey**.

**Further information:** This name may not survive in modern times.

**Early bearers:** John Wythiar', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas le Wythier, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Withier, 1606 in *IGI* (Rustington, Sussex).

**Witherall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 134, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Weatherall**.

**Early bearers:** Rowland Witherall, 1570 in *IGI* (Little Hadham, Herts); Thomas Witherall, 1587 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); Betty Witherall, 1769 in *IGI* (Bradfield, Berks).

**Witherby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 56
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: probably a variant of **Weatherby**.

**Witherden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 129
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name apparently from Witherden Farm (Kent) or Witherenden in Ticehurst (Sussex). These places were recorded as *Wycherindenn* (1275) and *Wytherenden* (1180) respectively, and may be possible origins of the surname **Witherington**.

However, more modern forms of these place-names (the current form for Witherden Farm and *Witherden* for the Sussex place-name in 1823) suggest that, if a surname which originated in one of these places followed the same development as the corresponding place-name forms, it could become *Witherden*.

**Early bearers:** Zacha. Witherden, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence in Thanet, Kent); Mary Witherden, 1613 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Sara Witherden, 1613 in *IGI* (Saint Peters Thanet, Kent); Mary Witherden, 1687 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 126; *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 454.

**Witherell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: see **Weatherall**.

**Witherford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 36
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs, Worcs, and Warwicks; WR Yorks

English: locative name, apparently a late development of the surname *Withiford*, possibly from Williford in Whittington (Staffs), recorded as *Withyford* in 1379. Compare Thomaes Withiford, 1615 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Louisa Withiford, 1828 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs) with the early bearers below.

**Early bearers:** John Witherford, 1817 in *IGI* (Northfield, Worcs); Thomas Witherford, 1823 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ebenezer Witherford, 1825 in *IGI* (Alfreton, Derbys).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, p. 578.

**Witherick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Essex
- English: see **Whitteridge**.

**Witheridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 241
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: locative name mainly from Witheridge (Devon), though perhaps sometimes from Witheridge Hill in Rotherfield Greys (Oxon). **Early bearers:** Ralph de Wyperug', 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johanna Witheridge, 1554 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); Syblye Witheridge, 1554 in *IGI* (North Molton, Devon); Nicholas Witheridge, 1561 in *IGI* (Berrynarbor, Devon); William Wytheridge, 1589 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Witheridge, 1592 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Thomas Witheridge, 1596 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon).

**Witherington**

**Variants:** Withrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 474, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 331
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs; Warwicks

1 English: see **Widdrington**.

2 English: locative name; considering the wide distribution of the surname, it may also have another origin, perhaps from Witherenden in Ticehurst (Sussex), Witherden Farm (Kent) (recorded as *Wycherindenn* in 1275, presumably with *-c-* as a mistake for *-t-* as both letters were similar in medieval hand-writing), or a lost place named *Witherington* or similar.

**Early bearers:** Hwylardus de Wytherendenn, about 1180 in *Archaeologia Cantiana* vi; Crystina de Wytheryndenn, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); James Witherington, 1608 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs); George Witherington, 1613 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Oswald Withrington, 1649 in *IGI* (Yarkhill, Herefs); Marye Withrington, 1674 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Mary Witherington, 1675 in *IGI* (Owston, Leics); Eliz. Wytherington, 1714 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Witherington, 1820 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 126.

**Witherley**

**Variants:** Witherly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Witherley (Leics). See also **Weatherley**.

**Early bearers:** Iuetta de Widerleg', 1201 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Johanne Wythirley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witherley, Leics); William Witherley, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Thorpe Constantine, Staffs); Richardus Witherley, 1568 in *IGI* (Burlingham, Norfolk); Jn. Witherly, 1570 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Abraham Witherley, 1608 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent).

**Witherly**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Witherley**.

**Witherow**

**Variants:** Withrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 116
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Donegal

English: locative name, apparently a northern Irish local variety, with vocalized *l* as in Scots, of **Weatherall**, from Wetheral, Cumb. This form of the name is as common in Ireland as in England.

**Early bearers:** Ireland: William Witheral, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Fahan Upper, Donegal); William Witheraw, 1796 in *Flaxgrowers Ireland* (Faughanvale, Derry); Hugh and James Wetherell, farmers, 1834 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxx 97–8* (Banagher, Derry); Hans and William Witheroe, 1835 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxx 89* (Aughlish, Banagher, Derry); Robert Wetherell, 1834 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxx 96* (Aughlish, Banagher, Derry); Samuel Witheraw, migrant, 1836 in *OS Memoirs, Ireland xxiii 39* (Ahoghill, Antrim).

**Withers**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6038, Ireland 254
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4873
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread exp. in W and S England; Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo; Down and Antrim; Cavan

English: variant of **Wither** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Witherspoon**

**Variants:** Wedderspoon, Weatherspoon, Wetherspoon, Wotherspoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 172
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Durham

Scottish: of uncertain origin. Black tentatively mentions the possibility of a locative name derived from Middle English and Older Scots *wether* 'ram' + Middle English *spang*, \**spong* 'long narrow strip of ground'. The compound makes an intelligible (but unrecorded) minor place-name, but although *spong* is recorded in post-medieval field names in WR Yorks, the Midlands and Kent, neither *spang* nor *spong*, let alone a reduction to *spōn*, are recorded with this sense in *Dictionary of the Scots Language*. Nor is there any evidence for *wither* as a variant of *wether* 'ram'. If, in spite of these difficulties, the explanation is right, the form of the name must have been altered by folk etymology, influenced perhaps by Middle English and Older Scots *wither* (as a verb 'to dry up', as an adjective 'hostile, opposite') and *spon* 'spoon' or 'roofing shingle'. *MED*, at *spōn*, records a tenement called *Wytherespones*, 1396 in *Miscellaneous Inquisitions*, which presumably alludes to the surname of a former owner rather than to the physical characteristics of a building.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Roger Wythirspōn, clerk, late 13th cent. in *Black* (Renfrews); John Wyddirspwn, 1518 in *Glasgow Rental* (Lanarks); Margaret Wetherspone, 1599 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Patrik Witherspone, 1613 in *IGI* (Inveresk with Musselburgh, Midlothian); Mareoun Witherspoon, 1618, Agnes Widderspoon, 1661, James Widirspōn, 1663 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Betrix Witherspwn, 1662 in *IGI* (Auchterarder, Perth); John Witherspune, 1668 in *IGI* (Lasswade, Midlothian); Isobel Wadderspoon, 1694 in *IGI* (Govan, Lanarks);

James Wodderspoon, 1715 in *IGI* (Fowlis Wester, Perth); Janet Wetherspoon, 1729 in *IGI* (Perth, Perth).

England: Thomas Witherspone, 1586 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Judith Wetherspoone, 1616, Archibald Wetherspoon, 1679 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Hugh Witherspoon, 1730 in *IGI* (Stockton on Tees, Durham); Mary Wetherspoon, 1781 in *IGI* (Morpeeth, Northumb).

**Withey**

**Variants:** Withy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1749, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 748
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Middle English *withi(e)* 'willow' (Old English *wīðig*), in most cases a topographic name for a person who lived at or near a place where willow grew. Sometimes the surname may be toponymic from a place so named, as in the early bearer from 1296 who is probably from Withy Farm in Danehill (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Adam de la Wythye, 1241 in *Placitorum abbreviatio* (Somerset); Richard atte Widege, Robert Widie, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John de Wythye, 1296, Alan atte Wythye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Walterus atte Withye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Johannes atte Wythie, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Thomas Wythey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ash, Dorset); Roger Wythy or Withy, 1562 in *PROB 11* (London); Jasper Withey, 1595 in *IGI* (Claines, Worcs); Frances Withey, 1613 in *IGI* (Coreley, Shrops); Elizabeth Withie, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Street, Somerset); John Withey, 1703 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

**Withington**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1112, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 780
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name mainly from Withington (Lancs, Cheshire), though occasionally from any of the other places so named in Gloucs, Herefs, Shrops, and Staffs, or Witherington Farm in Standlynch (Wilts), recorded as *Widintona* in 1209 and *Withington* in 1632.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Withinton, 1231–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); John de Withyngton, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Henry de Wythyngton', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Dorset); Richard de Wythinton', 1368 in *Feet of Fines* (Meole Brace, Shrops); Johanna de Withington', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whixley, WR Yorks); John Withington, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Thomasin Withington, 1547 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Withington, 1580 in *IGI* (Woodchurch, Cheshire); Anne Withington, 1622 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Withington, 1637 in *IGI* (Stowe, Staffs); Sarah Withington, 1733 in *IGI* (Richards Castle, Herefs); James Withington, 1742 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts); Bearsheba Withington, 1747 in *IGI* (Blandford Forum, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 397–8.

**Withnall**

**Variants:** Withnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 297, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

English: locative name from Withnell (Lancs).

**Further information:** It is also possible that the surname is from Withnall Forest in Moddershall (Staffs), especially considering the high concentration of bearers in Staffs, but the earliest forms for the place-name are from the 17th century and no medieval bearers from Staffs can be found.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wythenhill, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Robert de Withinhulle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Edward Withnall, 1571 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Evan Withnell, 1581 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs); Thos. Withnall, 1584 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Hugh Withnall, 1664 in *IGI* (Brindle, Lancs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*.

### Withnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Withnall**.

### Withrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Witherington**.

### Withrow

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Witherow**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Withy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 136
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Withey**.

### Withycombe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 142, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Widdicombe**.

### Witkowski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 529, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5

Polish: locative name for someone from any of several places in Poland called Witkowo, Witków, or Witkowice, named with the personal name *Witek*, pet form of *Wit* (Latin *Vitus*).

**Early bearers:** Valentin Joseph Witkowski, 1828 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ludolph Wikowski, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Hertfordbury, Herts); Ludolf Witkowski, born in London, in *Census 1871* (Eastbourne, Sussex); William L. Witkowski, born in Hertford, in *Census 1881* (Sheerness, Kent); Alexander Witkowski, surgeon dentist, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Lukas Witkowski, labourer, birthplace unknown, in *Census 1891* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Josephus Witkowsky, hairdresser's assistant, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Witley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Middx, otherwise scattered
- English: see **Whiteley**.

### Witman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 8, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

English: see **Whiteman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Witney

- **Current frequencies:** GB 706, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon, Bucks and London

English: locative name from Witney (Oxon). Some names of this origin may have been assimilated to **Whitney** because of the frequency of names beginning with *Whit-*.

**Early bearers:** William de Wittenheia, 1210–11 in *Winchester Pipe Roll* (Hants); Simon de Witteneay, 1278–9 in *Highworth Hundred Rolls* (Wilts); Baldwin de Wytteneye, 1346–7 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Ricardo Witteneay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Bartholomaeus Witney, 1583 in *IGI* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Edith Witney, 1598 in *IGI* (Wootton Bassett, Wilts).

### Witt

**Variants:** **Witts**, **Witte**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1728, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1183
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Wilts

1 English: see **White**.

2 German: nickname from Low German **Witt**, the equivalent of High German **Weiss**.

**Early bearers:** Behrend Witte, sugar refiner's labourer, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Whitechapel, Middx); Ludwig Witt, born in London, in *Census 1851* (Gorleston, Suffolk); Louis Witt, ship's steward, born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Gustave Witt, commission agent, born in Hamburg, in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey); Bernhard Witte, herring merchant's clerk, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Fraserburgh, Aberdeens); Carl Witte, cabinet maker, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Everton, Lancs); Ludwig Witt, hairdresser's assistant, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Saint Pancras, Middx).

### Wittaker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 232
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; also Staffs

English: see **Whittaker**.

### Wittamore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Whitmore**.

### Wittams

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Witham** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Witte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 135, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, German: see **Witt**.

### Witten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Surrey, and Sussex; Durham

English: see **Whitton**.

### Witter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 916, Ireland 37
- **GB frequency 1881:** 304
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: see **Whitter** and compare Alice Witter, 1559, Alen Whitter, 1561 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire).

### Witterick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: see **Whitteridge**.

### Wittering

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants

English: locative name from Wittering (Northants) or East and West Wittering (Sussex).

**Early bearers:** Rogert de Wyteryng, 1314 in *Patent Rolls* (Barnack, Northants); William de Wyghtryng, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Nicholaus Wyteryng, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); John Wyghtrynge, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Sussex); William Wittering, 1778 in *IGI* (Nun Monkton, WR Yorks); Sarah Wittering, 1793 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Mary Wittering, 1813 in *IGI* (Ringstead, Northants).

### Wittey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 39
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Witty** and **Whitney**.

### Wittick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: see **Whittick**.

### Witting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks; Middx, Kent, and E Anglia

English: see **Whiting**.

### Wittingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 212
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lancs

English: see **Whittingham**.

### Wittington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0

## Wittle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 171
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks  
English: see **Whittington**.

## Wittle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp Lancs  
English: see **Whittle**.

## Wittman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered  
English: see **Whiteman**.

## Witton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 825, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 600
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Staffs; WR Yorks

1 English: see **Whitton**.  
2 English: see **Whiddon**.

## Wittrick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk  
English: see **Whitteridge**.

## Wittridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5  
English: see **Whitteridge**.

## Witts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1741, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 893
- **Main GB location 1881:** W and S England: esp. Gloucs, Wilts

English: variant of **Witt** (1), with post-medieval excrescent -s.

## Witty

Variants: **Wittey**, **Whitty**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 579, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 570
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *witty* ‘wise, witty’ (Old English *wit(t)ig*).

**Early bearers:** Robert Witie, Wity, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Symon Wittie, 13th cent. in *Rievaulx Cartulary* (NR Yorks); Peter Wittye, 1534 in *York Registry Wills* (Middleton on the Wolds, ER Yorks); Richard Witty, 1601 in *IGI* (Kirkburn, ER Yorks); Ralf Witty, 1610, John Witty, 1679 in *IGI* (Lund, ER Yorks); Thomas Witty, 1732, Henry Witty, 1834 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks).

2 English: see **Whitty**.

## Wivell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall  
Norman, English: see **Wavell**.

## Wix

- **Current frequencies:** GB 186, Ireland 2

- **GB frequency 1881:** 263
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk  
English: a common East Anglian spelling of **Wicks**.

## Wixey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 139
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Monmouths  
English: locative name from the ‘land of Wixi, lying near the grange of Caldechote’, 1236 in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Osbert Wixi, mid 13th cent. in *Berkeley Castle Muniments* (Simundeshal at Egge [Symond’s Hall, in Wotton under Edge], Gloucs); William Wixi of Wodemancote, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Gloucs); Johannes Wyxy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wanborough, Wilts); Margaret Wicksey, 1678 in *IGI* (Sevenhampton, Gloucs); Robert Weeksy, 1684 in *IGI* (Sherston, Wilts); William Wixy, 1715 in *IGI* (Aston Blank, Gloucs); Mary Wixey, 1718 in *IGI* (Sevenhampton, Gloucs); John Wixey, 1726, Elisabeth Weeksey, 1730 in *IGI* (Aston Blank, Gloucs); James Wixey, 1741 in *IGI* (Swindon, Wilts); Benjamin Wixsey, 1744 in *IGI* (Notgrove, Gloucs); William Wixcey, 1755 in *IGI* (Prestbury, Gloucs); Alice Amanda Wixy, 1871 in *IGI* (Newport, Monmouths).

## Wixon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 150, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: see **Wigston**.

## Wixed

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: see **Wickstead**.

**Further information:** In this spelling, this name has been established in Ireland since the 17th century.

## Woad

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: nickname from Middle English *wode*, *woad* ‘woad, blue dye made using the leaves of the woad plant’ (Old English *wād*), for a seller or user of woad. It is often not possible to distinguish between medieval bearers of surnames derived from Middle English *wode* ‘woad’ and *wode* ‘wood’, and so the medieval early bearers may belong with **Wood**. Compare **Wadman**, **Wader**.

**Early bearers:** Henricus Wode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Thomas Wode, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Gulielmus Woad, 1602 in *IGI* (Misson, Notts); Elizabeth Woad, 1614 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Elizabeth Woad, 1731 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks).

## Woakes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: variant of **Oakes**, either a dialect form or possibly the result of misdivision following a personal name ending in *-w*, e.g. *Andrew Oakes*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Woakes, 1603 in *IGI* (Wrockwardine, Shrops).

## Woan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 79
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *wone* ‘luck, fortune, hope, expectation; abundance, plenty’ (Old Scandinavian *ván*).

**Early bearers:** Ricardo Wone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Foxton, Leics); John Woane, 1601 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs); George Woan, 1633 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); William Wone, 1645 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); George Woan, 1674 in *IGI* (Grinton, NR Yorks); Emanuel Woan, 1686 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx).

## Woburn

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Woburn (Beds), Woburn Park (Surrey), or Wooburn (Bucks).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Woburn, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (London); John de Woburn, 1328 in *Feet of Fines* (Wilts); Robert de Wouburn, 1351 in *Patent Rolls* (Braybrooke, Northants); Thomas Wobourne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); William Woburne, 1428 in *Feet of Fines* (Finchingfield, Essex); Thomas Woburn, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (London); Elizab Woborne, 1680 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); John Wobourn, 1767 in *IGI* (Abinger, Surrey).

## Woby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs

English: variant of **Walby**, via **Waby**, which was sometimes spelled *Woby*, presumably reflecting rounding of the vowel after /w/ in the pronunciation /wɒbi/.

## Wodehouse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 125
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London; Hants  
English: see **Woodhouse**.

## Wodeman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: see **Woodman**.

## Wodhams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Northants, Warwicks

English: see **Woodhams**.

## Woff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs: NR Yorks  
English: see **Wolfe**.

## Woffenden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 264
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks  
English: see **Wolfenden**.

**Woffinden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 125
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Wolfenden**.

**Woffindin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 35
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Wolfenden**.

**Wofford**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- English: see **Woolford**.  
**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Wogan**

Variants: **Vogan, Ogan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 84
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks; Pembroke
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

Welsh, Irish: relationship name from the Old Welsh personal name *Guoccaun*, found in the *Annales Cambriae*, a diminutive of the word which became *gwg* 'scowl' (modern *Gwogon*, *Gwogan*, with regular loss of *-w-* before a rounded vowel). According to Morgan and Morgan, 'Gwogon did not survive in Welsh-speaking Wales to become a surname, and *Wogan* may be rightly regarded as a typical South Pembroke name, a Welsh name, like **Meyler**, **Gwyther**, *Gwion*, surviving among the English-speaking settlers.'

**Further information:** A family of this name from Wales settled in county Kildare, Ireland, following the Anglo-Norman invasion of the 12th century. The name has been Gaelicized as *Úgán*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Wogan, 1292 in *Quo Warranto Pleas* (Cumb); John Wougan, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Yorks); Willmus Wogan, 1568 in *IGI* (Leigh with Bransford, Worcs); William Wogan, 1589 in *IGI* (Ludlow, Shrops); Thomas Wogan, 1828 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); James Wogan, 1832 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).  
 Wales: Tudor ap Gogan, 1292–3 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Merioneths); Petrus Gogaun alias Petr ap Gugaun, 10<sup>th</sup> Wogan, 1326 in *Black Book of Saint David's*; Richard Gugan, about 1671 in *Hearth Tax* (Llancarfan, Glamorgan).

Ireland: Nicholas Wogan, 1541 in *Fiants Henry* §256 (Lexlyp, Kildare); Nicholas Wogane, gent., 1549 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §233 (Rathcoffye, Kildare); John Wogan alias Owgan, scholar (literatus), 1553 in *Fiants Edward* §1206 (Ballykey or Tavelaght); Nicholas Owgan, 1560 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §260 (Rathcoffye, Kildare); Alson Plunket alias Wogan, 1582 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4037 (Rathcoffye, Kildare); Oliver Owgan, 1584 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §4464 (the Downynoges, Kildare); Mary Wogan, 1601 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §6523 (Dremanstown, Queen's County [Laois]).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, p. 112.

**Wojciechowski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 614, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name from any of several places called Wojciechowo or Wojciechów, named with the personal name *Wojciech* (see **Wojcik**).

**Early bearers:** Jos. Wojcaichowski, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London).

**Wojcik**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1313, Ireland 21
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Polish: relationship name from a pet form of the Polish personal name *Wojciech* (common Slavic *Vojtěch*), which is based on the elements *voj* 'host, army' + *těch* 'comfort, consolation'.

**Further information:** Together with its germanized form *Wozzek*, this was a popular given name among Christians in Eastern Europe, mainly because of the cult of Saint Vojtěch (c. 956–997), bishop of Prague from 982 onwards, and a missionary to the heathen Balto-Slavs.

2 Polish: from *Wójcik*, from a diminutive of *wójt* 'village headman', a borrowing of German **Vogt**.

**Wolbold**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wolbold* (Old English *Wulfbeald* 'wolf-bold').

**Early bearers:** Wlbald, Wlbolt, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Ulbold, Hulboldus, about 1130 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Robert filius Wulfbalt, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); Wulbald, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Walter Woulbould, John Wolbol, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thomas Wolbald, 1417 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent, Middx, Sussex); Richardus Woolball, 1616 in *IGI* (Sellindge, Kent); Catherine Woolball, 1750 in *Access to Archives* (Walthamstow, Essex); Christian Frederick Wolbold, 1878 in *IGI* (Bordesley, Warwicks).

**Wolcott**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: see **Woollacott**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Wold**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 29
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Would**.

**Wolde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Would**.

**Wolden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

English: see **Walden**.

**Woldridge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

1 English: see **Wooldridge**.

2 English: perhaps a variant of **Aldridge** with prosthetic *W-*, via forms such as **Oldridge**.

**Woledge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England: esp. Kent

1 English: see **Woolwich**.

2 English: see **Worledge**.

**Wolf**

Variants: **Wolff, Woolf, Wulff, Wolfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 577
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

1 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): (i) relationship name, patronymic from the Germanic personal name *Wolf, Wulf*. (ii) locative name, nickname from Middle High German *wolf* 'wolf', denoting either someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a wolf or someone thought to resemble a wolf in some way.

**Further information:** The Yiddish personal name *Volf* was sometimes adopted as a vernacular equivalent of **Benjamin** with reference to Genesis 49:27, 'Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf'.

**Early bearers:** Abraham Woolf, shoemaker, in *Census 1841* (Aldgate, London); Barnett Woolf, born in Southwark, in *Census 1851* (Southwark, Surrey); Maurice Wolff, born in Prussia, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Louis Wolf, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx); Leopold Wolf, jeweller, born in Austria, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Siegmund Wulff, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Lancs); Mathilde C.E. Wolf, born in Bavaria, in *Census 1881* (Wimbledon, Surrey); Ernest Wolf, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); Johann Wulff, sugar refiner, born in Hanover, in *Census 1881* (Bedminster, Somerset); August Wolffe, born in Germany, in *Census 1891* (Lancs); Detlef Wulf, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); Rachel Woolf, greengrocer and umbrella maker, 1893 in *UK Jewish Directory* (Chatham, Kent); Albert Wolff, born in Germany, in *Census 1901* (London); William Wolfe, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

2 Irish: see **Woulfe**.

**Wolfe**

Variants: **Wolf, Wolffe, Woolfe, Woulfe, Woof, Wooff, Woff, Wolfes**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2241, Ireland 381
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1554
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Kent; Cambs; Lancs

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Limerick

1 English: nickname meaning 'wolf' (Middle English *wolf*, Old English *wulf*), sometimes latinized as *Lupus*, also found in the French forms *Lou* and *Love* (see under **Low**). This is also a common spelling of the name in Ireland; see also **Woulfe**.

**Further information:** There is an Old English and Germanic personal name *Wulf* (see below), but it is doubtful whether any instances of the surname are derived from this. The personal name is late and not common in Old English, and *Redin, Studies* doubts if any of the examples are really native. However, Old Scandinavian *Úlfr* was not uncommon and has survived (see **Ulph**), but *Wolf* as a surname is generally found with the article *le* in the 13th and 14th centuries.

## Wolfendale

**Early bearers:** Robert Wulf, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); John le Wolf, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); John le Wolf, 1319 in *Patent Rolls* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Wolfe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southeast with Telscombe, Sussex); John Wulfe, 1488 in *Feet of Fines* (Cranbrook, Kent); Richard Woulffe, 1559 in *IGI* (Bodmin, Cornwall); Thomas Woulfe, 1635 in *IGI* (Scarborough, NR Yorks); James Wolf, 1717, Jane Woof, 1744, Thos. Woff, 1787 in *IGI* (Warcop, Westm).  
2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic), English: see **Wolf**.

### Wolfendale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 242
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: variant of **Wolfenden**.

**Early bearers:** John Wofendale, 1574, Mary Woffendale, 1586 in *IGI* (Scarcho, Lincs); Thomas Woffendale, 1666 in *IGI* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); William Woffindayle, 1670 in *IGI* (Billinghay, Lincs); Jonathan Wofendall, 1672 in *Hearth Tax* (Rimington, Lancs); Richard Woofendall, Richard Woffendale, 1675 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Jacobus Woffendale, 1713 in *IGI* (Gisburn, WR Yorks); John Woffindal, 1729 in *IGI* (Felkirk, WR Yorks); Abraham Wolfendall, 1752 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wolfenden

**Variants:** **Woolfenden, Woffenden, Wooffinden, Woffinden, Woffindin, Wolfendale, Wolfington, Ovenden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1098, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1372
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Wolfenden in Newchurch in Rossendale (Lancs), which is recorded as *Wolframdene* in 1324. The place-name probably means 'valley at a place called \*Wolfham', deriving from Middle English *den(e)* 'valley' (Old English *denu*) qualified by an earlier place-name, \**Wolfham*, composed of Old English *wulf* 'wolf' + *ham* 'enclosure, hemmed-in land'.

**Early bearers:** Rogero de Wolfandun', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rossendale Chase, Lancs); Gracia Wolfenden, 1560 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); John Wolfenden, 1574 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); Arthur Wolfenden, 1588 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 93.

### Wolfe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Wolfe** with excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Minor Wolfes, 1702 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Wolfes, 1722 in *IGI* (Oswestry, Shrops).

### Wolff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 662, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 329
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wolf**.

### Wolffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22

English: see **Wolfe**.

### Wolfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Woolven**.

### Wolfington

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name probably from either of two places called Wolverton (Bucks, Somerset), named with the Old English personal name *Wulfhere* + *ing* + *tūn* 'enclosure, settlement', though the name is rare, with very few early bearers. Compare **Woolverton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Charles Wolfington, 1736 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Thomas Wolfinton, 1771 in *IGI* (Chatham, Kent).

### Wolford

**Variants:** **Wolforth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Berks; WR Yorks

English: see **Woolford**.

### Wolforth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Woolford**.

### Wolfram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: relationship name perhaps from the Middle English female personal name *Wulfrun* (Old English *Wulfrūn*). However, there is little evidence that the medieval English surname persisted. See (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vluerona uxor Vlf, 1130 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs).  
surnames: Ralph filius Wlfrun, 1209 in *Pleas* (Norfolk); John Wulfrun, 1230 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Woulfran, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts* (Oxon); Alice Wolfroun, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey).

2 German: relationship name; most, if not all, present-day instances of this surname are likely to be German in origin, originally from Continental Germanic \**Wulfram*.

**Early bearers:** Henry Wolffram, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Hants).

**References:** *Forssner*, p. 260.

### Wolfray

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Woolfrey**.

### Wolfson

**Variants:** **Woolfson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 198, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered

Jewish (Ashkenazic): relationship name, patronymic ('son of *Wolf*') from the personal name **Wolf**. This is generally, but not always, a Jewish surname.

**Early bearers:** Isaac Wolfson, 1665 in *IGI* (Newton Abbot, Devon); Myer Wolfson, born in 'foreign parts', in *Census 1841* (Bristol, Gloucs); Magnus Leon Wolfson, 1842 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); Jacob Wolfson, general dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1851* (Shoreditch, Middx); Wolfe Wolfson, general dealer, born in Russia, in *Census 1871* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Samuel Woolfson, fishmonger, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Jacob Wolfson, furrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Dalston, Middx); Joseph Woolfson, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Henrietta Wolfson, born in Holland, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Davis Woolfson, furrier, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Zygmund Hertz Wolfson, draper, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Maurice Wolfson, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Bedwelty, Monmouths); Harry Woolfson, glazier, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Doncaster, WR Yorks).

### Woll

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10

English: see **Wool**.

### Wollacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Woolacott**.

### Wollam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops; Lancs

English: see **Wooland**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Somerset

English: see **Wooland**.

### Wollard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 148
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Woolard**.

### Wollas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Woolhouse**.

### Wollaston

**Variants:** **Woollaston, Woolaston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 429, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 146
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks

English: locative from Wollaston (Northants, Worcs) or Woollaston in Bradley (Staffs). There may have been some confusion with **Woolston**.

**Early bearers:** Rolland de Wlauestona, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Henry de Wolaston, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Richard de Wolaston', 1329 in *Feet of Fines* (Grendon, Northants); Thomas Wolaston', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wollaston, Northants); Johannes de Wolaston', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blymhill with Brineton, Staffs); Thomas Wolaston, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Thoma<sup>e</sup> Wollaston, 1541 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Elizab. Wollaston, 1589 in *IGI* (Witherley, Leics); Jana Woolaston, 1622 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Nicholas Woollaston, 1643 in *IGI* (Winwick, Hunts).

### Wolledge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- 1 English: see **Woolwich**.  
2 English: see **Worledge**.

### Wollen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 104
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London
- English: see **Woollen**.

### Woller

- **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, and Middx
- English: see **Wooller**.

### Wollerton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- English: see **Woolerton**.

### Wollett

- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent; Surrey; Northumb
- English: see **Woollett**.

### Wolley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 369
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Woolley**.

### Wollman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- English: see **Woolman**.

### Wollmer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- English: see **Woolmer**.

### Wolman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Woolman**.

### Wolohan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Irish: from Ó hUallacháin, see **Houlihan**.

### Wolrich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Wooldrige**.

### Wolseley

**Variants:** **Woosley**, **Wolsley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Derbys
- English: locative name from Wolseley in Colwich (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** William de Wulfesielega, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); Robert de Wolsleg, 1285 in *Feudal Aids* (Staffs); Margeria de Wolseley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Anthonye Wolseley, 1572 in *PROB 11* (Wolseley, Staffs); Dorothy Wolsley, 1576 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Wolseley, 1580 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Ralph Wolseley, 1582 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs); Francis Woosley, 1612 in *IGI* (Morville, Shrops); Bridget Woosley, 1641 in *IGI* (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Charles Wolseley, 1664 in *IGI* (Colwich, Staffs).

### Wolsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 42
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Lancs; Norfolk
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh
- English: see **Woosley**.

### Wolski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 252, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish: locative name, denoting someone from one of many places called Wola, named in Latin as *libera villa* 'free village', i.e. a settlement which was awarded liberty or relieved from certain duties.
- Early bearers:** Albert Franz Wolski, 1846 in *IGI* (Durham); Feliciana Williams Wolski, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Surrey).

### Wolsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- English: see **Wolseley**.

### Wolstanholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Wolstencroft

**Variants:** **Woolstencroft**, **Wolstoncroft**, **Worstencroft**, **Worsencroft**, **Wozencroft**, **Whistlecraft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 814, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1173
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Woolstencroft in Agden (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** John de Wolstanescroft, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Wustyncrofte, John Wustencroft, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); James Wolsoncroft, 1584 in *Bardsley*; Alice Wolstoncrofte, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Thomas Worsencroft, 1610 in *Bardsley*; William Woolstencroft, 1613 in *Bardsley*; Anne Woolstencroft, 1621 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Wossencroft, 1635 in *Bardsley*; George Woolstencroft, 1696 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thos.

Worstencroft, 1713 in *IGI* (Wilmslow, Cheshire); John Wolstoncroft, 1754 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs).

### Wolstenholm

- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Wolstenholme

**Variants:** **Wolstenhulme**, **Woolstenhulme**, **Wolstanholme**, **Worstenhulme**, **Wostenholme**, **Wostenholm**, **Woosnam**, **Worsman**, **Wolstenholm**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2200, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2373
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Wolstenholme in Rochdale (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] de Wolstonholme, about 1180, [ . . . ] de Wlstanhwlm, about 1193, [ . . . ] de Wolstonholm, 1332 in *Lancs Place-Names*; Andrew de Wolstanesholm, 13th cent. in *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book* (Lancs); Henricus de Wolfstonholme, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spotland, Lancs); Henrie Woolstenholme, 1602 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Alexander Wostenholme, 1675 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); Matthew and Hannah Woolstanholme, 1732 in *IGI* (Bury, Lancs); Thomas Woolstanhulme, 1735 in *IGI* (Motttram in Longdendale, Cheshire); James Woolsinholme, 1743 in *IGI* (Church Kirk, Lancs); Joseph Woolstanhulme, 1764 in *IGI* (Radcliffe, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 61.

### Wolstenhulme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 129
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Wolston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Surrey; Devon
- English: see **Woolston**.

### Wolstoncroft

- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wolstencroft**.

### Wolters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- 1 English: see **Walters**.  
2 German: relationship name, variant of *Wolter*, itself a North German surname from the Continental Germanic personal name *Walter*. Compare **Walter**.
- Early bearers:** Otto Wolters, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (London).

### Wolton

**Variants:** **Woolton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 237
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: locative from Woolton Farm (Kent) or Woolton (Lancs).

## Wolveridge

**Early bearers:** SE England: John de Woleton, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); Thomas de Wolton, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Godmersham, Kent); Thomas Woltone, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Chart, Kent); John Wolton, 1563 in *IGI* (Smarden, Kent); Henry Wolton, 1573 in *IGI* (Throwley, Kent); John Woolton, 1620 in *IGI* (Pluckley, Kent); John Wolton, 1627 in *IGI* (Sheldwich, Kent); Henry Woolton, 1630 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); George Wolton, 1721 in *IGI* (Barham, Suffolk).

**Other:** John de Wulton', 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Willelmo de Wolleton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleston, Lancs); Johannes de Wolton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas de Wolton, 1382 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Florannse Wolton, 1560 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Joane Wolton, 1563 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Mary Wolton, 1638 in *IGI* (Swindon, Gloucs); James Wolton, 1646 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 151.

## Wolveridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Wooldridge**.

## Wolverson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 355, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name perhaps from Wolston (Warwicks), recorded as *Wlfreston* in 1252 and *Wulveston* in 1535, with loss of *-t-* in the surname (compare **Woolson** and **Woolston**). The surname could also be from Woolverstone (Suffolk), and so the concentration of the name in Staffs might be a result of migration.

**Early bearers:** Roger de Wolfreston', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk/Suffolk); John Wolverston, 1471 in *PROB 11* (Culford, Suffolk); Thomas Wolverston, 1614 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Woolverson, 1634 in *IGI* (Glatton, Hunts); John Wolverston, 1665 in *IGI* (Shenstone, Staffs); William Wolverson, 1666 in *IGI* (Bedworth, Warwicks); Job Wolverston, 1696 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Edward Wolverston, 1750 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); William Wolverson, 1752 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Jane Woolverson, 1783 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs); Edward Wolverson, 1785 in *IGI* (Cannock, Staffs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 151.

## Wolverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- English: see **Woolverton**.

## Wolvey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: locative name, toponymic from Wolvey (Warwicks), or topographic from Middle English *wolf* 'wolf' + *heie* 'hedge, enclosure', perhaps for a person whose job it was to trap wolves or to protect other animals from them. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wlueia, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Maurice ate Wolfaghe, 1327 in *Subsidy*

*Rolls* (Sussex); Roger Wolfey, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Wolfey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Wolfy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes borough, Sussex); Ricardus Wolfy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); Richard Wolvey, 1443 in *Patent Rolls* (Hartshill, Warwicks); Thomas Wolvey, in *Census 1881* (Tunbridge Wells, Kent).

2 English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Wulfgiftu* (f) 'wolf-gift'. See also

## Woolway.

**Early bearers:** Robertus filius Wulfiue, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Willelmus filius Wulveve, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Hardwin Wuluuiue, 1205 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Isabella Wolfueue, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk).

## Womack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 871, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 517
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Norfolk
- English: nickname, possibly from a diminutive of Middle English *wombe* 'belly, stomach' (Old English *wamb*, *womb*). This word itself also gave rise to a surname, as in Thomas Wombe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swaffham, Norfolk); Mary Wombe, 1643 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Wombok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Richard Wembok [*sic*], 1423 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Armthorpe, WR Yorks); William Womboke, 1524 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Repentac Womack, 1617 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Richar. Womack, 1634 in *IGI* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Tho Womack, 1642 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Ann Womock, 1675 in *IGI* (Freethorpe, Norfolk); Charles Womach, 1744 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Joseph Womack, 1747 in *IGI* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Emma Whalley Womack, 1885 in *IGI* (York).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Wombell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 79
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and WR Yorks
- English: see **Wombwell**.

## Womble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys, Notts, WR Yorks
- English: see **Wombwell**.

## Wombwell

**Variants:** **Womwell, Wombell, Woombell, Womble, Woomble**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Notts and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Wombwell (WR Yorks).

**Further information:** Thomas Wombwell (probably the early bearer from 1484), originally from Wombwell in Yorkshire, gained possession of land in Northfleet (Kent) in 1471, before having a residence built which was known as Wombwell Hall. This could explain the frequency of the surname in SE England.

**Early bearers:** Reiner de Wambewell', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Roger de Wombwell, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Weston Favell, Northants); Hugo de Wombewell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Avicia de Womwell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); Riginaldus Wombwell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Eyam, Derbys); Thomas de Wombewell', 1408 in *Feet of Fines* (Wombwell, WR Yorks); Thomas Wombwell, 1484 in *PROB 11* (Northfleet, Kent); Stephen Womwell, 1562 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Sampson Wombwell, 1581 in *IGI* (Ightham, Kent); Anne Wombell, 1584 in *IGI* (Repton, Derbys); Felyx Wombwell, 1600 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Willm. Wombwell, 1603 in *IGI* (Darfield, WR Yorks); **References:** E. Hasted (1797), *The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent*, volume 3, Canterbury: W. Bristow, p. 308.

## Womer

- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- English: probably a variant of **Woolmer**.

## Womersley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 959, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 928
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Womersley (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wilmersleye, 1285 in *Patent Rolls*; Margareta de Wilmerslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Castleford, WR Yorks); Thomas Wymbersley, 1463 in *York Guild Register*; John Wymbersley, Womersley or Wymbersla, 1509 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Yorks); Richard Womersley, 1567 in *York Guild Register*; James Womersley, 1587, Martha Wimmerslay, 1604 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Thomas Wolmersley, 1687 in *IGI* (Mirfield, WR Yorks);

## Womwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Staffs; Herts
- English: see **Wombwell**.

## Wonders

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: unexplained; perhaps a nickname from Middle English *wonders*, *wondres* 'marvellous, wondrous', a derivative of *wonder* 'marvel, unusual event' (Old English *wundor*), or alternatively, possibly a variant of Scottish **Wanders**, which Black tentatively derives from a Scottish local pronunciation of *Guinevere*, name of King Arthur's queen, who according to local Angus legend was buried in the parish of Alyth.
- Early bearers:** Jane Wonders, 1690 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Wonders, 1698 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Northumb); Elis. Wonders, 1707 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Northumb); Paul Wonders, 1712 in *IGI* (Gosforth, Northumb); Robert Wonders, 1731 in *IGI* (Tanfield, Durham).

## Wonfor

- **Current frequencies:** GB 169, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Kent; Cambs



English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wonfor, 1745 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Sarah Wonfor, 1746 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); James Wonfor, 1766 in *IGI* (Chesterton, Cambs); Wm Wonfer, 1836 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); George Edward Wonfor, 1874 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent).

## Wong

**Variants:** Huang, Heng, Huynh, Ang, Ooi, Wee, Hoang, Wayne, Ong, Vong, Hing, Wang, Ung, Hong, Bong, Ng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11749, Ireland 363
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 王 (*Wang* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'king' or 'royal'. (i) in some families, the surname is traced back to Crown Prince Jin, son of King Zhou Ling Wang (reigned about 571–545 BC) of the Eastern Zhou dynasty. Jin incurred his father's displeasure (for criticizing plans to divert the Gu and Luo rivers) and was disinherited. His descendants adopted the surname *Wang* (王) in commemoration of his royal status. (ii) in other cases, the name is traced back to Tian He (died around 384 BC), who usurped the throne of the state of Qi in 391 BC. After the annihilation of Qi by the state of Qin in 221 BC, some descendants of nobles of Qi adopted the surname *Wang* (王) in memory of the royal status of their ancestors. (iii) the surname is also borne by descendants of royal families in certain other states, for example Wei, during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (iv) in other families, the surname is traced back to Bi Gan, who was murdered by his nephew Zhou, last king of the Shan dynasty (1600–1046 BC). Descendants of Bi Gan also adopted the surname *Wang* (王). (v) the surname has also been adopted by some families of minority ethnic groups, for example the Ke Yi (可颐) families of the Xianbei (鲜卑) ethnic group. (vi) in some families, this surname is traced back to ancestors who either were endowed with it by an emperor or changed their original surname, claiming royal status.

2 Chinese: Cantonese pronunciation of the Chinese surname 汪 (*Wang* in Mandarin pinyin), a word applied to water and meaning both 'deep' and 'puddled' in ancient Chinese: (i) shortened form of *Wang Mang* (汪芒), also called *Wang Wang* (汪罔), name of a state in present-day Wukang, in Zhejiang province. After the extinction of this state, at an uncertain date, its inhabitants fled to other places and the surname was shortened to *Wang* (汪). (ii) for some families, the surname is traced back to the royal family of the state of Lu (1024 BC–256 BC) during the Warring States period. The 21st king of the state of Lu, Lu Cheng Gong, endowed one of his sons (Man) with lands in Wang (in present-day Shandong province), where they adopted the surname *Wang*. (iii) from the name of Wang Chuxiu (汪处休). In the earlier Song Dynasty (AD 960–1127), in Quanzhou in Fujian province, Weng Qianhu had six sons and gave different surnames to each of them. His sixth son, Weng Chuxiu, was given the surname *Wang*. He and his brothers all became important officials, known as 'the Six Laureates'.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 黄 (*Huang* in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'yellow' in Chinese: (i) from *Huang* (黄), the name of a former state (present-day Huangchuan in Henan province)

annexed by the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) traced back to some minority ethnic groups in ancient S China.

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 温, see **Wan** (3).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 翁, see **Yung** (1).

## Wonnacott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 790, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 399
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall

English: locative name from Wonnacott in Thrushelton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wonnecote, 1449 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); William Wonnacott, 1599 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon); John Wonnacott, 1602 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); Thomas Wonnacott, 1617 in *IGI* (Dolton, Devon); Lancelott Wonnacot, 1654 in *IGI* (Okehampton, Devon); John Wonnacott, 1786 in *IGI* (Kilkhampton, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 212.

## Wonson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs and Devon; Lancs
- English: locative name from Wonson in Throwleigh (Devon), recorded as *Woneston* in 1244. Some early bearers with *-t-* may be from Wonston (Hants).

**Early bearers:** William Wonston, 1424 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Henrye Wonsson, 1541 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); John Wonston, 1547 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); William Wonston, 1572 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Anne Wonson, 1662 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Henry Wonston, 1707 in *IGI* (Throwleigh, Devon); Joseph Wonson, 1810 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon);

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 453.

## Wontner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England
- English: locative name from Wentnor (Shrops).
- Early bearers:** Adam de Wentenouere, 1319, de Wentenor, 1322 in *Parliamentary Writs* (Herefs); Richard Wantenor, 1450 in *Shrewsbury Guild Rolls*; Robert Wantenore, 1484 in *Access to Archives* (Gloucs); John Wontner, 1589 in *IGI* (Staunton on Arrow, Herefs); Jacobi Wontner, 1670 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); Jacobi Wontner, 1672 in *IGI* (Winchcombe, Gloucs); John Wontner, 1676 in *IGI* (Bishopstone, Herefs); Elizabeth Wontner, 1679 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs).

## Woo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 425, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Chinese: See **Wu**.

## Wood

**Variants:** Woode, Woodd, Woods

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11127, Ireland 702
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94011
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork; Sligo

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' (Old English *wudu*), for someone who lived in or near a wood (see also **Attwood**).

**Early bearers:** Walter de la Wode, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Herefs); John del Wode, 1274 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); John Atewode, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); John I the Wode, Gilbert a la Wode, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Elias in le Wode, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Alexander of the Wode, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); John at the Wode, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); William Bythewode, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard dilwod, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); Johannes by the Wode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Felton with Hope, Herefs); Willelmo the Wod, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Anstey, Leics); Willelmo en le Wode, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (West Bromwich, Staffs); Margaret Wood, 1538 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Robert Woode, 1538 in *IGI* (Cambridge, Cambs); Johane Wood, 1539 in *IGI* (Birtsmorton, Worcs); John Woode, 1541 in *IGI* (South Tawton, Devon); Roberti Woodd, 1549 in *IGI* (Shipton, Shrops); John Wood, 1551 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Robert Wood, 1583 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb).

2 English: nickname in a few cases, from Middle English *wode* 'frenzied, wild' (Old English *wōd*).

**Early bearers:** Adam le Wode, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richard Wod, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Somerset); William le Wod, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); Johannes le Wode, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scampton, Lincs).

## Woodacre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Waddicor**.

## Woodage

- **Current frequencies:** GB 337, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks; London

English: late variant of **Wooldridge**, via such forms as **Woodridge**.

**Early bearers:** Sara Woodige, 1727 in *IGI* (Aldworth, Berks); John Woodige, 1728 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); George Cave Woodage, 1785 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldersgate, London); Elizabeth Woodage, 1793 in *IGI* (Great Marlow, Bucks).

## Woodall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3576, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2392
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Worcs; Lancs and WR Yorks

English: see **Woodhall**.

## Woodard

**Variants:** Huddart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 812, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 634
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name \**Wodard*, perhaps from an unrecorded Old English \**Wuduheard*. (Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).)

**Early bearers:** given names: Wudardus de Rosshobrok, 1148–56 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Udardus de Karelton, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls*

(Notts); Wodard de Kibewrth, 1265 in *Patent Rolls* (Leics).

surnames: Johannes filius Wdardi, 1166 in *Red Book of the Exchequer* (Northumb), filius Wudardi, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Willelmus filius Vdard', 1181 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cumb); Walterus filius Wodard, 1227 in *Patent Rolls* (Suffolk); Walter Wudard, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); William Hudard, 1216–72 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Suffolk); John Wodard, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Wodard, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Harrington, Northants); Johanne Wodard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics); Willelmus Woderd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Mowsley, Leics); Robert Wodard, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Washingley, Hants); Edwardi Woodard, 1567 in *IGI* (Tredington, Warwicks); Dorritye Woodard, 1596 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Wilts); Tho Woddard, 1598 in *IGI* (Brinklow, Warwicks); Robt. Woodard, 1605 in *IGI* (Little Gransden, Cambs); Thomas Woodard, 1680 in *IGI* (Nuthall, Notts); Johannes Woodard, 1682 in *IGI* (Frostenden, Suffolk); Ann Woodard, 1691 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Sarah Wooderd, 1708 in *IGI* (Terrington, Norfolk).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *herde* 'herd' (Old English *wudu* + *hierde*), for a person who tended to animals in a wood (compare **Tunnard**).

**Early bearers:** Richard le Wodehirde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Robert le Wodehirde, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Ricardus Wodehird, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Witton, Norfolk).

## Woodberry

**Variants:** Woodbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 100
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon, Gloucs, and Somerset

English: locative name from Woodbury (Devon). The names of some medieval bearers may be from Woodborough (Notts, Wilts), yet the SW England concentration of the surname suggests that it is most likely to come from the Devon place-name.

**Early bearers:** John de Wodeburgh, 1324 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam de Wodbury, 1347 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); Soneta de Wodebury, 1373 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodbury, Devon); William Wodebury, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Alicia Woodbury, 1597 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon); Elizabetha Woodbury, 1638 in *IGI* (Burllescombe, Devon); John Woodberrie, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Edward Woodberry, 1650 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Elizabeth Woodbury, 1650 in *IGI* (Merriott, Somerset); Edward Woodberry, 1653 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

## Woodbine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 291
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs and Norfolk; also W Midlands

English: nickname, locative name from Middle English *wodebinde*, *woodbine* 'bindweed, honeysuckle' (Old English *wudubind*), also used to describe various other climbing and creeping plants, including ivy. It is not clear what sense this would have had as a medieval by-name, but could have been for someone who grew such a plant, used it in medicinal preparations, or lived at a place where it was known to grow.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Wodbynd', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sefton, Lancs); Thomas Wodbynd, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); Edward Woodbine, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London); Elizabeth Woodbine, 1656 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Woodbine, 1659 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Hen. Woodbine, 1680 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); James Woodbind, 1753 in *IGI* (Stafford, Staffs).

## Woodbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: see **Woodburn**.

## Woodbridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1488, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1234
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx, Bucks, and Berks

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *brigge* 'bridge' (Old English *wudu* + *brycg*). The surname may be topographic, for a person who lived by a wooden bridge or a bridge in or near a wood, or toponymic, from any place so named, such as Woodbridge (Suffolk), Woodbridge in Stoke (Surrey), Woodbridge in Fontmell Magna (Dorset), or Wood Bridge in Edington (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Alan de Wodebrig', 1243 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); David de Wdebrege', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Walter de Wodebrigge, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Orford, Suffolk); Johannes Wodebrigge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Reedham, Norfolk); John Woodbridge, 1558 in *IGI* (Wolborough, Devon); Thomas Woodbridge, 1564 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ann Woodbridge, 1570 in *IGI* (Swaffham Prior, Cambs); Margery Woodbridge, 1571 in *IGI* (Long Crendon, Bucks); Joane Woodbridge, 1597 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); William Woodbridge, 1597 in *IGI* (Smallburgh, Norfolk); Elizabeth Woodbridg, 1601 in *IGI* (Lower Winchendon, Bucks); Thomas Woodbridge, 1604 in *IGI* (Kingston Bagpuize, Berks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 105.

## Woodburn

**Variants:** Woodburne, Woodbourne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1266, Ireland 48
- **GB frequency 1881:** 898
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cumb, and Westm; Ayr and Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry and Antrim; also Wicklow and Dublin

English, Scottish: locative name from Woodburn in Corsenside (Northumb), Woodburn (Ayr), Kincardines, Midlothian), or Woodburn in Oakford (Devon).

**Early bearers:** N England: Thomas de Wodburn, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Northumb); John de Wodburn', 1416 in *Feet of Fines* (Birdsall, ER Yorks); William Wodburn, 1470 in *York Freeman's Register*; Agnes Woodburne, 1561 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); James Woodburne, 1572 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Margaret Woodburne, 1577 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Christopher Woodburne, 1588 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Rosamund Woodbourne, 1622 in *IGI* (Coniston, Lancs); Robert Woodburn, 1679 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm). Scotland: Jonet Woodburn, 1602 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Jean Woodburne, 1644 in *IGI*

(Kilmarnock, Ayr); Georg Woodburn, 1661 in *IGI* (Symington, Ayr); Archball Woodburn, 1663 in *IGI* (Fenwick, Ayr); Robert Woodburn, 1672 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Elizabeth Woodburn, 1696 in *IGI* (East Kilbride, Lanarks).

S England: Jordan de Wodeburn', 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); John Wodeborn, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Amersham, Bucks); Walter Wodburn, 1427 in *Patent Rolls* (Painswick, Gloucs); Hugonis Woodburne, 1576 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Johes Woodburn, 1643 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Mary Woodbourne, 1740 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); Wm Woodbourn, 1740 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Rebecca Woodbourn, 1778 in *IGI* (Mark, Somerset).

## Woodburne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Woodburn**.

## Woodbury

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 263
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Devon
- English: see **Woodberry**.

## Woodcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 9720, Ireland 132
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8499
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *wodecock* 'woodcock' (Old English *wuducoc*). *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* notes that the bird was 'highly prized in the past for its flesh but considered to be gullible because it let itself be caught so easily'. Therefore, the name might have been either for a person who caught or sold woodcock, or for a gullible person. (ii) locative name; in some cases, because *-cock* and *-cot* are commonly interchangeable in medieval and post-medieval surnames, the name may also be from one of the many places named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' + *cot* 'cottage, shelter', such as Woodcot (Hants), Woodcote in South Stoke (Oxon), Woodcote in Leek Wootton (Warwicks), or Woodcott (Cheshire), or from any residence at a cottage in or near a wood. See John de Wodecock, 1301 in *Patent Rolls* (Thorpe, Surrey) and compare Johannes Wodecote, 1377, Johannes Wodecock, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lockington, Leics); Ann Woodcott, 1736, John Woodcock, 1737 in *IGI* (Wadworth, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Wdecoch', 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger Wudecoc, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Nicholas Wodecock, 1288 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robertus Wodecok, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Groby, Leics); Thomas Wodecok, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Poynings, Sussex); Johannes Wodecok', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kirkby Overblow, WR Yorks); John Wodcok, 1408 in *PROB 11* (Saint Alban Wood Street City of London); John Wodecok, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Adam Woodcok, 1502 in *PROB 11* (Alcetur, Gloucs); Andrewe Woodcock, 1538 in *IGI* (Saint Benet Fink, London); Ursula Woodcock, 1542 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); John Woodcock, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Alicia Woodcock, 1549 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Edwad Woodcock, 1558 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk).

**Woodcraft****Variants: Woodcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 466, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 144

• **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Norfolk; Essex  
 English: locative name mainly from Woodcroft in Stevington, a lost *Woodcroft* in Luton (Beds), Woodcroft in Great Munden (Herts), or Woodcroft Castle in Etton (Northants). In some cases, the name may be from other like-named places, such as Woodcroft in Leek (Staffs) or Woodcroft in Hawkesbury (Gloucs), or it may be topographical, from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *croft* 'small enclosure' (Old English *wudu* + *croft*), for a person who lived at or near an enclosure in a wood.

**Early bearers:** Ascelinus de Wudecroft, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Hugh de Wodecroft, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodcroft, Northants); William de Wudecroft, 1366 in *Patent Rolls* (Herts); Johannes Wodecroft, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rackheath with Heggatt, Norfolk); Thomas Wodecroft, 1386 in *Patent Rolls* (Sapley, Hunts); Wm. Woodcraft, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); William Woodcraft, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Elizabeth Woodcroft, 1606 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Robert Woodcraft, 1620 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Padus Woodcroft, 1627 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Maria Woodcroft, 1631 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); George Woodcroft, 1655 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Thomas Woodcraft, 1665 in *IGI* (Hexton, Herts); Thomas Woodcraft, 1795 in *IGI* (Elmdon, Essex).

**Woodcroft**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 118, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Beds

English: see **Woodcraft**.

**Woodd**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

English: see **Wood**.

**Wooddin**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Wooding**.

**Wooddisse**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 38
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: variant of **Woodiwiss**.

**Woode**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43

English: see **Wood**.

**Woodell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; ER Yorks

English: see **Woodhill**.

**Wooden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 194

- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Middx; Norfolk
- English: see **Wooding**.

**Woodend****Variants: Woodsend**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 301
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *ende* 'end, boundary, border' (Old English *wudu* + *ende*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at the edge or outskirts of a wood (compare **Townend**), or toponymic, from any of the various places so named, such as Woodend (Northants), Woodend in Hensingham (Cumb) or Wood End in Cranfield (Beds).

**Early bearers:** Clarcia de la Wodeande, 1260 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Adam de Wodeshende, 1273 in *Hundred Rolls* (Dorset); Robert de la Wode ende, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John de Wodende, 1334 in *Feet of Fines* (Aspley Guise, Beds); Matilda del Wodend', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Willelmo Wodend, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Katheryne Wooddend, 1554 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Nicho. Woodend, 1601 in *IGI* (Ulverston, Lancs); Marye Woodend, 1612 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Richi. Woodend, 1620 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Frances Woodend, 1662 in *IGI* (Cartmel, Lancs).

**Wooder**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 191, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: occupational name, possibly from an agent noun derivative of Middle English *wode* 'wood' (Old English *wudu*), for a woodman or wood-cutter.

However, the name may also be a form of **Wader**.

**Early bearers:** Andr' le Wodere, 1275 in *Fransson* (Sussex); Geoffrey le Wodere 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne Woder, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kibworth Harcourt, Leics); John Wooder, 1575 in *IGI* (Walberton, Sussex); Michael Wooder, 1619 in *IGI* (Banstead, Surrey); Samuell Wooder, 1621 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Peeter Wooder, 1662 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Simon Wooder, 1689 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon); Thomas Wooder, 1726 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

**Wooders**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 73
- **Main GB location 1881:** Berks

English: variant of **Woodhouse**.

**Wooderson**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Middx, and Hants

English: unexplained. Perhaps a variant of **Woodson** (1), considering some post-medieval forms of the lost place-name Woodsome in Batley (WR Yorks), recorded as *Woddosome* in 1548 and *Wothersome* in 1558. However, the distributions of these two surnames are different, suggesting separate origins.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Wooderson, 1676 in *IGI* (Bosham, Sussex); Tho. Wooderson, 1693 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); James Wooderson, 1726 in *IGI*

(Clewer, Berks); Thomas Wooderson, 1744 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 180.

**Woodey****Variants: Woody**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 116, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Suffolk

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *heie* 'enclosure' (Old English *wudu* + *(ge)hæg*). The surname may be topographic, for a person who lived by an enclosure in a wood, or toponymic, for a person from a place so named, such as Woodhey Green in Faddiley (Cheshire). Also possibly from East Woodhay (Hants) and West Woodhay (Berks), apparently named with Old English *wid* 'wide, broad' as the initial element, confused with early Old English *widu* 'wood', and so too with Old English *wudu*. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wodehay, 1268 in *Patent Rolls*, Thomas de la Wdhaye, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John de Wodehaye, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Robert atte Wodeheye, 1333 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Johannes Wodhay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asthall and Asthall Leigh, Oxon); Willelmus Wodhay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Northwold, Norfolk); John Woodey, 1604 in *IGI* (Redgrave, Suffolk); Roger Woodey, 1635 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Woodey, 1806 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 English: nickname from Middle English \**wodi* or some other derivative of Middle English *wode* 'frenzied, wild' (Old English *wōd*), perhaps formed on the analogy of, for example, Middle English *modity* (see **Moody**). Compare **Wood**. Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Roger Wody, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Geoffrey Wody, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Northants); Richard le Wodye, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Wodye, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bapton, Wilts); Johannes Wodye, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Crawley, Sussex); Thomas Wody, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Free Tithing (Gillingham minor), Dorset); John Woodye, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Woody, 1576 in *IGI* (Frant, Sussex); Henry Woodey, 1653 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

**Woodfall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 76

- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

1 English: locative name from Woodfalls (Wilts, Kent), both named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' + *fal(o)d* 'fold, enclosure'. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Wudefalde, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Andrew de Wodefold', 1331 in *Feet of Fines* (Longstock, Hants); John de Wodefold, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Romsey, Hants); Egidius Wodefold', 1441–2 in *Sussex Archaeological Collections* (Lewes, Sussex); Grace Woodfall, 1577 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Thomas Woodfall, 1618 in *IGI* (Melchbourne, Beds); Edward Woodfall, 1632 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert Woodfall, 1640 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwicks).

**References:** *Kentish Place-Names*, p. 123.

2 English: locative name from Woodfall Hall (Lancs), named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' + *fell*, *fiell* 'falling', possibly meaning 'place where trees

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have fallen, place where wood is felled'. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (1). **Early bearers:** Richard de Wodefalle, 1285 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willelmus dil Wodfall', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton, Lancs); John Woodfall, 1542 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); Elizabeth Woodfall, 1543 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); George Woodfall, 1602 in *IGI* (Prescot, Lancs);

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 109.

## Woodfield

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1331, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 994
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: locative name possibly from Woodfield Hill in Wootton Wawen (Warwicks), recorded as *Woodfield* in 1631. Alternatively, perhaps from Woodfalls (Wilts), recorded as *Wodefeld* in 1289, 1327, and 1368, but other forms suggest that the final element of the place-name is Old English *fal(o)d*, which is more likely to give the surname **Woodfall**. There is a place called Woodfield in Dumfriess, but the surname is not Scottish.

**Early bearers:** Margaret de Wodefeld, 1316 in *Feudal Aids* (Wilts); Henry Woodfield, 1553 in *IGI* (Adstock, Bucks); Anne Woodfield, 1562 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Grace Woodfield, 1570 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); John Woodfield, 1578 in *IGI* (Old Warden, Beds); John Woodfield, 1705 in *IGI* (Bishops Itchington, Warwick); Mary Woodfield, 1771 in *IGI* (Sherston, Wilts).

**References:** *Place-Names of Warwick*, p. 247. *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 398.

## Woodfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Shrops
- English: see **Woodfine**.

## Woodfine

**Variants:** Woodvine, Woodfin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 618, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 267
- **Main GB location 1881:** Denbighs, Cheshire and Lancs; Kent

English: locative name possibly for someone who lived at or near a wood pile, from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + a derivative of Old English *fin* 'heap, pile', although no such word is recorded in Middle English, and no medieval bearers can be found. The compound *wudu-fin* 'wood heap, wood pile' is attested in Old English (*English Place-Name Elements* 1, p. 173).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Woodfine, 1597 in *IGI* (Saint Albans, Herts); Thomas Woodfin, 1641 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Wodvine, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Richard Woodfin, 1644 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Thomas Woodfine, 1662 in *Hearth Tax* (Essex); Anne Woodfin, 1681 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

## Woodford

**Variants:** Woodforde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3044, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2048
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. IoW and Hants; Leics; London

1 English: locative name from one of the many places named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' + *ford* 'ford', such as Woodford (Cheshire, Cornwall, Essex, Northants, Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Daniel de Wudford', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Oxon); Geoffrey de Wodeford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johannes Wodford, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Langford, Wilts); Johanne Wodeford, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Brentingby, Leics); William Wodeford, 1423 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Nicollas Woodford, 1543 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); William Woodforde, 1555 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Orgar and Saint Clement Eastcheap, London); John Woodford, 1575 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Frances Woodford, 1580 in *IGI* (Goodworth Clatford, Hants); Peter Woodford, 1615 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW); George Woodforde, 1650 in *IGI* (Billesdon, Leics); Robert Woodford, 1660 in *IGI* (Freshwater, IoW).

2 Scottish: locative name from Woodford in Saint Boswells (Roxburgh).

**Early bearers:** Jordan de Wodford, about 1170 in *Arbroath Register*; Robert de Wodforde, de Vodford, 1296, about 1330 in *Scotland Calendar* (Lasswade, East Lothian); Mary Woodford, 1803 in *IGI* (Duns, Berwicks); Harriet Louisa Woodford, 1842 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Caroline Jemima Ann Woodford, 1864 in *IGI* (Kilmore and Kilbride, Argyll).

## Woodforde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Somerset

English: see **Woodford**.

## Woodfull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwick

English: relationship name, nickname from the Middle English personal name *Wodefugel*, from Middle English *wode-foul* 'a woodland bird' (Old English *wudu-fugel*), perhaps also used as a nickname. Compare **Saffell**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wudefugel, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks), 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants). surnames: Avice, Robert Wodefoul, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks), 1311 in *Ramsay Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Ales Woodfull, 1567 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); John Woodfull, 1633 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Maria Woodfull, 1686 in *IGI* (Harbury, Warwick); William Woodfull, 1701 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); George Woodfull, 1719 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

## Woodgate

**Variants:** Woodyatt, Woodgates, Woodgett, Woodget, Woodjetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1625, Ireland 45
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1384
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *gate* 'gate' (Old English *wudu* + *geat*). The surname may be toponymic, for someone from East or West Woodyates (Dorset), or topographic, for someone who lived at or near a gate to a wood.

**Early bearers:** William de Wudegat', 1199 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Walter de Wodiate, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Aluric de la Wdegate, 1222 in *Saint*

*Paul's Domesday* (Essex); Martin atte Wodegate, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William Wodiet, 1328 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Bucks); John atte Wodeyate, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Warwicks); Thomas atte Wodegate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Burleigh, Sussex); Thomas Wodeyate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Calcutt, Warwick); Johannes ate Wodegate, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broxted, Essex); Ann Woodgate, 1540 in *IGI* (Wartling, Sussex); William Woodgate, 1541 in *PROB 11* (Chiddingstone, Kent); Willm. Woodgate, 1562 in *IGI* (Penshurst, Kent); Phillip Woodgate, 1567 in *IGI* (Aldenham, Herts); Mary Woodyate, 1593 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Richus. Woodyatt, 1614 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Henerly Woodgett, 1686 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Mathew Woodgates, 1711 in *IGI* (Bickleigh near Exeter, Devon); Willm. Woodget, 1741 in *IGI* (Stody, Norfolk); William Woodjetts, 1824 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

## Woodgates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 133, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: variant of **Woodgate** with post-medieval excrescent -s, perhaps influenced by the place-name development of East and West Woodyates (Dorset), which first gained final -s in the sixteenth century.

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 2, pp. 217–2.

## Woodger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 749, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 507
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent and Middx; also WR Yorks

English: late variant of **Woodier**. Compare **Goodyear** and **Goodger**.

## Woodget

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: late variant of **Woodgate**.

## Woodgett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 51, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: late variant of **Woodgate**.

## Woodhall

**Variants:** Woodall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1583, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1206
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Staffs; also Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *halle* 'hall' (Old English *wudu* + *hall*). The surname could be topographic, for a person who lived at a hall in a wood or a person who worked there as a servant. It may also be toponymic, from one of the many places so named, such as Woodhall Fm in Wichford (Worcs), Wood Hall in Risley (Derbys), Woodhall in Calverley (WR Yorks), or Woodall in Harthill (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Peter de Wudehale, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Jordan de la Wodehalle, about 1265 in *Calverley Charters* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John del Wodhall, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Alice atte

Wodehalle, 1332 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Johannes de Wodehall, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Eccleshill, WR Yorks); Agn' de Wodehalle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Woollaston and Shredicote, Staffs); Elizabetha Woodhall, 1546 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thomae Woodhall, 1553 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Mathew Woodhall, 1561 in *IGI* (Fiskerton, Lincs); Edmund Woodall, 1564 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Thomas Woodall, 1576 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Elizabeth Woodhall, 1625 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Caleb Woodhall, 1665 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey).

### Woodham

Variants: **Woodhams, Wodhams**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1251, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 977

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Surrey

English: locative name from Woodham (Bucks, Surrey) or Woodham Ferrers, Mortimer, or Walter (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Alexander de Wudeham, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Thomas ate Wodehamme, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Wodeham, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johannes Wodeham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Wodeham, 1486 in *Feet of Fines* (Isle of Sheppey, Kent); Thomas Woodham, 1541 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); John Woodham, 1566 in *IGI* (Cheshunt, Herts); Thomas Woodham, 1645 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); William Woodham, 1687 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Woodhams

Variants: **Wodhams**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1158, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 680

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent, Sussex, and Surrey

English: variant of **Woodham** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Susan Wodhams, 1618 in *IGI* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Wlm Woodhams, 1624 in *IGI* (Hampton in Arden, Warwicks); John Wodhams, 1702 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Thomas Woodhams, 1640 in *IGI* (Epping, Essex); Wm Woodhams, 1676 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); Thomas Woodhams, 1677 in *IGI* (Hartfield, Sussex); William Woodhams, 1681 in *IGI* (Wimbledon, Surrey).

### Woodhatch

• **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 137

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Sussex, and Surrey

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *hacche* 'hatch, wicket-gate' (Old English *wudu* + *hæc(c)*). The name could be toponymic, from Woodhatch (Surrey), for a keeper of a gate to a wood, or for a person who lived at a gate to a wood.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Wodehacche, 1369 in *Löfvenberg* (Surrey); Johannes Wodehach', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Caversham, Oxon); John Wodehacche, 1433 in *Feet of Fines* (Bromley, Kent); Richard Wodhache, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Bromley, Kent); Alice Woodhatch, 1569 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Elizabeth Woodhatch, 1571 in *IGI* (Puttenham, Surrey); Jane Woodhatch, 1572 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex).

### Woodhead

• **Current frequencies:** GB 4607, Ireland 73

• **GB frequency 1881:** 5587

• **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *hed, hedde* 'head' (Old English *wudu* + *hēafod*). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or near the top or edge of a wood, or toponymic, from one of the many places so named, such as Woodhead in Barkisland (WR Yorks), Woodhead in Tintwistle (Cheshire), or Woodhead (Rutland).

**Early bearers:** John de Wodeheved, 1315 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Christiana del Wodeheved, 1316 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (York); Rogerus de Wodehed', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hartshead, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Wodhed', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); Thomas del Wodhede, 1448 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Barkisland, WR Yorks); John Wodhed, 1491 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (Meltham, WR Yorks); Rychard Woodhead, 1566 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Anna Woodhead, 1567 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Richardus Woodhead, 1582 in *IGI* (Clowne, Derbys); Fruncis Woodhead, 1586 in *IGI* (Woodhall, Lincs); Mary Woodhead, 1624 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

### Woodhill

Variants: **Woodhull, Woodell**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 98

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Durham; Warwick; Herts; Herefs and Monmouths

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' or *wode* 'wood' + *hille* 'hill' (Old English *wād* or *wudu* + *hyll*). The name may be topographic, for a dweller at or near either a wooded hill or a hill where woad grew, or toponymic, from Woodhill Park in Clyffe Pypard (Wilts) or Woodhill in Sandon (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Albin de Wuduhull', about 1227 in *Book of Fees* (Wilts); Symon de Wodhill, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Rutland); John de Wodhull, 1325 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Wodehull', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shrewton, Wilts); Michael Woodhill, cordwainer, 1693 in *York Freeman's Register*; William Woodwill, cordwainer, son of Michael Woodell, cordwainer, 1755 in *York Freeman's Register*.

### Woodhouse

Variants: **Wodehouse, Woodus, Wooders, Widdas, Widders**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 9169, Ireland 107

• **GB frequency 1881:** 7037

• **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks; also Staffs and Derbys; Norfolk

• **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin; Cork

1 English: locative name from any of various places (in Derbys, Notts, Yorks, Northumb, Shrops, and elsewhere) called Woodhouse, or for someone who lived at a 'house in the wood'. There may have been some confusion with **Widdows**, and some of the post-medieval bearers given below may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Helias de Wudehus, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard del Wodehus, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Geoffrey Wodehus, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Yorks); Roger ate Wodehose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Surrey); Thomas Wodehose, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls*; Walter atte Wodehus, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs);

Thomas de la Wodehouse, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Upton Bishop, Herefs); Johannes Wodehouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rastrick, WR Yorks); Henricus othe Wodehouse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Shrops); James Woodhouse, 1545 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Joan Woodhouse, 1548 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Maria Woodhouse, 1559 in *IGI* (Horstead, Norfolk); Thomas Woodhouse, 1563, Arthur Woddus, 1611 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Anna Woodhouse, 1563 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); An Widders, 1578 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Anne Woodhouse, 1582 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Edward Widdhouse, 1586 in *York Freeman's Register*; Sara Woddus, 1562 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Widders, 1648 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Widhouse, 1681 in *York Freeman's Register*; Blanch Wodehouse, 1685 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); George Woodhouse son of John Widhouse, 1732 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thos. Woodhouse, 1766, James Wooders, 1768 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Catherine Widdas, 1786 in *IGI* (Selby, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Woodiwiss**, from Middle English *wodewose*, which by the 16th century was sometimes written as *wodowes*, *woodose*, and *wodehouse* (see *OED*, at woodwose/woodhouse). The confusion with *woodhouse* probably arose because both words (and both names) were pronounced /wudus/ or /wudəs/ in local dialect. It is also possible therefore that *Woodiwiss* was sometimes mistakenly substituted for the name in (1).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Wodehouse or Wodesse, 1509 in *Ewen, History*; Gratia Woddowes, 1565, John Woodhouse, 1627 in *IGI* (Crich, Derbys); Abraham Woodiwise, 1666, James Woodhouse, 1682 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Gulielmus Woodiwis, 1682, Anthi. Woodhouse, 1698 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Jon. Woodhouse, 1720, Anthony Wooddiss, 1727, Hannah Woodiwis, 1730 in *IGI* (Blore, Staffs).

### Woodhull

• **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 3

• **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Woodhill**.

### Woodhurst

• **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 74

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Kent, and Sussex

English: locative name from Woodhurst in Slaugham (Sussex) or Woodhurst (Hunts). In some cases, names of later bearers may be from Wadhurst (Sussex) (recorded as *Wodhurst* in the early 15th century and *Woodhurst* in 1633), assuming surname and place-name forms followed the same development

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Wodehurst, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Margaret Woodhurst, 1701 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Elizabeth Woodhurst, 1707 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); John Woodhurst, 1743 in *IGI* (Saint Pancras, Middx); John Woodhurst, 1756 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Mercy Woodhurst, 1829 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 279 and p. 385.

### Woodier

Variants: **Woodyer, Woodyear, Woodger**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 298, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 153

## Woodin

- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire; Warwicks  
English: occupational name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *heuere* 'hewer, cutter' (from *heuen* 'to hew, cut' + agent suffix *-ere*) (Old English *wudu*, *hēawan*), for a wood-cutter. See also **Hewer**. The name may also be from Middle English *wodiere* 'wood-cutter' (Old English *wudi(g)ere*), considering the surname form of the 1381 early bearer.  
**Early bearers:** Robert le Wodehyewere, 1301 in *Parliament Rolls* (Essex); Walter le Wodehewer, 1309 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Beds); Johanne Wodehewer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); Johannes Wodhewer, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); Willelmus Wodyer, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); John Woodier, 1554 in *IGI* (Bentley, Hants); Alice Woodyer, 1556 in *IGI* (Farnham, Surrey); James Woodyer, 1589 in *IGI* (Godalming, Surrey); Joan Woodger, 1601 in *IGI* (Wisborough Green, Sussex); Richard Woodyere, 1605 in *Oxford University Register*; William Woodyere, 1624 in *PROB 11* (Northweald Bassett, Essex); Benjamin Woodyer, 1631 in *IGI* (Toller Porcorum, Dorset); John Woodger, 1663 in *Bardsley*; Martha Woodier, 1664 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Sarah Woodgyer, 1741 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx).

## Woodin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 185
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks; Kent  
English: see **Wooding**.

## Wooding

- Variants:** **Woodin, Wooddin, Woden, Woodings**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1617, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1034
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Beds  
English: nickname from Middle English *wodinge* 'the cutting of wood' (Old English \**wudung*), probably a derivative of Middle English *wode* 'wood' or the Old English verb *wudian* 'to cut wood'. The name may have been for a wood-cutter or a person who lived at a place where wood was cut.  
**Early bearers:** William Woding, 1247 in *Assize Rolls* (Beds); Reginald del Woding, 1293 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Longdon, Staffs); Richard atte Woding, 1294 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Richard Woodinge, 1587 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Elynor Wooding, 1606 in *IGI* (Bosbury, Herefs); Richard Wooding, 1608 in *IGI* (East Pennard, Somerset); Danell Wooding, 1661 in *IGI* (Dartford, Kent); Abram Woodinge, Daniel Wooden, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Mary Wooding, 1708 in *IGI* (Turvey, Beds); Theopolis Wooding, 1718 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Hester Wooding, 1726 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants).

## Woodings

- **Current frequencies:** GB 409, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs  
English: variant of **Wooding** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*. Compare Reginald del Woding, 1293 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Longdon, Staffs), with the 1313 early bearer.  
**Early bearers:** Reginald del Wodynges, 1313 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Longdon, Staffs); Elizabeth Woodings, 1583 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Mary Woodings,

1665 in *IGI* (Marchington, Staffs); Benjamin Woodings, 1711 in *IGI* (Scropton, Derbys); John Woodinges, 1715 in *IGI* (Newborough, Staffs).

## Woodington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 156
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs  
English: locative name possibly from Wotton in Folkington (Sussex), recorded as *Wudington* about 1205 and *Wodinton* in 1252, but no early bearers from the county can be found, and so the surname may be from a lost place similarly named.  
**Early bearers:** William Wodyngton, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Berks); William Wodyngton, 1480 in *Access to Archives* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Woodington, 1574 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Andrew Woodington, 1620 in *IGI* (Remenham, Berks); Richardus Woodington, 1652 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon); John Woodington, 1686 in *IGI* (Doynton, Gloucs); John Woodington, 1705 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs); Jonathan Woodenton, 1732 in *IGI* (Siston, Gloucs).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Sussex*, p. 412.

## Woodiwiss

- Variants:** **Wooddisse, Woodhouse**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 209, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 68
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and WR Yorks  
English: nickname from Middle English *wodewose*, *wodewese* (Old English *wudewāse*) 'wild man of the woods', also 'a person dressed to represent such a being in a play or pageant'. *Wodewoses* (male and female) were mythical creatures of English and Germanic folklore, akin to the fauns and satyrs of Classical mythology. They were depicted in medieval and Renaissance art and heraldry as naked quasi-humans, covered in hair. The surname may have been given to someone who acted the part in a pageant or play, or perhaps mockingly to someone who lived and worked in the woods or in a forest.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de [sic] Wudewuse, 1251 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas Wodwes, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Letton and Staunton on Wye, Herefs); Robert Wodiwise, 1603 in *IGI* (Kniveton, Derbys); Johannis Wooddisse, 1615 in *IGI* (Hope, Derbys); Radulfi Wooddisse, 1615 in *IGI* (Hartington, Derbys); James Woddys, 1615, Agnys Woodwys, 1627, Anthony Woodis, 1635, Edward Wodiwise, 1651 in *IGI* (Wirksworth, Derbys); Valentine Woodwise, 1630 in *IGI* (Birchington, Kent); Elizabeth Woodywise, 1695 in *Tooth* (Stanton, Staffs); Isaack Woodiwiss, 1701 in *IGI* (Darley, Derbys); Mary Wooddisse, 1704 in *IGI* (Sheen, Staffs); Samuel Woodiwiss, 1817 in *IGI* (Barnsley, WR Yorks); Thomas Wooddisse, 1837 in *IGI* (Alstonefield, Staffs).

## Woodjetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 64, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0  
English: late variant of **Woodgate** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

## Woodland

- Variants:** **Woodlands**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 2076, Ireland 50
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1455
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo

English: locative name from Middle English *wodeland*, *wode* 'wood' + *land(e)*, *lond(e)* 'land' (Old English *wuduland*). The surname could be topographic, for a person who lived at or near a wood or woodland, or toponymic, for a person who lived at one of the many major or minor places so named, such as Woodland (Devon), Woodlands (Dorset), and Woodlands in Almondsbury (Gloucs).  
**Early bearers:** Henry de Wudeland, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William Wudeland, 1214 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Thomas atte Wodelond, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Thoma Wodeland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stoney Stanton, Leics); Rosia Wodeland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Leaden Roding, Essex); Ricardus dil Wodland, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Crosby, Lincs); John Woodland, 1540 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Dorothy Woodland, 1543 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London); John Woodland, 1561 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Thomas Woodland, 1573 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Houmfrey Woodland, 1621 in *IGI* (Thoresway, Lincs).

## Woodlands

- **Current frequencies:** GB 58, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 104
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Middx, Kent, and Surrey  
English: variant of **Woodland** with plural or post-medieval excrement *-s*.  
**Early bearers:** Tho: Woodlands, 1605 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Catharina Woodlandes, 1617 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Thomas Woodlands, 1636 in *IGI* (Winterbourne Earls, Wilts); Richard Woodlands, 1639 in *IGI* (Patching, Sussex); Stephen Woodlands, 1711 in *IGI* (Brabourne, Kent); John Woodlands, 1777 in *IGI* (Horsley, Gloucs).

## Woodleigh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7  
English: see **Woodley**.

## Woodley

- Variants:** **Woodleigh**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 3925, Ireland 31
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2640
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, Middx, Essex; Devon
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork  
English: locative name from Middle English *wodeleie* 'woodland glade or clearing' (Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *leie* 'glade, clearing', Old English *wudu* + *lēah*). The surname may be toponymic, from Woodleigh (Devon), Woodley (Berks), or from any of the various minor places so named, or could be topographic, for a person who lived at or near a woodland clearing.  
**Early bearers:** Ælfnod æt Wudeleage, 1008–12 in *Tengvik* (Devon); Osbert de Wudeleg, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Walter de Wodeleye, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Radulphus Wodele, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Aston Rowant, Oxon); Thomas Wodelegh, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Uppacott hamlet, Devon); Richard Wodle, 1384 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Isable Woodley, 1560 in *IGI* (Woodbury, Devon); Peter Woodley, 1560 in *IGI* (Ilsington, Devon); Edmonde Woodley, 1561 in *IGI* (Marhamchurch, Cornwall); Margery Woodley, 1564 in *IGI* (Bassingbourn, Cambs); Richard Woodley, 1567 in *IGI* (Hasfield,

Gloucs); Arthur Woodley, 1640 in *PROB 11* (Ashburton, Devon).

### Woodliff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Woodliffe**.

### Woodliffe

Variants: **Woodliff**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 156, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 124
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name \**Wuduleof*.

**Early bearers:** William Wodelef, 1287 in *Patent Rolls* (Bucks); John Wodelef, 1342 in *Patent Rolls* (Hungerford, Berks); Is' Wodelef, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton Montis, Somerset); John Wodelef, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingsclere, Hants); John Woodleffe, 1564 in *IGI* (North Moreton, Berks); Tho Woodliffe, 1567 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); Elizabeth Woodlife, 1587 in *IGI* (Ingham, Lincs); Frauncis Woodliffe, 1599 in *IGI* (Fillingham, Lincs); Willm Woodliff, 1607 in *IGI* (Snelland, Lincs); Mathewe Woodliffe, 1613 in *IGI* (Claxby Pluckacre, Lincs).

### Woodling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 32, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: unexplained. No medieval bearers can be found. Perhaps from Wadling, a lost place in Kent, recorded as *Wodlyng* in 1327 and *Wodelyng* in 1339. **Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Woodling, 1672 in *Access to Archives* (Sussex); Henry Woodling, 1704 in *IGI* (Whitechapel, Middx); John Woodling, 1761 in *IGI* (Portsmouth, Hants).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 575.

### Woodlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 86
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; London; Lanarks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tipperary

English: (i) relationship name apparently from a Middle English personal name \**Wodeloc* (Old English \**Wudulāc*). (ii) locative name; the preposition in the name of the 1311 early bearer suggests the surname could be from a lost place named with Old English *wudu* 'wood' + *loc*, *loca* 'fold, enclosure'. However, the Woodlock family were wealthy medieval land-holders (including Henry Woodlock, bishop of Winchester 1305–1316) who gave their name to the manor of Marwell (Hants), sometimes known as Marwell Woodlock. It may be that the 1311 early bearer's name denotes a connection with this manor, rather than a place named *Woodlock*.

**Further information:** This name appears to have been taken to Ireland in 1172 by Torsten and Reginaldus Utlag, sons of a Wilts landowner named Wudulach (see the 1180 early bearer).

**Early bearers:** Turstin filius Wudelach', 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Wilts); Henry Woodlock, bishop of Winchester, 1308 in *Access to Archives*; Roger de Wodelok, 1311 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Wodelok, 1385 in *Patent Rolls* (Hants); Thomas Wodelok', 1440 in *Feet of Fines* (Kingsley, Staffs); Thomas Woodlocke, 1558 in *PROB 11* (Salisbury, Wilts); Robt. Woodlocke, 1565 in *IGI* (Broad Chalke, Wilts); Elnor Woodlock, 1604 in *IGI* (Alverstoake, Hants); John Woodlock, 1672 in *IGI* (Silkstone, WR Yorks). **References:** *VCH Hampshire*, vol. 3

### Woodlow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: locative name from Woodloes in Warwick Saint Nicholas (Warwicks).

**Early bearers:** Roger Wodelowe, 1391 in *Patent Rolls* (Bristol, Gloucs); John Wodelowe, 1418 in *Ancient Deeds* (Warwick); Thomas Wodelowe, 1432–3 in *Feet of Fines* (Warwicks); Wynnefride Wodlowe, 1566 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Elizabeth Woodlow, 1721 in *IGI* (Saint Martin Ludgate, London).

### Woodman

Variants: **Wodeman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3636, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; also Gloucs and Somerset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Wicklow

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wudemann*, Old English *Wuduman*. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vdeman, Odeman, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wudemann, 1066–75 in *Anglo-Saxon Writs*; Wdemannus 1154–89 in *Ancient Deeds* i (Northants).

surnames: Hugo Wudeman, 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John Wodeman, 1213 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Dorset); Willelmus Wodeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Elmstead, Kent); Rogero Wodeman, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lechlade, Gloucs); John Woodman, 1540 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Ricus. Woodman, 1544 in *IGI* (Hanley Castle, Worcs); Nickolas Woodman, 1558 in *IGI* (Fareham, Hants); Jane Woodman, 1561 in *IGI* (Buckland, Surrey); Helene Woodman, 1563 in *IGI* (Nettleton, Wilts).

2 English: occupational name from Middle English *wodeman* 'woodman'. It is not always possible to distinguish between early bearers of this surname and **Wadman**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Wodeman, 1294 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs).

### Woodmancy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: see **Woodmansey**.

### Woodmansee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Woodmansey**.

### Woodmansey

Variants: **Woodmancy**, **Woodmansee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 266, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 147
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: locative name from Woodmansey in Beverley (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus and Johannes Wodmanse, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, North Bar Within, ER Yorks); Anne Woodmansie, 1624 in *IGI* (Cherry Burton, ER Yorks); Thomas Woodmansea, 1698 in *IGI* (Rudston, ER Yorks); Benjamin Woodmansy, 1735 in *IGI* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Woodmansey, 1786 in *IGI* (Driffeld, ER Yorks).

### Woodmass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 153, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *mose* 'titmouse' (Old English *wudu* + *mās*), for a titmouse or small bird known to have its habitat in a wood, or from *wode* + *mous* 'mouse' (Old English *mūs*), for a woodland-dwelling mouse, in either case possibly for a small or insignificant person. The earliest spellings strongly suggest only the latter.

**Further information:** Given the northern distribution of the surname, the later forms could also derive from Middle English *wode-merche*, a word for a not firmly identified plant (but compare *woadmesh*, a N English and SW Scottish dialect term for dyer's greenweed, perhaps for a dyer who used that particular dye). For the phonological development necessary, compare the variants of **Titchmarsh** such as *Titmas*.

**Early bearers:** Ailwin Wudemus, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Derbys); William Wodemous, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks); William Wodemus, 1309 in *Patent Rolls*; John Woodmass, 1642 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham); John Woodmass, 1666 in *IGI* (Staindrop, Durham); Jane Woodmus, 1666 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Thomas Woodmass, 1696 in *IGI* (Allendale, Northumb).

**References:** G. Grigson (1975), *The Englishman's Flora*, London: Hart-Davis and MacGibbon, p. 135.

### Woodmore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 138, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 80
- **Main GB location 1881:** IoW

English: variant of **Wadmore**; see **Whatmore**.

Compare James Woodmore, 1790, Jacob Wadmore, 1804 in *IGI* (Brading, IoW).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Woodmore, 1610 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); John Woodmore, 1652 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Mary Woodmore, 1675 in *IGI* (Clewer, Berks); Jean Woodmore, 1764 in *IGI* (Ryde, IoW).

### Woodnorth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Woodnutt**.

### Woodnoth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Woodnutt**.



## Woodnut

### Woodnut

- GB frequency 1881: 18
  - Main GB location 1881: IoW
- English: see **Woodnutt**.

### Woodnutt

Variants: **Woodnut**, **Woodnoth**, **Woodnorth**

- Current frequencies: GB 109, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 119
- Main GB location 1881: IoW

English: relationship name apparently from from an unattested Middle English personal name \**Wodenoth* (Old English \**Wudunōð*). This surname occurs in the place-name Shavington Woodnoth in Rope (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Henry Wodenot, 1216–72 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Yorks); William Wodenot, 1289 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Robert Wodenot, 1331 in *Patent Rolls*; Johannes Wodenott', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorley, Hants); Henricus Wodenot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Tilstock, Shrops); William Woodnutt, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Betteryce Woodnutt, 1576 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Richard Woodnorth, 1653 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Elizabeth Woodnutt, 1673 in *IGI* (Gatcombe, IoW); Thomas Woodnutt, 1696 in *IGI* (Portchester, Hants); Mary Woodnorth, 1755 in *IGI* (Abbots Bromley, Staffs).

### Woodridge

- Current frequencies: GB 117, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 86
- Main GB location 1881: scattered: esp. Middx; Somerset

English: variant of **Woodriddle**.

**Early bearers:** Marie Woodridge, 1616 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon); Henry Woodridge, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); George Woodridge, 1676 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); Thomas Woodridge, 1676 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London).

### Woodriff

Variants: **Woodriffe**

- Current frequencies: GB 15, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 11

English: apparently a variant of **Woodruff**.

### Woodriffe

- Current frequencies: GB 26, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 25
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks; Hants; Somerset

English: see **Woodriff**.

### Woodroff

- Current frequencies: GB 88, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 125
  - Main GB location 1881: Middx and Surrey; Wilts
- English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodroffe

- Current frequencies: GB 742, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 596
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England: esp. Middx

English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodroof

- Current frequencies: GB 133, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 71
  - Main GB location 1881: London
- English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodroofe

- Current frequencies: GB 83, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 72
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Dublin

English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodrooffe

- GB frequency 1881: 8
- English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodrough

- Current frequencies: GB 34, Ireland 0
  - GB frequency 1881: 37
- English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodrow

- Current frequencies: GB 2137, Ireland 62
  - GB frequency 1881: 1837
  - Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
  - Main Irish location 1847–64: Antrim
- English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *reue* 'row, row of houses' (Old English *wudu* + *rāw*, *rāw*). The surname could be topographic, for some who lived at or near a row of trees, or a row of houses within a wood, or it could be toponymic, from any place so named, such as Woodrow Farm in Cawston (Norfolk), Wood Row in Hatfield Broad Oak (Essex), or Woodrow (Wilts, Worcs). There may have been some confusion with **Woodruff**.

**Early bearers:** William Woderowe, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); Juliana de Woderoue, William, Matilda Woderoue, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes atte Woderowe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rougham, Norfolk); Humfray de Woderowe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Broxted, Essex); Mgy Woodrow, 1565 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Johis Woodrow, 1574 in *IGI* (North Walsham, Norfolk); Alice Woodrow, 1591 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Tamsin Woodrow, 1592 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Richard Woodrow, 1614 in *IGI* (Great Wilbraham, Cams).

### Woodruff

- Variants: **Woodruffe**, **Woodroff**, **Woodroffe**, **Woodrough**, **Woodroofe**, **Woodrooffe**, **Woodroof**, **Woodriff**, **Woodrup**
- Current frequencies: GB 1757, Ireland 3
  - GB frequency 1881: 1387
  - Main GB location 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks; London; Kent

English: (i) nickname from Middle English *woderove* 'woodruff, sweet woodruff' (Old English *wudurofe*), a sweet-scented plant. The surname might have been for someone who used the plant as a perfume. (ii) locative name perhaps for someone who lived at or near a place where woodruff grew. There may have been some confusion with **Woodrow**.

**Early bearers:** Wuderoua, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Hugo Wderoue, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Lincs); Robert Woderoue, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); James Woderove, 1276 in *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal* 27 (Methley, WR Yorks);

Johannes Woderoff, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Willelmo Woderof, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Theddingworth, Leics); Ricardus Woderoue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton with hospit', WR Yorks); Thomas Woderoue, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Woolley, WR Yorks); John Woderofe, 1419 in *Derbys Archaeological Journal* 36; Elizabeth Woodroffe, 1572 in *PROB 11* (London); Mary Woodruff, 1575 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Elyzabete Woodruff, 1604 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); James Woodroffe or Woodruff, 1609 in *PROB 11* (Barnstaple, Devon); Joane Woodrough, 1627 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Edward Woodriff, 1635 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Ths Woodruff, 1714 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Woodruffe

- Current frequencies: GB 210, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 337
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs, WR Yorks, and Cheshire

English: see **Woodruff**.

### Woodrup

- Current frequencies: GB 125, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 54
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: possibly a variant of **Woodruff**. See Thomas Woodrope or Woodruffe, 1624 in *Parish Registers* (Briggate (Leeds), WR Yorks).

References: *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Woods

- Current frequencies: GB 31764, Ireland 5462
- GB frequency 1881: 18492
- Main GB location 1881: widespread
- Main Irish location 1847–64: widespread: esp. Monaghan, Down, Tyrone, and Armagh

1 English: variant of **Wood** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Simone dil Wodes, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ince in Makerfield, Lancs); Matill' Wodes, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Tho. Woods, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Alice Woods, 1546 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs).

2 Irish: in Ireland it has also been adopted for **Ó Cuill** (see **Quill**), and (in Ulster) for **Mac Con Coille** 'son of *Cú Choille*', a personal name meaning 'hound of the wood'.

### Woodsend

- Current frequencies: GB 16, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10
- Main GB location 1881: Notts

English: variant of **Woodend** with the genitive case suffix *-es*.

### Woodsford

- Current frequencies: GB 181, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 120
- Main GB location 1881: Dorset

English: locative name from Woodsford (Dorset), recorded as *Werdesford* and *Wyrdesford* from the 11th to 15th century, and *Wodesford* from the late 13th century.

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wodesford, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); John de Woodsford, 1327 in *Patent Rolls*; Samuel Woodsford, 1698 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset); Robert Woodsford, 1732 in *IGI* (Frome Vauchurch, Dorset); Mary Woodsford, 1734 in *IGI*



(Compton Valence, Dorset); Susannah Woodsford, 1759 in *IGI* (Misterton, Somerset).

### Woodshaw

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16

- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs

English: locative name from Woodshaw in Wootton Bassett (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Roger de Wodeshawe, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Editha Wodeshawe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wilts); Roger Woodshawe, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts); Katherina Woodshaw, 1572 in *IGI* (Cottered, Herts); John Woodshaw, 1581 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics); Mary Woodshawe, 1625 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Thomas Woodshaw, 1676 in *IGI* (Weeford, Staffs); Elizabeth Woodshaw, 1772 in *IGI* (Curdworth, Warwicks).

### Woodside

- **Current frequencies:** GB 262, Ireland 269

- **GB frequency 1881:** 163

- **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks; Lancs

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *side* 'side' (Old English *wudu* + *side*) denoting someone who lived beside a wood. There are a number of minor places named Woodside, such as Woodside in Caddington (Herts) and Woodside in Bierley (WR Yorks), though their earliest forms tend to be from late medieval or post-medieval times, and so the surname is probably topographic.

**Early bearers:** Robert del Wodsid, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Geoffrey Wodeside, 1379 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Robert Woodside, 1629 in *PROB 11* (Melford, Suffolk); Christopher Woodside, 1663 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); Thomas Woodside, 1705 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Woodside, 1738 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

2 Scottish: locative name from any of several places named Woodside, e.g. in Ayr.

**Early bearers:** John Wodsyd, 15550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Glasgow, Lanarks); James Wodsyd, 1583 in *Hunter Family Papers* (Hunterstoun, Ayr); Thomas Wodsyd, 1648 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Jonet Wodsyd, 1658 in *Retours, Scotland* (Irvine, Ayr); Jean Wodsyd, 1693 in *IGI* (West Kilbride, Ayr); Robert Wodsyd, 1695 in *IGI* (West Kilbride, Ayr).

### Woodson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Woodsome (a lost place in Batley), Woodsome in Farnley Tyas, or Wothersome, recorded as *Wodesum* in 1268 (all WR Yorks). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** John de Wodesom, 1349 in *Patent Rolls*; Adam de Wodosom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Batley, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wodoson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Batley, WR Yorks); Margaret Woodson, 1561 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); Richard Woodson, 1571 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, pp. 180 and 268; *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 4, p. 179.

2 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Ode*, *Odd(e)* (see **Odd**) + *son*, with the addition of initial *W-*, a characteristic

dialect feature in the south of Yorkshire. Compare Alicia Odsonwyf, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks). Some of the post-medieval bearers may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Odson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Robertus Odson', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Worsborough, WR Yorks); John Wodson, 1479 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Mexborough, WR Yorks); Anne Wodson, 1575 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Robart Woodson, 1589 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Rogger Wodson, 1594 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Woodstock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 180

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx and Herts

English: locative name from Woodstock (Oxon) or Woodstock in Tunstall (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Alisius de Wodestoke, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Oxon); John de Wodestok', 1340 in *Glastonbury Chartulary* (Somerset); Robert Wodestoke, 1359 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Wodestoke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Church Stowe, Northants); Willelmo Wodestoke, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Oxford, Oxon); Emme Woodstock, 1548 in *IGI* (Croydon, Surrey); Jane Woodstock, 1550 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Henry Woodstocke, 1604 in *PROB 11* (Farleigh, Surrey); Mary Woodstock, 1608 in *PROB 11* (Sundridge, Kent); Thomas Woodstock, 1672 in *IGI* (Harmondsworth, Middx); John Woodstock, 1731 in *IGI* (Stevenage, Herts).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, p. 272.

### Woodthorpe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 400, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 313

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name mainly from Woodthorpe in Strubby (Lincs), though occasionally from Woodthorpe in Loughborough (Leics). There is no evidence to suggest that the surname could be from other like-named places, such as Woodthorpe, Woodthorpe in Staveley (Derbys), Woodthorpe Hall in Handsworth, or Woodthorpe in Sandal Magna (WR Yorks), except perhaps for the early bearer from 1251–2.

**Early bearers:** William de Wudetorp, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Wuttorp, 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Lincs); William of Wodethorp, 1251–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Adam de Wodethorpe, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Louth, Lincs); Robert de Wodethorpe, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Beaumanor (in Barrow upon Soar), Leics); William de Wodethorp', 1370 in *Feet of Fines* (Gosberton, Lincs); John Wodthorp, 1442 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincoln); Johis Woodthorpe, 1559 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Fetherston Woodthorpe, 1565 in *IGI* (Selston, Notts); Thome Woodthorpe, 1579 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs).

### Woodus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9

- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs

English: see **Woodhouse**.

**Further information:** Woodhouse Farm in Upper Arley (Worcs) is recorded as *Wodduis* in 1387 (*Place-Names of Worcs* 33).

### Woodvine

- **Current frequencies:** GB 360, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 183

- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops

English: see **Woodfine**.

### Woodward

Variants: **Woodwards**, **Woodworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20901, Ireland 110

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14435

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Donegal

English: occupational name from Middle English *wodeward* 'forester' (Old English *wuduward*, composed of *wudu* 'wood' + *ward* 'guardianship, protection'), for an officer in charge of a forest or woodland. Compare **Forrester**.

**Early bearers:** Sewhal le wudeward, 1208 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Ralph de [sic] Wodeward, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Herts); Robert Wodeward, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Wodeward, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Somerby, Lincs); Thomas Wodeward, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch with members, Warwicks); Henricus le Wodward, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dalton, Lancs); Robert Wodeward or Woodward, 1538 in *PROB 11* (North More, Oxon); Harry Woodward, 1538 in *IGI* (Norton and Lenchwick, Worcs); James Woodward, 1539 in *IGI* (Butlers Marston, Warwicks); Will. Woodward, 1540 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); John Woodward, 1543 in *IGI* (Caterham, Surrey); John Woodward, 1543 in *IGI* (Saint Lawrence Pountney, London).

### Woodwards

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 253

- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon; Cornwall; also Essex

English: variant of **Woodward** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Francis Woodwards, 1601 in *IGI* (Saint Christopher le Stock, London); John Woodwards, 1604 in *IGI* (Northhill, Beds); Ann Woodwardes, 1638 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Thos. Woodward, 1772 in *IGI* (Broadwell, Oxon); Edmund Woodward, 1797 in *IGI* (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall).

### Woodwell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *welle* 'spring, stream' (Old English *wudu* + *wiella*), for a person who lived by a stream or spring in a wood. The 1379 early bearer shows the West Midland form.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wudewelle, about 1240 in *Book of Fees* (Beds); Richard Wodewell, 1293 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Thomas Wodewell, 1309 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey de Wodewell, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Sibilla Wodwall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Herefs); Robert Woodwell, 1589 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Woodwell, 1605 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Woodwell, 1609 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Woodworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 573, Ireland 7

- **GB frequency 1881:** 447

## Woodwright

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Derry
- 1 English: probably a variant of **Woodward**.

Compare Richard Wodeward, 1443 in *Clitheroe Honour Court Rolls*, John Woodward, 1577 in *Slaidburn and Bowland Wills*, and Christopher Woodworth, 1672 in *Hearth Tax*, all from Slaidburn (WR Yorks).

2 English: possibly of toponymic origin (see Nicholas de Wodeworth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fishlake, WR Yorks)). There is no place called *Woodworth*, and so the surname may be a variant of **Wadworth**.  
**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Woodwright

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm; Leics

English: variant of **Wooldridge**. For the change of *-rich* to *-wright* compare **Allwright**.

## Woody

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Gloucs

English: see **Woodey**.

## Woodyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: locative name from Middle English *wode* 'wood' + *yerde* 'yard' (Old English *wudu* + *geard*), for a person who lived or worked at an enclosure in which wood was chopped or stored. While no medieval bearers can be found, *OED* records the first use of *woydard* in 1309–10.

**Early bearers:** Robt Woodyard, 1561 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Thomas Woodyard, 1562 in *IGI* (Brundall, Norfolk); Anne Woodyard, 1565 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); John Woodyard, 1569 in *IGI* (Swannington, Norfolk); Thomas Woodyard, 1674 in *IGI* (Kelsale, Suffolk); Edward Woodyard, 1793 in *IGI* (Barking, Essex).

## Woodyatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 397, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 289
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs and Worcs

English: see **Woodgate**.

## Woodyear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Wilts

English: see **Woodier**.

## Woodyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 151
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey and Middx; also Lancs

English: see **Woodier**.

## Woof

- **Current frequencies:** GB 551, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 451
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, also Lancs

English: see **Wolfe**.

## Wooff

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Lancs; Middx
- English: see **Wolfe**.

## Wooffinden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wolfenden**.

## Wookey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 596, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 449
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs
- English: locative name from Wookey (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** William Woky, 1442 in *Feet of Fines* (Ashwick, Somerset); Richard Wokey, 1573 in *IGI* (Norton, Gloucs); Edward Wokey, 1580 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); Alice Wookey, 1605 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Thomas Wooky, 1615 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Elizabetha Wokey, 1620 in *IGI* (Ombersley, Worcs); Annis Wookey, 1631 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); William Wokey, 1639 in *Access to Archives* (High Ham, Somerset); Willm Wookey, 1655 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); John Wookey, 1731 in *IGI* (East Harptree, Somerset).

## Wool

**Variants:** **Wooll, Woll, Woolls, Wooles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland 16
- **GB frequency 1881:** 102
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *woll*, *wull* 'wool' (Old English *wull*), probably for a wool dealer or someone who worked with wool. Compare **Woolman**. Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Woll, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Walton, Somerset); Emlyn Wooll, 1579 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Richard Wooll, 1596 in *IGI* (Escomb, Durham); Elizabeth Woll, 1612 in *IGI* (Babcary, Somerset); Robert Wooll, 1612 in *IGI* (High Ham, Somerset); Edmund Wool, 1617 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); Thomas Wooll or Woll, 1619 in *PROB 11* (Skirbeck, Lincs); Andrew Wool, 1642 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); James Wool, 1699 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

2 English: locative name from a specifically south-western development of Middle English *well(e)* 'spring, stream' (Old English *well(a)*), giving *wull(e)*, *woll(e)*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or near a spring or stream, or toponymic, for someone from Wool (Dorset). This vowel development also survives in another Dorset place-name, Wool Bridge in East Stoke, recorded as *Wolbrigg* in 1288 and *Wellebrigge* in 1318 (see **Woolbridge**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas, Alan atte Wulle, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 1, p. 148.

## Woolcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 300, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Woolcott**.

## Wooland

- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Wooland**.

## Woolard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 286, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 420
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE England

English: see **Woolard**.

## Woolas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks and Lincs
- English: see **Woolhouse**.

## Woolass

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 24
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Sussex
- English: see **Woolhouse**.

## Woolaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 111
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks
- English: see **Wollaston**.

## Woolatt

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Leics
- English: see **Woollett**.

## Woolaway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 67
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Woolway**.

## Woolbar

- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: unexplained. Perhaps an altered form of **Wolbold**.

**Early bearers:** Nicolas Wolbar or Wolbard, 1558 in *PROB 11* (London).

## Woolbridge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name probably from Wool Bridge in East Stoke (Dorset) (see also **Wool**), or Woolbridge in Mayfield (Sussex), although the single medieval bearer from Norfolk cannot be easily explained.

**Early bearers:** Simon Wollbrug', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Snettisham, Norfolk); John Woolbridge, 1647 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Elizabeth Woolbridge, 1654 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Thomas Woolbridge, 1680 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the West, London); James Woolbridge, 1744 in *IGI* (Stoke Wake, Dorset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset*, 1, p. 148.

## Woolcock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 774, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 843
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: apparently a variant of **Woolcott**.

**Woolcomb**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Woolcombe**.

**Woolcombe**

Variants: **Woolcomb, Walkham, Walkom, Walkem**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; Devon

English: locative name from Woolacombe in Morthoe (Devon).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Wllecombe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Peter de Wollecomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Woolacombe, Devon); Geoffrey de Wolcombe, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exminster, Devon); Robert de Wolcomb', 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Thomas Wollecombe, 1398, William Wollecombe, 1446, John Wolcombe, 1447 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Duens Walcome, 1578 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon); Levs Walkeham, 1580 in *IGI* (Exminster, Devon); John Walcomb, 1592 in *IGI* (West Alvington, Devon); Martyn Walcam, 1604 in *IGI* (Morval, Cornwall); Anna Wallacombe, 1610 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Phillip Walkom, 1646 in *IGI* (Maker, Cornwall).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 54.

**Woolcot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Woollacott**.

**Woolcott**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 391, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 404
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Somerset
- English: see **Woollacott**.

**Woolridge**

Variants: **Woolridge, Woolrych, Wolrich, Woolrich, Woldridge, Waldridge, Woodridge, Woolveridge, Wolveridge, Woodwright, Woolwright, Woolwich, Woodage, Ulrich, Ullrich**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2941, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1625
- **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wolfrich* (Old English *Wulfric*, formed from *wulf* 'wolf' + *\*rīc* 'ruler'). Compare **Urry**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wlfric, Vlfric, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Uluric Stanilde filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wlricus filius Actman, 1198 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent). surnames: William Wulfric, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Berks); William Wlwriht, 1242 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cams); Ralph Wolfrich, 1250 in *Book of Fees* (Surrey); Robert Wolfrick, Robert Wolurich, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Robert Wulrich, 1286 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Robert Wolvrych, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Wolrich, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Ralph Wolverych, 1318 in *Ancient Deeds* 6 (Berks); Robert Wolryge, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); John Wolrich, 1332 in *Patent Rolls* (Gold Cliff, Monmouths); Richard Wulriche, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); Johannes Wolrych',

1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hartwell, Northants); Willelmus Wolfrich, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chailey, Sussex); John Woldrych, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Ric. Wooldridge, 1566 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Issabell Woolrich, 1583 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs); Henry Wolveridge, 1614 in *IGI* (Billingshurst, Sussex); Thomas Woolrich, 1615 in *IGI* (Seighford, Staffs); Izabella Woolrich, 1715 in *IGI* (Bradley by Stafford, Staffs); Matilda Frances Woolrich, 1886 in *IGI* (Carlton Colville, Suffolk).

**Woolen**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- English: see **Woollen**.

**Wooler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 414, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 516
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Wooller**.

**Woolerton**

Variants: **Wollerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 73
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, Leics, and Notts
- English: variant of **Woolverton** with loss of -v-.  
**Early bearers:** Johannes Wollerton, 1573 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); George Wollerton, 1590 in *IGI* (Barrowby, Lincs); Jacobus Wollerton, 1616 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Woollerton, 1635 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Robt Woollerton, 1673 in *IGI* (Long Clawson, Leics); William Woolerton, 1690 in *IGI* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); John Woollerton, 1696 in *IGI* (Pinchbeck, Lincs).

**Wooles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 122, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Woolls**

**Wooley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 18
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1892
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Woolley**.

**Woolf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1717, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 995
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wolf**.

**Woolfall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 189
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Wolfall Hall in Huyton (Lancs).  
**Further information:** The suggestion in *Reaney, Dictionary* that the surname may also be from Wolf Hall in Grafton (Wilts) is unlikely given the high concentration of bearers in Lancs.  
**Early bearers:** John de la Wulthal, 1242 in *Feet of Fines* (Lancs); Robert de Wolfalle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Dorothe Woolfall, 1564 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Ric Woolfall,

1587 in *IGI* (Walton on the Hill, Lancs); Thomas Wolfall, 1611 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs); Osualdi Woolfall, 1618 in *IGI* (Halton, Lancs).

**Woolfe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 265, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English, German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wolfe**.

**Woolfenden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 571, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 426
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Wolfenden**.

**Woolfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 28
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- 1 English: see **Woolford**.  
2 English: see **Woollett**.  
3 English: locative name perhaps from Woolthwaite in Tickhill (WR Yorks). The place was recorded as *Woolfit* in 1817.

**Early bearers:** Henricus de Woltwayt, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Tickhill, WR Yorks); James Woolfoot, 1814 in *IGI* (Sherburn in Elmet, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Woolfoot, 1829 in *IGI* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 1, p. 54; *WR Yorks Surnames*, p. 86.

**Woolford**

Variants: **Wolford, Wolforth, Woolfoot, Wofford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1804, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1071
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England: esp. Wilts; also London

1 English: locative name from Wolford (Warwicks) or Wolford Farm in Dunkswell (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wlfward, 1210 in *Pipe Rolls* (Warwicks); Engerram de Wolward', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Warwicks); Johanne Wolforde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Devizes, Wilts); John Wolford, 1555 in *IGI* (East Knoyle, Wilts); Joane Woolford, 1586 in *IGI* (Mells, Somerset); Walter Woolford, 1606 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); William Wolford, 1731 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 614.

2 English: see **Woollard**.

**Woolfrey**

Variants: **Wolfryd, Woolfries**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 118
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Hants, and Dorset
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wulfrith* (Old English *Wulffrið* 'wolf-peace').  
**Early bearers:** Vlfert, Vluert, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Devon, Somerset); Thomas Wulfrith, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cams); William Wlfrīð, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cams); John Wolfrith, Matilda Woulfryth, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; William Woolfrey, 1661 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); John Woolfrey, 1662 in *IGI* (Drayton, Somerset); Anne Woolfrey, 1718 in *IGI* (Bere Regis, Dorset); John Woolfrey, 1769 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Jane Woolfrey, 1811 in *IGI* (Lambeth, Surrey).

## Woolfries

### Woolfries

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: variant of **Woolfrey** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Anne Woolfries, 1703 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Samuel Woolfreys, 1734 in *IGI* (Tyneham, Dorset); Bernard Woolfries, 1775 in *IGI* (Steeple, Dorset); Barnet Woolfries, 1779 in *IGI* (Church Knowle, Dorset).

### Woolfson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wolfson**.

### Woolgar

Variants: **Woolger**, **Worger**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 991
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: relationship name from the Old English personal name *Wulfġār*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wlġar, Vlġar, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wlġarus de Cokesale, 1252 in *Colchester Cartulary* (Essex).  
surnames: Brixi Wulgar, 1188 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Teobald Wolgar, about 1250 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Cams); Margareta Wolgar', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlton, Sussex); Geffr' Wolgar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stowlangtoft, Suffolk); Richard Woolgar, 1571 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Agnes Woolgar, 1573 in *IGI* (Eastbourne, Sussex); Eliza Woolgar, 1890 in *IGI* (Chingford, Essex).

### Woolger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 213, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Woolgar**.

### Woolgrove

- **Current frequencies:** GB 159, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon

English: unexplained, possibly a late variant of **Waldegrave**.

**Early bearers:** John Woolgrave, 1723 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); John Woolgrove, 1735 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Thomas Woolgrove, 1763 in *IGI* (Deddington, Oxon); Eliz. Woolgrove, 1765 in *IGI* (Marsh Baldon, Oxon).

### Woolham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Shrops

English: see **Woolland**.

### Woolhead

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 200
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks

English: nickname from Middle English *wolle* 'wool' + *hed* 'head' (Old English *wul* + *hēafod*), for a person

with white hair, as in the following quotations given in *MED* for the word *wōl* when used in comparisons and proverbial expressions. 'His heued and his here was white as wolle and as snow' (1350); 'His heeris weren whiȝte as whiȝte wolle' (1400).

**Early bearers:** John Wolhed, 1469 in *Access to Archives* (Bedford, Beds); Joan Woolhead, 1586 in *IGI* (Wootton, Beds); Robert Woolhead, 1601 in *IGI* (Thakeham, Sussex); Elizabeth Wolhead, 1605 in *IGI* (Marston Moretaine, Beds); Agnes Woolhead, 1608 in *IGI* (Houghton Conquest, Beds); Hugh Woolhead, 1647 in *IGI* (Thornborough, Bucks).

### Woolhouse

Variants: **Wollas**, **Woollass**, **Woolas**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 771, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 652
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, occupational name from Middle English *woll*, *wull* 'wool' + *hous* 'house' (Old English *wull*, *hūs*), for a person who worked at a building where wool was stored or manufactured. The early bearers from 1379 suggest that the surname could also be toponymic, perhaps from Woolas Grange in Bolton Percy (WR Yorks), although the earliest form we have for this place-name is *Wool House*, 1771.

**Early bearers:** Malyn del Wllehus, 1277 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Ralph del Wolehouse, 1301 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Bainbridge, NR Yorks); John Wllehus, Wollehou, 1377 in *Colchester Court Rolls* (Essex); Johannes de Wolehou', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Wolehou's', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johannes de Wollehouse, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wigton, WR Yorks); Henry Wollouse, 1481 in *York Registry Wills* (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks); Robert Woulhou, 1501 in *York Registry Wills* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); John Woulhou, 1505 in *York Registry Wills* (Newark, Notts); Elyzabeth Woolhouse, 1578 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); George Woolhouse, 1590 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Robert Woolhouse, 1624 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); William Woolhouse, 1634 in *IGI* (North Scarle, Lincs); Thomae Woolhouse, 1637 in *IGI* (Bolsover, Derbys); Henry Woolas, 1673 in *IGI* (Eckington, Derbys); Anne Wollas, 1674 in *IGI* (Dronfield, Derbys); Martha Woollass, 1758 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Matthias Woolhouse, 1760 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks*, 4, p. 220.

### Woolich

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Woolwich**.

### Woolidge

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Woolwich**.

### Wooliscroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 245
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: see **Woolliscroft**.

### Wool

- **Current frequencies:** GB 49, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 98
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cams
- English: see **Wool**.

### Woolacott

Variants: **Woolacott**, **Wollacott**, **Woolcott**, **Woollcott**, **Woolcot**, **Wolcott**, **Woolcock**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 417, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Surrey

English: locative name from Woolacott in Thrushelton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wlnethecote, 1238 in *Assize Rolls* (Devon); John de Wollecote, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thrushelton, Devon); John Wollecote, 1458 in *Feet of Fines* (Chagford, Devon); Johane Woolcott, 1562 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); William Woolcott, 1577 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Woolcott, 1589 in *PROB 11* (Tolland, Somerset); Philip Woolcott, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Susanna Woollcott, 1646 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon); Anne Woollcott, 1662–4 in *Hearth Tax* (Dorset); James Woollacott, 1672 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Agnes Woollcott, 1710 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine Creechchurch, London); Edward Woollacott, 1714 in *IGI* (Chagford, Devon); John Woolacott, 1738 in *IGI* (Burrington, Devon); William Woolcott, 1750 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Woolcott, 1751 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Samuel Woollcott, 1793 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Woollacott, 1796 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

### Woollam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Shrops and Cheshire

English: see **Woolland**.

### Woollams

- **Current frequencies:** GB 174, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Bucks

English: see **Woollands**.

### Woollan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs; Middx

English: see **Woolland**.

### Woolland

Variants: **Woolland**, **Woollan**, **Wollan**, **Woollen**, **Woollands**, **Woollam**, **Wollam**, **Woolham**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 174
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: (i) locative name, perhaps from Woolland (Dorset). (ii) locative name from Middle English *wough* 'bent, crooked' + *land(e)*, *lond(e)* 'land' (Old English *wōh* + *land*). The surname could be for a person who lived at or near a bend in a stream or river, or who lived at or came from any place so named, such as Wollensbrook in Great Amwell (Herts). However, no medieval bearers of this surname can be found. Wollensbrook was recorded as *Wollans brook* in 1689 and *Woollens* about 1840, and so **Woollen** may sometimes be a variant of this

surname. Variants in *-ham* may be due to scribal variation between final *-n* and *-m*, and the subsequent misinterpretation of *-am* as being for *-ham*.

**Early bearers:** Thomazin Wooland, 1585 in *IGI* (Sandon, Essex); John Woolland, 1589 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Margaret Woolland, 1616 in *IGI* (Tonge, Kent); Thomas Wooland, 1629 in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon); Alce Woollands, 1635 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); John Woolland, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Nicho Woolland, 1677 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon); Mary Woolan, 1745 in *IGI* (Long Ashton, Somerset); John Woollands, 1764 in *IGI* (Smalley, Derbys); John Woolland, 1800 in *Access to Archives* (Exbourne, Devon).  
**References:** *Place-Names of Herts*, p. 212–3.

## Woollands

**Variants:** **Woollams**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: variant of **Woolland** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Woollands, 1727 in *IGI* (Escrick, ER Yorks); Thomas Woolans, 1735 in *IGI* (Bolton Percy, WR Yorks); John Woollands, 1743 in *IGI* (Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); Mary Woollands, 1768 in *IGI* (Horsley, Derbys).

## Woollard

**Variants:** **Woollard, Wollard, Woolward, Woolford, Wolford, Wolforth, Woolfoot**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2094, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1042
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk, Cambs, and Essex

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wolfward* (Old English *Wulfweard* ‘wolf’ + ‘guard’). The surname early bearers from 1317 and 1607 may belong under **Woolford** (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wluuard, Vluuard, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wluerduus Legredere, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Wulford atte Heghelonde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Wolfard de Gistellis, 1346 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

surnames: Robertus filius Wolfward, 1212 in *Book of Fees* (Surrey); Martin Wlward, 1199 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs); Richard Wulward, 1206 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hunts); Matilda Woleward, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Wlfard, Wulward, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon, Cambs); Ralph Wolford, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Matilda Wolfordes, 1337 in *Patent Rolls* (Wrotham, Kent); Edmund Woolward, 1554 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Roberte Wollerde or Woollerde, 1599 in *PROB 11* (West Wrating, Cambs); Ellenor Woolford, 1607 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Thomas Woolward, 1608 in *IGI* (Pampisford, Cambs); William Woollard, 1611 in *PROB 11* (Weston Colville, Cambs); Marget Woollard, 1623 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk); Robert Woollard, 1668 in *IGI* (Hadstock, Essex); Sarah Woolard, 1689 in *IGI* (Exning, Suffolk).

## Woollaston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 321, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Staffs
- English: see **Wollaston**.

## Woollatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 164, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 154
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts; Herts
- English: see **Woollett**.

## Woollcott

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Woollacott**.

## Woollen

**Variants:** **Woolen, Wollen, Woollin, Woollon,**

**Woollons, Woollings**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 290
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; also Somerset

1 English: variant of **Woolland**. Compare Jo.

Woolland, 1645; Susan Woollen, 1667 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk), and Phillip Woollen, 1671, Phillip Woolland, 1680 in *IGI* (South Molton, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Anne Woollen, 1629 in *IGI* (Beverstone, Gloucs); Elizabeth Woolen, 1633 in *IGI* (Little Plumstead, Norfolk); Jacobus Woollen, 1705 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset).

2 English: the name in N England is unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey Wollen, 1576 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Rauffe Woollen, 1583 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs); Thomae Woollen, 1591 in *IGI* (Branston, Lincs); Jonathan Woolen, 1659 in *IGI* (Bradfield, WR Yorks); Richardi Woollin, 1724 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks); James Woollin, 1737 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

## Wooller

**Variants:** **Woller, Wooler**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 311
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Sussex

1 English: locative name from Wooler (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Woloure, Robertum de Wollovere, Robertus de Wolloure, Robertus de Weluore, Willelmi de Wellouere, 1256, Gylemino de Wollouere, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Wollore, 1360 in *Patent Rolls* (Wooler, Northumb); Edmundus Wollour, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Grantley, WR Yorks); Ricardo de Wollore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Trawden Chase, Lancs); John Wollore, 1430 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Hugonis Wooler, 1578 in *IGI* (Kildwick, WR Yorks); Thomas Wooler, 1616 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Roland Wooller, 1645 in *IGI* (Stanhope, Durham); Henery Wooller, 1719 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb).

2 English: nickname, sometimes a derivative of Middle English *woll*, *wull* ‘wool’ (Old English *wull*), for a wool dealer or someone who worked with wool. Compare Thomas le Wollestere, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks). Some of the bearers below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** William le Woller, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); John Woller, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Roger le Woller, 1336 in *Patent Rolls* (Buckingham, Bucks); Johannes Woller, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Offington and Heene, Sussex); Mearsie Woller, 1567 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex); Alice Wooller, 1603 in *IGI* (Bermondsey, Surrey); Thomas Woller, 1652 in

*IGI* (South Lynn, Norfolk); Edward Wooler, 1676 in *IGI* (Bletchingley, Surrey).

## Woollet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Kent
- English: see **Woollett**.

## Woollett

**Variants:** **Woollet, Woollatt, Woolatt, Wollett, Woolvett, Woolfoot, Ulyett, Ulliyett, Ulyatt, Ulliyatt, Ulyate, Ulliyott, Ulliott, Ullett, Ollett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 541, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 508
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wulfet*, usually representing the Old English male name *Wulfgeat*, occasionally perhaps the female name *Wulfgyð*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wluiet, Wluiat, Vlfiet, Vluiet, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Wlfgiæt, 1086 in *Ely Inquisition*; Vlfgiæt Moder, 1162 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants); Wulfiet Mus, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Wulfyat de Kattun, 1202 in *Feet of Fines* (Norfolk); Wulfet de Branwic, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Goduuin Ulfgeti filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Thoroldus filius Wulfat, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Johannes filius Wulfoti, 1223 in *Patent Rolls* (Yorks); Leuricus Wlfuiet, Eudo Wluiet, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs and Norfolk); Robert Woluyet, 1306 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Woluet, 1315, John Wlyet, 1367 in *Ancient Deeds 4* (Essex); Andreas Wlliat, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Norfolk); Margaria Woliet, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Fryswythe Woollet, 1570 in *IGI* (Eastry, Kent); John Wollett, 1581 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Wollett, 1591 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Elizabeth Woollett, 1602 in *IGI* (Boughton Malherbe, Kent); Joseph Woollatt, 1762 in *IGI* (Walsall, Staffs); Eleanor Woollatt, 1809 in *IGI* (Sandridge, Herts).

## Woolley

**Variants:** **Wolley, Wooley, Woolly**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10081, Ireland 64
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5870
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cavan

1 English: locative name from any of various places named with Old English *wulf* ‘wolf’ + *lēah* ‘wood, clearing’, such as Woolley (Hunts, WR Yorks), Woolley in Bovey Tracy (Devon), and Woolley in Bradford on Avon (Wilts), or from Woolley (Somerset) or Wooley in Slaley (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Wulueye, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Ralph de Wullueleye, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks); Roger de Wolvele, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Nicholas de Wolveleye, 1280 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Bate de Wolfly, 1308 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (WR Yorks); Robert de Woluelie, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John de Wolley, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Staffs); Elena de Wolley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Henricus Wolley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bath, Somerset); Walter Wolley, 1434 in *Patent Rolls* (Derbys); Thomas Woolley, 1539 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Peter Woolley, 1562 in *IGI* (Braunton, Devon); Franc. Woolley, 1565 in *IGI* (Saint Andrew by the Wardrobe, London); Joone Woolley, 1572 in

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*IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Anthonie Woolley, 1582 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Roberte Woolley or Wolley, 1597 in *PROB 11* (Remenham, Berks); Nicholas Woolley, 1611 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs).

2 Irish: in Ireland, according to Woulfe, when this is not the English name, it has been adopted for **Woulfe**.

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 468; *Place-Names of Wilts*, p. 118.

### Woollin

- Current frequencies: GB 172, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 67
- Main GB location 1881: WR Yorks

English: see **Woollen**.

### Woollings

- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: perhaps a variant of **Woollen** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Woolliscroft

Variants: **Wooliscroft**, **Williscroft**

- Current frequencies: GB 508, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 146
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs

English: locative name from Wooliscroft, near Stone (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Wyllarddyscrofte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Fenton, Staffs); Willelmus Wyllardcrofte, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Walton (iuxta Stone), Staffs); William Wollascroft, 1488 in *Salt Manuscripts* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Johanis Williscrofte, 1603 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Elizabetha Williscroft, 1605 in *IGI* (Stone, Staffs); Jacobi Willowescroft, 1644 in *IGI* (Milwich, Staffs); George Wooliscroft, 1677 in *IGI* (Cauldon, Staffs); John Willascraft, 1694 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); John Wolliscroft, 1698 in *IGI* (Cauldon, Staffs); Esther Woollescroft, 1709 in *IGI* (Uttoxeter, Staffs); William Woolliscraft, 1716 in *IGI* (Cauldon, Staffs); John Wooliscraft, 1727 in *IGI* (Atlow, Derbys); Martha Woolliscroft, 1743 in *IGI* (Colton, Staffs); Samuel Woolinscroft, 1822 in *IGI* (Longton, Staffs).

References: *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 589–90.

### Woollon

- Current frequencies: GB 106, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 22
- Main GB location 1881: London

English: see **Woollen**.

### Woollons

- Current frequencies: GB 58, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 29
- Main GB location 1881: ER Yorks and York

English: variant of **Woollen** with post-medieval excrement -s.

### Wools

Variants: **Wooles**, **Wools**

- Current frequencies: GB 180, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 62
- Main GB location 1881: Surrey; Gloucs

English: variant of **Wool** with post-medieval excrement -s.

**Early bearers:** Ayles Wooles, 1551 in *IGI* (Painswick, Gloucs); John Wooles, 1567 in *IGI* (Standish, Gloucs); Christian Wools, 1590 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Thomas Wools, 1597 in *IGI* (Tattershall, Lincs); Andrew Wools, 1605 in *IGI* (Romsey, Hants); Sarah Woolls, 1632 in *IGI* (Westbury on Severn, Gloucs); John Wools, 1659 in *IGI* (Horton, Gloucs).

### Woolven

Variants: **Woolvin**

- Current frequencies: GB 150, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 88
- Main GB location 1881: London; also Kent and Sussex

English: see **Woolven**.

### Woolvin

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 1

English: see **Woolven**.

### Woolly

- GB frequency 1881: 141
- Main GB location 1881: scattered in England and Wales: esp. Somerset; also Lancs

English: see **Woolley**.

### Woolman

Variants: **Wolman**, **Wollman**

- Current frequencies: GB 382, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 196
- Main GB location 1881: Leics

English: occupational name from Middle English *woll*, *wull* 'wool' (Old English *wull*) + *man*, for a dealer in wool. Compare, for example, John Grene of Abyndon, *merchant* alias 'wolman', 1395 in *Patent Rolls*.

**Early bearers:** William Wolleman, 1351 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Johanne Wolleman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swepestone, Leics); Johannes Wolman', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Boston, Lincs); Ralph Wolleman, 1422 in *Patent Rolls* (Burnham Thorpe; Norfolk); Thoms Woolman, 1546 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Robert Wolman, 1571 in *PROB 11* (London); John Woolman, 1630 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); Richard Woolman, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); John Woolman, 1697 in *IGI* (Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics).

### Woolmer

Variants: **Wollmer**, **Woolmore**, **Womer**, **Walmer**, **Ullmer**

- Current frequencies: GB 623, Ireland 3
- GB frequency 1881: 481
- Main GB location 1881: Kent; Northants

1 English: relationship name, relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wulmar*, *Wolmer* (Old English *Wulfmǣr*). Some of the surname early bearers may belong under (2). **Early bearers:** given names: Wlmer, Vlfmer, Wlmar, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ulmer Æltredes, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wlfmerus filius Sirici, 1101–7 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Wulmarus Lamb, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Wolmer de Essex, 1273 in *Patent Rolls* (London).

sumames: William Wulmare, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cambs); Reginald Wlmer, 1263 in *Ramsey Cartulary* (Hunts); Ricardo Wolmar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Southminster, Essex); Willelmo Wlmar, Willelmo

Wolmar, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Great Easton, Essex); Ricardus Wolmere, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southburgh, Norfolk); Willelmo Wolmar, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Easton, Essex); John Woulmer, 1580 in *Assize Rolls* (Essex); Henrye Wolmer, 1585 in *IGI* (Kings Lynn, Norfolk); Robt Woolmer, 1597 in *IGI* (Flixton by Bungay, Suffolk); Ales Woolmer, 1602 in *IGI* (Scottow, Norfolk); John Woolmer, 1684 in *IGI* (Littleport, Cambs); David Ullmer, 1776 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx).

2 English: locative name alternatively, perhaps from Woolmer Forest (Hants), Wolmer Farm in Ogbourne Saint George (Wilts), Woolmore Farm in Melksham (Wilts), or any place named with Middle English *wolf* + *mere* 'pool'. *Reaney, Dictionary* also suggests a lost place-name, *Wolmoor* in Ormskirk (Lancs), apparently on the basis of the two early bearers from 1246. Some of the early bearers below may belong with (1).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wulvemor, Robert de Wullemore, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Willius. Wolmore, 1620 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Edward Woolmer, 1621 in *IGI* (Flixton, Lancs); John Wolmor, 1659 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks).

### Woolmington

- Current frequencies: GB 161, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 93
- Main GB location 1881: Somerset

English: locative name from Woonton Farm in Chardstock (Devon), recorded as *Wulmintone* in 1201. In some cases, the surname has followed the same development as the place-name (see **Woonton**).

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wolmyngton, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (High Ham, Somerset); Walterus Wolmyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Salisbury, Wilts); Nicholas Wolmington or Woulmington, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Devon); Elizabeth Woollmington, 1614 in *PROB 11* (Chardstock, Devon); Mary Woolmington, 1637 in *IGI* (Broadway, Somerset); Rebekah Woolmington, 1689 in *IGI* (Wambrook, Dorset); Temperance Woolmington, 1779 in *IGI* (West Coker, Somerset).

References: *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 654.

### Woolmore

- Current frequencies: GB 232, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 122
- Main GB location 1881: Essex

English: see **Woolmer**.

### Woolner

Variants: **Woolnough**, **Woolnoth**

- Current frequencies: GB 493, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 319
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk and Norfolk

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wulnoth* (Old English *Wulfnōð*, formed from *wulf* 'wolf' + \**nōð* 'daring, bold'). The personal name remained in use until the beginning of the 14th century. The form *Woolnough* probably reflects the dialectal sound change of /θ/ to /f/ (compare **Elnaugh**, a variant of **Allnutt**). The -er of *Woolner* represents the pronunciation of unstressed -*nough*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wlnod, Vlnoth, Vlnoth, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Godwine Hulnodi filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wulnoth Koc, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: William Wulnoð, 1221 in *Cotton Tiberius B ii* (Suffolk); Ranolph Wollenoth, 1284 in *Ramsey Abbey Court Rolls* (Hunts); Robert Wolthnoth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wolnoth, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Willelmus Wolneth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ardingly, Sussex); Richard Wolnothe, 1447 in *Patent Rolls* (London); William Vlnawgh, William Wulnow, Richard Wulnaw, Edmund Wolner, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Margaret Woollnoth, 1525 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; James Wollnaghe, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Fressingfield, Suffolk); James Woolner, 1631 in *IGI* (Ludham, Norfolk); John Woolnough, Francis Woolnoe, Henry Woolner, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); Isaac Woolner, 1714 in *IGI* (Sweffing, Suffolk).

References: *Tengvik*, p. 170.

### Woolnoth

- Current frequencies: GB 14, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 8

English: see **Woolner**.

### Woolnough

- Current frequencies: GB 1328, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 921
- Main GB location 1881: Suffolk

English: see **Woolner**.

### Woolrich

- Current frequencies: GB 444, Ireland 1
- GB frequency 1881: 305
- Main GB location 1881: Cheshire, Staffs, Shrops, Denbighs

English: see **Wooldridge**.

### Wooldridge

- Current frequencies: GB 554, Ireland 19
- GB frequency 1881: 400
- Main GB location 1881: Staffs; also Devon and Dorset

English: see **Wooldridge**.

### Woolrych

- Current frequencies: GB 81, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 22

English: see **Wooldridge**.

### Wools

- Current frequencies: GB 44, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 56
- Main GB location 1881: London; Gloucs

English: see **Woolfs**.

### Woolsey

Variants: **Wolsey**, **Woosey**

- Current frequencies: GB 517, Ireland 127
- GB frequency 1881: 351
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk
- Main Irish location 1847–64: Louth and Armagh

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wulsy*, Old English *Wulfsize*. The personal name was common in Suffolk, where it gave rise to the family name of Cardinal Wolsey. **Early bearers:** given names: Wlsi, Vlsi, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Leofwine Wulfsize sunu before 1038 in *Tengvik* (Hants); Willelmus filius Wulsi (Wlfsi), 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); William Wulsy, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard Wolsy, 1313 in *Feet of Fines*

(Essex); Robert Wulcy, Wolcye, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Woolsey, 1552 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Hugh Woolsey, 1605 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs); Anthonie Woolsey, 1622 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Hanna Woolsey, 1627 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Henry Woolsey, 1627 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jane Woosey, 1655 in *IGI* (Aughton by Ormskirk, Lancs).

### Woolson

- GB frequency 1881: 12

English: apparently a variant of **Woolston** with loss of *-t-*. Compare Benjamin Woolston, 1706, and Joseph Woolson, 1710 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); James Woolston, 1717, and Elizabeth Woolson, 1721 in *IGI* (Hennock, Devon).

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Woolstencroft

- Current frequencies: GB 137, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 69
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs

English: see **Wolstencroft**.

### Woolstenhulme

- Current frequencies: GB 12, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 15
- Main GB location 1881: Lancs and Cheshire

English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Woolston

Variants: **Wolston**, **Woolstone**, **Woolson**, **Woston**, **Wadsen**

- Current frequencies: GB 957, Ireland 2
- GB frequency 1881: 471
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk; Northants; London

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wolstan* (Old English *Wulfstān*). Some of the early bearers may belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Vlfstan, Wlstan, Vlstan, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ordric Uulfstani filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wlston, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Wolston Hoppare, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Rissington, Gloucs).

surnames: Gilbert Wlstan, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Ralph Wolstan, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Geoffrey Wolston, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyken, Warwicks); Willelmus Wolstan, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Thomas Woolston, 1565 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Edmund Woolston, 1589 in *IGI* (Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk); Wm. Woolston, 1657 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Francis Woolston, 1823 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

2 English: locative name from Wolston (Warwicks) or any of various places called Woolston, such as Woolstone (Bucks), Woolston in West Alvington (Devon), Woolston in Warrington (Lancs), and Woolston Hall in Chigwell (Essex). Some of the early bearers may belong with (1). There may have been some confusion with **Wollaston**.

**Early bearers:** Hugelot de Wolueston', 1131 in *Durham Priory Fees*; William de Wolstone, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Johanna de Wolston', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Scale Lane and Beverley Gate, ER Yorks); Thomas Wolston or Wolleston, 1537 in *PROB 11* (London);

John Wolston, 1620 in *PROB 11* (West Ogwell, Devon); John Woolston, 1624 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Thomas Woolston, 1672 in *IGI* (Lavendon, Bucks).

### Woolstone

- Current frequencies: GB 11, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 87
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Woolston**.

### Woolterton

- Current frequencies: GB 93, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 34
- Main GB location 1881: Norfolk

English: see **Wooltorton**.

### Woolton

- Current frequencies: GB 67, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 142
- Main GB location 1881: Kent

English: see **Wolton**.

### Wooltorton

Variants: **Woolterton**

- Current frequencies: GB 221, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 10

English: locative from Wolterton (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Wulterton', 1220 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John de Wolterton, 1356 in *Patent Rolls* (Little Snoring, Norfolk); Rogerus de Wolterton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Limpenhoe with Southwood, Norfolk); Thomas Wolterton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Griston, Norfolk); Richard Wolterton, 1584 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Elizabeth Woolterton, 1637 in *IGI* (Beeston, Norfolk); Samuel Wooltorton, 1767 in *IGI* (Denton, Norfolk); Robert Wooltorton, 1782 in *IGI* (Brinton, Norfolk).

### Woolven

Variants: **Woollven**, **Woollvin**, **Wolfin**

- Current frequencies: GB 415, Ireland 0
- GB frequency 1881: 325
- Main GB location 1881: Sussex

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wolwin*, *Wolvin* (Old English *Wulfwine*). Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wluuine, Vlfuuius, Vluuin, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Lefstan Ulfuini filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Wlfwinus Holepot, 1182–1211 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Wolvin Cote, 1340 in *London Husting Wills*.

surnames: Nicholas Wolwin, about 1236 in *Hatton's Book of Seals* (Wilts); William Wulwyne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Wulvyne, 1328 in *London Letter Books E*; Ricardus Woluen', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); Nicholas Woolvyn, 1565 in *IGI* (Broadwater, Sussex); John Woolvin, 1594 in *IGI* (Ford, Sussex); John Woolven, 1622 in *IGI* (Steyning, Sussex); John Woolven, 1625 in *IGI* (Eastergate, Sussex); John Woolven, 1784 in *IGI* (Colerne, Wilts).

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from from Wolvens Farm in Shere with Gomshall (Surrey), recorded as *Fulefenne* in 1241, and *Woolvine* in 1680. Some of the post-medieval early bearers may belong under (1)

## Woolveridge

**Early bearers:** Clemens Fulfenne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Willelmus Fulfenne, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Abinger, Surrey); Elizabeth Woolfin, 1586 in *IGI* (Sidlesham, Sussex); Richard Vulven, 1654 in *IGI* (Chiddingfold, Surrey).

**References:** *Place-Names of Surrey*, p. 251.

### Woolveridge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wooldridge**.

### Woolverton

**Variants:** **Wolverton**, **Woolerton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 47
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: locative name from Wolferton (Norfolk). It has been suggested by *Reaney, Dictionary* that the surname could also derive from Wollerton (Shrops), Wolverton (Bucks, Hants, Worcs), and Woolverton (Somerset), yet there is a lack of early bearer evidence outside of E Anglia from the 15th century onwards (see sense 2). It therefore appears that the Norfolk place is the most likely origin of the present-day surname.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas de Wulferton', 1166 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Roger de Wolferton, 1358 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); John Woolverton, 1501 in *PROB 11* (Bodney, Norfolk); Roger Woolverton, 1676 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Nicho Woolverton, 1685 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); James Woolverton, 1712 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

2 English: locative name, perhaps sometimes from Wollerton (Shrops), Wolverton (Bucks, Hants, Worcs), and Woolverton (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Tomas de Wulfrinton', 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Vivian de Wluerton', 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Alina de Wulwardinton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks); Richard de Wulfrinton', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Ricardus Wolverton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (South Shorwell (West Court), Hants); Henricus de Wolverton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton in Hales, Shrops).

### Woolvet

- **GB frequency 1881:** 15
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- English: see **Woolvett**.

### Woolvett

**Variants:** **Woolvet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 46
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Woollett**.

**Early bearers:** John Woolvet, 1653 in *IGI* (Ingatestone, Essex); Rebekah Woolvett, 1749 in *IGI* (Bradwell on Sea, Essex).

### Woolward

- **Current frequencies:** GB 80, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 57
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Woollard**.

### Woolway

**Variants:** **Woolaway**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: relationship name from a Middle English descendant of Old English *Wulfwig* 'wolf-war'. This might also have contributed to **Wolvey**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wluui, Wlui, 1086 in *Domesday Book*.

surnames: Ricardus filius Ulfui, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Willelmus filius Wlwi, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Bucks); Robert Wulfwi, 1190 in *Pipe Rolls* (Leics); Lucas Wulwy, 1230 in *Patent Rolls*; William Wolwy, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Symon Wolvy, Wolwy, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Johannes Wolwey, 1377, Johanne Wolwy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ogbourne Maizey, Wilts); Waltero Wolwey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Imber, Wilts); William Wollewey, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Sixpenny Handley, Dorset); Grace Woolway, 1715 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon); Thomas Woolway, 1752 in *IGI* (Nymet Rowland, Devon); John Woolway, 1790 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Francis Matthew Woolway, 1840 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); John Woolway, 1856 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx).

### Woolwich

**Variants:** **Woolich**, **Woolidge**, **Wolledge**, **Woledge**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwick

1 English: (i) despite its coincidence in form with the place-name *Woolwich*, in most cases this is probably an altered form of **Worledge**. (ii) sometimes a variant of **Wooldridge**. Compare Thomas Wolryche, 1626, Thomas Wolwich, 1656 in *Access to Archives* (Dudmaston, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Eliz. Woolwich, 1704 in *IGI* (Sholden, Kent); Mary Woolwich, 1767 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); William Sharp Woolwich, 1783 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London).

2 English: locative name; in some cases, it may be from Woolwich, Wollage Green, or Woolwich Wood (Kent).

**Early bearers:** de Wolfech', de Wulfhecch, 1313 in *Kent Place-Names*, p. 540.

### Woolworth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 19

English: perhaps a variant of **Wallworth**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA. In 1879 the brothers Frank Winfield Woolworth and Charles Sumner Woolworth founded a chain of stores in Pennsylvania, focusing on the sale of low-priced goods (at first, items for just five or ten cents each). The business thrived throughout the 20th century, but became defunct in 1997.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Woolworth, 1632 in *IGI* (Burbage, Wilts); John Woolworth, 1665 in *IGI* (Ogbourne Saint George, Wilts); John Woolworth, 1685 in *IGI* (Saint Olave Silver Street, London); John Woolworth, 1690 in *IGI* (Horton, Gloucs); Andrew Woolworth, 1707 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey).

### Woolwright

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7

English: see **Wooldridge**. For the change of *-rich* to *-wright* compare **Allwright**.

### Woombell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts and Lincs
- English: see **Wombwell**.

### Woomble

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Wombwell**.

### Woon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 130
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall and Devon

1 Cornish: locative name from one or both of the groups of farms called *Woon* in Roche and Luxulyan parishes, or possibly from some other lost place-name of the same form elsewhere in Cornwall.

**Early bearers:** Reynold Parkyn Wone, Richard Wone, 1522 in *Cornwall Military Survey* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Laurence Woone, 1543 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Philleigh, Cornwall); Nicholas Woon, 1618 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Jone Woon, 1622 in *IGI* (Lostwithiel, Cornwall); Melchizedeck Woon, 1696 in *IGI* (Saint Enoder, Cornwall); Benjamin Woon, 1699 in *IGI* (Roche, Cornwall); Charity Woon, 1704 in *IGI* (Kenwyn, Cornwall).

2 Chinese: variant spelling of the Chinese surname 溫, see **Wan** (3). This form is based on the Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation of the name; it is found in Taiwan, Fujian province, and E Guangdong province, from where people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 阮, see **Yuen** (5).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雲, apparently based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Wan** (4).

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 翁, see **Yung** (1).

### Woonton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Woonton Farm in Chardstock (Devon), recorded as *Wulmintone* in 1201 (see also **Woolmington**).

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Wolmyngton, 1316 in *Feet of Fines* (Devon); Phillip Wonton, 1683 in *IGI* (Calstock, Cornwall); Mary Woonton, 1715 in *IGI* (Chard, Somerset).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 654.

### Woore

**Variants:** **Woore**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk, Suffolk

English: nickname from Middle English *wouer* 'wooer, suitor' (Old English *wōgere*).

**Further information:** Not, as might appear, from Woore (Shrops). For this see **Oare**.

**Early bearers:** Nicholas le Wowere, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Emma Wowers, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam le Wogher', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls*



(Sussex); Henricus Wower<sup>s</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Toftrees, Norfolk); Thomas Woor, 1569 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Thomas Woor, 1588 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Harriet Woor, 1836 in *IGI* (Bungay, Suffolk).

### Woore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Woor**.

### Woosey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 401, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 166
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Woolsey**.

### Woosley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: see **Wolseley**.

2 English: locative name perhaps from Wolversleigh Farm in Sidbury (Devon), given the concentration of early bearers in Devon.

**Early bearers:** Johes Woosley, 1559 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Henrus Woosley, 1585 in *IGI* (Otterton, Devon); Eleanor Woosley, 1664 in *IGI* (Colyton, Devon).

### Woosnam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 311, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 244
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

English, Welsh: see **Worsman**, **Wolstenholme**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Woosnam, 1643, and Alexander Woosnam, 1658 in *IGI* (Rochdale, Lancs); John Woosnam, 1780 in *IGI* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

### Wooster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 435
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Bucks

English: see **Worcester**.

### Wootan

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Wootton**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Wooten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 153
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Staffs

English: see **Wootton**.

### Wooton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 376, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 769
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Warwicks; also London

English: see **Wootton**.

### Wootten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 974, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 694
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Middx; Staffs

English: see **Wootton**.

### Wootton

**Variants:** **Wotton**, **Wooton**, **Wootten**, **Wooten**, **Whotton**, **Wootan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5202, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2606
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from any of the many places called Wootton, Wooton, or Wotton, most of which are named with Old English *widu*, *wudu* 'wood' + *tūn* 'enclosure, settlement'.

**Early bearers:** Wagen de Wotton, about 1048 in *Tengvik* (Warwicks); Robert de Wodeton<sup>s</sup>, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Shrops); John de Wutton, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); John ate Wodeton, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Middx); Gilbert de la Wotton, 1316 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Alwardus de Wottone, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Batrampsley and Wootton, Hants); Willelmus de Wotton<sup>s</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gnosall, Staffs); Alice Wootton, 1543 in *IGI* (Somersall Herbert, Derbys); Rycharde Wootton, 1544 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Wootton, 1560 in *IGI* (Bishops Castle, Shrops); Margaret Wootton, 1561 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Elnora Wootton, 1565 in *IGI* (Fladbury, Worcs).

### Woracker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Warwicker**.

### Woraker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Warwicker**.

### Worbey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 210, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 55
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: see **Warboy**.

### Worboys

- **Current frequencies:** GB 700, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs, Herts, Beds and Middx

English: see **Warboys**.

### Worby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 442, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 226
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: see **Warboy**.

### Worcester

**Variants:** **Wooster**, **Worster**, **Wostear**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 240, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 137
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Sussex; also Warwicks

English: locative name from the city of Worcester (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de Wircestr<sup>s</sup>, 1180 in *Pipe Rolls* (Cambs); William de Worcester, 1290 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johannes Worcestr<sup>s</sup>, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Isabella Worcestr<sup>s</sup>, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clevancy and Littlecott, Wilts);

Johanne de Worcestr<sup>s</sup>, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Reynold Woster, 1567, Alice Wooster, 1658 in *Bardsley*; Jeame Worcester, 1596 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); John Wooster, 1609 in *IGI* (Iver, Bucks).

### Word

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 206
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England

English: probably a variant of **Worth**.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Werde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Cheswardine, Shrops); Syberte de Werde, 1559 in *PROB 11* (London); Humfrey Word, 1570 in *IGI* (Beaumont cum Moze, Essex); Robert Word, 1588 in *IGI* (Beddington, Surrey); William Word, 1589 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Wordell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered in England

English: see **Wardle**.

### Worden

- **Current frequencies:** GB 974, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 841
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also Cornwall and Devon

1 English: locative name from Worden in Leyland (Lancs), recorded as *Werden* in the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** William de Werden, about 1300 in *Access to Archives* (Wrightington, Lancs); Richard Worden, 1582 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Alicia Worden, 1584 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys); Richard Worden, 1600, Werden, 1601 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Elizb Worden, 1661 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 133–4.

2 English: locative name; while no medieval bearers can be found, apparently from one of the four minor places named Worden (Devon). These are Worden in Shebbear, Worden in Bradworthy, Worden in Luffincott, and Worden in Stoke Fleming. All but Worden in Stoke Fleming appear to have been named with Old English *worþign* 'enclosure, homestead'. Compare **Worthen**

**Early bearers:** John Worden, 1593 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon); Elizabeth Worden, 1594 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Mary Worden, 1599 in *IGI* (Holsworthy, Devon); Richard Worden, 1610 in *IGI* (Saint Veep, Cornwall).

### Wordingham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: perhaps a late variant of **Hardingham**. Both names have very similar distributions.

**Early bearers:** John Wordingham, 1682 in *IGI* (Little Walsingham, Norfolk); Susanna Wordingham, 1759 in *IGI* (Stiffkey, Norfolk); James Wordingham, 1826 in *IGI* (East Raynham, Norfolk).

### Wordley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 435, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 348
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex; also Staffs

## Wordsworth

English: variant of **Wardley**. Compare William Wordley, 1608, Henry Wardley, 1661 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Wordsworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1108, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 729

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: (i) *Bardsley* suggests that it is a variant of **Wadsworth**, noting that at Silkstone (WR Yorks) the surname appears as *Waddysworth* (1556), *Wardsworth* (1656), *Wadsworth* (1666) and *Wordsworth* (from 1668). (ii) *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that it is a variant of **Wardleworth**.

**Early bearers:** Willus Wardsworthe, 1564 in *IGI* (Sheffield, Yorks); Jane Wordsworth, 1591 in *IGI* (High Melton, Yorks); Gregory Wordsworth, 1646 in *IGI* (Penistone, Yorks).

### Worgan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 994, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 240
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh, English: relationship name from a conventional anglicization of the Welsh male personal name *Gwrgan*, reflecting an earlier pronunciation \**Wurgan*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Worgan de la Wodehus, 1267 in *Patent Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops).

surnames: Hoell Gough ap Gwrgan, 1393 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Oswestry, Shrops); John Worgan, 1560 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Christofer Worgan, 1564 in *IGI* (Newland, Gloucs); Mathew and William Worgan, 1581, John Worgan, 1587, and Margaret Worgan, 1591 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Rychard Worgan, 1607 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London); Margaret Worgan, 1608 in *IGI* (Hereford, Herefs).

**References:** *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 113–14.

### Worger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Sussex

English: see **Woolgar**.

**Early bearers:** Wyllyam Worgar, 1559 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Thomas Worger, 1564 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Margery Wooger, 1571 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); John Woorgar, 1693 in *IGI* (East Lavington, Sussex).

### Woricker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: see **Warwicker**.

### Work

**Variants:** **Worke, Wark, Warke, Works**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 228, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 356
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

1 Scottish: locative name from Work in Saint Ola (Orkney). Some of the bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** John of Werk, tenant of the land of Carndene, 1424 in *Black*; Alexander Work, 1509 in *Orkney Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Jhone of Wark, 1520 in *Glasgow Rental*; William Wyrk, 1526 in *Orkney-Shetland Records* (Kirkwall, Orkney); Mannus Wark,

1589 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife); Thomas Wark, 1595 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Margaret Wark, 1639, Margaret Work, 1687 in *IGI* (Leith, Midlothian); Marion Wark, 1650 in *IGI* (Kilmarnock, Ayr); Margaret Wark, 1655 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Marion Work, 1659 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney); William Work, 1666, Magnus Worke, 1697 in *IGI* (Shapinshay, Orkney); James Work, 1734 in *IGI* (Rousay and Egilshay, Orkney); Jean Work, 1758 in *IGI* (Dunrossness, Shetland).

**References:** *Black*.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *werk* ‘earthwork, fortification’ (Old English *(ge)weorc*), for a person who lived or worked at a fort, earthwork, or similar construction, or from any place so named, such as Wark (Northumb).

**Early bearers:** Richard del Worke, about 1260 in *Essex Record Office* (Essex); Simon Werk, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); Nicholas del Werk, 1357 in *Whitby Chartulary*; Johanne de Werk, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (York); Johannes de Wark, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sharlston, WR Yorks); Johanne at Werk, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Billesdon, Leics); Thomas Werk, 1430 in *PROB 11* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); George Werke, 1509 in *PROB 11* (Harrow, Middx); John Work, 1590 in *IGI* (Wokingham, Berks); John Work, 1629 in *IGI* (Otham, Kent); Johes. Worke, 1650 in *IGI* (Prestwich, Lancs); Eliza Work, 1713 in *IGI* (Burwash, Sussex).

### Worke

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2
- Scottish, English: see **Work**.

### Worker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 105
- **Main GB location 1881:** Beds; Derbys

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *werkere* ‘worker’, an agent noun derivative of Middle English *werken* ‘to work’ (Old English *wyrcan, weorcan*), perhaps also used ironically as a nickname for an idler.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Wercare, 1332 in *Thureson* (Surrey); Thoms. Worker, 1546 in *IGI* (Hartlebury, Worcs); Emme Worker, 1571 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Worker, 1603 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Catherine Worker, 1608 in *IGI* (Hambleden, Bucks); Robert Worker, 1616 in *IGI* (Easton Grey, Wilts).

### Workman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2427, Ireland 241
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1953
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Derry

English: occupational name from Middle English *werkman* ‘labourer, craftsman’, also ‘customary tenant’ (Old English *weorcman*). A customary tenant was a person allowed to hold land in exchange for carrying out a certain service.

**Early bearers:** Adwordus Wercman, 1214 in *Saint Gregory Cartulary* (Kent); William le Werkman, 1236 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Gilbert le Worcman, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Johannes Werkeman, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Thomas Workman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Charlbury, Oxon); Johannes Werkemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Winchcomb, Gloucs); William Werkman or Warkeman, 1426 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Winchester, Hants); Agnes

Workman, 1543 in *IGI* (Lowther, Westm); Joae Workman, 1577 in *IGI* (Ripple, Worcs); Thomas Workman, 1579 in *IGI* (Hardwicke, Gloucs); John Workman, 1584 in *IGI* (Sedgley, Staffs).

### Works

- **GB frequency 1881:** 12

English: variant of **Work** (2) with post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Richard Workes, 1676 in *IGI* (Warlberton, Sussex); Joan Works, 1694 in *IGI* (Fishbourne, Sussex); Marie Workes, 1699 in *IGI* (Wroughton, Wilts); Mary Works, 1704 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Peter Works, 1775 in *IGI* (Westthoughton, Lancs); Mary Works, 1782 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

### Worland

- **Current frequencies:** GB 172, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 158
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- Norman, English: see **Warland**.

### World

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: unexplained. Perhaps from Middle English *world* ‘world’ (Old English *weorold*), also used in the sense ‘eyes of the world, public opinion’, and so possibly for a person known to judge others. Compare William Werldechame, about 1400, in the *MED* entry for ‘world’.

**Early bearers:** John World, 1591 in *IGI* (Roughton, Lincs); Edmond World, 1640 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John World, 1744 in *IGI* (East Lulworth, Dorset); Robert World, 1744 in *IGI* (Wareham, Dorset).

### Worldedge

**Variants:** **Worledge, Worlidge, Woolwich, Woledge, Wolledge, Woolidge**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 184
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; also London

English: relationship name, nickname probably from a Middle English honorific nickname or personal name *Worlych*, from Middle English *worliche*, also *worthli*, ‘worthy, noble, distinguished’ (Old English *weorþlic*). See also **Woolwich**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Worlich, 1349 in *Patent Rolls* (Hellingly, Sussex); John Woorliche, 1468 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Worlych, John Wurlych, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Richard Worleche, 1536 in *Suffolk Archaeology Proceedings* xii; John Worlich, 1551 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); William Worlege, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Maria Worledge, 1671 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk); Philip Worledge, Robert Wolladge, William Woollage, [...] Woolage, [...] Worlike, 1674 in *Hearth Tax* (Suffolk); William Woledge, 1827 in *Parish Registers* (Suffolk).

### Worley

**Variants:** **Whorley, Vorley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2191, Ireland 23
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1314
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England: esp. London, Bucks, and Northants

1 English: (i) locative name, in the W Midlands most probably from Great or Little Wyrley in Norton Canes (Staffs), though not reliably distinguishable from (ii) or (iii). Compare **Wherley**. (ii) in the E Midlands possibly from Worlick in Ramsey (Hunts). (iii) in N England, possibly from Whirley in Over Alderley (Cheshire).

Further information: The 1881 distribution suggests a further unlocated source in S England.

**Early bearers:** Robert de Worle, 1337 in *Feet of Fines* (Notts); Johanne de Worley, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gopsall, Leics); Willelmus Wyrly, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Redenhall, Norfolk); Rogero Werleys, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Dean, Gloucs); Willelmo de Wyrley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norton Canes and Little Wyrley, Staffs); Thomas de Werley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston, Shrops); Katharine de Worley, 1414 in *Patent Rolls*; Thomas Worley, 1502 in *Feet of Fines* (Higham, Kent); Nicholas Worley, 1508 in *Feet of Fines* (Rutland); Jane Worley, 1541 in *IGI* (Saint Mary le Bow, London); Thomas Worley, 1547 in *IGI* (Worminghall, Bucks); Margaret Worley, 1557 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Francis Wirley or Wirleys, 1592 in *PROB 11* (Dodford, Northants); Edward Whorley, 1603 in *IGI* (Barston, Warwicks); William Worley, 1604 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); John Worley, 1610 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Timothy Worley, 1621 in *IGI* (Durham, Durham); Phoebe Whorley, 1665; Sarah Whirley, 1694 in *IGI* (Bromsgrove, Worcs); George Whorley, 1741 in *IGI* (Brafferton, NR Yorks); Robert Whorley, 1754; Richard Werley, 1759 in *IGI* (Chalfont Saint Giles, Bucks).

2 English: otherwise possibly an irregular variant of **Wortley** or **Warley**.

### Worldige

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 51
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp; Kent; Lancs; also Suffolk
- English: see **Worldedge**.

### Worledge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 54, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 55
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Worldedge**.

### Worlock

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 167
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs
- English: see **Warlock**.

### Worm

Variants: **Worms**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: nickname from Middle English *worm* 'snake, dragon' (Old English *wyrm*), also used as a general term for insects or worm-like creatures.
- Early bearers:** John le Werm, William le Wurm, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Rogerus Worme, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Freiston, Lincs); Robertus Worm, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Swafeld, Norfolk); Margreta Worme, 1544 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Thomas Worme, 1584 in *PROB 11* (Frampton, Lincs); Thomas Worm,

1594 in *IGI* (New Romney, Kent); Elizabeth Worm, 1656 in *IGI* (Lydeard Saint Lawrence, Somerset); Elizabeth Worm, 1725 in *IGI* (Lewes, Sussex).

### Wormal

- **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Wormald

Variants: **Wormold, Wormell, Wormull, Warmoll, Wormal, Wormwell, Wormal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1272, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1340
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: locative name from Wormald (WR Yorks) or Wormhill (Derbys).
- Early bearers:** Elias de Wlfrunwelle, about 1200 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Rishworth, WR Yorks); Nelle de Walronwalle, 1286 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Sowerby, WR Yorks); Alexander' de Wornewall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Midgley, WR Yorks); George Wormell, 1568 in *PROB 11* (Bennington, Lincs); Robert Wormall, Wormell, 1592, 1598 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks); Edward Wormewell, 1616 in *PROB 11* (Melton Mowbray, Leics); Nicolai Wormald, 1616 in *IGI* (Elland, WR Yorks); Samuel Wormald, 1748 in *York Freemen's Register*.

### Wormal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 247, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 183
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Notts, Lincs, WR Yorks, and Lancs
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Worman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 314, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 306
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Norfolk
- English: variant of **Warman**.
- Early bearers:** Elysabeth Worman, 1557 in *IGI* (Exhall near Coventry, Warwicks); Richard Worman, 1594 in *IGI* (Rudgwick, Sussex); Elizabeth Worman, 1617 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Samuel Worman, 1627 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Mary Worman, 1633 in *IGI* (Warningcamp, Sussex); Francisus Warman, 1635; Pph. Worman, 1645 in *IGI* (Omersley, Worcs).

### Wormell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 69
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Wormington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 135
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: locative name from Wormington (Gloucs), or Berry Wormington in Stanton (Gloucs). Perhaps also from Warmington (Northants), recorded as *Worminton* in 1285 (see **Warmington**).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Wrmittune, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Gloucs); William de Wurmynton, 1287–8 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); William de Wormynton, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Ricardus Wormynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Buckland, Gloucs); Willelmus

Wormynton, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Dorsington, Gloucs); Elizabeth Wormington, 1574 in *IGI* (Pershore, Worcs); Jonas Wormington, 1621 in *IGI* (Chipping Campden, Gloucs); Thomas Wormington, 1843 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

References: *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 215.

### Wormleighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 251, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 176
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: locative from Wormleighton (Warwicks).
- Early bearers:** Ralph de Wilmeleghton, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Wormleighton, Warwicks); John Wormylaughton', 1471 in *Feet of Fines* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); Hufreye. Wormlaiton, 1627 in *IGI* (Kimcote and Walton, Leics); Joseph Wormleaton, 1671 in *IGI* (Lutterworth, Leics); John Wormlayton, 1676 in *IGI* (Waltham Abbey, Essex); Thomas Wormleighton, 1716 in *IGI* (Leicester, Leics).

### Wormley

- Variants: **Wormsley**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 132, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** York; London

1 English: locative name from Wormley Hill in Sykehouse (WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Ricardus de Wormelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); John Wormelie or Wormeley, 1599 in *PROB 11* (Mundford, Norfolk); Wylliam Wormley, 1600 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Christofer Wormeley, 1643 in *IGI* (Fishlake, WR Yorks); John Wormleye, 1651 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Wormley (Herts) or Wormley Hill in Witley (Surrey).

**Early bearers:** Rybon' Wormele, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Charney Bassett, Berks); Willelmus Wormelee, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stanford Rivers, Essex); Arnulf Wormeley, 1433 in *Patent Rolls* (Ilchester, Somerset); John Wormley, 1693 in *IGI* (Wormley, Herts); William Wormly, 1691 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); John Wormley, 1694 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex).

### Wormold

- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Worms

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Worm** with plural or post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Water Wormes, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Nicholas Wormes, 1620 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Edwd. Wormes, 1720 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); James Worms, 1732 in *IGI* (Thornage, Norfolk).

### Wormsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 61, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 112
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lincs
- English: locative name, possibly a form of **Wormley** with intrusive *-s*. There is a place called Wormsley

## Wormull

in Herefs, which is a linguistically plausible origin of the surname, but no early bearers from the West Midlands have been found.

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Wormeslay, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Lane, ER Yorks); John de Wormeslay, 1378 in *Patent Rolls* (Treswell, Notts); Robertus Wormeslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Acaster Selby, WR Yorks); Thomas Wormsley, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Frampton, Lincs); Henry Wormsley, 1610 in *IGI* (Gosberton, Lincs); Edward Warmesley, 1673 in *IGI* (Irby upon Humber, Lincs).

### Wormull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Wormwell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 178
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs
- English: see **Wormald**.

### Worn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 107
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Lancs; Devon
- English: see **Warne**.

### Worne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: see **Warne**.

### Worner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 163
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- Norman, English: see **Warner**.

### Wornham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Berks, Surrey, and Sussex
- English: see **Wernham**.

### Worral

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 254
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Lancs, and Shrops
- English: see **Worrall**.

### Worrall

Variants: **Worral**, **Worrell**, **Worrel**, **Worrill**, **Wyrill**, **Warrell**, **Warrall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6826, Ireland 57
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3754
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Warwicks, and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick
- English: locative name from Wirral (Cheshire) or Worrall in Bradfield (WR Yorks).
- Early bearers:** Roger de Wyrhal', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks); Richard de Wyrall, 1351 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Thomas Wyrhell', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bulcote, Notts); Alan de Worrell, 1388 in *Inquisitiones post*

*Mortem* (Notts); William Worrall, 1517 in *Sheffield Manorial Records* (WR Yorks); Henrie Worrall, 1546 in *IGI* (Southam, Warwicks); Margerie Warrell, 1547 in *IGI* (Warmingham, Cheshire); Richard Worrall, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); Roger Warrall, 1567 in *IGI* (Abberley, Worcs); Robert Worrell, 1569 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); William Warrall or Worrall, 1596 in *PROB 11* (Bilbrooke, Staffs); Johannes Wyrell, 1675–6, John Wyrill, 1688, Joseph Worrell, 1705 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Ezekiel Urell, 1776, William Worrall, 1791 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Samuel Worrall, 1727, Edward King Urell, 1811 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Charles Urell in *Census 1841* (Oaksey, Wilts).

### Worrallo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 143, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 4
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: see **Warrilow**.

### Worrel

- **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: see **Worrall**.

### Worrell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1189, Ireland 91
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 637
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Laois; also Limerick
- English: see **Worrall**.
- Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados.

### Worrick

- **GB frequency 1881:** 7
- English: see **Warrick**.
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Worrill

- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Worrall**.

### Worrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: unexplained.
- Early bearers:** Richard Warrow, 1626 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Worrow, 1755 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants); Hugh Worrow, 1760 in *IGI* (Eastham, Cheshire); John Worrow, 1762 in *IGI* (Kings Cliffe, Northants).

### Worsdale

Variants: **Worsdell**, **Worsdall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 200
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs; Lincs
- English: locative from Wyresdale (Lancs).
- Early bearers:** John de Wiresdale, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Henrico de Wiresdale, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Scarisbrick with Hurlston, Lancs); Willelmus de Wyresdall', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Headingley, WR Yorks); Jone Worsdale, 1587 in *IGI* (Londonthorpe, Lincs); Franciscus Worsedale, 1624 in *IGI* (Croxton Kerrial,

Leics); Edward Worsdell, 1657 in *IGI* (Croxton Kerrial, Leics); Richard Worsdale, 1680 in *IGI* (Woolthorpe by Belvoir, Lincs); Susanna Worsdell, 1768 in *IGI* (Rushall, Wilts).

### Worsdall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 98, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 64
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Leics
- English: see **Worsdale**.

### Worsdell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 170, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts; Leics
- English: see **Worsdale**.

### Worsell

Variants: **Worsell**, **Wurzal**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 242, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 161
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent and Surrey
- English: unexplained, but perhaps a form of **Worsfold**. See Charles Worsell al. Worsfield, 1824 in *Access to Archives* (Hamsey, Sussex). The surname is unlikely to be from Worsall (NR Yorks), as suggested by *Reaney, Dictionary*, given the concentration of bearers in SE England and absence of bearers from N England.
- Early bearers:** John Worsall, 1562 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Thomas Worsall, 1605 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); John Worsell, 1614 in *IGI* (Saint Katherine by the Tower, Middx); Ann Worsell, 1653 in *IGI* (Dorking, Surrey); John Worsell, 1690 in *IGI* (Faversham, Kent); Thomas Worsell, 1764 in *IGI* (Iden, Sussex).

### Worsencroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 83
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire
- English: see **Wolstencroft**.

### Worsey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 239, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 186
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs
- English: perhaps a variant of **Worsley** with loss of *-l-*.
- Early bearers:** Nycolas Worsey, 1617 in *IGI* (Penkridge, Staffs); Richard Worsey, 1626 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); James Worsey, 1638 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); Thomas Worsey, 1660 in *IGI* (Rushall, Staffs).

### Worsfold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1351, Ireland 14
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 959
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: locative name probably from a lost place in the west of Sussex or southern Surrey. Place-names with Old English *fald*, *falod* 'fold, small enclosure for animals', such as Ifold (Surrey), Winterfold (Surrey), and Cowfold (Sussex), are common here, but rare in the rest of England.
- Early bearers:** Willelmus Worsfold, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Gomshall, Surrey); Alice Worsfold, 1549 in *IGI* (Ockley, Surrey); Stephen Worsfolde, 1561 in *Assize Rolls* (Cobham, Surrey); Blanche Worsfold, 1571 in *IGI* (Rusper, Sussex); John Worsfolde or Worsfoulde,

1572 in *PROB 11* (Warnham, Sussex); William Worsfold, 1590 in *Access to Archives* (Wootton, Surrey); Henry Worsfolde, 1598 in *PROB 11* (Capel, Surrey); Edward Worsford or Worsfold, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Ockley, Surrey).

### Worship

- **Current frequencies:** GB 99, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 67
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: nickname from Middle English *worship* 'honour, renown', also 'religious faith' (Old English *weorþscipe*), perhaps for someone of high social standing or importance, or a particularly religious person.

**Early bearers:** John Worchipe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robert Worshipe, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); John Worschep, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); Robertus Worschepe, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Willelmus Worshyp, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Little Walton, Warwicks); Robert Worshipp, 1552 in *PROB 11* (Bruntingthorpe, Leics); Robti. Worship, 1587 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Worship, 1588 in *IGI* (Epworth, Lincs); John L. Worship, 1823 in *IGI* (Mendlesham, Suffolk).

### Worsick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 127
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Worswick**.

### Worsley

**Variants:** **Worsey**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2980, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2526
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Worsley (Lancs) or Worsley Farm in Rock (Worcs).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de Wyrkesle, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Robert de Worvesle, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Marg' de Worslay, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Richard Worsley, 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Rychard Worsley, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrewsbury, Shrops); Dorethie Worsley, 1539 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescott, Lancs); James Wursley, 1548 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts); Edwarde Worsley, 1580 in *IGI* (Brewood, Staffs); George Worsley, 1605 in *IGI* (Alveley, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Worcs*, pp. 74–5.

### Worsman

**Variants:** **Woosnam**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 106
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wolstenholme**.

**Early bearers:** Rodger Worsnam, 1673 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); John Worsnam, 1692 in *IGI* (Nottingham, Notts); Richard Worsman, 1724 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Eliz. Worsman, 1726 in *IGI* (Barwick in Elmet, WR Yorks).

### Worsnip

- **Current frequencies:** GB 69, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 143
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Worsnop**.

### Worsnop

**Variants:** **Worsnip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 495, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 629
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained. Possibly from a lost place with Old English \**snæp* 'boggy piece of land' as the final element, perhaps in WR Yorks.

**Further information:** The name Jane Worsnop alias Worsman, 1750 in *Parish Registers* (Tong, WR Yorks), identified by *Redmonds, King, and Hey* (p. 115), might suggest that *Worsnop* is a form of *Worsman*, itself a variant of *Wolstenholme*, but this does not seem phonologically plausible. It is more likely that the two names have distinct origins, and were perhaps confused by a scribe.

**Early bearers:** James Worsnip, 1677 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); Thoms. Worsnop, 1706 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); Abraham Worsnop, 1719 in *IGI* (Wibsey, WR Yorks); Betty Worsnap, 1733 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Willm. Worsnop, 1739 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Worsop

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
- English: see **Warsop**.

### Worssell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

English: see **Worsell**.

### Worstead

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from Worstead (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Johannes de Wurthested, 1225 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Andrew de Worsted, 1334 in *Patent Rolls* (Beccles, Suffolk); John Worstede, 1367 in *Assize Rolls* (London); Simon Wurstede, 1392 in *The Church in London*; William Worstede, 1426 in *Paston Letters*; Ellis Worsted, 1601 in *IGI* (Sidestrand, Norfolk); George Worstead, 1695 in *IGI* (Stody, Norfolk).

### Worstencroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Wolstencroft**.

### Worstenholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 27
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Worster

- **Current frequencies:** GB 219, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 219
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Worcester**.

### Worswick

**Variants:** **Worsick**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 630, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 393

- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: locative name from Urswick (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Ursewyk, 1387 in *Feet of Fines* (Saxton, WR Yorks); Robert de Urswyk, 1402 in *Patent Rolls* (Lancs); John Ursewyk, 1419 in *Feet of Fines* (Casterton, Westm); Abraham Worswick, 1590 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); William Worswick, 1595 in *IGI* (Kirkham, Lancs); Alexander Worsick, 1655 in *IGI* (Woodplumpton, Lancs); Anne Worswick, 1670 in *Lancs Wills*; Alexander Worsick, 1731 in *Lancs Wills*.

### Wort

**Variants:** **Wortt**, **Worts**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 680, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 513
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants and Wilts

English: nickname, occupational name from Middle English *wort* 'plant, herb, vegetable' (Old English *wyrt*), probably for a grower or seller of vegetables or medicinal plants. See also **Wortman**.

**Early bearers:** Æluuric Uuort, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Robertus Wyrte, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Fouldon, Norfolk); John Worte, 1589 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); John Wort, 1607 in *IGI* (Lockerley, Hants); Robert Wort or Worte, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Magdalen in Bermondsey, Surrey); John Wort, 1694 in *IGI* (Tilshead, Wilts); Richard Wort, 1732 in *IGI* (Wonston, Hants).

### Worters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; London

English: variant of *Warters*. Compare James Warters, 1794, Joseph Worters, 1814 in *IGI* (Bexley, Kent); Charles Warters, 1807, Patrick Worters, 1809, in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Worth

**Variants:** **Wirth**, **Word**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3748, Ireland 78
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2675
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall; WR Yorks, Lancs, and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin

English: locative name from Middle English *worth* 'enclosure, homestead' (Old English *worþ*). The surname could be topographic, for someone who lived at or near an enclosure, or could be toponymic, from any place so named, such as Worth (Cheshire, Devon, Kent, Sussex), Worth Matravers (Dorset), and Highworth (Wilts), which had the forms *Worth(e)* and *Wurth(e)* up to the 13th century.

**Early bearers:** John de Wurde, 1195 in *Pipe Rolls* (Kent); Hawisia de la Wurth, 1204 in *Feet of Fines* (Somerset); Elyas de la Worth, 1243 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); William de Werthe, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Sussex); Richard atte Werthe, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); William atte Worth, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Robertus of Worth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hindley, Northumb); Edmundus atte Worth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamsey, Sussex); Robert Worth, 1526 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Roger Worth, 1547 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Robertus Worth, 1560 in *IGI* (Chesterfield, Derbys); Rich. Worth, 1561 in *IGI* (Coleshill, Warwicks); Agnes Worth, 1577 in *IGI* (Humberstone, Leics).

**References:** *Place-Names of Wilts*, pp. 25–6.

## Wortham

### Wortham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 78
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: locative name from Wortham (Suffolk).  
**Early bearers:** Adam de Wrtham, 1188 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar* (Suffolk); Thomas de Wortham, 1387 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); John Wortham, 1551 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Frances Wortham, 1577 in *IGI* (Barkway, Herts); Suzan Wortham, 1584 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk).

### Worthen

#### Variants: Worthing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops

English: locative name from Old English *worþign* 'enclosure, homestead', apparently a variant form of *worþig* common to the West Midlands, or from any place so named, such as Worthen (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Worthin, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Richard atte Worthyne, 1316 in *Löfvenberg* (Worcs); Willelmus de Worthyn, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Ford manor, Shrops); John Worthen, 1561 in *IGI* (North Tamerton, Cornwall); Roger Worthen, 1561 in *IGI* (Marks Tey, Essex); Johann. Worthen, 1626 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

### Worthey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 119
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: see **Worthy**.

### Worthing

- **Current frequencies:** GB 255, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 224
- **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors and Herefs

1 English: (i) locative name from Worthing (Sussex). (ii) It may also be a variant of **Worthen**.  
**Early bearers:** Robert de Worthinge, 1276 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds).

2 English: relationship name from a rare Middle English personal name, Old English \**Weorðing*, a derivative of Old English *weorð*, late Old English *wurð* 'worthy'. An Old English personal-name \**Wurð* has been postulated to explain the place-names Worsthorne (Lancs), Worston (Lancs), Worthing (Sussex), and Worthington (Lancs, Leics), and *Ekwall, ELPN* notes two surviving examples in 12th-century London: *Werth*, 1100–35, and *Werd*, 1111–38. In addition, three examples of an unrecorded compound \**Weorðgifu* (f.) are now known: Æilric Uuordgiue filius, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Ricardus filius Wrthiue, 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Ricardus nepos Wrtheve, 1222 in *Saint Paul's Domesday* (Essex). Some of the surname early bearers below may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** given names: Worthing' Medicus, Honorius Medicus, 1203 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Worthingus, 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Beds); Urthing, Wrthing de Marisco, 1240 in *The Essex Review* 61.  
surnames: John Worthing', 1219 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Richard Worthing, 1649 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx); John Worthing, 1653 in *IGI* (Uffington, Shrops); William Worthing, 1682 in *IGI* (Milton by

Gravesend, Kent); William Worthing, 1705 in *IGI* (Deane by Bolton, Lancs); Richard Worthing, 1715 in *IGI* (Long Bennington, Lincs).

### Worthington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 7360, Ireland 164
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5981
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; also Carlow

English: locative from Worthington in Standish (Lancs) or Worthington (Leics).

**Early bearers:** Snarri de Würðintona, 1169 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Würthington, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs); Henricus de Worthynhton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Keyworth, Notts); Johannes de Worthuyngton', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wakefield, WR Yorks); Willelmus de Worthynhton', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Blackrod, Lancs); John Worthington, 1439 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Tho. Worthington, 1550 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Chrystofer Worthington, 1551 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Edw. Worthington, 1592 in *IGI* (Lockington, Leics); Thomas Worthington, 1601 in *IGI* (Standish, Lancs).

### Wortheyly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

English: nickname perhaps from Middle English *worþli* 'worthy, noble, honourable' (Old English *weorþlig*). Compare **Worledge**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Worthlie, 1599 in *IGI* (Selling, Kent); Isaac Worthley, 1639 in *IGI* (Snargate, Kent); Jane Worthley, 1661 in *IGI* (Saint Ann Blackfriars, London); Rlph Worthley, 1704 in *IGI* (Leek, Staffs); Thoms Worthley, 1738 in *IGI* (Donington in Holland, Lincs).

### Worthman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17

English: locative name, perhaps a topographic name from Middle English *worth* 'enclosure' + *man*, for a person who lived at or near an enclosure. However, the name is rare and no medieval bearers can be found. It is also possible that the name could be an altered form of **Wortman**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** Mary Worthman, 1817 in *Access to Archives* (Dean Prior, Devon).

### Worthy

#### Variants: Worthey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 874, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 729
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and ER Yorks; Lancs; Middx

English: locative name from Middle English *worþi* 'enclosure' (Old English *worþig*, *weorþig*, *wurðig*).

The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or by an enclosure, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Worthy (Hants, Devon) and Worthy Hill Farm (Wilts).

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de la Worthy, 1293 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Roger atte Worthy, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Exeter, Devon); Willelmo Worthy, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Alderbury, Wilts); Jane Worthy, 1544 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Edmond Worthy, 1545 in *IGI*

(Norwich, Norfolk); George Worthy, 1628 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Abraham Worthy, 1769 in *IGI* (Basingstoke, Hants).

### Wortley

#### Variants: Worley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 932, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 901
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Leics; also Norfolk
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim and Armagh

English: locative name from Wortley, or Lower, Upper, or New Wortley (WR Yorks), or (least likely) Wortley (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wortelay, 1204 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Yorks); Thomas de Wortley, 1299 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Notts); Nicholas de Wortelay, 1365 in *Patent Rolls* (Wortley, WR Yorks); Johannes de Wortelay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Richard Wortlay, 1428 in *Sheffield Jackson Catalogue*; Robart Wortley or Wortley, 1506 in *PROB 11* (Saint Mary Sandwich, Kent); Robtus Wortley, 1543 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); John Wortelie, 1602 in *IGI* (Elsing, Norfolk); John Wortlay, 1632 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

### Wortman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name, nickname from Middle English *wort* 'plant, herb, vegetable' (Old English *wyrt*) + *man* 'man', for a person who grew or sold vegetables or medicinal plants.

**Early bearers:** Simon Wurtman, 1297 in *Earldom of Cornwall Accounts*; Isabella Wortman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hathern, Leics); Timothy Wortman, 1691 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

### Worton

#### Variants: Whorton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1188, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 630
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs and Worcs

English: locative name from Worton (Oxon, Wilts, NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Worton, 1202–12 in *Saint Paul's Cathedral Charters*; Gilbert de Worton, 1256 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Adam de Worton, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Adam Worton', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Sherston, Wilts); John Worton, 1388 in *Patent Rolls* (Stone, Bucks); John Worton, 1563, Worton, 1569 in *IGI* (Downham, Cambs); Robt Worton, 1593 in *IGI* (Thornton le Moors, Cheshire); Thoms Worton, 1603 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); Brigetta Worton, 1607 in *IGI* (Buckfastleigh, Devon).

### Worts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 155, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 205
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Middx

English: variant of **Wort** with plural or post-medieval excrescent -s.

**Early bearers:** Stephen Wortes, 1268 in *Patent Rolls* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Wortes, 1318 in *Patent Rolls* (Risegate, Lincs); Henry Wortes, 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Robt. Worts, 1588 in *IGI* (Dilham,

Norfolk); George Worts, 1717 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx).

### Wortt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

English: see **Wort**.

### Worwood

Variants: **Warwood**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 325, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 133
- **Main GB location 1881:** Warwicks and Worcs; London

English: locative name apparently from Compton Whorwood (Staffs). Early forms of the place-name are *Horewode* and *Horewood*, and so this place may also be one possible origin of the surname **Horwood**. **Further information:** According to *VCH* (Staffs, volume 17), the Whorwood family held the manor of Sandwell (Staffs) from 1569 to 1701.

**Early bearers:** Edward Warwood, 1559 in *IGI* (West Hanningfield, Essex); Anne Whorwood, 1577 in *IGI* (Tipton, Staffs); John Worwood, 1594 in *IGI* (Dover, Kent); William Worwood, 1611 in *Access to Archives* (Sandwell, Staffs); George Worwood, 1698 in *IGI* (Whittington near Lichfield, Staffs); Elizabetha Worwood, 1703 in *IGI* (Arley, Warwicks); John Worwood, 1721 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

**References:** *Staffs Place-Names*, pp. 205–6.

### Wostear

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Worcester**.

### Wostenholm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Wostenholme

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Wolstenholme**.

### Woston

- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys

English: probably a variant of **Woolston** with loss of *-l-*. For the short vowel compare **Wolston**.

**Early bearers:** Antonij Woston, 1563 in *IGI* (Stratford upon Avon, Warwicks); William Woston, 1582 in *IGI* (Woburn, Beds); William Woston, 1585 in *IGI* (Kidderminster, Worcs); Mary Wosten, 1694 in *IGI* (Barham, Kent); Wm. Woston, 1749 in *IGI* (Kineton, Warwicks); John Wosten, 1789 in *IGI* (Milnrow, Lancs); Walter Woston, 1878 in *IGI* (Derby, Derbys).

### Wotherspoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1347, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 947
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarcs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim

Scottish: see **Witherspoon**.

### Wotton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1003, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 838
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Wootton**.

### Would

Variants: **Wolde, Wold, Waud, Wald, Walde, Weald, Weild, Weld, Woulds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Middle English *wo(u)ld(e)*, *wald(e)*, *weld(e)* 'wooded region, forested land, upland'. Compare **Walder** (1) and **Waldman** (2).

**Further information:** West Saxon *weald* survives as *Weald* (Essex, Kent, Hants, Oxon, Sussex), *Wield* (Hants), and in surnames also as *Weld* and *Weild*. Anglian *wald*, later *wold*, survives in Old (Northants) and The Wolds, and in surnames also as *Wald(e)*, *Waud*, *Wold(e)* and *Would(s)*. A family with the name *Weld* trace their descent from William de Welde, who was sheriff of London in 1352.

**Early bearers:** William de Welde, 1121–48 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Gilbert del Wald', 1206 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Bucks); Hugh in þe Wold, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); John Weld, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); Thomas de la Waude, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Bucks); John at þe Welde, 1316 in *Löfvenberg* (Sussex); Richard of ye Wolde, 1327 in *Pinchbeck Register* (Suffolk); John atte Wolde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Willelmo del Wald, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Yorks); Ricardus del Welde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Harthill, WR Yorks); Walterus ate Welde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Thaxted, Essex); Galfridus de Wolde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Sheriff Hales, Staffs); John Wolde, 1412 in *PROB 11* (Saint Botolph Billingsgate, City of London); John Welde, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Writtle, Essex); Elizabeth Weld, 1567 in *IGI* (Tarporley, Cheshire); John Woulde, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wald, 1616 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Gilbert Wald, 1673 in *IGI* (Kirkwall and Saint Ola, Orkney).

### Wouldhave

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb

English: possibly a variant **Wathew**.

**Early bearers:** John Waldhaue, 1396 in *York Freeman's Register*; Thomas Wouldhave, 1610 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Margrie Wouldhaue, 1660 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Samuel Wouldhave, 1688 in *IGI* (Bishopwearmouth, Durham).

### Woulds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 73, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 109
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and WR Yorks

English: variant of **Would** with post-medieval exrescent *-s*.

### Woulfe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 184, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** London
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Limerick

1 English: see **Wolfe**.

**Further information:** This is the usual spelling of the name in Ireland. An Anglo-Norman family called *le Wulf* settled in Limerick in the 14th century, their name being gaelicized as **de Bhulbh**.

2 Irish: in Ireland, this name has been adopted by translation for Ó Faoláin, see **Whelan**.

### Wozencroft

- **Current frequencies:** GB 330, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 53
- **Main GB location 1881:** Radnors

English, Welsh: see **Wolstencroft**.

### Wozniak

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1184, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Ukrainian: (i) status name from a derivative or patronymic form of Polish *woźny* 'beadle, city official'. (ii) occupational name denoting a carter, driver, or coachman, a derivative of *woźny* in its original sense 'carrier', from *wozić* 'to carry'.

**Early bearers:** Francis Wozniak, in *Census 1841* (London).

### Wrack

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 101
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Rack**.

**Early bearers:** John Wracke, 1339 in *Patent Rolls* (Bittering, Norfolk); Johannes Wrack, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Norfolk); Henery Wrack, 1614 in *IGI* (Burbwash, Sussex); Margaret Wracke, 1635 in *IGI* (Wood Ditton, Cambs); John Wrack, 1762 in *IGI* (North Thoresby, Lincs).

### Wrafter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Irish: from Ó Reachtabhair, see **Rafter**.

### Wragby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Notts, Derbys, Lincs, Northants

English: locative name from any of three places called Wragby (Lincs, WR Yorks, NR Yorks), or Wrawby (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Henry de Wraggebi, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas de Wraggeby, 1263 in *Feet of Fines* (Lincs); Johanna de Wraweby, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adlingfleet, WR Yorks); Ricardus Wragby, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks); Robert de Wragby, 1396 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Mary Wragby, 1636 in *IGI* (Newark on Trent, Notts); Stephen Wragby, 1716 in *IGI* (Tythby, Notts).

### Wragg

Variants: **Wragge, Ragg**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3896, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2755
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Derbys

1 English: relationship name from the Old Danish personal name *Wraghi*. Some of the post-medieval bearers may alternatively belong with (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wrag, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Northants).

## Wragge

surnames: William Wraggi, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Worcs); William, John Wrag, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Warwicks), 1323 in *Ancient Deeds i* (Lincs); John Wrag', 1344 in *Feet of Fines* (Dowsby, Lincs); Isabella Wrag', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ringstead, Northants); Isaacki Wragg, 1607 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Anna Wragg, 1608 in *IGI* (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Georgij Wragg, 1628 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); George Wragg, 1749 in *IGI* (Wolvey, Warwicks); John Wragg, 1792 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs).

2 English: see **Ragg**.

## Wragge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 86, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 88
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Worcs
- English: see **Wragg**.

## Wraight

Variants: **Wraighte**, **Wrate**, **Wraith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 896, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 772
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: variant of **Wright**, usually from Kentish Old English *werhta*, Kentish Middle English *wreht* and *wrete*, but the vowel of Middle English *wright* was sometimes lowered in other dialects to give *wreht*, early Modern English *wraight*, *wraith*.

**Early bearers:** Richard le Wrete, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Hugh le Wreghte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Adam Wreght', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Eshton, WR Yorks); Matkyn le Wreht, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); Ricardus Wreghte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stondon Massey, Essex); Willelmus Wreyte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanningfield, Essex); Willelmus Wreyghte, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (South Hanningfield, Essex); Thomas Wrayte, 1547 in *Rochester Wills* (Kent); Richarde Wraighte, 1581 in *IGI* (Folkestone, Kent); John Wraight, 1582 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); John Wraight, 1583 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); John Wrayte, 1594 in *IGI* (Hornchurch, Essex); Daniel Wrate, 1681 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent).

## Wraighte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Wraight**.

## Wraith

Variants: **Wreath**, **Wrath**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 938, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 434
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; Durham

1 English: variant of **Wroth**, from northern Middle English *wra(i)th* 'angry'.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wrath, 1312 in *Patent Rolls* (York); Johannes Wrayth, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ryhill, WR Yorks); Robert Wrath, 1490 in *York Registry Wills* (Wragby, WR Yorks); Johannes Wrayth, paynter, fil. Thomaie Wrath, 1587 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Wraith, 1626 in *IGI* (Snaith, WR Yorks); Robert Wreath, 1667 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Leonard Wraith, 1668 in *IGI* (Barnby Dun, WR Yorks); Robt. Wrath, 1706 in *IGI* (East Retford, Notts).

2 English: variant of **Wraight**, Middle English *wregh(t)*, *wrethe* 'carpenter' in which *th* represents

one of several Middle English and early Modern English pronunciations of Middle English *gh* and *ght*. Compare Nicholas Wrayte, 1575, John Wraight, 1583, Alice Wraite, 1585, Anthonye Wraith, 1591 in *IGI* (Elham, Kent); John Wryght, 1613, Ann Wreth, 1751 in *IGI* (Uffculme, Devon).

**Early bearers:** Rogerus le Wreth', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Prees, Shrops); Roberd Wrethe, 1522 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Wills* (Suffolk); Jane Wrath, 1559 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); Margerie Wrath, 1583, Steven Wraith, 1599 in *IGI* (Lympne, Kent); Robti. Wraith, 1584 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Katheryn Wrayth, 1586 in *IGI* (Mersham, Kent); Edrus Wrethe, 1606 in *IGI* (Ugborough, Devon); Sara Wreth, 1612 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Blanch Wreath, 1624 in *IGI* (Ermington, Devon); Rich. Wreath, 1632 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Richard Reath, 1666 in *IGI* (Holbeton, Devon).

## Wrangham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 144
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham; ER Yorks
- Scottish, English: locative name from a lost place near Smailholm (Roxburghs), recorded in the 16th century as *Wranghame*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de Wrangham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cumb); James Wrangham, 1479 in *Black*; Jane Wrangham, 1563 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Rob.

Wrangham, 1592 in *IGI* (Kirby Hill by Boroughbridge, NR Yorks); Edward Wrangham, 1607 in *IGI* (Gainford, Durham); Richard Wrangham, 1638 in *PROB 11* (North Shields, Northumb); Henry Wrangham, 1681 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

**References:** *Dryburgh Register*.

## Wrangle

Variants: **Wrangles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: locative name from Wrangle (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Alice de Wrangel, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); William Wrangel, 1312–13 in *Norwich Leet Jurisdiction*; Richard de Wrangle, 1338 in *Feet of Fines* (Benington, Lincs); Thomas de Wrangle, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hemingby, Lincs); Robert Wrangle, 1392 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Paul Wrangle, 1566 in *IGI* (Grantchester, Cambs); Richus. Wrangle, 1579 in *IGI* (Alford, Lincs); Elizabeth Stell Wrangle, 1786 in *IGI* (Lenham, Kent).

## Wrangles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herts

English: variant of **Wrangle**, with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Wrapson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 104, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 96
- **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Sussex, Surrey

English: see **Rapson**.

**Early bearers:** John Wrapson, 1793 in *IGI* (Westbourne, Sussex); Sarah Wrapson, 1797 in *IGI* (Warblington, Hants); James Wrapson, 1802 in *IGI* (Chichester, Sussex); Jane Wrapson, 1823 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent).

## Wrate

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 39
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs
- English: see **Wraight**.

## Wrath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Notts
- English: see **Wraith**.

## Wrathall

Variants: **Wrather**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 343, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 249
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Ricardus Wratholff, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Long Preston, WR Yorks); Robert Wratheall, 1522 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Grassington, WR Yorks); Jenet Wrathall, 1563 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Richard Wrathall, 1628 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Antho. Wraythall, 1650 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); Lupton Wrathell, 1747 in *IGI* (Linton, WR Yorks); James Wrathall, 1752 in *IGI* (Christchurch, London).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Wrather

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 70
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Wrathall**.

**Early bearers:** Prsulay Wrather, 1572 in *IGI* (Yarburgh, Lincs); Thomas Wrather, 1641 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (York); Jeane Wrather, 1659 in *IGI* (Hadlow, Kent); Richard Wrather, 1716 in *IGI* (Wath by Ripon, NR Yorks); Simon Wrather, 1742 in *IGI* (Well, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Wratten

- **Current frequencies:** GB 689, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 406
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: see **Ratten**.

2 English: locative name, possibly from West Wrattling (Cambs), recorded as *West Wratten* in 1493.

**Early bearers:** Marie Wratten, 1609 in *IGI* (Hertford, Herts); John Wratten, 1631 in *IGI* (Luton, Beds); Steven Wratten, 1683 in *IGI* (Burmarsch, Kent); Nicholas Wratten, 1707 in *IGI* (Herstmonceux, Sussex); Edward Wratten, 1748 in *IGI* (Duxford, Cambs); Stephen Wratten, 1753 in *IGI* (Benenden, Kent).

## Wray

Variants: **Wrey**, **Ray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 6025, Ireland 613
- **GB frequency 1881:** 4007
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal

English: a northern form of **Wroe**, sometimes confused with **Ray** and **Rea**. There may also have been some confusion with the Devon surname **Wrey**. **Further information:** The name was taken to Ulster by a Yorks family in the reign of Elizabeth I, and was used



interchangeably in the counties of Derry and Donegal with *Raw*, *Ray*, *Rea*, and occasionally **McRae**.

**Early bearers:** England: Willelmus del Wra, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Ricardus del Wra, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (East Rigton, WR Yorks); Willelmus in the Wraa, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Flaxby, WR Yorks); Roberto in the Wraa, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Christoferus Wrey, 1549 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Alexander Wro alias Wray, 1558 in *York Registry Wills* (Bramham, WR Yorks); Francis Wray, 1560, Alexander Wraie, 1611 in *IGI* (Dacre, Cumb); Robertus Wray, 1561, Nicholas Wrey, 1653 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Janet Wray, 1561, Raphe Wraie, 1574 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); John Wray, 1563 in *IGI* (North Kelsey, Lincs); Thomas Wray, 1564 in *IGI* (Kensington, Middx); Elizabeth Wrey, 1573 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham); Johis. Wray, 1566, Xpoferus. Wraie, 1590 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Elisabeth Wreay, 1598 in *IGI* (Monk Hesledon, Durham); Robert Rae, 1673, Alice Wray, 1732 Bridget Ray, 1773 in *IGI* (Saint Michael on Wyre, Lancs).

Ireland: Henry Wray, 1642 in *IGI* (Templemore, Derry); William Wray, 1767, Moses Ray, 1834 in *IGI* (Letterkenny, Donegal); Matilda Wray, 1849, George Ray, 1861 in *IGI* (Tamlaght by Moneymore, Derry).

**References:** *MacLysaght; Ulster Surnames*.

### Wrayford

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Wreford**.

### Wreath

- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; also ER Yorks
- English: alternative spelling of **Wraith**.  
**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Reaney's suggestion that it is a variant of **Wride**.

### Wrede

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London
- English: see **Wride**.

### Wreford

**Variants:** **Wrayford**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 467, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 428
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name apparently from a lost place in Devon, recorded as *Wreyford*, 1344 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon).

**Early bearers:** William Wreyford, 1340–1 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); Ric Wrayford, 1543 in *IGI* (Bovey Tracey, Devon); William Wreford, 1614 in *IGI* (Moretonhampstead, Devon); Margaret Wreyford, 1615 in *IGI* (Sandford, Devon); Thomas Wrayford, Sibbanes Wraysford, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Mathew Wreford, 1714 in *IGI* (Morchard Bishop, Devon).

### Wreghitt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks

English: unexplained. It seems to be related, with hypercorrect initial *w-* perhaps suggested by local place-names like *Wressell*, via intermediaries such as Katherine Regate, 1656 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs), to a name found earlier in Sussex, for example Agnes Reggat, 1565 in *IGI* (Brighton, Sussex).

**Further information:** *Reaney, Dictionary* explains the name as from Wreggetts in Wheldrake (ER Yorks), but *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* suggests that the place-name is more likely to be named after the family.

**Early bearers:** Richard Wreggett, 1653 in *York Freeman's Register*; John Wreggit, 1663 in *IGI* (New Malton, NR Yorks); John Wreget, 1735 in *IGI* (Londesborough, ER Yorks); James Reggit, 1772 in *IGI* (Market Weighton, ER Yorks); John Wreghit, 1779 in *IGI* (Patriington, ER Yorks); James Wreghitt, 1842 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

### Wren

**Variants:** **Wrenn, Wrinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4386, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3117
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Herts; Surrey, Sussex, and Kent
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Kerry and Limerick; also Leitrim

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wrenne* 'wren' (Old English *wrenna*, *wraenna*), perhaps for a person of small stature.

**Early bearers:** Wlsey Wrenne, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); William Wrenne, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Ralph Wranne, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johanne Wrenne, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Alicia Wren, 1546 in *IGI* (Therfield, Herts); Maryan Wren, 1547 in *IGI* (Rye, Sussex); Luke Wren, 1551 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Margeria Wren, 1554 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Agnes Wren, 1558 in *IGI* (Witton le Wear, Durham).

2 Irish: from **Ó Rinn**, see **Rynne**.

3 Welsh: from an anglicized form of the personal name **Uren**.

### Wrench

**Variants:** **Wrinch, Rench**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1187, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 965
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire, Staffs, Lancs, and Warwicks; Middx and Surrey

English: nickname from Middle English *wrench* 'trick, wile, deceit' (Old English *wrenc*), perhaps used for a deceitful person.

**Early bearers:** Alnodus Wrench, 1176 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Edwin Wrench, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); John Wrench, 1254 in *Patent Rolls* (Herefs); Johannes Wrench', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Higham Ferrers, Northants); Robertus Wrenche, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bakewell, Derbys); William Wrynche, parson, 1427 in *Feet of Fines* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Johannes Wrench, 1560 in *IGI* (Runcorn, Cheshire); John Wrinch, 1584 in *IGI* (Groton, Suffolk); Thomas Rench, 1620 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); George Rench or Rensh, 1781 in *IGI* (Milton Ernest, Beds).

### Wrenn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 496, Ireland 135
- **GB frequency 1881:** 298

- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Surrey, Middx, Essex
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Leitrim
- English: see **Wren**.

### Wrennall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 141, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 95
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Hugh Wrennall, 1544 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Elizabeth Wrennall, 1551 in *IGI* (Chorley, Lancs); Maria Wrennall, 1607 in *IGI* (Chelsea, Middx); William Wrennall, 1708 in *IGI* (Tottington, Lancs).

### Wressell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 87
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs, WR Yorks, ER Yorks

English: locative name from Wressell (ER Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Matilda de Wresele, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); William de Wresel, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wawne ER Yorks); Stephen Wresel', 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Leics); Johanne de Wresyll', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Roberto de Wresell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); William Wressyll, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Wresyll, 1404 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); Elizab. Wressell, 1575 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks); John Wressell, 1643 in *IGI* (Burton upon Stather, Lincs).

### Wretham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk; Kent

1 English: locative name from Wretham (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** John de Wrotham, 1350 in *Patent Rolls* (Long Stratton, Norfolk); Johannes de Wrotham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Houghton, Norfolk); Jacobus de Wrotham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gasthorpe, Norfolk); Edmd. Wretham, 1715 in *IGI* (Thetford, Norfolk); Elizabeth Wretham, 1784 in *IGI* (Woolpit, Suffolk).

2 English: locative name perhaps sometimes from Wrotham (Kent)

**Early bearers:** Thoma Wretham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Wrotham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Canterbury, Kent); William Wretham, 1692 in *IGI* (Grain, Kent).

### Wrey

**Variants:** **Wray**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 45
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: locative name from Wray Barton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Robert de Wrey, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Walter de Wrey, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wray Barton, Devon); Henry Wrey, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Exe Island, Exeter Saint Leonard's, Devon); Willelmus Wrey, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Meonstoke, Hants); James Wrey, 1703 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Rebekah Wray, 1710 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon).

2 English: nickname, perhaps 'the twisted, crooked one', from Middle English *wry(e)* 'awry', a derivative of Old English *wrigian* 'to turn'. It is possible,

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however, that *le Wrey* (1313) is a scribal error for *de Wrey*, and that the following early bearers belong under (1).

**Further information:** The family name is preserved in Wreys Barton (*Wreies*, 1505 in *Place-Names of Devon*, p. 212), a farmstead in Thrushelton.

**Early bearers:** Stephen le Wrey, 1313 in *Assize Rolls* (Thrushelton, Devon); Stephen Wrey, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Thrushelton, Devon); Thomas Wrey, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Thrushelton, Devon); Thomas Wrey, 1539 in *IGI* (Reading, Berks); Christoperus Wrey, 1549 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); William Wrey, 1562 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); William Wrey, 1565 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Elizabeth Wrey, 1573 in *IGI* (Haughton le Skerne, Durham).

3 N English: see **Wray**.

## Wride

**Variants:** **Wrede, Ryde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 507, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 312
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset and Gloucs; Glamorgan; ER Yorks

1 English: nickname, perhaps for someone with a twisted body from having a crooked neck, back or legs. Middle English *\*wrid(e)*, *\*wrede* is recorded only in names and seems to imply an Old English noun *\*wride* 'twist, bend', derived from Old English *wriþan* 'to twist, to writhe' (see *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, at *Wordwell*). Its sense development to 'the twisted (one)' may have been influenced by Middle English *wried* 'crooked, bent, twisted', past participle of *wrien* 'to writhe, be crooked (etc.)', and this may also explain why the modern name is *Wride* (with a long vowel or diphthong) rather than the expected *Wrid(d)*.

**Further information:** No evidence has been found to support Reaney's locative explanation for the surname, from residence by a winding stream called *Wride*. He is thinking of *Wride* (Cambs), for which see *Place-Names of Cambs*, p. 282, at *Wryde Croft*, but the etymology of the name is disputed by *Ekwall*, *DEPN*, at *wrid*.

**Early bearers:** Roger Wrid, 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk); John Wrid', 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Elyas le Wrede, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Essex); Hugh Wride, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Oxon); Alan and Simon le Wryde, 1283–4 (15th cent.) in *Bury Saint Edmunds Register* (Bradfield Saint Clare, Suffolk); Joh' Wridde, 1303 in *Nottingham Borough Court Rolls* (Notts); Willelmo Wride, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Gillingham, Dorset); Roberto, Alexandro Wryde, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yaxley, Suffolk); John Wride, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Market Deeping, Lincs); Nicholas Wryde, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Garthorpe, Lincs); Willelmus Wryde, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Northampton, Northants); Margareta Wride, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brantingham, ER Yorks); Thoma Wride, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (East Barkwith, Lincs); Thomas Wrydde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Langham, Norfolk); Walterus Wride, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Warwicks); Magota Wryde, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Conisbrough, WR Yorks); Thomas Wryde, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop Burton, ER Yorks); Willa Wride, 1572 in *IGI* (Alveston, Warwicks); Robert Wryde, 1603 in *IGI* (Huggate, ER Yorks); Thomas Wride, 1635 in *IGI* (Hanham and Oldland, Gloucs); Edward Wride, 1671 in *IGI* (Numburnholme, ER Yorks); Phillip Wride, 1730 in *IGI* (Necton, Norfolk); Samuel Wride, 1734, Samuel Wrede, 1789 in *IGI* (Bedminster,

Somerset); John Wride, 1734 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); William Wrede, 1773, Peter Wride, 1797 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

**References:** The 1283–4 bearers were supplied from the unpublished *Bury Saint Edmunds Register*, f.83v., by Keith Briggs (personal communication).

2 English: alternatively a post-medieval spelling variant of **Ryde**.

## Wridgway

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs and Staffs
- English: see **Ridgway**.

## Wrigglesworth

**Variants:** **Wriglesworth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1052, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 762
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Woodlesford (WR Yorks), which is recorded as *Wridelesford* in the 12th century, *Wudelesford* in 1425, *Wriglesforth* in 1596, and *Wriglesworth* in 1620. As Redmonds shows, this name was much confused with **Wigglesworth**.

**Early bearers:** Samson de Wridlesford, 1190, John de Wrigelesford, 1309 in *Thoresby Society* (Haddlesey, WR Yorks); William de Wrydelesford, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (York); John de Wrihelfford, 1379 in *York Freeman's Register* (York); John Wriglesworthe, 1575 in *York Registry Wills* (Haddlesey, WR Yorks); Dorothy Wrigglesworth, 1577 in *IGI* (Batley, WR Yorks); Robert Wriglesforth, 1591, William Wriglesworth, 1605 in *Parish Registers* (Rothwell, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 2, p. 141; *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Wright

**Variants:** **Wrighte, Wraight, Right, Wrights**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 130416, Ireland 4143
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93895
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread throughout England and Scotland: esp. Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Down and Antrim

English, Scottish: occupational name from Middle English and Older Scots *wriht*, *wright*, *wricht*, *wriht*, *write* (Old English *wyrhta*, *wryhta*) 'craftsman', especially 'carpenter, joiner'.

**Early bearers:** England: Patere le Wriht, 1214 in *Feet of Fines* (Sussex); Robert le Wrichte, 1255 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Robert Wricht, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas le Wrighte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Walter le Wrytte, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); William Wright, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Great Tossou, Northumb); Robertus Wright, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Wheldale, WR Yorks); Hugone le Wright, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Cuerdale, Lancs); Rogerus Wright, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Moulton Saint Mary, Norfolk); Robertus Wright, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Slipton, Northants); Ricardo Wryght, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Longbridge Deverill, Wilts); Willelmus Wright, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Knightley, Staffs); Robte. Wright, 1538 in *IGI* (Farnworth near Prescot, Lancs); John Wright, 1538 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Agnes Wright, 1539 in *IGI* (Ellastone, Staffs); Thomas Wrighte, 1547 in *IGI* (Hayes, Kent); Roger Wryght, 1582 in *IGI* (Stoke Gabriel, Devon).

Scotland: Jonat Wrycht, 1561 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Peter Wreicht, 1600 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Makdalene Wright, 1610 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mariouin Wright, 1625 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## Wrighte

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Wright**.

## Wrighting

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Bucks, London

English: late variant of **Wrighton**; see **Righton**.

## Wrighton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 593, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 708
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants and Warwicks
- English: post-medieval spelling of **Ryton** (see **Righton**), also seen in some place-name forms, such as *Wrighton* for *Ryton* in Bulkington (Warwicks) in 1667; see *Place-Names of Warwicks*, p. 102.

## Wrights

- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Wright** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** John Wrights, 1591 in *IGI* (Fulbourn, Cambs); Anthonie Wrights, 1656 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Robert Wrights, 1777 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

## Wrightson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1342, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 853
- **Main GB location 1881:** N England: esp. Durham

English: relationship name 'son of the wright'. See **Wright**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Wryghtson, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; Johanes Wrightson, 1573 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Petrus Wrightson, 1577 in *IGI* (Alne, NR Yorks); Christopher Wrightson, 1579 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); Ursaley Wrightson, 1587 in *IGI* (Saint Michael le Belfrey, York); Edward Wrightson, 1591 in *IGI* (North Somercotes, Lincs); Matthew Wrightson, 1630 in *IGI* (Ebchester, Durham).

## Wriglesworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 93, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 75
- **Main GB location 1881:** Yorks

English: see **Wrigglesworth**.

## Wrigley

**Variants:** **Rigley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2945, Ireland 27
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3755
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Louth

English: locative name from Wrigley Head in Flixton (Lancs).

**Early bearers:** William de Wriggeley, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Derbys); Willelmus Wryglegh', 1379 in *Poll Tax*

(Quyke, WR Yorks); Thomas de Wrigley, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Chadderton, Lancs); John Wrigley, 1545 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); John Wrigley, 1546 in *IGI* (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Christoforus Wrigley, 1575 in *IGI* (Kegworth, Leics); Anthony Wrigley, 1589 in *IGI* (Kirkburton, WR Yorks); Maria Wrigley, 1594 in *IGI* (Netherseal, Derbys).

### Wrinch

Variants: **Wringe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 49
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk and Essex
- English: see **Wrench**.

### Wring

Variants: **Wringe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 267, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 85
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name perhaps from an old name for the river Ye0 in North Somerset, recorded as *Wrynge* in 1276. The river-name is preserved in the place-name Wrington (Somerset).

**Early bearers:** Nicholas Wringe, 1242 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Worcester, Worcs); Johanne Wrynge, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Castle Morton, Worcs); Anne Wring, 1651 in *IGI* (Saint Bartholomew the Less, London); Simon Wring, 1671 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); William Wring, 1719 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset).  
**References:** *Ekwall, DEPN*.

### Wringe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Essex
- 1 English: variant of **Wrinch** with voicing of the final consonant.
- 2 English: possibly a variant of **Wring**, though the distribution cannot be explained.

### Wrinn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Lothian

Irish: see **Wrynne**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Writer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 65, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: occupational name from Middle English *writere* 'scribe, copyist, secretary' (Old English *writere*).

**Early bearers:** Adam le Wrytar, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Rogero Wrytar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Holme Lacy, Herefs); John Wryter, 1435 in *Feet of Fines* (Ross on Wye, Herefs); Clement Wryter, 1551 in *IGI* (Defford, Worcs); Tho Wryter, 1638 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs)

### Wrixon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 77
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

English: locative name, apparently from Rixon in Sturminster Newton (Dorset), given the high concentration of bearers in Dorset, though possibly a variant of **Rixon** in some cases.

**Early bearers:** Em Wrixon, 1571 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); John Wrixon, 1573 in *IGI* (Powerstock with West Milton, Dorset); Maria Wrixon, 1639 in *IGI* (Netherbury, Dorset); William Wrixon, 1733 in *IGI* (Powerstock, Dorset); Robert Wrixon, 1768 in *IGI* (Bath, Somerset); Thomas Wrixon, 1783 in *IGI* (Upton Pyne, Devon); Mary Wrixon, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

**References:** *Place-Names of Dorset* 3, p. 193.

### Wroath

- **Current frequencies:** GB 43, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 19
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cornwall
- English: see **Wroth**.

### Wrobel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 651, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): nickname, ornamental name from Polish *wróbel* 'sparrow'. As a Jewish name it was probably ornamental.

**Early bearers:** Joseph Hyme Wrobel, 1884 in *BMD* (London); Matilda Wrobel, 1885 in *BMD* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Johann Wrobel, 1918 in *BMD* (South Stoneham, Hants); Franz Wrobel, 1918 in *BMD* (Stafford, Staffs).

### Wroblewski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 485, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name for someone from any of several places in Poland called Wróblew or Wróblewo, named with Polish *wróbel* 'sparrow'.

**Early bearers:** Adam Wroblewski, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Jersey); Fredric L.A. Wroblewski, born in France, in *Census 1871* Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

### Wroe

Variants: **Wray, Roe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1621, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1230
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and WR Yorks

English: locative from Middle English *wroe* (Old Scandinavian *vrá*) 'nook, corner of land', for someone who lived at or by a nook, corner of land, or isolated place, or from a place so named, such as Wray in Tunstall (Lancs), Wrea in Kirkham (Lancs), and High and Low Wreah in Hensingham (Cumb). These place-names represent a northern form also apparent in some surnames (see **Wray**).

**Early bearers:** Richard del Wro, 1210 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); John in ye Wro, 1366 in *Sheffield Manorial Records*; Willelmus in le Wro, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Lyddington, Rutland); Thomas del Wroo, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Emley, WR Yorks); William atte Wroo, 1407 in *Patent Rolls* (Reymerston, Norfolk); George Wroe, 1578 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Elizabeth Wroe, 1580 in *IGI* (Royston, WR Yorks); Andrew Wroe, 1607 in *IGI* (Garveston, Norfolk); Joseph Wroe, 1790 in *IGI* (Tankorshoy, Yorks).

### Wrong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wrang* 'crooked', a word of Scandinavian origin.

**Early bearers:** Osbert Wrangle, 1182 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Ailnoth Wrang, 1202 in *Pipe Rolls* (Surrey); John Wrong, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); William le Wronge, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Rogerus Wrang, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwell, Hants); Johannes Wronge, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Milton, Surrey); Stephen Wrangle, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Wrotham, Kent); Dennis Wrong, 1618 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John Wrong, 1748 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); William Wrong, 1846 in *IGI* (Much Hadham, Herts).

2 English: locative name denoting someone who lived at a crooked, irregularly shaped piece of land, Middle English *wrong*. Old English *wrang* is found as a compound in place-names meaning 'crooked'.  
**Early bearers:** Robert ate Wrong, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Richard atte Wronge, 1348 in *Feet of Fines* (Cambs).

### Wroot

Variants: **Wroth, Root**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 178, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs; also Herts

English: locative name from Wroot (Lincs), which was formerly an island or a spur of land thought to resemble a pig's snout, named with Old English *wrōt* 'snout'.

**Early bearers:** Algar Wroth, Walter Wrot, 1202 in *Assize Rolls* (Lincs); Johannes de Wrote, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); John de Wroth, 1382 in *Patent Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Wroot, 1548 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Williamus Wroot, 1556 in *IGI* (Belton in Axholme, Lincs); Thomas Wrouthe, 1625 in *IGI* (Gainsborough, Lincs); Robert Wrout, 1755 in *IGI* (Sutton Saint Nicholas, Lincs); Geo. Wroot, 1712 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Thos. Wroot, 1736 in *IGI* (Whitgift, WR Yorks).

### Wroth

Variants: **Wroath, Roath, Wraith**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname from Middle English *wrothe* 'angry, fierce, bold' (Old English *wrāð*).

**Early bearers:** Wil. Wrothe, about 1210 in *Ekwall, ELPN*; Walter le Wrothe, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Henricus Wroth, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Bishop's Clyst, Devon); Johanne Wrothe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Staverton, Wilts); Mabell Wroth, 1569 in *IGI* (Saint Peter Cornhill, London); John Wrothe, 1632 in *IGI* (Saint Ewe, Cornwall); John Wroth, 1729 in *IGI* (Crediton, Devon).

2 English: see **Wroot**.

### Wrottesley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Staffs

English: locative name from Wrottesley in Tettenhall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Wrotteslega, 1170 in *Pipe Rolls* (Staffs); William de Wrottesleye, 1299 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Hugh de Wrottesleye, 1334 in *Patent Rolls*

## Wrynn

(Rockingham, Nortants); Maria Wrottesley, 1598 in *IGI* (Aston, Warwicks); James Wrottesley, 1612 in *IGI* (Neen Savage, Shrops); Walter Wrotchley, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

## Wrynn

Variants: **Wrinn**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- 1 Irish: from **Mac Bhroin**, see **McCraan**.
- 2 Irish: from Ó Rinn, see **Rynne**.

## Wu

Variants: **Woo, Hu, Hoo, Vu, Fu, Ng, Ang, Ing, Ung, Ngo, Mo, Goh, Oh, Aw, Hau, How, Boo**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2988, Ireland 66
- **GB frequency 1881:** o
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 吴 (Ng in Cantonese romanization, Goh in Teochew romanization), meaning 'big, large' in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Wu* (吳), the name of a state (located in present-day Jiangsu province) which was granted to Tai Bo, the first son of the king Zhou Tai Wang (died c. 1146 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Yue in 473 BC, people from the state adopted 吴 (*Wu*) as their surname. (ii) from the place-name *Yu* (虞) (located in present-day Shanxi province). Because *Yu* (虞) had a similar pronunciation to that of *Wu* (吴) in ancient Chinese, some people acquired *Wu* (吴) instead of *Yu* (虞) as their surname.
- 2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 伍 (Ng in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'five' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Wu Xu (伍胥), an official during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Wu Shen (伍參), an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).
- 3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 武 (Mo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'military' or 'martial arts' in Chinese: (i) from Wu Luo (武羅), which is said to be either the name of an official or that of an ancient state (in present-day Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region) during the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Wu Ding (武丁) (died 1192 BC), king of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from the personal name of Ji Wu (姬武), son of the king Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC). (iv) from *Wu* (武), the posthumous title of Song Wu Gong (reigned 765–748 BC), king of the state of Song (located in present-day Shangqiu in Henan province).
- 4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 巫 (Mo in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'wizard, witch' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Wu Peng (巫彭), a doctor during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Wu Xian (巫咸) and Wu Xian (巫賢), officials during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) from the occupational term *Wu* (巫), denoting soothsayers, astrologists, doctors, or wizards in ancient China.
- 5 Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 鄔: (i) from the place-name *Wu* (鄔), a fief (in present-day Henan province) which was given to Qiu Yan, the fourth son of Lu Zhong (said to be a descendant of the legendary Huang Di,

the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates: 2697–2599 BC)). (ii) from *Wu* (鄔), the name of a fief (located in present-day Shanxi province), which was granted to Wu Zang (鄔臧), an official in the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

6 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 胡 (Hu or Hoo in Mandarin pinyin), a term referring to the ethnic minorities in ancient N and W China: (i) from *Hu* (胡), the name of an ancient state (located in present-day Henan province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Zheng (located in present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces) in the 26th year of the reign of Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC), people from the fief adopted 胡, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) from *Hu* (胡), the name of a state (located in present-day Anhui province). After it was annexed by the state of Chu in the 15th year of the reign of Lu Ding Gong (reigned 509–495 BC), people from the fief adopted 胡, the name of the state, as their surname. (iii) from the personal name of Hu Gong Man (胡公滿), the posthumous title of Yu Man. He was given the fief of Chen (located mainly in present-day Henan and Anhui province) by the king Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). (iv) from the personal name of Hu Guo (胡廣), who changed his original surname 黃 to 胡 during the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220). (v) from the *Hu* Gu (胡骨) or He Gu (紇骨) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China, who changed their surname to 胡 during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

## Wulf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 46
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Wolf**.

## Wurzal

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Worsell**.

## Wyant

Variants: **Wyant, Wyand, Wyon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wyun*, a diminutive of Old French *Wy*, from Continental Germanic *Wido*. Compare **Guy, Wyatt**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Wianus filius Jone, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); Wyon son of Wervill, 1246 in *Assize Rolls* (Lancs).
- sumames: Robertus filius Guiun, 1203, filius Gwiun, 1209 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); William Wyonn, Nicholas Gyan, 1327 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Hugo Wyan, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Whitchurch, Shrops); Johannes Wian, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Edstaston, Shrops); Willm. Wyan, 1559 in *IGI* (Persnore, Worcs); John Wyan, 1569 in *IGI* (Chipping Barnet, Herts); Anne Wyan, 1597 in *IGI* (Ravensden, Beds); Dorathi Wyan, 1600 in *IGI* (Raithby by Spilsby, Lincs); Agnes Wyan, 1606 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Eldad Wyan, 1679 in *IGI* (Ellesmere, Shrops); James Wyan, 1731 in *IGI* (Sempringham, Lincs).

References: *Forschner*, pp. 253–4.

2 English: see **Guyon**.

## Wyand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Norfolk
- English: variant of **Wyan** with excrescent *-d*.

## Wyant

- **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: variant of **Wyan** with excrescent *-t*.

## Wyard

Variants: **Whyard, Wyartt**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 181, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 100
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk
- English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wiard*, which is generally from Old English *Wigheard*, which is composed of the elements *wig* 'battle' + *heard* 'bold, brave'. Occasionally it may be from Old French *Wiard*, Continental Germanic *Withard*.
- Further information:** In some cases, this name became **Wyatt**. Wyatt's Lane in Walthamstow (Essex) owes its name to the family of Walter and Richard Wiard. The latter is also called Richard son of Wyard in *Ancient Deeds* i (1223–52).
- Early bearers:** given names: Wiardus de Nichole, 1154–89 in *Gilbertine Charters* (Lincs).
- sumames: Willemus Wiard', 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk/Suffolk); Henry Wiard, Wihard, 1188, 1193 in *Pipe Rolls* (Hants); Nichol' Wiard', 1199, Adam filius Wiard', 1206, Nicholaus Wihard', 1209, in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Norfolk); Edmund Wyard, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Essex); Lena Wyard, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Suffolk); Cristina Wyard, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willelmus Wyard, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kessingland, Suffolk); Catherine Wyard, 1588 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk).
- References: *Seltén, Anglo-Saxon Heritage*, pp. 165–6; (*Place-Names of Essex*, p. 106).

## Wyartt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- English: see **Wyard**.

## Wyatt

Variants: **Whyatt, Wiatt, Wyeth, Wyett**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11642, Ireland 80
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8688
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England and Scotland
- 1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal names *Wiot* or *Wiet*. These are often pet forms of *Wy*, from Continental Germanic *Wido*. *Wy* is the usual Norman French form of the name; the Parisian French form is **Guy**. *Wiot* was also used as a diminutive of *William*, as shown by *Wiotus* or *Guillotus*, 1175 in *Pipe Rolls* (Berks). As a surname *Wyot(t)* became **Wyatt** during the 16th century. See also **Guyatt, Wyan**.
- Early bearers:** given names: Wiot de Acham, 1192 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Wioth de Cratella, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Notts); Wyot, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: William Wyot, 1274 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); Robert Wiot, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Beds); Elias Wyete, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Johannes Wyot, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Braunton, Devon); Johannes Wyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Cressingham, Norfolk); Ricardo Wyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seavington Saint Mary, Somerset); Willelmo Wyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Soulby, Westm); Johannes Wyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Johanne Wyot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Marston, Wilts); Stephanus Wyot, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Kimmeridge, Dorset); Charles Wyatt, 1541 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Nicolas Wiatt, 1543, in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Jane Wyatt, 1565 in *IGI* (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); Thomas Wyatt, 1565 in *IGI* (South Bersted, Sussex); James Wyatt, 1571 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Joane Wyatt, 1572 in *IGI* (Peatling Magna, Leics); Roger Wyatt, 1596 in *IGI* (Tewkesbury, Gloucs); Marye Wyatt, 1604 in *IGI* (Dulverton, Somerset).

2 English: in Suffolk, this is sometimes a variant of **Wyard**. Compare Catherine Wyard, 1588, and Hannah Wyatt, 1714 in *IGI* (Dennington, Suffolk). **Early bearers:** Katherina Wyatt, 1593 in *IGI* (Glemsford, Suffolk).

### Wyber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 38, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlothian; also Surrey

1 English: variant of **Whybrow**.

2 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Wyper** with voicing of /p/ to /b/, given the Scottish distribution of the name.

### Wybergh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm and Cumb; London

English: see **Whybrow**.

### Wyborn

**Variants:** Whyborn, Wybron, Wyburn, Wybourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 220, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 234
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English male personal name *Wyborn*, Old English *Wigbeorn*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wibern de Keistret', 1212 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Kent).

surnames: Ralph Wybern, 1241 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Richard Wyborn', 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); John Wybern, 1450 in *Patent Rolls* (Kent); Edward Wyborn, 1619 in *IGI* (Saint Mary Bothaw, London); Susan Wyborn, 1679 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Stephen Mogg Wyborn, 1850 in *IGI* (Walthamstow, Essex).

2 English: locative name perhaps also from Weybourne (Norfolk).

**Early bearers:** Hugh de Wyburn, 1313 in *Patent Rolls* (Beckingham, Lincs); William de Wybourne, parson of the church of Saundebey, 1315, William de Weyburn, parson of the church of Saundebey, 1315 in *Patent Rolls* (Saundby, Notts); Michael de Wybourn', 1360 in *Feet of Fines* (Ketton, Rutland).

### Wybourn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 32
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Wyborn**.

### Wybrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 63
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Whybrow**.

### Wybron

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan; Devon
- English: perhaps a metathesized variant of **Wyborn**.

### Wybrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 302
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; also Essex
- English: see **Whybrow**.

### Wyburd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Whyberd**.

### Wyburn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 66
- English: see **Wyborn**.

### Wych

**Variants:** Wyche, Weech, Weetch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 152, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 268
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

1 English: locative name from Middle English *wich*, a variant of *wik*, the commonest sense of which was 'dairy farm'; see **Wick**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence for the popular belief that in Cheshire the term referred to salt-workings. In Essex it was still in use in the late 16th century, when Camden (1605) noted the 'making cheese of ewes' milk in their little dairy houses or huts [on Canvey Island] built for that purpose, which they call Wiches'. The surname was probably given to someone who worked at a dairy farm, but some examples in the archive may belong under (2). **References:** Camden's Remains; English Place-Name Elements 2, pp. 257–63.

2 English: locative name from Middle English *wiche* 'wych elm', for someone who lived by an elm tree.

**Early bearers:** Roger atte Wyche, 1330 in *Place-Names of Devon* (lived at Weach Barton, Devon). William de la Wyche, 1216–1272 in *Place-Names of Surrey* (lived at Wychstreet in Woking, Surrey); Ellen Wych, 1587 in *IGI* (Stockport, Cheshire); Robert Wych, 1615 in *IGI* (Crowland, Lincs); Richard Wych, 1622 in *IGI* (Saint Dunstan in the East, London); Gulielmum Wych, 1628 in *IGI* (Kimbolton, Herefs); Debora Wych, 1654 in *IGI* (Lindridge, Worcs).

### Wyche

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire
- English: see **Wych**.

### Wycherley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 679, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 340
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shropshire

English: locative name from Wycherley Hall (Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Stephano Wycherle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Seal with soke, Leics); Richard de Wycherlee, 1385 in *Feet of Fines* (Shrops); William Wycherley, 1392 in *Patent Rolls* (Woodstock, Oxon); John Whycherley, 1465 in *Paston Letters*; Daniel Wicherley, 1663 in *Hereford Militia Assessments*.

### Wycliffe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Wycliffe (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Robert of Wyclifve, 1252 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert de Wyclif, 1354 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Wyclif, 1388 in *London Letter Books H*; Willms Wycliffe, 1639 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Anna Wycliffe, 1647 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Ambrose Wycliffe, 1697 in *IGI* (Whorlton, Durham); Anne Wycliffe, 1741 in *IGI* (Wycliffe, NR Yorks); John Wycliffe, 1748 in *IGI* (Holborn, Middx).

### Wycombe

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

English: locative name from High Wycombe (Bucks) or West Wycombe (Bucks). Compare **Wickham**.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Wycumbe, 1264 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent). Osbert de Wycumbe, 1297 in *Patent Rolls* (Salisbury, Wilts); John de Wycumbe, 1326 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Wycumbe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Kemble, Wilts); Willelmo Wycombe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (East Hanney, Berks); John Wycombe, 1391 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Elizabeth Wycombe, 1654 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London).

### Wye

**Variants:** Whye, Why, Yye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 508, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 270
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; Cambs; Leics

1 English: locative name from Wye (Kent).

**Early bearers:** Richard de Wi, early 13th cent. in *Forde Abbey Cartulary* (Dorset); Hugh de Wy, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Kent); Rog'us de Wy, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Robert de Wy, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Maidstone hundred, Kent); Anna Wye, 1561 in *IGI* (Margate, Kent); Georgius Wye, 1574 in *IGI* (Minchinhampton, Gloucs); Richarde Wye, 1574 in *IGI* (Sunninghill, Berks); Peter Wye, 1580 in *IGI* (Guildford, Surrey); Thomae Wye, 1580 in *IGI* (Eaton Socon, Beds).

2 Norman, English: see **Guy**, of which this is the Norman form. Compare **Wyatt**, **Guyatt**, **Wyan**.

### Wyer

**Variants:** Wyre, Wire, Wyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 756, Ireland 192
- **GB frequency 1881:** 605
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; also Notts, Lincs, and W Midlands
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Westmeath and Offaly

1 English: (i) locative name identical with **Ware**, from Middle English *war(e)*, *wer(e)* ‘weir, fish trap’. This word developed regularly in early Modern English to *ware*, *wear(e)*, *wer(re)*, *weer(e)*, and *weir(e)*, but it also appears as *wier*, *wyre*, and *wire*, presumably from a Middle English variant \**wire* and possibly attested in the 1367 London example. The name may have been given to someone employed as a *wereward* ‘weir-keeper’. See also **Weir** and **Wear**, especially for the Lancs name. (ii) locative name, in some cases perhaps from Wyre Forest (Worcs) or from Wyre Piddle (Worcs).

**Further information:** On the available evidence, Reaney’s derivations from Middle English *wire* ‘wire’ and Middle English *wir* ‘(bog) myrtle’ are not convincing.

**Early bearers:** E England: Cecilia de la Were, 1353 in *Thurgarton Cartulary* (Hoveringham, Notts); John atte Wyre, 1367 in *London Pleas* (London); Thos. Wyre, 1550 in *IGI* (Terling, Essex); Sysley Wyer, 1567, James Were, 1724, Mary Wyer, 1782, Martha Weyer, 1810 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Annes Wyer, 1569 in *IGI* (Burton Coggles, Lincs); Henry Wyer, 1570, John Weere, 1597 in *IGI* (Little Baddow, Essex); Gabriell Wyer, 1588, Thomas Weir, 1616, Elisabeth Wyre, 1711 in *IGI* (Lowdham, Notts); Daniell Wier, 1623 in *IGI* (Scopwick, Lincs); Thom. Wyar, 1685, Sarah Wyer, 1810 in *IGI* (Morton by Bourne, Lincs).

W England: Alicia Wire, 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Worcs); Richd. Wyar, 1570 in *IGI* (Muckleston, Staffs); Alice Wyer, 1571, Geoffrey Wier, 1667 in *IGI* (Long Stanton, Shrops); Roger Wyer, 1585, Susanna Wier, 1617, Job Wyer, 1805 in *IGI* (Rock, Worcs); Joane Wire, 1624 in *IGI* (Much Wenlock, Shrops); John Wyer, 1693, William James Wyer, 1898 in *IGI* (Tettenhall, Staffs); Jonathan Wyer, 1754, Mary Ann Wyer, Wyre, Weer, 1825, 1826, 1827 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

2 Irish: from **Mac an Mhaoir** ‘son of the steward’; see **Weir**.

### Wyers

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 121
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Lincs
- English: variant of **Wyer** with post-medieval excrescent -s. See also **Ware**.

### Wyeth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 769, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 448
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants
- English: perhaps a variant of **Wyatt**.
- Early bearers:** Joseph Wyeth, 1553 in *IGI* (West Tarring, Sussex); Francis Wyeth, 1563 in *IGI* (South Cove, Suffolk); Edmund Wyeth, 1577 in *IGI* (Plumstead, Norfolk); John Wyeth, 1616 in *IGI* (Stevington, Beds); Henry Wyeth, 1634 in *IGI* (Oare, Kent); George Wyeth, 1635 in *IGI* (Hartley Wespall, Hants).

### Wyett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 108
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; London
- English: see **Wyatt**.

### Wyke

- Variants:** **Whyke**, **Wicks**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 457, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 295
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs; Lancs and WR Yorks
- English: see **Wick**.

### Wykeham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 7
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon
- English: see **Wickham**.

### Wykes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1579, Ireland 63
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1028
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics, Northants, and Warwick
- English: see **Weeks**.

### Wylam

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 124
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: locative name from Wylam in Northumb.
- Early bearers:** Radulphus de Wylum, 1269 in *Assize Rolls* (Northumb); Thomas de Wylam’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Clayton West, WR Yorks); Jeneta Wylam, 1610 in *IGI* (Ponteland, Northumb.); Jasper Wylam, 1684 in *IGI* (Chester le Street, Durham).

### Wyld

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 569
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W England; also Durham
- English: see **Wild**.

### Wyldbore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; NR Yorks
- English: see **Wildbore**.

### Wylde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1136, Ireland 38
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 614
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, Cheshire, and WR Yorks; also London
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Galway; Laois
- English: see **Wild**.

### Wylde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 33
- English: see **Wilds**.

### Wylde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 78, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 23
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Herts
- English: see **Wilds**.

### Wyle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 90, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 87
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Staffs; Lancs; Lanarks; also Kent
- English: see **Wile**.

### Wyer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 27
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered
- English: see **Whyler**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Wyles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1035, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 736
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Kent and Lincs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin
- English: see **Wiles**.

### Wyley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Shrops
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Donegal, Derry, and Antrim
- English: see **Wiley**.

### Wylie

- Variants:** **Wyllie**, **Willie**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 5034, Ireland 1401
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3455
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Donegal
- 1 Scottish: relationship name from a Scots pet form of the personal name *William*.
- Early bearers:** Alexr. Wylie, 1676 in *IGI* (Montrose, Angus); Alexr. Wylie, 1678 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Alexr. Wylie, 1684 in *IGI* (Arbuthnot, Kincardines); Alexander Wilie, 1730 in *IGI* (Dumfries, Dumfriess); Andrew Wylie, 1757 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).
- 2 English: see **Wiley**.

### Wyllie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1893, Ireland 24
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1923
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Ayr and Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Wylie**.

### Wylly

- **Current frequencies:** GB 18, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 10
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Leics
- English: see **Willey**.

### Wyllys

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Willis**.

### Wylly

- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: see **Wiley**.

### Wyman

- Variants:** **Wayman**, **Weyman**, **Waymont**, **Weymont**, **Whymant**, **Whyman**, **Whayman**, **Whaymand**, **Whymnt**, **Wayment**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 653, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 625

- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. Middx; Northants

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wymund* (Old English *Wigmund* ‘war-protection’). In Lincs, Leics, and Norfolk the personal name may be the Old Scandinavian cognate *Vigmundr*, *Vimund*.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wimundus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Norfolk); Wymund atter Walle, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex).

surnames: Robert Wymund, Alan Wymand, 1275, Robert Waymon, 1275 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Wimund, Peter Weymund, 1279 in *Hundred Rolls* (Cambs); William Wayman, 1357 in *Ancient Deeds 2* (Devon); Johannes Wymond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hastingleigh, Kent); Johanne Wymond, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lubenham, Leics); Robert Wyman’, 1487 in *Feet of Fines* (York); William Waymont, 1563 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Robert Whayemonde, 1568 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Thomas Wymon, 1580 in *IGI* (Thornbury, Gloucs); Martha Waymante, 1618 in *PROB 11* (Saint Olave Southwark, Surrey).

### Wymark

**Variants:** Wymark, Whymark

- **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 51
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

Norman, English: relationship name from the Old Breton personal name *Wiuhomarch*. See also **Wymer** (2).

**Early bearers:** given names: Wimarca, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); Wimarc, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

surnames: Robertus filius Wimarc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex); Robert Wimarc, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Essex), 1199 in *Pipe Rolls* (Norfolk); Rogerus Wymark, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ewhurst, Sussex); Johannis Wymark, 1560 in *IGI* (Newtimber, Sussex); William Wymark, 1589 in *IGI* (Cheveley, Cambs); John Wymark, 1697 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Hannah Wymark, 1734 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

### Wymer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 424, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 260
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Wymer*, from Old English *Wigmær* or its Continental Germanic cognate *Wigmar*, both composed of elements meaning ‘battle’ + ‘famous’. Compare **Wimmer**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wimerus, 1086 in *Domesday Book* (Suffolk); Wymerus de Westwyc, 1153–66 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk).

surnames: Eche filius Wymeri, Eche Wimer, about 1160, 1186–1210 in in *Saint Benet of Holme Register* (Norfolk); Willelmus filius Wimari, William Wymer’, 1212, 1236 in *Book of Fees* (Staffs); Adam Wymer, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Willia. Wymer, 1561 in *IGI* (Colby, Norfolk); William Wymer, 1659 in *IGI* (Saint Gregory by Saint Paul, London); William Wymer, 1711 in *IGI* (Bradwell, Suffolk); John Wymer, 1729 in *IGI* (Wandsworth, Surrey); Jane Wymer, 1787 in *IGI* (Chippenham, Cambs).

2 Norman, English: among the Normans, the Germanic personal name in (1) became confused with the Old Breton personal name *Wiuhomarch*,

composed of the elements *uuuu* ‘worthy’ + *march* ‘horse’. See **Wymark**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wihumar, dapifer comitis Alani ‘steward of Count Alan’, also called Wiemar and Wihemar, 1086 in *Cambs Inquisition* (Cambs), also found in *Domesday Book* (1086) as Wihomarc; Wiomar, Wiomer, 1208 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Cambs); Wyomer’, 1219 in *Assize Rolls* (Yorks).

### Wyn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 96, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 14
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Shrops
- Welsh, English: see **Winn** or **Wynne**.

### Wynands

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Norman, English: variant of **Winand** with post-medieval excrescent -s.

### Wynburne

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Wimborne**.

### Wynch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 52
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: see **Winch**.

### Wyncoll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name, toponymic from Winkhill (Lincs), or perhaps topographic from an unattested Middle English \**winkel*, derived from Old English \**wincel* ‘nook, corner, bend in a river’.

**Early bearers:** Simon de Wynkel, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); Thomas Wynkil, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beetley, Norfolk); John de Wynczell, 1533 in *PROB 11* (Greenwich, Kent); William Wyncole, 1570 in *PROB 11* (Bedford, Beds); William Wyncoll, 1519 in *PROB 11* (Little Waldingfield, Suffolk); Johanne Wyncoll or Wincoll, 1550 in *PROB 11* (Little Waldingfield, Suffolk); Susan Wincoll, 1574 in *IGI* (Lavenham, Suffolk); Roger Wyncoll, 1645 in *IGI* (Little Abington, Cambs); John Wyncoll, 1800 in *IGI* (Great Bentley, Essex).

### Wynd

- **Current frequencies:** GB 149, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 120
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

Scottish: see **Wind**.

### Wynde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Herefs

English: see **Wind**.

### Wynder

- **Current frequencies:** GB 46, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex

English: see **Winder**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

### Wyndham

**Variants:** Windham, Windon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 206, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 191
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Wilts; also Hants, Sussex, and Kent; Glamorgan;

1 English: locative name from Wyndham (in Shermanbury, Sussex) or from a variant pronunciation of either of two places called Wymondham in Leics and Norfolk.

**Early bearers:** S England: Robert de Wyndeham, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Edburton, Sussex); Adam and Ralph Wyndeham, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wyndham, Sussex); Johannes Wyndeham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Edburton, Sussex); Ricardus Wyndehame, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wyndham, Sussex); Elizabeth Wyndham, 1672 in *IGI* (Eastwell, Kent); Caroli Windham, 1673 in *IGI* (Hursley, Hants); John Windham, 1680 in *IGI* (Charlwood, Surrey); Julia Wyndham, 1793 in *IGI* (Bignor, Sussex); William Wyndham, 1833 in *IGI* (Kirdford, Sussex).

SE England: Thomas de Wymundeham, de Wymondham, 1261–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex), 1305 in *London Court Rolls*; Robertus de Wymondham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sloley with Stone Riston, Norfolk); Hugo de Wymundham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bale, Norfolk); Johannes de Wymundham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weasenhams, Norfolk); Sir Edmd. Windum, 1540, Thos. Windham, 1651 in *IGI* (Felthorpe, Norfolk); Thomas Wyndham, 1555 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Susan Wyndham, 1608 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Thomas Windham, 1770 in *IGI* (Wells next the Sea, Norfolk).

Midlands: Willelmus Wymundom, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Oakham, Rutland); Roberto Wymyngham, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Willelmo Wymundam, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Whitwick, Leics); Johannes Wymundham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Great Bowden, Leics); Richardi Wyndom, 1618 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Jonathan Wyndham, 1676 in *IGI* (Rothley, Leics); Job Windham, 1679 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire); Edw. Wyndham, 1688 in *IGI* (Trentham, Staffs).

SW England: Ricardus Wymundham, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Reading, Berks); Edmund Windham, 1623 in *IGI* (Fivehead, Somerset); Wadham Wyndham, 1662, Wad. Windham, 1709 in *IGI* (Salisbury, Wilts); Thomas Windum, 1664, Henry Windham, 1683 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); Johannes Windham, 1679 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Sarah Windham, 1742 in *IGI* (West Ilsley, Berks).

N England: Charles Wyndham, 1675 in *IGI* (Morpeth, Northumb); Jane Windham, 1690 in *IGI* (Crayke, NR Yorks); Dorothy Windham, 1748 in *IGI* (Urswick in Furness, Lancs); John Wyndham, 1759 in *IGI* (Houghton le Spring, Durham); James Wyndham, 1795 in *IGI* (Warenford, Northumb).

2 Irish: in Connacht this name was adopted for Ó Gaoithin ‘descendant of *Gaoithin*’ (see **Gahan**) by linking Irish *gaoth* ‘wind’ with the name *Wyndham*.

### Wyne

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks; Lancs and WR Yorks; Shrops

Scottish, English: see **Wine**.

## Wynes

### Wynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 60
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Suffolk; Gloucs; Brecknocks; Aberdeens

1 English: see **Wines**.

2 Scottish: apparently sometimes a variant of **Wyness**, given the name's Scottish distribution.

**Early bearers:** Margaret Wynes, 1789 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

### Wyness

**Variants:** Wynnes, Wynes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 486, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 305
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish: from the now lost village of Wyndis (Aberdeens), mentioned in 1502, or, less probably, from Wyndes in the parish of Hobkirk (Roxburghs). **Further information:** Alexander Wyndis of that Ilk was prosecuted for felony in 1502.

**Early bearers:** Anna Wynness, 1712 in *IGI* (Oyne, Aberdeens); Alexr. Wynness, 1729 in *IGI* (Kinellar, Aberdeens); James Wynness, 1760 in *IGI* (Cranston, Midlothian); John Wyness, 1761 in *Aberdeens Court Records* (Balquhyne, Aberdeens); Alexander Wynness, 1765 in *IGI* (Udny, Aberdeens).

**References:** *Criminal Trials in Scotland, Black*.

### Wynick

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

English: see **Winnick**.

### Wynn

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3874, Ireland 92
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 2579
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; Shrops and Staffs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo
- Welsh, English: see **Winn** or **Wynne**.

### Wynne

**Variants:** Wynn, Wyn, Winn, Win, Winne, Wynnes

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5162, Ireland 1555
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2859
- **Main GB location 1881:** N Wales and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Sligo and Leitrim; also Roscommon

1 Welsh: nickname, relationship name from Welsh *gwyn* 'fair, white', also used as a given name. See also **Gwynne**.

**Early bearers:** given names: Wyn, Win, 1280 in *Shrops Archaeological Transactions* 2/xi (Ellesmere); Gwyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Gwynne ap Grifffud ap Tudur, 1474 in *Chirkland Extent*.

surnames: Thomas filius Win, 1255 in *Hundred Rolls* (Shrops); William ap Guyn, David ap Gwyn, Philip Wyn, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Shrops); Thomas Gwynne, 1481–2 in *Feet of Fines* (Surrey); John Wynne, 1560 in *IGI* (Selattyn, Shrops); Jane Winne, 1589 in *IGI* (Whitbourne, Herefs).

2 Irish: in Ireland this is usually the Welsh name, but in Connacht it was adopted for Ó Gaoithin 'descendant of Gaoithin' (see **Gahan**) by a chain of folk-etymological errors: Irish *gaoth* means 'wind' and the Welsh surname *Wynne* was taken as being related to the English vocabulary word *wind*.

3 English: see **Winn**.

### Wynnes

- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- 1 Welsh, English: variant of **Wynne** or **Winn** with post-medieval excrescent -s.
- Early bearers:** John Wynnes, 1564 in *IGI* (Hadzor, Worcs); Agnes Wynnes, 1596 in *IGI* (Saint Mary at Hill, London); Thomas Winns, 1676 in *IGI* (Byford, Herefs); Thomas Winns, 1722 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).
- 2 Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Wyness**, given the Scottish distribution of the name.

### Wynniatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 13, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: see **Wingate**.

### Wynter

- **Current frequencies:** GB 728, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Lothian

Scottish: see **Winter**.

### Wynters

- **Current frequencies:** GB 23, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Winter**.

### Wynton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

English: see **Winton**.

### Wynyard

- **Current frequencies:** GB 41, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- English: see **Winyard**.

### Wyon

**Variants:** Guyon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 15, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Monmouths

English: see **Wyan**.

### Wyper

**Variants:** Wiper, Wyber

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 445
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks

Scottish: unexplained, but possibly an agent noun from Middle English *wippen* 'to whip'. Compare **Whipp**.

**Further information:** There is no evidence to support Weekley's suggestion that this is a locative name from Ypres (Belgium).

**Early bearers:** William Wiper, 1202 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Sussex); Elizabeth Wiper, 1596 in *IGI* (Swanscombe, Kent); Henre Wyper, 1634 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife); Hendrie Wypper, 1636 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); John Wiper, 1727 in *IGI* (Linlithgow, W Lothian); James Wiper, 1786 in *IGI* (Carnwath, Lanarks);

**References:** *Reaney, Dictionary*.

### Wyre

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands

1 English: see **Wyer, Ware**.

2 English: see **Weir**.

### Wyrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 115
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and NR Yorks
- English: see **Worrall**.

### Wyse

- **Current frequencies:** GB 677, Ireland 312
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 344
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland: esp. Fife; Lanarks
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Waterford and Cork
- English: mainly Irish and Scottish spelling of **Wise**. **Further information:** The name has been established in Ireland since the 13th century where it was also gaelicized as **de Uidheas**.
- Early bearers:** William Wise, 1282 in *CDI* §1920; Richard le Wyse, 1293 in *CDI* §106; David Wyse, 1304 in *CDI* §300 (Tathmolingbeg); Andrew Wise, gent., 1544 in *Fiants Henry* §417 (Thomascourt); William Wyse, knight, 1546 in *Fiants Henry* §482 (Waterford); George Wyse, 1556 in *Fiants Mary* §95 (Waterford); James Wyse, sheriff of county Waterford, 1574 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §2379 (Waterford); Anastasia Wise, 1578 in *Fiants Elizabeth* §3192.

### Wysner

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1, Ireland 15
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- German: see **Wisener**.

### Wysocki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 339, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Polish, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name from any of various places named with *wysoki* 'high', such as Wysocko, Wysoka, and Wysokie.
- Early bearers:** Ladislas Wysocki, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Bosch Wysocki, born in Russia, in *Census 1861* (Kent).

### Wythe

**Variants:** Withe, With

- **Current frequencies:** GB 315, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 223
- **Main GB location 1881:** Suffolk

English: (i) see **White**. (ii) see **Wight**. (iii) locative name from Middle English *withe* 'willow' (Old English *wiðde*), for a person who lived at or near a willow tree, or in an area where willow trees grew.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Wyth', 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Little Bradley, Suffolk); Willelmo atte Wyth', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Southwick, Wilts); Willelmo de Wythe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Chillington, Somerset); John Whyte alias Wythe, 1451 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Edm Wythe, 1542 in *IGI* (Hasketon, Suffolk); Edus Wythe, 1550 in *IGI* (Swanton Abbott, Norfolk); Agnes Wythe, 1551, Thomas Withe, 1604 in *IGI* (Heckfield and Mattingley, Hants).



**Wyton**Variants: **Whyton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 197, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 59
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Oxon and Warwicks
- English: see **Whitton** (2).

**Wyvill**Variants: **Wyville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 108, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 80
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks; Devon
- Norman, English: locative name from Gouville (Eure), which had the form *Wivilla* in 1233.

**Early bearers:** Hugo de Wituile, de Widuile, 1086 in *Domesday Book*; Ralph de Wyville, 1138–54 in *Early Yorks Families* (Coxwold, NR Yorks); William de Wituilla, de Wiuilla, 1154–89 in *Danelaw Documents* (Lincs); John Wyvile, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sledmere, ER Yorks); Johannes Wyvill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandown, IoW); Annora Wyvill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Adgestone and Kern, Hants); Thoma Wyvill', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stonton Wyville, Leics); Adam Wyville, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Brading, IoW); William Wyvell, 1430 in *York Registry Wills* (Slingsby, NR Yorks); John Wivell, 1529, George Wivell, 1597 in *York Registry Wills* (Cayton, NR Yorks); Robert Wyvill, 1664 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Anne Wyvill, 1703 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York);

Marmaduke Wyvill, 1705 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); Timothy Wyvill, 1711 in *IGI* (Penrith, Cumb); George Wyvill, 1724 in *IGI* (Walton on Thames, Surrey); Jane Wyvill, 1784 in *IGI* (Black Torrington, Devon); Ann Wyvill, 1791 in *IGI* (Folkton, ER Yorks); Rev. Christopher Wyvill, 1791 in *IGI* (Finghall, NR Yorks).

**References:** *Dauzat and Rostaing*.

**Wyville**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 21, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 17
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Notts
- Norman, English: see **Wyvill**.

# X

## Xavier

- **Current frequencies:** GB 644, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

French, Portuguese: relationship name from the Spanish, Portuguese, and French personal name *Xavier*, bestowed on Roman Catholics in honour of the Jesuit missionary Saint Francis Xavier (1506–52), whose surname is derived from the castle of *Javier* in Navarre. The Spanish spelling of the personal name is *Javier*.

**Early bearers:** Marie Joseph Xavier, 1797 in *IGI* (Windelsham, Surrey); D. Jermina Afra Xavier, 1812 in *IGI* (Westminster, London); Marie Xavier, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Saint Helier, Jersey).

## Xenos

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey

Greek: nickname from Greek *xenos* ‘stranger, newcomer’ (compare English **Newman**), or short for a composite name such as *Xenocostas* ‘Costas the newcomer’.

**Further information:** The family name, though rare in Britain, is thriving in the USA.

## Xia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 夏, see **Ha** (1).

## Xiao

- **Current frequencies:** GB 346, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 萧 (or 肖), see **Siu** (1).

## Xie

**Variants:** **Hai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 528, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 解 (**Hsieh** in Mandarin romanization, **Kai** or **Hai** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘sea’ or ‘lazy, slothful’ in ancient Chinese: (i) possibly from the place-name *Xie* (解) (located in Luoyang in Henan province), to which descendants of king Qin Fei Zi,

the first king of the state of Qin, are said to have migrated. (ii) from the place-name *Xie* (解), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Liang, a grandson of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). (iii) possibly a shortened form of the compound surname Xie Pi (解批), said to be traceable back to Can Lu, an official during the reign of the legendary Yan Di, the ‘Yan Emperor’, a shadowy figure who, according to legend, lived and reigned some time well before 2000 BC.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 谢, see **Tse** (1).

## Xu

**Variants:** **Hsu, Hui, Khoo, Choi, Choy, Chui, Chi, Chue, Tsui, Su, Sui, See, Zee, Hu, Hua, Hue, Huey, He, Hee, Koo, Koh, Kou, Kho, Khaw, Khor**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1853, Ireland 32
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 徐 (**Hsu** in Mandarin romanization, **Chui** or **Tsui** or **Choi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘gradually, slowly’ in Chinese: (i) from *Xu* (徐), the name of a state (covering present-day Jiangsu and Anhui province) originally granted to Ruo Mu, son of an official called Bo Yi during the reign of Xia Yu, legendary first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). The state was destroyed by the state of Chu during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC) but later restored and eventually annexed by the state of Wu in 512 BC. After its annihilation, the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) one of the seven big family names during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (iii) surname borne by descendants of Xu Zhi Gao (徐知誥), an alternative name of Li Sheng, the founder of the state of Southern Tang (AD 937–75). (iv) a surname of the Xu (徐) family from the Di ethnic group in N China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 许 (**Hsu** in Mandarin romanization, **Hui** or **Hoi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘promise, agree’ or ‘location’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from *Xu* (许), the name of a small state (originally located in Xuchang in Henan province) granted to Wen Shu by the king Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Chu during the early Warring States period (475–221 BC), the name of the state was adopted as a surname. (ii) said to be borne

by descendants of Xu You (许由), who lived during the reign of the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 胥 (**Hsu** in Mandarin romanization, **Sui** or **Soi** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘inspect’ or referring to ‘a petty official’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the personal name Xu Chen (胥臣), the style name of an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) said to be traced back to He Xu Shi (赫胥氏), who was said to be the legendary Yan Emperor.

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 續 (**Hsu** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘continue’ in Chinese: (i) said to be traced back to Xu Ya (續牙), a friend of the legendary king Shun (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Xu* (續), the name of a fief (located in Shanxi province) granted to Hu Ju, also known as Xu Jian Bo (續簡伯), an official in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

## Xuan

**Variants:** **Huen, Thin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 39, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 褊 (**Huen** in Cantonese romanization): possibly traced back to Xuan Chunwang (褊纯旺), an official in the Eastern Han dynasty (AD 25–220).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 宣, see **Suen** (1).

## Xue

- **Current frequencies:** GB 362, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 薛, see **Sit**.

## Xuereb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 180, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: nickname from Arabic, of disputed origin. Possibly from Arabic *shārib*, meaning both ‘moustache’ and ‘drinker’.

**Early bearers:** Giuseppe Xuareb, born in Malta, in *IGI* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

**Yabsley****Variants:** Yeabsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 294, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 218
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from Eberly House in Roborough (Devon), which is recorded as *Ebberesleg* in 1244 and *Yabberley* in 1641.

**Early bearers:** [ . . . ] Eberlegh, 1330 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Devon); Johes Yabsley, 1548 in *Parish Registers* (Ugborough, Devon); John Yabsley, 1579, Roger Yabsley, 1582 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Robert Yabsley, 1627 in *Parish Registers* (Plymstock, Devon); Agnes Yeabsley, 1648 in *Parish Registers* (Plymouth, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, vol. 2, p. 118

**Yadav**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 607, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (northern states): Hindu, from Sanskrit *yādava* 'of Yadu', i.e. 'descendant of Yadu'.

**Further information:** Yadu was a legendary Hindu king, believed to be an ancestor of the god Krishna, who is sometimes also referred to as *Yadava*. The name is common among Ahirs, who were herdsmen among whom Krishna is said to have been brought up. In Maharashtra, this name is found among the Marathas.

**Yafai**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: probably an adjectival form of *Yāfā*, the Arabic name of the city of Jaffa, Israel.

**Yaffe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish: see **Jaffe**.

**Yahya**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 275, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from the personal name *Yahya*, Arabic form of the name borne by John (John the Baptist), son of Zacharias, who is regarded as a prophet in Islam.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Yakub**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yaquub**.

**Yalcin**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 283, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Turkish: locative name from *yalçın* 'steep', probably with a topographic sense denoting someone who lived by a steep slope.

**Yalden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Hants, Surrey, and Middx
- 1 English: variant of **Alden** (1), with the characteristically southern development of Middle English initial *Ea-* to a rising diphthong, resulting in *Y-*. Some of the post-medieval bearers cited here may belong to (2).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Yaldewyne, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easebourne, Sussex); Simond Yalden, 1547 in *IGI* (Fernhurst, Sussex); Jone Yalden, 1560, Edward Yalding, 1658, Hanna Yaldin, 1776 in *IGI* (Quarley, Hants); Annis Yealding, 1561 in *IGI* (Crowhurst, Sussex); Robert Yalden, 1572 in *IGI* (Bramshott, Hants); John Yalden, 1575 in *IGI* (Lurgashall, Sussex); William Yalden, 1586 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sheet, Hants); Joane Yealding, 1591, Mary Yaldin, 1666 in *IGI* (Petworth, Sussex); Thomas Yolding, 1607 in *IGI* (Vernham Dean, Hants); John Yealden, 1608 in *Assize Rolls* (Sussex); John Yalden, 1611, Will. Yalding, 1720 in *IGI* (Haslemere, Surrey); John Yalldene, 1658 in *IGI* (Selborne, Hants); Thomas Yalding, 1684 in *IGI* (Bishops Waltham, Hants).

**References:** *Jordan, Middle English Grammar*, p. 109.

2 English: locative name from Yalding (Kent), which is recorded as *Alding'* in 1161–2, *Ealding'* in 1207, *Yaldyng* in 1451. The place-name means 'settlement of) the people of a man called Ealda', deriving from the Old English personal name *Ealda* + the group-name suffix *-ingas*.

**Early bearers:** William de Elding, William de Alding, 1206, John Yaldyng', 1426 in *Feet of Fines* (Kent); John Ealdyng', 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wye hundred, Kent); John Yeldyng, 1412 in *Patent Rolls* (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Yaldyng, 1498 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Hernhill, Kent); Richard Yalding, 1514 in *Kent Wills* (Goodnestone by Faversham, Kent); Thomasine Yalding, 1554 in *Canterbury Wills (Probate)* (Goodnestone by Faversham, Kent); Leonard Yeldyng, gentleman, 1586 in *Assize Rolls* (Yalding, Kent); Ann Yealding, 1745 in *IGI* (Bethersden, Kent).

**References:** *Kent Place-Names*, pp. 168–9; *Ekwall, DEPN*, p. 542.

**Yale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 395, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 207
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops and Staffs
- Welsh: locative name from Yale, in the lordship of Bromham and Yale (Denbighs), itself from Welsh *iâl*, apparently meaning 'wasteland, wilderness'.

**Further information:** Elihu Yale (1649–1721), in whose honour Yale College (later Yale University) was named, was an officer of the British East India Company. He was born in Boston and rose to become governor of Madras Presidency, before being dismissed for corruption. His family came from Plas-Gronow near Wrexham (Denbighs). **Early bearers:** Madog Yale, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent* (Denbighs); Doctor Yale, 1588 in *IGI* (Lichfield,

Staffs); Edwardi Yale, 1608 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Valentine Yale, 1631 in *IGI* (Cound, Shrops).

**Yalland**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 67, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 95
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Gloucs
- English: see **Yelland**.

**Yallop****Variants:** Yallup, Yellop, Yellup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 809, Ireland 22
- **GB frequency 1881:** 485
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: unexplained; apparently from an unlocated geographical feature named with Old Scandinavian *jöldu-hlaup* 'mare's leap'.

**Early bearers:** Walterus Yalop', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Denton, Norfolk); William Yellope, 1542 in *IGI* (Little Stonham, Suffolk); Cicele Yallope, 1558 in *IGI* (Loddon, Norfolk); Elizabeth Yellop, 1597 in *IGI* (Scole, Norfolk); Richarde Yalope, 1605 in *IGI* (Poringland, Norfolk); Robert Yallop, 1623 in *IGI* (Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk); Mary Yollop, 1640 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Elizabeth Yallup, 1643 in *IGI* (Surlingham, Norfolk); William Yellup, 1661 in *IGI* (Woodbridge, Suffolk).

**Yallup**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 42, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: see **Yallop**.

**Yam****Variants:** Jim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 140, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 任 (**Ren** or **Jen** in Mandarin pinyin), a term for women's rank of peerage in ancient Chinese: (i) it is said that the surname can be traced back to one of the 25 sons of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from *Ren* (任), the name of an ancient state (located in Renxian in Hebei province) granted to Yu Yang, said to be a son or grandson of the legendary Huang Di, the 'Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). His descendants adopted the name of the state as their surname. (iii) from *Ren* (任), the name of a state (located in Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 陰, see **Yin** (2).

3 Chinese: Hokkien or Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 嚴, see **Yan** (3).

4 English: unexplained.

**Early bearers:** Elizabeth Yam, 1638 in *IGI* (Cambs); William Yam, 1694 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); William Yam, 1815 in *IGI* (Mitcheldean, Gloucs); Edmund James Yam, in *Census 1841* (Devon); Thomas Yam,

## Yamin

in *Census 1841* (Lancs); James Yam, in *Census 1871* (Monmouths).

## Yamin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *yamin* 'right; right hand'.

References: *Ahmed*.

## Yan

Variants: **Yun, Yin, Ying, Yen, Ian, Yam, Yim, Jim, Gan, Ngan, Ing, Yee**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 762, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 印 (**Yin** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'seal, stamp' or 'print' in Chinese: from Zi Yin (子印), the style name of Lun, son of Zheng Mu Gong (648–606 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 殷 (**Yin** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'plentiful' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yin* (殷), the name of the capital (located in present-day Henan province) of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). Pan Geng, the 19th king of the Shang dynasty, moved the original capital Yan (located in present-day Shandong province) to *Yin*. Thus the Shang dynasty was also known as the *Yin* dynasty. After the Shang dynasty was overthrown by Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC), people kept the name of the state as their surname. (ii) from *Yin Shui* (殷水), the name of a river in Shangshui in Henan Province. People who lived along the river acquired 殷 (*Yin*), the name of the river, as their surname.

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 嚴 (**Yim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'solemnity' in Chinese: this surname evolved from another Chinese surname, 莊 (**Zhuang** or **Chuang** in Mandarin pinyin, **Chong** in Cantonese romanization; see **Chong** (1)). People with the surname 莊 changed it to 嚴 (both Chinese characters mean 'solemnity') during the reign of Liu Zhuang (劉莊), also known as Han Ming Di (AD 28–75), because the surname 莊 happened to be the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China. Later some descendants kept the surname 嚴, whereas others changed back to the original surname 莊.

4 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 閻 (**Yim** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'hell' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yan* (閻), the name of a fief (located in Xihua in Henan province), said to have been granted to Zhongyi by Zhou Wu Wang (c.1087–1043 BC). But it is also said that Zhou Kang Wang (reigned about 1020–996 BC) granted the fiefdom of Yan to his youngest son. (ii) from the place-name *Yan* (閻), the name of a fief (located around the town of Yanjing in Shanxi province) granted to Yi, the prince of the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

5 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 閆 (**Yim** in Cantonese romanization), which probably evolved from the surname 閻 (see 4 above).

6 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 顏 (**Ngan** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'face' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Yan (顏), the style name of Zhu Wu Gong, also known as Zhu Yan Gong or Yan Gong, the king of

the state of Zhu (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Yan* (顏), the name of a fief (located in Shandong province) granted to Bo Qin, son of the first king of the state of Lu (located in present-day Shandong province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC).

7 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 晏 (**Ngan** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'late' or 'feast' in ancient Chinese: (i) it is said that this surname is traced back to Yan An (晏安), the fifth son of Lu Zhong, said to have been a descendant of the legendary king Zhuan Xu (2514–2437 BC). (ii) it is said that this surname can also be traced back to Yan Long (晏龍), an official during the reign of the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (iii) the surname is also traced back to Yan Ruo (晏弱), a noble in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

8 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 言 (**Yin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'words, speech' in Chinese: (i) in some cases, the surname is borne by descendants of the royal families of the state of Han (located mainly in present-day Shaanxi and Henan provinces), who were descendants of Huan Shu (802–731 BC). (ii) in other families, the surname is traced back to Yan Yan (言偃), a student of Confucius (551–479 BC).

9 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 燕 (**Yin** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'swallow' in Chinese: (i) from *Yan* (燕), the name of an ancient state (located in Henan province) dating back to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), known as the South Yan. (ii) from *Yan* (燕), the name of a state (located in present-day Hebei and Liaoning provinces), known as 'North Yan'. This was originally granted to Shao Gong Shi, the brother of Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC). After the state was annexed by the state of Qin (located originally in present-day W Shaanxi province) in 222 BC, people adopted the name of the state, 燕, as their surname. (iii) a surname from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China.

10 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄢 (**Yin** in Cantonese romanization): (i) from *Yan* (鄢), the name of a small state (located in Yanling, in Henan province), which was annexed by the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from *Yan* (鄢), the name of another small state (located in Hubei province) during the Warring States period (475–221 BC).

11 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).

12 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 袁, see **Yuen** (1).

13 French, Dutch, Scottish: (i) relationship name, perhaps the Breton name **Yann** or a phonetic spelling of Dutch **Jan**, both derived from vernacular forms of the Latin personal name *Johannes* (John). However, the census information in the examples below gives no hint of a foreign ancestry. (ii) alternatively, perhaps a variant of French or Scottish **Yon**, with the vowel unrounded. The following bearers, if of Scottish ancestry, could otherwise belong with (14).

**Early bearers:** Henry Yan, 1757 in *IGI* (Wellington, Somerset); William Yan in *Census 1841* (Brough, Westm); Thomas Yan, 1859 in *IGI* (London); John Yan in *Census 1861* (Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty,

Monmouths); James Yan in *Census 1871* (Aldborough, Norfolk); Charlotte Jane Yan in *Census 1881* (Camberwell, Surrey).

14 Scottish: probably a variant of **Ewen** or **McEwen**.

**Early bearers:** Patrick Yan, in *Census 1851* (Lanarks); John McYan, in *Census 1871* (Renfrews).

## Yandall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 50
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset
- English: see **Yendell**.

## Yandell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 268, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 155
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset, Gloucs, and Devon

English: see **Yendell**.

## Yandle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Yendell**.

## Yang

Variants: **Yeung, Young, Yeo, Yeoh, Yu, Yung, Yew, Yeong, Jang**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2652, Ireland 42
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 楊 (**Yeung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'poplar' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yang* (楊), the name of a state (located in Hongdong in present-day Shanxi province) originally granted to Shang Fu, also known as Yang Hou (楊侯), son of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). The state was annexed by the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from Yang Hou (楊侯) ('Marquis Yang'), a title given to Bo Qiao, son of Jin Wu Gong (reigned 716–677 BC). (iii) from the Mo Hu Lu (莫胡盧) and Yu Chi (尉遲) families, members of the Xianbei ethnic group, who changed their original surnames to *Yang* (楊) during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) traced back to certain other minority ethnic groups in ancient N and S China.

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 陽 (**Yeung** in Cantonese romanization), referring to 'yang' in Chinese philosophy: (i) from the personal name of a legendary figure called Yang Ling (陽陵), who lived some time prior to the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) from *Yang* (陽), the name of an ancient state (located in Tai'an in Shandong province). After it was annexed by the state of Qi (located in present-day Shandong province) in about 676 BC, people from the state adopted 陽, the name of the state, as their surname. (iii) from the place-name *Yang Fan* (陽樊), the name of a fief (located in Jiyuan in Henan province) granted to the youngest son of the king Zhou Jing Wang (died 520 BC). (iv) from *Yang* (陽), the name of a fief (located in Shishou in Hubei province) granted to Gai, an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 羊 (**Yeung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'goat' in Chinese: (i) from Yang Ren (羊人), the

name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname *Yang-She* (羊舌), which was originally the name of a fief (located in present-day Hebei province) granted to an official in the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) called Tu, the great-grandson of Jin Wu Gong (reigned 716–677 BC). Tu's descendants adopted the place-name *Yang She* (羊舌) as their surname and later shortened it to 羊.

**4** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 養 (**Yeung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'feed' in Chinese: from the place-name *Yang* (養), the name of a fief (located in Shenqiu in Henan province) in the state of Chu, granted to Yan Yu and Zhu Yong, former princes of the state of Wu (located mainly in present-day Jiangsu and Anhui provinces).

**5** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 仰 (**Yeung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'face upward' in Chinese: (i) from the personal name of *Yang* (仰), the style name of a prince of the state of Qin (located in present-day W Shaanxi province), son of the king Qin Hui Wang (died 311 BC). 仰 was changed to 仰 and Yoang's descendants inherited it as their surname. (ii) from the personal name of Yang Yan (仰延), a musician who lived during the reign of the legendary Shun Di, the Shun Emperor (reigned 2162–2110 BC).

## Yao

Variants: **Yiu**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 473, Ireland 12
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 姚, see **Yau** (1).

**2** Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤, see **Yau** (2) and (3).

**3** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 饒, see **Rao** (2).

## Yap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 626, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: Hokkien and Taiwanese romanization of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**. The dialects using this form are found in Fujian and Taiwan, from where many people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

## Yapp

- **Current frequencies:** GB 989, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 567
- **Main GB location 1881:** Shrops, Herefs, and Worcs

English: nickname for a clever or cunning person, from Middle English *yap* 'devious, deceitful, or shrewd' (Old English *gēap* 'bent').

**Early bearers:** Richard Yap, 1200 in *Pipe Rolls* (Notts); Richard Yape, 1297 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Yorks); Walter Yappe, 1663 in *IGI* (Suckley, Worcs); Thomas Yap, 1667 in *IGI* (Clifton on Teme, Worcs); Samuel Yap, 1676 in *IGI* (Norbury, Shrops); Alice Yapp, 1685 in *IGI* (Pencombe, Herefs); Walter Yap, 1696 in *IGI* (Acton Beauchamp, Worcs); Richard Yapp, 1702 in *IGI* (Rushbury, Shrops); James Yap, 1739 in *IGI* (Upper Sapey, Herefs).

## Yaqoob

- **Current frequencies:** GB 707, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Yaqub**.

## Yaqub

Variants: **Yaqoob**, **Yakub**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 884, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Pakistan): from the Arabic personal name *Ya'qub*, the Arabic form of Biblical *Jacob* (Hebrew *Yaakov*), identified in the Qur'an as a prophet.

References: *Ahmed*.

## Yarber

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: variant of **Yarborough** or **Yerbury**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Yarberry

- **GB frequency 1881:** 5
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: variant of **Yarborough** or **Yerbury**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Yarborough

Variants: **Yerburgh**, **Yarbrough**, **Yarberry**, **Yarber**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 69
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: locative name from Yarburgh or Yarborough Camp (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Yerdeburc', 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John de Yerdeburgh', 1323 in *King's Bench Cases* (Lincs); George Yarborough, 1634 in *IGI* (Little Coates, Lincs); John Yarborough, 1648 in *IGI* (South Kelsey, Lincs).

## Yarbrough

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- English: see **Yarborough**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Yard

Variants: **Yarde**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 463, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 351
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name for someone who lived 'in the yard' or from some minor place named with Middle English *yerde* (Old English *gerd*, *gyrd* 'virgate, thirty acres').

**Further information:** A yardland (30 acres) was a medieval unit of land tenure.

**Early bearers:** Thomas de la Yurda, 1225 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Robert atte Yerde, 1309 in *London Letter Books D*; Johannes in the Yard, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Easenhall, Warwicks); Gilbert Yarde, 1573 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon); John Yarde, 1592 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Joan Yard, 1567 in *IGI* (Bruton, Somerset); Anne Yard, 1582 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph Without, Aldgate, London); Poule Yard, 1601 in *IGI* (Totnes, Devon); Elizabeth Yard, 1609 in *IGI* (Newton Ferrers, Devon).

## Yarde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 333, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 37
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Yard**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados.

## Yardley

Variants: **Yeardley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2551, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1895
- **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands: esp. Warwicks and Staffs; also Lancs

English: locative name from any of several places called Yardley (in Worcs, Northants, Essex, and elsewhere) or Yarley (Somerset). There may have been some confusion with **Yearsley**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard de Gerdelai, 1199 in *Pleas* (Northants); William de Erdeleg', 1229 in *Curia Regis Rolls* (Herts); Adam de Jerdeleye, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Worcs); Robert Yerdeleye, 1372 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs); Petrus de Yerdeleye, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Normanton Turville, Leics); John Yardeley, 1499 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Sibilla Yeardley, 1542, and Johes. Yeardley, 1557, in *IGI* (Audley, Staffs); Joane Yeardly, 1573 in *IGI* (Strood, Kent); Johis Yardley, 1579, Johis Yardly, 1580 in *IGI* (Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks); John Yeardly, 1588 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); Alicia Yardly, 1593 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); Robert Yardly, 1595 in *IGI* (Baldock, Herts); Robert Yardeleye, 1618 in *IGI* (Aston Cantlow, Warwicks); Richard Yeardly, 1637 in *IGI* (Macclesfield, Cheshire); Rich. Yardley, 1679 in *IGI* (Thropham, WR Yorks); Tho. Yeardly, 1719 in *IGI* (Ecclesfield, WR Yorks). Scotland: James Yeardly, 1790 in *IGI* (Barony, Lanarks).

## Yardy

- **Current frequencies:** GB 234, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 108
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: nickname, possibly from Middle English *yerdi* 'rod-like'.

**Early bearers:** John Yardy, 1677 in *IGI* (Farcet, Hunts).

## Yare

Variants: **Yarr**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 216, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 158
- **Main GB location 1881:** Westm, Lancs, Durham, and NR Yorks

English: locative name from northern Middle English *yare* 'yair, fish weir' (Old English \**gear*).

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Yare, 1564 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); Robti. Yare, 1598 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks); Agnetis Yare, 1607 in *IGI* (Kirkby Lonsdale, Westm); Isbell Yare, 1610 in *IGI* (Brough, Westm); John Yare, 1612 in *IGI* (Bedale, NR Yorks). Scotland: William Yair, 1596 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Katherine Yair, 1611 in *IGI* (Clackmannan, Clackmannans); Johne Yair, 1624 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Jonet Yair, 1663 in *IGI* (Airth, Stirlings).

## Yarham

Variants: **Yarm**, **Yearham**, **Yarram**, **Jaram**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 292, Ireland 0

## Yarker

- **GB frequency 1881:** 177
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: locative name, probably from Yarm (NR Yorks), assuming that a branch of the Yorks family had migrated to Norfolk by the 16th century.
- Early bearers:** Stephen de Yarum, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Lincs); John de Yarom, 1341, Robert Yarom, 1374 in *York Freeman's Register*; Johannes de Yarem, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Carlisle, Cumb); Matill' de Yarum, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Stainforth, WR Yorks); Johannes Yarom', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Rose Yarham, 1541 in *IGI* (North Elmham, Norfolk); John Yarham, 1546 in *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Susanna Yarram, 1574, John Yarham, 1588 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Walter Yarram, 1575 in *IGI* (Friskney, Lincs); William Yarham, 1624 in *IGI* (Heigham, Norfolk); Anthonie Yarham, 1670 in *IGI* (Watlington, Oxon); William Yearham, 1744 in *IGI* (Baconsthorpe, Norfolk); Jno. Yarram, 1753 in *IGI* (Holme, Hunts); Elizabeth Yarram, 1835 in *IGI* (Lutton, Northants); Samuel Yearham, 1887 in *IGI* (Choppington, Northumb).

## Yarker

- **Current frequencies:** GB 305, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 164
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Yorks
- 1 English: occupational name, perhaps for a shoemaker, according to Reaney from an unrecorded Middle English \**yarker*, derived from Middle English *yarken* 'to draw stitches tight, to twitch, as a shoemaker in sewing' (about 1430 in *OED*).
- Early bearers:** John le Yarker, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Cambs); Robertus Yarkere, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Gamlingay, Cambs); Johannes Yarkar, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bingley, WR Yorks); John Yarker, 1593 in *IGI* (Canterbury, Kent); Lucas Yarker, 1728 in *IGI* (Colne, Lancs); John Yarker, 1750 in *IGI* (Knaresborough, WR Yorks).
- 2 English: *Redmonds* suggests that the northern dales surname is a variant of **Harker**, with a prosthetic Y-.
- Early bearers:** Reynoldi Yarker, 1595 in *IGI* (Wensley, NR Yorks); Reginald Yarker, 1605 in *Feet of Fines* (Leyburn, NR Yorks).
- References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Yarlett

- **Current frequencies:** GB 167, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts, Hants, and Surrey
- English: see **Arlett**.

## Yarley

- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Fife; Middx; Lancs
- English: see **Yearley**.

## Yarm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- English: see **Yarham**.

## Yarmouth

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: locative name from Great Yarmouth (Norfolk), Little Yarmouth (Suffolk), or Yarmouth (IoW).

**Early bearers:** Lewine de Gernemut', 1168–75 in *Saint Benet of Holme Register*; Nicholas de Yernemuthe, 1319 in *Subsidy Rolls* (London); Hugh of Yarmouth, 1306 in *Assize Rolls* (Wilts); Alicia Yarnemot, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Coventry, Warwicks); Lidia Yarmouth, 1631 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Martha Yarmouth, 1644 in *IGI* (Coventry, Warwicks); John Yarmouth, 1796 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

## Yarnall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 370, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 149
  - **Main GB location 1881:** W Midlands; also Lincs
- English: see **Arnold**.
- Early bearers:** John Yarnall, 1566 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Marie Yarnall, 1604 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Thomas Yarnall, 1604 in *IGI* (Wolfhampcote, Warwicks); Magdalen Yarnall, 1605 in *IGI* (Norton, Worcs); Thomas Yarnall, 1633 in *IGI* (Gloucester, Gloucs); Katherine Yarnall, 1639 in *IGI* (Evesham, Worcs).

## Yarnell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 291, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 166
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs
- English: see **Arnold**.
- Early bearers:** Guilelmi Yarnell, 1667 in *IGI* (Leominster, Herefs); Francis Yarnell, 1678 in *IGI* (Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcs).

## Yarnold

- **Current frequencies:** GB 549, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 365
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: see **Arnold**.

## Yarnton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 45
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Wilts; Oxon
- English: see **Yarranton**.

## Yarr

- **Current frequencies:** GB 125, Ireland 53
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs; Ayrs
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim
- English, Scottish: probably a variant of **Yare**.
- Early bearers:** England: Alice Yarr, 1636 in *IGI* (Calverley, WR Yorks); John Yarr, 1650 in *IGI* (Hamsterley, Durham); Richard Yarr, 1682 in *IGI* (Hemsworth near Wakefield, WR Yorks); Joseph Yarr, 1735 in *IGI* (Ridlington, Norfolk).
- Scotland: Elisabeth Yarr, 1825 in *IGI* (Maybole, Ayrs).

## Yarram

- **Current frequencies:** GB 19, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Northants; Hants; Lincs
- English: see **Yarham**.

## Yarranton

- Variants: **Yarnton**, **Yarrington**
- **Current frequencies:** GB 176, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 38

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Worcs
- English: locative name from Yarnton (Oxon).
- Early bearers:** Willm. Yarranton, 1563 in *IGI* (Astley, Worcs).

## Yarrell

Variants: **Harold**, **Harrold**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx, Beds, and Bucks
- 1 English: locative name from Harrold (Beds), which is recorded as *Harrold alias Yarrold* in 1560. See also **Harold** (2). Some of the bearers cited below may belong to (2), and vice versa. There may also have been some confusion with **Yerrell**.
- Early bearers:** Radulfo de Harewolde, 1309, Willo de Harewelle, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Harlington, Beds); Richard de Harewolde, clerk, 1315 in *Feet of Fines* (Harrold, Beds); John Harwold', 1424 in *Feet of Fines* (Toddington, Beds); Catherine Harrold, 1580 in *IGI* (Stotfold, Beds); Anne Yarrell, 1694 in *IGI* (Toddington, Beds); Richard Harrol, 1680 in *IGI* (Harrold, Beds); John Yarrold, 1697 in *IGI* (Langford, Beds).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 32–3.

2 English: locative name, perhaps occasionally from Yarwell (Northants).

**Early bearers:** William de Jarewell, monk of Peterborough, 1321 in *Patent Rolls* (Northants); Thomas de Yarrowell', 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Northants); Nicholas de Yarrowell', 1353 in *Feet of Fines* (Clayworth, Notts); Simon de Yarrowell, 1354 in *Patent Rolls* (Yarwell, Northants); Johannes Yarrowell', 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Spalding, Lincs); Robte Yarwyll, about 1524 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Werrington, Northants); John Yarwell, 1537 in *Beds Wills (Prerogative)* (Knotting, Beds); Wyllyam Yarwell, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Barnwell, Northants); Thomas Yarwel, 1608 in *IGI* (Knotting, Beds); Elizabeth Yarrold, 1812 in *IGI* (Spalding, Lincs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Northants*, p. 209.

## Yarrington

- **Current frequencies:** GB 71, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 77
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Worcs
- English: variant of **Yarranton**.

**Early bearers:** Edward Yarrington, 1562 in *IGI* (London); Robart Yarrington, 1571 in *IGI* (London); John Yarrington, 1574 in *IGI* (London); Elizabeth Yarrington, 1600 in *IGI* (Colchester, Essex); Frances Yarrington, 1629 in *IGI* (Eastham, Worcs); Hughe Yarrington, 1629 in *IGI* (Belbroughton, Worcs); Willm. Yarrington, 1631 in *IGI* (Downton, Wilts).

## Yarrow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 929, Ireland 13
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 555
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in NE and SE England
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Tyrone
- English: (i) locative name from any of several places called Yarrow (in Selkirks, Northumb, Lancs, and elsewhere), which mostly take their name from the Old Welsh name of the river on which they stand. (ii) nickname; the English word *yarrow* (Old English *gear(e)we*) denotes a herb used in herbal medicine, and this may lie behind some cases of the surname.

**Early bearers:** Catherin Yarrow, 1562 in *IGI* (Hempnall, Norfolk); Edward Yarrow, 1592 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Agnes Yarrow, 1593 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Willyam Yarrow, 1605 in *IGI* (Ely, Cambs); Elizabeth Yarrow, 1610 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Taylor Yarrow, 1613 in *IGI* (Biddenham, Beds); Annis Yarrow, 1621 in *IGI* (Sherfield upon Loddon, Hants).

### Yarwood

**Variants:** Yearwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1804, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1215
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: locative name from Yarwood Heath in Rostherne (Cheshire).

**Early bearers:** Randle de Yarwode, 1441 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Ann Yarwood, 1529 in *IGI* (Sandbach, Cheshire); Jone Arwood, 1546 in *IGI* (Shrawley, Worcs); Richard Erwood, 1569 in *IGI* (Bourne, Lincs); Alece Yearwood, 1579 in *IGI* (Goostrey, Cheshire); Andreye Yerwod, 1588 in *IGI* (Stamford, Lincs); Dorothy Yerwood, 1590 in *IGI* (Nantwich, Cheshire); Willi Arrewood, 1640 in *IGI* (Southwark, Surrey); Anne Yerwood, 1646 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); John Yerwood, 1669 in *Lancs Wills* (Wrea Green, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire*, vol. 2, p. 58 (also vol. 1, p. 98, and vol. 5:2, p. xvii).

### Yarworth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 50
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

Welsh: variant of Welsh **Yorath**.

### Yaseen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 599, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yasin**.

### Yasin

**Variants:** Yaseen, Yassin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1960, Ireland 15
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name *yāsīn*, from *yā* and *sīn*, two Arabic letters which form the title of Sura 36 of the Qu'ran.

**Further information:** Compare **Taha**.

### Yasmeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 269, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yasmin**.

### Yasmin

**Variants:** Yasmeen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 921, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a female personal name based on Arabic *yasmīn* 'jasmine'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

### Yassin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 364, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yasin**.

### Yate

**Variants:** Yates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 95, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 99
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Lancs

English: (i) locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by a gate (Middle English *yat*, Old English *geat*), in some cases because they acted as the gatekeeper or porter to a hall, monastery, or some other important building. *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames* mentions a witness to a set of deeds who is variously named as John ad portam, John le Porter, and John atteyate, 1322–6 in *Yorks Deeds* (Wadworth, WR Yorks). Compare **Yeatman**, **Gate**. (ii) locative name for someone who lived at or came from Yate (Gloucs).

**Early bearers:** Hereward de Jette, 1198 in *Pipe Rolls* (Gloucs); Philip del Yate, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Roger atte Yat, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); John atte Yete, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset); Johanne atte Yate, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Bishopstone, Wilts); Johannes atte Yete, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Shapwick, Somerset); Richarde Yate, 1540 in *IGI* (Solihull, Warwick); Richardus Yate, 1540 in *IGI* (Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs); Cristina Yate, 1546 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Elsab. Yate, 1548 in *IGI* (Croston, Lancs); Thomas Yate, 1549 in *IGI* (Arlingham, Gloucs).

### Yates

**Variants:** Yeates, Yeats, Yetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 25856, Ireland 220
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20429
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs, WR Yorks, and W Midlands; also Kent and Surrey
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** scattered

English: (i) locative name, occupational name for someone who lived by the gates of a town and who may have acted as the gatekeeper or porter. Compare **Gates**. (ii) in early records, forms without *-s* are much more common, so it is likely that in many cases this is a variant of **Yate** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Robert atte Yates, 1344 in *Norwich Freeman*; Ricardus atte Yates, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Postwick, Norfolk); John Yates, 1456–60 in *Chancery Proceedings* (Norwich); Thomas Yates, 1538 in *IGI* (Sandwich, Kent); Alice Yates, 1555 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); John Yates, 1563 in *IGI* (Oldham, Lancs); Xpopher Yeates, 1556, Xpopher Yeats, 1593 in *IGI* (Pateley Bridge, WR Yorks); Nicolas Yates, 1557 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks); Robte Yates, 1558 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwick); Edward Yetts, 1560, Richard Yeats, 1610 in *IGI* (Kendal, Westm); John Yeates, 1567 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Prudence Yeats, 1575 in *IGI* (Bicester, Oxon); Robtus Yates, 1576 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Rycharde Yates, 1580 in *IGI* (Halifax, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Yates, 1585 in *IGI* (Ripon, WR Yorks); Robti. Yates, 1593 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Worcs); John Yates, 1605 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Robert Yates, 1610 in *IGI* (Lancaster, Lancs); Richard Yeates, 1614 in *IGI* (Worcester, Worcs); Ellin Yates, 1615 in *IGI* (Heswall, Cheshire); Eduardi Yates, 1629 in *IGI* (Hanbury, Staffs); Peter Yates, 1674 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Yatman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 42
- **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex, Kent, and London; Somerset

English: see **Yeatman**.

### Yau

**Variants:** Yiu, Yu, Yeo, Yeoh, Yao, Yeow, Yew, Yue, Yow, You, Hew, Hiew, Hu, Chiu, Chew, Chiew, Chu, Chow, Chaw, Khoo, Koo, Koh, Kew, Qiu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1763, Ireland 77
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 姚 (**Yao** in Mandarin pinyin, **Yiu** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'far' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the first element of the place-name Yao Xu (姚墟) (said to be located in present-day Puyang in Henan province), said to be the birthplace of the legendary king Shun (reigned 2162–2110 BC). (ii) from Yao (姚), the name of an ancient state (probably located in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 游 (**You** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'a section of a river' or 'to swim' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the personal name Zi You (子游), the style name of Yan, son of the king Zheng Mu Gong (648–606 BC) in the state of Zheng (located in part of present-day Shaanxi and Henan province). (ii) borne by descendants of Cheng Shi, also known as Qu Wo Huan Shu (802–731 BC), younger brother of king Jin Wen Hou (805–746 BC) in the state of Jin.

3 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 尤 (**You** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'outstanding' in ancient Chinese: (i) possibly from You (尤), the name of a river (located in present-day Shandong province) in the state of Qi. (ii) adopted in place of the Chinese surname Shen (沈) by people in Fujian during the reign of the Min emperor Wang Shen Zhi (王審知) (AD 862–925), who established the Min kingdom during the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (AD 907–960), because the surname Shen (沈) shared the same pronunciation of Shen (審), part of the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China.

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 邱 (**Qiu** or **Chiu** in Mandarin romanization). This was adopted in place of the Chinese surname 丘 (see sense 5) after the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25), particularly during the reign of the emperor Yong Zheng in the Qing dynasty, who, out of respect for Confucius, ordered people with the surname 丘 to change to the surname 邱, because the original surname 丘 happened to be the given name of Confucius.

5 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 丘 (**Qiu** or **Chiu** in Mandarin romanization), meaning 'mound, knoll' in Chinese: (i) from the second element of the place-name Ying Qiu (營丘) (located in Shandong province), the capital of the state of Qi when the state was established by Jiang Tai Gong (c. 11th century BC). (ii) traced back to the Qiu (丘) family in the Wuhuan ethnic group, which originated in Inner Mongolia. (iii) adopted as a surname by the Qiu Dun (丘敦) and the Qiu Lin (丘林) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iv) from the second element of the place-name Wan Qiu (宛丘), a city in the state of Chen during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (v) said to be traced back to Zuo Qiu Ming (左丘明), a famous historian in the state of Lu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (vi) said to be traced back to Qiu Ruo (丘弱), an official in the state

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of Zhu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

6 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 饒, see **Rao** (2).

## Yaxley

Variants: **Yexley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 951, Ireland 7
- **GB frequency 1881:** 468
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: locative name from either of two places called Yaxley (in Suffolk and Hunts).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Yakesle, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Suffolk); John Yaxlee, 1503 in *Paston Letters* (Norfolk); Robtus. Yaxley, 1561 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Hamundus Yaxley, 1563 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Henr. Yaxley, 1569 in *IGI* (Soham, Cambs); Elizabeth Yaxley, 1570 in *IGI* (Boston, Lincs); Joan Yaxley, 1573 in *IGI* (Cottenham, Cambs); Mary Yexley, 1734 in *IGI* (Blickling, Norfolk); Elizabeth Yexley, 1748 in *IGI* (Saint Stephen Coleman Street, London).

## Ye

Variants: **Yap**, **Yip**, **Ip**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 502, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 余, see **Yu** (1).

3 Korean: see **Yeo**.

## Yea

- **Current frequencies:** GB 94, Ireland 10
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset

English: see **Yeo**.

## Yeabsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 48, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Yabsley**.

## Yeadon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 782, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 821
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name from Yeadon, in Guiseley (WR Yorks)

**Early bearers:** Walter de Yeadon, 1189–99 in *Pipe Rolls* (Yorks); John of Yedon, 1226 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Benedict de Yedon, 1263 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Harewood, WR Yorks); Adam, Johannes de Yedon, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Yeadon, WR Yorks); Richard Yeadon, 1459 in *Kirkstall Abbey Rent Roll* (WR Yorks); John Yedon, 1522 in *Early Tudor Craven* (Austwick, WR Yorks); Anne Yedon, 1545 in *York Registry Wills* (Yeadon, WR Yorks); John Yeadon, 1585 in *Knaresborough Wills* (WR Yorks); Christopher Yeadon, 1614 in *York Registry Wills* (Yeadon, WR Yorks).

## Yealand

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Yealland**.

## Yealland

Variants: **Yealand**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

1 English: locative name from Yealand (Lincs).

**Early bearers:** Adam de Yeland, 1230 in *Pipe Rolls* (Lincs); Thomas Yelond, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (West Butterwick, Lincs); Thomas de Yeland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale, Lincs); Willelmo de Yeland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Howden, ER Yorks); Willelmo de Yeland, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Winton, Westm); John Yealand, 1609 in *IGI* (Manchester, Lincs); Mary Yealland, 1795 in *IGI* (Rotherham, WR Yorks).

2 English: variant of **Yelland**.

## Yeaman

Variants: **Yeamans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 506, Ireland 24
- **GB frequency 1881:** 345
- **Main GB location 1881:** Angus

English, Scottish: see **Yeoman**.

## Yeamans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 10
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; WR Yorks; Shrops

English: variant of **Yeaman** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

## Yeandle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 208, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 159
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Yendell**.

## Yeap

- **Current frequencies:** GB 88, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**.

## Yearby

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 31
- **Main GB location 1881:** Midlands

English: see **Yerby**.

## Yearldley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 513, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 306
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: see **Yardley**.

## Yearham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb; Norfolk

English: see **Yarham**.

## Yearley

Variants: **Yarley**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 221, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 61
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: variant of **Earley** with prosthetic *Y-*.

Compare Richard Early, 1589, Roberte Yearley, 1625

in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Elinor Yearley, 1720, Edward Earley, 1740 in *IGI* (Broseley, Shrops).

**Early bearers:** Willmi Yarley, 1604 in *IGI* (Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs); Anne Yearley, 1612 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Aldgate, London); Jesperi Yarley, 1623 in *IGI* (Preston, Lincs); George Yearley, 1761 in *IGI* (Wombourne, Staffs); Peter Yearley, 1782 in *IGI* (Blackley, Lincs); George Yearley, 1784 in *IGI* (Saint Sepulchre, London).

## Yearling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 77, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

1 English: nickname, apparently from Middle English *yerling* ‘a one-year-old’, usually with reference to domesticated animals, such as sheep, calves, and foals. How it came to be used as a nickname is unclear.

**Early bearers:** Johannes Yerling, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Somerset).

2 English: alternatively perhaps a variant of **Earland** (see **Ireland**) with a prosthetic *Y-* and substitution of *-ling* for *-land*.

## Yearsley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 832, Ireland 14
- **GB frequency 1881:** 604
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lincs; also Staffs

1 English: locative name from Yeadsley (Cheshire). There may have been some confusion with **Yardley**. **Early bearers:** [ . . . de] Erdesl’, [ . . . de] Urdesle, 1285, [ . . . ] Erdisley, [ . . . ] Yerdlesley, 1522 in *Place-Names of Cheshire* (Cheshire); Edward Yearsley, 1564 in *IGI* (Witton cum Twambrooks, Cheshire); Robartus Yardsley or Yearldye, 1583 in *IGI* (Eccleshall, Staffs); Elizabeth Yarsley, 1590 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Robert Yearsley, 1602 in *IGI* (Church Minshull, Cheshire); Jane Yarsley, 1635 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); John Yarsley, 1646 in *IGI* (Tong, Shrops); John Yarsley, 1666 in *IGI* (Old Swinford, Worcs); John Yardsley, 1719 in *IGI* (Shifnal, Shrops).

**References:** *Place-Names of Cheshire* 1, pp. 176–7.

2 English: locative name, perhaps also from Yearsley (NR Yorks), but the distribution of the surname tells against this.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus de Yerslay, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Ripley, WR Yorks).

**References:** *Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames*.

## Yearwood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 548, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Yarwood**.

**Further information:** The surname in this spelling is frequent in Barbados, and in Trinidad and Tobago. It is associated with plantation ownership in Barbados and other Caribbean islands.

## Yeates

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2332, Ireland 320
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1556
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Wilts and Gloucs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Down



English: see **Yates**.

**Early bearers:** Walter Yeates, 1588 in *IGI* (Idmiston, Wilts); William Yeates, 1620 in *IGI* (Charlton Kings, Gloucs).

### Yeatman

**Variants:** Yetman, Yatman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 509, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 449
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in S England: esp. Dorset

English: occupational name for a gatekeeper (Middle English *yate* + *man*).

**Early bearers:** Nyckkollas Yeatman, 1576 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Robert Yeatman, 1602 in *IGI* (Mere, Wilts); Lucy Yateman, 1604 in *IGI* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Elisabeth Yeatman, 1605 in *IGI* (Winchester, Hants); Michael Yeatman, 1623 in *IGI* (Berwick upon Tweed, Northumb); Gualter Yeatman, 1625 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Gualter Yeatman, 1626 in *IGI* (Wedmore, Somerset); Francis Yateman, 1635 in *IGI* (Wantage, Berks); Samuel Yateman, 1645 in *IGI* (Ringwood, Hants); Mary Yateman, 1661 in *IGI* (Brize Norton, Oxon); James Yeatman, 1706 in *IGI* (Castleton, Dorset); Robert Yeatman, 1707 in *IGI* (Sherborne, Dorset).

### Yeaton

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: locative name from Yeaton in Shrops.

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** John Yeaton, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Budworth, Cheshire); James Yeaton, 1564 in *IGI* (Winwick, Lancs); Willm. Yeaton, 1581 in *IGI* (West Kirby, Cheshire); William Yeaton, 1633 in *IGI* (Wolverhampton, Staffs).

### Yeats

**Variants:** Yeatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 690, Ireland 27
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 780
  - **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in Scotland and England: esp. Aberdeens
  - **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh and Down
- Scottish, English: see **Yates**.

### Yeatts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 14, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 37
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Midlothian
- Scottish: see **Yeats**.

### Yeboah

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1028, Ireland 6
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Ghanaian: from a general Akan male name, *Yeboah*, of unknown meaning.

**References:** Agyekum, Kofi (2006) The sociolinguistic of Akan personal names. *Nordic Journal of African Studies* 15.2, pp. 206–35, at p. 218.

### Ye

**Variants:** Lee, Yik, Ye

- **Current frequencies:** GB 453, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 伊 (Yi in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'he or she' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the

personal name Yi Yin (伊尹), a famous official who made great contributions to the establishment of the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). It is said that he lived along a river named Yi Shui (伊水) (located in Henan province), and thus acquired the surname Yi (伊). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Yi Lou (伊婁) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 易 (Yi in Mandarin pinyin, Yik in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'amiable' or 'easy' in Chinese: (i) possibly from Yi (易), the name of a river (located in Hebei province). (ii) from the first element of the personal name Yi Ya (易牙), also known as Yong Wu, an official in the state of Qi during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), who was famous for his good cooking. (iii) from the first element of the place-name Yi Zhou (易州) (located in Yixian in Hebei province).

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 衣 (meaning 'clothes' in Chinese), or possibly a mispronounced form of the Chinese surname 殷. See **Yan** (2).

4 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 爾 (Er in Mandarin pinyin; meaning 'thou or you' in ancient Chinese), a shortened form of the Chinese compound surname Er-Zhu (爾朱), from the ancient name of a river (now called Zhu Jia Chuan), located in NW Shanxi province.

5 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 余, 于 (or 於), 俞, 虞, 庾, 喻, 禹, 宇, 茹, and 汝, see **Yu** (1–10).

6 Korean: (Yi, 이); Chinese character 李, meaning 'plum'. This is the second most common surname in Korea, comprising about 16 per cent of the total population. It is found in every part of the country. There are three Chinese characters for this surname, but two of them are quite rare, and one of them is not found outside North Korea. Some sources indicate that there are as many as 546 Yee clans, and about 100 of them have been documented. The founder of the oldest clan, the Kyōngju Yi, was named Yi Al-p'yōng (李 諱平); he flourished in around AD 32. He was one of the six original rulers of pre-Shilla Korea. Aside from a few other Yi families, which originated from the Kyōngju Yi clan, most of the other main clans were formed at the end of the Koryō period or beginning of the Chosŏn period. Some Korean Yi families trace their origins back to China. The founder of the Chosŏn Kingdom and of the Yee dynasty, Yee Sōng-gye (李 成桂), was a member of the Yee clan from Chōnju. This clan ruled the Korean peninsula from 1392 to 1910.

**Further information:** This Korean name is also anglicized as *Lee*, *Rhee*, and *Yi*.

### Yeeles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 83
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Eeles**.

**Early bearers:** Tho. Yeeles, 1596 in *IGI* (Kingsclere, Hants); Tristam Yeeles, 1605 in *PROB II* (Evercreech, Somerset); Frances Yeeles, 1613 in *IGI* (South Cerney, Gloucs).

### Yeend

- **Current frequencies:** GB 137, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 94

- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: nickname from Middle English *ene* 'lamb' (Old English \**ēan*, as in *ge-ēane*, adj., 'with lamb') + post-medieval excrescent *-d*.

**Early bearers:** Bridget Yeend, 1616 in *IGI* (Ashchurch, Gloucs).

### Yeh

- **Current frequencies:** GB 103, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**.

### Yek

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 葉, see **Yip**.

### Yelden

- **GB frequency 1881:** 8
- **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: see **Yielding**.

### Yeldham

- **Current frequencies:** GB 230, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 176
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: locative name from Great or Little Yeldham (Essex).

**Early bearers:** Gilbert de Geldham, 1178 in *Cartae Antiquae*; Walter de Gellam, 1197, William de Geldham, 1203 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); Johannes Yeldham, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Colchester, Essex); William Yeldham, 1721 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex); Martha Yeldham, 1724 in *IGI* (Lamarsh, Essex).

### Yeldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 19
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx

English: see **Yielding**.

### Yell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 100, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 113
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex; Surrey

English: relationship name, apparently from a Middle English personal name \**Yell* (a survival of the Old English \**G(i)ella*, originally suggested by Ekwall to explain the first element of the place-name *Yelling* (Hunts)).

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Yelle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wolterton, Norfolk); Margareta Yell', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thurleigh, Beds); Thomas Yell, 1650 in *IGI* (Letheringham, Suffolk); Tho. Yell, 1666 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Samuel Yell, 1783 in *IGI* (Mistley, Essex).

**References:** *Place-Names of Beds and Hunts*, pp. 275–6.

### Yelland

**Variants:** Yolland, Yalland, Yealland, Yelling

- **Current frequencies:** GB 969, Ireland 11
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 788
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Cornwall
- English: locative name from any of several places in Devon, such as Yalland in South Brent, Lower Yelland in Fremington, Yolland Hill in Ashburton, Yollandbrook in Ugborough, and Yollands in

## Yellen

Plympton Saint Mary, which were named in Middle English or late Old English as *alde land* ‘old cultivated land’.

**Further information:** *Place-Names of Devon* records the following medieval surname forms: [ . . . ] de la Yalendane, 1238; Yollelonde, 1281; and Yeallelond, 1333. **Early bearers:** William Attenoldelonde, 1244, [ . . . de] la Yoldelonde, 1270, [ . . . de] la Yoldelande, 1291, [ . . . de] Yollelonde, 1330, Gilbert de Oldelond, Hugo atte Oldelond, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* (Devon); John de la Yaldelonde, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Devon); Anna Yalland, 1588 in *IGI* (Landulph, Cornwall); Johan Yolland, 1593 in *IGI* (Belstone, Devon); Johane Yealand, 1595 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); William Yalland, 1609 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); William Yelland, 1617 in *IGI* (Shobrooke, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 115, 254, 287, 292, 465.

## Yellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 18
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset
- English: see **Yelling**.

## Yellin

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** o
- English: see **Yelling**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

## Yelling

**Variants:** Yellin, Yellen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: (i) locative name, most often a variant of **Yelland**. (ii) occasionally a locative name from Yelling (Hunts).

**Early bearers:** John Yellyng, 1447 in *Hundred Rolls* (Highworth, Wilts); Philip Yelling, 1596 in *IGI* (Edworth, Beds); Ephraim Yelling, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon).

## Yellop

- **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 91
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: see **Yallop**.

## Yellow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 72
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham, Yorks, and Lancs

English: nickname from Middle English *yelewe* ‘yellow’ (Old English *geolu*), referring to the colour of the hair or the complexion.

**Early bearers:** Jordan le Yelewe, 1234 in *Oseney Cartulary*; Peter le Yelewe, 1307 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); Johanne Yely, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monkton Farleigh, Wilts); John Yelowes, William Yeallowe, 1576 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

## Yellowlees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 93
- **Main GB location 1881:** SE Scotland: esp. Selkirks

Scottish: variant of **Yellowley** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** England: John Yellowlies, 1702 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb).

Scotland: Margaret Yellowlees, 1704 in *IGI* (Westruther, Berwicks); Marion Yellowlees, 1757 in *IGI* (Duddingston, Midlothian).

## Yellowley

**Variants:** Yellowlees

- **Current frequencies:** GB 105, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 81
- **Main GB location 1881:** Northumb

Scottish or N English: (i) locative name of uncertain origin. Black tentatively identifies it with a place in Bandrum, near Saline, Fife, recorded as *yalwleche* in a 13th-century charter (*Dunfermline Register*). (ii) nickname; alternatively, it may be an altered form of an obsolete Scottish surname, *Yalulok*, ‘yellow locks’, a nickname for someone with yellow hair.

**Further information:** The name was occasionally confused with **Galilee**, as in the following parish register entry: William Yalleley or Galleleye, 1608 in *IGI* (Elton, Durham).

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gillelmus Yhalulok, 1413 in *Saint Andrews University Records* (Saint Andrews); David and Thomas Yhaliluk, 1445 in *Cambuskenneth Register*; Duncan Yalulok (alias Zhaluloh), vicar of Crawford-Lindsay, 1459, 1467, 1470 (*Holyrood Register, Midlothian Charters, Family of Wemyss*).

England: Phillis Yallowly, 1604 in *IGI* (Egglescliff, Durham); Elisabeth Yelloley, 1628 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William Yellowley, 1634 in *IGI* (Egglescliffe, Durham); Joseph Yellowley, 1667 in *IGI* (Hexham, Northumb); Jonathan Yaliley, 1716 in *IGI* (Kirkwhelpington, Northumb).

**References:** *Black*.

## Yellup

- **Current frequencies:** GB 12, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk and Lincs

English: see **Yallop**.

## Yelton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland o
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 16
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Cumb; Angus
- English, Scottish: locative name of uncertain origin, perhaps (according to Black) from Youlton (NR Yorks).

**Further information:** This name is now rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard Yelton, 1645 in *IGI* (Binfield, Berks).

Scotland: John Yelton, 1679 in *IGI* (Culross, Perth); Marion Yelton, 1686 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

## Yelverton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36, Ireland 68
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork and Tipperary

English: locative name from either of two places called Yelverton (Norfolk, Devon). Medieval examples of the surname are from the Norfolk place, but the modern surname is associated mainly with Devon, where the earliest record of the surname in

*IGI* is in 1761, and is probably a substitution for **Elford**, an earlier form of the Devon place-name.

**Further information:** The Devon place, a hamlet in Buckland Monachorum, is not officially on record as *Yelverton* until the 19th century, when the Great Western Railway so named the station it built there in 1859. It is a dialect pronunciation of *Elverton*, which is first recorded in 1765 as an extended form of its medieval name *Elford* + *-ton* ‘town’. The farm there is called *Elfordtown* on the 6-inch Ordnance Survey map. The more usual surname derived from this place is **Elford** and it may be that *Yelverton* is a deliberate renaming of an 18th-century family in Ottery Saint Mary otherwise known as *Elford*, perhaps to distinguish different branches of the family. Compare John Elford, 1762 (son of John and Mary Elford) in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

**Early bearers:** John de Yelvertune, 1275 in *Hundred Rolls* (Norfolk); Johannes de Yelworton, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Saxthorpe, Norfolk); William Yelurton, 1443 in *Paston Letters*; An Yelverton, 1543 in *IGI* (Rougham, Norfolk); Chrest Yelverton, 1562 in *IGI* (Rougham, Norfolk); Humfrey Yelverton, 1579 in *IGI* (Bawsey, Norfolk); Edward Yelverton, 1628 in *IGI* (Saint Bride Fleet Street, London); Joseph Yelverton, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx); James Yelverton, 1761 (son of James and Mary Yelverton) in *IGI* (Ottery Saint Mary, Devon).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 225–6.

## Yeman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 29
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs
- English, Scottish: see **Yeoman**.

## Yemm

- **Current frequencies:** GB 430, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 161
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs

English: variant of **Eames**, with the characteristically southern development of Middle English initial *Ea-* to a rising diphthong, resulting in *Y-*.

**Early bearers:** John Eme, John Yeme, 1525 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Coleford, Gloucs); Thomas Yem, 1575 in *PROB 11* (London); Ann Yem, 1712, Stephen Yemm, 1713 in *IGI* (Ruardean, Gloucs).

## Yen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland o
- **GB frequency 1881:** o

1 Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 嚴, 閻, 顏, 晏, 言, 燕, and 鄞, see **Yan** (3–10).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 甄, see **Chen** (1).

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 殷, see **Yan** (2).

4 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 袁, see **Yuen** (1).

## Yendall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 151, Ireland 43
- **GB frequency 1881:** 169
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Yendell**.

**Yendell**

Variants: **Yendall, Yendle, Yeandle, Yandle, Yandell, Yandall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 204, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Somerset; Middx

English: locative name, possibly from a lost SW place-name, Old English *ēan-dæl* or *-dell* 'lamb hollow or dell'.

**Early bearers:** Agnes Yendall, 1618 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); James Yendall, 1641 in *Somerset Petition* (Somerset); Thomas Yendall, Christopher Yeandall, 1642 in *Protestation Returns* (Devon); Christopher Yendall, 1644 in *IGI* (Halberton, Devon); Edward Yendole, 1685 in *IGI* (Clyst Saint George, Devon); Francis Yandell, 1705 in *IGI* (Chipstable, Somerset); George Yendole, 1720 in *IGI* (North Petherton, Somerset); John Yandle, 1730 in *IGI* (Molland, Devon); John Yandle, 1740 in *IGI* (Nettlecombe, Somerset); Richard Yandell, 1744 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Yendle**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 200, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 53
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- English: see **Yendell**.

**Yeo**

Variants: **Yea, Yow, Yoe, Youe**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2529, Ireland 20
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1565
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Dublin; Kilkenny

1 English: locative name from south-western Middle English *ya, yo, yeo* 'river or stream' (Old English *ēa*), either a topographic name denoting residence near a stream or from any of several minor places in Devon and Somerset named with this word. See also **Atyeo, Rea, Nye**.

**Early bearers:** Geoffrey de la Ya, 1242 in *Book of Fees* (Devon); Alexander de Ya, 1257 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Viel de la Yo, 1260 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Richard atte eo, Adam atte aa, 1333 in *Löfvenberg*; Robert atte Yea, 1340 in *Löfvenberg* (Somerset); Hugo de la Yeo, 1333 in *Place-Names of Devon* 287; Waltero Yaa, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Stogumber and Preston, Somerset); Nicholas Yeo, Yoo, 1439 in *London Letter Books K*.

2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 楊 (see **Yang** (1)) and 姚 (see **Yau** (1)).

**Further information:** The dialects with this pronunciation are found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia.

3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 饒, see **Rao** (2).

**Yeoh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 229, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 姚 (see **Yau** (1)) and 楊 (see **Yang** (1)).

**Further information:** This form of the name is found in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some

people migrated to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and other parts of SE Asia.

**Yeoman**

Variants: **Yeaman, Yeman, Youman, Yeomans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2051, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1880
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

English, Scottish: status name from Middle English *yoman* 'yeoman', a word that probably originated as a reduced form of Middle English *yonge man*. In the spelling Zeman (1296, 1565) Z is used as an alternative letter shape for Y.

**Further information:** A yeoman in the Middle Ages in England was a middle-ranking servant in a noble house, ranking between a sergeant and a groom (alternatively, between a squire and a page). The term became a byword for reliable and faithful service. In Scotland by the 16th century it had come to denote a landholder next in rank below a gentleman, specifically one who owned land worth at least forty shillings a year.

**Early bearers:** England: William Zeman, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Chilgrove and Singleton, Sussex); John Yemon, 1332 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Lancs); Ricardus Yoman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Wath upon Dearne, WR Yorks); Henricus Yhoman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thorne, WR Yorks); Johannes le Yemon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Lathom, Lancs); Thomas le Yomon, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Weston Jones, Staffs); William Yeaman, 1553 in *IGI* (Bedford, Beds); Thomae Yeoman, 1556 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); William Yeoman, 1556 in *IGI* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Mary Yeoman, 1558 in *IGI* (Fletching, Sussex); Joane Yeoman, 1559, Phillip Yeaman, 1631 in *IGI* (Malborough, Devon); Adam Yeman, 1562 in *IGI* (East Garston, Berks); Thomas Yeoman, 1566 in *IGI* (Burnham Norton, Norfolk); Georgus Youman, 1706 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Nicolas Youman, 1746 in *IGI* (Exeter, Devon).

Scotland: George Zeman, 1565 in *Moray Register* (Morays); David Yeamen, merchant, 1592 in *Wedderburne Compt Buik* (Dundee, Angus); Cristiane Yeaman, 1607 in *IGI* (Ratray, Perth); Johne Yeaman, 1619 in *IGI* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Issobell Yeaman, 1624 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Issobell Yeman, 1639 in *IGI* (Kelso, Roxburghs); Margaret Yeaman, 1641 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Mariorie Yeman, 1652, Jonat Yeaman, 1653 in *IGI* (Dundee, Angus).

**Yeomans**

Variants: **Youmans**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 3923, Ireland 58
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2456
- **Main GB location 1881:** Derbys and Staffs

English: variant of **Yeoman** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Millicent Yeomans, 1551 in *IGI* (Nonington, Kent); Ales Yeomans, 1552 in *IGI* (Stewkley, Bucks); Mary Yeomans, 1568 in *IGI* (Hope Bowdler, Shrops); Thomas Yeomans, 1572 in *IGI* (Lichfield, Staffs); Thomas Yeomans, 1579 in *IGI* (Longford, Derbys); Josephus Youmans, 1711 in *IGI* (Burton upon Trent, Staffs); Mary Yoemans, 1762 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk).

**Yeong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 53, Ireland 1

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, based on its Cantonese pronunciation, see **Yang** (1).

**Yeow**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 75, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 姚, possibly based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation. See **Yau** (1).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤, see **Yau** (2) and (3).

**Yeoward**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 14
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb and Lancs

English: see **Ewart**.

**Yeowart**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 48
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Ewart**.

**Yeowell**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 136, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 41
- **Main GB location 1881:** London

English: see **Youle**.

**Yep**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 11, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: see **Yip**.

**Yerburgh**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs

English: see **Yarborough**.

**Yerbury**

Variants: **Yarber, Yarberrry**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 201, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 220
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: locative name from Yardbury Farm in Colyton (Devon).

**Early bearers:** Thomas Yearberye, 1573 in *PROB 11* (Bradford, Wilts); Anna Yerbury, 1615 in *IGI* (Bromham, Wilts); Joane Yearberye, 1626 in *PROB 11* (Corsham, Wilts); Elioner Yerbury, 1631 in *IGI* (Trowbridge, Wilts); Nathaniel Yerbury, 1707 in *IGI* (Bedminster, Somerset).

**Yerby**

Variants: **Yearby**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 92, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44
- **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks and Herts; Leics

English: locative name from Yearby (NR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** William Yerby, 1641 in *IGI* (East Leake, Notts); Charles Yerby, 1705 in *IGI* (Belgrave, Leics); Sarah Yerby, 1734 in *IGI* (Hardwick, Bucks); Joseph Yerby, 1746 in *IGI* (Tring, Herts).

## Yerrell

### Yerrell

Variants: **Yerrill**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 165, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Worcs; Beds
- English: relationship name from an unrecorded Middle English female personal name *Yerhild* (Old English \**Gērchild*).

**Further information:** The surname may sometimes have been confused with the Beds name **Yarrell**.

**Early bearers:** Thoma Yerheld, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sandy, Beds); Willelmus Yerell, 1520, Thomas Yereld, 1534, Thomas Yerrell, 1538–9 in *Beds Documents* (Blunham, Beds); Christian Yerell, 1520 in *Beds Wills (Probate)* (Blunham, Beds); William Yerrell, 1591, John Yerrill, 1604, James Yerril, 1706 in *IGI* (Blunham, Beds); Will. Yerrel, 1678 in *IGI* (Wilden, Beds); Richard Yerrall, 1716 in *IGI* (Colmworth, Beds); Elizabeth Yerril, 1757 in *IGI* (Sandy, Beds); Peter Yerral, 1765 in *IGI* (Eversholt, Beds).

### Yerrill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 20
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Beds
- English: see **Yerrell**.

### Yetman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 110, Ireland 7
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 75
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset, Hants, and Sussex
- English: see **Yeatman**.

### Yetton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 112, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 89
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Middx
- English: locative name from an unidentified place, probably one of the Yattons in Somerset, Wilts, or Herefs, in a W Midland dialect form.
- Early bearers:** Henry Yetton, 1573 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Jamys Yetton, 1576 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Gylbart Yetton, 1577 in *IGI* (Ribbesford, Worcs).

### Yetts

- **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb; Lanarks; Surrey
- English: see **Yates**.
- Early bearers:** James Yetts, 1688 in *IGI* (Ayr, Ayr); William Yetts, 1688 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); Margaret Yetts, 1702 in *IGI* (Bothwell, Lanarks).

### Yeudall

- **Current frequencies:** GB 29, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- English: see **Yewdall**.

### Yeuell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 9
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Kent
- English: see **Youle**.

### Yeung

Variants: **Yong, Yung, Yon, Jung**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1452, Ireland 35
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 楊, 陽, 羊, 養, and 仰, see **Yang** (1–5).

### Yew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 111, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 15
- 1 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 姚 (see **Yau** (1)) and 楊 (see **Yang** (1)).
- 2 Chinese: Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese form of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤, see **Yau** (2) and (3).
- 3 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

### Yewdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 35
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs

English: see **Yewdall**.

### Yewdall

Variants: **Yewdale, Yeudall, Youdle, Youdale, Udall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 226
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs
- English: locative name from Yewdale in Coniston (Lancs), named with Old English *īw* ‘yew tree’ + Old Scandinavian *dalr* ‘valley’.
- Early bearers:** Johannes de Yowdal, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Alicia de Yowdall, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Malham, WR Yorks); John Yowdale de Borodale, 1456 in *Fountains Abbey Memorials* (Malham, WR Yorks); John Yowdall, 1546 in *Foreign and Domestic Letters* (Cumb); Thomas Yedall, 1556 in *York Registry Wills* (Kirkstall, WR Yorks); Jenet Yewdall, 1567 in *IGI* (Dalton in Furness, Lancs); Gawin Youdale, 1619, Gawine Yewdall, 1648 in *IGI* (Crosthwaite, Cumb); John Yeudall, 1628, Thomas Youdell, 1648 in *IGI* (Greystoke, Cumb); James Yewdale, 1770 in *IGI* (Keighley, WR Yorks); Josiah Youdle, 1791 in *IGI* (Warminster, Wilts).

**References:** *Lancs Place-Names*, p. 192.

### Yewen

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 44
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey; also Staffs
- Scottish, Welsh: see **Ewen**.

### Yexley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 207, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 22
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey, Kent, and London
- English: see **Yaxley**.

### Yiangou

- **Current frequencies:** GB 145, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek, Cypriot: relationship name from the old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Yiangos*, which may derive either from a colloquial version of *Ioannes* (see **John**) or from the Italian or Spanish name *Iago*. It is a common name in Cyprus.

### Yianni

- **Current frequencies:** GB 422, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Greek: relationship name from the genitive of the modern Greek personal name *Yiannis* (*Giannis*); New Testament Greek *Iōānnēs*: see **John**).

### Yielding

Variants: **Yeldon, Yelden**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Sussex; Middx
- English: locative name from Yelden, Beds (formerly known as Yielding).
- Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is more common in the USA.
- Early bearers:** William Yielding, 1706 in *IGI* (Southill, Beds); Sarah Yielding, 1715 in *IGI* (Codicote, Herts); Eliz. Yielding, 1719 in *IGI* (Headcorn, Kent).

### Yik

- **Current frequencies:** GB 57, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 易, see **Yee** (2).

### Yildirim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 617, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: nickname from *yıldırım* ‘thunderbolt’.
- Further information:** It occurs as the byname of the Ottoman Sultan Bayezid the Thunderbolt (late 14th century).

### Yildiz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 493, Ireland 8
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: nickname from *yıldız* ‘star’.

### Yilmaz

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1032, Ireland 21
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Turkish: from the personal name *Yılmaz*, from *yılmaz* ‘unyielding’.

### Yim

- **Current frequencies:** GB 171, Ireland 6
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- 1 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 冉, see **Jan** (2).
- 2 Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 嚴, 閻, and 閻, see **Yan** (3–5).

### Yin

Variants: **Yam, Ngan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 399, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 陰 (**Yam** in Cantonese romanization), referring to ‘yin’ in Chinese philosophy: (i) from the personal name of Yin Jing (陰兢), an official in the late Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC), about whom nothing else is known. (ii) from the place-name *Yin* (陰), the name of a fief (located in present-day Henan province) during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) from Yin Dafu (陰大夫), a title given to Guan Xiu, a descendant of Guan Zhong (a famous official in the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC)). Guan Xiu

was born in the state of Qi and went to the state of Chu, where he was given the title Yin Dafu (陰大夫).  
**2** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 銀 (Ngan in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'silver' in Chinese: (i) from the name of Wan-Yan Yinshu (完顏銀術), a famous governor of a district in present-day Guangxi province during the Jin dynasty (AD 1115–1234). (ii) the surname is also traced back to minority ethnic groups in China.

**3** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 言, 燕, and 鄢, see **Yan** (8–10).

**4** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 印 and 殷, see **Yan** (1) and (2).

**5** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 尹, see **Wan** (2).

## Ying

• **Current frequencies:** GB 194, Ireland 1

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 贏: (i) said to be a surname borne by one of the sons of the legendary emperor Huang Di, 'the Yellow Emperor' (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Ying* (贏), the name of a county (located in present-day Shandong province) in the state of Qi, and also the name of a river (located in Hebei province).

**2** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 應, see **Ing** (3).

**3** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 邢, see **Hing** (2).

**4** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 殷, see **Yan** (2).

## Yip

Variants: **Yep, Yap, Yeap, Ip, Yek, Ye, Yeh**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 1454, Ireland 41

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 葉 (Ye in Mandarin pinyin, Ip in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'leaf' in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Ye* (葉), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to Shen Zhu Liang, son of an official in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) traced back to a minority ethnic group in ancient S China.

## Yiu

• **Current frequencies:** GB 218, Ireland 2

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 姚, see **Yau** (1).

**2** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 饒, see **Rao** (2).

**3** Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤, see **Yau** (2) and (3).

**4** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 余 and 于, see **Yu** (1) and (2).

## Yoe

• **Current frequencies:** GB 16, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 55

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Yeo**.

## Yoell

• **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 28

• **Main GB location 1881:** London; Notts

English: see **Youle**.

## Yogarajah

• **Current frequencies:** GB 157, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (southern states): Hindu name meaning 'king of yoga'.

**Further information:** Although this is a male given name in India's southern states, it has been used as a family name by migrants to north India or abroad.

## Yoke

• **GB frequency 1881:** 1

English: status name from Middle English *yoke* (Old English *geoc*), denoting a particular measure of land area. The surname would have denoted the holder of such an area of land or one named with this word.

**Further information:** A yoke was normally equivalent to about 50 or 60 acres.

**Early bearers:** Roger ate Yoke, 1317 in *Assize Rolls* (Kent); Roger atte Yok, 1324–5 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William Yoke, 1390 in *Inquisitiones post Mortem* (Gloucs).

## Yolland

• **Current frequencies:** GB 82, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 80

• **Main GB location 1881:** Devon; Essex

English: see **Yelland**.

## Yon

Variants: **Yan**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 144, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 8

• **Main GB location 1881:** Hants

**1** Huguenot, French: relationship name, French *Yon*, from the Old French personal name *Yon*, Middle Dutch *Yoen*, a vernacular pronunciation of Old French *Odon*, the oblique case form of *Odo* (see **Odd**).

**Early bearers:** Johais Yon, 1583 in *IGI* (Sutton, Cambs); John Yon, 1599 in *IGI* (Layston, Herts); Margueritte Yon, 1693 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Abraham Guillaume Yon, 1698 in *IGI* (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London); Marie Yon, 1727 in *IGI* (Spitalfields, Middx); John Yon, born in foreign parts, in *Census 1841* (Saint Helier, Jersey); Hortense Clementine Yon, 1848 in *IGI* (Southampton, Hants); Heloise P. Yon, Calvados, British subject, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Southampton, Hants); Nathalie Yon, born in France, in *Census 1881* (Stoke Newington, London).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

**2** Scottish: perhaps a variant of **Ewen**.

**3** Chinese: (i) non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, see **Yeung** (1). (ii) non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 容 and 榮, see **Jung** (1) and (2).

**4** Korean: (연, *Yŏn*; Chinese character 延, meaning 'delay'). Some sources say that there are thirty *Yŏn* clans, but they all seem to be descended from the Koksan *Yŏn* clan, whose founding ancestor, *Yŏn Kye-ryŏng* (延繼岑), migrated to the Koryŏ kingdom after escorting a princess to the Koryŏ court. The king (probably Ch'ungyŏl, reigned 1274–1308) gave him some land in the Koksan area, and so began the Koksan *Yŏn* clan. The surname can be found throughout the Korean peninsula, but it is most common in Ch'ungh'ŏng North province.

## Yong

Variants: **Young, Yung**

• **Current frequencies:** GB 594, Ireland 15

• **GB frequency 1881:** 20

**1** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雍 (**Yung** in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'harmony' in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yong* (雍), the name of a fief (located in Fengxiang in Shaanxi province) dating back to the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Yong* (雍), the name of a state (located in Henan province) granted to Yong Bo (雍伯) ('Earl Yong'), the 13th son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Jin (located mainly in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people adopted 雍, the name of the state, as their surname. (iii) from the personal name Yong (雍), name of a son of the king Qi Huan Gong (died 643 BC) in the state of Qi (which was located mainly in present-day Shandong province).

**2** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 容, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Jung** (1).

**3** Chinese: Hakka romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Yeung** (1).

**4** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 翁, see **Yung** (1).

**5** English, Scottish: see **Young**.

**Early bearers:** England: Agnes Yong, 1538 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Margett Yong, 1541 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Ales Yong, 1545 in *IGI* (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); Guiliel. Yong, 1546 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Edward Yong, 1891 in *IGI* (Birmingham, Warwicks).

Scotland: Janet Yong, 1587 in *IGI* (Dysart, Fife).

## Yonge

• **Current frequencies:** GB 79, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 92

• **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. in S England

English: see **Young**.

**Early bearers:** Robert Yonge, 1538 in *IGI* (Claypole, Lincs); Thoms Yonge, 1538 in *IGI* (Bishops Tachbrook, Warwicks); Thome Yonge, 1539 in *IGI* (Benington, Herts); Rychard Yonge, 1540 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Agnes Yonge, 1542 in *IGI* (Carshalton, Surrey); Robti Yonge, 1543 in *IGI* (Awre with Blakeney, Gloucs); Robti Yonge, 1543 in *IGI* (Chislet, Kent); German Yonge, 1545 in *IGI* (Saint Clement, Cornwall).

## Yongue

• **GB frequency 1881:** 0

English: see **Young**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but more numerous in the USA.

## Yonwin

• **Current frequencies:** GB 50, Ireland 0

• **GB frequency 1881:** 11

• **Main GB location 1881:** Kent

English: relationship name from the Middle English personal name *Youngwyne* (Old English \**Geongwine* 'young friend').

## Yoon

**Early bearers:** given names: Iunguine, about 1095 in *Bury Saint Edmunds Documents* (Suffolk); Yungwin' de Tedford, 1177 in *Pipe Rolls* (Suffolk).

**surnames:** Robertus filius Iunguini, 1182 in *Oseney Cartulary* (Oxon); Simon Yongwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Suffolk); Roger Youngwyne, 1327 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Essex); Jacobus Yonwin, 1752 in *IGI* (Arundel, Sussex).

## Yoon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese, Korean: see **Yun**.

## Yorath

**Variants:** **Yarworth, Yorwarth**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 203, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 143
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Welsh: relationship name from the Welsh personal name *Iorwerth* (*ior* 'lord' + *werth*, a mutated form of *berth* 'handsome'). The name was taken to be equivalent to *Edward*, hence the frequency of **Edwards** as a Welsh surname.

**Early bearers:** given names: yorworth ab Madok, 1302 in *Morgan and Morgan*; Jarforth' filius Ithell', 1221 in *Assize Rolls* (Shrops); Gveyervil uxor Ierueriod, 1302 in *Morgan and Morgan* (Cricieth, Merioneths).

**surnames:** Griffin filius Yeruerth', 1196 in *Pipe Rolls* (Shrops); [ . . . ] ab Ioru'th, medieval period in *Black Book of Saint David's*; Maddok ap Yarworth, 1331 in *Patent Rolls* (Staffs); Tudur ap Jorwerth, 1391 in *Chirkland Extent*; Samuel Yerworth, 1641 in *Somerset Petition*; Evan Yarrowthe, 1670 in *Hearth Tax* (Glamorgan); Howll Yorath, 1736 in *IGI* (Llanvair, Monmouths).

**Further information:** A considerable range of undated medieval Welsh spellings and post-medieval Marches spellings of both given name and byname/surname is given by *Morgan and Morgan*, pp. 139–41.

## Yore

- **Current frequencies:** GB 66, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and NR Yorks
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Meath

English: locative name from the River Ure (NR and WR Yorks), spelled *Jor* or *Yor* in the Middle Ages.

**Early bearers:** Nicholaus and Johannes de Yore, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Stainley, WR Yorks); Elizabeth Your, 1823 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

## York

**Variants:** **Yorke**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4960, Ireland 71
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3871
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Northants
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Longford; Derry

English: locative name from the city of York.

**Early bearers:** John de York, 1324 in *Coroners' Rolls* (London); Robertus de York, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Lewes, Sussex); Willelmo Yorke, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Rowley, Wilts); Thomas York, 1522 in *Coroners' Rolls* (Notts).

## Yorke

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2443, Ireland 128
- **GB frequency 1881:** 947
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread

- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Antrim; Galway; Longford
- English: see **York**.

## Yorkshire

- **Current frequencies:** GB 20, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 5
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Surrey
- English: locative name from the county of Yorks.
- Early bearers:** John de Euirwikescire, 1260 in *Assize Rolls* (Cheshire); Willelmus Yorkescher', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodworth, WR Yorks).

## Yorkston

**Variants:** **Yorston**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 134
  - **Main GB location 1881:** central Scotland
- Scottish: locative name from Yorkston Farm, near Temple (Midlothian).

**Early bearers:** William Yorstoun, James Yorkstoun, burgesses of Edinburgh, 1484 in *Glasgow Register*; Robert Yorkstoun, quondam tacksman of the links of Burray, 1492 and 1502 in *Orkney Records* (Orkney); Margaret Yorkston, 1657 in *IGI* (Haddington, E Lothian); George Yorkston, 1670 in *IGI* (Longformacus, Berwicks); John Yorkstone, 1758 in *IGI* (Rothbury, Northumb).

## Yorston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 275
- **Main GB location 1881:** Orkney

Scottish: see **Yorkston**.

## Yorwarth

- **Current frequencies:** GB 10, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Glamorgan

Welsh: see **Yorath**.

## Yost

- **Current frequencies:** GB 101, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 34
- **Main GB location 1881:** Gloucs; London

Dutch: relationship name, anglicized spelling of Dutch **Jost**, a variant of the personal name *Joos*.

**Early bearers:** William Yost, 1733 in *IGI* (Nenthorn, Berwicks); Alacksander Yost, 1739 in *IGI* (West Derby, Lancs); Rebecca Yost, 1750 in *IGI* (Warwick, Warwicks); William John Yost, 1767 in *IGI* (Bristol, Gloucs); Gustave Adolph Yost, 1892 in *IGI* (Ardsley by Barnsley, Yorks).

**References:** *Debrabandere*.

## You

- **Current frequencies:** GB 199, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: (i) Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤. (ii) also non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘. See **Yau** (2–5).

2 Korean: see **Yu**.

## Youatt

- **Current frequencies:** GB 45, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 64
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Ewart**.

## Youd

**Variants:** **Youde, Youds**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 489, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 366
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire and Lancs

English: variant of *Oud* (see **Old**) with prosthetic *Y-*. Compare John Oud, 1634, Henry Youdes, 1742 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Eliz. Yold, 1708, James Youd, 1811 in *IGI* (Frodsham, Cheshire).

**Further information:** There is an unconfirmed family tradition that this surname is Huguenot, but this is probably to be discounted.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Youde, 1604 in *IGI* (Leigh, Lancs); Rodger Youde, 1686 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); Robt. Youd, 1702 in *IGI* (Shocklach, Cheshire); Anne Youde, 1712 in *IGI* (Burtonwood, Lancs); Saml. Yoad, 1745 in *IGI* (Bunbury, Cheshire).

## Youdale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 109, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: see **Yewdall**.

## Youdan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 62
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

English: locative name, apparently from an unidentified place, probably in WR Yorks, perhaps named with Old English *denu* 'valley' as the final element given the 1379 early bearer below.

**Early bearers:** Alanus de Yowden', 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Sawley, WR Yorks); Thomas Youden, 1729, Anne Youdan, 1730 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Robert Youdan, 1741 in *IGI* (Hatfield, WR Yorks); Anne Youdan, 1826 in *IGI* (All Saints Pavement, York).

## Youde

- **Current frequencies:** GB 162, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 114
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset; Cheshire, and Denbighs

English: see **Youd**.

## Youdle

- **Current frequencies:** GB 22, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 20
- **Main GB location 1881:** Somerset

English: see **Yewdall**.

## Youds

- **Current frequencies:** GB 336, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 180
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs and Cheshire

English: variant of **Youd** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomas Youds, 1747 in *IGI* (West Kirby, Cheshire); Jon. Youds, 1756 in *IGI* (Bidston, Cheshire); Henry Youds, 1764 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Youe

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6
- **Main GB location 1881:** Essex

English: variant of **Yeo**.

**Early bearers:** Mary Yew, 1561 in *IGI* (Northam, Devon); William Yooe, 1578 in *IGI* (Barnstaple, Devon); Jesse Yoo, 1605 in *IGI* (Plymouth, Devon); John Yew, 1678 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Charles Youe, 1786 in *IGI* (Shoreditch, Middx); Charles Youe, 1789 in *IGI* (Bethnal Green, Middx).

### Youel

- **Current frequencies:** GB 120, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 40
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; E Anglia; also Surrey
- English: see **Ewell**.

### Youell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 278, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 219
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks; E Anglia
- English: see **Ewell**.

### Youens

- **Current frequencies:** GB 351, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 224
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Bucks, Middx, and Kent
- Scottish, Welsh: see **Ewens**.

### Youhill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 56, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 30
  - **Main GB location 1881:** ER Yorks
- English: see **Youle**.

### Youngs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 8
  - **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks
- Scottish, Welsh: variant of **Ewens** formed as if it were a patronymic ending in *-ing*.

### Youlden

Variants: **Youldon**, **Youlton**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 215, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from one of six minor places in Devon called *Youlden* or *Youldon*, ‘old hill’, in the sense of formerly cultivated land on a hill.

**Early bearers:** James Youlton, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); William Youlden, 1629 in *IGI* (Brixham, Devon); Nycholas Youldon, 1630 in *IGI* (Rattery, Devon); Samuel Youlton, 1785 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs).

**References:** *Place-Names of Devon*, pp. 79, 126, 148, 158, 342, 451.

### Youldon

- **Current frequencies:** GB 113, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 70
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Youlden**.

### Youle

Variants: **Youll**, **Youel**, **Yoell**, **Yowell**, **Yeowell**, **Youhill**, **Yeuell**, **Yull**, **Youles**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 272, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 359
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: nickname from Middle English *yole* ‘Yule, Christmas’ (Old English *geól*, Old

Scandinavian *jól*), a nickname for one born at that time. Compare Scottish **Yule**.

**Early bearers:** Willelmus Youle, 1377, Johannes Yoll’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Beal, WR Yorks); Johannes Youll’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Greasbrough, WR Yorks); Willelmus Youle, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Johannes Yoll’, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Horninghold, Leics); Elena Yole, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Beverley, ER Yorks); William Yole, 1427 in *York Registry Wills* (Thrybergh, WR Yorks); Robert Youle, 1556 in *IGI* (Bawsey, Norfolk); Robrt. Youle, 1560 in *IGI* (Monk Frystone, WR Yorks); John Yowle, 1563 in *York Registry Wills* (Rotherham, WR Yorks); Thomas Youle, 1563 in *IGI* (Hadleigh, Suffolk); Steven Youle, 1595 in *IGI* (Market Rasen, Lincs); Faythe Yole, 1604 in *IGI* (Scotter, Lincs); Tho. Youle, 1610 in *IGI* (Howden, ER Yorks); Cecily Yule, 1614 in *IGI* (Greatham, Durham); Richard Yool, 1672 in *IGI* (Laughton by Gainsborough, Lincs); John Yole, 1813 in *IGI* (Truro, Cornwall); John Yole, 1819 in *IGI* (Brampford Speke, Devon).

2 English: variant of **Ewell** with prosthetic Y-.

### Youles

- **Current frequencies:** GB 202, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 121
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cambs

English: variant of **Youle** with post-medieval excrement *-s*.

**Early bearers:** Thomae Yules, 1635 in *IGI* (Medbourne, Leics); John Youls, 1715 in *IGI* (Dent, WR Yorks); Mary Youls, 1715 in *IGI* (Friesthorpe, Lincs); Edward Youles, 1730 in *IGI* (Wellingborough, Northants); John Youles, 1734 in *IGI* (Upton, Norfolk); William Youles, 1765 in *IGI* (Wisbech, Cambs); Sarah Youlls, 1774 in *IGI* (Emneth, Norfolk).

### Youll

- **Current frequencies:** GB 280, Ireland 5
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 174
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Durham and Northumb
- English: see **Youle**.

### Youlton

- **Current frequencies:** GB 107, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 111
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; London; Devon and Cornwall

English: (i) locative name from Youlton (Alne, NR Yorks). (ii) in the south-west, *Youlton* is a variant of **Youlden**.

**Early bearers:** James Youlton, 1629 in *IGI* (Saint Wenn, Cornwall); William Youlton, 1698 in *IGI* (Saint Columb Major, Cornwall); Joseph Youlton, 1775 in *IGI* (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Samuel Youlton, 1785 in *IGI* (Ormskirk, Lancs); Ellen Amelia Youlton, 1838 in *IGI* (Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate, London).

### Youman

- **GB frequency 1881:** 17
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk; Devon; Glamorgan

English: see **Yeoman**.

**Further information:** This form of the name is rare in Britain but is more numerous in the USA.

### Youmans

- **Current frequencies:** GB 63, Ireland 0

- **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Hants; Derbys; Norfolk
- English: see **Yeomans**.

### Younas

- **Current frequencies:** GB 754, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Yunus**.

### Young

Variants: **Yong**, **Yonge**, **Yongue**, **Younge**, **Yung**, **Youngs**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 85818, Ireland 5235
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63114
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Antrim

1 Scottish, English: nickname from Middle English *yong* ‘young’ (Old English *geong*), used to distinguish a younger man from an older man bearing the same personal name (typically, father and son).

**Further information:** In Gaelic-speaking areas of Scotland this was widely used as an English equivalent of the Gaelic nickname *Og* ‘young’; see **Ogg**.

**Early bearers:** England: Richard le Yunge, 12th cent. in *Lichfield Muniments* (Lichfield, Staffs); Walter Yonge, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus Younge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Sutton at Hone, Kent); Hugone Younge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hamilton, Leics); Robertus Yung’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Dodford, Northants); John Yunge, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Pressen, Northumb); Johannes Yunge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Broughton and North Newington, Oxon); Avelena Yunge, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Wretham, Norfolk); Alexander Young, 1539 in *IGI* (Bampton, Oxon); Rycherd Young, 1539 in *IGI* (Rotherfield, Sussex); Alice Young, 1541 in *IGI* (Sproughton, Suffolk); Richard Young, 1548 in *IGI* (Aldbrough, WR Yorks).

Scotland: John Yong de Dingwale, 1342 in *Inverness Gaelic Transactions*; Symone Yong, 1343 in *Moray Register* (Elgin); John Yhung, 1376 in *Morton Register, Scotland*; Adam Zung, 1413 in *Maxwells of Pollok*; Walter Young, 1428 in *Arbroath Register*; Walter Young, 1562 in *IGI* (Perth, Perths); Harye Young, 1564 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Walter Young, 1564 in *IGI* (Dunfermline, Fife).

2 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, see **Yang** (1).

3 Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surname 容, see **Jung** (1).

### Younge

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 36
- **GB frequency 1881:** 160
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. WR Yorks; Norfolk

English: see **Young**.

### Younger

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2279, Ireland 56
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1610
- **Main GB location 1881:** scattered: esp. Northumb and E Scotland

English: from Middle English *yungre* ‘younger’, comparative of **Young**, used to distinguish a younger man from an older man bearing the same personal name (typically, father and son).

## Younghusband

**Further information:** Compare Alanus Junior, 1201 in *Curia Regis Rolls*, the Latin form of the name. John Yongehere, 1364 in *London Pleas* was a Fleming and his surname is Middle Dutch *jonghheer* ‘young nobleman’, an earlier example of which is probably William Yunghare, 1297 in *Wakefield Court Rolls* (Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Johannes Yunger, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Shiplake, Oxon); Edmund Yonger, 1379 in *Yorks Poll Tax*; John Younger, 1546 in *IGI* (Tydd Saint Mary, Lincs); William Younger, 1565 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Em. Younger, 1566 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Robert Younger, 1568 in *IGI* (Limpsfield, Surrey); Gulliei. Younger, 1571 in *IGI* (Romford, Essex).

### Younghusband

- **Current frequencies:** GB 233, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 361
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cumb

English: status name meaning ‘young farmer’, from Middle English *yong* ‘young’ + *husbonda* ‘farmer, tiller of the soil’. Compare **Husband**.

**Early bearers:** Robert ðe yengehusbonde, 1277 in *Cotton Claudius C xi* (Suffolk); Ricardo le Yongehosebonde, about 1280 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Persore, Worcs); Robert le Yungehusebonde, 1298 in *Assize Rolls* (Staffs); John Yongehusbonde, 1430 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); William Yonghusband, 1621 in *IGI* (Bridekirk, Cumb); William Yonghusband, 1623 in *IGI* (Leyton, Essex); William Younghusband, 1646 in *IGI* (Alnwick, Northumb); Thomas Younghusband, 1654 in *IGI* (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Elizabetha Younghusband, 1660 in *IGI* (Aspatria, Cumb).

### Youngman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1202, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 867
- **Main GB location 1881:** E Anglia

English: nickname, status name meaning ‘young fellow’ or ‘junior servant’, from Middle English *yong* ‘young’ + *man* ‘man’.

**Further information:** Compare the medieval surname *Youngcock*: Willelmus Yongcok’, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Hooton Pagnell, WR Yorks).

**Early bearers:** Roger Yungeman, 1235 in *Feet of Fines* (Essex); William le Yongeman, 1302 in *Clerkenwell Cartulary* (London); Margareta Yonggeman, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (West Harling, Norfolk); John Yongeman, 1436 in *Patent Rolls* (Norfolk); Richard Yongman, 1561 in *IGI* (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Edmund Youngman, 1576, Edmond Yongeman, 1580 in *IGI* (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Yongman, 1585 in *IGI* (Topcroft, Norfolk); Anne Youngman, 1635 in *IGI* (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); James Youngman, 1698 in *IGI* (Loughton, Essex).

### Youngs

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1663, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1142
- **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk

English: variant of **Young** with post-medieval excrescent *-s*.

### Youngson

- **Current frequencies:** GB 672, Ireland 4
- **GB frequency 1881:** 316
- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens

Scottish, English: relationship name; this could possibly be a distinguishing name for the younger of two sons, as Reaney suggests, but the modern Scottish surname is much more likely to be ‘son of Ewan’. See **Eunson**.

**Early bearers:** Scotland: Gilbert Youngson, 1649 in *IGI* (Dyce, Aberdeens); Issobell Youngson, 1665 in *IGI* (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

England: Peter Yungeson, 1268 in *Assize Rolls* (Somerset); Alicia Youngson, 1599 in *IGI* (Acton by Nantwich, Cheshire).

### Younie

- **Current frequencies:** GB 179, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 186
- **Main GB location 1881:** Morays

Scottish: relationship name from the old Scottish personal name *Younie*. Black suggests that this may be a derivative of *Adamnan*, which is a Gaelic pet form of *Adam*.

**Early bearers:** James Younie, 1679 in *IGI* (Speymouth, Morays); John Eunie, 1692 in *Moray Testaments* (Netherglen of Rothes); John Yunie, 1699 in *Moray Testaments* (Gerbitry).

**References:** *Black*.

### Younis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2047, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yunus**.

### Younson

- **GB frequency 1881:** 3
- **Main GB location 1881:** Durham

Scottish: see **Eunson**.

### Younus

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yunus**.

### Yousaf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2172, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

### Yousef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 326, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

### Yousif

- **Current frequencies:** GB 388, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

### Youssef

- **Current frequencies:** GB 344, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

### Yousuf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 522, Ireland 9
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

### Yow

- **Current frequencies:** GB 35, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 English: see **Yeo**.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 姚, 游, 尤, 邱, and 丘, see **Yau** (1–5).

### Yowell

- **GB frequency 1881:** 28
- **Main GB location 1881:** London; Warwicks

English: see **Youle**.

**Further information:** This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.

### Yoxall

**Variants:** **Yoxhall**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 733, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 480
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: locative name from Yoxall (Staffs).

**Early bearers:** Walter de Yoxhale, 1272 in *Feet of Fines* (Staffs); William Yokisall, 1545 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Wilts).

### Yoxhall

- **GB frequency 1881:** 13
- **Main GB location 1881:** Cheshire

English: see **Yoxall**.

### Yu

**Variants:** **Yiu, Yee, Ye, Yue, You, Ju, Sher**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2498, Ireland 55
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

1 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 余, meaning ‘I’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the second element of the personal name Yu (由余), name of a prime minister in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) from Yu (余), the name of a small state during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) said to be borne by descendants of Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 于 (meaning ‘go’ in ancient Chinese) or 於 (often simplified as 于 in mainland China, meaning ‘depend on’ in ancient Chinese): (i) simplified form of the Chinese character 邶, the name of an ancient state (located in Qinyang in Henan province), which was granted to Yu Shu (邶叔), the third son of Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Zheng during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the Chinese character 邶 (pronounced *Yu*) was simplified to 于 and adopted as a surname. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Wan Niu Yu (萬祖于) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (iii) adopted in place of the Chinese compound surname Chun-Yu (淳于), because the first element of the surname, Chun, happened to share the same pronunciation with the given name of the emperor Li Chun, also known as Tang Xian Zong (AD 778–820), which was taboo in ancient China. (iv) said to be traced back to Yu Ze (於則), who was said to be the inventor of shoes, an official of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (v) from the second element of the place-name Shang Yu (商於) in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

3 Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 俞, meaning ‘assent, consent’ in



ancient Chinese: (i) said to be traced back to Yu Fu (俞跗), a famous doctor during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (ii) said to be traced back to the noble families in the state of Zheng and Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC)

**4** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 虞, referring to a kind of beast in ancient Chinese: from *Yu* (虞), the name of two ancient states. One is known as Dong Yu, or Eastern *Yu* (located in Yucheng in Henan province), said to have been granted by Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC), to the son of the legendary emperor Di Shun. The other is known as Xi *Yu*, or Western *Yu* (located in Pinglu in Shanxi province), which was annexed by the state of Jin in 655 BC.

**5** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 庾, meaning ‘open-air granaries’ in Chinese: (i) from the second element of Zhang Yu (掌庾), literally meaning ‘in charge of open-air granaries’, the name of an official post during the reign of the legendary king Yao (2367–2258 BC). (ii) from the first element of Yu Lin (庾廩), meaning ‘granaries’, the name of an official post during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). (iii) from *Yu* (庾), the name of an ancient state during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**6** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 喻, meaning ‘explain’ or ‘analogy’ in Chinese: (i) adopted in place of another Chinese surname, *Yu* (諭), after the Eastern Jin dynasty (AD 316–420). (ii) adopted in place of another Chinese surname pronounced *Yu* (渝) during the reign of the emperor Han Jin Di (188–141 BC), because the Chinese character happened to be the same as the given name of the wife of the emperor. It was taboo in ancient China to bear a name that was the same as that of a member of a royal or imperial family. (iii) from the name of Yu Chu (喻樗), who was granted the surname *Yu* (喻) during the Southern Song dynasty (AD 1127–1279).

**7** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 禹: (i) from the personal name Yu (禹), name of the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (ii) simplified form of Chinese *Yu* (郇), the name of a small state (located in present-day Shandong province). After this state was annexed during the late Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), the Chinese character *Yu* (郇) was simplified to *Yu* (禹) and adopted as a surname.

**8** Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 宇, meaning ‘house’ or ‘world’ in ancient Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Shen Bo, king of the state of Shen and uncle of Zhou Xuan Wang (reigned 827–782 BC). (ii) shortened form of the compound surname Yu-Wen (宇文), a surname traced back to the Hun ethnic group in ancient N China. (iii) traced back to the Dang Xiang ethnic group in ancient NW China.

**9** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 茹 (**Ru** or **Ju** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘eat’ in ancient Chinese: (i) borne by members of the *Ru Ru* (茹茹) ethnic group in ancient N China. (ii) adopted as a surname by the Pu Lou Ru (普陋茹) family from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**10** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 汝 (**Ru** or **Ju** in Mandarin romanization), meaning ‘you’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Ru*

Chuan (汝川), the name of a fief (located in Henan province) granted to the youngest son of the king Zhou Ping Wang (died 720 BC). The surname may alternatively be derived from *Ru* (汝), the name of a river (also located in present-day Henan province). (ii) borne by descendants of Ru Jiu (汝鳩), a talent during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC).

**11** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 郁 or 鬱 (often simplified to 郁 in mainland China) (**Yuk** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘luxuriant’ in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yu* (郁), the name of an ancient state which later became a fief in the state of Wu (located in present-day Zhejiang and Jiangsu province). (ii) possibly from the first element of *Yu Li* (郁立), the name of a state (located in Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region) during the Western Han dynasty (206 BC–AD 25). (iii) possibly from the first element of the place-names *Yu Yi* (郁夷) (located in Shaanxi province), *Yu Zhi* (郁秩) (located in Shandong province), or *Yu Zhi* (郁致) (located in ancient NW China). (iv) said to be traced back to Yu Hua (鬱華), teacher of Xia Yu, the first king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC). (v) possibly evolving from another Chinese family name, *Yu* (蔚).

**12** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 玉 (**Yuk** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘jade’ in Chinese: (i) borne by descendants of Gong Yu Dai (公玉帶), a person who lived during the reign of Han Wu Ding (156–87 BC), whose surname Gong Yu (公玉) was later shortened to *Yu* (玉). (ii) possibly from Yu Yin (玉尹, literally meaning ‘jade official’), title of an official in charge of the imperial jade seal in the state of Chu during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**13** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 魚, meaning ‘fish’ in Chinese: (i) from the second element of Zi Yu (子魚), style name of a prince of the state of Song during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (ii) possibly from *Yu* (魚), name of an ancient state (located in Sichuan province). (iii) traced back to some minority ethnic group in S China.

**14** Chinese: romanization of the Chinese surnames 游 and 尤, see **Yau** (2) and (3).

**15** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, see **Yang** (1).

**16** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 姚, see **Yau** (1).

**17** Korean: (유; Chinese character: 柳, meaning ‘willow’) borne by descendants of Yu Ch’a-dal (柳車子), who played a role in the establishment of the Koryŏ kingdom in the early 10th century and was enfeoffed with the Munhwa area of Hwanghae province.

**18** Korean: (유; Chinese character: 劉) borne by the descendants of Yu Süng-bi (劉承備), whose descendants established the Kangnŭng Yu clan in the 11th century.

**19** Korean: (유; Chinese character: 俞) borne by descendants of Yu Sam-cha (俞三宰), a Shilla official whose descendants settled in the Kigye area of Kyŏngsang North province.

**20** Korean: (유; Chinese character: 庾, meaning ‘stack of grain’) borne by descendants of Yu Kŏm-p’il (庾黔弼), a general who fought during the founding of the Koryŏ kingdom in the early 10th century. He was enfeoffed with P’yŏngsan in Hwanghae province. Yu Kŏm-p’il’s fifth-generation descendant established the Musong Yu clan.

## Yuan

- **Current frequencies:** GB 428, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: variant Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 袁, 元, 苑, and 原, see **Yuen** (1–4).

## Yue

Variants: **Gok**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 185, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 嶽 (**Ngok** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘high mountain’ in Chinese: traced back to Si Yue (四嶽), said to be the title of an official post during the reign of the legendary Emperor Yao (traditional dates 2367–2258 BC) and Emperor Shun (reigned c. 2162–2110 BC).

**2** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 越 (**Yuet** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘leap over’ in Chinese: (i) from *Yue* (越), the name of a state (mainly located in present-day E Zhejiang province), annexed by the state of Chu during the Warring States period (475–221 BC). (ii) adopted as a surname by the Yue Le (越勒), Yue Jiang (越疆), Yue Zhi (越質), and other families from Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**3** Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 樂, see **Lok** (1).

**4** Chinese: alternative Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 余, 于 (or 於), 俞, 虞, 庾, 喻, 禹, 宇, 茹, and 汝, see **Yu** (1–10).

**5** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 邱 and 丘, see **Yau** (4) and (5).

## Yuen

Variants: **Yuan, Yan, Yun, Yen, Wan, Woon, Roan, Gun, Guan, Goan**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 730, Ireland 11
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

**1** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 袁 (**Yuan** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘(of dress) long’ in ancient Chinese: from the personal name of Bo Yuan (伯爰), the style name of Zhu, who was a descendant of Hu Gong Man, head of the state of Chen (located mainly in Henan and Anhui provinces). In ancient Chinese, the characters 爰, 軛, and 袁 were used interchangeably. Descendants of Bo Yuan adopted 袁 (*Yuan*) as their surname.

**2** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 元 (**Yuan** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning ‘head’ or ‘beginning’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the personal name of Yuan Xian (元銑), an official in the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the place-name *Yuan* (元), the name of a fief located in Gaoping in Shanxi province, which was granted to Yuan, prince of the state of Wei during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iii) from the place-name *Yuan* (元), the name of a fief located in present-day Hebei province, which was granted to Yuan Xuan (元暄), an official in the state of Wei (卫) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC). (iv) from *Yuan Du* (元都), the name of an ancient state during the Xia and Shang dynasties (2070–1046 BC). People from the state adopted *Yuan* (元), part of the name of the state, as their surname. (v) from the Tuoba (拓跋), Hegu (紇骨), and Shiyun (是雲) families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N

China, who adopted 元 as their surname during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534).

**3** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 苑, often referring to imperial gardens in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Yuan* (苑), the name of a state located in Xinzheng in Henan province during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Yuan He Ji (苑何忌), an official in the state of Qi (located mainly in present-day Shandong province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

**4** Chinese: Mandarin or Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 原, meaning 'level and extensive land' in Chinese: (i) from *Yuan* (原), the name of a state (located in Jiyuan in Henan province) granted to Yuan Bo (原伯) ('Earl Yuan'), the 16th son of king Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC). After it was annexed by the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC), people from the state adopted 原, the name of the state, as their surname. (ii) from *Yuan* (原), name of a fief (located in Jiyuan in Henan province) in the state of Jin (located in present-day Shanxi province) after its annihilation of the state of *Yuan* (原). The lands of the original state of Yuan were then granted to Xian Zhen, also known as Yuan Zhen. His descendants inherited *Yuan* (原), the name of the fief, as their surname.

**5** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 阮 (**Ruan** or **Juan** in Mandarin romanization), referring to a type of traditional Chinese musical instrument: (i) from *Ruan* (阮), the name of a small ancient state located in Jingchuang, part of Gansu province, during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (ii) from the surname 石 (see **Shek**). Some early bearers of the surname 石 (*Shi*) changed it to *Ruan* (阮).

## Yuile

- **Current frequencies:** GB 102, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 103
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Yule**.

## Yuill

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1040, Ireland 3
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 634
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks
- Scottish: see **Yule**.

## Yuille

- **Current frequencies:** GB 264, Ireland 4
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 231
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Lanarks and Ayr
- Scottish: see **Yule**.

## Yule

Variants: **Yuill**, **Yuille**, **Yuile**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2184, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1442

- **Main GB location 1881:** Aberdeens; Angus; Midlothian

**1** Scottish: nickname from Older Scots *zule* 'Yule, Christmas' (Old English *geōl*, Old Scandinavian *jól*), a nickname for one born at that time. Compare English **Youle**.

**Early bearers:** Jonet Yule, 1595 in *IGI* (Falkirk, Stirlings); Jonat Yuill, 1601, David Yule, 1611 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Marion Yule, 1610 in *IGI* (Prestonpans, E Lothian); Bessie Yuill, 1616 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Johne Yole, 1654 in *IGI* (Peterculter, Aberdeens); Allisone Yole, 1693 in *IGI* (North Berwick, E Lothian); David Youil, 1739 in *IGI* (Dunblane, Perth).

**2** Scottish: according to Black, this surname sometimes absorbed the Angus and Aberdeens surname *Ydil(l)*. Black notes that the personal name Idell (an Old French form of Continental Germanic *Idalus?*) was that of a chaplain in Glasgow, about 1202–7, and suggests that it may be the source of this surname, but the name of Walter de Ydil, 1437, rector of Logy in Buchan until about 1437, opens up an alternative possibility that it was the Yorks name **Idle**.

**Early bearers:** William Ydill, bailiff of Elgin, 1343 in *Moray Register*; John Ydill, 1421 in *Brechin Register* (Dundee, Angus); Alexr. Ydle, cordiner, 1681 in *Old Aberdeen Records*.

## Yull

- **Current frequencies:** GB 217, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 142
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Norfolk
- English: see **Youle**.

## Yun

Variants: **Yoon**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 163, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 1
- 1** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 印, 殷, and 嚴, see **Yan** (1–3).
- 2** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 尹 and 溫, also Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 雲, see **Wan** (2–4).
- 3** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 阮, see **Yuen** (5).
- 4** Korean: (윤; Chinese character 尹, meaning 'govern') borne by descendants of General Yun Shin-dal (尹莘子), who played an important part in the formation of the Koryŏ kingdom in the 10th century AD. The Yun family is divided into seven major clans, all descended from Yun Shin-dal.

## Yung

Variants: **Yong**, **Ang**, **Ong**, **Woon**, **Wong**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 338, Ireland 12
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 12
- 1** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 翁 (**Weng** in Mandarin pinyin), meaning 'old man'

in Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Weng* (翁), the name of a fief (possibly located in present-day Zhejiang province), which was granted to one of the sons of the king Zhou Zhao Wang (reigned 995–977 BC). (ii) from the personal name of Weng Nanyi (翁难乙), an official in the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

**2** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surnames 容 and 戎. Also non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 榮. See **Jung** (1–3).

**3** Chinese: Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雍, see **Yong** (1).

**4** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 楊, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See **Yang** (1).

**5** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 雲, see **Wan** (4).

**6** Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 熊, see **Hung** (1).

**7** English, Scottish: see **Young**.

**Early bearers:** G[e]orge Yung, 1549 in *IGI* (Calne, Wilts); Androw and John Yung, 1579 and 1580 in *IGI* (Anstruther, Fife); Thomas Yung, 1581 in *IGI* (Chester, Cheshire); John Yung, 1881 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

## Yunis

- **Current frequencies:** GB 160, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Yunus**.

## Yunus

Variants: **Younas**, **Younis**, **Younus**, **Yunis**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 241, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim (Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan): from the Arabic personal name *Yūnus*, Arabic form of the Biblical *Jonah*, identified in Sura 10 of the Qur'an as a prophet.

## Yusaf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 154, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

## Yussuf

- **Current frequencies:** GB 302, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Arabic, Muslim: see **Yusuf**.

## Yusuf

Variants: **Yousaf**, **Yousef**, **Yousif**, **Yousuf**, **Youssef**, **Yusaf**, **Yussuf**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2891, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 6

Muslim and Christian Arab: from the personal name *Yūsuf*, Arabic form of the Biblical name *Joseph*.

References: *Ahmed*.

**Zacharia**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 238, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Indian (Kerala): from the Hebrew personal name *zakhar'yah* (see **Zacharias**), found as a given name among Christians in Kerala and as a family name among southern migrants in northern India and elsewhere.

**Zachariah**

Variants: **Zachary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 127, Ireland 2
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 25
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Carmarthens; London
- Welsh, English: see **Zacharias**.

**Zacharias**

Variants: **Zachariah**, **Zakaria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 190, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 16
- **Main GB location 1881:** Montgomerys

Welsh, English, and other: relationship name from the personal name *Zacharias*, a New Testament Greek name of Aramaic and Hebrew origin, composed of elements meaning 'remember God' or 'God remembers'. In the Bible (Luke 1: 5–7) this is the name of the father of John the Baptist. As a surname in Britain, it originated mainly among Nonconformists in Wales and Cornwall in the 17th and 18th centuries. It is also found in the 19th century among immigrants from Germany and elsewhere.

**Early bearers:** David Zacharias, 1644 in *IGI* (Wendron, Cornwall); John Zacharias, 1726 in *IGI* (Caerwent, Monmouths); Joshua Zacharias, 1735 in *IGI* (Llansamlet, Glamorgan); Esther Zacharias, 1738 in *IGI* (Abergwili, Carmarthens).

**Zachary**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 84, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 36
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London; Gloucs; Lancs
- English: from a vernacular English form of the personal name **Zachariah**.

**Early bearers:** Leonard Zachary, 1563 in *IGI* (Snodland, Kent); Susan Zachary, 1636 in *IGI* (Stepney, Middx); Robert Zachary, 1692 in *IGI* (Shipton Moyne, Gloucs).

**Zafar**

Variants: **Zaffar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1577, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zafar* 'victory'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

2 Arabic, Muslim: from Arabic *ja'far*, see **Jaffer**.

**Zaffar**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 212, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Zafar**.

**Zaheer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 523, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Zahir**.

**Zahid**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 958, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zāhid* 'ascetic, holy'.

**Zahir**

Variants: **Zaheer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 319, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zāhir* 'bright, radiant, blooming'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

2 Arabic, Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zahir* 'helper, supporter'.

**References:** *Ahmed*.

**Zahoor**

Variants: **Zahur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 426, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Arabic, Muslim: from a male personal name based on Arabic *zāhūr* 'prominent, high'.

2 Arabic, Muslim: relationship name from a female personal name based on Arabic *zuhūr* 'blossom'.

**Zahra**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 290, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese, from the Arabic female personal name *Zahrā*, feminine of *Azhar* 'bright, brilliant, blooming'.

**Further information:** *Zahrā* is an epithet of Fatima, daughter of Muhammad.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Zahra, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

**Zahur**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 24, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: see **Zahoor**.

**Zaidi**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 941, Ireland 2
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Arabic, Muslim: denoting someone descended from an ancestor called *Zaid* (from a word meaning 'increase') or a follower of the Shiite imam Zaid al-Shahid.

**Further information:** After the death of the fourth Shiite imam Zaynul Abidin, a branch of the Shiites chose to follow Zaid as the next imam instead of his brother Muhammad al-Baqir. Zaidis are found mainly in Yemen.

**Zajac**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 818, Ireland 26
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: nickname from Polish *zajac* 'hare', probably denoting a swift runner or a shy person.

**Zakaria**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: Muslim and Christian Arab name, from the Arabic personal name *Zakariā*, Arabic equivalent of **Zacharias**.

**Zaki**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 281, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zakī* 'pure, chaste, sinless'.

**Zakrzewski**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 334, Ireland 19
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: locative name, toponymic denoting someone from any of many places in Poland called Zakrzewo or Zakrzów (named with *za* 'beyond' + *krzew* 'thicket'), or alternatively a topographic name for someone who lived 'beyond the thicket'.

**Zaman**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4971, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zamān* 'time, age, era'. This is a popular given name in the Indian subcontinent, often used in compounds such as *Nūr uz-Zamān* 'light of the age', *Shams uz-Zamān* 'sun of the time', *Badi' uz-zaman* 'wonder of the age' (originally the epithet of a celebrated 10th-century Arabic belletrist, now also seen in Pakistan), from which the family name may also derive.

**References:** <http://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/badi-al-zaman-hamadani-abul-fazl-ahmad-b>.

**Zameer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 114, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: see **Zamir**.

**Zamet**

- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

Maltese: see **Zammit**.

**Zamir**

Variants: **Zameer**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 433, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name, *ḍamīr-ud-dīn* 'heart of religion', based on Arabic *ḍamīr* 'heart, mind, conscience'.

## Zammit

### Zammit

#### Variants: **Zamet**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 765, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: probably from an Arabic personal name based on *zamit* ‘grave, dignified’.

**Early bearers:** Michael Zammit, born in Casel Zambush, Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Zane

- **Current frequencies:** GB 47, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 21

- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: unexplained; apparently a nickname from Middle English *seine* ‘cured, healed’, with West Country voicing of the initial fricative consonant.

**Early bearers:** Gilbertus Sane, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Birchington, Kent); Robertus San, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Puriton manor, Somerset); Robert Sayne, 1391 in *Feet of Fines* (Yorks); Robert Zane, 1548 in *IGI* (Yarcombe, Devon); William Sane, 1627 in *IGI* (Bideford, Devon); Hezicaias Zane, 1656 in *IGI* (Plymtree, Devon).

### Zanelli

- **Current frequencies:** GB 173, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; WR Yorks

Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Zanni*, a form of *Gianni*, *Giovanni*, Italian equivalent of **John**, from Emilia-Romagna.

**Early bearers:** Giovanni Zanelli, musician, born in Parma, Italy, in *Census 1861* (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Zanelli, 1862, in *BMD* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Rosanna Zanelli, 1869 in *IGI* (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Francesco Zanelli, looking glass manufacturer, born in Lombardy, Italy, in *Census 1871* (Spitalfields, Middx); Walter Zanelli, 1884 in *IGI* (Carbrook, WR Yorks); Domenico Zanelli, looking glass frame maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Clerkenwell, Middx); Giovanni Zanelli, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Chatham, Kent).

### Zanetti

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks and Lancs

Italian: relationship name from a pet form of the personal name *Zanni*, a north-eastern (Venetian) form of *Gianni*, *Giovanni*, Italian equivalent of **John**. Compare **Zanelli**.

**Early bearers:** Celestino Zanetti, looking glass frame maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Daniel Zanetti, born in Italy, in *Census 1881*; Maria Zanetti, in *Census 1881* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Charles Zanetti, commercial traveller, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Eduardo Zanetti, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Holborn, Middx); Giovanni Zanetti, violin maker, born in Italy in *Census 1911* (Bournemouth, Hants).

### Zang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 59, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 臧, see **Tsang** (2).

2 South German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): metonymic occupational name for a blacksmith,

from Middle High German *zange* ‘pliers’, German *Zange*.

### Zarb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 131, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Maltese: locative name from Arabic *zarb* ‘cattle pen’ or ‘hunting booth’.

**Early bearers:** Ernesto and Emanuel Zarb, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

**References:** *Cassar*.

### Zaremba

- **Current frequencies:** GB 232, Ireland 3
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish: (i) nickname, Polish **Zaręba**, for a woodcutter, from a derivative of Polish *zarębać* ‘to hack or chop’. (ii) locative name; alternatively, it may be from any of several places in Poland called *Zaręby*.

### Zawadzki

- **Current frequencies:** GB 322, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Polish, Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic): locative name denoting someone from any of several places called *Zawada* or *Zawady*, in various parts of Poland.

**Early bearers:** Gregoery Zawadzki, in *Census 1841* (Middx); Alfred Zawadzki, born in the USA, in *Census 1871* (London); Wladolas Zawadzki, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London).

### Zeal

#### Variants: **Zeale**

- **Current frequencies:** GB 91, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 63
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: locative name from **Zeal Monachorum** or **South Zeal** (Devon), or from one of the many minor places named with Middle English *sele* ‘willow’ or ‘hall’ (see **Seal**).

**Early bearers:** Ralph de la Sele, 1168 in *Pipe Rolls* (Devon); Baton Seale, 1565 in *IGI* (Bishops Nympton, Devon); Lewes Seale, 1576 in *IGI* (Knowstone, Devon); Alexander Zeal, 1696 in *IGI* (Rose Ash, Devon).

### Zealand

- **Current frequencies:** GB 123, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 26
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lincs and Yorks

Dutch: locative name, probably from the province of **Zeeland** in the SW Netherlands, or possibly the island of **Zealand** in Denmark (Danish *Sjælland*).

**Early bearers:** Willelmo de Seland, 1377, Willelmo Selander, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (York); Andrew Seland, 1545 in *IGI* (Lincoln, Lincs); Franciscus Sealand, 1573 in *IGI* (Amcotts, Lincs); Elizebeth Zealand, 1609 in *IGI* (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Frances Zealand, 1716 in *IGI* (Wrawby, Lincs); Robert Zealand, 1743 in *IGI* (Ulceby by Barton, Lincs); Catharine Zealand, 1763 in *IGI* (Cottingham, ER Yorks).

### Zeale

- **Current frequencies:** GB 27, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 30
- **Main GB location 1881:** Devon

English: see **Zeal**.

### Zealey

- **Current frequencies:** GB 115, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 22
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Sealey**.

### Zealley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 33, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18
- **Main GB location 1881:** Dorset

English: see **Sealey**.

### Zeb

- **Current frequencies:** GB 559, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from Urdu, ultimately Persian, *zēb* ‘adornment, beautiful thing’, as in the adopted name of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, literally ‘throne of beauty’.

### Zebedee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 129, Ireland 18
- **GB frequency 1881:** 74
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wilts

English: relationship name from the personal name *Zebedee*, mentioned in the New Testament (e.g. Matthew 4:21–22) as the name of the father of the apostles James and John. It derives from Hebrew *Zebadyah*, generally interpreted as ‘endowment of Jehovah’, which itself appears several times in the Old Testament in the form *Zebadiah*.

**Early bearers:** Jane Zebedy, 1690 in *IGI* (Saint Marylebone, London); Frances Zebedee, 1702 in *IGI* (Fordingbridge, Hants); James Zebedee, 1721 in *IGI* (Urchfont, Wilts); Mary Zebedy, 1787 in *IGI* (Chirton, Wilts).

### Zee

- **Current frequencies:** GB 55, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Dutch: reduced form of Dutch *van der Zee*.

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surnames 錢 (see **Chin** (8)) and 徐 (see **Xu** (1)).

### Zell

- **Current frequencies:** GB 30, Ireland 1
- **GB frequency 1881:** 18

- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Durham

German: locative name from any of the numerous places in Germany called **Zell**. Compare **Zelle**.

**Early bearers:** J.N. Zell, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Cheshire).

### Zelle

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

German, Dutch: locative name from German *Zelle*, Dutch *zelle* ‘(hermit’s) cell’, from Latin *cella* ‘small room’. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or near the site of a hermit’s cell, or toponymic, for someone from any of the various places called *Zelle* or *Celle*, in particular *Celle* near Hanover (Germany). See **Zeller**.

**Early bearers:** Frederike Amalie Zelle, 1835 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs).

### Zeller

- **Current frequencies:** GB 81, Ireland 17

- **GB frequency 1881:** 20

• **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs; Durham  
 1 German: locative name from German *Zelle*, Middle High German *zelle* ‘(hermit’s) cell’ + *-er*. The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived at or near the site of a hermit’s cell, or toponymic, for someone from any of the various places called *Zelle* or *Celle*, in particular *Celle* near Hanover. See **Zelle**. Some examples may belong under (2).

**Early bearers:** Christian Ludwig Zeller, 1780 in *IGI* (Stainton le Street, Durham); George John Zeller, 1817 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Jacob Zeller, carver, born in Holland, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); August Zeller, manufacturer, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1871* (Westminster, Middx); William Zeller, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Darlington, Durham); Henry Zellar, pork butcher, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Kendal, Westm); Ludwig Zeller, born in Saxony, in *Census 1891* (Edmonton, Middx); Ignaz Zeller, butler, born in Austria, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).

2 German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): locative name, occupational name from German *Zelle* ‘small workshop’ + the agent suffix *-er*, denoting someone employed in a small workshop. Among Jews it may also have been an ornamental adoption or a handout name. Some examples may belong under (1).

**Early bearers:** Joseph Zeller, glass blower, born in France, in *Census 1851* (Harborne, Worcs); Joseph and Solomon Zeller, bootmakers, born in Hungary, in *Census 1881* (Hackney, Middx); Isaac Zeller, slipper maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Saint George in the East, Middx); Israel Zeller, cigar maker, born in Tower Hamlets, in *Census 1901* (Stepney, Middx); Marks and Isaak Zeller, tailors, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Kensington, Middx).

### Zelley

- **Current frequencies:** GB 26, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 47
  - **Main GB location 1881:** Devon and Dorset
- English: see **Sealey**.

### Zeng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 318, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 曾, see **Tsang** (1).

### Zhai

- **Current frequencies:** GB 74, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 翟, see **Chai** (3).

### Zhang

- **Current frequencies:** GB 5328, Ireland 107
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 張 and 章, see **Cheung** (1) and (2).

### Zhao

- Variants:** Chew, Chiu, Chiew, Chow, Chau, Chaw, Chu, Jew, Tew, Teo, Teoh, Teow
- **Current frequencies:** GB 1589, Ireland 30
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0

1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 趙 (Chiu in Cantonese romanization), originally meaning ‘walk quickly’ in ancient Chinese: (i) from the place-name *Zhao* (趙) (located in present-day Zhaocheng in Shanxi Province), the name of a fief granted by the king Zhou Mu Wang (reigned 976–922 BC) to Zao Fu, a famous charioteer during the Western Zhou dynasty (1046–771 BC). In 403 BC, a descendant of Zao Fu, Zhao Ji (趙籍), established the state of *Zhao* (趙). (ii) also borne as a surname by members of certain minority ethnic groups in ancient China. (iii) traced back to Zhao Liang (趙梁), an official during the reign of King Xia Jie, the last king of the Xia dynasty (2070–1600 BC).

2 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 招 (Chiu in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘beckon, gesture’ or ‘attract (bad things)’ in Chinese: (i) from the personal name Zhao (招), the style name of the brother of Chen Ai Gong (reigned 568–534 BC), who was exiled to the state of Yue (located in present-day Jiangsu and Zhejiang province) because he assassinated the crown prince Yan Shi, son of Chen Ai Gong. (ii) from the second element of the personal name Bu Zhao (步招), the given name of a person who lived in the state of Jin during the Spring and Autumn period (770–476 BC).

### Zheng

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1058, Ireland 36
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: alternative Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 鄭, see **Cheng** (3).

### Zhi

- **Current frequencies:** GB 31, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 支, 智, and 植, see **Chi** (16–18).

### Zhong

- **Current frequencies:** GB 259, Ireland 16
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 鐘 and 仲, see **Chung** (1) and (2).

### Zhou

**Variants:** Chiu, Chow, Chau, Chu, Cho, Chou, Chaw, Chew, Chiew, Jew

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1569, Ireland 28
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 周 (Chou in Mandarin romanization, **Chau**, **Chow**, or **Chao** in Cantonese romanization), meaning ‘surrounding’ or ‘whole’ in Chinese: (i) from *Zhou* (周), originally the name of a fief (located in present-day Qishan in Shaanxi province) where Zhou Wen Wang (1152–1056 BC; ‘King Wen of Zhou’), resided. Zhou was famous for his virtue and good nature. He had eighteen sons, almost all of whom received fiefdoms. He is regarded as the founder of the Western Zhou dynasty, although it was in fact his son Zhou Wu Wang (c. 1087–1043 BC) who overthrew the Shang dynasty. The Zhou dynasty lasted until 256 BC, when it was annexed by the state of Qin. At that time, *Zhou* was acquired as a surname. (ii) borne by descendants of Zhou Lie (周烈), son of king Zhou Ping Wang (reigned 770–720 BC), who was granted the fief Ru Nan (located in present-day Henan province). (iii) said to be borne

by descendants of Zhou Chang (周昌), a general during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the ‘Yellow Emperor’ (traditional dates 2697–2599 BC). (iv) said to be borne by descendants of Zhou Ren (周任), an official during the Shang dynasty (1600–1046 BC). (v) adopted in place of the Chinese surname *Ji* (姬) during the reign of the emperor Li Long Ji, also known as Tang Ming Huang or Tang Xuan Zong (AD 685–762), because the surname *Ji* (姬) happened to have the same pronunciation as part of the given name of the emperor, which was taboo in ancient China. (vi) adopted as a surname by the Pu and He Lu families from the Xianbei ethnic group in N China during the Northern Wei dynasty (AD 386–534). (vii) adopted as a surname by Pu Tun Yao, a general during the Northern Zhou dynasty (AD 557–81). (viii) borne by descendants of Cheng Na, who was endowed with the surname Zhou (周) during the Later Liang dynasty (AD 907–23). (ix) borne by descendants of an official called Ji Zuo, who was endowed with the surname Zhou (周) by the emperor Tang Su Zong (reigned AD 756–62).

2 Chinese: non-standard romanization of the Chinese surname 鄒, see **Chau** (1).

### Zhu

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1118, Ireland 17
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surnames 朱, 諸, 祝, and 竺. See **Chu** (1–4).

### Zhuo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 37, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 卓, see **Cho** (3).

### Zia

- **Current frequencies:** GB 673, Ireland 0
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 0
- 1 Muslim: from a personal name based on Persian *zia* ‘light’, from Arabic *diyā* ‘light, illumination’ (Qur’an 10:5). This word is used to form names in combinations such as *Zia ul-Haq* ‘light of the truth’ and *Zia ur-Rahman* ‘light of the most gracious’.
- 2 Chinese: variant of the Chinese surname 謝, based on its Teochew, Hokkien, or Taiwanese pronunciation, see **Tse** (1).
- Further information:** This pronunciation of the name is found in the Teochew, Hokkien, and Taiwanese dialects, which are spoken in E Guangdong, Fujian, and Taiwan, from where some people migrated to Singapore, Malaysia, and other parts of SE Asia.

### Ziegler

- **Current frequencies:** GB 205, Ireland 1
  - **GB frequency 1881:** 43
  - **Main GB location 1881:** London, Lancs
- German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a tiler, from an agent derivative of Middle High German *ziegel* ‘roof tile’. In Middle High German the term came to denote bricks as well as tiles and so in some cases the term denoted a brick-maker or bricklayer rather than a tiler.
- Early bearers:** Alexander Ziegler, 1777 in *IGI* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Frederick Gesbert Zeeglaar, 1817 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); Friedrich Emil Ziegler, 1836 in *IGI* (Long Sutton, Lincs); Rudolph Ziegler, born in Germany, rice

millar and merchant, in *Census 1881* (Marylebone, Middx); John Ziegler, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Battersea, Surrey); Frederick Ziegler, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Southwark, Surrey); Henry Ziegler, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Lancs); Ludwig Ziegler, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (ER Yorks); Hyman and Rebecca Ziegler, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

### Zielinski

- **Current frequencies:** GB 1212, Ireland 25
- **GB frequency 1881:** 2

1 Polish: nickname, locative name (**Zieliński**) from *zielony* 'green', or from *ziolo* 'herb'. Primarily it denoted a person with a sickly, 'greenish' complexion. It may also have denoted someone who habitually dressed in green, or who was 'green' in the sense of being immature or inexperienced. Additionally, it may be a toponymic name from any of the many places named with this word, for example Zielin, Zieleneć, or Zelińce.

**Further information:** Zielinski is also well established as a surname in Germany, where it could be from a Sorbian cognate of the Polish word.

**Early bearers:** Marie Vanda Zielinski, 1863 in *BMD* (Salford, Lancs); W. Zielinski, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (West Ham, Essex); Adele Marie Zielinsky, 1904 in *BMD* (Islington, Middx).

2 Jewish (from Poland): locative name, toponymic denoting someone from, for example, Zielona or Zielonka, or some other similarly named village that had a substantial Jewish population.

**Early bearers:** Solomon Zielinsky, 1877 in *BMD* (Whitechapel, Middx); Solomon and Esther Zielinsky, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Adam Zielinsky, watchmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leon Zielinsky, drapery dealer, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris Zelinsky, cap maker, born in Poland, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Leah Zelinsky, fur sewer, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Aaron Zielinsky, 1904 in *BMD* (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Marks Zelinsky, tailor, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Liverpool, Lancs); Maurice Hyman Zelinsky, violin and pianoforte teacher, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Poplar, Middx); Jacob Zielinsky, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (London); Esther Zielinski, 1916 in *BMD* (Hackney, Middx).

### Zimmer

- **Current frequencies:** GB 231, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 82

German: occupational name from German 'carpenter', either from Middle High German *zim(b)er*, *zimmer* 'wood, wooden building', or a shortening of **Zimmermann**.

**Early bearers:** Henrietta Zimmer, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Zimmerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 374, Ireland 13
- **GB frequency 1881:** 140
- **Main GB location 1881:** Middx; Lancs

German, Jewish (Ashkenazic): anglicized spelling of German **Zimmermann**; also the usual spelling of the Jewish name.

**Early bearers:** German: Frederic Christian Zimmerman, 1768 in *IGI* (Deptford, Kent); John, son of Jacob Zimmerman, 1804 in *Parish Registers* (All Saints, Southampton, Hants); Edward Zimmerman, property owner, born in Berlin, in *Census 1851* (Finsbury, Middx); Carl Zimmermann, professor of languages, born in Württemberg, in *Census 1861* (Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancs); Friedrich Zimmerman, baker, born in Germany, in *Census 1871* (Islington, Middx); Wenzel Zimmerman, sawyer, born in Bohemia, in *Census 1881* (Islington, Middx); Karl Zimmerman, watchmaker, born in Germany, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Ludwig Zimmerman, dyer, born in Berlin, in *Census 1891* (West Ham, Middx); Rudolf Zimmerman, waiter, born in Freiburg, in *Census 1901* (Camberwell, Surrey); Franz Zimmermann, hotel waiter, born in Germany, in *Census 1911* (Hunslet, WR Yorks). Jewish: Kadish Zimmerman, rag merchant, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Aldgate, London); Israel Zimmerman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac Zimmerman, tailor's machinist, born in Poland, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Zimmerman, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Morris Zimmerman, tailor, born in Vilna, Russia, in *Census 1911* (Leeds, WR Yorks).

### Zimmermann

**Variants:** Zimmerman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 293, Ireland 8
- **GB frequency 1881:** 44

German: occupational name from Middle High German *zimbermann* 'carpenter', from *zimber* 'timber, wood' + *mann* 'man'.

**Early bearers:** Carl Zimmermann, butler, born in Switzerland, in *Census 1881* (Surrey).

### Zouch

- **Current frequencies:** GB 17, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 1

Norman, English: see **Souch**.

### Zubair

- **Current frequencies:** GB 575, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: from a personal name based on Arabic *zubayr*, diminutive form from the root *z-b-r* 'strong'. **Further information:** Zubayr ibn al-Awwam (AD 594–656) was a companion of the Prophet Muhammad.

### Zucker

**Variants:** Sugar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 117, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 8

1 Jewish (Ashkenazic): ornamental name, nickname from German *Zucker* or Yiddish *tsuker* 'sugar', applied either as an ornamental name or as a nickname for a confectioner or for someone with a sweet tooth.

**Early bearers:** Moses Zucker, in *Census 1881* (Lambeth, Surrey); Annie Sugar, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Manchester, Lancs); Solomon and Fanny Sugar, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (Cheetham, Lancs); Samuel Zucker, born in Austria, in *Census 1901* (Durham); Isaac Zucker, born in Poland, in *Census*

*1911* (London); Esther Zucker, born in Russia, in *Census 1911* (Durham).

2 German: (i) occupational name for a dealer in sugar or a confectioner, from Middle High German *zu(c)ker*. (ii) nickname from Middle High German *zücker*, *zucker* 'thief', an agent derivative of *zucken* 'to snatch or grab'.

**Early bearers:** Catharine Zucker, 1792 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs); William Zucker, 1821 in *IGI* (Whichford, Warwicks); Ernest Zucker, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey).

### Zuckerman

**Variants:** Zuckermann, Sugarman

- **Current frequencies:** GB 34, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name, ornamental name from Yiddish (literally 'sugar man'), denoting a sugar dealer or a confectioner, or in some cases an ornamental adoption. Compare **Zucker**.

**Early bearers:** Louis Sugarman, bootmaker, born in Poland, in *Census 1861* (Manchester, Lancs); Abraham Sugarman, tailor, born in Poland, in *Census 1871* (Whitechapel, Middx); Harris and Leah Sugarman, born in Poland, in *Census 1881* (London); Sarah Sugarman, born in the Netherlands, in *Census 1881* (Spitalfields, Middx); Barnet Sugarman, riveter, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Martin Zuckermann, courier, born in Silesia, in *Census 1891* (Westminster, Middx); Moses Zuckermann, Hebrew minister, born in Russia, in *Census 1891* (Whitechapel, Middx); Emmanuel Zuckerman, tailor's presser, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Manchester, Lancs); Shabsy Zuckerman, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (Whitechapel, Middx); Sam and Moses Zuckerman, travellers, born in Poland, in *Census 1911* (Gateshead, Durham); Meyer and Charles Sugarman, born in Romania, in *Census 1911* (Manchester, Lancs).

### Zuckermann

- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Jewish (Ashkenazic): see **Zuckerman**.

### Zulfiqar

- **Current frequencies:** GB 369, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Muslim: relationship name from a personal name based on Arabic *dhū al-fiqār* 'the bifurcated [scimitar]'.

**Further information:** Zulfiqār was the name of a double-pointed scimitar that was presented by the Prophet Muhammad to his son-in-law Ali (Ali ibn Abī Ṭālib) at the Battle of Uhud. It is a revered symbol among Shia Muslims.

### Zuo

- **Current frequencies:** GB 70, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 0

Chinese: Mandarin form of the Chinese surname 左, see **Cho** (2).

### Zwart

- **Current frequencies:** GB 76, Ireland 0
- **GB frequency 1881:** 11

Dutch: see **Swart**.